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The Readers' Version presents the meaning in modern English. The Literal Version helps readers examine the wording of the source languages. The two versions are designed to be read together.

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Preliminary preface

It is our prayer that the *Open English Translation* of the Bible will give you a clear understanding of the accounts and messages written by the god-inspired Biblical writers.

Note: This is still an early look into the unpolished text of the Open English Translation of the Bible. Please double-check the text in advance before using in public. Some things (like capitalisation of 'him' referring to Yeshua, or of 'father' referring to God) in the *OET-RV* haven't been decided yet so we're still testing both ways.

Introduction

The *OET Literal Version* (OET-LV) is a technical document that presents the Hebrew and Greek texts to the English reader in words of their own language. It's not especially nice to read, but every original language word is represented in the text so you can focus on the exact words that were written (and the exact numbers and units that were used if you're tracing Biblical symbolism, etc.). It's like holding an English magnifying glass over the original documents, and sometimes these technical details are important.

In contrast, this *OET Readers' Version* (OET-RV) is designed to help you see the big picture. Remember that one of Jesus/Yeshua's strengths was using stories and word-pictures to help his listeners understand spiritual truths. Remember that as we look back to the real-life stories of Biblical characters like Abraham and Isaac, Mosheh and the exodus from Egypt, Yonah/Jonah and many others, we can see that those narratives were also prophetic and taught about the coming messiah. So when you read this *Readers' Version*, we want you to be able put aside the magnifying glass and stand back and focus on the stories and the big picture, and then on what effect they should have on your chosen lifestyle. We want those stories and their deeper meanings to stick in your mind so that you'll be excited to share the *Good Message* with others via gripping stories that they can relate to.

Goals and intended audience

The *OET* has the following goals:

The primary goal of the *Open English Translation* is **to make the Bible more accessible to this current generation** with the best of a free-and-open, easy-to-understand *Readers' Version* alongside a faithful *Literal Version* so that readers themselves can checkout what was said and what is interpreted by the translators.

Part of the motivation comes from our work on the street and door-to-door where we worked hard to explain the Good Message about Yeshua to people without any church background. The *Readers' Version* strives to replace jargon and terminology that's only heard at church with words and phrases that should be understood by modern English speakers.

A further goal is to expose more people to some of the background of where our Bibles come from and how translators make decisions, i.e., **to teach** a little more about original manuscripts and to challenge a little more about English translation traditions (some going back to the 1500's) that can possibly be improved.

Finally, we also want a translation that can be read by Christians with many years of Bible reading experience, but who might benefit by reading the accounts in slightly different words that make it fresh and interesting, and hopefully it will provoke deeper thought into what the original speakers or writers likely meant.

Distinctives

The *OET* has the following distinguishing points:

An easy-to-understand *Readers' Version* alongside a very *Literal Version*.

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This *Readers' Version* speaks like people around you. Because the history and legacy of English Bibles now goes back for hundreds of years, many things have been carried over that readers don't even realise. For example, we all smile at Yoda saying, "Strong is the force." That's because naturally we would say, "The force is strong." So think about "Great is your faithfulness." We don't normally talk like that in natural English. (At least Miles Coverdale improved it in his version in 1535 if you look carefully.) But our aim isn't at all to criticise those who came before (because we very-much build on their shoulders)—we just want our readers to be able to share the Good Message of Yeshua the messiah with others, without them thinking that Christians speak like dinosaurs (or Yoda)!

The *Readers' Version* has section headings and cross-references and most of the other features that help modern Bible readers.

The *Readers' Version* uses modern units for all measurements (easy to understand and visualise), whereas the *Literal Version* retains the ancient units (useful for historical and symbolic studies).

The *Readers' Version* uses well-known figures of speech, or if the original figure of speech is not readily understandable, explains the point that the author appears to be trying to express. On the other hand, the *Literal Version* retains the original figurative language (even if it's not a figure of speech that most modern readers are familiar with).

Up and *down* in the original languages (and thus in the *Literal Version*) refer to *uphill* and *downhill* (which you might expect in cultures where most people walked or rode animals). However, in the *Readers' Version*, *up* and *down* are used to refer to *north* and *south* respectively as per our modern norm (with computerised maps).

The *Readers' Version* is less formal than most modern English Bible translations, for example, we would use contracted words like *we'll* and *didn't*, especially when it's in direct speech. (Always remember that the Bible was written in the languages of the common people.)

The *Readers' Version* uses section headings which are very helpful to skim through when trying to locate a certain passage. However, you'll quickly notice that they are formatted in such a way as not to break the flow of the narrative or letter. This is to visually help the reader to appreciate the full context of the part they're reading, and avoid breaking the connections with what came before and what follows.

- We've also tried to focus our section headings on principles that are being taught, rather than just focusing on the events happening at the time.
- We also provide a list of these section headings that you can quickly skim through (including extra, alternative headings to help with searches for familiar words like 'leper' and 'scribe' which we don't use in the *OET-RV*).

Being a 21st century translation done in an era when there is much more effort in general to respect speakers of other languages (including the languages of ethnic minorities in our own countries) and to pronounce their names and placenames correctly, the *OET* attempts to do the same for Biblical names and placenames. (All this is a little complex when we have both Hebrew and Greek versions of names and placenames—more below.) Certainly by showing a little more respect for Hebrew names, we hope to make this Bible translation a little more 'Jew-friendly'. If you have difficulty following the names in the *Literal Version*, you can always look across to the *Readers' Version*. (Most English readers looking at names in the Bible all the way from *Jericho* to *John* would have no idea that there's no **J** letter or sound in either Hebrew or Greek, plus there's absolutely no such name as *James* in the New Testament manuscripts—it's a historical accident carried through from the Latin from an inconsistency by John Wycliffe—see https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-topics/bible-versions-and-translations/james-or-Jacob-in-the-bible/ for example.)

In addition to wanting to get names and placenames more accurate, we've also attempted to modernise and simplify the spelling (transliterations) of these names to make it easier for readers to pronounce them as they come across them, e.g., using **f** instead of **ph**, so *Epafras* instead of *Epaphras*. (Oddly, even traditional English Bible translations surprisingly do use *Felix* and *Festus*.) However, we sometimes choose to leave the traditional **ph** spelling in words that are well-known in secular history, e.g., *Euphrates*.

With regular words, we've tried to do the opposite, i.e., to use less Greek rather than more wherever possible. So a word like *baptise* (which is an adapted transliteration of the Greek verb), actually gets translated, so this example becomes *immerse*.

Italics are only used for *emphasis*, not to indicate *added words* as historically done in older translations due to limitations of the original printing processes. The *OET* fixes the problem where most modern typesetting uses *italics* for *emphasis* whereas older Bibles use *italics* for the words which should actually be **deemphasised**, i.e., the words which actually **aren't** in the original manuscripts! (We use a lighter colour for added words.)

Bolding is used for *nomina sacra*. This is a feature of the early Koine Greek manuscripts that isn't marked in most Bible translations (or even in most Greek New Testaments). *Nomina Sacra* (which is Latin for 'Sacred Names') appears to be a scribal marking that usually indicate words that the scribes considered to refer to God.

The English *Christ* is an adapted transliteration of the Koine Greek word *Kristos* used for the original Hebrew *messiah*. (It's not Jesus'/Yeshua's surname!) It seems to make sense to only use one word consistently rather than using two words for the same thing (just because they came from two different languages), so the *OET* has elected to only use *messiah*. However, these words actually have a meaning, just as *President* is not just a title, but someone who *presides* over governmental meetings. So going a step further, we have chosen to use the contemporary **meaning** of the word in the *Literal Version*. The original meaning is *one who is anointed* (by pouring a hornful of oil over them), but we use the extended meaning which is *one who is selected/chosen (by God)*.

Most readers living in modern democracies have never been familiar with the concept of an ancient king or *lord* who has the power of life and death over them. Thus the title *Lord Jesus/Yeshua* is easily said, yet relatively few actually live with Yeshua as the lord of their thoughts and actions and daily activities. (Just think how many would embarrassingly rush to turn off the video they're streaming if Yeshua appeared in the room.) As a reaction to the word *Lord* seemingly becoming so cliché for many Christians, we use the translation *master* as a way to get readers to at least think a little more about what the concept might mean. (The word *boss* felt a little too informal.)

The *Literal Version* tries to add as little as possible that's not actually there in the original manuscripts. Of course, we add spaces between words so we can read it faster, and we add capitals at the start of sentences as per standard, modern English, but we don't capitalise words like *Kingdom of Heaven* or even *He* when it refers to Jesus/Yeshua, because the concept of capital and small letters didn't even exist when original manuscripts like the portion visible at https://GreekCNTR.org/manuscripts/images/1G20001/1G20001-262r.jpg were written. (Our policy has more to do with accuracy and education than it does with 'lack of respect' or any such thing. Often this goes against religious tradition of the last few centuries, but just because something is traditional, does not necessarily mean that it is correct or even helpful.)

Most dialects of modern English don't distinguish between *you (singular)* referring to just one person, and *you (plural)* referring to a group of people. However, the original languages clearly distinguish these, so in order to indicate this to our readers the *Literal Version* uses *you_all* for the plural form (although we are aware that some modern dialects now prefer *y'all* or *yous*).

Because the *Literal Version* so closely follows the original languages, it's important to remember that words often don't match one-to-one between languages. This is one reason why the *OET-LV* reads strangely: because we try to avoid using different English words if we can; knowing that the *OET-LV* will not be natural English. Again, this is because we want the *OET-LV* to be a window into what's actually written in the original languages. For fluent English (like in the *Readers' Version*) the same Greek word might require several different translations when used in different contexts. For example, the Greek word translated *raise* in the *OET-LV* would likely require the following changes:

to *raise* from sitting, we'd want: *stand up*
to *raise* from bed, we'd want: *get up*
to *raise* from the grave, we'd want: *come back to life*
to *raise* an object, we'd want: *lift up*
to *raise* a person, we'd often want: *exalt* or *praise*

Alert readers might be aware that there's a play on words here in the gospels. When Yeshua talked about himself *being raised up*, it was deliberately ambiguous because his hearers didn't understand until right near the end that he was going to be executed. So we, looking back in history, know that he was talking about coming back to life, but at the time, they were just very confused and didn't understand what he meant. But amazingly, as well as referring to his resurrection, *raising* also refers to his crucifixion as the victims on the stakes were also *raised up* from the ground. (See John/Yohan 3:14.) Sadly, it's not usually possible to make a translation easy to read and understand in our current times, without losing some of the underlying meaning or ambiguities or word-plays that were presented to the original hearers. That's exactly why it's good to have *two* different translations right there side-by-side in front of you!

These particular pages use British spelling, but American spelling will also be available in the future.

Our preference in most editions is to place *The Gospel according to John/Yohan* **before** *Matthew*. This has a couple of advantages:

The Old Testament starts with "In the beginning, Elohim created…" and the New Testament starts with "In the beginning was the Messenger…".

Acts ends up right after the first book by its author *Luke*.
It just reminds readers that the order of the 'books' in the Bible is not set by sacred degree—only by tradition.
Some do complain that the traditional order of the first four gospel accounts represent the lion, the calf, the man, and the eagle of Rev 4:6-7 which allegedly match with the banners (not described in the Bible) of the four divisions of the tribes of Israel mentioned in Numbers 2.

Beware of some traps interpreting the *Literal Version*. Because it's not designed to be used alone (but rather alongside the *Readers' Version*), it's **much more literal** than most other 'literal versions'. You'll quickly notice lighter colours that mark the deemphasis of words that had to be added to make the English sentences even make sense. But there's at least two other things that aren't necessarily changed in the English *Literal Version*:

Other languages use the negative differently, especially when it's doubled or tripled in the sentence. If you don't understand this, you could easily think that the original means the opposite of what the words actually appear to say. For example the double negative: "You are_ not _caring_about no one." (adapted from Matthew 22:16). In natural, fluent English, we would have to reverse the second negative to get the expected meaning, ending up with *anyone* as you'll find in the *Readers' Version*. But in Greek, the second negative adds emphasis rather than reversing the first negative. So our *Literal Version* shows you the words that are actually there (in the Greek in this case).
Other languages may omit (or *elide*) words which are clearly implied to the original reader, but which the modern English reader finds strange, e.g., a son may be divided against his father, and a daughter her mother. The elided words are 'may be divided against' which should follow 'daughter'.

Note: always check the *Readers' Version* carefully for how it is translated into modern, idiomatic English before jumping to any conclusions of your own about what the original language or the *Literal Version* says or doesn't say (especially if you're not very familiar with the culture around the original language, and its idioms).

Genesis

Introduction

The meaning of the English name *Genesis* is ‘source’ or ‘beginning’. Hebrew readers call this document ‘Bereshit’ which is the first word in the Hebrew and means ‘In the beginning’. Some European and other translations call it ‘The first book of Mosheh/Moses’.
This document describes the creation of space and of our planet and its contents, the origin of people, and the beginning of sin and suffering here in the world. This account also describes how God chose one particular people group and how he brought them to the land that he had promised them.
This document has two main parts:
1. The making of world and the account of the first two people, and then the first ten generations of their descendants. We read about the foundations of human culture, beginning with Adam and Havah (Eve) and their banishment from the garden, about Kayin (Cain) killing his brother Hevel (Abel), about Noah and the worldwide flood, and about the construction of the tower at Bavel.
2. The lives of the ancestors of the Jewish people: Avraham the first ancestor became famous due to his faith and trust, and his obedience of God’s commands. Following that is the account about his son Yitshak (Isaac), and his grandson Ya’akov (Jacob, also named ‘Yisrael’ or ‘Israel’), and then Ya’akov’s twelve sons who became the founders of the twelve tribes of Yisrael. That account also includes the part about Ya’akov’s son Yosef and what happened him when he was sold into Mitsrayim/Egypt by his brothers as a slave.
We also read the accounts here about the various people groups that proliferated across the continent and formed into nations.
There in final parts of this account, we’re told about God’s eternal promise of God to the people group that he chose. God doesn’t forget his promises, but he also judges and punishes those who disobey him.

Main components of this account

God’s creation of space and the earth *1:1–2:25*
The beginning of sin and suffering *3:1-24*
The accounts of Adam through to Noah *4:1–5:32*
Noah and the worldwide flood *6:1–10:32*
The tower at Bavel *11:1-9*
The accounts of Shem through to Avraham *11:10-32*
The Hebrew patriarchs: Avraham, Yitshak, and Ya’akov *12:1–35:29*
The descendants of Esav (Esau) *36:1-43*
Yosef and his brothers *37:1–45:28*
The Ivrim in Mitsrayim *46:1–50:26*

Lighter type marks additions. Underscores join parts of a single source word.
Struck words are untranslated. The ◘ sign marks a verse with no text.
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Readers' Version

The six days of creation

1:1 In the beginning, God[1] created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was formless and empty and darkness covered the surface of the deep waters and God's spirit was hovering over the waters' surface. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light,"[2] and light came into existence, **4** and God observed that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. **5** God named the light *daytime*, and the darkness he named *nighttime*. Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the first day.

6 Then God said, "Let there be a large space[3] in the middle of the waters, and let it separate the two lots of waters."[4] **7** So God made the large space and separated between the waters that were underneath from the waters that were above it.[5] Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **8** and he named the space *sky*. Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the second day.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered to one place, and let the dry ground appear." Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **10** and he named the ground that appeared *land*, and he named the gathered waters seas, and he saw that what he had done was good. **11** Then God said, "Let the land sprout vegetation: every plant yielding seed, every fruit tree bearing its own fruit that has its seed inside it, on the earth." Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **12** so the land started producing vegetation, every plant producing its own seed, and every tree bearing fruit that has its seed inside it. And God saw that what he had done was good. **13** Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the third day.

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to separate daytime from nighttime, so they'll be signs, and for indicating seasons, and for tracking days and years. **15** They must function as lights in the sky that shine light on the earth." Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **16** so God made the two large lights, the larger, brighter light to rule the day, and the smaller light to rule the night, and he also made the stars. **17** He put those lights in the sky to shine light on the earth, **18** and to oversee the daytime and the nighttime, and to distinguish be-

Literal Version

1:1 In_beginning god he_created ~~DOM~~ the_heavens and_~~DOM~~ the_ _earth/land. **2** And_the_earth it_was formlessness and_ _emptiness and_darkness was_over the_surface_of the_deep and_spirit god was_hovering over the_surface_of the_waters. **3** And_ god _he/it_said let_it_be light and_he/it_was light. **4** And_ god _he/it_saw ~~DOM~~ the_light if/because_that it_was_ _good and_ god _he/it_separated between the_light and_ _between the_darkness. **5** And_ god _he/it_called to_the_light day and_to_the_darkness he_called night and_he/it_was evening and_he/it_was morning day one. **6** And_ god _he/it_ _said let_it_be a_firmament in_the_middle the_waters and_let_ _it_be separating between waters and_waters. **7** And_ god _ _he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_firmament and_he/it_separated between the_waters which from_under to_the_firmament and_between the_waters which from_under to_the_firmament and_he/it_ _was so. **8** And_ god _he/it_called to_the_firmament heaven and_he/it_was evening and_he/it_was morning a_day second. **9** And_ god _he/it_said the_waters let_them_be_gathered from_ _under the_heavens to a_place one and_ the_dry_ground _let_ _it_appear and_he/it_was so. **10** And_ god _he/it_called to_the_ _dry_ground earth and_to_the_collection the_waters he_called seas and_ god _he/it_saw if/because_that it_was_good. **11** And_ god _he/it_said the_earth/land let_it_sprout vegetation plant[s] which_bears_seed seed tree[s]_of fruit producing fruit to/for_his/its_kind which his/its_seed in_him/it on the_ _earth/land and_he/it_was so. **12** And_ the_earth/land _she/it_ _produced vegetation plant[s] which_bears_seed seed to_ _his/its_kind and_tree producing fruit[9][10] which his/its_seed in_ _him/it to_his/its_kind and_ god _he/it_saw if/because_that it_ _was_good. **13** And_he/it_was evening and_he/it_was morning a_day third. **14** And_ god _he/it_said let_it_be luminaries in_ _the_firmament the_heavens to_separate between the_day and_between the_night and_they_will_be to/for_signs and_ _to/for_seasons and_to/for_days and_years. **15** And_they_will_ _be for_lights in_the_firmament the_heavens to_give_light on the_earth/land and_he/it_was so. **16** And_ god _he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_lights the_big(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_luminary the_ _big/great(sg) for_dominion the_day and_~~DOM~~ the_luminary the_small(sg) for_dominion the_night and_~~DOM~~ the_stars. **17** And_ god _he/it_gave ~~DOM~~_them in_the_firmament the_ _heavens to_give_light on the_earth/land. **18** And_to_rule in_ _the_day and_in_the_night and_to_separate between the_light and_between the_darkness and_ god _he/it_saw if/because_

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1 RV 1:1 · Note As per common practice, we use 'God' through the Hebrew scriptures for the word 'elohim'. Note that 'elohim' is a Hebrew language plural, and is translated more literally as 'gods' in a few places. However the connected Hebrew verb translated 'created' here is clearly a singular form, so the singular noun 'God' fits better here and everywhere where 'elohim' is used with other verbs marked as being singular. The mysterious plurality of God is confirmed in v26 where 'our' is used to refer to him/them.

2 RV 1:3 · Cross-ref. 2Cor 4:6.

3 RV 1:6 · Note The Hebrew word here is sometimes translated 'firmament' (from the Latin Vulgate), or even 'dome', but God names it as 'sky' in v8 so it's obviously not intended to be anything solid-like.

4 RV 1:6-8 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 3:5.

5 RV 1:6 · Note It's not clear how large or wide this separation is: if the waters below are the oceans (as distinct from subterranean water), then the waters above could be anything from rain clouds in the atmosphere, to water in space or at the edge of the universe or somewhere??? (Song/Psalm 148:4 refers to 'the waters that are above the heavens/skies'.)

9 LV 1:12 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

10 LV 1:12 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Literal Version

_that it_was_good. **19** And_he/it_was evening and_he/it_was morning a_day fourth. **20** And_ god _he/it_said the_waters let_ _them_swarm swarming_thing[s]_of creature[s] living and_bird let_it_fly above the_earth/land on the_surface_of the_ _firmament_of the_heavens. **21** And_ god _he/it_created ĐOM the_sea_monsters the_big(pl) and_ĐOM every_of creature the_ _living the_creeping which the_waters they_swarmed to_their_ _kind and_ĐOM every_of bird wing to_his/its_kind and_ god _ _he/it_saw if/because_that it_was_good. **22** And_ god _he/it_ _blessed ĐOM_them to_say be_fruitful and_increase/multiply and_fill ĐOM the_waters in_the_seas and_the_bird let_it_ _multiply on_the_earth. **23** And_he/it_was evening and_he/it_ _was morning a_day fifth. **24** And_ god _he/it_said the_ _earth/land let_it_produce creature[s] living to_its_kind livestock and_creeping and_(wild)_animal_of the_earth to_its_ _kind and_he/it_was so. **25** And_ god _he/it_made ĐOM animal(s) the_earth/land to_its_kind and_ĐOM the_ _cattle/livestock to_its_kind and_ĐOM every_of (the)_creeping_ _thing_of the_soil to_his/its_kind and_ god _he/it_saw if/because_that it_was_good. **26** And_ god _he/it_said let_us_ _make humankind in_our_image according_to_our_ _likeness/pattern and_they_will_rule_over on/over_(a)_fish_of the_sea and_on/over_bird_of the_heavens and_on/over_ _cattle/livestock and_on/over_all the_earth/land and_on/over_ _all the_creeping_(thing) the_(one)_creeping on the_ _earth/land. **27** And_ god _he/it_created ĐOM the_humankind in_his/its_image in_(the)_image god he_created ĐOM_him/it male and_female he_created ĐOM_them. **28** And_ god _he/it_ _blessed ĐOM_them and_he/it_said to/for_them god be_fruitful and_increase/multiply and_fill ĐOM the_earth/land and_ _subdue_it and_rule(pl) on/over_fish_of the_sea and_on/over_ _bird_of the_heavens and_on/over_all animal the_creeping on the_earth/land. **29** And_ god _he/it_said HERE I_give to/for_ _you(pl) ĐOM every_of plant which_bears_seed seed which is_on the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land and_ĐOM every_of the_tree which in/on/over_him/it the_fruit_of a_tree which_bears_seed seed to/for_you(pl) it_will_belong for_food. **30** And_to/for_all (the)_animal_of the_earth/land and_to/for_all (the)_bird_of the_heavens and_to/for_all creeping_thing on the_earth/land which in/on/over_him/it life living ĐOM all_of greenery plant[s] for_food and_he/it_was so. **31** And_ god _he/it_saw ĐOM all_of that he_had_made and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was_good very and_he/it_was evening and_he/it_was morning the_day_ _of the_sixth.

2:1 And_ the_heavens and_the_earth and_all their_objects _ _they_were_completed. **2** And_ god _they_were_ended/finished in_the_day the_seventh their_property/content which he_had_ _done and_he/it_rested in_the_day the_seventh from_all their_ _property/content which he_had_done. **3** And_ god _he/it_ _blessed ĐOM the_day_of the_seventh and_he/it_consecrated ĐOM_him/it if/because in_him/it he_rested from_all their_ _property/content which god he_had_created for_doing.

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tween the light and the darkness. And God saw that what he had done was good. **19** Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the fourth day.

20 Then God said, "Let the waters be full of with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly in the sky above the earth." **21** So God created the great sea creatures and every kind of living creature that moves which the waters swarm with, and every kind of winged bird. And God saw that what he had done was good, **22** and he blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth." **23** Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the fifth day.

24 Then God said, "Let the land bring forth every kind of living creature: livestock and every crawling creature and every kind of living thing on the earth." Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **25** so he made every kind of creature of the earth, and every kind of livestock, and every kind of crawling creature on the ground. And God saw that what he had done was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness,[6] and let them rule over the fish in the sea and over the birds in the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every creature moving on the earth." **27** Then God created humankind in his image, yes, created in the image of God—male and female he created them.[7] **28** Then God blessed them and told them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and take control of it. You're in charge of the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **29** Then God said, "Look, I've given you every plant throughout the whole earth that yields seed, and every tree that has fruit with a seed or seeds inside it. They will be yours for food, **30** and to every living thing on the earth, and to every bird in the sky, and to everything moving on the earth that has living breath in it, I've given every green plant for food." Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **31** and he saw everything that he'd made, and wow, it was *very* good. Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the sixth day.

2:1 So the heavens and the earth were completed, along with everything in them. **2** By the seventh day God had finished his work, so he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he'd done.[8] **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and declared it to be different from the other days, because on that first Saturday, he rested from all his work of creating.

6 RV 1:26 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 11:7.

7 RV 1:27-28 · Cross-ref. Gen 5:1-2.

8 RV 2:2-3 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:11.

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4 What follows tells[11] more details about **The garden at Eden** the history of what God did when he created the heavens and the earth:

During the time when Yahweh God[12] made the earth and the heavens, **5** there weren't yet any bushes growing on the earth, and no plants had yet sprung up in the countryside, because Yahweh God had not yet made it rain, and nor were there any people yet to till the ground. **6** However, a mist came up from the ground and watered the entire surface of the land.

7 Then Yahweh God formed the first man out of the dust on the ground and he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living person.[13]

8 Now in the east, Yahweh God had planted a garden in Eden, and he put the man there that he had formed. **9** He also caused all kinds of trees to grow there—some that are pleasant to look at and good for food. In the middle of the garden was the tree of life[14] and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and then from there it split into four rivers. **11** The first river was named Pishon, and it winds around through the entire region of Havilah, where there's gold. **12** The gold from there is very pure, and there's also a type of fragrant resin and onyx gemstones there. **13** The second river was named Gihon, and it winds through the entire region of Kush (Ethiopia). **14** The third river was named Hidekel, and it flowed east of the Ashur (Assyria) region, and then the fourth river was named Perat (Euphrates).

15 Yahweh God took the man and put him in the garden at Eden to cultivate and maintain it **16** and instructed him, "You can eat as much fruit as you want from any tree in the garden, **17** but you mustn't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because the day you eat its fruit you'll certainly die."

18 Then Yahweh God said, "It's not good for the man to be alone, so I'll make a suitable helper for him."

19 Now Yahweh God had formed every living thing of the countryside and every bird of the sky from the ground, so he brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called each living creature, that would become its name. **20** The man gave names to all the various livestock and to

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4 These are_the_accounts_of the_heavens and_the_earth at_ _their_creation in/on_day **YHWH** god made earth and_ _heavens. **5** And_all/each/any/every (the)_bush[es]_of the_ _field not_yet it_was in/on_the_earth and_all (the)_vegetation_ _of the_field not_yet it_was_sprouting if/because not **YHWH** god he_had_caused_rain on the_earth/land and_human/'Ādām there_was_not to_work ÐOM the_soil. **6** And_vapour it_came_up from the_earth/land and_it_watered ÐOM all_of the_surface_of the_soil. **7** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_formed ÐOM the_humankind dust from the_soil and_he/it_blew in_his/its_two_nostrils the_ _breath_of life and_ the_humankind _he/it_was to_living_ _creature living. **8** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_planted a_garden in_ _'Ēden from_east and_he/it_assigned there ÐOM the_ _humankind whom he_had_formed. **9** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_ _made_sprout from the_soil every_of tree desirable to/for_ _appearance and_good for_food and_tree the_life in_the_ _middle the_garden and_tree the_knowledge good and_ _bad/evil. **10** And_river[16] was_going_out from_'Ēden to_water ÐOM the_garden and_from_there it_divided and_it_was to_four heads. **11** The_name_of the_one is_Pishon it the_(one)_going_ _around ÐOM all_of the_land_of the_Ḥ$_a$vīlāh where is_there the_ _gold. **12** And_gold_of the_earth/land the_that is_good are_ _there the_bdellium and_stone_of the_onyx/beryl. **13** And_ _name_of the_river the_second is_Giyḥōn it the_(one)_going_ _around ÐOM all_of the_land_of Kūsh/(Cush). **14** And_name_of the_river the_third is_Tigris it the_(one)_going the_east_of 'Ashshūr and_the_river the_fourth it is_the_Pərāt. **15** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_took ÐOM the_humankind and_he/it_put_ _him/it in_garden of_'Ēden to_work_her/it and_to_ _guard/attend_to_her/it. **16** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_ _commanded to the_humankind to_say from_all (the)_tree_of the_garden freely_(eat) you_will_eat. **17** And_from_tree the_ _knowledge good and_bad/evil not you_must_eat from_him/it if/because in/on_day you(ms)_eat from_him/it surely_(die) you_will_die. **18** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_said not is_good to_be the_humankind for_him/it_being_alone I_will_make for_ _him/it[17] a_helper like_in_front_of_him/it. **19** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_formed from the_soil every_of (the)_animal_of the_field and_ÐOM every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens and_he/it_brought to the_humankind to_see what will_he_call to_him/it and_ _all/each/any/every that he_called to_him/it the_humankind a_creature living it his/its_name. **20** And_ the_humankind _ _he/it_called names to/from_all/each/any/every the_

11 RV 2:4 · Note This little formula is sometimes known as a 'toledoth' (or 'tōlədōt', from the Hebrew word) and seems to mark a new section, but it's debated whether this part belongs at the bottom of the previous section, or at the top of the following section. We're assuming the later here.

12 RV 2:4 · Note This is the first occurrence of the Hebrew letters 'יהוה' (YHWH) in the Bible, which we find out later (in Exodus 3, also compiled by Mosheh/Moses) is God's actual name. Although the vowels which go with those four consonants have been lost over the millennia, most scholars believe 'Yahweh' to be the best guess that we can make. (It's certainly NOT 'Jehovah', which was a historical mistake made by confusing the vowels of two different words.) Some older translations use LORD which is NOT a translation of 'יהוה' (which means 'I am'), but which represents confusion over the more recent Jewish (but non-Biblical) custom of not pronouncing God's name (and which makes one wonder what's the use of telling people your name if they're then not allowed to use it).

13 RV 2:7 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 15:45.

14 RV 2:9 · Cross-ref. Rev 2:7; 22:2,14.

16 LV 2:10 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

17 LV 2:18 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_cattle/livestock and_to/for_bird the_heavens and_to/for_all (the)_animal_of the_field and_to/for_humankind not he_found a_helper like_in_front_of_him/it. **21** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_ _made_fall/lie_down a_deep_sleep on the_humankind and_ _he/it_fell_asleep and_he/it_took one from_his/its_ribs/planks and_he/it_closed_up flesh instead_of_her/it. **22** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_built ~~ĐOM~~ the_rib/plank which he_had_taken from the_humankind to/for_(a)_woman and_he/it_brought_her/it to the_humankind. **23** And_ the_humankind _he/it_said this_one at_last is_bone from_my_bones and_flesh/body from_my_ _flesh/body to_this_(one) woman it_will_be_called if/because from_man this_(one) she_was_taken. **24** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so a_man he_leaves ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_father and_ _~~ĐOM~~ his/its_mother and_he/it_clings in/on_his/its_ _woman/wife and_they_will_be to/for_flesh/body one. **25** And_ _they_were both_of_them naked the_humankind and_his/its_ _woman/wife and_not they_were_ashamed.

3:1 And_the_snake it_was crafty from_all (the)_animal_of the_ _field which **YHWH** god he_had_made and_he/it_said to the_ _woman also if/because god did_he_say not you(pl)_must_eat from_all (the)_tree_of the_garden. **2** And_ the_woman _she/it_ _said to the_snake from_the_fruit of_the_tree[s]_of the_garden we_will_eat. **3** And_from_fruit the_tree which in_the_middle the_garden god he_said not you(pl)_must_eat from_him/it and_ _not you(pl)_will_touch in/on/over_him/it lest you(pl)_will_ _die_(emph). **4** And_ the_snake _he/it_said to the_woman not surely_(die) you(pl)_will_die_(emph). **5** If/because god is_ _knowing if/because_that in/on_day you(pl)_to_eat from_it and_ your(pl)_eyes _they_will_be_opened and_you(pl)_will_be like_'Elohīm (ones)_knowing (of)_good and_bad/evil. **6** And_ the_woman _she/it_saw if/because_that was_good the_tree for_ _food and_that was_a_delight it to/for_both_eyes and_ the_tree _was_desirable to_make_wise/intelligent and_she/it_took from_its_fruit and_she/it_ate and_she/it_gave also to_her_ _husband with_her/it and_he/it_ate. **7** And_ the_eyes_of both_ _of_them _they_were_opened and_they_knew if/because_that were_naked they and_they_sewed leafage_of fig_tree and_they_ _made to/for_them loin_coverings. **8** And_they_heard ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _sound_of **YHWH** god walking_about in_the_garden to/for_ _wind/breath/spirit the_day and_ the_humankind and_his/its_ _woman/wife _he/it_hid_himself/itself from_before **YHWH** god in_the_middle the_tree[s]_of the_garden. **9** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_called to the_humankind and_he/it_said to_him/it where_you(ms). **10** And_he/it_said ~~ĐOM~~ your(ms)_sound/voice I_heard in_the_garden and_I_was_afraid if/because was_naked I and_I_hid_myself. **11** And_he/it_said who (did)_he_tell to/for_ _yourself(m) if/because_that were_naked you the_(one)_from the_tree which I_commanded_you(ms) to_not to_eat from_ _him/it have_you_eaten. **12** And_ the_humankind _he/it_said the_woman whom you_put with_me she she_gave to/for_me from the_tree and_I_ate. **13** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_said to_ _the_woman what this have_you_done and_ the_woman _ _she/it_said the_snake he/it_deceived/seduced_me and_I_ate.

15 **RV 2:24 · Cross-ref.** Mat 19:5; Mrk 10:7-8; 1Cor 6:16; Eph 5:31.

18 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:9; 20:2.

19 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 11:3; 1Tim 2:14.

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the birds of the sky and to every living creature in the countryside, but none of them was a suitable companion to help him.

21 So Yahweh God caused the man to go into a deep sleep, and then while he was sleeping, he removed one of his ribs and closed up over its place with flesh. **22** Then Yahweh God used the rib which he had taken from the man to form into a woman, and he brought her to the man, **23** and the man said:

"Now this is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh.
She'll be named 'woman'
because she came from a man."

24 So that's why a man leaves his father and mother, and becomes united to his wife, and the two of them become one being.[15]

25 At that time, both the man and his wife were naked, but they had no sense of shame.

The couple disobey God

3:1 Now the snake[18] was the craftiest of all the wild animals that Yahweh God had created, and one day he asked the woman, "Did God really command you to not eat fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

2 "No," answered the woman, "we can eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden, **3** except from the tree that is in the centre. He commanded us to not eat that fruit or even touch it, because if we do, we will die!"

4 But the serpent said to the woman, "It's not definite that you'll die. **5** Actually, God knows that as soon as you eat fruit from that tree, you'll understand new things, so that you will know what's right and what's wrong just like God does."

6 The woman saw that the tree's fruit looked good to eat and that the tree itself was very attractive, plus she wanted to eat the fruit so that it would make her wise. So she picked some of the fruit and ate it and she also gave some of it to her husband who was there with her, and he ate it too. **7** Immediately they both had new understanding and they felt their nakedness. So they sewed some fig leaves together and made skirts for themselves.

8 Late that afternoon, during the cool time of the day, the man and his wife heard Yahweh God's voice as he walked in the garden, but they hid from him behind some trees in the garden, **9** so Yahweh God called out to the man, "Adam, where are you?"

10 "I heard you walking in the garden," he replied, "but I was scared because I was naked, so I hid myself."

11 "Who told you that you're naked?" Yahweh God asked. "Have you eaten the fruit that I told you not to eat?"

12 "The woman that you put here beside me," answered the man, "she gave me some fruit from the tree and I ate it."

13 Then Yahweh God asked the woman, "What did you do?"

"The snake tricked me, so I ate some of the fruit,"[19] the woman replied.

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God's judgements after they disobeyed

14 Then Yahweh God said to the snake,
"Because you've done this you'll be
cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.
Now you'll move along on your belly,
and you'll eat dust all the rest of your life.
15 I'll put hostility between you and the woman
between your descendants and hers.[20]
He will crush your head
and you'll strike his heel."
16 To the woman God said,
"I'll sharply increase your pain in childbirth.
You'll produce children in pain.
Your desire will be for your husband
and he will rule over you."
17 Then God said to the man,
"Because you did what your wife told you
and ate from that tree
that I'd told you not to eat from,
then the ground will be cursed because of you.[21]
You'll have to work hard to get food from it
all the rest of your life.
18 It'll produce thorns and thistles for you
although you'll eat the crops from the countryside.
19 You'll eat bread with sweat drops on your nose
until you return to the ground
because you were taken out of the ground.
Yes, you were created from dust,
and you'll return back to dust."
20 Then the man named his wife 'Havah' (Eve) (which means 'living') because she would become the mother of all future people. **21** Then Yahweh God made clothes from animal skins for Adam and his wife and he dressed them.

The humans get expelled from the garden

22 Then Yahweh God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, being aware of good and evil. But now, he mustn't be allowed to reach out his hand and also take fruit from the tree of life and eat it and live forever."[23] **23** So Yahweh God expelled them out of the garden in Eden to work the soil from which Adam had been taken.
24 After he expelled them, he placed sentries on the east side of the garden in Eden, as well as a fiery sword that swung around in every direction to guard the path to the tree of life.

Kayin (Cain) murders Hevel (Abel)

4:1 Then Adam slept with his wife Havah (Eve), and she conceived and in due course gave birth to Kayin (Cain). "Yahweh has enabled me to produce a man," she said. **2** Eventually she also

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14 And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_said to the_snake if/because you_
_have_done this you are_cursed from_all the_cattle/livestock
and_from_all (the)_animal_of the_field on your(ms)_
_belly/abdomen you_will_go and_dust you_will_eat all_of the_
_days_of your(ms)_life. **15** And_hostility I_will_put between_
_you(ms) and_between the_woman and_between your_
_offspring and_between her_offspring he he/it_will_
_crush/cover_over_you(ms) head and_you(ms) you(ms)_will_
_crush/cover_over_him/it heel. **16** To the_woman he_said
greatly_(increase) I_will_increase your(fs)_worries/pain and_
_your(fs)_pregnancy in_earthen_vessel//painful_toll you_will_
_bear children and_near/to your(fs)_man/husband your(fs)_
_longing/desire and_he he_will_rule on/over_you(fs). **17** And_
_to/for_humankind he_said if/because you_listened[22] to_
_sound/voice your(ms)_woman/wife and_she/it_ate from the_
_tree which I_commanded_you(ms) to_say not you_must_eat
from_him/it the_soil is_cursed on_account_of_you(ms) in_pain
you(ms)_will_eat_it(f) all_of the_days_of your(ms)_life. **18** And_
_thorn and_thorn/thistle it_will_cause_to_sprout to/for_
_you(fs) and_you(ms)_will_eat ĐOM the_vegetation_of the_field.
19 On_perspiration/sweat_of your(ms)_both_nostrils you_will_
_eat food until you(ms)_return to the_soil if/because from_it
you_were_taken if/because are_dust you and_near/to dust you_
_will_return. **20** And_ the_humankind _he/it_called the_name_
_of his/its_wife/woman Ḥavvāh/(Eve) if/because she she_was
the_mother_of every_of living_person. **21** And_ **YHWH** god _
_he/it_made for_'Ādām and_for_his_wife garments_of skin
and_he/it_clothed_them.

22 And_he/it_said **YHWH** god HERE the_humankind he_has_
_become like_one from_him/it to_know good and_bad/evil
and_now lest he_should_stretch_out his/its_hand and_he/it_
_will_take also from_tree the_life and_he/it_will_eat and_he/it_
_will_live forever. **23** And_he/it_sent_out/away_him/it **YHWH**
god from_the_garden of_ʿĒden to_work ĐOM the_soil where he_
_was_taken from_there. **24** And_he/it_drove_out ĐOM the_
_humankind and_he/it_made_stay/reside from_east to/for_
_garden of_ʿĒden ĐOM the_cherubims and_ĐOM the_flame_of
the_sword/knife the_tumbling to_guard/protect ĐOM the_way_
_of the_tree_of the_life.

4:1 And_the_man he_knew ĐOM Ḥavvāh/(Eve) his/its_
_wife/woman and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_
_she/it_gave_birth ĐOM Qayin/(Cain) and_she/it_said I_have_
_acquired a_man with **YHWH**. **2** And_she/it_added to_give_
_birth ĐOM his/its_brother ĐOM Hevel/(Abel) and_he/it_was

20 **RV 3:15 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:17.
21 **RV 3:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Heb 6:8.
22 **LV 3:17 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
23 **RV 3:22 · Cross-ref.** Rev 22:14.

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Hevel a_herdsman_of sheep and_Qayin/(Cain) he_was one_
_who_tilled_of the_ground. **3** And_he/it_was from_the_
end/extremity days and Qayin/(Cain) _he/it_brought from_
_the_fruit the_soil an_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **4** And_Hevel also
he he_brought from_the_firstborn his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats
and_from_their_fat/best and_ **YHWH** _he/it_looked_around to
Hevel and_near/to his/its_donation/offering. **5** And_near/to
Qayin/(Cain) and_near/to his/its_donation/offering not he_
_looked and_it_glowed/burnt to/for_Qayin/(Cain) exceedingly
and_ his/its_faces/face _they_fell. **6** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to
Qayin/(Cain) to/for_what does_it_burn to/for_you(fs) and_why
your(ms)_faces/face have_they_fallen. **7** Am_not if you_will_do_
_well lifting_up and_if not you_will_do_well to/for_the_
_opening/doorway sin is_crouching and_to_you(ms) his/its_
_longing/desire and_you(ms) you_will_rule in/on/over_him/it.
8 And_ Qayin/(Cain) _he/it_said to Hevel his/its_brother and_
_he/it_was on_their_being in_the_field and_ Qayin/(Cain) _
_he/it_rose_up against Hevel his/its_brother and_he/it_killed_
him/it. **9** And **YHWH** _he/it_said to Qayin/(Cain) where is_
_Hevel your(ms)_brother/kindred and_he/it_said not I_know
the_guard/protector/keeper my_brother/kindred am_I.
10 And_he/it_said what have_you_done the_voice_of the_
_blood(s)_of your(ms)_brother/kindred are_crying_out to_me
from the_soil. **11** And_now you are_cursed from the_soil which
it_has_opened ÐOM her/its_mouth to_take/accept/receive ÐOM
the_blood(s)_of your(ms)_brother/kindred from_your(ms)_
_hand. **12** If/because you_will_till ÐOM the_soil not it_will_
_repeat to_give her/its_vigor/produce to/for_you(fs) a_
_wanderer and_nodding/deploring/taunting you_will_be
in/on_the_earth. **13** And_ Qayin/(Cain) _he/it_said to **YHWH** is_
_too_great my_perversity/evil/guilt/punishment from_
_lifting/bearing. **14** HERE you_have_driven_away ÐOM_me the_
_day from_under the_surface_of the_soil and_from_your(ms)_
_face/front I_will_be_hidden and_I_will_be a_wanderer and_
_nodding/deploring/taunting on_the_earth and_it_was every_
_of finding_me he/it_will_smite/kill_me. **15** And_he/it_said to_
_him/it **YHWH** therefore any_of one_who_kills_of Qayin/(Cain)
sevenfold he_will_be_avenged and_ **YHWH** _he/it_assigned
to/for_Qayin/(Cain) a_sign to_not any_of finding_him/it to_
_strike ÐOM_him/it. **16** And_ Qayin/(Cain) _he/it_went_out
from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** and_he/it_sat_
_down//remained//lived in_land_of Nōd the_east_of ʼĒden.

17 And_ Qayin/(Cain) _he/it_knew ÐOM his/its_wife/woman
and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_
_birth ÐOM Ḥanōk/(Enoch) and_he/it_was building a_city and_
_he/it_called the_name_of the_city like/according_to_name
his/its_son Ḥanōk. **18** And_he/it_was_born to/for_Ḥanōk ÐOM
Irad and_Irad he_fathered ÐOM Mehujael and_Mehujael he_
_fathered ÐOM Methushael and_Methushael he_fathered ÐOM
Lemek. **19** And_he/it_took to_him/it Lemek two_of wives the_
_name_of the_one(f) was_ʼĀdāh and_name_of the_second(fs)
was_Tsillāh/(Zillah). **20** And_ ʼĀdāh _she/it_gave_birth ÐOM

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gave birth to Kayin's brother, Hevel (Abel). Hevel became a shepherd, while Kayin became a crop farmer. **3** Some months later, Kayin brought some of what he'd grown in the ground as an offering to Yahweh, **4** and also Hevel brought the best portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. Now Yahweh was pleased with Hevel and his offering,[24] **5** but he didn't even look towards Kayin and his offering. Kayin got very angry and his face showed his displeasure. **6** Then Yahweh said to Kayin, "Why are you so angry? And why are you frowning like that? **7** If you do what's right, won't you be honoured? But if you don't do what's right, sin is crouching in the doorway wanting to have you, but you have the control over it."

8 One day, Kayin spoke to his brother Hevel when they were out in the countryside, and then Kayin attacked him and killed him.[25]

9 Later Yahweh asked Kayin, "Where's your brother Hevel?"

"I don't know," he replied, "It's not my job to look after my brother."

10 "What have you done?" Yahweh asked. "Your brother's blood is calling out to me from the ground.[26] **11** So now you're cursed and banished from the soil that your brother's blood soaked into as a result of your actions. **12** Whenever you till and plant the ground, it will no longer produce good yields for you. You'll be a fugitive and wandering refugee on the earth."

13 "My punishment is more than I can bear," Kayin complained to Yahweh. **14** "Look, you're now driving me away from the ground I've been cultivating to somewhere where you won't be able to see me. I'll be a wandering refugee on the earth, and anyone who finds me will kill me."

15 "Very well,", replied Yahweh and declared, "If anyone kills Kayin, then that person will receive a seven times greater sentence." Then Yahweh marked Kayin so that no one who found him would kill him, **16** and Kayin left Yahweh's presence and settled in the land of Nod to the east of Eden.

Kayin's descendants

17 Then Kayin (Cain) slept with his wife and she conceived and gave birth to Hanok (Enoch). Then Kayin founded a town and named it Hanok after his son. **18** Eventually Hanok fathered Irad, and Irad fathered Mehuyael, and Mehuyael father Metushael, and Metushael fathered Lemek (Lamech). **19** Lemek had two wives: the first was named Adah and the second was Tsilah (Zillah). **20** Adah gave birth to Yaval who became the ancestor of people who live in tents and rear cattle. **21** His brother's name was Yuval and he became the ancestor of people

24 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:4.

25 **RV 4:8 · Cross-ref.** Mat 23:35; Luk 11:51; 1Yhn 3:12.

26 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:24.

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who play stringed and wind instruments. **22** Tsilah gave birth to Tuval-Kayin who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. His sister was named Na'amah. **23** Then Lemek said to his wives:

"Adah and Tsilah, listen to me.
My wives, take notice of my words;
I killed a man who had wounded me;
I killed a young man who hurt me.
24 If killers of Kayin (Cain) would be sentenced seven times as much,
then anyone who kills me should be sentenced *seventy-seven* times as much."

Shet's descendants

25 Then Adam slept with his wife again and she bore a son and named him Shet (Seth) (which means 'given') because she had said, "God has given me another son in place of Hevel (Abel) who was killed by Kayin (Cain)." **26** Eventually Shet also had a son and named him Enosh. That was when people began using Yahweh's name when they prayed for help.

Adam's (important) descendants[27]

5:1 This is the list of Adam's descendants. When God had created humankind, he made them in his own likeness.[28] **2** He created them as male and female,[29] and he blessed them and named them 'humans'.
3 When Adam was 130 years old, he had a son who was like him in many ways, and he named him Shet (Seth). **4** After Shet's birth, Adam lived another 800 years and had other sons and daughters. **5** So Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.
6 When Shet was 105 years old, he had a son named Enosh. **7** After Enosh's birth, Shet lived another 807 years and had other sons and daughters. **8** So Shet lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.
9 When Enosh was 90 years old, he had a son named Keynan. **10** After Keynan's birth, Enosh lived another 815 years and had other sons and daughters. **11** So Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died.
12 When Keynan was 70 years old, he had a son named Mahalalel. **13** After Mahalalel's birth, Keynan lived another 840 years and had other sons and daughters. **14** So Keynan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died.
15 When Mahalalel was 65 years old, he had a son named Yered (Jared). **16** After Yered's birth, Mahalalel lived another 830 years and had other sons and daughters. **17** So Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.
18 When Yered was 162 years old, he had a son named Hanok (Enoch). **19** After Hanok's birth, Yered lived another 800 years and had other sons and daughters. **20** So Yered lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.
21 When Hanok was 65 years old, he had a son named Metushelah (Methuselah). **22** After Metushelah's birth, Hanok walked

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Jabal he he_was the_father_of dweller[s]_of tent and_ _livestock/cattle. **21** And_name_of his/its_brother was_Jubal he he_was the_father_of every_of player_of harp and_reed_ _instrument/flute. **22** And_Tsillāh also she she_bore ĐOM Tūv-al-Qayin/(Cain) a_sharpener_of every_of worker_of bronze and_ _iron and_sister_of Tūv-al- Qayin/(Cain) Na'$_a$māh. **23** And_ Lemek _he/it_said to_his_wives Oh_'Ādāh and_Tsillāh listen_to my_sound/voice Oh_wives_of Lemek give_ear_to my_ _speech/discourse if/because a_man I_have_killed to/for_my_ _wound/bruise and_child/boy/young_man to/for_my_ _stripe/bruise/wound. **24** If/because sevenfold Qayin/(Cain) he_will_be_avenged and_Lemek seventy and_seven.

25 And_ 'Ādām _he/it_knew again ĐOM his/its_wife/woman and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_called/named ĐOM his/its_name Shēt if/because he_has_appointed to_me god offspring another in_place_of Hev-el/(Abel) if/because he/it_ _killed_him/it Qayin/(Cain). **26** And_to/for_Shet/Shēt also he a_son he_was_born and_he/it_called ĐOM his/its_name 'Enōsh then it_was_begun to_call on_(the)_name_of **YHWH**.

5:1 This is_the_record_of the_descendants_of 'Ādām in/on_day god created humankind in_the_likeness/resemblance god he_ _made ĐOM_him/it. **2** Male and_female he/it_created_them and_he/it_blessed ĐOM_them and_he/it_called ĐOM their_name humankind in/on_day to_create_them. **3** And_ 'Ādām _he/it_ _lived thirty and_one_hundred year[s] and_he/it_fathered in_ _his/its_resemblance/likeness according_to_his/its_ _illusion/resemblance and_he/it_called ĐOM his/its_name Shēt. **4** And_ the_days_of 'Ādām _they_were after fathering_by_ _him/it ĐOM Shēt eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **5** And_ all_of the_days_of 'Ādām which he_ _lived _they_were nine hundred(s) year[s] and_thirty year[s] and_he/it_died. **6** And_ Shēt _he/it_lived five years and_one_ _hundred year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM 'Enōsh. **7** And_ Shēt _ _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM 'Enōsh seven years and_eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_ _daughters. **8** And_ all_of the_days_of Shēt _they_were two_plus ten year[s] and_nine hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **9** And_ 'Enōsh _he/it_lived ninety year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM Qēynān/(Kenan). **10** And_ 'Enōsh _he/it_lived after fathering_ _by_him/it ĐOM Qēynān/(Kenan) fif- teen year[s] and_eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **11** And_ all_of the_days_of 'Enōsh _they_were five years and_ _nine hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **12** And_ Qēynān/(Kenan) _he/it_lived seventy year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered ĐOM Mah$_a$lal'^{ēl}. **13** And_ Qēynān/(Kenan) _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Mah$_a$lal'^{ēl} forty year[s] and_eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **14** And_ all_of the_days_of Qēynān/(Kenan) _they_were ten years and_nine hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **15** And_ Mah$_a$lal'^{ēl} _he/it_lived five years and_sixty year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered ĐOM Yered/(Jared). **16** And_ Mah$_a$lal'^{ēl} _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Yered thirty year[s] and_eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters.

27 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 1:1-4

28 **RV 5:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:27-28.

29 **RV 5:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 19:4; Mrk 10:6.

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17 And_ all_of the_days_of Mah$_a$lal'ēl _they_were five and_ _ninety year[s] and_eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **18** And_ Yered _he/it_lived two and_sixty year[s] and_one_ _hundred year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM Ḥ$_a$nōk/(Enoch). **19** And_ Yered _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Ḥ$_a$nōk eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_ _daughters. **20** And_ all_of the_days_of Yered _they_were two and_sixty year[s] and_nine hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **21** And_ Ḥ$_a$nōk _he/it_lived five and_sixty year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered ĐOM Mətūshelaḥ. **22** And_ Ḥ$_a$nōk _he/it_ _walked/wandered with the_'Elohīm after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Mətūshelaḥ three hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **23** And_ all_of the_days_of Ḥ$_a$nōk _he/it_ _was five and_sixty year[s] and_three hundred(s) year[s]. **24** And_ Ḥ$_a$nōk _he/it_walked/wandered with the_'Elohīm and_ _he_didn't_exist if/because god he_took ĐOM_him/it. **25** And_ Mətūshelaḥ _he/it_lived seven and_eighty year[s] and_one_ _hundred year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM Lemek. **26** And_ Mətūshelaḥ _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Lemek two and_eighty year[s] and_seven hundred(s) year[s] and_ _he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **27** And_ all_of the_days_of Mətūshelaḥ _they_were nine and_sixty year[s] and_nine hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **28** And_ Lemek _he/it_lived two and_eighty year[s] and_one_hundred year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered a_son. **29** And_he/it_called ĐOM his/its_name Noaḥ to_say this_one he_will_console/comfort_us from_our_ _work/action and_from_worry/pain our_both_hands from the_ _soil which he/it_has_cursed_her/it **YHWH**. **30** And_ Lemek _ _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Noaḥ five and_ _ninety year[s] and_five hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **31** And_ all_of the_days_of Lemek _he/it_ _was seven and_seventy year[s] and_seven hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **32** And_he/it_was Noaḥ a_son_of five hundred(s) year[s] and_ Noaḥ _he/it_fathered ĐOM Shēm ĐOM Ḥām and_ĐOM Yefet/(Japheth).

6:1 And_he/it_was if/because the_humankind it_began to_ _increase_in_number on the_surface_of the_soil and_daughters they_were_born to/for_them. **2** And_ the_sons_of the_'Elohīm _ _they_saw ĐOM the_daughters_of the_humankind if/because_ _that were_good they and_they_took to/for_them wives from_ _all whom they_chose. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said not my_ _breath/wind/spirit it_will_remain in/on_the_humankind to_ _vanishing_point in/on_that_also he is_flesh and_they_will_be his/its_days one_hundred and_twenty year[s]. **4** The_ _Nefilim/Nephilim they_were in/on_the_earth in_the_days those and_also after thus when the_sons_of the_'Elohīm they_ _went into the_daughters_of the_humankind and_they_gave_ _birth to/for_them they the_powerful/mighty(pl) who from_ _long_ago/eternity the_men_of the_name. **5** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_saw if/because_that was_great the_evil_of the_

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with God for 300 years and had other sons and daughters. **23** So Hanok lived a total of 365 years. **24** Hanok walked with God, and then he was not there, because God took him away.[30]

25 When Metushelah was 187 years old, he had a son named Lemek (Lamech). **26** After Lemek's birth, Metushelah lived another 782 years and had other sons and daughters. **27** So Metushelah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.

28 When Lemek was 182 years old, he had a son **29** and he named him Noah (which sounds like the Hebrew word for 'relief') because he said, "This son will give us relief from the difficult work that we have to do because Yahweh has cursed the ground." **30** After Noah's birth, Lemek lived another 595 years and had other sons and daughters. **31** So Lemek lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.

32 After Noah was 500 years old, he had sons whose names were Yefet (Japheth), Shem, and Ham.[31]

Humankind's evil

6:1 When people began to multiply on the earth's surface, and they were having daughters, **2** God's sons[32] saw that men's daughters were beautiful, and they took any that they wanted for themselves as wives. **3** Then Yahweh said, "My Spirit won't tolerate people forever, because they are physical beings, therefore their remaining time will be 120 years." **4** The NEFILIM[33] were on the earth in those days and also after that, when the sons of God went to the daughters of humankind and they bore children for them. INVESTIGATE They were the mighty warriors of long ago—those famous men.

5 Then Yahweh saw that the humankind's wickedness on the earth was extensive, and that every inclination of their inner thoughts was only evil all day long.[34] **6** So Yahweh regretted that

30 **RV 5:24 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:5; Yud 14.

31 **RV 5:32 · Note** Gen 10:21 indicates that Yefet was the eldest, and Gen 9:24 indicates that Ham was the youngest.

32 **RV 6:2 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:6; 2:1.

33 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 13:33.

34 **RV 6:5-8 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:37; Luk 17:26; 1Pe 3:20.

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he had made humankind on the earth and he was deeply saddened, **7** so he said, "This humankind that I created, I will completely destroy them from the surface of the ground, along with the animals, and crawling creatures and the birds of the sky, because I regret that I made them." **8** However, Yahweh noticed Noah and was pleased with him.

9 This is the account of Noah:[35] He was a **Noah makes a barge** man who obeyed God, blameless among the people of his time and he walked around with God. **10** Noah had three sons: Yefet (Japheth), Shem, and Ham.

11 Now God noticed that humankind was corrupt and very violent. **12** Yes, God looked at the earth, and wow, all the living creatures on the earth had corrupted their behaviour.

13 So God told Noah, "I've decided to put an end to all people on earth because the earth is filled with violence because of them. So listen, I myself am going to destroy all of them, along with the earth. **14** Make yourself a wooden chest[36] out of cypress. Build rooms inside it, and seal it both inside and outside with resin. **15** These are the dimensions for it: 140m long, 23m wide, and 14m high. **16** It must have a roof, but the last half a metre between the sides and the roof should remain open. Put the door in its side, and build lower, middle, and upper decks. **17** You see, I'm going to flood the earth with water to destroy every creature that breathes. Everything that's on the earth will die. **18** But I'll make an agreement with you, so you must go into this chest along with your wife and sons and their wives, **19** and you must take a pair, male and female, of everything that lives into the chest to keep alive with you. **20** Pairs of every kind of bird and animal, including every kind of creature that moves on the ground, will come to you so that you keep them alive, **21** and you must take with you some of every different kind of food and store it in there for you and them to eat. **22** So Noah did that exactly as God had specified.[37]

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_humankind on_the_earth and_all (the)_inclination_of the_
_thoughts_of his/its_heart only was_evil every_of the_day.
6 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_sighed/regretted if/because_that he_
_had_made ~~ÐOM~~ the_humankind on_the_earth and_he/it_was_
_worried/pained to his/its_heart. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said I_
_will_wipe ~~ÐOM~~ the_humankind which I_created from_under
the_surface_of the_soil from_humankind unto animal[s] unto
creeping_thing[s] and_unto the_bird[s]_of the_heavens
if/because I_regret if/because_that I_have_made_them. **8** And_
_Noaḥ he_found favour in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**.

9 These are_the_accounts_of Noaḥ Noaḥ was_a_man righteous
blameless he_was in_his/its_generations with the_'Elohīm
Noaḥ he_walked_about. **10** And_ Noaḥ _he/it_fathered three
sons ~~ÐOM~~ Shēm ~~ÐOM~~ Ḥām and_~~ÐOM~~ Yefet/(Japheth). **11** And_
the_earth/land _it(f)_was_decaying/corrupt to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_'Elohīm and_ the_earth/land _
_she/it_was_filled violence. **12** And_ god _he/it_saw ~~ÐOM~~ the_
_earth/land and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was_corrupt if/because
all_of flesh it_had_corrupted ~~ÐOM~~ its_road/course on the_
earth/land. **13** And god _he/it_said to/for_Noaḥ the_end_of
all_of flesh is_coming to/for_my_face/front if/because the_
_earth/land it_is_full violence from_their_face/front and_
_WOW_I ready_for_destroying_them with the_earth/land.
14 Make to/for_yourself(m) an_box_of wood(s)_of gopher nests
you_will_make ~~ÐOM~~ the_box and_you(ms)_will_cover ~~ÐOM~~_
_her/it from_inside and_from_outside with_pitch. **15** And_this
is_how you_will_make ~~ÐOM~~_her/it will_be_three hundred(s)
cubit[s] the_length_of the_box will_be_fifty cubit[s] breadth_of_
_its and_thirty cubit[s] height_of_its. **16** A_roof you_will_make
for_box and_near/to a_cubit you_will_finish_it[38] from_to_above
and_the_entrance_of the_box in_side_of_its you_will_put
lower_decks second_decks and_third_decks you_will_make_it.
17 And_I HERE_I am_about_to_bring ~~ÐOM~~ the_flood water on
the_earth/land to_destroy all_of flesh which in/on/over_
_him/it the_breath_of life from_under the_heavens all that on_
_the_earth it_will_die. **18** And_I_will_establish ~~ÐOM~~ covenant_
_of_my with_you and_you_will_go into the_box you and_sons_
_of_your and_wife_of_your and_the_wives_of your(pl)_sons_of_
_your with_you. **19** And_of_every_of (the)_living_thing from_all
flesh two from_all you_will_bring into the_box to_preserve_
_alive with_you male and_female they_will_be. **20** Of_the_
_bird[s] to_his/its_kind and_from the_cattle/livestock to_its_
_kind from_all (the)_creeping_thing_of the_soil to_his/its_kind
two from_all they_will_come to_you to_preserve_alive. **21** And_
_you(ms) take to/for_yourself(m) from_all food which it_is_
_eaten and_you_will_gather_it to_yourself and_it_was to/for_
_yourself(m) and_for_them for_food. **22** And_ Noaḥ _he/it_

35 RV 6:9 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 2:5.

36 RV 6:14 · Note The reader might have expected the word 'ark' here, but sadly the Latin word 'arca' meaning 'large box, chest' led to the English word 'ark' being invented, and why we can't use it here, is that now for most English readers, they picture a large boat in their minds when they hear that word. If you think about the 'ark of the covenant' that uses the same word, hopefully you can understand how anything like a 'boat' is the wrong word picture, hence we've gone back to translating the actual Hebrew word here.

37 RV 6:22 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:7.

38 LV 6:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_made according_to_all that god he_commanded ~~DOM~~_him/it so he_did.

7:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to/for_Noaḥ you and_all household_of_your go into the_box if/because you I_have_seen righteous to/for_my_face/front in_generation (the)_this. **2** From_all the_cattle/livestock (the)_clean you_will_take to/for_yourself(m) seven seven a_male and_his/its_ _woman/wife and_from the_cattle/livestock which not is_clean it two a_male and_his/its_woman/wife. **3** Also of_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens seven seven male and_female to_preserve_alive offspring on the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land. **4** If/because to_days yet seven I am_about_to_bring_rain on the_earth/land forty day[s] and_forty night[s] and_I_will_wipe ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _existence which I_have_made from_under the_surface_of the_ _soil. **5** And_ Noaḥ _he/it_made according_to_all that he_ _commanded_him **YHWH**. **6** And_Noaḥ was_a_son_of six hundred(s) year[s] and_the_flood it_was water on the_ _earth/land. **7** And_ Noaḥ and_sons_of_his and_his/its_ _woman/wife and_the_wives_of his_sons_of_his with_him/it _ _he_went into the_box from_face/in_front_of the_waters_of the_flood. **8** Of the_cattle/livestock (the)_clean and_from the_ _cattle/livestock which not_it was_clean and_from the_bird[s] and_all/each/any/every that was_creeping on the_soil. **9** Two two they_came to Noaḥ into the_box male and_female just_as god he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~ Noaḥ. **10** And_he/it_was to_the_ _seven_of the_days and_the_waters_of the_flood they_were on the_earth/land. **11** In_year six hundred(s) year of_the_life_of of_Noaḥ in_month the_second on_the_seven- teen day of_ _month in_the_day the_this all_of the_springs_of the_deep great they_were_split_open and_the_windows_of the_heavens they_were_opened. **12** And_ the_rain _he/it_was on the_ _earth/land forty day[s] and_forty night[s]. **13** On_the_ _substance_of the_day the_this Noaḥ and_name_of and_Ḥām and_Yefet/(Japheth) the_sons_of Noaḥ and_the_wife_of Noaḥ and_the_three_of the_wives_of his_sons_of_his with_them he_ _went into the_box. **14** They and_all the_living to_its_kind and_ _all the_cattle/livestock to_its_kind and_all the_creeping_ _(thing) the_(one)_creeping on the_earth/land to_his/its_kind and_all (the)_bird to_his/its_kind every_of bird_of every_of wing. **15** And_they_came to Noaḥ into the_box two two from_all (the)_flesh which in/on/over_him/it the_breath_of life. **16** And_those_which_came male and_female from_all flesh they_came just_as god he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~_him/it and_ **YHWH** _he/it_closed_up behind_him. **17** And_ the_flood _he/it_ _was forty day[s] on the_earth/land and_ the_waters _they_ _increased and_they_lifted ~~DOM~~ the_box and_it_rose from_ _under the_earth/land. **18** And_ the_waters _they_increased and_they_increased exceedingly on the_earth/land and_ the_ _box _it_went on the_surface_of the_waters. **19** And_the_waters they_increased exceedingly exceedingly on the_earth/land and_ all_of the_mountains (the)_high which were_under all_of the_heavens _they_were_covered. **20** Fif- teen cubit[s] from_to_ _above the_waters they_increased and_ the_mountains _they_ _were_covered. **21** And_it_died all_of flesh the_(one)_creeping

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The global flood

7:1 Then Yahweh said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, because I've seen that you're the only one who obeys me in this generation. **2** Take in seven male and female pairs of every kind of 'clean' animal, and one male and female pair of the 'unclean' animals, **3** as well as seven male and female pairs of every kind of flying bird in order to preserve their kinds on the earth. **4** Seven days from now I'll send forty days and nights of rain on the earth, and I'll eliminate every living thing that I've made that's still on the ground. **5** So Noah did everything that Yahweh had instructed him to do.

6 Noah was 600 years old when the flood covered the earth, **7** and he went into the wooden chest along with his wife, his three sons and their wives, in order to escape from the floodwaters.[39] **8** 'Clean' and 'unclean' animals, the birds, and everything that lived on the ground **9** came to Noah in male and female pairs and went into the chest, just like God had instructed Noah. **10** Then when the seven days were up, water started to flood the earth.

11 When Noah was 600 years old (and around the beginning of May), deep underwater geysers in the ocean started spouting out water, and the skies began to drop heavy rain[40] **12** that continued day and night for forty days. **13** That was the very day that Noah and Yefet (Japheth) and Shem and Ham and their wives had all entered the wooden chest. **14** They had with them every kind of living creature, including every kind of livestock and every other kind of creature that lives on the land, and every kind of bird and everything else that flies. **15** They had come to Noah in order to enter the chest—two by two of every creature with the breath of life. **16** So pairs of males and females of every creature entered just as God had instructed Noah, then Yahweh closed the door and they were shut in.

17 Then the flood came onto the earth for forty days, and the water rose so that the wooden chest was lifted up right off the land. **18** The water continued to rise and get deeper on the earth, and the chest floated along on top of the water. **19** Eventually the water on the earth got so deep that all the high mountains everywhere under the sky were under water— **20** in fact the water rose over seven metres above the tops of them. **21** By then every living creature that lived on the earth had drowned—birds, livestock, animals, every creature that swarms on the earth, and all humankind. **22** Everything that had the breath of the spirit of life in its nostrils, everything that lived on dry land, died. **23** That's how Yahweh completely annihilated every living creature off the earth, including humankind and livestock and crawling creatures and even the birds. Everything was annihilated except for Noah and those with him in the floating chest, **24** and the earth

39 RV 7:7 · Cross-ref. Mat 24:38-39; Luk 17:27.

40 RV 7:11 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 3:6.

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remained in full flood for 150 days.

Waiting for the land to dry

8:1 Then God considered Noah and all the living things and all the livestock that were with him in the floating chest, and he caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters started to subside **2** and the underwater geysers and the rain was stopped. **3** Then the water steadily receded from the earth and after five months the water had gone down enough **4** that by October the wooden chest was left sitting on one of the Ararat mountains. **5** The water continued to recede until December when the tops of the mountains became visible.

6 Then after another forty days, Noah opened a window near the top of the chest **7** and he released a raven which kept flying out and returning until the land started to dry out. **8** Then Noah also released a dove to see if the land was really out of the water, **9** but the dove didn't find anywhere to land so it returned to the window because the surface of the earth was still wet, and he stretched out his arm and brought the dove back inside. **10** Noah waited another week and then he released the dove again **11** and it returned to him in the evening and wow, it had a fresh, green olive leaf in its beak. So now Noah knew that the land was out of the water. **12** Then he waited another week, and released the dove again, but this time it didn't come back to him.

13 So it was when Noah was 601 years old (in the month of WHAT MONTH on the first day of the Jewish new year) the land was still drying out. So Noah made an opening in the top of the wooden chest and saw that the land surface there was almost dry. **14** By the end of the next month, the land was fully dry.

15 Then God said to Noah, **16** "Leave the wooden chest along with your sons and each of your wives. **17** Take out all the living creatures that are with you, including the birds and livestock, and everything that crawls (CHECK FOR WORD CONSISTENCY) on the ground, so that they'll proliferate and increase their numbers all over the earth. **18** So Noah went outside, along with his sons and each of their wives. **19** Every living creature, every crawling thing and every bird, everything moving on the earth, went outside kind by kind.

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on the_earth/land among_bird[s] and_on/over_cattle/livestock and_among_animal[s] and_on/over_all (the)_swarming_thing which_swarms on the_earth/land and_all/each/any/every the_ _humankind. **22** All that the_breath_of the_breath life in_ _his/its_two_nostrils from_all that was_on_ground they_died. **23** And_he_wiped_out ~~ÐOM~~ all_of the_existence which was_on the_surface_of the_soil from_humankind unto animal[s] unto creeping_thing[s] and_unto the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_ _they_were_wiped_out from the_earth/land and_he_was_left[41] only Noaḥ and_which with_him/it in_box. **24** And_ the_waters _ _they_increased on the_earth/land fifty and_one_hundred day[s].

8:1 And_ god _he_remembered ~~ÐOM~~ Noaḥ and_~~ÐOM~~ every_of the_living and_~~ÐOM~~ all_of the_cattle/livestock which with_ _him/it in_box and_ god _he_made_to_pass a_wind over the_ _earth/land and_ the_waters _they_subsided. **2** And_ the_ _springs_of the_deep and_the_windows_of the_heavens _they_ _were_shut_up and_ the_rain _it_was_restrained from the_ _heavens. **3** And_ the_waters _they_turned_back from_under the_earth/land going and_turning_back and_ the_waters _ _they_decreased from_the_end_of fifty and_one_hundred day[s]. **4** And_ the_box _it_rested in_month the_seventh on_ _the_seven- teen day of_month on the_mountains_of 'Arāraṭ. **5** And_the_waters they_were going and_decreasing until the_ _month (the)_tenth in_month on_day_one of_month the_tops_ _of the_mountains they_were_seen. **6** And_he/it_was from_the_ _end/extremity forty day[s] and_ Noaḥ _he_opened ~~ÐOM~~ the_ _window_of the_box which he_had_made. **7** And_he_sent_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_raven and_he/it_went_out going_out and_returning until the_waters dried_up from_under the_earth/land. **8** And_ _he_sent_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_dove from_with_him to_see were_ the_ _waters _they_abated from_under the_surface_of the_soil. **9** And_not the_dove it_found a_resting_place for_the_sole_of its_foot_of_her and_it_returned to_him/it into the_box if/because water was_on the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land and_he_stretched_out his/its_hand and_he_took_it and_he/it_ _brought ~~ÐOM~~_her/it to_him/it into the_box. **10** And_he_waited again seven_of days other and_he_repeated to_send_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_dove from the_box. **11** And_it_came to_him/it the_dove to_ _the_time_of evening and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_leaf_of olive freshly_plucked was_in_mouth_of_its and_ Noaḥ _he/it_knew if/because_that the_waters they_were_abated from_under the_ _earth/land. **12** And_he_waited again seven_of days other and_ _he_sent_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_dove and_not it_repeated to_return to_ _him/it again. **13** And_he/it_was in_one and_six hundred(s) year in_month on_day_one of_month the_waters they_were_ _dried_up from_under the_earth/land and_ Noaḥ _he_removed ~~ÐOM~~ the_covering_of the_box and_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_surface_of the_soil they_were_dried_up. **14** And_in_month the_second on_the_seven and_twenty day of_ _month the_earth/land it_was_dry. **15** And_ god _he/it_spoke to Noaḥ to_say. **16** Go_out from the_box you and_wife_of_your and_sons_of_your and_the_wives_of your(pl)_sons_of_your with_you. **17** Every_of the_living which is_with_you from_all

41 LV 7:23 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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flesh among_bird[s] and_on/over_cattle/livestock and_
_on/over_all the_creeping_(thing) the_(one)_creeping on the_
_earth/land bring_out[42] with_you and_they_will_swarm in/on_
_the_earth and_they_will_be_fruitful and_they_will_multiply
on the_earth/land. **18** And_ Noaḥ and_sons_of_his and_his/its_
_woman/wife and_the_wives_of his_sons_of_his with_him/it _
_he/it_went_out. **19** Every_of the_living every_of the_creeping_
_(thing) and_all (the)_bird every creeping_thing on the_
_earth/land to_families_of_their they_went_out from the_box.
20 And_ Noaḥ _he/it_built an_altar to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_
_took from_all the_cattle/livestock (the)_clean and_from_all
(the)_bird (the)_clean and_he/it_ascended burnt_offerings on_
altar. **21** And **YHWH** _he_smelled ᴅᴏᴍ the_odour_of (the)_
soothing and **YHWH** _he/it_said to his/its_heart not I_will_
_repeat to_curse again ᴅᴏᴍ the_soil in_account_of the_
_humankind if/because the_inclination_of the_heart_of the_
_humankind is_evil since_youth(s)_of_his and_not I_will_repeat
again to_strike_down ᴅᴏᴍ every_of living_thing just_as I_have_
_done. **22** Again all_of the_days_of the_earth/land seed and_
_harvest and_cold and_heat and_summer and_winter and_day
and_night not they_will_cease.

9:1 And_ god _he/it_blessed ᴅᴏᴍ Noaḥ and_ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his
and_he/it_said to/for_them be_fruitful and_increase/multiply
and_fill ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land. **2** And_fear_of_your(pl) and_
_terror_of_your(pl) it_will_be on every_of (the)_animal_of the_
_earth/land and_on every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens on_all
that it_creeps the_soil and_on/over_all the_fish(es)_of the_sea
in_hand_of_your(pl) they_are_given. **3** Every_of creeping_thing
which it is_alive to/for_you(pl) it_will_become for_food like_
_the_greenery plant[s] I_give to/for_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ everything.
4 Nevertheless flesh with_life_of_its blood_of_its not you(pl)_
_must_eat. **5** And_nevertheless ᴅᴏᴍ blood_of_your(pl) of_lives_
_of_your(pl) I_will_seek from_the_hand_of every_of animal I_
_will_seek_it and_from_the_hand_of the_humankind from_the_
_hand_of each_of his/its_brother I_will_seek ᴅᴏᴍ the_life_of
the_humankind. **6** The_one_who_sheds_of (of)_the_blood_of
the_humankind by_humankind blood_of_his it_will_be_shed
if/because in_(the)_image god he_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_humankind.
7 And_you(pl) be_fruitful and_increase/multiply swarm in/on_
_the_earth and_increase/multiply on_it. **8** And_ god _he/it_said
to Noaḥ and_near/to sons_of_his with_him/it to_say. **9** And_I
HERE_I am_about_to_establish ᴅᴏᴍ covenant_of_my with_
_you(pl) and_with offspring_of_your(pl) after_you(pl). **10** And_
_ᴅᴏᴍ every_of creature_of the_living which is_with_you(pl)
among_bird[s] among_livestock and_on/over_all (the)_animal_
_of the_earth/land with_you(pl) from_all those_which_came_
_out_of the_box to_all/each/any/every (the)_animal_of the_

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Noah's sacrifice and Yahweh's promise

20 Then Noah built an altar to Yahweh, and he took some of every kind of clean animal and every kind of clean bird, and he offered them as burnt offerings on the altar. **21** When Yahweh smelt the pleasing aroma, he said to himself, "I'll never curse the ground because of humankind again, even though the humankind's hearts are inclined from their youth to do evil things. And I'll never again destroy every living thing again like I've just done.

22 As long as the earth continues to exist,
seedtime and harvest time,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night,
will never stop happening.

God's agreement with Noah

9:1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.[43] **2** Now every living creature on the earth will be afraid and terrified of you, including every bird that flies in the sky, along with every creature that moves on land, and all the fish in the ocean. I have put them all under your authority. **3** From now on every creature that is alive and moves can be eaten as food—just like I previously provided you green plants for food, now I provide you everything for food— **4** the only exception is meat with its life blood still in it.[44] **5** Also, I will certainly require blood as payment for people's lives: if anyone murders another person, I require that the murderer must die, and even if an animal kills a human being, I require that it must die. **6** Yes, if anyone sheds human blood, the others must shed the murderer's blood, because God made human beings in his image.[45] **7** So then, be fruitful and multiply—have children on the earth and become numerous.[46]

8 Then God said to Noah and his sons, **9** "Now listen, I am making an agreement with you and your future descendants, **10** and it's also with every living creature that is with you: with the birds, the livestock, and every living thing on the earth with you, from all that came out of the wooden chest to every future living thing on the earth. **11** My agreement that I'm establishing

42 LV 8:17 · Note OSHB variant note: **אצוה**: (x-qere) 'אֲצַוֶּה': lemma_3318 morph_HVhv2ms id_01S7t אֲצַוֶּה

43 RV 9:1 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:28.

44 RV 9:4 · Cross-ref. Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deu 12:16,23; 15:23.

45 RV 9:6 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:13; Gen 1:26.

46 RV 9:7 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:28.

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with you is that all living things will never die from a flood again. That's right, I will never use a flood again to destroy everything on the earth." **12** Then God added, "This is how I'll show everyone that I've made this agreement with you and with all the living creatures that are with you, along with all future generations: **13** I'll place my rainbow among the clouds, and it'll be a sign of the agreement between me and all life on the earth. **14** So whenever I cause clouds to form in the sky and a rainbow is visible in the clouds, **15** then I'll remember my agreement that's between me and you and every kind of living creature, and a flood will never again destroy everything living. **16** So whenever a rainbow appears among the clouds, I'll see it and remember my permanent agreement with every living creature that lives and will live on the earth." **17** Then God said to Noah, "The rainbow is the sign of the agreement that I have established between me and every living thing on the earth."

Noah's children

18 Noah's sons who came out of the wooden chest after the flood were Yefet (Japheth), Shem, and Ham. (Ham became Kena'an's (Canaan's) father). **19** They were Noah's three sons and from them the whole earth became populated.

20 After a while, Noah, who was a farmer, planted some grape vines, **21** and in due course he drank some of his wine and got drunk, and he fell asleep naked in his tent. **22** Then Ham (Kena'an's father) saw his father's nakedness then went outside and told his brothers what he'd seen. **23** So Shem and Yefet took a robe, and holding it between their shoulders they walked backwards into the tent and covered their father's nakedness. (Their faces were towards the tent entrance, so they didn't see his nakedness.) **24** Eventually, Noah woke up from his drunken sleep and found out what his youngest son (Ham) had done to him **25** and said, "May Kena'an be cursed and become a slave of slaves to his brothers!" **26** Then he added, "Praise Yahweh who's Shem's god. May Kena'an become Shem's slave. **27** May God expand Yefet's territory and may he live in Shem's tents. May Kena'an also become a slave of Yefet."

28 After the flood, Noah lived another 350 years, **29** and so he was 950 years old when he died.

Noah's grandchildren and their clans[48]

10:1 These are the generations of Noah's sons, Yefet (Japheth), Shem, and Ham, and their descendants born to them after the flood:

Yefet's (Japheth's) descendants

2 Yefet's (Japheth's) sons were Gomer, Magog, Maday, Yavan, Tuval, Meshek, and Tiras. **3** Gomer's sons were Ashkenaz, Rifat, and Togarmah. **4** Ya-

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_earth/land. **11** And_I_will_establish ~~ĐǾM~~ covenant_of_my with_ _you(pl) and_not all_of flesh it_will_be_cut_off again from_the_ _waters_of the_flood and_not it_will_be again a_flood to_ _destroy the_earth/land. **12** And_ god _he/it_said this is_the_ _sign_of the_covenant which I am_making between_me and_ _between_you(pl) and_between every_of creature living which is_with_you(pl) for_generations_of perpetuity. **13** ~~ĐǾM~~ bow_of_ _my I_set in_cloud[s] and_it_will_become (into)_a_sign_of a_ _covenant between_me and_between the_earth/land. **14** And_ _it_was when_I_bring_cloud cloud over the_earth/land and_ the_bow _it_will_be_seen in_cloud[s]. **15** And_I_will_remember ~~ĐǾM~~ covenant_of_my which is_between_me and_between_ _you(pl) and_between every_of creature living in_all flesh and_ _not it_will_become again the_waters (into)_a_flood to_destroy all_of flesh. **16** And_ the_bow _it_will_be in_cloud[s] and_I_will_ _see_it to_remember the_covenant_of perpetuity between god and_between every_of creature living in_all flesh which is_on the_earth/land. **17** And_ god _he/it_said to Noaḥ this is_the_ _sign_of the_covenant which I_have_established between_me and_between all_of flesh which is_on the_earth/land.

18 And_ the_sons_of Noaḥ who_came_out from the_box _they_ _were Shēm and_Ḥām and_Yafet and_Ḥām he was_the_father_ _of Kəna'an/(Canaan). **19** Three these were_the_sons_of Noaḥ and_from_these all_of the_earth/land it_dispersed. **20** And_ Noaḥ _he_began the_man_of the_soil and_he/it_planted a_ _vineyard. **21** And_he_drank some_of the_wine and_he_ _became_drunk and_he_uncovered_himself in_the_middle his_ _tent_of_his.[47] **22** And_ Ḥām the_father_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) _ _he/it_saw ~~ĐǾM~~ the_nakedness_of his/its_father and_he_told to_the_two_of brothers_of_his on_outside. **23** And_ Shēm and_ _Yefet/(Japheth) _he/it_took ~~ĐǾM~~ the_garment and_they_put_it on the_shoulder_of both_of_them and_they_walked backwards and_they_covered ~~ĐǾM~~ the_nakedness_of their_father_of_their and_faces_of_their were_backwards and_the_nakedness_of their_father_of_their not they_saw. **24** And_ Noaḥ _he_awoke from_wine_of_his and_he/it_knew ~~ĐǾM~~ that_which he_had_ _done to_him/it his/its_son (the)_young. **25** And_he/it_said Kəna'an/(Canaan) be_cursed a_slave_of slaves he_will_be of_ _brothers_of_his. **26** And_he/it_said **YHWH** the_god_of Shēm be_blessed and_let_it_be Kəna'an/(Canaan) a_slave his. **27** god may_he_make_spacious (to)_Yefet and_let_him_dwell in_the_ _tents_of Shēm and_let_it_be Kəna'an/(Canaan) a_slave his. **28** And_ Noaḥ _he/it_lived after the_flood three hundred(s) year[s] and_fifty year[s]. **29** And_ all_of the_days_of Noaḥ _they_ _were nine hundred(s) year[s] and_fifty year[s] and_he/it_died.

10:1 And_these are_the_accounts_of the_sons_of Noaḥ Shēm Ḥām and_Yafet and_they_were_born to/for_them sons after the_flood.

2 The_sons_of Yefet were_Gomer and_Māgōg and_Māday and_ _Yāvān/(Javan) and_Tūval and_Meshek and_Tirāṣ. **3** And_the_ _sons of_Gomer were_'Ashkənaz and_Rifat and_Tōgarmāh. **4** And_the_sons of_Yāvān/(Javan) were_'Elīshā'h and_Tarshiysh

47 LV 9:21 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

48 RV 10:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:5-23

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Kittim and_Dodānīm. **5** From_these the_coastlands_of the_
_nations they_separated in_their_lands each to_his/its_
_language to_their_clans in_their_nations.

6 And_the_sons of_Ḥām were_Kūsh/(Cush) and_Mitsrayim and_
_Pūṭ and_Kəna′an. **7** And_the_sons of_Kūsh/(Cush) were_Şəvā’
and_Ḥavīlāh and_Şavtā’h and_Ra′māh and_Şavtəkā’ and_the_
_sons of_Ra′māh were_Shəvā’ and_Dədān. **8** And_Kūsh he_
_fathered ĐOM Nimrōd he he_began to_be a_mighty_man on_
_the_earth. **9** He he_was a_mighty_man_of hunting to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** therefore
yes/correct/thus/so it_is_said like_Nimrōd a_mighty_man_of
hunting to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **10** And_it_
_became the_beginning_of his/its_kingdom Bāvel and_Erech
and_Akkad and_Kələneh in_land of_Shin′ār. **11** From the_
_earth/land the_that he_went_forth ’Ashshūr and_he/it_built
ĐOM Nīnəvēh and_ĐOM Rəḥovōt- Ir and_ĐOM Calah. **12** And_ĐOM
Resen between Nīnəvēh and_between Calah that the_city the_
_big/large/great(fs). **13** And_Mitsrayim he_fathered ĐOM the_
_Lūdī and_ĐOM the_′Anāmīm and_ĐOM the_Lehāvīm and_ĐOM
the_Naftuḥīm. **14** And_ĐOM the_Patruşī and_ĐOM the_
_Kaşluḥīm/(Casluhites) where they_came_out from_there the_
_Pəlishtiy and_ĐOM the_Kaftorī/(Caphtorites). **15** And_Kəna′an
he_fathered ĐOM Tsīdōn/(Sidon) his/its_firstborn and_ĐOM Ḥēt.
16 And_ĐOM the_Yəvūşī and_ĐOM the_’Amorī and_ĐOM the_
_Girgāshiy. **17** And_ĐOM the_Ḥiūī and_ĐOM the_′Arqī and_ĐOM
the_Şīnī. **18** And_ĐOM the_’Arvādī and_ĐOM the_Tsəmārī and_
_ĐOM the_Ḥamātī and_after the_clans_of the_Kəna′anī they_
_were_scattered. **19** And_ the_border_of the_Kəna′anī _he/it_
_was from_Tsidon your(ms)_going towards_Gərāra to ′Azzāh
your(ms)_going towards_Sedom and_Amorah and_’Admāh and_
_Tseboyim to Lasha. **20** These were_the_sons_of Ḥām to_their_
_clans to_languages_of_their in_their_lands in_their_nations.

21 And_to_Shēm it_was_born also he the_father_of all_of the_
_sons_of ′Ēvēr the_brother_of Yefet/(Japheth) (the)_old.
22 The_sons_of Shēm were_′Ēylām and_’Ashshūr and_
_Arpakshad and_Lūd and_’Arām. **23** And_the_sons of_’Arām
were_′Ūts and_Ḥūl and_Geter and_Mash. **24** And_Arpakshad he_
_fathered ĐOM Shelaḥ and_Shelaḥ he_fathered ĐOM ′Ēvēr.
25 And_to_′Ēvēr two_of sons it_was_born the_name_of the_one
was_Peleg if/because in_days_of_his the_earth/land it_was_
_divided and_name_of his/its_brother was_Yoqṭān/(Joktan).
26 And_Yoqṭān he_fathered ĐOM ’Almōdād and_ĐOM Shelef and_
_ĐOM Hazarmaveth and_ĐOM Yeraḥ/(Jerah). **27** And_ĐOM
Ha_dōrām and_ĐOM ’Ūzāl and_ĐOM Diqlāh. **28** And_ĐOM Obal and_
_ĐOM ’Avīmā’ēl and_ĐOM Shəvā’. **29** And_ĐOM ’Ōfīr and_ĐOM
Ḥavīlāh and_ĐOM Yōvāv/(Jobab) all_of these were_the_sons_of
Yoqṭān. **30** And_ place_of_their_dwelling _he/it_was from_
_Mesha your(ms)_going towards_Sephar the_hill_country_of
the_east. **31** These were_the_sons_of Shēm to_their_clans to_

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van’s sons were Elishah and Tarshish, and Kitim[49] and Dodanim.
5 From all those descendants, people spread out into areas near
the coast, each group with their own language, and with all the
clans making up their nations.

Ham’s descendants

6 Ham’s sons were Kush, Mitsrayim, Put,
and Kena’an (Canaan). **7** Kush’s sons were Seva, Havilah, Savtah,
Raemah, and Savteka. Then Raemah’s sons were Sheva and
Dedan. **8** Kush was also the father of Nimrod who became a
mighty warrior on the earth. **9** Nimrod also became a terrific
hunter noticed by Yahweh, so people said, “Like Nimrod, a ter-
rific hunter noticed by Yahweh.” **10** His kingdom began in the
cities of Bavel, Erek, Akad, and Keleneh, all in the Shin’ar region.
11 From that area he extended to Ashur (Assyria)[50] where he
built the cities of Nineveh, Rehovot-Ir, Kelah, **12** and Resen, be-
tween Nineveh and the large city of Kelah.

13 Mitsrayim fathered Ludim, Anamim, Lehavim, Naftuhim,
14 Patrusi, and Kasluhim (who the Pelishtim came from), and
Kaftorim.

15 Kena’an (Canaan) fathered Tsidon (Sidon) his firstborn, then
Het,[51] **16** Yevusi, Amori, Girgashi. **17** Hivi, Arki, Sini, **18** Arvadi,
Tsemari, and Hamati. Later on, the Kena’an clans spread in all
directions **19** and their border went from Tsidon toward Gerar as
far as Azah (Gaza), and then toward Sedom, Amorah (Gomorrah),
Admah, and Tsevoim, as far as Lesha. **20** Those are Ham’s descen-
dants according to their clans, languages, regions, and nations.

Shem’s descendants

21 Shem (the younger brother of Yefet
(Japheth)) also had some sons and became the ancestor of all the
descendants of Ever. **22** Shem’s sons were Eylam, Ashur, Arpak-
shad, Lud, and Aram. **23** Aram’s sons were Uts (Uz), Hul, Geter,
and Mash. **24** Arpakshad fathered Shelah, then Shelah fathered
Ever. **25** Ever’s two sons were Peleg and Yaketan. (Peleg’s name
means ‘division’, because it was during his lifetime that the
earth was divided.[52]) **26** Yaketan fathered Almodad, Shelef, Hat-
sarmavet, Yerah, **27** Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, **28** Oval, Avimael,
Sheva, **29** Ofir, Havilah, and Yovav. (All of those were the sons of
Yaketan.) **30** They lived in the area from Meysha then to Sefar in
the eastern hills. **31** Those are Shem’s descendants according to
their clans, languages, regions, and nations.

32 All of those are the clans of Noah’s sons, according to their
generations and nations, and from them the nations spread out

49 **RV 10:1 · Note** These names ending with ‘-im’ (the Hebrew plural) are possibly the names of the ensuing *tribes* (e.g., ‘Kittites’) and not the individuals. (Similarly for v13-14.)

50 **RV 10:11 · Note** Known to us as ‘Assyria’.

51 **RV 10:15 · Note** The ancestor of the Hittim.

52 **RV 10:25 · Note** Often believed to refer to the division of languages after the building of the tower described in chapter 11.

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across the earth after the flood.

The tower at Bavel

11:1 Now the whole world had a single language and the same words, **2** and as they migrated from the east, they discovered a plain in the Shin'ar region and settled there. **3** Then they said to each other, "Come on, let's make bricks and cure them with fire." So they had bricks instead of stones, and they had tar for mortar.

4 Then they said, "Come on, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower with its top in the sky, and let's make a reputation for ourselves, so that we don't get scattered all over the whole earth." **5** Then Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower that the humans were building **6** and he said, "Look, they're just one people group, and they all speak the same language. This is only the beginning of what they can do together—soon they'll be capable of doing anything they plan to do. **7** Come on then, let's go down and confuse their language so that they won't be able to understand each other's words." **8** So then they stopped building the city and Yahweh caused them to scatter over the whole world. **9** That's why they named the city 'Bavel' (meaning 'mixed-up') because it was there that Yahweh mixed up everyone's language and then scattered them over the whole world.

Shem's descendants[53]

10 This is the record of Shem's descendants: Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he had a son named Arpakshad. **11** After Arpakshad was born, Shem lived another 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

12 When Arpakshad was thirty-five years old, he had a son named Shelah. **13** After Shelah was born, Arpakshad lived another 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

14 When Shelah was thirty years old, he had a son named Ever. **15** After Ever was born, Shelah lived another 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

16 When Ever was thirty-four years old, he had a son named Peleg. **17** After Peleg was born, Ever lived another 430 years and had other sons and daughters

18 When Peleg was thirty years old, he had a son named Re'u. **19** After Re'u was born, Peleg lived another 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

20 When Re'u was thirty-two years old, he had a son named Serug. **21** After Serug was born, Re'u lived another 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

22 When Serug was thirty years old, he had a son named Nahor. **23** After Nahor was born, Serug lived another 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

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_languages_of_their in_their_lands to_nations_of_their.
32 These were_the_clans_of the_sons_of Noaḥ to_descendants_ _of_their in_nations_of_their and_from_these the_nations they_ _separated on_the_earth after the_flood.
11:1 And_ all_of the_earth/land _he/it_was language one and_ _words/messages one(s). **2** And_he/it_was on_their_pulling_out from_east and_they_found a_plain in_land of_Shin'ār and_they_ _lived there. **3** And_they_said each to his/its_neighbour come_ _NOW let_us_make_bricks bricks and_let_us_burn to_burning and_it_became to/for_them the_brick to_stone and_the_ _bitumen it_became to/for_them to_mortar. **4** And_they_said come_NOW let_us_build to/for_ourselves a_city and_(a)_tower and_its_top in_the_heavens and_we_may_make to/for_ _ourselves a_name lest we_should_be_scattered over the_ _surface_of all_of the_earth/land. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _descended for_seeing ÐOM the_city and_ÐOM the_tower which the_children_of the_humankind they_had_built. **6** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said HERE a_people one and_(a)_language one to/for_ _all_them and_this their_beginning for_doing and_now not it_ _will_be_withheld from_them all that they_will_plan for_doing. **7** Come_NOW let_us_go_down and_let_us_confuse there their_ _language that not they_will_hear each the_language_of his/its_neighbour. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_scattered ÐOM_them from_there over the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land and_ _they_stopped to_build the_city. **9** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called his/its_name Bāvel if/because there **YHWH** he_confused the_language_of all_of the_earth/land and_from_there he/it_scattered_them **YHWH** over the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land.

10 These are_the_accounts_of Shēm Shēm was_a_son_of one_ _hundred_of year[s] and_he/it_fathered ÐOM 'Arpakshad two_ _years after the_flood. **11** And_ Shēm _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ÐOM 'Arpakshad five hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **12** And_Arpakshad he_ _lived five and_thirty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ÐOM Shelaḥ. **13** And_ 'Arpakshad _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ÐOM Shelaḥ three years and_four hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered sons and_daughters. **14** And_Shelaḥ he_lived thirty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ÐOM ʿĒvēr. **15** And_ Shelaḥ _he/it_ _lived after fathering_by_him/it ÐOM ʿĒvēr three years and_ _four hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_ _daughters. **16** And_ ʿĒvēr _he/it_lived four and_thirty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ÐOM Peleg. **17** And_ ʿĒvēr _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ÐOM Peleg thirty year[s] and_four hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **18** And_ Peleg _he/it_lived thirty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ÐOM Rəʿū. **19** And_ Peleg _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ÐOM Rəʿū nine years and_two_hundreds year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered sons and_daughters. **20** And_ Rəʿū _he/it_lived two and_thirty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ÐOM Sərūg. **21** And_ Rəʿū _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ÐOM Sərūg seven years and_two_hundreds year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_ _daughters. **22** And_ Sərūg _he/it_lived thirty year[s] and_ _he/it_fathered ÐOM Nāḥōr. **23** And_ Sərūg _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ÐOM Nāḥōr two_hundred year[s] and_

53 RV 11:10 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:24-27

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_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **24** And_ Nāḥōr _he/it_ _lived nine and_twenty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Teraḥ. **25** And_ Nāḥōr _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ~~ĐOM~~ Teraḥ nine- teen year[s] and_one_hundred year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered sons and_daughters. **26** And_ Teraḥ _he/it_lived seventy year[s] and_he/it_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ ʾAvrām ~~ĐOM~~ Nāḥōr and_~~ĐOM~~ Ḥārān.

27 And_these are_the_accounts_of Teraḥ Teraḥ he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ ʾAvrām ~~ĐOM~~ Nāḥōr and_~~ĐOM~~ Ḥārān and_Ḥārān he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Lōṭ. **28** And_ Ḥārān _he/it_died on the_face_of Teraḥ his/its_father in_land his/its_descendants in_ʾŪr of_the_ones_ _from_Kasdiy. **29** And_ ʾAvrām and_Nāḥōr _he/it_took to/for_ _them wives the_name_of the_wife_of ʾAvrām was_Sarai and_ _name_of the_wife_of Nāḥōr was_Milkāh the_daughter_of Ḥārān the_father_of Milkāh and_father_of Iscah. **30** And_it_ _became Sarai barren there_belonged_not to/for_her/it a_ _child. **31** And_ Teraḥ _he/it_took ~~ĐOM~~ ʾAvrām his/its_son and_ _~~ĐOM~~ Lōṭ the_son_of Ḥārān the_son_of his/its_son and_~~ĐOM~~ Sarai his/its_daughter-in-law the_wife_of ʾAvrām his/its_son and_they_went_out with_them from_ʾŪr of_the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy to_go towards_land of_Kəna῾an/(Canaan) and_they_ _came to Ḥārān and_they_lived there. **32** And_ the_days_of Teraḥ _they_were five years and_two_hundreds year[s] and_ Teraḥ _he/it_died in_Ḥārān.

12:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to ʾAvrām go to/for_yourself(m) from_your(ms)_land and_from_your(ms)_descendants and_ _from_household your_father_of_your to the_earth/land which I_will_show_you(ms). **2** And_I_will_make_you(ms) to_(a)_nation great and_I_will_bless_you(ms) and_I_will_make_big/great your(ms)_name and_be a_blessing. **3** And_I_will_bless (those_ _who)bless_you(ms) and_despises_you(ms) I_will_curse and_ _they_will_be_blessed in_you(ms) all_of the_clans_of the_soil. **4** And_ ʾAvrām _he/it_went just_as he_had_said to_him/it **YHWH** and_he/it_went with_him/it Lōṭ and_Avram was_a_son_ _of five years and_seventy year[s] in_his/its_coming_out from_ _Ḥārān. **5** And_ ʾAvrām _he/it_took ~~ĐOM~~ Sarai his/its_ _wife/woman and_~~ĐOM~~ Lōṭ the_son_of his/its_brother and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of their_property which they_had_accumulated and_~~ĐOM~~ the_people whom they_had_acquired in_Ḥārān and_they_ _went_out to_go towards_land of_Kəna῾an/(Canaan) and_they_ _came towards_land of_Kəna῾an/(Canaan). **6** And_ ʾAvrām _ _he/it_passed_through on_the_earth to the_place_of Shəkem to the_great_tree_of Mōreh and_the_Kəna῾ₐnīte then on_the_ _earth. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he_appeared to ʾAvrām and_he/it_said to_offspring_of_your I_will_give ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land (the)_this and_he/it_built there an_altar to/for_**YHWH** who_had_ _appeared to_him/it. **8** And_he_moved_on from_there to_the_ _hill_country from_east of_Bēyt-ʾēl and_he_pitched tent_of_ _his[57] Bēyt-ʾēl was_from_the_west and_(the)_῾Ay from_east and_ _he/it_built there an_altar to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_called in/on_name_of **YHWH**. **9** And_ ʾAvrām _he_journeyed going

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24 When Nahor was twenty-nine years old, he had a son named Terah. **25** After Terah was born, Nahor lived another 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

26 After Terah was seventy years old, he had sons whose names were Avram, Nahor, and Haran.

Terah's descendants

27 This is the record of Terah's descendants: Terah's sons were Avram, Nahor, and Haran and Haran had a son named Lot. **28** While his father was still alive, Haran died in the land where he was born, in the city of Ur where the Kasdim (Chaldeans) lived. **29** Meanwhile Avram married Saray (Sarai) and Nahor married Milkah. (Milkah and her sister Yiskah were the daughters of Nahor's brother Haran.) **30** However, Saray wasn't able to get pregnant so they didn't have any children.

31 Then one day, Terah gathered his son Avram and his grandson Lot (who was Haran's son), and his daughter-in-law Saray (who was Avram's wife), and they all left from the city of Ur (where the Kasdim lived), to travel to the region of Kena'an (Canaan), but when they arrived at the city of Haran, they decided to live there. **32** Then when Terah was 205 years old, he died there in Haran.

God commissions Avram to go

12:1 Then Yahweh said to Avram, "You must leave your land and your relatives and your father's house and go to the land that I'll show you.[54] **2** I'll bless you and make you into a great nation. I'll make you famous and you'll be a blessing to others. **3** I'll bless everyone who blesses you, but I'll curse anyone who curses you. All the families on the earth will be blessed because of you.[55]

4 So Avram left there just as Yahweh had told him, and Lot also went with him. Avram was seventy-five years old when he left the city of Haran. **5** He took his wife Saray (Sarai) and his nephew Lot and all their possessions that they had accumulated and the people who they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Kena'an (Canaan).

When they arrived in the Kena'an region, **6** they continued travelling as far as the city of Shekem, to Moreh's oak tree. (The Kena'anim (Canaanites) were still living in that region at that time.) **7** Then Yahweh came to Avram and told him, "I'll give this land to your descendants."[56] So Avram built an altar there and made a burnt offering to Yahweh, who had appeared to him. **8** Then from there he went on to the hills to the east of Beyt-El (Bethel) and pitched his tents, with Beyt-El on the west and Ay on the east. He built an altar to Yahweh there, and sacrificed and prayed to Yahweh **9** before continuing south down toward the Negev desert.

54 **RV 12:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:2-3; Heb 11:8.

55 **RV 12:3 · Cross-ref.** Gal 3:8.

56 **RV 12:7 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:5; Gal 3:16.

57 **LV 12:8 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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Avram goes to Mitsrayim

10 One time when there was a drought causing a severe food shortage, Avram and his household travelled west across to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to stay there. **11** Just before they arrived in Mitsrayim, Avram said to his wife Saray (Sarai), "Listen, you're a very beautiful woman, **12** so when the Mitsrim (Egyptians) see you they'll say, 'This is his wife,' and they'll kill me but let you live. **13** Please tell them that you're my sister[58] so they'll treat me well because of you and let me live." **14** So that's what happened when they entered Mitsrayim—the Mitsrim indeed noticed that Saray was very beautiful, **15** and when Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) officials saw her, so they told him about her beauty, and she was taken into Par'oh's palace. **16** He treated Avram well (thinking he was the brother), so he was given flocks and herds, male and female donkeys, male and female slaves, and camels.

17 But Yahweh directed terrible deadly diseases onto Par'oh and his household because of his taking Avram's wife Saray. **18** So Par'oh called for Avram and said, "What's this you've done to me? Why didn't you tell me that she's your wife? **19** Why did you say, 'She's my sister,' so that I took her in as a wife? Now then, here's your wife. Take her and get out of here." **20** Then Par'oh commanded his officers, and they sent Avram and his wife away and everything that belonged to him.

Avram and Lot part ways

13:1 Then Avram left Mitsrayim (Egypt) with his wife and everything that belonged to him, and their nephew Lot. They returned to the Negev **2** and now Avram had become very wealthy, with both livestock, and silver and gold. **3** Then they continued north through the Negev as far as Beyt-El (Bethel), to the place where his tents had been at the beginning—between Beyt-El and Ay—**4** to the place where he'd previously built an altar,[59] and Avram sacrificed and prayed to Yahweh there.

5 Now Lot, who was travelling with Avram, also had flocks and herds and tents, **6** but the land couldn't support them all while they stayed together. Because the needs of their combined assets were so demanding, they couldn't all thrive in one place **7** and that led to strife between Avram's and Lot's herdsmen. Also, the Kena'anim (Canaanites) and the Perizim were living in the land at that time.

8 So Avram said to Lot, "Let's not have quarrelling between you and I, or between yours herdsmen and mine, because we're relatives. **9** Isn't the whole land available to you? So let's separate. If

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and_journeying towards_the_south.

10 And_he/it_was a_famine on_the_earth and_ 'Avrām _he/it_ _descended to_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_sojourn there if/because was_heavy the_famine on_the_earth. **11** And_he/it_was just_as he_drew_near to_enter towards_Mitsrayim and_he/it_said to Sarai his/its_wife/woman HERE please I_know if/because_that are_a_woman beautiful_of appearance you. **12** And_it_was if/because the_Mitsrayimians they_will_see you and_they_will_ _say his/its_wife/woman this and_they_will_kill ÐOM_me and_ _you they_will_let_live. **13** Say please sister_of_are_my you so_ _that it_may_go_well to_me because_of_you and_ life_of_my _ _it_will_live on_account_of_of_you. **14** And_he/it_was just_ 'Avrām _as_entered towards_Mitsrayim and_ the_ _Mitsrayimians _they_saw ÐOM the_woman if/because_that was_beautiful she very. **15** And_ the_officials_of Par'oh _they_ _saw ÐOM_her/it and_they_praised ÐOM_her/it to Par'oh and_ the_woman _she_was_taken the_house_of Par'oh. **16** And_to_ _'Avrām he_did_good because_of_her and_he/it_was to_him/it sheep and_cattle and_male_donkeys and_male_servants and_ _female_servants and_female_donkeys and_camels. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he_struck ÐOM Par'oh plagues great and_ÐOM house_of_ _his on the_matter_of Sarai the_wife_of 'Avrām. **18** And_ Par'oh _he/it_called (to)_'Avrām and_he/it_said what this have_you_ _done to/for_me to/for_what not did_you_tell to/for_me if/because_that wife_of_was_your she. **19** Why did_you_say sister_of_is_my she and_I_took ÐOM_her/it to_me to/for_(a)_ _woman and_now HERE wife_of_your take_her and_go. **20** And_ _he/it_commanded on/upon/above_him/it Par'oh men and_ _they_sent_away ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM his/its_wife/woman and_ÐOM all_of that to_him/it.

13:1 And_ 'Avrām _he/it_ascended from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he and_his/its_woman/wife and_all that to_him/it and_Lōṭ with_ _him/it towards_the_south. **2** And_Avram was_wealthy very in_ _livestock in_silver and_in_gold. **3** And_he/it_went to_ _journeyings_of_his from_the_Negev and_unto Bēyt-ʾēl to the_ _place where it_had_been there mmm[61] at_beginning between Bēyt-ʾēl and_between (the)_'Ay. **4** To the_place_of the_altar which he_had_made there at_time and_he/it_called there 'Avrām in/on_name_of **YHWH**. **5** And_also to_Lōṭ who_was_ _travelling with 'Avrām sheep and_cattle and_tents it_ _belonged. **6** And_not the_earth/land it_supported ÐOM_them to_dwell together if/because their_property it_was much and_ _not they_were_able to_dwell together. **7** And_he/it_was quarrelling between the_herdsmen_of the_livestock_of 'Avrām and_between the_herdsmen_of the_livestock_of Lōṭ and_the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] then was_dwelling on_the_earth. **8** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_said to Lōṭ not please strife let_it_be between_me and_between_you and_between herdsmen_of_my and_between herdsmen_of_your if/because are_men brothers we. **9** Not is_all_of the_earth/land to_your_ _face separate please from_with_me if the_left and_I_will_go_ _to_the_right and_if the_right and_I_will_go_to_the_left.

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58 **RV 12:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 20:2; 26:7.

59 **RV 13:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:8.

61 **LV 13:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/לֹהָא: (x-qere) וֹ/לֶהָא': lemma_168 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_01Gdj וֹ/לֶהָא

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10 And_ Lōṭ _he_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_valley_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) if/because_that of_it_ _of_all was_well-watered to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** destroyed ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣədom and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʻAmorāh/(Gomorrah) like_the_garden_of **YHWH** like_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) your(ms)_going Tsoʻar/(Zoar). **11** And_he_chose to_him/it Lōṭ ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_valley_of the_Yardēn and_ Lōṭ _he_set_out from_ _east and_they_separated each from_under his/its_brother. **12** ʼAvrām he_dwelt in_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_Lōṭ he_ _dwelt in_the_cities_of the_valley and_he_moved_tent to Ṣədom. **13** And_the_people_of Ṣədom were_wicked and_sinful to/for_**YHWH** exceedingly.

14 And_**YHWH** he_said to ʼAvrām after Lōṭ separated from_ _with_him lift_up please eyes_of_your and_look from the_place where you are_there northward_to and_southward_to and_ _eastward_to and_westward_to. **15** If/because ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _earth/land which you are_seeing to/for_yourself(m) I_will_ _give_it and_to_offspring_of_your until perpetuity. **16** And_I_ _will_make ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_seed/fruit like_the_dust_of the_ _earth/land which if anyone he_will_be_able to_count ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _dust_of the_earth/land also your(ms)_seed/fruit it_will_ _numbered. **17** Arise walk_about on_the_earth to_length_of_its and_to_breadth_of_its if/because to/for_yourself(m) I_will_ _give_it. **18** And_ ʼAvrām _he_moved_tent and_he_went and_ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived at_the_great_trees_of Mamre which are_at_Ḥevrōn and_he/it_built there an_altar to/for_**YHWH**.

14:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days_of Amraphel the_king_of Shinʻār ʼArəyōk the_king_of Ellasar Kedorlaomer the_king_of ʻĒylām and_Tidʻāl the_king_of Gōy. **2** They_made war with Bera the_king_of Ṣədom and_ᴅᴏᴍ Birsha the_king_of ʻAmorāh/(Gomorrah) Shinab the_king_of ʼAdmāh and_ _Shemeber the_king_of Tsəvoʼīm/(Zeboiim)[6364] and_the_king_ _of Belaʻ that is_Tsoʻar/(Zoar). **3** All_of these they_joined_ _together to the_valley_of (the)_Siddim that is_the_Sea_of (the)_Salt. **4** Two_plus ten year[s] they_had_served ᴅᴏᴍ Kedorlaomer and_three teen year they_rebelled. **5** And_in_ _four- teen year Kedorlaomer and_the_kings who with_him/it he_came and_they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ the_Rəfāʼīm in_ʻAshtərot-qarnayim and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Zuzites in_Ḥām and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ʼĒymīm in_Shaveh Qiryātayim. **6** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Ḥorīte[s] in_their_hill_ _of_country of_Sēʻīr to ʼĒl Pāʼrān which is_at the_wilderness. **7** And_they_turned_back and_they_came to En Mishpat that is_ _Qādēsh and_they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_region_of the_ _ʻAmālēqite[s] and_also ᴅᴏᴍ the_ʼAmorī who_was_dwelling in_ Ḥatstsōn tāmār. **8** And_he/it_went_out the_king_of Ṣədom and_ _the_king_of ʻAmorāh and_the_king_of ʼAdmāh and_the_king_ _of Tsəvoʼīm[65] and_the_king_of Belaʻ that is_Tsoʻar and_they_ _deployed with_them battle in_the_valley_of (the)_Siddim. **9** With Kedorlaomer the_king_of ʻĒylām and_Tidʻāl the_king_of

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you go to the left then I'll go right, or if you go to the right then I'll go left." **10** Lot looked all around and saw that all the plain of the Yarden (Jordan) river valley was well-watered through towards Tsoar, just like Yahweh's garden[60] had been before he destroyed Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah), and like the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **11** Lot chose all of the Yarden plain for himself, and so he travelled to the east and they separated from each other. **12** So Avram settled in the land of Kena'an (Canaan), and Lot settled in the cities of the plain and moved his tents as far as Sedom. **13** However, the people of Sedom were extremely wicked, constantly disobeying Yahweh.

God promises Avram the land

14 After Lot had left, Yahweh told Avram, "Look all around you towards the north, the south, the east, and the west, **15** because all that land that you can see, I'll give it to you and to your descendants to have forever.[62] **16** I'll make your descendants as numerous as dust particles. Your descendants will only be able to be counted if someone's able to count all the dust particles on the earth. **17** So, go and start walking throughout the land—through its length and its width, because I'm giving it all to you." **18** So Avram moved his tents and went and settled by the terebinth trees at Mamre (near Hevron), and he built an altar to Yahweh there.

Five kings defend against four attackers

14:1 At the time when Amrafel was king of Shin'ar, Areyok was king of Elasar, Kedorla'omer was king of Eylam, and Tid'al was king of the Goyim, **2** they went to war against Bera king of Sedom, Birsha king of Amorah (Gomorrah), Shin'av king of Admah, Shem'ever king of Tsevoim, and the king of Bela (also known as Tsoar). **3** Those latter five kings joined forces in the Siddim valley (also known as the Salt Sea valley). **4** They had been subject to King Kedorla'omer for twelve years, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 Then in the fourteenth year, Kedorla'omer and the kings who were with him went and attacked the Refaim in Ashterot-Karnayim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-Kiryatayim, **6** and the Horim in the hill country of Se'ir as far as El Paran, which is near the wilderness. **7** Then those four kings turned back and went to Eyn Mishpat (also called Kadesh) and they attacked the entire territories of the Amalekim and also the Amorim, who were living in Hazezon Tamar.

8 Then the king of Sedom, the king of Amorah, the king of Admah, the king of Tsevoim, and the king of Bela (also called

60 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 2:10.

62 RV 13:15 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:5.

63 LV 14:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **מייבצ**: (x-qere) **ʼסְיֹוְבָצ**: lemma_6636 n_0.1 morph_HNp id_01kJL **סְיֹוְבָצ**

64 LV 14:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

65 LV 14:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **מייבצ**: (x-qere) **ʼסְיֹוְבָצ**: lemma_6636 n_1.1 morph_HNp id_01Jqs **סְיֹוְבָצ**

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Tsoar) went out into the Sidim Valley and arranged their troops for battle **9** against Kedorla'omer king of Eylam, Tid'al king of Goyim, Amrafel king of Shin'ar, Areyok king of Elasar—five kings defending themselves against the four. **10** Now the Sidim Valley had many tar pits, and when the kings of Sedom and Amorah fled, they fell into the pits, but the rest fled up into the hills. **11** Then the four attacking kings took all the peoples' possessions from Sedom and Amorah and all their food and left.

Avram rescues Lot

12 Avram's nephew Lot and all his possessions also got taken because he was living in the city of Sedom, **13** but someone who escaped came and reported this news to Avram the Ivri (Hebrew). At that time, Avram was still living by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amori, the brother of Eshkol and the brother of Aner, and the three of them had formed an alliance together. **14** When Avram heard that his nephew had been taken captive, he led out his 318 trained men who'd all been born in his house, and he pursued his enemies as far as the town of Dan. **15** During the night, Avram split in his slaves into groups and they attacked the four kings and their soldiers and pursued them to Hovah (north of Damesek (Damascus)). **16** They were able to bring back all the possessions, as well as his nephew Lot and his possessions, and also the women and the other people who'd been captured.

Malki-Tsedek blesses Avram

17 After Avram returned from defeating Kedorla'omer and his allied kings, the king of Sedom went out to meet Avram in Shaveh valley (also called the king's valley) . **18** Then Malki-Tsedek (Melchizedek) the king of Shalem brought out bread and wine—he was a priest to the most high God.[67] **19** Malki-Tsedek blessed Avram, saying:

"May Avram be blessed by the most high God,
the owner of heaven and earth.
20 Praise the most high God,
who enabled you to defeat your enemies."

Then Avram gave to Malki-Tsedek a tenth of everything he had recovered.

21 Then the king of Sedom said to Avram, "Give my people back to me, but keep the possessions for yourself."

22 But Avram said to the king of Sedom, "I promise by Yahweh, most high God, the owner of heaven and earth, **23** that I won't take anything of yours, not even the strap of a sandal, so that you won't be able to say that it was you who made me wealthy. **24** I'll take nothing, except what the young fighters have eaten, and the share of the other men who went with me: Aner, Eshkol, and Mamre. Let them take their share."

God agreement with Avram

15:1 After those events, Yahweh spoke to Avram in a vision, telling him, "Don't be

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Gōy and_Amraphel the_king_of Shin'ār and_'Arəyōk the_king_ _of Ellasar four kings with the_five. **10** And_the_valley_of (the)_ _Siddim[66] was_pits_of pits_of bitumen and_ the_king_of Ṣədom and_Amorah _they_fled and_they_fell to_(to) and_those_who_ _survived the_hill_country_to they_fled. **11** And_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_possession[s]_of Ṣədom and_Amorah and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of food_of_their and_they_went.

12 And_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ Lōṭ and_ᴅᴏᴍ possession[s]_of_his the_ _son_of the_brother_of 'Avrām and_they_went and_he was_ _dwelling in_Ṣədom. **13** And_ the_fugitive _he_came and_he_ _told to_'Avrām the_Hebrew and_he was_dwelling at_the_ _great_trees_of Mamre the_'Amorī the_brother_of 'Eshkol and_ _the_brother_of ʹĀnēr and_they were_the_partners_of the_ _covenant_of 'Avrām. **14** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_listened if/because_that his/its_brother he_had_been_taken_captive and_he_drew_out ᴅᴏᴍ men_of_his_trained those_born_of his_ _household_of_his eight- teen and_three hundred(s) and_he_ _pursued to Dān. **15** And_he_divided_himself on_them night he and_servants_of_his and_he_attacked_them and_he_pursued_ _them to Hobah which is_from_the_north of_Dammeseq. **16** And_he_brought_back ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_possession[s] and_also ᴅᴏᴍ Lōṭ his/its_brother and_possession[s]_of_his he_brought_ _back and_also ᴅᴏᴍ the_women and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_people.

17 And_ the_king_of Ṣədom _he/it_went_out to_meet_him after returned_he from_when_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Kedorlaomer[68][69] and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_kings who with_him/it to the_valley_of Shaveh that is_the_valley_of the_king. **18** And_Malkī- ṭsedeq the_king_of Shālēm he_brought_out bread and_wine and_he was_a_priest of_god Most_High. **19** And_he_blessed_him and_he_said 'Avrām be_blessed by_god Most_High the_creator_of heaven and_earth. **20** And_be_ god Most_High who he_has_delivered foes_of_your in_hand_of_your _blessed and_he_gave to_him/it a_tenth from_ _all. **21** And_ the_king_of Ṣədom _he/it_said to 'Avrām give to_ _me the_living_creatures and_the_possession[s] take to/for_ _you(fs). **22** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_said to the_king_of Ṣədom I_ _raise hand_of_my to **YHWH** god Most_High the_creator_of heaven and_earth. **23** If from_a_thread and_unto a_thong_of a_ _sandal and_if I_will_take from_all that to/for_you(fs) and_not you_will_say I I_made_rich ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avrām. **24** Apart_from_me only that_which the_young_men they_have_eaten and_the_share_of the_men who they_went with_me ʹĀnēr 'Eshkol and_Mamre they let_them_take share_of_their.

15:1 After the_things the_these the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to 'Avrām in_vision to_say do_not fear Oh_'Avrām I am_a_ _shield to/for_you(fs) reward_of_your will_be_great very.

66 LV 14:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

67 RV 14:18-20 · Cross-ref. Heb 7:1-10.

68 LV 14:17 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

69 LV 14:17 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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2 And_ 'Avrām _he/it_said my_master **YHWH** what will_you_ _give to_me and_I am_going childless and_the_son_of the_ _acquisition_of my_household_of_my he is_Dammeseq 'Elī֑ezer. **3** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_said HERE to_me not you_have_given offspring and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_son_of my_household_of_ _my is_inheriting ÐOM_me. **4** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _message_of **YHWH** to_him/it to_say not he_will_inherit_you this_one if/because (if) one_who he_will_come_out from_ _your(pl)_inward_of_parts he he_will_inherit_you. **5** And_he_ _brought_out ÐOM_him/it to_the_outside and_he/it_said look please to_the_heavens and_count the_stars if you_are_able to_ _count ÐOM_them and_he/it_said to_him/it thus it_will_be offspring_of_your. **6** And_he_believed in_**YHWH** and_he/it_ _considered_her/it for_him/it righteousness. **7** And_he/it_said to_him/it I am_**YHWH** who I_brought_you_out from_'Ūr of_ _the_ones_from_Kasdiy to_give to/for_yourself(m) ÐOM the_ _earth/land (the)_this to_take_possession_of_it. **8** And_he_said my_master **YHWH** how will_I_know if/because_that I_will_ _take_possession_of_it. **9** And_he/it_said to_him/it bring to_me a_heifer three_years_old and_a_goat three_years_old and_a_ _ram three_years_old and_a_turtle-dove and_a_young_pigeon. **10** And_he/it_took to_him/it ÐOM all_of these and_he_cut_in_ _two ÐOM_them in_middle and_he/it_gave each piece_of_its to_ _meet his/its_neighbour and_ÐOM the_bird[s][76] not he_cut_in_ _two. **11** And_ the_bird[s]_prey _he/it_descended on the_ _carcasses and_ 'Avrām _he_drove_away ÐOM_them. **12** And_ _he/it_was the_sun about_to_go and_a_deep_sleep it_fell on 'Avrām and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE dread darkness great was_falling on/upon/above_him/it. **13** And_he/it_said to_'Avrām certainly_(know) you_will_know if/because_that a_sojourner it_will_be your(ms)_seed/fruit in_land which_not to/for_them and_they_will_serve_them and_they_will_afflict ÐOM_them four hundred(s) year[s]. **14** And_also ÐOM the_nation which they_ _will_serve I will_be_judging and_after thus they_will_come_ _out with_possession[s] great. **15** And_you(ms) you_will_go to ancestors_of_your in_peace you_will_be_buried in_old_age good. **16** And_the_generation fourth they_will_return hither if/because not is_complete the_iniquity_of the_'Amorī until now. **17** And_he/it_was the_sun it_had_gone and_darkness it_ _was and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_fire_pot_of smoke and_a_torch_of fire which it_passed between the_pieces the_these. **18** In_the_ _day (the)_that **YHWH** he_made with 'Avrām a_covenant to_ _say to_offspring_of_your I_give ÐOM the_earth/land (the)_this from_the_river_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to the_river the_ _big/great(sg) the_river_of Pərāt. **19** ÐOM the_Qēynī[s] and_ÐOM the_Kenizzite[s] and_ÐOM the_Kadmonite[s]. **20** And_ÐOM the_ _Ḥittiy[s] and_ÐOM the_Pərizzī[s] and_ÐOM the_Rəfā'īm. **21** And_

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afraid, Avram, because I'll protect you and I'll generously and richly reward you."

2 "My master Yahweh," replied Avram, "what will you give me, since we have no children and it's Eliezer (my chief slave from Damesek (Damascus)) who'll inherit all my possessions?" **3** Then he continued, "Yes, you haven't given me a child so wow, my heir is a slave from my household!"

4 Then listen, Yahweh's word came to Avram saying, "That man won't be your heir, but on the contrary, it'll be your biological son." **5** Then Yahweh took Avram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and see if you can count the stars." Then he said to him, "Your descendants will be like that."[70]

6 Avram believed in Yahweh, and Yahweh considered that faith of Avram's as an act of obedience.[71]

7 Then Yahweh told Avram, "I'm Yahweh who brought you out of Ur (where the Kasdim (Chaldeans) lived) so I could give you this land to possess it."

8 "My master Yahweh," Avram asked, "how will I know that I will possess it?"

9 "Bring me a three-year-old heifer," Yahweh replied, "and a three-year-old she-goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtle-dove and a young pigeon." **10** So Avram brought all those to Yahweh, and then he cut the animals (but not the birds) in half down the middle and laid the halves opposite to each other. **11** Then some birds of prey flew down to the carcasses, but Avram shooed them away.

12 Later as the sun was going down, Avram fell into a deep sleep, and it suddenly became completely dark and he became terrified,[72] **13** and Yahweh said to Avram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that doesn't belong to them, and they'll serve the rulers of that land and those rulers will persecute them for 400 years.[73] **14** But just as certain, I'll punish the nation that they serve and after that they'll come out with many possessions.[74] **15** And as for you, you'll go to your ancestors in peace—you'll be buried at a good old age. **16** Then in the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, because the Amorim' sins won't be complete until then."

17 Then the sun went down and darkness came, and wow, there was a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch that passed between those animal halves. **18** On that day Yahweh made an agreement with Avram, saying, "I've given this land to your descendants, from Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) river to the famous Perat (Euphrates) River.[75] **19** That includes the land of the Keynim, the Kenizim,

70 RV 15:5 · Cross-ref. Rom 4:18; Heb 11:12.

71 RV 15:6 · Cross-ref. Rom 4:3; Gal 3:6; Jam 2:23.

72 RV 15:12 · Cross-ref. Yob 4:13-14.

73 RV 15:13 · Cross-ref. Exo 1:1-14; Acts 7:6.

74 RV 15:14 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:40-41; Acts 7:7.

75 RV 15:18 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:5.

76 LV 15:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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the Kadmoni, **20** the Hitim, the Perizim, the Refaim, **21** the Amorim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Girgashim, and the Yevusim."

Hagar and her son Yishmael

16:1 Now Avram's wife Saray (Sarai) hadn't been able to give him any children, but she had an Mitsri (Egyptian) slave named Hagar, **2** so Saray said to Avram, "Listen, Yahweh has prevented me from having children so please sleep with my slave. Perhaps I can have a family through her." Avram agreed to what Saray had suggested. **3** So Saray, the wife of Avram, took Hagar, her Mitsri slave, after Avram had lived ten years in the land of Kena'an (Canaan), and gave her to Avram her husband as a wife for him. **4** So he slept with Hagar and she got pregnant, but once she realised that she began to despise her mistress.

5 So Saray complained to Avram, "This is all your fault. I let you sleep with my slave, but now that she's pregnant she looks down on me. May Yahweh judge between me and you."

6 "Listen," Avram replied, "She's *your* slave to do what she's told. Do whatever you think best." So Saray started mistreating Hagar, and so she ran away.

7 Then Yahweh's messenger found her in the wilderness at a spring—the spring beside the road to Shur, **8** and asked her, "Hagar, Saray's slave, where have you come from and where are you going?"

"I am running away from Saray, my mistress," she replied.

9 Then Yahweh's messenger instructed her, "Return to your mistress and do whatever she tells you," **10** then added, "I'll give you so many descendants that they won't even be able to be counted because there'll be so many." **11** Then the messenger told her,

"Listen here: you're pregnant and will give birth to a son,
and you'll name him 'Yishmael' (Ishmael) (which means 'God hears')
because Yahweh has heard your cries of misery.
12 He'll be a wild donkey of a man
and he'll be hostile to everyone
and everyone will be against him.
He'll live right in front of his brothers."

13 Then Hagar realised that it was Yahweh who had spoken to her and said, "You're 'The god who sees me'," because she thought, "Did I really just see the back of the god who sees me?" **14** So that's why that well between Kadesh and Bered is now called 'The well of the living one who sees me'.

15 Then Hagar gave birth to a son for Avram, and Avram named him Yishmael (Ishmael).[77] **16** Avram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Yishmael for him.

Literal Version

ĐOM the'Amorī and_ĐOM the_Kəna'ₐnī and_ĐOM the_Girgāshiy and_ĐOM the_Yəvūṣī.

16:1 And_Sarai the_wife_of 'Avrām not she_had_borne_children to_him/it and_belonged_to_her a_maidservant from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) and_name_of_her was_Hāgār. **2** And_ Sarai _she/it_said to 'Avrām HERE please he_has_restrained_ _me **YHWH** from_bearing_children go please into maidservant_ _of_my perhaps I_will_be_built_up from_her/it[78] and_ 'Avrām _ _he/it_listened to_sound/voice of_Sarai. **3** And_ Sarai the_wife_ _of 'Avrām _she/it_took ĐOM Hāgār the_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) maidservant_of_her from_the_ _end/extremity ten years of_ of_'Avrām _the_dwelling in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_she/it_gave ĐOM_her/it to_'Avrām her/its_husband/man to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **4** And_he_ _went into Hāgār and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_saw if/because_that she_had_conceived and_ mistress_of_her _she_became_insignificant in_eyes_of_her. **5** And_ Sarai _she/it_said to 'Avrām injustice_of_my is_on_you I I_put maidservant_of_my in_bosom_of_your and_she/it_saw if/because_that she_had_conceived and_I_have_become_ _insignificant in_eyes_of_her **YHWH** may_he_judge between_ _me and_between_you.[79] **6** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_said to Sarai THERE maidservant_of_your is_in_hand_of_your do to/for_ _her/it the_good in_eyes_of_your and_she_afflicted_her Sarai and_she_fled from_before_of_her. **7** And_he_found_her the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** at the_spring_of the_waters in_ _wilderness at the_spring on_the_way_of Shūr. **8** And_he_said Oh_Hāgār the_maidservant_of Sarai where from_this have_you_ _come and_where are_you_going and_she/it_said from_ _face/in_front_of Sarai mistress_of_my I am_fleeing. **9** And_ _he/it_said to/for_her/it the_messenger_of **YHWH** return to mistress_of_your and_humble_yourself under hands_of_her. **10** And_he/it_said to/for_her/it the_messenger_of **YHWH** greatly_(increase) I_will_increase ĐOM offspring_of_your and_ _not it_will_be_counted from_multitude. **11** And_he/it_said to/for_her/it the_messenger_of **YHWH** HERE_you are_ _pregnant and_you_will_bear a_son and_you_will_call his/its_ _name Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) if/because **YHWH** he_has_listened to affliction_of_your. **12** And_he he_will_be a_wild_donkey_of a_ _man his/its_hand will_on_(the)_everyone and_the_hand_of everyone in/on/over_him/it and_on the_face_of all_of brothers_of_his he_will_dwell. **13** And_she/it_called/named the_name_of **YHWH** who_spoke to_her/it you are_a_god_of seeing if/because she_said also here have_I_seen the_back(s) of_the_one_who_sees_me. **14** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called (to)_well Bə'ēr Lahai Roi THERE it_is_between Qādēsh and_between Bered. **15** And_ Hāgār _she/it_gave_birth to_'Avrām a_son and_ 'Avrām _he/it_called the_name_of his/its_son whom Hāgār she_had_borne Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael). **16** And_Avram was_a_son_of eighty year[s] and_six years when_ Hāgār _bore ĐOM Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) to_'Avrām.

77 RV 16:15 · Cross-ref. Gal 4:22.

78 LV 16:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

79 LV 16:5 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

Literal Version

17:1 And_he/it_was 'Avrām a_son_of ninety year[s] and_nine years and_ **YHWH** _he_appeared to 'Avrām and_he/it_said to_ _him/it I am_god almighty walk_about to/for_my_face/front and_be blameless. **2** So_that_I_may_make covenant_of_my between_me and_between_you and_so_that_I_may_increase you with_muchness muchness. **3** And_ 'Avrām _he_fell on his/its_faces/face and_he/it_spoke with_him/it god to_say. **4** I HERE covenant_of_my is_with_you and_you_will_become (into)_a_father_of a_multitude_of nations. **5** And_not it_will_be_ _called again ĐOM name_of_your 'Avrām and_it_was name_of_ _your 'Avrāhām if/because a_father_of a_multitude_of nations I_have_made_you. **6** And_I_will_make_fruitful you with_ _muchness muchness and_I_will_make_you into_nations and_ _kings from_you they_will_come_out. **7** And_I_will_establish ĐOM covenant_of_my between_me and_between_you and_ _between your(ms)_seed/fruit after_you for_generations_of_ _their to_a_covenant_of perpetuity to_be to/for_yourself(m) (into)_god and_for_offspring_of_your after_you. **8** And_I_will_ _give to/for_yourself(m) and_to_offspring_of_your after_you ĐOM the_land_of your(pl)_sojournings_of_your ĐOM all_of the_ _land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_a_possession_of perpetuity and_ _I_will_be to/for_them (into)_god. **9** And_ god _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām and_you(ms) ĐOM covenant_of_my you_will_keep you and_offspring_of_your after_you for_generations_of_their. **10** This covenant_of_is_my which you(pl)_will_keep between_ _me and_between_you(pl) and_between your(ms)_seed/fruit after_you he_will_be_circumcised to/for_you(pl) every_of male. **11** And_you(pl)_will_be_circumcised ĐOM the_flesh_of your_ _foreskin_of_your(pl) and_it_was (into)_a_sign_of the_covenant between_me and_between_you(pl). **12** And_a_son_of eight_of days he_will_be_circumcised to/for_you(pl) every_of male for_ _generations_of_your(pl) one_born_of the_household and_a_ _purchase_of silver from_all son_of foreignness who not is_ _one_of_your_offspring he. **13** Definitely_(be_circumcised) (the)_one_born_of your_household_of_your and_the_purchase_ _of your_silver_of_your he_will_be_circumcised and_it_will_be covenant_of_my in_flesh_of_your(pl) to_a_covenant_of perpetuity. **14** And_an_uncircumcised male who not ĐOM the_ _flesh_of his_foreskin_of_his he_will_be_circumcised and_ the_ _living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_ _kinspeople(s)_of_its ĐOM covenant_of_my he_has_broken. **15** And_ god _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām Sarai wife_of_your not you_will_call ĐOM his/its_name Sarai if/because is_Sārāh his/its_name. **16** And_I_will_bless ĐOM_her/it and_also I_will_ _give from_her/it to/for_yourself(m) a_son and_I_will_bless_ _her and_she_will_become (into)_nations kings_of peoples from_her/it they_will_be. **17** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_fell on his/its_faces/face and_he_laughed and_he/it_said in_heart_of_ _his to_a_son_of one_hundred year[s] will_he_be_born and_if Sārāh a_daughter_of ninety year[s] will_she_bear_a_child. **18** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_said to the_'Ĕlohīm if Yishmā'ē[l]/(Ishmael) he_will_live before_you. **19** And_ god _ _he/it_said but Sārāh wife_of_your is_about_to_bear to/for_

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Circumcision as a confirmation of the agreement

17:1 Many years later when Avram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh appeared to him and said, "I'm the all-powerful God. Obey me and don't disobey **2** and I'll establish my agreement with you and will cause you to have very many descendants." **3** Then Avram knelt down with his face to the ground and God told him, **4** "Listen, my agreement with you is that you'll become the father of many nations, **5** so you'll no longer be called 'Avram', but now your name will be 'Avraham' (which means 'father of many nations') because I'm making you the father of many nations.[80] **6** I'll make you and your descendants very fruitful so that they form nations and some of them will become kings.

7 I'll establish my agreement with you and your future descendants for all the following generations. It will be an agreement that never ends, that I'll be the your god and God of your future descendants.[81] **8** I'll give this land that you're staying in—the entire region of Kena'an (Canaan)—to you and your descendants as a permanent possession,[82] and I'll be their god."

9 Then God told Avraham, "For your part, you and your descendants after you throughout all their generations must follow the requirements of our agreement. **10** This is the agreement that you and all your future descendants are to follow: every male among you must be circumcised.[83] **11** This removal of the foreskin will be a physical mark confirming the agreement between me and you. **12** All male babies must be circumcised when they're eight days old. This includes all those born in your own house, as well as any that have been bought from foreigners even if they're not your biological descendants. **13** Yes, they definitely must be circumcised either way if they're born in your house or purchased as slaves. This way, my agreement will be manifested in your physical bodies as a never-ending agreement. **14** Any males who isn't circumcised must be excluded from his people because he will have broken my agreement."

15 God also told Avraham, "As for your wife Saray (Sarai), don't call her Saray anymore, because from now on her name will be 'Sarah' **16** and I will bless her, and I'll also give you a son from her. Yes, I'll bless her and she'll become the mother of nations—kings of peoples will come from her."

17 Avraham fell to his knees and he laughed and said to himself, "How can a hundred year old man father a child? And what about Sarah who's ninety-nine years old having a baby!" **18** Then Avraham said to God, "If only you'd bless Yishmael (Ishmael) as my heir."

19 "No," God replied, "It'll be your wife Sarah who gives you a son, and you'll name him 'Yitshak' (Isaac) (meaning 'one who laughs'). I'll establish my agreement with him as a never-ending

80 RV 17:5 · Cross-ref. Rom 4:17.

81 RV 17:7 · Cross-ref. Luk 1:55.

82 RV 17:8 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:5.

83 RV 17:10 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:8; Rom 4:11.

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commitment to him and his descendants. **20** But as for Yishmael, I've heard your request. Listen, I'll bless him and make him fruitful and give him very many descendants. He'll father twelve rulers and I'll make him into a great nation, **21** however, my agreement will be established with Yitshak, who Sarah will give birth to by this time next year." **22** Then having finished speaking with Avraham, God went up away from him.

23 Then Avraham took every male from his household and circumcised them that very day, just as God had instructed him. That included his son Yishmael, all those born in his house, and everyone bought with his money. **24** Avraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised **25** and his son Yishmael was thirteen years old when Avraham circumcised him. **26** So it was, on that same day, both Avraham and his son Yishmael were circumcised **27** and all the other males in his household, whether born there or bought from foreigners, were circumcised with him.

Avraham and Sarah are promised a son

18:1 Then one day Yahweh appeared again to Avraham at the oak trees on Mamre's land, while Avraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent during the hottest part of the day. **2** Avraham looked up and was surprised to see three men standing a short distance away. He ran from the tent opening to meet them and bowed respectfully,[85] **3** and said, "My masters, if I've found favour in your eyes, please don't just carry on past your slave. **4** Let me get some water so that you can wash your feet and rest here under this tree. **5** I'll go and get some food so that you can refresh yourselves before you leave, since you've come to your slave."

"Alright, do as you have said," they answered.

6 So Avraham hurried into the tent and told Sarah, "Quickly, grind three measures of fine flour and knead it and make some bread." **7** He ran to the herd and selected a tender and choice calf and took it to a slave who hurried to prepare it. **8** Then he took yogurt and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and he set the meal down in front of the visitors, standing there under the tree by them while they ate.

9 Then they asked him, "Where's your wife Sarah?"

"See, over there in the tent," he replied.

Literal Version

_yourself(m) a_son and_you_will_call ~~DOM~~ his/its_name Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_I_will_establish ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my with_ _him/it to_a_covenant_of perpetuity for_offspring_of_his after_ _him. **20** And_to_Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael)[84] I_have_heard_you HERE I_will_bless ~~DOM~~_him/it and_I_will_make_fruitful ~~DOM~~_him/it and_I_will_multiply ~~DOM~~_him/it with_muchness muchness two_plus ten princes he_will_father and_I_will_give_him/it to_ _(a)_nation great. **21** And_~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my I_will_establish with Yitsḥāq whom she_will_bear to/for_yourself(m) Sārāh to_ _time the_this in_year (the)_following. **22** And_they_were_ _ended/finished to_speak with_him/it and_ god _he/it_ _ascended from_under 'Avrāhām. **23** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_ _took ~~DOM~~ Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) his/its_son and_~~DOM~~ all_of those_born_of his_household_of_his and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _purchase_of his_silver_of_his every_of male among_the_men_ _of the_household_of 'Avrāhām and_he_circumcised ~~DOM~~ the_ _flesh_of their_foreskin_of_their on_the_substance_of the_day the_this just_as he_had_spoken with_him/it god. **24** And_ _'Avrāhām was_a_son_of ninety and_nine year[s] when_he_ _was_circumcised the_flesh_of his_foreskin_of_his. **25** And_ _Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) his/its_son was_a_son_of thir- teen year[s] when_he_was_circumcised ~~DOM~~ the_flesh_of his_ _foreskin_of_his. **26** On_the_substance_of the_day the_this 'Avrāhām and_Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) his/its_son he_was_ _circumcised. **27** And_all the_men_of his_household_of_his one_ _born_of the_household and_a_purchase_of silver from_with a_ _son_of foreignness they_were_circumcised with_him/it.

18:1 And_he_appeared to_him/it **YHWH** at_the_great_trees_of Mamre and_he was_sitting the_opening_of the_tent about_the_ _heat_of the_day. **2** And_he_lifted_up eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE three men were_standing on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_saw and_he_ran to_meet_ _them from_the_opening_of the_tent and_he_bowed_down ground_to_the. **3** And_he_said my_master if please I_have_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your do_not please pass_by from_ _under servant_of_your. **4** Let_it_be_brought please a_little_of water and_wash feet_of_your(pl) and_support_yourselves(pl) under the_tree. **5** And_let_me_bring a_piece_of bread and_ _sustain heart_of_your(pl) after you(pl)_will_pass_on if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so you(pl)_have_passed_ _by at servant_of_your(pl) and_they_said thus you_will_do just_ _as you_have_said. **6** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_hurried to_the_tent to Sārāh and_he/it_said bring_quickly three seahs flour fine_flour knead_it and_make bread_cakes. **7** And_near/to the_herd 'Avrāhām he_ran and_he/it_took a_young_one_of the_herd tender and_good and_he/it_gave to the_servant and_he_ _hurried for_doing ~~DOM~~_him/it. **8** And_he/it_took curd[s] and_ _milk and_the_young_one_of the_herd which he_had_prepared and_he/it_gave before_them and_he was_standing with_them under the_tree and_they_ate. **9** And_they_said to_him[89] where is_Sārāh your(ms)_woman/wife and_he/it_said THERE in_tent.

84 LV 17:20 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

85 RV 18:2a · Cross-ref. Heb 13:2.

89 LV 18:9 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

Literal Version

10 And_he/it_said certainly_(return) I_will_return to_you about_time living and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_son will_belong_to_ _Sārāh your(ms)_woman/wife and_Sārāh was_listening the_ _opening_of the_tent and_he was_behind_him. **11** And_ _'Avrāhām and_Sārāh were_old having_come in_the_days it_ _had_ceased to_be to_Sārāh a_way like_women. **12** And_ Sārāh _ _she_laughed in_her_inner_of_being to_say after I_am_worn_ _out has_it_belonged to/for_me pleasure and_master_of_my he_is_old. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām to/for_what this Sārāh did_she_laugh to_say also really will_I_bear_a_child and_I I_am_old. **14** Is_it_too_difficult for_**YHWH** anything to_ _time I_will_return to_you about_time living and_will_belong_ _to_Sārāh a_son. **15** And_ Sārāh _she_denied to_say not I_ _laughed if/because she_was_afraid and_he/it_said no if/because you_laughed.

16 And_they_arose from_there the_men and_they_looked_down on the_face_of Ṣədom and_'Avrāhām was_walking with_them to_send_them_off. **17** And_**YHWH** he_said be_ will_I _concealing from_'Avrāhām that_which I am_about_to_do. **18** And_ _'Avrāhām surely_(become) he_will_become to_(a)_nation great and_mighty and_they_will_be_blessed in_him/it all_of the_nations_of the_earth/land. **19** If/because I_have_known_ _him so_that that he_may_command ᴅᴏᴍ children_of_his and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ household_of_his after_him and_they_will_keep the_way_ _of **YHWH** for_doing righteousness and_justice so_that **YHWH** will_bring on 'Avrāhām ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_has_spoken on/upon/above_him/it. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said the_ _outcry_of Ṣədom and_Amorah if/because it_is_great and_sin_ _of_their if/because it_is_heavy exceedingly. **21** I_will_go_down please and_I_will_see according_to_outcry_of_its which_it_has_ _come to_me have_they_done completely and_if not I_will_ _know. **22** And_they_turned_away from_there the_men and_ _they_went towards_Sedom and_'Avrāhām still_he was_ _standing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **23** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_drew_near and_he_said also will_you_sweep_ _away the_righteous with the_wicked. **24** Perhaps there_are fifty righteous_people in_the_middle the_city also will_you_ _sweep_it_away and_not will_you_forgive (to)_place for_the_ _sake_of fifty the_righteous_people who are_in_midst_of_its. **25** Far_be_it to_you from_doing according_the_manner the_this to_put_to_death the_righteous with the_wicked and_it_was as_ _person as_person far_be_it to_you the_judge_of all_of the_ _earth/land not will_he_do justice. **26** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said if I_will_find in_Ṣədom fifty righteous_people in_the_middle the_city and_I_will_forgive to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _place because_of_them. **27** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_answered and_ _he_said HERE please I_have_undertaken to_speak to my_ _master and_I am_dust and_ash[es]. **28** Perhaps they_will_lack fifty the_righteous_people five will_you_destroy for_five ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_city and_he/it_said not I_will_destroy_it if I_will_find there forty and_five. **29** And_he_repeated again to_speak to_

Readers' Version

10 "I'll definitely return to you here in the spring next year," the visitor continued. "You see, your wife Sarah will have a son then."[86]

Now Sarah was at the opening of the tent listening, but the visitor was facing the other direction. **11** Avraham and Sarah were pretty old at this stage and Sarah had passed the age of being able to have children, **12** so when she heard that, she laughed to herself and said, "Now that my body's worn out, will I have the pleasure of a child? Even my master's too old."[87]

13 Then Yahweh spoke to Avraham, "Why is it that Sarah laughed, saying, 'Will I really have a child when I'm old?' **14** Is anything too hard for Yahweh?[88] I'll return here to you next year in the spring and Sarah will have a son."

15 But Sarah was afraid and denied it by saying, "I didn't laugh."

"No, because you did laugh," he said.

Avraham bargains with Yahweh about Sedom

16 Then the three men got up to leave and looked down toward Sedom, and Avraham went with them to see them off. **17** Then Yahweh said to himself, "Should I hide what I'm about to do from Avraham? **18** His descendants are certainly going to become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him and them, **19** because I'm aware that he'll command his children and his household after him, and they'll follow Yahweh's path by their right and just behaviour, so that Yahweh will bring about for Avraham what he's said to him."

20 Then Yahweh said, "Because there's so many people crying out about Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah), and because their sin is very grievous, **21** I'll go down there now and see if what I've heard about them is true, and if not, I'll also find that out."

22 Then the other two men left and started descending toward Sedom, and Avraham was still standing there in front of Yahweh, **23** so he went closer to Yahweh and asked, "Will you really destroy obedient people along with those who are evil? **24** What if there were fifty people in the city who've obeyed you? Would you really destroy the city and all its people and not save it for the sake of those fifty? **25** Surely you wouldn't do anything like that—killing the good people along with the evil ones, so that they all just get treated the same? Certainly you wouldn't do that? Wouldn't the one who judges the entire world be more fair?"

26 "If I find fifty godly people in Sedom," Yahweh answered, "then I'll spare the whole city for their sake."

27 "Listen, I've been bold enough to question my master, even though I'm just dust and ashes," Avraham said again. **28** "Suppose they're five short of the fifty? Would you destroy the whole city because of five?"

86 RV 18:10 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:9.

87 RV 18:12 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 3:6.

88 RV 18:14 · Cross-ref. Luk 1:37.

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"I won't destroy it if I find forty-five there," he replied.

29 Avraham continued to make his request, "Suppose there's forty there?"

"I won't do it for the sake of the forty," he agreed.

30 My master, don't get angry but let me speak," Avraham said, "suppose thirty are found there?"

"I won't do it if I find thirty there," he said.

31 "Listen, I've taken it on myself to speak to my master," Avraham asked again, "suppose twenty are found there?"

"I won't do it for the sake of the twenty," he agreed.

32 "My master, don't get angry and let me speak one last time," Avraham added, "suppose ten are found there?"

"I won't do it for the sake of the ten," Yahweh conceded **33** and then he left and Avraham returned home.

Sexual depravity in Sedom

19:1 So the two messengers arrived at Sedom in the evening, and Lot was sitting at the city gate. When Lot saw them, he got up to meet them and knelt down in front of them with his face to the ground. **2** Then he said, "Listen, my masters: Come with me to your slave's home and wash your feet and stay the night. Then you can get up early and continue on your way."

But they said, "No, rather we'll just spend the night in the street." **3** However, Lot insisted, so they followed him off the main road and went into his house. Then he prepared a feast for them and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 However, before they went to bed, the men of Sedom surrounded the house—there were young and old from all parts of the city— **5** and they called out to Lot, "Where are the men who came to your place tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can 'use' them."[90]

6 So Lot went out to them at the entrance of the house and shut the door behind him **7** and said, "My brothers, don't do this evil. **8** Listen, I've got two virgin daughters. Please let me bring them out to you and you can treat them however you like. But don't do anything to these men, because they've entered my house and so I'm responsible for them."

9 But they insisted, "Stand back!" Then they said to each other, "This guy came to stay with us, and now he's judging us. We'll treat you worse than them!" Then they started pushing hard against Lot and came closer to break down the door. **10** But the two visitors reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house and shut the door again. **11** Then they struck the men who were at the entrance of the house with blindness[91]—all of them from the lowly to the prominent men—so that they gave up trying to find the door.

Lot and family leave Sedom

12 Then the men said to Lot, "Who else belongs to you here, a son-in-law or your

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_him/it and_he_said perhaps they_will_be_found there forty and_he/it_said not I_will_do_it in_account_of the_forty. **30** And_ _he/it_said not please let_it_burn to_the_of_master and_let_ _me_speak perhaps they_will_be_found there thirty and_he/it_ _said not I_will_do_it if I_will_find there thirty. **31** And_he/it_ _said HERE please I_have_undertaken to_speak to my_master perhaps they_will_be_found there twenty and_he/it_said not I_ _will_destroy_it in_account_of the_twenty. **32** And_he/it_said not please let_it_burn to_the_of_master and_let_me_speak only the_time//this_time perhaps they_will_be_found there ten and_he/it_said not I_will_destroy_it in_account_of the_ten. **33** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_went just_as he_had_finished to_speak to 'Avrāhām and_'Avrāhām he_returned to_place_of_his.

19:1 And_ the_two_of the_messengers _they_came towards_ _Sedom in_evening and_Lōṭ was_sitting in_the_gate_of Ṣədom and_ Lōṭ _he/it_saw and_he/it_rose_up to_meet_them and_he_ _bowed_down face ground_to_the. **2** And_he/it_said HERE please my_masters_of_my turn_aside please to the_house_of your_servant_of_your(pl) and_stay_the_night and_wash feet_ _of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_rise_early and_you(pl)_will_go[92] to_way_of_your(pl) and_they_said no if/because in_place we_ _will_stay_the_night. **3** And_he_urged (in)_them exceedingly and_they_turned_aside to_him/it and_they_came into house_ _of_his and_he/it_made to/for_them a_feast and_unleavened_ _bread(s) he_baked and_they_ate. **4** Before they_lay_down and_ _the_men_of the_city the_men_of Ṣədom they_surrounded (on) the_house from_young_man and_unto old_man all_of the_ _people from_the_end. **5** And_they_called to Lōṭ and_they_said to_him/it where are_the_men who they_came to_you the_night bring_them to_us so_that_we_may_know ~~ḎOM~~_them. **6** And_ _he/it_went_out to_them Lōṭ to_the_entrance and_the_door he_closed behind_him. **7** And_he_said do_not please my_ _brothers_of_my do_evil. **8** HERE please to_me two_of daughters who not they_have_known a_man let_me_bring_out please them to_you(pl) and_do to_them according_the_good in_ _eyes_of_your(pl) only to_men (the)_these do_not do anything if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_have_come in_ _the_shadow_of my_roof_my. **9** And_they_said approach beyond and_they_said the_one he_came to_sojourn and_he_ _has_judged indeed_(judge) now we_will_do_harm to/for_ _yourself(m) from_them and_they_urged (in)_man (in)_Lōṭ exceedingly and_they_approached to_break_down the_door. **10** And_ the_men _they_stretched_out ~~ḎOM~~ hand_of_their and_ _they_brought ~~ḎOM~~ Lōṭ to_them to_the_house and_~~ḎOM~~ the_ _door they_closed. **11** And_~~ḎOM~~ the_men who were_the_ _entrance_of the_house they_struck with_(the)_blindness(es) from_small and_unto great and_they_became_weary to_find the_entrance.

12 And_ the_men _they_said to Lōṭ yet who to/for_yourself(m) here a_son-in-law and_sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your and_all/each/any/every who to/for_yourself(m) in_city bring_

90 **RV 19:5-8 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 19:22-24.

91 **RV 19:11 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 6:18.

92 **LV 19:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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_out from the_place. **13** If/because we are_about_to_destroy ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_place the_this if/because outcry_of_their it_is_great with the_presence_of **YHWH** and_he_has_sent_us **YHWH** to_ _destroy_it. **14** And_ Lōṭ _he/it_went_out and_he/it_spoke to sons-in-law_of_his who_were_about_to_take_of daughters_of_ _(of)_his and_he/it_said arise go_out from the_place the_this if/because **YHWH** is_about_to_destroy ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_city and_he/it_ _was like_one_who_jests in/on_both_eyes_of his_sons-in-law_ _of_his. **15** And_when the_dawn it_came_up and_ the_ _messengers _they_urged (in)_Lōṭ to_say arise take ~~ᵭᵯ~~ wife_ _of_your and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_two_of daughters_of_your who_are_ _found lest you_should_be_swept_away in_the_punishment_of the_city. **16** And_he_delayed and_ the_men _they_took_hold in_ _his/its_hand and_on_the_hand_of his/its_wife/woman and_ _on_the_hand_of the_two_of daughters_of_his in_the_mercy_of **YHWH** on/upon/above_him/it and_they_brought_him_out and_they_placed_him from_the_outside of_city. **17** And_he/it_ _was just_as_they_brought_out ~~ᵭᵯ~~_them to_the_outside and_ _he/it_said escape on life_of_your do_not look behind_you and_ _do_not stop in_all the_valley to_the_hill_country escape lest you_should_be_swept_away. **18** And_ Lōṭ _he/it_said to_them no please my_master. **19** HERE please servant_of_your he_has_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your and_you_have_made_great loyalty_of_your which you_have_done with_me by_preserving_ _alive ~~ᵭᵯ~~ life_of_my and_I not I_am_able to_escape to_the_ _hill_country lest it_should_cling_to_me the_calamity and_I_ _will_die. **20** HERE please the_city (the)_this is_near to_flee to_ _(to) and_she is_a_small_place let_me_escape please to_(to) not a_small_place is_it so_ life_of_my _that_it_may_live. **21** And_ _he/it_said to_him/it HERE I_lift_up face_of_your also to_the_ _message/thing/matter the_this to_not I_to_overthrow ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_city which you_have_spoken. **22** Hurry escape to_(to) if/because not I_will_be_able for_doing anything until go_you to_(to) therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called the_ _name_of the_city Tsoʹar/(Zoar).

23 The_sun it_came_out over the_earth/land and_Lōṭ he_went to_Tsoʹar. **24** And_**YHWH** he_caused_to_rain on Ṣədom and_on ʹAmorāh/(Gomorrah) sulfur and_fire from_with **YHWH** from the_heavens. **25** And_he_overthrew ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_cities (the)_these and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ all_of the_valley and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ all_of the_inhabitants_of the_cities and_the_growth_of the_soil. **26** And_ his/its_ _wife/woman _she_looked from_behind_him and_it_became a_ _pillar_of salt. **27** And_ ʾAvrāhām _he_rose_early in_morning to the_place where he_had_stood there with the_presence_of **YHWH**. **28** And_he_looked_down on the_face_of Ṣədom and_ _Amorah and_on all_of the_face_of the_land_of the_valley and_ _he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_smoke_of the_earth/land it_went_up like_the_smoke_of (the)_kiln. **29** And_he/it_was when_ god _destroyed ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_cities_of the_valley and_ god _ _he_remembered ~~ᵭᵯ~~ ʾAvrāhām and_he_sent_out ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Lōṭ from_the_middle_of the_overthrow when_overthrew ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_ _cities which he_had_dwelt in_them Lōṭ.

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sons or your daughters or anyone else who belongs to you in the city? Take them out from this place, **13** because we're about to destroy it. The people have repeatedly cried out to Yahweh, so he's sent us to destroy the city."

14 Then Lot went out and spoke to his future sons-in-law who were engaged to his daughters, and he told them, "Hurry, get out of this place, because Yahweh is going to destroy the city!" But they thought he was just joking.

15 At dawn the next day, the two messengers urged Lot, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, so that all of you won't be swept away in the punishment of the city." **16** When Lot hesitated, because of Yahweh's mercy for him, the men grabbed his hand and his wife's hand and the hands of their daughters, and led them out beyond the edge of the city.[93] **17** At that point one of them told Lot, "Flee for your lives! Don't turn around and look behind you and don't stop anywhere down in the plain. Escape up to the hills so you don't get swept away!"

18 But Lot argued, "Not right now, my masters. **19** Listen, you've been kind to me and show us mercy by saving my life, but I won't be able to make it to the hills because the disaster will overtake me and I'll die. **20** Listen, there's a small town nearby that I could flee to. Let me escape there. It's only small. Then my life would be saved."

21 "Okay then," the man replied, "I'll also grant your request about this so I won't overthrow the town that you're talking about. **22** Hurry up, escape there, because I am not able to do a thing until you go there."

That's why they renamed the town to 'Tsoar' (which means 'small').

The destruction of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah)

23 The sun had already risen by the time Lot and family reached Tsoar. **24** Then Yahweh rained burning sulfur down onto Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah),[94] **25** and he destroyed those cities and all their inhabitants as well, as all of the plain including all the vegetation. **26** But Lot's wife who was following him looked back and she turned into a pillar of salt.[95]

27 Meanwhile, Avraham got up early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before Yahweh, **28** and he looked down towards Sedom and Amorah and the land of the plain. From there he saw, wow, that smoke was rising from the land like a furnace chimney. **29** So it was that when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Avraham and had Lot removed out of the middle of the destruction when he destroyed the cities that Lot had been living in.

93 RV 19:16 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 2:7.

94 RV 19:24-25 · Cross-ref. Mat 10:15; 11:23-24; Luk 10:12; 17:29; 2Pe 2:6; Yud 7.

95 RV 19:26 · Cross-ref. Luk 17:32.

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The sad origin of Moavim and Amonim

30 Then Lot and his two daughters left Tsoar and settled up in the hills, because he was afraid to stay in Tsoar. So he lived in a cave up there with his two daughters. 31 Then the older girl said to the younger, "Dad's old and there isn't a single man up here to marry us like happens to other women in the world. 32 So let's get Dad drunk and then we can lie with him, so that at least we can have some descendants through our father." 33 So then, they got their father to drink wine that evening, and the oldest daughter went and lay with her father, but he wasn't aware of her coming or going.

34 Then the next day, the older girl said to the younger, Listen, last night I lay with my father. Let's get him drunk again tonight then you go lie with him so that we'll give life to descendants through our father." 35 So that next evening also, they got their father to drink wine and the younger girl went and lay with him, but again he wasn't aware of her coming or going. 36 In that way, both of Lot's daughters got themselves pregnant through their father. 37 Then the eldest daughter gave birth to a son and she named him Moav (Moab) (which means 'from my father'). (He's the ancestor of the Moavim to this day.) 38 The younger daughter also gave birth to a son and she named him Ben-Ami (which means 'son of my people'). (He's the ancestor of Amonim to this day.)

Avraham and Avimelek and Sarah

20:1 Then Avraham travelled from there to the Negev region and he settled between Kadesh and Shur, staying in Gerar for a while. 2 Avraham had told people his wife Sarah was his sister,[97] so Avimelek the king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her. 3 But God came to Avimelek in a dream in the night and told him, "Listen, you're as good as dead because of that woman you took because she is married to a husband."

4 Now Avimelek hadn't gone near to her, so he said, "My master, would you destroy a nation even though it's innocent? 5 Didn't Avraham himself tell me that she was his sister? And she herself also said that he was her brother. I did this with a clear conscience and with clean hands."

6 Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that you did this with a clear conscience and indeed I kept you from sinning against me. I didn't allow you to touch her for that reason. 7 So now, return that man's wife because he's a prophet, and he'll pray for you and you'll live. But if you don't return her, be certain that you and all your people will surely die."

8 So King Avimelek got up early in the morning and called for all of his slaves to come, and he explained the entire situation to them and they were very scared. 9 Then he sent for Avraham and asked him, "What have you done to us? What did I do to you

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30 And_ Lōṭ _he/it_ascended from_Tsoʻar and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_country and_the_two_of daughters_of_his with_him/it if/because he_was_afraid to_ _dwell in_Tsoʻar and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_ _cave he and_the_two_of daughters_of_his. 31 And_ the_ _firstborn _she/it_said to the_young father_of_our he_is_old and_a man there_is_not on_the_earth to_go on_us according_ _to_the_way_of all_of the_earth/land. 32 Come let_us_make_ _drink ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_our wine so_that_we_may_lie with_him/it and_so_that_we_may_preserve_alive from_father_of_our offspring. 33 And_they_made_drink ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_their wine in_night that and_ the_firstborn _she_came and_she_lay with father_of_her and_not he_knew when_she_lay_down and_ _when_arose_she.[96] 34 And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ the_firstborn _she/it_said to the_young HERE I_lay last_night with father_of_my let_us_make_him_drink wine also the_night and_go lie with_him/it so_that_we_may_preserve_alive from_ _father_of_our offspring. 35 And_they_made_drink also in_ _night (the)_that ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_their wine and_ the_young _ _she/it_arose and_she_lay with_him/it and_not he_knew when_she_lay_down and_when_arose_she. 36 And_ the_two_of the_daughters_of Lōṭ _they_conceived from_father_of_their. 37 And_ the_firstborn _she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_ _called/named his/its_name Mōʼāvˇ he is_the_ancestor_of Mōʼāvˇ until the_day. 38 And_the_young also she she_bore a_son and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Ben- Ammi he is_the_ _ancestor_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn until the_day.

20:1 And_he_set_out from_there ʼAvrāhām towards_land of_ _the_Negevˇ and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived between Qādēsh and_between Shūr and_he_sojourned in_Gərār. 2 And_ ʼAvrāhām _he/it_said concerning Sārāh his/its_wife/woman sister_of_is_my she and_ ʼAvīmelek the_king_of Gərār _he_sent and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ Sārāh. 3 And_ god _he_came to ʼAvīmelek in_(the)_dream the_night and_he/it_said to_him/it HERE_you are_about_to_die on the_woman whom you_have_taken and_ _she is_married_of a_husband. 4 And_ʼAvīmelek not he_had_ _drawn_near to_her/it and_he_said my_master a_nation also righteous will_you_kill. 5 Not he did_he_say to_me sister_of_is_ _my she and_she also she she_said my_brother/kindred he in_ _the_integrity_of my_heart_of_my and_in_the_innocence_of my_palms_of_my I_have_done this. 6 And_he/it_said to_him/it the_ʼElohīm in_a_dream also I I_know if/because_that in_the_ _integrity_of your_heart_of_your you_did this and_ also I _I_ _have_restrained you from_sinning to_me therefore yes/correct/thus/so not I_have_permitted_you to_touch (to)_ _her. 7 And_now return the_wife_of the_man if/because is_a_ _prophet he and_he_will_pray for_you and_live and_if not_you are_returning_her know if/because_that surely_(die) you and_ _all who to/for_you(fs) you_will_die. 8 And_ ʼAvīmelek _he_ _rose_early in_morning and_he/it_called to/from_ _all/each/any/every servants_of_his and_he/it_spoke ᴅᴏᴍ all_ _of the_words/messages the_these in_ears_of_their and_ the_ _men _they_were_afraid exceedingly. 9 And_ ʼAvīmelek _he/it_

96 LV 19:33 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

97 RV 20:2 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:13; 26:7.

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called (to)'Avrāhām and_he/it_said to_him/it what have_
_you_done to/for_ourselves and_what have_I_sinned to/for_
_you(fs) that/for/because/then/when you_have_brought on_
_me and_on kingdom_of_my a_sin great deeds which not they_
_will_be_done you_have_done with_me. **10** And_ 'Avīmelek _
_he/it_said to 'Avrāhām what did_you_see
that/for/because/then/when you_have_done ĐOM the_thing
(the)_this. **11** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_said if/because I_said
certainly there_is_not fear_of god in_place the_this and_they_
_will_kill_me on the_matter_of my_wife_of_my. **12** And_also
truly sister_of_is_my the_daughter_of my_father_of_my she
only not the_daughter_of my_mother_of_my and_it_became to_
me to/for(a)_woman. **13** And_he/it_was just_as god they_
_caused_to_wander ĐOM_me from_the_household_of my_
_father_of_my and_I_said to/for_her/it this loyalty_of_is_your
which you_will_do with_me to every_of (the)_place where we_
_will_go to_(to) say to_me my_brother/kindred he. **14** And_
'Avīmelek _he/it_took sheep and_cattle and_male_servants
and_female_servants and_he/it_gave to_'Avrāhām and_he_
_restored to_him/it ĐOM Sārāh his/its_wife/woman. **15** And_
'Avīmelek _he/it_said THERE land_of_my to_your_face in_good
in_eyes_of_your dwell. **16** And_to_Sārāh he_said HERE I_give a_
_thousand silver to_brother_of_your THERE it to/for_you(fs) is_
_a_covering_of eyes to_all/each/any/every who are_with_you
and_ĐOM everyone (and)_you_are_vindicated. **17** And_
'Avrāhām _he_prayed to the_'Elohīm and_ god _he_healed ĐOM
'Avīmelek and_ĐOM his/its_wife/woman and_his_female_of_
_slaves and_they_bore_children. **18** If/because completely_
_(shut_up) **YHWH** he_had_shut_up behind every_of womb of_
_the_household_of of_'Avīmelek on the_matter_of Sārāh the_
_wife_of 'Avrāhām.

21:1 And_**YHWH** he_visited ĐOM Sārāh just_as he_had_said and_
YHWH _he/it_made to_Sārāh just_as he_had_spoken. **2** And_
_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_ Sārāh _she/it_gave_
birth to'Avrāhām a_son of_his_old_of_age(s) to_time which
god he_had_spoken ĐOM_him/it. **3** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_called
ĐOM the_name_of his/its_son who_had_been_born to_him/it
whom she_had_borne for_him/it Sārāh Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **4** And_
'Avrāhām _he_circumcised ĐOM Yitsḥāq his/its_son a_son_of
eight_of days just_as god he_had_commanded ĐOM_him/it.
5 And_'Avrāhām was_a_son_of one_hundred_of year[s] when_
_was_born to_him/it ĐOM Yitsḥāq his/its_son. **6** And_ Sārāh _
_she/it_said laughter he_has_made to_me god every_of (the)_
_one_who_hears he_will_laugh to_me. **7** And_she/it_said who
has_he_said to_'Avrāhām Sārāh she_has_nursed children
if/because I_have_borne a_son of_his_old_of_age(s).

8 And_ the_child _he_grew_up and_he_was_weaned and_
'Avrāhām _he/it_made a_feast great in/on_day ĐOM Yitsḥāq
was_weaned. **9** And_ Sārāh _she/it_saw ĐOM the_son_of Hāgār
the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) whom she_had_
borne to'Avrāhām mocking. **10** And_she/it_said to_'Avrāhām
drive_out the_slave_woman (the)_this and_ĐOM son_of_her
if/because not the_son_of the_slave_woman (the)_this he_will_

98 RV 21:2 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:11.

99 RV 21:4 · Cross-ref. Gen 17:12; Acts 7:8.

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that you would cause all this trouble for me and my people? What you did to me should never have happened." **10** Then he asked again, "What were you thinking when you did that?"

11 "Because I thought that there's probably no one around here who obeys God," replied Avraham "so they might kill me because of my wife. **12** Besides that, Sarah actually *is* my half-sister. We have the same father, but different mothers, and then it was her that I took as a wife. **13** Later when God got me to leave my father's home, I said to her, 'You could do this one kindness do for me: Everywhere we go, just tell them that he's your brother.' "

14 Then King Avimelek returned Sarah his wife to him and also gave him flocks and herds, and male and female slaves, **15** and he told him, "Look, my land is in front of you. Settle wherever looks good to you." **16** Then he said to Sarah, "Listen, I've given 1,000 pieces of silver to your brother. That's for you to demonstrate that you did nothing wrong, so that you're completely cleared."

17 Then Avraham prayed to God, and God healed Avimelek and his wife and his slave women so that they could have children, **18** because Yahweh had made every woman in Avimelek's household barren because of what had been happening to Avraham's wife, Sarah.

Yitshak's birth

21:1 In due course, Yahweh visited Sarah just as he'd said and he did for her exactly what he'd said, **2** so that Sarah conceived and gave birth to a son for Avraham in his old age at the very time of the year that God had told him.[98] **3** Avraham named their son Yitshak (Isaac), **4** and he circumcised him when he was eight days old, just as God had commanded him.[99] **5** Avraham was one hundred years old when his son Yitshak was born, **6** and Sarah said, "God has brought laughter to me. Everyone who hears will laugh with me." **7** And she continued, "Who would have said to Avraham that Sarah would breastfeed children, yet I have given him a son in his old age."

Hagar is expelled with Yishmael

8 The child grew and was weaned, and Avraham held a large feast on the day Yitshak (Isaac) was weaned.

9 But Sarah noticed that Yishmael (Ishmael) (the son of Hagar the Mitsri (Egyptian) who she had given birth to for Avraham) was mocking, **10** so Sarah said to Avraham, "Get rid of that slave

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woman and her son, because that slave woman's son won't be inheriting anything along with my son Yitshak."[100] **11** Now this stressed out Avraham who also cared for that son, **12** but God told him, "Don't get distressed because of the boy and your slave woman. Listen to what Sarah's telling you, because it's in Yitshak that your descendants will be called yours.[101] **13** But I'll also make the descendants of the slave woman's son into a nation, because he's also your son."

14 Avraham got up early the next morning, and got some bread and a skin of water and helped Hagar put them on her shoulder. Then he gave her the child and sent her away, and she left and wandered in the wilderness around Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba). **15** But when the water from the skin was gone, she threw the child under one of the bushes, **16** and she went and she went a short distance away (about as far as a bow can shoot an arrow) and sat down there, because she said, "I don't want to watch my child die." And as she sat at a distance, she sobbed loudly.

17 Now God heard the boy's voice, so one of God's messengers called Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What's the matter, Hagar? Don't be afraid, because God has heard the boy's voice over there. **18** Get up and get the boy and hold on to him by the hand, because I'll make his descendants into a great nation." **19** Then God enabled her to see a well, so she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

20 As the boy grew up, God kept watch over him, and he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow and arrow. **21** He settled in the Paran wilderness, and in due course his mother found an Mitsri (Egyptian) girl for him to marry.

Avraham and Avimelek's agreement

22 One day King Avimelek and Pikol, the commander of his army,[102] spoke to Avraham, saying, "We can see that God is with you in everything you do. **23** So then, swear to me here by God that you won't treat me or my children or my descendants badly, and that'll you'll be kind to this country just as I showed kindness to you."

24 "I swear it," Avraham replied.

25 But Avraham complained to Avimelek about a well of water that had been taken over by Avimelek's slaves. **26** "I don't know who did that," Avimelek responded, "and you hadn't told me about it, so I've only just heard about it today." **27** Then Avraham gave some sheep and cattle to Avimelek to confirm their agreement together, **28** and then he separated seven female lambs from the rest of the flock. **29** "Why did you pen those seven lambs," Avimelek asked.

30 "Because I want you to take them," Avraham insisted. "I want them to be the verification that it was *me* who dug this

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_inherit with son_of_my with Yitsḥāq. **11** And_ the_matter _it_ _was_displeasing exceedingly in/on_both_eyes_of 'Avrāhām on the_causes_of his/its_son. **12** And_ god _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām not let_it_be_displeasing in_eyes_of_your on the_lad and_on your(ms)_female_slave all_of that she_says to_you Sārāh listen to_voice_of_her if/because in_Yitsḥāq it_will_be_named to/for_ _yourself(m) offspring. **13** And_also ĐOM the_son_of the_slave_ _woman to_(a)_nation I_will_make_him if/because your(ms)_ _seed/fruit he. **14** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_rose_early in_morning and_he/it_took food and_a_skin_of water and_he/it_gave to Hāgār placing on shoulder_of_her and_ĐOM the_boy and_he_ _sent_her_away and_she_went and_she_wandered in_the_ _wilderness_of Bə'ēr. **15** And_ the_waters _they_were_finished from the_skin and_she_threw ĐOM the_boy under one of_the_ _bushes. **16** And_she_went and_she_sat to/for_her/it from_ _before at_a_distance like_the_shooters_of a_bow if/because she_said not let_me_look on_the_death_of the_boy and_she_sat from_before and_she_lifted_up ĐOM voice_of_her and_she_wept. **17** And_ god _he/it_listened ĐOM the_sound_of the_lad and_ the_messenger_of god _he/it_called to Hāgār from the_heavens and_he/it_said to/for_her/it what is_to_you Oh_Hāgār do_not be_afraid if/because god he_has_listened to the_sound_of the_ _lad at_where he is_there. **18** Arise lift_up ĐOM the_lad and_ _take_hold ĐOM hand_of_your in/on/over_him/it if/because to_ _(a)_nation great I_will_make_him. **19** And_ god _he_opened ĐOM eyes_of_her and_she/it_saw a_well_of water and_she_went and_she_filled ĐOM the_skin water and_she_gave_a_drink_to ĐOM the_lad. **20** And_he/it_was god with the_lad and_he_grew_ _up and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_wilderness and_ _he/it_was a_shooter_of a_bowman. **21** And_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_wilderness_of Pā'rān and_ _she_took to_him/it his/its_mother a_wife from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

22 And_he/it_was at_time the_that and_ 'Avīmelek and_Pikol the_commander_of his_army_of_his _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām to_say god is_with_you in_all that you are_doing. **23** And_now swear to/for_me by_god here if you_will_deal_falsely to_me and_to_posterity_of_my and_to_progeny_of_my according_the_ _loyalty which I_have_done with_you you_will_do with_me and_with the_earth/land which you_have_sojourned in_it. **24** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_said I I_will_swear. **25** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_rebuked ĐOM 'Avīmelek on the_causes_of the_well_of the_ _waters which the_servants_of 'Avīmelek they_had_seized. **26** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_said not I_know who has_he_done ĐOM the_thing the_this and_also you not you_told to/for_me and_also I not I_heard except the_day. **27** And_ 'Avrāhām _ _he/it_took sheep and_cattle and_he/it_gave to_'Avīmelek and_ both_of_them _they_made a_covenant. **28** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_set ĐOM seven ewe-lambs_of the_flock them_alone. **29** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām what are_they seven ewe-lambs the_these which you_have_set them_alone. **30** And_ _he/it_said if/because ĐOM seven ewe-lambs you_will_take from_hand_of_my in_account_of you_may_become to/for_me

100 RV 21:10 · Cross-ref. Gal 4:29-30.

101 RV 21:12 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:7; Heb 11:18.

102 RV 21:22 · Cross-ref. Gen 26:26.

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(into)_a_witness if/because_that I_dug ÐOM the_well (the)_this.
31 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_called (to)_place (the)_
_that Bə'ēr Shəvā' if/because there the_two_of_of_them they_
_swore_an_oath. **32** And_they_made a_covenant at_Bə'ēr-
shevaʿ and_ 'Avīmelek and_Pikol the_commander_of his_army_
_of_his _he/it_rose_up and_they_returned to the_land_of the_
_Pəlishtiy. **33** And_he/it_planted a_tamarisk_tree in_Bə'ēr-
shevaʿ and_he/it_called there in/on_name_of **YHWH** the_god_
of perpetuity. **34** And 'Avrāhām _he_sojourned in_land the_
_Pəlishtiy days many.
22:1 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_(the)_god
he_put_to_the_test ÐOM 'Avrāhām and_he/it_said to_him/it
Oh_'Avrāhām and_he/it_said here_I_am. **2** And_he/it_said take
please ÐOM son_of_your[109] ÐOM your_only_of_son whom you_
_love ÐOM Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_go to/for_yourself(m) to the_
_land_of (the)_Mōriy^{yāh} and_offer_him_up there to_a_burnt_
_offering on one of_the_mountains which I_will_tell to_you.
3 And_ 'Avrāhām _he_rose_early in_morning and_he_saddled
ÐOM donkey_of_his and_he/it_took ÐOM two_of his_servants_of_
_his with_him/it and_ÐOM Yitsḥāq his/its_son and_he_cut
wood(s)_of burnt_offering and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went
to the_place which he_had_said to_him/it the_'Elohīm. **4** In_
_the_day the_third and_ 'Avrāhām _he_lifted_up ÐOM eyes_of_
_his and_he/it_saw ÐOM the_place from_a_distance. **5** And_
'Avrāhām _he/it_said to servants_of_his remain to/for_you(pl)
here with the_donkey and_I and_the_lad we_will_go to thus
and_we_will_bow_down and_we_will_return to_you(pl). **6** And_
'Avrāhām _he/it_took ÐOM the_wood(s)_of the_burnt_offering
and_he/it_assigned on Yitsḥāq his/its_son and_he/it_took in_
_his/its_hand ÐOM the_fire and_ÐOM the_knife and_ both_of_
_them _they_went together. **7** And_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_said to
'Avrāhām his/its_father and_he/it_said my_father_of_my and_
_he/it_said here_I_am my_son_of_my and_he/it_said HERE the_
_fire and_the_wood(s) and_where is_the_sheep for_a_burnt_
offering. **8** And 'Avrāhām _he/it_said god he_will_see for_
_him/it the_sheep for_a_burnt_offering my_son_of_my and_
both_of_them _they_went together. **9** And_they_came to the_
_place which he_had_said to_him/it the_'Elohīm and_he/it_
_built there 'Avrāhām ÐOM the_altar and_he_arranged ÐOM the_
_wood(s) and_he_bound ÐOM Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) his/its_son and_
_he/it_assigned ÐOM_him/it on the_altar from_above (to)_
wood(s). **10** And 'Avrāhām _he_stretched_out ÐOM his/its_
_hand and_he/it_took ÐOM the_knife to_slaughter ÐOM his/its_
_son. **11** And_he/it_called to_him/it the_messenger_of **YHWH**
from the_heavens and_he/it_said Oh_'Avrāhām 'Avrāhām and_
_he/it_said here_I_am. **12** And_he/it_said do_not stretch_out
hand_of_your against the_lad and_do_not do to_him/it
anything[110] if/because now I_know if/because_that are_one_
_fearing_of (of)_god you and_not you_have_withheld ÐOM son_
_of_your ÐOM your_only_of_son from_me. **13** And_ 'Avrāhām _

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well." **31** So that's why the place was named 'Be'er-Sheva' (Beer-sheba) (which means 'Well of the seven' or 'Well of the oath'), because that's where the two of them made their agreement.

32 So the agreement was made at Be'er-Sheva, then Avimelek and Pikol, the commander of his army, got up and returned home to the Pelishti region. **33** Then Avraham planted a tamarisk tree there at Be'er-Sheva, and he prayed to Yahweh, the god of eternity. **34** Then Avraham continued his stay in the Pelishti region for quite some time.

God tests Avraham over Yitshak

22:1 Several years later, God decided to test Avraham,[103] calling him, "Avraham."

"Here I am," he replied.

2 "Take your son Yitshak (Isaac) who you love, your only son," God commanded him, "and go to the Moriyah region[104] and sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I'll point out to you."

3 So Avraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. Then he took two of his young men with him and his son Yitshak, and he cut some firewood for the burnt offering. Then they left to go to the place that God had told him. **4** On the third day Avraham looked up ahead and he could see the place from a distance, **5** so he said to his young men, "Stay here by yourselves with the donkey while the boy and I go over there to worship God, then we'll come back to you here."

6 So Avraham took the firewood for the burnt offering and put it on his son Yitshak, and he carried the fire pot and the knife. Then the two of them went on together, **7** and Yitshak asked his father Avraham his father, "My father?"

"Yes, son?", he replied.

"We've got the fire and the wood,", he continued, "but where's the lamb for the burnt offering?"

8 "God will provide the lamb for the burnt offering himself, my son," Avraham answered, and then the two of them continued on together.

9 Then they came to the place that God had told him, and Avraham built an altar there and arranged the firewood on it. Then he tied up his son Yitshak and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.[105] **10** Then Avraham took the knife and raised his arm to kill his son, **11** but one of Yahweh's messengers called to him from the sky and said, "Avraham! Avraham!"

"Here I am." he answered.

12 "Don't lift up your hand against the boy," the messenger continued. "And don't do anything to him, because now I know that you respect and obey God, since you haven't withheld your son, your only son, from me."

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103 RV 22:1-13 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:17-19.

104 RV 22:2 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 3:1.

105 RV 22:9 · Cross-ref. Jam 2:21.

109 LV 22:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

110 LV 22:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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13 Then Avraham raised his head and looked around, and wow, there was a ram was behind him, caught by its horns in the thicket. So Avraham went and grabbed the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Avraham named that place 'Yahweh will provide', and to this day it's still said, "Yahweh will provide on his mountain."

15 Then the Yahweh's messenger called Avraham from the sky a second time 16 saying, "I, Yahweh, make this declaration by my authority and truth[106] that because you did that and didn't withhold your only son, 17 I'll bless you tremendously and I'll cause your descendants to be as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the beach,[107] and your descendants will be victorious over their enemies. 18 Because you obeyed what I said, all the nations of the earth will be blessed through your descendants."[108] 19 Then Avraham returned to his young men and they all continued on home together to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba), and Avraham continued living there.

Nahor's descendants

20 Some time later, Avraham heard the news, Look, your brother Nahor's wife Milkah has also given birth to sons: 21 Uts (Uz) his eldest son, and Buz his brother and Kemuel, the father of Aram, 22 Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Yidlaf, and Betuel." 23 Those are the eight sons that Milkah gave birth to for Avraham's brother Nahor, and Betuel went on to father Rivkah. 24 In addition, Nahor's slave-wife Re'umah also gave birth to four sons: Tevah, Gaham, Tahash, and Ma'akah.

Sarah's death and burial

23:1 Sarah went on to be 127 years old 2 when she died in the city of Kiryat-Arba (now called Hevron) in the Kena'an (Canaan) region. Avraham went in by her bed to weep and mourn for her.

3 After a time, Avraham got up from beside his dead wife and he spoke to the Hitim, requesting, 4 "I'm a foreigner and just staying among you. Give me property for a burial place on your land so that I can bury my dead wife."[111]

5 Those descendants of Het replied to Avraham, telling him, 6 "My master, listen to us. You're a godly leader among us. Go ahead and bury your dead in the choicest of our burial places. We've all agreed not to prevent you from burying your dead in any of our cemeteries."

7 Then Avraham stood and bowed to the Hitim who were the land-owners, 8 and asked them, "Since you're all allowing me to bury my dead, listen to me and intercede for me with Tsohar's son Efron, 9 so that he'll sell me Makpelah's cave which belongs

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_he_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ram behind it_was_caught in_thicket by_ _horns_of_its and_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_went and_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_ram and_he_offered_it_up to_a_burnt_offering in_place_of his/its_son. 14 And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_called the_name_of the_ _place (the)_that **YHWH** he_will_see that it_is_said the_day on_ _the_mountain_of **YHWH** it_will_be_seen. 15 And_ the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_called to 'Avrāhām a_second_ _time from the_heavens. 16 And_he/it_said by_myself I_swear the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because_that because that you_ _have_done ~~DOM~~ the_thing the_this and_not you_have_withheld ~~DOM~~ son_of_your ~~DOM~~ your_only_of_son. 17 If/because_that surely_(bless) I_will_bless_you and_greatly_(increase) I_will_ _increase ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_seed/fruit like_the_stars_of the_ _heavens and_like_sand which is_on the_shore_of the_sea and_ your(ms)_seed/fruit _it_will_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_gate_ _of its_enemies_of_his. 18 And_they_will_bless_themselves by_ _offspring_of_your all_of the_nations_of the_earth/land consequence that you_have_listened to_voice_of_my. 19 And_ 'Avrāhām _he_returned to servants_of_his and_they_arose and_they_went together to Bə'ēr Shəvā' and_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived in_Bə'ēr- shevaʿ.

20 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_it_was_told to_'Avrāhām to_say THERE Milkāh also she she_has_borne children to_Nāḥōr your(ms)_brother/kindred. 21 ~~DOM~~ ʿŪts his/its_firstborn and_~~DOM~~ Būz his/its_brother and_~~DOM~~ Qəmū'ēl the_father_of 'Arām. 22 And_~~DOM~~ Kesed and_~~DOM~~ Hazo and_~~DOM~~ Pildash and_~~DOM~~ Jidlaph and_~~DOM~~ Bətū'ēl. 23 And_Bətū'ēl he_ _fathered ~~DOM~~ Rivqāh eight_sons these Milkāh she_bore to_ _Nāḥōr the_brother_of 'Avrāhām. 24 And_concubine_of_his and_name_of_her was_Reumah and_ also she _she/it_gave_ _birth ~~DOM~~ Tebah and_~~DOM~~ Gaham and_~~DOM~~ Tahash and_~~DOM~~ Maʿakāh.

23:1 And_they_were the_life_of Sārāh one_hundred year[s] and_ _twenty year[s] and_seven years the_years_of the_life_of Sārāh. 2 And_ Sārāh _she_died at_Qiryat- four that is_Ḥevrōn in_land of_Kənaʿan/(Canaan) and_ 'Avrāhām _he_went to_mourn for_ _Sārāh and_to_weep_for_her. 3 And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_rose_up from_under the_face of_his_dead and_he/it_spoke to the_ _people_of Ḥēt to_say. 4 Am_a_sojourner and_a_resident_alien I with_you(pl) give to_me a_possession_of a_burial_site with_ _you(pl) so_that_I_may_bury dead_of_my from_before_face_of_ _me. 5 And_ the_people_of Ḥēt _they_answered ~~DOM~~ 'Avrāhām to_say to_him/it. 6 Listen_to_us my_master are_a_prince_of god you among_us in_the_choicest_of our_burial_sites_of_our bury ~~DOM~~ dead_of_your anyone from_him/it ~~DOM~~ site_of_his_ _burial not he_will_withhold from_you from_burying dead_of_ _your. 7 And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_rose_up and_he_bowed_down to_the_people_of the_earth/land to_the_people_of Ḥēt. 8 And_ _he/it_spoke with_them to_say if (there) is_with desire_of_ _your(pl) to_bury ~~DOM~~ dead_of_my from_before_face_of_me listen_to_me and_entreat to_me (in)_ʿEfrōn the_son_of Zohar.

106 **RV 22:16-17 · Cross-ref.** Heb 6:13-14.

107 **RV 22:17 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:12.

108 **RV 22:18 · Cross-ref.** Acts 3:25.

111 **RV 23:4 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:9,13; Acts 7:16.

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9 So_that_he_may_give to_me ĐOM the_cave_of (the)_
_Machpelah which to_him/it which is_at_the_end_of his_field_
_of_his for_silver full let_him_give_it to_me among_you(pl) to_
_a_possession_of a_burial_site. **10** And_ʹEfrōn was_sitting in_
_the_middle the_people_of Ḥēt and_ ʹEfrōn the_Ḥētite _he_
_answered ĐOM ʾAvrāhām in_the_ears_of the_people_of Ḥēt to_
_all/each/any/every those_who_were_entering_of (of)_the_
_gate_of his_city_of_his to_say. **11** No my_master listen_to_me
the_field I_give to/for_you(fs) and_the_cave which in/on/over_
_him/it to/for_yourself(m) I_give_it to_the_eyes_of the_sons_of
my_people_of_my I_give_it to_you bury dead_of_your. **12** And_
ʾAvrāhām _he_bowed_down to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before the_people_of the_earth/land. **13** And_he/it_spoke
to ʹEfrōn in_the_ears_of the_people_of the_earth/land to_say
nevertheless if you if listen_to_me I_give the_money_of the_
_field take_it from_me so_that_I_may_bury ĐOM dead_of_my
there_(to). **14** And_ ʹEfrōn _he_answered ĐOM ʾAvrāhām to_say
to_him/it. **15** My_master listen_to_me land_of four hundred(s)
shekel[s]_of silver between_me and_between_you what is_it
and_ĐOM dead_of_your bury. **16** And_ ʾAvrāhām _he/it_listened
to ʹEfrōn and_ ʾAvrāhām _he_weighed_out for_ʹEfrōn ĐOM the_
_money which he_had_spoken in_the_ears_of the_people_of
Ḥēt four hundred(s) shekel[s]_of silver which_passes_along to_
_trader. **17** And_he/it_rose_up the_field_of ʹEfrōn which was_in_
Machpelah which to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mamre
the_field and_the_cave which in/on/over_him/it and_all the_
_tree which in_the_field which in_all border_of_its round_
_about. **18** To_ʾAvrāhām to_a_purchase to_the_eyes_of the_
_people_of Ḥēt for_all_of those_who_were_entering_of (of)_the_
_gate_of his_city_of_his. **19** And_after thus ʾAvrāhām he_buried
ĐOM Sārāh his/its_wife/woman into the_cave_of the_field_of
(the)_Machpelah on the_face_of Mamre that is_Ḥevrōn in_land
of_Kənaʹan/(Canaan). **20** And_ the_field and_the_cave which
in/on/over_him/it _he/it_rose_up to_ʾAvrāhām to_a_
_possession_of a_burial_site from_with the_people_of Ḥēt.

24:1 And_ʾAvrāhām he_was_old he_had_come in_the_days and_
_**YHWH** he_had_blessed ĐOM ʾAvrāhām in_everything. **2** And_
ʾAvrāhām _he/it_said to_servant_of_his (the)_old_of his_
_household_of_his who_was_ruling in_all that to_him/it put
please hand_of_your under thigh_of_my. **3** So_that_I_may_
_make_you_swear by_**YHWH** the_god_of the_heavens and_the_
_god_of the_earth/land which/who not you_will_take a_wife
for_son_of_my from_the_daughters_of the_
_Kənaʹaⁿnī/(Canaanite)[s] whom I am_dwelling in_midst_of_its.
4 If/because to_land_of_my and_near/to kindred_of_my you_
_will_go and_you_will_take a_wife for_son_of_my for_
_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **5** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_servant
perhaps not the_woman she_will_be_willing to_go after_me to
the_earth/land (the)_this really_(take_back) will_I_take_back
ĐOM son_of_your to the_earth/land where you_came_out from_
_there. **6** And_he/it_said to_him/it ʾAvrāhām take_heed to/for_
_yourself(m) lest you_should_take_back ĐOM son_of_my to_(to).
7 **YHWH** the_god_of the_heavens who he_took_me from_the_
_household_of my_father_of_my and_from_the_land_of my_
_kindred_of_my and_which he_spoke to_me and_which he_
_swore_an_oath to_me to_say to_offspring_of_your I_will_give
ĐOM the_earth/land (the)_this he he_will_send messenger_of_
_his to_your_face and_you_will_take a_wife for_son_of_my

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to him and which is at the end of his field. I'll pay full price if he'll give it to me to use as a burial place."

10 Now Efron (a Hiti) was sitting there among Het's other descendants, so he responded to Avraham while the other land-owners were listening, along with everyone else at the city gate, **11** "No, my master. Listen to me: I'll *give* you the field and the cave that's in it. I give it to you in front of all these others, then you can bury your dead."

12 Then Avraham bowed before the people of the land, **13** and he told Efron while all the others were listening, "But if you would, please listen to me. I'll pay the value of the field. Accept it from me, then I'll bury my dead there."

14 Efron responded to Avraham, **15** "My master, listen to me. That land's worth 400 shekels of silver, but that's nothing between me and you. Just go ahead and bury your dead." **16** So Avraham accepted Efron's words and weighed out for Efron the price that he had mentioned in the hearing of Het's descendants: 400 shekels of silver (the currency among the merchants).

17 So Efron's field that was in Makpelah which faced Mamre (including the field and the cave that was in it, and all the trees that were in the field that was within all of its surrounding borders) was deeded **18** to Avraham as the new owner as witnessed by Het's descendants and everyone else who had come to the city gate. **19** Then after that, Avraham laid the body of his wife Sarah to rest in the cave in Makpelah's field facing Mamre (also called Hevron, in the Kena'an (Canaan) region). **20** So the field was deeded as property to Avraham by Het's descendants, including the cave in it for a burial place.

Yitshak's marriage

24:1 Avraham was now getting very old, and Yahweh had blessed him in every way. **2** Then Avraham said to his oldest slave in his household who was in charge of everything that belonged to him, "Please put your hand under my thigh, **3** and I want you to vow by Yahweh, the god of the heavens and the god of the earth, that you won't select a wife for my son Yitshak (Isaac) from any of the Kena'ani (Canaanite) women in this area where we're living. **4** Rather, you should go back to my country and to my relatives, and find a wife for him there."

5 "Suppose the woman isn't willing to come back with me to this place?" the slave asked. "Should I take your son back to the country that you came from?"

6 "Make sure that you don't take my son back there," Avraham answered. **7** "Yahweh, the god of the heavens, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my relatives, and who spoke to me and who promised me, saying, 'I'll give this land to your descendants,' he'll send his messenger ahead of you, and you'll be guaranteed to bring back a wife for my son from there. **8** If it turned out that the woman isn't willing to come back with you, then you're released from this vow to me. But still in that

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case, don't take my son back there!" 9 Then the slave put his hand under the thigh of his master Avraham and promised his that he'd follow those instructions..

10 Then the slave took ten of his master's camels and loaded them with all kinds of good things from his master, and with his own slaves, he travelled to the city of Nahor in the Aram-Naharayim region. 11 Then on that first evening, he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well. It was the time that women come out to fetch water, 12 and he prayed, "Yahweh, God of my master Avraham, please cause it to happen right in front of me today that you show kindness toward my master Avraham. 13 See, I'm standing by this well, and the young women from the city will be coming out here to fetch water. 14 Let it be that if I say to a young woman, 'Please let me have a drink from your water jar,' and she says, 'Sure, and I'll also get more for your camels,' let her be the one you have appointed for your slave Yitshak (Isaac). And by finding her, I'll know that you've shown kindness toward my master."

15 Now before he'd even finished speaking, then wow, Rivkah arrived with her empty water jar on her shoulder. (She was Betuel's daughter—Betuel being the son of Avraham's brother Nahor and his wife Milkah.) 16 The young woman was very beautiful and a virgin who hadn't slept with a man. She went down to the well and filled her jar and came back up. 17 The slave ran to meet her and said, "Can I have a small drink of water from your jar."

18 "Drink, my master," she said and quickly lowered her jar to her hands and gave him a drink, 19 and after she'd finished giving him a drink, she said, "I'll also get water for your camels until they have finished drinking." 20 Then she hurried and emptied her jar into the trough and ran back to the well to draw more water, and she drew enough water for all his camels 21 while Avraham's slave watched her silently to determine whether Yahweh had made his journey successful or not.

22 Then when the camels had finished drinking, the slave took out an expensive gold nose ring and two solid gold bracelets for her arms. 23 "Tell me, whose daughter are you?" he asked her. "Is there room at your father's house for us to stay?"

24 "I'm Betuel's daughter. He's the son of Nahor and Milkah," she answered. 25 "We've got plenty of both straw and fodder for the camels, and there's also a room where you could stay."

26 Then the slave bowed down and worshipped Yahweh 27 and said, "Praised be Yahweh, my master Avraham's god, who hasn't relented from his kindness and faithfulness toward my master. As for me, Yahweh has led me on the road to the home of my master's relatives."

28 Then the young woman ran home and told her mother's household what had happened. 29 Now Rivkah had a brother named Lavan (Laban), and he ran out to the man at the well. 30 He had seen the nose ring and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and when he'd heard his sister Rivkah's words saying, "This is what the man said to me," then he went to the man, and

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from_there. 8 And_if not the_woman she_will_be_willing to_go after_you and_you_will_be_free from_oath_of_my this only ~~DOM~~ son_of_my not you_must_take_back to_(to). 9 And_ the_servant _he/it_assigned ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand under the_thigh_of 'Avrāhām master(s)_of_his and_he_swore_an_oath to_him/it on the_matter (the)_this. 10 And_ the_servant _he/it_took ten camels from_the_camels_of his_master(s)_of_his and_he/it_ _went and_all (the)_good_thing_of his_master(s)_of_his in_ _his/its_hand and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to 'Arām Nah$_a$rayim to the_city_of Nāḥōr. 11 And_he_made_kneel the_ _camels from_the_outside of_city to the_well_of the_waters to_ _the_time_of evening to_the_time_of the_women_who_draw_ _water go_out. 12 And_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of my_ _master 'Avrāhām make_happen please to/for_my_face/front the_day and_do covenant_loyalty with my_master 'Avrāhām. 13 HERE I am_standing at the_spring_of the_waters and_the_ _daughters_of the_people_of the_city are_coming_out to_draw water. 14 And_it_was the_young_woman whom I_will_say to_ _her/it bend_down please jar_of_your so_that_I_may_drink and_she_will_say drink and_also camels_of_your I_will_give_a_ _drink_to ~~DOM~~_her/it you_have_appointed for_servant_of_your for_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_by_it I_will_know if/because_that you_ _have_done covenant_loyalty with my_master. 15 And_he/it_ _was he not_yet he_had_finished to_speak and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Rivqāh who she_had_been_born to_Bətū'ēl the_son_of Milkāh the_wife_of Nāḥōr the_brother_of 'Avrāhām was_coming_out and_jar_of_her was_on shoulder_of_her. 16 And_the_young_woman was_good_of appearance exceedingly a_virgin and_a_man not he_had_known_her and_ _she_went_down to_the_spring and_she_filled jar_of_her and_ _she_came_up. 17 And_ the_servant _he_ran to_meet_her and_ _he/it_said give_me_to_drink please a_little_of water from_jar_ _of_your. 18 And_she/it_said drink my_master and_she_hurried and_she_put_down jar_of_her on hand_of_her and_she_gave_ _him_a_drink. 19 And_she_finished to_give_him_a_drink and_ _she/it_said also for_camels_of_your I_will_draw_water until (if) they_have_finished to_drink. 20 And_she_hurried and_she_ _poured_out jar_of_her into the_watering_channel and_she_ran again to the_well to_draw_water and_she_drew_water to/from_ _all/each/any/every camels_of_his. 21 And_the_man was_ _gazing to/for_her/it being_silent to_know had_ **YHWH** _he_ _made_successful its_road/course or not. 22 And_he/it_was just_as the_camels they_had_finished to_drink and_ the_man _ _he/it_took a_ring_of gold was_a_beka weight_of_its and_two_ _of bracelets on hands_of_her was_ten gold weight_of_their. 23 And_he/it_said daughter_of whom are_you tell please to_me is_there the_house_of your_father_of_her room to/for_us to_ _stay_the_night. 24 And_she/it_said to_him/it am_the_ _daughter_of Bətū'ēl I the_son_of Milkāh whom she_bore to_ _Nāḥōr. 25 And_she/it_said to_him/it both straw as_well_as fodder much is_with_us also room to_stay_the_night. 26 And_ the_man _he_bowed_low and_he_bowed_down to/for_**YHWH**. 27 And_he/it_said **YHWH** the_god_of my_master 'Avrāhām who not he_has_left loyalty_of_his_covenant and_faithfulness_ _of_his from_with my_master be_blessed I on_journey he_has_ _led_me **YHWH** the_house_of the_relatives_of my_master. 28 And_ the_young_woman _she_ran and_she_told to_the_

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_household_of her_mother_of_her according_the_things the_
_these. **29** And_belonged_to_Rivᶜqāh a_brother and_his/its_
_name was_Lāvᶜān and_ Lāvᶜān _he_ran to the_man to_the_
_outside to the_spring. **30** And_he/it_was just_as_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_ring and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_bracelets on the_hands_of his_sister_of_his
and_just_as_he_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of Rivᶜqāh
sister_of_his to_say thus he_spoke to_me the_man and_he_went
to the_man and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_standing with the_
_camels at the_spring. **31** And_he/it_said come Oh_you_who_
_are_blessed_of **YHWH** to/for_what are_you_standing on_
_outside and_I I_have_made_clear the_house and_a_place for_
camels. **32** And the_man _he_went to_the_house and_he_
_unharnessed the_camels and_he/it_gave straw and_fodder to_
_camels and_water to_wash feet_of_his and_the_feet_of the_
_men who with_him/it. **33** And[113] before_him to_eat and_he/it_
_said not I_will_eat until (if) I_have_spoken words/messages_
_of_my and_he/it_said speak. **34** And_he_said am_the_servant_
of ʾAvrāhām I. **35** And**YHWH** he_has_blessed ᴅᴏᴍ my_master
exceedingly and_he_has_become_great and_he_has_given to_
_him/it sheep and_cattle and_silver and_gold and_male_
_servants and_female_servants and_camels and_donkeys.
36 And_ Sārāh the_wife_of my_master _she/it_gave_birth a_son
to_master_of_my after age_of_her_old and_he_has_given for_
_him/it[114] ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that to_him/it. **37** And_he_made_me_
_swear_an_oath my_master to_say not you_must_take a_wife
for_son_of_my from_the_daughters_of the_
_Kəna′ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] whom I am_dwelling in_land_of_its.
38 If not to the_house_of my_father_of_my you_will_go and_
_near/to family_of_my and_you_will_take a_wife for_son_of_
_my. **39** And_I_said to my_master perhaps not the_woman she_
_will_go after_me. **40** And_he/it_said to_me **YHWH** whom I_
_have_walked_about before_him he_will_send messenger_of_
_his with_you and_he_will_make_successful journey_of_your
and_you_will_take a_wife for_son_of_my from_family_of_my
and_from_household my_father_of_my. **41** Then you_will_be_
_free from_oath_of_my if/because you_will_go to family_of_my
and_if not they_will_give_her to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_be
free from_oath_of_my. **42** And_I_came the_day to the_spring
and_I_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of my_master ʾAvrāhām if
(there)_you please are_making_successful journey_of_my
which I am_going on_it. **43** HERE I am_standing at the_spring_
_of the_waters and_it_was the_young_woman who_will_come_
_out to_draw_water and_I_will_say to_her/it give_me_to_drink
please a_little_of water from_jar_of_your. **44** And_she_will_say
to_me both you drink and_also for_camels_of_your I_will_draw_
_water she the_woman whom **YHWH** he_has_appointed for_
_the_son_of my_master. **45** I not_yet I_had_finished to_speak to
heart_of_my and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Rivᶜqāh was_coming_out
and_jar_of_her was_on shoulder_of_her and_she_went_down
to_the_spring and_she_drew_water and_I_said to_her/it give_
_me_a_drink please. **46** And_she_hurried and_she_put_down
jar_of_her from_on_her and_she/it_said drink and_also camels_

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indeed, he was there standing by the camels at the spring **31** and he invited him, "Come, you who are blessed by Yahweh. Why are you standing out here? I've already prepared the house and a place for the camels."

32 So Avraham's slave went to the house. Then he unloaded the camels and gave them straw and fodder, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.[112] **33** Then food was set out for them to eat, but Avraham's slave said, "I won't eat until I have said what I have to say."

"Speak then," Lavan responded.

34 "I'm one of Avraham's slaves," he said, **35** and Yahweh has blessed my master a lot, so that he has become wealthy. Yahweh has given him cattle, sheep and goats, silver and gold, male and female slaves, and camels and donkeys. **36** And my master's wife Sarah gave birth to a son for my master despite her old age, and my master has given him everything that he owns. **37** My master made promises, saying, 'You mustn't get a wife for my son from Kena'ani (Canaanite) women whose land I am living in, **38** but rather you must go to my father's house and to my clan, and find a wife for my son there.' **39** Then I asked my master, 'Suppose the woman refuses to come with me?' **40** And he replied, 'The god Yahweh that I obey, he'll send his messenger with you and make your journey succeed, so that you'll find a wife for my son from my clan, and from my father's house. **41** Then you'll be free of your promise: When you go to my clan, and if they won't allow her to return with you, then you'll be clear from this promise.'

42 "Then today I came to the well, and I said, 'Yahweh, God of my master Avraham, if it's what you want, make my journey succeed that I have come on. **43** Listen, I'm standing by this well, so let it be that the young woman who comes out to fetch water and I say to her, "Please give me a little water to drink from your jar," **44** and she replies to me, "Sure, drink, and I will also get water for your camels," let her be the wife that Yahweh has chosen for the my master's son.' **45** Before I'd finished speaking in my heart, then wow, Rivkah was coming out with her jar on her shoulder. And she went down to the well and drew water, and I asked her, 'Can I have a drink.' **46** So she hurried and lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll also water your camels.' So I drank and she also watered the camels. **47** Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Betuel, a son of Nahor and his wife Milkah.' Then I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. **48** Then I bowed down and worshipped and praised my master Avraham's god Yahweh, who led me on the right way to find the daughter of my master's brother for his son. **49** And now if you all want to show

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112 RV 24:32 · Note It's not certain from the pronouns in the text here, just who did what in this second sentence—whether it was the slave (the guest) or Lavan (the host), so other translations might vary.

113 LV 24:33 · Note OSHB variant note: **מִשְׁיו/ו**: (x-qere) **מָשַׁוּ/ו**: lemma_c/7760 a morph_HC/VHw3ms id_01SiU **מָשַׁוּ/ו**

114 LV 24:36 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me. But if not, tell me, so that I can decide what to do next."

50 Then Lavan (Laban) and Betuel answered, "This matter has come from Yahweh, so we're not able to tell you bad or good. **51** But listen, Rivkah's right here. Take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as Yahweh has indicated." **52** Now when Avraham's slave heard their reply, he bowed down to the ground before Yahweh. **53** Then he brought out silver and gold jewellery, and clothing, and gave them to Rivkah. And he gave valuable things to her brother and her mother.

54 Then Avraham's slave and the men with him ate and drank and stayed there overnight. Then in the morning they got up, and he said, "Let me leave now and return back to my master."

55 But Rivkah's brother and her mother said, "Let the girl stay with us a few days, at least ten. After that she can go."

56 "Don't detain me," he told them, "since Yahweh has made my journey successful. Send me off so that I can return to my master."

57 "Let's call for the young woman and find out what she wants to do." they responded. **58** So they called for Rivkah and asked her, "Are you prepared to leave now with this man?"

"Yes, I'll go." she answered.

59 So they got ready to send off their sister Rivkah with Avraham's slave and his men, along with her childhood nurse. **60** They prayed a blessed for Rivkah, saying

"Our sister, may you become the mother of thousands,
and may your descendants defeat all of their enemies."

61 Then Rivkah got up with her maids, and they mounted the camels and went with the man. So the slave took Rivkah and left.

62 Meanwhile Yitshak (Isaac) was living in the Negev region, and had just returned from visiting Be'er-Lahay-Ro'i. **63** Late on afternoon, he went out to the countryside to meditate, and when he looked up, he saw some camels approaching. **64** Rivkah also looked up and saw Yitshak, and dismounted from her camel, **65** asking the slave, "Who's that man out in the countryside who's coming to meet us?"

"He's my master," the slave replied, so she took the veil and covered herself.

66 Then the slave reported everything that he'd done to Yitshak. **67** Then Yitshak brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother, and he took Rivkah as his wife. And Yitshak loved her and he was comforted after his mother's death.

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_of_your I_will_give_a_drink_to and_I_drank and_also the_
_camels she_gave_a_drink. **47** And_I_asked ÐOM_her/it and_I_
_said daughter_of whom are_you and_she/it_said the_
_daughter_of Bətūʾēl the_son_of Nāḥōr whom she_bore for_
_him/it Milkāh and_I_put the_ring on nose_of_her and_the_
_bracelets on hands_of_her. **48** And_I_bowed_low and_I_bowed_
down to/for**YHWH** and_I_blessed ÐOM **YHWH** the_god_of my_
_master ʾAvrāhām who he_had_led_me in_the_way_of truth to_
_take/accept/receive ÐOM the_daughter_of the_brother_of my_
_master for_son_of_his. **49** And_now if (there)_you(pl) are_
_doing loyalty and_faithfulness with my_master tell to_me
and_if not tell to_me so_that_I_may_turn to right or to left.
50 And_ Lāvān and_Bətūʾēl _he_answered and_they_said from_
_**YHWH** the_matter it_has_come_out not we_are_able to_speak
to_you evil or good. **51** HERE Rivqāh to_your_face take_her
and_go so_that_she_may_be a_wife for_the_son_of your(pl)_
_master(s)_of_your just_as **YHWH** he_has_spoken. **52** And_
_he/it_was just_as the_servant_of ʾAvrāhām he_heard ÐOM
words/messages_of_their and_he_bowed_down towards_land
to/for_**YHWH**. **53** And_ the_servant _he_brought_out articles_of
silver and_articles_of gold and_garments and_he/it_gave to_
_Rivqāh and_excellent_gifts he_gave to_brother_of_her and_to_
_mother_of_her. **54** And_they_ate and_they_drank he and_the_
_men who with_him/it and_they_stayed_the_night and_they_
_arose in_morning and_he/it_said send_me_away to_master_
_of_my. **55** And_ brother_of_her and_mother_of_her _he/it_said
the_young_woman let_her_remain with_us days or ten after
she_will_go. **56** And_he/it_said to_them do_not delay ÐOM_me
and_**YHWH** he_has_made_successful journey_of_my send_me_
_away so_that_I_may_go to_master_of_my. **57** And_they_said
let_us_summon (to)_the_woman and_let_us_ask ÐOM her/its_
_mouth. **58** And_they_summoned (to)_Rivqāh and_they_said
to_her/it will_you_go with the_man the_this and_she/it_said I_
_will_go. **59** And_they_sent_away ÐOM Rivqāh sister_of_their
and_ÐOM nurse_of_her and_ÐOM the_servant_of ʾAvrāhām and_
_ÐOM men_of_his. **60** And_they_blessed ÐOM Rivqāh and_they_
_said to/for_her/it our_sister_of_Oh you become (into)_
_thousands_of ten_thousand and_ offspring_of_your _may_it_
_take_possession_of ÐOM the_gate_of those_who_hate_it.
61 And_ Rivqāh and_maids_of_her _she/it_arose and_they_rode
on the_camels and_they_went after the_man and_ the_servant
_he/it_took ÐOM Rivqāh and_he_went. **62** And_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac)
he_came from_going Bəʾēr Lahai Roi and_he was_dwelling in_
_land of_the_Negev. **63** And_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_went_out to_
_meditate in_the_field to_the_turning evening and_he_lifted_
_up eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE camels
were_coming. **64** And_ Rivqāh _she_lifted_up ÐOM eyes_of_her
and_she/it_saw ÐOM Yitsḥāq and_she_fell from_under the_
_camel. **65** And_she/it_said to the_servant who the_man this
who_is_walking in_the_field to_meet_us and_ the_servant _
_he/it_said he my_master and_she/it_took the_veil and_she_
_covered_herself. **66** And_ the_servant _he_recounted to_
_Yitsḥāq ÐOM all_of the_things which he_had_done. **67** And_
_he/it_brought_her/it Yitsḥāq to_the_tent of_Sārāh his/its_
_mother and_he/it_took ÐOM Rivqāh and_it_became to_him/it
to/for_(a)_woman and_he_loved_her and_ Yitsḥāq _he_was_
_comforted after his/its_mother.

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25:1 And_ ʼAvrāhām _he_repeated and_he/it_took a_wife and_ _name_of_her was_Qəṭūrāh. **2** And_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM Zimrān and_ĐOM Yoqshān/(Jokshan) and_ĐOM Mədān and_ _ĐOM Midyān and_ĐOM Yishbāq/(Ishbak) and_ĐOM Shuah. **3** And_Yoqshān he_fathered ĐOM Shəvāʼ and_ĐOM Dədān and_ _the_sons of_Dədān they_were ʼAshshūrites and_Letushites and_Leummites. **4** And_the_sons of_Midyān were_ʹĒyfāh and_ _ʹĒfer and_Ḥₐnōk/(Enoch) and_ʼAvīdāʹ and_ʼEldāʹāh all_of these were_the_sons_of Qəṭūrāh.

5 And_ ʼAvrāhām _he/it_gave ĐOM all_of that to_him/it to_ _Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **6** And_to_the_sons_of the_concubines who belonged_to_ʼAvrāhām ʼAvrāhām he_gave gifts and_he_sent_ _them_away from_under Yitsḥāq his/its_son in_still_he was_ _alive eastward_to to the_land_of the_east. **7** And_these are_ _the_days_of the_years_of the_life_of ʼAvrāhām which he_lived one_hundred_of year[s] and_seventy year[s] and_five years. **8** And_he_expired and_he/it_died ʼAvrāhām in_old_age good old and_satisfied and_he_was_gathered to kinspeople(s)_of_his. **9** And_ Yitsḥāq and_Yishmāʹʾēl/(Ishmael) sons_of_his _they_ _buried ĐOM_him/it into the_cave_of (the)_Machpelah to the_ _field_of ʹEfrōn the_son_of Zohar the_Ḥittiy which is_on the_ _face_of Mamre. **10** The_field which ʼAvrāhām he_had_acquired from_with the_sons_of Ḥēt there_(to) ʼAvrāhām and_Sārāh his/its_wife/woman he_was_buried. **11** And_he/it_was after the_death_of ʼAvrāhām and_ god _he/it_blessed ĐOM Yitsḥāq his/its_son and_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived near Bəʼēr Lahai Roi.

12 And_these are_the_accounts_of Yishmāʹʾēl/(Ishmael) the_ _son_of ʼAvrāhām whom Hāgār the_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) the_maidservant_of Sārāh she_bore to_ʼAvrāhām. **13** And_these are_the_names_of the_ _sons_of Yishmāʹʾēl/(Ishmael) by_names_of_their to_ _descendants_of_their the_firstborn_of Yishmāʹʾēl/(Ishmael) Nəvāyōt and_Qēdār and_ʼAdbəʾēl and_Mivsām. **14** And_Mishmāʹ and_Dūmāh and_Massāʼ. **15** Ḥₐdad and_Tēymāʼ Yəṭūr/(Jetur) Nāfish and_Qədəmāh. **16** These they were_the_sons_of Yishmāʹʾēl/(Ishmael) and_these names_of_are_their by_villages_ _of_their and_by_encampments_of_their two_plus ten princes to_tribes_of_their. **17** And_these are_the_years_of the_life_of Yishmāʹʾēl/(Ishmael) one_hundred_of year[s] and_thirty year[s] and_seven years and_he_expired and_he/it_died and_he_was_ _gathered to kinspeople(s)_of_his. **18** And_they_dwelt from_ _Ḥₐvīlāh to Shūr which is_on the_face_of Mitsrayim your(ms)_ _going to_ʼAshshūr on the_face_of all_of relatives_of_his he_ _fell.

19 And_these are_the_accounts_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) the_son_of ʼAvrāhām ʼAvrāhām he_fathered ĐOM Yitsḥāq. **20** And_he/it_ _was Yitsḥāq a_son_of forty year[s] when_took_he ĐOM Rivqāh the_daughter_of Bətūʾēl the_ʼArammiy from_Paddan- aram the_

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Avraham's other descendants[115]

25:1 Then Avraham married another woman named Keturah, **2** and she gave birth to Zimran, Yakeshan, Medan, Midyan, Yishbak, and Shuah. **3** Yakeshan fathered Sheva and Dedan, and the descendants of Dedan were the Ashurim, the Letushim, and the Le'umim. **4** Midyan's sons were Eyfah, Efer, Hanok, Avida, and Elda'ah. All of those were Keturah's descendants.

Avraham's death and burial

5–7 Avraham went on to live to be 175 years old. He gave valuable gifts to all the sons of his slave-wives, then he forced them to move to the east to ensure that they would be removed from his son Yitshak (Isaac). Then he left everything else he owned to Yitshak.

8 Then Avraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, elderly and satisfied, and he joined his ancestors in death. **9** His sons Yitshak and Yishmael (Ishmael) buried him in Makpelah's cave (in the field of Efron, Tsohar the Hiti's son, which faced Mamre)— **10** the field that Avraham had bought from Het's sons.[116] So Avraham's body was laid there alongside that of his wife Sarah. **11** After his death, God blessed his son Yitshak who lived near Be'er-Lahay-Ro'i.

Yishmael's Descendants[117]

12 Now these are the generations of Yishmael (Ishmael) the son of Avraham, whom Hagar the Mitsri (Egyptian), Sarah's female slave, had given birth to for Avraham. **13** These are the names of Yishmael's sons, by their names according to their births: Yishmael's first-born was Nevayot, then Kedar, Adbe'el, Mivsam, **14** Mishma, Dumah, Masa, **15** Hadad, Teyma, Yetur, Nafish, and Kedemah. **16** Those were Yishmael's sons, and those are their names by their settlements and by their camps—twelve rulers according to their tribes. **17** Yishmael went on to live to be 137 years old, before breathing his last and dying and joining those who'd gone before. **18** His descendants settled from Havilah to Shur (which is near Mitsrayim (Egypt) as you go toward Ashur (Assyria)). He fell in the face of all his brothers.[118]

The birth of Esav and Ya'akov

19 These are the generations of Avraham's son Yitshak (Isaac): Avraham fathered Yitshak **20** and Yitshak was forty years old when he mar-

115 RV 25:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:32-33

116 RV 25:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 23:3-16.

117 RV 25:12 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:28-31

118 RV 25:18 · Note We've left this unusual sentence in here, because we don't really know now what this ancient idiom meant. Possibilities include being hostile to the brothers, living opposite them, or even dying in their presence.

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ried Rivkah. (She was the daughter of Betuel the Aramean from Padan-Aram, the sister of Lavan (Laban) the Aramean.) **21** In due course, Yitshak prayed to Yahweh on his wife's behalf because she was barren. Yahweh answered his prayer and his wife Rivkah got pregnant, **22** but the twins kept jostling each other within her womb, so she asked, "Why's this happening to me?" She also asked Yahweh about it **23** and he responded,

"There's two nations inside your womb—
two different peoples will come from within you.
One group will become stronger than the other,
and the older will serve the younger."[119]

24 When the time came to give birth, she gave birth to twin boys. **25** The firstborn came out quite red and covered with hair like a fur coat, so they named him 'Esav' (Esau) (which means 'hairy'). **26** Then his brother was born and his hand grabbed Esav's heel, so he was named 'Ya'akov' (Jacob) (which means 'heel-grabber'). Yitshak (Isaac) was sixty years old when they were born.

Esav sells his future inheritance

27 As the boys grew up, Esav (Esau) got good at hunting, a man of the outdoors, but Ya'akov (Jacob) was a quiet man who stayed around the tents. **28** Yitshak (Isaac) liked the taste of game meat so he loved Esav, but Rivkah loved Ya'akov.

29 One day, Ya'akov was cooking some stew when Esav arrived home from being out, and he was very hungry **30** and asked Ya'akov, "I'm starving—can I have some of that yummy-looking red stuff." (After that, Esav's nickname became 'Edom', meaning 'red'.)

31 "Well, now," Ya'akov answered, "sell me your future inheritance."

32 "Listen, I'm dying of starvation," said Esav, "so what use would a future inheritance be to me?"

33 "Well then, make a vow to me," insisted Ya'akov.

So Esav promised him, effectively selling his future inheritance to Ya'akov,[121] **34** and Ya'akov gave him some of the lentil stew and some bread. So Esav ate and drank and left again, thus despising his own inheritance as firstborn son.

Yitshak moves to Gerar

26:1 Then there was a famine in the region (a different one from the earlier famine that was in the days of Avraham) so Yitshak (Isaac) moved to Gerar, the region of Avimelek, the Pelishtim king. **2** Then Yahweh appeared to Yitshak and told him, "Don't go down to Mitsrayim (Egypt)—stay in the area that I'll tell you. **3** Stay as a guest in this region, and I'll be with you and bless you, because I'll give all this land to you and to your descendants, and

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_sister_of Lāvān the_'Arammiy to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **21** And_ Yitsḥāq _he_prayed to/for_**YHWH** to_the_front_of his/its_wife/woman if/because was_barren she and_he_was_ _entreated to_him/it **YHWH** and_ Rivqāh his/its_wife/woman _she/it_conceived/became_pregnant. **22** And_ the_children _ _they_struggled_together in_her_inward_of_part[s] and_she/it_ _said if thus to/for_what this am_I and_she_went to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to/for_her/it two_of nations[120] are_in_womb_of_your and_two_of peoples from_ _your(pl)_inward_of_parts they_will_separate and_a_people more_than_a_people it_will_be_strong and_the_great_one it_ _will_serve the_young_one. **24** And_ days_of_her _they_were_ _completed to_give_birth and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE twins were_in_ _womb_of_her. **25** And_ the_first _he/it_went_out red of_him_ _of_all was_like_a_cloak_of hair and_they_called his/its_name ʿĒsāv. **26** And_after thus his/its_brother he_came_out and_ _hand_of_his was_holding on_the_heel_of ʿĒsāv and_he/it_ _called his/its_name Yaʿaqov/(Jacob) and_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) was_ _a_son_of sixty year[s] when_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ_them.

27 And_ the_lads _they_grew_up and_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_was a_man who_knew hunting a_man_of the_open_country and_Yaʿaqov was_a_man quiet who_dwelt tents. **28** And_ Yitsḥāq _he_loved ᴅᴏᴍ ʿĒsāv if/because hunted_game was_in_mouth_of_his and_ _Rivqāh was_loving ᴅᴏᴍ Yaʿaqov. **29** And_ Yaʿaqov _he_had_ _cooked cooked_food and_ ʿĒsāv _he_came from the_field and_ _he was_exhausted. **30** And_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_said to Yaʿaqov let_ _me_swallow please some_of the_red_stew the_red_stew the_ _this if/because am_exhausted I therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called his/its_name 'Edōm. **31** And_ Yaʿaqov _he/it_ _said sell as_day ᴅᴏᴍ birthright_of_your to_me. **32** And_ ʿĒsāv _ _he/it_said HERE I am_going to_die and_for_what this to_me is_ _a_birthright. **33** And_ Yaʿaqov _he/it_said swear to/for_me as_ _day and_he_swore to_him/it and_he_sold ᴅᴏᴍ birthright_of_ _his to_Yaʿaqov. **34** And_Yaʿaqov he_gave to_ʿĒsāv bread and_ _cooked_food_of lentils and_he_ate and_he_drank and_he/it_ _rose_up and_he_went and_ ʿĒsāv _he_despised ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _birthright.

26:1 And_he/it_was a_famine on_the_earth (from)_besides_of the_famine (the)_former which it_was in_the_days_of 'Avrāhām and_ Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) _he/it_went to 'Avīmelek[124] the_king_of the_Pəlishtiy to_Gərār. **2** And_he_appeared to_ _him/it **YHWH** and_he/it_said do_not go_down towards_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) dwell on_the_earth which I_will_say to_ _you. **3** Sojourn on_the_earth (the)_this and_I_will_be with_you and_I_will_bless_you if/because to/for_yourself(m) and_to_ _offspring_of_your I_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_lands (the)_these

119 RV 25:23 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:12.

120 LV 25:23 · Note OSHB variant note: יִיג֑וֹם: (x-qere) יִוֹּ֑סַ: lemma_1471 a n_1.2.0 morph_HNcmpa id_01eWf יִוֹּ֑סַ

121 RV 25:33 · Cross-ref. Heb 12:16.

124 LV 26:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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and_I_will_establish ᴅᴏᴍ the_oath which I_swore to_'Avrāhām father_of_your. **4** And_I_will_multiply ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_seed/fruit like_the_stars_of the_heavens and_I_will_give to_offspring_of_ _your ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_lands (the)_these and_they_will_bless_ _themselves by_offspring_of_your all_of the_nations_of the_ _earth/land. **5** Consequence that 'Avrāhām he_listened to_ _voice_of_my and_he_kept duty_of_my commands_of_my regulations_of_my and_laws_of_my. **6** And_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_Gərār. **7** And_ the_men_of the_ _place _they_asked of_wife_of_his and_he/it_said sister_of_is_ _my she if/because he_was_afraid to_say wife_of_my lest they_ _should_kill_me the_men_of the_place on Rivqāh if/because was_good_of appearance she. **8** And_he/it_was if/because they_ _had_become_long to_him/it there the_days and_ 'Avīmelek the_king_of the_Pəlishtiy _he_looked_down through the_ _window and_he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) was_playing with Rivqāh his/its_wife/woman. **9** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_called (to)_Yitsḥāq and_he/it_said surely HERE wife_of_is_your she and_how did_you_say sister_of_is_my she and_he/it_said to_him/it Yitsḥāq if/because I_thought lest I_should_die on_her. **10** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_said what this have_you_done to/for_ourselves like_a_little one of_the_people he_lay with your(ms)_woman/wife and_you_brought on_us guilt. **11** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _people to_say the_one_who_touches (in)_man the_this and_ _(in)_wife_of_his surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **12** And_ Yitsḥāq _he_sowed on_the_earth the_that and_he_found in_ _year the_that one_hundred measures and_he_blessed_him **YHWH**. **13** And_ the_man _he_became_great and_he/it_went going and_becoming_great until if/because he_became_great exceedingly. **14** And_he/it_was to_him/it livestock_of flock and_livestock_of herd and_service much and_ the_Pəlishtiy _ _they_envied ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **15** And_all the_wells which the_ _servants_of his/its_father they_had_dug in_the_days_of 'Avrāhām his/its_father they_stopped_them_up the_Pəlishtiy and_they_filled_them earth. **16** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_said to Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) go from_with_us if/because you_have_become_ _too_powerful from_him/it much. **17** And_he/it_went from_ _there Yitsḥāq and_he_encamped in_the_wadi_of Gərār and_ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived there. **18** And_ Yitsḥāq _he_ _returned and_he_dug ᴅᴏᴍ the_wells_of the_waters which people_had_dug in_the_days_of 'Avrāhām his/its_father and_ _they_had_stopped_them_up the_Pəlishtiy after the_death_of 'Avrāhām and_he/it_called (to)_them names like_names which he_had_called (to)_them his/its_father. **19** And_ the_servants_of Yitsḥāq _they_dug in_wadi and_they_found there a_well_of water living. **20** And_ the_herdsmen_of Gərār _they_disputed with the_herdsmen_of Yitsḥāq to_say to/for_us the_waters and_he/it_called the_name_of the_well Esek if/because they_ _quarrelled with_him/it. **21** And_they_dug a_well another and_ _they_disputed also on/upon_it(f) and_he/it_called his/its_ _name Sitnah. **22** And_he_moved_on from_there and_he_dug a_ _well another and_not they_disputed on/upon_it(f) and_he/it_ _called his/its_name Rəḥovōt and_he/it_said if/because now **YHWH** he_has_made_space to/for_us and_we_will_be_fruitful

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I'll confirm the oath that I made to your father Avraham.[122] **4** I'll multiply your descendants to be as numerous as the stars in the sky, and I'll give all this region to them. And all the nations on the earth will be blessed through your descendants, **5** because Avraham obeyed me by keeping my requirements, my commands, my decrees, and my laws."

6 So Yitshak settled there in Gerar. **7** Then the men of the place asked about his wife, and he said, "She's my sister,"[123] because he was afraid to say, "She's my wife." He was thinking, "What if the men in this place kill me because Rivkah is so beautiful to look at." **8** Then when he'd been in that area for quite a while, the Pelishti King Avimelek looked down from a window and saw that to his surprise, Yitshak was laughing together with his wife Rivkah. **9** So Avimelek called for Yitshak and said, "Hey, she's really your wife! So how could you say, 'She's my sister'?"

"Because I said to myself, 'I might die because of her.'," Yitshak replied.

10 "What's this that you've done to us?" continued Avimelek. "One of my people might easily have slept with your wife and you would have brought condemnation onto us!" **11** Then King Avimelek ordered all the people, "Anyone who touches this man or his wife will certainly be killed."

12 Then Yitshak planted a crop in that land and Yahweh blessed him and gave him one hundred times as much as he'd planted. **13** Hence he became wealthier and that repeated until eventually he was very powerful. **14** He also owned sheep and goats, and cattle, and many slaves. Because the Pelishtim now envied him, **15** they blocked up all the wells that his father's slaves had dug when his father Avraham had been alive, and they filled them with dirt.

16 Then King Avimelek told Yitshak, "You all need to leave this area because you've become more powerful than us." **17** So Yitshak left that place and set up camp in the Gerar Valley and settled there. **18** Then he returned and dug out the water wells that they had dug in the days of Avraham his father and that the Pelishtim had blocked up after Avraham's death, and he called them similar names to the ones that his father had called them.

19 Then Yitshak's slaves dug in the valley and found an underground spring with flowing water there. **20** But the herdsmen from Gerar quarrelled with Yitshak's herdsmen, saying, "The water belongs to us." So he named the well 'Esek' (which means 'dispute'), because they disputed with him.

21 Yitshak's men dug another well, but they quarrelled over it too, so he named it 'Sitnah' (which means 'opposition'). **22** Then he moved from there and dug another well, and they didn't quarrel over it, so he named it 'Rehovot' (which means 'space'), and he said, "Because now Yahweh has made space for us and we'll be productive in this area."

23 Then from there Yitshak moved down to Be'er-Sheva (Beer-

122 RV 26:3-4 · Cross-ref. Gen 22:16-18.

123 RV 26:7 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:13; 20:2.

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sheba), **24** and Yahweh appeared to him during that night and said, "I am the god of your father Avraham. Don't be afraid, because I'm with you and I will bless you and multiply your descendants for the sake of my slave Avraham." **25** So Yitshak built an altar there and he prayed to Yahweh. He set up his tents there and his slaves dug a well there.

Abimilik wants a commitment from Yitshak

26 Then King Avimelek came to Yitshak (Isaac) from Gerar along with his friend Ahuzat and Pikol the commander of his army[125] **27** and Yitshak asked them, "Why have you come here since you hate me and you forced me away from you?"

28 "We have clearly seen that Yahweh has been with you," they answered, "so we said, 'There should be an agreement between us'—between us and you. So let us make an agreement with you, **29** that you won't do anything evil against us, just as we did not touch you, and just as we did only did good to you and sent you away in peace. Now you are blessed by Yahweh." **30** Then Yitshak prepared a feast for them, and they all ate and drank together. **31** The visitors got up early the next morning and make promises to each other. Then Yitshak sent them on their way, and they left from there in peace.

32 That very day, Yitshak's slaves came and updated him about the well that they had just been digging and told him, "We've found water." **33** So Yitshak named the well 'Shiv'ah' (which sounds like the Hebrew word meaning 'promise'), so that's why that city is named 'Be'er-Sheva' (Beersheba) (meaning 'well of the promise') to this day.

Esav marries outsiders

34 When Esav (Esau) was forty years old, he married two Hiti women: Be'eri's daughter Yehudit (Judith) and Eylon's daughter Basemat, **35** but this brought grief to his parents Yitshak (Isaac) and Rivkah.

Yitshak's tricked into blessing Ya'akov

27:1 When Yitshak (Isaac) grew old and could no longer see, he called his older son Esav (Esau) and said to him, "My son."

"I'm here," Esav replied.

2 "Please listen," Yitshak continued, "I'm old and don't know how long I've got before I die. **3** So please take your weapons—your quiver, and your bow—and go out into the countryside and hunt game for me **4** and cook me a tasty meal in the way that I love it, and bring it to me so I can eat it, so that I can bless you before I die."

5 Now Rivkah had been listening while Yitshak spoke to Esav. Then Esav went out to the countryside to hunt game and bring it back. **6** Meanwhile Rivkah said to her son Ya'akov (Jacob), "Lis-

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in/on_the_earth. **23** And_he/it_ascended from_there Bə'ēr Shəvā'. **24** And_he_appeared to_him/it **YHWH** in_night (the)_ _that and_he/it_said I am_the_god_of 'Avrāhām father_of_your do_not be_afraid if/because am_with_you I and_I_will_bless_ _you and_I_will_multiply ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_seed/fruit in_account_ _of 'Avrāhām servant_of_my. **25** And_he/it_built there an_altar and_he/it_called in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_he_pitched there tent_of_his and_they_dug there the_servants_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) a_well.

26 And_'Avīmelek he_came to_him/it from_Gərār and_Ahuzzah friend_of_his_close and_Pikol the_commander_of his_army_of_ _his. **27** And_he/it_said to_them Yitsḥāq why have_you(pl)_ _come to_me and_you(pl) you(pl)_hate ~~DOM~~_me and_you(pl)_ _sent_me_away from_with_you(pl). **28** And_they_said clearly_ _(see) we_have_seen if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_been with_ _you and_we_said let_it_be please an_oath between_us between_us and_between_you and_let_us_make a_covenant with_you. **29** If you_will_do[126] with_us harm just_as not we_ _have_touched_you and_as_which we_have_done with_you only good and_we_sent_you_away in_peace you now are_(the)_ _blessed_of **YHWH**. **30** And_he/it_made to/for_them a_feast and_they_ate and_they_drank. **31** And_they_rose_early in_ _morning and_they_swore_an_oath each to_brother_of_his and_he_sent_them_off Yitsḥāq and_they_went from_with_him in_peace. **32** And_he/it_was in_the_day (the)_that and_ the_ _servants_of Yitsḥāq _they_came and_they_told to_him/it on the_causes_of the_well which they_had_dug and_they_said to_ _him/it we_have_found water. **33** And_he/it_called ~~DOM~~_her/it Shibah therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_name_of the_city is_ _Bə'ēr Shəvā' until the_day (the)_this.

34 And_he/it_was ʿĒsāv a_son_of forty year[s] and_he/it_took a_ _wife ~~DOM~~ Judith the_daughter_of Bə'ērī the_Ḥittiy and_~~DOM~~ Bosmat the_daughter_of 'Ēylōn the_Ḥittiy. **35** And_they_were bitterness_of spirit to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Rivqāh.

27:1 And_he/it_was if/because Yitsḥāq he_was_old and_ eyes_ _of_his _they_had_grown_dim from_seeing and_he/it_called ~~DOM~~ ʿĒsāv his/its_son the_big/great(sg) and_he/it_said to_ _him/it my_son_of_my and_he/it_said to_him/it here_I_am. **2** And_he/it_said HERE please I_am_old not I_know the_day_of my_death_of_my. **3** And_now take_up please weapons_of_your quiver_of_your and_bow_of_your and_go_out the_field and_ _hunt to/for_me hunted_game[129]. **4** And_prepare to_me delicious_food(s) just_as I_love and_bring_it to/for_me so_that_ _I_may_eat_it in_account_of it_may_bless_you self_of_my before_before I_will_die. **5** And_Rivqāh was_listening when_ Yitsḥāq _spoke to ʿĒsāv his/its_son and_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_went the_ _field to_hunt hunted_game to_bring. **6** And_Rivqāh she_said to Yaʿaqov/(Jacob) son_of_her to_say HERE I_have_heard ~~DOM~~ father_of_your speaking to ʿĒsāv your(ms)_brother/kindred to_

125 **RV 26:26 · Cross-ref.** Gen 21:22.

126 **LV 26:29 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

129 **LV 27:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: הִרִיצ: (x-qere) 'רֵיצ': lemma_6720 n_0 morph_HNcbsa id_01ydd רֵיצ

Literal Version

_say. **7** Bring to/for_me hunted_game and_prepare to_me delicious_food(s) so_that_I_may_eat_it and_so_that_I_may_ _bless_you to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before death_of_my. **8** And_now my_son_ _of_my listen to_voice_of_my to_that_which I am_commanding you. **9** Go please to the_flock and_fetch to_me from_there two_ _of kids_of goats good so_that_I_may_prepare ᴅᴏᴍ_them delicious_food(s) for_father_of_your just_as he_loves. **10** And_ _you_will_bring_it to_father_of_your and_he_will_eat_it so_ _that_of that he_may_bless_you to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before death_of_his. **11** And_ Ya´ₐqovˇ _he/it_said to Rivˇqāh his/its_mother HERE ´Ēsāv my_brother/kindred is_a_man hairy and_I am_a_man smooth. **12** Perhaps he_will_feel_me father_of_ _my and_I_will_be in_eyes_of_his like_a_mocker and_I_will_ _bring on_myself a_curse and_not a_blessing. **13** And_she/it_ _said to_him/it his/its_mother be_on_me curse_of_your my_ _son_of_my only listen to_voice_of_my and_go fetch_them to_ _me. **14** And_he/it_went and_he/it_took and_he/it_brought to_ _mother_of_his and_ his/its_mother _she_prepared delicious_ _food(s) just_as his/its_father he_loved. **15** And_ Rivˇqāh _ _she/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_clothes_of ´Ēsāv son_of_her the_ _big/great(sg) the_desirable_things which were_with_her in_ _house and_she_clothed ᴅᴏᴍ Ya´ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) son_of_her (the)_ _young. **16** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_skins_of the_kids_of the_goats she_ _clothed on hands_of_his and_on the_smooth_part_of his_ _neck(s)_of_his. **17** And_she/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_delicious_food(s) and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_bread which she_had_prepared in_the_hand_of Ya´ₐqovˇ son_of_her. **18** And_he_went to his/its_father and_ _he/it_said my_father_of_my and_he/it_said here_I_am who are_you my_son_of_my. **19** And_ Ya´ₐqovˇ _he/it_said to his/its_ _father I am_´Ēsāv firstborn_of_your I_have_done just_as you_ _said to_me arise please sit and_eat some_of_my_hunted_game in_account_of it_may_bless_me self_of_your. **20** And_ Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) _he/it_said to his/its_son what this have_you_ _hastened to_find_it my_son_of_my and_he/it_said if/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_made_happen before_me. **21** And_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_said to Ya´ₐqovˇ draw_near please so_that_I_may_ _feel_you my_son_of_my are_you this son_of_my ´Ēsāv or not. **22** And_ Ya´ₐqovˇ _he_drew_near to Yitsḥāq his/its_father and_ _he_felt_him and_he/it_said the_voice is_the_voice_of Ya´ₐqovˇ and_the_hands are_the_hands_of ´Ēsāv. **23** And_not he_ _recognized_him if/because hands_of_his they_were like_the_ _hands_of ´Ēsāv his/its_brother hairy and_he_blessed_him. **24** And_he/it_said are_you this son_of_my ´Ēsāv and_he/it_said I. **25** And_he/it_said bring_it_near to/for_me so_that_I_may_eat some_of_the_hunted_game_of my_son_of_my so_that it_may_ _bless_you self_of_my and_he_brought_it_near to_him/it and_ _he_ate and_he/it_brought to_him/it wine and_he_drank. **26** And_he/it_said to_him/it Yitsḥāq his/its_father draw_near please and_kiss to/for_me my_son_of_my. **27** And_he_drew_ _near and_he_kissed to_him/it and_he_smelled ᴅᴏᴍ the_smell_ _of his_clothes_of_his and_he_blessed_him and_he/it_said see the_smell_of my_son_of_my is_like_the_smell_of a_field which he_has_blessed_it **YHWH**. **28** And_may_he_give to/for_ _yourself(m) the_'Elohīm some_of_the_dew_of the_heavens

Readers' Version

ten, I heard your father speaking to your brother Esav, saying, **7** 'Get some game meat for me and prepare me a tasty meal so that I can eat it, and then I can bless you in Yahweh's presence before I die.' **8** So now Ya'akov, listen to what I tell you: **9** Go out to the flock and get me two of the best young goats so that I can prepare a tasty meal from them that your father loves. **10** Then you can take it in to your father, and after he's eaten it, he'll bless you before he dies."

11 "Look," Ya'akov said to his mother, "My brother Esav is very hairy, whereas my skin is smooth. **12** What if my father touches me? Then he'll think of me as a deceiver and he'll curse me rather than bless me."

13 "Let your curse be on me, my son," his mother replied, "Just do what I said and go get the young goats for me." **14** So he went and slaughtered them and brought them to his mother. Then she prepared tasty food the way his father loved it. **15** She then got Esav's best clothes that were in the house and got her younger son Ya'akov to put them on, **16** and then she tied the skins of the young goats over his hands and around the smooth part of his neck.

17 Then she handed the tasty food and the bread to Ya'akov, **18** and he went in to his elderly father and said, "My father."

"I'm here," he said, "Which son are you?" **19** "I'm your oldest son Esav," Ya'akov replied to his father. "I've done what you told me. Please get up, and come and sit up and eat some of my game, so that you'll bless me." **20** "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" Yitshak (Isaac) asked.

"Because your god Yahweh helped me when I went out hunting," Ya'akov answered.

21 Then Yitshak said to Ya'akov, "Please come close so that I can touch you, my son, and to be sure whether you're really my son Esav or not." **22** So Ya'akov went close to his father and Yitshak felt his skin and said to himself, "It's Ya'akov's voice, but these are definitely Esav's hands." **23** So he didn't recognise that it was Ya'akov, because his hands were hairy like Esav's hands, so he was about to bless him **24** but asked once more, "Are you really my son Esav?"

"Yes, I am," Ya'akov answered.

25 So Yitshak told him, "Bring the food here and I'll eat some of my son's game, so that I can then bless you." So Ya'akov took it to him and he ate, and then he brought wine to him and he drank. **26** Then Yitshak asked Ya'akov, "My son, please come close and kiss me." **27** So he went close and kissed him. His dad noticed the smell of his clothes, so he blessed him saying,

"Ah yes, the smell of my son
  is like the pleasant fragrance of the countryside
  that Yahweh has blessed.[127]
28 May God give you dew from the sky
  and riches from the land,
to produce plenty of grain and wine.

127 RV 27:27-29 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:20.

Readers' Version

29 May peoples serve you,
and may nations bow down to you.
Be master over your brothers,
and may your mother's sons bow down to you.
May those who curse you be cursed,
and may those who bless you be blessed."[128]

Esav begs for a secondary blessing

30 Then just as Yitshak (Isaac) had finished blessing Ya'akov (Jacob), and as Ya'akov had only just gone out from his father's presence, his brother Esav (Esau) his brother returned from his hunting.
31 Then he too prepared some tasty food and brought it in to his father and said, "Let my father get up and eat from the game that his son hunted so that you can bless me."
32 But Yitshak asked him, "Which son are you?"
"I'm your oldest son Esav." he answered.
33 Then Yitshak started to trembled badly and he said, "Then who was it that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it all just before you came in, and I blessed that man and indeed, he'll be blessed."
34 When Esav heard that, then he let out a very loud and exceedingly bitter wail, and then begged his father, "Bless me too, my father."
35 But Yitshak replied, "Your brother came in and deceived me and he's taken your blessing!"
36 "Yes, his name Ya'akov (Jacob) (meaning 'deceiver') suits him exactly!" said Esav. "First he took my inheritance[133] and man, now he's also taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you at least saved a blessing for me?"
37 But Yitshak replied, "Listen, I've made him master over you, and I've given all his brothers to him as slaves. And I've sustained him with grain and wine. So then, what else can I do for you, my son?"
38 "My father, Did you only have *one* blessing that you could give?" Esav asked. "Bless me too, my father!" Then Esav sobbed loudly.[134]
39 Then his father Yitshak responded and said to him,
"Listen, you and your descendants will live
away from the most fertile land on the earth[135]
in a place that doesn't get dew from the sky.[136]

Literal Version

and_some_of_the_fatness(es)_of the_earth/land and_
_abundance_of grain and_new_wine. 29 May_they_serve_you
peoples and[130][131] to/for_yourself(m) peoples become master
to_brothers_of_your may_they_bow_down[132] to/for_
_yourself(m) the_sons_of your_mother_of_your those_of_who_
_curse_you be_cursed and_those_of_who_bless_you be_blessed.

30 And_he/it_was just_as Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) he_had_finished to_
_bless ꝺǫm Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_he/it_was just just_(go_out)
Ya'aqov he_had_gone_out from_with the_face_of Yitsḥāq
his/its_father and_'Ēsāv his/its_brother he_came from_
_hunting_of_his. 31 And_ also he _he/it_made delicious_food(s)
and_he/it_brought to_father_of_his and_he/it_said to_father_
_of_his father_of_my let_him_arise and_let_him_eat some_of_
_the_hunted_game_of his/its_son in_account_of it_may_bless_
_me self_of_your. 32 And_he/it_said to_him/it Yitsḥāq his/its_
_father who are_you and_he/it_said I son_of_am_your
firstborn_of_your 'Ēsāv. 33 And_ Yitsḥāq _he_trembled
trembling great up_to muchness and_he/it_said who then he
is_the_one_who_hunted hunted_game and_he/it_brought to_
_me and_I_ate from_all before_before you_came and_I_blessed_
_him also blessed he_will_be. 34 Just_ 'Ēsāv _as_heard ꝺǫm the_
_words/messages_of his/its_father and_he_cried a_cry great
and_bitter up_to muchness and_he/it_said to_father_of_his
bless_me also me my_father_of_my. 35 And_he/it_said
your(ms)_brother/kindred he_came with_deceit and_he/it_
_took blessing_of_your. 36 And_he/it_said if/because did_
_someone_call his/its_name Ya'aqov and_he_has_betrayed_me
this two_times ꝺǫm birthright_of_my he_took and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE now he_has_taken blessing_of_my and_he_
_said not have_you_reserved to/for_me a_blessing. 37 And_
Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) _he_answered and_he/it_said to_'Ēsāv HERE
master I_have_appointed_him to/for_you(fs) and_ꝺǫm all_of
brothers_of_his I_have_given to_him/it to_servants and_grain
and_new_wine I_have_sustained_him and_for_you then what
will_I_do my_son_of_my. 38 And_ 'Ēsāv _he/it_said to his/its_
_father does_a_blessing one it to/for_yourself(m) my_father_
_of_my bless_me also me my_father_of_my and_ 'Ēsāv _he_
_lifted_up voice_of_his and_he_wept. 39 And_ Yitsḥāq his/its_
_father _he_answered and_he/it_said to_him/it THERE away_
_from_the_fatness(es)_of the_earth/land it_will_be dwelling_
_of_your and_away_from_the_dew_of the_heavens (from)_
_above. 40 And_on sword_of_your you_will_live and_ꝺǫm
your(ms)_brother/kindred you_will_serve and_it_was just_as

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128 RV 27:29 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:3.

130 LV 27:29 · Note OSHB variant note: וחתשי/ו: (x-qere) יְ/וַחֲתְשֵׁי/וֹ: lemma_c/7812 morph_HC/Vvj3mp id_01DTM יְ/וַחֲתְשֵׁי/וֹ

131 LV 27:29 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

132 LV 27:29 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

133 RV 27:36 · Cross-ref. Gen 25:29-34.

134 RV 27:38 · Cross-ref. Heb 12:17.

135 RV 27:39 · Note The Hebrew text is ambiguous here. It could mean: (1) "away from the fatness of the earth and away from the dew of the heavens from above." or "in a place/region where the earth/land/ground is not rich/fertile and where there is very little dew/rain." or "in a place/region where the land/soil is not good for farming and where there is not much rain." or (2) "of the fatness of the earth and of the dew of the heavens from above." or "in a place where the land is good/fertile for farming and where there is plenty of dew/rain."

136 RV 27:39-40 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:20.

Literal Version

you_will_be_restless and_you_will_tear_off yoke_of_his from_
_under neck_of_your. **41** And_ ʹĒsāv _he_was_hostile_towards
ĐOM Yaʹₐqovʿ/(Jacob) on the_blessing which he_had_blessed_
_him his/its_father and_ ʹĒsāv _he/it_said in_heart_of_his the_
_days_of the_mourning_of my_father_of_my they_will_draw_
_near and_I_will_kill ĐOM Yaʹₐqovʿ my_brother/kindred. **42** And_
_it_was_told to_Rivʿqāh ĐOM the_words/messages_of ʹĒsāv son_
_of_her the_big/great(sg) and_she_sent and_she/it_
_called/named (to)_Yaʹₐqovʿ son_of_her (the)_young and_
_she/it_said to_him/it HERE ʹĒsāv your(ms)_brother/kindred
is_comforting_himself to/for_yourself(m) by_killing_you.
43 And_now my_son_of_my listen to_voice_of_my and_arise flee
to/for_yourself(m) to Lāvān my_brother/kindred to_Ḥārān.
44 And_you_will_remain with_him/it days one(s) until that the_
_anger_of your(ms)_brother/kindred it_will_turn_back. **45** Until
the_anger your(ms)_brother/kindred turns_back from_you
and_he_will_forget ĐOM that_which you_did for_him/it and_I_
_will_send and_I_will_fetch_you from_there why will_I_be_
_bereaved also both_of_of_you(pl) a_day one.

46 And_ Rivʿqāh _she/it_said to Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) I_loathe (in)_
_life_of_my from_face/in_front_of the_daughters_of Ḥēt if
Yaʹₐqovʿ is_taking a_wife from_the_daughters_of Ḥēt like_these
from_the_daughters_of the_earth/land to/for_what to/for_me
life.
28:1 And_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_called (to) Yaʹₐqovʿ/(Jacob) and_he/it_
_blessed ĐOM_him/it and_he_commanded_him and_he/it_said
to_him/it not you_must_take a_wife from_the_daughters_of
Kənaʹan/(Canaan). **2** Arise go to_Paddan ʾArām the_house_of_to
of_Bətūʾēl the_father_of your_mother_of_your and_take to/for_
_yourself(m) from_there a_wife one_of_the_daughters_of Lāvān
the_brother_of your_mother_of_your. **3** And_god almighty
may_he_bless you and_may_he_make_you_fruitful and_may_
_he_multiply_you and_you_will_become (into)_a_company_of
peoples. **4** And_may_he_give to/for_yourself(m) ĐOM the_
_blessing_of ʾAvrāhām to/for_yourself(m) and_to_offspring_of_
_your with_you you_to_take_possession_of ĐOM the_land_of
your(pl)_sojournings_of_your which god he_gave to_ʾAvrāhām.
5 And_ Yitsḥāq _he_sent_off ĐOM Yaʹₐqovʿ and_he/it_went to_
_Paddan ʾArām to Lāvān the_son_of Bətūʾēl the_ʾArammiy the_
_brother_of Rivʿqāh the_mother_of Yaʹₐqovʿ and_ʹĒsāv.
6 And_ ʹĒsāv _he/it_saw if/because_that Yitsḥāq he_had_
_blessed ĐOM Yaʹₐqovʿ and_he_had_sent_off ĐOM_him/it to_
_Paddan ʾArām to_take to_him/it from_there a_wife when_
_blessed_he ĐOM_him/it and_he/it_commanded
on/upon/above_him/it to_say not you_must_take a_wife from_
_the_daughters_of Kənaʹan/(Canaan). **7** And_ Yaʹₐqovʿ _he/it_
_listened to his/its_father and_near/to his/its_mother and_
_he/it_went to_Paddan ʾArām. **8** And_ ʹĒsāv _he/it_saw
if/because_that were_displeasing the_daughters_of
Kənaʹan/(Canaan) in/on_both_eyes_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) his/its_
father. **9** And ʹĒsāv _he/it_went to Yishmāʾēl/(Ishmael) and_
_he/it_took ĐOM Maḥₐlat the_daughter_of Yishmāʾēl/(Ishmael)
the_son_of ʾAvrāhām the_sister_of Nəvāyōt to wives_of_his to_
him/it to/for(a)_woman.

Readers' Version

40 You and your descendants will live by your sword,
and you'll serve your brother.
But when you become restless
you'll all break away from serving them.[137]
41 From that time onwards, Esav (Esau) hated Ya'akov (Jacob) because of the blessing that their father had blessed him with, and Esav said to himself, "My father's funeral can't be that far away—after that I'll kill my brother Ya'akov."
42 But Rivkah got to hear about Esav's plans, so she sent for her younger son Ya'akov and told him, "Listen, your brother Esav is coping with what happened by planning to kill you. **43** So my son, listen to what I'm saying: for your own sake, pack up and flee to my brother Lavan's (Laban's) place in Haran **44** and stay with him for a while until your brother cools down. **45** When he's no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, then I'll send for you from there so you can return here. I don't want to lose both of you on the same day."

Yitshak sends Ya'akov off to Lavan's

46 Then Rivkah told her husband Yitshak (Isaac), "I'm quite disgusted with those daughters of Het. If Ya'akov (Jacob) chooses a wife like Het's daughters from this culture around us here, I wouldn't be able to bear it."
28:1 So Yitshak called for Ya'akov and blessed him, and instructed him, "Don't take a wife from the Kena'ani (Canaanite) girls. **2** Pack up and go to Padan-Aram—to the home of your mother's father Betuel and get yourself a wife from there—from the daughters of your mother's brother Lavan (Laban). **3** And may the powerful God bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you so that you become a community of peoples. **4** May he give the same blessing of Avraham to you—to you and to your offspring with you—so that you will own the land where you've been staying and which God gave to Avraham."[138] **5** Then Yitshak sent Ya'akov away, and he went to Padan-Aram—to Lavan, the son of Betuel the Aramean and the brother of Ya'akov and Esav's (Esau's) mother Rivkah.

Esav adds a non-Canaanite wife

6 Now Esav (Esau) noticed that Yitshak (Isaac) had blessed Ya'akov (Jacob) and sent him to Padan-Aram to take a wife for himself from there. He'd also noticed that when Yitshak had blessed him, he'd instructed him not to take a wife from the Kena'ani (Canaanite) girls, **7** and that Ya'akov had listened to his parents and travelled to Padan-Aram. **8** As a result, Esav realised that his father wasn't happy about the Kena'ani girls **9** so he went to Yishmael (Ishmael) and he took Mahalat as an additional wife. She was the daughter of Avraham's son Yishmael, and was the sister of Nevayot.

137 RV 27:40 · Cross-ref. Gen 36:8; 2Ki 8:20.

138 RV 28:4 · Cross-ref. Gen 17:4-8.

Readers' Version

Ya'akov's vision at Beyt-El

10 Meanwhile, Ya'akov (Jacob) had left Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) and was en route to Haran. **11** One night after he'd stopped when the sun had gone down, he laid down in that place and used one of the stones there to put under his head for a pillow. **12** While he was sleeping, he had a dream, and wow, a stairway was set up on the earth and its top reached to the heavens, and look, God's messengers were ascending and descending on it.[139] **13** And look, Yahweh was standing above it and he said, "I am Yahweh, the god of Avraham your grandfather and the god of Yitshak (Isaac). I will give the land that you are lying on to you and to your descendants[140] **14** and they will be as numerous as dust particles, and you'll all spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south. And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.[141] **15** So listen, I'm with you and I'll watch over you everywhere you go. I'll bring you back to this land because I won't leave you until I've done what I told you."

16 Then Ya'akov woke up and said to himself, "Yahweh is certainly here in this place, but I didn't realise it." **17** So he was afraid and said to himself, "This place is spine-chilling—it's nothing other than God's house, and it's heaven's gateway."

18 Then in the morning Ya'akov got up early, and he took the stone that he'd put under his head and stood it up longways as a pillar, and he poured oil over the top of it. **19** He named that place 'Beyt-El' (Bethel) (which means 'God's house'), even though that town had been named Luz before then. **20** Then Ya'akov made a promise to God, saying, "If God will be with me and watch over me on this road that I'm walking on, and give me bread to eat and clothes to wear, **21** and if I'm able to return safely to my father's home, then I'll make Yahweh my god, **22** and this stone that I've stood up as a pillar will be God's house, and I'll give you a tenth of everything that you give to me."

Ya'akov's arrival at Lavan's

29:1 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) got on the road again and went to the land of the eastern peoples. **2** Close to his destination, he looked ahead, and wow, there was a well in the countryside, and what's more, three flocks of sheep and goats were lying there near it, because the flocks were watered from that well but the stone over the mouth of the well was large and heavy. **3** Once all the flocks were gathered there, then they would roll the stone from over the mouth of the well and water the animals. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

4 So Ya'akov asked the farmers, "My brothers, where are you from?"

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10 And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he/it_went_out from_Bə'ēr- shevˇa' and_he/it_went to_Ḥārān. **11** And_he_reached (in)_place and_ _he_stayed_the_night there if/because the_sun it_had_gone and_he/it_took one_of_the_stones_of the_place and_he/it_ _assigned of_his_head_of_the_place and_he_lay_down in_place (the)_that. **12** And_he_dreamed and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ _stairway was_placed towards_land and_his/its_head/top was_ _reaching to_the_heavens and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _messengers_of god were_going_up and_were_going_down in/on/over_him/it. **13** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE **YHWH** was_ _standing on/upon/above_him/it and_he_said I am_**YHWH** the_god_of 'Avrāhām father_of_your and_the_god_of Yitsḥāq the_earth/land which you are_lying on/upon_it(f) to/for_ _yourself(m) I_will_give_it and_to_offspring_of_your. **14** And_it_ _was your(ms)_seed/fruit like_the_dust_of the_earth/land and_ _you_will_spread_out westward_to and_eastward_to and_ _northward_to and_southward_to and_they_will_be_blessed in_ _you(ms) all_of the_clans_of the_soil and_by_offspring_of_your. **15** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I am_with_you and_I_will_protect_you in_every where you_will_go and_I_will_bring_you_back to the_ _soil (the)_this if/because not I_will_abandon_you until that (if) I_have_done ᴅᴏᴍ that_which I_have_spoken to/for_you(fs). **16** And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he_awoke from_sleep_of_his and_ _he/it_said truly (there) **YHWH** is_in_place the_this and_I not I_realised. **17** And_he_was_afraid and_he_said how awesome is_ _the_place the_this is_not this if/because (if) the_house_of god and_this is_the_gate_of the_heavens. **18** And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he_rose_ _early in_morning and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone which he_ _had_put of_his_head_of_the_place and_he/it_assigned ᴅᴏᴍ_ _her/it a_pillar and_he_poured oil on top_of_its. **19** And_he/it_ _called ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of the_place (the)_that Bēyt- 'ēl and_but was_Lūz the_name_of the_city to_time. **20** And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he_ _vowed a_vow to_say if he_will_be god with_me and_he_will_ _protect_me on_journey the_this which I am_going and_he/it_ _gave to_me food to_eat and_clothing to_wear. **21** And_I_will_ _return in_peace to the_house_of my_father_of_my and_it_was **YHWH** to_me (into)_god. **22** And_the_stone (the)_this which I_ _have_set_up a_pillar it_will_be the_house_of god and_ _all/each/any/every that you_will_give to_me fully_(tithe) I_ _will_tithe_it to/for_you(fs).

29:1 And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he_lifted_up feet_of_his and_he/it_went towards_land of_the_people_of the_east. **2** And_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_well in_the_field and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there three flocks_of sheep were_lying_down on/upon_it(f) if/because from the_well the_that people_watered the_flocks and_the_stone was_large over the_mouth_of the_well. **3** And_ _they_were_gathered to_(to) all_of the_flocks and_they_rolled ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone from_under the_mouth_of the_well and_they_ _watered ᴅᴏᴍ the_sheep and_they_put_back ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone over the_mouth_of the_well to_place_of_its. **4** And_he/it_said to/for_them Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) my_brothers_of_my from_where are_you(pl) and_they_said from_Ḥārān we. **5** And_he/it_said to/for_them do_you(pl)_know ᴅᴏᴍ Lāvān the_son_of Nāḥōr and_they_said we_know_him. **6** And_he/it_said to/for_them

139 RV 28:12 · Cross-ref. Yhn 1:51.

140 RV 28:13 · Cross-ref. Gen 13:14-15.

141 RV 28:14 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:3; 22:18.

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does_health to_him/it and_they_said health and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Rāḥēl daughter_of_his is_coming with the_
_sheep. **7** And_he/it_said HERE still the_day is_great not the_
_time_of the_livestock are_gathered water the_sheep and_go
pasture_them. **8** And_they_said not we_are_able until that all_
_of the_flocks they_will_be_gathered and_people_will_roll ÐOM
the_stone from_under the_mouth_of the_well and_we_will_
_water the_sheep. **9** Still_he was_speaking with_them and_
_Rāḥēl she_came with the_sheep which belonged_to_father_of_
_her if/because was_a_shepherdess she. **10** And_he/it_was just_
_as Ya′ₐqovˇ he_saw ÐOM Rāḥēl the_daughter_of Lāvān the_
_brother_of his/its_mother and_ÐOM the_sheep_of Lāvān the_
_brother_of his/its_mother and_ Ya′ₐqovˇ _he_drew_near and_
_he_rolled ÐOM the_stone from_under the_mouth_of the_well
and_he_watered ÐOM the_sheep_of Lāvān the_brother_of
his/its_mother. **11** And_ Ya′ₐqovˇ _he_kissed (to)_Rāḥēl and_he_
_lifted_up ÐOM voice_of_his and_he_wept. **12** And_
Ya′ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he_told to_Rāḥēl if/because_that was_(the)_
_relative_of her_father_of_her he and_because/when was_the_
_son_of Rivqāh he and_she_ran and_she_told to_father_of_her.
13 And_he/it_was just_ Lāvān _as_heard ÐOM the_report_of
Ya′ₐqovˇ the_son_of his_sister_of_his and_he_ran to_meet_him
and_he_embraced to_him/it and_he_kissed to_him/it and_he_
_brought_him to house_of_his and_he_recounted to_Lāvān ÐOM
all_of the_things the_these. **14** And_he/it_said to_him/it Lāvān
surely bone_of_are_my and_flesh_of_my you and_he/it_sat_
_down//remained//lived with_him/it a_month_of days.

15 And_ Lāvān _he/it_said to_Ya′ₐqovˇ if/because my_
_brother/kindred are_you and_you_will_serve_me for_nothing
tell to/for_me what wage[s]_of_is_your. **16** And_belonged_to_
_Lāvān two_of daughters the_name_of the_big/large/great(fs)
was_Lē'āh and_name_of the_young_one was_Rāḥēl. **17** And_the_
_eyes_of Lē'āh were_weak and_Rāḥēl she_was beautiful_of form
and_beautiful_of appearance. **18** And_ Ya′ₐqovˇ _he_loved ÐOM
Rāḥēl and_he/it_said I_will_serve_you seven years for_Rāḥēl
daughter_of_your (the)_young. **19** And_ Lāvān _he/it_said is_
_good[142] giving_my ÐOM_her/it to/for_you(fs) more_than_my_
_giving ÐOM_her/it to_a_man another remain with_me. **20** And_
Ya′ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he_served for_Rāḥēl seven years and_they_
_were in_eyes_of_his like_days one(s) in_love_of_his ÐOM_
her/it. **21** And Ya′ₐqovˇ _he/it_said to Lāvān come_NOW ÐOM
wife_of_my if/because days_of_my they_have_been_completed
so_that_I_may_go into_her. **22** And_ Lāvān _he_gathered ÐOM
all_of the_people_of the_place and_he/it_made a_feast. **23** And_
_he/it_was in_evening and_he/it_took ÐOM Lē'āh daughter_of_
_his and_he/it_brought ÐOM_her/it to_him/it and_he_went
into_her. **24** And_ Lāvān _he/it_gave to/for_her/it ÐOM Zilpah
maidservant_of_his to_Lē'āh daughter_of_his a_maidservant.
25 And_he/it_was in_morning and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE she was_
_Lē'āh and_he/it_said to Lāvān what this have_you_done
to/for_me not for_Rāḥēl have_I_served with_you and_for_what
have_you_deceived_me. **26** And_ Lāvān _he/it_said not it_is_
_done thus in_place_of_our to_give the_young to_(the)_face_

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"We're from Haran," they replied.

5 "Do you know Nahor's grandson Lavan (Laban)?" Ya'akov asked.

"Yes, we know him," they replied.

6 "Is he doing well?" Ya'akov asked.

"Yes, he's fine," they said, "and here comes his daughter Rahel (Rachel) with their flock."

7 "Look, it's still broad daylight," Ya'akov told them. "It's not time for the livestock to be brought it. Water the flock, and go pasture them."

8 "We can't," they said, "until *all* the flocks are gathered here and they roll the stone off the top of the well. Then we will water the sheep."

9 He was still talking with them when Rahel came with her father's flock, because she was the one who looked after them. **10** When Ya'akov saw Rahel (the daughter of his mother's brother, Lavan (Laban)) with Lavan's flock, he went over and rolled the stone off the top of the well and watered the sheep and goats. **11** Then he gave Rahel a kiss and happily cried out loud. **12** Then he told Rahel that he was a relative of her father and that he was a son of Rivkah.

Then she ran and told her father, **13** and when Lavan heard the news about his sister's son Ya'akov, he ran out to meet him. Then he embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Then Ya'akov told Lavan everything that had happened up until then, **14** and Lavan told him, "You are indeed a close relative."

Ya'akov marries Le'ah then Rahel

After Ya'akov (Jacob) had stayed with Lavan (Laban) and worked for him for a whole month, **15** Lavan said to him, "Should you work for me for nothing just because you're my relative? Tell me, what should I pay you?"

16 Now Lavan had two daughters: the older one was named Le'ah, and the younger one was named Rahel (Rachel). **17** Le'ah had pretty eyes, but Rahel was extremely beautiful in every way.

18 Now Ya'akov was in love with Rahel, so he answered, "I'll work for you for seven years so I can marry your younger daughter Rahel."

19 "Okay, stay with me then," said Lavan. "It's better for me to give her to you than to give her to some other man."

20 So Ya'akov worked seven years for Rahel, but it only seemed like a few days to him because of his love for her, **21** then he said to Lavan, "Give me my wife to marry now because I've worked the agreed seven years." **22** So Lavan invited all the local people and held a wedding reception, **23** but that evening Lavan brought his other daughter Le'ah to Ya'akov, and he slept with her. **24** (Lavan also gave his female slave Zilpah to Le'ah to be her personal slave.) **25** But in the morning, Ya'akov saw that wow, it was Le'ah! "Hey, what's this that you've done to me?" Ya'akov demanded of Lavan. "Wasn't it Rahel that I worked for you for? So

142 LV 29:19 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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why did you deceive me?"
26 "It's not our custom here," Lavan answered, "for the younger daughter to marry before the older one. **27** Stay with just this one for the marriage week, and then we'll also give you the younger one in return for another seven year's work."
28 So Ya'akov agreed and spent the week with Le'ah, then Lavan also gave him his daughter Rahel to be his wife. **29** (Lavan also gave his female slave Bilhah to Rahel to be her personal slave.)
30 So Ya'akov also slept with Rahel, but he also loved her more than Le'ah. Then he worked for Lavan for another seven years.
31 Now Yahweh saw that Le'ah was **Ya'akov's children** spurned, so he allowed her to conceive, but Rahel (Rachel) was unable to get pregnant. **32** So Le'ah got pregnant and gave birth to a son, and she named him 'Re'uven' (which means 'Look, a son') because she said, "Because Yahweh has looked on my misery, surely my husband will love me now." **33** Then she got pregnant again and gave birth to a second son, and she said, "Because Yahweh heard that I am hated, then he also gave me this son." So she called his name 'Shim'on' (Simeon) (which means 'he hears'). **34** Then she got pregnant again and gave birth to a third son, and she said, "This time now my husband will hold me close to him, because I've given him three sons." That's why she named the baby 'Levi' (which means 'hold close'). **35** Then Le'ah got pregnant again and gave birth to a fourth son, and she said, "This time I will praise Yahweh." That's why she named him 'Yehudah' (Judah) (which means 'praise'). Then she stopped getting pregnant.
30:1 Now Rahel realised that she wasn't producing any children for Ya'akov (Jacob), so she envied her sister Le'ah, and she demanded from Ya'akov, "Give me children, and if you don't, I'll die!"
2 But Ya'akov's anger flared up against Rahel and he asked, "Am I in the place of God who's kept you from getting pregnant?"
3 Rahel answered, "Listen, here's my slave Bilhah. Sleep with her so that she'll have children on my behalf and I'll also be able to have a family through her." **4** Then she gave Bilhah to him as a slave wife and Ya'akov slept with her, **5** so then Bilhah got pregnant and produced a son for Ya'akov. **6** Rahel said, "God has vindicated me, and indeed he's listened to my request and given me a son!" That's why she named him 'Dan' (which means 'he judged (in my favour)'). **7** Later on, Rahel's slave Bilhah got pregnant again and gave birth to a second son for Ya'akov **8** so Rahel said, "I've had a difficult battle with my sister but I've succeeded in the end!" So she named the baby 'Naftali' (Naphtali) (which means 'my struggle').
9 Now when Le'ah noticed that she wasn't getting pregnant any more, she gave her female slave Zilpah to Ya'akov as a slave wife. **10** Then eventually Le'ah's slave Zilpah produced a son for Ya'akov, **11** and Le'ah said, "What good fortune!" So she named

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_of/in_front_of/before the_firstborn. **27** Complete the_week_of this_one and_we_will_give to/for_yourself(m) also ÐOM this_ _one for_the_service which you_will_serve with_me again seven years another. **28** And_ Ya'$_a$qov _he/it_made thus and_ _he_completed the_week of_this_one and_he_gave to_him/it ÐOM Rāḥēl daughter_of_his to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **29** And_ Lāvān _he/it_gave to_Rāḥēl daughter_of_his ÐOM Bilhāh maidservant_of_his to/for_her/it to_a_maidservant. **30** And_he_went also into Rāḥēl and_he_loved also ÐOM Rāḥēl more_than_Lē'āh and_he_served with_him/it again seven years another.

31 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_saw if/because_that Lē'āh was_hated and_he_opened ÐOM her_womb/uterus and_Rāḥēl was_barren. **32** And_ Lē'āh _she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_ _gave_birth a_son and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Rə'ūvēn if/because she_said if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_ _looked on_affliction_of_my if/because now he_will_love_me husband_of_my. **33** And_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant again and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_said if/because **YHWH** he_has_heard if/because_that I am_hated and_he_has_ _given to_me also ÐOM this_one and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Shim'ōn. **34** And_she/it_conceived/became_ _pregnant again and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_said now the_time//this_time husband_of_my he_will_join_himself to_me if/because I_have_borne to_him/it three sons therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_called his/its_name Lēvī. **35** And_ _she/it_conceived/became_pregnant again and_she/it_gave_ _birth a_son and_she/it_said the_time//this_time I_will_praise ÐOM **YHWH** therefore yes/correct/thus/so she_called his/its_ _name Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_she_stopped from_bearing_ _children.
30:1 And_ Rāḥēl _she/it_saw if/because_that not she_had_ _borne_children to_Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) and_ Rāḥēl _she_was_ _jealous of_sister_of_her and_she/it_said to Ya'$_a$qov come_NOW to/for_me children and_if not I am_about_to_die. **2** And_ the_ _anger of_Ya'$_a$qov _it_glowed/burnt on_Rāḥēl and_he/it_said in_place_of god am_I who he_has_withheld from_you fruit_of the_womb. **3** And_she/it_said HERE maidservant_of_my Bilhāh go to_her/it so_that_she_may_bear_children on knees_of_my and_ also I _so_that_I_may_be_built_up from_her. **4** And_she_ _gave to_him/it ÐOM Bilhāh maidservant_of_her to/for_(a)_ _woman and_he_went to_her/it Ya'$_a$qov. **5** And_ Bilhāh _she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth to_ _Ya'$_a$qov a_son. **6** And_ Rāḥēl _she/it_said he_has_vindicated_ _me god and_also he_has_listened to_voice_of_my and_he_has_ _given to_me a_son therefore yes/correct/thus/so she_called his/its_name Dān. **7** And_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant again and_ Bilhāh the_maidservant_of Rāḥēl _she/it_gave_birth a_son second to_Ya'$_a$qov. **8** And_ Rāḥēl _she/it_said wrestling(s)_of god I_have_wrestled with sister_of_my also I_ _have_prevailed and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Naftālī. **9** And_ Lē'āh _she/it_saw if/because_that she_had_ _stopped from_bearing_children and_she/it_took ÐOM Zilpah maidservant_of_her and_she/it_gave ÐOM_her/it to_ _Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) to/for_(a)_woman. **10** And_ Zilpah the_ _maidservant_of Lē'āh _she/it_gave_birth to_Ya'$_a$qov a_son.

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11 And_ Lē'āh _she/it_said in/on/at/with[144] and_she/it_ _called/named ÐOM his/its_name Gād. **12** And_ Zilpah the_ _maidservant_of Lē'āh _she/it_gave_birth a_son second to_ _Ya'ₐqov. **13** And_ Lē'āh _she/it_said in_happiness_of_my if/because they_will_call_me_blessed daughters and_she/it_ _called/named ÐOM his/its_name 'Āshēr. **14** And_ Rə'ūvēn _ _he/it_went in_the_days_of the_harvest_of wheat(s) and_he_ _found mandrakes in_the_field and_he/it_brought ÐOM_them to Lē'āh his/its_mother and_ Rāḥēl _she/it_said to Lē'āh give please to_me some_of_the_mandrakes_of your_son_of_your. **15** And_she/it_said to/for_her/it small was_your_taking ÐOM husband_of_my and_taking also ÐOM the_mandrakes_of my_ _son_of_my and_ Rāḥēl _she/it_said for_so/thus/hence he_will_ _lie with_you the_night for the_mandrakes_of your_son_of_ _your. **16** And_ Ya'ₐqov _he_came from the_field in_evening and_ Lē'āh _she_went_out to_meet_him and_she/it_said to_me you_will_come if/because actually_(hire) I_have_hired_you for_ _the_mandrakes_of my_son_of_my and_he_lay with_her/it in_ _night that. **17** And_ god _he/it_listened to Lē'āh and_she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth to_ _Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) a_son fifth. **18** And_ Lē'āh _she/it_said god he_ _has_given reward_of_my that I_gave maidservant_of_my to_ _husband_of_my and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Yissāskār/(Issachar). **19** And_she/it_conceived/became_ _pregnant again Lē'āh and_she/it_gave_birth a_son sixth to_ _Ya'ₐqov.[145] **20** And_ Lē'āh _she/it_said he_has_endowed_me god ÐOM_me an_endowment good the_time//this_time he_will_ _honour_me husband_of_my if/because I_have_borne to_ _him/it six sons and_she/it_called/named ÐOM his/its_name Zəvūlūn. **21** And_after she_bore a_daughter and_she/it_ _called/named ÐOM his/its_name Dināh. **22** And_ god _he_ _remembered ÐOM Rāḥēl and_he/it_listened to_her/it god and_ _he_opened ÐOM her_womb/uterus. **23** And_she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_said god he_has_removed ÐOM reproach_of_my. **24** And_she/it_called/named ÐOM his/its_name Yōṣēf/(Joseph) to_say **YHWH** may_he_add to_me a_son another.

25 And_he/it_was just_as Rāḥēl she_had_borne ÐOM Yōṣēf and_ Ya'ₐqov _he/it_said to Lāvān send_me_off so_that_I_may_go to place_of_my and_to_land_of_my. **26** Give ÐOM wives_of_my and_ _ÐOM children_of_my whom I_have_served you for_them so_ _that_I_may_go if/because you you_know ÐOM service_of_my which I_have_served_you. **27** And_he/it_said to_him/it Lāvān if please I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your I_have_learned_by_ _divination and_he_has_blessed_me **YHWH** on_account_of_of_ _you. **28** And_he_said designate wage[s]_of_your on_me and_I_ _will_give_it. **29** And_he/it_said to_him/it you you_know ÐOM how I_have_served_you and_ÐOM how livestock_of_your it_has_ _been with_me. **30** If/because a_little which it_belonged to/for_ _yourself(m) to/for_my_face/front and_it_has_increased to_

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him 'Gad' (which means 'fortunate'). **12** Then Le'ah's slave Zilpah produced a second son for Ya'akov, **13** and Le'ah said, "How blessed I am because women will call me blessed." So she named him 'Asher' (which means 'blessed').

14 One day during the wheat harvest, Re'uven went out and found some mandrake plants[143] in the countryside and brought them home to Le'ah his mother. Then Rahel asked Le'ah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

15 "Is it a small matter you have taken my husband?" Le'ah snapped back. "And would you also take my son's mandrakes?"

"Well, he can sleep with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes." Rahel answered. **16** So that evening when Ya'akov came home from the countryside, Le'ah went out to meet him and told him, "You must come to me tonight because I've hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he slept with her that night.

17 God listened to Le'ah and she got pregnant and produced a fifth son for Ya'akov, **18** saying, "God has given me my reward because I gave my slave to my husband to sleep with." So she named him 'Yisakar' (Issachar) (which means 'reward'). **19** Then Le'ah got pregnant again and produced a sixth son for Ya'akov, **20** saying, "God has given me a nice present. This time my husband will honour me because I have produced six sons for him." So she called his name 'Zevulun' (which might mean 'honour'). **21** Later on, Le'ah had a daughter and named her Dinah.

22 Then God paid attention to Rahel and listened to her and enabled her to conceive, **23** so she got pregnant and produced a son, and said, "God has taken away my disgrace." **24** She named him 'Yosef' (Joseph) (which means 'may he give another'), saying, "May Yahweh add another son to me."

Ya'akov prospers at Lavan's expense

25 Sometime after Rahel (Rachel) had given birth to Yosef (Joseph), Ya'akov (Jacob) said to Lavan (Laban), "Send me off now, so that I can return to my place and to my land. **26** Let me take my wives that I worked for you for, and take my children so that I can leave, because you yourself know how long and hard I've worked for you."

27 But Lavan replied, "Please stay, if I've found favour in your eyes because I've learnt by divination that Yahweh has blessed me because of you." **28** Then he added, "Tell me how much you want and I'll pay you that."

143 RV 30:14 · Note The mandrake plants were believed to increase fertility, but it's not clear from the text which part of the plant was used or how they were applied.

144 LV 30:11 · Note OSHB variant note: דג/ב: (x-qere) 'אָבִי': lemma_935 morph_HVqrmsa id_01Q3H דָּגָן 'אָבִי': lemma_1409 n_1 morph_HNcmsa id_01gKG דָּגָן

145 LV 30:19 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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29 "You yourself know how well I've served you and how your
livestock have prospered with me." Ya'akov replied. 30 Before I
came, you didn't have much, but now you have plenty because
Yahweh has blessed you wherever I was involved. But now, when
will I also do something for my own household?"
31 "What should I give you?" Lavan asked.
"You don't have to *give* me anything," Ya'akov replied. "If you'll
do this one thing for me, I'll continue taking care of your flocks:
32 Let me look through all your flocks today and separate out
from them all the lambs that are speckled, spotted, or
dark-coloured, and all the young goats that are spotted or speck-
led. They will be my pay. 33 So in the future, you'll be able to see
that I've been honest because you'll be able to see it for yourself:
any goat that's not speckled and spotted, and any sheep that's
not dark-coloured, if it's in my flock then it must have been
stolen."
34 "Okay then, let's do it your way." Lavan agreed. 35 But that
very day, he removed the male goats that were streaked and
spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted,
any that had white on it, and all the dark-coloured ones among
the lambs. Then he gave them to his sons to look after, 36 and
they took them a three-day journey away from where Ya'akov
was, so Ya'akov was left just tending *the rest* of Lavan's flocks.
37 Then Ya'akov got some freshly cut branches of poplar and
almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them by ex-
posing the white that was inside the branches. 38 Then he put
the branches that he had peeled in the water troughs where the
flocks would see them when they came to drink, and they mated
when they came to drink. 39 Thus the flocks would mate by the
striped branches, and they would bear young who were
streaked, speckled, and spotted.
40 Then Ya'akov separated out those young animals into a sep-
arate flock, and he made the older flocks look at the streaked
and all the dark-coloured animals in Lavan's flocks. So he kept
his own flocks by themselves and didn't mix them with Lavan's
flocks.
41 So whenever the strong animals were ready to mate, then
Ya'akov put the branches in the troughs in front of the flocks so
that they would mate by the branches, 42 but when the animals
were weak, he didn't put them in. So the weak animals went to
Lavan and the strong ones to Ya'akov 43 so he became very
wealthy, and he owned large flocks as well as male and female
slaves, and camels and donkeys.

Ya'akov flees from Lavan

31:1 One day, Ya'akov (Jacob) overheard
the words of Lavan's (Laban's) sons who
were saying, "Ya'akov has taken everything that belonged to our
father, and from what originally belonged to our father he has
gained all this wealth." 2 Then Ya'akov also noticed that Lavan's
attitude towards him had changed, and he wasn't in favour of

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_increase_in_number and_ **YHWH** _he/it_blessed you to_foot_
_of_my and_now when also I will_I_work for_my_own_of_
_household. 31 And_he/it_said what will_I_give to/for_you(fs)
and_ Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he/it_said not you_will_give to_me
anything if you_will_do to/for_me the_thing the_this I_will_
_return I_will_tend flock_of_your I_will_protect_it. 32 Let_me_
_pass in_all flock_of_your the_day I_will_remove from_there
every_of sheep speckled and_spotted and_all sheep dark
among_rams and_the_spotted and_the_speckled among_goats
and_it_was wage[s]_of_my. 33 And_it_will_testify for_me
righteousness_of_my in/on_day in_future_time if/because you_
_will_come on wage[s]_of_my to_your_face all that not_it is_
_speckled and_spotted among_goats and_dark among_rams it
is_stolen with_me. 34 And_ Lāvˇān _he/it_said THERE if let_it_be
according_to_of_your_message. 35 And_he_removed in_the_day
(the)_that ᴅᴏᴍ the_male_goats (the)_striped and_(the)_spotted
and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_female_goats (the)_speckled and_(the)_
_spotted all that white in/on/over_him/it and_all dark_one
among_rams and_he/it_gave in_the_hand_of his_sons_of_his.
36 And_he/it_assigned a_journey_of three_of days between_
_himself and_between Ya'ₐqovˇ and_Ya'ₐqovˇ was_pasturing ᴅᴏᴍ
the_flock_of Lāvˇān which_remained. 37 And_he/it_took to_
_him/it Ya'ₐqovˇ branch[es]_of poplar fresh and_almond and_
_plane_tree[146] and_he_stripped on_them strips white the_
_peeling_of the_white_wood which was_on the_branches.
38 And_he_placed ᴅᴏᴍ the_branches which he_had_stripped in_
_troughs in_the_watering_channels_of the_waters which the_
_flock they_came to_drink to_the_front_of the_flock and_they_
_were_in_heat when_came_they to_drink. 39 And_ the_flock _
_they_were_in_heat to the_branches and_ the_flock _they_bore
striped_ones speckled_ones and_spotted_ones. 40 And_the_
_young_rams Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) he_separated and_he/it_gave
the_faces_of the_flock to the_striped and_all dark_one among_
_the_flock_of Lāvˇān and_he_made to_him/it flocks for_him/it_
_being_alone and_not he_put_them with the_flock_of Lāvˇān.
41 And_it_was in_all of_the_sheep (the)_vigorous_female the_
_being_in_heat and_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he_put_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_branches to_
_the_eyes_of the_sheep in_troughs it_to_be_in_heat at_
_branches. 42 And_when_ the_sheep _was_feeble not he_put_
_them_out and_ the_enfeebled_ones _it_was belonged_to_
_Lāvˇān and_the_vigorous_ones belonged_to_Ya'ₐqovˇ. 43 And_
the_man _he_increased very very and_he/it_was to_him/it
sheep many and_female_servants and_male_servants and_
_camels and_donkeys.

31:1 And_he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_sons_
_of Lāvˇān to_say Ya'ₐqovˇ he_has_taken ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that
belonged_to_father_of_our and_from_that_which belonged_to_
_father_of_our he_has_acquired ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_abundance
(the)_this. 2 And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_face_of Lāvˇān
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not_he with_him/it as_yesterday three_
_days_ago. 3 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Ya'ₐqovˇ return to the_

146 LV 30:37 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_land_of your(pl)_fathers_of_your and_to_kindred_of_your and_ _I_will_be with_you. **4** And_ Ya´ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) _he_sent and_ _he/it_called (to)_Rāḥēl and_(to)_Lē'āh the_field to his/its_ _flock_of_sheep/goats. **5** And_he/it_said to_them I am_seeing ÐOM the_face_of your_father_of_your(pl) if/because_that not_ _he to_me as_yesterday three_days_ago and_the_god_of my_ _father_of_my he_has_been with_me. **6** And_you(pl) you(pl)_ _know if/because_that in_all strength_of_my I_have_served ÐOM father_of_your(pl). **7** And_father_of_your(pl) he_has_ _deceived (in)_me and_he_has_changed ÐOM wage[s]_of_my ten_of times and_not he_has_permitted_him god to_do_harm with_me. **8** If thus he_said speckled_ones it_will_be wage[s]_of_ _your and_ all_of the_flock _they_gave_birth speckled_ones and_if thus he_said striped_ones it_will_be wage[s]_of_your and_ all_of the_flock _they_gave_birth striped_ones. **9** And_ god _he_has_taken_away ÐOM the_livestock_of your_father_of_ _your(pl) and_he_has_given_it to_me. **10** And_he/it_was at_the_ _time_of the_flock was_in_heat and_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw in_a_dream and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_male_goats which_were_going_up on the_flock were_striped speckled and_ _mottled. **11** And_he/it_said to_me the_messenger_of the_ _'Elohīm in_a_dream Oh_Ya´ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) and_I_said here_I_am. **12** And_he/it_said lift_up please eyes_of_your and_see all_of the_male_goats which_are_going_up on the_flock are_striped speckled and_mottled if/because I_have_seen ÐOM all_of that Lāⱱān is_doing to_you. **13** I am_the_god of_Bēyt-'ēl where you_ _anointed there a_pillar where you_vowed to/for_me there a_ _vow now arise go_out from the_earth/land (the)_this and_ _return to the_land_of your_kindred_of_your. **14** And_ Rāḥēl and_Lē'āh _she_answered and_they_said to_him/it still to/for_ _us does_a_share and_an_inheritance in_house_of our_father_ _of_our. **15** Am_not foreigners are_we_accounted to_him/it if/because he_has_sold_us and_he_has_consumed also completely_(consume) ÐOM money_of_our. **16** If/because all_of the_wealth which god he_has_taken_away from_father_of_our to/for_us it and_to_children_of_our and_now all that god he_ _has_said to_you do. **17** And_ Ya´ₐqoⱱ _he/it_rose_up and_he_ _lifted_up ÐOM children_of_his and_ÐOM wives_of_his on (the)_ _camels. **18** And_he_drove ÐOM all_of livestock_of_his and_ÐOM all_of possession[s]_of_his which he_had_accumulated the_ _livestock_of his_acquisition_of_his which he_had_accumulated in_Paddan- aram to_go to Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) his/its_father towards_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan). **19** And_Lāⱱān he_had_gone to_shear ÐOM his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats and_ Rāḥēl _she_ _stole ÐOM the_teraphim which belonged_to_father_of_her. **20** And_ Ya´ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) _he_stole ÐOM the_heart_of Lāⱱān the_ _'Arammiy on not he_told to_him/it if/because_that he was_ _about_to_flee. **21** And_ he and_all that to_him/it _he_fled and_ _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_passed_through ÐOM the_river and_ _he/it_assigned ÐOM his/its_faces/face the_hill_country_of (the)_Gil'ād.

22 And_it_was_told to_Lāⱱān in_the_day the_third if/because_ _that Ya´ₐqoⱱ he_had_fled. **23** And_he/it_took ÐOM relatives_of_ _his with_him/it and_he_pursued after_him a_journey_of seven_of days and_he_overtook ÐOM_him/it in_the_hill_

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him like he'd been in the past. **3** Then Yahweh told Ya'akov, "Go back to the land of your ancestors and to your relatives, and I'll be with you."

4 So Ya'akov sent for Rahel (Rachel) and Le'ah to come to him out in the countryside where he was with his flocks **5** and he told them, "I've noticed your father's attitude and that he's not positive toward me like he was a few days ago, but my father's god has been with me. **6** You both know that I've served your father with all my strength, **7** but your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times. However, God hasn't allowed him to harm me. **8** When he told me: 'The speckled animals will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore speckled young. But when he told me: 'The streaked ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked young. **9** In that way, God took your father's animals away from him and gave them to me.

10 "One day during the season when the flocks were mating, I looked up and saw in a dream that, wow, the male goats that were mounting the flocks were streaked, speckled, and spotted. **11** Then God's messenger said to me in the dream, 'Ya'akov!' and I said, 'I'm listening.' **12** Then he told me, 'Please look up and observe that all the male goats that are mounting the flocks are streaked, speckled, and spotted, because I have seen everything that Lavan (Laban) is doing to you. **13** I'm the god of Beyt-El (Bethel), where you anointed a pillar—where you vowed a vow to me.[147] Now pack up and depart from this land, and return to the land where you were born.' "

14 Then Rahel (Rachel) and Le'ah replied, "Yes, we're not expecting any portion or inheritance from our father's property. **15** Doesn't he just treat us like foreigners now? Yes, he sold us and then he frittered away all the money that should have been ours, **16** so all the wealth that God took from our father belonged to us and to our children anyway. So yes, go ahead and do everything that God's told you to do."

17 So Ya'akov packed up and put his wives and children on the camels. **18** Then he drove all his livestock and all his property that he had acquired—the livestock in his possession that he had acquired in Padan-Aram—to go back to Yitshak (Isaac) his father in the Kena'an (Canaan) region. **19** Now Lavan had gone off for several days to shear his sheep, so Rahel stole the idols that belonged to her father, **20** and Ya'akov deceived Lavan (the Arami (Syrian)) by not telling him that they all were leaving. **21** So Ya'akov took his household and everything that belonged to them and crossed the Perat (Euphrates) River and headed upward toward the hill-country of Gilead.

Lavan catches up to Ya'akov

22 Three days later, Lavan (Laban) was informed that Ya'akov (Jacob) had fled with his family, **23** so he took some of his relatives with him and

147 RV 31:13 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:18-22.

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chased after Ya'akov and his family for seven days until they overtook them in the hill-country of Gilead. **24** But that night God appeared to Lavan the Arami (Syrian) in a dream and told him, "Watch yourself that you don't say anything to Ya'akov, either good or bad." **25** When Lavan had caught up to Ya'akov, Ya'akov had pitched their tents in the hills, so Lavan with his relatives also pitched theirs on the Gilead hills.

26 Then Lavan said to Ya'akov, "What have you done? You've deceived me and carried away my daughters like prisoners of war. **27** Why did you flee secretly and deceive me and not tell me? I would have sent you all off with music and singing and a cheery party. **28** You didn't let me kiss my grandchildren goodbye and my daughters, instead you made a foolish decision. **29** I have the right and the ability to punish you, but last night your father's god told me, 'Be careful not to speak either good or bad to Ya'akov.' **30** So now, you probably left because you miss your father's place badly, but why did you steal my gods?"

31 "We left like that," Ya'akov answered Lavan, "because I was afraid, because I said that perhaps you would use force to take your married daughters from me. **32** As for your idols, anyone you find your gods with will be put to death. Look through everything we have and take back anything that belongs to you, with our relatives as witnesses." (Now Ya'akov didn't know that Rahel (Rachel) had stolen them.)

33 So Lavan inspected Ya'akov's and Le'ah's tents, and the tent of the two slave women, but he didn't find anything. Then he came out of Le'ah's tent and went into Rahel's tent. **34** Now Rahel had taken the idols and put them in the camel's saddle which she was now sitting on, so although Lavan searched throughout her entire tent, he didn't find them, **35** and she said to her father, "Don't let my master be upset that I'm not able to stand up in your presence, because I have the regular female concern at the moment." So he searched, but he didn't find the idols.

36 So Ya'akov got very angry and he argued with Lavan, demanding from him, "What's my crime? What's my sin, that you've hotly chased after me? **37** Since you've searched through all our things, what things from *your* house have you found? Put it here in front of my relatives and your relatives, and let them judge between the two of us!

38 "I've worked for you for twenty years. Your ewes and your female goats didn't miscarry, and I haven't eaten rams from your flocks. **39** I didn't bring dead sheep or goats to you that had been attacked by wild animals—I bore the loss of those myself. You required that I cover anything stolen during the day or during the night. **40** I was always out there—during the day the heat tormented me, and at night the frost so bad that I couldn't sleep. **41** That's how it was for me for twenty years in your house. I worked for you for fourteen years for your two daughters, then six more years for your flocks, and you changed my wages ten times to your advantage. **42** If my father's god—the god of Avraham and the one Yitshak (Isaac) respected—had not been with me, surely you would have sent me away empty-handed now.

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_country_of (the)_Gil'ād. **24** And_ god _he_came to Lāvān the_ _'Arammiy in_(the)_dream the_night and_he/it_said to_him/it take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest you_should_speak with Ya'ₐqov from_good unto bad. **25** And_ Lāvān _he_overtook ÐOM Ya'ₐqov and_Ya'ₐqov he_had_pitched ÐOM tent_of_his in_ _country and_Lāvān he_pitched_tent with relatives_of_his in_ _the_hill_country_of (the)_Gil'ād. **26** And_ Lāvān _he/it_said to_ _Ya'ₐqov what have_you_done and_you_have_stolen ÐOM heart_ _of_my and_you_have_led_away ÐOM daughters_of_my like_ _one_taken_captive_of the_sword. **27** To/for_what did_you_ _hide_yourself to_flee and_did_you_steal ÐOM_me and_not did_ _you_tell to/for_me and_I_sent_you_away with_gladness and_ _with_songs with_tambourine and_with_harp. **28** And_not did_ _you_allow_me to_kiss (to)_sons_of_my and_(to)_daughters_of_ _my now you_have_behaved_foolishly to_do. **29** There_is to_ _the_power_of my_hand_of_my for_doing with_you(pl) harm and_the_god_of your_father_of_your(pl) last_night he_said to_ _me to_say take_heed to/for_yourself(m) from_speaking with Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) from_good unto bad. **30** And_now actually_(go) you_have_gone if/because greatly_(long) you_longed for_the_ _household_of your_father_of_your to/for_what did_you_steal ÐOM gods_of_my. **31** And_ Ya'ₐqov _he_answered and_he/it_said to_Lāvān if/because I_was_afraid if/because I_said lest you_ _should_tear_away ÐOM daughters_of_your from_with_me. **32** With anyone_whom you_will_find ÐOM gods_of_your not he_ _will_live before relatives_of_our investigate to/for_ _yourself(m) what with_me and_take_it to/for_you(fs) and_not Ya'ₐqov he_knew if/because_that Rāḥēl she_had_stolen_them. **33** And_ Lāvān _he_went in_the_tent_of Ya'ₐqov and_in_the_ _tent_of Lē'āh and_in_the_tent_of the_two_of the_maidservants and_not he_found_them and_he/it_went_out from_the_tent_of Lē'āh and_he_went in_the_tent_of Rāḥēl. **34** And_Rāḥēl she_ _had_taken ÐOM the_teraphim and_she_had_put_them in_the_ _saddlebag_of the_camel and_she_sat on_them and_ Lāvān _he_ _searched ÐOM all_of the_tent and_not he_found_them. **35** And_ _she/it_said to father_of_her not let_it_burn in/on_both_eyes_ _of my_master if/because not I_am_able to_rise from_before_ _of_you if/because the_way_of women to_me and_he_searched and_not he_found ÐOM the_teraphim. **36** And_it_glowed/burnt to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_he_quarrelled with_Lāvān and_ Ya'ₐqov _he_answered and_he/it_said to_Lāvān what transgression_of_is_my what sin_of_is_my that/for/because/then/when you_have_hotly_pursued after_ _me. **37** That/for/because/then/when you_have_searched ÐOM all_of things_of_my what did_you_find from_all the_things_of your_household_of_your put_it thus before relatives_of_my and_relatives_of_your so_that_they_may_decide between the_ _two_of_of_us. **38** This twenty year[s] I have_been_with_you ewes_of_your and_your(pl)_female_of_goats not they_have_ _miscarried and_the_rams_of your_flock_of_your not I_have_ _eaten. **39** A_torn_animal not I_brought to_you I I_bore_the_ _loss_of_it from_hand_of_my you_required_it one_stolen_of day and_one_stolen_of night. **40** I_was in_day it_consumed_me heat and_frost in_night and_ sleep_of_my _it_fled from_eyes_of_my. **41** This to/for_me twenty year[s] in_household_of_your I_ _served_you four- teen year[s] for_the_two_of daughters_of_ _your and_six years for_flock[s]_of_your and_you_changed ÐOM wage[s]_of_my ten_of times. **42** If_not the_god_of my_father_of_

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_my the_god_of 'Avrāhām and_the_fear_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) he_
_had_been to_me if/because now empty you_sent_me_away
ᵭᵯ affliction_of_my and_ᵭᵯ the_toil_of[148] my_hands_of_our
god he_has_seen and_he_decided last_night.

43 And_ Lāvān _he_answered and_he/it_said to Ya'aqov/(Jacob)
the_daughters daughters_of_are_my and_the_children
children_of_are_my and_the_flock flock_of_is_my and_
_all/each/any/every that you are_seeing to_me it and_for_
_daughters_of_my what will_I_do for_these the_day or for_
_children_of_their whom they_have_borne. 44 And_now come I
and_you let_us_make a_covenant and_it_was (into)_a_witness
between_me and_between_you. 45 And_ Ya'aqov _he/it_took a_
_stone and_he_raised_it_up a_pillar. 46 And_ Ya'aqov _he/it_
_said to_relatives_of_his gather stones and_they_took stones
and_they_made a_heap and_they_ate there at the_heap.
47 And_he/it_called to_him/it Lāvān Jegar Sahadutha and_
_Ya'aqov he_called to_him/it Galeed. 48 And_ Lāvān _he/it_said
the_heap the_this is_a_witness between_me and_between_you
the_day therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_called his/its_
name[149] Galeed. 49 And(the)_Mitspāh that he_said **YHWH**
may_he_keep_watch between_me and_between_you if/because
we_will_be_hidden each from_neighbour_of_his. 50 If you_will_
_mistreat ᵭᵯ daughters_of_my and_if you_will_take wives to
daughters_of_my there_is_not anyone with_us see god is_a_
_witness between_me and_between_you. 51 And_ Lāvān _he/it_
_said to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) HERE the_heap the_this and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_pillar[150] which I_have_set_up between_
_me and_between_you. 52 Is_a_witness the_heap the_this and_
_is_a_witness the_pillar if I not I_will_pass_beyond to_you ᵭᵯ
the_heap the_this and_if you not you_will_pass_beyond to_me
ᵭᵯ the_heap the_this and_ᵭᵯ the_pillar (the)_this for_harm.
53 The_god_of 'Avrāhām and_the_god_of Nāḥōr may_they_
_judge between_us the_god_of their_father_of_their and_
Ya'aqov _he_swore by_the_fear_of his/its_father
Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). 54 And_ Ya'aqov _he/it_sacrificed a_sacrifice
in_country and_he/it_called (to)_relatives_of_his to_eat food
and_they_ate food and_they_stayed_the_night in_country.
32:1 [151] And_ Lāvān _he_rose_early in_morning and_he_kissed
(to)_sons_of_his and_(to)_daughters_of_his and_he/it_blessed
them and_he/it_went and_ Lāvān _he_returned to_his_own_of_
_place.

2 [152] And_Ya'aqov he_went to_way_of_his and_they_met in_
_him/it the_messengers_of god. 3 [153] And_ Ya'aqov _he/it_said
just_as he_saw_them is_the_camp_of god this and_he/it_called
the_name_of the_place (the)_that Maḥanāyim.

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God has seen my suffering and my hard work, and last night, he rebuked you."

Ya'akov and Lavan make a treaty

43 Then Lavan (Laban) responded and told Ya'akov (Jacob), "These women are my daughters, and the children are my grandchildren, and the flocks are my flocks. Everything that you see here belongs to me. But what can I do today about these daughters of mine or about their children that they gave birth to? 44 So come now, let's make an agreement, I and you, and let it be a witness between me and you."

45 So Ya'akov took a stone and stood it up longways as a pillar, 46 then he instructed his relatives, "Gather stones." So they fetched stones and made a pile, then they ate there by the pile. 47 Lavan gave the pile the Aramit name 'Yegar Sahadutha' (which means 'pile that reminds') while Ya'akov gave it the Hebrew name 'Gal'ed' (which has the same meaning).

48 Then Lavan said, "This pile is a witness of the agreement between me and you today." (That's why he'd named it Gal'ed.) 49 It's also named 'Mitspah' (which means 'watchtower'), because he said, "May Yahweh watch between me and you when we are hidden one from the other. 50 If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take other wives besides my daughters, even though there's not someone there to see it, listen, God will be a witness between me and you." 51 Then Lavan said to Ya'akov, "Look at this pile of stones, and look at the pillar which I set up between me and you. 52 This pile is a witness and the pillar is a witness that I won't go past these to you, and that you won't go past these to me to do harm. 53 May Avraham's god and the gods of their ancestor Nahor judge between us." Then Ya'akov swore by the one respected by his father Yitshak (Isaac), 54 and Ya'akov offered a sacrifice on the hill. Then he called his relatives to eat bread and they ate bread and spent the night on the hill. 55 In the morning, Lavan got up early and gave his grandchildren and his daughters a kiss, and he blessed them. Then he left and returned to his place.

Ya'akov encounters God's messengers

32:1 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) continued on his way with his family and flocks, and some of God's messengers met him 2 and when he saw them, Ya'akov said, "This must be God's army camp." So he named that place 'Mahanayim' (which means 'two camps').

148 **LV 31:42 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

149 **LV 31:48 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

150 **LV 31:51 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

151 **LV 32:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.31.55

152 **LV 32:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.1

153 **LV 32:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.2

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Ya'akov sends gifts ahead for Esav

3 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esav (Esau) in the Se'ir region in the country of Edom, 4 instructing them, "This is what you'll say to my master, to Esav: 'This is what your servant Ya'akov says, "I have been staying with Uncle Lavan (Laban) and have remained there until now. 5 Now I have cattle and donkeys, flocks, and male and female slaves. And I've sent these messengers to speak with my master, so that I'll find favour in your eyes." ' "

6 In due course the messengers returned to Ya'akov, saying, "We went to your brother Esav and now he's coming to meet you along with his four hundred men!" 7 This made Ya'akov very scared and distressed, so he divided the people who were with him and the flocks and the herds and the camels into two groups, 8 reasoning, "If Esav comes and attacks one camp, then the camp that's left can escape."

9 Then he prayed, "Yahweh, God of my grandfather Avraham, and God of my father Yitshak (Isaac), who said to me, 'Return to your land and to your relatives, and I will cause things to prosper with you,' 10 I'm unworthy of all the kindnesses and of all the faithfulness that you have shown me your slave, because I crossed this Yarden (Jordan) River with only my staff, but now I've become two camps. 11 Please save me from my brother Esav, because I'm afraid that he'll come and attack me and the mothers with the children. 12 But you said, 'I will surely cause things to prosper with you, and I'll make your descendants as numerous as the sand grains on the beach which are too many to be counted.' "[154]

13 Then he stayed there for that night and he selected gifts for his brother Esav from what he had with him: 14 two hundred female and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty milk camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female and ten male donkeys. 16 Then he handed them over to his slaves, each herd by itself, and he told

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4 [155] And_ Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) _he_sent messengers before_him to ʹĒsāv his/its_brother towards_land of_Sēʹīr the_region_of ʾEdōm. 5 [156] And_he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ_them to_say thus you(pl)_will_say to_master_of_my to_ʹĒsāv thus servant_of_ _your Ya'$_a$qov he_says with Lāvān I_have_sojourned and_I_ _have_delayed until now. 6 [157] And_he/it_was to_me ox[en] and_donkey[s] flock[s] and_male_servants and_female_ _servant[s] and_I_have_sent to_announce to_master_of_my to_ _find favour in_eyes_of_your. 7 [158] And_ the_messengers _they_ _returned to Ya'$_a$qov to_say we_went to your(ms)_ _brother/kindred to ʹĒsāv and_also he_is_coming to_meet_you and_four hundred(s) man with_him/it. 8 [159] And_ Ya'$_a$qov _he_ _was_afraid exceedingly and_it_was_distress to_him/it and_he_ _divided ᴅᴏᴍ the_people which with_him/it and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_flock and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_herd and_the_camels into_two_of camps. 9 [160] And_he/it_said if ʹĒsāv he_will_come to the_camp the_one(f) and_he_will_attack_it and_it_was the_camp which_remains (into)_an_escaped_remnant. 10 [161] And_ Ya'$_a$qov _he/it_said Oh_god_of my_father_of_my ʾAvrāhām and_the_god_of my_ _father_of_my Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) Oh_**YHWH** who_said to_me return to_land_of_your and_to_kindred_of_your and_I_will_do_ _good with_you. 11 [162] I_am_too_insignificant from_all the_ _covenant_loyalti(es) and_for_all_of the_faithfulness which you_have_done with servant_of_your if/because with_staff_of_ _my I_passed_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_this and_now I_have_become (into)_two_of camps. 12 [163] Deliver_me please from_the_hand_of my_brother/kindred from_the_hand_of ʹĒsāv if/because am_fearing I ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it lest he_should_come and_he_will_attack_me mother with children. 13 [164] And_ _you(ms) you_have_said certainly_(do_good) I_will_do_good with_you and_I_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_seed/fruit like_the_ _sand_of the_sea which not it_will_be_counted from_multitude. 14 [165] And_he_stayed_the_night there in_night (the)_that and_ _he/it_took some_of (the)_that_which_came in_hand_of_his a_ _gift for_ʹĒsāv his/its_brother. 15 [166] Female_goats two_ _hundred and_male_goats twenty ewes two_hundred and_rams twenty. 16 [167] Camels milking and_young_of_their thirty cows forty and_bulls ten female_donkeys twenty and_male_

154 **RV 32:12 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:17.
155 **LV 32:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.3
156 **LV 32:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.4
157 **LV 32:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.5
158 **LV 32:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.6
159 **LV 32:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.7
160 **LV 32:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.8
161 **LV 32:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.9
162 **LV 32:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.10
163 **LV 32:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.11
164 **LV 32:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.12
165 **LV 32:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.13
166 **LV 32:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.14
167 **LV 32:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.15

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_donkeys[168] ten. **17** [169] And_he/it_gave in_the_hand_of his_ _servants_of_his herd herd for_him/it_being_alone and_he/it_ _said to servants_of_his pass_over to/for_my_face/front and_a_ _space you(pl)_will_put between a_herd and_between a_herd. **18** [170] And_he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ the_first to_say if/because he_will_meet_you[171] ʹĒsāv my_brother/kindred and_he_will_ _ask_you[172] to_say belong_to_whom you and_where are_you_ _going and_belong_to_whom these_animals before_you. **19** [173] And_you_will_say to_servant_of_your to_Yaʹₐqovʿ/(Jacob) a_gift it has_been_sent to_master_of_my to_ʹĒsāv and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE also he is_behind_us. **20** [174] And_he/it_ _commanded both ᴅᴏᴍ the_second as_well_as ᴅᴏᴍ the_third as_well_as ᴅᴏᴍ all_of those_who_were_going behind the_herds to_say according_the_manner the_this you(pl)_will_speak to ʹĒsāv when_find_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **21** [175] And_you(pl)_will_ _say also THERE servant_of_your Yaʹₐqovʿ is_behind_us if/because he_said I_will_cover face_of_his by_gift which_is_ _going before_me and_after thus I_will_see face_of_his perhaps he_will_lift_up face_of_my. **22** [176] And_ the_gift _it_passed_on on his/its_faces/face and_he was_staying_the_night in_night (the)_that in_camp.

23 [180] And_he/it_rose_up in_night that and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of wives_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of maidservants_of_ _his and_ᴅᴏᴍ one_plus ten sons_of_his and_he_passed_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_ford_of Yaboq/(Jabbok). **24** [181] And_he_took_them and_he_sent_them_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_wadi and_he_sent_over ᴅᴏᴍ that_which to_him/it.[182] **25** [183] And_ Yaʹₐqovʿ/(Jacob) _he_ _remained for_him/it_being_alone and_ a_man _he_wrestled with_him/it until the_dawn came_up. **26** [184] And_he/it_saw if/because_that not he_prevailed to_him/it and_he_touched (in)_the_socket_of his_thigh_of_his and_ the_socket_of the_ _thigh_of Yaʹₐqovʿ _it_was_dislocated when_wrestled_he with_ _him/it. **27** [185] And_he/it_said let_me_go if/because the_dawn it_has_come_up and_he/it_said not I_will_let_you_go

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them, "Go ahead of me one by one, and keep a space between each herd." **17** And he instructed the first one, saying, "When Esav my brother meets you and asks you, saying, 'Who do you belong to, and where are you going? And who do those animals belong to?' **18** then you should answer, 'They belong to your servant Ya'akov (Jacob). They are a gift sent to my master Esav. In fact, he's coming along behind us.' " **19** Then Ya'akov also instructed the second and third slaves, as well as everyone who followed behind the herds, telling them, "Say the same thing to Esav when you find him, **20** and also say, 'Look, your servant Ya'akov is behind us.' " Ya'akov was thinking, "I'll cheer him up with the gifts that are going ahead of me, and after that, when I see him in person, perhaps he'll accept me." **21** So the gifts went ahead of him, and he himself stayed in the camp for that night.

Ya'akov gets renamed after fighting at Penuel

22 Then during that night, Ya'akov (Jacob) got up and took his two wives and their two female slaves and his eleven sons and crossed over the ford of the Yabok Stream. **23** After crossing the stream, he also sent across everything else that belonged to him. **24** Then Ya'akov was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until dawn.[177] **25** When the man realised he wasn't gaining on him, he touched Ya'akov on the socket of his hip so that it became dislocated as they wrestled with each other. **26** Then the man said, "Release me now, because it's already dawning."

168 LV 32:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

169 LV 32:17 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.16

170 LV 32:18 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.17

171 LV 32:18 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

172 LV 32:18 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

173 LV 32:19 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.18

174 LV 32:20 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.19

175 LV 32:21 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.20

176 LV 32:22 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.21

177 RV 32:24-26 · Cross-ref. Hos 12:3-4.

180 LV 32:23 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.22

181 LV 32:24 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.23

182 LV 32:24 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

183 LV 32:25 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.24

184 LV 32:26 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.25

185 LV 32:27 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.26

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"I won't release you until you bless me," Ya'akov responded.
27 "What's your name?" the man asked.
"Ya'akov," he replied.
28 "You won't be called Ya'akov anymore," the man said, "but you'll be 'Yisrael' (Israel) (which means 'he struggled with God'), because you have struggled with God and with men, and you won."[178]
29 "Please tell me *your* name," Ya'akov requested.
"Why would you want to know my name?"[179] the man replied, then he blessed Ya'akov there.
30 So Ya'akov named the place 'Penuel' (also spelt 'Peniel', which means 'God's face'), because he said, "I saw God face to face, yet my life was preserved." 31 And the sun rose above him as he passed through Penuel, and he was limping because of his hip. 32 That's why Israelis don't eat the muscle of the tendon that is on the hip socket to this day, because the man touched the socket of Ya'akov's hip on the muscle of the tendon.

Esav and Ya'akov meet peacefully

33:1 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) raised his head and looked ahead, and wow, Esav (Esau) was coming towards him along with his four hundred men. Then Ya'akov quickly divided the children among Le'ah and Rahel (Rachel) and their two female slaves, 2 and he put the slave women and their children first, and then Le'ah and her children after them, and finally Rahel and Yosef (Joseph) after them.
3 Then he himself went ahead of them, and he bowed to the ground seven times as he approached his brother. 4 But Esav ran forward to meet him and embraced him and threw his arms around his neck and kissed him, and they both cried together.
5 Then Esav looked up and saw the women and the children, and asked, "Who are these others with you?"
"The children that God has graciously given to your servant," Ya'akov replied. 6 Then the two female slaves approached with their children, and they bowed down. 7 Next Le'ah also approached with her children, and they bowed down. Then after that, Yosef and Rahel approached, and they bowed down.
8 Then Esav asked, "What were all these groups that I met?"
"To win my master's favour," Ya'akov replied.
9 "I've got plenty, my brother," said Esav. "Keep what belongs to you."
10 "No, please," Ya'akov insisted. "If I've won your favour, then

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if/because (if) you_have_blessed_me. 28 [186] And_he/it_said to_
_him/it what name_of_is_your and_he/it_said Ya'ₐqov. 29 [187]
And_he/it_said not Ya'ₐqov it_will_be_called again name_of_
_your if/because (if) Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because you_have_
_struggled with god and_with people and_you_have_prevailed.
30 [188] And_ Ya'ₐqov _he_asked and_he/it_said tell please
your(ms)_name and_he/it_said to/for_what this do_you_ask to_
_name_of_my and_he/it_blessed ÐOM_him/it there. 31 [189] And_
Ya'ₐqov _he/it_called the_name_of the_place Pənīʾēl if/because
I_have_seen god face to face and_ life_of_my _it_has_been_
_delivered. 32 [190] And_it_rose to_him/it the_sun just_as he_
_passed_over ÐOM Pənūʾēl and_he was_limping on thigh_of_his.
33 [191] Therefore yes/correct/thus/so not the_people_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_eat ÐOM the_tendon_of the_hip_nerve
which is_on the_socket_of the_thigh until the_day the_this
if/because he_touched (in)_the_socket_of the_thigh_of
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) (in)_the_tendon_of the_hip_nerve.

33:1 And_ Ya'ₐqov _he_lifted_up eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE ʿĒsāv was_coming and_were_with_him four
hundred(s) man and_he_divided ÐOM the_youths with Lē'āh
and_with Rāḥēl and_with the_two_of the_maidservants. 2 And_
_he/it_assigned ÐOM the_maidservants and_ÐOM children_of_
_their first and_ÐOM Lē'āh and_children_of_her behind and_ÐOM
Rāḥēl and_ÐOM Yōṣēf/(Joseph) behind. 3 And_he he_passed_on
before_them and_he_bowed_down towards_land seven times
until he_drew_near to his/its_brother. 4 And_ ʿĒsāv _he_ran to_
_meet_him and_he_embraced_him and_he_fell on neck_of_
_his[192] and_he_kissed_him[193] and_they_wept. 5 And_he_lifted_
_up ÐOM eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw ÐOM the_women and_ÐOM
the_youths and_he/it_said who are_these to_you and_he_said
the_youths whom god he_has_shown_favour_to ÐOM servant_
_of_your. 6 And_ the_maidservants they and_children_of_their _
_they_approached and_they_bowed_down. 7 And_ also Lē'āh
and_children_of_her _she_approached and_they_bowed_down
and_after Yōṣēf and_Rāḥēl he_approached and_they_bowed_
_down. 8 And_he/it_said who to/for_yourself(m) is_all_of the_
_camp the_this which I_have_met and_he/it_said to_find favour
in/on_both_eyes_of my_master. 9 And_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_said there_
_belongs to_me much my_brother/kindred let_it_belong
to/for_yourself(m) that_which to/for_you(fs). 10 And_
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _he/it_said no please if please I_have_found
favour in_eyes_of_your and_you_will_accept gift_of_my from_
_hand_of_my if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_

178 **RV 32:28 · Cross-ref.** Gen 35:10.
179 **RV 32:29 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 13:17-18.
186 **LV 32:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.27
187 **LV 32:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.28
188 **LV 32:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.29
189 **LV 32:31 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.30
190 **LV 32:32 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.31
191 **LV 32:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.32
192 **LV 33:4 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
193 **LV 33:4 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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_seen face_of_your like_seeing the_face_of god and_you_have_
_accepted_me_favourably. **11** Take please ÐOM blessing_of_my
which it_was_brought to/for_you(fs) if/because he_has_shown_
_favour_to_me god and_because/when there_belongs to_me
everything and_he_urged in/on/over_him/it and_he_took_it.
12 And_he/it_said let_us_set_out and_let_us_go and_I_will_go
to_before_you. **13** And_he/it_said to_him/it my_master is_
_knowing if/because_that the_youths are_weak and_the_sheep
and_the_cattle are_nursing with_me and_people_will_drive_
_them_hard a_day one and_ all_of the_flock _they_will_die.
14 Let_him_pass_on please my_master to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before servant_of_his and_I I_will_journey_on[194] to_
_my_of_gentleness to_the_foot_of the_property which to/for_
_my_face/front and_to_the_foot_of the_youths until that I_will_
_come to my_master to_Sē῾īr. **15** And_ ῾Ēsāv _he/it_said let_me_
_place please with_you some_of the_people which is_with_me
and_he/it_said to/for_what this let_me_find favour in/on_
_both_eyes_of my_master. **16** And_he_returned in_the_day
(the)_that ῾Ēsāv to_way_of_his to_Sē῾īr. **17** And_Ya῾ₐqov/(Jacob)
he_set_out towards_Ṣukkōt and_he/it_built to_him/it a_house
and_for_livestock_of_his he_made shelters therefore
yes/correct/thus/so he_called the_name_of the_place Ṣukkōt.

18 And_ Ya῾ₐqov _he_came safe the_city_of Shəkem which in_
_land of_Kəna῾an/(Canaan) when_came_he from_Paddan- aram
and_he_camped with the_face_of the_city. **19** And_he_bought
ÐOM the_portion_of the_field where he_had_pitched there tent_
_of_his from_the_hand_of the_sons_of Ḥₐmōr the_father_of
Shəkem for_a_hundred piece[s]_of_money. **20** And_he_set_up
there an_altar and_he/it_called to_him/it ᾽Ēl Elohey_of
Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel).

34:1 And_ Dināh the_daughter_of Lē᾽āh whom she_had_borne
to_Ya῾ₐqov _she_went_out to_see on_the_daughters_of the_
earth/land. **2** And Shəkem the_son_of Ḥₐmōr the_Ḥiūī the_
_chief_of the_earth/land _he/it_saw ÐOM_her/it and_he/it_took
ÐOM_her/it and_he_lay ÐOM_her/it and_he_humiliated_her.
3 And_ self_of_his _it_cleaved to_Dināh the_daughter_of
Ya῾ₐqov and_he_loved ÐOM the_girl and_he/it_spoke to the_
_heart_of the_girl. **4** And_ Shəkem _he/it_said to Ḥₐmōr his/its_
_father to_say get to_me ÐOM the_girl (the)_this to/for_(a)_
_woman. **5** And_Ya῾ₐqov he_heard if/because_that he_had_
_defiled ÐOM Dināh daughter_of_his and_sons_of_his they_were
with livestock_of_his in_the_field and_ Ya῾ₐqov/(Jacob) _he_
_kept_silent until came_they. **6** And_ Ḥₐmōr the_father_of
Shəkem _he/it_went_out to Ya῾ₐqov to_speak with_him/it.
7 And_the_sons of_Ya῾ₐqov they_came from the_field just_as_
_they_heard and_ the_men _they_were_indignant and_it_
_glowed/burnt to/for_them exceedingly if/because a_
_disgraceful_folly he_had_done in_Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) by_lying
with the_daughter_of Ya῾ₐqov and_thus/so/as_follows not it_
_is_done. **8** And_ Ḥₐmōr _he/it_spoke with_them to_say Shəkem
son_of_my self_of_his it_loves (in)_daughter_of_your(pl) give
please ÐOM_her/it to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **9** And_
_intermarry_with us daughters_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_give

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take my gifts. Because indeed, I've seen you face-to-face, which is like seeing God's face, and you've received me favourably. **11** Please take my gifts that were brought to you, because God has been gracious to me and I have way more than I need."

And he urged him, so Esav took it **12** and said, "Okay, let's get moving and go, and I'll go ahead of you."

13 But Ya'akov replied, "My master knows that the children are tender plus I have flocks and herds with young animals. If they drive them harder today, then all the flocks will die. **14** Please let my master go on before his servant, and I'll lead them on at my gentle pace—at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children—until I come to my master's place in Se'ir."

15 "At least let me leave some of my men with you all," said Esav.

"Why do that?" contradicted Ya'akov. "May my master allow me to decide." **16** So Esav and his men started heading home to Se'ir, **17** but Ya'akov travelled to Sukot where he built a house for himself and made shelters for his livestock. That's why he named the place 'Sukot' (which means 'shelters').

Ya'akov begins to settle at Shekem

18 Then Ya'akov (Jacob), having come from Padan-Aram, arrived peacefully at the city of Shekem in the Kena'an (Canaan) region, and he camped outside the city. **19** In due course, he bought the portion of the field where he'd pitched his tents from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shekem, for a hundred pieces of silver.[195] **20** He set up an altar there and he named it 'El Elohe Yisrael' (Israel) (which means 'God, the god of Yisrael').

Dinah's rape leads to a plan

34:1 One day, Ya'akov (Jacob) and Le'ah's daughter Dinah, went out to visit some of the local women, **2** but Shekem, the son of Hamor the Hivi, the ruler of the land, saw her and he grabbed her and raped her. **3** Shekem admired Dinah so much that he fell in love with her and spoke sweetly to her to try to cultivate a relationship. **4** Then he asked Hamor his father, "Get this girl for me as a wife."

5 When Ya'akov heard that Shekem had dishonoured his daughter Dinah, his sons were out in the countryside with his livestock, so Ya'akov waited quietly until they got home. **6** Meanwhile Shekem's father Hamor took Shekem to negotiate with Ya'akov. **7** In due course Ya'akov's sons came home from the countryside. When they heard what had happened, then they were very angry and upset, because Shekem had done something disgraceful to Yisrael (Israel) by taking advantage of Ya'akov's daughter. Something like that should never have happened. **8** But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "My son Shekem my son is madly in love with your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. **9** In fact, why don't you allow us to marry your daughters, and you people could have our daughters to marry,

194 LV 33:14 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
195 RV 33:19 · Cross-ref. Josh 24:32; Yhn 4:5.

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10 then you could settle here permanently with us. This region would open up to you all so settle in it and trade with us and you could buy more land around here."

11 Then Shekem spoke to Dinah's father and brothers, "Look kindly on my request and I'll give whatever you ask for. 12 Set any very high amount for the bride-price and gifts from me, and I'll give whatever you ask—just give the young woman to me as a wife."

13 But because Shekem had abused their sister Dinah, Ya'akov's sons gave a false answer to Shekem and his father, 14 stating, "Sorry, we can't do that because it would be a disgrace in our culture to allow a man with a foreskin to marry her. 15 We'd only consent to your proposal if you'd become like us by circumcising every male among you, 16 Then we'd give our daughters to you to marry, and we'd take your daughters for us to marry. And we'd settle among you, and we all would become one united people. 17 But if you all won't agree to get circumcised, then we'll just take Dinah and go."

18 This idea pleased Hamor and his son, 19 so Shekem didn't delay implementing the plan because he was the most honoured son in his father's household, and he was so delighted with Ya'akov's daughter.

20 So Hamor and Shekem went to the city elders at the gate of their city, and they spoke to them, saying, 21 "These men are peaceful towards us, so let them settle in the land, and let them trade in it. And look, the land is plenty wide enough for them as well. We can take their daughters for ourselves as wives, and we can give our daughters to them to marry. 22 But they'll only consent to settle among us and unite with us on this condition: we would need to circumcise all of the males amongst us, just like they're circumcised. 23 Won't all of their livestock and their property and all their animals then belong to us? So let's agree with their condition and then they'll settle among us." 24 All the elders at the city gate agreed with Hamor and his son Shekem, and so every male who passed through the city gate was circumcised.

25 Three days later when all those men were in pain from the cutting, two of Ya'akov's sons, Shim'on (Simeon) and Levi who were Dinah's brothers, took their swords and boldly attacked the city and slaughtered every male, 26 including Hamor and his son Shekem. Then they retrieved Dinah from Shekem's house and left the city. 27 Then when Ya'akov's other sons discovered that a slaughter had taken place, they looted the city because their sister had been violated— 28 taking flocks and herds and donkeys—anything the was in the city or out in the countryside. 29 They captured their women and children and took all their wealth and everything that was in their houses.

30 Afterwards, Ya'akov scolded Shim'on and Levi, saying, "You

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to/for_us and_ĐOM daughters_of_our you(pl)_will_take for_ _yourselves. 10 And_with_us you(pl)_will_dwell and_the_earth it_will_be before_you(pl) dwell and_go_about_in_it and_have_ _possessions in_it. 11 And_ Shəkem _he/it_said to father_of_ _her[196] and_near/to brothers_of_her let_me_find favour in_ _eyes_of_your(pl) and_which you(pl)_will_say to_me I_will_ _give. 12 Increase on_me exceedingly a_bride-price and_a_gift and_I_will_give_it just_as you(pl)_will_say to_me and_give to_ _me ĐOM the_girl to/for_(a)_woman. 13 And_ the_sons_of Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _they_answered ĐOM Shəkem and_ĐOM Ḥₐmōr his/its_father with_deceit and_they_spoke that he_had_defiled ĐOM Dināh sister_of_their. 14 And_they_said to_them not we_ _are_able for_doing the_thing the_this to_give ĐOM sister_of_ _our to_a_man whom to_him/it a_foreskin if/because is_a_ _reproach it to/for_us. 15 Only in_this we_will_agree to/for_ _you(pl) if you(pl)_will_be like_us by_being_circumcised to/for_ _you(pl) every_of male. 16 And_we_will_give ĐOM daughters_of_ _our to/for_you(pl) and_ĐOM daughters_of_your(pl) we_will_ _take to/for_us and_we_will_dwell with_you(pl) and_we_will_ _become (into)_a_people one. 17 And_if not you(pl)_will_listen to_us by_being_circumcised and_we_will_take ĐOM daughter_ _of_our and_we_will_go. 18 And_ words/messages_of_their _ _they_were_good in/on_both_eyes_of Ḥₐmōr and_in_the_eyes_ _of Shəkem the_son_of Ḥₐmōr. 19 And_not the_young_man he_ _delayed for_doing the_thing if/because he_delighted in_the_ _daughter_of Ya'ₐqovˇ and_he was_honoured from_all the_ _household_of his/its_father. 20 And_ Ḥₐmōr and_Shəkem his/its_son _he_went to the_gate_of their_city_of_their and_ _they_spoke to the_men_of their_city_of_their to_say. 21 The_ _men the_these are_at_peace they with_us and_let_them_dwell in/on_the_earth and_let_them_go_about_in ĐOM_her/it and_ _the_earth THERE is_broad_of both_sides before_them ĐOM daughters_of_their we_will_take to/for_us to_wives and_ĐOM daughters_of_our we_will_give to/for_them. 22 Only in_this they_will_agree to/for_us the_men to_dwell with_us to_be (into)_a_people one when_has_been_circumcised to/for_us every_of male just_as they are_circumcised. 23 Livestock_of_ _their and_property_of_their and_all animal[s]_of_their am_not to/for_us will_they only let_us_agree to/for_them and_they_ _will_dwell with_us. 24 And_they_listened to Ḥₐmōr and_ _near/to Shəkem his/its_son all_of those_who_went_out_of the_gate_of his_city_of_his and_ every_of male all_of those_ _who_went_out_of the_gate_of his_city_of_his _they_were_ _circumcised. 25 And_he/it_was on_day the_third on_their_ _being in_pain and_ two_of the_sons_of Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) Shim'ōn and_Lēvī the_brothers_of Dināh _they_took each sword_of_his and_they_came on the_city security and_they_ _killed every_of male. 26 And_ĐOM Ḥₐmōr and_ĐOM Shəkem his/its_son they_slew to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_they_ _took ĐOM Dināh from_the_house_of Shəkem and_they_went_ _out. 27 The_sons_of Ya'ₐqovˇ they_came on the_ones_slain and_ _they_plundered the_city that people_had_defiled sister_of_ _their. 28 ĐOM flock[s]_of_their and_ĐOM herd[s]_of_their and_

196 LV 34:11 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_ĐOM donkeys_of_their[197] and_ĐOM that_which was_in_city and_ĐOM that_which in_the_field they_took. **29** And_ĐOM all_of wealth_of_their and_ĐOM all_of one[s]_of_their_little and_ĐOM wives_of_their they_took_captive and_they_plundered and_ĐOM all_of that was_in_house. **30** And_ Ya´ₐqoѵ _he/it_said to Shim´ōn and_near/to Lēvī you(pl)_have_troubled ĐOM_me by_ _making_me_odious among_the_inhabitant[s]_of the_ _earth/land among_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_among_ _Pərizzī[s] and_I am_men_of number and_they_will_gather on_ _me and_they_will_attack_me and_ I and_household_of_my _I_ _will_be_destroyed. **31** And_they_said like_a_prostitute will_he_ _do with sister_of_our.

35:1 And_ god _he/it_said to Ya´ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) arise go_up Bēyt-ʾēl and_dwell there and_make there an_altar to_god who_ _appeared to_you when_fled_you[202] from_face/in_front_of ʿĒsāv your(ms)_brother/kindred. **2** And_ Ya´ₐqoѵ _he/it_said to household_of_his and_near/to all_of who with_him/it remove ĐOM the_gods_of (the)_foreignness which are_among_of_ _you(pl) and_purify_yourselves and_change clothes_of_ _your(pl). **3** And_let_us_arise and_let_us_go_up Bēyt-ʾēl and_I_ _will_make there an_altar to_god who_answered ĐOM_me in/on_day my_distress_of_my and_he/it_was with_me on_ _journey which I_have_gone. **4** And_they_gave to Ya´ₐqoѵ ĐOM all_of the_gods_of (the)_foreignness which were_in_hand_of_ _their and_ĐOM the_rings which were_in_ears_of_their and_ Ya´ₐqoѵ _he_hid ĐOM_them under the_terebinth which was_ _near Shəkem. **5** And_they_set_out and_he/it_was the_terror_of god on the_cities which were_around_of_them and_not people_ _pursued after the_sons_of Ya´ₐqoѵ. **6** And_he_came Ya´ₐqoѵ to_ _Lūz which in_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan) that is_Bēyt-ʾēl he and_all the_people which with_him/it. **7** And_he/it_built there an_altar and_he/it_called (to)_place ʾĒl_of Bēyt-ʾēl if/because there they_had_revealed_themselves to_him/it the_ʾElohīm when_fled_he from_face/in_front_of his/its_brother. **8** And_ Dəbōrāh the_nurse_of Riѵqāh _she_died and_she_was_buried from_under to_Bēyt-ʾēl under the_oak and_he/it_called his/its_ _name Oak of_Weeping. **9** And_ god _he_appeared to Ya´ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) again when_came_he from_Paddan- aram and_ _he/it_blessed ĐOM_him/it. **10** And_he/it_said to_him/it god name_of_your is_Ya´ₐqoѵ not name_of_your it_will_be_called[203] again Ya´ₐqoѵ if/because (if) Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_will_be your(ms)_name and_he/it_called ĐOM his/its_name Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **11** And_he/it_said to_him/it god I am_god_of almighty be_fruitful and_multiply a_nation and_a_company_of nations it_will_be from_you and_kings from_loins_of_your they_will_come_out. **12** And_ĐOM the_earth/land which I_gave to_ʾAѵrāhām and_to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) to/for_yourself(m) I_will_

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two have made trouble for me by destroying my reputation with those who live in the land—the Kena'anim (Canaanites) and the Perizim. There's only a few of us, and if they gather together to attack me and my household, then we'll be destroyed—me and all my household."

31 But they responded, "Should he have gotten away with treating our sister like a prostitute?"

God blesses Ya'akov at Beyt-El

35:1 Then God told Ya'akov (Jacob), "Pack up and move to Beyt-El (Bethel) and settle there, and make an altar there to the god who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esav (Esau)."[198]

2 So Ya'akov instructed his household and everyone with him, "Remove any foreign idols that are among you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. **3** Then we'll leave here and make the uphill trip to Beyt-El, and I'll make an altar there to God, who answered me when I was distressed. He's been with me wherever I've gone." **4** So they gave Ya'akov all their idols and their earrings, and he buried them under the terebinth tree that was near Shekem.

5 Then they started their journey but and the people of the cities around them were afraid of Ya'akov's god so they didn't attack them. **6** So Ya'akov and everyone with him eventually arrived at Luz in the Kena'an (Canaan) region (which is now named Beyt-El). **7** He built an altar there and named the place 'El Beyt-El' (which means 'the god of Beyt-El'), because God had revealed himself to him there when he was fleeing from his brother Esav. **8** Then Rivkah's nurse Deborah died and was buried under the oak tree below Beyt-El so he named the place 'Alon Bakut' (which means 'oak of weeping').

9 Now that Ya'akov had left Padan-Aram and come back to Beyt-El, God appeared to him there again and blessed him **10** and told him, "Your name is Ya'akov but you won't be called Ya'akov anymore. From now on, you'll be called Yisrael (Israel)."[199] So again God called him Yisrael. **11** Then God also told him, "I'm God the provider. Be fruitful and multiply. Out of you will come a nation and a community of nations, and kings will come from your descendants,[200] **12** and I'll give you the land that I gave to Avraham and to Yitshak (Isaac), and in the future, I'll give the

197 LV 34:28 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

198 RV 35:1 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:11-17.

199 RV 35:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 32:28.

200 RV 35:11-12 · Cross-ref. Gen 17:4-8.

202 LV 35:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

203 LV 35:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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land to your descendants after you." **13** After God finished talking to Ya'akov, he left him and went back up. **14** Then Ya'akov set up a stone pillar at the place where God had spoken with him, and he poured a drink offering over it, followed by oil,[201] **15** and he named that place 'Beyt-El' (which means 'God's house') because God had spoken to him there.

Rahel dies giving birth to Benyamin

16 Then they moved on from Beyt-El (Bethel), and there was still quite a distance to go to reach to the town of Efrat. Then Rahel (Rachel) went into labour, but was having great difficulty in delivering the baby. **17** At one point when she was in hard labour, the midwife said to her, "Don't be afraid. You've got another son." **18** But Rahel was dying, and as her spirit was leaving her, she named the baby 'Ben-Oni' (which means 'son of my sorrow'), but afterwards Ya'akov (Jacob) renamed him 'Benyamin' (which means 'son of my right hand').

19 Thus Rahel died and was buried on the path to Efrat (which is now called Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)). **20** Ya'akov set up a stone pillar over her grave—that's the pillar of Rahel's grave to this day. **21** Then Yisrael (Israel) and his household moved on and pitched their tents beyond Migdal Eder.

Yisrael's sons[205]

22 While they were living in that area, Yisrael's (Israel's) son Re'uven slept with his father's slave-wife Bilhah, and Yisrael found out about it.[206]

Yisrael now had twelve sons. **23** Le'ah's sons were his eldest son Re'uven, and then to Shim'on (Simeon), Levi, Yehudah (Judah), Yisakar (Issachar), and Zevulun. **24** Rahel's (Rachel's) sons were Yosef (Joseph) and Benyamin. **25** The sons of Rahel's slave woman Bilhah were Dan and Naftali (Naphtali). **26** The sons of Le'ah's slave women Zilpah were Gad and Asher. Those were Yisrael's sons who were nearly all born in Padan-Aram.

Yitshak's death

27 Then Yisrael (Israel) went VISIT OR LIVE? to his father Yitshak (Isaac) in Mamre (also named Kiryat-Arba or Hevron), where Avraham and Yitshak had lived for a time.[211] **28** Yitshak lived to be 180 years old. **29** Then Yitshak, having lived a long and full life, breathed his last and died and joined his ancestors, and his sons Esav (Esau) and Yisrael buried him.

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_give_it and_to_offspring_of_your after_you I_will_give ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land. **13** And_he/it_ascended from_with_him god at_ _place where he_had_spoken with_him/it. **14** And_ Ya'aqov _he_ _set_up a_pillar at_place where he_had_spoken with_him/it a_ _pillar_of stone and_he_poured_out on/upon_it(f) a_drink_ _offering and_he_poured on/upon_it(f) oil. **15** And_ Ya'aqov _ _he/it_called ~~DOM~~ the_name_of the_place where he_had_spoken with_him/it there god Bēyt-ʾēl.

16 And_they_set_out from_Bēyt-ʾēl and_he/it_was yet (the)_ _distance_of the_earth/land to_go ʾEfrātāh and_ Rāḥēl _she/it_ _gave_birth and_she_had_difficulties when_she_gave_birth. **17** And_he/it_was when_she_had_difficulties when_she_gave_ _birth and_she/it_said to/for_her/it the_midwife do_not be_ _afraid if/because also this_one to/for_you(fs) is_a_son. **18** And_ _he/it_was when_ life_of_her _went_out if/because she_died and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Ben- Oni and_father_ _of_his he_called to_him/it Binyāmīn. **19** And_ Rāḥēl _she_died and_she_was_buried on_the_way_of ʾEfrātāh that is_Bēyt-leḥem. **20** And_ Ya'aqov/(Jacob) _he_set_up a_pillar over grave_ _of_her it is_the_pillar_of the_grave_of Rāḥēl until the_day. **21** And_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he_set_out and_he_pitched tent_of_ _his[204] from_beyond (to)_tower_of Eder.

22 And_he/it_was when_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _dwelt on_the_earth the_that and_ Rəʾūvēn _he/it_went and_he_lay[207] with Bilhāh[208] the_concubine_of his/its_father[209] and_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_listened[210] and_ the_sons_of Ya'aqov _ _they_were two_plus ten. **23** The_sons_of Lēʾāh the_firstborn_of Ya'aqov Rəʾūvēn and_Shim'ōn and_Lēvī and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_Yissāskār/(Issachar) and_Zəvūlūn. **24** The_sons_of Rāḥēl Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Binyāmīn. **25** And_ _the_sons of_Bilhāh the_maidservant_of Rāḥēl Dān and_Naftali. **26** And_the_sons of_Zilpah the_maidservant_of Lēʾāh Gād and_ _ʾĀshēr these were_the_sons_of Ya'aqov who it_was_born to_ _him/it in_Paddan- aram.

27 And_ Ya'aqov _he_came to Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) his/its_father Mamre Qiryat (the) that is_Ḥevrōn where he_had_sojourned there ʾAvrāhām and_Yitsḥāq. **28** And_ the_days_of Yitsḥāq _ _they_were one_hundred_of year[s] and_eighty year[s]. **29** And_ Yitsḥāq _he_expired and_he/it_died and_he_was_gathered to people(s)_of_his an_old_man and_satisfied_of days and_ ʿĒsāv and_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) sons_of_his _they_buried ~~DOM~~_him/it.

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201 RV 35:14-15 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:18-19.

204 LV 35:21 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

205 RV 35:22 · Parallel 1 Chr. 2:1-2

206 RV 35:22 · Cross-ref. Gen 49:4.

207 LV 35:22 · Note OSHB alternative note: בַּכְּשִׁי/ו֗: (x-accent)בַּכְּשִׁי/ו֗

208 LV 35:22 · Note OSHB alternative note: הָהֶחְלִֽבּ: (x-accent)הָהֶחְלִֽבּ

209 LV 35:22 · Note OSHB alternative note: יְהִֽיבָא/ו֗: (x-accent)יְהִֽיבָא/ו֗

210 LV 35:22 · Note OSHB alternative note: לֵאָרְשִֽׁי: (x-accent)לֵאָרְשִֽׁי

211 RV 35:27 · Cross-ref. Gen 13:18.

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36:1 And_these are_the_accounts_of ʼĒsāv that is_ʼEdōm. **2** ʼĒsāv he_took ĐOM wives_of_his from_the_daughters_of Kəna῾an/(Canaan) ĐOM ʼĀdāh the_daughter_of ʼĒylōn the_Ḥittiy and_ĐOM ʼĀhₑlīvāmāh the_daughter_of ʼAnāh the_daughter_of Tsivʼōn/(Zibeon) the_Ḥiūī. **3** And_ĐOM Bosmat the_daughter_of Yishmāʼēl/(Ishmael) the_sister_of Nəvʼāyōt. **4** And_ ʼĀdāh _ _she/it_gave_birth to_ʼĒsāv ĐOM ʼElīfaz and_Bosmat she_bore ĐOM Rə῾ūʼēl. **5** And_ʼĀhₑlīvāmāh she_bore ĐOM Yə῾ūsh/(Jeush)[215] and_ĐOM Ya῾lām/(Jalam) and_ĐOM Qoraḥ these were_the_sons_ _of ʼĒsāv who they_were_born to_him/it in_land of_ _Kəna῾an/(Canaan). **6** And_ ʼĒsāv _he/it_took ĐOM wives_of_his and_ĐOM sons_of_his and_ĐOM daughters_of_his and_ĐOM all_of the_people_of_his_household_of_his and_ĐOM livestock_of_his and_ĐOM all_of animal[s]_of_his and_ĐOM all_of acquisition_of_ _his which he_had_accumulated in_land of_Kəna῾an/(Canaan) and_he/it_went to a_land from_face/in_front_of Ya῾ₐqovʼ his/its_brother. **7** If/because their_property it_was too_much for_dwelling together and_not the_land_of their_sojournings_ _of_their it_was_able to_support ĐOM_them from_face/in_ _front_of livestock_of_their. **8** And_ ʼĒsāv _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_hill_country_of Sēʼīr ʼĒsāv that is_ʼEdōm. **9** And_these are_the_accounts_of ʼĒsāv the_ _ancestor_of ʼEdōm in_the_hill_country_of Sēʼīr. **10** These are_ _the_names_of the_sons_of ʼĒsāv ʼElīfaz the_son_of ʼĀdāh the_ _wife_of ʼĒsāv Rə῾ūʼēl the_son_of Bosmat the_wife_of ʼĒsāv. **11** And_ the_sons_of ʼElīfaz _they_were Tēymān ʼŌmār Tsəfō/(Zepho) and_Ga῾tām and_Qənaz. **12** And_Timnāʼ she_was a_concubine of_ʼElīfaz the_son_of ʼĒsāv and_she/it_gave_birth to_ʼElīfaz ĐOM ʼAmālēq these were_the_sons_of ʼĀdāh the_wife_ _of ʼĒsāv. **13** And_these were_the_sons_of Rə῾ūʼēl Naḥat and_ _Zeraḥ Shammāh and_Mizzāh these[216] they_were the_sons_of Bosmat the_wife_of ʼĒsāv. **14** And_these the_sons_of ʼĀhₑlīvāmāh the_daughter_of ʼAnāh the_daughter_of Tsivʼōn/(Zibeon) the_wife_of ʼĒsāv they_were and_she/it_gave_ _birth to_ʼĒsāv ĐOM Yə῾ūsh/(Jeush)[217] and_ĐOM Ya῾lām/(Jalam) and_ĐOM Qoraḥ. **15** These were_the_chiefs_of the_sons_of ʼĒsāv the_sons_of ʼElīfaz the_firstborn_of ʼĒsāv chief Tēymān chief ʼŌmār chief Tsəfō chief Qənaz. **16** Chief Qoraḥ chief Ga῾tām chief ʼAmālēq these were_the_chiefs_of ʼElīfaz in_land of_ʼEdōm these were_the_sons_of ʼĀdāh. **17** And_these were_the_sons_of Rə῾ūʼēl the_son_of ʼĒsāv chief Naḥat chief Zeraḥ chief Shammāh chief Mizzāh these were_the_chiefs_of Rə῾ūʼēl in_land of_ʼEdōm these were_the_sons_of Bosmat the_wife_of ʼĒsāv. **18** And_these were_the_sons_of ʼĀhₑlīvāmāh the_wife_of ʼĒsāv chief Yə῾ūsh chief Ya῾lām chief Qoraḥ these were_the_chiefs_of ʼĀhₑlīvāmāh the_daughter_of ʼAnāh the_wife_of ʼĒsāv. **19** These were_the_ _sons_of ʼĒsāv and_these chiefs_of_were_their that is_ʼEdōm.

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Esav's descendants[212]

36:1 These are the descendants of Esav (Esau) (who's also known as Edom): **2** Esav had married two local women from the Kena'an (Canaan) region: Adah (the Hiti Eylon's daughter) and Oholivamah (Anah's daughter and granddaughter of the Hivi Tsivoen)[213] **3** and Basemat (Yishmael's (Ishmael's) daughter and the sister of Nevayot).[214]

4 Esav's wife Adah gave birth to Elifaz, and Basemat gave birth to Re'uel. **5** Oholivamah gave birth to Ye'ush and Yaelam and Korah. Those were Esav's sons who were born in the Kena'an region.

6 Then Esav took his wives and his sons and daughters and all his household, and his livestock and all his animals and all his possessions that he had acquired in the Kena'an region, and he went to a place far away from his brother Yisrael (Israel), **7** because they had too many possessions for them to remain together, and the land they were staying in wasn't able to support both of them because of all their livestock. **8** So Esav (also known as Edom) settled his household in the Se'ir hills.

9 Now these are the following generations of Esav, the father of the Edomim in the Se'ir hills: **10** Two of Esav's sons were Elifaz, who he had with his wife Adah, and Re'uel, who he had with his wife Basemat.

11 Elifaz's sons were Teyman, Omar, Tsefo and Gaetam and Kenaz. **12** Elifaz and his slave-wife Timna had a son they named Amalek. (Elifaz's sons were all grandsons of Esav and his wife Adah.) **13** Re'uel's sons were Nahat, Zerah, Shamah, and Mizah. (They were the grandsons of Esav and his wife Basemat.) **14** Esav and his wife Oholivamah had Ye'ush, Yaelam, and Korah. (Oholivamah was the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Tsivoen.)

15 These were Esav's sons who became leaders: the sons of Elifaz (Esav's eldest son) which were Chief Teyman, Chief Omar, Chief Tsefo, Chief Kenaz, **16** Chief Korah, Chief Gaetam, Chief Amalek. Those were the chiefs of Elifaz in the Edom region. (They were the grandsons of Esav and his wife Adah.)

17 These were the sons of Esav's son Re'uel: Chief Nahat, Chief Zerah, Chief Shamah, Chief Mizah. Those were the chiefs of Re'uel in the Edom region. (They were the grandsons of Esav and his wife Basemat.)

18 These were the sons of Esav's wife Oholivamah: Chief Ye'ush, Chief Yaelam, Chief Korah. (They were the chiefs from Esav's wife Oholivamah—Anah's daughter.) **19** Those were the sons of Esav (also known as Edom), and those were their chiefs.

212 RV 36:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:34-37

213 RV 36:2 · Cross-ref. Gen 26:34.

214 RV 36:3 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:9.

215 LV 36:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **שיעי**: (x-qere) **שׁוּעִי**: lemma_3266 morph_HNp id_01PEh **שׁוּעִי**

216 LV 36:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

217 LV 36:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **שיעי**: (x-qere) **שׁוּעִי**: lemma_3266 morph_HNp id_019PN **שׁוּעִי**

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Se'ir's descendants[218]

20 These were the sons of Se'ir the Hori who were inhabiting that area: Lotan, Shoval, Tsivoen, Anah, 21 Dishon, Etser, and Dishan. Those were the chiefs of the Horim, Se'ir's sons, in the Edom region. 22 Lotan's sons were Hori and Homam, and his sister was Timna. 23 Shoval's sons were Alvan, Manahat, Eyval, Shefo, and Onam. 24 Tsivoen's sons were Ayah and Anah. This is the same Anah who discovered some hot springs while he was out in the desert grazing his father's donkeys. 25 Anah's children were his son Dishon and his daughter Oholivamah. 26 Dishon's sons were Hemdan, Eshban, Yitran, and Keran. 27 Etser's sons were Bilhan, Za'avan, and Akan. 28 Dishan's sons were Uts (Uz) and Aran. 29 These were the chiefs of the Horim: Chief Lotan, Chief Shoval, Chief Tsivoen, Chief Anah, 30 Chief Dishon, Chief Etser, Chief Dishan. Those were the chiefs of the Horim, according to their clans in the Se'ir region.

The kings around Edom[219]

31 And these were the kings who reigned in Edom region before the tribes of Yisrael (Israel) had a king: 32 Be'or's son Bela reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhavah. 33 Then Bela died, and Zerah's son Yovav from Batserah reigned in his place. 34 Then Yovav died, and Husham from the land of the Teymanin reigned in his place. 35 Then Husham died, and Bedad's son Hadad reigned in his place, and the name of his city was Avit. He was the one who attacked the Midyanites in the countryside in Moav (Moab). 36 Then Hadad died, and Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place. 37 Then Samlah died, and Shaul from Rehovot by the river reigned in his place. 38 Then Shaul died, and Akbor's son Ba'al-Hanan reigned in his place. 39 Then (Akbor's son) Ba'al-Hanan died, and Hadar reigned in his place, and the name of his city was Paeu. His wife's name was Meheytavel (and she was the daughter of Matred's daughter and the granddaughter of Mey-Zahav).

40 And these are the names of the chiefs of Esav (Esau), according to their clans, according to their places, by their names: Chief Timna, Chief Alvan, Chief Yetet, 41 Chief Oholivamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon, 42 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teyman, Chief Mivtsar, 43 Chief Magdiyel, and Chief Iram. They were the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwellings in the land of their possession. That was the record about Esav, the ancestor of the Edomim.

Yosef's dreams cause conflict

37:1 Yisrael (Israel) (also called Ya'akov (Jacob)) lived in the area where his father Yitshak (Isaac) had stayed, in the Kena'an (Canaan) region. 2 This is the record of his descendants:

When Yosef (Joseph) was seventeen, he was shepherding the flocks with his brothers. He was younger than his brothers who were the sons of his father's slave wives Bilhah and Zilpah. One

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20 These were_the_sons_of Sē'īr the_Ḥorīte the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land Lōṭān and_Shōvāl and_Tsiv'ōn and_'Anāh. 21 And_Diyshōn and_'Etser and_Diyshān these were_the_chiefs_ _of the_Ḥorīte[s] the_sons_of Sē'īr in_land of_'Edōm. 22 And_ the_sons_of Lōṭān _they_were Ḥorī and_Hemam and_was_the_ _sister_of Lōṭān Timnā'. 23 And_these were_the_sons_of Shōvāl 'Alvān and_Mānaḥat and_'Ēyvāl Shəfō and_'Ōnām. 24 And_ _these were_the_sons_of Tsiv'ōn/(Zibeon) and_'Ay[yāh] and_ _'Anāh he was_'Anāh who he_found DOM the_hot_springs in_ _wilderness when_he_was_pasturing DOM the_donkeys of_ _Tsiv'ōn his/its_father. 25 And_these were_the_children_of 'Anāh Diyshōn and_'Āh$_e$līvāmāh the_daughter_of 'Anāh. 26 And_these were_the_sons_of Diyshān Hemdan and_'Eshbān and_Yitrān/(Ithran) and_Kərān/(Cheran). 27 These were_the_ _sons_of 'Etser Bilhān and_Za'$_a$vān and_Akan. 28 These were_ _the_sons_of Diyshān 'Ūts and_'Arān. 29 These were_the_chiefs_ _of the_Ḥorīte[s] chief Lōṭān chief Shōvāl chief Tsiv'ōn chief 'Anāh. 30 Chief Diyshōn chief 'Etser chief Diyshān these were_ _the_chiefs_of the_Ḥorīte[s] to_chiefs_of_their in_land of_Sē'īr.

31 And_these were_the_kings who they_reigned in_land of_ _'Edōm to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_king reigned of_ _the_people_of of_Yisrā'[ēl]/(Israel). 32 And_he_reigned in_'Edōm Bela' the_son_of Bə'ōr and_name_of his_city_of_his was_ _Dinhāvāh. 33 And_ Bela' _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_ _of_him Yōvāv/(Jobab) the_son_of Zeraḥ from_Botsrāh. 34 And_ Yōvāv _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Ḥūshām from_the_land_of the_Tēymānī[s]. 35 And_ Ḥūshām _ _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him H$_a$dad the_son_of Bədad who_defeated DOM Midyān in_the_region_of Mō'āv and_ _name_of his_city_of_his was_'Avīt. 36 And_ H$_a$dad _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Samlāh from_Masrēqāh. 37 And_ Samlāh _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Shā'ūl/(Saul) from_Rəḥovōt the_river. 38 And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_ _died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Ba'al- Hanan the_son_of 'Akbōr. 39 And_ Ba'al- Hanan the_son_of 'Akbōr _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Hadar and_name_of his_city_ _of_his was_Pā'ū and_name_of his/its_wife/woman was_ _Məhēyṭav'[ēl] the_daughter_of Maṭrēd the_daughter_of Mēy-Zāhāv. 40 And_these were_the_names_of the_chiefs_of 'Ēsāv to_ _their_clans to_places_of_their by_names_of_their chief Timnā' chief 'Alvāh chief Yətēt/(Jetheth). 41 Chief 'Āh$_e$līvāmāh chief 'Ēlāh chief Pinon. 42 Chief Qənaz chief Tēymān chief Mivtsār. 43 Chief Magdiy'[ēl] chief 'Īrām these were_the_chiefs_of 'Edōm to_their_dwelling_of_places in_land their_possession_of_their that was_'Ēsāv the_ancestor_of 'Edōm.

37:1 And_ Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_land of_the_sojournings_of his/its_father in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan). 2 These are_the_accounts_of Ya'$_a$qov Yōṣēf/(Joseph) was_a_son_of seven- teen year[s] he_was shepherding with brothers_of_his (in)_flock and_he was_a_ _youth with the_sons_of Bilhāh and_DOM the_sons_of Zilpah the_wives_of his/its_father and_ Yōṣēf _he/it_brought DOM report_of_their bad to father_of_their. 3 And_Yisrā'[ēl]/(Israel)

218 **RV 36:20 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 1:38-42

219 **RV 36:31 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 1:43-54

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he_loved ÐOM Yōşēf from_all sons_of_his if/because was_a_son_ _of old_age(s) he to_him/it and_he_made to_him/it a_long_ _garment_of palms_and_soles. **4** And_ brothers_of_his _they_ _saw if/because_that ÐOM_him/it father_of_their he_loved from_all brothers_of_his and_they_hated ÐOM_him/it and_not they_were_able to_speak_to_him to_welfare. **5** And_ Yōşēf _he_ _dreamed a_dream and_he_told_it to_brothers_of_his and_ _they_increased again to_hate ÐOM_him/it. **6** And_he/it_said to_them hear please the_dream the_this which I_have_ _dreamed. **7** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE we were_binding sheaves in_ _the_middle the_field and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE sheaf_of_my it_ _arose and_also it_stood_upright and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE sheaves_of_your(pl) they_gathered_round and_they_bowed_ _down to_sheaf_of_my. **8** And_they_said to_him/it brothers_of_ _his really_(reign) will_you_reign over_us or really_(rule) will_ _you_rule over_us and_they_increased again to_hate ÐOM_ _him/it on his/its_dreams and_on words/messages_of_his. **9** And_he_dreamed again a_dream another and_he_recounted ÐOM_him/it to_brothers_of_his and_he/it_said HERE I_have_ _dreamed a_dream again and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_sun and_ _the_moon and_one_plus_of ten stars were_bowing_down to_ _me. **10** And_he_recounted_it to his/its_father and_near/to brothers_of_his and_he_rebuked in/on/over_him/it his/its_ _father and_he/it_said to_him/it what the_dream the_this which you_have_dreamed really_(come) I and_mother_of_your and_brothers_of_your will_we_come to_bow_down to/for_ _yourself(m) ground_to_the. **11** And_they_were_jealous in_ _him/it brothers_of_his and_father_of_his he_kept ÐOM the_ _matter.

12 And_ brothers_of_his _they_went to_pasture ÐOM the_flock_ _of[222] their_father_of_their at_Shəkem. **13** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yōşēf/(Joseph) am_not brothers_of_are_your pasturing at_Shəkem come and_I_will_send_you to_them and_ _he/it_said to_him/it here_I_am. **14** And_he/it_said to_him/it go please see ÐOM the_welfare_of your(pl)_brothers_of_your and_ÐOM the_welfare_of the_flock and_bring_to_me message and_he_sent_him from_the_valley_of Ḥevrōn and_he_came to_ _Shəkem. **15** And_he_found_him a_man and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_wandering in_the_field and_he_asked_him the_man to_ _say what are_you_seeking. **16** And_he/it_said ÐOM brothers_of_ _my I am_seeking tell please to_me where are_they pasturing. **17** And_ the_man _he/it_said they_have_set_out from_here if/because I_heard_them saying let_us_go to_Dotān and_ Yōşēf _he/it_went after brothers_of_his and_he_found_them at_ _Dotān. **18** And_they_saw ÐOM_him/it from_a_distance and_ _before he_drew_near to_them and_they_dealt_cunningly_with ÐOM_him/it to_kill_him. **19** And_they_said each to his/its_ _brother THERE the_master_of (the)_dreams this is_coming. **20** And_now come and_let_us_kill_him and_let_us_throw_him in_one_of the_pits and_we_will_say an_animal wild it_has_ _eaten_him and_we_will_see what his/its_dreams will_they_be. **21** And_ Rə'ūvēn _he/it_listened and_he_rescued_him from_ _hand_of_their and_he/it_said not let_us_strike_him life.

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day Yosef gave a tell-tale bad report about them to their father.

3 Now Yisrael loved Yosef more than all of his other sons because he was born to him when he was already old, so he made a multicoloured robe for him. **4** When his brothers saw that their father loved Yosef more than all of his brothers, they hated him and couldn't make themselves say anything nice to him.

5 One night Yosef had a dream, and he told his brothers about it, but that made them hate him even more. **6** He told them, "Please listen about this dream that I had: **7** See, we were tying up bundles of grain stalks in the middle of a field, and wow, my bundle got up and stood upright. Then would you believe it, your bundles gathered around and bowed down to my one."

8 "Will you really reign over us?" his brothers retorted. "Do you think you'll really rule over us?" So they continued to hate him even more because of his dreams and because of what he said.

9 Then Yosef had another dream, and again he told his brothers, "Listen, I had another dream, and wow, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

10 When he told his father and his brothers, his father scolded him, "What's this dream that you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come to bow down to the ground to you?" **11** Consequently his brothers envied him,[220] but his father kept pondering it.

Yosef is sold by his brothers

12 Sometime after that, Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers went to shepherd their father's flocks near Shekem. **13** One day, Yisrael (Israel) said to Yosef, "Aren't your brothers away shepherding near Shekem? Come we'll get some supplies and I'll send you to them."

"Sure," Yosef replied.

14 Then he told him, "Please go and see how your brothers are doing and the flocks as well, then come and let me know."

So he sent Yosef off from the Hevron valley, and he went to Shekem. **15** When he got there, a man noticed him wandering around the countryside and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

16 "I'm looking for my brothers," he answered. "Please tell me where they're looking after our flocks."

17 "They've left here," the man responded. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dotan.' "

So Yosef continued on after his brothers and found them at Dotan, **18** but they saw him from a distance and before he got close to them, they made plans among themselves to kill him. **19** "Look, that master dreamer is coming," they said to each other. **20** "Here's our chance to kill him and throw his body into

220 RV 37:11 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:9.

222 LV 37:12 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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one of the pits around here. We'll say that a wild animal attacked him. *Then* we'll see what his dreams turn into."

21 But Re'uven heard what they were saying, and he tried to rescue Yosef by insisting, "Let's not take his life." **22** "Don't shed blood," he continued. "Throw him into that pit in the wilderness, but don't wound him." He said this because he was planning to rescue Yosef later and return him home to their father. **23** So when Yosef reached his brothers, they grabbed him and ripped off the coloured robe that he was wearing. **24** Then they took him and dropped him into the pit. (The pit was empty with no water in the bottom).

25 Then they sat down to eat, and a bit later when they looked up, look, there was a caravan of Yishmaelim (Ishmaelites) coming towards them. They had left Gilead carrying spices and balm and myrrh on their camels that they were going to take down to Mitsrayim (Egypt). **26** Then Yehudah (Judah) said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? **27** Let's sell him to these Yishmaelim so we won't be guilty of killing him. After all, he's our brother—our own flesh and blood." And his brothers agreed. **28** So when the Midyanite traders came past, the brothers pulled Yosef up and lifted him out of the pit and sold him to the Yishmaelim for twenty pieces of silver. Then the traders took Yosef onwards with them to Mitsrayim.[221]

29 Later on, Re'uven returned to the pit, but wow, Yosef wasn't down there, so he tore his clothes in despair **30** and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy isn't there. What am I going to do?"

31 Then they slaughtered a young goat and took Yosef's robe and dipped it in the blood. **32** Then they sent the coloured robe back to their father with this message: "We found this. Please examine whether or not it's your son's robe."

33 Yisrael (Israel) recognised it and said, "It *is* my son's robe. A wild animal must have eaten him. Yosef was almost certainly torn to pieces." **34** Then Ya'akov (Jacob) ripped his clothes and put sackcloth around his waist, and he mourned for his son many days. **35** All his other sons and all his daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "I will go down to my son in the grave mourning." So his father wept for him.

36 Meanwhile, the Midyanites arrived in Mitsrayim (Egypt) and sold him to Potifar—Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) captain of the guards.

Yehudah mistreats Tamar

38:1 Around that time, Yehudah (Judah) went down the hills from where his brothers were and settled near an Adulami man named Hirah. **2** There Yehudah saw the daughter of a Kena'ani (Canaanite) man named Shua, and he took her as a wife. He slept with her **3** and she got pregnant and in due course, gave birth to a son who Yehudah named Er. **4** Then she got pregnant again and gave birth a another son, and she named him Onan. **5** Then she got pregnant

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22 And_he/it_said to_them Rə'ūvēn do_not shed blood throw ÐOM_him/it into the_pit the_this which is_in_wilderness and_a_ _hand do_not stretch_out in_him/it so_as to_rescue ÐOM_him/it from_hand_of_their to_restore_him to his/its_father. **23** And_ _he/it_was just_as Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_came to brothers_of_his and_they_stripped ÐOM Yōṣēf ÐOM garment_of_his_long ÐOM the_long_garment_of the_palms_and_soles which on/upon/above_him/it. **24** And_they_took_him and_they_ _threw ÐOM_him/it to_the_pit and_the_pit was_empty there_ _was_not in/on/over_him/it water. **25** And_they_lived to_eat bread and_they_lifted_up eyes_of_their and_they_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_caravan_of Yishmā'ēlī was_coming from_ _Gil'ād and_camels_of_their were_carrying spice and_balm and_myrrh they_were_travelling to_take_them_down towards_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **26** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_said to brothers_of_his what is_the_profit that/for/because/then/when we_will_kill ÐOM brother_of_our and_we_will_conceal ÐOM blood_of_his. **27** Come and_let_us_ _sell_him to_Yishmā'ēlī and_hand_of_our not let_it_be in_ _him/it if/because brother_of_is_our flesh_of_our_own he and_ brothers_of_his _they_heard. **28** And_ men Midyānite[s] traders _they_passed_by and_they_drew and_they_brought_up ÐOM Yōṣēf from the_pit and_they_sold ÐOM Yōṣēf to_Yishmā'ēlī for_ _twenty silver and_they_brought ÐOM Yōṣēf towards_ _Mitsrayim. **29** And_ Rə'ūvēn _he_returned to the_pit and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE not Yōṣēf was_in_pit and_he_tore ÐOM clothes_of_his. **30** And_he_returned to brothers_of_his and_he_ _said the_boy he_is_not and_I where am_I going. **31** And_they_ _took ÐOM the_long_garment_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_they_ _slaughtered a_male_goat_of goats and_they_dipped ÐOM the_ _long_garment in_blood. **32** And_they_sent ÐOM the_long_ _garment_of the_palms_and_soles and_they_brought_it to father_of_their and_they_said this we_have_found investigate please the_long_garment_of your_son_of_your is_it or not. **33** And_he_recognized_it and_he/it_said it_is_the_long_ _garment_of my_son_of_my an_animal wild it_has_eaten_him surely_(tear) Yōṣēf he_has_been_torn_to_pieces. **34** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _he_tore clothes_of_his and_he/it_assigned sackcloth on_loins_of_his and_he_mourned on his/its_son days many. **35** And_ all_of sons_of_his and_all daughters_of_his _ _they_arose to_comfort_him and_he_refused to_be_comforted and_he/it_said if/because I_will_go_down to son_of_my mourning Shə'ōl_to and_ his/its_father _he_wept_for ÐOM_ _him/it. **36** And_the_Midyānites they_sold ÐOM_him/it into Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_Pōṭīfar an_official_of Par'oh the_ _commander_of the_bodyguards.

38:1 And_he/it_was at_time the_that and_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _ _he/it_descended from_with brothers_of_his and_he_turned_ _aside to a_man an_Adullamite and_his/its_name was_Ḥīrāh. **2** And_he/it_saw there Yəhūdāh a_daughter_of a_man a_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite) and_his/its_name was_Shū'a and_he_ _took_her and_he_went into_her. **3** And_she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_he/it_called ÐOM his/its_name 'Ēr. **4** And_she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant again and_she/it_gave_birth a_

221 RV 37:28 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:9.

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_son and_she/it_called/named ~~DOM~~ his/its_name ʾŌnān. **5** And_ _she/it_added again and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_ _called/named ~~DOM~~ his/its_name Shēlāh and_it_was in_Kezib when_bore_she ~~DOM~~_him/it. **6** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_took a_ _wife for_ʹĒr firstborn_of_his and_name_of_her was_Tāmār. **7** And_he/it_was ʹĒr the_firstborn_of Yəhūdāh evil in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH** and_he_put_him_to_death **YHWH**. **8** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said to_ʾŌnān go into the_wife_of your(ms)_ _brother/kindred and_act_as_a_husband's_brother_for ~~DOM~~_ _her/it and_raise_up offspring for_brother_of_your. **9** And_ ʾŌnān _he/it_knew if/because_that not[225] to_him/it it_will_ _belong the_offspring and_it_was if he_went into the_wife_of his/its_brother and_he_spoiled towards_land to_not to_give offspring to_brother_of_his. **10** And_it_was_evil in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH** that_which he_had_done and_he_put_to_death also ~~DOM~~_him/it. **11** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_said to_ _Tāmār his/its_daughter-in-law dwell a_widow the_house_of your_father_of_your until Shēlāh son_of_my he_will_grow_up if/because he_said lest also he he_should_die like_brothers_of_ _his and_ Tāmār _she_went and_she_dwelt the_house_of her_ _father_of_her. **12** And_ the_days _they_increased and_ the_ _daughter_of Shūʹa the_wife_of Yəhūdāh _she_died and_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_sighed/regretted and_he/it_ascended to the_ _shearers_of his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats he and_Ḫīrāh his/its_neighbour the_Adullamite to_Timnāh. **13** And_it_was_ _told to_Tāmār to_say THERE father-in-law_of_your is_going_ _up to_Timnāh to_shear his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats. **14** And_ _she_removed the_clothes_of her_widowhood_of_her from_on_ _her and_she_covered with_veil and_she_wrapped_herself_up and_she_sat at_the_entrance_of Enaim which is_on the_road_of (of)_to_Timnāh if/because she_had_seen if/because_that Shēlāh he_had_grown_up and_she not she_had_been_given to_ _him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **15** And_he_saw_her Yəhūdāh and_ _he/it_considered_her/it to_a_prostitute if/because she_had_ _covered face_of_her. **16** And_he_turned_aside to_her/it to the_ _road and_he/it_said come_NOW please let_me_go into_you if/because not he_knew if/because_that daughter-in-law_of_ _was_his she and_she/it_said what will_you_give to/for_me[226] that/for/because/then/when you_will_come into_me. **17** And_ _he/it_said I I_will_send a_kid_of goats from the_flock and_ _she/it_said if you_will_give a_pledge until you_send_it. **18** And_he/it_said what is_the_pledge which I_will_give to_you and_she/it_said seal_of_your and_cord_of_your and_staff_of_ _your which is_in_hand_of_your and_he_gave_them to_her and_he_went to_her/it and_she/it_conceived/became_ _pregnant to_him/it. **19** And_she/it_arose and_she_went and_ _she_removed veil_of_her from_on_her and_she_put_on the_ _clothes_of her_widowhood_of_her. **20** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _ _he_sent ~~DOM~~ the_kid_of the_goats by_the_hand_of his/its_ _neighbour the_Adullamite to_take/accept/receive the_pledge from_the_hand_of the_woman and_not he_found_her. **21** And_ _he_asked ~~DOM~~ the_men_of her_place_of_her to_say where is_ _the_cult_prostitute she was_at_Enaim at the_road and_they_

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yet again and gave birth to a third son, and she named him Shela. (Yehudah was in Keziv when she Onan was born.)

6 In due course, Yehudah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. **7** But Er was evil in Yahweh's eyes, so Yahweh killed him. **8** Then Yehudah said to Onan, "Go to your brother's wife and perform your brotherly duty to her to produce children for your brother." **9** However, Onan knew that any children wouldn't be his, so whenever he slept with his brother's wife, he spilled his semen on the ground so that he wouldn't give children to his late brother. **10** But Yahweh considered what he did to be evil, so he killed him also. **11** Then Yehudah told his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shela grows up." This was because he'd said, "So that he doesn't also die like his brothers!" So Tamar went and lived in the house of her father.

12 A long time afterwards, Yehudah's wife (Shua's daughter) died. After Yehudah had finished mourning, he and his friend Hirah (the Adulami) went to Timnah to where the men were shearing his sheep. **13** Then Tamar was told, "Look, your father-in-law is going to Timnah to shear his sheep." **14** So she changed out of her widow's clothes and covered herself with a veil and wrapped herself up. Then she sat at the entrance of Enayim which is on the road to Timnah. She was doing this because she had seen that Shela had grown up, but she hadn't been given to him as a wife.

15 In due course, Yehudah saw her and because she had covered her face, he thought she was a prostitute. **16** So he turned to her beside the road and asked, "Please let me lie with you," because he didn't know that she was his daughter-in-law.

"What will you give me in exchange?" she asked.

17 "I'll send you a young goat from my flock," he replied.

"But what about something to keep now as a pledge until you send it," she bartered.

18 "What pledge should I give you?" he asked.

"Your signet ring and its cord, and your staff that you're holding." So he handed them to her and went and lay with her, and she became pregnant as a result. **19** Then Tamar got up and left, and she took off her veil and put her widow's clothes back on.

20 Then Yehudah (Judah) sent his friend the Adulami to take the young goat and get the pledge back from the woman, but he couldn't find her, **21** so he asked some of the local men, "Where's the temple prostitute who was at Enayim beside the road?"

But they answered, "There's never been a temple prostitute around here."

22 So Hirah returned to Yehudah and told him, "I couldn't find her. What's more, the men of the place said that there hasn't been a temple prostitute at that place."

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225 **LV 38:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

226 **LV 38:16 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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23 "Oh well," said Yehudah. "Let her keep those things for herself so that we don't become a laughingstock. Anyway, I did my duty by sending the goat, but you couldn't find her."

24 About three months later, Yehudah was told, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has prostituted herself, and not only that, she's pregnant from doing it."

"Bring her out and let her be burnt to death." Yehudah demanded.

25 So they got her and brought her out, but she sent a message to her father-in-law, saying, "It was the man who these things belong to that got me pregnant." Then she added, "Please identify whose signet ring and cords and staff these are."

26 When Yehudah recognised the items, he admitted, "She's more in the right than I am, because I didn't give my son Shela to her."[223] But he didn't lie with her again.

27 When the time came for Tamar to give birth, wow, she was going to have twins. **28** While she was giving birth, one of the babies poked out a hand and the midwife tied a scarlet thread around its wrist, saying, "This one came out first." **29** However, it pulled its hand back in, then wow, its brother was delivered first. Then she[224] said, "How did you manage to break out first?" So he named him 'Perets' (which means 'break out'). **30** After that, his brother who had the scarlet thread on his wrist was delivered, and he named him Zerah.

Yosef and Potifar's wife

39:1 Meanwhile, Yosef (Joseph) had been taken down to Mitsrayim (Egypt), and an Mitsri (Egyptian) man named Potifar had bought him from the Yishmaelim (Ishmaelites) who had taken him down there. Potifar was the chief of the guards for Par'oh (Pharaoh). **2** Yosef lived in the house of his Mitsri master, and Yahweh was with him[229] and he was successful at his work. **3** His master noticed that Yahweh was with him and that Yahweh made everything that he did succeed, **4** so Yosef earned his favour as he served him. Then Potifar put him in charge of his entire household and everything that he owned. **5** From that time onwards, Yahweh blessed that Mitsri household because of Yosef, and Yahweh's blessing even extended from everything in the home all the way out to the countryside. **6** Potifar left all his belonging in Yosef's charge, so much so that he didn't have to think about anything else beyond what he wanted to eat.

Now Yosef had developed into a well-built and handsome

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_said not she_was in_this_place a_cult_prostitute. **22** And_he_ _returned to Yəhūdāh and_he/it_said not I_found_her and_also the_men_of the_place they_said not she_was in_this_place a_ _cult_prostitute. **23** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said let_her_take_ _them to/for_her/it lest we_should_become (into)_contempt THERE I_sent the_kid the_this and_you(ms) not you_found_her. **24** And_he/it_was about_three_of[227] months and_it_was_told to_Yəhūdāh to_say Tāmār daughter-in-law_of_your she_has_ _acted_as_a_prostitute and_also HERE she_is_pregnant to_ _prostitution(s) and_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said bring_her_out so_ _that_she_may_be_burnt. **25** She was_being_brought_out and_ _she she_sent to father-in-law_of_her to_say to_a_man whom these for_him/it I am_pregnant and_she/it_said investigate please belong_to_whom the_seal and_the_cords and_the_staff the_these. **26** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he_recognized_them and_he/it_said she_is_righteous more_than_me if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so not I_gave_her to_Shēlāh son_ _of_my and_not he_repeated again to_know_her.[228] **27** And_ _he/it_was at_the_time_of she_gave_birth and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE twins were_in_womb_of_her. **28** And_he/it_was when_she_ _gave_birth and_he_put_out a_hand and_ the_midwife _she/it_ _took and_she_tied on his/its_hand a_scarlet_thread to_say this_one he_came_out first. **29** And_he/it_was just_as_he_was_ _withdrawing his/its_hand and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE his/its_ _brother he_came_out and_she/it_said how you_have_made_a_ _breach on_yourself a_breach and_he/it_called his/its_name Perets. **30** And_after his/its_brother whom was_on his/its_hand the_scarlet_thread he_came_out and_he/it_called his/its_name Zeraḥ.

39:1 And_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_had_been_brought_down towards_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_bought_him Pōṭīfar the_official_of Par'oh the_commander_of the_bodyguards a_man an_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) from_the_hand_of the_Yishmā'ēlī who they_had_brought_him_down to_(to). **2** And_he/it_was **YHWH** with Yōṣēf and_he/it_was a_man_of successful and_he/it_was in_house_of his_master(s)_of_his the_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim). **3** And_ master(s)_of_his _he/it_saw if/because_that **YHWH** with_him/it and_all/each/any/every that he was_doing **YHWH** was_making_successful in_his/its_ _hand. **4** And_ Yōṣēf _he_found favour in_eyes_of_his and_he_ _served ~~DOM~~_him/it and_he_appointed_him over household_of_ _his and_all that_there_belonged to_him/it he_gave in_his/its_ _hand. **5** And_he/it_was from_then he_appointed ~~DOM~~_him/it in_household_of_his and_over all_of that there_belonged to_ _him/it and_ **YHWH** _he/it_blessed ~~DOM~~ the_household_of the_ _from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) on_account_of Yōṣēf and_he/it_ _was the_blessing_of **YHWH** in_all that there_belonged to_ _him/it in_house and_in_field. **6** And_he_left all_of that to_

223 **RV 38:26 · Cross-ref.** 38:11.

224 **RV 38:28 · Note** It's not clear from the text who 'she' was—either the mother or the midwife. Similarly, the 'he' in the next sentence (and in the next verse) is presumably the father.

227 **LV 38:24 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as שָׁלְשֹׁ֥ם/כִּ

228 **LV 38:26 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

229 **RV 39:2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:9.

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_him/it in_the_hand_of Yōṣēf and_not he_knew with_him/it anything if/because (if) the_food which he was_eating and_ _he/it_was Yōṣēf handsome_of form and_handsome_of appearance. **7** And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_ the_wife_of his_master(s)_of_his _she_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_ _her to Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_she/it_said lie with_me. **8** And_he_ _refused and_he/it_said to the_wife_of his_master(s)_of_his HERE my_master not he_knows with_me what is_in_house and_ _all/each/any/every that there_belongs to_him/it he_has_ _given in_hand_of_my. **9** Not_he is_great in_household the_this more_than_me and_not he_has_withheld from_me anything if/because (if) you because you his/its_wife/woman and_how will_I_do the_evil the_big/large/great(fs) (the)_this and_I_will_ _sin to_god. **10** And_he/it_was though_spoke_she to Yōṣēf day day and_not he_listened to_her/it to_lie beside_her to_be with_ _her/it. **11** And_he/it_was as_the_day the_this and_he_went to_ _the_house for_doing their_property/content and_there_was_ _not anyone of_the_men_of of_the_house there in_house. **12** And_she_seized_him by_clothing_of_his to_say lie with_me and_he_left clothing_of_his in_hand_of_her and_he_fled and_ _he/it_went_out to_the_outside. **13** And_he/it_was just_as_she_ _saw if/because_that he_had_left clothing_of_his in_hand_of_ _her and_he_had_fled to_the_outside. **14** And_she/it_ _called/named to_the_men_of her_household_of_her and_ _she/it_said to/for_them to_say see he_has_brought to/for_us a_man a_Hebrew to_mock (in)_us he_came to_me to_lie with_ _me and_I_called_out with_a_voice great. **15** And_he/it_was just_as_he_heard if/because_that I_raised my_sound/voice and_I_called_out and_he_left clothing_of_his beside_me and_ _he_fled and_he/it_went_out to_the_outside. **16** And_she_ _placed clothing_of_his beside_her until master(s)_of_his came to house_of_his. **17** And_she_spoke to_him/it according_the_ _words/messages the_these to_say he_came to_me the_servant the_Hebrew whom you_brought to/for_ourselves to_mock (in)_ _me. **18** And_he/it_was just_as_I_raised my_sound/voice and_I_ _called_out and_he_left clothing_of_his beside_me and_he_fled to_the_outside. **19** And_he/it_was just_ master(s)_of_his _as_ _heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of his/its_wife/woman which she_spoke to_him/it to_say according_the_things the_these he_ _did[231] to_me servant_of_your and_ anger_of_his _it_ _glowed/burnt. **20** And_ the_master(s)_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _ _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_he_put_him into the_house_of the_prison the_place_of (of)_where the_prisoners_of[232] the_ _king were_imprisoned and_he/it_was there in_house_of the_ _prison. **21** And_he/it_was **YHWH** with Yōṣēf and_he_extended to_him/it covenant_loyalty and_he/it_gave favour_of_his in/on_both_eyes_of the_commander_of the_house_of the_ _prison. **22** And_ the_commander_of the_house_of the_prison _ _he/it_gave in_the_hand_of Yōṣēf ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_prisoners who in_house_of the_prison and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that they_were_doing there he he_was doing. **23** Not the_commander_of the_house_of the_prison was_seeing ᴅᴏᴍ all_of anything in_his/its_hand because **YHWH** with_him/it and_that_which he was_doing

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young man, **7** and after a while, his master's wife started to develop a crush on him and told him, "Come to bed with me." **8** But he refused and told her, "Listen, with me here, my master doesn't have to think about what's in the house and he's put me in charge of everything. **9** In this house, he doesn't even have more authority than I do and he hasn't kept anything back from me, except for you, his wife. How could I do this very wicked thing and sin against God. **10** But she kept persisting with Yosef day after, but he wouldn't lie with her like she wanted.

11 Then one day when he went into the house to do his work and there were no other men of the house around, **12** Potifar's wife grabbed Yosef's cloak and demanded, "Come to bed with me." But he pulled away and fled outside the house, leaving her there holding his cloak. **13** As soon as it registered that he'd fled outside leaving his cloak behind, **14** she yelled for the other male slaves and told them, "Look, he brought a Ivri (Hebrew) here man to mock at us. He tried to get me onto the bed, but I yelled out loudly. **15** When he grasped that I was screaming for help, he left his cloak here and just took off outside."

16 Potifar's wife kept the cloak beside her until her husband, Yosef's master, got home, **17** then she told him the same story, "That Ivri slave that you brought into our home came to me to mock me, **18** but when I yelled out, he left his cloak here and took off outside."

19 When Yosef's master heard his wife tell what his slave had tried to do to her, he became furious. **20** He took him and threw him into the prison built for the king's prisoners. **21** But Yahweh was with Yosef[230] and was kind to him and caused the prison warden to be pleased with him, **22** so the warden put him in charge of all the other prisoners and Yosef ended up being in charge of everything that happened inside. **23** Then the warden didn't need to concern himself with anything that was going on because Yahweh was with Yosef and helped him succeed in everything he did.

230 **RV 39:21 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:9.

231 **LV 39:19 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

232 **LV 39:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ירוסא**: (x-qere) **יְרִיסָא**: lemma_615 morph_HNcmpc id_01qVE **יְרִיסָא**

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Yosef explains the dreams of two prisoners

40:1 Sometime after that the Mitsri (Egyptian) king's cupbearer and baker sinned against their master, also known as Par'oh (Pharaoh). **2** Par'oh was angry at those two officials **3** and he put them in the custody of the chief of the guards—in the prison where Yosef (Joseph) was also being held. **4** There the chief of the guards assigned Yosef to serve them.

After they'd been in custody for quite some time, **5** the king's cupbearer and baker in prison each had separate dreams on the same night, and each man's dream had its own interpretation. **6** The next morning, Yosef came to them, and wow, they were worried, **7** so he asked the two former officials of Par'oh, "Why are you looking so upset today?"

8 "We each had a dream last night," they answered, "but there's no one here who can tell us what our dreams mean."

"God is the only one who gives someone the ability to interpret the meaning of dreams," Yosef replied. "Please tell me what you dreamed."

9 Then the chief of the cupbearers went first and told his dream to Yosef, "Listen, in my dream there was a grapevine in front of me **10** with three branches on it. Then as soon as the buds appeared on the branches, its blossoms came out straight away and its clusters ripened into grapes. **11** Then I was holding Par'oh's cup and I took the grapes and squeezed them into it and I gave the cup to Par'oh."

12 "This is the interpretation," Yosef responded. "The three branches represent three days. **13** Within three days, Par'oh will display you publicly and then restore you to your position. Then you'll place Par'oh's cup into his hand, just like you used to before when you were his cupbearer. **14** But when it all goes well for you, if you remember me then please be kind and mention me to Par'oh to get me out of this prison, **15** because indeed I was trafficked from the land of the Ivrim (Hebrews). And even here, I didn't do anything to deserve being held in this pit."

16 Now when the chief of the bakers saw that this first dream was interpreted so favourably, he told Yosef, "I also was in my dream, and listen, there were three baskets of white bread on my head. **17** In the top basket there were various kinds of food for Par'oh—baker's goods—but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head." **18** "This is the interpretation," Yosef responded. "The three baskets are three days. **19** Within three days, Par'oh will display you publicly and then impale you on a pole, and the birds will eat your flesh off your bones."

20 Then three days later, it was Par'oh's birthday and he held a feast for all his officials and he got the chief of the cupbearers and the chief of the bakers brought in to stand publicly in the middle of everyone. **21** Then he restored the chief of the cup-

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YHWH was_making_successful.

40:1 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these the_cup_bearer_ _of the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_the_baker they_sinned to_master(s)_of_their to_the_king_of Mitsrayim. **2** And_ Par'oh _ _he_was_angry towards two_of his/its_officials towards the_ _chief_of the_cup_bearers and_towards the_chief_of the_ _bakers. **3** And_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~_them in_the_custody_of the_ _house_of the_commander_of the_bodyguards[233] into the_ _house_of the_prison the_place_of (of)_where Yōṣēf/(Joseph) was_imprisoned there. **4** And_ the_commander_of the_ _bodyguards _he_appointed ~~DOM~~ Yōṣēf with_them and_he_ _served ~~DOM~~_them and_they_were days in_custody. **5** And_ both_of_them _they_dreamed a_dream each dream_of_his_own in_a_night one each according_to_the_interpretation_of his_ _dream_of_his the_cup_bearer and_the_baker who belonged_ _to_the_king_of Mitsrayim who were_imprisoned in_house_of the_prison. **6** And_he_came to_them Yōṣēf in_morning and_ _he/it_saw ~~DOM~~_them and_THERE_they were_looking_dejected. **7** And_he_asked ~~DOM~~ the_officials_of Par'oh who with_him/it in_the_custody_of the_house_of his_master(s)_of_his to_say why your(pl)_faces sad the_day. **8** And_they_said to_him/it a_ _dream we_dreamed and_one_who_interprets there_is_not ~~DOM~~_him/it and_he/it_said to_them Yōṣēf am_not belong_to_ _god do_interpretations recount_it please to_me. **9** And_ the_ _chief_of the_cup_bearers _he_recounted ~~DOM~~ dream_of_his to_ _Yōṣēf and_he/it_said to_him/it in_dream_of_my and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_vine was_before_of_me. **10** And_were_on_ _vine three branches and_she just_as_it_was_budding blossom_ _of_its it_went_up clusters_of_its they_ripened grapes. **11** And_ _the_cup_of Par'oh was_in_hand_of_my and_I_took ~~DOM~~ the_ _grapes and_I_squeezed ~~DOM~~_them into the_cup_of Par'oh and_ _I_put ~~DOM~~ the_cup on the_palm_of Par'oh. **12** And_he/it_said to_him/it Yōṣēf/(Joseph) this interpretation_of_is_its the_ _three_of the_branches are_three_of days they. **13** In_again three_of days Par'oh he_will_lift_up ~~DOM~~ head_of_your and_ _bring_back_will_restore_you to office_of_your and_you_will_ _put the_cup_of Par'oh in_his/its_hand according_the_custom (the)_former when you_were bearer_of_his_cup. **14** If/because (if) you_have_remembered_me with_you just_as it_will_go_well to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_do please with_me loyalty and_ _you_will_bring_me_to_remembrance to Par'oh and_you_will_ _bring_me_out from the_house (the)_this. **15** If/because indeed_(be_stolen) I_was_stolen from_the_land_of the_ _'Ivrī/(Hebrews) and_also here not I_have_done anything that/for/because/then/when they_have_put ~~DOM~~_me in_pit. **16** And_ the_chief_of the_bakers _he/it_saw if/because_that good he_had_interpreted and_he/it_said to Yōṣēf also I in_ _dream_of_my and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE three baskets_of white_ _bread were_on my_head. **17** And_was_in_basket (the)_upper from_all the_food_of Par'oh the_work_of a_baker and_the_bird was_eating ~~DOM~~_them from the_basket from_under my_head. **18** And_ Yōṣēf _he_answered and_he/it_said this interpretation_of_is_its the_three_of the_baskets are_three_of days they. **19** In_again three_of days Par'oh he_will_lift_up ~~DOM~~

233 LV 40:3 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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head_of_your from_on_you and_he_will_hang you on a_tree and_ the_bird[s] _he/it_will_eat ~~ĐOM~~ flesh_of_your from_on_ _you. **20** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_third the_day_of[234] ~~ĐOM~~ Par'oh was_born and_he/it_made a_feast to/from_ _all/each/any/every servants_of_his and_he_lifted_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _head_of the_chief_of the_cup_bearers and_~~ĐOM~~ the_head_of the_chief_of the_bakers in_the_middle servants_of_his. **21** And_ _he_restored ~~ĐOM~~ the_chief_of the_cup_bearers to bearing_of_ _his_cup and_he/it_gave the_cup on the_palm_of Par'oh. **22** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_chief_of the_bakers he_hanged just_as he_had_ _interpreted to/for_them Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **23** And_not the_ _chief_of the_cup_bearers he_remembered ~~ĐOM~~ Yōṣēf and_he_ _forgot_him.

41:1 And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity two_years days and_Par'oh was_dreaming and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_ _standing at the_River. **2** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE from the_River seven cows good_looking_of appearance and_fat_of flesh were_ _coming_up and_they_grazed among_reed[s]. **3** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven cows another were_coming_up after_ _them from the_River displeasing_of appearance and_thin_of flesh and_they_stood beside the_cows on the_bank_of the_ _River. **4** And_ the_cows (the)_displeasing_of (the)_appearance and_(the)_thin_of (the)_flesh _they_ate ~~ĐOM~~ seven the_cows (the)_good_looking_of (the)_appearance and_(the)_fat and_ Par'oh _he_awoke. **5** And_he/it_fell_asleep and_he_dreamed a_ _second_time and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven ears_of_grain were_ _coming_up on_a_stalk one fat and_good. **6** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven ears_of_grain thin and_scorched_of an_east_wind were_springing_up after_them. **7** And_ the_ears_ _grain (the)_thin _they_swallowed ~~ĐOM~~ seven the_ears_grain (the)_fat and_(the)_full and_ Par'oh _he_awoke and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_dream. **8** And_he/it_was in_morning and_ his/its_breath/wind/spirit _it_was_disturbed and_he_sent and_ _he/it_called ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_soothsayer-priests_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of its_wise_of_men and_ Par'oh _he_recounted to/for_them ~~ĐOM~~ dream_of_his and_there_was_ _not one_who_interpreted them for_Par'oh. **9** And_ the_chief_of the_cup_bearers _he/it_spoke with Par'oh to_say ~~ĐOM~~ sins_of_ _my I am_bringing_to_remembrance the_day. **10** Par'oh he_ _was_angry towards servants_of_his and_he/it_gave ~~ĐOM~~_me in_the_custody_of the_house_of the_commander_of the_ _bodyguards ~~ĐOM~~_me and_~~ĐOM~~ the_chief_of the_bakers. **11** And_ _we_dreamed a_dream in_a_night one I and_he each according_ _to_the_interpretation_of his_dream_of_his we_dreamed. **12** And_there with_us a_young_man a_Hebrew a_slave of_the_ _commander_of of_the_bodyguards and_we_recounted to_ _him/it[236] and_he_interpreted to/for_us ~~ĐOM~~ dreams_of_our each according_to_of_his_dream he_interpreted. **13** And_he/it_ _was just_as he_interpreted to/for_us so it_was ~~ĐOM~~_me he_ _restored to office_of_my and_him he_hanged. **14** And_ Par'oh _ _he_sent and_he/it_called ~~ĐOM~~ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_people_

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bearers to his position, and the man carried the cup across to Par'oh, **22** but he had the chief of the bakers executed, just like Yosef had described in the interpretation of the dream. **23** However, the chief of the cupbearers completely forgot about Yosef.

Yosef interprets the king's dreams

41:1 Some two years later, King Par'oh (Pharaoh) had a dream and in it, he was standing beside the Nile River. **2** Then, wow, seven fine-looking and well-fed cows came up out of the river, and they grazed among the reeds. **3** But wow, seven ugly, skinny cows came up out of the river after them, and they stood beside the other cows on the river bank. **4** Then the ugly, skinny cows ate the seven nice, fat cows, and then Par'oh woke up. **5** Then he fell asleep again and had a second dream. And wow, seven good, fat heads of grain came up on one stalk. **6** But wow, seven thin heads of grain sprouted after them—these heads of grain had been scorched by the hot, desert wind. **7** Then the thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good, fat heads. At that point, Par'oh woke up, and realised that it had been a dream. **8** That morning, Par'oh's spirit was troubled, so he sent for all the sorcerers and wise men of Mitsrayim (Egypt)[235] and he told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for the king.

9 Then the chief of the cupbearers spoke with Par'oh saying, "I've just remembered my broken promise today. **10** The king had been angry with his servants, and he put me in the custody of the chief of the guards in his prison—me and the chief of the bakers. **11** The two of us each had a dream one night, and each of the dreams had different interpretations. **12** There was a young Ivri (Hebrew) man in there with us—a slave of the chief of the guards. When we told him our dreams, he interpreted our two different dreams for us. **13** And it all happened just as he'd interpreted them—I was restored to my position and the baker was executed.

14 So Par'oh sent for Yosef (Joseph), and they quickly brought him in from the pit. When he'd shaved and changed his clothes, he was brought in to the king **15** who told him, "I had a dream but no one could interpret it. However, I heard that you could listen to a dream and explain what it means."

16 "No, it's not my ability," Yosef responded, "but *God* will an-

234 **LV 40:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

235 **RV 41:8 · Cross-ref.** Dan 2:2.

236 **LV 41:12 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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swer the king to give him peace."

17 "In my dream," Par'oh told Yosef, "wow, I was standing on the river bank **18** and then listen, up from the river came seven cows. They were well-fed and good-looking, and they grazed among the reeds. **19** Then listen, seven other cows came up after them. They were in poor condition and very ugly and skinny—I haven't seen cows that ugly anywhere in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **20** Then the skinny, ugly cows ate the first seven fat cows, **21** but you wouldn't know it because their bellies were just as skinny as before and they looked just as ugly as they had before. Then I woke up.

22 "Then I had another dream, and listen, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk. They were full and good. **23** Then listen, seven more heads of grain sprouted after them, but they were withered and thin, and scorched by the east wind. **24** Then the thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads of grain. I told these dreams to the sorcerers, but no one could explain them to me."

25 Then Yosef (Joseph) said to Par'oh (Pharaoh), "The king's dreams are one and the same. God has shown Par'oh what he's going to do. **26** The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads of grain are seven years—both dreams mean the same. **27** And the seven thin and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and so are the seven thin heads of grain scorched by the east wind. There will be seven years of drought. **28** That's why I told Par'oh that God has shown him what he's going to do. **29** Listen, there's seven years coming of plentiful harvests throughout all of Mitsrayim, **30** but seven years of drought will follow after them, such that the years of plenty will be quickly forgotten and famine will devastate the land. **31** Yes, the time of plenty won't be remembered because of the famine that follows—it'll be very severe. **32** And as for having two dreams with the same meaning, it's because the matter has been established by God, and God will do it soon.

33 "So now the king should find a man who's discerning and wise, and appoint him over all Mitsrayim (Egypt). **34** Then the king should get him to appoint supervisors all across the country to collect twenty percent of the crops during the seven years of plenty. **35** They should collect that surplus food in the coming good years, and store it in the cities under the king's authority. It should be kept **36** and used as a reserve for the seven years of famine that will affect the country, so that the people will survive.

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_brought_him_quickly from the_pit and_he_shaved and_he_ _changed clothes_of_his and_he_came to Par'oh. **15** And_ Par'oh _he/it_said to Yōṣēf a_dream I_have_dreamed and_one_who_ _interprets there_is_not ~~DOM~~_him/it and_I I_have_heard on_you to_say you_hear a_dream to_interpret ~~DOM~~_him/it. **16** And_ Yōṣēf _he_answered ~~DOM~~ Par'oh to_say apart_from_me god he_ _will_answer ~~DOM~~ the_welfare_of Par'oh. **17** And_ Par'oh _he/it_ _spoke to Yōṣēf in_dream_of_my THERE_I was_standing on the_ _bank_of the_River. **18** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE from the_River seven cows fat_of flesh and_good_looking_of form were_ _coming_up and_they_grazed among_reed[s]. **19** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven cows another were_coming_up after_ _them weak and_displeasing_of form very and_thin_of flesh not I_have_seen like_them in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_ _badness. **20** And_ the_cows (the)_thin and_(the)_displeasing _ _they_ate ~~DOM~~ seven the_cows (the)_former (the)_fat. **21** And_ _they_went into part[s]_of_their_inward and_not it_was_known if/because_that they_had_gone into part[s]_of_their_inward and_appearance_of_their was_displeasing just_as at_beginning and_I_awoke. **22** And_I_saw in_dream_of_my and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven ears_of_grain were_coming_up on_a_ _stalk one full and_good. **23** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven ears_ _of_grain withered thin scorched_of an_east_wind were_ _springing_up after_them. **24** And_they_swallowed the_ears_ _grain[237] (the)_thin ~~DOM~~ seven the_ears_grain (the)_good and_ _I_said to the_magicians/soothsayers and_there_was_not one_ _who_told to_me. **25** And_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he/it_said to Par'oh the_dream_of Par'oh is_one it ~~DOM~~ that_which the_'Elohīm is_ _about_to_do he_has_told to_Par'oh. **26** Seven cows (the)_good are_seven years they and_seven the_ears_grain (the)_good are_ _seven years they is_dream one it. **27** And_seven the_cows (the)_thin and_(the)_displeasing which_were_coming_up after_ _them are_seven years they and_seven the_ears_grain (the)_ _empty (the)_scorched_of the_east_wind they_will_be seven years_of famine. **28** It is_the_message which I_spoke to Par'oh that_which the_'Elohīm is_about_to_do he_has_shown ~~DOM~~ Par'oh. **29** THERE seven years are_about_to_come plenty great in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **30** And_they_will_arise seven[238] years_of famine after_them and_ all_of the_plenty _it_ _will_be_forgotten in_land of_Mitsrayim and_ the_famine _it_ _will_destroy ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land. **31** And_not the_plenty it_ _will_be_known on_the_earth from_face/in_front_of the_ _famine (the)_that after thus if/because will_be_heavy it very. **32** And_on the_dream the_being_repeated to Par'oh two_times if/because the_matter is_certain from_with the_'Elohīm and_ _is_ the_'Elohīm _hurrying to_do_it. **33** And_now Par'oh let_ _him_see a_man discerning and_wise and_let_him_set_him over the_land_of Mitsrayim. **34** Par'oh let_him_act and_let_him_ _appoint overseers over the_earth/land and_he_will_take_a_ _fifth_of ~~DOM~~ the_land_of Mitsrayim in_seven the_years_of (the)_plenty. **35** And_let_them_gather ~~DOM~~ all_of the_food_of the_years (the)_good which_are_coming the_these and_let_ _them_heap_up grain under the_hand_of Par'oh food in_cities and_they_will_keep_it. **36** And_it_was the_food (into)_a_store

237 LV 41:24 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

238 LV 41:30 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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for_land for_seven the_years_of (the)_famine which they_will_
_be in_land of_Mitsrayim and_not the_earth/land it_will_be_
_cut_off by_famine.

37 And_ the_message _it_was_good in/on_both_eyes_of Par'oh
and_in_the_eyes_of all_of servants_of_his. **38** And_ Par'oh _
_he/it_said to servants_of_his has_he_been_found like_this_one
a_man whom the_spirit_of god in/on/over_him/it. **39** And_
Par'oh _he/it_said to Yōṣēf/(Joseph) after god has_made_know
you ᴅᴏᴍ all_of this there_is_not a_discerning_person and_a_
_wise_person like_you. **40** You you_will_be over house_of_my
and_on mouth_of_your all_of people_of_my it_will_kiss only
the_seat I_will_be_great more_than_you. **41** And_ Par'oh _he/it_
_said to Yōṣēf see I_set you over all_of the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **42** And_ Par'oh _he_removed ᴅᴏᴍ
signet-ring_of_his from_under his/its_hand and_he/it_gave
ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it on the_hand_of Yōṣēf and_he_clothed ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it
clothes_of fine_linen and_he/it_assigned the_chain_of the_gold
on neck_of_his. **43** And_he_made_ride ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it in_the_
_chariot_of the_second which to_him/it and_they_proclaimed
before_him bend_the_knee and_he_put ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it over all_of
the_land_of Mitsrayim. **44** And_ Par'oh _he/it_said to Yōṣēf I
am_Par'oh and_apart_from_you not anyone he_will_lift_up ᴅᴏᴍ
his/its_hand and_ᴅᴏᴍ foot_of_his in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim.
45 And_ Par'oh _he/it_called the_name_of Yōṣēf Zaphenath-
Paneah and_he_gave to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ 'Eṣənat the_daughter_of
Poti- phera the_priest_of On to/for_(a)_woman and_ Yōṣēf _
_he/it_went_out over the_land_of Mitsrayim. **46** And_
_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) was_a_son_of thirty year[s] when_stood_he to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim
and_ Yōṣēf _he/it_went_out from_to/for_face/front/presence
Par'oh and_he_passed[243] in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **47** And_
the_earth/land _it_produced in_seven the_years_of (the)_
_plenty to_handfuls. **48** And_he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_food_
_of seven the_years which they_were in_land of_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_put food in_cities the_food_of the_
_field[s]_of the_city which was_around_of_it he_put in_the_
_midst_of_of_it. **49** And_ Yōṣēf _he_heaped_up grain like_the_
_sand_of the_sea much very until if/because he_ceased to_
_measure_it if/because there_was_not measure. **50** And_to_
_Yōṣēf two_of sons it_was_born before_before the_year_of
(the)_famine it_came whom she_bore for_him/it 'Eṣənat the_
_daughter_of Poti- phera the_priest_of On. **51** And_ Yōṣēf _
_he/it_called ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of the_firstborn Mənashsheh
if/because he_has_made_me_forget god ᴅᴏᴍ all_of trouble_of_
_my and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_household_of my_father_of_my.
52 And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of the_second he_called 'Efrayim
if/because he_has_made_me_fruitful god in_land my_affliction_
_of_my. **53** And_ seven the_years_of (the)_plenty which it_was
in_land of_Mitsrayim _they_came_to_an_end. **54** And_ seven
the_years_of (the)_famine _they_began to_come just_as

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Yosef becomes a ruler in Mitsrayim

37 This idea sounded good to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and to all his servants, **38** so he asked them, "Do we have any other man like this who has God's spirit in him?" **39** Then he told Yosef (Joseph), "Since God has shown you all this, there's no one as discerning and wise as you. **40** You'll be over my household, and all my people will obey your every word. Only I on the throne will be greater than you."[239] **41** Then he added, "See, I've put you over all the entire country." **42** Then he removed his signet ring from his hand and put it on Yosef's hand, and he had him dressed in fine linen clothes, and put a gold chain around his neck.[240] **43** He had Yosef ride in his #2 chariot, and they called out in front of him, "Bow down!" So the king put him over the entire country of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **44** Par'oh also told him, "I'm Par'oh, and no person in all Mitsrayim will lift their hand or foot without your permission." **45** Then Par'oh gave him the Mitsri (Egyptian) name 'Tsofnat-Pa'neah' (which means 'the one who reveals secrets'), and he presented him with Esenat, the daughter of Poti-Fera the priest of On, as a wife. And Yosef travelled throughout the land of Mitsrayim.

46 Yosef was thirty years old when he'd been called to stand before Par'oh king of Mitsrayim. When he left Par'oh's presence, he travelled throughout the land of Mitsrayim **47** and the land produced outstanding harvests during the seven years of plenty. **48** For seven years, he gathered all the food throughout the land of Mitsrayim and had it stored in the cities. The food from the countryside that surrounded each city, he put inside that city. **49** So Yosef stored up so much grain that it was like sand on the beaches, until he eventually stopped measuring it because it too much to calculate.

50 Before the years of the famine came, Yosef had two sons that Esenat (the daughter of Poti-Fera, the priest of On) gave birth to. **51** Yosef named the oldest son 'Menasheh' (Manasseh) (which means 'forget'), because he said, "God has made me forget all my hardships and all of my family." **52** His second son he named 'Efrayim' (Ephraim) (which means 'fruitful'), because he said, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my difficulties."

53 Then the seven years of plenty in Mitsrayim came to an end **54** and the seven years of famine started, just as Yosef had said. The famine covered the entire wider region,[241] but it was different in Mitsrayim. **55** All the land of Mitsrayim became famished, and the people cried to the king for food, so Par'oh (Pharaoh)

239 RV 41:40 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:10.

240 RV 41:42 · Cross-ref. Dan 5:29.

241 RV 41:54 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:11.

243 LV 41:46 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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said to all the Mitsrim (Egyptians), "Go to Yosef and do whatever he tells you."[242] **56** The famine was right across the country, so Yosef opened all the grain stores and sold grain to the Mitsrim. But the famine in Mitsrayim was really severe. **57** Then people from much further away started coming to Mitsrayim to buy grain from Yosef, because the famine was severe in the entire wider region.

Yosef's brothers turn up in Mitsrayim

42:1 Meanwhile (up in the Kena'an (Canaan) region), Ya'akov (Jacob) heard that there was grain available in Mitsrayim (Egypt), so he said to his sons, "Why are you just standing there looking at each other? **2** Listen, I've heard that they're selling grain in Mitsrayim. Go down there and buy some for us so that we won't just starve to death here."[244] **3** So ten of Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers travelled down to Mitsrayim to buy grain, **4** but Ya'akov wouldn't send Benyamin (Yosef's youngest brother) with the others, because he said, "I don't want any harm to come to him."

5 So Yisrael's (Israel's) sons found themselves among many others who went to buy grain, because the famine was also throughout the Kena'an region. **6** Now Yosef was the governor over all of Mitsrayim and he was the one there who was selling grain to all the people. So Yosef's brothers approached and bowed down to him with their noses to the ground. **7** When Yosef saw his brothers, he recognized them and acted like a stranger to them, and he spoke harshly with them (through an interpreter), "Where are you lot from?"

"From the land of Kena'an to buy food," they answered.

8 Yosef had recognised his brothers, but they hadn't recognised him, **9** and just then he remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them,[245] so he said to them, "You are spies. You've all come to discover any weak points in this country's defences."

10 "No, my master," they answered. "Your servants have only come to buy food. **11** We're all sons of the same man. We're being honest. Your servants are not spies."

12 "No, you've definitely all come here to see where our land is vulnerable," Yosef insisted.

13 "Your servants are twelve brothers," they protested. "We're all sons of one man in the Kena'an (Canaan) region. It's all true—the youngest is home with our father, and one has passed away."

14 "Yes, it's just as I said," retorted Yosef. "You're spies! **15** But this is how we'll test you all: On Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) life, you

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Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_had_said and_he/it_was a_famine in_all the_ _lands and_on/over_all the_land_of Mitsrayim it_was food. **55** And_ all_of the_land_of Mitsrayim _it_was_hungry and_ the_ _people _it_cried_out to Par'oh for_food and_ Par'oh _he/it_said to/from_all/each/any/every Mitsrayim/(Egypt) go to Yōṣēf that_which he_will_say to/for_you(pl) you(pl)_will_do. **56** And_ _the_famine it_was over all_of the_face_of the_earth/land and_ Yōṣēf _he_opened ĐOM all_of that (is)_in_them and_he_bought_ _grain to_Mitsrayim and_ the_famine _it_was_severe in_land of_ _Mitsrayim. **57** And_all the_earth/land they_came to_Mitsrayim to_buy_grain to Yōṣēf if/because the_famine it_was_severe in_ _all the_earth/land.

42:1 And_ Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) _he/it_saw if/because_that there_ _was grain in_Mitsrayim and_ Ya'$_a$qov _he/it_said to_sons_of_ _his to/for_what are_you(pl)_looking_at_one_another. **2** And_ _he/it_said HERE I_have_heard if/because_that there_is grain in_Mitsrayim go_down to_(to) and_buy_grain to/for_us from_ _there so_that_we_may_live and_not we_will_die. **3** And_ the_ _brothers_of Yōṣēf ten _they_went_down to_buy_grain grain from_Mitsrayim. **4** And_ĐOM Binyāmīn the_brother_of Yōṣēf not Ya'$_a$qov he_sent with brothers_of_his if/because he_said lest it_ _should_happen_to_him harm. **5** And_ the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came to_buy_grain in_the_middle the_ _(ones_who)_went if/because it_was the_famine in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan). **6** And_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he was_the_ruler over the_earth/land he was_the_one_who_sold_grain to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_people_of the_earth/land and_ the_ _brothers_of Yōṣēf _they_came and_they_bowed_down to_ _him/it face the_ground_to. **7** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_saw ĐOM brothers_of_his and_he_recognized_them and_he_acted_as_a_ _stranger to_them and_he/it_spoke with_them harsh and_ _he/it_said to_them from_where have_you(pl)_come and_they_ _said from_the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_buy food. **8** And_ Yōṣēf _he_recognized ĐOM brothers_of_his and_they not they_ _recognized_him. **9** And_ Yōṣēf _he_remembered ĐOM the_ _dreams which he_had_dreamed to/for_them and_he/it_said to_them are_spies you(pl) to_see ĐOM the_nakedness_of the_ _earth/land you(pl)_have_come. **10** And_they_said to_him/it no my_master and_servants_of_your they_have_come to_buy food. **11** Of_us_of_all are_sons_of a_man one we are_honest we not your_servants they_are spies. **12** And_he/it_said to_them no if/because the_nakedness_of the_earth/land you(pl)_have_ _come to_see. **13** And_they_said are_two_plus ten your_servants brothers we sons_of a_man one in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_small(sg) is_with father_of_our the_ _day and_the_one he_is_not. **14** And_he/it_said to_them Yōṣēf/(Joseph) it is_that_which I_said to_you(pl) to_say are_ _spies you(pl). **15** By_this you(pl)_will_be_tested by_the_life of_ _Par'oh if you(pl)_will_go_out from_here if/because (if) when_ brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) _comes here. **16** Send of_ _yourselves one so_that_he_may_fetch ĐOM brother_of_your(pl) and_you(pl) be_imprisoned so_ words/messages_of_your(pl) _

242 RV 41:55 · Cross-ref. Yhn 2:5.

244 RV 42:2 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:12.

245 RV 42:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 37:5-10.

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_that_they_may_be_tested is_truth with_you(pl) and_if not by_
_the_life of_Par'oh if/because are_spies you(pl). **17** And_he_
_removed ĐOM_them to custody three_of days. **18** And_he/it_
_said to_them Yōşēf in_the_day the_third this do and_live ĐOM
the_'Ĕlohīm I am_fearing. **19** If are_honest you(pl) brother_of_
_your(pl) one let_him_be_imprisoned in_house_of your_
_custody_of_your(pl) and_you(pl) go take the_grain_of the_
_hunger_of your(pl)_households_of_your(pl). **20** And_ĐOM
brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) you(pl)_will_bring to_me so_
words/messages_of_your(pl) _that_they_may_be_verified and_
_not you(pl)_will_die and_they_made so. **21** And_they_said each
to his/its_brother indeed are_guilty we on brother_of_our who
we_saw the_distress_of his_self_of_his when_he_sought_favour
to_us and_not we_listened therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_
_has_come to_us the_distress (the)_this. **22** And_ Rə'ūvēn _he_
_answered ĐOM_them to_say am_not did_I_say to_you(pl) to_say
do_not sin against_boy and_not you(pl)_listened and_also
blood_of_his HERE is_required. **23** And_they not they_knew
if/because_that Yōşēf/(Joseph) was_hearing if/because the_
_interpreter was_between_them. **24** And_he_turned_away
from_with_them and_he_wept and_he_returned to_them and_
_he/it_spoke to_them and_he/it_took from_with_them ĐOM
Shim'ōn and_he_bound ĐOM_him/it to_eyes_of_their. **25** And_
Yōşēf _he/it_commanded and_people_filled ĐOM vessels_of_
_their grain and_to_return silver(s)_of_their each to sack_of_his
and_to_give to/for_them provision[s] for_journey and_he/it_
_made to/for_them thus.

26 And_they_lifted ĐOM grain_of_their on donkeys_of_their
and_they_went from_there. **27** And_ the_one _he_opened ĐOM
sack_of_his to_give fodder to_donkey_of_his at_place and_
_he/it_saw ĐOM silver_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it was_in_
_the_mouth_of his_sack_of_his. **28** And_he/it_said to brothers_
_of_his silver_of_my it_has_been_returned and_also HERE in_
_sack_of_my and_ heart_of_their _he/it_went_out and_they_
_trembled each to his/its_brother to_say what this god has_he_
_done to/for_us. **29** And_they_came to Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) father_
_of_their towards_land of_Kənaʼan/(Canaan) and_they_told to_
_him/it ĐOM all_of the_things_which_had_happened_to ĐOM_
_them to_say. **30** The_man the_master(s)_of the_earth/land he_
_spoke with_us harsh and_he/it_gave us like_those_who_spy_
_out ĐOM the_earth/land. **31** And_we_said to_him/it are_honest
we not we_are spies. **32** Are_two_plus ten we brothers sons_of
our_father_of_our the_one he_is_not the_young_brother the_
_day is_with father_of_our in_land of_Kənaʼan/(Canaan).
33 And_he/it_said to_us the_man the_master(s)_of the_
_earth/land by_this I_will_know if/because_that are_honest
you(pl) brother_of_your(pl) the_one leave with_me and_ĐOM
the_hunger_of your(pl)_households_of_your(pl) take and_go.
34 And_bring ĐOM brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) to_me so_
_that_I_may_know if/because_that not are_spies you(pl)
if/because_that are_honest you(pl) ĐOM brother_of_your(pl) I_
_will_give to/for_you(pl) and_ĐOM the_earth/land you(pl)_will_
_go_about_in. **35** And_he/it_was they were_emptying sacks_of_

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won't ever leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. **16** Select one among you to go and get your brother, and the rest of you will be imprisoned. Then we'll find out if you've all been telling the truth. And if not, on Par'oh's life, you're certainly spies." **17** Then he had them locked up together for three days.

18 On the third day, Yosef told them, "I'm a man who reveres God. So if you do exactly what I say, I'll let you live. **19** If you are actually honest, leave one of your brothers in prison here, and you others go and take grain back to feed your families. **20** Then when you will bring me your youngest brother so that I can verify your statements, then you won't die." So they agreed, **21** saying to each other (in Hebrew), "We are truly guilty concerning our brother Yosef, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, but we didn't take any notice. That's why this predicament has happened to us."

22 "Didn't I beg you all not to sin against the lad?"[246] Re'uven spoke up. "But you wouldn't listen, so now, see, now we're having to account for his blood." **23** (But they didn't know that Yosef understood them, because he and them had been speaking through an interpreter.) **24** Yosef turned away from them briefly so they couldn't see his tears, then he turned back toward them and spoke to them. Then he had Shim'on (Simeon) separated from the group and tied up in front of them. **25** Then Yosef ordered his servants and they filled their bags with grain, and he quietly ordered them to return each man's silver back to his sack and to give them provisions to them for the road.

Yosef's brothers return home

After Yosef (Joseph) had provided for his brothers, **26** they loaded their grain onto their donkeys and departed. **27** At a lodging place that night, one of them opened his sack to feed his donkey and to his horror, he saw his silver inside the top of the sack. **28** "My silver's been returned," he told his brothers, "and it's right here in my sack!" Then their stomachs tightened, and trembling, they asked each other, "What's this that God's doing to us?"

29 When they got home to Ya'akov (Jacob) their father in Kena'an (Canaan), they told him everything that had happened to them, **30** "This man, the master of Mitsrayim (Egypt), spoke harshly to us and treated us as if we were spying out his country, **31** but we told him, 'We're honest—we're not spies. **32** We're twelve brothers, the sons of our father. One is no longer alive, and the youngest is with our father today back in Kena'an.' **33** Then that man told us, 'I'll find out if you're honest: Leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for your families and go. **34** Then bring me your youngest brother so that I'll know you're not spies—that you're telling the truth. Then I'll release your brother and you can trade here freely.' "

35 Then when they started emptying their sacks, wow, each man's pouch of silver was inside his sack. When the brothers and their father saw their pouches of silver, they were afraid.

246 RV 42:22 · Cross-ref. Gen 37:21-22.

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36 "You've deprived me of another son," Ya'akov exclaimed. Yosef (Joseph) is gone! Shim'on's (Simeon's) gone! And then you want to take Benyamin as well! Why's everything going so wrong for me?" 37 Then Re'uven offered to his father, "You can kill my two sons if I don't bring Benyamin back to you. Let me take responsibility for him, and I'll make sure that he returns to you." 38 "My son will *not* go with you," Ya'akov countered, "because his brother is dead, and he alone is left. And if harm were to meet him on the road that you're going on, then you'd bring my grey head down to the grave in grief."

Yosef's brothers bring Benyamin to Mitsrayim

43:1 However, the famine in the region was still very severe, 2 so when they'd used up all the grain that they'd brought from Mitsrayim (Egypt), their father instructed them, "Go back there and buy some food for us."

3 But Yehudah (Judah) challenged him, "That man told us that he won't even see us unless our brother is with us. 4 We can only go there to buy food for you if you'll agree to send our youngest brother with us. 5 If you don't, it's not even worth going, because that man clearly told us that he won't even see us unless our brother is with us.

6 "Why did you all treat me badly by telling the man you have a younger brother?" their father Yisrael (Israel) asked.

7 "The man kept asking about us and our relatives," they answered. "He asked, 'Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?' We just answered what he asked. How could we possibly know that he would insist that we bring our youngest brother there?"

8 Then Yehudah said to his father, "Entrust the young man to me, and we'll pack up and go so that both we and you and our little ones will live and not die. 9 I myself will guarantee him. If anything happens to him, you can charge it to me. If I don't get him safely back to you, then I'll personally carry the blame for the rest of my life. 10 If we hadn't sat around here doing nothing for so long, certainly by now we could have been there and back twice!"

11 "Well, if that's our only choice," their father acceded, "then do this: Take some of the best produce from around here in your bags, and take it down to the man as a gift: a little balm, a little honey, spices and myrrh, and some pistachio nuts and almonds. 12 And take double the amount of silver, because you must repay the silver that was returned in the tops of your sacks. Perhaps it was a mistake. 13 So take your brother and go and return to the man. 14 May the provider God Almighty cause the man to treat

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_their and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE each_man the_bag_of his_silver_ _of_his was_in_sack_of_his and_ they and_father_of_their _ _they_saw ÐOM the_bags_of their_silver(s)_of_their and_they_ _were_afraid. 36 And_he/it_said to_them Ya'aqov/(Jacob) father_of_their ÐOM_me you(pl)_are_making_childless Yōsēf/(Joseph) he_is_not and_Shim'ōn he_is_not and_ÐOM Binyāmīn you(pl)_will_take on_me of_them_of_all they_are. 37 And_ Rə'ūvēn _he/it_said to his/its_father to_say ÐOM two_ _of my_sons_of_my you_will_kill if not I_will_bring_him to_you put ÐOM_him/it on hand_of_my and_I I_will_bring_him_back to_you. 38 And_he/it_said not son_of_my he_will_go_down with_you(pl) if/because his/its_brother he_has_died and_he for_him/it_being_alone is_remaining and_it_will_happen_to_ _him harm on_journey which you(pl)_will_go on_it and_ _you(pl)_will_cause_to_go_down ÐOM hair_of_my_grey in_ _sorrow Shə'ōl_to.

43:1 And_the_famine was_heavy on_the_earth. 2 And_he/it_was just_as they_finished to_eat ÐOM the_grain which they_had_ _brought from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he/it_said to_them father_of_their go_back buy to/for_us a_little_of food. 3 And_ _he/it_said to_him/it Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say solemnly_(warn) he_warned (in)_us the_man to_say not you(pl)_will_see face_of_ _my except brother_of_your(pl) is_with_you(pl). 4 If (there)_ _you are_sending ÐOM brother_of_our with_us we_will_go_ _down and_we_will_buy to/for_yourself(m) food. 5 And_if not_ _you are_sending_him not we_will_go_down if/because the_ _man he_said to_us not you(pl)_will_see face_of_my except brother_of_your(pl) is_with_you(pl). 6 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_said why did_you(pl)_do_harm to_me to_announce to_ _man still to/for_you(pl) does_a_brother. 7 And_they_said expressly_(ask) the_man he_asked to/for_us and_of_kindred_ _of_our to_say still father_of_is_your(pl) living is_there to/for_ _you(pl) a_brother and_we_told to_him/it[247] on the_mouth_of the_words/messages the_these possibly_(know) did_we_know if/because_that he_will_say bring_down ÐOM brother_of_ _your(pl). 8 And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) his/its_father send the_young_man with_me and_we_will_arise and_we_will_go so_that_we_may_live and_not both we as_well_ _as you as_well_as one[s]_of_our_little we_will_die. 9 I I_will_ _stand_surety_for_him from_hand_of_my you_will_require_him if not I_have_brought_him to_you and_I_will_set_him to_your_ _face and_I_will_be_culpable to/for_yourself(m) all_of the_ _days. 10 If/because if_not we_had_delayed if/because now we_ _have_returned this two_times. 11 And_he/it_said to_them Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) father_of_their if so then this do take some_of_ _the_best_products_of the_earth/land in_vessels_of_your(pl) and_take_down to_man a_gift a_little_of balm and_a_little_of honey spice and_myrrh pistachio_nuts and_almonds. 12 And_ _silver_of double take in_hand_of_your(pl) and_ÐOM the_silver which_was_returned in_the_mouth_of your(pl)_sacks_of_ _your(pl) you(pl)_will_take_back in_hand_of_your(pl) perhaps was_a_mistake it. 13 And_ÐOM brother_of_your(pl) take and_ _arise go_back to the_man. 14 And_god almighty may_he_give to/for_you(pl) compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_

247 **LV 43:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_of/before the_man and_he_will_let_go to/for_you(pl) ~~ᵭᵯ~~ brother_of_your(pl) other and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn and_I just_as I_ _have_been_bereaved I_have_been_bereaved. **15** And_ the_men _they_took ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_gift (the)_this and_double money they_ _took in_hand_of_their and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn and_they_arose and_they_went_down Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_stood to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **16** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_saw with_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn and_he/it_said to_ _the_one_who was_over household_of_his bring ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_men to_the_house and_slaughter a_slaughter and_prepare_it if/because with_me the_men they_will_eat at_noon(s). **17** And_ the_man _he/it_made just_as Yōṣēf he_said and_ the_man _ _he/it_brought ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_men the_house_of_to of_Yōṣēf. **18** And_ the_men _they_were_afraid if/because they_were_brought the_ _house_of Yōṣēf and_they_said on the_matter_of the_silver which_came_back in_sacks_of_our at_beginning we are_being_ _brought to_roll_himself on_us and_to_throw_himself on_us and_to_take us to_slaves and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ donkeys_of_our. **19** And_ _they_approached (to) the_man who was_over the_household_ _of Yōṣēf and_they_spoke to_him/it the_entrance_of the_ _house. **20** And_they_said pardon_us my_master indeed_(come_ _down) we_came_down at_beginning to_buy food. **21** And_ _he/it_was if/because we_came to the_lodging_place and_we_ _opened ~~ᵭᵯ~~ sacks_of_our and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_silver_of each_man was_in_the_mouth_of his_sack_of_his silver_of_our in_weight_of_its and_we_have_brought_back ~~ᵭᵯ~~_him/it in_ _hand_of_our. **22** And_silver other we_have_brought_down in_ _hand_of_our to_buy food not we_know who did_he_put silver_ _of_our in_sacks_of_our. **23** And_he/it_said peace to/for_you(pl) do_not fear god_of_your(pl) and_the_god_of your_father_of_ _your(pl) he_gave to/for_you(pl) hidden_treasure in_sacks_of_ _your(pl) silver_of_your(pl) it_came to_me and_he_brought_out to_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Shim´ōn. **24** And_ the_man _he/it_brought ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_men the_house_of_to of_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_he_gave water and_they_washed feet_of_their and_he/it_gave fodder to_ _donkeys_of_their. **25** And_they_prepared ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_gift until Yōṣēf came at_noon(s) if/because they_had_heard if/because_ _that there they_will_eat food. **26** And_ Yōṣēf _he_came to_the_ _house and_they_brought to_him/it ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_gift which was_ _in_hand_of_their to_the_house and_they_bowed_down to_ _him/it the_ground_to. **27** And_he_asked to/for_them to_ _welfare and_he/it_said health father_of_is_your(pl) (the)_old whom you(pl)_spoke is_still_he alive. **28** And_they_said health belongs_to_servant_of_your to_father_of_our still_he is_alive and_they_bowed_low and[248].[249][250] **29** And_he_lifted_up eyes_ _of_his and_he/it_saw ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn his/its_brother the_son_ _of his/its_mother and_he/it_said is_this brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) whom you(pl)_spoke to_me and_he_said god may_he_show_favour_to_you my_son_of_my. **30** And_ Yōṣēf _ _he_hurried if/because compassion(s)_of_his they_grew_warm to his/its_brother and_he/it_sought to_weep and_he_went to_ _the_inner_room and_he_wept there_(to). **31** And_he_washed

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you kindly, and may he send your other brother and Benyamin back with you. And as for me, if I lose another son, I'll just have to mourn him."

15 So the brothers took the gifts and double the amount of silver. Then taking Benyamin, they travelled down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) and presented themselves to Yosef (Joseph). **16** When Yosef saw Benyamin with them, he told his head house-servant, "Take these men to the house, and slaughter an animal and prepare a meal, because they'll eat with me at noon." **17** The man did what he'd been instructed and brought the men to Yosef's house.

18 But the brothers were afraid when they found out that they'd been brought to wait outside Yosef's house, and said to each other, "We must have been brought here because of the silver that was returned in our sacks the first time. He wants to overpower us, then arrest us and confiscate our donkeys and take us as slaves." **19** So they approached the head servant and spoke to him at the entrance of the house, **20** explaining, "Please, my master, honestly, we came down here the first time to buy food. **21** But when we got to our lodging place that evening, we opened our sacks and got a shock because each man's silver was in the top of his sack—the full amount of our silver was there. So we've brought it back here on this trip, **22** plus we've brought more silver to buy food. We don't know who put that silver in our sacks." **23** But he said, "Peace to you—don't be afraid. Your god and the god of your father has given you hidden treasure in your sacks—I received your previous payment." Then he brought Shim'on (Simeon) out to them.

24 Then the servant took the brothers into Yosef's house. He had water given to them and they washed their feet, and he had fodder given to their donkeys. **25** Then they got theirs gifts ready for when Yosef would arrive at midday, because they'd heard that they would be given lunch there. **26** When Yosef arrived there, they brought their gifts and they bowed to the ground in front of him. **27** Then he asked them about their living situation at home and questioned, "Is everything ok for your elderly father that you told me about? Is he still alive?"

28 "Things are well for your servant our father. And yes, he's still alive." Then they bowed their heads and bowed to the ground again.

29 Then Yosef looked around and saw his full-brother Benyamin, and asked, "Is this your youngest brother that you spoke to me about?" Then he said, "May God be gracious to you, my son." **30** At that point, Yosef had to hurry out of the room, because he was so overcome with emotion for his younger brother that he needed to cry, so he went to his inner room and cried there. **31** Then he washed his face and came out, controlling

248 LV 43:28 · Note OSHB variant note: וחתשי/ו: (x-qere) וַיֶּחְתְּשֵׁי/ו: lemma_c/7812 n_0 morph_HC/Vvw3mp id_01UGx וַיֶּחַתְּשֵׁי/ו

249 LV 43:28 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

250 LV 43:28 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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himself and ordering, "Serve the meal." **32** So the servants served Yosef at his own table, and served the brothers separately and the Mitsrim (Egyptians) who were eating with him separately again (because Mitsrim won't eat together with Ivrim (Hebrews), because Mitsrim would find that demeaning). **33** At their table, the brothers were astonished to discover that they had been seated in order from the oldest to the youngest. **34** Then they were served food Yosef's table, but Benyamin's serving was five times larger than any of the others, and they drank and they and Yosef all got a bit tiddly.

Yosef frames Benyamin for theft

44:1 Then Yosef (Joseph) commanded his head servant, "Fill the men's sacks with grain, as much as they are able to carry, and put each man's payment back into the top of his sack. **2** And put my own silver cup in the top of the youngest one's sack along with his payment." So he did what he was instructed. **3** The next morning at daylight, the brothers and their donkeys were sent off to start their trip home. **4** They hadn't gone very far out of the city when Yosef told his head servant, "Get up and, follow after those men. When you overtake them, ask them, 'Why did you repay good with evil? **5** Isn't this the cup that my master drinks from and indeed, what he divines with? You've done evil taking that.' "

6 So the servant overtook them and did exactly what he'd been instructed to do. **7** But they asked him, "Why does my master say that? Far be it from your servants to do something like that. **8** Listen, we brought the silver that we found in the top of our sacks back to you from the land of Kena'an (Canaan). So why would we then steal silver or gold from the house of your master? **9** If you find anything stolen with any of us, that person can be executed, and the rest of us can also be taken as slaves for my master."

10 "Indeed," the servant replied, "according to your words, that's how it'll be: the one who is found with the stolen cup will become my slave, but you others will be free to go." **11** So each of the brothers quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each one opened his sack. **12** Then Yosef's servant searched beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and the cup was found in Benyamin's sack. **13** Seeing this, the brothers tore their clothes (as a sign of their distress), and each one loaded up his donkey, and they all returned to the city.

14 When Yehudah (Judah) and his brothers got to Yosef's (Joseph's) house, he was still there, and they fell to their knees and bowed to the ground in front of him. **15** "What's this that you've done?" Yosef demanded. "Didn't you know that a man like me can certainly divine the truth?"

16 "What can we say to my master?" Yehudah answered. "What words could we speak? How could we possibly justify ourselves? God has exposed the sin of your servants. So now, we are slaves for my master—both we and the one who was found with the

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his/its_faces/face and_he/it_went_out and_he_restrained_ _himself and_he/it_said set food. **32** And_they_set to_him/it for_him/it_being_alone and_for_them them_alone and_for_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt)ians the_ones_eating with_him/it them_ _alone if/because not they_were_able the_Mitsrayimians to_eat with the_Ívrī/(Hebrews) food if/because is_an_abomination it to_Mitsrayim. **33** And_they_lived before_him the_firstborn according_to_of_his_birthright and_the_young_brother according_to_of_his_youth and_ the_men _they_looked_in_ _astonishment each to his/its_neighbour. **34** And_someone_ _took portions from_with his/its_faces/face to_them and_ the_ _portion_of Binyāmīn _it_was_great more_than_the_portions_ _of all_of_them_of_their five hands and_they_drank and_they_ _became_drunk with_him/it.

44:1 And_he/it_commanded ~~ÐOM~~ the_one_who was_over household_of_his to_say fill ~~ÐOM~~ the_sacks_of the_men food just_as they_are_able to_carry and_put the_silver_of each_man in_the_mouth_of his_sack_of_his. **2** And_~~ÐOM~~ cup_of_my the_ _cup_of (the)_silver you_will_put in_the_mouth_of the_sack_of the_small(sg) and_~~ÐOM~~ the_silver_of his_grain_of_his and_ _he/it_made according_to_the_message_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) which he_had_spoken. **3** The_morning it_was_light and_the_ _men they and_donkeys_of_their they_were_sent_off. **4** They they_went_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_city not they_had_gone_far and_Yōşēf he_said to_the_one_who was_over household_of_his arise pursue after the_men and_you_will_overtake_them and_you_ _will_say to_them to/for_what have_you(pl)_repaid evil for good. **5** Am_not is_this that_which my_master he_drinks in/on/over_him/it and_he indeed_(divine) he_practices_ _divination in/on/over_him/it you(pl)_have_done_evil that_ _which you(pl)_have_done. **6** And_he_overtook_them and_ _he/it_spoke to_them ~~ÐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these. **7** And_they_said to_him/it to/for_what my_master does_he_ _speak according_the_words/messages the_these far_be_it to_ _servants_of_your from_doing according_the_manner (the)_ _this. **8** HERE silver which we_found in_the_mouth_of our_ _sacks_of_our we_brought_back to_you from_the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_how will_we_steal from_the_house_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your silver or gold. **9** Anyone_whom it_ _is_found with_him/it of_servants_of_your and_he_will_die and_also we we_will_belong to_master_of_my to_slaves. **10** And_he/it_said also now according_to_of_your(pl)_ _words/messages will_be_so it anyone_whom it_is_found with_ _him/it he_will_be to/for_me a_slave and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_ _be innocent. **11** And_they_hurried and_they_brought_down each_man ~~ÐOM~~ sack_of_his the_ground_to and_they_opened each_man sack_of_his. **12** And_he_searched with_brother he_ _began and_with_brother he_finished and_ the_cup _it_was_ _found in_the_sack_of Binyāmīn. **13** And_they_tore clothes_of_ _their and_ each_man _he_loaded on_donkey_of_his and_they_ _went_back to_the_city. **14** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _brothers_of_his _he_came the_house_of_to of_Yōşēf/(Joseph) and_he still_he was_there and_they_fell before_him the_ _ground_to. **15** And_he/it_said to/for_them Yōşēf what is_the_ _deed the_this which you(pl)_have_done am_not do_you(pl)_ _know if/because_that indeed_(divine) a_man who is_like_me he_practices_divination. **16** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said what will_we_say to_master_of_my what will_we_speak and_what

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will_we_justify_ourselves the_ʾElohīm he_has_found ÐOM the_ _guilt_of your_servants HERE_we are_slaves of_master_of_my both we as_well_as the_one_who the_cup it_was_found in_ _his/its_hand. **17** And_he/it_said far_be_it to/for_me from_ _doing this the_man whom the_cup it_was_found in_his/its_ _hand he he_will_be to/for_me slave and_you(pl) go_up to_ _peace to father_of_your(pl).

18 And_he_drew_near to_him/it Yəhūdāh and_he/it_said pardon_me my_master may_he_speak please servant_of_your a_message in_the_ears_of my_master and_not anger_of_your let_it_burn on_servant_of_your if/because as_you as_Parʿoh. **19** My_master he_asked ÐOM servants_of_his to_say is_there to/for_you(pl) a_father or a_brother. **20** And_we_said to my_ _master there_is to/for_us a_father old and_child/boy/young_ _man old_age(s) young and_brother_of_his he_died and_ he _ _he_was_left for_him/it_being_alone to_mother_of_his and_ _father_of_his he_loves_him. **21** And_she/it_said to your_ _servants bring_him_down to_me so_that_I_may_set eye_of_my on/upon/above_him/it. **22** And_we_said to my_master not the_ _young_man he_will_be_able to_leave ÐOM his/its_father and_ _he_will_leave ÐOM his/its_father and_he_will_die. **23** And_ _she/it_said to your_servants if not brother_of_your(pl) the_ _small(sg) he_will_come_down with_you(pl) not you(pl)_will_ _repeat to_see face_of_my. **24** And_he/it_was if/because we_ _went_up to servant_of_your father_of_my and_we_told to_ _him/it ÐOM the_words/messages_of my_master. **25** And_ father_of_our _he/it_said go_back buy to/for_us a_little_of food. **26** And_we_said not we_are_able to_go_down if (there) brother_of_our the_small(sg) is_with_us and_we_will_go_down if/because not we_will_be_able to_see the_face_of the_man and_brother_of_our the_small(sg) not_he is_with_us. **27** And_ servant_of_your father_of_my _he/it_said to_us you(pl) you(pl)_know if/because_that two_sons she_bore to/for_me wife_of_my. **28** And_ the_one _he/it_went_out from_with_me and_I_said surely surely_(tear) he_has_been_torn_to_pieces and_not I_have_seen_him until now. **29** And_you(pl)_will_take also ÐOM this_one from_with presence_of_my and_it_will_ _happen_to_him harm and_you(pl)_will_cause_to_go_down ÐOM hair_of_my_grey in_calamity Shəʾōl_to. **30** And_now just_as_I_ _come to servant_of_your father_of_my and_the_lad not_he is_ _with_us and_life_of_his is_bound_up with_life_of_his. **31** And_ _it_was just_as_he_sees if/because_that is_not the_young_man and_he_will_die and_ your_servants _they_will_bring_down ÐOM the_grey_hair_of your_servant_of_your father_of_our in_ _sorrow Shəʾōl_to. **32** If/because servant_of_your he_stood_ _surety_for ÐOM the_young_man from_with father_of_my to_ _say if not I_will_bring_him to_you and_I_will_be_culpable to_ _father_of_my all_of the_days. **33** And_now let_him_remain please servant_of_your in_place_of the_young_man a_slave of_ _master_of_my and_the_lad let_him_go_up with brothers_of_ _his. **34** If/because how will_I_go_up to father_of_my and_the_ _lad not_he is_with_me lest I_should_look on_calamity which it_will_find ÐOM father_of_my.

45:1 And_not Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_was_able to_restrain_himself to_all/each/any/every those_who_were_standing on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_called send_out every_of man from_with_me and_not anyone he_stood with_him/it

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cup."

17 "Far be it from me to do that." Yosef corrected them. "Only the man who had the cup will become my slave, and the rest of you can go back to your father in peace."

Yehudah pleads to Yosef

18 Then Yehudah (Judah) went closer to Yosef (Joseph) and said quietly, "Please, my master, please let your servant speak a word in my master's ears, and don't get angry with me, since you're as powerful as Par'oh (Pharaoh). **19** My master previously asked his servants if we had a father or another brother? **20** And we answered to my master, 'Yes, we have an elderly father and also the youngest son of his old age. But that son's brother is dead, so he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' **21** Then you told your servants, 'Bring the other son here so I can see him myself.' **22** And we said to my master, 'The young man isn't able to leave his father, because if he does, then the old man will die.' **23** But then you said to your servants, 'If your youngest brother doesn't come with you, you won't get access to me again.'

24 "After all that, when we went back to your servant my father, we explained your words to him, my master. **25** Eventually, our father told us, 'Return there to buy some food for us.' **26** But we told him, 'We can't go back unless our youngest brother is with us, because we wouldn't be able to get access to that man if our youngest brother wasn't with us.' **27** Then your servant my father told us, 'You know that my wife gave birth to two sons for me. **28** One of them went away from me, and I've assumed that he was torn to pieces, and I've never seen him again. **29** So if you also take this son away and something happened to him, then you'd bring my grey head down to the grave in misery.'

30 "So now, if I was to return home to your servant my father without that young man, since his father's soul is bound to his soul, **31** then as soon as he sees that the young man isn't will us, then he'll have a heart attack and so your servants will bring the grey head of your servant our father down to the grave in misery. **32** But your servant guaranteed the young man to my father, saying, 'If I don't get him back to you, then I will have sinned against my father all my life.'

33 "So now, please let your servant stay as a slave for my master instead of the young man, and let the young man go home with his brothers. **34** So now, how could I possibly go home to my father if that young man isn't with me? I wouldn't be able to cope with my father's misery."

45:1 By now, Yosef (Joseph) wasn't able to control himself in front of everyone who was standing around, and he called out,

Yosef reveals himself to his brothers

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"Send everyone else out!" So Yosef was alone when he revealed himself to his brothers,[251] **2** but he cried so loudly that many Mitsrim (Egyptians) heard it and Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) household listened. **3** "I'm Yosef!" he told his brothers. "Is my father still alive?" But his brothers weren't able to answer him because they were terrified there in front of him. **4** "Please come close to me," he said. So they came close, and he explained, "I'm your brother Yosef that you sold to be taken to Mitsrayim (Egypt). **5** But don't be upset now or troubled that you sold me here, because it was God who sent me ahead of you so that lives would be saved. **6** There's already been two years of famine in this region, but there's still five more years to come without any ploughing or harvesting. **7** So God sent me ahead of you all so that some of you would be kept alive by this miracle and your children would be preserved. **8** You see, it wasn't you who sent me here, but God. And he's made me like a father to Par'oh, and master over all his house and the ruler in all the land of Mitsrayim.

9 "So hurry back to my father and tell him, 'This is what your son Yosef says, "God has made me master over all Mitsrayim. Come down to me—don't delay.[252] **10** You can live in the Goshen region so that you'll be near to me—you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and everything that belongs to you. **11** I'll provide for you here because there's still five years of famine to come. That way, you won't end up poor—you and your household and everyone with you." ' **12** Look at me! You yourselves and even my brother Benyamin can see that it's really me who's speaking to you. **13** So go and tell my father about all my very high position in Mitsrayim and everything else that you've seen. Then hurry and bring my father down here."

14 Then he hugged his brother Benyamin and cried, and Benyamin cried too while they hugged. **15** Then he kissed all his brothers and cried over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

16 When the report about the arrival of Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers reached Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) house, both him and his servants were pleased. **17** Then Par'oh instructed Yosef, "Tell your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and leave. Go to Kena'an (Canaan) **18** and get your father and your households, and come back here to me, and I'll give to you the best of the land in Mitsrayim, and you'll eat the best of the country.' **19** And you're commanded, 'Do this: Take carts with you from here for your little ones and for your wives, and get your father and come. **20** Don't be upset about anything you have to leave behind, because the best of all the land in Mitsrayim will be yours.' "

21 Then Yisrael's (Israel's) sons did what they had been in-

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when_ Yōşēf _made_himself_known to brothers_of_his. **2** And_ _he/it_gave ĐOM voice_of_his in_weeping and_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_heard and_ the_household_of Par'oh _ _he/it_listened. **3** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_said to brothers_of_his I am_Yōşēf still father_of_is_my living and_not brothers_of_his they_were_able to_answer ĐOM_him/it if/because they_were_ _terrified of_him. **4** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_said to brothers_of_his draw_near please to_me and_they_drew_near and_he/it_said I am_Yōşēf brother_of_your(pl) whom you(pl)_sold ĐOM_me towards_Mitsrayim. **5** And_now do_not be_grieved and_not let_ _it_burn in_eyes_of_your(pl) if/because you(pl)_sold ĐOM_me hither if/because for_preservation_of_life he_sent_me god before_you(pl). **6** If/because this two_years the_famine has_ _been_in_the_midst_of the_earth/land and_still five years when there_will_be_not plowing_time and_harvest_time.[253] **7** And_he_sent_me god before_you(pl) to_make to/for_you(pl) a_remnant on_the_earth and_to_preserve_alive to/for_you(pl) (to)_a_deliverance great. **8** And_now not you(pl) you(pl)_sent ĐOM_me hither if/because the_'Elohīm and_he_has_appointed_ _me to_a_father of_Par'oh and_to_master to/from_ _all/each/any/every household_of_his and_ruler in_all the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** Hurry and_go_up to father_of_ _my and_you(pl)_will_say to_him/it thus son_of_your Yōşēf/(Joseph) he_says he_has_appointed_me god to_master to/from_all/each/any/every Mitsrayim come_down to_me do_ _not delay. **10** And_you_will_dwell in_the_land_of Goshen and_ _you_will_be near to_me you and_children_of_your and_the_ _sons your(pl)_children_of_your and_sheep_of_your and_cattle_ _of_your and_all that to/for_you(fs). **11** And_I_will_provide_for you there if/because still will_be_five years famine lest you and_household_of_your and_all that to/for_you(fs) you_ _should_become_impoverished. **12** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE your(pl)_eyes and_the_eyes_of my_brother/kindred Binyāmīn are_seeing if/because_that mouth_of_my is_the_one_which_ _speaks to_you(pl). **13** And_you(pl)_will_tell to_father_of_my ĐOM all_of honour_of_my in_Mitsrayim and_ĐOM all_of that you(pl)_saw and_you(pl)_will_hurry and_you(pl)_will_bring_ _down ĐOM father_of_my hither. **14** And_he_fell on the_neck(s)_ _of Binyāmīn his/its_brother and_he_wept and_Binyāmīn he_ _wept on neck(s)_of_his. **15** And_he_kissed to/from_ _all/each/any/every brothers_of_his and_he_wept over_them and_after thus brothers_of_his they_spoke with_him/it. **16** And_the_sound it_was_heard the_house_of Par'oh to_say the_brothers_of Yōşēf they_have_come and_it_was_good in/on_ _both_eyes_of Par'oh and_in_the_eyes_of his_servants_of_his. **17** And_ Par'oh _he/it_said to Yōşēf/(Joseph) say to brothers_ _of_your this do load ĐOM animal[s]_of_your(pl) and_go go towards_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan). **18** And_fetch ĐOM father_ _of_your(pl) and_ĐOM households_of_your(pl) and_come to_me and_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) ĐOM the_good_thing[s]_of the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_eat ĐOM the_fat_of the_ _earth/land. **19** And_you(ms) you_are_commanded this do take

251 RV 45:1 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:13.

252 RV 45:9-11 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:14.

253 LV 45:6 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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to/for_you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim carts for_your_ _little_of_one[s] and_for_wives_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _carry ĐOM father_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_come. **20** And_ _eye_of_your(pl) not let_it_look_with_regret on things_of_ _your(pl) if/because the_good_thing[s]_of all_of the_land_of Mitsrayim to/for_you(pl) it. **21** And_they_did thus the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_gave to/for_them Yōşēf carts on the_ _mouth_of Par'oh and_he/it_gave to/for_them provision[s] for_ _journey. **22** To/for_all_them he_gave to_each changes_of clothes and_to_Binyāmīn he_gave three hundred(s) silver and_ _five changes_of clothes. **23** And_to_father_of_his he_sent according_to_this ten donkeys carrying some_of_the_good_ _thing[s]_of Mitsrayim and_ten female_donkeys carrying grain and_food and_provision[s] for_father_of_his for_journey. **24** And_he_sent_off ĐOM brothers_of_his and_they_went and_ _he/it_said to_them do_not stir_up on_way. **25** And_they_went_ _up from_Mitsrayim and_they_came the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) father_of_their. **26** And_ _they_told to_him/it to_say still Yōşēf/(Joseph) is_alive and_ _because/when he is_ruling in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ his/its_heart _it_grew_numb if/because not he_believed to/for_them. **27** And_they_spoke to_ _him/it ĐOM all_of the_words/messages_of Yōşēf which he_ _had_spoken to_them and_he/it_saw ĐOM the_carts which Yōşēf he_had_sent to_carry ĐOM_him/it and_ the_spirit_of Ya'ₐqov father_of_their _it_lived. **28** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_said enough still Yōşēf son_of_my is_alive I_will_go so_ _that_I_may_see_him before_before I_will_die.

46:1 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all that to_him/it _he_set_out and_he_came to_Bə'ēr Shəva' and_he/it_sacrificed sacrifices to_the_god_of his/its_father Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **2** And_ god _he/it_ _said to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_visions_of the_night and_he/it_ _said Oh_Ya'ₐqov Ya'ₐqov and_he/it_said here_I_am. **3** And_ _he/it_said I am_(the)_god the_god_of your_father_of_your do_ _not be_afraid from_going_down to_Mitsrayim if/because to_ _(a)_nation great I_will_make_you there. **4** I I_will_go_down with_you to_Mitsrayim and_I I_will_bring_you_up also certainly_(go_up) and_Yōşēf he_will_put his/its_hand over eyes_of_your. **5** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _he/it_rose_up from_ _Bə'ēr- shev'a' and_ the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_carried ĐOM Ya'ₐqov father_of_their and_ĐOM one[s]_of_their_little and_ĐOM wives_of_their in_carts which Par'oh he_had_sent to_ _carry ĐOM_him/it. **6** And_they_took ĐOM livestock_of_their and_ĐOM their_property which they_had_accumulated in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_they_came towards_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) Ya'ₐqov and_all his/its_seed with_him/it. **7** Sons_of_his and_the_sons his_sons_of_his with_him/it daughters_of_his and_the_daughters_of_his_children_of_his and_all his/its_seed he_brought with_him/it towards_ _Mitsrayim. **8** And_these are_the_names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_(ones_who)_went to_Mitsrayim Ya'ₐqov and_sons_of_his the_firstborn_of Ya'ₐqov Rə'ūvēn. **9** And_the_ _sons of_Rə'ūvēn Ḥₐnōk/(Enoch) and_Pallū' and_Ḥetsrōn and_ _Karmī/(Carmi). **10** And_the_sons of_Shim'ōn Jemuel and_ _Yāmīn/(Jamin) and_Ohad and_Yākīn/(Jakin) and_Zohar and_

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structed and Yosef gave them carts as per Par'oh's orders as well as provisions for the journey. **22** Then he gave changes of clothes to each of them, but he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothes to Benyamin. **23** To his father he sent ten male donkeys loaded with the best of Mitsrayim, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and provisions for his father for the road. **24** Then he sent off his brothers, and as they left, then he told them, "Don't quarrel on the road."

25 So they left Mitsrayim and went back home to their father Ya'akov (Jacob) in Kena'an (Canaan) **26** and told him, "Yosef is still alive! In fact, he's the ruler over all of Mitsrayim." But Ya'akov was totally stunned and he couldn't really believe them.

27 Then they told him everything that Yosef had told them. When he saw the carts that Yosef had sent to carry him, then he started to recover from the shock. **28** Then Yisrael exclaimed, "Enough! I accept that my son Yosef is still alive. I'll go and see him before I die."

Ya'akov moves to Mitsrayim

46:1 So Yisrael (Israel) started his trip, taking everything he had. When they stopped in Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba), he offered sacrifices to the god of his father Yitshak (Isaac). **2** During the night, God spoke to Yisrael in visions sayings, "Ya'akov (Jacob), Ya'akov."

"I'm listening," he answered. **3** Then God told him, "I'm God, the god of your father. Don't be afraid to go down to Mitsrayim (Egypt), because I'll make you into a great nation there. **4** I myself will go down with you to Mitsrayim, and I myself will also surely bring you back here. And Yosef (Joseph) will be there with you when you die."

5 Then Ya'akov departed from Be'er-Sheva, and his sons carried their father and their little ones and their wives in the carts that Par'oh (Pharaoh) had sent to carry him. **6** They had also brought along all their livestock and their possessions that they had acquired in Kena'an (Canaan). Then they arrived in Mitsrayim—Ya'akov and all of his offspring with him:[254] **7** his sons and his sons' sons with him, and his daughters and his sons' daughters. So he brought all his offspring with him to Mitsrayim.

8 These are the names of Yisrael's sons who went to Mitsrayim, that is Ya'akov and his sons: **Ya'akov's** firstborn was Re'uven, **9** and **Re'uven's** sons were Hanok and Palu and Hetsron and Karmi. **10** **Shim'on's** (Simeon's) sons were Yemuel, Yamin, Ohad,

254 RV 46:6 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:15.

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Yakin, Tsohar, and Shaul, the son of a Kena'ani (Canaanite) woman. **11** **Levi's** sons were Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari. **12** **Yehudah's** (Judah's) sons were Er, Onan, Shela, Perets, and Zerah, but Er and Onan had died in Kena'an. Perets' sons were Hetsron and Hamul. **13** **Yisakar's** (Issachar's) sons were Tola, Puah, Iyov (Job), and Shimron. **14** **Zevulun's** sons were Sered, Eylon, and Yahle'el. **15** Those were all Le'ah's sons that she bore for Ya'akov in Padan-Aram, along with his daughter Dinah. The total number of those descendants was thirty-three.

16 **Gad's** sons were Tsifyon,Hagi, Shuni, Etsbon, Eri, Arod, and Areli. **17** **Asher's** sons were Yimnah, Yishvah, Yishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah. And Beriah's sons were Hever and Malkiel. **18** Those were all Zilpah's sons, the slave woman that Lavan (Laban) had given to his daughter Le'ah, and she gave birth to those sixteen descendants for Ya'akov.

19 Ya'akov's wife Rahel's (Rachel's) sons were Yosef (Joseph) and Benyamin. **20** **Yosef's** sons Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim) were born in Mitsrayim (Egypt). Esenat, the daughter of Poti-Fera the priest of On, gave birth to them for Yosef.[255] **21** **Benyamin's** sons were Bela, Beker, Ashbel, Gera, Na'aman, Ehi, Rosh, Mupim, Hupim, and Ard. **22** Those were all Rahel's descendants—a total of fourteen.

23 **Dan's** son was Hushim. **24** **Naftali's** (Naphtali's) sons were Yahtse'el, Guni, Yetser, and Shilem. **25** Those two were both Bilhah's sons, the slave woman that Lavan had given to his daughter Rahel, and she gave birth to those seven descendants for Ya'akov.

26 The total count of those who went to Mitsrayim with Ya'akov who were his descendants (not counting his daughters-in-law) was sixty-six. **27** As well as that, Yosef's two sons were born in Mitsrayim so that added up to a grand total of seventy.[256]

Ya'akov's arrival in Mitsrayim

28 As they all approached Mitsrayim (Egypt) , Ya'akov (Jacob) sent Yehudah (Judah) ahead of the others to find out from Yosef (Joseph) how to get to Goshen. As they all arrived in the Goshen area, **29** Yosef hooked up his chariot and went to meet his father Yisrael (Israel) there. He went up to his father, and hugged him for a long time as he cried. **30** "Now I can die," Yisrael said to Yosef, "since I've seen your face—seen that you're still alive."

31 Then Yosef spoke to his brothers and to his father's household, "I'll go and report to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and explain to him that my brothers and my father's household who were living in Kena'an (Canaan) have come to join me. **32** I'll tell him that you're herders of sheep—livestock farmers—and that you've brought your flocks and herds and everything that you own.

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_Shā'ūl/(Saul) the_son_of the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)_woman. **11** And_the_sons of_Lēvī Gērəshōn Qəhāt and_Mərārī. **12** And_ _the_sons of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) 'Ēr and_'Ōnān and_Shēlāh and_ _Perets and_Zeraḥ and_ 'Ēr and_'Ōnān _he/it_died in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_ the_sons_of Perets _they_were Ḥetsrōn and_Ḥāmūl. **13** And_the_sons of_Yissāskār/(Issachar) Tōlā' and_ _Pū'āh and_Iob and_Shimrōn. **14** And_the_sons of_Zəvūlūn Ṣered and_'Ēylōn and_Yaḥlə'ēl/(Jahleel). **15** These were_the_ _sons_of Lē'āh whom she_had_borne to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) in_ _Paddan- aram and_DOM Dināh daughter_of_his every_of (the)_ _person_of his_sons_of_his and_daughters_of_his was_thirty and_three. **16** And_the_sons of_Gād Tsəfō/(Zepho)n and_Ḥaggit Shūnī and_'Etsbvōn 'Ērī and_'Arōdī and_'Ar'ēlī. **17** And_the_sons of_'Āshēr Yimnāh/(Imnah) and_Yishvāh/(Ishvah) and_ _Yishvī/(Ishvi) and_Bərī'āh and_Seraḥ sister_of_their and_the_ _sons of_Bərī'āh Ḥevər and_Malkiel. **18** These were_the_sons_of Zilpah whom Lāvān he_had_given to_Lē'āh daughter_of_his and_she/it_gave_birth DOM these to_Ya'ₐqov six- teen person[s]. **19** The_sons_of Rāḥēl the_wife_of Ya'ₐqov Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Binyāmīn. **20** And_he/it_was_born to_Yōṣēf in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) those_whom she_bore for_him/it 'Eṣənat the_daughter_of Poti- phera the_priest_of On DOM Mənashsheh and_DOM 'Efrayim. **21** And_the_sons of_Binyāmīn Bela' and_Beker and_'Ashbēl Gērā' and_Na'ₐmān Ehi and_Rosh Muppim and_Ḥuppim and_'Ardə. **22** These were_the_sons_of Rāḥēl who it_was_born to_Ya'ₐqov every_of person was_four- teen. **23** And_the_sons of_Dān Ḥushim. **24** And_the_sons of_ _Naftālī Yaḥtsə'ēl/(Jahzeel) and_Gūnī and_Yētser/(Jezer) and_ _Shillēm. **25** These were_the_sons_of Bilhāh whom Lāvān he_ _had_given to_Rāḥēl daughter_of_his and_she/it_gave_birth DOM these to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) every_of person was_seven. **26** Every_of the_living_creatures who_went belonging_to_ _Ya'ₐqov to_Mitsrayim who_came_out_of his_thigh_of_his (from)_besides_of the_wives_of the_sons_of Ya'ₐqov every_of person was_sixty and_six. **27** And_the_sons of_Yōṣēf who it_ _was_born to_him/it in_Mitsrayim were_person[s] two every_of the_living_creatures of_the_household_of of_Ya'ₐqov which_it_ _went to_Mitsrayim was_seventy.

28 And_DOM Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_sent before_him to Yōṣēf to_ _show before_him to_Goshen and_they_came towards_land of_ _Goshen. **29** And_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he_harnessed chariot_of_his and_he/it_ascended to_meet Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) his/its_father to_ _Goshen and_he_presented_himself to_him/it and_he_fell on neck(s)_of_his and_he_wept on neck(s)_of_his still. **30** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yōṣēf let_me_die this_time after I_have_seen DOM face_of_your if/because still_you are_alive. **31** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_said to brothers_of_his and_near/to the_ _household_of his/its_father I_will_go_up and_I_will_tell to_ _Par'oh and_I_will_say to_him/it brothers_of_my and_the_ _household_of my_father_of_my who in_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) they_have_come to_me. **32** And_the_men are_shepherds_of sheep if/because men_of livestock they_ _have_been and_flock[s]_of_their and_herd[s]_of_their and_all that to/for_them they_have_brought. **33** And_it_was if/because

255 **RV 46:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 41:50-52.

256 **RV 46:27 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:14.

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he_will_summon to/for_you(pl) Par´oh and_saying(ms) what work(s)_of_are_your(pl). **34** And_you(pl)_will_say men_of livestock your_servants they_have_been since_youth(s)_of_our and_unto now both we as_well_as fathers_of_our in_account_of you(pl)_may_dwell in_land of_Goshen if/because is_the_ _abomination_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) every_of shepherd_of sheep.

47:1 And_ Yōşēf _he_went and_he_told to_Par´oh and_he/it_said father_of_my and_brothers_of_my and_flock[s]_of_their and_ _herd[s]_of_their and_all that to/for_them they_have_come from_the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_there_they in_land of_ _Goshen. **2** And_from_the_end_of his_brothers_of_his he_took five men and_he_presented_them to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Par´oh. **3** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said to brothers_of_his what work(s)_of_are_your(pl) and_they_said to Par´oh are_ _herdsmen_of sheep your_servants both we as_well_as fathers_ _of_our. **4** And_they_said to Par´oh to_sojourn on_the_earth we_ _have_come if/because there_is_not pasture for_sheep which belongs_to_servants_of_your if/because was_heavy the_famine in_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_now let_them_dwell please your_servants in_land of_Goshen. **5** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said to Yōşēf/(Joseph) to_say father_of_your and_brothers_of_your they_have_come to_you. **6** The_land_of Mitsrayim to_your_face it in_the_best_of the_earth/land cause_to_dwell ĐOM father_of_ _your and_ĐOM brothers_of_your let_them_dwell in_land of_ _Goshen and_if you_know and_there_are among_them men_of ability and_you_will_appoint_them overseers_of livestock over that_which to_me. **7** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_brought ĐOM Ya´ₐqov/(Jacob) his/its_father and_he_made_him_stand to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par´oh and_ Ya´ₐqov _he/it_ _blessed ĐOM Par´oh. **8** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said to Ya´ₐqov how_ _many are_the_days_of the_years_of your(ms)_life. **9** And_ Ya´ₐqov _he/it_said to Par´oh the_days_of the_years_of my_ _sojournings_of_my are_thirty and_one_hundred year[s] few and_displeasing the_days_of the_years_of my_life_of_my they_ _have_been and_not they_have_reached ĐOM the_days_of the_ _years_of the_lives_of my_ancestors_of_my in_the_days_of their_sojournings_of_their. **10** And_ Ya´ₐqov _he/it_blessed ĐOM Par´oh and_he/it_went_out from_to/for_face/front/presence Par´oh. **11** And_ Yōşēf _he_caused_to_dwell ĐOM his/its_father and_ĐOM brothers_of_his and_he/it_gave to/for_them a_ _possession in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_the_best_of the_ _earth/land in_land of_Ra´məşēş just_as Par´oh he_had_ _commanded. **12** And_ Yōşēf/(Joseph) _he_provided_for ĐOM his/its_father and_ĐOM brothers_of_his and_ĐOM all_of the_ _household_of his/its_father food to_the_mouth_of the_little_ _one[s].

13 And_food there_was_not in_all the_earth/land if/because was_heavy the_famine very and_ the_land_of Mitsrayim and_ _the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) _it_languished from_face/in_ _front_of the_famine. **14** And_ Yōşēf _he_gathered_up ĐOM all_ _of the_money which_was_found in_the_land_of Mitsrayim and_in_the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) for_grain which they were_buying_grain and_ Yōşēf _he/it_brought ĐOM the_money the_house_of_to of_Par´oh. **15** And_ the_money _it_was_finished from_the_land_of Mitsrayim and_from_the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_ all_of Mitsrayim _they_came to Yōşēf

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33 So when Par'oh calls for you and asks what your work is, **34** then you should answer, 'Your servants have been livestock men from our youth and until now, both we and also our fathers,' so that you can settle here in Goshen, because Mitsrim (Egyptians) despise sheep herders."

47:1 Then went Yosef to Par'oh and told him, "My father and brothers and their flocks and herds and everything that belongs to them, have come from Kena'an and they're here now Goshen area." **2** Then he took five of his brothers and presented them to Par'oh, **3** and Par'oh asked them, "What's your occupation?"

"Your servants have been shepherds for several generations," they replied. **4** Then they explained, "We've come to stay here for a while because in Kena'an, there's no pasture for our flocks because the drought is very severe. So now, please let your servants settle in the Goshen area." **5** Then Par'oh turned to Yosef, "Your father and your brothers have come to you. **6** The entire country of Mitsrayim (Egypt) is in front of you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best land, so let them settle in the Goshen area. And if you're aware that some of them have special talents, then appoint them as overseers of my own livestock as well."

7 Then Yosef brought his father Ya'akov (Jacob) and presented him to Par'oh, and Ya'akov blessed Par'oh. **8** "How old are you?" Par'oh asked him.

9 "I've been moving from place to place for 130 years," Ya'akov replied. "My life has been short and with many difficulties, so I haven't reached the longer ages of my ancestors in their moving around." **10** Then he blessed Par'oh again and departed from his presence. **11** So Yosef gave his father and his brothers some of the best land in Mitsrayim and helped them settle there—in the Ra'meses district just as Par'oh had commanded. **12** He also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with bread—each family according to the number of children.

Yosef's leadership through extreme famine

13 Then the time came when there was no bread in that entire part of the world, because the drought was now extremely severe, and both Mitsrayim (Egypt) and Kena'an (Canaan) were suffering from food shortages. **14** People all over came to buy grain, and over time Yosef (Joseph) had received in payment all the silver that could be found in Mitsrayim and Kena'an, and he in turn took it to Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) house. **15** So once there was no more silver left in Mitsrayim and in Kena'an, all the Mit-

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srim (Egyptians) demanded from Yosef, "Give us food. Why should we die right here in front of you? All our money is gone!"
16 "Bring your livestock," Yosef answered, "and I'll give grain to you in exchange for them, since the silver is gone." **17** So the people brought their livestock to him, and he gave them grain in exchange for their horses and sheep and cattle and donkeys. So he provided them with food that year in exchange for all their livestock.
18 The next year they came to Yosef and begged, "We can't hide it from our master that since there's no silver left and since all the livestock now belongs to our lord, there's nothing left to offer other than our bodies and our lands. **19** Why should we die right in front of you—both we and our land? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we and our land will be slaves to Par'oh. And give us seed so that we'll live and not die, and so that the land won't be barren."
20 So Yosef bought all the farmland of Mitsrayim for Par'oh, because every Mitsri (Egyptian) sold his field. In that way, all the land became Par'oh's because the famine was so extreme. **21** As for the people, he moved them to the cities[257] from one end of Mitsrayim to the other. **22** The only land he didn't buy was that of the priests, because they were given a regular allowance by Par'oh. Because they could live on what they were supplied with, they didn't need to sell their land. **23** Then Yosef told the people, "Listen, now that I've bought you and your land for Par'oh, here is seed for you so that you can work the ground. **24** Every time you harvest a crop, you must give a fifth of it to Par'oh. The other four parts will be for you to use as seed and as food for yourselves and your households and your young children."
25 "You've kept us alive," they agreed. "Master, continue to show us your favour, and we'll be slaves for Par'oh." **26** So Yosef established it as a law to this day concerning the Mitsri farmland: that the fifth belongs to Par'oh. (Only the priests' land didn't become Par'oh's.)

Ya'akov's burial request

27 So Yisrael (Israel) (also called Ya'akov (Jacob)) and his descendants settled in the Goshen region of Mitsrayim (Egypt) and prospered. The had many children and quickly increased in number. **28** Ya'akov resided there for seventeen years, and by then he was 147 years old **29** and he was getting close to death, so he called for his son Yosef (Joseph) and asked him, "If, please, I have found favour in your eyes, please give me your hand and promise to deal with me in kindness and faithfulness. Please don't bury me in Mit-

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to_say come_NOW to/for_ourselves food and_for_what will_ _we_die before_you if/because money it_has_come_to_an_end.
16 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_said give livestock_of_your(pl) so_that_I_ _may_give_it to/for_you(pl) for_livestock_of_your if money it_ _has_come_to_an_end. **17** And_they_brought ÐOM livestock_of_ _their to Yōṣēf and_he/it_gave to/for_them Yōṣēf food for_ _horses and_for_the_livestock_of the_flock[s] and_for_the_ _livestock_of the_herd[s] and_for_donkeys and_he_provided_ _them with_food in_all livestock_of_their in_year the_that.
18 And_ the_year the_that _it_was_finished and_they_came to_ _him/it in_year the_second(fs) and_they_said to_him/it not we_will_hide from_master_of_my if/because_that if the_money it_has_been_finished and_the_livestock_of the_cattle/livestock is_to my_master not it_is_left to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before my_master except (if) body_of_our and_land_of_our.
19 To/for_what will_we_die to_eyes_of_your both we as_well_as land_of_our buy us and_ÐOM land_of_our for_food and_we_will_ _be we and_land_of_our slaves of_Par'oh and_give seed so_that_ _we_may_live and_not we_will_die and_the_land not it_will_be_ _desolate. **20** And_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he_bought ÐOM all_of the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) for_Par'oh if/because Mitsrayim they_sold everyone field_of_his if/because it_was_severe on_ _them the_famine and_ the_earth/land _it_became to_Par'oh.
21 And_ÐOM the_people he_brought_in ÐOM_him/it to_cities from_the_end_of the_territory_of Mitsrayim and_unto end_of_ _its. **22** Only the_land_of the_priests not he_bought if/because an_allowance belonged_to_priests from_with Par'oh and_they_ _eat ÐOM allowance_of_their which he_gave to/for_them Par'oh therefore yes/correct/thus/so not they_sold ÐOM land_of_their.
23 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_said to the_people HERE I_have_bought you(pl) the_day and_ÐOM land_of_your(pl) for_Par'oh HERE to/for_you(pl) is_seed and_you(pl)_will_sow ÐOM the_soil.
24 And_it_was at_harvest(s) and_you(pl)_will_give a_fifth to_ _Par'oh and_four the_hands it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) to_ _(the)_seed_of the_field and_to_food_of_your(pl) and_for_ _those_who are_in_households_of_your(pl) and_to_eat for_ _your_little_of_one[s].
25 And_they_said you_have_preserved_ _us_alive may_we_find favour in/on_both_eyes_of my_master and_we_will_be slaves of_Par'oh.
26 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_assigned ÐOM_her/it to_a_regulation until the_day the_this on the_land_ _of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) belongs_to_Par'oh to_part only the_ _land_of the_priests theirs_alone not it_belonged to_Par'oh.
27 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_ _land of_Mitsrayim in_land of_Goshen and_they_had_ _possessions in_it and_they_were_fruitful and_they_multiplied exceedingly. **28** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _he/it_lived in_land of_ _Mitsrayim seven- teen year[s] and_he/it_was the_days_of Ya'ₐqov the_years_of his/its_life seven years and_forty and_ _one_hundred year[s]. **29** And_ the_days_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_drew_near[260] to_die and_he/it_called (to)_son_of_his (to)_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_he/it_said to_him/it if please I_have_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your put please hand_of_your under

257 RV 47:21 · Note TC: There's a variation here in different early copies and translations. Rather than moving the people into the cities (which might have been done to make food distribution more efficient), some translations choose the alternative 'made the people slaves'.
260 LV 47:29 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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thigh_of_my and_you_will_do with_me loyalty and_faithfulness do_not please bury_me in_Mitsrayim. **30** And_I_will_lie_down with ancestors_of_my and_you_will_carry_me from_Mitsrayim and_you_will_bury_me in_grave_of_their and_he_said I I_will_ _do according_to_of_your_message. **31** And_he/it_said swear_ _an_oath to_me and_he_swore_an_oath to_him/it and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_bowed_down at the_head_of the_bed.

48:1 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_he/it_said to_Yōṣēf THERE father_of_your is_sick and_he/it_took ĐOM the_ _two_of sons_of_his with_him/it ĐOM Mənashsheh and_ĐOM 'Efrayim. **2** And_someone_told to_Ya'ₐqov and_he/it_said HERE son_of_your Yōṣēf he_has_come to_you and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he_strengthened_himself and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived on the_bed. **3** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _ _he/it_said to Yōṣēf god_of almighty he_appeared to_me at_Lūz in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_he/it_blessed ĐOM_me. **4** And_he/it_said to_me HERE_I am_about_of_to_make_you_ _fruitful and_I_will_multiply_you and_I_will_make_you (into)_ _a_company_of peoples and_I_will_give ĐOM the_earth/land (the)_this to_offspring_of_your after_you a_possession_of perpetuity. **5** And_now the_two_of sons_of_your who_were_ _born to/for_yourself(m) in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) until came_I to_you to_Mitsrayim to_me they 'Efrayim and_ _Mənashsheh like_Rə'ūvēn and_Shim'ōn they_will_belong to_ _me. **6** And_offspring_of_your whom you_have_fathered after_ _them to/for_yourself(m) they_will_belong on the_name_of their_brothers_of_their they_will_be_called in_inheritance_of_ _their. **7** And_I when_came_I from_Paddan she_died on_me Rāḥēl in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) on_journey at_yet a_ _distance_of land to_go 'Efrātāh and_I_buried_her there on_ _the_journey_of 'Efrāt that is_Bēyt- leḥem. **8** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_saw ĐOM the_sons_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_he/it_said who are_these. **9** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_said to his/its_father sons_of_are_my they whom he_has_given to_me god in_this_place and_he_said fetch_them please to_me so_ _that_I_may_bless_them. **10** And_the_eyes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_heavy from_old_age not he_was_able to_see and_he_ _brought_near ĐOM_them to_him/it and_he_kissed to/for_them and_he_embraced to/for_them. **11** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ _said to Yōṣēf to_see face_of_your not I_judged and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE god he_has_shown ĐOM_me also ĐOM offspring_of_your. **12** And_ Yōṣēf _he_took ĐOM_them from_ _with knees_of_his and_he_bowed_down to_face_of_his the_ _ground_to. **13** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_took ĐOM both_of_them ĐOM 'Efrayim at_his_right_of_hand from_the_left_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ĐOM Mənashsheh at_his_left_of_hand from_the_right_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_brought_them_near to_him/it. **14** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_stretched_out ĐOM hand_of_his_right and_ _he_put_it on the_head_of 'Efrayim and_he was_the_young and_ĐOM hand_of_his_left on the_head_of Mənashsheh he_laid_ _cross-wise ĐOM hands_of_his if/because Mənashsheh was_the_

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srayim.[258] **30** When I die, I want to be buried with my ancestors, so carry me out of Mitsrayim and bury me in their tomb."

"I'll do what you've requested," Yosef agreed.

31 "Promise me," he insisted. So Yosef promised him and Yisrael bowed at the head of the bed.[259]

Ya'akov blesses Efrayim and Menasheh

48:1 Some time after that, Yosef (Joseph) was told, "Listen, your father is sick." So Yosef went to him, taking his two sons with him—Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim). **2** When someone told Ya'akov (Jacob) that Yosef had arrived, he exerted himself and sat up in bed, **3** then he told him, "God the provider appeared to me at Luz in Kena'an (Canaan), and he blessed me[261] **4** and said to me, 'Listen, I'll make you fruitful, and I'll multiply you and make you into a community of peoples. And I'll give this land to your offspring after you to be their possession forever.' **5** "And now, your two sons, who were born for you here in Mitsrayim (Egypt) before I came here, I adopt them as my own—Efrayim and Menasheh—just as Re'uven and Shim'on (Simeon) are mine. **6** Any other children that you father after them will be yours. Their inheritance will only be through their older brothers. **7** As for me, when I was coming into Kena'an from Padan, Rahel (Rachel) died beside on the way when we were still quite some distance from Efrat, and I buried her there beside the road of Efrat (which is Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem))."[262]

8 Then Yisrael (Israel) noticed Yosef's two sons and asked, "Who are these?"

9 "They are my sons that God has given me here in this place." Yosef replied to his father.

"Please bring them to me, and I will bless them," Ya'akov (Jacob) requested. **10** Now Yisrael's sight was poor in his old age, so he wasn't able to see much. So Yosef brought them over to him, and Yisrael kissed them and embraced them. **11** "I never expected to see you again" he said to Yosef, "but wow, God has even let me see your children as well." **12** Then Yosef removed his sons from his father's knees and bowed with his face to the ground.

13 Then Yosef took both of them—Efrayim (Ephraim) on his right toward Yisrael's left and Menasheh (Manasseh) (the eldest) on his left toward Yisrael's right—and brought them close to him. **14** But Yisrael intentionally extended his right hand and placed it on the Efrayim's head (the younger one), and crossing his arms, he placed his left hand on Menasheh's head. **15** Then he blessed Yosef saying,

"May the god who my grandfather Avraham and my father

258 RV 47:29-30 · Cross-ref. Gen 49:29-32; 50:6.

259 RV 47:31 · Note Some translations assume that elderly Ya'akov/Yisrael bowed to God in worship after speaking with Yosef, but it's not impossible that he bowed to Yosef in acknowledgement of the high position that God had brought Yosef to as foretold by his dreams.

261 RV 48:3-4 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:13-14.

262 RV 48:7 · Cross-ref. Gen 35:16-19.

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Yitshak (Isaac) served,
the god who has been shepherding me for my entire life,
16 the messenger who's turned all harm intended for me into good,
may he bless these young men.
May they be recognised as my descendants,
and as descendants of Avraham and Yitshak,
and grow to increase in number on the earth.
17 Then Yosef (Joseph) noticed that his father had placed his right hand on Efrayim's (Ephraim's) head and he was upset about it, so he picked up his father's hand to move it across to Menasheh's (Manasseh's) head, **18** telling his father, "My father, that's wrong because that one is my oldest son. Put your right hand on *his* head." **19** But his father pushed back, "I know, my son, I know. Menasheh will also become a people, and he will also be great. Nevertheless his younger brother will be the greater one, and his descendants will become a multitude of nations."
20 So Yisrael (Israel) blessed Efrayim and Menasheh that day saying,
"After this, my descendants will bless people by saying,
'May God make you like Efrayim and like Menasheh.' "[263]
(Notice that he put Efrayim before Menasheh.)
21 Then Yisrael told Yosef, "Listen, I'm about to die, and God will be with you and take you back to the land of your ancestors. **22** I'm giving Shekem to you as an additional inheritance over that of your brothers. I captured it with my sword and my bow from the descendants of Amor and it's now yours."

Ya'akov's individual words for his sons

49:1 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) called for all his sons and said, "Gather together, and I'll reveal to you what will happen to you all in the years ahead.
2 Gather around and listen you sons of Ya'akov,
listen to your father Yisrael (Israel).
3 **Re'uven** you're my eldest,
my power and the beginning of my strength.
With excellence in dignity,
and excelling in power.
4 But you're destructive like strong waters.
You climbed into my bed (with my slave-wife).
You got onto my couch and defiled it.
5 **Shim'on (Simeon) and Levi** are alike.
Their swords are weapons of violence.
6 Don't let *my* thoughts enter into their discussion.
Don't let *my* honour join in their assembly.
They killed a man in their anger,
and they hamstrung an ox just for their pleasure.
7 Their fierce anger is cursed,

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_firstborn. **15** And_he/it_blessed ~~DOM~~ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_he_ _said the_'Elohīm whom fathers_of_my they_walked_about before_him 'Avrāhām and_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) the_'Elohīm who_ _shepherded ~~DOM~~_me from_my_duration until the_day (the)_ _this. **16** The_messenger who_has_redeemed ~~DOM~~_me from_all harm may_he_bless ~~DOM~~ the_lads and_may_it_be_called in/among_them name_of_my and_name_of my_fathers_of_my 'Avrāhām and_Yitsḥāq and_may_they_multiply to_increase_in_ _number in_the_midst_of the_earth/land. **17** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_ _saw if/because_that his/its_father he_will_put the_hand_of his_right_side_of_his on the_head_of 'Efrayim and_it_was_ _displeasing in_eyes_of_his and_he_grasped the_hand_of his/its_father to_remove ~~DOM~~_her/it from_under the_head_of 'Efrayim on the_head_of Mənashsheh. **18** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_ _said to his/its_father not thus my_father_of_my if/because this is_the_firstborn put hand_of_your_right on his/its_head. **19** And_ his/its_father _he_refused and_he/it_said I_know my_ _son_of_my I_know also he he_will_become (into)_a_people and_also he he_will_become_great and_but his/its_brother the_ _small(sg) he_will_become_great from_him/it and_offspring_ _of_his it_will_be the_fullness_of the_nations. **20** And_he_ _blessed_them in_the_day (the)_that to_saying by_you Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_bless to_say may_he_make_you god like_ _'Efrayim and_like_Mənashsheh and_he/it_assigned ~~DOM~~ 'Efrayim to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mənashsheh. **21** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yōṣēf/(Joseph) HERE I am_about_to_die and_it_was god with_you(pl) and_he_will_ _bring_back you(pl) to the_land_of your(pl)_fathers_of_ _your(pl). **22** And_I I_give to/for_yourself(m) a_shoulder one over brothers_of_your which I_took from_the_hand_of the_ _'Amorī by_sword_of_my and_by_bow_of_my.

49:1 And_ Ya'aqov/(Jacob) _he/it_called (to) sons_of_his and_ _he/it_said gather_yourselves so_that_I_may_tell to/for_ _you(pl) ~~DOM~~ that_which it_will_happen_to you(pl) in_ _end/latter the_days. **2** Assemble and_listen Oh_sons_of Ya'aqov and_listen to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) father_of_your(pl). **3** Oh_ _Rə'ūvēn firstborn_of_are_my you strength_of_my and_the_ _beginning_of my_generative_power_of_my excellence_of dignity and_excellence_of power. **4** Destructiveness like_water do_not excel if/because you_went_up the_bed(s)_of your_ _father_of_your then you_profaned_it bed_of_my he_went_up. **5** Shim'ōn and_Lēvī are_brothers are_weapons_of violence swords_of_their. **6** In_council_of_their not self_of_my let_it_ _enter in_assembly_of_their not honour_of_my let_it_be_united if/because in_anger_of_their they_slew a_man and_for_ _pleasure_of_their they_hamstrung ox[en]. **7** Anger_of_their be_cursed if/because fierce and_severe_anger_of_their if/because it_is_hard I_will_divide_them in_Ya'aqov and_I_will_ _scatter_them in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** Oh_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) you they_will_praise_you brothers_of_your hand_of_your will_be_ _on_the_neck_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your they_will_bow_ _down[268] to/for_yourself(m) the_sons_of your_father_of_your. **9** Is_a_cub_of a_lion Yəhūdāh from_prey my_son_of_my you_

263 **RV 48:20 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:21.

268 **LV 49:8 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_have_gone_up he_bows_down he_lies_down like_a_lion and_
_like_a_lion who will_he_rouse_him. **10** Not a_scepter it_will_
_depart from_Yəhūdāh and_a_ruler's_staff from_between feet_
_of_his until if/because he_will_come Shiloh[269] and_to/for_
_him/it the_obedience_of peoples. **11** He_will_be_binding_of to_
_vine mmm[270] and_to_vine the_young_one_of his_donkey_of_
_his he_will_wash in_wine clothing_of_his and_in_the_blood_of
grapes mmm[271]. **12** Dark_of eyes more_than_wine and_white_of
teeth more_than_milk. **13** Zəvˇūlūn to_the_coast_of the_seas he_
_will_dwell and_he will_become_(into)_a_harbour_of ships and_
_side_of_his will_be_at Tsīdōn/(Sidon). **14** Yissāskār/(Issachar)
is_a_donkey_of bone lying_down between the_two_
_saddlebaskets. **15** And_he/it_saw a_resting_place if/because_
_that it_was_good and_ꝺom the_earth/land if/because_that it_
_was_pleasant and_he_bent_down shoulder_of_his to_carry_a_
_load and_he/it_was (into)_forced_labour_of labouring. **16** Dān
he_will_judge people_of_his like_one of_the_tribes_of of_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **17** May_he_be Dān a_snake on a_road a_viper
on a_path which_bites the_heels_of a_horse and_ rider_of_its _
_he_fell backwards. **18** For_deliverance_of_your I_wait_eagerly
Oh_**YHWH**. **19** Gād a_marauding_band it_will_attack_him and_
_he he_will_attack a_rearguard. **20** From_'Āshēr will_be_rich
food_of_his and_he he_will_provide delicacies_of a_king.
21 Naftālī is_a_doe let_untie/release which_utters
words/messages_of beauty. **22** Is_a_son of_a_fruit-bearer_of
Yōşēf/(Joseph) a_son of_a_fruit-bearer_of at a_spring
daughters she_will_climb over a_wall. **23** And_they_showed_
_bitterness_to_him and_they_shot and_they_were_hostile_
_towards_him masters_of arrows. **24** And_it_remained in_
_permanence bow_of_his and_ the_arms_of his_hands_of_his _
_they_were_agile from_the_hands of the_mighty_one_of
Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) from_there the_shepherd the_stone_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** From_the_god_of your_father_of_your and_
_he_will_help_you and_ꝺom the_almighty and_he_will_bless_
_you blessings_of heaven (from)_above blessings_of the_deep
which_lies beneath blessings_of breasts and_womb. **26** The_
_blessings_of your_father_of_your they_have_prevailed over
the_blessings_of those(m)_who_conceived_me to desire_of
hills_of antiquity may_they_belong[272] to_the_head_of Yōşēf
and_to_the_crown_of_the_head_of the_consecrated_one_of his_
_brothers_of_his. **27** Binyāmīn is_a_wolf which_it_tears_to_
_pieces in_morning he_consumes booty and_to_evening he_
_divides plunder. **28** All_of these are_the_tribes_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) two_plus ten and_this is_that_which he_spoke
to/for_them father_of_their and_he/it_blessed them everyone
whom according_to_of_his_blessing he_blessed ꝺom_them.

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and their severe anger is determined.
I will divide them out among Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
and scatter them across Yisrael (Israel).
8 **Yehudah** (Judah), you'll be praised by your brothers.
You'll be a powerful force against your enemies.
Your father's sons will bow down to you.
9 Yehudah is a lion cub.[264]
My son, you've stood up after feasting on your prey.
He stretches and lies down like a lion.
As with a lioness, who will dare wake him?
10 Yehudah will never leave the ruling position,
nor will his descendants be without the ruler's staff,
until the messiah arrives
and the people groups obey him.
11 He'll tie his donkey to the grapevine,[265]
and the donkey's colt to the best branch.
He'll wash his clothes in wine
and his robes in the blood of grapes.
12 His eyes will be darker than wine,
and his teeth will be white from milk.
13 **Zevulun** will settle near the coast,
and be like a safe harbour for ships.
His border will extend up to Tsidon (Sidon).
14 **Yisakar** (Issachar) (Yisakar) is a strong donkey
lying down between the sheep pens.[266]
15 He'll see that his resting place is good
and that the land is pleasant.
He'll strain his shoulders to carry a burden.
He'll be forced to labour for others.
16 **Dan** (which means 'judge') will judge his people
like one of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes.
17 He'll be a snake beside the road,
a viper on the path,
that bites a horse's heels
and its rider falls backwards.
18 Yahweh, I'm waiting for you to save us.
19 **Gad** will be attacked by riders,
but he'll attack them from behind.
20 **Asher** will enjoy delicious food,
and he'll provide delicacies for a king.
21 **Naftali** (Naphtali) is a doe that's been untied.
He says beautiful words.[267]
22 **Yosef** (Joseph) is part of a fruit-bearing vine—

264 **RV 49:9 · Cross-ref.** Num 24:9; Rev 5:5.

265 **RV 49:11 · Note** This likely suggests such a surplus of fruit that it doesn't even matter what the animals eat.

266 **RV 49:14 · Note** Or 'between two saddlebags'.

267 **RV 49:21 · Note** Or 'has beautiful fawns'.

269 **LV 49:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: הליש: (x-qere) 'וֹלִישׁ': lemma_7886 n_0.1 morph_HNp id_01KU3 וֹלִישׁ

270 **LV 49:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ריע: (x-qere) 'וֹ/רִיעַ': lemma_5895 n_1.1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_01BN1 וֹ/רִיעַ

271 **LV 49:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/תוס: (x-qere) 'וֹ/תוֹס': lemma_5497 n_0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_01Chx וֹ/תוֹס

272 **LV 49:26 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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part of a fruit-bearing vine at a spring.
His branches will climb over the wall.
23 Expert archers will attack him,
and shoot and harass him.
24 But his bow will stay steady
and his arms will be made agile
by the hands of the mighty one of Ya'akov (Jacob),
because of the shepherd who's Yisrael's (Israel's) rock,
25 by the god of your father, and he will help you,
and with the provider,
and he will bless you with blessings from the heavens above
blessings of the deep that lies below,
and blessings of breasts and womb.
26 I've been blessed more than my ancestors were—
even with being gifted those ancient hills.
May those blessings now transfer to Yosef (Joseph)—
the one who was separated from all his brothers.
27 **Benyamin** is a ravenous wolf.
In the morning he devours his prey,
and in the evening he divides the plunder.
28 Those are Yisrael's (Israel's) twelve sons (that led to the twelve tribes) and that's what their father said to them from his bed as he blessed each one of them—each one blessed appropriately.

Ya'akov's death and burial

29 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) instructed them, "I'm about to go and join my ancestors. Bury me with them in the cave in the field that was bought from Efron the Hiti, **30** in the cave that is in Makpelah's field in front of Mamre in Kena'an (Canaan). That's the cave that my grandfather Avraham bought with the field from Efron the Hiti as property for a burial place.[273] **31** Avraham and his wife Sarah were buried there,[274] along with their son Yitshak (Isaac) and his wife Rivkah,[275] and I also buried my wife Le'ah there. **32** That field and the cave in it was bought from the descendants of Het.
33 When Ya'akov finished giving those instructions to his sons, he pulled his feet up into the bed and lay and breathed his last and his spirit joined his ancestors.[276]
50:1 Then Yosef (Joseph) hugged his father and cried over him and kissed him. **2** Then he commanded those of his servants who were physicians to embalm his father. So Yisrael's (Israel's) body was embalmed **3** over the next forty days (which is the normal time for embalming), and the Mitsrim (Egyptians) mourned for him for seventy days.
4 After those mourning days were over, Yosef spoke to Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) servants, saying, "Please, if I have found favour in your eyes, please tell Par'oh that **5** my father made me swear, saying, 'Listen, I am dying. You must bury me in my grave that I

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29 And_he/it_commanded them and_he/it_said to_them I am_
_about_to_be_gathered to people_of_my bury ĐOM_me with
fathers_of_my into the_cave which is_in_the_field_of ʼEfrōn
the_Ḥittiy. **30** In_cave which is_in_the_field_of (the)_Machpelah
which is_on the_face_of Mamre in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan)
which 'Avrāhām he_bought ĐOM the_field from_with ʼEfrōn
the_Ḥittiy to_a_possession_of a_burial_site. **31** There_(to)
people_buried ĐOM 'Avrāhām and_ĐOM Sārāh his/its_
wife/woman there(to) people_buried ĐOM Yitsḥāq/(Isaac)
and_ĐOM Rivqāh his/its_wife/woman and_there_(to) I_buried
ĐOM Lē'āh. **32** The_livestock_of the_field and_the_cave which
in/on/over_him/it from_with the_sons_of Ḥēt. **33** And_
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _they_were_ended/finished to_command ĐOM
sons_of_his and_he_gathered feet_of_his into the_bed and_he_
_expired and_he_was_gathered to peoples_of_his.
50:1 And_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he_fell on the_face_of his/its_father
and_he_wept on/upon/above_him/it and_he_kissed to_him/it.
2 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_commanded ĐOM servants_of_his ĐOM the_
_physicians to_embalm ĐOM his/its_father and_ the_physicians
_they_embalmed ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_they_were_
_completed to_him/it forty day[s] if/because thus the_days_of
the_embalming(s) they_were_completed and_
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_wept_for ĐOM_him/it seventy day[s].
4 And_ the_days_of his_weeping_of_his _they_passed and_
Yōṣēf _he/it_spoke to the_household_of Par'oh to_say if please
I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your(pl) speak please in_the_

273 **RV 49:30 · Cross-ref.** Gen 23:3-20.
274 **RV 49:31 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:9-10.
275 **RV 49:31 · Cross-ref.** Gen 35:29.
276 **RV 49:33 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:15.

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_ears_of Par´oh to_say. **5** father_of_my he_made_me_swear_an_
_oath to_say HERE I am_about_to_die in_grave_of_my which I_
_dug to_me in_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan) there_(to) you_will_
_bury_me and_now let_me_go_up please so_that_I_may_bury
ÐOM father_of_my and_I_will_return. **6** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said
go_up and_bury ÐOM father_of_your just_as he_made_you_
swear. **7** And Yōşēf _he/it_ascended to_bury ÐOM his/its_
_father and_they_went_up with_him/it all_of the_servants_of
Par´oh the_elders_of his_household_of_his and_
_all/each/any/every the_elders_of the_land_of Mitsrayim.
8 And_all/each/any/every the_household_of Yōşēf/(Joseph)
and_brothers_of_his and_the_household_of his/its_father only
one[s]_of_their_little and_sheep_of_their and_cattle_of_their
they_left in_land of_Goshen. **9** And_he/it_ascended with_him/it
both chariotry as_well_as horsemen and_he/it_was the_
_company numerous very. **10** And_they_came to the_threshing_
_floor_of Atad which is_on_the_other_side_of the_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_lamented there a_lament great
and_heavy very and_he/it_made for_father_of_his mourning
seven_of days. **11** And_ the_inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land
the_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] _he/it_saw ÐOM the_mourning at_
_threshing_floor_of Atad and_they_said is_mourning heavy this
for_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) therefore yes/correct/thus/so
someone_called his/its_name Hevel/(Abel) Mitsrayim which
is_on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn. **12** And_ sons_of_his _they_
_made to_him/it thus just_as he_had_commanded_them.
13 And_ sons_of_his _they_carried ÐOM_him/it towards_land of_
_Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_they_buried ÐOM_him/it in_the_cave_of
the_field_of (the)_Machpelah which 'Avrāhām he_had_bought
ÐOM the_field to_a_possession_of a_burial_site from_with ´Efrōn
the_Ḥittiy on the_face_of Mamre. **14** And_he_went_back Yōşēf
to_Mitsrayim he and_brothers_of_his and_all those_who_had_
_gone_up with_him/it to_bury ÐOM his/its_father after he_had_
_buried ÐOM his/its_father.
15 And_ the_brothers_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) _they_saw if/because_
_that father_of_their he_had_died and_they_said if he_will_be_
_hostile_towards_us Yōşēf and_indeed_(repay) he_will_repay
to/for_us ÐOM all_of the_harm which we_dealt_out_to ÐOM_
_him/it. **16** And_they_commanded to Yōşēf to_say father_of_
_your he_commanded to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
death_of_his to_say. **17** Thus you(pl)_will_say to_Yōşēf please
forgive please the_transgression_of your(pl)_brothers_of_your
and_sin_of_their if/because evil they_dealt_out_to_you and_
_now forgive please to_the_transgression_of the_servants_of
the_god_of your_father_of_your and_ Yōşēf _he_wept when_
_spoke_they to_him/it. **18** And_ also brothers_of_his _they_
_went and_they_fell before_him and_they_said HERE_we
to/for_yourself(m) to_slaves. **19** And_he/it_said to_them Yōşēf
do_not fear if/because in_place_of god am_I. **20** And_you(pl)
you(pl)_planned on_me harm god he_planned_it for_good so_as
to_act as_day the_this to_preserve_alive a_people numerous.
21 And_now do_not fear I I_will_provide_for you(pl) and_ÐOM
one[s]_of_your(pl)_little and_he_comforted them and_he/it_
_spoke to heart_of_their.

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dug for myself in Kena'an (Canaan).'[277] So now, please ask Par'oh to let me go up there and bury my father, then I'll return."

6 "Go up and bury your father just like he made you promise." was the reply back from Par'oh.

7 So Yosef went up to Kena'an to bury his father. Par'oh's servants went with him, along with the elders from Par'oh's household and all the elders of the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **8** Yosef's own household also went, along with his brothers and his father's household. They only left their children and their livestock behind in Goshen. **9** There were chariots as well as soldiers mounted on horses so it was a very large procession.

10 After they crossed the Yarden (Jordan) river, they arrived at Atad's threshing floor, and they mourned there for seven days with very loud wailing. **11** The local Kena'ani (Canaanite) people saw the mourning at Atad's threshing floor, and they said, "This is very serious mourning for the Mitsrim (Egyptians)." That's why they then named that place across the Yarden 'Avel-Mitsrayim' (which means 'the Mitsrim mourned here').

12 So Ya'akov's (Jacob's) sons did everything just how he'd instructed them. **13** They carried his embalmed body to Kena'an and buried him in the cave in Makpelah's field. Avraham had bought with the field with the included cave from Efron the Hiti as property for a burial place, in front of Mamre.[278] **14** Then after his father's burial was completed, Yosef returned to Mitsrayim (Egypt) along with his brothers and everyone who had gone up with him to bury him.

Yosef forgives his brothers

15 Now that their father was no longer alive, Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers said to each other, "What if Yosef hates us and now he decides to repay us for all the evil things that we did to him?" **16** So they sent a messenger to Yosef to tell him, "Before he died, your father ordered that **17** you be given this message: 'I beg you, please forgive your brothers' crime and their sin, because they did evil things to you.' So now, please forgive the crime of the servants of your father's god." When Yosef heard their message, he started crying.

18 Then his brothers also came and bowed to the ground in front of him and pleaded, "Here we are. We belong to you as slaves."

19 "Don't be afraid," Yosef answered. "I'm not God and it's not my job to decide on your punishment. **20** You all plotted evil things against me, but God intended it for good in order to do what he's doing this very day: to save many people. **21** So now, don't be afraid. I'll support you and your little ones." So he reassured them and he spoke kindly to them.

277 **RV 50:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 47:29-31.

278 **RV 50:13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:16.

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Yosef's death

22 Yosef (Joseph) continued to live in Mitsrayim (Egypt), along with the rest of his father Ya'akov's (Jacob's) family, until he was 110 years old. **23** He lived long enough to see his son Efrayim's (Ephraim's) children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The children of his grandson Makir, who was Menasheh's (Manasseh's) son, also grew up around him.
24 Then one day Yosef said to his brothers, "I'm about to die, but God will definitely help you all and take you and your descendants from this country to the land that he vowed to give to Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov. **25** When God does that, you must take my body back to Kena'an (Canaan) with you and bury it there." Then Yosef had his brothers and the rest of the descendants of Yisrael (Israel) vow that they would do that.[279]
26 Then Yosef died at the age of 110, and the specialists embalmed his body and it was put in a coffin in a tomb in Mitsrayim.

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22 And_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived Yōṣēf in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he and_the_household_of his/its_father
and_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he/it_lived one_hundred and_ten years.
23 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_saw of_'Efrayim sons_of a_third_
_generation also the_sons_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh
they_were_born on the_knees_of Yōṣēf. **24** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_
_said to brothers_of_his I am_about_to_die and_god surely_
_(visit) he_will_visit you(pl) and_he_will_bring_up you(pl) from
the_earth/land (the)_this to the_earth/land which he_swore
to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob).
25 And_ Yōṣēf _he_made_to_swear_an_oath ~~DOM~~ the_sons_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say surely_(visit) god he_will_visit you(pl)
and_you(pl)_will_bring_up ~~DOM~~ bones_of_my from_here.
26 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_died a_son_of one_hundred and_ten years
and_people_embalmed ~~DOM~~_him/it and_he_was_put in_coffin
in_Mitsrayim.

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279 RV 50:25 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:19; Josh 24:32; Heb 11:22.

Exodus

Introduction

The word *Exodus* comes from the Greek word meaning 'departure' or 'leaving'. Hebrew readers call this document 'Shemōt' which is the second word in the Hebrew and means 'Names' because it begins with a list of names. Some European and other translations call it 'The second book of Mosheh/Moses'.
It should be noted that 'Mosheh' is the best English transliteration of the name of the hero of this account. Sadly, he's commonly known in the English world as 'Mosheh', even though we have all the sounds in our language to be able to pronounce his name more accurately. Unfortunately, because the language of 'the New Testament' didn't have the 'sh' sound and had no letter for 'h', his Hebrew version of his Mitsri name is corrupted as it goes through Greek 'Mōsaʸs' and then Latin 'Moyses' and then first entered English in the 1300's as 'Moises'. Now that we live in a modern era where we try to show more respect to the names of peoples from other cultures, the *OET* encourages the same for Biblical characters (especially the major ones), hence 'Mosheh'. (Maybe a little bit of relearning could demonstrate a lot of respect to the Jewish people whose ancestors are recorded in these accounts.)
After God had used a famine to cause his people to go down into Mitsrayim/Egypt, this document records how they eventually become slaves, but then God works many miracles to enable them to leave again, and not only that, to be paid at the end for their work.
This story can be divided into three main parts: 1. their slavery in Mitsrayim, and how God called Mosheh (Moses), the child who had been adopted by an Mitsri princess, to lead them out of slavery; 2. how God assisted them when they were chased by the Mitsri army, then when they reached Mt. Sinay, how they were miraculously given food and drink there at the mountain; 3. how Yahweh revealed himself to Mosheh there at Mt. Sinay, and gave him instructions to guide their lives and their nation, and God's agreement with the people; 4. the ending is the construction of the sacred tent, complete with instructions about how they should worship.
An overview would be how God rescued his people from slavery and established them as a nation that was hopeful of a good future.
Mosheh is the most important person in this account. He was chosen by God to lead his people out of slavery and right out of Mitsrayim. The *ten commands* are another well-known component of this document and can be found in chapter twenty.

Main components of this account

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- c. Par'oh (Pharaoh) king of Mitsrayim stands strongly against Mosheh and Aharon taking the people out of Mitsrayim *5:1–11:10*
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Yisrael's descendants are driven into slavery

1:1 These are the names of Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants who accompanied Ya'akov (Jacob) when he moved his household to Mitsrayim (Egypt):[1] **2** Re'uven, Shim'on (Simeon), Levi, Yehudah (Judah), **3** Yisakar (Issachar), Zevulun, Benyamin, **4** Dan, Naftali (Naphtali), Gad, and Asher. **5** At that time, Ya'akov had a total of seventy descendants (including Yosef (Joseph) and his sons who were already in Mitsrayim.)

6 As the years progressed, Yosef and his brothers died—all of that generation, **7** but they'd had many children who went on to have their own children and grandchildren, and so they became a large and powerful group there in Mitsrayim.[2]

8 Eventually a new king came to power in Mitsrayim who had never known Yosef[3] **9** and he told his people, "Listen, those descendants of Yisrael (Israel) are becoming more numerous and powerful than us. **10** So, let's deal wisely with them, in case they continue to multiply. Then if war was to break out, they could easily take the other side and fight against us, and then leave our country."[4] **11** Then they appointed overseers to work them in slave gangs, and using them as forced labour, they built the store cities at Piton and Ra'meses for Par'oh (Pharaoh). **12** However, the more they oppressed them, the more they multiplied and spread out, and the more the Mitsrim (Egyptians) came to dread the Israelis. **13** So they made the Israelis work long, hard hours, **14** and they made their lives bitter with the hard slavery. They were forced to make mortar and bricks, as well as all kinds of slave labour in the fields—all the work they had to do was strenuous and tiring.

15 Then the king of Mitsrayim spoke to Shifrah and Puah, the two Ivri (Hebrew) midwives, **16** saying, "When you assist the Ivri women as midwives, as you sit there on your stool, if you see that it's a male, do something so he'll die, but if it's a female, then let her live." **17** But the midwives were godly women and didn't do according to what the Mitsri (Egyptian) king had instructed them, and they let the boys live. **18** So the king called the midwives back, and he demanded, "Why have you done that and let their sons live?"

19 "Because the Ivri women aren't like Mitsri women," the midwives answered. "They're more active and give birth before the midwife even gets to them." **20** So God rewarded the midwives, and meanwhile, the people continued to increase in number and become more powerful, **21** and because the midwives had demonstrated their desire to obey God, he gave them families of their own. **22** Then Par'oh (Pharaoh) commanded all of his people, "You all need to toss every newborn boy into the river, but

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1:1 And_these are_the_names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_(ones_who)_went towards_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) with Ya'aqov/(Jacob) everyone and_his/its_house(hold) they_went. **2** Rə'ūvēn Shim'ōn Lēvī and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah). **3** Yissāskār/(Issachar) Zəvūlūn and_Benyamin.[6] **4** Dān and_ _Naftali Gād and_'Āshēr. **5** And_ every_of person_of who_came_ _out_of the_thigh_of Ya'aqov _he/it_was seventy person[s] and_ _Yōşēf/(Joseph) he_was in_Mitsrayim. **6** And_ Yōşēf and_all brothers_of_his and_all/each/any/every the_generation (the)_ _that _he/it_died. **7** And_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ _were_fruitful and_they_swarmed and_they_multiplied and_ _they_became_mighty with_muchness muchness and_ the_ _earth/land _she/it_was_filled ĐOM_them. **8** And_he/it_rose_up a_king new over Mitsrayim who not he_knew ĐOM Yōşēf. **9** And_ _he/it_said to people_of_his HERE the_people_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_numerous and_mighty more_than_us. **10** Come_NOW let_us_deal_wisely to_him/it lest it_should_ _increase and_it_was if/because war they_will_happen and_ also it _it_will_be_added to those_of_who_hate_us and_it_will_ _fight against_us and_he/it_would_go_up from the_earth/land. **11** And_they_appointed on/upon/above_him/it overseers_of slave_gangs so_as to_afflict_it with_their_forced_of_labour and_ _he/it_built cities_of stores for_Par'oh ĐOM Pithom and_ĐOM Ra'məşēş. **12** And_as_which people_afflicted ĐOM_him/it so it_ _increased and_thus/so/as_follows it_spread and_people_felt_ _dread from_face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_compelled_to_labour ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_harshness. **14** And_they_ _made_bitter ĐOM lives_of_their with_labour hard in_mortar and_in_bricks and_on/over_all labour in_the_field ĐOM all_of labour_of_their which they_laboured in/among_them with_ _harshness. **15** And_ the_king_of Mitsrayim _he/it_said to_ _midwives (the)_Hebrew who the_name_of the_one(f) was_ _Shifrāh and_name_of the_second(fs) was_Pū'āh. **16** And_he/it_ _said when_you_assist_as_midwife ĐOM the_Hebrew_women and_you(pl)_will_look at the_stones if is_a_son he and_you(pl)_ _will_kill ĐOM_him/it and_if is_a_daughter she and_she_will_ _live. **17** And_ the_midwives _they_feared ĐOM the_'Elohīm and_ _not they_did just_as he_had_spoken to_them the_king_of Mitsrayim and_they_let_live ĐOM the_youths. **18** And_ the_king_ _of Mitsrayim _he/it_called (to)_midwives and_he/it_said to_ _them why have_you(pl)_done the_thing the_this and_have_ _you(pl)_let_live ĐOM the_youths. **19** And_ the_midwives _they_ _said to Par'oh if/because not are_like_women (the)_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) the_Hebrew_women if/because are_ _vigorous they before_before she_comes to_them the_midwife and_they_give_birth. **20** And_ god _he_did_good to_midwives and_ the_people _it_increased and_they_became_mighty exceedingly. **21** And_he/it_was if/because the_midwives they_ _feared ĐOM the_'Elohīm and_he/it_made to/for_them

1 **RV 1:1-4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 46:8-27.

2 **RV 1:7 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:17.

3 **RV 1:8 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:18.

4 **RV 1:10 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:19.

6 **LV 1:3 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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households. 22 And_ Par´oh _he/it_commanded to/from_ _all/each/any/every people_of_his to_say every_of (the)_son (the)_born to_the River you(pl)_will_throw_him and_all (the)_ _daughter you(pl)_will_let_live.

2:1 And_ a_man of_the_house_of Lēvī _he/it_went and_he/it_ _took ÐOM the_daughter_of Lēvī. 2 And_ the_woman _she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_saw ÐOM_him/it if/because_that was_good he and_ _she_hid_him three months. 3 And_not she_was_able still to_ _hide_him and_she_took to_him/it a_basket_of papyrus and_ _she_sealed_it with_bitumen and_with_pitch and_she_put in_it ÐOM the_child and_she_put_it among_rush[es] at the_bank_of the_River. 4 And_ sister_of_his _she_stood from_a_distance to_ _know what will_it_be_done to_him/it. 5 And_ the_daughter_of Par´oh _she_went_down to_bathe at the_River and_her_female_ _of_attendants were_walking on the_side_of the_River and_ _she/it_saw ÐOM the_box in_the_middle the_rush[es] and_she_ _sent ÐOM maid_of_her and_she_fetched_it[10] 6 and_she_ _opened_it and_she_saw_him ÐOM the_child and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_lad was_crying and_she_had_compassion on/upon/above_him/it and_she/it_said is_one_of_the_ _children_of the_´Ivrī/(Hebrews) this. 7 And_ sister_of_his _ _she/it_said to the_daughter_of Par´oh will_I_go and_will_I_call to/for_you(fs) a_woman a_wet_nurse from the_Hebrew_women so_that_she_may_suckle to/for_you(fs) ÐOM the_child. 8 And_ _she/it_said to/for_her/it the_daughter_of Par´oh go and_ the_ _young_woman _she_went and_she/it_called/named ÐOM the_ _mother_of the_child. 9 And_she/it_said to/for_her/it the_ _daughter_of Par´oh take ÐOM the_child the_this and_suckle_ _him to_me and_I I_will_pay ÐOM wage[s]_of_your and_ the_ _woman _she/it_took the_child and_she_suckled_him. 10 And_ _he_grew_up[11] the_child and_she_took_him to_the_daughter_of Par´oh and_he/it_was to/for_her/it (into)_a_son and_she/it_ _called/named his/its_name Mosheh and_she/it_said if/because from the_waters I_drew_him.

11 And_he/it_was in_the_days the_those and_ Mosheh _he_ _grew_up and_he/it_went_out to brothers_of_his and_he/it_ _saw on_their_forced_of_labour and_he/it_saw a_man from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) striking a_man Hebrew one_ _of_his_brothers. 12 And_he_turned thus and_thus and_he/it_ _saw if/because_that there_was_not anyone and_he_struck_ _down ÐOM the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) and_he_hid_him in_sand. 13 And_he/it_went_out in_the_day the_second and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE two_of men Hebrew were_struggling_

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you can let the girls live."[5]

The birth of Mosheh (Moses)

2:1 During this period, a man from the tribe of Levi married a woman who was also a Levite, 2 and she conceived and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a healthy boy, she hid him away for three months,[7] 3 but then she wasn't able to hide him any longer. So she got a basket made from woven reeds and plastered it with bitumen and pitch. Then she put the baby in it, and floated the basket in the reeds along the riverbank, 4 leaving the baby's sister to watch from a distance to see what would happen to him.

5 After a while, Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughter came down to the river to wash herself, and she and her young attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the container among the reeds and sent one of her slave women to get it. 6 She opened it and saw the baby inside, and wow, he started crying. She felt sorry for him and said, "This baby must be one of the Ivri (Hebrew) children."

7 Then his sister approached and asked the princess, "Would you like me to go and find a Ivri woman who'll be able to breastfeed the baby for you?"

8 "Yes, go," answered Par'oh's daughter, and the girl went and got the baby's mother. 9 "Take this baby," said the princess, "and breastfeed him for me, and I'll pay you for doing it." So the woman took the baby and looked after him. 10 When the boy had grown enough, she brought him back to Par'oh's daughter and he became her son.[8] She named him 'Mosheh' (Moses)[9] (which means 'pulled out') because she said that she'd plucked him out of the river.

Mosheh escapes to Midyan

11 Later on when Mosheh (Moses) was fully grown, he went out to visit the Ivrim (Hebrews) and saw their forced labour, and he saw an Mitsri (Egyptian) man beating a Ivri (Hebrew) man—one of his own people.[12] 12 Mosheh looked around to check that no one was watching, then he hit the Mitsri, killing him, then he hid his body in the sand. 13 The next day, he went out again and wow, two Ivri men were fighting each other, and he said to the man in

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5 RV 1:22 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:19.

7 RV 2:2 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:20; Heb 11:23.

8 RV 2:10 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:21.

9 RV 2:10 · Note More familiar to most English readers as 'Moses' from the Greek 'Μωσῆς' (Mōsaʸs) but Greek doesn't have an 'h' or a 'sh' so by going through Greek we ended up with something quite different from his real name. However, English does have those sounds and letters, so there's no reason why we can't get this name correct.

10 LV 2:5 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

11 LV 2:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

12 RV 2:11-14 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:23-28.

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the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Ivri?"

14 "Who made you the ruler and judge over us?" the man replied. "Are you planning to kill me like you killed that Mitsri?" Then Mosheh was afraid because he realised that what he'd done had probably become widely known. **15** Indeed, when Par'oh (Pharaoh) heard about it, he ordered Mosheh to be killed. So Mosheh had to flee from the king and he took off east to live in Midyan[13] and he stayed near the well.

16 The priest there in Midyan had seven daughters, and they would come to the well to draw water out and fill up the troughs there so their father's sheep and goats could drink. **17** Now some male shepherds came along and started to shoo their flock away, but Mosheh got involved and helped them so that their animals could drink. **18** When they got home to their father Re'uel, he asked, "How come you got home so early today?"

19 "There was an Mitsri man," they answered, "who stood up for us against those other shepherds. And he even drew water for us and gave our flock water to drink."

20 "Where is he now?" he asked them. "What's this—you mean you all just left him there? Go and get him so we can give him a meal."

21 Later it turned out that Mosheh was prepared to live with the man, and in due course he gave his daughter Tsiporah to Mosheh in marriage. **22** When she gave birth to a son, he named him 'Gereshom' (which means 'foreigner') because he said, "I've become a foreigner living in a foreign land."

23 Eventually Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) king died, but the Israelis groaned from the slavery they were still under and they cried out, and their cry for freedom from slavery went up to God. **24** He heard their groaning and remembered his agreement with Avraham, with Yitshak (Isaac), and with Ya'akov (Jacob),[14] **25** and he looked down on the Israelis and he was concerned about them.

God calls Mosheh from a burning bush

3:1 One time Mosheh (Moses) was shepherding the flock of his father-in-law Yitro (Jethro) (or Yitro, the priest at Midyan), and he led the flock beyond the wilderness and came to a hill. (This was later known as the mountain of God at Horev). **2** While he was there, Yahweh's messenger appeared to him in a flame coming from the middle of a bush, and as Mosheh looked, to his surprise he saw that the bush was burning in the fire yet not actually being burnt up.[15] **3** "I've got to go and see this amazing sight," Mosheh said to himself. "How come that bush isn't burning up?"

4 When Yahweh saw that he'd left his path in order to look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Mosheh, Mosheh."

"I'm here," he replied.

5 "Don't come any closer," Yahweh said. "Take off your sandals

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_together and_he/it_said to_one to/for_what are_you_striking companion_of_your. **14** And_he/it_said who did_he_appoint_ _you to_a_man a_chief and_a_judge over_us to_kill_me are_you saying just_as you_killed ĐOM the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) and_ Mosheh _he_was_afraid and_he_thought truly the_matter it_is_known. **15** And_ Par'oh _he/it_listened ĐOM the_matter the_this and_he/it_sought to_kill ĐOM Mosheh and_ Mosheh _ _he_fled from_face/in_front_of Par'oh and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_land_of Midyān and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived at the_well. **16** And_belonged_to_ _(the)_priest_of Midyān seven daughters and_they_came and_ _they_drew and_they_filled ĐOM the_drinking_troughs to_water the_flock_of their_father_of_their. **17** And_ the_shepherds _ _they_came and_they_drove_them_away and_ Mosheh _he/it_ _rose_up and_he_delivered_them and_he_watered ĐOM flock_ _of_their. **18** And_they_went to Rə'ū'ēl father_of_their and_ _he/it_said why did_you(pl)_hurry to_come the_day. **19** And_ _they_said a_man from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) he_ _rescued_us from_the_hand_of the_shepherds and_also actually_(draw) he_drew to/for_us and_he_watered ĐOM the_ _flock. **20** And_he/it_said to daughters_of_his and_where_is_he to/for_what this have_you(pl)_left ĐOM the_man invite to_ _him/it so_that_he_may_eat food. **21** And_ Mosheh _he_was_ _willing to_dwell with the_man and_he/it_gave ĐOM Tsipporāh/(Zipporah) daughter_of_his to_Mosheh. **22** And_ _she/it_gave_birth a_son and_he/it_called ĐOM his/its_name Gērəshom if/because he_said a_sojourner I_have_become in_ _land foreign. **23** And_he/it_was in_days (the)_many the_those and_ the_king_of Mitsrayim _he/it_died and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_groaned from the_labour and_they_ _cried_out and_ for_help_of_their_cry _it_went_up to the_ _'Elohīm from the_labour. **24** And_ god _he/it_listened ĐOM groaning_of_their and_ god _he_remembered ĐOM covenant_of_ _his with 'Avrāhām with Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_with Ya'aqov/(Jacob). **25** And_ god _he/it_saw ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ god _he/it_knew.

3:1 And_Mosheh he_was pasturing ĐOM the_flock_of Yitrō/(Jethro) father-in-law_of_his the_priest_of Midyān and_ _he_drove ĐOM the_flock behind the_wilderness and_he_came to the_mountain_of the_'Elohīm to_Ḥorēv. **2** And_ the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** _he_appeared to_him/it (in)_a_flame_of fire from_the_middle_of the_bush and_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_bush was_burning with_fire and_the_ _bush not_it was_consumed. **3** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said I_will_ _turn_aside please so_that_I_may_see ĐOM the_sight the_ _big/great(sg) the_this why not the_bush is_it_burning. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_saw if/because_that he_had_turned_aside to_see and_he/it_called to_him/it god from_the_middle_of the_bush and_he/it_said Oh_Mosheh Mosheh and_he/it_said here_I_am. **5** And_he/it_said do_not draw_near here take_off sandals_of_ _your from_under feet_of_your if/because the_place which you are_standing on/upon/above_him/it is_ground_of holiness it. **6** And_he/it_said I am_the_god_of your_father_of_your the_

13 RV 2:15 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:29; Heb 11:27.

14 RV 2:24 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:13-14.

15 RV 3:2-10 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:30-34.

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_god_of ’Avrāhām the_god_of Yitsḥāq and_the_god_of Ya´ₐqov and_ Mosheh _he_hid his/its_faces/face if/because he_was_ _afraid from_looking to the_’Elohīm. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said indeed_(see) I_have_seen ÐOM the_affliction_of my_people_of_ _my which is_in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ÐOM of_distress_of_ _their_cry I_have_heard from_face/in_front_of taskmasters_of_ _its if/because I_know ÐOM pains_of_its. **8** And_I_have_come_ _down to_deliver_it from_the_hand_of Mitsrayim and_to_bring_ _it_up from the_earth/land the_that into a_land good and_ _spacious into a_land flowing_of milk and_honey to the_place_ _of the_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_ _’Amorī[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_ _Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s]. **9** And_now THERE the_cry_of_distress_of the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) it_has_come to_me and_also I_ _have_seen ÐOM the_oppression which Mitsrayim are_ _oppressing ÐOM_them. **10** And_now go and_I_will_send_you to Par´oh and_bring_out ÐOM people_of_my the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim. **11** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_’Elohīm who am_I that/for/because/then/when I_will_go to Par´oh and_because/when I_will_bring_out ÐOM the_people_ _of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim. **12** And_he/it_said if/because I_will_be with_you and_this for_you will_be_the_ _sign if/because_that I I_sent_you when_you_have_brought_out ÐOM the_people from_Mitsrayim you(pl)_will_serve ÐOM the_ _’Elohīm on the_mountain (the)_this. **13** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to the_’Elohīm HERE I am_about_to_go to the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_say to/for_them the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) he_has_sent_me to_you(pl) and_ _they_will_say to_me what name_of_is_his what will_I_say to_ _them. **14** And_ god _he/it_said to Mosheh I_am that_which I_ _am and_he/it_said thus you_will_say to_the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) I_am he_has_sent_me to_you(pl). **15** And_he/it_ _said again god to Mosheh thus you_will_say to the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_ _your(pl) the_god_of ’Avrāhām the_god_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_ _the_god_of Ya´ₐqov/(Jacob) he_has_sent_me to_you(pl) this name_of_is_my to_vanishing_point and_this memorial_of_is_ _my to_a_generation generation. **16** Go and_you_will_gather ÐOM the_elders_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) he_appeared to_me the_god_of ’Avrāhām Yitsḥāq and_Ya´ₐqov to_say closely_(observe) I_have_observed you(pl) and_ÐOM the_thing_ _which_has_been_done to/for_you(pl) in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **17** And_I_have_said I_will_bring_up you(pl) from_the_affliction_ _of Mitsrayim into the_land_of the_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_’Amorī[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_ _the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] into a_land flowing_ _of milk and_honey. **18** And_they_will_listen to_voice_of_your and_ you and_the_elders_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _you_will_go to the_king_of Mitsrayim and_you(pl)_will_say to_him/it **YHWH** the_god_of the_´Ivrī/(Hebrews) he_has_met with_us and_now let_us_go please a_journey_of three_of days in_wilderness so_ _that_we_may_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** god_of_our. **19** And_I I_ _know if/because_that not the_king_of Mitsrayim he_will_ _permit you(pl) to_go and_not by_a_hand strong. **20** And_I_will_

16 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 6:2-3.

17 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:4,8.

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because the place where you're standing is HOLY ground. **6** I'm the god of your father and the god of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob)." So Mosheh covered hid his face because he was scared to look at God.

7 "I've certainly noticed the suffering of my people in Mitsrayim (Egypt)," Yahweh continued, "I've heard their cries as the slave drivers oppress them—I'm unmistakingly aware of their pain. **8** So I've come down to set them free from Mitsri (Egyptian) control and to bring them up from there to a good and wide land—a land flowing with milk and honey. It's currently the place of the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Hitim, the Amorim, the Perizim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim. **9** Yes, the cry of the Israelis has now reached me and what's more, I've seen how much the Mitsrim (Egyptians) are oppressing them. **10** So go now and I'll send you to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and bring my people—Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants—out from Mitsrayim."

11 "Who am I, that I should go to Par'oh," Mosheh asked God, "and that I should be the one to bring out the Israelis out from Mitsrayim?"

12 "I'll certainly be with you," God replied, "and this will be your sign so that you'll know that I have sent you: when you bring the people out from Mitsrayim, you all will serve God on this very hill."

13 "But listen," Mosheh told God, "If I'm about to go to the Israelis and if I told them, 'Your ancestors' god has sent me to you.' then they'd ask me, 'Oh yeah, what's his name?' then what would I tell them?"[16]

14 "I AM WHO I AM," God told Mosheh. "You'll tell them this: 'I AM (Yahweh) sent me to you.' "[17] **15** Then he continued, "This is what you need to tell the Israelis: 'Yahweh, the god of your ancestors, the god of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob), sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is my memorial throughout the generations.' **16** Go and gather the Israeli elders, and tell them, 'Yahweh, the god of your ancestors, appeared to me, the god of Avraham, Yitshak, and Ya'akov, to say, "I've certainly noticed you all and how you're all being treated in Mitsrayim, **17** and I've promised to take you all from your mistreatment in Mitsrayim, away to the land where the Kena'anim (Canaanites), Hitim, Amorim, Perizim, Hivim, and the Yevusim are currently living—to a land flowing with milk and honey." '

18 Then the people will listen to what you tell them, and you and the Israeli elders will go to the Mitsri (Egyptian) king and you'll all tell him, 'Yahweh, the god of the Ivrim (Hebrews), has met with us. So now, please let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, so we can sacrifice to Yahweh, our god.' **19** But I know that the Mitsri king won't let you go until he's forced to. **20** So I will use force and I'll strike Mitsrayim with several supernatural acts, and after those, he'll let you all go.

21 Then I'll make the Mitsri people favour you all in such a way

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that when you go, you won't leave empty-handed.[18] **22** For example, an Israeli woman will ask her Mitsri neighbour (or from someone staying where she lives) for gold and silver items and for clothing. Then you'll put them on your sons and daughters, and in this way you'll all plunder the Mitsrim (Egyptians)."

God gives Mosheh three miracles

4:1 "But listen," Mosheh (Moses) responded, "they won't believe me and won't listen to what I say, because they'll say, 'Yahweh never showed himself to you.' " **2** "Well, what's that in your hand?" Yahweh asked.

"My shepherd's staff," he said. **3** "Throw it on the ground," Yahweh said. So Mosheh he threw it onto the ground and it became a snake, and he quickly moved back away from it. **4** "Pick it up by its tail." Yahweh told him. So Mosheh picked it up by the tail and it became a staff in his hand again. **5** "That's so that they'll believe that I appeared to you: Yahweh—the god of their ancestors—the god of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob)."

6 "Now put your hand on your chest—inside your robe." Yahweh added. So Mosheh did that, and when he pulled it out again, his hand had gone totally white with disease. **7** Then Yahweh said, "Now, put your hand back in again." So Mosheh did it again, and when he pulled it out, wow, it had returned to normal. **8** "So, if they don't believe you, and if the first miracle doesn't convince them, then they'll believe that second miracle. **9** And then, even if they don't believe those two miracles and won't believe what you tell them, then you should take some water from the river and pour it onto the dry land. Then the water which came from the river will turn into blood there on the dry land."

10 "Oh my master," Mosheh responded, "I'm not very good at speaking to others—I never have been and still aren't. I seem to get tongue-tied easily."

11 "Who was it that made people's mouths?" Yahweh said. "Who makes someone mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Isn't it me, Yahweh? **12** So get going now, and I'll look after your mouth and show you what you to say."

13 But Mosheh replied, "Oh master, please send someone else."

14 Then Yahweh got angry with Mosheh and told him, "Isn't Aharon (Aaron) a fellow Levite and your brother? I know that he can speak well, and what's more, he'll come from Mitsrayim (Egypt) to meet you, and when he does, he'll be very happy.

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_stretch_out ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my and_I_will_strike ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim with_all_of wonders_of_my which I_will_do in_midst_of_its and_after thus he_will_let_go you(pl). **21** And_I_will_give ~~DOM~~ the_favour_of the_people the_this in/on_both_eyes_of Mitsrayim and_it_was if/because you(pl)_will_go not you(pl)_ _will_go empty. **22** And_ each_woman _she_will_ask from_her_ _female_of_neighbour and_from_the_woman_who_sojourns_of her_house_of_her articles_of silver and_articles_of gold and_ _clothes and_you(pl)_will_put_them on sons_of_your(pl) and_ _on daughters_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_plunder ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

4:1 And_ Mosheh _he_answered and_he/it_said and_if not they_ _will_believe to_me and_not they_will_listen to_voice_of_my if/because they_will_say not he_appeared to_you **YHWH**. **2** And_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** mmm[1920] is_in_hand_of_ _your and_he/it_said a_staff. **3** And_he/it_said throw_it towards_land and_he_threw_it towards_land and_he/it_was (into)_a_snake and_ Mosheh _he_fled from_before_of_it. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh stretch_out hand_of_your and_ _hold on_tail_of_its and_he_stretched_out his/its_hand and_he_ _took_hold in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_was (into)_a_staff in_ _palm_of_his. **5** So_that they_may_believe if/because_that he_ _appeared to_you **YHWH** the_god_of ancestors_of_their the_ _god_of 'Avrāhām the_god_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_the_god_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob). **6** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it again put please hand_of_your in_bosom_of_your and_he/it_brought his/its_hand in_bosom_of_his and_he_brought_it_out and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE his/its_hand was_leprous like_snow. **7** And_ _he/it_said return hand_of_your into bosom_of_your and_he_ _returned his/its_hand into bosom_of_his and_he_brought_it_ _out from_bosom_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_had_turned_ _back like_flesh_of_his. **8** And_it_was if not they_will_believe to/for_you(fs) and_not they_will_listen to_the_voice_of the_ _sign (the)_former and_they_will_believe (to)_the_voice_of the_ _sign (the)_latter. **9** And_it_was if not they_will_believe also (to)_the_two_of the_signs the_these and_not they_will_listen to_voice_of_your and_you_will_take some_of_the_water_of the_ _River and_you_will_pour_it_out the_dry_ground and_ the_ _waters which you_will_take from the_River _they_will_be and_ _they_will_be (into)_blood on_ground. **10** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to **YHWH** pardon_me my_master not am_a_man_of words/messages I neither from_yesterday nor from_three_ _days_ago nor from_then you_to_speak[21] to servant_of_your if/because am_heavy_of mouth and_heavy_of tongue I. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it who did_he_make a_mouth of_ _person or who does_he_make dumb or deaf or seeing or blind not do_I **YHWH**. **12** And_now go and_I I_will_be with mouth_of_ _your and_I_will_teach_you that_which you_will_say. **13** And_ _he/it_said pardon_me my_master send please by_the_hand_of whomever_you_will_send. **14** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_

18 **RV 3:21-22 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:35-36.

19 **LV 4:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: הִוא/מ: (x-qere) 'הֵמ': lemma_4100 morph_HTi id_02Hmd 'הֵמָּ ־הֵמ': lemma_2088 morph_HPdxms id_024Yz הֵמָּ

20 **LV 4:2 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

21 **LV 4:10 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_glowed/burnt on_Mosheh and_he/it_said not is_'Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred the_Lēviyyiy I_know if/because_ _that well_(speak) he he_speaks and_also THERE he is_about_ _to_come_out to_meet_you and_he_will_see_you and_he_will_ _rejoice in_heart_of_his. **15** And_you_will_speak to_him/it and_ _you_will_put ĐOM the_words/messages in_mouth_of_his and_I I_will_be with mouth_of_your and_with mouth_of_his and_I_ _will_teach you(pl) ĐOM that_which you(pl)_will_do. **16** And_ he _he_will_speak to/for_yourself(m) to the_people and_it_was he he_will_become for_you (into)_a_mouth and_you(ms) you_will_ _become for_him/it (into)_a_god. **17** And_ĐOM the_staff the_this you_will_take in_hand_of_your which you_will_do in/on/over_ _him/it ĐOM the_signs.

18 And_ Mosheh _he/it_went and_he_returned to Yitrō/(Jethro) father-in-law_of_his and_he/it_said to_him/it let_me_go please so_that_I_may_return to relatives_of_my who are_in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_so_that_I_may_see are_still_they living and_ Yitrō _he/it_said to_Mosheh go to_peace. **19** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh in_Midyān go return Mitsrayim if/because all_of the_men who_sought ĐOM life_of_your they_ _have_died. **20** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ĐOM his/its_ _wife/woman and_ĐOM sons_of_his and_he_made_them_ride on the_donkey and_he_returned towards_land of_Mitsrayim and_ Mosheh _he/it_took ĐOM the_staff_of the_'Elohīm in_his/its_ _hand. **21** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh when_go_you to_ _return to_Mitsrayim see all_of the_wonders which I_have_put in_hand_of_your and_you_will_do_them to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Par'oh and_I I_will_make_strong ĐOM his/its_ _heart and_not he_will_let_go ĐOM the_people. **22** And_you_ _will_say to Par'oh thus **YHWH** he_says son_of_is_my firstborn_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** And_I_said to_you let_go ĐOM son_of_ _my so_that_he_may_serve_me and_you_refused to_let_him_go HERE I am_about_to_kill ĐOM son_of_your firstborn_of_your. **24** And_he/it_was on_journey at_place and_he_met_him **YHWH** and_he/it_sought to_kill_him. **25** And_ Tsipporāh/(Zipporah) _ _she/it_took a_flint and_she_cut_off ĐOM the_foreskin_of her_ _son_of_her and_she_made_it_touch (to)_feet_of_his and_ _she/it_said if/because are_a_bridegroom_of blood(s) you to_ _me. **26** And_he_withdrew from_him/it then she_said a_ _bridegroom_of blood(s) to_circumcision(s). **27** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron go to_meet Mosheh to_the_wilderness and_he/it_went and_he_met_him at_the_mountain_of the_ _'Elohīm and_he_kissed to_him/it. **28** And_ Mosheh _he_told to_ _'Ah$_a$ron ĐOM all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** which he_ _had_sent_him and_ĐOM all_of the_signs which he_had_ _commanded_him. **29** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_went and_they_gathered ĐOM all_of the_elders_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **30** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_spoke ĐOM all_of the_ _words/messages which **YHWH** he_had_spoken to_Mosheh and_he/it_made the_signs to_the_eyes_of the_people. **31** And_ the_people _it_believed and_they_heard if/because_that **YHWH** he_had_observed ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _because/when he_had_seen ĐOM affliction_of_their and_they_ _bowed_low and_they_bowed_down.[23]

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15 He'll become your speaker and you'll be able to talk to him and tell him what to say. I'll be helping both of you speak and I'll teach you both what you should do. **16** So in that way, he'll be like a mouth for you and speak to the people for you, and you'll be like God to him. **17** In addition, you'll have that staff with you in order to do those miracles."

Mosheh returns to Mitsrayim

18 Then Mosheh (Moses) went back to his father-in-law Yitro (Jethro), and told him, "Can I please leave so I can return to my relatives in Mitsrayim (Egypt) and see whether they're still alive."

"Go in peace," Yitro answered.

19 Meanwhile Yahweh had told Mosheh in Midyan, "Leave here and return to Mitsrayim because all those who wanted to kill you are now dead." **20** Then Mosheh took his wife and sons and put them on a donkey and returned towards Mitsrayim with them, and Mosheh took the staff that God had turned into a snake.

21 On the way, Yahweh said to Mosheh, "When you return to Mitsrayim, all those miracles that I gave you, you'll be able to demonstrate them in front of Par'oh (Pharaoh), but as for me, I'm going to make him stubborn so that he won't let your people leave. **22** But tell Par'oh, 'Yahweh has stated that Yisrael (Israel) is like his oldest son **23** and he asked you to let that son go so that he can serve him. But you refused to let Yisrael go, so Yahweh will kill *your* oldest son.' "[22]

24 One night as they were overnighting at a lodging place near the road, Yahweh confronted Mosheh and would have killed him, **25** but his wife Tsiporah took a flint knife and cut off her son's foreskin and threw it at Mosheh's feet saying, "You're definitely a bloody husband to me." **26** (That was referring to circumcision.) So then Yahweh left them alone.

27 Meanwhile Yahweh had told Aharon (Aaron), "Go out into the wilderness to meet Mosheh." So he went and met him at the hill of God, and he kissed him. **28** Then Mosheh told Aharon everything that Yahweh had told him and how he had sent him, and all the miracles that he commanded him to demonstrate.

29 Then Mosheh and Aharon went to Mitsrayim (Egypt) and they assembled all the Israeli elders **30** and Aharon told them everything that Yahweh had spoken to Mosheh. Then Mosheh did the miracles in front of them, **31** and the people believed. Then they heard how Yahweh had paid attention to the Israelis and that he had seen their suffering, and they bowed and prostrated themselves in thankfulness.

22 RV 4:23 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:29.

23 LV 4:31 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Mosheh challenges the Mitsri king

5:1 After that, Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) went in and said to Par'oh (Pharaoh), "This is what Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says: 'Let my people go, so they can celebrate me out in the wilderness.' "
2 But the king said, "Who's this 'Yahweh' that I should listen to him telling me to let Yisrael go? I don't know Yahweh, and what's more, I won't let the Israelis go anywhere."
3 "The god of us Ivrim (Hebrews) has met with us," they replied, "Please, let us go three days into the wilderness so we can sacrifice to our god Yahweh, because we don't want him to strike us with deadly diseases or with war."
4 "Mosheh and Aharon," the king of Mitsrayim (Egypt) answered, "why are you causing the people to slacken off from their tasks? Get back to your work." **5** And Par'oh continued, "Listen, there's many of you and you two have caused them to rest from their duties."
6 Then on that very same day, Par'oh ordered the people's slave masters and supervisors, **7** "Don't give straw to the people to make bricks with as you've done up till now. They can go and gather straw for themselves. **8** But keep the same quota of bricks as before—don't decrease it because they must be idle if they have time to say, 'Let us go—let us sacrifice to our god.' **9** Give the men more work so they'll be too busy to worry about deceptive words."
10 So the slave masters and supervisors of the people went out and told them all, "The king has said that he won't give you any more straw, **11** so you'll all have to go and get your own straw from wherever you can find it, because there'll be no reduction to your quota." **12** So the people dispersed throughout all of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to gather stubble for straw, **13** and the taskmasters were hassling them, saying, "Hurry up and finish your day's work, the same as when you were given straw." **14** Then the Israeli foremen that Par'oh's slave masters had appointed were beaten and told, "Why haven't you met your required brick making quota yesterday or today? It's just the same as in the past."
15 So the Israeli foremen went and complained to Par'oh, "Why are you treating your servants like this? **16** We haven't been given any straw and yet they're telling us to keep making bricks. And see, we your servants get beaten, but it's your people's mistake."
17 "You're all lazy—plain lazy!" the king responded. "That's why you're saying, 'Let us go sacrifice to Yahweh.' **18** So go now! Back to work! And you won't be given straw, but you still have to meet the quota of bricks."
19 When the Israeli foremen heard that the quota wasn't going to be reduced, they realised how serious their problem was, **20** so when they left Par'oh they confronted Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) who were waiting to meet them, **21** "May Yahweh see what you've done and judge you for it because you've raised a big stink in Par'oh's mind and with his servants. Now they have their excuse to kill us!"

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5:1 And_after Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron they_went and_they_said to Par'oh thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says let_go ~~DOM~~ people_of_my so_that_they_may_celebrate_a_festival to_ _me in_wilderness. **2** And_ Par'oh _he/it_said who is_**YHWH** which/who I_will_listen to_voice_of_his by_letting_go ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not I_know ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_also ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not I_will_let_go. **3** And_they_said the_god_of the_'Ivrī/(Hebrews) he_has_met with_us let_us_go please a_ _journey_of three_of days in_wilderness so_that_we_may_ _sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** god_of_our lest he_should_fall_on_us with_pestilence or with_sword. **4** And_he/it_said to_them the_ _king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to/for_what Oh_Mosheh and_ _'Ah$_a$ron are_you(pl)_causing_to_refrain ~~DOM~~ the_people from_ _work(s)_of_its go to_your(pl)_forced_of_labour. **5** And_ Par'oh _ _he/it_said HERE is_many now the_people_of the_earth/land and_you(pl)_have_caused_to_cease ~~DOM~~_them from_their_ _forced_of_labour. **6** And_ Par'oh _he/it_commanded in_the_ _day (the)_that ~~DOM~~ the_taskmasters over_people and_~~DOM~~ foremen_of_its to_say. **7** Not you(pl)_will_repeat to_give straw to_people to_make_bricks the_bricks as_yesterday three_days_ _ago they let_them_go and_they_will_gather to/for_them straw. **8** And_~~DOM~~ the_measurement_of the_bricks which they were_making yesterday three_days_ago you(pl)_will_place on_ _them not you(pl)_will_diminish from_him/it if/because are_ _idle they therefore yes/correct/thus/so they are_crying_out to_say let_us_go let_us_sacrifice to_god_of_our. **9** The_labour let_it_be_heavy on the_men and_they_will_work in_it and_not let_them_pay_attention to_words/messages_of falsehood. **10** And_ the_taskmasters_of the_people and_foremen_of_its _ _they_went_out and_they_said to the_people to_say thus Par'oh he_says not_I am_giving to/for_you(pl) straw. **11** You(pl) go acquire to/for_you(pl) straw from_where you(pl)_will_find_it if/because there_is_not diminished from_labour_of_your(pl) anything. **12** And_ the_people _he/it_scattered in_all the_land_ _of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_gather stubble for_straw. **13** And_the_ _taskmasters were_urging_them to_say complete work(s)_of_ _your(pl) a_matter_of a_day in_its_day just_as when_ the_straw _was. **14** And_ the_foremen_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom they_had_appointed over_them the_taskmasters_of Par'oh _they_were_struck to_say why not have_you(pl)_ _completed portion_of_your(pl)_prescribed by_making_bricks as_yesterday three_days_ago neither yesterday nor the_day. **15** And_ the_foremen_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ _came and_they_cried_out to Par'oh to_say to/for_what are_ _you_doing thus to_servants_of_your. **16** Straw not is_being_ _given to_servants_of_your and_bricks people_are_saying to/for_us make and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE your_servants are_being_ _struck and_ people_of_your _you_have_sinned. **17** And_he/it_ _said are_idle you(pl) are_idle therefore yes/correct/thus/so you(pl) are_saying let_us_go let_us_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH**. **18** And_now go work and_straw not it_will_be_given to/for_ _you(pl) and_the_measurement_of bricks you(pl)_will_give. **19** And_ the_foremen_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ _saw ~~DOM~~_them in_trouble to_say not you(pl)_will_diminish from_bricks_of_your(pl) a_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **20** And_ _they_met ~~DOM~~ Mosheh and_~~DOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron standing to_meet_ _them when_they_came_out from_with Par'oh. **21** And_they_ _said to_them **YHWH** may_he_look on_you(pl) and_may_he_

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_judge that you(pl)_have_made_stink ~~ᵭᵯ~~ odour_of_our in/on_
_both_eyes_of Par'oh and_in_the_eyes_of his_servants_of_his
to_put a_sword in_hand_of_their to_kill_us.
22 And_ Mosheh _he/it_returned to **YHWH** and_he/it_said my_
_master why have_you_done_harm to_people the_this to/for_
_what this did_you_send_me. **23** And_from_then I_went to
Par'oh to_speak in_name_of_your he_has_done_harm to_people
the_this and_at_all_(deliver) not you_have_delivered ~~ᵭᵯ~~
people_of_your.
6:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh now you_will_see that_
_which I_will_do to_Par'oh if/because by_a_hand strong he_
_will_let_them_go and_by_a_hand strong he_will_drive_them_
_out from_land_of_his.

2 And_ god _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_he/it_said to_him/it I
am_**YHWH**. **3** And_I_appeared to 'Avrāhām to Yitsḥāq/(Isaac)
and_to Ya'aqov/(Jacob) (in)_god almighty and_name_of_my
YHWH not I_made_myself_known to/for_them. **4** And_also I_
_established ~~ᵭᵯ~~ covenant_of_my with_them to_give to/for_
_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_land_of
their_sojournings_of_their which they_sojourned in_it. **5** And_
_also I I_have_heard ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_groaning_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom Mitsrayim/(Egypt) are_compelling_to_
_labour ~~ᵭᵯ~~_them and_I_have_remembered ~~ᵭᵯ~~ covenant_of_
_my. **6** For_so/thus/hence say to_the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[26] I am_**YHWH** and_I_will_bring_out you(pl)
from_under the_forced_labour_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_deliver
you(pl) from_labour_of_their and_I_will_redeem you(pl) by_an_
_arm outstretched and_with_acts_of_judgement great. **7** And_I_
_will_take you(pl) to_me to_a_people and_I_will_be to/for_
_you(pl) (into)_god and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I
am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who_brought_out you(pl) from_
_under the_forced_labour_of Mitsrayim. **8** And_I_will_bring
you(pl) into the_earth/land which I_lifted_up ~~ᵭᵯ~~ hand_of_my
to_give ~~ᵭᵯ~~_her/it to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq and_to_Ya'aqov
and_I_will_give ~~ᵭᵯ~~_her/it to/for_you(pl) a_possession I am_
**YHWH**. **9** And Mosheh _he/it_spoke thus to_the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_listened to Mosheh from_
_shortness_of spirit and_from_labour hard. **10** And_ **YHWH** _
_he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **11** Go speak to Par'oh the_
_king_of Mitsrayim and_he_will_let_go ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_land_of_his. **12** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_say HERE the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_have_listened to_me and_
_how will_he_listen_to_me Par'oh and_I am_uncircumcised_of
lips. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Aharon
and_he_commanded_them to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_near/to Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_bring_
_out ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_land_of
Mitsrayim.

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Mosheh complains to God

22 Then Mosheh (Moses) went back to Yahweh and asked, "My master, why have you taken it out on our people? Was this why you sent me?
23 Ever since I went to Par'oh (Pharaoh) to deliver your message, he's made these people suffer and you clearly haven't rescued them."

6:1 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh, "Now you'll see what I'll do to Par'oh. I'll use my power to force him to let them go, and then using my power again he'll actually drive them out of his country."

God promises to rescue the people

2 Then God spoke to Mosheh (Moses) again, "I am Yahweh **3** and I revealed myself to Avraham, to Yitshak (Isaac), and to Ya'akov (Jacob) as El Shaddai (God the provider) but they didn't know me by my name Yahweh.[24] **4** What's more, I made an agreement with them: to give them the Kena'an (Canaan) region—the area which they had been staying in. **5** Furthermore, I've heard the complaints from the Israelis who have been enslaved by the Mitsrim (Egyptians), and I have remembered my agreement. **6** Therefore, tell the Israelis, 'I am Yahweh and I will help you escape from the control of the Mitsrim and rescue you from their slavery. I'll buy you out of slavery using my power and by punishing the Mitsrim for this injustice. **7** I'll take you all to be my own people, and I'll be your god. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh your god—the one rescuing you all from the Mitsri (Egyptian) oppression.
8 Then I'll take you all to the land that I promised to give to Avraham, to Yitshak, and to Ya'akov,[25] and I'll give it to you as your own. I am Yahweh.' " **9** So Mosheh passed all that on to the Israelis, but they wouldn't listen to Mosheh, because they were both discouraged and worn out from the slavery.

10 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **11** "Go and speak to the Mitsri king Par'oh (Pharaoh) and tell him that he needs to let the Israelis leave his country." **12** And Mosheh said in front of Yahweh, "Look, the Israelis haven't listened to me, so why would Par'oh listen? And I have difficulty speaking." **13** Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron), and he gave them a command to pass on to the Israelis and to the Mitsri king Par'oh: to take the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).

24 **RV 6:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 17:1; 28:3; 35:11; Exo 3:13-15.

25 **RV 6:8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:18; 26:3; 28:13.

26 **LV 6:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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The ancestors of Mosheh and Aharon

14 The following were the leaders of the clans:

The sons of **Re'uven** (Yisrael's (Israel's) eldest son) were Hanok, Palu, Hetsron, and Karmi, and they headed the clans of Re'uven.

15 **Shim'on's** (Simeon's) sons were Yemuel, Yamin, Ohad, Yakin, Tsohar, and Shaul—the son of a Kena'ani (Canaanite) woman, and they headed the clans of Shim'on.

16 **Levi's** sons were Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari.[27] Levi was 137 years old when he died. 17 Gereshon's sons were Livni and Shimei, and they headed their clans. 18 Kohat's sons were Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel. Kohat was 133 years old when he died. 19 Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi, and all of those headed the clans of Levi. 20 Amram married his aunt Yokeved, and she gave birth to Aharon (Aaron) and Mosheh (Moses). Amram lived to be 137 years old. 21 Yitshar's sons were Korah, Nefeg, and Zikri. 22 Uziel's sons were Mishael, Elitsafan, and Sitri.

23 Aharon married Elisheva, Aminadav's daughter and the sister of Nahshon, and she gave birth to Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar. 24 Korah's sons were Asir, Elkanah, and Aviasaf, and they headed the clans of Korah. 25 Aharon's son Eleazar took a wife for himself from the daughters of Putiel and she gave birth to Pinhas.

All of those headed the clans of Levi.

26 It was to Aharon and Mosheh that Yahweh had said, "Bring the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) by their tribes." 27 They were the ones who spoke to the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh), to bring the Israelis out of Mitsrayim.

God's reassurances to Mosheh and Aharon

28 On the day that Yahweh spoke to Mosheh (Moses) in Mitsrayim (Egypt), 29 he said, "I am Yahweh. Tell the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) everything that I tell you."

30 "Please listen to me," Mosheh responded. "I'm not a good speaker, so why should Par'oh listen to me?"

7:1 Yahweh answered, "Listen, I've made you like God to Par'oh, and your brother Aharon (Aaron) will be your prophet. 2 You'll quietly say everything that I tell you to and then your brother Aharon will relay it to Par'oh and tell him that he must let the Israelis leave his country. 3 But I'll make Par'oh stubborn and so I'll increase the signs and miracles that I'll do in Mitsrayim.[28] 4 Par'oh won't listen to you so I'll pressure Mitsrayim, and I'll use severe judgements to ensure that I bring my armies—my

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14 These were_the_heads_of the_house_of their_fathers_of_ _their the_sons_of Rə'ūvēn the_firstborn_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_Ḥanōk/(Enoch) and_Pallū' Ḥetsrōn and_Karmī/(Carmi) these were_the_clans_of Rə'ūvēn. 15 And_the_sons of_Shim'ōn were_Jemuel and_Yāmīn/(Jamin) and_Ohad and_Yākīn/(Jakin) and_Zohar and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) the_son_of (the)_ _Kəna'anī/(Canaanite)_woman these were_the_clans_of Shim'ōn. 16 And_these were_the_names_of the_sons_of Lēvī to_ _descendants_of_their Gērəshōn and_Qəhāt and_Mərārī and_ _the_years_of the_life_of Lēvī were_seven and_thirty and_one_ _hundred year[s]. 17 The_sons_of Gērəshōn were_Livnī and_ _Shim'ī to_their_clans. 18 And_the_sons of_Qəhāt were_'Amrām and_Yitshār/(Izhar) and_Ḥevrōn and_'Uzziy'ēl and_the_years_of the_life_of Qəhāt were_three and_thirty and_one_hundred year[s]. 19 And_the_sons of_Mərārī were_Maḥlī and_Mūshiy these were_the_clans_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] to_descendants_of_ _their. 20 And_ 'Amrām _he/it_took ÐOM Yōkevəd/(Jochebed) sister_of_his_father's to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman and_she/it_ _gave_birth to_him/it ÐOM 'Ahₐron and_ÐOM Mosheh and_the_ _years_of the_life_of 'Amrām were_seven and_thirty and_one_ _hundred year[s]. 21 And_the_sons of_Yitshār/(Izhar) were_ _Qoraḥ and_Nefeg and_Zikrī. 22 And_the_sons of_'Uzziy'ēl were_ _Mīshā'ēl and_'Elītsāfān and_Sithri. 23 And_ 'Ahₐron _he/it_took ÐOM 'Elīshevaʿ the_daughter_of 'Amminādāv the_sister_of Naḥshōn to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ÐOM Nādāv and_ÐOM 'Avīhū' ÐOM 'El'āzār and_ÐOM 'Ītāmār. 24 And_the_sons of_Qoraḥ were_'Aṣṣir and_'Elqānāh and_Abiasaph these were_the_clans_of the_Qoraḥite[s]. 25 And_ _'El'āzār the_son_of 'Ahₐron he_took to_him/it one_of_the_ _daughters_of Pūṭī'ēl to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman and_she/it_ _gave_birth to_him/it ÐOM Piṇḥāṣ these were_the_heads_of the_fathers_of the_Lēviyyiy to_their_clans. 26 That 'Ahₐron and_Mosheh were_those_whom **YHWH** he_said to/for_them bring_out ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on soldiers/messengers_of_their. 27 They were_the_ones_who_spoke to Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim to_ _bring_out ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim that Mosheh and_'Ahₐron.

28 And_he/it_was in/on_day **YHWH** when_he_spoke to Mosheh in_land of_Mitsrayim. 29 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying I am_**YHWH** speak to Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim ÐOM all_of that I am_speaking to_you. 30 And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** HERE I am_ _uncircumcised_of lips and_how will_he_listen to_me Par'oh. 7:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh see I_have_appointed_ _you a_god to_Par'oh and_'Ahₐron your(ms)_brother/kindred he_will_be prophet_of_your. 2 You you_will_speak ÐOM all_of that I_will_command_you and_'Ahₐron your(ms)_ _brother/kindred he_will_speak to Par'oh and_he_will_let_go ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_land_of_his. 3 And_I I_ _will_make_stubborn ÐOM the_heart_of Par'oh and_I_will_ _multiply ÐOM signs_of_my and_ÐOM wonders_of_my in_land of_Mitsrayim. 4 And_not he_will_listen to_you(pl) Par'oh and_I_ _will_put ÐOM hand_of_my on_Mitsrayim and_I_will_bring_out

27 **RV 6:16-19 · Cross-ref.** Num 3:17-20; 26:57-58; 1Ch 6:16-19.

28 **RV 7:3 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:36.

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ĐOM soldiers/messengers_of_my ĐOM people_of_my the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) with_acts_of_judgement great. **5** And_ Mitsrayim _they_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_I_stretch_out ĐOM hand_of_my on Mitsrayim and_I_will_bring_out ĐOM the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_among_of_them. **6** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_ _commanded ĐOM_them so they_did. **7** And_Mosheh was_a_ _son_of eighty year[s] and_'Ah$_a$ron was_a_son_of three and_ _eighty year[s] when_spoke_they to Par'oh.

8 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **9** If/because he_will_say to_you(pl) Par'oh to_say give to/for_ _you(pl) a_wonder and_you_will_say to 'Ah$_a$ron take ĐOM staff_ _of_your and_throw_it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh it_will_become (into)_a_serpent. **10** And_ Mosheh and_ _'Ah$_a$ron _he_went to Par'oh and_they_did[30] so just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_threw_down ĐOM staff_ _of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh and_before_ _of servants_of_his and_he/it_was (into)_a_serpent. **11** And_ also Par'oh _he/it_called (to)_the_men and_to_the_sorcerers and_ also they the_soothsayer-priests_of Mitsrayim _they_did by_enchantments_of_their thus. **12** And_they_threw_down each_one staff_of_his and_they_were (into)_serpents and_ the_ _staff_of 'Ah$_a$ron _it_swallowed_up ĐOM staffs_of_their. **13** And_ the_heart_of Par'oh _it_was_strong and_not he_listened to_ _them just_as **YHWH** he_had_said.

14 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh is_heavy the_heart_of Par'oh he_has_refused to_let_go the_people. **15** Go to Par'oh in_ _morning THERE he_is_going_out to_the_water and_you_will_ _stand to_meet_him on the_bank_of the_River and_the_staff which it_was_changed into_a_snake you_will_take in_hand_of_ _your. **16** And_you_will_say to_him/it **YHWH** the_god_of the_ _'Ivrī/(Hebrews) he_has_sent_me to_you to_say let_go ĐOM people_of_my so_that_they_may_serve_me in_wilderness and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE not you_have_listened until thus. **17** Thus **YHWH** he_says by_this you_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH** HERE I am_about_to_strike with_staff which is_in_ _hand_of_my (on) the_waters which is_in_River and_they_will_ _be_changed into_blood. **18** And_the_fish which is_in_River it_ _will_die and_ the_River _it_will_stink and_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _ _they_will_be_weary to_drink water from the_River. **19** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh say to 'Ah$_a$ron take staff_of_your and_stretch_out hand_of_your over the_waters_of Mitsrayim over rivers_of_their over canals_of_their and_over pools_of_ _their and_over every_of (the)_collecting_place_of their_water_ _of_their so_that_they_may_become blood and_it_was blood in_ _all the_land_of Mitsrayim and_in_wood(s) and_in_stone(s). **20** And_they_did so Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded and_he_raised (in)_staff and_he_struck ĐOM the_waters which was_in_River to_the_eyes_of Par'oh and_to_

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people the Israelis—out Mitsrayim. **5** The Mitsrim (Egyptians) will know that I am Yahweh when I demonstrate my power to Mitsrayim by taking the Israelis out from the middle of them." **6** So Mosheh and Aharon did everything that Yahweh told them to do. **7** (Mosheh was eighty and Aharon was eighty-three when they were interacting with Par'oh.)

Staffs and snakes

8 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), **9** "When Par'oh (Pharaoh) tells you to perform a miracle as a sign, then just tell Aharon to take his[29] staff and throw it down in front of Par'oh so it turns into a snake." **10** So Mosheh and Aharon went in to Par'oh's courtyard and did what Yahweh had told them: Aharon threw his staff down in front of Par'oh and his servants and it turned into a snake. **11** Then Par'oh also called for his wise men and sorcerers, and the Mitsri (Egyptian) magicians did the same thing using their magic— **12** each of them threw down his staff and they became snakes, except that Aharon's staff swallowed up their staffs. **13** But Par'oh's mind was made up and he took no notice of them as Yahweh had said earlier.

Plague 1: Water to blood

14 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Par'oh (Pharaoh) is very stubborn and he's refused to let the people go. **15** So go to Par'oh. Listen, every morning he goes down to the river, so station yourself to meet him on the bank. Take the staff with you that turned into a snake, **16** and tell him, 'Yahweh, the god of the Ivrim (Hebrews), previously sent me to you to say, "Let my people go so they can serve me in the wilderness." But listen, until now you haven't done it **17** so Yahweh says, "Now you will know that I am Yahweh because of this: See, I'm about to use my staff to strike the water in the Nile and it will turn to blood[31] **18** and the fish in the river will die and the river will stink. Then your people will gag to drink the water from the river." '

19 "Tell Aharon (Aaron) to take his staff and stretch out his hand over the waters of Mitsrayim (Egypt): over their streams, their canals, and their pools, and over every reservoir of their water, and the water will become blood. Then there'll be blood in the entire country—even in wooden or stone containers of water."

20 So And Mosheh and Aharon did exactly what Yahweh had commanded: Aharon raised the staff and struck the river, while

29 RV 7:9 · Note It's not clear here in this account, or even in the following events, if Mosheh and Aharon had separate miraculous sticks, or if Mosheh had (temporarily?) entrusted his original staff/rod/stick to his brother and spokesman Aharon.

30 LV 7:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

31 RV 7:17 · Cross-ref. Rev 16:4.

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Par'oh and his servants watched, and the entire river turned to blood. **21** Then the fish in the river died and the river stank, so the Mitsrim (Egyptians) couldn't drink water from the river, and the blood was all over Mitsrayim. **22** But the Mitsri (Egyptian) sorcerers did the same with their magic, and so Par'oh stayed stubborn and wouldn't listen to them, just as Yahweh had said earlier. **23** The Par'oh turned around and went back to his house, and he put all of that out of his mind. **24** Meanwhile, all the Mitsrim dug holes around the river to get water to drink, because river water was undrinkable.

25 So a week went by since Yahweh had struck the river

Plague 2: Frogs everywhere

8:1 and he said to Mosheh (Moses), "Go to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and tell him, 'Yahweh says that you must let my people go so they can serve me.[32] **2** But if you refuse to let them go, then look, I'm about to pound your entire territory with frogs. **3** The frogs will swarm in the river, then they'll climb out and go into your house and in your bedroom and onto your bed. They'll go into your servants' houses and among your people, and in your cooking bowls and into your ovens. **4** They'll climb on you and on your people and on all your servants.' "

5 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh, "Tell Aharon (Aaron): Hold your staff out over the canals, the streams, and the pools, and cause the frogs to come up onto the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt)." **6** So Aharon reached out his hand over the Mitsri (Egyptian) water supplies and frogs came up and covered the land of Mitsrayim. **7** But the sorcerers did the same with their magic, and they too brought up frogs over the land of Mitsrayim.

8 Then Par'oh called for Mosheh and Aharon, and told them, "Ask Yahweh to take the frogs away from me and from my people. Then I'll let your people go, and they can sacrifice to Yahweh."

9 Mosheh answered, "I'll pray for you and your servants and your people, praying that the frogs will keep away from you and your homes and only be left in the river. And I'll give you the honour of specifying when it'll happen."

10 "Tomorrow morning," the king replied.

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_the_eyes_of his_servants_of_his and_ all_of the_waters which was_in_River _they_were_changed into_blood. **21** And_the_fish which was_in_River it_died and_ the_River _it_stank and_not Mitsrayim they_were_able to_drink water from the_River and_ _he/it_was the_blood in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **22** And_ _they_did thus the_soothsayer-priests_of Mitsrayim by_ _enchantments_of_their and_ the_heart_of Par'oh _it_was_ _strong and_not he_listened to_them just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _said. **23** And_ Par'oh _he_turned and_he_went into house_of_ _his and_not he_set his/its_heart also to_this. **24** And_ all_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_dug around_of the_River water for_ _drinking if/because not they_were_able to_drink any_of_the_ _water_of the_River.

25 And_ seven_of days _it_was_completed after **YHWH** struck ~~ĐOM~~ the_River. **26** [33] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go to Par'oh and_you_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says let_go ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_my so_that_they_may_serve_me. **27** [34] And_if you are_refusing to_let_them_go HERE I am_about_to_strike ~~ĐOM~~ all_of territory_of_your with_frogs. **28** [35] And_ the_River _ _it_will_swarm frogs and_they_will_go_up and_they_will_go in_ _house_of_your and_in_the_chamber_of your_lying_down_of_ _your and_on bed_of_your and_in_the_house_of your_servants and_on_people_of_your and_in_ovens_of_your and_in_your(pl)_ _kneading_of_troughs. **29** [36] And_on_you and_on_people_of_ _your and_on/over_all your_servants the_frogs they_will_go_ _up.

8:1 [37] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh say to 'Ah$_a$ron stretch_out ~~ĐOM~~ hand_of_your with_staff_of_your over the_ _rivers over the_canals and_over the_pools and_bring_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_frogs on the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **2** [38] And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _ _he_stretched_out ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_hand over the_waters_of Mitsrayim and_ the_frog[s] _it_went_up and_it_covered ~~ĐOM~~ the_land_of Mitsrayim. **3** [39] And_they_did thus the_ _soothsayer-priests by_enchantments_of_their and_they_ _brought_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_frogs on the_land_of Mitsrayim. **4** [40] And_ Par'oh _he/it_called (to)_Mosheh and_(to)_'Ah$_a$ron and_he/it_ _said pray to **YHWH** so_that_he_may_remove the_frogs from_ _me and_from_people_of_my and_I_will_let_go ~~ĐOM~~ the_people so_that_they_may_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH**. **5** [41] And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_said to_Par'oh honour_yourself over_me to_when will_I_ _pray to/for_yourself(m) and_for_servants_of_your and_for_ _people_of_your to_cut_off the_frogs from_you and_from_ _houses_of_your only in_River they_will_remain. **6** [42] And_

32 **RV 8:1 · Note** This is 7:26 in some versifications (and the following three verses are 7:27, 28, & 29).
33 **LV 7:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.1
34 **LV 7:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.2
35 **LV 7:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.3
36 **LV 7:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.4
37 **LV 8:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.5
38 **LV 8:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.6
39 **LV 8:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.7
40 **LV 8:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.8
41 **LV 8:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.9
42 **LV 8:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.10

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_he/it_said to_tomorrow and_he/it_said according_to_of_your_ _message so_that you_may_know if/because_that there_is_not like_**YHWH** god_of_our. **7** [43] And_ the_frogs _they_will_depart from_you and_from_houses_of_your and_from_servants_of_ _your and_from_people_of_your only in_River they_will_ _remain. **8** [44] And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_went_out from_ _with Par'oh and_ Mosheh _he_cried_out to **YHWH** on the_ _matter_of the_frogs which he_had_appointed for_Par'oh. **9** [45] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made according_to_the_message_of Mosheh and_ the_frogs _they_died from the_houses from the_ _villages and_from the_fields. **10** [46] And_people_piled_up ~~DOM~~_ _them heaps heaps and_ the_earth/land _it_stank. **11** [47] And_ Par'oh _he/it_saw if/because_that it_had_come the_respite and_he_made_unresponsive ~~DOM~~ his/its_heart and_not he_ _listened to_them just_as **YHWH** he_had_said.

12 [50] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh say to 'Ah$_a$ron stretch_ _out ~~DOM~~ staff_of_your and_strike ~~DOM~~ the_dust_of the_ _earth/land and_it_was (into)_gnats in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **13** [51] And_they_did so and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_ _stretched_out ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand with_staff_of_his and_he_ _struck ~~DOM~~ the_dust_of the_earth/land and_ the_gnat[s] _it_ _became on_humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock all_of the_dust_of the_earth/land it_was gnats in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **14** [52] And_they_made thus the_soothsayer-priests by_enchantments_of_their to_bring_forth ~~DOM~~ the_gnats and_ _not they_were_able and_ the_gnat[s] _it_became on_ _humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock. **15** [53] And_ the_ _magicians/soothsayers _they_said to Par'oh is_the_finger_of god it and_ the_heart_of Par'oh _it_was_strong and_not he_ _listened to_them just_as **YHWH** he_had_said.

16 [55] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh rise_early in_morning and_present_yourself to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh THERE he_is_going_out to_the_water and_you_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says let_go people_of_my so_that_ _they_may_serve_me. **17** [56] If/because if not_you are_letting_go ~~DOM~~ people_of_my HERE_I am_about_to_send on_you and_on_ _servants_of_your and_on_people_of_your and_on_houses_of_ _your ~~DOM~~ the_swarm and_ the_houses_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _

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"Just as you say," Mosheh responded, "so that you'll know that there's no one else like our god Yahweh. **11** Tomorrow the frogs will leave you and go away from your houses, and from your servants and your people. They'll only be left in the river." **12** Then Mosheh and Aharon left Par'oh and Mosheh called out to Yahweh concerning the retraction of the frogs that he'd sent against the king. **13** So Yahweh did what Mosheh had requested and the frogs died off from the houses and the courtyards, and from the fields. **14** The people collected them into many piles and the whole country stank. **15** But when Par'oh saw that there was relief from the frogs, he firmed his resolve and didn't listen to Mosheh and Aharon, just as Yahweh had said previously.

Plague 3: Lice

16 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh (Moses), "Tell Aharon (Aaron): Stretch out your staff and strike the dust on the ground, and it will turn into lice[48] all over Mitsrayim (Egypt)." **17** So Aharon held out his staff and struck the dust with it, and the dust became lice on the people and on the animals. All over Mitsrayim, the dust turned into lice **18** and the sorcerers tried to do the same with their magic but they were unable to. So there were lice on people and animals **19** and the magicians said to Par'oh (Pharaoh), "This is God's finger."[49] But Par'oh was stubborn and he didn't listen to them, just as Yahweh had said previously.

Plague 4: The swarm

20 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh (Moses), "Get up early in the morning and when you see Par'oh (Pharaoh) coming down to the river, station yourself in front of him and tell him, 'Yahweh saw that you must let my people go so they can serve me. **21** Certainly if you don't release my people immediately, then take note: I'm about to send the swarm[54] at you and your servants and at your people

43 **LV 8:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.11

44 **LV 8:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.12

45 **LV 8:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.13

46 **LV 8:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.14

47 **LV 8:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.15

48 **RV 8:16 · Note** The Hebrew word 'כְּנִּם/כִּנִּם' (kēn/kinnim) could refer to either lice, gnats, or fleas. However, unlike lice, gnats don't usually *reside* on people and animals (which seems to be implied by the text).

49 **RV 8:19 · Cross-ref.** Luk 11:20.

50 **LV 8:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.16

51 **LV 8:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.17

52 **LV 8:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.18

53 **LV 8:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.19

54 **RV 8:21 · Note** The Hebrew word 'עָרֹב' (ʿārov) probably meaning 'mixture' is sometimes translated as 'swarm'. This plague could have been anything from flies to other insects (hornets or mosquitoes???) all the way to a mixture of wild animals.

55 **LV 8:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.20

56 **LV 8:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.21

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and into your houses. The Mitsrim' (Egyptians') houses will be full of the swarm and even the ground that they're on. **22** But when it happens, I'll distinguish the Goshen region where my people live so the swarm won't be there, so that you'll be able to see that I'm Yahweh and I'm right here in this land. **23** This sign will happen tomorrow and you'll see how I plan to set my people free from your people.' " **24** So Yahweh did what he'd said and a heavy swarm came to Par'oh's house and the houses of his servants and all the Mitsrim—the country was ruined by the arrival of the swarm.

25 Then Par'oh called for Mosheh and to Aharon (Aaron) and told them, "Go and sacrifice to the god of you all, but here in Mitsrayim (Egypt)."

26 "It wouldn't be right to do that," Mosheh replied, "because our sacrifices to Yahweh our god would be offensive to Mitsrim. Listen, if we made sacrifices in front of the Mitsrim that are repulsive to them, wouldn't they throw rocks at us to try to kill us? **27** We need to travel into the wilderness for three days, then we'll sacrifice to our god Yahweh there, just like he's telling us to."

28 So Par'oh relented, "I'll let you all go into the wilderness and sacrifice to Yahweh your god—except you definitely can't go very far. Now, ask God for me for the plague to stop."

29 "Listen, I'm about to leave now," Mosheh responded, "and I'll pray to Yahweh and he'll withdraw the swarm from Par'oh tomorrow, and from his servants and his people. But may Par'oh not be dishonest again and fail to let our people go to sacrifice to Yahweh."

30 Then Mosheh left Par'oh and prayed to Yahweh **31** and Yahweh did what Mosheh asked him and he withdrew the swarm from Par'oh, and from his servants and his people. Not one remained. **32** But Par'oh changed his mind and remained stubborn and he wouldn't let the Israelis leave.

Plague 5: The stock disease

9:1 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh (Moses), "Go in to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and tell him: 'This is what the god of the Ivrim (Hebrews). Yahweh, says: Let my people go so they can serve me. **2** Certainly if you're unwilling to release them and if you keep holding onto them, **3** then listen. Yahweh is about to inflict a very serious deadly disease onto your livestock which are in the fields—on the horses, the

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_they_will_be_full ~~DOM~~ the_swarm and_also the_soil which they are_on_it. **18** [57] And_I_will_make_separate on_day (the)_that ~~DOM~~ the_land_of Goshen which people_of_my is_standing on/upon_it(f) to_not to_be there a_swarm so_that you_may_ _know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_in_the_midst_of the_ _earth/land. **19** [58] And_I_will_make a_ransom between people_ _of_my and_between people_of_your to_tomorrow the_sign (the)_this it_will_happen. **20** [59] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made so and_ a_swarm massive _it_came the_house_of_to of_Par'oh and_the_house_of his_servants_of_his and_on/over_all the_ _land_of Mitsrayim the_earth/land it_was_ruined from_ _face/in_front_of the_swarm. **21** [60] And_ Par'oh _he/it_called (to) Mosheh and_(to)_'Ah$_a$ron and_he/it_said go sacrifice to_ _god_of_your(pl) on_the_earth. **22** [61] And_ Mosheh _he/it_said not is_established for_doing thus if/because the_abomination_ _of Mitsrayim we_will_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** god_of_our HERE we_will_sacrifice ~~DOM~~ the_abomination_of Mitsrayim to_eyes_ _of_their and_not will_they_stone_us. **23** [62] A_journey_of three_ _of days we_will_go in_wilderness and_we_will_sacrifice to/for_ _**YHWH** god_of_our just_as he_says to_us. **24** [63] And_ Par'oh _ _he/it_said I I_will_let_go you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) in_wilderness only definitely_ _(be_far_away) not you(pl)_must_be_far_away to_go pray for_ _me. **25** [64] And_ Mosheh _he/it_said HERE I am_about_to_go_out from_with_you and_I_will_pray to **YHWH** and_ the_swarm _he_ _will_turn_aside from_Par'oh from_servants_of_his and_from_ _people_of_his tomorrow only not Par'oh may_he_repeat to_ _deceive to_not to_let_go ~~DOM~~ the_people to_sacrifice to/for_ _**YHWH**. **26** [65] And_ Mosheh _he/it_went_out from_with Par'oh and_he_prayed to **YHWH**. **27** [66] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made according_to_the_message_of Mosheh and_ the_swarm _he_ _turned_aside from_Par'oh from_servants_of_his and_from_ _people_of_his not one it_remained. **28** [67] And_ Par'oh _he_ _made_unresponsive ~~DOM~~ his/its_heart also at_time (the)_this and_not he_let_go ~~DOM~~ the_people.

9:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go to Par'oh and_you_ _will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of the_'Ivrī/(Hebrews) he_says let_go ~~DOM~~ people_of_my so_that_they_may_serve_me. **2** If/because if you are_refusing to_let_them_go and_still_you are_keeping_hold on_them. **3** THERE the_hand_of **YHWH** is_ _about_to_be on_livestock_of_your which in_the_field on_ _horses on_donkeys on_camels on_cattle and_on_sheep a_ _pestilence heavy very. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_distinguish

57 LV 8:18 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.22
58 LV 8:19 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.23
59 LV 8:20 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.24
60 LV 8:21 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.25
61 LV 8:22 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.26
62 LV 8:23 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.27
63 LV 8:24 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.28
64 LV 8:25 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.29
65 LV 8:26 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.30
66 LV 8:27 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.31
67 LV 8:28 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.32

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between the_livestock_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_between the_ _livestock_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_not it_will_die from_all that_belongs_to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) anything.
5 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_assigned an_appointed_time to_say tomorrow **YHWH** he_will_do the_thing the_this on_the_earth.
6 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made ĐOM the_thing the_this from_the_ _next_day and_ all_of the_livestock_of Mitsrayim _he/it_died and_of_the_livestock_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not one it_died. **7** And_ Par'oh _he_sent and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_ _had_died any_of_the_livestock_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) up_to one and_ the_heart_of Par'oh _it_was_unresponsive and_not he_let_ _go ĐOM the_people.
8 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron take to/for_you(pl) the_fullness_of the_hollow_of_your_two's_ _hands_of_your(pl) soot_of a_kiln and_he_will_sprinkle_it Mosheh towards_the_heavens to_the_eyes_of Par'oh. **9** And_it_ _was (into)_dust over all_of the_land_of Mitsrayim and_it_was on the_humankind and_on the_cattle/livestock (into)_boil[s] breaking_out blisters in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **10** And_ _they_took ĐOM the_soot_of (the)_kiln and_they_stood to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh and_ Mosheh _he_sprinkled ĐOM_him/it towards_the_heavens and_he/it_was boil[s] blisters breaking_out on_humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock.
11 And_not the_soothsayer-priests they_were_able to_stand to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mosheh from_face/in_front_ _of the_boil[s] if/because the_boil[s] it_was on_ _soothsayer-priests and_on/over_all Mitsrayim/(Egypt).
12 And_ **YHWH** _he_made_strong ĐOM the_heart_of Par'oh and_ _not he_listened to_them just_as **YHWH** he_had_said to Mosheh.

13 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh rise_early in_morning and_present_yourself to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh and_you_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of the_ _'Ivrī/(Hebrews) he_says let_go ĐOM people_of_my so_that_ _they_may_serve_me. **14** If/because at_time (the)_this I am_ _about_to_send ĐOM all_of plagues_of_my to heart_of_your and_ _on_servants_of_your and_on_people_of_your in_account_of you_may_know if/because_that there_is_not like_me in_all the_ _earth/land. **15** If/because now I_stretched_out ĐOM hand_of_ _my and_I_struck you and_ĐOM people_of_your with_pestilence and_you_were_destroyed from the_earth/land. **16** And_but in_ _account_of this I_have_caused_you_to_stand in_account_of to_ _show_you ĐOM power_of_my and_so_as to_recount name_of_ _my in_all the_earth/land. **17** Still_you are_exalting_yourself on_people_of_my to_not to_let_them_go. **18** HERE_I am_about_ _to_rain_down about_time tomorrow hail heavy very which not it_has_been like_it in_Mitsrayim (to)_from the_day it_was_ _founded and_unto now. **19** And_now send bring_to_safety ĐOM livestock_of_your and_ĐOM all_of that to/for_yourself(m) in_ _the_field all_of the_humankind and_the_livestock which it_ _will_be_found in_field and_not it_will_be_gathered to_the_ _house and_it_will_come_down on_them the_hail and_they_ _will_die. **20** The_one_fearing ĐOM the_message_of **YHWH** of_ _the_servants_of of_Par'oh he_made_to_flee ĐOM servants_of_

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donkeys, the camels, the cattle, and on the flock. **4** But Yahweh will distinguish between the livestock of the Israelis and the Mitsrim (Egyptians)—none of the Israelis' animals will die.' " **5** Then Yahweh said when it would happen, "Yahweh will do this to Mitsrayim (Egypt) tomorrow."
6 So the next day Yahweh did what he'd said and all of the livestock of the Mitsrim died, yet none at all from the livestock of the Israelis died. **7** Par'oh sent people to investigate, and wow, not even one of the livestock of the Israelis had died. But Par'oh was strong-willed and wouldn't let the people go.

Plague 6: Boils

8 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), "Take handfuls of ash out of a furnace, then Mosheh should toss it up in the air in front of Par'oh (Pharaoh). **9** It will become a powder over all Mitsrayim (Egypt) and then it will turn into boils—bursting blisters—on people and on animals all over Mitsrayim." **10** So they took some ash from a furnace, and standing in front of Par'oh, Mosheh tossed it up into the air and it turned into boils with bursting blisters on the people and the animals.[68] **11** Because of the boils, the sorcerers weren't even able to stand there with Mosheh because the sorcerers suffered with them along with all the Mitsrim (Egyptians). **12** But Yahweh caused Par'oh to remain stubborn and he didn't listen to them, just as Yahweh had told Mosheh previously.

Plague 7: Hail

13 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Get up early in the morning, and stand in front of Par'oh (Pharaoh) and say to him, 'This is what Yahweh, the god of the Ivrim (Hebrews), says: Let my people go so they can serve me **14** because this time, I'm about to send all my plagues to you and your servants, and your people. You'll all be deeply distressed by them, in order that you might know that there is no one else like me in all the world. **15** By this time, I could have reached out and struck you and your people with such deadly disease or destruction that you would all have been obliterated from the land. **16** However, I've kept you for this reason: to show you my power and in order to proclaim my name all over the world.[69] **17** You're still considering yourself to be greater than my people by failing to release them. **18** Now listen: I'm about to cause extremely heavy hail to rain down at this time tomorrow. It'll be hail like which has never been seen before in Mitsrayim (Egypt) from the day it was founded until now. **19** So send for your livestock and everything you own in the country now, and bring it in under cover because the hail will come down on every person and animal that is found in the countryside and not sheltering under a roof, and they will die.' " **20** Some of Par'oh's servants who be-

68 RV 9:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 16:2.

69 RV 9:16 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:17.

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lieved what Yahweh said, quickly brought their slaves and their livestock back into their houses, **21** but those people who didn't believe Yahweh just left their slaves and their animals out in the countryside.

22 "Raise your arm up toward the sky," Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "and hail will strike all over Mitsrayim—on the people and animals and on every plant in the Mitsri (Egyptian) countryside." **23** So Mosheh lifted his staff to the sky, and Yahweh sent thunder and hail, and lightning caused fires on the land, and so Yahweh rained hail down onto Mitsrayim. **24** There was hail, and also fire coming down in the middle of the hail.[70] It was very heavy, such as had never been in all of Mitsrayim since it became a nation. **25** The hail struck everything in Mitsrayim—everything that was in the countryside, from people to animals. It also struck every plant and broke every tree out in the countryside. **26** Only in the Goshen region where the Israelis were, was there no hail.

27 Then Par'oh sent for Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron) and told them, "I've sinned this time. Yahweh is righteous, and me and my people are guilty. **28** Pray to Yahweh to stop it, because the thunder of God and hail are too much. Then I'll release you all—you won't have to remain here."

29 "As I'm leaving the city," Mosheh replied, "I'll spread my palms out to Yahweh. The thunder will stop and the hail won't continue so that you will be able to see that the earth belongs to Yahweh. **30** But as for you and your servants, I know that you still don't fear Yahweh God."

31 (Now the flax and the barley were flattened by the hail because the barley was full grown and starting to fill out and the flax was in bloom. **32** But the wheat and the spelt weren't destroyed because they come later in the season.)

33 So Mosheh left Par'oh, and as he was leaving the city, he spread his palms out to Yahweh and the thunder and hail ceased, and the rain stopped pouring down on the land. **34** But when Par'oh saw that the rain and hail and thunder had stopped, he added to his sins and he firmed his resolve—he and his servants. **35** And so Par'oh remained stubborn and didn't let the Israelis leave, just as Yahweh had said through Mosheh previously.

10:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **Plague 8: Locusts**
"Go in to Par'oh (Pharaoh) because I've made him and his servants stubborn in order to be able to demonstrate these miracles of mine among them, **2** and so that in the future you'll be able to tell your descendants that I made Mitsrayim (Egypt) look foolish, and my miracles which I demonstrated among them—and so that you will know that I am Yahweh."

3 So Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron) went in to Par'oh and told

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_his and_ĐOM livestock_of_his into the_houses. **21** And_which not he_set his/its_heart to the_message_of **YHWH** and_he_left ĐOM servants_of_his and_ĐOM livestock_of_his in_field. **22** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh stretch_out ĐOM hand_of_your to the_heavens and_ hail _let_it_be in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on the_humankind and_on the_ _cattle/livestock and_on all_of the_vegetation_of the_field in_ _land of_Mitsrayim. **23** And_ Mosheh _he_stretched_out ĐOM staff_of_his to the_heavens and_**YHWH** he_gave thunder_claps and_hail and_ fire _it_went ground_to_the and_ **YHWH** _he_ _rained_down hail on the_land_of Mitsrayim. **24** And_he/it_was hail and_fire was_flashing in_the_middle of_the_hail heavy very which not it_had_been like_it in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim from_then it_had_become to_(a)_nation. **25** And_ the_hail _it_ _struck in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim ĐOM all_of that in_the_field from_humankind and_unto livestock and_ĐOM all_of the_ _vegetation_of the_field the_hail it_struck and_ĐOM every_of (the)_tree_of the_field it_shattered. **26** Only in_land of_Goshen where were_there the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not it_was hail. **27** And_ Par'oh _he_sent and_he/it_called (to)_Mosheh and_(to)_'Ah$_a$ron and_he/it_said to_them I_have_sinned this_ _time **YHWH** is_the_righteous_one and_I and_people_of_my are_the_guilty_ones. **28** Pray to **YHWH** and_is_enough for_ the_ _thunder_claps_of god and_the_hail _being and_I_will_let_go you(pl) and_not you(pl)_will_increase to_stand. **29** And_he/it_ _said to_him/it Mosheh just_as_I_have_gone_out ĐOM the_city I_will_spread_out ĐOM palms_of_my to **YHWH** the_thunder_ _claps they_will_cease and_the_hail not it_will_happen again so_that you_may_know if/because_that to/for_**YHWH** the_ _earth/land. **30** And_you(ms) and_servants_of_your I_know if/because_that not_yet you(pl)_fear from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** god. **31** And_the_flax and_the_barley it_was_struck if/because the_barley was_young_barley_ear[s] and_the_flax was_bud. **32** And_the_wheat and_the_spelt not they_were_ _struck if/because are_late_crops they. **33** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _went_out from_with Par'oh ĐOM the_city and_he_spread_out palms_of_his to **YHWH** and_ the_thunder_claps and_the_hail _ _they_ceased and_rain not it_was_poured_out earth_to_the. **34** And_ Par'oh _he/it_saw if/because_that the_rain and_the_ _hail and_the_thunder_claps it_had_ceased and_he_repeated to_sin and_ he and_servants_of_his _he_made_unresponsive his/its_heart. **35** And_ the_heart_of Par'oh _it_was_strong and_ _not he_let_go ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as **YHWH** he_had_said by_the_hand_of Mosheh.

10:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go to Par'oh if/because I I_have_made_unresponsive ĐOM his/its_heart and_ĐOM the_ _heart_of his_servants_of_his so_as I_to_perform signs_of_my these in_midst_of_his.[72] **2** And_so_that you_may_recount in_ _the_ears_of your_son_of_your and_the_son_of your_son_of_ _your ĐOM how I_have_dealt_ruthlessly with_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ĐOM signs_of_my which I_performed among_them and_ _you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **3** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he_went to Par'oh and_they_said to_

70 RV 9:24 · Cross-ref. Rev 8:7; 16:21.

72 LV 10:1 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of the_ʹIvrīʹ/(Hebrews) he_says until when have_you_refused to_humble_yourself from_before_ _of_me let_go people_of_my so_that_they_may_serve_me. **4** If/because if you are_refusing to_let_go ~~DOM~~ people_of_my HERE_I am_about_to_bring tomorrow locust[s] in_territory_of_ _your. **5** And_it_will_cover ~~DOM~~ the_eye_of the_earth/land and_ _not anyone_will_be_able for_seeing ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_ _he/it_will_eat ~~DOM~~ the_remainder_of the_escaped_thing (the)_ _that_which_remains to/for_you(pl) from the_hail and_he/it_ _will_eat ~~DOM~~ every_of the_tree which_is_sprouting to/for_ _you(pl) from the_field. **6** And_they_will_be_full houses_of_your and_the_houses_of all_of your_servants and_the_houses_of all_ _of Mitsrayim which not ancestors_of_your and_the_ancestors_ _of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your they_saw from_the_day_of were_they on the_soil until the_day the_this and_he_turned and_he/it_went_out from_with Parʹoh. **7** And_ the_servants_of Parʹoh _they_said to_him/it until when will_he_become this_ _man to/for_us (into)_a_snare let_go ~~DOM~~ the_people so_that_ _they_may_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_their not_yet do_you_ _know if/because_that Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it_will_perish. **8** And_ ~~DOM~~ Mosheh and_~~DOM~~ ʾAh$_a$ron _he_was_brought_back to Parʹoh and_he/it_said to_them go serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who and_who are_the_ones_going. **9** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said with_our_young_of_men and_with_our_old_of_men we_will_go with_sons_of_our and_with_daughters_of_our with_flock[s]_of_ _our and_with_herds_of_our we_will_go if/because (the)_ _festival_of **YHWH** to/for_us. **10** And_he/it_said to_them may_ _he_be thus **YHWH** with_you(pl) just_as I_will_let_go you(pl) and_~~DOM~~ one[s]_of_your(pl)_little see if/because evil is_before faces_of_your(pl). **11** Not so go please Oh_men and_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** if/because ~~DOM~~_her/it you(pl) are_requesting and_ _he/it_drove_out ~~DOM~~_them from_with the_face_of Parʹoh. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh stretch_out hand_of_ _your over the_land_of Mitsrayim for_locust[s] so_that_it_may_ _come_up on the_land_of Mitsrayim and_so_that_it_may_eat ~~DOM~~ all_of the_vegetation_of the_earth/land ~~DOM~~ all_of that the_hail it_left_over. **13** And_ Mosheh _he_stretched_out ~~DOM~~ staff_of_his over the_land_of Mitsrayim and_**YHWH** he_drove a_ _wind_of the_east on_the_earth all_of the_day (the)_that and_ _all the_night the_morning it_was and_spirit_of_the_east it_ _carried ~~DOM~~ the_locust[s]. **14** And_ the_locust[s] _he/it_ _ascended on all_of the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_it_ _settled_down in_all_of the_territory_of Mitsrayim heavy very before_it not thus locust[s] it_had_been like_it and_after_it not it_will_be thus. **15** And_it_covered ~~DOM~~ the_eye_of all_of the_ _earth/land and_ the_earth/land _it_grew_dark and_it_ate ~~DOM~~ all_of the_vegetation_of the_earth/land and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _fruit_of the_tree which the_hail it_had_left_over and_not any_ _of greenery it_was_left_behind on_tree[s] and_on_the_ _vegetation_of the_field in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **16** And_ Parʹoh _he_hurried to_call (to)_Mosheh and_(to)_ʾAh$_a$ron and_ _he/it_said I_have_sinned to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_ _to_you(pl). **17** And_now forgive please sin_of_my only the_ _time//this_time and_pray to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) so_ _that_he_may_remove from_on_me only ~~DOM~~ the_death (the)_ _this. **18** And_he/it_went_out from_with Parʹoh and_he_prayed

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him, "This is what Yahweh, God of the Ivrim (Hebrews) says: how long before you'll submit to me? Let my people go so they can serve me, **4** because if you refuse to release them, then listen, I'll bring locusts into your territory tomorrow. **5** They'll cover the ground so that no one will even be able to see it, and they'll devour whatever remains after the hail. Plus they'll devour every tree growing in the countryside. **6** They'll fill your houses and the houses of all your servants and the houses of all the Mitsrim (Egyptians). It'll be nothing like anything which your parents generation ever saw, nor anything seen by the previous generations from the day they came to be on the earth until today." Then Mosheh turned around and went out from Par'oh with Aharon.

7 Then Par'oh's servants asked him, "How much longer is this going to cause trouble for us? Let the men go and they'll worship their god Yahweh. Don't you understand yet that Mitsrayim is being destroyed?"

8 So Mosheh and Aharon were brought back to Par'oh, and he told them, "Go and worship your god Yahweh. Who are the ones who'll be going?"

9 "We'll take our children and our old folks," Mosheh answered. "We'll go with our sons and daughters, and with our flocks and herds, because the festival of Yahweh is for all of us."

10 "You'd need Yahweh with you if I ever let you and your children go together," Par'oh responded. "You're clearly plotting an evil trick! **11** Well that won't happen! The men may go and worship Yahweh since that's what you've been wanting." Then he drove them out of the room.

12 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Extend your hand over Mitsrayim and let the locusts rise up over the land, and let them devour all the plants—everything which the hail had spared." **13** So Mosheh stretched his staff out over Mitsrayim, and Yahweh sent an east wind over the land all that day and all night. Then morning came, and the east wind had brought the locusts. **14** The locusts covered across all the land of Mitsrayim and came to rest everywhere within the country's borders. They were extremely numerous—never before were there so many locusts, and it'll never be repeated again.[71] **15** The cloud of locusts blocked the sun and prevented people from being able to see very far. They devoured all the plants on the land and all of the fruit on the trees that the hail had left, and no piece of greenery remained on any tree or plant in the entire Mitsri (Egyptian) countryside.

16 Par'oh quickly summoned Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron) and said, "I've sinned against your god Yahweh and against you. **17** So now just this once, please overlook my sin and pray to your god Yahweh and just let him take this deathly plague away from me." **18** So Mosheh left Par'oh and went out and prayed to Yahweh, **19** and Yahweh caused a very strong sea wind. The wind carried away the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea—not a single locust remained anywhere in Mitsri territory. **20** But Yah-

71 RV 10:14-15 · Cross-ref. Rev 9:2-3.

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weh caused Par'oh to remain stubborn and he wouldn't release the Israelis.

Plague 9: Darkness

21 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Raise your hand up toward the sky and let it become dark over all Mitsrayim (Egypt)—darkness that can be felt." 22 So Mosheh stretched his hand out towards the sky, and a thick darkness was in all Mitsrayim for three days.[73] 23 No one could see anyone else, and for three days no one was able to go anywhere, yet there was light in the region where the Israelis lived.

24 Then Par'oh (Pharaoh) summoned Mosheh and told him, "Go serve Yahweh. Your children can go with you all, but your flocks and your herds must remain behind."

25 "On top of that," Mosheh responded, "you must also give us the sacrifices and offerings to be burnt when we will sacrifice to Yahweh our god. 26 And even our livestock needs to go with us. Not a hoof will be left behind because we'll choose from them to serve Yahweh our god. You see, we won't know what we must sacrifice to Yahweh until we arrive there."

27 But Yahweh caused Par'oh to strengthen his resolve and he wouldn't agree to let them go. 28 "Get out of here!" Par'oh shouted. "And watch yourself! You'll never see me again, because if I ever see you again, I'll have you executed!"

29 "Yes," Mosheh responded. "It's just as you say: I'll never see you again!"

Plague 10: Death of oldest sons

11:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "I'll send one more plague to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and Mitsrayim (Egypt). After that he'll let you all go from here. What's more, when he does he'll actually chase you all right out of here. 2 Go and quietly tell the people that both men and women should ask their Mitsri (Egyptian) neighbours for items of gold and silver." 3 Then Yahweh gave the Israelis favour in the eyes of the Mitsrim (Egyptians). What's more, Mosheh was very prestigious in the eyes of Par'oh's servants and in the eyes of the Mitsri people.

4 Then Mosheh told Par'oh, "This is what Yahweh says: Sometime around the middle of the night I'll go out around Mitsrayim, 5 and every oldest son in Mitsrayim will die, from the oldest son of Par'oh who sits on his throne, to the oldest son of the slave girl who lives behind the mill, as well as every oldest male offspring of your livestock. 6 Then there'll be loud wailing right across Mitsrayim which will be nothing anything that's ever happened before, and nothing like it will ever happen again. 7 But amongst the Israelis, the dogs won't growl at any person or animals so that you'll know that Yahweh distinguishes between Mitsrayim and Yisrael (Israel). 8 Then all your servants

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to **YHWH**. 19 And_ **YHWH** _he_turned a_wind_of west strong very and_it_carried_away ~~DOM~~ the_locust[s] and_it_blew_it sea_ _of_towards_the reed[s] not a_locust one it_remained in_all_of the_territory_of Mitsrayim. 20 And_ **YHWH** _he_made_strong ~~DOM~~ the_heart_of Par'oh and_not he_let_go ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

21 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh stretch_out hand_of_ _your to the_heavens and_ darkness _let_it_be over the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_so_that_everyone_may_feel darkness. 22 And_ Mosheh _he_stretched_out ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand to the_ _heavens and_he/it_was darkness_of gloom in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim three_of days. 23 Not they_saw each ~~DOM~~ his/its_ _brother and_not they_rose anyone from_under_him three_of days and_to/for_all the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_belonged light in_their_dwelling_of_places. 24 And_ Par'oh _he/it_called (to) Mosheh and_he/it_said go serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** only flock[s]_ _of_your(pl) and_herd[s]_of_your(pl) it_will_be_detained also one[s]_of_your(pl)_little it_will_go with_you(pl). 25 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said also you you_will_give in_hand_of_our sacrifices and_burnt_offerings and_we_will_offer_them to/for_ _**YHWH** god_of_our. 26 And_also livestock_of_our it_will_go with_us not a_hoof it_will_remain if/because from_him/it we_ _will_take to_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_our and_we not we_will_ _know what will_we_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** until go_we there_(to). 27 And_ **YHWH** _he_made_strong ~~DOM~~ the_heart_of Par'oh and_ _not he_was_willing to_let_them_go. 28 And_he/it_said to_ _him/it Par'oh go from_with_me take_heed to/for_yourself(m) to you_will_repeat to_see face_of_my if/because in/on_day see_ _you face_of_my you_will_die. 29 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said right you_have_spoken not I_will_repeat again to_see face_of_ _your.

11:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh yet a_plague one I_will_ _bring on Par'oh and_on Mitsrayim/(Egypt) after thus he_will_ _let_go you(pl) from_here just_as_he_lets_you_go completely completely_(drive_out) he_will_drive_out you(pl) from_here. 2 Speak please in_the_ears_of the_people so_that_they_may_ _ask everyone(m) from_with his/its_neighbour and_ _everyone(f) from_with fem_of_her_neighbour articles_of silver and_articles_of gold. 3 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ the_ _favour_of the_people in/on_both_eyes_of Mitsrayim also the_ _man Mosheh was_great very in_land of_Mitsrayim in/on_ _both_eyes_of the_servants_of Par'oh and_in_the_eyes_of the_ _people. 4 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said thus **YHWH** he_says about_ _the_middle_of the_night I am_about_to_go_out in_the_middle of_Mitsrayim. 5 And_ every_of firstborn _he_will_die in_land of_ _Mitsrayim from_the_firstborn_of Par'oh who_sits on throne_ _of_his unto the_firstborn_of the_maidservant who is_behind the_hand-mill and_all/each/any/every firstborn_of livestock. 6 And_it_will_be a_cry great in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim which like_it not it_has_occurred and_like_it not it_will_repeat. 7 And_ _to/for_all the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not a_dog it_will_ _sharpen tongue_of_its to_from_a_human and_unto livestock so_that you(pl)_may_know which/who **YHWH** he_distinguishes between Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_between Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 8 And_ all_of your_servants these _they_will_come_down to_me

73 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Psa 105:28; Rev 16:10.

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and_they_will_bow_down to_me[74] to_say you and_all the_ _people which is_at_feet_of_your go_out and_after thus I_will_ _go_out and_he/it_went_out from_with Par'oh in_heat_of anger. 9 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh not he_will_listen to_you(pl) Par'oh so_as wonders_of_my to_be_many in_land of_ _Mitsrayim. 10 And_Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron they_did ĐOM all_of the_wonders the_these to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh and_ **YHWH** _he_made_strong ĐOM the_heart_of Par'oh and_not he_let_go ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_ _land_of_his.

12:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron in_land of_Mitsrayim to_say. 2 The_month the_this to/for_you(pl) will_ _be_the_beginning_of months will_be_first it to/for_you(pl) of_ _the_months_of of_the_year. 3 Speak to all_of the_ _congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say on_ten of_month the_ _this and_they_will_take to/for_them everyone a_lamb for_a_ _household_of fathers a_lamb for_household. 4 And_if the_ _household it_will_be_too_small for_being for_a_lamb and_ he and_neighbour_of_his (the)_near to house_of_his _he/it_will_ _take by_the_number_of people each_one to_the_mouth_of his_ _food_of_his you(pl)_will_estimate on the_lamb. 5 A_lamb unblemished male a_son_of a_year it_will_be to/for_you(pl) one_of the_lambs and_from the_goats you(pl)_will_take. 6 And_ _it_was to/for_you(pl) for_safekeeping until the_four- teen day of_month the_this and_ all_of the_assembly_of the_ _congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_slaughter ĐOM_ _him/it between the_two_evenings. 7 And_they_will_take some_of the_blood and_they_will_put_it on the_two_of the_ _doorposts and_on the_lintels on the_houses which they_will_ _eat ĐOM_him/it in_them. 8 And_they_will_eat ĐOM the_meat in_night the_this roasted_of fire and_unleavened_bread(s) with bitter_herbs they_will_eat_it. 9 Do_not eat from_him/it raw and_boiled being_boiled in_water if/because (if) roasted_of fire his/its_head with legs_of_its and_with entrails_of_its. 10 And_ _not you(pl)_will_leave_over from_him/it until morning and_ _(the)_that_which_remains from_him/it until morning with_ _fire you(pl)_will_burn. 11 And_thus you(pl)_will_eat ĐOM_ _him/it loins_of_your(pl) will_be_girded sandals_of_your(pl) will_be_of_on_your(pl)_feet and_staff_of_your(pl) will_be_of_ _in_your(pl)_hand and_you(pl)_will_eat ĐOM_him/it in_haste is_ _a_passover it to/for_**YHWH**. 12 And_I_will_pass in_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_night the_this and_I_will_strike_down every_of firstborn in_land of_Mitsrayim from_humankind and_ _unto livestock and_on/over_all the_gods_of Mitsrayim I_will_ _do acts_of_judgement I am_**YHWH**. 13 And_it_was the_blood to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_sign on the_houses where you(pl) are_ _there and_I_will_see ĐOM the_blood and_I_will_pass_over over_ _you(pl) and_not it_will_be among_you(pl) a_plague for_ _destruction when_strike_I in_land of_Mitsrayim. 14 And_it_was the_day the_this to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_memorial and_ _you(pl)_will_celebrate_a_festival ĐOM_him/it a_festival to/for_ _**YHWH** to_generations_of_your(pl) a_regulation_of perpetuity

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will come down to me, and they'll bow to me, pleading, 'Go, you and all the people who follow you.' And after that I'll leave Mitsrayim." Then Mosheh left Par'oh in a fiery rage.

9 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Par'oh refused to listen to you, so that I'm able to multiply my miracles in Mitsrayim." 10 Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron) had done all those miracles in front of Par'oh but Yahweh had made Par'oh stubborn so he hadn't let the Israelis leave his country.

Meal preparations to avoid death

12:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) in Mitsrayim (Egypt), 2 "This month is to become the beginning of the months for you all—from now on it will be the first month of the new year. 3 Assemble the people and tell them that on the tenth of this month, every man who's the head of the household must select a lamb or young goat for his family. 4 But if the household's too small to cook a whole animal, then neighbours can combine and share—budgeting on how much each person eats. 5 You all can choose either a sheep or a goat, but it must be a perfect, one-year-old male—without any defects. 6 You all must take special care of those animals until the fourteenth day of this month, then every Israeli household will slaughter their animal early that evening. 7 Then they must take some of the blood and put it on both doorposts and on the lintel of the houses that they'll be in when they eat it. 8 They must roast them on the fire and eat the meat that night, along with flat bread and bitter herbs. 9 Don't eat any of the meat raw and don't boil it in water—it must be roasted over the fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. 10 Nothing must be left by morning—anything that's not eaten must be burnt in the fire. 11 And this is how you all must eat it: with your belts fastened on your waists, your sandals on your feet, and your staffs in your hands. You all must eat it in a hurry. It is the Passover to Yahweh.[75]

12 Then during that night, I will move throughout Mitsrayim (Egypt) and I will kill all the oldest males—both people and animals. I will execute judgement on all the gods of Mitsrayim. I am Yahweh. 13 That blood on the doorposts and lintel will be your sign on the houses which you are all in. I will see the blood and will pass over above you all, and the plague won't affect you all with destruction as I strike against Mitsrayim. 14 Then this day will become a memorial for you all, and you'll celebrate it as a festival to Yahweh for future generations—a statute that you'll all celebrate forever.[76]

74 LV 11:8 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

75 RV 12:1-13 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:5; Num 9:1-5; 28:16; Deu 16:1-2.

76 RV 12:14-20 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:15; 34:18; Lev 23:6-8; Num 28:17-25; Deu 16:3-8.

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The 'Flat Bread Celebration'

15 For seven days you all must only eat flat bread made without yeast. Yes, on the first day you all must remove any yeast from your houses, because anyone who eats bread with yeast during those seven days, that person must be permanently driven out of Yisrael (Israel). 16 On the first day, you all must gather for a sacred assembly, and similarly on the seventh day. No work can be done on those days other than meal preparation. 17 You all must regularly observe the *Flat Bread Celebration*, because on this very day I will have brought your divisions out from Mitsrayim (Egypt). You all must observe this day throughout future generations—a statute that you'll all celebrate forever. 18 Starting on 14th of the first month in the evening, you all must eat only flat bread until the 21st day of the month in the evening. 19 For seven days you all must have no yeast in your homes, because anyone who eats bread with yeast in it, that person must be driven out from the Israeli people whether they're a foreigner or a native. 20 You all mustn't eat anything made with yeast. Wherever you live, you all must only eat flat bread.

The first ever 'pass-over' celebration

21 Then Mosheh (Moses) summoned the Israeli elders and told them, "Go ahead and select a lamb or young goat for each family and slaughter it. 22 Then you all must take a bunch of leafy hyssop stalks, and dip it in the basin with the blood from the sacrifice and paint the blood onto the lintel and both doorposts. After that, absolutely no one should go out the door of your houses until morning. 23 Then Yahweh will pass through out Mitsrayim (Egypt) to strike the Mitsrim (Egyptians) and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, he'll 'pass over' that doorway and won't permit 'the destroyer' to enter into your houses to strike.[77] 24 All of you and your descendants must maintain this as a law and celebrate it forever, 25 so when you all enter into the land that Yahweh will give to you just as he promised, then you must observe this ceremony. 26 Then when it occurs, your children will ask, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' 27 you all must tell them, 'It's the sacrifice of 'pass-over' to Yahweh, who passed over the houses of the Israelis in Mitsrayim when he struck the Mitsrim and rescued our families.' "

And the people bowed their heads and prostrated themselves, 28 and the Israelis went and did just as Yahweh had commanded through Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron).

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you(pl)_will_celebrate_it_as_a_festival.

15 Seven_of days unleavened_bread(s) you(pl)_will_eat surely in_the_day (the)_first you(pl)_will_remove leaven from_houses_ _of_your(pl) if/because any_of one_who_eats leaven and_ the_ _living_creatures the_that _he_will_be_cut_off from_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_day_of (the)_first until the_day_of (the)_seventh. 16 And_will_on_the_day (the)_first a_ _convocation_of holiness and_on_day the_seventh a_ _convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work not it_will_be_done in/among_them only that_which it_will_ _be_eaten to/from_all/each/any/every person it for_him/it_ _being_alone it_will_be_done by_you(pl). 17 And_you(pl)_will_ _keep ÐOM the_unleavened_bread(s) if/because on_the_ _substance_of the_day the_this I_brought_out ÐOM soldiers/messengers_of_your(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM the_day the_this to_generations_of_your(pl) a_regulation_of perpetuity. 18 In_ _month on_the_four- teen day of_month in_evening you(pl)_ _will_eat unleavened_bread(s) until the_day_of the_one and_ _twenty of_month in_evening. 19 Seven_of days leaven not it_ _will_be_found in_houses_of_your(pl) if/because any_of one_ _who_eats a_thing_leavened and_ the_living_creatures the_that _he_will_be_cut_off from_the_congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_sojourner and_in_the_native-born_of the_earth/land. 20 Any_of thing_leavened not you(pl)_will_eat in_all_of places_ _of_your(pl)_dwelling you(pl)_will_eat unleavened_bread(s).

21 And_ Mosheh _he/it_called to/from_all/each/any/every the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said to_them draw and_take to/for_you(pl) sheep to_clans_of_your(pl) and_ _slaughter the_passover. 22 And_you(pl)_will_take a_bunch_of hyssop and_you(pl)_will_dip_it in_blood which is_in_basin and_ _you(pl)_will_make_touch (to) the_lintels and_near/to the_ _two_of the_doorposts some_of the_blood which is_in_basin and_you(pl) not you(pl)_will_go_out anyone from_the_door_of his_house_of_his until morning. 23 And_ **YHWH** _he_will_pass_ _through to_strike ÐOM Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_will_see ÐOM the_blood on the_lintels and_on the_two_of the_doorposts and_ **YHWH** _he_will_pass_over over the_doorway and_not he_will_ _permit the_destroyer to_come into houses_of_your(pl) to_ _strike_you. 24 And_you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM the_message the_ _this to_a_decree to/for_yourself(m) and_for_children_of_your until perpetuity. 25 And_it_was if/because you(pl)_will_come into the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_will_give to/for_you(pl) just_as he_said and_you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM the_service (the)_ _this. 26 And_it_was if/because they_will_say to_you(pl) children_of_your(pl) what is_the_service (the)_this to_you(pl). 27 And_you(pl)_will_say is_a_sacrifice_of passover it to/for_ _**YHWH** who he_passed_over over the_houses_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Mitsrayim when_struck_he ÐOM Mitsrayim and_ÐOM houses_of_our he_delivered and_ the_people _it_ _bowed_low and_they_bowed_down. 28 And_they_went and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_made just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron so they_did.

77 **RV 12:23 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:28.

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29 And_he/it_was in_the_middle_of the_night and_**YHWH** he_
_struck_down every_of firstborn in_land of_Mitsrayim from_
_the_firstborn_of Par'oh who_sat on throne_of_his unto the_
_firstborn_of the_prisoner who in_house_of the_cistern and_
_all/each/any/every firstborn_of livestock. **30** And_he/it_rose_
_up Par'oh night he and_all servants_of_his and_all
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_it_became a_cry great in_Mitsrayim
if/because there_was_not a_house where there_was_not there
a_dead_person. **31** And_he/it_called (to)_Mosheh and_(to)_
_'Ah$_a$ron night and_he/it_said arise go_out from_among_of
people_of_my both you(pl) as_well_as the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_go serve ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** as_said_you(pl).
32 Both flock[s]_of_your(pl) as_well_as herd[s]_of_your(pl) take
just_as you(pl)_said and_go and_you(pl)_will_bless also ᴅᴏᴍ_
me. **33** And Mitsrayim _it_urged on the_people to_hurry to_
_send_them_away from the_earth/land if/because they_said
of_us_of_all are_about_to_die. **34** And_ the_people _it_carried_
_off ᴅᴏᴍ dough_of_its before it_was_leavened troughs_of_their_
_kneading were_bound_up in_clothes_of_their on shoulder_of_
_their. **35** And_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_did according_
_to_the_message_of Mosheh and_they_asked from_Mitsrayim
articles_of silver and_articles_of gold and_clothes. **36** And_
_**YHWH** he_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_favour_of the_people in/on_both_
_eyes_of Mitsrayim and_they_granted_them_the_request and_
_they_plundered ᴅᴏᴍ Mitsrayim. **37** And_ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out from_Ra'məṣēṣ to_Ṣukkōt were_
_about_six hundred(s) thousand foot_soldier[s] the_men apart_
_beside from_little_one[s]. **38** And_also a_mixed_company
numerous it_went_up with_them and_flock[s] and_herd[s]
livestock numerous very. **39** And_they_baked ᴅᴏᴍ the_dough
which they_had_brought_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) bread_
_cakes unleavened_bread(s) if/because not it_was_leavened
if/because they_had_been_driven_out from_Mitsrayim and_not
they_had_been_able to_delay and_also provision[s] not they_
_had_made to/for_them. **40** And_the_dwelling_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_dwelt in_Mitsrayim was_thirty
year[s] and_four hundred(s) year[s]. **41** And_he/it_was from_
_the_end/extremity thirty year[s] and_four hundred(s) year[s]
and_he/it_was on_the_substance_of the_day the_this all_of the_
_soldiers/messengers_of **YHWH** they_went_out from_the_land_
_of Mitsrayim. **42** Was_a_night_of vigil(s) it to/for_**YHWH** to_
_bring_them_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim that the_night
the_this to/for_**YHWH** will_be_vigil(s) to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_
_generations_of_their.

43 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron this is_the_
_regulation_of the_passover any_of son_of foreignness not he_
_will_eat in/on/over_him/it. **44** And_all slave_of anyone the_
_purchase_of silver and_you_have_circumcised ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it

Readers' Version

The death of all the oldest male offspring

29 Then, in the middle of the night, Yahweh struck all the oldest males in Mitsrayim (Egypt), from the oldest son of Par'oh (Pharaoh) who sat on his throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner in the dungeon and all oldest male offspring of the animals.[78] **30** During the night, all the Mitsrim (Egyptians) got up, including Par'oh and all his servants. There was tremendous wailing throughout Mitsrayim because it was a very rare house where there wasn't someone dead. **31** Par'oh called for Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) in the night and told them, "Pack up and get out from among my people—you two and all the other Israelis. Go and serve Yahweh as you've said. **32** Also take your flocks and your herds as you've said, and go. And bless me as well.

33 The Mitsrim urged the Israelis, hurrying to let them go from the land because they said, "We're all dying."

34 So the people carried their bread dough before it could rise. Their bread-making bowls were wrapped in their clothes on their shoulders.

35 The Israelis did everything that Mosheh had instructed them, including asking for items of gold and silver, and clothing from the Mitsrim.[79] **36** Yahweh gave the people favour in the eyes of the Mitsrim, so by their requests, they were able to strip the Mitsrim of their wealth.

37 Then the Israelis walked from Ra'meses toward Sukot—about 600,000 strong men on foot, not counting women and children. **38** A large assortment of other people also went with them, along with large numbers of sheep and goats, and cattle.

39 They baked the dough that they brought from Mitsrayim (Egypt) into flat bread since it hadn't had time to rise,[80] because they were driven out of Mitsrayim in a hurry and hadn't had time to prepare food to take.

40 The descendants of Yisrael (Israel) (also called Ya'akov (Jacob)) had lived in Mitsrayim for 430 years[81] **41** to the day, because that very day was when all the various divisions of Yahweh's people left Mitsrayim. **42** It was a time when they stayed awake all night as Yahweh took them out of Mitsrayim—a night to be observed in that same way by every future generation.

Instructions for observing the 'pass-over'

43 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), "This is the statute of the 'pass-over': No foreigners may share in

78 RV 12:29 · Cross-ref. Exo 4:22-23.

79 RV 12:35-36 · Cross-ref. Exo 3:21-22.

80 RV 12:39 · Note Most modern readers probably visualise yeast bought from a supermarket when 'leaven' (or even 'yeast') is mentioned in a Bible translation. However, it's much more likely that each day, a portion of the bread dough was set aside for the natural yeasts (think 'sour dough' bread) to accumulate, and then mixed into the new batch of dough the next day and left for the natural yeasts to work and rise the dough. The text here implies that it's possible that the Hebrew word translated 'unleavened' really meant 'unrisen' on that first 'pass-over' night.

81 RV 12:40 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:13; Gal 3:17.

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the meal that night, **44** unless it's a slave that you bought and who's been circumcised— **45** no foreigner or hired helper can join in the meal. **46** Each animal must be eaten in only one house—don't take any of the meat outside. And don't break any of the animals bones.[82] **47** Every Israeli must observe it, **48** and if someone is living among you and wants to join in Yahweh's 'pass-over', then every male in their family must be circumcised. Only then will they be allowed to observe it, and then they should be considered like a native of the land. No uncircumcised person may eat it. **49** This one law will apply to both the natives, and those who live among you all." **50** All the Israelis followed those instructions that Yahweh had given through Mosheh and Aharon, **51** and so on that very day, Yahweh took all the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) grouped by their family divisions.

God owns the first child

13:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "All firstborn offspring are to be consecrated to me—the first product of every womb, whether human or animal, belongs to me."[83]

The 'Flat Bread Celebration'

3 Then Mosheh (Moses) told the people, "Always remember this day, that you went out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), rescued from slavery, because Yahweh used his power to bring you out from there. And nothing with yeast in it can be eaten when you celebrate this. **4** Today you are leaving in the month of Aviv, **5** and when Yahweh brings you into the area occupied by the Kena'anim (Canaanites), Hitim, Amorim, Hivim, and the Yevusim (which he swore to your fathers to give to you—a land flowing with milk and honey) you must observe this ceremony in this same month. **6** You must eat only flat bread for seven days, and then on the seventh day, there will be a festival to honour Yahweh. **7** Again, you must only eat flat bread for seven days—not only that you mustn't even have any risen bread, nor must you have any yeast within any of your borders. **8** On that festival day, you must tell your children, 'This is because of what Yahweh did for us when we left Mitsrayim.' **9** It'll be like a reminder written on your hand and hanging from your forehead, so that you'll remember to pass on Yahweh's instructions because he used his power to bring you out of Mitsrayim. **10** So you must follow those instructions at the appointed time year after year.

Offering up the oldest children

11 Later, when Yahweh brings you into the land of the Kena'anim (Canaanites) as he promised to you and your ancestors, and he gives it to you, **12** then hand over to Yahweh all your oldest sons, and all the oldest, male animal offspring that are yours. They will then belong

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then he_will_eat in/on/over_him/it. **45** A_resident_alien and_a_ _hired_labourer not he_will_eat in/on/over_him/it. **46** In_a_ _house one it_will_be_eaten not you_will_bring_out from the_ _house any_of the_meat outside_to_the and_a_bone not you(pl)_will_break in_him/it. **47** All_of the_congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_do ÐOM_him/it. **48** And_ _because/when he_will_sojourn with_you a_sojourner and_he_ _will_observe a_passover to/for_**YHWH** he_will_be_circumcised to_him/it every_of male and_then he_will_draw_near to_ _observe_it and_it_was like_the_native-born_of the_earth/land and_all uncircumcised_man not he_will_eat in/on/over_him/it. **49** Law one it_will_belong to_native-born and_to_sojourner who_sojourns among_you(pl). **50** And_ all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_made just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh and_ÐOM 'Aha_ron so they_did. **51** And_he/it_was on_the_substance_of the_day the_this **YHWH** he_brought_out ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on soldiers/messengers_of_their.

13:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying.
2 Consecrate to_me every_of firstborn the_firstborn_of every_ _of womb among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) among_ _humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock to_me it.

3 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_people remember ÐOM the_ _day the_this when you(pl)_went_out from_Mitsrayim from_a_ _house_of slaves if/because by_strength_of hand **YHWH** he_ _brought_out you(pl) from_here and_not leaven it_will_be_ _eaten. **4** The_day you(pl) are_about_to_go_out in_the_month_ _of (the)_'Āvīv. **5** And_it_was if/because he_will_bring_you **YHWH** into the_land_of the_Kəna'_anī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_ _Ḥittiy[s] and_the_'Amorī[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_ _Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] which he_swore to_ancestors_of_your to_ _give to/for_you(fs) a_land flowing_of milk and_honey and_ _you_will_serve ÐOM the_service (the)_this in_month (the)_this. **6** Seven_of days you_will_eat unleavened_bread(s) and_will_on_ _the_day the_seventh a_festival to/for_**YHWH**.
7 non-fermented_bread(s) it_will_be_eaten ÐOM the_seven_of the_days and_not it_will_be_seen to/for_yourself(m) leaven and_not it_will_be_seen to/for_yourself(m) leaven in_all territory_of_your. **8** And_you_will_tell to_child_of_your in_the_ _day (the)_that to_say in_account_of what **YHWH** he_did to_me when_I_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** And_it_was to/for_yourself(m) (into)_a_sign on hand_of_your and_(into)_a_ _memorial between eyes_of_your so_that it_may_be the_law_of **YHWH** in_mouth_of_your if/because by_a_hand strong he_ _brought_you_out **YHWH** from_Mitsrayim. **10** And_you_will_ _keep ÐOM the_regulation (the)_this to_its_appointed_of_time from_days to_days.

11 And_it_was if/because he_will_bring_you **YHWH** into the_ _land_of the_Kəna'_anī[s] just_as he_swore to/for_yourself(m) and_to_ancestors_of_your and_he_will_give_it to/for_you(fs). **12** And_you_will_dedicate every_of firstborn_of a_womb to_ _**YHWH** and_all firstborn_of the_young_of cattle which it_will_ _belong to/for_yourself(m) the_males to/for_**YHWH**. **13** And_

82 RV 12:46 · Cross-ref. Num 9:12; Yhn 19:36.

83 RV 13:2 · Cross-ref. Num 3:13; Luk 2:23.

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_all firstborn_of a_donkey you_will_redeem with_a_sheep and_
_if not you_will_redeem_it and_you_will_break_its_neck and_
_all/each/any/every firstborn_of humankind among_sons_of_
_your you_will_redeem. **14** And_it_was if/because he_will_ask_
_you son_of_your in_future_time to_say what is_this and_you_
_will_say to_him/it by_strength_of hand he_brought_us_out
YHWH from_Mitsrayim from_a_house_of slaves. **15** And_he/it_
_was if/because Par'oh he_made_stubborn to_let_us_go and_
YHWH _he_killed every_of firstborn in_land of_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_the_firstborn_of humankind and_
_unto the_firstborn_of livestock therefore yes/correct/thus/so
I am_sacrificing to/for_**YHWH** every_of firstborn_of a_womb
the_males and_all (the)_firstborn_of my_sons_of_my I_redeem.
16 And_it_was (into)_a_sign on hand_of_your and_(into)_marks
between eyes_of_your if/because by_strength_of hand he_
_brought_us_out **YHWH** from_Mitsrayim.

17 And_he/it_was when_ Par'oh _let_go ĐOM the_people and_
_not he_led_them god the_way_of the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy
if/because was_near it if/because god he_said lest the_people
it_should_regret when_see_they battle and_they_will_return
towards_Mitsrayim. **18** And_ god _he_caused_to_go_around ĐOM
the_people the_way_of the_wilderness the_sea_of reed[s] and_
_arrayed_for_battle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_went_
_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim. **19** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took
ĐOM the_bones_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) with_him/it if/because
solemnly_(make_swear) he_had_made_swear ĐOM the_people_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say surely_(visit) god he_will_visit
you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_take_up ĐOM bones_of_my from_here
with_you(pl). **20** And_they_set_out from_Şukkōt and_they_
encamped at'Ētām on_the_edge_of the_wilderness. **21** And_
_**YHWH** was_going before_them by_day in_a_pillar_of cloud to_
_guide_them the_journey and_night in_a_pillar_of fire to_give_
_light to/for_them to_go by_day and_night. **22** Not the_pillar_of
(the)_cloud it_departed by_day and_the_pillar_of (the)_fire
night to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people.

14:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_they_may_turn_back
and_so_that_they_may_encamp to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before Pi- haḥirot between Migdōl and_between the_sea
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Ba'al- Tsəfōn opposite_it
you(pl)_will_encamp at the_sea. **3** And_ Par'oh _saying(ms) of_
_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they are_wandering_in_
_confusion on_the_earth it_has_shut on_them the_wilderness.
4 And_I_will_make_strong ĐOM the_heart_of Par'oh and_he_
_will_pursue after_them and_I_will_gain_honour by_Par'oh
and_on/over_all army_of_his and_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_
_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** and_they_made so.
5 And_it_was_told to_the_king_of Mitsrayim if/because_that
the_people it_had_fled and_ the_heart_of Par'oh and_servants_
_of_his _it_was_changed to the_people and_they_said what this
have_we_done that/for/because/then/when we_have_let_go

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to Yahweh.[84] **13** In the case of the oldest donkey foal, you must buy it back by killing a lamb instead of it. If you don't buy it back, you must kill the donkey by breaking its neck. You *must* buy back every one of your oldest sons, **14** and in the future when your son asks you, 'What's that about?' then you must tell him, 'We were enslaved in Mitsrayim (Egypt) , but Yahweh used his incredible power to bring us out. **15** And so it was that when Par'oh (Pharaoh) was too stubborn to let us go, then Yahweh struck all of the oldest sons and oldest male animals in Mitsrayim. That's why we offer all the oldest offspring to Yahweh, and why we need to buy back all our oldest sons.' **16** So you must place a reminder on your hand and hanging on your forehead that Yahweh used his incredible power to bring us out of Mitsrayim."

Led by cloud and fire

17 When Par'oh (Pharaoh) released the people, God didn't lead them through the area occupied by the Pelishtim, although that way was shorter, because he said, "It's best if the people don't have to face war immediately, or they might change their minds and then want to return to Mitsrayim (Egypt)." **18** So God caused the people to take the path going towards the wilderness and the Red Sea.[85] The Israeli left Mitsrayim in formation as if ready for battle.

19 Mosheh (Moses) ensured that Yosef's (Joseph's) bones were taken with them, because many years back Yosef had made the Israelis promise, saying, "God will certainly take notice of you all, and you must take my bones out from here with you."[86]

20 The people travelled on from Sukot and camped at Etam on the edge of the wilderness. **21** During the day, Yahweh went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way, and at nighttime, he went in a pillar of fire to be light to them, so they could travel both in the daytime and at night. **22** The daytime pillar of cloud and the nighttime pillar of fire, didn't ever leave their place ahead of the people.

Crossing the Red Sea

14:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Tell the Israelis that they should turn and camp in front of Pi-Hahirot, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Ba'al-Tsefon. You all are to camp by the sea opposite it. **3** Then Par'oh (Pharaoh) will say, 'They are confused and lost—the wilderness has boxed them in.' **4** I'll strengthen Par'oh's resolve and he'll chase after them. Then because of Par'oh and all his army, I'll be honoured and the Mitsrim (Egyptians) will know that I am Yahweh." So the Israelis camped where they were instructed.

5 When the king of Mitsrayim (Egypt) was told that the Israelis had fled, he and his servants started thinking about their own people and they asked, "What have we done by letting the Israeli slaves go free?" **6** Then he hitched up his chariot and took his

84 RV 13:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:19-20; Luk 2:23.

85 RV 13:18 · Note Probably towards the *Gulf of Suez*: see https://armstronginstitute.org/339-where-did-the-red-sea-crossing-take-place.

86 RV 13:19 · Cross-ref. Gen 50:25; Josh 24:32.

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army with him. **7** He took 600 of the best chariots as well as all the other Mitsri (Egyptian) chariots and officers to supervise them. **8** Yahweh strengthened the Mitsri king's resolve and so Par'oh pursued after the Israelis after they had confidently marched out of Mitsrayim. **9** The Mitsrim pursued them, then all of Par'oh's horses and chariots, along with his mounted soldiers and his foot army, overtook them camping above the sea above Pi-Hahirot, across from Ba'al-Tsefon.

10 As the Mitsrim approached, the Israelis looked back, and to their horror, saw the army coming after them. They were extremely afraid and cried out to Yahweh. **11** They complained to Mosheh, "Is it because there weren't any graves in Mitsrayim that you brought us here to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us? Why did you bring us out from Mitsrayim? **12** Isn't this exactly what we told you in Mitsrayim when we said, 'Just leave us alone and let us serve the Mitsrim'? Because serving the Mitsrim sounds a lot better to us than dying out here in the wilderness."

13 Then Mosheh (Moses) told the people, "You mustn't be afraid. Stand still and see how Yahweh saves you all—he's going to do it today, because any Mitsrim that you see today, you'll never, ever see them again. **14** Yahweh himself will fight for you all—all you need to do is to remain calm." **15** Then Yahweh scolded Mosheh, "Why are you still here crying out to me? Talk to the Israelis and get them moving forward. **16** As for you, raise your staff and stretch your arm out over the sea and divide it. Then the Israelis will go on onto dry ground through the middle of the sea. **17** Yes, watch me! I'll strengthen the resolve of the Mitsrim and they'll enter between the sea after them. Then I'll be honoured because of what will happen to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his army, and his chariots and his horsemen. **18** The honour that I gain through that will cause the Mitsrim to know that I'm Yahweh."

19 Then God's messenger who travelled ahead of the Israelis, moved and went behind them. Also the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and stood behind them **20** and so it was then between the coming Mitsrim and the Israelis. Then the cloud became darkness on the Mitsri (Egyptian) side, yet it lit up the other side, and no one could approach it all night. **21** Then Mosheh stretched his arm out over the sea and Yahweh sent a strong east wind. It blew all night and divided the sea on each side and dried the strip of land in the middle. **22** So then the Israelis entered through the middle of the sea on dry ground with a wall of water on each side of them.[87] **23** However, the Mitsrim pursued after them. Every one of Par'oh's horses and chariots and his horsemen also entered into the middle of the sea. **24** By now morning was coming and Yahweh looked down through the pillar of fire and cloud, and he caused confusion for the Mitsri army. **25** He caused the wheels of their chariots to turn unevenly so they became difficult to drive, and the Mitsrim complained,

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ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_serving_us. **6** And_he_harnessed ĐOM chariot_of_his and_ĐOM people_of_his he_took with_him/it. **7** And_he/it_took six hundred(s) chariot[s] chosen and_ _all/each/any/every the_chariotry_of Mitsrayim and_officers were_over of_it_of_all. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he_made_strong ĐOM the_heart_of Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim and_he_pursued after the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_sons of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_going_out with_a_hand raised. **9** And_ Mitsrayim _they_pursued after_them and_ every_of (the)_ _horse_of the_chariotry_of Par'oh and_horsemen_of_his and_ _army_of_his _they_overtook them encamping at the_sea at Pi-haḥirot to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Ba'al- Tsəfōn. **10** And_Par'oh he_drew_near and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_lifted_up ĐOM eyes_of_their and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Mitsrayim was_marching after_them and_ _they_were_afraid exceedingly and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_cried_out to **YHWH**. **11** And_they_said to Mosheh from_not there_were_not graves in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) you_brought_us to_die in_wilderness what this have_you_done to/for_ourselves by_bringing_us_out from_Mitsrayim. **12** Not is_this the_message which we_spoke to_you in_Mitsrayim to_ _say cease from_him/it so_that_we_may_serve ĐOM Mitsrayim if/because is_good to/for_us serving ĐOM Mitsrayim more_ _than_our_dying in_wilderness. **13** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_people do_not be_afraid stand_firm and_see ĐOM the_ _deliverance_of **YHWH** which he_will_bring_about to/for_ _you(pl) the_day if/because which you(pl)_have_seen ĐOM Mitsrayim the_day not you(pl)_will_repeat to_see_them again until perpetuity. **14** **YHWH** he_will_fight to/for_you(pl) and_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_keep_quiet. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh why are_you_crying_out to_me speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_they_may_set_out. **16** And_you(ms) raise ĐOM staff_of_your and_stretch_out ĐOM hand_of_your over the_sea and_divide_it so_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _that_ _they_may_go in_the_middle the_sea on_ground. **17** And_I here_I am_about_to_make_strong ĐOM the_heart_of Mitsrayim and_they_will_go after_them and_I_will_gain_honour by_Par'oh and_on/over_all army_of_his by_chariot[s]_of_his and_by_ _horsemen_of_his. **18** And_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_I_gain_honour by_Par'oh by_chariot[s]_of_his and_by_horsemen_of_his. **19** And_ the_ _messenger_of the_'Elohīm who_had_been_going to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_camp_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_set_ _out and_he/it_went (from)_behind_them and_ the_pillar_of (the)_cloud _it_set_out from_their_face/front and_it_stood (from)_behind_them. **20** And_it_went between the_camp_of Mitsrayim and_between the_camp_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he/it_was the_cloud and_the_darkness and_it_lit_up ĐOM the_ _night and_not this it_drew_near to this all_of the_night. **21** And_ Mosheh _he_stretched_out ĐOM his/its_hand over the_ _sea and_ **YHWH** _he_drove ĐOM the_sea by_a_wind_of an_east_ _wind strong all_of the_night and_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_sea into_(the)_ground and_ the_waters _they_were_divided. **22** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came in_the_ _middle the_sea on_ground and_the_water to/for_them was_a_ _wall from_right_of_their and_from_left_of_their. **23** And_

87 **RV 14:22 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 10:1-2; Heb 11:29.

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Mitsrayim _they_pursued and_they_came after_them every_of (the)_horse_of Par´oh chariotry_of_his and_horsemen_of_his into the_middle_of the_sea. **24** And_he/it_was in_the_watch_of the_morning and_ **YHWH** _he_looked_down to the_camp_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_a_pillar_of fire and_cloud and_he_ _confused ~~DOM~~ the_camp_of Mitsrayim. **25** And_he_turned_ _aside ~~DOM~~ the_wheel[s]_of its_chariots_of_his and_he_caused_ _it_to_drive with_difficulty and_ Mitsrayim _he/it_said let_me_ _flee from_face/in_front_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because **YHWH** is_fighting to/for_them against_Mitsrayim[88] **26** and_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to Mosheh stretch_out ~~DOM~~ hand_of_your over the_ _sea so_ the_waters _that_they_may_return over Mitsrayim over chariot[s]_of_its and_over horsemen_of_its. **27** And_ Mosheh _he_stretched_out ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand over the_sea and_ the_sea _it_returned to_the_ morning _turning to_its_normal_ _of_state and_Mitsrayim were_fleeing to_meet_it and_ **YHWH** _ _he_shook_off ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim in_the_middle the_sea. **28** And_ the_waters _they_returned and_they_covered ~~DOM~~ the_ _chariot[s] and_~~DOM~~ the_horsemen to_all/each/any/every the_ _army_of Par´oh the_(ones_who)_went after_them in_sea not it_remained (is)_in_them up_to one. **29** And_the_sons of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_walked on_ground in_the_middle the_sea and_the_water to/for_them was_a_wall from_right_of_their and_from_left_of_their[89] **30** and_ **YHWH** _he_delivered in_the_ _day (the)_that ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_hand_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_saw ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim dead on the_shore_of the_sea. **31** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_saw ~~DOM~~ the_hand the_ _big/large/great(fs) which **YHWH** he_had_done on_Mitsrayim and_ the_people _they_feared ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_they_believed in_**YHWH** and_in_Mosheh servant_of_his.

15:1 Then Mosheh and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_sang ~~DOM~~ the_song (the)_this to/for_**YHWH** and_they_said to_say I_will_ _sing to/for_**YHWH** if/because highly_(exalted) he_is_exalted the_horse and_rider_of_its he_has_thrown in_sea. **2** Might_of_ _is_my and_strength Yah and_he/it_was to_me (into)_salvation this god_of_is_my and_I_will_glorify_him the_god_of my_ _father_of_my and_I_will_exalt_him. **3** **YHWH** is_a_man_of war **YHWH** his/its_name. **4** The_chariots_of Par´oh and_army_of_his he_has_thrown in_sea and_the_choicest_of his_officers_of_his they_have_been_sunk in_the_sea_of reed[s]. **5** The_deeps they_ _have_covered_them they_went_down in_the_depths like a_ _stone. **6** Hand_of_your_right Oh_**YHWH** was_glorious_of in_ _power hand_of_your_right Oh_**YHWH** it_shattered the_enemy. **7** And_in_the_greatness_of your_majesty_of_your you_threw_ _down those_of_who_rose_against_you you_sent_forth anger_ _of_your it_consumed_them like_stubble. **8** And_by_the_breath_ _of your(ms)_both_nostrils the_waters they_were_piled_up they_stood_up like a_heap streams the_deeps they_congealed

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"Let's retreat from following the Israelis, because Yahweh is fighting against Mitsrayim (Egypt) and for them."

26 On the other side, Yahweh told Mosheh, "Stretch your arm out over the sea and the waters will flow back onto the Mitsrim and onto Par'oh's chariots and his horsemen." **27** So Mosheh stretched his arm out over the sea, and as the day broke, the sea began to return to its normal place. The Mitsrim turned and fled before its impact but Yahweh shook the Mitsrim off their horses and chariots in the middle of the sea. **28** So the sea returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen—even Par'oh's entire army that had entered into the sea after the Israelis. Not even one of the pursuers remained. **29** But the Israelis had walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground with a wall of water on each side of them.

30 So Yahweh saved Yisrael (Israel) from Mitsrayim's power that day, and the Israelis saw the Mitsrim' bodies washed up on the shore. **31** All the Israelis saw the incredible power that Yahweh had used against the Mitsrim, and the people revered Yahweh, and put their trust in him and his servant Mosheh.

Mosheh's song

15:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) and the Israelis sang this song to Yahweh:[90]

"I will sing to Yahweh because he's been so successful—
he's thrown both the horses and their riders into the sea.
2 I will sing about Yahweh, my source of strength,
and the one who saves me.[91]
I will praise him because he's my god—
he's my father's god and I will honour him.
3 Yahweh is a warrior.
Yahweh is his name.
4 He threw Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) chariots and his army into the sea.
His hand-picked officers have been sunk in the sea.
5 The deep waters cover them.
They descended into the depths like a stone.
6 Yahweh's right arm is so powerful.

88 **LV 14:25 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

89 **LV 14:29 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

90 **RV 15:1 · Cross-ref.** Rev 15:3.

91 **RV 15:2 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:14; Isa 12:2.

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Yahweh's right arm shattered our enemy.
7 You toss away your adversaries with your great power.
Your burning anger consumes them like straw in a fire.
8 It was your breath that made the waters pile up.
They stood up like a heap.
The deep water seemed like it was solid.
9 Our enemies thought that they could chase after us and overtake us.
They had planned to satisfy themselves by sharing out the plunder.
They were ready to use their swords and swing their arms to destroy us.
10 But you blew with your breath.
The sea covered them.
They sank like lead in that terrible surge.
11 Which other god is like you, Yahweh?
Who else is so powerful and yet sinless,
receiving praises for doing miracles?
12 You stretched out your powerful arm.
The earth swallowed them up.
13 You are leading the people you bought back,
because you committed yourself to love them.
You used your strength to lead them to your sinless home.
14 Other countries have heard, and they tremble.
Anguish has struck the inhabitants of Peleshet.
15 The chiefs of Edom have panicked.
Trembling has seized the leaders of Moav (Moab).
The inhabitants of Kena'an (Canaan) have melted away.
16 Terror and dread have fallen on them.
After seeing your great power, they've stayed as still as stone
until your people have all marched past, Yahweh.
Until the people you bought have all gone past them.
17 Bring them into the land
and establish them on the mountain of your inheritance.
The place you've chosen to become your home, Yahweh—
a sanctuary built by your hands, master.
18 Yahweh will reign as king forever and ever.
19 Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) horse went into the sea, along with his chariots and horsemen,[92]
and Yahweh brought the water back over them,
after the Israelis had walked through on dry ground in the middle of the sea."

Miryam's song

20 Then Aharon's (Aaron's) sister Miryam (Miriam) who was a prophetess, picked up a tambourine and went outside. All the other women did likewise and followed her out to dance together **21** so Miryam sang this response:
"Sing to Yahweh and tell of his amazing victory—
He tossed the horses and their riders into the sea."

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in_the_heart_of the_sea. **9** The_enemy he_said I_will_pursue I_
_will_overtake I_will_divide the_plunder it_will_be_full_of_
_them self_of_my I_will_draw sword_of_my it_will_dispossess_
_them hand_of_my. **10** You_blew with_breath_of_your it_
_covered_them the_sea they_sank like_lead in_the_waters
mighty. **11** Who is_like_you among_gods Oh_**YHWH** who is_like_
_you glorious in_holiness awesome praises doing_of (of)_
_wonder[s]. **12** You_stretched_out hand_of_your_right it_
_swallowed_them_up the_earth. **13** You_have_guided in_your_
_covenant_of_loyalty the_people which you_have_redeemed
you_have_led_them by_strength_of_your to the_abode_of your_
_holiness_of_your. **14** Peoples they_have_heard they_tremble
anguish it_has_seized the_inhabitants_of Pəleshet. **15** Then the_
_chiefs_of 'Edōm they_are_terrified the_leaders_of Mō'āv it_
_has_seized_them trembling all_of the_inhabitants_of
Kəna'an/(Canaan) they_have_melted_away. **16** It_has_fallen on_
_them terror and_dread on_the_greatness_of your_arm_of_your
they_have_become_still like_stone until people_of_your it_has_
_passed_by Oh_**YHWH** until the_people which you_have_
_bought it_has_passed_by. **17** You_will_bring_them and_you_
_will_plant_them on_the_mountain_of your_inheritance_of_
_your a_place you_to_dwell you_have_made Oh_**YHWH** a_
_sanctuary my_master hands_of_your they_have_established.
18 **YHWH** he_will_reign to_vanishing_point and_ever.
19 If/because the_horse[s]_of Par'oh it_came with_chariot[s]_
_of_his and_with_horsemen_of_his in_sea and_ **YHWH** _he_
_brought_back over_them DOM the_waters_of the_sea and_the_
_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_walked on_ground in_the_middle
the_sea.

20 And_ Miryām the_prophetess the_sister_of 'Ah$_a$ron _she/it_
_took DOM the_tambourine in_hand_of_her and_ all_of the_
_women _they_went_out behind_her with_tambourines and_
_with_dancing(s). **21** And_she_sang to/for_them Miryām sing
to/for_**YHWH** if/because highly_(exalted) he_is_exalted horse
and_rider_of_its he_has_thrown in_sea.

92 RV 15:19 · Note Some interpreters include v19 as part of Mosheh's song (as we do, although it does seem less poetic in structure), while others don't. (There's no speech marks in the ancient Hebrew texts.)

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22 And_ Mosheh _he_led_out ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_sea_ _of reed[s] and_they_went_out into the_wilderness_of Shūr and_they_went three_of days in_wilderness and_not they_ _found water. **23** And_they_came to_Mārāh and_not they_were_ _able to_drink waters from_Mārāh if/because were_bitter they therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called his/its_name Mārāh. **24** And_ the_people _they_grumbled on Mosheh to_ _saying what will_we_drink. **25** And_he_cried_out to **YHWH** and_he_showed_him **YHWH** a_tree and_he_threw_it into the_ _waters and_ the_waters _they_became_sweet there he_made to_him/it a_decree and_a_custom and_there he_put_it_to_the_ _test. **26** And_he/it_said if carefully_(listen) you_will_listen to_ _sound/voice of_**YHWH** god_of_your and_the_right in_eyes_of_ _his you_will_do and_you_will_give_ear to_commands_of_his and_you_will_keep all_of decrees_of_his any_of (the)_sickness which I_put on_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not I_will_put on_you if/because I am_**YHWH** who_heals_of_you. **27** And_they_came to_'Ēylim and_there two_plus ten springs_of water and_seventy palm_trees and_they_encamped there at the_waters.

16:1 And_they_set_out from_'Ēylim and_ all_of the_ _congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came to the_wilderness_of Ṣīn which is_between 'Ēylim and_between Ṣīnay on_the_fif- teen day of_month the_second of_their_ _going_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim. **2** And[100] all_of the_ _congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on Mosheh and_on 'Ah$_a$ron in_wilderness. **3** And_they_said to_them the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who will_he_give died_we by_the_ _hand_of **YHWH** in_land of_Mitsrayim when_sat_we at the_pot_ _of the_meat when_ate_we food to_abundance if/because you(pl)_have_brought_out us into the_wilderness the_this to_ _put_to_death ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_assembly the_this by_hunger. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh HERE_I am_about_to_ _rain_down to/for_you(pl) bread from the_heavens and_ the_ _people _it_will_go_out and_they_will_gather a_matter_of a_ _day in_its_day so_that I_may_put_it_to_the_test will_it_walk in_law_of_my or not. **5** And_it_was in_the_day the_sixth and_ _they_will_prepare ᴅᴏᴍ that_which they_will_bring and_it_was double to that_which they_will_gather day day. **6** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_said to all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) evening and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** he_ _brought_out you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **7** And_morning and_you(pl)_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_glory_of **YHWH** because_he_has_heard ᴅᴏᴍ grumblings_of_your(pl) on **YHWH** and_are_we what that/for/because/then/when you(pl)_will_ _grumble[101] on_us. **8** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said when_ **YHWH** _ _gives to/for_you(pl) in_evening meat to_eat and_bread in_ _morning to_be_satisfied because_ **YHWH** _has_heard ᴅᴏᴍ grumblings_of_your(pl) which you(pl) are_grumbling on/upon/above_him/it and_are_we what not are_on_us grumblings_of_your(pl) if/because on **YHWH**. **9** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron say to all_of the_congregation_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) draw_near to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** if/because he_has_heard ᴅᴏᴍ

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22 Then Mosheh (Moses) lead the Israelis away from the Red Sea and they moved into the wilderness at Shur. They went through the wilderness for three days and finally found some water, **23** but it was so bitter that they couldn't drink it. So they named that place 'Marah' (which means 'bitter'), **24** and the people grumbled about Mosheh saying, "So what will we drink then?" **25** So Mosheh cried out to Yahweh, and Yahweh showed him a tree. When he threw it into the water, the water became safe to drink.

The bitter water

Yahweh made a statue at that place, and a rule, and he tested Mosheh there, **26** saying, "If you carefully listen to the voice of Yahweh your god, and you do what's right in my eyes, and you listen to my commands and you keep all of my laws, then I won't inflict you with any of the diseases that I put on the Mitsrim (Egyptians), because I'm Yahweh your healer."

27 Then they moved on and came to Eylim where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there by the water.

16:1 Then they left Eylim, and all the Israelis entered into the wilderness at Sin (between Eylim and Sinay) around six weeks after leaving Mitsrayim (Egypt), **2** and all the Israelis murmured against Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) there in the wilderness, **3** saying, "If only Yahweh had killed us in Mitsrayim, where we'd be sitting by a pot of meat eating bread until we're full, because you've brought us out into this wilderness to starve us all to death."

The manna and the quail

4 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Just watch me make food rain down from the sky for you all.[93] Then the people will be able to go out every day and gather enough for that day so that I can test them: Will they obey my law or not? **5** But every Friday they can gather and prepare twice as much as what they gather on the other days."

6 So Mosheh and Aharon told all the Israelis, "This evening you'll all know that Yahweh was the one who brought you out from Mitsrayim. **7** In the morning you'll all see Yahweh's greatness as he's heard your murmurings against him. I mean, who are we that you'd murmur against *us*?" **8** Then Mosheh continued, "So Yahweh will give you all meat to eat in the evening and enough bread in the morning to make you all full. Yes, Yahweh has heard your murmurings against him. As for us, we're insignificant. Your murmuring isn't against us, but against Yahweh."

9 Then Mosheh told Aharon, "Summon everyone to come and face Yahweh, because he's heard their murmurings." **10** And so while Aharon spoke to all the Israelis, they turned toward the wilderness, and wow, Yahweh's dazzling brightness appeared in the cloud! **11** Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **12** "I've heard the murmurings of the Israelis. Speak to them saying, 'In the evenings,

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93 RV 16:4 · Cross-ref. Yhn 6:31.

100 LV 16:2 · Note OSHB variant note: ונילי/ו: (x-qere) 'וּנְלֹוּ/ו': lemma_c/3885 b n_0.0.0.0 morph_HC/VNw3mp id_02iJj וּנְלֹוּ/ו

101 LV 16:7 · Note OSHB variant note: ונולת: (x-qere) 'וְנִילַת': lemma_3885 b n_0.0 morph_HVhi2mp id_02yoM וְנִילַת

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you'll all eat meat, and in the mornings you'll all be satisfied with bread. Then you'll all know that I'm your god, Yahweh.' "

13 And so that evening, quail appeared and covered the camp. And in the morning, something like dew was lying all around the camp, **14** and when it evaporated, wow, it left behind thin flakes—thin like frost on the ground there in the wilderness. **15** When the Israelis saw it, they asked each other, 'What is it?' because they didn't know what it was.

And Mosheh told them, "It's the food that Yahweh has given you all to eat.[94] **16** These are Yahweh's instructions: Gather enough of it according to how many people you're feeding—about two litres per person who lives in your tents."

17 So the Israelis went ahead and gathered it—some collecting a lot, and others, less, **18** but when they measured it out, those who'd collected a lot didn't have any extra, and those who hadn't gathered so much still had enough to eat—each person had gathered just enough.[95] **19** Then Mosheh told them, "Don't save any of it for tomorrow," **20** but some of them didn't take any notice of him and kept it until the next morning. However, by then it was full of maggots and smelt rotten, and Mosheh was very angry at them.

21 So from that day onwards, they gathered it every morning, depending on how many they were feeding, and then when the sun got hot, the rest melted away. **22** On the Friday, they gathered twice as much—around four litres for each person—and all the leaders of the community came and informed Mosheh **23** and he told them, "This is what Yahweh said: Tomorrow is a rest day to be set aside for Yahweh.[96] So bake or cook your food, and keep the left-overs overnight to use in the morning." **24** So they did what Mosheh had told them and kept the left-overs until the morning, and it didn't stink or have any bugs in it. **25** On that Saturday morning, Mosheh told them, "Go ahead and eat the previously cooked food because today is set aside for Yahweh and so you all won't find any more on the ground— **26** you'll gather it for six days each week, but on the Saturday, there won't be any."

27 However, some people did go out to collect it, but they couldn't find any, **28** and Yahweh said to Mosheh, "For how long will you all keep refusing to obey my commands and my laws? **29** Listen, Yahweh has given you the Rest Day, so on the Friday he gives you food for two days. On the Saturday, everyone should stay where they are—there's no need for anyone to go outside searching." **30** So the people didn't work on the Saturday.

31 The Israelis named it 'manna' (which sounds like Hebrew 'What is it?'). It was white like coriander seed, and it tasted like wafers with honey.[97] **32** Then Mosheh said, "This is the procedure that Yahweh has commanded: Keep a full measure of it for

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grumblings_of_your(pl). **10** And_he/it_was just_ 'Ah$_a$ron _as_ _spoke to all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_turned to the_wilderness and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_glory_of **YHWH** it_appeared in_cloud. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **12** I_have_ _heard ~~DOM~~ the_grumblings_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) speak to_them to_say between the_two_evenings you(pl)_will_ _eat meat and_in_morning you(pl)_will_be_satisfied bread and_ _you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). **13** And_he/it_was in_evening and_ the_quail _it_ _came_up and_it_covered ~~DOM~~ the_camp and_in_morning it_ _was the_layer_of the_dew around (to)_camp. **14** And_ the_ _layer_of (the)_dew _it_went_up and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_on the_surface_of the_wilderness thin_stuff flake-like thin_stuff like_hoar-frost on the_earth/land. **15** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_saw and_they_said each to his/its_ _brother what is_it if/because not they_knew what was_it and_ Mosheh _he/it_said to_them it is_the_bread which **YHWH** he_ _has_given to/for_you(pl) for_food. **16** This is_the_message which **YHWH** he_has_commanded gather from_him/it everyone to_the_mouth_of his_food_of_his an_´omer for_head the_number_of your(pl)_people_of_your(pl) everyone for_ _those_who are_in_tent_of_his you(pl)_will_take. **17** And_they_ _made so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_gathered_it the_one_who_made_much and_the_one_who_made_little. **18** And_they_measured_it by_´omer and_not the_one_who_ _made_much he_had_a_surplus and_the_one_who_made_little not he_had_a_lack everyone to_the_mouth_of his_food_of_his they_had_gathered. **19** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to_them everyone not let_him_leave_over from_him/it until morning. **20** And_not they_listened to Mosheh and_ people _they_left_ _over from_him/it until morning and_it_became_rotten worms and_it_stank and_he_was_angry towards_them Mosheh. **21** And_they_gathered ~~DOM~~_him/it in_morning in_morning everyone according_to_the_mouth_of his_food_of_his and_ the_ _sun _it_was_warm and_it_melted. **22** And_he/it_was in_the_ _day the_sixth they_gathered bread_of double (the)_two_of (the)_´omer[s] for_one and_ all_of the_leaders_of the_ _congregation _they_came and_they_told to_Mosheh. **23** And_ _he/it_said to_them it is_that_which **YHWH** he_said a_sabbath_ _observance a_sabbath_of holiness to/for_**YHWH** is_tomorrow ~~DOM~~ that_which you(pl)_will_bake bake and_~~DOM~~ that_which you(pl)_will_boil boil and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_surplus leave to/for_ _you(pl) for_keeping until the_morning. **24** And_they_left ~~DOM~~_ _him/it until the_morning just_as Mosheh he_had_commanded and_not it_stank and_a_maggot not it_was in/on/over_him/it. **25** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said eat_it the_day if/because is_a_ _sabbath the_day to/for_**YHWH** the_day not you(pl)_will_find_ _it in_field. **26** Six_of days you(pl)_will_gather_it and_on_day the_seventh a_sabbath not it_will_be in/on/over_him/it. **27** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh some_of the_people they_went_out to_gather_it and_not they_found_it. **28** And_

94 RV 16:15 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 10:3.

95 RV 16:18 · Cross-ref. 2Cor 8:15.

96 RV 16:23 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:8-11.

97 RV 16:31 · Cross-ref. Num 11:7-8.

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YHWH _he/it_said to Mosheh until when have_you(pl)_refused to_guard/protect commands_of_my and_laws_of_my.
29 Consider if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_given to/for_ _you(pl) the_sabbath therefore yes/correct/thus/so he is_ _giving to/for_you(pl) in_the_day the_sixth bread_of two_days remain everyone in_his_place not anyone let_him_go_out from_place_of_his in_the_day the_seventh. **30** And_ the_people _they_rested in_the_day (the)_seventh. **31** And_ the_household_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_called ĐOM his/its_name manna and_ _he like_the_seed_of coriander was_white and_taste_of_its was_ _like_a_wafer with_honey. **32** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said this is_ _the_message which **YHWH** he_has_commanded the_fullness_ _of the_ʿomer from_him/it will_be_for_keeping to_generations_ _of_your(pl) so_that they_may_see ĐOM the_bread which I_ _caused_to_eat you(pl) in_wilderness when_I_brought_out you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **33** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_said to 'Ahₐron take a_jar_of one and_put there_(to) the_ _fullness_of the_ʿomer manna and_place ĐOM_him/it to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** for_keeping to_ _generations_of_your(pl). **34** Just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded to Mosheh and_he_placed_it 'Ahₐron to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before the_transcript for_keeping. **35** And_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ate ĐOM the_manna forty year[s] until came_they into a_land inhabited ĐOM the_ _manna they_ate until came_they to the_border_of the_land_of Kənaʿan/(Canaan). **36** And_the_ʿomer is_the_tenth_part_of the_ _'ēyfāh it.

17:1 And_ all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out from_the_wilderness_of Ṣīn to_ _their_settings_of_out on the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_they_ _encamped at_Rəfīdīm and_there_was_not water to_ the_ _people _drink. **2** And_ the_people _it_quarrelled with Mosheh and_they_said give to/for_us water we_drink and_he/it_said to/for_them Mosheh why are_you_quarrelling with_me why are_you_putting_to_the_test ĐOM **YHWH**. **3** And_it_was_thirsty there the_people for_water and_ the_people _it_grumbled on Mosheh and_he/it_said to/for_what this did_you(pl)_bring_us_ _up from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_put_to_death ĐOM_me and_ĐOM children_of_my and_ĐOM livestock_of_my by_thirst. **4** And_ Mosheh _he_cried_out to **YHWH** to_say what will_I_do to_ _people the_this yet a_little and_they_will_stone_me. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh pass_on to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_people and_take with_you some_of_the_ _elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_staff_of_your which you_struck in/on/over_him/it ĐOM the_River take in_hand_of_your and_ _you_will_go. **6** HERE_I will_be_standing to_your_face there on the_rock at_Ḥorēv and_you_will_strike (on)_rock and_they_ _will_come_out from_him/it waters and_ the_people _it_will_ _drink and_he/it_made so Mosheh to_the_eyes_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_he/it_called the_name_of the_place Maṣṣāh and_Mərīvāh on the_quarrel_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_because they_put_to_the_test ĐOM **YHWH**

98 **RV 16:33 · Cross-ref.** Heb 9:4.

99 **RV 16:35 · Cross-ref.** Josh 5:12.

102 **RV 17:1 · Parallel** Num. 20:1-13

103 **RV 17:1-7 · Cross-ref.** Num 20:2-13.

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preservation for your descendants so that they can see the food which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out from Mitsrayim (Egypt)." **33** So Mosheh said to Aharon (Aaron), "Take a jar and fill it with the full two litres of manna.[98] Place it in front of Yahweh for preservation for your descendants." **34** So Aharon prepared the jar and kept it (and would eventually place it in the box with the stone tablets.) **35** The Israelis ate manna for forty years, until they eventually left the wilderness and came to the borders of the region of Kena'an (Canaan).[99] **36** (Two litres is called an 'omer' which is a tenth of a 'efah'.)

Yahweh gives water from a rock[102]

17:1 Then all the Israelis moved on from Sin in the wilderness, travelling following Yahweh's instructions. They camped at Refidim but there was no water for the people to drink.[103] **2** So the people argued with Mosheh (Moses) again, saying, "Give us water to drink!"

"Why are you all quarrelling with me?" Mosheh answered. "Why are you all testing Yahweh?"

3 But the people were very thirsty there and they murmured against Mosheh, so he demanded, "Is this why you brought us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)? To kill me and my sons and my cattle with thirst?" ???

4 Mosheh cried out to Yahweh, asking, "What should I do for these people? It won't take much more and they'll kill me."

5 "Walk on ahead of the people," Yahweh told Mosheh, "and take some of the Israeli elders with you, and your staff—the one which you struck the river with. Take it in your hand and go. **6** Watch me. I will stand in front of you there on the rock at Horev. Then you will strike the rock and water will come out of it, and the people will drink." So Mosheh did that while the Israeli elders watched.

7 Mosheh named that place both 'Masah' (which means 'testing') and 'Merivah' (which means 'complaining'), because of the

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conflict among the Israelis and because of how they tested Yahweh by saying, 'Is Yahweh among us or not?'

Mosheh's arms held high to defeat Amalek

8 Then the Amalek army came and attacked Yisrael (Israel) at Refidim, **9** and Mosheh (Moses) instructed Yehoshua (Joshua), "Choose men for us and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I'll be stationed on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." **10** So Yehoshua prepared to fight Amalek as Mosheh had told him, and Mosheh, Aharon (Aaron), and Hur climbed up to the top of the hill. **11** And so it happened that when Mosheh raised his arm, then Yisrael would be winning, but when he lowered his arm, then Amalek would start winning. **12** However, Mosheh's arms got tired, so they got a large stone and sat him on it, and Aharon and Hur stood on each side of him holding up his arms, and holding him steady in that position until the sun went down. **13** So this was how Yehoshua defeated Amalek and his army with their swords. **14** Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Write this event in the book and read it aloud to Yehoshua, because I will certainly blot out the memory of Amalek from off the earth."[104] **15** Then Mosheh built an altar and he named it 'Yahweh-nissi' (which means 'Yahweh is my banner'), **16** saying, "Because they battled against Yah's throne, then Yahweh will battle against Amalek throughout the generations."

Mosheh's father-in-law visits

18:1 Now Yitro (Jethro), the priest at Midyan and Mosheh's (Moses') father-in-law, heard about everything that God had done for Mosheh and for his people the Israelis—that Yahweh had brought the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **2** (Yitro had been looking after Mosheh's wife Tsiporah[105] and their two sons after he had sent her back **3** along with their two sons.[106] One was named 'Gereshom' (which sounds like the Hebrew word for 'foreigner') because Mosheh had said, "I've been a foreigner living in another country." **4** Their other son's name was 'Eliezer' (which sounds like the Hebrew word that means 'God helps me', because Mosheh had said, "God, who my father worshipped, has helped me and stopped the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) from killing me.")) **5** So now Mosheh's father-in-law brought Mosheh's wife and sons to the wilderness where the people were camping near the mountain of God. **6** He had sent a message ahead saying, "I, your father-in-law Yitro, am coming to you, as well as your wife and your two sons." **7** So Mosheh went out to meet his father-in-law, and he bowed down and kissed him. They asked each other about their welfare, then they went into the tent, **8** and Mosheh related to his father-in-law all that Yahweh had done to Par'oh and to Mitsrayim on account of Yisrael (Israel), all the hardship

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to_say (there) is_**YHWH** in_midst_of_our or not.

8 And_ ´Amālēq _it_came and_it_joined_battle with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_Rəfīdīm. **9** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua) choose to/for_us men and_go_out fight against_´Amālēq tomorrow I will_be_standing on the_top_of the_hill and_the_staff_of the_'Elohīm will_be_of_in_my_hand. **10** And_ Yəhōshū´a _he/it_made just_as he_had_said to_him/it Mosheh by_fighting against_´Amālēq and_Mosheh 'Ah$_a$ron and_ _Ḥūr they_went_up the_top_of the_hill. **11** And_it_was just_as Mosheh he_lifted_up his/its_hand and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_ _prevailed and_as_which he_gave_rest his/its_hand and_ ´Amālēq _it_prevailed. **12** And_the_hands_of Mosheh were_ _heavy and_they_took a_stone and_they_put_it under_him and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived on/upon_it(f) and_ _'Ah$_a$ron and_Ḥūr they_supported (in)_hands_of_his from_this one and_from_this one and_ hands_of_his _he/it_was steadiness until the_sun went. **13** And_ Yəhōshū´a _he_defeated ~~ĐOM~~ ´Amālēq and_~~ĐOM~~ people_of_its to_the_mouth_of the_ _sword. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh write this memorial in_book and_put_it in_the_ears_of Yəhōshū´a if/because_that completely_(wipe_out) I_will_wipe_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_remembrance_of ´Amālēq from_under the_heavens. **15** And_ Mosheh _he/it_built an_altar and_he/it_called his/its_ _name **YHWH** standard_of_is_my. **16** And_he/it_said if/because a_hand was_on the_throne_of Yah war to/for_**YHWH** with_ _´Amālēq from_generation generation.

18:1 And_ Yitrō/(Jethro) the_priest_of Midyān the_ _father-in-law_of Mosheh _he/it_listened ~~ĐOM~~ all_of that god he_had_done for_Mosheh and_for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) people_of_ _his if/because_that **YHWH** he_had_brought_out ~~ĐOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **2** And_ Yitrō the_ _father-in-law_of Mosheh _he/it_took ~~ĐOM~~ Tsipporāh/(Zipporah) the_wife_of Mosheh after dismissal(s)_ _of_her. **3** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_two_of sons_of_her who the_name_of the_one was_Gērəshom if/because he_had_said a_sojourner I_ _have_become in_land foreign. **4** And_name_of the_one was_ _'Elī´ezer if/because the_god_of my_father_of_my has_been_ _(in)_of_my_help and_he_has_delivered_me from_the_sword_of Par´oh. **5** And_ Yitrō the_father-in-law_of Mosheh and_sons_of_ _his and_his/its_woman/wife _he_came to Mosheh into the_ _wilderness where he was_encamping there the_mountain_of the_'Elohīm. **6** And_he/it_said to Mosheh I father-in-law_of_ _your Yitrō am_coming to_you and_wife_of_your and_the_two_ _of sons_of_her with_her/it. **7** And_ Mosheh _he/it_went_out to_meet father-in-law_of_his and_he_bowed_down and_he_ _kissed to_him/it and_they_asked each of_neighbour_of_his to_ _welfare and_they_came to_the_tent. **8** And_ Mosheh _he_ _recounted to_father-in-law_of_his ~~ĐOM~~ all_of that **YHWH** he_ _had_done to_Par´oh and_to_Mitsrayim on the_causes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_hardship which it_had_come_ _upon_them on_journey and_he_had_delivered_them **YHWH**. **9** And_ Yitrō/(Jethro) _he_rejoiced on all_of the_good which

104 **RV 17:14 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:17-19; 1Sam 15:2-9.

105 **RV 18:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 2:21-22.

106 **RV 18:3 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:29.

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YHWH he_had_done to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom he_had_ _delivered_it from_the_hand_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **10** And_ Yitrō _he/it_said **YHWH** who he_has_delivered you(pl) from_ _the_hand_of Mitsrayim and_from_the_hand_of Par'oh who he_ _has_delivered ᴅᴏᴍ the_people from_under the_hand_of Mitsrayim be_blessed. **11** Now I_know if/because_that is_great **YHWH** from_all the_'Elohīm if/because in_matter which they_ _have_acted_presumptuously on_them. **12** And_ Yitrō the_ _father-in-law_of Mosheh _he/it_took a_burnt_offering and_ _sacrifices to_god and_he_came 'Ah$_a$ron and_ _all/each/any/every the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_eat food with the_father-in-law_of Mosheh to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_'Elohīm.

13 And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ Mosheh _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived to_judge ᴅᴏᴍ the_people and_ the_ _people _it_stood at Mosheh from the_morning until the_ _evening. **14** And_ the_father-in-law_of Mosheh _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that he was_doing for_people and_he/it_said what is_the_ _thing the_this which you are_doing for_people why are_you sitting you_alone and_all the_people is_standing at_you from morning until evening. **15** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to_ _father-in-law_of_his if/because it_comes to_me the_people to_ _consult god. **16** If/because it_will_belong to/for_them a_ _matter it_is_coming to_me and_I_judge between each and_ _between his/its_neighbour and_I_make_known ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _regulations_of the_'Elohīm and_ᴅᴏᴍ laws_of_his. **17** And_ the_ _father-in-law_of Mosheh _he/it_said to_him/it not is_good the_thing which you are_doing. **18** Surely_(wear_out) both you as_well_as the_people the_this which is_with_you you_will_ _wear_yourself_out if/because is_too_heavy for_you the_thing not you_are_able to_do_it you_alone. **19** Now listen to_voice_of_ _my let_me_advise_you and_let_it_be god with_you be you for_ _people in_front_of the_'Elohīm and_ you _you_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_matters to the_'Elohīm. **20** And_you_will_warn them ᴅᴏᴍ the_regulations and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_laws and_you_will_make_known to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_way which_they_will_walk in_it and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_work which they_will_do. **21** And_you(ms) you_will_select from_all the_people men_of ability those_fearing_of (of)_god men_of faithfulness who_hate_of (of)_unjust_gain and_you_ _will_appoint over_them leaders_of thousands leaders_of hundreds leaders_of fifties and_leaders_of tens. **22** And_they_ _will_judge ᴅᴏᴍ the_people in_all time and_it_was every_of (the)_matter the_big/great(sg) they_will_bring to_you and_all (the)_matter the_small(sg) they they_will_judge and_lighten from_on_yourself and_they_will_bear with_you. **23** If ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _thing the_this you_will_do and_he_will_command_you god and_you_will_be_able to_endure and_also all_of the_people the_this to place_of_its it_will_go in_peace. **24** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_listened to_sound/voice father-in-law_of_his and_he/it_ _made all that he_had_said. **25** And_ Mosheh _he_chose men_of ability from_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ_them chiefs over the_people leaders_of thousands leaders_of hundreds leaders_of fifties and_leaders_of tens. **26** And_they_ _judged ᴅᴏᴍ the_people in_all time ᴅᴏᴍ the_matter (the)_ _difficult they_brought to Mosheh and_all (the)_matter the_

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that found them along the way, and about how Yahweh had rescued them. **9** Yitro was very happy to hear about all the good things that Yahweh had done for Yisrael when he had rescued them out from Mitsri control, **10** and he said, "Bless Yahweh, who rescued you from slavery in Mitsrayim, and from Par'oh's power. **11** Now I can see that Yahweh is greater than all the other gods because of the this result after the Mitsrim (Egyptians) had acted proudly against you all." **12** Then Mosheh's father-in-law Yitro made a burnt offering as well as sacrifices to God, and Aharon (Aaron) and all of the Israeli elders came to eat bread with Mosheh's father-in-law in God's presence.

Yitro's helpful administrative advice[107]

13 The following day, Mosheh (Moses) sat down to judge the people, and the people stood around him from morning until evening. **14** When his father-in-law noticed everything that he personally did for the people, he asked, "What's this that you're doing with the people? Why do you sit there alone, and all the people position themselves around you from morning until evening?"

15 "Because the people come to me to find out what God wants for them," Mosheh replied to Yitro (Jethro). **16** "When a difficult situation comes up among them, someone comes to me and I make the judgement between a man and his neighbour. In addition, I help them understand the god's statutes and laws."

17 "It's not a good idea what you're doing," said Yitro. **18** "You're definitely on the road to wear yourself out, plus you'll also wear out these people who are with you, because the responsibility is too heavy for you—you can't just do it alone. **19** Now, listen to this: I'll advise you and God will be with you. You be before God for the people, and you should bring their disputes to God yourself. **20** You should also teach them the statutes and the laws, and you should teach them the way they should live and the work that they should do. **21** But you yourself should search through all the people to find capable men who are godly and faithful, and not greedy for dishonest profit. Then appoint the best of them to be over a thousand households, and then others to be over groups of one hundred, fifty, and ten households. **22** They'll be the ones to judge the people, except that every serious situation they'll bring to you—they'll judge every minor situation themselves. Yes, you must lighten this load off yourself, and they'll share the load with you. **23** If you do that, and if God tells you to proceed, then you'll be able to endure in the long term, plus all of these people standing around will be able to return to their tents peacefully."

24 So Mosheh (Moses) took his father-in-law's advice and implemented all of his suggestions. **25** He chose capable men from among all the Israelis, and he appointed them as heads over the people: leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of

107 RV 18:13 · Parallel Deu. 1:9-18

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fifties, and leaders of tens of households. **26** They became the ones who settled most disputes for the people. They brought the difficult cases to Mosheh, but they judged each minor situation themselves.

27 Then Mosheh bid farewell to Yitro (Jethro) and he returned to his own home.

Camping by Mt. Sinay

19:1 The Israelis entered the Sinay wilderness in the third month after exiting Mitsrayim (Egypt). **2** After they had departed from Refidim, they had entered the Sinay wilderness and camped there at the base of the mountain. **3** Yahweh called Mosheh (Moses) from the mountain, so he climbed up and God gave him this message and asked him to pass it on to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants, the Israelis:

4 "You yourselves saw what I did to the Mitsrim (Egyptians)—how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you all here to myself. **5** And now, if you all carefully listen to my words and keep my agreement, then your nation will be my possession, separate from all the others,[108] because all the earth is mine, **6** so you all will be my kingdom of priests and a nation dedicated to me."[109] (That's the message to pass on to the Israelis.) **7** So Mosheh descended again and summoned the Israeli elders, then he passed on that message just as Yahweh had commanded him, **8** and all the people responded together, agreeing, "We'll do everything that Yahweh has said." Then Mosheh took the people's response back to Yahweh **9** and Yahweh told him, "Look, I'll come to you in a thick cloud so that the people will be able to hear when I speak with you so they'll also continue to trust you."

Then Mosheh told Yahweh the people's words **10** and Yahweh responded, "Go down to the people and purify them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes **11** and be prepared for the third day, because on the third day I will come down to Mt. Sinay while all the people watch. **12** Set boundaries for the people all around, and tell them, 'Don't climb on the mountain or touch its edge, because anyone who does will definitely be executed.[110] **13** Anyone who touches the mountain mustn't be touched by anyone else—they must be executed by throwing rocks at them or shooting them with a bow. No person or animal who touches the mountain can stay alive.' Only after a long trumpet blast should they start to climb the mountain." **14** So Mosheh went down the mountain to the people. He purified them and they all washed their clothes, **15** and he told them, "Abstain from sexual relations, and be ready by the third day."

16 So on the morning of the third day, there was thunder and lightning[111] and a thick cloud on the mountain, and an extremely loud horn blast, and all the people in the camp were trembling. **17** Then Mosheh led the people out of the camp to go

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_small(sg) they they_judged. **27** And_ Mosheh _he_sent_off ĐOM father-in-law_of_his and_he/it_went to_him/it to land_of_his.

19:1 In_month the_third of_ of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _the_going_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_the_ _day the_this they_came the_wilderness_of Ṣīnay. **2** And_they_ _set_out from_Rəfīdīm and_they_came the_wilderness_of Ṣīnay and_they_encamped in_wilderness and_it_encamped there Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) before the_mountain. **3** And_Mosheh he_went_ _up to the_'Elohīm and_he/it_called to_him/it **YHWH** from the_mountain to_say thus you_will_say to_the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_you_will_tell to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** You(pl) you(pl)_have_seen that_which I_did to_Mitsrayim and_I_carried you(pl) on wings_of eagles and_I_ _brought you(pl) to_myself. **5** And_now if carefully_(listen) you(pl)_will_listen to_voice_of_my and_you(pl)_will_keep ĐOM covenant_of_my and_you(pl)_will_be to_me a_possession from_ _all the_peoples if/because to_me all_of the_earth/land. **6** And_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_be to_me a_kingdom_of priests and_a_ _nation holy these are_the_words/messages which you_will_ _speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_ Mosheh _he_ _went and_he/it_called (to)_the_elders_of the_people and_ _he/it_assigned before_them ĐOM all_of the_words/messages the_these which he_had_commanded_him **YHWH**. **8** And_ all_of the_people _they_answered together and_they_said all that **YHWH** he_has_spoken we_will_do and_ Mosheh _he_brought_ _back ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_people to **YHWH**. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh HERE I am_about_to_ _come to_you in_the_dark_cloud_of the_cloud in_account_of the_people it_may_hear when_speak_I with_you and_also in_ _you they_will_trust forever_perpetuity and_ Mosheh _he_told ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_people to **YHWH**. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go to the_people and_you_will_ _consecrate_them the_day and_tomorrow and_they_will_wash clothes_of_their. **11** And_they_will_be prepared for_day the_ _third if/because in_the_day the_third **YHWH** he_will_come_ _down to_the_eyes_of all_of the_people on the_mountain_of Ṣīnay. **12** And_you_will_set_bounds_for ĐOM the_people all_ _around to_say take_heed to/for_you(pl) to_go_up on_ _mountain and_to_touch (in)_edge_of_its every_of (the)_one_ _who_touches (in)_mountain surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_ _death. **13** Not it_will_touch in/on/over_him/it a_hand if/because really_(stone) he_will_be_stoned_to_death or really_ _(shot) he_will_be_shot whether an_animal or a_human not it_ _will_live when_ the_ram's_horn _sounds they they_will_go_up on_mountain. **14** And_ Mosheh _he/it_descended from the_ _mountain to the_people and_he/it_consecrated ĐOM the_ _people and_they_washed clothes_of_their. **15** And_he/it_said to the_people be prepared to_three_of days do_not draw_near

108 **RV 19:5-6 · Cross-ref.** 1Pe 2:9.

109 **RV 19:6 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:6; 5:10.

110 **RV 19:12-13 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:18-20.

111 **RV 19:16 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:5.

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to a_woman. **16** And_he/it_was on_day the_third when_came the_morning and_he/it_was thunder_claps and_lightning_ _flashes and_a_cloud heavy on the_mountain and_the_sound_of a_ram's_horn strong very and_ all_of the_people which was_in_ _camp _it_trembled. **17** And_ Mosheh _he_led_out ~~DOM~~ the_ _people to_meet the_'Elohīm from the_camp and_they_stood at_the_lower_part_of the_mountain. **18** And_the_mountain_of Ṣīnay it_was_smoking of_it_of_all from_face/in_front_of that he_had_come_down on/upon/above_him/it **YHWH** in_fire and_ smoke_of_its _he/it_ascended like_the_smoke_of (the)_ _kiln and_ all_of the_mountain _it_trembled exceedingly. **19** And_ the_sound_of the_ram's_horn _he/it_was going and_ _strong very Mosheh he_spoke and_(the)_god he_answered_ _him with_a_voice. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_descended on the_ _mountain_of Ṣīnay to the_top_of the_mountain and_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_called (to)_Mosheh to the_top_of the_mountain and_ Mosheh _he/it_ascended. **21** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go_down warn (in)_people lest they_should_break_ _through to **YHWH** to_see and_it_will_fall from_him/it many. **22** And_also the_priests who_draw_near to **YHWH** they_will_ _make_themselves_holy lest he_should_break_out (is)_in_them **YHWH**. **23** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to **YHWH** not the_people it_is_able to_go_up to the_mountain_of Ṣīnay if/because you you_warned (in)_us to_say set_bounds_for ~~DOM~~ the_mountain and_you_will_consecrate_it. **24** And_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** go go_down and_ you and_'Ah$_a$ron with_you _you_will_ _come_up and_the_priests and_the_people not let_them_break_ _through to_come_up to **YHWH** lest he_should_break_out against_them. **25** And_ Mosheh _he/it_descended to the_people and_he/it_said to_them.

20:1 And_ god _he/it_spoke ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages the_ _these to_say. **2** I[128] am_**YHWH** god_of_your[129] who I_brought_ _you_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_house_ _of[130] slaves[131]. **3** Not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m)[132][133] gods[134] other[135] on face_of_my[136].[137] **4** Not you_must_make

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and meet God, and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain. **18** Yahweh descended onto Mt. Sinay surrounded by fire and the entire mountain smoked. Its smoke went up like the smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. **19** Then it happened after the sound of the horn got extremely loud, that Mosheh was speaking and God was answering him in a voice. **20** Yahweh had descended onto the top of Mt. Sinay, and he called Mosheh up to the top of the mountain, so Mosheh ascended. **21** But Yahweh told him, "Go back down and warn the people in case they force their way through to look at me and many of them perish. **22** Also, the priests who come nearer to me, they must be very careful to purify themselves in case I suddenly punish them." **23** But Mosheh questioned Yahweh, "The people aren't able to come up on Mt. Sinay, because you yourself warned us, 'Set boundaries all around the mountain to keep it sacred.' "[112] **24** "Go back down," Yahweh responded, "and bring Aharon (Aaron) back up with you. However, the priests and the people must not cross the boundary to come up to me, in case I suddenly punish them." **25** So Mosheh went down and spoke to the people.

20:1 Then God gave these instructions to the Israelis: **2** I'm your god Yahweh, who rescued you[114] from where you were enslaved in Mitsrayim (Egypt).

The ten rules[113]

3 You mustn't own any other gods in my sight.

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112 **RV 19:23 · Cross-ref.** 19:12.

113 **RV 20:1 · Parallel** Deu. 5:1-22

114 **RV 20:2 · Note** Although modern English doesn't easily distinguish it, this discourse is addressed to singular 'you', i.e., to the Israelis as one group. While some of our modern, individualistic cultures might naturally interpret these rules as applying to individuals, they were given to Yisrael/Israel to implement at a national level.

128 **LV 20:2 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יְכֻנֶּא: (x-accent)יְכֻנֶּא

129 **LV 20:2 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ה/יְהֹלֶֽא: (x-accent)ה/יְהֹלֶֽא

130 **LV 20:2 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֶּיֶבִּ/מ: (x-accent)תֶּיֶבִּ/מ

131 **LV 20:2 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סֵיְדָבֵּע: (x-accent)סֵיְדָבֵּע

132 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ה/לְ:ה/לְ (x-accent)

133 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

134 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סֵיהֹלֶֽא: (x-accent)סֵיהֹלֶֽא

135 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סֵירֵחֶֽא: (x-accent)סֵירֵחֶֽא

136 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB alternative note: י/נָֽפְּ: (x-accent)י/נָֽפְּ

137 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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4 You mustn't make a carved figure for yourself, nor carve a copy of anything in the sky above or in the earth below, or that's in the water under the earth.[115] **5** Don't bow down to idols and don't serve them, because I, your god Yahweh, am a jealous God. I remember the sins of the fathers and punish the children of even the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,[116] **6** but I faithfully fulfil my promises to *thousands* of generations of those who love me and who obey my instructions.

7 You mustn't wrongly promote the name of Yahweh your god, because I won't leave anyone unpunished who does that.[117]

8 Keep Saturday different from all the other days[118]— **9** there's six days every week for working.[119] **10** The seventh day is a rest day for Yahweh your god: you mustn't do any work—not you, or

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to/for_yourself(m)[138] an_image[139][140] and_all form[141] which[142] is_in_heavens[143] (from)_above[144] and_which[145] on_the_earth[146] (from)_beneath[147][148] and_which[149] is_in_waters[150] from_ _under[151] to_earth[152].[153] **5** Not you_must_bow_down[154][155] to/for_them[156] and_not you_must_be_enticed_to_serve_ _them[157] if/because I **YHWH** god_of_your am_a_god jealous who_visits the_iniquity_of fathers on children on a_third_ _generation and_on a_fourth_generation of_those_of_who_ _hate_me[158]. **6** And_who_does[159] covenant_loyalty[160] to_ _thousands[161] of_those_of_who_love_me and_of_those_who_ _keep_of commands_of_(of)_my. **7** Not you_must_take ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_ _name_of **YHWH** god_of_your for_emptiness if/because not **YHWH** he_will_leave_unpunished ~~ᵭᵯ~~ one_who he_will_take ~~ᵭᵯ~~ his/its_name for_emptiness. **8** Remember[162] ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_day_

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115 RV 20:4-5 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:17; Lev 19:4; 26:1; Deu 4:15-18; 27:15.

116 RV 20:5-6 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:6-7; Num 14:18; Deu 7:9-10.

117 RV 20:7 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:12.

118 RV 20:8 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:23-30; 31:12-14.

119 RV 20:9-10 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:12; 31:15; 34:21; 35:2; Lev 23:3.

138 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: לְ/דְ֫; (x-accent)

139 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: וְ/לֶ֫סֶף: (x-accent)

140 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

141 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: תְּ/נוּמֹ֫ת: (x-accent)

142 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: רֶ֫שֶׁא: (x-accent)

143 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: בַּ/שָּׁ֫מַיִם: (x-accent)וּ

144 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: מִ/מַּ֫עַל: (x-accent)

145 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: וּ/רְשָׁ֫א: (x-accent)

146 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: בָּ/אָ֫רֶץ: (x-accent)

147 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: מִ/תַּ֫חַת: (x-accent)

148 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

149 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: וּ/רְשָׁ֫א: (x-accent)

150 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: בַּ/מַּ֫יִם: (x-accent)וּ

151 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: מִ/תַּ֫חַת: (x-accent)

152 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: לָ/אָ֫רֶץ: (x-accent)

153 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

154 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB alternative note: תָּ֫חֲוֶה: (x-accent)

155 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

156 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB alternative note: לָ/הֶ֫ם: (x-accent)

157 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB alternative note: תָּ/עָ֫בְדֵ֫ם: (x-accent)

158 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB alternative note: לָ/אֱנֹשִׁ֫י: (x-accent)

159 LV 20:6 · Note OSHB alternative note: וְ/עֹשֶׂ֫ה: (x-accent)

160 LV 20:6 · Note OSHB alternative note: חֶ֫סֶד: (x-accent)

161 LV 20:6 · Note OSHB alternative note: לְ/אֲלָפִ֫ים: (x-accent)

162 LV 20:8 · Note OSHB alternative note: זָכ֫וֹר: (x-accent)

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_of[163] of_the_sabbath[164] to_set_it_apart_as_holy[165].[166] **9** Six_
_of[167] days[168] you_will_labour[169] and_you_will_do[170] all_of
work_of_your[171].[172] **10** And_the_day_of the_seventh[173] is_a_
sabbath[174] to/for**YHWH** god_of_your[175] not you_must_do[176]
any_of work[177] you and_son_of_your and_daughter_of_your[178]
servant_of_your_male[179] and_your_female_of_servant[180] and_
_livestock_of_your[181] and_sojourner_of_your[182] who[183] is_in_
_gates_of_your[184].[185] **11** If/because six_of days **YHWH** he_made
ᵭᵒᵐ the_heavens and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_earth/land ᵭᵒᵐ the_sea and_
_ᵭᵒᵐ all_of that is_in_them and_he_rested in_the_day the_
_seventh therefore yes/correct/thus/so **YHWH** he_blessed ᵭᵒᵐ
the_day_of the_sabbath and_he_set_it_apart_as_holy. **12** Honour
ᵭᵒᵐ father_of_your and_ᵭᵒᵐ mother_of_your so_that they_
_may_be_long days_of_your on the_soil which **YHWH** god_of_
_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). **13** Not[186] you_must_

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your children, or your male or female servants, or your cattle, or the foreigners living among you— **11** because Yahweh made the heavens and earth, the sea, and everything that's in them in six days. Then he rested on the seventh day, so that's why he blessed the rest day and made it sacred.[120]

12 Honour your father and your mother,[121] so that you'll have a long life on the land that your god Yahweh is about to give you.[122]

13 You mustn't murder.[123]

14 You mustn't commit adultery.[124]

15 You mustn't steal.[125]

16 You mustn't lie in court.[126]

17 You mustn't covet your neighbour's house or spouse, or

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120 **RV 20:11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:1-3; Exo 31:17.

121 **RV 20:12 · Cross-ref.** Deu 27:16; Mat 15:4; 19:19; Mrk 7:10; 10:19; Luk 18:20; Eph 6:2.

122 **RV 20:12 · Cross-ref.** Eph 6:3.

123 **RV 20:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 9:6; Lev 24:17; Mat 5:21; 19:18; Mrk 10:19; Luk 18:20; Rom 13:9; Jam 2:11.

124 **RV 20:14 · Cross-ref.** Lev 20:10; Mat 5:27; 19:18; Mrk 10:19; Luk 18:20; Rom 13:9; Jam 2:11.

125 **RV 20:15 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:11; Mat 19:18; Mrk 10:19; Luk 18:20; Rom 13:9.

126 **RV 20:16 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:1; Mat 19:18; Mrk 10:19; Luk 18:20.

163 **LV 20:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: מִוֹּי: (x-accent)מִוֹּי

164 **LV 20:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָ/תֻּבַּשׁ: (x-accent)הָ/תֻּבַּשׁ

165 **LV 20:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לְ/וֹ/שַׁדֵּק: (x-accent)לְ/וֹ/שַׁדֵּק

166 **LV 20:8 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

167 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֵּשֵׁשׁ: (x-accent)תֵּשֵׁשׁ

168 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יָמִֽי: (x-accent)יָמִֽי

169 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לֹּבַעַת: (x-accent)לֹּבַעַת

170 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תִּשְׁעֶֽ/וּ: (x-accent)תִּשְׁעֶֽ/וּ

171 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/תְּכַלְּמִ: (x-accent)הֶ/תְּכַלְּמִ

172 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

173 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יְעִיבְּשׁ/ה: (x-accent)יְעִיבְּשׁ/ה

174 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֻּבַּשׁ: (x-accent)תֻּבַּשׁ

175 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/יְהֹלֶֽא: (x-accent)הֶ/יְהֹלֶֽא

176 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֶּשֲׂעַת: (x-accent)תֶּשֲׂעַת

177 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תָּכְאָלְמ: (x-accent)תָּכְאָלְמ

178 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/תֵּב/וּ: (x-accent)הֶ/תֵּב/וּ

179 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/דְּבַע: (x-accent)הֶ/דְּבַע

180 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/תָּמָא/וּ: (x-accent)הֶ/תָּמָא/וּ

181 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/תְּמֵהָב/וּ: (x-accent)הֶ/תְּמֵהָב/וּ

182 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/רֵג/וּ: (x-accent)הֶ/רֵג/וּ

183 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: רֶשֲׁא: (x-accent)רֶשֲׁא

184 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/יְרָעְשׁ/ב: (x-accent)הֶ/יְרָעְשׁ/ב

185 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

186 **LV 20:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: אֹל: (x-accent)אֹל

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their male or female servants, or their animals, or anything else they own.[127]

The people are afraid of God[192]

18 All of the people could hear and see the thunder and the lightning, the sound of the horn, and the mountain smoking. They trembled when they saw it, and they remained standing at a distance.[193] 19 They begged Mosheh (Moses), "You be the one to speak to us, and we'll listen, but don't let God speak directly to us, in case we die."

20 "Don't be afraid," Mosheh responded, "because God has come to test you so that the fear of him will remain with you so that you all won't disobey him." 21 So the people stood at a good distance while Mosheh approached toward the thick darkness where God was.

Instructions about altars

22 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "This is what you need to tell the Israelis: 'You yourselves have seen that I, Yahweh, have talked with you from heaven. 23 You all mustn't make gods out of silver or gold for yourselves to have alongside me. 24 You need to make an altar for me out of dirt, and then you can sacrifice your burnt offerings and peace offerings, and your sheep and cattle, on it. I'll inform you about every place where I want to be worshipped and I'll come to you and will bless you there. 25 If you do make me an altar with stones, you mustn't use cut stones to build it because moving your tools over it will defile it.[194] 26 And don't use steps to get up to the altar because you might expose your private parts under your robes.

Rules about slaves[195]

Hebrew slaves

21:1 These are the rules that you must present to them:

2 If you buy a Ivri (Hebrew) slave, he should serve for six years, then in the seventh year he must be set free without having to pay you anything.[196] 3 If he came by himself, he can go free by himself. If he's married with a wife,

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_murder[187]. 14 Not[188] you_must_commit_adultery[189]. 15 Not[190] you_must_steal[191]. 16 Not you_must_testify against_neighbour_ _of_your transcript_of falsehood. 17 Not you_must_covet the_ _house_of your_neighbour_of_your not you_must_covet the_ _wife_of your_neighbour_of_your and_his_male_of_servant and_his_female_of_servant and_ox_of_his and_donkey_of_his and_all/each/any/every that belongs_to_neighbour_of_your.

18 And_all the_people were_seeing ~~DOM~~ the_thunder_claps and_ _~~DOM~~ the_lightning(s) and_~~DOM~~ the_sound_of the_ram's_horn and_~~DOM~~ the_mountain smoking and_ the_people _he/it_saw and_they_trembled and_they_stood from_a_distance. 19 And_ _they_said to Mosheh you speak with_us and_we_will_listen and_not let_him_speak with_us god lest we_should_die. 20 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_people do_not be_afraid if/because (to)_in_order to_put_to_the_test you(pl) the_'Elohīm he_has_ _come and_so_that it_may_be fear_of_his on your(pl)_faces to_ _not you(pl)_will_sin. 21 And_ the_people _it_stood from_a_ _distance and_Mosheh he_drew_near to the_thick_darkness where was_there the_'Elohīm.

22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh thus you_will_say to the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl) you(pl)_have_seen if/because_that from the_heavens I_have_spoken with_you(pl). 23 Not you(pl)_must_make with_me gods_of silver and_gods_of gold not you(pl)_must_make for_yourselves. 24 An_altar_of earth you_will_make to/for_me and_you_will_sacrifice on/upon/above_him/it ~~DOM~~ offerings_of_your_burnt and_~~DOM~~ offerings_of_your_peace ~~DOM~~ sheep_of_your and_~~DOM~~ cattle_of_ _your in_all (the)_place where I_will_cause_to_be_remembered ~~DOM~~ name_of_my I_will_come to_you and_I_will_bless_you. 25 And_if an_altar_of stones you_will_make to/for_me not you_ _must_build them hewn_stone if/because tool_of_your you_ _have_wielded on/upon_it(f) and_you_have_profaned_it. 26 And_not you_must_go_up on_steps to altar_of_my that not nakedness_of_your it_will_be_uncovered on/upon/above_ _him/it.

21:1 And_these are_the_judgements which you_will_set before_ _them.

2 If/because you_will_buy a_slave Hebrew six years he_will_ _serve and_in_year he_will_go_out to_(the)_person without_ _paying. 3 If with_body_of_his he_will_come with_body_of_his he_will_go_out if is_the_husband_of a_wife he and_ his/its_ _wife/woman _she_will_go_out with_him/it. 4 If master(s)_of_

127 **RV 20:17 · Cross-ref.** Rom 7:7; 13:9.

187 **LV 20:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: חָֽצְרֹתָ֔: (x-accent)חָֽצְרֹתָ֔

188 **LV 20:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: אֹ֔ל: (x-accent)אֹ֔ל

189 **LV 20:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָֽאִנְּתָ֔: (x-accent)הָֽאִנְּתָ֔

190 **LV 20:15 · Note** OSHB alternative note: אֹ֔ל: (x-accent)אֹ֔ל

191 **LV 20:15 · Note** OSHB alternative note: בִּנְּתָ֔: (x-accent)בִּנְּתָ֔

192 **RV 20:18 · Parallel** Deu. 5:22-33

193 **RV 20:18-19 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:18-19.

194 **RV 20:25 · Cross-ref.** Deu 27:5-7; Josh 8:31.

195 **RV 21:1 · Parallel** Deu. 15:12-18

196 **RV 21:2-6 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:39-46.

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_his he_will_give to_him/it a_wife and_she_will_bear to_him/it sons or daughters the_woman and_children_of_her she_will_ _belong to_master(s)_of_her and_he he_will_go_out with_body_ _of_his. **5** And_if explicitly_(say) the_slave he_will_say I_love ᴅᴏᴍ my_master ᴅᴏᴍ wife_of_my and_ᴅᴏᴍ children_of_my not I_ _will_go_out a_free_person. **6** And_he_will_bring_him_near master(s)_of_his to the_ʾElohīm and_he_will_bring_him_near to the_door or to the_doorpost and_ master(s)_of_his _he_will_ _pierce ᴅᴏᴍ ear_of_his with_awl and_he_will_serve_him to_ _vanishing_point. **7** And_because/when a_man he_will_sell ᴅᴏᴍ daughter_of_his to_a_female_slave not she_will_go_out as_ the_ _male_slaves _go_out. **8** If she_is_displeasing in/on_both_eyes_ _of her_master(s)_of_her who for_himself[197] he_designated_her and_he_will_let_her_be_ransomed to_a_people foreign not he_ _will_have_dominion to_sell_her because_he_has_dealt_ _treacherously with_her. **9** And_if for_son_of_his he_will_ _designate_her according_to_the_custom_of (the)_daughters he_will_do to_her. **10** If another_woman he_will_take to_him/it food_of_her covering_of_her and_her_right_of_to_intercourse not he_will_reduce. **11** And_if three_things these not he_will_do to/for_her/it and_she_will_go_out without_paying there_will_ _not_be money.

12 one_who_will_strike_of (of)_anyone and_he_will_die surely_ _(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **13** And_which not he_was_ _lying_in_wait and_(the)_god he_allowed_to_happen to_hand_ _of_his and_I_will_designate to/for_yourself(m) a_place where he_will_flee there_(to). **14** And_because/when anyone he_will_ _act_presumptuously on his/its_neighbour to_kill_him with_ _cunning from_with altar_of_my you_will_take_him to_die. **15** And_one_who_will_strike_of his/its_father and_mother_of_ _his surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **16** And_one_who_ _will_steal anyone and_he_will_sell_him and_he_will_be_found in_hand_of_his surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **17** And_ _one_who_will_curse his/its_father and_mother_of_his surely_ _(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **18** And_because/when they_ _will_quarrel men and_ anyone _he_will_strike ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _neighbour with_a_stone or with_a_fist and_not he_will_die and_he_will_fall to_a_bed. **19** If he_will_arise and_he_will_walk_ _about on_outside on staff_of_his and_ the_one_who_struck _ _he_will_be_free_from_guilt only still_of_his_sitting he_will_ _pay_for and_fully_(heal) he_will_have_him_healed. **20** And_ _because/when anyone he_will_strike ᴅᴏᴍ slave_of_his_male or ᴅᴏᴍ slave_of_his_female with_rod and_he_will_die under his/its_hand certainly_(avenge) he_will_be_avenged. **21** Nevertheless if a_day or two_days he_will_remain not he_ _will_be_avenged if/because money_of_is_his he. **22** And_ _because/when men they_will_struggle_together and_they_ _will_strike a_woman pregnant and_ children_of_her _they_ _will_come_out and_not harm it_will_be certainly_(fine) he_ _will_be_fined just_as he_will_impose on/upon/above_him/it

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then his wife must be set free with him. **4** If his master gave him a wife and she bore him sons or daughters, then the wife and her children are her master's, and only the husband must be set free. **5** But if he plainly says, "I love my master, my wife, and my children so I voluntarily choose not to be set free," **6** then his master must take him to the place of worship. He must bring him to a door or to a doorpost, and his master must bore a hole his ear with an awl. Then he must serve him for life.

7 And if a man sells his daughter as a female slave, she won't be sent away after six years like the male slaves. **8** If the man who bought her wanted her to become his slave-wife, but later he isn't pleased with her behaviour, he must allow her to be bought back by her relatives. He has no authority to sell her on to outsiders, because that would break the understanding of proper treatment of her. **9** Or if he selected her to become his son's slave-wife, then he must treat her like a daughter would expect to be treated. **10** If he go on to take another slave-wife, he mustn't reduce the first one's food or clothing, or her marital rights, **11** but if he doesn't provide these three things to her, then she can go free without having to pay anything.

Rules about violence to others

12 Anyone who strikes someone and that person dies, must definitely be put to death.[198] **13** But if it wasn't premeditated—if God had let it happen as an accident—then I'll assign a place where the one who hit them can flee to.[199] **14** However, if someone had schemed to trap and kill their neighbour, then even if the killer clings to my altar, you must take them for execution.

15 Anyone who strikes their father or mother must certainly be put to death.

16 Anyone who abducts another person—either to sell or to keep as a slave—that person must certainly be put to death.[200]

17 Anyone who curses their father or mother must certainly be put to death.[201]

18 If two people fight and one hits their neighbour with a stone or with their fist, and the injured one doesn't die but is bedridden, **19** if that person eventually rises and can walk about outside using a staff, then the person who struck them is free, other than reimbursing the costs of their lost work and their medical expenses.

20 If a master hits their male or female slave with a staff and the slave dies, then the death must certainly be avenged.
21 However, if the slave is able to stand within a couple of days, then the owner won't be punished because the slave is their property.

22 If two people fight together and strike a pregnant woman

197 **LV 21:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) לִ֫/וֹ֫: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_023Mv לִ֫/וֹ

198 **RV 21:12 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:17.

199 **RV 21:13 · Cross-ref.** Num 35:10-34; Deu 19:1-13; Josh 20:1-9.

200 **RV 21:16 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:7.

201 **RV 21:17 · Cross-ref.** Lev 20:9; Mat 15:4; Mrk 7:10.

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and cause her to deliver the baby, if there's no serious injury, then he must certainly be fined whatever the husband of the woman demands and the judges allow. **23** But if there's serious injury, then you must give a life for a life, **24** an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot,[202] **25** a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, and a bruise for a bruise.

26 If a master hits their male or female slave's eye and damages it, they must let the slave go free in compensation for the eye. **27** Or if the master knocks out a tooth of a male or female slave, they must let the slave go free in compensation for the tooth.

Rules about property

28 If a bull gores a man or a woman and they die, the bull must certainly be killed by throwing rocks at it. The owner of the animal is to be considered innocent, but its meat mustn't be eaten. **29** But if the bull had a habit of goring in the past and its owner was warned but didn't keep it fenced in, and it kills a man or a woman, then the bull must be killed by throwing rocks at it and its owner must also be put to death. **30** If a ransom payment is demanded instead, the owner may buy back their life by paying the full amount demanded. **31** Those rules also apply if the bull gores a person's son or daughter. **32** If the bull gores a male or female slave, its owner must give thirty silver shekels to the slave owner and the bull must be killed by throwing rocks at it.

33 If someone uncovers a pit for storage, or digs a new one and leaves it uncovered, and a cow or a donkey falls into it, **34** the owner of the pit must pay compensation. The pit owner must pay in cash, but the dead animal will then belong to them. **35** If one person's bull attacks someone else's bull and it dies, then they should sell the live animal and divide the money as well as dividing up the dead animal. **36** But if it was known that the bull had a habit of goring in the past and its owner hadn't kept it fenced in, then that owner must certainly give a live bull for the dead one, but the dead animal will become theirs.

Rules about loss of property or farm animals

22:1 If someone steals a cow or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he must compensate five cattle for the cow or four sheep for the sheep.

2 (If a thief is discovered at night while breaking in, and is struck and dies, no one should be charged for murder. **3** But if it's daylight already, then that person is guilty of murder.)

A thief who's caught must make restitution, but if they're un-

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the_husband_of the_woman and_he/it_gave for_the_ _assessments. **23** And_if harm it_will_be and_you(ms)_will_give a_life in_place_of a_life. **24** An_eye in_place_of an_eye a_tooth in_place_of a_tooth a_hand in_place_of a_hand a_foot in_place_ _of a_foot. **25** Burning in_place_of burning bruise in_place_of bruise wound in_place_of wound. **26** And_because/when anyone he_will_strike ~~DOM~~ the_eye_of his_male_slave_of_his or ~~DOM~~ the_eye_of his_female_slave_of_his and_he_will_destroy_it to_(the)_person he_will_set_him_free in_place_of eye_of_his. **27** And_if the_tooth_of his_male_slave_of_his or the_tooth_of his_female_slave_of_his he_will_knock_out to_(the)_person he_ _will_set_him_free in_place_of tooth_of_his.
28 And_because/when an_ox it_will_gore ~~DOM~~ a_man or ~~DOM~~ a_ _woman and_he_will_die certainly_(stone) the_ox it_will_be_ _stoned_to_death and_not ~~DOM~~ meat_of_its it_will_be_eaten and_the_owner_of the_ox will_be_free_from_guilt. **29** And_if will_be_an_ox prone_to_gore it from_yesterday three_days_ago and_it_has_been_protested on_owner(s)_of_its and_not he_will_ _guard_it and_it_will_kill a_man or a_woman the_ox it_will_be_ _stoned_to_death and_also owner(s)_of_its he_will_be_put_to_ _death. **30** If a_ransom it_will_be_imposed on/upon/above_ _him/it and_he/it_gave the_ransom_of his_life_of_his according_to_all that it_will_be_imposed on/upon/above_ _him/it. **31** Or a_son it_will_gore or a_daughter it_will_gore according_the_judgement the_this it_will_be_done for_him/it. **32** If a_male_slave the_ox it_will_gore or a_female_slave silver thirty shekels he_will_give to_master(s)_of_his and_the_ox it_ _will_be_stoned_to_death. **33** And_because/when anyone he_ _will_open a_pit or if/because anyone he_will_dig a_pit and_not he_will_cover_it and_it_will_fall there_(to) an_ox or a_donkey. **34** The_owner_of the_pit he_will_make_compensation silver he_ _will_repay to_owner(s)_of_its and_the_dead_animal it_will_ _belong for_him/it. **35** And_because/when the_ox_of anyone it_ _will_strike ~~DOM~~ the_ox_of his/its_neighbour and_it_will_die and_they_will_sell ~~DOM~~ the_ox (the)_living and_they_will_ _divide ~~DOM~~ silver_of_its and_also ~~DOM~~ the_dead_animal they_ _will_divide. **36** Or it_is_known if/because_that is_an_ox prone_ _to_gore it from_yesterday three_days_ago and_not he_ _guarded_it owner(s)_of_its certainly_(make_compensation) he_will_make_compensation an_ox in_place_of the_ox and_the_ _dead_animal it_will_belong for_him/it.

37 [204] If/because anyone he_will_steal an_ox or a_sheep and_ _he_will_slaughter_it or he_has_sold_it five cattle he_will_repay in_place_of the_ox and_four sheep in_place_of the_sheep.
22:1 [205] If in_(the)_in the_thief he_will_be_found and_he_will_ _be_struck and_he_will_die there_will_not_be to_him/it blood(s). **2** [206] If the_sun it_has_risen on/upon/above_him/it blood(s) to_him/it certainly_(make_restitution) he_will_make_ _restitution if there_belongs_not to_him/it and_he_will_be_ _sold for_his_thing_of_stolen. **3** [207] If actually_(be_found) it_

202 **RV 21:24 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:19-20; Deu 19:21; Mat 5:38.

204 **LV 21:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.1

205 **LV 22:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.2

206 **LV 22:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.3

207 **LV 22:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.4

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_will_be_found in_hand_of_his the_thing_stolen from_an_ox unto a_donkey unto a_sheep alive twofold he_will_make_ _restitution. **4** [208] If/because anyone he_will_cause_to_be_ _grazed_over a_field or a_vineyard and_he_will_let_go ~~ḇḵm~~ mmm[209] and_it_will_graze in_the_field_of another_person the_ _best_of his_field_of_his and_the_best_of his_vineyard_of he_ _will_make_compensation. **5** [210] If/because a_fire it_will_go_ _forth and_it_will_find thorns and_ a_stack_of_sheaves or the_ _standing_grain or the_field _it_will_be_consumed certainly_ _(make_compensation) the_one_who_kindled ~~ḇḵm~~ the_fire he_ _will_make_compensation. **6** [211] If/because anyone he_will_give to his/its_neighbour money or articles to_guard/protect and_ _it_will_be_stolen from_the_house_of the_man if the_thief he_ _will_be_found he_will_make_restitution twofold. **7** [212] If not the_thief he_will_be_found and_ the_master_of the_house _he_ _will_be_brought_near to the_'Elohīm if not he_had_stretched_ _out his/its_hand on_the_property_of his/its_neighbour. **8** [213] On every_of matter_of transgression on an_ox on a_donkey on a_sheep on a_garment on every_of thing_lost which anyone_ _will_say if/because is_it this to the_'Elohīm the_case_of both_ _of_them it_will_come the_one_whom they_will_condemn_as_ _guilty the_judges he_will_make_restitution twofold to_ _neighbour_of_his. **9** [214] If/because anyone he_will_give to his/its_neighbour a_donkey or an_ox or a_sheep and_all animal to_guard/protect and_it_will_die or it_was_maimed or it_was_ _captured there_was_not one_who_saw. **10** [215] The_oath_of **YHWH** it_will_be between both_of_them if not he_had_ _stretched_out his/its_hand on_the_property_of his/its_ _neighbour and_ owner(s)_of_its _he/it_will_take and_not he_ _will_make_compensation. **11** [216] And_if actually_(steal) it_will_ _be_stolen from_with_him he_will_make_restitution to_ _owner(s)_of_its. **12** [217] If actually_(tear) it_will_be_torn_in_ _pieces he_will_bring_it evidence the_torn_animal not he_will_ _make_restitution. **13** [218] And_because/when anyone he_will_ _ask from_with his/its_neighbour and_it_will_be_maimed or it_ _died owner(s)_of_its not with_him/it certainly_(make_ _restitution) he_will_make_restitution. **14** [219] If owner(s)_of_its with_him/it not he_will_make_restitution if was_a_hired_ _animal it it_came for_hire_of_its.

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able to pay, then the thief must be sold to cover it. **4** If a thief is found in the possession of a stolen animal, be it a cow or a donkey or a sheep, then they must pay back another matching animal as well.[203]

5 If a person releases their livestock to graze their own field or vineyard, and it ends up grazing in the someone else's field, the owner of the animal must compensate from the best of their field and from the best of their vineyard.

6 If a fire breaks out and spreads in the bush, and grain that's already stacked or is still in the field gets burnt up, the person who started the fire must certainly pay compensation.

7 If anyone gives their neighbour money or goods for safekeeping, and if it is stolen from the neighbour's house, if the thief is found, they must pay double in compensation. **8** If the thief can't be found, then the owner of the house must be brought to the judges for God's decision as to whether or not they have improperly handled their neighbour's property.

9 Concerning every other squabble about any cattle or a donkey or sheep, or about clothing or any lost property that's under dispute, both parties must go to the judges for God's decision—anyone who God declares to be guilty must pay his neighbour double as compensation.

10 If anyone gives their neighbour a donkey or a cow or a sheep or any animal to look after, and it dies or is injured or disappears without anyone seeing, **11** both of them must declare in front of Yahweh as to whether or not they improperly handled their neighbour's property. The owner must accept the sworn statement and no compensation is required, **12** but if it was truly stolen from the neighbour, they must pay compensation to the owner. **13** If it was truly killed by a some other animal, the neighbour must bring the remains as evidence, and no compensation is required.

14 If anyone borrows an animal from their neighbour and it gets injured or dies without the owner being with it, the person who borrowed it must pay compensation, **15** but if its owner was there with it, no compensation is required—if it was for hire, then that was included in its hiring fee.

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203 **RV 22:4 · Note** Or possibly, must pay back **two** additional animals.

208 **LV 22:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.5

209 **LV 22:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/רֵיעַ**: (x-qere) **וֹ/רֵיעֵ**: lemma_1165 n_1.1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_02ADR **וֹ/רֵיעֵ**

210 **LV 22:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.6

211 **LV 22:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.7

212 **LV 22:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.8

213 **LV 22:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.9

214 **LV 22:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.10

215 **LV 22:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.11

216 **LV 22:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.12

217 **LV 22:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.13

218 **LV 22:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.14

219 **LV 22:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.15

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More rules about everyday life

16 If a man entices a young woman who's not engaged, and sleeps with her, he must certainly pay the bride price to her father for her to become his wife.[220] **17** If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, the man must still pay the normal bride price in cash.

18 You must execute any woman who practices sorcery.[221]

19 Anyone who has sex with an animal must be executed.[222]

20 You must execute anyone who offers a sacrifice to any god other than Yahweh.[223]

21 You mustn't disadvantage or oppress any foreigner staying in your country, because you were foreigners staying in the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[224] **22** You mustn't mistreat any widow or any fatherless child, **23** because if you do and they ask me to help them, I'll help them **24** and get angry. I'll cause you all to die in battle, and your wives will become widows and your children will become fatherless.

25 If you loan money to any my people who are poor, you mustn't act like an impartial creditor to them—you mustn't charge them interest.[225] **26** If you actually take the your neighbour's cloak as a security, you must return it to them by sunset,[226] **27** because it's their only covering. What else could they cover themselves with when they try to sleep? If they cry out to me, I'll act on it, because I'm compassionate.

28 You mustn't insult God, and don't curse your leaders.[227]

29 You mustn't fail to give me the best parts of the grain that you harvest, or the best olive oil or wine that you produce.

You must give your firstborn sons to me, **30** plus you must do

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15 [229] And_because/when a_man he_will_seduce a_virgin who not she_was_betrothed and_he_will_lie with_her/it certainly_ _(pay_the_bride-price) he_will_pay_the_bride-price_for_her for_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **16** [230] If absolutely_(refuse) father_of_her he_will_refuse to_give_her to_him/it silver he_ _will_weigh_out according_to_the_bride-price_of (the)_virgins. **17** [231] A_sorceress not you_will_let_live. **18** [232] Any_of one_who_ _lies with an_animal surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **19** [233] one_who_sacrifices to_gods he_will_be_dedicated_to_ _destruction except to/for_**YHWH** for_him/it_being_alone. **20** [234] And_a_sojourner not you_must_maltreat and_not you_ _must_oppress_him if/because sojourners you(pl)_were in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **21** [235] Any_of widow and_a_fatherless_ _one not you(pl)_must_afflict. **22** [236] If indeed_(afflict) you_will_ _afflict ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it if/because if indeed_(cry_out) he_will_cry_ _out to_me certainly_(hear) I_will_hear of_distress_of_his_cry. **23** [237] And_ anger_of_my _it_will_burn and_I_will_kill you(pl) with_sword and_ wives_of_your(pl) _they_will_be widows and_ _children_of_your(pl) fatherless_ones. **24** [238] If money you_will_ _lend_to ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my ᴅᴏᴍ the_poor_person with_you not you_must_be to_him/it like_a_creditor not you(pl)_must_put on/upon/above_him/it interest. **25** [239] If actually_(take_as_ _pledge) you_will_take_as_pledge the_cloak_of your_ _neighbour_of_your until the_sun goes you_will_return_it to_ _him/it. **26** [240] If/because it mmm[241] it_alone it cloak_of for_ _skin_of_his in_what will_he_lie_down and_it_was if/because he_will_cry_out to_me and_I_will_hear if/because am_gracious I. **27** [242] god not you_must_curse and_a_leader among_people_ _of_your not you_must_curse. **28** [243] Produce_of_your_full and_ _juice_of_your not you_must_delay the_firstborn_of your(pl)_

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220 RV 22:16-17 · Cross-ref. Deu 22:28-29.

221 RV 22:18 · Cross-ref. Deu 18:10-11.

222 RV 22:19 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:23; 20:15-16; Deu 27:21.

223 RV 22:20 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:2-7.

224 RV 22:21-22 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:9; Lev 19:33-34; Deu 24:17-18; 27:19.

225 RV 22:25 · Cross-ref. Lev 25:35-38; Deu 15:7-11; 23:19-20.

226 RV 22:26-27 · Cross-ref. Deu 24:10-13.

227 RV 22:28 · Cross-ref. Acts 23:5.

229 LV 22:15 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.16

230 LV 22:16 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.17

231 LV 22:17 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.18

232 LV 22:18 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.19

233 LV 22:19 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.20

234 LV 22:20 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.21

235 LV 22:21 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.22

236 LV 22:22 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.23

237 LV 22:23 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.24

238 LV 22:24 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.25

239 LV 22:25 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.26

240 LV 22:26 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.27

241 LV 22:26 · Note OSHB variant note: תוסכ/ה: (x-qere) תוסְכִּי/וֹ: lemma_3682 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_02CvC תוסְכִּי/וֹ

242 LV 22:27 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.28

243 LV 22:28 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.29

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_sons_of_your you_will_give to/for_me. **29** [244] Thus you_will_do to_ox_of_your to_sheep_of_your seven_of days it_will_be with his/its_mother in_the_day (the)_eighth you_will_give_it to_me. **30** [245] And_people_of holiness you(pl)_will_be to_me and_ _flesh/body in_the_field a_torn_animal not you(pl)_must_eat to_dog[s] you(pl)_will_throw ~~DOM~~_him/it.

23:1 Not you_must_bear a_report_of falsehood do_not put hand_of_your with a_wicked_person to_be a_witness_of injustice. **2** Not you_must_be after many_people to_wicked_ _deeds and_not you_must_testify on a_case_at_law by_turning_ _aside after many_people to_thrust_aside. **3** And_a_poor_ _person not you_must_honour in_his_case_of_at_law. **4** If/because you_will_meet the_ox_of your_enemy_of_your or donkey_of_his wandering_off certainly_(return) you_will_ _return_it to_him/it. **5** If/because you_will_see the_donkey_of one_who_hates_you lying_down under load_of_its and_you_ _will_refrain from_leaving to_him/it certainly_(rearrange) you_ _will_rearrange_it with_him/it. **6** Not you_must_turn_aside the_justice_of your_needy_person in_his_case_of_at_law. **7** From_a_message_of falsehood you_will_be_distant and_an_ _innocent_person and_a_righteous_person do_not kill if/because not I_will_declare_righteous a_wicked_person. **8** And_a_bribe not you_must_take if/because (the)_bribe it_ _makes_blind clear-sighted_people and_it_perverts the_ _words/messages_of righteous_people. **9** And_a_sojourner not you_must_oppress and_you(pl) you(pl)_have_known ~~DOM~~ the_ _life_of the_sojourner if/because sojourners you(pl)_were in_ _land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

10 And_six years you_will_sow ~~DOM~~ land_of_your and_you_will_ _gather ~~DOM~~ produce_of_its. **11** And_the_seventh_year you_will_ _let_it_rest and_you_will_leave_it_fallow and_ the_needy_ _people_of your_people_of_your _they_will_eat and_excess_of_ _their the_animal[s]_of the_field it_will_eat thus you_will_do to_vineyard_of_your to_your_olive_of_grove. **12** Six_of days you_will_do work(s)_of_your and_on_day the_seventh you_will_ _rest so_that ox_of_your and_donkey_of_your it_may_rest and_ the_child_of your_female_slave_of_your and_the_sojourner _ _he_will_refresh_himself. **13** And_to_all that I_have_said to_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_take_heed and_name_of gods other not you(pl)_will_bring_to_remembrance not it_will_be_heard on mouth_of_your.

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the same with your cattle and your sheep and goats. The young must stay seven days with their mothers, then you must give them to me on the eighth day.

31 You must be different from others because you're dedicated to me. So you mustn't eat the meat of animals that are mauled in the countryside—throw it to the dogs instead.[228]

Rules about honesty and kindness

23:1 You mustn't present a false statement. Don't conspire with a wicked person to give false evidence.[246] **2** Don't just follow the crowd into doing what's wrong, and don't just say what others say in court if it's untrue, **3** and don't automatically favour the poor in court either.[247]

4 If you come across your enemy's cow or donkey going astray, you must certainly take it back to them.[248] **5** If you see that the donkey of someone who hates you has fallen to the ground under its load, you mustn't just walk way—you must certainly help them with it.

6 You mustn't deny justice to the poor in their lawsuits.[249] **7** Stay far way from deceptive words. You mustn't kill innocent or honest people because I won't allow wicked people to be declared innocent. **8** You mustn't accept bribes, because bribes stop people from being unbiased and they undermine the words of honest people.

9 You mustn't oppress foreigners since you yourselves know how that feels because you all were foreigners in Mitsrayim (Egypt).[250]

The seventh year and the seventh day

10 You should plant your land and gather its produce for six years,[251] **11** but in the seventh year you must let the harvest drop and just leave it there and allow the poor people to eat it. Then the animals in the countryside can eat the reminder. You must also do that to your vineyards and your olive orchards.

12 Six days You should work for six days, then on the seventh day you must rest so that your cow and your donkey can rest, and the children of your slaves and the foreigner staying in your land can be refreshed.[252]

13 Take careful notice of everything that I've told you all. You all mustn't invoke other gods—in fact don't even mention their names.

228 **RV 22:31 · Cross-ref.** Lev 17:15.

244 **LV 22:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.30

245 **LV 22:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.31

246 **RV 23:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:16; Lev 19:11-12; Deu 5:20.

247 **RV 23:3 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:15.

248 **RV 23:4-5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 22:1-4.

249 **RV 23:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:15; Deu 16:19.

250 **RV 23:9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:21; Lev 19:33-34; Deu 24:17-18; 27:19.

251 **RV 23:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:1-7.

252 **RV 23:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:9-11; 31:15; 34:21; 35:2; Lev 23:3; Deu 5:13-14.

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14 You must celebrate me three times every year. **15** 1/ You must observe the *Flat Bread Celebration*. You must eat unleavened bread for seven days as I commanded you, in late March or early April because that's when you came out from Mitsrayim (Egypt). You mustn't come without an offering.[254]

Three compulsory celebrations each year[253]

16 2/ You must observe the *Spring Harvest Celebration*, bringing the first portion of your harvests from what you planted.

3/ You must observe the *Finished Harvest Celebration* at the end of the year, after you've finished harvesting everything you planted. **17** So all your males must gather in front of the master Yahweh three times each year.

18 You mustn't sacrifice the blood of my sacrifices together with bread that's been risen, and all the fat must be burnt during the night so that none remains in the morning.

19 You must bring the best of the firstfruits of your harvests to the house of Yahweh your god.

You mustn't boil a young goat in its mother's milk.[255]

Promises and teachings

20 Listen, I'm about to send a messenger in front of you to guard you on the way, and to take you to the place that I have prepared. **21** Stay behind him and listen to what he says. Don't annoy him because he won't put up with disobedience because he represents my authority. **22** But if you take careful notice of his words and do everything that I say, then I'll be an enemy to your enemies and I'll be against those who are against you. **23** My messenger will go ahead of you and take you to face the Amorim, the Hitim, the Perizim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Hivim, and the Yevusim, and then I'll annihilate them. **24** You mustn't serve or bow down to their gods, and you mustn't do what those people do, because you must completely overthrow them and completely smash their sacred stone pillars. **25** You all must worship your god Yahweh, and he'll bless your food and your water. I'll keep sickness away from you **26** and there won't be any miscarriages or women in your land that can't conceive. I'll ensure that you live your full number of days.

27 I'll go ahead of you and will terrify and confuse all of the people groups whose lands you'll enter, and I'll cause them to flee from you in battle. **28** I'll send hornets ahead of you and they'll drive out the Hivim, the Kena'anim, and the Hitim before you get there. **29** I won't drive them out more than a year ahead of you in case the area becomes desolate and the wild animals proliferate too much in the countryside. **30** I'll drive them out little by little ahead of you until your numbers increase and you take over the land. **31** Then I'll help you establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean, and from the wilderness to the Perat (Euphrates) river, because I'll help you defeat the existing inhabitants of the land and so you'll drive them right

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14 Three feet you_will_celebrate_a_festival to_me in_year. **15** ĐØM the_festival_of the_unleavened_bread(s) you_will_keep seven_of days you_will_eat unleavened_bread(s) just_as I_ _commanded_you to_the_appointed_time the_month_of (the)_ _'Āvīv if/because in_him/it you_came_out from_Mitsrayim and_not they_will_present_themselves presence_of_my empty. **16** And_the_festival_of the_harvest the_first-fruits_of your(pl)_ _work(s)_of_your which you_will_sow in_the_field and_the_ _festival_of the_ingathering when_ the_year _goes_out when_ _you_have_gathered ĐØM work(s)_of_your from the_field. **17** Three times in_year every_of male_of_your he_will_present_ _himself to the_presence_of the_master **YHWH**. **18** Not you_ _must_sacrifice with leaven the_blood_of my_sacrifice_of_my and_not the_fat_of my_festival_sacrifice_of_my it_will_remain_ _overnight until morning. **19** The_first_of the_first-fruits_of your_ground_of_your you_will_bring the_house_of **YHWH** god_ _of_your not you_must_boil a_kid in_the_milk_of his/its_ _mother.

20 HERE I am_about_to_send an_messenger to_your_face to_ _guard_you on_journey and_to_bring_you into the_place which I_have_prepared. **21** Take_care from_before_of_him and_listen to_voice_of_his do_not cause_bitterness in/on/over_him/it if/because not he_will_forgive to_transgression_of_your(pl) if/because name_of_my is_within_of_him. **22** If/because if carefully_(listen) you_will_listen to_voice_of_his and_you_will_ _do all that I_will_say and_I_will_be_an_enemy_to ĐØM enemies_of_your and_I_will_treat_as_a_foe ĐØM foes_of_your. **23** If/because messenger_of_my he_will_go to_your_face and_ _he_will_bring_you to the_'Amorī and_the_Ḫittiy[s] and_the_ _Pərizzī[s] and_the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] the_Ḫiūī and_the_ _Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] and_I_will_annihilate_it. **24** Not you_ _must_bow_down to_gods_of_their and_not you_must_be_ _enticed_to_serve_them and_not you_must_make like_works_ _of_their if/because completely_(tear_down) you_will_tear_ _them_down and_totally_(shatter) you_will_shatter_into_pieces pillars_of_their_sacred. **25** And_you(pl)_will_serve ĐØM **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_he_will_bless ĐØM food_of_your and_ĐØM water_of_your and_I_will_remove sickness from_midst_of_your. **26** Not miscarrying and_barren anyone_will_be in_land_of_your ĐØM the_number_of your(pl)_days_of_your I_will_complete. **27** ĐØM terror_of_my I_will_send to_your_face and_I_will_ _confuse ĐØM every_of (the)_people which you_will_go (is)_in_ _them and_I_will_give ĐØM all_of enemies_of_your to_you neck. **28** And_I_will_send ĐØM the_hornet to_your_face and_it_will_ _drive_out ĐØM the_Ḫiūī ĐØM the_Kəna'ₐnī[s] and_ĐØM the_ _Ḫittiy[s] from_before_face_of_you. **29** Not I_will_drive_it_out from_before_of_you in_a_year one lest the_earth/land it_ _should_become a_waste and_it_will_become_many on_you the_animal[s]_of the_field. **30** Little little I_will_drive_it_out from_before_of_you until that you_will_be_fruitful and_you_ _will_possess ĐØM the_earth/land. **31** And_I_will_set ĐØM border_of_your from_the_sea_of reed[s] and_unto the_sea_of

253 **RV 23:14 · Parallel** Exo. 34:18-26; Deu. 16:1-17

254 **RV 23:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:14-20; Lev 23:6-8; Num 28:17-25.

255 **RV 23:19 · Cross-ref.** Deu 26:2; Exo 34:26; Deu 14:21.

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the_Pəlishtiy and_from_the_wilderness to the_river if/because I_will_give in_hand_of_your(pl) ĐOM the_inhabitants_of the_ _earth/land and_you_will_drive_them_out from_before_of_you. **32** Not you_must_make to/for_them and_to_gods_of_their a_ _covenant. **33** Not they_will_dwell in_land_of_your lest they_ _should_cause_to_sin you to_me if/because you_will_serve ĐOM gods_of_their if/because it_will_become to/for_yourself(m) (into)_a_snare.

24:1 And_near/to Mosheh he_said come_up to **YHWH** you and_ _'Ah$_a$ron Nādāv and_'Avīhū' and_seventy of_the_elders_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(pl)_will_bow_down from_a_distance. **2** And_ Mosheh _he_will_draw_near for_him/it_being_alone to **YHWH** and_they not they_will_draw_near and_the_people not they_will_come_up with_him/it. **3** And_ Mosheh _he_went and_ _he_recounted to_people ĐOM all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** and_ĐOM all_of the_judgements and_ all_of the_people _ _it_answered a_voice one and_they_said all_of the_ _words/messages which **YHWH** he_has_spoken we_will_do. **4** And_ Mosheh _he_wrote ĐOM all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** and_he_rose_early in_morning and_he/it_built an_altar under the_mountain and_two_plus ten pillar[s] for_two_plus ten the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_he_sent ĐOM the_ _young_men_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_ _offered_up burnt_offerings and_they_sacrificed sacrifices peace_offerings to/for_**YHWH** young_bulls. **6** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_took (the)_half_of the_blood and_he/it_assigned in_ _bowls and_(the)_half_of the_blood he_sprinkled on the_altar. **7** And_he/it_took the_book_of the_covenant and_he/it_called in_the_ears_of the_people and_they_said all that **YHWH** he_ _has_spoken we_will_do and_we_will_obey. **8** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_took ĐOM the_blood and_he_sprinkled_it on the_people and_he/it_said HERE the_blood_of the_covenant which **YHWH** he_has_made with_you(pl) on all_of the_words/messages the_ _these. **9** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron Nādāv and_'Avīhū' and_ _seventy of_the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended. **10** And_they_saw ĐOM the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_was_ _under feet_of_his like_the_working_of (the)_pavement_of (the)_sapphire and_like_the_substance_of the_heavens to_ _purity. **11** And_near/to the_nobles_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_stretched_out his/its_hand and_they_ _saw ĐOM the_'Elohīm and_they_ate and_they_drank.

12 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh come_up to_me to_the_ _mountain and_be there so_that_I_may_give to/for_yourself(m) ĐOM the_tablets_of (the)_stone and_the_law and_the_command which I_have_written to_teach_them. **13** And_ Mosheh and_ _Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) servant_of_his _he/it_rose_up and_ Mosheh _he/it_ascended to the_mountain_of the_'Elohīm. **14** And_near/to the_elders he_said remain to/for_us in_this_ _place until that we_will_return to_you(pl) and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE 'Ah$_a$ron and_Ḥūr are_with_you(pl) whoever is_a_master_of matters he_will_draw_near to_them. **15** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ascended to the_mountain and_ the_cloud _it_ _covered ĐOM the_mountain. **16** And_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_ _settled_down on the_mountain_of Ṣīnay and_it_covered_it

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out. **32** You mustn't make any agreement with those people or with their gods. **33** They mustn't live in your land, in case they cause you to sin against me. Their gods would certainly become a trap for you, and then you'd end up worshipping them.

The people confirm their agreement

24:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Come up the mountain to me—you, Aharon (Aaron), Nadav, Avihu and seventy of the Israeli elders, and you must stay at a distance to worship. **2** Then Mosheh alone must approach me, but the others mustn't come near, and also the people mustn't come up with him."

3 So Mosheh went and explained to the people everything that Yahweh had said, including all the regulations. Then all of the people answered in unison, "We'll do everything that Yahweh has told us to do." **4** So Mosheh wrote down everything that Yahweh had instructed. Then he got up early in the morning and built an altar at the bottom of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars for the twelve tribes of Yisrael (Israel), **5** and he sent some young men to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice some bulls as peace offerings to Yahweh. **6** Mosheh took half of the blood from the sacrifices and put it into basins. He sprinkled the other half of the blood onto the altar. **7** Then he took the scroll with the agreement written on it and read it out loud to the people, and they responded, "We'll obey everything that Yahweh has instructed."

8 Then Mosheh took the blood in the bowls and sprinkled it onto the people,[256] telling them, "Look. This is the blood confirming the agreement[257] that Yahweh has made with you according to what you just heard."

9 Then Mosheh, Aharon (Aaron), Nadav, Avihu, and seventy Israeli elders climbed up the mountain **10** and they saw the god of Yisrael. Under his feet was something like a tile made of sapphire that looked so pure that it was as clear as the sky. **11** Those Israeli leaders saw God and yet they weren't harmed by him.. Then they ate and drank together.

Mosheh's long stay on Mt. Sinay

12 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, and I will give you some stone slabs with the rules and regulations that I have written on them so you can to teach them to the people." **13** So Mosheh and his assistant Yehoshua (Joshua) set off, and Mosheh climbed up God's mountain. **14** He had already told the elders, "Wait for us down here in this place until we return here to you all. And see, Aharon (Aaron) and Hur are with you—any leader judging matters requiring more wisdom can approach them for help."

15 Then Mosheh went to the base of the mountain and a cloud

256 RV 24:8 · Cross-ref. Heb 9:19-20.

257 RV 24:8 · Cross-ref. Mat 26:28; Mrk 14:24; Luk 22:20; 1Cor 11:25; Heb 10:29.

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covered over it. **16** Yahweh's radiance settled on Mt. Sinay, and the cloud covered it for six days, then on the seventh day he called to Mosheh from within the cloud. **17** The appearance of Yahweh's radiance was like a roaring fire on the top of the mountain from what the Israelis below could see. **18** Then Mosheh entered into the cloud and continued up the mountain, and he remained up there for forty full days.[258]

Contributions for God's tent[259]

25:1 Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Tell the Israelis that they should raise funds for me. You should collect a contribution from every family that's willing to donate. **3** You should accept contributions of gold, silver, or bronze, **4** as well as yarn dyed blue, purple, or crimson, plus finely-spun linen and spun goat hair, **5** and red-dyed ram skins, fine leather, and acacia timber. **6** Also lamp oil, spices for making anointing oil and fragrant incense, **7** onyx and other gemstones for setting into the apron and the breastplate. **8** Then they should make me a residence so I can live in it among them, **9** according to the patterns that I'll show you for the residence and for all of its utensils. You all must make all of it exactly to plan.

The box to hold the stone slabs[260]

10 They must make a wooden chest from acacia wood. It should be 125cm long, with the width and the height being 75cm. **11** It must be overlaid with pure gold sheeting on the outside and the inside, and have a gold moulding fitted all around it. **12** Four gold rings must be cast and attached to the four feet—two rings on each side. **13** Make two carrying poles from acacia wood and overlay them with gold sheeting. **14** Those poles will be inserted through the rings on the sides of the chest so it can be picked up and carried on them. **15** The poles must be kept in the rings on the chest—they mustn't be removed. **16** The two stone slabs that I'll give you with our agreement inscribed on them must be placed inside the chest.

17 You must make a lid the same length and width as the chest. It must be made of pure gold and will be known as 'the atonement platform'.[261] **18** Then make a pair of winged-creatures from gold that's hammered from the two ends of the atonement platform. **19** Yes, make one winged-creature from each end of the gold lid material. **20** Their up-lifted wings should spread out covering the atonement platform and they should be facing each other across the top of the platform. **21** When I give you the stone slabs, put them inside the box and then fasten the atonement platform on top to form the lid. **22** Then I'll meet with you there, and from the atonement platform between the two winged-creatures and above the stone slabs, I'll be able to tell

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the_cloud six_of days and_he/it_called (to) Mosheh in_the_day the_seventh from_the_middle_of the_cloud. **17** And_appearance of_the_glory_of of_**YHWH** was_like_a_fire consuming on_the_ _top_of the_mountain to_the_eyes_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **18** And_ Mosheh _he_went in_the_middle of_ _the_cloud and_he/it_ascended to the_mountain and_he/it_ _was Mosheh on_mountain forty day[s] and_forty night[s].
25:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_they_may_take to_me a_ _contribution from_with every_of person whom it_will_impel_ _him his/its_heart you(pl)_will_take ~~DOM~~ contribution_of_my. **3** And_this is_the_contribution which you(pl)_will_take from_ _with_them gold and_silver and_bronze. **4** And_violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen and_ _goat_hair(s). **5** And_hides_of rams dyed_red and_skins_of dolphins and_wood(s)_of acacia. **6** Oil for_light spices for_the_ _oil_of the_anointing and_for_the_incense_of the_perfume(s). **7** Stones_of onyx and_stones_of setting(s) for_ephod and_for_ _breastpiece. **8** And_they_will_make to_me a_sanctuary and_I_ _will_dwell among_them. **9** According_to_all that I am_about_ _to_show you ~~DOM~~ the_pattern_of the_tabernacle and_~~DOM~~ the_ _pattern_of all_of articles_of_its and_thus/so/as_follows you(pl)_will_make_it.

10 And_they_will_make an_box_of wood(s)_of acacia will_be_ _two_cubits and_a_half length_of_its and_will_be_a_cubit and_ _a_half breadth_of_its and_will_be_a_cubit and_a_half height_ _of_its. **11** And_you_will_overlay ~~DOM~~_him/it gold pure from_ _inside and_from_outside you_will_overlay_it and_you_will_ _make on/upon/above_him/it a_moulding_of gold all_around. **12** And_you_will_throw for_him/it four rings_of gold and_ _you(ms)_will_give on the_four feet_of_its and_two_of rings will_be_on side_of_its (the)_one and_two_of rings will_be_on side_of_its the_second(fs). **13** And_you_will_make poles_of wood(s)_of acacia and_you_will_overlay ~~DOM~~_them gold. **14** And_you_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_poles in_rings on the_sides_of the_box to_carry ~~DOM~~ the_box by_them. **15** In_the_rings_of the_ _box the_poles they_will_be not they_will_be_removed from_it. **16** And_you_will_put into the_box ~~DOM~~ the_transcript which I_ _will_give to_you. **17** And_you_will_make an_atonement_cover_ _of gold pure will_be_two_cubits and_a_half length_of_its and_ _will_be_a_cubit and_a_half breadth_of_its. **18** And_you_will_ _make two cherubim gold hammered_work you_will_make ~~DOM~~_them from_the_two_of the_ends_of the_atonement_cover. **19** And_make a_cherub one from_an_end from_this and_a_ _cherub one from_an_end from_this from the_atonement_ _cover you(pl)_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_cherubims on the_two_of ends_of_its. **20** And_ the_cherubims _they_will_be spreading_ _out_of (of)_wings (to)_upwards covering with_wings_of_their over the_atonement_cover and_faces_of_their each will_be_to his/its_brother to the_atonement_cover they_will_be the_ _faces_of the_cherubims. **21** And_you_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_

258 **RV 24:18 · Cross-ref.** Deu 9:9.
259 **RV 25:1 · Parallel** Exo. 35:4-9
260 **RV 25:10 · Parallel** Exo. 37:1-9
261 **RV 25:17 · Cross-ref.** Heb 9:5.

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_atonement_cover on the_box from_to_above and_near/to the_ _box you_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_transcript which I_will_give to_you. **22** And_I_will_meet to/for_yourself(m) there and_I_will_speak with_you from_under the_atonement_cover from_between the_ _two_of the_cherubims which will_be_above the_box_of the_ _transcript ~~DOM~~ all_of that I_will_command you to the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

23 And_you_will_make a_table wood(s)_of acacia will_be_two_ _cubits length_of_its and_will_be_a_cubit breadth_of_its and_ _will_be_a_cubit and_a_half height_of_its. **24** And_you_will_ _overlay ~~DOM~~_him/it gold pure and_you_will_make for_him/it a_moulding_of gold all_around. **25** And_you_will_make for_ _him/it a_rim_of a_hand_breadth all_around and_you_will_ _make a_moulding_of gold for_rim_of_its all_around. **26** And_ _you_will_make for_him/it four rings_of gold and_you_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_rings on the_four the_corners which will_belong_to_ _the_four feet_of_its. **27** Close_to_of the_rim they_will_be the_ _rings to_holders for_poles to_carry ~~DOM~~ the_table. **28** And_ _you_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_poles wood(s)_of acacia and_you_will_ _overlay ~~DOM~~_them gold and_it_will_be_carried by_them ~~DOM~~ the_table. **29** And_you_will_make dishes_of_its and_pans_of_its and_jugs_of_its and_bowls_of_its which it_will_be_poured_out with_them gold pure you_will_make ~~DOM~~_them. **30** And_you_ _will_put on the_table bread_of presence to/for_my_face/front continually.

31 And_you_will_make a_lampstand_of gold pure hammered_ _work the_lampstand base_of_its and_shaft_of_its it_will_be_ _made cups_of_its bulbs_of_its and_blossoms_of_its from_her/it they_will_be. **32** And_six branches will_be_going_out from_ _sides_of_its three branches_of lampstand will_be_of_from_its_ _side the_one and_three branches_of lampstand will_be_of_ _from_its_side the_second. **33** Three cups shaped_like_almond_ _blossoms will_on_the_branch the_one a_bulb and_a_blossom and_three cups shaped_like_almond_blossoms will_on_the_ _branch the_one a_bulb and_a_blossom thus for_the_six_of the_ _branches which_go_out from the_lampstand. **34** And_will_on_ _the_lampstand four cups shaped_like_almond_blossoms bulbs_ _of_its and_blossoms_of_its. **35** And_a_bulb will_be_under two_ _of the_branches from_her/it and_a_bulb will_be_under two_of the_branches from_her/it and_a_bulb will_be_under two_of the_branches from_her/it for_the_six_of the_branches which_ _go_out from the_lampstand. **36** Bulbs_of_their and_branches_ _of_their from_her/it they_will_be of_it_of_all will_be_ _hammered_work one gold pure. **37** And_you_will_make ~~DOM~~ lamps_of_its seven and_it_will_lift_up ~~DOM~~ lamps_of_its and_it_ _will_give_light on the_side_of its_face_of_her. **38** And_tongs_ _of_its and_fire-pans_of_its will_be_gold pure. **39** A_talent gold pure someone_will_make ~~DOM~~_her/it ~~DOM~~ all_of the_vessels the_these. **40** And_see and_make_them in_pattern_of_their which you are_being_shown on_mountain.

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you my commands to pass on to the Israelis.

The bread offering table[262]

23 You must make a table from acacia wood: one metre long, 500cm wide, and 750cm high. **24** Overlay it with pure gold and have a gold moulding fitted all around it. **25** Make an 8cm wide rim around it and fit a gold moulding onto the rim. **26** Make four gold rings and attach them near the legs on the four corners of the table **27** near the rim. The rings are so poles can be inserted in order to carry the table. **28** Make two poles out of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold for carrying the table. **29** In addition, make the necessary plates and pans, and the pitchers and bowls to be used for pouring out the wine offerings—all from pure gold. **30** You must keep sacred bread on the table continually in front of me.[263]

The lampstand[264]

31 You must make a lampstand from pure gold. The base and shaft are to be hammered out of one piece of gold as well as its cups and decorative buds and flowers. **32** There must be six branches extending from the shaft—three on each side. **33** Three cups shaped like almond flowers must be on each branch along with a bud and petals. **34** The centre shaft must have four cups like almond flowers along with a bud and petals. **35** For each of the three pairs of branches (one branch out each side in each pair), make a bud on the centre shaft so each pair of branches appear to be growing out of it. **36** These buds and their branches must all be hammered out from that single piece of pure gold. **37** Make seven lamps and set them up on it to give light out from the front of it, **38** and make all the utensils and dishes for the lamps from pure gold. **39** This can all be made from 35kg of pure gold **40** and be sure to make it all like the pattern that you're being shown on the mountain.[265]

262 RV 25:23 · Parallel Exo. 37:10-16

263 RV 25:30 · Cross-ref. Lev 24:5-8.

264 RV 25:31 · Parallel Exo. 37:17-24

265 RV 25:40 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:44; Heb 8:5.

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Plans for the sacred residence[266]

26:1 You must make my residence with ten fabric panels formed by a skilled craftsman. They must be made from twisted finely-spun linen, with winged-creatures embroidered on them using blue, purple, and scarlet thread. **2** The hanging panels must all be the same size: 14.5m long and two metres wide. **3** Five of the panels will be coupled together as one set and the other five as another. **4** For each set, make loops of blue cloth and fasten them along the outer edge of each of the end panels— **5** place fifty loops on the end of each set so that the loops are opposite each other. **6** You'll also need to make fifty gold clips to join the two sets together to make a single walled structure.

7 You must make eleven panels with goats' hair to form a tent over the residence. **8** Each of the eleven panels must be the same size: 15m long and two metres wide. **9** You must join five panels into a set, and six panels into the other set so that the sixth panel can be doubled over at the front of the tent. **10** You must make 50 loops to go onto the end of one set, and another 50 for the edge of the other set. **11** You'll also need to make fifty bronze clips to join the two sets together to make the tent cover. **12** Let the extra half panel hang over the back of the residence. **13** The half metre of extra length on each side that extends beyond the linen sets will hang evenly over the sides.

14 You must make a covering of rams hides dyed red to go over the tent, then another covering sea-cow hides to go over that.

The wooden frames

15 You must make frames for my residence from acacia wood. They'll stand upright **16** and each one must be five metres high and 0.75m wide. **17** Each frame must have two protrusions so it can be connected to the frame next to it. **18** Assemble twenty frames for the south side of the residence **19** along with forty silver bases to go underneath them—two bases supporting each frame, and each frame having two protrusions at the bottom to go into the bases. **20** For the north side, assemble twenty frames **21** along with forty silver bases—two under each frame. **22** For the rear of the residence facing west, assemble six frames **23** plus two extra frames for bracing the two back corners— **24** they must be joined on at the bottom and then both of them have their tops attached to a ring. **25** Then assem-

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26:1 And_~~DOM~~ the_tabernacle you_will_make ten curtains fine_ _linen twisted and_violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet cherubim the_work_of a_skillful_worker you_will_make ~~DOM~~_them. **2** The_length_of the_curtain the_one(f) will_be_ _eight and_twenty by_cubit and_the_breadth will_be_four by_ _cubit the_curtain (the)_one size one to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_curtains. **3** Five of_the_curtains they_ _will_be joined each to sister_of_its and_five curtains will_be_ _joined each to sister_of_its. **4** And_you_will_make loops_of violet_stuff on the_edge_of the_curtain (the)_one from_an_end in_set and_thus/so/as_follows you_will_do on_the_edge_of the_ _curtain (the)_outermost in_set the_second(fs). **5** Fifty loops you_will_make on_curtain (the)_one and_fifty loops you_will_ _make on_the_end_of the_curtain which is_in_set the_ _second(fs) the_loops will_be_opposite each to sister_of_its. **6** And_you_will_make fifty hooks_of gold and_you_will_join[267] ~~DOM~~ the_curtains each to sister_of_its with_hooks and_it_was the_tabernacle one. **7** And_you_will_make curtains_of goat_ _hair(s) into_a_tent over the_tabernacle one_plus_of ten curtains you_will_make ~~DOM~~_them. **8** The_length_of the_curtain the_one(f) will_be_thirty by_cubit and_the_breadth will_be_ _four by_cubit the_curtain (the)_one size one will_belong_to_ _one_plus_of ten curtains. **9** And_you_will_join ~~DOM~~ five of_the_ _curtains alone_one and_~~DOM~~ six of_the_curtains alone_one and_you_will_fold_double ~~DOM~~ the_curtain (the)_sixth to the_ _front of_the_face_of of_the_tent. **10** And_you_will_make fifty loops on the_edge_of the_curtain (the)_one (the)_outermost in_ _set and_fifty loops on the_edge_of the_curtain the_joined_set the_second(fs). **11** And_you_will_make hooks_of bronze fifty and_you_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_hooks in_loops and_you_will_join_ _together ~~DOM~~ the_tent and_it_was one. **12** And_the_ _overhanging of_the_surplus in_the_curtains_of the_tent the_ _half_of the_curtain (the)_surplus it_will_overhang over the_ _rear of_the_tabernacle. **13** And_the_cubit from_this and_the_ _cubit from_this in_surplus in_the_length_of the_curtains_of the_tent it_will_be projecting over the_sides_of the_tabernacle from_this and_from_this to_cover_it. **14** And_you_will_make a_ _covering for_tent hides_of rams dyed_red and_a_covering_of skins_of dolphins from_to_above.

15 And_you_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_frames for_tabernacle wood(s)_ _of acacia standing_upright. **16** Will_be_ten cubits the_length_ _of the_frame and_will_be_a_cubit and_the_half_of the_cubit the_breadth_of the_frame the_one. **17** Two_of hands will_to_ _the_frame the_one joined each to sister_of_its thus you_will_ _do to_all/each/any/every the_frames_of the_tabernacle. **18** And_you_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_frames for_tabernacle twenty frame[s] will_belong_to_the_side_of southward_of southward. **19** And_forty bases_of silver you_will_make under twenty the_ _frame[s] two_of bases will_be_under the_frame the_one for_ _the_two_of hands_of_its and_two_of bases will_be_under the_ _frame the_one for_the_two_of hands_of_its. **20** And_for_the_ _side_of the_tabernacle the_second(fs) will_belong_to_the_ _side_of the_north twenty frame[s]. **21** And_forty bases_of_their will_be_silver two_of bases will_be_under the_frame the_one

266 **RV 26:1 · Parallel** Exo. 36:8-38

267 **LV 26:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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and_two_of bases will_be_under the_frame the_one. **22** And_ _for_the_innermost_parts_of the_tabernacle westward you_ _will_make six frames. **23** And_two_of frames you_will_make for_the_corners_of the_tabernacle in_parts. **24** And_they_will_ _be twins from_to_downwards and_together they_will_be complete on his/its_head into the_ring (the)_one thus it_will_ _be for_both_of_of_them (into)_the_two_of the_corners they_ _will_become. **25** And_ eight frames _they_will_be and_bases_ _of_their silver will_be_six- teen bases two_of bases will_be_ _under the_frame the_one and_two_of bases will_be_under the_ _frame the_one. **26** And_you_will_make bars wood(s)_of acacia five_bars will_belong_to_the_frames_of the_side_of the_ _tabernacle the_one. **27** And_five bars will_belong_to_the_ _frames_of the_side_of the_tabernacle the_second(fs) and_five bars will_belong_to_the_frames_of the_side_of the_tabernacle for_parts westward_on. **28** And_the_bar (the)_middle in_the_ _middle of_the_frames will_be_passing_through from the_end to the_end. **29** And_ĐOM the_frames you_will_overlay gold and_ _ĐOM rings_of_their you_will_make gold holders for_bars and_ _you_will_overlay ĐOM the_bars gold. **30** And_you_will_set_up ĐOM the_tabernacle according_to_of_its_plan which you_have_ _been_shown on_mountain.

31 And_you_will_make a_curtain violet_stuff and_purple and_ _scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_work_of a_ _skillful_worker someone_will_make ĐOM_her/it cherubim. **32** And_you(ms)_will_give ĐOM_her/it on four pillars_of acacia overlaid gold hooks_of_their will_be_gold on four bases_of silver. **33** And_you(ms)_will_give ĐOM the_curtain under the_ _hooks and_you_will_bring there_(to) from_inside_of to_ _curtain ĐOM the_box_of the_transcript and_ the_curtain _it_ _will_separate to/for_you(pl) between the_holy_place and_ _between the_holy_place_of the_holy_places. **34** And_you_will_ _put ĐOM the_atonement_cover on the_box_of the_transcript in_the_holy_place_of the_holy_places. **35** And_you_will_put ĐOM the_table from_the_outside of_curtain and_ĐOM the_lampstand opposite_to the_table on the_side_of the_tabernacle southward_toward and_the_table you_will_put on the_side_of the_north. **36** And_you_will_make a_screen for_the_entrance_of the_tent violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_work_of a_worker_in_colours. **37** And_you_will_make for_screen five pillars_of acacia and_ _you_will_overlay ĐOM_them gold hooks_of_their will_be_gold and_you_will_throw to/for_them five bases_of bronze.

27:1 And_you_will_make ĐOM the_altar wood(s)_of acacia five cubits length and_five cubits breadth square it_will_be the_ _altar and_will_be_three cubits height_of_its. **2** And_you_will_ _make horns_of_its on the_four corners_of_its from_him/it they_will_be horns_of_its and_you_will_overlay ĐOM_him/it bronze. **3** And_you_will_make pots_of_its to_take_away_its_ _fatty_ashes and_shovels_of_its and_bowls_of_its and_forks_of_ _its and_fire-pans_of_its to/from_all/each/any/every articles_ _of_its you_will_make bronze. **4** And_you_will_make for_him/it a_grating a_work_of a_net_of bronze and_you_will_make on

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ble eight frames with their sixteen silver bases—two bases supporting each frame.

26 Make crossbars from acacia wood—five of them to go across the frames on the northern side, **27** five for the south side, and five for the frames at the rear of the residence on the western side. **28** The middle crossbar in the centre of the frames will go right through from one end to the other. **29** Overlay the frames and the crossbars with gold, and make the rings for holding the crossbars with gold. **30** Then you must assemble my residence exactly as per the plan that you were shown on the mountain.

The curtain

31 You must have a skillful workman make a curtain from twisted finely-spun linen, with winged-creatures embroidered on them using blue, purple, and scarlet thread. **32** Hang it from gold clips on four pillars made from acacia wood overlaid with gold on four silver bases. **33** Hang the curtain under the clips, then bring the box that contains the agreement inside the curtain. That curtain will separate for you between the sacred section and the *very* sacred interior.[268] **34** Install the atonement platform as the lid on the box there in the very sacred interior. **35** Set the table up outside the curtain on the north side, with the lampstand on the south side opposite the table.

36 Then make a curtain out of twisted finely-spun linen for the entrance of the tent. It should be embroidered with blue, purple and scarlet yarn. **37** Make five pillars for the curtain from acacia wood overlaid with gold. The hooks on them must be made of gold, and their five bases must be cast with bronze.

The altar for burnt offerings[269]

27:1 Make an altar from acacia wood that's 2.5m square and 1.5m high **2** and as part of that same piece of wood, include a carved projection like a horn on each of the top corners of the altar. Overlay the altar with bronze. **3** Make pots for the ashes out of bronze, along with the necessary shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks, and fire-trays. **4** Then make a bronze grating for it with four rings of bronze on the four corners. **5** Fit it down onto a ledge inside the altar so that it sits inside the altar about halfway up. **6** Also,

268 **RV 26:33 · Cross-ref.** Heb 6:19; 9:3-5.

269 **RV 27:1 · Parallel** Exo. 38:1-7

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make poles from acacia wood for the altar and overlay them with bronze. **7** They'll be able to be put into rings on two sides of the altar for carrying it. **8** The altar should be hollow in the middle and made from wooden planks just like you were shown on the mountain.

The courtyard around the sacred tent[270]

9 Make curtains of twisted finely-spun linen to form a courtyard around the residence. The south side will require fifty metres of curtain **10** with twenty bronze pillars and their twenty bases. The hooks on the pillars and the clips must be made of silver. **11** Similarly on the north side, another fifty metres of curtain with twenty pillars and their bases and their hooks and clips. **12** The west side will require twenty-five metres of curtain with ten pillars and bases. **13** The east side of the courtyard must also be twenty-five metres wide. **14** On one side of the gate, the curtain will be 7.5m long with three pillars and bases, **15** and the same on the other side. **16** The entrance curtain must be made of twisted finely-spun linen. It'll be ten metres wide and hang on four pillars with their bases, and must be embroidered with blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **17** All the pillars for the courtyard must have silver decorations around them, as well as their silver hooks and bronze bases. **18** So the courtyard will be fifty metres by twenty-five metres and the curtain enclosure will be 2.5m high. All the curtains will be made of finely-spun linen, and the bases under all the pillars will be bronze. **19** All the equipment for the operation of the residence and all the tent pegs and pegs for the courtyard must be made of bronze.

The oil for the lamps[273]

20 Order the Israelis to bring you pure, pressed olive oil for the lamps so they can be kept burning continually. **21** In the outer portion of the sacred tent (outside the curtain where the sacred box is kept), Aharon (Aaron) and his sons must attend to the lampstand in front of Yahweh from evening to morning. This regulation will apply continually to all future generations of Israelis.

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the_net four rings_of bronze on four ends_of_its. **5** And_ _you(ms)_will_give ~~DOM~~_her/it under the_ledge_of the_altar from_to_downwards and_ the_net _it_will_be to the_middle_of the_altar. **6** And_you_will_make poles for_altar poles_of wood(s)_of acacia and_you_will_overlay ~~DOM~~_them bronze. **7** And_ ~~DOM~~ poles_of_its _it_will_be_put in_rings and_they_will_ _be the_poles on the_two_of the_sides_of the_altar when_carry ~~DOM~~_him/it. **8** Hollow_of boards you_will_make ~~DOM~~_him/it just_as he_showed you on_mountain so they_will_do.

9 And_you_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_courtyard_of the_tabernacle for_ _the_side_of the_south southward curtains for_courtyard will_ _be_fine_linen twisted will_be_one_hundred by_cubit the_ _length of_side (the)_one. **10** And_pillars_of_its will_be_twenty and_bases_of_their twenty will_be_bronze the_hooks_of the_ _pillars and_bands_of_their will_be_silver. **11** And_thus/so/as_ _follows for_the_side_of the_north in_length curtains will_be_ _one_hundred length its[271] will_be_twenty and_bases_of_their twenty will_be_bronze the_hooks_of the_pillars and_bands_of_ _their will_be_silver. **12** And_the_breadth_of the_courtyard for_ _the_side_of the_west curtains fifty cubit[s] pillars_of_their will_be_ten and_bases_of_their will_be_ten. **13** And_the_ _breadth_of the_courtyard for_the_side_of eastward eastward_ _toward will_be_fifty cubit[s]. **14** And_five teen cubit[s] curtains for_side pillars_of_their will_be_three and_bases_of_their will_ _be_three. **15** And_for_side the_second(fs) will_be_fif-[272] ten curtains pillars_of_their will_be_three and_bases_of_their will_ _be_three. **16** And_for_the_gate_of the_courtyard a_screen twenty cubit[s] violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_work_of a_worker_in_ _colours pillars_of_their will_be_four and_bases_of_their will_ _be_four. **17** All_of the_pillars_of the_courtyard all_around will_ _be_furnished_with_bands silver hooks_of_their will_be_silver and_bases_of_their will_be_bronze. **18** The_length_of the_ _courtyard will_be_one_hundred by_cubit and_the_breadth will_be_fifty on_fifty and_the_height will_be_five cubits fine_ _linen twisted and_bases_of_their will_be_bronze. **19** To_ _all/each/any/every the_articles_of the_tabernacle in_all_of service_of_its and_all pegs_of_its_tent and_all the_tent_pegs_of the_courtyard will_be_bronze.
20 And_you(ms) you_will_command ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_will_bring to_you oil_of olive[s] pure pressed for_light to_lift_up a_lamp_of continually. **21** In_the_ _tent_of meeting from_the_outside of_curtain which is_on the_ _transcript ʾAhₐron and_sons_of_his he_will_arrange ~~DOM~~_ _him/it from_evening until morning to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** a_regulation_of perpetuity will_belong_of_ _to_their_generations from_with the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

270 **RV 27:9 · Parallel** Exo. 38:9-20

271 **LV 27:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דמע/ו: (x-qere) ו/יָדוּמַּע/ו: lemma_c/5982 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_02Uja ו/יָדוּמַּע/ו

272 **LV 27:15 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

273 **RV 27:20 · Parallel** Lev. 24:1-4

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28:1 And_you(ms) bring_near to_yourself ᴅᴏᴍ ’Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred and_ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his with_him/it from_among_of the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) he_to_serve_as_ _priest to_me ’Ah$_a$ron Nādāv and_’Avīhū’ ’El’āzār and_’Îtāmār the_sons_of ’Ah$_a$ron. **2** And_you_will_make garments_of holiness for_’Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred for_glory and_ _for_beauty. **3** And_you(ms) you_will_speak to all_of people_ _skillful_of heart which I_have_filled_it a_spirit_of wisdom and_ _they_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ the_garments_of ’Ah$_a$ron to_consecrate_ _him he_to_serve_as_priest to_me. **4** And_these are_the_ _garments which they_will_make a_breastpiece and_an_ephod and_a_robe and_a_tunic_of checkered_work a_turban and_a_ _sash and_they_will_make garments_of holiness for_’Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred and_for_sons_of_his he_to_serve_as_ _priest to_me. **5** And_they they_will_take ᴅᴏᴍ the_gold and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_violet_stuff and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_purple and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_scarlet_ _stuff_of the_scarlet and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_fine_linen. **6** And_they_will_ _make ᴅᴏᴍ the_ephod gold violet_stuff and_purple scarlet_ _stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_work_of a_skillful_ _worker. **7** Two_of shoulder-pieces joined it_will_belong for_ _him/it to the_two_of ends_of_its and_it_will_be_joined_ _together. **8** And_the_girdle_of its_ephod_of_his which on/upon/above_him/it will_be_of_like_its_workmanship from_ _him/it it_will_be gold violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_ _stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted. **9** And_you_will_take ᴅᴏᴍ two_of stones_of onyx and_you_will_engrave on_them the_ _names_of the_sons_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel). **10** Six of_names_of_ _their will_be_on the_stone (the)_one and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_names_of the_six which_remain_over will_be_on the_stone the_ _second(fs) according_to_of_their_genealogies. **11** The_work_of an_engraver_of stone the_engravings_of a_seal you_will_ _engrave ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of the_stones on the_names_of the_ _sons_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) surrounded_of filigree_settings_of gold you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_them. **12** And_you_will_put ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of the_stones on the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod stones_of remembrance for_the_sons_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_ ’Ah$_a$ron _ _he_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ names_of_their to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** on the_two_of shoulder-pieces_of_his to_a_ _memorial. **13** And_you_will_make filigree_settings_of gold. **14** And_two_of chains_of gold pure twisted_cords you_will_ _make ᴅᴏᴍ_them a_work_of cordage and_you(ms)_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ the_chains of_the_cords on the_filigree_settings.

15 And_you_will_make a_breastpiece_of judgement the_work_ _of a_skillful_worker like_the_work_of the_ephod you_will_ _make_it gold violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **16** Square it_will_be folded_double will_be_a_span length_of_its and_will_be_a_span breadth_of_its. **17** And_you_will_fill in_ _him/it a_setting_of stone[s] four rows stone will_be_a_row_of a_ruby a_topaz and_a_beryl the_row the_one. **18** And_the_row the_second will_be_a_turquoise a_sapphire and_an_emerald. **19** And_the_row the_third will_be_a_jacinth an_agate and_an_ _amethyst. **20** And_the_row the_fourth will_be_a_chrysolite and_an_onyx and_a_jasper set gold they_will_be in_settings_of_ _their. **21** And_the_stones they_will_be on the_names_of the_

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The priests’ uniform[274]

28:1 Now, have your brother Aharon (Aaron) and his sons brought to you from among the Israelis. Aharon, Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar will become my priests. **2** Make sacred clothes for Aharon—they must be uniquely beautiful **3** so speak to all the skilled craftsmen who’ve been given the spirit of wisdom, and they can make Aharon’s clothes to dedicate him as my priest. **4** These are the clothes that they’ll need to make: a small pouch to hang around the neck and an apron, a robe and a tunic of woven work, and a turban and a waistband. They must make those sacred clothes for your brother Aharon and for his sons to serve as my priests. **5** The skilled craftsmen must be given gold wire and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, and finely-spun linen.

6 They must make the sacred apron from twisted finely-spun linen with gold wire and blue, purple, scarlet yarn embroidered onto it by a skilled craftsman. **7** It should have two shoulder pieces attached to the top two corners so it can be fastened. **8** Then the waistband for the apron shall be made with similar workmanship from twisted finely-spun linen with gold wire and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn skillfully embroidered into it. **9** Then get two onyx stones and engrave the names of Yisrael’s (Israel’s) twelve sons onto them— **10** six names on one stone and six on the other, in their birth order. **11** A stone craftsman with experience at making signet rings should do the engravings, and then mount the two stones in decorative gold settings. **12** Then attach the two stones to the shoulder pieces of the apron as a reminder about Yisrael’s sons. That way Aharon (Aaron) will carry their names on his two shoulders as a reminder every time he goes to face Yahweh. **13** Make the decorative settings for the two stones from gold, **14** and then make two twisted chains of pure gold like a cord that you can attach to the decorative settings.

The chestpiece[275]

15 Make a **sacred chest pouch** for important decision making. A skilled craftsman should make it from twisted finely-spun linen like the apron, embroidered with gold wire and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **16** It needs to be 23cm square when folded over double, **17** and it will have four rows of three gemstones on it: a red ruby, a yellow topaz, a green emerald, **18** then a turquoise, a blue sapphire, a diamond, **19** then a red jacinth, a white agate, a purple amethyst, **20** and in the last row, a yellow beryl, an onyx, and a green jasper. All those stones must be mounted in decorative gold settings, **21** and so they’ll represent the twelve tribes of Yisrael (Israel). The names of the

274 **RV 28:1 · Parallel** Exo. 39:1-7

275 **RV 28:15 · Parallel** Exo. 39:8-21

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twelve sons must be engraved on the stones similar to how signet rings are made. 22 Make two twisted chains of pure gold like a cord that you can attach to the pouch, 23 then make two gold rings and attach them to the two top corners of the pouch. 24 Attach the two gold chains to the rings on the corners 25 with the other ends fastened to the two decorative settings around the stones and then attached to the front side of the shoulder straps. 26 Make two more gold rings and attach them on the inside to the two bottom corners of the pouch, 27 and another two gold rings to be attached to the bottom of the two shoulder pieces near where the shoulder straps join the apron just above the crafted waistband. 28 Then tie the rings on the sacred pouch to the rings on the apron with a blue cord so that the pouch sits above the waistband and can't come loose from the apron.

29 Then whenever Aharon (Aaron) enters the sacred inner room to stand in front of me, he'll be carrying the names of Yisrael's sons over his heart on the sacred pouch that'll be used for making decisions. 30 Then place the 'Urim' and the 'Tumim'[276][277] in the sacred pouch so they'll be over Aharon's heart when he goes in before Yahweh, thus Aharon will continually bear the decisions of the Israelis over his heart before Yahweh.

The other parts of the uniform[279]

31 Make the **robe** to be worn under the sacred apron entirely from blue material 32 with an opening for his head in the middle of it. A border will be needed around the opening so it can't tear—this should be woven like openings in regular clothes. 33 Then on the bottom hem, make decorations that look like pomegranates—they must be made from blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. Gold bells should hang in between the pomegranates 34 so as you go around the hem of the robe there'll be a gold bell, then a pomegranate, then a gold bell, then a pomegranate, etc. 35 Aharon (Aaron) must wear this robe when he's serving, so when he goes into my presence in the sacred inner room, I'll hear the bells when he enters and when he leaves, so he won't die.

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_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) two_plus ten on names_of_their the_ _engravings_of a_seal each_one on his/its_name they_will_be for_two_plus_of ten tribe[s]. 22 And_you_will_make on the_ _breastpiece chains_of twisting a_work_of cordage gold pure. 23 And_you_will_make on the_breastpiece two_of rings_of gold and_you_will_put ÐOM the_two_of the_rings on the_two_of the_ _ends_of the_breastpiece. 24 And_you(ms)_will_give ÐOM the_ _two_of the_cords_of the_gold on the_two_of the_rings to the_ _ends_of the_breastpiece. 25 And_ÐOM the_two_of the_ends_of the_two_of the_cords you_will_put on the_two_of the_filigree_ _settings and_you(ms)_will_give on the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod to the_front his/its_faces/face. 26 And_you_will_ _make two_of rings_of gold and_you_will_put ÐOM_them on the_two_of the_ends_of the_breastpiece on edge_of_its which is_to the_side_of the_ephod inside_to_the. 27 And_you_will_ _make two_of rings_of gold and_you(ms)_will_give ÐOM_them on the_two_of the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod from_to_ _downwards from_the_front_of his/its_faces/face close_to_of joining_of_its from_above (to)_the_girdle_of the_ephod. 28 And_they_will_bind ÐOM the_breastpiece its[278] to the_rings_ _of the_ephod with_a_cord_of violet_stuff to_be on the_girdle_ _of the_ephod and_not the_breastpiece it_will_become_ _detached from_under the_ephod. 29 And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_ _bear ÐOM the_names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_the_ _breastpiece_of (the)_judgement over his/its_heart when_goes_ _he into the_holy_place to_a_memorial to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** continually. 30 And_you_will_put into the_breastpiece_of (the)_judgement ÐOM the_Urim and_ÐOM the_Thummim and_they_will_be over the_heart_of 'Ah$_a$ron when_goes_he to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_bear ÐOM the_judgement_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) over his/its_heart to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** continually.

31 And_you_will_make ÐOM the_robe_of the_ephod an_entirety_ _of violet_stuff. 32 And_it_was the_opening_of his/its_head in_ _the_middle_of_of_it an_edge it_will_belong to_opening_of_its all_around the_work_of a_weaver like_the_opening_of a_collar it_will_belong for_him/it not it_will_be_torn. 33 And_you_will_ _make on skirts_of_its pomegranates_of violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet on skirts_of_its all_around and_ _bells_of gold will_be_of_between_them all_around. 34 A_bell_ _of gold and_a_pomegranate a_bell_of gold and_a_pomegranate will_be_on the_skirts_of the_robe all_around. 35 And_it_was on 'Ah$_a$ron to_serve and_ sound_of_its _it_will_be_heard when_ _goes_he into the_holy_place to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** and_when_he_comes_out and_not he_will_ _die. 36 And_you_will_make a_plate_of gold pure and_you_will_ _engrave on/upon/above_him/it the_engravings_of a_seal

276 RV 28:30 · Note These two objects appear abruptly in the text—they haven't been described previously—in fact, they're not described anywhere, so we don't really know much about them except that it seems they were used somehow to indicate Yahweh's decision on important matters. Although we presume that Mosheh must have already been familiar with them, sadly we're unable to translate these two Hebrew words, because we're not.

277 RV 28:30 · Cross-ref. Num 27:21; Deu 33:8; Ezr 2:63; Neh 7:65.

278 LV 28:28 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/תעבט/מ**: (x-qere) **ו/יֻתְעַבַּט/מ**: lemma_m/2885 n_1.1.0.0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_02Kuy **ו/יֻתְעַבַּט/מ**

279 RV 28:31 · Parallel Exo. 39:22-31

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holiness to/for_**YHWH**. **37** And_you_will_put ĐOM_him/it on a_
_cord_of violet_stuff and_it_was on the_turban to the_front of_
_the_face_of of_the_turban it_will_be. **38** And_it_was on the_
_forehead_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_bear ĐOM the_guilt_
_of the_holy_things which the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_
_will_consecrate to/from_all/each/any/every the_gifts_of
their_holiness(es)_of_their and_it_was on forehead_of_his
continually for_acceptance to/for_them to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH**. **39** And_you_will_weave the_tunic
fine_linen and_you_will_make a_turban fine_linen and_a_sash
you_will_make the_work_of a_worker_in_colours. **40** And_for_
_the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron you_will_make tunics and_you_will_make
to/for_them sashes and_headdresses you_will_make to/for_
_them for_glory and_for_beauty. **41** And_you_will_clothe ĐOM_
_them ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred and_ĐOM sons_
_of_his with_him/it and_you_will_anoint ĐOM_them and_you_
_will_fill ĐOM hand_of_their and_you_will_consecrate ĐOM_
_them and_they_will_serve_as_priests to_me. **42** And_make
to/for_them undergarments_of linen to_cover the_flesh_of
nakedness from_the_hips and_unto the_thighs they_will_be.
43 And_they_will_be on 'Ah$_a$ron and_on sons_of_his when_go_
_they into the_tent_of meeting or when_they_draw_near to
the_altar to_serve in_place and_not they_will_bear guilt and_
_they_will_die it_will_be_a_regulation_of perpetuity to_him/it
and_for_offspring_of_his after_him.
29:1 And_this is_the_thing which you_will_do to/for_them to_
_consecrate ĐOM_them to_serve_as_priests to_me take a_young_
_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd and_rams two
unblemished. **2** And_bread_of unleavened_bread(s) and_cakes_
_of unleavened_bread(s) mixed with_oil and_wafers_of
unleavened_bread(s) smeared with_oil fine_flour_of wheat(s)
you_will_make ĐOM_them. **3** And_you_will_put them on a_
_basket one and_you_will_bring_near ĐOM_them in_basket and_
_ĐOM the_young_bull and_ĐOM the_two_of the_rams. **4** And_ĐOM
'Ah$_a$ron and_ĐOM sons_of_his you_will_bring_near to the_
_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_you_will_wash ĐOM_
_them with_water. **5** And_you_will_take ĐOM the_garments and_
_you_will_clothe ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron ĐOM the_tunic and_ĐOM the_robe_
_of the_ephod and_ĐOM the_ephod and_ĐOM the_breastpiece
and_you_will_gird_the_ephod to_him/it with_the_girdle_of
the_ephod. **6** And_you_will_put the_turban on his/its_head
and_you_will_put ĐOM the_crown_of (the)_holiness on the_
_turban. **7** And_you_will_take ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing
and_you_will_pour_it on his/its_head and_you_will_anoint
ĐOM_him/it. **8** And_ĐOM sons_of_his you_will_bring_near and_
_you_will_clothe_them tunics. **9** And_you_will_gird ĐOM_them
a_sash 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his and_you_will_bind_on to/for_
_them headdresses and_it_will_belong to/for_them priesthood
to_a_regulation_of perpetuity and_you_will_fill the_hand_of
'Ah$_a$ron and_the_hand_of his_sons_of_his. **10** And_you_will_
_bring_near ĐOM the_young_bull to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before the_tent_of meeting and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _
_he_will_lay ĐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_young_
_bull. **11** And_you_will_slaughter ĐOM the_young_bull to_(the)_

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36 Make a plate from pure gold and engrave 'Dedicated to Yahweh' on it like you would on a signet ring. **37** Attach it to the front of the turban using a blue cord **38** so it'll be on Aharon's forehead. In this way, it'll bear the deficiencies of human sinfulness when Israelis attempt to make sacred objects and attempt to make sacred offerings. Thus it'll be on his forehead continually so that I will see it and accept those things.

39 The **tunic** must be woven from finely-spun linen, and similarly for the **turban**. An embroiderer must make the **waistband**.

40 You must also make tunics, waistbands and headbands for Aharon's sons so they'll look splendid and beautiful. **41** Put these clothes on your brother Aharon and his sons, then anoint them with oil and ordain and consecrate them as priests to me.
42 Make **underwear** out of linen to cover their bare flesh from the waist to the thighs— **43** they must wear it whenever they enter the sacred tent and whenever they approach the altar to offer sacrifices so they won't be disobeying and die. Aharon and his descendants must obey that rule forever.

Consecrating the priests[280]

29:1 Now this is how you should consecrate them to be priests to me: Take a young bull from the herd and two rams without defects. **2** Also, using finely-ground wheat flour, bake flat bread, flat cakes with olive oil in them, and flat wafers sprinkled with olive oil. **3** Put the baking into a basket, and bring the basket to me along with the bull and two rams.

4 Then take Aharon (Aaron) and his sons near to the entrance of the sacred tent and wash them with water. **5** Take the clothes and dress Aharon in the tunic and the robe that goes with the apron, then the sacred apron and the sacred pouch, and tie the waistband around the apron. **6** Put the turban on his head and attach the sacred gold ornament to it, **7** then take the anointing oil and pour it over his head to dedicate him. **8** Next, bring his sons and put tunics on them **9** and wrap waistbands around them and tie on their headbands. They and their descendants will be priests forever, and you must ordain both Aharon and his sons.

10 Then bring the bull to the front of the sacred tent and get Aharon and his sons to put their hands on its head, **11** then slaughter[281] the bull before me at the entrance of the sacred tent. **12** Take some of that blood and smear it on the top projections of the altar with your finger, then pour the rest of it on the ground at the base of the altar. **13** Take all the fat covering the innards including the lobe above the liver, as well as both kidneys and the fat on them, and burn it all on the altar, **14** but the

280 RV 29:1 · Parallel Lev. 8:1-36

281 RV 29:11 · Note The throat will be cut with a sharp knife, and the blood will be caught in a bowl.

Readers' Version

bull's meat and hide and intestines must be burnt outside the camp. Sacrificing the bull's fat like that is an act of purification.

15 Then take one of the rams and have Aharon and his sons
place their hands on its head, **16** then slaughter it. Catch the
blood and sprinkle it all over the sides of the altar. **17** Then cut
the ram into pieces and wash its innards and its legs, and put
those bits together with the head and the other pieces. **18** Then
burn it all on the altar. That will be a burnt offering to me—a
pleasing aroma from the offering by fire.[282]

19 Then take the second ram, and have Aharon and his sons
place their hands on its head, **20** then slaughter it. Catch the
blood and smear some of it on the tip of Aharon and his sons'
right ears and on their right thumbs and big toes. Then sprinkle
the rest all over the sides of the altar. **21** Take some of the blood
that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle
that on Aharon and his clothes, and on his sons and their
clothes. That will consecrate Aharon and his sons and their
priestly clothes.

22 Take the fat of that second ram, and its fat tail, the fat cover-
ing its innards and the lobe above the liver, the two kidneys and
that fat that's on them, and the right thigh, because this ram is
for consecration. **23** Also take one round bread loaf, one cake of
bread made with oil in it, and one wafer from that basket of flat
breads that's offered to me. **24** Put all those into the hands of
Aharon and his sons, and they must wave them before me as a
wave offering. **25** Then take them from their hands and burn
them completely on the altar on top of the burnt offering. That
also will be a fire offering to me, and its aroma will please me.

26 Take the breast meat of the ram (the second one for the con-
secration of Aharon) and wave it as a wave offering before me.
Then after that it will be your share to cook and eat.

27 So you should consecrate the breast of the wave offering
and the thigh of the contribution from the ram of consecration
for Aharon and his sons. **28** Those will belong to Aharon and his
sons as their regular portion from the Israelis—it will be a con-
tribution from the Israelis from their peace offerings to me.

29 The sacred clothes that belong to Aharon will be used for his
male descendants to wear in turn when they're anointed and
consecrated. **30** The priest who succeeds him from among his
sons, who comes into the sacred tent to serve in the sacred in-
ner room must wear them for seven days.

31 Take the ram of consecration and boil its meat in a sacred
place, **32** then Aharon and his sons should eat the meat of the
ram as well as the breads that are in the basket at the entrance
to the tent. **33** They must eat those things used to make atone-
ment for them and to consecrate them. No one else can eat
them, because they've been made sacred. **34** If any meat of the
consecration or any of the bread remains until the morning,
then you must burn the remainder—it can't be eaten because it's
been made sacred.

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_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** the_entrance_of the_tent_
_of meeting. **12** And_you_will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_
_young_bull and_you(ms)_will_give on the_horns_of the_altar
with_finger_of_your and_ĐOM all_of the_blood you_will_pour_
_out to the_base_of the_altar. **13** And_you_will_take ĐOM all_of
the_fat which_covers ĐOM the_entrails and_ĐOM the_lobe on
the_liver and_ĐOM the_two_of the_kidneys and_ĐOM the_fat
which is_on_them and_you_will_make_them_smoke to_the_
_altar. **14** And_ĐOM the_flesh_of the_young_bull and_ĐOM hide_
_of_its and_ĐOM dung_of_its you_will_burn with_fire from_the_
_outside of_camp is_a_sin_offering it. **15** And_ĐOM the_ram the_
_one you_will_take and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _they_will_lay
ĐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_ram. **16** And_you_will_
_slaughter ĐOM the_ram and_you_will_take ĐOM blood_of_its
and_you_will_sprinkle_it on the_altar all_around. **17** And_ĐOM
the_ram you_will_cut_in_pieces into_pieces_of_its and_you_
_will_wash entrails_of_its and_legs_of_its and_you_will_put_
_them with pieces_of_its and_with his/its_head. **18** And_you_
_will_make_smoke ĐOM all_of the_ram to_the_altar is_a_burnt_
offering it to/for**YHWH** is_an_odour_of soothing a_fire_
offering to/for**YHWH** it. **19** And_you_will_take ĐOM the_ram
the_second and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _he_will_lay ĐOM
hands_of_their on the_head_of the_ram. **20** And_you_will_
_slaughter ĐOM the_ram and_you_will_take some_of_its_blood
and_you(ms)_will_give on the_lobe_of the_ear_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_
_on the_lobe_of the_ear_of his_sons_of_his (the)_right and_on
the_thumb_of their_hand_of_their (the)_right and_on the_big_
_toe_of their_foot_of_their (the)_right and_you_will_sprinkle
ĐOM the_blood on the_altar all_around. **21** And_you_will_take
some_of the_blood which is_on the_altar and_some_of_the_oil_
_of (the)_anointing and_you_will_spatter_it on 'Ah$_a$ron and_on
garments_of_his and_on sons_of_his and_on the_garments_of
his_sons_of_his with_him/it and_ he and_garments_of_his and_
_sons_of_his and_the_garments_of his_sons_of_his with_him/it
_he_will_be_holy. **22** And_you_will_take from the_ram the_fat
and_the_fat_tail and_ĐOM the_fat which_covers ĐOM the_
_entrails and_ĐOM the_lobe_of the_liver and_ĐOM the_two_of
the_kidneys and_ĐOM the_fat which is_on_them and_ĐOM the_
_thigh_of the_right if/because is_a_ram_of installation_
_offering(s) it. **23** And_a_round_loaf_of bread one and_a_cake_of
bread_of oil one and_a_wafer one from_the_basket_of (the)_
_unleavened_bread(s) which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH**. **24** And_you_will_put (the)_everything on
the_palms_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_on the_palms_of his_sons_of_his
and_you_will_wave ĐOM_them a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **25** And_you_will_take ĐOM_them
from_hand_of_their and_you_will_make_them_smoke to_the_
_altar on the_burnt_offering to_an_odour_of soothing to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** is_a_fire_offering it to/for_
_**YHWH**. **26** And_you_will_take ĐOM the_breast from_the_ram_of
(the)_installation_offering(s) which belongs_to_'Ah$_a$ron and_
_you_will_wave ĐOM_him/it a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_it_was to/for_yourself(m)
to_a_portion. **27** And_you_will_consecrate ĐOM the_breast_of
the_wave-offering and_ĐOM the_thigh_of the_contribution
that_which it_was_waved and_which it_was_raised from_the_

282 RV 29:18 · Cross-ref. Eph 5:2; Php 4:18.

Literal Version

_ram_of (the)_installation_offering(s) from_that_which belongs_to_'Ah$_a$ron from_that_which belongs_to_sons_of_his. **28** And_it_was to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his to_a_prescribed_ _portion_of perpetuity from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because is_a_contribution it and_a_ _contribution it_will_be from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_sacrifices_of their_peace_offerings_ _of_their contribution_of_their to/for_**YHWH**. **29** And_the_ _garments_of (the)_holiness which belong_to_'Ah$_a$ron they_ _will_belong to_sons_of_his after_him for_anointing in/among_ _them and_to_fill in_them ~~DOM~~ hand_of_their. **30** Seven_of days he_will_wear_them the_priest/officer in_place_of_him one_of_ _his_sons who he_will_come into the_tent_of meeting to_serve in_place. **31** And_~~DOM~~ the_ram_of (the)_installation_offering(s) you_will_take and_you_will_boil ~~DOM~~ meat_of_its in_a_place holy. **32** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _he/it_will_eat ~~DOM~~ the_ _meat_of the_ram and_~~DOM~~ the_bread which is_in_basket the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of_meeting. **33** And_they_will_eat ~~DOM~~_ _them which it_was_atoned (is)_in_them to_fill ~~DOM~~ hand_of_ _their to_consecrate ~~DOM~~_them and_a_stranger not he_will_eat_ _them if/because are_a_holy_thing they. **34** And_if some_of_ _the_meat_of (the)_installation_offering(s) and_from the_bread it_will_be_left_over until the_morning and_you_will_burn ~~DOM~~ the_remainder with_fire not it_will_be_eaten if/because is_a_ _holy_thing it. **35** And_you_will_do to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_ _his thus according_to_all that I_have_commanded you seven_ _of days you_will_fill hand_of_their. **36** And_a_young_bull_of a_ _sin_offering you_will_offer to_day on (the)_atonement(s) and_ _you_will_make_a_sin_offering on the_altar when_you_make_ _atonement on/upon/above_him/it and_you_will_anoint ~~DOM~~_ _him/it to_consecrate_it. **37** Seven_of days you_will_make_ _atonement on the_altar and_you_will_consecrate ~~DOM~~_him/it and_it_was the_altar holiness_of holiness(es) every_of (the)_ _thing_which_touches (in)_altar it_will_be_holy.

38 And_this is_that_which you_will_offer on the_altar lambs sons_of a_year two to_day continually. **39** ~~DOM~~ the_lamb the_ _one you_will_offer in_morning and_~~DOM~~ the_lamb the_second you_will_offer between the_evenings. **40** And_a_tenth fine_ _flour mixed with_oil pressed (the)_fourth_part_of (the)_hin and_a_drink_offering (the)_fourth_of (the)_hin wine for_lamb the_one. **41** And_~~DOM~~ the_lamb the_second you_will_offer between the_evenings like_the_grain_offering_of the_morning and_like_its_drink_of_offering you_will_offer (to)_it to_an_ _odour_of soothing a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **42** A_burnt_ _offering_of continuity to_generations_of_your(pl) the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** where I_will_meet to/for_you(pl) there_(to) to_speak to_you there. **43** And_I_will_meet there_(to) (to)_the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_be_shown_as_holy by_ _glory_of_my. **44** And_I_will_consecrate ~~DOM~~ the_tent_of meeting and_~~DOM~~ the_altar and_~~DOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron and_~~DOM~~ sons_of_ _his I_will_consecrate to_serve_as_priests to_me. **45** And_I_will_ _dwell in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_ _be to/for_them (into)_god. **46** And_they_will_know if/because_

Readers' Version

35 So that's what you must do for Aharon and his sons, just like I've commanded you. You'll consecrate them for seven days, **36** and each day you must sacrifice a bull to purify the altar and compensate for the altar's imperfections. You must also anoint it each day with olive oil to make it sacred. **37** After making atonement for the altar and making it sacred for seven days, it will then be so sacred that anything that touches it will also become sacred.

The daily sacrifices[283]

38 After all that, you must continually offer two, year-old lambs every day— **39** one in the morning and the other around twilight. **40** With the morning lamb, also offer 2kg of finely-ground wheat flour mixed with a litre of pressed olive oil and a litre of wine. **41** With the twilight lamb, offer the same grain offering as in the morning, and the same drink offering. That will be a fire offering to me and the aroma will please me. **42** This must be a continual offering to me at the entrance of the sacred tent even in following generations, and I'll meet with you all there to speak to you there **43** and I'll meet with the Israelis there, and my splendour will sanctify it. **44** I'll consecrate the sacred tent and the altar, and I'll sanctify Aharon (Aaron) and his sons to be my priests. **45** Then I'll live there among the Israelis and I will be their god, **46** and they will know that I'm their god Yahweh, who brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) so I could live among them. I am Yahweh their god.

283 RV 29:38 · Parallel Num. 28:1-8

Readers' Version

The incense altar[284]

30:1 You must make an altar out of acacia word for burning incense on. **2** It should be square—half a metre on each side—and a metre high. Make projections that look like horns on top out of that same block of wood. **3** It must be overlaid with pure gold—its top and all around its sides and its projections—plus you shall make a gold moulding all around it. **4** Make two gold rings and attach them to the altar below the moulding—one on each side to hold the poles for carrying it with. **5** Make the two poles from acacia wood and overlay them with gold. **6** Put this incense altar outside the curtain that hangs in front of the sacred chest—the box containing the stone slabs and with a platform on it where I will meet with you.

7 Aharon (Aaron) must burn fragrant incense on this altar every morning when he looks after the lamps **8** and again every evening when he lights the lamps, so incense must be continually burning before me throughout your generations. **9** Don't offer up any incense or burnt offering or grain offering on it that's different from these instructions, and don't pour a drink offering on it. **10** Once a year, Aharon must take the purifying blood from the annual atonement sacrifice and put it on the projections of the altar to compensate for the altar's imperfection. Each high priest will cover the altar's flaws this way throughout all future generations. The altar will be very sacred—dedicated to me.

The tax for making the tent

11 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **12** Whenever you take a census of the Israeli men, each man must pay a ransom to Yahweh for his life when they're counted, and then the counting won't cause deadly diseases among them. **13** As each man crosses over to stand with those who've been counted, he must pay give a half-shekel coin as an offering to me.[285] (That's half of the official shekel weight of 12 grams.) **14** Every man who's twenty or older must pay this contribution to me when he's counted—**15** the wealthy aren't expected to pay more, and the poor must not pass less than this amount when they pay this ransom to me to make atonement for your lives. **16** Then you must take that money from the Israelis and use it for work on the sacred tent—it will be a reminder to me that you all have made atonement for your lives.

Literal Version

that I am**YHWH** god_of_their who I_brought_out ~~DOM~~_them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_to_dwell among_them I am_**YHWH** god_of_their.

30:1 And_you_will_make an_altar a_place_of_smoke_of incense wood(s)_of acacia you_will_make ~~DOM~~_him/it. **2** Will_be_a_cubit length_of_its and_will_be_a_cubit breadth_of_its square it_will_be and_will_be_two_cubits height_of_its from_him/it horns_of_its. **3** And_you_will_overlay ~~DOM~~_him/it gold pure ~~DOM~~ top_of_its and_~~DOM~~ sides_of_its all_around and_~~DOM~~ horns_of_its and_you_will_make for_him/it a_moulding gold all_around. **4** And_two_of rings_of gold you_will_make for_him/it from_under to_moulding_of_its on the_two_of sides_of_its you_will_make_them on the_two_of sides_of_its and_it_was (into)_holders for_poles to_carry ~~DOM~~_him/it by_them. **5** And_you_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_poles wood(s)_of acacia and_you_will_overlay ~~DOM~~_them gold. **6** And_you(ms)_will_give ~~DOM~~_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_curtain which is_on the_box_of the_transcript to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_atonement_cover which is_on the_transcript where I_will_meet to/for_yourself(m) there_(to). **7** And_he_will_make_smoke on/upon/above_him/it 'Ah$_a$ron incense_of perfume(s) in_morning in_morning when_he_makes_good ~~DOM~~ the_lamps he_will_make_it_smoke. **8** And_when_ 'Ah$_a$ron _lifts_up ~~DOM~~ the_lamps between the_evenings he_will_make_it_smoke incense_of continuity to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_generations_of_your(pl). **9** Not you(pl)_must_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it incense strange and_a_burnt_offering and_a_grain_offering and_a_drink_offering not you(pl)_must_pour_out on/upon/above_him/it. **10** And_'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_make_atonement on horns_of_its one_time in_year from_the_blood_of the_sin_offering_of (the)_atonement(s) one_time in_year he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it to_generations_of_your(pl) is_holiness_of holiness(es) it to/for_**YHWH**.

11 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying.

12 If/because you_will_lift_up ~~DOM~~ the_head_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[286] to_those_of_who_are_enrolled_of_them and_they_will_give everyone the_ransom_of his_life_of_his to/for_**YHWH** when_enrol ~~DOM~~_them and_not it_will_be in/among_them a_plague when_enrol ~~DOM~~_them. **13** This every_of (the)_one_who_passes_over to those_enrolled they_will_pay the_half_of the_shekel by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place is_twenty gerah[s] the_shekel (the)_half_of the_shekel is_a_contribution to/for_**YHWH**. **14** Every_of (the)_one_who_passes_over to those_enrolled from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards he_will_pay the_contribution_of **YHWH**. **15** The_rich_person not he_will_make_much and_the_poor_person not he_will_make_little more_than_(the)_half_of the_shekel by_paying ~~DOM~~ the_contribution_of **YHWH** to_make_atonement on selves_of_your(pl). **16** And_you_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_money_of (the)_atonement(s) from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_give ~~DOM~~_him/it on the_service_of the_tent_of

284 **RV 30:1 · Parallel** Exo. 37:25-28

285 **RV 30:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 38:25-26; Mat 17:24.

286 **LV 30:12 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

meeting and_it_was for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_
memorial to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_
_make_atonement on selves_of_your(pl).
17 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **18** And_you_
_will_make a_laver bronze and_base_of_its bronze for_washing
and_you_will_put ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it between the_tent_of meeting
and_between the_altar and_you_will_put there_(to) water.
19 And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _they_will_wash from_him/it
ᴅᴏᴍ hands_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ feet_of_their. **20** When_go_they
into the_tent_of meeting they_will_wash water and_not they_
_will_die or when_they_draw_near to the_altar to_serve to_
_make_smoke a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **21** And_they_will_
_wash hands_of_their and_feet_of_their and_not they_will_die
and_it_will_be to/for_them a_decree_of perpetuity to_him/it
and_for_offspring_of_his to_generations_of_their.

22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **23** And_
_you(ms) take to/for_yourself(m) spices the_best_of myrrh_of
flowing five hundred(s) and_cinnamon_of spice half_of_its fifty
and_two_hundred and_cane_of spice fifty and_two_hundred.
24 And_cassia five hundred(s) by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place
and_oil_of olive[s] a_hin. **25** And_you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it
oil_of anointing_of holiness ointment_of an_ointment_mixture
the_work_of a_perfumer oil_of anointing_of holiness it_will_be.
26 And_you_will_anoint in_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_tent_of meeting
and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_box_of the_transcript. **27** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_table and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of articles_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_lampstand and_ᴅᴏᴍ
articles_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar_of (the)_incense. **28** And_ᴅᴏᴍ
the_altar_of the_burnt_offering and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of articles_of_its
and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_laver and_ᴅᴏᴍ base_of_its. **29** And_you_will_
_consecrate ᴅᴏᴍ_them and_they_will_be holiness_of
holiness(es) every_of (the)_thing_which_touches (is)_in_them
it_will_be_holy. **30** And_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ah$_a$ron and_ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his you_
_will_anoint and_you_will_consecrate ᴅᴏᴍ_them to_serve_as_
_priests to_me. **31** And_near/to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
you_will_speak to_say oil_of anointing_of holiness it_will_be
this to_me to_generations_of_your(pl). **32** On the_body_of a_
_person not it_will_be_poured and_in_proportion[s]_of_its not
you(pl)_must_make like_it is_a_holy_thing it a_holy_thing it_
_will_be to_you(pl). **33** Anyone who he_will_mix like_it and_
_which he_will_put from_him/it on a_stranger and_he_will_be_
_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_his.

34 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh take to/for_yourself(m)
spices stacte and_onycha and_galbanum spices and_
_frankincense pure a_part in_a_part it_will_be. **35** And_you_
_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it incense ointment the_work_of a_
_perfumer salted pure a_holy_thing. **36** And_you_will_beat_fine
from_her/it finely_(pulverise) and_you(ms)_will_give from_
her/it to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_transcript in_
_the_tent_of meeting where I_will_meet to/for_yourself(m)
there_(to) holiness_of holiness(es) it_will_be to_you(pl).
37 And_the_incense which you_will_make in_proportion[s]_of_
_its not you(pl)_must_make to/for_you(pl) a_holy_thing it_will_
_be to/for_yourself(m) to/for_**YHWH**. **38** Anyone who he_will_
_make like_it to_smell (in)_it and_he_will_be_cut_off from_

Readers' Version

17 The Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **The washbasin**
18 Make a bronze washbasin with a bronze base.[287] Place it between the sacred tent and the altar, and fill it with water **19** and Aharon (Aaron) and his sons must wash their hands and feet in it. **20** Before they go into the sacred tent, they must wash with water so that won't die, and also when they're going to the altar to burn offerings to me— **21** they must wash their hands and feet so they won't die. This will be a rule for them and for all their descendants throughout the generations.

22 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **The anointing oil**
23 Then you yourself must collect these spices: 6kg of fragrant sap named myrrh, then 3kg of fragrant cinnamon, 3kg of fragrant cane, **24** and 6kg of fragrant casia bark. (Use the official weight for everything.) Also, four litres of olive oil. **25** Get a professional perfumer to make this into a sacred, fragrant, anointing oil. **26** Use it to anoint the sacred tent and the box containing the stone slabs, **27** as well as the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, the incense altar, **28** the altar for burnt offerings and all its equipment, and the basin and its base. **29** That will make them sacred and dedicated to me, and anything that touches them will also become sacred.
30 Then anoint Aharon (Aaron) and his sons, and dedicate them to become my priests. **31** Approach the Israelis and tell them, "This recipe will be my sacred anointing oil for all generations. **32** It must not be poured on anyone's body, and you all must not use any similar recipe for yourselves—it's sacred and must be treated as such. **33** Anyone who mixes together anything like that, or who puts any of it on a stranger, must be expelled from the community.

34 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **The incense**
Collect equal amounts of stacte, onycha, and galbanum spices, and pure frankincense, **35** and get a professional ointment mixer to add salt and make it into pure incense that will be sacred. **36** Pulverise some of it into a fine powder and put it in front of the box containing the stone slabs inside the sacred tent. This incense must be regarded as being very sacred. **37** No one else should make any incense for yourselves with this same recipe—it must be regarded as sacred to me. **38** Anyone who makes anything similar for its fragrance must be expelled from the community.[288]

287 **RV 30:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 38:8.

288 **RV 30:22-38 · Cross-ref.** Exo 37:29.

Readers' Version

Betsalel and Oholiav[289]

31:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
2 Listen, I've chosen a man named Betsalel
(son of Uri, son of Hur, from Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants)
3 and I've filled him with my spirit with wisdom, ability, knowledge, and general craftsmanship. **4** He's capable of designing and creating gold, silver, and bronze works, **5** as well as cutting and setting gemstones, wood-carving, and other crafts. **6** And what's more, I've appointed Oholiav (son of Ahisamak, from Dan's descendants) to help him, and I've also given special ability to other skilled men so that they can make everything that I've instructed you:
7 the sacred tent,
the box containing the stone slabs with the atonement platform on top of it,
all the equipment for inside the sacred tent,
8 the table and its utensils,
the gold lampstand and all its utensils,
the altar for burning incense,
9 the altar for the burnt offerings and all its utensils,
the washbasin with its base,
10 the woven clothes: the sacred clothes for Aharon (Aaron) the priest and his sons,
11 the anointing oil, and
the fragrant incense for the sacred tent.
Those craftsmen must make everything exactly according to my instructions.

The rest day

12 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
13 Tell the Israelis that you all must certainly observe the weekly rest day because the rest day is a sign between me and you all throughout your generations, so that you will know that I am Yahweh, who wants to distinguish you from other nations. **14** So you all must observe the rest day because it's sacred for you. Anyone who treats it as an ordinary day must be put to death. Anyone who works on it must be expelled from the community. **15** There's six days for working, and then the seventh is a rest day—dedicated to me.[290] Anyone who works on it must certainly be put to death. **16** The Israelis must observe the rest day for all future generations. There's no ending to this agreement **17** between me and the Israelis. It's a never-ending sign that I made the heavens and the earth in six days, and then rested on the seventh day and was refreshed.[291]

18 When Yahweh finished speaking to Mosheh, he gave Mosheh the two stone slabs with the transcript that he had engraved on them with his own finger.

Literal Version

_kinspeople(s)_of_his.

31:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** See I_ _have_called by_name Bətsal'ēl the_son_of 'Ūrī the_son_of Ḥūr of_the_tribe_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **3** And_I_have_filled ĐOM_ _him/it the_spirit_of god with_skill and_with_understanding and_with_knowledge and_on/over_all workmanship. **4** To_ _design designs for_doing in_gold and_in_silver and_in_bronze. **5** And_in_carving_of stone to_fill and_in_carving_of wood for_ _doing in_all workmanship. **6** And_I HERE I_have_appointed with_him/it ĐOM 'Āh$_e$lī'āv the_son_of Ahisamach of_the_tribe_ _of of_Dān and_in_the_heart_of every_of person_skillful_of heart I_have_put skill and_they_will_make ĐOM all_of that I_ _have_commanded_you. **7** ĐOM the_tent_of meeting and_ĐOM the_box of_transcript and_ĐOM the_atonement_cover which on/upon/above_him/it and_ĐOM all_of the_articles_of the_tent. **8** And_ĐOM the_table and_ĐOM articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_ _lampstand the_pure and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_altar_of (the)_incense. **9** And_ĐOM the_altar_of the_burnt_ _offering and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_laver and_ _ĐOM base_of_its. **10** And_ĐOM the_garments_of the_woven_ _material and_ĐOM the_garments_of (the)_holiness for_'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer and_ĐOM the_garments_of his_sons_of_his to_serve_as_priests. **11** And_ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_ĐOM the_incense_of the_perfume(s) for_place according_ _to_all that I_have_commanded_you they_will_do.

12 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh to_said. **13** And_you(ms) speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say surely ĐOM sabbaths_of_my you(pl)_will_observe if/because is_a_sign it between_me and_between_you(pl) to_generations_of_your(pl) to_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_you(pl)_ _apart. **14** And_you(pl)_will_observe ĐOM the_sabbath if/because is_a_holy_thing it to/for_you(pl) those_of_who_ _profane_it surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death if/because every_of (the)_one_who_does on_it work and_ the_living_ _creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_the_midst_of its_ _kinspeople(s)_of_her. **15** Six_of days work it_will_be_done and_ _will_on_the_day the_seventh a_sabbath_of sabbath_ _observance a_holy_thing to/for_**YHWH** every_of (the)_one_ _who_does work in/on_day of_the_sabbath surely_(die) he_ _will_be_put_to_death. **16** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_will_keep ĐOM the_sabbath for_doing ĐOM the_sabbath to_generations_of_their a_covenant_of perpetuity. **17** Between_ _me and_between the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_a_sign it to_ _vanishing_point if/because six_of days **YHWH** he_made ĐOM the_heavens and_ĐOM the_earth/land and_on_day the_seventh he_rested and_he_refreshed_himself. **18** And_he/it_gave to Mosheh just_as_he_finished to_speak with_him/it on_the_ _mountain_of Ṣīnay the_two_of the_tablets_of the_transcript

289 **RV 31:1 · Parallel** Exo. 35:30–36:1

290 **RV 31:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:8-11; 23:12; 34:21; 35:2; Lev 23:3; Deu 5:12-14.

291 **RV 31:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:11.

Literal Version

tablets_of stone written by_the_finger_of god.

32:1 And_ the_people _he/it_saw if/because_that Mosheh he_ _delayed to_come_down from the_mountain and_ the_people _ _it_assembled to ’Ah$_a$ron and_they_said to_him/it arise make to/for_us gods which they_will_go before_us if/because this Mosheh the_man who he_brought_us_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not we_know what has_it_happened to_ _him/it. **2** And_he/it_said to_them ’Ah$_a$ron tear_off the_rings_ _of the_gold which are_on_the_ears_of your(pl)_wives_of_ _your(pl) sons_of_your(pl) and_daughters_of_your(pl) and_ _bring_them to_me. **3** And_ all_of the_people _they_tore_off_ _from_themselves ~~DOM~~ the_rings_of the_gold which were_on_ _ears_of_their and_they_brought_them to ’Ah$_a$ron. **4** And_ _he/it_took from_hand_of_their and_he/it_laid_siege ~~DOM~~_ _him/it with_tool and_he_made_it a_calf molten_metal and_ _they_said these gods_of_are_your Oh_Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) who they_brought_you_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim. **5** And_ ’Ah$_a$ron _he/it_saw and_he/it_built an_altar before_it and_ ’Ah$_a$ron _he/it_called and_he_said a_festival to/for_**YHWH** will_ _be_tomorrow. **6** And_they_rose_early from_the_next_day and_ _they_offered_up burnt_offerings and_they_brought_near peace_offerings and_ the_people _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived to_eat and_to_drink and_they_arose to_play. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to_Mosheh go go_down if/because people_of_your which you_brought_up from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim it_has_behaved_corruptly. **8** They_have_ _turned_aside quickly from the_way which I_commanded_them they_have_made to/for_them a_calf molten_metal and_they_ _have_bowed_down to_him/it and_they_have_sacrificed to_ _him/it and_they_said these gods_of_are_your Oh_ _Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) who they_brought_you_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_Mosheh I_ _have_seen ~~DOM~~ the_people the_this and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE is_a_ _people stiff_of neck it. **10** And_now leave_alone to/for_me so_ anger_of_my _that_it_may_burn in/among_them and_so_that_ _I_may_make_an_end_of_them and_I_will_make you to_(a)_ _nation great. **11** And_ Mosheh _he_entreated ~~DOM~~ the_face_of **YHWH** his/its_god and_he/it_said why Oh_**YHWH** anger_of_ _your does_it_burn on_people_of_your which you_brought_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim with_power great and_by_a_hand strong. **12** To/for_what Mitsrayim will_they_say to_say with_ _evil he_brought_them_out to_kill ~~DOM~~_them in_mountains and_to_make_an_end_of_them from_under the_surface_of the_ _soil turn from_the_burning_of your_anger_of_your and_relent on the_harm to_people_of_your. **13** Remember (to)_’Avrāhām

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32:1 Meanwhile, the people had noticed **The gold bull idol**[292] that Mosheh (Moses) had been up on the mountain for a long time, so they gathered themselves around Aharon (Aaron) and told him, “Come on. Make some gods for us that can go ahead of us, because we don’t know what’s happened to that Mosheh—the man[293] who brought us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).”[294]

2 Aharon replied, “Go and get the gold earrings off your wives and your sons and daughters, and bring them to me.” **3** So the people took off all their gold earrings and brought them to Aharon, **4** and he took them and smelted and crafted the gold into the form of a young bull. Then the people said, “These are your gods,[295] Yisrael (Israel), who brought you out of Mitsrayim.”[296]

5 When Aharon saw that, he built an altar in front of the bull and announced, “Tomorrow will be a festival to honour Yahweh.” **6** So they got up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. Then the people sat down to eat and drink, then stood up to make merry.[297]

7 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, “Go on down because your people that you brought out of Mitsrayim have gone bad— **8** they’ve quickly deviated from what I instructed them. They’ve made a metal bull for themselves and have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and they’ve said, ‘Yisrael, these are your gods that brought you out of Mitsrayim.’ ” **9** Then Yahweh said to Mosheh, “I’ve seen this people, and look, they’re so stubborn. **10** So leave me alone now and let my anger rage against them. I will destroy them and make you into a great nation.” **11** But Mosheh pleaded with his god Yahweh and asked, “Yahweh, why are you angry at your people that you have brought out of Mitsrayim with your incredible power and actions?[298] **12** If you did that, the Mitsrim (Egyptians) would say, ‘Ha, he brought them out with evil plans to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from off the earth.’ Turn from your anger and repent from any idea of doing evil to your people. **13** Remember Avraham and Yitshak (Isaac) and Yisrael—your servants that you swore to them yourself and told them, ‘I will cause your descendants to increase like the stars in the sky, and I will give your descendants all this land which I told you about, and they will inherit it forever.’ ”[299] **14** So

292 **RV 32:1 · Parallel** Deu. 9:6-29

293 **RV 32:1 · Note** The way that the people speak of Mosheh here suggests that maybe they never really ever regarded him as being one of them—remember, he did grow up in an Mitsri palace.

294 **RV 32:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:40.

295 **RV 32:4 · Note** After crafting the gold into the form of a young bull (which wasn’t necessarily solid but may have had an internal wooden frame or a clay centre), it’s not clear here why the text refers to plural ‘gods’.

296 **RV 32:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 12:28; Acts 7:41.

297 **RV 32:6 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 10:7.

298 **RV 32:11-14 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:13-19.

299 **RV 32:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:16-17; Gen 17:8.

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Yahweh repented from the evil that he'd said he'd do to his people.

15 Then Mosheh turned and went down the mountain carrying the two tablets with the transcript. The tablets were engraved on both sides—front and back. **16** They were God's work—it was his writing and he had inscribed it on the tablets. **17** As they descended, Yehoshua (Joshua) heard the sounds of people shouting and said to Mosheh, "It sounds like a war going on down there in the camp!" **18** But Mosheh responded, "It's not a victory march, and it's not moans of defeat—it's singing that I can hear!" **19** Then as they approached the camp, they saw the bull and the dancing, and Mosheh got very angry and threw the tablets down at the bottom of the mountain and they shattered. **20** He took the bull they had made and burnt it in the fire, then he ground it down until it was powder and sprinkled it on top of pots of water and made the Israelis drink it.

21 Then Mosheh demanded from Aharon (Aaron), "What did these people do to you to make you bring such a terrible sin on them?" **22** Aharon responded, "Don't be angry with me, my master. You know the people—they're intent on evil. **23** They insisted, saying, 'Make a god for us to lead us. As for that Mosheh—the man that brought us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)—we don't know what's happened to him.' **24** So I told them, 'Anyone who has gold jewellery, take it off yourself,' and they gave it to me and I threw it into the fire, and this bull came out."

25 Mosheh saw that the people were out of control because Aharon had let them go wild, and now they were subject to mockery from any group that stood up against them. **26** Then Mosheh stood at the camp entrance and asked, "Anyone who's for Yahweh, come to me." And all the men from the clan of Levi gathered around him. **27** Then he told them, "This is what Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel), says: 'Each man must strap his sword on his side. Pass through and return from gate to gate in the camp and kill the unfaithful men—even if it's your brother, or friend, or neighbour.' " **28** The Levite men did what Mosheh ordered and they killed about three thousand Israeli men that day. **29** Then Mosheh told them, "Consecrate yourselves to Yahweh today, because any man who stood against his son or his brother today has placed a blessing on himself."

30 The next day, Mosheh told the people, "You all have committed a terrible sin, but now I will go up to Yahweh—perhaps I can atone for your sin." **31** So Mosheh returned to Yahweh and said, "Please, these people have committed a terrible sin and made gods for themselves out of gold. **32** But now, maybe you'll forgive their sin, but if not, please blot me out of your book that you've written."[300] **33** But Yahweh said to Mosheh, "It's anyone

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(to)_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_(to)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) your_servants whom you_swore to/for_them on/over_you(fs) and_you_said to_them I_will_increase ᴅᴏᴍ offspring_of_your(pl) like_the_ _stars_of the_heavens and_all the_earth/land (the)_this which I_have_promised I_will_give to_offspring_of_your(pl) and_they_ _will_possess_it to_vanishing_point. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _sighed/regretted on the_harm which he_had_spoken for_ _doing to_people_of_his. **15** And_he_turned and_ Mosheh _ _he/it_descended from the_mountain and_the_two_of the_ _tablets_of the_transcript in_his/its_hand tablets written from_ _the_two_of sides_of_their from_this and_from_this they were_ _written. **16** And_the_tablets were_the_work_of god they and_ _the_writing was_the_writing_of god it engraved on the_ _tablets. **17** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _sound_of the_people in_shouting_of_its[301] and_he/it_said to Mosheh a_sound_of battle is_in_camp.[302] **18** And_he/it_said it_ _is_not a_sound_of singing strength and_it_is_not a_sound_of singing weakness a_sound_of singing I am_hearing. **19** And_ _he/it_was just_as he_drew_near to the_camp and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_calf and_the_dancing(s) and_ the_anger of_Mosheh _ _it_glowed/burnt and_he_threw his[303] ᴅᴏᴍ the_tablets and_he_ _broke ᴅᴏᴍ_them under the_mountain. **20** And_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_calf which they_had_made and_he_burnt_it with_fire and_ _he_ground_it until that it_was_fine and_he_scattered_it on the_surface_of the_waters and_he_made_drink_it ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **21** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron what did_it_do to/for_yourself(m) the_people the_this that/for/because/then/when you_have_brought on/upon/above_him/it a_sin great. **22** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_said not the_anger my_master let_it_burn you you_know ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _people if/because_that is_on_evil it. **23** And_they_said to_me make to/for_us gods which they_will_go before_us if/because this Mosheh the_man who he_brought_us_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not we_know what has_it_happened to_ _him/it. **24** And_I_said to/for_them belongs_to_whom gold tear_it_off_from_yourselves and_they_gave_it to_me and_I_ _threw_it in_fire and_ the_calf (the)_this _he/it_went_out. **25** And_ Mosheh _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_people if/because_that it was_running_wild if/because he_had_let_it_run_wild 'Ah$_a$ron for_derision among_those_of_who_rise_against_them. **26** And_ Mosheh _he_stood at_the_gate_of the_camp and_he/it_said who to/for_**YHWH** to_me and_they_gathered_themselves to_ _him/it all_of the_descendants_of Lēvī. **27** And_he/it_said to/for_them thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says put everyone sword_of_his on thigh_of_his pass and_return from_gate to_gate in_camp and_kill everyone ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _brother and_everyone ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_neighbour and_everyone ᴅᴏᴍ his_of_neighbour. **28** And_ the_descendants_of Lēvī _they_ _did according_to_the_message_of Mosheh and_he_fell of the_ _people in_the_day (the)_that about_three_of thousand(s)_of person[s]. **29** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said fill hand_of_your(pl)

300 RV 32:32 · Cross-ref. Psa 69:28; Rev 3:5.

301 LV 32:17 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

302 LV 32:17 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

303 LV 32:19 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/דר/מ: (x-qere) ו/יְדֵי/מ: lemma_m/3027 n_0.1.0 morph_HR/Ncbdc/Sp3ms id_02Qza ו/יְדֵי/מ

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the_day to/for_**YHWH** if/because everyone was_on_son_of_his and_on_brother_of_his and_to_put on_yourselves the_day a_ _blessing. **30** And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ Mosheh _ _he/it_said to the_people you(pl) you(pl)_have_sinned a_sin great and_now I_will_go_up to **YHWH** perhaps I_will_atone for sin_of_your(pl). **31** And_ Mosheh _he_returned to **YHWH** and_ _he_said please the_people the_this it_has_sinned a_sin great and_they_have_made to/for_them gods_of gold. **32** And_now if you_will_forgive sin_of_their and_if not wipe_me_out please from_book_of_your which you_have_written. **33** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to Mosheh who is_the_one_who he_has_sinned to_ _me I_will_wipe_him_out from_book_of_my. **34** And_now go lead ÐOM the_people to where I_have_spoken to/for_you(fs) THERE messenger_of_my he_will_go to_your_face and_on_the_ _day_of visit_I and_I_will_visit on_them sin_of_their. **35** And_ **YHWH** _he_struck ÐOM the_people on that they_had_made ÐOM the_calf which 'Ah$_a$ron he_had_made.

33:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh go go_up from_here you and_the_people which you_have_brought_up from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to the_earth/land which I_swore to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) to_say to_offspring_of_your I_will_give_it. **2** And_I_will_send to_your_ _face an_messenger and_I_will_drive_out ÐOM the_ _Kəna'$_a$nī/(Canaanite)[s] the_'Amorī and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_ _Pərizzī[s] the_Ḥiūī and_the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s]. **3** To a_land flowing_of milk and_honey if/because not I_will_go_up in_ _midst_of_your if/because are_a_people stiff_of neck you lest I_ _should_make_an_end_of_you on_journey. **4** And_ the_people _ _he/it_listened ÐOM the_message (the)_bad the_this and_they_ _mourned and_not they_placed anyone ornament[s]_of_his on/upon/above_him/it. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh say to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl) are_a_people stiff_ _of neck a_moment one I_will_go_up in_midst_of_your and_I_ _will_make_an_end_of_you and_now take_down ornament[s]_ _of_your from_on_yourself so_that_I_may_consider what will_I_ _do to_you. **6** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ _stripped_themselves ÐOM ornament[s]_of_their from_hill of_ _Ḥorēv.

7 And_Mosheh he_took ÐOM the_tent and_he_pitched to_him/it from_the_outside of_camp at_a_distance from the_camp and_ _he_called to_him/it the_tent_of meeting and_it_was any_of one_who_sought **YHWH** he_went_out to the_tent_of meeting which was_from_the_outside of_camp. **8** And_it_was just_ Mosheh _as_went_out to the_tent all_of the_people they_arose and_they_stood everyone the_opening_of his_tent_of_his and_ _they_looked after Mosheh until went_he to_the_tent. **9** And_it_ _was just_ Mosheh _as_went to_the_tent the_pillar_of (the)_ _cloud it_came_down and_it_stood the_opening_of the_tent and_he_spoke with Mosheh. **10** And_ all_of the_people _it_saw ÐOM the_pillar_of (the)_cloud standing the_opening_of the_tent

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who sinned against me that I'll blot out of my book. **34** So go now and lead the people to where I've spoken to you. See, my angel will go ahead of you, but on the day that I settle accounts, then I'll punish them for their sin."

35 Then Yahweh sent deadly diseases onto the people because they had got Aharon (Aaron) to make the gold bull.

God tells them to leave Mt. Sinay

33:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Go and pack up from here, you and the people that you brought out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). Go to the land which I promised to Avraham,[304] to Yitshak (Isaac),[305] and to Ya'akov (Jacob),[306] when I told them that I'd give it to their descendants. **2** I'll send an angel ahead of you, and I'll drive out the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Amorim, the Hitim, the Perizim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim. **3** It's a land flowing with milk and honey, but I won't stay among you in case I decide to destroy you on the way because you're stubborn people."[307]

4 When the people heard this angry comment, they mourned and none of them put on anything fancy.[308] **5** Yahweh had[309] told Mosheh, "Tell the Israelis, 'You're all stubborn people. If I went with you for even one moment, then I'd destroy you. So now, take off your jewellery and anything fancy that you're wearing, and then I'll know what I'll do to you.' " **6** So from Mt. Sinay onwards, the Israelis stripped themselves of their jewellery and fancy things.

The tent for meeting God

7 From that day onwards, Mosheh (Moses) would take a tent and would put it up at a distance outside the camp—he called it 'the tent of meeting'. Then anyone who wanted a decision from Yahweh would go out to that tent of meeting outside the camp. **8** Whenever Mosheh went out to the tent, all the people would stand up at the entrance of their own tents, and they would watch Mosheh go out until he went into the tent. **9** Once he entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stand at the entrance of the tent, and Yahweh would speak with him. **10** When all the

304 **RV 33:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:7.

305 **RV 33:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 26:3.

306 **RV 33:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 28:13.

307 **RV 33:3 · Cross-ref.** 32:9.

308 **RV 33:4 · Note** But they didn't mourn enough to wear sackcloth and throw ashes on themselves.

309 **RV 33:5 · Note** Assumed.

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people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, they would get up and bow down at the entrance of their own tents. **11** Yahweh would speak to Mosheh face to face like someone speaks to their friend. Then Mosheh would return to the camp, but his servant Yehoshua (Joshua) (a young man who was the son of Nun) would not leave the inside of the tent.

Mosheh sees the master's splendour

12 Then Mosheh (Moses) said to Yahweh, "Listen, you've been saying to me, 'Take these people onwards,' but you haven't let me know who you'll send with me, although you have said, 'I know you by name, and you've also found favour in my sight.' **13** So now please, if I've found favour in your sight, please help me to know your ways. Then I'll know you so that I can find favour in your sight. And don't forget that this nation is *your* people."

14 Yahweh replied, "My presence will go with you and I will help you to be able to rest."

15 Mosheh replied to him, "If your presence isn't coming with us, then don't make us leave here. **16** How would anyone know that I've found favour in your sight—me and your people that is—if you didn't come with us? How could I and your people be distinguished from all the other people groups in the world?"

17 Yahweh replied to Mosheh, "Okay, I'll also do what you've asked because you've found favour in my sight and I know you by name."

18 Then Mosheh, "Please show me your splendour."

19 Yahweh replied, "I myself will cause all my goodness to pass over in front of you, and I will say my name of Yahweh in front of you. I will favour anyone I want, and I'll be compassionate to whoever I want."[311] **20** But he said, "You won't be able to see my face, because no human can see me and still live." **21** He continued, "Look, there's a place near me where you can stand there on the rock. **22** Then while my splendour passes over, I'll put you in a crevice in the rock, and my hand will cover you until I've gone past. **23** Then I'll take my hand away and you'll be able to see my back, but you mustn't try to look at my face."

The replacement stone slabs[313]

34:1 Then Yahweh continued speaking to Mosheh (Moses), "Carve two slabs of stone for yourself just like the first ones. Then the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, I'll write them again on the slabs. **2** Be ready by morning, and in the morning come up to Mt. Sinay, and present yourself there to me up on the top. **3** Don't bring anyone with you, and also don't let anyone be on the mountain at all—don't even let their flocks and herds graze at

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and_ all_of the_people _it_arose and_they_bowed_down[310] everyone the_opening_of his_tent_of_his. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _spoke to Mosheh face to face just_as a_person he_speaks to his/its_neighbour and_he_returned to the_camp and_servant_ _of_his Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn a_young_man not he_departed from_the_midst_of the_tent.

12 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to **YHWH** see you are_saying to_ _me bring_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_people the_this and_you(ms) not you_ _have_made_me_know ~~ĐOM~~ whom you_will_send with_me and_ _you(ms) you_have_said I_know_you by_name and_also you_ _have_found favour in_eyes_of_my. **13** And_now if please I_ _have_found favour in_eyes_of_your show_me please ~~ĐOM~~ ways_of_your so_that_I_may_know_you so_that I_may_find favour in_eyes_of_your and_consider if/because_that people_ _of_is_your the_nation (the)_this. **14** And_he_said presence_of_ _my they_will_go and_I_will_give_rest to/for_you(fs). **15** And_ _he/it_said to_him/it if not presence_of_your are_going do_not bring_us_up from_here. **16** And_how will_it_be_known then if/because_that I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your I and_ _people_of_your am_not by_going_your with_us and_we_will_ _be_distinguished[312] I and_people_of_your from_all (the)_ _people which is_on the_surface_of the_soil. **17** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to Mosheh also ~~ĐOM~~ the_thing the_this which you_ _have_spoken I_will_do if/because you_have_found favour in_ _eyes_of_my and_I_have_known_you in/on_name_of. **18** And_ _he_said show_me please ~~ĐOM~~ glory_of_your. **19** And_he/it_said I I_will_cause_to_pass_by all_of goodness_of_my on face_of_ _your and_I_will_proclaim (in)_the_name_of **YHWH** to_your_ _face and_I_will_show_favour_to ~~ĐOM~~ those_whom I_will_show_ _favour and_I_will_have_compassion_on ~~ĐOM~~ those_whom I_ _will_have_compassion. **20** And_he/it_said not you_will_be_able for_seeing ~~ĐOM~~ face_of_my if/because not he_will_see_me the_ _humankind and_he_will_live. **21** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said THERE a_place is_with_me and_you_will_stand on the_rock. **22** And_it_was when_ glory_of_my _passes_by and_I_will_put_ _you in_the_cleft_of the_rock and_I_will_hold palm_of_my over_you until I_have_passed_by. **23** And_I_will_remove ~~ĐOM~~ palm_of_my and_you_will_see ~~ĐOM~~ parts_of_my_back and_face_ _of_my not they_will_be_seen.

34:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh cut_out to/for_ _yourself(m) two_of tablets_of stone(s) like_tablets and_I_will_ _write on the_tablets ~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages which they_ _were on the_tablets (the)_former which you_broke. **2** And_be prepared to_morning and_you_will_go_up in_morning to the_ _mountain_of Ṣīnay and_you_will_station_yourself to_me there on the_top_of the_mountain. **3** And_anyone not he_will_go_up with_you and_also anyone not let_him_be_seen in_all the_ _mountain also the_sheep and_the_cattle not let_them_graze to

310 LV 33:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

311 RV 33:19 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:15.

312 LV 33:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

313 RV 34:1 · Parallel Deu. 10:1-5

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the_front of_the_mountain (the)_that. **4** And_he_cut_out two_of tablets_of stone(s) like_tablets and_ Mosheh _he_rose_early in_ _morning and_he/it_ascended to the_mountain_of Ṣīnay just_ _as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_he/it_took in_ _his/its_hand two_of tablets_of stone(s). **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _descended in_cloud and_he_stood with_him/it there and_ _he/it_called (in)_the_name_of **YHWH**. **6** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _passed_through on his/its_faces/face and_he/it_called **YHWH YHWH** a_god compassionate and_gracious long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness[328] **7** maintaining covenant_loyalty to_thousands forgiving iniquity and_transgression and_sin and_certainly_(leave_ _unpunished) not he_leaves_unpunished visiting the_iniquity_ _of parents on the_children and_on the_children_of children on a_third_generation and_on a_fourth_generation. **8** And_ Mosheh _he_hurried and_he_bowed_low towards_land and_he_ _bowed_down. **9** And_he/it_said if please I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your my_master let_him_go please my_master in_ _midst_of_our if/because is_a_people stiff_of neck it and_you_ _will_forgive (to)_iniquity_of_our and_(to)_sin_of_our and_you_ _will_take_us_as_a_possession. **10** And_he/it_said HERE I am_ _about_to_make a_covenant before all_of people_of_your I_will_ _do wonders which not they_have_been_created in_all_of the_ _earth/land and_on/over_all the_nations and_ all_of the_ _people which you are_in_midst_of_its _it_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _work_of **YHWH** if/because_that it which I am_about_to_do with_you is_awesome. **11** Observe to/for_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ that_ _which I am_commanding_of_you the_day HERE_I am_about_ _to_drive_out from_before_of_you ᴅᴏᴍ the_'Amorī and_the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_Ḫittiy[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s]. **12** Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest you_should_make a_covenant to_the_ _inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land which you are_about_to_go on/upon_it(f) lest he_should_become (into)_a_snare in_midst_ _of_your. **13** If/because ᴅᴏᴍ altars_of_their you(pl)_will_pull_ _down and_ᴅᴏᴍ pillars_of_their_sacred you(pl)_will_break_ _down and_ᴅᴏᴍ poles_its_'Ashērāh you(pl)_will_cut_down. **14** If/because not you_must_bow_down to_a_god another if/because **YHWH** is_jealous his/its_name is_a_god jealous he. **15** Lest you_should_make a_covenant to_the_inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land and_they_will_prostitute_themselves after gods_of_their and_they_will_sacrifice to_gods_of_their and_ _someone_will_invite to/for_yourself(m) and_you(ms)_will_eat some_of_his_sacrifice. **16** And_you_will_take some_of_his_ _daughters for_sons_of_your and_ daughters_of_his _they_will_ _prostitute_themselves after gods_of_their and_they_will_ _make_prostitute_themselves ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_your after gods_of_ _their. **17** gods_of molten_metal not you_must_make for_ _yourself. **18** ᴅᴏᴍ the_festival_of the_unleavened_bread(s) you_

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the base of that mountain." **4** So Mosheh carved out two slabs of stone like the first ones, and he got up early in the morning and went up to Mt. Sinay as Yahweh had commanded him, carrying up the two slabs of stone. **5** Then Yahweh came down in the cloud and stood with him there, and he pronounced his name 'Yahweh'. **6** Yahweh passed over above his face and proclaimed, "I am Yahweh, a compassionate and gracious God, slow to get angry but exuding faithfulness and trustworthiness.[314] **7** I display faithfulness to thousands of generations—forgiving disobedience, transgression, and sin. But I certainly won't let the guilty get away with it—visiting the iniquity of the parents onto the children and onto the grandchildren—to the third and the fourth generations."

8 Mosheh hurried and bowed to the ground and worshipped Yahweh **9** and said, "Please, if I have found favour in your sight, my master, please go with us, because these are stubborn people. And forgive our disobedience and our sin and take us as your inheritance."

10 Yahweh said, "Listen, I'm about to make an agreement in front of all your people.[315] I will do miracles that have not been done before anywhere on the earth or in any country of the world. All the people that you're among will see my work, because what I'm going to do with you is awe-inspiring. **11** Be sure to obey what I'm telling you today. See, I'm about to force the Amorim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Hitim, the Perizim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim out of the land ahead of you. **12** Be very careful not to make any treaties with any of the current inhabitants of the land that you're about to enter, in case it ends up trapping you. **13** What you must do instead is to break down their altars and smash their pillars, and cut down the poles used to worship their god Asherah.[316] **14** You must not bow down to any other god because Yahweh is a jealous God—jealous to protect his name. **15** So don't make an agreement with the inhabitants of the land, because when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, and then they invite you to join them and you eat some of their sacrifice, **16** then you'll end up by allowing your sons to marry their daughters who'll prostitute themselves to their gods, and then your sons will do the same.

17 Don't make cast metal gods for yourselves.[317]

18 You must observe the Flat Bread Celebration every year as I instructed you. For seven days you must eat only bread that hasn't been risen, at the appointed time in late March or early April because that's when you came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[318] **19** All of your eldest male offspring belong to me, including your

314 **RV 34:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:5-6; Num 14:18; Deu 5:9-10; 7:9-10.

315 **RV 34:10 · Note** Because there's no punctuation in the original Hebrew, it's not certain if 'in front of all your people' goes with what it follows (as the *OET-RV* has chosen), or with what follows it (as in several other translations).

316 **RV 34:13 · Cross-ref.** Deu 16:21.

317 **RV 34:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:4; Lev 19:4; Deu 5:8; 27:15.

318 **RV 34:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:14-20; Lev 23:6-8; Num 28:16-25.

328 **LV 34:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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sons and the first males born from your cattle and sheep and goats.[319] **20** If it's a male donkey, a lamb can be given as a ransom instead, but if you don't pay a ransom then you must kill the donkey. It's compulsory to ransom your eldest sons.[320] Don't come to worship me without bringing something.

21 Each week, you should only work for six days, then you must rest on the seventh day—even during ploughing and harvest times.[321]

22 In the spring when you begin to harvest the first wheat crop, you must have a *Celebration of Weeks*,[322] and at the end of the year in the autumn, have a *Finished Harvest Celebration*.[323]

23 Three times every year, all your men must present themselves before me—Yisrael's (Israel's) god, the master Yahweh. **24** I will drive out the people groups ahead of you and expand your borders, and no one will think of taking your land when they know that you present yourselves to me three times a year.

25 Don't wave bread that's been risen when offering a sacrifice. Don't allow any part of the sacrifice for the 'pass-over' celebration to still be there in the morning.[324]

26 You must bring the best of the first parts of your harvests to my residence.[325]

Don't boil a young goat in its mother's milk.[326]

27 Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Write down these words for yourself, because it's in accordance with these words that I've made an agreement with you and with Yisrael." **28** Mosheh was there with Yahweh for forty days and nights, and during that time he didn't eat or even drink water, and he wrote the ten commands of the agreement on the stone slabs.

29 So when Mosheh came down from Mt. Sinay, he was carrying the two stone slabs with the transcript of the ten commands, but what he didn't know as he descended was that the skin on his face was shining after his talking with Yahweh.[327] **30** When Aharon (Aaron) and the Israelis saw Mosheh, wow, his face radiated light and they were afraid to go close to him. **31** But Mosheh called them over, and Aharon and all of the community leaders returned back to him, and he spoke with them. **32** After that, the Israelis came closer, and Mosheh gave them all the instructions that Yahweh had told him on Mt. Sinay. **33** Then when he'd finished talking to them, Mosheh put a veil over his face, **34** and whenever he would go in to speak with Yahweh, he would remove the veil until he came out. Whenever he did come out, he'd tell the Israelis what he'd been instructed, **35** and they

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_will_keep seven_of days you_will_eat unleavened_bread(s) which I_commanded_you to_the_appointed_time_of the_ _month_of (the)_'Āvīv if/because in_the_month_of (the)_'Āvīv you_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **19** Every_of firstborn_ _of a_womb to_me and_all livestock_of_your it_will_be_ _remembered the_firstborn_of an_ox and_a_sheep. **20** And_the_ _firstborn_of a_donkey you_will_redeem with_a_sheep and_if not you_will_redeem_it and_you_will_break_its_neck all_of the_ _firstborn_of your(pl)_sons_of_your you_will_redeem and_not people_will_present_themselves presence_of_my empty. **21** Six_ _of days you_will_labour and_on_day the_seventh you_will_rest at_(the)_time and_at_(the)_time you_will_rest. **22** And_a_ _festival_of weeks you_will_observe to/for_yourself(m) the_ _first-fruits_of the_harvest_of wheat(s) and_the_festival_of the_ _ingathering the_circuit_of the_year. **23** Three times in_year every_of male_of_your he_will_present_himself with the_ _presence_of the_master **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** If/because I_will_dispossess nations from_before_of_you and_I_will_enlarge ᴅᴏᴍ territory_of_your and_not anyone he_ _will_covet ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_your when_you_go_up to_present_ _yourself with the_presence_of **YHWH** god_of_your three times in_year. **25** Not you_must_slaughter with leaven the_blood_of my_sacrifice_of_my and_not it_will_remain_overnight to_ _morning the_sacrifice_of the_festival_of the_passover. **26** The_ _first_of the_first-fruits_of your_ground_of_your you_will_bring the_house_of **YHWH** god_of_your not you_will_boil a_kid in_ _the_milk_of his/its_mother. **27** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh write to/for_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages the_these if/because on the_mouth_of the_words/messages the_these I_have_made with_you a_covenant and_ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **28** And_he/it_was there with **YHWH** forty day[s] and_forty night[s] food not he_ate and_water not he_ _drank and_he_wrote on the_tablets ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_ _of the_covenant the_ten_of the_words/messages. **29** And_ _he/it_was when_ Mosheh _came_down from_hill of_Ṣīnay and_the_two_of the_tablets_of the_transcript were_in_the_ _hand_of Mosheh when_he_came_down from the_mountain and_Mosheh not he_knew if/because_that the_skin_of his/its_ _faces/face it_shone because_he_had_spoken with_him/it. **30** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_all the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ _saw ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_skin_of his/its_ _faces/face it_shone and_they_were_afraid from_drawing_near to_him/it. **31** And_he/it_called (to)_them Mosheh and_they_ _returned to_him/it 'Ah$_a$ron and_all the_leaders among_ _congregation and_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to_them. **32** And_ _after thus all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_drew_near and_he_commanded_them ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that **YHWH** he_had_

319 RV 34:19 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:2.

320 RV 34:20 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:13.

321 RV 34:21 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:9-10; 23:12; 31:15; 35:2; Lev 23:3; Deu 5:13-14.

322 RV 34:22 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:16; Lev 23:15-21; Num 28:26-31.

323 RV 34:22 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:39-43.

324 RV 34:25 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:10.

325 RV 34:26 · Cross-ref. Deu 26:2.

326 RV 34:26 · Cross-ref. Deu 14:21.

327 RV 34:29-35 · Cross-ref. 2Cor 3:7-16.

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_spoken with_him/it on_the_mountain_of Şīnay. **33** And_ Mosheh _they_were_ended/finished from_speaking with_them and_he/it_gave over his/its_faces/face a_veil. **34** And_when_ Mosheh _went to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_ _speak with_him/it he_removed ĐOM the_veil until he_came_ _out and_he_came_out and_he_spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM that_which he_was_commanded. **35** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_saw ĐOM the_face_of Mosheh if/because_that the_skin_of the_face_of Mosheh it_ _shone and_ Mosheh _he_put_back ĐOM the_veil over his/its_ _faces/face until went_he to_speak with_him/it.

35:1 And_ Mosheh _he_assembled ĐOM all_of the_congregation_ _of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said to_them these are_the_words/messages which **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_ _do ĐOM_them. **2** Six_of days work it_will_be_done and_on_day the_seventh it_will_be to/for_you(pl) a_holy_thing a_sabbath_ _of sabbath_observance to/for_**YHWH** every_of (the)_one_ _who_does in_him/it work he_will_be_put_to_death. **3** Not you(pl)_must_kindle fire in_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling in/on_day of_the_sabbath.

4 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to all_of the_congregation_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say this is_the_message which **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_say. **5** Take from_with_ _yourselves a_contribution to/for_**YHWH** every_of (the)_ _person_willing_of his/its_heart let_him_bring_it ĐOM the_ _contribution_of **YHWH** gold and_silver and_bronze. **6** And_ _violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_ _linen and_goat_hair(s). **7** And_hides_of rams dyed_red and_ _skins_of dolphins and_wood(s)_of acacia.[332] **8** And_oil for_light and_spices for_the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_for_the_incense_ _of the_perfume(s). **9** And_stones_of onyx and_stones_of setting(s) for_ephod and_for_breastpiece.

10 And_all person_skillful_of heart among_you(pl) let_them_ _come and_let_them_make ĐOM all_of that **YHWH** he_has_ _commanded. **11** ĐOM the_tabernacle ĐOM tent_of_its and_ĐOM covering_of_its ĐOM hooks_of_its and_ĐOM frames_of_its ĐOM bars_of_its[334] ĐOM pillars_of_its and_ĐOM bases_of_its. **12** ĐOM the_box and_ĐOM poles_of_its ĐOM the_atonement_cover and_ _ĐOM the_curtain_of the_screen. **13** ĐOM the_table and_ĐOM poles_of_its and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_bread_ _of the_presence. **14** And_ĐOM the_lampstand_of the_luminary and_ĐOM articles_of_its and_ĐOM lamps_of_its and_ĐOM the_oil_ _of the_luminary. **15** And_ĐOM the_altar_of (the)_incense and_ _ĐOM poles_of_its and_ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_ĐOM the_incense_of the_perfume(s) and_ĐOM the_screen_of the_ _entrance for_the_entrance_of the_tabernacle. **16** ĐOM the_ _altar_of the_burnt_offering and_ĐOM the_grating_of (the)_

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would see how his face shone. Then Mosheh would put the veil back over his face until he went in the next time to speak with Yahweh.

Instructions for the rest day

35:1 Mosheh (Moses) assembled all the Israelis and told them, "These are the things that Yahweh has instructed you to do. **2** Every week, you can work for six days, but the seventh day will be a sacred rest day, dedicated to Yahweh.[329] Anyone who works on that day must be put to death. **3** Don't light a fire[330] in any of your homes on the rest days."

The offering for Yahweh[331]

4 Then Mosheh (Moses) told all the assembled Israelis, "This is what Yahweh instructed: **5** Take up an offering for Yahweh—everyone who wants to participate should bring to Yahweh their contribution of gold, silver, bronze, **6** blue, purple, or scarlet yarn, finely-spun linen and goats' hair, **7** reddened ram skins, sea-cow hides, and acacia wood, **8** olive oil for the lamps and spices to make the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, **9** and onyx and other gemstones for the priest's sacred apron and chest pouch.

The equipment for the holy tent[333]

10 Everyone among you all who's highly skilled should come and make everything that Yahweh has instructed— **11** the tent for the residence and its covering, its clasps and frames, its bars, pillars, and bases, **12** the box with its poles and the atonement platform to go on top, the curtain for screening it, **13** the table and its poles and all its utensils and the sacred bread, **14** the lampstand for light with its lamps and utensils and oil to burn, **15** the incense altar and its poles, the anointing oil and fragrant incense, the curtain for the entrance of the residence, **16** the altar for the burnt offerings with its bronze grate, its poles and all of its utensils, the washbasin with its base, **17** the courtyard curtains with their pillars and bases, and the curtain for the courtyard gate, **18** the tent

329 **RV 35:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:8-11; 23:12; 31:15; 34:21; Lev 23:3; Deu 5:12-14.

330 **RV 35:3 · Note** This is effectively a command not to do any **cooking** on the rest day.

331 **RV 35:4 · Parallel** Exo. 25:1-9

332 **LV 35:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

333 **RV 35:10 · Parallel** Exo. 39:32-43

334 **LV 35:11 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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pegs and ropes for the residence and the courtyard, 19 the finely-woven clothing for serving in the Holy Place, the sacred clothes for Aharon (Aaron) the priest, and the clothes for his sons to serve as priests."

The people's offerings

20 Then all the Israelis who'd been assembled in front of Mosheh (Moses) went away, 21 and everyone who felt to do so came back bringing their contributions to Yahweh for the work on the sacred tent and all its components, and for the sacred clothes. 22 This included both men and women who were wanting to contribute, and they brought necklaces and earrings and ornaments—all made of gold. They held them up high as a raised offering of gold to Yahweh. 23 Many people who had blue or purple or scarlet yarn, or finely-spun linen or goats' hair, reddened ram skins or sea-cow hides brought them. 24 Others who could, brought a contribution of silver or bronze to Yahweh, and those with acacia wood brought it for all the construction of the tent components. 25 All the women who were skilled at making cloth brought blue, purple, or scarlet yarn and fine, hand-spun linen thread, 26 and all those women who felt to do so spun goats' hair. 27 The leaders brought onyx stones and other gemstones to be mounted on the sacred apron and for the sacred pouch, 28 along with the spices and olive oil to be used for the maps, the anointing oil, and the fragrant incense. 29 Thus the Israelis brought a voluntary offering to Yahweh—every man and woman who felt to do so brought something for all the work which Yahweh had instructed them through Mosheh to do.

The skills of Betsalel and Oholiav[335]

30 Then Mosheh (Moses) said to the Israelis, "Listen, Yahweh has called Betsalel by name (the son of Hur's son Uri, from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah)) 31 and he has filled him with his spirit, with skill and understanding, and with knowledge and with all kinds of craftsmanship. 32 He can design designs, work in gold, silver, and bronze, 33 in cutting gemstones for setting, and in wood-carving—to do all kinds of design and crafting. 34 Yahweh has also given him the desire to teach, along with Oholiav (Ahisamak's son from the tribe of Dan). 35 He's given them both skills to do

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_bronze which to_him/it ĐOM poles_of_its and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its ĐOM the_laver and_ĐOM base_of_its. 17 ĐOM the_ _curtains_of the_courtyard ĐOM pillars_of_its and_ĐOM bases_ _of_its and_ĐOM the_screen_of the_gate_of the_courtyard. 18 ĐOM the_tent_pegs_of the_tabernacle and_ĐOM the_tent_ _pegs_of the_courtyard and_ĐOM tent-cords_of_their. 19 ĐOM the_garments_of the_woven_material to_serve in_place ĐOM the_garments_of (the)_holiness for_'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer and_ĐOM the_garments_of his_sons_of_his to_serve_as_priests.

20 And_ all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_went_out from_to/for_ _face/front/presence Mosheh. 21 And_ every_of person whom it_lifted_him his/its_heart _they_came and_all/each/any/every one_whom his/its_breath/wind/spirit it_impelled ĐOM_him/it they_brought ĐOM the_contribution_of **YHWH** for_the_work_of the_tent_of meeting and_to/for_all service_of_its and_for_the_ _garments_of (the)_holiness. 22 And_ the_men _they_came with the_women every person_willing_of heart they_brought nose_ _ring[s] and_earring[s] and_finger_ring[s] and_ornament[s] every_of article_of gold and_all person who he_waved a_ _wave-offering_of gold to/for_**YHWH**. 23 And_all person whom it_was_found with_him/it violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_ _stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen and_goat_hair(s) and_hides_of rams dyed_red and_skins_of dolphins they_brought_them. 24 All_of those_who_contributed a_contribution_of silver and_ _bronze they_brought ĐOM the_contribution_of **YHWH** and_ _all/each/any/every one_whom it_was_found with_him/it wood(s)_of acacia to/from_all/each/any/every the_work_of the_service they_brought_it. 25 And_all woman skillful_of heart with_hands_of_her they_spun and_they_brought that_which_ _was_spun ĐOM the_violet_stuff and_ĐOM the_purple ĐOM the_ _scarlet_stuff_of the_scarlet and_ĐOM the_fine_linen. 26 And_all the_women whom heart_of_their it_lifted them with_skill they_spun ĐOM the_goat_hair(s). 27 And_the_leaders they_ _brought ĐOM the_stones_of the_onyx/beryl and_ĐOM the_ _stones_of the_setting(s) for_ephod and_for_breastpiece. 28 And_ĐOM the_spice and_ĐOM the_oil for_light and_for_the_ _oil_of (the)_anointing and_for_the_incense_of the_perfume(s). 29 Every_of man and_woman whom heart_of_their it_impelled ĐOM_them to_bring to/from_all/each/any/every the_work which **YHWH** he_had_commanded for_doing by_the_hand_of Mosheh they_brought the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_freewill_ _offering to/for_**YHWH**.

30 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) see **YHWH** he_has_called in/on_name_of Bətsal'ēl the_son_of 'Ūrī the_son_of Ḥūr of_the_tribe_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). 31 And_he_has_filled ĐOM_him/it the_spirit_of god with_skill with_understanding and_with_knowledge and_on/over_all workmanship. 32 And_to_design designs to_work in_gold and_ _in_silver and_in_bronze. 33 And_in_carving_of stone to_fill and_in_carving_of wood for_doing in_all workmanship_of design. 34 And_to_teach he_has_put in_heart_of_his he and_ _'Āh$_e$lī'āv the_son_of Ahisamach of_the_tribe_of of_Dān. 35 He_ _has_filled ĐOM_them wisdom_of heart for_doing all_of the_ _work_of an_engraver and_a_skillful_worker and_a_worker_in_

335 **RV 35:30 · Parallel** Exo. 31:1-11

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_colours in_stuff and_in_purple in_the_scarlet_stuff_of the_
_scarlet and_in_linen and_a_weaver doers_of all_of
workmanship and_designers_of designs.
36:1 And_he_will_do Bətsal'ēl and_'Āh$_e$lī'āv and_
_all/each/any/every person skillful_of heart whom **YHWH** he_
_has_put skill and_understanding in_them to_know to_do ÐOM
all_of the_work_of the_service_of the_holy_place to_
_all/each/any/every that **YHWH** he_has_commanded.
2 And_ Mosheh _he/it_called to Bətsal'ēl[336] and_near/to
'Āh$_e$lī'āv and_near/to every_of person skillful_of heart whom
YHWH he_had_put skill in_heart_of_his every one_whom it_
_lifted_him his/its_heart to_draw_near to the_work to_do ÐOM_
_her/it. **3** And_they_took from_to/for_face/front/presence
Mosheh ÐOM all_of the_contribution which the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_brought for_the_work_of the_service_
_of the_holy_place to_do ÐOM_her/it and_they they_brought to_
_him/it still a_freewill_offering in_morning in_morning. **4** And_
all_of the_skillful_people who_were_doing ÐOM all_of the_work_
_of the_holy_place _they_came person person from_work_of_
_his which they were_doing. **5** And_they_said to Mosheh to_
_saying the_people are_multiplying to_bring from_sufficiency
of_the_service for_work which **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_
_do ÐOM_her/it. **6** And_ Mosheh _he/it_commanded and_they_
_caused_to_pass a_proclamation in_camp to_say a_man and_a_
_woman not let_them_make again work for_the_contribution_
_of the_holy_place and_ the_people _it_was_restrained from_
_bringing. **7** And_the_work it_was sufficiency_of_their to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_work for_doing ÐOM_her/it and_it_
_was_more_than_enough.
8 And_ every_of person_skillful_of heart among_those_who_
_did_of (of)_the_work _they_made ÐOM the_tabernacle ten
curtains fine_linen twisted and_violet_stuff and_purple and_
_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet cherubim the_work_of a_skillful_
_worker he_made ÐOM_them. **9** The_length_of the_curtain the_
_one(f) was_eight and_twenty by_cubit and_the_breadth was_
_four by_cubit the_curtain (the)_one size one to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_curtains. **10** And_he_joined ÐOM five
of_the_curtains one to one and_five curtains he_joined one to
one. **11** And_he/it_made loops_of violet_stuff on the_edge_of
the_curtain (the)_one from_an_end in_set thus he_did on_the_
_edge_of the_curtain (the)_outermost in_set the_second(fs).
12 Fifty loops he_made on_curtain (the)_one and_fifty loops he_
_made on_the_end_of the_curtain which was_in_set the_
_second(fs) the_loops were_opposite one to one. **13** And_he/it_
_made fifty hooks_of gold and_he_joined ÐOM the_curtains one
to one with_hooks and_he/it_was the_tabernacle one. **14** And_
_he/it_made curtains_of goat_hair(s) into_a_tent over the_
_tabernacle one_plus_of ten curtains he_made ÐOM_them.
15 The_length_of the_curtain the_one(f) was_thirty by_cubit
and_four cubits the_breadth_of the_curtain (the)_one size one
belonged_to_one_plus_of ten curtains. **16** And_he_joined ÐOM

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all the work of craftsmen and of skillful workmen and of embroiderers in blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, and in the fine linen and of weavers—both as designers as well as the various, actual crafts.
36:1 Betsalel and Oholiav will do the work of constructing all the components of the sacred tent along with any others who are like-minded and who have been given the necessary skills and understanding by Yahweh."

More than enough materials donated

2 So Mosheh (Moses) summoned Betsalel and Oholiav, as well as anyone else who felt to help and had been given the appropriate skills by Yahweh, **3** and they took away all the contributions that the Israelis had brought to Mosheh to be used for the construction of the sacred tent. However the people still continued to bring voluntary offerings every morning. **4** So all those skilled people came over to start on the work of making the sacred tent, Holy Place came, leaving behind the work that they had been doing, **5** and they informed Mosheh, "The people are bringing way more than enough to use for the work that Yahweh has instructed us to do."
6 So with Mosheh's agreement, they spread a message around the camp saying, "Please don't bring any more contributions for the sacred tent." So the people—men and women—stopped bringing donations **7** as they had already collected more than enough materials for all the work.

The construction of the tent[337]

8 Then all the most-skilled men out of the workmen made the ten strips of curtaining for the residence from twisted finely-spun linen and blue, purple, scarlet yarn used to embroider winged-creatures on them. **9** Each strip was 14.5m long and two metres wide—they were all the same size. **10** Five strips were sewn together as one set, and the other five as another set. **11** They[338] made loops of blue on the edge of the first curtain at the edge of the set, and similarly for the second set— **12** fifty matching loops on the edge of each set so they were aligned with each other. **13** They also made fifty gold clips and used them to join the two curtain sets to each other to make the wall of the sacred tent.
14 Then they made eleven goats' hair curtain sections for the tarpaulin over the sacred tent. **15** All eleven sections were the same size at fifteen metres long and two metres wide, **16** and they joined five sections to each other for one set and six for the other. **17** Then they attached fifty blue loops onto one edge of each of the two sets **18** and made fifty bronze clips for connecting them into one continuous cover. **19** They then made a

336 LV 36:2 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

337 RV 36:8 · Parallel Exo. 26:1-37

338 RV 36:11 · Note It's singular 'he' in the original, which is confusing after v8 mentioned a group of craftsmen. The *OET-RV* has chosen to follow v8 (and change the pronoun to 'they' in this section), but other translations are divided in how they handle this dilemma.

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tarpaulin from red rams skins to go over the tent, and the top waterproof tarpaulin of sea-cow hides.

20 Then they made forty-eight upright frames from acacia wood for the sacred tent. **21** Each frame was five metres long and 0.75m wide **22** with two protrusions on each frame for connecting them together, so all the frames were made in this way. **23** They made twenty frames for the south side **24** with their forty silver bases—two bases under each frame that two more protrusions fitted down into, **25** then two more for the north side **26** with their forty silver bases—two bases under each frame. **27** Six frames were made for the west side **28** as well as two frames for the back corners of the sacred tent. **29** At the two corners, the frames were connected together at the bottom, and similarly at the top before being attached to a single ring **30** so that made eight frames with their sixteen silver bases—two bases under each frame.

31 Then they made crossbars from acacia wood—five for the frames on the north side of the sacred tent, **32** five for the south side, and five crossbars for the frames on the west side along the back. **33** The middle crossbar was made to pass through from one end to the other in the centre of the frames, **34** and the frames were overlaid with gold. They then made gold rings to be the holders for the crossbars, and they too were overlaid with gold.

35 They made a curtain from twisted finely-spun linen, and a skillful workman embroidered winged creatures on them with blue, purple, scarlet yarn. **36** They made four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold, as well as their gold hooks and four bases cast from silver. **37** They made a curtain for the tent entrance—an embroiderer made it from twisted finely-spun linen and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, **38** along with its five pillars and their hooks. The tops of the pillars were overlaid with gold, and their five bases were made of bronze.

37:1 Then Betsalel made the sacred chest from acacia wood—it was 1.2m long, 0.75m wide, and 0.75m high. **2** He overlaid both the inside and the outside with pure gold, and made a gold moulding all around it,

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five of_the_curtains alone_set and_ĐOM six of_the_curtains alone_set. **17** And_he/it_made loops fifty on the_edge_of the_ _curtain (the)_outermost in_set and_fifty loops he_made on the_edge_of the_curtain the_joined_set the_second(fs). **18** And_ _he/it_made hooks_of bronze fifty to_join_together ĐOM the_ _tent to_be one. **19** And_he/it_made a_covering for_tent hides_ _of rams dyed_red and_a_covering_of skins_of dolphins from_ _to_above. **20** And_he/it_made ĐOM the_frames for_tabernacle wood(s)_of acacia standing_upright. **21** Was_ten cubits the_ _length_of the_frame and_was_a_cubit and_(the)_half_of (the)_ _cubit the_breadth_of the_frame the_one. **22** Two_of hands belonged_to_frame the_one joined one to one thus he_did to_ _all/each/any/every the_frames_of the_tabernacle. **23** And_ _he/it_made ĐOM the_frames for_tabernacle twenty frames for_ _the_side_of the_south southward_to. **24** And_forty bases_of silver he_made under twenty the_frames two_of bases were_ _under the_frame the_one for_the_two_of hands_of_its and_ _two_of bases were_under the_frame the_one for_the_two_of hands_of_its. **25** And_for_the_side_of the_tabernacle the_ _second(fs) for_the_side_of the_north he_made twenty frames. **26** And_forty bases_of_their silver two_of bases were_under the_frame the_one and_two_of bases were_under the_frame the_one. **27** And_for_the_innermost_parts_of the_tabernacle westward_on he_made six frames. **28** And_two_of frames he_ _made for_the_corners_of the_tabernacle in_parts. **29** And_ _they_will_be twins from_to_downwards and_together they_ _were complete to his/its_head into the_ring (the)_one thus he_did for_both_of_of_them for_the_two_of the_corners. **30** And_ eight frames _they_will_be and_bases_of_their were_ _silver six- teen bases two_of bases two_of bases were_under the_frame the_one. **31** And_he/it_made bars_of wood(s)_of acacia five_bars belonged_to_the_frames_of the_side_of the_ _tabernacle (the)_one. **32** And_five bars belonged_to_the_ _frames_of the_side_of the_tabernacle the_second(fs) and_five bars belonged_to_the_frames_of the_tabernacle for_parts westward_on. **33** And_he/it_made ĐOM the_bar (the)_middle to_ _pass_through in_the_middle of_the_frames from the_end to the_end. **34** And_ĐOM the_frames he_overlaid gold and_ĐOM rings_of_their he_made gold holders for_bars and_he_overlaid ĐOM the_bars gold. **35** And_he/it_made ĐOM the_curtain violet_ _stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_work_of a_skillful_worker he_made ĐOM_her/it cherubim. **36** And_he/it_made to/for_her/it four pillars_of acacia and_he_overlaid_them gold hooks_of_their were_gold and_he_throw to/for_them four bases_of silver. **37** And_he/it_ _made a_screen for_the_entrance_of the_tent violet_stuff and_ _purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_ _work_of a_worker_in_colours. **38** And_ĐOM pillars_of_its five and_ĐOM hooks_of_their and_he_overlaid tops_of_their and_ _bands_of_their gold and_bases_of_their five were_bronze.

37:1 And_ Bətsalʾēl _he/it_made ĐOM the_box wood(s)_of acacia was_two_cubits and_a_half length_of_its and_was_a_cubit and_ _a_half breadth_of_its and_was_a_cubit and_a_half height_of_ _its. **2** And_he_overlaid_it gold pure from_inside and_from_ _outside and_he/it_made to_him/it a_moulding gold all_

339 **RV 37:1 · Parallel** Exo. 25:10-22

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_around. 3 And_he_throw to_him/it four rings_of gold on the_
_four feet_of_its and_two_of rings were_on side_of_its (the)_one
and_two_of rings were_on side_of_its the_second(fs). 4 And_
_he/it_made poles_of wood(s)_of acacia and_he_overlaid ᴅᴏᴍ_
_them gold. 5 And_he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_poles in_rings on
the_sides_of the_box to_carry ᴅᴏᴍ the_box. 6 And_he/it_made
an_atonement_cover_of gold pure was_two_cubits and_a_half
length_of_its and_was_a_cubit and_a_half breadth_of_its.
7 And_he/it_made two_of cherubim gold hammered_work he_
_made ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_the_two_of the_ends_of the_
_atonement_cover. 8 A_cherub one was_from_an_end from_this
and_a_cherub one was_from_an_end from_this from the_
_atonement_cover he_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_cherubims from_the_two_
of its[340]. 9 And the_cherubims _they_were spreading_out_of
(of)_wings (to)_upwards covering with_wings_of_their over
the_atonement_cover and_faces_of_their each was_to his/its_
_brother to the_atonement_cover the_faces_of the_cherubims
they_were.

10 And_he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_table wood(s)_of acacia was_two_
_cubits length_of_its and_was_a_cubit breadth_of_its and_was_
_a_cubit and_a_half height_of_its. 11 And_he_overlaid ᴅᴏᴍ_
_him/it gold pure and_he/it_made to_him/it a_moulding gold
all_around. 12 And_he/it_made to_him/it a_rim a_hand_
_breadth all_around and_he/it_made a_moulding_of gold for_
_rim_of_its all_around. 13 And_he_throw to_him/it four rings_
_of gold and_he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_rings on the_four the_corners
which belonged_to_the_four feet_of_its. 14 Close_to_of the_rim
the_rings holders they_were for_poles to_carry ᴅᴏᴍ the_table.
15 And_he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_poles wood(s)_of acacia and_he_
_overlaid ᴅᴏᴍ_them gold to_carry ᴅᴏᴍ the_table. 16 And_he/it_
_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_vessels which were_on the_table ᴅᴏᴍ dishes_of_
_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ pans_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ bowls_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_jugs which it_is_poured_out with_them gold pure.

17 And_he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_lampstand gold pure hammered_
_work he_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_lampstand base_of_its and_shaft_of_its
cups_of_its bulbs_of_its and_blossoms_of_its from_her/it they_
_were. 18 And_six branches were_going_out from_sides_of_its
three branches_of lampstand were_from_side_of_its the_one
and_three branches_of lampstand were_from_side_of_its the_
_second. 19 Three cups shaped_like_almond_blossoms were_on_
_branch the_one a_bulb and_a_blossom and_three cups shaped_
_like_almond_blossoms were_on_a_branch one a_bulb and_a_
_blossom thus for_the_six_of the_branches which_go_out from
the_lampstand. 20 And_were_on_lampstand four cups shaped_
_like_almond_blossoms bulbs_of_its and_blossoms_of_its.
21 And_a_bulb was_under two_of the_branches from_her/it
and_a_bulb was_under two_of the_branches from_her/it and_a_
_bulb was_under two_of the_branches from_her/it for_the_six_
_of the_branches which_go_out from_it. 22 Bulbs_of_their and_
_branches_of_their from_her/it they_were of_it_of_all was_
_hammered_work one gold pure. 23 And_he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ
lamps_of_its seven and_tongs_of_its and_fire-pans_of_its gold

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3 and he cast four rings of gold and attached them to its four feet—two rings on each one side. 4 He made two acacia wood poles and overlaid them with gold, 5 and he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box for carrying it.

6 Then he made the atonement platform from pure gold to fit as the lid for the box, so it was also 1.2m long and 0.75m wide, 7 then from the ends of the lid, he hammered the gold to form two winged creatures. 8 There was a winged creature sitting on each end of the atonement platform made from its two ends, 9 and they were spreading their wings upwards to cover over the platform. They faced each other, looking down towards the atonement platform.

Making the bread table[341]

10 He made the bread table from acacia wood—one metre long, half a metre wide, and three-quarters of a metre high. 11 It was overlaid with pure gold and had a gold moulding all around it. 12 He made an 8cm wide rim all around it, and a gold moulding around the rim. 13 He moulded four gold rings from gold and attached them to the four corners of the table. Each ring was close to each table leg 14 near the rim to hold the poles for carrying the table. 15 He made two acacia wood poles and overlaid them for gold—they were for carrying the table. 16 He also made the utensils that would be on the table—its plates and pans, and its bowls and pitchers to be used for pouring out the wine offerings—all made from pure gold.

Making the lampstand[342]

17 Then he made the lampstand from pure gold. The base and shaft of the lampstand were hammered into shape, along with its cups, and its buds and blossoms. 18 There were six branches going out from the shaft of the lampstand—three on each side. 19 Each branch had three gold cups on it that looked like almond flowers with buds and petals. It was the same for each of the lampstand's six branches. 20 On the lampstand shaft there were four cups that also looked like almond blossoms, each one with flower buds and petals. 21 He made one flower bud beneath every pair of branches (that were going out from opposite sides). The bud was attached to each pair of branches as if they were growing out of it—all six lampstand branches were attached like that. 22 The buds and the branches coming out of them were all hammered out of one piece of pure gold. 23 Then he made the seven lamps out of pure gold, along with the tongs and trays. 24 He made the lampstand and tongs and trays using 33kg of pure gold.

340 LV 37:8 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/תַוּוצַק: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתּוּצֶק': lemma_7098 n_0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_027VD וְ/יִתּוּצֶק

341 RV 37:10 · Parallel Exo. 25:23-30

342 RV 37:17 · Parallel Exo. 25:31-40

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Making the incense altar[343]

25 Then he made the altar for burning incense out of acacia wood. It was square—half a metre on each side—and one metre high. Its projections on the top four corners were part of it. 26 He overlaid it with pure gold—all four sides including the projections—and put a gold moulding all around it. 27 Then he made two gold rings and attached them below the moulding—two on each side for holding the poles for carrying the altar. 28 The two poles were made from acacia wood and then overlaid with gold. 29 He got a professional ointment maker to make the sacred anointing oil and the pure, fragrant incense.[344]

Making the altar for burning sacrifices[345]

38:1 Then Betsalel made the altar for burning offerings from acacia wood. It was square—2.5m on each side—and 1.5m tall. 2 From the same piece of wood, he made horn-like projections for each of the four corners, then he overlaid it all with bronze. 3 He made all the utensils for the altar: the pots and shovels, basins and meat-forks, and the firepans—all made from bronze. 4 He made a grating for the altar—a bronze lattice that fitted down in the middle of the altar, 5 and he cast the grating with rings on the four corners as holders for the carrying poles. 6 He made the acacia wood poles and overlaid them with bronze 7 and he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar so they could carry it with them. He made the altar hollow using boards.

Making the washbasin[346]

8 Then he made a bronze washbasin and base.[347] They were made with the bronze from the mirrors of the serving women who served at the entrance of the sacred tent.

Making the courtyard[348]

9 Then Betsalel worked on the courtyard. For the south side, the courtyard curtains were fifty metres of twisted finely-spun linen 10 with their twenty bronze pillars and their bases. The hooks on the pillars and their rings were made of silver. 11 On the north side, there were fifty metres of curtains with their twenty bronze pillars and bases, and their silver hooks and rings. 12 On the west side, there were twenty-five metres of curtains with their ten pillars and bases, and their silver hooks and rings, 13 and another twenty-five metres on the east side. 14 The curtains for one side of the entrance were 7.5m long with their three pillars and their bases. 15 On the other side, opposite the courtyard entrance, the

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pure. 24 A_talent gold pure he_made ~~DOM~~_her/it and_~~DOM~~ all_of articles_of_its.

25 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_altar_of (the)_incense wood(s)_of acacia was_a_cubit length_of_its and_was_a_cubit breadth_of_its square and_was_two_cubits height_of_its from_him/it horns_of_its they_were. 26 And_he_overlaid ~~DOM~~_him/it gold pure ~~DOM~~ top_of_its and_~~DOM~~ sides_of_its all_around and_~~DOM~~ horns_of_its and_he/it_made to_him/it a_moulding gold all_around. 27 And_two_of rings_of gold he_made to_him/it from_under to_moulding_of_its on the_two_of sides_of_its on the_two_of sides_of_its for_holders for_poles to_carry ~~DOM~~_him/it by_them. 28 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_poles wood(s)_of acacia and_he_overlaid ~~DOM~~_them gold. 29 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_oil_of (the)_anointing a_holy_thing and_~~DOM~~ the_incense_of the_perfume(s) pure the_work_of a_perfumer.

38:1 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_altar_of the_burnt_offering wood(s)_of acacia was_five cubits length_of_its and_was_five cubits breadth_of_its square and_was_three cubits height_of_its. 2 And_he/it_made horns_of_its on the_four corners_of_its from_him/it horns_of_its they_were and_he_overlaid ~~DOM~~_him/it bronze. 3 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ all_of the_articles_of the_altar ~~DOM~~ the_pots and_~~DOM~~ the_shovels and_~~DOM~~ the_bowls ~~DOM~~ the_forks and_~~DOM~~ the_fire-pans all_of articles_of_its he_made bronze. 4 And_he/it_made for_altar a_grating a_work_of a_net_of bronze under ledge_of_its from_to_downwards to middle_of_its. 5 And_he_throw four rings on_the_four the_ends for_the_grating_of (the)_bronze holders for_poles. 6 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_poles wood(s)_of acacia and_he_overlaid ~~DOM~~_them bronze. 7 And_he/it_brought ~~DOM~~ the_poles in_rings on the_sides_of the_altar to_carry ~~DOM~~_him/it (is)_in_them hollow_of boards he_made ~~DOM~~_him/it.

8 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_laver bronze and_~~DOM~~ base_of_its bronze with_the_mirrors_of the_serving_women who they_served the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting.

9 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_courtyard for_the_side_of the_south southward_to the_curtains_of the_courtyard were_fine_linen twisted one_hundred by_cubit. 10 Pillars_of_their were_twenty and_bases_of_their twenty were_bronze the_hooks_of the_pillars and_bands_of_their were_silver. 11 And_for_the_side_of the_north one_hundred by_cubit pillars_of_their were_twenty and_bases_of_their twenty were_bronze the_hooks_of the_pillars and_bands_of_their were_silver. 12 And_for_the_side_of the_west curtains fifty by_cubit pillars_of_their were_ten and_bases_of_their were_ten the_hooks_of the_pillars and_bands_of_their were_silver. 13 And_for_the_side_of eastward eastward_toward fifty cubit[s]. 14 Curtains were_fif- teen cubit[s] to the_side pillars_of_their were_three and_bases_of_their were_three. 15 And_for_side the_second(fs) from_this

343 **RV 37:25 · Parallel** Exo. 30:1-5

344 **RV 37:29 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:22-38.

345 **RV 38:1 · Parallel** Exo. 27:1-8

346 **RV 38:8 · Parallel** Exo. 30:18

347 **RV 38:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:18.

348 **RV 38:9 · Parallel** Exo. 27:9-19

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and_from_this to_the_gate_of the_courtyard curtains were_fifteen cubit[s] pillars_of_their were_three and_bases_of_their were_three. **16** All_of the_curtains_of the_courtyard all_around were_fine_linen twisted. **17** And_the_bases for_pillars were_ _bronze the_hooks_of the_pillars and_bands_of_their were_ _silver and_the_plating_of their_tops_of_their was_silver and_ _they were_furnished_with_bands silver all_of the_pillars_of the_courtyard. **18** And_the_screen_of the_gate_of the_courtyard was_the_work_of a_worker_in_colours violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted and_twenty cubit[s] the_length and_the_height in_breadth was_five cubits corresponding_to_of the_curtains_of the_courtyard. **19** And_ _pillars_of_their were_four and_bases_of_their four were_ _bronze hooks_of_their were_silver and_the_plating_of their_ _tops_of_their and_bands_of_their were_silver. **20** And_all the_ _tent_pegs for_tabernacle and_for_courtyard all_around were_ _bronze.

21 These were_the_expenses_of the_tabernacle the_tabernacle_ _of the_transcript which it_was_recorded on the_mouth_of Mosheh the_service_of the_Lēviyyiy by_the_hand_of ʾĪtāmār the_son_of ʾAh$_a$ron the_priest/officer. **22** And_Bətsalʾ^{ēl} the_son_ _of ʾŪrī the_son_of Ḥūr of_the_tribe_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_ _made ÐOM all_of that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh. **23** And_was_with_him ʾĀh$_e$līʾāv the_son_of Ahisamach of_the_tribe_of of_Dān an_engraver and_a_skillful_worker and_ _a_worker_in_colours in_stuff and_in_purple and_in_the_ _scarlet_stuff_of the_scarlet and_in_linen. **24** All_of the_gold which_was_used for_work in_all_of the_work_of the_holy_place and_he/it_was the_gold_of the_wave-offering nine and_twenty talent[s] and_seven hundred(s) and_thirty shekel[s] by_the_ _shekel_of the_holy_place. **25** And_the_silver_of those_ _enrolled_of the_congregation was_one_hundred_of talent[s] and_one_thousand and_seven hundred(s) and_five and_seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place. **26** A_beka for_head the_half_of the_shekel by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place to_ _all/each/any/every (the)_one_who_passed_over to those_ _enrolled from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards to_six hundred(s) thousand and_three_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s) and_fifty. **27** And_ the_one_hundred_of the_ _talent[s]_of (the)_silver _he/it_was to_throw ÐOM the_bases_of the_holy_place and_ÐOM the_bases_of the_curtain a_hundred_ _of bases for_the_one_hundred_of the_talent[s] a_talent for_ _base. **28** And_ÐOM the_one_thousand and_seven the_ _hundred(s) and_five and_seventy he_made hooks for_pillars and_he_overlaid tops_of_their and_he_furnished_with_bands ÐOM_them. **29** And_the_bronze_of the_wave-offering was_ _seventy talent[s] and_two_thousand and_four hundred(s) shekel[s]. **30** And_he/it_made with_it ÐOM the_bases_of the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_ÐOM the_altar_of (the)_ _bronze and_ÐOM the_grating_of (the)_bronze which to_him/it and_ÐOM all_of the_articles_of the_altar. **31** And_ÐOM the_bases_ _of the_courtyard all_around and_ÐOM the_bases_of the_gate_of the_courtyard and_ÐOM all_of the_tent_pegs_of the_tabernacle and_ÐOM all_of the_tent_pegs_of the_courtyard all_around.

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curtains were 7.5m long with their three pillars and their bases. **16** All of the courtyard curtains were made with twisted finely-spun linen. **17** The bases for the pillars were bronze, but the hooks on them and their rings were silver. All of the courtyard pillars had decorative silver caps fitted to their tops. **18** The curtain for the courtyard gate was done by an embroiderer. It was made from twisted finely-spun linen embroidered with blue, purple, and scarlet yard. The curtain was ten metres long and 2.5m high, just like the other courtyard curtains **19** with its four bronze pillars and their bases and their silver hooks and rings, and with silver caps. **20** All the tent pegs for the sacred tent and for around the courtyard were made with bronze.

List of metals used

21 These are the records from making the sacred tent (where the stone transcripts were kept). They were recorded by the Levites according to Mosheh's (Moses') instructions and supervised by Itamar (a son of Aharon (Aaron) the priest).

22 Betsalel (son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah)) made everything that Yahweh had instructed Mosheh to make. **23** Oholiav (son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan) worked with him—he was an engraver and a designer and an embroiderer in blue, purple, and scarlet, and in fine linen.

24 The gold that they used for the construction of the sacred tent was measured at 965kg. This was the gold from the wave offering and was weighed using the official standard weights. **25** The silver contributed by the people was measured at 3,420kg also using the official weights.[349] **26** During the census, every male who was twenty years old or older paid a 5g silver coin[350]—a total of 603,550 men. **27** They'd used 3,400kg of silver to make the bases under the pillars that supported the sacred tent's curtains (34kg for each of one hundred bases) **28** and the other twenty kilograms were used for the hooks for the pillars and for the caps on the tops of them. **29** The bronze from the wave offering came to 2,400kg **30** and it was used to make the bases for the pillars at the tent entrance and for the altar and its grating and all the utensils, **31** and for the bases for the posts for the curtains around the courtyard and at the entrance, and for the tent pegs for the main structure and around the courtyard.

349 **RV 38:25-26 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:11-16.

350 **RV 38:26 · Cross-ref.** Mat 17:24.

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Making the priests' uniforms[351]

39:1 They used the blue, purple, and scarlet cloth to make the sacred clothes to be used in the sacred tent. They made Aharon's (Aaron's) clothes just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses).

The sacred apron

2 Betsalel made the sacred apron from twisted finely-spun linen embroidered with gold wire, and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **3** They hammered thin sheets of gold and he cut them into thread of wire for a skillful craftsman to embroider into the fine linen along with the blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **4** They made joined shoulder pieces for it—joined on two corners **5** and the skillfully woven waistband which is attached to the apron was made of the same material of twisted finely-spun linen, and had similar embroidery using gold wire, and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses). **6** They cut two onyx stones and mounted them in decorative gold settings. The names of the twelve sons of Yisrael (Israel) were engraved on them similar to how a signet ring is engraved, **7** and he put them on the shoulder pieces of the sacred apron as stones of reminder for the sons of Yisrael, as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

Making the sacred pouch[353]

8 Then he made the sacred chest pouch which took the work of a skilled craftsman like making the sacred apron. It too was made of twisted finely-spun linen and embroidered with gold wire, and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **9** When the material was folded over double, it made a square pouch that was 23cm long and 23cm wide, **10** and they attached four rows of gemstones onto the front. The first row had a red ruby, a yellow topaz, and a red garnet. **11** The second row had a green emerald, a blue sapphire, and a diamond. **12** The third row had a red jacinth, a white agate, and a purple amethyst. **13** The fourth row had a yellow beryl, an onyx, and a green jasper. All the stones were mounted in decorative gold settings. **14** The gemstones were engraved with the names of the twelve sons of Yisrael (Israel) similar to how a signet ring is engraved, and they represented the twelve tribes. **15** They attached two twisted chains of pure gold crafted like a cord onto the pouch, **16** and made two decorative gold settings and two gold rings, and attached them to the upper corners of the sacred pouch. **17** They attached one end of each gold chain to one of the rings on the top corner of the pouch, **18** and they attached the other end of each chain to the two decorative settings that enclose the stones. Then they put those on the front side of the shoulder straps of the sacred apron. **19** Then they made two more gold rings and attached them to the lower corners of the sacred pouch on the inside edges next to the sacred apron. **20** They made two more gold rings and attached them to

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39:1 And_from the_violet_stuff and_the_purple and_the_ _scarlet_stuff_of the_scarlet they_made garments_of woven_ _material to_serve in_place and_they_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_garments_ _of (the)_holiness which belong_to_'Ah$_a$ron just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh.

2 And_he/it_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_ephod gold violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted. **3** And_ _they_beat_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_thin_plates_of the_gold and_he_cut_ _them_up threads for_doing in_the_middle the_violet_stuff and_among_of the_purple and_among_of the_scarlet_stuff_of the_scarlet and_among_of the_fine_linen the_work_of a_ _skillful_worker. **4** Shoulder-pieces they_made to_him/it joined on the_two_of its[352] it_was_joined. **5** And_the_girdle_of its_ _ephod_of_his which on/upon/above_him/it from_him/it it will_be_of_like_its_workmanship gold violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh. **6** And_they_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_stones_of the_onyx/beryl surrounded filigree_ _settings_of gold engraved the_engravings_of a_seal on the_ _names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_he/it_assigned ~~ĐOM~~_them on the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod stones_of remembrance for_the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh.

8 And_he/it_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_breastpiece the_work_of a_skillful_ _worker like_the_work_of the_ephod gold violet_stuff and_ _purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted. **9** Square it_was folded_double they_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_breastpiece was_a_span length_of_its and_was_a_span breadth_of_its folded_double. **10** And_they_filled in_him/it four rows_of stone[s] was_a_row_of a_ruby a_topaz and_a_beryl the_row the_ _one. **11** And_the_row the_second was_a_turquoise a_sapphire and_an_emerald. **12** And_the_row the_third was_a_jacinth an_ _agate and_an_amethyst. **13** And_the_row the_fourth was_a_ _chrysolite an_onyx and_a_jasper they_were_surrounded filigree_settings_of gold in_settings_of_their. **14** And_the_stones were_on the_names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they two_ _plus ten_stones were_on names_of_their was_the_engravings_ _of a_seal each_one on his/its_name for_two_plus ten tribe[s]. **15** And_they_made on the_breastpiece chains_of twisting a_ _work_of cordage gold pure. **16** And_they_made two_of filigree_ _settings_of gold and_two_of rings_of gold and_they_put ~~ĐOM~~ the_two_of the_rings on the_two_of the_ends_of the_ _breastpiece. **17** And_they_put the_two_of the_cords the_gold on the_two_of the_rings on the_ends_of the_breastpiece. **18** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_two_of the_ends_of the_two_of the_cords they_ _put on the_two_of the_filigree_settings and_they_put_them on the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod to the_front his/its_ _faces/face. **19** And_they_made two_of rings_of gold and_they_ _put_them on the_two_of the_ends_of the_breastpiece on edge_ _of_its which was_to the_side_of the_ephod inside_to_the. **20** And_they_made two_of rings_of gold and_they_put_them on the_two_of the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod from_to_

351 **RV 39:1 · Parallel** Exo. 28:1-14

352 **LV 39:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תווצק׃ (x-qere) ו/יתוֹצְק׳: lemma_7098 n_0.0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_02fC7 ו/יתוֹצְק

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_downwards from_the_front_of his/its_faces/face close_to_of joining_of_its from_above (to)_the_girdle_of the_ephod. **21** And_they_bound ĐOM the_breastpiece from_rings_of_its to the_rings_of the_ephod with_a_cord_of violet_stuff to_be on the_girdle_of the_ephod and_not the_breastpiece it_becomes_ _detached from_under the_ephod just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh.

22 And_he/it_made ĐOM the_robe_of the_ephod the_work_of a_ _weaver an_entirety_of violet_stuff. **23** And_the_opening_of the_robe in_the_middle_of_of_it was_like_the_opening_of a_ _collar an_edge belonged_to_opening_of_its all_around not it_ _was_torn. **24** And_they_made on the_skirts_of the_robe pomegranates_of violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet twisted. **25** And_they_made bells_of gold pure and_they_ _put ĐOM the_bells in_the_middle the_pomegranates on the_ _skirts_of the_robe all_around in_the_middle the_ _pomegranates. **26** A_bell and_a_pomegranate a_bell and_a_ _pomegranate were_on the_skirts_of the_robe all_around to_ _serve just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **27** And_they_made ĐOM the_tunics fine_linen the_work_of a_ _weaver for_'Ah$_a$ron and_for_sons_of_his. **28** And_ĐOM the_ _turban fine_linen and_ĐOM the_head-wraps_of the_ _headdresses fine_linen and_ĐOM the_undergarments_of (the)_ _linen fine_linen twisted. **29** And_ĐOM the_sash fine_linen twisted and_violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet the_work_of a_worker_in_colours just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **30** And_they_made ĐOM the_ _plate_of the_crown_of (the)_holiness gold pure and_they_ _inscribed on/upon/above_him/it an_inscription_of the_ _engravings_of a_seal holiness to/for_**YHWH**. **31** And_they_put on/upon/above_him/it a_cord_of violet_stuff to_put_it on the_ _turban from_to_above just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh.

32 And_ all_of the_service_of the_tabernacle_of the_tent_of meeting _it_was_finished and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_did according_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh so they_did. **33** And_they_brought ĐOM the_ _tabernacle to Mosheh ĐOM the_tent and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_ _its hooks_of_its frames_of_its mmm[356] and_pillars_of_its and_ _bases_of_its. **34** And_ĐOM the_covering_of the_hides_of the_ _rams (the)_dyed_red and_ĐOM the_covering_of the_skins_of the_dolphins and_ĐOM the_curtain_of the_screen. **35** ĐOM the_ _box_of the_transcript and_ĐOM poles_of_its and_ĐOM the_ _atonement_cover. **36** ĐOM the_table ĐOM all_of articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_bread_of the_presence. **37** ĐOM the_lampstand (the)_pure ĐOM lamps_of_its the_lamps_of the_row and_ĐOM all_ _of articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_oil_of the_luminary. **38** And_ĐOM the_altar_of the_gold and_ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_ _ĐOM the_incense_of the_perfume(s) and_ĐOM the_screen_of the_entrance_of the_tent. **39** ĐOM the_altar_of (the)_bronze and_ĐOM the_grating_of (the)_bronze which to_him/it ĐOM poles_of_its and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its ĐOM the_laver and_

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the lower part of the front of the shoulder straps near where the shoulder straps join with the sacred apron just above the waistband. **21** They tied the rings on the sacred pouch to the rings on the sacred apron with a blue cord, so that the sacred pouch was above the waistband and would not come loose from the apron. They did these things exactly as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses) to do.

Making the other clothes[354]

22 Betsalel had a weaver make the robe that would be worn under the sacred apron entirely from blue material. **23** It opened down the middle like other clothes and had a border around this opening so that it wouldn't tear, **24** and the bottom hem had decorative pomegranates on it that were made from blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **25** They also made small bells from pure gold and attached them between the pomegranates around the bottom of the robe, **26** so it alternated between a bell and a pomegranate going around the hem, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses).

27 A weaver made tunics for Aharon (Aaron) and his sons from fine linen, **28** along with the turban and caps from fine linen, the underwear made from twisted finely-spun linen, **29** and the waistband from fine linen with blue, purple, and scarlet embroidery, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

30 They made a decorative plate (to represent a holy crown) from pure gold and they engraved 'Dedicated to Yahweh' on it (like you'd do for a signet ring). **31** They put a blue cord on it to attach it to the front of the turban, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

Mosheh inspects the finished components[355]

32 And so all the components of the residence, the tent for meeting God, were finished—the Israelis had done just what Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses). **33** The craftsmen brought the disassembled residence to Mosheh—the tent and all its equipment, the clips, the frames with their bars, and the pillars with their bases, **34** the reddened rams hide tarpaulin and the top sea-cow hide tarpaulin, the curtain for covering the most sacred place, **35** the box for the transcript slabs and its poles, the atonement platform, **36** the table with all its utensils and the sacred bread to present to God, **37** the pure lampstand with its row of lamps and all its utensils and the lamp oil, **38** the gold incense altar, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the curtain for the tent entrance, **39** the large bronze altar with its grating, its poles, and all its utensils, the washbasin with its base, **40** the courtyard curtains with their pillars and bases, the courtyard gate curtain, all the ropes and tent pegs and all

354 **RV 39:22 · Parallel** Exo. 28:31-43

355 **RV 39:32 · Parallel** Exo. 35:10-19

356 **LV 39:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: חירב/ו: (x-qere) יְחִירְבֵ֑ו: lemma_1280 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_02V5k יְחִירְבֵ֑ו

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the items to service the residence as the tent of meeting, **41** and the finely-woven clothes for serving in the holy place, the sacred clothes for Aharon (Aaron) the priest, and the clothes for his sons to serve as priests.

42 The Israelis had done all the work just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses). **43** Mosheh inspected all the work, and wow, they had done it just as Yahweh had instructed them, and Mosheh blessed them.

Erecting the sacred tent

40:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "On the first day of the first month, you should set up the tent where we'll meet. **3** Put the box for the transcript slabs in its place and hang the curtain to screen it from sight. **4** Then bring in the bread table and arrange its utensils, and bring in the lampstand and set up the lamps, **5** and put the gold incense altar in front of the sacred box and set up the entrance curtain for the tent. **6** Put the altar for burning sacrifices in front of the entrance to the sacred tent where we'll meet. **7** Put the washbasin between the sacred tent and that altar, and fill it with water. **8** Set-up the curtains around the outside to make the courtyard, and also set up the courtyard's entrance curtain.

9 Then take the sacred anointing oil and smear it on the sacred tent and everything that's in it, then none of those things should be touched by others—it will all be sacred. **10** Also anoint the altar for burnt offerings and all its utensils. After that, the altar shouldn't be touched by others—it will be *very* sacred. **11** Anoint the washbasin and its base, and then prohibit others from using it.

12 Now bring Aharon (Aaron) and his sons to the entrance of the sacred tent and wash them with water. **13** Then put the sacred garments on Aharon and anoint him and make him sacred, so he can now serve as a priest to me. **14** Also bring his sons and dress them in tunics **15** and anoint them like you anointed their father, and they will serve as priests to me. Their anointing will cause them to be a priesthood forever throughout their generations."

16 So Mosheh (Moses) did everything that Yahweh had instructed him to do. **17** It was the first day of the first month of their second year when they set up the sacred tent. **18** Mosheh set up the residence by setting out its bases and standing up the frames with their bars, and the pillars. **19** He spread the two tarpaulin layers over the tent just as Yahweh had instructed him. **20** Then he took the two stone slabs with the transcript and put them into the box. He put the poles into the rings on the box and fitted the atonement platform on the top of the box as a lid, **21** and brought the box into the residence. He set up the curtain to conceal the box with the transcript, just as Yahweh had in-

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_ĐOM base_of_its. **40** ĐOM the_curtains_of the_courtyard ĐOM pillars_of_its and_ĐOM bases_of_its and_ĐOM the_screen for_the_ _gate_of the_courtyard ĐOM tent-cords_of_its and_its_tent_of_ _pegs and_ĐOM all_of the_articles_of the_service_of the_ _tabernacle for_the_tent_of meeting. **41** ĐOM the_garments_of the_woven_material to_serve in_place ĐOM the_garments_of (the)_holiness for_'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer and_ĐOM the_ _garments_of his_sons_of_his to_serve_as_priests.
42 According_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_did ĐOM all_of the_labour. **43** And_ Mosheh _he/it_saw ĐOM all_of the_work and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_had_done ĐOM_her/it just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded so they_had_done and_ Mosheh _he/it_ _blessed ĐOM_them.

40:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** In/on_ _day of_the_month (the)_first on_day_one of_month you_will_ _set_up ĐOM the_tabernacle_of the_tent_of_meeting. **3** And_you_ _will_put there ĐOM the_box_of the_transcript and_you_will_ _cover over the_box ĐOM the_curtain. **4** And_you_will_bring ĐOM the_table and_you_will_arrange ĐOM arrangement_of_its and_you_will_bring ĐOM the_lampstand and_you_will_lift_up ĐOM lamps_of_its. **5** And_you(ms)_will_give ĐOM the_altar_of the_gold for_incense to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _box_of the_transcript and_you_will_put ĐOM the_screen_of the_entrance of_tabernacle. **6** And_you(ms)_will_give ĐOM the_ _altar_of the_burnt_offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_entrance_of the_tabernacle_of the_tent_of meeting. **7** And_you_will_put ĐOM the_laver between the_tent_ _of meeting and_between the_altar and_you_will_put there water. **8** And_you_will_put ĐOM the_courtyard all_around and_ _you_will_put ĐOM the_screen_of the_gate_of the_courtyard. **9** And_you_will_take ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_you_ _will_anoint ĐOM the_tabernacle and_ĐOM all_of that in/on/over_him/it and_you_will_consecrate ĐOM_him/it and_ _ĐOM all_of articles_of_its and_it_was a_holy_thing. **10** And_you_ _will_anoint ĐOM the_altar_of the_burnt_offering and_ĐOM all_ _of articles_of_its and_you_will_consecrate ĐOM the_altar and_ _it_was the_altar holiness_of holiness(es). **11** And_you_will_ _anoint ĐOM the_laver and_ĐOM base_of_its and_you_will_ _consecrate ĐOM_him/it. **12** And_you_will_bring_near ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron and_ĐOM sons_of_his to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_you_will_wash ĐOM_them with_water. **13** And_ _you_will_clothe ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron ĐOM the_garments_of (the)_ _holiness and_you_will_anoint ĐOM_him/it and_you_will_ _consecrate ĐOM_him/it and_he_will_serve_as_a_priest to_me. **14** And_ĐOM sons_of_his you_will_bring_near and_you_will_ _clothe ĐOM_them tunics. **15** And_you_will_anoint ĐOM_them just_as you_anointed ĐOM father_of_their and_they_will_serve_ _as_priests to_me and_it_will_become to_be to/for_them anointing_of_their (into)_a_priesthood_of perpetuity to_ _generations_of_their. **16** And_ Mosheh _he/it_made according_ _to_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM_him/it so he_did. **17** And_he/it_was in_month (the)_first in_year the_second(fs) on_day_one of_month the_tabernacle it_was_set_up. **18** And_ Mosheh _he_set_up ĐOM the_tabernacle and_he/it_gave ĐOM bases_of_its and_he/it_assigned ĐOM frames_of_its and_he/it_ _gave ĐOM bars_of_its and_he_set_up ĐOM pillars_of_its. **19** And_ _he_spread_out ĐOM the_tent over the_tabernacle and_he/it_

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_assigned ĐOM the_covering_of the_tent on/upon/above_him/it from_to_above just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **20** And_he/it_took and_he/it_gave ĐOM the_transcript into the_box and_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_poles on the_box and_he/it_gave ĐOM the_atonement_cover on the_box from_to_ _above. **21** And_he/it_brought ĐOM the_box into the_tabernacle and_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_curtain_of the_screen and_he_ _covered over the_box_of the_transcript just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **22** And_he/it_gave ĐOM the_table in_the_tent_of meeting on the_side_of the_tabernacle northward_to from_the_outside of_curtain. **23** And_he_ _arranged on/upon/above_him/it an_arrangement_of bread to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **24** And_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_lampstand in_the_tent_of meeting opposite_to the_table on the_side_of the_tabernacle southward_to. **25** And_he/it_ _ascended the_lamps to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **26** And_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_altar_of the_gold in_the_tent_of meeting to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_curtain. **27** And_he_made_smoke on/upon/above_him/it incense_of perfume(s) just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **28** And_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_screen_of the_entrance of_ _tabernacle. **29** And_ĐOM the_altar_of the_burnt_offering he_ _set_up the_entrance_of the_tabernacle_of the_tent_of meeting and_he/it_ascended on/upon/above_him/it ĐOM the_burnt_ _offering and_ĐOM the_grain_offering just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **30** And_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_ _laver between the_tent_of meeting and_between the_altar and_he/it_gave there_(to) water for_washing. **31** And_they_ _washed from_him/it Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his ĐOM hands_of_their and_ĐOM feet_of_their. **32** When_went_they into the_tent_of meeting and_when_they_drew_near to the_ _altar they_washed just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **33** And_he_set_up ĐOM the_courtyard around (to)_ _tabernacle and_(to)_altar and_he/it_gave ĐOM the_screen_of the_gate_of the_courtyard and_ Mosheh _they_were_ _ended/finished ĐOM the_work.

34 And_ the_cloud _it_covered ĐOM the_tent_of meeting and_ _the_glory_of **YHWH** it_filled ĐOM the_tabernacle. **35** And_not Mosheh he_was_able to_go into the_tent_of meeting if/because it_had_settled_down on/upon/above_him/it the_cloud and_ _the_glory_of **YHWH** it_had_filled ĐOM the_tabernacle. **36** And_ _when_ the_cloud _was_taken_up from_under the_tabernacle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_set_out in_all_of out_of_ _their_settings. **37** And_if not the_cloud it_was_taken_up and_ _not they_set_out until the_day_of it_was_taken_up. **38** If/because the_cloud_of **YHWH** was_over the_tabernacle by_ _day and_fire it_was night in/on/over_him/it to_the_eyes_of all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_all journeyings_of_their.

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structed him.

22 He put the table into the sacred tent on the north side of the residence, outside the curtain, **23** and arranged the bread on it to display it to Yahweh, just as Yahweh had instructed him. **24** He put the lampstand inside the sacred tent across from the table, on the south side of the residence, **25** and he placed the lamps on it in Yahweh's presence, just as Yahweh had instructed him. **26** Then he put the gold incense altar inside the sacred tent in front of the curtain that screened the sacred box from view, **27** and burnt some fragrant incense on it, just as Yahweh had instructed him, **28** then he hung the curtain at the tent entrance. **29** He put the altar for burning sacrifices at the gate of the sacred tent and offered the burnt offering and the grain offering up on it, just as Yahweh had instructed him. **30** Then he placed the washbasin between the tent and the altar, and filled it with water **31** so that Mosheh (Moses), and Aharon (Aaron) and his sons, could wash their hands and feet from it. **32** Whenever they went into the sacred tent or whenever they went near the altar, first they would wash themselves, just as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh. **33** He erected the courtyard curtains around the residence and the altar, and he set up the courtyard gate curtain. And so Mosheh finished the work.

Yahweh's splendour fills the tent[357]

34 Then a cloud covered the sacred tent and Yahweh's power and bright light filled the residence[358] **35** and Mosheh (Moses) was unable to enter the tent because the cloud had settled on it and Yahweh's splendour had filled the residence. **36** From then onwards, whenever the cloud went up from over the residence, the Israelis would pack their camp and set out on their travels, **37** but while the cloud remained, they would stay in that place until the cloud lifted. **38** Yahweh's cloud would be there during the day but it would become fire at night, and so the Israelis could always see it.

357 **RV 40:34 · Parallel** Num. 9:15-23

358 **RV 40:34 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 8:10-11; Isa 6:4; Eze 43:4-5; Rev 15:8.

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Introduction

The Latin word *Leviticus* means ‘concerning the Levites’, who were the tribe of workers and priests who God chose to serve him at the altar and in other religious ceremonies. Hebrew readers call this document ‘Vayikrā’ which is the first word in the Hebrew and means ‘And he called’ (Yahweh called Mosheh/Moses). Some European and other translations call it ‘The third book of Mosheh/Moses’.
It’s presumed that Mosheh wrote this document down while they were all camped there at Mt. Sinay as mentioned in a few places: 1:1, 4:1, 6:1,24, and of 8:1.
This document focuses on the proper values and behaviour that the Israelis should observe as Yahweh’s chosen and sacred people. That involved staying ‘clean’ as per Yahweh’s values by carefully following his detailed instructions, and by avoiding wickedness.
Some of the instructions apply particularly to the priests (Aharon’s/Aaron’s descendants) and to the remainder of their own tribe (the Levites that this document is often named after) who served the priests in their sacred ceremonies.

Main components of this account

Instructions about offerings and sacrifices *1:1–7:38*
The dedication of Aharon and his sons as Yahweh’s priests *8:1–10:20*
Instructions about ‘clean’ and ‘unclean’ *11:1–15:33*
The day for getting right with Yahweh *16:1-34*
Instructions for living and worshipping as a sacred people *17:1–27:34*

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Procedures for burnt sacrifices

1:1 Yahweh summoned Mosheh (Moses) to the sacred tent and told him, **2** "Tell the Israelis that when anyone presents an offering to Yahweh, it must be presented from their own herd or flock. **3** If it's from the herd, it must be a bull with no defects. It must be presented in front of the entrance to the sacred tent to be acceptable to Yahweh. **4** The owner must place his hand on the head of that offering to be burnt, and then it will be accepted make him right with Yahweh. **5** Then he must slaughter the bull in front of Yahweh, and the priests (Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants), must present the blood and splash it all around the altar which is by the entrance of the sacred tent. **6** Then the presenter must skin the bull and cut it into pieces, **7** Meanwhile, the priest Aharon's sons must put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire, **8** and then they must arrange the pieces (including the head and the fat portions) on top of the burning wood on the altar. **9** Then the presenter must wash the innards and the feet with water, and the priest must place it on the altar, ensuring that every part is completely burnt up as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh.

10 "If the offering is from the flock (i.e., a sheep or a goat), then it must be a healthy male that's presented, **11** and then it must be slaughtered on the northern side of the altar facing Yahweh, and Aharon's sons, the priests, must splash its blood on the altar, all around. **12** Then the presenter must cut it into pieces and they must arrange them (including the head and fat portions) on top of the burning wood on the altar. **13** Then the presenter must wash the innards and the feet with water, and the priest must place it on the altar, ensuring that every part is completely burnt up as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh.

14 "However, if his burnt offering to Yahweh will be a bird, then it must be either a dove or a young pigeon. **15** The priest must present it at the altar, and then twist its head off and burn the head on the altar as he drains the blood out onto the outer edge of the altar. **16** Then he must pull out the crop with its contents, and throw it down on the eastern side of the altar where the ashes are. **17** He will then tear the bird mostly apart by its wings (but making sure that it stays as one piece), and place it on the altar, ensuring that every part is completely burnt up as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh.

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1:1 And_he/it_called to Mosheh and_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to_ _him/it from_the_tent_of meeting to_say. **2** Speak to the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them anyone if/because of_you(pl) he_will_present a_present to/for_**YHWH** from the_cattle/livestock from the_herd and_from the_flock you(pl)_will_present ÐOM present_of_your(pl). **3** If is_a_burnt_ _offering present_of_his from the_herd a_male unblemished he_will_present_it to the_entrance_of[1] of_the_tent_of meeting he_will_present ÐOM_him/it for_acceptance_of_its to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **4** And_he_will_lean his/its_ _hand on the_head_of the_burnt_offering and_it_will_be_ _accepted to_him/it to_make_atonement on/upon/above_ _him/it. **5** And_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ÐOM the_young_one_ _of the_herd to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ the_sons_of 'Ahₐron the_priests _they_will_present ÐOM the_ _blood and_they_will_sprinkle ÐOM the_blood on the_altar all_ _around which is_the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **6** And_ _he_will_skin ÐOM the_burnt_offering and_he_will_cut_in_ _pieces ÐOM_her/it into_pieces_of_its. **7** And_ the_sons_of 'Ahₐron the_priest/officer _they_will_put fire on the_altar and_ _they_will_arrange wood(s) on the_fire. **8** And_ the_sons_of 'Ahₐron the_priests _they_will_arrange ÐOM the_pieces ÐOM the_head and_ÐOM the_suet on the_wood(s) which are_on the_ _fire which is_on the_altar. **9** And_entrails_of_its and_legs_of_its he_will_wash with_water and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _make_smoke ÐOM (the)_everything to_the_altar a_burnt_ _offering a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH**. **10** And_if is_from the_flock present_of_his from the_ _young_rams or from the_goats to_a_burnt_offering a_male unblemished he_will_present_it. **11** And_he_will_cut_the_ _throat_of ÐOM_him/it at the_side_of the_altar northward_to to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ the_sons_of 'Ahₐron the_priests _they_will_sprinkle ÐOM blood_of_its on the_altar all_around. **12** And_he_will_cut_in_pieces ÐOM_him/it into_pieces_of_its and_ÐOM his/its_head and_ÐOM suet_of_its and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_arrange ÐOM_them on the_ _wood(s) which are_on the_fire which is_on the_altar. **13** And_ _the_entrails and_the_legs he_will_wash with_water and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_present ÐOM (the)_everything and_he_ _will_make_it_smoke to_the_altar is_a_burnt_offering it a_fire_ _offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **14** And_if from the_bird[s] is_a_burnt_offering present_of_his to/for_ _**YHWH** and_he_will_present from the_turtle-doves or from the_young_ones_of the_dove ÐOM present_of_his. **15** And_he_ _will_present_it the_priest/officer to the_altar and_he_will_ _nip_off ÐOM his/its_head and_he_will_make_it_smoke to_the_ _altar and_ blood_of_its _it_will_be_drained_out on the_side_of the_altar. **16** And_he_will_remove ÐOM craw_of_its with_ _feather[s]_of_its and_he_will_throw ÐOM_her/it beside the_ _altar eastward_to to the_place_of the_fatty_ash. **17** And_he_ _will_tear_apart ÐOM_him/it by_wings_of_its not he_will_ _separate_it and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_smoke ÐOM_ _him/it to_the_altar on the_wood(s) which are_on the_fire is_a_ _burnt_offering it a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**.

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2:1 And_anyone if/because it_will_present a_present_of a_ _grain_offering to/for_**YHWH** fine_flour it_will_be present_of_ _his and_he_will_pour on/upon_it(f) oil and_he/it_gave on/upon_it(f) frankincense. **2** And_he_will_bring_it to the_ _sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priests and_he_will_take_a_handful from_ _there the_fullness_of his_handful_of_his of_its_fine_of_flour and_of_oil_of_its with all_of frankincense_of_its and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_make_smoke ~~DOM~~ offering_of_its_ _memorial to_the_altar a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **3** And_the_remainder of the_grain_offering belongs_to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his a_holy_thing_of holy_ _things from_the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH**. **4** And_ _because/when you_will_present a_present_of a_grain_offering a_baked_item_of an_oven fine_flour_of cakes unleavened_ _bread(s) mixed with_oil and_wafers_of unleavened_bread(s) smeared with_oil. **5** And_if is_a_grain_offering on the_baking_ _tray present_of_your fine_flour mixed with_oil unleavened_ _bread(s) it_will_be. **6** You_will_crumble ~~DOM~~_her/it crumbs and_you_will_pour on/upon_it(f) oil is_a_grain_offering it. **7** And_if is_a_grain_offering_of a_baking_pan present_of_your fine_flour with_oil it_will_be_made. **8** And_you_will_bring ~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering which it_will_be_made from_these to/for_ _**YHWH** and_he_will_present_it to the_priest/officer and_he_ _will_bring_it_near to the_altar. **9** And_ the_priest/officer _he_ _will_lift_up from the_grain_offering ~~DOM~~ offering_of_its_ _memorial and_he_will_make_it_smoke to_the_altar a_fire_ _offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **10** And_the_ _remainder of the_grain_offering belongs_to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_ _sons_of_his a_holy_thing_of holy_things from_the_fire_ _offerings_of **YHWH**. **11** Any_of (the)_grain_offering which you(pl)_will_present to/for_**YHWH** not it_will_be_made leaven if/because any_of leaven and_all honey not you(pl)_must_ _make_to_smoke from_him/it a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **12** A_present_of first_fruit you(pl)_will_present ~~DOM~~_them to/for_**YHWH** and_near/to the_altar not they_will_go_up to_ _an_odour_of soothing. **13** And_all present_of your_grain_ _offering_of_your with_salt you_will_salt and_not you_must_ _cause_to_cease the_salt_of the_covenant_of your(pl)_god_of_ _your from_under offering_of_your_grain with every_of present_of_your you_will_present salt. **14** And_if you_will_ _present a_grain_offering_of first-fruits to/for_**YHWH** young_ _barley_ear[s] roasted in_fire groats_of new_corn you_will_ _present ~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering_of your(pl)_first-fruits_of_ _your. **15** And_you_will_put on/upon_it(f) oil and_you_will_ _place on/upon_it(f) frankincense is_a_grain_offering it. **16** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_smoke ~~DOM~~ offering_ _of_its_memorial some_of_its_groats and_some_of_its_oil with all_of frankincense_of_its a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**.

3:1 And_if is_a_sacrifice_of peace_offering(s) present_of_his if one_of the_herd he is_presenting whether a_male or a_female unblemished he_will_present_it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH**. **2** And_he_will_lean his/its_hand on the_ _head_of his_present_of_his and_he_will_cut_its_throat the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of_meeting and_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priests _they_will_sprinkle ~~DOM~~ the_blood on the_altar all_ _around. **3** And_he_will_present from_the_sacrifice_of the_ _peace_offering(s) a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_fat

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Procedures for grain offerings

2:1 "When someone presents a grain offering to Yahweh, it must be as fine, wheat flour mixed with olive, and with frankincense added to the top of it. **2** It must be taken to the priest Aharon's (Aaron's) sons who will take it from them, then take a handful out, being sure to get flour, oil, and some frankincense, and throw that memorial portion onto the altar to get completely burnt up as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **3** Then the rest of that grain offering will be for Aharon and his sons—it's a very sacred part from the gifts for Yahweh.

4 "When someone presents something baked as their grain offering, it must be baked without leaven: either wheat flour mixed with olive oil and baked into flat buns, or else wheat flour biscuits with olive oil spread on top. **5** Or if your grain offering is done on the flat pan, it must be wheat flour mixed with olive oil and made into flat biscuits **6** that should then be crumbled and have oil poured over them as your grain offering. **7** Or if your grain offering is deep-fried in a pot, it must be made from wheat flour with olive oil.

8 "Any of the above types of grain offering to Yahweh must be presented to the priest, and he will take it to the altar. **9** Then he must take a handful as a memorial portion to the altar to get completely burnt up as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **10** Then the rest of that grain offering will be for Aharon and his sons—it's a very sacred part from the gifts for Yahweh.

11 "Anything that's presented to Yahweh as a grain offering must not be made with any rising agent, because any leaven or honey mustn't be burnt as a gift to Yahweh. **12** Foods containing those can be presented as a first-fruits offering, but they mustn't be burnt on the altar. **13** However, every grain offering must be salted—the salt in the grain offering is a reminder of our agreement, so it must always be present.

14 "Finally, if you want to offer ripe grain as a grain offering to Yahweh, then it must be a young ear of grain that's been roasted over the fire and presented as a grain offering of your first ripe grains **15** with olive oil on it and some frankincense on top. That also becomes a grain offering, **16** and the priest must burn a memorial portion from it with some of the crushed grains and some of the oil and some of the incense, to be burnt to become smoke as a gift to Yahweh.

Procedures for peace offerings

3:1 "Now if it's a sacrifice for a peace offering, if it's from the **herd**, then either a male or female can be presented to Yahweh as long as it has no defects. **2** The presenter must lay their hand on the head of the bull or cow, then he must slaughter it in front of the sacred tent. Then the priest Aharon's (Aaron's) sons will splash the blood on the altar on each side. **3** From that peace offering, he must present the fat covering the innards and which is part of the in-

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nards as a gift to Yahweh, 4 along with both kidneys and the fat that's attached to them, and the lobe on the liver (all of which need to be removed from the animal). 5 Then Aharon's sons must burn them on the wood that's burning on the altar as a gift—to become smoke as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh.

6 "However, if the sacrifice for a peace offering is from the **flock**, then either a male or a female can be presented to Yahweh as long as it has no defects. 7 When the offering is being presented, it must be presented in front of Yahweh, 8 and the presenter will put his hand on the head of the animal being offered, and slaughter it in front of the sacred tent. Then Aharon's sons must splash its blood on the altar, on each side. 9 From that peace offering, he must present the fat as a gift to Yahweh, along with the entire fatty tail (cut off near the backbone), the fat covering the innards and which is part of the innards, 10 both kidneys and the fat that's attached to them, and the lobe on the liver (all of which need to be removed from the animal). 11 Then the priest must burn them on the altar as a food offering made to Yahweh by fire.

12 "Similarly, if the offering is a **goat**, then it can be presented to Yahweh. 13 The presenter will put his hand on its head, and slaughter it in front of the sacred tent. Then Aharon's sons must splash its blood on the altar, on each side. 14 From that peace offering, he must present the fat as a gift to Yahweh, along with the fat covering the innards and which is part of the innards, 15 both kidneys and the fat that's attached to them, and the lobe on the liver (all of which need to be removed from the animal). 16 Then the priest must burn them on the altar as a food offering made to Yahweh by fire as a pleasing aroma. All the fat belongs to Yahweh.

17 "This regulation must be permanent for all future generations: All of you must never eat fat or blood."

Procedures for sin offerings

4:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), 2 "Tell the Israelis that if a person breaks any of Yahweh's regulations unintentionally, or does anything that he said shouldn't be done, then this is the procedure:

3 "If it's **the high priest** who's done it, that causes the nation to be guilty, and for his transgression he must present a bull with no defects to Yahweh as a sin offering. 4 He must bring the bull before Yahweh at the entrance of the sacred tent, then he must place his hand on its head and slaughter it in front of Yahweh. 5 Then the high priest must get some of the bull's blood and bringing it into the sacred tent, 6 he must dip his finger into it and seven times he must flick the blood towards the front of

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which_covers ~~DOM~~ the_entrails and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fat which is_ _on the_entrails. 4 And_~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_kidneys and_~~DOM~~ the_fat which is_on_them which is_on the_loins and_~~DOM~~ the_ _lobe on the_liver with the_kidneys he_will_remove_it. 5 And_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_will_make_smoke ~~DOM~~_him/it to_ _the_altar on the_burnt_offering which is_on the_wood(s) which are_on the_fire a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. 6 And_if is_one_of the_flock present_of_his to_a_ _sacrifice_of peace_offering(s) to/for_**YHWH** a_male or a_ _female unblemished he_will_present_it. 7 If a_young_ram he is_presenting ~~DOM~~ present_of_his and_he_will_present ~~DOM~~_ _him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. 8 And_he_ _will_lean ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand on the_head_of his_present_of_his and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_tent_of meeting and_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_will_sprinkle ~~DOM~~ blood_of_its on the_altar all_around. 9 And_he_will_present from_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_ _offering(s) a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** fat_of_its the_fat_tail complete close_to_of the_backbone he_will_remove_it and_~~DOM~~ the_fat which_covers ~~DOM~~ the_entrails and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fat which is_on the_entrails. 10 And_~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_kidneys and_~~DOM~~ the_fat which is_on_them which is_on the_loins and_ _~~DOM~~ the_lobe on the_liver with the_kidneys he_will_remove_it. 11 And_he_will_make_it_smoke the_priest/officer to_the_altar food_of a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. 12 And_if is_a_goat present_of_his and_he_will_present_it to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH**. 13 And_he_will_lean ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand on his/its_head and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~_him/it to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tent_of meeting and_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_will_sprinkle ~~DOM~~ blood_of_its on the_altar all_around. 14 And_he_will_present from_him/it present_of_his a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_fat which_covers ~~DOM~~ the_entrails and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fat which is_ _on the_entrails. 15 And_~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_kidneys and_~~DOM~~ the_fat which is_on_them which is_on the_loins and_~~DOM~~ the_ _lobe on the_liver with the_kidneys he_will_remove_it. 16 And_ _he_will_make_them_smoke the_priest/officer to_the_altar food_of a_fire_offering to_an_odour_of soothing all_of fat to/for_**YHWH**. 17 A_regulation_of perpetuity to_generations_ _of_your(pl) in_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling any_of fat and_all blood not you(pl)_must_eat.

4:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 2 Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[4] to_say anyone if/because it_ _will_sin by_inadvertence from_all the_commands_of **YHWH** which not they_will_be_done and_he_will_do any_one of_them. 3 If the_priest/officer (the)_anointed he_will_sin to_the_guilt_ _of the_people and_he_will_present on sin_of_his which he_ _sinned a_bull a_young_one_of the_herd unblemished to/for_ _**YHWH** to_a_sin_offering. 4 And_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~ the_bull to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_lean ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand on the_ _head_of the_bull and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_bull to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. 5 And_ the_ _priest/officer (the)_anointed _he/it_will_take some_of_the_ _blood_of the_bull and_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~_him/it into the_

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_tent_of meeting. **6** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_dip ᴅᴏᴍ finger_of_his in_blood and_he_will_spatter some_of the_blood seven times to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** with the_face_of the_curtain_of the_holy_place. **7** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_gave some_of the_blood on the_horns_of the_altar_of the_incense_of the_perfume(s) to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** which is_in_the_tent_of meeting and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_blood_of the_bull he_will_pour_out to the_ _base_of the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering which is_the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **8** And_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_fat_of the_bull_of the_sin_offering he_will_lift_up from_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_fat which_covers over the_entrails and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_fat which is_on the_entrails. **9** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of the_kidneys and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_fat which is_on_them which is_on the_loins and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_lobe on the_liver with the_kidneys he_will_remove_it. **10** Just_as it_is_lifted_up from_the_ox_of the_sacrifice_of the_ _peace_offering(s) and_he_will_make_them_smoke the_ _priest/officer on the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering. **11** And_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_hide_of the_bull and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of flesh_of_its with his/its_head and_with legs_of_its and_entrails_of_its and_ _dung_of_its. **12** And_he_will_bring_out ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_bull to from_the_outside of_camp to a_place pure to the_pouring_out_ _of the_fatty_ash and_he_will_burn ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it on wood(s) with_fire at the_pouring_out_of the_fatty_ash it_will_be_burnt. **13** And_if all_of the_congregation_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_will_ _go_astray and_ the_matter _it_will_be_hidden from_the_eyes_ _of the_assembly and_they_will_do one from_all the_ _commands_of **YHWH** which not they_will_be_done and_they_ _will_be_guilty. **14** And_ the_sin which they_have_sinned on/upon_it(f) _it_will_be_made_known and_ the_assembly _ _they_will_present a_bull a_young_one_of the_herd to_a_sin_ _offering and_they_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_tent_of meeting. **15** And_ the_elders_of the_congregation _they_will_lean ᴅᴏᴍ hands_of_their on the_ _head_of the_bull to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_someone_will_cut_the_throat_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_bull to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **16** And_ the_priest/officer (the)_anointed _he_will_bring some_of_the_blood_of the_bull into the_tent_of meeting. **17** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _dip finger_of_his some_of the_blood and_he_will_spatter_it seven times to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** with the_face_of the_curtain. **18** And_from the_blood he_will_put on the_horns_of the_altar which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** which is_in_the_tent_of meeting and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_blood he_will_pour_out to the_base_of the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering which is_the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **19** And_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of fat_of_its he_will_lift_up from_ _him/it and_he_will_make_it_smoke to_the_altar. **20** And_he_ _will_do to_bull just_as he_did to_the_bull_of the_sin_offering so he_will_do for_him/it and_he_will_make_atonement on_ _them the_priest/officer and_it_will_be_forgiven to/for_them. **21** And_he_will_bring_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_bull to from_the_outside of_ _camp and_he_will_burn ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it just_as he_burnt ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _bull (the)_first is_the_sin_offering_of the_assembly it. **22** That a_leader he_will_sin and_he_will_do one from_all the_

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the curtain of the sanctuary in front of Yahweh. **7** Then the high priest must put some of the blood on the four projecting corners of the incense altar (located inside the sacred tent in front of Yahweh and used for burning fragrant incense). Then he must go back outside and pour the rest of the bull's blood out at the base of the altar for burnt offerings (which is out at the entrance to the sacred tent). **8** Then the high priest must remove all the fat from the bull being offered as a sin offering, including the fat covering the innards and which is a part of the innards, **9** both kidneys and the fat that's attached to them, and the lobe on the liver (all of which need to be removed from the animal) **10** just like you'd do for the bull of the peace offering. Then the priest must burn them on the altar for the burnt offering. **11** However, the bull's hide and its meat, plus its head and feet, and innards and dung, **12** must be taken outside the camp to the clean place where they pour out the ashes, and they must make a fire with wood there on top of the ashes and burn it there.

13 "If it's the **whole community** that unintentionally transgresses by doing something that Yahweh prohibited, then they'll be guilty even if the community didn't actually notice.[2] **14** When they become aware of what they've done wrong, then the community must present a young bull in front of the sacred tent as a sin offering. **15** Then the community elders must place their hands of the bull's head in front of Yahweh, and slaughter it there. **16** The high priest must take some of the bull's blood into the sacred tent **17** and seven times he must dip his finger in it and flick the blood towards the front of the curtain of the sanctuary in front of Yahweh. **18** Then he must put some of the blood on the four projecting corners of the incense altar (located inside the sacred tent in front of Yahweh). Then he must go back outside and pour the rest of the bull's blood out at the base of the altar for burnt offerings (which is out at the entrance to the sacred tent). **19** Then he must remove all the fat from the slaughtered bull and burn up that fat on the altar, **20** and he should process the bull just the same as for a sin offering. Then the priest will have made them right with God and they'll be forgiven. **21** Then he must take the remaining parts of the bull outside the camp and burn it as described above and it will be the sin offering for the community.

22 "If it's **a leader** that unintentionally transgresses by doing something that his god Yahweh prohibited, then he'll be guilty. **23** Alternatively, maybe someone else will point out his failing to him. Then he must bring an offering of a male goat with no defects. **24** He must place his hand on its head and slaughter it in the place where the animals for the burnt offering are slaughtered. It will be a sin offering, **25** and the priest must take some of the blood of that sin offering and with his finger, put some of the blood on the four projecting corners of the altar for burnt offerings. **26** He must burn up all the fat on the altar just like the fat from the peace offering, and that way, the priest will make

2 RV 4:13-21 · Cross-ref. Num 15:22-26.

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that leader right with God and he'll be forgiven.

27 "If it's **an ordinary person** who unintentionally transgresses by doing something that Yahweh prohibited, then they'll be guilty.[3] **28** Alternatively, maybe someone else will point out their failing to them. Then due to their transgression, that person must bring an offering of a female goat with no defects. **29** He must place his hand on the head of the goat that's a sin offering, and slaughter it at the place for burnt offerings. **30** Then the priest must take some of the blood and with his finger, put some of the blood on the four projecting corners of the altar for burnt offerings, and then pour the rest of the blood at the altar's base. **31** Then the presenter must pull out all the fat (just like it's done for the peace offering), and the priest will burn it on the altar to make a pleasing aroma for Yahweh, and to make that person right with God, and they'll be forgiven.

32 "But if it's a lamb that the individual wants to bring as their sin offering, then it must be a female with no defects. **33** The presenter must put their hand on the head of the lamb and slaughter it as a sin offering at the place where burnt offerings are slaughtered. **34** Then the priest must take some of the blood and with his finger, put some of the blood on the four projecting corners of the altar for burnt offerings, and then pour the rest of the blood at the altar's base. **35** Then the presenter must pull out all the fat (just like it's done for the peace offering), and the priest will burn it on the altar to make a pleasing aroma for Yahweh, and to make that person right with God, and they'll be forgiven.

More needs for sin offerings

5:1 "If someone is a witness to a case because of something they saw or knew about, and hears an oath in court but doesn't testify, then they'll

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_commands_of **YHWH** his/its_god which not they_will_be_ _done by_inadvertence and_he_will_be_guilty. **23** Or it_has_ _been_made_known to_him/it sin_of_his which he_has_sinned by_it and_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~ present_of_his a_male_goat_of goats a_male unblemished. **24** And_he_will_lean his/its_hand on the_head_of the_male_goat and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~_him/it in_the_place_of (of)_where someone_cuts_the_ _throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_burnt_offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** is_a_sin_offering it. **25** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_sin_ _offering on_finger_of_his and_he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_ _altar_of (the)_burnt_offering and_~~DOM~~ blood_of_its he_will_ _pour_out to the_base_of the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering. **26** And_~~DOM~~ all_of fat_of_its he_will_make_smoke to_the_altar like_the_fat_of the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offering(s) and_he_ _will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_ _priest/officer from_sin_of_his and_it_will_be_forgiven to_ _him/it. **27** And_if a_person_of one it_will_sin by_inadvertence one_of_the_people_of the_earth/land when_does_it one of_the_ _commands_of of_**YHWH** which not they_will_be_done and_he_ _will_be_guilty. **28** Or it_has_been_made_known to_him/it sin_ _of_his which he_has_sinned and_he_will_bring present_of_his a_female_goat_of goats unblemished a_female on sin_of_his which he_has_sinned. **29** And_he_will_lean ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand on the_head_of the_sin_offering and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_sin_offering in_the_place_of the_burnt_offering. **30** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_of_its_blood on_finger_of_his and_he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering and_~~DOM~~ all_of blood_of_its he_will_pour_ _out to the_base_of the_altar. **31** And_~~DOM~~ all_of fat_of_its he_ _will_remove just_as the_fat it_was_removed from_under the_ _sacrifice_of the_peace_offering(s) and_ the_priest/officer _he_ _will_make_it_smoke to_the_altar to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_ _him/it the_priest/officer and_it_will_be_forgiven to_him/it. **32** And_if a_male_lamb he_will_bring present_of_his to_a_sin_ _offering a_female unblemished he_will_bring_it. **33** And_he_ _will_lean ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand on the_head_of the_sin_offering and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~_her/it to_a_sin_offering in_ _the_place_of (of)_where someone_cuts_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_ _burnt_offering. **34** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_sin_offering on_finger_of_his and_ _he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering and_~~DOM~~ all_of blood_of_its he_will_pour_out to the_base_of the_altar. **35** And_~~DOM~~ all_of fat_of_its he_will_remove just_as the_fat_of the_young_ram it_is_removed from_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offering(s) and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_ _smoke ~~DOM~~_them to_the_altar on the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_ _priest/officer on sin_of_his which he_has_sinned and_it_will_ _be_forgiven to_him/it.

5:1 And_anyone if/because it_will_sin and_it_will_hear the_ _sound_of an_oath and_he was_a_witness or he_saw or he_ _knew if not he_will_tell and_he_will_bear iniquity_of_his. **2** Or anyone who it_will_touch in_all thing unclean or (in)_a_

3 RV 4:27-31 · Cross-ref. Num 15:27-28.

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_carcass_of an_animal unclean or[5] (in)_a_carcass_of livestock unclean or (in)_a_carcass_of a_swarming_thing unclean and_it_ _will_be_hidden from_him/it and_he is_unclean and_he_will_ _be_guilty. **3** Or if/because he_will_touch (in)_the_uncleanness_ _of a_human to_all/each/any/every uncleanness_of_his which he_will_be_unclean by_it and_it_will_be_hidden from_him/it and_he he_knew and_he_will_be_guilty. **4** Or anyone if/because it_will_swear_an_oath by_speaking_rashly with_lips to_do_evil or to_do_good to_all/each/any/every that the_humankind he_ _will_speak_rashly in_an_oath and_it_will_be_hidden from_ _him/it and_he he_knew and_he_will_be_guilty to_one from_ _these. **5** And_it_was if/because he_will_be_guilty to_one from_ _these and_he_will_confess which/who he_had_sinned on_it. **6** And_he_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his_guilt to/for_**YHWH** on sin_of_his which he_has_sinned a_female from the_flock a_ewe_ _lamb or a_female_goat_of goats to_a_sin_offering and_he_will_ _make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_priest/officer from_sin_of_his. **7** And_if not it_will_reach[6] his/its_hand sufficiency_of a_sheep and_he_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his_ _guilt which he_has_sinned two_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove to/for_**YHWH** one to_a_sin_offering and_one to_a_burnt_offering. **8** And_he_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ_them to the_priest/officer and_he_will_present ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_which is_ _for_offering first and_he_will_nip_off ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_head from_ _in_front_of neck_of_its and_not he_will_separate_it. **9** And_he_ _will_spatter some_of_the_blood_of the_sin_offering on the_ _side_of the_altar and_the_remainder in_blood it_will_be_ _drained_out to the_base_of the_altar is_a_sin_offering it. **10** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_second he_will_offer a_burnt_offering according_the_ordinance and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_priest/officer from_sin_of_his which he_has_sinned and_it_will_be_forgiven to_him/it. **11** And_if not his/its_hand it_will_reach to_two_of turtle-doves or to_two_of young_ones_of a_dove and_he_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ present_of_his which he_has_sinned (the)_tenth_of (the)_'ēyfāh fine_flour to_a_sin_offering not he_will_place on/upon_it(f) oil and_not he_will_put on/upon_it(f) frankincense if/because is_ _a_sin_offering it. **12** And_he_will_bring_it to the_priest/officer and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_take_a_handful from_her/it the_fullness_of his_handful_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_its_ _memorial and_he_will_make_it_smoke to_the_altar on the_ _fire_offerings_of **YHWH** is_a_sin_offering it. **13** And_he_will_ _make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_priest/officer on sin_of_his which he_has_sinned any_one from_these and_it_ _will_be_forgiven to_him/it and_it_will_belong to_priest like_ _offering.

14 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **15** Anyone if/because it_will_act_unfaithfully unfaithfulness and_it_will_ _sin by_inadvertence from_the_holy_things_of **YHWH** and_he_ _will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his_guilt to/for_**YHWH** a_ram unblemished from the_flock by_valuation_of_your silver_of shekels by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place to_a_guilt_offering. **16** And_ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_sinned from the_holy_thing he_

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become guilty.

2 "If someone touches anything 'unclean' (e.g., a dead domestic or wild animal, or some creature) without realising it, they still become 'unclean' and is guilty.

3 "If someone touches anything 'unclean' from another person, even if they initially didn't realise what it was, they become guilty.

4 "If someone makes a rash promise, whether it's to do something good or something bad, and even if they were just speaking carelessly but find out later, they become guilty.

5 "So then the person that became guilty from any of the above, must confess their wrongdoing **6** and present a penalty to Yahweh to address that wrongdoing, and must present a female lamb or young goat as a sin offering, and the priest will act on their behalf to make them right with God.

7 "However if that person can't afford a sheep, then for their guilt offering because of their transgression, they must bring two doves or young pigeons to Yahweh—one for a sin offering and one for a burnt offering. **8** The presenter must take them to the priest who will present the sin offering first—twisting the bird's head off from the neck, but not pulling the body in half. **9** Then he must sprinkle some of the blood from that sin offering onto the side of the altar, and then drain out the rest of the blood at the altar's base. That will be the sin offering. **10** The second bird will be for a burnt offering as per the regulation. The priest will make the presenter right with God after their wrongdoing, and they'll be forgiven.

11 "However if that person still can't afford those two doves or young pigeons, then they can present a kilogram of fine wheat flour for a sin offering. It mustn't have oil or frankincense in it because it's a sin offering. **12** The presenter must take it to the priest who will then take a handful of it, and burn that memorial portion on the altar for burnt offerings to Yahweh. That will be the sin offering. **13** The priest will make the presenter right with God after their wrongdoing as per one of the above, and they'll be forgiven. The rest of the flour will be for the priest, similar to a grain offering."

More on guilt offerings

14 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **15** "If someone acts unfaithfully but unintentionally desecrates something that's sacred to Yahweh, then because of their guilt, that person must present ram with no defects from the flock, or silver coins using the official valuation, as a guilt offering. **16** They must also compensate for the sacred

5 LV 5:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

6 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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item, but with an extra twenty percent. That must all be given to the priest who will make the presenter right with God with that ram as the guilt offering, and they'll be forgiven.

17 "If someone transgresses by violating even one of Yahweh's regulations or prohibitions, even if they didn't realise it, they become guilty and must bear responsibility for that guilt.
18 Then that person must take a ram from the flock that has no defects to the priest for a guilt offering. Then the priest will make the presenter right with God after that transgression (even if they weren't aware of it), and they'll be forgiven.
19 That's a guilt offering, because they were clearly guilty before Yahweh."

6:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Someone who transgresses against Yahweh by cheating with respect to a deposit or a pledge, or by theft or extortion, **3** or by finding lost property and then denying it, or making an oath that was knowingly false, or by any other typical transgression that people do,
4 then they've become guilty as a result of that transgression. That person must return what was stolen or extorted, or return the deposit or the lost property, **5** or make amends for a false oath. They must return the full value plus an extra twenty percent[7] as soon as the guilt is discovered. **6** Then that person must take a ram from the flock with no defects to the priest as a guilt offering to Yahweh, **7** and the priest will make the presenter right with Yahweh after whatever that transgression was to make them guilty, and they'll be forgiven.

The fire and the ashes

8 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
9 "Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons that these are the regulations for the burnt offerings: The burnt offering must remain on the altar's hearth, on the altar all night until the morning and the fire must be kept burning on it.
10 Then the priest must put on his linen underwear and linen

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_will_repay and_~~DOM~~ its_of_fifth let_him_add on/upon/above_ _him/it and_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~_him/it to_priest and_the_priest he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it by_the_ram_ _of the_guilt_offering and_it_will_be_forgiven to_him/it.
17 And_if anyone if/because it_will_sin and_it_will_do one from_all the_commands_of **YHWH** which not they_will_be_ _done and_not he_knew and_he_will_be_guilty and_he_will_ _bear iniquity_of_his. **18** And_he_will_bring a_ram unblemished from the_flock by_valuation_of_your to_a_guilt_offering to the_ _priest/officer and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_ _him/it the_priest/officer on inadvertence_of_his which he_ _has_sinned_inadvertently and_he not he_knew and_it_will_be_ _forgiven to_him/it. **19** Is_a_guilt_offering it indeed_(be_guilty) he_was_guilty to/for_**YHWH**. **20** [8] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **21** [9] Anyone if/because it_will_sin and_it_ _will_act_unfaithfully unfaithfulness against_**YHWH** and_he_ _will_deny (in)_his_fellow_of_citizen (in)_a_deposit or (in)_ _deposited_property_of a_hand or (in)_a_robbery or he_has_ _oppressed ~~DOM~~ citizen_of_his_fellow. **22** [10] Or he_has_found a_ _thing_lost and_he_will_deny (in)_it and_he_will_swear_an_ _oath on falsehood on one from_all that the_humankind he_ _will_do to_sin by_them. **23** [11] And_it_was if/because he_will_ _sin and_he_will_be_guilty and_he_will_restore ~~DOM~~ the_ _robbery which he_robbed or ~~DOM~~ the_extortion which he_ _extorted or ~~DOM~~ the_deposit which it_was_entrusted with_ _him/it or ~~DOM~~ the_thing_lost which he_found. **24** [12] Or from_ _all that he_will_swear_an_oath on/upon/above_him/it to_ _falsehood and_he_will_repay ~~DOM~~_him/it in_head_of_its and_ _its_of_fifth(s) let_him_add on/upon/above_him/it to_the_one_ _whom it to_him/it he_will_give_it in/on_day his_guilt_of_his.
25 [13] And_~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_guilt he_will_bring to/for_ _**YHWH** a_ram unblemished from the_flock by_valuation_of_ _your to_a_guilt_offering to the_priest/officer. **26** [14] And_he_ _will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_ _priest/officer to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _it_will_be_forgiven to_him/it on one from_all that someone_ _will_do to_guilt by_it.

6:1 [15] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** [16] Command ~~DOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron and_~~DOM~~ sons_of_his to_say this is_the_ _legal_procedure_of the_burnt_offering it the_burnt_offering will_be_on the_hearth on the_altar all_of the_night until the_ _morning and_the_fire_of the_altar it_will_burn in/on/over_ _him/it. **3** [17] And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_put_on garment_ _of_his linen and_undergarments_of linen he_will_put_on on

7 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 5:5-8.
8 **LV 5:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.1
9 **LV 5:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.2
10 **LV 5:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.3
11 **LV 5:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.4
12 **LV 5:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.5
13 **LV 5:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.6
14 **LV 5:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.7
15 **LV 6:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.8
16 **LV 6:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.9
17 **LV 6:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.10

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body_of_his and_he_will_lift_up ~~DOM~~ the_fatty_ash which the_ _fire it_will_consume ~~DOM~~ the_burnt_offering on the_altar and_ _he_will_place_it beside the_altar. **4** **18** And_he_will_strip_off ~~DOM~~ garments_of_his and_he_will_put_on garments other and_ _he_will_take_out ~~DOM~~ the_fatty_ash to from_the_outside of_ _camp to a_place pure. **5** **19** And_the_fire on the_altar it_will_ _burn in/on/over_him/it not it_will_be_extinguished and_he_ _will_kindle on/upon_it(f) the_priest/officer wood(s) in_ _morning in_morning and_he_will_arrange on/upon_it(f) the_ _burnt_offering and_he_will_make_smoke on/upon_it(f) the_ _fat(s)_of the_peace_offerings. **6** **20** A_fire continually it_will_ _burn on the_altar not it_will_be_extinguished.**21**

7 **22** And_this is_the_legal_procedure_of the_grain_offering the_ _sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron they_will_present ~~DOM~~_her/it to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to the_face_of the_altar. **8** **23** And_he_will_lift_up from_him/it in_handful_of_his some_of_ _the_fine_flour_of the_grain_offering and_some_of_its_oil and_ _~~DOM~~ all_of the_frankincense which is_on the_grain_offering and_he_will_make_smoke the_altar an_odour_of soothing offering_of_its_memorial to/for_**YHWH**. **9** **24** And_the_ _remainder from_her/it 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his they_will_eat unleavened_bread(s) it_will_be_eaten in_a_place holy in_the_ _courtyard_of the_tent_of meeting they_will_eat_it. **10** **25** Not it_will_be_baked leaven share_of_their I_have_given ~~DOM~~_her/it from_my_fire_of_offerings is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it like_offering and_like_offering. **11** **26** Every_of male among_the_ _sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron he_will_eat_it a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity to_generations_of_your(pl) from_the_fire_offerings_ _of **YHWH** every one_who he_will_touch (is)_in_them he_will_ _be_holy.

12 **27** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **13** **28** This is_the_present_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his which they_will_ _present to/for_**YHWH** in/on_day ~~DOM~~_him/it is_anointed (the)_tenth_of (the)_'ēyfāh fine_flour grain_offering continually half_of_its in_morning and_half_of_its in_evening. **14** **29** On a_baking_tray with_oil it_will_be_made mixed_dough you_will_bring_it broken_pieces_of a_grain_offering_of crumbs you_will_present an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **15** **30** And_the_priest (the)_anointed in_place_of_him one_of_his_

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robe and remove the fatty ashes from the burnt offerings on the altar, and pile them beside it. **11** After that, he'll get changed again into his regular clothes and take those ashes outside the camp to a 'clean' place. **12** Meanwhile, the fire on the altar must be kept burning—it must never go out. Every morning the priest must put more wood on the fire, then he must arrange more offerings on the fire—he should burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on that fire so the smoke rises. **13** Yes, the fire must burn continually on the altar—never going out.

Procedures for the grain offering

14 "Here's the regulations for the grain offering: Aharon's (Aaron's) sons must present it before Yahweh in front of the altar. **15** The priest must take a handful of the flour from that grain offering, being sure it includes some of the oil and the incense, and burn it on the altar as a memorial portion to become a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **16** The remainder of that flour will be used as food for Aharon and his sons—they must eat the flat bread in a sacred place, i.e., in the courtyard of the sacred tent. **17** It must not be baked with any rising agent. I give that to them from what's given to me. It's very sacred just like the sin offering and the guilt offering. **18** Any of Aharon's male descendants can eat it—it'll be their portion from Yahweh's gifts throughout the generations. Anyone who touches Yahweh's gifts will become sacred themself."

Procedures for the ordination offering

19 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **20** "On the day when one of Aharon's (Aaron's) male descendants is consecrated as a priest, this is what he must present to Yahweh: a continual grain offering of a kilogram of fine wheat flour—half for the morning and half for the evening. **21** It must be mixed with olive oil then cooked with oil on a flat pan. It must then be broken into pieces and presented as a grain offering to make a pleasing aroma for Yahweh.

18 **LV 6:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.11

19 **LV 6:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.12

20 **LV 6:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.13

21 **LV 6:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

22 **LV 6:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.14

23 **LV 6:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.15

24 **LV 6:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.16

25 **LV 6:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.17

26 **LV 6:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.18

27 **LV 6:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.19

28 **LV 6:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.20

29 **LV 6:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.21

30 **LV 6:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.22

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22 The priest who's next in line to become high priest must offer
it and it must be completely burnt for Yahweh. This is a perma-
nent regulation. 23 Any grain offering by a priest must be com-
pletely burnt—it must not be eaten."

Procedures for the sin offering

24 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
25 "Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons that
these are the regulations for the sin offerings: The sin offering
must be slaughtered in front of Yahweh at the place where the
burnt offerings are slaughtered. It's a very sacred activity. 26 The
priest who offers the sin offering must be the one to eat it. It
must be eaten in a sacred place, i.e., in the courtyard of the sa-
cred tent. 27 Everything that touches the animal's body will be-
come sacred. Anyone who gets the blood on their clothes, must
wash them in a sacred place. 28 Any clay pot that it's been boiled
in, must then be shattered, but if it's boiled in a bronze pot, then
that must be scoured and rinsed with water. 29 Any male in the
priests' families may eat it—it's very sacred. 30 However, every
sin offering that has its blood taken inside the sacred tent to
make someone right with God, then that meat mustn't be
eaten—it must be completely burnt up.

Procedures for the guilt offering

7:1 "Then these are the regulations for
the very sacred guilt offerings: 2 The guilt
offering must be slaughtered at the same place as the burnt of-
ferings, and the blood must be splashed on each side of the altar.
3 The presenter must present all the fat including the fatty tail,
the fat covering the innards, 4 both kidneys and the fat that's at-
tached to them, and the lobe on the liver (all of which need to be
removed from the animal). 5 Then the priest must burn those on
the altar as a guilt offering to Yahweh. 6 Any male in the priests'
families may eat it—it's very sacred. 7 The regulations are the
same for the guilt offering as for the sin offering—the priest who
offers the guilt offering must be the one to eat it.

8 "Whenever a priest presents someone's burnt offering, the
skin of the animal that was presented belongs to that priest.
9 Any grain offering that's baked in an oven, or cooked in a pan
or on a griddle, will belong to the priest who presents it. 10 Any
grain offering that's either dry or mixed with oil, belongs to all
of Aharon's (Aaron's) male descendants without any distinction.

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_sons he_will_offer ~~DOM~~_her/it a_prescribed_portion_of
perpetuity to/for_**YHWH** a_whole_offering it_will_be_made_to_
_smoke. 16 [31] And_all grain_offering_of a_priest a_whole_
_offering it_will_be not it_will_be_eaten.

17 [32] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 18 [33]
Speak to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to sons_of_his to_say this is_the_
_legal_procedure_of the_sin_offering in_the_place_of (of)_
_where the_burnt_offering it_has_its_throat_cut the_sin_
_offering it_will_have_its_throat_cut to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it. 19 [34] The_
_priest/officer who_makes_a_sin_offering ~~DOM~~_her/it he_will_
_eat_it in_a_place holy it_will_be_eaten in_the_courtyard_of
the_tent_of meeting. 20 [35] All that it_will_touch (in)_meat_of_
_its it_will_be_holy and_which any_of_its_blood he_will_spatter
on the_garment that_which he_will_spatter on/upon_it(f) you_
_will_wash in_a_place holy. 21 [36] And_a_vessel_of earthenware
which it_will_be_boiled in/on/over_him/it it_will_be_broken
and_if in_a_vessel_of bronze it_was_boiled and_it_will_be_
_scoured and_it_will_be_rinsed with_water. 22 [37] Every_of male
among_priests he_will_eat ~~DOM~~_her/it is_a_holy_thing_of holy_
_things it. 23 [38] And_all sin_offering which any_of_its_blood it_
_will_be_brought_in into the_tent_of meeting to_make_
_atonement in_place not it_will_be_eaten with_fire it_will_be_
_burnt.

7:1 And_this is_the_legal_procedure_of the_guilt_offering is_a_
_holy_thing_of holy_things it. 2 In_the_place_of (of)_where
people_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_burnt_offering people_will_
_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_guilt_offering and_~~DOM~~ blood_of_its
he_will_sprinkle on the_altar all_around. 3 And_~~DOM~~ all_of fat_
_of_its he_will_present from_him/it ~~DOM~~ the_fat_tail and_~~DOM~~
the_fat which_covers ~~DOM~~ the_entrails. 4 And_~~DOM~~ the_two_of
the_kidneys and_~~DOM~~ the_fat which is_on_them which is_on
the_loins and_~~DOM~~ the_lobe on the_liver with the_kidneys he_
_will_remove_it. 5 And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_
_smoke ~~DOM~~_them to_the_altar a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** is_
_a_guilt_offering it. 6 Every_of male among_priests he_will_eat_
_it in_a_place holy it_will_be_eaten is_a_holy_thing_of holy_
_things it. 7 As_offering as_offering a_legal_procedure one
to/for_them the_priest/officer who he_will_make_atonement
in/on/over_him/it to_him/it it_will_belong. 8 And_the_priest
who_presents ~~DOM~~ a_burnt_offering_of anyone the_hide_of the_
_burnt_offering which he_presented to_priest to_him/it it_
_will_belong. 9 And_all grain_offering which it_will_be_baked
in_oven and_all that_it_has_been_made in_(the)_pan and_on a_
_baking_tray belongs_to_priest who_presents ~~DOM~~_her/it to_
_him/it it_will_belong. 10 And_all grain_offering mixed with_oil
and_dry to/from_all/each/any/every the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron it_
_will_belong each like_brother_of_his.

31 **LV 6:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.23
32 **LV 6:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.24
33 **LV 6:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.25
34 **LV 6:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.26
35 **LV 6:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.27
36 **LV 6:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.28
37 **LV 6:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.29
38 **LV 6:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.30

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11 And_this is_the_legal_procedure_of the_sacrifice_of the_ _peace_offering(s) which someone_will_present to/for_**YHWH**. **12** If on thanksgiving he_will_present_it and_he_will_present with the_sacrifice_of (the)_thanksgiving cakes unleavened_ _bread(s) mixed with_oil and_wafers_of unleavened_bread(s) smeared with_oil and_fine_flour mixed cakes mixed with_oil. **13** With cakes_of bread_of leaven he_will_present present_of_ _his with the_sacrifice of_the_thanksgiving_of his_peace_ _offering(s)_of_his. **14** And_he_will_present from_him/it one_ _loaf from_all present a_contribution to/for_**YHWH** to_priest who_sprinkles ~~DOM~~ the_blood_of the_peace_offerings to_him/it it_will_belong. **15** And_the_meat_of the_sacrifice_of the_ _thanksgiving_of his_peace_offering(s)_of_his in/on_day his_ _present_of_his it_will_be_eaten not he_will_leave from_him/it until morning. **16** And_if is_a_vow or a_freewill_offering the_ _sacrifice_of his_present_of_his in/on_day presents_he ~~DOM~~ sacrifice_of_his it_will_be_eaten and_from_the_next_day and_ _the_remainder from_him/it it_will_be_eaten. **17** And_the_ _remainder of_the_meat_of of_the_sacrifice in_the_day the_ _third with_fire it_will_be_burnt. **18** And_if ever_(eaten) any_ _of_the_meat_of the_sacrifice_of his_peace_offering(s)_of_his it_will_be_eaten in_the_day the_third not he_will_be_accepted the_one_who_presented ~~DOM~~_him/it not it_will_be_reckoned to_him/it unclean_meat it_will_be and_the_person who_eats from_him/it iniquity_of_its it_will_bear. **19** And_the_meat which it_will_touch in_all unclean_thing not it_will_be_eaten with_fire it_will_be_burnt and_the_meat every_of pure_person he_will_eat meat. **20** And_the_person who it_will_eat meat from_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offering(s) which to/for_ _**YHWH** and_uncleanness_of_his on/upon/above_him/it and_ the_living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_ _kinspeople(s)_of_its. **21** And_anyone if/because it_will_touch in_all unclean_thing (in)_the_uncleanness_of humankind or (in)_livestock unclean or in_all detestable_thing unclean and_ _he/it_will_eat any_of_the_meat_of the_sacrifice_of the_peace_ _offering(s) which to/for_**YHWH** and_ the_living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_its.

22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **23** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say any_of fat_of an_ox and_a_ _young_ram and_a_goat not you(pl)_must_eat. **24** And_the_fat_ _of a_carcass and_the_fat_of a_torn_animal it_will_be_used to/from_all/each/any/every work and_certainly_(eat) not you(pl)_must_eat_it. **25** If/because any_of one_who_eats fat from the_cattle/livestock which he_will_present from_her/it a_ _fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** and_ the_living_creatures who_ _eats _it_will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_its. **26** And_all blood not you(pl)_must_eat in_all_of places_of_your(pl)_ _dwelling of_bird[s] and_of_livestock. **27** Every_of person who it_will_eat any_of blood and_ the_living_creatures the_that _it_ _will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_its.

28 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **29** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say the_one_who_presents ~~DOM~~ the_sacrifice_of his_peace_offering(s)_of_his to/for_**YHWH** he_will_bring ~~DOM~~ present_of_his to/for_**YHWH** from_the_ _sacrifice_of his_peace_offering(s)_of_his. **30** Hands_of_his_own

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Procedures for the peace offering

11 "Then these are the regulations for sacrificing peace offerings to present to Yahweh: **12** If it's presented from thankfulness, then the sacrifice must be accompanied by thanksgiving flat bread buns (made from flour mixed with olive oil), and flat biscuits smeared with oil, and buns made from fine wheat flour mixed with oil, **13** plus risen bread rolls. All that must accompany the peace offering from thankfulness. **14** Then he must present one of each kind of bread as a contribution to Yahweh. Those will belong to the priest who splashes the blood for the peace offerings. **15** The meat of the thankfulness sacrifice of those peace offerings must be eaten the same day that it's offered—none of it can be left until morning. **16** However, if the sacrificed offering is a vow or freewill offering, then it can be eaten that same day and also the next day, **17** but any left-over meat must be burnt up on the fire on the third day. **18** If any of that meat from the sacrifice was eaten on the third day, the presenter won't be accepted and they won't be forgiven. It is spoilt, and anyone who eats any of it will bear their own guilt. **19** If any meat touches anything that's 'unclean', then it must not be eaten—it must be burnt up in the fire. However, any long as the meat remains 'clean', it can be eaten by any person who's 'clean'. **20** If a person who was 'unclean' were to eat any of the meat from the sacrifice for a peace offering, then that person must be cut off from the community. **21** Similarly, when a person touches anything 'unclean' (e.g., human uncleanness, or an unclean animal, or a detestable creature), and then they eat some of the meat of the sacrifice for a peace offering that now belongs to Yahweh, that person must be cut off from the community.

Don't eat fat or blood

22 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **23** "Tell the Israelis that you all must not eat the fat from cattle or sheep or goats, **24** plus you all definitely must not eat the fat from an animal that died naturally or was killed by wild animals although you can use it for other purposes. **25** Anyone who does eat the fat from an animal presented as a gift to Yahweh must be cut off from the community.

26 "Also, you all must not eat blood from either a bird or an animal, no matter where you're living.[39] **27** Any person who does eat blood must be cut off from the community."

The priests' portions

28 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **29** "Tell the Israelis that anyone who offers a peace offering to Yahweh must take some of it as his peace offering to Yahweh. **30** They must personally carry Yahweh's gift which will be the

39 RV 7:26-27 · Cross-ref. Gen 9:4; Lev 17:10-14; 19:26; Deu 12:16,23; 15:23.

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breast with its fat and raise it in front of Yahweh as a wave offering, **31** and the priest must burn that fat up on the altar but the breast will be for Aharon (Aaron) and his sons. **32** The right thigh from the sacrifices of your peace offerings must be given to the priest— **33** whichever priest (Aharon's descendant) who handled the blood of the peace offerings and the fat, that right thigh will be his portion **34** because I took the breast from the wave offering and the thigh from the contribution of the Israelis' peace offerings, and I gave them to Aharon the priest and his sons as an ongoing portion from the Israeli people. **35** That's the share for Aharon and his sons from the gifts to Yahweh since Mosheh presented them to Yahweh as priests. **36** Yahweh commanded them to be given to them back on the day when he anointed them out of all the Israeli people and made it a permanent regulation for future generations.

37 Those are the regulations for the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, the sin offerings, the guilt offerings, the ordination offerings, and the peace offerings **38** that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mt. Sinay on the day when he ordered the Israelis to present their offerings to Yahweh when they were there in the Sinay wilderness.

Ordination of Aharon and his sons[40]

8:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Take Aharon (Aaron) and his sons with their clothes and the anointing oil, and the bull for the sin offering and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread, **3** and assemble the entire community at the entrance to the sacred tent."

4 So Mosheh did exactly has Yahweh had commanded him, and the people assembled at the entrance of the sacred tent. **5** Then Mosheh told the assembled people, "This ceremony is what Yahweh has told us to do."

6 Then Mosheh presented Aharon and his sons and after washing them with water, **7** he put the tunic on Aharon and wrapped the sash around him, and then put the robe on him. Then he put the sacred apron on him, tying its finely woven waistband to fasten it onto him. **8** Then he attached the chest pouch and put the Urim and Tumim into the pouch. **9** Finally he placed the turban on his head, and fastened the golden flower-shaped plate (that sacred crown that demonstrates that Aharon is set apart to only serve Yahweh) to the front of the turban, exactly as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

10 Then Mosheh took the anointing oil and anointed Yahweh's residence and everything in it, thus consecrating it all. **11** Seven times he flicked some of it onto the altar—anointing the altar

Literal Version

they_will_bring ĐOM the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** ĐOM the_fat with the_breast he_will_bring_it ĐOM the_breast to_wave ĐOM_ _him/it a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **31** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_smoke ĐOM the_fat to_the_altar and_it_was the_breast to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_ _sons_of_his. **32** And_ĐOM the_thigh_of the_right you(pl)_will_ _give a_contribution to_priest from_the_sacrifices_of your(pl)_ _peace_offerings_of_your(pl). **33** The_one_who_presents ĐOM the_blood_of the_peace_offerings and_ĐOM the_fat from_(the)_ _sons of_'Ah$_a$ron to_him/it the_thigh_of the_right it_will_ _belong to_a_portion. **34** If/because ĐOM the_breast_of the_ _wave-offering and_ĐOM the_thigh_of the_contribution I_have_ _taken from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_ _sacrifices_of their_peace_offerings_of_their and_I_have_given ĐOM_them to_'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer and_to_sons_of_his to_ _a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **35** This is_the_share_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_the_share_ _of his_sons_of_his from_the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** in/on_ _day when_he_presented ĐOM_them to_serve_as_priests to/for_ _**YHWH**. **36** Which **YHWH** he_commanded to_give to/for_them in/on_day anointed_he ĐOM_them from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity to_ _generations_of_their. **37** This is_the_legal_procedure to_ _offering to_offering and_to_offering and_to_offering and_to_ _offering(s) and_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offering(s). **38** Which **YHWH** he_commanded ĐOM Mosheh on_the_ _mountain_of Şīnay in/on_day commanded_he ĐOM the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_present ĐOM presents_of_their to/for_**YHWH** in_the_wilderness_of Şīnay.

8:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Take ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron and_ĐOM sons_of_his with_him/it and_ĐOM the_ _garments and_ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_ĐOM the_ _bull_of the_sin_offering and_ĐOM the_two_of the_rams and_ _ĐOM the_basket_of (the)_unleavened_bread(s). **3** And_ĐOM all_ _of the_congregation assemble to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **4** And_ Mosheh _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM_him/it and_ the_congregation _it_assembled to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **5** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to the_congregation this is_the_message which **YHWH** he_has_commanded for_doing. **6** And_ Mosheh _he_presented ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron and_ĐOM sons_of_his and_he_washed ĐOM_them with_water. **7** And_he/it_gave on/upon/above_him/it ĐOM the_ _tunic and_he_girded ĐOM_him/it with_sash and_he_clothed ĐOM_him/it ĐOM the_robe and_he/it_gave on/upon/above_ _him/it ĐOM the_ephod and_he_girded ĐOM_him/it with_the_ _girdle_of the_ephod and_he_girded_the_ephod to_him/it in/on/over_him/it. **8** And_he/it_assigned on/upon/above_ _him/it ĐOM the_breastpiece and_he/it_gave into the_ _breastpiece ĐOM the_Urim and_ĐOM the_Thummim. **9** And_ _he/it_assigned ĐOM the_turban on his/its_head and_he/it_ _assigned on the_turban to the_front his/its_faces/face ĐOM the_plate_of the_gold the_crown_of (the)_holiness just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **10** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_took ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_he_anointed ĐOM the_tabernacle and_ĐOM all_of that in/on/over_him/it

40 **RV 8:1 · Parallel** Exo. 29:1-37

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and_he/it_consecrated ĐOM_them. **11** And_he_spattered from_ _him/it on the_altar seven times and_he_anointed ĐOM the_ _altar and_ĐOM all_of utensils_of_its and_ĐOM the_laver and_ _ĐOM base_of_its to_set_them_apart_as_holy. **12** And_he_poured some_of_the_oil_of (the)_anointing on the_head_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_he_anointed ĐOM_him/it to_set_him_apart_as_holy. **13** And_ Mosheh _he_presented ĐOM the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_ _he/it_clothed_them tunics and_he_girded ĐOM_them a_sash and_he_bound_on to/for_them headdresses just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **14** And_he_brought_near ĐOM the_bull_of the_sin_offering and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _he_ _leaned ĐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_bull_of the_ _sin_offering. **15** And_he_cut_the_throat_of_it and_ Mosheh _ _he/it_took ĐOM the_blood and_he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_altar all_around with_finger_of_his and_he_cleansed_from_ _sin ĐOM the_altar and_ĐOM the_blood he_poured to the_base_ _of the_altar and_he_set_it_apart_as_holy to_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it. **16** And_he/it_took ĐOM all_of the_fat which was_on the_entrails and_ĐOM the_lobe_of the_liver and_ _ĐOM the_two_of the_kidneys and_ĐOM fat_of_their and_ Mosheh _he_made_them_smoke to_the_altar. **17** And_ĐOM the_ _bull and_ĐOM hide_of_its and_ĐOM flesh_of_its and_ĐOM dung_ _of_its he_burnt with_fire from_the_outside of_camp just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **18** And_he_presented ĐOM the_ram_of the_burnt_offering and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_ _his _they_leaned ĐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_ram. **19** And_he_cut_the_throat_of_it and_ Mosheh _he_sprinkled ĐOM the_blood on the_altar all_around. **20** And_ĐOM the_ram he_cut_in_pieces into_pieces_of_its and_ Mosheh _he_made_ _smoke ĐOM the_head and_ĐOM the_pieces and_ĐOM the_suet. **21** And_ĐOM the_entrails and_ĐOM the_legs he_washed with_ _water and_ Mosheh _he_made_smoke ĐOM all_of the_ram to_ _the_altar was_a_burnt_offering it to_an_odour_of soothing was_a_fire_offering it to/for_**YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **22** And_he_presented ĐOM the_ram the_second the_ram_of (the)_installation_offering(s) and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _they_leaned ĐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_ram. **23** And_he_cut_the_throat_of_it and_ Mosheh _he/it_took some_of_its_blood and_he/it_gave on the_ _lobe_of the_ear_of 'Ah$_a$ron (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of his/its_hand (the)_right and_on the_big_toe_of his_foot_of_his (the)_right. **24** And_he_presented ĐOM the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_ Mosheh _he/it_gave some_of the_blood on the_lobe_of their_ _ear_of_their (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of their_hand_of_ _their (the)_right and_on the_big_toe_of their_foot_of_their (the)_right and_ Mosheh _he_sprinkled ĐOM the_blood on the_

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and all its utensils and the basin and its base, thus consecrating them. **12** He poured some of the anointing oil over Aharon's head, thus anointing him to consecrate him. **13** Then Mosheh presented Aharon's sons and dressed them in tunics and wrapped sashes around each of them, and tied their headbands onto them, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

14 Then he brought the bull for the sin offering, and Aharon and his sons placed their hands on its head. **15** Then Aharon[41] slaughtered it, and Mosheh took the blood and used his finger to put some on the four projecting corners of the altar, thus purifying the altar. Then he poured the rest of the blood out at the altar's base, sanctifying it so it could be used for making people right with God. **16** Then Mosheh took all the far that was on the innards and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and he burnt them up on the altar. **17** However, he burnt up the rest of the bull including its hide, flesh, and dung, outside the camp, just as Yahweh had told him.

18 Then Mosheh presented the ram for the burnt offering, and Aharon and his sons placed their hands on its head. **19** Then Aharon[42] slaughtered it, and Mosheh splashed the blood on each side of the altar. **20** Then Aharon[43] cut the ram into pieces, and Mosheh burnt up the head, and the pieces and the fat. **21** However, Aharon[44] washed the innards and the legs, then Mosheh also burnt those up on the altar as a burnt offering that was pleasing aroma for Yahweh, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

22 Then Mosheh presented the second ram for the ordination offering, and Aharon and his sons placed their hands on the ram's head. **23** Then Aharon[45] slaughtered it, and Mosheh took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aharon's right ear, on his right thumb, and on his right big toe. **24** Then he presented Aharon's sons and put some of the blood on their right earlobes, and their right thumbs, and their right big toes. Then Mosheh splashed the blood on each side of the altar. **25** He collected the fat and the fatty tail, and all the fat that was on the innards and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys with their fat, and the right thigh, **26** Then from the basket of unleavened bread that was there in front of Yahweh, he took one flat bread bun, and one flat bread that had been smeared with oil, and one flat biscuit, and placed them on top of the fat and the right thigh. **27** He place all that onto the open hands of Aharon and his sons who

41 RV 8:15 · Note It's not 100% clear from the Hebrew if the pronoun here refers to Aharon or to Mosheh, but as Mosheh's name is specifically mentioned in the next clause, we assume that 'he' was still referring to Aharon here.

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43 RV 8:20 · Note Again it's not 100% clear from the Hebrew if the pronoun here refers to Aharon or to Mosheh, but as Mosheh's name is specifically mentioned in the next clause, we assume that 'he' was referring to Aharon (and possibly including his sons) here.

44 RV 8:20 · Note Again it's not 100% clear from the Hebrew if the pronoun here refers to Aharon or to Mosheh, but as Mosheh's name is specifically mentioned in the next clause, we assume that 'he' was referring to Aharon here.

45 RV 8:19 · Note It's not 100% clear from the Hebrew if the pronoun here refers to Aharon or to Mosheh, but as Mosheh's name is specifically mentioned in the next clause, we assume that 'he' was still referring to Aharon here.

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raised them as a wave offering in front of Yahweh. **28** Then Mosheh took it all again, and burnt it all up on the altar with the burnt offering. That ordination offering on the fire became a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **29** Then Mosheh took the breast meat from the ram for the ordination offering, and raised it as a wave offering in front of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had instructed him.

30 Then Mosheh took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood from on the altar, and he flicked them onto Aharon and his clothes, his sons and their clothes, thus consecrating Aharon and his clothes, and his sons and their clothes.

31 Then Mosheh told Aharon and his sons, "Boil the meat at the entrance to the sacred tent and eat it, along with the flat bread that's in the basket as part of the ordination offering, just as I had instructed that Aharon and his sons should eat it. **32** Any meat or bread that's leftover must be burnt in the fire. **33** None of you may leave the entrance to the sacred tent for seven days. That's because Yahweh will ordain you all over those seven days. **34** What's been done today has been initiated by Yahweh in order to make you all right with him, **35** so remain here day and night at the entrance of the sacred tent for seven days as per Yahweh's instructions and you all won't die, because that's what I've been commanded." **36** So Aharon and his sons did everything that Yahweh had instructed them via Mosheh.

The priests start their duties

9:1 On the eighth day, Mosheh (Moses) summoned Aharon (Aaron) and his sons, along with Yisrael's (Israel's) elders, **2** and he told Aharon, "Get a healthy, young, male calf for a sin offering for yourself, and a ram without defects for a burnt offering, and present them to Yahweh. **3** Then tell the Israeli people to take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old and without defects for a burnt offering, **4** as well as a bull and a ram to sacrifice to Yahweh as peace offerings, and a grain offering mixed will oil, because Yahweh will appear to you all today."

5 So they brought everything to the sacred tent that Mosheh

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_altar all_around. **25** And_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_fat and_~~DOM~~ the_ _fat_tail and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fat which was_on the_entrails and_ _~~DOM~~ the_lobe_of the_liver and_~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_kidneys and_~~DOM~~ fat_of_their and_~~DOM~~ the_thigh_of the_right. **26** And_ _from_the_basket_of (the)_unleavened_bread(s) which to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** he_took a_cake_of unleavened_bread(s) one and_a_cake_of bread_of oil one and_a_ _wafer one and_he/it_assigned on the_fat(s) and_on the_thigh_ _of the_right. **27** And_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ (the)_everything on the_ _palms_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_on the_palms_of his_sons_of_his and_ _he_waved ~~DOM~~_them a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH**. **28** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ~~DOM~~_ _them from_under palms_of_their and_he_made_them_smoke to_the_altar on the_burnt_offering were_installation_offerings they to_an_odour_of soothing was_a_fire_offering it to/for_ _**YHWH**. **29** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_breast and_he_ _waved_it a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** from_the_ram_of (the)_installation_offering(s) to_ _Mosheh it_belonged to_a_portion just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh. **30** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took some_ _of_the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_from the_blood which was_ _on the_altar and_he_spattered_it on 'Ah$_a$ron on garments_of_ _his and_on sons_of_his and_on the_garments_of his_sons_of_ _his with_him/it and_he/it_consecrated ~~DOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron ~~DOM~~ garments_of_his and_~~DOM~~ sons_of_his and_~~DOM~~ the_garments_ _of his_sons_of_his with_him/it. **31** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to sons_of_his boil ~~DOM~~ the_meat the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_there you(pl)_will_eat ~~DOM~~_him/it and_~~DOM~~ the_bread which is_in_the_basket_of the_ _installation_offering(s) just_as I_commanded to_say 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his they_will_eat_it. **32** And_the_remainder in_ _meat and_in_bread with_fire you(pl)_will_burn. **33** And_from_ _the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting not you(pl)_must_go_out seven_of days until the_day_of the_days_of your(pl)_ _installation_of_your(pl) are_completed if/because seven_of days he_will_fill ~~DOM~~ hand_of_your(pl). **34** Just_as someone_ _has_done in_the_day the_this **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_ _do to_make_atonement on_you(pl). **35** And_the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting you(pl)_will_remain by_day and_night seven_of days and_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ the_duty_of **YHWH** and_not you(pl)_will_die if/because thus I_have_been_ _commanded. **36** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _he/it_made ~~DOM~~ all_of the_things which **YHWH** he_had_commanded by_ _the_hand_of Mosheh.

9:1 And_he/it_was in_the_day (the)_eighth Mosheh he_ _summoned (to)_'Ah$_a$ron and_(to)_sons_of_his and_(to)_the_ _elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron take to/for_yourself(m) a_male_calf a_young_one_of the_herd to_a_ _sin_offering and_a_ram to_a_burnt_offering unblemished and_ _present_them to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **3** And_near/to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_will_speak to_say take a_male_goat_of goats to_a_sin_offering and_a_male_ _calf and_a_male_lamb sons_of a_year unblemished to_a_burnt_ _offering. **4** And_an_ox and_a_ram to_peace_offerings to_ _sacrifice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_a_ _grain_offering mixed with_oil if/because the_day **YHWH** he_ _will_appear to_you(pl). **5** And_they_took ~~DOM~~ that_which

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Mosheh he_had_commanded to the_face_of the_tent_of meeting and_ all_of the_congregation _they_drew_near and_ _they_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. 6 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said this is_the_thing which **YHWH** he_has_ _commanded you(pl)_will_do and_it_will_appear to_you(pl) the_glory_of **YHWH**. 7 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron draw_near to the_altar and_offer ÐOM offering_of_your_sin and_ÐOM offering_of_your_burnt and_make_atonement for_ _yourself and_for the_people and_offer ÐOM the_present_of the_people and_make_atonement for_them just_as **YHWH** he_ _has_commanded. 8 And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_drew_near to the_altar and_he_cut_the_throat_of ÐOM the_male_calf_of the_sin_ _offering which to_him/it. 9 And_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_ _presented ÐOM the_blood to_him/it and_he_dipped finger_of_ _his in_blood and_he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_altar and_ _ÐOM the_blood he_poured to the_base_of the_altar. 10 And_ÐOM the_fat and_ÐOM the_kidneys and_ÐOM the_lobe from the_liver from the_sin_offering he_made_smoke to_the_altar just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh. 11 And_ÐOM the_flesh and_ÐOM the_hide he_burnt with_fire from_the_outside of_ _camp. 12 And_he_cut_the_throat_of ÐOM the_burnt_offering and_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_brought_forward to_him/it ÐOM the_blood and_he_sprinkled_it on the_altar all_around. 13 And_ÐOM the_burnt_offering they_brought_forward to_ _him/it to_pieces_of_its and_ÐOM the_head and_he_made_ _them_smoke on the_altar. 14 And_he_washed ÐOM the_entrails and_ÐOM the_legs and_he_made_them_smoke on the_burnt_ _offering to_the_altar. 15 And_he_presented ÐOM the_present_ _of the_people and_he/it_took ÐOM the_male_goat_of the_sin_ _offering which was_for_people and_he_cut_its_throat and_he_ _made_it_a_sin_offering like_offering. 16 And_he_presented ÐOM the_burnt_offering and_he_offered_it according_the_ _ordinance. 17 And_he_presented ÐOM the_grain_offering and_ _he_filled palm_of_his from_her/it and_he_made_it_smoke on the_altar (from)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of the_ _morning. 18 And_he_cut_the_throat_of ÐOM the_ox and_ÐOM the_ram the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings which was_for_ _people and_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_brought_forward ÐOM the_blood to_him/it and_he_sprinkled_it on the_altar all_ _around. 19 And_ÐOM the_fat(s) from the_ox and_from the_ram the_fat_tail and_the_covering and_the_kidneys and_the_lobe_of the_liver. 20 And_they_placed ÐOM the_fat(s) on the_breasts and_he_made_smoke the_fat(s) to_the_altar. 21 And_ÐOM the_ _breasts and_ÐOM the_thigh_of the_right 'Ah$_a$ron he_waved a_ _wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** just_as Mosheh he_had_commanded. 22 And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_ _lifted_up ÐOM his[49] to the_people and_he_blessed_them and_ _he/it_descended from_when_offered the_sin_offering and_ _the_burnt_offering and_the_peace_offerings. 23 And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he_went into the_tent_of meeting and_they_ _went_out and_they_blessed ÐOM the_people and_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_appeared to all_of the_people. 24 And_ fire _it_went_

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had instructed them, and the whole assembly presented them as they stood before Yahweh, 6 then Mosheh said, "You've done what Yahweh told you, so now you'll all see his brightness appear." 7 Then he told Aharon, "Go to the altar and make your sin offering and your burnt offering to make yourself and the people right with God. Then make the people's offering to make them right with God, just as Yahweh commanded."[46]

8 So Aharon approached the altar and slaughtered the calf for his own sin offering, 9 and his sons presented the blood to him. Dipping his finger into the blood, he smeared it on the altar's four projecting corners, then he poured the rest of the blood out at the altar's base. 10 He burnt up the fat and the kidneys, and the lobe from the liver for the sin offering on the altar, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh, 11 but the meat and the skin, he burnt up in a fire outside the camp.

12 Then Aharon slaughtered the burnt offering, and his sons brought the blood to him and he splashed it on each side of the altar. 13 Then they brought him the head and the cut-up pieces, and he burnt them up on the altar. 14 He washed the innards and the legs, and then also burnt them up on the altar.

15 Then Aharon presented the people's offering. He took the goat for the people's offering and slaughtered it, then offered it as a sin offering like the other one. 16 He presented the burnt offering—following all the instructions when he did it. 17 Then he presented the grain offering, and taking a large handful, he burnt it on the altar, in addition to the morning's burnt offering. 18 Then Aharon slaughtered the bull and the ram which were the people's peace offering, and his sons brought the blood to him and he splashed it on each side of the altar.[47] 19 He took the fat from the bull and the ram, including their fatty tails and the fat covering the innards, the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver, 20 and placed it all on top of those animals breast meat, then burnt up the fat on the altar. 21 Finally, he raised the breast meat and the right thigh as a wave offering in front of Yahweh, just as Mosheh (Moses) had instructed.

22 Then Aharon raised his arms towards the people and blessed them,[48] and then he stepped down, having finished making the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings.
23 Mosheh and Aharon entered the sacred tent, and when they came back out, they blessed the people and Yahweh's brilliance appeared to all the people. 24 Then flames shot out from Yahweh's front and evaporated the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. They people saw that happen, and they yelled out and fell down onto their knees with their faces to the ground.

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46 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Heb 7:27.

47 **RV 9:18 · Cross-ref.** Lev 3:1-11.

48 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Num 6:22-26.

49 **LV 9:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/יָדָיו: (x-qere) וְ/יָדָי: lemma_3027 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcbdc/Sp3ms id_03KEV וְ/יָדָיו

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Nadav and Avihu get destroyed

10:1 Then two of Aharon's (Aaron's) sons, Nadav and Avihu each took their incense-burning pans and put fire in them, and put incense on the fire, thus offering unauthorised fire to Yahweh that he hadn't instructed them to do. **2** So flames shot out from Yahweh's front and consumed then so they died there in front of Yahweh.
3 Then Mosheh (Moses) told Aharon, "That's what Yahweh meant when he said, 'I will reveal my holiness to those who approach me, then I'll be honoured in the sight of all the people.' "
4 Then Mosheh summoned Mishael and Elitsafan, the sons of Aharon's Uncle Uziel, and told them, "Come and help by carrying your cousins' bodies from the sacred place here to a place outside the camp." **5** So they came and carried the two corpses by their clothes to a place outside the camp just as Mosheh had told them to do.
6 Then Mosheh told Aharon and his sons Eleazar and Itamar, "Don't leave your hair loose, and don't tear your clothes, so that you won't die and so that Yahweh won't be angry at the entire community. But meanwhile, all the Israelis must mourn because Yahweh was angry enough to burn those two. **7** Also, don't leave the entrance to the sacred tent, as you might die because you all still have Yahweh's anointing oil on you." So they did everything that Mosheh said.

Instructions for priests

8 Then Yahweh told Aharon (Aaron), **9** "Neither you or your sons should drink wine or strong drink when you're going to go into the sacred tent so that you won't die. This regulation is permanent and for future generations. **10** You must carefully distinguish between what's sacred and what's common, and what's 'unclean' and 'clean'. **11** and you must teach the Israelis all the instructions that Yahweh has given them via Mosheh (Moses)."
12 Then Mosheh told Aharon and his remaining sons Eleazar and Itamar, "Take the remainder of the grain offering after the memorial portion has been given to Yahweh, and eat that flat bread there beside the altar, because it's very sacred.[50] **13** You all must eat it in a sacred place, because it's the portion for you and your sons from the gifts to Yahweh, because that's what I've been instructed. **14** Also, you all must eat the breast meat from the wave offering and the thigh from the contribution offering in a 'clean' place. Your sons and daughters can join you all for that, because that food has been given as the portion for you and your children from the peace offering sacrifices from the Is-

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_out from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** and_she/it_ate on the_altar ĐOM the_burnt_offering and_ĐOM the_fat(s) and_ all_of the_people _he/it_saw and_they_shouted and_they_fell on faces_of_their.

10:1 And_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron Nādāv and_'Avīhū' _they_took each censer_of_his and_they_put in_them fire and_they_placed on/upon_it(f) incense and_they_presented to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** fire strange which not he_had_ _commanded ĐOM_them. **2** And_ fire _it_went_out from_to/for_ _face/front/presence **YHWH** and_she/it_ate them and_they_ _died to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **3** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron it is_that_which **YHWH** he_ _spoke to_say among_those_near_of_to_me I_will_show_ _myself_holy and_on the_face_of all_of the_people I_will_gain_ _glory and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_was_silent. **4** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _called (to) Mīshā'ēl and_near/to 'Elītsāfān the_sons_of 'Uzziy'ēl the_uncle_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_he/it_said to_them draw_near carry ĐOM relatives_of_your(pl) from_with the_face_of the_holy_place to from_the_outside of_camp. **5** And_they_drew_near and_ _they_carried_them in_tunics_of_their to from_the_outside of_ _camp just_as Mosheh he_had_spoken. **6** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to 'Ah$_a$ron and_to_'El'āzār and_to_'Ītāmār sons_of_his heads_of_your(pl) do_not let_untie/release and_garments_of_ _your(pl) not you(pl)_must_tear and_not you(pl)_will_die and_ _towards all_of the_congregation he_will_be_angry and_ _relatives_of_your(pl) all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ _will_weep_for ĐOM the_burning which **YHWH** he_has_burnt. **7** And_from_the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting not you(pl)_ _must_go_out lest you(pl)_should_die if/because the_oil_of the_ _anointing_of **YHWH** is_on_you(pl) and_they_did according_to_ _the_message_of Mosheh.

8 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **9** Wine and_ _strong_drink do_not drink you and_sons_of_your with_you when_go_you(pl) into the_tent_of meeting and_not you(pl)_ _will_die a_regulation_of perpetuity to_generations_of_ _your(pl). **10** And_to_separate between the_holy_thing and_ _between the_profane_thing and_between the_unclean_thing and_between the_clean_thing. **11** And_to_teach ĐOM the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM all_of the_regulations which **YHWH** he_has_spoken to_them by_the_hand_of Mosheh. **12** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to 'El'āzār and_near/to 'Ītāmār sons_of_his (the)_remaining take ĐOM the_ _grain_offering which_remains of_the_fire_offerings_of of_ _**YHWH** and_eat_it unleavened_bread(s) beside the_altar if/because is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it. **13** And_you(pl)_ _will_eat ĐOM_her/it in_a_place holy if/because prescribed_ _portion_of_is_your and_the_prescribed_portion_of your(pl)_ _sons_of_your it from_the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** if/because thus I_have_been_commanded. **14** And_ĐOM the_breast_of the_ _wave-offering and_ĐOM the_thigh_of the_contribution you(pl)_ _will_eat in_a_place pure you and_sons_of_your and_daughters_ _of_your with_you if/because portion_of_your_prescribed and_ _the_prescribed_portion_of your(pl)_children_of_your they_

50 RV 10:12-13 · Cross-ref. Lev 6:14-18.

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_have_been_given from_the_sacrifices_of the_peace_offerings_ _of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** The_thigh_of the_ _contribution and_the_breast_of the_wave-offering on the_fire_ _offerings_of (the)_fat(s) they_will_bring to_wave a_ _wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_it_was to/for_yourself(m) and_to_sons_of_your with_you to_a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity just_as **YHWH** he_has_ _commanded. **16** And_ĐOM the_male_goat_of the_sin_offering diligently_(seek) Mosheh he_sought and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_ _had_been_burnt and_he_was_angry towards 'El'āzār and_ _towards 'Ītāmār the_sons_of 'Aha_ron (the)_remaining to_say. **17** Why not did_you(pl)_eat ĐOM the_sin_offering in_the_place_ _of (the)_holiness if/because is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it and_it he_gave to/for_you(pl) to_bear ĐOM the_iniquity_of the_ _congregation to_make_atonement on_them to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **18** HERE not ĐOM blood_of_its it_ _was_brought into the_holy_place within certainly_(eat) you(pl)_will_eat ĐOM_her/it in_place just_as I_commanded. **19** And_ 'Aha_ron _he/it_spoke to Mosheh HERE the_day they_ _have_presented ĐOM offering_of_their_sin and_ĐOM offering_ _of_their_burnt to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ like_these_things _they_have_happened_to ĐOM_me and_ _I_will_eat a_sin_offering the_day will_it_be_good in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH**. **20** And_ Mosheh _he/it_listened and_it_was_ _good in_eyes_of_his.

11:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Aha_ron to_say to_them. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say this is_the_living_creature which you(pl)_will_eat from_all the_ _cattle/livestock which is_on the_earth/land. **3** Any one_ _which_divides_in_two a_hoof and_which_cleaves a_cleft_of hooves which_brings_up_of (of)_cud among_animal[s] ĐOM_ _her/it you(pl)_will_eat. **4** Nevertheless ĐOM this not you(pl)_ _must_eat from_those_which_bring_up_of (of)_the_cud and_ _from_those_which_divide_in_two_of (of)_the_hoof ĐOM the_ _camel if/because is_bringing_up_of (of)_cud it and_a_hoof not_it is_dividing_in_two is_unclean it to_you(pl). **5** And_ĐOM the_rock_badger if/because is_bringing_up_of (of)_cud it and_ _a_hoof not it_divides_in_two is_unclean it to_you(pl). **6** And_ _ĐOM the_hare if/because is_bringing_up_of (of)_cud it and_a_ _hoof not it_divides_in_two is_unclean it to_you(pl). **7** And_ĐOM the_pig if/because is_dividing_in_two a_hoof it and_is_cleaving a_cleft_of a_hoof and_he cud not it_ruminates is_unclean it to_ _you(pl). **8** Any_of_their_meat not you(pl)_must_eat and_(in)_ _carcass_of_their not you(pl)_will_touch are_unclean they to_ _you(pl). **9** ĐOM this you(pl)_will_eat from_all that is_in_waters all that to_him/it fin and_scale in_waters in_the_seas and_in_ _wadis ĐOM_them you(pl)_will_eat. **10** And_all/each/any/every that there_belong_not to_him/it fin and_scale in_the_seas and_ _in_wadis from_all (the)_swarming_thing_of the_waters and_ _from_all creature_of the_living which is_in_waters are_ _detestable_thing[s] they to_you(pl). **11** And_detestable_ _thing[s] they_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of_their_meat not

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raelis.[51] **15** Yes, those thighs from the contribution offering and the breast meat from the wave offering, in addition to the gifts of the fat portions, must be brought before Yahweh as a raised offering, and then they'll always become the portion for you and your families, just as Yahweh instructed."

16 Then Mosheh looked for the goat meat from the sin offering, but was shocked to discover that it had been burnt up on the altar, so he was angry with Aharon's remaining sons Eleazar and Itamar, telling them, **17** "Why didn't you eat that sin offering in the sacred place, because it's very sacred and he gave it to you to bear the community's guilt then to make them right with Yahweh.[52] **18** Listen here! Its blood *wasn't* taken into the inner sacred place, so you must eat it in the sacred place just like I told you to do!"

19 Then Aharon explained to Mosheh, "Listen, they presented their sin offering and their burnt offering to Yahweh today, and yet I lost two of my sons. But if I'd eaten the sin offering today, would it have pleased Yahweh?" **20** When Mosheh heard that, he was satisfied.

Creatures that may be eaten[53]

11:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron):

2 Tell the Israelis that the following creatures on the earth are the ones that you all can eat: **3** You all can eat any animal that has hooves which are completely split in two and that also chew the cud. **4** However you mustn't eat those without *both* traits, for example camels chew the cud but don't have divided hooves, so they are 'unclean' for you. **5** The rock badger likewise, because although it chews the cud, it too doesn't have divided hooves, **6** and the rabbit is 'unclean' for you all because although it chews the cud, it doesn't have divided hooves. **7** Pigs have divided hooves that are split completely, but don't chew the cud, so they're 'unclean' for you all— **8** you mustn't eat their meat or touch their carcasses because they're 'unclean' for you all.

9 You all can eat everything that lives in the water, whether the oceans or rivers, as long as it has both fins and scales. **10** In contrast, anything in the oceans or rivers without both fins and scales, whether they're swarming creatures or otherwise, they'll all be detestable for you all. **11** So anything that's detestable to you all, you mustn't eat their meat and you must detest their carcasses. **12** Anything in the water that doesn't have both fins and scales will be detestable for you all.

13 From the birds, the ones that you'll all detest and avoid eating will include: the eagle and any kind of vulture, **14** the kite

51 RV 10:14-15 · Cross-ref. Lev 7:30-34.

52 RV 10:17 · Cross-ref. Lev 6:24-26.

53 RV 11:1 · Parallel Deu. 14:3-21

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and any kind of falcon, **15** any kind of crow, **16** any kind of owl, gull, or hawk, **17** the cormorant, **18** the osprey, **19** the stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe, and bats. **20** Everything that swarms with wings and walks on four legs must be detestable for you all. **21** However, you all can eat anything that swarms with wings and walks on four legs that has its legs above its feet for hopping on the ground. **22** You all can eat any kind of locust or cricket or grasshopper, **23** but anything that swarms with wings and walks on four legs must be detestable for you all.

24 The following will make you 'unclean'—anyone who touches their carcasses will become 'unclean' until the evening, **25** plus anyone who carries their carcass must wash their clothes and will be 'unclean' until the evening: **26** Any animal with a divided hoof but not completely split in two or that doesn't chew the cud will be 'unclean' for you all—anyone who touches them will become 'unclean'. **27** Also, any four-footed animal that walks on its paws is 'unclean' for you—anyone who touches their carcass will become 'unclean' until the evening, **28** plus anyone who carries their carcass must wash their clothes and will be 'unclean' until the evening because they're 'unclean' for you all.

29 These are the 'unclean' creatures from the ones that swarm on the ground: rats, mice, lizards **30** of any kind, geckos, skinks, and chameleons. **31** Out of all the swarming things, those are 'unclean' for you—anyone who touches them when they've died will be 'unclean' until the evening. **32** Also, anything that their dead bodies fall on will become 'unclean', whether it's a wooden, cloth, leather, or sackcloth object, or any container used for work, so then it must be immersed in water and it will be 'unclean' until the evening when it will become 'clean' again. **33** If one of those creatures falls into a clay container, everything in it will become 'unclean' and you must break that container. **34** If water from that container got onto any food, it will become 'unclean', and any drink take from that container will be 'unclean'. **35** Anything that the dead body of one of those creatures falls onto will become 'unclean'—any oven or stove must be smashed. They have become 'unclean' and would always remain so. **36** However a spring or a cistern for collecting water will be 'clean', but anyone touching that dead body will be 'unclean'. **37** If the dead body fell on some seeds that will be planted, that seed is still 'clean', **38** but if the seeds are wet when the dead body falls on it, then it's 'unclean' for you.

39 If any animal that you all can eat dies, then any person touches its carcass will be 'unclean' until the evening. **40** Anyone who eats any part of that dead body, and anyone who moves it, must wash their clothes and will be 'unclean' until the evening.

41 Every creature that swarms along the ground is detestable—it mustn't be eaten. **42** Everything that moves on its belly, and any swarming thing that moves along the ground on four or more feet mustn't be eaten because they're detestable. **43** Don't make yourselves detestable with any of those swarming

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you(pl)_must_eat and_ĐOM carcass_of_their you(pl)_will_detest. **12** All that there_belong_not to_him/it fin and_scale in_waters is_a_detestable_thing it to_you(pl). **13** And_ĐOM these you(pl)_ _will_detest from the_bird[s] not they_will_be_eaten are_ _detestable_thing[s] they ĐOM the_eagle and_ĐOM the_bearded_ _vulture and_ĐOM the_black_vulture. **14** And_ĐOM the_red_kite and_ĐOM the_black_kite to_its_kind. **15** ĐOM every_of raven to/for_his/its_kind. **16** And_ĐOM the_daughter_of the_ostrich and_ĐOM the_screech_owl and_ĐOM the_gull and_ĐOM the_ _falcon to_his/its_kind. **17** And_ĐOM the_little_owl and_ĐOM the_cormorant and_ĐOM the_great_owl. **18** And_ĐOM the_barn_ _owl and_ĐOM the_wilderness_owl and_ĐOM the_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt))_vulture. **19** And_ĐOM the_stork the_heron to_its_kind and_ĐOM the_hoopoe and_ĐOM the_bat. **20** Every_of (the)_swarming_thing_of (the)_insect which_walks on four_legs is_a_detestable_thing it to_you(pl). **21** Nevertheless ĐOM this you(pl)_will_eat from_all (the)_ _swarming_thing_of (the)_insect which_walks on four_legs which belong_to_it[55] legs from_above (to)_feet_of_its to_hop with_them on the_earth/land. **22** ĐOM these from_them you(pl)_will_eat ĐOM the_locust to/for_his/its_kind and_ĐOM the_locust to_his/its_kind and_ĐOM the_locust to_his/its_kind and_ĐOM the_grasshopper to_his/its_kind. **23** And_ _all/each/any/every (the)_swarming_thing_of (the)_insect which to_him/it four feet is_a_detestable_thing it to_you(pl). **24** And_to_these you_will_make_yourselves_unclean every_of (the)_one_who_touches (in)_carcass_of_their he_will_be_ _unclean until the_evening. **25** And_all (the)_one_who_carries any_of_their_carcass he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_ _will_be_unclean until the_evening. **26** To/from_ _all/each/any/every the_cattle/livestock which it is_dividing_ _in_two a_hoof and_a_cleft not_it is_cleaving and_cud not_it is_ _bringing_up are_unclean they to/for_you(pl) every_of (the)_ _one_who_touches (is)_in_them he_will_be_unclean. **27** And_ _all/each/any/every one_which_walks on paws_of_its in_all (the)_living_creature[s] which_walks on four_feet are_unclean they to/for_you(pl) every_of (the)_one_who_touches (in)_ _carcass_of_their he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **28** And_the_one_who_carries ĐOM carcass_of_their he_will_ _wash garments_of_his and_he_will_be_unclean until the_ _evening are_unclean they to_you(pl). **29** And_this to/for_ _you(pl) is_the_unclean among_thing[s] which_swarms on the_ _earth/land the_weasel and_the_mouse and_the_great_lizard to_his/its_kind. **30** And_the_gecko and_the_monitor_lizard and_ _the_wall_lizard and_the_skink and_the_chameleon. **31** These are_the_unclean to/for_you(pl) in_all (the)_swarming_thing every_of (the)_one_who_touches (is)_in_them in_death_of_ _their he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **32** And_ _all/each/any/every that it_will_fall on/upon/above_him/it from_them in_death_of_their it_will_be_unclean from_all vessel_of wood or a_garment or a_hide or sackcloth every_of vessel which a_work it_will_be_done (is)_in_them in_water it_ _will_be_put and_it_will_be_unclean until the_evening and_it_ _will_be_pure. **33** And_all vessel_of earthenware which from_ _them it_will_fall into of_it_of_the_middle all that is_in_the_ _midst_of_of_it it_will_be_unclean and_it you(pl)_will_break.

55 LV 11:21 · Note OSHB variant note: אֵל: (x-qere) וְלִי: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_03iGP וְלִי

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34 From_all the_food which it_will_be_eaten which it_will_
_come on/upon/above_him/it water it_will_be_unclean and_all
drink which it_is_drunk in_all vessel it_will_be_unclean.
35 And_all/each/any/every that any_of_their_carcass it_will_
_fall on/upon/above_him/it it_will_be_unclean an_oven and_a_
_stove it_will_be_broken_up are_unclean they and_unclean
they_will_be to_you(pl). **36** Nevertheless a_spring and_a_cistern
a_collecting_place_of water it_will_be pure and_one_who_
_touches (in)_carcass_of_their he_will_be_unclean. **37** And_
_because/when any_of_their_carcass it_will_fall on every_of
seed sowing which it_will_be_sown is_pure it. **38** And_
_because/when water it_will_be_put on seed and_ any_of_
_their_carcass _it_will_fall on/upon/above_him/it is_unclean it
to_you(pl). **39** And_because/when any_of the_cattle/livestock
which it to/for_you(pl) for_food it_will_die the_one_who_
_touches (in)_carcass_of_its he_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening. **40** And_the_one_who_eats any_of_its_carcass he_will_
_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening and_the_one_who_carries ᴅᴏᴍ carcass_of_its he_will_
_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening. **41** And_all (the)_swarming_thing which_swarms on
the_earth/land is_a_detestable_thing it not it_will_be_eaten.
42 Any one_which_walks on wwww[56] and_all/each/any/every
one_which_walks on four_feet to any_of one_which_multiplies_
_of (of)_feet to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_swarming_
_thing which_swarms on the_earth/land not you(pl)_must_eat_
_them if/because are_detestable_thing[s] they. **43** Do_not
make_detestable ᴅᴏᴍ selves_of_your(pl) in_all (the)_swarming_
_thing which_swarms and_not you_must_make_yourselves_
_unclean (is)_in_them and_you_will_make_yourselves_unclean
by_them. **44** If/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_you_
_will_keep_yourselves_holy and_you(pl)_will_be holy
if/because am_holy I and_not you(pl)_must_make_unclean ᴅᴏᴍ
selves_of_your(pl) in_all (the)_swarming_thing the_(one)_
_creeping on the_earth/land. **45** If/because I am_**YHWH** who_
_brought_up you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_
_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_god and_you(pl)_will_be holy
if/because am_holy I. **46** This is_the_legal_procedure_of the_
_cattle/livestock and_the_bird and_all/each/any/every
creature_of (the)_living the_creeping in_waters and_to/for_all
creature which_swarms on the_earth/land. **47** To_separate
between the_unclean_thing and_between the_pure_thing and_
_between the_living_creature which_is_eaten and_between
the_living_creature which not it_will_be_eaten.

12:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to
the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say a_woman if/because she_
_will_bear_a_child and_she_will_bear a_male and_she_will_be_
_unclean seven_of days like_the_days_of the_impurity_of her_
_being_unwell she_will_be_unclean. **3** And_on_day (the)_eighth
the_flesh_of his_foreskin_of_his it_will_be_circumcised. **4** And_
_thirty day[s] and_three_of days she_will_remain in_the_
_blood(s)_of purification in_all holy_thing not she_will_touch

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creatures, and don't make yourselves 'unclean' by touching or eating them, **44** because I am your god Yahweh. You all must keep yourselves holy, and you're a holy people because I'm holy.[54] So don't make yourselves 'unclean' with any swarming creatures that creep across the ground **45** because I am Yahweh, the one who brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to be your god, and you must be holy because I am holy.

46 The above are the regulations about livestock, birds, creatures that move in the water, and creatures that swarm across the ground, **47** to distinguish between the 'unclean' and the 'clean', i.e., those that can be eaten and those that must not be eaten.

Purification after giving birth

12:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **2** Tell the Israelis that when a woman gets pregnant and then gives birth to a boy, she will then be 'unclean' for seven days similar to how her impurity during her monthly period makes her 'unclean'. **3** Then on the eighth day, the baby boy's foreskin must be circumcised.[57] **4** The mother will remain impure from the blood for thirty-three days—she must

54 RV 11:44 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:2; 1Pe 1:16.

56 LV 11:42 · Note OSHB note: Large letter(s). Shown as large letters without a superscript note number.

57 RV 12:3 · Cross-ref. Gen 17:12; Luk 2:21.

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not touch any sacred thing and may not enter the sanctuary until her purification time is completed.

5 However, if she gave birth to a girl, she'll be 'unclean' for two weeks similar to how her impurity during her monthly period, and her purification time will be sixty-six days.

6 When the mother's purification time is completed for either a son or a daughter, she must take a one-year-old lamb as a burnt offering and a young pigeon or dove as a sin offering to the priest at the entrance to the sacred tent. **7** Then he must present them to Yahweh to make her right with God, and then she'll be purified from her flow of blood. That's the regulation for a woman who gives birth to either a male or a female.

8 If she's unable to afford a lamb, then she must take *two* young pigeons or doves—one for the burnt offering and one for the sin offering.[58] Then the priest will make her right with God, and then she'll will have been purified.

13:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron):

Regulations about skin diseases

2 If someone discovers a raised area on their skin, or a scab or a bright spot, and it seems like an infectious skin disease, then that person should be taken to a priest (Aharon or one of his sons), **3** and the priest must examine their skin. If the hair in the infected spot has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper under the skin, then it's confirmed as an infectious skin disease and so the priest must pronounce the person as 'unclean'. **4** However, if it's a white spot that doesn't seem to be deep, and the hair hasn't turned white, then the priest must order the person to be quarantined for seven days. **5** Then on the seventh day, if the infection is still there but hasn't spread, then the priest must order a further seven days of quarantine. **6** After that next seven days, if the infection has faded and not spread, the priest must pronounce the person as 'clean'—it was just a sore so the person must wash their clothes and then they'll be 'clean'. **7** However, if the spot does spread across the skin *after* the priest has pronounced the person to be 'clean', then they must return to the priest a second time. **8** The priest must re-examine that person and if the spot on the skin has spread, then the priest must pronounce them 'unclean' because they have a skin disease.

9 Anyone who develops an infectious skin disease must be taken to a priest **10** to be examined. If it's a white spot on the skin and the hair has turned white, and there's raw flesh visible in the swelling, **11** then it's a chronic skin disease, and the priest must pronounce that person as 'unclean' and can't just be temporarily quarantined. **12** However, if the disease has broken out and spread across the entire body from head to toe as far as can be observed by the priest, **13** then after the priest's confirmation that it covers the entire body, that person can be pronounced as

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and_near/to the_sanctuary not she_will_go until the_days_of her_purification_of_her are_completed. **5** And_if a_female she_ _will_bear and_she_will_be_unclean two_weeks like_her_ _menstruous_of_impurity and_sixty day[s] and_six_of days she_ _will_remain on the_blood(s)_of purification. **6** And_when_are_ _completed the_days_of her_purification_of_her for_a_son or for_a_daughter she_will_bring a_male_lamb a_son_of its_year_ _of_his to_a_burnt_offering and_a_young_one_of a_dove or a_ _turtle-dove to_a_sin_offering to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to the_priest/officer. **7** And_he_will_present_it to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_make_ _atonement on/upon_it(f) and_she_will_be_pure from_the_ _spring_of her_blood(s)_of_her this is_the_legal_procedure_of the_one_who_gives_birth for_male or for_female. **8** And_if not hand_of_her it_will_find sufficiency_of a_sheep and_she_will_ _take two_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove one to_a_burnt_offering and_one to_a_sin_offering and_he_will_ _make_atonement on/upon_it(f) the_priest/officer and_she_ _will_be_pure.

13:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_ _say. **2** Anyone if/because it_will_be on_the_skin_of his_flesh_ _of_his a_swelling or flaking_skin or a_bright_spot and_it_was on_the_skin_of his_flesh_of_his (into)_a_plague_of a_serious_ _skin_disease and_he_will_be_brought to 'Ah$_a$ron the_ _priest/officer or to one of_sons_of_his the_priests. **3** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague on_the_skin_of the_flesh and_the_hair in_plague it_has_turned white and_ _appearance of_the_plague is_deep more_than_the_skin_of his_ _flesh_of_his is_a_plague_of a_serious_skin_disease it and_he_ _will_see_it the_priest/officer and_he_will_declare_unclean ~~DOM~~_him/it. **4** And_if is_a_bright_spot white it on_the_skin_of his_flesh_of_his and_is_deep not appearance_of_its more_than the_skin and_hair_of_its not it_has_turned white and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_shut_up ~~DOM~~ the_plagued_person seven_of days. **5** And_he_will_see_it the_priest/officer in_the_ _day the_seventh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague it_has_ _stayed in_eyes_of_his not the_plague it_has_spread in_skin and_he_will_shut_him_up the_priest/officer seven_of days a_ _second. **6** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~_him/it in_ _the_day the_seventh a_second_time and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _plague it_has_become_dull and_not the_plague it_has_spread in_skin and_he_will_declare_him_pure the_priest/officer is_a_ _skin_rash it and_he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_ _be_pure. **7** And_if truly_(spread) the_skin_rash it_will_spread in_skin after he_has_presented_himself to the_priest/officer for_purification_of_his and_he_will_present_himself a_second_ _time to the_priest/officer. **8** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_skin_rash it_has_spread in_skin and_he_will_declare_him_unclean the_priest/officer is_a_ _serious_skin_disease it. **9** A_plague_of a_serious_skin_disease if/because it_will_be on_anyone and_he_will_be_brought to the_priest/officer. **10** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_swelling_of white is_in_skin and_she it_ _has_turned the_hair white and_a_raw_spot_of flesh living is_ _in_swelling. **11** Is_a_serious_skin_disease grown_old it in_the_

58 RV 12:8 · Cross-ref. Luk 2:24.

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_skin_of his_flesh_of_his and_he_will_declare_him_unclean the_
_priest/officer not he_will_shut_him_up if/because is_unclean
he. **12** And_if suddenly_(break_out) the_serious_skin_disease it_
_will_break_out on_skin and_ the_serious_skin_disease _it_will_
_cover ~~DOM~~ all_of the_skin_of the_plagued_person from_head_
_of_his and_unto feet_of_his to/from_all/each/any/every the_
_appearance_of the_eyes_of the_priest/officer. **13** And_ the_
_priest/officer _he_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_serious_
_skin_disease it_has_covered ~~DOM~~ all_of flesh_of_his and_he_
_will_declare_pure ~~DOM~~ the_plagued_person of_it_of_all it_has_
_turned white is_pure he. **14** And_on_the_day_of appears
in/on/over_him/it flesh living he_will_be_unclean. **15** And_
the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_flesh (the)_living and_
_he_will_declare_him_unclean the_flesh (the)_living is_unclean
it is_a_serious_skin_disease it. **16** Or if/because the_flesh (the)_
_living it_will_return and_it_will_be_turned to_white and_he_
_will_go to the_priest/officer. **17** And_he_will_see_it the_
_priest/officer and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague it_has_been_
_turned to_white and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_declare_pure
~~DOM~~ the_plagued_person is_pure he. **18** And_flesh/body
if/because it_will_be in_him/it on_skin_of_its a_boil and_it_
_will_be_healed. **19** And_it_was in_the_place_of the_boil a_
_swelling white or a_bright_spot white reddish and_he_will_
_present_himself to the_priest/officer. **20** And_ the_
_priest/officer _he_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE appearance_
_of_its is_deep more_than the_skin and_hair_of_its it_has_
_turned white and_he_will_declare_him_unclean the_
_priest/officer is_a_plague_of a_serious_skin_disease it in_boil
it_has_broken_out. **21** And_if he_will_see_it the_priest/officer
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_is_not in_it hair white and_is_deep
not_it more_than the_skin and_she is_dull and_he_will_shut_
_him_up the_priest/officer seven_of days. **22** And_if truly_
_(spread) it_will_spread in_skin and_ the_priest/officer _he_
_will_declare_unclean ~~DOM~~_him/it is_a_plague it. **23** And_if in_
_its_place the_bright_spot it_will_stay not it_has_spread is_the_
_scar_of the_boil it and_he_will_declare_him_pure the_
_priest/officer. **24** Or flesh if/because it_will_be on_skin_of_its
a_burn_of fire and_ the_raw_spot_of the_burn _it_will_be a_
_bright_spot white reddish or white. **25** And_ the_priest/officer
_he_will_see ~~DOM~~_her/it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_hair it_has_
_been_turned white in_spot and_appearance_of_its is_deep
more_than the_skin is_a_serious_skin_disease it in_burn it_has_
_broken_out and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_declare_unclean
~~DOM~~_him/it is_a_plague_of a_serious_skin_disease it. **26** And_if
he_will_see_it the_priest/officer and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_
_is_not in_spot hair white and_is_deep not_it more_than the_
_skin and_it is_dull and_he_will_shut_him_up the_priest/officer
seven_of days. **27** And_he_will_see_it the_priest/officer in_the_
_day the_seventh if truly_(spread) it_will_spread in_skin and_
the_priest/officer _he_will_declare_unclean ~~DOM~~_him/it is_a_
_plague_of a_serious_skin_disease it. **28** And_if in_its_place the_
_bright_spot it_will_stay not it_has_spread in_skin and_it is_
_dull is_the_swelling_of the_burn it and_he_will_declare_him_
_pure the_priest/officer if/because is_the_scar_of the_burn it.
29 And_man or a_woman if/because it_will_be in_him/it a_
_plague on_the_head or in_the_beard. **30** And_ the_
_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE appearance_of_its is_deep more_than the_

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'clean' again as all of it has turned white. **14** However, if any raw flesh shows itself, then they'll become 'unclean' that same day. **15** The priest must examine that raw flesh and must pronounce that person as 'unclean' due to their skin disease. **16** Afterwards, if it heals over and goes white, then they can return to the priest **17** to be reexamined, and if the infection has indeed gone white, then the priest can pronounce it as not being infectious and the person as 'clean' again.

18 When someone has a boil on their skin, but it heals **19** leaving behind a white swelling or a reddish-white bright spot, then that person must show themself to the priest. **20** The priest will examine it, and if it is indeed more than just skin deep and its hair has turned white, then the priest must pronounce that person as 'unclean' because an infectious skin disease has broken out from the original boil. **21** However, if the priest's examination finds not white hair on it, and it's not more than skin deep, and it's fading, then he will order that person quarantined for seven days, **22** and if it spreads further on their skin, then the priest must declare that person as 'unclean' because it's infectious. **23** But if the bright spot hasn't spread during the quarantine, then it's just the scar from the boil and the priest can pronounce the person as 'clean'.

24 If someone gets a burn on their skin, and the burn area becomes reddish-white or a white spot, **25** then the priest must examine it, and if the hair on the spot has turned white and the infection looks more than skin deep, then a skin disease has broken out in the burn, and the priest must pronounce that person as 'unclean' because it's infectious. **26** However, if the priest sees that there's no white hair in the spot, and it's not more than skin deep, and it's fading, then he will order that person quarantined for seven days. **27** On the seventh day, the priest will re-examine the person, and if it's spread further, he must pronounce that person as 'unclean' because it's an infectious skin disease. **28** But if the bright spot hasn't spread on the skin, and it faded more, then it was just swelling from the burn. Then the priest will pronounce that person to be 'clean' because it was just the scar caused by their burn.

29 If a man or woman has an infection in their scalp or under their beard, **30** then the priest should inspect the infection. If it appears to be more than skin deep, and there's any thin yellow hairs in it, then the priest must pronounce that person as 'unclean' because it's an itchy and infectious skin infection on the scalp or face. **31** However, if the priest notices an itchy infection yet it's only skin deep and there's no black hair on it, then he should quarantine that person for seven days. **32** On the seventh day, the priest will re-examine that person and if the spot hasn't widened and still only appears to be skin deep, **33** then that person should shave their head, and then the priest should quarantine them for a further seven days. **34** Then again on the seventh day, the priest will inspect it, and if the spot hasn't widened after being shaved and it doesn't seem to be more than skin deep, then the priest can pronounce that person as 'clean' once

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they've washed their clothes. **35** However, if it did spread on their skin after that, **36** then the priest must inspect it again, and if it's spread then that person is 'unclean' (whether or not there's any yellow hair). **37** But if it seems that the spot hasn't spread and dark hair is growing in it again, then that person's not infectious and the priest can pronounce them as 'clean'.

38 If a man or woman finds very white spots on their skin, **39** then the priest must examine them. If the spots on their skin are dull white, then it's a skin rash that's broken out and they are 'clean'.

40 If a man's head has become bare, then he's gone bald and is still 'clean'. **41** Similarly, if the hair is receding from the front corners, he's going bald and is still 'clean'. **42** However, if there's a balding spot with a reddish-white infection, it's a skin disease breaking out via that spot **43** and the priest must examine him. If it's a balding spot with a reddish-white infection that looks like a contagious skin disease, **44** then he's contagious and 'unclean'. The priest must pronounce his as 'unclean' because of that infection on his head.

45 Anyone who's developed an infectious skin disease must tear their clothes and leave their hair loose, and must cover their mouth and call out, 'Unclean, unclean.' **46** They will remain 'unclean' as long as they still have that infection, and must live alone outside the camp.

Regulations about moulds and fungi

47 When a piece of clothing has a mould growing on it, whether it's made of wool or linen, **48** or whether it's something woven from wool or linen, or something made from leather, **49** if the growth is greenish or reddish in colour, then it's something that can spread and it

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_skin and_is_in_it hair yellow thin and_ the_priest/officer _he_ _will_declare_unclean ~~DOM~~_him/it is_a_scall it is_a_serious_ _skin_disease_of the_head or of_the_beard it. **31** And_ _because/when the_priest/officer he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague_ _of the_scall and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not appearance_of_its is_ _deep more_than the_skin and_hair black there_is_not in/on/over_him/it and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_shut_up ~~DOM~~ the_plagued_person_of the_scall seven_of days. **32** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague in_the_day the_ _seventh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not the_scall it_has_spread and_ _not it_was in_him/it hair yellow and_appearance of_the_scall not is_deep more_than the_skin. **33** And_he_will_shave_himself and_~~DOM~~ the_scall not he_will_shave and_ the_priest/officer _ _he_will_shut_up ~~DOM~~ the_scall seven_of days a_second. **34** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_scall in_the_day the_ _seventh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not the_scall it_has_spread in_ _skin and_appearance_of_its not_it is_deep more_than the_skin and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_declare_pure ~~DOM~~_him/it and_ _he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_be_pure. **35** And_if truly_(spread) the_scall it_will_spread in_skin after purification_of_his. **36** And_he_will_see_it the_priest/officer and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_scall it_has_spread in_skin not the_ _priest/officer he_will_seek for_hair (the)_yellow is_unclean he. **37** And_if in_eyes_of_his the_scall it_has_stayed and_hair black it_has_sprouted in/on/over_him/it the_scall it_has_been_ _healed is_pure he and_he_will_declare_him_pure the_ _priest/officer. **38** And_a_man or a_woman if/because it_will_be on_the_skin_of their_flesh_of_their bright_spots bright_spots white. **39** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE are_on_the_skin_of their_flesh_of_their bright_spots dull white is_a_skin_rash it it_has_broken_out on_ _skin is_pure he. **40** And_anyone if/because his/its_head it_ _will_become_bare is_bald he is_pure he. **41** And_if from_the_ _side_of his/its_faces/face his/its_head it_will_become_bare is_ _bald he is_pure he. **42** And_because/when it_will_be on_spot or on_forehead a_plague white reddish is_a_serious_skin_ _disease which_is_breaking_out it on_his_bald_of_spot or on_ _his_bald_of_forehead. **43** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~_him/it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_swelling_of the_plague is_white reddish on_his_bald_of_spot or on_his_bald_of_ _forehead like_the_appearance_of a_serious_skin_disease_of skin_of flesh. **44** Is_a_person_of who_has_a_serious_skin_disease he is_unclean he surely_(declare_unclean) he_will_declare_ _him_unclean the_priest/officer is_on_head_of_his plague_of_ _his. **45** The_one_who_has_a_serious_skin_disease whom in/on/over_him/it the_plague garments_of_his they_will_be torn and_his/its_head/top it_will_be let_untie/release and_ _over a_moustache he_will_cover and_UNCLEAN UNCLEAN he_ _will_call_out. **46** All_of the_days_of (of)_which the_plague in/on/over_him/it he_will_be_unclean is_unclean he alone he_ _will_dwell will_be_from_the_outside of_camp dwelling_of_his.

47 And_the_clothing if/because it_will_be in_him/it a_plague_ _of a_serious_disease in_clothing_of wool or in_clothing_of linen(s). **48** Or in_warp or in_woof of_linen(s) and_of_wool or in_a_hide or in_all work_of hide. **49** And_ the_plague _it_was greenish or reddish in_clothing or in_hide or in_warp or in_ _woof or in_every_of article_of hide is_a_plague_of a_serious_

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_disease it and_it_will_be_shown_to ~~DOM~~ the_priest/officer.
50 And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague and_
_he_will_shut_up ~~DOM~~ the_plague seven_of days. **51** And_he_
_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague in_the_day the_seventh if/because
the_plague it_has_spread in_clothing or in_warp or in_woof or
in_hide to_all/each/any/every that the_hide it_will_be_made
into_a_product is_a_serious_disease malignant the_plague is_
_unclean it. **52** And_he_will_burn ~~DOM~~ the_garment or ~~DOM~~ the_
_warp or ~~DOM~~ the_woof in_wool or in_linen(s) or ~~DOM~~ every_of
(the)_article_of (the)_hide which it_will_be in_him/it the_
_plague if/because is_a_serious_disease malignant it with_fire
it_will_be_burnt. **53** And_if the_priest/officer he_will_see and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not the_plague it_has_spread in_garment or
in_warp or in_woof or in_all article_of hide. **54** And_ the_
_priest/officer _he_will_command and_they_will_wash ~~DOM~~
that_which in/on/over_him/it the_plague and_he_will_shut_it_
_up seven_of days a_second. **55** And_ the_priest/officer _he_
_will_see after ~~DOM~~ the_plague was_washed_out and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not the_plague it_has_turned ~~DOM~~ eye_of_its
and_the_plague not it_has_spread is_unclean it with_fire you_
_will_burn_it is_a_mildew it on_its_bald_of_spot or on_its_bald_
_of_front. **56** And_if the_priest/officer he_has_seen and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague it_has_become_dull after ~~DOM~~_
_him/it was_washed_out and_he_will_tear ~~DOM~~_him/it from
the_clothing or from the_hide or from the_warp or from the_
_woof. **57** And_if it_will_appear again in_garment or in_warp or
in_woof or in_every_of article_of hide it is_breaking_out with_
_fire you_will_burn_it ~~DOM~~ that_which in/on/over_him/it the_
_plague. **58** And_the_garment or the_warp or the_woof or
every_of (the)_article_of (the)_hide which you_will_wash and_
_it_will_depart from_them the_plague and_it_will_be_washed
a_second_time and_it_will_be_pure. **59** This is_the_legal_
_procedure_of the_plague_of the_serious_disease_of the_
_clothing_of (the)_wool or of_(the)_linen(s) or the_warp or the_
_woof or every_of article_of hide to_declare_it_pure or to_
_declare_it_unclean.

14:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** This it_
_will_be the_legal_procedure_of the_one_who_has_a_serious_
_skin_disease in/on_day his_purification_of_his and_he_will_
_be_brought to the_priest/officer. **3** And_ the_priest/officer _
_he_will_go_out to from_the_outside of_camp and_ the_
_priest/officer _he_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague_
_of the_serious_skin_disease it_has_been_healed from the_one_
_who_had_a_serious_skin_disease. **4** And_ the_priest/officer _
_he_will_command and_he/it_will_take for_purifying_himself
two_of birds living pure and_tree cedar and_scarlet_of a_worm
and_hyssop. **5** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_command and_
_someone_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_bird (the)_one into
a_vessel_of earthenware over water living. **6** ~~DOM~~ the_bird
(the)_living he_will_take ~~DOM~~_her/it and_~~DOM~~ the_wood_of
(the)_cedar and_~~DOM~~ the_scarlet_of the_worm and_~~DOM~~ the_
_hyssop and_he_will_dip them and_~~DOM~~ the_bird the_living in_
_the_blood_of the_bird which_had_the_throat_cut over the_
_waters (the)_living. **7** And_he_will_spatter_it on the_one_
_purifying_himself from the_serious_skin_disease seven times

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must be shown to the priest. **50** The priest must examine the growth, and quarantine the article for seven days. **51** On the seventh day, if the growth has spread on that piece of material or leather equipment, and it's confirmed as spreadable and is 'unclean'. **52** The owner must burn the piece of clothing or equipment that contains the infection because it's contagious, so it must be completely burnt up.

53 However if the priest notices that the growth hasn't spread on the clothing or on the woven or leather material, **54** then the priest must order that the material be washed and then quarantined for a further seven days. **55** On the seventh day, the priest must inspect that washed material, and if the growth hasn't changed its appearance, even if it hasn't spread, then it's 'unclean' and must be burnt in the fire—it's a mildew that's on the front or back of the material. **56** However, if the priest notices that the growth has faded after being washed, then it can be torn out of the clothing or piece of leather or woven material. **57** If it then reappears on that clothing or material, then it's breaking out, so then that article must be burnt in the fire. **58** On the other hand, if the growth vanished after being washed, then it must be washed a second time and then it will be 'clean'.

59 The above are the regulations concerning any growth on a piece of woollen or linen clothing or fabric, or any leather article, to pronounce it 'clean' or 'unclean'.

Purification after a skin disease

14:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
2 These are the regulations for the purification of a person who had a skin disease. They must be taken to a priest[59] **3** who'll go outside the camp to meet them. The priest must inspect that person, and if the skin disease has indeed left them, **4** then the priest will order them to bring him two live, 'clean' birds, some cedar wood, some scarlet thread, and some hyssop twigs. **5** The priest must tell the person to slaughter one bird so the blood runs into a clay jug containing water from a spring or creek. **6** Then the priest will take the live bird, along with the cedar wood, the scarlet thread, and the hyssop twigs, and dip them all into that blood of the slaughtered bird (mixed with the fresh water), **7** and flick it seven times onto the person who's being purified from the skin disease. Then the priest can pronounce them as 'clean' enough to re-enter the community, and release the live bird to fly into the countryside. **8** The person who's being purified must then wash their clothes,

59 **RV 14:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 8:4; Mrk 1:44; Luk 5:14; 17:14.

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shave all their hair, and then bathe in flowing water. After that, they can re-enter the camp but must live outside their tent for seven more days. **9** On the seventh day, that person must shave off all their hair (including eyebrows and beard if appropriate), wash their clothes and bathe themself in flowing water, then they'll be 'clean'.

10 Then on the eighth day, that person must get two one-year-old male lambs, and one female lamb, all with no defects, along with three kilograms of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, as well as half a litre of olive oil. **11** That must be taken to the priest who'd pronounced them as 'clean' will accompany them and all those offerings to stand in front of Yahweh at the entrance to the sacred tent. **12** Then the priest must take one of the male lambs and the container of oil and present it as a guilt offering, then he'll raise them as a wave offering in front of Yahweh. **13** Then that person must slaughter that lamb in the sacred place where sin offerings and burnt offerings are slaughtered, because this guilt offering is like a sin offering in that it's for the priest—it's very sacred. **14** Then the priest must take some of the blood from that guilt offering, and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the person being purified, and on their right thumb and right big toe. **15** Then the priest must take the container of olive oil and pour some into his left hand. **16** Then he'll dip his right finger into that oil on his left palm, and with that same finger, flick it seven times towards Yahweh. **17** Then the priest must put some of the remaining oil on his palm onto the lobe of the right ear of the person being purified, and on their right thumb and right big toe—on top of the blood from the guilt offering. **18** Then the priest will put all the remaining oil from his palm onto the head of the person being purified, and the priest will then make that person right with Yahweh.

19 Then the priest must make the sin offering and make that person right after being purified from their 'uncleanness'. After that that person will slaughter lamb for the burnt offering. **20** Then the priest must offer that burnt offering and the grain offering on the fire on the altar and he will make that person right again and he will be 'clean'.

21 However, if that person is poor and cannot afford the multiple lambs, then they must take *one* lamb to wave as the guilt offering and to make them right again, along with *one* kilogram of fine flour mixed with oil for the grain offering, and the half litre of oil, **22** plus two doves or young pigeons—whichever they can afford—one for a sin offering and the other for the burnt offering. **23** Then on that eighth day, he'll take them to the priest at the entrance of the sacred tent for purification in front of Yahweh. **24** Then the priest should take the guilt offering lamb and the container of oil and lift them up as a wave offering in front of Yahweh. **25** Then the person should slaughter that guilt offering lamb, and the priest must take some of that blood and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the person being purified, and on their right thumb and right big toe. **26** Then he must pour some of the oil onto his left palm **27** and with his right finger he must

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and_he_will_declare_him_pure and_he_will_let_go ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_bird (the)_living over the_surface_of the_field. **8** And_ the_one_ _purifying_himself _he_will_wash ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ garments_of_his and_ _he_will_shave ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of hair_of_his and_he_will_wash with_ _water and_he_will_be_pure and_after he_will_come into the_ _camp and_he_will_remain from_the_outside of_tent_of_his seven_of days. **9** And_it_was on_day the_seventh he_will_shave ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of hair_of_his ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ his/its_head and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ beard_of_his and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_eyebrows_of his_eyes_of_his and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of hair_ _of_his he_will_shave and_he_will_wash ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ garments_of_his and_he_will_wash ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ body_of_his with_water and_he_will_be_ _pure. **10** And_on_day (the)_eighth he_will_take two_of male_ _lambs unblemished and_a_ewe-lamb one a_daughter_of its_ _year_of_her unblemished and_three tenths fine_flour a_grain_ _offering mixed with_oil and_a_log one oil. **11** And_ the_ _priest/officer who_declares_pure _he_will_station ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _man who_is_purifying_himself and_them to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **12** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_male_lamb the_one and_he_will_present ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_him/it to_a_guilt_offering and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_log_of (the)_oil and_he_will_wave ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_them a_ _wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **13** And_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_male_lamb in_the_ _place_of (of)_where someone_cuts_the_throat_of ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sin_ _offering and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_burnt_offering in_the_place_of (the)_ _holiness if/because like_offering the_guilt_offering it belongs_ _to_priest is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it. **14** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_ _guilt_offering and_ the_priest/officer _he/it_gave on the_lobe_ _of the_ear_of the_one_purifying_himself (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of his/its_hand (the)_right and_on the_big_toe_of his_foot_of_his (the)_right. **15** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_ _will_take some_of_the_log_of (the)_oil and_he_will_pour_it on the_palm_of the_priest/officer (the)_left. **16** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_dip ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ finger_of_his (the)_right some_ _of the_oil which is_on palm_of_his (the)_left and_he_will_ _spatter some_of the_oil with_finger_of_his seven times to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **17** And_some_of_the_ _remainder_of the_oil which is_on palm_of_his the_ _priest/officer he_will_put on the_lobe_of the_ear_of the_one_ _purifying_himself (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of his/its_ _hand (the)_right and_on the_big_toe_of his_foot_of_his (the)_ _right on the_blood_of the_guilt_offering. **18** And_the_ _remainder in_oil which is_on the_palm_of the_priest/officer he_will_put on the_head_of the_one_purifying_himself and_he_ _will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_ _priest/officer to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **19** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_offer ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sin_offering and_he_will_make_atonement on the_one_purifying_himself from_uncleanness_of_his and_after he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_burnt_offering. **20** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _offer_up ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_burnt_offering and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_grain_offering to_the_altar and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_ _him/it the_priest/officer and_he_will_be_clean. **21** And_if is_ _poor he and_not his/its_hand is_reaching and_he/it_will_take a_male_lamb one a_guilt_offering to_a_wave-offering to_make_ _atonement on/upon/above_him/it and_a_tenth fine_flour one mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering and_a_log_of oil. **22** And_

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_two_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove which his/its_hand it_will_reach and_it_was one_bird a_sin_offering and_the one a_burnt_offering. **23** And_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~_them in_the_day (the)_eighth for_purification_of_his to the_ _priest/officer to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **24** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_male_lamb_of the_ _guilt_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_log_of (the)_oil and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_wave ~~DOM~~_them a_wave-offering to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **25** And_he_will_cut_ _the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_male_lamb_of the_guilt_offering and_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_ _guilt_offering and_he/it_gave on the_lobe_of the_ear_of the_ _one_purifying_himself (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of his/its_hand (the)_right and_on the_big_toe_of his_foot_of_his (the)_right. **26** And_from the_oil the_priest/officer he_will_ _pour on the_palm_of the_priest/officer (the)_left. **27** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_spatter with_finger_of_his (the)_right some_of the_oil which is_on palm_of_his (the)_left seven times to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **28** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_gave some_of the_oil which is_on palm_ _of_his on the_lobe_of the_ear_of the_one_purifying_himself (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of his/its_hand (the)_right and_ _on the_big_toe_of his_foot_of_his (the)_right on the_place_of the_blood_of the_guilt_offering. **29** And_the_remainder of the_ _oil which is_on the_palm_of the_priest/officer he_will_put on the_head_of the_one_purifying_himself to_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **30** And_he_will_offer ~~DOM~~ the_one of the_turtle-doves or of the_young_ones_of the_dove from_that_which his/its_ _hand it_will_reach. **31** ~~DOM~~ that_which his/its_hand it_will_ _reach ~~DOM~~ the_one a_sin_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_one a_burnt_ _offering with the_grain_offering and_ the_priest/officer _he_ _will_make_atonement on the_one_purifying_himself to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **32** This is_the_legal_ _procedure_of one_whom in/on/over_him/it a_plague_of a_ _serious_skin_disease who not his/its_hand it_will_reach for_ _purification_of_his.

33 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **34** If/because you(pl)_will_go into the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) which I am_about_to_give to/for_you(pl) to_ _a_possession and_I_will_put a_plague_of a_serious_disease in_ _house_of the_land_of your_possession_of_your(pl). **35** And_ the_one_whom to_him/it the_house _he_will_come and_he_ _will_tell to_priest to_say like_a_plague it_has_appeared to_me in_house. **36** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_command and_ _people_will_make_clear ~~DOM~~ the_house before_before the_ _priest/officer he_will_go to_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague and_not all_of that is_in_house it_will_be_unclean and_after thus the_ _priest/officer he_will_go to_see ~~DOM~~ the_house. **37** And_he_ _will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague is_ _in_the_walls_of the_house depressions greenish or reddish and_appearance_of_their is_deep more_than the_wall. **38** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_go_out from the_house to the_ _entrance_of the_house and_he_will_shut_up ~~DOM~~ the_house seven_of days. **39** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_return in_ _the_day the_seventh and_he_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE

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flick it seven times towards Yahweh. **28** Then the priest must put some of the oil from his palm onto the lobe of the right ear of the person being purified, and on their right thumb and right big toe—on top of the blood from the guilt offering. **29** Then the priest will put all the remaining oil from his palm onto the head of the person being purified, and the priest will then make that person right with Yahweh. **30** Then he must offer one of the birds (dove or pigeon—whatever that person could afford) **31** as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering along with the grain offering and he will make that person right again with Yahweh. **32** The above are the regulations for anyone who has a skin disease but who couldn't afford the regular purification offerings.

Treating contaminated homes

33 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron):

34 "When you enter into the land of Kena'an (Canaan) which I'm giving you all as a possession, and if I cause an infection in one of your homes in that land, **35** then the homeowner must go and inform the priest that something like an infection has appeared in their house. **36** The priest must order that everything be removed out of the house before he comes to inspect it so that it won't all be pronounced as 'unclean'. After that's done, he'll go to see the house **37** and examine the growth. If the growth is greenish or reddish and seems more than surface deep, **38** then the priest must leave the house via the main entrance and quarantine the house for seven days. **39** On the seventh day, the priest must return and examine it again, and if the growth has spread on the house walls, **40** then he must order that those infected stones be pulled out of the wall and thrown outside the city into a place that's considered

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'unclean'. **41** Then the homeowner must scrape all the plaster off the inside walls and also dispose of that at that 'unclean' place. **42** Then they can replace the stones that were removed, and apply fresh plaster to the house.

43 However, if the growth returns and breaks out again in the house even after the stones were replaced and the walls were replastered, **44** then the priest must come back and reexamine it. If the growth has spread on the walls, then it's a malignant growth and the house is 'unclean'. **45** The owner must tear the house down—its stones and timber and all the mortar, must be carted outside the city into a place that's considered 'unclean'. **46** Any person that enters that house after the priest had quarantined it, will be 'unclean' until that evening. **47** Any person who lies down or eats in that house, must wash their clothes.

48 However, if the priest came back after the house was replastered and after his inspection, find that the growth hasn't reappeared, then he can pronounce the house as 'clean' because the growth has gone. **49** Then he must take two birds, cedar wood, scarlet thread, and some hyssop twigs, **50** and slaughter one bird so the blood runs into a clay jug containing water from a spring or creek. **51** Then the priest must take the live bird, along with the cedar wood, the scarlet thread, the hyssop twigs and the live bird, and dip them all into that blood of the slaughtered bird (mixed with the fresh water), and flick it seven times onto the house. **52** In that way, he'll purify the house with the bird's blood and the fresh water, and with the live bird and the cedar wood, the hyssop twigs and the scarlet thread. **53** Then he must release the live bird to fly into the countryside, thus making the house right with God, and then it'll be 'clean'.

54 The above are the regulations concerning any serious skin diseases and itchiness, **55** as well as growths on clothing and buildings **56** and swellings, rashes, and bright spots on the skin, **57** so that you'll know how to determine what's 'unclean' or 'clean'. Those are the regulations for infectious growths.

Dealing with bodily discharges

15:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron):

2 Tell the Israelis that whenever any man has a discharge from his genitals, then he becomes 'unclean'. **3** He becomes 'unclean' whether his body secretes the flow or if it's blocked—either way

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the_plague it_has_spread in_the_walls_of the_house. **40** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_command and_people_will_tear_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_stones which is_in_them the_plague and_they_will_ _throw them to from_the_outside of_city to a_place unclean. **41** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_house he_will_scrape from_inside all_around and_people_will_pour_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_dust which they_have_ _scraped_off to from_the_outside of_city to a_place unclean. **42** And_they_will_take stones other and_they_will_bring_them to in_place_of the_stones and_dust other he_will_take and_he_ _will_plaster ~~ĐOM~~ the_house. **43** And_if the_plague it_will_ _return and_it_will_break_out in_house after tears_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_stones and_after has_scraped ~~ĐOM~~ the_house and_after was_plastered. **44** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_come and_ _he_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague it_has_spread in_ _house is_a_serious_disease malignant it in_house is_unclean it. **45** And_he_will_pull_down ~~ĐOM~~ the_house ~~ĐOM~~ stones_of_its and_~~ĐOM~~ wood(s)_of_its and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_dust_of the_house and_he_will_take_them_out to from_the_outside of_city to a_ _place unclean. **46** And_the_one_who_goes into the_house all_of the_days_of (of)_which_he_has_shut_up ~~ĐOM~~_him/it he_will_ _be_unclean until the_evening. **47** And_the_one_who_lies_down in_house he_will_wash ~~ĐOM~~ garments_of_his and_the_one_who_ _eats in_house he_will_wash ~~ĐOM~~ garments_of_his. **48** And_if indeed_(come) the_priest/officer he_will_come and_he_will_ _see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not the_plague it_has_spread in_ _house after ~~ĐOM~~ the_house was_plastered and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_declare_pure ~~ĐOM~~ the_house if/because the_plague it_has_been_healed.[60] **49** And_he/it_will_take to_ _cleanse_from_sin ~~ĐOM~~ the_house two_of birds and_tree cedar and_scarlet_of a_worm and_hyssop. **50** And_he_will_cut_the_ _throat_of ~~ĐOM~~ the_bird (the)_one into a_vessel_of earthenware over water living. **51** And_he/it_will_take ~~ĐOM~~ the_wood_of (the)_cedar and_~~ĐOM~~ the_hyssop and_~~ĐOM~~ the_scarlet_of the_ _worm and_~~ĐOM~~ the_bird the_living and_he_will_dip ~~ĐOM~~_them in_the_blood_of the_bird which_had_the_throat_cut and_in_ _water the_life and_he_will_spatter_it to the_house seven times. **52** And_he_will_cleanse_from_sin ~~ĐOM~~ the_house with_ _the_blood_of the_bird and_with_water the_life and_with_bird the_living and_with_the_wood_of (the)_cedar and_with_hyssop and_with_the_scarlet_of the_worm. **53** And_he_will_let_go ~~ĐOM~~ the_bird (the)_living to from_the_outside of_city to the_ _surface_of the_field and_he_will_make_atonement on the_ _house and_it_will_be_pure. **54** This is_the_legal_procedure to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_plague_of (the)_serious_ _skin_disease and_to_scall. **55** And_to_(the)_serious_disease_of (the)_clothing and_to_house. **56** And_to_swelling and_to_(the)_ _skin and_to_(the)_spot. **57** To_teach in/on_day of_the_ _unclean_thing and_on_the_day_of the_pure_thing this is_the_ _legal_procedure_of (the)_serious_skin_disease.

15:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_ _say. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(pl)_will_ _say_to_them a_man a_man if/because he_will_be discharging from_flesh_of_his discharge_of_his is_unclean it. **3** And_this it_ _will_be uncleanness_of_his by_discharge_of_his flesh_of_his it_ _has_secreted ~~ĐOM~~ discharge_of_his or flesh_of_his it_has_been_

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_obstructed from_discharge_of_his uncleanness_of_is_his it.
4 Every_of (the)_bed which he_will_lie_down on/upon/above_
_him/it the_one_discharging it_will_be_unclean and_all (the)_
_article which he_will_sit on/upon/above_him/it it_will_be_
_unclean. **5** And_anyone who he_will_touch (in)_bed_of_his he_
_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash with_water and_
_he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **6** And_the_one_who_
_sits on the_article which he_will_sit on/upon/above_him/it
the_one_discharging he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_
_will_wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening. **7** And_the_one_who_touches (in)_the_flesh_of the_
_one_discharging he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_
_wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_evening.
8 And_because/when the_one_discharging he_will_spit on_
_(the)_person and_he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_
_wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_evening.
9 And_all (the)_saddle which he_will_ride on/upon/above_
_him/it the_one_discharging it_will_be_unclean. **10** And_all
(the)_one_who_touches (in)_all that it_will_be under_him he_
_will_be_unclean until the_evening and_the_one_who_carries
them he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash with_
_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **11** And_
_all/each/any/every one_whom he_will_touch in/on/over_
_him/it the_one_discharging and_hands_of_his not he_has_
_rinsed with_water and_he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_
_will_wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening. **12** And_a_vessel_of earthenware which he_will_touch
in/on/over_him/it the_one_discharging it_will_be_broken and_
_all vessel_of wood it_will_be_rinsed with_water. **13** And_
_because/when the_one_discharging from_discharge_of_his
he_will_be_pure and_he_will_count to_him/it seven_of days
for_purification_of_his and_he_will_wash garments_of_his and_
_he_will_wash body_of_his with_water living and_he_will_be_
_pure. **14** And_on_day (the)_eighth he_will_take to_him/it two_
_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove and_he_will_
come to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to the_
_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_he_will_give_them to
the_priest/officer. **15** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_offer
~~DOM~~_them one_bird a_sin_offering and_the_one a_burnt_
_offering and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_
_him/it the_priest/officer to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
YHWH from_discharge_of_his. **16** And_a_man if/because it_
_will_go_out from_him/it a_laying_of seed and_he_will_wash
with_water ~~DOM~~ all_of body_of_his and_he_will_be_unclean
until the_evening. **17** And_all garment and_all hide which it_
_will_be on/upon/above_him/it a_laying_of seed and_it_will_
_be_washed with_water and_it_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening. **18** And_a_woman whom a_man he_will_lie ~~DOM~~_
_her/it a_laying_of seed and_they_will_wash with_water and_
_they_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **19** And_a_woman
if/because she_will_be discharging blood discharge_of_her in_
_flesh_of_her it_will_be seven_of days she_will_be in_her_
_menstruous_of_impurity and_all (the)_one_who_touches (in)_
_her he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **20** And_

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he's 'unclean'. **4** Any bed that he was lying on during or after the discharge becomes 'unclean', as does anything he sits on. **5** Anyone who touches that bed must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and that person will be 'unclean' until the evening. **6** Similarly, anyone who sits on the place where he sat must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and that person will be 'unclean' until the evening. **7** Anyone who touches the man who had a discharge must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and that person will be 'unclean' until the evening. **8** If that man who had a discharge spits on some person who was 'clean', then that person must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening. **9** Any thing that the man who had a discharge rides on, will become 'unclean', **10** and anyone who touches it will be 'unclean' until the evening, plus anyone who carries any of those things, must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening. **11** Anyone the man who had a discharge touches and do didn't rinse their hands in water, must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening. **12** Any container that the man who had a discharge touches, must be smashed if it's made from clay and rinsed with water if it's made from wood.

13 When the man's discharge ceases, he must mark off seven days for his purification, and then he must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and after that, he'll be 'clean'. **14** Then on the eighth day, he must take two doves or young pigeons, and stand in front of Yahweh at the entrance to the sacred tent. There he should give them to a priest, **15** and the priest must offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, thus making the man right with Yahweh for his discharge.

16 Now when a man has an emission of semen, then he must bathe his entire body in water, and he'll be 'unclean' until the evening. **17** He must also wash all his clothing, and any leather articles on him that came into contact with the semen and all of that will be 'unclean' until the evening. **18** When a man and a woman 'sleep together', then they must both bathe in water, and they'll both be 'unclean' until the evening.[61]

19 When a woman has her menstrual period, she'll be 'unclean' for seven days, and anyone who touches her during that time will be 'unclean' until the evening. **20** Anything that she lies on or sits on during that time will become 'unclean'. **21** Anyone who touches her bed must wash their clothes and bathe in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening. **22** Anyone who touches anything that she sat on must wash their clothes and bathe in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening, **23** i.e., whether it's her bed or something she sat on, anyone who touches it will be 'unclean' until the evening. **24** If a man sleeps with a menstruating woman and gets blood on him, then he'll be 'unclean' for

61 RV 15:18 · Note Note that if they had sexual relations in the evening, say 9pm, then they'd be 'unclean' all the next day and until the *following* evening (because the Jewish 'day' begins after dusk—rather than at midnight like modern Western society counts time).

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seven days, and any bed that he lies on will also become 'unclean'.

25 If any woman has a blood flow when it's not her period, or keeps bleeding beyond her menstrual period, all those days will be regarded the same as her menstruation so she'll be 'unclean'. **26** Any bed that she lies on as long as she's discharging blood will be regarded the same as during her menstruation and will be 'unclean', as will anything she sits on. **27** Also, any person who touches them will be 'unclean' and they must wash their clothes and bathe in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening.

28 Once the flow stops, then the woman must count off seven days, and then she'll be 'clean' after that. **29** Then on the eighth day, she must take two doves or young pigeons and give them to a priest at the entrance to the sacred tent, **30** and he will offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, thus making her right with Yahweh from her 'unclean' flow.

31 You two must keep the Israeli people separate from their 'uncleanness', then they won't defile my residence that's among them, and cause their own death.

32 The above are the regulations for any man with a discharge or a seminal emission that makes him 'unclean', **33** plus any woman who is menstruating or has a bodily discharge, as well as any man who sleeps with an 'unclean' woman.

The day for making things right

16:1 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh (Moses) after the death of two of Aharon's (Aaron's) sons when they approached Yahweh wrongly and died, **2** and he told Mosheh:

Tell your brother Aharon that if he doesn't want to die, then

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_all/each/any/every that she_will_lie_down on/upon/above_ _him/it in_her_menstruous_of_impurity it_will_be_unclean and_all/each/any/every that she_will_sit on/upon/above_ _him/it it_will_be_unclean. **21** And_all (the)_one_who_touches (in)_bed_of_her he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_ _wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **22** And_all (the)_one_who_touches in_all article which she_will_ _sit on/upon/above_him/it he_will_wash garments_of_his and_ _he_will_wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_ _evening. **23** And_if is_on the_bed it or on the_article which she was_sitting on/upon/above_him/it when_touches_he in_ _him/it he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **24** And_if indeed_(lie) a_man he_will_lie ĐOM_her/it and_ impurity_of_ _her_menstruous _it_will_be on/upon/above_him/it and_he_ _will_be_unclean seven_of days and_all (the)_bed which he_ _will_lie on/upon/above_him/it it_will_be_unclean. **25** And_a_ _woman if/because the_discharge_of her_blood_of_her it_will_ _discharge days many at_not the_time_of her_menstruous_ _impurity_of_her or if/because she_will_discharge on impurity_of_her_menstruous all_of the_days_of the_discharge_ _of her_uncleanness_of_her like_the_days_of her_menstruous_ _impurity_of_her she_will_be is_unclean she. **26** Every_of (the)_ _bed which she_will_lie on/upon/above_him/it all_of the_days_ _of her_discharge_of_her like_the_bed_of her_menstruous_ _impurity_of_her it_will_be to_her and_all (the)_article which she_will_sit on/upon/above_him/it unclean it_will_be like_the_ _uncleanness_of her_menstruous_impurity_of_her. **27** And_all (the)_one_who_touches (in)_them he_will_be_unclean and_he_ _will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash with_water and_ _he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **28** And_if she_has_ _become_pure from_discharge_of_her and_she_will_count for_ _herself seven_of days and_after she_will_be_pure. **29** And_on_ _day (the)_eighth she_will_take to/for_her/it two_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove and_she_will_ _bring them to the_priest/officer to the_entrance_of the_tent_ _of meeting. **30** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_offer ĐOM the_ _one a_sin_offering and_ĐOM the_one a_burnt_offering and_he_ _will_make_atonement on/upon_it(f) the_priest/officer to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** from_the_discharge_ _of her_uncleanness_of_her. **31** And_you(pl)_will_keep_separate ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_uncleanness_of_their and_not they_will_die in_uncleanness_of_their because_they_ _made_unclean ĐOM place_of_my_dwelling which is_among_of_ _them. **32** This is_the_legal_procedure_of the_one_discharging and_which it_will_go_out from_him/it a_laying_of seed to_be_ _unclean by_it. **33** And_the_menstruating_woman in_her_ _menstruous_of_impurity and_the_one_discharging ĐOM discharge_of_his for_male and_for_female and_for_a_man who he_will_lie with an_unclean_woman.

16:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh after the_death_of the_two_of the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron when_they_drew_near to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_died. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh speak to 'Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred and_not let_him_come at_every_of time into the_holy_place from_inside_of to_curtain to the_face_

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_of the_atonement_cover which is_on the_box and_not he_will_
_die if/because in_cloud I_will_appear over the_atonement_
_cover. **3** With_this 'Ah$_a$ron he_will_come into the_holy_place
with_a_bull a_young_one_of the_herd to_a_sin_offering and_a_
_ram to_a_burnt_offering. **4** A_tunic_of linen_of holiness he_
_will_wear and_undergarments_of linen they_will_be on flesh_
_of_his and_with_a_sash_of linen he_will_gird_himself and_
_with_a_turban_of linen he_will_wind are_garments_of
holiness they and_he_will_wash with_water ~~DOM~~ body_of_his
and_he_will_put_them_on. **5** And_from_with the_congregation_
_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_take two_of male_
_goats_of goats to_a_sin_offering and_a_ram one to_a_burnt_
offering. **6** And 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_present ~~DOM~~ the_bull_of the_
_sin_offering which to_him/it and_he_will_make_atonement
for_himself and_for household_of_his. **7** And_he/it_will_take
~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_male_goats and_he_will_station ~~DOM~~_them
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** the_entrance_of
the_tent_of meeting. **8** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_gave on the_two_of
the_male_goats lots a_lot one to/for_**YHWH** and_a_lot one for_
_the_escape_goat. **9** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_present ~~DOM~~ the_
_male_goat which it_came_up on/upon/above_him/it the_lot
to/for_**YHWH** and_he_will_offer_it a_sin_offering. **10** And_the_
_male_goat which it_came_up on/upon/above_him/it the_lot
for_the_escape_goat it_will_be_stationed alive to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_make_atonement
on/upon/above_him/it by_sending_away ~~DOM~~_him/it to_the_
_escape_goat to_the_wilderness. **11** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_
_present ~~DOM~~ the_bull_of the_sin_offering which to_him/it
and_he_will_make_atonement for_himself and_for household_
_of_his and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_bull_of the_sin_
_offering which to_him/it. **12** And_he/it_will_take (the)_
_fullness_of (the)_censer coals_of fire from_under the_altar
from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** and_the_fullness_of
the_hollow_of_his_hands_of_his incense_of perfume(s) fine
and_he_will_bring_them from_inside_of to_curtain. **13** And_
_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ the_incense on the_fire to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH** and_it_will_cover the_cloud_of the_
_incense ~~DOM~~ the_atonement_cover which is_on the_transcript
and_not he_will_die. **14** And_he/it_will_take some_of_the_
_blood_of the_bull and_he_will_spatter_it with_finger_of_his on
the_face_of the_atonement_cover eastward_on and_before_of
the_atonement_cover he_will_spatter seven times some_of the_
_blood with_finger_of_his. **15** And_he_will_cut_the_throat_of
~~DOM~~ the_male_goat_of the_sin_offering which is_for_people
and_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~ blood_of_its to from_inside_of to_
_curtain and_he_will_do with blood_of_its just_as he_did to_
_the_blood_of the_bull and_he_will_spatter ~~DOM~~_him/it on the_
_atonement_cover and_before_of the_atonement_cover.
16 And_he_will_make_atonement on the_holy_place from_the_
_uncleanness(es)_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from_
_transgressions_of_their to/from_all/each/any/every sins_of_
_their and_thus/so/as_follows he_will_do to_the_tent_of
meeting which_dwells with_them in_the_middle
uncleanness(es)_of_their. **17** And_all person not he_will_be in_

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he mustn't just enter the holiest room inside the curtain[62] at any old time. The atonement lid is on the sacred box, and I will appear in a cloud over that lid.

3 This is how Aharon must enter the sacred tent: he must acquire a young bull for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. **4** He must bathe himself in water and then put on linen underclothes, followed by his sacred linen tunic and tie the linen sash around it. Then he must wrap the linen turban on. Those are all sacred clothes.

5 Then Aharon must acquire two young goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering. **6** He must present the bull as a sin offering for himself to make both him and his household right with God. **7** Then he must take the two goats and make them stand in front of Yahweh at the entrance to the sacred tent, **8** and throw dice to decide which one is for Yahweh, and one is to be the 'scapegoat'. **9** Then Aharon must present the goat that's for Yahweh, and offer it as a sin offering, **10** but the chosen 'scapegoat' must be kept standing there in front of Yahweh, because it'll be used to make the people right with Yahweh, and be sent into the wilderness.

11 Then Aharon must present the bull for his own sin offering to make him and his household right with God, then he'll slaughter the bull for the sin offering for himself. **12** Then he must get a panful of burning coals off the altar in front of Yahweh as well as two handfuls of finely-ground, fragrant incense, and take them inside the curtain **13** where he'll put the incense on the coals in Yahweh's presence. Then the smoke cloud from the incense will cover the atonement lid on the sacred chest, and he won't die. **14** Then he must take some of the bull's blood, and using his finger, he must flick the blood seven times onto the eastern the side of the lid and seven times onto the front of the lid.

15 Then Aharon must slaughter the goat for the people's sin offering, and take its blood inside the curtain, and do the same with it that he did to the bull's blood—flicking it onto the side and front of the atonement lid,[63] **16** thus making the Israeli people right with Yahweh for their uncleanness and their rebellion and disobedience. That's also for the sacred tent which is among the people with their uncleanness. **17** No one else can enter the sacred tent when Aharon enters to make atonement in the sacred room until he leaves again. He must make atonement for himself and his household, as well as for the whole Israeli community, **18** then he'll go out to the altar that's in front of Yahweh and make atonement for that—he must take some of the bull's blood and some of the goat's blood and put it on the four projecting corners of the altar. **19** Then he must flick blood on to it seven times with his finger, thus purifying it and removing the uncleanness of the Israeli people from it.

62 RV 16:2 · Cross-ref. Heb 6:19.

63 RV 16:15 · Cross-ref. Heb 9:12.

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The goat taking the blame

20 When Aharon (Aaron) has finished purifying the sacred room, the sacred tent, and the altar, then he should present the live goat. **21** He must place both his hands on the goat's head, and confess all of Yisrael's (Israel's) disobedience, rebellion, and shortcomings—symbolically placing them onto the goat's head, and then he must choose a man that's nearby to take it into the wilderness. **22** Then he'll release the goat there in the wilderness, and the goat will carry all their sins into that barren land.

23 Then Aharon must enter the sacred tent and take off the linen garment that he'd put on as he'd entered into the sacred room and leave them there.[64] **24** Then he must wash himself in water in a sacred place, put on his regular clothes, and go out and make his burnt offering and the burnt offering for the people, thus making both himself and the people right with Yahweh. **25** Then he must burn the fat from the sin offering up on the altar. **26** Also, the person who led away the 'scapegoat' must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and then he can reenter the camp. **27** Then the remains of the bull and the goat from the sin offerings (whose blood was taken into the sacred room to make atonement) must be taken to a place outside the camp where they must be burnt—skins, flesh, and dung.[65] **28** The man who burnt them must then wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and then he can reenter the camp.

The national purification day

29 This will be a permanent regulation for you all:

On the 10th of the seventh month (of Tishrei—around September/October), all of you including those who are native-born as well as foreigners living among you, must humble yourselves and not work that day[67] **30** because on that day, the high priest

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_the_tent_of meeting when_goes_he to_make_atonement in_ _place until he_comes_out and_he_will_make_atonement for_ _himself and_for household_of_his and_for all_of the_ _assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **18** And_he_will_go_out to the_ _altar which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_ _will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_bull and_some_of_the_ _blood_of the_male_goat and_he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_ _altar all_around. **19** And_he_will_spatter on/upon/above_ _him/it some_of the_blood with_finger_of_his seven times and_ _he_will_purify_it and_he_will_set_it_apart_as_holy from_the_ _uncleanness(es)_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

20 And_he_will_finish from_making_atonement_for ~~DOM~~ the_ _holy_place and_~~DOM~~ the_tent_of meeting and_~~DOM~~ the_altar and_he_will_present ~~DOM~~ the_male_goat (the)_living. **21** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_lean ~~DOM~~ the_two_of mmm[66] on the_head_of the_male_goat (the)_living and_he_will_confess on/upon/above_him/it ~~DOM~~ all_of the_iniquities_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_~~DOM~~ all_of transgressions_of_ _their to/from_all/each/any/every sins_of_their and_he/it_ _gave ~~DOM~~_them on the_head_of the_male_goat and_he_will_ _send_it_away by_the_hand_of a_man ready to_the_wilderness. **22** And_ the_male_goat _it_will_bear on/upon/above_him/it ~~DOM~~ all_of iniquities_of_their into a_land infertile and_he_will_ _let_go ~~DOM~~ the_male_goat in_wilderness. **23** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_ _will_go into the_tent_of meeting and_he_will_strip_off ~~DOM~~ the_garments_of (the)_linen which he_wore when_went_he into the_holy_place and_he_will_leave_them there. **24** And_he_ _will_wash ~~DOM~~ body_of_his with_water in_a_place holy and_ _he_will_put_on ~~DOM~~ garments_of_his and_he_will_come_out and_he_will_offer ~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_burnt and_~~DOM~~ the_ _burnt_offering_of the_people and_he_will_make_atonement for_himself and_for the_people. **25** And_~~DOM~~ the_fat_of the_sin_ _offering he_will_make_smoke to_the_altar. **26** And_the_one_ _who_lets_go ~~DOM~~ the_male_goat to_the_escape_goat he_will_ _wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash ~~DOM~~ body_of_his with_water and_after thus he_will_come into the_camp. **27** And_~~DOM~~ the_bull_of the_sin_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_male_ _goat_of the_sin_offering which ~~DOM~~ blood_of_their it_was_ _brought to_make_atonement in_place someone_will_bring_out to from_the_outside of_camp and_people_will_burn with_fire ~~DOM~~ hides_of_their and_~~DOM~~ flesh_of_their and_~~DOM~~ dung_of_ _their. **28** And_the_one_who_burns ~~DOM~~_them he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash ~~DOM~~ body_of_his with_water and_after thus he_will_come into the_camp.

29 And_it_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_regulation_of perpetuity in_month the_seventh on_ten of_month you(pl)_ _will_afflict ~~DOM~~ selves_of_your(pl) and_all work not you(pl)_ _will_do the_native-born and_the_sojourner who_sojourns among_you(pl). **30** If/because on_day the_this he_will_make_ _atonement on_you(pl) to_purify you(pl) from_all sins_of_ _your(pl) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** you(pl)_

64 RV 16:23 · Cross-ref. Eze 44:19.

65 RV 16:27 · Cross-ref. Heb 13:11.

66 LV 16:21 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/דִי: (x-qere) וְ/יָדֵי: lemma_3027 n_1.2.1 morph_HNcbdc/Sp3ms id_03MQc וְ/יָדֵי

67 RV 16:29-34 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:26-32; Num 29:7-11.

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_will_be_pure. **31** Is_a_sabbath_of sabbath_observance it to/for_ _you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_afflict ᴅᴏᴍ selves_of_your(pl) a_ _regulation_of perpetuity. **32** And_ the_priest/officer whom someone_will_anoint ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_which someone_will_fill ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_hand to_serve_as_priest in_place_of his/its_father _ _he_will_make_atonement and_he_will_wear ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _garments_of (the)_linen the_garments_of (the)_holiness. **33** And_he_will_make_atonement_for ᴅᴏᴍ the_sanctuary_of (the)_holiness and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_tent_of meeting and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar he_will_make_atonement_for and_on the_priests and_on all_of the_people_of the_assembly he_will_make_atonement. **34** And_ _it_will_become this to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_regulation_of perpetuity to_make_atonement on the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_all sins_of_their one_time in_year and_ _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh.

17:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to sons_of_his and_near/to all_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them this is_ _the_thing which **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_say. **3** A_ _person a_person of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_ _will_cut_the_throat_of an_ox or a_young_ram or a_goat in_ _camp or who he_will_cut_the_throat_of_it from_the_outside of_camp. **4** And_near/to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting not he_has_brought_it to_present a_present to/for_**YHWH** to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** blood it_will_be_reckoned to_person (the)_that blood he_has_ _shed and_ the_man (the)_that _he_will_be_cut_off from_the_ _midst_of his_people_of_his. **5** So_that that the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_may_bring ᴅᴏᴍ sacrifices_of_their which they are_sacrificing on the_face_of the_field and_they_will_ _bring_them to/for_**YHWH** to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to the_priest/officer and_they_will_sacrifice sacrifices_of peace_offerings to/for_**YHWH** them. **6** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_sprinkle ᴅᴏᴍ the_blood on the_altar_of **YHWH** the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_he_will_ _make_smoke the_fat to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **7** And_not they_will_sacrifice again ᴅᴏᴍ sacrifices_of_their to_ _idols which they are_prostituting_themselves after_them a_ _regulation_of perpetuity it_will_be this to/for_them to_ _generations_of_their. **8** And_to_them you_will_say a_person a_ _person of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_ _sojourner[s] who he_will_sojourn among_them who he_will_ _offer_up a_burnt_offering or a_sacrifice. **9** And_near/to the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting not he_will_bring_it for_ _doing ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to/for_**YHWH** and_ the_man (the)_that _he_ _will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_his.

10 And_a_person a_person of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_sojourner[s] who_sojourns among_them who he_ _will_eat any_of blood and_I_will_set face_of_my on_person who_eats ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_blood and_I_will_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it from_ _the_midst_of its_people_of_her. **11** If/because the_life_of the_ _flesh is_in_blood it and_I I_have_given_it to/for_you(pl) on the_altar to_make_atonement on selves_of_your(pl) if/because is_the_blood it which_by_life it_makes_atonement.

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will purify you all from your sins to make you right with Yahweh, and you'll be 'clean'. **31** It'll be a very sacred rest day for you, and you all must humble yourselves—a permanent regulation for you all. **32** The priest who's anointed and ordained to succeed his father as high priest must be the one to make atonement, and he must be wearing his sacred linen clothes. **33** He will first purify the sacred room and the sacred tent, and the altar, and then make all the priests right with Yahweh and finally, the entire community. **34** That will become a permanent regulation every year to make all the Israelis right with Yahweh because of their sins.

So Mosheh (Moses) did exactly as Yahweh had instructed him.

17:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

Slaughtering animals

2 Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons and all the Israelis that these are the instructions from Yahweh: **3** No Israeli is allowed to slaughter a bull or lamb or goat either inside the camp or outside it. **4** If they're not taken to the entrance to the sacred tent to be presented as an offering to Yahweh in front of his residence, then that person will be held guilty of its blood—they've shed blood so they must be cut off from his people. **5** The Israelis must stop sacrificing their animals in the countryside, and instead bring them to Yahweh at the entrance to the sacred tent, i.e., they must bring them to the priest and sacrifice them as peace offerings to Yahweh. **6** Then the priest will splash the blood onto Yahweh's altar at the tent entrance, and burn up the fat to become a soothing aroma for Yahweh. **7** Then they won't be able to continue offering their sacrifices to the goat demons that they're prostituting themselves to. The above will be a permanent regulation throughout the generations.

8 You must tell them that if an Israeli or a foreigner living among them, makes a burnt offering or sacrifice **9** without bringing it to Yahweh at the sacred tent entrance, then that person must be cut off from the community.

10 If there's any Israeli or foreigner living among them, who eats blood, then I'll oppose that person and remove them from the community[68] **11** because the body's life is in the blood. I myself have given you blood to make atonement for your lives at the altar, because it's the blood that can atone for life.[69] **12** That's why I told the Israelis that none of them must eat blood—not even the foreigners

The law concerning the blood

68 RV 17:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 9:4; Lev 7:26-27; 19:26; Deu 12:16,23; 15:23.

69 RV 17:11 · Cross-ref. Heb 9:22.

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that live among them may eat blood.

13 So any person (Israeli or foreigner living among them) who catches wild game (including birds) to eat, they must pour its blood out and cover it with soil **14** because the life of their bodies is the blood that's in them. Again, that's why I've told the Israelis not to eat the blood of any living thing because the life is in the blood, and anyone who eats it must be cut off from the community.

15 Anyone who eats part of a carcass they found or one that was killed by wild animals, must wash their clothes and bathe in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening, and then they'll be 'clean' again. **16** However, if that person doesn't wash their clothes or bathe, then they must bear the punishment for their own disobedience.

18:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

Sexual relationships

2 Tell the Israeli that I am their god Yahweh. **3** They mustn't behave as if they're still there in Mitsrayim (Egypt), nor should they behave like the Kena'anim (Canaanites) that were living in the land that I'm taking you all into, and don't emulate their customs and practices. **4** You all must imbibe my values and follow my instructions. I am your god Yahweh. **5** You all must follow my instructions and my values—those who do so will live.[70] I am your god Yahweh.

6 None of you may ever flirt with any close relative to try to get them to undress. I am Yahweh. **7** You must never mess with your father's naked body, or your mother's—no, she's your mother so don't ever take advantage of her nakedness. **8** Don't ever mess with any of your father's wives, because their naked bodies are the realm of your father.[71] **9** Don't flirt with your sister's nakedness, whether she's a full sister, a half sister, or an adopted sister.[72] **10** Don't flirt with your grandchildren's nakedness, because you'd be absolutely shaming yourself. **11** Don't flirt with your step-sister's nakedness, because she's your sister and her nakedness isn't yours to enjoy. **12** Don't flirt with your aunts nakedness on your father's side, because she's closely related to your father.[73] **13** Don't flirt with your aunt's nakedness on your mother's side, because she's closely related to your mother. **14** Don't flirt with your uncle's nakedness on your father's side, and keep away from his wife, because she's your aunt. **15** Don't flirt with your daughter-in-law's nakedness, because she's your son's wife and her nakedness isn't yours to enjoy.[74] **16** Don't flirt with your sister-in-law, because her naked body is the realm of

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12 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_said to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) any_of person of_you(pl) not it_will_eat blood and_the_sojourner who_sojourns among_you(pl) not he_will_ _eat blood. **13** And_a_person a_person from_(the)_sons of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_sojourner[s] who_sojourns among_them who he_will_hunt hunted_game_of an_animal or a_bird which it_will_be_eaten and_he_will_pour_out ~~DOM~~ blood_ _of_its and_he_will_cover_it with_dust. **14** If/because the_life_of all_of flesh blood_of_its is_(in)_life_of_its it and_I_have_said to_ _the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_blood_of any_of flesh not you(pl)_must_eat if/because the_life_of all_of flesh blood_of_is_ _its it all_of those_of_who_eat_it he_will_be_cut_off. **15** And_all person who it_will_eat a_carcass and_a_torn_animal among_ _native-born and_among_sojourner and_he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash with_water and_he_will_be_ _unclean until the_evening and_he_will_be_pure. **16** And_if not he_will_wash and_body_of_his not he_will_wash and_he_will_ _bear iniquity_of_his.

18:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **3** According_to_the_deed[s]_of the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) which you(pl)_dwelt in_it not you(pl)_will_do and_according_to_the_deed[s]_of the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) where I am_about_to_bring you(pl) to_(to) not you(pl)_will_do and_in_regulations_of_their not you(pl)_ _will_walk. **4** ~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my you(pl)_will_do and_~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my you(pl)_will_keep to_go (is)_in_them I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **5** And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my which the_ _humankind he_will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_he/it_will_live (is)_in_ _them I am_**YHWH**. **6** A_man a_man to any_of relative_of his_ _flesh_of_his not you(pl)_will_draw_near to_uncover nakedness I am_**YHWH**. **7** The_nakedness_of your_father_of_your and_the_ _nakedness_of your_mother_of_your not you_will_uncover mother_of_is_your she not you_will_uncover nakedness_of_her. **8** The_nakedness_of the_wife_of your_father_of_your not you_ _will_uncover is_the_nakedness_of your_father_of_your it. **9** The_nakedness_of your_sister_of_your the_daughter_of your_ _father_of_your or the_daughter_of your_mother_of_your one_ _born_of house or one_born_of (of)_outside not you_will_ _uncover nakedness_of_their. **10** The_nakedness_of the_ _daughter_of your_son_of_your or the_daughter_of your_ _daughter_of_your not you_will_uncover nakedness_of_their if/because own_nakedness_of_are_your they. **11** The_ _nakedness_of the_daughter_of the_wife_of your_father_of_ _your one_born_of your_father_of_your sister_of_is_your she not you_will_uncover nakedness_of_her. **12** The_nakedness_of the_sister_of your_father_of_your not you_will_uncover is_a_ _relative_of your_father_of_your she. **13** The_nakedness_of the_ _sister_of your_mother_of_your not you_will_uncover

70 RV 18:5 · Cross-ref. Neh 9:29; Eze 18:9; 20:11-13; Luk 10:28; Rom 10:5; Gal 3:12.

71 RV 18:8 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:11; Deu 22:30; 27:20.

72 RV 18:9 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:17; Deu 27:22.

73 RV 18:12-14 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:19-20.

74 RV 18:15 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:12.

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if/because is_a_relative_of your_mother_of_your she. **14** The_
_nakedness_of the_brother_of your_father_of_your not you_
_will_uncover to his/its_wife/woman not you_will_draw_near
aunt_of_is_your she. **15** The_nakedness_of your_
_daughter-in-law_of_your not you_will_uncover is_the_wife_of
your_son_of_your she not you_will_uncover nakedness_of_her.
16 The_nakedness_of the_wife_of your(ms)_brother/kindred
not you_will_uncover is_the_nakedness_of your(ms)_
_brother/kindred it. **17** The_nakedness_of a_woman and_
_daughter_of_her not you_will_uncover ~~DOM~~ the_daughter_of
her_son_of_her and_~~DOM~~ the_daughter_of her_daughter_of_her
not you_will_take to_uncover nakedness_of_her are_relative[s]
they is_wickedness it[82] **18** and_a_woman to sister_of_her not
you_will_take to_make_her_a_rival_wife to_uncover nakedness_
_of_her on/upon_it(f) in_life_of_her. **19** And_near/to a_woman
in_the_menstruous_impurity_of her_uncleanness_of_her not
you_will_draw_near to_uncover nakedness_of_her. **20** And_
_near/to the_wife_of your_fellow_citizen_of_your not you_will_
_give copulation_of_your for_seed to_be_unclean by_her.
21 And_any_of_your_offspring not you_will_give to_make_pass
to_Molek and_not you_will_profane ~~DOM~~ the_name_of your(pl)_
_god_of_your I am_**YHWH**. **22** And_~~DOM~~ a_male not you_will_lie
the_lyings_of a_woman is_an_abomination it. **23** And_on/over_
_all animal not you_will_give copulation_of_your to_be_unclean
by_it and_a_woman not she_will_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before an_animal to_lie_with_it is_confusion it.
24 Do_not make_yourselves_unclean in_all these_things
if/because by_all_of these_things the_nations which I am_
_about_to_send_away from_before_of_you(pl) they_have_made_
_themselves_unclean. **25** And_ the_earth/land _it_became_
_unclean and_I_visited iniquity_of_its on/upon_it(f) and_ the_
_earth/land _it_vomited_up ~~DOM~~ inhabitants_of_its. **26** And_
you(pl) _you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my and_~~DOM~~
judgements_of_my and_not you(pl)_will_do from_all the_
_abominations the_these the_native-born and_the_sojourner
who_sojourns among_you(pl). **27** If/because ~~DOM~~ all_of the_
_abominations (the)_these the_people_of the_earth/land who
were_before_of_you(pl) they_did and_ the_earth/land _it_
_became_unclean. **28** And_not the_earth/land it_will_vomit_up
you(pl) when_you_make_unclean ~~DOM~~_her/it just_as it_was_
_vomiting_up ~~DOM~~ the_nation which was_before_of_you(pl).
29 If/because every_of one_who he_will_do from_all the_
_abominations the_these and_ the_persons who_do_them _
_they_will_be_cut_off from_the_midst_of their_people_of_their.
30 And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ duty_of_my to_not to_do any_of_
_the_customs_of the_abominations which they_have_been_

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your brother.[75] **17** Don't flirt with the nakedness of both a woman and her daughter or her granddaughter, because they're related to each other—that would be perverse.[76] **18** Don't take your wife's sister to be a junior wife while your wife is still alive.

19 Don't approach a woman who's menstruating, to undress her, because she's 'unclean'.[77] **20** Don't sleep with someone else's wife—your child with her would be 'unclean'.[78] **21** Don't sacrifice your children to Molek so you don't profane your god's reputation.[79] I am Yahweh. **22** Don't have sexual relations with a man like with a woman—it's an abomination.[80] **23** Men, don't have sexual relations with any animal as that would make you 'unclean'. And women, don't give yourself sexually to any animal as that's perverse.[81]

24 Don't make yourselves 'unclean' in any of the above ways, because all of those things were done by the people groups that I'm driving out of this land ahead of you all. **25** The land had become 'unclean' so I made them pay for their wickedness and so the land will vomit out its inhabitants. **26** However, you all must obey my instructions and decisions and not tolerate any of that perverse behaviour—not you who are native-born, nor any foreigner living among you all, **27** because all that perversity was done by those living there before you all, and the land became 'unclean'. **28** Don't think that the land won't vomit you all out just like it's doing to the people groups that have been there before you, **29** because everyone who does any of those perversities will be cut off from their community. **30** So you all must carefully guard against practising any of those detestable customs which were previously done there and which would make you all 'unclean'. I am your god Yahweh.

75 RV 18:16 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:21.

76 RV 18:17 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:14; Deu 27:23.

77 RV 18:19 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:18.

78 RV 18:20 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:10.

79 RV 18:21 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:1-5.

80 RV 18:22 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:13.

81 RV 18:23 · Cross-ref. Exo 22:19; Lev 20:15-16; Deu 27:21.

82 LV 18:17 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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19:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

Various moral imperatives

2 Tell the entire Israeli community that they must be separate from others, because I, your god Yahweh, am holy (i.e., separated from impurity).[83] **3** Everyone must respect and obey their parents,[84] and observe my rest days.[85] I am your god Yahweh.

4 Don't turn to worthless idols,[86] and don't make cast metal gods for yourselves.[87] I am your god Yahweh.

5 When you all sacrifice peace offerings, do it correctly so that you'll all be accepted. **6** The meat from your sacrifice must be eaten that same day or the next day—anything left until the third day must be thrown into the fire. **7** If it was to be eaten on the third day, it would be 'unclean' and not acceptable, **8** and the people eating it would have to bear their own guilt for profaning Yahweh's holiness, and that person must be cut off from the community.

9 When you all harvest your crops off your land, you mustn't cut the grain right to the very edge of your field, and nor can you all pick up any dropped stalks.[88] **10** In your vineyards, you must not pick every last grape or pick up any that fall on the ground, because they must be left for the poor and for the foreigners. I am your god Yahweh.

11 You all mustn't steal[89] or deceive, or defraud any fellow citizen,[90] **12** and don't use my name to seal a promise and then go ahead and ruin my reputation.[91] I am Yahweh.

13 Don't oppress your neighbours or steal from them. Don't fail to pay a day-labourer as they finish each day's work.[92] **14** Don't curse a deaf person, or put something in front of a blind person to trip them.[93] You must respect and obey your god. I am Yahweh.

15 Don't judge unfairly—showing partiality to the poor, or honouring those who are well-known—you must always judge your fellow citizens fairly.[94] **16** Don't go around slandering people. Don't take advantage of your neighbour's death. I am Yahweh.

17 You mustn't hate your brother. Certainly rebuke those you

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_done before_you(pl) and_not you_will_make_yourselves_ _unclean (is)_in_them I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl).

19:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying[107] **2** speak to all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them holy you(pl)_will_be if/because am_ _holy I **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **3** Anyone his/its_mother and_ _father_of_his you(pl)_will_fear and_ĐOM sabbaths_of_my you(pl)_will_keep I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **4** Do_not turn to (the)_worthless_idols and_gods_of molten_metal not you(pl)_must_make to/for_you(pl) I am_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). **5** And_because/when you(pl)_will_sacrifice a_ _sacrifice_of peace_offering(s) to/for_**YHWH** for_acceptance_ _of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_sacrifice_it. **6** In/on_day your_ _sacrifice_of_your(pl) it_will_be_eaten and_from_the_next_day and_the_remainder until the_day the_third with_fire it_will_ _be_burnt. **7** And_if indeed_(eaten) it_will_be_eaten in_the_day the_third is_unclean_meat it not it_will_be_accepted. **8** And_ _those_of_who_eat_it iniquity_of_his he_will_bear if/because ĐOM the_holy_thing_of **YHWH** he_has_profaned and_ the_ _living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_ _kinspeople(s)_of_its. **9** And_when_harvest_you(pl) ĐOM the_ _harvest_of your_land_of_your(pl) not you_will_finish the_side_ _of your_field_of_your to_harvest and_the_remnant_of your_ _harvest_of_your not you_will_gather. **10** And_vineyard_of_your not you_will_glean and_the_fallen_grape[s]_of your_vineyard_ _of_your not you_will_gather for_person and_for_sojourner you_will_leave ĐOM_them I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **11** Not you(pl)_will_steal and_not you(pl)_will_deceive and_not you(pl)_will_deal_falsely anyone with_his_fellow_of_citizen. **12** And_not you(pl)_will_swear_an_oath by_name_of_my to_ _falsehood and_you_will_profane ĐOM the_name_of your(pl)_ _god_of_your I am_**YHWH**. **13** Not you_will_oppress ĐOM neighbour_of_your and_not you_will_rob_him not it_will_ _remain_overnight the_wage[s]_of a_hired_labourer with_you until morning. **14** Not you_will_curse a_deaf_person and_ _before_of a_blind_person not you_will_put a_stumbling_block and_you_will_fear from_god_of_your I am_**YHWH**. **15** Not you(pl)_will_do injustice in_judgement not you_will_lift_up the_face_of a_poor_person and_not you_will_honour the_face_ _of a_great_person in_righteousness you_will_judge citizen_of_ _your_fellow. **16** Not you_will_go_about slander among_

83 RV 19:2 · Cross-ref. Lev 11:44-45; 1Pe 1:16.

84 RV 19:3 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.

85 RV 19:3 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:8; Deu 5:12.

86 RV 19:4 · Cross-ref. Lev 26:1.

87 RV 19:4 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:23; 34:17; Deu 27:15.

88 RV 19:9-10 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:22; Deu 24:19-22.

89 RV 19:11 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:15; Deu 5:19.

90 RV 19:11 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:16; Deu 5:20.

91 RV 19:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:7; Deu 5:11; Mat 5:33.

92 RV 19:13 · Cross-ref. Deu 24:14-15.

93 RV 19:14 · Cross-ref. Deu 27:18.

94 RV 19:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:6-8; Deu 16:19.

107 LV 19:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_kinspeople(s)_of_your not you_will_stand on the_blood_of your_neighbour_of_your I am_**YHWH**. **17** Not you_will_hate ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_brother/kindred in_heart_of_your surely_ _(rebuke) you_will_rebuke ~~DOM~~ citizen_of_your_fellow and_not you_will_bear on/upon/above_him/it sin. **18** Not you_will_ _avenge_yourself and_not you_will_keep ~~DOM~~ the_sons_of your_ _people_of_your and_you_will_love (to)_neighbour_of_your like_yourself I am_**YHWH**. **19** ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my you(pl)_ _will_keep livestock_of_your not you_will_make_lie two_kinds field_of_your not you_will_sow two_kinds and_clothing_of two_ _kinds mixed_stuff not it_will_go_up on_you. **20** And_a_man if/because he_will_lie with a_woman a_laying_of seed and_she is_a_female_slave intended for_a_man and_indeed_(be_ _released) not she_had_been_released or freedom not it_had_ _been_given to/for_her/it compensation it_will_be not they_ _will_be_put_to_death if/because not she_had_been_given_ _freedom. **21** And_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_guilt to/for_**YHWH** to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting a_ram_ _of a_guilt_offering. **22** And_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_priest/officer by_the_ram_of the_ _guilt_offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** on sin_of_his which he_has_sinned and_it_will_be_forgiven to_ _him/it from_sin_of_his which he_has_sinned. **23** And_ _because/when you(pl)_will_go into the_earth/land and_ _you(pl)_will_plant every_of tree_of food and_you(pl)_will_ _count_as_foreskin foreskin_of_its ~~DOM~~ fruit_of_its three years it_will_be to/for_you(pl) uncircumcised not it_will_be_eaten. **24** And_in_year (the)_fourth it_will_be all_of fruit_of_its a_holy_ _thing praise_offerings to/for_**YHWH**. **25** And_in_year (the)_ _fifth you(pl)_will_eat ~~DOM~~ fruit_of_its to_add to/for_you(pl) produce_of_its I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **26** Not you(pl)_ _will_eat with the_blood not you(pl)_will_practice_divination and_not you(pl)_will_practice_soothsaying. **27** Not you(pl)_will_ _round_off the_side_of your_head_of_your(pl) and_not you_ _will_trim ~~DOM~~ the_side_of your_beard_of_your. **28** And_cut[s] for_a_corpse not you(pl)_will_make in_flesh_of_your(pl) and_ _the_inscription_of an_incision not you(pl)_will_make in_ _yourselves I am_**YHWH**. **29** Do_not profane ~~DOM~~ daughter_of_ _your by_making_her_prostitute_herself and_not the_ _earth/land it_will_prostitute_itself and_ the_earth/land _it_ _will_be_full wickedness. **30** ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my you(pl)_will_ _keep and_sanctuary_of_my you(pl)_will_fear I am_**YHWH**. **31** Do_not turn to the_necromancers and_near/to the_ _soothsayers do_not seek_them to_become_unclean in/among_

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interact with so you don't get blamed for their bad behaviour.[95] **18** Don't try to get revenge against others or hold a grudge against any of your people, but instead, love your neighbour as yourself.[96] I am Yahweh.

19 Follow my instructions—don't crossbreed two different kinds of animals, don't sow two different crops in your field, and don't wear clothing made of different kinds of thread.[97]

20 If a man impregnates a woman who's destined to be someone else's slave and she hasn't been freed, compensation needs to be paid.[98] They mustn't be executed, because she hadn't been freed. **21** However, that man must take a ram to Yahweh at the sacred tent's entrance for a guilt offering, **22** and the priest will make him right with Yahweh by means of that guilt offering ram, and then he'll be forgiven for his transgression.

23 When you all enter into the land and plant various kinds of fruit trees, you mustn't eat the fruit for the first three years—it should be regarded as 'uncircumcised' for that duration. **24** Then in the fourth year, all that fruit must be regarded as 'sacred'—praise offerings for Yahweh. **25** Finally, in the fifth year, you can eat that fruit and add that produce to your harvest. I am your god Yahweh.

26 Don't eat anything with the blood still in it.[99] Don't practice divination or witchcraft.[100] **27** Don't have haircuts that round off your hair at the sides, and men, don't trim the edges of your beards.[101] **28** Don't make cuts on your bodies when someone dies, and don't tattoo yourselves. I am Yahweh.

29 don't defile your daughter by making her prostitute herself,[102] so the country doesn't prostitute itself and become full of wickedness. **30** Keep my rest days, and respect my sanctuary.[103] I am Yahweh.

31 Don't turn to mediums and diviners[104]—don't make yourselves 'unclean' by means of them. I am your god Yahweh.

32 Stand up for those with grey hair, and honour the presence of the elderly. Honour and respect your god. I am Yahweh.

33 Don't take advantage of foreigners when they stay in your land[105]— **34** you all must treat foreigners the same as native-born Israelis and love them like you love yourselves, because you were all foreigners in Mitsrayim (Egypt). I am your god Yahweh.

35 Don't allow injustice either in judging cases, or by trading

95 RV 19:17 · Cross-ref. Mat 18:15.

96 RV 19:18 · Cross-ref. Mat 5:43; 19:19; 22:39; Mrk 12:31; Luk 10:27; Rom 13:9; Gal 5:14; Jam 2:8.

97 RV 19:19 · Cross-ref. Deu 22:9-11.

98 RV 19:20 · Note We as modern readers don't understand all the dynamics of this seemingly complex social situation.

99 RV 19:26 · Cross-ref. Gen 9:4; Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14; Deu 12:16,23; 15:23.

100 RV 19:26 · Cross-ref. Deu 18:10.

101 RV 19:27-28 · Cross-ref. Lev 21:5; Deu 14:1.

102 RV 19:29 · Cross-ref. Deu 23:17.

103 RV 19:30 · Cross-ref. Lev 26:2.

104 RV 19:31 · Cross-ref. Deu 18:11; 1Sam 28:3; 2Ki 23:24; Isa 8:19.

105 RV 19:33-34 · Cross-ref. Exo 22:21; Deu 24:17-18; 27:19.

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with rigged weights and measures[106]— 36 your scales and weights and measuring containers must be honest. I am your god Yahweh who brought you all out of Mitsrayim. 37 You all must obey my instructions and decisions and stick to them. I am Yahweh.

Penalties for disobedience

20:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): 2 Tell the Israeli people that if any of them, or any foreigner staying in Yisrael (Israel), gives any of their children to Molek, then that person must definitely be executed—the people must do it by throwing rocks at them. 3 Yes, I myself will personally punish that person and cut them off from the people for giving their child to Molek and so making my sanctuary 'unclean' and profaning my sacred name. 4 If the people of the land just hides their eyes from seeing anyone offering their child to Molek so they don't have to execute that person, 5 then I'll also remove that other person and their clan. I'll cut them off from their people, along with anyone else who practises prostitution by prostituting themselves to Molek.

6 I'll take action against any person who turns to mediums or diviners to prostitute themselves to them, and I'll cut them off from their people. 7 You must keep yourselves separate from those kinds of things to be holy, because I, Yahweh, am your god. 8 You all must follow my instructions and implement them. I am Yahweh who makes you different from other people groups.

9 Any person who curses their father or mother must be executed—their blood will be on their own head for cursing their parents.[108]

10 Any man who commits adultery with another man's wife, maybe even his neighbours wife, must be executed—both the man and the woman.[109] 11 Any man who sleeps with any of his father's wives, has exposed his father's nakedness. Both of them must be executed—their blood is on their own heads.[110] 12 If a man sleeps with his daughter-in-law, both of them must be executed. That's perversion and so their blood is on their own

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them I am**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). 32 From_face/in_front_of grey_hair you_will_arise and_you_will_honour the_face_of an_ _old_person and_you_will_fear from_god_of_your I am_**YHWH**. 33 And_because/when he_will_sojourn with_you a_sojourner in_land_of_your(pl) not you(pl)_will_maltreat ~~DOM~~_him/it. 34 Like_the_native-born of_you(pl) he_will_be to/for_you(pl) the_sojourner who_sojourns with_you(pl) and_you_will_love to_him/it like_yourself if/because sojourners you(pl)_were in_ _land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). 35 Not you(pl)_will_do injustice in_judgement in_measurement in_weight and_in_measure. 36 Balances_of righteousness weights_of righteousness an_'ēyfāh_of righteousness and_a_ _hin_of righteousness it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who I_brought_out you(pl) from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim. 37 And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_my and_~~DOM~~ all_of judgements_of_my and_ _you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~_them I am_**YHWH**.

20:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 2 And_ _near/to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[118] you_will_say a_ _person a_person from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_sojourner[s] who_sojourns in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_will_ _give any_of_his_offspring to_Molek surely_(die) he_will_be_ _put_to_death the_people_of the_earth/land they_will_stone_ _him with_stone[s]. 3 And_I I_will_set ~~DOM~~ face_of_my on_ _person (the)_that and_I_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~_him/it from_the_ _midst_of his_people_of_his if/because one_of_his_offspring he_has_given to_Molek so_as to_make_unclean ~~DOM~~ sanctuary_ _of_my and_to_profane ~~DOM~~ the_name_of my_holiness_of_my. 4 And_if indeed_(hide) the_people_of the_earth/land they_will_ _hide ~~DOM~~ eyes_of_their from the_man (the)_that when_gives_ _he one_of_his_offspring to_Molek to_not to_put_to_death ~~DOM~~_him/it. 5 And_ I _I_will_set ~~DOM~~ face_of_my on_person (the)_that and_on_clan_of_his and_I_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~_him/it and_~~DOM~~ all_of those_who_act_as_prostitutes after_him by_ _acting_as_prostitutes after (the)_Molek from_the_midst_of their_people_of_their. 6 And_the_person who it_will_turn to the_necromancers and_near/to the_soothsayers to_act_as_a_ _prostitute after_them and_I_will_set ~~DOM~~ face_of_my on_ _person the_that and_I_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~_him/it from_the_ _midst_of his_people_of_his. 7 And_you_will_keep_yourselves_ _holy and_you(pl)_will_be holy if/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). 8 And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my and_ _you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~_them I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_you(pl)_ _apart_as_holy. 9 If/because a_person a_person who he_will_ _curse ~~DOM~~ his/its_father and_~~DOM~~ his/its_mother surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death his/its_father and_mother_of_his he_ _has_cursed blood(s)_of_his in/on/over_him/it. 10 And_a_man who he_will_commit_adultery ~~DOM~~ a_wife_of a_man who he_ _will_commit_adultery ~~DOM~~ the_wife_of his/its_neighbour surely_(die) the_adulterer and_the_adulteress he_will_be_put_

106 **RV 19:35-36 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:13-16; Prv 20:10; Eze 45:10.

108 **RV 20:9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:17; Mat 15:4; Mrk 7:10.

109 **RV 20:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:14; Lev 18:20; Deu 5:18.

110 **RV 20:11 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:8; Deu 22:30; 27:20.

118 **LV 20:2 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_to_death. **11** And_a_man who he_will_lie with the_wife_of his/its_father the_nakedness_of his/its_father he_has_ _uncovered surely_(die) both_of_them they_will_be_put_to_ _death blood(s)_of_their are_on_them. **12** And_a_man who he_ _will_lie with his/its_daughter-in-law surely_(die) both_of_ _them they_will_be_put_to_death confusion they_have_done blood(s)_of_their are_on_them. **13** And_a_man who he_will_lie with a_male the_lyings_of a_woman an_abomination both_of_ _them they_have_done surely_(die) they_will_be_put_to_death blood(s)_of_their are_on_them. **14** And_a_man who he_will_take ~~DOM~~ a_woman and_~~DOM~~ mother_of_her is_wickedness it with_ _fire people_will_burn ~~DOM~~_him/it and_them and_not it_will_be wickedness among_you(pl). **15** And_a_man who he_will_give copulation_of_his in_an_animal surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_ _death and_~~DOM~~ the_cattle/livestock you(pl)_will_kill. **16** And_ _a_woman who she_will_draw_near to any_of animal to_lie_ _with ~~DOM~~_her/it and_you_will_kill ~~DOM~~ the_woman and_~~DOM~~ the_cattle/livestock surely_(die) they_will_be_put_to_death blood(s)_of_their are_on_them. **17** And_a_man who he_will_take ~~DOM~~ sister_of_his the_daughter_of his/its_father or the_ _daughter_of his/its_mother and_he_will_see ~~DOM~~ nakedness_ _of_her and_she she_will_see ~~DOM~~ nakedness_of_his is_a_shame it and_they_will_be_cut_off to_the_eyes_of the_sons_of their_ _people_of_their the_nakedness_of his_sister_of_his he_has_ _uncovered iniquity_of_his he_will_bear. **18** And_a_man who he_will_lie with a_woman menstruating and_he_will_uncover ~~DOM~~ nakedness_of_her ~~DOM~~ spring_of_her he_has_made_naked and_she she_has_uncovered ~~DOM~~ the_spring_of_her_blood(s)_ _of_her and_ both_of_them _they_will_be_cut_off from_the_ _midst_of their_people_of_their. **19** And_the_nakedness_of the_ _sister_of your_mother_of_your and_the_sister_of your_father_ _of_your not you_will_uncover if/because ~~DOM~~ relative_of_his he_has_made_naked iniquity_of_their they_will_bear. **20** And_a_ _man who he_will_lie with aunt_of_his the_nakedness_of his_ _uncle_of_his he_has_uncovered sin_of_their they_will_bear childless they_will_die. **21** And_a_man who he_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_wife_of his/its_brother is_impurity it the_nakedness_of his/its_brother he_has_uncovered childless they_will_be. **22** And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_my and_ _~~DOM~~ all_of judgements_of_my and_you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_not the_earth/land where I am_about_to_bring you(pl) to_ _(to) to_dwell in_it it_will_vomit_up you(pl). **23** And_not you(pl)_will_walk in_the_regulations_of the_nation which I am_ _about_to_send_away from_before_of_you(pl) if/because ~~DOM~~ all_of these_things they_have_done and_I_loathed (in)_them. **24** And_I_have_said to/for_you(pl) you(pl) you(pl)_will_take_ _possession_of ~~DOM~~ ground_of_their and_I I_will_give_it to/for_ _you(pl) to_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~_her/it a_land flowing_of milk and_honey I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who I_have_

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heads.[111] **13** If a man has a sexual relationship with another man, both of them have done something detestable and both of them must be executed—their blood is on their own heads.[112] **14** If a man takes both a mother and her daughter as wives, then that's wicked. They must all be burnt to death so that depravity won't take root among you.

15 If a man tries to have sex with an animal, that man must be executed and the animal must also be killed.[113] **16** If a woman presents herself sexually to any animal, you must execute the woman and kill the animal—their blood is on their own heads.

17 If a man sleeps with his sister (whether on his father's or mother's side) and they see each other's nakedness, it's a disgrace and they must be cut off from their people—he's exposed her nakedness and he must bear his wickedness.[114] **18** If a man sleeps with a woman who's menstruating, he's exposed her nakedness and uncovered the source of her blood, so they must both be cut off from among their people.[115]

19 You mustn't expose the nakedness of your sister (whether on your father's side or mother's side) because that's like exposing your own body. They must bear their wickedness.[116] **20** A man who sleeps with his aunt, he's exposed his uncle's nakedness. They'll bear their wickedness by dying childless. **21** If a man marries his brother's wife, it's indecent. He's exposed his nakedness and they'll be childless.[117]

22 You all must obey my instructions and decisions and stick to them, and then the land that I'm about to take you into, won't vomit you all out. **23** Don't follow the customs of the peoples that I'll drive out ahead of you all, because they do all of the above things, and I detest them **24** and I've told you all that you yourselves will inherit their land—I'll give it to you to take possession of. It's a land flowing with milk and honey. I am your god Yahweh who separates you all from the other people groups. **25** You all must distinguish between 'clean' and 'unclean' animals and birds. Don't make yourselves detestable to me with any animal or bird or crawling creature which I've distinguished for you all as 'unclean'. **26** You all must be 'holy' to me, because I Yahweh am holy, and I've set you all apart from the other people groups to be mine.

27 Any man or woman who's a medium or diviner must be executed—the people must do it by throwing rocks at them.

111 RV 20:12 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:15.

112 RV 20:13 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:22.

113 RV 20:15-16 · Cross-ref. Exo 22:19; Lev 18:23; Deu 27:21.

114 RV 20:17 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:9; Deu 27:22.

115 RV 20:18 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:19.

116 RV 20:19-20 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:12-14.

117 RV 20:21 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:16.

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_separated you(pl) from the_peoples. **25** And_you(pl)_will_
_separate between the_cattle/livestock (the)_pure and_unclean
and_between the_bird[s] (the)_unclean and_pure and_not
you(pl)_will_make_detestable ĐƠM selves_of_your(pl) by_
_animal[s] and_by_bird[s] and_by_all that it_creeps the_soil
which I_have_separated to/for_you(pl) to_declare_unclean.
26 And_you(pl)_will_be to_me holy if/because am_holy I **YHWH**
and_I_have_separated you(pl) from the_peoples to_be to_me.
27 And_a_man or a_woman if/because he_will_be in/among_
_them a_necromancer or a_soothsayer surely_(die) they_will_
_be_put_to_death with_stone[s] people_will_stone ĐƠM_them
blood(s)_of_their are_on_them.

21:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

Stricter instructions for priests

Tell Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants the priests that they must not defile themselves among the Israelis, by touching anything that's not living **2** apart from the body of a close relative like a parent, child, brother **3** or unmarried sister—the priest can become 'unclean' by means of one of them. **4** He must not make himself 'unclean' if it's the death of a relative only by marriage. **5** They must not shave their heads or trim the edges of their beards or cut their bodies in grief.[119]

6 The priests must stay separate for their God and they must not tarnish his reputation because they present the gifts to Yahweh—their god's food **7** They mustn't marry a woman who was a prostitute or who has defiled herself some other way or who is divorced from her husband, because they're separated for their god. **8** You must treat him as set apart because he's the one presenting your god's food. He must be 'holy' for you, because I, Yahweh, am holy and I set you all apart as 'holy'. **9** If a priest's daughter prostituted herself, she would be profaning her father so must be burnt to death.

10 The priest who is chief of all his brothers and who had the anointing oil poured over his head, and who has the responsibility of wearing the special clothing, must not wear his hair loose, and he must not tear his clothes in grief. **11** He mustn't approach *any* dead body—not even his own parents—he mustn't make himself 'unclean'. **12** Even for a death, he mustn't leave his duties in the sanctuary, and he mustn't profane the sanctuary of his god, because he's been consecrated with the anointing oil. I am Yahweh. **13** He can only marry a virgin— **14** he mustn't take a widow or a divorced woman, or a defiled prostitute. He can only marry an unmarried, Israeli girl, **15** then he won't profane his offspring among his relatives, because I am Yahweh who sets him apart as 'holy'.

16 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),

17 Tell Aharon (Aaron) that none of his descendants who have a deformity should ever approach to present the food for his god. **18** Yes, no man who has a deformity must approach to offer a sacrifice, i.e., no one who's blind, lame, mutilated, or with a

21:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh say to the_priests the_
_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_you_will_say to_them to_living_creature
not he_will_make_himself_unclean among_kinspeople(s)_of_
_his. **2** If/because (if) for_relative_of_his (the)_near to_him/it
for_mother_of_his and_for_father_of_his and_for_son_of_his
and_for_daughter_of_his and_for_brother_of_his. **3** And_for_
_sister_of_his the_virgin (the)_near to_him/it who not she_has_
_belonged to_a_husband to/for_her/it he_will_make_himself_
_unclean. **4** Not a_husband among_kinspeople(s)_of_his he_
_will_make_himself_unclean he_to_profane_himself. **5** Not
they_will_make_bald[120] baldness on_head_of_their and_the_
_side_of their_beard_of_their not they_will_shave and_in_flesh_
_of_their not they_will_cut cut[s]. **6** holy they_will_be to_god_
_of_their and_not they_will_profane the_name_of their_god_of_
_their if/because ĐƠM the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** the_food_of
their_god_of_their they are_presenting and_they_will_be a_
_holy_thing. **7** A_woman a_prostitute and_a_woman_profaned
not they_will_take and_a_woman divorced from_husband_of_
_her not they_will_take if/because is_holy he to_god_of_his.
8 And_you_will_set_him_apart_as_holy if/because ĐƠM the_
_food_of your(pl)_god_of_your he is_presenting holy he_will_be
to_you if/because am_holy I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_you(pl)_
_apart_as_holy. **9** And_a_daughter_of a_man_of a_priest
if/because she_will_profane_herself by_acting_as_a_prostitute
ĐƠM father_of_her she is_profaning with_fire she_will_be_
_burnt. **10** And_the_priest (the)_great more_than_of_his_
_brothers whom it_was_poured on his/its_head the_oil_of
(the)_anointing and_he_has_filled ĐƠM his/its_hand to_wear
ĐƠM the_garments ĐƠM his/its_head not he_will_let_
_untie/release and_garments_of_his not he_will_tear. **11** And_to
any_of corpses_of dead_person[s] not he_will_go for_father_of_
_his and_for_mother_of_his not he_will_make_himself_unclean.
12 And_from the_sanctuary not he_will_go_out and_not he_
_will_profane ĐƠM the_sanctuary_of his/its_god if/because the_
_consecration_of the_oil_of (the)_anointing_of his/its_god
on/upon/above_him/it I am_**YHWH**. **13** And_he a_woman in_
_virginiti(es)_of_her he_will_take. **14** A_widow and_a_divorced_
_woman and_a_woman_profaned a_prostitute ĐƠM these not
he_will_take if/because (if) a_virgin from_kinspeople(s)_of_his
he_will_take a_wife. **15** And_not he_will_profane his/its_seed
among_kinspeople(s)_of_his if/because I am_**YHWH** who_sets_
_of_him_apart_as_holy. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh

119 RV 21:5 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:27-28; Deu 14:1.

120 LV 21:5 · Note OSHB variant note: הַחֹרְקִי: (x-qere) וְיַחְרְקִי': lemma_7139 morph_HVqi3mp id_03nEy

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to_saying. **17** Speak to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say a_man from_offspring_of_ _your to_generations_of_their whom it_will_be in_him/it a_ _blemish not he_will_draw_near to_present the_food_of his/its_ _god. **18** If/because any_of man whom in/on/over_him/it a_ _blemish not he_will_draw_near a_man blind or lame or having_a_slit_nose or having_something_enlarged. **19** Or a_man whom it_will_be in_him/it a_fracture_of a_foot or a_fracture_of a_hand. **20** Or a_man_hunchbacked or a_man_thin or a_defect in_eye_of_his or a_festering_rash or scab[s] or a_man_crushed_ _of testicle. **21** Any_of man whom in/on/over_him/it a_blemish from_the_offspring_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer not he_will_ _draw_near to_present ~~DOM~~ the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** a_ _blemish in/on/over_him/it ~~DOM~~ the_food_of his/its_god not he_will_draw_near to_present. **22** The_food_of his/its_god from_the_holy_things_of the_holy_things and_from the_holy_ _things he_will_eat. **23** Nevertheless to the_curtain not he_will_ _go and_near/to the_altar not he_will_draw_near if/because a_ _blemish in/on/over_him/it and_not he_will_profane ~~DOM~~ sanctuary_of_my if/because I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_them_ _apart_as_holy. **24** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to 'Ah$_a$ron and_ _near/to sons_of_his and_to all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

22:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to sons_of_his so_that_they_may_separate_ _themselves from_the_holy_things_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_will_profane ~~DOM~~ the_name_of my_holiness_of_my which they are_setting_apart_as_holy to_ _me I am_**YHWH**. **3** Say to_them to_generations_of_your(pl) every_of man who he_will_draw_near from_all offspring_of_ _your(pl) to the_holy_things which the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_set_apart_as_holy to/for_**YHWH** and_ _uncleanness_of_his on/upon/above_him/it and_ the_living_ _creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_before_face_of_me I am_**YHWH**. **4** A_man a_man of_the_offspring_of of_'Ah$_a$ron and_he is_having_a_serious_skin_disease or is_discharging in_ _things not he_will_eat until that he_will_be_pure and_the_ _one_who_touches in_all thing_unclean_of a_corpse or anyone whom it_will_go_out from_him/it a_laying_of seed. **5** Or anyone who he_will_touch in_all swarming_thing which it_is_unclean to_him/it or (in)_anyone who he_is_unclean to_him/it to_ _all/each/any/every uncleanness_of_his. **6** Anyone who it_will_ _touch in/on/over_him/it and_it_will_be_unclean until the_ _evening and_not he_will_eat any_of the_holy_things if/because (if) he_has_washed body_of_his with_water. **7** And_ the_sun _it_will_go and_he_will_be_clean and_after he_will_eat any_of the_holy_things if/because food_of_is_his it. **8** A_carcass and_a_torn_animal not he_will_eat to_become_unclean by_it I am_**YHWH**. **9** And_they_will_keep ~~DOM~~ duty_of_my and_not they_will_bear on/upon/above_him/it sin and_they_will_die in_him/it if/because they_will_profane_it I am_**YHWH** who_ _sets_of_them_apart_as_holy. **10** And_all stranger not he_will_ _eat a_holy_thing a_resident_alien_of a_priest and_a_hired_ _labourer not he_will_eat a_holy_thing. **11** And_a_priest if/because he_will_acquire a_person the_acquisition_of his_ _money_of_his he he_will_eat in/on/over_him/it and_(the)_ _one_born_of his_household_of_his they they_will_eat in_food_ _of_his. **12** And_a_daughter_of a_priest if/because she_will_

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swelling, **19** or with a broken foot or hand, **20** or a hunchback or dwarf, or with an eye defect, with a scab or rash, or anyone with a crushed testicle. **21** Any descendant of Aharon the priest with a blemish mustn't approach to preset a gift to Yahweh—no that person mustn't approach to present god's food. **22** However, they can eat those gifts for God, including the sacred and very sacred portions. **23** Despite that, they mustn't enter past the curtain or approach the altar if they have a defect on their body. They mustn't profane my sanctuary because I am Yahweh who sets them apart as 'holy'.

24 So Mosheh (Moses) told all that to Aharon and his sons, and all the Israelis.

Offerings to Yahweh become sacred

22:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **2** Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons that they must carefully honour the holy things offered by the Israeli people, and they mustn't profane my holy reputation. I am Yahweh. **3** Tell them that throughout the generations, any of your descendants who is 'unclean' and approaches things that have become holy because the people have consecrated them to Yahweh, that person will be cut off from me. I am Yahweh.

4 Any man who's a descendant of Aharon, if he has a skin disease or a discharge, he mustn't eat any of the sacred food until he's 'clean' again. The same applies if he's touched any 'unclean' corpse, anyone who's had a seminal emission, **5** anyone who's touched any swarming creature that makes him 'unclean' or touches another person who makes him 'unclean' (whatever that person's uncleanness is). **6** No, the man who's touched any of those will be 'unclean' until the evening and he mustn't eat any of the sacred food until he's washed his body with water. **7** When the sun sets, then he'll be 'clean' and will be able to eat any of those sacred offerings because that's his food. **8** But he must never eat an animal found dead or torn by wild animals and become 'unclean' in that way. I am Yahweh.

9 The priests must follow my instructions so they won't have to bear their own disobedience and die from it because they profaned them. I am Yahweh who makes them sacred.

10 However, no stranger may eat the sacred food, e.g., someone staying with the priest, or his hired servant. **11** If the priest had purchased the person with cash, then that person can eat it, plus anyone that was born into the priest's household. **12** A priest's daughter who is married by someone who's not a priest can no longer eat those sacred offerings. **13** However, in the future if she became a widow or was divorced without having had children,

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and if she has returned to her father's house like when she was young, then she can eat the same food as her father, but no stranger may eat it.

14 If someone accidentally eats something that's sacred, then they must pay back the full value plus 20% to the priest.

15 So in summary, the priests must not profane the sacred things contributed by the Israelis and which they've offered to Yahweh **16** or else they'll cause themselves to bear the guilt from their disobedience concerning eating sacred food, because I am Yahweh who has separated them to be sacred.

17 The Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

18 Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons, and all the Israelis that any Israeli or outsider residing in Yisrael (Israel), when they present their burnt offering to Yahweh, whether it's for a vow or for a freewill offering, **19** to be accepted it must be a male with no defects, whether it's a cow, or a sheep, or a goat. **20** Anything that has a defect must *not* be presented because it wouldn't be acceptable on your behalf.[121] **21** When someone presents a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or the flock, to be accepted it must flawless with no defects— **22** not blind or with broken bones, and not maimed or with an oozing sore or rash or scab. You all mustn't present anything like that to Yahweh, and must not even offering any part of them to Yahweh on the altar. **23** However, if a cow or a sheep has something enlarged or something stunted, it can be offered as a freewill offering, but it wouldn't be accepted for a vow, **24** and you all must never present to Yahweh any animal that's bruised or torn or cut.[122] You mustn't do that in your country.

25 You all mustn't present any of those animals raised by foreigners to your god because they've been ruined and are defective,[123] so they won't be accepted for you.

26 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

27 A newborn calf or lamb or goat must remain with its mother for seven days—it can be offered as a sacrifice to Yahweh from the eighth day onwards, **28** but you mustn't slaughter a cow or a sheep and its offspring on the same day. **29** When you offer a thanksgiving sacrifice to Yahweh, it must be acceptable as a sacrifice **30** and you can eat it that same day but no part of it should be left until the morning. I am Yahweh.

31 You all must record my instructions and follow them. I am Yahweh. **32** You mustn't profane the reputation of my holiness, and I will demonstrate my holiness among the Israeli people. I am Yahweh who separates you all to be sacred— **33** who brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to be your god. I am Yahweh.

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_belong to_a_man strange she in_the_contribution_of the_holy_ _things not she_will_eat. **13** And_a_daughter_of a_priest if/because she_will_be a_widow and_a_divorced_woman and_ _offspring there_belongs_not to/for_her/it and_she_will_ _return to the_house_of her_father_of_her like_youth(s)_of_her any_of_the_food_of her_father_of_her she_will_eat and_all stranger not he_will_eat in/on/over_him/it. **14** And_anyone if/because he_will_eat a_holy_thing by_inadvertence and_he_ _will_add its_of_fifth on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_gave to_priest ~~DOM~~ the_holy_thing. **15** And_not they_will_profane ~~DOM~~ the_holy_things_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~DOM~~ which they_will_lift_up to/for_**YHWH**. **16** And_they_will_cause_ _to_bear them iniquity_of guilt when_eat_they ~~DOM~~ things_of_ _their_holy if/because I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_them_apart_ _as_holy. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **18** Speak to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to sons_of_his and_near/to all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them a_ _person a_person of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_sojourner[s] in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_will_present present_of_his to/from_all/each/any/every vows_of_their and_ _to/for_all offerings_of_their_freewill which they_will_present to/for_**YHWH** to_a_burnt_offering. **19** For_acceptance_of_ _your(pl) will_be_unblemished a_male among_cattle among_ _rams and_among_goats. **20** All that in/on/over_him/it a_ _blemish not you(pl)_will_present if/because not for_ _acceptance it_will_be your(pl). **21** And_anyone if/because he_ _will_present a_sacrifice_of peace_offering(s) to/for_**YHWH** to_ _fulfill a_vow or to_a_freewill_offering in_herd or in_flock unblemished it_will_be for_acceptance any_of blemish not it_ _will_be in/on/over_him/it. **22** Blindness or a_fracture or a_ _mutilation or a_running_sore or a_festering_rash or scab[s] not you(pl)_will_present these to/for_**YHWH** and_a_fire_ _offering not you(pl)_must_give from_them on the_altar to/for_**YHWH**. **23** And_an_ox and_a_sheep having_something_ _enlarged and_having_something_stunted a_freewill_offering you_will_offer ~~DOM~~_him/it and_for_a_vow not it_will_be_ _accepted. **24** And_one_which_is_squeezed and_one_which_is_ _crushed and_one_which_is_torn and_one_which_is_cut not you(pl)_will_present to/for_**YHWH** and_in_land_of_your(pl) not you(pl)_will_do_it. **25** And_from_the_hand_of a_son_of foreignness not you(pl)_must_present ~~DOM~~ the_food_of your(pl)_god_of_your(pl) from_all these_animals if/because disfigurement_of_their (is)_in_them a_blemish is_in_them not they_will_be_accepted for_you(pl). **26** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **27** An_ox or a_young_ram or a_ _goat if/because it_will_be_born and_it_was seven_of days under his/its_mother and_from_the_day_of (the)_eighth and_ _onwards it_will_be_accepted to_a_present_of a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **28** And_an_ox or a_sheep ~~DOM~~_him/it and_~~DOM~~ his/its_son not you(pl)_must_cut_the_throat_of in/on_day one. **29** And_because/when you(pl)_will_sacrifice a_sacrifice_of thanksgiving to/for_**YHWH** for_acceptance_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_sacrifice_it. **30** In_the_day (the)_that it_will_be_

121 RV 22:20 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:1.

122 RV 22:24 · Note The Septuagint mentions 'testicles' here, which also correlates with 21:20.

123 RV 22:25 · Note Could this be related to the fact that they'd been neutered (as per v24 in the Septuagint)???

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_eaten not you(pl)_will_leave_over from_him/it until morning I am_**YHWH**. **31** And_you(pl)_will_keep commands_of_my and_ _you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~_them I am_**YHWH**. **32** And_not you(pl)_ _will_profane ~~DOM~~ the_name_of my_holiness_of_my and_I_will_ _show_myself_holy in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_you(pl)_apart_as_ _holy. **33** Who_brought_out you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_god I am_**YHWH**.

23:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them the_ _appointed_feasts_of **YHWH** which you(pl)_will_proclaim ~~DOM~~_ _them convocations_of holiness these they appointed_feasts_ _of_are_my.

3 Six_of days work it_will_be_done and_will_on_the_day the_ _seventh a_sabbath_of sabbath_observance a_convocation_of holiness any_of work not you(pl)_will_do will_be_a_sabbath it to/for_**YHWH** in_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling. **4** These are_the_appointed_feasts_of **YHWH** convocations_of holiness which you(pl)_will_proclaim ~~DOM~~_them at_their_appointed_of_ _time.

5 Will_in_the_month (the)_first on_day_four- teen of_month between the_evenings a_passover to/for_**YHWH**. **6** And_will_ _be_on_the_fif- teen day of_month the_this the_festival_of (the)_unleavened_bread(s) to/for_**YHWH** seven_of days unleavened_bread(s) you(pl)_will_eat. **7** In_the_day (the)_first a_convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do. **8** And_you(pl)_will_ _present a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** seven_of days in_the_ _day the_seventh a_convocation_of holiness any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do.

9 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **10** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them if/because you(pl)_will_go into the_earth/land which I am_ _about_to_give to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_harvest ~~DOM~~ harvest_of_its and_you(pl)_will_bring ~~DOM~~ (the)_sheaf_of (the)_ _first_fruit_of your_harvest_of_your(pl) to the_priest/officer. **11** And_he_will_wave ~~DOM~~ the_sheaf to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** for_acceptance_of_your(pl) from_the_next_ _day_of the_sabbath he_will_wave_it the_priest/officer. **12** And_ _you(pl)_will_offer in/on_day wave_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_sheaf a_ _male_lamb unblemished a_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_ _offering to/for_**YHWH**. **13** And_its_grain_of_offering will_be_ _two_of tenths fine_flour mixed with_oil a_fire_offering to/for_ _**YHWH** an_odour_of soothing and_its_drink_of_offering[128] will_be_wine (the)_fourth_of (the)_hin. **14** And_bread and_ _roasted_grain and_new_corn not you(pl)_will_eat until the_ _substance_of the_day the_this until bring_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_ _present_of your(pl)_god_of_your(pl) a_regulation_of

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23:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

The scheduled festivals

2 Tell the Israelis that they must proclaim Yahweh's scheduled festivals as sacred assemblies at the given times.

3 Work for six days, then the seventh is a rest day for a sacred assembly—don't work on that day—wherever you live it's a rest day to honour Yahweh.[124]

The rest day

4 The following are the scheduled festivals that you must proclaim at the appointed times as sacred assemblies:

5 The 14th of the first month (Nisan = March/April) each year at twilight is the start of the celebration to honour Yahweh with the 'passover'.[126]

Passover and flat bread festivals[125]

6 Then the next day (the 15th) is the start of the festival of flat bread to honour Yahweh—you all must eat bread made without any rising agent for seven days.[127] **7** On that first day you'll hold a sacred assembly—no regular work may be done that day. **8** For seven days you all must present offerings to Yahweh, then the seventh day is another sacred assembly—again no regular work may be done that day.

9 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

The firstfruits festival

10 Tell the Israelis that when you enter the land that I'm giving you all, and you harvest your grain crops, then you all must bring a sheaf of the first part of your harvest to a priest, **11** and he will wave the sheaf in front of Yahweh to be accepted for you. That must be done the day after the rest day. **12** That same day, you all must offer a year-old lamb with no defects to Yahweh as a burnt offering, **13** and the associated grain offering will be two kilograms of fine wheat flour mixed with olive oil. That will be a gift to Yahweh with a pleasing aroma, and the associated drink offering will be a litre of wine. **14** You all may not eat any bread, or roasted or fresh grain, on that day, until after you've taken the offering to your god. That is a rule that will continue throughout your generations no matter where you live.

124 **RV 23:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:8-10; 23:12; 31:15; 34:21; 35:2; Deu 5:12-14.

125 **RV 23:5 · Parallel** Num. 28:16-25

126 **RV 23:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-13; Deu 16:1-2.

127 **RV 23:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:14-20; 23:15; 34:18; Deu 16:3-8.

128 **LV 23:13 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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The fiftieth day festival[129]

15 Then count seven rest days from the day after you brought the bundle of grain as a wave offering—seven full weeks.[130] 16 Then that next day will make fifty days, and then you all must present a new grain offering to Yahweh. 17 From your homes, each family must bring two loaves of bread baked with a rising agent, as a firstfruits offering to Yahweh. 18 Along with the bread, you all must present seven year-old male lambs without defects, one young bull, and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to Yahweh, with their associated grain and drink offerings—a gift with a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. 19 You all must also offer a male goat as a sin offering and two one-year-old male lambs as a peace offering. 20 The priest must raise them along with the firstfruits bread as a wave offering in front of Yahweh, with the two lambs. They will become sacred to Yahweh, but for the priest to eat. 21 You all must proclaim a sacred assembly that same day—you mustn't do any regular work. That is a permanent rule that will continue throughout the generations no matter where you live.

22 When you all harvest your crops, don't cut the stalks to the very edge of your field and don't pick up stalks that drop on the ground—they must be left for the poor and for foreigners without land.[131] I am your god, Yahweh.

The new year festival[132]

23 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), 24 "Tell the Israelis that on the 1st of the seventh month (Tishrei = September/October) each year, you must have a public holiday with a loud trumpet blast announcing the sacred assembly. 25 You all must not do any regular work on that day, and you all must present a fire-offering to Yahweh."

The day of atonement[133]

26 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), 27 "The 10th of that seventh month is a day for making things right with Yahweh.[134] You all must hold a sacred assembly and humble yourselves and present a fire-offering to Yahweh. 28 You mustn't do any work on that particular day because it's the day for making yourselves right in front of your god Yahweh, 29 because anyone who doesn't humble themself on that day will be cut off from their people. 30 In addition, I will destroy anyone who works on that day—removing them

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perpetuity to_generations_of_your(pl) in_all_of places_of_ _your(pl)_dwelling.
15 And_you(pl)_will_count to/for_you(pl) from_the_next_day_ _of the_sabbath from_the_day_of brought_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_ _sheaf_of the_wave-offering seven sabbaths complete they_ _will_be. 16 Until from_the_next_day_of the_sabbath (the)_ _seventh you(pl)_will_count fifty day[s] and_you(pl)_will_ _present a_grain_offering new to/for_**YHWH**. 17 From_ _your(pl)_dwelling_of_places you(pl)_will_bring bread_of a_ _wave-offering two two_of tenths fine_flour they_will_be leaven they_will_be_baked first-fruits to/for_**YHWH**. 18 And_ _you(pl)_will_present with the_bread seven_of male_lambs unblemished sons_of a_year and_a_bull a_young_one_of the_ _herd one and_rams two they_will_be a_burnt_offering to/for_ _**YHWH** and_their_grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_ _offerings a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH**. 19 And_you(pl)_will_offer a_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering and_two_of male_lambs sons_of a_year to_a_ _sacrifice_of peace_offering(s). 20 And_ the_priest/officer _he_ _will_wave ~~DOM~~_them with the_bread_of the_first-fruits a_ _wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** with two_of male_lambs a_holy_thing they_will_be to/for_ _**YHWH** for_priest. 21 And_you(pl)_will_proclaim on_the_ _substance_of the_day the_this a_convocation_of holiness it_ _will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_ _will_do a_regulation_of perpetuity in_all places_of_your(pl)_ _dwelling to_generations_of_your(pl). 22 And_when_harvest_ _you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_harvest_of your_land_of_your(pl) not you_ _will_finish the_side_of your_field_of_your when_harvest_you and_the_remnant_of your_harvest_of_your not you_will_gather for_person and_for_sojourner you_will_leave ~~DOM~~_them I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl).
23 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 24 Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say in_month the_seventh on_ _day_one of_month it_will_be to/for_you(pl) a_sabbath_ _observance a_memorial_of a_sound_of_a_loud_blast a_ _convocation_of holiness. 25 Any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do and_you(pl)_will_present a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**.

26 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 27 Surely on_ten of_month the_seventh the_this is_the_day_of (the)_ _atonement(s) it a_convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_ _you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_afflict ~~DOM~~ selves_of_your(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_present a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. 28 And_all work not you(pl)_will_do on_the_substance_of the_day the_this if/because is_a_day_of atonement(s) it to_make_atonement on_ _yourselves to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). 29 If/because any_of the_living_creatures who not it_ _will_humble_itself on_the_substance_of the_day the_this and_

129 **RV 23:15 · Parallel** Num. 28:26-31
130 **RV 23:15-21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:16; 34:22; Deu 16:9-12.
131 **RV 23:22 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:9-10; Deu 24:19-22.
132 **RV 23:23 · Parallel** Num. 29:1-6
133 **RV 23:26 · Parallel** Num. 29:7-11
134 **RV 23:27 · Cross-ref.** Lev 16:29-34.

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_it_will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_its. **30** And_all the_
_living_creatures who it_will_do any_of work on_the_
_substance_of the_day the_this and_I_will_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_living_creatures the_that from_the_midst_of its_people_of_
_her. **31** Any_of work not you(pl)_will_do a_regulation_of
perpetuity to_generations_of_your(pl) in_all_of places_of_
_your(pl)_dwelling. **32** Is_a_sabbath_of sabbath_observance it
to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_afflict ᴅᴏᴍ selves_of_your(pl)
on_day_nine of_month in_evening from_evening until evening
you(pl)_will_cease sabbath_of_your(pl).
33 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **34** Speak to
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say is_on_the_fif- teen day of_
_month the_seventh the_this the_festival_of (the)_booths
seven_of days to_**YHWH**. **35** In_the_day (the)_first a_
_convocation_of holiness any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_
_will_do. **36** Seven_of days you(pl)_will_present a_fire_offering
to/for_**YHWH** in_the_day (the)_eighth a_convocation_of
holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_present a_
_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** is_an_assembly it any_of work_of
servitude not you(pl)_will_do. **37** These are_the_appointed_
_feasts_of **YHWH** which you(pl)_will_proclaim ᴅᴏᴍ_them
convocations_of holiness to_present a_fire_offering to/for_
_**YHWH** a_burnt_offering and_a_grain_offering a_sacrifice and_
_drink_offerings a_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **38** (From)_
_besides_of the_sabbaths_of **YHWH** and_(from)_besides_of
gifts_of_your(pl) and_(from)_besides_of all_of vows_of_your(pl)
and_(from)_besides_of all_of offerings_of_your(pl)_freewill
which you(pl)_will_give to/for_**YHWH**. **39** Surely on_the_fif-
teen day of_month the_seventh when_you_have_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ
the_produce_of the_earth/land you(pl)_will_celebrate_a_
_festival ᴅᴏᴍ the_festival_of **YHWH** seven_of days in_the_day
(the)_first a_sabbath_observance and_is_on_day (the)_eighth a_
_sabbath_observance. **40** And_you(pl)_will_take to/for_you(pl)
in_the_day (the)_first fruit_of tree[s]_of splendour branches_of
palm_trees and_branch[es]_of tree[s] leafy and_poplars_of a_
_wadi and_you(pl)_will_rejoice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) seven_of days. **41** And_
_you(pl)_will_celebrate_a_festival ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it a_festival to/for_
_**YHWH** seven_of days in_year a_regulation_of perpetuity to_
_generations_of_your(pl) in_month the_seventh you(pl)_will_
_celebrate_as_a_festival ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **42** In_booths you(pl)_will_
_dwell seven_of days every_of (the)_native-born in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_dwell in_booths. **43** So_that
generations_of_your(pl) they_may_know if/because_that in_
_booths I_caused_to_dwell ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
when_I_brought_out them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt)
I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **44** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke
ᴅᴏᴍ the_appointed_feasts_of **YHWH** to the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

24:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying.
2 Command ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_
_bring to_you oil_of olive[s] pure pressed for_light to_lift_up a_
_lamp continually. **3** From_the_outside of_the_curtain_of of_

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from their people. **31** You all must not do any work. That's a permanent rule that will continue throughout the generations no matter where you live— **32** it's a very strict rest day and you all must humble yourselves from the evening of the 9th until the next evening when it will finish.

The celebration in shelters[135]

33 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
34 Tell the Israelis that starting on the 15th of the seventh month (of Tishrei—around September/October), there will be a celebration in shelters to honour Yahweh.[136]
35 The first day will be a sacred assembly—you all mustn't do any regular work. **36** You all must present a gift to Yahweh each day for seven days, and then on the eighth day, there'll be another sacred assembly and you'll all present a gift to Yahweh. It'll be a day to assemble—you all mustn't do any regular work that day.
37 The above are the scheduled dates to proclaim sacred assemblies to present a gift to Yahweh: burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, on the appropriate days, **38** as well as Yahweh's rest days, and alongside all your regular gifts and vows and freewill offerings that you all give to Yahweh.
39 So indeed, on the 15th of the seventh month when you have harvested your crops, you'll all celebrate Yahweh's festival for seven days with the first and eighth days being rest days. **40** On that first day, you'll all bring the fruit from your trees, along with palm branches, leafy branches, and willow branches from beside the creeks, and you'll all happily celebrate in front of your god Yahweh for seven days. **41** Do that for seven days each year as a festival to honour Yahweh. you all must celebrate it in the seventh month. That's a permanent rule that will continue throughout the generations. **42** You all must live in shelters for seven days—all you native-born Israelis, **43** so that the future generations will know that I made their ancestors live in shelters when I brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). I am your god Yahweh.
44 So Mosheh (Moses) passed all those scheduled dates from Yahweh, on to the Israelis.

Oil for the lamps[137]

24:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
2 Order the Israelis to bring you pressed olive oil that's pure, to supply lamps to give continual light. **3** The high priest (Aharon

135 **RV 23:33 · Parallel** Num. 29:12-40
136 **RV 23:34 · Cross-ref.** Deu 16:13-15.
137 **RV 24:1 · Parallel** Exo. 27:20-21

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(Aaron)) must take care of them from evening until the morning to burn continually in front of Yahweh. That's a permanent requirement that will continue throughout the generations. **4** He will arrange the lamps continually on the lampstand in front of Yahweh.

The bread offered there to God

5 Each week you must take fine wheat flour and bake twelve loaves of bread, using two kilograms of flour for each loaf.[138] **6** Arrange the loaves into two rows of six loaves on the pure table in front of Yahweh, **7** and put pure frankincense with each row to be a memorial portion for the bread as a gift to Yahweh. **8** Every rest day it will be placed in front of Yahweh representing the ongoing agreement with the Israelis. **9** Afterwards, it will belong to Aharon (Aaron) and his sons, and they must eat it in a sacred area[139] because it's a very sacred part of the gifts for Yahweh. That's a permanent rule.

Execution for cursing Yahweh

10 Once there was an Israeli woman and an Mitsri (Egyptian) man who had a son who lived among the Israelis, and he got into a fight with an Israeli man. **11** Then that son of the Israeli woman slandered Yahweh's name and cursed, and so the people took him to Mosheh (Moses). (The mother was Shelomit, a daughter of Divri from the Dan tribe.) **12** They held him in custody while waiting for Yahweh's decision.

13 Then Yahweh told Mosheh:

14 Take that man who cursed outside the camp, and everyone who heard him must place their hands on his head, and then all the people must execute him by throwing rocks at him. **15** Then tell the people that anyone who curses God must bear the results of their own wickedness. **16** Anyone who slanders Yahweh's reputation must be executed. The gathered assembly must throw rocks at them. It makes no difference whether they're a foreigner staying there, or a native-born Israeli.

17 Anyone who murders another person, must definitely be executed.[140] **18** Anyone who kills someone else's animal, must make restitution with the same kind of animal.

19 Anyone who injures a fellow citizen, must have the same done to them— **20** fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth—however they injured the other person, that's what must be done to them.[141] **21** Anyone who kills someone else's animal must replace it, but anyone who kills another person must be executed. **22** There's only one set of regulations for both the foreigner and the native-born citizen[142] because I am your god Yahweh.

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_the_transcript in_the_tent_of meeting 'Ah$_a$ron he_will_
_arrange ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it from_evening until morning to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** continually a_regulation_of
perpetuity to_generations_of_your(pl). **4** On the_lampstand
(the)_pure he_will_arrange ᴅᴏᴍ the_lamps to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH** continually.
5 And_you_will_take fine_flour and_you_will_bake ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it
two_plus ten cakes two_of tenths it_will_be the_cake (the)_one.
6 And_you_will_place them two rows six the_row on the_table
(the)_pure to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **7** And_
_you_will_put on the_row frankincense pure and_it_will_belong
to_bread to_a_memorial_offering a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**.
8 In/on_day of_the_sabbath in/on_day of_the_sabbath he_will_
_arrange_it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**
continually from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_
_covenant_of perpetuity. **9** And_it_will_belong to_'Ah$_a$ron and_
_to_sons_of_his and_they_will_eat_it in_a_place holy if/because
is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it to_him/it from_the_fire_
_offerings_of **YHWH** a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity.
10 And_ a_son_of a_woman Israelite _he/it_went_out and_he
was_a_son_of a_man from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) in_
_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_struggled_
_together in_camp the_son_of the_Israelite_woman and_the_
_man_of the_Israelite[s]. **11** And_ the_son_of the_woman (the)_
_Israelite _he_slandered ᴅᴏᴍ the_name and_he_cursed and_
_people_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to Mosheh and_name_of his/its_
_mother was_Shəlomīt the_daughter_of Divrī of_the_tribe_of
of_Dān. **12** And_they_placed_him in_custody to_decide to/for_
_them on the_mouth_of **YHWH**. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to
Mosheh to_saying. **14** Bring_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_who_cursed to
from_the_outside of_camp and_ all_of those_who_heard _they_
_will_lean ᴅᴏᴍ hands_of_their on his/its_head and_ all_of the_
_congregation _they_will_stone ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **15** And_near/to
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_will_speak to_say a_person
a_person if/because he_will_curse his/its_god and_he_will_
_bear sin_of_his. **16** And_one_who_slanders the_name_of
YHWH surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death surely_(stone)
they_will_stone in_him/it all_of the_congregation as_sojourner
as_native-born when_slanders_he the_name he_will_be_put_to_
_death. **17** And_anyone if/because he_will_strike_down any_of
life_of humankind surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death.
18 And_one_who_strikes_down_of (of)_the_life_of an_animal
he_will_repay_it a_life in_place_of a_life. **19** And_anyone
if/because he_will_make a_blemish on_his_fellow_of_citizen
just_as he_has_done so it_will_be_done for_him/it. **20** A_
_fracture in_place_of a_fracture an_eye in_place_of an_eye a_
_tooth in_place_of a_tooth just_as he_will_make a_blemish on_
_person so it_will_be_made in/on/over_him/it. **21** And_one_
_who_strikes_down_of (of)_an_animal he_will_repay_it and_
_one_who_strikes_down_of (of)_a_person he_will_be_put_to_
_death. **22** Judgement_of (of)_one it_will_belong to/for_you(pl)

138 **RV 24:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:30.

139 **RV 24:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:4; Mrk 2:26; Luk 6:4.

140 **RV 24:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:12.

141 **RV 24:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:23-25; Deu 19:21; Mat 5:38.

142 **RV 24:22 · Cross-ref.** Num 15:16.

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as_sojourner as_native-born it_will_be if/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **23** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_brought_out ÐOM the_one_who_had_ _cursed to from_the_outside of_camp and_they_stoned ÐOM_ _him/it stone[s] and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_did just_ _as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh.

25:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh on_the_mountain_of Ṣīnay to_say. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_ _will_say to_them if/because you(pl)_will_go into the_ _earth/land which I am_about_to_give to/for_you(pl) and_ the_ _earth/land _it_will_cease a_sabbath to/for_**YHWH**. **3** Six years you_will_sow field_of_your and_six years you_will_prune vineyard_of_your and_you_will_gather ÐOM produce_of_its. **4** And_in_year (the)_seventh a_sabbath_of sabbath_observance it_will_belong to_land a_sabbath to/for_**YHWH** field_of_your not you_will_sow and_vineyard_of_your not you_will_prune. **5** ÐOM the_self-sown_grain_of your_harvest_of_your not you_ _will_harvest and_ÐOM the_grapes_of your(pl)_untrimmed_ _vine_of_your not you_will_gather_grapes a_year_of sabbath_ _observance it_will_belong to_land. **6** And_it_will_belong the_ _sabbath_of the_earth/land to/for_you(pl) for_food to/for_ _yourself(m) and_to_your_male_of_slave and_to_your_female_ _of_slave and_to_your_hired_of_labourer and_to_your_ _resident_of_alien[s] who_are_sojourning with_you. **7** And_to_ _livestock_of_your and_to_animal[s] which is_in_land_of_your it_will_be all_of produce_of_its to_eat.
8 And_you_will_count to/for_yourself(m) seven sabbaths_of years seven years seven times and_they_will_be to/for_ _yourself(m) the_days_of seven the_sabbaths_of (the)_years nine and_forty year[s]. **9** And_you_will_cause_to_pass_through a_ram's_horn_of the_sound_of_a_loud_blast in_month (the)_ _seventh on_ten of_month in/on_day of_(the)_atonement(s) you(pl)_will_cause_to_pass a_ram's_horn in_all land_of_ _your(pl). **10** And_you(pl)_will_set_apart_as_holy ÐOM the_year_ _of the_fifty year and_you(pl)_will_proclaim liberty on_the_ _earth to/from_all/each/any/every inhabitants_of_its a_jubilee it it_will_be to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_return each_one to possession_of_his each_one to clan_of_his you(pl)_will_return. **11** A_jubilee it the_year_of the_fifty year it_will_be to/for_ _you(pl) not you(pl)_will_sow and_not you(pl)_will_harvest ÐOM grain_of_its_self-sown and_not you(pl)_will_gather_grapes ÐOM vines_of_its_untrimmed. **12** If/because is_a_jubilee it a_holy_ _thing it_will_be to/for_you(pl) from the_field you(pl)_will_eat ÐOM produce_of_its. **13** In_year of_the_jubilee (the)_this you(pl)_will_return each_one to possession_of_his. **14** And_ _because/when you(pl)_will_sell a_thing_sold to_your_fellow_ _of_citizen or you_will_buy from_the_hand_of your_fellow_ _citizen_of_your do_not maltreat each ÐOM his/its_brother. **15** By_the_number_of years after the_jubilee you_will_buy from_with citizen_of_your_fellow by_the_number_of the_years_ _of produce(s) he_will_sell_it to/for_you(fs). **16** To_the_mouth_ _of the_abundance_of the_years you_will_increase price_of_its_ _purchase and_to_the_mouth_of the_years of_the_being_small

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23 Mosheh (Moses) passed all that onto the people, and they took the man who had cursed Yahweh outside the camp where they executed him with rocks. The Israelis did exactly what Yahweh had commanded them via Mosheh.

The rest year[143]

25:1 Then on Mt. Sinay, Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
2 Tell the Israelis that when you all enter the land that I'm giving you, the land must observe a rest year for Yahweh. **3** You can plant your crops, prune your grapevines, and harvest all its produce for six years, **4** but during the seventh year, you must allow the land to rest to honour Yahweh.[144] You mustn't plant any crops or prune any grapevines. **5** Don't systematically harvest the self-sown crops or the grapes from the untrimmed vines. It must be a rest year for the land. **6** However, during the rest year, the land will provide food for you and your servants, and for your hired workers and the foreigners who are living among you, **7** as well as your livestock and the wild animals across the land. Any produce from the land can be eaten.

The restoration celebration year

8 Count off seven rest years, so seven times seven which is forty-nine years, **9** then after that, sound loud horn blasts on the 10th of the seventh month to announce throughout the land that it's the day for making things right with Yahweh. **10** Then you all must declare that fiftieth year to be sacred. It'll be a restoration celebration year when you announce freedom for all the inhabitants of the country—everyone can be free to return to their families, and all families can be free to return to their originally inherited land. **11** That fiftieth year will be a restoration celebration year. You all mustn't plant crops and don't systematically harvest the self-sown crops or the grapes from the untrimmed vines, **12** because it's a restoration celebration year. You all must treat it as sacred and just eat what you take directly from the countryside.
13 In that restoration celebration year, you all should return to your inherited land. **14** In the other years when you buy or sell from your fellow citizens, you mustn't cheat them **15** because the value of the land will depend on the number of years after the restoration celebration year, i.e., you must take into account the number of years of produce— **16** if there's many years to go, the price will increase, and if the next rest year is close, the price will decrease because you're selling the number of crops. **17** So don't cheat eat other—you must respect and obey your god, because I am your god Yahweh.

143 **RV 25:1 · Parallel** Deu. 15:1-11

144 **RV 25:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:10-11.

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18 You all must follow all my instructions and maintain my values—keeping them so that you'll be able to live securely on the land. 19 The land will yield its crops and you'll all have plenty to eat, and you'll be able to live there securely.

20 But if you all wonder what you'll eat in that seventh year when you'll neither plant crops or do organised harvests, 21 well I'll send my blessing to you all in the sixth year, and it'll produce enough for three years 22 so you all can still eat that stored food while you plant crops in the eighth year to feed you all through the ninth year.

Returning property to the clan

23 The land can not be irrevocably sold, because it belongs to me and you all are foreigners and temporary residents on my land. 24 so for all the land that you take possession of, there must be a way to get back the family land. 25 For example, if an Israeli man becomes poor and sells off some of his inherited land, then a close relative must have the right to go and buy back that land. 26 Even if he didn't have a relative who could do that, and he prospers again in the future and is able to raise enough money, 27 then he can calculate the value of the years until the restoration celebration, and then for that amount he must be allowed to buy the land back from the person he'd sold it to. 28 However, if the original owner wasn't able to raise enough money, then that piece of land that was sold will remain under the control of the buyer until the restoration celebration year when it must be returned anyway.

29 If a house inside a walled city is sold, then the right to buy it back will last until one full year after the sale. 30 If it's not bought back by the original family within that year, then that house in the walled city will then belong permanently to the buyer—it won't be returned in the restoration celebration year. 31 On the contrary, village houses will be considered as part of the family land, so they'll be able to be bought back by the family, otherwise they'll be returned in the restoration celebration year.

32 The Levites' cities and houses will belong to them permanently—the Levites must *always* be able to buy them back, 33 but even if they don't buy them back, they must be returned in the restoration celebration year because the Levites' houses are their only possession among the Israelis. 34 In addition, they may not sell the pastureland around their cities because that's

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you_will_make_small price_of_its_purchase if/because the_ _number_of produce(s) he is_selling to/for_you(fs). 17 And_not you(pl)_will_maltreat anyone ~~DOM~~ citizen_of_his_fellow and_ _you_will_fear from_god_of_your if/because I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl). 18 And_you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my you(pl)_will_keep and_you(pl)_ _will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_you(pl)_will_dwell on the_earth/land to_security. 19 And_ the_earth/land _it_will_give fruit_of_its and_you(pl)_will_eat to_abundance and_you(pl)_will_dwell to_ _security on_it. 20 And_because/when you(pl)_will_say what will_we_eat[145][146] in_year (the)_seventh HERE not we_will_sow and_not we_will_gather ~~DOM~~ produce_of_our. 21 And_I_will_ _command ~~DOM~~ blessing_of_my to/for_you(pl) in_year (the)_ _sixth and_it_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_produce for_the_three the_ _years. 22 And_you(pl)_will_sow ~~DOM~~ the_year (the)_eighth and_you(pl)_will_eat from the_produce old_harvest until the_ _year (the)_ninth until produce_of_its comes you(pl)_will_eat old_harvest.

23 And_the_earth not it_will_be_sold to_perpetuity if/because to_me the_earth/land if/because are_sojourners and_resident_ _aliens you(pl) with_me. 24 And_in_all_of the_land_of your_ _possession_of_your(pl) the_right_of_redemption you(pl)_will_ _give for_land. 25 If/because your(ms)_brother/kindred he_ _will_become_impoverished and_he_will_sell some_of_his_ _possession and_ kinsman-redeemer_of_his (the)_near to_ _him/it _he_will_come and_he_will_redeem ~~DOM~~ the_thing_ _sold_of his/its_brother. 26 And_anyone if/because not he_will_ _belong for_him/it a_kinsman-redeemer and_ his/its_hand _it_ _will_reach and_he_will_find according_to_the_sufficiency_of its_redemption_of_his. 27 And_he_will_calculate ~~DOM~~ the_ _years_of its_sale_of_his and_he_will_repay ~~DOM~~ the_surplus to_ _person whom he_sold_it to_him/it and_he_will_return to_ _possession_of_his. 28 And_if not his/its_hand it_has_found sufficiency_of (of)_to_repay to_him/it and_ sold_of_his_thing _ _it_was in_the_hand_of the_one_who_bought ~~DOM~~_him/it until the_year_of the_jubilee and_it_will_go_out in_jubilee and_he_ _will_return to_possession_of_his. 29 And_anyone if/because he_will_sell a_house_of dwelling_of a_city a_wall and_it_will_be of_redemption_of_its_right until the_year_of its_sale_of_his is_ _finished days of_redemption_of_its_right it_will_be. 30 And_if not it_will_be_redeemed until is_completed to_him/it a_year complete and_it_will_stand the_house which is_in_city which wwww[147] a_wall to_perpetuity to_who_bought ~~DOM~~_him/it to_ _generations_of_his not it_will_go_out in_jubilee. 31 And_the_ _houses_of the_villages which there_belongs_not to/for_them a_wall round_about to the_field_of the_earth/land it_will_be_ _reckoned a_right_of_redemption it_will_belong for_him/it and_in_jubilee it_will_go_out. 32 And_the_cities_of the_Lēviyyiy the_houses_of the_cities_of their_possession_of_their a_right_ _of_redemption_of perpetuity it_will_belong to_Lēviyyiy. 33 And_which one_of the_Lēviyyiy he_will_redeem and_ the_ _sale_of the_house and_the_city_of his_possession_of_his _it_ _will_go_out in_jubilee if/because the_houses_of the_cities_of

145 **LV 25:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

146 **LV 25:20 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

147 **LV 25:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) יֹ֫/לֹ: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_03mN4 יֹ֫/לֹ

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the_Lēviyyiy it possession_of_is_their in_the_middle the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **34** And_the_field_of the_pasture_ _land_of their_cities_of_their not it_will_be_sold if/because is_ _a_possession_of perpetuity it to/for_them.

35 And_because/when your(ms)_brother/kindred he_will_ _become_impoverished and_ his/its_hand _it_will_slip with_ _you and_you_will_strengthen in/on/over_him/it a_sojourner and_a_resident_alien and_he/it_will_live with_you. **36** Do_not take from_with_him interest and_usury and_you_will_fear from_god_of_your and_ your(ms)_brother/kindred _he_will_ _live with_you. **37** ~~DOM~~ silver_of_your not you_will_give to_ _him/it for_interest and_for_increase not you_will_give food_ _of_your. **38** I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who I_brought_out you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_give to/for_ _you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_be to/for_ _you(pl) (into)_god.

39 And_because/when your(ms)_brother/kindred he_will_ _become_impoverished with_you and_he_will_sell_himself to/for_you(fs) not you_will_labour in/on/over_him/it the_ _labour_of a_slave. **40** Like_a_hired_labourer like_a_resident_ _alien he_will_be with_you until the_year_of the_jubilee he_ _will_serve with_you. **41** And_he_will_go_out from_with_you he and_sons_of_his with_him/it and_he_will_return to clan_of_his and_near/to the_possession_of his_ancestors_of_his he_will_ _return. **42** If/because servants_of_are_my they whom I_ _brought_out ~~DOM~~_them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim not they_ _will_be_sold a_sale_of a_slave. **43** Not you_will_rule in_him/it with_harshness and_you_will_fear from_god_of_your. **44** And_ _your_male_of_slave and_your_female_of_slave who they_will_ _belong to/for_you(fs) from_with the_nations which are_ _around_of_you(pl) from_them you(pl)_will_buy a_male_slave and_a_female_slave. **45** And_also from_(the)_sons of_the_ _resident_aliens who_sojourn with_you(pl) from_them you(pl)_ _will_buy and_from_clan_of_their which is_with_you(pl) which they_have_fathered in_land_of_your(pl) and_they_will_be to/for_you(pl) to_a_possession. **46** And_you(pl)_will_give_as_ _an_inheritance[151] ~~DOM~~_them to_sons_of_your(pl) after_you(pl) to_inherit a_possession to_vanishing_point (is)_in_them you(pl)_will_labour and_over_brothers_of_your(pl) the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) each over_brother_of_his not you_will_rule in_him/it with_harshness. **47** And_because/when the_hand_of a_sojourner and_a_resident_alien with_you it_will_reach and_ your(ms)_brother/kindred with_him/it _he_will_become_ _impoverished and_he_will_sell_himself to_a_sojourner a_ _resident_alien with_you or to_a_member_of the_clan_of a_ _sojourner. **48** After he_has_sold_himself a_right_of_ _redemption it_will_belong for_him/it one of_brothers_of_his he_will_redeem_him. **49** Or uncle_of_his or the_son_of his_ _uncle_of_his he_will_redeem_him or any_of_the_relative[s]_of his_flesh_of_his from_clan_of_his he_will_redeem_him or

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their permanent possession.

Assisting the poor

35 If a fellow citizen becomes poor and is unable to survive beside you, then you must support that person and allow him to live with you like a foreigner might.[148] **36** You mustn't charge that person any interest or make a profit from him, but you must respect and obey your god, and your fellow citizen can continue to live with you. **37** If you loan him money, don't charge interest or make a profit from his food.[149] **38** I am your god Yahweh who brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to give you the Kena'an (Canaan) region and to be your god.

Treatment of slaves

39 If a fellow citizen becomes poor and selling himself to you, don't force him to work like a slave[150]— **40** treat him like a hired worker or a temporary resident. He can work with you until the restoration celebration year **41** when he must be released along with his children, and he can return to his family, and to his clan's land, **42** because they are my slaves that I brought out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) so they mustn't be sold again as slaves. **43** Don't rule harshly over them but rather, respect and obey your god. **44** If you want to have male or female slaves, they you can buy them from the surrounding countries, **45** or else from the children or clans of the foreigners who are living among you—you all can own them **46** and then pass them on to your children to own as their inheritance. You all can make them work indefinitely for you, but you mustn't harshly oppress your fellow Israelis.

47 If a foreigner living among you becomes wealthy, yet your fellow citizen becomes poor and sells himself to that resident foreigner or to a member of their clan, **48** then there's always the right of redemption even after he's sold himself, so one of his brothers can buy him back, **49** or his uncle or cousin or another relative from the clan can pay to free him. In fact, he might even be able to buy his own way out. **50** He must work out with his master how many years from when he sold himself, until the restoration celebration year, and figure out the price according to the wages of a hired worker for that many years. **51** If there's still a lot of years to go, he'd need to repay most of what he sold himself for, **52** but if it's only a few years to go, the price for his freedom would be proportionally smaller. **53** While he works for the foreign master, he must be treated like an annual hired worker. You others must ensure that he's not treated harshly.

148 **RV 25:35 · Cross-ref.** Deu 15:7-8.

149 **RV 25:37 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:25; Deu 23:19-20.

150 **RV 25:39-46 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:2-6; Deu 15:12-18.

151 **LV 25:46 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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54 Then even if he's not bought out, he and his children must be released in the restoration celebration year 55 because the Israelis are my slaves—my slaves because I brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). I am your god Yahweh.

Obedience will lead to prosperity[152]

26:1 You all mustn't make worthless idols[153] or carved images for yourselves, or set up sacred pillars. In your country, you must never bow down to an engraved stone image,[154] because I am your god Yahweh. 2 You all must observe my rest days and honour my sanctuary. I am Yahweh.

3 If you'll all follow my instructions and remember my rules and obey them, 4 then I'll give you all rain in the proper season, and the land will produce crops and the trees in the countryside will produce fruit. 5 The grain threshing will continue until the grape harvest, and the grape harvesting will continue until it's time to plant new crops, and so you'll all have plenty of food and you'll live securely there on your land.

6 Then I'll give peace in your country so that you'll all sleep without being afraid. I'll remove the wild animals from your area and there'll be no raids or wars in your region. 7 You'll all be able to chase away your enemies and destroy them— 8 five of you will chase away a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase away ten thousand, and you'll be able to defeat your enemies.

9 I'll give you all my attention and bless you with many children, and I'll maintain my agreement with you all. 10 You'll all still be eating the previous year's grain when the new harvest starts, and you'll have to move out that left-over grain to make room for the new. 11 Then I'll put my residence among you all and won't reject you, 12 and I'll walk among you and be your god, and you'll all be my people. 13 I am your god Yahweh who brought you all out from being slaves in Mitsrayim (Egypt), and I broke the chains off you so that you all could walk with heads

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his/its_hand it_has_reached and_he_will_redeem_himself. 50 And_he_will_calculate with the_one_of_who_bought_him from_the_year_of he_sold_himself to_him/it until the_year_of the_jubilee and_it_was the_silver_of his_sale_of_his by_the_ _number_of years according_to_the_days_of a_hired_labourer he_will_be with_him/it. 51 If still many in_years to_mouth_of_ _their he_will_repay redemption_of_his some_of_the_silver_of his_purchase_of_his. 52 And_if few it_remains in_years until the_year_of the_jubilee and_he_will_calculate to_him/it according_to_the_mouth_of his_years_of_his he_will_repay ~~DOM~~ redemption_of_his. 53 Like_a_hired_labourer_of a_year in_a_ _year he_will_be with_him/it not he_will_rule_over_him with_ _harshness to_eyes_of_your. 54 And_if not he_will_be_redeemed in_these_ways and_he_will_go_out in_year of_the_jubilee he and_sons_of_his with_him/it. 55 If/because to_me the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_servants servants_of_are_my they whom I_brought_out them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl).

26:1 Not you(pl)_must_make to/for_you(pl) worthless_idols and_an_idol and_a_sacred_pillar not you(pl)_must_set_up to/for_you(pl) and_stone_of a_carved_image not you(pl)_must_ _make in_land_of_your(pl) to_bow_down on/upon_it(f) if/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). 2 ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my you(pl)_will_keep and_sanctuary_of_my you(pl)_will_fear I am_ _**YHWH**. 3 If in_regulations_of_my you(pl)_will_walk and_~~DOM~~ commands_of_my you(pl)_will_keep and_you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~_ _them. 4 And_I_will_give rains_of_your(pl) at_time_of_their and_ the_earth/land _it_will_give produce_of_its and_tree the_ _field it_will_give fruit_of_its. 5 And_it_will_reach to/for_ _you(pl) threshing ~~DOM~~ grape_harvest and_grape_harvest it_ _will_reach ~~DOM~~ seed and_you(pl)_will_eat bread_of_your(pl) to_abundance and_you(pl)_will_dwell to_security in_land_of_ _your(pl). 6 And_I_will_give peace on_the_earth and_you(pl)_ _will_lie_down and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies and_I_ _will_cause_to_cease animal[s] wild from the_earth/land and_ _a_sword not it_will_pass in_land_of_your(pl). 7 And_you(pl)_ _will_pursue ~~DOM~~ enemies_of_your(pl) and_they_will_fall before_you(pl) to_sword[155] 8 and_they_will_pursue[156] of_ _you(pl) five one_hundred and_one_hundred of_you(pl) ten_ _thousand they_will_pursue and_ enemies_of_your(pl) _they_ _will_fall before_you(pl) to_sword. 9 And_I_will_turn to_you(pl) and_I_will_make_fruitful you(pl) and_I_will_multiply you(pl) and_I_will_establish ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my with_you(pl). 10 And_ _you(pl)_will_eat old_harvest growing_old and_old_harvest from_face/in_front_of the_new_harvest you(pl)_will_bring_out. 11 And_I_will_put place_of_my_dwelling among_you(pl) and_ _not self_of_my it_will_abhor you(pl). 12 And_I_will_walk_about among_you(pl) and_I_will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_god and_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_become to_me (into)_a_people. 13 I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who I_brought_out you(pl) from_the_

152 **RV 26:1 · Parallel** Deu. 7:12-24; 28:1-14

153 **RV 26:1 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:4.

154 **RV 26:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:4; Deu 5:8; 16:21-22; 27:1.

155 **LV 26:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

156 **LV 26:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_being to/for_them slaves and_I_broke the_bars_of your_yoke_of_your(pl) and_I_made_ _walk you(pl) upright.

14 And_if not you(pl)_will_listen to_me and_not you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~ all_of the_commands the_these. **15** And_if (in)_regulations_ _of_my you(pl)_will_reject and_if ~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my self_ _of_your(pl) it_will_abhor to_not to_do ~~DOM~~ all_of commands_ _of_my you_to_break ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my. **16** Also I I_will_do this to/for_you(pl) and_I_will_appoint on_you(pl) sudden_ _terror ~~DOM~~ (the)_consumption and_~~DOM~~ (the)_fever which_ _cause_to_fail the_eyes and_which_make_pine_away the_life and_you(pl)_will_sow to_emptiness seed_of_your(pl) and_they_ _will_eat_it enemies_of_your(pl). **17** And_I_will_set face_of_my on_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before enemies_of_your(pl) and_they_will_rule over_ _you(pl) those_of_who_hate_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_flee and_ _there_will_not_be one_who_pursues you(pl). **18** And_if up_to these_things not you(pl)_will_listen to_me and_I_will_repeat to_discipline you(pl) sevenfold on sins_of_your(pl). **19** And_I_ _will_break ~~DOM~~ the_pride_of your_strength_of_your(pl) and_I_ _will_make ~~DOM~~ heavens_of_your(pl) like_iron and_~~DOM~~ land_ _of_your(pl) like_bronze. **20** And_it_will_be_consumed to_ _emptiness strength_of_your(pl) and_not land_of_your(pl) it_ _will_give ~~DOM~~ produce_of_its and_tree the_earth/land not it_ _will_give fruit_of_its. **21** And_if you(pl)_will_walk with_me contrariness and_not you(pl)_will_be_willing to_listen to_me and_I_will_add to_you(pl) a_plague sevenfold according_to_of_ _your(pl)_sins. **22** And_I_will_send among_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_ _animal[s]_of the_field and_it_will_make_childless you(pl) and_ _it_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~ livestock_of_your(pl) and_it_will_diminish you(pl) and_ roads_of_your(pl) _they_will_be_desolate. **23** And_ _if by_these_things not you_will_let_yourselves_be_ _disciplined(pl) to_me and_you(pl)_will_walk with_me contrariness. **24** And_ also I _I_will_walk with_you(pl) in_ _contrariness and_ also I _I_will_strike you(pl) sevenfold on sins_of_your(pl). **25** And_I_will_bring on_you(pl) a_sword which_will_avenge vengeance_of a_covenant and_you(pl)_will_ _gather to cities_of_your(pl) and_I_will_send a_pestilence among_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be_given in_the_hand_of an_ _enemy. **26** When_break_I to/for_you(pl) staff_of bread and_ ten women _they_will_bake bread_of_your(pl) in_an_oven one and_ _they_will_bring_back bread_of_your(pl) by_weight and_ _you(pl)_will_eat and_not you(pl)_will_be_satisfied. **27** And_if in_this not you(pl)_will_listen to_me and_you(pl)_will_walk with_me in_contrariness. **28** And_I_will_walk with_you(pl) in_ _anger_of contrariness and_ also I _I_will_discipline you(pl) sevenfold on sins_of_your(pl).[159] **29** And_you(pl)_will_eat the_ _flesh_of your(pl)_sons_of_your(pl) and_the_flesh_of your(pl)_ _daughters_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_eat. **30** And_I_will_destroy ~~DOM~~ places_of_your(pl)_high and_I_will_cut_down ~~DOM~~ altars_ _of_your(pl)_incense and_I_will_put ~~DOM~~ corpses_of_your(pl) on

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erect.

Punishments for disobedience[157]

14 However, if you all won't listen to me and won't follow all those instructions,[158] **15** and if you all reject my regulations and my values to the point of hating my commands, thus breaking my agreement, **16** then this is what I'll do to you all: I'll send sudden terror to you all, and wasting diseases and sicknesses. You'll all be wasting your time sowing seeds because your enemies will eat the harvest. **17** I'll take action against you, and you'll be defeated by your enemies. You'll be ruled over by those who hate you, and you'll all run away frightened even when no one's chasing you.

18 If you all still won't listen to me after that, then I'll continue on to discipline you seven times over for your disobedience. **19** Then I'll smash your strong pride, and I'll make the sky like iron with no rain and your land hard like bronze. **20** Your energy spent working your land will be just wasted as your land won't produce its crops, and the trees won't produce any fruit.

21 Then if you're all still being contrary and unwilling to listen to me, then I'll send seven times more deadly diseases according to your disobedience. **22** Then I'll send in the wild animals to make you childless and to cut back your livestock, thus diminishing your numbers and leaving your roads desolate.

23 Then after that if you all still won't accept my discipline and continue to oppose me, **24** then I myself will oppose you all and punish you all seven times over for your disobedience. **25** I'll send armies against you all to avenge the breaking of our agreement. You'll be shut into your cities where I'll send diseases in for you all, and allow your enemies to defeat you. **26** When I limit your food supplies, ten women will bake bread in one oven and it will be rationed by weight—you'll all eat but never be satisfied.

27 In spite of all that, if you all still won't listen to me, and continue to oppose me, **28** then I'll be in a hostile rage against you all and I'll discipline you seven times more for your disobedience **29** and you'll start eating your own sons and daughters. **30** I'll destroy your hilltop shrines and cut down you incense altars, then I'll pile your corpses on top of your idols' corpses, and I myself will detest you all. **31** I'll make your cities into heaps of rubble and I'll devastate your sanctuaries and no longer smell the pleasing aromas of your sacrifices.

32 I'll devastate the region, and your enemies who live in it will be appalled. **33** Then I'll scatter you all among other nations and then armies will come in after you and your land will become desolate and your cities will become rubble, **34** and the land will enjoy all its rest times while it's desolate and you're all in your

157 **RV 26:14 · Parallel** Deu. 28:15-68

158 **RV 26:14-33 · Cross-ref.** Deu 28:15-68.

159 **LV 26:28 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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enemies' countries. The land will stop producing and enjoy its times of resting. **35** It will rest all through its desolation since it didn't get its rest times when you lived on it.

36 Then those of you who are left in your enemies' countries, I'll make you paranoid there—even the sound of a blowing leaf will make them run away as if someone's chasing them with a sword, and they'll fall down even when no one's chasing them. **37** They'll stumble over each other as if being attacked, but there won't be anyone chasing them, and then you all won't have the energy to stand up against your enemies. **38** You'll die in various countries and your enemies will consume you. **39** Those of you who are left will rot away amongst the wickedness in your enemies' countries and because of the wickedness of their ancestors.

40 However, if they confess their wickedness and their ancestors' wickedness, that they've disobeyed and neglected me, and been hostile towards me, **41** (and that I became hostile toward them and took their into their enemies' countries,) and humble their undisciplined hearts and admit their disobedience, **42** then I'll remember my agreements with Ya'akov (Jacob) and with Yitshak (Isaac) and with Avraham, and I'll remember this land. **43** The land here will have been deserted by them and will have enjoyed its times of rest, and they'll accept their wickedness because they rejected my values and they really detested my regulations. **44** Despite that, I won't reject them in their enemies' countries, and I won't detest them enough to completely destroy them and to break my agreement with them, because I am their god Yahweh. **45** I'll remember the earlier agreement with their ancestors that I brought out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) while all the nations watched me be their god. I am Yahweh.

46 The above are the instructions and values and rules that Yahweh instilled between him and the Israelis through Mosheh (Moses) there at Mt. Sinay.

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the_corpses_of your(pl)_idols_of_your(pl) and_ self_of_my _it_ _will_abhor you(pl). **31** And_I_will_make ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ cities_of_your(pl) a_waste_place and_I_will_devastate ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ sanctuaries_of_ _your(pl) and_not I_will_smell (in)_the_odour_of your_ _soothing_of_your(pl). **32** And_ I _I_will_devastate ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _earth/land and_they_will_be_appalled on/upon_it(f) enemies_ _of_your(pl) who_dwell in_it. **33** And_you(pl) I_will_scatter among_nations and_I_will_draw after_you(pl) a_sword and_it_ _will_be land_of_your(pl) a_desolation and_cities_of_your(pl) they_will_be a_waste_place. **34** Then the_earth/land it_will_ _accept ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ sabbaths_of_its all_of the_days_of its_being_made_ _desolate and_you(pl) in_land your(pl)_enemies_of_your(pl) then the_earth/land it_will_cease and_it_will_accept ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ sabbaths_of_its. **35** All_of the_days_of its_being_made_desolate it_will_cease ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ which not it_ceased in_sabbaths_of_your(pl) when_dwelt_you(pl) on_it. **36** And_those_who_remain among_ _you(pl) and_I_will_bring despair in_heart_of_their in_the_ _land_of their_enemies_of_their and_ the_sound_of a_leaf driven_about _it_will_pursue ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_them and_they_will_flee a_ _flight_of a_sword and_they_will_fall and_there_will_not_be one_who_pursues. **37** And_they_will_stumble each over_ _brother_of_his as_from_before_of a_sword and_one_who_ _pursues there_will_not_be and_not it_will_belong to/for_ _you(pl) power_to_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_your(pl). **38** And_you(pl)_will_perish among_ _nations and_ the_land_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your(pl) _it_ _will_consume you(pl). **39** And_those_who_remain among_ _you(pl) they_will_rot_away in_iniquity_of_their in_the_land_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your(pl) and_also in_the_iniquities_of their_ancestors_of_their with_them they_will_rot_away. **40** And_they_will_confess ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ iniquity_of_their and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _iniquity_of their_ancestors_of_their by_unfaithfulness_of_ _their which they_acted_unfaithfully against_me and_also which/who they_walked with_me in_contrariness. **41** Also I I_ _will_walk with_them in_contrariness and_I_will_bring ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_ _them in_land their_enemies_of_their or then heart_of_their (the)_uncircumcised it_will_humble_itself and_then they_will_ _accept ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ iniquity_of_their. **42** And_I_will_remember ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ covenant_of_my of_Ya'ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) and_also ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ covenant_of_ _my of_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_also ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ covenant_of_my of_ _'Aѵrāhām I_will_remember and_the_earth I_will_remember. **43** And_the_earth it_will_be_abandoned from_them and_it_will_ _accept ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ sabbaths_of_its when_it_is_made_desolate from_ _them and_they they_will_accept ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ iniquity_of_their because and_by_cause (in)_judgements_of_my they_rejected and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ regulations_of_my self_of_their it_abhorred. **44** And_ _also also this on_their_being in_land their_enemies_of_their not I_will_reject_them and_not I_will_abhor_them to_make_an_ _end_of_them to_break covenant_of_my with_them if/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_their. **45** And_I_will_remember to/for_them the_covenant_of the_forefathers whom I_brought_out ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_ _them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_the_eyes_of the_ _nations to_become to/for_them (into)_god I am_**YHWH**. **46** These are_the_regulations and_the_judgements and_the_ _legal_procedures which **YHWH** he_gave between_himself and_ _between the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_the_mountain_of Ṣīnay by_the_hand_of Mosheh.

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27:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them anyone if/because he_will_make_hard a_vow by_valuation_of_ _your persons to/for_**YHWH**. **3** And_ valuation_of_your _it_was of_the_male from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_unto a_son_of sixty year[s] and_it_was valuation_of_your fifty shekel[s] silver by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place. **4** And_if is_female she and_ valuation_of_your _it_was thirty shekel[s]. **5** And_if from_a_ _son_of five years and_unto a_son_of twenty year[s] and_it_was valuation_of_your of_the_male twenty shekels and_of_female ten_of shekels. **6** And_if from_a_son_of a_month and_unto a_ _son_of five years and_ valuation_of_your _it_was of_the_male five shekels silver and_of_female valuation_of_your three_of shekels silver. **7** And_if from_a_son_of sixty year[s] and_ _upward_upwards if male and_it_was valuation_of_your fifteen shekel[s] and_of_female ten shekels. **8** And_if he is_too_ _impoverished for_valuation_of_your and_he_will_station_him to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_priest/officer and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_evaluate ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it on the_ _mouth_of that_which the_hand_of the_one_who_vows it_will_ _reach he_will_evaluate_him the_priest/officer. **9** And_if an_ _animal which people_will_present from_her/it a_present to/for_**YHWH** all that someone_will_give from_him/it to/for_ _**YHWH** it_will_be a_holy_thing. **10** Not he_will_substitute_it and_not he_will_exchange ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it good for_bad or bad for_ _good and_if actually_(exchange) he_will_exchange an_animal for_an_animal and_it_was it and_substitute_of_its it_will_be a_ _holy_thing. **11** And_if any_of animal unclean which not people_will_present from_her/it a_present to/for_**YHWH** and_ _he_will_station ᴅᴏᴍ the_cattle/livestock to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_priest/officer. **12** And_ the_priest/officer _ _he_will_evaluate ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it between good and_between bad according_to_of_your_valuation the_priest/officer so it_will_ _be. **13** And_if indeed_(redeem) he_will_redeem_it and_he_will_ _add its_of_fifth to valuation_of_your. **14** And_anyone if/because he_will_set_apart_as_holy ᴅᴏᴍ house_of_his a_holy_ _thing to/for_**YHWH** and_he_will_evaluate_it the_ _priest/officer between good and_between bad just_as the_ _priest/officer he_will_evaluate ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it so it_will_stand. **15** And_if the_one_who_sets_apart_as_holy he_will_redeem ᴅᴏᴍ house_of_his and_he_will_add the_fifth_part_of the_silver_of your_valuation_of_your on/upon/above_him/it and_it_was to_ _him/it. **16** And_if some_of_the_field_of his_possession_of_his anyone he_will_set_apart_as_holy to/for_**YHWH** and_it_was valuation_of_your to_the_mouth_of his/its_seed seed_of a_ _homer_of barley(s) for_fifty shekel[s]_of silver. **17** If from_the_ _year_of the_jubilee he_will_set_apart_as_holy field_of_his according_to_of_your_valuation it_will_stand. **18** And_if after the_jubilee he_will_set_apart_as_holy field_of_his and_he_will_ _calculate to_him/it the_priest/officer ᴅᴏᴍ the_money on the_ _mouth_of the_years which_remain until the_year_of the_ _jubilee and_it_will_be_deducted from_valuation_of_your. **19** And_if indeed_(redeem) the_one_who_set_apart_as_holy ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it he_will_redeem ᴅᴏᴍ the_field and_he_will_add the_ _fifth_part_of the_silver_of your_valuation_of_your on/upon/above_him/it and_it_will_stand to_him/it. **20** And_if not he_will_redeem ᴅᴏᴍ the_field and_if he_has_sold ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _field to_a_man another not it_will_be_redeemed again.

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27:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

Valuations of vows to Yahweh

2 Tell the Israelis that when someone makes a special vow to offer someone to Yahweh, **3** a man between twenty and sixty will be valued at fifty silver coins (according to the sanctuary standard weights) **4** and a woman at thirty coins. **5** If it's someone between five and twenty, then it's twenty silver coins for a male and ten for a female. **6** Between one month old and five years, it's five silver coins for a male and three for a female. **7** For sixty years old and older, it's fifteen silver coins for a male and ten for a female.

8 If the maker of the vow can't afford the valuation, then that person must stand in front of the priest and give an account, and then the priest can set a value that they can afford.

9 If it's an animal that they're promising as a gift for Yahweh, then that animal becomes sacred— **10** it can't be exchanged for a different one (either better or worse), but if it does get substituted, then both animals will become sacred. **11** Any 'unclean' animal cannot be presented to Yahweh, so if that's what was promised, the person must take the animal to the priest, **12** and a priest must give a fair valuation according to the quality of the animal—the priest's decision will be final. **13** However, if it's later bought back, then an extra twenty percent must be added to that valuation.

14 If someone dedicates their house as sacred to Yahweh, a priest must value it according to its quality—the priest's decision will be final. **15** However, if that person decides to buy back their house, then an extra twenty percent must be added to the valuation and then it can be theirs again.

16 If someone dedicates part of their farmland as sacred to Yahweh, then it will be valued according to how much seed would be sown in it—fifty silver coins for each 130kg of barley seed required. **17** That would be its value if it was dedicated during the restoration celebration year, **18** but in the years following, the priest must calculate the field's value depending on how many years remain before the next rest year. **19** However, if that person decides to buy back their land, then an extra twenty percent must be added to the valuation and then it can be theirs again. **20** If the person doesn't buy back the field but sells it to someone else, then it can't be bought back again. **21** Then when the field is released at the next rest year, it will be sacred to Yahweh and the priests will take ownership.

22 If someone dedicates to Yahweh some land that they've bought (i.e., it's not part of their clan inheritance), **23** then a priest must calculate the valuation until the next restoration celebration year, and it must be paid that same day —becoming sacred to Yahweh. **24** In that rest year, the land will return to the original owner who has it as part of their clan inheritance.

25 All valuations will be calculated using the standard weights from the sanctuary—the silver coin must weigh twelve grams.

26 Every firstborn domestic animal (including cows and sheep) automatically belongs to Yahweh, and no person can claim to 'dedicate' it. **27** However, if it's an 'unclean' animal then it must

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be bought back by paying its valuation plus an additional twenty percent, but if it's not bought back, then it must be sold at its valuation price.

28 If someone dedicates something to Yahweh that they own (e.g., a man or an animal, or a field), they can't then sell it or buy it straight back—everything that's dedicated like that becomes sacred to Yahweh.[160]

29 Any person who's dedicated for destruction cannot be bought back—they must be executed.

30 A tenth of all the harvests from the crops and fruit from the trees, belongs to Yahweh. It's sacred to Yahweh.[161] **31** If someone really wanted to buy back their tenth of their produce, an additional twenty percent must be added to the valuation. **32** Every tenth animal of the mustered domestic cattle and sheep and goats, is sacred to Yahweh. **33** The herder mustn't pick out good or bad ones, or make substitutions. (If a substitution was made, both animals then become sacred and must not be bought back.)

34 The above are the instructions and rules that Yahweh gave Mosheh (Moses) at Mt. Sinay for the Israelis.

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21 And_it_was the_field in_his/its_coming_out in_jubilee a_ _holy_thing to/for_**YHWH** like_(the)_field_of (the)_total_ _destruction to_priest it_will_belong possession_of_his. **22** And_ _if ~~DOM~~ (the)_field_of his_purchase_of_his which not is_from_ _the_field_of his_possession_of_his he_will_set_apart_as_holy to/for_**YHWH**. **23** And_he_will_calculate to_him/it the_ _priest/officer ~~DOM~~ the_amount_of (the)_valuation_of_your until the_year_of the_jubilee and_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ (the)_ _valuation_of_your in_the_day (the)_that a_holy_thing to/for_ _**YHWH**. **24** In_year of_the_jubilee the_field it_will_return to_ _the_one_whom he_bought_it from_with_him to_the_one_ _whom to_him/it the_possession_of the_earth/land. **25** And_all valuation_of_your it_will_be by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place twenty gerah[s] it_will_be the_shekel. **26** Nevertheless a_ _firstborn which it_will_be_belong_as_a_firstling to/for_**YHWH** among_livestock not anyone he_will_set_apart_as_holy ~~DOM~~_ _him/it whether an_ox or a_sheep to/for_**YHWH** it. **27** And_if among_livestock (the)_unclean and_he_will_redeem_it by_ _valuation_of_your and_he_will_add its_of_fifth on/upon/above_him/it and_if not it_will_be_redeemed and_it_ _will_be_sold by_valuation_of_your. **28** Nevertheless every_of devoted_thing which anyone he_will_dedicate_to_destruction to/for_**YHWH** from_all that to_him/it from_humankind and_ _livestock and_from_the_field_of his_possession_of_his not it_ _will_be_sold and_not it_will_be_redeemed every_of devoted_ _thing is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it to/for_**YHWH**. **29** Every_of dedicated_person who he_will_be_dedicated_to_ _destruction from the_humankind not he_will_be_redeemed surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **30** And_all the_tithe_of the_earth/land of_the_seed_of the_earth/land from_the_fruit the_tree to/for_**YHWH** it it_is_a_holy_thing to/for_**YHWH**. **31** And_if indeed_(redeem) anyone he_will_redeem any_of_his_ _tithe its_of_fifth let_him_add on/upon/above_him/it. **32** And_ _all the_tithe_of the_herd and_the_flock all that it_will_pass_by under the_rod the_tenth it_will_be a_holy_thing to/for_**YHWH**. **33** Not he_will_seek between good and_bad and_not he_will_ _exchange_it and_if actually_(exchange) he_will_exchange_it and_it_was it and_substitute_of_its it_will_be a_holy_thing not it_will_be_redeemed. **34** These are_the_commands which **YHWH** he_commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_the_mountain_of Ṣīnay.

160 RV 27:28 · Cross-ref. Num 18:14.

161 RV 27:30-33 · Cross-ref. Num 18:21; Deu 14:22-29.

Census

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Numbers

Introduction

The English word 'Numbers' relates to the census of Israeli fighting men so we have chosen to rename it as *'Census'*. (Actually, there are *two* censuses described in this document, but the plural form of the word feels less comfortable to pronounce.) Hebrew readers call this document 'Bemidbar' which is the fourth word in the Hebrew text, and means 'In the wilderness'. Some European and other translations call it 'The fourth book of Mosheh' (Moses).
This document tells about the descendants of Yisrael (called 'Israel' in older translations) for the forty years after their departure from Mt. Sinay, until they arrived at the eastern edge of the land that God has promised to give them. This document is named after the census that Yahweh ordered Mosheh to take before the Israelis had left Mt. Sinay.
Then the Israelis purified themselves and celebrated their second 'pass-over' festival after some forty years had passed.
Also at that time, the second census of fighting men was taken, i.e., a generation later at Kadesh-Barnea at Kena'an's southern boundary. But from Kadesh-Barnea, none of them entered the land that Yahweh had promised to give them.
When they were still camped east of the Yarden (Jordan) River, two and a half tribes requested to be given territory on that side of the river, although they sent their fighting men ahead with the other tribes to help them conquer Kena'an.
This 'Census' document also records how people were often scared and discouraged as they faced hardship, causing them to sometimes rebel against Yahweh and his chosen servant Mosheh who led them. However, Yahweh's (mostly) patient endurance of their behaviour is told here, and his faithfulness throughout their generations. It reveals Mosheh as an obedient yet humble leader who was devoted both to Yahweh and to the people he had responsibility for.

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The first census of the Israelis by Mosheh

1:1 In April of the year after the Israeli people escaped from Mitsrayim (Egypt), Yahweh spoke to Mosheh (Moses) in the Sinay wilderness in the sacred tent, saying, **2** "Count all the men who are Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants by their clans and families,[1] being sure to list all their names. **3** Only include those who are twenty or older and able to be recruited as soldiers. You and Aharon (Aaron) must enrol them into military divisions. **4** The leader of each tribe will accompany you.

5 These are the names of the men who will assist you:
Elitsur (Shedeyur's son) from Re'uven,
6 Shelumiel (Tsurishadai's son) from Shim'on (Simeon),
7 Nahshon (Aminadav's son) from Yehudah (Judah),
8 Netanel (Tsuar's son) from Yisakar (Issachar),
9 Eliav (Helon's son) from Zevulun,
10 Elishama (Amihud's son) from Yosef's (Joseph's) son Efrayim (Ephraim),
Gamliel (Pedahtsur's son) from Yosef's son Menasheh (Manasseh),
11 Avidan (Gid'oni's son) from Benyamin,
12 Ahiezer (Amishaday's son) from Dan,
13 Pagiel (Okran's son) from Asher,
14 Elyasaf (Re'uel's son) from Gad,
15 Ahira (Eynan's son) from Naftali (Naphtali). **16** They were the leaders of their tribes—chosen out of their communities, and leaders of units of one thousand soldiers.

17 Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) took those men whose names had been given **18** and they assembled the entire community that April. For each tribe, they recorded their ancestry by clan, counting the names of those men who were twenty or over, **19** just as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh. So he counted them there in the Sinay wilderness, **20-21** individually counting those in each tribe below by their clan, and only including males who were twenty or older and able to fight in battle:

46,500 men from the tribe of Re'uven,
22-23 59,300 men from the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon),
24-25 45,650 men from the tribe of Gad,
26-27 74,600 men from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah),
28-29 54,400 men from the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar),
30-31 57,400 men from the tribe of Zevulun,
32-33 40,500 men from the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim),
34-35 32,200 men from the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh),
36-37 35,400 men from the tribe of Benyamin,
38-39 62,700 men from the tribe of Dan,
40-41 41,500 men from the tribe of Asher,
42-43 53,400 men from the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali).

44 Those were the ones that Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) and the twelve Israeli leaders (one from each tribe) listed. **45** They were all the Israelis who were counted according

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1:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh in_the_wilderness_of Şīnay in_the_tent_of meeting on_day_one of_month the_ _second in_year the_second(fs) of_their_going_out from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_say. **2** Lift_up ~~DOM~~ the_head_of all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_ _their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_ _number_of names of_every_of male to_heads_of_their. **3** From_ _a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_ _who_goes_forth warfare in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl)_will_enrol ~~DOM~~_them to_their_military_of_groups you and_'Ah$_a$ron. **4** And_ _with_you(pl) they_will_be a_man a_man to_tribe a_man is_ _head of_the_house_of his_fathers_of_his he. **5** And_these are_ _the_names_of the_men who they_will_stand with_you(pl) for_ _Rə'ūvēn 'Elītsūr the_son_of Shədēy'ūr. **6** For_Shim'ōn Shəlumī'ēl the_son_of Tsūrī-shadday/(Zurishadday). **7** For_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Naḥshōn the_son_of 'Amminādāv. **8** For_ _Yissāskār/(Issachar) Nətan'ēl the_son_of Tsū'ār/(Zuar). **9** For_ _Zəvūlūn 'Elī'āv the_son_of Ḥēlon. **10** For_the_sons_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) for_'Efrayim 'Elīshā'ma the_son_of 'Ammihūd for_Mənashsheh Gamlī'ēl the_son_of Pədāhtsūr. **11** For_ _Binyāmīn Abidan the_son_of Gid'ōni. **12** For_Dān 'Aḥī'ezer the_ _son_of 'Ammiyshadday. **13** For_'Āshēr Pag'ī'ēl the_son_of 'Okrān. **14** For_Gād 'Elyāṣāf the_son_of Də'ū'ēl. **15** For_Naftālī 'Aḥīra' the_son_of 'Ēynān. **16** These were_those_who_were_ _called_of[2] of_the_congregation the_leaders_of the_tribes_of their_ancestors_of_their were_the_heads_of the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they. **17** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_men the_these who they_had_been_designated by_ _names. **18** And_~~DOM~~ all_of the_congregation they_summoned on_day_one of_month the_second and_they_recorded_their_ _ancestry on clans_of_their to_the_house_of their_ancestors_ _of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards to_heads_of_their. **19** Just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh and_he_enrolled_ _them in_the_wilderness_of Şīnay. **20** And_ the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn the_firstborn_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_ _the_number_of names to_heads_of_their every_of male from_ _a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_ _who_goes_forth_of warfare _they_were. **21** Their_enrolled_of_ _men of_the_tribe_of of_Rə'ūvēn were_six and_forty thousand and_five hundred(s). **22** Of_the_descendants_of Shim'ōn genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their its_enrolled_of_men by_the_number_of names to_heads_of_their every_of male from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **23** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_of of_Shim'ōn were_nine and_fifty thousand and_three hundred(s). **24** Of_the_ _descendants_of Gād genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_ _the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **25** Their_enrolled_of_ _men of_the_tribe_of of_Gād were_five and_forty thousand and_six hundred(s) and_fifty. **26** Of_the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_

1 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 26:1-51.

2 **LV 1:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: יֵרֵק: (x-qere) יֵרָקְנ: lemma_7121 morph_HVqsmpc id_04GK3 יֵרָקְנ

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_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **27** Their_enrolled_of_men of_ _the_tribe_of of_Yəhūdāh were_four and_seventy thousand and_six hundred(s). **28** Of_the_descendants_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_ _the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **29** Their_enrolled_of_ _men of_the_tribe_of of_Yissāskār were_four and_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s). **30** Of_the_descendants_of Zəvūlūn genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_ _of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_ _goes_forth_of warfare. **31** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_ _of of_Zəvūlūn were_seven and_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s). **32** Of_the_descendants_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) of_the_ _descendants_of of_'Efrayim genealogies_of_their to_their_ _clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_ _number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_ _upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **33** Their_ _enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_of of_'Efrayim were_forty thousand and_five hundred(s). **34** Of_the_descendants_of Mənashsheh genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_ _of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_ _son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_ _who_goes_forth_of warfare. **35** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_ _tribe_of of_Mənashsheh were_two and_thirty thousand and_ _two_hundred. **36** Of_the_descendants_of Binyāmīn genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_ _forth_of warfare. **37** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_of of_ _Binyāmīn were_five and_thirty thousand and_four hundred(s). **38** Of_the_descendants_of Dān genealogies_of_their to_their_ _clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_ _number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_ _upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **39** Their_ _enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_of of_Dān were_two and_sixty thousand and_seven hundred(s). **40** Of_the_descendants_of 'Āshēr genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_ _of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_ _goes_forth_of warfare. **41** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_ _of of_'Āshēr were_one and_forty thousand and_five hundred(s). **42** The_descendants_of Naftālī genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_ _the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_ _upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **43** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_of of_Naftālī were_three and_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s). **44** These were_the_ _enrolled_men whom Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron and_the_leaders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) two_plus ten man he_enrolled a_man one for_ _the_house_of his_ancestors_of_his they_were. **45** And_ all_of the_enrolled_men_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_the_ _house_of their_ancestors_of_their from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth warfare in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_were. **46** And_ all_of the_

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to their ancestry, being men who were twenty or older, and capable of going off to battle— **46** 603,550 of them in total. **47** However, the Levites weren't listed along with the other tribes **48** because Yahweh had told Mosheh, **49** "Don't list the Levites or count them with the other Israelis. **50** Instead, appoint them to manage the tent where the copy of the agreement is kept, along with all its equipment. They must serve inside it as required, and they should set their tents up around it. **51** When it's time to leave that place, the Levites must take the tent down and when camp is set up, they must erect it again, but any stranger who approaches it must be executed. **52** When the other Israelis set up camp, each man must set up with his army division by their banner, **53** but the Levites will camp there around the sacred tent and look after it. That way, the Israeli community won't make Yahweh angry. **54** So the Israelis did everything that Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

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Camp layout by tribe

2:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron):
2 "The Israelis must camp with each family joining their tribe, which will be displaying its banner. They must camp around the sacred tent but at a distance.
3 On the eastern side facing the sunrise will be Yehudah's (Judah's) banner and their army divisions, led by Aminadav's son Nahshon **4** with 74,600 in his division. **5** The tribe of Yisakar (Issachar) will set up next to them, led by Tsuar's son Netanel, **6** with 54,400 in his division. **7** Then the tribe of Zevulun, led by Helon's son Eliav, **8** with 57,400 in his division. **9** The total number in the divisions in the Yehudah camp is 186,400, and when travelling, they'll all go at the front.
10 On the southern side of the sacred tent will be Re'uven's banner, led by Shedeyur's son Elitsur **11** with 46,500 in his division. **12** The tribe of Shim'on (Simeon) will set up next to them, led by Tsurishadai's son Shelumiel **13** with 59,300 in his division. **14** Then the tribe of Gad, led by Re'uel's son Elyasaf. **15** with 45,650 in his division. **16** The total number in the divisions in the Re'uven camp is 151,450, and when travelling, they'll all go second.
17 Then the Levites will go next with their own banners in the order that they were camped, carrying the sacred tent.
18 On the western side of the sacred tent will be Efrayim's (Ephraim's) banner, led by Amihud's son Elishama **19** with 40,500 in his division. **20** The tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh) will set up next to them, led by Pedahtsur's son Gamliel **21** with 32,200 in his division. **22** Then the tribe of Benyamin led by Gid'oni's son Avidan **23** with 35,400 in his division. **24** The total number in the

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_enrolled_men _they_were six hundred(s) thousand and_three_ _of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s) and_fifty. **47** And_the_ _Lēviyyiy to_the_tribe_of their_ancestors_of_their not they_ _were_enrolled among_them. **48** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **49** Only ÐOM the_tribe_of Lēvī not you_will_ _enrol and_ÐOM head_of_their not you_will_lift_up in_the_ _middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **50** And_you(ms) appoint ÐOM the_Lēviyyiy over the_tabernacle_of the_transcript and_ _over all_of_articles_of_its and_over all_of that to_him/it they they_will_carry ÐOM the_tabernacle and_ÐOM all_of articles_of_ _its and_they they_will_serve_it and_around (to)_tabernacle they_will_encamp. **51** And_when_ the_tabernacle _sets_out the_ _Lēviyyiy they_will_take_down ÐOM_him/it and_when_ the_ _tabernacle _encamps the_Lēviyyiy they_will_raise_up ÐOM_ _him/it and_the_stranger (the)_approaching he_will_be_put_ _to_death. **52** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_ _encamp everyone at camp_of_his and_everyone at standard_ _of_his to_their_military_of_groups. **53** And_the_Lēviyyiy they_ _will_encamp around (to)_the_tabernacle_of the_transcript and_not severe_anger it_will_be towards the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_will_ _keep ÐOM the_duty_of the_tabernacle_of the_transcript. **54** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_did according_to_ _all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh so they_did.

2:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **2** Everyone at standard_of_his with_the_signs of_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ _will_encamp from_before around (to)_the_tent_of meeting they_will_encamp. **3** And_those_who_encamp eastward_on eastward_toward will_be_the_standard_of the_camp_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_their_military_of_groups and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Yəhūdāh was_Naḥshōn the_son_of ʻAmminādāv. **4** And_his_military_of_group and_their_enrolled_ _of_men were_four and_seventy thousand and_six hundred(s). **5** And_those_who_encamp on/upon/above_him/it will_be_the_ _tribe_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) and_the_leader of_the_ _descendants_of of_Yissāskār was_Nətan'ēl the_son_of Tsūʻār/(Zuar). **6** And_his_military_of_group and_his_enrolled_ _of_men were_four and_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s). **7** The_tribe_of Zəvūlūn and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Zəvūlūn was_'Elī'āv the_son_of Ḥēlon. **8** And_his_military_ _of_group and_his_enrolled_of_men were_seven and_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s). **9** All_of the_enrolled_men of_ _the_camp_of of_Yəhūdāh were_one_hundred_of thousand and_eighty thousand and_six_of thousand(s) and_four hundred(s) to_their_military_of_groups first they_will_set_out. **10** The_standard_of the_camp_of Rə'ūvēn be_southward_will to_their_military_of_groups and_the_leader of_the_ _descendants_of of_Rə'ūvēn was_'Elītsūr the_son_of Shədēy'ūr. **11** And_his_military_of_group and_his_enrolled_of_men were_ _six and_forty thousand and_five hundred(s). **12** And_those_ _who_encamp on/upon/above_him/it will_be_the_tribe_of Shimʻōn and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Shimʻōn was_Shəlumī'ēl the_son_of Tsūrī-/(Zuri-) shadday. **13** And_his_ _military_of_group and_their_enrolled_of_men were_nine and_ _fifty thousand and_three hundred(s). **14** And_the_tribe_of Gād and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Gād was_'Elyāṣāf the_

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_son_of Rə´ūʾēl. **15** And_his_military_of_group and_their_
_enrolled_of_men were_five and_forty thousand and_six
hundred(s) and_fifty. **16** All_of the_enrolled_men of_the_camp_
_of of_Rə'ūvēn were_one_hundred_of thousand and_one and_
_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s) and_fifty to_their_
_military_of_groups and_second they_will_set_out. **17** And_
the_tent_of meeting _it_will_set_out the_camp_of the_Lēviyyiy
in_the_middle of_the_camps just_as they_will_encamp so they_
_will_set_out each on his/its_hand to_standards_of_their.
18 The_standard_of the_camp_of 'Efrayim to_their_military_of_
_groups be_westward_will and_the_leader of_the_descendants_
_of of_'Efrayim was_'Elīshā´ma the_son_of ´Ammihūd. **19** And_
_his_military_of_group and_their_enrolled_of_men were_forty
thousand and_five hundred(s). **20** And_will_be_on_him the_
_tribe_of Mənashsheh and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of
of_Mənashsheh was_Gamlīʾēl the_son_of Pədāhtsūr. **21** And_his_
_military_of_group and_their_enrolled_of_men were_two and_
_thirty thousand and_two_hundred. **22** And_the_tribe_of
Binyāmīn and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of Binyāmīn
was_Abidan the_son_of Gid´ōni. **23** And_his_military_of_group
and_their_enrolled_of_men were_five and_thirty thousand
and_four hundred(s). **24** All_of the_enrolled_men of_the_camp_
_of of_'Efrayim were_one_hundred_of thousand and_eight_of
thousand(s) and_one_hundred to_their_military_of_groups
and_third they_will_set_out. **25** The_standard_of the_camp_of
Dān be_northward_will to_their_military_of_groups and_the_
_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Dān was_'Aḥī´ezer the_son_of
´Ammiyshadday. **26** And_his_military_of_group and_their_
_enrolled_of_men were_two and_sixty thousand and_seven
hundred(s). **27** And_those_who_encamp on/upon/above_him/it
will_be_the_tribe_of 'Āshēr and_the_leader of_the_
_descendants_of of_'Āshēr was_Pag´īʾēl the_son_of ´Okrān.
28 And_his_military_of_group and_their_enrolled_of_men
were_one and_forty thousand and_five hundred(s). **29** And_the_
_tribe_of Naftālī and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_
Naftālī was'Aḥīra´ the_son_of ´Ēynān. **30** And_his_military_of_
_group and_their_enrolled_of_men were_three and_fifty
thousand and_four hundred(s). **31** All_of the_enrolled_men of_
_the_camp_of of_Dān were_one_hundred_of thousand and_
_seven and_fifty thousand and_six hundred(s) to_last they_
_will_set_out to_standards_of_their. **32** These were_the_men_
_enrolled_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_the_house_of
their_ancestors_of_their all_of the_enrolled_men_of the_camps
to_their_military_of_groups were_six hundred(s) thousand
and_three_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s) and_fifty.
33 And_the_Lēviyyiy not they_were_enrolled in_the_middle
the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) just_as **YHWH** he_had_
commanded ~~ĐØM~~ Mosheh. **34** And the_people_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_made according_to_all that **YHWH** he_
_had_commanded ~~ĐØM~~ Mosheh so they_camped to_standards_
_of_their and_thus/so/as_follows they_set_out everyone to_
_clans_of_his on the_house_of his_ancestors_of_his.

3:1 And_these are_the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_Mosheh
in/on_day **YHWH** when_he_spoke with Mosheh on_the_
_mountain_of Ṣīnay. **2** And_these are_the_names_of the_sons_of
'Ah$_a$ron the_firstborn Nādāv and_'Avīhū' 'El´āzār and_'Ītāmār.

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divisions in the Efrayim camp is 108,100, and when travelling, they'll all go third.

25 On the northern side of the sacred tent will be Dan's banner, led by Amishaday's son Ahiezer **26** with 62,700 in his division. **27** The tribe of Asher will set up next to them, led by Okran's son Pagiel **28** with 41,500 in his division. **29** Then the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali) led by Eynan's son Ahira **30** with 53,400 in his division. **31** The total number in the divisions in the Dan camp is 157,600, and when travelling, they'll all go last with their banners.

32 Those are the listed Israelis by their ancestral tribes with a total of 603,500 fighting men. **33** However, following Yahweh's instructions, the Levites weren't listed among them.

34 So the Israelis did everything that Yahweh commanded Mosheh (Moses). They camped under their banners, and travelled grouped in their tribes and clans.

Aharon's sons

3:1 The following are the descendants of Aharon (Aaron) and Mosheh (Moses) as on the day when Yahweh spoke with Mosheh on Mt. Sinay: **2** Aharon's sons were: Na-

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dav (the oldest), Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar.[3] 3 They were all anointed as priests and served in that role, 4 except that Nadav and Avihu died in front of Yahweh when they offered unacceptable fire to him in the Sinay wilderness,[4] and so they had no sons. So Eleazar and Itamar served as priests alongside their father Aharon.

The Levites as ransom for their sons

5 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), 6 "Summon the Levites to come and stand in front of Aharon (Aaron) the priest, so they can assist him. 7 They must perform duties for him and for the entire community at and around the sacred tent, 8 including looking after all of its equipment and fulfilling the obligations of the Israelis. 9 You must assign the Levites to Aharon—out of all the Israelis it's them who are assigned to serve the priests. 10 Appoint Aharon and his sons as priests and to preserve the priesthood. Any other person who tries to act as a priest must be executed."

11 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, 12 "Out of all the Israelis, I've taken the Levites instead of the oldest son from every family. The Levites will be the ransom for those sons, and so they belong to me, 13 because every firstborn male person and animal is set aside as belonging to me ever since I killed those firstborn males in Mitsrayim (Egypt). I am Yahweh."

The census of the Levites

14 Then in the Sinay wilderness, Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), 15 "List all the male Levites that are at least one month old. Count them by their families and clans." 16 So Mosheh listed them exactly as Yahweh had commanded him to, 17 and these were Levi's sons: Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari. 18 Gereshon's sons were: Livni and Shimei. 19 Kohat's sons were: Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel. 20 Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi.
Those were the families of the Levites by their clans.

21 Gereshon's descendants were the Livnim and the Shim'im, so they made up the Gershonim. 22 They had 7,500 males that were at least a month old. 23 The Gershoni clans were to camp on the western side of the sacred tent, 24 and their leader was La'el's son Elyasaf. 25 Gereshon's descendants were responsible for the sacred tent, including its covering and the entrance curtain, 26 the courtyard curtains, and the courtyard entrance curtain, that surrounded it. Also the ropes used to hold them.

27 Kohat's descendants were the Amramim, the Yitshari, the Hevronim, and the Uzielim, so they made up the Kohatites.

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3 These are_the_names_of the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priests (the)_anointed whom he_filled hand_of_their to_serve_as_ _priests. 4 And_ Nādāv and_'Avīhū' _he/it_died to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** when_they_brought_near fire strange to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_the_ _wilderness_of Ṣīnay and_sons not they_belonged to/for_them and_ 'El'āzār and_'Ītāmār _he_served_as_priest on the_face_of 'Ah$_a$ron father_of_their.

5 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 6 Bring_near ~~ĐOM~~ the_tribe_of Lēvī and_you_will_make_stand ~~ĐOM~~_him/it to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer and_they_will_serve ~~ĐOM~~_him/it. 7 And_they_will_keep ~~ĐOM~~ duty_of_his and_~~ĐOM~~ the_duty_of all_of the_congregation to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tent_of meeting by_ _serving ~~ĐOM~~ the_service_of the_tabernacle. 8 And_they_will_ _keep ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_articles_of the_tent_of meeting and_~~ĐOM~~ the_duty_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_serving ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _service_of the_tabernacle. 9 And_you(ms)_will_give ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _Lēviyyiy to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his are_assigned assigned they to_him/it from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 10 And_~~ĐOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron and_~~ĐOM~~ sons_of_his you_will_appoint and_they_will_keep ~~ĐOM~~ priesthood_of_their and_the_stranger (the)_approaching he_will_be_put_to_death. 11 And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 12 And_I HERE I_have_taken ~~ĐOM~~ the_Lēviyyiy from_among_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_place_of every_of firstborn the_firstborn_of a_womb from_ _(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_be to_me the_ _Lēviyyiy. 13 If/because to_me every_of firstborn in/on_day I_ _struck_down every_of firstborn in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_set_apart to_me every_of firstborn in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_ _humankind unto livestock to_me they_will_belong I am_ _**YHWH**.

14 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh in_the_wilderness_of Ṣīnay to_say. 15 Enroll ~~ĐOM~~ the_descendants_of Lēvī to_the_ _house_of their_ancestors_of_their to_their_clans every_of male from_a_son_of a_month and_upward_upwards you_will_ _enrol_them. 16 And_ Mosheh _he_enrolled ~~ĐOM~~_them on the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** just_as he_had_been_commanded. 17 And_ the_sons_of Lēvī _they_were these by_names_of_their Gērəshōn and_Qəhāt and_Mərārī. 18 And_these were_the_names_of the_ _sons_of Gērəshōn to_their_clans Livnī and_Shim'ī. 19 And_the_ _sons of_Qəhāt to_their_clans were_'Amrām and_ _Yitshār/(Izhar) Ḥevrōn and_'Uzziy'ēl. 20 And_the_sons of_ _Mərārī to_their_clans were_Maḥlī and_Mūshiy these they were_the_clans_of the_Lēviyyiy to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their. 21 Belonged_to_Gērəshōn the_clan_of the_ _Livnīte[s] and_the_clan_of the_Shim'īte[s] these they were_ _the_clans_of the_Gērəshōnite[s]. 22 Their_enrolled_of_men by_ _the_number_of every_of male from_a_son_of a_month and_ _upward_upwards their_enrolled_of_men were_seven_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s). 23 The_clans_of the_ _Gērəshōnite[s] behind the_tabernacle they_will_encamp westward_on. 24 And_the_leader_of the_house_of a_father of_ _Gērəshōnite[s] was_'Elyāṣāf the_son_of Lā'ēl. 25 And_the_duty_

3 **RV 3:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 26:60.

4 **RV 3:4 · Cross-ref.** Lev 10:1-2; Num 26:61.

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_of the_descendants_of Gērəshōn in_the_tent_of meeting was_
_the_tabernacle and_the_tent covering_of_its and_the_screen_
_of the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **26** And_the_curtains_
_of the_courtyard and_ðoм the_screen_of the_entrance_of the_
_courtyard which is_at the_tabernacle and_at the_altar all_
_around and_ðoм tent-cords_of_its to_all/each/any/every
service_of_its. **27** And_belonged_to_Qəhāt the_clan_of the_
_ʹAmrāmite[s] and_the_clan_of the_Izharite[s] and_the_clan_of
the_Ḫevrōnite[s] and_the_clan_of the_ʹUzziyʾēlite[s] these they
were_the_clans_of the_Qəhātite[s]. **28** By_the_number_of every_
_of male from_a_son_of a_month and_upward_upwards were_
_eight_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s) the_keepers_of the_
_duty_of the_holy_place. **29** The_clans_of the_descendants_of
Qəhāt they_will_encamp at the_side_of the_tabernacle
southward_to. **30** And_the_leader_of the_house_of a_father of_
_the_clans_of of_the_Qəhātite[s] was_ʾElītsāfān[5] the_son_of
ʹUzziyʾēl. **31** And_duty_of_their was_the_box and_the_table and_
_the_lampstand and_the_altars and_the_equipment(s)_of the_
_holy_place which they_will_serve (is)_in_them and_the_screen
and_all/each/any/every service_of_its. **32** And_the_leader_of
the_leaders_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] was_ʾElʹāzār the_son_of ʾAhₐron
the_priest/officer the_oversight_of the_keepers_of the_duty_of
the_holy_place. **33** Belonged_to_Mərārī the_clan_of the_
_Maḥlīte[s] and_the_clan_of the_Mūshiyte[s] these they were_
_the_clans_of the_Mərārīte[s]. **34** And_their_enrolled_of_men
by_the_number_of every_of male from_a_son_of a_month and_
_upward_upwards were_six_of thousand(s) and_two_hundred.
35 And_the_leader_of the_house_of a_father of_the_clans_of of_
_the_Mərārīte[s] was_Tsūrīʾēl/(Zuriel) the_son_of ʾAvīhayil at
the_side_of the_tabernacle they_will_encamp northward_to.
36 And_the_office_of the_duty_of the_descendants_of Mərārī
was_the_frames_of the_tabernacle and_bars_of_its and_pillars_
_of_its and_bases_of_its and_all articles_of_its and_
_all/each/any/every service_of_its. **37** And_the_pillars_of the_
_courtyard all_around and_bases_of_their and_their_tent_of_
_pegs and_tent-cords_of_their. **38** And_those_who_encamped
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tabernacle eastward_
_on to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tent_of meeting
eastward_toward were_Mosheh and_ʾAhₐron and_sons_of_his
who_were_keeping the_duty_of the_sanctuary to_the_duty_of
the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_stranger (the)_
_approaching he_will_be_put_to_death. **39** All_of the_enrolled_
_men_of the_Lēviyyiy whom Mosheh and_ʾAhₐron he_enrolled[6]
on the_mouth_of **YHWH** to_their_clans every_of male from_a_
_son_of a_month and_upward_upwards were_two and_twenty
thousand.

40 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh enrol every_of_firstborn
male of_the_people_of of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_a_son_of a_
_month and_upward_upwards and_take ðoм the_number_of
their_names_of_their. **41** And_you_will_take ðoм the_Lēviyyiy
to_me I am_**YHWH** in_place_of every_of firstborn among_the_

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28 They had 8,600 males that were at least a month old. They were in charge of the running of the sacred tent. **29** The Kohatite clans were to camp of the southern side of the sacred tent, **30** and their leader was Uziel's son Elitsafan. **31** They were in charge of the box, the table and the lampstand, the altars and all the utensils used for ministry, the inside curtain and its gear.

32 The man who organised the Levites was Aharon's (Aaron's) son, Eleazar the priest. He had oversight over all those who were responsible for the sacred tent.

33 Merari's descendants were the Mahlim and the Mushim, so they made up the Merarim. **34** They had 6,200 males that were at least a month old, **35** and their leader was Avihayil's son Tsuriel. They were to camp on the northern side of the sacred tent. **36** They were in charge of all the frames for the sacred tent, its crossbars, posts, bases, all its containers and equipment, **37** as well as the pillars used to make the courtyard with their bases, pegs, and ropes.

38 Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon and his sons set up their tents in front of the entrance on the eastern side of the sacred tent. They were in charge of that tent and the needs of the Israelis. Any stranger who approached had to be executed. **39** Mosheh and Aharon listed 22,000 Levite males that were at least a month old, listing them by their clans as per Yahweh's instructions.

Paying the price for the firstborn sons

40 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "List all the other male Israeli that are at least one month old and count them. **41** The Levites are for me, Yahweh, in the place of the firstborn males from every Israeli

5 LV 3:30 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

6 LV 3:39 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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family, and their animals are in place of the Israelis' firstborn male animals." **42** So Mosheh listed the firstborn Israelis exactly as Yahweh had commanded him to. **43** and the total number of firstborn males a month old or more whose names were listed came to 22,273.

44 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, **45** "Take the Levites instead of every firstborn male Israeli, and the Levites' animals instead of their animals, and the Levites will be mine—I am Yahweh. **46** To redeem the 273 firstborn Israelis who outnumber the Levites, **47** collect five silver coins for each one of them. (Use the same silver coins weighing eleven grams, that the priests use in the sacred tent.) **48** Give that money to Aharon (Aaron) and his sons as payment of the ransom for those excess 273 males." **49** So Mosheh collected that ransom money to cover the ransom of the excess not covered by the number of Levites. **50** He collected 1,365 silver coins from the firstborn Israeli males (using the standard weight of silver from the sanctuary) **51** and gave it to Aharon and his sons just as Yahweh had commanded.

Kohat's descendants' duties

4:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), **2** "Take a detailed census of Kohat's male descendants by their clans and families **3** who are from twenty-five up to fifty years old and who goes into the sacred tent to minister.

4 This is what the Kohatites are responsible for concerning the sacred tent including the inner room: **5** When it's time to break camp, Aharon and his sons must enter and take down the curtain that veils it, and then use that to cover the box containing the agreement. **6** Then they must cover it with fine leather, followed by a blue cloth, and then put its carrying poles through the rings.

7 They must spread a blue cloth over the sacred bread table, then place the dishes, pans, bowls, and jugs for the drink offerings on top of that, along with the sacred bread. **8** Then they must spread a scarlet cloth over all that, and cover that again with fine leather, and then put its poles through the rings.

9 They must spread a blue cloth over the lampstand with its oil lamps, its tongs and trays, and the oil containers that are used for it. **10** Then they must wrap the lampstand and all its equipment in fine leather, and place it all on its carrying frame.

11 Then the must spread a blue cloth over the gold incense altar, and cover that again with fine leather, and then put its poles through the rings. **12** Then they must get all the other utensils that they use in the sacred tent, and cover that again with fine leather, and place it all on its carrying frame. **13** They need to re-

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_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ĐOM the_livestock_of the_ _Lēviyyiy in_place_of every_of firstborn among_the_livestock_ _of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **42** And_ Mosheh _he_ _enrolled just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM_him/it ĐOM every_of firstborn among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **43** And_he/it_was every_of firstborn male by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of a_month and_upward_upwards to_their_ _enrolled_of_men two and_twenty thousand three and_seventy and_two_hundred. **44** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_ _saying. **45** Take ĐOM the_Lēviyyiy in_place_of every_of firstborn among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ĐOM the_ _livestock_of the_Lēviyyiy in_place_of livestock_of_their and_ _they_will_be to_me the_Lēviyyiy I am_**YHWH**. **46** And_ĐOM the_ransom(s)_of the_three and_the_seventy and_the_two_ _hundred who_are_in_excess to the_Lēviyyiy of_the_firstborn_ _of of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **47** And_you_will_take five_of five_of shekels for_head by_the_shekel_of the_holy_ _place you_will_take is_twenty gerah[s] the_shekel. **48** And_ _you(ms)_will_give the_money to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his the_ransom(s)_of those_who_are_in_excess among_them. **49** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ĐOM the_money_of the_ransom from_with those_who_were_in_excess to the_ransom(s)_of the_ _Lēviyyiy. **50** From_with the_firstborn_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_took ĐOM the_money five and_sixty and_ _three hundred(s) and_one_thousand by_the_shekel_of the_ _holy_place. **51** And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave ĐOM the_money_of the_ransom(s) to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his on the_mouth_of **YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh.

4:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **2** Lift_up ĐOM the_head_of the_descendants_of Qəhāt from_ _among_of the_descendants_of Lēvī to_their_clans to_the_ _house_of their_ancestors_of_their. **3** From_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_unto a_son_of fifty year[s] every_of one_who_comes for_service for_doing work in_the_ _tent_of meeting. **4** This is_the_service_of the_descendants_of Qəhāt in_the_tent_of meeting the_holy_thing_of the_holy_ _things. **5** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _he_will_go when_ the_camp _sets_out and_they_will_take_down ĐOM the_curtain_ _of the_screen and_they_will_cover with_it ĐOM the_box_of the_ _transcript. **6** And_they_will_put on/upon/above_him/it a_ _covering_of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_spread_out a_ _covering_of an_entirety_of violet_stuff from_to_above and_ _they_will_put_in poles_of_its. **7** And_over the_table_of the_ _presence they_will_spread_out a_covering_of violet_stuff and_ _they_will_put on/upon/above_him/it ĐOM the_dishes and_ĐOM the_pans and_ĐOM the_bowls and_ĐOM the_jugs_of the_drink_ _offering and_the_bread_of (the)_continuity on/upon/above_ _him/it it_will_be. **8** And_they_will_spread_out over_them a_ _covering_of scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_they_will_cover ĐOM_ _him/it with_a_covering_of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_put_ _in ĐOM poles_of_its. **9** And_they_will_take a_covering_of violet_ _stuff and_they_will_cover ĐOM the_lampstand_of the_luminary and_ĐOM lamps_of_its and_ĐOM tongs_of_its and_ĐOM fire-pans_ _of_its and_ĐOM all_of the_vessels_of its_oil_of_her which they_ _will_serve to/for_her/it by_them. **10** And_they_will_put ĐOM_ _her/it and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its into a_covering_of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_put_it on the_carrying_frame. **11** And_

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_over the_altar_of the_gold they_will_spread_out a_covering_of violet_stuff and_they_will_cover ÐOM_him/it with_a_covering_ _of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_put_in ÐOM poles_of_its. **12** And_they_will_take ÐOM all_of the_articles_of (the)_service which they_will_serve by_them in_place and_they_will_put_ _them into a_covering_of violet_stuff and_they_will_cover them with_a_covering_of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_put_ _them on the_carrying_frame. **13** And_they_will_take_away_ _the_fatty_ashes_from ÐOM the_altar and_they_will_spread_out on/upon/above_him/it a_covering_of purple_cloth. **14** And_ _they_will_put on/upon/above_him/it ÐOM all_of articles_of_its which they_will_serve on/upon/above_him/it (is)_in_them ÐOM the_fire-pans ÐOM the_forks and_ÐOM the_shovels and_ÐOM the_ _bowls all_of the_articles_of the_altar and_they_will_spread_ _out on/upon/above_him/it a_covering_of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_put_in poles_of_its. **15** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_ _of_his _he_will_finish to_cover ÐOM the_holy_place and_ÐOM all_of the_articles_of the_holy_place when_ the_camp _sets_out and_after thus the_descendants_of Qəhāt they_will_come to_ _carry_them and_not they_will_touch (to) the_holy_thing and_ _they_will_die these_things are_the_burden_of the_ _descendants_of Qəhāt in_the_tent_of meeting. **16** And_the_ _oversight_of 'El'āzār the_son_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer is_ _the_oil_of the_luminary and_the_incense_of the_perfume(s) and_the_grain_offering_of (the)_continuity and_the_oil_of (the)_anointing the_oversight_of all_of the_tabernacle and_all that in/on/over_him/it with_the_holy_place and_with_ _equipment(s)_of_its. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **18** Do_not cut_off ÐOM the_tribe_of the_ _clans_of the_Qəhātite[s] from_among_of the_Lēviyyiy. **19** And_ _this do to/for_them and_they_will_live and_not they_will_die when_they_draw_near ÐOM the_holy_thing_of the_holy_things 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his they_will_go and_they_will_appoint them a_man a_man on service_of_his and_near/to burden_of_ _his. **20** And_not they_will_go to_see as_a_swallowing ÐOM the_ _holy_thing and_they_will_die.

21 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **22** Lift_up ÐOM the_head_of the_descendants_of Gērəshōn also they to_ _the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their to_their_clans. **23** From_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards to a_son_ _of fifty year[s] you_will_enrol them every_of (the)_one_who_ _comes to_serve service to_serve service in_the_tent_of meeting. **24** This is_the_service_of the_clans_of the_ _Gērəshōnite[s] for_serving and_for_carrying. **25** And_they_ _will_carry ÐOM the_curtains_of the_tabernacle and_ÐOM the_ _tent_of meeting covering_of_its and_the_covering_of the_ _dolphin which on/upon/above_him/it from_to_above and_ _ÐOM the_screen_of the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **26** And_ÐOM the_curtains_of the_courtyard and_ÐOM the_ _screen_of the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_courtyard which is_at the_tabernacle and_at the_altar all_around and_ÐOM tent-cords_of_their and_ÐOM all_of the_articles_of their_ _service_of_their and_ÐOM all_of that it_will_be_made to/for_ _them and_they_will_serve. **27** On the_mouth_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_ _sons_of_his it_will_be all_of the_service_of the_descendants_of the_Gērəshōnite[s] to/from_all/each/any/every carrying_of_ _their and_to/for_all service_of_their and_you(pl)_will_assign to_them (in)_a_duty ÐOM all_of carrying_of_their. **28** This is_

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move the ashes from the bronze altar and spread a purple cloth over it, **14** and put all the utensils they use on top of it: the trays, meat forks, shovel and basins for the altar. Then they must cover it with fine leather, and then put its poles through the rings. **15** Aharon and his sons must finish covering the sacred tent and all its utensils and equipment when they're about to move camp. Then the Kohatites can come to carry it all without touching the inner room so they won't die. That's the responsibility of Kohat's descendants—carrying the sacred tent.

16 Eleazar (son of Aharon (Aaron) the priest) is in charge of the lamp oil and the fragrant incense, the regular grain offering, the anointing oil, and the oversight of the sacred tent and the inner room, including everything that's used inside them.

17 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon, **18** "Don't allow the Kohatite Levites to get wiped out by mishandling the most sacred items, **19** but take these precautions on their behalf so they won't die when they approach the most sacred items: Get Aharon and his sons to go and show each of them personally the correct and proper way to do his duties. **20** However, they must never go early to set their eyes on the sacred objects, even briefly, or they'll die."

Gereshon's descendants' duties

21 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **22** "Take a detailed census of Gereshon's male descendants by their clans and families **23** who are from thirty up to fifty years old and who goes into the sacred tent to minister.

24 This is what the Gershonim are responsible for working with and carrying: **25** They must carry the inner curtains from the sacred tent, the covering, the fine leather covering, the entrance curtain, **26** the courtyard curtains, and the courtyard gate curtain, along with the ropes and other equipment for using them. That will be their ministry. **27** Aharon (Aaron) and his sons will direct the Gershonim in their duties and assign all the items to them. **28** That will be the ministry of Gereshon's descendants with the sacred tent, and it will all be under the supervision of Aharon's son Itamar the priest.

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Merari's descendants' duties

29 "Take a detailed census of Merari's descendants by their clans and families,
30 listing the men who are from thirty to fifty years old and who goes into the sacred tent to minister. 31 Their duties are carrying the frames, crossbars, posts, and sockets for the sacred tent,
32 the courtyard pillars and their bases, their pegs and ropes, and all their equipment. Every man must be assigned by name as to what equipment he must carry. 33 That will be the ministry of Merari's descendants with the sacred tent, and it will all be under the supervision of Aharon's (Aaron's) son Itamar the priest.

The totals from the Levite census

34 So Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) and the community leaders listed the Kohatites by their clans and families, 35 counting the men from thirty to fifty years old who go into the sacred tent to minister, 36 and the total for all the clans was 2,750. 37 That was from the Kohatite clans who ministered at the sacred tent and were listed by Mosheh and Aharon just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh. 38 They counted the Gershonim by their clans and families, 39 counting the men from thirty to fifty years old who go into the sacred tent to minister, 40 and the total for all the clans was 2,630. 41 That was from the Gershoni clans who ministered at the sacred tent and were listed by Mosheh and Aharon just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh. 42 They counted the Merarim by their clans and families, 43 counting the men from thirty to fifty years old who go into the sacred tent to minister, 44 and the total for all the clans was 3,200. 45 That was from the Merari clans who ministered at the sacred tent and were listed by Mosheh and Aharon just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.
46 So Mosheh, Aharon, and the Israeli leaders counted all the Levites by their clans and families, 47 counting the men from thirty to fifty years old who go into the sacred tent to minister and also help with carrying it, 48 and the total came to 8,580.
49 Those were the ones counted by Mosheh following Yahweh's instructions. Each man's name was listed by Mosheh, along with his duties and what was his responsibility to carry.

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_the_service_of the_clans_of the_descendants_of the_
_Gērəshōnite[s] in_the_tent_of meeting and_duty_of_their is_
_in_the_hand_of 'Ītāmār the_son_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer.

29 The_descendants_of Mərārī to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their you_will_enrol ~~ĐOM~~_them. 30 From_a_
_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_unto a_son_of fifty year[s] you_will_enrol_them every_of (the)_one_who_
_comes for_service to_serve ~~ĐOM~~ the_service_of the_tent_of meeting. 31 And_this is_the_duty_of their_carrying_of_their to/from_all/each/any/every service_of_their in_the_tent_of meeting the_frames_of the_tabernacle and_bars_of_its and_
_pillars_of_its and_bases_of_its. 32 And_the_pillars_of the_
_courtyard all_around and_bases_of_their and_their_tent_of_
_pegs and_tent-cords_of_their to/from_all/each/any/every articles_of_their and_to/for_all service_of_their and_by_names you(pl)_will_assign ~~ĐOM~~ the_equipment(s)_of the_duty_of their_carrying_of_their. 33 This is_the_service_of the_clans_of the_descendants_of Mərārī to/from_all/each/any/every service_of_their in_the_tent_of meeting in_the_hand_of 'Ītāmār the_son_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer.

34 And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron and_the_leaders_of the_
_congregation _he_enrolled ~~ĐOM~~ the_descendants_of the_
_Qəhātite[s] to_their_clans and_to_the_house_of their_
_ancestors_of_their. 35 From_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_
_upward_upwards and_unto a_son_of fifty year[s] every_of (the)_one_who_comes for_service for_service in_the_tent_of meeting. 36 And_ their_enrolled_of_men _they_were to_their_
_clans two_thousand seven hundred(s) and_fifty. 37 These were_the_enrolled_men_of the_clans_of the_Qəhātite[s] every_
_of (the)_one_who_serves in_the_tent_of meeting whom Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron he_enrolled on the_mouth_of **YHWH** by_
_the_hand_of Mosheh. 38 And_the_enrolled_men_of the_
_descendants_of Gērəshōn to_clans_of_their and_to_the_house_
_of their_ancestors_of_their. 39 From_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_unto a_son_of fifty year[s] every_of (the)_one_who_comes for_service for_service in_the_tent_of meeting. 40 And_ their_enrolled_of_men to_their_clans to_the_
_house_of their_ancestors_of_their _they_were two_thousand and_six hundred(s) and_thirty. 41 These were_the_enrolled_
_men_of the_clans_of the_descendants_of Gērəshōn every_of (the)_one_who_serves in_the_tent_of meeting whom Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron he_enrolled on the_mouth_of **YHWH**. 42 And_the_
_enrolled_men_of the_clans_of the_descendants_of Mərārī to_
_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their. 43 From_
_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_unto a_son_
_of fifty year[s] every_of (the)_one_who_comes for_service for_
_service in_the_tent_of meeting. 44 And_ their_enrolled_of_
_men to_their_clans _they_were three_of thousand(s) and_two_
_hundred. 45 These were_the_enrolled_men_of the_clans_of the_descendants_of Mərārī whom Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron he_
_enrolled on the_mouth_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Mosheh.
46 All_of the_enrolled_men whom Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron and_
_the_leaders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_enrolled ~~ĐOM~~ the_Lēviyyiy to_their_clans and_to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their.
47 From_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_
_unto a_son_of fifty year[s] every_of (the)_one_who_comes to_

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_serve a_service_of a_service and_a_service_of carrying in_the_ _tent_of meeting. **48** And_ their_enrolled_of_men _they_were eight_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s) and_eighty. **49** On the_mouth_of **YHWH** someone_enrolled them by_the_hand_of Mosheh a_man a_man on service_of_his and_on burden_of_his and_his_appointed_of_things which **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh.

5:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Command ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_they_may_send_ _away from the_camp any_of one_who_has_a_skin_disease and_ _all one_who_has_a_discharge and_all/each/any/every person_ _unclean to_a_corpse. **3** From_male unto female you(pl)_will_ _send_away to from_the_outside of_camp you(pl)_will_send_ _them_away and_not they_will_make_unclean ĐOM camps_of_ _their which I am_dwelling among_them. **4** And_they_did so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_sent_away them to from_the_outside of_camp just_as **YHWH** he_had_spoken to Mosheh so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_did.
5 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **6** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_man or a_woman if/because they_will_do from_all the_sins_of the_humankind by_acting_ _unfaithfully unfaithfulness against_**YHWH** and_ the_living_ _creatures the_that _it_will_be_guilty. **7** And_they_will_confess ĐOM sin_of_their which they_have_done and_he_will_repay ĐOM compensation_of_its in_head_of_its and_its_of_fifth let_him_ _add on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_gave to_the_one_whom he_was_guilty to_him/it. **8** And_if there_belongs_not to_person a_kinsman-redeemer to_repay the_compensation to_him/it the_compensation which_is_repaid to/for_**YHWH** for_priest (from)_besides_of the_ram_of (the)_atonement(s) which he_ _will_make_atonement in/on/over_him/it on/upon/above_ _him/it. **9** And_all contribution to/from_all/each/any/every the_holy_things_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_ _will_bring_near to_priest to_him/it it_will_belong. **10** And_ _everyone ĐOM things_of_his_holy to_him/it they_will_belong everyone that_which he_will_give to_priest to_him/it it_will_ _belong.

11 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **12** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them a_man a_man if/because his/its_wife/woman she_will_turn_aside and_she_will_act_unfaithfully in_him/it unfaithfulness.
13 And_ a_man _he_will_lie ĐOM_her/it a_laying_of seed and_it_ _will_be_hidden from_the_eyes_of her/its_husband/man and_ _she_will_be_undiscovered and_she she_has_made_herself_ _unclean and_a_witness there_was_not on_her and_she not she_was_caught. **14** And_it_will_pass on/upon/above_him/it a_ _spirit_of jealousy and_he_will_be_jealous_of ĐOM his/its_ _wife/woman and_she she_has_made_herself_unclean or it_ _has_passed on/upon/above_him/it a_spirit_of jealousy and_ _he_will_be_jealous_of ĐOM his/its_wife/woman and_she not she_has_made_herself_unclean. **15** And_ the_man _he_will_ _bring ĐOM his/its_wife/woman to the_priest/officer and_he_ _will_bring ĐOM offering_of_her on/upon_it(f) (the)_tenth_of (the)_'ēyfāh flour_of barley(s) not he_will_pour_out on/upon/above_him/it oil and_not he_will_put on/upon/above_him/it frankincense if/because is_a_grain_

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Handling ceremonial 'uncleanness'

5:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Order the Israelis that anyone with a skin disease or a discharge, and anyone who's 'unclean' because they touched a corpse, must be sent outside the camp. **3** Whether they're male or female, they must be sent outside the camp so that the whole camp doesn't become 'unclean' because I'm living there right amongst them." **4** So the Israelis did what Yahweh told Mosheh, and sent those people outside the camp.

Reparations for crimes

5 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **6** "Tell the Israelis that when any man or a woman disobeys God by doing any of the things that humans do when they're unfaithful towards Yahweh, then that person is guilty **7** and they must confess their disobedience. Then that person must make full reparation to whoever they wronged, along with an extra twenty percent of the cost. **8** However, if reparation to the victim isn't possible for some reason, then it must be paid to Yahweh via a priest, in addition to the ram that will be offered for that person's atonement. **9** Any sacred contributions by the Israelis that are presented to a priest will belong to him. **10** Each person's sacred contributions will be their own, but anything given to a priest will belong to him."

Testing for an unfaithful wife

11 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **12** "Tell the Israelis that if any man's wife has an affair and is unfaithful towards him, **13** when another man secretly has sex with her, then she becomes 'unclean', even though there's no witness against her and she wasn't caught. **14** If the husband becomes suspicious, whether or not she's actually become 'unclean', **15** then he should take her to a priest. He must also bring an offering on her behalf: two litres of barley flour. It must not have any oil or spices mixed into it because it's a grain offering for suspicion—for determining if unfaithfulness has occurred.

16 Then the priest must lead her forward and stand her in front of Yahweh. **17** He must fill a pottery jar with sacred water, and then mix some dust from the floor of Yahweh's residence into the water. **18** Then the priest must stand the woman in front of Yahweh and let her hair down, then he must place the suspicion grain offering on her palm. (It's a grain offering for jeal-

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ousy.) The priest must be holding the water of bitterness that brings a curse **19** and tell the woman to make this oath: "If no other man slept with you, and if you didn't dirty yourself while you're married, then be free from this water of bitterness that brings a curse. **20** But if you have cheated on your husband and become 'unclean' and slept with some other guy, there'll be consequences. **21** Then the priest will make the woman take that curse as an oath, and he'll tell her, "Yahweh will make your experience a curse and your people will see the results of the oath, when Yahweh gives disease to your genitals and makes your belly swell. **22** This water will invoke the curse to make your belly swell and your genitals shrivel." Then the woman must say, "Indeed, let it be so."

23 Then the priest must write those curses on a scroll, then wipe the ink into the water of bitterness. **24** He must make the woman drink that water of bitterness that brings the curse, and it will enter into her. **25** Then he'll take the grain offering of suspicion from her hand, and hold it up in front of Yahweh, and then take it to the altar. **26** He'll take some of the grain as a memorial portion and burn it on the altar. Then he'll make the woman drink the water. **27** After she's drunk it, if she was 'unclean' and unfaithful to her husband, the water will carry that curse into her, and her belly will swell and her genitals will get diseased, and the woman will become a curse among her people. **28** However, if she hadn't defiled herself and is pure, then she'll be free and be able to have children.

29 That's the rule about jealousy when a wife cheats on her husband and defiles herself, **30** or when a husband becomes jealous and suspicious and he stands his wife in front of Yahweh, and the priest applies this ruling to her. **31** Then the husband will be innocent, and that women will bear the consequences of her wrongdoing.

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_offering_of jealousi(es) it a_grain_offering_of remembrance which_brings_to_remembrance iniquity. **16** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_bring_near ÐOM_her/it and_he_will_ _make_her_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **17** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take water holy in_a_ _vessel_of earthenware and_from the_dust which it_will_be on_ _the_floor_of the_tabernacle the_priest/officer he_will_take and_he/it_gave into the_waters. **18** And_ the_priest/officer _ _he_will_make_stand ÐOM the_woman to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_let_untie/release ÐOM the_head_of the_woman and_he/it_gave on palms_of_her ÐOM the_grain_offering_of (the)_remembrance is_a_grain_offering_ _of jealousi(es) it and_in_the_hand_of the_priest/officer the_ _waters_of (the)_bitter_things which_bring_a_curse they_will_ _be. **19** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_swear ÐOM_ _her/it and_saying(ms) to the_woman if not a_man he_has_lain with_you and_if not you_have_turned_aside uncleanness under your(fs)_man/husband be_free from_the_waters_of (the)_ _bitter_things which_bring_a_curse the_these. **20** And_you if/because you_have_turned_aside under your(fs)_ _man/husband and_because/when you_have_made_yourself_ _unclean and_ a_man _he/it_gave on/over_you(fs) ÐOM copulation_of_his (from)_except your(fs)_man/husband. **21** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_swear ÐOM the_ _woman with_the_oath_of the_curse and_ the_priest/officer _ _saying(ms) to/for_the_woman/wife **YHWH** may_he_make you into_a_curse and_into_a_oath in_the_middle people_of_your when_ **YHWH** _makes ÐOM thigh_of_your falling and_ÐOM belly_ _of_your swollen. **22** And_ the_waters which_bring_a_curse the_ _these _they_will_go in_your(pl)_inward_of_parts to_make_ _swell a_belly and_to_make_fall a_thigh and_ the_woman _she_ _will_say amen amen. **23** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_write ÐOM the_curses the_these on_scroll and_he_will_wipe_them_off into the_waters_of (the)_bitter_things. **24** And_it_watered ÐOM the_woman ÐOM the_waters_of (the)_bitter_things which_ _bring_a_curse and_they_will_go in_her the_waters which_ _bring_a_curse to_bitter_things. **25** And_ the_priest/officer _ _he/it_will_take from_the_hand_of the_woman ÐOM the_grain_ _offering_of (the)_jealousi(es) and_he_will_wave ÐOM the_ _grain_offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_bring_near ÐOM_her/it to the_altar. **26** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_take_a_handful from the_grain_ _offering ÐOM offering_of_its_memorial and_he_will_make_it_ _smoke to_the_altar and_after he_will_make_drink ÐOM the_ _woman ÐOM the_waters. **27** And_he_will_make_her_drink ÐOM the_waters and_she_will_be if she_has_made_herself_unclean and_she_has_acted_unfaithfully unfaithfulness against_ _husband_of_her and_they_will_go in_her the_waters which_ _bring_a_curse to_bitter_things and_ belly_of_her _it_will_swell and_ thigh_of_her _it_will_fall and_ the_woman _she_will_ _become (into)_a_curse in_the_midst_of her_people_of_her. **28** And_if not the_woman she_has_made_herself_unclean and_ _is_pure she and_she_will_be_free and_ seed _she_will_be_ _impregnated. **29** This is_the_law_of (the)_jealousi(es) that a_ _wife she_will_turn_aside under her/its_husband/man and_ _she_will_make_herself_unclean. **30** Or a_man that it_will_pass on/upon/above_him/it a_spirit_of jealousy and_he_will_be_ _jealous_of ÐOM his/its_wife/woman and_he_will_make_stand

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ᴅᴏᴍ the_woman to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_do to/for_her/it the_priest/officer ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _law (the)_this. **31** And_ the_man _he_will_be_free from_ _iniquity and_the_woman the_that she_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ iniquity_ _of_her.

6:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them a_man or a_woman if/because he_will_make_hard to_vow a_vow_of a_ _Nāzīr to_be_a_Nāzīr to/for_**YHWH**. **3** From_wine and_strong_ _drink he_will_keep_separate vinegar_of wine and_vinegar_of strong_drink not he_will_drink and_all juice_of grapes not he_ _will_drink and_grapes fresh and_dry not he_will_eat. **4** All_of the_days_of his_consecration_of_his from_all that it_is_made from_the_vine_of the_wine from_seeds and_unto skin not he_ _will_eat. **5** All_of the_days_of the_vow_of his_consecration_of_ _his a_razor not it_will_pass over his/its_head until the_days which he_will_be_a_Nāzīr to/for_**YHWH** are_completed holy he_will_be the_lock[s]_of the_hair_of his/its_head he_will_ _make_grow. **6** All_of the_days_of his_being_a_Nāzīr to/for_ _**YHWH** to a_corpse a_dead_person not he_will_go. **7** For_ _father_of_his and_for_mother_of_his for_brother_of_his and_ _for_sister_of_his not he_will_make_himself_unclean to/for_ _them when_die_of_they if/because the_consecration_of his/its_god is_on his/its_head. **8** All_of the_days_of his_ _consecration_of_his is_holy he to/for_**YHWH**. **9** And_ _because/when a_dead_person he_will_die on/upon/above_ _him/it with_suddenness suddenly and_he_will_make_unclean the_head_of his_consecration_of_his and_he_will_shave his/its_ _head in/on_day his_purification_of_his in_the_day the_ _seventh he_will_shave_it. **10** And_on_day (the)_eighth he_will_ _bring two_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove to the_priest/officer to the_entrance_of the_tent_of_meeting. **11** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_offer one_bird to_a_sin_ _offering and_one to_a_burnt_offering and_he_will_make_ _atonement on/upon/above_him/it because he_sinned on the_ _corpse and_he_will_consecrate ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_head in_the_day (the)_that. **12** And_he_will_be_a_Nāzīr to/for_**YHWH** ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _days_of his_consecration_of_his and_he_will_bring a_lamb the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_guilt_offering and_the_days (the)_former they_will_fall if/because consecration_of_his it_ _has_become_unclean. **13** And_this is_the_law_of the_Nāzīr in/on_day the_days_of his_consecration_of_his are_completed someone_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **14** And_he_will_bring_near ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his to/for_**YHWH** a_lamb the_son_of its_year_of_his unblemished one to_a_burnt_offering and_a_ewe-lamb one the_daughter_of its_year_of_her unblemished to_a_sin_offering and_a_ram one unblemished to_a_peace_offering(s). **15** And_a_basket_of unleavened_bread(s) fine_flour_of cakes mixed with_oil and_ _wafers_of unleavened_bread(s) smeared with_oil and_their_ _grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings. **16** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_bring_them_near to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_offer ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his_ _sin and_ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his_burnt. **17** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ram he_ _will_offer a_sacrifice_of peace_offerings to/for_**YHWH** with

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Instructions for the Nazirite vow

6:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Tell the Israelis that when any man or woman wants to make a solemn vow to separate themself to Yahweh as a Nazirite, **3** they must keep away from wine and strong drink,[7] and even vinegar made from wine or strong drink, plus they mustn't drink grape juice or eat either grapes or raisins. **4** For the entire time of their separation, they mustn't eat anything coming from a grapevine, not even the seeds or the skins.

5 "For the entire time of their vow to Yahweh as a Nazirite, they mustn't cut their hair—they must sacred and grow their hair long.

6 "For the entire time of their separation to Yahweh, they mustn't approach any dead body, **7** even if it's their father or mother, or brother or sister. They mustn't defile themselves with death, because their consecration to their god is on their head. **8** They must remain holy to Yahweh for the whole time.

9 "However, if someone right next to them suddenly died, that would defile their consecrated head, and after the regular seven days of purification, they would have to shave their head. **10** Then on the eighth day, they'd have to take two doves or young pigeons to the priest at the entrance of the sacred tent, **11** and he would take one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering—making atonement for their transgression with the corpse. Then they would consecrate their head again that day **12** and restart their days of separation, as well as bringing a one-year old male lamb as a guilt offering. (Their initial days of separation won't count because they were made 'unclean'.)

13 "Now these are the instructions for the Nazirites: Once their days of separation are fulfilled, someone must take them to the entrance of the sacred tent **14** and they will present their offerings to Yahweh—an unblemished, one-year old, male lamb as a burnt offering, and an unblemished, one-year old, female lamb as a sin offering, plus an unblemished ram as a peace/fellowship offering, **15** along with a basket of flat breads, flour mixed with oil, and wafers spread with olive oil, and their grain and drink offerings. **16** The priest must present all that to Yahweh, and handle their sin offering and burnt offering. **17** The ram and the basket of flat breads will be offered as a peace offering to Yahweh, and the priest will offer their grain and wine offerings. **18** Then the Nazirite must shave their head of separation at the opening to the sacred tent, and taking the hair, must put it on the fire under their peace offering sacrifice.

19 "The priest will then take the boiled shoulder from the ram, and one flat bread roll and one wafer from the basket, and place

7 RV 6:3 · Cross-ref. Luk 1:15.

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them on the palms of that Nazirite with their consecrated head that's been shaved. 20 Then the priest will raise them as a raised offering to Yahweh. Those raised breads and the shoulder are now sacred and belong to the priest. Then the Nazirite can drink some wine.

21 Those are the instructions for the Nazirite who makes a solemn oath to Yahweh for their separation, plus what they're able to give. They must do exactly what they promised as per these instructions."

The priests' prayer for blessing

22 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
23 "Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons that when the bless the Israelis, this is what they must say:

24 May Yahweh bless you and protect you.
25 May Yahweh give you prosperity and show grace toward you.
26 May he watch over you and give you peace.
27 "In that way, they'll put my name on the Israelis, and I will bless them."

The leaders' offerings at the altar dedication

7:1 When Mosheh (Moses) had finished setting up the sacred tent, he anointed it with oil and consecrated it and all its furniture, as well as the altar and all its equipment. 2 Then Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders presented gifts. They were the leaders of the tribes who ruled over those who'd been listed for duties. 3 They brought their gifts to Yahweh's presence in six carts pulled by twelve bulls. Each cart was from two leaders, and each of the bulls was from one leader. 4 Then Yahweh told Mosheh: 5 "Accept their gifts because they'll be useful for the running of the sacred tent. Distribute them appropriately to the Levites, depending on each man's duties." 6 So Mosheh took the carts and the cattle and distributed them to the Levites, 7 giving two carts and four bulls to the Gershonim to help them with their assigned duties. 8 Then he gave four carts and eight bulls to the Merarim to help them with their assigned duties under the supervision of the priest (Aharon's (Aaron's) son) Itamar. 9 However, the Kohatites weren't given any because they were responsible for carrying the very holy objects, and those had to be carried on their shoulders.

10 The day that the altar was dedicated and anointed, the leaders brought their gifts and presented them at the altar, 11 and

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the_basket_of the_unleavened_bread(s) and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_offer ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_donation/offering and_~~ĐOM~~ offering_ _of_its_drink. 18 And_ the_Nāzīr _he_will_shave the_entrance_ _of the_tent_of_meeting ~~ĐOM~~ the_head_of his_consecration_of_ _his and_he/it_will_take ~~ĐOM~~ the_hair_of the_head_of his_ _consecration_of_his and_he/it_gave on the_fire which is_ _under the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings. 19 And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_will_take ~~ĐOM~~ the_arm boiled from the_ _ram and_a_cake_of unleavened_bread one from the_basket and_a_wafer_of unleavened_bread one and_he/it_gave on the_ _palms_of the_Nāzīr after he_has_shaved_himself ~~ĐOM~~ consecration_of_his. 20 And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_wave them a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** is_a_holy_portion it for_priest with the_breast_of the_ _wave-offering and_with the_thigh_of the_contribution and_ _after the_Nāzīr he_will_drink wine. 21 This is_the_law_of the_ _Nāzīr who he_will_vow offering_of_his to/for_**YHWH** will_be_ _on consecration_of_his (from)_besides_of that_which his/its_ _hand it_will_reach according_to_the_mouth_of his_vow_of_his which he_will_vow so he_will_do on the_law_of his_ _consecration_of_his.

22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 23 Speak to ʾAhₐron and_near/to sons_of_his to_say thus you(pl)_will_bless ~~ĐOM~~ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) say to/for_them. 24 May_he_ _bless_you **YHWH** and_may_he_keep_you. 25 **YHWH** may_he_ _make_shine his/its_faces/face to_you and_may_he_show_ _favour_to_you. 26 **YHWH** may_he_lift_up his/its_faces/face to_ _you and_may_he_appoint to/for_yourself(m) peace. 27 And_ _they_will_put ~~ĐOM~~ name_of_my on the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_I I_will_bless_them.

7:1 And_he/it_was in/on_day Mosheh finished to_set_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_tabernacle and_he_anointed ~~ĐOM~~_him/it and_he/it_ _consecrated ~~ĐOM~~_him/it and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of articles_of_its and_ _~~ĐOM~~ the_altar and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of articles_of_its and_he_anointed_ _them and_he/it_consecrated ~~ĐOM~~_them. 2 And_ the_leaders_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_heads_of the_house_of their_fathers_of_ _their _they_brought_near they were_the_leaders_of the_tribes they were_the_ones_who_stood over the_enrolled_men. 3 And_ _they_brought ~~ĐOM~~ offering_of_their to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** six carts_of litter and_two_plus_of ten ox[en] a_cart on two_of the_leaders and_an_ox for_one and_they_ _brought_near them to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _tabernacle. 4 And_he/it_said[8] **YHWH** to Mosheh to_saying. 5 Take_them from_with_them and_they_will_be to_serve ~~ĐOM~~ the_service_of the_tent_of_meeting and_you(ms)_will_give them to the_Lēviyyiy each_one according_to_the_mouth_of his_service_of_his. 6 And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ~~ĐOM~~ the_carts and_~~ĐOM~~ the_ox[en] and_he/it_gave them to the_Lēviyyiy. 7 ~~ĐOM~~ two_of the_carts and_~~ĐOM~~ four_of the_ox[en] he_gave to_ _the_descendants_of Gērəshōn according_to_the_mouth_of their_service_of_their. 8 And_~~ĐOM~~ four of_the_carts and_~~ĐOM~~ eight_of the_ox[en] he_gave to_the_descendants_of Mərārī according_to_the_mouth_of their_service_of_their in_the_ _hand_of ʾĪtāmār the_son_of ʾAhₐron the_priest/officer. 9 And_ _to_the_descendants_of Qəhāt not he_gave if/because the_

8 **LV 7:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_service_of the_holy_thing[s] was_on_them on_shoulder they_
carried. **10** And the_leaders _they_brought_near ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_
_dedication_of the_altar in/on_day ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_him/it was_anointed
and_ the_leaders _they_brought_near ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ offering_of_their to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_altar. **11** And_ **YHWH** _
_he/it_said to Mosheh a_leader one for_day a_leader one for_
_day they_will_bring_near ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ offering_of_their for_the_
_dedication_of the_altar. **12** And_he/it_was the_one_who_
_brought_near in_the_day (the)_first ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ offering_of_his
Naḥshōn the_son_of ʿAmminādāv of_the_tribe_of of_
_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **13** And_offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver
one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one
silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_
_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_
_offering. **14** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **15** A_young_
_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_
_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **16** A_male_goat_of
goats one to_a_sin_offering. **17** And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_
_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_of
a_year five this was_the_offering_of Naḥshōn the_son_of
ʿAmminādāv. **18** In_the_day the_second Nətanʾēl the_son_of
Tsūʿār/(Zuar) the_leader_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) he_brought_
_near. **19** He_brought_near ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ offering_of_his a_dish_of silver
one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one
silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_
_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_
_offering. **20** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **21** A_young_
_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_
_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **22** A_male_goat_of
goats one to_a_sin_offering. **23** And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_
_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_of
a_year five this was_the_offering_of Nətanʾēl the_son_of Tsūʿār.
24 In_the_day the_third the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_
_Zəvūlūn ʾElīʾāv the_son_of Ḥēlon. **25** Offering_of_his was_a_
_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its
a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_
_place both_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_
_grain_offering. **26** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **27** A_
_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb
one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **28** A_male_
_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering. **29** And_to_the_sacrifice_of
the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_
_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of ʾElīʾāv the_son_of
Ḥēlon. **30** In_the_day the_fourth the_leader of_the_
_descendants_of of_Rəʾūvēn ʾElītsūr the_son_of Shədēyʾūr.
31 Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_
_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s]
by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_full fine_
_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering. **32** A_pan_of one ten
gold full incense[9] **33** a_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_
_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_
_burnt_offering. **34** A_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering.
35 And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two
rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_

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Yahweh told Mosheh, "Each day for the next twelve days, one leader must present his offering for the altar dedication."

12–83 These were the leaders who presented their offerings:

On the first day, Aminadav's son Nahshon on behalf of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah),

on the second day, Tsuar's son Netanel on behalf of the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar),

on the third day, Helon's son Eliav on behalf of the tribe of Zevulun,

on the fourth day, Shedeyur's son Elitsur on behalf of the tribe of Re'uven,

on the fifth day, Tsurishadai's son Shelumiel on behalf of the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon),

on the sixth day, Deuel's son Elyasaf on behalf of the tribe of Gad,

on the seventh day, Amihud's son Elishama on behalf of the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim),

on the eighth day, Pedahtsur's son Gamliel on behalf of the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh),

on the ninth day, Gid'oni's son Avidan on behalf of the tribe of Benyamin,

on the tenth day, Amishaday's son Ahiezer on behalf of the tribe of Dan,

on the eleventh day, Okran's son Pagiel on behalf of the tribe of Asher,

and on the twelfth day, Eynan's son Ahira on behalf of the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali).

Each of the leaders presented the following offerings:

a silver dish (1.5 kg—all weights by the standard temple measurement) and a silver bowl (800g)—both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering,

a small gold dish (110g) filled with incense,

a young bull, a ram and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering,

a male goat for a sin offering,

two cows, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old rams for the peace offering.

84 That was the dedication of the altar in the day it was anointed, when Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders presented twelve silver dishes, twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold pans. **85** Each silver dish weighed 1.5kg (all weights by the standard temple measurement) and the silver bowls were 800g. The total weight of the silver was around 27 kg. **86** The gold pans that had been filled with incense weighed 110g and their total weight came to 1.3kg. **87** For the burnt offerings there was: twelve bulls, twelve rams, and twelve male one-year-old lambs along with their grain offerings. There were twelve male goats for a sin offering. **88** For the peace offering, there were 24 bulls, 60 rams, 60 male goats, 60 male one-year-old lambs. All of those were part of the dedica-

9 LV 7:32 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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tion offerings for the altar after it was anointed. **89** Then Mosheh (Moses) entered the sacred tent to speak with Yahweh. He heard the voice speaking to him from between the two images of winged-creatures that were on the platform above the sacred box. That's how Yahweh spoke to him.

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_offering_of 'Elītsūr the_son_of Shədēy'ūr. **36** In_the_day (the)_ _fifth the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Shim'ōn Shəlumī'ēl the_son_of Tsūrī-shadday/(Zurishadday). **37** Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_ _of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_ _oil to_a_grain_offering. **38** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **39** A_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_ _lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **40** A_ _male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering[10] **41** and_to_the_ _sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of Shəlumī'ēl the_son_of Tsūrī-shadday. **42** In_the_day the_sixth the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Gād 'Elyāşāf the_son_of Də'ū'ēl. **43** Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_ _full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering. **44** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **45** A_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_ _a_burnt_offering. **46** A_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_ _offering. **47** And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of 'Elyāşāf the_son_of Də'ū'ēl. **48** In_the_day the_seventh the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_'Efrayim 'Elīshā'ma the_son_of 'Ammihūd. **49** Offering_of_his was_a_ _dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_ _place both_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_ _grain_offering. **50** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **51** A_ _young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **52** A_male_ _goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering. **53** And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_ _of_a_year five this was_the_offering_of 'Elīshā'ma the_son_of 'Ammihūd. **54** In_the_day (the)_eighth the_leader of_the_ _descendants_of of_Mənashsheh Gamlī'ēl the_son_of Pədāh-tsūr. **55** Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_ _full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering[11] **56** a_pan_ _of one ten gold full incense. **57** A_young_bull one a_young_ _one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_ _his to_a_burnt_offering. **58** A_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_ _offering. **59** And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of Gamlī'ēl the_son_of Pədāh-[12] tsūr. **60** In_ _the_day (the)_ninth the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_ _Binyāmīn Abidan the_son_of Gid'ōni. **61** Offering_of_his was_a_ _dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_

10 LV 7:40 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

11 LV 7:55 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

12 LV 7:59 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_place both_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_
_grain_offering. **62** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **63** A_
_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb
one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **64** A_male_
_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering. **65** And_to_the_sacrifice_of
the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_
_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of Abidan the_son_of
Gid῾ōni. **66** In_the_day (the)_tenth the_leader of_the_
_descendants_of of_Dān ’Aḥī῾ezer the_son_of ῾Ammiyshadday.
67 Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_
_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s]
by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_full fine_
_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering. **68** A_pan_of one ten
gold full incense[13] **69** a_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_
_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_
_burnt_offering. **70** A_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering.
71 And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two
rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_
_offering_of ’Aḥī῾ezer the_son_of ῾Ammiyshadday. **72** In/on_day
the_one_plus_of ten day the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_
_’Āshēr Pag῾ī᾽ēl the_son_of ῾Okrān. **73** Offering_of_his was_a_
_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its
a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_
_place both_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_
_grain_offering. **74** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **75** A_
_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb
one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **76** A_male_
_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering. **77** And_to_the_sacrifice_of
the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_
_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of Pag῾ī᾽ēl the_son_of
῾Okrān. **78** In/on_day the_two_plus ten day the_leader of_the_
_descendants_of of_Naftālī ’Aḥīra῾ the_son_of ῾Ēynān.
79 Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_
_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s]
by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_full fine_
_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering. **80** A_pan_of one ten
gold full incense. **81** A_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_
_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_
_burnt_offering. **82** A_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering.
83 And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two
rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_
_offering_of ’Aḥīra῾ the_son_of ῾Ēynān. **84** This was_the_
_dedication_of the_altar in/on_day ~~DOM~~_him/it was_anointed
from_with the_leaders_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) dishes_of silver two_
_plus ten bowls_of silver two_plus ten pans_of gold two_plus
ten. **85** Was_thirty and_one_hundred the_dish the_one(f) silver
and_seventy the_bowl the_one all_of the_silver_of the_vessels
was_two_thousand and_four hundred(s) by_the_shekel_of the_
_holy_place. **86** The_pans_of gold two_plus ten were_full
incense was_ten ten the_pan by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place
all_of the_gold_of the_pans was_twenty and_one_hundred.
87 All_of the_cattle for_offering was_two_plus ten young_bulls
rams two_plus ten lambs sons_of a_year two_plus ten and_
_their_grain_of_offering and_male_goats_of goats two_plus ten
for_a_sin_offering. **88** And_all/each/any/every the_cattle_of

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Lighting the seven lamps

8:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
2 "Tell Aharon (Aaron) that when he
places the seven lamps on the lampstand,[14] they must light up
the area in front of it." **3** So Aharon did it just as Yahweh had in-
structed, setting up the lamps on the lampstand to face for-
wards. **4** The lampstand from the base to its blossoms had been
made by hammering a single sheet of gold, just as Yahweh had
shown Mosheh.

The dedication of Levites

5 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
6 "Out of all the Israelis, take the Levites
and purify them. **7** This is how to make them pure: sprinkle the
sin offering water on them, then they must shave their entire
bodies and wash themselves and their clothes. **8** They must take
a young bull along with its grain offering of flour mixed with oil,
plus a second young bull for a sin offering. **9** You must have the
Levites stand at the front of the sacred tent and summon the
rest of the Israelis there too. **10** Then you must present the
Levites in front of Yahweh and the Israeli men must place their
hands on them. **11** Out of all the Israelis, Aharon (Aaron) must
present the Levites as a raised offering to Yahweh so they can
serve Yahweh with their assigned duties. **12** Then the Levites
must place their hands on the bulls' heads, and one must be
given as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering to Yah-
weh, to make the Levites innocent in Yahweh's eyes.
13 "The Levites must stand in front of Aharon and his sons,
then they can be offered as a raised offering to Yahweh. **14** That's
how they'll be distinguished from the other Israelis, and then
they'll belong to me. **15** Then the Levites will go to serve at the
sacred tent after you've purified them and presented them as a
raised offering, **16** because they're given to me by all the Israeli
people—I've taken them for myself in place of their firstborn
male sons, **17** because every firstborn Israeli male person and an-
imal belongs to me. I set them apart for myself when I killed ev-
ery other firstborn in Mitsrayim (Egypt), **18** so I've now taken the
Levites instead of the firstborn Israeli sons. **19** Then I've given
the Levites out of all the Israelis, to Aharon and his sons to serve
the whole country by serving in the sacred tent and making the
Israelis innocent in Yahweh's eyes. That way, a deadly disease
won't strike the Israelis when they approach the sacred tent."
20 So Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon and all the Israelis did to the
Levites just what Yahweh had instructed Mosheh. **21** The Levites

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the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings was_twenty and_four
young_bulls rams sixty goats sixty lambs sons_of a_year sixty
this was_the_dedication_of the_altar after ÐOM_him/it was_
_anointed. **89** And_when_ Mosheh _went into the_tent_of
meeting to_speak with_him/it and_he/it_listened ÐOM the_
_voice speaking to_him/it from_under the_atonement_cover
which was_on the_box_of the_transcript from_between the_
_two_of the_cherubims and_he/it_spoke to_him/it.

8:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to
'Ah$_a$ron and_you_will_say to_him/it when_you_lift_up ÐOM the_
_lamps to the_front of_the_face_of of_the_lampstand the_
_seven_of the_lamps they_will_give_light. **3** And_he/it_made so
'Ah$_a$ron to the_front of_the_face_of of_the_lampstand he_
_lifted_up lamps_of_its just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM
Mosheh. **4** And_this was_the_work_of the_lampstand
hammered_work gold to base_of_its to blossom_of_its was_
_hammered_work it like_appearance which **YHWH** he_had_
_shown ÐOM Mosheh so he_made ÐOM the_lampstand.
5 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **6** Take ÐOM
the_Lēviyyiy from_among_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_you_will_purify ÐOM_them. **7** And_thus you_will_do to/for_
_them to_purify_them spatter on_them water_of sin_offering
and_they_will_cause_to_pass a_razor over all_of body_of_their
and_they_will_wash clothes_of_their and_they_will_purify_
_themselves. **8** And_they_will_take a_young_bull a_young_one_
_of the_herd and_its_grain_of_offering fine_flour mixed with_
_oil and_a_young_bull second a_young_one_of the_herd you_
_will_take to_a_sin_offering. **9** And_you_will_bring_near ÐOM
the_Lēviyyiy to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tent_of
meeting and_you_will_assemble ÐOM all_of the_congregation_of
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **10** And_you_will_bring_near ÐOM
the_Lēviyyiy to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_lay ÐOM hands_of_
_their on the_Lēviyyiy. **11** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_wave ÐOM the_
_Lēviyyiy a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
YHWH from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_
_be to_serve ÐOM the_service_of **YHWH**. **12** And_the_Lēviyyiy
they_will_lay ÐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_young_
_bulls and_offer ÐOM the_one a_sin_offering and_ÐOM the_one
a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** to_make_atonement on the_
_Lēviyyiy. **13** And_you_will_make_stand ÐOM the_Lēviyyiy to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Ah$_a$ron and_before_of sons_
_of_his and_you_will_wave ÐOM_them a_wave-offering to/for_
_**YHWH**. **14** And_you_will_separate ÐOM the_Lēviyyiy from_
_among_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_be to_
_me the_Lēviyyiy. **15** And_after thus the_Lēviyyiy they_will_go
to_serve ÐOM the_tent_of meeting and_you_will_purify ÐOM_
_them and_you_will_wave ÐOM_them a_wave-offering.
16 If/because are_assigned assigned they to_me from_among_
_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_place_of the_firstborn_of
every_of womb the_firstborn_of all from_(the)_sons of_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_have_taken ÐOM_them to_me. **17** If/because
to_me every_of firstborn among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
among_humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock in/on_day I_
_struck_down every_of firstborn in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt)

14 RV 8:2 · Cross-ref. Exo 25:31-40; 37:17-24.

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I_set_apart ĐOM_them to_me. **18** And_I_have_taken ĐOM the_ _Lēviyyiy in_place_of every_of firstborn among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **19** And_I_have_given ĐOM the_Lēviyyiy given_ _things to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his from_among_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_serve ĐOM the_service_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_tent_of meeting and_to_ _make_atonement on the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not it_ _will_be among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_plague when_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _draw_near to the_holy_place. **20** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron and_all the_congregation_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_made to_Lēviyyiy according_ _to_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh of_ _Lēviyyiy so they_did to/for_them the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **21** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_purified_ _themselves and_they_washed clothes_of_their and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _ _he_waved ĐOM_them a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_made_atonement on_them 'Ah$_a$ron to_purify_them. **22** And_after thus the_Lēviyyiy they_ _went to_serve ĐOM service_of_their in_the_tent_of meeting to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Ah$_a$ron and_before_of sons_ _of_his just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh on the_Lēviyyiy so they_did to/for_them. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **24** This is_that_which is_to_ _Lēviyyiy from_a_son_of five and_twenty year[s] and_upward_ _upwards he_will_go to_serve service in_the_service_of the_ _tent_of meeting. **25** And_from_a_son_of fifty year[s] he_will_ _turn_back from_the_service_of the_service and_not he_will_ _serve again. **26** And_he_will_serve ĐOM brothers_of_his in_the_ _tent_of meeting to_guard/protect a_duty and_service not he_ _will_serve thus you_will_do to_Lēviyyiy in_duties_of_their.

9:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh in_the_wilderness_of Şīnay in_year the_second(fs) of_their_going_out from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_month (the)_first to_say. **2** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _let_them_observe ĐOM the_ _passover at_its_appointed_of_time. **3** On_the_four- teen day in_month the_this between the_evenings[16] you(pl)_will_ _observe ĐOM_him/it at_its_appointed_of_time according_to_ _all_of regulations_of_its and_according_to_all_of judgements_ _of_its you(pl)_will_observe ĐOM_him/it. **4** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_observe the_ _passover. **5** And_they_made ĐOM the_passover in_month on_ _the_four- teen day of_month between the_evenings in_the_ _wilderness_of Şīnay according_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_did. **6** And_ people who they_were unclean to_living_ _creature a_person _he/it_was and_not they_were_able to_ _observe the_passover in_the_day (the)_that and_they_drew_ _near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mosheh and_before_ _of 'Ah$_a$ron in_the_day (the)_that. **7** And_ the_people (the)_ _those _they_said to_him/it we are_unclean to_living_creature a_person to/for_what are_we_restrained to_not to_bring_near ĐOM the_offering_of **YHWH** at_its_appointed_of_time in_the_ _middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** And_he/it_said to_ _them Mosheh stand so_that_I_may_hear what **YHWH** will_he_

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purified themselves and washed their clothes, and Aharon offered them to Yahweh as a raised offering, and Aharon offered a sacrifice to make them innocent in Yahweh's eyes. **22** After that, the Levites went to do their assigned duties at the sacred tent working under Aharon and his sons. The Israelis did exactly what Yahweh told Mosheh to do with the Levites.

23 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **24** "These are the instructions for the Levites: from the age of twenty-five, Levite men will begin serving the work in the sacred tent **25** until the age of fifty when they must retire from that work. **26** They may then assist their fellow Levites with guard duties, but they can no longer work directly with the sacred tent."

The 'pass-over' celebration

9:1 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh (Moses) in the Sinay wilderness, in the first month of the second year after they'd left Mitsrayim (Egypt), **2** "The Israelis must observe 'pass-over' at the appointed time. **3** You all must celebrate it on the evening of the 14th of this month, following all the instructions that you've all been given previously." **4** So Mosheh ordered the Israelis to prepare the 'pass-over', **5** and they celebrated it in the Sinay wilderness starting on the evening of the 14th of that first month, following all the instructions that Yahweh had given Mosheh.

6 However, there were some men who were 'unclean' (because they'd touched a dead body) and hence they weren't able to celebrate the 'pass-over' that day, so they approached Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron) **7** and asked them, "We were 'unclean' because we'd touched a dead body, but how come we're excluded from presenting an offering to Yahweh along with the other Israelis?"

8 "Wait here," Mosheh answered, "and I'll ask Yahweh what he wants you all to do."

9 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **10** "Tell the Israelis that for this and future generations, if a person is 'unclean' or far from home, then they can still observe Yahweh's 'pass-over'. **11** They can

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start it on the evening of the 14th of the *second* month, and eat it as usual with flat bread and bitter herbs. **12** They must not break any of the lambs bones,[15] must not leave any of it until the morning, and must observe it following all the normal instructions. **13** However, any person who isn't 'unclean' or far away, but yet who didn't celebrate the 'pass-over' that first month, must be driven out of the community and will have to bear their own sin.

14 If an outsider is living among you and celebrates the 'pass-over', they must also do it according to all the same instructions—there's only one way to do it whether it's you all, or a foreigner, or a native of the land.

15 When the sacred tent was dedicated, the cloud covered the inner room of the tent, and every evening it would look like fire above the residence, until morning came. **16** It remained like that continually—the cloud would cover it during the day, and then at night, it would appear like fire. **17** Whenever the cloud would be lifted up from the tent, then the Israelis would leave that place. Then wherever the cloud settled down, that's where the Israelis would set up camp, **18** so in that way, the Israelis would leave a place whenever Yahweh told them, and would set up camp whenever he told them. As long as the cloud stayed above the residence, they would stay camped in that place. **19** Whenever the cloud remained above the residence for a long time, then the Israelis would follow Yahweh's guidance and wouldn't pack up camp. **20** Sometimes the cloud would only remain above the residence for a few days, in which case they'd leave where they'd just camped, and move on as Yahweh commanded. **21** If the cloud was lifted up the next morning, then they'd move on—in fact whether day or night if the cloud was lifted up, then they would move on. **22** Whether it was two days or a month or a year that the cloud stayed above the residence, then the Israeli camp would remain in that place, until eventually moving on when it was lifted up again. **23** In that way, when Yahweh ordered them to camp, they would, and when order to move on, they'd do that—thus they obeyed Yahweh's instructions to Mosheh (Moses).

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_command of_you(pl). **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **10** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say a_ _person a_person if/because he_will_be unclean to_a_corpse or on_a_journey distant[17] to/for_you(pl) or to_generations_of_ _your(pl) and_he_will_observe a_passover to/for_**YHWH**. **11** In_ _month the_second on_the_four- teen day between the_ _evenings they_will_observe ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it with unleavened_ _bread(s) and_bitter_herbs they_will_eat_it. **12** Not they_will_ _leave_over from_him/it until morning and_a_bone not they_ _will_break in_him/it according_to_every_of (the)_regulation_ _of the_passover they_will_observe ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **13** And_the_ _person who he was_pure and_on_a_journey not he_was and_ _he_failed for_doing the_passover and_ the_living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_its if/because the_offering_of **YHWH** not he_brought_near at_its_ _appointed_of_time sin_of_his the_man (the)_that he_will_bear. **14** And_because/when he_will_sojourn with_you(pl) a_ _sojourner and_he_will_observe a_passover to/for_**YHWH** according_to_the_regulation_of the_passover and_according_ _to_of_its_judgement so he_will_do a_regulation one it_will_ _belong to/for_you(pl) and_to_sojourner and_to_the_ _native-born_of the_earth/land. **15** And_on_the_day_of set_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_tabernacle the_cloud it_covered ᴅᴏᴍ the_tabernacle of_the_tent_of of_the_transcript and_in_evening it_was over the_tabernacle like_the_appearance_of fire until morning. **16** Thus it_was continually the_cloud it_covered_it and_ _appearance fire night. **17** And_to_the_mouth_of the_cloud of_ _the_taking_up from_under the_tent and_after thus the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_set_out and_in_the_place_of (of)_where it_settled_down there the_cloud there the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_encamped. **18** On the_mouth_of **YHWH** the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_set_out and_on the_mouth_ _of **YHWH** they_encamped all_of the_days_of (of)_which the_ _cloud it_settled_down over the_tabernacle they_encamped. **19** And_when_ the_cloud _made_long over the_tabernacle days many and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _duty_of **YHWH** and_not they_set_out. **20** And_there_were times_when the_cloud it_was days number over the_tabernacle on the_mouth_of **YHWH** they_encamped and_on the_mouth_of **YHWH** they_set_out. **21** And_there_were times_when it_was[1819] the_cloud from_evening until morning and_ the_cloud _it_was_ _taken_up in_morning and_they_set_out or by_day and_night and_ the_cloud _it_was_taken_up and_they_set_out. **22** Or two_ _days or a_month or days when_ the_cloud _made_long over the_tabernacle to_dwell on/upon/above_him/it the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_encamped and_not they_set_out and_ _when_it_was_taken_up they_set_out. **23** On the_mouth_of **YHWH** they_encamped and_on the_mouth_of **YHWH** they_set_ _out ᴅᴏᴍ the_duty_of **YHWH** they_kept on the_mouth_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Mosheh.

15 **RV 9:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:46; Yhn 19:36.

17 **LV 9:10 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

18 **LV 9:21 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

19 **LV 9:21 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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10:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Make to/for_yourself(m) two_of trumpets_of silver hammered_work you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_them and_they_will_be to/for_yourself(m) for_the_convocation_of the_congregation and_for_breaking ᴅᴏᴍ the_camps. **3** And_they_will_give_a_blast on_them and_ _they_will_gather to_you all_of the_congregation to the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of_meeting. **4** And_if on_one_trumpet they_will_give_a_blast and_they_will_gather to_you the_leaders the_heads_of the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_you(pl)_ _will_give_a_blast an_alarm and_ the_camps which_encamp eastward_on _they_will_set_out. **6** And_you(pl)_will_give_a_ _blast an_alarm second and_ the_camps which_encamp southward_on _they_will_set_out an_alarm they_will_give_a_ _blast for_their_settings_of_out. **7** And_when_summon ᴅᴏᴍ the_assembly you(pl)_will_give_a_blast and_not you(pl)_will_ _give_an_alarm. **8** And_the_sons of_'Aha_ron the_priests they_ _will_give_a_blast on_trumpets and_they_will_be to/for_ _you(pl) (into)_a_regulation_of perpetuity to_generations_of_ _your(pl). **9** And_because/when you(pl)_will_go war in_land_of_ _your(pl) on the_foe who_attacks you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _give_an_alarm on_trumpets and_you(pl)_will_be_ _remembered[20] to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be_delivered from_enemies_ _of_your(pl). **10** And_on_the_day_of your_rejoicing_of_your(pl) and_at_your(pl)_appointed_of_feasts and_at_the_beginnings_of your(pl)_months_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_give_a_blast on_ _trumpets over offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt and_over the_ _sacrifices_of your(pl)_peace_offerings_of_your(pl) and_they_ _will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_memorial to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before god_of_your(pl) I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **11** And_he/it_was in_year the_second(fs) in_month the_second on_day_twenty in_month the_cloud it_was_taken_up from_ _under the_tabernacle_of the_transcript. **12** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out to_their_settings_of_out from_ _the_wilderness_of Ṣīnay and_ the_cloud _it_settled_down in_ _the_wilderness_of Pā'rān. **13** And_they_set_out at_time on the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Mosheh. **14** And_ the_ _standard_of the_camp_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_set_out at_first to_their_military_of_ _groups and_was_over group_of_its_military Naḥshōn the_son_ _of ʹAmminādāv. **15** And_was_over the_military_group_of the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) Nətan'ēl the_ _son_of Tsūʹār/(Zuar). **16** And_was_over the_military_group_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Zəvūlūn 'Elī'āv the_son_of Ḥēlon. **17** And_ the_tabernacle _it_was_taken_down and_ the_ _descendants_of Gērəshōn and_the_sons of_Mərārī who_ _carried_of (of)_the_tabernacle _they_set_out. **18** And_ the_ _standard_of the_camp_of Rə'ūvēn _it_set_out to_their_ _military_of_groups and_was_over group_of_its_military 'Elītsūr the_son_of Shədēy'ūr. **19** And_was_over the_military_group_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Shimʹōn Shəlumī'ēl the_son_of Tsūrī-/(Zuri-) shadday. **20** And_was_over the_military_group_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Gād 'Elyāşāf the_son_of Dəʹū'ēl. **21** And_ the_Qəhātites who_carried_of (of)_the_sanctuary _ _they_set_out and_people_set_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_tabernacle until

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10:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **The silver trumpets**
2 "Make two hammered silver trumpets for yourself to use for assembling the community and for signalling when it's time to leave the camp. **3** When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble in front of you at the entrance to the sacred tent. **4** If just one is sounded, then it's only the leaders and heads of clans who must assemble. **5** A single blast means that the camps on the eastern side should start moving out. **6** A double blast means that the camps on the southern side should start moving out. So the blasts will signal them to get going. **7** (To assemble the community as above, use long blows, not short blasts.) **8** The priests (Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants) must be the ones to blow the trumpets. That is a permanent regulation.

9 When you need to defend yourselves against an attacker, then you must sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you'll all be noticed by Yahweh, and you'll be saved from your enemies.

10 On festival days and at times of celebrations and at the beginning of each new month, then the trumpets will be blown as the burnt offerings and peace offerings are made as a memorial for you all towards your god. I am your god, Yahweh.

11 Then on the 20th of the second month in that second year (after leaving Mitsrayim (Egypt)), the cloud was lifted up from above the sacred tent **12** and the Israelis started moving out from the Sinay wilderness as per the pre-arranged order. The cloud moved to the Paran wilderness. **13** That was the first time that they had moved as a result of Yahweh signalling Mosheh (Moses) by means of the cloud. **The Israelis leave Sinay**

14 Yehudah (Judah) tribe with their banner was the first to leave under the leadership of Aminadav's son Nahshon.
15 Tsuar's son Netanel led the company from Yisakar (Issachar) tribe, **16** and Helon's son Eliav led the company from Zevulun tribe.

17 Then the sacred tent was disassembled, and the men of Gereshon and Merari set off, carrying the tent.

18 Re'uven tribe with their banner was next to leave under the leadership of Shedeyur's son Elitsur. **19** Tsurishadai's son Shelumiel led the company from Shim'on (Simeon) tribe. **20** Deuel's son Elyasaf led the company from Gad tribe.

21 Then the sacred utensils were carried out by the Kohatite men, who then helped set up the sacred tent when they arrived.

22 Efrayim (Ephraim) tribe with their banner was next to leave

20 LV 10:9 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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under the leadership of Amihud's son Elishama. 23 Pedahtsur's son Gamliel led the company from Menasheh (Manasseh) tribe. 24 Gid'oni's son Avidan led the company from Benyamin tribe.

25 Dan tribe with their banner was last to leave as the rear guard under the leadership of Amishaday's son Ahiezer. 26 Okran's son Pagiel led the company from Asher tribe. 27 Eynan's son Ahira led the company from Naftali (Naphtali) tribe. 28 That was the order of the departures of the companies of the Israeli tribes when they set off.

29 Then Mosheh (Moses) told Hovav (son of the Midyanite Re'uel who was Mosheh's father-in-law), "We're heading towards the place that Yahweh said he'd give us. Come and join us, and we'll look after you, because Yahweh has promised to look after Yisrael (Israel)."

30 "Thank you but no," Hovav replied, "I'll return to my land and to my relatives."

31 "Please don't leave us," Mosheh insisted, "because you're the one who knows about camping in the wilderness, and you could be our guide. 32 When you come with us, Yahweh will be blessing us so we'll also bless you."

33 Then they left Yahweh's mountain and travelled for three days, with the box containing Yahweh's agreement being carried at the front to find a resting place for them, 34 and Yahweh's cloud was over them each day as they set out from their stop.

35 As the box started moving, Mosheh would say, "Yahweh, take action and then your enemies will scatter, and the ones hating you will flee away from your presence."[21] 36 Then at the end of the day when it came to rest, he would say, "Yahweh, return to the tens of thousands of Israelis."

Complaints and fire from Yahweh

11:1 One day, the people were complaining about their situation and when Yahweh heard them, it made him angry so he sent a fire that burnt up the edges of their camp. 2 The people cried out to Mosheh (Moses) for help, and he prayed to Yahweh, and the fire stopped, 3 and they named that place Tav'erah (which means 'burning') because Yahweh's fire had burnt among them.

The choosing of seventy elders

4 However, there was a group of stirrers among the people that badly wanted to

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came_they. 22 And_ the_standard_of the_camp_of the_ _descendants_of 'Efrayim _it_set_out to_their_military_of_ _groups and_was_over group_of_its_military 'Elīshā'ma the_ _son_of 'Ammihūd. 23 And_was_over the_military_group_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Mənashsheh Gamlī'ēl the_son_ _of Pədāh- tsūr. 24 And_was_over the_military_group_of the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of Binyāmīn Abidan the_son_of Gid'ōni. 25 And_ the_standard_of the_camp_of the_ _descendants_of Dān a_rearguard to/from_all/each/any/every the_camps _it_set_out to_their_military_of_groups and_was_ _over group_of_its_military 'Aḥī'ezer the_son_of 'Ammiyshadday.[22] 26 And_was_over the_military_group_of the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of 'Āshēr Pag'ī'ēl the_son_of 'Okrān. 27 And_was_over the_military_group_of the_tribe_of the_ _descendants_of Naftālī 'Aḥīra' the_son_of 'Ēynān. 28 These are_the_settings_out_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_their_ _military_of_groups and_they_set_out. 29 And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to_Ḥovāv the_son_of Rə'ū'ēl the_Midyānite the_ _father-in-law_of Mosheh are_about_to_set_out we to the_place which **YHWH** he_said ~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_give to/for_you(pl) come with_us and_we_will_do_good to/for_you(fs) if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken good on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 30 And_he/it_ _said to_him/it not I_will_go if/because (if) to land_of_my_own and_near/to kindred_of_my I_will_go. 31 And_he/it_said do_not please leave us if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so you_ _know encamping_our in_wilderness and_you_will_become to/for_ourselves (into)_eyes. 32 And_it_was if/because you_ _will_go with_us and_it_was the_good (the)_that which **YHWH** he_will_do_good with_us and_we_will_do_good to/for_you(fs). 33 And_they_set_out from_hill of_**YHWH** a_journey_of three_of days and_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** was_setting_out before_them a_journey_of three_of days to_seek_out to/for_ _them a_resting_place. 34 And_the_cloud_of **YHWH** was_over_ _them by_day on_their_pulling_out from the_camp.[23] 35 And_ _he/it_was when_ the_box _set_out and_ Mosheh _he/it_said rise_up Oh_**YHWH** and_ enemies_of_your _may_they_be_ _scattered and_ those_of_who_hate_you _may_they_flee from_ _before_of_you. 36 And_when_rested_it he_said return Oh_ _**YHWH** the_ten_thousands_of the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).[24]

11:1 And_ the_people _he/it_was like_those_who_complain trouble in_the_ears_of **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened and_ anger_of_his _it_glowed/burnt and_it_burnt among_them the_ _fire_of **YHWH** and_she/it_ate in_the_outskirt[s]_of the_camp. 2 And_ the_people _it_cried_out to Mosheh and_ Mosheh _he_ _prayed to **YHWH** and_ the_fire _it_died_out. 3 And_he/it_ _called the_name_of the_place (the)_that Tav'ērāh if/because it_had_burnt among_them the_fire_of **YHWH**.

4 And_the_rabble which was_in_midst_of_its they_craved a_ _craving and_they_returned and_ also the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_wept and_they_said who will_he_cause_

21 **RV 10:35 · Cross-ref.** Psa 68:1.

22 **LV 10:25 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

23 **LV 10:34 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.

24 **LV 10:36 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.

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_us_to_eat meat. **5** We_remember ~~DOM~~ the_fish which we_ate in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) for_nothing ~~DOM~~ the_cucumbers and_~~DOM~~ the_watermelons and_~~DOM~~ the_leek[s] and_~~DOM~~ the_onions and_~~DOM~~ the_garlic(s). **6** And_now appetite_of_our is_dry there_ _is_not anything except are_to the_manna eyes_of_our. **7** And_ _the_manna was_like_seed_of coriander it and_appearance_of_ _its was_like_the_appearance_of the_bdellium. **8** The_people they_went_about and_they_gathered and_they_ground in_ _hand-mill or they_pounded in_mortar and_they_boiled in_pot and_they_made ~~DOM~~_him/it bread_cakes and_it_was taste_of_ _its like_the_taste_of (the)_cake_of (the)_oil. **9** And_when_ the_ _dew _came_down on the_camp night the_manna it_came_ _down on/upon/above_him/it. **10** And_ Mosheh _he/it_listened ~~DOM~~ the_people weeping to_clans_of_its everyone to_the_ _entrance_of his_tent_of_his and_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_ _glowed/burnt exceedingly and_in_the_eyes_of Mosheh it_was_ _displeasing. **11** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to **YHWH** why have_ _you_done_harm to_servant_of_your and_for_what not have_I_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your to_put ~~DOM~~ the_burden_of all_of the_people the_this on_me. **12** I did_I_conceive ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _people the_this or I did_I_give_birth_to_it that/for/because/then/when you_will_say to_me carry_it in_ _bosom_of_your just_as (the)_foster-father he_carries ~~DOM~~ the_ _sucking_child on the_soil which you_swore to_ancestors_of_ _its. **13** From_where to_me will_meat to_give_it to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_people the_this if/because they_are_ _weeping to_me to_say give to/for_ourselves meat so_that_we_ _may_eat. **14** Not I I_am_able I_alone to_carry ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _people the_this if/because it_is_too_heavy for_me. **15** And_if thus you are_doing to/for_me kill_me please immediately_(kill) if I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your and_not let_me_look on_distress_of_my. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh gather to/for_me seventy man of_the_elders_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom you_know if/because_that they are_ _the_elders_of the_people and_officials_of_its and_you_will_ _take ~~DOM~~_them to the_tent_of meeting and_they_will_present_ _themselves there with_you. **17** And_I_will_come_down and_I_ _will_speak with_you there and_I_will_set_apart some_of the_ _spirit which is_on_you and_I_will_put_it on_them and_they_ _will_carry with_you in_the_burden_of the_people and_not you you_will_carry_it you_alone. **18** And_near/to the_people you_ _will_say sanctify_yourselves for_tomorrow and_you(pl)_will_ _eat meat if/because you(pl)_have_wept in_the_ears_of **YHWH** to_say who will_he_cause_us_to_eat meat if/because it_was_ _good to/for_us in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave to/for_you(pl) meat and_you(pl)_will_eat. **19** Not a_day one you(pl)_will_eat and_not two_days and_not five days and_not ten days and_not twenty day[s]. **20** Until a_month_of days until that it_will_come_out from_nose_of_your(pl) and_it_was to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_loathsome_thing because if/because you(pl)_have_rejected ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** who is_in_midst_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_have_wept before_him to_say to/for_what this did_we_come_out from_Mitsrayim. **21** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said are_six hundred(s) thousand foot_soldier[s] the_people which I

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have meat and other foods to eat. That spread to all the Israelis who wept and asked, "Who'll give us meat to eat? **5** We remember the fish that we ate in Mitsrayim (Egypt) for free, as well as the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic, **6** but now our appetite has shrivelled up because we don't see anything to eat except this 'stuff'."

7 (The 'stuff' they ate every day was a bit like coriander seed except kind of clear.[25] **8** Each morning the people went around gathering it, then ground it with a stone mill or pounded it in a mortar, then they boiled it and made something like bread rolls with it. They tasted like fresh olive oil. **9** The 'stuff' actually descended on the camp during the night with the dew.)[26]

10 Mosheh (Moses) heard the people weeping in their tents (set up by tribe and clan). He thought it was wrong, and it made Yahweh very angry. **11** So Mosheh asked Yahweh, "Why have you caused me, your servant, to be in trouble like this? Don't you approve of me?. Why has the burden of all this people group landed on me? **12** Was it me who conceived it? Did I carry it to the land promised to their ancestors, like I was a wet-nurse? **13** All these people come to me to ask me to give them meat to eat. Where would I get enough meat to feed all them? **14** I can't bear the load of this entire people group by myself—it's too heavy for me. **15** If that's what you're doing to me, please kill me now if I've found favour in your eyes. Then I wouldn't have to suffer like this."

16 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Bring me seventy of Yisrael's (Israel's) elders who you know are good leaders, and take them to the sacred tent, and let them take their positions there with you. **17** I'll come down and talk with you there, and I'll take some of the spirit that's on you and put it on them, and then they'll carry the burden of the people along with you. Then you won't have to carry it by yourself. **18** Also, tell the people that because they wept in my hearing about not having meat to eat like you all did in Mitsrayim (Egypt), they must purify themselves for tomorrow, because I'll provide meat for you all to eat. **19** You won't just have meat for a day or two, or for five, ten, or twenty days, **20** you have it for a whole month until it comes out your nostrils. Yes, it'll make you all nauseous because you rejected Yahweh who's among you, and you all wept in front of him, complaining, 'Why did we ever leave Mitsrayim?' "

21 Mosheh queried, "There's 600,000 able to serve in the army plus women and children, yet you say that you'll give them all enough meat to eat every day for month! **22** Even if we killed all the cattle and sheep, or caught all the fish in the sea, that wouldn't be enough meat for all them."

23 "Do you think that Yahweh's powerless?" Yahweh replied. "Soon you'll see whether or not my statement will come true."

24 So Mosheh went out and passed on Yahweh's message to the people. Then he gathered seventy men from the Israeli elders

25 RV 11:7-8 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:31.

26 RV 11:9 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:13-15.

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and stood them around the tent. **25** Then Yahweh came down in the cloud and spoke to Mosheh, and he took some of the spirit away from him and put it on those seventy elders. As the spirit rested on them, they prophesied (but they never did that again).

26 Two of the men who were listed (named Eldad and Medad), had remained in the main camp (not going to the sacred tent), and the spirit had also rested on them and they prophesied in the camp. **27** A young man ran to Mosheh and told him that Eldad and Medad were prophesying there in the camp.

28 Then Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua) (who had helped Mosheh since his youth) responded, "My master Mosheh, stop them from that."

29 But Mosheh replied, "Are you being jealous on my behalf? I'd be happy if Yahweh would put his spirit on *all* the people and make them into prophets." **30** Then Mosheh and the elders went back to their tents.

Yahweh sends quails for meat

31 Then Yahweh sent a wind that blew quails from the ocean, and they dropped on the ground a day's walk in every direction around the camp until they were piled a metre high. **32** So the people went out and collected the quail—each family getting at least the equivalent of ten large barrels full, and they spread the meat around the camp to sun dry. **33** Then when they started to cook and eat some of the fresh meat, Yahweh got very angry and struck the people with a terrible deadly disease before they could even chew it. **34** So that place was named Kivrot-Hata'avah (which means 'Graves of the cravers'), because that was where they buried the people who had craved meat. **35** From Kivrot-Hata'avah, the people moved on to Hatserot and stayed there.

Miryam's punishment

12:1 One day, Miryam (Miriam) and Aharon (Aaron) spoke out against Mosheh (Moses) because he'd taken an Kushi (Ethiopian) woman (Kushit) as a wife, **2** and they challenged, "Did Yahweh really only speak through Mosheh? Doesn't he also speak through us?" Yahweh heard what they said. **3** (Now Mosheh was actually a very humble man—more humble than anyone else alive.)

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am_in_midst_of_its and_you(ms) you_have_said meat I_will_ _give to/for_them and_they_will_eat a_month_of days. **22** A_ _flock and_a_herd will_it_be_slaughtered to/for_them and_ _someone_will_find to/for_them or ~~ÐØM~~ all_of the_fish(es)_of the_sea will_it_be_gathered to/for_them and_someone_will_ _find to/for_them. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh the_ _hand_of **YHWH** is_it_short now you_will_see will_it_happen_ _to_you message_of_my or not. **24** And_ Mosheh _he/it_went_ _out and_he/it_spoke to the_people ~~ÐØM~~ the_words/messages_ _of **YHWH** and_he_gathered seventy man of_the_elders_of of_ _the_people and_he_stationed ~~ÐØM~~_them around_of the_tent. **25** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_descended in_cloud and_he/it_spoke to_ _him/it and_he_set_apart some_of the_spirit which on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_gave on seventy man the_ _elders and_he/it_was just_as_rested on_them the_spirit and_ _they_prophesied and_not they_repeated. **26** And_ two_of men _they_had_remained in_camp the_name_of the_one was_'Eldād and_name_of the_second was_Mēydād and_it_rested on_them the_spirit and_they were_among_written and_not they_had_ _gone_out to_the_tent and_they_prophesied in_camp. **27** And_ the_young_man _he_ran and_he_told to_Mosheh and_he_said 'Eldād and_Mēydād are_prophesying in_camp. **28** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn the_servant_of Mosheh from_youth(s)_of_his _he_answered and_he_said my_master Mosheh restrain_them. **29** And_he/it_said to_him/it Mosheh zealous are_you to_me and_who will_he_give all_of the_people_ _of **YHWH** were_prophets that/for/because/then/when **YHWH** he_will_put ~~ÐØM~~ his/its_breath/wind/spirit on_them. **30** And_he_gathered_himself Mosheh to the_camp he and_the_ _elders_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

31 And_spirit it_set_out from_with **YHWH** and_it_brought quails from the_sea and_it_left_them at the_camp about_a_ _journey_of a_day thus and_about_a_journey_of a_day thus around_of the_camp and_about_two_cubits above the_surface_ _of the_earth/land. **32** And_ the_people _he/it_rose_up all_of the_day (the)_that and_all the_night and_all/each/any/every the_day_of the_next_day and_they_gathered ~~ÐØM~~ the_quail the_one_who_made_little he_gathered ten homers and_they_ _spread_them_out to/for_them widely_(spread_out) around_of the_camp. **33** The_meat still_it was_between teeth_of_their not_ _yet it_was_chewed and_the_anger_of **YHWH** it_burnt on_ _people and_ **YHWH** _he_struck (on)_people a_plague great very. **34** And_he/it_called ~~ÐØM~~ the_name_of the_place (the)_that Qivrōt Hattaʾₐvāh if/because there they_buried ~~ÐØM~~ the_people who_craved. **35** From_Qivrōt- hattaʾₐvāh the_people they_set_ _out Ḥₐtsērōt and_they_were at_ Ḥₐtsērōt.

12:1 And_ Miryām and_'Ahₐron _she_spoke against_Mosheh on the_causes_of the_woman (the)_Kūshiy/(Cushite) whom he_ _had_taken if/because a_woman Kūshiy he_had_taken. **2** And_ _they_said only only by_Mosheh **YHWH** has_he_spoken not also by_us has_he_spoken and_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened. **3** And_ _the_man Mosheh was_humble[29] very from_all the_humankind who was_on the_surface_of the_soil. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said suddenly to Mosheh and_to 'Ahₐron and_near/to Miryām Oh_

29 LV 12:3 · Note OSHB variant note: **ונע**: (x-qere) 'וְנֻעַ': lemma_6035 morph_HAamsa id_04HkZ וְנֻעַ

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_of_the_three_of_you(pl) come_out to the_tent_of meeting and_ the_three_of_of_them _they_went_out. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _descended in_a_pillar_of cloud and_he_stood the_entrance_of the_tent and_he/it_called ʾAhₐron and_Miryām and_ both_of_ _of_them _they_went_out. **6** And_he/it_said hear please words/messages_of_my if prophet_of_your(pl) he_is **YHWH** by_ _vision to_him/it I_make_myself_known by_a_dream I_speak in/on/over_him/it. **7** Not thus servant_of_my Mosheh in_all house_of_my he is_faithful. **8** Mouth to mouth I_speak in/on/over_him/it and_a_vision and_not by_riddles and_the_ _form_of **YHWH** he_sees and_why not were_you(pl)_afraid to_ _speak against_servant_of_my against_Mosheh. **9** And_it_ _glowed/burnt[30] the_anger of_**YHWH** on_them and_he_went. **10** And_the_cloud it_departed from_under the_tent and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Miryām was_leprous like_snow and_ ʾAhₐron _he_turned to Miryām and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE leprous. **11** And_ ʾAhₐron _he/it_said to Mosheh pardon_me my_master do_not please put on_us the_sin which we_have_acted_foolishly and_ _which we_have_sinned. **12** Not please let_her_be like_(the)_ _person whom in_his/its_coming_out from_the_womb_of his/its_mother and_ (the)_half_of his_flesh_of_his _it_was_ _eaten. **13** And_ Mosheh _he_cried_out to **YHWH** to_say Oh_god please heal please to/for_her/it. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_father_of_her only_(spit) he_had_spat in_face_of_ _her not will_she_be_put_to_shame seven_of days she_will_be_ _shut_up seven_of days from_the_outside of_camp and_after she_will_be_received. **15** And_ Miryām _she_was_shut_up from_ _the_outside of_camp seven_of days and_the_people not it_set_ _out until Miryām was_received. **16** And_after the_people they_ _set_out from_ Ḥₐtsērōt and_they_encamped in_the_ _wilderness_of Pāʾrān.

13:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Send to/for_yourself(m) men so_that_they_may_spy_out ~~DOM~~ the_ _land_of Kənaʻan/(Canaan) which I am_about_to_give to_the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) a_man one a_man one for_the_tribe_ _of his_ancestors_of_his you(pl)_will_send every_one a_leader among_them. **3** And_ Mosheh _he_sent ~~DOM~~_them from_the_ _wilderness_of Pāʾrān on the_mouth_of **YHWH** of_them_of_all were_men who_were_the_heads_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they. **4** And_these names_of_are_their for_the_ _tribe_of Rəʾūvēn Shammūʻa the_son_of Zakkūr. **5** For_the_ _tribe_of Shimʻōn Shāfāṭ the_son_of Ḥorī. **6** For_the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh). **7** For_the_tribe_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) Yigʾāl/(Igal) the_son_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **8** For_the_tribe_of ʾEfrayim Hōshēʻa the_son_of Nūn. **9** For_the_tribe_of Binyāmīn Palṭī/(Palti) the_son_of Rāfūʾ. **10** For_the_tribe_of Zəvūlūn Gaddiyʾēl the_son_of Ṣōdī. **11** For_the_tribe_of Yōṣēf for_the_ _tribe_of Mənashsheh Gaddiy the_son_of Ṣūṣī. **12** For_the_tribe_ _of Dān ʻAmmiyʾēl the_son_of Gəmalliy. **13** For_the_tribe_of

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4 Then Yahweh suddenly told Mosheh, Aharon, and Miryam, "Go out, the three of you, to the sacred tent." So the three of them went there. **5** and Yahweh descended in a pillar of cloud and stood at the tent opening and called Aharon and Miryam, and the two of them stepped forward, **6** and he said, "Listen to me. When there's a prophet of Yahweh, I make myself known to him in a vision and speak to him in a dream, **7** but I don't do that to my servant Mosheh. He's the most faithful of all my people[27] **8** and I speak to him directly—face-to-face, and not in parables, and he's able to see my form. So why weren't you afraid to speak against my servant Mosheh?"

9 So Yahweh was angry at Miryam and Aharon. Then he departed **10** and the cloud moved from the tent. Then wow, Miryam had leprosy—her skin had gone as white as snow. As Aharon turned to her, he saw, wow, she was leprous, **11** and he begged Mosheh, "Please, my master, please don't make us suffer for our foolish disrespect and disobedience. **12** Don't let her be like a still-born baby that's already starting to decompose when its mother gives birth to it.

13 So Mosheh pleaded with Yahweh, "God, please, please heal her!"

14 "If her father had spit in her face, wouldn't she stay inside in disgrace for seven days?" Yahweh replied. "So she must be put outside the camp for seven days,[28] then after that, she can enter again." **15** So Miryam was sent outside the camp for seven days, and the people didn't move on until after she was allowed to return. **16** After that, the people left Hatserot and set up camp in the Paran wilderness.

Twelve scouts sent into Kena'an[31]

13:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Send some men in to explore Kena'an (Canaan)—the land that I'm giving to the Israelis. Send one man from each ancestral tribe—a leader within that tribe." **3** Then at Yahweh's command, Mosheh sent them off from the Paran wilderness. They were all Israeli leaders **4** and their names were:

Shamua (Zakur's son) from Re'uven tribe,
5 Shafat (Hori's son) from Shim'on (Simeon) tribe,
6 Kalev (Caleb) (Kalev—Yefuneh's son) from Yehudah (Judah) tribe,
7 Yigal (Yosef's (Joseph's) son) from Yisakar (Issachar) tribe,
8 Hoshea (Nun's son) from Efrayim (Ephraim) tribe,
9 Palti (Rafu's son) from Benyamin tribe,
10 Gadiel (Sodi's son) from Zevulun tribe,
11 Gadi (Susi's son) from Yosef tribe,
12 Amiyel (Gemali's son) from Dan tribe,
13 Setur (Mika'el's (Michael's) son) from Asher tribe,

27 **RV 12:7 · Cross-ref.** Heb 3:5.

28 **RV 12:14 · Cross-ref.** Num 5:2-3.

30 **LV 12:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

31 **RV 13:1 · Parallel** Deu. 1:19-33

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14 Nahbi (Vofsi's son) from Naftali (Naphtali) tribe, and
15 Geuel (Maki's son) from Gad tribe.
16 Mosheh (Moses) called (Nun's son) Hoshea, 'Yehoshua' (Joshua). Those were the names of the men that Mosheh sent out to explore Kena'an (Canaan).
17 So Mosheh sent them to explore Kena'an, telling them, "Go through the Negev and then up into the hill country. 18 Find out what the land's like, and whether the people living there are militarily strong or weak, and if they're many or few. 19 Find out whether the land is good or bad, what cities they live in, and how fortified they are. 20 Find out whether the soil is fertile or not, whether or not there's trees there. Be courageous and bring back some of the produce from that land." (He said that because it was the time of the year when grapes were starting to ripen.)
21 So the twelve men went and explored the region from the Tsin (Zin) wilderness in the south, all the way up to Rehov at Levo-Hamat in the north. 22 They started in the Negev, and went as far as Hevron where some of Anak's descendents lived: Ahiman, Sheshay, Talmay. Hevron had been built seven years before Tsoan in Mitsrayim (Egypt). 23 When they got to the Eshkol riverbed, they cut off a branch with a cluster of grapes, and carried it on a pole between two of them, along with some pomegranates and figs. 24 (That place was then called Eshkol, meaning 'cluster', because of the cluster of grapes they'd taken from there.)

The reports from the scouts

25 Forty days later, they returned from exploring that land 26 and went to Kadesh in the Paran wilderness. There they reported back to Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) and all the assembled people, and showed them the fruit from the land, 27 and told them, "We went to the land where you sent us, and it is indeed flowing with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28 However, the people living in that land are powerful, and the cities are very well fortified. Also, some of the Anak people group live there. 29 The Amaleki people live in the Negev, and the Hitim, Yevusim, and Amorim live in the hill country, and the Kena'anim (Canaanites) live along the coast and along the Yarden (Jordan) river."
30 Then Kalev (Caleb) raised an arm to quieten the people in front of Mosheh and stated, "We'll certainly go in there and take it over, because we're capable of going against them."
31 But the men who'd gone in with him argued, "No, we're not able to battle against them because they're stronger than us."
32 Then they went on to bring out a bad report to the Israelis about the land that they'd explored, saying, "The land that we passed to explore is a land that devours those who live in it. In addition, all the people we saw in there were tall and powerful,
33 plus we saw the Nefilim[32] (descendants of Anak), and we felt as small as grasshoppers compared to them, and that's how they

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'Āshēr Şətūr the_son_of Mīkā'ēl. 14 For_the_tribe_of Naftālī Naḥbiy the_son_of Vofşī. 15 For_the_tribe_of Gād Gə'ū'ēl the_ _son_of Mākī. 16 These are_the_names_of the_men whom Mosheh he_sent to_spy_out ĐOM the_earth/land and_ Mosheh _ _he/it_called (to)_Hōshē'a the_son_of Nūn Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua). 17 And_ Mosheh _he_sent ĐOM_them to_spy_out ĐOM the_land_ _of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_he/it_said to_them go_up this in_ _Negev and_you(pl)_will_go_up ĐOM the_hill_country. 18 And_ _you(pl)_will_see ĐOM the_earth/land what is_it and_ĐOM the_ _people which_dwells on/upon_it(f) strong is_it feeble few is_it or many. 19 And_what the_earth/land which it is_dwelling in_it good is_it or bad and_what are_the_cities which it is_dwelling in_them in_camps or in_fortresses. 20 And_what the_ _earth/land fertile is_it or lean is_there in_it wood or not and_ _you_will_show_yourselves_strong and_you(pl)_will_take from_ _the_fruit the_earth/land and_the_days were_the_days_of the_ _first-fruits_of grapes. 21 And_they_went_up and_they_spied_ _out ĐOM the_earth/land from_the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) to Rəḥov Ləvō' Ḥamāt. 22 And_they_went_up in_Negev and_he_ _came to Ḥevrōn and_there 'Aḥīman Shēshay and_Talmay those_born_of (the)_'Ānāq and_Ḥevrōn seven years it_was_ _built to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Tso'an/(Zoan) Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 23 And_they_came to the_wadi_of 'Eshkol and_they_cut_down from_there a_vine_branch and_a_cluster_ _of grapes one and_they_carried_it on_pole (in)_two and_from the_pomegranates and_from the_figs. 24 (To)_place (the)_that someone_called the_wadi_of 'Eshkol on the_causes_of the_ _cluster_of_grapes which they_cut_down from_there the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

25 And_they_returned from_spying_out the_earth/land from_ _the_end/extremity forty day[s]. 26 And_they_went and_they_ _came to Mosheh and_to 'Ahₐron and_near/to all_of the_ _congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to the_ _wilderness_of Pā'rān to_Qādēsh and_they_brought_back them message and_ĐOM all_of the_congregation and_they_showed_ _them ĐOM the_fruit_of the_earth/land. 27 And_they_recounted to_him/it and_they_said we_went into the_earth/land which you_sent_us and_also is_flowing_of milk and_honey it and_this fruit_of_is_its. 28 Nevertheless if/because is_strong the_people which_dwells on_the_earth and_the_cities are_fortified large very and_also those_born_of (the)_'Ānāq we_saw there. 29 'Amālēq is_dwelling in_land of_the_Negev and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] and_the_'Amorī[s] is_dwelling in_ _country and_the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] is_dwelling at the_ _sea and_on the_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan). 30 And_ Kālēv/(Caleb) _he_silenced ĐOM the_people to Mosheh and_ _he/it_said certainly_(go_up) we_will_go_up and_we_will_take_ _possession_of ĐOM_her/it if/because certainly_(prevail) we_ _will_prevail to/for_her/it. 31 And_the_men who they_had_ _gone_up with_him/it they_said not we_are_able to_go_up against the_people if/because is_strong it more_than_us. 32 And_they_brought_out (the)_bad_report_of the_earth/land which they_had_spied_out ĐOM_her/it to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say the_earth/land which we_passed in_it to_spy_out ĐOM_her/it is_a_land which_devours inhabitants_of_

32 RV 13:33 · Cross-ref. Gen 6:4.

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_its it and_all the_people which we_saw in_the_midst_of_of_it were_men_of stature(s). **33** And_there we_saw ĐOM the_ _Nephilim the_descendants_of ʿĀnāq were_from the_ _Nefilim/Nephilim and_we_were in_our_own_of_eyes like_ _grasshoppers and_thus/so/as_follows we_were in_eyes_of_ _their.

14:1 And_ all_of the_congregation _it_lifted_up and_they_gave_ _forth ĐOM voice_of_their and_ the_people _they_wept in_night (the)_that. **2** And_they_grumbled on Mosheh and_on ʾAh$_a$ron all_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_said to_them all_ _of the_congregation if we_had_died in_land of_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) or in_wilderness the_this if we_had_died. **3** And_why is_**YHWH** bringing us into the_earth/land (the)_this to_fall by_sword wives_of_our and_our_little_of_one[s] they_ _will_become (into)_plunder am_not good to/for_us is_to_ _return towards_Mitsrayim. **4** And_they_said each to his/its_ _brother let_us_appoint a_leader and_let_us_return towards_ _Mitsrayim. **5** And_ Mosheh and_ʾAh$_a$ron _he_fell on faces_of_ _their to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before all_of the_assembly_ _of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **6** And_ _Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_ _son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) of those_who_spied_out ĐOM the_earth/land they_tore clothes_of_their. **7** And_they_said to all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say the_earth/land which we_passed in_it to_spy_out ĐOM_her/it is_good the_earth/land very very. **8** If he_delights in_us **YHWH** and_he_will_bring us into the_earth/land (the)_this and_he_ _will_give_it to/for_us a_land which it is_flowing_of milk and_ _honey. **9** Only against_**YHWH** do_not rebel and_you(pl) do_not fear ĐOM the_people_of the_earth/land if/because be_our_ _bread_of_will they shade_of_their it_has_departed from_over_ _them and_**YHWH** is_with_us do_not fear_them. **10** And_ all_of the_congregation _they_said to_stone ĐOM_them with_stones and_the_glory_of **YHWH** it_appeared at_the_tent_of meeting to all_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

11 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh until when will_they_ _spurn_me the_people the_this and_unto when not will_they_ _believe in_me with_all_of the_signs which I_did in_midst_of_ _its. **12** I_will_strike_it with_pestilence and_I_will_dispossess_it and_I_will_make you to_(a)_nation great and_mighty more_ _than_it. **13** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to **YHWH** and_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_will_hear if/because you_brought_up by_strength_of_your ĐOM the_people the_this from_midst_of_ _its. **14** And_they_will_say to the_inhabitant[s]_of the_ _earth/land (the)_this they_have_heard if/because_that you Oh_**YHWH** are_in_the_midst_of the_people the_this who eye in_eye he_was_seen you Oh_**YHWH** and_cloud_of_your is_ _standing over_them and_in_a_pillar_of cloud you are_going before_them by_day and_in_a_pillar_of fire night. **15** And_you_ _will_put_to_death ĐOM the_people the_this like_a_person one and_ the_nations which they_have_heard ĐOM report_of_your _ _they_will_say to_say. **16** Because_not **YHWH** was_able to_bring ĐOM the_people the_this into the_earth/land which he_swore to/for_them and_he_has_slaughtered_them in_wilderness. **17** And_now may_it_be_great please the_power_of my_master just_as you_have_spoken to_say. **18** **YHWH** is_long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty he_is_forgiving iniquity and_

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saw us as well."

The people rebel

14:1 The assembled people cried loudly that entire night, **2** and then they started to protest against Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron). They were all saying, "If only we'd died in Mitsrayim (Egypt) or back there in this wilderness. **3** Why did Yahweh bring us to this place only to be slaughtered in battle with our wives and children being taken as plunder? Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Mitsrayim?" **4** So they said to each other, "Let's choose a new leader to take us back to Mitsrayim."

5 Then Mosheh and Aharon fell to their knees with their faces bowed in front of all the assembled Israelis. **6** Then Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua) and Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb), two of those who'd explored that land, tore their clothes in grief **7** and spoke to all those Israelis gathered there, "The land that we passed throughout and explored is a very, very good place. **8** If Yahweh is pleased with us, then he'll take us into it and give it to us—that land flowing with milk and honey. **9** However, you all mustn't rebel against Yahweh, and you mustn't be scared of the people in that area because they'll be like bread for us. There's nothing left to protect them as Yahweh is with us, so don't be afraid." **10** Then the mass of people talked about killing them by throwing rocks at them, but Yahweh's brilliant light suddenly appeared to all the Israelis from the sacred tent.

Mosheh asks Yahweh to forgive

11 Yahweh said to Mosheh (Moses), "How long will this people group spurn me for? How long will they refuse to believe in me for, despite all the miracles that I've done among them? **12** I'll strike them with a deadly disease and destroy them. I'm make you into a nation that's greater and more powerful than them."

13 But Mosheh disagreed with Yahweh, "Then Mitsrayim (Egypt) will hear about how you used your power to bring these people out from among them, **14** and they'll report to the inhabitants of Kena'an (Canaan), because those inhabitants have heard that you, Yahweh, are right here in the middle of us Israeli people, and how your cloud rests on us, and how you lead us with that pillar of cloud that becomes a pillar of fire at night. **15** If you exterminate all the Israelis, those nations who've heard about your fame will say, **16** 'That Yahweh couldn't take those people into the land that he promised them, so he slaughtered them in the wilderness.' **17** So may the power of my master be great, just as you've previously said, **18** 'Yahweh is slow to anger and quick to show loyal commitment, forgiving disobedience and rebel-

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lion. Yet he doesn't leave the guilty unpunished, bringing the consequences of the father's disobedience onto the next three generations.' **19** Please forgive this people for their disobedience, applying your incredible loyal commitment like how you did when you brought these people from Mitsrayim all the way to here."

20 "I've forgiven as per your request," Yahweh replied, **21** "however, as surely as I live and as all the land is filled with Yahweh's light, **22** and despite them all seeing my power and the miracles that I did both in Mitsrayim and in the wilderness, they've now tested me many times and haven't done what I told them, **23** so there's no way that they'll enter the land that I promised to their ancestors. All those who despised me won't get to enter it. **24** However, my servant Kalev (Caleb) has a different spirit with him, and he wholeheartedly followed me, so I'll take him into the land that he explored, and his descendants will inherit it.[33] **25** The Amalekim and Kena'anim (Canaanites) live in the valleys. Tomorrow, you all must turn and set off towards the wilderness via the route to the Red Sea.

Punishment for the protestors

26 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), **27** "How much longer do I have to put up with this evil gathering that grumble against me? I've heard the complaints that the Israelis are making against me. **28** Tell them this, 'Yahweh declares that as I live, your own words that I heard are exactly what I'll do to you all. **29** Indeed you'll die there in the wilderness—all those men who were listed as being twenty years old and older that complained against me. **30** You all won't enter that land that I would have used my power to settle you into. The only exceptions are Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb) and Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua). **31** The children of you all that you said would be taken as plunder, I take *them* in and they'll experience the land that you all have rejected, **32** but your bodies will remain in this wilderness. **33** Your sons will become shepherds in the wilderness for forty years, and they will suffer for your unfaithfulness until you yourselves all become corpses in the wilderness. **34** For each day that you explored the land, you'll all bear your disobedience for one year, so forty days will be forty years of experiencing my displeasure. **35** I, Yahweh, have spoken that I'll certainly do that to this evil community that joined together against me. They'll meet their end and die there in the wilderness.' "

36 Now those ten men who Mosheh (Moses) had sent in to explore the land, and who'd returned and the made the whole assembly grumble against him because of their evil report about the land, **37** they died from a deadly disease in front of Yahweh after producing that evil report. **38** However, Yehoshua

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_transgression and_certainly_(leave_unpunished) not he_will_ _leave_unpunished he_is_visiting the_iniquity_of parents on the_children on a_third_generation and_on a_fourth_ _generation. **19** Forgive please (to)_the_iniquity_of the_people the_this according_to_the_greatness_of your_covenant_loyalty_ _of_your and_as_which you_have_forgiven (to)_people the_this from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto now. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _said I_have_forgiven_them according_to_of_your_message. **21** And_but by_the_life of_me and_it_will_be_filled the_glory_of **YHWH** ÐØM all_of the_earth/land. **22** If/because all_of the_men who_saw ÐØM glory_of_my and_ÐØM signs_of_my which I_did in_Mitsrayim and_in_wilderness and_they_have_put_to_the_ _test ÐØM_me this ten times and_not they_have_listened to_ _voice_of_my. **23** If they_will_see ÐØM the_earth/land which I_ _swore to_ancestors_of_their and_all those_of_who_spurned_ _me not they_will_see_it. **24** And_servant_of_my Kālēv/(Caleb) consequence it_has_been a_spirit another with_him/it and_he_ _has_filled after_me and_I_will_bring_him into the_earth/land where he_went there_(to) and_offspring_of_his it_will_take_ _possession_of_it. **25** And_the_ʹAmālēqite[s] and_the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] is_dwelling in_valley[s] tomorrow turn and_set_out to/for_you(pl) the_wilderness the_way_of the_sea_of reed[s].

26 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ahₐron to_say. **27** Until when to_congregation the_evil (the)_this who they are_grumbling on_me ÐØM the_grumblings_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) which they are_grumbling on_me I_have_heard. **28** Say to_them by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** if not just_as you(pl)_have_spoken in_ears_of_my so I_will_do to_ _you(pl). **29** In_wilderness the_this corpses_of_your(pl) they_ _will_fall and_all your(pl)_enrolled_of_men to/from_ _all/each/any/every number_of_your(pl) from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards who you(pl)_have_ _grumbled on_me. **30** If you(pl) you(pl)_will_go into the_ _earth/land which I_lifted_up ÐØM hand_of_my to_cause_to_ _dwell you(pl) in_it if/because (if) Kālēv the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) and_Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn. **31** And_your_little_of_one[s] who you(pl)_said (into)_ _plunder he_will_become and_I_will_bring ÐØM_them and_ _they_will_know ÐØM the_earth/land which you(pl)_have_ _rejected (in)_it. **32** And_corpses_of_your(pl) you(pl) they_will_ _fall in_wilderness (the)_this. **33** And_children_of_your(pl) they_will_be shepherds in_wilderness forty year[s] and_they_ _will_bear ÐØM prostitution(s)_of_your(pl) until corpses_of_ _your(pl) are_finished in_wilderness. **34** By_the_number_of the_ _days which you(pl)_spied_out ÐØM the_earth/land forty day[s] a_day for_year a_day for_year you(pl)_will_bear ÐØM iniquities_ _of_your(pl) forty year[s] and_you(pl)_will_know ÐØM opposition_of_my. **35** I **YHWH** I_have_spoken if not this I_will_ _do to/from_all/each/any/every the_congregation the_evil (the)_this which_has_gathered on_me in_wilderness the_this they_will_meet_their_end and_there they_will_die. **36** And_the_ _men whom Mosheh he_sent to_spy_out ÐØM the_earth/land

33 **RV 14:24 · Cross-ref.** Josh 14:9-12.

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they_returned and[34] on/upon/above_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _congregation by_bringing_out a_bad_report on the_ _earth/land. **37** And_ the_men who_brought_out_of (of)_the_ _bad_report_of the_earth/land evil _they_died by_plague to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **38** And_ _Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_ _son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) they_lived of the_men the_ _those who_went to_spy_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land.

39 And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages the_ _these to all_of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_ the_people _ _they_mourned exceedingly. **40** And_they_rose_early in_ _morning and_they_went_up to the_top_of the_hill_country to_ _say here_we_are and_we_will_go_up to the_place which **YHWH** he_said if/because we_have_sinned. **41** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_said to/for_what this are_you(pl) transgressing ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** and_it not it_will_succeed. **42** Do_not go_up if/because not **YHWH** will_be_of_in_your(pl)_midst and_not you(pl)_will_be_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_your(pl). **43** If/because the_ʻAmālēqite[s] and_the_ _Kəna ʻ ₐnīte are_there before_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_fall by_ _sword if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so you(pl)_have_ _turned_back from_after **YHWH** and_not he_will_be **YHWH** with_you(pl). **44** And_they_presumed to_go_up to the_top_of the_hill_country and_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** and_ _Mosheh not they_departed from_the_midst_of the_camp. **45** And_ the_ʻAmālēqite[s] and_the_Kəna ʻ ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_dwelt in_country (the)_that _he/it_descended and_they_ _attacked_them and_they_scattered_them to (the)_Ḥormāh. **15:1** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them if/because you(pl)_will_go into the_land_of your(pl)_dwelling_ _places_of_your(pl) which I am_about_to_give to_you(pl). **3** And_you(pl)_will_make a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** a_ _burnt_offering or a_sacrifice to_fulfill a_vow or (in)_a_ _freewill_offering or at_your(pl)_appointed_of_feasts for_doing an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** from the_herd or from the_flock. **4** And_ the_one_who_brings_near offering_of_his to/for_**YHWH** _he_will_bring_near a_grain_offering fine_flour one_tenth_of_an_ʼēyfāh mixed with_(the)_fourth of_(the)_hin oil. **5** And_wine for_offering (the)_fourth of_(the)_hin you_will_ _offer with the_burnt_offering or for_sacrifice for_lamb the_ _one. **6** Or for_ram you_will_offer a_grain_offering fine_flour two_of tenths_of_an_ʼēyfāh mixed with_oil (the)_third of_(the)_ _hin. **7** And_wine for_offering (the)_third of_(the)_hin you_will_ _bring_near an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **8** And_ _because/when you_will_offer a_young_one_of the_herd a_ _burnt_offering or a_sacrifice to_fulfill a_vow or peace_ _offerings to/for_**YHWH**. **9** And_he_will_bring_near with the_ _young_one_of the_herd a_grain_offering fine_flour three tenths_of_an_ʼēyfāh mixed with_oil (the)_half_of (the)_hin. **10** And_wine you_will_bring_near for_offering (the)_half_of (the)_hin a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH**. **11** Thus it_will_be_done for_bull the_one or for_ram the_one or for_livestock among_lambs or among_kids.

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(Yehoshua—Nun's son) and Kalev (Kalev—Yefuneh's son) who had also explored that land, continue to live on.

The wrong-minded attempt to invade[35]

39 So Mosheh (Moses) passed on to the Israelis what Yahweh had said, and the people were extremely sad. **40** Early the next morning, they went up towards the hilltops, saying, "Look at us all here! Yes, we sinned yesterday, but today we'll go up to the place that Yahweh said."

41 "What's that?" Mosheh responded. "Don't go against Yahweh's instructions because your plan won't succeed. **42** Don't continue onwards because Yahweh isn't with you and for sure you'll all be defeated by your enemies **43** because you'll all be facing the Amalekim and the Kena'anim (Canaanites) and you'll die by the sword. Yes, you've turned away from following Yahweh so he won't be with you all."

44 Nevertheless, they dared to continue up to the tops of the hills, but neither Mosheh nor the box containing the agreement with Yahweh, left the camp. **45** Then the Amalekim and Kena'anim that lived in that part of the hill country attacked them and killed them as far down as Hormah.

Instructions about sacrifices and offerings

15:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Tell the Israelis that when they enter the region that I'll give them to live in, they must do this: **3** When you all make a gift to Yahweh—a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow, or as a freewill offering, or at your appointed times, to make a scent of pleasing for Yahweh from the cattle or from the flock— **4** then the donor must present their offering to Yahweh, along with a grain offering of a kilogram of fine flour mixed with 0.9 litres of olive oil. **5** Also about a quarter of a litre of wine for the drink offering must be offered with the burnt offering and/or with each male lamb. **6** For a ram, there must also be a grain offering of two kilograms of fine flour mixed with 1.2 litres of oil **7** plus 1.2 litres of wine, all to be presented as a pleasing aroma to Yahweh. **8** When you offer a young bull as a burnt offering or as a sacrifice such as fulfilling a vow or as a peace offering, **9** the donor must present a grain offering of 3.5kg of fine flour mixed with two litres of oil, **10** plus a drink offering of two litres of wine, all to be presented as a pleasing aroma to Yahweh.

11 That's what must be done for each bull or ram or lamb or young goat. **12** Whatever number of animals that you offer, there must be the appropriate grain and wine offerings. **13** Every native-born Israeli must do that when presenting a gift, all to be

34 LV 14:36 · Note OSHB variant note: ונולי/ו: (x-qere) וּנְגֵלִי/וּ: lemma_c/3885 b morph_HC/Vhw3mp id_04DkJ וּנְגֵלִי/ו

35 RV 14:39 · Parallel Deu. 1:41-46

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presented as a pleasing aroma to Yahweh.

14 If a foreigner is staying with you all or living among you for multiple generations, and they make an offering to Yahweh with a pleasing aroma, then they must follow the same instructions as all of you. **15** Yes, the same regulations apply to both you and the foreigners living among you all. That will always apply—foreigners in front of Yahweh must do the same as all of you. **16** One set of instructions and regulations for both you and the foreigner that lives among you all.

17 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **18** "Tell the Israelis that when you get to the land that I'm taking you to, **19** and you all settle there and start eating food that you've grown there, you all must dedicate a special contribution to Yahweh. **20** You must present the first portion of your dough and hold it up just like a presentation from the threshing floor. **21** You all must do that each year with your first dough, even through future generations.

Handling unintentional non-compliance

22 "However, if you do something wrong and don't follow all these instructions that Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **23** i.e., don't follow everything that Yahweh has commanded through Mosheh from when the commands were given right through to future generations, **24** then assuming that it was an accident, the community must offer a young bull for a burnt offering to make a pleasing aroma for Yahweh, along with its grain offering and drink offering as per the instructions, plus a male goat as a sin offering. **25** That way the priest will make atonement for the Israeli community and they'll be forgiven because it was a mistake and they'd brought their gift as an offering to Yahweh plus their sin offering because of their mistake. **26** The Israeli community will be forgiven along with any foreigner living among them because it accidentally affected the entire community.

27 "Now if a single person disobeys by mistake, then that person must present a one-year-old female goat as a sin offering, **28** and the priest will make atonement for that person. In that way, the one making a mistake in front of Yahweh will be forgiven. **29** Both native-born Israelis and foreigners living among them must all follow the same instructions after making a mistake. **30** However, any person who disobeys defiantly, whether native-born or foreigner, they are slandering Yahweh and that person must be driven out of the community **31** because they've despised Yahweh's message and disobeyed his instructions. That person must be completely cut off and their guilt remains on them.

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12 According_the_number which you(pl)_will_offer thus you(pl)_will_do for_one according_to_of_their_number. **13** Every_of (the)_native-born he_will_do thus ~~DOM~~ these_things to_bring_near a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH**. **14** And_because/when he_will_sojourn with_you(pl) a_ _sojourner or one_who is_among_of_you(pl) to_generations_of_ _your(pl) and_he_will_offer a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** just_as you(pl)_do so he_will_do. **15** The_assembly a_regulation one to/for_you(pl) and_to_ _sojourner who_sojourns a_regulation_of perpetuity to_ _generations_of_your(pl) as_you(pl) as_sojourner it_will_be to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **16** A_law one and_ _judgement one it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) and_to_sojourner who_sojourns with_you(pl). **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **18** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them when_come_you(pl) into the_ _earth/land where I am_about_to_bring you(pl) there_(to). **19** And_it_was when_eat_you(pl) from_the_food_of the_ _earth/land you(pl)_will_offer_up a_contribution to/for_ _**YHWH**. **20** The_first_of your(pl)_dough(s)_of_your(pl) a_cake you(pl)_will_offer_up a_contribution like_a_contribution_of the_threshing_floor so you(pl)_will_offer_up ~~DOM~~_her/it. **21** Some_of_the_first_of your(pl)_dough(s)_of_your(pl) you(pl)_ _will_give to/for_**YHWH** a_contribution to_generations_of_ _your(pl).

22 And_because/when you(pl)_will_err and_not you(pl)_will_ _observe ~~DOM~~ all_of the_commands the_these which **YHWH** he_ _has_spoken to Mosheh. **23** ~~DOM~~ all_of that **YHWH** he_has_ _commanded to_you(pl) by_the_hand_of Mosheh from the_day when **YHWH** he_commanded and_onwards to_generations_of_ _your(pl). **24** And_it_was if away_from_the_eyes_of the_ _congregation it_was_done to_inadvertence and_ all_of the_ _congregation _they_will_offer a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd one to_a_burnt_offering to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** and_its_grain_of_offering and_its_drink_of_ _offering according_the_ordinance and_a_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering. **25** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _make_atonement on all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_be_forgiven to/for_them if/because was_inadvertence it and_they they_have_brought ~~DOM~~ offering_ _of_their a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** and_their_sin_of_ _offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** on inadvertence_of_their. **26** And_it_will_be_forgiven to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_sojourner who_sojourns among_them if/because to/from_all/each/any/every the_people by_ _inadvertence. **27** And_if a_person one it_will_sin by_ _inadvertence and_it_will_bring_near a_female_goat a_ _daughter_of its_year_of_her to_a_sin_offering. **28** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_make_atonement on the_living_ _creatures who_has_sinned_inadvertently by_sin by_ _inadvertence to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_ _make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it and_it_will_be_ _forgiven to_him/it. **29** The_native-born among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_sojourner who_sojourns among_them a_law one it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) for_who]_acts by_ _inadvertence. **30** And_the_person who it_will_act with_a_hand raised one_of the_native-born and_from the_sojourner[s] ~~DOM~~

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YHWH he is_blaspheming and_ the_living_creatures the_that _
_it_will_be_cut_off from_the_midst_of people_of_its.
31 If/because the_message_of **YHWH** he_has_despised and_ĐǾM
command_of_his he_has_broken certainly_(cut_off) the_living_
_creatures the_that it_will_be_cut_off iniquity_of_its will_be_
_on_it.

32 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_were in_
_wilderness and_people_found a_man gathering wood(s)
in/on_day of_the_sabbath. **33** And_ those_who_found ĐǾM_
_him/it gathering wood(s) _they_brought_near ĐǾM_him/it to
Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to all_of the_congregation.
34 And_they_left ĐǾM_him/it in_custody if/because not it_had_
_been_decided what will_it_be_done to_him/it. **35** And_ **YHWH**
_he/it_said to Mosheh surely_(die) the_man he_will_be_put_to_
_death it_will_stone ĐǾM_him/it with_stones all_of the_
_congregation from_the_outside of_camp. **36** And_ all_of the_
_congregation _they_brought_out ĐǾM_him/it to from_the_
_outside of_camp and_they_stoned ĐǾM_him/it with_stones
and_he/it_died just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐǾM
Mosheh.

37 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh to_saying. **38** Speak to
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them and_
_they_will_make to/for_them tassel[s] on the_corners_of their_
_clothes_of_their to_generations_of_their and_they_will_put on
the_tassel[s]_of the_corner a_cord_of violet_stuff. **39** And_it_
_was to/for_you(pl) (into)_tassel[s] and_you(pl)_will_see ĐǾM_
_him/it and_you(pl)_will_remember ĐǾM all_of the_commands_
_of **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_observe ĐǾM_them and_not
you(pl)_will_go_about after heart_of_your(pl)_own and_after
your(pl)_eyes which you(pl) are_acting_as_prostitutes after_
_them. **40** So_that you(pl)_may_remember and_you(pl)_will_
_observe ĐǾM all_of commands_of_my and_you(pl)_will_be holy
to_god_of_your(pl). **41** I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who I_
_brought_out you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_
_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_god I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl).

16:1 And_ Qoraḥ the_son_of Yitshār/(Izhar) the_son_of Qəhāt
the_son_of Lēvī and_Dātān and_'Avīrām the_sons_of 'Elī'āv
and_'Ōn the_son_of Pelet the_sons_of Rə'ūvēn _he/it_took.
2 And_they_rose_up to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
Mosheh and_men from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) fifty and_
_two_hundred leaders_of the_congregation called_of the_
_appointed_meeting men_of name. **3** And_they_assembled on
Mosheh and_on 'Ah$_a$ron and_they_said to_them enough to/for_
_you(pl) if/because all_of the_congregation of_them_of_all are_
_holy and_is_among_of_them **YHWH** and_why do_you_exalt_
_yourselves over the_assembly_of **YHWH**. **4** And_ Mosheh _
_he/it_listened and_he_fell on his/its_faces/face. **5** And_he/it_
_spoke to Qoraḥ and_to all_of company_of_his to_say morning
and_ **YHWH** _he_will_make_known ĐǾM the_one_who to_him/it
and_ĐǾM the_holy_person and_he_will_bring_him_near to_
_him/it and_ĐǾM the_one_whom he_will_choose in/on/over_
_him/it he_will_bring_near to_him/it. **6** This do take to/for_
_you(pl) censers Oh_Qoraḥ and_all company_of_his. **7** And_put

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Violating the rest day

32 One day when the Israelis were in the wilderness, they noticed a man gathering firewood on the rest day, **33** and those who caught him took him to Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) and the rest of the community. **34** They put him into custody, because it hadn't been decided what to do with him, **35** and Yahweh told Mosheh, "That man must definitely be put to death—the community must do it outside the camp by throwing rocks at him." **36** So the community took him outside the camp, and they executed him by throwing rocks at him just as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh.

Tassels on clothes

37 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **38** "Tell the Israelis that they must make tassels on the corners of their outer robes. Each tassel must have a blue cord, and they must do this for all future generations. **39** Then when you see a tassel, it'll remind you of Yahweh's instructions, and so you'll follow them rather than your own desires and lusts that lead you all into unfaithfulness. **40** Instead, you'll remember and follow my instructions, and stay pure for your god. **41** I am your god Yahweh—the one who brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to be your god. I am Yahweh your god."

Korah's rebellion

16:1 Now Korah[36] (son of Yitshar, son of Kohat, son of Levi) along with Datan and Aviram (sons of Eliav) and On (son of Pelet) **2** rebelled against Mosheh (Moses) along with 250 respected, Israeli community leaders. **3** They got together and challenged Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron), "You think you're great but the entire community is sacred and has Yahweh among us, so why do you consider yourselves more important than Yahweh's community?"

4 When Mosheh heard that, he fell to his knees with his face to the ground **5** and responded to Korah and his supporters, "Tomorrow morning Yahweh will show who's sacred and who belongs to him. Yahweh will present his chosen leader. make known who is to him and the holy one, and he will present to him, and whom he chooses he will present to him. **6** So Korah and supporters, bring incense burners **7** and put burning coals and incense in them, and bring them to Yahweh's presence to-

36 RV 16:1-35 · Cross-ref. Jude 11.

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morrow. Then the man that Yahweh chooses will be the sacred one. It's you Levites who think you're great."

8 Then Mosheh told Korah, "You Levites, please listen. **9** Isn't it enough for you all that Yisrael's (Israel's) god separated you from the rest of the Israeli community to present you to him to serve in Yahweh's residence and to stand in front of the gatherings to minister to them? **10** Yahweh has presented you and your brothers, the other Levites to approach him. Are you all wanting the priesthood now also? **11** So it's Yahweh that you and your group are opposing, not really Aharon (Aaron) that you're all grumbling about."

12 Then Mosheh summoned Eliav's sons Datan and Aviram but they refused, "We won't come. **13** Isn't it enough that you brought us *out* of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us here in the wilderness, without also making yourself the ruler over us? **14** What's more, you didn't bring us into a land flowing with milk and honey or give us an inheritance of land and vineyards. Will you gouge out the eyes of those Kena'anim (Canaanites) so that we can defeat them? No, we won't come."

15 That made Mosheh very angry and he told Yahweh, "Don't accept their grain offering. I've never taken even one donkey from them or done anything bad to any of them."

16 Then Mosheh told Korah, "You and all your group, must appear in front of Yahweh tomorrow, as will Aharon. **17** Each man must bring his pan with incense burning in it and present it to Yahweh—all 250 of you as well as Aharon. **18** So the next day, they all brought their pans with burning coals and incense in them, and they stood at the entrance of the sacred tent, as did Mosheh and Aharon. **19** plus Korah had also assembled the entire community to oppose Mosheh and Aharon at the entrance to the sacred tent. Then Yahweh's brilliance appeared to all the community **20** and Yahweh warned Mosheh and Aharon, **21** "Get away from all those people, then I can destroy them in an instant."

22 However, Mosheh and Aharon fell to their knees with their faces to the ground and interceded, "God, you are the god who gives life to everything. Will you be angry at the entire community because of the sin of one man?" **23** So Yahweh told Mosheh, **24** "Tell the people to keep back from the homes of Korah, Datan, and Aviram."

25 Then Mosheh walked to the homes of Datan and Aviram, and the Israeli elders followed behind him, **26** and he told the people, "Please keep back from the tents of these wicked men, and don't touch anything of theirs, in case you get caught up in their disobedience." **27** So the rest of the Israelis kept back from the residences of Korah, Datan, and Aviram. Meanwhile, Datan and Aviram had come out of their tents, and were standing at the entrances with their wives and children.

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in_them fire and_set on_them incense to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** tomorrow and_it_was the_man whom **YHWH** he_will_choose he will_be_the_holy_person enough to/for_you(pl) Oh_descendants_of Lēvī. **8** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to Qoraḥ listen please Oh_descendants_of Lēvī. **9** Is_it_ _too_small for_you(pl) that/for/because/then/when the_god_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_set_apart you(pl) from_the_ _congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_bring_near you(pl) to_ _him/it to_serve ~~ḌǪM~~ the_service_of the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** and_to_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _congregation to_serve_them. **10** And_he_has_brought_near you and_~~ḌǪM~~ all_of brothers_of_your the_descendants_of Lēvī with_you and_will_you(pl)_seek also priesthood. **11** For_ _so/thus/hence you and_all company_of_your are_the_ones_ _who_are_gathered on **YHWH** and_'Ah$_a$ron what is_he that/for/because/then/when you(pl)_will_grumble[37] on/upon/above_him/it. **12** And_ Mosheh _he_sent to_call (to)_ _Dātān and_(to)_'Avīrām the_sons_of 'Elī'āv and_they_said not we_will_come_up. **13** Is_it_small that/for/because/then/when you_have_brought_us_up from_a_land flowing_of milk and_ _honey to_kill_us in_wilderness that/for/because/then/when you_will_make_yourself_ruler over_us also really_(make_ _yourself_ruler). **14** Also not into a_land flowing_of milk and_ _honey you_have_brought_us and_you_have_given to/for_us an_inheritance_of field and_vineyard the_eyes_of the_men the_ _those will_you_gouge_out not we_will_come_up. **15** And_it_ _glowed/burnt to_Mosheh exceedingly and_he/it_said to **YHWH** do_not turn to_offering_of_their not a_donkey one from_them I_have_taken and_not I_have_done_harm_to ~~ḌǪM~~ one of_them. **16** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to Qoraḥ you and_all company_of_your be to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** you and_they and_'Ah$_a$ron tomorrow. **17** And_take each_ _one censer_of_his and_you(pl)_will_put on_them incense and_ _you(pl)_will_bring_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** each_one censer_of_his fifty and_two_hundreds censers and_you(ms) and_'Ah$_a$ron each_one censer_of_his. **18** And_ _they_took each_one censer_of_his and_they_put on_them fire and_they_set on_them incense and_they_stood the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron. **19** And_he_ _called_together on_them Qoraḥ ~~ḌǪM~~ all_of the_congregation to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_appeared to all_of the_congregation. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **21** Separate_ _yourselves from_among_of the_congregation (the)_this so_ _that_I_may_consume[38] ~~ḌǪM~~_them like_a_moment. **22** And_ _they_fell on faces_of_their and_they_said Oh_god the_god_of the_spirits to/from_all/each/any/every flesh the_man one will_he_sin and_towards all_of the_congregation will_you_be_ _angry. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **24** Speak to the_congregation to_say take_yourselves_up from_ _round_about (to)_the_dwelling_place_of Qoraḥ Dātān and_ _'Avīrām. **25** And_ Mosheh _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to Dātān and_'Avīrām and_they_went after_him the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **26** And_he/it_spoke to the_congregation to_say

37 LV 16:11 · Note OSHB variant note: ונולת: (x-qere) וניֵלֶת': lemma_3885 b n_0.0 morph_HVhi2mp id_04h7f וניֵלֶת

38 LV 16:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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turn_away please from_under the_tents_of the_men (the)_
_wicked the_these and_do_not touch in_all that to/for_them
lest you(pl)_should_be_swept_away in_all sins_of_their. **27** And_
_they_took_themselves_up from_under the_dwelling_place_of
Qoraḥ[39] Dātān and_'Avīrām from_all_around and_Dātān and_
_'Avīrām they_came_out standing the_entrance_of their_tents_
_of_their and_wives_of_their and_sons_of_their and_their_
_little_of_one[s]. **28** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said by_this you(pl)_
_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_sent_me for_doing
ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_works the_these if/because_that not from_my_
_own_of_heart. **29** If like_the_death_of every_of the_humankind
they_will_die these_men and_the_visitation_of every_of the_
_humankind it_will_be_visited on_them not **YHWH** he_has_
_sent_me. **30** And_if a_creation **YHWH** he_will_create and_ the_
_soil _it_will_open ᴅᴏᴍ her/its_mouth and_it_will_swallow
ᴅᴏᴍ_them and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that to/for_them and_they_will_go_
_down alive Shə'ōl_to and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that
the_men the_these they_have_spurned ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. **31** And_
_he/it_was just_as_he_finished to_speak ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_
_words/messages the_these and_ the_soil which was_under_
_them _it_was_split_open. **32** And_ the_earth/land _it_opened
ᴅᴏᴍ her/its_mouth and_it_swallowed ᴅᴏᴍ_them and_ᴅᴏᴍ
households_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ every_of the_humankind who
belonged_to_Qoraḥ and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_property. **33** And_ they
and_all that to/for_them _they_went_down alive Shə'ōl_to and_
_it_covered over_them the_earth/land and_they_perished
from_among_of the_assembly. **34** And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which
was_around_of_them they_fled to_voice_of_their if/because
they_said lest it_should_swallow_us the_earth/land. **35** And_
_fire it_came_forth from_with **YHWH** and_she/it_ate ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_fifty and_two_hundreds man who_were_bringing_near_of (of)_
_the_incense.

17:1 [40] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** [41]
Speak to 'El'āzār the_son_of 'Ahₐron the_priest/officer and_let_
_him_take_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_censers from_between the_burning and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ the_fire scatter beyond if/because they_are_holy. **3** [42] ᴅᴏᴍ
the_censers_of the_sinners the_these by_lives_of_their and_
_people_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_them beaten_out_of thin_plates plating
for_altar if/because they_brought_them_near to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_became_holy and_let_
_them_become (into)_a_sign for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
4 [43] And_ 'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_censers_of (the)_bronze which those_who_were_burnt they_
_had_brought_near and_people_beat_them_out plating for_
_altar. **5** [44] A_memorial for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_
_that that not a_man strange who not is_one_of_the_offspring_
_of 'Ahₐron he he_may_draw_near to_make_smoke incense to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_not he_will_be

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28 Then Mosheh said, "This is how you'll all known that it was Yahweh who selected me for this role—it's never been something that I aspired to: **29** If all these men die a natural death like most people, then Yahweh didn't choose me, **30** but if Yahweh does something new and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them and their homes and tents and all their possessions, and if they then go down alive into their grave, then you'll all know that it was because these men rejected Yahweh."

31 As soon as Mosheh had finished speaking, the ground below those men split open **32** and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their homes and every man who backed Korah along with all their property. **33** They went down alive to their grave, along with everything they owned, and then the ground covered over them and they vanished from the community. **34** All the people who were around them fled away screaming because they were afraid of getting swallowed by the earth as well.

35 Then Yahweh sent fire that consumed the 250 men who were presenting incense.

The incense burners

36 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **37** "Tell the priest Eleazar (Aharon's (Aaron's) son) to collect the incense pans from those who were burnt, and scatter the coals far away because they're sacred. **38** The pans of those who rebelled at the expense of their own lives must be hammered into thin plates to be attached to the altar, because they presented them in front of Yahweh and now they're sacred, and they'll become a reminder for the Israelis. **39** So the priest Eleazar took the bronze incense burners that had been presented by those men who'd been burnt up, and they were hammered into a plating for the altar **40** for a memorial for the Israelis just as Yahweh had told him via Mosheh. That's a reminder that no one who's not a descendant of Aharon is allowed to approach Yahweh with incense burners, so they don't end up like Korah and his sup-

39 LV 16:27 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

40 LV 17:1 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.36

41 LV 17:2 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.37

42 LV 17:3 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.38

43 LV 17:4 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.39

44 LV 17:5 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.40

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The people complain and cause a plague

41 However, the next day the Israelis complained about Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), "It was you who killed Yahweh's people." **42** But as the community gathered there against Mosheh and Aharon, they looked across to the sacred tent, and wow, the cloud covered over it and Yahweh's brilliance appeared. **43** Mosheh and Aharon went over to the front of the sacred tent, **44** and Yahweh told Mosheh, **45** "Get away from this gathering and then I'll finish them in an instant."

But Mosheh and Aharon fell to their knees with their faces to the ground, **46** and Mosheh told Aharon, "Take the incense burner, and put fire in it from the altar and incense, and take it quickly to the people and make atonement for them, because Yahweh's rage is already burning—the deadly disease has begun." **47** So Aharon took it as Mosheh had told him and ran into the middle of the people. Wow, the deadly disease had already begun, so he burnt incense and made atonement for them. **48** He stood between those who were dying and those still alive, and the deadly disease was restrained. **49** There were 14,700 people who died from the deadly disease, in addition to those who'd died due to Korah's rebellion. **50** Then Aharon returned to Mosheh at the sacred tent entrance, as the disease had been stopped.

The budding of Aharon's rod

17:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Tell the Israelis to bring you twelve staffs—one from each ancestral tribe with the leader's name inscribed on it, **3** and inscribe Aharon's (Aaron's) name on the staff for the Levites so there's one for each tribe. **4** Put them all in the sacred tent in front of the sacred box where I meet with you,

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like_Qoraḥ and_like_company_of_his just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _spoken by_the_hand_of Mosheh to_him/it.

6 **45** And_ all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_grumbled from_the_next_day on Mosheh and_on 'Ah$_a$ron to_say you(pl) you(pl)_have_killed ~~DOM~~ the_ _people_of **YHWH**. **7** **46** And_he/it_was when_ the_congregation _assembled on Mosheh and_on 'Ah$_a$ron and_they_turned to the_tent_of meeting and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_covered_it the_ _cloud and_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_appeared. **8** **47** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he_came to the_face_of the_tent_of meeting. **9** **48** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **10** **49** Get_away from_among_of the_congregation (the)_this so_ _that_I_may_make_an_end_of ~~DOM~~_them like_a_moment and_ _they_fell on faces_of_their. **11** **50** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron take ~~DOM~~ the_censer and_put on/upon_it(f) fire from_ _under the_altar and_set incense and_take_it quickly to the_ _congregation and_make_atonement on_them if/because (the)_ _severe_anger it_has_gone_forth from_to/for_ _face/front/presence **YHWH** the_plague it_has_begun. **12** **51** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_took just_as Mosheh he_had_said and_he_ _ran into the_middle_of**52** of_the_assembly and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague it_had_begun among_people and_ _he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ the_incense and_he_made_atonement on the_ _people. **13** **53** And_he_stood between the_dead and_between the_living and_ the_plague _it_was_restrained. **14** **54** And_ those_who_died by_plague _they_were four- teen thousand and_seven hundred(s) (from)_besides_of those_who_died on the_matter_of Qoraḥ. **15** **55** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_returned to Mosheh to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_the_ _plague it_had_been_restrained.

16 **57** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **17** **58** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_take from_with_ _them a_rod a_rod for_the_house_of an_ancestor from_with all_ _of leaders_of_their to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their two_plus ten rods each ~~DOM~~ his/its_name you_will_write on rod_of_his. **18** **59** And_~~DOM~~ the_name_of 'Ah$_a$ron you_will_write on the_rod_of Lēvī if/because a_rod one is_for_the_head_of

45 LV 17:6 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.41
46 LV 17:7 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.42
47 LV 17:8 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.43
48 LV 17:9 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.44
49 LV 17:10 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.45
50 LV 17:11 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.46
51 LV 17:12 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.47
52 LV 17:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
53 LV 17:13 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.48
54 LV 17:14 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.49
55 LV 17:15 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.50
57 LV 17:16 · Note Note: KJB: Num.17.1
58 LV 17:17 · Note Note: KJB: Num.17.2
59 LV 17:18 · Note Note: KJB: Num.17.3

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the_house_of their_fathers_of_their. **19** [60] And_you_will_
_deposit_them in_the_tent_of meeting to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_transcript where I_meet to/for_you(pl)
there_(to). **20** [61] And_it_was the_man whom I_will_choose
in/on/over_him/it rod_of_his it_will_bud and_I_will_put_an_
_end_to from_on_me ᴅᴏᴍ the_grumblings_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they are_grumbling on_you(pl). **21** [62]
And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_they_gave to_him/it all_of leaders_of_their a_rod for_a_
_leader one a_rod for_a_leader one to_the_house_of their_
_ancestors_of_their two_plus ten rods and_the_rod_of 'Ah$_a$ron
in_the_middle rods_of_their. **22** [63] And_ Mosheh _he_deposited
ᴅᴏᴍ the_rods to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_
_the_tent_of the_transcript. **23** [64] And_he/it_was from_the_
_next_day and_ Mosheh _he_went into the_tent_of the_
_transcript and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_rod_of 'Ah$_a$ron for_the_
_house_of Lēvī it_had_budded and_it_had_put_forth bud[s]
and_it_had_blossomed blossom and_it_had_ripened almonds.
24 [65] And_ Mosheh _he_brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_rods from_
_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** to all_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_saw and_they_took each_one rod_of_
his. **25** [66] And **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh put_back ᴅᴏᴍ
the_rod_of 'Ah$_a$ron to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_
_transcript for_keeping for_a_sign for_the_sons_of rebellion so_
_grumblings_of_their _that_you_may_put_an_end_to from_on_
_me and_not they_will_die. **26** [67] And_ Mosheh _he/it_made
just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it so he_did. **27** [68]
And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said to Mosheh to_
_say HERE we_will_die we_will_perish of_us_of_all we_will_
_perish. **28** [69] Every (the)_person_approaching (the)_person_
_approaching to the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** he_will_die or will_
_we_complete to_die.

18:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron you and_sons_of_your
and_the_house_of your_ancestor_of_your with_you you(pl)_
_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ the_guilt_of the_sanctuary and_you(ms) and_
_sons_of_your with_you you(pl)_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ the_guilt_of
your_priesthood_of_your(pl). **2** And_also ᴅᴏᴍ brothers_of_your
the_tribe_of Lēvī the_tribe_of your_ancestor_of_your bring_
_near with_you so_that_they_may_join_themselves to_you and_
_so_that_they_may_serve_you and_you(ms) and_sons_of_your
with_you to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tent_of the_
_transcript. **3** And_they_will_keep service_of_your and_the_
_service_of all_of the_tent only to the_equipment(s)_of the_
_holy_place and_near/to the_altar not they_will_draw_near

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5 and then the staff of the man that I choose to be the priest will sprout. Then the people can stop complaining to me about you."

6 So Mosheh passed the message on to the Israeli leaders and they gave him one staff for each leader—a total of twelve including Aharon's one, **7** and Mosheh laid them in front of Yahweh in the sacred tent.

8 Then the next day when Mosheh went to the sacred tent, wow, he saw that Aharon's staff (representing Levi tribe) had sprouted, plus it had blossomed and produced a flower and ripened almonds![56] **9** Mosheh took all the staffs out of the tent to the people to look at and each of the leaders took back his own staff, **10** then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Put Aharon's staff back in front of the sacred chest. Keep it there as a reminder to any rebels to stop complaining against me so they won't die." **11** So Mosheh did what Yahweh had commanded.

12 Then the Israelis complained to Mosheh, "Wow, we're done for—it's clear that we're all going to die! **13** Everyone who goes close to Yahweh's residence gets killed. Won't we all die?"

The work of priests and Levites

18:1 Then Yahweh told Aharon (Aaron), "You and your Levite brothers and cousins and all your descendants must bear the imperfections of the sacred tent, and you and your sons must bear the imperfections of your priesthood. **2** Bring your Levite brothers (your father's tribe) to work closely with you and to assist you as you and your sons perform your duties at the sacred tent. **3** They must look after the tent, however, they mustn't approach the furnishings or utensils, or the altar, so that both you and they won't die. **4** Then must work closely with you and take care of all the duties to do

56 **RV 17:8-10 · Cross-ref.** Heb 9:4.
60 **LV 17:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.4
61 **LV 17:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.5
62 **LV 17:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.6
63 **LV 17:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.7
64 **LV 17:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.8
65 **LV 17:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.9
66 **LV 17:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.10
67 **LV 17:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.11
68 **LV 17:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.12
69 **LV 17:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.13

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with the sacred tent, but no outsider is allowed to approach.
5 You priests will take care of the sacred place and the altar, and then there won't be anymore fury against the Israeli people.
6 Now listen, I've taken your brothers the Levites out from the rest of the Israelis as a gift for you—they're given to do the duties at the sacred tent. **7** However, it's you and your sons who are the priests who must serve for things to do with the altar and inside the curtain. Your priesthood is a gift of service, and any outsider who approaches must be executed."

8 Then Yahweh told Aharon, "Also listen, I've put you in charge of looking after the sacred offerings to me. I've given them to you and your sons as your permanent income. **9** Every offering apart from the burnt offerings, will belong to you. That includes their grain offerings, their sin offerings, and their guilt offerings. Once they're given, they become sacred, and they're for you and your sons. **10** You and the males in your families may eat that sacred offering but do remember that it's sacred.

11 "In addition, the people's raised offerings belong to you, and they are permanently given to your entire families to eat—everyone who's 'clean' may eat them.

12 "All the best of the fresh oil, and the new wine and grain that they give to Yahweh, I give to you. **13** The first portions of all their harvests that they bring to Yahweh, belong to you—everyone in your families who's 'clean' may eat them.

14 "Everything throughout Yisrael (Israel) that's dedicated to Yahweh will belong to you.[70]

15 "Every firstborn male baby, as well as animals, will belong to Yahweh, however you must buy back the human babies as well as the firstborns from the 'unclean' livestock. **16** The babies must be bought back when they're one month old, paying five silver coins of the proper weight according to the scales at the sacred tent. **17** However, the firstborn cows or sheep or goats can't be bought back. They are sacred—you must sprinkle their blood on the altar and burn their fat as an offering that's a soothing aroma for Yahweh. **18** Their meat will belong to you, just like the breast or the right thigh of the wave offerings are yours. **19** All sacred donations by the Israelis, I've permanently given to you and your children to eat—it's an irrevocable agreement with Yahweh for you and your future ancestors."

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and_not both they as_well_as you(pl) they_will_die. **4** And_
_they_will_join_themselves to_you and_they_will_keep ÐOM
the_duty_of the_tent_of meeting to_all/each/any/every the_
_service_of the_tent and_a_stranger not he_will_draw_near to_
_you(pl). **5** And_you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM the_service_of the_holy_
_place and_ÐOM the_service_of the_altar and_not it_will_be
again severe_anger towards the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
6 And_I HERE I_have_taken ÐOM brothers_of_your(pl) the_
_Lēviyyiy from_among_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_
_you(pl) a_gift they_are_assigned to/for_**YHWH** to_serve ÐOM
the_service_of the_tent_of meeting. **7** And_you(ms) and_sons_
_of_your with_you you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM priesthood_of_
_your(pl) to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_matter_of the_
_altar and_to_from_inside_of to_curtain and_you(pl)_will_serve
a_service_of a_gift I_give ÐOM priesthood_of_your(pl) and_the_
_stranger (the)_approaching he_will_be_put_to_death. **8** And_
YHWH _he/it_spoke to 'Ah$_a$ron and_I HERE I_give to/for_
_yourself(m) ÐOM the_charge_of my_contributions_of_my
to/from_all/each/any/every the_holy_gifts_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_yourself(m)[71] I_give_them to_a_portion
and_to_sons_of_your to_a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity.
9 This it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) from_the_holy_thing_
_of the_holy_things from the_fire every_of offering_of_their
to/from_all/each/any/every offering_of_their_grain and_
_to/for_all offering_of_their_sin and_to/for_all offering_of_
_their_guilt which they_will_bring_back to_me will_be_a_holy_
_thing_of holy_things to/for_yourself(m) it and_for_sons_of_
_your. **10** (In)_the_holy_thing_of the_holy_things you_will_eat_
_it every_of male he_will_eat ÐOM_him/it a_holy_thing it_will_
_be for_you. **11** And_this will_belong_to_you the_contribution_
_of their_gift[s]_of_their to/from_all/each/any/every the_
_wave-offerings_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_
_yourself(m) I_give_them and_to_sons_of_your and_to_
_daughters_of_your with_you to_a_prescribed_portion_of
perpetuity every_of clean_person among_household_of_your
he_will_eat ÐOM_him/it. **12** All_of the_best_of the_fresh_oil and_
_all the_best_of the_new_wine and_grain fruit_of_their_first
which they_will_give to/for_**YHWH** to/for_yourself(m) I_give_
_them. **13** The_first-fruits_of all_of that is_in_land_of_their
which they_will_bring to/for_**YHWH** to/for_yourself(m) it_
_will_belong every_of clean_person among_household_of_your
he_will_eat_it. **14** Every_of devoted_thing in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
to/for_yourself(m) it_will_belong. **15** Every_of firstborn_of a_
_womb to/from_all/each/any/every flesh which they_will_
_bring_near to/for_**YHWH** among_humankind and_on/over_
_cattle/livestock it_will_belong to_you only certainly_(redeem)
you_will_redeem ÐOM the_firstborn_of the_humankind and_
_ÐOM the_firstborn_of the_cattle/livestock (the)_unclean you_
_will_redeem. **16** Its_ransom_of_him from_a_son_of a_month
you_will_redeem_it by_valuation_of_your will_be_silver_of five_
_of shekels by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place is_twenty gerah[s]
it. **17** Only the_firstborn_of a_cow or the_firstborn_of a_young_
_ram or the_firstborn_of a_goat not you_will_redeem are_holy_
_thing[s] they ÐOM blood_of_their you_will_sprinkle on the_

70 **RV 18:14 · Cross-ref.** Lev 27:28.

71 **LV 18:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_altar and_ĐOM fat_of_their you_will_make_smoke a_fire_ _offering to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **18** And_ _meat_of_their it_will_belong to_you like_the_breast_of the_ _wave-offering and_like_the_thigh_of the_right to/for_ _yourself(m) it_will_belong. **19** All_of the_contributions_of the_ _holy_gifts which the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_ _offer_up to/for_**YHWH** I_give to/for_yourself(m) and_to_sons_ _of_your and_to_daughters_of_your with_you to_a_prescribed_ _portion_of perpetuity is_a_covenant_of salt_of perpetuity it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to/for_yourself(m) and_to_offspring_of_your with_you.

20 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron in_land_of_their not you_ _will_have_an_inheritance and_a_share not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) among_them I share_of_am_your and_ _inheritance_of_your in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **21** And_to_the_descendants_of Lēvī HERE I_give every_of tithe in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_an_inheritance in_return_ _for service_of_their which they are_serving ĐOM the_service_ _of the_tent_of meeting. **22** And_not they_will_draw_near again the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to the_tent_of meeting to_bear sin to_die. **23** And_ the_Lēviyyiy[s] he _he_will_serve ĐOM the_ _service_of the_tent_of meeting and_they they_will_bear iniquity_of_their a_regulation_of perpetuity to_generations_of_ _your(pl) and_among_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_will_inherit an_inheritance. **24** If/because ĐOM the_tithe_ _of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_will_offer_up to/for_**YHWH** a_contribution I_give to_Lēviyyiy for_an_ _inheritance therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_said to/for_ _them in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_ _will_inherit an_inheritance.

25 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **26** And_ _near/to the_Lēviyyiy you_will_speak and_you_will_say to_ _them if/because you(pl)_will_take from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM the_tithe which I_give to/for_you(pl) from_ _with_them (in)_inheritance_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _offer_up from_him/it the_contribution_of **YHWH** a_tithe of the_tithe. **27** And_it_will_be_reckoned to/for_you(pl) contribution_of_your(pl) like_grain from the_threshing_floor and_like_produce from the_winepress. **28** Thus also you(pl) you(pl)_will_offer_up (the)_contribution_of **YHWH** from_all tithes_of_your(pl) which you(pl)_will_take from_with the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(pl)_will_give from_him/it ĐOM the_contribution_of **YHWH** to_'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer. **29** From_all gifts_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_offer_up ĐOM every_ _of (the)_contribution_of **YHWH** from_all best_of_its ĐOM part_ _of_its_sacred of_it. **30** And_you_will_say to_them when_you_ _offer_up ĐOM best_of_its from_him/it and_it_will_be_reckoned to_Lēviyyiy like_the_produce_of a_threshing_floor and_like_ _the_produce_of a_winepress. **31** And_you(pl)_will_eat ĐOM_ _him/it in_all place you(pl) and_household_of_your(pl) if/because is_wage[s] it to/for_you(pl) in_return_for service_ _of_your(pl) in_the_tent_of meeting. **32** And_not you(pl)_will_ _bear on/upon/above_him/it sin when_you_offer_up ĐOM best_ _of_its from_him/it and_ĐOM the_holy_gifts_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not you(pl)_will_profane and_not you(pl)_will_ _die.

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The Levites' share

20 Yahweh also told Aharon (Aaron), "You priests won't inherit any land or property—I am your share and your inheritance among the Israelis.

21 For an inheritance for the Levites, I've given them all the tenths given by the Israelis as their inheritance in exchange for their service at the sacred tent. **22** The other Israelis mustn't approach that tent or they'll incur guilt and die, **23** but the Levites must serve at the sacred tent and they must bear their inadequacies. That order applies for all future generations, including the not inheriting any land like the other Israelis. **24** That's because I've given the Levites that tenth that the other Israelis offer to Yahweh as a donation. That's why I said that they won't receive any other inheritance."

The Levites' contribution

25 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **26** "Tell the Levites: 'When you all receive the tenth from the Israelis that I've given to you as you inheritance, then you must offer a tenth of that tenth as a donation to Yahweh. **27** That will be considered as your contribution just as if it was grain from the threshing floor, or juice from the wine-pressing pit. **28** So when you all offer that donation from all the tenths that you receive from the Israelis, it must then be given as Yahweh's contribution to the priest Aharon (Aaron). DOUBLE-CHECK **29** When an offering is presented to Yahweh, it must be the best parts of whatever is given.' **30** Also tell them, 'When you all present the best of what was given, it'll be as it's come straight from the threshing floor or the wine-pressing pit. **31** The rest is for your wages for the service you all do at the sacred tent, and you all can eat it wherever you want to. **32** After donating the best tenth from it, you won't incur guilt for what you all do with the rest of it, however you all mustn't defile any sacred things or you'll die.' "

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The red cow's ashes

19:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), **2** "This is a new law that Yahweh has commanded, 'Tell the Israelis that they must bring you an unblemished red heifer with no defects and that has never had a yoke on its neck. **3** Give it to the priest Eleazar, and he must take it outside the camp and have someone slaughter it in front of him. **4** Then Eleazar must get some of its blood with his finger seven times and flick it onto the ground directly in front of the sacred tent. **5** Then while he watches, they must completely burn the heifer—its skin and flesh, and including its blood and dung. **6** Meanwhile, the priest must take some cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet wool, and throw them into the fire where the cow is burning. **7** Then the priest must wash his clothes and bathe. After that, he can return to the camp, but he'll be 'unclean' until that evening. **8** The man who burnt the cow must also wash his clothes and bathe, and he will also be 'unclean' until that evening. **9** A 'clean' man must collect the cow's ashes and place them in a sacred place outside the camp where they can be used for water for purification for the Israelis to purify from disobedience. **10** Then that man who collected the ashes must also wash his clothes and be 'unclean' until that evening. Those regulations will permanently apply both to Israelis and to foreigners living among them.

Contact with a corpse

11 " 'All those who touch a dead, human body will be 'unclean' for seven days. **12** On the third day, they must purify themselves, and then they'll be 'clean' on the seventh day. (If they don't purify themselves, they'll won't become 'clean' on that seventh day— **13** if they've touched a dead, human body and don't purify themselves, that would defile Yahweh's residence, and so they must be permanently removed from the camp. If the purifying water wasn't sprinkled on them, that 'uncleanness' will remain on them.)

14 " 'This is the regulation if a person dies in a tent: Everyone who was in the tent, and everyone that enters afterwards, will all be 'unclean' for seven days, **15** and every container that doesn't have its lid on becomes 'unclean'. **16** Out in the countryside, who touches the corpse of someone killed in a fight, or any dead human body or bone or grave, will be 'unclean' for seven days. **17** Someone must take some of the ashes from that burnt cow, and put them into a jar with some fresh, running water, then pour some of it over them. **18** Then a man who's 'clean' must dip some hyssop in that water and sprinkle it onto the tent and all the containers in it and everyone who lives in it or who touched the body or the bone or grave. **19** On the third day, that 'clean' man must sprinkle that water on the 'unclean' ones, and

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19:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_ _say. **2** This is_the_regulation_of the_law which **YHWH** he_has_ _commanded to_say speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_ _that_they_may_bring to_you a_heifer red unblemished which there_is_not in_it a_blemish which not it_has_gone_up on/upon_it(f) a_yoke. **3** And_you(pl)_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to 'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_he_will_take_out ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to from_the_outside of_camp and_someone_will_slaughter ᴅᴏᴍ_ _her/it before_him. **4** And_ 'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_ _will_take some_of_its_blood with_finger_of_his and_he_will_ _spatter to in_front_of the_face_of the_tent_of meeting some_ _of_its_blood seven times. **5** And_he_will_burn ᴅᴏᴍ the_heifer to_eyes_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ skin_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ flesh_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ blood_of_its with dung_of_its he_will_burn. **6** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_will_take wood_of cedar and_hyssop and_ _scarlet_of scarlet_stuff and_he_will_throw_them into the_ _middle_of the_burning_of the_heifer. **7** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_wash clothes_of_his and_he_will_wash body_of_his with_water and_after he_will_come into the_camp and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **8** And_ _the_one_who_burns ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it he_will_wash clothes_of_his with_water and_he_will_wash body_of_his with_water and_he_ _will_be_unclean until the_evening. **9** And_he_will_gather a_ _man clean ᴅᴏᴍ the_ash[es]_of the_heifer and_he_will_deposit_ _them from_the_outside of_camp in_a_place clean and_it_will_ _become for_the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_something_kept to_water_of impurity is_ _a_sin_offering it. **10** And_ the_one_who_gathers ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _ash[es]_of the_heifer _he_will_wash ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his and_ _he_will_be_unclean until the_evening and_it_will_become for_ _the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_for_sojourner who_ _sojourns among_them (into)_a_regulation_of perpetuity.

11 The_one_who_touches (in)_a_dead_body to/from_ _all/each/any/every corpse a_person and_he_will_be_unclean seven_of days. **12** He he_will_purify_himself in_him/it in_the_ _day the_third and_on_day the_seventh he_will_be_pure and_if not he_will_purify_himself in_the_day the_third and_on_day the_seventh not he_will_be_pure. **13** Every_of (the)_one_who_ _touches (in)_a_dead_body (in)_the_corpse_of the_humankind who he_will_die and_not he_will_purify_himself ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _tabernacle_of **YHWH** he_has_made_unclean and_ the_living_ _creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because the_water_of impurity not it_was_sprinkled on/upon/above_him/it unclean he_will_be still uncleanness_ _of_his in_him/it. **14** This is_the_law anyone if/because he_will_ _die in_a_tent every_of (the)_one_who_goes into the_tent and_ _all one_who is_in_tent he_will_be_unclean seven_of days. **15** And_all/each/any/every vessel open which there_is_not a_ _cover_of a_cord on/upon/above_him/it is_unclean it. **16** And_ _all/each/any/every one_who he_will_touch on the_face_of the_field (in)_one_slain_of a_sword or (in)_a_dead_body or (in)_ _a_bone_of a_human or (in)_a_grave he_will_be_unclean seven_ _of days. **17** And_people_will_take for_person some_of_the_ _dust_of the_burning_of the_sin_offering and_he/it_gave on/upon/above_him/it water living into a_vessel. **18** And_ _he/it_will_take hyssop and_he_will_dip_it in_water a_person clean and_he_will_spatter_it on the_tent and_on all_of the_ _vessels and_on the_people who they_were there and_on the_

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_one_who_touched (in)_bone or (in)_the_slain or (in)_the_body or (in)_grave. **19** And_ the_clean_person _he_will_spatter_it on the_unclean_person in_the_day the_third and_on_day the_ _seventh and_he_will_cleanse_him_from_sin in_the_day the_ _seventh and_he_will_wash clothes_of_his and_he_will_wash with_water and_he_will_be_pure in_evening. **20** And_a_person who he_will_be_unclean and_not he_will_purify_himself and_ the_living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_among_ _of the_assembly if/because ᴅᴏᴍ the_sanctuary_of **YHWH** he_ _has_made_unclean water_of_impurity not it_has_been_ _sprinkled on/upon/above_him/it is_unclean he. **21** And_it_ _will_become for_them[72] (into)_a_regulation_of perpetuity and_the_one_who_spatters_of (of)_the_water_of (the)_impurity he_will_wash clothes_of_his and_the_one_who_touches (in)_ _the_water_of (the)_impurity he_will_be_unclean until the_ _evening. **22** And_all/each/any/every that he_will_touch in/on/over_him/it the_unclean_person it_will_be_unclean and_the_person who_touches_it it_will_be_unclean until the_ _evening.

20:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) all_of the_congregation _they_came the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) in_month (the)_first and_ the_people _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_Qādēsh and_she_died there Miryām and_she_was_buried there. **2** And_ _not it_belonged water to_congregation and_they_assembled on Mosheh and_on ʾAhₐron. **3** And_ the_people _it_quarrelled with Mosheh and_they_said to_say and_if we_had_died when_ brothers_of_our _died to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **4** And_why did_you(pl)_bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_assembly_of **YHWH** into the_wilderness the_this to_die there we and_cattle_ _of_our. **5** And_why did_you(pl)_bring_us_up from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_bring us to the_place the_evil the_this not a_place_of seed and_fig_tree and_vine and_pomegranate and_water there_is_not to_drink. **6** And_ Mosheh and_ʾAhₐron _ _he_went from_face/in_front_of the_assembly to the_entrance_ _of the_tent meeting and_they_fell on faces_of_their and_ the_ _glory_of **YHWH** _it_appeared to_them. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **8** Take ᴅᴏᴍ the_rod and_ you and_ _ʾAhₐron your(ms)_brother/kindred _assemble ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _congregation and_you(pl)_will_speak to the_rock to_eyes_of_ _their and_he/it_gave water_of_its and_you_will_bring_out[75] to/for_them water from the_rock and_you_will_give_drink_to ᴅᴏᴍ the_congregation and_ᴅᴏᴍ cattle_of_their. **9** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_rod from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** just_as he_had_commanded_him. **10** And_ Mosheh and_ _ʾAhₐron _they_made_assemble ᴅᴏᴍ the_assembly to the_face_ _of the_rock and_he/it_said to/for_them listen please Oh_ _rebels the_(one)_from the_rock the_this will_we_bring_out to/for_you(pl) water. **11** And_ Mosheh _he_raised ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _hand and_he_struck ᴅᴏᴍ the_rock with_rod_of_his two_times and_ waters many _they_went_out and_ the_congregation and_ _cattle_of_their _it_drank. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to

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then must purify them on the seventh day. Then he himself must wash his clothes and bathe, and will be 'unclean' until that evening.

20 " 'Anyone who's 'unclean' and doesn't purify themself, that person will be permanently removed from the camp because they've made Yahweh's sanctuary 'unclean'. They didn't sprinkle that purifying water on themself, so they remain 'unclean'. **21** That will be a permanent regulation. The person who's had the purifying water sprinkled on them must wash their clothes, and any person who sprinkles the water will be 'unclean' until that evening. **22** Anything touched by an 'unclean' person becomes 'unclean', and anyone who touches an 'unclean' person will become 'unclean' until that evening.

Water from the Kadesh rock[73]

20:1 Then in the first month of the next year, all the Israelis entered the Tsin (Zin) ('Thorny' or 'Thirsty') wilderness and the people camped at Kadesh. While they were there, Miryam (Miriam) died, and was buried there.

2 However, there was no water to drink, so the people came against Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron)[74] **3** and complained, "It would have been better if we'd died in front of Yahweh along with our relatives back there. **4** Why did you two bring Yahweh's people here to die in this wilderness, along with our livestock? **5** Why did you bring us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to bring us to this miserable place? There's no grain or figs, and no grapes or pomegranates. There's not even water to drink!" **6** Then Mosheh and Aharon went from there in front of the people to the entrance to the sacred tent, where they fell to their knees with their faces to the ground, and Yahweh's brilliance appeared to them.

7 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **8** "Take Aharon's staff, then the two of you must command that rock to pour out water. Then water will come out of it, and both the people and the animals will have plenty to drink."

9 So Mosheh took the staff from Yahweh's residence like he was told to. **10** Then the two of them gathered the people in front of the rock and told them, "Listen now you bunch of rebels—do we have to bring water out of this rock for you?" **11** Then Mosheh raised the staff and hit the rock twice, and water gushed out, and so the people and their animals were able to drink.

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72 LV 19:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

73 RV 20:1 · Parallel Exo. 17:1-7

74 RV 20:2-13 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:1-7.

75 LV 20:8 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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12 Then Yahweh scolded Mosheh and Aharon, "Because you two publicly demonstrated that you didn't believe that what I say is absolute truth, therefore you two won't lead this community into the land that I've given them."
13 That spring was named 'Merivah' (meaning 'Quarrelling') because that was where the Israelis argued with Yahweh, and where he demonstrated his absolute truthfulness to them.

Edom's king refuses the Israelis' passage

14 Then from there in Kadesh, Mosheh (Moses) sent messengers to Edom's king to ask him, "This message is from your Israeli relatives. You are already aware of all the hardship that we've been through— **15** how our ancestors went down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) and lived there for many years, but then the Mitsrim (Egyptians) mistreated them. **16** However, when we cried out to Yahweh and he heard us and sent a messenger and brought us out of Mitsrayim, and now we're in Kadesh town at the southern border of your territory. **17** Now please let us pass through your country. We won't go through the countryside or the vineyards, and we won't drink water from any well. We'll stay on the king's highway without turning to the right or the left, until after we've exited at your northern border."
18 But Edom's king replied, "You can't pass through my country. If you do try to enter, I'll send my swordsmen out against you."
19 The Israelis reiterated, "We'll stay on the highway, and if we or our livestock drink any of your water, then we'll pay what it's worth so that's no big deal. Just let us walk through."
20 Again the king responded, "You may not pass through."
Then Edom sent a large, heavily-armed contingent to intimidate them, **21** and because they'd been refused passage through their territory, the Israelis turned around and went via a longer, less direct route.

Aharon's death

22 So the Israelis left Kadesh and went to Mt. Hor. **23** There near the Edom border, Yahweh told Aharon (Aaron) and Mosheh (Moses), **24** "Aharon will be taken to join his ancestors because he won't not enter the land that I have given to the Israelis, because you two rebelled against what I said at the Merivah rock that gave water. **25** Take Aharon and his son Eleazar and climb up Mt. Hor together, **26** then remove his high priest's uniform and put it on his son Eleazar. After that, Aharon will die there and go to join his ancestors."
27 So Mosheh followed Yahweh's instructions and the three of them climbed Mt. Hor as the people watched. **28** Then Mosheh removed Aharon's uniform and put it on his son Eleazar. Aharon died there at the top of the mountain,[77] and then Mosheh and Eleazar went back down. **29** When the assembled people realised that Aharon had died, all the Israelis mourned for thirty days for

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Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron because not you(pl)_believed (in)_me to_treat_me_as_holy to_the_eyes_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_so/thus/hence not you(pl)_will_bring ~~ĐOM~~ the_assembly the_this into the_earth/land which I_have_given to/for_them. **13** They were_the_waters_of Mərīv̄āh where the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_quarrelled with **YHWH** and_ _he_showed_himself_holy among_them.

14 And_ Mosheh _he_sent messengers from_Qādēsh to the_ _king_of 'Edōm thus your(ms)_brother/kindred Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says you you_know ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_hardship which it_has_ _come_upon_us. **15** And_ ancestors_of_our _they_went_down to_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_we_dwelt in_Mitsrayim days many and_they_did_harm to/for_us Mitsrayim and_to_ancestors_of_ _our. **16** And_we_cried_out to **YHWH** and_he/it_listened voice_ _of_our and_he_sent an_messenger and_he_brought_us_out from_Mitsrayim and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE we are_in_Qādēsh (the)_ _city_of the_outskirt[s]_of your_territory_of_your. **17** Let_us_ _pass please in_land_of_your not we_will_pass in_a_field and_ _in_a_vineyard and_not we_will_drink water_of a_well the_ _way_of the_king we_will_go not we_will_turn_aside right_ _hand and_left_hand until that we_will_pass_through territory_ _of_your. **18** And_he/it_said to_him/it 'Edōm not you_will_pass in_me lest with_sword I_should_come_out to_meet_you. **19** And_they_said to_him/it the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[76] on_ _highway we_will_go_up and_if waters_of_your I and_livestock_ _of_my we_will_drink and_I_will_give price_of_their only there_is_not a_thing on_feet_of_my let_me_pass_through. **20** And_he/it_said not you_will_pass_through and_ 'Edōm _ _he/it_went_out to_meet_him with_a_people massive and_ _with_a_hand strong. **21** And_it_refused 'Edōm to_permit ~~ĐOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_pass in_territory_of_its and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_turned_aside from_on_it.

22 And_they_set_out from_Qādēsh and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_congregation _they_came Hor the_ _mountain. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron at_Hor the_mountain on the_border_of the_land_of 'Edōm to_say. **24** 'Ah$_a$ron he_will_be_gathered to people(s)_of_ _his if/because not he_will_go into the_earth/land which I_ _have_given to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on that you(pl)_ _rebelled_against ~~ĐOM~~ mouth_of_my to_the_waters_of Mərīv̄āh. **25** Take ~~ĐOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron and_~~ĐOM~~ 'El'āzār his/its_son and_bring_up ~~ĐOM~~_them Hor the_mountain. **26** And_strip_off ~~ĐOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron ~~ĐOM~~ garments_of_his and_you_will_clothe_with_them ~~ĐOM~~ 'El'āzār his/its_son and_'Ah$_a$ron he_will_be_gathered and_he_ _will_die there. **27** And_ Mosheh _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded and_they_went_up to Hor the_mountain to_the_eyes_of all_of the_congregation. **28** And_ Mosheh _he_ _stripped_off ~~ĐOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron ~~ĐOM~~ garments_of_his and_he_clothed ~~ĐOM~~_them ~~ĐOM~~ 'El'āzār his/its_son and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_died

76 LV 20:19 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

77 RV 20:28 · Cross-ref. Exo 29:29; Num 33:38; Deu 10:6.

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there at_the_top_of the_mountain and_ Mosheh and_'El'āzār _ _he/it_descended from the_mountain. **29** And_ all_of the_ _congregation _they_saw if/because_that 'Ah$_a$ron he_had_died and_they_wept_for ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron thirty day[s] all_of the_house_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

21:1 And_ the_Kəna'$_a$nī the_king_of 'Arād who_dwelt_of the_ _Negev _he/it_listened if/because_that Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_had_ _come the_way_of the_'Atārīm and_he_engaged_in_battle against_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_took_captive from_him/it captive[s]. **2** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_vowed a_vow to/for_ _**YHWH** and_it_said if really_(give) you_will_give ĐOM the_ _people the_this in_hand_of_my and_I_will_totally_destroy ĐOM cities_of_their. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened to_the_voice_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_gave ĐOM the_ _Kəna'$_a$nī/(Canaanite)[s] and_it_totally_destroyed them and_ _ĐOM cities_of_their and_he/it_called the_name_of the_place Ḥormāh. **4** And_they_set_out from_Hor the_mountain the_ _direction_of the_sea_of reed[s] to_go_around ĐOM the_land_of 'Edōm and_ the_self_of the_people _it_became_short on_way. **5** And_ the_people _he/it_spoke against_god and_against_ _Mosheh why have_you(pl)_brought_us_up from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_die in_wilderness if/because there_is_ _not food and_there_is_not water and_self_of_our it_loathes (in)_food (the)_worthless. **6** And_ **YHWH** _he_sent among_ _people ĐOM the_snakes the_saraphs and_they_bit ĐOM the_ _people and_ a_people numerous _he/it_died from_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_ the_people _it_came to Mosheh and_ _they_said we_have_sinned if/because we_have_spoken against_**YHWH** and_against_you pray to **YHWH** so_that_he_ _may_remove from_on_us ĐOM the_snake and_ Mosheh _he_ _prayed for the_people. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh make to/for_yourself(m) a_saraph and_put ĐOM_him/it on a_ _standard and_it_was every_of (the)_one_who_is_bitten and_ _he_will_see ĐOM_him/it and_he_will_live. **9** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_made a_snake_of bronze and_he_put_it on the_standard and_it_was if the_snake it_had_bitten ĐOM anyone and_he_ _looked to the_snake_of (the)_bronze and_he_lived.

10 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out and_they_ _encamped in_'Ovot. **11** And_they_set_out from_'Ovot and_ _they_encamped at_'Iyyiy-/(Iye-) hā'$_a$vārīm/(abarim) in_ _wilderness which is_on the_face_of Mō'āv from_the_rising_of the_sun. **12** From_there they_set_out and_they_encamped in_ _the_wadi_of Zered. **13** From_there they_set_out and_they_ _encamped from_the_other_side_of 'Arnōn which is_in_ _wilderness which_goes_out from_the_border_of[82] the_'Amorī if/because 'Arnōn is_the_border_of Mō'āv between Mō'āv and_ _between the_'Amorī. **14** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_is_ _said in_the_book_of the_wars_of **YHWH** ĐOM Vāhēv in_Ṣūfāh and_ĐOM the_wadis 'Arnōn. **15** And_the_slope_of the_wadis which it_extends to_the_dwelling of_'Ār and_it_leans to_the_

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him.

The defeat of Kena'anim

21:1 When Kena'ani (Canaanite) king of Arad who lived by the wilderness, heard that Yisrael (Israel) was coming on the Atarim road, he attacked them and captured some prisoners.[78] **2** Then the Israelis promised Yahweh, "If you help us defeat them, then we'll completely destroy their towns (instead of looting them) as a way of offering them to you." **3** Yahweh listened to what they said and enabled them to defeat those Kena'anim (Canaanites), then they dedicated the towns to Yahweh and destroyed them, and they named that area 'Hormah' (which means 'Destruction').

4 Then they all left Mt. Hor by the road going towards the Red Sea to go around Edom,[79] but the people became impatient on the way **5** and they started to grumble against God and against Mosheh (Moses), "Why did you two bring us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) just to die in the wilderness, because there's no bread and no water, and our insides detest that tasteless 'stuff'?"[80] **6** So Yahweh sent poisonous snakes into the people, and many Israelis were bitten and died.

7 The people came to Mosheh and begged, "We've done wrong by speaking out against Yahweh and against you. Pray to Yahweh for us to get him to take the snakes away." So Mosheh prayed on the peoples' behalf, **8** and Yahweh told him, "Make a model of a snake and put it up on a pole, and so that anyone who gets bitten, can see it and live." **9** So Mosheh made a snake out of bronze and attached it to the top of a pole,[81] and anyone who was bitten by a snake would recover when they looked towards the bronze snake.

Going around Edom via Moav

10 Then the Israelis set off and camped at Ovot. **11** When they left Ovot, they camped at Iyey-Ha'avarim in the wilderness near Moav's (Moab's) eastern border. **12** From there they set off and camped by the Zered riverbed, **13** before moving on and camping at the north side of the Arnon river, in the wilderness that extends from the Amori border. (The Arnon is the border between Moav and the Amorim. **14** That's why it says in the book about Yahweh's battles:

"Vahev in Sufah, and the riverbeds there, and the Arnon River
15 and the sloping valleys there,

78 RV 21:1 · Cross-ref. Num 33:40.

79 RV 21:4 · Cross-ref. Deu 2:1.

80 RV 21:5-6 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 10:9.

81 RV 21:9 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 18:4; Yhn 3:14.

82 LV 21:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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that extend to Ar village along Moav's border.")
16 From there they went to the well at Be'er (which means 'Well'), where Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Gather the people, and I'll give them water." **17** That's where the Israelis sang this song:
"Come on, well,
sing for this well.
18 the well dug by the leaders,
the top citizens dug it out.
with their sceptres and their staffs."
From that wilderness, the people went on to Matanah, **19** then through Nahaliel and on to Bamot **20** and from there to the valley in the Moav (Moab) countryside where Mt. Pisgah rises above the desert.

Kings Sihon and Og defeated[83]

21 Then Yisrael (Israel) sent messengers to the Amori King Sihon, **22** "Let us pass through your country. We won't turn off into any field or vineyard. We won't take water from any well. We'll stay on the king's highway until we've exited at your northern border." **23** However King Sihon refused them permission, then he took his whole army into the wilderness to meet Yisrael, and they attacked them at Yahats village. **24** Nevertheless, Yisrael defeated them in battle and took possession of his land from the Arnon river up as far as Yabok where the Amonim' border was well fortified. **25** So Yisrael took those Amori cities including Heshbon and the surrounding villages, and started living in them. **26** (Heshbon was where the Amori King Sihon lived, as he'd previously fought against the former king of Moav (Moab) and captured all his land down as far as the Arnon river. **27** That was why the poets say,
"Come to Heshbon—let it be rebuilt.
Let King Sihon's city be established
28 because fire went out from Heshbon,
flame from Sihon's city.
It consumed Ar in Moav,
and the citizens on Arnon's hilltops.[84]
29 Moav, you won't end well.
Kemosh's people have perished.
He's made his sons into fugitives,
and given his daughters over to captivity
by the Amori King Sihon.
30 We've overpowered them.
Heshbon has perished as far as Divon
and shattered Nofah as far as Meydeva.)
31 So the Israelis lived in the Amori region **32** and Mosheh (Moses) sent some men to spy out Yazer, and they captured its

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_border_of Mō'āv. **16** And_from_there to_Bə'ēr that is_the_well which **YHWH** he_said to_Mosheh gather ᴅᴏᴍ the_people so_ _that_I_may_give to/for_them water. **17** Then Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_sang ᴅᴏᴍ the_song (the)_this spring_up Oh_well sing to/for_ _her/it. **18** A_well which_they_dug_it the_leaders which_they_ _dug_it the_noble_people_of the_people with_a_ruler's_staff with_staffs_of_their and_from_the_wilderness Mattānāh. **19** And_from_Mattānāh Naḥ$_a$lī'ēl and_from_Naḥ$_a$lī'ēl Bāmōt. **20** And_from_Bāmōt the_valley which is_in_the_region_of Mō'āv the_top_of (the)_Piṣgāh and_it_looked_down over the_ _face_of (the)_Yəshimōn/(Jeshimon).

21 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_sent messengers to Ṣīḥōn the_king_ _of the_'Amorī to_say. **22** Let_me_pass in_land_of_your not we_ _will_turn_aside in_a_field and_in_a_vineyard not we_will_ _drink water_of a_well on_the_way_of the_king we_will_go until that we_will_pass_through territory_of_your. **23** And_not Ṣīḥōn he_permitted ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_pass in_territory_ _of_his and_ Ṣīḥōn _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of people_of_his and_ _he/it_went_out to_meet Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_the_wilderness and_he_came to_Yahats/(Jahaz) and_he_engaged_in_battle against_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** And_it_defeated_him Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_it_took_ _possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_his from_'Arnōn to Yaboq/(Jabbok) to the_descendants_of ʿAmmōn if/because was_strong the_ _border_of the_descendants_of ʿAmmōn. **25** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_cities the_these and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_all the_ _cities_of the_'Amorī in_Ḫeshbōn and_on/over_all daughters_ _of_its. **26** If/because Ḫeshbōn was_the_city_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_ _of the_'Amorī it and_he he_had_waged_war against_the_king_ _of Mō'āv (the)_former and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ all_of land_of_his from_hand_of_his to 'Arnōn. **27** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so those_who_speak_proverbs they_say come Ḫeshbōn let_it_be_ _rebuilt and_let_it_be_established the_city_of Ṣīḥōn.
28 If/because fire it_went_out from_Ḫeshbōn flame from_the_ _town_of Ṣīḥōn it_consumed ʿĀr of_Mō'āv the_citizens_of the_ _high_places_of 'Arnōn. **29** Woe to/for_yourself(m) Oh_Mō'āv you_have_perished Oh_people_of Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) he_has_ _made sons_of_his fugitives and_daughters_of_his in_captivity of_the_king_of the_'Amorī[s] Ṣīḥōn. **30** And_we_shot_at_them Ḫeshbōn it_has_perished to Diyvōn and_we_have_devastated to Nofaḥ which[85] is_to Mēydəvā'. **31** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_land the_'Amorī.
32 And_ Mosheh _he_sent to_spy_out ᴅᴏᴍ Yaʿzēr/(Jazer) and_ _they_captured daughters_of_its and[86] ᴅᴏᴍ the_'Amorī who was_there. **33** And_they_turned and_they_went_up the_way_of (the)_Bāshān and_ ʿŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān _he/it_went_

83 **RV 21:21 · Parallel** Deu. 2:26–3:11

84 **RV 21:28-29 · Cross-ref.** Jer 48:45-46.

85 **LV 21:30 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

86 **LV 21:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: שריו/ו: (x-qere) שְׂרָיְו/ו: lemma_c/3423 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vhw3ms id_044RU שְׂרָיְו/ו

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_out to_meet_them he and_all people_of_his for_battle 'Edre'ī.
34 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh do_not fear ĐOM_him/it if/because in_hand_of_your I_have_given ĐOM_him/it and_ĐOM all_of people_of_his and_ĐOM land_of_his and_you_will_do for_ _him/it just_as you_did to_Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_'Amorī who was_dwelling in_Ḥeshbōn. **35** And_they_defeated ĐOM_him/it and_ĐOM sons_of_his and_ĐOM all_of people_of_his until not left to_him/it a_survivor and_they_took_possession_of ĐOM land_ _of_his.

22:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out and_ _they_encamped in_the_plains_of Mō'āv from_the_other_side of_the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **2** And_ Bālāq the_ _son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) _he/it_saw ĐOM all_of that Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_had_done to_'Amorī[s]. **3** And_ Mō'āv _it_ _was_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_people exceedingly if/because was_numerous it and_ Mō'āv _it_felt_dread from_ _face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** And_ Mō'āv _ _he/it_said to the_elders_of Midyān now the_company they_ _will_lick_up ĐOM all_of around_of_us as_ the_ox _licks_up ĐOM the_greenery_of the_field and_Bālāq the_son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) was_king of_Mō'āv at_time the_that. **5** And_ _he_sent messengers to Bil'ām the_son_of Bə'ōr to_Pətōr which was_at the_river the_land_of the_sons_of his_people_of_his to_ _call to_him/it to_say HERE a_people it_has_come_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) HERE it_has_covered ĐOM the_eye_of the_ _earth/land and_he is_dwelling from_in_front_of_me. **6** And_ _now come please curse to/for_me ĐOM the_people the_this if/because is_too_mighty it for_me perhaps I_will_be_able to_ _defeat in/on/over_him/it and_I_will_drive_it_out from the_ _earth/land if/because I_know ĐOM the_one_whom you_bless is_blessed and_which you_curse he_is_cursed. **7** And_ the_ _elders_of Mō'āv and_the_elders_of Midyān _they_went and_ _divinations were_in_hand_of_their and_they_came to Bil'ām and_they_spoke to_him/it the_words/messages_of Bālāq. **8** And_he/it_said to_them lodge here the_night and_I_will_ _bring_back you(pl) message just_as **YHWH** he_will_speak to_ _me and_ the_leaders_of Mō'āv _they_lived with Bil'ām. **9** And_ god _he_came to Bil'ām and_he/it_said who are_the_men the_ _these with_you. **10** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to the_'Elohīm Bālāq the_son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) the_king_of Mō'āv he_sent to_me. **11** HERE the_people which_has_come_out from_ _Mitsrayim and_it_has_covered ĐOM the_eye_of the_earth/land now come curse to/for_me ĐOM_him/it perhaps I_will_be_able to_engage_in_battle in/on/over_him/it and_I_will_drive_it_out. **12** And_ god _he/it_said to Bil'ām not you_will_go with_them not you_will_curse ĐOM the_people if/because it is_blessed. **13** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_rose_up in_morning and_he/it_said to the_leaders_of Bālāq go to land_of_your(pl) if/because **YHWH** he_has_refused to_permit_me to_go with_you(pl). **14** And_ the_ _leaders_of Mō'āv _they_arose and_they_came to Bālāq and_ _they_said Bil'ām he_has_refused to_come with_us. **15** And_he_ _repeated again Bālāq to_send leaders many and_honoured from_these. **16** And_they_came to Bil'ām and_they_said to_ _him/it thus Bālāq the_son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) he_says do_not please let_yourself_be_restrained from_coming to_me.

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villages and drove the Amorim out from there.

33 Then they turned and went up the road towards Bashan, but Bashan's King Og came out with his army to meet them, and attacked them at Edre'i. **34** Yahweh said to Mosheh, "Don't be afraid of him because I've given him and all his people and his land to you, and you'll be able to do to him what you did to the Amori King Sihon who lived at Heshbon." **35** So they overcame King Og and his sons and all his people until there were no remaining survivors, then they took possession of their land.

King Balak sends for Bil'am

22:1 Then the Israelis set off for the Moav (Moab) plains, and they camped there across the river from Yeriho (Jericho). **2** The Moavi King Balak (Tsipor's son), saw everything that Yisrael (Israel) had done to the Amorim, **3** and when he realised that the Israelis were very numerous, the Moavi people became sick with fear. **4** and they told the elders at Midyan, "Now all that lot will devour everything that's around us, just like a cow completely cleans out a green field."

Now Tsipor's son Balak was Moav's king at that time, **5** and he sent messengers to Be'or's son Bil'am (Balaam)[87] at Petor (which was their tribal land near the Perat (Euphrates) river). He requested help, saying, "Listen, there's a population here that came out from Mitsrayim (Egypt). Wow, they've covered the entire surface in this region and they're living opposite me. **6** So now please come and curse this people group for me because they are more numerous than us, then perhaps I'll be able to attack them and drive them out of the area, because I know that anyone you bless will be blessed, and those who you curse will be cursed."

7 So the elders from Moav and from Midyan departed carrying the fees for divination with them, and they went to Bil'am and passed Balak's words on to him. **8** Bil'am told them, "Stay here tonight, and in the morning, I'll bring you back answer, depending on what Yahweh tells me," and so the Moav leaders stayed there with Bil'am.

9 That night, God came to Bil'am and asked, "Who are those men with you?"

10 "Tsipor's son, King Balak from Moav sent me a message," Bil'am replied. **11** "He said that shockingly a people group has come out of Mitsrayim and has covered his region. He wants me to go and curse them for him, so that he'll be able to attack them and drive them out of that area."

12 Then God told Bil'am, "Don't go with them—you mustn't curse those people, because they're blessed." **13** The next morning, Bil'am went over and told Balak's messengers, "Go back to your place, because Yahweh has refused to let me go with you." **14** So the Moav leaders stood up and went back to King Balak, and told him, "Bil'am refused to come with us."

15 However, Balak sent back a larger group of leaders who were even more senior than the first ones, **16** and they went and told

87 RV 22:5 · Cross-ref. Num 31:8; 2Pe 2:15-16; Jude 11.

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Bil'am, "Tsipor's son King Balak says, 'Please don't refuse to come here, **17** because I'll honour you highly and do anything that you tell me to. Just please come and curse this population for me.' "

18 "Even if Balak gave me a houseful of gold and sliver," Bil'am told Balak's servant, "I still couldn't go against Yahweh's instructions, even if it was just to do something small. **19** However, please do stay here tonight, and I'll find out if Yahweh might have anything else to say to me."

20 That night, God came to Bil'am and told him, "If those men have come to summon you, get ready and go with them, except that you must only give the message that I'll tell you." **21** So in the morning, Bil'am got ready and saddled his donkey, and went with the Moav (Moab) leaders.

22 However, God got angry because he'd **The donkey talks** gone, and Yahweh's messenger stood in the middle of the road to block them. As Bil'am (Balaam) rode on his donkey, accompanied by his two servants, **23** the donkey saw Yahweh's messenger standing there holding a sword in the middle of the road and turned off the road and went into a field. So Bil'am whacked the donkey and forced it back onto the road. **24** Then Yahweh's messenger moved to a place where the road was very narrow, with vineyard walls on each side of the road. **25** When the donkey saw Yahweh's messenger, it squeezed close by the wall, and in doing so, squashed Bil'am's foot against the wall, so he whacked it again. **26** Then Yahweh's messenger went past again and stood in a narrow place on the road where there was no room to get past on either side. **27** This time, when the donkey saw the messenger, it lay down on the ground with Bil'am sitting on top of it. Bil'am got very angry and whacked the donkey again with his staff. **28** Then Yahweh enabled the donkey to speak, and it asked Bil'am, "What did I do to you that you beat me these three times?"

29 "Because you've been messing me around!" Bil'am shouted. "If only I'd been carrying a sword, then I would have killed you!"

30 "Aren't I your donkey that you've ridden all your life?" the donkey asked Bil'am. "Have I ever done anything like that to you before?"

And he said, "No."

31 Then Yahweh uncovered Bil'am's eyes and he saw Yahweh's messenger standing in the middle of the road with his sword in his hand, and Bil'am fell to his knees and kept bowing his face to the ground. **32** Yahweh's angel asked him, "Why did you strike you donkey those three times? Listen, I came personally to oppose you because you're choosing a very dangerous path as far as I'm concerned. **33** Your donkey saw me and avoided me those three times—if it hadn't I certainly would have killed you already, but I would have let the donkey live."

34 "Yes, I've done wrong," Bil'am said to Yahweh's messenger, "because I didn't know that you were waiting for me there on the road. But now, if you don't want me to continue, I'll return home again."

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17 If/because surely_(honour) I_will_honour_you exceedingly and_all/each/any/every that you_will_say to_me I_will_do and_come please curse to/for_me ÐOM the_people (the)_this. **18** And_ Bil'ām _he_answered and_he/it_said to the_servants_of Bālāq if he_will_give to_me Bālāq the_fullness_of his_house_of_ _his silver and_gold not I_will_be_able to_transgress ÐOM the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** god_of_my for_doing a_small_thing or a_ _large_thing. **19** And_now remain please in_this_place also you(pl) the_night so_that_I_may_know what **YHWH** will_he_ _increase to_speak with_me. **20** And_ god _he_came to Bil'ām night and_he/it_said to_him/it if to_call to/for_yourself(m) the_men they_have_come arise go with_them and_only ÐOM the_message which I_will_speak to_you ÐOM_him/it you_will_ _do. **21** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_rose_up in_morning and_he_saddled ÐOM donkey_of_his and_he/it_went with the_leaders_of Mō'āv. **22** And_ the_anger god _it_glowed/burnt if/because he was_ _going and_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_stood in_road to_an_ _adversary to_him/it and_he was_riding on donkey_of_his and_ _two_of his_servants_of_his with_him/it. **23** And_ the_donkey _ _she/it_saw ÐOM the_messenger_of **YHWH** standing in_road and_sword_of_his was_drawn in_his/its_hand and_ the_donkey _it_turned_aside from the_road and_it_went in_the_field and_ Bil'ām _he_struck ÐOM the_donkey to_turn_it the_road. **24** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_stood in_the_narrow_way_of the_vineyards a_wall was_from_this and_a_wall was_from_this. **25** And_ the_donkey _she/it_saw ÐOM the_messenger_of **YHWH** and_it_squeezed_itself to the_wall and_it_squeezed ÐOM the_ _foot_of Bil'ām to the_wall and_he_repeated to_strike_it. **26** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_increased to_pass_on and_he_stood in_a_place narrow where there_was_not a_way to_turn_aside right_hand and_left_hand. **27** And_ the_donkey _ _she/it_saw ÐOM the_messenger_of **YHWH** and_it_lay_down under Bil'ām and_ the_anger of_Bil'ām _it_glowed/burnt and_ _he_struck ÐOM the_donkey with_stick. **28** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _opened ÐOM the_mouth_of the_donkey and_she/it_said to_ _Bil'ām what have_I_done to/for_yourself(m) that/for/because/then/when you_have_struck_me this three feet. **29** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to_donkey if/because you_ _have_dealt_wantonly with_me if there_was a_sword in_hand_ _of_my if/because now I_killed_you. **30** And_ the_donkey _ _she/it_said to Bil'ām am_not am_I donkey_of_your which you_ _have_ridden on_me from_your_duration until the_day the_this ever_(have_the_habit) have_I_had_the_habit for_doing to/for_ _yourself(m) thus and_he/it_said no. **31** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _uncovered ÐOM the_eyes_of Bil'ām and_he/it_saw ÐOM the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** standing in_road and_sword_of_his was_ _drawn in_his/its_hand and_he_bowed_low and_he_bowed_ _down to_face_of_his. **32** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** concerning what did_you_strike ÐOM donkey_of_your_female this three feet HERE I I_came_out to_ _an_adversary if/because the_way it_is_precipitate to_before_ _me. **33** And_it_saw_me the_donkey and_it_turned_aside to/for_my_face/front this three feet perhaps it_had_turned_ _aside from_before_of_me if/because now also you I_killed and_ _it I_preserved_alive. **34** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** I_have_sinned if/because not I_knew if/because_that you were_standing to_meet_me in_road and_ _now if it_is_displeasing in_eyes_of_your I_will_turn_back

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to/for_me. **35** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_said to Bil'ām go with the_men and_only ~~DOM~~ the_message which I_ _will_speak to_you ~~DOM~~_him/it you_will_speak and_ Bil'ām _ _he/it_went with the_leaders_of Bālāq.

36 And_ Bālāq _he/it_listened if/because_that Bil'ām he_had_ _come and_he/it_went_out to_meet_him to the_city_of Mō'āv which is_on the_border_of 'Arnōn which is_at_the_end_of the_ _border. **37** And_ Bālāq _he/it_said to Bil'ām not urgently_ _(send) did_I_send to_you to_call to/for_you(fs) to/for_what not did_you_come to_me really not am_I_able to_honour_you. **38** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to Bālāq HERE I_have_come to_you now really_(able) am_I_able to_speak anything the_message which god he_will_put in_mouth_of_my ~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_ _speak. **39** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_went with Bālāq and_they_came Qiryat- ḥuqqoq. **40** And_ Bālāq _he/it_sacrificed cattle and_ _sheep and_he_sent to_Bil'ām and_to_leaders who with_him/it. **41** And_he/it_was in_morning and_ Bālāq _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ Bil'ām and_he_brought_him_up Bāmōt Ba'al and_he/it_saw from_there the_outskirt[s]_of the_people.

23:1 And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to Bālāq build to_me in_this_place seven altars and_prepare to_me in_this_place seven young_ _bulls and_seven rams. **2** And_ Bālāq _he/it_made just_as Bil'ām he_had_spoken and_ Bālāq and_Bil'ām _he/it_ascended a_ _young_bull and_a_ram on_altar. **3** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to_ _Bālāq take_your_stand with offering_of_your_burnt and_I_ _will_go perhaps **YHWH** he_will_meet to_meet_me and_the_ _message_of whatever he_will_show_me and_I_will_tell to/for_ _you(fs) and_he/it_went a_bare_height. **4** And_ god _he_met (to) Bil'ām and_he/it_said to_him/it ~~DOM~~ the_seven_of the_ _altars I_have_arranged and_I_have_offered_up a_young_bull and_a_ram on_altar. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_assigned a_message in_the_mouth_of Bil'ām and_he/it_said return to Bālāq and_ _thus you_will_speak. **6** And_he_returned to_him/it and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_standing with offering_of_his_burnt he and_all the_leaders_of Mō'āv. **7** And_he_lifted_up oracle_of_his and_he_said from 'Arām he_led_me Bālāq the_king_of Mō'āv from_the_mountains_of the_east come curse to/for_me Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_come denounce Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** What will_I_curse one_whom_not he_has_cursed_him god and_what will_I_denounce one_whom_not **YHWH** he_has_denounced. **9** If/because from_the_top_of the_rocks I_see_him and_from_ _the_hills I_observe_him THERE a_people which_alone it_dwells and_among_nations not it_reckons_itself. **10** Who has_he_ _counted the_dust_of Ya'ₐqov and_a_number ~~DOM~~ the_fourth_ _part_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) self_of_my let_it_die the_death_of upright_people and_let_it_be end_of_my like_his. **11** And_ Bālāq _he/it_said to Bil'ām what have_you_done to_me to_curse enemies_of_my I_took_you and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE you_have_ _blessed actually_(bless). **12** And_he_answered and_he_said not ~~DOM~~ that_which **YHWH** he_will_put in_mouth_of_my ~~DOM~~_ _him/it will_I_take_care to_speak.

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35 "Continue on with those men," Yahweh's angel told Bil'am, "but make sure that you only pass on the message that I give you." So Bil'am carried on with Balak's leaders.

Balak welcomes Bil'am

36 When King Balak heard that Bil'am (Balaam) was coming, he went out to meeting him at a city in Moav (Moab) that was on his border beside the Arnon river. **37** He asked Bil'am, "Didn't I send an urgent message to summon you? Why didn't you come then? Did you think I couldn't pay you enough?"

38 "Look, I've come now," Bil'am answered Balak, "but can I say whatever I want? No, I have to deliver whatever message God gives me." **39** So then Bil'am went to Kiryat-Hutsot with Balak, **40** where Balak sacrificed sheep and cattle, and gave some of the meat to Bil'am and to the leaders who were with them. **41** The next morning, Balak took Bil'am uphill to Bamot-Ba'al, and from there they could see the outskirts of the Israeli camp.

Bil'am blesses Yisrael

23:1 Then Bil'am (Balaam) said to King Balak, "Get them to build seven altars for me here, and prepare me seven bulls and seven rams."

2 So Balak did what Bil'am had instructed, then the two of them offered up a bull and a ram on each altar. **3** Then Bil'am told Balak, "You stand here beside your burnt offering, and I'll move away. Perhaps Yahweh will want to meet me, and then I'll tell you whatever he shows me." Then he went to a bare hilltop **4** where God met him, and Bil'am told him, "I organised seven altars and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar."

5 Then Yahweh gave Bil'am a message and told him, "Go back to Balak and tell him that." **6** So he went back to Balak who was still standing by his burnt offering along with all of Moav's (Moab's) officials.

7 So Bil'am gave his pronouncement,
"It's Balak has brought me here from Aram (Syria).
Moav's king summoned me from the eastern mountains.
'Go curse Ya'akov (Jacob) for me,
and go denounce Yisrael (Israel).'
8 How can I curse those who God hasn't cursed?
How can I denounce those who Yahweh hasn't denounced?
9 Yes, I can see them from the top of those rocks.
I look at them from the hills.
Look, a population that lives by itself.
It doesn't count itself among the other nations.
10 Who can count the dust that Ya'akov (Jacob) leaves behind?
Who can even count a quarter of the Israelis?
Let me die like those honourable people,
and let my end be like theirs."

11 But Balak demanded from Bil'am (Balaam), "What have you done to me? I brought you here to curse my enemies, and blast it all—you've actually blessed them!"

12 "Shouldn't I be careful to only say what Yahweh tells me?" Bil'am answered back.

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13 Then King Balak told Bil'am (Balaam), "Please come with me to another place that you'll be able to see them from. You won't be able to see all of them, only the edge of that large group, but you'll will curse Yisrael (Israel) for me from there." **14** So he took Bil'am to a field at the top of Mt. Pisgah, and he built seven altars and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

Bil'am's second blessing

15 Bil'am said to the king, "You stand here beside your burnt offering, while I go over there so Yahweh can meet me."

16 Then Yahweh met with Bil'am and gave him a message and told him, "Go back to Balak, and give him that message." **17** So he returned to him where he was standing with the leaders from Moav (Moab) beside the altar, and Balak asked him, "What did Yahweh say?"

18 Then Bil'am gave his speech,
"Look here, Balak, and listen.
Pay attention to me, son of Tsipor.
19 God doesn't lie because he's not a human being,
and he's not a mortal who might change his mind.
Whatever he's said, he'll do it.
Anything he promised, he'll make it happen.
20 Listen, I've received a command to bless.
Yes, he's decided to bless and I can't reverse it.
21 Yahweh hasn't considered hardship for Ya'akov (Jacob),
and he hasn't seen trouble for Yisrael (Israel).
His god Yahweh is with that people group,
and the king's shout is over him.
22 God brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),
→giving them strength like a wild bull's horns.
23 No, there's no spell against Ya'akov,
and no divination against Yisrael.
People will talk about Ya'akov/Yisrael,
→saying look what God has done.
24 That population stands up like a lioness,
and like a lion, it lifts itself up.
It won't lie down until it's devoured its prey
and drunk the blood of those it killed."

25 Then King Balak scolded Bil'am (Balaam), "Even if you won't curse them, definitely don't *bless* them!"

26 "Didn't I already tell you," Bil'am answered Balak, "that I can only pronounce what Yahweh tells me to."

Bil'am's third prophecy

27 Then King Balak told Bil'am (Balaam), "Come with me. I'll take you to another place. Perhaps it will pleased God if you curse them for me from there." **28** So Balak took him to the top of Mt. Pe'or that faces down to the wilderness, **29** and again Bil'am told him, "Build seven altars and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here." **30** So Balak followed those instructions and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

24:1 By now, Bil'am had realised that Yahweh wanted to bless

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13 And_he/it_said to_him/it Bālāq wwww[88] please with_me to a_place another where you_will_see_it from_there only outskirt[s]_of_its you_will_see and_all_of_of_it not you_will_see and_curse_it to_me from_there. **14** And_he_took_him the_field_ _of watchmen to the_top_of (the)_Pişgāh and_he/it_built seven altars and_he/it_ascended a_young_bull and_a_ram on_altar. **15** And_he/it_said to Bālāq take_your_stand thus with offering_ _of_your_burnt and_I I_will_meet thus. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he_met (to) Bil'ām and_he/it_assigned a_message in_mouth_of_his and_he/it_said return to Bālāq and_thus you_will_speak. **17** And_he_went to_him/it and_THERE_he was_standing with offering_of_his_burnt and_the_leaders_of Mō'āv with_him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it Bālāq what **YHWH** has_he_spoken. **18** And_he_lifted_up oracle_of_his and_he_said arise Oh_Bālāq and_hear give_ear to_me his/its_son of_Tsipōr/(Zippor). **19** Not is_a_human god and_he_will_lie and_a_son_of humankind and_ _he_will_change_his_mind (the)_that has_he_said and_not will_ _he_act and_has_he_spoken and_not will_he_fulfill_it. **20** HERE to_bless I_have_received and_he_has_blessed and_not I_will_ _turn_it_back. **21** Not he_has_looked_at disaster in_ _Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_not he_has_seen trouble in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) **YHWH** his/its_god with_him/it and_a_shout_ _of a_king in/on/over_him/it. **22** god is_bringing_of_them_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) like_the_horns_of a_wild_ox to_ _him/it. **23** If/because not enchantment is_in_Ya'ₐqov and_not divination is_in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) about_time it_will_be_said of_ _Ya'ₐqov and_of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) what god has_he_done. **24** THERE a_people like_a_lion it_rises and_like_a_lion it_lifts_ _itself_up not it_will_lie_down until it_will_devour prey and_ _the_blood_of those_slain it_will_drink. **25** And_ Bālāq _he/it_ _said to Bil'ām neither at_all_(curse) not you_will_curse_it nor at_all_(bless) not you_will_bless_it. **26** And_ Bil'ām _he_ _answered and_he/it_said to Bālāq not did_I_speak to_you to_ _say all that **YHWH** he_will_speak ~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_do.

27 And_ Bālāq _he/it_said to Bil'ām come please let_me_take_ _you to a_place another perhaps it_will_be_pleasing in/on_ _both_eyes_of the_'Elohīm and_you_will_curse_it to_me from_ _there. **28** And_ Bālāq _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ Bil'ām the_top_of (the)_ _Pə'ōr which_looks_down over the_face_of (the)_ _Yəshimōn/(Jeshimon). **29** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to Bālāq build to_me in_this_place seven altars and_prepare to_me in_ _this_place seven young_bulls and_seven rams. **30** And_ Bālāq _ _he/it_made just_as Bil'ām he_had_said and_he/it_ascended a_ _young_bull and_a_ram on_altar.

88 LV 23:13 · Note OSHB variant note: דל: (x-qere) ה֫כֹּל': lemma_1980 morph_HVqv2ms/Sh id_04TcW ה֫כֹּל

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24:1 And_ Bil'ām _he/it_saw if/because_that was_good in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_bless ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not he_ _went as_time on_time to_meet omens and_he_set to the_ _wilderness his/its_faces/face. **2** And_ Bil'ām _he_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) dwelling to_ _tribes_of_its and_it_became on/upon/above_him/it the_ _spirit_of god. **3** And_he_lifted_up oracle_of_his and_he_said the_utterance_of Bil'ām his/its_son of_Bə'ōr and_the_ _utterance_of the_man (the)_opened_of the_eye. **4** The_ _utterance_of one_who_hears the_words/messages_of god who (the)_vision_of the_almighty he_sees who_falls_down and_ _who_is_uncovered_of eyes. **5** How tents_of_your they_are_ _good Oh_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) places_of_your_dwelling Oh_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** Like_wadis which_they_are_stretched_out like_gardens at a_river like_aloes **YHWH** which_he_has_planted like_cedars at waters. **7** Water it_will_flow from_buckets_of_its and_offspring_of_its will_be_in_waters many and_he_will_be_ _high more_than_'Agag king_of_its and_ kingdom_of_its _it_ _will_be_exalted. **8** god is_bringing_of_it_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) like_the_horns_of a_wild_ox to_him/it it_ _will_consume nations foes_of_its and_bones_of_their it_will_ _break and_arrows_of_its it_will_wound_them. **9** It_crouched it_ _lay_down like_a_lion and_like_a_lion who will_he_rouse_it those_of_who_bless_you be_blessed and_those_of_who_curse_ _you be_cursed. **10** And_ the_anger of_Bālāq _it_glowed/burnt on Bil'ām and_he_clapped ᴅᴏᴍ palms_of_his and_ Bālāq _he/it_ _said to Bil'ām to_curse enemies_of_my I_summoned_you and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE you_have_blessed actually_(bless) this three times. **11** And_now flee to/for_yourself(m) to place_of_your I_ _said surely_(honour) I_will_honour_you and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_has_withheld_you **YHWH** from_honour. **12** And_ Bil'ām _ _he/it_said to Bālāq not also to messengers_of_your whom you_ _sent to_me did_I_speak to_say. **13** If he_will_give to_me Bālāq the_fullness_of his_house_of_his silver and_gold not I_will_be_ _able to_transgress ᴅᴏᴍ the_mouth_of **YHWH** for_doing a_ _good_thing or a_bad_thing from_my_own_of_heart that_which **YHWH** he_will_speak ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it I_will_speak. **14** And_now HERE_I am_about_to_go to_people_of_my come I_will_advise_ _you that_which the_people the_this it_will_do to_people_of_ _your in_end/latter the_days. **15** And_he_lifted_up oracle_of_ _his and_he_said the_utterance_of Bil'ām his/its_son of_Bə'ōr and_the_utterance_of the_man (the)_opened_of the_eye. **16** The_utterance_of one_who_hears the_words/messages_of god and_one_who_knows the_knowledge_of the_Most_High one_who_(the)_vision_of the_almighty he_sees who_falls_down and_who_is_uncovered_of eyes. **17** I_see_him and_not now I_ _observe_him and_not near a_star it_will_march_forth from_ _Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_ a_scepter _it_will_arise from_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_smash the_corners_of Mō'āv and_ _it_will_destroy all_of the_descendants_of Sheth. **18** And_it_was 'Edōm a_possession and_it_was a_possession Sē'īr enemies_of_ _its and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) will_be_doing strength. **19** And_ from_ _Ya'ₐqov _he_will_rule and_he_will_destroy the_survivor[s] of_ _a_city. **20** And_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ 'Amālēq and_he_lifted_up oracle_ _of_his and_he_said was_the_first_of the_nations 'Amālēq and_

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the Israelis, so he didn't use his usual divinations but instead, he just looked towards the wilderness. **2** He looked up and saw Yisrael (Israel) in their tents laid out by tribe. Then God's spirit came onto him, **3** and he made his pronouncement,

"This is the declaration of Bil'am, son of Be'or—
the utterance of a man whose eyes are open.
4 The declaration of someone who heard God's message,
someone who sees the all-powerful one's vision,
who bows to the ground with his eyes wide open.
5 Yes Ya'akov (Jacob), your tents look good.
Yes Yisrael (Israel), the places where you're living:
6 They stretch out like a riverbed.
Like gardens beside a river.
Like palms that Yahweh has planted,
Like cedar trees beside the waters.
7 Water will spill over the top of his buckets,
and his descendants will flow out like water.
Yisrael's king will be greater than King Agag,
and his kingdom will become honoured.
8 God is bringing him here from Mitsrayim (Egypt)
with power like the horns of a wild bull.
He'll devastate those nations that oppose him.
He'll break their bones, and his arrows will pierce them.
9 He crouched—lying down like a lion or a lioness.
Who will rouse him?[89]
Those who bless, you will be blessed,
^but those who curse you, will be cursed.[90]

10 Then King Balak got very angry with Bil'am (Balaam), and he banged his hands together and said angrily, "I called you to *curse* my enemies, and blast you, you've actually blessed them three times now! **11** Now get back to where you came from! I said that I'd honour you very well, but man, Yahweh has kept you from any honour!"

12 But Bil'am replied, "Didn't I also tell the messengers that you sent to me that **13** even if you gave me a house full of gold and silver, I wouldn't be able to say anything other than what Yahweh tells me—whether good or evil? Whatever Yahweh tells me, that's what I have to say. **14** So yes, I'll go back home now, but first, allow me to tell you what that people group will do to your people in the future."

15 Then Bil'am gave this pronouncement to Balak,

"This is the declaration of Bil'am, son of Be'or—
the utterance of a man whose eyes are open.
16 The statement from someone who hears God's messages,
and the one who receives knowledge from the highest one,
who sees visions from the powerful one.
The one who falls to his knees with his eyes opened.
17 I see him, but not now.
I'll look at him, but he's not close.

89 RV 24:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 49:9.

90 RV 24:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:3.

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A star has marched out from Ya'akov (Jacob),
and a staff has risen from Yisrael (Israel).
He will crush Moav's (Moab's) corners,
and destroy all of Shet's (Seth's) descendants.
18 Edom will become their possession,
as will his enemy, Se'ir.
Yisrael will project strength.
19 A ruler will come from Ya'akov,
→and destroy the city's survivors."
20 Then Bil'am (Balaam) looked towards Amalek and made this pronouncement,
"Amalek is the first of the nations,
^but its end will be destruction."
21 Then he looked towards the Keynim and made this pronouncement,
"Your dwelling is permanent,
and your nest is set in the cliffs.
22 but you Keynim will be destroyed
when Ashur (Assyria) (the Assyrians) take you captive."
23 Then finally, Bil'am (Balaam) made this pronouncement,
"Oh dear, who can survive when God does all that?
24 Ships will come from the Kitim coast,
and they'll damage Ashur and Ever,
but they themselves will be destroyed as well."
25 Then Bil'am packed up and went home, and King Balak also went on his way.

Yisrael worships Ba'al at Pe'or

25:1 Meanwhile, the Israelis settled down at Shitim, and their men started sleeping with women from Moav (Moab) 2 who then invited them to sacrifices to their idols. So the Israelis bowed down to the idols and ate at the feasts, 3 and when Yisrael (Israel) consecrated themselves to Ba'al-Pe'or, Yahweh's anger burnt towards them.
4 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Execute all the people's leaders and display their bodies in broad daylight, and then Yahweh's anger might turn back away from Yisrael."
5 So Mosheh to Yisrael's judges, "Each of you must execute your men who have joined others to serve Ba'al-Pe'or."
6 Just then, unbelievably, an Israeli man came past Mosheh and all the people who were there outside the sacred tent weeping, and he was bringing a Midyanite woman with him. 7 When Pinhas (son of Eleazar, son of Aharon (Aaron)) saw that, he came out from among the gathered people, grabbed a spear, 8 and followed the Israeli man into his tent. He plunged the spear through the two of them—right through the man and the woman's belly, and thus, stopped the deadly disease that had started against the Israelis. 9 However, twenty-four thousand people had already died from that plague.
10 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, 11 "Aharon's grandson Pinhas has deflected my anger from the Israelis by demonstrating

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_end_of_its will_be_to destruction. 21 And_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _Qēynī[s] and_he_lifted_up oracle_of_his and_he_said is_ _enduring dwelling_of_your and_is_set in_rock nest_of_your. 22 If/because (if) it_will_become (into)_consuming the_Qēynī[s] until when 'Ashshūr will_it_take_you_captive. 23 And_he_ _lifted_up oracle_of_his and_he_said woe who will_he_live from_when_ordains_it god. 24 And_ships will_be_from_the_ _side_of Kittim and_they_will_afflict 'Ashshūr and_they_will_ _afflict ʿĒvēr and_also he will_be_to destruction. 25 And_ Bil'ām _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went and_he_returned to_place_of_ _his and_also Bālāq he_went to_way_of_his.

25:1 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_Shiṭṭīm and_ the_people _it_began to_commit_fornication into the_daughters_of Mō'āv. 2 And_they_invited (to)_people to_the_sacrifices_of their_gods_of_their and_ the_people _it_ate and_they_bowed_down[91] to_gods_of_their. 3 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_joined_itself to_Baʿal_of Paʿōr and_ the_ _anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 4 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh take ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_chiefs_of the_ _people and_impale them to/for_**YHWH** before the_sun so_ the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** _that_it_may_turn_away from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 5 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_ _judges_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) kill everyone men_of_his who_have_ _joined_themselves to_Baʿal_of Paʿōr. 6 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ _man from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_coming and_he_ _brought_near to brothers_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ the_Midyānite_woman to_the_eyes_of Mosheh and_to_the_eyes_of all_of the_ _congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they were_ _weeping the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. 7 And_ Pinḥās the_son_of 'Elʿāzār the_son_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer _ _he/it_saw and_he/it_rose_up from_among_of the_ _congregation and_he/it_took a_spear in_his/its_hand. 8 And_ _he_went after the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) into the_tent and_ _he_pierced_through ᴅᴏᴍ both_of_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_woman into belly_of_her and_ the_plague _it_was_restrained from_under the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 9 And_ those_who_died by_plague _they_were

91 **LV 25:2 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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four and_twenty thousand. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **11** Piṇḥāṣ the_son_of ʾEl′āzār the_son_of ʾAhₐron the_priest/officer he_has_turned_back ᴅᴏᴍ rage_of_my from_under the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) because_he_was_ _zealous ᴅᴏᴍ zeal_of_my among_them and_not I_made_an_ _end_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_zeal_of_my. **12** For_so/thus/hence say HERE_I am_about_to_give to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ covenant_of_my peace. **13** And_it_will_belong for_him/it and_to_offspring_of_his after_him a_covenant_of priesthood_of perpetuity because that he_was_zealous for_god_of_his and_ _he_made_atonement on the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **14** And_name_of the_man_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who_was_struck_ _down who he_was_struck_down with the_Midyānite_woman was_Zimrī the_son_of Ṣallū a_leader_of a_house_of a_father of_ _Shim′ōnite[s]. **15** And_name_of the_woman who_was_struck_ _down the_Midyānite_woman was_Kāzəbī/(Cozbi) the_ _daughter_of Tsūr/(Zur) was_a_chief_of tribes of_a_house_of a_ _father in_Midyān he. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **17** Treat_as_foes ᴅᴏᴍ the_Midyānites and_you(pl)_ _will_defeat them. **18** If/because they are_treating_as_foes to/for_you(pl) by_deceitfulness(es)_of_their which they_have_ _dealt_deceptively to/for_you(pl) on the_matter_of Pa′ōr and_ _on the_matter_of Kāzəbī/(Cozbi) the_daughter_of the_leader_ _of Midyān sister_of_their who_was_struck_down on_the_day_ _of the_plague on the_matter_of Pə′ōr.
19 **93** And_he/it_was after the_plague**94**
26:1 and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_near/to ʾEl′āzār the_son_of ʾAhₐron the_priest/officer to_say. **2** Lift_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _head_of all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_ _upwards to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their every_of one_who_goes_forth warfare in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **3** And_ Mosheh and_ʾEl′āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_spoke ᴅᴏᴍ_them in_the_plains_of Mōʾāv at the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) to_say. **4** From_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_ _upward_upwards just_as **YHWH** he_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh and_the_sons of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who_came_out from_the_land_ _of Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

5 Rəʾūvēn the_firstborn_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_descendants_of Rəʾūvēn Ḥₐnōk/(Enoch) the_clan_of the_Ḥₐnōkite[s] of_Pallū' the_clan_of the_Pallū'ite[s]. **6** Of_Ḥetsrōn the_clan_of the_ _Ḥetsrōnite[s] of_Karmī/(Carmi) the_clan_of the_Carmite[s]. **7** These were_the_clans_of the_Rəʾūvēnite[s]**96** and_ their_ _enrolled_of_men _they_were three and_forty thousand and_ _seven hundred(s) and_thirty. **8** And_the_sons of_Pallū' were_ _ʾElīʾāv. **9** And_the_sons of_ʾElīʾāv were_Nəmūʾēl and_Dātān and_ʾAvīrām that was_the_Dātān and_ʾAvīrām the_people_

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my seriousness about their behaviour, so now in my zeal, I won't eliminate the Israelis. **12** So tell him that I'm making a peace agreement with him. **13** It's an agreement that gives him and his descendants the rights to be priests because he was zealous on his god's behalf and he worked towards removing the guilt of the people."

14 The Israeli man who was killed with the Midyanite woman was Salu's son Zimri, a clan leader from the Shim'on (Simeon) tribe. **15** The Midyanite woman who was killed was Kozbi, the daughter of Tsur, a Midyanite clan leader.

16 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **17** "Attack the Midyanites and destroy them **18** because they were treacherously deceiving you all over the matter of Pe'or and Kozbi, the daughter of one of their leaders who was killed on the day of the deadly disease at Mt. Pe'or."

The second census

26:1 After the incident of the deadly disease, Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon's (Aaron's) son Eleazar the priest, **2** "Count all the Israeli people again listing all those by their clans who are twenty and over,**92** and capable of going out to battle for Yisrael (Israel)." **3** So there in the Moav (Moab) plains, across the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Yeriho (Jericho), Mosheh and the priest Eleazar gave these instructions to the people, **4** "Yahweh has ordered us to list the names of the men who came out from Mitsrayim (Egypt) who are twenty years old or older.

Re'uven's descendants

5 Re'uven was Yisrael's (Israel's) eldest son, and his descendants came via his sons Hanok, Palu, **6** Hetsron, and Karmi. **7** Those clans added up to 43,730 men. **8** Palu's son was Eliav, **9** and Eliav's son were Nemuel, Datan, and Aviram. (That was the Datan and Aviram who were the leaders that rebelled against Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) when they joined Korah's rebellion against Yahweh.**95** **10** Then the earth split open and swallowed them and Korah.

92 **RV 26:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 1:1-46.

93 **LV 25:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.26.1

94 **LV 25:19 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

95 **RV 26:9 · Cross-ref.** 16:1-33.

96 **LV 26:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Yahweh had also sent a fire that consumed 250 men, and they became a warning sign. **11** However, Korah's descendants hadn't died then.)

Shim'on's descendants

12 Shim'on's (Simeon's) descendants came via his sons Nemuel, Yamin, Yakin, **13** Zerah, and Shaul. **14** Those clans added up to 22,200 men.

Gad's descendants

15 Gad's descendants came via his sons Tsefon, Hagit, Shuni, **16** Ozni, Eir, **17** Arod, and Areli. **18** Those clans added up to 40,500 men.

Yehudah's descendants

19 Yehudah (Judah) had two sons Er and Onan who died childless in Kena'an (Canaan). **20** His descendants came via his other sons Shela, Perets, and Zerah. **21** Perets's descendants came via his sons Hetsron and Hamul. **22** Those clans added up to 76,500 men.

Yisakar's descendants

23 Yisakar's (Issachar's) descendants came via his sons Tola, Puah, **24** Yashuv, and Shimron. **25** Those clans added up to 64,300 men.

Zevulun's descendants

26 Zevulun's descendants came via his sons Sered, Eylon, and Yahle'el. **27** Those clans added up to 60,500 men.

Menasheh's descendants

28 Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants came via his sons Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim). **29** Menasheh's descendants came from his son Makir and then his son Gilead. **30** Gilead's descendants came via his sons I'ezer, Helek, **31** Asriel, Shekem, **32** Shemida, and Hefer. **33** Hefer's son Tselofehad had no sons—only daughters named Mahlah, Noa, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirtsah. **34** Those clans added up to 52,700 men.

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_called_of[97] of_the_congregation who they_struggled on Mosheh and_on 'Ah$_a$ron in_the_company_of Qoraḥ when_ _struggled_they on **YHWH**. **10** And_ the_earth/land _it_opened ĐOM her/its_mouth and_it_swallowed ĐOM_them and_ĐOM Qoraḥ when_died_of the_company when_ the_fire _consumed ĐOM fifty and_two_hundreds man and_they_were (into)_a_ _warning_sign. **11** And_the_sons of_Qoraḥ not they_died.

12 The_descendants_of Shim'ōn to_their_clans of_Nəmū'^{ēl} the_ _clan_of the_Nəmū'^{ēl}ite[s] of_Yāmīn/(Jamin) the_clan_of the_ _Yāmīnite[s] of_Yākīn/(Jakin) the_clan_of the_Yākīnite[s]. **13** Of_Zeraḥ the_clan_of the_Zerahite[s] of_Shā'ūl/(Saul) the_ _clan_of the_Shā'ūlite[s]. **14** These were_the_clans_of the_ _Shim'ōnite[s] two and_twenty thousand and_two_hundred.

15 The_descendants_of Gād to_their_clans of_Tsəfōn/(Zephon) the_clan_of the_Tsəfōn/(Zephon)ite[s] of_Ḥaggit the_clan_of the_Ḥaggitte[s] of_Shūnī the_clan_of the_Shunite[s]. **16** Of_ _'Oznī the_clan_of the_'Oznīte[s] of_'Ērī the_clan_of the_ _Erite[s]. **17** Of_'Arōd the_clan_of the_'Arōdite[s] of_'Ar'^{ēl}ī the_ _clan_of the_'Ar'^{ēl}īte[s]. **18** These were_the_clans_of the_ _descendants_of Gād to_their_enrolled_of_men forty thousand and_five hundred(s).

19 The_sons_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_'Ēr and_'Ōnān and_ 'Ēr and_'Ōnān _he/it_died in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan). **20** And_ the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh _they_were to_their_clans of_ _Shēlāh the_clan_of the_Shēlāhite[s] of_Perets the_clan_of the_ _Peretsite[s] of_Zeraḥ the_clan_of the_Zerahite[s]. **21** And_ the_ _descendants_of Perets _they_were of_Ḥetsrōn the_clan_of the_ _Ḥetsrōnite[s] of_Ḥāmūl the_clan_of the_Ḥāmūlite[s]. **22** These were_the_clans_of Yəhūdāh to_their_enrolled_of_men six and_ _seventy thousand and_five hundred(s).

23 The_descendants_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) to_their_clans Tōlā' the_clan_of the_Tōlā'ite[s] of_Pū'āh the_clan_of the_ _Punite[s]. **24** Of_Yāshūv/(Jashub) the_clan_of the_Jashubite[s] of_Shimrōn the_clan_of the_Shimrōnite[s]. **25** These were_the_ _clans_of Yissāskār to_their_enrolled_of_men four and_sixty thousand and_three hundred(s).

26 The_descendants_of Zəvūlūn to_their_clans of_Ṣered the_ _clan_of the_Sardite[s] of_'Ēylōn the_clan_of the_'Ēylōnite[s] of_Yaḥlə'^{ēl}/(Jahleel) the_clan_of the_Yaḥlə'^{ēl}/(Jahleel)ite[s]. **27** These were_the_clans_of the_Zəvūlūnite[s] to_their_ _enrolled_of_men sixty thousand and_five hundred(s).

28 The_sons_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) to_their_clans Mənashsheh and_ _'Efrayim. **29** The_descendants_of Mənashsheh of_Mākīr the_ _clan_of the_Mākīrite[s] and_Mākīr he_fathered ĐOM Gil'ād of_ _Gil'ād the_clan_of the_Gil'ādite[s]. **30** These were_the_ _descendants_of Gil'ād 'Ī'ezēr the_clan_of the_Iezerite[s] of_ _Ḥēleq the_clan_of the_Helekite[s]. **31** And_'Asrī'^{ēl} the_clan_of the_'Asrī'^{ēl}ite[s] and_Shəkem the_clan_of the_Shəkemite[s]. **32** And_Shəmīdā' the_clan_of the_Shəmīdā'ite[s] and_Ḥēfer the_ _clan_of the_Ḥēferite[s]. **33** And_Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) the_ _son_of Ḥēfer not they_belonged to_him/it sons if/because (if)

97 **LV 26:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: יאורק: (x-qere) יְאֵירֵ֑ק: lemma_7148 morph_HAampc id_04aXz יְאֵירֵ֑ק

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daughters and_name_of the_daughters_of Tsəlofḥād was_
_Maḥlāh and_No῾āh Ḥoglāh Milkāh and_Tirtsāh. **34** These were_
_the_clans_of Mənashsheh and_their_enrolled_of_men were_
_two and_fifty thousand and_seven hundred(s).

35 These were_the_descendants_of ’Efrayim to_their_clans of_
_Shūtelaḥ the_clan_of the_Shūtelaḥite[s] of_Beker the_clan_of
the_Bakrite[s] of_Taḥan the_clan_of the_Taḥanite[s]. **36** And_
_these were_the_descendants_of Shūtelaḥ of_῾Ērān the_clan_of
the_Eranite[s]. **37** These were_the_clans_of the_descendants_of
’Efrayim to_their_enrolled_of_men two and_thirty thousand
and_five hundred(s) these were_the_descendants_of
Yōṣēf/(Joseph) to_their_clans.

38 The_descendants_of Binyāmīn to_their_clans of_Bela῾ the_
_clan_of the_Belaite[s] of_’Ashbēl the_clan_of the_’Ashbēlite[s]
of_’Aḥīra῾m the_clan_of the_’Aḥīra῾mite[s]. **39** Of_Shupham the_
_clan_of the_Shuphamite[s] of_Ḥūfām the_clan_of the_
Huphamite[s]. **40** And the_descendants_of Bela῾ _they_were
’Ardə and_Na῾$_{a}$mān the_clan_of the_Ardite[s] of_Na῾$_{a}$mān the_
_clan_of the_Naamanite[s]. **41** These were_the_descendants_of
Binyāmīn to_their_clans and_their_enrolled_of_men were_five
and_forty thousand and_six hundred(s).

42 These were_the_descendants_of Dān to_their_clans of_
_Shūḥām the_clan_of the_Shuhamite[s] these were_the_clans_
_of Dān to_their_clans. **43** All_of the_clans_of the_Shuhamite[s]
to_their_enrolled_of_men were_four and_sixty thousand and_
_four hundred(s).

44 The_descendants_of ’Āshēr to_their_clans of_
_Yimnāh/(Imnah) the_clan_of the_Yimnāhite[s] of_
_Yishvī/(Ishvi) the_clan_of the_Yishvīte[s] of_Bərī῾āh the_clan_
_of the_Bərī῾āhite[s]. **45** Of_the_descendants_of Bərī῾āh of_
_Ḥevʿer the_clan_of the_Ḥevʿerite[s] of_Malkiel the_clan_of the_
_Malkī’^{ēl}ite[s]. **46** And_name_of the_daughter_of ’Āshēr was_
_Seraḥ. **47** These were_the_clans_of the_descendants_of ’Āshēr
to_their_enrolled_of_men three and_fifty thousand and_four
hundred(s).

48 The_descendants_of Naftālī to_their_clans of_
_Yaḥtsə’^{ēl}/(Jahzeel) the_clan_of the_Jahzeelite[s] of_Gūnī the_
_clan_of the_Gūnīte[s]. **49** Of_Yētser/(Jezer) the_clan_of the_
_Yētserite[s] of_Shillēm the_clan_of the_Shillemite[s]. **50** These
were_the_clans_of Naftālī to_their_clans and_their_enrolled_of_
_men were_five and_forty thousand and_four hundred(s).

51 These were_the_enrolled_men_of the_people_of
Yisrā’^{ēl}/(Israel) six hundred(s) thousand and_one_thousand
seven hundred(s) and_thirty. **52** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to
Mosheh to_saying. **53** To_these the_earth/land it_will_be_
_divided (in)_an_inheritance by_the_number_of names. **54** For_
_many you_will_make_great inheritance_of_its and_for_few
you_will_make_small inheritance_of_its each to_the_mouth_of
his_enrolled_men it_will_be_given inheritance_of_its. **55** Only
by_lot ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land it_will_be_divided to_the_names_of

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Efrayim’s descendants

35 Efrayim’s (Ephraim’s) descendants came via his sons Shutelah, Beker, and Tahan, **36** Shutelah’s descendants came via his son Eran. **37** Those clans added up to 32,500 men. These last two totals were all Yosef’s (Joseph’s) descendants.

Benyamin’s descendants

38 Benyamin’s descendants came via his sons Bela, Ashbel, Ahiram, **39** Shefufam, and Hufam. **40** Bela’s descendants came via his sons Ard and Na’aman. **41** Those clans added up to 45,600 men.

Dan’s descendants

42 Dan’s descendants came via his son Shuham. **43** That clan had 64,400 men.

Asher’s descendants

44 Asher’s descendants belonged to Yimnah’s clan, Yishvi’s clan, and Beriah’s clan. **45** Beriah’s descendants came via his sons Hever and Malkiel. **46** Asher’s daughter was named Serah. **47** Those clans added up to 53,400 men.

Naftali’s descendants

48 Naftali’s (Naphtali’s) descendants came via his sons Yahtse’el, Guni, **49** Yetser, and Shilem. **50** Those clans added up to 45,400 men.

The census total and the division of land

51 The total of all those tribes counted came to 601,730 men.[98]

52 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **53** “The land should be allocated to those clans according to the number of their names, to become their inheritance. **54** Those with larger numbers should receive more, and the smaller groups receive less, i.e., each inheritance depends on the number of family members. **55** You must throw lots to determine which clan gets which piece

98 RV 26:51 · Note Slightly smaller than the total of 603,550 from the first census, see 1:46.

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of land.[99] The lands of the clans must be within their tribal lands. **56** Then the size of the area that will become their inheritance must be apportioned according to the census numbers.

Levi's descendants

57 The listed Levites included the clans from Levi's sons Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari, **58** which were the Livnim, the Hevronim, the Mahlim, the Mushim, and the Korhim. Also, Korah fathered Amram **59** whose wife was Levi's daughter Yokeved who'd been born in Mitsrayim (Egypt). They had two sons Aharon (Aaron) and Mosheh (Moses), and their older sister Miryam (Miriam). **60** Aharon's sons were Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar,[100] **61** but Nadav and Avihu had died when they'd offered Yahweh fire in a disobedient manner.[101] **62** The male Levites who were a month old or older came to 23,000, but they weren't included in the above nation-wide count because they didn't inherit land in the same way as other tribes.

Census summary

63 Those were the census results from when Mosheh (Moses) and the priest Eleazar counted the Israelis on the Moav (Moab) plains on the east side of the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Yeriho (Jericho). **64** None of the men on those lists were on the previous lists done by Mosheh and the priest Aharon (Aaron) when they'd counted the Israelis in the Sinay wilderness, **65** because Yahweh had told them that they'd certainly die there in the wilderness until none of those alive were left other than Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb) and Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua).

Inheritances without sons

27:1 Then the daughters of Tselofehad (son of Hefer, son of Gilead, son of Makir, son of Menasheh (Manasseh)) approached. Their names were Mahlah, Noa, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirtsah. **2** They stood in front of Mosheh (Moses) and the priest Eleazar and all the leaders and the people there at the entrance to the sacred tent, and asked, **3** "Our father died in the wilderness, although he wasn't part of the group who joined Korah to rebel against Yahweh—it was for his own personal disobedience that he died. He didn't have any sons **4** but why should his family name disappear from our clan just because he had no sons? So give us some land like our father's relatives will be getting."

5 So Mosheh took their case to Yahweh **6** and he responded, **7** "It's right what Tselofehad's daughters are saying. You must give them some land like their father's relatives will be getting. Give them whatever would have been given to their father as his

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the_tribes_of their_ancestors_of_their they_will_inherit. **56** On the_mouth_of the_lot inheritance_of_its it_will_be_divided between the_many and_the_few.

57 And_these were_the_enrolled_men_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] to_ _their_clans of_Gērəshōn the_clan_of the_Gērəshōnite[s] of_ _Qəhāt the_clan_of the_Qəhātite[s] of_Mərārī the_clan_of the_ _Mərārīte[s]. **58** These were_the_clans_of Lēvī the_clan_of the_ _Livnīte[s] the_clan_of the_Ḥevrōnite[s] the_clan_of the_ _Maḥlīte[s] the_clan_of the_Mūshiyte[s] the_clan_of the_ _Qoraḥite[s] and_Qəhāt he_fathered ĐOM ʹAmrām. **59** And_ _name_of the_wife_of ʹAmrām was_Yōkevəd/(Jochebed) the_ _daughter_of Lēvī whom someone_bore ĐOM_her/it to_Lēvī in_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_she/it_gave_birth to_ʹAmrām ĐOM ʾAh$_a$ron and_ĐOM Mosheh and_ĐOM Miryām sister_of_their. **60** And_he/it_was_born to_ʾAh$_a$ron ĐOM Nādāv and_ĐOM ʾAvīhū ĐOM ʾElʹāzār and_ĐOM ʾĪtāmār. **61** And_ Nādāv and_ʾAvīhū _ _he/it_died when_they_brought_near fire strange to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **62** And_they_were their_ _enrolled_of_men three and_twenty thousand every_of male from_a_son_of a_month and_upward_upwards if/because not they_were_enrolled in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because not it_was_given to/for_them an_ _inheritance in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **63** These were_the_enrolled_men_of Mosheh and_ʾElʹāzār the_ _priest/officer who they_enrolled ĐOM the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_the_plains_of Mōʾāv at the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **64** And_among_these not he_was anyone of_the_enrolled_men_of of_Mosheh and_ʾAh$_a$ron the_ _priest/officer who they_had_enrolled ĐOM the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_the_wilderness_of Ṣīnay. **65** If/because **YHWH** he_had_said to/for_them surely_(die) they_will_die in_ _wilderness and_not he_was_left from_them anyone if/because (if) Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) and_ _Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn.

27:1 And_ the_daughters_of Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) the_son_of Ḥēfer the_son_of Gilʹād the_son_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh of_the_clans_of Mənashsheh the_son_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _they_drew_near and_these were_the_names_of his_daughters_of_his Maḥlāh Noʹāh and_Ḥoglāh and_Milkāh and_Tirtsāh. **2** And_they_took_their_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Mosheh and_before_of ʾElʹāzār the_ _priest/officer and_before_of the_leaders and_all the_ _congregation the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to_say. **3** father_of_our he_died in_wilderness and_he not he_was in_ _the_middle the_company which_gathered on **YHWH** in_the_ _company_of Qoraḥ if/because in_his_own_of_sin he_died and_ _sons not they_belonged to_him/it. **4** To/for_what the_name_of our_father_of_our will_it_be_withdrawn from_among_of clan_ _of_his if/because there_belonged_not to_him/it a_son give to/for_ourselves a_possession in_the_middle the_brothers_of our_father_of_our. **5** And_ Mosheh _he_brought_near ĐOM case_ _of[102] to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **6** And_

99 RV 26:55 · Cross-ref. Num 34:13; Josh 14:1-2.

100 RV 26:60 · Cross-ref. Num 3:2.

101 RV 26:61 · Cross-ref. Lev 10:1-2; Num 3:4.

102 LV 27:5 · Note OSHB note: Large letter(s). Shown as large letters without a superscript note number.

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YHWH _he/it_said to Mosheh to_saying. **7** Right the_
_daughters_of Tsəlofḥād are_speaking indeed_(give) you_will_
_give to/for_them possession_of an_inheritance in_the_middle
the_brothers_of their_father_of_their and_you_will_make_pass_
_over ÐOM the_inheritance_of their_father_of_their to_them.
8 And_near/to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_will_speak
to_say a_man if/because he_will_die and_a_son there_will_
_belong_not to_him/it and_you(pl)_will_make_pass_over ÐOM
inheritance_of_his to_daughter_of_his. **9** And_if there_will_
_belong_not to_him/it a_daughter and_you(pl)_will_give ÐOM
inheritance_of_his to_brothers_of_his.[103] **10** And_if there_will_
_belong_not to_him/it brothers and_you(pl)_will_give ÐOM
inheritance_of_his to_the_brothers_of his/its_father. **11** And_if
there_will_belong_not brothers to_father_of_his and_you(pl)_
_will_give ÐOM inheritance_of_his to_relative_of_his (the)_near
to_him/it from_his_own_of_clan and_he_will_take_possession_
_of ÐOM_her/it and_it_will_become for_the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_regulation_of judgement just_as
YHWH he_has_commanded ÐOM Mosheh.

12 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go_up to the_mountain_
_of the_ʹAvārīm the_this and_see ÐOM the_earth/land which I_
_have_given to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_you_will_
_see ÐOM_her/it and_you_will_be_gathered to people(s)_of_your
also you just_as ʾAhₐron your(ms)_brother/kindred he_was_
_gathered. **14** Just_as you(pl)_rebelled_against mouth_of_my in_
_the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) in_the_strife_of the_
_congregation to_treat_me_as_holy at_waters to_eyes_of_their
they were_the_waters_of Mərīvāh Qādēsh the_wilderness_of
Tsin/(Zin). **15** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to **YHWH** to_say.
16 **YHWH** the_god_of the_spirits to/from_all/each/any/every
flesh let_him_appoint a_man over the_congregation. **17** Who
he_will_go_out before_them and_which he_will_come before_
_them and_which he_will_lead_them_out and_which he_will_
_bring_them and_not it_will_be the_congregation_of **YHWH**
like_sheep which there_belongs_not to/for_them a_shepherd.
18 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh take to/for_yourself(m)
ÐOM Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn a_man whom a_spirit
in/on/over_him/it and_you_will_lay ÐOM hand_of_your
on/upon/above_him/it. **19** And_you_will_make_stand ÐOM_
him/it to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before ʾElʹāzār the_
_priest/officer and_before_of all_of the_congregation and_you_
_will_commission ÐOM_him/it to_eyes_of_their. **20** And_
_you(ms)_will_give some_of_your_majesty on/upon/above_
_him/it so_that all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_may_hear. **21** And_before_of ʾElʹāzār the_
_priest/officer he_will_stand and_he_will_enquire to_him/it
by_the_judgement_of the_Urim to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** on mouth_of_his they_will_go_out and_on

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inheritance. **8** Also, tell the people that if a man dies without sons, then his inheritance should go to his daughter(s). **9** If he had no children, then it should go to his brothers, **10** and if he has no brothers, then it should go to his father's brothers. **11** However, if his father had no brothers, then the inheritance should go to his nearest blood-relative to become his possession. That will become a permanent regulation for Yisrael (Israel), just as Yahweh has commanded."

Yehoshua succeeds Mosheh[104]

12 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Go up Mt. Avarim and look at the land that I've given to the Israelis,[105] **13** and then you'll die and join your ancestors just like your brother Aharon (Aaron) did. **14** That's because back in the Tsin (Zin) wilderness when the people complained about water, you two rebelled against my command and failed to respect my holiness in front of them. That was when you struck the rock at Merivah near Kadesh in the Tsin wilderness."

15 Then Mosheh requested Yahweh, **16** "Yahweh, you are the god who directs the spirits of all humankind, so please appoint a new leader for the Israeli people **17** who will stand in front of them and lead them out and bring them in so they won't be like sheep without a shepherd.[106]

18 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Get Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua),[107] a man who has my spirit in him, and place your hands on him to indicate the transfer of leadership. **19** Stand him in front of the priest Eleazar and all the assembly, and commission him as they watch. **20** Give him some of your authority so that all the Israeli people can hear it. **21** When he needs guidance, he must stand in front of the priest Eleazar and ask for Yahweh's decision to be given via the Urim.[108] Then Yehoshua and all the people will go in or come out as per Yahweh's instructions." **22** So Mosheh did what Yahweh had ordered him to, and he presented Yehoshua to the priest Eleazar and to the entire community. **23** Mosheh placed his hands on Yehoshua and

103 **LV 27:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

104 **RV 27:12 · Parallel** Deu. 31:1-8

105 **RV 27:12-14 · Cross-ref.** Deu 3:23-27; 32:48-52.

106 **RV 27:17 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 22:17; Eze 34:5; Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

107 **RV 27:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:13.

108 **RV 27:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 28:30; 1Sam 14:41; 28:6.

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commissioned him, just has Yahweh had said he should.

28:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Give the Israelis these instructions: Ensure that you present to me the offerings and food for offerings to be burnt at the proper time. **3** For the daily burnt offering, present two one-year-old, male lambs that have no defects. **4** One of those lambs must be offered in the morning, and the other in late afternoon, **5** each offered along with a kilogram of fine flour mixed with a litre of olive oil. **6** That's the regular burnt offering done like the first one at Mt. Sinay—the soothing aroma from the fire will be pleasing to Yahweh. **7** The drink offering must also be one litre for each lamb. That strong drink must be poured out in the sacred area as an offering to Yahweh. **8** At the end of the afternoon, offer the second lamb with the same-sized offerings of flour and wine as in the morning. When they're burnt, the aroma will be pleasing to Yahweh.

The daily offerings[109]

9 "On the Rest Day, it must be two one-year-old, male lambs with no defects, along with 2 kilograms of fine flour mixed with oil, as well as the drink offering. **10** That will be burnt every Rest Day, in addition to the regular daily burnt offering and its drink offering.

The Rest Day offerings

11 "On the first day of each month, you all must bring Yahweh a burnt offering of two young bulls, one ram, and seven one-year-old, male lambs with no defects. **12** Each bull must be offered with three kilograms of fine flour mixed with oil, each ram with two kilograms, **13** and each lamb with one kilogram. All of that will be a burnt offering with an aroma that will be pleasing to Yahweh. **14** Their respective drink offerings will be two litres of wine with the bull, 1.3 litres with the ram, and one litre with each lamb. That will be the burnt offering for the start of each new month throughout the year. **15** In addition to those burnt offerings and drink offerings, a male goat must also be presented to Yahweh as a sin offering.

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mouth_of_his he and_all the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_ _him/it and_all the_congregation they_will_come. **22** And_ Mosheh _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ~~ĐOM~~_ _him/it and_he/it_took ~~ĐOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa and_he_made_him_ _stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'El'āzār the_ _priest/officer and_before_of all_of the_congregation. **23** And_ _he_laid ~~ĐOM~~ hands_of_his on/upon/above_him/it and_he_ _commissioned_him just_as **YHWH** he_had_spoken by_the_ _hand_of Mosheh.

28:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Command ~~ĐOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_ _say to_them ~~ĐOM~~ offering_of_my food_of_my for_my_fire_of_ _offerings the_odour_of my_soothing_of_my you(pl)_will_take_ _care to_bring_near to_me at_its_appointed_of_time. **3** And_ _you_will_say to/for_them this is_the_fire_offering which you(pl)_will_bring_near to/for_**YHWH** lambs sons_of a_year unblemished two to_day a_burnt_offering continually. **4** ~~ĐOM~~ the_lamb one you_will_offer in_morning and_~~ĐOM~~ the_lamb the_second you_will_offer between the_evenings. **5** And_(the)_ _tenth_of (the)_'ēyfāh fine_flour to_a_grain_offering mixed with_oil_of pressed (the)_fourth_of (the)_hin. **6** A_burnt_ _offering_of continuity which_was_instituted at_the_ _mountain_of Ṣīnay to_an_odour_of soothing a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **7** And_its_drink_of_offering will_be_(the)_ _fourth_of (the)_hin for_lamb the_one in_place pour_out a_ _drink_offering_of strong_drink to/for_**YHWH**. **8** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_ _lamb the_second you_will_offer between the_evenings like_ _the_grain_offering_of the_morning and_like_its_drink_of_ _offering you_will_offer_it a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**.

9 And_on_the_day_of the_sabbath two_of lambs sons_of a_year unblemished and_two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh fine_flour a_ _grain_offering mixed with_oil and_its_drink_of_offering. **10** The_burnt_offering_of the_sabbath_of on_sabbath_of_its is_ _to the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_drink_of_ _offering.

11 And_at_the_beginnings_of your(pl)_months_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_bring_near a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** young_ _bulls young_ones_of the_herd two and_a_ram one lambs sons_ _of a_year seven unblemished. **12** And_three tenths_of_an_ _'ēyfāh fine_flour a_grain_offering mixed with_oil for_bull the_ _one and_two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh fine_flour a_grain_ _offering mixed with_oil for_ram the_one. **13** And_a_tenth_of_ _an_'ēyfāh a_tenth_of_an_'ēyfāh_of fine_flour a_grain_offering mixed with_oil for_lamb the_one a_burnt_offering an_odour_of soothing a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **14** And_their_drink_of_ _offerings (the)_half_of (the)_hin it_will_be for_bull and_(the)_ _third_of (the)_hin for_ram and_(the)_fourth_of (the)_hin for_ _lamb wine this is_the_burnt_offering_of a_month in_month_ _of_its for_the_months_of the_year. **15** And_a_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering to/for_**YHWH** to the_burnt_ _offering_of (the)_continuity it_will_be_offered and_its_drink_ _of_offering.

109 RV 28:1 · Parallel Exo. 29:38-46

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16 And_will_in_the_month (the)_first on_the_four- teen day of_ _month a_passover to/for_**YHWH**. **17** And_will_be_on_the_fifteen day of_month the_this a_festival seven_of days unleavened_bread(s) it_will_be_eaten. **18** In_the_day (the)_first a_convocation_of holiness any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do. **19** And_you(pl)_will_bring_near a_fire_offering a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** young_bulls young_ones_of the_herd two and_a_ram one and_seven lambs sons_of a_year unblemished they_will_be to_you(pl). **20** And_their_grain_of_ _offering fine_flour mixed with_oil three tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_bull and_two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_ram you(pl)_will_ _offer. **21** A_tenth a_tenth you_will_offer for_lamb the_one for_ _the_seven_of the_lambs. **22** And_a_male_goat_of a_sin_offering one to_make_atonement on_you(pl). **23** (From)_besides_of the_ _burnt_offering_of the_morning which is_for_the_burnt_ _offering_of (the)_continuity you(pl)_will_offer ~~DOM~~ these_ _things. **24** Like_these_things you(pl)_will_offer to_day seven_of days food of_a_fire_offering_of of_an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH** to the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity it_will_be_ _offered and_its_drink_of_offering. **25** And_on_day the_seventh a_convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do.

26 And_on_the_day_of the_first-fruits when_you_bring_near a_ _grain_offering new to/for_**YHWH** at_weeks_of_your(pl) a_ _convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do. **27** And_you(pl)_will_ _bring_near a_burnt_offering to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH** young_bulls young_ones_of the_herd two a_ram one seven lambs sons_of a_year. **28** And_their_grain_of_offering fine_flour mixed with_oil three tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_bull the_one two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_ram the_one. **29** A_ _tenth a_tenth for_lamb the_one for_the_seven_of the_lambs. **30** A_male_goat_of goats one to_make_atonement on_you(pl). **31** (From)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_grain_of_offering you(pl)_will_offer_them unblemished they_will_be to/for_you(pl) and_their_drink_of_offerings.

29:1 And_in_month the_seventh on_day_one of_month a_ _convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do a_day_of the_sound_of_ _a_loud_blast it_will_be to_you(pl). **2** And_you(pl)_will_offer a_ _burnt_offering to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** a_ _young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd one a_ram one lambs sons_of a_year seven unblemished. **3** And_their_grain_of_ _offering fine_flour mixed with_oil three tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_bull two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_ram. **4** And_a_tenth_of_ _an_'ēyfāh one for_lamb the_one for_the_seven_of the_lambs. **5** And_a_male_goat_of goats one a_sin_offering to_make_ _atonement on_you(pl). **6** (From)_besides_of the_burnt_ _offering_of the_new_moon and_its_grain_of_offering and_the_ _burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_grain_of_offering

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The 'pass-over' offerings[110]

16 "Yahweh's 'passover' ceremony will start on the 14th of the first month (Nisan = March/April) each year.[111] **17** The 15th will be the start of the celebration—all your bread must be made without any rising agent.[112] **18** That first day, there's to be a sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day. **19** You all must offer two young bulls, one ram, and seven one-year-old lambs with no defects to be burnt on the fire. **20** Their associated grain offerings must be three kilograms of fine flour mixed with olive for the bull, two kilograms for the ram, **21** and one kilogram for each of the seven lambs. **22** Also, bring one male goat as a sin offering to make yourselves right with God. **23** Those offerings must be *in addition* to the regular morning offerings **24** and must be offered for each of the seven days. The aroma of those burnt offerings will be pleasing to Yahweh, along with the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. **25** On the seventh day, there's to be another sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day.

Harvest festival offerings[113]

26 "On the firstfruits day of the harvest festival, when you all present an offering of fresh grain to Yahweh, there's to be a sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day.[114] **27** You all must present a burnt offering that's a pleasing aroma for Yahweh, presenting two young bulls, one ram, and seven one-year-old male lambs. **28** Their associated grain offerings will be three kilograms of fine flour mixed with olive oil for each bull, two kilograms for the ram, **29** and one kilogram for each of the lambs. **30** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God. **31** Those offerings along with their drink offerings must be offered in addition to the regular burnt offering and drink offerings. Ensure that they have no defects.

The trumpeting celebration[115]

29:1 "On the first day of the seventh month (Tishrei = September/October) each year, there's to be a sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day—it'll be a day of blowing horns. **2** You all must present a young bull, a ram, and seven one-year-old lambs, all with no defects as a burnt offering to be a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **3** Their associated grain offering will be three kilograms of fine flour mixed with olive oil with the bull, two kilograms with the ram, **4** and one kilogram for each of the seven lambs. **5** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God. **6** Those are in addition to the monthly and regular daily burnt offerings with their associated grain offerings

110 RV 28:16 · Parallel Lev. 23:5-14

111 RV 28:16 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:1-13; Deu 16:1-2.

112 RV 28:17-25 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:14-20; 23:15; 34:18; Deu 16:3-8.

113 RV 28:26 · Parallel Lev. 23:15-22

114 RV 28:26-31 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:16; 34:22; Deu 16:9-12.

115 RV 29:1 · Parallel Lev. 23:23-25

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and drink offerings. The aroma of those burnt offerings will be pleasing to Yahweh.

The sacrifice for forgiveness[116]

7 "Each year on the 10th of this seventh month (Tishrei = September/October), there's to be a sacred assembly. Don't eat any food or do any regular work on that day.[117] 8 You all must present a young bull, a ram, and seven one-year-old male lambs as a burnt offering that will be a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. Ensure that they have no defects. 9 Their associated grain offerings will be three kilograms of fine flour mixed with olive oil for the bull, two kilograms for the ram, 10 and one kilogram for each of the seven lambs. 11 Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat, in addition to the one to make yourselves right with God and the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

Offerings during the celebration in shelters[118]

12 "On the 15th of that seventh month, there's to be another sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day which will begin seven days of celebration.[119] 13 "You all must present thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen one-year-old male lambs as a burnt offering that will be a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. Ensure that they have no defects. 14 Their associated grain offerings will be three kilograms of fine flour mixed with olive oil for each bull, two kilograms for each ram, 15 and one kilogram for each of the seven lambs. 16 Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

17 "On the second day, you all must offer twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen one-year-old male lambs without defects, 18 and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. 19 Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

20 "On the third day, the sacrifice will be eleven young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defects, 21 and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. 22 Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

23 "On the fourth day, the sacrifice will be ten young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defects, 24 and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. 25 Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with

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and_their_drink_of_offerings according_to_of_their_ordinance to_an_odour_of soothing a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**.

7 And_on_ten of_month the_seventh the_this a_convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_humble ~~DOM~~ selves_of_your(pl) any_of_work not you(pl)_will_do. 8 And_ _you(pl)_will_bring_near a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** an_ _odour_of soothing a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd one a_ram one lambs sons_of a_year seven unblemished they_will_ _be to_you(pl). 9 And_their_grain_of_offering fine_flour mixed with_oil three tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_bull two_of tenths_of_ _an_'ēyfāh for_ram the_one. 10 A_tenth a_tenth for_lamb the_ _one for_the_seven_of the_lambs. 11 A_male_goat_of goats one a_sin_offering (from)_besides_of the_sin_offering_of (the)_ _atonement(s) and_the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings.

12 And_on_the_fif- teen day of_month the_seventh a_ _convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do and_you(pl)_will_ _celebrate_a_festival a_festival to/for_**YHWH** seven_of days. 13 And_you(pl)_will_bring_near a_burnt_offering a_fire_ _offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** young_bulls young_ones_of the_herd thir- teen rams two lambs sons_of a_ _year four- teen unblemished they_will_be. 14 And_their_grain_ _of_offering fine_flour mixed with_oil three tenths_of_an_ _'ēyfāh for_bull the_one for_thir- teen young_bulls two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_ram the_one for_the_two_of the_rams. 15 And_a_tenth[120] a_tenth for_lamb the_one to_four teen lambs. 16 And_a_male_goat_of goats one a_sin_offering (from)_ _besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity offering_of_ _its_grain and_its_drink_of_offering. 17 And_on_day the_second young_bulls young_ones_of the_herd two_plus ten rams two lambs sons_of a_year four- teen unblemished. 18 And_their_ _grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings for_bulls for_ _rams and_for_lambs by_number_of_their according_the_ _ordinance. 19 And_a_male_goat_of goats one a_sin_offering (from)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_ _its_grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings. 20 And_on_ _day the_third young_bulls one_plus_of ten rams two lambs sons_of a_year four- teen unblemished. 21 And_their_grain_of_ _offering and_their_drink_of_offerings for_bulls for_rams and_ _for_lambs by_number_of_their according_the_ordinance. 22 And_a_male_goat_of a_sin_offering one (from)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_grain_of_ _offering and_its_drink_of_offering. 23 And_on_day the_fourth young_bulls ten rams two lambs sons_of a_year four- teen unblemished. 24 Offering_of_their_grain and_their_drink_of_ _offerings for_bulls for_rams and_for_lambs by_number_of_ _their according_the_ordinance. 25 And_a_male_goat_of goats one a_sin_offering (from)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of

116 RV 29:7 · Parallel Lev. 23:26-32

117 RV 29:7-11 · Cross-ref. Lev 16:29-34.

118 RV 29:12 · Parallel Lev. 23:33-44

119 RV 29:12-38 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:34; Deu 16:13-15.

120 LV 29:15 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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(the)_continuity offering_of_its_grain and_its_drink_of_
_offering. **26** And_on_day (the)_fifth young_bulls nine rams two
lambs sons_of a_year four- teen unblemished. **27** And_their_
_grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings for_bulls for_
_rams and_for_lambs by_number_of_their according_the_
_ordinance. **28** And_a_male_goat_of a_sin_offering one (from)_
_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_
_grain_of_offering and_its_drink_of_offering. **29** And_on_day
the_sixth young_bulls eight rams two lambs sons_of a_year
four- teen unblemished. **30** And_their_grain_of_offering and_
_their_drink_of_offerings for_bulls for_rams and_for_lambs by_
_number_of_their according_the_ordinance. **31** And_a_male_
_goat_of a_sin_offering one (from)_besides_of the_burnt_
_offering_of (the)_continuity offering_of_its_grain and_its_
_drink_of_offerings. **32** And_on_day the_seventh young_bulls
seven rams two lambs sons_of a_year four- teen unblemished.
33 And_their_grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings
for_bulls for_rams and_for_lambs by_number_of_their
according_to_of_their_ordinance. **34** And_a_male_goat_of a_sin_
_offering one (from)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_
_continuity offering_of_its_grain and_its_drink_of_offering.
35 In_the_day (the)_eighth an_assembly it_will_be to/for_
_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do. **36** And_
_you(pl)_will_bring_near a_burnt_offering a_fire_offering_of
an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** a_young_bull one a_ram
one lambs sons_of a_year seven unblemished. **37** Offering_of_
_their_grain and_their_drink_of_offerings for_bull for_ram
and_for_lambs by_number_of_their according_the_ordinance.
38 And_a_male_goat_of a_sin_offering one (from)_besides_of
the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_grain_of_
_offering and_its_drink_of_offering. **39** These you(pl)_will_offer
to/for_**YHWH** at_your(pl)_appointed_of_feasts apart_addition_
_to from_your(pl)_votive_of_offerings and_your(pl)_freewill_of_
_offerings to_your(pl)_burnt_of_offerings and_to_your(pl)_
_grain_of_offerings and_to_your(pl)_drink_of_offerings and_to_
_your(pl)_peace_of_offerings.
30:1 [121] And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_
_commanded DOM Mosheh.

2 [123] And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to the_chiefs_of the_tribes of_
_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say this is_the_message
which **YHWH** he_has_commanded. **3** [124] A_man if/because he_
_will_vow a_vow to/for_**YHWH** or he_will_swear an_oath to_
_bind an_obligation on self_of_his not he_will_violate message_
_of_his according_to_every_of (the)_thing_which_has_gone_out
from_mouth_of_his he_will_do. **4** [125] And_a_woman if/because
she_will_vow a_vow to/for_**YHWH** and_she_will_bind an_
_obligation in_house_of her_father_of_her in_youth(s)_of_her.
5 [126] And_ father_of_her _he_will_hear DOM vow_of_her and_

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their associated grain and drink offerings.

26 "On the fifth day, the sacrifice will be nine young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defects, **27** and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. **28** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

29 "On the sixth day, the sacrifice will be eight young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defects, **30** and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. **31** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

32 "On the seventh day, the sacrifice will be seven young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defects, **33** and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. **34** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

35 "On the eighth and final day, there's to be another sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day. **36** You all must present a young bull, a ram, and seven one-year-old male lambs, all unblemished, as a burnt offering that will be a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **37** Their associated grain and drink offerings must be as already stipulated. **38** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

39 "The above are the regulations for what you all must do for Yahweh at the appointed times, in addition to your vows and voluntary offerings, burnt offerings, grain and drink offerings, and your peace offerings."

40 So Mosheh (Moses) passed on to the Israelis everything that Yahweh had instructed him.

Instructions about vows

30:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) gave the Israeli leaders these further instructions from Yahweh, **2** "If a man makes a solemn promise to Yahweh, or makes a binding vow on his own life, he mustn't dishonour what he said—he must follow whatever came out of his mouth.[122]

3 If a young woman who is still living with her parents solemnly promises to Yahweh to do something, **4** and if her father hears her make the binding vow on her life and he remains silent, then her vow and all her obligations will stand. **5** How-

121 **LV 30:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.29.40

122 **RV 30:2 · Cross-ref.** Deu 23:21-23; Mat 5:33.

123 **LV 30:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.1

124 **LV 30:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.2

125 **LV 30:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.3

126 **LV 30:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.4

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ever, if her father forbids her when he hears her, then that vow and its obligations won't stand, and Yahweh will forgive her, because her father stepped in.

6 If she gets engaged or married while a vow or thoughtless promise still holds, **7** and her (future) husband hears about it and remains silent that day, then her vow and or thoughtless promise will stand. **8** However, if her (future) husband forbids her when he hears her, then that vow and its obligations won't stand, and Yahweh will forgive her.

9 If a widow or a woman who has been divorced makes a promise, she must do what she promised.

10 If a married woman makes a solemn promise, or makes a binding vow on her own life, **11** and her husband hears about it but says nothing and doesn't forbid her, then her vow and all her obligations will stand. **12** However, if he actually nullifies it when he hears about it, any promise that she pronounced or binding vow on her life, won't stand. Her husband has nullified them and Yahweh will forgive her, **13** so every vow and its obligations can either be nullified or confirmed by her husband. **14** If her husband has stayed silent for several days, that will confirm all her vows and/or obligations because he said nothing. **15** However, if he cancels them sometime after he'd heard about them, then he will bear her guilt.

16 Those are the instructions that Yahweh gave Mosheh (Moses) about promises between a man and his wife, and between a father and his unmarried daughter living at home.

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_obligation_of_her which she_has_bound on self_of_her and_ _he_will_keep_silent to/for_her/it father_of_her and_ all_of vows_of_her _they_will_stand and_all obligation which she_ _has_bound on self_of_her it_will_stand. **6** [127] And_if father_of_ _her he_forbade ~~DOM~~_her/it in/on_day heard_he all_of vows_ _of_her and_obligations_of_her which she_has_bound on self_ _of_her not it_will_stand and_**YHWH** he_will_forgive to/for_ _her/it if/because father_of_her he_forbade ~~DOM~~_her/it. **7** [128] And_if indeed_(belong) she_will_belong to_a_husband and_ _vows_of_her on/upon_it(f) or the_rash_utterance_of her/its_ _lips which she_has_bound on self_of_her. **8** [129] And_ her/its_ _husband/man _he_will_hear in/on_day hears_he and_he_will_ _keep_silent to/for_her/it and_ vows_of_her _they_will_stand and_obligations_of_her which she_has_bound on self_of_her they_will_stand. **9** [130] And_if in/on_day her/its_husband/man hears he_will_forbid her and_he_will_break ~~DOM~~ vow_of_her which on/upon_it(f) and_~~DOM~~ the_rash_utterance_of her/its_ _lips which she_has_bound on self_of_her and_**YHWH** he_will_ _forgive to/for_her/it. **10** [131] And_the_vow_of a_widow and_a_ _divorced_woman all that she_has_bound on self_of_her it_will_ _stand on_her. **11** [132] And_if the_house_of her/its_ _husband/man she_has_vowed or she_bound an_obligation on self_of_her by_an_oath. **12** [133] And_ her/its_husband/man _he_ _will_hear and_he_will_keep_silent to/for_her/it not he_ _forbade ~~DOM~~_her/it and_ all_of vows_of_her _they_will_stand and_all obligation which she_has_bound on self_of_her it_will_ _stand. **13** [134] And_if actually_(break) he_will_break ~~DOM~~_them her/its_husband/man in/on_day hears_he any_of (the)_ _utterance_of her/its_lips to_vows_of_her and_to_the_ _obligation_of her_self_of_her not it_will_stand her/its_ _husband/man he_has_broken_them and_**YHWH** he_will_ _forgive to/for_her/it. **14** [135] Every_of vow and_all oath_of obligation to_humble self her/its_husband/man he_will_ _confirm_it and_husband_of_her he_will_break_it. **15** [136] And_if totally_(be_silent) he_will_keep_silent to/for_her/it her/its_ _husband/man from_day to day and_he_will_confirm ~~DOM~~ all_ _of vows_of_her or ~~DOM~~ all_of obligations_of_her which on/upon_it(f) he_has_confirmed ~~DOM~~_them if/because he_ _kept_silent to/for_her/it in/on_day heard_he. **16** [137] And_if actually_(break) he_will_break ~~DOM~~_them after he_has_heard and_he_will_bear ~~DOM~~ guilt_of_her. **17** [138] These are_the_ _regulations which **YHWH** he_commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh between a_man and_wife_of_his between a_father and_ _daughter_of_his in_youth(s)_of_her the_house_of her_father_

127 **LV 30:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.5
128 **LV 30:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.6
129 **LV 30:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.7
130 **LV 30:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.8
131 **LV 30:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.9
132 **LV 30:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.10
133 **LV 30:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.11
134 **LV 30:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.12
135 **LV 30:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.13
136 **LV 30:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.14
137 **LV 30:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.15
138 **LV 30:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.16

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_of_her.

31:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Avenge the_vengeance_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_with the_Midyānites after you_will_be_gathered to people(s)_of_ _your. **3** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to the_people to_say be_ _equipped from_with_you(pl) men for_war so_that_they_may_ _be on Midyān to_give the_vengeance_of **YHWH** on_Midyān. **4** one_thousand to_tribe one_thousand to_tribe to_ _all/each/any/every the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl)_will_ _send_out to_war. **5** And_they_were_selected from_the_ _families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) one_thousand to_tribe two_plus ten thousand men_equipped_of war. **6** And_ Mosheh _he_sent ĐOM_them one_thousand to_tribe to_war ĐOM_them and_ĐOM Pinḥāṣ the_son_of 'El'āzār the_priest/officer to_war and_the_ _vessels_of the_holy_place and_the_trumpets_of the_alarm in_ _his/its_hand. **7** And_they_went_to_war on Midyān just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh and_they_killed every_of male. **8** And_ĐOM the_kings_of Midyān they_killed with their_slain_of_ones ĐOM Evi and_ĐOM Reqem and_ĐOM Tsūr/(Zur) and_ĐOM Ḥūr and_ĐOM Reba the_five_of the_kings_ _of Midyān and_ĐOM Bil'ām the_son_of Bə'ōr they_killed with_ _sword. **9** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_took_ _captive ĐOM the_women_of Midyān and_ĐOM one[s]_of_their_ _little and_ĐOM all_of cattle_of_their and_ĐOM all_of livestock_ _of_their and_ĐOM all_of wealth_of_their they_plundered. **10** And_ĐOM all_of cities_of_their in_their_dwelling_of_places and_ĐOM all_of encampments_of_their they_burnt with_fire. **11** And_they_took ĐOM all_of the_plunder and_ĐOM all_of the_ _booty among_humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock. **12** And_they_brought to Mosheh and_near/to 'El'āzār the_ _priest/officer and_near/to the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM the_captive[s] and_ĐOM the_booty and_ĐOM the_plunder to the_camp to the_plains_of Mō'āv which were_at the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho).

13 And_ Mosheh and_'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_all the_ _leaders_of the_congregation _they_went_out to_meet_them to from_the_outside of_camp. **14** And_ Mosheh _he_was_angry towards the_officers_of the_army the_commanders_of the_ _thousands and_the_commanders_of the_hundreds the_(ones_ _who)_went from_the_war_of the_battle. **15** And_he/it_said to_ _them Mosheh have_you(pl)_let_live every_of_female. **16** THERE they they_were to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_the_ _message_of Bil'ām to_offer unfaithfulness in_**YHWH** on the_ _matter_of Pə'ōr and_ the_plague _it_became among_the_ _congregation_of **YHWH**. **17** And_now kill every_of male among_one[s] and_all woman who_has_known a_man to_the_ _lying_of a_male kill. **18** And_all/each/any/every the_little_ _one[s] among_women who not they_have_known lying_of a_ _male preserve_alive for_yourselves. **19** And_you(pl) encamp from_the_outside of_camp seven_of days any one_who_has_ _killed anyone and_all/each/any/every one_who_has_touched (in)_the_slain you_will_purify_yourselves in_the_day the_third and_on_day the_seventh you(pl) and_captive[s]_of_your(pl). **20** And_all garment and_all article_of hide and_all product_of

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Avenging the Midyanites

31:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Avenge the Midyanites for what they did to you Israelis. After that, you'll go to join your ancestors."

3 So Mosheh told the people, "Equip some of your men to battle against Midyan to execute Yahweh's vengeance on them— **4** one thousand men from each tribe to go to war."

5 So a thousand men were conscripted from each tribe—twelve thousand equipped for battle **6** and Mosheh sent them off to war. The priest Pinhas (Eleazar's son) went with them, taking some sacred objects as well as the signal trumpets. **7** Then they fought Midyan just as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh, and they killed every male. **8** Among them, they killed five Midyan kings: Evi, Rekem, Tsur, Hur, and Reva, in addition to Be'or's son Bil'am (Balaam).

9 The Israelis took the Midyan women and children captive, and took all their cattle, sheep and goats, and all their possessions as plunder, **10** then they burnt down all their cities and houses and camps. **11** They took all the spoil and plunder including the people and animals back, **12** and brought it to Mosheh and the priest Eleazar, and to the assembled Israelis who were all still camped on the Moav (Moab) plains beside the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Yeriho (Jericho).

Purifying the returning warriors

13 Mosheh (Moses) and the priest Eleazar and all the Israeli leaders left the camp to meet them, **14** but Mosheh was angry at the top army leaders who were coming back from the battle. **15** "Why did you allow all the women to live?" he asked them. **16** "They're the very ones who did what Bil'am (Balaam) suggested to urge the people to be unfaithful to Yahweh at Pe'or, leading to the deadly disease that struck Yahweh's people.[139] **17** So now, kill all the boys plus every woman who's slept with a man— **18** spare only the young, unmarried girls for yourselves.

19 "Then everyone who's killed someone or touched a dead body must stay outside the camp for seven days. On the third day, you all must purify yourselves, and again on the seventh day but this time including your captives. **20** Also, you all must purify all your clothes, plus anything else made of leather or goats' hair or wood."

21 Then the priest Eleazar told the warriors who'd gone to battle, "This is what Yahweh has instructed Mosheh: **22** Only the

139 RV 31:16 · Cross-ref. Num 25:1-9.

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gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin, and lead, 23 must pass through fire to make it 'clean'. Nevertheless, it must still be purified with the special purifying water, along with anything that wouldn't handle the fire. 24 On the seventh day, you all must wash your clothes and then you'll be 'clean' and be allowed to reenter the camp.

25 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **Dividing the plunder**
26 "You and the priest Eleazar and the tribal leaders must list all the plunder including both human and animals that were taken captive. 27 Then you must divide it all out equally between the two groups: those who went out to battle, and all the rest of the community. 28 Set aside a tribute for Yahweh from the plunder of the warriors who fought in the battle: one from every five-hundred captive people, and the same from the cattle and donkeys, and from the sheep and goats. 29 Half of that must be given to the priest Eleazar as the contribution to Yahweh.
30 Then from the half of the plunder given to the community, take one from every fifty captive people, and the same from the cattle and donkeys, and from the sheep and goats and other animals. That's to be given to the Levites because they're the ones who look after Yahweh's residence." 31 So Mosheh and the priest Eleazar did what Yahweh had told them to do.

32 The remaining plunder after the slaughter of the boys and the married women from what the warriors had brought back was: 675,00 sheep, 33 72,000 cattle, 34 61,000 donkeys, 35 and 32,000 girls who hadn't been married. 36 The warriors who'd fought got: 337,500 sheep, 37 less 675 that were given to Yahweh as his tribute. 38 The cattle were 36,000 less 72 for Yahweh. 39 There were 30,500 donkeys less Yahweh's tribute of sixty-one. 40 The girls and young women were 16,000 less 32 for Yahweh. 41 So Mosheh gave Yahweh's contribution to the priest Eleazar as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

42 The half for the community that Mosheh (Moses) had divided off from the warriors 43 was: 337,500 sheep, 44 36,000 cattle, 45 30,500 donkeys, 46 and 16,000 girls who hadn't been married. 47 From that half for the community, Mosheh took one from every fifty people and animals, and gave it to the Levites who serve in Yahweh's tent, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

48 Then the top army officers (the commanders over thousands, and the commanders over hundreds), went to Mosheh 49 and informed him, "We, your servants have counted the soldiers who were under us, and none of our men are missing, 50 so we've brought an offering to Yahweh: every man who found something gold like an armlet or bracelets, signet ring or earring, or necklaces has donated it to make us right with Yahweh."

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goat_hair(s) and_all article_of wood you_will_purify_ _yourselves. 21 And_ 'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_said to the_men_of the_army the_(ones_who)_went to_battle this is_ _the_regulation_of the_law which **YHWH** he_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh. 22 Only ᴅᴏᴍ the_gold and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_silver ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _bronze ᴅᴏᴍ the_iron ᴅᴏᴍ the_tin and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_lead. 23 Every_ _of thing which it_will_go in_fire you(pl)_will_make_pass in_ _fire and_it_will_be_pure nevertheless by_the_water_of impurity it_will_purify_itself and_all/each/any/every that not it_will_go in_fire you(pl)_will_make_pass in_water. 24 And_ _you(pl)_will_wash clothes_of_your(pl) in_the_day the_seventh and_you(pl)_will_be_pure and_after you(pl)_will_come to the_ _camp.

25 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh to_saying. 26 You and_ _'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_the_heads_of the_fathers_of the_congregation lift_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_head_of the_booty_of (the)_ _captivity among_humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock. 27 And_you_will_divide ᴅᴏᴍ the_booty between those_skilled_ _of the_battle who_went_out to_war and_between all_of the_ _congregation. 28 And_you_will_raise a_tribute to/for_**YHWH** from_with the_men_of (the)_war who_went_out to_war one person from_(the)_five (the)_hundred(s) from the_humankind and_from the_cattle and_from the_donkeys and_from the_ _sheep. 29 From_half_of_their you(pl)_will_take_it and_ _you(ms)_will_give to_'El'āzār the_priest/officer the_ _contribution_of **YHWH**. 30 And_from_the_half_of the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_will_take one person_drawn from the_ _fifty from the_humankind from the_cattle from the_donkeys and_from the_sheep from_all the_cattle/livestock and_ _you(ms)_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ_them to_Lēviyyiy who_keep_of (of)_ _the_service_of the_tabernacle_of **YHWH**. 31 And_ Mosheh and_'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh. 32 And_he/it_was the_booty the_remainder_of the_plunder which the_people_of the_army they_had_plundered sheep six hundred(s) thousand and_ _seventy thousand and_five_of thousand(s). 33 And_cattle two and_seventy thousand. 34 And_donkeys one and_sixty thousand. 35 And_the_person[s]_of humankind from the_ _women who not they_had_known lying_of a_male every_of person two and_thirty thousand. 36 And_it_became the_half the_portion_of those_who_had_gone_out in_army the_number_ _of the_sheep was_three hundred(s) thousand and_thirty thousand and_seven_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s). 37 And_he/it_was the_tribute to/for_**YHWH** from the_sheep six hundred(s) five and_seventy. 38 And_the_cattle were_six and_ _thirty thousand and_tribute_of_their to/for_**YHWH** was_two and_seventy. 39 And_donkeys were_thirty thousand and_five hundred(s) and_tribute_of_their to/for_**YHWH** was_one and_ _sixty. 40 And_the_person[s]_of humankind were_six- teen thousand and_tribute_of_their to/for_**YHWH** was_two and_ _thirty person[s]. 41 And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_tribute of_the_contribution_of of_**YHWH** to_'El'āzār the_priest/officer just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh. 42 And_from_ _the_half_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which Mosheh he_ _had_divided from the_men who_had_gone_to_war. 43 And_it_ _became the_half_of the_congregation from the_sheep three hundred(s) thousand and_thirty thousand seven_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s). 44 And_cattle six and_thirty

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thousand. **45** And_donkeys thirty thousand and_five hundred(s). **46** And_person[s]_of humankind six- teen thousand. **47** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took from_the_half_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM person_drawn one from the_ _fifty from the_humankind and_from the_cattle/livestock and_ _he/it_gave ĐOM_them to_Lēviyyiy who_keep_of (of)_the_ _service_of the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **48** And_they_drew_near to Mosheh the_officers who were_of_the_thousands_of the_army the_ _commanders_of the_thousands and_the_commanders_of the_ _hundreds. **49** And_they_said to Mosheh your_servants they_ _have_lifted_up ĐOM the_head_of the_men_of (the)_war who were_in_hand_of_our and_not he_is_missing from_him/it anyone. **50** And_we_have_brought_near ĐOM the_offering_of **YHWH** everyone that_which he_found an_article_of gold an_ _armlet and_a_bracelet a_signet-ring an_earring and_an_ _ornament to_make_atonement on selves_of_our to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **51** And_ Mosheh and_'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_took ĐOM the_gold from_with_them every_of article_of work. **52** And_he/it_was all_of the_gold_of the_contribution which they_raised to/for_**YHWH** six- teen thousand seven hundred(s) and_fifty shekel[s] from_with the_ _commanders_of the_thousands and_from_with the_ _commanders_of the_hundreds. **53** The_men_of the_army they_ _had_taken_plunder everyone to_him/it. **54** And_ Mosheh and_ _'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_took ĐOM the_gold from_with the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_hundreds and_ _they_brought ĐOM_him/it into the_tent_of meeting a_ _memorial for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**.

32:1 And_livestock much it_belonged to_the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_to_the_descendants_of Gād numerous very and_ _they_saw ĐOM the_land_of Ya'zēr/(Jazer) and_ĐOM the_land_of Gil'ād and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_place was_a_place_of livestock. **2** And_ the_descendants_of Gād and_the_sons of_Rə'ūvēn _ _they_came and_they_said to Mosheh and_near/to 'El'āzār the_ _priest/officer and_near/to the_leaders_of the_congregation to_say. **3** 'Aṭārōt and_Diyvvōn and_Ya'zēr and_Nimrāh and_ _Ḥeshbōn and_'El'ālēh and_Ṣəvā'm and_Nəvō and_Bə'on. **4** The_earth/land which **YHWH** he_defeated to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_ _a_land_of livestock it and_belongs_to_servants_of_your livestock. **5** And_they_said if we_have_found favour in_eyes_of_ _your ĐOM the_earth/land (the)_this let_it_be_given to_ _servants_of_your to_a_possession do_not make_us_pass_over ĐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **6** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to_the_ _descendants_of Gād and_to_the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn brothers_of_your(pl) will_they_go to_battle and_you(pl) will_ _you(pl)_remain here. **7** And_for_what you_discourage[143] ĐOM the_heart_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_passing_over into the_earth/land which he_has_given to/for_them **YHWH**. **8** Thus fathers_of_your(pl) they_did when_sent_I ĐOM_them from_Qādēsh- barnē'a to_see ĐOM the_earth/land. **9** And_they_

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51 So Mosheh and the priest Eleazar took those crafted gold items from them, **52** and the total contribution of gold offered to Yahweh by the commanders of thousands and of hundreds weighed around 190 kilograms. **53** Each of the warriors had taken their own plunder, **54** and Mosheh and the priest Eleazar took the gold from the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it to the sacred tent as a memorial for the Israelis in front of Yahweh.

The tribes who stayed east of Yarden[140]

32:1 The people from the Re'uven and Gad tribes had amassed a lot of livestock, and they noticed that the Yazer and Gilead regions were very suitable for livestock. **2** So their leaders went to Mosheh (Moses) and the priest Eleazar and the community leaders to say, **3** The regions of Atarot, Divon, Yazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, El'aleh, Sevam, Nevo, and Be'on **4** are in the land here that Yahweh has handed over to us Israelis. It's ideal for livestock, and we, your servants, raise livestock. **5** If we've earnt your favour, let this land be given to your servants for us to own, rather than forcing us to cross over the Yarden (Jordan) river with all the other tribes."

6 "It wouldn't be right for your fellow Israelis to go to war while you all just stay here," Mosheh told them. **7** "So why do you discourage Israeli enthusiasm for crossing over into the land that Yahweh has given them? **8** Your parents did that at Kadesh-Barnea when I sent them in to survey the land.[141] **9** They went as far as the Eshkol valley and they saw the land, yet they discouraged the people from entering the land that Yahweh had given them. **10** Yahweh got very angry that day, and promised,

140 RV 32:1 · Parallel Deu. 3:12-22

141 RV 32:8-9 · Cross-ref. Num 13:17-33.

143 LV 32:7 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/ואונת: (x-qere) וְ/ואינת': lemma_5106 n_1.1 morph_HVhi2mp/Sn id_046rm וְ/ואינת

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11 'From the men who came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), no man
who's twenty or older will see the land which I promised to
Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob), because they're
not fully with me. 12 Only Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb) and Nun's
son Yehoshua (Joshua) will enter because they have believed
me.' 13 So Yahweh got angry with Yisrael (Israel), and made us
wander in the wilderness for forty years until that generation
was eliminated who had been evil as per Yahweh's judgement.
14 Now look here! You're standing in front of me just like your
parents—a brood of disobedient people who'll make Yahweh
more angry with you than he was with your parents! 15 If you all
turn away from following him, he'll abandon you all in the
wilderness again, and you will have destroyed this nation."

16 However, they stepped closer to him and said, "First we'll
build pens for our animals, and build cities for our families here.
17 Then we'll equip ourselves for war, to go ahead of the rest of
Yisrael until we've brought them into their place. Meanwhile
our families will live in those fortified cities because there'll still
be threats from those who live in this region. 18 We won't return
to our homes until every Israeli is in possession of his inheri-
tance. 19 We won't take any land there on the other side of the
Yarden (Jordan) river or beyond because this will be our inheri-
tance here on the eastern side."

20 "If you're going to do that," Mosheh (Moses) responded,
"then you all must equip yourselves to fight battles for Yahweh,
21 and all of your armed warriors must cross the Yarden to serve
Yahweh until he's driven his enemies out ahead of him. 22 Once
the land is subdued before Yahweh, then you all can return.
You'll be free of obligation from Yahweh and from Yisrael, and
this land here will be your possession from Yahweh. 23 However,
if you all don't help the rest of us, you will be disobeying Yah-
weh, and your disobedience will catch up with you. 24 So go
ahead and build your cities for your families, and pens for your
flocks, and do what you've committed to."

25 "Your servants will do what you've said," confirmed the
leaders of the Re'uven and Gad tribes. 26 "Our wives and chil-
dren, and our livestock and all our animals will remain in cities
here in the Gilead region, 27 but we'll equip ourselves for battle
and to cross the river to battle for Yahweh just as my master has
spoken."

28 So Mosheh (Moses) gave instructions about them to the
priest Eleazar, Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua), and the Israeli
tribal leaders, 29 telling them, "If the men from Gad and Re'uven
tribes cross over the Yarden (Jordan) with you and equipped
ready to fight for Yahweh and that land is conquered, then you
must give them the Gilead region for them to own.[142] 30 How-
ever, if they don't cross over with the rest of you, then they'll
have to accept land to own there in Kena'an (Canaan)."

31 "What Yahweh has told you, his servants, that's what we'll
do," the leaders of the Gad and Re'uven tribes responded.

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_went_up to the_wadi_of 'Eshkol and_they_saw ~~ĐOM~~ the_
_earth/land and_they_discouraged ~~ĐOM~~ the_heart_of the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_not to_go into the_earth/land
which he_had_given to/for_them **YHWH**. 10 And_ the_anger of_
_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt in_the_day (the)_that and_he_swore_
_an_oath to_say. 11 If the_men who_came_up from_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_
_upwards they_will_see ~~ĐOM~~ the_soil which I_swore to_
_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob)
if/because not they_have_filled after_me. 12 Except
Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) the_Kenizzite
and_Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn if/because they_have_
filled after **YHWH**. 13 And the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_
_glowed/burnt on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_made_them_wander
in_wilderness forty year[s] until all_of the_generation which_
_had_done the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** was_finished.
14 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE you(pl)_have_risen_up in_place_of
fathers_of_your(pl) a_brood_of people sinful to_add again to
the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** against Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
15 If/because you(pl)_will_turn_back from_after_him and_he_
_will_repeat again to_leave_it in_wilderness and_you(pl)_will_
_destroy to/from_all/each/any/every the_people (the)_this.
16 And_they_drew_near to_him/it and_they_said folds_of sheep
we_will_build for_livestock_of_our here and_cities for_our_
_little_of_one[s]. 17 And_we we_will_equip_ourselves hurried
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until that (if) we_have_brought_them to place_
_of_their and_ one[s]_of_our_little _it_will_remain in_the_
_cities_of (the)_fortification from_face/in_front_of the_
_inhabitants_of the_earth/land. 18 Not we_will_return to
houses_of_our until the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) have_
_inherited everyone inheritance_of_his. 19 If/because not we_
_will_inherit with_them from_the_other_side of_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_beyond if/because inheritance_of_our
it_has_come to_us from_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn
eastward_to. 20 And_he/it_said to_them Mosheh if you(pl)_
_will_do ~~ĐOM~~ the_thing the_this if you_will_equip_yourselves
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** for_battle. 21 And_
to/for_you(pl) every_of equipped_man _he_will_pass_over ~~ĐOM~~
the_Yardēn to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** until
he_has_dispossessed ~~ĐOM~~ enemies_of_his from_before_of_him.
22 And_ the_earth/land _it_will_be_subdued to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_after you(pl)_will_return
and_you(pl)_will_be free from_**YHWH** and_from_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_belong the_earth/land (the)_this
to/for_you(pl) to_a_possession to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH**. 23 And_if not you(pl)_will_do thus THERE
you(pl)_have_sinned to/for_**YHWH** and_know sin_of_your(pl)
which/who it_will_find you(pl). 24 Build to/for_you(pl) cities
for_your_little_of_one[s] and_folds for_sheep_of_your(pl) and_
_the_thing_which_has_gone_out from_mouth_of_your(pl)
you(pl)_will_do. 25 And_ the_descendants_of Gād and_the_sons
of_Rə'ūvēn _he/it_said to Mosheh to_say your_servants they_
_will_do just_as my_master is_commanding. 26 one[s]_of_our_
_little wives_of_our livestock_of_our and_all cattle_of_our they_

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Literal Version

_will_be there in_the_cities_of (the)_Gil'ād. **27** And_servants_of_ _your they_will_pass_over every_of man_equipped_of war to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** for_battle just_as my_ _master is_saying. **28** And_he/it_commanded to/for_them Mosheh ĐOM 'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_ĐOM Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_ĐOM the_heads_of the_ _fathers_of the_tribes of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **29** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to_them if the_descendants_of Gād and_the_sons of_Rə'ūvēn they_will_pass_over with_you(pl) ĐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) every_of man_equipped for_battle to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ the_earth/land _ _it_will_be_subdued before_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_give to/for_them ĐOM the_land_of (the)_Gil'ād to_a_possession. **30** And_if not they_will_pass_over equipped with_you(pl) and_ _they_will_have_possessions among_you(pl)[144] in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan). **31** And_ the_descendants_of Gād and_the_ _sons of_Rə'ūvēn _they_answered to_say ĐOM that_which **YHWH** he_has_spoken to your_servants thus we_will_do. **32** We we_will_pass_over equipped to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_will_be_ _with_us the_possession_of our_inheritance_of_our from_the_ _other_side of_Yardēn. **33** And_he/it_gave to/for_them Mosheh to_the_descendants_of Gād and_to_the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_to_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh the_son_ _of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) ĐOM the_kingdom_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_ _'Amorī and_ĐOM the_kingdom_of 'Ōg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān the_earth/land to_cities_of_its with_territories_of the_cities_of the_earth/land all_around. **34** And_ the_descendants_of Gād _ _they_built ĐOM Diyvōn and_ĐOM 'Aṭārōt and_ĐOM 'Arō'ēr. **35** And_ĐOM 'Aṭrōt Shōfān and_ĐOM Ya'zēr/(Jazer) and_ _Yogbəhāh/(Jogbehah). **36** And_ĐOM Bēyt Nimrāh and_ĐOM Bēyt Nimrāh cities_of fortification and_folds_of sheep. **37** And_the_ _sons of_Rə'ūvēn they_built ĐOM Ḥeshbōn and_ĐOM 'El'ālēh and_ĐOM Qiryātayim. **38** And_ĐOM Nəvō and_ĐOM Ba'al Mə'ōn name changed_of and_ĐOM Səvām and_they_called by_names ĐOM the_names_of the_cities which they_had_built. **39** And_ the_descendants_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh _they_went to_Gil'ād and_they_captured_it and_he_dispossessed ĐOM the_ _'Amorī who was_in_it. **40** And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave ĐOM (the)_ _Gil'ād to_Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_it. **41** And_Yā'īr/(Jair) the_son_of Mənashsheh he_went and_he_captured ĐOM villages_of_their and_he/it_called them the_villages_of Yā'īr. **42** And_Novaḥ he_ _went and_he_captured ĐOM Qənāt and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_he/it_called (to)_it Novaḥ by_his_own_of_name.

33:1 These are_the_journeyings_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_came_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_their_military_of_groups by_the_hand_of Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron. **2** And_ Mosheh _he_wrote_down ĐOM of_ _departure_of_their_points to_journeyings_of_their on the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** and_these journeyings_of_are_their to_ _their_points_of_of_departure. **3** And_they_set_out from_ _Ra'məṣēṣ in_month (the)_first on_the_fif- teen day of_month (the)_first from_the_next_day_of the_passover the_people_of

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32 We'll send armed men across to Kena'an, equipped to fight for Yahweh. However, our inheritance to own will be here on this side of the Yarden river."

33 So Mosheh gave that region to the tribes of Re'uven and Gad, the half-tribe of Yosef's (Joseph's) son Menasheh (Manasseh), encompassing the kingdoms of the Amori King Sihon and the Bashan's King Og, plus the surrounding territories. **34** The Gadim rebuilt Divon, Atarot, Aroer, **35** Atrot-Shofan, Yazer, Yagebehah, **36** Beyt-Nimrah, and Beyt-Haran—all fortified cities with pens for their flocks. **37** The Re'uvenim rebuilt Heshbon, El'aleh, Kiryatayim, **38** Nevo, Ba'al-Me'on, and Sivmah, but they renamed some of the cities.

39 The descendants of Menasheh's son Makir went to Gilead and captured it—driving out the Amorim who lived there. **40** So Mosheh gave Gilead to Menasheh's son Makir, and his clan lived there. **41** Menasheh's other son Yair went and captured the Amori villages and named them 'Yair's Towns' (or 'Havot-Ya'ir'). **42** A man named Novah went and captured Kenat and its villages, and renamed it to 'Novah' after himself.

The journey legs from Mitsrayim to Sinay

33:1 The following are the details of the stages of Yisrael's (Israel's) journeys starting from when they exited Mitsrayim (Egypt) tribe-by-tribe under Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon's (Aaron's) leadership. **2** Mosheh, acting on Yahweh's instructions, had written down their departure points, so these were the legs of their journeys:

3 The day after they celebrated the 'pass-over' (around the end

144 LV 32:30 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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of March), they left Ra'meses city, raising one fist in full view of all Mitsrayim. 4 Meanwhile, the Mitsrim (Egyptians) were burying all their oldest sons who'd been struck down by Yahweh who had also totally humiliated their gods.

5 After leaving Ra'meses, the Israelis went to Sukot and camped there. 6 Then they left Sukot and camped at Eytam at the edge of the wilderness. 7 After Eytam, they turned back to Pi-Hahirot (opposite Ba'al-Tsefon) and camped facing Migdal. 8 Then they left Pi-Hahirot and walked through the middle of the sea into the Eytam wilderness and camped at Marah. 9 From Marah, they went to Eylim which had twelve springs with seventy palm trees around them, and they camped there. 10 After Eylam, they camped beside the Red Sea 11 before leaving the sea and camping in the Sin wilderness.[145] 12 Travelling from there, they camped at Dofkah, 13 and then from there, at Alush. 14 After leaving Alush, they camped at Refidim but they didn't have water there to drink. 15 When they left Refidim, they camped in the Sinay wilderness.

The journey legs in the wilderness

16 From the Sinay wilderness, they went to Kivrot-Hata'avah and camped there. 17 When they left Kivrot-Hata'avah, they camped at Hatserot, 18 and then from there, at Ritmah. 19 From Ritmah, they went to Rimon-Perets to camp, 20 and after that, on to Livnah. 21 Then they left Livnah and camped at Risah, 22 before moving on from there to camp at Kehelatah. 23 From Kehelatah, they camped at Mt. Shefer, 24 then they left the mountain and camped at Haradah. 25 When they left Haradah, they camped at Makhelot, 26 and after that, on to Tahat. 27 From Tahat, they camped at Terah, 28 and then from Terah, they went to Mitkah to camp. 29 After Mitkah, they camped at Hashmonah, 30 and next after that, they camped at Moserot. 31 Then they left Moserot and camped at Beney-Ya'akan. 32 From Beney-Ya'akan, they went to Hor-Hagidgad and camped there, 33 then they left and camped at Yotvatah. 34 Then they left Yotvatah and camped at Avronah. 35 From Avronah, they went to Etsyon-Gever and camped there, 36 then they left and camped in the Tsin (Zin) wilderness, i.e., at Kadesh. 37 Then they left Kadesh and camped at Mt. Hor by the border with Edom.

38 Aharon (Aaron) the priest climbed Mt. Hor following Yahweh's instructions, and then died there on the 5th of the first month, forty years after the Israelis had left Mitsrayim (Egypt).[146] 39 He was 123 years old when he died there on Mt.

Literal Version

Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_went_out with_a_hand raised to_the_eyes_ _of all_of Mitsrayim. 4 And_Mitsrayim were_burying ~~DOM~~ those_ _whom **YHWH** he_had_struck_down (is)_in_them every_of firstborn and_on_gods_of_their **YHWH** he_had_done acts_of_ _judgement. 5 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_ _out from_Ra'məşēş and_they_encamped at_Şukkōt. 6 And_ _they_set_out from_Şukkōt and_they_encamped at_'Ētām which is_on_the_edge_of the_wilderness. 7 And_they_set_out from_'Ētām and_he_turned_back to Pi- haḥirot which is_on the_face_of Ba'al- Tsəfōn and_they_encamped to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before Migdōl. 8 And_they_set_out from_ _face/in_front_of Haḥirot and_they_passed in_the_middle_of the_sea to_the_wilderness and_they_went a_journey_of three_ _of days in_the_wilderness_of 'Ētām and_they_encamped at_ _Mārāh. 9 And_they_set_out from_Mārāh and_they_came to_ _'Ēylim and_were_at_'Ēylim two_plus ten springs_of water and_ _seventy palm_trees and_they_encamped there. 10 And_they_ _set_out from_'Ēylim and_they_encamped at the_sea_of reed[s]. 11 And_they_set_out from_the_sea_of reed[s] and_they_ _encamped in_the_wilderness_of Şīn. 12 And_they_set_out from_the_wilderness_of Şīn and_they_encamped at_Dophka. 13 And_they_set_out from_Dophka and_they_encamped at_ _'Ālūsh. 14 And_they_set_out from_'Ālūsh and_they_encamped at_Rəfīdīm and_not it_belonged there water to_people to_ _drink. 15 And_they_set_out from_Rəfīdīm and_they_encamped in_the_wilderness_of Şīnay.

16 And_they_set_out from_the_wilderness_of Şīnay and_they_ _encamped at_Qivrōt- hatta'$_a$vāh. 17 And_they_set_out from_ _Qivrōt- hatta'$_a$vāh and_they_encamped at_ Ḥ$_a$tsērōt. 18 And_ _they_set_out from_ Ḥ$_a$tsērōt and_they_encamped at_Ritmāh. 19 And_they_set_out from_Ritmāh and_they_encamped at_ _Rimmon- perets. 20 And_they_set_out from_Rimmon- perets and_they_encamped at_Livnāh. 21 And_they_set_out from_ _Livnāh and_they_encamped at_Riṣṣāh. 22 And_they_set_out from_Riṣṣāh and_they_encamped at_Qəhēlātāh. 23 And_they_ _set_out from_Qəhēlātāh and_they_encamped at_the_ _mountain_of Shefer. 24 And_they_set_out from_hill of_Shefer and_they_encamped at_Ḥ$_a$rādāh. 25 And_they_set_out from_ _Ḥ$_a$rādāh and_they_encamped at_Maqhēlot. 26 And_they_set_ _out from_Maqhēlot and_they_encamped at_Taḥat. 27 And_ _they_set_out from_Taḥat and_they_encamped at_Tarah. 28 And_they_set_out from_Tarah and_they_encamped at_ _Mitqāh. 29 And_they_set_out from_Mitqāh and_they_ _encamped at_Hashmoneh. 30 And_they_set_out from_ _Hashmoneh and_they_encamped at_Moşērvōt. 31 And_they_ _set_out from_Moşērvōt and_they_encamped at_Bənēy-ya'$_a$qān. 32 And_they_set_out from_(the)_sons ya'$_a$qān and_ _they_encamped at_Ḥor- haggidgād. 33 And_they_set_out from_Ḥor- haggidgād and_they_encamped at_ _Yoṭvātāh/(Jotbathah). 34 And_they_set_out from_ _Yoṭvātāh/(Jotbathah) and_they_encamped at_'Avronāh. 35 And_they_set_out from_'Avronāh and_they_encamped at_ _'Etsyon- gever. 36 And_they_set_out from_'Etsyon- gever and_

145 RV 33:11 · Note Note that this is located in the southwestern Sinay Peninsula (between Eylim and Mt. Sinai), and different from the Tsin (Zin) wilderness (which is located in the northern Negev desert, near Kadesh-Barnea).

146 RV 33:38 · Cross-ref. Num 20:22-28; Deu 10:6; 32:50.

Literal Version

_they_encamped in_the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) that is_
_Qādēsh. **37** And_they_set_out from_Qādēsh and_they_
_encamped at_Hor the_mountain on_the_border_of the_land_of
'Edōm. **38** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer _he/it_ascended to
Hor the_mountain on the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_he/it_died
there in_year (the)_forty of_ of_the_people_of of_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _the_coming_out from_the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_month (the)_fifth on_day_one of_month.
39 And_'Ah$_a$ron was_a_son_of three and_twenty and_one_
_hundred year[s] when_died_of_he on_Hor the_mountain.
40 And_ the_Kəna'$_a$nī/(Canaanite) the_king_of 'Arād _he/it_
_listened and_he was_dwelling in_Negev in_land of_
Kəna'an/(Canaan) when the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _came.
41 And_they_set_out from_Hor the_mountain and_they_
_encamped at_Tsalmonāh/(Zalmonah). **42** And_they_set_out
from_Tsalmonāh/(Zalmonah) and_they_encamped at_Punan.
43 And_they_set_out from_Punan and_they_encamped at_
_'Ovot. **44** And_they_set_out from_'Ovot and_they_encamped
at_'Iyyiy-/(Iye-) hā'$_a$vārīm/(abarim) on_the_border_of Mō'āv.
45 And_they_set_out from_'Iyyim and_they_encamped at_
_Diyvōn- gād. **46** And_they_set_out from_Diyvōn- gād and_
_they_encamped at_'Almon- divlātāyəmāh. **47** And_they_set_
out from'Almon- divlātāyəmāh and_they_encamped in_the_
_mountains_of the_'Avārīm to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before Nəvō. **48** And_they_set_out from_the_mountains_of
the_'Avārīm and_they_encamped in_the_plains_of Mō'āv at
the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **49** And_they_
_encamped at the_Yardēn from_Bēyt- hayshimōt/(jeshimoth)
to Abel- shittim in_the_plains_of Mō'āv. **50** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_
_spoke to Mosheh in_the_plains_of Mō'āv at the_Yardēn of_
_Yərīḥō to_say. **51** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_
_you_will_say to_them if/because you(pl) are_about_to_pass_
_over ÐOM the_Yardēn into the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan).
52 And_you(pl)_will_dispossess ÐOM all_of the_inhabitants_of
the_earth/land from_before_of_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_
_destroy ÐOM all_of images_of_their_carved and_ÐOM all_of the_
_images_of their_molten_metal_of_their you(pl)_will_destroy
and_ÐOM all_of places_of_their_high you(pl)_will_demolish.
53 And_you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ÐOM the_earth/land
and_you(pl)_will_dwell in_it if/because to/for_you(pl) I_have_
_given ÐOM the_earth/land to_take_possession_of ÐOM_her/it.
54 And_you(pl)_will_inherit ÐOM the_earth/land by_lot to_
_clans_of_your(pl) for_many you(pl)_will_make_great ÐOM
inheritance_of_its and_for_few you_will_make_small ÐOM
inheritance_of_its (to) where it_will_come_out to_him/it there_
_(to) the_lot to_him/it it_will_belong to_the_tribes_of your(pl)_
_fathers_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_inherit. **55** And_if not you(pl)_
_will_dispossess ÐOM the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land from_
_before_of_you(pl) and_ those_whom you(pl)_will_leave from_
_them _it_was (into)_thorns in_eyes_of_your(pl) and_(into)_
_pricks in_sides_of_your(pl) and_they_will_trouble you(pl) on
the_earth/land which you(pl) will_be_dwelling in_it. **56** And_it_
_was just_as I_intended for_doing to/for_them I_will_do to_
_you(pl).

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Hor.

40 Meanwhile, the Kena'ani (Canaanite) king of Arad who lived in the Negev in Kena'an (Canaan), heard that the Israelis were coming.

41 The Israelis left Mt. Hor and camped at Tsalmonah. **42** When they left Tsalmonah, they camped at Punon, **43** and after that, on to Ovot. **44** From Ovot, they went on to Iyey-Ha'avarim at the Moav (Moab) border. **45** Then they left there and camped at Divon-Gad, **46** before going on to camp at Almon-Divlatayim. **47** From there, they went into the Avarim mountains and camped facing Nevo. **48** After leaving the Avarim mountains, they reached the Moav plains by the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Yeriho (Jericho). **49** They camped beside the river from Beyt-Hayeshimot to Avel-Hashitim there on the Moav plains.

50 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh (Moses) there on the Moav plains beside the Yarden opposite Yeriho, **51** "Tell the Israelis that you're all about to cross the Yahweh to enter Kena'an (Canaan). **52** Then you all must drive all the land's inhabitants out ahead of you, and destroy all their carved images and cast metal images, and all their hilltop shrines. **53** Take the land from there and start to live there, because I've given it to all of you to own. **54** Use lots to divide the land up for your clans. The larger groups must get more than the smaller groups, then whatever the lot gives, that will be the area to be given within the land for that ancestral tribe.[147]

55 If you don't drive out the current inhabitants, then they'll become like barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they'll harass you all when you live there. **56** If that happens, then I'll give you all the punishment that I intended for them."

147 RV 33:54 · Cross-ref. Num 26:54-56.

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The boundaries within Kena'an

34:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
2 "Tell the people that you're all about to enter Kena'an (Canaan)—the land that will become your inheritance. The boundaries will be:
3 "The **southern** border will extend from the Tsin (Zin) wilderness along the Edom border across to the Salt (Dead) Sea on the east, **4** cross south of the Scorpion Pass, continue to Tsin, and go south of Kadesh-Barnea. Then it will go on to Hatsar-Adar and proceed to Atsmon, **5** From Atsmon it will extend west to the riverbed at the border with Mitsrayim (Egypt), and then across to the Mediterranean Sea.
6 "The **western** border will be the Mediterranean sea.
7 "The **northern** border will start at the Mediterranean sea and extend west to Mt. Hor, **8** and then on to Levo-Hamat and onward to Tsedad. **9** From there the border will extend to Zifron, and it will end at Hatsar-Eynan, completing the northern border.
10 "The **eastern** border will begin at Hatsar-Eynan and extend south to Shefam, **11** then go downhill to Rivlah east of Ayin, then along the hills to the east of Lake Kineret. **12** Then the border will extend south along the Yarden (Jordan) River and end at the Salt (Dead) Sea.
"Those will be your country's borders."
13 Then Mosheh (Moses) continued, "That will be the land that must be distributed by lot. It'll be given by Yahweh as an inheritance for the nine tribes and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe[148] **14** as the Re'uven and Gad tribes and the Menasheh half-tribe have already received their inheritance. **15** Yes, the other two and a half tribes have taken up their inheritance on the eastern side of the Yarden river across from Yeriho (Jericho).

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16 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
17 "These are the men who will distribute the land: the priest Eleazar and Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua), **18** as well as one leader from each tribe to allocate the land that will be their inheritance. **19** Those tribe leaders are:
From Yehudah (Judah), Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb),

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34:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying.
2 Command ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_ _say to_them if/because you(pl) are_about_to_go into the_ _earth/land Kəna'an/(Canaan) this the_earth/land which it_ _will_fall to/for_you(pl) (in)_an_inheritance the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_borders_of_its. **3** And_it_was to/for_ _you(pl) the_side_of the_south from_the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) on the_hands_of 'Edōm and_it_was to/for_you(pl) border_of the_southward from_the_end_of the_Sea_of (the)_ _Salt eastward_on. **4** And_it_will_turn to/for_you(pl) the_ _border from_the_south to_the_ascent_of scorpions and_it_ _will_pass_on to_Tsin/(Zin) and[149] extremities_of_its from_the_ _south of_Qādēsh- barnē'a and_it_will_go_out Ḥatsar 'Addār and_it_will_pass_on to_'Atsmōn. **5** And_ the_border _it_will_ _turn from_'Atsmōn the_wadi_of_to of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _they_will_be extremities_of_its to_the_sea. **6** And_the_border_ _of the_west and_it_was to/for_you(pl) the_sea (the)_great and_ _a_border this it_will_be to/for_you(pl) border_of the_west. **7** And_this it_will_be to/for_you(pl) border_of the_north from the_sea the_big/great(sg) you(pl)_will_mark_out to/for_you(pl) Hor the_mountain. **8** From_Hor the_mountain you(pl)_will_ _mark_out Ləvō' Ḥamāt and_they_will_be the_extremities_of the_border to_Tsədād/(Zedad). **9** And_ the_border _it_will_go_ _out to_Zifron and_they_will_be extremities_of_its Ḥatsar 'Ēynān this it_will_be to/for_you(pl) border_of the_north. **10** And_you(pl)_will_crave to/for_you(pl) for_the_border of_ _eastward from_ Ḥatsar- 'ēynān to_Shəfām. **11** And_ the_border _it_will_go_down from_Shəfām (the)_Rivlāh from_east of_'Ayin and_ the_border _it_will_go_down and_it_will_reach to the_ _slope_of the_sea_of Kinneret eastward_on. **12** And_ the_border _it_will_go_down to_the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_will_be extremities_of_its the_Sea_of (the)_Salt this it_will_be to/for_ _you(pl) the_earth/land to_borders_of_its all_around. **13** And_ Mosheh _he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say this the_earth/land which you(pl)_will_inherit ᴅᴏᴍ_ _her/it by_lot which **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_give to_ _the_nine_of the_tribes and_the_half_of the_tribe.
14 If/because the_tribe_of the_descendants_of the_ _Rə'ūvēnite[s] they_have_taken to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their and_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of the_ _Gadite[s] to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their and_the_ _half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh they_have_taken inheritance_of_their. **15** The_two_of the_tribes and_the_half_of the_tribe they_have_taken inheritance_of_their from_the_ _other_side of_the_Yardēn of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) eastward_on eastward_toward.

16 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **17** These are_the_names_of the_men who they_will_give_as_inheritance to/for_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land 'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn. **18** And_a_leader one a_leader one from_a_tribe you(pl)_will_take to_give_as_ _inheritance ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land. **19** And_these are_the_names_ _of the_men of_the_tribe_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh). **20** And_of_the_tribe_of the_

148 RV 34:13 · Cross-ref. Num 26:52-56.

149 LV 34:4 · Note OSHB variant note: וְהָיָה/ו: (x-qere) וְיָהָ/ו: lemma_c/1961 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_04t1e וְיָהָ/ו

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_descendants_of Shim´ōn Shəmū'ēl the_son_of ´Ammihūd. **21** Of_
_the_tribe_of Binyāmīn 'Elīdād the_son_of Kişlōn/(Chislon).
22 And_of_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Dān a_leader
Buqqiy the_son_of Yoglī/(Jogli). **23** Of_the_sons_of
Yōşēf/(Joseph) of_the_tribe_of of_the_descendants_of of_
_Mənashsheh a_leader Ḥanniy'ēl the_son_of 'Ēfod. **24** And_of_
_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of 'Efrayim a_leader Qəmū'ēl
the_son_of Shifţān. **25** And_of_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of
Zəvūlūn a_leader 'Elītsāfān the_son_of Parnak. **26** And_of_the_
_tribe_of the_descendants_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) a_leader
Palţī'ēl/(Paltiel) the_son_of ´Azzān. **27** And_of_the_tribe_of the_
_descendants_of 'Āshēr a_leader 'Aḥīhūd the_son_of Shəlomī.
28 And_of_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Naftālī a_leader
Pədah'ēl the_son_of ´Ammihūd. **29** These are_those_whom
YHWH he_commanded to_apportion_as_an_inheritance_to ĐOM
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan).

35:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh in_the_plains_of
Mō'āv at the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) to_say.
2 Command ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_
_give to_Lēviyyiy some_of_the_inheritance_of their_
_possession_of their cities to_dwell_in and_pasture_land for_
_cities around_of_them you(pl)_will_give to_Lēviyyiy. **3** And_
_they_will_be the_cities to/for_them to_dwell_in and_their_
_pasture_of_lands they_will_be for_cattle_of_their and_for_
_property_of_their and_to/for_all animal_of_their. **4** And_the_
_pasture_lands_of the_cities which you(pl)_will_give to_
_Lēviyyiy will_be_from_the_wall_of the_city and_to_the_
_outside one_thousand cubit[s] all_around. **5** And_you(pl)_will_
_measure from_the_outside of_city ĐOM the_side_of eastward
two_thousand by_cubit and_ĐOM the_side_of the_south two_
_thousand by_cubit and_ĐOM the_side_of the_west two_
_thousand by_cubit and_ĐOM the_side_of the_north two_
_thousand by_cubit and_the_city will_in_the_middle this it_
_will_belong to/for_them the_pasture_lands_of the_cities.
6 And_ĐOM the_cities which you(pl)_will_give to_Lēviyyiy will_
_be_ĐOM the_six the_cities_of (the)_refuge which you(pl)_will_
_give to_flee to_(to) the_killer and_to_them you(pl)_will_give
forty and_two citi[es]. **7** All_of the_cities which you(pl)_will_
_give to_Lēviyyiy will_be_forty and_eight citi[es] them and_ĐOM
lands_of_their_pasture. **8** And_the_cities which you(pl)_will_
_give from_the_possession_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
from_with the_many you(pl)_will_increase and_from_with the_
_few you(pl)_will_decrease each_one according_to_the_mouth_
_of its_inheritance_of_his which they_will_inherit it_will_give
some_of_its_cities to_Lēviyyiy.

9 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **10** Speak to
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them
if/because you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over ĐOM the_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) towards_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan). **11** And_
_you(pl)_will_make_happen to/for_you(pl) cities cities_of

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20 From Shim'on (Simeon), Amihud's son Shmuel (Samuel),
21 From Benyamin, Kislon's son Elidad,
22 From Dan, Yogli's son Buki,
23 From Menasheh (Manasseh), Efod's son Haniyel,
24 From Efrayim (Ephraim), Shiftan's son Kemuel,
25 From Zevulun, Parnak's son Elitsafan,
26 From Yisakar (Issachar), Azan's son Paltiel,
27 From Asher, Shelomi's son Ahihud,
28 From Naftali (Naphtali), Amihud's son Pedahel."
29 The above are the men that Yahweh put in charge of dividing up Kena'an (Canaan) as the inheritance for the Israelis.

Cities for the Levites

35:1 While they were there on the Moav (Moab) plains beside the Yarden (Jordan) river, Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses). **2** "Tell the Israelis that out of the land that they'll own, they must give the Levites cities for them to live in,[150] as well as some pastureland around those cities. **3** The cities will be for them to live in, and that pastureland will be for their herds and their flocks, and for their other animals. **4** The pastureland must extend out half a kilometre around the walls of the Levites cities. **5** Then going out a kilometre in each compass direction, that will also be their land.[151] **6** The Levites must be given forty-two cities to live in, plus you all must designate six refuge cities so that if someone accidentally kills another, they can flee to the refuge city. **7** That would make a total of forty-eight cities, plus their pasturelands, to be given to the Levites. **8** The larger tribes must give more cities than the smaller tribes, according to the area that they inherit."

The refuge cities[152]

9 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **10** "Tell the Israelis that when you cross the Yarden (Jordan) river to enter Kena'an (Canaan), **11** you all must choose some cities to become 'refuge cities'[153] so that if someone accidentally

150 **RV 35:2 · Cross-ref.** Josh 21:1-42.

151 **RV 35:5 · Note** It's not exactly clear what different activities would occur in these two rings of land, but remember that as much food as possible and animals would have to be brought into the city as soon as the residents received news of an approaching army.

152 **RV 35:9 · Parallel** Deu. 19:1-13; Josh. 20:1-9

153 **RV 35:11 · Cross-ref.** Deu 19:2-4; Josh 20:1-9.

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kills another person, they can flee there. 12 The cities will be
places to stay safe from being avenged by the relatives until the
killer can be formally tried. 13 You all must allocate six refuge
cities— 14 three on the eastern side of the Yarden, and there on
the western side in Kena'an. 15 Both Israelis and foreigners liv-
ing in the country can flee to any of those six cities—anyone
who kills another person by accident.

16 "However, if someone strikes another person with a metal
object and they die, then that person is a murderer, and murder-
ers must be executed. 17 Similarly, anyone who strikes another
person when holding a rock or stone, then that person is a mur-
derer, and murderers must be executed. 18 Again, if someone
strikes another person with a piece of wood, then that person is
a murderer, and murderers must be executed. 19 The relative
who is avenging the spilt blood must execute the murderer as
soon as he finds them.

20 "If someone pushes another person in hatred, or lies in wait
and then throws something at them, 21 or angrily strikes them
with their hand, and then they die, it must be regarded as mur-
der, and when the avenger of their blood finds the murderer, he
must execute them.

22 "But if someone pushes another person without any hateful
intent, or throws something at them without lying in wait, 23 or
drops a rock without noticing someone, and they die but they
weren't that person's enemy and no harm was intended, 24 then
the community must judge between the one who killed and the
avenger of the dead person, in accordance with these regula-
tions. 25 If the one who killed is declared innocent, then the
community must rescue them from the avenger and return
them to the refuge city that they'd fled to, and that accidental
killer must live there until after the death of the high priest
(who had been anointed with sacred oil). 26 However, if they
then ever left the refuge city that they'd fled to, 27 and the
avenger found them outside the city boundary, then that rela-
tive of the dead person is permitted to kill that person and won't
be accountable for their blood. 28 That's because the one who
killed must remain in that city until the death of the high
priest—they can only return to their family home after the high
priest's death. 29 You all must follow these regulations through
the generations no matter where you live.

30 "If someone murders another person, they're to be executed
if there's evidence from witnesses (plural, not just one witness).
31 That sentence can't be changed to a fine and/or a payment to
the deceased's family—the murderer *must* be executed. 32 Simi-
larly for the accidental killer who fled to a refuge city, they can't
elect to pay a fine and/or pay compensation in order to be able
to return home before the high priest's death. 33 You mustn't
profane the land that you're all going to by tolerating murder,
because human blood pollutes the ground, and you all can't re-
store the land with any sacrifice—only by the blood of the one
who shed someone else's blood. 34 You mustn't profane the land
that you'll all be living in because I'll also be living in it, as I will

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refuge they_will_be to/for_you(pl) and_he_will_flee to_(to) a_
_killer who_has_struck_down_of (of)_a_person by_
_inadvertence. 12 And_they_will_be to/for_you(pl) the_cities
(into)_a_refuge from_an_avenger and_not the_killer he_will_die
until stands_he to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_
_congregation for_judgement. 13 And_the_cities which you(pl)_
_will_give six cities_of refuge they_will_be for_you(pl). 14 ĐOM
(the)_three (the)_cities you(pl)_will_give from_the_other_side
of_Yardēn and_ĐOM (the)_three (the)_cities you(pl)_will_give
in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) cities_of refuge they_will_be.
15 For_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_for_sojourner and_
_for_alien among_them they_will_become the_six the_cities
the_these (into)_a_refuge to_flee to_(to) any_of one_who_has_
_struck_down_of (of)_a_person by_inadvertence. 16 And_if
with_an_instrument_of iron he_struck_him_down and_he/it_
_died is_a_killer he surely_(die) the_killer he_will_be_put_to_
_death. 17 And_if with_a_stone_of hand which someone_will_
_die by_it he_struck_him_down and_he/it_died is_a_killer he
surely_(die) the_killer he_will_be_put_to_death. 18 Or with_an_
_instrument_of wood hand which someone_will_die
in/on/over_him/it he_struck_him_down and_he/it_died is_a_
killer he surely(die) the_killer he_will_be_put_to_death.
19 The_avenger_of (the)_blood he he_will_put_to_death ĐOM
the_killer when_meets_he in_him/it he he_will_put_him_to_
_death. 20 And_if in_hatred he_will_push_him or he_threw
on/upon/above_him/it with_lying_in_wait and_he/it_died.
21 Or in_enmity he_struck_him_down with_hand_of_his and_
_he/it_died surely_(die) the_one_who_struck_down he_will_be_
_put_to_death is_a_killer he the_avenger_of (the)_blood he_
_will_put_to_death ĐOM the_killer when_meets_he in_him/it.
22 And_if with_suddenness with_not enmity he_pushed_him or
he_threw on/upon/above_him/it any_of weapon with_not
lying_in_wait. 23 Or with_any_of stone which someone_will_die
by_it with_not seeing_him and_he/it_made_fall/lie_down
on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_died and_he not was_an_
_enemy to_him/it and_not he_was_seeking harm_of_his.
24 And_ the_congregation _they_will_judge between the_one_
_who_struck_down and_between the_avenger_of (the)_blood
on the_judgements the_these. 25 And_ the_congregation _they_
_will_deliver ĐOM the_killer from_the_hand_of the_avenger_of
(the)_blood and_ the_congregation _they_will_return ĐOM_
_him/it to the_city_of his_refuge_of_his where he_had_fled to_
_(to) and_he_will_dwell in_it until the_death_of the_
_priest/officer the_big/great(sg) whom someone_had_anointed
ĐOM_him/it with_the_oil_of (the)_holiness. 26 And_if ever_(go_
_out) the_killer he_will_go_out ĐOM the_border_of the_city_of
his_refuge_of_his where he_will_flee to_(to). 27 And_ the_
_avenger_of (the)_blood _he_will_find ĐOM_him/it from_the_
_outside of_the_border_of of_the_city_of his_refuge_of_his and_
the_avenger_of (the)_blood _he_will_kill ĐOM the_killer there_
_will_not_be to_him/it blood. 28 If/because in_the_city_of his_
_refuge_of_his he_will_remain until the_death_of the_
_priest/officer the_big/great(sg) and_after the_death_of the_
_priest/officer the_big/great(sg) the_killer he_will_return to
the_land_of his_possession_of_his. 29 And_they_will_be these_
_things to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_regulation_of judgement to_
_generations_of_your(pl) in_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling.
30 Any_of one_who_strikes_down_of (of)_a_person to_the_

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_mouth_of witnesses someone_will_kill ~~DOM~~ the_killer and_a_
_witness one not he_will_testify against_anyone to_die. **31** And_
_not you(pl)_will_take a_ransom to_living_creature a_killer
who he is_guilty to_die if/because surely_(die) he_will_be_put_
_to_death. **32** And_not you(pl)_will_take a_ransom to_flee to
the_city_of his_refuge_of_his to_return to_dwell on_the_earth
until the_death_of the_priest/officer. **33** And_not you(pl)_will_
_pollute ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land which you(pl) are_in_it if/because
(the)_blood it it_pollutes ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_for_land not
it_will_be_atoned to_blood which it_was_shed in_it if/because
(if) by_the_blood_of the_one_who_shed_it. **34** And_not you_
_will_make_unclean ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land which you(pl) are_
_dwelling in_it which I am_dwelling in_the_midst_of_of_it
if/because I **YHWH** am_dwelling in_the_middle the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

36:1 And_ the_heads_of the_fathers of_the_clan_of the_
_descendants_of Gil'ād the_son_of Mākīr the_son_of
Mənashsheh from_the_clans_of the_descendants_of
Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _they_drew_near and_they_spoke to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before Mosheh and_before_of the_leaders
heads_of fathers of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_
_they_said ~~DOM~~ my_master **YHWH** he_commanded to_give ~~DOM~~
the_earth/land (in)_an_inheritance by_lot to_the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_master_of_my he_was_commanded by_
_**YHWH** to_give ~~DOM~~ the_inheritance_of
Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) brother_of_our to_daughters_of_his.
3 And_they_will_be to_one from_(the)_sons of_the_tribes_of of_
_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_wives and_ inheritance_
_of_their _it_will_be_withdrawn from_the_inheritance_of our_
_ancestors_of_our and_it_will_be_added to the_inheritance_of
the_tribe which they_will_belong to/for_them and_from_the_
_lot_of our_inheritance_of_our it_will_be_withdrawn. **4** And_if
the_jubilee it_will_come of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_ inheritance_of_their _it_will_be_added to the_
_inheritance_of the_tribe which they_will_belong to/for_them
and_from_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of our_ancestors_of_
_our inheritance_of_their it_will_be_withdrawn. **5** And_
Mosheh _he/it_commanded ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
on the_mouth_of **YHWH** to_say right the_tribe_of the_
_descendants_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) is_speaking. **6** This is_the_
_message which **YHWH** he_has_commanded of_the_daughters_
_of of_Tsəlofḥād to_say to_good in_their_own_of_eyes they_
_will_belong to_wives only to_the_clan_of the_tribe_of their_
_ancestor_of_their they_will_belong to_wives. **7** And_not an_
_inheritance of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_go_
_about from_tribe to tribe if/because everyone on_the_
_inheritance_of the_tribe_of his_ancestors_of_his the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_hold. **8** And_all daughter who_
_possesses an_inheritance from_the_tribes_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_one of_the_clan_of of_the_tribe_of her_
_father_of_her she_will_belong to/for_(a)_woman so_that the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_may_possess everyone the_
_inheritance_of his_ancestors_of_his. **9** And_not an_inheritance
it_will_go_about from_tribe to_tribe another if/because

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live among you Israelis."

Women inheriting property

36:1 Now the leaders of the Gilead clans (Gilead was the son of Makir, son of Menasheh (Manasseh), one of Yosef's (Joseph's) sons) approached Mosheh (Moses) and the Israeli leaders **2** and said, "Yahweh commanded my master to distribute the land by lot as an inheritance for the people, and my master was also commanded by Yahweh to give our brother Tselofehad's inheritance to his daughters.[154] **3** However, if they ended up being married by men from other tribes, then their inheritance would pass from our tribe to their husbands' tribes, so we'd end up with less land as our tribal inheritance. **4** Then when Yisrael (Israel) celebrates the Jubilee Year, then that inheritance will be added to the inheritance of their husbands' tribes, and be deducted from the inheritance of our ancestral tribe."

5 Then Mosheh gave a ruling to the Israelis in accordance with what Yahweh had told him, "These Yosefi men are correct. **6** Yahweh's command to Tselofehad's daughters is that each of you may marry whoever you want as long as it's someone from your own tribe. **7** That way, land in Yisrael won't move from tribe to tribe, because it will always stay as part of the inheritance given to that tribe. **8** Any woman who inherits land can only marry someone from her own tribe, so that the people will always retain ownership of their tribal inheritance. **9** That inheritance mustn't pass from tribe to tribe, but each Israeli tribe must keep hold of its inheritance."

10 So Tselofehad's daughters obeyed what Yahweh had told Mosheh, **11** and the five daughters (Mahlah, Tirtsah, Hoglah, Milkah, and Noa) married their cousins on their father's side. **12** The men they married were from the Menasheh (Manasseh) tribe (Yosef's (Joseph's) son), so their land continued to belong to their father's family and tribe.

13 All the above were the commands and regulations that Yahweh ordered Mosheh to tell the Israelis, while they were camped on the Moav (Moab) plains beside the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Yeriho (Jericho).

154 RV 36:2 · Cross-ref. Num 27:7.

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everyone on_its_own_of_inheritance the_tribes_of the_people_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_hold. **10** Just_as **YHWH** he_had_
_commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh so the_daughters_of
Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) they_did. **11** And_ Maḥlāh Tirtsāh and_
_Ḥoglāh and_Milkāh and_No'āh the_daughters_of Tsəlofḥād _
_they_belonged to_the_sons_of their_uncles_of_their to_wives.
12 From_the_clans_of the_descendants_of Mənashsheh the_
_son_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) they_became (into)_wives and_
inheritance_of_their _it_became with the_tribe_of the_clan_of
their_father_of_their. **13** These are_the_commands and_the_
_judgements which **YHWH** he_commanded by_the_hand_of
Mosheh to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_plains_of
Mō'āv at the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho).

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Deuteronomy

Introduction

The Greek word 'Deuteronomy' means 'Second law', because some aspects of God's instructions in the previous accounts are repeated again in this one, noticeably the Ten Commandments. Hebrew readers call this document 'Devārim' which is the second word in the Hebrew text and means 'Words' or 'Things'. Some European and other translations call it 'The fifth book of Mosheh/Moses'.
This document contains a series of addresses that Mosheh (commonly known in English as Moses) made to the descendants of Yisrael/Israel while they were in the Moav region on the eastern side of the Yarden/Jordan river. They had stopped there for quite a long time after their travelling through the wilderness, and it would soon be time for them to cross the river and enter the 'promised land' of Kena'an/Canaan.
Some of the more important points made in this document include: 1. Mosheh's summary of the history of the Israelis over the previous forty year, and how he requested them to remain loyal and obedient to Yahweh. 2. Mosheh's retelling of the 'Ten commands' and his explanation of the first commands, ensuring that Yisrael's descendants knew that it was vital to continue serving Yahweh. This also includes the various rules to be obey in Kena'an. 3. Mosheh's interpretation of the peoples agreement with Yahweh is retold here, and his encouragement to the people to continue to obey that agreement. 4. The selection of Yehoshua/Joshua as the new leader for God's chosen people group, Mosheh's song about the joy of serving Yahweh and the blessings for those who obey. Mosheh's death in Moav is also retold here.
The best known segment of this document is Yahweh's blessing and cursing of his chosen people depending on the path that they decide to take. If the Israelis would choose to follow Yahweh's instructions, there was a large blessing to be received, but equally a terrifying curse should they fail to acknowledge what God had done for them.
The most important verses here are 6:4-6, quoted by Yeshua as being the greatest of all commands: You should love your god Yahweh with your whole mind, your entire being, and all your strength.

Main components of this account

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Instructions before entering Kena'an/Canaan *27:1–28:68*
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Mosheh's first set of instructions

1:1 These are the messages that Mosheh (Moses) spoke to Yisrael (Israel) back when they were in the wilderness on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan) river, in the desert plain opposite Suf between Paran and Tofel, Lavan (Laban), Hatserot, and Di-Zahav. **2** (It takes eleven days to walk from Horev to Kadesh-Barnea via Mt. Se'ir.) **3** Forty years after the Israelis had left Mitsrayim (Egypt) Mosheh passed on to them everything that Yahweh had instructed him **4** after he'd defeated the Amori King Sihon who lived at Heshbon, and Bashan King Og who lived at Ashtarot in Edre'i.[1] **5** On the eastern side of the Yarden river in the Moav (Moab) region, Mosheh began explaining those instructions, saying,

The removal of Yisrael's descendants from Sinay

6 "Our God Yahweh spoke to us at Horev, saying: You've camped here long enough at this mountain. **7** Now, pack up and travel to the Amori hill country and the surrounding areas and the river plain, the lowlands and the southern wilderness, the coastal plain, all of Kena'an (Canaan), and Levanon as far north-east as the Perat (Euphrates) river. **8** Listen, that area of land ahead of you, I've given to you. Go ahead and take possession that land that Yahweh promised to your ancestors Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob). He promised to give it to them and to their descendants."

Mosheh appoints leaders[2]

9 Then Mosheh (Moses) said, "I told you at that time that I wasn't able to govern all of you by myself **10** because your god Yahweh has multiplied you, and wow, now you're as numerous as the stars in the sky. **11** May your ancestors' god Yahweh increase you all a thousand times more and bless you all as he's promised **12** but how could I possibly bear all your loads and burdens and disputes by myself? **13** So nominate some men from your tribes who I can appoint as your leaders—men who are sensible and wise, and respected by the people, **14** and your parents agreed with that suggestion. **15** So I took those wise, respected men and appointed them to be your leaders—leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. I also appointed some as your tribal officials. **16** Then I instructed your new leaders telling them to listen carefully to both sides of disputes and make fair and honest judgements in conflicts involving either Israelis or foreigners. **17** Don't show partiality when you're making a judgement—treat important people just the same as the others. Don't worry about what people will think because fair judgement is a godly activity. And if any matter is too difficult, bring it to me for a decision. **18** I also gave you all other instructions at that time.

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1:1 These are_the_words/messages which Mosheh he_spoke to all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) in_wilderness in_plain opposite_to Ṣūf between Pā'rān and_between Tofel and_Lāvān and_ Ḥatsērōt and_Diy zāhāv. **2** Is_one_plus ten day[s] from_Ḥorēv the_way_ _of the_mountain_of Sē'īr to Qādēsh Barnē'a. **3** And_he/it_was in_forty year in_the_one_plus_of ten month on_day_one of_ _month Mosheh he_spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to_them. **4** After he_had_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_ _'Amorī who was_dwelling in_Ḥeshbōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ōg the_king_ _of (the)_Bāshān who was_dwelling in_'Ashtārōt in_'Edre'ī. **5** On_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn in_land of_Mō'āv Mosheh he_undertook he_made_clear ᴅᴏᴍ the_law (the)_this to_say.

6 **YHWH** god_of_our he_spoke to_us at_Ḥorēv to_say is_ _enough_of to/for_you(pl) remaining at_mountain (the)_this. **7** Turn and_set_out to/for_you(pl) and_go the_hill_country_of the_'Amorī and_near/to all_of neighbours_of_its in_plain in_ _country and_in_Shephelah and_in_Negev and_on_the_coast_ _of the_sea the_land_of the_Kəna'anī/(Canaanite)[s] and_(the)_ _Ləvānōn to the_river the_big/great(sg) the_river_of Pərāt. **8** See I_set before_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land go and_take_ _possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_swore to_ _ancestors_of_your(pl) to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_ _Ya'aqov/(Jacob) to_give to/for_them and_to_offspring_of_ _their after_them.

9 And_I_said to_you(pl) at_time the_that to_say not I_am_able I_alone to_bear you(pl). **10** **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_has_ _increased you(pl) and_HERE_you(pl) the_day are_like_the_ _stars_of the_heavens to_increase_in_number. **11** **YHWH** the_ _god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) may_he_add to_you(pl) like_you(pl) a_thousand times and_may_he_bless you(pl) just_ _as he_spoke to_you(pl). **12** How will_I_bear I_alone burden_of_ _your(pl) and_burden_of_your(pl) and_dispute[s]_of_your(pl). **13** Provide to/for_you(pl) men wise and_understanding and_ _known to_tribes_of_your(pl) so_that_I_may_appoint_them (in)_chiefs_of_your(pl). **14** And_you(pl)_answered ᴅᴏᴍ_me and_ _you(pl)_said is_good the_message which you_have_spoken for_ _doing. **15** And_I_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_chiefs_of your(pl)_tribes_of_ _your(pl) men wise and_known and_I_appointed ᴅᴏᴍ_them chiefs over_you(pl) leaders_of thousands and_leaders_of hundreds and_leaders_of fifties and_leaders_of tens and_ _officials for_tribes_of_your(pl). **16** And_I_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ judges_of_your(pl) at_time the_that to_say hear between countrymen_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_judge righteousness between anyone and_between his/its_brother and_between sojourner_of_his. **17** Not you(pl)_will_pay_regard_to faces in_ _judgement as_small as_great you(pl)_will_listen not you(pl)_ _will_be_afraid from_face/in_front_of anyone if/because the_ _judgement belongs_to_god it and_the_matter which it_will_ _be_too_hard for_you(pl) you(pl)_will_bring_near to_me and_I_ _will_hear_it. **18** And_I_commanded you(pl) at_time the_that ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_things which you(pl)_will_do.

1 **RV 1:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.

2 **RV 1:9 · Parallel** Exo. 18:13-27

Literal Version

19 And_we_set_out from_Ḥorēv and_we_walked ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _wilderness (the)_great and_(the)_awesome (the)_that which you(pl)_saw the_way_of the_hill_country_of the_'Amorī just_as **YHWH** god_of_our he_had_commanded us and_we_came to Qādēsh Barnē'a. **20** And_I_said to_you(pl) you(pl)_have_come to the_hill_country_of the_'Amorī which **YHWH** god_of_our is_ _about_to_give to/for_us. **21** See **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_set to_your_face ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land go_up take_possession_of_it just_as **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your he_spoke to/for_you(fs) do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_dismayed. **22** And_you(pl)_drew_near to_me of_you_of_all and_you(pl)_ _said let_us_send_out men before_us so_that_they_may_spy_ _out to/for_us ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land and_so_that_they_may_ _bring_back us message ᴅᴏᴍ the_way which we_will_go_up on_ _it and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_cities which we_will_go into_them. **23** And_it_ _was_good in_eyes_of_my the_thing and_I_took from_you(pl) two_plus ten men a_man one to_tribe. **24** And_they_turned and_they_went_up to_the_hill_country and_they_came to the_ _wadi_of 'Eshkol and_they_spied_out ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it. **25** And_they_ _took in_hand_of_their from_the_fruit the_earth/land and_ _they_brought_it_down to_us and_they_brought_back us message and_they_said is_good the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_our is_about_to_give to/for_us. **26** And_not you(pl)_ _were_willing to_go_up and_you(pl)_rebelled_against ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **27** And_you(pl)_murmured in_tents_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_said in_the_hatred_of **YHWH** us he_brought_us_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_ _give us in_the_hand_of the_'Amorī to_destroy_us. **28** Where are_we going_up countrymen_of_our they_have_made_melt ᴅᴏᴍ heart_of_our to_say the_people is_great and_lofty from_ _him/it the_cities are_large and_fortified in_heavens and_also the_descendants_of the_ʿAnāqī we_saw there. **29** And_I_said to_ _you(pl) not you(pl)_must_be_terrified and_not you(pl)_must_ _be_afraid from_them. **30** **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who_goes before_you(pl) he he_will_fight to/for_you(pl) according_to_all that he_did with_you(pl) in_Mitsrayim to_eyes_of_your(pl). **31** And_in_wilderness where you_saw which/who he_carried_ _you **YHWH** god_of_your just_as anyone he_carries[8] ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_son in_all the_journey which you(pl)_walked until came_you(pl) to the_place (the)_this. **32** And_in_thing the_this not_you(pl) were_trusting in_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **33** Who_ _went before_you(pl) on_journey to_seek_out to/for_you(pl) a_ _place you_to_camp in_fire night to_show_you(pl) (in)_way which you(pl)_will_go on_it and_in_cloud by_day.

34 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_sound_of your(pl)_ _words/messages_of_your(pl) and_he_was_angry and_he_ _swore_an_oath to_say. **35** If anyone among_men the_these the_ _generation (the)_evil the_this he_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land

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The spies[3]

19 "Then we left Horev and went through that wide and dangerous wilderness that you saw on the way to the Amori hill country as our god Yahweh had instructed us, eventually arriving at Kadesh-Barnea. **20** Then I told you all, 'You've all come to the Amori hill country, which our god Yahweh is giving us. **21** Look, your god Yahweh has given you[4] the land that's in front of you, so go ahead and take possession of it as Yahweh, your ancestors' god has told you. Don't be afraid and don't be discouraged.' **22** Then you all approached me and suggested, 'We should send some men ahead of us to scout out the place, and they can return and tell us the best way to get inside those cities.' **23** That sounded good to me, so I took one man from each of the twelve tribes **24** and they went up into the hill country as far as the Eshkol valley, and the scouted it out. **25** They picked some fruit from there and brought it back to us, and reported that the land that our god Yahweh is giving us was very good.

26 "But your parents were unwilling to proceed and rebelled against your god Yahweh's command.[5] **27** So you all grumbled in your tents, saying that it was because Yahweh hated us that he brought us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to hand us over to the Amorim to be destroyed. **28** You said that you all didn't want to enter because the people were so tall and strong and their cities were fortified and powerful with very high walls around them.

29 "Then I told your parents, 'Don't be terrified or afraid of them. **30** Your god Yahweh who goes ahead of you, he'll fight for you just like everything you saw him do in Mitsrayim **31** and in the wilderness, where you saw how your god Yahweh carried you like a father carries his son—getting you through that difficult region until you all eventually arrived here.'[6] **32** However, you all didn't believe your god Yahweh[7] **33** who had gone ahead of you to find a good place for you all to make your camp—using fire at night to show you all the way, and cloud in the daytime.

Yisrael's punishment[9]

34 "Yahweh heard those complaints and got angry and made this promise,[10] **35** 'None of the men of this evil generation will get to enter the

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3 **RV 1:19 · Parallel** Num. 13:1-33

4 **RV 1:21 · Note** The you**(pl)** in the previous verse has switched to you**(sg)** here.

5 **RV 1:26 · Cross-ref.** Deu 9:23; Heb 3:16.

6 **RV 1:31 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:18.

7 **RV 1:32 · Cross-ref.** Heb 3:19.

8 **LV 1:31 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

9 **RV 1:34 · Parallel** Num. 14:20-45

10 **RV 1:34-35 · Cross-ref.** Heb 3:18.

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good land that I promised to give to your ancestors **36** apart from Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb)—he can enter it and I'll give him and his sons the land that he scouted out because he followed Yahweh whole-heartedly.' **37** Yahweh was also angry at me because of you all, and told me that I also wouldn't be able to enter, **38** but that Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua) who was standing there in front of me, would be the one to lead Yisrael (Israel) to possess the land.

39 "Your children that you thought would be taken captive, and your young sons who don't yet know right from wrong, they'll be the ones to enter the land, and I'll give it to them, and it'll become theirs. **40** But you yourselves need to turn around and go back into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea.

41 "but they all answered and admitted, 'Yes, we've sinned against Yahweh, but now we'll fix that by going in to fight and do everything that our god Yahweh has commanded us.' So every man strapped on his weapons—now thinking it would be easy to take over the hill country.

42 "But Yahweh told me to warn them not to go ahead and fight because he wouldn't help them, and so they'd end up being defeated by their enemies if they proceeded. **43** So I told your parents that, but they wouldn't listen—they rebelled against Yahweh and arrogantly marched up into the hill country **44** where the Amorim who lived there came out against them, and chased them like bees and made the warriors scatter in Se'ir as far as Hormah. **45** So your parents returned and wept in front of Yahweh, but he didn't pay any attention to them. **46** So that's why we stayed at Kadesh-Barnea for as long as we all did.

Yisrael's wanderings in the wilderness

2:1 "Then we turned and went back into the wilderness towards the Red Sea as Yahweh had told us to do,[17] and we spent a long time wandering around Mt. Se'ir.

2 "Then Yahweh told me, **3** 'You've all been wandering around this hilly area for long enough—now turn and go towards the north **4** and tell the people, "You'll all be crossing the border into Se'ir where your relatives, Esav's (Esau's) descendants, live.[18] They'll be afraid of you but you'll all need to stay very alert. **5** Don't attack them because I won't give you any of their

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(the)_good which I_swore to_give to_ancestors_of_your(pl). **36** Except Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) he he_will_see_it and_to/for_him/it I_will_give ÐOM the_ _earth/land which he_has_trodden on_it and_to_sons_of_his because that he_filled after **YHWH**. **37** Also with_me **YHWH** he_ _was_angry on_account_of_of_you(pl) to_say also you not you_ _will_go there. **38** Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of[111213] of_Nūn who_stands to_your_face he he_will_go to_(to) ÐOM_him/it encourage if/because he he_will_give_it_as_an_inheritance ÐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **39** And_your_little_of_one[s] who you(pl)_said (into)_plunder he_will_become and_children_of_your(pl) who not they_know the_day good and_bad/evil they they_will_go to_(to) and_to_them I_will_give_it and_they they_will_take_ _possession_of_it.[141516] **40** And_you(pl) turn to/for_you(pl) and_ _set_out to_the_wilderness the_way_of the_sea_of reed[s]. **41** And_you(pl)_answered and_you(pl)_said to_me we_have_ _sinned to/for_**YHWH** we we_will_go_up and_we_will_fight according_to_all that he_has_commanded_us **YHWH** god_of_ _our and_you(pl)_girded_on everyone ÐOM the_weapons_of his_ _war_of_his and_you(pl)_regarded_as_easy to_go_up to_the_ _hill_country. **42** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me say to/for_ _them not you(pl)_must_go_up and_not you(pl)_must_fight if/because not_I will_be_of_in_your(pl)_midst and_not you(pl)_ _will_be_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_your(pl). **43** And_I_spoke to_you(pl) and_not you(pl)_listened and_you(pl)_rebelled_against ÐOM the_mouth_ _of **YHWH** and_you(pl)_acted_presumptuously and_you(pl)_ _went_up to_the_hill_country. **44** And_ the_'Amorī who_was_ _dwelling in_country (the)_that _he/it_went_out to_meet_ _you(pl) and_they_pursued you(pl) just_as (the)_bees they_do and_they_scattered you(pl) in_Sēʿīr to Ḥormāh. **45** And_you(pl)_ _returned and_you(pl)_wept to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** and_not **YHWH** he_listened to_voice_of_ _your(pl) and_not he_gave_ear to_you(pl). **46** And_you(pl)_ _remained at_Qādēsh days many like_days which you(pl)_ _remained.

2:1 And_we_turned and_we_set_out to_the_wilderness the_way_ _of the_sea_of reed[s] just_as **YHWH** he_had_spoken to_me and_we_went_around ÐOM the_hill_country_of Sēʿīr days many. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me to_say. **3** Is_enough_of to/for_ _you(pl) going_round ÐOM the_hill_country the_this turn to/for_you(pl) northward_to. **4** And_ÐOM the_people command to_say you(pl) are_about_to_pass in_the_territory_of your(pl)_ _relatives_of_your(pl) the_descendants_of ʿĒsāv who_are_ _dwelling in_Sēʿīr and_they_will_be_afraid from_you(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_take_heed exceedingly. **5** Do_not engage_in_strife with_them if/because not I_will_give to/for_you(pl) any_of_ _their_land up_to a_treading_place_of the_sole_of a_foot

11 LV 1:38 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

12 LV 1:38 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

13 LV 1:38 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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16 LV 1:39 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

17 RV 2:1 · Cross-ref. Num 21:4.

18 RV 2:4 · Cross-ref. Gen 36:8.

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if/because a_possession to_ʹĒsāv I_have_given ᴅᴏᴍ the_hill_ _country_of Sēʹīr. **6** Food you(pl)_will_buy from_with_them for_ _silver and_you(pl)_will_eat and_also water you(pl)_will_buy from_with_them for_silver and_you(pl)_will_drink. **7** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_blessed_you in_all_of the_work_of your_hand_of_your he_has_known walking_your ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _wilderness the_big/great(sg) the_this this forty year[s] **YHWH** god_of_your has_been_with_you not you_have_lacked anything. **8** And_we_passed_away from_with relatives_of_our the_ _descendants_of ʹĒsāv who_were_dwelling in_Sēʹīr from_the_ _way_of the_wilderness_plain from_ʾĒylōt and_from_ʹEtsyon-gevʿer and_we_turned and_we_passed_along the_way_of the_ _wilderness_of Mōʾāvʿ. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me to you_ _will_treat_as_a_foe[20] ᴅᴏᴍ Mōʾāvʿ and_do_not engage_in_strife with_them battle if/because not I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) any_of_his_land a_possession if/because to_the_descendants_of Lōṭ I_have_given ᴅᴏᴍ ʹĀr a_possession.

10 The_ʾĒymīm formerly_before they_dwelt in_it a_people great and_numerous and_lofty like_ʹAnāqī. **11** Rəfāʾīm also they they_ _were_regarded like_ʹAnāqī and_the_Mōʾāvʿites they_called to/for_them ʾĒymīm. **12** And_in_Sēʹīr the_Ḥorī they_dwelt formerly_before and_the_sons of_ʹĒsāv they_dispossessed_ _them and_they_destroyed_them from_their_face/front and_ _they_lived in_place_of_them just_as Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_did to_ _the_land_of its_possession_of_his which **YHWH** he_gave to/for_them. **13** Now arise and_pass_over to/for_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_wadi_of Zered and_we_passed_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_wadi_of Zered. **14** And_the_days which we_walked from_Qādēsh- barnēʿa until that we_passed_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_wadi_of Zered were_thirty and_ _eight year[s] until all_of the_generation the_men_of (the)_war was_finished from_the_midst_of the_camp just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_sworn to/for_them. **15** And_also the_hand_of **YHWH** it_ _was on_them to_disturb_them from_the_midst_of the_camp until they_were_finished. **16** And_he/it_was when all_of the_ _men_of (the)_war they_had_finished to_die from_the_midst_of the_people. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to_me to_say. **18** You are_about_to_pass_over the_day ᴅᴏᴍ the_border_of Mōʾāvʿ ᴅᴏᴍ ʹĀr. **19** And_you_will_draw_near in_front_of the_people_of ʹAmmōn do_not treat_them_as_a_foe and_do_not engage_in_ _strife with_them if/because not I_will_give any_of_the_land_of the_people_of ʹAmmōn to/for_yourself(m) a_possession if/because to_the_descendants_of Lōṭ I_have_given_it a_ _possession. **20** The_land_of the_Rəfāʾīm also it it_was_regarded the_Rəfāʾīm they_dwelt in_it formerly_before and_the_ _ʹAmmōnī they_called to/for_them Zamzom. **21** A_people great and_numerous and_lofty like_ʹAnāqī and_he_destroyed_them **YHWH** from_their_face/front and_they_dispossessed_them and_they_lived in_place_of_them. **22** Just_as he_had_done for_ _the_descendants_of ʹĒsāv who_were_dwelling in_Sēʹīr whom he_destroyed ᴅᴏᴍ the_Horite[s] from_their_face/front and_ _they_dispossessed_them and_they_lived in_place_of_them

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land—not even a footprint size piece because I've given Mt. Se'ir to Esav as their inheritance. **6** Any food or drink you get from them must be paid for with cash **7** because your god Yahweh has blessed all of your labour—he's always been aware of your travel through that vast wilderness. Your god Yahweh has helped you for those forty years so you've all had everything you need." '

8 "So we passed by our relatives, Esav's descendants who live in Se'ir. We travelled along the Yarden (Jordan) valley plain from Eylot and Etsyon-Gever, then north through the Moav (Moab) wilderness. **9** Then Yahweh told me, 'Don't aggravate Moav, and don't attack them, because I won't give you any of their land because I've given Ar to the sons of Lot, as a possession.' "[19]

The tribes near Kena'an

10 (The Emim had lived their previously—there were many of them, and they were tall and strong like the Anakim. **11** People also call both the Emim and the Anakim, Refaim but the people of Moav (Moab) call them Emim. **12** The Horim had previously lived in Se'ir, but Esav's (Esau's) descendants had killed them and taken over their land, just like the Israelis did later in the land that Yahweh had given them to possess.)

13 "Then we crossed the Zered brook as Yahweh had told us to do. **14** It had been thirty-eight years since we first left Kadesh-Barnea until we cross the Zered brook, once that generation of warriors had died off, just as Yahweh had told them.[21] **15** What's more, Yahweh had opposed them, so he'd caused them to die.

16 "After all the enlistment-aged men had died, **17** Yahweh told me, **18** 'Today you must travel through the Moav region, near Ar, **19** and when you approach the Amoni region, don't irritate or fight them because I won't give you any of their land because I've given it to Lot's descendants as a possession.' "[22]

20 (Also, it's regarded as the land of the Refaim, who the Amonim call the Zamzumim, who lived there in the past. **21** They were as numerous, and as tall and strong as the Anakim, but Yahweh destroyed them in advance of the Anakim who then dispossessed them and lived in their place. **22** He had done the same thing for Esav's (Esau's) descendants who live in Se'ir, when he destroyed the Horim ahead of them, and they took over their land and still live there to this day. **23** Also the Avim who lived in villages as far south as Azah (Gaza) were destroyed by the Kaftorim who came from Kraitai (Crete), and then lived in their place.)

19 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:37.

20 **LV 2:9 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

21 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:28-35.

22 **RV 2:19 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:38.

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24 "Yahweh had told us, 'Get ready now and go through the Arnon river valley. I'll help you defeat the Amori King Sihon from Heshbon. Attack him and begin to take over his land. 25 Beginning today, I'll make everyone, everywhere afraid of you. Everyone who hears about you will be terrified and keep their distance from you.'

Defeat of King Sihon[23]

26 "Then from the Kedemot wilderness, I sent messengers to King Sihon at Heshbon with an offer of peace, 27 'Please let us travel through your country. We'll stay on the road 28 if you'd be able to just sell us some food and water, then we could just walk right through 29 until we cross the Yarden (Jordan) river into the land that our god Yahweh is giving us. Esav's (Esau's) descendants at Se'ir allowed us through, as did the Moavim at Ar.'

30 "However, Heshbon's King Sihon wouldn't let us go through his country because your god Yahweh had hardened his spirit and made him stubborn so that you could take his land, which we still have to this day.

31 "Yahweh told me, 'Listen, I've begun to give Sihon and his land to you, so enter it and take it. 32 Then King Sihon and all his warriors came out against us at Yahats, 33 but our god Yahweh helped us to defeat him, and we killed Sihon and his son, and all his people. 34 We captured all his cities at that time, and completely destroyed men, women and children in every city, leaving no survivors. 35 Only the cattle were taken as plunder for ourselves, along with the goods in the cities we captured. 36 Our god Yahweh helped us to capture all their towns from Aroer in the south at the edge of the Arnon River valley, to the Gilead region in the north—none of their city walls were too high for us. 37 However, you didn't go near the Amoni region, the Yabok river area, the hill country towns, or any other place where our god Yahweh told us not to go.

The defeat of Bashan's King Og[25]

3:1 "Then we turned and went towards the Bashan region but King Og came out with all his warriors to battle against us at Edre'i, 2 but Yahweh told me, 'Don't be afraid of him, because I've given him and all

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until the_day (the)_this. 23 And_the_ʼAvvim who_were_dwelling in_villages to ʼAzzāh the_Kaftorī/(Kaftor/(Caphtor)ites) who_ _came_forth from_Kaftorī/(Kaftor/(Caphtor)) they_destroyed_ _them and_they_lived in_place_of_them. 24 Arise set_out and_ _pass_over ÐOM the_wadi_of ʼArnōn see I_have_given in_hand_ _of_your ÐOM Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn the_ʼAmorī and_ÐOM land_of_his begin take_possession_of_it and_engage_in_strife in/on/over_him/it battle. 25 The_day the_this I_will_begin to_ _put dread_of_your and_fear_of_your on the_face_of the_ _peoples under all_of the_heavens who they_will_hear report_ _of_your and_they_will_tremble and_they_will_be_in_anguish because_of_you.

26 And_I_sent messengers from_the_wilderness_of Qədēmōt to Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn words/messages_of peace to_say. 27 Let_me_pass in_land_of_your on_road on_road I_will_go not I_will_turn_aside right_hand and_left_hand. 28 Food for_silver you_will_sell_me and_I_will_eat and_water for_silver you_will_ _give to_me and_I_will_drink only let_me_pass_through on_ _feet_of_my. 29 Just_as they_did to_me the_descendants_of ʼĒsāv who_are_dwelling in_Sēʼīr and_the_Mōʼāvites who_are_ _dwelling in_ʼĀr until that I_will_pass_over ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) into the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_ _our is_about_to_give to/for_us. 30 And_not Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn he_was_willing to_let_us_pass in/on/over_him/it if/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_had_made_stubborn ÐOM his/its_breath/wind/spirit and_he_had_made_obstinate ÐOM heart_of_his so_as to_give_him in_hand_of_your as_day (the)_ _this. 31 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me see I_have_begun to_ _deliver_up to_your_face ÐOM Ṣīḥōn and_ÐOM land_of_his begin take_possession to_take_possession_of ÐOM land_of_his. 32 And_ _he/it_went_out Ṣīḥōn to_meet_us he and_all people_of_his for_battle to_Yahats/(Jahaz). 33 And_he_delivered_him_up **YHWH** god_of_our before_us and_we_defeated ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM his[24] and_ÐOM all_of people_of_his. 34 And_we_ _captured ÐOM all_of cities_of_his at_time the_that and_we_ _totally_destroyed ÐOM every_of city men and_the_women and_ _the_little_one[s] not we_spared a_survivor. 35 Only the_ _cattle/livestock we_plundered to/for_us and_the_booty_of the_cities which we_had_captured. 36 From_ʼArōʼēr which is_on the_edge_of the_wadi_of ʼArnōn and_the_city which is_in_wadi and_unto (the)_Gilʼād not it_was a_town which it_was_too_high from_him/it ÐOM (the)_every_one **YHWH** god_of_our he_ _delivered_up before_us. 37 Only to the_land_of the_people_of ʼAmmōn not you_drew_near all_of the_side_of the_wadi_of Yaboq/(Jabbok) and_the_cities_of the_hill_country and_ _all/each/any/every that **YHWH** god_of_our he_had_ _commanded.

3:1 And_we_turned and_we_went_up the_way_of (the)_Bāshān and_ ʼŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān _he/it_went_out to_meet_us he and_all people_of_his for_battle ʼEdreʼī. 2 And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to_me do_not fear ÐOM_him/it if/because in_hand_ _of_your I_have_given ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM all_of people_of_his

23 **RV 2:26 · Parallel** Num. 21:21-30

24 **LV 2:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: **נב/ו**: (x-qere) **ו/יָנָּבּ**ו: lemma_1121 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_05WBd **ו/יָנָּבּ**

25 **RV 3:1 · Parallel** Num. 21:31-35

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and_ĐØM land_of_his and_you_will_do for_him/it just_as you_ _did to_Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_'Amorī who was_dwelling in_ _Ḥeshbōn. 3 And_ **YHWH** god_of_our _he/it_gave in_hand_of_ _our also ĐØM ʻŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān and_ĐØM all_of people_of_his and_we_defeated_him until not left to_him/it a_ _survivor. 4 And_we_captured ĐØM all_of cities_of_his at_time the_that not it_was a_town which not we_took from_with_them sixty citi[es] all_of the_region_of 'Argoⱱ the_kingdom_of ʻŌg in_Bāshān. 5 All_of these were_cities fortified wall high gates and_bar[s] apart_apart from_the_cities_of the_ _hamlet-dweller[s] many very. 6 And_we_totally_destroyed them just_as we_had_done to_Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn we_ _totally_destroyed every_of city men the_women and_the_ _little_one[s]. 7 And_all the_cattle/livestock and_the_booty_of the_cities we_plundered to/for_us. 8 And_we_took at_time the_ _that ĐØM the_earth/land from_the_hand_of the_two_of the_ _kings_of the_'Amorī who were_on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) from_the_wadi_of 'Arnōn to the_mountain_of Ḥermōn. 9 The_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) they_call (to)_Ḥermōn Shiryōn and_the_'Amorī[s] they_call to_him/it Sənīr. 10 All_of the_cities_of the_plain and_all (the)_Gil'ād and_all (the)_Bāshān to Ṣalkāh and_'Edre'ī the_cities_of the_kingdom_of ʻŌg in_ _Bāshān. 11 If/because only ʻŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān he_ _survived from_the_remnant_of the_Rəfā'īm THERE sarcophagus_of_his was_a_sarcophagus_of iron not is_it in_ _Rabāh of_the_people_of of_ʻAmmōn was_nine cubits length_ _of_its and_four cubits breadth_of_its by_a_cubit_of a_human.

12 And_ĐØM the_earth/land (the)_this we_took_possession_of at_time the_that from_ʻArōʻēr which was_at the_wadi_of 'Arnōn and_(the)_half_of the_hill_country_of (the)_Gil'ād and_cities_ _of_its I_gave to_Rə'ūⱱēnite[s][28] and_to_Gādī[s]. 13 And_the_ _remainder_of (the)_Gil'ād and_all (the)_Bāshān the_kingdom_ _of ʻŌg I_gave to_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh all_of the_region_of (the)_'Argoⱱ to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_Bāshān (the)_that it_was_called the_land_of the_Rəfā'īm. 14 Yā'īr/(Jair) the_son_of Mənashsheh he_took ĐØM all_of the_ _region_of 'Argoⱱ to the_border_of the_Geshurite[s] and_the_ _Maʻₐkātī[s] and_he/it_called ĐØM_them on his/its_name ĐØM (the)_Bāshān the_villages_of Yā'īr until the_day (the)_this. 15 And_to_Mākīr I_gave ĐØM (the)_Gil'ād. 16 And_to_ _Rə'ūⱱēnite[s][29] and_to_Gādī[s] I_gave from (the)_Gil'ād and_ _unto the_wadi_of 'Arnōn the_middle_of the_wadi and_a_ _border and_unto Yaboq/(Jabbok) the_wadi the_border_of the_ _people_of ʻAmmōn. 17 And_the_ʻArāⱱāh and_the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) and_a_border from_Kinneret and_unto the_ _sea_of the_ʻArāⱱāh the_Sea_of (the)_Salt under the_slopes_of (the)_Piṣgāh eastward_on. 18 And_I_commanded you(pl) at_ _time the_that to_say **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_has_given to/for_you(pl) ĐØM the_earth/land (the)_this to_take_ _possession_of_it equipped you(pl)_will_pass_over to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before countrymen_of_your(pl) the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) Oh_all_of the_sons_of strength.

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his people and his land over to you, and you'll do the same to him that you did to the Amori King Sihon who lived at Heshbon.'

3 "So our god Yahweh also helped us defeat Bashan's King Og and all his people, and we killed them all leaving no survivors. 4 We captured all sixty of King Og's cities in the Argov region of Bashan, 5 even though they were all fortified with high walls and gates with bars. In addition, there were many rural villages. 6 We completely destroyed them like we'd done to Heshbon's King Sihon—men, women, and children, 7 but we plundered all the cattle and the spoil from the cities for ourselves.

8 So at that time, we took the land from two of the Amori kings across on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan), from the Arnon River in the south, up to Mt. Hermon in the north 9 (called Mt. Siryon by the Tsidonim (Sidonians), and Mt. Senir by the Amorim). 10 We captured all the cities on the plain and all of the Gilead region, as well as Bashan as far east as Salkah and Edre'i cities, which also belonged to Og's kingdom." 11 (Bashan's King Og was the last king who was a descendant of the Refaim. His bed (in Rabah in the Amoni region) was made out of iron and was four metres long and two metres wide.)

Land division on the eastern side[26]

12 "So we captured that land at that time—from Aroer by the Arnon river, and half of the hill country of Gilead including its cities. I allocated those areas to the tribes of Re'uven and Gad. 13 Then the rest of Gilead and all of Bashan which had been Og's kingdom, I allocated to half of the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh)."

(That whole area is called the land of the Refaim.
14 Menasheh's son Yair had captured the Argov region as far as the borders with the Geshurim and Ma'akatim, renaming Bashan to Havot-Ya'ir as it's still called to this day.)

15 "Then I allocated Gilead to Makir (a clan descended from Menasheh), 16 and I gave the southern part of Gilead to the tribes of Re'uven and Gad, extending from the Arnon river (with the middle of it being the boundary) to the Yabok river which borders against the Amonim. 17 The border extends from the plain along the east side of the Yarden (Jordan) valley, from Lake Kineret in the north to the Aravah lake (the Salt Sea or Dead Sea) in the south and to the slopes of Mt. Pisgah on the east.

18 "Then at that time, I commanded you saying, 'Your god Yahweh has given this land to you to possess it, however your brave warriors must cross over with the other Israeli tribes to help them conquer the western lands.[27] 19 Leave your wives and chil-

26 **RV 3:12 · Parallel** Num. 32:1-42

27 **RV 3:18-20 · Cross-ref.** Josh 1:12-15.

28 **LV 3:12 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

29 **LV 3:16 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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dren and cattle (yes, I know you have many cattle) back here in the cities that I've given you **20** until Yahweh gives peace to your brother tribes like you have here. Once they've taken possession of the land that your god Yahweh is given them across the river, then you'll all be able to return her to your own inheritance that I've allocated to you.'

21 "I also instructed Yehoshua (Joshua) at that time, saying, 'You've seen everything that your god Yahweh has done to those two kings. Yahweh will do similar things to all the kingdoms that you'll be passing through over there. **22** Don't be afraid of them, because your god Yahweh will be the one fighting for you all.

Mosheh is not permitted to enter Kena'an

23 "At that time, I pleaded with Yahweh, **24** 'My master Yahweh, you've begun to show your servant your greatness and your power. What other god in heaven or on earth is there that does works as great and powerful as what you've done? **25** Please let me cross the Yarden (Jordan) river and see the good land that's on the other side—that good hill country, and the Levanon region.'

26 "But Yahweh was angry at me because of what your parents had done, and he wouldn't listen to me. Instead, Yahweh told me, 'Enough from you—don't talk to me about that again! **27** Go up to the top of Mt. Pisgah and look out towards the west and the north and the south and the east. Yes, look with your eyes, because you won't be crossing this river. **28** Instruct Yehoshua (Joshua) and encourage him and strengthen him, because he's the one who'll lead the people across, and he'll lead them to inherit the land that you'll see.' **29** So we remained in the Yarden river valley opposite Beyt-Pe'or.

Mosheh encourages Yisrael to obey

4:1 "Now Yisrael (Israel), listen to the instructions and regulations that I'll teach you so that you'll all go and possess the land that Yahweh, the god of your ancestors, is giving you, and live there. **2** Don't add or subtract from what I tell you,[33] because you all need to follow the instructions from your god Yahweh that I'm telling you. **3** You've all seen for yourselves what your god Yahweh did at Beyt-Pe'or, when he destroyed all the men who worshipped Ba'al there.[34] **4** However, all of you who faithfully continued to follow your god Yahweh are alive here today.

5 "Listen, I've taught you all the instructions and regulations that my god Yahweh commanded me to, for you all to follow in

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19 Only wives_of_your(pl) and_your_little_of_one[s] and_ _livestock_of_your(pl) I_know if/because_that livestock much to/for_you(pl) they_will_remain in_cities_of_your(pl) which I_ _have_given to_you(pl). **20** Until that **YHWH** he_will_give_rest to_countrymen_of_your(pl) like_you(pl) and_ also they _they_ _will_take_possession_of ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_about_to_give to/for_them on_the_other_ _side_of the_Yardēn and_you(pl)_will_return everyone to_ _possession_of_his which I_have_given to_you(pl). **21** And_~~ĐOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) I_commanded at_time the_that to_say eyes_of_your_own are_the_ones_which_saw ~~ĐOM~~ all_of that **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_did to_the_two_of the_kings the_ _these thus **YHWH** he_will_do to/from_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms where you are_about_to_pass_over there_(to). **22** Not you(pl)_must_fear_them[303132] if/because **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) he is_the_one_who_will_fight for_you(pl).

23 And_I_sought_favour to **YHWH** at_time the_that to_say. **24** My_master **YHWH** you you_have_begun to_show ~~ĐOM~~ servant_of_your ~~ĐOM~~ greatness_of_your and_~~ĐOM~~ hand_of_your (the)_strong that who is_a_god in_heavens and_on_earth who he_will_do like_works_of_your and_like_your(pl)_mighty_of_ _deeds. **25** Let_me_pass_over please so_that_I_may_see ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _earth/land (the)_good which is_on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) the_hill_country (the)_good the_this and_ _(the)_Ləvʻānōn. **26** And_ **YHWH** _he_was_furious with_me on_ _account_of_you(pl) and_not he_listened to_me and_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to_me enough_of to/for_you(fs) do_not repeat to_ _speak to_me again in_matter (the)_this. **27** Go_up the_top_of (the)_Pişgāh and_lift_up eyes_of_your westward_to and_ _northward_to and_southward_to and_eastward_to and_see with_your_two's_own_of_eyes if/because not you_will_pass_ _over ~~ĐOM~~ the_Yardēn (the)_this. **28** And_commission ~~ĐOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) and_encourage_him and_strengthen_him if/because he he_will_pass_over to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_people the_this and_he he_will_give_as_an_ _inheritance them ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land which you_will_see. **29** And_we_remained in_valley opposite_to Bēyt Pəʻōr.

4:1 And_now Oh_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) listen to the_regulations and_ _near/to the_judgements which I am_about_to_teach you(pl) for_doing so_that you(pl)_may_live and_you(pl)_will_go and_ _you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land which **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) is_about_to_ _give to_you(pl). **2** Not you(pl)_must_add to the_message which I am_about_to_command you(pl) and_not you(pl)_must_ _diminish from_him/it to_guard/protect ~~ĐOM~~ the_commands_ _of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) which I am_about_to_command you(pl). **3** Your(pl)_eyes are_the_ones_which_saw ~~ĐOM~~ that_ _which **YHWH** he_did at_Baʻal- pəʻōr if/because_that every_of the_man who he_walked after Baʻal Pəʻōr he_destroyed_him **YHWH** god_of_your from_midst_of_your. **4** And_you(pl) who_ _were_clinging on_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) are_alive of_you_of_

30 **LV 3:22 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

31 **LV 3:22 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

32 **LV 3:22 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

33 **RV 4:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 22:18-19.

34 **RV 4:3 · Cross-ref.** Num 25:1-9.

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_all the_day. **5** See I_have_taught you(pl) regulations and_
_judgements just_as he_commanded_me **YHWH** god_of_my
for_doing thus in_the_midst_of the_earth/land where you(pl)
are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it. **6** And_
_you(pl)_will_take_care and_you(pl)_will_observe_them
if/because it be_your_wisdom_of_will and_understanding_of_
_your(pl) to_the_eyes_of the_peoples which they_will_hear ~~DOM~~
all_of the_regulations the_these and_they_will_say certainly is_
_a_people wise and_understanding the_nation (the)_great
(the)_this. **7** If/because who is_a_nation great which to_him/it
a_god near to_him/it like_**YHWH** god_of_our in_all_of calling_
_our[383940] to_him/it. **8** And_who is_a_nation great which to_
_him/it regulations and_judgements righteous like_all_of the_
_law (the)_this which I am_setting before_you(pl) the_day.
9 Only take_heed to/for_yourself(m) and_guard self_of_your
exceedingly lest you_should_forget ~~DOM~~ the_things which eyes_
_of_your_own they_have_seen and_lest they_should_depart
from_heart_of_your(pl) all_of the_days_of your(pl)_life_of_your
and_you_will_make_them_known to_children_of_your and_to_
_the_children_of your(pl)_children_of_your. **10** The_day when
you_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_
_your at_Ḥorēv when_ **YHWH** _said to_me assemble to_me ~~DOM~~
the_people so_that_I_may_make_them_hear ~~DOM~~
words/messages_of_my that they_will_learn to_fear ~~DOM~~_me
all_of the_days which they will_be_alive on the_soil and_~~DOM~~
children_of_their they_will_teach. **11** And_you(pl)_drew_near
and_you(pl)_stood under the_mountain and_the_mountain
was_burning with_fire to the_heart_of the_heavens darkness
cloud and_thick_darkness. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to_
_you(pl) from_the_middle_of the_fire a_sound_of
words/messages you(pl) were_hearing and_a_form not_you(pl)
were_seeing except a_voice. **13** And_he_declared to/for_you(pl)
~~DOM~~ covenant_of_his which he_commanded you(pl) for_doing
the_ten_of the_words/messages and_he_wrote_them on two_of
tablets_of stone(s). **14** And_me **YHWH** he_commanded at_time
the_that to_teach you(pl) regulations and_judgements you_to_
_observe ~~DOM~~_them on_the_earth where you(pl) are_about_to_
_pass_over to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it.

15 And_you(pl)_will_take_heed exceedingly to_selves_of_
_your(pl) if/because not you(pl)_saw any_of form in/on_day
YHWH when_he_spoke to_you(pl) at_Ḥorēv from_the_middle_
_of the_fire. **16** Lest you(pl)_should_act_corruptly and_you(pl)_
_will_make to/for_you(pl) an_idol a_form_of any_of image a_
_likeness_of a_male or a_female. **17** A_likeness_of any_of animal
which on_the_earth a_likeness_of any_of bird_of wing which it_
_flies in_heavens. **18** A_likeness_of any_of creeping_thing on_
_ground a_likeness_of any_of fish which is_in_waters from_

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the land that you're about to enter and occupy. **6** Follow them faithfully because that will lead to wisdom such that people in other countries will notice that this great nation has wisdom and understanding. **7** What other great nation is there that has a god near to it like our god Yahweh is whenever we call out to him for help? **8** Also, what other nation has rules and regulations that are as sensible and fair as these instructions that I'm giving to you all today?

9 "But each of you must take care to guard yourself and your values in case you forget that you've seen and those past miracles slip from your minds over the years to come. Yes, make sure that you teach them to your children and your grand-children, **10** including the day when you stood in our god Yahweh's presence at Mt. Sinay (Horev) when he told me, 'Assemble the people for me, and I'll make it so they can hear my words, so they'll learn to honour and respect for their entire lifetimes, and then teach it to their children.'

11 "So you all approached the mountain and stood at its base while it blazed with fire that went up into the atmosphere even though the mountain was covered with dark, gloomy clouds.[35] **12** Then Yahweh spoke to you from the middle of the flames—you heard the voice even though you couldn't see anyone, **13** and he revealed to you the agreement that he demands you keep: the ten commands that he wrote onto two stone tablets.[36] **14** At that time, Yahweh told me to teach you all the instructions and regulations[37] so you'd be able to put them into practice in the land that you're about to enter and occupy.

Warnings about false gods

15 Now remembering that you didn't see any form at Mt. Sinay (Horev) when Yahweh spoke to you all from the middle of the fire, **16** so don't corrupt yourselves by making an idol to be your god—don't make anything in the likeness of a man or a woman,[41] **17** or of any animal that's on the earth or bird that flies in the sky,[42] **18** or any reptile that creeps along the ground or any fish from the deep oceans. **19** Don't look up to the sky and be tempted to bow down

35 **RV 4:11-12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:16-18; Heb 12:18-19.

36 **RV 4:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 31:18; 34:28; Deu 9:10.

37 **RV 4:14 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:1.

38 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

39 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

40 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

41 **RV 4:16 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:4; Lev 26:1; Deu 5:8; 27:15.

42 **RV 4:17-18a · Cross-ref.** Rom 1:23.

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to the sun or the moon or the stars and serve them—your god Yahweh made them to serve every people group in the world. **20** Yahweh has brought you all out of the iron-smelting furnace of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to be a people that would belong to him (as you are today),[43] **21** but then Yahweh got angry at me because of your parents and determined that I would never enter the land that he's giving to all of you.[44] **22** Instead, I'll die here in this place. I won't cross the Yarden (Jordan) river, but you will, and then you'll all take possession of that good land. **23** Take great care that you all don't forget the agreement with your god Yahweh. Don't make any idols for yourselves in the form of anything that your god Yahweh has ordered you all not to, **24** because your god Yahweh is a consuming fire[45]—he's a god who gets jealous.

25 Even after you've had children and grandchildren and then grown old in the land, don't make an idol in the form of anything, and don't be corrupt or do evil things that your god Yahweh dislikes and so which will make him angry. **26** If you do, I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you all today, that you'd die over there in the land that you're crossing the river to possess. You wouldn't live there very long, but instead would end up getting destroyed. **27** Then Yahweh would scatter the remainder among the nations where you'd remain as a small minority.[46] **28** There you would be forced to worship gods that humans have made out of wood or stone and which can't see, hear, smell, or eat. **29** From there you'll search for your god Yahweh, and you'll find him when you search for him with determination and total sincerity.[47] **30** It's in the future when you end up in distress there that you'll return to your god Yahweh and listen to what he tells you, **31** because your god Yahweh is a merciful god. He won't abandon you or destroy you, and he won't forget what he promised to your ancestors.

32 Now, please, consider past times before you were alive, i.e., from when God first created people here on the earth. You could search all through human history and you wouldn't find anything else as incredible as what Yahweh has done for your ancestors. **33** Has any other people group heard God talking from the middle of a fire like you have, and then lived to tell about it? **34** Or is their any other nation that God has attempted to take out from the middle of another nation, using miracles and war, and power and terrifying actions, like your god Yahweh did for you all when you were in Mitsrayim (Egypt)? **35** You were shown all that so you'd know that Yahweh is the one and only god.[48] **36** He allowed you to hear his voice from the skies to instruct

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_under to_earth. **19** And_lest you_should_lift_up eyes_of_your to_the_heavens and_you_will_see ÐOM the_sun and_ÐOM the_ _moon and_ÐOM the_stars all_of the_soldier/messenger_of the_ _heavens and_you_will_be_drawn_aside and_you_will_bow_ _down to/for_them and_you_will_serve_them which **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_assigned ÐOM_them to_all/each/any/every the_peoples under all_of the_heavens. **20** And_you(pl) **YHWH** he_took and_he_brought_out you(pl) from_the_furnace_of (the)_iron from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_be to_him/it (into)_a_ _people_of inheritance as_day (the)_this. **21** And_**YHWH** he_ _was_angry with_me[49] on words/messages_of_your(pl) and_he_ _swore to_not I_to_pass_over ÐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_to_ _not to_go into the_earth/land (the)_good which **YHWH** god_ _of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance. **22** If/because I am_about_to_die on_the_earth (the)_this not_I am_about_to_pass_over ÐOM the_Yardēn and_you(pl) are_ _about_to_pass_over and_you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ÐOM the_earth/land (the)_good (the)_this. **23** Take_heed to/for_ _you(pl) lest you(pl)_should_forget ÐOM the_covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) which he_has_made with_you(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_make to/for_you(pl) an_image a_form_of anything which he_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_your. **24** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your is_a_fire consuming he a_god jealous. **25** If/because you_will_father children and_the_sons children and_you(pl)_will_grow_old on_the_earth and_you(pl)_ _will_act_corruptly and_you(pl)_will_make an_image a_form_of anything and_you(pl)_will_do the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_provoke_him_to_anger. **26** I_call_as_ _witnesses against_you(pl) the_day ÐOM the_heavens and_ÐOM the_earth/land if/because_that certainly_(perish) you(pl)_will_ _perish quickly from_under the_earth/land where you(pl) are_ _about_to_pass_over ÐOM the_Yardēn to_(to) to_take_ _possession_of_it not you(pl)_will_prolong days on/upon_it(f) if/because utterly_(destroyed) you(pl)_will_be_destroyed. **27** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_scatter you(pl) among_peoples and_ _you(pl)_will_be_left men_of number among_nations where **YHWH** he_will_drive_away you(pl) to_(to). **28** And_you(pl)_will_ _serve there gods the_work_of the_hands_of humankind wood and_stone which not they_see and_not they_hear and_not they_eat and_not they_smell. **29** And_you(pl)_will_seek from_ _there ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_find_him if/because you_will_seek_him in_all heart_of_your and_ _on/over_all being_of_your. **30** In_distress to/for_yourself(m) and_they_will_come_upon_you all_of the_things the_these in_ _end/latter the_days and_you_will_return to **YHWH** god_of_ _your and_you_will_listen to_voice_of_his. **31** If/because is_a_ _god compassionate **YHWH** god_of_your not he_will_abandon_ _you and_not he_will_destroy_you and_not he_will_forget ÐOM the_covenant_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your which he_swore

43 **RV 4:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5; Deu 7:6; 14:2; 26:18; Tit 2:14; 1Pe 2:9.

44 **RV 4:21 · Cross-ref.** Num 20:12.

45 **RV 4:24 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:29.

46 **RV 4:27-28 · Cross-ref.** Deu 28:36.

47 **RV 4:29 · Cross-ref.** Jer 29:13.

48 **RV 4:35 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 12:32.

49 **LV 4:21 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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to/for_them. **32** If/because ask please to_days former which they_were to_your_face (to)_from the_day when god he_ _created humankind on the_earth/land and_(to)_from_the_ _end_of the_heavens and_unto the_end_of the_heavens has_it_ _happened like_thing (the)_great the_this or has_it_been_heard like_it. **33** Has_ a_people _it_heard the_voice_of a_god speaking from_the_middle_of the_fire just_as you you_have_heard and_ _has_it_lived. **34** Or has_ a_god _it_attempted to_come to_ _take/accept/receive to_him/it a_nation from_the_midst_of a_ _nation by_trials by_signs and_by_wonders and_by_battle and_ _by_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched and_by_ _terrors great like_all that he_did to/for_you(pl) **YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_eyes_of_your. **35** You you_ _were_shown to_know if/because_that **YHWH** he the_'Elohīm there_is_not still_more (from)_besides_alone_of_him.[50] **36** From the_heavens he_caused_you_to_hear ĐǪM voice_of_his to_ _discipline_you and_on the_earth/land he_showed_you ĐǪM fire_of_his (the)_great and_words/messages_of_his you_heard from_the_middle_of the_fire. **37** And_because if/because he_ _loved ĐǪM ancestors_of_your and_he_chose (in)_offspring_of_ _his after_him and_he_brought_you_out by_his_own_of_ _presence by_power_of_his the_big/great(sg) from_Mitsrayim. **38** To_dispossess nations great and_mighty more_than_you from_before_of_you to_bring_you_in to_give to/for_yourself(m) ĐǪM land_of_their an_inheritance as_day (the)_this. **39** And_ _you_will_know the_day and_you_will_bring_back to heart_of_ _your if/because_that **YHWH** he the_'Elohīm in_heavens (from)_above and_on the_earth/land (from)_beneath there_is_ _not still_more. **40** And_you_will_keep ĐǪM regulations_of_his and_ĐǪM commands_of_his which I am_commanding_of_you the_day that it_will_go_well to/for_yourself(m) and_for_ _children_of_your after_you and_so_that you_may_prolong days on the_land[515253] which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_ _give to/for_yourself(m) all_of the_days.

41 Then Mosheh he_set_apart three cities on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) rising_of_towards_the the_sun. **42** To_flee to_(to) a_killer who he_will_kill ĐǪM his/its_neighbour with_ _not_of knowledge and_he not was_hating to_him/it from_ _yesterday the_third_day and_he_will_flee to one of the_cities (the)_these and_he_will_live. **43** ĐǪM Betser in_wilderness in_ _land of_the_plain for_Rə'ūvēnite[s][55] and_ĐǪM Rā'mōt in_ _Gil'ād for_Gādī[s] and_ĐǪM Gōlān in_Bāshān for_Manassite[s].

44 And_this is_the_law which Mosheh he_set to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **45** These are_the_testimonies and_the_regulations and_the_judgements which Mosheh he_spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_they_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **46** On_the_ _other_side_of the_Yardēn in_valley opposite_to Bēyt Pə'ōr in_ _land of_Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_'Amorī who was_dwelling in_

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you, and on earth you heard his words from the incredible fire that he showed you. **37** Because he loved your ancestors, he chose their descendants as his people and used his power and strength to lead you out of Mitsrayim **38** and then to drive out nations ahead of you that were greater and more powerful than you—bringing you here today so that you could occupy their land as your inheritance. **39** So today you should acknowledge that Yahweh is god of the heavens above and the earth below, and there's no other god. **40** Follow his instructions and obey his regulations that I'm giving you today so that everything will go well for you and your descendants, and so that you'll live a long time in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you as a permanent possession."

The refuge cities

41 Then Mosheh (Moses) selected three cities on that eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan)[54] **42** so that anyone who accidentally killed another person could flee to one of those cities and be safe: **43** Betser in the wilderness for the tribe of Re'uven, Ramot in Gilead for the tribe of Gad, and Golan in the Bashan region for the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh).

Giving the instructions

44 These are the instructions that Mosheh (Moses) gave to the Israelis, **45** including all the instructions, rules, and regulations that Mosheh had told them when they left Mitsrayim (Egypt), **46** when they were in the valley east of the Yarden (Jordan) River. They were across from the town of Beyt-Pe'or, in the land that the Amori

50 **LV 4:35 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

51 **LV 4:40 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

52 **LV 4:40 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

53 **LV 4:40 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

54 **RV 4:41-43 · Cross-ref.** Josh 20:8-9.

55 **LV 4:43 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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King Sihon (who lived in Heshbon city) had ruled. (Mosheh and the other Israelis had defeated them when they came out of Mitsrayim.) **47** They had taken possession of his land, as well as the land of Bashan's King Og—the two Amori kings from the eastern side of the Yarden— **48** from Aroer city in the south along the edge of the Arnon valley, and as far north as Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) (normally called Mt. Hermon) **49** and the entire plain east of the Yarden River, extending to the Sea of the Aravah (the Dead/Salt sea) and east to the slopes of Mt. Pisgah.

5:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) summoned all **The ten rules**[56]
Yisrael (Israel) and told them, "Yisrael, listen to the instructions and the regulations that I will speak in your ears today, and then you must learn them and be careful to follow them. **2** Our god Yahweh made an agreement with us at Horev. **3** He didn't make that agreement with our ancestors, but with us ourselves—those of us here today, i.e., with *living* people. **4** Yahweh spoke to you from the middle of the fire—face to face with you all on that mountain. **5** Well, it was me who stood between all of you and Yahweh at that time, to reveal Yahweh's message to you, because you were afraid to approach the fire, and you all didn't go up the mountain. Yahweh said:

6 'I am your god Yahweh who brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)—from the slave-house there.

7 Don't have any other god, other than me.

8 Don't carve any figure for yourself that looks like anything in the sky or on the ground, or in the water below the ground.[57]
9 Don't bow down to them or serve them, because I, your god

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_Ḥeshbōn whom Mosheh and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_
_defeated when_they_came_out from_Mitsrayim. **47** And_they_
_took_possession_of ðøm land_of_his and_ðøm the_land_of ʿŌg
the_king_of (the)_Bāshān the_two_of the_kings_of the_'Amorī
who were_on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn the_rising_of the_
_sun. **48** From_ʿArōʿēr which is_on the_edge_of the_wadi_of
'Arnōn and_unto the_mountain_of Siy'on that is_Ḥermōn.
49 And_all the_ʿArāvʿāh the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan)
eastwards_on and_unto the_sea_of the_ʿArāvʿāh under the_
_slopes_of (the)_Piṣgāh.

5:1 And_ Mosheh _he/it_called (to) all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_
_he/it_said to_them hear Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ðøm the_
_regulations and_ðøm the_judgements which I am_speaking in_
_ears_of_your(pl) the_day and_you(pl)_will_learn ðøm_them
and_you(pl)_will_take_care to_observe_them. **2** **YHWH** god_of_
_our he_made with_us a_covenant at_Ḥorēvʿ. **3** Not with
ancestors_of_our **YHWH** he_made ðøm the_covenant (the)_this
if/because with_us we these here the_day of_us_of_all alive.
4 Face on_face **YHWH** he_spoke with_you(pl) at_mountain
from_the_middle_of the_fire. **5** I was_standing between **YHWH**
and_between_you(pl) at_time the_that to_announce to/for_
_you(pl) ðøm the_message_of **YHWH** if/because you(pl)_were_
_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_fire and_not you(pl)_went_
_up on_mountain to_say. **6** I am_**YHWH** god_of_your who I_
_brought_you_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_
_house_of[64] slaves[65]. **7** Not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m)[66]
gods[67] other[68] on face_of_my[69]. **8** Not you_must_make to/for_
_yourself(m)[70] an_image_of[71] any_of form[72] which[73] is_in_
_heavens[74] (from)_above[75] and_which[76] on_the_earth[77] (from)_
_beneath[78] and_which is_in_waters[79] from_under[80] to_earth[81].

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56 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** Exo. 20:1-17

57 **RV 5:8-9 · Cross-ref.** Lev 26:1; Deu 4:15-18; 27:15.

64 **LV 5:6 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֵּיבֵ/מ: (x-accent)תֵּיבֵ/מ

65 **LV 5:6 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סֵּידָבֵע: (x-accent)סֵּידָבֵע

66 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/לְ הֶיְהִי־אַלׇ׃ךָ/לְ־הֶיְהִי־אַלׇ(x-accent)

67 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סִּיהֳלֵּא: (x-accent)סִּיהֳלֵּא

68 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סִּירֵחֲא: (x-accent)סִּירֵחֲא

69 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יֻּנָּפ׃ (x-accent)יֻּנָּפ

70 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/לְ הֶשֲׂעַת־אַלׇ׃ךָ/לְ־הֶשֲׂעַת אַלׇ(x-accent)

71 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לֶּסֶּפ: (x-accent)לֶּסֶּפ

72 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָּנוּמְּת: (x-accent)הָּנוּמְּת

73 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: רֶּשֲׁא: (x-accent)רֶּשֲׁא

74 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סַּיַמָּשַׁ/ב: (x-accent)סַּיַמָּשַׁ/ב

75 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לַּעַמ/מ: (x-accent)לַּעַמ/מ

76 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: רֶּשֲׁא/ו: (x-accent)רֶּשֲׁא/ו

77 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ץֶּרָאָ/ב: (x-accent)ץֶּרָאָ/ב

78 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תַּחָּת/מ: (x-accent)תַּחָּת/מ

79 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סַּיַמ/ב: (x-accent)סַּיַמ/ב

80 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תַּחַת/מ: (x-accent)תַּחַת/מ

81 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ץֶּרָאָ/ל: (x-accent)ץֶּרָאָ/ל

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9 Not you_must_bow_down[82] to/for_them[83] and_not you_must_
_be_enticed_to_serve_them[84] if/because I **YHWH** god_of_your
am_a_god jealous who_visits the_iniquity_of fathers on
children and_on a_third_generation and_on a_fourth_
_generation of_those_of_who_hate_me[85]. **10** And_who_does[86]
covenant_loyalty[87] to_thousands[88] of_those_of_who_love_me
and_of_those_who_keep_of mmm[89]. **11** Not you_must_take ~~DOM~~
the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_your for_emptiness if/because not
YHWH he_will_leave_unpunished ~~DOM~~ one_who he_will_take
~~DOM~~ his/its_name for_emptiness. **12** Keep[90] ~~DOM~~ the_day_of[91]
of_the_sabbath[92939495] to_set_it_apart_as_holy[96] just_as he_
_commanded_you[97] **YHWH**[98] god_of_your[99].[100] **13** Six_of[101]
days[102] you_will_labour[103] and_you_will_do[104] all_of[105] work_
_of_your[106]. **14** And_the_day_of the_seventh[107] is_a_sabbath[108]
to/for_**YHWH**[109] god_of_your[110] not you_must_do any_of work
you and_son_of_your and_daughter_of_your and_your_male_
_of_servant and_your_female_of_servant and_ox_of_your and_
_donkey_of_your and_all livestock_of_your and_sojourner_of_
_your who is_in_gates_of_your so_that servant_of_your_male
and_your_female_of_servant he_may_rest like_you[111]. **15** And_

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Yahweh, am a jealous god. I'll punish the descendants of those who hate me, even for three or four generations,[58] **10** but showing loyal commitment to thousands of generations of those who love me and obey my instructions.

11 Don't use the name of your god Yahweh idly, because I won't fail to punish people who do that.

12 Observe the Rest Day on Saturday to sanctify it, as your god Yahweh commanded you.[59] **13** There's six days for labouring and doing all your work, **14** but the seventh day is a rest day dedicated to your god Yahweh. Don't do any work on that day: not you or your children or your slaves, or using any of your cattle, nor any foreigner living with you—your slaves can rest like you. **15** Remember that you were a slave in Mitsrayim (Egypt), and that your god Yahweh took action and used my power to take you out of there. Therefore your god Yahweh commands you to keep the Rest Day.

16 Honour your father and mother as your god Yahweh has commanded you,[60] so that you'll have a long life and so that ev-

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58 **RV 5:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:6-7; Num 14:18; Deu 7:9-10.

59 **RV 5:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 16:23-30; 31:12-14.

60 **RV 5:16 · Cross-ref.** Deu 27:16; Mat 15:4; 19:19; Mrk 7:10; 10:19; Luk 18:20; Eph 6:2.

82 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֲוַחַתְּשֶׁת: (x-accent)הֲוַחַתְּשֶׁת

83 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶּם/הָל: (x-accent)הֶּם/הָל

84 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ם/דְבָעַת: (x-accent)ם/דְבָעַת

85 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: י/אְנֹשׂ/ל: (x-accent)י/אְנֹשׂ/ל

86 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֲשָׂע/ו: (x-accent)הֲשָׂע/ו

87 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: דֶּסֶח: (x-accent)דֶּסֶח

88 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ם/יִפְלָא/ל: (x-accent)ם/יִפְלָא/ל

89 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תוצמ: (x-qere) י/תֹוצְמ: lemma_4687 n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp1cs id_05rMa י/תֹוצְמ

90 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: רֹמָשׁ: (x-accent)רֹמָשׁ

91 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סוי: (x-accent)סוי

92 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ה/תָּבַשׁ: (x-accent)ה/תָּבַשׁ

93 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

94 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

95 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

96 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ו/שְׁדַק/ל: (x-accent)ו/שְׁדַק/ל

97 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/וִצ: (x-accent)ךָ/וִצ

98 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָוהְי: (x-accent)הָוהְי

99 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/יהֱלֹא: (x-accent)ךָ/יהֱלֹא

100 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

101 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֵּשֵׁשׁ: (x-accent)תֵּשֵׁשׁ

102 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יִמְי: (x-accent)יִמְי

103 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תַּבְעַת: (x-accent)תַּבְעַת

104 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תַשָׂע/ו: (x-accent)תַשָׂע/ו

105 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לָכּ: (x-accent)לָכּ

106 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/תְכאַלְמ: (x-accent)ךָ/תְכאַלְמ

107 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יִעיבְשׁ/ה: (x-accent)יִעיבְשׁ/ה

108 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: וְתָּבַשׁ: (x-accent)וְתָּבַשׁ

109 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָוהי/ל: (x-accent)הָוהי/ל

110 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/יהֱלֹא: (x-accent)ךָ/יהֱלֹא

111 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/וֹמָכ: (x-accent)ךָ/וֹמָכ

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erything will go well in the country that your god Yahweh is giving you.[61]

17 Don't murder anyone.

18 Don't commit adultery.

19 Don't steal anything.

20 Don't tell lies in court about anyone.

21 Don't covet your neighbour's spouse, or their house or land, or their slaves or livestock, or anything else that they own.'[62]

22 Yahweh spoke those words in a booming voice from the middle of the fire, the cloud, and the gloom, to all your assembly on the mountain.[63] That was all he said, and he wrote those instructions on two stone tablets and gave them to me.

23 Then when you heard the voice coming out from the darkness and the mountain was blazing with fire, then all the heads of your tribes and the elders approached me **24** and said, "Listen, our god Yahweh demonstrated his greatness and power when we heard him speak from the fire. Today, we've realised that God talks to people, and that they can stay

The people's fear[132]

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_you_will_remember[112] if/because_that a_slave[113] you_were[114] in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt)[115] and_he_brought_you_out[116] **YHWH**[117] god_of_your[118] from_there[119] by_a_hand[120] strong[121] and_by_an_arm outstretched[122] therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_has_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_your for_doing ᴅᴏᴍ the_day_of the_sabbath.[123][124][125] **16** Honour ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_your and_ᴅᴏᴍ mother_of_your just_as he_has_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_your so_that they_may_be_long days_of_your and_so_that it_may_go_well to/for_you(fs) on the_soil which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). **17** Not[126] you_must_murder[127]. **18** And_not[128] you_must_commit_ _adultery[129]. **19** And_not[130] you_must_steal[131]. **20** And_not you_ _must_testify against_neighbour_of_your transcript_of worthlessness. **21** And_not you_must_covet the_wife_of your_ _neighbour_of_your and_not you_must_desire the_house_of your_neighbour_of_your field_of_his and_his_male_of_servant and_his_female_of_servant ox_of_his and_donkey_of_his and_ _all/each/any/every that belongs_to_neighbour_of_your. **22** ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages the_these **YHWH** he_spoke to all_ _of assembly_of_your(pl) at_mountain from_the_middle_of the_ _fire the_cloud and_the_thick_darkness a_voice great and_not he_added and_he_wrote_them on two_of tablets_of stone(s) and_he_gave_them to_me.

23 And_he/it_was just_as_you(pl)_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_voice from_ _the_middle_of the_darkness and_the_mountain was_burning with_fire and_you(pl)_drew_near to_me all_of the_chiefs_of your(pl)_tribes_of_your(pl) and_your_of_elders. **24** And_ _you(pl)_said HERE he_has_shown_us **YHWH** god_of_our ᴅᴏᴍ glory_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ greatness_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ voice_of_his we_have_heard from_the_middle_of the_fire the_day the_this

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61 RV 5:16 · Cross-ref. Eph 6:3.

62 RV 5:21 · Cross-ref. Rom 7:7; 13:9.

63 RV 5:22-27 · Cross-ref. Heb 12:18-19.

112 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: תִּרְצָ֫ו֥/תִּרְצָ֫ו֥(x-accent)

113 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: עֶ֫בֶד(x-accent)

114 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: הָיִ֫יתָ(x-accent)

115 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: מִצְרַ֫יִם(x-accent)

116 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: הוֹצִיאֲ֫ךָ/הוֹצִיאֲ֫ךָ(x-accent)

117 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: יְהוָ֫ה(x-accent)

118 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: אֱלֹהֶ֫יךָ/אֱלֹהֶ֫יךָ(x-accent)

119 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: מִשָּׁ֫ם/מִשָּׁ֫ם(x-accent)

120 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: בְּיָ֫ד/בְּיָ֫ד(x-accent)

121 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: חֲזָקָ֫ה(x-accent)

122 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: נְטוּיָ֫ה(x-accent)

123 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

124 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

125 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

126 LV 5:17 · Note OSHB alternative note: אֹ֫ל(x-accent)

127 LV 5:17 · Note OSHB alternative note: חָצְרֹ֫ת(x-accent)

128 LV 5:18 · Note OSHB alternative note: אֹ֫ל/אֹ֫ל(x-accent)

129 LV 5:18 · Note OSHB alternative note: תְּאַוֶּ֫ה(x-accent)

130 LV 5:19 · Note OSHB alternative note: אֹ֫ל/אֹ֫ל(x-accent)

131 LV 5:19 · Note OSHB alternative note: בִּנְגֹ֫ת(x-accent)

132 RV 5:23 · Parallel Exo. 20:18-21

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we_have_seen if/because_that god he_speaks with the_
_humankind and_he_will_live. **25** And_now to/for_what will_
_we_die if/because it_will_consume_us the_fire the_
_big/large/great(fs) (the)_this if are_repeating we to_hear ĐOM
the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_our again and_we_will_die.
26 If/because who is_all_of flesh who he_has_heard the_voice_
_of god living speaking from_the_middle_of the_fire like_us
and_he_has_lived. **27** You draw_near and_hear ĐOM all_of that
YHWH god_of_our he_will_say and_you you_will_speak to_us
ĐOM all_of that **YHWH** god_of_our he_will_speak to_you and_
_we_will_listen and_we_will_do_it. **28** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_
_listened ĐOM the_sound_of your(pl)_words/messages_of_
_your(pl) when_spoke_you(pl) to_me and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said
to_me I_have_heard ĐOM the_sound_of the_words/messages_of
the_people the_this which they_spoke to_you they_have_done_
_well all_of that they_have_spoken. **29** Who will_he_give and_
heart_of_their this _it_was to/for_them to_fear ĐOM_me and_
_to_keep ĐOM all_of commands_of_my all_of the_days so_that
it_may_go_well to/for_them and_for_children_of_their to_
_vanishing_point. **30** Go say to/for_them return to/for_you(pl)
to_tents_of_your(pl). **31** And_you(ms) here stand with_me so_
_that_I_may_speak to_you ĐOM all_of the_command and_the_
_regulations and_the_judgements which you_will_teach_them
and_they_will_observe_them in/on_the_earth which I am_
_about_to_give to/for_them to_take_possession_of_it. **32** And_
_you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing just_as **YHWH** god_of_
_your(pl) he_has_commanded you(pl) not you(pl)_must_turn_
_aside right_hand and_left_hand. **33** In_all the_way which
YHWH god_of_your(pl) he_has_commanded you(pl) you(pl)_
_will_walk so_that you(pl)_may_live and_good to/for_you(pl)
and_you(pl)_will_prolong days on_the_earth which you(pl)_
_will_take_possession_of.

6:1 And_this is_the_command the_regulations and_the_
_judgements which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_has_
_commanded to_teach you(pl) for_doing on_the_earth where
you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over to_(to) to_take_possession_of_
_it. **2** So_that you_may_fear ĐOM **YHWH** god_of_your to_
_guard/protect ĐOM all_of regulations_of_his and_commands_
_of_his which I am_commanding_of_you you and_child_of_your
and_the_child_of your_child_of_your all_of the_days_of
your(pl)_life_of_your and_so_that they_may_grow_long days_
_of_your. **3** And_you_will_hear Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_
_will_take_care for_doing that it_will_go_well to/for_
_yourself(m) and_which you(pl)_will_increase exceedingly just_
_as **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your he_spoke
to/for_you(fs) a_land flowing_of milk and_honey. **4** Wwww[136]
Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) **YHWH** god_of_our **YHWH** wwww.[137] **5** And_
_you_will_love ĐOM **YHWH** god_of_your in_all heart_of_your
and_on/over_all being_of_your and_on/over_all strength_of_
_your. **6** And_they_will_be the_words/messages the_these

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alive. **25** However, we're still afraid that we'll die—getting burnt up in that intense fire if we continue hearing our god Yahweh's voice, **26** because when has anybody else ever heard the voice of the living god speak to them from the middle of a blazing fire and they still lived? **27** You Mosheh (Moses), go and listen to everything that our god Yahweh says, and tell us everything that he tells you, and we'll listen to that and obey it."

28 Yahweh heard you all say that to me, and told me, 'I've heard what they said to you and it's a good idea. **29** If only they were sincere in saying that they'd honour me and always follow all my instructions so that everything would go well for them and their descendants forever. **30** Go and tell them to return to their tents, **31** but then come back up here and I'll give you all the instructions and rules and regulations for you to teach them, so they can follow them in the land that I'm giving them to take possession of.'

32 Make sure that you do everything that your god Yahweh has commanded—don't deviate from any of them. **33** Follow all the instructions from your god Yahweh, and then you'll all live and things will go well and you'll all be able to occupy that land for a long time.

Always honour Yahweh

6:1 These are the instructions and rules and regulations that your god Yahweh ordered me to teach you all, to do in the land that you're about to enter and occupy. **2** He wants you all to honour him, to follow all his instructions, and to keep his rules that I'm teaching you and your descendants so that your time on the land will be prolonged. **3** So, listen Yisrael (Israel) and follow carefully so that it will go well for you and that you'll increase in population in that very fertile land as your ancestors' god, Yahweh, promised.

4 Listen Yisrael: Yahweh alone is our god[133] **5** and you should love your god Yahweh with your whole mind, your entire being, and all your strength.[134] **6** Always be considering these instructions that I'm giving you today,[135] **7** and diligently teach them to your children, and talk about them when you're sitting at home and when you're out walking, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** Your hands should always be applying them and your

133 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 12:29.

134 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Mat 22:37; Mrk 12:30; Luk 10:27.

135 **RV 6:6-9 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:18-20.

136 **LV 6:4 · Note** OSHB note: Large letter(s). Shown as large letters without a superscript note number.

137 **LV 6:4 · Note** OSHB note: Large letter(s). Shown as large letters without a superscript note number.

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minds should always be evaluating them. **9** Carve them onto your doorposts at home, and on your city gates.

Warnings against disobeying

10 Your god Yahweh promised your ancestors Avraham,[138] Yitshak (Isaac),[139] and Ya'akov (Jacob),[140] that he'd give you large, prosperous cities that you didn't have to build, **11** houses full of every good thing that you didn't have to collect, wells that you didn't have to dig, and vineyards and olive groves that you didn't have to plant. You'll be able to eat and be satisfied, **12** but be sure to never forget that it was Yahweh who rescued you from slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **13** You must honour your god Yahweh and only serve him[141] and only make promises using his name. **14** Don't go trying to follow other gods—the gods of the surrounding countries— **15** because your god Yahweh who lives among you is a jealous god. You wouldn't want him to get angry with you and totally destroy you.

16 Don't test the patience of your god Yahweh[142] again like you all did over water at Masah.[143] **17** Be sure to follow all his instructions and rules and regulations that he's given you. **18** Do what Yahweh says is right and good so that things will go well for you and you'll be able to enter the good land that he promised to your ancestors and take possession of it— **19** driving out all your enemies from that land just as Yahweh has said.

20 In the future when your children ask you, 'Why did our god Yahweh our god command us to obey all these rules and decrees?' **21** then you can tell them, 'We were Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) slaves in Mitsrayim (Egypt), but Yahweh used his incredible power to get us out of there. **22** He did many kinds of miracles that devastated that Mitsri (Egyptian) king and his whole household, **23** then he took us out of there, so he could bring us here to give us the land that he'd promised to our ancestors. **24** Yahweh ordered us to follow all these instructions to demonstrate that we honour him so that things will go well for us and he'll protect our nation as he's doing now. **25** Our god Yahweh will declare us to be innocent of wrong if we obey everything that he's instructed us.'

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which I am_commanding_of_you the_day on heart_of_your.
7 And_you_will_repeat_them to_children_of_your and_you_
_will_speak in_them when_sit_you in_house_of_your and_
_when_walk_you on_road and_when_you_lie_down and_when_
_you_rise_up. **8** And_you_will_tie_them for_a_sign on hand_of_
_your and_they_will_be for_marks between eyes_of_your.
9 And_you_will_write_them on the_doorposts_of your_house_
_of_your and_on_gates_of_your.

10 And_it_was if/because he_will_bring_you **YHWH** god_of_
_your into the_earth/land which he_swore to_ancestors_of_
your to'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob)
to_give to/for_you(fs) cities large and_good which not you_
_built. **11** And_houses full every_of good_thing which not you_
_filled and_wells dug_out which not you_dug vineyards and_
_olive_trees which not you_planted and_you(ms)_will_eat and_
_you_will_be_satisfied. **12** Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest
you_should_forget ÐOM **YHWH** who he_brought_you_out from_
_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_house_of slaves. **13** ÐOM
YHWH god_of_your you_will_fear and_him you_will_serve and_
_in_name_of_his you_will_swear_oaths. **14** Not you(pl)_will_
_walk after gods other any_of_the_gods_of the_peoples which
are_around_of_you(pl). **15** If/because is_a_god jealous **YHWH**
god_of_your in_midst_of_your lest the_anger of_**YHWH** god_of_
_your it_should_burn on/over_you(fs) and_he_will_destroy_you
from_under the_surface_of the_soil. **16** Not you(pl)_will_put_to_
_the_test ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) just_as you(pl)_put_him_
_to_the_test at_Maṣṣāh. **17** Carefully_(keep) you(pl)_will_keep
ÐOM the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_
_testimonies_of_his and_regulations_of_his which he_has_
_commanded_you. **18** And_you_will_do the_right and_the_good
in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** so_that it_may_go_well to/for_
_you(fs) and_you_will_go and_you_will_take_possession_of ÐOM
the_earth/land (the)_good which **YHWH** he_swore to_
_ancestors_of_your. **19** To_drive_out ÐOM all_of enemies_of_your
from_before_of_you just_as **YHWH** he_has_spoken.
20 If/because he_will_ask_you child_of_your tomorrow to_say
what are_the_testimonies and_the_regulations and_the_
_judgements which **YHWH** god_of_our he_commanded you(pl).
21 And_you_will_say to_child_of_your slaves we_were of_Par'oh
in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_brought_us_out **YHWH** from_
_Mitsrayim by_a_hand strong. **22** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave signs
and_wonders great and_bad on_Mitsrayim on_Par'oh and_
_on/over_all household_of_his to_eyes_of_our. **23** And_us he_
_brought_out from_there so_as to_bring us to_give to/for_us
ÐOM the_earth/land which he_swore to_ancestors_of_our.
24 And_he_commanded_us **YHWH** for_doing ÐOM all_of the_
_regulations the_these to_fear ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_our for_good
to/for_us all_of the_days to_preserve_us_alive as_the_day
(the)_this. **25** And_righteousness it_will_belong to/for_
_ourselves if/because we_will_take_care for_doing ÐOM all_of

138 **RV 6:10 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:7.
139 **RV 6:10 · Cross-ref.** Gen 26:3.
140 **RV 6:10 · Cross-ref.** Gen 28:13.
141 **RV 6:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:10; Luk 4:8.
142 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:7; Luk 4:12.
143 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:1-7.

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the_command (the)_this to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_our just_as he_commanded_us.

7:1 If/because he_will_bring_you **YHWH** god_of_your into the_ _earth/land where you are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_ _possession_of_it and_he_will_clear_away nations many from_ _before_of_you the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_Girgāshiy[s] and_the_ _'Amorī[s] and_the_Kəna῾ₐnīte and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_ _Ḥiūī[s] and_the_Yəvˇūṣī/(Jebusite)[s] seven nations great and_ _mighty more_than_you. **2** And_he_will_deliver_them_up **YHWH** god_of_your to_your_face and_you_will_defeat_them certainly_(totally_destroy) you_will_totally_destroy ~~ḌǪM~~_them not you_will_make to/for_them a_covenant and_not you_will_ _show_favour_to_them. **3** And_not you_will_intermarry with_ _them daughter_of_your not you_will_give to_son_of_his and_ _daughter_of_his not you_will_take for_son_of_your. **4** If/because he_will_turn_aside ~~ḌǪM~~ son_of_your from_after_ _me and_they_will_serve gods other and_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_will_burn on_you(pl) and_he_will_destroy_you quickly. **5** If/because (if) thus you(pl)_will_do to/for_them altars_of_ _their you(pl)_will_pull_down and_their_sacred_of_pillars you(pl)_will_break_down and_their_'Ashērāh_poles you(pl)_ _will_cut_down and_images_of_their you(pl)_will_burn with_ _fire. **6** If/because are_a_people holy you to/for_**YHWH** god_of_ _your (in)_you he_has_chosen **YHWH** god_of_your to_be to_ _him/it (into)_a_people_of possession from_all the_peoples which are_on the_surface_of the_soil. **7** Not because_you_were_ _numerous from_all the_peoples **YHWH** he_loved (in)_you(pl) and_he_chose (in)_you(pl) if/because you(pl) were_the_few from_all the_peoples. **8** If/because from_the_love of_**YHWH** you(pl) and_because_kept_he[149][150][151] ~~ḌǪM~~ the_oath which he_ _swore to_ancestors_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_brought_out you(pl) by_a_hand strong and_he_redeemed_you from_a_ _house_of slaves from_the_hand_of Par῾oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** And_you_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** god_of_your he the_'Elohīm the_god (the)_faithful who_ _keeps the_covenant and_(the)_covenant_loyalty to_those_of_ _who_love_him and_to_those_who_keep_of (of)_his[152] to_a_ _thousand generation[s]. **10** And_who_repays to_those_of_who_ _hate_him to his/its_faces/face by_destroying_him not he_ _delays to_the_one_of_who_hates_him to his/its_faces/face he_ _repays to_him/it. **11** And_you_will_keep ~~ḌǪM~~ the_command and_~~ḌǪM~~ the_regulations and_~~ḌǪM~~ the_judgements which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day to_observe_them.

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Warning Yisrael's descendants[144]

7:1 When your god Yahweh brings you into the land which you're going to possess, he'll drive out many people groups ahead of you: the Hitim, Girgashim, Amorim, Kena'anim (Canaanites), Perizim, Hivim, and the Yevusim—seven societies that are more powerful than yourselves.[145] **2** When your god Yahweh enables you to defeat them, you must kill them all. You must make no agreement with them, and you must not act mercifully toward them. **3** Don't intermarry with them: don't allow your daughters to marry their sons, or your sons to marry any of their daughters **4** because they'd turn your sons away from me, and they'd end up serving other gods. Then Yahweh would become very angry with you all and would quickly destroy you. **5** What you all should do to those people is to break down their altars and smash their stone pillars, cut their Asherah poles to pieces, and burn up their idols.[146] **6** You must do that because you're a group of people who belong only to your god Yahweh. He's chosen you from all the people groups in the world to be his own special people.[147]

7 Yahweh loved you and chose you all, not because you were the most populous nation (in fact, you were the smallest of all the nations), **8** but because Yahweh loves you all and because he kept the promise that he'd made to your ancestors. Yahweh used his power to rescue you all from the slavery imposed by Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Par'oh (Pharaoh). **9** So remember that your god Yahweh is God—the faithful god who keeps agreements and displays loyal commitment toward a thousand generations of those who love him and obey what he's commanded.[148] **10** However, to those who hate him, he won't hesitate to pay them back with punishment and destruction. **11** So be sure to obey all the instructions, rules, and regulations that I'm giving you today.

144 **RV 7:1 · Parallel** Exo. 34:11-16

145 **RV 7:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:19.

146 **RV 7:5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 12:3.

147 **RV 7:6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5; Deu 4:20; 14:2; 26:18; Tit 2:14; 1Pe 2:9.

148 **RV 7:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:5-6; 34:6-7; Num 14:18; Deu 5:9-10.

149 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

150 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

151 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

152 **LV 7:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוצמ/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יִתֻּוצַּמ': lemma_4687 n_0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_05JW8 ו/יִתֻּוצַּמ

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Blessings for obedience[153]

12 If you pay attention to these instructions and always obey them, then your god Yahweh will keep the agreement that he promised to your ancestors and continue to display his loyal commitment to you,[154] **13** and he will love you and bless you. He'll grant you many children and make your farming productive, producing grain and grapes for wine, and olive oil. Your cattle and sheep and goats will multiply on the land that he promised your ancestors that he'd give you. **14** You'll be blessed more than any other people group. All of you will be able to have children, and all of your livestock will produce offspring. **15** Yahweh will keep sickness away from you. All those horrible diseases that your ancestors saw in Mitsrayim (Egypt) won't affect you, but instead he'll give them to those who hate you. **16** You must destroy all the peoples that your god Yahweh gives you victory over—don't allow yourselves to pity them, and don't serve their gods because that would end up trapping you.

17 Don't tell yourselves that because those groups have many more people than you, that you won't be able to drive them out. **18** You mustn't be afraid of them, but rather you should think back to what your god Yahweh did to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and to all Mitsrayim. **19** Remember the terrible deadly diseases that you saw, and the powerful miracles that your god Yahweh used to bring you out. That's what he'll do to the people groups that you're still afraid of now. **20** What's more, after that your god Yahweh will send hornets against any who are left or in hiding, until they're all destroyed. **21** Don't be afraid of those people, because your god Yahweh will be with you. He's a powerful god that people are in awe of. **22** He'll drive those people groups out bit by bit—don't try to destroy them all at once or else the wild animals would multiply up and cause problems. **23** Your god Yahweh will enable you to defeat those people groups and cause them to panic until they are destroyed. **24** He'll enable you to defeat their kings and their names will be forgotten from history. No one will be able to stand against you until you finally destroy them. **25** You must burn their idols in a fire—don't be tempted to take any gold or silver decorations off them in case you get trapped by it, because your god Yahweh hates every part of those idols. **26** Don't take any of those disgusting idols into your homes or you too might become a target for destruction. You should hate and detest them because they're destined for destruction.

Literal Version

12 And_it_was consequence_of you(pl)_will_hear ~~DOM~~ the_ _judgements the_these and_you(pl)_will_take_care and_ _you(pl)_will_observe ~~DOM~~_them and_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he_ _will_keep to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ the_covenant and_~~DOM~~ (the)_covenant_loyalty which he_swore to_ancestors_of_your. **13** And_he_will_love_you and_he_will_bless_you and_he_will_ _increase_you and_he_will_bless the_fruit_of your_womb_of_ _your and_the_fruit_of your_ground_of_your grain_of_your and_your_new_of_wine and_your_fresh_of_oil the_young_of your(pl)_cattle(s)_of_your and_the_young_ones your_flock_of_ _your on the_soil which he_swore to_ancestors_of_your to_give to/for_you(fs). **14** Blessed you_will_be from_all the_peoples not he_will_be in_you(ms) a_sterile_male and_a_barren_female and_among_livestock_of_your. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_remove from_you every_of sickness and_all the_diseases_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) (the)_harmful which you_experienced not he_will_put_them on/over_you(fs) and_he_will_set_them in_all those_of_who_hate_you. **16** And_you(ms)_will_eat ~~DOM~~ all_of the_peoples which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_deliver_up to/for_you(fs) not eye_of_your it_will_look_with_pity on_them and_not you_will_serve ~~DOM~~ gods_of_their if/because will_be_a_ _snare it to/for_you(fs). **17** If/because you_will_say in_heart_of_ _your are_great the_nations the_these more_than_I how will_I_ _be_able to_dispossess_them. **18** Not you_must_be_afraid from_ _them carefully_(remember) you_will_remember ~~DOM~~ that_ _which **YHWH** god_of_your he_did to_Par'oh and_to/for_all Mitsrayim. **19** The_trials (the)_great which eyes_of_your_own they_saw and_the_signs and_the_wonders and_the_hand (the)_ _strong and_the_arm (the)_outstretched which he_brought_ _you_out **YHWH** god_of_your thus **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_ _do to/from_all/each/any/every the_peoples which you are_ _afraid of_them. **20** And_also ~~DOM~~ the_hornet **YHWH** god_of_ _your he_will_send among_them until those_who_remain and_ _those_who_hide_themselves from_before_of_you perish. **21** Not you_must_be_terrified from_their_face/front if/because **YHWH** god_of_your is_in_midst_of_your a_god great and_ _awesome. **22** And_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he_will_clear_away ~~DOM~~ the_nations (the)_these from_before_of_you little little not you_will_be_able to_make_an_end_of_them quickly lest it_ _should_increase with_you the_animal[s]_of the_field. **23** And_ _he_will_deliver_them_up **YHWH** god_of_your to_your_face and_he_will_confuse_them confusion great until they_are_ _destroyed. **24** And_he/it_gave kings_of_their in_hand_of_your and_you_will_destroy ~~DOM~~ their_name from_under the_heavens not anyone he_will_stand in_face_of_your until you_have_ _destroyed ~~DOM~~_them. **25** The_images_of their_gods_of_their you(pl)_will_burn with_fire not you_will_covet silver and_gold on_them and_you_will_take_it to/for_you(fs) lest you_should_ _be_ensnared in/on/over_him/it if/because is_(the)_ _abomination_of **YHWH** god_of_your it. **26** And_not you_will_ _bring an_abomination into house_of_your and_you_will_be an_object_for_destruction like_it utterly_(detest) you_will_ _detest_it and_utterly_(abhor) you_will_abhor_it if/because is_ _an_object_for_destruction it.

153 **RV 7:12 · Parallel** Deu. 28:1-14

154 **RV 7:12-16 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:13-17.

Literal Version

8:1 All_of the_command which I am_commanding_of_you the_ _day you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing so_that you(pl)_may_live and_you(pl)_will_increase and_you(pl)_will_go and_you(pl)_ _will_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_ _swore to_ancestors_of_your(pl). **2** And_you_will_remember ~~DOM~~ all_of the_way which he_led_you **YHWH** god_of_your this forty year[s] in_wilderness so_as to_humble_you to_put_you_ _to_the_test to_know ~~DOM~~ that_which was_in_heart_of_your will_you_keep his[156] or not. **3** And_he_humbled_you and_he_ _allowed_you_to_hunger and_he_caused_you_to_eat ~~DOM~~[157][158][159] the_manna which not you_had_known and_not they_had_known ancestors_of_your so_as to_make_you_know if/because_that not on the_bread for_him/it_being_alone the_ _humankind he_lives if/because on every_of (the)_utterance_of the_mouth_of **YHWH** the_humankind he_lives. **4** Clothing_of_ _your not it_wore_out from_on_you and_foot_of_your not it_ _swelled this forty year[s]. **5** And_you_will_know with heart_of_ _your if/because_that just_as everyone he_disciplines ~~DOM~~ his/its_son **YHWH** god_of_your is_disciplining_of_you. **6** And_ _you_will_keep ~~DOM~~ the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_ _go in_ways_of_his and_by_fearing ~~DOM~~_him/it. **7** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_of_to_bring_you into a_land good a_land_of torrents_of water springs and_deeps which_go_forth in_valley and_on_mountain. **8** A_land_of wheat and_barley and_ _vine and_fig_tree and_pomegranate a_land_of olive_tree_of oil and_honey. **9** A_land which not in_scarcity you_will_eat in_it food not you_will_lack anything in_it a_land which stones_of_ _its are_iron and_from_hills_of_its you_will_dig copper. **10** And_ _you(ms)_will_eat and_you_will_be_satisfied and_you_will_bless ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your on the_earth/land (the)_good which he_has_given to/for_you(fs).

11 Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest you_should_forget ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your to_not to_keep commands_of_his and_ _judgements_of_his and_regulations_of_his which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day. **12** Lest you_should_eat and_ _you_will_be_satisfied and_houses good you_will_build and_ _you_will_dwell. **13** And_herd_of_your and_flock_of_your they_ _will_increase and_silver and_gold it_will_increase to_you and_ _all/each/any/every that to/for_yourself(m) it_will_increase. **14** And_ heart_of_your _it_will_be_lifted_up and_you_will_ _forget ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your who_brought_out_of_you from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_house_of slaves. **15** Who_led_of_you in_wilderness the_big/great(sg) and_(the)_ _awesome snake fiery and_scorpion and_thirsty_ground where there_was_not water who_brought_forth to/for_yourself(m) water from_the_rock_of (the)_flint. **16** Who_caused_you_of_to_ _eat manna in_wilderness which not they_had_known ancestors_of_your so_as to_humble_you and_so_as to_put_you_ _to_the_test to_do_good_to_you in_end_of_your. **17** And_you_ _will_say in_heart_of_your strength_of_my and_the_might_of

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The productive land to be possessed

8:1 You must consistently follow the instructions that I'm giving you today, so that you all can enter and occupy the land that Yahweh promised to your ancestors, and live there and multiply. **2** Remember the way that your god Yahweh led you these forty years in the wilderness in order to humble you—to test you to know whether or not you were sincere about obeying his instructions. **3** He humbled you by making you hungry and feeding you some stuff that neither you nor your ancestors had heard of, in order to teach you that people don't just need food, but can only properly live by following what Yahweh says.[155] **4** For the entire forty years, your clothes didn't wear out and your feet didn't swell up from walking in the desert. **5** Don't forget that your god Yahweh disciplines you, just like a human father disciplines his children. **6** So follow your god Yahweh's instructions. Live how he's told you, and always honour him **7** because he's bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and fountains, and springs both in the valleys and in the hills. **8** It's a land with wheat and barley, grapevines and fig trees, pomegranates and olive trees, and honey— **9** a land with plenty of food where you won't lack anything. There's iron in the rocks, and copper in the hills. **10** You'll eat and be full, and you'll thank your god Yahweh for the good land that he's given you.

Warnings against forgetting Yahweh

11 Be careful not to forget your god Yahweh[160] by failing to follow his instructions and rules and regulations that I'm telling you today. **12** Watch out when you eat and feel satisfied, and you've built good houses and are living in them, **13** and your herds and flocks have increased, and you've accumulated gold and silver, and everything you have has multiplied. **14** That's when it would be easy to become proud and forget your god Yahweh who brought you out of slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **15** He led you through that vast, treacherous wilderness—the home of poisonous snakes and scorpions, and desert land without water, then he made water flow out of solid rock. **16** He fed you stuff in the wilderness that your ancestors had never heard of, so that he could humble you yet eventually cause you to prosper **17** without thinking to yourselves that your wealth came from your own strength and ability. **18** Remember that it's your god Yahweh who gives you the strength to prosper, so that he can fulfill his agreement that he

155 **RV 8:3 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:4; Luk 4:4.

156 **LV 8:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוצמ/ו: (x-qere) יְתֹוְצִמ/ו': lemma_4687 n_0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_05Hxg יְתֹוְצִמ/ו

157 **LV 8:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

158 **LV 8:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

159 **LV 8:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

160 **RV 8:11-16 · Cross-ref.** Hos 13:5-6.

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promised to your ancestors, as he has until now. **19** However, if you end up forgetting about your god Yahweh and start following other gods and serving them and bowing down to them, I can assure you that you'll most definitely be destroyed. **20** If you don't listen to what your god Yahweh says, then you'll be destroyed just like the other people groups that he's destroyed ahead of you all.

The reason for destruction of the land's inhabitants

9:1 Listen Yisrael (Israel): Today you'll cross the Yarden (Jordan) river to drive out peoples that are larger and more powerful than yourselves and who are protected in large, fortified cities with high walls. **2** The people themselves are tall and strong. (Some of these are descendants of the Anakim, and you've heard people say that no one can defeat the Anakim.) **3** You need to be confident that your god Yahweh will go ahead of you like a raging fire—he'll destroy them and subdue them ahead of you, then you can drive them out and quickly eliminate them as Yahweh has told you to do.

4 After your god Yahweh has driven them out ahead of you, don't go saying that it was thanks to your own goodness and innocence, because it's because of the wickedness of those peoples that Yahweh is doing that. **5** Again, it's not because of your obedience or goodness that you're going in to occupy their land, but it's because of the wickedness of those peoples that your god Yahweh will drive them out in front of you, and so that he can fulfill what he promised to your ancestors Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob). **6** Actually, you're a very stubborn people, so be very clear: it's not because of your goodness and obedience that your god Yahweh is giving you this good land.

The gold calf idol

7 Never forget how you provoked your god Yahweh to get angry in the wilderness—you've been rebellious towards him the whole time from when you left Mitsrayim (Egypt) until your arrival here. **8** Even at Horev you made Yahweh angry, in fact he was angry enough to destroy you. **9** When I went up the mountain to receive the stone tablets containing Yahweh's agreement with you, I stayed up on the mountain for forty days and nights without eating or drinking.[162] **10** Then Yahweh gave me the two stone tablets that had been written by God's finger. They had the words spoken to you by Yahweh out

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my_hand_of_my it_has_acquired to_me ~~DOM~~ the_wealth (the)_ _this. **18** And_you_will_remember ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your if/because_that he is_the_one_who_gives to/for_yourself(m) strength for_doing wealth so_as to_carry_out ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_ _his which he_swore to_ancestors_of_your as_day (the)_this. **19** And_it_was if ever_(forget) you_will_forget ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_ _of_your and_you_will_walk after gods other and_you_will_ _serve_them and_you_will_bow_down to/for_them I_testify against_you(pl) the_day if/because_that certainly_(perish) you(pl)_will_perish. **20** Like_nations which **YHWH** is_about_to_ _destroy from_before_of_you(pl) so you(pl)_will_perish consequence_of not you(pl)_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl).

9:1 Hear Oh_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) you are_about_to_pass_over the_ _day ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to_go to_dispossess nations great and_mighty more_than_you cities large and_fortified in_ _heavens. **2** A_people great and_lofty the_descendants_of the_ _ʿAnāqī whom you you_know and_you(ms) you_have_heard who will_he_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _descendants_of ʿĀnāq. **3** And_you_will_know the_day if/because_that **YHWH** god_of_your he is_the_one_who_will_ _pass_over to_your_face a_fire consuming he he_will_destroy_ _them and_he he_will_subdue_them to_your_face and_you_ _will_dispossess_them and_you_will_destroy_them[161] quickly just_as **YHWH** he_spoke to/for_you(fs). **4** Do_not say in_heart_ _of_your when_ **YHWH** god_of_your _drives_out ~~DOM~~_them from_before_face_of_you to_say in_righteousness_of_my he_ _has_brought_me **YHWH** to_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_ _earth/land (the)_this and_in_the_wickedness_of the_nations the_these **YHWH** is_dispossessing_of_them from_before_of_ _you. **5** Not in_righteousness_of_your and_in_the_uprightness_ _of your_heart_of_your you are_about_to_go to_take_ _possession_of ~~DOM~~ land_of_their if/because in_the_ _wickedness_of the_nations the_these **YHWH** god_of_your is_ _dispossessing_of_them from_before_of_you and_so_as to_ _carry_out ~~DOM~~ the_message which **YHWH** he_swore to_ _ancestors_of_your to_ʾAvrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_ _Yaʿaqov/(Jacob). **6** And_you_will_know if/because_that not in_ _righteousness_of_your **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land (the)_good (the)_this to_take_possession_of_it if/because are_a_people stiff_of neck you.

7 Remember do_not forget ~~DOM~~ how you_provoked_to_anger ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your in_wilderness (to)_from the_day when you_came_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) until came_ _you(pl) to the_place the_this rebellious you(pl)_have_been with **YHWH**. **8** And_at_Ḥorēv you(pl)_provoked_to_anger ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_was_angry with_you(pl) to_destroy you(pl). **9** When_I_went_up to_the_mountain to_ _take/accept/receive the_tablets_of (the)_stone(s) the_tablets_ _of the_covenant which **YHWH** he_had_made with_you(pl) and_I_remained on_mountain forty day[s] and_forty night[s] food not I_ate and_water not I_drank. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _gave to_me ~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_tablets_of (the)_stone(s)

161 LV 9:3 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

162 RV 9:9 · Cross-ref. Exo 24:18.

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written by_the_finger_of god and_were_on_them like_all_of the_words/messages which **YHWH** he_had_spoken with_ _you(pl) on_mountain from_the_middle_of the_fire in/on_day of_the_assembly. **11** And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity forty day[s] and_forty night[s] **YHWH** he_gave to_me ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _two_of the_tablets_of (the)_stone(s) the_tablets_of the_ _covenant. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me arise go_down quickly from_here if/because people_of_your which you_ _brought_out from_Mitsrayim it_has_acted_corruptly they_ _have_turned_aside quickly from the_way which I_ _commanded_them they_have_made to/for_them a_molten_ _image. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me to_say I_have_seen ᴅᴏᴍ the_people the_this and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE is_a_people stiff_ _of neck it. **14** Refrain from_me so_that_I_may_destroy_them and_so_that_I_may_wipe_out ᴅᴏᴍ their_name from_under the_ _heavens and_I_will_make you to_(a)_nation mighty and_great more_than_it. **15** And_I_turned and_I_went_down from the_ _mountain and_the_mountain was_burning with_fire and_the_ _two_of the_tablets_of the_covenant were_on the_two_of hands_of_my. **16** And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE you(pl)_had_ _sinned to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) you(pl)_had_made to/for_you(pl) a_calf_of molten_metal you(pl)_had_turned_ _aside quickly from the_way which **YHWH** he_had_commanded you(pl). **17** And_I_seized (on)_the_two_of the_tablets and_I_ _threw_them from_under the_two_of hands_of_my and_I_ _broke_them to_eyes_of_your(pl). **18** And_I_prostrated_myself to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** like_time forty day[s] and_forty night[s] food not I_ate and_water not I_drank on all_of sin_of_your(pl) which you(pl)_had_sinned for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_provoke_him_to_anger. **19** If/because I_was_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_anger and_the_rage which **YHWH** he_was_angry towards_you(pl) to_ _destroy you(pl) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened to_me also at_ _time the_that. **20** And_with_'Ah$_a$ron **YHWH** he_was_angry exceedingly to_destroy_him and_I_prayed also for 'Ah$_a$ron at_ _time the_that[170][171][172] **21** and_ᴅᴏᴍ sin_of_your(pl) which you(pl)_had_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_calf I_took and_I_burnt ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it with_fire and_I_crushed ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it I_ground_it thoroughly_ _(do_well) until that it_was_fine into_dust and_I_threw ᴅᴏᴍ dust_of_its into the_wadi which_was_coming_down from the_ _mountain. **22** And_at_Tav˝ērāh and_at_Maṣṣāh and_at_Qiv˘rōt-hatta'$_a$vāh provoking_to_anger you(pl)_were ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. **23** And_when_ **YHWH** _sent you(pl) from_Qādēsh- barnē˝a to_ _say go_up and_take_possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land which I_have_given to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_rebelled_against ᴅᴏᴍ

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from the fire on the mountain on the day of that assembly. **11** Then finally at the end of those forty days and nights, Yahweh gave me those two stone tablets with the agreement written on them.

12 Then he told me, 'Now hurry and go down quickly from here, because your people who you brought out from Mitsrayim, have become corrupted. They didn't take at all long to turn away from following my instructions—they've already made a metal idol for themselves.'

13 Additionally, Yahweh said to me, 'I've noticed that this group of people is very stubborn. **14** Move away and I'll destroy them so they'll never be remembered again, and I'll make your descendants into a more powerful and more prestigious nation than they ever were.'

15 So I turned and headed back down the mountain that was still burning with fire, carrying the two tablets with the agreement written on them. **16** Then I looked, and wow, you certainly had disobeyed your god Yahweh. You'd cast a metal calf. You'd turned so quickly from the instructions that Yahweh had given you. **17** I grabbed those two stone tablets and threw them to the ground—shattering them right in front of your eyes. **18** Then I lay on the ground in front of Yahweh for forty days and nights without eating or drinking because of how you'd disobeyed Yahweh—doing evil things that provoked him into being angry. **19** Yes, I was afraid that in his terrible anger, Yahweh might destroy you,[163] but he listened to me at that time. **20** Yahweh was angry enough to want to destroy Aharon (Aaron), but I also interceded for him at that time. **21** I took that symbol of your disobedience—that calf idol that you all had made—and threw it into the fire, then I crushed it and ground it into dust, and threw the dust into the mountain stream.

22 You all also provoked Yahweh to get angry at Tav'erah,[164] at Masah,[165] and at Kivrot-Hata'avah.[166] **23** Also when Yahweh sent you all from Kadesh-Barnea,[167] saying, 'Go in and take possession of the land that I've given to you,'[168] but you rebelled against your god Yahweh's words, and you didn't believe him and didn't do what he said.[169] **24** You've all been rebellious against Yahweh since the day I knew you back in Mitsrayim (Egypt).

25 So I lay on the ground in Yahweh's presence for forty days and nights, because he said he'd destroy you all, **26** and I prayed,

163 **RV 9:19 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:21.

164 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Num 11:3.

165 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:7.

166 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Num 11:34.

167 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Num 13:17.

168 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Deu 1:21.

169 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Num 13:31; Deu 1:26; Heb 3:16.

170 **LV 9:20 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

171 **LV 9:20 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

172 **LV 9:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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'My master Yahweh, these people belong to you. Don't destroy them—they are people who you rescued and brought out of Mitsrayim by using your strength and power. **27** Don't forget what you promised your servants Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob). Overlook the stubbornness, wickedness, and disobedience of these people **28** so that the people of Mitsrayim where we were brought out from don't say that you weren't able to bring them to the land that you'd promised to give to them. They'll say that you took them into the desert to kill them there because you hated them. **29** But they are your people and your inheritance, who you brought out of Mitsrayim using your strength and power.'

The replacement stone tablets[173]

10:1 After that, Yahweh told me, "Carve out two stone tablets like the first ones, and make a wooden chest to put them in, then come up to me on the mountain. **2** I'll write the words onto the tablets that were on the first tablets that you broke, then you can put them into the box."

3 So I made a box from acacia wood, and I carved out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I went up the mountain carrying the two tablets **4** and he wrote the ten instructions on the tablets like the first time—the same words that Yahweh had spoken to you from the fire on the mountain on the day of the assembly. Then he gave me the tablets **5** and I turned and went down the mountain. I put the tablets into the box that I'd made, just like Yahweh had told me to.

6 Then the Israelis travelled from Be'erot-Beney-Ya'akan[174] to Moserah[175] where Aharon (Aaron) died. He was buried there, and his son Eleazar replaced him as chief priest.[176] **7** From there they moved on to Gudgodah, then from there onto Yotvatah—an

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the_mouth_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_not you(pl)_believed to_him/it and_not you(pl)_listened to_voice_of_his. **24** Rebellious you(pl)_have_been with **YHWH** from_the_day_of knew_I you(pl). **25** And_I_prostrated_myself to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_forty the_day and_~~DOM~~ the_forty the_night which I_prostrated_myself if/because **YHWH** he_had_said to_destroy you(pl). **26** And_I_prayed to **YHWH** and_I_said my_master **YHWH** do_not destroy people_ _of_your and_inheritance_of_your which you_redeemed by_ _greatness_of_your which you_brought_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) by_a_hand strong. **27** Remember (to)_ _servants_of_your (to)_'Avrāhām (to)_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_(to)_ _Ya'aqov/(Jacob) do_not turn to the_stubbornness_of the_ _people the_this and_near/to wickedness_of_its and_near/to sin_of_its. **28** Lest the_earth/land where you_brought_us_out from_there they_should_say because_not_of **YHWH** was_able to_bring_them into the_earth/land which he_spoke to/for_ _them and_from_hatred_of_his them he_led_them_out to_put_ _them_to_death in_wilderness. **29** And_they people_of_are_your and_inheritance_of_your which you_brought_out by_strength_ _of_your the_big/great(sg) and_by_arm_of_your (the)_ _outstretched.

10:1 At_time the_that **YHWH** he_said to_me cut_out to/for_ _yourself(m) two_of tablets_of[179180181182] stone(s) like_tablets and_come_up to_me to_the_mountain and_you_will_make for_ _yourself an_box_of wood. **2** And_I_will_write on the_tablets ~~DOM~~ the_words/messages which they_were on the_tablets (the)_former which you_broke and_you_will_put_them in_box. **3** And_I_made an_box_of wood(s)_of acacia and_I_cut_out two_ _of tablets_of stone(s) like_tablets and_I_went_up to_the_ _mountain and_the_two_of the_tablets were_in_hand_of_my. **4** And_he_wrote on the_tablets like_writing (the)_former ~~DOM~~ the_ten_of the_words/messages which **YHWH** he_had_spoken to_you(pl) on_mountain from_the_middle_of the_fire in/on_ _day of_the_assembly and_he_gave_them **YHWH** to_me. **5** And_ _I_turned and_I_came_down from the_mountain and_I_put ~~DOM~~ the_tablets in_box which I_had_made and_they_were there just_as he_commanded_me **YHWH**. **6** And_the_sons of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_set_out from_Bə'ērot_Bənēy- sons_of Bə'ērot_Bənēy- Mōṣērāh there 'Aha_ron he_died and_he_was_ _buried there and_ 'El'āzār his/its_son _he_served_as_priest in_ _place_of_him. **7** From_there they_set_out to_(the)_Gudgo-dāh

173 **RV 10:1 · Parallel** Exo. 34:1-10

174 **RV 10:6 · Note** Rather than just transliterating this name as we've done, it would also be possible to translate it as 'the wells of the sons of Yaakan'.

175 **RV 10:6 · Note** The document known as 'Numbers' tells us that Aharon died on Mt. Hor, so presumably Moserah is in that same region.

176 **RV 10:6 · Cross-ref.** Num 20:28; 33:38.

179 **LV 10:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

180 **LV 10:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

181 **LV 10:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

182 **LV 10:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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and_from to_(the)_Gudgo-dāh Yoṭvātāh/(Jotbathah) a_land_of torrents_of[183184185] water. **8** At_time the_that **YHWH** he_set_ _apart ÐOM the_tribe_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] to_carry ÐOM the_box_ _of the_covenant_of **YHWH** to_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** to_serve_him and_to_bless in_name_of_his until the_day (the)_this. **9** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so not it_belongs to_Lēvī a_portion and_an_inheritance with brothers_of_his **YHWH** he inheritance_of_is_his just_as **YHWH** god_of_your he_spoke to_him/it. **10** And_I I_remained on_ _mountain like_days (the)_former forty day[s] and_forty night[s] and_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened to_me also at_time the_ _that not **YHWH** he_was_willing to_destroy_you. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me arise go to_journeying to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_people so_that_they_may_go and_ _so_that_they_may_take_possession_of ÐOM the_earth/land which I_swore to_ancestors_of_their to_give to/for_them.

12 And_now Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) what is_**YHWH** god_of_your asking from_with_you if/because (if) to_fear ÐOM **YHWH** god_ _of_your to_go in_all ways_of_his and_to_love ÐOM_him/it and_ _to_serve ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your in_all heart_of_your and_ _on/over_all being_of_your. **13** To_guard/protect ÐOM the_ _commands_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM regulations_of_his which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day for_good to/for_you(fs). **14** THERE to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your the_heavens and_the_ _heavens_of the_heavens the_earth/land and_all that is_in_it. **15** Only (in)_ancestors_of_your **YHWH** he_loved to_love them and_he_chose (in)_offspring_of_their after_them (in)_you(pl) from_all the_peoples as_day the_this.[189] **16** And_you(pl)_will_ _circumcise ÐOM the_foreskin_of your_heart_of_your(pl) and_ _neck_of_your(pl) not you(pl)_will_stiffen again. **17** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he is_the_god_of the_'Elohīm and_the_ _master(s)_of the_masters the_god the_big/great(sg) (the)_ _mighty and_(the)_awesome who not he_lifts_up face and_not he_takes a_bribe. **18** He_is_bringing_about judgement_of a_ _fatherless_one and_a_widow and_he_is_loving a_sojourner to_ _give to_him/it food and_clothing. **19** And_you(pl)_will_love ÐOM the_sojourner if/because sojourners you(pl)_were in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **20** ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your you_will_fear ÐOM_him/it you_will_serve and_to_him you_will_cleave and_in_ _name_of_his you_will_swear_oaths. **21** He praise_of_is_your and_he god_of_is_your who he_has_done with_you ÐOM the_ _great_things and_ÐOM the_awesome_deeds the_these which eyes_of_your_own they_have_seen. **22** (In)_seventy person[s]

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area with many streams. **8** At that time, Yahweh chose the tribe of Levi to carry the box containing Yahweh's agreement, and to stand in Yahweh's presence to serve and worship him, until this day.[177] **9** That's why the Levites didn't receive land in the same way as the other tribes as Yahweh told them that he is their inheritance. **10** I myself stayed up on the mountain for forty days and nights just like the first time.[178] Yahweh listened to me that time as well, and said that he wouldn't destroy you. **11** Then Yahweh told me, "Continue your journey leading the people to enter and occupy the land that I promised their ancestors that I'd give them.

The call to obedience

12 Now Yisrael (Israel), your god Yahweh expects you honour him and to follow his instructions and to love him, and to serve him with sincerity and with energy— **13** obeying his rules and regulations that I'm giving you today for the benefit of the country. **14** Listen, the highest heavens belong to your god Yahweh, as well as the earth and everything on it, **15** yet he decided to show love to your ancestors, and as their descendants, he chose you all out from all the peoples as you know to this day. **16** You all must eradicate your rebelliousness and stop being stubborn, **17** because your god Yahweh is god of gods and master of masters—the very powerful and awesome one who doesn't judge by looks and doesn't accept bribes.[186] **18** He delivers fair judgements for the fatherless and for widows, and shows love towards foreigners—giving them food and clothing, **19** so you all must show love to foreigners too because you all were foreigners when you were in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **20** You must honour your god Yahweh and serve him. Rely on him and only make promises with his authority. **21** He's the one you should praise. He's your god who's done powerful miracles on your behalf which you saw with your own eyes. **22** When your ancestors went down to Mitsrayim, there was only seventy of them,[187] but now your god Yahweh has increased your population like the stars in number.[188]

177 **RV 10:8 · Cross-ref.** Num 3:5-8.

178 **RV 10:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:28.

183 **LV 10:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

184 **LV 10:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

185 **LV 10:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

186 **RV 10:17 · Cross-ref.** 1Tim 6:15; Rev 17:14; 19:16; Acts 10:34; Rom 2:11; Gal 2:6; Eph 6:9.

187 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 46:27.

188 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:5; 22:17.

189 **LV 10:15 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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Remembering the miracles

11:1 You must love your god Yahweh and follow his instructions, rules, regulations, and commands from now on. **2** Of course that was you all and your parents who experienced your god Yahweh's discipline and who saw his power and strength and the amazing miracles done on your behalf—not your children. **3** They didn't see his actions and the miracles done to King Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his people right there in Mitsrayim (Egypt),[193] **4** or what he did to the Mitsri (Egyptian) army with its horses and chariots when he caused the Red Sea to flow over the top of them as they chased you, and how Yahweh destroyed them and they've never recovered to this day,[194] **5** or how he helped you all in the wilderness until you reached this place. **6** Your children didn't see what Yahweh did to Eliav's sons Datan and Aviram (from the tribe of Re'uven) when the ground opened up and swallowed them, along with their houses and tents and all their families and animals right in the middle of the encampment[195] **7** because you all are the ones who actually saw the amazing miracles that Yahweh did.

The promises and warnings

8 So then, follow all the instructions that I'm giving you all today so that you'll all be strong to enter and take possession of the land once you cross the river **9** and so that you all might live for a long time in that land which Yahweh promised to give them and their descendants—a land flowing with milk and honey **10** because it's not like Mitsrayim (Egypt) where your ancestors came out from, where you planted seed and had to water the fields by hand. **11** But the land that you're all about to enter over the river has a terrain of hills and valleys, i.e., it drinks in the rain water. **12** It's a land that your god Yahweh cares about—watching over it from the beginning of each year to the end.

13 If you all listen to the instructions that I'm giving you today, loving your god Yahweh and serving him with sincerity and with energy,[196] **14** then he says that he'll give the land the seasonal early and late rains so that you'll be able to produce grain, and new wine, and olive oil. **15** He'll provide grass in the countryside for your livestock, and you'll eat and be satisfied. **16** Guard yourselves to make sure that you're not deceived and end up turning around to serve other 'gods' and bow down to

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ancestors_of_your they_went_down to_Mitsrayim[190][191][192] and_ _now he_has_made_you **YHWH** god_of_your like_the_stars_of the_heavens to_increase_in_number.

11:1 And_you_will_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_ _keep command_of_his and_regulations_of_his and_ _judgements_of_his and_commands_of_his all_of the_days. **2** And_you(pl)_will_know the_day if/because not ~~DOM~~ children_ _of_your(pl) who not they_have_known and_which not they_ _have_seen ~~DOM~~ the_training_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) ~~DOM~~ greatness_of_his ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand (the)_strong and_arm_of_his (the)_outstretched. **3** And_~~DOM~~ signs_of_his and_~~DOM~~ deeds_of_ _his which he_did in_the_middle of_Mitsrayim to_Par'oh the_ _king_of Mitsrayim and_to/for_all land_of_his. **4** And_which he_ _did to_the_army_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_horses_of_its and_ _to_chariotry_of_its whom he_caused_to_flow ~~DOM~~ the_water_ _of the_sea_of reed[s] over faces_of_their when_pursued_they after_you(pl) and_he_destroyed_them **YHWH** until the_day (the)_this. **5** And_which he_did to/for_you(pl) in_wilderness until came_you(pl) to the_place (the)_this. **6** And_which he_did to_Dātān and_to_'Avīrām the_sons_of 'Elī'āv the_son_of Rə'ūvēn when the_earth/land it_opened ~~DOM~~ her/its_mouth and_it_swallowed_them and_~~DOM~~ households_of_their and_~~DOM~~ tents_of_their and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_existence which was_at_feet_ _of_their in_the_midst_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** If/because your(pl)_eyes are_the_ones_which_saw ~~DOM~~ all_of the_work_of **YHWH** the_big/great(sg) which he_did.

8 And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of the_command which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day so_that you(pl)_may_be_strong and_you(pl)_will_go and_you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land where you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it. **9** And_so_that you(pl)_may_prolong days on the_soil which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_ _your(pl) to_give to/for_them and_to_offspring_of_their a_land flowing_of milk and_honey. **10** If/because the_earth/land where you are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it not is_like_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it where you(pl)_came_ _out from_there where you_sowed ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_seed/fruit and_you_watered_it with_foot_of_your like_(the)_garden_of (the)_vegetable[s]. **11** And_the_earth where you(pl) are_about_ _to_pass_over to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it is_a_land_of mountains and_valleys to_the_rain_of the_heavens it_drinks water. **12** A_land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_caring_for ~~DOM~~_ _her/it continually the_eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_your are_on_it from_the_beginning_of the_year and_unto the_end_of a_year. **13** And_it_was if really_(obey) you(pl)_will_obey (to) commands_of_my which I am_commanding you(pl) the_day to_ _love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_to_serve_him in_all heart_of_your(pl) and_on/over_all being_of_your(pl). **14** And_I_ _will_give the_rain_of your_land_of_your(pl) at_its_

190 LV 10:22 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

191 LV 10:22 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

192 LV 10:22 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

193 RV 11:3 · Cross-ref. Exo 7:8–12:13.

194 RV 11:4 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:28.

195 RV 11:6 · Cross-ref. Num 16:31-32.

196 RV 11:13-17 · Cross-ref. Lev 26:3-5; Deu 7:12-16; 28:1-14.

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_appropriate_of_time autumn_rain and_spring_rain and_you_
_will_gather grain_of_your and_your_new_of_wine and_your_
_fresh_of_oil. **15** And_I_will_give grass in_field[s]_of_your for_
_cattle_of_your and_you(ms)_will_eat and_you_will_be_
_satisfied. **16** Take_heed to/for_you(pl) lest heart_of_your(pl) it_
_should_be_deceived and_you(pl)_will_turn_aside and_you(pl)_
_will_serve gods other and_you(pl)_will_bow_down to/for_
them. **17** And the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_will_burn on_you(pl)
and_he_will_shut_up ðom the_heavens and_not rain it_will_
_come and_the_ground not it_will_yield ðom produce_of_its
and_you(pl)_will_perish quickly from_under the_earth/land
(the)_good which **YHWH** is_about_to_give to_you(pl). **18** And_
_you(pl)_will_put ðom words/messages_of_my these on heart_
_of_your(pl) and_on being_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_tie
ðom_them for_a_sign on hand_of_your(pl) and_they_will_be
for_marks between eyes_of_your(pl). **19** And_you(pl)_will_teach
ðom_them ðom children_of_your(pl) by_speaking in_them
when_sit_you in_house_of_your and_when_walk_you on_road
and_when_you_lie_down and_when_you_rise_up. **20** And_you_
_will_write_them on the_doorposts_of your_house_of_your
and_on_gates_of_your. **21** So_that days_of_your(pl) and_the_
_days_of your(pl)_children_of_your(pl) they_may_increase on
the_soil which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_your(pl) to_
_give to/for_them like_the_days_of the_heavens above the_
earth/land. **22** If/because if really(keep) you(pl)_will_keep
ðom all_of the_command (the)_this which I am_commanding
you(pl) to_do_it to_love ðom **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) to_go in_
_all ways_of_his and_to_cleave in_him/it. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he_
_will_dispossess ðom all_of the_nations the_these from_before_
_face_of_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_dispossess nations great and_
_mighty more_than_you(pl). **24** Every_of (the)_place which the_
_sole_of your_foot_of_your(pl) it_will_tread in/on/over_him/it
to/for_you(pl) it_will_belong from the_wilderness and_(the)_
_Ləvānōn from the_river the_river_of Pərāt and_unto the_sea
(the)_western territory_of_your(pl) it_will_be. **25** Not anyone
he_will_stand in_faces_of_your(pl) dread_of_your(pl) and_fear_
_of_your(pl) he_will_put **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) over the_face_
_of all_of the_earth/land which you(pl)_will_tread on_it just_as
he_spoke to_you(pl). **26** See I am_setting before_you(pl) the_day
a_blessing and_a_curse. **27** ðom the_blessing that you(pl)_will_
_obey (to) the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) which I
am_commanding you(pl) the_day. **28** And_the_curse if not
you(pl)_will_obey (to) the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_
_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_turn_aside from the_way which I
am_commanding you(pl) the_day to_go after gods other which
not you(pl)_have_known. **29** And_it_was if/because he_will_
_bring_you **YHWH** god_of_your into the_earth/land where you
are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it and_you(ms)_
_will_give ðom the_blessing on the_mountain_of Gərizīm and_
_ðom the_curse on the_mountain_of ʹĒyvāl. **30** Not are_they on_
_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) behind the_direction_
_of the_setting_of the_sun in_land of_the_
_Kəna ʹaʰnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_is_dwelling in_ʹArāvāh opposite_

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them, **17** because then Yahweh would become angry at you and close the skies so that there'd be no rain, and the land would stop producing, and you'd all soon die from off the good land that he's about to give you.

18 Memorise these words of mine and constantly think about them. Your hands should always be applying them and your minds should always be evaluating them.[197] **19** Teach them repeatedly to your children: when you're sitting at home, when you're walking down the road, when you go to lie down, and when you get up. **20** Carve them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates, **21** so that your own lifetimes, and the lifetimes of your children will be extended in the land that Yahweh promised to give to your ancestors to have as long as the sky remains over the earth.

22 If you all follow these instructions that I'm telling you to do, to love your god Yahweh and live how he wants you to, and stay faithful to him, **23** then he'll drive all those peoples out ahead of you all, and you'll dispossess groups that are larger and more powerful than yourselves. **24** Every place that your feet step on will become yours: from the southern desert to Levanon in the north, and from the Perat (Euphrates) in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.[198] **25** No one will be able to resist you all. Your god Yahweh will make those peoples in that land terrified of you, just as he promised he would.

26 Now listen, today I'm giving you all the option of a blessing or a curse: **27** the blessing is if you all decide to obey your god Yahweh's instructions that I'm giving you today, **28** but the curse is if you all don't take any notice of his instructions, or if you turn away from what I'm commanding you all today to go after other gods that you previously had nothing to do with. **29** Whenever your god Yahweh brings you into the land that you're entering to take possession of, you must pronounce the blessing from Mt. Gerizim, and the curse from Mt. Eyval.[199] **30** (Those two mountains are across the Yarden (Jordan) river, west of the river plain where the Kena'anim (Canaanites) live, near the Oak of Moreh opposite Gilgal.) **31** You'll all soon be crossing the Yarden to go in and occupy the land that your god Yahweh is giving you. As you all take it over and start to live there, **32** make sure that you follow all the instructions and rules that I'm giving to you all today.

197 RV 11:18-20 · Cross-ref. Deu 6:6-9.

198 RV 11:24-25 · Cross-ref. Josh 1:3-5.

199 RV 11:29 · Cross-ref. Deu 27:11-14; Josh 8:33-35.

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One place for future worship

12:1 In the land that your god Yahweh has given you to own, these are the rules and regulations that you must keep obeying as long as you're alive. **2** When you drive those peoples out, you all must completely destroy all the places on the mountains and hills, and under the large trees where they served their gods. **3** You all must tear down their altars, shatter their stone pillars, and set fire to their Asherah poles. You must chop down their carved idols so they won't be remembered in that place any more.[200]

4 Don't worship your god Yahweh the same way they worship their gods, **5** because you all must go to the single place that Yahweh's going to choose out of all your tribes, that he'll attach his name to, so if you want find his residence, you'll have to go there. **6** That will also be where you'll all have to take your animal sacrifices and offerings, as well as the tenth of your produce and animals, special contributions, sacrifices for promises, free-will sacrifices, and the firstborn animals from your herds and flocks. **7** You'll all be able to take your families there in front of your god Yahweh to cheerfully eat what you've produced as a result of his blessing.

8 We won't be able to continue like we are at present, with each person worshipping however they feel is right **9** because until now, you haven't reached the inheritance and the peaceful life that your god Yahweh is giving to you. **10** After you all cross the Yarden (Jordan) and live in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you as an inheritance, it's then that he'll give you peace from all your surrounding enemies, and so you'll all live safely. **11** Then your god Yahweh will choose one place to attach his name to, and that's where you'll all bring everything that I tell you to: your animal sacrifices and offerings, as well as the tenth of your produce and animals, special contributions, and sacrifices for promises made to Yahweh. **12** You'll all celebrate there in front of Yahweh: you and your children and your servants, along with any Levites who live in your towns (because they don't personally inherit any land of their own). **13** Make sure that you don't offer burnt sacrifices at any place that you just decide is good— **14** only at the place that Yahweh will choose from one of your tribes. That's where you'll offer your sacrifices, and do everything else that I tell you.

15 However, you may kill and eat your animals wherever you

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_to (the)_Gilgāl beside the_great_trees_of Mōreh. **31** If/because you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_Yardēn to_go to_take_ _possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) is_about_to_give to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _take_possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it and_you(pl)_will_dwell in_it. **32** And_you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _regulations and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_judgements which I am_setting before_you(pl) the_day.

12:1 These are_the_regulations and_the_judgements which you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing on_the_earth which **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your he_has_given to/for_ _yourself(m) to_take_possession_of_it all_of the_days which you(pl) are_alive on the_soil. **2** Certainly_(destroy) you(pl)_will_ _destroy ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_places where they_have_served there the_nations whom you(pl) are_about_to_dispossess ᴅᴏᴍ_them ᴅᴏᴍ gods_of_their on the_mountains (the)_high and_on the_ _hills and_under every_of tree luxuriant.[203] **3** And_you(pl)_will_ _pull_down ᴅᴏᴍ altars_of_their[204] and_you(pl)_will_shatter ᴅᴏᴍ pillars_of_their_sacred and_their_'Ashērāh_poles you(pl)_will_ _burn with_fire and_the_images_of their_gods_of_their you(pl)_ _will_cut_down and_you(pl)_will_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ their_name from the_place (the)_that. **4** Not you(pl)_will_do thus to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **5** If/because (if) to the_place where **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_will_choose from_all tribes_of_your(pl) to_ _put ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_name there to_dwelling_his you(pl)_will_ _resort and_you_will_go to_(to). **6** And_you(pl)_will_bring to_ _(to) offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt and_sacrifices_of_your(pl) and_ᴅᴏᴍ tithes_of_your(pl) and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_contribution_of your_ _hand_of_your(pl) and_your(pl)_votive_of_offerings and_ _your(pl)_freewill_of_offerings and_the_firstborn(s)_of your_ _herd[s]_of_your(pl) and_flock[s]_of_your(pl). **7** And_you(pl)_ _will_eat there to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_rejoice in_every_of (the)_ _undertaking_of your_hand_of_your(pl) you(pl) and_ _households_of_your(pl) which he_has_blessed_you **YHWH** god_of_your. **8** Not you(pl)_must_do according_to_all that we are_doing here the_day everyone all_of the_right in_his_own_ _of_eyes. **9** If/because not you(pl)_have_come until now to the_ _resting_place and_near/to the_inheritance which **YHWH** god_ _of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). **10** And_you(pl)_will_ _pass_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_you(pl)_will_dwell on_the_earth which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_giving_as_an_ _inheritance you(pl) and_he_will_give_rest to/for_you(pl) from_all enemies_of_your(pl) from_round_about and_you(pl)_ _will_dwell security. **11** And_it_was the_place which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_will_choose in/on/over_him/it to_cause_ _to_dwell his/its_name there to_(to) you(pl)_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ all_ _of that I am_commanding you(pl) offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt and_sacrifices_of_your(pl) tithes_of_your(pl) and_the_ _contribution_of your_hand_of_your(pl) and_ _all/each/any/every the_choicest_of your(pl)_votive_offerings_ _of_your(pl) which you(pl)_will_vow to/for_**YHWH**. **12** And_ _you(pl)_will_rejoice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before

200 **RV 12:3 · Cross-ref.** Deu 7:5.

203 **LV 12:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

204 **LV 12:3 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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YHWH god_of_your(pl) you(pl) and_sons_of_your(pl) and_ _daughters_of_your(pl) and_your(pl)_male_of_servants and_ _your(pl)_female_of_servants and_the_Lēviyyiy who is_in_ _gates_of_your(pl) if/because there_belongs_not to_him/it a_ _portion and_an_inheritance with_you(pl). **13** Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest you_should_offer_up offerings_of_your_ _burnt in_all place which you_will_see. **14** If/because (if) in_ _place which **YHWH** he_will_choose in_one_of your(pl)_tribes_ _of_your there you_will_offer_up offerings_of_your_burnt and_ _there you_will_do all that I am_commanding_of_you. **15** Only in_all the_desire_of your_self_of_your you_will_slaughter and_ _you(ms)_will_eat meat according_to_the_blessing_of **YHWH** god_of_your which he_has_given to/for_yourself(m) in_all gates_of_your the_unclean and_the_clean he_will_eat_it like_ _gazelle and_like_deer. **16** Only the_blood not you(pl)_must_eat on the_earth/land you_will_pour_it_out like_water. **17** Not you_ _will_be_able to_eat in_gates_of_your the_tithe_of your_grain_ _of_your and_your_new_of_wine and_your_fresh_of_oil and_ _the_firstborn(s)_of your_herd_of_your and_flock_of_your and_ _all offerings_of_your_votive which you_will_vow and_your(pl)_ _freewill_of_offerings and_the_contribution_of your_hand_of_ _your. **18** If/because (if) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your you_will_eat_it in_place which **YHWH** god_ _of_your he_will_choose in/on/over_him/it you and_son_of_ _your and_daughter_of_your and_your_male_of_servant and_ _your_female_of_servant and_the_Lēviyyiy who is_in_gates_of_ _your and_you_will_rejoice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your in_every_of (the)_undertaking_of your_ _hand_of_your. **19** Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest you_ _should_neglect ~~DOM~~ the_Lēviyyiy all_of days_of_your on land_ _of_your. **20** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_enlarge ~~DOM~~ territory_of_your just_as he_spoke to/for_you(fs) and_you_ _will_say I_want_to_eat meat if/because appetite_of_your it_ _will_desire to_eat meat in_all the_desire_of your_self_of_your you_will_eat meat. **21** If/because it_will_be_too_far for_you the_ _place where **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose to_put his/its_name there and_you_will_slaughter some_of_your_herd and_some_of_your_flock which **YHWH** he_has_given to/for_ _yourself(m) just_as I_commanded_you and_you(ms)_will_eat in_gates_of_your in_all_of the_desire_of your_self_of_your. **22** Surely just_as ~~DOM~~ the_gazelle and_~~DOM~~ the_deer it_is_eaten so you_will_eat_it the_unclean and_the_clean alike he_will_eat_ _it. **23** Only be_strong to_not to_eat the_blood if/because the_ _blood it is_the_life and_not you_must_eat the_living_creatures with the_meat. **24** Not you_must_eat_it on the_earth/land you_ _will_pour_it_out like_water. **25** Not you_must_eat_it so_that it_ _may_go_well to/for_yourself(m) and_for_children_of_your after_you if/because you_will_do the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **26** Only things_of_your_holy which they_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) and_your(pl)_votive_of_offerings you_will_ _take and_you_will_go to the_place which **YHWH** he_will_ _choose. **27** And_you_will_make offerings_of_your_burnt the_ _flesh and_the_blood on the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_ _the_blood_of your(pl)_sacrifices_of_your it_will_be_poured_

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live as much as you want. Those animals are blessings from your god Yahweh. You can eat that meat whether or not you're ceremonially 'clean', just like you'd eat a wild gazelle or deer. **16** However, don't eat the blood[201]—it must be poured out on the ground like water. **17** In your towns, don't eat the tenth of your produce or the firstborns from your herd or flock, or at the celebration of a vow, or any free-will offering or contribution that you've made. **18** You can only eat those in Yahweh's presence in the place that he'll choose. The same applies to your children, your servants, and any Levites who live in your towns. The celebration for what you've produced must be done in front of your god Yahweh. **19** Make sure that you don't neglect the Levites as long as you live in your land.

20 In the future, when your god Yahweh widens your territory like he's said he would, if you want to eat meat there, then go ahead and do it. **21** If the place that he chooses to attach his name to is too far away, then it's permissible to sacrifice like I've instructed you from your herd or flock, and you can eat it where you live whenever you want. **22** You can eat it whether or not you're ceremonially 'clean', just like you'd eat a wild gazelle or deer. **23** However, don't eat the blood of any animal, because the blood is the life and you mustn't eat the life with the meat.[202] **24** Don't eat the blood—it must be poured out on the ground like water. **25** Don't eat it so that things will go well for you and your children after you, when you do what Yahweh says is right. **26** However, you still must take your sacred things and offerings for vows to the place that Yahweh will choose. **27** The meat and blood from burnt offerings must only be placed on your god Yahweh's future altar, and the blood of your other sacrifices must be poured on the altar, but you can eat the meat. **28** Make sure to follow all these instructions that I'm giving you so that everything will go well for you and for your descendants into the future, when you do what your god Yahweh has said is good and right.

201 RV 12:16 · Cross-ref. Gen 9:4; Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deu 15:23.

202 RV 12:23-24 · Cross-ref. Lev 17:10-14.

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_out on the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_the_flesh you_
_will_eat. **28** Take_care and_you_will_hear ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_
_words/messages the_these which I am_commanding_of_you
so_that it_may_go_well to/for_yourself(m) and_for_children_
_of_your after_you until perpetuity if/because you_will_do the_
_good_thing and_the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_
_your.

Warnings about false gods

29 When you enter the land that you will occupy, your god Yahweh will destroy the people groups that live there as you advance. **30** Watch out after they've been destroyed, that you don't get trapped by curiosity about how they served their gods, and then you end up doing the same. **31** Don't do that to your god Yahweh, because he hates the disgusting things they've done for their gods—even burning their own sons and daughters on altars for their gods.

32 Make sure that you obey all those instructions—don't add anything to them, or remove anything from them.[205]

29 If/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_cut_off ~~ĐOM~~ the_
_nations where you are_about_to_go to_(to) by_dispossessing
them from_before_of_you and_you_will_dispossess ~~ĐOM~~_them
and_you_will_dwell in_land_of_their. **30** Take_heed to/for_
_yourself(m) lest you_should_be_ensnared after_them after
they_have_been_destroyed from_before_of_you and_lest you_
_should_enquire of_gods_of_their to_say how the_nations the_
_these do_they_serve ~~ĐOM~~ gods_of_their and_I_will_do thus also
I. **31** Not you_will_do thus to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your
if/because every_of (the)_abomination_of **YHWH** which he_
_hates they_have_done to_gods_of_their if/because also ~~ĐOM~~
sons_of_their and_~~ĐOM~~ daughters_of_their they_burn with_fire
to_gods_of_their.

Warnings about false prophets

13:1 If someone among you claims to be a prophet or interpreter of dreams, or able to do miracles, **2** and it seems true, but they use those things to convince you to go after other 'new' gods and worship them, **3** then don't listen to that person, because your god Yahweh is testing you to know whether you love him with sincerity and with your energy. **4** You must conduct your lives as your god Yahweh wants you to. Honour him, and listen to his voice and follow his instructions, and serve him and remain loyal to him. **5** But that prophet or interpreter of dreams must be executed because they've incited rebellion against your god Yahweh who brought you all out from slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt). Those kinds of people want to drive you away from @Yahweh's instructions, hence why you must remove that evil from among you.

6 Your brother, son, daughter, beloved wife, or some close friend might privately urge you to worship other gods that you and your ancestors hadn't heard about before. **7** That might be the gods of the surrounding peoples, either nearby or right across the world. **8** Don't give in to them, or take notice of them.

13:1 [206] ~~ĐOM~~ every_of (the)_message which I am_commanding
you(pl) ~~ĐOM~~_him/it you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing not you_
_must_add on/upon/above_him/it and_not you_must_diminish
from_it.

2 [207] If/because he_will_arise in_midst_of_your a_prophet or a_
_dreamer_of a_dream and_he/it_gave to_you a_sign or a_
wonder. **3** [208] And the_sign and_the_wonder which he_spoke
to_you to_say let_us_walk after gods other which not you_
_have_known_them and_let_us_be_enticed_to_serve_them _it_
_will_come. **4** [209] Not you_will_listen to the_words/messages_of
the_prophet (the)_that or to the_dreamer_of the_dream (the)_
_that if/because **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_putting_to_the_test
you(pl) to_know are_(there)_you(pl) loving ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_
_your(pl) in_all heart_of_your(pl) and_on/over_all being_of_
_your(pl). **5** [210] After **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_walk
and_him you(pl)_will_fear and_~~ĐOM~~ commands_of_his you(pl)_
_will_keep and_to_voice_of_his you(pl)_will_listen and_him
you(pl)_will_serve and_to_him you(pl)_will_cleave. **6** [211] And_
_the_prophet (the)_that or the_dreamer_of the_dream (the)_
_that he_will_be_put_to_death if/because he_has_spoken
rebellion on **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who_brought_out you(pl)
from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_who_redeemed_of_
_you from_a_house_of slaves to_thrust_you_aside from the_way
which he_has_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_your to_go in_it
and_you_will_remove the_evil from_midst_of_your. **7** [212]
If/because he_will_entice_you your(ms)_brother/kindred the_
_son_of your_mother_of_your or son_of_your or daughter_of_

205 **RV 12:32 · Cross-ref.** Deu 4:2; Rev 22:18-19.
206 **LV 13:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.12.32
207 **LV 13:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.1
208 **LV 13:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.2
209 **LV 13:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.3
210 **LV 13:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.4
211 **LV 13:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.5
212 **LV 13:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.6

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_your or the_wife_of your_bosom_of_your or friend_of_your who is_like_self_of_your in_secrecy to_say let_us_go and_let_ _us_serve gods other which not you and_ancestors_of_your you_have_known. **8** [213] Any_of_the_gods_of the_peoples which are_around_of_you(pl) (the)_near to_you or (the)_distant from_ _you from_the_end_of the_earth/land and_unto the_end_of the_earth/land. **9** [214] Not you_will_yield to_him/it and_not you_will_listen to_him/it and_not eye_of_your it_will_look_ _with_pity on/upon/above_him/it and_not you_will_spare_him and_not you_will_cover on/upon/above_him/it. **10** [215] If/because certainly_(kill) you_will_kill_him hand_of_your it_ _will_be in/on/over_him/it at_first to_put_him_to_death and_ _the_hand_of all_of the_people at_last. **11** [216] And_you_will_ _stone_him with_stones and_he_will_die if/because he_sought to_thrust_you_aside from_under **YHWH** god_of_your who_ _brought_out_of_you from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_house_of slaves. **12** [217] And_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_ _will_hear and_they_will_fear and_not they_will_repeat for_ _doing like_thing (the)_evil the_this in_midst_of_your. **13** [218] If/because you_will_hear in_one_of your(pl)_cities_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) to_dwell there to_say. **14** [219] Men sons_of worthlessness they_ _have_gone_out from_midst_of_your and_they_have_thrust_ _aside ÐOM the_inhabitants_of their_city_of_their to_say let_us_ _go and_let_us_serve gods other which not you(pl)_have_ _known. **15** [220] And_you_will_investigate and_you_will_ _search[221] and_you_will_enquire thoroughly_(do_well) and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE truth the_matter is_certain the_abomination (the)_this it_has_been_done in_midst_of_your. **16** [222] Certainly_ _(strike) you_will_strike_down ÐOM the_inhabitants_of the_city the[223] to_the_mouth_of the_sword totally_destroy ÐOM_her/it and_ÐOM all_of who are_in_it and_ÐOM livestock_of_its to_the_ _mouth_of the_sword. **17** [224] And_ÐOM all_of plunder_of_its you_ _will_gather into the_middle_of its_open_place_of_her and_ _you_will_burn with_fire ÐOM the_city and_ÐOM all_of plunder_ _of_its a_whole_offering to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your and_it_ _will_be a_mound_of perpetuity not it_will_be_built again. **18** [225] And_not it_will_cling to_hand_of_your anything of the_ _object[s]_for_destruction so_that **YHWH** he_may_turn from_ _the_burning_of his_anger_of_his and_he/it_gave to/for_ _yourself(m) compassion(s) and_he_will_have_compassion_on_ _you and_he_will_increase_you just_as he_swore to_ancestors_

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Don't even feel sympathy for them or cover up for them, **9** because you'll definitely need to execute them. You yourself must be the first to take action, followed by the rest of the community. **10** You must execute people like that by throwing rocks at them, because they try to drive you away from your god Yahweh who brought you out of slavery in Mitsrayim. **11** After that, all Yisrael (Israel) will hear and become afraid of doing such wicked things in the future.

12 If in the future, you hear that in one of the cities that your god Yahweh will give you to live in, **13** some wicked people have enticed those in the city to go and serve other 'new' gods, **14** then you must thoroughly investigate the matter. If it's actually true that that disgusting thing had been done among you, **15** then all the people in that place must be executed by the sword, along with all their livestock. **16** Gather all the people's possessions and pile them up in the city plaza, then burn the place and everything in it like a 'burnt offering' to Yahweh. Leave the place as an abandoned heap—it should never be rebuilt again. **17** Don't be tempted to pick anything valuable out from the pile headed for destruction, but obey carefully so that Yahweh's anger will subside. Then he'll show compassion to you and mercy, and make you increase like he promised to your ancestors **18** when you listen to what he says—following all his instructions and doing what he says is the right thing to do.

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213 LV 13:8 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.7

214 LV 13:9 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.8

215 LV 13:10 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.9

216 LV 13:11 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.10

217 LV 13:12 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.11

218 LV 13:13 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.12

219 LV 13:14 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.13

220 LV 13:15 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.14

221 LV 13:15 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

222 LV 13:16 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.15

223 LV 13:16 · Note OSHB variant note: אוה/ה: (x-qere) אֵיהָ/ה: lemma_d/1931 n_1.0 morph_HTd/Pp3fs id_05oxJ אֵיהָ/ה

224 LV 13:17 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.16

225 LV 13:18 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.17

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Prohibitions during mourning

14:1 You're all children of your god Yahweh so don't cut yourselves or shave the front of your heads for the sake of the dead,[227] **2** because you're a nation that's set apart for your god Yahweh, and he's chosen you out of all the other peoples in the world to be his own people.[228]

'Clean' and 'unclean' foods[229]

3 Don't eat anything that Yahweh detests. **4** These are the animals that you all can eat: cattle, sheep, goats, **5** all kinds of deer, gazelles, wild goats, and mountain sheep, **6** i.e., you can eat any of the animals that have split hooves and that also chew the cud. **7** But there are other animals that chew the cud that you mustn't eat: camels, rabbits and hares, and rock badgers. They chew the cud, but don't have split hooves so they are unacceptable for you to eat. **8** Don't eat pigs—they're unacceptable for you to eat. They have split hooves, but they don't chew the cud. Don't eat the meat of those animals and don't even touch their dead bodies.

9 You all can eat anything that lives in water that has both fins and scales, **10** but anything in the water that doesn't have both is unacceptable for you to eat.

11 You all can eat any clean bird, **12** but not these: eagles, vultures, ospreys, **13** buzzards, kites, falcons, **14** any kind of ravens or crows, **15** ostriches, owls, seagulls, any kind of hawk, **16** any kinds of owls, **17** pelicans, carrion vultures, cormorants, **18** storks, any kind of heron, hoopoes, or bats. **19** You mustn't eat any insect with wings and which swarm—they're unacceptable to Yahweh for you to eat, **20** but other insects with wings are acceptable to eat.

21 Don't eat any creature that's died naturally. You may allow foreigners who live among you to eat those things. You may also sell them to other foreigners. But you are a people group that belongs to your god Yahweh.

You mustn't cook a young sheep or goat in its mother's milk.[230]

22 Make sure you set aside a tenth of all the crops that you harvest from your fields.[231] **23** You must eat it in the presence of your god Yahweh, in the place that he'll choose and attach his name to. That's where you must eat the tenth of your grain, wine, olive oil, and the firstborn male animals from your herd and your flock, so that you'll learn to always honour your god

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_of_your. **19** [226] If/because you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_guard/protect ~~DOM~~ all_of commands_of_ _his which I am_commanding_of_you the_day for_doing the_ _right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_your.

14:1 Are_children you(pl) to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) not you_will_cut_yourselves and_not you(pl)_will_make baldness between your(pl)_eyes for_a_dead_person. **2** If/because are_a_ _people holy you to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your and_(in)_you **YHWH** he_has_chosen to_be to_him/it (into)_a_people_of possession from_all the_peoples which are_on the_surface_of the_soil.

3 Not you_will_eat any_of disgusting_thing. **4** This the_ _cattle/livestock which you(pl)_will_eat an_ox an_animal_of young_rams and_an_animal_of goats. **5** A_deer and_a_gazelle and_a_roe-deer and_a_wild_goat and_an_ibex and_an_antelope and_a_mountain_sheep. **6** And_all animal which_divides_in_ _two_of a_hoof and_which_cleaves_of a_cleft of_two_of hooves which_brings_up_of (of)_cud among_animal[s] ~~DOM~~_her/it you(pl)_will_eat. **7** Nevertheless ~~DOM~~ this not you(pl)_will_eat of_those_which_bring_up_of (of)_the_cud and_of_those_which_ _divide_in_two_of (of)_the_hoof (the)_cloven ~~DOM~~ the_camel and_~~DOM~~ the_hare and_~~DOM~~ the_rock_badger if/because is_ _bringing_up_of (of)_cud they and_a_hoof not they_divide_in_ _two are_unclean they to_you(pl). **8** And_~~DOM~~ the_pig if/because is_dividing_in_two_of a_hoof it and_not cud is_ _unclean it to/for_you(pl) any_of_their_meat not you(pl)_will_ _eat and_(in)_carcass_of_their not you(pl)_will_touch. **9** ~~DOM~~ this you(pl)_will_eat from_all that is_in_waters all that to_ _him/it fin and_scale you(pl)_will_eat. **10** And_ _all/each/any/every that there_belong_not to_him/it fin and_ _scale not you(pl)_will_eat is_unclean it to_you(pl). **11** Any_of bird clean you(pl)_will_eat. **12** And_this is_that_which not you(pl)_will_eat from_them the_eagle and_the_bearded_ _vulture and_the_black_vulture. **13** And_the_kite and_~~DOM~~ the_ _black_kite and_the_red_kite to_its_kind. **14** And_~~DOM~~ every_of raven to/for_his/its_kind. **15** And_~~DOM~~ the_daughter_of the_ _ostrich and_~~DOM~~ the_screech_owl and_~~DOM~~ the_gull and_~~DOM~~ the_falcon to_his/its_kind. **16** ~~DOM~~ the_little_owl and_~~DOM~~ the_ _great_owl and_the_barn_owl. **17** And_the_wilderness_owl and_ _~~DOM~~ the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt))_vulture and_ _~~DOM~~ the_cormorant. **18** And_the_stork and_the_heron to_its_ _kind and_the_hoopoe and_the_bat. **19** And_ _all/each/any/every (the)_swarming_thing_of the_insect is_ _unclean it to/for_you(pl) not they_will_be_eaten. **20** Any_of insect clean you(pl)_will_eat. **21** Not you(pl)_will_eat any_of carcass to_sojourner who is_in_gates_of_your you_will_give_it and_he_will_eat_it or you_will_sell_it to_a_foreigner if/because are_a_people holy you to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your not you_will_

226 **LV 13:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.18

227 **RV 14:1 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:28; 21:5.

228 **RV 14:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5-6; Deu 4:20; 7:6; 26:18; Tit 2:14; 1Pe 2:9.

229 **RV 14:3 · Parallel** Lev. 11:1-47

230 **RV 14:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:19; 34:26.

231 **RV 14:22-29 · Cross-ref.** Lev 27:30-33; Num 18:21.

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_boil a_kid in_the_milk_of his/its_mother. **22** Fully_(tithe) you_
_will_tithe ~~DOM~~ all_of the_produce_of your_seed_of_your
which_comes_out the_field a_year a_year. **23** And_you(ms)_will_
eat to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your
in_place where he_will_choose to_cause_to_dwell his/its_name
there the_tithe_of your_grain_of_your wine_of_your_new and_
_your_fresh_of_oil and_the_firstborn(s)_of your_herd_of_your
and_flock_of_your so_that you_may_learn to_fear ~~DOM~~ **YHWH**
god_of_your all_of the_days. **24** And_because/when it_will_be_
_too_great for_you the_journey if/because not you_will_be_
_able[232] to_carry_it if/because it_will_be_too_far for_you the_
_place where **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose to_put
his/its_name there if/because he_will_bless_you **YHWH** god_
_of_your. **25** And_you(ms)_will_give for_money and_you_will_
_secure the_money in_hand_of_your and_you_will_go to the_
_place which **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose in/on/over_
_him/it. **26** And_you(ms)_will_give the_money for_all that
appetite_of_your it_will_desire for_cattle and_for_sheep and_
_for_wine and_for_(the)_drink and_for_all_of that it_will_ask_
_you appetite_of_your and_you(ms)_will_eat there to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your and_ you and_
_household_of_your _you_will_rejoice. **27** And_the_Lēviyyiy
who is_in_gates_of_your not you_will_neglect_him if/because
there_belongs_not to_him/it a_portion and_an_inheritance
with_you. **28** From_the_end_of three years you_will_bring_out
~~DOM~~ all_of the_tithe_of your_produce_of_your in_year the_that
and_you_will_deposit_it in_gates_of_your. **29** And_ the_Lēviyyiy
_he_will_come if/because there_belongs_not to_him/it a_
_portion and_an_inheritance with_you and_the_sojourner and_
_the_fatherless_one and_the_widow who are_in_gates_of_your
and_they_will_eat and_they_will_be_satisfied so_that he_may_
_bless_you **YHWH** god_of_your in_all the_work_of your_hand_
_of_your which you_will_do.

15:1 From_the_end/extremity seven years you_will_observe a_
_remission. **2** And_this is_the_manner_of the_remission every_
_of owner he_will_let_drop the_loan_of his/its_hand which he_
_will_lend to_neighbour_of_his not he_will_press ~~DOM~~ his/its_
neighbour and~~DOM~~ his/its_brother if/because someone_has_
_proclaimed a_remission to/for_**YHWH**. **3** ~~DOM~~ the_foreigner
you_will_press and_which it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m)
with your(ms)_brother/kindred hand_of_your you_shall_let_
_release. **4** Nevertheless if/because not he_will_be among_you
a_needy_person if/because surely_(bless) he_will_bless_you
YHWH on_the_earth which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_
_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance to_take_possession_of_
it. **5** Only if carefully(listen) you_will_listen to_the_voice_of
YHWH god_of_your to_guard/protect for_doing ~~DOM~~ all_of the_
_command (the)_this which I am_commanding_of_you the_day.
6 If/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_blessed_you just_as
he_spoke to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_lend_to nations many
and_you(ms) not you_will_borrow and_you_will_rule over_
_nations many and_over_you not they_will_rule. **7** If/because
he_will_be in_you(ms) a_needy_person any_one_of your(pl)_

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Yahweh. **24** When he blesses you with produce, if the place he chooses to attach his name to is too far for you to be able to carry it to, **25** then you can give the equivalent in cash, and carefully take the cash with you all the way to the place that he chooses. **26** When you get there, use the money to purchase any kinds of meat or drink that you want, and consume it there in front of your god Yahweh, and celebrate along with your household.

27 Be sure not to neglect any Levites that live in your town, because they weren't given ancestral land for agriculture like you were. **28** At the end of every third year, bring the tenth of all your produce for that year and store it in your town **29** for the Levites (because they didn't get land), and for any foreigners, orphans, and widows who live in your towns. They can come and get what they need so that your god Yahweh can bless you in everything that you do.

The 7-year economic reset[233]

15:1 At the end of every seven years, you must cancel all debts. **2** Handle it like this: Everyone who's loaned money to their Israeli neighbour must cancel that debt, i.e., they must not insist that it's paid back, because Yahweh has announced a cancellation. **3** You can pressure a foreigner to repay, but you must cancel any debt from a fellow Israeli.

4 However, there shouldn't be any poor among you, because your god Yahweh will bless you in the land that he's giving you to own as an inheritance, **5** as long as you listen to what he says and keep following these instructions that I'm telling you today. **6** Because your god Yahweh will bless you (like he promised he would), you'll lend to many nations rather than borrowing from them, and you'll rule over many nations rather than them ruling you.

7 In the towns that your god Yahweh is giving you, if it so happens that any of your fellow Israelis are poor, then don't just ignore them and refuse to help them,[234] **8** but instead, open your

232 **LV 14:24 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

233 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** Lev. 25:1-7

234 **RV 15:7-8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:35.

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wallet and lend them however much they need. **9** Be careful not to quietly think to yourself that the seventh-year reset is close so they won't have to pay it back. It would be wrong not to help a fellow Israeli, and if you did and he called out to Yahweh for help, then it would be counted against you as disobedience. **10** Give generously to the poor without getting resentful inside, because then your god Yahweh can bless you in all your work and all your investments. **11** There'll always be poor people in your country,[235] so I command you to give generously to the poor and needy and your fellow Israelis.

12 If a fellow Israeli is sold to you[237] and **Freeing slaves**[236] serves you for six years, then you must free them in the seventh year.[238] **13** But when you free them, don't send them off empty-handed **14** but instead, give to them generously from your flock and from your barn and from your wine. In whatever ways your god Yahweh has blessed you, you should give to them. **15** Always remember that you were a slave in Mitsrayim (Egypt) and your god Yahweh redeemed you out of there, so that's why I'm commanding you to do that.

16 However, if any slave says that they don't want to leave you, because they appreciate you and your household, and so they're better off to stay with you, **17** then get an awl and stand them against the doorpost and pierce one of their earlobes with the awl, then that person (male or female) will be your slave forever. **18** Don't complain when you have to release your slaves, because they've served you up to six years and been double the value of a regular hired worker, plus your god Yahweh will bless you in whatever you do.

19 You must set apart for your god Yah- **The firstborn animals** weh, all the firstborn male animals from your herds and your flocks.[239] You mustn't use the cattle for

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_countrymen_of_your in_one_of your(pl)_gates_of_your in_ _land_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs) not you_will_harden ~~DOM~~ heart_of_your and_not you_will_shut ~~DOM~~ hand_of_your from_countryman_of_your (the)_needy. **8** If/because generously_(open) you_will_open ~~DOM~~ hand_of_your to_him/it and_generously_(lend) you_will_lend_ _to_him sufficiency_of his_lack_of_his which it_will_be_lacking to_him/it. **9** Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest a_message it_ _should_be with heart_of_your worthlessness to_say the_year_ _of the_seven the_year_of the_remission it_has_drawn_near and_ eye_of_your _it_will_be_evil on_countryman_of_your (the)_needy and_not you_will_give to_him/it and_he_will_call_ _out on_you to **YHWH** and_it_was in_you(ms) sin.
10 Generously_(give) you_will_give to_him/it and_not heart_of_ _your it_will_be_sad when_give_you to_him/it if/because on_ _account_of the_thing the_this he_will_bless_you **YHWH** god_ _of_your in_all work_of_your and_in_every_of (the)_ _undertaking_of your_hand_of_your. **11** If/because not the_ _needy he_will_cease from_the_midst_of the_earth/land therefore yes/correct/thus/so I am_commanding_of_you to_ _say generously_(open) you_will_open ~~DOM~~ hand_of_your to_ _countryman_of_your to_your_poor_of_person and_to_your_ _needy_of_person in_land_of_your.

12 If/because he_will_sell_himself to/for_yourself(m) your(ms)_brother/kindred (the)_Hebrew_masc or (the)_ _Hebrew_fem and_he_will_serve_you six years and_in_year (the)_seventh you_will_let_him_go a_free_person from_with_ _you. **13** And_because/when you_will_let_him_go a_free_person from_with_you not you_will_let_him_go empty. **14** Generously_ _(provide) you_will_provide to_him/it from_flock_of_your and_ _from_your_threshing_of_floor and_from_winepress_of_your that_which he_has_blessed_you **YHWH** god_of_your you_will_ _give to_him/it. **15** And_you_will_remember if/because_that a_ _slave you_were in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_ _redeemed_you **YHWH** god_of_your therefore yes/correct/thus/so I am_commanding_of_you ~~DOM~~ the_matter the_this the_day. **16** And_it_was if/because he_will_say to_you not I_will_go_out from_with_you if/because he_loves_you and_ _~~DOM~~ household_of_your if/because it_has_been_good to_ _him/it with_you. **17** And_you_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_awl and_ _you(ms)_will_give in_ear_of_his and_in_door and_it_was to/for_yourself(m) a_slave_of perpetuity and_also to/for_ _your(ms)_female_slave you_will_do thus. **18** Not it_will_be_ _hard in_eyes_of_your when_you_let_go ~~DOM~~_him/it a_free_ _person from_with_you if/because double the_hire_of a_hired_ _labourer he_has_served_you six years and_he_will_bless_you **YHWH** god_of_your in_all that you_will_do.

19 Every_of (the)_firstborn which it_will_be_born in_herd_of_ _your and_in_flock_of_your the_male you_will_consecrate to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your not you_will_labour by_the_ _firstborn_of your_ox[en]_of_your and_not you_will_shear the_

235 **RV 15:11 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:11; Mrk 14:7; Yhn 12:8.

236 **RV 15:12 · Parallel** Exo. 21:1-11

237 **RV 15:12 · Note** Often to pay off their debt.

238 **RV 15:12-18 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:39-46.

239 **RV 15:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 13:12.

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_firstborn_of your_sheep_of_your. **20** To_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your you_will_eat_it a_year in_year
in_place which **YHWH** he_will_choose you and_household_of_
_your. **21** And_because/when it_will_be in_him/it a_blemish
lame or blind any_of blemish bad not you_will_sacrifice_it
to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your. **22** In_gates_of_your you_will_eat_it
the_unclean and_the_clean alike like_gazelle and_like_deer.
23 Only ᴅᴏᴍ blood_of_its not you_must_eat on the_earth/land
you_will_pour_it_out like_water.

16:1 Keep ᴅᴏᴍ the_month_of (the)_ʾĀvīv and_you_will_observe
a_passover to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your if/because in_the_
_month_of (the)_ʾĀvīv he_brought_you_out **YHWH** god_of_
_your from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) night. **2** And_you_will_sacrifice
a_passover to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your flock and_herd in_place
where **YHWH** he_will_choose to_cause_to_dwell his/its_name
there. **3** Not you_will_eat on/upon/above_him/it leaven seven_
_of days you_will_eat on/upon/above_him/it unleavened_
_bread(s) bread_of affliction if/because in_haste you_came_out
from_the_land_of Mitsrayim so_that you_may_
_remember[243][244][245] ᴅᴏᴍ the_day_of your_coming_out from_
_the_land_of Mitsrayim all_of the_days_of your(ms)_life. **4** And_
_not it_will_be_seen to/for_yourself(m) leaven in_all territory_
_of_your seven_of days and_not any_of the_meat which you_
_will_sacrifice in_evening in_the_day (the)_first it_will_remain_
_overnight to_morning. **5** Not you_will_be_able to_sacrifice ᴅᴏᴍ
the_passover in_one_of your(pl)_gates_of_your which **YHWH**
god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). **6** If/because (if) to
the_place which **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose to_cause_
_to_dwell his/its_name there you_will_sacrifice ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_passover in_evening just_ the_sun _as_goes the_time of_your_
_coming_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **7** And_you_will_cook_it
and_you(ms)_will_eat in_place which **YHWH** god_of_your he_
_will_choose in/on/over_him/it and_you_will_turn in_morning
and_you_will_go to_tents_of_your. **8** Six_of days you_will_eat
unleavened_bread(s) and_will_on_the_day the_seventh an_
assembly to/for**YHWH** god_of_your not you_will_do work.

9 Seven weeks you_will_count to/for_you(fs) from_ a_sickle _
_when_begins in_grain you_will_begin to_count seven weeks.
10 And_you_will_observe a_festival_of weeks to/for_**YHWH**
god_of_your a_sufficiency_of a_freewill_offering_of your_hand_
_of_your which you_will_give just_as he_will_bless_you **YHWH**
god_of_your. **11** And_you_will_rejoice to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your you and_son_of_your
and_daughter_of_your and_your_male_of_servant and_your_
_female_of_servant and_the_Lēviyyiy who is_in_gates_of_your

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working, and mustn't shear the sheep or goats. **20** Each year, you and your household must take them to the place that Yahweh will choose, and eat them there in front of him. **21** However, any animals that have defects (e.g., lame or blind, or with a severe blemish) mustn't be sacrificed to your god Yahweh. **22** Instead, you can eat those at home whether or not you're ceremonially 'clean', just like you'd eat a wild gazelle or deer. **23** However, don't eat the blood—it must be poured out on the ground like water.[240]

The messenger's 'pass-over' celebration[241]

16:1 Each year, honour your god Yahweh in the early spring by celebrating the 'pass-over', because it was one night in the early spring that he brought you out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[242] **2** In order to celebrate, go to the place that your god Yahweh will choose to attach his name to, and there sacrifice to him one young animal from your flock or herd. **3** Don't eat any leavened bread with it. For seven days, you must eat flat bread (the bread of suffering) because you came out of Mitsrayim in a rush. That's how you should remember the day of your exit from Mitsrayim for the rest of your life. **4** In fact, for seven days you shouldn't even have any rising agent within your borders, and none of the meat from the sacrifice on that first evening is allowed to be left until the morning.

5 You mustn't sacrifice the 'pass-over' animal within any of your towns that your god Yahweh is giving to you— **6** only at the place that your god Yahweh will choose to attach his name to. That's where you must sacrifice the 'pass-over' animal at sunset, which was the time when your ancestors started leaving Mitsrayim. **7** You must cook the meat and eat it at the place that Yahweh will choose, then in the morning you can start returning to your homes. **8** Then for six days you must only eat flat bread, and the seventh day is a special celebration for your god Yahweh—don't do any work on that day.

The harvest celebration[246]

9 You must count off seven weeks starting from when the very first harvesting of grain begins.[247] **10** Then celebrate the 'Festival of Weeks'[248] to honour your god Yahweh by contributing a freewill offering acknowledging however much he has blessed you. **11** You should celebrate in Yahweh's presence, along with your children and your servants, and any Levites living in your town, and the foreigners, orphans, and widows living among you. Take your offer-

240 **RV 15:23 · Cross-ref.** Gen 9:4; Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deu 12:16-23.

241 **RV 16:1 · Parallel** Exo. 12:1-20

242 **RV 16:1-8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-20; Lev 23:5-8; Num 28:16-25.

243 **LV 16:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

244 **LV 16:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

245 **LV 16:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

246 **RV 16:9 · Parallel** Exo. 34:22; Lev. 23:15-21

247 **RV 16:9-12 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:15-21; Num 28:26-31.

248 **RV 16:10 · Note** Also known as the 'Harvest Festival' or 'Pentecost' (relating to the fifty days = seven weeks plus one day).

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ings to the place that your god Yahweh will choose to attach his name to. **12** Always remember that you were a slave in Mitsrayim (Egypt), so carefully follow those instructions.

The celebration in temporary huts[249]

13 After you've brought in the grain harvest and pressed out the grape juice, you must celebrate the 'Festival of Shelters' for seven days.[250] **14** You should celebrate along with your children and your servants, as well as any Levites and foreigners and orphans and widows who live in your town. **15** Honour your god Yahweh at the place he'll choose, by celebrating for seven days because he's blessed your harvest and all your other work.

16 In summary, all your men must travel three times each year to the place that your god Yahweh will choose: at the Flat Bread Celebration, at the Festival of Weeks, and at the Festival of Shelters. No man should come empty-handed, **17** but rather, each man must give in proportion to the blessings that your god Yahweh has given you during that year.

Strive for justice

18 You must appoint judges and other officials throughout your tribes, in all the towns that your god Yahweh is giving to you. They must judge the people fairly and correctly. **19** You mustn't pervert justice or give favours. Don't accept bribes because a bribe causes an otherwise wise person to ignore evil and misrepresents what innocent people say.[251] **20** True justice is what you should aim for, so that you'll occupy and live in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you.

Prohibitions in worship and justice

21 Never put an Asherah pole near the altar to your god Yahweh that you'll build for yourself,[252] **22** and don't erect any stone pillars that your god Yahweh hates.[253]

17:1 Don't sacrifice any animal to your god Yahweh that has any blemish or defect, because he detests that.

2 In any of the towns that your god Yahweh is giving you, if you discover any man or woman who does evil by disobeying the agreement that he's made with you **3** and worshipped other gods, or the sun, moon, or stars—all of which I've prohibited you from doing,[254] **4** and it's reported to you, and you listen and in-

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and_the_sojourner and_the_fatherless_one and_the_widow who are_in_midst_of_your in_place where **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose to_cause_to_dwell his/its_name there. **12** And_ _you_will_remember if/because_that a_slave you_were in_ _Mitsrayim and_you_will_take_care and_you_will_observe ~~DOM~~ the_regulations the_these.

13 The_festival_of the_booths you_will_observe to/for_ _yourself(m) seven_of days when_you_have_gathered from_ _your_threshing_of_floor and_from_winepress_of_your. **14** And_ _you_will_rejoice at_festival_of_your you and_son_of_your and_ _daughter_of_your and_your_male_of_servant and_your_ _female_of_servant and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_sojourner and_ _the_fatherless_one and_the_widow who are_in_gates_of_your. **15** Seven_of days you_will_celebrate_a_festival to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your in_place which **YHWH** he_will_choose if/because he_will_bless_you **YHWH** god_of_your in_all_of produce_of_ _your and_in_all_of the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your and_you_will_be surely joyful. **16** Three times in_year every_of male_of_your he_will_present_himself with the_presence_of **YHWH** god_of_your in_place which he_will_choose at_the_ _festival_of the_unleavened_bread(s) and_at_the_festival_of (the)_weeks and_at_the_festival_of the_booths and_not he_will_ _present_himself with the_presence_of **YHWH** empty.
17 Anyone according_to_the_gift_of his/its_hand according_to_ _the_blessing_of **YHWH** god_of_your which he_has_given to/for_you(fs).
18 Judges and_officials you_will_appoint to/for_yourself(m) in_ _all gates_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) for_tribes_of_your and_they_will_judge ~~DOM~~ the_people judgement_of righteousness. **19** Not you_will_turn_ _aside justice not you_will_pay_regard_to faces and_not you_ _will_take a_bribe if/because the_bribe it_makes_blind the_ _eyes_of wise_people and_it_perverts the_words/messages_of righteous_people. **20** righteousness righteousness you_will_ _pursue so_that you_may_live and_you_will_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_ _give to/for_you(fs).
21 Not you_will_plant to/for_yourself(m) an_'Ashērāh_pole any_of tree beside the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_your which you_ _will_make for_yourself. **22** And_not you_will_set_up to/for_ _yourself(m) a_sacred_pillar which **YHWH** god_of_your he_ _hates.
17:1 Not you_will_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your an_ox and_a_sheep which it_will_be in_him/it a_blemish any_of thing bad if/because is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** god_of_your it.
2 If/because he_will_be_found in_midst_of_your in_one_of your(pl)_gates_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_ _give to/for_you(fs) a_man or a_woman who he_will_do ~~DOM~~ the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_your by_ _transgressing covenant_of_his. **3** And_he/it_went and_he_has_

249 **RV 16:13 · Parallel** Lev. 23:33-43

250 **RV 16:13-15 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:33-36,39-43; Num 29:12-38.

251 **RV 16:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:6-8; Lev 19:15.

252 **RV 16:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:13.

253 **RV 16:22 · Cross-ref.** Lev 26:1.

254 **RV 17:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:20.

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_served gods other and_he_has_bowed_down to/for_them and_
_to_sun or to_moon or to/from_all/each/any/every the_
_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens which not I_have_
_commanded. **4** And_it_will_be_told to/for_yourself(m) and_
_you_will_hear and_you_will_investigate thoroughly_(do_well)
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE truth the_matter is_certain the_
_abomination (the)_this it_has_been_done in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
5 And_you_will_bring_out ~~DOM~~ the_man (the)_that or ~~DOM~~ the_
_woman the_that who they_have_done ~~DOM~~ the_thing (the)_
_evil the_this to gates_of_your ~~DOM~~ the_man or ~~DOM~~ the_woman
and_you_will_stone_them with_stones and_they_will_die. **6** On
the_mouth_of two witnesses or three witnesses the_one_about_
_to_die he_will_be_put_to_death not he_will_be_put_to_death
on the_mouth_of a_witness one. **7** The_hand_of the_witnesses
it_will_be in/on/over_him/it at_first to_put_him_to_death and_
_the_hand_of all_of the_people at_last and_you_will_remove
the_evil from_midst_of_your. **8** If/because it_will_be_too_
_difficult for_you[257][258] a_matter for_judgement between blood
and_blood between dispute and_dispute and_between wound
and_wound matters_of cases_at_law in_gates_of_your and_you_
_will_arise and_you_will_go_up to the_place which **YHWH** god_
_of_your he_will_choose in/on/over_him/it. **9** And_you_will_go
to the_priests the_Lēviyyiy and_near/to the_judge who he_
_will_be in_the_days the_those and_you_will_enquire and_
_they_will_tell to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ the_message_of the_
_verdict. **10** And_you_will_do on the_mouth_of the_message
which they_will_tell to/for_yourself(m) from the_place (the)_
_that which **YHWH** he_will_choose and_you_will_take_care for_
_doing according_to_all that they_will_instruct_you. **11** On the_
_mouth_of the_instruction which they_will_instruct_you and_
_on the_verdict which they_will_say to/for_yourself(m) you_
_will_do not you_will_turn_aside from the_message which
they_will_tell to/for_yourself(m) right_hand and_left_hand.
12 And_the_person who he_will_act with_presumption to_not
to_listen to the_priest/officer who_stands to_serve there ~~DOM~~
YHWH god_of_your or to the_judge and_ the_man (the)_that _
_he_will_die and_you_will_remove the_evil from_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_all the_people they_will_hear and_
_they_will_fear and_not they_will_act_presumptuously again.
14 If/because you_will_go into the_earth/land which **YHWH**
god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_take_
_possession_of_it and_you_will_dwell in_it and_you_will_say
let_me_appoint over_myself a_king like_all_of the_nations
which are_around_of_me. **15** Indeed_(appoint) you_will_
_appoint over_yourself a_king whom **YHWH** god_of_your he_
_will_choose in/on/over_him/it from_the_midst_of your(pl)_
_countrymen_of_your you_will_appoint over_yourself a_king
not you_will_be_able to_set over_yourself a_man foreign who
not your(ms)_brother/kindred he. **16** Only not he_will_increase

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vestigate it thoroughly, and it's true that this detestable thing was done in Yisrael (Israel), **5** you must bring that man or woman out to the town gates, and execute them by throwing rocks at them. **6** Note that that person can only be executed if there's at least two witnesses as evidence—no one can be put to death on the testimony of just one witness.[255] **7** The witnesses must be the ones to throw the first rocks then all the other people after that, and that's how you'll remove evil from your society.[256]

8 If a case is too difficult for you yourselves to judge (e.g., two parties claiming bloodshed, or lawsuits, or assaults, or other disputes within your towns), you must leave town and go to the place that your god Yahweh is going to choose. **9** You should go to the Levitical priests and to the judge on duty there and they will produce a judgement. **10** Whatever the decision is that's made at the place Yahweh will choose, that's the verdict that must be applied to the case— **11** accept their judgement and do what they say without making any adjustments to their decision. **12** Anyone who shows contempt for the decision of the judge or the priest who's standing there serving your god Yahweh, then that person must be executed to remove that evil from Yisrael (Israel), **13** then all the people will hear about it and be afraid, and it'll stamp out such arrogance.

Expectations for a king

14 When you enter the land that your god Yahweh is about to give you, then occupy and live in it, and you say that you need a king over you like all the surrounding countries have,[259] **15** you can appoint the king over you that Yahweh chooses. Your king must be an Israeli—never allow a foreigner to become your king. **16** However, he mustn't acquire a large number of horses for himself, and he should never send people to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to buy horses,[260] because Yahweh has told you all to never go back that way

255 **RV 17:6 · Cross-ref.** Num 35:30; Deu 19:15; Mat 18:16; 2Cor 13:1; 1Tim 5:19; Heb 10:28.

256 **RV 17:7 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 5:13.

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259 **RV 17:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 8:5.

260 **RV 17:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:28; 2Ch 1:16; 9:28.

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again. **17** He mustn't take a lot of wives for himself or else he might stop worshipping Yahweh.[261] Nor should he accumulate too much gold and silver.[262]

18 Once he's sitting on his royal throne, he must copy for himself the instructions on the scroll that's in the custody of the Levitical priests, **19** then he must keep it with him and read some of it every day so that he learns to honour his god Yahweh—being careful to follow all the instructions and regulations written in it **20** so that he won't think he's more valued than his fellow citizens, and so that he doesn't ignore those instructions even slightly. As a result, him and his descendants will rule as kings in Yisrael (Israel) for many years.

Portions for Levites

18:1 None of the Levites (including the priests) will receive any land as an inheritance like the other Israelis. Instead, the people's offerings to Yahweh will be their inheritance to sustain them. **2** Yes, unlike fellow Israelis, they won't have any inherited land—Yahweh is their inheritance like he told them.[263]

3 This is the requirement that the people do for the priests: whenever they bring a bull or a sheep as a sacrifice, they must give the shoulder, the cheeks, and the stomach to the priest. **4** Also you must give the Levites the firstfruits of your grain, your grape juice, your olive oil, and the wool shorn from your sheep, **5** because your god Yahweh chose them out of all your tribes for them and their descendants permanently to serve him.

6 If a Levite chooses to move his family from their town in any part of Yisrael (Israel) and sincerely wants to go to the place that Yahweh will choose, **7** then he can join the other Levites there to serve his god Yahweh **8** and must be given a portion like all the others. (He can keep anything he got from the sale of their family home.)

Warnings against divination and magic

9 When you enter the land that your god Yahweh is about to give you, don't imitate the disgusting habits of those peoples. **10** There mustn't be anyone among you who passes their son or daughter through fire, or who uses divination or omens to try to tell the future,[264] or who practices sorcery,[265] **11** or who puts spells on people, or who tries to talk to spirits of deceased people, **12** because anyone who does those things is abhorrent to Yahweh. It's because of those kinds of things that your god Yahweh will drive those other peo-

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for_him/it horses and_not he_will_make_return ~~DOM~~ the_ _people to_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) so_as to_increase horse[s] and_ _**YHWH** he_has_said to/for_you(pl) not you(pl)_will_repeat to_ _return on_way the_this again. **17** And_not he_will_increase for_him/it wives and_not heart_of_his it_will_turn_aside and_ _silver and_gold not he_will_increase for_him/it exceedingly. **18** And_it_was just_as_he_sits on the_throne_of his/its_ _kingdom and_he_will_write to_him/it ~~DOM~~ (the)_copy_of the_ _law (the)_this on a_scroll from_to/for_face/front/presence the_priests the_Lēviyyiy. **19** And_it_will_be with_him/it and_ _he_will_read in_him/it all_of the_days_of his/its_life so_that he_may_learn to_fear ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** his/its_god to_guard/protect ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this and_~~DOM~~ the_regulations the_these to_do_them. **20** To_not heart_of_his to_be_lifted_up more_than_of_his_countrymen and_to_not to_ _turn_aside from the_command right_hand and_left_hand so_ _that he and_descendants_of_his he_may_prolong days over his/its_kingdom in_the_midst_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

18:1 Not it_will_belong to_priests the_Lēviyyiy all_of the_tribe_ _of Lēvī a_portion and_an_inheritance with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** and_inheritance_of_his they_will_ _eat. **2** And_an_inheritance not it_will_belong for_him/it in_ _the_midst_of countrymen_of_his **YHWH** he inheritance_of_is_ _his just_as he_spoke to_him/it. **3** And_this it_will_be the_right_ _of the_priests from_with the_people from_with those_who_ _sacrifice_of (of)_the_sacrifice whether ox or sheep and_he/it_ _gave to_priest the_arm and_the_two_cheeks and_the_stomach. **4** The_first_of your_grain_of_your wine_of_your_new and_your_ _fresh_of_oil and_the_first_of the_fleece_of your_sheep_of_your you_will_give for_him/it. **5** If/because in_him/it **YHWH** god_of_ _your he_has_chosen from_all tribes_of_your to_stand to_serve in/on_name_of **YHWH** he and_descendants_of_his all_of the_ _days. **6** And_because/when (the)_Lēviyyiy he_will_come from_ _one_of your(pl)_gates_of_your from_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) where he was_sojourning there and_he_will_come in_all the_desire_of his_self_of_his to the_place which **YHWH** he_will_choose. **7** And_he_will_serve in/on_name_of **YHWH** his/its_god like_all_ _of relatives_of_his the_Lēviyyiy who_stand there to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **8** A_portion like_a_portion they_will_eat besides_even_though sales_of_his on the_fathers.

9 If/because you will_have_gone into the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs) not you_ _will_learn for_doing according_to_the_abominations_of the_ _nations the_those. **10** Not he_will_be_found in_you(ms) one_ _who_makes_pass his/its_son and_daughter_of_his in_fire one_ _who_divines divinations a_soothsayer and_one_who_ _practices_divination and_a_sorcerer. **11** And_one_who_throws a_spell and_one_who_consults a_necromancer and_a_ _soothsayer and_one_who_consults (to) the_dead. **12** If/because is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** every_of one_who_does_of

261 RV 17:17 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 11:1-8.

262 RV 17:17 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 10:14-22,27; 2Ch 1:15; 9:27.

263 RV 18:2 · Cross-ref. Num 18:20.

264 RV 18:10 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:26.

265 RV 18:10 · Cross-ref. Exo 22:18.

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(of)_these_things and_on_account_of the_abominations the_
_these **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_dispossess them from_
_before_of_you. **13** Blameless you_will_be with **YHWH** god_of_
_your. **14** If/because the_nations the_these which you are_
_about_to_dispossess them to soothsayers and_near/to
diviners they_listen and_you(ms) not thus he_has_
_permitted[267][268][269] to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** god_of_your.

15 A_prophet from_midst_of_your one_of_your_countrymen
like_me he_will_raise_up to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** god_of_
_your to_him/it you(pl)_will_listen. **16** According_to_all that
you_asked from_with **YHWH** god_of_your at_Ḥorēv in/on_day
of_the_assembly to_say not let_me_repeat to_hear ~~DOM~~ the_
_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_my and_~~DOM~~ the_fire the_
_big/large/great(fs) (the)_this not let_me_see again and_not I_
_will_die. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me they_have_done_
_well that_which they_have_spoken. **18** A_prophet I_will_raise_
_up to/for_them from_the_midst_of their_countrymen_of_their
like_you and_I_will_put words/messages_of_my in_mouth_of_
_his and_he_will_speak to_them ~~DOM~~ all_of that I_will_
_command_him. **19** And_it_was the_man who not he_will_listen
to words/messages_of_my which he_will_speak in_name_of_my
I I_will_require from_with_him. **20** Nevertheless the_prophet
who he_will_act_presumptuously by_speaking a_message in_
_name_of_my ~~DOM~~ that_which not I_commanded_him to_speak
and_which he_will_speak in/on_name_of gods other and_ the_
_prophet (the)_that _he_will_die. **21** And_because/when you_
_will_say in_heart_of_your how will_we_know ~~DOM~~ the_message
which not he_has_spoken_it **YHWH**. **22** That_which the_
_prophet he_will_speak in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_not the_
_thing it_will_happen and_not it_will_come it is_the_message
which not he_has_spoken_it **YHWH** with_presumption he_has_
_spoken_it the_prophet not you_will_be_afraid from_him.

19:1 If/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~ the_
_nations which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_
_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ land_of_their and_you_will_dispossess_them
and_you_will_dwell in_cities_of_their and_in_houses_of_their.
2 Three cities you_will_set_apart to/for_you(fs) in_the_middle
your_land_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give
to/for_yourself(m) to_take_possession_of_it. **3** You_will_
_establish to/for_yourself(m) the_journey and_you_will_divide_
_into_three ~~DOM~~ the_territory_of your_land_of_your which he_
_will_give_you_as_an_inheritance **YHWH** god_of_your and_it_
_was to_flee to_(to) every_of killer. **4** And_this will_be_the_case_
_of the_killer who he_will_flee to_(to) and_he_will_live one_
_who he_will_strike_down ~~DOM~~ his/its_neighbour with_not_of
knowledge and_he not was_hating to_him/it from_yesterday
the_third_day. **5** And_which he_will_go with his/its_neighbour

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ples away ahead of you. **13** You must be a blameless nation in the eyes of your god Yahweh,[266] **14** because the groups that you'll expel from the land rely on fortune-tellers and diviners, but your god Yahweh won't allow you to do that.

Yahweh promises to send prophets

15 Your god Yahweh will select a man from among you and send him as a prophet like me. You must take notice of him,[270] **16** since you begged your god Yahweh from the bottom of Mt. Horev when you said, "We can't handle directly hearing the voice of our god Yahweh and looking at this terrible fire. Let us go home so we won't die here." **17** Then Yahweh told me, "They're right in what they're saying. **18** I'll choose a prophet from among them and see him. I'll tell him what to say, and he can pass it on to them, **19** and if anyone doesn't listen to what he says with my authority, I'll punish that person as if they ignored me.[271] **20** However, if the prophet says things that I didn't tell him to say but claims they came from me, or if he speaks in the name of other gods, then that prophet must die."

21 Now if you ask yourselves, "How can we recognise a message that didn't come from Yahweh?" **22** then when the prophet speaks in Yahweh's name but that thing doesn't happen, then you'll know that it didn't come from Yahweh. The prophet spoke it assuming that I'd want that, but you don't need to be afraid of him.

The refuge cities[272]

19:1 When your god Yahweh destroys those peoples where he's giving you the land, and you occupy the land and live in their cities and houses, **2** you must select three cities[273] spread across the land that Yahweh is giving you. **3** You must define three borders and build roads in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you to inherit. Anyone who kills another person can then flee to one of those cities. **4** This is the rule for someone who's killed another person and flees to live there: if they've accidentally killed another person and had no hate for that person from past events, **5** (for example, if two men went into the forest to chop wood and an axe head flew off its handle and killed the other man) then that accidental killer can flee to one of those cities and live there. **6** Otherwise a friend or

266 **RV 18:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:48.

267 **LV 18:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

268 **LV 18:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

269 **LV 18:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

270 **RV 18:15 · Cross-ref.** Acts 3:22; 7:37.

271 **RV 18:19 · Cross-ref.** Acts 3:23.

272 **RV 19:1 · Parallel** Num. 35:9-28; Josh. 20:1-9

273 **RV 19:1-13 · Cross-ref.** Josh 20:1-9.

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relative of the dead person might chase the killer in a sudden rage and overtake and kill the accidental killer if the city was too far away. However, the killer doesn't deserve death if they hadn't hated that person from past events— **7** that's why I'm ordering you to select three cities for this.

8 Then in the future, if your god Yahweh extends your territory as he promised your ancestors that he would do, and gives you all the land that he told them about, **9** and if you're still following all these instructions that I'm giving you today (loving your god Yahweh and always obeying what he's said), then you'll need to add three more refuge cities for your country. **10** That's so innocent people won't be killed in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you, and so that you won't be found guilty of the murder of that accidental killer.

11 However, if someone hates another person and then ambushes them and kills them, and then flees to one of those cities, **12** then the elders from their home town should go and get that person from the refuge city and hand that killer over to the relatives handling the case, and the murderer must be executed. **13** You must show no mercy to murderers but they must be executed so that the country isn't responsible for the blood of innocent people, and then things will go well for you.

Respecting boundaries

14 Once you're in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you to occupy, you mustn't move the boundary markers which were set between you and your neighbour.[276]

Concerning witnesses in court

15 A single witness must not be used to condemn anyone—a matter must only be considered proven if there's at least two or three witnesses.[277] **16** Suppose that a 'witness' brought a false allegation against a man, **17** then both parties must go and stand in front of Yahweh—in front of the priests and judges on duty at that time. **18** The judges must investigate the case thoroughly, and if the witness is proved to be lying (and so falsely accusing a fellow citizen), **19** you must give the false witness the punishment that was planned for the person falsely accused, and that's how you

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in_forest to_cut wood(s) and_ his/its_hand _it_will_be_impelled by_axe to_cut_down the_tree and_ the_iron _it_will_slip_off from the_tree and_it_will_find ~~DOM~~ his/its_neighbour and_he_ _will_die he he_will_flee to one of_the_cities the_these and_he_ _will_live. **6** Lest the_avenger_of (the)_blood he_should_pursue after the_killer if/because heart_of_his it_will_be_hot and_he_ _will_overtake_him if/because the_journey it_will_be_great and_he_will_strike_him life and_to/for_him/it there_belonged_ _not a_sentence_of death if/because not he was_hating to_ _him/it from_yesterday the_third_day. **7** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I am_commanding_of_you to_say three cities you_will_set_apart to/for_you(fs). **8** And_if **YHWH** god_ _of_your he_will_enlarge ~~DOM~~ territory_of_your just_as he_ _swore to_ancestors_of_your and_he/it_gave to/for_ _yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ all_of the_earth/land which he_spoke to_give to_ancestors_of_your. **9** If/because you_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of the_command (the)_this to_do_it which I am_commanding_of_ _you the_day to_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your and_to_walk in_ _ways_of_his all_of the_days and_you_will_add[274][275] to/for_ _yourself(m) again three cities to the_three_cities the_these. **10** And_not blood innocent it_will_be_shed in_the_midst_of your_land_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance and_it_was on_you blood(s). **11** And_because/when anyone he_will_be hating (to)_ _neighbour_of_his and_he_will_lie_in_wait to_him/it and_he_ _will_rise_up on/upon/above_him/it and_he_will_strike_him life and_he_will_die and_he_will_flee to one of_the_cities (the)_ _these. **12** And_ the_elders_of his_city_of_his _they_will_send and_they_will_take ~~DOM~~_him/it from_there and_they_will_give ~~DOM~~_him/it in_the_hand_of the_avenger_of (the)_blood and_ _he_will_die. **13** Not eye_of_your it_will_look_with_pity on/upon/above_him/it and_you_will_remove the_blood_of the_innocent_person from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_good to/for_ _you(fs).

14 Not you_will_displace the_boundary_of your_neighbour_of_ _your which the_forefathers they_set_bounds in_inheritance_ _of_your which you_will_inherit on_the_earth which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) to_take_ _possession_of_it.

15 Not a_witness one he_will_stand in_anyone to/from_ _all/each/any/every iniquity and_to/for_all sin in_all sin which he_will_sin on the_mouth_of two_of witnesses or on the_ _mouth_of three witnesses a_matter it_will_stand. **16** If/because a_witness_of injustice he_will_stand in_anyone to_testify in/on/over_him/it rebellion. **17** And_ the_two_of the_ _people whom to/for_them the_dispute _they_will_stand to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_priests and_the_judges who they_will_be in_the_days the_those. **18** And_ the_judges _they_will_ _investigate thoroughly_(do_well) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE is_a_ _witness_of falsehood the_witness falsehood he_has_testified

274 LV 19:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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276 RV 19:14 · Cross-ref. Deu 27:17.

277 RV 19:15 · Cross-ref. Num 35:30; Deu 17:6; Mat 18:16; Yhn 8:17; 2Cor 13:1; 1Tim 5:19; Heb 10:28.

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against_countryman_of_his. **19** And_you(pl)_will_do to_him/it just_as he_planned for_doing to_countryman_of_his and_you_ _will_remove the_evil from_midst_of_your. **20** And_the_ _remainder they_will_hear and_they_will_fear and_not they_ _will_repeat for_doing again like_thing (the)_evil the_this in_ _midst_of_your. **21** And_not eye_of_your it_will_look_with_pity life for_life eye for_eye tooth for_tooth hand for_hand foot for_ _foot.

20:1 If/because you_will_go_out to_war on enemies_of_your and_you_will_see horse and_chariot a_people great more_than_ _you not you_must_be_afraid from_them if/because **YHWH** god_of_your is_with_you who_brought_up_of_you from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **2** And_it_was just_as_you(pl)_ _draw_near to the_battle and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _come_near and_he_will_speak to the_people. **3** And_ _saying(ms) to_them hear Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl) are_ _approaching the_day to_battle on enemies_of_your(pl) not heart_of_your(pl) let_it_be_timid do_not be_afraid and_do_not make_haste and_do_not be_terrified of_them. **4** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_the_one_who_goes with_you(pl) to_ _fight to/for_you(pl) with enemies_of_your(pl) to_give_victory you(pl). **5** And_ the_officials _they_will_say to the_people to_ _say who the_man who he_has_built a_house new and_not he_ _has_dedicated_it let_him_go and_let_him_return to_house_of_ _his lest he_should_die in_battle and_a_man another he_will_ _dedicate_it. **6** And_who the_man who he_has_planted a_ _vineyard and_not he_has_put_it_to_use let_him_go and_let_ _him_return to_house_of_his lest he_should_die in_battle and_ _a_man another he_will_put_it_to_use. **7** And_who the_man who he_has_betrothed a_woman and_not he_has_taken_her let_him_go and_let_him_return to_house_of_his lest he_should_ _die in_battle and_a_man another he_will_take_her. **8** And_ the_ _officials _they_will_repeat to_speak to the_people and_they_ _will_say who the_man (the)_fearful and_(the)_weak_of (the)_ _heart let_him_go and_let_him_return to_house_of_his and_not ~~DOM~~ the_heart_of his_countrymen_of_his it_will_be_melted like_heart_of_his. **9** And_it_was just_ the_officials _as_finish to_ _speak to the_people and_they_will_appoint commanders_of armies at_the_head_of the_people. **10** If/because you_will_ _draw_near to_a_city to_fight on/upon_it(f) and_you_will_ _proclaim to_her/it to_peace. **11** And_it_was if peace it_will_ _answer_you and_it_will_open to/for_you(fs) and_it_was all_of the_people which_is_found in_it they_will_become to/for_ _yourself(m) (into)_forced_labour and_they_will_serve_you. **12** And_if not it_will_make_peace with_you and_it_will_make with_you war and_you_will_lay_siege on_it.[279][280][281] **13** And_he_ _will_give_it **YHWH** god_of_your in_hand_of_your and_you_ _will_strike_down ~~DOM~~ every_of male_of_its to_the_mouth_of the_sword. **14** Only the_women and_the_little_one[s] and_the_ _livestock and_all/each/any/every that it_will_be in_city all_of booty_of_its you_will_plunder to/for_you(fs) and_you(ms)_will_ _eat ~~DOM~~ the_booty_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your which **YHWH**

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can remove the evil from among your nation. **20** Then the rest of the people will hear about that and be afraid to do that kind of evil thing in your country. **21** Don't pity violent people: it's a life for a life, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, and a foot for a foot.[278]

Rules of battle

20:1 When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see many horses and chariots and a bigger army than yours, don't be afraid of them, because your god Yahweh who helped you out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) is with you. **2** As you approach the place of battle, the high priest must go and stand in front of the warriors, **3** and tell them, "Listen, Yisrael (Israel), you're about to battle against your enemies. Don't be nervous or afraid, and don't tremble or be terrified of them, **4** because your god Yahweh will go with you to fight for you against your enemies. He'll give you victory."

5 Then the officers must ask the people, "Is there anyone here who's just built a new house and hasn't dedicated it yet? If so, he can go home in case he dies in battle and someone else gets to dedicate his house. **6** Is there anyone who's planted a vineyard and not benefitted from it yet? If so, he can go home in case he dies in battle and someone else enjoys the grape harvest. **7** Is there anyone who's gotten engaged, but not yet married? If so, he can go home in case he died in battle and someone else marries her."

8 Then those officers should also ask, "Is there anyone who's scared or fearful? If so, he should go home so his fear doesn't spread to others." **9** Once they've finished speaking with the fighting men, they must appoint commanders over them.

10 When you approach a city ready to attack it, first call out to offer peace for surrender, **11** and if they agree to surrender and open the city gates, then they'll all be forced to work for you. **12** But if they refuse your terms and decide to fight against you, then you should besiege that city. **13** Then when your god Yahweh helps you to capture it, you must kill every male in that city. **14** However, you can take the women and children and cattle and everything else in the city as plunder for yourself. You can enjoy your enemies' possessions that Yahweh has given to you.

15 That's how you should treat the cities located far from you—it doesn't apply to the cities of nearby peoples.

16 In contrast, the cities of those peoples that your god Yahweh is giving you as an inheritance, you mustn't leave a single living thing alive **17** because you must complete eliminate the Hitim, the Amorim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Perizim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim. Do that just as your god Yahweh com-

278 **RV 19:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:23-25; Lev 24:19-20; Mat 5:38.

279 **LV 20:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

280 **LV 20:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

281 **LV 20:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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manded you **18** so that they don't teach you to sin against Yahweh by doing any of their abhorrent activities that they do for their gods.

19 When you besiege a city for a lengthy period, battling against it to capture it, you mustn't use your axes to destroy its trees, because you can eat their fruit. Don't cut them down because the trees in the countryside aren't likely to turn around and attack you. **20** However, the trees that aren't fruit trees can be cut down and make ladders and towers to enable you to go over the walls and capture the city that is resisting you.

Handling an unseen murder

21:1 If a dead body is found in the land that your god Yahweh is about to give you, and it appears that that person had been killed out in the countryside by some unknown person, **2** then your elders and your judges must go out and work out the distance to each of the towns close to that victim. **3** Then the elders from that closest town must select a heifer from their herd that's never been yoked or had to pull anything, **4** and take it down into a valley that has a stream but the ground has never been ploughed or planted. They must break its neck there **5** and the Levitical priests must approach it because your god Yahweh has chosen them to serve him and pronounce blessings on Yahweh's behalf, and to give rulings on disputes and assaults. **6** Then all the elders from that closest town must wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley, **7** and say, "We didn't murder this person, nor did we see who did it. **8** Yahweh, forgive your Israeli people who you rescued from Mitsrayim (Egypt). Don't count us as guilty for murdering an innocent person." When they do that, Yisrael (Israel) will be forgiven for that murder. **9** That's how your country will remove from yourselves the guilt of shedding innocent blood, when you do what's right in Yahweh's eyes.

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god_of_your he_has_given to/for_you(fs). **15** Thus you_will_do to/from_all/each/any/every the_cities (the)_distant from_you very which not are_any_of_the_cities_of the_nations the_these they. **16** Only from_the_cities_of the_peoples the_these which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_ _inheritance not you_will_let_live any_of breathing_thing. **17** If/because certainly_(totally_destroy) you_will_totally_ _destroy_them the_Ḫittiy[s] and_the_'Amorī[s] the_Kəna'ₐnī and_the_Pərizzī[s] the_Ḫiūī and_the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] just_ _as he_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_your. **18** So_that that not they_may_teach you(pl) for_doing according_to_all_of abominations_of_their which they_have_done for_gods_of_ _their and_you(pl)_will_sin to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **19** If/because you_will_lay_siege to a_city days many to_fight on/upon_it(f) to_capture_it not you_will_destroy ~~ĐOM~~ tree[s]_ _of_its by_wielding on/upon/above_him/it an_axe if/because from_him/it you_will_eat and_it not you_will_cut_down if/because the_humankind is_the_tree_of the_field to_go from_ _before_of_you in_(the)_siege. **20** Only a_tree which you_will_ _know if/because_that is_not a_tree_of food it ~~ĐOM~~_him/it you_ _will_destroy and_you_will_cut_down and_you_will_build siege_work[s] on the_city which it is_making with_you war until falls_it.

21:1 If/because one_slain it_will_be_found in_land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) to_ _take_possession_of_it lying in_the_field not it_is_known who did_he_strike_him_down. **2** And_ your_of_elders and_judges_of_ _your _they_will_go_out and_they_will_measure to the_cities which are_around_of the_one_slain. **3** And_it_was the_city (the)_near to the_one_slain and_ the_elders_of the_city the_ _that _they_will_take a_heifer_of the_herd which not it_has_ _been_worked by_it which not it_has_dragged by_a_yoke. **4** And_ the_elders_of the_city the_that _they_will_bring_down ~~ĐOM~~ the_heifer to a_wadi ever-flowing which not it_is_tilled in/on/over_him/it and_not it_is_sown and_they_will_break_ _the_neck_of there ~~ĐOM~~ the_heifer in_wadi. **5** And_ the_priests the_sons_of Lēvī _they_will_draw_near if/because (in)_them **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_chosen to_serve_him and_to_bless in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_on mouth_of_their every_of dispute and_all wound it_will_be. **6** And_all/each/any/every the_elders_of the_city the_that (the)_near to the_one_slain they_will_wash ~~ĐOM~~ hands_of_their over the_heifer (the)_ _broken_necked in_wadi. **7** And_they_will_answer and_they_ _will_say our_both_hands not they_shed[282] ~~ĐOM~~ the_blood the_ _this and_eyes_of_our not they_saw. **8** Make_atonement for_ _people_of_your[283][284] Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which you_ransomed Oh_ _**YHWH** and_do_not put blood innocent in_the_midst_of your_ _people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_be_atoned_for to/for_them the_blood. **9** And_you(ms) you_will_remove the_ _blood (the)_innocent from_midst_of_your if/because you_will_ _do the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**.

282 LV 21:7 · Note OSHB variant note: הכפש: (x-qere) וְכָפְּשׁ֣וּ: lemma_8210 n_0.1.0 morph_HVqp3cp id_05aaD וְכָפְּשׁ֣וּ

283 LV 21:8 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

284 LV 21:8 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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10 If/because you_will_go_out to_war on enemies_of_your and_ _he_will_give_him **YHWH** god_of_your in_hand_of_your and_ _you_will_take_captive captive[s]_of_his. **11** And_you_will_see among_captive[s] a_woman_of beautiful_of form and_you_will_ _love (in)_her and_you_will_take_her to/for_yourself(m) to/for_(a)_woman. **12** And_you_will_bring_her into the_middle_ _of your_house_of_your and_she_will_shave ~~DOM~~ head_of_her and_she_will_attend_to ~~DOM~~ nails_of_her. **13** And_she_will_ _remove ~~DOM~~ the_clothing_of her_captivity_of_her from_on_ _her and_she_will_dwell in_house_of_your and_she_will_weep_ _for ~~DOM~~ father_of_her and_~~DOM~~ mother_of_her a_month_of days and_after thus you_will_go to_her/it and_you_will_be_ _her_husband and_she_will_become to/for_yourself(m) to/for_ _(a)_woman. **14** And_it_was if not you_delight in_her and_you_ _will_let_her_go for_self_of_her and_certainly_(sell) not you_ _will_sell_her for_money not you_will_treat_as_a_slave (in)_her because that you_have_humiliated_her.

15 If/because they_will_belong to_a_man two_of wives the_ _one(f) is_loved and_the_one is_hated and_they_gave_birth to_ _him/it sons the_loved_wife and_the_hated_wife and_ the_son the_firstborn _it_was to_wife. **16** And_it_was in/on_day he_ _causes_to_inherit ~~DOM~~ sons_of_his ~~DOM~~ that_which it_will_ _belong to_him/it not he_will_be_able to_treat_as_firstborn ~~DOM~~ the_son_of the_loved_wife on the_face_of the_son_of the_ _hated_wife the_firstborn. **17** If/because ~~DOM~~ the_firstborn the_ _son_of the_hated_wife he_will_acknowledge by_giving to_ _him/it a_mouth_of two in_all that it_will_be_found to_him/it if/because he is_the_beginning_of his_generative_power_of_his to_him/it the_claim_of the_birthright.

18 If/because he_will_belong to_anyone a_son stubborn and_ _rebellious not_he is_listening to_the_voice_of his/its_father and_to_the_voice_of his/its_mother and_they_will_ _discipline[285][286][287] ~~DOM~~_him/it and_not he_will_listen to_them. **19** And_they_will_seize in_him/it his/its_father and_mother_ _of_his and_they_will_bring_out ~~DOM~~_him/it to the_elders_of his_city_of_his and_near/to the_gate_of his_place_of_his. **20** And_they_will_say to the_elders_of his_city_of_his son_of_ _our this is_stubborn and_rebellious not_he is_listening to_ _voice_of_our he_is_a_glutton and_a_drunkard. **21** And_they_ _will_stone_him all_of the_men_of his_city_of_his with_stones and_he_will_die and_you_will_remove the_evil from_midst_of_ _your and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_hear and_they_will_ _fear.

22 And_because/when it_will_be in_anyone a_sin_of a_ _sentence_of death and_he_will_be_put_to_death and_you_will_ _hang ~~DOM~~_him/it on a_tree. **23** Not corpse_of_his it_will_ _remain_overnight on the_tree if/because certainly_(bury) you_will_bury_him in_the_day (the)_that if/because is_a_curse_ _of god one_who_is_hanged and_not you_will_make_unclean ~~DOM~~ land_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance.

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Handling captured women

10 When you go out to battle against your enemies and your god Yahweh helps you defeat them, and you capture some of their people **11** and you notice an attractive woman that you'd like to take as a wife, **12** then you must publicly take her to your house. There you must shave off her hair and trim her nails, **13** and discard the clothes she was wearing when she was captured. She must stay in that house, and be allowed an entire month to mourn for her parents before she's taken to be your wife. **14** If you're not happy with her, then you can't sell her—you must release her to go wherever she wants because you've already humiliated her.

The oldest son's inheritance

15 If a man has two wives and loves one more than the other, but they've both given birth to sons for him but the oldest son is from the wife he dislikes, **16** then when he assigns his inheritance to his sons, he mustn't favour the son of the favourite wife over that eldest son. **17** Instead, he must acknowledge the son of the wife he dislikes, and given him double of everything, because that son is the beginning of his strength, and the largest share belongs to him.

The rebellious child

18 If a person has a stubborn, rebellious son who won't listen to the voice of his parents, and they tell him off, but he still won't listen to them, **19** then his parents must physically bring him to the elders at the gate of his hometown. **20** Then they must tell those elders, "Our son is stubborn and rebellious and pays no attention to what we say—he's a glutton and a drunkard." **21** Then all the men from that place must execute him by throwing rocks at him, thus removing that evil from among you. Then everyone in Yisrael (Israel) will hear about it and be afraid to imitate him.

Miscellaneous rules

22 If someone has committed a crime worthy of death, and that person is executed and you hang their body on a tree, **23** then the corpse mustn't remain overnight on the tree—it must be buried that same day, because anyone who's hanged is cursed by God[288] and you mustn't defile your country that your god Yahweh is about to give you as an inheritance.

22:1 If you see someone else's cow or sheep that has strayed

285 **LV 21:18 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

286 **LV 21:18 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

287 **LV 21:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

288 **RV 21:23 · Cross-ref.** Gal 3:13.

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away, don't act as though you didn't see it. Take it back to its owner.[289] **2** However, if the owner doesn't live near you, or if you don't know who it is, then take the animal to your house. It can stay with you until the owner comes looking for it, then you must give it to them. **3** Similarly if it's a donkey or clothing or anything else that someone's lost, don't pretend that you never saw it.

4 If you see someone else's donkey or cow that's fallen beside the road, don't act as though you didn't see it. You must try to help the owner to get the animal up.

5 Women mustn't wear men's clothes, and men mustn't wear women's clothes. Your god Yahweh hates people who do things like that.

6 If you happen to find a bird's nest in a tree or on the ground, and the mother bird is sitting in the nest on its eggs or with the baby birds, don't take both the mother bird and the babies. **7** You may take the eggs or the baby birds, but you must allow the mother bird to fly away. Do that so that things will go well for you and so that you'll live in the land for a long time.

8 When you build a new house, be sure to include a railing around your flat roof, so you won't be guilty of having caused someone's death if a person falls off it and dies.

9 Don't plant a crop in your vineyard, because then the harvest of the crop and the fruit from the vineyard will both be defiled.[290][291]

10 Don't plough with a cow and a donkey harnessed together.

11 Don't wear clothes with a mix of wool and linen.

12 Twist threads together to make tassels and sew them onto the four corners of your cloak.[292]

Rules about marriage and rape

13 If a man takes a wife and sleeps with her, then hates her **14** and accuses her of shameful things, destroying her reputation and claiming that she hadn't been a virgin, **15** then the young woman's parents must show the evidence of her virginity[293] to the elders at the city gate. **16** The young woman's father must tell the elders how he gave his daughter to the man as a wife, but now he's rejected

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22:1 Not you_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_ox_of your(ms)_brother/kindred or ~~DOM~~ sheep_of_his going_astray and_you_will_hide_yourself from_them certainly_(return) you_will_return_them to_ _countryman_of_your. **2** And_if not is_near your(ms)_ _brother/kindred to_you and_not you_know_him and_you_ _will_gather_it into the_middle_of your_house_of_your and_it_ _was with_you until your(ms)_brother/kindred seeks ~~DOM~~_ _him/it and_you_will_return_it to_him/it. **3** And_thus/so/as_ _follows you_will_do for_donkey_of_his and_thus/so/as_follows you_will_do for_clothing_of_his and_thus/so/as_follows you_ _will_do to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_thing_lost_of your(ms)_brother/kindred which it_will_be_lost from_him/it and_you_will_find_it not you_will_be_able to_hide_yourself. **4** Not you_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_donkey_of your(ms)_ _brother/kindred or ox_of_his falling by_way and_you_will_ _hide_yourself from_them certainly_(raise) you_will_raise_it_ _up with_him/it. **5** Not it_will_be the_garment[s]_of a_man on a_woman and_not a_man he_will_wear the_clothing_of a_ _woman if/because is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** god_of_ _your every_of one_who_does_of (of)_these_things. **6** If/because a_nest_of a_bird it_will_be_met to_your_face by_ _way in_all tree or on the_earth/land young_ones or eggs and_ _the_mother is_lying on the_young_ones or on the_eggs not you_will_take the_mother with the_young_ones. **7** Certainly_ _(let_go) you_will_let_go ~~DOM~~ the_mother and_~~DOM~~ the_young_ _ones you_will_take to/for_you(fs) so_that it_may_go_well to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_prolong days. **8** If/because you_ _will_build a_house new and_you_will_make a_parapet for_ _roof_your and_not you_will_put blood(s) on_house_of_your if/because the_one_who_falls he_will_fall from_it. **9** Not you_ _will_sow vineyard_of_your two_kinds lest the_full_produce the_seed which you_will_sow and_the_produce_of the_vineyard it_should_be_set_apart. **10** Not you_will_plow with_an_ox and_ _with_a_donkey together. **11** Not you_will_wear mixed_stuff wool and_linen(s) together. **12** Tassels you_will_make for_ _yourself on the_four the_corners_of your_covering_of_your which you_will_cover with_it.

13 If/because a_man he_will_take a_wife and_he_will_go to_ _her/it and_he_will_hate_her. **14** And_he_will_make to/for_ _her/it deeds_of words/messages and_he_will_send_forth on/upon_it(f) a_name bad and_saying(ms) ~~DOM~~ the_woman (the)_this I_took and_I_drew_near to_her/it and_not I_found to/for_her/it virginiti(es). **15** And_he/it_will_take the_father_of the[296] and_mother_of_her and_they_will_bring_forth ~~DOM~~ the_ _virginiti(es)_of the[297] to the_elders_of the_city the_gate.

289 **RV 22:1-4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:4-5.

290 **RV 22:9 · Note** Or possibly, become sacred.

291 **RV 22:9-11 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:19.

292 **RV 22:12 · Cross-ref.** Num 15:37-41.

293 **RV 22:15 · Note** Presumably, the blood-stained sheet.

296 **LV 22:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַנְּ/ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05jCu הָרֵעַנְּ/ה

297 **LV 22:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַנְּ/ה': lemma_d/5291 n_0.0.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05U11 הָרֵעַנְּ/ה

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16 And_saying(ms) the_father_of the[298299300301] to the_elders ÐOM daughter_of_my I_gave to_man the_this to/for_(a)_woman and_he_hated_her. 17 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he he_has_made deeds_of words/messages to_say not I_found to_daughter_of_ _your virginiti(es) and_these are_the_virginiti(es)_of my_ _daughter_of_my and_they_will_spread_out the_garment to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_elders_of the_city. 18 And_ the_elders_of the_city the_that _they_will_take ÐOM the_man and_they_will_punish ÐOM_him/it. 19 And_they_will_ _impose_a_fine_on ÐOM_him/it a_hundred silver and_they_will_ _give_them to_the_father_of the_young_woman if/because he_ _has_sent_forth a_name bad on (the)_virgin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to/for_him/it she_will_belong to/for_(a)_woman not he_ _will_be_able to_send_her_away[302303304] all_of his/its_days. 20 And_if truth the_message the_this it_was not virginiti(es) they_were_found mmm[305]. 21 And_they_will_bring_out ÐOM the[306] to the_entrance_of the_house_of her_father_of_her and_ _they_will_stone_her the_men_of her_city_of_her with_stones and_she_will_die if/because she_has_done a_disgraceful_folly in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_acting_as_a_prostitute the_house_of her_ _father_of_her and_you_will_remove the_evil from_midst_of_ _your. 22 If/because a_man he_will_be_found lying with a_ _woman married_of a_husband and_ also both_of_them the_ _man who_lay with the_woman and_the_woman _they_will_die and_you_will_remove the_evil from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 23 If/because he_will_be a_young_woman[307] a_virgin betrothed to_a_man and_he_will_find_her a_man in_city and_he_will_lie with_her/it. 24 And_you(pl)_will_bring_out ÐOM both_of_them to the_gate_of the_city the_that and_you(pl)_will_stone ÐOM_ _them with_stones and_they_will_die ÐOM the[308] on the_thing_ _of (of)_that not she_cried_for_help in_city and_ÐOM the_man on the_thing_of (of)_that he_has_humiliated ÐOM the_wife_of his/its_neighbour and_you_will_remove the_evil from_midst_ _of_your. 25 And_if in_the_field the_man he_will_find ÐOM the[309] betrothed and_he_will_take_hold on_her the_man and_ _he_will_lie with_her/it and_ the_man who he_lay with_her/it _he_will_die for_him/it_being_alone. 26 And[310311312] not you_

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her 17 and made shameful accusations about her not being a virgin. Then the parents must spread out that cloth and show it to the city elders. 18 Then the city elders must punish that man 19 and fine him a hundred silver coins to be paid to the young woman's father for defaming an Israeli virgin. Then she'll remain as his wife and he'll be prohibited from ever divorcing her.

20 However, if the accusation was true and the young woman hadn't been a virgin, 21 then they must take her to the doorway of her father's house. Then the men from that city must execute her by throwing rocks at her, because she's done a disgraceful thing in Yisrael (Israel)—committing fornication while she still lived in her father's house. That's how you'll remove evil from your country.

22 If a man is discovered sleeping with another man's wife, then both of them must be executed. That's how you'll remove evil from Yisrael.

23 If a young woman is engaged to a man, and another man sleeps with her, 24 then you must execute both of them at the city gate by throwing rocks at them—the young woman because she didn't scream, and the man for defiling another man's fiancée.

25 If the man found the young woman out in the countryside and overpowers her and rapes her, then the man must be executed 26 but don't do anything to that woman because she's not worthy of death. (This is similar to the case of a man murdering another man out in the countryside.) 27 When that man found her out in the countryside, then she would have cried out for help, but no one was there to save her.

28 If a man overpowers a young woman who's not engaged, and rapes her, and it's discovered,[294] 29 that man must pay her father fifty silver coins, and she'll become his wife because he's violated her. He'll then be prohibited from ever divorcing her.

30 A man must never sleep with any of his father's wives be-

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294 **RV 22:28-29 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:16-17.

298 **LV 22:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05DcB הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה

299 **LV 22:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

300 **LV 22:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

301 **LV 22:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

302 **LV 22:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

303 **LV 22:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

304 **LV 22:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

305 **LV 22:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ל: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֣ל': lemma_l/5291 n_0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_05nD3 הָֽרַעֲנִ֣ל

306 **LV 22:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.2.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05BCo הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה

307 **LV 22:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנ': lemma_5291 morph_HNcfsa id_05138 הָֽרַעֲנ

308 **LV 22:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.2.1 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05P19 הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה

309 **LV 22:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05oHD הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה

310 **LV 22:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ל/ו: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֣לוּ': lemma_c/l/5291 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Rd/Ncfsa id_05KPR הָֽרַעֲנִ֣לוּ

311 **LV 22:26 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

312 **LV 22:26 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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cause that would expose his father's nakedness.[295]

23:1 No man with crushed testicles or a severed penis is allowed to enter into Yahweh's assembly.

Excluded people

2 No illegitimate child[321] is allowed to enter into Yahweh's assembly, even down to the tenth generation.

3 No Amoni or Moavi is allowed to enter into Yahweh's assembly, even down past the tenth generation[322] **4** since they wouldn't even sell you bread and water when the people were travelling from Mitsrayim (Egypt) to Kena'an (Canaan). What's more, they hired Be'or's son Bil'am (Balaam) (from Petor in Aram-Naharayim) to curse you **5** However, your god Yahweh took no notice of Bil'am and turned the curse into a blessing because he loves you,[323] **6** so you must never strive for peace or prosperity for the Amonim or the Moavim.

7 In contrast, don't despise the Edomim because they're your cousins (descendants of your ancestor Yitshak (Isaac)). And don't despise the Mitsrim (Egyptians), because you lived there as foreigners. **8** The third generation (grandchildren) of any of

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_will_do anything there_belongs_not mmm[313] sin_of death if/because just_as someone he_will_arise on his/its_neighbour and_he_will_kill_him life is_so the_matter (the)_this. **27** If/because in_country he_found_her she_cried_for_help the[314] betrothed and_there_was_not a_deliverer to/for_her/it. **28** If/because a_man he_will_find a_young_woman[315] a_virgin who not she_is_betrothed and_he_will_seize_her and_he_will_ _lie with_her/it and_they_will_be_found. **29** And_he/it_gave the_man lay with_her/it to_the_father_of the[316] fifty silver and_to/for_him/it she_will_belong to/for_(a)_woman because that he_has_humiliated_her not he_will_be_able to_send_her_ _away[317][318][319] all_of his/its_days.

23:1 [320] Not a_man he_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_wife_of his/its_father and_not he_will_uncover the_skirt_of his/its_father.

2 [324] Not one_who_is_wounded_of crushing and_one_who_is_ _cut_off_of penis he_will_go in_the_assembly_of **YHWH**. **3** [325] Not a_bastard he_will_go in_the_assembly_of **YHWH** also a_ _generation tenth not it_will_go to_him/it in_the_assembly_of **YHWH**. **4** [326] Not an_ʹAmmōnī and_a_Mō'āvite he_will_go in_ _the_assembly_of **YHWH** also a_generation tenth not it_will_go to/for_them in_the_assembly_of **YHWH** until perpetuity. **5** [327] On the_thing_of (of)_that not they_met you(pl) with_food and_ _with_water on_way when_you_came_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_which he_hired on_you ~~DOM~~ Bil'ām the_son_of Bəʹōr from_Pethor 'Arām Nah$_a$rayim to_curse_you. **6** [328] And_not **YHWH** god_of_your he_was_willing to_listen to Bil'ām and_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he_turned for_you ~~DOM~~ the_ _curse into_blessing if/because he_loved_you **YHWH** god_of_ _your. **7** [329] Not you_will_seek peace_of_their and_good_of_their all_of days_of_your forever_perpetuity. **8** [330] Not you_will_ _abhor an_'Edōmite if/because your(ms)_brother/kindred he not you_will_abhor an_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) if/because a_sojourner you_were in_land_of_his. **9** [331] Children who they_

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295 **RV 22:30 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:8; 20:11; Deu 27:20.

313 **LV 22:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ל: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַנִּ/ל': lemma_l/5291 n_1.0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_051j8 הָרֵעַנִּ/ל

314 **LV 22:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַנִּ/ה': lemma_d/5291 n_0.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_053Hq הָרֵעַנִּ/ה

315 **LV 22:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַ': lemma_5291 morph_HNcfsa id_05tB6 הָרֵעַ

316 **LV 22:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַנִּ/ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05FRd הָרֵעַנִּ/ה

317 **LV 22:29 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

318 **LV 22:29 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

319 **LV 22:29 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

320 **LV 23:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.22.30

321 **RV 23:2 · Note** Or possibly, child from mixed parentage.

322 **RV 23:3-5 · Cross-ref.** Neh 13:1-2.

323 **RV 23:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 23:7–24:9.

324 **LV 23:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.1

325 **LV 23:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.2

326 **LV 23:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.3

327 **LV 23:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.4

328 **LV 23:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.5

329 **LV 23:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.6

330 **LV 23:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.7

331 **LV 23:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.8

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_will_be_born to/for_them a_generation third it_will_go to/for_them in_the_assembly_of **YHWH**.
10 [332] If/because you_will_go_out a_camp on enemies_of_your and_you_will_keep_yourself from_all thing evil. **11** [333] If/because he_will_be in_you(ms) a_man who not he_will_be clean from_a_happening_of night and_he_will_go_out to from_ _the_outside of_camp not he_will_come into the_middle_of the_camp. **12** [334] And_it_was to_the_ evening _turning he_will_ _wash with_water and_just_ the_sun _as_goes he_will_come into the_middle_of the_camp.[335] **13** [336] And_a_hand it_will_ _belong to/for_yourself(m) from_the_outside of_camp and_ _you_will_go_out to_(to) outside. **14** [337] And_a_spade it_will_ _belong to/for_yourself(m) with equipment_of_your and_it_ _was when_you_sit_down outside and_you_will_dig with_it and_you_will_turn and_you_will_cover ~~DOM~~ excrement_of_your. **15** [338] If/because **YHWH** god_of_your is_walking_about in_the_ _midst_of your_camp_of_your to_deliver_you and_to_deliver_ _up enemies_of_your to_your_face and_it_was camps_of_your holy and_not he_will_see in_you(ms) the_nakedness_of a_thing and_he_will_turn_back from_after_you.

16 [342] Not you_will_deliver_up a_slave to master(s)_of_his who he_will_deliver_himself to_you from_with master(s)_of_his. **17** [343] With_you let_him_remain in_midst_of_your in_place which he_will_choose in_one_of your(pl)_gates_of_your in_ _place to_him/it not you_will_maltreat_him. **18** [344] Not she_ _will_be a_female_cult_prostitute any_of_the_daughters_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not he_will_be a_male_cult_prostitute from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).[345] **19** [346] Not you_will_bring the_hire_of a_prostitute and_the_price_of a_dog the_house_of **YHWH** god_of_your to/from_all/each/any/every vow if/because are_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** god_of_your also both_of_of_them. **20** [347] Not you_will_charge_interest to_ _countryman_of_your interest_of money interest_of food interest_of any_of thing which someone_will_pay_interest. **21** [348] To_foreigner you_will_charge_interest and_to_ _countryman_of_your not you_will_charge_interest so_that he_ _may_bless_you **YHWH** god_of_your in_every_of (the)_

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Edomim or Mitsrim that live among you, may enter Yahweh's assembly.

Purity when at war

9 When your warriors are out besieging your enemies, they you must avoid ceremonial impurity. **10** If something happens at night to make a man 'unclean', then he must stay outside the camp the next day and not join the others. **11** That evening, he must wash himself in water, then once the sun has set, he may reenter the camp.

12 You must have a place outside your camp where you can go to relieve yourself. **13** You must have a spade among your equipment so that when you go to relieve yourself, you can dig a hole and then cover it up afterwards, **14** because your god Yahweh walks in your camp to give you victory to defeat your enemies, so your camp must be sacred so he won't see anything 'unclean' and turn away from you.

Various regulations

15 You mustn't return any slaves to their master if they escaped and got to you. **16** Allow them to stay in your town and don't mistreat them.

17 Don't allow any Israeli man or woman to become a religious[339] prostitute.[340] **18** Don't allow anyone woman or man to bring any part of their wages as a secular prostitute into your god Yahweh's temple, because both female and male prostitution is abhorrent to him.

19 You mustn't charge interest to your fellow Israeli, whether it's money or food or anything else that's borrowed.[341] **20** You can charge foreigners interest, but not fellow Israelis so that your god Yahweh will bless your society in everything you do in the land that you're about to occupy.

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332 **LV 23:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.9
333 **LV 23:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.10
334 **LV 23:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.11
335 **LV 23:12 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
336 **LV 23:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.12
337 **LV 23:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.13
338 **LV 23:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.14
339 **RV 23:17 · Note** Or, cultic.
340 **RV 23:17 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:29.
341 **RV 23:19-20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:25; Lev 25:36-37; Deu 15:7-11.
342 **LV 23:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.15
343 **LV 23:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.16
344 **LV 23:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.17
345 **LV 23:18 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
346 **LV 23:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.18
347 **LV 23:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.19
348 **LV 23:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.20

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Making promises to God

21 When you make a vow to your god Yahweh, don't put off fulfilling it, because he will hold you accountable and not doing it would count as disobeying him. 22 However of course, if you don't make any vows, then you won't be guilty, 23 but if you've spoken your promise out loud to your god Yahweh, then you're obligated to keep it.

24 If you're walking through someone else's vineyard, you can eat as many grapes as you like, but you mustn't pick any to take away in a container. 25 Similarly, if you're going through someone else's field of grain, you can crunch a few kernels, but you mustn't cut off any of the stalks.

Divorce and remarriage

24:1 When a man marries a woman, then further on he decides he doesn't want her because of something he found out about her, then he must write a divorce notice and give it to her, and send her out of his house.[354] 2 After she leaves that marriage, another man is allowed to marry her. 3 If that second husband also decides to divorce her by sending her away with a divorce notice, or if he were to die, 4 then the first husband isn't allow to take her back as his wife. That's because she's been defiled and it would be abhorrent to Yahweh, and you mustn't defile the land that your god Yahweh is giving you.

5 When a man is newly married, he mustn't be called for the army or be given any other responsibilities. He must be free for one year to establish his house and to satisfy his new wife.

6 If someone borrows money, the lender mustn't take their millstone for grinding grain as a pledge, because they need it to stay alive.

Abduction

7 If someone is found to have abducted a fellow Israeli to make them into a slave or to sell them, then that abductor must be executed in order to purge such evils from

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_undertaking_of your_hand_of_your on the_earth/land where you are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it.

22 [349] If/because you_will_vow a_vow to/for_**YHWH** god_of_ _your not you_will_delay to_pay_it if/because certainly_ _(require) he_will_require_it **YHWH** god_of_your from_with_ _you and_it_was in_you(ms) sin. 23 [350] And_because/when you_ _will_refrain to_make_a_vow not it_will_be in_you(ms) sin. 24 [351] The_utterance_of your_two's_lips_of_your you_will_take_ _care and_you_will_do just_as you_have_vowed to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your voluntariness that_which you_have_spoken with_ _mouth_of_your. 25 [352] If/because you_will_go in_the_vineyard_ _of your_neighbour_of_your and_you(ms)_will_eat grapes according_to_of_your_appetite satiety_of_your and_into vessel_ _of_your not you_will_put_them. 26 [353] If/because you_will_go in_the_standing_grain_of your_neighbour_of_your and_you_ _will_pluck_off ears_of_corn with_hand_of_your and_a_sickle not you_will_wield on the_standing_grain_of your_neighbour_ _of_your.

24:1 If/because a_man he_will_take a_woman and_he_will_ _marry_her and_it_was if not she_will_find favour in_eyes_of_ _his if/because he_has_found in_her the_nakedness_of a_thing and_he_will_write to/for_her/it a_document_of divorce and_ _he/it_gave in_hand_of_her and_he_will_send_her_away from_ _house_of_his. 2 And_she_will_go_out from_house_of_his and_ _she_will_go and_she_will_belong to_a_man another. 3 And_he_ _will_hate_her the_man (the)_latter and_he_will_write to/for_ _her/it a_document_of divorce and_he/it_gave in_hand_of_her and_he_will_send_her_away from_house_of_his or if/because the_man (the)_latter who he_has_taken_her to_him/it to/for_ _(a)_woman he_will_die. 4 Not husband_of_her (the)_former who he_sent_her_away he_will_be_able to_return to_take_her to_be to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman after that she_has_been_ _declared_unclean if/because is_an_abomination it to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_not you_will_cause_to_ _sin ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_ _to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance. 5 If/because man he_will_take a_wife new not he_will_go_out with_army and_not it_will_pass on/upon/above_him/it to/from_ _all/each/any/every thing free he_will_be to_house_of_his a_ _year one and_he_will_make_rejoice ~~DOM~~ his/its_wife/woman whom he_has_taken. 6 Not anyone_will_take_as_pledge a_ _hand-mill and_an_upper_grinding_stone if/because a_life it is_ _taking_as_pledge.

7 If/because anyone he_will_be_found stealing a_person of_ _countrymen_of_his from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he_will_treat_as_a_slave in/on/over_him/it and_he_will_sell_ _him and_ the_thief (the)_that _he_will_die and_you_will_

349 **LV 23:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.21

350 **LV 23:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.22

351 **LV 23:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.23

352 **LV 23:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.24

353 **LV 23:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.25

354 **RV 24:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:31; 19:7; Mrk 10:4.

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_remove the_evil from_midst_of_your.

8 Take_heed to_(the)_plague_of (the)_serious_skin_disease to_ _guard/protect exceedingly and_to_do according_to_all that the_priests the_Lēviyyiy they_will_instruct you(pl) just_as I_ _commanded_them you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing. **9** Remember ᴅᴏᴍ that_which **YHWH** god_of_your he_did to_ _Miriam on_way when_you_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **10** If/because you_will_lend to_neighbour_of_your[362] a_loan_of anything not you_will_go into house_of_his to_take_as_pledge pledge_of_his. **11** On_outside you_will_stand and_the_person whom you are_lending in_him/it he_will_bring_out to_you ᴅᴏᴍ the_pledge to_the_outside. **12** And_if is_a_person poor he not you_will_lie_down in_pledge_of_his. **13** Certainly_(return) you_ _will_return to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_pledge just_ the_sun _as_goes and_he_will_lie_down in_garment_of_his and_he_will_bless_ _you and_to_you it_will_belong righteousness to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your. **14** Not you_must_ _oppress a_hired_labourer poor and_needy one_of_your_ _countrymen or one_of_your_sojourner[s] who is_in_land_of_ _your in_gates_of_your. **15** In_its_day you_will_pay wage[s]_of_ _his and_not it_will_go on/upon/above_him/it the_sun if/because is_poor he and_to_it he is_lifting_up ᴅᴏᴍ desire_of_ _his and_not he_will_call_out on_you to **YHWH** and_it_was in_ _you(ms) sin. **16** Not parents they_will_be_put_to_death on children and_children not they_will_be_put_to_death on parents each[363][364][365] for_his_own_of_sin they_will_be_put_to_ _death. **17** Not you_will_turn_aside the_justice_of a_sojourner a_fatherless_one and_not you_will_take_as_pledge the_ _garment_of a_widow. **18** And_you_will_remember if/because_ _that a_slave you_were in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_ _redeemed_you **YHWH** god_of_your from_there therefore yes/correct/thus/so I am_commanding_of_you for_doing ᴅᴏᴍ the_thing (the)_this. **19** If/because you_will_harvest harvest_of_ _your in_field_of_your and_you_will_forget a_sheaf in_the_field not you_will_return to_fetch_it to_sojourner to_one and_to_ _widow it_will_belong so_that he_may_bless_you **YHWH** god_ _of_your in_all_of the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your. **20** If/because you_will_beat tree_of_your_olive not you_will_go_ _over_the_branches behind_you to_sojourner to_one and_to_ _widow it_will_belong. **21** If/because you_will_gather_grapes vineyard_of_your not you_will_glean behind_you to_sojourner to_one and_to_widow it_will_belong. **22** And_you_will_ _remember if/because_that a_slave you_were in_land of_ _Mitsrayim therefore yes/correct/thus/so I am_commanding_

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your country.[355]

Skin diseases

8 Stay on guard against a deadly skin disease. Always follow what the priests and Levites tell you all to do, as I've instructed them.[356] **9** Remember what your god Yahweh did to Miryam (Miriam) on the way out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[357]

10 If you've lent anything to a neighbour, don't go into their house to collect their pledge. **11** Just wait outside, then the person you've lent something to will bring the item out to you. **12** However, if that person is poor and gives clothing or a blanket as security, don't keep it overnight. **13** Take it back to them when the sun goes down so they'll be warm when they sleep. Then they'll bless you and your god Yahweh will be pleased with you.

14 Don't oppress any poor or needy hired workers, whether they're fellow Israelis or foreigners who live in your towns.[358] **15** At the end of each day, pay them before sunset, because they need it to live on. Then they won't cry out to Yahweh against you and have him hold you accountable.

16 Parents mustn't be executed for what their children have done, and children mustn't be executed for what their parents have done. Any person must only be executed for what they themselves have done.[359]

17 Don't pervert justice if it involves foreigners or orphans, and don't take a widow's cloak as security for a loan.[360] **18** Remember that you were a slave in Mitsrayim (Egypt) and your god Yahweh rescued you from there. That's why I'm commanding you to do those things—to be considerate about helping other people who are in need.

19 When you harvest your crops, if you forget a tied bundle in your field, don't go back to get it—it'll be for a resident foreigner or an orphan or widow to pick up,[361] so that your god Yahweh can bless everything that you do. **20** When you beat your olive tree to make the fruit fall, don't go back over it to pick the ones still on the tree. Those will be for the foreigner, or the orphan or widow. **21** Similarly, when you pick your grapes in the vineyard, don't go back over the vines a second time. Those will be for the foreigner, or the orphan or widow. **22** Don't forget that you were a slave in Mitsrayim—that's why I'm instructing you to do those things.

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355 **RV 24:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:16.

356 **RV 24:8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 13:1–14:54.

357 **RV 24:9 · Cross-ref.** Num 12:9-10.

358 **RV 24:14-15 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:13.

359 **RV 24:16 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 14:6; 2Ch 25:4; Eze 18:20.

360 **RV 24:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:9; Lev 19:33-34; Deu 27:19.

361 **RV 24:19-21 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:9-10; 23:22.

362 **LV 24:10 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

363 **LV 24:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

364 **LV 24:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

365 **LV 24:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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Whipping for criminals

25:1 If two parties have a dispute, they can request a judgement and the judges will decide who's right and wrong. **2** If the guilty person is deserving of punishment, the judge will order him to lie on the ground where he'll be whipped in front of the judge as the crime deserves. **3** He may not receive more than forty lashes because that would be too degrading.

4 Don't cover your cow's mouth when it's pulling the grain threshing sledge.[366]

Continuing the family name

5 If some brothers live on the same property and one of them dies without leaving a son, then the widow mustn't marry outside of the family. Her brother-in-law must take her as a wife for himself and perform the duty of a brother-in-law.[367] **6** If she gives birth to a son in due course, he'll be considered as the son of the brother who died, so that his family name won't disappear from Yisrael (Israel). **7** But if the dead man's brother doesn't want to marry the widow, she must go to the elders at the city gate and explain that her brother-in-law is refusing to do his duty to preserve the dead brother's family name in Yisrael. **8** Then those elders must summon the brother and talk to him. However, if he really doesn't want to marry her, **9** then his late brother's wife must go up to him in front of those elders, and take his sandal off his foot[368] and spit in his face. Then she must say, 'That's what happens to a man who won't strengthen his brother's family.' **10** After that, the brother will be known in Yisrael as the man who had his sandal taken off.

Being fair and honest

11 If two men are fighting each other, and one man's wife comes to help her husband, and reaches out and grabs the other man's private parts, **12** then you must cut her hand off. Don't pity her.

Don't all cheat

13 Don't keep two stone weights in your bag—a lighter one and a heavier one for when you're buying and

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_of_you for_doing ~~DOM~~ the_thing (the)_this.

25:1 If/because a_dispute it_will_happen between people and_ _they_will_draw_near to the_place_judgement and_they_will_ _judge_them and_they_will_declare_righteous ~~DOM~~ the_ _righteous_one and_they_will_condemn_as_guilty ~~DOM~~ the_ _guilty_one. **2** And_it_was if is_a_son_of striking the_guilty_one and_he_will_make_him_lie_down the_judge and_someone_will_ _strike_him before_him according_to_the_sufficiency_of his_ _wickedness_of_his by_number. **3** Forty_times he_will_strike_ _him not he_will_increase lest he_should_increase to_strike_ _him to these a_blow much and_ your(ms)_brother/kindred _ _he_will_be_dishonoured to_eyes_of_your. **4** Not you_will_ _muzzle an_ox when_threshes_it.

5 If/because brothers they_will_dwell together and_ one from_ _them _he_will_die and_a_son there_belongs_not to_him/it not the_wife_of the_dead_man she_will_belong to_the_outside to_ _a_man strange brother_of_her_husband's he_will_go on/upon_it(f) and_he_will_take_her to_him/it to/for_(a)_ _woman and_he_will_act_as_a_husband's_brother_for_her. **6** And_it_was the_firstborn whom she_will_bear he_will_stand on the_name_of his/its_brother (the)_dead and_not his/its_ _name it_will_be_wiped_out from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_if not the_man he_will_desire to_take/accept/receive ~~DOM~~ wife_of_ _his_brother's and_ wife_of_his_brother's _she_will_go_up to_ _the_gate to the_elders and_she_will_say brother_of_my_ _husband's he_has_refused to_establish for_brother_of_his a_ _name in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_was_willing to_act_as_a_ _husband's_brother_for_me. **8** And_they_will_summon to_ _him/it the_elders_of his_city_of_his and_they_will_speak to_ _him/it and_he_will_stand_firm and_saying(ms) not I_desire to_take_her. **9** And_ wife_of_his_brother's _she_will_draw_near to_him/it to_the_eyes_of the_elders and_she_will_draw_off sandal_of_his from_under foot_of_his and_she_will_spit in_ _face_of_his and_she_will_answer and_she_will_say thus let_it_ _be_done to_man who not he_will_build ~~DOM~~ the_house_of his/its_brother[369][370][371] **10** and_ his/its_name _it_will_be_called in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_house_of the_one_drawn_off_of the_ _sandal.

11 If/because they_will_be_struggling_together men together anyone and_countryman_of_his and_ the_wife_of the_one _she_ _will_draw_near to_rescue ~~DOM~~ her/its_husband/man from_ _the_hand_of the_one_who_is_striking_him and_she_will_ _stretch_out hand_of_her and_she_will_take_hold on_genitals_ _of_his. **12** And_you_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~ palm_of_her not eye_of_ _your it_will_look_with_pity.

13 Not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) in_bag_of_your a_ _weight and_a_weight large and_small. **14** Not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) in_house_of_your a_measure and_a_

366 **RV 25:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 9:9; 1Tim 5:18.

367 **RV 25:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Mat 22:24; Mrk 12:19; Luk 20:28.

368 **RV 25:9 · Cross-ref.** Rut 4:7-8.

369 **LV 25:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

370 **LV 25:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

371 **LV 25:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_measure large and_small. **15** A_weight full and_righteousness it_will_belong to_you a_measure full and_righteousness it_will_ _belong to_you so_that days_of_your they_may_be_long on the_ _soil which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). **16** If/because is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** god_of_your every_of one_who_does_of (of)_these_things every_of one_ _who_does_of (of)_injustice.
17 Remember ᴅᴏᴍ that_which it_did to/for_yourself(m) ʼAmālēq on_way when_you_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **18** Which/who it_met_you on_way and_it_attacked_in_the_rear among_you all_of those_who_were_straggling behind_you[374] and_you(ms) were_exhausted and_weary and_not it_feared god. **19** And_it_was when_ **YHWH** god_of_your _gives_rest to/for_yourself(m) from_all enemies_of_your from_round_ _about on_the_earth which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_ _give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance to_take_possession_of_ _it you_will_wipe_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_remembrance_of ʼAmālēq from_ _under the_heavens not you_will_forget.
26:1 And_it_was if/because you_will_go into the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance and_you_will_take_possession_of_it and_you_ _will_dwell in_it. **2** And_you_will_take some_of_the_first_of all_ _of the_fruit_of the_soil which you_will_bring_in from_ _your(ms)_land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_put_it in_basket and_you_will_go to the_place where **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose to_ _cause_to_dwell his/its_name there. **3** And_you_will_go to the_ _priest/officer who he_will_be in_the_days the_those and_you_ _will_say to_him/it I_declare the_day to/for_**YHWH** god_of_ _your if/because_that I_have_come into the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_our to_give to/for_us. **4** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take the_basket from_hand_of_ _your and_he_will_set_it_down to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_your. **5** And_you_will_ _answer and_you_will_say to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your was_an_ʼArammiy wandering ancestor_of_ _my and_he/it_descended to_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_ _sojourned there (in)_men_of fewness and_he/it_was there to_ _(a)_nation great mighty and_numerous. **6** And_ the_ _Mitsrayimians _they_did_harm_to us and_they_afflicted_us and_they_put on_us labour hard. **7** And_we_cried_out to **YHWH** the_god_of our_ancestors_of_our and_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ voice_of_our and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ affliction_of_our and_ᴅᴏᴍ toil_of_our and_ᴅᴏᴍ oppression_of_our. **8** And_he_brought_us_ _out **YHWH** from_Mitsrayim by_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched and_by_terror great and_by_signs and_by_ _wonders. **9** And_he_brought_us to the_place the_this and_he_ _gave to/for_us ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land (the)_this a_land flowing_ _of milk and_honey. **10** And_now HERE I_have_brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_first_of the_fruit_of the_soil which you_have_given to/for_ _me Oh_**YHWH** and_you_will_set_it_down to_(the)_face_of/in_

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selling.[372] **14** Don't keep two measuring containers in your house—a smaller one and a larger one. **15** You must use exact stone weights and measuring containers so that your god Yahweh will prolong your time in the country that he's giving you— **16** he can't stand people who cheat others.

Eliminating the Amalekim

17 Don't forget what the Amalekim did to you people when you came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[373] **18** They met you on the road, then attacked you from behind—getting the stragglers who were weak and exhausted. They had no fear of God. **19** At some point in the future when your god Yahweh has given you the land to occupy as an inheritance, and you're no longer being attacked by your enemies, you must eliminate the Amalekim so they won't be remembered anymore. Don't forget to do that.

Offerings for the beginning of the harvest

26:1 After you've entered the land that your god Yahweh is giving you as an inheritance, and you occupy it and live there, **2** each of you should take the first part of your harvest in that place and put it in a basket. Then take it to the place that your god Yahweh is going to choose to attach his name to.[375] **3** Go to the high priest in office at that time, and tell him, "I declare today to your god Yahweh that I've entered the land that he promised to our ancestors to give us."

4 The priest will take that basket of food and place it in front of your god Yahweh's altar. **5** Then in Yahweh's presence you should respond, "My ancestor was a wandering Aramean, and he went down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) with his smallish family, and lived there and eventually became a large and powerful people. **6** But the Mitsrim (Egyptians) treated us badly and oppressed us—forcing us into hard labour. **7** We cried out to our ancestors' god Yahweh to help us, and he heard our cry and saw our suffering and oppression and the hard labour. **8** Then using your great power and doing many miracles and other terrifying things, you brought us out from Mitsrayim **9** and brought us to this very fertile land **10** So now, Yahweh, I've brought the first part of the harvest from that land that you've given me."

Then as the basket is placed in front of Yahweh, you must bow down in front of him. **11** Then you can celebrate by eating all the good things that your god Yahweh has given to you and your household, and it's also for the Levites and the foreigners who live among you.

12 Every third year, take a tenth of your harvest to the Levites, the foreigners, and the orphans and widows in your town for

372 **RV 25:13-16 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:35-36.

373 **RV 25:17-19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:8-14; 1Sam 15:2-9.

374 **LV 25:18 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

375 **RV 26:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:19.

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them to eat and be content.[376] 13 Then you must explain in front of your god Yahweh, "I've taken the sacred tenth from my house and given it to the Levites, the foreigners, the orphans and widows, thus following all of your instructions. I've not disobeyed or forgotten your regulations. 14 I never used any of it at a funeral, or took it in disobedience, or offered it to the dead. I've listen to the voice of my god Yahweh and followed all your instructions, 15 so look down from your sacred home in the heavens and bless your people Yisrael (Israel) and the land that you've given us that's so fertile, as you had promised our ancestors.

16 Today your god Yahweh is commanding you to follow all these instructions and regulations, so follow them sincerely and enthusiastically. 17 You have declared today that Yahweh is your god, and that you'll follow all his instructions and keep his regulations and commands and rules, and listen to his voice. 18 Also today, Yahweh has declared that you are his people, like a prized possession, like he told you that you would be.[377] You must follow all his instructions 19 and then he'll make your country greater than all the others that he's established. You'll be praised for your reputation and beauty, and you'll be different from the others—being a sacred people for your god Yahweh, just like he's said.

The warnings of not still entering of Kena'an

27:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) and the Israeli elders commanded the people, "Follow all the instructions that I'm giving you today. 2 When you cross the Yarden (Jordan) river to enter the land that your god Yahweh is giving you, then you must stand up some tall pieces of rock and cover them with plaster.[378] 3 Then write all these instructions onto them as soon as you've crossed the river, so that you can enter the very fertile land that your god Yahweh is giving you, as he had promised your ancestors. 4 Then after you've gone further in, stand some tall pieces of rock up on end on Mt. Eyval like I've told you, and cover them with plaster, 5 and build a stone altar there to offer sacrifices to your god Yahweh. Don't use any iron tools to shape the

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_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_bow_down to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your. 11 And_you_will_rejoice in_all_of the_good which he_has_given to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** god_of_your and_to_household_of_ _your you and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_sojourner who is_in_ _midst_of_your. 12 If/because you_will_finish to_tithe ÐOM all_ _of the_tithe_of your_produce_of_your in_year (the)_third the_ _year_of the_tithe and_you(ms)_will_give to_Lēviyyiy to_ _sojourner to_one and_to_widow and_they_will_eat in_gates_ _of_your and_they_will_be_satisfied. 13 And_you_will_say to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your I_have_ _removed the_holy_thing from the_house and_also I_have_ _given_it to_Lēviyyiy and_to_sojourner to_one and_to_widow according_to_all_of command_of_your which you_have_ _commanded_me not I_have_transgressed any_of_your_ _commands and_not I_have_forgotten_them. 14 Not I_have_ _eaten in_mourning from_him/it and_not I_have_removed from_him/it (in)_unclean and_not I_have_given from_him/it to_the_dead I_have_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_my I_have_done according_to_all that you_have_commanded_me. 15 Look_down from_the_habitation_of your_holiness_of_your from the_heavens and_bless ÐOM people_of_your ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ÐOM the_soil which you_have_given to/for_ _us just_as you_swore to_ancestors_of_our a_land flowing_of milk and_honey. 16 The_day the_this **YHWH** god_of_your is_ _commanding_of_you for_doing ÐOM the_regulations the_these and_ÐOM the_judgements and_you_will_take_care and_you_ _will_observe them in_all heart_of_your and_on/over_all being_ _of_your. 17 ÐOM **YHWH** you_have_declared the_day to_be to/for_yourself(m) (into)_god and_to_walk in_ways_of_his and_ _to_keep regulations_of_his and_commands_of_his and_ _judgements_of_his and_to_listen to_voice_of_his. 18 And_ _**YHWH** he_has_declared_you the_day to_be to_him/it (into)_a_ _people_of possession just_as he_spoke to/for_you(fs) and_to_ _keep all_of commands_of_his. 19 And_to_set_you most_high above all_of the_nations which he_has_made for_praise and_ _for_a_name and_for_honour and_you_to_be a_people holy to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your just_as he_spoke.

27:1 And_ Mosheh and_the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ _commanded ÐOM the_people to_say keep ÐOM all_of the_ _command which I am_commanding you(pl) the_day. 2 And_it_ _was in_the_day when you(pl)_will_pass_over ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) to the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_set_up to/for_ _yourself(m) stones large and_you_will_whitewash ÐOM_them with_lime. 3 And_you_will_write on_them ÐOM all_of the_ _words/messages_of the_law (the)_this when_you_have_ _passed_over so_that that you_may_go into the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) a_land flowing_of milk and_honey just_as **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your he_spoke to/for_you(fs). 4 And_it_ _was when_you_have_passed_over ÐOM the_Yardēn you(pl)_ _will_set_up ÐOM the_stones the_these which I am_

376 **RV 26:12 · Cross-ref.** Deu 14:28-29.

377 **RV 26:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5; Deu 4:20; 7:6; 14:2; Tit 2:14; 1Pe 2:9.

378 **RV 27:2-8 · Cross-ref.** Josh 8:30-32.

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_commanding you(pl) the_day on_the_mountain_of ʹĒyvāl and_
_you_will_whitewash them with_lime. **5** And_you_will_build
there an_altar to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your an_altar_of stones
not you_will_wield on_them iron. **6** Stones complete you_will_
_build ᵭᵯᵯ the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_
_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it burnt_offerings to/for_
_**YHWH** god_of_your. **7** And_you_will_sacrifice peace_offerings
and_you(ms)_will_eat there and_you_will_rejoice to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your. **8** And_you_will_
_write on the_stones ᵭᵯᵯ all_of the_words/messages_of the_
_law (the)_this clearly well_(do_well). **9** And_ Mosheh and_the_
_priests the_Lēviyyiy _he/it_spoke to all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_
_say keep_silent and_listen Oh_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_day the_this
you_have_become (into)_a_people to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your.
10 And_you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your
and_you_will_do ᵭᵯᵯ commands_of_his[380][381] and_ᵭᵯᵯ
regulations_of_his which I am_commanding_of_you the_day.
11 And_ Mosheh _he/it_commanded ᵭᵯᵯ the_people in_the_
_day (the)_that to_say. **12** These_tribes they_will_stand to_bless
ᵭᵯᵯ the_people on the_mountain_of Gərizīm when_you_have_
_passed_over ᵭᵯᵯ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) Shimʹōn and_Lēvī and_
_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_Yissāskār/(Issachar) and_
_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Binyāmīn. **13** And_these they_will_stand
on the_curse on_the_mountain_of ʹĒyvāl Rə'ūvēn Gād and_
_'Āshēr and_Zəvūlūn Dān and_Naftali. **14** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _
_they_will_answer and_they_will_say to every_of person_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) a_voice high. **15** The_man who he_will_make
an_image and_a_molten_image (the)_abomination_of **YHWH**
the_work_of the_hands_of a_craftsman and_he_will_set_it_up
in_secrecy is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _they_will_answer
and_they_will_say amen. **16** one_who_dishonours his/its_father
and_mother_of_his is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _
_saying(ms) amen. **17** one_who_displaces the_boundary_of
his/its_neighbour is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _saying(ms)
amen. **18** one_who_leads_astray a_blind_person on_way is_
cursed and all_of the_people _saying(ms) amen. **19** one_who_
_turns_aside the_justice_of a_sojourner a_fatherless_one and_
_a_widow is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _saying(ms) amen.
20 one_who_lies with the_wife_of his/its_father is_cursed
if/because he_has_uncovered the_skirt_of his/its_father and_
all_of the_people _saying(ms) amen. **21** one_who_lies with any_
_of animal is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _saying(ms) amen.
22 one_who_lies with sister_of_his the_daughter_of his/its_
_father or the_daughter_of his/its_mother is_cursed and_ all_of
the_people _saying(ms) amen. **23** one_who_lies with
mother-in-law_of_his is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _
_saying(ms) amen. **24** The_one_who_strikes_down_of his/its_
_neighbour in_secrecy is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _
_saying(ms) amen. **25** one_who_takes a_bribe to_strike_down a_
_person_of blood innocent is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _

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stones.[379] **6** You must built Yahweh's altar with uncut stones.
Then you can offer burnt sacrifices to your god Yahweh on it.
7 Also, you can sacrifice peace offerings and cheerfully eat them
there in front of your god Yahweh. **8** When you write these in-
structions on those stones, you must write them very clearly.

9 Then Mosheh (Moses) along with the priests and the Levites,
spoke to all Yisrael (Israel), "Be silent and listen, Yisrael. Today
you have become the people of your god Yahweh. **10** So from
now on, you must listen to what he says and follow all the in-
structions and rules that I'm giving you today."

Curses for disobedience

11 That same day, Mosheh (Moses) told
the people, **12** "After you've all crossed the
Yarden (Jordan) river, the tribes of Shim'on (Simeon), Levi,
Yehudah (Judah), Yisakar (Issachar), Yosef (Joseph), and
Benyamin must stand on Mt. Gerizim and bless the people.[382]
13 Meanwhile, the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, Asher, Zevulun, Dan,
and Naftali (Naphtali) must stand on Mt. Eyval to hear the curse.

14 Then the Levites will call out loudly to tell every Israeli:

15 'Anyone who makes a figure, whether carved from wood or
cast from metal, and secretly sets it up to worship will be cursed
because Yahweh abhors it.'[383]

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

16 'Anyone who dishonours their father or mother will be
cursed.'

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

17 'Anyone who moves their boundary marker back into their
neighbour's property will be cursed.'

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

18 'Anyone who leads a blind person down the wrong path will
be cursed.'

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

19 'Anyone who perverts justice for a foreigner or orphan or
widow will be cursed.'[384]

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

20 'Any man who sleeps with a wife of his father will be cursed
because he's exposed his father's nakedness.'

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

21 'Anyone who has sex with an animal will be cursed.'

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

379 **RV 27:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:25.

380 **LV 27:10 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

381 **LV 27:10 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

382 **RV 27:12 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:29; Josh 8:33-35.

383 **RV 27:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:4; 34:17; Lev 19:4; 26:1; Deu 4:15-18; 5:8.

384 **RV 27:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:21; 23:9; Lev 19:33-34; Deu 24:17-18.

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22 'Any male who sleeps with his sister or his half sister will be cursed.'
Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'
23 'Anyone who sleeps with his mother-in-law will be cursed.'
Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'
24 'Anyone who secretly murders his neighbour will be cursed.'
Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'
25 'Anyone who takes payment to murder an innocent person will be cursed.'
Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'
26 'Anyone who doesn't follow all these instructions will be cursed.'[385]
Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

Blessings for obedience[386]

28:1 If you, Yisrael (Israel), listen to what god Yahweh says and follow all his instructions that I'm giving you today, then he will make you the greatest of all the nations in the world,[387] 2 and all these blessings will come to you if you listen to his voice:
3 You'll be blessed in the city, and blessed in the countryside.
4 Your children, your harvests, and your calves, and lambs and kids will all be blessed.
5 Your basket and your kneading bowl will be blessed.
6 You'll be blessed when you're coming in and when you're going out.
7 Yahweh will enable you to defeat your enemies who come to attack you—they'll march in all orderly, but will flee from you in all directions.
8 Yahweh will decree a blessing on your barns and on all the work you do, and he'll bless you in the land that he's giving to you.
9 If you follow your God Yahweh's instructions and do what he wants, he will establish you as his sacred people just like he promised. 10 Then all the peoples around the world will realise that Yahweh's name is attached to you, and they'll be afraid of you. 11 Yahweh will help you to really prosper through your children, your animals, and your harvests in the land that he promised to your ancestors that he'd give to you. 12 Yahweh will open his treasure house in the sky and send good rain when it's needed and bless everything you do, so that you'll lend money to many nations instead of needing to borrow it. 13 Yahweh will make you the head, not the tail. You'll be above, not beneath, if you listen to your god Yahweh's instructions that I'm giving you today, and follow them 14 Make sure you don't turn away from those instructions, and never worship other gods.

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_saying(ms) amen. 26 The_one_who not he_will_carry_out ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this for_doing them is_ _cursed and_ all_of the_people _saying(ms) amen.

28:1 And_it_was if carefully_(listen) you_will_listen to_the_ _voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_guard/protect for_doing ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of commands_of_his which I am_commanding_of_you the_ _day and_he_will_set_you **YHWH** god_of_your most_high above all_of the_nations_of the_earth/land. 2 And_they_will_come on_you all_of the_blessings the_these and_they_will_overtake_ _you if/because you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_ _your. 3 You will_be_blessed in_city and_ you _will_be_blessed in_country. 4 The_fruit_of your_womb_of_your and_the_fruit_of your_ground_of_your and_the_fruit_of your_livestock_of_your the_young_of your(pl)_cattle(s)_of_your and_the_young_ones your_flock_of_your will_be_blessed. 5 Basket_of_your and_your_ _kneading_of_trough will_be_blessed. 6 You will_be_blessed when_come_you and_ you _will_be_blessed when_you_go_out. 7 **YHWH** he_will_make ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ enemies_of_your who_arise on_you defeated to_your_face in_a_direction one they_will_come_out against_you and_in_seven directions they_will_flee before_you. 8 **YHWH** he_will_command with_you ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_blessing in_ _barns_of_your and_in_every_of (the)_undertaking_of your_ _hand_of_your and_he_will_bless_you on_the_earth which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). 9 He_will_ _establish_you[388][389] **YHWH** to_him/it to_a_people holy just_as he_swore to/for_you(fs) if/because you_will_keep ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_walk in_ _ways_of_his. 10 And_ all_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land _ _they_will_see if/because_that the_name_of **YHWH** it_is_called on_you and_they_will_be_afraid from_you. 11 And_he_will_ _make_you_abound **YHWH** to_good in_the_fruit_of your_ _womb_of_your and_in_the_fruit_of your_livestock_of_your and_in_the_fruit_of your_ground_of_your on the_soil which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_your to_give to/for_you(fs). 12 **YHWH** he_will_open to/for_yourself(m) ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ storehouse_of_ _his (the)_good ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_heavens to_give the_rain_of your_ _land_of_your at_its_appropriate_of_time and_to_bless ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_ _of the_work_of your_hand_of_your and_you_will_lend_to nations many and_you(ms) not you_will_borrow. 13 And_he_ _will_make_you **YHWH** into_the_head and_not into_the_tail

385 **RV 27:26 · Cross-ref.** Gal 3:10.
386 **RV 28:1 · Parallel** Lev. 26:3-13; Deu. 7:12-24
387 **RV 28:1-14 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:13-17.
388 **LV 28:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
389 **LV 28:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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and_you_will_be only (to)_upwards and_not you_will_be (to)_ _downwards if/because you_will_listen to the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your which I am_commanding_of_you the_day to_guard/protect and_to_do. **14** And_not you_will_turn_aside from_all the_words/messages which I am_commanding you(pl) the_day right_hand and_left_hand to_go after gods other to_ _serve_them.

15 And_it_was if not you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_guard/protect for_doing ~~ḎǪM~~ all_of commands_ _of_his and_regulations_of_his which I am_commanding_of_ _you the_day and_they_will_come on_you all_of the_curses the_ _these and_they_will_overtake_you. **16** You will_be_cursed in_ _city and_ you _will_be_cursed in_country. **17** Basket_of_your and_your_kneading_of_trough will_be_cursed. **18** The_fruit_of your_womb_of_your and_the_fruit_of your_ground_of_your the_young_of your(pl)_cattle(s)_of_your and_the_young_ones your_flock_of_your will_be_cursed. **19** You will_be_cursed when_come_you and_ you _will_be_cursed when_you_go_out. **20** **YHWH** he_will_send on_you ~~ḎǪM~~ the_curse ~~ḎǪM~~ (the)_ _confusion and_~~ḎǪM~~ (the)_rebuke in_all (the)_undertaking_of your_hand_of_your which you_will_do until you_are_destroyed and_unto perish_you quickly from_face/in_front_of the_ _wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your which you_have_ _abandoned_me. **21** **YHWH** he_will_make_cling to_you ~~ḎǪM~~ (the)_pestilence until he_has_destroyed you from_under the_ _soil where you are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_possession_of_ _it. **22** He_will_strike_you **YHWH** with_consumption and_with_ _fever and_with_inflammation and_with_(the)_heat and_with_ _sword and_with_blight and_with_mildew and_they_will_ _pursue_you until perish_you. **23** And_they_will_be heavens_of_ _your which are_over head_of_your bronze and_the_earth which is_under_you iron. **24** **YHWH** he_will_make ~~ḎǪM~~ the_ _rain_of your_land_of_your dust and_dust from the_heavens it_ _will_come_down on_you until you_are_destroyed. **25** He_will_ _make_you[392] **YHWH** defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before enemies_of_your in_a_direction one you_will_go_out to_him/it and_in_seven directions you_will_flee before_him and_you_will_become (into)_a_terror to_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land. **26** And_it_will_become corpse_of_your for_food to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_ _bird_of the_heavens and_for_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies. **27** He_will_strike_you **YHWH** with_the_boil[s]_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _in/on/at/with[393] and_rash and_with_scabies which not you_ _will_be_able to_be_healed. **28** He_will_strike_you **YHWH** with_ _madness and_with_blindness and_with_bewilderment_of heart. **29** And_you_will_be groping in_noontide(s) just_as (the)_ _blind_person he_gropes in_darkness and_not you_will_make_ _successful ~~ḎǪM~~ ways_of_your and_you_will_be only oppressed and_robbed all_of the_days and_there_will_not_be a_deliverer. **30** A_woman you_will_betroth and_a_man another mmm[394] a_ _house you_will_build and_not you_will_dwell in/on/over_

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Curses for disobedience[390]

15 On the other hand, if you don't listen to your god Yahweh's voice and keep following his instructions and obeying his rules that I'm giving you today, then all these curses will catch up to you and hit you:

16 You'll be cursed in the city and cursed in the countryside.

17 Your basket and your kneading bowl will be cursed.

18 Your children, your harvests, and your calves, and lambs and kids will all be cursed.

19 You'll be cursed when you're coming in and when you're going out.

The curses of repentance from God

20 Yahweh will send curses against you, and confusion and opposition in everything your country does until you're destroyed and quickly eliminated because of your evil activities that demonstrate that you've abandoned me. **21** Yahweh will make the deadly disease cling to you until he's finished you from off the land that you're about to enter and take ownership of. **22** Yahweh will send cancer and fever and inflammation. There'll be fiery heat and drought, and blight and mildew, and will chase you until you die. **23** The overhead sky will be locked up like bronze, and the dryness will make the land like iron. **24** Instead of rain on your land, Yahweh will send powdered dust that will cover you until your country is destroyed.

25 Yahweh will allow your enemies to destroy you—your army will march in all orderly, but will flee from you in all directions, and all the other countries in the world will be horrified at what happens to you. **26** Your corpses will become food for birds and wild animals, and there'll be no one left to scare them away. **27** Yahweh will afflict you with boils like he sent to the Mitsri (Egyptian) people, along with ulcers, rashes, and itching which there's no cure for. **28** Yahweh will strike you with madness and blindness, and with confused minds. **29** Even in the middle of the day, you'll be groping around like blind people, and your projects won't be successful. You'll be oppressed and robbed continually, and there'll be no one to rescue you.

30 A man will be engaged to a young woman, but someone else will rape her. You'll build a house, but never get to live in it, and you'll plant a vineyard, but not get to produce any wine. **31** Your cow will be slaughtered right in front of your eyes, but you won't get to eat any of it. You donkey will be stolen right in

390 **RV 28:15 · Parallel** Lev. 26:14-46

392 **LV 28:25 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

393 **LV 28:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ם/לפע/ב/ו**: (x-qere) **סִ֥ירֹחַ֛ט/ב/ו**: lemma_c/b/2914 n_1.1 morph_HC/Rd/Ncmpa id_056qu **סִ֥ירֹחַ֛ט/ב/ו**

394 **LV 28:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הנ/לגשי**: (x-qere) **הָנֵ֖גֶּ֑שִׁי**: lemma_7901 n_1.1 morph_HVqi3ms/Sp3fs id_0578q **הָנֵ֖גֶּ֑שִׁי**

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front of you, but will never be returned. Your sheep will be given to your enemies, but no one will help you rescue them. **32** Your sons and daughters will be handed over to another country, and you'll strain your eyes all day looking for them, but you won't be able to do anything about it. **33** People from a country you've never heard of will harvest your crops and enjoy the results of your work, but you'll just be oppressed and crushed. **34** All the things you witness will drive you to insanity. **35** Yahweh will strike your people with bad boils on your knees and legs that will never heal up—from the bottom of your soles right up to the tops of your heads.

36 Yahweh will lead you and the king that you'll place over you, to a country that you and your ancestors have never been to, and you'll end up serving other gods there made of wood or stone. **37** Those people in the countries that Yahweh will push you into will be horrified about you, and create sayings and jokes about you.

38 You'll plant a lot of seed in your fields, but only gather a small harvest because locusts will eat the crops. **39** You'll plant vineyards and cultivate them, but you won't harvest the grapes or drink the wine, because worms will eat them. **40** You'll have olive trees across your territory, but you won't have any oil to rub on your skin, because the unripe olives will drop off the trees. **41** You'll have sons and daughters, but you won't be able to keep them because they'll be taken away as captives. **42** Swarms of crickets will take over your trees and plants.

43 The foreigners who live among you will become more and more powerful and you'll become less and less powerful. **44** They'll lend to you, not you lending to them. The foreigner will be the head and you'll be the tail.

45 All those curses will come on you and chase and overtake you until you're destroyed because your country didn't listen to the voice of your god Yahweh, or follow his instructions, or obey the rules that he gave you. **46** Those curses will afflict you and your descendants forever as signs **47** because you didn't serve your god Yahweh with cheerfulness resulting from the abundance that you took for granted. **48** So then, Yahweh will send enemies against you and you'll serve them in hunger and thirst, and in nakedness and lacking everything. Yahweh will put an iron yoke on your neck used for pulling heavy loads with, until he destroys you. **49** Yahweh will send a very distant nation against you. They'll swoop in like an eagle—speaking a language that you won't understand. **50** They'll be fierce looking and with no mercy for either the elderly or the young. **51** They'll eat the meat of your animals and the harvests from your crops until you're destroyed. They won't leave any grain or new wine, or calves, lambs, or kids—you'll all die of hunger. **52** They'll surround all your cities until your high, fortified walls that you

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_him/it a_vineyard you_will_plant and_not you_will_put_it_to_
_use.[395][396][397] **31** Ox_of_your will_be_slaughtered to_eyes_of_
_your and_not you_will_eat from_him/it donkey_of_your will_
_be_seized from_before_face_of_you and_not anyone_will_
_return_it to/for_you(fs) flock_of_your will_be_given to_
_enemies_of_your and_there_will_not_be to/for_yourself(m) a_
_deliverer. **32** Sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your will_be_
_given to_a_people another and_eyes_of_your will_be_looking
and_longing to_them all_of the_day and_there_will_not_be to_
_the_power_of your_hand_of_your. **33** The_fruit_of your_
_ground_of_your and_all of_your_toil_of_the_result a_people
which not you_have_known it_will_eat and_you_will_be only
oppressed and_crushed all_of the_days. **34** And_you_will_be
driven_mad from_the_sight[s]_of your_two's_eyes_of_your
which you_will_see. **35** He_will_strike_you **YHWH** with_boil[s]
bad on the_knees and_on the_legs which not you_will_be_able
to_be_healed from_the_sole_of your_foot_of_your and_unto of_
_your_head_of_the_crown. **36** **YHWH** he_will_lead you and_~~DOM~~
king_of_your whom you_will_raise_up over_you to a_nation
which not you and_ancestors_of_your you_have_known and_
_you_will_serve there gods other wood and_stone. **37** And_you_
_will_become (into)_a_horror (into)_a_byword and_(into)_a_
_taunt among_all_of the_peoples where he_will_drive_you_
away **YHWH** to(to). **38** Seed much you_will_take_out the_field
and_little you_will_gather if/because it_will_consume_it the_
_locust[s]. **39** Vineyards you_will_plant and_you_will_labour
and_wine not you_will_drink and_not you_will_gather
if/because it_will_eat_it the_worm[s]. **40** Olive_trees they_will_
_belong to/for_yourself(m) in_all territory_of_your and_oil not
you_will_anoint_yourself if/because olive[s]_of_your it_will_
_drop_off. **41** Sons and_daughters you_will_father and_not
they_will_belong to/for_you(fs) if/because they_will_go in_
_captivity. **42** Every_of tree_of_your and_the_fruit_of your_
_ground_of_your the_locust[s] it_will_take_possession_of.
43 The_sojourner who is_in_midst_of_your he_will_go_up
above_you upwards_to upwards_to and_you(ms) you_will_go_
_down downwards downwards. **44** He he_will_lend_to_you and_
_you(ms) not you_will_lend_to_him he he_will_become (into)_
_the_head and_you(ms) you_will_become into_the_tail. **45** And_
_they_will_come on_you all_of the_curses the_these and_they_
_will_pursue_you and_they_will_overtake_you until you_are_
_destroyed if/because not you_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH**
god_of_your to_guard/protect commands_of_his and_
_regulations_of_his which he_has_commanded_you. **46** And_
_they_will_be in_you(ms) (into)_a_sign and_(into)_a_wonder
and_among_offspring_of_your until perpetuity. **47** Because that
not you_have_served ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your with_joy and_
_with_goodness_of heart from_the_abundance_of everything.
48 And_you_will_serve ~~DOM~~ enemies_of_your whom he_will_
_send_him_forth **YHWH** on/over_you(fs) in_hunger and_in_
_thirst and_in_nakedness and_in_lack_of everything and_he/it_
_gave a_yoke_of iron on neck_of_your until he_has_destroyed
you. **49** **YHWH** he_will_raise_up on_you a_nation from_a_

395 **LV 28:30 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

396 **LV 28:30 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

397 **LV 28:30 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_distance from_the_end_of the_earth/land just_as (the)_eagle it_swoops_down a_nation which not you_will_understand language_of_its. **50** A_nation fierce_of face which not it_will_ _lift_up face for_an_old_person and_a_youth not it_will_show_ _favour_to. **51** And_he/it_will_eat the_fruit_of your_livestock_ _of_your and_the_fruit_of your_ground_of_your until you_are_ _destroyed which not it_will_leave to/for_yourself(m) grain new_wine and_fresh_oil the_young_of your(pl)_cattle(s)_of_ _your and_the_young_ones your_flock_of_your until destroys_it you. **52** And_it_will_lay_siege to/for_yourself(m) in_all gates_ _of_your until walls_of_your (the)_high and_(the)_fortified which you are_trusting in_them in_all land_of_your come_ _down and_it_will_lay_siege to/for_yourself(m) in_all gates_of_ _your in_all land_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_ _given to/for_you(fs). **53** And_you(ms)_will_eat the_fruit_of your_womb_of_your the_flesh_of your(pl)_sons_of_your and_ _daughters_of_your whom he_has_given to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** god_of_your in_the_siege and_in_the_distress which he_ _will_bring_distress to/for_yourself(m) enemy_of_your. **54** The_ _man (the)_gentle among_you and_(the)_delicate very eye_of_ _his it_will_be_evil on_brother_of_his and_on_the_wife_of his_ _bosom_of_his and_on_the_remainder_of his_children_of_his which it_will_remain. **55** From_giving to_one from_them any_ _of_the_flesh_of his_children_of_his whom he_will_eat from_ _not_of left to_him/it anything in_the_siege and_in_the_ _distress which he_will_bring_distress to/for_yourself(m) enemy_of_your in_all gates_of_your. **56** The_gentle_woman in_ _you(ms) and_the_delicate_woman who not she_has_attempted the_sole_of her_foot_of_her to_place on the_earth/land because_was_delicate and_from_gentleness eye_of_her it_will_ _be_evil on_the_husband_of her_bosom_of_her and_on_son_of_ _her and_on_daughter_of_her. **57** And_on_afterbirth_of_her which_goes_forth from_between feet_of_her and_on_children_ _of_her whom she_will_bear if/because she_will_eat_them in_ _lack_of everything in_secrecy in_the_siege and_in_the_distress which he_will_bring_distress to/for_yourself(m) enemy_of_ _your in_gates_of_your. **58** If not you_will_take_care for_doing ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this which_ _are_written in_book the_this to_fear ~~DOM~~ the_name (the)_ _glorious and_(the)_awesome the_this ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your. **59** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_make_extraordinary ~~DOM~~ plagues_of_ _your and_~~DOM~~ the_plagues_of your_offspring_of_your plagues great and_lasting and_sicknesses harmful and_lasting. **60** And_ _he_will_bring_back on_you ~~DOM~~ every_of (the)_disease_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) which you_were_afraid from_their_ _face/front and_they_will_cling on/over_you(fs). **61** Also every_ _of_sickness and_all plague which not is_written in_the_book_of the_law (the)_this he_will_bring_them_up **YHWH** on_you until you_are_destroyed. **62** And_you(pl)_will_be_left (in)_men_of fewness in_place_of that you(pl)_were like_the_stars_of the_ _heavens to_increase_in_number if/because not you_have_ _listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your. **63** And_it_was just_as **YHWH** he_rejoiced on_you(pl) to_do_good_to you(pl) and_to_increase you(pl) so **YHWH** he_will_rejoice on_you(pl) to_destroy you(pl) and_to_destroy you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be_ _torn_away from_under the_soil where you are_about_to_go to_

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trusted in come down all over your country. Yes, you'll be contained inside your cities throughout the land the your god Yahweh has given you.

53 Due to that siege and the distress that you experience from the oppression of your enemies, you'll end up eating the flesh of the sons and daughters that your god Yahweh has given you. **54** Even the most sensitive, kind-hearted man among you will be selfish towards his brother, towards the wife that he loves, and towards his own remaining children— **55** withholding from them, the flesh of his children that he'll eat, in his distress as he has nothing else left due to that siege and the oppression from your enemies that have surrounded your cities. **56** Even the most delicate, tender woman among you who never once stepped outside the house in her bare feet, will be selfish towards the husband that she loves and to her own son and her own daughter— **57** eating both her new baby and the placenta,[391] in her distress as she has nothing else left due to that siege and the oppression from your enemies that have surrounded your cities.

58 If you don't keep following all the instructions that are written in this book, i.e., not honouring and showing respect to your incredible god Yahweh, **59** then he'll punish you by sending terrible deadly diseases to you and your descendants, along with long-lasting illnesses. **60** All the terrible problems and diseases that he sent onto the Mitsrim (Egyptians) and which terrified you, he'll send them onto you now and they'll cling to you. **61** Every kind of sickness and disease that isn't even written in this book, Yahweh will send them all onto you until you're destroyed. **62** Even though you all had been as numerous as the stars in the sky, your country will be left underpopulated because you didn't listen to your god Yahweh's voice. **63** Just as Yahweh was happy to do good things for you and multiply you all, he would then be happy to bring you all to ruin and destruction. Then you'll be torn away from the land that you're going in to take ownership of.

64 Yahweh will scatter you among all the peoples right around the world where you'll serve gods made out of wood or stone that neither you nor your ancestors had heard of. **65** You won't have any peace among those nations, and you'll never be able to relax, but rather Yahweh will give you trembling hearts, sore eyes, and minds full of despair. **66** Time will go very slowly for you, and you'll be scared both night and day, without any certainty in your life. **67** In the morning you'll say, 'If only it was evening,' and in the evening you'll say, 'If only it was morning,' because of the continual tightness in your stomach and because of the sights you'll have to witness. **68** Yahweh will send some of you back to Mitsrayim (Egypt) by ship, even though I'd told you that you'll never see that country again. Then you'll be offered there for sale as slaves, but no one will want to buy you.

29:1 Those are the words of the agreement that Yahweh commanded Mosheh (Moses) to make with the Israelis there in Moav

391 RV 28:57 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 6:28-29; Lam 4:10.

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(Moab), on top of the agreement that he'd made with them at Horev.

Overview of the agreement

2 Then Mosheh (Moses) called all Yisrael (Israel) together and told them, "You've all seen everything that Yahweh did to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his servants in Mitsrayim (Egypt) and what he did to all his country right in front of your eyes— **3** the sufferings of the people there that you saw for yourselves, along with the incredible miracles, **4** yet up until now, Yahweh hasn't enabled you all to understand the meaning of everything that you saw and heard. **5** For forty years, Yahweh led you all in the wilderness, but your clothes didn't wear through, and the sandals on your feet never wore out. **6** You all survived without bread to eat or any wine or alcohol to drink so that you'd realise that I am your god Yahweh. **7** Then when we arrived here, King Sihon from Heshbon[400] and King Og from Bashan[401] came out to battle against us, but we defeated them. **8** We took their land and gave it to the tribes of Re'uven and Gad, and the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh) to

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_(to) to_take_possession_of_it. **64** And_he_will_scatter_you **YHWH** in_all the_peoples from_the_end_of the_earth/land and_unto the_end_of the_earth/land and_you_will_serve there gods other which not you and_ancestors_of_your you_have_ _known wood and_stone. **65** And_among_nations the_those not you_will_rest and_not it_will_belong a_resting_place to_the_ _sole_of your_foot_of_your and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave to/for_ _yourself(m) there a_heart trembling and_failing_of eyes and_ _despair_of being. **66** And_ life_of_your _they_will_be hung_up to/for_yourself(m) from_in_front and_you_will_be_in_dread night and_by_day and_not you_will_trust in_life_of_your. **67** In_ _morning you_will_say who will_he_give evening and_in_ _evening you_will_say who will_he_give morning from_the_ _dread_of your_heart_of_your which you_will_dread and_from_ _the_sight[s]_of your_two's_eyes_of_your which you_will_see. **68** And_bring_back_will_make_you_return[398] **YHWH** Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_ships by_way which I_said to/for_ _yourself(m) not you_will_repeat again to_see_it and_you_will_ _sell_yourselves there to_enemies_of_your to_male_slaves and_ _to_female_slaves and_there_will_not_be a_buyer. **69** [399] These are_the_words/messages_of the_covenant which **YHWH** he_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh to_make with the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_land of_Mō'āv (from)_besides_of the_ _covenant which he_had_made with_them at_Ḥorēv.

29:1 [405] And_ Mosheh _he/it_called (to) all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said to_them you(pl) you(pl)_have_seen ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that **YHWH** he_did to_eyes_of_your(pl) in_land of_Mitsrayim to_Par'oh and_to/for_all servants_of_his and_to/for_all land_ _of_his. **2** [406] The_trials (the)_great which eyes_of_your they_ _saw the_signs and_the_wonders the_big(pl) the_those. **3** [407] And_not **YHWH** he_has_given[408] to/for_you(pl) a_heart to_ _know and_eyes to_see and_ears to_hear until the_day (the)_ _this. **4** [409] And_I_led you(pl) forty year[s] in_wilderness not clothes_of_your(pl) they_wore_out from_on_you(pl) and_ _sandal_of_your not it_wore_out from_under foot_of_your. **5** [410] bread not you(pl)_ate and_wine and_strong_drink not you(pl)_ _drank so_that you(pl)_may_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **6** [411] And_you(pl)_came to the_place the_this and_ Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn and_'Ōg the_king_of (the)_ _Bāshān _he/it_went_out to_meet_us for_battle and_we_ _defeated_them. **7** [412] And_we_took ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_their and_we_ _gave_it for_an_inheritance to_Rə'ūvēnite[s] and_to_Gādī[s]

398 **LV 28:68 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
399 **LV 28:69 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.1
400 **RV 29:7 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-30.
401 **RV 29:7 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:31-35.
405 **LV 29:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.2
406 **LV 29:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.3
407 **LV 29:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.4
408 **LV 29:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
409 **LV 29:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.5
410 **LV 29:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.6
411 **LV 29:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.7
412 **LV 29:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.8

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and_to_the_half_of the_tribe_of the_Manassite[s]. **8** [413] And_
_you(pl)_will_keep ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_words/messages_of the_covenant
(the)_this and_you(pl)_will_do ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_them so_that you(pl)_may_
_cause_to_prosper ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of that you(pl)_will_do. **9** [414] You(pl)
are_standing the_day of_you_of_all to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) chiefs_of_your(pl) tribes_of_
_your(pl) your_of_elders and_officials_of_your(pl) every_of
(the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **10** [415] one[s]_of_your(pl)_little
wives_of_your(pl) and_sojourner_of_your who is_in_the_midst_
_of your(pl)_camps_of_your from_the_cutter_of your(pl)_
_wood(s)_of_your unto the_drawer_of your(pl)_water_of_your.
11 [416] You_to_pass_on in_the_covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_your
and_in_oath_of_his which **YHWH** god_of_your is_making with_
_you the_day. **12** [417] So_as to_establish you the_day to_him/it
to_a_people and_he he_will_become for_you (into)_god just_as
he_spoke to/for_you(fs) and_as_which he_swore to_ancestors_
_of_your to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_
_Ya'aqov/(Jacob). **13** [418] And_not with_you(pl) you_alone I am_
_making ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_covenant (the)_this and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_oath (the)_
_this. **14** [419] If/because with the_one_who (there)_he here with_
_us is_standing the_day to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
YHWH god_of_our and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_one_who not_he is_here with_
_us the_day. **15** [420] If/because you(pl) you(pl)_know ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ how
we_dwelt in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ how we_
_passed in_the_midst_of the_nations which you(pl)_passed_
_through. **16** [421] And_you(pl)_saw ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ things_of_their_
detestable and~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ idols_of_their wood and_stone silver and_
_gold which were_with_them. **17** [422] Lest there_be among_
_you(pl) a_man or a_woman or a_clan or a_tribe who heart_of_
_his is_turning_away the_day from_with **YHWH** god_of_our to_
_go to_serve ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_gods_of the_nations the_those lest there_
_be among_you(pl) a_root bearing_fruit poison and_
_wormwood. **18** [423] And_it_was when_hears_he ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_
_words/messages_of the_oath (the)_this and_he_will_bless_
_himself in_heart_of_his to_say peace it_will_belong to/for_me
if/because in_the_stubbornness_of my_own_heart_of_my I_
_walk so_as to_sweep_away the_watered_ground with the_
_thirsty_ground. **19** [424] Not **YHWH** he_will_be_willing to_
_forgive to_him/it if/because then the_anger of_**YHWH** and_
_jealousy_of_his it_will_smoke on_man (the)_that and_it_will_
_lie_down in/on/over_him/it every_of (the)_oath which_is_

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become their inheritance.[402] **9** So follow all the instructions in this agreement and obey the rules so that you'll all prosper in everything you do.

10 All of you stand here today in front of your god Yahweh: your chiefs, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the Israeli men **11** along with your wives and children, and the foreigners living among you (who cut wood and fetch water for you), **12** to enter into an agreement with your god Yahweh, and to accept the promise that he's made to you today. **13** That will establish your country as his people, and he will be your god as he told you he would, having promised it to your ancestors Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob). **14** This agreement isn't just with all of you here today, **15** the ones standing here, but also with those who aren't here with you today.

16 You all know how we lived in Mitsrayim (Egypt), and then travelled through other kingdoms on our way here, **17** and you've all seen their disgusting practices and the idols that they had, made of wood and stone, gold and silver. **18** If there happens to be a man or woman, or clan or tribe, whose loyalty is turning away today from your god Yahweh and to go and serve those gods in those other nations, i.e., if there's a bitter or poisonous root among you all,[403] **19** and if they hear the words of this curse, then they'll think to themselves, 'We'll have peace, even though our minds are fixed on where we're going,' so that the good and the bad are carried along together, **20** Yahweh won't be willing to forgive them. No, his jealousy and anger will rage against them, and all the curses written in this book will land on them, and Yahweh will wipe out their name never to be remembered again. **21** Then Yahweh will single out that person or group from all of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribe, to be marked out for disaster as per all the curses that are written in this book of instructions.

22 Then a future generation (your descendants who'll be born in the future, plus the foreigner who comes from a distant land), when they see the terrible problems that hit that land and the diseases that Yahweh sent to make it sick, will say, **23** 'All that land is sulfur and burning salt. No one plants anything and nothing sprouts, and not even grass grows in it, like the over-

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402 **RV 29:8 · Cross-ref.** Num 32:33.

403 **RV 29:18 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:15.

413 **LV 29:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.9

414 **LV 29:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.10

415 **LV 29:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.11

416 **LV 29:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.12

417 **LV 29:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.13

418 **LV 29:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.14

419 **LV 29:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.15

420 **LV 29:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.16

421 **LV 29:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.17

422 **LV 29:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.18

423 **LV 29:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.19

424 **LV 29:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.20

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throw of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah), Admah and Tsevoim, which Yahweh destroyed in his rage and anger,'[404] **24** and all the nations will ask, 'Why did Yahweh do that to that country? What's he so angry about?' **25** Then others will reply, 'Because they neglected their agreement with Yahweh, the god of their ancestors, that he made with them when he brought them out from Mitsrayim (Egypt), **26** and they went and served other gods and bowed down to them—gods that they hadn't heard of before or had anything to do with. **27** That's why Yahweh was angry at that country and brought all the curses written in this scroll onto it— **28** tearing them away from their land in his raging anger, and threw them into another land as we can see today.'

29 Our god Yahweh has his secrets, but what he's revealed is for us and our children forever, so that we can follow all his instructions.

Opportunity for restoration

30:1 If you've experienced the blessings, and then the curses that I've told you about, but then you have a change of heart there among all the nations that your god Yahweh has scattered you across, **2** and you and your children decide to return to your god Yahweh and listen to his voice, and sincerely and diligently follow everything

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_written in_book the_this and_ **YHWH** _he_will_wipe_out ÐØM his/its_name from_under the_heavens. **20** [425] And_he_will_ _separate_him **YHWH** for_harm from_all the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) according_to_all_of the_oaths_of the_covenant which_is_written in_the_book_of the_law (the)_this. **21** [426] And_ the_generation (the)_later children_of_your(pl) who they_will_ _arise from_after_you(pl) and_the_foreigner who he_will_come from_a_land distant _saying(ms) and_they_will_see ÐØM the_ _plagues_of the_earth/land the_that and_ÐØM diseases_of_its which **YHWH** he_has_made_sick (in)_it. **22** [427] Is_sulfur and_salt a_burning all_of land_of_its not it_is_sown and_not it_causes_ _to_grow and_not it_comes_up in_it any_of vegetation like_the_ _overthrow_of Ṣədom and_Amorah ʾAdmāh and[428] which **YHWH** he_overthrew in_anger_of_his in_rage_of_his. **23** [429] And_ all_of the_nations _they_will_say concerning what **YHWH** has_he_done thus to_land (the)_this why is_the_heat_of the_ _anger (the)_great (the)_this. **24** [430] And_people_will_say on that they_abandoned ÐØM the_covenant_of **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their which he_made with_them when_he_ _brought_out ÐØM_them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **25** [431] And_they_went and_they_served gods other and_they_ _bowed_down[432] to/for_them gods which not they_had_ _known_them and_not he_had_assigned to/for_them. **26** [433] And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_the_earth the_ _that to_bring on/upon_it(f) ÐØM every_of (the)_curse which_ _is_written in_book (the)_this. **27** [434] And_he_plucked_them_up **YHWH** from_under land_of_their in_anger and_in_rage and_in_ _severe_anger great and_he_threw_them_out to a_land another as_day (the)_this. **28** [435] The_hidden_things to/for_**YHWH** god_ _of_our and_the_revealed_things belong_to_us[436] and_to_ _descendants_of_our[437] until perpetuity for_doing ÐØM all_of the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this.

30:1 And_it_was if/because they_will_come on_you all_of the_ _things the_these the_blessing and_the_curse which I_have_set to_your_face and_you_will_bring_them_back to heart_of_your in_all the_nations where he_has_banished_you **YHWH** god_of_ _your to_(to). **2** And_you_will_turn_back to **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_listen to_voice_of_his according_to_all that I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day you and_children_of_your in_all

404 **RV 29:23 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24-25.

425 **LV 29:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.21

426 **LV 29:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.22

427 **LV 29:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.23

428 **LV 29:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיבצ/ו**: (x-qere) **מִיּוֹבְצ/וּ**: lemma_c/6636 n_0.2 morph_HC/Np id_05A35 **מִיּוֹבְצ/וּ**

429 **LV 29:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.24

430 **LV 29:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.25

431 **LV 29:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.26

432 **LV 29:25 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

433 **LV 29:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.27

434 **LV 29:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.28

435 **LV 29:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.29

436 **LV 29:28 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

437 **LV 29:28 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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heart_of_your and_on/over_all being_of_your. **3** And_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he_will_turn_back ~~DOM~~ captivity_of_your and_he_ _will_have_compassion_on_you and_he_will_return and_he_ _will_gather_you from_all the_peoples where he_has_ _scattered_you **YHWH** god_of_your to_(to). **4** If your_banished_ _of_one he_will_be at_the_end_of the_heavens from_there he_ _will_gather_you **YHWH** god_of_your and_from_there he_will_ _bring_you. **5** And_he_will_bring_you **YHWH** god_of_your to the_earth/land which ancestors_of_your they_took_ _possession_of and_you_will_take_possession_of_it and_he_ _will_do_good_to_you and_he_will_make_you_great more_than_ _of_your_ancestors. **6** And_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he_will_ _circumcise ~~DOM~~ heart_of_your and_~~DOM~~ the_heart_of your_ _offspring_of_your to_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your in_all heart_of_your and_on/over_all being_of_your for_the_sake_of your(ms)_life. **7** And_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ all_ _of the_oaths the_these on enemies_of_your and_on those_of_ _who_hate_you who they_have_persecuted_you. **8** And_you(ms) you_will_turn and_you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** and_ _you_will_do ~~DOM~~ all_of commands_of_his which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day. **9** And_he_will_make_you_ _abound **YHWH** god_of_your in_all_of the_work_of your_hand_ _of_your in_the_fruit_of your_womb_of_your and_in_the_fruit_ _of your_livestock_of_your and_in_the_fruit_of your_ground_ _of_your to_good if/because **YHWH** he_will_turn to_rejoice on_ _you for_good just_as he_rejoiced on ancestors_of_your. **10** If/because you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_ _your to_guard/protect commands_of_his and_regulations_of_ _his which_is_written in_the_book_of the_law the_this if/because you_will_return to **YHWH** god_of_your in_all heart_ _of_your and_on/over_all being_of_your.

11 If/because the_command (the)_this which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day not is_too_difficult it for_you and_not is_far_away it. **12** Not in_the_heavens it to_say who will_he_go_up to/for_ourselves to_the_heavens so_that_he_ _may_fetch_it to/for_ourselves and_so_that_he_may_make_us_ _hear ~~DOM~~_her/it and_so_that_we_may_do_it. **13** And_not is_ _from_the_other_side of_sea it to_say who will_he_pass_over to/for_us to the_other_side_of the_sea so_that_he_may_fetch_it to/for_ourselves and_so_that_he_may_make_us_hear ~~DOM~~_ _her/it and_so_that_we_may_do_it. **14** If/because is_near to_ _you the_message very in_mouth_of_your and_in_heart_of_ _your to_do_it.

15 See I_set to_your_face the_day ~~DOM~~ the_life and_~~DOM~~ (the)_ _good and_~~DOM~~ (the)_death and_~~DOM~~ (the)_evil. **16** That_which I am_commanding_of_you the_day is_to_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_ _of_your to_go in_ways_of_his and_to_keep commands_of_his and_regulations_of_his and_judgements_of_his and_you_will_ _live and_you_will_increase and_he_will_bless_you **YHWH** god_ _of_your on_the_earth where you are_about_to_go to_(to) to_ _take_possession_of_it. **17** And_if heart_of_your it_will_turn_ _away and_not you_will_listen and_you_will_be_drawn_aside and_you_will_bow_down to_gods other and_you_will_serve_

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that I'm commanding you today, **3** then your god Yahweh will show compassion towards you and reverse your captivity, and he'll gather you from all the peoples where he's scattered you, and return you. **4** Even if your scattered people are at the ends of the earth, your god Yahweh would gather you from there and bring you back to your country. **5** Your god Yahweh would then bring you back into the country of your fathers, and you'd retake possession of it, and then he'd cause you to become more prosperous and more numerous than you are now. **6** He will 'circumcise the heart of' (remove the evil motives from) you and your children[438] to release you to love your god Yahweh with total sincerity and diligently, so that you can live. **7** Then he will put all those curses on your enemies and those who hate you and who oppressed you. **8** After that, you'll turn and listen to Yahweh's voice and follow all his instructions that I'm giving you today. **9** Your god Yahweh will give you prosperity in everything you work on, and in producing children, and expanding your herds and harvesting your crops. He'll happily cause you to prosper just like he'd done for your fathers, **10** if you listen to his voice, following his instructions and obeying his rules written in this book, i.e., if you return to your god Yahweh your God with total sincerity and with all your energy.

Yahweh's instructions aren't a distant dream

11 These instructions that I'm giving you today aren't too difficult or impractical for you— **12** it's not like you have to send someone up to heaven to get them so you can hear them and follow them.[439] **13** Nor are they on the opposite side of the ocean such that you have to find someone to cross over to get them so you can hear them and follow them. **14** On the contrary, these instructions are very close to you—you should discuss them and think about them so that you can follow them.

The selection of life

15 Listen, I've placed the choice between life and good, and death and evil, in front of you today. **16** What I'm commanding you today is to love your god Yahweh, to walk in his ways and to follow his instructions and obey his rules and regulations, and then you'll live and multiply, and your god Yahweh will bless you in the land that you're about to take possession of. **17** But if your loyalty shifts away and you don't listen but instead you're drawn away and bow down to other gods and serve them, **18** then I'm warning you all today that you'll all most

438 RV 30:6 · Cross-ref. Rom 2:29.

439 RV 30:12-14 · Cross-ref. Rom 10:6-8.

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certainly die, i.e., you won't live for a long time in the land which you're about to cross the Yarden (Jordan) river to take possession of. **19** I call on the heavens and the earth to witness against you today: I've placed in front of you the choice between life and death, and between blessings and the curses, so that you'll be forced to choose life so that you and your descendants will live. **20** Decide today to love your god Yahweh, to listen to his voice, and to cling to him, because he'll give you life and lengthen your lives so you can live in the land that Yahweh promised to give to your fathers, Avraham,[440] Yitshak (Isaac),[441] and Ya'akov (Jacob).[442]

Yehoshua (Joshua) installed as the new leader · Promised land

31:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) also told the Israelis, **2** "I'm already a hundred and twenty and no longer able to walk around easily, plus Yahweh has told me that I won't be able to cross the Yarden (Jordan) river.[444] **3** Your god Yahweh will go ahead of you and destroy those peoples right in front of your eyes, then you'll be able to take over that land. Yahweh has said that it's Yehoshua (Joshua) who will lead you in there. **4** Then Yahweh will do the same to those peoples as he did to the Amori kings Sihon and Og, when he destroyed them and their people.[445] **5** Yahweh will enable you to conquer those peoples, but you must do exactly what I've instructed you, to them. **6** Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid or scared of those people, because it's your god Yahweh who'll go with you—he won't leave you or abandon you.

7 Then Mosheh called Yehoshua and told him in front of all Yisrael (Israel), "Be strong and courageous, because you'll go with these people into the land that Yahweh had promised to their ancestors to give to them, and you'll enable them to take it as their inheritance. **8** Yahweh will go ahead of you and he'll be with you. He won't fail or abandon you[446]—you mustn't be afraid or concerned.

Listening to these instructions every seven years

9 Then Mosheh (Moses) wrote these instructions down and gave the scroll to the Israeli elders and to the priests (Levi's descendants) who carry the box containing Yahweh's agreement. **10** Then Mosheh instructed them: Every seven years at the time

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_them. **18** I_tell to/for_you(pl) the_day if/because_that certainly_(perish) you(pl)_will_perish not you(pl)_will_prolong days on the_soil where you are_about_to_pass_over ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) to_go[443] to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it. **19** I_call_as_witnesses against_you(pl) the_day ÐOM the_heavens and_ÐOM the_earth/land (the)_life and_(the)_death I_have_set to_your_face (the)_blessing and_(the)_curse and_you_will_ _choose (in)_life so_that you and_offspring_of_your you_may_ _live. **20** By_loving ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your by_listening to_ _voice_of_his and_by_cleaving in_him/it if/because he life_of_ _is_your and_the_length_of your(pl)_days_of_your to_dwell on the_soil which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_your to_ _'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) to_give to/for_them.

31:1 And_ Mosheh _he/it_went and_he/it_spoke ÐOM the_ _words/messages the_these to all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ _he/it_said to_them am_a_son of one_hundred and_twenty year[s] I the_day not I_am_able still to_go_out and_to_come and_**YHWH** he_has_said to_me not you_will_pass_over ÐOM the_ _Yardēn (the)_this. **3** **YHWH** god_of_your he is_about_to_pass_ _over to_your_face he he_will_destroy ÐOM the_nations the_ _these from_before_face_of_you and_you_will_dispossess_them Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) he is_about_to_pass_over to_your_face just_as **YHWH** he_spoke. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_do to/for_ _them just_as he_did to_Ṣīḥōn and_to_'Ōg the_kings_of the_ _'Amorī and_to_land_of_their whom he_destroyed ÐOM_them. **5** And_he_will_deliver_them_up **YHWH** before_you(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_do to/for_them according_to_all_of the_ _command which I_have_commanded you(pl). **6** Be_strong and_ _be_bold do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_terrified from_their_ _face/front if/because **YHWH** god_of_your he is_the_one_who_ _goes with_you not he_will_abandon_you and_not he_will_ _abandon_you. **7** And_ Mosheh _he/it_called (to)_Yəhōshū'a and_he/it_said to_him/it to_the_eyes_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[447] be_strong and_be_bold if/because you you_ _will_go with the_people the_this into the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_their to_give to/for_them and_you(ms) you_will_give_it_as_an_inheritance them. **8** And_ _**YHWH** he is_the_one_who_goes to_your_face he he_will_be with_you not he_will_abandon_you and_not he_will_abandon_ _you not you_must_be_afraid and_not you_must_be_dismayed.

9 And_ Mosheh _he_wrote_down ÐOM the_law (the)_this and_ _he_gave_it to the_priests the_sons_of Lēvī who_carry ÐOM the_ _box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** and_near/to all_of the_elders_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **10** And_ Mosheh _he/it_commanded them to_say from_the_end/extremity seven years at_the_appointed_ _time_of the_year_of the_remission at_the_festival_of the_

440 **RV 30:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:7.

441 **RV 30:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 26:3.

442 **RV 30:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 28:13.

443 **LV 30:18 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

444 **RV 31:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 20:12.

445 **RV 31:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.

446 **RV 31:8 · Cross-ref.** Josh 1:5; Heb 13:5.

447 **LV 31:7 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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booths. **11** When all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _comes to_present_ _itself with the_presence_of **YHWH** god_of_your in_place which he_will_choose you_will_read_aloud ÐOM the_law (the)_this before all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ears_of_their. **12** Assemble ÐOM the_people the_men and_the_women and_the_little_one[s] and_sojourner_of_your who is_in_gates_of_your so_that they_ _may_hear and_so_that they_may_learn and_they_will_fear ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_they_will_take_care for_doing ÐOM all_of the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this. **13** And_ _children_of_their who not they_have_known they_will_hear and_they_will_learn to_fear ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) all_of the_days which you(pl) will_be_alive on the_soil where you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over ÐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to_(to) to_ _take_possession_of_it.
14 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh HERE days_of_your they_ _have_drawn_near to_die summon ÐOM Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_present_yourselves at_the_tent_of meeting so_that_I_may_ _commission_him and_ Mosheh and_Yəhōshūʿa _he/it_went and_they_presented_themselves at_the_tent_of meeting.
15 And_ **YHWH** _he_appeared at_tent in_a_pillar_of cloud and_ the_pillar_of (the)_cloud _it_stood over the_entrance_of the_ _tent. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh HERE_you are_ _about_to_lie_down with ancestors_of_your and_ the_people the_this _it_will_arise and_it_will_act_as_a_prostitute after the_ _gods_of (the)_foreignness_of the_earth/land where it is_ _about_to_go to_(to) in_midst_of_its and_it_will_abandon_me and_it_will_break ÐOM covenant_of_my which I_made with_ _him/it. **17** And_ anger_of_my _it_will_burn in_him/it on_day (the)_that and_I_will_abandon_them and_I_will_hide face_of_ _my from_them and_it_was for_devouring and_they_will_ _come_upon_it calamities many and_troubles and_saying(ms) in_the_day (the)_that not on if/because not god_of_my is_in_ _midst_of_my have_they_come_upon_me the_calamities the_ _these. **18** And_I certainly_(hide) I_will_hide face_of_my in_the_ _day (the)_that on all_of the_evil which it_has_done if/because it_has_turned to gods other. **19** And_now write_down to/for_ _you(pl) ÐOM the_song (the)_this and_teach_it ÐOM the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) put_it in_mouth_of_their so_that it_may_ _become to/for_me the_song (the)_this (into)_a_witness on_ _the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **20** If/because I_will_bring_it into the_soil which I_swore to_ancestors_of_its flowing_of milk and_honey and_he/it_will_eat and_it_will_be_satisfied and_it_ _will_grow_fat and_it_will_turn to gods other and_they_will_ _serve_them and_they_will_spurn_me and_it_will_break ÐOM covenant_of_my. **21** And_it_was if/because calamities many and_troubles they_will_come_upon ÐOM_him/it and_ the_song (the)_this _it_will_testify before_it to_a_witness if/because not it_will_be_forgotten from_the_mouth_of his/its_seed if/because I_know ÐOM inclination_of_its which it is_making the_day before_before I_will_bring_it into the_earth/land which I_swore. **22** And_ Mosheh _he_wrote_down ÐOM the_song (the)_this in_the_day (the)_that and_he_taught_it ÐOM the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** And_he/it_commanded ÐOM

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for cancelling all debts[448] during the Celebration in Huts,[449] **11** when all Yisrael (Israel) must go and stand in front of your god Yahweh in the place that he will choose, you must read these instructions aloud to all Yisrael. **12** Assemble the people (men, women, children, and any foreigners that live in your country) so that they can listen and learn, and honour and respect your god Yahweh, and keep following all these instructions. **13** Then their descendants who won't have heard this yet, can hear them and learn to honour and respect your god Yahweh during all the years that you all live in the land that you are crossing the Yarden (Jordan) river in order to take possession of it.

The final command to Mosheh

14 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Listen, you'll soon die. Call Yehoshua (Joshua) present yourselves in the sacred tent, then I'll give him his instructions."

So Mosheh and Yehoshua went to the sacred tent. **15** Yahweh appeared to them there in a pillar of cloud that stood over the tent door.

16 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh, "Listen, you'll soon go to join your ancestors, and these people will turn and prostitute themselves to the strange gods of the land that they'll be going to. This nation will abandon me and break the agreement that I've made with it. **17** When that happens, my rage will burn against them, and I'll abandon them and distance myself from them. They'll be devoured by other kingdoms, and many disasters and troubles will hit them. Then they'll say at that time, 'Didn't these disasters come to us because our God is no longer here amongst us?' **18** Yes, I'll definitely stay away on that day because of all the evil that they will have done when they turned to other gods. **19** So now, write down this song and teach it to the Israelis. Make them memorise it so that it can become a witness for me against them. **20** When I bring them to the land that I promised to their ancestors, flowing with milk and honey, and they eat well and become satisfied and fat, then they'll turn to other gods and they'll serve them, and they'll despise me and break our agreement. **21** Then in the future when many evils and troubles hit the country, this song will testify to it as a witness (because it won't be forgotten by their descendants). Because I know their intent today, even before I've taken them into the land that I promised."

22 So Mosheh wrote down the song that day and taught it to the Israelis.

23 Then he instructed Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua), "Be strong and courageous; because you'll be the one to take the Israelis into the land that I promised them, and I'll be with you."[450]

24 After Mosheh had finished writing all these instructions

448 RV 31:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 15:1-2.

449 RV 31:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 16:13-15.

450 RV 31:23 · Cross-ref. Num 27:23; Josh 1:6.

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from beginning to end onto a scroll, **25** he told the Levites who carry the box containing Yahweh's agreement, **26** "Take this scroll with these instructions on it and place it beside the box containing your god Yahweh's agreement, and then it'll be there as a witness against your nation **27** because I know your rebellion and stubbornness. Listen while I'm still alive with you today: you've all been rebellious against Yahweh, and it'll surely be worse after my death. **28** Bring all the elders and officials of your tribes here to me, so that I can speak these words in their ears and call the heavens and the earth to witness against them, **29** because I know that after my death, you'll certainly corrupt yourselves and turn away from the ways that I have instructed you, and disaster will come to you in the future, because you'll all do evil in Yahweh's eyes, provoking him to anger by what you all do."

Mosheh's song

30 Then Mosheh (Moses) recited this entire song aloud to all the gathered Israelis:

32:1 "Listen you heavens, and let me speak,
and let the earth listen to what I have to say.
2 Let my teaching drop like rain,
my speech drip like dew,
like sprinkling on the grass,
and like showers on the plants,
3 because I declare Yahweh's name.
Tell God how great he is.
4 The Rock, his work is perfect,
because all his ways are fair and honest—
a faithful God who never does wrong.
He's always honest and always correct.
5 Yisrael (Israel) acted corruptly towards him—
they're not his children, that's their flaw.
They're a perverse and crooked generation.
6 Is that how you reward Yahweh,
you foolish people and without wisdom?
Isn't he your father, your creator?
He made you and established you.
7 Remember the days of old.
Consider generation after generation over the years.
Ask your father and he'll inform you.
Question your elders and they'll tell you.

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Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_he/it_said be_strong and_be_bold if/because you you_will_bring ĐOM the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) into the_earth/land which I_swore to/for_them and_I I_will_be with_you. **24** And_he/it_was just_ Mosheh _as_ _finished to_write_down ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this on a_book until they_were_complete. **25** And_ Mosheh _he/it_commanded ĐOM the_Lēviyyiy who_carry_ _of[451452] (of)_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** to_say. **26** Take ĐOM the_book_of the_law the_this and_you(pl)_will_put ĐOM_him/it from_the_side_of the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_it_was there on_you (into)_a_ _witness. **27** If/because I I_know ĐOM rebellion_of_your and_ _ĐOM neck_of_your (the)_stiff HERE when_still_I am_alive with_ _you(pl) the_day rebellious you(pl)_have_been with **YHWH** and_indeed if/because after death_of_my. **28** Assemble to_me ĐOM all_of the_elders_of your(pl)_tribes_of_your(pl) and_ _officials_of_your(pl) so_that_I_may_speak in_ears_of_their ĐOM the_words/messages the_these and_so_that_I_may_call_as_ _witnesses against_them ĐOM the_heavens and_ĐOM the_ _earth/land. **29** If/because I_know after death_of_my if/because_that certainly_(act_corruptly) you(pl)_will_act_ _corruptly and_you(pl)_will_turn_aside from the_way which I_ _have_commanded you(pl) and_ (the)_evil _it_will_happen_to you(pl) in_end/latter the_days if/because you(pl)_will_do ĐOM the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_provoke_him_to_anger by_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your(pl).

30 And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke in_the_ears_of all_of the_ _assembly_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_ _song (the)_this until they_were_complete.
32:1 Give_ear the_heavens and_let_me_speak and_ the_ _earth/land _let_it_hear the_words/messages_of my_mouth_ _of_my. **2** May_it_drop like_rain teaching_of_my may_it_flow like_dew my_speech/discourse like_showers_of_rain on fresh_ _grass and_like_showers on vegetation. **3** If/because the_name_ _of **YHWH** I_will_proclaim ascribe greatness to_god_of_our. **4** The_rock is_perfect work_of_his if/because all_of ways_of_his are_justice a_god_of faithfulness and_there_is_not injustice is_ _righteous and_upright he. **5** It_has_acted_corruptly to_him/it not children_of_his blemish_of_their a_generation perverse and_crooked. **6** Wwww to_**YHWH** do_you(pl)_repay this Oh_ _people foolish and_not wise am_not is_he father_of_your who_ _he_created_you he he_made_you and_he_established_you. **7** Remember the_days_of antiquity consider the_years_of a_ _generation and_a_generation ask father_of_your and_he_will_ _tell_you your_old_of_people and_they_will_say to/for_you(fs). **8** When_ the_Most_High _gave_inheritances_to nations when_ _separated_he the_children_of humankind he_fixed borders_of peoples to_the_number_of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **9** If/because the_portion_of **YHWH** people_of_is_his Yaʻaqovʼ/(Jacob) is_the_measured_portion_of his_inheritance_ _of_his. **10** He_found_it in_land wilderness and_in_a_wasteland a_howling a_desolate_place he_surrounded_it he_took_care_of_ _it he_guarded_it like_the_pupil_of his_eye_of_his. **11** Like_an_ _eagle which_it_stirs_up nest_of_its over ones_of_its_young it_

451 LV 31:25 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

452 LV 31:25 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_hovers it_spreads_out wings_of_its it_takes_it it_carries_it on pinion_of_its. **12** **YHWH** alone he_guided_it and_there_was_not with_him/it a_god_of foreignness. **13** He_caused_it_to_ride on the_high_places_of[458][459] the_land and_it_ate fruits_of the_field and_he_made_it_suck honey from_a_rock and_oil from_flint_of rock. **14** Curd[s]_of the_herd and_milk_of the_flock with fat_of lambs and_rams the_sons_of Bāshān and_goats with the_fat_of the_kidneys_of wheat and_blood_of grape[s] you_drank wine. **15** And_ Yəshurūn/(Jeshurun) _he_became_fat and_he_kicked you_have_become_fat you_have_become_bloated you_have_ _become_gorged and_he_abandoned god who_he_made_him and_he_treated_with_contempt the_rock_of his_salvation_of_ _his. **16** They_made_him_jealous by_strange_gods by_ _abominations they_provoked_him_to_anger. **17** They_ _sacrificed to_demons which_not are_god gods which_not they_had_known_them new_gods which_from_near they_had_ _come which_not they_had_known_about_them ancestors_of_ _your(pl). **18** The_rock which_he_fathered_you you_forgot and_ _you_forgot god who_brought_of_you_forth. **19** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_saw and_he_spurned from_the_provocation_of his_sons_ _of_his and_daughters_of_his. **20** And_he/it_said I_will_hide face_of_my from_them I_will_see what be_their_end_of_will if/because are_a_generation_of perversiti(es) they children whom_not faithfulness is_in_them. **21** They they_have_made_ _me_jealous by_not a_god they_have_provoked_me_to_anger by_vanities_of_their and_I I_will_make_them_jealous by_not a_ _people by_a_nation foolish I_will_provoke_them_to_anger. **22** If/because a_fire it_has_been_kindled by_anger_of_my and_ _it_has_burnt to Shə'ōl lowest and_she/it_ate the_earth and_ _produce_of_its and_it_has_set_ablaze the_foundations_of the_ _mountains. **23** I_will_catch_up on_them calamities arrows_of_ _my I_will_use_up on_them. **24** They_will_be_weakened_of famine and_eaten_of plague and_destruction bitter and_tooth_ _of animals I_will_send on_them with the_venom_of things_ _which_crawl_of the_dust. **25** From_outside a_sword it_will_ _make_childless and_will_be_from_inner_rooms terror both young_man as_well_as young_woman a_sucking_child with a_ _person_of grey_hair. **26** I_said I_will_cut_them_in_pieces I_will_ _make_cease from_humankind remembrance_of_their. **27** If_not the_provocation_of an_enemy I_was_afraid lest foes_of_their they_should_misconstrue lest they_should_say our_both_hands it_was_raised and_not **YHWH** he_did all_of this. **28** If/because are_a_nation perishing_of counsel(s) they and_there_is_not (is)_in_them understanding. **29** If they_were_wise they_will_ _comprehend this they_will_understand (to)_end_of_their. **30** How one_person will_he_pursue a_thousand and_two_ _people will_they_put_to_flight ten_thousand if not that/for/because/then/when rock_of_their he_had_sold_them and_**YHWH** he_had_delivered_them_up. **31** If/because not is_ _like_rock_of_our rock_of_their and_enemies_of_our assessments. **32** If/because is_from_the_vine_of Ṣədom vine_of_

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8 When the highest one gave the nations an inheritance,
when he spread all humans out,
he defined the boundaries for the peoples,[453]
according to the number of Israelis,
9 because Yahweh's allocation is his people.
Ya'akov (Jacob) is the portion of his inheritance.
10 He found him in a land that was just wilderness,
and in the barren, howling desert.
He surrounded him and looked after him—
watched over him like a precious possession.
11 Like an eagle stirs up its nest,
hovering over its young.
He spread his wings, then took him—
sitting him on top of his feathers.
12 Yahweh alone led Yisrael (Israel),
^and there wasn't any foreign god helping them.
13 He helped Yisrael reach the hilltops,
and fed them the fruits of the countryside.
He nourished them with honey from the cliffs,
oil from the hardest rocks,
14 yogurt from the cattle and milk from the flocks,
with fat of lambs, and rams from Bashan, and goats,
with plump wheat kernels,
and the juice of grapes that you drank as wine.
15 So the good fellow got fat and kicked—
you were fat, getting bloated, you gorged.
Then he abandoned the God who created him,
and he rejected the rock that had saved him.
16 Yisrael (Israel) provoked him with strange gods.
They anger him with their abominations.
17 They sacrificed to demons, not God—
gods they hadn't known.
New ones that had come recently,
that your ancestor had never served.
18 You neglected the rock who carried you,
and you forgot God who gave birth to you.
19 Yahweh noticed that and he rejected you,
due to that provocation by his sons and daughters.
20 He said, 'Let me hide myself from them,
I'll just watch how they end up
because they're a perverse generation—
children who totally lack faithfulness.
21 They provoked me with a non-god—
angered me by their worthless idols,[454]
so I'll provoke them with a 'non-people'.
I'll anger them by means of a foolish nation,[455]

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453 **RV 32:8 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:26.

454 **RV 32:21 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 10:22.

455 **RV 32:21 · Cross-ref.** Rom 10:19.

458 **LV 32:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתומב: (x-qere) יְתֻמֶֽנּוּ: lemma_1116 morph_HNcfpc id_05Ajm יְתֻמֶֽנּוּ

459 **LV 32:13 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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22 because my anger flames like a fire.
It burns down to the lowest grave,
and devours the land and its harvests,
and scorches the foundations of the mountains.
23 I'll send them even more disasters.
I'll use my arrows up on them.
24 They'll be wasted by hunger
and weakened by terrible contagious and deadly diseases.
I'll send those diseases on the teeth of wild animals,
along with the poison from various creatures that crawl in the dust.
25 Outside the sword will leave people dead,
and inside, in the bedrooms, there'll be terror,
whether it's for a young man or young woman,
or the baby or the grey-haired man.
26 I said I'd wipe them out—
I would remove their memory from humankind
27 if it wasn't for the fact that I expect that their enemies would boast.
I don't want their adversaries to misjudge,
saying, "It's us who's powerful,
and Yahweh didn't carry all this out." '
28 because they're a nation short of good advice,
and lacking in understanding.
29 If they were wise, they'd comprehend this.
They'd understand what was ahead of them.
30 How could one warrior chase a thousand Israelis,
or two put ten thousands to flight,
unless their 'rock' sold them,
and Yahweh gave them up?
31 Even our enemies know
that their protector/'rock' is not like ours,
32 because their vine has its roots in Sedom,
and comes from the vineyards of Amorah (Gomorrah).
Their grapes are full of poison—
their clusters of grapes taste bitter.
33 Their wine is snake venom,
and the deadly poison of vipers.
34 'Aren't these future events my secret—
sealed up in my treasure-houses?
35 Vengeance and recompense belong to me[456]
at the time when their foot slips,
because the day of their disaster is close,
and the things prepared for them hurry along.'
36 Yes, Yahweh vindicates his people,
and has compassion on his servants,[457]
because he'll see that their power is gone,
and no one remains, either free or enslaved.
37 Then he'll ask, 'Where are their gods—
the rock who they went to to be safe,

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_their and_from_the_terraced_fields_of ´Amorāh/(Gomorrah) grapes_of_their are_grapes_of poison clusters_of bitter belong_ _to_them. 33 Is_the_venom_of serpents wine_of_their and_the_ _poison_of cobras cruel. 34 Not is_it stored_up with_me sealed_ _up in_storehouses_of_my. 35 To_me vengeance and_ _retribution to_a_time_of foot_of_their when_it_will_slip if/because is_near the_day_of their_disaster_of_their and_ impending_things _it_will_make_haste to_them. 36 If/because **YHWH** he_will_judge people_of_his and_on servants_of_his he_ _will_have_compassion if/because he_will_see if/because_that hand it_has_been_used_up and_there_not is_one_who_is_shut_ _up and_one_who_is_freed. 37 And_saying(ms) where gods_of_ _are_their the_rock which_they_sought_refuge in_him/it. 38 Which the_fat_of their_sacrifices_of_their they_ate they_ _drank the_wine_of drink-offering_of_their let_them_arise and_let_them_help_you(pl) let_it_be over_you(pl) a_shelter. 39 See now if/because_that I I am_he and_there_is_not a_god with_me I I_put_to_death and_I_restore_to_life I_wound and_I I_heal and_there_is_not from_hand_of_my a_deliverer. 40 If/because I_lift_up to heaven hand_of_my and_I_will_say by_the_life of_me to_vanishing_point. 41 If I_sharpen the_ _lightning_of my_sword_of_my and_it_will_take_hold on_ _judgement hand_of_my I_will_return vengeance to_foes_of_ _my and_to_those_of_who_hate_me I_will_repay. 42 I_will_ _make_drunk arrows_of_my from_blood and_sword_of_my it_ _will_devour flesh from_the_blood_of the_slain and_the_ _captive[s] from_the_chief_of the_leaders_of the_enemy. 43 Make_shout_for_joy Oh_nations people_of_his if/because the_blood_of his_servants_of_his he_will_avenge and_ _vengeance he_will_return to_foes_of_his and_he_will_make_ _atonement_for land_of_his people_of_his. 44 And_ Mosheh _ _he_came and_he/it_spoke ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of the_song (the)_this in_the_ears_of the_people he and_Hōshē´a the_son_of Nūn.

456 **RV 32:35 · Cross-ref.** Rom 12:19; Heb 10:30.

457 **RV 32:36a · Cross-ref.** Psa 135:14.

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45 And_ Mosheh _they_were_ended/finished to_speak ĐOM all_ _of the_words/messages the_these to all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 46 And_he/it_said to_them set heart_of_your(pl) to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_words/messages which I am_warning (in)_you(pl) the_day that you(pl)_will_command_them ĐOM children_of_your(pl) to_guard/protect for_doing ĐOM all_of the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this. 47 If/because not is_a_message too_empty it for_you(pl) if/because it lives_of_is_ _your(pl) and_by_message the_this you(pl)_will_prolong days on the_soil where you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over ĐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it. 48 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh on_the_substance_of the_day the_this to_say. 49 Go_up to the_mountain_of the_'Avārīm the_ _this the_mountain_of Nəvō which in_land of_Mō'āv which is_ _on the_face_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_see ĐOM the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) which I am_about_to_give to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_a_possession. 50 And_die on_mountain where you are_about_to_go_up to_(to) and_be_gathered to people(s)_of_your just_as 'Aha_ron your(ms)_brother/kindred he_died on_Hor the_mountain and_he_was_gathered to people(s)_of_his. 51 On that you(pl)_acted_unfaithfully against_ _me in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_the_ _waters_of Mərīvāh_of Qādēsh the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) on that not you(pl)_honoured_as_holy me in_the_middle the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 52 If/because from_before you_will_ _see ĐOM the_earth/land and_to_(to) not you_will_go into the_ _earth/land which I am_about_to_give to_the_people_of

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38 who ate the fat of their sacrifices,
and drank the wine that they'd offered?
Let those gods take action and help you.
Let them be a shelter over you.
39 Now you'll realise that I'm God,
and that there's no god other than me.
I put to death and give life.
I wound, and I heal,
and no one can challenge my power,
40 because I lift my hand up to heaven
and promise, "As I live forever,
41 when I sharpen my glittering sword,
and prepare to apply justice,
I will return vengeance on my enemies,
and I'll pay back those who hate me.
42 I'll make my arrows drunk with blood,
and my sword will devour flesh,
with the blood of those slaughtered and the captives—
from the heads of the enemy's leaders." '
43 You nations, need to appreciate his people,
because he'll avenge the blood of his servants,
and he'll return vengeance onto his enemies,
and then he'll forgive his country—his people."

44 Then Mosheh (Moses), accompanied by Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua), went and recited all the words of that song for the people to hear.

Mosheh's final instructions

45 When Mosheh (Moses) had finished telling all that to all Yisrael (Israel), 46 he told them, "Never forget all those instructions that I've been giving you today. Teach them to your children so that they'll be able to keep following them, 47 because it's no light matter for you all. Yes, it's your lives, and by doing that you can prolong your time in the land which you are crossing over the Yarden (Jordan) river to take possession of."

48 That same day, Yahweh told Mosheh, 49 "Go to Mt. Nevo (a mountain in the Avarim range in Moav (Moab), across from Yeriho (Jericho)). Climb up and you will see the land of Kena'an (Canaan), which I'm giving to the Israelis to take possession of. 50 Then you'll die on that mountain that you are going up on, and you'll join your ancestors (just like your brother Aharon (Aaron) died on Mt. Hor and joined his ancestors). 51 That's because you were unfaithful to me among the Israelis at the Merivah springs in Kadesh, in the wilderness of Tsin (Zin), because you didn't regard me as holy in front of the Israelis. 52 So you'll see the land in front of you, but you won't enter that land that I'm giving to the Israelis.[460]

460 **RV 32:48-52 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:12-14; Deu 3:23-27.

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Mosheh's final blessing for Yisrael

33:1 This is the blessing with which the man of God, Mosheh (Moses), blessed Israelis just before his death:

2 "Yahweh came from Mt. Sinay came
and appeared to them from Mt. Se'ir—
shining out from Mt. Paran.
He came with ten thousands of holy ones,
holding lightning for them in his right hand.
3 Yes, he loves the peoples.
All his holy ones are in your hand.
They sat down at your feet.
They listen to your instructions:
4 Mosheh (Moses) gave us those instructions
that would become a valuable possession for Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants.
5 Yahweh became king over Yeshurun,[461]
when the leaders of the people had gathered—
Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes all together.
6 Let Re'uven live and not die,
but let his men be few."
7 Then he said this is for Yehudah (Judah),
"Yahweh, listen to Yehudah's voice,
and take him to his people.
He defended himself,
plus you help him against his enemies."
8 Then for Levi, he said,
"Your Tumim and your Urim[462]
belong to your godly man,
who you tested at Masah.[463]
You strove against him at the Merivah springs.[464]
9 He said that he hadn't seen his father and his mother,
and he didn't acknowledge his brothers or spend time with his sons.
because he guarded your message
and kept your agreement.
10 He teaches your rules to Ya'akov (Jacob),
and your instructions to Yisrael (Israel).
He'll burn fragrant incense for you,
and whole burnt offerings on your altar.
11 Yahweh, bless Yisrael's possessions,
and accept the work that he does.
Crush those who take action up against him,

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

33:1 And_this is_the_blessing which Mosheh the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm he_blessed ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before death_of_his. **2** And_he_said **YHWH** from_Ṣīnay he_came and_he_dawned from_Sē'īr to_ _them he_shone_forth from_hill of_Pā'rān and_he_came from_ _ten_thousands_of holy_one[s] was_from_his_right_of_hand fire_of[465] for_them. **3** Also he_is_loving peoples all_of his_holy_ _of_ones are_in_hand_of_your and_they they_were_led to_foot_ _of_your he_will_take from_words/messages_of_your. **4** A_law he_commanded to/for_us Mosheh a_possession the_assembly_ _of Ya'aqov/(Jacob). **5** And_he/it_was in_Yəshurūn/(Jeshurun) king when_ the_chiefs_of the_people _gathered_themselves together the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** Rə'ūvēn let_him_live and_not let_him_die and_let_it_be men_of_his number. **7** And_ _this of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_said hear Oh_**YHWH** the_ _voice_of Yəhūdāh and_near/to people_of_his you_will_bring_ _him hands_of_his_own he_contended to_him/it and_a_help from_foes_of_his you_will_be. **8** And_of_Lēvī he_said Thummim_of_your and_Urim_of_your belong_to_a_man_of your_faithful_of_one whom you_put_him_to_the_test at_ _Maṣṣāh you_contended_with_him at the_waters_of Mərīvāh. **9** Who_said of_father_of_his and_of_mother_of_his not I_saw_ _him and_~~DOM~~ brothers_of_his not he_recognized and_~~DOM~~ mmm[466] not he_acknowledged if/because they_kept message_ _of_your and_covenant_of_your they_observed. **10** They_will_ _teach judgements_of_your to_Ya'aqov and_law_of_your to_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_put incense in_nose_of_your and_ _the_whole_offering on altar_of_your. **11** Bless Oh_**YHWH** wealth_of_his and_the_work of_his_hands_of_his you_will_be_ _pleased_with smash loins those_of_who_rise_against_him and_ _those_of_who_hate_him from they_will_rise. **12** Of_Binyāmīn he_said the_beloved_one_of **YHWH** he_dwells to_security on/upon/above_him/it he_is_covering on/upon/above_him/it all_of the_day and_between shoulders_of_his he_dwells. **13** And_of_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_said be_blessed_of **YHWH** land_ _of_his from_the_excellent_gift_of heaven from_the_dew and_ _from_the_deep which_lies beneath. **14** And_from_the_ _excellent_gift_of the_produce(s)_of the_sun and_from_the_ _excellent_gift_of the_yield_of the_months. **15** And_from_the_ _top_of the_mountains_of ancient_time and_from_the_ _excellent_gift_of the_hills_of antiquity. **16** And_from_the_ _excellent_gift_of the_earth and_what_of_fills_it and_the_ _favour_of the_one_who_dwelt_of (of)_the_bush may_it_come to_the_head_of Yōṣēf and_to_the_crown_of_the_head_of the_ _consecrated_one_of his_brothers_of_his. **17** The_firstborn_of his_ox_of_his splendour to_him/it and_are_the_horns_of a_ _wild_ox horns_of_his (is)_in_them peoples he_will_gore

461 RV 33:5 · Note Yeshurun means 'the upright one', a term of endearment for Yisrael, also in verse 26.

462 RV 33:8 · Cross-ref. Exo 28:30.

463 RV 33:8 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:7.

464 RV 33:8 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:7; Num 20:13.

465 LV 33:2 · Note OSHB variant note: תדשא: (x-qere) 'שֵׁא': lemma_784 morph_HNcbsc id_059bG שֵׁא 'תָּד': lemma_1881 n_0.0 morph_HNcfsa id_05UNy תָּד

466 LV 33:9 · Note OSHB variant note: נב/ו: (x-qere) 'יְנָבּ/ו': lemma_1121 a n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_05HDg יְנָבּ/ו

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together the_ends_of the_earth and_they are_the_ten_
_thousands_of 'Efrayim and_they are_the_thousands_of
Mənashsheh. **18** And_of_Zəvūlūn he_said rejoice Oh_Zəvūlūn
when_you_go_forth and_Yissāskār/(Issachar) in_tents_of_your.
19 Peoples a_mountain they_will_summon there they_will_
_sacrifice sacrifices_of righteousness if/because the_
_abundance_of the_seas they_will_suck and_hidden_things_of
hidden_things_of sand. **20** And_of_Gād he_said the_one_who_
_enlarges_of Gād be_blessed like_a_lion he_dwells and_he_tears
an_arm also a_crown_of_a_head. **21** And_he/it_saw the_choicest
to_him/it if/because there the_portion_of a_commander was_
_reserved and_he_came the_chiefs_of the_people the_
_righteousness_of **YHWH** he_executed and_judgements_of_his
with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **22** And_of_Dān he_said Dān is_a_cub_of a_
_lion he_leaps_forth from (the)_Bāshān. **23** And_of_Naftālī he_
_said Naftālī is_satisfied_of favour and_full the_blessing_of
YHWH the_west and_the_south take_possession_of. **24** And_of_
_'Āshēr he_said be_blessed more_than_the_sons 'Āshēr may_
_he_be the_favoured_one_of his_brothers_of_his and_one_who_
_dips in_oil foot_of_his. **25** Will_be_iron and_bronze bolts_of_
_your and_will_be_of_like_your_days strength_of_your.
26 There_is_not like_god Oh_Yəshurūn/(Jeshurun) who_rides
heaven for_help_of_your and_in_majesty_of_his clouds. **27** Is_a_
_hiding_place the_god_of ancient_time and_are_(from)_
_beneath arms_of antiquity and_he/it_drove_out from_before_
_of_you the_enemy and_he/it_said destroy. **28** And_
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_has_dwelt security alone the_spring_of
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) to a_land_of grain and_new_wine also
heavens_of_his they_drop[467][468] dew. **29** How_of_blessed_are_
_you Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who is_like_you a_people which_it_
_has_been_saved by_**YHWH** the_shield_of your_help_of_your
and_which is_the_sword_of your_eminence_of_your and_
enemies_of_your _they_will_cringe to/for_you(fs) and_you(ms)
on places_of_their_high you_will_tread.

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and those who hate, in case they attack."
12 To Benyamin, he said,
"Yahweh's special one lives in security beside him.
He protects him all day long,
and Yahweh places him on his chest."
13 To Yosef (Joseph), he said,
"Yahweh will bless his land,
with the rain from the sky,
from the dew and from the springs lying beneath,
14 with a plentiful harvest from the good sunshine,
and from the bounty of the produce of the seasons,
15 and water from the tops of ancient mountains,
and from the bounty of age-old hills,
16 and from the bounty of the soil and from its fullness,
and the favour of the bush-dweller.
Let them come on Yosef's (Joseph's) head,
and on the top of the head of the leader of his brothers.
17 His majesty is like his firstborn bull,
and his horns are like the horns of a wild bull.
He'll ram the peoples with them,
together to the ends of the earth.
And they are the ten thousands of Efrayim (Ephraim),
and they are the thousands of Menasheh (Manasseh)."
18 To Zevulun, he said,
"Zevulun, be happy when you go out,
and Yisakar (Issachar) too, in your tents.
19 They will call peoples to the mountain.
There they will offer sacrifices of righteousness.
because they feed on the abundance of the oceans,
and on treasures hidden in the sand."
20 To Gad, he said,
"Blessed be the one who enlarges Gad.
He'll live like a lioness,
and tear off an arm, perhaps also a head.
21 He picked out the best for himself,
because there the decreed portion is reserved.
He came with the people's leaders.
He administered Yahweh's justice,
and his judgements for Yisrael (Israel)."
22 To Dan, he said,
"Dan is a lion cub
leaping out from Bashan."
23 To Naftali (Naphtali), he said,
"Naftali, overflowing with favour,
and full of Yahweh's blessings,
you'll possess the west and the south."
24 To Asher, he said,
"Asher is blessed among the sons.
Let him be favoured among his brothers,
and enjoy having lots of olive oil.

467 LV 33:28 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

468 LV 33:28 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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25 Your gates will have iron and bronze bars,
and you'll be strong all your life.
26 There's no one else like Yeshurun's God,
riding the heavens to your help,
and in his majesty on the clouds.
27 The everlasting God is a place of safety,
and it's his eternal arms that are underneath you.
He drove the enemy away from in front of you,
and he said, 'Destroy them.'
28 Yisrael (Israel) will live in safety—
secure as Ya'akov's (Jacob's) fountain,
in a land of grain and new wine
where the skies above them drop dew.
29 Your happiness, Yisrael.
Who else is like you—a people saved by Yahweh,
the shield that protects you,
and who is the sword that makes you powerful?
Your enemies will cringe back from you,
and you'll trample all over their hills."

Yahweh shows the land to Mosheh

34:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) went from the plains of Moav (Moab) up to Mt. Nevo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Yeriho (Jericho), and Yahweh showed him all the Gilead region as far as Dan, 2 all Naftali (Naphtali), the land of Efrayim (Ephraim) and Menasheh (Manasseh), all the land of Yehudah (Judah), to the Mediterranean sea, 3 the Negev, and the plain of the Valley of Yeriho (Yeriho, the Palm City) as far as Tsoar. 4 Then Yahweh told him, "That's the land that I promised to Avraham,[469] to Yitshak (Isaac),[470] and to Ya'akov (Jacob),[471] saying, 'I'll give it to your descendants.' I've showed it to you for you to look at, but you won't go over there into it."

Mosheh's death

5 So Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) died there in Moav (Moab) just as Yahweh had said would happen 6 and he buried him there in the valley opposite Beyt-Pe'or, but to this day, no one knows where his grave is. 7 Mosheh was one hundred and twenty when he died, but he still had excellent eyesight and strength in his body. 8 The Israelis mourned thirty days for him there in the Moav plain.

9 Meanwhile, Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua) was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Mosheh had placed his hands on him and prayed over him, so the Israelis listened to him and did what Yahweh had commanded Mosheh.

10 No prophet like Mosheh who Yahweh knew face to face,[472] has ever emerged in Yisrael (Israel) since then, 11 or performed all the miracles and amazing things that Yahweh sent him to do in Mitsrayim (Egypt), to Par'oh (Pharaoh), and to all his servants, and to all his land. 12 No other prophet has been able to

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34:1 And_ Mosheh _he/it_ascended from_the_wilderness_
_plains_of Mō'āv to the_mountain_of Nəvō the_top_of (the)_
_Piṣgāh which is_on the_face_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_he_
_showed_him **YHWH** ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_earth/land ~~ĐOM~~ (the)_
Gil'ād to Dān. 2 And~~ĐOM~~ all_of Naftālī and_~~ĐOM~~ the_land_of
'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_land_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to the_sea (the)_western. 3 And_~~ĐOM~~ the_
Negev and~~ĐOM~~ the_district in_the_valley_of Yərīḥō the_city_
_of the_palm_trees to Tso'ar/(Zoar). 4 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said
to_him/it this the_earth/land which I_swore to_'Avrāhām to_
_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'$_a$qov to_say to_offspring_of_your I_
_will_give_it I_have_let_you_see_it with_your_two's_own_of_
_eyes and_to_(to) not you_will_pass_over.

5 And_he/it_died there Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** in_land
of_Mō'āv on the_mouth_of **YHWH**. 6 And_he_buried ~~ĐOM~~_
_him/it in_valley in_land of_Mō'āv opposite_to Bēyt Pa'ōr and_
_not anyone he_knows ~~ĐOM~~ grave_of_his until the_day (the)_
_this. 7 And_Mosheh was_a_son_of one_hundred and_twenty
year[s] when_died_of_he not eye_of_his it_had_grown_dim and_
_not vigor_of_his it_had_fled. 8 And_ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_wept_for ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh in_the_wilderness_
_plains_of Mō'āv thirty day[s] and_ the_days_of the_weeping_
_of the_mourning_of Mosheh _they_were_completed. 9 And_
_Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn he_was_full a_spirit_of
wisdom if/because Mosheh he_had_laid ~~ĐOM~~ hands_of_his
on/upon/above_him/it and_they_listened to_him/it the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_did just_as **YHWH** he_
_had_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh. 10 And_not a_prophet he_has_
_arisen again in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_Mosheh whom he_knew_
_him **YHWH** face to face. 11 To/from_all/each/any/every the_
_signs and_the_wonders which he_sent_him **YHWH** for_doing

469 **RV 34:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:7.
470 **RV 34:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 26:3.
471 **RV 34:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 28:13.
472 **RV 34:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 33:11.

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in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_Par'oh and_to/for_all servants_of_his and_to/for_all land_of_his. **12** And_to/for_all the_hand (the)_strong and_to/for_all the_terror (the)_great which Mosheh he_did to_the_eyes_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

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do all the incredible but terrifying things that Mosheh did while all Yisrael watched.

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Iyov

(Job)

Introduction

The account of Iyov (but commonly as known as 'Iyov' which is the English evolution of the Germanic adaptation of the Greek adaptation Ἰώβ (Iōb) of his actual Hebrew name 'אִיּוֹב') is an account about a godly man who was struck by a series of tragedies: all his children and their families were killed, all his extensive wealth was lost, and then he was struck with a terrible disease. By means of this seven-part account, the reader is informed about how Iyov and his friends react concerning those tragedies. Then finally, God reveals himself to Iyov and the others.

Near the beginning of this document, God is told by Satan that it's not good governing of his people if he always rewards those who obey him. What if people only obey God because they're after the material blessings that would always follow. This would mean that their obedience no longer comes from their hearts. Yes, that's what Satan said about Iyov, so God allowed Satan to test Iyov's heart to see if he'd continue to trust God in times of suffering and misery.

Iyov's traditional friends assumed that he must be suffering because he sinned. Surely he wouldn't suffer all that if he'd been honest and righteous. None of them could understand why God might allow sickness or disease to strike someone if he was truly a righteous person, but this is too simplistic for Iyov to accept. Therefore he challenges God to present his case. In all of that, Iyov's faith in God isn't lost, but he desires to regain his honour as an honest and godly person.

God doesn't answer Iyov's questions but he responds by displaying his own power and wisdom and knowledge. So then Iyov acknowledges God as the wise creator and requests forgiveness for his angry words.

The final segment of this account explains how Iyov was restored to health, peace, and prosperity (all the elements of 'shalom'/'שָׁלוֹם'), and how he actually prospered even more than before. It also shows how God was angry at Iyov's friends, because they had so much to say when none of them actually knew why Iyov had suffered—only Iyov had really sensed that God and his eventual (but eternal) justice is greater than simplistic proverbs and trite beliefs.

Main components of this account

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1:1 A_man he_was in_the_land_of ʼŪṯs was_ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) his/its_ _name and_it_was the_man (the)_that blameless and_upright and_fearing_of (of)_god and_turning_aside from_evil. **2** And_ _they_were_born to_him/it seven sons and_three daughters. **3** And_ livestock_of_his _he/it_was seven_of thousand(s)_of sheep and_three_of thousand(s)_of camels and_five hundred(s) pair[s]_of ox[en] and_five hundred(s) female_donkeys and_ _service much very and_he/it_was the_man (the)_that great from_all the_people_of the_east. **4** And_ sons_of_his _they_went and_they_made a_feast the_house_of each_one day_of_his and_ _they_sent and_they_invited (to)_the_three_of mmm[3] to_eat and_to_drink with. **5** And_he/it_was if/because the_days_of the_feast they_had_gone_round and_ ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) _he_sent and_he_sanctified_them and_he_rose_early in_morning and_ _he_offered_up burnt_offerings the_number_of all_of_them_of_ _their if/because ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) he_said perhaps children_of_my they_have_sinned and_they_have_blessed god in_heart_of_ _their thus ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) he_did all_of the_days.

6 And_he/it_was the_day and_ the_sons_of the_ʼElohīm _they_ _came to_present_themselves on **YHWH** and_ also the_ _adversary _he_came among_them. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_adversary from_where are_you_coming and_ the_ _adversary _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_he_said from_going_ _about on_the_earth and_from_going_about on_it. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_adversary have_you_set heart_of_ _your on servant_of_my ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) if/because there_is_not like_him on_the_earth a_man blameless and_upright fearing_of (of)_god and_who_turns_aside from_evil. **9** And_ the_adversary _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_he_said in_vain ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) has_he_feared god. **10** Not you[6] have_you_put_a_hedge behind_ _him and_behind house_of_his and_behind all_of that to_ _him/it from_round_about the_work_of his_hands_of_his you_ _have_blessed and_livestock_of_his it_has_spread_out on_the_ _earth. **11** And_but stretch_out please hand_of_your and_touch in_all that to_him/it if not on face_of_your he_will_bless_you. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_adversary THERE all_of that to_him/it is_in_hand_of_your only to_him/it do_not stretch_ _out hand_of_your and_ the_adversary _he/it_went_out from_ _with the_presence_of **YHWH**.

13 And_he/it_was the_day and_sons_of_his and_daughters_of_ _his were_eating and_drinking wine in_house_of their_brother_ _of_their the_firstborn. **14** And_a_messenger he_came to ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) and_he_said the_ox[en] they_were plowing and_ _the_female_donkeys were_grazing on hands_of_their. **15** And_ Sabean[s] _it_fell and_it_took_them and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_servants they_struck_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_I_have_

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SECTION ONE: The introduction[1] · Iyov's prosperous life

1:1 There was once a man called Iyov (Job) who lived in the Uts (Uz) region. He was blameless and righteous—both obeying God and avoiding evil. **2** He had seven sons and three daughters, **3** and he owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 1,000 cattle, and 500 donkeys, as well as many slaves. Iyov was richer than anyone else who lived in the area east of the Yarden (Jordan) River. **4** Iyov's sons regularly held feasts in their homes, and whenever any of them held a feast, he would invite all his brothers and sisters to share the meal with him. **5** Then once a feast was over, Iyov would send for his children and consecrate them—he got up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings for each of them, because Iyov said, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed[2] God in their hearts." It was Iyov's regular habit to intercede for his children.

Satan's first attack on Iyov

6 It was the day that God's sons[4] came to present themselves to Yahweh,[5] and the adversary (Satan) was also there among them. **7** Yahweh asked him, "Where have you just come from?"

"I have come from the earth, where I was travelling around to see what was going on." Satan replied.

8 "Have you noticed my servant Iyov (Job)?" Yahweh asked. "There's no one else like him on the whole earth—a blameless and righteous man who obeys me God and avoids anything evil."

9 "Does Iyov get nothing back for respecting God?" Satan answered Yahweh. **10** "Don't you constantly protect him and his household and everything that's his? You've blessed what he works on, and his livestock have multiplied prolifically. **11** However, just stretch out your hand and ruin everything he has, then we'll see that he'll curse you to your face."

12 "Listen, I'll cede you control over everything he has," Yahweh replied. "Only just don't do anything against Iyov himself." So the adversary went away from Yahweh's presence.

Satan destroys Iyov's wealth and children

13 So one day when Iyov's (Job's) sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, **14** a messenger came to Iyov and reported, "While the oxen were ploughing and the donkeys were feeding nearby, **15** raiders from Sheva attacked with their swords and stole them all. They killed

1 RV 1:1 · Parallel 1:1–2:13

2 RV 1:15 · Note Literally 'blessed' but it's possible that the original reading was 'cursed' and that scribes changed it to 'blessed' in order to avoid the uncomfortable concept of a person cursing God. Traditional manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible don't have a marginal notation about this (as they do in the case of 7:20), but LXX uses 'ἐνενοήθησαν κακά' which can be rendered as 'have thought evil things' and the Peshitta (Syriac) uses 'reviled'. Many other translations also use 'cursed' since this is the kind of change that scribes are known to have made in similar cases.

3 LV 1:4 · Note OSHB variant note: **מה/יתיחא**: (x-qere) **ʼיתוֹיְחָא**ʼ: lemma_269 n_0.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3mp id_18wM5 **יתוֹיְחָא/מָּה**

4 RV 1:6 · Note It's not clear from the text who these are.

5 RV 1:6 · Cross-ref. Gen 6:2.

6 LV 1:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **תא**: (x-qere) **ʼהָתָּאָ**ʼ: lemma_859 c n_1.0.0.0 morph_HPp2ms id_18J9J **הָתָּאָ**

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all your slaves except that I managed to escape to tell you."

16 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burnt up the sheep and the shepherds. Only ashes are left, except that I alone escaped to tell you."

17 While he was still speaking, another one came and explained, "The Kasdim (Chaldeans) formed into three bands and raided the camels and took them, and they attacked the slaves with their swords, and I'm the only one who escaped to come and tell you."

18 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother **19** when suddenly a freak wind came from across the desert and struck the house. It collapsed on the young people and killed them, and only I alone have escaped to tell you."

20 Then Iyov (Job) stood up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he knelt with his face to the ground and worshipped God, **21** saying, "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will leave this life naked. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken. May Yahweh's reputation be blessed."

22 Through all of that, Iyov didn't disobey God or accuse him of being evil.

Satan's second attack on Iyov

2:1 It was the day that God's sons came to present themselves to Yahweh and the adversary (Satan) was also there among them. **2** "Where have you come from?" Yahweh asked the adversary.

"From wandering on the earth and going back and forth on it," he answered.

3 "Have you noticed my servant Iyov (Job)?" Yahweh asked Satan, "because there's no one like him on the earth—a blameless and righteous man, striving to obey God and turning from evil. And he's still holding firmly to his integrity, even though you incited me against him, to ruin him for nothing."

4 "Skin for skin," replied the adversary, "actually, a person will give everything they have to save their life. **5** However, just reach out and touch his flesh and bones, and see if he doesn't curse you to your face."

6 "Listen," Yahweh said to him, "I'll give you power over him, but you must preserve his life."

7 So the adversary went away from Yahweh's presence, and he infected Iyov with bad boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. **8** Iyov picked up a piece of broken pottery to scratch himself with as he sat down in the middle of a pile of ashes.

9 "Are you still holding tightly onto your integrity?" his wife asked him. "Just curse God and die."

10 "You're talking like a foolish person," Iyov replied. "Should

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_escaped only I I_alone to_announce to/for_you(fs). **16** Still this_one was_speaking and_this he_came and_he_said the_fire_ _of god it_fell from the_heavens and_it_burnt (on)_sheep and_ _(on)_servants and_it_consumed_them and_I_have_escaped only I I_alone to_announce to/for_you(fs). **17** Still this_one was_ _speaking and_this he_came and_he_said the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy they_formed three companies and_they_made_a_raid on the_camels and_they_took_them and_ĐOM the_servants they_struck_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_I_have_ _escaped only I I_alone to_announce to/for_you(fs). **18** Until this_one was_speaking and_this he_came and_he_said sons_of_ _your and_daughters_of_your were_eating and_drinking wine in_house_of their_brother_of_their the_firstborn. **19** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_wind great it_came from_the_other_side_of the_wilderness and_it_touched (in)_the_four the_corners_of the_house and_it_fell on the_youths and_they_died and_I_have_ _escaped only I I_alone to_announce to/for_you(fs). **20** And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he/it_rose_up and_he_tore ĐOM robe_of_his and_ _he_shaved ĐOM his/its_head and_he_fell towards_land and_he_ _bowed_down. **21** And_he/it_said naked I_came_out[7] from_the_ _womb_of my_mother_of_my and_naked I_will_return to_(to)[8] **YHWH** he_gave and_**YHWH** he_has_taken may_it_be the_name_ _of **YHWH** blessed. **22** In_all this not 'Iyyōv/(Job) he_sinned and_not he_ascribed offensiveness to_god.

2:1 And_he/it_was the_day and_ the_sons_of the_'Elohīm _they_ _came to_present_themselves on **YHWH** and_ also the_ _adversary _he_came among_them to_present_himself on **YHWH**. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_adversary where from_this are_you_coming and_ the_adversary _he_answered ĐOM **YHWH** and_he_said from_going_about on_the_earth and_ _from_going_about on_it. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_ _adversary have_you_set heart_of_your to servant_of_my 'Iyyōv/(Job) if/because there_is_not like_him on_the_earth a_ _man blameless and_upright fearing_of (of)_god and_who_ _turns_aside from_evil and_still_he is_keeping_hold on_ _integrity_of_his and_you_incited_me in_him/it to_ruin_him without_cause. **4** And_ the_adversary _he_answered ĐOM **YHWH** and_he_said skin for skin and_all/each/any/every that belongs_to_man he_will_give for life_of_his. **5** But stretch_out please hand_of_your and_touch (to) bone_of_his and_near/to flesh_of_his if not to face_of_your he_will_bless_you. **6** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_adversary THERE_he is_in_hand_of_ _your nevertheless ĐOM life_of_his preserve. **7** And_ the_ _adversary _he/it_went_out from_with the_presence_of **YHWH** and_he_struck ĐOM 'Iyyōv/(Job) with_boil[s] bad from_the_ _sole_of his_foot_of_his and_to[9] of_his_head_of_the_crown. **8** And_he/it_took to_him/it a_potsherd to_scrape_himself in/on/over_him/it and_he was_sitting in_the_middle the_ _ash[es]. **9** And_she/it_said to_him/it his/its_wife/woman are_ _you_still keeping_hold on_integrity_of_your bless god and_die. **10** And_he/it_said to_her/it as_ one of_the_foolish_women _

7 LV 1:21 · Note OSHB variant note: יתצי: (x-qere) יִתְאָצֵי: lemma_3318 n_1.2.1.0 morph_HVqp1cs id_182tS יִתְאָצֵי

8 LV 1:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

9 LV 2:7 · Note OSHB variant note: דע: (x-qere) דֵּעִוֽ: lemma_c/5704 morph_HC/R id_18vCn דֵּעִוֽ

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_speaks you_are_speaking also ~~DOM~~ the_good will_we_accept from_with the_'Elohīm and_~~DOM~~ the_evil not will_we_accept in_ _all this not 'Iyyōv/(Job) he_sinned with_lips_of_his.
11 And_they_heard the_three_of the_friends_of 'Iyyōv/(Job) ~~DOM~~ all_of the_evil (the)_this which_it_had_come on/upon/above_him/it and_they_came each_one from_his_ _own_of_place 'Elīfaz the_Tēymānī and_Bildad the_Shuhite and_Zophar the_Naamathite and_they_met_by_appointment together to_come to_show_sympathy to_him/it and_to_ _comfort_him. **12** And_they_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ eyes_of_their from_ _a_distance and_not they_recognized_him and_they_lifted_up voice_of_their and_they_wept and_they_tore each_one robe_of_ _his and_they_sprinkled dust on heads_of_their towards_the_ _heavens. **13** And_they_lived with_him/it to_ground seven_of days and_seven_of nights and_there_was_not one_who_spoke to_him/it a_message if/because they_saw if/because_that the_ _pain it_was_great exceedingly.

3:1 After thus 'Iyyōv/(Job) he_opened ~~DOM~~ mouth_of_his and_ _he_cursed ~~DOM~~ day_of_his. **2** And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **3** Let_it_perish the_day[13] which_I_was_born in/on/over_him/it and_the_night which_it_said a_man he_has_ _been_conceived. **4** The_day (the)_that let_it_be darkness not let_him_care_for_it god (from)_above and_not let_it_shine_ _forth on/upon/above_him/it daylight. **5** Let_them_reclaim_it darkness and_deep_darkness let_it_settle_down on/upon/above_him/it cloud let_them_terrify_it the_ _darkness(es)_of day. **6** The_night (the)_that let_it_take_it gloom not let_it_rejoice among_the_days_of the_year in_the_ _number_of the_months not let_it_come. **7** THERE the_night (the)_that let_it_be barren not a_cry_of_joy let_it_come in_ _him/it. **8** Let_them_curse_it those_who_curse_of (of)_a_day the_ones_ready to_rouse Livyātān. **9** The_stars_of its_twilight_ _of_his let_them_grow_dark let_it_wait for_light and_there_ _was_not and_not let_it_look on_the_eyelids_of dawn.
10 If/because not it_shut the_doors_of my_womb_of_my and_ _it_hid trouble from_eyes_of_my. **11** To/for_what not from_the_ _womb did_I_die from_the_belly I_came_forth and_did_I_ _expire. **12** Why did_they_receive_me knees and_why two_ _breasts that/for/because/then/when I_will_suck.
13 If/because now I_lay_down and_I_am_at_peace I_slept then it_is_at_rest to_me. **14** With kings and_counsellors_of the_earth those_who_rebuilt ruins for_themselves. **15** Or with princes whom_gold to/for_them those_who_filled houses_of_their silver. **16** Or[14] like_a_miscarriage hidden not was_I like_children who_not they_have_seen light. **17** There wicked_people they_ _cease turmoil and_there those_weary_of strength they_rest.
18 Together prisoners they_are_at_ease not they_hear the_ _voice_of a_taskmaster. **19** Small and_great is_there he and_a_ _slave is_free from_master(s)_of_his. **20** To/for_what does_ _someone_give to_a_sufferer light and_life to_people_bitter_of soul. **21** Those_who_wait for_death and_not_existing_he and_ _they_dug_for_it more_than_hidden_treasures. **22** The_joyful_

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we only accept good from God and not receive the bad?" In all of that, Iyov didn't sin in what he said.

Iyov's three friends come

11 When Iyov's (Job's) three friends heard about all the troubles that had happened to him, they each came from his place: Elifaz from Teyman, Bildad from Shuah, and Tsofar from Na'amah. They gathered together to come to console and comfort him. **12** but when they saw him from a distance, they barely recognised him. They wailed loudly, and they ripped their own clothes, and they threw dust into the air so that it would fall on their heads. (All three of those were traditional signs of mourning.) **13** Then they sat with him there on the ground for seven days and seven nights without saying a single word to Iyov because they had seen that his suffering was extreme.

SECTION TWO: Iyov talking with his friends[10] · Iyov's complaint

3:1 After that, Iyov (Job) spoke up and cursed the day of his conception.[11]
2 He said:
Iyov
3 May the day on which I was born perish,
and the night that said, 'A boy has been conceived.'
4 May that day be dark.
May God not search for it from above
and may no light shine on it.
5 May darkness and a dark shadow claim it.
May a cloud remain over it.
May the blacknesses of the day terrify it.
6 May gloom take that night.
May it not be happy among the days of the year.
May it not enter into the number of months.
7 Listen, may that night be barren.
May a happy shout never enter it.
8 May those who curse days, curse that one—
yes, those people who are skillful enough to wake up the large sea monster.
9 May the stars of its twilight be dark.
May it stay waiting for the light that never arrives.
May it not see the dawn breaking.
10 Because it didn't close the doors of my mother's womb,
to hide the sorrow from my eyes.
11 Why didn't I die at birth?
Just come out then stop breathing?
12 Why was I accepted onto her lap?
And onto those breasts to suckle?
13 Yes, I'd be peacefully lying down now.
I would have slept and been at rest,

10 **RV 3:1 · Parallel** 3:1–27:33

11 **RV 3:1-19 · Cross-ref.** Jer 20:14-18.

13 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

14 **LV 3:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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14 along with kings and counsellors of the earth—
yes, those who built monuments for themselves.
15 Or been asleep with princes and their gold—
those who filled their houses with silver.
16 I might never have been—like a stillborn child.
Like some infants who never see the light.
17 Wicked people don't cause any more trouble there.
Those who've run out of strength rest there.
18 Prisoners are able to relax together.
They no longer hear the voice of their taskmaster.
19 Ordinary and famous people are all alike there.
And slaves there no longer have to obey their masters.
20 Why is light given to those who are miserable?
And why's life given to those who are bitter inside?
21 They wish for death but it won't come.[12]
They dig for it more than for hidden treasure.
22 Those who are happy for happiness sake,
will celebrate when they find the grave.
23 Why search for a path that's hidden
when God has hedged them in?
24 Sighing has become more important than eating.
My groans just pour out like water.
25 I had my fears and they've come to pass.
What I dreaded has come to me.
26 I'm not relaxed or peaceful.
I can't rest because only trouble comes.

Elifaz's first response to Iyov[15]

4:1 Then Elifaz (from Teyman) replied:
Elifaz
2 If someone tries to talk with you, will it wear you out?
But who can resist answering?
3 Listen, you've instructed many other people.
And you've encouraged those who were weak.
4 Your words have encouraged those who were stumbling.
You've strengthened those whose knees were buckling.
5 But now it's you in trouble and you're depressed.
Troubles touch you and you're discouraged.
6 Doesn't your faith give you confidence?
What about your hope and your integrity?
7 Remember: Who has ever perished when they were innocent?[16]
Or when were godly people ever destroyed?
8 Just like I've seen those who plant evil and sow mischief harvest it back again,
9 God's breath causes them to perish,
and with a snort of his nose they come to an end.
10 The lion roars and the UNKNOWN-lion sounds his voice,

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_people to rejoicing who_they_exult if/because they_find the_
_grave. 23 To_a_man whom its_road/course it_is_hidden and_
god _he_has_made_inaccessible behind_him. 24 If/because to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before food_of_my groaning_of_my
it_comes and_they_poured_forth like_water of_distress_of_my_
_cries. 25 If/because a_fear I_feared and_it_came_to_me and_
_which I_was_afraid_of it_came to_me. 26 Not I_am_at_ease
and_not I_am_at_peace and_not I_am_at_rest and_ turmoil _it_
_has_come.

4:1 And_ 'Elīfaz the_Tēymānī _he_answered and_he_said. 2 Did_
_someone_attempt a_message to_you will_you_be_impatient
and_to_restrain (in)_words/messages who is_he_able. 3 THERE
you_have_instructed many_people and_hands slack you_
_strengthened. 4 one_who_stumbled[20] they_raised
words/messages_of_your and_knees bending you_
_strengthened. 5 If/because now it_comes to_you and_you_
_have_become_impatient it_reaches to_you and_you_have_
_become_dismayed. 6 Not fear_of_is_your confidence_of_your
hope_of_your and_the_integrity_of your(pl)_ways_of_your.
7 Remember please who that innocent did_he_perish and_
_where upright_people were_they_destroyed. 8 Just_as I_have_
_seen those_who_plow_of (of)_wickedness and_those_who_
_sow_of (of)_mischief they_harvest_it. 9 From_the_breath_of
god they_perish and_from_the_breath_of his_anger_of_his
they_come_to_an_end. 10 The_roaring_of a_lion and_the_
_sound_of a_lion and_the_teeth_of young_lions they_are_
_broken_out. 11 A_lion is_perishing from_not_of prey and_the_
_sons a_lion they_are_scattered. 12 And_to_me a_message it_
_was_brought_secretly and_ ear_of_my _she/it_took a_whisper
of_it. 13 In_disquieting_thoughts from_visions_of the_night
when_ deep_sleep _falls on people. 14 Fear it_happened_to_me
and_trembling and_the_multitude_of my_bones_of_my it_

12 **RV 3:21 · Cross-ref.** Rev 9:6.

15 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** 4:1–14:22

16 **RV 4:7 · Note** Don't forget that this is Elifaz giving his opinions and advice, and not necessarily endorsed as theologically sound. See God's disapproval of the words of Elifaz and his companions in Job 42:7-8.

20 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_caused_to_tremble. **15** And_spirit over face_of_my it_passed_
_over the_hair_of my_flesh_of_my it_made_bristle_up. **16** It_
_stood_still and_not I_recognized appearance_of_its a_form
was_to_before eyes_of_my a_whisper and_a_voice I_heard.
17 A_person from_god will_he_be_righteous or from_maker_of_
_his a_man will_he_be_pure. **18** THERE in_servants_of_his not
he_trusts and_against_messengers_of_his he_charges error.
19 Also those_who_dwell_of houses_of clay who is_in_dust
foundation_of_their people_crush_them to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before a_moth. **20** From_morning to_evening they_
_are_crushed_to_pieces from_not_of one_who_sets to_
_perpetuity they_perish. **21** Not tent-cord_of_their has_it_been_
_pulled_up in_them will_they_die and_not with_wisdom.
5:1 Call please is_there one_of_who_answers_you and_near/to
whom of_the_holy_ones will_you_turn. **2** If/because (to)_a_fool
vexation it_slays and_a_simple_person jealousy it_kills. **3** I I_
_have_seen a_fool taking_root and_I_cursed habitation_of_his
suddenly. **4** Children_of_his they_are_distant from_safety and_
_they_are_crushed in_gate and_there_is_not a_deliverer. **5** Who
harvest_of_his the_hungry he_eats and_to from_thorns he_
_takes_it and_ a_snare _it_pants_for wealth_of_their.
6 If/because not it_comes_forth from_the_dust hardship and_
_from_the_ground not trouble it_springs_up. **7** If/because
everyone to_trouble he_is_born and_the_sons flame they_
_make_high to_fly. **8** But I I_will_seek (to) god and_near/to god
I_will_set plea_of_my. **9** Who_does great_things and_there_is_
_not searching wonders until there_is_not number. **10** (The)_
_who_gives rain on the_surface_of the_earth and_who_sends
water on the_surface_of the_open_places. **11** To_set lowly_
_people to_a_high_place and_mourners they_are_high safety.
12 Who_frustrates the_plans_of crafty_people and_not hands_
_of_their they_will_bring_about success. **13** Who_catches wise_
_people when_they_are_crafty and_the_counsel_of tortuous_
_ones it_is_hasty. **14** By_day they_meet darkness and_like_night
they_grope at_noon(s). **15** And_he_saved from_the_sword from_
_mouth_of_their and_from_the_hand_of the_strong the_needy.
16 And_it_became to_(the)_person hope and_injustice it_shuts
her/its_mouth. **17** THERE how_blessed is_the_person whom_
_he_reproves_him god and_the_discipline_of the_almighty do_
_not reject. **18** If/because he he_causes_pain he_binds_up he_
_smashes his[21] they_heal. **19** In_six troubles he_will_deliver_
_you and_in_seven not it_will_touch (in)_you harm. **20** In_
_famine he_will_ransom_you from_death and_in_battle from_
_the_hands_of the_sword. **21** In_the_whip_of the_tongue you_
_will_be_hidden and_not you_will_be_afraid from_destruction
if/because it_will_come. **22** To_destruction and_to_famine you_
_will_laugh and_from_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land do_not
be_afraid. **23** If/because will_be_with the_stones_of the_field
covenant_of_your and_the_animal[s]_of the_field it_will_be_at_
_peace to/for_you(fs). **24** And_you_will_know if/because_that

Readers' Version

AND the teeth of the young lions are broken.
11 The UNKNOWN-lion starves to death because of a lack of prey,
and the lionesses cubs are scattered.
12 Now a message was brought secretly to me,
and my ears caught a whisper of it.
13 When troubled by thoughts from dreams in the night,
when people have fallen into deep sleep,
14 I was hit by fear and trembling—
my bones were shaking with fright.
15 A spirit passed over my face,
and the hairs on my body stood on end.
16 It stood still, but I didn't recognise what it was.
There was an image in front of my eyes.
It was silent and then I heard a voice:
17 'Can a mortal human be innocent before God?
Can a person be more pure than the creator of people?'[17]
18 Listen, he doesn't even trust his own servants,
and he accuses his own messengers of making mistakes.
19 How much less for those whose bodies were made from the clay,
whose foundations were made from the dust.
They're crushed even easier than a moth is.
20 They're destroyed from morning to evening.
They're always dying even without anyone doing anything.
21 Their tent cords are pulled out on them.
They die and don't even know why.
5:1 Call out to God now. Does anyone answer?
Which of the holy ones will you turn to?
2 Resentment kills foolish people.
Jealousy kills those who are simple-minded.
3 I've seen foolish people taking root,
then I've immediately cursed their homes.
4 Their children are far from safety,
and they[18] are crushed in the gate,[19]
and no one saves them.
5 Those who are hungry consume his harvest
even getting it from among the thorns.
Greedy people long for his wealth.
6 Hardship doesn't just grow up from the dust,
and trouble doesn't just spring up from the ground.
7 Everyone is born into trouble—
sparks tend to fly up high.
8 But for myself, I'll search for God
and I'll approach him with my case.

17 RV 4:17 · Note All speech marks in Bible translations are added by the translators. It's not certain from the text whether or not this was what 'the voice' said, and if it is (as we assumed), it's not clear where 'the voice' stopped speaking and Elifaz resumes. (Many translations put it at the end of the chapter, but remember that chapter breaks are also rather arbitrary and not in the original manuscripts.)

18 RV 5:4 · Note This could refer to either the foolish people (v3) OR their children.

19 RV 5:4 · Note This could refer to any gate, or possibly to the hearings/court of the elders conducted at the village/city gate.

21 LV 5:18 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/דיו: (x-qere) ו/יָדָיו: lemma_c/3027 morph_HC/Ncbdc/Sp3ms id_18TMW ו/יָדָיו

Readers' Version

9 He does incredible things,
and performs wonders without number that are beyond our understanding.
10 He's the one giving rain all over the earth,
and sending water onto the fields.
11 God helps the humble to prosper,
and he lifts those who are mourning to a safe place.
12 He frustrates the schemes of the crafty,
so their actions cannot succeed.
13 He catches smart people in their craftiness,
and he hurries along the plans of those who are deceptive.
14 Even in the daytime, they remain in darkness.
Even at midday, they feel their way around as if it's nighttime.
15 He saves the poor from the plans of those smart people,
and from the actions of powerful people.
16 So the poor have hope,
and injustice is silenced.
17 Listen, the person who's corrected by God is blessed.
Don't despise chastening from God the provider.
18 He wounds and he also bandages up.
He strikes but his hands also heal.
19 If you get in trouble six times, he'll rescue you.
Even seven times, he'll prevent you from being harmed.
20 During famines, he'll rescue you from death,
and in war, he'll save you from slaughter.
21 He'll hide you away from hurting words,
and when destruction comes, you won't be afraid.
22 You'll laugh at destruction and at famine,
and you won't be afraid of wild animals,
23 because you have an agreement with the stones in the fields for walls,
and the wild animals will be at peace with you.
24 You'll know that your home is secure,
and you'll inspect your animal shelters and nothing will be missing.
25 You'll know that your descendants will be numerous,
and your offspring like the grass on the land.
26 You'll reach an old age before you get to the grave,
like grain that's harvested at the right time.
27 Listen to this: we've investigated and it's true.
Listen to it so you'll know for yourself.

Iyov's first response to Elifaz

6:1 Then Iyov (Job) responded:
Iyov
2 If only my anguish could be truly weighed,
and my calamity could be put together with it on the scales.
3 Because now it would be heavier than the sand on the beaches
so that's why my words have been so rash.
4 Because the arrows of God the provider are in me.
My spirit is drinking in their poison.

Literal Version

is_safety tent_of_your and_you_will_visit estate_of_your and_ _not you_will_miss. **25** And_you_will_know if/because_that will_be_many offspring_of_your and_descendants_of_your will_ _be_like_the_vegetation_of the_earth/land. **26** You_will_go in_ _full_strength to the_grave as_ a_stack_of_sheaves _goes_up at_ _its_appropriate_of_time. **27** HERE this we_have_examined_it is_so it hear_it and_you(ms) know to/for_you(fs).

6:1 And_ ʾIyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** If actually_ _(weigh) grief_of_my it_will_be_weighed my[22] in_the_balances people_will_raise together. **3** If/because now more_than_the_ _sand_of the_seas it_will_be_heavy therefore yes/correct/thus/so words/messages_of_my they_have_been_ _rash. **4** If/because the_arrows_of the_almighty with_me which poison_of_their my_breath/wind/spirit is_drinking the_ _terrors_of god they_are_arranged_against_me. **5** Does_ a_wild_ _donkey _it_bray on fresh_grass or an_ox does_it_low on fodder_of_its. **6** Is_ tasteless_food _it_eaten from_not_of salt or

22 LV 6:2 · Note OSHB variant note: יִתְּוֹהֲלוּ/תיה: (x-qere) יִתְוַּהֲלוּ/': lemma_c/1942 n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncfsc/Sp1cs id_18jJf יִתְוַּהֲלוּ/י

Literal Version

is_there taste in_the_slime_of purslane. **7** It_refuses to_touch_ _them self_of_my they are_like_the_illness_of my_food_of_my. **8** Who will_he_give petition_of_my it_will_come and_hope_of_ _my god he_will_give. **9** And_ god _may_he_be_willing and_ _may_he_crush_me may_he_loosen his/its_hand and_may_he_ _cut_me_off. **10** And_may_it_be still comfort_of_my and_may_I_ _jump in_anguish which_not it_relents if/because not I_have_ _hidden the_words/messages_of the_holy_one. **11** What strength_of_is_my that I_will_wait and_what end_of_is_my that/for/because/then/when I_will_prolong life_of_my. **12** (If) the_strength_of stones strength_of_is_my or flesh_of_is_my bronze. **13** If not help_of_is_my in_myself and_success it_has_ _been_banished from_me. **14** Belongs_to_(the)_person friend_ _of_his_close loyalty and_the_fear_of the_almighty he_will_ _abandon. **15** Brothers_of_my they_have_acted_treacherously like a_wadi like_a_stream-bed_of wadis which_they_pass_away. **16** (The)_which_are_dark from ice over_them snow it_hides_ _itself. **17** At_the_time when_they_flow they_are_silenced when_it_is_hot they_are_dried_up from_place_of_their. **18** The_ _paths_of their_way_of_their they_twist they_go_up in_ _wasteland and_they_perish. **19** The_caravans_of Tēymā' they_ _look the_caravans_of Shəvā' they_wait_eagerly for_them. **20** They_are_disappointed if/because he_had_been_confident they_come[23] to_it and_they_were_disappointed. **21** If/because now you(pl)_have_become (into)_it[24] you(pl)_have_seen a_ _terror and_you(pl)_were_afraid. **22** If/because have_I_said give to_me and_from_wealth_of_your(pl) give_a_reward for_me. **23** And_rescue_me from_the_hand_of a_foe and_from_the_ _hand_of ruthless_people you(pl)_will_ransom_me. **24** Teach_ _me and_I I_will_keep_silent and_what have_I_erred explain to_ _me. **25** How words/messages_of uprightness they_are_painful and_what does_it_prove a_proof from_you(pl). **26** To_reprove words/messages do_you(pl)_plan and_to_wind the_ _words/messages_of one_who_despairs. **27** Even on a_ _fatherless_one you(pl)_will_make_fall and_you(pl)_will_barter on friend_of_your(pl). **28** And_now be_willing turn on_me and_ _on your(pl)_faces if I_will_lie. **29** Turn_back please not let_it_be injustice and[252627] still righteousness_of_my is_in_it. **30** Is_there on_tongue_of_my injustice or palate_of_my not does_it_discern destruction(s).

7:1 Not does_service belong_to_humankind on[28] earth and_like_ _the_days_of a_hired_labourer his/its_days. **2** Like_a_slave who_ _he_pants_for shade and_like_a_hired_labourer who_he_waits_ _eagerly_for wage[s]_of_his. **3** So I_have_been_allotted to_me months_of worthlessness and_nights_of trouble people_have_ _allotted to_me. **4** If I_lay_down and_I_will_say when will_I_ _arise and_ evening _it_will_continue and_I_will_be_surfeited restlessness(es) until twilight. **5** Flesh_of_my it_is_clothed

Readers' Version

God's terrors are set out against me.
5 Does a wild donkey bray when it has fresh grass to eat,
or a ox bellow when it has its fodder?
6 Do people eat tasteless food without adding salt,
or enjoy the taste of purslane leaves by itself?
7 My soul refuses to touch them—
they are like detestable food to me.
8 Who will give me my request?
May God give me what I hope for.
9 If only God would be willing to crush me.
May he play his hand and cut me off.
10 It still comforts me and gives me inner joy through never-ending pain,
that I haven't denied the words of the holy one.
11 I don't have the strength to keep waiting.
What future do I have, that I should want to go on living?
12 Am I strong like rock?
Is my body made of bronze?
13 Am I in a position to help myself?
It seems that success has been driven away from me.
14 When a man's in despair, surely his friend should be kind
even if the man stops honouring God the provider.
15 My 'brothers' have been as treacherous as a river that dries up in the summer.
They disappear again like dry river beds.
16 They go dark from the ice over them,
and they hide themselves when covered with snow.
17 At the time when they should be flowing, they're silenced.
When it's hot, they dry up from their channels.
18 Their paths twist in their courses,
they go out into the wasteland and end there.
19 The camel caravans from Teyma look for water.
The caravans from Sheva keep looking forward to them.
20 They were distressed because they had been confident.
They've come to the dry stream bed and were stunned.
21 Now you have become of no help.
You see the terror and you're afraid.
22 Have I ever asked you to give me something?
Or to give me a reward from your wealth?
23 Or to save me from my enemy in battle?
Or to pay a ransom to ruthless people in order to free me?
24 Teach me and then I'll be quiet.
Explain to me where I've gone wrong.

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23 LV 6:20 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

24 LV 6:21 · Note OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) 'וֹלְ': lemma_l n_1 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_18Env וֹלְ

25 LV 6:29 · Note OSHB variant note: יבש/ו: (x-qere) 'וּבוּשְׁו': lemma_c/7725 morph_HC/Vqv2mp id_18zd1 וּבוּשְׁו

26 LV 6:29 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

27 LV 6:29 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

28 LV 7:1 · Note OSHB variant note: לע: (x-qere) 'יֵלָע': lemma_5921 a morph_HR id_18oRq יֵלָע

Readers' Version

25 Truthful words are so painful.
But what does your proof prove to anyone?
26 Do you plan to correct my words?
Do you consider the words of someone in despair to be like wind?
27 You would even draw straws for a fatherless child.
You would make money out of your friend.
28 So now, look at me willingly.
Would I lie to your face?
29 Please turn back—don't let there be injustice.
Turn now—my cause is righteous.
30 Am I being unfair?
Am I incapable of discerning evil?
7:1 Aren't people expected to work on earth?
Aren't a person's days like the days of a hired labourer?
2 He longs for the shade just like a slave does.
He's just like a hired man who waits eagerly for his wages.
3 So months of worthlessness have been allotted to me,
and they've appointed me to have many nights of trouble.
4 When I lie down I ask myself, 'When can I get up?'
Thus evening drags on followed by restlessness until dawn.
5 My body is clothed with maggots and encrusted with dust.
My skin has become brittle and breaks apart.
6 In the past the days flew by faster than a weaver's shuttle,
but now they've come to an end without any hope.
7 Remember that my life is just a puff of air.
My eyes will never see happiness again.
8 Your eyes won't see me any more.
They'll be on me but I'll be gone.
9 Clouds just pop out of existence again and vanish.
Similarly, the person who goes down to Sheol doesn't come back up again.
10 That person won't return to their house again,
and before long their place won't even know them again.
11 So I won't restrain my mouth—
I'll speak in the distress of my spirit.
I will complain with the bitterness of my soul.
12 Do you think that I'm the sea or the sea monster
that you will station a guard to watch me?
13 I thought that my bed would comfort me,
and that my couch would take away my complaints.
14 But then you frighten me with dreams,
and you terrify me with visions.
15 My inner self chooses strangling—
death over life in this body.
16 I REJECT—I won't live to a VANISHING POINT.
Leave me alone because my days are just a puff of air.
17 What are humans that you make so much of them,
and that your mind thinks about them?
18 You visit them in the mornings,
and test them at various times.

Literal Version

maggot[s] and[29] dust skin_of_my it_has_become_hard and_it_
_has_oozed. **6** Days_of_my they_have_been_swift more_than a_
_weaver's_shuttle and_they_have_come_to_an_end with_not_of
hope. **7** Remember if/because_that is_a_breath life_of_my not
eye_of_my it_will_return to_see good. **8** Not it_will_observe_me
an_eye_of_sight eyes_of_your will_be_on_me and_I_will_not_be.
9 A_cloud it_vanishes and_it_has_gone thus one_who_goes_
_down Shə'ōl not he_comes_up. **10** Not he_will_return again to_
_house_of_his and_not it_will_acknowledge_him again place_
_of_his. **11** Also I not I_will_restrain mouth_of_my I_will_speak
in_the_distress_of my_breath/wind/spirit I_will_complain in_
_the_bitterness_of my_soul_of_my. **12** The_sea am_I or the_sea_
_monster that/for/because/then/when you_will_set over_me
a_guard. **13** If/because I_said it_will_comfort_me couch_of_my
it_will_carry in_complaint_of_my bed_of_my. **14** And_you_will_
_dismay_me by_dreams and_from_visions you_will_terrify_me.
15 And_ self_of_my _it_chose strangling death more_than_of_
_my_bones. **16** I_reject not to_vanishing_point I_will_live cease
from_me if/because are_a_breath days_of_my. **17** What is_
_humankind that/for/because/then/when you_will_make_
_him_great and_because/when you_will_set to_him/it heart_
_of_your. **18** And_you_have_visited_him to_mornings to_
_moments you_test_him. **19** How_long not will_you_look_away
from_me not will_you_let_me_alone until swallow_I spittle_of_
_my. **20** I_have_sinned what do_I_do to/for_you(fs) Oh_watcher_
_of the_humankind why have_you_set_me to_a_target to/for_
_you(fs) and_have_I_become on_myself (into)_a_burden.
21 And_why not will_you_forgive transgression_of_my and_
_will_you_take_away ~~DOM~~ my_
_perversity/evil/guilt/punishment if/because now to_dust I_
_will_lie_down and_you_will_seek_me_diligently and_I_will_
_not_be.

29 **LV 7:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: שיג/ו: (x-qere) שְׂחַג/וֹ': lemma_c/1487 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_18Nvj שְׂחַג/וֹ

Literal Version

8:1 And_ Bildad the_Shuhite _he_answered and_he_said.[30]
2 Until when will_you_say these_things and_spirit mighty will_
_the_words/messages_of your_mouth_of_your. **3** god does_he_
_pervert justice and_if the_almighty does_he_pervert
righteousness. **4** If children_of_your they_sinned to_him/it
and_he_sent_them in_the_hand_of their_transgression_of_
_their. **5** If you you_will_seek_earnestly (to) god and_near/to
the_almighty you_will_seek_favour. **6** If are_pure and_upright
you if/because now he_will_awake on_you and_he_will_restore
the_abode_of your_righteousness_of_your. **7** And_it_was
beginning_of_your a_small_thing and_future_of_your it_will_
_grow exceedingly. **8** If/because ask please of_a_generation
former and_give_attention to_the_searching_of their_
_ancestors_of_their. **9** If/because are_yesterday we and_not we_
_know if/because are_a_shadow days_of_our on earth. **10** Not
they will_they_instruct_you will_they_say to/for_you(fs) and_
_from_heart_of_their will_they_bring_forth words/messages.
11 Will_ papyrus _it_grow_tall with_not swamp reed[s] will_it_
_grow not water. **12** Still_it is_in_greenness_of_its not it_is_
_plucked_off and_before_of any_of herbage it_is_dried_up.
13 Are_thus the_paths_of all_of those_who_forget_of (of)_god
and_the_hope_of the_godless it_will_be_lost. **14** Who
confidence_of_his it_snaps and_is_the_house_of a_spider of_
_confidence_of_his_object. **15** He_supports_himself on house_
_of_his and_not it_stands he_takes_hold in/on/over_him/it
and_not it_endures. **16** Is_a_fresh_plant he[31] to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_sun and_over garden_of_its
shoot[s]_of_its_young[32] it_goes_out. **17** Over a_heap roots_of_its
they_are_entangled between_of stones it_sees. **18** If someone_
_will_swallow_it from_place_of_its and_it_will_deny
in/on/over_him/it not I_have_seen_you. **19** THERE it is_the_
_joy_of its_road/course and_from_the_dust another they_will_
_spring_up. **20** THERE god not he_rejects a_blameless_person
and_not he_takes_hold on_the_hand_of evil-doers. **21** Until he_
_will_fill laughter mouth_of_your and_lips_of_your a_shout_of_
_joy. **22** Those_of_who_hate_you they_will_be_clothed shame
and_the_tent_of wicked_people it_will_not_be.

Readers' Version

19 Will you never look away from me?
Won't you leave me alone long enough to swallow?
20 If I've sinned, what did I do to you, the watcher of people?
Why have you made me your target—
me who feels like I myself am now a burden?
21 Why won't you forgive my fault
and take away my guilt?
For now I'll lie down in the dust.
You'll search for me but I'll no longer exist.

Bildad's first response to Iyov

8:1 Then Bildad (from Shuah) answered:
Bildad
2 For how much longer will you keep saying that stuff?
The words coming out of your mouth are like a strong wind.
3 Does God pervert justice?
Does the provider pervert what is right?
4 If your children sinned against him,
then he let their disobedience take them on.
5 If you genuinely search for God,
and you request a favour from the provider,
6 and if you're pure and honourable,
he'll rouse himself to help you
and restore your rightful home.
7 Your beginning started off small,
but your ending will see a large increase.
8 Why don't you ask previous generations,
and consider what their ancestors had learnt,
9 because *we* were born just 'yesterday'
and don't know anything.
Our days on the earth are just a shadow in comparison.
10 Won't they speak to you and teach you?
They'll advise from their understanding.
11 Can papyrus grow tall where there's no swamp?
Can reeds grow where there's no water?
12 They're not harvested when they're still flowering,
but they wither before any other plants.
13 The paths of people who forget God are like them.
The hope of godless people will just disappear.
14 Their confidence snaps,
and their trust is broken like a spider's web.
15 He leans against his house but it collapses.
He takes hold of it, but it doesn't stand again.
16 It's a fresh plant in the sunshine,
and its shoots spread out over the garden.
17 Its roots are twisted around over a heap.
They find the cracks between stones.
18 If it's destroyed from its place,
it'll deny that it even saw you.
19 That's the happiness of its path.

30 LV 8:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

31 LV 8:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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Readers' Version

Another one will spring up from the dust.
20 God doesn't reject people who are blameless.
And he doesn't join in with those who do evil.
21 He'll still fill your mouth with laughter,
and your lips with a happy shout.
22 Those who hate you will be exposed and shamed,
and the homes of wicked people will cease to exist.

Iyov's first response to Bildad

9:1 Then Iyov (Job) answered saying:
Iyov
2 Yes, I certainly know that.
But how can a person be declared innocent before God?[33]
3 If someone wanted to argue with him,
he wouldn't answer them once out of a thousand times.
4 He's wise in his thinking and very powerful.
Who has ever challenged him and succeeded?
5 He takes down mountains and they don't even know who is overturning them with his anger.
6 The one who shakes the earth from its place
and makes its pillars shudder.
7 The one who can tell the sun not to shine,
and seals off the stars.
8 The one who stretches out space all by himself,
and treads on the tops of the waves in the sea.
9 The one who made the Bear, Orion, Pleiades,
as well as the southern constellations.
10 The one who does more incredible things than we can find,
and does more marvellous things than we can count.
11 It he went past me, I couldn't see him,
and if he moved off, I wouldn't be able to perceive it.
12 When he takes things away, who can stop him,
and who will ask him what he's doing?
13 God won't suppress his anger.
Those who help Rahav lie beneath him.
14 I will certainly answer him.
I will choose my words against him.
15 If I was innocent, I wouldn't answer.
I would ask my judge for mercy.
16 If I called and he answered me,
I wouldn't believe that he'd listened to my voice.
17 He crushes me with storms,
and wounds me over and over without cause.
18 He doesn't let me catch my breath.
He fills me with bitterness.
19 Concerning strength, he's powerful.
Concerning justice, he'll ask, 'Who will summon me?'
20 If I was innocent, my mouth would condemn me.
If I was blameless, it would declare me guilty.

Literal Version

9:1 And_ ʾIyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. 2 Truly I_ _know if/because_that thus and_what a_person will_he_be_ _justified with god. 3 If someone_desires to_conduct_a_case with_him/it not he_will_answer_him one_time from a_ _thousand. 4 Wise_of heart and_strong_of power who has_he_ _shown_stubbornness to_him/it and_he_has_remained_ _unharmed. 5 The_one_who_removes mountains and_not they_ _know the_one_who he_overturns_them in_anger_of_his. 6 The_one_who_shakes the_earth from_place_of_its and_ _pillars_of_its they_tremble.[34] 7 The_one_who_speaks to_sun and_not it_shines and_behind the_stars he_puts_a_seal. 8 one_ _who_stretches_out the_heavens for_him/it_being_alone and_ _one_who_treads on the_high_places_of the_sea. 9 one_who_ _makes the_Bear Orion and_Pleiades and_the_chambers_of the_ _south. 10 one_who_does great_things until there_is_not searching and_wonders until there_is_not number. 11 THERE he_will_pass_by at_me and_not I_will_see_him and_he_will_ _pass_on and_not I_will_perceive to_him/it. 12 THERE he_will_ _snatch_away who will_he_turn_him_back who will_he_say to_ _him/it what are_you_doing. 13 god not he_will_turn_back anger_of_his him[35] those_who_help_of (of)_Rahav they_lay_ _prostrate. 14 Indeed if/because I I_will_answer_him I_will_ _choose words/messages_of_my with_him/it. 15 Who though I_ _am_righteous not I_will_answer to_judge_of_my I_will_seek_ _favour. 16 If I_called and_he_answered_me not I_believe if/because_that he_gave_ear_to my_sound/voice. 17 Who with_ _a_storm he_crushes_me and_he_increases bruises_of_my without_cause. 18 Not he_permits_me to_bring_back my_ _breath/wind/spirit if/because he_surfeits_me bitter_things. 19 If to_power a_strong_one THERE and_if to_justice who will_ _he_summon_me. 20 Though I_am_righteous mouth_of_my_ _own it_will_condemn_me_as_guilty am_blameless I and_it_ _declared_me_crooked. 21 Am_blameless I not I_know self_of_ _my I_reject life_of_my. 22 Is_one it therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_say the_blameless and_the_wicked he is_ _bringing_to_an_end. 23 If a_scourge it_kills suddenly (to)_the_ _despair_of innocent_ones he_mocks. 24 A_land it_has_been_ _given in_the_hand_of a_wicked_person the_faces_of its_judges he_covers if not then who is_it. 25 And_days_of_my they_have_ _been_swift more_than a_runner they_have_fled not they_ _have_seen good. 26 They_have_passed_on with ships reed like_ _an_eagle which_it_rushes on food. 27 If my_saying_is I_will_ _forget complaint_of_my I_will_let_untie/release face_of_my and_I_will_be_cheerful. 28 I_am_afraid_of all_of pains_of_my I_ _know if/because_that not you_will_acquit_me. 29 I I_will_be_

33 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** Yob 4:17.

34 **LV 9:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

35 **LV 9:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: תחת/ו: (x-qere) יְתְחַתּ/ו: lemma_8478 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_18BqY יְתְחַתּ/ו

Literal Version

_guilty to/for_what this vanity will_I_labour. **30** If I_washed_
_myself in_water_of[36] snow and_I_cleansed with_potash palms_
_of_my. **31** Then in_pit you_will_dip_me and_they_will_abhor_
_me clothes_of_my_own. **32** If/because not he_is_a_human like_
_me I_will_answer_him we_will_come together in_judgement.
33 Not there_is between_us an_arbiter who_he_will_put his/its_
_hand on the_two_of_of_us. **34** Let_him_remove from_on_me
rod_of_his and_dread_of_his not let_it_terrify_me. **35** I_will_
_speak and_not I_will_fear_him if/because not am_thus I with_
_me.
10:1 Self_of_my it_feels_loathing at_life_of_my I_will_let_
_untie/release on_myself complaint_of_my I_will_speak in_the_
_bitterness_of my_being_of_my. **2** I_will_say to god do_not
condemn_me_as_guilty make_known_to_me concerning what
do_you_contend_with_me. **3** Is_it_good to/for_yourself(m)
that/for/because/then/when you_will_oppress
that/for/because/then/when you_will_reject the_toil_of your_
_two's_hands_of_your and_on the_plan_of wicked_people you_
_have_shone_forth. **4** Do_eyes_of flesh to/for_you(fs) or as_ a_
_person _sees do_you_see. **5** Like_the_days_of a_person days_of_
_are_your or years_of_are_your like_the_days_of a_man.
6 That/for/because/then/when you_will_seek for_iniquity_of_
_my and_for_sin_of_my you_will_search. **7** On knowledge_of_
_your if/because_that not I_am_guilty and_there_is_not from_
_hand_of_your a_deliverer. **8** Hands_of_your they_formed_me
and_they_made_me together all_around and_you_have_
_swallowed_me. **9** Remember please if/because_that like_clay
you_made_me and_near/to dust will_you_turn_me_back. **10** Not
like_milk did_you_pour_me_out and_like_cheese did_you_
_curdle_me. **11** Skin and_flesh/body did_you_clothe_me and_
_with_bones and_tendons did_you_weave_me_together. **12** Life
and_loyalty you_have_done with_me and_care_of_your it_has_
_kept my_breath/wind/spirit. **13** And_these you_hid in_heart_
_of_your I_know if/because_that this was_with_you. **14** If I_
_sinned and_you_will_watch_me and_from_iniquity_of_my not
you_will_acquit_me. **15** If I_am_guilty woe to_me and_I_have_
_been_righteous not I_will_lift_up my_head surfeited_of shame
and_see affliction_of_my. **16** And_it_rises_up like_lion you_
_hunt_me and_you_return you_show_yourself_wonderful on_
_me. **17** You_renew witnesses_of_your before_me and_you_
_increase vexation_of_your with_me changes and_an_army are_
_with_me. **18** And_for_what from_the_womb did_you_bring_
_me_out I_expired and_an_eye not it_saw_me. **19** Just_as not I_
_had_been I_was from_the_womb to_grave I_was_brought.
20 Not few days_of_are_my and_cease[37] and_put[38] from_me
that_I_may_be_cheerful a_little. **21** Before_before I_will_go and_
_not I_will_return to the_land_of darkness and_deep_darkness.
22 The_land_of darkness_of like gloom_of deep_darkness and_
_not order(s) and_where_it_shone_forth like gloom.

Readers' Version

21 I'm innocent—I don't know myself.
I despise my life.
22 It's the same thing, therefore I said,
'He's bringing both the blameless and the wicked to their end.'
23 When a disaster brings sudden death, he mocks the despair of innocent people.
24 The world has been given over to someone wicked.
He covers the judges eyes—so who did it?
25 My days go by faster than a sprinter.
They've fled by without seeing any good.
26 They pass like boats made with reeds—
like an eagle swooping down on its food.
27 If I said that I would forget my complaint,
and soften my expression and smile,
28 I'd be afraid of all my sufferings.
I know that you wouldn't consider me innocent.
29 I'd be guilty,
so why would I work hard for such vanity?
30 If I washed myself from a clear mountain stream
and cleaned my hands with strong soap,
31 then you'd plunge me into a pit
and my own clothes would abhor me.
32 He's not a human like me,
so we wouldn't be going into court together.
33 There's no mediator between us,
who would have authority over both of us.
34 Let him remove his rod from me,
so his terror won't frighten me.
35 I would speak and not fear him,
but it's not like that with me.
10:1 Inside, I loathe my life.
I'll release my complaints.
I'll express my inner bitterness.
2 I'll tell God not to condemn me.
Help me to know why you're against me.
3 Does it seem good to you to oppress me?
Have you rejected this creation of yours,
and delighted in wicked people's plans instead?
4 Do you have actual eyes?
Do you see like people do?
5 Are your days like a person's days
or your years like a person's years
6 that you look for my guilt
and search for my sin.
7 Knowing that I'm not guilty,
won't anyone save me from you?
8 Your hands shaped and moulded me.
Will the same hands now destroy me?
9 Please remember that you made me like the clay.

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36 **LV 9:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ומב**: (x-qere) 'יִמְּ/ב': lemma_b/4325 morph_HR/Ncmpc id_181ME יִמְּ/ב

37 **LV 10:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לדחי**: (x-qere) 'לָדֶחַ/ו': lemma_c/2308 n_1 morph_HC/Vqv2ms id_18otL לָדֶחַ/ו

38 **LV 10:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תישי**: (x-qere) 'תֵּישֵׁ/ו': lemma_c/7896 morph_HC/Vqv2ms id_18KjJ תֵּישֵׁ/ו

Readers' Version

Will you now turn me to dust?
10 Haven't you poured me out like milk
and curdled me like cheese?
11 You clothed me with flesh and skin,
and you knit me together with bones and tendons inside.
12 You have made life and genuine love for me,
and your care has kept my spirit alive.
13 But you hid these things in your heart,
and I know that this is with you.
14 If I sin you'll be watching me,
and you wouldn't acquit me of my crime.
15 If I'm guilty, may my end be bad.
If I'm innocent, I won't raise my head.
I'm full of shame and you've seen my suffering.
16 If I get up, the lion will hunt me.
Again, you show me how wonderful you are.
17 You find new witnesses against me.
And you get more angry with me and send changed forces against me.
18 So why did you allow me to come out from the womb?
Better if I'd expired and no one had seen me.
19 If only I'd never existed—
just went straight from the womb to the grave.
20 Aren't my days few?
So leave me and let me enjoy a little comfort
21 before I go and don't return to the land of darkness and deep shadow—
22 the land of gloom and deep darkness,
disorderly and with gloomy light.

Tsofar's first response to Iyov

11:1 Then Tsofar (from Na'amah) answered:
Tsofar
2 Shouldn't these many words be answered?
Or is a man to be acquitted just by what comes from his lips.
3 Will your boasting make people silent?
Or will you mock and no one puts you to shame?
4 You've said, 'My teaching is pure,
and I'm clean in your sight.'
5 But who will allow God to speak
and to open his lips against you
6 and to tell you the secrets of wisdom?
True wisdom has DOUBLE
God will forget some of your offenses for you.
7 Will you find the deep things of God?
Will you discover the limits of the provider?
8 What can you do to the height of the sky?
What do you know that's deeper than the grave?

Literal Version

11:1 And_ Zophar the_Naamathite _he_answered and_he_said. **2** A_multitude_of words/messages not will_it_be_answered and_if a_man lips will_he_be_acquitted. **3** Boasts_of_your_ _empty men will_they_silence[39] and_have_you_mocked and_ _there_is_not one_who_puts_to_shame. **4** And_she/it_said is_ _pure teaching_of_my and_clean I_am in_eyes_of_your. **5** And_ _but who will_he_give god to_speak and_he_will_open lips_of_ _his with_you. **6** And_may_he_tell to/for_yourself(m) the_ _secrets_of wisdom if/because double belongs_to_sound_ _wisdom and_know if/because_that he_will_cause_to_forget to/for_yourself(m) god some_of_your_iniquity. **7** The_ _searching_of god will_you_find or to the_end_of the_almighty will_you_find. **8** The_heights_of the_heavens what will_you_do deep more_than_Shə'ōl what will_you_know. **9** Is_long more_ _than_the_earth measure_of_its and_broad more_than the_sea. **10** If he_will_pass_by and_he_will_shut_up and_he_will_ _summon_an_assembly and_who will_he_turn_him_back. **11** If/because he he_knows men_of falsehood and_he/it_saw wickedness and_not he_shows_himself_attentive. **12** And_a_ _person hollow he_will_get_understanding and_a_male_

39 LV 11:3 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

_donkey_of a_wild_donkey a_human_being it_will_be_born.
13 If you[40] you_have_directed heart_of_your and_you_will_
_spread_out to_him/it palms_of_your. **14** If wickedness is_in_
_hand_of_your put_it_far_away and_do_not cause_to_dwell in_
_tents_of_your injustice. **15** If/because then you_will_lift_up
face_of_your from_blemish and_you_will_be firmly_established
and_not you_will_fear. **16** If/because you trouble you_will_
_forget like_waters which_they_have_passed_away you_will_
_remember_it. **17** And_more_than_noon(s) lifespan it_will_rise
it_will_be_dark like_morning it_will_become. **18** And_you_will_
_be_secure if/because there_is hope and_you_will_be_well_
_protected to_security you_will_lie_down. **19** And_you_will_lie_
_down and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies and_ many_
_people _they_will_entreat face_of_your. **20** And_the_eyes_of
wicked_people they_will_fail and_a_place_of_escape it_will_be_
_lost from_them and_hope_of_their will_be_a_gasp_of life.

12:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** Truly
if/because you(pl) are_the_people and_with_you(pl) wisdom it_
_will_die. **3** Also to_me a_heart like_you(pl) not I am_falling
more_than_you(pl) and_~~DOM~~ whom are_there_not like these_
_things. **4** A_laughing-stock to_friend_of_his I_am I_was_calling
to_god and_he_answered_him is_a_laughing-stock a_righteous_
_person a_blameless_person. **5** Belongs_to_disaster contempt
to_the_thought_of one_at_ease a_push belongs_to_those_who_
_are_slipping_of foot. **6** They_are_at_ease the_tents of_
_destroyers and_securiti(es) belong_to_provokers_of god to_
_those_whom he_has_brought god in_his/its_hand. **7** And_but
ask please the_animals so_that_it_may_teach_you and_bird the_
_heavens so_that_it_may_tell to/for_you(fs). **8** Or complain to_
_earth so_that_it_may_teach_you and_let_them_recount to/for_
_yourself(m) the_fish(es)_of the_sea. **9** Who not does_it_know
in_all these if/because_that the_hand_of **YHWH** it_has_done
this. **10** He_whom in_his/its_hand the_life_of every_of living_
_thing and_spirit of_all_of flesh_of humankind. **11** Not an_ear
words/messages does_it_test and_a_palate food it_tastes to_
_him/it. **12** Is_with_aged_people wisdom and_is_with_length_of
days understanding. **13** With_him/it wisdom and_might to_
_him/it counsel and_understanding. **14** THERE he_tears_down
and_not it_will_be_rebuilt he_shuts on a_person and_not it_
_will_be_opened. **15** THERE he_holds_back (in)_waters and_
_they_are_dry and_he_lets_them_untie/release and_they_
_devastate the_earth. **16** With_him/it strength and_sound_

Readers' Version

9 It measures longer than the land,
and wider than the ocean.
10 If he comes past and imprisons you and convenes a hearing,
who can prevent him?
11 He recognises people who are deceitful.
He sees wickedness but doesn't reveal that he's paying attention.
12 Even a hollow person will gain understanding.
A wild donkey's colt will give birth to a man.
13 If you've directed your heart
and stretched your arms out to him,
14 and put wickedness far away from yourself
and didn't let injustice live in your home,
15 then you can raise your head without shame
and be firmly establishing without fear.
16 You will forget trouble—
remembering it only like water that's flowed past.
17 Your life will rise brighter than the midday sun.
Darkness will become like morning.
18 You'll be confident that there's hope.
You'll look around then safely lie down.
19 You'll lie down without being terrified.
Many people will be after your favour.
20 But the eyes of the wicked will fail
and the way of escape will be invisible to them.
Their hope will be limited to their last gasp of life.

Iyov's first response to Tsofar

12:1 Then Iyov (Job) responded to Tsofar:
Iyov
2 Ah, you're certainly 'the people'
and wisdom will die with you.
3 But I too have a mind as well as you.
I'm not getting bowled over by you.
Is there anyone who doesn't know those things?
4 I'm laughed at by my friends.
I was calling on God and he answered,
but an innocent man becomes someone to laugh at.
5 People who are comfortable have contempt for misfortune—
for those whose feet seem to be slipping away.
6 Robbers relax in their tents,
and those who provoke God seem secure—
those who carry their gods in their hands.
7 But please ask the animals and they'll teach you.
Ask the birds in the sky and they'll tell you.
8 Or complain to the ground and it'll teach you,
and the fish in the sea will declare it to you.
9 Which of them doesn't know that Yahweh has done all this?
10 The life of everything that lives is in his hands,
as is the spirit in the body of every person.
11 Doesn't the ear have to test the words it hears?

40 LV 11:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

And the palate has to taste the food that's eaten?
12 Wisdom comes with age,
and understanding comes from a long life.
13 Wisdom and power belong to him.
Counsel and understanding belong to him.
14 What he tears down won't be rebuilt.
What he closes on a person won't be opened.
15 When he holds back the waters they dry up,
and when he sends them out they overwhelm the earth.
16 Strength and sound wisdom belong to him.
The deceived and the deceiver are both his.
17 He leads counsellors away barefoot,
and makes judges look foolish.
18 He undoes the chains of the king's prisoners,
and wraps a cloth around their naked loins.
19 He leads priests away barefoot,
and overthrows powerful people.
20 He deprives trusted advisors of the opportunity to speak,
and he takes discernment away from the elders.
21 He pours contempt on successful people,
and unties the belt that powerful people put onto others.
22 He reveals the deep things of darkness,
and he brings deep darkness into the light.
23 He makes nations great and he also destroys nations.
He enlarges nations and he has them led away as slaves.
24 He removes the heart from the leaders of the people of the land,
and makes them wander in wasteland where there's no paths.
25 They grope in the darkness without any light,
and he makes them stagger around as if they're drunk.

Iyov argues that he hasn't sinned

Iyov
13:1 Look here, my eyes have seen all that,
my ears have heard it and understood.
2 I also know everything that you know,
I'm not way behind you.
3 But I would like to talk to the provider,
and I desire to plead with God.
4 But you're all smearers of lies,
all of you are worthless healers.
5 If only you all would remain silent,
then you all might be considered wise.
6 Please listen to my argument,
and pay attention to the pleading of my lips.
7 Will you all speak faithlessly on God's behalf,
and will you talk deceitfully for him?
8 Will you show partiality to him,
or argue the case for God?

Literal Version

_wisdom[41] to_him/it one_who_goes_astray and_one_who_
_leads_astray. **17** He_is_leading_away counsellors barefoot and_
_judges he_makes_look_foolish. **18** The_correction_of kings he_
_loosens and_he_bound a_loincloth on_loins_of_their. **19** He_is_
_leading_away priests barefoot and_people_long_established
he_subverts. **20** He_is_removing a_lip of_trusted_ones and_the_
_discernment_of elders he_takes_away. **21** He_is_pouring
contempt on noble_people and_the_belt_of strong_people he_
_loosens. **22** He_is_revealing unfathomable_things from
darkness and_he_brought_out to_the_light deep_darkness.
23 He_is_making_great (to)_nations and_he_destroyed_them
he_is_spreading_out (to)_nations and_he_led_them. **24** He_is_
_removing the_heart_of the_leaders_of the_people_of the_
_earth/land and_he_made_them_wander in_a_wasteland not a_
_path. **25** They_grope darkness and_not light and_he_made_
_them_wander like_drunkard.

13:1 THERE all eye_of_my it_has_seen ear_of_my it_has_heard
and_it_has_understood to/for_her/it. **2** Like_knowledge_of_
_your(pl) also I I_know not I am_falling more_than_you(pl).
3 But I to the_almighty I_will_speak and_to_argue to god I_
_desire. **4** And_but you(pl) are_those_who_smear_of falsehood
are_healers_of worthlessness of_you_of_all. **5** Who will_he_give
totally_(be_silent) you(pl)_will_be_silent and_it_will_become
to/for_you(pl) (into)_wisdom. **6** Listen_to please argument_of_
_my and_the_contentions_of my_lips_of_my pay_attention_to.
7 For_god will_you(pl)_speak unrighteousness and_to/for_
_him/it will_you(pl)_speak deceit. **8** Face_of_his will_you_lift_
_up or for_god will_you_argue_a_case. **9** Will_it_be_good
if/because he_will_examine you(pl) or as_deceives (in)_a_
_person will_you(pl)_deceive in_him/it. **10** Surely_(rebuke) he_
_will_rebuke you(pl) if in_secrecy faces you(pl)_will_lift_up.
11 Not majesty_of_his will_it_terrify you(pl) and_dread_of_his
will_it_fall on_you(pl). **12** Memorials_of_your(pl) are_proverbs_
of ash[es] are(to)_defenses_of clay defenses_of_your(pl).
13 Be_silent from_me so_ I _that_I_may_speak and_let_it_pass
on_me whatever. **14** Concerning what will_I_take flesh_of_my

41 LV 12:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

in_teeth_of_my and_life_of_my will_I_put in_palm_of_my.
15 THERE he_will_kill_me for_him[43] I_will_wait nevertheless ways_of_my to his/its_faces/face I_will_argue. **16** Also that to_ _me will_be_for_deliverance that/for/because/then/when not before_him a_godless_person he_will_come. **17** Listen_to carefully_(listen) speech_of_my and_declaration_of_my be_in_ _ears_of_your(pl). **18** HERE please I_have_arranged a_case I_ _know if/because_that I I_am_in_the_right. **19** Who that will_ _he_conduct_a_case with_me if/because now I_will_keep_silent and_I_will_expire. **20** Only two_things do_not do with_me then from_before_of_you not I_will_hide_myself. **21** Palm_of_your from_on_me put_far_away and_dread_of_your not let_it_ _terrify_me. **22** And_call and_I I_will_answer or let_me_speak and_respond_to_me. **23** How_many to_me are_iniquities and_ _sins transgression_of_my and_sin_of_my make_known_to_me. **24** To/for_what face_of_your do_you_hide and_do_you_ _consider_me to_an_enemy to/for_you(fs). **25** A_leaf driven_ _about will_you_terrify and_~~DOM~~ chaff dry will_you_pursue. **26** If/because you_write on_me bitter_things and_you_cause_ _me_to_inherit the_iniquities_of my_youth(s)_of_my. **27** And_ _you_put in_stock[s] feet_of_my and_you_watch all_of paths_of_ _my on the_roots_of my_feet_of_my you_make_a_mark. **28** And_ _he like_rottenness he_wears_out like_a_garment which_it_ _eats_it a_moth.
14:1 A_human_being born_of a_woman is_short_of days and_ _surfeited_of turmoil. **2** Like_blossom he_comes_forth and_he_ _withered and_he_fled like_shadow and_not he_remains. **3** Indeed on this do_you_open eyes_of_your and_me do_you_ _bring in_judgement with_yourself. **4** Who will_he_make a_ _clean_thing from_an_unclean_thing not one_person. **5** If are_ _determined his/its_days the_number_of his_months_of_his is_ _with_you mmm[44] you_have_appointed and_not he_will_pass. **6** Look_away from_on_him so_that_he_may_cease until he_ _takes_pleasure_in like_a_hired_labourer day_of_his. **7** If/because there_is for_tree hope if it_will_be_cut_down and_ _again it_will_sprout_afresh and_its_young_of_shoot[s] not it_ _will_fail. **8** Though it_will_grow_old on_the_earth root_of_its and_in_dust stump_of_its it_will_die. **9** From_the_scent_of water it_will_show_buds and_it_will_produce branch[es] like a_ _plant. **10** And_a_man he_dies and_he_was_weak and_ a_person _he_expired and_where_is_he. **11** Waters they_disappear from the_sea and_a_river it_dries_up and_it_is_dry. **12** And_a_person he_lies_down and_not he_will_arise until is_not heaven not they_will_awake and_not they_will_be_roused from_sleep_of_ _their. **13** Who will_he_give in_Shə'ōl you_will_hide_me you_ _will_conceal_me until anger_of_your turns_back you_will_ _set[45] to_me a_limit and_you_will_remember_me. **14** If a_man he_will_die will_he_live all_of the_days_of my_service_of_my I_ _will_wait until relief_of_my comes. **15** You_will_call and_I I_ _will_answer_you for_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your you_will_long. **16** If/because now steps_of_my you_will_count not you_will_watch over sin_of_my. **17** Will_be_sealed_up in_a_ _bag transgression_of_my and_you_have_smeared over my_

Readers' Version

9 Is it good that he'll examine you all,
or will you deceive him like deceiving a person?
10 He would certainly rebuke you all,
if you were secretly showing partiality.
11 Shouldn't his majesty make you all afraid,
and his dread fall on you all?
12 Your traditional sayings are proverbs of ashes.
Your defenses might as well be made of clay.
13 Be silent in my presence and let me speak,
and let come to me what may.
14 Why should I bite my flesh with my own teeth,
and take my life in my own hands?
15 Even if he kills me, my hope will still be in him.
I will certainly defend my behaviour to him in person.
16 Even that would result in my salvation.
A godless person wouldn't enter his presence.
17 Listen carefully to my words,
and may my declaration be in the ears of you all.
18 I've now arranged my case.
I know that I'm in the right.
19 Who will conduct my case?
I'll keep silent now and die.
20 Just don't do these two things to me,
then I won't hide myself from your presence:
21 Don't take your hand far away from me,
and don't terrify me with your dread.
22 Then call me and I'll answer,
or let me speak and answer me.
23 How many errors and sins do I have?
Let me know how I disobeyed and sinned.
24 Why are you keeping away from me,
and treating me like an enemy?
25 Would you terrify a leaf blown by the wind?
Would you chase a dry stalk to punish it?
26 You write bitter things against me,
and even recall the errors of my youth.
27 You lock my feet in stocks.
You watch all my paths and mark the soles of my feet.[42]
28 He decays like something rotten.
He's like a garment that's eaten by moths.
14:1 Humans, born from women,
live relatively short lives with lots of turmoil.
2 People appear and then wither, just like the flowers.
They don't stay around, but rush away like shadows.
3 Do you watch over even creatures like this?
Do you bring me in to be judged?
4 Who can make something innocent out of something im-

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42 RV 13:27 · Cross-ref. Yob 33:11.

43 LV 13:15 · Note OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) וֹ/לֹ': lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_18Vvg וֹ/ל

44 LV 14:5 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/קח: (x-qere) וֹ/יָקֵּח': lemma_2706 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_18Vg9 וֹ/יָקֵּח

45 LV 14:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

pure?
No one.
5 Since a person's lifespan is already determined,
then you already know the number of months.
You've set the limit and we won't live past that.
6 Stop watching us.
Give us relief so we can take some pleasure in our daily work.
7 There's even hope for a tree that gets cut down.
It will sprout again and its new shoots won't fail.
8 Even when its roots in the ground get old,
and its base is rotting in the soil,
9 when it detects water it'll send up branches like a young plant.
10 But a person dies and is laid out—
a person breathes their last and now where are they?
11 The water disappears from a lake,
and the river level goes down then dries up.
12 So too people lie down and don't get up again.
They won't wake up until the sky no longer exists.
For now they can't be roused out of their sleep.
13 If only you'd allow me to be hidden in the grave,
that you'd conceal me until your anger is passed.
but set a limit and then remember me.
14 If a person dies, will they ever live again?
I'll keep doing my work here until I'm released from it.
15 You'll call me and I'll answer you.
You'll desire the creature you've made.
16 Now you'll count my steps.
You won't keep watch on my sins.
17 My disobedience would be sealed up in a bag,
and you'd plaster over my wickedness.
18 But mountains fall and crumble,
and rocks move out of their places.
19 Flowing water wears down stones,
and its torrents wash away the soil.
You destroy humankind's hope.
20 You're forever overpowering us and we depart.
You are changing the expression on our faces and sending us away.
21 If our children achieved some honour, we wouldn't even know it.
Or if they're put to shame, we wouldn't be there to see it.
22 Only our own bodies feel the pain.
Only our inner selves mourn.

Elifaz's second response to Iyov[46]

15:1 Then Elifaz (from Teyman) replied:
Elifaz
2 Do wise people just answer with knowledge full of wind?
Do they just fill themselves with the east wind?
3 Should a person argue against useless talk,
or against words that have no value?

Literal Version

_perversity/evil/guilt/punishment. 18 And_but a_mountain falling it_crumbles_away and_a_rock it_moves from_place_of_ _its. 19 Stones waters they_rub_away overflowings_of_its it_ _washes_off the_dust_of the_earth and_the_hope_of humankind you_destroy. 20 You_overpower_him to_perpetuity and_he_went you_are_changing face_of_his and_you_sent_him_ _away. 21 Sons_of_his they_are_honoured and_not he_knows and_they_are_insignificant and_not he_perceives (to)_it. 22 Only flesh_of_his_own on/upon/above_him/it it_is_in_pain and_self_of_his on/upon/above_him/it it_mourns.

15:1 And_ 'Elīfaz the_Tēymānī _he_answered and_he_said. 2 A_ _wise_person does_he_answer knowledge_of wind and_does_ _he_fill east_wind belly_of_his. 3 Does_he_argue with_a_ _message which_not it_is_of_use and_words/messages which_ _not anyone_profits by_them. 4 Also you you_annul fear and_ _you_diminish meditation to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before god. 5 If/because iniquity_of_your it_teaches mouth_of_your

46 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** 15:1–21:34

Literal Version

and_you_choose the_tongue_of crafty_people. **6** It_condemns_
_you_as_guilty mouth_of_your_own and_not I and_your_two's_
_own_of_lips they_testify against_you. **7** First human_being
were_you_born and_before_of the_hills were_you_brought_
_forth. **8** In_the_council_of god do_you_listen and_do_you_
_restrain to_yourself wisdom. **9** What do_you_know and_not
we_know do_you_understand and_not is_with_us it. **10** Both
the_grey_haired as_well_as the_aged are_among_us one_old
more_than_of_your_father days. **11** Too_little for_you are_the_
_consolations_of god and_a_message to_gentleness with_you.
12 Why does_it_carry_you_away heart_of_your and_why do_
_they_flash eyes_of_your. **13** That/for/because/then/when
you_will_turn against god spirit_of_your and_you_will_bring_
_out from_mouth_of_your words/messages. **14** What is_a_
_person that/for/because/then/when he_will_be_pure and_
_because/when one_born_of a_woman he_will_be_righteous.
15 THERE in/on/at/with[48] not he_trusts and_the_heavens not
they_are_pure in_eyes_of_his. **16** Indeed if/because one_who_
_is_abhorrent and_one_who_is_corrupt a_person who_drinks
like_water unrighteousness. **17** I_will_inform_you listen to_me
and_what I_have_seen and_I_will_recount. **18** That_which wise_
_people they_have_told and_not they_have_hidden from_
_ancestors_of_their. **19** To/for_them them_alone the_
_earth/land it_was_given and_not a_stranger he_passed in_
_midst_of_their. **20** All_of the_days_of a_wicked_person he is_
_writhing_in_pain and_the_number_of years which_they_have_
_been_stored_up for_(the)_person. **21** The_sound_of dread(s) is_
_in_ears_of_his in_peace a_destroyer he_will_come_to_him.
22 Not he_believes to_return from darkness and[49] he to the_
_sword. **23** He is_wandering for_food where he_knows
if/because_that has_been_prepared in_his/its_hand a_day_of
darkness. **24** They_terrify_him distress and_trouble it_
_overpowers_him like_a_king ready for_battle. **25** If/because
he_has_stretched_out against god his/its_hand and_near/to
the_almighty he_behaves_proudly. **26** He_runs to_him/it with_
_a_neck with_the_thickness_of the_bosses_of his_shields_of_his.
27 If/because he_has_covered face_of_his with_fat_of_his and_
_he/it_made fat on loin[s]. **28** And_he_dwelt cities destroyed
houses which_not people_will_dwell (for)_themselves which
they_are_destined for_heaps_of_stones. **29** Not he_will_be_rich
and_not wealth_of_his it_will_endure and_not it_will_stretch_
_out to_land property_of_their. **30** Not he_will_depart from
darkness shoot[s]_of_his_young a_flame it_will_dry_up and_he_
_will_depart by_the_breath_of his_mouth_of_his. **31** Not let_
_him_trust in/on/at/with[50] he_has_been_led_astray if/because
worthlessness it_will_be exchange_of_his. **32** On_not day_of_his
it_will_be_completed and_his_palm_of_branch not it_will_
_grow_luxuriant. **33** He_will_treat_violently like_vine grape[s]_
_of_his_unripe and_he_will_shed like_(the)_tree blossom_of_
_his. **34** If/because a_company_of the_godless is_barren and_
_fire it_consumes the_tents_of a_bribe. **35** They_conceive

Readers' Version

4 You turn people from the fear of God,
and discourage them from godly meditation.
5 Thus your wickedness drives your words,
and you choose the language of crafty people.
6 It's not me who condemns you, but it's your own mouth.
Your own lips testify against you.
7 Were you the first person ever born?
Were you created before the hills were made?
8 Do you listen to God's advice,
or limit wisdom to your own experience?
9 What do you know that we don't?
What do you understand that's not clear to us?
10 Both the grey-haired and the elderly are on our side,
People who've lived longer than your father.
11 Isn't it enough when God comforts you?
Aren't his gentle words enough for you?
12 Why do your emotions get carried away?
Why do your eyes flash with anger?
13 Are you turning your spirit against God
as your words pour out of your mouth?
14 What person could ever be pure,
and how could someone born from a woman be righteous?[47]
15 He doesn't even trust his holy ones,
and the heavens aren't pure from his viewpoint.
16 Certainly not someone who's corrupt and abhorrent,
or a person who drinks wickedness like water.
17 I'll show you—listen to me—
what I've seen and will tell everyone.
18 What's been told by wise people—
that hasn't been hidden from their ancestors.
19 The land was given to them alone,
and no stranger had come in among them.
20 Wicked people squirm in pain for their entire lifetime.
Those who oppress others have a number of years of pain stored up for them.
21 Sounds of terrors are in their ears.
The destroyer comes while they're enjoying prosperity.
22 They don't believe that the darkness will ever end.
They're destined for the sword.
23 They wander around searching for food that must be there.
They know that dark days are ahead—already prepared.
24 They're terrified by distress and anguish.
That dread overwhelms them like a king who's ready for a battle.
25 These things happen to wicked people because they oppose God.

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47 **RV 15:14-16 · Cross-ref.** Yob 25:4-6.

48 **LV 15:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/שדק/ב**: (x-qere) **ו/יְשֻׁדְקָ/ב'**: lemma_b/6918 n_1.0 morph_HR/Aampc/Sp3ms id_18Vdb **ו/יְשֻׁדְקָ/ב**

49 **LV 15:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ופצ/ו**: (x-qere) **יוְפָצֵ/ו'**: lemma_c/6822 morph_HC/Vqsmsa id_18Ade **יוְפָצֵ/ו**

50 **LV 15:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וש/ב**: (x-qere) **וְיָשֵׁ/ב'**: lemma_b/7723 morph_HRd/Ncmsa id_18e1m **וְיָשֵׁ/ב**

Readers' Version

They've behaved arrogantly to the provider.
26 They rush against him in defiance,
trusting the thick reinforcing of their shields.
27 Though their faces are round and fat,
and their bodies have rolls on their hips,
28 they'll live in broken-down houses
which people normally wouldn't live in because they're marked for demolition.
29 They won't be rich and their wealth won't endure,
and their herds and flocks won't spread across the land.
30 Wicked people will never escape the darkness.
A flame will wither their branches,
and with one breath of their mouths, they'll be gone.
31 Don't let them trust in emptiness or they'll be led astray,
and worthlessness will be their only reward.
32 They'll be finished before their time,
and their branches won't flourish and produce leaves.
33 They'll be like grapevines that drop their grapes when they're still unripe,
and like olive trees that shed their blossoms.
34 Yes, the company of godless people is worthless,
and anything gained from bribery will be burnt up in the fire.
35 They dream about trouble and encourage wickedness,
and they give birth to deceitful plots.

Iyov's second response to Elifaz

16:1 Then Iyov (Job) answered Elifaz:
Iyov
2 I've heard many things like that before.
You come to comfort, but bring trouble instead.
3 You need to limit your words full of wind.
What makes you keep responding?
4 I could also speak like you all if you were in my place.
I could string words together against you all and shake my head at you.
5 Alternatively, I could use my mouth to encourage you all.
My lips could be used instead to bring relief.
6 Even when I speak, it doesn't take away my pain.
But if I hold back, how will it go away?
7 However, he's now worn me out.
My entire household has been devastated.
8 You've made me lose so much weight that everyone can't help notice it.
My being so thin is used against me so people think from my face that I must be guilty.
9 His anger has ripped my body open
and in his hate he's gnashed at me with his teeth.
Even my enemy locks his eyes on me.
10 People stare at me with their mouths wide open.
They slap my cheek in contempt as they join together against me.

Literal Version

trouble and_they_give_birth_to[51] wickedness and_belly_of_
_their it_prepares deceit.

16:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** I_have_
_heard like_these_things many are_comforters_of trouble of_
_you_of_all. **3** Does_an_end belong_to_words/messages_of wind
or what is_it_making_you_sick that/for/because/then/when
you_will_answer. **4** Also I like_you(pl) I_will_speak if (there)
self_of_your(pl) were_in_place_of self_of_my I_will_make_join
on_you(pl) (in)_words/messages and_I_will_shake on_you(pl)
with my_head. **5** I_will_strengthen_you(pl) with mouth_of_my
and_the_condolence_of my_lips_of_my it_will_restrain. **6** If I_
_will_speak not pain_of_my it_will_be_restrained and_I_will_
_cease what from_me will_it_go. **7** Nevertheless now he_has_
_made_me_weary you_have_devastated all_of company_of_my.
8 And_you_have_seized_me (into)_a_witness it_has_become
and_he/it_rose_up on_me leanness_of_my in_face_of_my it_
_testifies. **9** Anger_of_his it_has_torn_me and_it_has_been_
_hostile_towards_me he_has_gnashed towards_me with_teeth_
_of_his foe_of_my he_sharpens eyes_of_his to_me. **10** People_
_have_opened_wide on_me (in)_mouth_of_their in_scorn they_
_have_struck cheeks_of_my together on_me they_mass_
_themselves. **11** He_delivers_me_up god to a_young_boy and_on
the_hands_of wicked_people he_throws_me. **12** At_ease I_was
and_he_smashed_me and_he_took_hold on_neck_of_my and_
_he_shattered_me and_he_set_me_up to_him/it to_a_target.
13 They_surround (on)_me archers_of_his he_pierces kidneys_
_of_my and_not he_has_compassion he_pours_out to_ground
gall_of_my. **14** He_breaks_through_me a_breach on the_face_of
a_breach he_runs on_me like_a_warrior. **15** Sackcloth I_have_
_sewed over skin_of_my and_I_have_inserted in_dust horn_of_

51 LV 15:35 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_my. **16** Face_of_my they_are_reddened[53] from weeping and_is_
_on eyelids_of_my deep_darkness. **17** On not violence is_in_
_palms_of_my and_prayer_of_my is_pure. **18** Oh_earth do_not
cover blood_of_my and_not a_place let_it_belong to_outcry_of_
_my. **19** Also now THERE in_the_heavens witness_of_my and_
_witness_of_my is_in_(the)_places. **20** Are_mocking_of_me
companions_of_my to god eye_of_my it_has_wept. **21** And_he_
_will_argue for_a_man with god and_a_child_of humankind for_
_companion_of_his. **22** If/because years_of number they_will_
_come and_a_way which_not I_will_return I_will_go.
17:1 My_breath/wind/spirit it_is_broken days_of_my they_are_
_extinguished grave(s) to_me. **2** (If) not mockeri(es) with_me
and_on_rebelling_their eye_of_my it_dwells. **3** Make please
stand_surety_for_me with_yourself who that to_hand_of_my
will_he_strike_himself. **4** If/because heart_of_their you_have_
_kept from_understanding[54] therefore yes/correct/thus/so not
you_will_exalt_them. **5** For_a_share he_tells friends and_the_
_eyes_of his_children_of_his they_will_fail. **6** And_he_has_set_
_me to_use_a_proverb peoples and_a_spitting to_the_face I_am.
7 And_it_has_grown_dim from_grief eye_of_my and_members_
_of_my are_like_shadow of_them_of_all. **8** Upright_people they_
_are_appalled on this and_the_innocent on the_godless he_will_
_rouse_himself. **9** And_ the_righteous _he_will_hold its_
_road/course and_the_clean_of hands he_will_increase
strength. **10** And_but of_them_of_all you(pl)_will_return and_
_come please and_not I_will_find among_you(pl) a_wise_
_person. **11** Days_of_my they_have_passed plans_of_my they_
_have_been_torn_apart the_wishes_of my_heart_of_my.
12 Night into_day they_make light is_near from_face/in_front_
_of darkness. **13** If I_will_wait_for Shə'ōl home_of_my in_
_darkness I_have_spread_out beds_of_my. **14** To_pit I_have_
_called_out father_of_are_my you my_mother_of_my and_
_sister_of_my to_maggot. **15** And_where then hope_of_is_my
and_hope_of_my who will_he_observe_it. **16** The_poles_of
Shə'ōl will_they_go_down or together to the_dust will_we_go_
_down.

Readers' Version

11 God has handed me over to a YOUNG BOY
and he throws me into the hands of wicked people.
12 I was just living my life and he shattered me.
He grabbed me by the neck and dashed me to pieces.
He set me up as a his target.
13 Soldiers with bows and arrows surround me.
He pierces my kidneys but doesn't care.
He splits my gallbladder and pours my bile out on the ground.
14 He keeps breaking through my protective walls.
He charges against me like a warrior.
15 I've dressed in sackcloth to show I'm mourning.
I've tossed my horn into the dust to show I'm defeated.
16 My face is red from so much crying.
My eyelids are surrounded by dark shadows.
17 I haven't committed any violence.
My prayer is pure.
18 Earth, don't just cover over my blood.
Don't just become a hiding place for my cries.
19 Even now, my witness is there in the heavens,
and my advocate is up on high.[52]
20 My friends scorn me.
The tears of my eyes are directed to God.
21 May someone plead with God for a man,
and a son of humanity plead for his friend.
22 When a certain number of years have passed,
I'll go on a path that I won't return from.
17:1 My spirit is broken,
my days are extinguished,
only the grave is left.
2 Surely there's mockers with me.
My eye is held by their provocations.
3 Please give yourself to cover my bail.
Who else would put up security for me?
4 You've closed their minds from being able to understand,
so therefore you won't elevate them over me.
5 People who'd denounce their friends for some gain,
should expect their children to be selfish also.
6 He's made me into a local gossip point.
Someone to spit at in the face.
7 My eyes have become dark from my grief.
Every one of my body parts is just like a shadow.
8 Godly people are appalled by this,
and innocent people are stirred up against those who are godless.
9 But those who obey will be able to stay on the correct road,
and those who haven't done anything wrong will become stronger.
10 But all of them and you all may return now and come,
and I wouldn't find a wise person among you all.

52 RV 16:19 · Cross-ref. Yob 19:25.

53 LV 16:16 · Note OSHB variant note: הרמרמח: (x-qere) 'וּרְמֻרַמָּח': lemma_2560 c n_1.0 morph_HVjp3cp id_18byd וּרְמֻרַמָּח

54 LV 17:4 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

11 My good days have passed.
My plans are shattered,
even my secret desires.
12 They change night into day in their minds—
making light seem near while staring into the darkness.
13 If I wait for the grave to become my home,
if I've spread out my blankets ready to sleep in the darkness,
14 if I've called out and told the pit that it's my father,
and to the worm that it's my mother and my sister,
15 then where would my hope be placed?
Who would know that I had any hope?
16 Will they go down to the gates of the grave?
Will we go down together into the ground?

Bildad's second response to Iyov

18:1 Then Bildad (from Shuah) responded again:
Bildad
2 How long until you stop all those words?
Think first, and then afterwards we can speak.
3 Why are we regarded as cattle,
as if we're considered by you all as being stupid?
4 People who tear themselves apart in anger,
will the ground be abandoned for your sakes,
or the rock removed out of its place?
5 Indeed, the light of wicked people[55] is extinguished.
the flame of their fire won't shine.
6 The light in their tents will go dark.
and the lamps that hang over their heads will go out.
7 Their strong steps will get shorter,
and their own schemes make them depressed.
8 Yes, they'll get their feet caught in a net,
and they'll wander around in a maze.
9 They'll get their heels caught in traps,
the sprung jaws will keep hold of them.
10 A rope is hidden in the ground,
and a noose lies there on their paths.
11 Sudden noises around them will terrify them,
and follow their steps as they run away.
12 Their strength dissolves into hunger,
and disaster has been prepared for them to stumble into.
13 It devours parts of their skin,
death begins by devouring their body parts.
14 They're pulled from their tents where they felt secure,
and taken away to the king of terrors.
15 Other people will live in their tents.
Sulfur is scattered over their homes.
16 Their roots dry up underneath them,
and their branches above them all wither.
17 No one on the earth will remember them any more,

Literal Version

18:1 And_ Bildad the_Shuhite _he_answered and_he_said.
2 Until when will_you_make ends_of words/messages you(pl)_
_will_consider and_after we_will_speak. **3** Why are_we_
_regarded like_cattle are_we_considered_stupid in_eyes_of_
_your(pl). **4** one_who_tears self_of_his in_anger_of_his for_
_your_sake the_earth will_it_be_abandoned and_ a_rock _will_
_it_move from_place_of_its. **5** Also the_light_of wicked_people
it_is_extinguished and_not the_flame_of his_fire_of_his it_
_shines. **6** The_light[57] it_grows_dark in_tent_of_his and_lamp_
_of_his on/upon/above_him/it it_is_extinguished. **7** The_steps_
_of his_strength_of_his they_are_restricted and_it_throws_him_
_down plan[s]_of_his_own. **8** If/because he_is_caught in_a_net
by_feet_of_his and_on a_network he_walks_about. **9** It_takes_
_hold on_a_heel a_trap it_takes_hold on/upon/above_him/it a_
_snare. **10** Is_hidden on_the_earth rope_of_his and_trap_of_his
on the_path. **11** All_around they_terrify_him sudden_terror(s)
and_they_scatter_him to_feet_of_his. **12** It_is hungry strength_
_of_his and_disaster is_prepared for_stumbling_of_his. **13** It_
_consumes the_parts_of his_skin_of_his the_firstborn_of death
it_consumes parts_of_his. **14** He_is_torn_away from_tent_of_his
of_confidence_of_his_object and_it_makes_him_march to_the_
_king_of sudden_terror(s). **15** It_dwells in_tent_of_his some_of_
_not_of to_him/it it_is_scattered over estate_of_his sulfur.
16 From_under roots_of_his they_are_dried_up and_(from)_
_above branch[es]_of_his it_withers. **17** Remembrance_of_his it_
_perishes from the_earth and_not a_name to_him/it on the_
_surface_of the_street. **18** People_drive_him from_light into
darkness and_from_the_world they_chase_him_away. **19** Not
posterity to_him/it and_not progeny is_among_people_of_his
and_there_is_not a_survivor in_sojourning-places_of_his. **20** On
day_of_his the_western they_are_appalled and_the_eastern
they_take_hold_of a_shudder. **21** Surely these are_the_dwelling_
_places_of an_unjust_person and_this is_the_place_of one_who_
_not he_knows god.

55 RV 18:5 · Note This segment is about 'the wicked man' (somewhat general, but also obviously referring to Iyov), but we've generalised it into 'wicked people' as being more relevant to the average reader (of both sexes).

57 LV 18:6 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

19:1 And_ ʾIyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** Until when will_you_grieve self_of_my and_will_you_crush_me with_ _words/messages. **3** This ten times you(pl)_have_insulted_me not you(pl)_have_been_ashamed you(pl)_have_ill-treated to_ _me. **4** And_even truly I_have_erred with_me error_of_my it_ _lodges. **5** If truly above_me you_will_magnify_yourselves and_ _you(pl)_will_argue on_me disgrace_of_my.[58] **6** Know then if/because_that god he_has_subverted_me and_net_of_his over_ _me he_has_closed. **7** THERE I_cry_out violence and_not I_am_ _answered I_cry_for_help and_there_is_not justice. **8** way_of_ _my he_has_walled_up and_not I_will_pass and_on paths_of_my darkness he_puts. **9** Honour_of_my from_on_me he_has_ _stripped_off and_he_has_removed the_crown_of my_head. **10** He_has_torn_me_down all_around and_I_have_gone and_he_ _has_uprooted like_tree hope_of_my. **11** And_he_has_kindled towards_me anger_of_his and_he_has_considered_me to_him/it like_foes_of_his. **12** Together troops_of_his they_have_come and_they_have_throw_up on_me way_of_their and_they_have_ _encamped all_around (to)_tent_of_my. **13** Brothers_of_my from_with_me he_has_put_far_away and_acquaintances_of_my surely they_have_become_estranged from_me. **14** My_of_ _kindred they_have_ceased and_acquaintances_of_my they_ _have_forgotten_me. **15** Those_who_sojourn_of my_house_of_ _my and_my_female_of_servants to_a_stranger they_consider_ _me a_foreigner I_have_become in_eyes_of_their. **16** To_ _servant_of_my I_call and_not he_answers with mouth_of_my I_seek_favour to_him/it. **17** My_breath/wind/spirit it_is_ _loathsome to_wife_of_my and_I_am_repulsive to_the_sons_of my_womb_of_my. **18** Also young_boys they_reject (in)_me I_ _arise and_they_spoke against_me. **19** They_abhor_me all_of the_men_of my_council_of_my and_whom I_love they_have_ _turned against_me. **20** On_skin_of_my and_on_flesh_of_my bone_of_my it_clings and_I_have_escaped with_the_skin_of my_ _teeth_of_my. **21** Show_favour_to_me show_favour_to_me Oh_ _you(pl) friends_of_my if/because the_hand_of god it_has_ _touched (in)_me. **22** To/for_what are_you_persecuting_me like god and_from_flesh_of_my not are_you(pl)_satisfied. **23** Who will_he_give then and_they_will_be_written_down words/messages_of_my who will_he_give on_scroll and_they_ _will_be_inscribed. **24** With_a_stylus_of iron and_lead forever_ _forever in_rock they_will_be_engraved. **25** And_I I_know vindicator_of_my he_lives and_last on dust he_will_stand.

Readers' Version

and no streets will be named after them.[56]
18 They'll be driven from the light out into the darkness,
and they'll be chased out of this world.
19 You won't find any of their children or grandchildren in their town.
nor find any survivor where they previously lived.
20 Those in the west are appalled at their fate,
and those in the east are getting the shudders.
21 That's certainly how the homes of wicked people end up,
and that's the place for people who don't know God.

Iyov's second response to Bildad

19:1 Iyov (Job) responded to Bildad and companions again:
Iyov
2 How much longer will I be tormented
and crushed with words?
3 You people have scolded me ten times now.
You should be ashamed for how you've ill-treated me.
4 And even if I had truly done something wrong,
my error would remain with *me*.
5 If you truly think that you're better people than me,
and use my disgrace to argue against me,
6 then you need to know that God has wronged me,
and he's closed his net around me.
7 There, I cry out that I'm being attacked, and get no answer.
I call for help, but there's no justice.
8 He's blocked my road so I can't get past,
and he places darkness over my paths.
9 He's taken away all my honour,
and removed the crown from on my head.
10 He's battered me from every direction and I'm gone.
He's removed my hope like a tree that's been uprooted.
11 He's directed his anger against me,
and treats me as one of his enemies.
12 His troops advance in formation.
They build up a siege ramp against me,
and set themselves up around my tent.
13 He's moved my brothers far away from me,
and my acquaintances have certainly kept out of my way.
14 My relatives have deserted me,
and my close friends have forgotten me.
15 Those who've stayed in my home, and even the female servants regard me as a stranger.
I've become a foreigner in their eyes.
16 When I call my servant, he doesn't answer.
I try to persuade him with my words.
17 My breath is repugnant to my wife,
and abhorrent to my siblings.

56 RV 18:17 · Note That was a paraphrase (and probably an anachronism) that we couldn't resist (and will probably delete again). It's really something more like 'no one will mention their names on the streets'.

58 LV 19:5 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

18 Even young boys reject me.
When I stand they speak against me.
19 All my closest friends abhor me,
and those I love have turned on me.
20 My skin and flesh cling to my bones.
I've escaped by the skin of my teeth.
21 Pity me, pity me, you my friends,
because God's hand has touched me.
22 Why do you chase me as if you're God?
Won't you be satisfied with destroying my body?
23 Who will permit that my words be written down?
Who will allow them to be inscribed onto a scroll
24 with a pen made of iron and lead,
or engraved onto stone with a chisel?
25 I do know that my redeemer lives,
and that he will stand on the dust at the end.
26 After my skin has been struck off,
then in my flesh, I'll see God,
27 yes, I'll see him for myself.
My eyes will see, and not a stranger.
My heart will feel faint within my chest.
28 You people will say, 'How will we persecute him?
After all, the root of the matter is found in him.'
29 You should be afraid of the sword,
because anger brings punishment by the sword,
so that you will know that there is judgement.

Tsofar's second response to Iyov

20:1 Then Tsofar (from Na'amah) responded to Iyov (Job):
Tsofar
2 My anxious thoughts force me to answer,
because of the turmoil that's within me.
3 I've heard your correction and it insults me,
and a spirit beyond my understanding answers me.
4 Do you know this from long ago,
from back when humankind was placed on the earth:
5 that the excited shout of wicked people is brief,
and the happiness of godless people only lasts a moment?
6 Although their arrogance rises up to the sky,
and their heads reach into the clouds,
7 they will vanish forever like their own dung—
those who had seen them will ask, 'Where are they now?'
8 They'll fly away like a dream that can't be found again,
and be chased away like a vision in the night.
9 Anyone who saw them won't see them again,
and even the place where they lived won't see them again.
10 Their children will be seeking the favour of poor people,
because their own hands must return their wealth.
11 Although their bones were full of youthful vigour,

Literal Version

26 And_after skin_of_my people_have_struck_off this and_
_from_flesh_of_my I_will_see god. **27** Whom I I_will_see to/for_
_me and_my_own_of_eyes they_will_see and_not a_stranger
kidneys_of_my they_are_faint in_bosom_of_my. **28** If/because
you(pl)_will_say[59] what will_we_persecute to_him/it and_the_
_root_of the_matter it_has_been_found in_me. **29** Be_afraid
to/for_you(pl) from_face/in_front_of the_sword if/because
rage is_iniquities_of the_sword so_that you(pl)_may_know
mmm[60].

20:1 And_ Zophar the_Naamathite _he_answered and_he_said.
2 For_so/thus/hence thoughts_of_my_disquieting they_make_
_me_respond and_because_of agitation_my in_me. **3** The_
_correction_of my_insult_of_my I_have_heard and_spirit from_
_understanding_of_my it_answers_me. **4** This do_you_know
from antiquity from_when put humankind on earth.
5 If/because_that the_cry_of_joy_of wicked_people is_from_
_near and_the_gladness_of the_godless is_until a_moment.
6 Though it_will_go_up to_heavens loftiness_of_his and_his/its_
_head/top to_cloud[s] it_will_reach. **7** Like_his_own_of_dung
to_perpetuity he_will_perish those_of_who_saw_him they_will_
_say where_is_he. **8** Like_a_dream he_will_fly_away and_not
people_will_find_him and_he_will_be_chased_away like_a_
_vision_of the_night. **9** An_eye it_caught_sight_of_him and_not
it_will_repeat and_not again it_will_observe_him place_of_his.
10 Children_of_his they_will_seek_the_favour_of poor_people
and_his_own_of_hands they_will_return wealth_of_his.
11 Bones_of_his they_were_full mmm[61] and_with_him on the_
_dust it_will_lie_down. **12** Though it_tastes_sweet in_mouth_of_
_his evil he_hides_it under tongue_of_his. **13** He_spares
on/upon_it(f) and_not he_lets_it_untie/release and_he_
_withholds_it in_the_middle his_mouth_of_his. **14** Food_of_his
in_his_inward_of_parts it_is_changed venom_of cobras is_in_
_his_inward_of_part[s]. **15** Wealth he_swallows and_he_has_
_vomited_it_up from_belly_of_his he_drives_it_out god. **16** The_

59 LV 19:28 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
60 LV 19:29 · Note OSHB variant note: וְיֵד/שׁ: (x-qere) 'וְוֹוד/שׁ': lemma_s/1779 n_0 morph_HTr/Ncmsa id_18Exz וְוֹוד/שׁ
61 LV 20:11 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מולע: (x-qere) 'ו/יָמוּלֵע': lemma_5934 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_18R1Q ו/יָמוּלֵע

Literal Version

_poison_of cobras he_sucks it_slays_him the_tongue_of a_viper.
17 Not may_he_look on_streams rivers_of torrents_of honey
and_curd[s]. **18** He_is_restoring the_gain and_not he_swallows_
_it according_to_the_wealth_of his_exchange_of_his and_not
he_will_rejoice. **19** If/because he_has_crushed he_has_
_neglected poor_people a_house he_has_seized and_not he_
_had_built_it. **20** If/because not he_knows ease in_belly_of_his
among_his_desired_of_things not he_delivers. **21** There_is_not
a_survivor he_to_devour therefore yes/correct/thus/so not
prosperity_of_his it_will_endure. **22** When_ sufficiency_of_his _
_is_full it_will_be_distress to_him/it every_of hand_of a_
_sufferer it_will_come_to_him. **23** May_he_be about_to_fill
belly_of_his he_will_send in/on/over_him/it[62] the_burning_of
his_anger_of_his and_he_will_send_rain on_him in_bowel[s]_of_
_his. **24** He_will_flee from_a_weapon_of iron it_will_pierce_him
a_bow_of bronze. **25** He_will_draw_it_out and_he/it_went_out
from_the_back and_lightning from_gall-bladder_of_his it_will_
_come on/upon/above_him/it terrors. **26** All_of darkness is_
_hidden for_his_treasured_of_things it_will_consume_him fire
which_not it_has_been_blown it_will_be_evil a_survivor in_
_tent_of_his. **27** The_heavens they_will_reveal iniquity_of_his
and_the_earth will_rise_up to_him/it. **28** The_produce_of his_
_house_of_his it_will_depart torrents in/on_day his_anger_of_
_his. **29** This is_the_portion a_person wicked from_god and_
_the_inheritance_of his_decree_of_his from_god.

21:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** Listen_to
carefully_(listen) speech_of_my and_let_it_be this consolations_
_of_your(pl). **3** Bear_with_me and_I I_will_speak and_after I_
_have_spoken you_will_mock. **4** I to/for_'Ādām/humankind
complaint_of_is_my and_if why not my_breath/wind/spirit
will_it_be_short. **5** Turn to_me and_be_appalled and_put a_
_hand over a_mouth. **6** And_if I_remember and_I_am_disturbed
and_ shuddering _it_takes_hold_of flesh_of_my. **7** Why wicked_
_people do_they_live do_they_grow_old also do_they_become_
_strong strength. **8** Offspring_of_their is_established before_

Readers' Version

that same strength will lie down with them in the dust.
12 Although their evil tastes sweet in their mouths,
they hide it under their tongues.
13 They would miss it too much to let it go,
and they keep it there in the middle of their mouths.
14 But that food changes in their stomachs.
It becomes like snake venom inside them.
15 They swallow up wealth but then vomit it up.
God forces it out of their stomachs.
16 They'll suck on cobra poison.
The viper's fangs will kill them.
17 Those wicked people won't enjoy the streams,
or the fast-flowing rivers of honey and yoghurt.
18 They will return what they've gained and not swallow it down.
They won't get any enjoyment from the profits of their trading.
19 They've oppressed others and ignored the poor.
They've seized homes that they didn't build.
20 Their bellies are never at ease.
They never deliver what they desire.
21 There's nothing left over from their eating,
so their prosperity won't endure.
22 They'll be so full but it'll only bring distress.
Every troublemaker will come to them.
23 Maybe when they've filled their bellies,
God will send his anger against them,
raining down on them and their meal.
24 They flee from weapons made of iron.
A bow made of brass sends its arrows right through them.
25 They pull them through and out their backs.
The tips have shiny liver on them—terrors come over them.
26 Total darkness is reserved for their treasures.
A fire which no one started will devour them.
Only sorry remnants will survive in their tents.
27 The heavens will reveal their evils,
and the earth will rise up against them.
28 The contents of their houses will be removed—
washed away in his severe anger.
29 That's what God serves up to wicked people,
and the heritage that God has decreed for them.

Iyov's second response to Tsofar

21:1 Then Iyov (Job) responded to Tsofar and the others:
Iyov
2 Listen carefully to my words,
and let this be a consolation for you all.
3 Bear with me while I speak,
and after I've finished, you can continue mocking then.
4 As for me, is my complaint against any person?
If it was, then you might expect me to be impatient.

62 LV 20:23 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

5 Turn and look at me and be appalled.
Yes, put your hands over your mouths in shock.
6 When I remember what happened, I'm horrified,
and my body starts shuddering.
7 Why do wicked people live?
Why do they grow old and become more powerful?
8 Their children become established around them,
and their offspring become settled in front of them.
9 Their homes are safe and free from fear.
God isn't punishing them.
10 Their bulls mate productively,
and their cows calve without miscarrying.
11 They send out their little ones like a flock,
and their children dance all around.
12 They pick up their tambourines and harps,
and they're happy to hear the sound of the flutes.
13 They spend their days in prosperity,
and they go peacefully down to the grave.
14 They tell God, "Leave us alone.
We're not interested in knowing about your ways.
15 Who is 'the provider' and why should we serve him.
What would we gain if we made requests to him?"
16 However, their prosperity isn't in *their* hands.
I keep far away from the advice of wicked people.
17 How often is the lamp of wicked people extinguished and calamity hits them?
In his anger, does he dole out pain to them?
18 Are they just like straw blown by the wind,
and like chaff that's carried away by a gale.
19 God saves up their evil for their children.
Let God repay them so they'll know.
20 Let them watch their own destruction,
and let them drink the severe anger of the provider.
21 After they're gone, why would they care about their families?
Why would they count the months after they've already been cut off?
22 Can any person teach knowledge to God
since he judges the high and mighty?
23 Some people die in full strength,
completely secure and at ease.
24 Their buckets are full of milk,
and their bone marrow is nicely moistened.
25 But others die full of bitterness,
and they haven't tasted prosperity.
26 Both kinds of people lie together in the dust,
and worms cover them both.
27 Yes, I know what you're all thinking,
and the schemes that you'd all use against me.
28 You all say, 'Which is the house of that respected person?

Literal Version

_them with_them and_descendants_of_their to_eyes_of_their. **9** Houses_of_their are_safety from_fear and_not the_rod_of god is_on_them. **10** Bull_of_his it_impregnates and_not it_fails cow_ _of_his it_calves and_not it_miscarries. **11** They_send_forth like_flock boys_of_their_young and_children_of_their they_ _leap_about. **12** They_lift according_to_tambourine and_harp and_they_rejoice to_sound/voice a_flute. **13** They_complete[63] in_good days_of_their and_in_a_moment Shə'ōl they_go_down. **14** And_they_said to_god depart from_him/it and_the_ _knowledge_of your(pl)_ways_of_your not we_desire. **15** What is_the_almighty that/for/because/then/when we_will_serve_ _him and_what will_we_gain that/for/because/then/when we_ _will_entreat in/on/over_him/it. **16** THERE not is_in_their_ _own_of_hand prosperity_of_their the_counsel_of wicked_ _people it_is_far from_me. **17** How_often the_lamp_of wicked_ _people is_it_extinguished and_does_it_come on_them calamity_of_their pain(s) does_he_apportion in_anger_of_his. **18** Are_they like_straw to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_ _wind and_like_chaff which_it_has_stolen_it a_storm-wind. **19** god he_stores_up for_children_of_his wickedness_of_his let_ _him_repay to_him/it so_that_he_may_know. **20** Let_them_see his_own[64] destruction_of_his and_from_the_rage_of the_ _almighty let_him_drink. **21** If/because what pleasure_of_is_his in_household_of_his after_him and_the_number_of his_ _months_of_his they_have_been_cut_off. **22** To_god will_ _anyone_teach knowledge and_he exalted_ones he_judges. **23** This_one he_will_die in_the_substance_of his_completeness_ _of_his of_him_of_all is_at_ease and_at_ease. **24** Pails_of_his they_are_full milk and_the_marrow_of his_bones_of_his it_is_ _watered. **25** And_this he_will_die with_a_soul bitter and_not he_has_eaten in_good_of. **26** Together on dust they_will_lie and_a_maggot it_will_cover over_them. **27** HERE I_know thoughts_of_your(pl) and_the_schemes which_on_me you(pl)_ _do_violence. **28** If/because you(pl)_say where is_the_house_of a_noble_person and_where is_the_tent_of the_dwelling_places_ _of wicked_people. **29** Not have_you(pl)_asked those_who_pass_ _by_of the_road and_signs_of_their not do_you(pl)_recognize. **30** If/because_that to_a_day_of calamity an_evil_person he_is_ _spared to_a_day_of furi(es) they_are_brought_forth. **31** Who will_he_tell on his/its_faces/face its_road/course and_he he_ _has_done who will_he_repay to_him/it. **32** And_he to_the_ _grave(s) he_will_be_borne and_over a_tomb someone_will_ _keep_watch. **33** They_will_be_sweet to_him/it the_clods_of the_wadi and_after_him every_of person he_will_follow and_ _before_face_of_him there_is_not number. **34** And_how will_ _you_comfort_me vanity and_answers_of_your(pl) unfaithfulness it_remains.

63 LV 21:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **ולבי**: (x-qere) '**וְלִבְּי**': lemma_3615 morph_HVpi3mp id_18Kmu **וְלִבְּי**

64 LV 21:20 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/ניע**: (x-qere) '**וְנֵיעַ**': lemma_5869 a morph_HNcbdc/Sp3ms id_18Pf6 **ו/נֵיעַ**

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22:1 And_ ʾElīfaz the_Tēymānī _he_answered and_he_said. **2** To_ _god a_man will_he_be_of_use if/because will_he_be_of_use on_ _him a_wise_one. **3** Does_pleasure belong_to_the_almighty that/for/because/then/when you_are_righteous and_if profit that/for/because/then/when you_make_blameless ways_of_ _your. **4** From_fear_of_your does_he_reprove_you does_he_go with_you in_judgement. **5** Not evil_of_is_your great and_there_ _is_not an_end to_iniquities_of_your. **6** If/because you_have_ _held_in_pledge brothers_of_your without_cause and_the_ _garments_of naked_people you_have_stripped_off. **7** Not water the_weary you_have_given_to_drink and_from_the_hungry you_have_withheld bread. **8** And_a_person_of arm to_him/it the_earth/land and_one_uplifted_of face he_dwells in_it. **9** Widows you_have_sent_away empty and_the_arms_of fatherless_ones it_has_been_crushed. **10** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so are_around_of_you snares and_it_ _terrifies_you dread suddenly. **11** Or darkness not you_will_see and_an_abundance_of water it_will_cover_you. **12** Not is_god the_height_of heaven and_look_at the_top_of[67] the_stars if/because_that they_are_high. **13** And_you_say what god does_ _he_know through thick_darkness will_he_judge. **14** Clouds are_ _a_hiding_place to_him/it[68] and_not he_will_see and_the_ _circle_of heaven he_walks_about. **15** A_path_of antiquity will_ _you_keep which men_of wickedness they_have_trodden. **16** Who they_were_seized and_not an_appropriate_time a_river foundation_of_their it_was_poured_out. **17** Who_were_saying to_god depart from_him/it and_what the_almighty will_he_do to_them. **18** And_he he_filled houses_of_their good_thing[s] and_the_counsel_of wicked_people it_is_far from_me. **19** righteous_people they_see_it and_they_rejoice and_the_ _innocent he_mocks (to)_them. **20** If not adversary_of_our he_ _has_been_destroyed and_abundance_of_their fire it_has_ _consumed. **21** Be_reconciled please with_him/it and_be_at_ _peace[69] (is)_in_them it_will_come_to_you good. **22** Accept

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And which are the tents that the wicked people live in?'
29 Haven't you all asked those travelling on the roads?
Don't you all accept their reports
30 that evil people are spared from the day of calamity—
that they are led away from that day of anger?
31 Who will denounce their actions to their faces?
Who will repay them for the evil they've done?
32 They'll be carried off to the cemetery,
and someone will keep watch over their tombs.
33 The clods of the riverbed will be sweet to them.
Everyone will follow along behind them,
and no one can count those who go in front of them.
34 So how can vanity be of comfort to me?
It's only faithlessness that remains from the replies that you all have given.

Elifaz's third response to Iyov[65]

22:1 Then Elifaz (from Teyman) responded to Iyov (Job):
Elifaz
2 Can a human be of use to God?
Might a wise person be of any use to him?[66]
3 Does it give pleasure to the provider if you're innocent?
Will he benefit if you're blameless in your actions?
4 Does he scold you for your religiosity?
Does he go with you into judgement?
5 Your wickedness is really bad,
and there's no end to your evil actions.
6 You've forced your brothers into unnecessary debt to you.
You've demanded clothes in payment and left people naked.
7 You never gave exhausted people anything to drink,
and you refused to give food to those who were hungry.
8 The land belongs to a powerful man.
A man who was honoured lives on it.
9 You sent widows away empty-handed,
and the strength of orphans has been crushed.
10 Because of that there's traps set all around you,
and sudden fear terrifies you,
11 or darkness so you can't see,
and a flood of water covers you.
12 Isn't God as high as the sky,
and look at how high the tops of those stars are!
13 You might ask, 'What does God know?
Will he judge through thick darkness?
14 Clouds block things off from him so he can't see.
He walks around way up there on top of the heavens.'
15 Will you stay on the ancient paths,

65 RV 22:1 · Parallel 22:1–27:23

66 RV 22:2-3 · Cross-ref. Yob 35:6-8.

67 LV 22:12 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

68 LV 22:14 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

69 LV 22:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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on which wicked people regularly tread?
16 They were captured at an inappropriate time—
a torrent of water poured over their foundations.
17 They had told God, 'Leave us alone,'
and 'What can the provider do for us?'
18 But he had filled their houses with good things,
and I keep far away from the advice of wicked people.
19 Godly people are happy when they see that, WHAT?
and innocent people mock them. WHO?
20 If he didn't destroy our enemies, MEANING?
and fire has destroyed what was left. MEANING?
21 Now be reconciled with him and at peace.
Doing that will bring good to you.
22 Just accept his advice,
and keep thinking about his words.
23 If you return to the provider, you'll be encouraged.
He'll remove injustice from your living situation.
24 Throw your gold onto the dust on the ground,
and fine gold onto the stones in the riverbed.
25 Then the provider will be your gold,
and be heaps of silver to you.
26 Then you'll enjoy your relationship with the provider,
and you'll raise your head towards God.
27 You'll pray to him and he'll listen to you,
and you'll fulfil your promises to him.
28 Once you decide on something, it'll be done for you,
and light will shine on all your paths.
29 People are humbled and then honoured again,
and he will save those who humble themselves.
30 He will set free those who aren't innocent,
and they'll be rescued with the cleanness of your hands.

Iyov's third response to Elifaz

23:1 Then Iyov (Job) responded to Elifaz and the others:
Iyov
2 Even today my complaint is bitter.
I'm groaning because my situation is so difficult.
3 If only I knew where to find him
I would have gone to his place.
4 I would present my case to him,
and I would expound all my arguments,
5 I want to know how he'd answer,
and to understand what he'll say to me.
6 Would he use his incredible power to dispute my case?
No, surely he'd pay attention to me.
7 An honest person could reason with him there,
and I would be set free forever by the one judging me.
8 Look, I go to the east but he isn't there,

Literal Version

please from_mouth_of_his instruction and_put
words/messages_of_his in_heart_of_your. **23** If you_will_return
to the_almighty you_will_be_built_up you_will_remove
injustice from_tent_of_your. **24** And_put on the_dust gold and_
_among_the_rock[s]_of wadis gold_of_'Ōfir. **25** And_it_was the_
_almighty gold(s)_of_your and_silver_of heaps to/for_you(fs).
26 If/because then on the_almighty you_will_take_delight and_
_you_will_lift_up to god face_of_your. **27** You_will_pray to_
_him/it and_he_will_hear_you and_vows_of_your you_will_pay.
28 And_you_will_decide a_matter[70] and_it_will_be_fulfilled
to/for_you(fs) and_on ways_of_your light it_will_shine.
29 If/because people_brought_low and_she/it_said up and_the_
_lowly_of eyes he_will_save. **30** He_will_deliver[71] not an_
_innocent_person and_he_will_be_delivered by_the_cleanness_
_of your_two's_palms_of_your.

23:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** Also the_
_day the_rebellion my_complaint_of_my hand_of_my it_is_
_heavy on groaning_of_my. **3** Who will_he_give I_knew and_I_
_will_find_him I_will_come to place_of_his. **4** Let_me_set_in_
_order before_him a_case and_mouth_of_my let_me_fill
arguments. **5** I_want_to_know the_words/messages which_he_
_will_answer_me and_I_want_to_understand what will_he_say
to_me. **6** With_greatness_of power[72] will_he_conduct_a_case
with_me no surely he he_will_put on_me. **7** There an_upright_
_person will_be_reasoning with_him/it and_I_will_deliver to_
_perpetuity from_judge_of_my. **8** HERE forward I_go and_not_
_existing_he and_backwards and_not I_perceive to_him/it.
9 The_left_side when_acts_he and_not I_see_him he_turns the_
_right_side and_not I_see_him. **10** If/because he_knows the_way
with_me he_has_tested_me like_gold I_will_come_forth. **11** On_
_step_of_his foot_of_my it_has_taken_hold its_road/course I_
_have_kept and_not I_have_turned_aside. **12** The_command_of
his_lips_of_his and_not I_have_ceased more_than_of_my_

70 LV 22:28 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
71 LV 22:30 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
72 LV 23:6 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_portion I_have_treasured_up the_words/messages_of his_
_mouth_of_his. **13** And_he is_(in)_one and_who will_he_turn_
_him_back and_self_of_his it_has_desired and_he_has_done.
14 If/because he_performs decree_of_my and_like_them many
with_him/it. **15** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so of_him I_am_
_terrified I_consider and_I_am_in_dread from_him. **16** And_god
he_has_made_timid heart_of_my and_the_almighty he_has_
_terrified_me. **17** If/because not I_have_been_silenced from_
_face/in_front_of darkness and_from_before_of_me gloom it_
_covers.

24:1 Why from_the_almighty not times have_they_been_stored_
_up who_know_him[73] not have_they_seen his/its_days.
2 Borders people_reach flock[s] they_seize and_they_have_
_pastured_them. **3** The_donkey_of fatherless_ones they_drive_
_away they_take_as_pledge the_ox_of a_widow. **4** They_thrust_
_aside needy_people from_the_path together the_poor_people_
_of the_earth they_are_made_to_hide_themselves. **5** THERE
wild_donkeys in_wilderness they_go_forth in_work_of_their
seeking_eagerly_of for_food a_wilderness_plain to_him/it food
for_children. **6** In_the_field fodder_of_his they_harvest[74] and_
_the_vineyard the_wicked they_glean. **7** Naked they_spend_
_the_night from_not_of clothing and_there_is_not covering in_
_coldness. **8** From_the_rainstorm_of the_mountains they_are_
_wet and_from_not shelter they_embrace the_rock. **9** People_
_tear_away from_the_breast a_fatherless_one and_on the_poor
they_take_pledges. **10** Naked they_go_about not clothing and_
_hungry they_carry a_sheaf. **11** Between rows_of_their they_
_press_out_oil winepresses they_tread and_they_were_thirsty.
12 From_the_city men they_groan and_the_throat_of those_
_fatally_wounded it_cries_for_help and_god not he_puts
offensiveness. **13** They they_are among_those_who_rebel_
_against_of (of)_the_light not they_pay_regard_to ways_of_its
and_not they_dwell in_paths_of_its. **14** To_the_light a_murderer
he_rises he_kills the_poor and_the_needy and_in_the_night he_
_is like_thief. **15** And_the_eye_of an_adulterer it_watches_for
twilight to_say not it_will_observe_me an_eye and_covering_of
face he_puts. **16** He_digs_into in_darkness houses by_day they_
_seal_up for_themselves not they_know light. **17** If/because
together is_morning for_them deep_darkness if/because he_is_
_acquainted_with the_sudden_terror(s)_of deep_darkness.
18 Is_swift he on the_surface_of the_waters portion_of_their it_
_is_cursed on_the_earth not anyone_turns the_direction_of
vineyards. **19** Drought also heat they_snatch_away the_waters_
_of snow Shə'ōl those_who_they_have_sinned. **20** It_forgets_

Readers' Version

and to the west but I can't detect him there.
9 He works in the north, but I can't see him,
and when he turned south, I didn't spot him.
10 Nevertheless, he knows the path that I've taken.
He's tested me and I've come out like refined gold.
11 My feet have followed in his tracks.
I've kept to the path without wavering.
12 I've always obeyed what he commanded,
and I've valued his words more than my daily food.
13 But he's independent so who could dissuade him?
He does whatever he wants to do.
14 He carries out what's been decided for me,
and he knows so much about me.
15 That's why I'm terrified in his presence,
I'm afraid of him when I consider all that.
16 God has caused me to be faint-hearted.
The provider has terrified me.
17 I haven't been silenced when facing the darkness,
or by the fog that covers my face.

Iyov complains about continued evil

24:1 Why doesn't the provider store up the times,
and those who know him never see him age?
2 People move boundaries.
They steal sheep and goats and graze them.
3 They drive away the donkey of a family who lost the husband.
They take the widow's ox as payment for a pledge.
4 They turn needy people off the road.
The poor people in the land mustn't be seen.
5 Indeed, the poor work in the desert.
The wilderness is their field where they search for something to eat.
6 They harvest whatever they can find in the countryside,
and they gather grapes left behind in the wicked peoples' vineyards.
7 They spend the night under-dressed from lack of clothing,
and have nothing to cover themselves with in the cold.
8 They get soaked by the showers in the hills,
and huddle against the rocky ledge for shelter.
9 They pull the fatherless baby from the breast,
and take the children from poor families to pay their debt.
10 Without clothing, they walk around under-dressed.
Harvesting for others, they're feeling hungry.
11 They squeeze out olive oil at the press.
They tread the juice out of the grapes while they thirst.
12 People groan in the cities,
and wounded souls cry out.
but God seems to not be offended.
13 They're in with those rebelling against the light.

73 LV 24:1 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/עדי/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יָעֲדֵי/ו': lemma_c/3045 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqrmpc/Sp3ms id_186Qq ו/יָעֲדֵי/ו

74 LV 24:6 · Note OSHB variant note: וריצקי: (x-qere) 'ורֹוָצְקִי': lemma_7114 b n_1 morph_HVqi3mp id_18Afb וּרֹוָצְקִי

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They take no notice of his ways,
and they don't stay on his paths.
14 At first light, the murderer gets up and kills the poor,
and in the night he's like a thief.
15 The adulterer watches out for the twilight,
saying that no one will see him,
and he puts a covering over his face.
16 They dig into people's houses in the dark,
but they stay hidden away during the day—
they don't know what daylight is.
17 To them, morning is like deep darkness.
They're familiar with the terrors of deep darkness.
18 They're swift on the surface of the waters.
Their portion of the land is cursed.
No one goes in the direction of their vineyards.
19 Drought as well as heat will snatch away the snow.
The grave will do the same to those who have sinned.
20 The womb will forget them—the worm will dine on them.
They won't be remembered again—injustice is like a broken tree.
21 He devours the barren woman who's never had a child.
He doesn't do anything good to the widow.
22 He uses his strength to drag powerful people away.
He rises but no one trusts in life. WHAT???
23 He gives him support and security,
and his eyes are on their ways.
24 They're promoted for a while then they're gone.
Then they're cut down and gathered up like wheat,
then they wither like the stalks of grain.
25 If that isn't true, then who will prove me a liar
and demonstrate that my words mean nothing?

Bildad's third response to Iyov

25:1 Then Bildad (from Shuah) responded to Iyov (Job):
Bildad
2 Dominion and fear belong to God.
He establishes peace in his high places.
3 Can his troops be counted?
Is there anyone who his light doesn't shine on?
4 How can a person be innocent before God?
How could a human born from a women be pure?
5 Look, even the moon isn't clear to us,
and the stars seem fuzzy in our sight.
6 Indeed, a person's just like an insect,
and human offspring are as insignificant as worms.

Iyov's response to Bildad

26:1 Then Iyov (Job) responded to Bildad:
Iyov
2 How have you helped those without power?
How have you saved those who are weak?
3 How well you have advised those without wisdom,
and displayed many good things.
4 Who did you tell all that to,
and whose spirit spoke through you?

Literal Version

_him the_womb it_sucks_on_him maggot[s] again not he_is_
_remembered and_it_was_broken like_tree injustice. **21** He_is_
_feeding_on a_barren_woman who_not she_gives_birth and_a_
_widow not he_does_good_to. **22** And_he_drags_off mighty_
_ones by_power_of_his he_rises and_not anyone_trusts in_life.
23 He_gives to_him/it to_security and_he_supports_himself
and_eyes_of_his are_on ways_of_their. **24** They_are_exalted a_
_little and_not_existing_he and_they_are_brought_low like_
_everyone they_are_contracted and_like_a_head_of ears_of_
_grain they_wither. **25** And_if not then who will_he_prove_me_
_a_liar and_will_he_make into_nothing speech_of_my.

25:1 And_ Bildad the_Shuhite _he_answered and_he_said.
2 Dominion and_dread with_him/it he_is_making peace in_
_heights_of_his. **3** Is_there number to_troops_of_his and_on
whom not light_of_his does_it_rise. **4** And_what a_person will_
_he_be_righteous with god and_what one_born_of a_woman
will_he_be_pure. **5** THERE up_to the_moon and_not it_is_clear
and_the_stars not they_are_pure in_eyes_of_his. **6** Indeed
if/because a_person a_maggot and_a_child_of humankind a_
_worm.

26:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** How you_
_have_helped (to)_not power you_have_saved the_arm_of not
strength. **3** How you_have_counselled (to)_not wisdom and_
_sound_wisdom to_increase_in_number you_have_made_
_known. **4** With whom have_you_told words/messages and_
_the_breath_of whom has_it_gone_out from_you. **5** The_shades
they_are_made_to_tremble from_under the_waters and_those_
_of_which_dwell_in_them. **6** Is_naked Shə'ōl before_him and_
_there_is_not a_covering for_'Avaddōn. **7** He_is_stretching_out

Literal Version

the_north over emptiness he_is_hanging the_earth on not whatever. **8** He_is_binding_up waters in_clouds_of_his and_not the_cloud it_is_split_open under_them. **9** He_is_covering the_ _surface_of the_throne he_spreads on/upon/above_him/it cloud_of_his. **10** A_limit he_has_drawn_a_circle on the_surface_ _of the_waters to the_end_of light with darkness. **11** The_ _pillars_of heaven they_shake and_they_are_astonished from_ _rebuke_of_his. **12** By_power_of_his he_stirred_up the_sea and_ _in/on/at/with[75] he_smashed Rahav. **13** By_wind_of_his the_ _heavens are_clearness his/its_hand it_pierced the_snake fleeing. **14** THERE these are_the_ends_of mmm[76] and_what a_ _whisper_of a_message we_hear in/on/over_him/it and_the_ _thunder_of mmm[77][78] who will_he_understand.
27:1 And_ ʾIyyōv/(Job) _he_repeated to_take_up discourse_of_ _his and_he_said. **2** By_the_life god who_he_has_taken_away right_of_my and_the_almighty who_he_has_made_bitter self_ _of_my. **3** If/because all_of still breath_of_my is_in_me and_ _spirit god is_in_nose_of_my. **4** If lips_of_my they_will_speak injustice and_tongue_of_my if it_will_utter deceit. **5** Far_be_it to/for_me if I_will_declare_right you(pl) until I_will_expire not I_will_put_aside integrity_of_my from_me. **6** On_righteousness_ _of_my I_have_kept_hold and_not I_will_let_it_go not heart_of_ _my it_reproaches any_of_my_days. **7** May_he_be like_a_ _wicked_person enemy_of_my and_one_of_who_raises_himself_ _against_me like_an_unjust_person. **8** If/because what is_the_ _hope_of a_godless_person if/because he_will_cut_off if/because god he_will_take_away life_of_his. **9** Cry_of_his will_ _he_hear god if/because it_will_come on/upon/above_him/it distress. **10** Or on the_almighty will_he_take_delight will_he_ _call_on god in_all time. **11** I_will_instruct you(pl) in_the_hand_ _of god that_which is_with the_almighty not I_will_hide. **12** THERE you(pl) of_you_of_all you(pl)_have_seen and_for_ _what this vanity do_you(pl)_become_vain. **13** This is_the_ _portion_of a_person wicked with god and_the_inheritance_of ruthless_people which_from_the_almighty they_will_receive. **14** If children_of_his they_will_increase for the_sword and_ _descendants_of_his not they_will_be_satisfied bread. **15** His[79] by_death they_will_be_buried and_widows_of_his not they_ _will_weep. **16** If he_will_heap_up like_dust silver and_like_clay he_will_prepare clothing. **17** He_will_prepare_it and_a_ _righteous_person he_will_wear_it and_the_silver the_innocent he_will_divide_up. **18** He_has_built like_moth house_of_his and_ _like_a_shelter a_watchman which_he_has_made. **19** Rich he_ _will_lie_down and_not he_will_be_removed eyes_of_his he_ _opens and_it_is_not. **20** It_overtakes_him like_waters sudden_ _terror(s) night it_steals_him_away a_storm-wind. **21** It_will_ _lift_him_up an_east_wind and_he_will_go and_it_will_sweep_ _him_away from_place_of_his. **22** And_he_will_throw_it on/upon/above_him/it and_not he_will_show_pity from_hand_ _of_his headlong_(flee) he_will_flee. **23** Someone_will_clap on_

Readers' Version

5 The dead will be made to tremble
from beneath the water and their inhabitants. ???
6 The grave is wide open before him,
and AVADON has no covering.
7 He stretches out the north over empty space.
He hangs the earth on nothing at all.
8 He attaches the water into his clouds,
but the cloud isn't torn apart by it.
9 He covers the surface of the THRONE/MOON.
He spreads his cloud above it.
10 He's drawn a circle to mark the limit of the waters,
and to mark the boundary between light and darkness.
11 The pillars of heaven shake,
and they're astounded when he scolds them.
12 He stirs up the sea with his power,
and using his know-how he smashed RAHAV.
13 By his breath he makes the skies clear.
His hand pierced the fleeing snake.
14 Listen, those are the ends of his ways,
and how we hear just a whisper of a word.
And who can interpret the thunder of his power?
27:1 Then Iyov (Job) continued speaking:
2 Although God lives, who's taken justice away from me,
and the provider who's made my soul bitter,
3 I still have my breath in me,
and God's breath remains in my nostrils.
4 If my lips speak wickedness,
if my tongue speaks deceitfully,
5 I'll never say that you all are correct—
I won't set aside my integrity before I die.
6 I'm holding tight to my innocence and won't let it go.
There hasn't been a single day when my conscience has reproached me.
7 May my enemies get the same reward as wicked people,
and may my opponents receive the same as unjust people.
8 What hope do godless people have
when he cuts them off,
when God takes away their lives?
9 Will God hear their cries
when troubles hit them?
10 If they delight themselves in the provider,
will they call on God at all times?
11 I'll teach you all about God's power.
I won't hide anything about the provider.
12 Yes, all of you have seen this for yourselves,

75 **LV 26:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תנבות/ב/ו: (x-qere) ו/תָּנוּבָת/ב/ו: lemma_c/b/8394 n_0.0 morph_HC/R/Ncfsc/Sp3ms id_18EUu וְתָנוּבָתְ/בְ/וֹ

76 **LV 26:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/כרד: (x-qere) ו/כָּרְדוֹ: lemma_1870 n_1.1 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_18jpx וְכָרְדוֹ

77 **LV 26:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תרובנ: (x-qere) ו/תוֹרוּבָּנוֹ: lemma_1369 n_0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_18hwb וְתוֹרוּבָּנוֹ

78 **LV 26:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

79 **LV 27:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דירש: (x-qere) ו/יְדִירֵשׁ: lemma_8300 n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_18FeL וְיְדִירֵשׁ

Readers' Version

so why do you vainly speak such nonsense?
13 This is the wicked people's portion from God,
and the inheritance that ruthless people will receive from the provider:
14 If they have many children, they'll die in battle,
and their offspring won't have enough food to eat.
15 Those who remain will be buried by deadly diseases,
and their widows won't be there to weep for them.
16 If they heap up silver like the dust,
and pile up clothes like clay mounds,
17 although the wicked piled it up, the godly people will wear them,
and innocent people will divide up the silver.
18 The wicked build easily-broken houses like the moths do,
and like temporary shelters that a guard quickly makes.
19 They're wealthy when they lie down, but that's that—
when they open their eyes, it's gone.
20 Terrors overtake them like a flood.
A gale carries them away in the night.
21 The east wind carries them away then they're gone,
and it sweeps them out from their places.
22 It hurls itself against them without mercy.
They hurriedly flee from its power.
23 That wind claps its hands at them,
and hisses at them from its place.

Iyov

SECTION THREE:[80]
· Praising wisdom

28:1 Surely there's a mine where silver is extracted,
and a place where gold is refined.
2 Iron is taken from the ground,
and copper is smelted from rock.
3 People have ways to end the darkness.
They search the furthest places
for the stone of gloom and deep darkness. ???
4 They break open a shaft far from villages—
where feet have forgotten to go.
They hang down on ropes and swing around far from people.
5 Food comes from the land on the surface of the earth,
but underneath it keeps changing like fire.
6 Its rocks are a source of sapphires,
and its dust a source of gold.
7 The birds of prey don't know that path,
and the falcon's eye hasn't seen it.
8 The sons of pride haven't walked on it.
The lion hasn't passed over it.
9 The miner works the flinty rock with his hands.
He overturns mountains by their roots.
10 He splits open shafts in the rocks,

Literal Version

_him palms_of_his and_he_will_hiss on/upon/above_him/it from_place_of_his.

28:1 If/because there_is for_silver a_mine and_a_place for_gold which_people_refine. **2** Iron from_the_dust it_is_taken and_ _stone_of copper someone_pours_out. **3** An_end someone_puts to_darkness and_to/for_all end he is_searching_for the_stone_ _of gloom and_deep_darkness. **4** He_breaks_open a_shaft away_ _from_with one_who_sojourns (the)_forgotten from foot they_ _hang_down away_from_humankind they_swing. **5** The_earth from_her/it food it_comes_forth and_under_it it_is_turned_ _over like fire. **6** Are_a_place_of sapphire stones_of_its and_ _dust(s)_of gold to_him/it. **7** The_path not it_knows_it a_bird_ _of_prey and_not it_catches_sight_of_it the_eye_of a_black_kite. **8** Not they_tread_it the_sons_of pride not it_passes_by on/upon/above_him/it a_lion. **9** On_flint he_stretches_out his/its_hand he_overturns from_the_root mountains. **10** In_ _rocks shafts he_splits_open and_all precious_thing eye_of_his it_sees. **11** From_weeping rivers he_restrains and_what_is_ _hidden[81] he_brings_out light. **12** And_(the)_wisdom from_ _where will_it_be_found and_where this is_the_place_of understanding. **13** Not humankind he_knows valuation_of_its and_not it_is_found in_land of_the_living_ones. **14** The_deep it_ _says not is_in_me it and_the_sea it_says not_it with_me. **15** Not fine_gold it_will_be_given for_it and_not silver it_will_be_ _weighed_out price_of_its. **16** Not it_will_be_paid in_(the)_gold_ _of ʾŌfīr in_onyx precious and_sapphire. **17** Not it_will_be_ _comparable_to_it gold and_glass and_is_exchange_of_its a_ _vessel_of pure_gold. **18** Corals and_crystal not it_is_

80 **RV 28:1 · Parallel** 28:1-28

81 **LV 28:11 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

_remembered and_Meshek wisdom is_more_than_corals. **19** Not it_will_be_comparable_to_it (the)_topaz_of Kūsh/(Cush) in_ _gold pure not it_will_be_paid.

20 And_(the)_wisdom from_where does_it_come and_where this is_the_place_of understanding. **21** And_it_has_been_ _concealed from_the_eyes_of every_of living_thing and_from_ _the_bird[s]_of the_heavens it_has_been_hidden. **22** 'Avaddōn and_death they_say with_ears_of_our we_have_heard report_ _of_its. **23** god he_understands way_of_its and_he he_knows ~~DOM~~ place_of_its. **24** If/because he[83] to_the_ends_of the_ _earth/land he_looks under all_of the_heavens he_sees. **25** For_ _doing for_wind weight and_water he_has_measured with_a_ _measure. **26** When_made_he[84] for_rain a_decree and_a_path for_the_storm_of thunder_claps. **27** Then he_saw_it and_he_ _recounted_it he_established_it and_also he_examined_it. **28** And_he/it_said to_humankind HERE the_fear_of my_master it is_wisdom and_to_turn from_evil is_understanding.

29:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_repeated to_take_up discourse_of_ _his and_he_said. **2** Who will_he_give_me like_months_of long_ _ago like_the_days_of (of)_when_god he_watched_over_me. **3** When_he_made_shine lamp_of_his over my_head to_light_of_ _his I_walked darkness. **4** Just_as I_was in_the_days_of my_ _prime_of_my in_the_intimacy_of god on tent_of_my. **5** While_ _still the_almighty with_me were_around_of_me lads_of_my. **6** When_ steps_of_my _bathed in_curd[s] and_a_rock it_poured_

Readers' Version

and his eyes notice everything that's valuable.
11 He dams up rivers upstream towards the source,
then hidden things are brought into the light.
12 But where can **wisdom** be found,
and where does understanding live?
13 People don't know their worth,
and it's not found in the land of the living.
14 The deep waters say, 'I don't have it,'
and the ocean says, 'It's not in me.'
15 Gold can't be used to obtain it,
and silver can't be weighed out to match its price.
16 Even the gold from Ofir can't be used to pay for wisdom,
nor can precious onyx stones and sapphires.
17 Neither gold nor clear glass can equal it,
and it can't be exchanged for a gold goblet.
18 It's not even worth mentioning coral and jasper.
Yes, **wisdom** is way more expensive than pearls.
19 The good topaz from Kush (Ethiopia) can't be compared with it.
It can't be paid for with gold.
20 So then, where does **wisdom** come from?

Wisdom is obeying God

Where then, does understanding live?
21 It's hidden from the eyes of every living creature.
It's even concealed from the birds in the sky.
22 Destruction and death say,
'We've heard a rumour about it with our ears.'
23 But God understands the path to wisdom,
and he knows where it lives,
24 because he can see right around the earth,
and he notices everything under the sky.
25 God determined the weight of the atmosphere,
and he dished out the ocean with his measuring cup.
26 He told the rain how to behave,
and made the paths for the lightning bolts when it thunders.
27 Then he saw wisdom and declared it,
and he established it then searched it out.
28 Then he told humankind,
'Listen, obeying the master—that's **wisdom**,
along with turning away from doing evil.'[82]

SECTION FOUR: Iyov's final speech[85] · Iyov remembers his earlier life

29:1 Then Iyov (Job) continued speaking:
Iyov
2 How I wish for my life in the months of the past,
in the days when God watched over me.
3 When his lamp shone over my head.
When I walked in the darkness by his light.

82 RV 28:28 · Cross-ref. Psa 111:10; Prv 1:7; 9:10.

83 LV 28:24 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

84 LV 28:26 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

85 RV 29:1 · Parallel 29:1–31:40

Readers' Version

4 I was still in my prime in those days,
when God's friendship could be noticed in my home.
5 When the provider was still with me.
When my children were all around me.
6 When my path was greased with butter,
and the rock poured streams of olive oil out for me.
7 When I went to the gathering of the city elders at the city gate.
When I took my seat in the public square.
8 Young men saw me and got out of the way,
and the old people got up and remained standing.
9 The leaders would stop their conversations,
and put their hands over their mouths.
10 The voices of the leading citizens were hushed,
and their tongues stayed on the roofs of their mouths.
11 Those who listened to me commended me,
and those who saw me approved of me,
12 because I rescued the poor who cried out,
and the fatherless who had no one to help them.
13 Those who were close to dying gave me their blessing,
and widows were very pleased that I'd helped them.
14 I put on obedience like a cloak.
My justice was like a robe and a turban.
15 I was the eyes for the blind,
and the feet for the lame.
16 I was a father for the needy,
and I helped strangers present their cases.
17 I broke the jaws[86] of unjust people,
so they had to drop their prey from their teeth.
18 I had thought that I would die in my own home,
having multiplied my days like the sand.
19 My roots are spread out to reach water,
and the dew will lie on my branches overnight.
20 People were always honouring me,
and the bow in my hand will always seem new.
21 They listened to me and they waited,
and they kept silent ready to hear my advice.
22 After my talk, they still didn't speak,
because my words slowly sunk into them like the dew.
23 They waited for me like a farmer waits for rain,
and they opened their mouths wide like soil expecting the wet weather.
24 I smiled at them even when they didn't believe me,
and they didn't cause the delight on my face to falter.
25 I chose their path and I sat as a chief,
and I lived like a king with his troops,
like when someone comforts those who are mourning.
30:1 But now those who are younger than me laugh at me—
those whose fathers I would have refused to have join my

Literal Version

_out with_me streams_of oil. **7** When_I_went_out the_gate on the_town in_square I_prepared seat_of_my. **8** They_saw_me young_men and_they_hid_themselves and_aged_men they_rose they_stood. **9** Chiefs they_restrained (in)_words/messages and_ _a_palm they_put to_mouth_of_their. **10** The_voice_of nobles they_were_hidden and_tongue_of_their to_palate_of_their it_ _stuck. **11** If/because an_ear it_heard and_it_called_me_blessed and_an_eye it_saw and_it_bore_witness_to_me. **12** If/because I_ _rescued the_afflicted who_cried_for_help and_the_fatherless and_not a_helper to_him/it. **13** The_blessing_of one_about_to_ _perish on_me it_came and_the_heart_of a_widow I_made_ _sing_for_joy. **14** righteousness I_put_on and_it_clothed_me was_like_a_robe and_a_turban justice_of_my. **15** Eyes I_was to_ _blind and_was_feet to_lame I. **16** Was_a_father I to_people and_ _a_case_at_law of_the_one_whom_not I_knew I_investigated_it. **17** And_I_broke the_fangs_of the_unjust_person and_from_ _teeth_of_his I_threw the_prey. **18** And_I_said with nest_of_my I_will_expire and_like_sand I_will_increase days. **19** Root_of_my is_opened to water and_dew it_will_remain_overnight on_ _branch[es]_of_my. **20** Honour_of_my is_new with_me and_ _bow_of_my in_hand_of_my it_will_show_newness. **21** To_me people_listened and_they_waited and_they_were_silent for counsel_of_my. **22** After message_of_my not they_did_it_again and_on_them speech_of_my it_dropped. **23** And_they_waited like_rain to_me and_mouth_of_their they_opened_wide for_ _spring_rain. **24** I_laughed to_them not they_believed and_the_ _light_of my_face_of_my not they_made_fall. **25** I_chose way_ _of_their and_I_sat chief and_I_dwelt like_a_king among_ _troop[s] just_as mourners someone_comforts.
30:1 And_now they_have_laughed on_me people_young more_ _than_me to_days whom I_rejected fathers_of_their to_put with the_dogs_of my_flock_of_my. **2** Also the_strength_of their_ _hands_of_their to/for_what to/for_me on_them vigor it_had_ _perished. **3** By_poverty and_by_hunger barren those_who_ _gnaw a_dry_region yesterday devastation and_desolation. **4** Those_who_pluck_off mallow on bush[es] and_the_root_of broom_plants their_food_them. **5** From the_community they_ _are_driven_away people_shout on_them like_thief. **6** On_the_ _slope_of wadis to_dwell holes_of the_ground and_rocks. **7** Between bushes they_bray under weed[s] they_are_joined_ _together. **8** Sons_of a_fool also sons_of not a_name they_have_ _been_scourged from the_earth/land. **9** And_now song_of_ _their_taunt I_have_become and_I_have_become to/for_them (into)_a_message. **10** They_abhor_me they_are_distant from_me and_from_face_of_my not they_have_withheld spittle. **11** If/because mmm[87] he_has_loosened and_he_has_afflicted_ _me and_the_halter from_before_of_me they_have_sent_away. **12** On the_right_side a_brood they_arise feet_of_my they_have_ _sent_away and_they_have_throw_up on_me the_paths_of their_disaster_of_their. **13** They_have_torn_down pathway_of_ _my to_destruction_of_my they_benefit not a_helper belongs_ _to_them. **14** Like_a_breach wide they_come under devastation they_have_rolled_themselves. **15** It_has_been_turned on_me sudden_terror(s) it_pursues like_wind dignity_of_my and_like_ _a_cloud prosperity_of_my it_has_passed_away. **16** And_now

86 RV 29:17 · Note Of course this is figurative language as you can see from the second line of the doublet.

87 LV 30:11 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/רַתִּי: (x-qere) יַ֫/רְתִּי: lemma_3499 b morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cs id_18EEj יַ֫/רְתִּי

Literal Version

on_me life_of_my it_pours_itself_out they_seize_me days_of affliction. **17** Night bones_of_my it_has_pierced from_on_me and_my_gnawing_of_pains not they_rest. **18** With_greatness_of strength[88] clothing_of_my it_disguises_itself like_the_opening_ _of my_tunic_of_my he_girds_me_about. **19** He_has_thrown_me to_mortar and_I_have_become_like like_dust and_ash[es]. **20** I_ _cry_for_help to_you and_not you_answer_me I_have_stood and_you_have_considered_carefully (in)_me. **21** You_change_ _yourself into_one_cruel to_me with_the_might_of your_hand_ _of_your you_are_hostile_towards_me. **22** You_lift_me_up to the_wind[89] you_make_me_ride and_you_dissolve_me success[90]. **23** If/because I_know death you_will_bring_me and_a_house_of appointed_meeting to/from_all/each/any/every living_thing. **24** Surely not on_a_heap_of_ruins anyone_stretches_out a_hand or in_disaster_of_his belongs_to_them a_cry_for_help. **25** (If) not did_I_weep for_the_hard_of day self_of_my was_it_grieved for_person. **26** If/because good I_waited_for and_ evil _it_came and_I_waited for_light and_ gloom _it_came. **27** Parts_of_my_ _inward they_have_been_made_to_boil and_not they_have_ _been_still they_have_confronted_me days_of affliction. **28** Being_dark I_have_gone_about with_not sun I_have_stood in_assembly I_cry_out_for_help. **29** A_brother I_have_become of_jackals and_a_companion of_daughters_of an_ostrich. **30** Skin_of_my[91] it_has_become_black from_on_me and_bone_ _of_my it_has_burnt from heat. **31** And_he/it_was (into)_ _mourning harp_of_my and_flute_of_my to_sound/voice those_ _who_weep.

Readers' Version

sheepdogs!
2 What use was the strength of their arms to me?
Their contentment with life has gone.
3 They're useless due to poverty and hunger.
Gnawing at the dry land that's devastated and uninhabited.
4 They pick mallow leaves off the wild bushes,
and roots of broom trees have become their food.
5 They're driven away from the community,
and people shout at them as if they're thieves,
6 They live out in the river valleys—
in holes in the ground and caves in the cliffs.
7 They bray like animals out between the shrubs.
They're huddled together under the thorn bushes.
8 They're the children of fools, without any name to them.
They've been driven out of the land.
9 But now I'm mocked in their songs,
and my name has been made into a joke by them.
10 They despise me and keep their distance,
yet don't hesitate to spit in my face.
11 God has unstrung my bow and humbled me,
so they don't restrain themselves in my presence.
12 A rabble appears on one side and push my feet away.
They pile up their destructive paths against me.
13 They've torn down my path.
They benefit from my destruction—
there's no helper for them.
14 They come quickly like through a wide breach in the wall.
They have rolled themselves under the devastation.
15 Terrors have been turned against me.
They pursue my honour like the wind,
and my prosperity has disappeared like cloud.
16 Now my life pours itself out within me.
Days of suffering have taken hold of me.
17 Night pierces my bones from upon me,
and the pains that gnaw at me never rest.
18 My clothing is transformed through great strength.
My garment ties me up by the collar.
19 He throws me into the mud,
and I've become like dust and ashes.
20 I call out to you for help
but you don't answer me.
I've stood here and you just look at me.
21 You've changed yourself to become cruel to me.
You use your strength to persecute me.
22 You hold me up to the wind and let it take me.
You toss me around in the storm.
23 I know you are bringing me towards death,
and to the final appointment that everyone has.

88 LV 30:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
89 LV 30:22 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
90 LV 30:22 · Note OSHB variant note: הושת: (x-qere) תְּשׁוּשָׁתִי: lemma_8454 n_0 morph_HNcfsa id_18XBR תְּשׁוּשָׁתִי
91 LV 30:30 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

24 Doesn't someone who's collapsed into a heap stretch out their hand.
In a disaster they cry out for help.
25 Didn't I weep for those having a troubled day?
I was upset when I saw the poor.
26 I waited for good, but it was evil that came.
I waited for light, but it was gloom that came.
27 My insides feel like they're boiling—
they never feel settled,
and my suffering confronts me every day.
28 I go around being dark, but not from the sun.
I've stood in the assembly and called out for help.
29 I've become a brother to jackals,
and a companion of young ostriches.
30 My skin has turned black,
and my bones are burning with fever.
31 So my harp is used for mourning.
My flute accompanies those who are weeping.

Iyov

Iyov's claims of obedience

31:1 I've made an agreement with my eyes,
about how I'll be careful when I look at a young woman.
2 Yes, what would God serve out from above,
and what would our inheritance be from the provider on high?
3 Isn't calamity intended for the disobedient,
and disaster for those who do evil?
4 Doesn't God see my ways,
and count all my steps?
5 If I've walked the life of liars,
and my feet have rushed to be deceitful,
6 let him weigh me on his scales of justice,
and God will acknowledge my integrity.
7 If I have stepped off the path,
or my thoughts have followed my eyes,
or any stain can be seen on my hands,
8 let others eat the crops that I planted,
or let all my crops be pulled out.
9 If my heart has been enticed by a woman,
or I've watched for my chance at my neighbour's door,
10 then may my wife prepare meals for someone else,
and may others take advantage of her.
11 Yes, that would be wicked,
and would be an evil deserving judgement.
12 It's a fire that will devour Avadon, ???
and it would uproot all of my harvest. ???

Literal Version

31:1 A_covenant I_made to_eyes_of_my and_what will_I_look_
_carefully on a_virgin. **2** And_what is_the_portion_of god
(from)_above and_the_inheritance_of the_almighty from_high_
_places. **3** Not does_calamity belong_to_an_unjust_person and_
_misfortune to_those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness. **4** Not he[93]
does_he_see ways_of_my and_all steps_of_my does_he_count.
5 If I_have_walked with falsehood and_it_has_made_haste to
deceit foot_of_my. **6** Let_him_weigh_me in_balances_of
righteousness and_ god _let_him_acknowledge integrity_of_my.
7 If step_of_my it_turned_aside from the_way and_after eyes_
_of_my heart_of_my it_has_gone and_to_palms_of_my a_
_blemish it_has_stuck.[94] **8** Let_me_sow and_another let_him_eat
and_produce(s)_of_my let_them_be_rooted_up. **9** If heart_of_
_my it_has_been_deceived on a_woman and_at the_doorway_of
my_neighbour_of_my I_have_lain_in_wait. **10** Let_her_grind
for_another wife_of_my and_over_her let_them_bow_down
others. **11** If/because it[95] is_wickedness and[96] is_iniquity
judges. **12** If/because is_a_fire that which_to 'Avaddōn it_will_
_devour and_on/over_all produce_of_my it_will_root_up. **13** If
I_rejected the_cause_of my_male_servant_of_my and_my_
_female_of_servant in_complaint_their with_me. **14** And_what
will_I_do if/because god he_will_arise and_because/when he_
_will_visit what will_I_respond_to_him. **15** Not in_belly the_
_one_of_who_made_me did_he_make_him and_did_he_prepare_
_us in_womb one. **16** If I_restrained from_desire_of poor_people
and_the_eyes_of a_widow I_caused_to_fail. **17** And_I_ate of_
_bread_of_my_piece I_alone and_not a_fatherless_one he_ate
some_of_it. **18** If/because since_youth(s)_of_my he_grew_up_
_with_me like_a_father and_from_the_womb_of my_mother_of_
_my I_guided_her. **19** If I_saw one_who_was_perishing[97] from_

93 **LV 31:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
94 **LV 31:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
95 **LV 31:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: אוה: (x-qere) 'אִיָּה': lemma_1931 morph_HPp3fs id_18fmp אִיָּה
96 **LV 31:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: איה/ו: (x-qere) 'אִוֶּה/ו': lemma_c/1931 n_0.0 morph_HC/Pp3ms id_18NuL אִוֶּה/ו
97 **LV 31:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_not_of clothing and_there_was_not covering for_person. **20** If not they_blessed_me his[98] and_from_the_fleece_of my_lambs_ _of_my he_warmed_himself. **21** If I_brandished on a_fatherless_ _one hand_of_my if/because I_saw in_gate help_of_my. **22** Shoulder_of_my from_shoulder_of_its let_it_fall and_arm_of_ _my from_arm_of_its let_it_be_broken. **23** If/because was_a_fear to_me (the)_calamity_of god and_from_majesty_of_his not I_ _am_able. **24** If I_have_made gold confidence_of_my and_to_ _gold I_have_said of_confidence_of_my_object. **25** If I_rejoiced if/because was_great wealth_of_my and_because/when much hand_of_my it_had_found. **26** If I_saw a_light if/because it_ _shone and_the_moon splendid going. **27** And_it_was_gullible in_secrecy heart_of_my and_ hand_of_my _it_kissed (to)_ _mouth_of_my. **28** Also that[99] is_iniquity calling_for_judgement if/because I_denied (to)_god (from)_above. **29** If I_rejoiced in_ _the_disaster_of one_who_hated_me and_I_excited_myself if/because it_had_found_him calamity. **30** And_not I_have_ _permitted to_ palate_of_my _sin by_asking_for by_a_curse life_ _of_his. **31** If not the_men_of my_tent_of_my they_have_said who will_he_give from_meat_of_his not one_who_is_satisfied. **32** In_street not a_sojourner he_passed_the_night doors_of_my to_path I_opened. **33** If I_have_concealed like_humankind transgressions_of_my by_hiding in_bosom_of_my my_ _perversity/evil/guilt/punishment. **34** If/because I_was_ _terrified_of a_multitude great and_the_contempt_of clans it_ _caused_me_to_be_dismayed and_I_was_silent not I_went_ _outside the_door. **35** Who will_he_give to_me one_who_listens to_me HERE mark_of_my the_almighty let_him_answer_me and_a_document the_person_of my_case_of_my which_he_had_ _written. **36** If not on shoulder_of_my I_will_carry_it I_will_tie_ _it_on a_crown(s) to_me. **37** The_number_of my_steps_of_my I_ _will_tell_to_him like a_chief I_will_approach_him. **38** If on_me land_of_my it_cried_out and_together furrows_of_its they_ _wept. **39** If her/its_vigor/produce[100] I_have_eaten not money and_the_life_of its_owners_of_her I_have_caused_to_breathe_ _out. **40** In_place_of wheat thornbush[es] let_it_come_forth and_in_place_of barley foul_weed[s] the_words/messages_of ʾIyyōv/(Job) they_are_finished.

Readers' Version

13 If I didn't treat my male or female servants fairly,
when they bring their complaints against me,
14 then what would I do if God stood up to judge?
How would I answer when he came to me?
15 Didn't the one who made me in the uterus, also make the servants?
Didn't the same one form us in the womb?
16 If I've been stingy in meeting the needs of the poor,
or have allowed the widow's EYES TO FAIL,
17 or if I ever ate my meal myself
while the orphan there had nothing to eat,
18 because he'd grown up with me like a father to him
and I'd guided the widow since I was very small.
19 If I ever saw someone dying from the cold due to lack of clothing,
or any needy person without a blanket,
20 if the poor haven't blessed me,
or they haven't warmed themselves with wool from my sheep,
21 if I've used my strength against the fatherless,
because I'd be supported by the elders from the city gate,
22 may my upper arm fall away from my shoulder blade,
and may my arm be broken out of its socket,
23 because calamity from God worries me,
and I can't match his greatness.
24 If I've put my trust in gold,
and called fine gold my security,
25 if I've celebrated because of my great wealth,
and because I've been able to accumulate so much,
26 if I've seen the light when it shines,
and the moon advancing in its splendour,
27 and my heart was secretly enticed,
and my hand threw kisses from my mouth,
28 this would also be an evil deserving judgement,[92]
because I would have denied the god above.
29 If I've been happy at the ruin of someone who hated me,
or been glad because calamity found them,
30 I have not allowed my mouth to sin
by demanding their life in a curse.
31 Those who live in my home will declare
that no one has ever been denied food there.
32 No traveller has had to overnight outside on the street—
I've opened my doors to travellers.
33 If I've concealed my disobedience like others do,
by hiding my guilt in my chest,
34 because I feared how the big crowd would react,
and because being on the receiving end of the contempt of the clans terrified me,
then I'd remain silent and wouldn't go outside,

92 **RV 31:28a · Cross-ref.** Yob 31:11b.

98 **LV 31:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/צלח: (x-qere) וְ/יְצָלֵח: lemma_2504 n_1 morph_HNcbdc/Sp3ms id_18Bjn וְ/יְצָלֵח

99 **LV 31:28 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

100 **LV 31:39 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

35 If only I had someone to hear my case.
Look, here's my signature.
May the provider answer me
and the indictment that my accuser has written.
36 If I didn't display it up on my shoulder,
I'd tie it around my head like a crown.
37 I would have to give him an account of my every step.
Like a noble, I would go and approach him.
38 If my land cried out against me,
and the ploughed furrows wept together,
39 if I've eaten what it produces with paying fair wages,
or I've caused the death of its owners,
40 then let thornbushes grow up instead of wheat,
and let stinkweed grow up instead of barley.
(That finishes Iyov's (Job's) response.)

SECTION FIVE: Elihu's speeches[101] · Elihu's response

32:1 After that those three men stopped answering Iyov (Job), because they considered that he had just been trying to justify himself. 2 Then Elihu (son of Barak'el the Buzi, from the clan of Ram) got angry with Iyov because Iyov seemed to be claiming that he was in the right rather than God.
3 He was also angry at Iyov's three friends, because they had declared that he was wrong, yet hadn't found any reasonable justification for it. 4 Elihu had waited to speak because they were all older than him, 5 but when he had seen that they didn't really have any answer, he got angry.

Elihu's first speech to Iyov's three friends

6 So now Elihu (son of Barak'el the Buzi) spoke up:
Elihu
I'm only young and all of you are much older than me,
so I was shy and reluctant to give you all my views.
7 I told myself to let the elders speak,
and to let those with much experience share their wisdom.
8 However, each person has a spirit,
and the provider's breath gives us understanding.
9 Not so many people are wise,
and older people don't necessarily understand what's right.
10 So I say, "Listen to me.
I too will declare what I know.
11 Listen, I waited for your words.
I listened to your wise sayings
while you all searched for the right words.
12 I gave you all my full attention, but listen,
none of you could refute Iyov (Job)
or could answer his words.
13 So don't tell yourselves that you displayed wisdom.
It's God who must refute him—not any person.

Literal Version

32:1 And_ the_three_of the_men the_these _they_ceased from_ _answering ᴅᴏᴍ 'Iyyōv/(Job) if/because he was_righteous in_ _his_own_of_eyes. 2 And_it_glowed/burnt the_anger of_'Ēlīhū the_son_of Barakel the_Būzīte from_the_clan_of Rām on_ _'Iyyōv/(Job) anger_of_his it_burnt because justified_he self_ _of_his more_than_god. 3 And_on_the_three_of companions_of_ _his anger_of_his it_burnt on that not they_had_found an_ _answer and_they_had_condemned_as_guilty ᴅᴏᴍ 'Iyyōv/(Job). 4 And_'Ēlīhū he_had_waited ᴅᴏᴍ 'Iyyōv/(Job) in_ _words/messages if/because were_old they from_him/it to_ _days. 5 And_ 'Ēlīhū _he/it_saw if/because_that there_was_not an_answer in_the_mouth_of the_three_of the_men and_ anger_ _of_his _it_glowed/burnt.

6 And_he_answered 'Ēlīhū the_son_of Barakel the_Būzīte and_ _he_said am_young I to_days and_you(pl) are_aged therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_was_anxious and_I_was_afraid[102] from_ _declaring knowledge_of_my you(pl). 7 I_said days let_them_ _speak and_abundance_of years let_them_make_known wisdom. 8 Nevertheless the_spirit it in_a_person and_the_ _breath_of the_almighty it_gives_them_understanding. 9 Not many_people they_are_wise and_old_people they_understand justice. 10 For_so/thus/hence I_say listen to/for_me also I I_ _will_declare knowledge_of_my. 11 HERE I_waited for_ _words/messages_of_your(pl) I_gave_ear to understanding(s)_ _of_your(pl) until you(pl)_searched_for words/messages. 12 And_to_you(pl) I_showed_myself_attentive and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_was_not (to)_'Iyyōv/(Job) one_who_ _rebuked one_who_answered words/messages_of_his any_of_ _you(pl). 13 Lest you(pl)_should_say we_have_found wisdom god let_him_drive_him_about not a_human. 14 And_not he_ _has_arranged to_me words/messages and_with_ _words/messages_of_your(pl) not I_will_respond_to_him. 15 They_are_dismayed not they_have_answered again they_ _have_moved from_them words/messages. 16 And_will_I_wait if/because not they_speak if/because they_have_stood not they_have_answered again. 17 Also I I_will_answer part_of_my also I I_will_declare knowledge_of_my. 18 If/because I_am_full

101 RV 32:1 · Parallel 32:1–37:24

102 LV 32:6 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

words/messages it_has_constrained_me the_spirit_of my_
_belly_of_my. **19** HERE belly_of_my is_like_wine which_not it_is_
_opened like_wineskins new it_will_be_split_open. **20** Let_me_
_speak so_that_it_may_be_relief to_me let_me_open lips_of_my
so_that_I_may_answer. **21** Not please let_me_lift_up the_face_of
anyone and_near/to anyone not I_will_give_a_title.
22 If/because not I_know I_will_give_a_title like_a_little he_
_will_carry_me_away the_one_of_who_made_me.

33:1 And_but hear please Oh_'Iyyōv/(Job) words/messages_of_
_my and_all words/messages_of_my give_ear_to. **2** HERE please
I_open mouth_of_my tongue_of_my it_speaks on_palate_of_my.
3 Are_the_uprightness_of my_heart_of_my words/messages_of_
_my and_the_knowledge_of my_lips_of_my purified they_utter.
4 The_spirit_of god it_has_made_me and_the_breath_of the_
_almighty it_gives_me_life. **5** If you_will_be_able respond_to_
_me arrange to/for_my_face/front take_your_stand. **6** HERE I
am_like_mouth_of_your to_god from_clay also I I_was_nipped_
_off. **7** HERE of_me_of_dread not it_will_terrify_you and_
_pressure_of_my on_you not it_will_be_heavy.

8 Surely you_have_spoken in_ears_of_my and_the_sound_of
words/messages I_heard. **9** Am_pure I not transgression am_
_innocent I and_not iniquity to_me. **10** HERE occasions on_me
he_finds he_considers_me to_an_enemy to_him/it. **11** He_puts
in_stock[s] feet_of_my he_watches all_of paths_of_my. **12** HERE
this not you_are_in_the_right I_will_answer_you if/because god
he_is_great more_than_a_human. **13** Why to_him/it have_you_
_contended if/because_that all_of words/messages_of_his not
he_answers. **14** If/because on_one_occasion god he_speaks and_
_on_two_occasions not anyone_observes_it. **15** In_a_dream a_
_vision_of the_night when_ deep_sleep _falls on people in_
_slumber(s) on a_bed.

Readers' Version

14 But Iyov hasn't directed his words against me,
and I won't answer him with your answers.
15 They're dismayed and can't answer again.
Their words have run away from them.
16 Should I wait because they're not speaking?
They stand there but haven't answered again.
17 Yes, I too will answer with my share.
I'll declare my opinion as well.
18 Because I'm full of words.
Something inside me compels me.
19 My belly is like pressurised wine.
It'll split open like a new wineskin.
20 Let me speak so I can relax.
I'll open my mouth and answer.
21 I won't take anyone's side,
and I won't flatter anyone with fancy titles.
22 I don't know how to give fancy titles.
My maker would soon take me away.

Elihu asks Iyov to hear him out

33:1 So now Iyov (Job), please hear my speech,
and listen to all my words.
2 Listen, I've opened my mouth.
My tongue is ready to speak.
3 My words come from an honest heart,
and my lips utter what I truly believe.
4 The spirit of God created me,
and the provider gave me life.
5 If you can, answer me.
Get things in order then take a stand.
6 Listen, my words are just like yours in God's sight.
I too was broken off from the clay.
7 Listen, fear of me shouldn't terrify you.
I won't be putting heavy pressure on you.

Elihu responds to Iyov's speeches

8 You've certainly spoken in my hearing,
and I've heard the sound of the words:
9 'I'm blameless—I haven't disobeyed.
I'm innocent—I haven't done anything wrong.
10 Listen, he finds reasons to accuse me.
He considers me as his enemy.
11 He locks my feet in shackles.
He watches me wherever I go.'[103]
12 Listen, you're not right about this.
I'll tell you that God is greater than any person.
13 Why do you argue against him
since he doesn't answer people's questions?
14 God speaks with one person—
with two, but they don't perceive it, ???
15 in a dream or a vision in the night,
when deep sleep falls on those asleep in bed.

103 **RV 33:11 · Cross-ref.** Yob 13:27.

Readers' Version

How God warns people

16 Then he uncovers people's ears,
and seals them with warnings ???
17 to turn people aside from their activities,
and to stop them from becoming proud.
18 He spares their souls from the pit,
and their lives from perishing by the sword.
19 They're chastened on their beds
with constant pain in their bones.
20 They have no desire for bread.
nor do their souls desire food.
21 Their flesh wastes right away from sight.
Their bones, not normally visible, now stick out.
22 Their souls get near to the pit,
and their lives to the messengers of death.
23 If there's a messenger who will mediate for them,
one in a thousand to announce what's right for them,
24 who's gracious to them and says,
'Spare that person from going down to the pit,
because I've found the ransom to pay for them.'
25 Then their flesh renews like that of a child.
They regain their youthful energy.
26 They'll request God's help and he'll accept them.
They'll give happy shouts when they see his face,
and when he repays them for their obedience.
27 They'll sing to others, ??? TC ???
'I sinned and I said that what was wrong was right,
but it wasn't good for me.
28 He's paid the ransom to keep my soul out of the pit,
so I'll live to see the light.'
29 Listen, God does all those things to people several times,
30 to bring their souls back from the pit
so they can be enlightened with the light of life.
31 Pay attention, Iyov (Job), and listen to me.
Stay silent and then I'll speak.
32 If you have words, answer me then.
Speak up because I'd like to hear that you're innocent.
33 But if not, then listen to me.
Remain silent and I'll teach you wisdom.
34:1 Then Elihu continued:
2 Hear my words you wise men,
and listen to me you who are in the know.
3 Yes, our ears test words,
just like our mouth distinguishes tastes.
4 Let's choose justice for ourselves.
Let's discern among ourselves what is good.
5 Because Iyov has declared, 'I'm righteous,

Literal Version

16 Then he_will_uncover the_ear_of people and_with_
_discipline_of_their he_will_seal. **17** To_turn_aside a_person a_
_deed and_pride from_a_man he_will_cover. **18** He_will_keep_
_back life_of_his from the_pit and_life_of_his from_passing_
_away by_missile. **19** He_is_chastened with_pain on bed_of_his
and[107] his_bones_of_his is_constant. **20** And_it_loathes_it life_
_of_his bread and_self_of_his food_of desire. **21** Flesh_of_his it_
_wastes_away from_sight and[108] bones_of_his which_not they_
_were_seen. **22** And_it_drew_near to_pit self_of_his and_life_of_
_his to_who_bring_death. **23** If there_is on/upon/above_him/it
an_messenger a_mediator one of a_thousand to_announce
to/for_'Ādām/humankind uprightness_of_his. **24** And_he_
_showed_favour_to_him and_he/it_said deliver_him from_
_going_down the_pit I_have_found a_ransom. **25** Flesh_of_his it_
_grows_fresh more_than_youth he_returns to_the_days_of his_
_youthful_vigor(s)_of_his. **26** He_prays to god and_he_accepted_
_him and_he/it_saw his/its_faces/face with_a_shout_of_joy
and_he_restored to_a_person righteousness_of_his. **27** He_
_watches over people and_he/it_said I_have_sinned and_
_uprightness I_have_perverted and_not it_was_equal to_me.
28 He_has_ransomed mmm[109] from_passing_on in_pit and[110]
on_light it_will_look. **29** HERE all_of these_things god he_does
two_times three_times with a_man. **30** To_bring_back self_of_
_his from the_pit to_be_lighted_up by_the_light_of the_life.
31 Pay_attention Oh_'Iyyōv/(Job) listen to_me keep_quiet and_I
I_will_speak. **32** If there_are words/messages respond_to_me
speak if/because I_desire to_justify_you. **33** If not you listen to_
_me keep_quiet and_I_will_teach_you wisdom.
34:1 And_ 'Elīhū _he_answered and_he_said. **2** Hear Oh_wise_
_men words/messages_of_my and_you(pl)_who_know give_ear
to_me. **3** If/because the_ear words/messages it_tests and_the_
_palate it_tastes (to)_food. **4** Justice let_us_choose to/for_
_ourselves let_us_recognize between_ourselves what is_good.
5 If/because 'Iyyōv/(Job) he_has_said I_am_righteous and_god
he_has_taken_away right_of_my. **6** On right_of_my will_I_lie is_
_incurable arrow_of_my not transgression. **7** Who is_a_man
like_'Iyyōv/(Job) he_drinks mockery like_water. **8** And_he_
_travels for_company with those_who_do_of (of)_evil and_to_
_walk with people_of wickedness. **9** If/because he_has_said not
a_man it_is_of_use_to when_he_is_pleased with god. **10** For_
_so/thus/hence Oh_people_of[111] heart listen to_me far_be_it
to_god from_wickedness and_the_almighty from_
_unrighteousness. **11** If/because the_work_of a_person he_will_
_repay to_him/it and_according_to_the_way_of a_person he_
_will_make_him_find. **12** Also truly god not he_acts_wickedly
and_the_almighty not he_perverts justice. **13** Who did_he_
_assign on/upon/above_him/it earth_to_the and_who did_he_
_put the_world of_it_of_all. **14** If he_will_set to_him/it his/its_
_heart his/its_breath/wind/spirit and_breath_of_his to_him/it
he_will_gather. **15** All_of flesh it_will_expire together and_
_human/'Ādām to dust it_will_return. **16** And_if understanding
hear this give_ear to_sound/voice my_words/messages_of_my.

107 LV 33:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/ביר**: (x-qere) 'בְּוֹר/ו': lemma_c/7230 morph_HC/Ncbsc id_18BUv בְּוֹר/ו
108 LV 33:21 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/יפש**: (x-qere) 'וְפִשׁ/ו': lemma_c/8192 morph_HC/VPq3cp id_18koC וְפִשׁ/ו
109 LV 33:28 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/שפנ**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/שְׁפָנ': lemma_5315 n_1.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_18J2d וֹ/שְׁפָנ
110 LV 33:28 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/תיח**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/תָיְחִ/ו': lemma_c/2416 c n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncfsc/Sp3ms id_18Vpi וֹ/תָיְחִ/ו
111 LV 34:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

17 Also one_who_hates_of justice will_he_govern and_if the_
_righteous_one the_mighty_one will_you_condemn_as_guilty.
18 To_say to_a_king worthless_person wicked_one to noble_
_people. **19** Who not he_lifts_up the_faces_of princes and_not
he_regards a_noble_person[112] to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before a_poor_person if/because are_the_work_of his_
_hands_of_his of_them_of_all. **20** A_moment they_die and_the_
_middle_of the_night a_people they_are_shaken and_they_
_pass_away and_people_remove the_mighty not by_a_hand.
21 If/because eyes_of_his are_on the_ways_of everyone and_all
steps_of_his he_sees. **22** There_is_not darkness[113] and_there_is_
_not deep_darkness to_hide_themselves there those_who_do_of
(of)_wickedness. **23** If/because not on a_person he_will_appoint
again to_go to god in_judgement. **24** He_breaks mighty_ones
not searching and_he_appointed others in_place_of_them.
25 For_so/thus/hence he_is_acquainted_with deeds_of_their
and_he_overthrows_them night and_they_are_crushed. **26** In_
_place_of wicked_people he_slaps_them in_a_place_of those_
_who_see. **27** That therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_turned_
_aside from_after_him and_all ways_of_his not they_
_considered. **28** To_bring on/upon/above_him/it the_outcry_of
the_poor and_the_outcry_of afflicted_people he_heard. **29** And_
_he he_will_keep_quiet and_who will_he_condemn_him_as_
_guilty and_he_will_hide face and_who will_he_observe_him
and_over a_nation and_over a_person alike. **30** From_ a_person
godless _reigning from_snares_of a_people. **31** If/because to
god has_anyone_said I_have_borne not I_will_act_corruptly.
32 Apart_from that_which_I_see you instruct_me if
unrighteousness I_have_done not I_will_repeat. **33** From_with_
_you will_he_repay_it if/because you_have_rejected if/because
you you_will_choose and_not I and_what do_you_know speak.
34 People_of heart they_will_say to_me and_a_man wise who_
_listens to_me. **35** ʾIyyōv/(Job) not with_knowledge he_speaks
and_words/messages_of_his not are_with_insight. **36** Would_
_that ʾIyyōv/(Job) he_will_be_tested until perpetuity on
answers among_people_of wickedness. **37** If/because he_adds
to sin_of_his transgression between_us he_claps and_he_
_multiplies words/messages_of_his to_god.
35:1 And_ ʾElīhū _he_answered and_he_said. **2** This do_you_
_consider to_justice you_have_said righteousness_of_my is_
_more_than_god. **3** That/for/because/then/when you_say
what will_it_be_of_use to/for_you(fs) what will_I_profit from_
_sin_of_my. **4** I I_will_respond_to_you words/messages and_~~DOM~~
friends_of_your with_you. **5** Look_at the_heavens and_see and_
_observe the_clouds they_are_high more_than_you. **6** If you_
_have_sinned what do_you_do in/on/over_him/it and_
transgressions_of_your _they_have_been_many what do_you_
_do for_him/it. **7** If you_have_been_righteous what do_you_give
to_him/it or what from_hand_of_your does_he_receive. **8** Is_
_for_a_person_of like_yourself wickedness_of_your and_is_for_
_a_child_of humankind righteousness_of_your. **9** From_a_
_multitude_of oppression(s) people_cry_out they_cry_for_help

Readers' Version

but God has deprived me of justice.
6 Would I lie about my rights?
My wound is incurable despite not having disobeyed.'
7 What other person is like Iyov (Job)?
He drinks up mockery like drinking water.
8 He keeps company with those who do evil,
and walks with wicked people.
9 He's said, 'What advantage it is to anyone
when they take delight in pleasing God?'
10 So listen to me you people who understand.
God wouldn't do anything wicked,
and the provider wouldn't do anything wrong.
11 He repays each person according to their actions.[104]
and what happens to them depends on their conduct.
12 Honestly, God doesn't do wicked things,
and the provider doesn't pervert justice.
13 Who assigned him to be over the earth,
and who put the whole world under him?
14 If he set his mind on himself,
gathering his spirit and his breath to himself,
15 everybody would die simultaneously,
and humanity would return to dust.
16 If you have understanding then hear this.
Listen to the words that I say.
17 Would one who hates justice really govern?
Would you condemn the righteous one—the mighty one—as guilty?
18 The one who tells a king that he's worthless.
Yes, who tells a wealthy person that they're wicked.
19 The one who doesn't show favour to princes,
and doesn't favour the rich in front of the poor.
Yes, they're all the work of his hands.
20 They die in a moment—they do a shiver in the middle of the night then pass away.
Even powerful people are taken away without human involvement.
21 His eyes watch over everyone,
he observes all of our steps.
22 There's no darkness or gloom
that wicked people can hide in.
23 He doesn't appoint anyone again
to go to God for judgement.
24 He breaks powerful people without investigation,
and establishes others instead of them[105]
25 because he's familiar with their activities
and overthrows them in the night and they're crushed.
26 He strikes them as wicked people,

104 **RV 34:11 · Cross-ref.** Psa 62:12.

105 **RV 34:24 · Note** TN: Without rewording this last phrase, it can mislead the reader as to whose place the literal 'their place' probably refers to.

112 **LV 34:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

113 **LV 34:22 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

where everyone can see
27 since they turned away from following him,
and didn't consider any of his ways.
28 They cause the cry of the poor to reach him,
and he heard the cries of the afflicted.
29 If he stays silent, then who would condemn him?
and if he hides his face, then who will see him
although he's over every nation as well as every individual
30 so that godless people shouldn't reign
or ensnare the people.
31 If someone says to God,
'I've endured my punishment—now I'll stop acting corruptly.
32 Complement what I can see by teaching me,
so that if I've disobeyed, I won't repeat it.
33 Must he repay it from with you? ???
Since you despise, then you will choose, not me. ???
So speak out what you do know.
34 People of understanding tell me
along with wise people who listen to me:
35 'Iyov (Job) speaks without knowledge,
and his words lack insight.
36 If only he would be tested to the end—
his answers are like those of wicked people.
37 He adds rebellion to his sin.
He claps among us and multiplies his words against God.
35:1 Then Elihu continued again:
2 Do you consider yourself to be honest
when you've said, 'God knows that I'm innocent.'
3 You ask, 'What does it benefit you?
How am I better off than I would be if I had sinned?'
4 I'll answer you with words,
and answer your three friends as well.
5 Look up at the sky and observe,
and see that the clouds are higher than you.
6 If you disobey him, what do effect could it have on him?
And if your disobedience accumulates, what could that do to him?[106]
7 If you're innocent, what does he gain from that,
or what good thing will he receive due to that?
8 Wickedness only applies to people like us,
and innocence is only a concept for humans.
9 People cry out because there's so much oppression,
they cry for help because some people have so much power.
10 But no one asks, 'Where's God my creator,
who gives us songs in the night,
11 who has taught us more than he taught the animals,
and made us wiser than he made the birds in the sky.
12 When they cry out, he doesn't answer
because of the pride of wicked people.
13 Surely God doesn't listen to empty words.

Literal Version

from_the_arm_of great_people. **10** And_not anyone_has_said
where is_god my_of_maker(s) who_gives songs in_night.
11 Who_teaches_of_us more_than_the_animals_of the_earth
and_more_than_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens he_makes_us_wise.
12 There they_cry_out and_not he_answers from_face/in_front_
_of the_pride_of wicked_people. **13** Surely emptiness not he_
_hears god and_the_almighty not he_observes_it. **14** Indeed
if/because you_will_say[114] not you_observe_him the_case is_
_before_of_him and_you_will_wait to_him/it. **15** And_now
if/because not anger_of_his it_has_punished and_not he_knows
in_folly exceedingly. **16** And_'Iyyōv/(Job) vanity he_opens
mouth_of_his with_not_of knowledge words/messages he_
_multiplies.

106 **RV 35:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Yob 22:2-3.

114 **LV 35:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

36:1 And_ ʾElīhū _he_added and_he_said. **2** Wait to_me a_little so_that_I_may_inform_you if/because_that still are_for_god words/messages. **3** I_will_bear knowledge_of_my (to)_from_afar and_to_maker_of_my I_will_ascribe righteousness. **4** If/because truly not are_falsehood words/messages_of_my one_complete_ _of knowledge(s) is_with_you. **5** THERE god is_mighty and_not he_rejects mighty strength_of heart. **6** Not he_preserves_alive the_wicked and_the_justice_of afflicted_people he_gives. **7** Not he_withdraws from_the_righteous eyes_of_his and_~~DOM~~ kings to_throne and_he_has_made_them_sit to_perpetuity and_they_ _have_become_exalted. **8** And_if they_are_bound in_fetters they_are_caught in_cords_of affliction. **9** And_he_told to/for_ _them work_of_their and_transgressions_of_their if/because_ _that they_were_behaving_proudly. **10** And_he_uncovered ear_ _of_their for_correction and_he/it_said if/because_that they_ _will_turn_away from_wickedness. **11** If they_will_hear and_ _they_will_serve_him they_will_bring_to_an_end days_of_their in_good and_years_of_their in_(the)_things. **12** And_if not they_ _will_hear by_a_missile they_will_pass_away and_they_will_ _expire like_not knowledge.[115] **13** And_people_godless_of heart they_put anger not they_cry_for_help if/because he_has_ _bound_them. **14** It_dies in_youth self_of_their and_life_of_their among_cult_prostitutes. **15** He_rescues the_afflicted by_ _affliction_of_his and_he_uncovers by_oppression ear_of_their. **16** And_also he_has_allured_you from_the_mouth_of distress a_ _broad_space not constraint in_its_place and_the_quietness_of your_table_of_your it_was_full fatness. **17** And_judgement the_ _wicked you_are_full judgement and_justice they_take_hold_of_ _you(pl). **18** If/because rage lest it_should_entice_you in_ _mockery and_the_greatness_of the_ransom not let_it_turn_ _you_aside. **19** Will_ opulence_of_your _it_set_in_order[116] not in_distress and_all/each/any/every the_efforts_of strength. **20** Do_not pant_for the_night to_ peoples _go_up in_their_place. **21** Take_heed do_not turn to wickedness if/because (on) this you_have_chosen more_than_affliction. **22** THERE god he_is_ _exalted in_power_of_his who like_him is_a_teacher. **23** Who has_he_assigned on/upon/above_him/it its_road/course and_ _who has_he_said you_have_done unrighteousness. **24** Remember if/because_that you_will_magnify work_of_his which people they_have_sung. **25** All_of humankind they_have_ _looked in_him/it human[s] he_looks from_a_distance. **26** THERE god is_exalted and_not we_know_him the_number_of his_years_of_his and_not searching. **27** If/because he_draws_up drops_of water they_refine rain to_mist_of_his. **28** Which the_ _clouds they_flow they_drip on humankind numerous. **29** Also if anyone_understands the_spreading_out(s)_of dark_cloud

Readers' Version

Surely the provider doesn't take notice of them.
14 Indeed you'll say that you can't see him.
Your case is in front of him but you're waiting for him.
15 So now in his anger, he hasn't visited,
and he doesn't take much notice of disobedience.
16 So Iyov (Job) opens his mouth for nothing.
He says many words but doesn't know what he's talking about.
36:1 Then Elihu continued:

Elihu continues speaking

Elihu
2 Be patient with me a little longer
and I'll show you that I still have words on God's behalf.
3 I get my knowledge from a wide range of sources,
and as my foundation, I'll use the creator's justice.
4 I can assure you that I won't say anything that's false.
The person with total knowledge is right here in front of you.
5 Listen, God is very powerful but he doesn't despise people.
He's powerful and knows exactly what he wants.
6 He doesn't preserve the life of evil people,
but he gives justice to those who are suffering.
7 He never stops protecting innocent people,
but he establishes kings on their thrones
to rule forever and to be honoured.
8 If they become prisoners in chains,
tangled in the ropes of suffering,
9 then he tells them what they've done and how they disobeyed—
they were behaving proudly.
10 He makes them listen to instruction,
and tells them to stop disobeying.
11 If they would listen and serve him,
they would live out their remaining days in prosperity,
and their remaining years would be pleasant.
12 But if they don't listen,
they'll be killed in battle,
and die without knowing what's coming.
13 Those whose thoughts are godless will remain angry.
They won't cry out for help when he captures them.
14 Their soul dies in its youth,
and their life is among the male temple prostitutes.
15 He uses their suffering to rescue the person suffering,
and makes them listen as a result of their difficulties.
16 Indeed, he's enticed you out of the jaws of distress
to a wide place without constraints,
and he's set your table with rich food.
17 You are always judging wicked people.
You're addicted to judgement and justice.
18 Don't let yourself be enticed by riches,
and don't let a large bribe change your mind.

115 LV 36:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

116 LV 36:19 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

19 Can your wealth keep distress away from you,
or by using every effort of your strength?
20 Don't wish for the night time,
when people groups are cut off in their place.
21 Watch out that you don't choose evil,
because you've chosen that rather than suffering.
22 Listen, God is honoured because of his power.
Who's a better teacher than him?
23 Who could possibly give orders to him,
and who might accuse him of disobeying?
24 Make sure that you praise his actions,
which people have sung about.
25 All humankind has seen it.
People look at it from a distance.
26 Listen, God must be honoured, but we don't know him.
How could we determine how old he is?
27 He lifts up the droplets of water.
They form into rain from the vapour,
28 which then showers down from the clouds.
They drop down on humankind in large quantities.
29 Who can understand how the clouds spread out?
Or the thundering coming from his porch?
30 Listen, he spreads his lightning out,
and he covers the depths of the sea.
31 He uses them to judge people groups.
He supplies plenty of food.
32 He directs the lightning with his hands,
and instructs it where to strike.
33 Its thundering noise tells about him.
Even the livestock know what's coming.
37:1 My heart also pounds after that
and it jumps away from its place.
2 Listen, hear his thunderous voice,
and the low rumbling that comes from his mouth.
3 He releases the thundering under all the skies,
and his lightning to the end of the earth.
4 After that, a voice roars out.
He thunders with his majestic voice,
and he doesn't restrain the lightning bolts.
5 When God speaks, it's awesome, like thunder,
doing amazing things that we can't even comprehend.
6 He tells the snow when to fall to the earth,
and commands the shower of rain to become a downpour.
7 He puts a seal on everyone's hands,
so that everyone knows that he made them.
8 The wild animals go into their lairs,
and they stay inside their dens.

Literal Version

the_noises_of his_pavilion_of_his. **30** THERE he_spreads_out on/upon/above_him/it light_of_his and_the_roots_of the_sea he_covers. **31** If/because by_them he_judges peoples he_gives food to_abundance. **32** Over palms he_covers light and_he/it_ _commanded on/upon_it(f) (in)_an_assailant. **33** It_tells on/upon/above_him/it thunder_of_his livestock also on one_ _who_comes_up.
37:1 Also to/for_this heart_of_my it_trembles and_it_leaps from_place_of_its. **2** Listen carefully_(listen) to_the_rumbling_ _of his_voice_of_his and_the_rumbling which_from_mouth_of_ _his it_comes_out. **3** Under all_of the_heavens he_lets_it_ _untie/release and_light_of_his to the_corners_of the_ _earth/land. **4** After_it a_voice it_roars he_thunders with_the_ _voice_of his_majesty_of_his and_not he_holds_them_back if/because voice_of_his it_is_heard. **5** god he_thunders with_ _voice_of_his wonders he_is_doing great_things and_not we_ _know. **6** If/because to_snow[117] he_says fall earth and_the_ _shower_of rain and_the_shower_of the_rains_of his_strength_ _of_his. **7** On_the_hand_of every_of person he_puts_a_seal to_ all_of the_people_of his_work_of_his _know. **8** And_ an_animal _ _it_went in a_lair and_in_dens_of_its it_dwells. **9** From the_ _chamber a_storm-wind it_comes and_from_the_scattering_ _winds coldness. **10** From_the_breath_of god it_gives ice and_ _the_breadth_of the_waters is_(in)_constraint. **11** Also with_ _moisture he_burdens the_dark_cloud[s] he_scatters the_cloud_ _of his_light_of_his. **12** And_he round_about is_turning_every_ _way his[118] they_to_do all that he_commands_them over the_ _surface_of the_world earth_to_the. **13** Whether for_a_rod or for_earth_of_his or to_favour he_makes_it_find. **14** Give_ear_to this Oh_'Iyyōv/(Job) stand_still and_consider_diligently the_ _wonders_of god. **15** Do_you_know when_ god _appoints on_ _them and_he_makes_shine_forth the_light_of his_cloud_of_his. **16** Do_you_know on the_balancing(s)_of the_cloud[s] the_ _wondrous_works_of one_complete_of knowledge(s). **17** You_ _whom clothes_of_your are_hot when_ the_earth _is_still from_ _the_south. **18** Will_you_beat_out with_him/it (to)_clouds hard like_a_mirror molten. **19** Make_known_to_us[119] what will_we_ _say to_him/it not we_will_arrange from_face/in_front_of darkness. **20** Will_it_be_recounted to_him/it[120] if/because_that I_will_speak or anyone did_he_say if/because_that he_will_be_ _swallowed_up. **21** And_now not people_see a_light is_brilliant it in_clouds and_spirit it_has_passed_by and_it_has_cleansed_ _them. **22** From_the_north gold it_comes is_on god awesome_of majesty. **23** The_almighty not we_have_found_him exalted_of power and_justice and_greatness_of righteousness not he_ _violates. **24** For_so/thus/hence they_fear_him people not he_ _sees any_of people_wise_of heart.

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117 **LV 37:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

118 **LV 37:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/תלובחת/ב: (x-qere) וְ/יָתֵל֣וּ/בְּחַ֣ת/ב: lemma_b/8458 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_18w2K וְ/יָתֵל֣וּ/בְּחַ֣ת/ב

119 **LV 37:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

120 **LV 37:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

38:1 And_ **YHWH** _he_answered ~~DOM~~ 'Iyyōv/(Job) wwww[127] the[128] and_he_said. **2** Who this is_making_dark counsel by_ _words/messages not knowledge. **3** Gird_up please like_a_man loins_of_your and_I_will_ask_you and_make_known_to_me. **4** Where were_you when_founded_I the_earth tell if you_know understanding. **5** Who did_he_appoint measurements_of_its if/because you_know or who did_he_stretch_out on/upon_it(f) a_measuring-line. **6** On what bases_of_its were_they_sunk or who did_he_lay the_stone_of its_corner_of_her. **7** When_sang together the_stars_of morning and_ all_of the_sons_of god _ _they_shouted. **8** And_he_shut_off with_doors the_sea when_it_ _burst_forth from_the_womb it_came_forth. **9** When_made_I

Readers' Version

9 A gale comes out of its room,
and the cold is brought by the north winds.
10 God's breath delivers ice,
and the wide lakes freeze over.
11 Indeed he loads the clouds with moisture.
He scatters his lightning through them.
12 They go round in circles then turning with his guidance—
following his instructions right across the earth,
13 whether it's for correction or for the land,
or because of his favour that he causes it to happen.
14 Just listen to this, Iyov (Job).
Stand still and consider how incredible God's actions are.
15 Do you understand how God makes these things happen,
and how his clouds are able to flash with lightning?
16 Do you know how the clouds balance at just that level?
Do you understand the activities of the one who has perfect knowledge?
17 You whose clothes get hot
when the south wind brings hot, still air.
18 Can you flatten out the sky like him,
as solid as a cast metal mirror.
19 Teach us what we should say to him.
We can't get organised here in the darkness.
20 Should he be informed that I want to speak,
or will anyone who talks get swallowed up?
21 You know that people can't look at the bright sunlight in the sky
when the wind has come through and cleared it.
22 Gold comes from the north. ???
Awesome majesty surrounds God.
23 We don't know how to find the provider.
He has incredible power.
and he doesn't violate justice or his integrity.
24 Because of that, people should obey him.
He doesn't pay attention to those who are wise.

SECTION SIX: Yahweh's speeches[121] · God answers Iyov

38:1 Then Yahweh answered Iyov (Job) from the storm:
Yahweh
2 Who is this giving bad advice,
with words that are lacking knowledge?
3 Get ready to battle[122] like a man,
and I'll question you and you can answer me.
4 Where were you when I laid **the world's foundations**?
Do tell me, if you understand that.
5 Who decided on its measurements, if you know?

121 RV 38:1 · Parallel 38:1–42:6

122 RV 38:3 · Note Lit. 'Gird your loins'. In a robe-wearing culture, it was normal for a man to tuck the bottom of his robe up into his belt to clear his legs to be able to move more freely—perhaps to run, but also to fight.

127 LV 38:1 · Note OSHB note: Marks a word with a final consonant that is a medial (not a final) form.

128 LV 38:1 · Note OSHB variant note: הרעס/ה נמ: (x-qere) 'ן֫מ': lemma_4480 a morph_HR id_18pe5 ן֫מ ו'הָרָעְס/ה': lemma_d/5591 b n_1 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_18Gfh הָרָעְס/ה

Readers' Version

Or who stretched out a tape measure over it?
6 What were its footings attached to?
Who put its reference stone in place
7 when the morning stars sung together,
and God's children shouted happily?
8 Who was the one who confined **the ocean** with gates[123]
when it burst its way out from the womb?
9 I covered it with clouds as its clothing,
and thick darkness as its tight blanket.
10 I assigned my boundaries for the ocean,
and put a latch on its gates,
11 and I said, 'You can only come this far and no further.
Your proud waves will be stopped here.'
12 In all your life, have you ever commanded the morning to come,
or helped the dawn to know its place
13 so that it might take hold of the bottom edges of the earth
and shake the wicked out of it?[124]
14 After dawn, the earth takes shape like clay when a seal is pressed into it,
and its features stand out like folds in a cloak.
15 Their light is withheld from wicked people,
and their arm raised in violence gets broken.
16 Have you visited the springs under the sea?
Have you walked around in the trenches of the deep ocean?
17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you?
Have you seen the gates that open into deep darkness?
18 Have you taken note of the width of the earth?
Do tell me if you know all those things.
19 How do you get to where light lives,
and where is the place that darkness comes from?
20 Can you take it to its territory,
and how would you figure out the paths to its house?
21 You'd know because surely you were born before then, ☺
and you're so very, very old. ☺
22 Have you entered the warehouses where snow is stored,
and have you seen the bunker where hail is kept,
23 which I keep there ready for troubled times—
for the day of war and battle?
24 Where's the way to find where light is distributed,
or where the east wind gets scattered all over the earth?

Literal Version

cloud[s] clothing_of_its and_thick_darkness swaddling-band_
_of_its. 10 And_I_broke on/upon/above_him/it boundary_of_
_my and_I_set_in_place a_bar and_doors. 11 And_I_said to here
you_will_come and_not you_will_add and_here someone_will_
_fix in_the_pride_of your(pl)_waves_of_your. 12 From_days_of_
_your[129] have_you_commanded morning wwww wwww[130][131]
place_of_its. 13 To_take_hold on_the_corners_of the_earth/land
and_they_are_shaken wwww[132] from_it. 14 It_is_changed like_
_the_clay_of a_seal and_they_stand_forth like clothing. 15 And_
_it_is_withheld from[133] light_of_their and_an_arm_of uplifted
it_is_broken. 16 Have_you_gone to the_springs_of the_sea and_
_in_the_searching_of the_deep have_you_walked_about.
17 Have_they_been_revealed to/for_yourself(m) the_gates_of
death and_the_gates_of deep_darkness have_you_seen.
18 Have_you_shown_yourself_attentive to the_broad_spaces_of
the_earth tell if you_know of_it_of_all. 19 Where this is_the_
_way light where_it_dwells and_darkness where this place_of_
_is_its. 20 That/for/because/then/when you_will_take_it to
territory_of_its and_because/when you_will_discern the_
_paths_of its_house_of_his. 21 You_know if/because then you_
_were_born and_the_number_of your(pl)_days_of_your is_
_many. 22 Have_you_gone into the_storehouses_of snow and_
_the_storehouses_of hail have_you_seen. 23 Which I_have_kept_
_back for_the_time_of distress for_the_day_of battle and_
_warfare. 24 Where this is_the_way light where_it_is_divided
the_east_wind where_it_scatters over the_earth. 25 Who does_
_he_divide for_flood a_channel and_a_path for_the_storm_of
thunder_claps. 26 To_send_rain on a_land not anyone a_
_wilderness which_not anyone in/on/over_him/it. 27 To_
_satisfy devastation[134] and_desolation and_to_cause_to_sprout
a_going_forth_of fresh_grass. 28 Is_there for_rain a_father or
who does_he_father the_drops_of dew. 29 From_the_womb_of
whom the_ice does_it_come_forth and_the_hoar-frost_of
heaven who does_he_give_birth_to_it. 30 Like_stone waters
they_become_hard and_the_surface_of the_deep they_freeze.
31 Will_you_bind_on the_bonds_of Pleiades or the_cords_of
Orion will_you_loosen. 32 Will_you_lead_out the_constellations
at_its_appropriate_of_time and_the_Bear with her/its_
_sons/descendants will_you(pl)_guide_them. 33 Do_you_know
the_regulations_of the_heavens or do_you_appoint rule_of_its
in/on_the_earth. 34 Will_you_lift_up to_cloud[s] voice_of_your
and_an_abundance_of water it_will_cover_you. 35 Will_you_
_send_forth lightning_flashes and_they_will_go and_they_will_
_say to/for_yourself(m) here_we_are. 36 Who has_he_put in_
_parts wisdom or who has_he_given to_heart understanding.

123 RV 38:8-11 · Cross-ref. Psa 104:9; Prv 8:29; Jer 5:22.

124 RV 38:13 · Note Of course, the wicked are busy in the 'blanket of darkness', but dawn pulls that off them.

129 LV 38:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

130 LV 38:12 · Note OSHB variant note: **רחש התעדי**: (x-qere) 'הָתְעֲדִי': lemma_3045 morph_HVpp2ms id_18xRA 'רַחַשׁ/ה הָתְעֲדִי': lemma_d/7837 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_18CvE רַחַשׁ/ה

131 LV 38:12 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

132 LV 38:13 · Note OSHB note: Suspended letter(s). Shown as suspended letters without a superscript note number.

133 LV 38:15 · Note OSHB note: Suspended letter(s). Shown as suspended letters without a superscript note number.

134 LV 38:27 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

37 Who will_he_count the_clouds by_wisdom and_the_jars_of heaven who will_he_make_to_lie_down. **38** When_ the_dust _ _flows into_lump and_the_clods they_are_joined_together. **39** Will_you_hunt for_a_lion prey and_the_life_of young_lions will_you_fill. **40** If/because they_will_crouch in_dens they_will_ _remain in_thicket for lying-in-wait. **41** Who does_he_prepare for_raven food-supply_of_its if/because its_young[135] to god they_will_cry_for_help they_will_wander_about for_not food. **39:1** Do_you_know the_time_of mountain_goats_of rock of_the_ _bringing_forth does the_bringing_forth do_you_watch. **2** Will_ _you_count the_months which_they_complete and_do_you_ _know the_time_of their_bringing_forth. **3** They_kneel_down young_of_their they_cleave_open labour-pains_of_their they_ _send_forth. **4** Young_of_their they_become_strong they_grow in_open they_go_forth and_not they_return to_them. **5** Who did_he_let_untie/release the_wild_donkey free and_the_ _fetters_of the_wild_ass who did_he_loosen. **6** Which I_ _appointed the_wilderness_plain home_of_its and_ _dwelling-places_of_its the_saltiness. **7** It_laughs to_the_ _tumult_of a_town the_shouting(s)_of a_driver not it_hears. **8** It_explores mountains pasture_of_its and_after every_of green_plant it_searches. **9** Is_ a_wild_ox _it_willing[136] to_serve_ _you or will_it_pass_the_night at trough_of_your_feeding. **10** Will_you_bind the_wild_ox in_a_furrow_of rope_of_its or will_it_harrow valleys behind_you. **11** Will_you_trust in/on/over_him/it[137] if/because is_great strength_of_its and_ _will_you_leave to_him/it toil_of_your. **12** Will_you_trust in/on/over_him/it[138] if/because_that it_will_bring_back[139] seed_of_your and_your_threshing_of_floor it_will_gather. **13** The_wing_of ostriches it_flaps_joyously if a_pinion a_stork and_plumage. **14** If/because it_abandons to_ground eggs_of_its and_on the_dust it_keeps_them_warm. **15** And_it_has_forgotten if/because_that a_foot it_will_crush_it and_(the)_animal_of the_field it_will_trample_it. **16** It_treats_harshly her/its_ _sons/descendants to_not to/for_her/it is_to_emptiness labour_of_its not fear. **17** If/because he_has_made_it_forget god wisdom and_not he_gave_a_share to/for_her/it in_ _understanding. **18** About_time on_height it_flaps it_laughs to_ _horse and_to_rider_of_its. **19** Do_you_give to_horse strength do_you_clothe neck_of_its a_mane. **20** Do_you_make_it_leap like_locust the_majesty_of its_snorting_of_his is_terror. **21** They_paw in_valley and_it_rejoices in_strength it_goes_forth to_meet weaponry. **22** It_laughs to_fear and_not it_is_dismayed and_not it_turns_back from_face/in_front_of a_sword. **23** On/upon/above_him/it a_quiver the_blade_of a_spear and_ _a_javelin it_rattles. **24** With_shaking and_excitement it_ _swallows the_ground and_not it_stands_firm if/because the_ _sound_of a_horn. **25** In_the_sufficiency_of a_horn it_says aha and_from_a_distance it_smells battle the_thunder_of

Readers' Version

25 Who cuts out the channels for the downpours to flow in,
and makes the path for thunderbolts?
26 Who sends rain to regions where nobody lives,
or to a wilderness that has nobody in it,
27 to satisfy the parched wasteland
and to cause fresh grass to shoot up?
28 Does the rain have a father,
or who gave birth to the dew drops?
29 Whose womb does the ice come from,
and who gives birth to the frost that descends from the sky,
30 when the waters become hard like stone,
and the surface of the deep ocean freezes?
31 Can you tie together **the stars** of Pleiades,
or loosen Orion's belt?[125]
32 Can you lead each constellation out in its season,
and can you guide the Bear with her cubs?
33 Do you understand the physical laws of the universe,
or can you establish their rule over the earth?
34 Can you command **the clouds** with your voice,
and cause a flood of water to cover you?
35 Can you send out flashes of lightning,
so they go off then tell you, 'Here we are'?
36 Who put wisdom into people's minds,
or can give understanding to the mind?
37 Who has enough wisdom to number the clouds,
and who will tip over the water jars of the sky
38 when the dust solidifies into a lump,
and the clods of soil stick together?
39 Can you hunt for prey for the **lioness**,
and satisfy the appetite of her cubs,
40 when they crouch in their dens—
lying in wait in the thicket?
41 Who prepares prey for the **raven**
when its chicks cry out to God for help,
when they stagger around for lack of food?
39:1 Do you know when it is that **mountain goats** give birth?
Do you watch the wild does having their fawns?
2 Have you counted how many months it'll be after they conceived?
Do you know what date they'll give birth?
3 They crouch down to deliver their young,
and then their labour pains are over.
4 Their young grow up in the countryside and become strong,
then they leave their mothers and don't return to them again.

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125 **RV 38:31 · Cross-ref.** Yob 9:9; Amos 5:8.

135 **LV 38:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: יְלָדֶ֑יהָ/ו: (x-qere) 'יְלָדֶ֑יהָ/ו': lemma_3206 n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_18CGK יְלָדֶ֑יהָ/ו

136 **LV 39:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

137 **LV 39:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

138 **LV 39:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

139 **LV 39:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: בוּשִׁי: (x-qere) 'בֵּישָׁ': lemma_7725 morph_HVhi3ms id_18kyK בֵּישָׁ

Readers' Version

5 Who set the **wild donkeys** free?
Who untied the ropes of the wild mule?
6 I decided that the wilderness would be their home,
and the salt-land to be where they live.
7 They laugh at the commotion coming from the city.
They don't have any drivers shouting at them.
8 They range across the hills looking for pasture,
and search after anything that's green.
9 Will the **wild cow** consent to serve you,
or to stay the night beside your feeding trough?
10 Will you use a rope to guide the wild bull to plough straight,
or will he come along afterwards to harrow over the furrows?
11 Would you trust in his strength,
and leave your work for him to do?
12 Would you depend on the wild bull to bring in your grain,
and to pile it on your threshing floor?
13 **Ostriches** happily flap their wings,
but unlike the stork, their joints and feathers aren't made for flying.
14 The female leaves her eggs on the ground.
They're kept warm in the dust.
15 She forgets that they might be crushed by a foot,
or be trampled by wild animals.
16 She's harsh on her young as if they're not hers,
without worrying that her egg-laying might all be wasted.
17 Yes, God didn't give her much wisdom,
and he didn't fill her with much understanding,
18 but it doesn't stop her flapping her wings.
She laughs at the horse and its rider.
19 Was it you who gave **the horse** his strength?
Did you clothe his neck with that mane?
20 Did you make him so he can leap like a locust?
His powerful snorting is terrifying.
21 They paw at the ground, excited to go and display their strength.
Off they go to face the enemy's weapons.
22 It laughs at fear—not afraid at all,
and it doesn't retreat back from the sword.
23 The quiver of arrows rattles on its side.
The spear and the javelin flash.
24 Shaking with excitement, it speeds over.
It can't stand still once the horn is sounded.
25 When it hears the horn, it snorts ready to go,
and it smells the battle from far away—
the shouts of the commanders and the battle-cries.
26 Is it your wisdom that **the hawk** uses to soar,
and why it spreads its wings to migrate south?
27 Is it your command that sends the eagle flying upwards,
and tells it to build its nest up so high?
28 It lives on a cliff,

Literal Version

commanders and_the_battle-cry. 26 From_understanding_of_
_your a_falcon does_it_soar does_it_spread_out its[140] to_the_
_south. 27 Or on mouth_of_your an_eagle does_it_make_high_
_its_flight and_because/when it_sets_on_high nest_of_its. 28 A_
_rock it_dwells and_it_passes_the_night on the_tooth_of a_rock
and_a_stronghold. 29 From_there it_spies_out food (to)_from_
_afar eyes_of_its they_look. 30 Ones[141] they_drink blood and_
_at_where those_slain_are is_there it.

140 LV 39:26 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/פנכ: (x-qere) וְ/יָפֶנְכ: lemma_3671 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_18upQ וְ/יָפֶנְכ

141 LV 39:30 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/חרפא: (x-qere) ו/יְחֹרְפֶא: lemma_c/667 morph_HC/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_18dNA ו/יְחֹרְפֶא

Literal Version

40:1 And_ **YHWH** _he_answered ~~DOM~~ 'Iyyōv/(Job) and_he_said. **2** Will_he_contend with the_almighty a_faultfinder one_who_ _corrects god let_him_answer_him.

3 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_he_said. **4** HERE I_am_insignificant what will_I_respond_to_you hand_ _of_my I_put to mouth_of_my. **5** one_time I_have_spoken and_ _not I_will_answer and_two_times and_not I_will_repeat.

6 And_ **YHWH** _he_answered ~~DOM~~ 'Iyyōv/(Job) wwww[143] wwww[144] and_he_said. **7** Gird_up please like_a_man loins_of_ _your I_will_ask_you and_make_known_to_me. **8** Even will_you_ _annul justice_of_my will_you_condemn_me_as_guilty so_that you_may_be_justified. **9** And_if does_an_arm like_god to/for_ _you(fs) and_with_a_voice like_him will_you_thunder. **10** Adorn_yourself please majesty[145] and_dignity and_glory and_honour you_will_be_clothed. **11** Scatter the_furi(es)_of your_anger_of_your and_see every_of proud_person and_bring_ _him_low. **12** See every_of proud_person humble_him and_ _tread_down wicked_people in_their_place. **13** Hide_them in_ _dust together faces_of_their bind_up in_place. **14** And_also I I_ _will_praise_you if/because_that it_will_save to/for_ _yourself(m) hand_of_your_right. **15** THERE please Behemoth which I_made with_you grass like_ox it_eats. **16** THERE please strength_of_its is_in_loins_of_its and_strength_of_its is_in_the_ _muscles_of its_belly_of_his. **17** It_stiffens tail_of_its like a_ _cedar the_tendons_of his[146] they_are_intertwined. **18** Bones_ _of_its are_tubes_of bronze limbs_of_its are_like_a_rod_of iron. **19** It[147] is_the_first_of the_ways_of god the_one_who_of_made_ _it let_him_bring_near sword_of_his. **20** If/because produce_of the_mountains they_carry to_him/it and_all (the)_animal_of the_field they_play there. **21** Under thorny_lotus_plants it_lies in_a_hiding_place_of reed[s] and_swamp. **22** They_cover_it thorny_lotus_plants shade_of_its they_surround_it the_ _poplars_of the_wadi. **23** THERE the_river it_is_violent not it_ _makes_haste it_is_confident if/because the_Yardēn/(Jordan) it_bursts_forth to mouth_of_its. **24** By_eyes_of_its will_anyone_

Readers' Version

and spends the night in its fortress among the sharp rocks.
29 From there, it spies out food.
Its eyes watch from far away.
30 Its young ones feast on blood,
and where there's dead bodies, they'll be there.[126]

God challenges Iyov to answer

40:1 Then Yahweh continued to speak to Iyov (Job):
Yahweh
2 Will the person who's been finding faults now argue with the provider?
Let the one who tries to correct God, give an answer.

Iyov's non-answer

3 Then Iyov (Job) answered Yahweh:
Iyov
4 Indeed, I'm insignificant—what could I answer?
I'll just put my hand over my mouth.
5 I've spoken once, but I won't answer,
and twice, but I won't continue.

Yahweh's response to Iyov

6 Then Yahweh again spoke to Iyov (Job) from inside the storm:
Yahweh
7 Now tuck up your robe like a man going into battle.
I'll question you, and you must answer me.
8 Would you actually invalidate my judgement?
Would you condemn me so you can declare yourself right?
9 Is your arm as powerful as God's?
Can you thunder with a voice like his?
10 Then embellish yourself with majesty and greatness,
and dress yourself with honour and splendour.
11 Let your fierce anger loose,
and take every proud person on and bring them down.
12 Take note of every proud person and humble them.
Crush wicked people where they stand.
13 Bury them together in the dust.
Imprison them in the grave.
14 Then I'd even admit to you
that you *can* save yourself with your own strength.
15 Now look at the **sauropod** (behemoth) which I made on the same day as you.
It eats grass like a cow.
16 Notice the strength in his thighs,
and the power of his stomach muscles.
17 It bends its tail like a cedar tree.

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126 RV 39:30 · Cross-ref. Mat 24:28; Luk 17:37.

143 LV 40:6 · Note OSHB note: Marks a word with a final consonant that is a medial (not a final) form.

144 LV 40:6 · Note OSHB variant note: הרעס נמ: (x-qere) 'ֶנּ֫מ': lemma_4480 a morph_HR id_189N7 וְנָמ ו'הָ֫רָעְס': lemma_5591 b n_1 morph_HNcfsa id_18vNp הָ֫רָעְס

145 LV 40:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

146 LV 40:17 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/דחפ: (x-qere) 'ו/יָ֫רַחַפּ': lemma_6344 morph_HNcmdc/Sp3ms id_18SUy ו/יָ֫רַחַפּ

147 LV 40:19 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

Its thigh tendons are tightly strung.
18 Its bones are like bronze pipes.
Its legs are like iron rods.
19 It's at the beginning of God's paths. ???
The creator has let him bring his sword near. ???
20 The hills provide produce for it,
and all the animals in the countryside play there.
21 It lies under the lotus trees,
hidden in the reeds in the marsh.
22 The lotus trees cover it with their shade.
The poplars in the riverbed surround it.
23 If the river gets violent, it doesn't rush out.
It remains confident even when the Yarden (Jordan) River surges to his mouth.
24 Can anyone capture it while its eyes watch?
Is there anyone who can make a snare to pierce its nose?
41:1 Can you pull **the sea dragon** (leviathan) with a hook,[142]
or tie his tongue down with a rope?
2 Can you put a leash into its nose,
or pierce its jaw with a harpoon?
3 Will it beg you over and over for mercy?
Maybe if it says tender things to you?
4 Will it make an agreement with you?
Might you take it as a slave for the rest of its life?
5 Will you play with it like with a pet,
and tie it on a leash for your girls?
6 Will your team set a price on the whole creature?
Will they divide it up among the merchants?

Literal Version

_take_it with_snares will_anyone_pierce a_nose. **25** [148] Will_
_you_draw_out Livyātān with_a_fish_hook and_with_a_cord
will_you_make_sink tongue_of_its. **26** [149] Will_you_put a_cord
in_nose_of_its and_with_a_thorn will_you_pierce jaw_of_its.
27 [150] Will_it_multiply to_you supplications or will_it_speak to_
_you soft_words/messages. **28** [151] Will_it_make a_covenant
with_you will_you_take_it to_a_slave_of perpetuity. **29** [152] Will_
_you_play in/on/over_him/it[153] like_bird and_will_you_bind_it
for_girls_of_your. **30** [154] Will_they_barter on/upon/above_
_him/it partners will_they_divide_it between merchants. **31** [155]
Will_you_fill with_harpoons hide_of_its and_with_a_spear_of
fish(es) his/its_head. **32** [156] Put on/upon/above_him/it palms_
_of_your remember the_battle do_not repeat.
41:1 [157] THERE hope_of_his it_is_proved_a_lie also because_of
appearance_of_its everyone_is_hurled_down. **2** [158] Not fierce
that/for/because/then/when he_will_rouse_it and_who that
to/for_my_face/front will_he_take_his_stand. **3** [159] Who has_
_he_confronted_me and_I_will_repay under all_of the_heavens
to_me it. **4** [160] To_it[161] I_will_keep_silent limbs_of_its and_the_
_matter_of strength(s) and_the_grace_of its_arrangement_of.
5 [162] Who has_he_uncovered the_surface_of its_clothing_of_his
in_the_doubling_of its_halter_of_his who will_he_come. **6** [163]
The_doors_of its_face_of_his who has_he_opened is_around_of
teeth_of_its terror. **7** [164] Pride is_rows_of shields it_is_shut_up
a_seal tight. **8** [165] one on_one they_draw_near and_spirit not it_
_goes between_them. **9** [166] Each on_brother_of_its they_are_
_joined_together they_grasp_one_another and_not they_are_
_separated. **10** [167] Sneezing(s)_of_its it_flashes_forth light and_
_eyes_of_its are_like_the_eyelids_of dawn. **11** [168] From_mouth_
_of_its torches they_go sparks_of fire they_escape. **12** [169] From_
_nostrils_of_its smoke it_goes_forth like_a_cooking_pot blown_

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142 **RV 41:1 · Cross-ref.** Psa 74:14; 104:26; Isa 27:1.
148 **LV 40:25 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.1
149 **LV 40:26 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.2
150 **LV 40:27 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.3
151 **LV 40:28 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.4
152 **LV 40:29 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.5
153 **LV 40:29 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
154 **LV 40:30 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.6
155 **LV 40:31 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.7
156 **LV 40:32 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.8
157 **LV 41:1 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.9
158 **LV 41:2 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.10
159 **LV 41:3 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.11
160 **LV 41:4 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.12
161 **LV 41:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: אֵל: (x-qere) יֵ֫/לֹ֫': lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_18m8G יֵ֫/לֹ֫
162 **LV 41:5 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.13
163 **LV 41:6 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.14
164 **LV 41:7 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.15
165 **LV 41:8 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.16
166 **LV 41:9 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.17
167 **LV 41:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.18
168 **LV 41:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.19
169 **LV 41:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.20

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_upon and_bulrush[es]. **13** [170] Breath_of_its coals it_sets_ablaze and_a_flame from_mouth_of_its it_goes_forth. **14** [171] In_neck_ _of_its strength it_lodges and_before_it_of_his dismay it_leaps. **15** [172] The_hanging_parts_of its_flesh_of_his they_cling it_is_ _hard on/upon/above_him/it not it_is_moved. **16** [173] His/its_ _heart is_hard like a_stone and_it_is_hard like_a_mill-stone lower. **17** [174] From_uprising_of_its mighty_ones they_are_afraid from_crashing(s) they_are_bewildered. **18** [175] Is_reaching_of_it a_sword not it_is_established a_spear a_dart and_a_javelin. **19** [176] It_considers to_straw iron to_wood_of rottenness bronze. **20** [177] Not it_makes_it_flee the_son_of a_bow into_chaff they_ _are_changed to_him/it stones_of a_sling. **21** [178] Like_chaff a_ _club they_are_regarded and_it_laughs to_the_shaking_of a_ _javelin. **22** [179] Are_under_it sharp_points_of potsherd[s] it_ _spreads_out a_threshing_sledge on mud. **23** [180] It_makes_boil like_pot the_deep the_sea it_makes like_(the)_ointment. **24** [181] Behind_it it_makes_shine a_path anyone_considers the_deep to_grey_hair. **25** [182] There_is_not on the_dust likeness_of_its the_one_made for_not terror. **26** [183] ~~DOM~~ every_of exalted_one it_sees it is_king over all_of the_sons_of pride.

Readers' Version

7 Can you fill its hide with harpoons,
or its head with fishing spears?
8 Put your hand on it and you'll remember the battle—
don't do it!
9 What hope would you have against it?
Aren't you put off just from looking at it?
10 No one's fierce enough to wake it up,
so how might you expect to stand up to me?
11 Who has confronted me with any claim that I should repay?
Everything under the sky belongs to me.
12 I won't keep quiet about its limbs,
or about its strength and the beauty of its form.
13 Who can remove its armour plating at the front,
or penetrate beyond its chestplate?
14 Who can open its jaws,
when there's terror all around its teeth?
15 Rows of scales are its pride,
fitting into each other with a tight seal.
16 Each one is very close to the next,
and no air can get between them.
17 The lock tightly to their next door neighbour.
They cling together and can't be separated.
18 Its snorting causes flashes of light,
and its eyes are like the early rays of dawn.
19 Flames come from its mouth.
Sparks of fire leap out.
20 Smoke pours from its nostrils,
like a boiling pot with a hollow reed poking out from under the lid.
21 Its breath sets coals on fire,
and a flame comes out of its mouth.
22 There's incredible strength in its neck,
and fear always goes ahead of it.
23 The folds of his body are joined tightly together—
so firm that they can't be moved.
24 His chest is hard like stone—
yes, as solid as the bottom mill-stone.
25 When it rises up, even mighty men are afraid.

170 **LV 41:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.21
171 **LV 41:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.22
172 **LV 41:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.23
173 **LV 41:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.24
174 **LV 41:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.25
175 **LV 41:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.26
176 **LV 41:19 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.27
177 **LV 41:20 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.28
178 **LV 41:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.29
179 **LV 41:22 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.30
180 **LV 41:23 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.31
181 **LV 41:24 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.32
182 **LV 41:25 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.33
183 **LV 41:26 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.34

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They retreat if they see it thrashing around.
26 Striking it with a sword would have no effect,
nor would a spear, arrow, or dart.
27 Iron is like straw to the sea dragon,
and bronze like rotten wood.
28 Nothing shot with a bow can make it turn away—
For it, stones from a sling are like bits of straw.
29 Heavy clubs are just like a grain stalk,
and it laughs at the rattling of a spear.
30 Its underbelly is sharp like broken pottery.
It tears up the mud like a sledge for threshing grain.
31 It makes the deep ocean boil like a pot.
It makes the sea swirl like a jar of ointment.
32 It leaves a glistening wake behind it—
you'd think that the deep water had white hair.
33 There's no equal to it on the earth—
the creature that was made to have no fear.
34 It looks down on all those who think they're powerful.
It's the king of all those who are proud.

Iyov requests God's forgiveness

42:1 Then Iyov (Job) answered Yahweh:
Iyov
2 I know that you can do everything,
and no one can stop you from doing what you want.
3 You asked,
'Who's this concealing counsel without knowledge?'[184]
That's why I spouted out things I didn't understand—
things that are too wonderful for me—that I didn't know.
4 Listen now, and I'll speak.
I'll tell you my question and you can inform me.[185]
5 I'd heard you with my ears,
but now I can see you with my eyes.
6 Therefore I despise myself for what I said,
and I show my repentance by sitting in dust and ashes.

SECTION SEVEN: Final speech and restoration[187] · Iyov's three friends humiliated by God

7 After Yahweh had said that to Iyov (Job), he told Elifaz (from Teyman), "I'm angry with you and your two friends, because what you all said about me wasn't right, like what Iyov said. **8** So now get seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Iyov and offer them as a burnt offering for yourselves. Then my servant Iyov will pray for you all. I'll do what he asks and not deal with you like your foolishness deserves, because you all didn't speak accurately about me like Iyov did."
9 So Elifaz (from Teyman) and Bildad (from Shuah) and Tsofar (from Na'amah) went and did what Yahweh had told them, and Yahweh accepted Iyov's prayer.

Literal Version

42:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** and_he_said. **2** I_know[186] if/because_that everything you_are_able and_not it_is_withheld from_you a_purpose. **3** Who this is_concealing_of (of)_counsel not knowledge for_so/thus/hence I_have_told and_not I_understood things_too_wonderful for_me and_not I_ _knew. **4** Listen please and_I I_will_speak I_will_ask_you and_ _make_known_to_me. **5** To_the_hearing_of the_ear I_had_ _heard_of_you and_now eye_of_my_own it_has_seen_you. **6** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_reject and_I_repent on dust and_ash[es].

7 And_he/it_was after **YHWH** he_had_spoken ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _words/messages the_these to 'Iyyōv/(Job) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _said to 'Elīfaz the_Tēymānī anger_of_my it_has_burnt in_ _you(ms) and_on_the_two_of friends_of_your if/because not you(pl)_have_spoken to_me a_reliable_thing like_servant_of_ _my 'Iyyōv/(Job). **8** And_now take to/for_you(pl) seven bulls and_seven rams and_go to servant_of_my 'Iyyōv/(Job) and_ _you(pl)_will_offer_up a_burnt_offering for_yourselves and_ _'Iyyōv/(Job) servant_of_my he_will_pray on_you(pl) if/because (if) his/its_faces/face I_will_lift_up to_not to_do with_you(pl) disgraceful_folly if/because not you(pl)_have_ _spoken to_me a_reliable_thing like_servant_of_my 'Iyyōv/(Job). **9** And_ 'Elīfaz the_Tēymānī and_Bildad the_ _Shuhite Zophar the_Naamathite _they_went and_they_did just_as he_had_spoken to_them **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_lifted_ _up ~~ĐOM~~ the_face_of 'Iyyōv/(Job).

184 **RV 42:3 · Cross-ref.** Yob 38:2.

185 **RV 42:4 · Cross-ref.** Yob 38:3.

186 **LV 42:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תערי**: (x-qere) **'יִתְּעַרֶ֣ךָּ'**: lemma_3045 n_1.0 morph_HVqp1cs id_18Mpf **יִתְּעַרֶ֣ךָּ**

187 **RV 42:7 · Parallel** 42:7-17

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10 And_**YHWH** he_turned_back ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_captivity_of[189] of_ _'Iyyōv/(Job) when_prayed_he for his/its_neighbour and_ **YHWH** _he_increased ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of that belonged_to_'Iyyōv/(Job) to_double. **11** And_they_came to_him/it all_of brothers_of_his and_all mmm[190] and_all those_of_who_knew_him formerly_ _before and_they_ate with_him/it bread in_house_of_his and_ _they_showed_sympathy to_him/it and_they_comforted ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_ _him/it on all_of the_trouble which **YHWH** he_had_brought on/upon/above_him/it and_they_gave to_him/it each_one a_ _piece_of_money one and_each_one a_ring_of gold one. **12** And_ _**YHWH** he_blessed ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_latter_part_of 'Iyyōv/(Job) more_ _than_of_his_beginning and_he/it_was to_him/it four- teen thousand sheep and_six_of thousand(s) camels and_one_ _thousand pair[s]_of ox[en] and_a_thousand female_donkeys. **13** And_he/it_was to_him/it seven sons and_three daughters. **14** And_he/it_called the_name_of the_one(f) Yəmīmāh/(Jemimah) and_name_of the_second(fs) Qətsī'āh and_name_of the_third Qeren- Happuch. **15** And_not women beautiful like_the_daughters_of 'Iyyōv/(Job) it_was_found in_ _all the_earth/land and_he/it_gave to/for_them father_of_ _their an_inheritance in_the_middle brothers_of_their. **16** And_ _he/it_lived 'Iyyōv/(Job) after this one_hundred and_forty year[s] and[191] ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ children_of_his and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_children_of his_children_of_his four generations. **17** And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _ _he/it_died old and_satisfied_of days.

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Iyov's doubled restoration

10 After Iyov (Job) had prayed for his friends, Yahweh changed his situation and gave him double what he had before.[188] **11** Then all of his brothers and sisters and everyone who'd known him before, came to his house and had a meal with him, and they comforted him and consoled him about all the troubles that Yahweh had brought on him. Then they each gave him a silver coin and a gold ring.

12 Then Yahweh blessed the second part of Iyov's life more than the first, and he ended up with 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 working pairs of cows, and 1,000 female donkeys. **13** He also had seven more sons and three more daughters **14** who he named Yemimah, Ketsiah, and Keren-Hapuk. **15** No one in the whole country was as beautiful as Iyov's daughters, and as well as their brothers, their father gave them each a piece of land as an inheritance. **16** Iyov lived another 140 years after all that, and was even able to see his great-grandchildren. **17** Then Iyov died in good circumstances and at a very old age.

JOB · OET-RV v0.2.6

188 **RV 42:10 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:1-3.

189 **LV 42:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיבש: (x-qere) 'תָּנּוּבָשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_18gzf תָּנּוּבָשׁ

190 **LV 42:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/יתיחא: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתּוֹיְחַא': lemma_269 n_1.3.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_18bU3 וְ/יִתּוֹיְחַא

191 **LV 42:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ארי/ו: (x-qere) 'וְ/הָאֲרִי': lemma_c/7200 n_0.1.1 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_18V52 וְ/הָאֲרִי

Yehoshua

(Joshua)

Introduction

This account about Yehoshua, traditionally 'Joshua' in English (after 'I' and then 'J' changed away from a 'Y' sound over the centuries), tells how the Israelis invaded Kena'an (Canaan) and took control of the land. Yehoshua led them forward now after replacing Mosheh (Moses) when he passed away somewhere on a mountain. Some of the main events described in this document include: their crossing the Yarden (Jordan) river, the destruction of Yeriho (Jericho) city, the war at Ay, the allocation of blocks of land to the various Israeli tribes and others, and the renewal of the agreement between Yahweh and his people.
The most well-known saying in this account is, "...choose for yourselves today who you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve Yahweh." (24:15).

Main components of this account

The defeat of the Kena'anim/Canaanites *1:1–12:24*
The division of land *13:1–21:45*
a. The land east of the River Yarden/Jordan *13:1-33*
b. The land west of the River Yarden *14:1–19:51*
c. The refuge cities *20:1-9*
d. The cities for Levites *21:1-45*
The returning home of some tribes back to the east of the Yarden *22:1-34*
Yehoshua's final instructions *23:1-16*
The renewal of the agreement there at Shekem *24:1-33*

Lighter type marks additions. Underscores join parts of a single source word.
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1:1 And_he/it_was after the_death_of Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa the_son_of Nūn the_servant_of Mosheh to_say. **2** Mosheh servant_of_my he_ _has_died and_now arise pass_over ðom the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_this you and_all the_people the_this into the_earth/land which I am_about_to_give to/for_them to_the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **3** Every_of place which the_sole_of your_foot_ _of_your(pl) it_will_tread in/on/over_him/it to/for_you(pl) I_ _have_given_it just_as I_spoke to Mosheh. **4** From_the_ _wilderness and_(the)_Ləvānōn the_this and_unto the_river (the)_great the_river_of Pərāt all_of the_land_of the_Ḥittiy and_ _unto the_sea (the)_great the_setting_of the_sun it_will_be territory_of_your(pl). **5** Not anyone he_will_stand to_your_face all_of the_days_of your(pl)_life_of_your just_as I_was with Mosheh I_will_be with_you not I_will_abandon_you and_not I_ _will_leave_you. **6** Be_strong and_be_bold if/because you you_ _will_cause_to_inherit ðom the_people the_this ðom the_ _earth/land which I_swore to_fathers_of_their to_give to/for_ _them. **7** Only be_strong and_be_bold exceedingly to_ _guard/protect for_doing according_to_all_of the_law which he_commanded_you Mosheh servant_of_my do_not turn_aside from_him/it right_hand and_left_hand so_that you_may_ _prosper in_every where you_will_go. **8** Not the_book_of the_ _law the_this it_will_depart from_mouth_of_your and_you_will_ _meditate in/on/over_him/it by_day and_night so_that you_ _may_take_care for_doing according_to_every_of (the)_thing_ _written in/on/over_him/it if/because then you_will_make_ _successful ðom ways_of_your and_then you_will_be_successful. **9** Am_not I_commanded_you(ms) be_strong and_be_bold do_ _not be_terrified and_do_not be_dismayed if/because is_with_ _you **YHWH** god_of_your in_every where you_will_go. **10** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he/it_commanded ðom the_ _officers_of the_people to_say. **11** Pass in_the_midst_of the_ _camp and_command ðom the_people to_say prepare to/for_ _you(pl) provision[s] if/because in_yet three_of days you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over ðom the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_this to_ _go to_take_possession_of ðom the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_about_to_give to/for_you(pl) to_take_ _possession_of_it. **12** And_to_Rəʼūvēnite[s] and_to_Gādī[s] and_ _to_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh Yəhōshūʻa he_ _said to_say. **13** Remember ðom the_message which Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_commanded you(pl) to_say **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_giving_rest to/for_you(pl) and_he/it_gave to/for_you(pl) ðom the_earth/land (the)_this. **14** Wives_of_ _your(pl) one[s]_of_your(pl)_little and_livestock_of_your(pl) they_will_remain on_the_earth which he_gave to/for_you(pl) Mosheh on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn and_you(pl) you(pl)_ _will_pass_over arrayed_for_battle to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before brothers_of_your(pl) all_of the_mighty_men_of (the)_strength and_you(pl)_will_help them. **15** Until that **YHWH** he_will_give_rest to_brothers_of_your(pl) like_you(pl) and_ also they _they_will_take_possession_of ðom the_ _earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_about_to_give

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Yahweh encourages Yehoshua · Promised land

1:1 After the death of Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses), Yahweh spoke to Mosheh's servant Yehoshua (Joshua, Nun's son), saying, **2** "Now that my servant Mosheh is dead, you and all these people should pack up and cross over this River Yarden (Jordan) to go to the land that I am about to give to them—to Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants. **3** I'll give you all every place that the soles of your feet tread on, just like I told Mosheh.[1] **4** Your territory will extend from the wilderness in the south to the Levanon mountains in the north, and from the large Perat (Euphrates) River in the east, and right to the Mediterranean sea in the west, including all of the Hitim' land. **5** No man will be able to challenge your leadership as long as you live—I'll be with you just as I was with Mosheh—I won't fail you or abandon you.[2] **6** Be strong and be courageous, for you yourself will lead these people to inherit the land that I promised their ancestors that I'd give to them.[3] **7** Just be strong and very courageous—making sure that you obey everything that my servant Mosheh instructed you. Don't turn away to the right or to the left from it, so that you'll be wise in every situation that you end up in. **8** That book of the law must always be on your lips and you should meditate on it day and night, so that you'll be careful to follow everything that's written in it, because then you'll make your ways prosperous and then you'll be wise. **9** Didn't I order you to be strong and courageous? Don't tremble or be discouraged because your god Yahweh will be with you wherever you go."

Yehoshua instructs the people · Promised land

10 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) instructed the leaders of the people, **11** "Go right through the camp and tell the people: Get everything ready that you'll all need because in three days we'll be ready to cross over this river and enter the land that your god Yahweh is about to give to you, and to take control of it."

12 To the descendants of Re'uven and Gad, and to the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh),[4] Yehoshua said, **13** "Remember what Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) informed you: Your god Yahweh is about give this land to you and to enable you all to settle down. **14** Your women and children and your livestock will stay here in the land that Mosheh allocated to you on this eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan) River. But your soldiers must dress for battle and cross over ahead of your brothers and help them **15** until Yahweh enables your brothers to take over the land that your god Yahweh is about to give them so they can settle like you all have. Then you'll all be able to return to this land which Yahweh's servant Mosheh gave you on this eastern side of the Yarden and take full control of it."

1 **RV 1:3-5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:24-25.

2 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 31:6,8; Heb 13:5.

3 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** Deu 31:6-7,23.

4 **RV 1:12-15 · Cross-ref.** Num 32:28-32; Deu 3:18-20; Josh 22:1-6.

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16 "We'll do everything you've told us to," the people answered, "and we'll go wherever you send us. 17 We'll listen to you just like we listened to everything Mosheh said. May your god Yahweh be with you, just like he was with Mosheh. 18 We'll put anyone to death who rebels against your words or refuses to follow your instructions. Just stay strong and courageous."

Spies sent to Yeriho/Jericho · Promised land

2:1 Then from there at Acacia Grove, Yehoshua (Joshua) (Nun's son) secretly sent off two spies, saying, "Go and learn about the land over there, especially around Yeriho (Jericho) City." So they went off, and over there, they entered the house of a woman—a prostitute named Rahav—and they lay down there.[5] 2 However, someone told Yeriho's king, "Listen, some Israeli men arrived here tonight to check out our land." 3 So the king sent guards to tell Rahav, "Bring out the men who went to your place and stayed the night, because they've come here to check out our land!"

4 However, Rahav had hidden the two men so she answered, "Indeed, the men arrived here, but I didn't know where they were from. 5 But as the city gate was about to shut last night, the men went out. I don't know to where they went—if you all hurry, you might be able to catch them." 6 (But actually she had taken them up onto her flat roof and hidden them in bundles of flax that were drying there.) 7 So the guards hurried out on the road to the fords on the Yarden (Jordan) River and the city gate was kept shut after they had left.

8 Before the Israeli men lay down to sleep that night, Rahav went up them on the roof 9 and told them, "We know that Yahweh has given this land to you all and we're all terrified of you. Everyone that lives here is trembling at the thought of your coming 10 because we've heard that Yahweh dried up the water of the Red Sea ahead of you all when you left Mitsrayim (Egypt).[6] And we heard what you all did to two of the Amori kings Sihon and Og over the Yarden there—how you all completely destroyed them.[7] 11 Yes, we've heard the reports and we trembled and lost our courage to fight you all because your god Yahweh, he's God over the heavens above and the earth below. 12 So now, please promise me by Yahweh that because I've been kind to both of you, you all will act kindly towards my father's household. Give me a guarantee that you'll do what you promise 13 and spare my parents and my siblings and their families from

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to/for_them and_you(pl)_will_return to_the_land_of your_ _possession_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_take_possession_of it which he_gave to/for_you(pl) Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_rising_of the_ _sun. 16 And_they_answered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) to_say all that you_have_commanded_us we_will_do and_to every_of where you_will_send_us we_will_go. 17 According_to_all that we_listened to Mosheh so we_will_listen to_you only may_he_ _be **YHWH** god_of_your with_you just_as he_was with Mosheh. 18 Every_of person who he_will_rebel_against ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ mouth_of_ _your and_not he_will_obey ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ words/messages_of_your to_ _all/each/any/every that you_will_command_him he_will_be_ _put_to_death only be_strong and_be_bold.

2:1 And_ Yəhōshūʻa the_son_of Nūn _he_sent from (the)_ _Shiṭṭīm two men spies secretly to_say go see ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _earth/land and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_they_went and_ _they_came the_house_of a_woman a_prostitute and_name_of_ _her was_Rāḥāv and_they_lay_down there_(to). 2 And_it_was_ _told to_the_king_of Yərīḥō to_say HERE men they_have_come hither the_night from_(the)_sons of_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_spy_out ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_earth/land. 3 And_ the_king_of Yərīḥō _he_sent to Rāḥāv to_say bring_out the_men the_(ones_who)_went to_you who they_came to_house_of_your if/because to_spy_out ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of the_earth/land they_have_come. 4 And_ the_woman _ _she/it_took ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_two_of the_men and_she_hid_him and_ _she/it_said right they_came to_me the_men and_not I_knew from_where were_they. 5 And_he/it_was the_gate was_about_ _to_shut at_darkness and_the_men they_went_out not I_know where the_men did_they_go pursue quickly after_them if/because you(pl)_will_overtake_them. 6 And_she she_had_ _taken_them_up to_the_roof and_she_had_hidden_them among_the_flax(es)_of the_tree which_had_been_arranged to/for_her/it on the_roof. 7 And_the_men they_pursued after_ _them the_road_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to the_fords and_the_ _gate people_closed after just_as the_pursuers after_them they_had_gone_out. 8 And_they not_yet they_had_lain_down and_she she_went_up to_them on the_roof. 9 And_she/it_said to the_men I_know if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_given to/for_you(pl) ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_earth/land and_because/when dread_ _of_your(pl) it_has_fallen on_us and_because/when all_of the_ _inhabitants_of the_earth/land they_have_melted_away from_ _before_of_you(pl). 10 If/because we_have_heard ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ how **YHWH** he_dried_up ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_waters_of the_sea_of reed[s] from_ _before_of_you(pl) when_you_came_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_which you(pl)_did to_the_two_of the_ _kings_of the_ʼAmorī who were_on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn to_Ṣīḥōn and_to_ʻŌg whom you(pl)_totally_destroyed them. 11 And_we_heard and_ heart_of_our _it_melted and_not it_arose again spirit in_anyone because_of_you(pl) if/because **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he is_god in_heavens (from)_above and_on the_earth/land (from)_beneath. 12 And_now swear please to_me by_**YHWH** if/because I_have_done with_you(pl)

5 **RV 2:1 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:31; Jam 2:25.

6 **RV 2:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:21.

7 **RV 2:10 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.

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loyalty and_ also you(pl) _you(pl)_will_do with the_household_ _of my_father_of_my loyalty and_you(pl)_will_give to_me a_ _sign_of faithfulness. **13** And_you(pl)_will_let_live ĐOM father_ _of_my and_ĐOM mother_of_my and_ĐOM brothers_of_my and_ _ĐOM mmm[8] and_ĐOM all_of who to/for_them and_you(pl)_will_ _deliver ĐOM lives_of_our from_death. **14** And_they_said to/for_ _her/it the_men life_of_our is_for_you(pl) to_die if not you(pl)_ _will_tell ĐOM business_of_our this and_it_was when_ **YHWH** _ _gives to/for_us ĐOM the_earth/land and_we_will_do with_you loyalty and_faithfulness. **15** And_she_let_them_down with_rope through the_window if/because house_of_her was_in_the_wall_ _of the_city_wall and_in_wall she was_dwelling. **16** And_she/it_ _said to/for_them to_the_hill_country go lest they_should_ _meet (in)_you(pl) the_pursuers and_you_will_hide_yourselves there_(to) three_of days until the_pursuers return and_after you(pl)_will_go to_way_of_your(pl). **17** And_they_said to_her/it the_men will_be_free we from_oath_of_your the_this which you_made_us_swear. **18** HERE we are_about_to_come on_the_ _earth ĐOM the_cord_of the_thread_of the_scarlet the_this you_ _will_bind in_window which you_let_us_down in_him/it and_ _ĐOM father_of_your and_ĐOM mother_of_your and_ĐOM brothers_of_your and_ĐOM all_of the_household_of your_ _father_of_your you_will_gather to_yourself to_the_house. **19** And_it_was every one_who he_will_go_out from_the_doors_ _of your_house_of_your to_the_outside blood_of_his will_be_of_ _on_his_own_head and_we will_be_free and_ _all/each/any/every one_who he_will_be with_you in_house blood_of_his will_be_of_on_our_head if a_hand it_will_be in/on/over_him/it. **20** And_if you_will_tell ĐOM business_of_our this and_we_will_be free from_oath_of_your which you_made_ _us_swear. **21** And_she/it_said according_to_of_your(pl)_ _words/messages be_so it and_she_sent_them_off and_they_ _went and_she_bound ĐOM the_cord_of the_scarlet in_window. **22** And_they_went and_they_came to_the_hill_country and_ _they_lived there three_of days until the_pursuers they_ _returned and_ the_pursuers _they_searched in_all the_way and_not they_found_them. **23** And_ the_two_of the_men _they_ _returned and_they_went_down from_the_hill_country and_ _they_passed_over and_they_came to Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_ _son_of Nūn and_they_recounted to_him/it ĐOM all_of the_ _things_which_had_found them. **24** And_they_said to Yəhōshūʿa if/because **YHWH** he_has_given in_hand_of_our ĐOM all_of the_ _earth/land and_also all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land they_have_melted_away from_before_of_us.

3:1 And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_rose_early in_morning and_they_set_ _out from_(the)_Shiṭṭīm and_they_came to the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) he and_all the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ _they_stayed there before they_passed_over. **2** And_he/it_was from_the_end_of three_of days and_ the_officers _they_passed in_the_midst_of the_camp. **3** And_they_commanded ĐOM the_ _people to_say just_as_you(pl)_see ĐOM the_box_of the_ _covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_the_priests the_ _Lēviyyiy carrying ĐOM_him/it and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_set_ _out from_place_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_go behind_it.

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death."

14 "Our lives for your lives," the two men agreed. "If you don't tell anyone about our agreement, then when Yahweh gives us this land, we'll show kindness and faithfulness to you."

15 Then she put a rope out through the window to let them down to escape from the city, because her house where she lived was actually built into the side of the wall. **16** "Go to the hill country," she told them, "so those searching for you won't find you, and hide up there for three days. Then once the searchers have returned, you'll be able to safely return to your camp."

17 "This promise that you made us make," the men told her, "won't apply unless you do this: **18** Take this red cord and when we invade the land, tie it in this window in the wall. Make sure that your parents and your siblings and their households are all here in your house. **19** If any of them leaves the house, their life will then be in their own hands and we'll be innocent if they're killed. But if anyone with you in this house gets injured, we'll be responsible for that. **20** Also, if you tell anyone else about this agreement, then we'll be released from this promise that you made us make." **21** "Sure, let it be as you say," Rahav responded. Then she sent them off, and after they'd gone, she tied the red cord in her window.

22 The two men went up into the hills and stayed there for three days until the search party returned to the city after searching all the roads and not finding them. **23** So the two men went down to the river and crossed over and returned to Yehoshua (Joshua) (Nun's son), and they told him everything that had happened. **24** "Yahweh has certainly given this land to us," they told Yehoshua. "The people there won't be able to resist us because they're so terrified."

The Israelis cross the Yarden · Promised land

3:1 Early the next morning, Yehoshua (Joshua) and the people got up early and set off from Acacia Grove and went as far as the Yarden (Jordan) River and camped there without crossing over. **2** After three days, the leaders went throughout the camp **3** and instructed the people, "As soon as you all see the box containing the agreement with your god Yahweh, and see the Levitical priests carrying it, then you yourselves should move out from your places and follow after it. **4** But keep about nine hun-

8 LV 2:13 · Note OSHB variant note: יְתוּחָא/: (x-qere) יְתוֹיְחָא': lemma_269 n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp1cs id_06FYV יְתוֹיְחָא/

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dred metres back from it. Don't go any closer than that so that you all can see the way to go, because we haven't been this way before."

5 Then Yehoshua told the people, "Make sure you all do the ritual washing to make yourselves pure, because tomorrow Yahweh will do miracles among us." **6** And he told the priests, "Lift up the box with the agreement, and walk across here in front of the people." So they lifted up the sacred chest and went and stood in front of all the people.

7 Then Yahweh told Yehoshua, "Today I'll begin to make you powerful in the eyes of all Yisrael (Israel) so they'll know that I'm with you just like I was with Mosheh (Moses). **8** Tell the priests who are carrying the sacred chest that as soon as they come to the edge of the river, they should go in just a little and then stop there."

9 Then Yehoshua told the Israelis, "Gather around here and listen to your god Yahweh's message." **10** He told them, "This is how you'll all know that God, who can do anything, is among you. With your own eyes, you'll all see how he'll take away the land from the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Hitim, the Hivim, the Perizim, the Girgashim, the Amorim, and the Yevusim. **11** Listen, the sacred chest containing the slabs that belongs to the master who owns the whole world, is about to be taken across the Yarden (Jordan) in front of you. **12** So now, select one man from each of your twelve tribes, **13** and as soon as the priests carrying the sacred chest go into the Yarden, as soon as their feet touch the water, the river water on the upstream side will pile up in a heap."

14 So once the people had packed up their tents ready to cross the river, the priests carrying the sacred box walked ahead in front of them. **15** Then as soon as those priests steeped into the edge of the fast-flowing river (because it overflowed its banks at harvest time in the spring), **16** then the water coming from upstream suddenly stopped flowing. The water far upstream piled up near a town called Adam (near Tseretan), and the water that normally flowed down towards the Sea of Aravah (also called the Dead Sea or the Salt Sea) stopped flowing, so the people were able to cross what was the Yarden River opposite Yeriho (Jericho). **17** The priests carrying the sacred chest with Yahweh's agreement in it, stood on firm, dry ground in what had been the middle of the river. All the Israelis crossed over on dry ground until everyone was across.

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4 Nevertheless a_distance it_will_be between_you(pl) it[9] about_ _two_thousand cubit[s] by_measurement do_not draw_near to_ _him/it so_that that you(pl)_may_know ÐOM the_way which you(pl)_will_go in_it if/because not you(pl)_have_passed in_ _way from_yesterday three_days_ago. **5** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he/it_said to the_people consecrate_ _yourselves if/because tomorrow **YHWH** he_will_do in_midst_ _of_your(pl) wonders. **6** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said to the_ _priests to_say lift_up ÐOM the_box_of the_covenant and_pass_ _over to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people and_ _they_lifted_up ÐOM the_box_of the_covenant and_they_went to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa the_day the_this I_will_begin to_ _make_you_great in/on_both_eyes_of all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) that they_will_know if/because_that just_as I_was with Mosheh I_ _will_be with_you. **8** And_you(ms) you_will_command ÐOM the_ _priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box_of the_covenant to_say just_as_you(pl)_come to the_edge_of the_waters_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) in_Yardēn you(pl)_will_stand_still. **9** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) draw_ _near hither and_hear ÐOM the_words/messages_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **10** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said by_this you(pl)_ _will_know if/because_that god living is_in_midst_of_your(pl) and_completely_(dispossess) he_will_dispossess from_before_ _of_you(pl) ÐOM the_Kəna'ₐnī and_ÐOM the_Ḥittiy[s] and_ÐOM the_Ḥiūī and_ÐOM the_Pərizzī[s] and_ÐOM the_Girgāshiy and_ _the_'Amorī[s] and_the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s]. **11** HERE the_box_ _of the_covenant the_master_of all_of the_earth/land is_about_ _to_pass_on before_you(pl) in_Yardēn. **12** And_now take to/for_ _you(pl) two_plus_of ten man from_the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) a_man one a_man one to_tribe. **13** And_it_was just_ the_soles_of the_feet_of the_priests who_carry_of (of)_ _the_box_of **YHWH** the_master_of all_of the_earth/land _as_ _rest in_the_waters_of the_Yardēn the_waters_of the_Yardēn they_will_be_cut_off the_waters which_are_coming_down from_to_above and_they_will_stand a_heap one. **14** And_he/it_ _was when_ the_people _set_out from_tents_of_their to_pass_ _over ÐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_the_priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box the_covenant to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people. **15** And_just_ those_who_carry_of (of)_the_box _as_ _came to the_Yardēn and_the_feet_of the_priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box they_were_dipped in_the_edge_of the_waters and_ _the_Yardēn it_is_full over all_of banks_of_its all_of the_days_of harvest. **16** And_ the_waters which_came_down from_to_above _they_stood they_rose a_heap one far_away very in/on/at/with[10] the_city which is_from_the_side_of Tsₑrətān/(Zarethan) and_those_which_went_down to the_sea_ _of the_ʻArāvāh the_Sea_of (the)_Salt they_were_complete they_were_cut_off and_the_people they_passed_over before Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **17** And_ the_priests who_carry_of (of)_the_ _box the_covenant_of **YHWH** _they_stood on_ground in_the_ _middle of_the_Yardēn firmly and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) were_ _passing_over on_ground until that all_of the_nation they_had_ _finished to_pass_over ÐOM the_Yardēn.

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9 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/ניב/ו**: (x-qere) 'ו/נֶיְבִ/ו': lemma_c/996 n_1.1 morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_06k23 ו/נֶיְבִ/ו

10 **LV 3:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ב/מדא**: (x-qere) 'מ/דָאֶיָמ': lemma_m/121 morph_HR/Np id_06rKT מ/דָאֶיָמ

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4:1 And_he/it_was just_as all_of the_nation they_had_finished to_pass_over ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) to_say. **2** Take to/for_you(pl) from the_ _people two_plus ten men a_man one a_man one from_a_tribe. **3** And_command them to_say take_up to/for_you(pl) from_here from_the_middle_of the_Yardēn from_the_standing-place_of the_feet_of the_priests to_make_firm two_plus ten stones and_ _you(pl)_will_take_over them with_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _set_down them at_place which you(pl)_will_stay in_him/it the_night. **4** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_called to two_plus the_ten man whom he_had_appointed from_(the)_sons of_ _Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) a_man one a_man one from_a_tribe. **5** And_ _he/it_said to/for_them Yəhōshūʻa pass_over to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_box_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) into the_middle_of the_Yardēn and_take_up to/for_you(pl) each a_ _stone one on shoulder_of_his to_the_number_of the_tribes_of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **6** So_that it_may_be this a_sign in_midst_of_your(pl) if/because they_will_ask children_of_ _your(pl) tomorrow to_say what are_the_stones the_these to_ _you(pl). **7** And_you(pl)_will_say to/for_them which/who the_ _waters_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) they_were_cut_off from_ _face/in_front_of the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** when_it_ _passed_on in_Yardēn the_waters_of the_Yardēn they_were_ _cut_off and_they_will_be the_stones the_these (into)_a_ _memorial for_the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) until perpetuity. **8** And_they_made thus the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel)[12] just_as Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_had_commanded and_they_took_up two_plus_of ten stones from_the_middle_of the_Yardēn just_as **YHWH** he_had_said to Yəhōshūʻa to_the_number_of the_tribes_ _of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_they_took_them_over with_them to the_lodging_place and_they_set_them_down there. **9** And_two_plus ten stones Yəhōshūʻa he_set_up in_the_ _middle of_the_Yardēn in_the_place_of the_standing-place_of the_feet_of the_priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box_of the_ _covenant and_they_were there until the_day (the)_this. **10** And_the_priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box were_standing in_the_middle of_the_Yardēn until every_of (the)_thing which **YHWH** he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa to_speak to the_ _people according_to_all that Mosheh he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa was_finished and_ the_people _they_hurried and_ _they_passed_over. **11** And_he/it_was just_as all_of the_people it_had_finished to_pass_over and_ the_box_of **YHWH** and_the_ _priests _he/it_passed_through to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_people. **12** And_ the_descendants_of Rəʼūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_ _Mənashsheh _they_passed_over arrayed_for_battle to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) just_ _as he_had_spoken to_them Mosheh. **13** About_forty thousand (the)_man_equipped_of (the)_war they_passed_over to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** for_battle to the_plains_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **14** In_the_day (the)_that **YHWH** he_made_ _great ~~DOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) in/on_both_eyes_of all_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_they_saw ~~DOM~~_him/it just_as they_had_

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The memorial of boulders · Promised land

4:1 Once all the people had crossed over the Yarden (Jordan) River, Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), **2** "Take those twelve men that the people selected from each tribe, **3** and give them these instructions: Pick up twelve boulders from here in the middle of the Yarden from near where the priests are standing, and bring them over with you, and put them in the place where you all camp tonight."

4 So Yehoshua called over the twelve men, one from each tribe, **5** and told them, "Cross back to where your god Yahweh's box is in the middle of the Yarden and each of you should pick up a rock and carry it back on your shoulder—one stone each on your shoulder to match the number of tribes of Yisrael's (Israel's) sons. **6** Those boulders will be a monument for all the people. In the future when your children ask what those boulders mean, **7** then you'll all be able to tell them that the water in the Yarden River was cut off ahead of the box with Yahweh's agreement. When it crossed over into the river, the water in the river stopped flowing, and those boulders are a memorial for the Israelis forever.

8 So the Israelis did just what Yehoshua had told them to do, and they picked up twelve boulders from the Yarden, just as Yahweh had instructed Yehoshua, and brought them over to where the people were camping and placed them down there. **9** Then Yehoshua stacked up twelve other boulders in the middle of the Yarden where the feet of the priests carrying the box with the agreement had been, and they remain there until today. **10** The priests carrying the box had stood in the middle of the Yarden until everything that Yahweh had instructed Yehoshua to pass on to the people was done, just as Mosheh (Moses) had also instructed Yehoshua, and the people had rapidly crossed over.

11 As soon as all the people had crossed over, the priests carrying Yahweh's box also crossed over in front of the people. **12** The soldiers from the tribes of Re'uven, and Gad and the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh) had marched over ahead of the rest of the Israeli, as Mosheh had agreed with them. **13** (There were around forty thousand of them, armed and ready for battle, and they were heading to the plains of Yeriho (Jericho) for the battle there.) **14** On that day, Yahweh helped Yehoshua to look powerful in the eyes of the people, and they respected him just as they had respected Mosheh all the days of his[11] life.

15 Then Yahweh told Yehoshua, **16** "Now order the priests carrying the box with the agreement to come up out of what was the Yarden River," **17** so Yehoshua instructed the priests to come on up from the Yarden. **18** As soon as the priests carrying the box with Yahweh's agreement came up out of what had been the

11 RV 4:14 · Note The Hebrew doesn't make it clear here whether the writer meant all of **Mosheh's life** or all of **Yehoshua's life**, so translations will vary.

12 LV 4:8 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Yarden River and their feet stepped onto what had been dry land, the river water returned to its place and overflowed its banks as it had been doing for the previous few days.

19 The people had come up from the river valley around the end of March and they camped east of Yeriho at Gilgal, **20** which was where they had set up the monument of twelve boulders. **21** Then Yehoshua told the Israelis, "In the future when your descendants ask why these boulders are here, **22** tell them that this is where Yisrael crossed the Yarden River on dry land. **23** Your god Yahweh dried up the river water ahead of you until you'd all crossed over, just as he had done when he dried up the Red Sea before we crossed over. **24** Yahweh did that so that all the peoples in the world would know that he is powerful, and so that you'll always all respect him.

5:1 When all the Amori kings who were on the west side of the Yarden (towards the ocean) and all the Kena'ani (Canaanite) kings (beside the ocean) heard how Yahweh had dried up the water in the Yarden River until the Israelis had crossed over, they trembled with fear and lost their nerve to stand against Yisrael (Israel).

Circumcising the males and celebrating 'pass-over' at Gilgal · Promised land

2 At that time, Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), "Make yourself flint knives and again circumcise the male Israelis." **3** So Yehoshua had flint knives made and the male Israelis were circumcised at a place they named 'The hill of foreskins'. **4** (This was done because all the men who'd left Mitsrayim (Egypt) and who were old enough to join the army had been circumcised but had died in the wilderness since then,[15] **5** and because all the boys who'd been born while they were in the wilderness after they'd left Mitsrayim hadn't been circumcised. **6** The Israelis had spent forty years moving around the wilderness until the last of those men who'd left Mitsrayim but hadn't listened to Yahweh had died. Yahweh had promised not to let them see the land that he'd

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_feared ÐOM Mosheh all_of the_days_of his/its_life. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa to_say. **16** Command ÐOM the_ _priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box_of the_transcript and_let_ _them_come_up from the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **17** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_commanded ÐOM the_priests to_say come_up from the_ _Yardēn. **18** And_he/it_was in/on/at/with[13] the_priests who_ _carry_of (of)_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** from_the_ _middle_of the_Yardēn the_soles_of the_feet_of the_priests they_were_drawn_out to the_dry_ground and_ the_waters_of the_Yardēn _they_returned to_place_of_their and_they_went as_yesterday three_days_ago over all_of banks_of_its. **19** And_ _the_people they_went_up from the_Yardēn on_ten of_month (the)_first and_they_encamped at_Gilgāl on_the_edge_of the_ _east_of Yərîḥō. **20** And_ÐOM two_plus ten the_stones the_these which they_had_taken from the_Yardēn Yəhōshūʻa he_set_up at_Gilgāl. **21** And_he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say that they_will_ask children_of_your(pl) tomorrow ÐOM fathers_of_their to_say what are_the_stones the_these. **22** And_ _you(pl)_will_make_known_to ÐOM children_of_your(pl) to_say on_ground Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_passed_over ÐOM the_Yardēn (the)_this. **23** That **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_dried_up ÐOM the_waters_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) from_before_of_you(pl) until you_had_passed_over just_as **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_ _did to_the_sea_of reed[s] which he_dried_up from_before_of_ _us until we_had_passed_over. **24** So_as all_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land to_know ÐOM the_hand_of **YHWH** if/because_ _that is_mighty it so_that you(pl)_may_fear ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) all_of the_days.
5:1 And_he/it_was just_ all_of the_kings_of the_'Amorī who were_on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn westward_to and_all the_kings_of the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who were_at the_sea_ _as_heard ÐOM how **YHWH** he_had_dried_up ÐOM the_waters_of the_Yardēn from_face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) until mmm[14] and_ heart_of_their _it_melted and_not it_was in_them still spirit from_face/in_front_of the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

2 At_time (the)_that **YHWH** he_said to Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) make to/for_yourself(m) knives_of flint(s) and_return circumcise ÐOM the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) a_second_time. **3** And_he/it_made to_him/it Yəhōshūʻa knives_of flint(s) and_ _he_circumcised ÐOM the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to the_hill_ _of (the)_foreskins. **4** And_this is_the_reason why Yəhōshūʻa he_circumcised all_of the_people which_had_come_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) the_males all_of the_men_of (the)_war they_had_died in_wilderness on_way when_they_went_out from_Mitsrayim. **5** If/because circumcised all_of the_people which_came_out they_had_been and_all the_people (the)_born in_wilderness on_way when_they_went_out from_Mitsrayim not people_had_circumcised. **6** If/because forty year[s] the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_had_walked in_wilderness until all_of the_nation the_men_of (the)_war who_came_out from_Mitsrayim who not they_had_listened to_the_voice_of

13 LV 4:18 · Note OSHB variant note: תולע/ב: (x-qere) 'תוֹלַ֣עַ/כ': lemma_k/5927 morph_HR/Vqc id_06Erp תוֹלַ֣עַ/כ
14 LV 5:1 · Note OSHB variant note: רבע/ונ: (x-qere) 'מֻ֖רְבָּ֥ע': lemma_5674 a n_1 morph_HVqc/Sp3mp id_06cMr מֻ֖רְבָּ֥ע
15 RV 5:4 · Cross-ref. Num 14:28-35.

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YHWH whom **YHWH** he_had_sworn to/for_them to_not to_let_ _them_to_see ÐOM the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_had_sworn to_fathers_of_their to_give to/for_us a_land flowing_of milk and_honey was_finished. **7** And_ÐOM children_of_their he_ _raised_up in_place_of_them ÐOM_them Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_circumcised if/because uncircumcised they_were if/because not people_had_circumcised them on_way. **8** And_ _he/it_was just_as all_of the_nation they_had_finished to_be_ _circumcised and_they_lived in_their_place in_camp until lived_they. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa the_day I_ _have_rolled_away ÐOM the_reproach_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_on_you(pl) and_he/it_called the_name_of the_place (the)_that Gilgāl until the_day (the)_this. **10** And_ the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) _they_encamped at_Gilgāl and_they_made ÐOM the_passover on_the_four- teen day of_month in_evening on_ _the_plains_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho).

11 And_they_ate some_of_the_produce_of the_earth/land from_the_next_day_of the_passover unleavened_bread(s) and_ _roasted_grain on_the_substance_of the_day (the)_this. **12** And_ the_manna _he/it_rested from_the_next_day when_ate_they some_of_the_produce_of the_earth/land and_not it_belonged again to_the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) manna and_they_ate some_of_the_produce_of the_land_of Kəna ʻan/(Canaan) in_year (the)_that.

13 And_he/it_was when_was Yəhōshūʻa at_Yərīḥō and_he_ _lifted_up eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ _man was_standing to_before_him and_sword_of_his was_ _drawn in_his/its_hand and_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he/it_went to_him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it for_us are_you or for_foes_ _of_our. **14** And_he/it_said no if/because I am_the_commander_ _of the_army_of **YHWH** now I_have_come and_ Yəhōshūʻa _he_ _fell to his/its_faces/face towards_land and_he_bowed_down and_he/it_said to_him/it what my_master saying (to) servant_ _of_his. **15** And_ the_commander_of the_army_of **YHWH** _he/it_ _said to Yəhōshūʻa take_off sandal_of_your from_under foot_of_ _your if/because the_place which you are_standing on/upon/above_him/it is_a_holy_place it and_ Yəhōshūʻa _ _he/it_made thus.

6:1 And_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) was_shutting and_shut_up from_ _face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) there_was_not one_going_out and_there_was_not one_coming. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa see I_have_given in_hand_of_your ÐOM Yərīḥō and_ÐOM king_of_its the_mighty_men_of (the)_strength. **3** And_ all_of the_men_of (the)_war _you(pl)_will_go_around ÐOM the_city you_will_encircle ÐOM the_city a_time_of one thus you_will_do six_of days. **4** And_seven priests they_will_carry seven (the)_trumpets_of (the)_rams'_horns to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_box and_on_day the_seventh you(pl)_will_ _go_round ÐOM the_city seven times and_the_priests they_will_ _give_a_blast on_trumpets. **5** And_it_was when_blow on_the_

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promised to their ancestors to give them—a land flowing with milk and honey. **7** It was the sons of those people that Yehoshua had circumcised this time because they hadn't been circumcised on the way.)

8 After all their males had been circumcised, they remained in that camp until they'd healed up. **9** Then Yahweh told Yehoshua, "Today I've rolled away the disgrace of Mitsrayim from you," and that place is named Gilgal[16] until this day.

10 In the evening of the fourth day that the people had been camped at Gilgal there on the plains near Yeriho (Jericho), they celebrated the 'pass-over'.[17]

Eating from the land—no more manna · Promised land

11 The next day they ate roasted grain that they'd taken from that area, and ate flat bread that same day. **12** The day after they'd eaten some of the produce from that area, there was no manna on the ground to be collected and so it stopped[18]—instead they'd eat the produce from the Kena'an (Canaan) region beginning that year.

Yehoshua and the man with a sword · Promised land

13 While Yehoshua (Joshua) was in the Yeriho (Jericho) area, he looked up and saw a man in front of him. The man had drawn his sword and was holding it in his hand so Yehoshua approached him and asked, "Are you on *our* side, or with our enemies?"

14 "No," the man answered, "but I, the leader of Yahweh's army, have come now."

Then Yehoshua fell to his knees and bowed down with his face to the ground, and asked him, "What's my master going to command to his servant?"

15 "Take off your sandals," the commander of Yahweh's army told him, "because the ground that you're standing is holy." So Yehoshua took them off.

Yeriho's walls collapse · Promised land

6:1 Now Yeriho (Jericho) city was shut-up tightly because of the Israelis, so no one was coming out and no one could go in. **2** Then Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), "Listen, I've given you victory over Yeriho and its king, and their mighty army warriors. **3** All your soldiers must go around the city once every day for six days **4** with seven priests blowing ram's horns going ahead of the sacred box. On the seventh day, you all must go around the city seven times while the priests are blowing the horns. **5** Finally, with a long blast of the horn, when you all hear

16 RV 5:9 · Note The name 'Gilgal' ('גִּלְגָּל', 'circle') sounds like 'galal' ('גָּלַל', 'roll').

17 RV 5:10 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:1-13.

18 RV 5:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:35.

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that then all the people must shout loudly and the wall around the city will fall down flat, and all the soldiers should go straight in from where they're standing."

6 So Yehoshua summoned the priests and told them, "Carry the box with the agreement, and have seven priests hold up seven rams' horns ahead of Yahweh's box." **7** Then he told the people, "Go across in front and go around the city, with the soldiers going ahead of Yahweh's box."

8 After Yehoshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests with their seven rams' horns went across in front and blew the horns, and the box with Yahweh's covenant was carried along behind them. **9** The soldiers walked ahead of the priests blowing the horns, with the rear guard walking behind the box. So they were walking and blowing the horns, **10** and Yehoshua told the people, "Don't shout or even speak or make a noise until the day I tell you all to shout—then you all should shout loudly."

11 So Yahweh's box was carried once around the city, then the people went back to the camp and stayed the night there.

12 Yehoshua got up early the next morning, and the priests picked up Yahweh's box **13** and the seven priests holding the seven rams' horns went in front of it—blowing the horns as they kept walking. The soldiers walking in front of them, and the rear guard walked behind Yahweh's box while the horns were being blown. **14** They went once around the city on that second day and then returned to their camp again—doing that for six days.

15 Then on the seventh day they got up early at dawn and went around the city as before, except this day they went around seven times. **16** After that seventh time around, the priests blew a long blast on the rams' horns and Yehoshua told the people, "Shout, because Yahweh has given you all the city! **17** However, everything in the city is sacred to Yahweh. Only the prostitute Rahav and those who are in her house will be allowed to live, because she hid the spies that we sent in. **18** But for all of you, everything inside the city is forbidden—if any of you take anything out of the city then our camp would also then be marked for destruction and it would cause a lot of trouble. **19** All the silver and gold, bronze and iron is dedicated to Yahweh and must go into his treasury.

20 So the people shouted when that horn blew—as soon as they heard it the people shouted loudly and the wall fell down on itself[19] and the people went up and over into the city from wherever they were standing and captured the city. **21** They killed every living thing in the city with their swords, including men and women, young and old, even cattle, sheep, and donkeys.

22 Then Yehoshua commanded the two men who had spied on the area, "Go to the prostitute's house and bring the woman out

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_horn_of (the)_ram's_horn in/on/at/with[22] ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sound_of the_trumpet all_of the_people they_will_shout a_shout loud and_ the_wall_of the_city _it_will_fall in_its_place and_ the_ _people _they_will_go_up everyone before_himself. **6** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn _he/it_called to the_priests and_he/it_said to_them lift_up ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_box_of the_covenant and_seven priests they_will_carry seven trumpets_of rams'_ _horns to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box_of **YHWH**. **7** And[23] to the_people pass_on and_go_round ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_city and_ _the_equipped_man he_will_pass_on to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_box_of **YHWH**. **8** And_he/it_was just_ Yəhōshūʿa _as_had_said to the_people and_seven the_priests who_were_ _carrying seven the_trumpets_of (the)_rams'_horns to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** they_passed_on and_they_ _gave_a_blast on_trumpets and_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** was_going after_them. **9** And_the_equipped_man was_ _walking to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_priests who_ _were_giving_a_blast_on_of[24] (of)_the_trumpets and_the_ _rearguard was_walking behind the_box walking and_giving_ _blasts on_trumpets. **10** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_people Yəhōshūʿa he_ _commanded to_say not you(pl)_must_shout and_not you(pl)_ _must_make_heard ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ voice_of_your(pl) and_not it_will_go_ _out from_mouth_of_your(pl) a_message until the_day say_I to_ _you(pl) shout and_you(pl)_will_shout. **11** And_he_caused_to_ _go_around the_box_of **YHWH** ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_city it_encircled_it a_ _time_of one and_they_came the_camp and_they_stayed in_ _camp. **12** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) _he_rose_early in_morning and_ the_priests _they_lifted ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_box_of **YHWH**. **13** And_ _seven the_priests who_were_carrying seven the_trumpets_of (the)_rams'_horns to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _box_of **YHWH** were_walking wwww and_they_gave_blasts on_ _trumpets and_the_equipped_man was_walking before_them and_the_rearguard was_walking behind the_box_of **YHWH** wwww[25] and_giving_blasts on_trumpets. **14** And_they_went_ _around ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_city in_the_day the_second a_time_of one and_they_returned the_camp thus they_did six_of days. **15** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh and_they_rose_early just_ the_dawn _as_came_up and_they_went_around ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _city according_the_custom the_this seven times only in_the_ _day (the)_that they_went_round ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_city seven times. **16** And_he/it_was at_time (the)_seventh the_priests they_gave_ _a_blast on_trumpets and_ Yəhōshūʿa _he/it_said to the_people shout if/because **YHWH** he_has_given to/for_you(pl) ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _city. **17** And_it_will_be the_city a_devoted_thing it and_all that is_in_it to/for_**YHWH** only Rāḥāv the_prostitute she_will_live she and_all one_who is_with_her in_house if/because she_hid ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_messengers whom we_sent. **18** And_only you(pl) keep from the_devoted_thing[s] lest you(pl)_should_totally_destroy and_you(pl)_will_take any_of the_devoted_thing[s] and_ _you(pl)_will_make ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_camp_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) into_a_ _devoted_thing and_you(pl)_will_trouble it. **19** And_

19 **RV 6:20 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:30.

22 **LV 6:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: סכ/עמש/ב: (x-qere) כְּ/עָמְשָׂ/סֻּ֫כֵּי: lemma_k/8085 n_1.1.0 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp2mp id_06ZK9 כְּ/עָמְשָׂ/סֻּ֫כֵּי

23 **LV 6:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: ורמאי/ו: (x-qere) וְ/רֹמְאֵ֣י/וְ: lemma_c/559 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_06UF1 וְ/רֹמְאֵ֣י/וְ

24 **LV 6:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: ועקת: (x-qere) יֹעֲקֹ֣ת: lemma_8628 n_1.0 morph_HVqrmpc id_068HL יֹעֲקֹ֣ת

25 **LV 6:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: דלוה: (x-qere) הַדַּלְוָ֣ה: lemma_1980 n_0.0 morph_HVqa id_06o3f הַדַּלְוָ֣ה

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_all/each/any/every silver and_gold and_articles_of bronze and_iron is_a_holy_thing it to/for_**YHWH** the_treasury_of **YHWH** it_will_go. **20** And_ the_people _it_shouted and_they_ _gave_a_blast on_trumpets and_he/it_was just_ the_people _as_ _heard ÐOM the_sound_of the_trumpet and_ the_people _they_ _shouted a_shout loud and_ the_city_wall _it_fell in_its_place and_ the_people _he/it_ascended to_the_city everyone before_ _himself and_they_captured ÐOM the_city. **21** And_they_totally_ _destroyed ÐOM all_of that was_in_city from_man and_unto woman from_young_man and_unto old_man and_unto ox[en] and_sheep and_donkey[s] to_the_mouth_of the_sword. **22** And_ _to_two the_men who_had_spied_out ÐOM the_earth/land Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) he_said go the_house_of the_woman the_ _prostitute and_bring_out from_there ÐOM the_woman and_ _ÐOM every_of one_who to/for_her/it just_as you(pl)_swore to/for_her/it. **23** And_ the_young_men who_had_spied_out _ _they_came and_they_brought_out ÐOM Rāḥāv and_ÐOM father_ _of_her and_ÐOM mother_of_her and_ÐOM brothers_of_her and_ _ÐOM every_of one_who to/for_her/it and_ÐOM all_of famili(es)_ _of_her they_brought_out and_they_put_them from_the_ _outside of_the_camp_of of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **24** And_the_city they_burnt with_fire and_all that was_in_it only the_silver and_ _the_gold and_the_articles_of (the)_bronze and_(the)_iron they_put the_treasury_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **25** And_ÐOM Rāḥāv the_prostitute and_ÐOM the_household_of her_father_ _of_her and_ÐOM every_of one_who to/for_her/it Yəhōshūʿa he_let_live and_she_has_dwelt in_the_midst_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) until the_day the_this if/because she_hid ÐOM the_messengers whom Yəhōshūʿa he_had_sent to_spy_out ÐOM Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **26** And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_administered_an_oath at_time (the)_that to_say be_cursed the_man to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** who he_will_arise and_he_will_ _rebuild ÐOM the_city (the)_this ÐOM Yərīḥō with_firstborn_of_ _his he_will_found_it and_with_his_young_of_son he_will_set_ _up gates_of_its. **27** And_he/it_was **YHWH** with Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_he/it_was of_him_of_the_report in_all the_earth/land.

7:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_acted_ _unfaithfully unfaithfulness in_thing[s] and_ ʿĀkān the_son_of Karmī/(Carmi) the_son_of Zavdiy the_son_of Zeraḥ of_the_ _tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_took some_of the_devoted_ _thing[s] and_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **2** And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_sent men from_Yərīḥō (the)_ʿAy which is_beside Bēyt Aven from_east of_ _Bēyt-ʾēl and_he/it_said to_them to_say go_up and_spy_out ÐOM the_earth/land and_ the_men _they_went_up and_they_ _spied_out ÐOM (the)_ʿAy. **3** And_they_returned to Yəhōshūʿa and_they_said to_him/it not all_of the_people let_it_go_up about_two_thousand man or about_three_of thousand(s) man let_them_go_up and_let_them_attack ÐOM (the)_ʿAy do_not make_go_wearily to_(to) ÐOM all_of the_people if/because are_ _few they. **4** And_they_went_up of the_people there_(to) about_ _three_of thousand(s) man and_they_fled to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_men_of (the)_ʿAy. **5** And_they_struck_

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of it and all who are related to her, just as you promised her."
23 So the young men who'd gone in as spies went in and brought out Rahav and her parents and all her relatives and settled them outside of the camp of the Israelis. **24** Then the warriors set fire to the city and burnt everything that was in it. Only the silver and gold, and bronze and iron were first removed and put into the treasury of Yahweh's house. **25** But Yehoshua spared the prostitute Rahav and her father's household and her other relatives because she hid the men that Yehoshua had sent in to spy on Yeriho (Jericho),[20] and she still lives in Yisrael (Israel) to this day.

26 At that time, Yehoshua made the people take an oath, saying,

"May Yahweh curse anyone who rebuilds this city, Yeriho.
When that person lays its foundation, may his oldest son die.
And when he finishes building the city wall and sets up its gates, may his youngest son die."[21]

27 So Yahweh was with Yehoshua and everyone in that region had heard about him.

Akan's sin · Promised land

7:1 However the Israelis disobeyed the command about not taking anything. Akan (son of Karmi, son of Zavdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah)) took something that was prohibited, so Yahweh was angry with the Israelis.

2 Meanwhile, Yehoshua (Joshua) sent some of his men from Yeriho (Jericho) to Ay (east of Beyt-El (Bethel) and near Beyt-Aven) and told them, "Go to Ay and spy out the land." So the men went and checkout out Ay. **3** When they returned to Yehoshua, they told him, "Don't send all the warriors—only around two to three thousand men should go and attack them. Don't bother everyone else because Ay is small." **4** So around three thousand warriors went to attack Ay, but they were defeated and had to flee back. **5** The men from Ay chased them from the city gate downhill to Shevarim and fought them on the

20 RV 6:25 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:31.

21 RV 6:26 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 16:34.

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slopes. About thirty-six of them were killed, and the Israelis became very afraid and lost all their courage.

6 Yehoshua and the Israeli elders tore their clothes in grief and fell to their knees in front of Yahweh's box until evening, throwing dust onto their heads in despair. **7** Then Yehoshua asked, "Yahweh, my master, why did you bring these people across the Yarden (Jordan) and then let us be defeated and killed by the Amorim? If only we'd been content and stayed on the other side of the river. **8** Please, my master, what can I say now that we have had to flee in shame from our enemies? **9** When the Kena'anim (Canaanites) and the other people living in this land hear about this, they'll surround us and kill all of us. Then what would you do to defend your honour?

10 But Yahweh told Yehoshua, "Stand up! Why is your face on the ground like that? **11** Yisrael (Israel) has sinned and disobeyed my agreement[26] that I made with them. They've also taken prohibited things—stealing, deceiving, and put it with their own possessions. **12** That's why they were unable to defeat their enemies—they had to flee from them because they took what was prohibited. I won't be with you all again unless you all destroy what was taken. **13** So get up and tell the people, 'Purify yourselves for tomorrow, because our God Yahweh says that we took something prohibited and we won't be able to better our enemies until it's removed from among us. **14** Tomorrow morning you all must present yourselves by your tribes. Then the tribe that Yahweh singles out, must present yourselves by your clans, and the clan that Yahweh singles out, must present yourselves by household. Then the household that Yahweh singles out, must present yourselves individually. **15** The man who is caught will be destroyed by fire, along with everything that belongs to him, because he's violated Yahweh's agreement and committed a disgraceful sin among Yisrael."

16 So Yehoshua got up early the next morning and ordered each tribe to come forward singly, and the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) was singled out. **17** Then each of the clans came forward and the Zarhi clan was singled out, and when their families came forwards, Zavdi's household was singled out. **18** When everyone in that extended family came forward, Akan (son of Karmi, son of Zavdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Yehudah) was singled out. **19** Then Yehoshua told Akan, "My son, now honour Yahweh the god of Yisrael and give thanks to him. And tell me now what you've done—don't hide it from me."

20 "It's true," Akan replied, "I've sinned against Yahweh the god of Yisrael. This is what I did: **21** I saw a beautiful Babylonian cloak and two hundred silver pieces and a tongue-shaped piece of gold (weighing six-hundred grams) there inside Yeriho (Jericho). I wanted them so I took them, and they're hidden in the ground under my tent, with the silver underneath."

22 Yehoshua sent some messengers and they ran to the tent, and sure enough, it was all hidden there in the ground with the

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_down from_them the_men_of (the)_ʼAy about_thirty and_six man and_they_pursued_them to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_gate to (the)_Shəvʼārīm and_they_struck_them_ _down at_descent and_ the_heart_of the_people _it_melted and_he/it_was (into)_water. **6** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he_ _tore clothes_of_his and_he_fell on his/its_faces/face towards_ _land to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box_of **YHWH** until the_evening he and_the_elders_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_ _they_made_go_up dust on head_of_their. **7** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _ _he/it_said alas my_master **YHWH** why have_you_brought_ _over at_all_(brought_over) ÐOM the_people the_this ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) to_give us in_the_hand_of the_ʼAmorī to_ _destroy_us and_if we_had_been_willing and_we_had_remained on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn. **8** Pardon_me my_master what will_I_say after that Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) it_has_turned a_neck to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_its. **9** And_ the_ _Kənaʻₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_all/each/any/every the_ _inhabitants_of the_earth/land _they_will_hear and_they_will_ _surround (on)_us and_they_will_cut_off ÐOM name_of_our from the_earth/land and_what will_you_do for_name_of_your (the)_great. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa stand_up to/for_you(fs) to/for_what this are_you falling on face_of_your. **11** Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) it_has_sinned and_also they_have_ _transgressed ÐOM covenant_of_my which I_commanded them and_also they_have_taken some_of the_devoted_thing[s] and_ _also they_have_stolen and_also they_have_deceived and_also they_have_put_them among_things_of_their. **12** And_not the_ _people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) they_are_able to_stand to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their a_neck they_turn to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their if/because they_have_become (into)_a_devoted_thing not I_ _will_repeat to_be with_you(pl) if not you(pl)_will_destroy the_ _devoted_thing[s] from_midst_of_your(pl). **13** Arise consecrate ÐOM the_people and_you_will_say consecrate_yourselves for_ _tomorrow if/because thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) he_says devoted_thing[s] are_in_midst_of_your Oh_ _Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) not you_will_be_able to_stand to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_your until remove_you(pl) the_devoted_thing[s] from_midst_of_your(pl). **14** And_you_will_ _bring_yourselves_near in_morning to_tribes_of_your(pl) and_ _it_was the_tribe which he_will_take_it **YHWH** it_will_draw_ _near to_families and_the_family which he_will_take_it **YHWH** it_will_draw_near to_households and_the_household which he_ _will_take_it **YHWH** it_will_draw_near to_men. **15** And_it_was the_one_who_is_taken_by_lot with_thing[s] he_will_be_burnt with_fire ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM all_of that to_him/it if/because he_has_transgressed ÐOM covenant_of **YHWH** and_ _because/when he_has_done a_disgraceful_folly in_ _Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **16** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he_rose_early in_morning and_he_brought_near ÐOM Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_ _tribes_of_its and_ the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_was_ _taken_by_lot. **17** And_he_brought_near ÐOM the_family_of Yəhūdāh and_he_took ÐOM the_family_of the_Zerahite[s] and_ _he_brought_near ÐOM the_family_of the_Zerahite[s] to_men and_ Zavdiy _he_was_taken_by_lot. **18** And_he_brought_near ÐOM household_of_his to_men and_ ʼĀkān the_son_of

26 RV 7:11 · Note Probably referring to the ten commands written on the stone slabs.

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Karmī/(Carmi) the_son_of Zavdiy the_son_of Zeraḥ of_the_ _tribe_of Yəhūdāh _he_was_taken_by_lot. **19** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _ _he/it_said to ʻĀkān my_son_of_my put please glory to/for_ _**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_give to_him/it confession and_tell please to_me what have_you_done do_not hide_it from_me. **20** And_ ʻĀkān _he_answered ĐOM Yəhōshūʻa and_he_said truly I I_have_sinned to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_like_this and_like_this I_have_done. **21** And[27] among_booty (the)_cloak_of Shinʻār one good and_ _two_hundreds shekels silver and_(the)_tongue gold one was_ _fifty shekels weight_of_its and_I_desired_them and_I_took_ _them and_there_they are_hidden on_the_earth in_the_middle of_(the)_tent_of_my and_the_silver is_under_it. **22** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he_sent messengers and_they_ran to_the_ _tent and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was_hidden in_tent_of_his and_ _the_silver was_under_it. **23** And_they_took_them from_the_ _midst_of the_tent and_they_brought_them to Yəhōshūʻa and_ _near/to all_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_ _poured_them_out to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **24** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_took ĐOM ʻĀkān the_son_of Zeraḥ and_ĐOM the_silver and_ĐOM the_cloak and_ĐOM the_tongue_of the_gold and_ĐOM sons_of_his and_ĐOM daughters_of_his and_ _ĐOM ox[en]_of_his and_ĐOM donkey[s]_of_his and_ĐOM his/its_ _flock_of_sheep/goats and_ĐOM tent_of_his and_ĐOM all_of that to_him/it and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_him/it and_they_ _brought_up ĐOM_them the_valley_of ʻĀkōr. **25** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said why have_you(pl)_brought_trouble_to_us he_will_ _bring_trouble_to_you **YHWH** in_the_day the_this and_ all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_stoned ĐOM_him/it stone[s] and_they_ _burnt ĐOM_them with_fire and_they_stoned ĐOM_them with_ _stones. **26** And_they_set_up on/upon/above_him/it a_heap_of stones great until the_day the_this and_ **YHWH** _he_turned_ _back from_the_burning_of his_anger_of_his therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called the_name_of the_place (the)_that the_valley_of ʻĀkōr until the_day (the)_this.

8:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) do_not fear and_do_not be_dismayed take with_you ĐOM all_of the_people_ _of (the)_war and_arise go_up (the)_ʻAy see I_have_given in_ _hand_of_your ĐOM the_king_of (the)_ʻAy and_ĐOM people_of_ _his and_ĐOM city_of_his and_ĐOM land_of_his. **2** And_you_will_ _do to_ʻAy and_to_king_of_its just_as you_did to_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_to_king_of_its only booty_of_its and_ _livestock_of_its you(pl)_will_plunder to/for_you(pl) set to/for_ _yourself(m) an_ambush for_city (from)_behind_it. **3** And_ Yəhōshūʻa and_all the_people_of (the)_war _he/it_rose_up to_ _go_up (the)_ʻAy and_ Yəhōshūʻa _he_chose thirty thousand man the_mighty_men_of (the)_strength and_he_sent_them_out night. **4** And_he/it_commanded ĐOM_them to_say see you(pl) are_lying_in_wait for_city (from)_behind the_city do_not go_ _far_away from the_city very and_you(pl)_will_be of_you_of_all prepared. **5** And_I and_all the_people which is_with_me we_ _will_draw_near to the_city and_it_was if/because they_will_ _come_out to_meet_us just_as at_time and_we_will_flee before_

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silver underneath. **23** They took it out of the tent and brought it back to Yehoshua and all the people, and spread it out in front of Yahweh.

24 Then Yehoshua took Akan and the silver, the cloak, the gold along with his children and his animals, his tent and everything he owned, and took them to the Akor Valley along with all the people, **25** and he said, "Why did you cause trouble for us? Yahweh will trouble you today." And the people executed him by throwing rocks at him. Then they threw rocks at them all and burnt the bodies **26** and piled rocks over them which are still there to this day and Yahweh's anger subsided. That's why that place is called 'Akor' (i.e., 'Trouble') Valley to this day.

The defeat and destruction of Ay · Promised land

8:1 Then Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), "Don't be afraid or discouraged. Take all your warriors with you and go to Ay. Listen, I've given you victory over Ay's king and his people and his city and his land. **2** You'll do to Ay and its king what you did to Yeriho (Jericho) and its king,[28] except that you all can plunder its spoil and its livestock for yourselves. Ambush the city from behind."

3 So Yehoshua led his warriors towards Ay. He chose thirty thousand of the bravest and strongest warriors and sent them ahead in the darkness **4** and told them, "Listen, you all lie in ambush against the city from close behind it, and make sure you all stay alert and ready to attack. **5** I will bring those warriors who are with me and we'll approach the city, then when they come out to attack us like last time, we'll run back away from them. **6** They'll think we're running away from them like we did before,

27 **LV 7:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: הָאָרְא/וֹ: (x-qere) אֶרֶץ/וֹ: lemma_c/7200 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_06oYz אֶרֶץ/וֹ

28 **RV 8:2 · Note** We're not actually given any details about what happened to the king of Yeriho.

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so they'll chase after us until we've drawn them away from the city. **7** Then you'll all move in from your ambush position and capture the city, and your god Yahweh will give the city to you all. **8** After you capture the city, set fire to it. Do what I've ordered you all which in turn has come from Yahweh. **9** So Yehoshua sent them to set up the ambush between Ay and Beyt-El (Bethel) (so west of Ay). Meanwhile, he stayed overnight at the camp.

10 Yehoshua got up early in the morning and gathered the warriors, then he and the Israeli elders went in front of them to go and attack Ay. **11** They all went close to the city and camped there slightly to the north, with just a valley between them and Ay. **12** (He had sent around five thousand warriors to lie in ambush between Beyt-El and Ay, west of the city, **13** so the main group was to the north and the rear guard to the west.) That night Yehoshua went down into the valley. **14** When the king of Ay saw the Israelis, he hurriedly got his men ready, and went out early to meet Yisrael (Israel) for the battle. The king and his people went to a prepared spot overlooking the Yarden (Jordan) valley, but he didn't know that another group lay in ambush behind the city. **15** Yehoshua and the Israeli group allowed themselves to be struck by them, then they fled back towards the wilderness **16** and all the men in the city were called out to chase them. So they chased after Yehoshua and were drawn away from the city, **17** and there wasn't a single man left in Ay or Beyt-El who didn't join the chase—they left the city wide open and chased after the Israelis.

18 Then Yahweh told Yehoshua, "Hold your spear out pointing towards Ay, because I will allow you to defeat it." So Yehoshua held the spear that was in his hand out toward the city. **19** When the warriors in the ambush saw that, they rushed out from their place and entered the city and captured it, and quickly set it on fire. **20** When the men from Ay turned and looked behind them, the smoke from their city was going up into the sky, but they had nowhere to escape to. Then Yehoshua's men who'd been fleeing towards the wilderness turned back around towards their pursuers **21** and saw that the ambush had captured the city and the smoke was rising. So they continued back towards Ay, killing their men. **22** Meanwhile, their warriors came back out of the city, so the men from Ay ended up in the middle of the two groups, and the Israelis fought until they'd killed them all. **23** However they captured the king of Ay alive and brought him to Yehoshua.

24 Then after the Israelis had finished killing the men of Ay who had chased them towards the wilderness, they returned to Ay and slaughtered the people still in there, **25** so a total of twelve thousand men and women from Ay were killed that day. **26** Yehoshua didn't lower his spear until everyone who lived in Ay had been completely destroyed. **27** The Israelis only took the

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_them. **6** And_they_will_come_out after_us until we_have_ _drawn_out them from the_city if/because they_will_say they_ _are_fleeing before_us just_as at_time and_we_will_flee before_ _them. **7** And_you(pl) you(pl)_will_arise from_the_ambush and_ _you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ðøm the_city and_he_will_ _give_it **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) in_hand_of_your(pl). **8** And_it_ _was just_as_you(pl)_have_captured ðøm the_city you(pl)_will_ _set_on_fire ðøm the_city with_fire according_to_the_message_ _of **YHWH** you(pl)_will_do see I_have_commanded you(pl). **9** And_he_sent_them_out Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_they_went to the_ambush and_they_lived between Bēyt-ʾēl and_between (the)_ʿAy from_the_west of_ʿAy and_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_stayed in_ _night (the)_that in_the_middle the_people. **10** And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_rose_early in_morning and_he_mustered ðøm the_people and_ he and_the_elders_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people (the)_ʿAy. **11** And_ _all the_people of_(the)_war which with_him/it they_went_up and_they_approached and_they_came before the_city and_ _they_encamped from_the_north_of ʿAy and_the_valley it[29] and_between (the)_ʿAy. **12** And_he/it_took about_five_of thousand(s) man and_he/it_assigned them an_ambush between Bēyt-ʾēl and_between (the)_ʿAy from_the_west of_city. **13** And_ _they_set the_people ðøm all_of the_camp which was_from_ _the_north_of city and_ðøm rearguard_of_its from_the_west of_ _city and_ Yəhōshūʿa _he/it_went in_night (the)_that in_the_ _middle of_the_valley. **14** And_he/it_was just_ the_king_of (the)_ʿAy _as_saw and_they_hurried and_they_rose_early and_ _they_went_out the_men_of the_city to_meet Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) for_battle he and_all people_of_his to_place to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_ʿArāvāh and_he not he_knew if/because_that an_ambush to_him/it was_(from)_behind the_ _city. **15** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _ _they_were_struck before_them and_they_fled the_direction_of the_wilderness. **16** And_they_were_called_together all_of the_ _people which in/on/at/with[30] to_pursue after_them and_ _they_pursued after Yəhōshūʿa and_they_were_drawn_out from the_city. **17** And_not he_remained anyone in_ʿAy and_Bēyt-ʾēl who not they_went_out after Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_left ðøm the_city open and_they_pursued after Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **18** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʿa stretch_out with_javelin which is_in_hand_of_your to (the)_ʿAy if/because in_hand_of_your I_ _will_give_it and_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_stretched_out with_javelin which in_his/its_hand to the_city. **19** And_the_ambush it_arose quickly from_place_of_its and_they_ran just_as_stretched_out his/its_hand and_they_came the_city and_they_captured_it and_they_hurried and_they_set_on_fire ðøm the_city with_fire. **20** And_ the_men_of (the)_ʿAy _they_turned behind_them and_ _they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_smoke_of the_city it_ _went_up to_the_heavens and_not it_was in/among_them hands to_flee hither and_hither and_the_people which_was_ _fleeing the_wilderness it_turned_back against the_pursuer[s]. **21** And_Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_saw if/because_that the_ambush it_had_captured ðøm the_city and_ _because/when the_smoke_of the_city it_went_up and_they_ _turned_back and_they_attacked ðøm the_men_of (the)_ʿAy.

29 LV 8:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **ונים/ו**: (x-qere) **וְעָנִיב**ʾ: lemma_996 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_06PZV **וְעָנִיב**

30 LV 8:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **ריע/ב**: (x-qere) **בְּיֵעָ**ʾ: lemma_b/5857 n_1.1 morph_HR/Np id_06JcF **בְּיֵעָ**

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22 And_these they_came_out from the_city to_meet_them and_ _they_were to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_middle these from_this and_ _these from_this and_they_defeated them until not left to_ _him/it a_survivor and_a_fugitive. 23 And_ĐOM the_king_of (the)_´Ay they_captured alive and_they_brought_near ĐOM_ _him/it to Yəhōshū´a. 24 And_he/it_was just_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _as_had_finished to_kill ĐOM all_of the_inhabitants_of (the)_´Ay in_the_field in_wilderness which they_had_pursued_them in/on/over_him/it and_ of_them_of_all _they_fell to_the_ _mouth_of the_sword until they_were_finished and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_returned (the)_´Ay and_they_struck_ _down ĐOM_her/it to_the_mouth_of the_sword. 25 And_ all_of those_who_fell in_the_day (the)_that from_man and_unto woman _he/it_was were_two_plus ten thousand all_of the_ _people_of (the)_´Ay. 26 And_Yəhōshū´a not he_drew_back his/its_hand which he_had_stretched_out with_javelin until that he_had_totally_destroyed ĐOM all_of the_inhabitants_of (the)_´Ay. 27 Only the_cattle/livestock and_the_booty_of the_ _city (the)_that they_plundered to/for_them Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua). 28 And_ Yəhōshū´a _he_ _burnt ĐOM (the)_´Ay and_he_made_it a_mound_of perpetuity a_desolation until the_day (the)_this. 29 And_ĐOM the_king_of (the)_´Ay he_hanged on the_tree until the_time_of the_evening and_just_ the_sun _as_went Yəhōshū´a he_commanded and_ _they_took_down ĐOM corpse_of_his from the_tree and_they_ _threw it to the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_city and_they_set_ _up on/upon/above_him/it a_heap_of stones great until the_ _day (the)_this.

30 Then Yəhōshū´a he_built an_altar to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_the_mountain_of ´Ēyvāl. 31 Just_as Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_what_is_written in_the_book_of the_ _law_of Mosheh an_altar_of stones complete which not anyone_has_wielded on_them iron and_they_offered_up on/upon/above_him/it burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** and_ _they_sacrificed peace_offerings. 32 And_he_wrote there on the_stones ĐOM (the)_copy_of the_law_of Mosheh which he_ _had_written to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 33 And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_its_of_elders and_officials and_judges_of_its were_standing from_this and_ _from_this of_box before the_priests the_Lēviyyiy who_carried_ _of (of)_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** as_sojourner as_ _native of_it_of_half was_to the_front of_the_mountain_of of_ _Gərizīm and_(the)_half_of_it was_to the_front of_the_ _mountain_of of_´Ēyvāl just_as Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_had_commanded to_bless ĐOM the_people Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_time. 34 And_after thus he_read_aloud ĐOM all_of the_ _words/messages_of the_law the_blessing and_the_curse according_to_every_of (the)_thing_written in_the_book_of the_ _law. 35 Not it_was anything from_all that Mosheh he_had_ _commanded which not Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua) he_read_aloud

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livestock and the goods from Ay, just as Yahweh had instructed Yehoshua, 28 then Yehoshua burnt the city and made it a permanent pile of rubble where no one lives to this day. 29 He hanged the king of Ay on a tree, but as the sun was going down, he commanded that the corpse be brought down from the tree. They threw it into the city gateway and piled a big heap of rocks on top of it which is still there today.

The reading of Law there at Mt. Eyval · Promised land

30 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) built an altar to Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh on Mt. Eyval[31] 31 just like Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) had instructed them. (It was written in the scroll of the rules from Mosheh that it must be an altar made from whole stones that haven't been chiselled with iron tools.)[32] Then they offered burnt offerings to Yahweh on it, plus they sacrificed peace offerings, 32 and while the Israelis watched, Yehoshua inscribed onto the stones there,[33] a copy of the rules passed on by Mosheh. 33 Then all of Yisrael and their elders and officials and judges were standing some on each side of the box containing Yahweh's agreement, facing the priests and the Levites who carried the box. Any resident foreigners were also there. Half of the people stood on the Mt. Gerizim side, and half on the Mt. Eyval side of the valley, just like the way that Yahweh's servant Mosheh had originally commanded for blessing the people.[34]

34 Then Yehoshua read all the law, including the blessings and the curses, as per everything that's written in the book of the law. 35 He read out every single word that Mosheh had written,

31 **RV 8:30-32 · Cross-ref.** Deu 27:2-8.

32 **RV 8:31 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:25.

33 **RV 8:32 · Note** Probably not the altar stones since an iron tool wasn't allowed to be used on them.

34 **RV 8:33-35 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:29; 27:11-14.

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in front of the entire assembly of Yisrael, including the women, children, and foreigners living among them.

The Givonim deceive Yehoshua · Promised land

9:1 There were several kings who ruled in regions on this west side of the Yarden (Jordan) —the Hitim and Amorim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites) and Perizim, the Hivim and the Yevusim. Some were in the hill country, some in the lowlands, and some along the Mediterranean coast south of Levanon. When they heard about what had happened at Ay, **2** they formed an alliance to fight together against Yehoshua (Joshua) and Yisrael (Israel).

3 However, when the people who live in Giveon heard what Yehoshua had done to Yeriho (Jericho) and Ay, **4** they decided to use cunning instead. They found old, worn-out sacks to throw over their donkeys and old, worn-out wineskins that had been torn and mended, then sent men to act as ambassadors. **5** They found worn-out sandals that had been patched, and wore worn-out clothes. All the food that they took for the journey was already dry and disintegrating into crumbs. **6** They went to Yehoshua in the camp at Gilgal and told him, "We've come from a far-off land and want you to make a treaty with us."

7 An Israeli man asked the Hivi (because Gilead was in the Hivi region), "Perhaps you really live near by? How could we make a treaty with you?"[35]

8 They addressed Yehoshua, "We are your servants."

Yehoshua asked them, "Who are you? And where have you come from?"

9 "Your servants have come from a very distant land," they replied, "because of the reputation of your god, Yahweh. We've heard the reports about him and everything that he did in Mitsrayim (Egypt), **10** and everything that he did to the two Amori kings on the other side of the Yarden (Jordan)—King Sihon of Heshbon, and King Og of the Bashan who lived in Ashtarot.[36] **11** So our elders and all those who live in our area instructed us, 'Take provisions for the journey and go to meet them, and tell them, "We are your servants. Now make a treaty with us." ' **12** This bread of ours was warm from our ovens when we loaded it for our journey, and now, look, it's all dry and crumbling. **13** And these wineskins were new when we filled them, and look, now they're all torn. Same with our clothes and our sandals—they're all worn-out from the very long journey."

14 The Israeli leaders tasted some of their provisions, but they didn't ask Yahweh for advice. **15** So Yehoshua agreed to make peace with them, and they made a treaty not to attack their people, and all the Israeli leaders promised that.

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before all_of the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_women and_the_little_one[s] and_the_sojourner[s] who_were_going in_ _midst_of_their.

9:1 And_he/it_was just_ all_of the_kings who were_on_the_ _other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) in_country and_in_ _Shephelah and_in_all_of the_coast_of the_sea (the)_great to the_front of_(the)_Ləvānōn the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_'Amorī[s] the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] the_Pərizzī[s] the_Ḥiūī and_the_ _Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s] _as_heard. **2** And_they_gathered_together all_together to_wage_war with Yəhōshū'a and_with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mouth one. **3** And_the_inhabitants_of Giv'ōn they_heard ÐOM that_which Yəhōshū'a he_had_done to_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_to_'Ay. **4** And_ also they _they_made with_cunning and_they_went and_they_acted_as_ambassadors and_they_took sacks worn_out for_donkeys_of_their and_ _skin-bottles_of wine worn_out and_split and_tied_up. **5** And_ _sandals worn_out and_patched were_on_feet_of_their and_ _garments worn_out were_on_them and_all/each/any/every the_bread_of their_sustenance_of_their it_was_dried_up it_was crumbs. **6** And_they_went to Yəhōshū'a to the_camp (the)_ _Gilgāl and_they_said to_him/it and_near/to the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_a_land distant we_have_come and_now make to/for_us a_covenant. **7** And[37] the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to the_Ḥiūī perhaps in_midst_of_my you are_dwelling and_how will_I_make[38] to/for_yourself(m) a_covenant. **8** And_they_said to Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) your_servants we and_he/it_said to_ _them Yəhōshū'a who are_you(pl) and_from_where do_you(pl)_ _come. **9** And_they_said to_him/it from_a_land distant very your_servants they_have_come to_the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_ _your if/because we_have_heard of_him_of_the_report and_ _ÐOM all_of that he_did in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **10** And_ÐOM all_of that he_did to_the_two_of the_kings_of the_'Amorī who were_ _on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to_Ṣīḥōn the_king_ _of Ḥeshbōn and_to_'Ōg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān who was_in_ _'Ashtārōt. **11** And_they_said to_us our_of_elders and_all the_ _inhabitants_of our_land_of_our to_say take in_hand_of_ _your(pl) provision[s] for_journey and_go to_meet_them and_ _you(pl)_will_say to_them servants_of_are_your(pl) we and_ _now make to/for_us a_covenant. **12** This bread_of_is_our hot we_took_as_our_provisions ÐOM_him/it from_homes_of_our in/on_day we_came_out to_go to_you and_now HERE it_has_ _dried_up and_it_was crumbs. **13** And_these are_the_ _skin-bottles_of (the)_wine which we_filled new and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_have_split and_these garments_of_our and_sandals_of_our they_have_worn_out from_the_greatness_ _of the_journey very. **14** And_ the_men _they_took some_of_ _their_sustenance and_ÐOM the_mouth_of **YHWH** not they_ _asked. **15** And_he/it_made to/for_them Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) peace and_he_made to/for_them a_covenant to_let_them_live and_they_swore_an_oath to/for_them the_leaders_of the_ _congregation. **16** And_he/it_was from_the_end_of three_of

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35 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:32; 34:12; Deu 7:2.

36 **RV 9:10 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.

37 **LV 9:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ורמאי/ו**: (x-qere) 'רֶמְאֻ֥/ו': lemma_c/559 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_0623n **רֶמְאֻ֥/ו**

38 **LV 9:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תורכא**: (x-qere) 'תָּרְכֶּ֣א': lemma_3772 morph_HVqi1cs id_06NxJ **תָּרְכֶּ֣א**

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days after that they_had_made to/for_them a_covenant and_ _they_heard if/because_that were_near they to_him/it and_in_ _midst_of_his they were_dwelling. **17** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out and_they_came to cities_of_their in_the_day the_third and_cities_of_their were_Giv˝ōn and_ _(the)_Kəfīrāh and_Bə'ērōt and_Qiryat- yə'ārīm/(jearim). **18** And_not they_attacked_them the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_had_sworn_an_oath to/for_them the_leaders_ _of the_congregation by_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ all_of the_congregation _they_grumbled on the_leaders. **19** And_ all_of the_leaders _they_said to all_of the_congregation we we_have_sworn_an_oath to/for_them by_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_now not we_are_able to_touch (in)_them. **20** This we_will_do to/for_them and_we_will_let_live them and_ _not it_will_be towards_us severe_anger on the_oath which we_ _swore to/for_them. **21** And_they_said to_them the_leaders let_ _them_live and_they_were cutters_of wood(s) and_drawers_of water to/from_all/each/any/every the_congregation just_as they_had_spoken to/for_them the_leaders. **22** And_he/it_called to/for_them Yəhōshū˝a/(Joshua) and_he/it_spoke to_them to_ _say to/for_what did_you(pl)_deceive us to_say are_distant we from_you(pl) very and_you(pl) in_midst_of_our are_dwelling. **23** And_now you(pl) are_cursed and_not he_will_be_cut_off from_you(pl) a_slave and_cutters_of wood(s) and_drawers_of water for_the_house_of my_god_of_my. **24** And_they_answered ĐOM Yəhōshū˝a and_they_said if/because fully_(tell) it_was_told to_servants_of_your ĐOM how **YHWH** god_of_your he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh servant_of_his to_give to/for_ _you(pl) ĐOM all_of the_earth/land and_to_destroy ĐOM all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land from_before_of_you(pl) and_we_were_afraid very for_lives_of_our because_of_you(pl) and_we_did ĐOM the_thing (the)_this. **25** And_now HERE_we are_in_hand_of_your according_the_good and_according_the_ _right in_eyes_of_your for_doing to/for_us do. **26** And_he/it_ _made to/for_them thus and_he_delivered them from_the_ _hand_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_killed_ _them. **27** And_he_made_them Yəhōshū˝a in_the_day (the)_that cutters_of wood(s) and_drawers_of water for_congregation and_for_the_altar_of **YHWH** until the_day the_this to the_place which he_will_choose.

10:1 And_he/it_was just_ Adoni- Tsedeq/(Zedek) the_king_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _as_heard if/because_that Yəhōshū˝a/(Joshua) he_had_captured ĐOM (the)_˝Ay and_he_ _had_totally_destroyed_it just_as he_had_done to_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_to_king_of_its so he_had_done to_˝Ay and_to_king_of_its and_because/when the_inhabitants_of Giv˝ōn they_had_made_peace with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_ _were in_midst_of_their. **2** And_they_were_afraid very if/because was_a_city great Giv˝ōn like_one_of the_cities_of (the)_royalty and_because/when it was_great more_than (the)_ _˝Ay and_all men_of_its were_warriors. **3** And_ Adoni-Tsedeq/(Zedek) the_king_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _he_sent to Hōhām the_king_of Ḥevrōn and_near/to Piram the_king_of Yarmūt/(Jarmuth) and_near/to Yāfī˝a/(Japhia) the_king_of Lākīsh and_near/to Dəvīr the_king_of ˝Eglōn to_say. **4** Come_up to_me and_help_me and_let_us_attack ĐOM Giv˝ōn if/because it_has_made_peace with Yəhōshū˝a and_ĐOM the_people_of

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16 However, three days after making the treaty, they discovered that those people actually lived quite close to where they were. **17** Then the Israelis went on forward and they arrived at those cities on the third day—the cities of Giveon, Kefirah, Be'erot, and Kiryat-Yearim. **18** But they didn't attack those cities because their leaders had made a promise by the god of Yisrael (Israel), Yahweh.

All the Israelis grumbled against their leaders for making that treaty, **19** but their leaders told them, "We ourselves have promised them by our God Yahweh so now we can't touch them. **20** We're forced now to let them live, otherwise God's anger would be against us for breaking our promise to them. **21** So we'll let them live but make them our slaves." As a result of that, the Givonim became woodcutters and water-carriers for all the Israelis.

22 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) summoned them and asked them, "Why did you all deceive us by telling us that you lived far away when really you were very close? **23** Because of that, you're all cursed and you'll always be our slaves—you'll all be the woodcutters and water-carriers for the house of my god."

24 "Because it was made very clear to your servants," they answered, "that your god Yahweh had commanded his servant Mosheh (Moses) to give to you all the land and to destroy everyone who lives in the region. We feared for our lives when you came closer, so that's what we did. **25** So now we're in your power—do to us whatever you think is good and right." **26** So that's what Yehoshua did and he prevented the Israelis from killing them. **27** Instead he made them move to where he wanted, to become woodcutters and water-carriers for the people and for Yahweh's altar until this day.

The defeat of the Amorim · Promised land

10:1 Once King Adoni-Tsedek of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) heard that Yehoshua (Joshua) had captured Ay and completely destroyed it, and that he'd treated the king of Ay the same as he had treated the king of Yeriho (Jericho), and he heard that the Givonim had made peace with Yisrael (Israel) and were now working for them, **2** the people of Yerushalem were very afraid because Giveon had been a powerful city, stronger than Ay, and all its warriors were powerful. **3** So King Adoni-Tsedek sent to King Hoham of Hevron, King Pir'am of Yarmut, King Yafia of Lakish, and King Devir of Eglon, saying, **4** "Come here and help me. We'll attack Giveon because they've made peace with Yehoshua and the Israelis." **5** So those five Amori kings (from Yerushalem, Hevron, Yarmut, Lakish, and Eglon) joined together to go to Giveon and their armies camped

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there to fight against it.

6 The leaders of Giveon hurriedly sent to Yehoshua in the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Don't abandon your servants. Come quickly and help us, and save us because all the kings of the Amorim who live in the hill country have combined against us." **7** So Yehoshua and his warriors and prize fighters headed off from Gilgal, **8** and Yahweh told him, "Don't be afraid of them, because you'll have the victory over them—none of them will be able to stand against you."

9 Yehoshua and his men spent the night moving in, and then surprised the alliance, **10** and Yahweh confused them as the Israelis approached and caused them to be badly defeated at Giveon. Then they chased them on the road going to Beyt-Horon and killed them as far as Azekah and Makedah. **11** As they fled from the Israelis on the slope down from Beyt-Horon heading towards Azekah, Yahweh hurled large hailstones down on them from the sky and they died—actually more of them died from the hail than were killed with swords by the Israelis.

12 Then Yehoshua spoke to Yahweh on the day that he gave them victory over the Amorim, and in front of the Israelis he said,

"Sun, stay still over Giveon,
and moon, over the Ayalon Valley.
13 Then the sun stood still and the moon stood still until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies. (Isn't that written about in the Jashar scroll?[39] The sun stood still in the middle of the sky and it didn't hurry to go around for almost a whole day. **14** There had never before been a day like that, and nothing like it since then, when Yahweh listened to a man's voice, because he was fighting for Yisrael.)

15 Then Yehoshua and all Yisrael (Israel) returned to their camp at Gilgal.

Five Amori kings defeated · Promised land

16 Meanwhile those five kings had fled away and hidden at Makedah in a cave, **17** and Yehoshua (Joshua) was told, "The five kings have been found hiding in the cave at Makedah." **18** Yehoshua said, "Roll large rocks across the mouth of the cave and assign men to guard them there, **19** but the rest of you, don't stay there. Chase after your enemies and attack them from behind. Don't let them get into their cities, because your god Yahweh wants you all to defeat them. **20** So Yehoshua and the Israelis finished most of them off, although some did manage to escape and get back into their fortified cities. **21** Then all the

39 RV 10:13 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 1:18.

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_they_gathered and_they_went_up the_ _five_of the_kings_of the_'Amorī the_king_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_king_of Ḥevrōn the_king_of Yarmūt the_king_of Lākīsh the_king_of ʿEglōn they and_all armies_of_their and_they_encamped on Givʿōn and_they_ _waged_war on_it. **6** And_ the_men_of Givʿōn _they_sent to Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) to the_camp to_(the)_Gilgāl to_say do_not let_drop hands_of_your from_servants_of_your come_up to_us quickly and_save to/for_ourselves and_help_us if/because they_have_gathered_together against_us all_of the_kings_of the_'Amorī who_dwell_of (of)_the_hill_country. **7** And_he/it_ _ascended Yəhōshūʿa from (the)_Gilgāl he and_all the_people_ _of (the)_war with_him/it and_all/each/any/every the_ _mighty_men_of (the)_strength. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʿa do_not be_afraid from_them if/because in_hand_of_ _your I_have_given_them not anyone from_them he_will_ _make_a_stand in_face_of_your. **9** And_he_came to_them Yəhōshūʿa suddenly all_of the_night he_had_gone_up from (the)_Gilgāl. **10** And_he_confused_them **YHWH** to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_defeated_them a_defeat great at_Givʿōn and_he_pursued_them the_direction_ _of the_ascent_of Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_he_defeated_them to ʿAzēqāh and_unto Maqqēdāh. **11** And_he/it_was when_fled_ _they from_face/in_front_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they were_at_the_ _descent_of Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_**YHWH** he_threw on_them stones large from the_heavens to ʿAzēqāh and_they_died were_many those_who they_died by_the_stones_of the_hail more_than_ _those_whom the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_killed with_ _sword. **12** Then Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) he_spoke to/for_**YHWH** in/on_day **YHWH** delivered_up ~~DOM~~ the_'Amorī to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he/it_said to_the_eyes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Oh_sun at_Givʿōn be_still and_Oh_moon in_the_valley_of 'Ayyālōn. **13** And_ the_ _sun _it_was_still and_the_moon it_stood_still until the_nation it_avenged_itself_on enemies_of_its not is_it written on the_ _scroll_of the_upright_one and_ the_sun _it_stood_still in_the_ _middle_of the_heavens and_not it_hastened to_go about_a_day complete. **14** And_not like_day (the)_that it_has_been before_it and_after_it to_ **YHWH** _listen to_the_voice_of a_man if/because **YHWH** was_fighting for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_ Yəhōshūʿa and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he_returned to the_camp to_(the)_Gilgāl.

16 And_ the_five_of the_kings the_these _they_fled and_they_ _hid_themselves in_cave at_Maqqēdāh. **17** And_it_was_told to_ _Yəhōshūʿa to_say the_five_of the_kings they_have_been_found hidden in_cave at_Maqqēdāh. **18** And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he/it_said roll stones large into the_mouth_of the_cave and_appoint on/upon_it(f) men to_guard_them. **19** And_you(pl) do_not delay pursue after enemies_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _attack_in_the_rear them do_not permit_them to_go into cities_of_their if/because he_has_given_them **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) in_hand_of_your(pl). **20** And_he/it_was just_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _as_ _finished to_defeat_them a_defeat great very until they_were_ _finished and_the_survivors they_survived from_them and_

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_they_came into the_cities_of (the)_fortification. **21** And_ all_of the_people _they_returned to the_camp to Yəhōshūʻa Maqqēdāh in_peace not he_sharpened to_the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_anyone ĐOM tongue_of_his. **22** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said open ĐOM the_mouth_of the_cave and_ _bring_out to_me ĐOM the_five_of the_kings the_these from the_cave. **23** And_they_made thus and_they_brought_out to_ _him/it ĐOM the_five_of the_kings the_these from the_cave ĐOM the_king_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ĐOM the_king_of Ḥevrōn ĐOM the_king_of Yarmūt/(Jarmuth) ĐOM the_king_of Lākīsh ĐOM the_king_of ʻEglōn. **24** And_he/it_was just_as_they_brought_out ĐOM the_kings the_these to Yəhōshūʻa and_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_ _called (to) every_of (the)_man_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_he/it_ _said to the_commanders_of the_men_of (the)_war who_they_ _had_gone with_him/it draw_near put ĐOM feet_of_your(pl) on the_necks_of the_kings the_these and_they_drew_near and_ _they_put ĐOM feet_of_their on necks_of_their. **25** And_he/it_ _said to_them Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_dismayed be_strong and_be_bold if/because thus **YHWH** he_will_do to/from_all/each/any/every enemies_of_your(pl) whom you(pl) are_fighting them. **26** And_he_struck_them_ _down Yəhōshūʻa after thus and_he_killed_them and_he_ _hanged_them on five trees and_they_were hanged on the_ _trees until the_evening. **27** And_he/it_was to_the_time_of the_ _sun was_going Yəhōshūʻa he_commanded and_people_took_ _them_down from_under the_trees and_they_threw_them into the_cave where they_had_hidden_themselves there and_they_ _put stones large over the_mouth_of the_cave until the_ _substance_of the_day (the)_this.

28 And_ĐOM Maqqēdāh Yəhōshūʻa he_captured in_the_day (the)_that and_he_struck_it_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM king_of_its he_totally_destroyed them and_ĐOM every_ _of the_living_creatures who was_in_it not he_left a_survivor and_he/it_made to_the_king_of Maqqēdāh just_as he_had_done to_the_king_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **29** And_ Yəhōshūʻa and_all Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he/it_passed_through from_ _Maqqēdāh Livnāh and_he_engaged_in_battle with Livnāh. **30** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave also it in_the_hand_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel)[41] and_ĐOM king_of_its and_he_struck_it_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM every_of the_living_ _creatures who was_in_it not he_left in_it a_survivor and_ _he/it_made to_king_of_its just_as he_had_done to_the_king_of Yərīḥō. **31** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) and_all Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he/it_passed_through from_Livnāh to_Lākīsh and_he_encamped on/upon_it(f) and_he_engaged_in_battle against_it. **32** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave ĐOM Lākīsh in_the_hand_ _of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_he_captured_it in_the_day the_second and_he_struck_it_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM every_of the_living_creatures who was_in_it according_to_all that he_had_done to_Livnāh. **33** Then Horām the_king_of Gezer he_came_up to_help ĐOM Lākīsh and_he_defeated_him Yəhōshūʻa and_ĐOM people_of_his until not left to_him/it a_ _survivor. **34** And_ Yəhōshūʻa and_all Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) with_

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people returned to Yehoshua in the camp at Makedah. After that, no one dared to criticise the Israelis.

22 Then Yehoshua said, "Open up the cave and bring those five kings to me." **23** They did it and brought the five kings out from the cave—the kings of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Hevron, Yarmut, Lakish, and Eglon. **24** When they took them to Yehoshua, he summoned all the warriors and told the commanders, "Come over here. Put your feet on the necks of these kings." **25** Then he told them, "Don't be afraid and don't be dismayed. Be strong and courageous, because this is what Yahweh will do to all your enemies—including the ones that you all still have to fight." **26** Then Yehoshua executed the five kings and hanged them on five trees, where their bodies were left until evening. **27** As the sun was going down, he commanded that the bodies be brought down and thrown into the cave where they had hidden, and they placed large rocks over the cave entrance again, which are still there to this day.

Yehoshua attacks more Amorim · Promised land

28 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) captured Makedah that same day. They killed the king and everyone else in the city, leaving no survivors, and Yehoshua did the same to the king of Makedah as he'd done to the king of Yeriho (Jericho).[40]

29 Then Yehoshua and all Yisrael (Israel) went southwest from Makedah to Livnah and fought against it. **30** Yahweh also allowed Yisrael to conquer it and its king, and Yehoshua again killed everyone in the city, leaving no survivors, and he did the same to the king of Livnah as he'd done to the king of Yeriho.

31 Then Yehoshua and all Yisrael went south from Livnah to Lakish, where they took a position against the city and fought against it. **32** On the second day of the battle, Yahweh helped Yisrael defeat Lakish, and they captured it and killed everyone in the city like they had done to Livnah. **33** King Horam of Gezer arrived to help Lakish, but Yehoshua defeated him and his men, leaving no survivors.

34 Then Yehoshua and the Israelis went west from Lakish to Eglon, where they took a position against it. **35** That day they captured it and killed everyone in the city like they had done to Lakish.

40 RV 10:28 · Note We're not actually given any details about what happened to the king of Yeriho/Jericho.

41 LV 10:30 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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36 Then Yehoshua and the Israelis went west from Eglon up into the hills to Hevron, and fought against it. 37 They captured it and killed the king and everyone in all their towns, leaving no survivors the same as Eglon.

38 Then Yehoshua and the Israelis went to the city of Devir and fought against it. 39 They captured the city and its king and all their towns, killing everyone and leaving no survivors. They treated Devir and its king just like they had to Livnah and Hevron and their kings.

40 So Yehoshua attacked and conquered the entire region—the hill country and the Negev, the lowlands and the slopes, and all their kings. He didn't leave any survivors but destroyed everything living, just as Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh had commanded. 41 Yehoshua attacked and conquered them from Kadesh-Barnea and as far as Azah (Gaza), all the land of Goshen and as far as Giveon. 42 In one swoop, Yehoshua captured all those kings and their land, because Yisrael's god Yahweh had fought for Yisrael. 43 Then Yehoshua and his warriors returned to their camp at Gilgal.

Yehoshua defeats the northern kings · Promised land

11:1 Now when King Yavin of Hatsor heard about all that, he sent to King Yovav of Madon and the kings of Shimron and Akshaf, 2 as well as the kings from the hill country in the north and in the rift valley plains south of Lake Galil, and in the lowlands and in the heights of Dor in the west, 3 and the kings of the Kena'anim (Canaanites) both east and west, and the Amorim, Hitim, Perizim, and the Yevusim who lived in the hill country, and to the Hivim by Mt. Hermon in the Mitspah region. 4 So they all came out with their warriors—so many people that they were as many as the grains of sand on the seashore, along with many horses and chariots. 5 All those kings gathered together at the time they'd specified and took up positions at the Merom stream to fight against Yisrael (Israel).

6 But Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), "Don't be afraid that they look overwhelming, because tomorrow at this time, I'll ensure that they're all slain by Yisrael. You'll hamstring their horses and burn their chariots." 7 Then Yehoshua and all his warriors went to Merom and attacked them without warning 8 and Yahweh enabled them to defeat them. 9 Then Yehoshua

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_him/it _he/it_passed_through from_Lākīsh to_ʹEglōn and_ _they_encamped on/upon_it(f) and_they_engaged_in_battle on_it. 35 And_they_captured_it in_the_day (the)_that and_they_ _struck_it_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM every_of the_living_creatures who was_in_it in_the_day (the)_that he_ _totally_destroyed according_to_all that he_had_done to_ _Lākīsh. 36 And_ Yəhōshūʹa and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he/it_ascended from_ʹEglōn to_Ḥevrōn and_they_engaged_in_ _battle on_it. 37 And_they_captured_it and_they_struck_it_ _down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM king_of_its and_ _ĐOM all_of cities_of_its and_ĐOM every_of the_living_creatures who was_in_it not he_left a_survivor according_to_all that he_ _had_done to_ʹEglōn and_he_totally_destroyed it and_ĐOM every_of the_living_creatures who was_in_it. 38 And_ Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he_ _turned_back to_Dəvīr and_he_engaged_in_battle on_it. 39 And_he_captured_it and_ĐOM king_of_its and_ĐOM all_of cities_of_its and_they_struck_them_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_they_totally_destroyed ĐOM every_of person who was_in_it not he_left a_survivor just_as he_had_done to_ _Ḥevrōn so he_did to_Dəvīr and_to_king_of_its and_as_which he_had_done to_Livnāh and_to_king_of_its. 40 And_ Yəhōshūʹa _he_defeated ĐOM all_of the_earth/land the_hill_country and_ _the_Negev and_the_Shephelah and_the_slopes and_ĐOM all_of kings_of_their not he_left a_survivor and_ĐOM every_of (the)_ _breathing_thing he_totally_destroyed just_as **YHWH** the_god_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_had_commanded. 41 And_he_defeated_ _them Yəhōshūʹa from_Qādēsh- barnēʹa and_unto ʹAzzāh and_ _ĐOM all_of the_land_of Goshen and_unto Givʹōn. 42 And_ĐOM all_of the_kings the_these and_ĐOM land_of_their Yəhōshūʹa he_captured time_of one if/because **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) was_fighting for_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 43 And_ Yəhōshūʹa and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he_returned to the_camp to_(the)_Gilgāl.

11:1 And_he/it_was just_ Yāvīn/(Jabin) the_king_of Ḥātsōr _as_ _heard and_he_sent to Yōvāvʹ/(Jobab) the_king_of Mādōn and_ _near/to the_king_of Shimrōn and_near/to the_king_of ʾAkshāf. 2 And_near/to the_kings who were_from_the_north_of in_country and_in_ʹArāvʹāh south_of Kinneret and_in_ _Shephelah and_on_the_heights_of Dōr from_the_west. 3 The_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] from_the_east and_from_the_west and_the_ʾAmorī[s] and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_ _the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s] in_country and_the_Ḥiūī[s] under Ḥermōn in_land of_(the)_Mitspāh. 4 And_ they and_all armies_ _of_their with_them _they_went_out a_people numerous like_ _sand which is_on the_shore_of the_sea to_increase_in_number and_horse[s] and_chariot[s] many very. 5 And_ all_of the_kings the_these _they_gathered and_they_came and_they_encamped together to the_water_of Mērōm to_wage_war with Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 6 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) do_not be_afraid from_their_face/front if/because tomorrow about_time (the)_this I will_be_ _delivering_up ĐOM of_them_of_all slain to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) ĐOM horses_of_their you_will_ _hamstring and_ĐOM chariots_of_their you_will_burn with_fire. 7 And_ Yəhōshūʹa and_all the_people_of (the)_war with_him/it _he_came on_them at the_waters_of Mērōm suddenly and_

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_they_fell on_them. **8** And_he_gave_them **YHWH** in_the_hand_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_attacked_them and_they_ _pursued_them to Tsīdōn/(Sidon) great and_unto Misrephoth Maim and_unto the_valley_of Mitspāh eastwards_to and_they_ _defeated_them until not left to/for_them a_survivor. **9** And_ _he/it_made to/for_them Yəhōshūʻa just_as he_had_said to_ _him/it **YHWH** ÐOM horses_of_their he_hamstrung and_ÐOM chariots_of_their he_burnt with_fire. **10** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he_ _turned_back at_time (the)_that and_he_captured ÐOM Ḥātsōr and_ÐOM king_of_its he_struck_down with_sword if/because Ḥātsōr formerly_formerly it was_the_head_of all_of the_ _kingdoms the_these. **11** And_they_struck_down ÐOM every_of the_living_creatures who was_in_it to_the_mouth_of the_sword they_totally_destroyed_them not any_of breathing_thing it_ _was_left and_ÐOM Ḥātsōr he_burnt with_fire. **12** And_ÐOM all_of the_cities_of the_kings the_these and_ÐOM all_of kings_of_their Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_captured and_he_struck_them_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword he_totally_destroyed them just_as Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_had_commanded. **13** Only all_of the_cities which_were_standing on mounds_of_their not it_burnt_them Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) except ÐOM Ḥātsōr it_alone Yəhōshūʻa he_burnt. **14** And_all/each/any/every the_booty_of the_cities the_these and_the_cattle they_plundered to/for_ _them the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only ÐOM every_of the_ _humankind they_struck_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword until they_had_destroyed them not they_left any_of breathing_ _thing. **15** Just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh servant_of_his so Mosheh he_commanded ÐOM Yəhōshūʻa and_ _thus/so/as_follows Yəhōshūʻa he_did not he_left_undone anything from_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh.

16 And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_took ÐOM all_of the_earth/land (the)_ _this the_hill_country and_ÐOM all_of the_Negevˇ and_ÐOM all_of the_land_of (the)_Goshen and_ÐOM the_Shephelah and_ÐOM the_ʻArāvāh and_ÐOM the_hill_country_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _Shephelah_of_its. **17** From the_mountain (the)_Ḥālāq which_ _goes_up Sēʻīr and_unto Baʻal Gād in_the_valley_of (the)_ _Ləvˇānōn under the_mountain_of Ḥermōn and_ÐOM all_of kings_of_their he_captured and_he_struck_them_down and_he_ _killed_them. **18** Days many Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_did with all_of the_kings the_these battle. **19** Not it_was a_city which it_ _made_peace to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) except the_Ḥiūī the_inhabitants_of Givˇōn ÐOM (the)_everything they_took in_ _battle. **20** If/because from_with **YHWH** it_was to_strengthen ÐOM heart_of_their to_meet the_battle with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_ _as to_totally_destroy_them to_not to_belong to/for_them favour if/because so_as to_destroy_them just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh. **21** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he_came at_time (the)_that and_he_cut_off ÐOM the_ʻAnāqī from the_ _hill_country from Ḥevˇrōn from Dəvīr from Anab and_from_all the_hill_country_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_from_all the_hill_ _country_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with cities_of_their he_totally_ _destroyed_them Yəhōshūʻa. **22** Not ʻAnāqī it_was_left in_land of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only in_ʻAzzāh in_Gat and_ _in_'Ashdōd they_remained. **23** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_took

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did what Yahweh had instructed him—he crippled their horses and set fire to their chariots.

10 After that, Yehoshua returned to Hatsor city and captured it and killed the king—in the past it had been the head of all those kingdoms. **11** They killed everything in the city—not leaving anything that breathes—and then set fire to it.

12 So Yehoshua had captured all those kings and their cities, and completely destroyed them and their people just as Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) had commanded. **13** However, other than Hatsor, they didn't burn any of the other more defensible cities built up on mounds. **14** The Israelis took any valuables and any livestock from those cities, but they killed everyone and everything else. **15** Yehoshua did everything exactly as Yahweh had instructed his servant Mosheh (and as Mosheh had then instructed him), not forgetting or ignoring anything.

Yehoshua controls the entire region · Promised land

16 Yehoshua (Joshua) conquered the whole region—the hill country and all the Negev, all of the Goshen region, the lowlands and the rift valley plains, the hill country of Yisrael (Israel) and its lowlands **17** from Mt. Halak downhill towards Se'ir, and as far as Ba'al-Gad in the Levanon valley below Mt. Hermon. He attacked and captured all their kings and executed them. **18** Yehoshua had spent quite some time battling with those kings. **19** No city made peace with the Israelis except for the Hivim who lived in Giveon—all the rest were taken in battle **20** because it was Yahweh who'd made them stubborn so they'd fight against Yisrael and be completely destroyed without any mercy. Yes, they were annihilated just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses).[42]

21 At that time, Yehoshua also went and exterminated the Anakim from the hill country, from Hevron, Devir, Anav, and all the hill country of Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael. He completely destroyed them from their cities. **22** No descendants of Anak were left in Yisrael, except that some remained in Azah (Gaza), in Gat, and in Ashdod.

23 Yehoshua captured the entire region, just as Yahweh had

42 RV 11:20 · Cross-ref. Deu 7:16.

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told Mosheh, and Yehoshua gave it as an inheritance to Yisrael, divided into portions according to their tribes, and then the region was peaceful.

The kings defeated by Mosheh · Promised land

12:1 These are the kings in the region who the Israelis defeated on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan) river and took possession of their land from the Arnon riverbed in the south to Mt. Hermon in the north, including all of the eastern rift valley plains:[43] **2** King Sihon of the Amorim who lived in Heshbon and ruled over Aroer (on the edge of the Arnon riverbed) and over half of Gilead up to the Yabok riverbed which formed the border with the Amonim, **3** as well as the eastern rift valley plains down to Lake Galil and to the Sea of Aravah (also called the Dead Sea or the Salt Sea), the road to Beyt-Hayeshimot and the area southward below the slopes of Mt. Pisgah.

4 The Israelis also defeated King Og from Bashan, one of the few remaining Refaim, who lived in Ashtarot and at Edre'i, **5** and ruled over Mt. Hermon, Salkah, all of Bashan to the border of the Geshurim and Ma'akatim, as well as half of Gilead to the border with King Sihon from Heshbon.

6 Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) and the Israelis had defeated them and Mosheh had given that region as a possession to the descendants of Re'uven and Gad and to the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh).[44]

The kings defeated by Yehoshua · Promised land

7 These are the kings in the region that Yehoshua (Joshua) and the Israelis defeated on the western side of the Yarden (Jordan) river from Ba'al-Gad in the Levanon valley to Mt. Halak which goes up toward Se'ir. Yehoshua divided up that region as a possession to the various tribes of Yisrael (Israel), **8** as well as the hill country, the lowlands, the rift valley, the slopes, the wilderness and the Negev—the land of the Hitim, Amorim, Kena'anim (Canaanites), Perizim, Hivim, and the Yevusim: **9** the king of Yeriho (Jericho), the king of Ay (near Beyt-El (Bethel)), **10** the king of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), the king of Hevron, **11** the king of Yarmut, the king of Lakish, **12** the king of Eglon, the king of Gezer, **13** the king of Devir, the king of Geder, **14** the king of Hormah, the king of Arad, **15** the king of Livnah, the king of Adulam, **16** the king of Makedah, the king of Beyt-El, **17** the king of Tapuah, the king of Hefer, **18** the king of Afek, the king of Lasharon, **19** the king of Madon, the king of Hatsor, **20** the king of Shimron Meron, the king of Akshaf, **21** the king of Ta'anak, the king of Megidon, **22** the king of Kedesh, the king of Yakeneam in Karmel, **23** the king of Dor of Nafoth Dor, the king of Goyim in Gilgal, **24** and the king of Tirtsah—a total of thirty-one kings.

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~~DOM~~ all_of the_earth/land according_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_ _spoken to Mosheh and_he_gave_it Yəhōshūʻa to_an_ _inheritance to_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) according_to_of_their_divisions to_tribes_of_their and_the_earth it_was_at_peace from_war.

12:1 And_these are_the_kings_of the_earth/land whom the_ _people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) they_defeated and_they_took_ _possession_of ~~DOM~~ land_of_their on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) the_rising_of_towards of_the_sun from_the_ _wadi_of ʼArnōn to the_mountain_of Ḥermōn and_all the_ _ʻArāvāh eastward_to. **2** Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_ʼAmorī who_ _was_dwelling in_Ḥeshbōn who_ruled from_ʻArōʻēr which is_on the_edge_of the_wadi_of ʼArnōn and_the_middle_of the_wadi and_(the)_half_of (the)_Gilʻād and_unto Yaboq/(Jabbok) the_ _wadi the_border_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn. **3** And_the_ _ʻArāvāh to the_sea_of Kinneret eastward_to and_unto the_sea_ _of the_ʻArāvāh the_Sea_of (the)_Salt eastward_to the_ _direction_of Bēyt Hayshimōt/(Jeshimoth) and_from_the_south under the_slopes_of (the)_Piṣgāh. **4** And_the_territory_of ʻŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān one_of_the_remnant_of the_Rəfāʼīm who_was_dwelling in_ʻAshtārōt and_in_ʼEdreʻī. **5** And_who_ _ruled over_the_mountain_of Ḥermōn and_over_Ṣalkāh and_ _on/over_all (the)_Bāshān to the_border_of the_Gəshūrite[s] and_the_Maʻₐkāhite[s] and_(the)_half_of (the)_Gilʻād the_ _border_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn. **6** Mosheh the_servant_ _of **YHWH** and_the_sons of_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) they_defeated_ _them and_he_gave_it Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** a_ _possession to_Rəʼūvēnite[s] and_to_Gādī[s] and_to_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh.

7 And_these are_the_kings_of the_earth/land whom Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) and_the_sons of_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) he_ _defeated on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) westward_to from_Baʻal- Gād in_the_valley_of (the)_Ləvānōn and_unto the_mountain (the)_Ḥālāq which_goes_up to_Sēʻīr and_he_gave_it Yəhōshūʻa to_the_tribes_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) a_ _possession according_to_of_their_divisions. **8** In_country and_ _in_Shephelah and_in_ʻArāvāh and_on_slopes and_in_ _wilderness and_in_Negev the_Ḥittiy[s] the_ʼAmorī and_the_ _Kənaʻₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] the_Pərizzī[s] the_Ḥiūī and_the_ _Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s]. **9** The_king_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) one the_ _king_of (the)_ʻAy which is_from_the_side_of Bēyt-ʼēl one. **10** The_king_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) one the_king_of Ḥevrōn one. **11** The_king_of Yarmūt/(Jarmuth) one the_king_of Lākīsh one. **12** The_king_of ʻEglōn one the_king_of Gezer one. **13** The_king_of Dəvīr one the_king_of Geder one. **14** The_king_ _of Ḥormāh one the_king_of ʻArād one. **15** The_king_of Livnāh one the_king_of ʻAdullām one. **16** The_king_of Maqqēdāh one the_king_of Bēyt-ʼēl one. **17** The_king_of Tapūaḥ one the_king_ _of Ḥēfer one. **18** The_king_of ʼAfēq one the_king of_Shārōn one. **19** The_king_of Mādōn one the_king_of Ḥātsōr one. **20** The_ _king_of Shimrōn one the_king_of ʼAkshāf one. **21** The_king_of Taʻₐnāk one the_king_of Məgiddōn one. **22** The_king_of Qedesh one the_king_of Yoqnəʻām/(Jokneam) of_Karmel/(Carmel) one. **23** The_king_of Dōr of_the_height_of of_Dōr one the_king_of

43 RV 12:1-5 · Cross-ref. Num 21:21-35; Deu 2:26–3:11.

44 RV 12:6 · Cross-ref. Num 32:33; Deu 3:12.

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Gōy of_Gilgāl one. **24** The_king_of Tirtsāh one all_of the_kings were_thirty and_one.

13:1 And_Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_was_old he_had_come in_the_ _days and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it you you_are_old you_ _have_come in_days and_the_earth it_remains much very to_ _take_possession_of_it. **2** This the_earth/land which_remains all_of the_territories_of the_Pəlishtiy and_all the_Gəshūrite[s]. **3** From the_Shiyḥōr which is_on the_face_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto the_border_of ʻEqrōn northward_on to_ _Kəna ʻaānī/(Canaanite)[s] it_is_reckoned the_five_of the_rulers_ _of the_Pəlishtiy the_Gazite[s] and_the_ʼAshdōdite[s] the_ _Ashkelonite[s] the_Gittiy[s] and_the_ʻEqrōnite[s] and_the_ _Avvite[s]. **4** From_the_south all_of the_land_of the_Kəna ʻaānī[s] and_a_cave which belongs_to_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) to to_ʼAfēq to the_border_of the_ʼAmorī. **5** And_the_earth of_the_Givlī[s] and_all (the)_Ləvānōn the_rising_of the_sun from_Baʻal- Gād under the_mountain_of Ḥermōn to Ləvō ʼ Ḥ aamāt. **6** All_of the_ _inhabitants_of the_hill_country from (the)_Ləvānōn to Misrephoth Maim all_of the_Tsīdonī I I_will_dispossess_them from_face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) only make_it_fall to_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) (in)_an_inheritance just_as I_ _commanded_you(ms). **7** And_now apportion ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _earth/land (the)_this (in)_an_inheritance to_the_nine_of the_ _tribes and_the_half_of the_tribe (the)_Mənashsheh.

8 With_him/it the_Rəʼūvēnite[s] and_the_Gādī[s] they_had_ _received inheritance_of_their which he_had_given to/for_ _them Mosheh on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) eastward_to just_as he_had_given to/for_them Mosheh the_ _servant_of **YHWH**. **9** From_ʻArōʻēr which is_on the_edge_of the_wadi_of ʼArnōn and_the_city which in_the_middle of_the_ _wadi and_all the_plain Mēydəvāʼ to Diyvōn. **10** And_ _all/each/any/every the_cities_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_ _ʼAmorī who he_reigned in_Ḥeshbōn to the_border_of the_ _people_of ʻAmmōn. **11** And_(the)_Gilʻād and_the_territory_of the_Gəshūrite[s] and_the_Maʻakāhite[s] and_ _all/each/any/every the_mountain_of Ḥermōn and_all (the)_ _Bāshān to Ṣalkāh. **12** All_of the_kingdom_of ʻŌg in_Bāshān who he_reigned in_ʻAshtārōt and_in_ʼEdreʻī he he_was_left of_the_ _remnant_of of_the_Rəfāʼīm and_he_had_defeated_them Mosheh and_he_had_dispossessed_them. **13** And_not the_ _people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) they_dispossessed ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _Gəshūrite[s] and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Maʻakāhite[s] and_ Gəshūr and_ _Maʻakāh _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_the_midst_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) until the_day (the)_this. **14** Only to_the_tribe_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] not he_gave an_inheritance the_fire_offerings_ _of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) it inheritance_of_was_its just_as he_had_spoken to_him/it.

15 And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave to_the_tribe_of the_descendants_ _of Rəʼūvēn to_their_clans. **16** And_he/it_was to/for_them the_ _territory from_ʻArōʻēr which is_on the_edge_of the_wadi_of ʼArnōn and_the_city which in_the_middle of_the_wadi and_all the_plain at Mēydəvāʼ. **17** Ḥeshbōn and_all cities_of_its which

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The regions not yet captured · Promised land

13:1 Now the years had passed and Yehoshua (Joshua) had grown old, and Yahweh said to him, "You're old now and there's still a lot of land that needs to be captured. **2** This is the remaining land: all the territories of the Pelishtim, and all of the Geshurim, **3** from Shihor (east of Mitsrayim (Egypt)) and as far as the border of Ekron to the north (it's considered to be Kena'ani (Canaanite)), the five rulers of the Pelishtim (in Azah (Gaza), Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gat, and Ekron), and the Avim. **4** In the south: all the land of the Kena'anim (Canaanites), and a Me'arah that belongs to the Tsidonim (Sidonians), as far as Afek, as far as the border of the Amorim, **5** plus the land of the Givlim, all Levanon towards the east, from Ba'al-Gad below Mt. Hermon as far as Levo-Hamat. **6** I myself will drive out all those who live in the hill country from Levanon as far as Misrefot-Mayim, and all the Tsidonim. Make sure that it's given to the Israelis as an inheritance, just as I instructed you.[45] **7** All that land should be divided up as an inheritance for the nine tribes plus half of the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh).

Division of the land east of the Yarden · Promised land

8 Along with the other half of the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh), the tribes of Re'uven and Gad had taken their inheritance on the other (eastern) side of the Yarden (Jordan) as approved by Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses),[46] **9** from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Arnon riverbed, and the city that's in the middle of the valley, and all the plateau near Meydeva, to Divon. **10** Also, all the cities of King Sihon of the Amorim who ruled in Heshbon, as far as the border with the Amonim, **11** and Gilead, and the territory of the Geshurim and the Ma'akatim, and all Mt. Hermon, and all the Bashan as far as Salkah, **12** all the kingdom of Og in the Bashan, who reigned in Ashtarot and in Edre'i (what remained from the remnant of the Refaim). Mosheh had attacked them and captured their lands. **13** But the Israelis didn't capture the land of the Geshurim or the Ma'akatim and so those peoples live among the Israelis to this day.

14 The only tribe that didn't receive an inheritance was the tribe of Levi because the offerings given to Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh are their inheritance, just like he'd told them.[47]

The area assigned to Re'uven's descendants · Promised land

15 This was the land that Mosheh (Moses) gave to the tribe of Re'uven, according to their clans: **16** The area from Aroer (on the edge of the Arnon riverbed)

45 **RV 13:6 · Cross-ref.** Num 33:54.

46 **RV 13:8 · Cross-ref.** Num 32:33; Deu 3:12.

47 **RV 13:14 · Cross-ref.** Deu 18:1.

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along to the town in the middle of the valley, to the plateau near Meydeva, 17 Heshbon and all its cities on the plateau, including Divon, Bamot-Ba'al, Beyt-Ba'al-Me'on, 18 Yahats, Kedemot, Mofa'at, 19 Kiryatayim, Sivmah, and Tseret-Hashahar on the hill within the valley. 20 It also includes Beyt-Pe'or, the slopes of the Pisgah, Beyt-Hayeshimot, 21 and all the cities on the plateau, and all the kingdom of Sihon (the king of the Amorim who had reigned in Heshbon) who Mosheh had defeated, he and the leaders of Midyan: Evi and Rekem and Tsur and Hur and Reva (the princes of Sihon who had lived in the land). 22 The Israelis also killed Bil'am (Balaam) (Be'or's son who practiced divination) along with others. 23 The border for Re'uven's descendants was the Yarden (Jordan) River. So that was the inheritance of Re'uven's descendants—all the cities and their villages allocated to their clans.

The area assigned to Gad's descendants · Promised land

24 This was the land that Mosheh (Moses) gave to the tribe of Gad, according to their clans: 25 It included Yazer and all the cities of Gilead and half of the land where the Amonim had lived as far as Aroer opposite Rabah, 26 then from Heshbon to Ramat-Hamitspeh and Betonim, and from Mahanayim to the Devir border. 27 Also in the valley, Beyt-Haram, Beyt-Nimrah, Sukot, Tsafon, and the rest of the kingdom of Sihon (the king of Heshbon), with the Yarden (Jordan) and the border, as far as the end of Lake Galil, eastward beyond the Yarden River. 28 So that was the inheritance of Gad's descendants—all the cities and their villages allocated to their clans.

The area assigned to Menasheh's descendants · Promised land

29 This was the land that Mosheh (Moses) gave to half of the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh), according to their clans: 30 It went from Mahanayim, all the Bashan, all the kingdom of Og (the king of the Bashan), and all the towns of Yair, which are in the Bashan—sixty cities. 31 Also half of the Gilead, plus Ashtarot and Edre'i (cities of the kingdom of Og in the Bashan). So that was for half of Makir's sons (he was one of Menasheh's sons) allocated to their clans.

32 This was the land that Mosheh gave as an inheritance in the plains of Moav (Moab) on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan) River opposite Yeriho (Jericho). 33 However, Mosheh didn't give any inheritance of land to Levi's descendants because Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh is their inheritance just as he told them.[48]

The division of the main block west of the Yarden · Promised land

14:1 These are what the Israelis inherited in the land of Kena'an (Canaan), which Eleazar the priest and Yehoshua (Joshua) (Nun's son) and the leaders of the Israelis gave them as an inheritance. 2 Their allocations were made by casting lots for the nine and a half tribes, just as Yahweh had commanded through Mosheh (Moses).[49] 3 (Mosheh had given

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are_in_plain Diyvʿvōn and_Bāmōt- baʿal and_Bēyt- baʿal- məʿōn. 18 And_(to)_Yahatsˊ/(Jahaz) and_Qədēmōt and_Mōfaʿat. 19 And_ _Qiryātayim and_Səvʿām and_Zereth- shahar on_the_hill_of the_valley. 20 And_Bēyt- pəʿōr and_the_slopes_of (the)_Piṣgāh and_Bēyt- hayshimōt/(jeshimoth). 21 And_all/each/any/every the_cities_of the_plain and_all the_kingdom_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_ _of the_'Amorī who he_reigned in_Ḥeshbōn whom Mosheh he_ _had_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_leaders_of Midyān ᴅᴏᴍ 'Evī and_ᴅᴏᴍ Reqem and_ᴅᴏᴍ Tsūr/(Tsūr) and_ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥūr and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ Revʿaʿ the_princes_of Ṣīḥōn who_were_dwelling_of the_ _earth/land. 22 And_ᴅᴏᴍ Bil'ām the_son_of Bəʿōr the_diviner the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_killed with_sword to their_ _slain_of_ones. 23 And_he/it_was the_border_of the_ _descendants_of Rə'ūvēn the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_a_territory this was_the_inheritance_of the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn to_ _their_clans the_cities and_villages_of_their.

24 And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave to_the_tribe_of Gād to_the_ _descendants_of Gād to_their_clans. 25 And_he/it_was to/for_ _them the_territory Yaʿzēr/(Jazer) and_all the_cities_of (the)_ _Gil'ād and_(the)_half_of the_land_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn to ʿArōʿēr which is_on the_face_of Rabāh. 26 And_from_Ḥeshbōn to Ramath (the)_Mitspāh and_Bəṭonīm and_from_Maḥ$_a$nāyim to the_territory_of Lo_Debar. 27 And_in_valley Bēyt Haram and_Bēyt- nimrah and_Ṣukkōt and_Zaphon the_remainder_of the_kingdom_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn the_Yardēn and_a_ _border to the_end_of the_sea_of Kinneret the_other_side_of the_Yardēn eastward_to. 28 This was_the_inheritance_of the_ _descendants_of Gād to_their_clans the_cities and_villages_of_ _their.

29 And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave to_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh and_he/it_was to_the_half_of the_tribe_of the_ _descendants_of Mənashsheh to_clans_of_their. 30 And_he/it_ _was territory_of_their from_Maḥ$_a$nāyim all_of (the)_Bāshān all_of the_kingdom_of ʿŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān and_all the_villages_of Yā'īr/(Jair) which are_in_Bāshān sixty citi[es]. 31 And_(the)_half_of (the)_Gil'ād and_ʿAshtārōt and_'Edre'ī the_ _cities_of the_kingdom_of ʿŌg in_Bāshān belong_to_the_ _descendants_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh to_the_half_of the_descendants_of Mākīr to_clans_of_their. 32 These are_that_ _which Mosheh he_gave_as_a_possession in_the_plains_of Mō'āvʿ from_the_other_side of_the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) eastward_to. 33 And_to_the_tribe_of the_ _Lēviyyiy[s] not Mosheh he_gave an_inheritance **YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he inheritance_of_was_their just_as he_ _had_spoken to/for_them.

14:1 And_these are_that_which the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_inherited in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) which 'El'āzār the_ _priest/officer and_Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_ _the_heads_of the_fathers_of the_tribes of_the_people_of of_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_gave_as_a_possession them. 2 By_the_ _allotted_portion_of their_inheritance_of_their just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded by_the_hand_of Mosheh for_the_nine_of the_tribes and_the_half_of the_tribe. 3 If/because Mosheh he_

48 **RV 13:33 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:20; Deu 18:2.

49 **RV 14:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 26:52-56; 34:13.

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_had_given the_inheritance_of the_two_of the_tribes and_the_
_half_of the_tribe from_the_other_side of_Yardēn and_to_
_Lēviyyiy not he_had_given an_inheritance among_them.
4 If/because the_descendants_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) they_were
two_of tribes Mənashsheh and_'Efrayim and_not people_gave
a_portion to_Lēviyyiy on_the_earth if/because (if) cities to_
_dwell_in and_their_pasture_of_lands for_livestock_of_their
and_for_property_of_their. **5** Just_as **YHWH** he_had_
_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
they_did and_they_apportioned ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land.

6 And_ the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _they_
_approached to Yəhōshū'a at_Gilgāl and_he/it_said to_him/it
Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) the_Kenizzite
you you_know ᴅᴏᴍ the_message which **YHWH** he_spoke to
Mosheh the_man_of the_'Elohīm on causes_of_my and_on
causes_of_your at_Qādēsh- barnē'a. **7** Was_a_son_of forty
year[s] I when_ Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** _sent ᴅᴏᴍ_me
from_Qādēsh- barnē'a to_spy_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land and_I_
_brought_back ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it a_message just_as with heart_of_my.
8 And_brothers_of_my who they_went_up with_me they_
_melted ᴅᴏᴍ the_heart_of the_people and_I I_filled after **YHWH**
god_of_my. **9** And_ Mosheh _he_swore_an_oath in_the_day
(the)_that to_say if not the_earth/land which foot_of_your it_
_trod on_it to/for_yourself(m) it_will_belong to_an_inheritance
and_to_children_of_your until perpetuity if/because you_filled
after **YHWH** god_of_my. **10** And_now HERE **YHWH** he_has_let_
_live me just_as he_spoke this forty and_five year[s] from_then
YHWH he_spoke ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this to Mosheh when
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_walked in_wilderness and_now HERE I the_
_day am_a_son_of five and_eighty year[s]. **11** Still_I the_day am_
_strong just_as in/on_day Mosheh sent me as_strength_of_my
then and_as_strength_of_my now for_battle and_to_go_out
and_to_come. **12** And_now give to/for_me ᴅᴏᴍ the_hill_country
the_this which **YHWH** he_spoke in_the_day (the)_that
if/because you you_heard on_day (the)_that if/because_that
'Anāqī were_there and_cities large fortified perhaps **YHWH**
will_be_with_me and_I_will_dispossess_them just_as **YHWH** he_
_spoke. **13** And_he_blessed_him Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) and_he/it_
_gave ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥevrōn to_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of
Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) to_an_inheritance. **14** Therefore
yes/correct/thus/so Ḥevrōn it_belonged to_Kālēv the_son_of
Yəfunneh the_Kenizzite to_an_inheritance until the_day the_
_this because that he_filled after **YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_name_of Ḥevrōn formerly_before was_
_Qiryat 'Arba' the_humankind (the)_great among_'Anāqī he
and_the_earth it_was_at_peace from_war.

15:1 And_ the_lot _he/it_was of_the_tribe_of of_the_
_descendants_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_their_clans to the_
_border_of 'Edōm the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) south_to_the
from_the_end_of the_south. **2** And_he/it_was to/for_them
border_of the_south from_the_end_of the_Sea_of (the)_Salt

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the other two and a half tribes their inheritance on the other side of the river,[50] but the Levites weren't given land as an inheritance— **4** instead of land they were given cities to live in, along with the surrounding fields for their livestock. Yosef's (Joseph's) two sons Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim) were considered as two tribes.) **5** The Israelis did just as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh—they allocated blocks of the land as permanent possessions.

Hevron is allocated to Kalev · Promised land

6 Leaders from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) approached Yehoshua (Joshua) at Gilgal and Kalev (Caleb) (son of Yefuneh the Kenizi) said to him, "You yourself know what Yahweh told the man of God Mosheh (Moses) at Kadesh-Barnea about me and you.[51] **7** I was forty years old when Yahweh's servant Mosheh sent me from Kadesh-Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back an honest report.[52] **8** The other men who went made the people terrified, but I remained loyal to my god Yahweh.
9 Mosheh promised me that day, saying, 'The land that you walked on will certainly be for an inheritance for you and your sons forever, because you were completely loyal to my god Yahweh.'[53] **10** Now, listen. Yahweh has kept me alive these forty-five years since Yahweh said that to Mosheh, back when Yisrael (Israel) was walking in the wilderness. Yes, believe it or not, I'm now eighty-five. **11** I'm still as strong today as I was on the day that Mosheh sent me. Just like I could fight back then, I can still fight or travel just the same. **12** So now, please give me that hill country that Yahweh promised that day, because you yourself heard me say that the Anakim lived there in fortified cities. So now, perhaps Yahweh will help me to take them over just as he said."
13 So Yehoshua blessed Yefuneh's son Kalev and gave him Hevron as his inheritance. **14** Because of that, Hevron belongs to Kalev (Yefuneh the Kenizi's son) as an inheritance until this day, because he was completely loyal to Yisrael's god Yahweh.
15 (Hevron used to be called Kiryat-Arba—Arba had been a brave warrior among the Anakim.)
Then there was a time of no more war in that region.

The area assigned to Yehudah's descendants · Promised land

15:1 This was the land that was assigned to Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants according to their clans:
It went from the Tsin (Zin) wilderness in

50 RV 14:3-4 · Cross-ref. Num 32:33; 34:14-15; Deu 3:12-17.

51 RV 14:6 · Cross-ref. Num 14:30.

52 RV 14:7 · Cross-ref. Num 13:1-30.

53 RV 14:9 · Cross-ref. Num 14:24.

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the south to the border with Edom, 2 and their southern border was the south-facing bay at the end of the Dead Sea (also called the Salt Sea). 3 From there it went south of the Scorpion Pass, across to Tsin, climbed up to Kadesh-Barnea, crossed to Hetsron, went to Adar, and around to Karka. 4 Then it crosses to Atsmon and out to the Mitsri (Egyptian) riverbed and finishes at the Mediterranean sea. That will be their southern border.

5 The eastern border was the Dead Sea as far as the end of the Yarden (Jordan).

The northern border starts at the top of the Dead Sea where the Yarden river enters it 6 then to Beyt-Hoglah and further north to Beyt-Ha'aravah to the Stone of Bohan (Re'uven's son). 7 Then the border went to Devir from the Akor Valley, and to the north, turning to the Gilgal, which is in front of the Adumim pass which is from the south of the riverbed, then the border passed over to the waters of Eyn-Shemesh and it ends at Eyn-Rogel. 8 From there the border went up the valley of Ben Hinom to the edge of the Yevusi region from the south (that is Yerushalem (Jerusalem)). Then the border went to the head of the hill opposite the Hinom valley to the west, which is at the end of the valley of the Refaim to the north. 9 From there the border turned from the head of the hill to the Neftoah spring and went out to the cities of Mt. Efron, then the border turned to Ba'alah (now called Kiryat-Yearim). 10 Then the border went around from Ba'alah to the west to Mt. Se'ir, and passed over to the shoulder of Mt. Yearim from the north (also called Kesalon), and went down to Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis), and passed over to Timnah. 11 From there the border went out to the shoulder of Ekron to the north, then turned toward Shikeron and passed over to Mt. Ba'alah, and went out to Yavne'el, then the border ended at the sea. 12 The western border was the Mediterranean Sea. Those were the borders of the land given to Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants to be allocated to their clans.

Kalev defeats Hevron and Devir · Promised land[55]

13 Yahweh had instructed Yehoshua (Joshua) to give this block of land to Kalev (Caleb) (Yefuneh's son): Kiryat-Arba (now called Hevron—Arba was Anak's father).[56] 14 Kalev captured the land from Anak's three sons—Sheshay, Ahiman, and Talmay, 15 then from there, he battled against Devir (formerly called Kiryat-Sefer) 16 and he said, "I'll give my daughter Aksah to marry to the man who attacks Kiryat-Sefer and captures it." 17 Then Otniel (Kenaz's son and Kalev's brother) captured the city, so Kalev gave his daughter Aksah to him for a wife. 18 Then when she married him, she encouraged him to ask her father for

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from the_tongue which_faces south_to_the. 3 And_it_goes_out to from_the_south of_the_ascent_of of_scorpions and_it_ _passes_on to_Tsin/(Zin) and_he/it_would_go_up from_the_ _south of_Qādēsh- barnē´a and_it_passes_on Ḥetsrōn and_he/it_ _would_go_up to_'Addār and_it_turns to_(the)_Qarqa´. 4 And_it_ _passes_on to_´Atsmōn and_it_goes_out the_wadi_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and[54] the_extremities_of the_territory westward_at this it_will_be to/for_you(pl) border_of the_south. 5 And_the_border eastward_to is_the_Sea_of (the)_Salt to the_ _end_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_the_border of_the_side_of northward_of is_from_the_tongue_of the_sea from_the_end_of the_Yardēn. 6 And_ the_border _he/it_would_go_up Bēyt Ḥoglāh and_it_passes_on from_the_north_of Bēyt- ´ₐrāvāh and_ the_border _he/it_would_go_up the_stone_of Bohan_of the_ _son_of_Rə'ūvēn. 7 And_ the_border _he/it_would_go_up to_ _Dəvīr from_the_valley_of ´Ākōr and_northward_to it_is_ _turning to (the)_Gilgāl which is_opposite to_the_ascent_of Adummim which is_from_the_south of_wadi and_ the_border _ _it_passes_on to the_waters_of ´Ēyn and_ extremities_of_its _ _they_will_be to ´Ēyn Rogel. 8 And_ the_border _he/it_would_ _go_up the_valley_of_Ben Hinnom the_valley_of_Ben to the_ _slope_of the_Yəvūşī from_the_south that is_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ the_border _he/it_would_go_ _up to the_top_of the_mountain which is_on the_face_of the_ _valley_of_Ben westward_on which is_at_the_end_of the_ _valley_of Rəfā'īm northward_to. 9 And_ the_border _it_turns from_the_top_of the_mountain to the_spring_of the_waters_of Nephtoah and_it_goes_out to the_cities_of the_mountain_of ´Efrōn and_ the_border _it_turns Ba´ₐlāh that is_Qiryat Yə´ārīm/(Jearim). 10 And_ the_border _it_turns from_Ba´ₐlāh westward_to to the_mountain_of Sē´īr and_it_passes_on to the_ _slope_of the_mountain_of Yə´ārīm from_northward_ _northward that is_Kəşālōn and_it_goes_down Bēyt Shemesh and_it_passes_on Timnāh. 11 And_ the_border _it_goes_out to the_slope_of ´Eqrōn northward_to and_ the_border _it_turns to_Shikkərōn and_it_passes_on the_mountain_of (the)_Ba´ₐlāh and_it_goes_out Jabneel and_ the_extremities_of the_territory _ _they_will_be westward_at. 12 And_the_border_of the_west is_ _to_the sea (the)_great and_territory this is_the_border_of the_ _descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) around to_their_clans.

13 And_to_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) someone_gave a_portion in_the_middle the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh to the_mouth_of **YHWH** to_Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua) ĐØM Qiryat 'Arba´ the_father_of (the)_´Ānāq that is_Ḥevrōn. 14 And_ _he_dispossessed from_there Kālēv ĐØM three the_sons_of (the)_´Ānāq ĐØM Shēshay and_ĐØM 'Aḥīman and_ĐØM Talmay those_born_of (the)_´Ānāq. 15 And_he/it_ascended from_there against the_inhabitants_of Dəvīr and_name_of Dəvīr formerly_ _formerly was_Qiryat Sepher. 16 And_ Kālēv _he/it_said the_ _one_who he_will_attack ĐØM Qiryat Sepher and_he_will_ _capture_it and_I_will_give to_him/it ĐØM ´Akşāh daughter_of_ _my to/for_(a)_woman. 17 And_he_captured_it ´Otnī'ēl the_son_ _of Qənaz the_brother_of Kālēv and_he_gave to_him/it ĐØM

54 LV 15:4 · Note OSHB variant note: הִיה/וְ: (x-qere) וַיֶּ֫הִי/וְ: lemma_c/1961 n_1.0.0 morph_HC/Vqp3cp id_06ASQ וַיֶּ֫הִי/וְ

55 RV 15:13 · Parallel Jdg. 1:11-15

56 RV 15:13-14 · Cross-ref. Jdg 1:20.

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ʿAkṣāh daughter_of_his to/for_(a)_woman. **18** And_he/it_was when_came_she and_she_incited_him to_ask from_with father_ _of_her a_field and_she_went_down from_under the_donkey and_he/it_said to/for_her/it Kālēv what is_to_you. **19** And_ _she/it_said give to/for_me a_blessing if/because the_land_of the_Negev you_have_given_to_me and_you(ms)_will_give to_ _me springs_of water and_he_gave to/for_her/it ĐØM springs upper and_ĐØM springs lower.
20 This was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_their_clans. **21** And_ the_cities from_ _the_end_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh to the_ _border_of ʾEdōm in_south _they_were Qavtsəʾēl and_ʿĒder and_ _Jagur. **22** And_Kinah and_Dimonah and_Adadah. **23** And_ _Qedesh and_Ḥātsōr and_Ithnan. **24** Zīf and_Ṭelem and_Beʿālōt. **25** And_Ḥātsōr- hadattah and_Qəriyyōt Ḥetsrōn that is_Ḥātsōr. **26** Amam and_Shema and_Mōlādāh. **27** And_ Ḥatsar- gaddah and_Heshmon and_Bēyt- pelet. **28** And_ Ḥatsar- shūʿāl and_ _Bəʾēr- seven and_Biziothiah. **29** Baʿalāh and_ʿIyyim and_ʿEtsem. **30** And_ʾEltōlad and_Kesil and_Ḥormāh. **31** And_ _Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) and_Madmannāh and_Sansannah. **32** And_ _Lebaoth and_Shilhim and_ʿAyin and_Rimmōn all_of the_cities were_twenty and_nine and_villages_of_their. **33** In_Shephelah ʾEshtāʾol and_Tsorʿāh/(Zorah) and_Ashnah. **34** And_Zānōaḥ and_ ʿĒyn- gannim Tapūaḥ and_(the)_Enam.
35 Yarmūt/(Jarmuth) and_ʿAdullām Sōkoh and_ʿAzēqāh. **36** And_Shaʿarayim and_Adithaim and_(the)_Gədērāh and_ _Gederothaim cities four- teen and_villages_of_their. **37** Zenan and_Hadashah and_Migdal- Gād. **38** And_Dilean and_(the)_ _Mitspāh and_Yoqtəʾēl/(Joktheel). **39** Lākīsh and_Botsqat and_ _ʿEglōn. **40** And_Cabbon and_Lahmas and_Kitlish. **41** And_ _Gədērōt Bēyt Dagon and_Naʿamāh and_Maqqēdāh cities six- teen and_villages_of_their. **42** Livnāh and_ʿĒter and_ʿĀshān. **43** And_Iphtah and_Ashnah and_Nezib. **44** And_Qəʿīlāh and_ _ʾAkzīv and_Marʾēshāh cities nine and_villages_of_their. **45** ʿEqrōn and_daughters_of_its and_villages_of_its. **46** From_ _ʿEqrōn and_westward_to all that is_on the_hand_of ʾAshdōd and_villages_of_their. **47** ʾAshdōd daughters_of_its and_ _villages_of_its ʿAzzāh daughters_of_its and_villages_of_its to the_wadi_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_the_sea the[58] and_ _territory. **48** And_in_country Shāmīr and_Yattir/(Jattir) and_ _Sōkoh. **49** And_Dannah and_Qiryat- sannah that is_Dəvīr. **50** And_Anab and_ʾEshtəmoʿa and_Anim. **51** And_Goshen and_ _Ḥolōn and_Giloh cities one_plus ten and_villages_of_their. **52** Arab and_Rumah and_Eshan. **53** And[59] and_Bēyt- tappuah and_ʾAfēqah. **54** And_Humtah and_Qiryat- four that is_Ḥevrōn and_Zior cities nine and_villages_of_their. **55** Māʿōn Karmel/(Carmel) and_Zīf and_Juttah. **56** And_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) and_Yoqdəʿām/(Jokdeam) and_Zānōaḥ. **57** (The)_Kain Givʿāh and_Timnāh cities ten and_villages_of_their. **58** Ḥalḥūl Bēyt Tsūr/(Tsūr) and_Gədor. **59** And_Maarath and_Bēyt- anoth and_ _ʾEltəqōn cities six and_villages_of_their. **60** Qiryat Baʿal that is_ _Qiryat Yəʿārīm/(Jearim) and_(the)_Rabāh cities two and_ _villages_of_their. **61** In_wilderness Bēyt ʿArāvāh Middin and_ _Secacah. **62** And_(the)_Nibshan and_the_city_of (the)_Salt and_

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a field, so she got down off her donkey and Kalev asked, "What are you up to?" **19** "Give me a blessing," she answered, "because you've given me land in the Negev desert region, so now give me some springs as well for water." So he gave her both the upper and the lower springs.

Cities captured by Yehudah's descendants · Promised land

20 This is Yehudah's (Judah's) inheritance according to their clans: **21** The cities at the edge of Yehudah's block toward the border with Edom in Negev were Kavtse'el, Eder, Yagur, **22** Kinah, Dimonah, Ad'adah, **23** Kedesh, Hatsor, Yitnan, **24** Zif, Telem, Be'alot, **25** Hatsor-Hadatah, Keriyot-Hetsron (also called Hatsor), **26** Amam, Shema, Moladah, **27** Hatsar-Gadah, Heshmon, Beyt-Pelet, **28** Hatsar-Shual, Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba), and Bizyoteyah, **29** Ba'alah, Iyim, Etsem, **30** Eltolad, Kesil, Hormah, **31** Tsiklag, Madmanah, Sansanah, **32** Leva'ot, Shilhim, Ayin, and Rimon—a total of twenty-nine cities as well as their villages.

33 Then down in the lowlands were Eshtaol, Tsor'ah, Ashnah, **34** Zanoah, Eyn-Ganim, Tapuah, Eynam, **35** Yarmut, Adulam, Sokoh, Azekah, **36** Sha'arayim, Aditayim, and Gederah (also called Gederotayim)—a total of fourteen cities as well as their surrounding villages.

37 Also Tsenan, Hadashah, Migdal-Gad, **38** Dil'an, Mitspah, Yakete'el, **39** Lakish, Batsekat, Eglon, **40** Kabon, Lahmam, Kitlish, **41** Gederot, Beyt-Dagon, Na'amah, and Makedah—sixteen cities as well as their villages.

42 Also Livnah, Eter, Ashan, **43** Yiftah (Jephthah), Ashnah, Netsiv, **44** Ke'ilah, Akziv, and Mareshah—nine cities as well as their villages.

45 Also Ekron with its towns and villages **46** from Ekron to the Mediterranean—those near Ashdod and their villages.

47 Also Ashdod and its towns and its villages, Azah (Gaza) and its towns and its villages, as far as the riverbed of Mitsrayim (Egypt) and the Mediterranean sea and the border.

48 Also in the hill country: Shamir, Yatir, Sokoh, **49** Danah, Kiryat-Sanah (also called Devir), **50** Anav, Eshtemoa, Anim, **51** Goshen, Holon, and Giloh—eleven cities as well as their villages.

52 Also Aravi, Dumah, Esh'an, **53** Yanum, Beyt-Tapuah, Afekah, **54** Humtah, and Kiryat-Arba (also called Hevron) and Tsi'or—nine cities as well as their villages.

55 Also Maeon, Karmel, Zif, Yutah, **56** Yizre'el (Jezreel), Yakedeam, Zanoah, **57** Kayin (Cain), Giveah, and Timnah—ten cities as well as their villages.

58 Also Halhul, Beyt-Tsur, Gedor, **59** Ma'arat, Beyt-Anot, and Eltekon—six cities as well as their villages.

58 LV 15:47 · Note OSHB variant note: לובנ/ה: (x-qere) 'לוֹדָנִ/ה': lemma_d/1419 a n_0.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_06S8w לוֹדָנִ/ה

59 LV 15:53 · Note OSHB variant note: מיני/ו: (x-qere) 'מְנָיָ/וּ': lemma_c/3241 morph_HC/Np id_06MUh מְנָיָ/וּ

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60 Also Kiryat-Ba'al (also called Kiryat-Yearim) and Rabah—two cities as well as their villages.
61 In the wilderness, Beyt-Ha'aravah, Midin, Sekakah,
62 Nivshan, the Ir-Hamelah, and Eyn-Gedi—six cities as well as their villages.
63 But Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants weren't able to defeat the Yevusim who lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), so they have lived among the tribe of Yehudah to this day.[57]

The allocation to Yosef's descendants · Promised land

16:1 The block for Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants[61] went from the Yarden (Jordan) at Yeriho (Jericho) (Yeriho, east of the springs), through the wilderness into the hill country of Beyt-El (Bethel). 2 It went out from Beyt-El to Luz then along the border with the Arkim at Atarot. 3 Then it went west to the border with the Yafletites as far as the border with Lower Beyt-Horon and as far as Gezer, then out to the Mediterranean.
4 So Yosef's sons Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim) received an inheritance.

The allocation to Efrayim's descendants · Promised land

5 The allotment for Efrayim's (Ephraim's) descendants according to their clans was at Atrot-Adar in the east, going as far as Upper Beyt-Horon 6 and out to the Mediterranean. From Mikmetat in the north, the border went eastward toward Ta'anat-Shiloh then further east to Yanoah. 7 From Yanoah it went to Atarot and Na'arah, reached Yeriho (Jericho) then came out at the Yarden (Jordan). 8 The northern border went from Tapuah to the Kanah riverbed and then out to the Mediterranean. That was the inheritance of Efrayim's descendants according to their clans, 9 although some of the cities with their villages for Efrayim's descendants were actually inside the territory assigned to Menasheh's (Manasseh's) descendants. 10 But they didn't capture the land of the Kena'anim (Canaanites) who lived in Gezer, so they've lived within Efrayim to this day and were forced to serve as labourers.[63]

The allocation to Menasheh's descendants · Promised land

17:1 The allotment for Menasheh's (Manasseh's) descendants (Yosef's (Joseph's) eldest son) included a special allotment for (Gilead's father) Makir—he was given Gilead and Bashan because he was a powerful warrior. 2 The other Menasheh clans that were allocated land were the Aviezer, Helek, Asriel, Shekem, Hefer, and Shemida clans. (They were the sons of Yosef's son Menasheh who led their own clans.) 3 But Tselofehad (son of Hefer, son of Gilead, son of Makir, son of Menasheh) had no sons—only daughters who were named

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ʻĒyn- gedī cities six and_villages_of_their. 63 And_ĐØM the_ _Yəvūşī the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) not they_ _were_able[60] the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_ _dispossess_them and_ the_Yəvūşī _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived with the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) until the_day (the)_this.

16:1 And_ the_lot of_the_descendants_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) _he/it_ _went_out from_the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) to_ _the_waters_of Yərīḥō eastward_on the_wilderness it_was_ _going_up from_Yərīḥō in_country Bēyt-ʾēl. 2 And_it_goes_out from_Bēyt-ʾēl to_Luz and_it_passes_on to the_border_of the_ _Arkite[s] ʻAṭārōt. 3 And_it_goes_down westward_to to the_ _border_of the_Japhletite[s] to the_border_of Bēyt Ḥōrōn lower and_unto Gezer and_they_will_be its[62] sea_to_the. 4 And_ the_ _descendants_of Yōşēf Mənashsheh and_ʼEfrayim _they_ _received_their_inheritance.

5 And_he/it_was the_territory_of the_descendants_of ʼEfrayim to_their_clans and_he/it_was the_border_of their_inheritance_ _of_their eastward_on ʻAṭārōt Addar to Bēyt Ḥōrōn upper. 6 And_ the_border _it_goes_out to_the_sea (the)_Micmethath is_from_the_north and_ the_border _it_turns eastward_to Taanath Shiloh and_it_passes_by it from_the_east_of to_ _Yānōaḥ/(Janoah). 7 And_it_goes_down from_Yānōaḥ ʻAṭārōt and_to_Naʻₐrāh and_it_touches (on)_Yərīḥō and_it_goes_out the_Yardēn. 8 From_Tapūaḥ the_border it_goes westward_to the_wadi_of Kanah and_ extremities_of_its _they_will_be to_ _the_sea this was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_ _descendants_of ʼEfrayim to_their_clans. 9 And_the_cities the_ _separate_places for_the_descendants_of ʼEfrayim in_the_ _middle_of_the_inheritance_of of_the_descendants_of of_ _Mənashsheh all_of the_cities and_villages_of_their. 10 And_not they_dispossessed ĐØM the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_was_ _dwelling in_Gezer and_ the_Kəna'ₐnī[s] _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_midst_of ʼEfrayim until the_ _day the_this and_he/it_was (into)_a_slave_gang_of labouring.

17:1 And_he/it_was the_lot to_the_tribe_of Mənashsheh if/because he was_the_firstborn_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) to_Mākīr the_firstborn_of Mənashsheh the_father_of (the)_Gilʻād if/because he he_was a_man_of war and_he/it_was to_him/it (the)_Gilʻād and_(the)_Bāshān. 2 And_he/it_was to_the_ _descendants_of Mənashsheh who_remained to_their_clans to_ _the_descendants_of ʼAvīʻezer and_to_the_descendants_of Ḥēleq and_to_the_descendants_of ʼAsrīʾēl and_to_the_ _descendants_of Shəkem and_to_the_descendants_of Ḥēfer and_to_the_descendants_of Shəmīdāʻ these were_the_ _descendants_of Mənashsheh the_son_of Yōşēf the_males to_ _their_clans. 3 And_to_Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) the_son_of

57 **RV 15:63 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 1:21; 2Sam 5:6; 1Ch 11:4.
60 **LV 15:63 · Note** OSHB variant note: ולכוי: (x-qere) וְלִכְיָ: lemma_3201 morph_HVqp3cp id_06Enx וְלִכְיָ
61 **RV 16:1 · Note** i.e., the half-tribes of Efrayim and Menasheh.
62 **LV 16:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תאצת: (x-qere) וְ/יֻתְאֲצֻת: lemma_8444 n_0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_06frk וְ/יֻתְאֲצֻת
63 **RV 16:10 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 1:29.

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Ḥēfer the_son_of Gil´ād the_son_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh not they_belonged to_him/it sons if/because (if) daughters and_these are_the_names_of his_daughters_of_his Maḥlāh and_No´āh Ḥoglāh Milkāh and_Tirtsāh. **4** And_they_ _drew_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before ’El´āzār the_ _priest/officer and_before_of Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_before_of the_leaders to_say **YHWH** he_commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh to_give to/for_us an_inheritance in_the_middle brothers_of_our and_he/it_gave to/for_them to the_mouth_of **YHWH** an_inheritance in_the_middle the_brothers_of their_ _father_of_their. **5** And_ the_allotted_portions_of Mənashsheh ten _they_fell apart_besides from_the_land_of (the)_Gil´ād and_ _(the)_Bāshān which is_from_the_other_side of_ _Yardēn/(Jordan). **6** If/because the_daughters_of Mənashsheh they_inherited an_inheritance in_the_middle sons_of_his and_ _the_land_of (the)_Gil´ād it_belonged to_the_descendants_of Mənashsheh who_remained. **7** And_ the_border_of Mənashsheh _he/it_was from_’Āshēr (the)_Micmethath which is_on the_ _face_of Shəkem and_ the_border _it_goes to the_south to the_ _inhabitants_of ´Ēyn. **8** To_Mənashsheh the_land_of Tapūaḥ it_ _belonged and_Tapūaḥ to the_border_of Mənashsheh belonged_to_the_descendants_of ’Efrayim. **9** And_ the_border _ _it_goes_down the_wadi_of Kanah south_to_the to_wadi cities the_these belonged_to_’Efrayim in_the_middle the_cities_of Mənashsheh and_the_border_of Mənashsheh was_from_the_ _north_of wadi and_ extremities_of_its _he/it_was to_the_sea. **10** Southward_to belonged_to_’Efrayim and_northward_to belonged_to_Mənashsheh and_ the_sea _he/it_was border_of_ _its and_(on)_’Āshēr they_touch from_the_north and_(on)_ _Yissāskār/(Issachar) from_the_east. **11** And_he/it_was to_ _Mənashsheh in_Yissāskār and_in_’Āshēr Bēyt Shan and_ _her/its_daughters and_Yiv´lə´ām/(Ibleam) and_her/its_ _daughters and_~~DOM~~ the_inhabitants_of Dōr and_her/its_ _daughters and_the_inhabitants_of Endor and_daughters_of_its and_the_inhabitants_of Ta´ₐnāk and_daughters_of_its and_the_ _inhabitants_of Məgiddōn and_her/its_daughters the_three_of (the)_Napheth. **12** And_not the_descendants_of Mənashsheh they_were_able to_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_cities the_these and_ the_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] _he_was_determined to_dwell on_the_earth (the)_this. **13** And_he/it_was if/because the_ _people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) they_became_strong and_they_ _made ~~DOM~~ the_Kəna´ₐnī[s] (into)_forced_labour and_ _completely_(dispossess) not he_dispossessed_him.

14 And_ the_descendants_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _they_spoke with Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua) to_say why have_you_given to/for_me an_ _inheritance a_lot one and_a_portion one and_I am_a_people numerous to that until thus he_has_blessed_me **YHWH**. **15** And_he/it_said to_them Yəhōshū´a if are_a_people numerous you go_up to/for_yourself(m) to_the_forest and_

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Mahlah, Noa, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirtsah. **4** They approached the priest Eleazar and Yehoshua (Joshua) and the other leaders and said, “Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) to give us an inheritance along with our brothers.” So he[64] gave them an inheritance (like he’d given their uncles), as Yahweh had instructed them.[65] **5** So ten blocks were allocated to Menasheh tribe as well as Gilead and Bashan which were across the Yarden (Jordan) **6** because Menasheh’s daughters received inheritances along with his sons. The land of Gilead belonged to the rest of Menasheh’s sons.

7 The border for Menasheh went from Asher to Mikmetat opposite Shekem, then went south towards the spring at Tapuah. **8** (The Tapuah *land* was for Menasheh, but Tapuah town was for Efrayim (Ephraim).) **9** Then the border went south to the Kanah riverbed—the cities there belonged to Efrayim even though they were inside Menasheh’s land—then the border stayed on the north side of the riverbed and extended to the Mediterranean. **10** So the south was for Efrayim and the north was for Menasheh, and the sea was the western border, meeting Asher from the north and Yisakar (Issachar) from the east. **11** Menasheh was allocated cities inside both Yisakar’s and Asher’s territories: Beyt-Shean, Yivleam, Dor, Eyn-Dor, Ta’anak, and Megidon along with their surrounding towns.[66] **12** But Menasheh’s descendants weren’t able to take possession of those cities, so the Kena’anim (Canaanites) continued to live in the region.[67] **13** When the Israelis strengthened their position, they were able to force those Kena’anim to work for them, but they weren’t able to drive them out.

Efrayim and Menasheh’s descendants are given additional land · Promised land

14 Then the two half-tribes of Efrayim (Ephraim) and Menasheh (Manasseh) asked Yehoshua (Joshua), “Why have you only given to us one measured allocation as an inheritance when we’re very numer-

64 RV 17:4 · Note It’s not clear who this ‘he’ refers to here—some translations choose Eleazar (implied by the sentence structure) and others choose Yehoshua (implied by past allocations of land).

65 RV 17:4 · Cross-ref. Num 27:1-7.

66 RV 17:11 · Note We’ve omitted the final Hebrew phrase here (the three of Nafet) since it’s unclear what it means (plus it’s not considered to be a vital point in the narrative).

67 RV 17:12-13 · Cross-ref. Jdg 1:27-28.

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ous because Yahweh has already blessed us?"

15 "If there's so many of you," Yehoshua answered, "and if Efrayim's hill-country is too small for you, go into the forested area of the Perizim and the Refaim and clear some land for yourselves there."

16 "The hill country certainly isn't big enough for all of us," they responded, "plus the Kena'anim (Canaanites) living in the Yizre'el (Jezreel) valley and in Beyt-Shean and the surrounding towns have iron chariots."

17 So Yehoshua told the half-tribes of Efrayim and Menasheh, "Yes, there's a lot of you and you're very powerful. One land allotment wouldn't be enough for you **18** so the hill country will be yours as well. However, it's a forest and you'll have to clear it to the borders. You'll need to drive out the Kena'anim even if they are strong and with iron chariots."

Allocations for the remaining seven tribes · Promised land

18:1 Then all the Israelis assembled at Shiloh and set up the sacred tent there. The battles over the land had stopped **2** but seven of their tribes hadn't had their inheritances assigned yet. **3** Yehoshua (Joshua) asked the Israelis, "How much longer are you all going to put off capturing the land that your ancestors' God Yahweh has given you? **4** Choose three men from each of those seven[68] tribes and I'll send them out to scout around and inspect the land and write descriptions of it in terms of potential allocations and bring it to me. **5** They can divide that land into seven parts. (Yehudah (Judah) will maintain their territory in the south, and Yosef's (Joseph's) tribes in the north.) **6** You all should write descriptions of the seven parts and bring them here to me, and in front of our god Yahweh, I'll throw dice for you to allocate them to the seven tribes. **7** However, the Levites don't receive a portion, because their inheritance is Yahweh's priesthood. Gad and Re'uven and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe have already received their inheritance that Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) allocated to them on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan).

8 So the chosen men got ready to leave and Yehoshua instructed them, "Go and walk around that land and write a report and bring it back to me. Then I'll throw dice for you all in front of Yahweh here in Shiloh." **9** Then the men left and walked through the area, writing down their recommendations for dividing the seven portions according to the cities in the area, then they returned back to Yehoshua at the camp at Shiloh. **10** So Yehoshua threw dice for them at Shiloh in front of Yahweh, and so that land was allocated to those remaining seven tribes.

Literal Version

_you_will_cut_it_down to/for_yourself(m) there in_land of_the_ _Pərizzī[s] and_the_Rəfā'īm if/because it_is_narrow to/for_ _yourself(m) the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim. **16** And_ the_ _descendants_of Yōşēf _they_said not it_will_be_found to/for_ _us the_hill_country and_chariotry_of iron in_all the_ _Kəna'ₐnī[s] who_dwells in_land_of the_valley to_those_who in_ _house_of shə'ān and_her/its_daughters and_to_those_who are_in_the_valley_of Yizrə'ʾēl/(Jezreel). **17** And_ Yəhōshū'a _ _he/it_said to the_house_of Yōşēf to_'Efrayim and_to_ _Mənashsheh to_say are_a_people numerous you and_strength great to/for_you(fs) not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) a_lot one. **18** If/because the_hill_country it_will_belong to_you if/because is_forest it and_you_will_cut_it_down and_it_was to/for_yourself(m) extremities_of_its if/because you_will_ _dispossess ᴅᴏᴍ the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] if/because chariotry_of iron to_him/it if/because is_strong he.

18:1 And_ all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ʾēl/(Israel) _they_assembled Shiloh and_they_caused_to_ _dwell there ᴅᴏᴍ the_tent_of meeting and_the_earth it_was_ _subdued before_them. **2** And_they_remained among_the_ _people_of Yisrā'ʾēl/(Israel) which not they_had_divided ᴅᴏᴍ inheritance_of_their seven tribes. **3** And_ Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) _ _he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrā'ʾēl/(Israel) until when will_ _you(pl) be_showing_yourselves_slack(pl) to_go to_take_ _possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land which he_has_given to/for_ _you(pl) **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl). **4** Provide to/for_you(pl) three men to_tribe so_that_I_may_ _send_them and_they_will_arise and_they_will_walk in/on_ _the_earth and_they_will_describe_in_writing it to_the_mouth_ _of their_inheritance_of_their and_they_will_come to_me. **5** And_they_will_divide_among_themselves ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it (into)_ _seven portions Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_remain on territory_ _of_its from_the_south and_the_house_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) they_ _will_remain on territory_of_their from_the_north. **6** And_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_describe_in_writing ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land seven portions and_you(pl)_will_bring_it to_me hither and_I_ _will_throw to/for_you(pl) a_lot here to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_our. **7** If/because there_will_ _belong_not a_portion to_Lēviyyiy in_midst_of_your(pl) if/because is_the_priesthood_of **YHWH** inheritance_of_its and_ _Gād and_Rə'ūvēn and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_ _Mənashsheh they_have_received inheritance_of_their from_ _the_other_side of_Yardēn/(Jordan) eastward_to which he_gave to/for_them Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH**. **8** And_ the_men _ _they_arose and_they_went and_ Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) _he/it_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ those_who_went to_describe_in_writing ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land to_say go and_walk_about in/on_the_earth and_describe_in_writing it and_return to_me and_here I_will_ _throw to/for_you(pl) a_lot to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_Shiloh. **9** And_ the_men _they_went and_they_passed in/on_the_earth and_they_described_it_in_writing to_cities into_seven portions on a_scroll and_they_came to Yəhōshū'a to the_camp Shiloh. **10** And_he_threw to/for_them Yəhōshū'a a_ _lot in_Shiloh to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _he_apportioned there Yəhōshū'a ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land to_the_

68 RV 18:4 · Note Not in the Hebrew but implied by verse 5 as they go on to divide the surveyed land into seven portions.

Literal Version

_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_of_their_divisions.
11 And_ the_lot_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _
_he/it_ascended to_their_clans and_ the_territory_of their_lot_
_of_their _he/it_went_out between the_descendants_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_between the_descendants_of
Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **12** And_he/it_was to/for_them the_border to_
_the_side_of northward_of from the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_ the_
_border _he/it_would_go_up to the_slope_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho)
from_the_north and_he/it_would_go_up in_country westward_
_to and[69] extremities_of_its the_wilderness_of_towards of_Bēyt
Aven. **13** And_it_passes_on from_there the_border to_Luz to
the_slope_of (to)_Luz southward_to that is_Bēyt- 'ēl and_ the_
_border _it_goes_down ʿAṭārōt Addar on the_mountain which
is_from_the_south of_Bēyt- horon lower. **14** And_ the_border _
_it_turns and_it_turns to_the_side_of the_west southward_to
from the_mountain which is_on the_face_of Bēyt Ḥōrōn south_
_to_the and[70] extremities_of_its to Qiryat Baʿal that is_Qiryat
Yəʿārīm/(Jearim) the_city_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh this
is_the_side_of the_west. **15** And_the_side_of south_of_(to)_the
is_from_the_end_of Qiryat and_ the_border _it_goes_out
westward_to and_it_goes_out to the_spring_of the_waters_of
Nephtoah. **16** And_ the_border _it_goes_down to the_end_of
the_mountain which is_on the_face_of the_valley_of_Ben
Hinnom the_valley_of_Ben which is_in_the_valley_of Rəfā'īm
northward_at and_it_goes_down the_valley_of_Ben Hinnom to
the_slope_of the_Yəvūṣī south_to_the and_it_goes_down ʿĒyn
Rogel. **17** And_it_turns from_the_north and_it_goes_out ʿĒyn
Shemesh and_it_goes_out to Gəlīlōt which is_opposite the_
_ascent_of Adummim and_it_goes_down the_stone_of Bohan_of
the_son_of Rə'ūvēn. **18** And_it_passes_on to the_slope_of
opposite_to the_ʿArāvāh northward_to and_it_goes_down to_
_the_ʿArāvāh. **19** It_passes_on the_border to the_slope_of Bēyt
Ḥoglāh northward_to and[71] mmm[72] of_the_territory to the_
_tongue_of the_Sea_of (the)_Salt northward_at to the_end_of
the_Yardēn/(Jordan) south_to_the this is_the_border_of the_
_south. **20** And_the_Yardēn it_borders ~~DOM~~_him/it to_the_side_
_of eastward this was_the_inheritance_of the_descendants_of
Binyāmīn to_borders_of_its around to_their_clans. **21** And_ the_
_cities _they_will_be to_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of
Binyāmīn to_clans_of_their Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_Bēyt- hoglah
and_Emek- keziz. **22** And_Bēyt- ʿ$_a$rāvāh and_
_Tsəmārayim/(Zemaraim) and_Bēyt- 'ēl. **23** And_(the)_ʿAvvim
and_(the)_Parah and_ʿOfrāh. **24** And_Kephar_(the)_Ammoni_
_and_Kephar (the)_Ammonah[73] and_(the)_Ophni and_Gevaʿ
cities two_plus ten and_villages_of_their. **25** Givʿōn and_(the)_
_Rāmāh and_Bə'ērōt. **26** And_(the)_Mitspāh and_(the)_Kəfīrāh
and_(the)_Mozah. **27** And_Reqem and_Irpeel and_Taralah.
28 And_Zela Haeleph and_the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[74] that is_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Givʿāh Qiryat cities four- teen and
_villages_of_their this was_the_inheritance_of the_

Readers' Version

The allocation to Benyamin's descendants · Promised land

11 The tribe of Benyamin won the first
draw and the area for their clans was be-
tween the land assigned to Yehudah (Ju-
dah) and that assigned to Efrayim
(Ephraim) and Menasheh (Manasseh). **12** Their northern border
went from the Yarden (Jordan) then to the northern side of Yer-
iho (Jericho) and up into the hill country to the west, coming out
in the wilderness at Beyt-Aven. **13** Then it went across towards
Luz (now called Beyt-El (Bethel)) to the southern edge then
downhill towards Atrot-Adar beside the hill south of lower
Beyt-Horon. **14** Then the western border turned from that hill
and went south, coming out at Kiryat-Ba'al (also called
Kiryat-Yearim—a town belonging to Yehudah) thus forming the
western side. **15** The southern border went west from
Kiryat-Yearim to the spring at Neftoah, **16** then downhill to the
Ben-Hinom valley (in the valley of the Refaim to the north) then
downhill to Hinom valley to the edge of the Yevusim and down-
hill to Eyn-Rogel. **17** Then it turned northward and went west to
Eyn-Shemesh and across to Gelilot opposite the Adumim pass,
before going downhill to the Stone of Bohan (Re'uven's son).
18 It extended over to the northern slope of the Yarden valley
and then downhill into the actual valley. **19** It then went east to
the northern slope of Beyt-Hoglah before coming out at the
north end of the Dead Sea (also called the Salt Sea) where the
Yarden river flows into it. That was the southern boundary
20 and the Yarden borders it on the east. Those were the borders
of Benyamin's descendants' inheritance according to their clans.

21 The cities allocated to Benyamin's descendants and their
clans were: Yeriho (Jericho), Beyt-Hoglah, Emek-Ketsits,
22 Beyt-Ha'aravah, Tsemarayim, Beyt-El (Bethel), **23** Avim, Parah,
Ofrah, **24** Kefar-Ha'amoni, Ofni, and Geva—a total of twelve cities
as well as their surrounding villages. **25** Also Giveon, Ramah,
Be'erot, **26** Mitspah, Kefirah, Motsah, **27** Rekem, Yirpe'el,
Tar'alah, **28** Tsela, Haelef, Yevus (now called Yerushalem
(Jerusalem)), Giveah, and Kiryat—a total of fourteen cities as
well as their surrounding villages. Those were Benyamin's de-
scendants' inheritance according to their clans.

69 LV 18:12 · Note OSHB variant note: היה/ו: (x-qere) 'וַיְהִי/ו': lemma_c/1961 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_06g2a וַיְהִי/ו
70 LV 18:14 · Note OSHB variant note: היה/ו: (x-qere) 'וַיְהִי/ו': lemma_c/1961 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_06sau וַיְהִי/ו
71 LV 18:19 · Note OSHB variant note: היה/ו: (x-qere) 'וַיְהִי/ו': lemma_c/1961 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_06RMp וַיְהִי/ו
72 LV 18:19 · Note OSHB variant note: יתואצת/ו: (x-qere) 'תֹּאצֶת': lemma_8444 morph_HNcfpc id_06JXW תֹּאצֶת
73 LV 18:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ינמעה: (x-qere) 'הָנְמַעָה': lemma_3726 n_1.0.0 morph_HNp id_06rDJ הָנְמַעָה
74 LV 18:28 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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The allocation to Shim'on's descendants · Promised land

19:1 The second draw went to Shim'on's (Simeon's) descendants and the land for their clans was in the middle of Yehudah's (Judah's) territory. **2** Shim'on's inheritance included: Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba),[75] Moladah,[76] **3** Hatsar-Shual, Balah, Etsem, **4** Eltolad, Betul, Hormah, **5** Tsiklag, Beyt-Hamarkavot. Hatsar-Susah, **6** Beyt-Leva'ot, and Sharuhen—thirteen cities as well as their surrounding villages. **7** Also Ayin, Rimon, Eter, and Asha—four cities as well as their surrounding villages, **8** and all the further villages around those cities as far as Ba'alat-Be'er (also called Ramah of the Negev). That was Shim'on's descendants' inheritance according to their clans. **9** This took away some of Yehudah's inheritance and gave it to Shim'on's descendants because Yehudah's initial area was more than they needed.

The allocation to Zevulun's descendants · Promised land

10 The third draw went to Zevulun's descendants according to their clans. The southern border for their inheritance started at Sarid **11** and went west to Maralah and Dabeshet then to the riverbed facing Yakeneam. **12** Also from Sarid it went toward the east beside the border with Kislot-Tavor and then on to Davrat and then to Yafia. **13** From there it extended east to Gat-Hahefer and Et-Katsin and north to Rimon before turning to Ne'ah. **14** Then it passed north of Hanaton ending at Yiftah-El valley. **15** It included the cities of Katat, Nahalal, Shimron, Yid'alah, and Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)—a total of twelve cities as well as their surrounding villages. **16** That was Zevulun's descendants' inheritance according to their clans, including those cities as well as their surrounding villages.

The allocation to Yisakar's descendants · Promised land

17 The fourth draw went to Yisakar's (Issachar's) descendants according to their clans. **18** Their land included the cities of Yizre'el (Jezreel), Kesulot, Shunem, **19** Hafarayim, Shi'on, Anaharat, **20** Rabbit, Kishyon, Evets, **21** Remet, Eyn-Ganim, Eyn-Hadah, and Beyt-Patsets. **22** The border of their allotment met with Tavor, Shahatsimah, and Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis), coming out in the east at the Yarden (Jordan)—a total of sixteen cities as well as their surrounding villages. **23** That was Yisakar's descendants' inheritance according to their clans, including those cities as well as their surrounding villages.

Literal Version

_descendants_of Binyāmīn to_their_clans.
19:1 And_ the_lot the_second _he/it_went_out for_Shim´ōn for_ _the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Shim´ōn to_clans_of_their and_he/it_was inheritance_of_their in_the_middle of_the_ _inheritance_of of_the_descendants_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** And_he/it_was to/for_them (in)_inheritance_of_their Bə'ēr Shevʿa´ and_Shevʿa´ and_Mōlādāh. **3** And_ Ḥatsar- shū´āl and_ _Bālāh and_´Etsem. **4** And_'Eltōlad and_Bətūl and_Ḥormāh. **5** And_Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) and_Bēyt- hammarkāvōt and_ Ḥatsar- susah. **6** And_Bēyt- lebaoth and_Shārūḥēn cities thir- teen and_ _villages_of_their. **7** ´Ayin Rimmōn and_´Ēter and_´Āshān cities four and_villages_of_their. **8** And_all the_villages which were_ _around_of the_cities the_these to Ba´alāth Bə'ēr Rāmāh Negevʿ this was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Shim´ōn to_their_clans. **9** Was_from_the_portion_of the_ _descendants_of Yəhūdāh the_inheritance_of the_descendants_ _of Shim´ōn if/because it_was the_portion_of the_descendants_ _of Yəhūdāh too_great from_them and_ the_descendants_of Shim´ōn _they_received_their_inheritance in_the_middle their_ _inheritance_of_their.

10 And_ the_lot the_third _he/it_ascended for_the_ _descendants_of Zəvūlūn to_their_clans and_ the_border_of their_inheritance_of_their _he/it_was to Sārīd. **11** And_ border_ _of_their _he/it_would_go_up to_west and_Mar'alāh and_it_ _touches (on)_Dabeshet and_it_touches (to) the_wadi which is_ _on the_face_of Yoqnə´ām/(Jokneam). **12** And_it_turns_back from_Sārīd eastward_to the_rising_of the_sun to the_border_of Kisloth and_it_goes_out to (the)_Davrat and_he/it_would_go_ _up Yāfī´a/(Japhia). **13** And_from_there it_passes_on eastward_ _on eastward_toward to_Gat Ḥēfer Eth Kazin and_it_goes_out Rimmōn which_is_turned (the)_Neah. **14** And_ the_border _it_ _turns DOM_him/it from_the_north_of Hannathon and_ extremities_of_its _they_will_be the_valley_of Iphtah 'Ēl. **15** And_Kattah and_Nahalāl and_Shimrōn and_Idalah and_Bēyt-leḥem cities two_plus ten and_villages_of_their. **16** This was_ _the_inheritance_of the_descendants_of Zəvūlūn to_clans_of_ _their the_cities the_these and_villages_of_their.

17 For_Yissāskār/(Issachar) the_lot the_fourth it_came_out for_ _the_descendants_of Yissāskār to_clans_of_their. **18** And_ border_of_their _he/it_was to_Yizrə´ēl/(Jezreel) and_(the)_ _Kesulloth and_Shūnēm. **19** And_Hapharaim and_Shion and_ _Anaharath. **20** And_(the)_Rabbith and_Qishyōn and_Ebez. **21** And_Remeth and_ ´Ēyn- gannim and_ ´Ēyn- haddah and_ _Bēyt- pazzez. **22** And_ the_border _it_touches (on)_Tāvōr Shahazayim[77] and_Bēyt- shemesh and_ the_extremities_of their_territory_of_their _they_will_be the_Yardēn/(Jordan) cities six- teen and_villages_of_their. **23** This was_the_ _inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Yissāskār to_ _their_clans the_cities and_villages_of_their.

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75 **RV 19:2 · Note** TC: Ancient manuscripts differ, with some adding Sheva (possibly a mistaken reduplication) or Shema here (but that would make the total number wrong that's given in v6).

76 **RV 19:2-8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 4:28-33.

77 **LV 19:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/מוצחש/ו: (x-qere) וְ/הַ/מֹוצָחַשׁ/: lemma_c/7831 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Np/Sd id_06Xp8 וְ/הַ/מֹוצָחַשׁ/

Literal Version

24 And_ the_lot (the)_fifth _he/it_went_out for_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of ’Āshēr to_clans_of_their. **25** And_he/it_was border_of_their Helkath and_Ḥalī and_Beten and_’Akshāf. **26** And_Alammelech and_Amad and_Mishal and_it_touches (on)_Karmel/(Carmel) (the)_westward_on and_(on)_Shiyḥōr-libnath. **27** And_it_turns_back the_rising_of the_sun Bēyt Dagon and_it_touches (on)_Zəvūlūn and_(on)_the_valley_valley_of_ _Iphtah- ʾēl valley_of_Iphtah- northward_to Bēyt Emek and_ _Neiel and_it_goes_out to Kāvūl/(Cabul) from_the_north. **28** And_Ebron and_Rəḥov and_Ḥammōn and_Kanah to Tsīdōn/(Sidon) great. **29** And_ the_border _it_turns_back (the)_ _Rāmāh and_unto the_city_of fortification_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_ the_border _it_turns_back Ḥoṣāh and[78] extremities_of_its to_ _the_sea from_the_region to_’Akzīv. **30** And_Umah and_’Afēq and_Rəḥov cities twenty and_two and_villages_of_their. **31** This was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of ’Āshēr to_their_clans the_cities the_these and_villages_of_their.

32 For_the_descendants_of Naftālī the_lot the_sixth it_came_ _out for_the_descendants_of Naftālī to_their_clans. **33** And_ border_of_their _he/it_was from_Heleph from_the_great_tree in_Tsaʼanannim/(Zaanannim) and_’Ādāmi- nekeb and_Jabneel to Lakkum and_ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) _he/it_was extremities_ _of_its. **34** And_ the_border _it_turns_back westward_to Aznoth Tāvōr and_it_goes_out from_there to_Ḥuqqoq and_it_touches (on)_Zəvūlūn from_the_south and_(on)_’Āshēr it_touches from_the_west and_(on)_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_Yardēn the_ _rising_of the_sun. **35** And_the_cities_of fortification are_(the)_ _Ziddim Zer and_Ḥammat Rakkath and_Kinneret. **36** And_ _’Ādāmah and_(the)_Rāmāh and_Ḥātsōr. **37** And_Qedesh and_ _’Edreʼī and_ ʼĒyn- hazor. **38** And_Yiron and_Migdal- ʾēl Horem and_Bēyt- anath and_Bēyt- shemesh cities nine- teen and_ _villages_of_their. **39** This was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Naftālī to_their_clans the_cities and_ _villages_of_their.

40 For_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Dān to_their_clans the_ _lot the_seventh it_came_out. **41** And_he/it_was the_territory_ _of their_inheritance_of_their Tsorʼāh/(Zorah) and_’Eshtā’ol and_the_city of_the_sun. **42** And_Shaalabbin and_’Ayyālōn and_ _Ithlah. **43** And_’Ēylōn and_(to)_Timnāh and_ʼEqrōn. **44** And_ _Eltekeh and_Gibtōn and_Baʼalāth. **45** And_Jehud and_the_sons berak and_Gat- rimmon. **46** And_Me- jarkon and_(the)_Rakkon with the_territory opposite_to Yāfō/(Joppa). **47** And_ the_ _territory_of the_descendants_of Dān _he/it_went_out from_ _them and_ the_descendants_of Dān _they_went_up and_they_ _waged_war with Leshem and_they_captured it and_they_ _struck_down it to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_they_took_ _possession_of it and_they_lived in_it and_they_called (to)_ _Leshem Dān like/according_to_name of_Dān ancestor_of_ _their. **48** This was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_ _descendants_of Dān to_their_clans the_cities the_these and_ _villages_of_their.

Readers’ Version

The allocation to Asher’s descendants · Promised land

24 The fifth draw went to Asher’s descendants according to their clans. **25** Their land included the cities of Helkat, Hali, Beten, Akshaf, **26** Alamelek, Am’ad, and Mish’al. Their western border started at Mt. Karmel and Shihor-Livnat **27** and turned back to the east to Beyt-Dagon and the border with Zevulun and the Yiftah-El valley to the north. Then it went to Beyt-Emek and Neiel and north to Kavul, **28** Avdon, Rehov, Hamon and Kanah, as far as Greater Tsidon (Sidon). **29** The border then turned back to Ramah and to the fortified city of Tsor (Tyre) and turns west to Hosah coming out at the Mediterranean near Akziv. **30** It also included Umah, Afek, and Rehov—a total of twenty-two cities as well as their surrounding villages. **31** That was Asher’s descendants’ inheritance according to their clans, including those cities as well as their surrounding villages.

The allocation to Naftali’s descendants · Promised land

32 The sixth draw went to Naftali’s (Naphtali’s) descendants according to their clans. **33** Their border started in Helef (where there was an oak tree at Tsa’ananim) then Adami-Nekev and Yavne’el and on to Lakum before exiting at the Yarden (Jordan). **34** Then it turned west to Aznot-Tavor and from there to Hukok, meeting the border with Zevulun on the south, the border with Asher on the west, and the border with Yehudah (Judah) on the east. **35** The fortified cities were Tsidim, Tser, Hamat, Rakat, Kineret, **36** Admah, Ramah, Hatsor, **37** Kedesh, Edre’i, Eyn-Hatsor, **38** Yir’on, Migdal-El, Horem, Beyt-Anat, and Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis)—a total of nineteen cities as well as their surrounding villages. **39** That was Naftali’s descendants’ inheritance according to their clans, including those cities as well as their surrounding villages.

The allocation to Dan’s descendants · Promised land

40 The final seventh draw went to Dan’s descendants according to their clans. **41** Their land included the cities of Tsor’ah, Eshtaol, Ir-Shemesh, **42** Sha’alvim, Ayalon, and Yitlah, **43** Eylon, Timnah, Ekron, **44** Elteke, Gibton, Ba’alat, **45** Yehud, Beney-Berak, Gat-Rimon, **46** Mey-Hayarkon, Rakon, and the area opposite Yafo (Joppa). **47** Dan’s border went out from them.[79] Then Dan’s descendants battled against Leshem and captured it and slaughtered their inhabitants. So they took it over and settled in Leshem but they renamed it to ‘Dan’ after their ancestor.[80] **48** That was Dan’s descendants’ inheritance according to their clans, including those cities as well as their surrounding villages.

78 **LV 19:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: וַיִּהְיוּ: (x-qere) וַיֶּהִי: lemma_c/1961 morph_HC/Vqp3cp id_06rid וַיֶּהִי

79 **RV 19:47 · Note** Translations vary widely here because we’re not sure what is meant by the literal rendering that we’ve kept here.

80 **RV 19:47 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 18:27-29.

Readers' Version

Yehoshua's allocation · Promised land

49 After the allocation of the blocks of land to the various tribes, the Israelis gave Yehoshua (Joshua) (Nun's son) his own inheritance among them.

50 Following Yahweh's instructions to give Yehoshua whatever city he asked for, he was given Timnat-Serah in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim) and he built up that city and lived in it.

51 Those were the allotments that Eleazar the priest and Yehoshua (Nun's son) gave to the leaders of the Israeli tribes as their inheritances. It was done by throwing dice there in Shiloh in front of Yahweh at the opening of the sacred tent, and so the land division was completed.

The refuge cities · Promised land

20:1 Then Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), **2** "Tell the Israelis to select some cities that people can flee to in order to be safe,[81] just as I instructed you through Mosheh (Moses), **3** so that if someone accidentally kills someone else, they can escape there and be safe from the dead person's family. **4** When that person flees to one of these cities, they must stand at the city gate and tell the elders there what happened. Then they should bring the person into the city and give them a place there to live in. **5** Now if a relative of the deceased comes to avenge the death, the city elders won't hand over the killer because the death was accidental and didn't happen because of hate or premeditation. **6** So then that person must stay in the city until they're brought before the panel of judges. If they decide that the death wasn't deliberate, the person must remain in that city until the death of the high priest, then they can freely return to their own city and own home."

7 So the Israelis chose Kedesh (in the Galil region in the hill country of Naftali (Naphtali)) and Shekem (in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim)) and Kiryat-Arba (now called Hevron, in the hill country of Yehudah (Judah)). **8** On the other side of the Yarden (Jordan) river, they chose Betser (in the wilderness on the plateau from the tribe of Re'uven), Ramot (in the Gilead from the tribe of Gad), and Golan (in the Bashan from the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh)). **9** Those were the appointed cities for both Israelis and foreigners living among them, so that anyone who accidentally killed someone could flee there and be safe from being avenged by the deceased's relatives until they could receive a proper trial.

Literal Version

49 And_they_finished to_divide_for_possession ĐOM the_ _earth/land to_borders_of_its and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gave an_inheritance to_ _Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn among_them. **50** On the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** they_gave to_him/it ĐOM the_city which he_ _asked_for ĐOM Timnath Serah in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_he_built ĐOM the_city and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_it. **51** These are_the_inheritances which they_gave_as_a_possession 'Elʿāzār the_priest/officer and_Yəhōshūʿa the_son_of Nūn and_the_heads_of the_fathers of_the_tribes_of of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_lot in_ _Shiloh to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_they_finished from_ _apportioning ĐOM the_earth/land.

20:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Yəhōshūʿa to_say. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say assign to/for_you(pl) ĐOM the_cities_of (the)_refuge which I_spoke to_you(pl) by_the_ _hand_of Mosheh. **3** To_flee to_(to) a_killer who_strikes_down_ _of (of)_a_person by_inadvertence with_not_of knowledge and_ _they_will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_refuge from_the_ _avenger_of (the)_blood. **4** And_he_will_flee to one of_the_cities the_these and_he_will_stand the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_ _city and_he_will_speak in_the_ears_of the_elders_of the_city[82] (the)_that ĐOM words/messages_of_his and_they_will_gather ĐOM_him/it to_the_city to_themselves and_they_will_give to_ _him/it a_place and_he_will_dwell with_them. **5** And_ _because/when the_avenger_of (the)_blood he_will_pursue after_him and_not they_will_deliver_up ĐOM the_killer in_ _his/its_hand if/because with_not knowledge he_struck_down ĐOM his/its_neighbour and_not he was_hating to_him/it from_ _yesterday the_third_day. **6** And_he_will_dwell in_city (the)_ _that until stands_he to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _congregation for_judgement until the_death_of the_ _priest/officer (the)_great who he_will_be in_the_days the_ _those then the_killer he_will_return and_he_will_go to city_of_ _his_own and_near/to house_of_his_own to the_city where he_ _fled from_there. **7** And_they_set_apart ĐOM Qedesh in_Gālīl in_ _the_hill_country_of Naftālī and_ĐOM Shəkem in_the_hill_ _country_of 'Efrayim and_ĐOM Qiryat 'Arbaʿ that is_Ḥevrōn in_ _the_hill_country_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **8** And_from_the_other_ _side of_the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) eastward_on they_assigned ĐOM Betser in_wilderness in_plain from_the_ _tribe_of Rə'ūvēn and_ĐOM Rāmot in_Gilʿād from_the_tribe_of Gād and_ĐOM Gōlān[83] in_Bāshān from_the_tribe_of Mənashsheh. **9** These they_were the_cities_of (the)_ _appointment to_all/each/any/every the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_for_sojourner who_sojourns among_them to_flee to_(to) any_of one_who_strikes_down_of (of)_a_person by_inadvertence and_not he_will_die by_the_hand_of the_ _avenger_of (the)_blood until stands_he to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_congregation.

81 **RV 20:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 35:9-34; Deu 4:41-43; 19:1-13.

82 **LV 20:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

83 **LV 20:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: וולנ: (x-qere) ’ָלוֹנ’: lemma_1474 morph_HNp id_06H48 ָלוֹנ

Literal Version

21:1 And_ the_heads_of the_fathers_of the_Lēviyyiy _they_ _approached to 'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_near/to Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_near/to the_heads_of the_fathers_of the_tribes of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_they_spoke to_them in_Shiloh in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_say **YHWH** he_commanded by_the_ _hand_of Mosheh to_give to/for_us cities to_dwell_in and_ _their_pasture_of_lands for_livestock_of_our. **3** And_ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gave to_Lēviyyiy some_of_ _their_inheritance to the_mouth_of **YHWH** ĐOM the_cities the_ _these and_ĐOM lands_of_their_pasture. **4** And_ the_lot _he/it_ _went_out of_the_clans_of of_the_Qəhātite[s] and_he/it_was to_ _the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer of the_Lēviyyiy from_the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_from_the_tribe_of the_Shim'ōnite[s] and_from_the_tribe_of Binyāmīn by_lot cities thir- teen. **5** And_belonged_to_the_descendants_of Qəhāt who_ _remained from_the_clans_of the_tribe_of 'Efrayim and_from_ _the_tribe_of Dān and_from_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh by_lot cities ten. **6** And_belonged_to_the_ _descendants_of Gērəshōn from_the_clans_of the_tribe_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) and_from_the_tribe_of 'Āshēr and_from_ _the_tribe_of Naftālī and_from_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh in_Bāshān by_lot cities thir- teen. **7** And_ _belonged_to_the_descendants_of Mərārī to_their_clans from_ _the_tribe_of Rə'ūvēn and_from_the_tribe_of Gād and_from_ _the_tribe_of Zəvūlūn cities two_plus ten. **8** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gave to_Lēviyyiy ĐOM the_cities the_these and_ĐOM lands_of_their_pasture just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded by_the_hand_of Mosheh by_lot. **9** And_they_gave from_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh and_from_the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of Shim'ōn ĐOM the_cities the_these which he_called them in/on_name_of. **10** And_he/it_was to_ _the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron one_of_the_clans_of the_ _Qəhātite[s] from_(the)_sons of_Lēvī if/because to/for_them the_lot first it_belonged. **11** And_they_gave to/for_them ĐOM Qiryat 'Arba' the_father_of (the)_'Ānāq that is_Ḥevrōn in_the_ _hill_country_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture around_of_it. **12** And_ĐOM the_field[s]_of the_city and_ _ĐOM villages_of_its they_gave to_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) (in)_possession_of_his. **13** And_to_the_ _descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer they_gave ĐOM the_ _city_of (the)_refuge_of the_killer ĐOM Ḥevrōn and_ĐOM lands_ _of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Livnāh and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **14** And_ĐOM Yattir/(Jattir) and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ _ĐOM 'Eshtəmo'a and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **15** And_ĐOM Ḥolōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Dəvīr and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **16** And_ĐOM 'Ayin and_ĐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture and_ĐOM Juttah and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture ĐOM Bēyt Shemesh and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities nine from_ _with the_two_of the_tribes the_these. **17** And_from_the_tribe_ _of Binyāmīn ĐOM Giv'ōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture ĐOM Gevа' and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **18** ĐOM 'Anātōt and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM 'Almōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture cities four. **19** All_of the_cities_of the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priests were_thir- teen cities and_their_pasture_ _of_lands. **20** And_to_the_clans_of the_descendants_of Qəhāt

Readers' Version

The allocation to Levi's descendants · Promised land

21:1 Then the leaders of the Levites went to Eleazar the priest and to Yehoshua (Joshua) (Nun's son) and to the Israeli elders **2** at Shiloh (in the Kena'an (Canaan) region) and told them, "Yahweh said through Mosheh (Moses) that we should be given cities to live in, along with their surrounding fields for our livestock."[84] **3** So the Israeli leaders gave these cities and the fields around them to the Levites for their inheritance as Yahweh had instructed:

4 The first draw went to those of the Kohat clans who were descendants of Aharon (Aaron) the priest (from the Levites). They were allocated thirteen cities in the regions occupied by Yehudah (Judah), Shim'on (Simeon), and Benyamin. **5** The remaining Kohat clans were allocated ten cities in the regions occupied by Efrayim (Ephraim), Dan, and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe.

6 The Gereshon clans were allocated thirteen cities in the regions occupied by Yisakar (Issachar), Asher, Naftali (Naphtali), and by the Menasheh half-tribe in the Bashan region.

7 The Merari clans were allocated twelve cities in the regions occupied by Re'uven, Gad, and Zevulun.

8 So the Israeli leaders gave those cities and their surrounding fields to the Levites, just as Yahweh had instructed through Mosheh (Moses).

9 These are the names of the cities allocated by the Israeli leaders (from the regions occupied by Yehudah and Shim'on) **10** that were given to the Levite Kohat clans since they were selected first in the draw: **11** Kiryat-Arba and the surrounding fields (now called Hevron—Arba was the father of Anak) in Yehudah's hill country **12** (although the surrounding countryside and villages had already been given to Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb)). **13** So Hevron was given to the descendants of Aharon (Aaron) the priest and assigned as a refuge city (for anyone who accidentally kills someone) along with the surrounding fields, along with Livnah, **14** Yatir, Eshtemoa, **15** Holon, Devir, **16** Ayin, Yutah, and Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis), all with their surrounding fields—a total of nine cities from within Yehudah and Shim'on's territories. **17** From Benyamin's territories, the Israeli leaders assigned Giveon, Geva, **18** Anatot, and Almon—four cities and their surrounding fields. **19** Thus the descendants of Aharon the priests received thirteen cities with their surrounding fields.

20 The other Levite Kohat clans were allocated cities from within Efrayim's (Ephraim's) territory: **21** Shekem (which was assigned as a refuge city for anyone who accidentally kills someone), Gezer, **22** Kivtsayim, and Beyt-Horon—four cities with their surrounding fields. **23** From Dan's territory, they were allocated Elteke, Gibton, **24** Ayalon, and Gat-Rimon—four cities with their surrounding fields. **25** From the Menasheh half-tribe's territory, they were allocated Ta'anak and Gat-Rimon—two cities with their surrounding fields. **26** Thus the other Levite Kohat clans re-

84 RV 21:2 · Cross-ref. Num 35:1-8.

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ceived ten cities with their surrounding fields.

27 The Levite Gereshon clans were allocated cities from within the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe's territory: Golan in the Bashan (which was assigned as a refuge city for anyone who accidentally kills someone) and Be'eshterah—two cities with their surrounding fields. **28** From Yisakar's (Issachar's) territory, they were allocated Kishyon, Davrat, **29** Yarmut, and Eyn-Ganim—four cities with their surrounding fields. **30** From Asher's territory, they were allocated Mish'al, Avdon, **31** Helkat, and Rehov—four cities with their surrounding fields. **32** From Naftali's (Naphtali's) territory, they were allocated Kedesh in the Galil (which was assigned as a refuge city for anyone who accidentally kills someone), Hamot-Dor, and Kartan—three cities with their surrounding fields. **33** Thus the Levite Gereshon clan received thirteen cities with their surrounding fields.

34 The remaining Levite Merari clans were allocated cities from within Zevulun's territory: Yakeneam, Kartah, **35** Dimnah, and Nahalal—four cities with their surrounding fields. **36** From Re'uven's territory, they were allocated Betser, Yahats, **37** Kedemot, and Mofa'at—four cities with their surrounding fields. **38** From Gad's territory, they were allocated Ramot in the Gilead (which was assigned as a refuge city for anyone who accidentally kills someone), Mahanayim, **39** Heshbon, and Yazer—four cities with their surrounding fields. **40** Thus the Levite Merari clan received twelve cities in the draw, along with their surrounding fields.

41 So altogether the Levites received forty-eight cities and their surrounding fields from with the territories of the other tribes— **42** each of those cities had fields around them for their livestock to graze on.

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the_Lēviyyiy who_remained from_(the)_sons of_Qəhāt and_ the_cities_of their_lot_of_their _he/it_was from_the_tribe_of 'Efrayim. **21** And_they_gave to/for_them ÐOM the_city_of (the)_ _refuge_of the_killer ÐOM Shəkem and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_ÐOM Gezer and_ÐOM lands_ _of_its_pasture. **22** And_ÐOM Kibzaim and_ÐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture and_ÐOM Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **23** And_from_the_tribe_of Dān ÐOM Eltekeh and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM Gibtōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **24** ÐOM 'Ayyālōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM Gat Rimmōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **25** And_from_the_ _half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh ÐOM Ta'ₐnāk and_ÐOM lands_ _of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Gat Rimmōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture cities two. **26** All_of the_cities ten and_their_pasture_ _of_lands belonged_to_the_clans_of the_descendants_of Qəhāt who_remained. **27** And_belonged_to_the_descendants_of Gērəshōn from_the_clans_of the_Lēviyyiy from_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh ÐOM the_city_of (the)_refuge_of the_ _killer ÐOM Gōlān[85] in_Bāshān and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Beeshtarah and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities two. **28** And_from_the_tribe_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) ÐOM Qishyōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM Davʳat and_ÐOM lands_of_ _its_pasture. **29** ÐOM Yarmūt/(Jarmuth) and_ÐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture ÐOM 'Ēyn Gannim and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **30** And_from_the_tribe_of 'Āshēr ÐOM Mishal and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM 'Avʳdōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **31** ÐOM Helkath and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Rəḥovʳ and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **32** And_from_the_ _tribe_of Naftālī ÐOM the_city_of (the)_refuge_of the_killer ÐOM Qedesh in_Gālīl and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Hammoth Dōr and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Kartan and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities three. **33** All_of the_cities_ _of the_Gērəshōnite[s] to_their_clans were_thir- teen citi[es] and_their_pasture_of_lands. **34** And_belonged_to_the_clans_of the_descendants_of Mərārī the_Lēviyyiy who_remained from_ _with the_tribe_of Zəvūlūn ÐOM Yoqnə'ām/(Jokneam) and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM Kartah and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **35** ÐOM Dimnah and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM Nahₐlāl and_ _ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **36** And_from_the_tribe_of Rə'ūvʳēn ÐOM Betser and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM (to)_Yahats/(Jahaz) and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **37** ÐOM Qədēmōt and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Mōfa'at and_ _ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **38** And_from_the_tribe_of Gād ÐOM the_city_of (the)_refuge_of the_killer ÐOM Rāmot in_ _Gil'ād and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Maḥₐnāyim and_ _ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **39** ÐOM Ḥeshbōn and_ÐOM lands_of_ _its_pasture ÐOM Ya'zēr/(Jazer) and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture all_of the_cities were_four. **40** All_of the_cities of_the_ _descendants_of of_Mərārī to_their_clans who_remained of_ _the_clans_of of_the_Lēviyyiy and_ lot_of_their _he/it_was cities two_plus ten. **41** All_of the_cities_of the_Lēviyyiy in_the_ _middle of_the_possession_of of_the_people_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_cities forty and_eight and_their_pasture_ _of_lands. **42** The_cities the_these they_were a_city a_city and_ _its_pasture_of_lands around_of_it were_thus to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_cities the_these.

85 LV 21:27 · Note OSHB variant note: וּלְבָנָה: (x-qere) בְּלָעָה: lemma_1474 morph_HNp id_06d3M בְּלָעָה

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43 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _earth/land which he_had_sworn to_give to_ancestors_of_their and_they_took_possession_of_it and_they_lived in_it. **44** And_ **YHWH** _he_gave_rest to/for_them from_round_about according_to_all that he_had_sworn to_ancestors_of_their and_ _not anyone he_made_a_stand in_faces_of_their from_all enemies_of_their ~~DOM~~ all_of enemies_of_their **YHWH** he_gave in_hand_of_their. **45** Not a_message it_fell from_all (the)_ _message (the)_good which **YHWH** he_had_spoken to the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (the)_everything it_came.
22:1 Then Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_summoned (to)_Rə'ūvēnite[s] and_(to)_Gādī[s] and_(to)_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh. **2** And_he/it_said to_them you(pl) you(pl)_have_kept ~~DOM~~ all_of that Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_commanded you(pl) and_you(pl)_have_listened to_voice_of_my to_ _all/each/any/every that I_have_commanded you(pl). **3** Not you(pl)_have_abandoned ~~DOM~~ countrymen_of_your(pl) this days many until the_day the_this and_you(pl)_have_kept ~~DOM~~ the_charge_of the_command_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **4** And_ _now **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_has_given_rest to_ _countrymen_of_your(pl) just_as he_spoke to/for_them and_ _now turn and_go to/for_you(pl) to_tents_of_your(pl) to the_ _land_of your_possession_of_your(pl) which he_gave to/for_ _you(pl) Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **5** Only take_care exceedingly for_doing ~~DOM~~ the_command and_~~DOM~~ the_law which Mosheh the_ _servant_of **YHWH** he_commanded you(pl) to_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_to_walk in_all ways_of_his and_to_keep commands_of_his and_to_cleave in_him/it and_to_serve_him in_all heart_of_your(pl) and_on/over_all being_of_your(pl). **6** And_he_blessed_them Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) and_he_sent_ _them_away and_they_went to tents_of_their. **7** And_to_the_ _half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh Mosheh he_had_given in_Bāshān and_to_half_of_of_it Yəhōshūʻa he_had_given with countrymen_of_their mmm[8788] of_the_Yardēn westward_in and_also if/because he_sent_them_away Yəhōshūʻa to tents_of_ _their and_he_blessed_them. **8** And_he/it_said to_them to_say with_riches great return to tents_of_your(pl) and_with_ _livestock much very with_silver and_with_gold and_with_ _bronze and_with_iron and_with_garments many very divide the_booty_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your(pl) with countrymen_ _of_your(pl). **9** And_they_returned and_they_went the_ _descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Shiloh which in_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_go to the_land_of (the)_Gil'ād to the_land_ _of their_possession_of_their which they_had_possessions in_it on the_mouth_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Mosheh.

10 And_they_came to Geliloth_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) which in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_ the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_ _Mənashsheh _they_built there an_altar at the_Yardēn an_altar large of_appearance. **11** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _

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The Israelis move into the regions · Promised land

43 Thus Yahweh gave the Israelis all the land that he'd promised their ancestors would be given and so the people moved into those regions and lived there. **44** Yahweh gave them peace as he'd promised their ancestors—none of their enemies could stand against them because Yahweh helped them defeat any enemies. **45** Yahweh kept every promise that he'd made to the Israelis—it all happened just like he'd said.

The eastern tribes return home · Promised land

22:1 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) summoned the tribes of Re'uven and Gad, and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe **2** and told them, "You yourselves have obeyed everything that Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) instructed you to do. In addition, you've all followed everything that I told you.[86] **3** You've all supported your fellow tribes all this time and fulfilled what your god Yahweh requested of you all, **4** and now he has enabled these other tribes to rest from battle just like he told them he would. So now, you all may go back to your homes that Yahweh's servant Mosheh gave you on the other side of the river. **5** Only do take care to continue to obey the instructions and the law that Yahweh's servant Mosheh gave you: to love your god Yahweh, to follow him and his instructions, to stay close to him, and to serve him with all your hearts and your inner selves." **6** Then Yehoshua blessed them and sent them on their way to return to their homes. **7** (Mosheh had given the Bashan to the half of the Menasheh half-tribe, and Yehoshua had given land on the western side of the Yarden (Jordan) to the other half.) When he'd blessed them **8** he'd said, "Go back to your homes with many riches: plenty of livestock, and with silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and with lots of clothing. Share the plunder from your enemies with those who remained behind." **9** So the warriors from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh half-tribe left the others there at Shiloh in the Kena'an (Canaan) region, and went back to their own land in Gilead across the river which they had taken for themselves with the agreement of Yahweh given through Mosheh.

The altar by the Yarden · Promised land

10 The warriors from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe arrived at the Yarden (Jordan) river (still on the Kena'an (Canaan) side) and they built

86 RV 22:2 · Cross-ref. Num 32:20-32; Josh 1:12-15.

87 LV 22:7 · Note OSHB variant note: רבע/מ: (x-qere) 'רֶבֶּעְ/בּ': lemma_b/5676 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_061j4 רֶבֶּעְ/בּ

88 LV 22:7 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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a very large and noticeable altar there before crossing over to go home. **11** When the other Israelis heard about it, they said, "Look, the men from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh half-tribe have built the altar at the entrance to this Kena'an region down at the Yarden on our side."

12 Hearing that, those from the western side of the Yarden assembled at Shiloh to go to battle with the two and a half tribes on the eastern side. **13** Meanwhile, they sent the priest Pinhas (Eleazar's son) across into the Gilead region to talk with the leaders from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh half-tribe. **14** Pinhas took ten leaders with him—important leaders from each of the Israeli tribes from the western side. **15** They crossed over to the Gilead region to talk to the leaders from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh half-tribe. They said, **16** "Yahweh's people are asking, 'What's this unfaithfulness that you all have done unfaithfully against Yisrael's (Israel's) god—turning away from Yahweh when you built an altar for yourselves today in rebellion against Yahweh?[89] **17** Wasn't our disobedience at Pe'or[90] bad enough for you? We haven't gotten over it to this day. Plus there was a deadly disease among Yahweh's people. **18** But all of you—are you turning away from Yahweh today? If you all rebel against Yahweh today, tomorrow he'll be furious at all of us. **19** But if it's because you all think this land here is defiled, then cross back over to Yahweh's own land where he lives in his sacred tent. Either way don't rebel against Yahweh by building this other altar for yourselves that's distinct from our god Yahweh's altar. **20** Didn't Akan act unfaithfully taking something that was forbidden[91] and all of us suffered as a result of it? It wasn't just him alone that died because of that.' "

21 The leaders from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh half-tribe answered the other leaders, **22** "Yahweh is the god of gods. Yahweh is the god of gods. He knows, and as for the Israeli people, let them know also—if it was in rebellion or in unfaithfulness against Yahweh, don't bother trying to save us today. **23** If we'd aimed to build an altar for ourselves to turn away from following Yahweh, or if it was to offer burnt offerings or grain offerings on it, or if to make the sacrifices of peace offerings on it, Yahweh himself will handle it. **24** But no, we did it because we foresaw a potential problem: what if in the future, your descendants ask our descendants over here on this side of the river, 'What do you lot have to do with Yisrael's god Yahweh? **25** Yahweh has given this Yarden (Jordan) river as a border between us, and you descendants of Re'uven and Gad. You all don't have any part in Yahweh.' Then your descendants might make our descendants stop worshipping Yahweh. **26** So we decided to build the altar—not to be used for burnt offerings or for sacrifices, **27** but as a symbol to remind our future descendants and yours, that we all truly worship Yahweh with our burnt offer-

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_they_heard to_say THERE the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_ _the_sons of_Gād and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_ _Mənashsheh they_have_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar to opposite_to the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to Geliloth_of the_Yardēn to the_side_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **12** And_ the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_heard and_ all_of the_congregation_ _of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_assembled Shiloh to_ _go_up on_them for_war. **13** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_sent to the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_near/to the_ _descendants_of Gād and_near/to the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh to the_land_of (the)_Gil'ād ᴅᴏᴍ Pinḥāṣ the_son_of 'El'āzār the_priest/officer. **14** And_ten leaders with_him/it a_ _leader one a_leader one to_the_house_of a_father to_ _all/each/any/every the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_each was_the_head_of the_house_of their_fathers_of_their they belong_to_the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_they_came to the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_near/to the_descendants_ _of Gād and_near/to the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh to the_land_of (the)_Gil'ād and_they_spoke with_them to_say. **16** Thus they_say all_of the_congregation_of **YHWH** what is_ _the_unfaithfulness the_this which you(pl)_have_acted_ _unfaithfully against_the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_turning_ _back the_day from_after **YHWH** when_built_you(pl) to/for_ _you(pl) an_altar by_rebelling_your(pl) the_day against_**YHWH**. **17** Little to/for_us was_ᴅᴏᴍ the_iniquity_of Pə'ōr which not we_ _have_cleansed_ourselves from_him/it until the_day the_this and_ the_plague _he/it_was among_the_congregation_of **YHWH**. **18** And_you(pl) you(pl)_are_turning_back the_day from_after **YHWH** and_it_was you(pl) you(pl)_are_rebelling the_day against_**YHWH** and_tomorrow against all_of the_ _congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_be_angry. **19** And_ _surely if is_unclean the_land_of your_possession_of_your(pl) pass_over to/for_you(pl) into the_land_of the_possession_of **YHWH** where it_dwells there the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** and_ _have_possessions among_us and_against_**YHWH** do_not rebel and_us to rebel when_build_you(pl) to/for_you(pl) an_altar (from)_except the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_our. **20** Am_not ʿĀkān the_son_of Zeraḥ did_he_act_unfaithfully unfaithfulness in_ _thing[s] and_towards all_of the_congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) anger it_was and_he was_a_man one not did_ _he_die for_iniquity_of_his. **21** And_ the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh _they_answered and_they_spoke with the_ _heads_of the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **22** 'Ēl god **YHWH** 'Ēl god **YHWH** he is_knowing and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it let_it_know if in_rebellion and_if in_unfaithfulness on_**YHWH** do_not save_us the_day (the)_this. **23** To_build to/for_us an_altar to_turn_back from_after **YHWH** and_if to_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it a_ _burnt_offering and_a_grain_offering and_if for_doing on/upon/above_him/it sacrifices_of peace_offerings **YHWH** he may_he_require. **24** And_if not from_anxiety from_a_matter we_have_done ᴅᴏᴍ this to_say tomorrow descendants_of_ _your(pl) they_will_say to_descendants_of_our to_say what is_

89 RV 22:16 · Cross-ref. Deu 12:13-14.

90 RV 22:17 · Cross-ref. Num 25:1-9.

91 RV 22:20 · Cross-ref. Josh 7:1-26.

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_to_you(pl) and_to_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** And_ _a_border **YHWH** he_has_put between_us and_between_you(pl) the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) there_belongs_not to/for_you(pl) a_portion in_**YHWH** and_ descendants_of_your(pl) _they_will_cause_to_ _cease ÐOM descendants_of_our to_not to_fear ÐOM **YHWH**. **26** And_we_said let_us_act please to/for_us by_building ÐOM the_altar not for_burnt_offering and_not for_sacrifice. **27** If/because is_a_witness it between_us and_between_you(pl) and_between generations_of_our after_us to_serve ÐOM the_ _service_of **YHWH** before_him with_our_burnt_of_offerings and_with_sacrifices_of_our and_with_our_peace_of_offerings and_not descendants_of_your(pl) they_will_say tomorrow to_ _descendants_of_our there_belongs_not to/for_you(pl) a_ _portion in_**YHWH**. **28** And_we_said and_it_was if/because they_will_say to_us and_near/to generations_of_our tomorrow and_we_will_say look_at ÐOM the_copy_of the_altar_of **YHWH** which ancestors_of_our they_made not for_burnt_offering and_ _not for_sacrifice if/because is_a_witness it between_us and_ _between_you(pl). **29** Far_be_it to/for_ourselves from_him/it to_rebel against_**YHWH** and_to_turn_back the_day from_after **YHWH** by_building an_altar for_burnt_offering for_grain_ _offering and_for_sacrifice (from)_besides_of the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_our which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before tabernacle_of_his. **30** And_ Pinḥāṣ the_priest/officer and_the_ _leaders_of the_congregation and_the_heads_of the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who with_him/it _he/it_listened ÐOM the_ _words/messages which the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_ _sons of_Gād and_the_sons of_Mənashsheh they_spoke and_it_ _was_good in_eyes_of_their. **31** And_ Pinḥāṣ the_son_of 'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_said to the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_near/to the_descendants_of Gād and_near/to the_ _descendants_of Mənashsheh the_day we_know if/because_ _that is_among_of_us **YHWH** that not you(pl)_have_acted_ _unfaithfully against_**YHWH** the_unfaithfulness the_this then you(pl)_have_delivered ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_hand_of **YHWH**. **32** And_he_returned Pinḥāṣ the_son_ _of 'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_the_leaders from_with the_ _descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_from_with the_descendants_of Gād from_the_land_of (the)_Gil'ād to the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_ _brought_back them message. **33** And_ the_message _it_was_ _good in/on_both_eyes_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_blessed god and_not they_ _said to_go_up on_them for_war to_destroy ÐOM the_earth/land which the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād were_ _dwelling in_it. **34** And_ the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_ _sons of_Gād _they_called (to)_altar if/because is_a_witness it between_us if/because_that **YHWH** the_'Elohīm.

23:1 And_he/it_was from_days many after that **YHWH** he_had_ _given_rest to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_all enemies_of_their from_ _round_about and_Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) he_was_old he_had_ _come in_the_days. **2** And_ Yəhōshū'a _he/it_called to/from_ _all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (to)_its_of_elders and_ _(to)_chiefs_of_its and_(to)_judges_of_its and_(to)_officials_of_ _its and_he/it_said to_them I I_am_old I_have_come in_the_ _days. **3** And_you(pl) you(pl)_have_seen ÐOM all_of that **YHWH**

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ings, our sacrifices, and our peace offerings, so your descendants can't tell our future descendants that we have no business worshipping Yahweh. **28** If they do say anything like that, then our descendants will be able to reply, 'See that copy of Yahweh's altar which isn't used for burnt offerings or sacrifices, our ancestors built that as a reminder for both you all and us.' **29** May any idea of rebelling against Yahweh stay far from us. Same with any idea of building any altar apart from our god Yahweh's genuine altar for burnt offerings, or grain offerings, or other sacrifices."

30 So Pinhas the priest and the other community and clan leaders with him, listened to what the descendants of Re'uven, Gad, and Menasheh (Manasseh) told them, and it sounded sensible to them, **31** so Pinhas (the late Eleazar's son) told them, "Today we realise that Yahweh is among us and that you all haven't acted unfaithfully against him, so therefore you've prevented Yahweh from needing to punish us."

32 Then Pinhas and the other leaders left Gilead and returned back across the Yarden to the Kena'an (Canaan) region where most of the Israelis resided, taking back a good report. **33** The people were pleased with that news, and they thanked God and stopped talking about going to war with Re'uven and Gad across the river and destroying them.

34 The descendants of Re'uven and Gad named the altar 'Reminder' because it was a reminder between them that Yahweh is God.

Yehoshua's final speech · Promised land

23:1 A long time passed and Yahweh had given Yisrael (Israel) peace without attacks from their enemies all around, and Yehoshua (Joshua) was now in his old age, **2** so he summoned all the Israeli elders and leaders, along with the judges and officials. He told them, "Now I'm in my old age, **3** but you all have seen what Yahweh did to all those kingdoms ahead of you, because

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he's the one who fights for you all. **4** I've allocated the remaining kingdoms that you all will defeat as an inheritance for your tribes, alongside those that I conquered from the Yarden (Jordan) to the Mediterranean in the west **5** Your god Yahweh will push them out ahead of you all and capture their lands for you to possess, just as he told you he would. **6** Take great care to obey and do everything that Mosheh (Moses) wrote down—don't deviate from it in any way. **7** Don't enter those remaining kingdoms, and don't mention the name of their gods or make an oath using their names and don't worship or bow down to them. **8** Instead you all should cling to your god Yahweh, just as you've done until now. **9** Yes, Yahweh has driven away many great kingdoms ahead of you all, and until this day, none of them have stood against you. **10** Just one of you can make a thousand men flee,[92] because Yahweh is your god—he's the one who fights for you just like he said he would.[93] **11** Make a great effort to guard yourselves that you all continue to love your god Yahweh. **12** Yes, if you all ever turn away from him and instead cling to those remaining kingdoms or remaining people, and if you intermarry with them or associate with them, **13** you all will certainly soon find out that your god Yahweh will not continue to drive out these nations ahead of you. Then they will end up trapping and snaring you all, and be like a whip on your sides and like thorns in your eyes, until you all perish from on this good land that Yahweh your god has given you.

14 Listen, today I'm about to go the way that everyone has to go and you all know with all your heart and with all your soul that not one thing has failed to come true from all the good things that your god Yahweh said about you. Everything has happened as said—down to the very last word. **15** And just like all those good things came true, so too Yahweh will send all the punishments he promised you all if you disobey him, even if it means that he destroys you all from this good land that he's given you. **16** If you ignore the agreement with your god Yahweh and disobey his commands and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, then his anger will flare up against you all and you'll quickly be wiped out from the good land that he has given you."

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god_of_your(pl) he_has_done to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _nations the_these because_of_you(pl) if/because **YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) he is_the_one_who_has_been_fighting for_you(pl). **4** See I_have_made_fall to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_nations which_ _remain the_these (in)_an_inheritance for_tribes_of_your(pl) from the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_all the_nations which I_have_ _cut_off and_the_sea (the)_great the_setting_of the_sun. **5** And_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he he_will_drive_them_out from_ _before_of_you(pl) and_he_will_dispossess ~~DOM~~_them from_ _before_face_of_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ land_of_their just_as **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_spoke to_ _you(pl). **6** And_you(pl)_will_be_strong very to_guard/protect and_to_do ~~DOM~~ every_of (the)_thing_written in_the_book_of the_law_of Mosheh to_not to_turn_aside from_him/it right_ _hand and_left_hand. **7** To_not to_go among_nations the_these which_remain the_these with_you(pl) and_(in)_the_name_of their_gods_of_their not you(pl)_must_bring_to_remembrance and_not you(pl)_must_cause_to_swear and_not you(pl)_must_ _serve_them and_not you(pl)_must_bow_down to/for_them. **8** If/because (if) to_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_cling just_as you(pl)_have_done until the_day (the)_this. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he_has_dispossessed from_before_of_you(pl) nations great and_mighty and_you(pl) not anyone he_has_made_a_ _stand in_faces_of_your(pl) until the_day (the)_this. **10** A_man one of_you(pl) he_puts_to_flight a_thousand if/because **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he is_the_one_who_fights to/for_you(pl) just_ _as he_spoke to_you(pl). **11** And_you(pl)_will_take_heed exceedingly to_selves_of_your(pl) to_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). **12** If/because if ever_(turn_back) you(pl)_will_turn_ _back and_you(pl)_will_cling to_the_remainder_of the_nations the_these which_remain the_these with_you(pl) and_you(pl)_ _will_intermarry (is)_in_them and_you(pl)_will_go (is)_in_them and_they among_you(pl). **13** Certainly_(know) you(pl)_will_ _know if/because_that not **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_will_ _increase to_dispossess ~~DOM~~ the_nations the_these from_ _before_face_of_you(pl) and_they_will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_ _a_trap and_(into)_a_snare and_(into)_a_scourge in_sides_of_ _your(pl) and_(into)_pricks in_eyes_of_your(pl) until perish_ _you(pl) from_under the_soil (the)_good (the)_this which he_ _has_given to/for_you(pl) **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **14** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE I am_about_to_go the_day in_the_way_of all_ _of the_earth/land and_you(pl)_know in_all heart_of_your(pl) and_on/over_all being_of_your(pl) if/because_that not a_ _message one it_has_fallen from_all the_words/messages (the)_ _good which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_spoke on_you(pl) (the)_everything they_have_come to/for_you(pl) not it_has_ _fallen from_him/it a_message one. **15** And_it_was just_as it_ _has_come on_you(pl) every_of (the)_message (the)_good which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_spoke to_you(pl) so **YHWH** he_will_bring on_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ every_of (the)_message (the)_bad until he_has_destroyed you(pl) from_under the_soil (the)_good (the)_this which he_has_given to/for_you(pl) **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). **16** When_transgress_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) which he_commanded you(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_go and_you(pl)_will_serve gods other and_

92 **RV 23:10 · Cross-ref.** Deu 32:30.

93 **RV 23:10 · Cross-ref.** Deu 3:22.

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_you(pl)_will_bow_down to/for_them and_ the_anger of_ _**YHWH** _it_will_burn on_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_perish quickly from_under the_earth/land (the)_good which he_has_ _given to_you(pl).

24:1 And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he_gathered ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_ _tribes_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_Shəkem and_he/it_called (to)_the_ _elders_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_(to)_chiefs_of_its and_(to)_ _judges_of_its and_(to)_officials_of_its and_they_presented_ _themselves to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ʼElohīm. **2** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said to_all_of the_people thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) he_says on_the_other_side_of the_ _river they_dwelt ancestors_of_your(pl) from_long_ _ago/eternity Teraḥ the_father_of ʼAvrāhām and_father_of Nāḥōr and_they_served gods other. **3** And_I_took ~~ĐOM~~ ancestor_ _of_your(pl) ~~ĐOM~~ ʼAvrāhām from_the_other_side_of the_river and_I_led him in_all the_land_of Kənaʻan/(Canaan) and[109] ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_seed and_I_gave to_him/it ~~ĐOM~~ Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **4** And_I_ _gave to_Yitsḥāq ~~ĐOM~~ Yaʻaqov/(Jacob) and_~~ĐOM~~ ʻĒsāv and_I_ _gave to_ʻĒsāv ~~ĐOM~~ the_mountain_of Sēʻīr to_take_possession_of it and_Yaʻaqov and_sons_of_his they_went_down Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **5** And_I_sent ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh and_~~ĐOM~~ ʼAharon and_I_struck ~~ĐOM~~ Mitsrayim just_as I_did in_midst_of_its and_ _after I_brought_out you(pl). **6** And_I_brought_out ~~ĐOM~~ fathers_ _of_your(pl) from_Mitsrayim and_you(pl)_came to_the_sea and_ Mitsrayim _they_pursued after fathers_of_your(pl) with_ _chariotry and_with_horsemen the_sea_of reed[s]. **7** And_they_ _cried_out to **YHWH** and_he/it_assigned darkness between_ _you(pl) and_between the_Mitsrayimians and_he/it_brought on/upon/above_him/it ~~ĐOM~~ the_sea and_it_covered_it and_ your(pl)_eyes _they_saw ~~ĐOM~~ that_which I_did in_Mitsrayim and_you(pl)_dwelt in_wilderness days many. **8** And[110] you(pl) to the_land_of the_ʼAmorī who_was_dwelling on_the_other_ _side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_fought with_you(pl) and_I_gave them in_hand_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_took_ _possession_of ~~ĐOM~~ land_of_their and_I_destroyed_them from_ _before_of_you(pl). **9** And_ Bālāq the_son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) the_king_of Mōʼāv _he/it_rose_up and_he_fought against_ _Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_he_sent and_he/it_called (to)_Bilʻām the_ _son_of Bəʻōr to_curse you(pl). **10** And_not I_was_willing to_ _listen to_Bilʻām and_he/it_blessed indeed_(bless) you(pl) and_ _I_delivered you(pl) from_hand_of_his. **11** And_you(pl)_passed_

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The promise again of Yisrael's descendants · Promised land

24:1 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) assembled all the tribes of Yisrael (Israel) at Shekem. He summoned their elders, leaders, judges, and officers, and they presented themselves before God, **2** and Yehoshua told all the people, "Yahweh, the god of Yisrael says: Your ancestors including Terah the father of Avraham and Nahor,[94] lived beyond the Perat (Euphrates) river from long ago, but they worshipped other gods. **3** Then I took your ancestor Avraham from beyond the river and brought him across all the land of Kena'an (Canaan),[95] and I multiplied his descendants, including giving him Yitshak (Isaac).[96] **4** Then I gave Ya'akov (Jacob) and Esav (Esau) to Yitshak,[97] and I gave Esav the hill country of Se'ir[98] but Ya'akov and his sons went down to Mitsrayim (Egypt).[99] **5** I sent Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) and I damaged Mitsrayim internally, and then I brought you all out again.[100] **6** I brought your ancestors out of Mitsrayim, and you all came to the edge of the Red Sea. The Mitsrim (Egyptians) chased after them with chariots and horsemen[101] **7** and the people cried out to Yahweh, and he placed darkness between you and the Mitsrim. After bringing you all through the sea, he brought the sea over the Mitsri (Egyptian) army and drowned them. Your own eyes saw what I did to Mitsrayim. Then you all lived a long time in the wilderness.

8 "After that, I brought you to the region of the Amorim who lived on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan), and they battled against you all, but I gave you victory over them and I destroyed them from ahead of you and you all took over their land.[102] **9** Then (Tsipor's son) King Balak of Moav (Moab) prepared his warriors and fought against you all and he summoned (Be'or's son) Bil'am (Balaam) to curse you.[103] **10** But I wasn't willing to listen to Bil'am, so instead, he blessed you all repeatedly and I rescued you from King Balak. **11** Then you crossed over the Yarden river[104] and arrived at Yeriho (Jericho). The men of Yer-

94 **RV 24:2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 11:27.

95 **RV 24:3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:1-9.

96 **RV 24:3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 21:1-3.

97 **RV 24:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:24-26.

98 **RV 24:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 36:8; Deu 2:5.

99 **RV 24:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 46:1-7.

100 **RV 24:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 3:1–12:42.

101 **RV 24:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:1-31.

102 **RV 24:8 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.

103 **RV 24:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Num 22:1–24:25.

104 **RV 24:11 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:14-17.

109 **LV 24:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ברא/ו**: (x-qere) **וְהֶבְרֵא/ו**ʼ: lemma_c/7235 a n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vhw1cs id_06SCo **וְהֶבְרֵא/ו**

110 **LV 24:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/אבא/ו**: (x-qere) **וְאֵיבָא/ו**ʼ: lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vhw1cs id_06cuN **וְאֵיבָא/ו**

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iho fought against you all,[105] as did the Amorim, the Perizim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Hitim, the Girgashim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim but I helped you all to defeat them. **12** I sent hornets[106] ahead of you all and they drove out the two Amori kings[107]—it wasn't your swords or bows that did it. **13** So I gave you all a land which you didn't earn yourselves and cities to live in that you all didn't build yourselves. You all are benefitting from vineyards and olive groves that you didn't plant."[108]

14 The Yehoshua (Joshua) continued, "Now you all must respect Yahweh and faithfully serve him with your complete beings. And you all must remove the idols that your ancestors served beyond the Perat (Euphrates) and in Mitsrayim, and only serve Yahweh. **15** But if you all dislike serving Yahweh, then choose for yourselves today who you will serve: perhaps the gods your fathers once served beyond the Perat, or the gods of the Amori people in whose land you are now living. But as for me and my household, we will serve Yahweh."

16 "We'd never even consider leaving Yahweh to serve other gods," the people responded, **17** "because Yahweh is our god. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors out from slavery in the land of Mitsrayim, and who did those great miracles right in front of our eyes. Also, he looked after us on our entire journey and among all the people groups that we passed by. **18** Yahweh drove all the peoples out ahead of us, even the Amorim who lived in that region. So we too we will serve Yahweh because he is our god."

19 "You all won't be able to serve Yahweh," warned Yehoshua, "because he's a god who cannot mix with sin. He's a jealous God—he won't forgive your rebellion and disobedience. **20** If you abandon Yahweh and serve the gods of other nations, then he'll turn and do harm to you all and destroy you, even if he's previously been good to you all."

21 But the people answered Yehoshua, "No, we will worship Yahweh." **22** Then Yehoshua cautioned the people, "You all are witnesses against yourselves, that you yourselves have chosen to serve Yahweh."

"We are witnesses," they confirmed.

23 "Then you all go right now and remove the foreign gods that you already have, and turn your hearts towards Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel)," said Yehoshua.

24 "We will serve our god Yahweh, and we will listen to his voice," the people replied.

25 So Yehoshua made a formal agreement with the people in Shekem on that day, establishing rules and laws for them. **26** He

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_over ĐOM the_Yardēn and_you(pl)_came to Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_they_fought against_you(pl) the_citizens_of Yərīḥō the_ _'Amorī and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_Girgāshiy[s] the_Ḥiūī and_the_ _Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s] and_I_gave them in_hand_of_your(pl).
12 And_I_sent before_you(pl) ĐOM the_hornet and_it_drove_out them from_before_of_you(pl) the_two_of the_kings_of the_ _'Amorī not by_sword_of_your and_not by_bow_of_your.
13 And_I_gave to/for_you(pl) a_land which not you_had_ _laboured for_it and_cities which not you(pl)_had_built and_ _you(pl)_dwelt (is)_in_them vineyards and_olive_trees which not you(pl)_had_planted you(pl) are_eating. **14** And_now fear ĐOM **YHWH** and_serve ĐOM_him/it in_integrity and_in_ _faithfulness and_remove ĐOM the_gods which ancestors_of_ _your(pl) they_served on_the_other_side_of the_river and_in_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_serve ĐOM **YHWH**. **15** And_if is_ _displeasing in_eyes_of_your(pl) to_serve ĐOM **YHWH** choose to/for_you(pl) the_day ĐOM whom will_you_serve whether ĐOM the_gods which ancestors_of_your(pl) they_served who in/on/at/with[111112] the_river and_if ĐOM the_gods_of the_ _'Amorī whom you(pl) are_dwelling in_land_of_their and_I and_household_of_my we_will_serve ĐOM **YHWH**. **16** And_ the_ _people _it_answered and_he/it_said far_be_it to/for_ourselves from_abandoning ĐOM **YHWH** to_serve gods other.
17 If/because **YHWH** god_of_our he is_the_one_who_brought_ _up us and_ĐOM fathers_of_our from_the_land_of Mitsrayim from_a_house_of slaves and_which he_did to_eyes_of_our ĐOM the_signs (the)_great the_these and_he_kept_us in_all the_way which we_went in_it and_among_all_of the_peoples which we_ _passed in_midst_of_their. **18** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_drove_out ĐOM all_of the_peoples and_ĐOM the_'Amorī who_was_dwelling the_earth/land from_before_of_us also we we_will_serve ĐOM **YHWH** if/because he god_of_is_our. **19** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) _he/it_said to the_people not you(pl)_will_ _be_able to_serve ĐOM **YHWH** if/because is_a_god holy he is_a_ _god jealous he not he_will_forgive to_transgression_of_ _your(pl) and_(to)_sins_of_your(pl). **20** If/because you(pl)_will_ _abandon ĐOM **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_serve gods_of foreignness and_he_will_turn and_he_will_do_harm to/for_ _you(pl) and_he_will_make_an_end_of you(pl) after that he_ _has_done_good to_you(pl). **21** And_ the_people _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʿa no if/because ĐOM **YHWH** we_will_serve. **22** And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he/it_said to the_people are_witnesses you(pl) on_ _yourselves if/because_that you(pl) you(pl)_have_chosen to/for_you(pl) ĐOM **YHWH** to_serve him and_they_said witnesses. **23** And_now remove ĐOM the_gods_of (the)_ _foreignness which are_in_midst_of_your(pl) and_bend_down ĐOM heart_of_your(pl) to **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).
24 And_ the_people _they_said to Yəhōshūʿa ĐOM **YHWH** god_

105 RV 24:11 · Cross-ref. Josh 6:1-21.

106 RV 24:12 · Note The Hebrew word 'הָעָרְצ' ('hornet', but pluralised here in the OET-RV) may have some non-literal meaning here, e.g., 'panic', or it may be a general reference to any manifestation of God's anger.

107 RV 24:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:28; Deu 7:20.

108 RV 24:13 · Cross-ref. Deu 6:10-11.

111 LV 24:15 · Note OSHB variant note: רבע/ב: (x-qere) 'רֶבַּעְמ': lemma_m/5676 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_06Fzq רֶבַּעְמ

112 LV 24:15 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_of_our we_will_serve and_to_voice_of_his we_will_listen.
25 And_ Yəhōshūʹa _he_made a_covenant to_people in_the_day (the)_that and_he/it_assigned to_him/it a_decree and_a_ _judgement at_Shəkem. **26** And_ Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) _he_wrote ~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these in_the_book_of the_law_of god and_he/it_took a_stone large and_he_set_it_up there under the_oak which was_at_the_sanctuary_of **YHWH**. **27** And_ Yəhōshūʹa _he/it_said to all_of the_people HERE the_stone (the)_this it_will_become on_us (into)_a_witness if/because it it_has_heard ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** which he_has_spoken with_us and_it_will_become on_you(pl) (into)_ _a_witness lest you(pl)_should_deny (in)_god_of_your(pl).
28 And_ Yəhōshūʹa _he_sent_away ~~ĐOM~~ the_people everyone to_ _his_own_of_inheritance.
29 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_ Yəhōshūʹa the_son_of Nūn the_servant_of **YHWH** _he/it_died a_son_of one_hundred and_ten years. **30** And_people_buried ~~ĐOM~~_him/it in_the_territory_of his_inheritance_of_his at_Timnath- serah which is_in_the_hill_country_of ʼEfrayim from_the_north_of the_mountain_of Gaʹash. **31** And_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _it_served ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** all_of the_days_of Yəhōshūʹa and_all/each/any/every the_days_of the_old_men who they_made_long days after Yəhōshūʹa and_which they_knew ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_work_of **YHWH** which he_had_done for_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **32** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_bones_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) which the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_had_brought_up from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) they_buried at_Shəkem in_the_portion_of the_field which Yaʹaqovʼ/(Jacob) he_had_bought from_with the_sons_of Ḥamōr the_father_of Shəkem for_a_hundred piece[s]_of_money and_ _they_were of_the_descendants_of of_Yōṣēf (into)_an_ _inheritance. **33** And_ʼElʹāzār the_son_of ʼAharon he_died and_ _people_buried ~~ĐOM~~_him/it at_Givʼāh_of Pinḥāṣ his/its_son which it_had_been_given to_him/it in_the_hill_country_of ʼEfrayim.

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wrote them in the book of God's law. Then he took a large stone and set it up there beneath the oak tree that was by Yahweh's sacred tent. **27** "Look at this stone," Yehoshua said to all the people. "It will be for a witness against us, because it has heard everything that Yahweh has instructed us, and it will be for a witness against you all, in case you act deceptively against your god." **28** Then Yehoshua sent all the people off to go to their allotted regions.

The deaths of Yehoshua and Eleazar · Promised land

29 After all that, Nun's son and Yahweh's servant Yehoshua (Joshua) died at the age of 110. **30** They buried him in his allotted property at Timnat-Serah which is in the Efrayim (Ephraim) hill country north of Mt. Ga'ash.[113]

31 The Israelis had served Yahweh all through Yehoshua's lifetime and throughout the lifetimes of the elders who lived longer than Yehoshua and who had experienced everything that Yahweh had done for Yisrael (Israel).

32 They buried Yosef's (Joseph's) bones (that they had carried out from Mitsrayim (Egypt)) in Shekem—in the portion of the field that Ya'akov (Jacob) had bought from the sons of Hamor (Shekem's father) for a hundred coins, and that land became the inheritance of Yosef's descendants.[114]

33 Aharon's (Aaron's) son Eleazar also died and was buried at Giveah—the city that belonged to his son Pinhas in the Efrayim hill country.

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113 RV 24:30 · Cross-ref. Josh 19:49-50.

114 RV 24:32 · Cross-ref. Gen 33:19; 50:24-25; Exo 13:19; Yhn 4:5; Acts 7:16.

The accounts of

Various Heroes and Guides

commonly called 'Judges'

Introduction

This document commonly called '*Judges*', contains a collection of accounts of '*Various Heroes and Guides/Leaders*' who helped to rescue the Israeli people from their oppressors. It covers the times from their invasion of Kena'an through to just before their first king. Most of these heroes or guides were actually warriors. Shimshon (commonly called 'Samson') is the best-known of all of them, and his story can be read in chapters 13–16.

From this document we can learn that Yisrael ('Israel' in older English translations) prospered when they obeyed Yahweh's instructions, but when they disobeyed, then God allowed other peoples and nations to oppress them. However, God is always ready and prepared to save his people whenever they turn away from their disobedience and return again to obeying the instructions that he'd given them.

The previous book was named after the main character Yehoshua (Joshua) and the following books (Ruth and 1 Shmuel/Samuel) are named after their main characters, but this document with somewhere around a dozen important characters, has no single prominent character that it could be named after. Instead it's traditionally named 'Judges' in English because of around twenty uses of the Hebrew root 'שָׁפַט' (shafat) often in roots normally translated as 'judged'. Despite that, there's not a single account in this document of these leaders judging the cases and conflicts of the common people. This dilemma offers two possible interpretations: 1/ that these leaders (often military leaders) did judge cases for the common people, but those details aren't recorded, or 2/ (which we've leaned more towards) that this Hebrew word has a wider range of meaning, and so we've leaned towards the English word 'guided' or 'led' in these contexts.

Main components of this account

The events up until Yehoshua's death *1:1–2:10*
The various heroes/guides of Yisrael *2:11–16:31*
Various other events *17:1–21:25*

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Literal Version

1:1 And_he/it_was after the_death_of Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) and_ the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) _they_enquired by_**YHWH** to_say who will_he_go_up to/for_ourselves against the_ _Kəna῾ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] at_first to_engage_in_battle in/on/over_him/it. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_will_go_up HERE I_have_given ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _earth/land in_his/its_hand. **3** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said to_ _Shim῾ōn his/its_brother come_up with_me in_lot_of_my so_ _that_we_may_fight against_Kəna῾ₐnī[s] and_ also I _I_will_go with_you in_lot_of_your and_he/it_went with_him/it Shim῾ōn. **4** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_ascended and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_Kəna῾ₐnī and_the_Pərizzī[s] in_hand_of_their and_they_ _defeated_them at_Bezeq ten_of thousand(s) man. **5** And_they_ _found ᴅᴏᴍ Adoni- Bezeq at_Bezeq and_they_fought in/on/over_him/it and_they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ the_Kəna῾ₐnī[s] and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pərizzī[s]. **6** And_ Adoni- Bezek _he_fled and_ _they_pursued after_him and_they_seized ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_ _they_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ the_thumbs_of his_hands_of_his and_feet_ _of_his. **7** And_ Adoni- Bezek _he/it_said seventy kings the_ _thumbs_of their_hands_of_their and_feet_of_their cut_off they_were gathering_up under table_of_my just_as I_have_done so he_has_repaid to_me god and_they_brought_him Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_died there.

8 And_ the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh _they_fought against_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_captured it and_they_ _struck_it_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_city they_sent in_fire. **9** And_after the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_went_down to_fight against_ _Kəna῾ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_was_dwelling the_hill_country and_the_Negeʋ and_the_Shephelah. **10** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_ _went against the_Kəna῾ₐnī[s] who_was_dwelling in_Ḫeʋrōn and_name_of Ḫeʋrōn formerly_formerly was_Qiryat ʾArba῾ and_they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Shēshay and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʾAḥīman and_ᴅᴏᴍ Talmay.

11 And_he/it_went from_there against the_inhabitants_of Dəʋīr and_name_of Dəʋīr formerly_formerly was_Qiryat Sepher. **12** And_ Kālēʋ/(Caleb) _he/it_said the_one_who he_ _will_attack ᴅᴏᴍ Qiryat Sepher and_he_will_capture_it and_I_ _will_give to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ ῾Akşāh daughter_of_my to/for_(a)_ _woman. **13** And_he_captured_it ῾Otnīʼēl the_son_of Qənaz the_ _brother_of Kālēʋ the_small(sg) from_him/it and_he_gave to_ _him/it ᴅᴏᴍ ῾Akşāh daughter_of_his to/for_(a)_woman. **14** And_ _he/it_was when_came_she and_she_incited_him to_ask from_ _with father_of_her the_field and_she_went_down from_under the_donkey and_he/it_said to/for_her/it Kālēʋ what is_to_you. **15** And_she/it_said to_him/it come_NOW to/for_me a_blessing if/because the_land_of the_Negeʋ you_have_given_to_me and_ _you(ms)_will_give to_me springs_of water and_he_gave to/for_ _her/it Kālēʋ ᴅᴏᴍ springs_of upper and_ᴅᴏᴍ springs_of lower.

16 And_the_sons the_Qēynī the_father-in-law_of Mosheh they_ _went_up from_the_city_of the_palm_trees with the_ _descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_wilderness_of Yəhūdāh which is_in_the_Negeʋ_of ῾Arād and_he/it_went and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived with the_people. **17** And_ Yəhūdāh _ _he/it_went with Shim῾ōn his/its_brother and_they_attacked

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Yehudah and Shim'on capture Adoni-Vezek

1:1 After Yehoshua's (Joshua's) death, the Israelis asked Yahweh, "Which tribe should go first to attack the Kena'anim (Canaanites)?" **2** "Yehudah (Judah) will go first," Yahweh answered. "Listen, I've already determined that they'll conquer the land."

3 Then the Yehudah leaders said to the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon), "Come with us into the region that we've been allocated and we can fight together against the Kena'anim. Then we'll do the same in your area." So the warriors from the two tribes worked together. **4** When they attacked, Yahweh gave them victory over the Kena'anim and the Perizim and they killed ten thousand men at Bezek. **5** They confronted Adoni-Vezek in Bezek and fought against him (then eventually defeating the Kena'anim and the Perizim). **6** Adoni-Vezek tried to flee but they chased him and captured him, cutting off his thumbs and big toes. **7** "Seventy kings had their thumbs and big toes chopped off," Adoni-Vezek said, "and were gathering scraps of food beneath my table. Just as I have done, so God has repaid to me." Then they took him to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and he died there.

The capture of Yerushalem and Hevron

8 The warriors from Yehudah (Judah) attacked Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and captured the city, killing the inhabitants and setting the city on fire. **9** Then they fought against the Kena'anim (Canaanites) who lived in the hill country, in the southern wilderness, and in the western foothills. **10** They also fought the Kena'anim in Kiryat-Arba (now known as Hevron) and killed Sheshay, Ahiman, and Talmay.

Otniel captures Devir[1]

11 From there they fought against Kiryat-Sefer (now known as Devir). **12** Kalev (Caleb) had said, "The one who attacks Kiryat-Sefer and captures it can marry my daughter Aksah." **13** Otniel (son of Kalev's younger brother Kenaz) captured it so Kalev gave his daughter Aksah to him to become his wife. **14** After the wedding, she urged Otniel to ask her father for a field. When she got off her donkey, Kalev asked her, "What can I do for you?" **15** "Give me a blessing," she requested. "Although you've given me land in the southern wilderness, give me some springs of water as well." So Kalev gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

The victory of descendants of Yehudah and Benyamin

16 The Keynim (descendants of Mosheh's (Moses') father-in-law), left the city of palm trees (Yeriho (Jericho)) and went with Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants to the southern wilderness near Arad and lived with the people

1 RV 1:11 · Parallel Josh. 15:13-19

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there. **17** Then the warriors of Yehudah and Shim'on (Simeon) conquered the Kena'anim (Canaanites) living at Tsefat and destroyed the city. Now it's called Hormah (which means 'complete destruction'). **18** They also captured Azah (Gaza), Ashkelon, and Ekron and all their surrounding territories. **19** Yahweh helped Yehudah and they took possession of the hill country, although they weren't able to conquer the people living down in the plains because they had iron on their chariots. **20** They gave Hevron to Kalev (Caleb) just as Mosheh had directed, and he dispossessed the three sons of the Anak from there.[2] **21** However Benyamin's descendants didn't drive the Yevusim living in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) out, so they have lived among the Benyamites in Yerushalem to this day.[3]

Efrayim and Menasheh conquer Beyt-El

22 Also Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants attacked Beyt-El (Bethel), and Yahweh helped them. **23** They sent spies out to Beyt-El (previously called Luz) **24** and they saw a man coming out of the city and told him, "Please show us an entrance into the city, and we'll be kind to you." **25** So he showed them an entrance, and their warriors attacked and killed the inhabitants, but they let the man and his family go free. **26** The man went to the land of the Hitim and founded a city and called it Luz (which it's still called to this day).

The locals not driven out by the Israelis

27 However Menasheh's (Manasseh's) descendants didn't drive out those living in Beyt-Shean, Ta'anak, Dor, Yivleam, or Megidon, because the Kena'anim (Canaanites) were determined to keep living there.[7] **28** (Later, the Israelis became stronger and they forced the Kena'anim to work for them as their slaves, but they didn't drive them out.) **29** Nor did Efrayim's (Ephraim's) descendants drive the Kena'anim out of Gezer, so they continued to live among them.[8]

30 Zevulun's descendants didn't drive the Kena'anim out of Kitron or Nahalal, so they continued to live among them and were forced to work as slaves.

31 Asher's descendants didn't drive out those who were living in Ako, Tsidon (Sidon), Ahlav, Akziv, Helbah, Afek, or Rehov, **32** So Asher's descendants lived with the Kena'anim who still lived in the region because they didn't drive them out.

Literal Version

ĐOM the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_was_dwelling Tsəfat/(Zephath) and_they_totally_destroyed it and_he/it_ _called ĐOM the_name_of the_city Ḥormāh. **18** And_ Yəhūdāh _ _he_captured ĐOM 'Azzāh and_ĐOM territory_of_its and_ĐOM 'Ashqəlōn and_ĐOM territory_of_its and_ĐOM 'Eqrōn and_ĐOM territory_of_its. **19** And_he/it_was **YHWH** with Yəhūdāh[456] and_it_took_possession_of ĐOM the_hill_country if/because not to_dispossess ĐOM the_inhabitants_of the_valley if/because chariotry_of iron to/for_them. **20** And_people_gave to_ _Kālēv/(Caleb) ĐOM Ḥevrōn just_as Mosheh he_had_said and_ _he_dispossessed from_there ĐOM three the_sons_of (the)_ _'Ānāq. **21** And_ĐOM the_Yəvūsī who_was_dwelling Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) not the_descendants_of Binyāmīn they_dispossessed and_ the_Yəvūsī _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived with the_descendants_of Binyāmīn in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) until the_day (the)_this.

22 And_ the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) also they _they_went_up Bēyt-'ēl and_**YHWH** was_with_them. **23** And_ the_house_of Yōṣēf _they_caused_to_spy_out in_house_of 'ēl and_name_of the_city formerly_formerly was_Lūz. **24** And_ those_who_ _watched _they_saw a_man coming_out from the_city and_ _they_said to_him/it show_us please ĐOM the_entrance_of the_ _city and_we_will_do with_you loyalty. **25** And_he_showed_ _them ĐOM the_entrance_of the_city and_they_struck_down ĐOM the_city to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM the_man and_ĐOM all_of family_of_his they_let_go. **26** And_ the_man _ _he/it_went the_land_of the_Ḥittiy and_he/it_built a_city and_ _he/it_called his/its_name Lūz that his/its_name until the_day (the)_this.

27 And_not Mənashsheh it_took_possession_of ĐOM Bēyt Shan and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_ĐOM Ta'ₐnāk and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_ĐOM the_inhabitants_of[9] of_Dōr and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Yivlə'ām/(Ibleam) and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_ĐOM the_ _inhabitants_of Məgiddōn and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_ the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] _it_was_determined to_dwell on_the_ _earth (the)_this. **28** And_he/it_was if/because Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_became_strong and_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_Kəna'ₐnī[s] into_ _forced_labour and_completely_(dispossess) not it_ _dispossessed_him. **29** And_'Efrayim not it_dispossessed ĐOM the_Kəna'ₐnī[s] who_was_dwelling in_Gezer and_ the_ _Kəna'ₐnī[s] _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_midst_of_its in_Gezer. **30** Zəvulun not it_dispossessed ĐOM the_inhabitants_ _of Qiṭrōn and_ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Nahₐlāl and_ the_ _Kəna'ₐnī[s] _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_midst_of_its and_they_were (into)_forced_labour. **31** 'Āshēr not it_ _dispossessed ĐOM the_inhabitants_of 'Akkō and_ĐOM the_

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2 **RV 1:20 · Cross-ref.** Josh 15:13-14.

3 **RV 1:21 · Cross-ref.** Josh 15:63; 2Sam 5:6; 1Ch 11:4.

4 **LV 1:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

5 **LV 1:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

6 **LV 1:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

7 **RV 1:27-28 · Cross-ref.** Josh 17:11-13.

8 **RV 1:29 · Cross-ref.** Josh 16:10.

9 **LV 1:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: בשי: (x-qere) יֹ֣בְשֵׁ֔י: lemma_3427 morph_HVqrmpc id_07Xh9 יֹ֣בְשֵׁ֔י

Literal Version

_inhabitants_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_ĐOM ʾAḥlāv and_ĐOM ʾAkzīv and_ĐOM Ḥelbāh and_ĐOM ʾAfēq and_ĐOM Rəḥov. **32** And_ the_Asherite[s] _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_the_ _midst_of the_Kəna′ₐnī[s] the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land if/because not it_dispossessed_it. **33** Naftālī not it_dispossessed ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Bēyt Shemesh and_ĐOM the_ _inhabitants_of Bēyt Anath and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_midst_of the_Kəna′ₐnī[s] the_ _inhabitants_of the_earth/land and_the_inhabitants_of Bēyt Shemesh and_Bēyt- anath they_became to/for_them (into)_ _forced_labour. **34** And_ the_ʾAmorī _they_pressed ĐOM the_ _descendants_of Dān to_the_hill_country if/because not it_ _permitted_it to_go_down to_valley. **35** And_ the_ʾAmorī _it_ _was_determined to_dwell in_the_mountain_of Ḥereṣ in_ _ʾAyyālōn and_in_Sha′alvīm and_ the_hand_of the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _it_was_heavy and_they_were (into)_forced_ _labour. **36** And_the_border_of the_ʾAmorī was_from_the_ _ascent_of scorpions from_(the)_Sela and_upward_upwards.

2:1 And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_ascended from (the)_ _Gilgāl to (the)_Bokim and_he/it_said I_brought_up you(pl) from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_brought you(pl) into the_ _earth/land which I_swore to_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_I_said not I_will_break covenant_of_my with_you(pl) forever_ _perpetuity. **2** And_you(pl) not you(pl)_must_make a_covenant to_the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land (the)_this altars_of_their you(pl)_will_pull_down and_not you(pl)_have_listened to_ _voice_of_my what this have_you(pl)_done. **3** And_also I_say not I_will_drive_out them from_before_of_you(pl) and_they_ _will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_sides and_gods_of_their they_ _will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_snare. **4** And_he/it_was just_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _as_spoke ĐOM the_ _words/messages the_these to all_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ the_people _they_lifted_up ĐOM voice_of_ _their and_they_wept. **5** And_they_called the_name_of the_ _place (the)_that Bokim and_they_sacrificed there to/for_ _**YHWH**.

6 And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) _he_sent_away ĐOM the_people and_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_went everyone to_his_ _own_of_inheritance to_take_possession_of ĐOM the_ _earth/land. **7** And_ the_people _they_served ĐOM **YHWH** all_of the_days_of Yəhōshūʿa and_all/each/any/every the_days_of the_old_men who they_made_long days after Yəhōshūʿa who they_had_seen ĐOM all_of the_work_of **YHWH** (the)_great which he_had_done for_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **8** And_ Yəhōshūʿa the_ _son_of Nun the_servant_of **YHWH** _he/it_died a_son_of a_ _hundred and_ten years. **9** And_people_buried him in_the_ _territory_of his_inheritance_of_his in_Timnath- heres in_the_ _hill_country_of ʾEfrayim from_the_north_of the_mountain_of Gaʿash.

10 And_also all_of the_generation (the)_that they_were_ _gathered to_ancestors_of_its and_ a_generation another after_ _them which not they_knew ĐOM **YHWH** and_also ĐOM the_ _work which he_had_done for_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_rose_up.

Readers' Version

33 Naftali's (Naphtali's) descendants didn't drive out those who were living in Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) or Beyt-Anat, so they continued to live among them and were forced to work as slaves.
34 The Amorim forced Dan's descendants to live in the hill country, because they didn't allow them to come down to the plains. **35** The Amorim were determined to live at Mt. Heres, in Ayalon and Sha'alvim (but when Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants became stronger, they forced the Amorim to work as slaves). **36** The Amorim border went from the Scorpion Pass through Sela and upward from there.

God's messenger comes to Bokim

2:1 Then Yahweh's messenger went from Gilgal to Bokim and told the Israelis, "I brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) and led you here to this land that I promised to your ancestors. I had said that I wouldn't ever break my agreement with you all, **2** but that you mustn't form treaties with the peoples who lived here, rather you must tear down their altars.[10] But you all haven't obeyed what I said. What have you gone and done? **3** So I'm telling you that I won't drive your enemies out ahead of you, but they'll be like thorns in your sides and you'll all end up being enslaved to their idols." **4** When Yahweh's messenger finished saying that, the people wept loudly, **5** so they called that place Bokim (which means 'weeping') and they offered sacrifices to Yahweh there.

The death of Yehoshua

6 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) dismissed the people and the tribes went to their various regions to take possession of the land. **7** The people obeyed Yahweh as long as Yehoshua and the elders who had seen the great things that Yahweh had done for Yisrael (Israel) , were alive. **8** Then Yahweh's servant Yehoshua (son of Nun) died at the age of 110 **9** and they buried him in his allocated land at Timnat-Heres, inside Efrayim's (Ephraim's) hill country territory north of Mt. Ga'ash.[11]

Yisrael (Israel) turns from Yahweh

10 When all of that generation had passed away, the next generation didn't know Yahweh or even know about what he'd done for the Is-

10 **RV 2:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:12-13; Deu 7:2-5.

11 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Josh 19:49-50.

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raelis. **11** They did things that Yahweh considered evil and worshipped Ba'al idols **12** and abandoned the god of their ancestors, Yahweh, the one who brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). Instead they went after other gods—the gods of the people around them. They worshipped them and that made Yahweh angry. **13** They abandoned Yahweh and worshipped the Ba'al and Ashtarot idols. **14** So Yahweh got angry with Yisrael (Israel) so he caused raiders to come and take their property and he allowed their enemies to become more powerful so they could no longer stand against them. **15** Whenever the Israelis went into battle, Yahweh worked against them just like he'd said he would and they became very distressed.

16 Then Yahweh gave them leaders[12] to save them from the raiders. **17** However they wouldn't listen to those leaders either—continuing to prostitute themselves to other gods and bowing down to idols. They rapidly turned away from their ancestors' ways and showed no interest in obeying Yahweh's instructions. **18** Whenever Yahweh gave them a leader, he would support that leader and would save them from their enemies during that leader's life, because he pitied the people when they groaned from being tormented and oppressed. **19** But then at the death of that leader, they would turn back and behave more corruptly than their ancestors—following other gods and bowing down to idols. They didn't stop any of their evil activities or their shameless behaviour **20** so Yahweh was very angry at Yisrael and said, "This nation has broken the agreement that I made with their ancestors and haven't done what I told them to. **21** I won't keep driving the people groups away that remained when Yehoshua (Joshua) died, **22** so as to use them to test Yisrael to see whether the Israelis will obey my instructions like their ancestors did, or not. **23** So Yahweh allowed those people groups to stay on, and hence they hadn't been handed over to Yehoshua.

The remaining kingdoms in Kena'an

3:1 The following are the kingdoms which Yahweh allowed to remain so as to test the newer generations of Yisrael (Israel) who hadn't experienced the battles in Kena'an (Canaan) **2** (if only for the sake of teaching warfare to those generations who hadn't experienced

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11 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_they_served ~~ĐOM~~ the_Ba'al. **12** And_they_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** the_god_of their_ _ancestors_of_their who_brought_out them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_went after gods other some_of_ _the_gods_of the_peoples which were_around_of_them and_ _they_bowed_down to/for_them and_they_provoked_to_anger ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH**.[13][14] **13** And_they_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** and_they_ _served (to)_Ba'al and_(to)_'Ashtārōt. **14** And_ the_anger of_ _**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_gave_ _them in_the_hand_of plunderers and_they_plundered them and_he_sold_them in_the_hand_of their_enemies_of_their from_round_about and_not they_were_able still to_stand to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their. **15** In_every where they_went_out the_hand_of **YHWH** it_was on_them for_ _harm just_as **YHWH** he_had_spoken and_as_which **YHWH** he_ _had_sworn to/for_them and_it_was_distress to/for_them exceedingly. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he_raised_up judges and_they_ _delivered_them from_the_hand_of their_plunderers. **17** And_ _also to judges_of_their not they_listened if/because they_ _acted_as_prostitutes after gods other and_they_bowed_down to/for_them they_turned_aside quickly from the_way which fathers_of_their they_had_walked to_obey the_commands_of **YHWH** not they_did so. **18** And_because/when **YHWH** he_ _raised_up to/for_them judges and_it_was **YHWH** with the_ _judge and_he_delivered_them from_the_hand_of their_ _enemies_of_their all_of the_days_of the_judge if/because **YHWH** he_had_compassion from_groaning_of_their from_ _face/in_front_of those_of_who_oppressed_them and_those_of_ _who_oppressed_them. **19** And_it_was when_died_of the_judge they_returned and_they_acted_corruptly more_than_of_their_ _fathers to_go after gods other to_serve_them and_to_bow_ _down to/for_them not they_let_drop any_of_their_deeds and_ _any_of_their_way (the)_stubborn. **20** And_ the_anger of_ _**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said because that the_nation the_this they_have_transgressed ~~ĐOM~~ covenant_of_my which I_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ ancestors_of_their and_not they_have_listened to_voice_of_my. **21** Also I not I_ _will_increase to_dispossess anyone from_their_face/front of the_nations which Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) he_left and_he/it_died. **22** So_as to_put_to_the_test by_them ~~ĐOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) be_ will_they _keeping ~~ĐOM~~ the_way_of **YHWH** to_go in_them just_ _as ancestors_of_their they_kept_it or not. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _left ~~ĐOM~~ the_nations the_these to_not to_dispossess_them quickly and_not he_gave_them in_the_hand_of Yəhōshūʿa.

3:1 And_these the_nations which **YHWH** he_left to_put_to_the_ _test by_them ~~ĐOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~ĐOM~~ all_of those_who not they_had_known ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_wars_of Kənaʿan/(Canaan). **2** Only so_as the_generations_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_know to_teach_them war only which formerly_previously not they_had_known_them. **3** The_five_of the_rulers_of the_

12 RV 2:16 · Note Traditionally called 'judges' in most English translations, but that modern term doesn't fit their various functions in this account at all well. ('Leaders' isn't perfect either but it's generic enough to cover most of their roles.)

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_Pəlishtiy and_all the_Kəna′ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_
_Sidonian[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] who_was_dwelling of_the_mount_
_of of_(the)_Ləvānōn from_hill of Ba′al to Ləvō’ Ḥₐmāt. **4** And_
_they_were to_put_to_the_test by_them ÐOM Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) to_
_know will_they_obey ÐOM the_commands_of **YHWH** which he_
_had_commanded ÐOM ancestors_of_their by_the_hand_of
Mosheh. **5** And_the_sons of_Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) they_dwelt in_the_
_midst_of the_Kəna′ₐnī[s] the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_’Amorī[s] and_
_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s].
6 And_they_took ÐOM daughters_of_their to/for_them to_wives
and_ÐOM daughters_of_their they_gave to_sons_of_their and_
_they_served ÐOM gods_of_their.

7 And_ the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_made ÐOM the_evil
in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_they_forgot ÐOM **YHWH** god_
_of_their and_they_served ÐOM the_Ba′al and_ÐOM the_
_’Ashērāh_poles. **8** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt
on_Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_he_sold_them in_the_hand_of Cushan-
Rishathaim the_king_of ’Arām and_ the_people_of
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_served ÐOM Cushan- Rishathaim eight
years. **9** And_ the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_cried_out to
YHWH and_ **YHWH** _he_raised_up a_deliverer for_the_people_
_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_he_delivered_them ÐOM ′Otnī’ēl the_
_son_of Qənaz the_brother_of Kālēv/(Caleb) the_small(sg)
more_than_him. **10** And_it_became on/upon/above_him/it the_
_spirit_of **YHWH** and_he_judged ÐOM Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_
_he/it_went_out to_war and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave in_his/its_
_hand ÐOM Cushan- Rishathaim the_king_of ’Arām and_ his/its_
_hand _it_prevailed over Cushan- Rishathaim. **11** And_ the_
_earth/land _it_was_at_peace forty year[s] and_ ′Otnī’ēl the_
_son_of Qənaz _he/it_died.

12 And_ the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_repeated for_
_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_
_strengthened ÐOM ′Eglōn the_king_of Mō’āv over
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) on if/because they_did ÐOM the_evil in/on_
_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **13** And_he_gathered to_him/it ÐOM the_
_people_of ′Ammōn and_′Amālēq and_he/it_went and_he_
_defeated ÐOM Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_they_took_possession_of
ÐOM the_city_of the_palm_trees. **14** And_ the_people_of
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_served ÐOM ′Eglōn the_king_of Mō’āv
eight- teen year[s]. **15** And_ the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _
_they_cried_out to **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_raised_up to/for_
_them a_deliverer ÐOM ’Ēhūd the_son_of Gērā’ the_Ben-_of
(the)_jaminite a_man impeded_of the_hand_of his_right_side_
_of_his and_ the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_sent in_
_his/its_hand tribute to_′Eglōn the_king_of Mō’āv. **16** And_
_he/it_made to_him/it ’Ēhūd a_sword and_belonged_to_it two_
_of mouths was_a_cubit length_of_its and_he_girded it from_
_under to_garments_of_his on the_thigh_of his_right_side_of_
_his. **17** And_he_brought_near ÐOM the_tribute to_′Eglōn the_
_king_of Mō’āv and_′Eglōn was_a_man fat very. **18** And_he/it_
_was just_as he_had_finished to_bring_near ÐOM the_tribute
and_he_sent_away ÐOM the_people who_had_carried_of (of)_
_the_tribute. **19** And_he he_returned from the_idols which
were_with (the)_Gilgāl and_he/it_said a_message_of secrecy to_

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it): **3** the five Pelishti rulers and the Kena’anim (Canaanites), the Tsidonim (Sidonians), the Hivim that live on Mt. Levanon between Mt. Ba’al-Hermon and Levo-Hamat.[15] **4** They were left to test Yisrael to find out if they would obey Yahweh’s instructions that had been given through Mosheh (Moses) to their ancestors, **5** and so the Israelis lived among the Kena’anim, the Hitim, the Amorim, the Perizim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim. **6** They took their daughters as wives, and gave their own daughters to be married to their sons, and they worshipped their gods.

Otniel

7 So the Israelis did things considered evil by Yahweh and they forgot about their god Yahweh, instead serving the Ba’al and Asherot idols. **8** Because of that, Yahweh was very angry with Yisrael (Israel), so he handed them over to King Kushan-Rish’atayim of Aram-Naharayim. The Israelis served him for eight years **9** but when they cried out to Yahweh, he sent them a leader to rescue them: Otniel, son of Kalev’s (Caleb’s) younger brother Kenaz. **10** Yahweh’s spirit empowered him and he led Yisrael. He led them into battle against King Kushan-Rish’atayim of Aram (Syria), and Yahweh helped them defeat him. **11** So the region had peace for forty years, and then Otniel (Kenaz’s son) died.

Ehud

12 Once again the Israelis started doing things considered evil by Yahweh, so because of that, he strengthened King Eglon of Moav (Moab) against Yisrael (Israel). **13** King Eglon enlisted warriors from the Amonim and the Amalekim, and they attacked Yisrael and captured Yeriho (Jericho), the city of palm trees, **14** so the Israelis served him for eighteen years.

15 But the Israelis cried out to Yahweh, he sent them a leader to rescue them: the left-hander Ehud, son of Gera the Benyamite. The Israelis sent him to carry the tribute payment to King Eglon of Moav. **16** Now Ehud had made himself a double-edged sword—a short one about half a metre long—and he strapped it to his right thigh beneath his clothes. **17** Then he presented the tribute to King Eglon of Moav, who was a very fat man, **18** and after leaving for home, he sent off the people who’d actually carried it all. **19** Then from the stone quarries that they’d reached near Gilgal, he returned and told the king that he had a private message for him. The king told his attendants to be quiet then sent them out of the room.

20 So Ehud approached where the king was sitting alone in the coolness of his upper room and told him, “I have a message for

15 RV 3:3 · Note Or, ‘the entrance to Hamat’.

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you from God." The king stood up from his seat **21** and then Ehud reached with his left hand and pulled the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king's belly. **22** Even the handle went in after the blade and the fat closed up over the handle because Ehud didn't pull the sword out of his belly. Then he went out to the passage[16] **23** and closed and locked the rooms of the upper room and exited through the porch.[17] **24** After he'd left, the servants came and found the doors locked, so they thought the king must be relieving himself in there. **25** They waited until they became worried that he hadn't opened the doors, so they got a key and opened them, only to find their master lying dead on the floor.

26 While the servants had been waiting, Ehud had escaped and passed beyond the quarries, then fleeing to Se'irah. **27** When he got there, he blew a trumpet throughout the Efrati hill country, and so the Israelis assembled under his direction down in the valley. **28** "Follow after me," he told them, "because Yahweh will enable you all to defeat your enemies, the Moavim." So they followed him down to the Yarden (Jordan) river and captured the fords opposite Moav (Moab), thus preventing anyone from crossing. **29** Then they attacked Moav and killed around ten thousand men—all strong and capable yet none of them escaped. **30** So Moav was subdued that day by the Israelis, and there was peace in the region for eighty years.

Shamgar

31 After Ehud came Shamgar (Anat's son), and he rescued Yisrael (Israel) by killing six hundred Pelishtim with a cattle prod.

Deborah and Barak

4:1 After Ehud died, the Israelis again started doing things considered evil by Yahweh, **2** so he handed them over to King Yavin of Kena'an (Canaan) who reigned in Hatsor. Sisera was the commander of his army, and he lived in

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_me to_you the_king and_he/it_said hush and_they_went_out from_with_him all_of those_who_stood on/upon/above_ _him/it. **20** And_'Ēhūd he_came to_him/it and_he was_sitting in_the_roof_chamber_of (the)_coolness which to_him/it for_ _him/it_being_alone and_ 'Ēhūd _he/it_said a_message_of god to_me to_you and_he/it_rose_up from_under the_seat. **21** And_ 'Ēhūd _he_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_hand_of his_left_hand_of_his and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_drought//sword/knife from_under the_thigh_of his_right_side_of_his and_he_thrust_it in_belly_ _of_his. **22** And_ also the_hilt _it_went after the_blade and_ the_ _fat _he/it_closed_up behind the_blade if/because not he_ _drew_out the_drought//sword/knife from_belly_of_his and_ _he/it_went_out to_the_hole. **23** And_ 'Ēhūd _he/it_went_out to_the_porch and_he/it_closed_up the_doors_of the_roof_ _chamber behind_him and_he_locked_them. **24** And_he he_ _went_forth and_servants_of_his they_came and_they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_doors_of the_roof_chamber were_ _locked and_they_said surely he is_covering ᴅᴏᴍ feet_of_his in_ _the_chamber_of (the)_coolness. **25** And_they_writhed until were_ashamed and_THERE[181920] not_he was_opening the_ _doors_of the_roof_chamber[2122] and_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_key and_they_opened_them and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE master(s)_of_ _their was_lying towards_land dead. **26** And_'Ēhūd he_escaped until delayed_they and_he he_passed_by ᴅᴏᴍ the_idols and_he_ _escaped to_(the)_Sē'īrah. **27** And_he/it_was when_came_he and_he_gave_a_blast on_horn in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_they_went_down with_him/it the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from the_hill_country and_he was_before_of_ _them. **28** And_he/it_said to_them pursue after_me if/because **YHWH** he_has_given ᴅᴏᴍ enemies_of_your(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ Mō'āv in_ _hand_of_your(pl) and_they_went_down after_him and_they_ _captured ᴅᴏᴍ the_fords_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to_Mō'āv and_not they_permitted anyone to_pass_over. **29** And_they_ _struck_down ᴅᴏᴍ Mō'āv at_time (the)_that about_ten_of thousand(s) man every_of stout_person and_all man_of strength and_not anyone he_escaped. **30** And_ Mō'āv _it_was_ _subdued in_the_day (the)_that under the_hand_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_earth/land _it_was_at_peace eighty year[s].

31 And_after_him Shamgar the_son_of 'Anāt he_was and_he_ _struck_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pəlishtiy six hundred(s) man with_the_ _goad_of (the)_cattle and_ also he _he_delivered ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

4:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_repeated for_ _doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_'Ēhūd he_had_ _died. **2** And_he_sold_them **YHWH** in_the_hand_of Yāvīn/(Jabin) the_king_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) who he_reigned in_Ḥātsōr and_the_commander_of his_army_of_his was_Ṣīṣərā'

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and_he was_dwelling in_Harosheth Haggoyim. **3** And_ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_cried_out to **YHWH** if/because nine hundred(s) chariot[s]_of iron to_him/it and_he he_oppressed ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_force twenty year[s]. **4** And_Dəbōrāh was_a_woman a_prophetess the_wife_of Lappidōt she was_judging ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_ _time (the)_that. **5** And_she was_dwelling under the_palm_tree_ _of Dəbōrāh between (the)_Rāmāh and_between Bēyt-ʾēl in_ _the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_they_went_up to_her/it the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_judgement. **6** And_she_sent and_ _she/it_called/named (to)_Bārāq the_son_of 'Avīnoʿam from_ _Qedesh Naftālī and_she/it_said to_him/it not has_he_ _commanded **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) go and_you_ _will_march at_the_mountain_of Tāvōr and_you_will_take with_you ten_of thousand(s) man from_(the)_sons of_Naftālī and_of_the_descendants_of Zəvulun. **7** And_I_will_draw to_you to the_wadi_of Qīshōn ÐOM Şīşərā' the_commander_of the_ _army_of Yāvīn/(Jabin) and_ÐOM chariotry_of_his and_ÐOM multitude_of_his and_I_will_give_him in_hand_of_your. **8** And_ _he/it_said to_her/it Bārāq if you_will_go with_me and_I_will_ _go and_if not you_will_go with_me not I_will_go. **9** And_she/it_ _said certainly_(go) I_will_go with_you nevertheless if/because not it_will_be honour_of_your on the_way which you are_going if/because in_the_hand_of a_woman **YHWH** he_will_sell ÐOM Şīşərā' and_ Dəbōrāh _she/it_arose and_she_went[23][24][25] with Bārāq to_Qedesh. **10** And_ Bārāq _he_summoned ÐOM Zəvulun and_ÐOM Naftālī to_Qedesh and_he/it_ascended at_feet_of_his ten_of thousand(s)_of man and_she_went_up with_him/it Dəbōrāh. **11** And_Ḥevər the_Qēynī was_separated from_the_ _Qēynī[s] from_(the)_sons of_Ḥovāv the_father-in-law_of Mosheh and_he_had_pitched tent_of_his to the_great_tree in/on/at/with[26] which is_with Qedesh. **12** And_people_told to_ _Şīşərā' if/because_that Bārāq the_son_of 'Avīnoʿam he_had_ _gone_up the_mountain_of Tāvōr. **13** And_ Şīşərā' _he_ _summoned ÐOM all_of chariotry_of_his nine hundred(s) chariot[s]_of iron and_ÐOM all_of the_people which with_him/it from_Harosheth Haggoyim to the_wadi_of Qīshōn. **14** And_ Dəbōrāh _she/it_said to Bārāq arise if/because this the_day which **YHWH** he_has_given ÐOM Şīşərā' in_hand_of_your not **YHWH** has_he_gone_out to_your_face and_ Bārāq _he/it_ _descended from_hill of_Tāvōr and_ten_of thousand(s) man were_after_him. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he_confused ÐOM Şīşərā' and_ _ÐOM all_of the_chariotry and_ÐOM all_of the_army to_the_ _mouth_of the_sword to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Bārāq and_ Şīşərā' _he/it_descended from_under the_chariot and_he_fled on_feet_of_his. **16** And_Bārāq he_pursued after the_chariotry and_after the_army to Harosheth Haggoyim and_ all_of the_army_of Şīşərā' _it_fell to_the_mouth_of the_sword not up_to one it_was_left. **17** And_Şīşərā' he_fled on_feet_of_his

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Haroshet-Hagoyim. **3** The Israelis cried out to Yahweh because Sisera had nine hundred chariots with iron on them, and he cruelly oppressed them for twenty years.

4 Now the prophetess Deborah (Lapidot's wife) was leading Yisrael (Israel) at that time. **5** She would sit under the palm tree between Ramah and Beyt-El (Bethel) (in the Efrati hill country), and people would come to her to have their disputes settled. **6** One day she summoned Barak (Avinoam's son from Kedesh in Naftali (Naphtali)) and told him, "Yisrael's god, Yahweh commands you to draft ten thousand men from Naftali and Zevulun and assemble at Mt. Tavor. **7** Yahweh will lure King Yavin's army commander, Sisera bring his warriors and chariots to the Kishon river, and Yahweh will enable you to defeat them there."

8 "I'll go if you'll come with me," replied Barak, "but if you won't come with me, I won't go."

9 "I'll certainly go with you," she said, "but it won't be you that's honoured afterwards, but rather Yahweh will use a woman to defeat Sisera." So Deborah accompanied Barak to Kedesh. **10** There he summoned warriors from Zevulun and Naftali and ten thousand men came, and they all went together with Deborah to Mt. Tavor.

11 Now Hever had moved with his wife Ya'el and their family away from the other Keynim (and from Mosheh's (Moses') father-in-law Hovav's descendants) and set up his tent by the oak tree at Tsa'ananim near Kedesh.

12 When Sisera was told that Barak (Avinoam's son) had gone to Mt. Tavor, **13** he assembled his warriors and their nine hundred chariots (with iron on them) and went from Haroshet-Hagoyim to the Kishon riverbed.

14 "Get going," Deborah told Barak, "because it's today that Yahweh has gone ahead of you and will help you defeat Sisera." So Barak led his ten thousand warriors down from Mt. Tavor. **15** Then Yahweh caused Sisera and all his warriors and chariots to be confused as Barak advanced, so Sisera jumped down from his chariot and took off on foot. **16** Barak pursued the men and chariots as far as Haroshet-Hagoyim and they killed them all—not a single one survived.

17 But Sisera had fled on foot and ran to Ya'el's tent (Hever the Keyni's wife) because there was peace between King Yavin of Hatsor and the house of Hever the Keyni. **18** Ya'el went out to meet Sisera and told him, "Stop and rest, my master. Stop and rest here. Don't be afraid." So he turned and went into her tent, and she covered him with a blanket.

19 "I'm thirsty," he said. "Could you get me a little water to

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26 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מינעצ/ב**: (x-qere) **'מִינֲנֵעַצ/ב'**: lemma_b/6815 n_0.0 morph_HR/Np id_07aFY **מִינֲנֵעַצ/ב**

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drink." Ya'el opened a goatskin container and gave him milk to drink, then she covered him again. **20** "Stand at the tent doorway," he said, "and if anyone comes and asks you if you've seen a man, say, 'No.' "

21 Then Hever's wife Ya'el got a hammer and a tent peg and crept in silently, driving the peg through his temple and pounding it into the ground,. He'd been tired and was sleeping soundly, and it killed him. **22** Meanwhile Barak had been searching for Sisera, and Ya'el went out to meet him. "Come in here," she told him, "and I'll show you the man you've been searching for." He followed her into the tent and wow—Sisera was lying there dead with the peg still through his temple.

23 So that day God defeated Kena'ani (Canaanite) King Yavin's army in front of the Israelis, **24** and as they became stronger against him, they destroyed King Yavin of Kena'an (Canaan).

Deborah and Barak sing together

5:1 That day, Deborah and Barak sang this song:

2 "When the leaders take the lead in Yisrael (Israel),
when the people offer themselves willingly,
Yahweh be blessed.
3 Listen you kings.
Pay attention you rulers.
I will sing to Yahweh, yes, even me.
I will make music for Yisrael's god Yahweh.
4 Yahweh, you left Se'ir.
You marched out of the Edom region.
The earth quaked.
The heavens also dropped.
And the clouds poured down rain.
5 Mountains melted in Yahweh's presence,
Yes, Mt. Sinay shook in front of Yisrael's god, Yahweh.[30]
6 In the days of Anat's son Shamgar,
in the days of Ya'el,
main roads were abandoned,
and travellers walked twisting trails.
7 Israeli villages were abandoned.

Literal Version

to the_tent_of Yā'ēl/(Jael) the_wife_of[272829] of_Ḥever the_
_Qēynī if/because peace was_between Yāvīn/(Jabin) the_king_
_of Ḥātsōr and_between the_house_of Ḥever the_Qēynī.
18 And_ Yā'ēl _she_went_out to_meet Ṣīṣərā' and_she/it_said
to_him/it turn_aside my_master turn_aside to_me do_not be_
_afraid and_he_turned_aside to_her/it to_the_tent and_she_
_covered_him with_covering. **19** And_he/it_said to_her/it give_
_me_to_drink please a_little_of water if/because I_am_thirsty
and_she_opened ᴅᴏᴍ the_skin-bottle_of (the)_milk and_she_
_gave_him_a_drink and_she_covered_him. **20** And_he/it_said
to_her/it stand the_opening_of the_tent and_it_was if anyone
he_will_come and_he_will_ask_you and_saying(ms) is_there
here anyone and_you_will_say there_is_not. **21** And_ Yā'ēl the_
_wife_of Ḥever _she/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_peg_of the_tent and_she_
_put ᴅᴏᴍ the_hammer in_hand_of_her and_she_went to_him/it
in_secrecy and_she_drove ᴅᴏᴍ the_peg in_temple_of_his and_
_it_went_down on_the_earth and_he was_sleeping and_he_was_
_weary and_he/it_died. **22** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Bārāq was_
pursuing ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣīṣərā' and Yā'ēl/(Jael) _she_went_out to_meet_
_him and_she/it_said to_him/it come and_I_will_show_you ᴅᴏᴍ
the_man whom you are_seeking and_he_went to_her/it and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Ṣīṣərā' was_lying dead and_the_peg was_in_
_temple_of_his. **23** And_ god _he_subdued in_the_day (the)_that
ᴅᴏᴍ Yāvīn/(Jabin) the_king_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
24 And_ the_hand_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_went
going and_hard on Yāvīn the_king_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) until
that they_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ Yāvīn the_king_of Kəna'an/(Canaan).

5:1 And_ Dəbōrāh and_Bārāq the_son_of 'Avīnno'am _she_sang
in_the_day (the)_that to_say. **2** When_ leaders _acted_as_leaders
in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ a_people _volunteers bless **YHWH**.
3 Hear Oh_kings give_ear Oh_rulers I to/for_**YHWH** I I_will_sing
I_will_sing_praises to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
4 Oh_**YHWH** when_you_went_out from_Sē'īr when_marched_
_you from_the_region_of 'Edōm the_earth it_shook both the_
_heavens they_dropped as_well_as the_clouds they_dropped
water. **5** The_mountains they_flowed from_face/in_front_of
YHWH this Ṣīnay from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** In_the_days_of Shamgar the_son_of 'Anāt in_
_the_days_of Yā'ēl/(Jael) roads they_ceased and_walkers_of
paths they_walked roads twisting. **7** Rural_people they_ceased
in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ceased until that_ Dəbōrāh _I_arose
that_ a_mother in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _I_arose. **8** It_chose gods new
then war was_in_the_gates a_shield if and_a_spear it_was_seen
among_forty thousand in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **9** Heart_of_my is_to_
_the_commanders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) those_who_volunteered
among_people bless **YHWH**. **10** Oh_riders_of female_donkeys
tawny Oh_you(pl)_who_sit_of on garments and_Oh_walkers_of
on the_road tell_out. **11** From_the_sound_of those_who_divide
between the_places_for_drawing_water there they_will_
_recount the_righteousness(es)_of **YHWH** the_
_righteousness(es)_of his_rural_people_of_his in_

27 **LV 4:17 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

28 **LV 4:17 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

29 **LV 4:17 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

30 **RV 5:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:18.

Literal Version

_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) then they_went_down to_gates the_people_of **YHWH**. **12** Awake awake Oh_Dəbōrāh awake awake speak a_ _song arise Oh_Bārāq and_take_captive captive[s]_of_your Oh_ _son_of 'Avīnno'am. **13** Then the_survivor[s] of_the_nobles he_ _went_down the_people **YHWH** he_went_down to_me among_ _ones. **14** From 'Efrayim who_their_root_of_those was_in_ _'Amālēq after_you Binyāmīn among_people(s)_of_your from Mākīr commanders they_came_down and_from_Zəvulun those_who_march with_the_rod_of a_muster-officer. **15** And_ _princes_of_my in_Issachar were_with Dəbōrāh and_Issachar so Bārāq in_valley he_was_sent at_feet_of_his among_the_ _divisions_of Rə'ūvēn were_great resolves_of heart. **16** To/for_ _what did_you_sit between the_two_saddlebaskets to_hear the_ _whistling_of the_flocks to_the_divisions_of Rə'ūvēn were_ _great searchings_of heart. **17** Gil'ād on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) he_dwelt and_Dān to/for_what did_he_ _sojourn ships 'Āshēr he_remained to_the_coast_of the_seas and_at places_of_his_landing he_dwelt. **18** Zəvulun was_a_ _people which_it_despised life_of_its to_die and_Naftali was_on the_heights_of the_field. **19** kings they_came they_fought then the_kings_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) they_fought at_Ta'ₐnāk at the_ _waters_of Məgiddōn profit_of silver not they_took. **20** From heaven the_stars they_fought from_highways_of_their they_ _fought with Ṣīṣərā'. **21** The_wadi_of Qīshōn it_swept_them_ _away a_wadi_of ancient_times the_wadi_of Qīshōn you_will_ _march my_self_of_my strength. **22** Then the_heels_of horse[s] they_struck from_the_galloping the_galloping_of his_mighty_ _horses. **23** Curse Mērōz the_messenger_of **YHWH** he_says curse certainly_(curse) inhabitants_of_its if/because not they_ _came to_the_help_of **YHWH** to_the_help_of **YHWH** on_ones. **24** She_will_be_blessed more_than_women Yā'ēl/(Jael) the_ _wife_of Ḥevər the_Qēynī more_than_women in_tent she_will_ _be_blessed. **25** Water he_asked milk she_gave in_a_bowl_of nobles she_brought_near curd[s]. **26** Hand_of_her to_peg they_ _stretched_out and_her_right_of_hand to_a_hammer_of labourers and_she_struck Ṣīṣərā' she_shattered his/its_head and_she_smashed and_she_pierced temple_of_his. **27** Between feet_of_her he_bowed_down he_fell he_lay_down between feet_ _of_her he_bowed_down he_fell at_where he_bowed_down there he_fell destroyed. **28** Through the_window she_looked_ _down and_ the_mother_of Ṣīṣərā' _she_lamented through the_ _window-lattice why chariot_of_his has_it_delayed to_come why the_hoof-beats_of his_chariots_of_his have_they_delayed. **29** The_wise_women_of her_noble_ladies_of_her they_answered also she she_brought_back words/messages_of_her to/for_ _her/it. **30** Not are_they_finding are_they_dividing_up plunder a_womb two_wombs for_the_head_of a_man plunder_of coloured_cloth(s) for_Ṣīṣərā' plunder_of coloured_cloth(s) multicoloured_material coloured_cloth_of multicoloured_ _material(s) for_the_necks_of plunder. **31** So all_of enemies_of_ _your may_they_perish Oh_**YHWH** and_those_of_who_love_him be_as_ of_the_sun _the_going_out in_strength_of_its and_ the_ _earth/land _it_was_at_peace forty year[s].

Readers' Version

No one lived there until I, Deborah, became their leader.
I became one of Yisrael's (Israel's) mothers.
8 When Yisrael chose new gods,
then enemies attacked the city gates.
No shield or spear could be found
among forty thousand in Yisrael.
9 I'm thankful to Yisrael's commanders
who volunteered to help the people.
Yahweh be blessed.
10 You riders of white donkeys,
you who sit on saddle blankets,
you who are walking on the road,
tell about this.
11 From the sounds of conflict over the watering places
they recount ≈Yahweh's righteousness
and about his righteous warriors in Yisrael (Israel).
Then Yahweh's people went down to the city gates.
12 Wake up, Deborah, wake up.
Wake up, wake up, sing a song.
Barak, get moving and capture your prisoners,
you son of Avinoam.
13 Then the survivor went down to the leading citizens.
Yahweh's people went down to the mighty. ???
14 From Efrayim (Ephraim) their root was with Amalek.
After you, Benyamin, among your people.
From Makir (in Menasheh's (Manasseh's) tribe), the commanders came down.
And from Zevulun, those who march carrying an officer's staff.
15 My princes in Yisakar (Issachar) were with Deborah.
And Yisakar was also with Barak.
He was sent into a valley on his heels.
There was intense heart searching among the clans of Re'uven.
16 Why did you sit between the sheep pens?
To hear the whistling for the flocks?
There was intense heart searching among the clans of Re'uven.
17 Gilead settled east of the Yarden (Jordan).
But, Dan, why does he stay on ships?
Asher stayed at the sea coast
and lives by his jetties.
18 Zevulun were a tribe that devotedly risked losing their lives.
And Naftali (Naphtali) was at their heights on the battlefield.
19 Kings came and made war.
Then the Kena'ani (Canaanite) kings fought at Ta'anak,
at the Megidon springs.
But they weren't able to plunder any silver.
20 From the sky, the stars battled.
From their courses, they fought against Sisera.
21 The Kishon river swept them away.
An ancient river that Kishon river.
March on with strength, my soul.
22 Then the horses' hooves struck.
His galloping stallions charging.
23 'Curse that Meroz place,' said Yahweh's messenger.

Readers' Version

'You shall certainly curse its inhabitants
because they didn't come and help Yahweh—
to help Yahweh against the mighty ones.'
24 Ya'el will be an honoured woman.
The wife of Hever the Keyni.
She deserves the most praise out of all women who live in tents.
25 He asked for water—she gave him milk,
Yogurt in a bowl suitable for the leading citizens.
26 Her hands reached out for the tent peg,
and her right hand for the workman's hammer.
She hammered Sisera—shattering his head—
shattering and piercing his temple.
27 He bowed down between her feet—he fell—he lay down.
He bowed down between her feet—where he bowed down,
there he fell—destroyed.
28 Sisera's mother looked out the window.
She peered through the lattice, crying out,
'Why is his chariot so slow to return?
Why are the hoofbeats of his chariots delayed?'
29 Her wise ladies answered her.
Indeed, she keeps telling herself
30 'Won't they be gathering and dividing the plunder?
A woman or two for each warrior to bear children.
Finding some colourful material for Sisera.
Taking some embroidered fabrics.
Dyed scarves as plunder.'
31 May all your enemies perish like that, Yahweh.
But may those who love you shine like the sun rising in its strength."
Then that region had peace for forty years.

Gid'on

6:1 The Israelis did things that Yahweh considered evil so he handed them over to the Midyan for seven years 2 and the Midyanites oppressed them badly. It was so bad that the Israelis made dens for themselves up in the hills, in caves, and in small, fortified settlements. 3 Whenever the Israelis planted a crop, the Midyanites or the Amalekim, or eastern groups would attack them. 4 They would set up their camps around them and destroy the crops as far away as Azah (Gaza)—they left nothing for the Israelis to eat, and no sheep, cattle, or donkeys. 5 It was like a swarm of locusts when they'd all come with their tents and their livestock—you couldn't even count their camels! They entered the region to totally ravage it. 6 Thus Yisrael (Israel) was severely weakened by Midyan, and the Israelis cried out to Yahweh.

7 When the Israelis cried out to Yahweh concerning Midyan, 8 Yahweh sent a prophet to them and he told them, "Yisrael's god Yahweh says, 'I myself brought you all out of slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt)— 9 rescuing you from the Mitsrim (Egyptians) who were oppressing you all. I drove them out when you all en-

Literal Version

6:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he_gave_them **YHWH** in_the_ _hand_of Midyān seven years. 2 And_ the_hand_of Midyān _it_ _prevailed over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_face/in_front_of Midyān they_made to/for_them the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _dens which are_in_mountains and_~~ĐOM~~ the_caves and_~~ĐOM~~ the_strongholds. 3 And_it_was if Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_sowed and_ Midyān and_ʿAmālēq and_the_sons the_east _he/it_would_go_ _up and_they_went_up on/upon/above_him/it. 4 And_they_ _encamped on_them and_they_destroyed ~~ĐOM~~ the_produce_of the_earth/land until come_you ʿAzzāh and_not they_left sustenance in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_a_sheep and_an_ox and_a_ _donkey. 5 If/because they livestock_of_their they_came_up and_tents_of_their and_they_came[32] according_to_the_ _abundance_of locust[s] to_increase_in_number and_to_them and_to_camels_of_their there_was_not number and_they_came in/on_the_earth to_destroy_it. 6 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_ _became_low very from_face/in_front_of Midyān and_ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_cried_out to **YHWH**. 7 And_ _he/it_was if/because the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ _cried_out to **YHWH** on the_causes_of Midyān. 8 And_ **YHWH** _ _he_sent a_man a_prophet to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)

32 **LV 6:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְאָבִי: (x-qere) וְאָבֶו/וֹ': lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_07XWV וְאָבֶו/וֹ

Literal Version

and_he/it_said to/for_them thus he_says **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I I_brought_up you(pl) from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_brought_out you(pl) from_a_house_of slaves. **9** And_I_ _delivered you(pl) from_the_hand_of Mitsrayim and_from_the_ _hand_of all_of those_of_who_oppressed_you(pl) and_I_drove_ _out them from_before_of_you(pl) and_I_gave to/for_you(pl) ÐOM land_of_their. **10** And_I_said to/for_you(pl) I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) not you(pl)_must_fear ÐOM the_gods_of the_ _'Amorī whom you(pl) are_dwelling in_land_of_their and_not you(pl)_have_listened to_voice_of_my. **11** And_ the_messenger_ _of **YHWH** _he_came and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived under the_terebinth which was_in_'Ofrāh which belonged_to_ _Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_Abi- ezrite and_Gid'ōn his/its_son was_ _beating_out wheat(s) in_winepress to_hide_it from_face/in_ _front_of Midyān. **12** And_he_appeared to_him/it the_ _messenger_of[333435] of_**YHWH** and_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** is_with_you Oh_mighty_man_of (the)_strength. **13** And_he/it_ _said to_him/it Gid'ōn pardon_me my_master and_(there) **YHWH** is_with_us and_for_what has_it_found_us all_of this and_where are_all_of wonders_of_his which they_recounted to/for_us fathers_of_our to_say not from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) did_he_bring_us_up **YHWH** and_now he_has_abandoned_us **YHWH** and_he_has_given_us in_the_palm_of Midyān. **14** And_ _he_turned to_him/it **YHWH** and_he/it_said go in_strength_of_ _your this and_you_will_deliver ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_ _palm_of Midyān not have_I_sent_you. **15** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it pardon_me my_master how will_I_deliver ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) HERE family_of_my is_the_weak in_ _Mənashsheh and_I am_the_insignificant in_house_of my_ _father_of_my. **16** And_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** if/because I_will_be with_you and_you_will_defeat ÐOM Midyān like_a_man one. **17** And_he/it_said to_him/it if please I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your and_you_will_do to/for_me a_sign that_you are_speaking with_me. **18** Do_not please depart from_here until come_I to_you and_I_will_bring_out ÐOM gift_of_my and_I_will_ _set_it to_your_face and_he_said I I_will_remain until return_ _you. **19** And_Gid'ōn he_went and_he/it_made a_kid_of goats and_an_'ēyfāh_of flour_of unleavened_bread(s) the_meat he_ _put in_basket and_the_broth he_put in_pot and_he_brought_ _them_out to_him/it to under the_terebinth and_he_brought_ _them_near. **20** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_messenger_of the_'Elohīm take ÐOM the_meat and_ÐOM the_unleavened_ _bread(s) and_set_them to the_rock this and_ÐOM the_broth pour_out and_he/it_made so. **21** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_stretched_out ÐOM the_end_of the_staff which in_his/its_ _hand and_he_touched (in)_meat and_(in)_the_bread(s) and_ the_fire _it_went_up from the_rock and_she/it_ate ÐOM the_ _meat and_ÐOM the_unleavened_bread(s) and_the_messenger_ _of **YHWH** he_went from_eyes_of_his. **22** And_ Gid'ōn _he/it_ _saw if/because_that was_the_messenger_of **YHWH** it and_ Gid'ōn _he/it_said alas my_master **YHWH** if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_seen the_messenger_of **YHWH** face

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tered and I've certainly given their land to you. **10** I told you all that I'm your god Yahweh and that when you live in the Amori regions, you all mustn't worship their gods. But you didn't listen to what I said.' "

11 One day Yahweh's messenger came and sat beneath the oak tree in the town of Ofrah. (The tree belonged to the Aviezri, Yoash.) Yoah's son Gid'on was beating wheat down in a wine-pressing pit to hide it from the Midyanites **12** when Yahweh's messenger appeared to him and said, "Yahweh is with you, you powerful warrior."

13 "With me, my master?" Gid'on asked. "If Yahweh is with us, then why's all of this happened to us? Where are all of the miracles that our ancestors told us about, saying, 'Didn't Yahweh bring us up out of Mitsrayim?' But now Yahweh has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midyanites."

14 Then Yahweh turned to him and said, "Use your strength to set Yisrael (Israel) free from the grasp of Midyan. Haven't I sent you to do that?"

15 "Please, my master," Gid'on replied, "how could *I* save Yisrael? Look, my clan is the weakest in Menasheh (Manasseh) and on top of that, I'm the youngest in my family."

16 "I'll help you," said Yahweh, "and you'll strike down all the Midyanites as easily as battling just one man."

17 "If indeed I've found favour in your eyes," Gid'on requested, "then show me a miracle so I'll know that it's God speaking to me. **18** Please wait here while I go and prepare my gift for you and bring it back here for you."

"Okay, I'll stay here until you get back," he said.

19 Then Gid'on went a prepared a young goat and unrisen bread. He put the meat in a basket and the soup in a pot and brought them out to the oak tree and offered them to him. **20** Then God's messenger said, "Take the meat and the flat bread and put them on this rock, then pour the soup out over it." So Gid'on did that **21** and Yahweh's messenger stretched out the staff that he was holding and touched the meat and bread with the end of it. A fire flamed up from the rock and burnt up the meat and bread, then Yahweh's messenger went out of his sight.[31]

22 When Gid'on realised that it really had been Yahweh's messenger, he was upset and said, "Oh no, my master Yahweh, what will happen now that I've seen Yahweh's face to face?" **23** But Yahweh replied to him, "Peace to you. Don't be afraid—you won't die." **24** So Gid'on built an altar there to sacrifice to Yahweh and named it 'Yahweh is peace'. (It still stands there at Ofrah of the Aviezri to this day.)

25 That same night, Yahweh told him, "Take the young bull that belongs to your father, and the second bull seven years old.

31 RV 6:21 · Note It's unclear from the text, whether he just got up and walked away, or if he vanished in a more miraculous fashion.

33 LV 6:12 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

34 LV 6:12 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

35 LV 6:12 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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Break the altar of Ba'al into pieces that belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah pole that's beside it. **26** Build a regular altar to your god Yahweh on top of this fortress, then take the second bull and offer a whole burnt offering using the Asherah pole that you cut down for firewood." **27** So Gid'on took ten of his servants and did what Yahweh had instructed him to, but he did it at night because he was afraid to do it in the daytime—fearing the anger of his father's household and the men of the city.

28 When the men of the city got up early the next morning, wow, the Ba'al's altar had been torn down, the Asherah pole that was beside it had been cut down, and the second bull had been offered on a new altar that had been built. **29** So people started asking each other, "Who did this?" After some investigation, they said, "Yoash's son Gid'on did it." **30** Then the men of the city told Yoash, "Bring your son out here to be executed, because he tore down the Ba'al's altar and cut down the Asherah pole that was beside it."

31 "Are you all really fighting Ba'al's battle for him?" Yoash replied to those standing against him. "Are you all really helping him? Anyone who fights on his behalf should be put to death while it is still the morning. If Ba'al is a god, then let him stand up for himself when someone tears down his altar." **32** So after that, he called Gid'on 'Yeruba'al' to say 'Let Ba'al defend himself,' because he had torn down Ba'al's altar.

33 Meanwhile all the Midyanite and Amaleki warriors and others from the east, assembled together. Then they crossed the Yarden (Jordan) and set up camp in the Yizre'el (Jezreel) valley. **34** But Yahweh's spirit enabled Gid'on, and he blew a trumpet and called the men of Aviezer to follow him. **35** Then he sent messengers throughout all of the regions of Menasheh (Manasseh), Asher, Zevulun, and Naftali (Naphtali), and summoned their warriors to come and join with them.

36 Then Gid'on said to God, "If it's really you rescuing Yisrael (Israel) through me like you said, **37** I'll put this woollen fleece on the threshing floor tonight. If there's dew on the fleece in the morning, but it's dry around it, then I'll know that you'll rescue Yisrael through me just as you said." **38** And that's what happened—he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece and wrung out a bowl full of water from the dew. **39** Then Gid'on said to God, "Don't be angry with me, but can I ask one more thing. Let me put the fleece out this time, and let the fleece be dry, but wet all around it with dew." **40** So God did it that night, and the next morning only the fleece was dry, but everywhere around was covered with dew.

Literal Version

to face. **23** And_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** peace to/for_ _yourself(m) do_not be_afraid not you_will_die. **24** And_he/it_ _built there Gid'ōn an_altar to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_called to_ _him/it **YHWH** is_peace until the_day the_this still_it is_in_ _'Ofrāh of_the_Abi- ezrite[s]. **25** And_he/it_was in_night (the)_ _that and_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** take ÐOM the_young_ _bull_of the_ox[en] which belongs_to_father_of_your and_the_ _young_bull_of the_second seven years and_you_will_tear_ _down ÐOM the_altar_of (the)_Ba'al which belongs_to_father_ _of_your and_ÐOM the_'Ashērāh_pole which on/upon/above_ _him/it you_will_cut_down. **26** And_you_will_build an_altar to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your on the_top_of the_place_of_refuge the_this in_row and_you_will_take ÐOM the_young_bull the_ _second and_you_will_offer_up a_burnt_offering with_the_ _wood(s)_of the_'Ashērāh_pole which you_will_cut_down. **27** And_ Gid'ōn _he/it_took ten men of_servants_of_his and_ _he/it_made just_as he_had_spoken to_him/it **YHWH** and_ _he/it_was just_as he_feared ÐOM the_household_of his/its_ _father and_ÐOM the_men_of the_city from_acting by_day and_ _he/it_made night. **28** And_ the_men_of the_city _they_rose_ _early in_morning and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_altar_of (the)_ _Ba'al it_had_been_pulled_down and_the_'Ashērāh_pole which on/upon/above_him/it it_had_been_cut_down and_ÐOM the_ _young_bull the_second it_had_been_offered_up on the_altar which_had_been_built. **29** And_they_said each to his/its_ _neighbour who has_he_done the_thing the_this and_they_ _investigated and_they_searched and_they_said Gid'ōn the_ _son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) he_has_done the_thing (the)_this. **30** And_ the_men_of the_city _they_said to Yō'āsh bring_out ÐOM son_of_your so_that_he_may_die if/because he_has_torn_ _down ÐOM the_altar_of (the)_Ba'al and_because/when he_has_ _cut_down the_'Ashērāh_pole which on/upon/above_him/it. **31** And_ Yō'āsh _he/it_said to_all/each/any/every those_who they_stood on/upon/above_him/it you(pl) will_you_conduct_ _a_case for_Ba'al or you(pl) will_you_deliver him the_one_who he_will_conduct_a_case to_him/it he_will_be_put_to_death until the_morning if is_a_god he let_him_conduct_a_case to_ _him/it if/because someone_has_torn_down ÐOM altar_of_his. **32** And_he/it_called to_him/it on_day (the)_that Jerub-Ba'al to_ _say let_him_conduct_a_case in/on/over_him/it (the)_Ba'al if/because he_has_torn_down ÐOM altar_of_his. **33** And_all Midyān and_'Amālēq and_the_sons the_east they_gathered together and_they_passed_over and_they_encamped in_the_ _valley_of Yizrə'ʾēl/(Jezreel). **34** And_spirit of_**YHWH** it_clothed ÐOM Gid'ōn and_he_gave_a_blast on_horn and_it_was_called_ _together[363738] 'Avī'ezer after_him. **35** And_messengers he_sent in_all Mənashsheh and_it_was_called_together[394041] also it after_him and_messengers he_sent in_'Āshēr and_in_Zəvulun and_in_Naftālī and_they_went_up to_meet_them. **36** And_ Gid'ōn _he/it_said to the_'Elohīm if (there)_you will_be_

36 LV 6:34 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

37 LV 6:34 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

38 LV 6:34 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

39 LV 6:35 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

40 LV 6:35 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

41 LV 6:35 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_delivering by_hand_of_my ĐǾM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as you_
_have_spoken. **37** HERE I am_placing ĐǾM the_fleece_of (the)_
_wool on_floor if dew it_will_be on the_fleece it_alone and_
_will_be_on all_of the_earth/land dryness and_I_will_know
if/because_that you_will_deliver by_hand_of_my ĐǾM
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as you_have_spoken. **38** And_he/it_was so
and_he_rose_early from_the_next_day and_he_squeezed_out
ĐǾM the_fleece and_he_drained dew from the_fleece the_
_fullness_of the_bowl water. **39** And_ Gid'ōn _he/it_said to the_
_'Elohīm not anger_of_your let_it_burn on_me and_let_me_
_speak only this_time let_me_put_to_the_test please only the_
_time//this_time by_fleece let_it_be please dryness to the_
_fleece it_alone and_on all_of the_earth/land let_it_be dew.
40 And_ god _he/it_made so in_night (the)_that and_he/it_was
dryness to the_fleece it_alone and_on all_of the_earth/land it_
_was dew.
7:1 And_ Jerub-Ba'al that is_Gid'ōn and_all the_people which
with_him/it _he_rose_early and_they_encamped at En Harod
and_the_camp_of Midyān it_was to_him/it from_the_north
from_the_hill_of (the)_Mōreh in_valley. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_
_said to Gid'ōn is_too_numerous the_people which is_with_you
for_giving_my ĐǾM Midyān in_hand_of_their lest it_should_
_glorify_itself over_me Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say hand_of_my_own
it_has_delivered to/for_me. **3** And_now proclaim please in_the_
_ears_of the_people to_say who is_fearful and_trembling let_
_him_go_back and_let_him_go from_hill of_(the)_Gil'ād and_it_
_returned of the_people twenty and_two thousand and_ten_of
thousand(s) they_remained. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to
Gid'ōn still the_people is_numerous bring_down them to the_
_waters so_that_I_may_test_it to/for_yourself(m) there and_it_
_was the_one_whom I_will_say to_you this_one he_will_go
with_you he he_will_go with_you and_all/each/any/every one_
_whom I_will_say to_you this_one not he_will_go with_you he
not he_will_go. **5** And_he_brought_down ĐǾM the_people to
the_waters and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Gid'ōn every one_who
he_will_lap_up with_tongue_of_his some_of the_waters just_as
the_dog it_laps_up you_will_set him alone_one_side and_
_all/each/any/every one_who he_will_bow_down on knees_of_
_his to_drink. **6** And_he/it_was the_number_of those_who_
_lapped with_hand_of_their to mouth_of_their three
hundred(s) man and_all/each/any/every the_remainder_of
the_people they_bowed_down on knees_of_their to_drink
water. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Gid'ōn by_three hundred(s)
the_man who_lapped I_will_deliver you(pl) and_I_will_give ĐǾM
Midyān in_hand_of_your and_all the_people let_them_go each
to_his_own_of_place. **8** And_ the_people _they_took ĐǾM
provision[s] in_hand_of_their and_ĐǾM trumpets_of_their and_
_ĐǾM every_of (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_sent_away each
to_tents_of_his and_on_three hundred(s) the_man he_kept_
_hold and_the_camp_of Midyān it_was to_him/it from_under
in_valley. **9** And_he/it_was in_night (the)_that and_he/it_said
to_him/it **YHWH** arise go_down in_camp if/because I_have_
_given_it in_hand_of_your. **10** And_if are_afraid you to_go_down
you and_Purāh servant_of_your go_down to the_camp. **11** And_
_you_will_hear what will_they_speak and_after hands_of_your

Readers' Version

Gid'on defeats the Midyanites

7:1 Then Gid'on (also known as Yeruba'al) and the warriors with him got up early and went to Harod spring. The Midyanite camp was north of them in the valley below the Moreh hill.

2 Then Yahweh told Gid'on, "You've got too many warriors with you for me to give victory over the Midyanites, because what if Yisrael (Israel) takes the glory for themselves thinking that their own strength saved them. **3** So tell the men that anyone who's afraid or trembling can leave Mt. Gilead and go back home."[42] Twenty-two thousand of them went back, leaving only ten thousand.

4 "That's still too many," Yahweh told Gid'on. "Bring them down to the spring and I'll short-list them there. Anyone I tell you to go with you, can do so, but anyone that I say won't go with you, won't go." **5** So he took them down to the water and Yahweh told him, "Separate out those who lap up the water with their tongues like a dog would, along with those who kneel down to drink." **6** It turned out that only three hundred men used their hands to bring water to their mouths, and all the rest knelt down to drink the water. **7** "I'll rescue you all from Midyan with the three hundred men who lapped the water from their hands," Yahweh told Gid'on. "Let all the others go back to their homes." **8** Then the three-hundred warriors collected the food and ram's horns from the others before Gid'on sent the others back to their own homes.

The Midyan camp was below them down in the valley **9** and during the night Yahweh told Gid'on, "Get ready and lead them down into the camp, because I have made you victorious. **10** But if you're afraid to attack, take your servant Purah down to their camp **11** and you'll hear what they're saying, then you'll have the courage to go down and attack the camp." So Gid'on and his servant Purah went quietly down to the unit at the edge of the camp.

12 The Midyanites and Amalekim and others from the east covered the valley like a swarm of locusts. Even their camels were as

42 RV 7:3 · Cross-ref. Deu 20:8.

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numerous as sand grains on the beach. **13** When Gid'on got close, a man was telling his companion about his dream. "Listen," he said, "I had a dream and wow, a round loaf of barley bread was tumbling into our camp. It came as far as the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, and collapsed completely."

14 "That could only be the sword of Yoash's son Gid'on from Yisrael (Israel)," the other man replied. "The true God has caused Midyan and all of the camp to be defeated by him."

15 When Gid'on heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he thanked God, then they returned to their camp and commanded, "Get ready to go because Yahweh has given you all victory over the Midyanite camp." **16** Then he divided the three hundred men into three units, and gave each of them rams' horns and clay jars with burning torches inside them, **17** and instructed them, "Watch me and do what I do. See, when I get to the edge of their camp, do the same as me. **18** When I blow the ram's horn trumpet, all of you with horns should blow them and everyone will shout, 'For Yahweh and for Gid'on!' "

19 When Gid'on and the hundred men with him got to the edge of the camp, it was the beginning of the middle nightwatch and the fresh guards had just gotten into their places. Gid'on and his unit blew their trumpets and smashed the jars that they were carrying. **20** Then all three units blew the trumpets and smashed their jars. They held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands, and they shouted out, "A sword for Yahweh and for Gid'on." **21** Then everyone stood in their place around the camp, but the Midyanite army cried out in alarm and took off. **22** When the three hundred ram's horns sounded, Yahweh caused the Midyanite army to start fighting each other with their swords, and the army fled as far as Beyt-Hashitah (towards Tsererah) and towards the border of Avel-Meholah (towards Tabat).

23 Then the warriors from Naftali (Naphtali), Asher, and from all of Menasheh (Manasseh) were summoned to help with pursuing the Midyanites. **24** Gid'on also sent messengers through Efrayim's (Ephraim's) hill country to tell them, "Go down to the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Midyan and take control of the crossings to capture them between as far as Beyt-Barah." So all the men of Efrayim were summoned and they commandeered the Yarden crossings as far as Beyt-Barah. **25** They chased after the Midyanites and captured their two princes, Orev and Ze'ev. They killed Orev at the rock now called 'Orev's rock', and they killed Ze'ev in a wine-pressing pit now called 'Ze'ev's wine-press', and they brought their heads back across the Yarden to Gid'on.

Literal Version

they_will_be_strong and_you_will_go_down in_camp and_ he and_Purāh servant_of_his _he/it_descended to the_edge_of those_arrayed_for_battle who were_in_camp. **12** And_Midyān and_ʼAmālēq and_all the_people_of the_east were_lying in_ _valley like_locust[s] to_increase_in_number and_to_camels_of_ _their there_was_not number like_sand which_is_on the_shore_ _of the_sea to_increase_in_number. **13** And_ Gidʻōn _he_came and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man was_recounting to_neighbour_of_ _his a_dream and_he/it_said HERE a_dream I_have_dreamed and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_round_loaf_of[43] of_bread_of barley(s) was_tumbling in_the_camp_of Midyān and_it_came to the_tent and_it_struck_it and_it_fell and_it_overturned_it (to)_upwards_ _on and_ the_tent _it_fell. **14** And_ his/its_neighbour _he_ _answered and_he/it_said is_not this except (if) the_sword_of Gidʻōn the_son_of Yōʼāsh/(Joash) the_man_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) the_ʼElohīm he_has_given in_his/its_hand ĐØM Midyān and_ _ĐØM all_of the_army. **15** And_he/it_was just_ Gidʻōn _as_heard ĐØM the_recounting_of the_dream and_ĐØM interpretation_of_ _its and_he_bowed_down and_he_returned to the_camp_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said arise if/because **YHWH** he_has_ _given in_hand_of_your(pl) ĐØM the_camp_of Midyān. **16** And_ _he_divided ĐØM three hundred(s) the_man three companies and_he/it_gave trumpets in_the_hand_of all_of_them_of_their and_jars empty and_torches in_the_middle of_the_jars. **17** And_ _he/it_said to_them from_me you(pl)_will_see and_thus/so/as_ _follows you(pl)_will_do and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I will_be_coming in_the_edge_of the_camp and_it_was just_as I_will_do so you(pl)_will_do. **18** And_I_will_give_a_blast on_trumpet I and_ _all those_who are_with_me and_you(pl)_will_give_a_blast on_ _trumpets also you(pl) all_around_of all_of the_camp and_ _you(pl)_will_say to/for_**YHWH** and_for_Gidʻōn. **19** And_ Gidʻōn and_one_hundred man who with_him/it _he_went in_the_ _edge_of the_camp the_beginning_of the_watch (the)_middle just just_(station) they_had_stationed ĐØM the_watchmen and_ _they_gave_a_blast on_trumpets and_they_smashed the_jars which were_in_hand_of_their. **20** And_ the_three_of the_ _companies _they_gave_a_blast on_trumpets and_they_broke the_jars and_they_took_hold in_the_hand_of their_left_of_ _their[44] on_torches and_in_the_hand_of their_right_side_of_ _their the_trumpets to_give_a_blast and_they_called_out a_ _sword to/for_**YHWH** and_for_Gidʻōn. **21** And_they_stood everyone in_his_place round_about (to)_camp and_ all_of the_ _army _it_ran and_they_shouted_in_distress and[45]. **22** And_ _they_gave_a_blast the_three (the)_hundred(s) the_trumpets and_ **YHWH** _he/it_assigned ĐØM the_sword_of each on_ _neighbour_of_his and_on/over_all the_army and_ the_army _ _it_fled to Bēyt Shittah towards_Tsərērāh/(Zererah) to the_ _border_of Abel at Ṭabat. **23** And_ the_man_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) _ _it_was_summoned from_Naftālī and_from ʼĀshēr and_from all_ _of Mənashsheh and_they_pursued after Midyān. **24** And_ _messengers Gidʻōn he_sent in_all the_hill_country_of ʼEfrayim to_say come_down to_meet Midyān and_capture to/for_them ĐØM the_waters to Bēyt Barah and_ĐØM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_ every_of (the)_man_of ʼEfrayim _he_was_summoned and_

43 LV 7:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **לולצ**: (x-qere) **לילְצ**ʼ: lemma_6742 n_0.1.1.0 morph_HNcmsc id_07vwy **לילְצ**

44 LV 7:20 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

45 LV 7:21 · Note OSHB variant note: **וסיני/ו**: (x-qere) **וסוָנָי/ו**ʼ: lemma_c/5127 n_0 morph_HC/Vqw3mp id_07f82 **וסוָנָי/ו**

Literal Version

_they_captured ÐOM the_waters to Bēyt Barah and_ÐOM the_
_Yardēn. 25 And_they_captured the_two_of the_commanders_
_of Midyān ÐOM ʻOrēv and_ÐOM Zə'ēv and_they_killed ÐOM
ʻOrēv at_the_rock_of ʻOrēv and_ÐOM Zə'ēv they_killed at_
_winepress_of Zə'ēv and_they_pursued (to) Midyān and_the_
_head_of ʻOrēv and_Zə'ēv they_brought to Gidʻōn from_the_
_other_side of_Yardēn.
8:1 And_they_said to_him/it the_man_of 'Efrayim what is_the_
_thing the_this which_you_have_done to/for_ourselves to_not
to_summon to/for_us if/because you_went to_fight against_
_Midyān and_they_quarrelled with_him/it with_force. 2 And_
_he/it_said to_them what have_I_done now like_you(pl) am_not
good are_the_gleanings_of 'Efrayim more_than_the_grape_
_harvest_of 'Avīʻezer. 3 In_hand_of_your(pl) god he_has_given
ÐOM the_commanders_of Midyān ÐOM ʻOrēv and_ÐOM Zə'ēv
and_what have_I_been_able to_do like_you(pl) then spirit_of_
_their it_relaxed from_on_him when_said_he the_message
(the)_this. 4 And_ Gidʻōn _he_came to_the_Yardēn he and_three
hundred(s) the_man who with_him/it was_passing_over
exhausted and_pursuing. 5 And_he/it_said to_the_people_of
Şukkōt give please round_loaves_of bread to_people which is_
_at_feet_of_my if/because are_exhausted they and_I am_
_pursuing after Zevʻaḥ and_Tsalmunnāʻ/(Zalmunna) the_kings_
of Midyān. 6 And the_officials_of Şukkōt _he/it_said is_the_
_palm_of Zevʻaḥ and_Tsalmunnāʻ now in_hand_of_your
that/for/because/then/when we_will_give to_army_of_your
bread. 7 And_ Gidʻōn _he/it_said for_so/thus/hence when_
YHWH _gives ÐOM Zevʻaḥ and_ÐOM Tsalmunnāʻ in_hand_of_my
and_I_will_thresh ÐOM flesh_of_your(pl) with (the)_thorns_of
the_wilderness and_ÐOM (the)_briers. 8 And_he/it_ascended
from_there Pənūʾēl and_he/it_spoke to_them like_this and_ the_
_men_of Pənūʾēl _they_answered him just_as the_men_of
Şukkōt they_had_answered. 9 And_he/it_said also to_the_men_
_of Pənūʾēl to_say when_return_I in_peace I_will_tear_down ÐOM
the_tower (the)_this. 10 And_Zevʻaḥ and_Tsalmunnāʻ were_in_
_Qarqor and_armies_of_their were_with_them about_fif-_of
teen thousand all_of those_who_remained from_all the_army_
_of the_people_of the_east and_those_who_fell were_one_
_hundred and_twenty thousand man who_drew the_sword.
11 And_ Gidʻōn _he/it_ascended the_direction_of those_who_
_dwell_of in_tents from_east of_Novʻaḥ and_
_Yogbəhāh/(Jogbehah) and_he_attacked ÐOM the_army and_
_the_army it_was security. 12 And_ Zevʻaḥ and_
_Tsalmunnāʻ/(Zalmunna) _they_fled and_he_pursued after_
_them and_he_captured ÐOM the_two_of the_kings_of Midyān
ÐOM Zevʻaḥ and_ÐOM Tsalmunnāʻ and_all the_army he_routed.
13 And_ Gidʻōn the_son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) _he_returned from
the_battle from_to_the_ascent_of (the)_Heres. 14 And_he_
_captured a_young_man one_of_the_men_of Şukkōt and_he_
_enquired_of_him and_he_wrote_down to_him/it ÐOM the_
_officials_of Şukkōt and_ÐOM its_of_elders seventy and_seven
man. 15 And_he_came to the_men_of Şukkōt and_he/it_said
HERE Zevʻaḥ and_Tsalmunnāʻ whom you(pl)_taunted me to_say
is_the_palm_of Zevʻaḥ and_Tsalmunnāʻ now in_hand_of_your
that/for/because/then/when we_will_give to_men_of_your

Readers' Version

The final defeat of the Midyanites

8:1 But then the Efrati men challenged Gid'on, "Why have you side-tracked us? Why didn't you call us when you went to battle against the Midyanites?" And they severely rebuked him.

2 "What have I achieved compared to you guys?" answered Gid'on. "Aren't the seconds of Efrayim's (Ephraim's) grapes better than the whole grape harvest of Aviezer? 3 God helped you all defeat Orev and Ze'ev, the princes of Midyan.[46] What did I do compared to that?" After he said that, they all calmed down again.

4 Then Gid'on and his three hundred warriors crossed the Yarden (Jordan) going east. They were all exhausted, but continued the pursuit. 5 When they arrived at the town of Sukot, Gid'on asked the leaders, "Please give my men some bread to eat because they're exhausted, but we're chasing Zevah and Tsalmuna, the Midyanite kings."

6 However, the Sukot officials asked cautiously, "Do you already have Zevah and Tsalmuna in your grasp that we should give food to *your* army?"

7 "Let me assure you all," Gid'on responded, "that when Yahweh has helped us capture Zevah and Tsalmuna, I will rip off your flesh with the wilderness thorns and briers."

8 From there they climbed up to Penuel, and he asked them for food in a similar manner, and the leaders there responded similarly to the leaders of Sukot. 9 So he said to the men of Penuel as well, "When I return safely, I'll tear down this tower."

10 Now Zevah and Tsalmuna were in Karkor with around fifteen thousand warriors—all that remained out of all of that allied Midyanite camp of eastern people, because one hundred and twenty thousand of their warriors had already been killed. 11 Gid'on approached them unexpectedly via the caravan route east of Novah and Yagebehah, and struck their camp when they were feeling secure. 12 Zevah and Tsalmuna fled, but they chased after those two Midyanite kings and captured them, thus defeating their entire army.

13 The Gid'on (Yoash's son) and his warriors returned from battle, going through the Heres pass. 14 He captured a young man from Sukot and questioned him—writing down the names of the seventy-seven leaders and elders of Sukot. 15 Then he returned to Sukot and told them, "Look here at Zevah and Tsalmuna—the ones you taunted me about when you asked, 'Do you already have Zevah and Tsalmuna in your grasp that we should give food to your weary men.' " 16 He took the city elders

46 **RV 8:3-5 · Cross-ref.** Psa 83:11.

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and had them punished with wilderness thorns and briers to teach them a lesson, **17** then they went to Penuel and tore down the tower and executed the city leaders.

18 Then Gid'on asked Zevah and Tsalmuna, "What were the men like that you killed at Tavor?"

"They were just like you," they replied. "They seemed like they could have been a king's sons."

19 "They were my brothers—the sons of my mother," he said. "As Yahweh lives, if only you had let them live, I wouldn't have killed you." **20** Then he ordered Yeter, his oldest son, "Go and kill them." But Yeter didn't pull out his sword because he was afraid—he was still a youth.

21 Then Zevah and Tsalmuna said, "Come and kill us yourself—be a man and use your own strength." So Gid'on went over and killed Zevah and Tsalmuna, and then he took the crescent-shaped ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

22 Then a group of Israeli men said to Gid'on, "We want you and your sons and your future descendants to rule over us, because you have saved us from the Midyanites."

23 But Gid'on answered, "No, I won't rule over you myself, nor will my son rule over you. Yahweh will rule over you." **24** However, he continued, "Let me ask you all for something: that each man give me the earrings from his spoil." (The enemies had gold earrings because they were Yishmaelim (Ishmaelites).)

25 "We can certainly do that for you," they replied. So they spread out a garment and each man threw the earrings from his spoil onto it. **26** Now the weight of the gold earrings of gold came to twenty kilograms, and then there were the crescent-shaped ornaments, the pendants, the dyed purple garments that the Midyanite kings had been wearing, as well as the collars that had been around their camels' necks. **27** Then Gid'on made the gold into an idol[47] and placed it in his home city of Ofrah, and the Israelis prostituted themselves to it there, and so it became like a trap for Gid'on and his household.

28 So Midyan was kept under control by the Israelis and they didn't continue to oppress the people, and there was peace in the region for forty years during Gid'on's time.

29 Then Gid'on (Yoash's son, also known as Yeruba'al) went back and lived in his house, **30** and he fathered seventy sons because he had many wives. **31** He also had a mistress in Shekem—she also bore him a son that he named Avimelek. **32** Gid'on died at a good old age and was buried in the tomb of Yoash his father, at Ofrah of the Abiezerites.

The death of Gid'on

33 However after Gid'on had died, the Israelis turned away again from Yahweh and prostituted themselves to the

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(the)_weary bread. **16** And_he/it_took ÐOM the_elders_of the_ _city and_ÐOM the_thorns_of the_wilderness and_ÐOM the_ _briers and_he_taught (is)_in_them ÐOM the_men_of Ṣukkōt. **17** And_ÐOM the_tower_of Pənū'ēl he_tore_down and_he_killed ÐOM the_men_of the_city. **18** And_he/it_said to Zeʋaḥ and_ _near/to Tsalmunnā´ where are_the_men whom you(pl)_killed at_Tāʋōr and_they_said[484950] like_you like_them one was_like_ _the_appearance_of the_sons_of the_king. **19** And_he_said brothers_of_were_my the_sons_of my_mother_of_my they by_ _the_life of_**YHWH** if you(pl)_had_let_live them not I_killed you(pl). **20** And_he/it_said to_Yeter/(Jether) firstborn_of_his arise kill them and_not the_young_man he_drew sword_of_his if/because he_was_afraid if/because still_he was_a_young_man. **21** And_ Zeʋaḥ and_Tsalmunnā´/(Zalmunna) _he/it_said you arise and_fall on_us if/because is_like_man strength_of_his and_ Gid´ōn _he/it_rose_up and_he_killed ÐOM Zeʋaḥ and_ÐOM Tsalmunnā´ and_he/it_took ÐOM the_ornaments which were_ _on_the_necks_of their_camels_of_their. **22** And_ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said to Gid´ōn rule over_us both you as_ _well_as son_of_your as_well_as the_son_of your_son_of_your if/because you_have_delivered_us from_the_hand_of Midyān. **23** And_he/it_said to_them Gid´ōn not I I_will_rule over_you(pl) and_not son_of_my he_will_rule over_you(pl) **YHWH** he_will_ _rule over_you(pl). **24** And_he/it_said to_them Gid´ōn let_me_ _ask from_you(pl) a_petition and_give to_me everyone (the)_ _earring_of his_plunder_of_his if/because earrings_of gold to/for_them if/because were_Yishmā´ēlī they. **25** And_they_said indeed_(give) we_will_give_them and_they_spread_out ÐOM the_garment and_they_threw to_(to) everyone (the)_earring_of his_plunder_of_his. **26** And_he/it_was the_weight_of the_ _earrings_of the_gold which he_asked_for one_thousand and_ _seven hundred(s) gold apart_apart from the_ornaments and_ _the_pendants and_the_garments_of (the)_purple which_were_ _on the_kings_of Midyān and_apart from the_necklaces which were_on_the_necks_of their_camels_of_their. **27** And_ Gid´ōn _ _he/it_made it into_an_ephod and_he_placed it in_city_of_his in_´Ofrāh and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_acted_as_prostitutes after_it there and_he/it_was for_Gid´ōn and_for_household_of_ _his (into)_a_snare. **28** And_ Midyān _it_was_subdued to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _not they_repeated to_lift_up head_of_their and_ the_ _earth/land _it_was_at_peace forty year[s] in_the_days_of Gid´ōn.

29 And_ Jerub-Ba´al the_son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) _he/it_went and_ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_his_own_of_house. **30** And_to_Gid´ōn seventy sons who_came_out_of his_thigh_of_ _his they_belonged if/because wives many they_belonged to_ _him/it. **31** And_concubine_of_his who was_in_Shəkem she_ _bore for_him/it also she a_son and_he/it_assigned ÐOM his/its_name 'Avīmelek. **32** And_ Gid´ōn the_son_of Yō'āsh _ _he/it_died in_old_age good and_he_was_buried in_the_tomb_ _of Yō'āsh his/its_father in_´Ofrāh of_the_Abi- ezrite[s]. **33** And_

47 RV 8:27 · Note We don't really know what 'efod' means in this context. (It was also used to refer to priestly clothing.)

48 LV 8:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

49 LV 8:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

50 LV 8:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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_he/it_was when_just_as Gid´ōn he_had_died and_ the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_turned_back and_they_acted_as_ _prostitutes after the_Ba´al and_they_made to/for_them Ba´al-Berith into_god. **34** And_not the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_remembered ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_their who_had_delivered them from_the_hand_of all_of enemies_of_their from_round_ _about. **35** And_not they_did loyalty with the_house_of Jerub-Ba´al Gid´ōn according_to_all_of the_good which he_had_ _done with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

9:1 And_ 'Avīmelek the_son_of Jerub-Ba´al _he/it_went to_ _Shəkem to the_brothers_of his/its_mother and_he/it_spoke to_them and_near/to all_of the_clan_of the_house_of the_ _father_of his/its_mother to_say. **2** Speak please in_the_ears_of all_of the_citizens_of Shəkem what is_good to/for_you(pl) to_ _rule over_you(pl) seventy man all_of the_sons_of Jerub-Ba´al or to_rule over_you(pl) a_man one and_you(pl)_will_remember if/because_that bone_of_am_your(pl)[52535455] and_flesh_of_ _your(pl) I.[56] **3** And_ the_brothers_of his/its_mother _they_ _spoke on/upon/above_him/it in_the_ears_of all_of the_ _citizens_of Shəkem ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages the_these and_ heart_of_their _it_turned_aside after 'Avīmelek if/because they_said brother_of_is_our he. **4** And_they_gave to_ _him/it seventy silver from_the_house_of[575859] of_Ba´al-[606162] Berith and_he_hired (is)_in_them 'Avīmelek men worthless and_undisciplined and_they_went after_him. **5** And_he_went the_house_of his/its_father to_´Ofrāh and_he_killed ᴅᴏᴍ brothers_of_his the_sons_of Jerub-Ba´al seventy[636465] man on stone one and_ Yōtām/(Jotham) the_son_of Jerub-Ba´al the_ _small(sg) _he_was_left if/because he_hid_himself. **6** And_ all_of the_citizens_of Shəkem and_all Bēyt Millō' _they_gathered and_ _they_went and_they_made_king ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīmelek to_king near the_great_tree_of which_had_been_set_up which was_in_ _Shəkem.

7 And_people_told to_Yōtām and_he/it_went and_he_stood on_ _the_top_of the_mountain_of Gərizīm and_he_lifted_up voice_ _of_his and_he/it_called and_he/it_said to/for_them listen to_ _me Oh_citizens_of Shəkem so_that_he_may_listen to_you(pl) god. **8** Indeed_(go) the_trees they_went to_anoint over_them a_

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Baals—making Ba'al-Berit for themselves as a god. **34** They forgot about their god Yahweh—the one who had rescued them from the clutch of all of their enemies all around. **35** They didn't show lasting loyalty to Gid'on's family, despite all the good that he'd done within Yisrael (Israel).

Avimelek snatches the kingship

9:1 Now Gid'on's son Avimelek went to Shekem to his mother's brothers and spoke to those uncles and to all the extended family of his mother's father, saying, **2** "Please ask around all the citizens of Shekem: 'What is better for you: Gid'on's seventy sons ruling over you, or having a single man in charge?' Remember that I'm your flesh and bone." **3** So his uncles working on his behalf, passed that onto all the citizens of Shekem, and they became convinced in Avimelek, because they said, "He's our brother." **4** Then they gave him seventy silver coins from the temple of Ba'al-Berit, and Avimelek used them to entice some rough lay-abouts to work for him. **5** Then they went to his father's house at Ofrah, and he killed his seventy half-brothers (Gid'on's sons) there on one stone. But Gid'on's youngest son Yotam (Jotham) survived because he had hidden from them. **6** Then all of the prominent citizens of Shekem and all of Beyt-Milo assembled themselves, and they went and installed Avimelek as king beside an oak tree near the standing pillar[51] that was in Shekem.

Yotam's tree parable

7 When they told Yotam (Jotham), he went and stood on the top of Mt. Gerizim and shouted out to them all in a loud voice, "Listen to me, citizens of Shekem, so God will listen to all of you. **8** Once the trees went about in order

51 RV 9:6 · Note Likely connected with idol worship.

52 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

53 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

54 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

55 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

56 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

57 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

58 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

59 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

60 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

61 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

62 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

63 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

64 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

65 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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to appoint a king for themselves, So they said to the *olive tree*, 'Reign over us.' **9** But the olive tree replied to them, 'Have I stopped producing my valuable oil used to honour gods and men, that I should go to sway above the other trees?' **10** So the trees said to the *fig tree*, 'You come and reign over us.' **11** But the fig tree answered them, 'Have I stopped producing my sweetness and my good fruit, that I should go to sway above the other trees?' **12** Then the trees said to the grapevine, 'You come and reign over us.' **13** But the vine replied, 'Have I stopped producing my new wine, which cheers gods and man, that I should go to sway over the other trees?' **14** Then all the trees said to the thornbush, '*You* come and reign over us!' **15** The thornbush told the trees, 'If you all are really wanted to anoint me as king over you, come and take refuge in *my* shade. But if you all don't, may the thornbush send out fire to burn up Levanon's cedar forests.'

16 "Therefore did you all act with honesty and integrity when you installed Avimelek as king? Did you all treat Gid'on's family well, and did you all repay him appropriately for what he did for you all? **17** My father fought on your behalf, and even risked his life out front when he rescued you all from the Midyanites, **18** but today you've all risen up against my father's family and killed his sons—seventy men on one stone. Then you've installed Avimelek, the son of his female servant, as king over the citizens of Shekem because he's your brother. **19** Now if you've all acted with honesty and integrity with towards Gid'on and his family today, be happy with Avimelek, and he'll also be happy with all of you, **20** but if not, then fire will come out of Avimelek and destroy the citizens of Shekem and Beyt-Milo. Fire will also come out from the Shekem's citizens and from Beyt-Milo, and it'll destroy Avimelek." **21** Then Yotam (Jotham) fled away and escaped and went to Be'er and settled there away from the presence of his half-brother Avimelek.

22 Avimelek ruled over Yisrael (Israel) for three years, **23** then God sent an evil spirit between him and the citizens of Shekem, so the citizens there dealt treacherously with Avimelek. **24** The violent treatment of Gid'on's seventy sons kept getting brought up, and by it was all blamed on their brother Avimelek who had killed them, and on those of Shekem's citizens who assisted him in the killing of his brothers. **25** So the Shekem citizens placed men in ambush along the tops of the hills to get him, but they robbed everyone who went passed them along the road, and so it was reported to Avimelek.

26 Then Ga'al (Eved's son) came along with his brothers and moved into Shekem, and the citizens there began to trust them. **27** They went out into the field, and they picked grapes from their vineyards and pressed them. They celebrated harvest festivals and they went into the house of their gods, then they ate and drank, and they cursed Avimelek. **28** Then Ga'al (Eved's son) said, "Who's Avimelek, and who's Shekem, that we should serve

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_king and_they_said to_tree mmm[67] over_us. **9** And_he/it_said to/for_them the_olive_tree will_I_cease ÐOM fatness_of_my which by_me people_honour gods and_men and_will_I_go to_ _sway over the_trees. **10** And_ the_trees _they_said to_tree you come reign over_us. **11** And_she/it_said to/for_them the_fig_ _tree will_I_cease ÐOM sweetness_of_my and_ÐOM fruit_of_my (the)_good and_will_I_go to_sway over the_trees. **12** And_ the_ _trees _they_said to_vine you come reign[68] over_us. **13** And_ _she/it_said to/for_them the_vine will_I_cease ÐOM wine_of_ _my_new which_makes_glad gods and_men and_will_I_go to_ _sway over the_trees. **14** And_ all_of the_trees _they_said to the_thorn_bush you come reign over_us. **15** And_ the_thorn_ _bush _he/it_said to the_trees if in_truth you(pl) are_anointing ÐOM_me to_king over_you(pl) come take_refuge in_shade_of_ _my and_if not a_fire let_it_go_out from the_thorn_bush and_ _let_it_consume ÐOM the_cedars_of (the)_Lə·vānōn. **16** And_now if in_faithfulness and_in_integrity you(pl)_have_acted and_ _you(pl)_have_made_king ÐOM 'Av·īmelek and_if good you(pl)_ _have_done with Jerub-Ba·al and_with house_of_his and_if according_to_the_dealing_of his_hands_of_his you(pl)_have_ _done to_him/it. **17** That father_of_my he_fought on_you(pl) and_he_threw ÐOM life_of_his from_in_front and_he_delivered you(pl) from_the_hand_of Midyān. **18** And_you(pl) you(pl)_ _have_risen_up on the_house_of my_father_of_my the_day and_you(pl)_have_killed ÐOM sons_of_his seventy man on stone one and_you(pl)_have_made_king ÐOM 'Av·īmelek the_son_of his_female_slave_of_his over the_citizens_of Shə·kem if/because brother_of_is_your(pl) he. **19** And_if in_faithfulness and_in_ _integrity you(pl)_have_acted with Jerub-Ba·al and_with house_ _of_his the_day the_this rejoice in_'Av·īmelek and_ also he _let_ _him_rejoice in_you(pl). **20** And_if not a_fire let_it_go_out from_ _'Av·īmelek and_let_it_consume ÐOM the_citizens_of Shə·kem and_ÐOM Bēyt Millō' and_ a_fire _let_it_go_out from_the_ _citizens_of Shə·kem and_from_household millo and_let_it_ _consume ÐOM 'Av·īmelek. **21** And_ Yō·tām/(Jotham) _he_fled and_he_ran_away and_he/it_went to_Bə·'ēr and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived there from_face/in_front_of 'Av·īmelek his/its_brother. **22** And_ 'Av·īmelek _he_ruled over Yisrā·'ēl/(Israel) three years. **23** And_ god _he_sent a_spirit evil between 'Av·īmelek and_between the_citizens_of Shə·kem and_ the_citizens_of Shə·kem _they_dealt_treacherously with_ _'Av·īmelek. **24** To_ the_violence_of seventy the_sons_of Jerub-Ba·al _come and_blood_of_their to_put on 'Av·īmelek brother_of_their who he_killed them and_on the_citizens_of Shə·kem who they_strengthened ÐOM hands_of_his to_kill ÐOM brothers_of_his. **25** And_they_set to_him/it the_citizens_of Shə·kem ambushers on the_tops_of the_mountains and_they_ _robbed ÐOM every_of one_who he_passed_by on_them on_road and_it_was_told to_'Av·īmelek. **26** And_ Ga·al the_son_of ʿEved and_brothers_of_his _he_came and_they_passed_on in_Shə·kem and_they_trusted in_him/it the_citizens_of Shə·kem. **27** And_ _they_went_out the_field and_they_gathered_grapes ÐOM vineyards_of_their and_they_trod_them and_they_made rejoicings and_they_came the_house_of their_god_of_their

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67 LV 9:8 · Note OSHB variant note: הַ/כּוֹלְמ: (x-qere) הָ֫/כֻלְּמ': lemma_4427 a morph_HVqv2ms/Sh id_07UZY הָ֫כֻלְּמ

68 LV 9:12 · Note OSHB variant note: יִכּוֹלְמ: (x-qere) יְכֻלְּמ֫': lemma_4427 a morph_HVqv2fs id_07Euf יְכֻלְּמ֫

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and_they_ate and_they_drank and_they_cursed ÐOM 'Avīmelek. **28** And_he/it_said Ga'al the_son_of 'Eved who is_'Avīmelek and_who is_Shəkem that/for/because/then/when we_will_ _serve_him not is_he_the_son_of Jerub-Ba'al and_is_Zəvul deputy_of_his serve ÐOM the_men_of Ḫₐmōr the_father_of Shəkem and_why will_we_serve_him we. **29** And_who will_he_ _give ÐOM the_people the_this in_hand_of_my and_I_will_ _remove ÐOM 'Avīmelek and_he/it_said of_'Avīmelek make_ _numerous army_of_your and_come_out. **30** And_ Zəvul the_ _official_of the_city _he/it_listened ÐOM the_words/messages_ _of Ga'al the_son_of 'Eved and_ anger_of_his _it_glowed/burnt. **31** And_he_sent messengers to 'Avīmelek in_treachery to_say HERE Ga'al the_son_of 'Eved and_brothers_of_his are_coming to_Shəkem and_HERE_they are_shutting_up ÐOM the_city on_ _you. **32** And_now arise night you and_the_people which is_ _with_you and_lie_in_wait in_field. **33** And_it_was in_morning just_ the_sun _as_rises you_will_rise_early and_you_will_make_ _a_raid on the_city and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he and_the_people which with_him/it are_going_out against_you and_you_will_do for_him/it just_as hand_of_your it_will_find. **34** And_ 'Avīmelek and_all the_people which with_him/it _he/it_rose_up night and_they_lay_in_wait on Shəkem four companies. **35** And_ Ga'al the_son_of 'Eved _he/it_went_out and_he_stood the_entrance_ _of the_gate_of the_city and_ 'Avīmelek and_the_people which with_him/it _he/it_rose_up from the_ambush. **36** And_ Ga'al _ _he/it_saw ÐOM the_people and_he/it_said to Zəvul THERE a_ _people is_coming_down from_the_tops_of the_mountains and_ _he/it_said to_him/it Zəvul ÐOM the_shadow_of the_mountains you are_seeing like_men. **37** And_he_repeated again Ga'al to_ _speak and_he/it_said THERE a_people are_coming_down from_with the_center_of the_earth/land and_a_company one is_coming from_the_direction_of the_great_tree_of the_ _soothsayer. **38** And_he/it_said to_him/it Zəvul where then mouth_of_is_your Oh_you_who you_said who is_'Avīmelek that/for/because/then/when we_will_serve_him not is_this the_people which you_rejected in/on/over_him/it go_out please now and_fight in/on/over_him/it. **39** And_ Ga'al _he/it_ _went_out to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_citizens_of Shəkem and_he_fought against_'Avīmelek. **40** And_he_ _pursued_him 'Avīmelek and_he_fled from_before_of_him and_ those_fatally_wounded many _they_fell to the_entrance_of the_ _gate. **41** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived at_(the)_Arumah and_ Zəvul _he/it_drove_out ÐOM Ga'al and_ _ÐOM brothers_of_his from_dwelling at_Shəkem. **42** And_he/it_ _was from_the_next_day and_ the_people _he/it_went_out the_ _field and_people_told to_'Avīmelek. **43** And_he/it_took ÐOM the_people and_he_divided_them into_three companies and_ _he_lay_in_wait in_the_field and_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_people was_going_out from the_city and_he/it_rose_up on_them and_he_attacked_them. **44** And_ _'Avīmelek and_the_companies which with_him/it they_made_ _a_raid and_they_stood the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_city and_the_two_of the_companies they_made_a_raid on all_of those_who in_the_field and_they_attacked_them. **45** And_ _'Avīmelek was_fighting against_city all_of the_day (the)_that and_he_captured ÐOM the_city and_ÐOM the_people which was_ _in_it he_killed and_he_pulled_down ÐOM the_city and_he_ _sowed_it salt. **46** And_ all_of the_citizens_of the_tower_of

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him? Isn't Avimelek Gid'on's son, and Zevul is his deputy? Serve the descendants of Shekem's father Hamor, but why should we serve Avimelek? **29** Who will fight with me to defeat those people and depose Avimelek? Then he said to Avimelek, 'Gather your army and come and fight.' "

30 When Zevul, the prince of the city, heard what Ga'al (Eved's son) had said, he got very angry **31** and he sent messengers to Avimelek in secret, saying, "Listen, Eved's son Ga'al and his brothers are coming to Shekem, and wow, they're inciting the city against you. **32** You and the people who are with you should go out at night and lie in ambush in the countryside. **33** Then when the sun rises in the morning, you all should set out early and spread out in an attack against the city. Keep watch, then when Ga'al and the people with him are coming out toward you to fight, then you can overpower them and treat him however you think fit."

34 So Avimelek and all the people with him went out in the night and they set up four units in an ambush against Shekem. **35** In the morning, Ga'al (Eved's son) went out and he stood at the entrance of the city gate. Then Avimelek and his men stood up from their hiding places. **36** When Ga'al saw the people, he said to Zevul, "Look, a group of people is coming down from the tops of the hills!"

"You are seeing the shadow of the hills as men," Zevul responded.

37 But Ga'al said again, "Look, groups of people are coming down from beside the top of the hill, and another group is coming from the way of the 'oak of the diviners'."

38 Then Zevul said to him, "Well, you were the one who said, 'Who is Avimelek that we should serve him?' Aren't these the people who you were scorning? Indeed now, go out and fight against them." **39** So Ga'al went out in front of Shekem's citizens and fought against Avimelek. **40** Avimelek pursued him, and he had to flee away from him. Many of their men fell fatally wounded as far as the entrance of the city gate. **41** Then Avimelek settled in Arumah, but Zevul drove Ga'al and his brothers away from living in Shekem.

42 Now it so happened that the next day, the people of Shekem went out into the countryside, and it was reported to Avimelek. **43** So he took his men and split them into three units. Then he waited in ambush in the countryside. When he saw and wow, the people were going out of the city, then he attacked and killed them. **44** Avimelek and the units that were with him had spread out and they stood at the entrance of the city gate, and two units spread out against everyone who was in the field and killed them. **45** Avimelek spent that whole day attacking Shekem. He captured the city and they killed the people who were in it. Then he tore it down, and scattered salt on the land.

46 When all the lords of the tower of Shekem heard, they went into the citadel of the temple for El-Berit, **47** but it was reported to Avimelek that all the lords of the Shekem tower had gathered there. **48** So Avimelek and all the people with him, went up to

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Mt. Tsalmon. He took axes and cut a branch down from the trees, then lifted it onto his shoulder and said to the people who were with him, "What I just did, you all quickly do the same." **49** So all the people also each cut off a branch and then followed Avimelek. They piled them on top of the underground chamber, and that's how they burnt out the underground chamber. As a result, all the distinguished people in the tower of Shekem also died—about a thousand men and women.

50 Then Avimelek went to Tevets and set up camp around the city and captured it. **51** But there was a strong tower in the middle of the city, so all of the men and the women and all the prominent citizens fled to it. Once they were all in, they barricaded it up and they went up onto the tower roof. **52** Then Avimelek and his men approached the tower and fought against it, and he came in as close as the tower entrance in order to set fire to it, **53** but a woman threw an upper millstone down onto Avimelek's head and it crushed his skull.[66] **54** Then he cried out hurriedly to the young man bearing his armour, "Draw out your sword and put me to death, because I don't want it to be said afterwards that I was killed by a woman." So his young man stabbed him so that he died. **55** When the Israeli warriors saw that Avimelek was dead, they all returned to their own homes.

56 Thus God avenged the evil of Avimelek that he had done to his father Gid'on by killing his seventy brothers, **57** and God caused all the evil done by Shekem's men to return back onto their own heads, and the curse of Gid'on's youngest son Yotam (Jotham), came true on them.

Tola

10:1 Now after Avimelek, Tola (the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, from the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar)) came on the scene to rescue Yisrael (Israel). He settled in Shamir, in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim). **2** He led Yisrael for twenty-three years, then he died and was buried in Shamir.

Yair

3 After him, Yair the Giladi led Yisrael (Israel) for twenty-two years. **4** He had thirty sons that rode on thirty donkeys. There were thirty cities for them in the Gilead region which they call Yair's villages to this day. **5** Then Yair died and he was buried in Kamon.

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6 The Israelis continued to do what Yahweh considered evil: they worshipped the Ba'als, the Ashtarot, the gods of Aram (Syria), the gods of Tsidon

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Shəkem _they_heard and_they_came into the_underground_ _chamber_of the_house_of 'Ēl- Berith. **47** And_it_was_told to_ _'Avīmelek if/because_that all_of the_citizens_of the_tower_of Shəkem they_had_gathered_together. **48** And_he/it_ascended 'Avīmelek the_mountain_of Tsalmōn/(Zalmon) he and_all the_ _people which with_him/it and_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_took ÐOM the_axes in_his/its_hand and_he_cut_off a_branch_of wood(s) and_he_lifted_it_up and_he/it_assigned on shoulder_of_his and_he/it_said to the_people which with_him/it whatever you(pl)_have_seen I_have_done hurry do like_me. **49** And_ also all_of the_people _they_cut_off everyone branch_of_his_own and_they_went after 'Avīmelek and_they_put_them over the_ _underground_chamber and_they_set_on_fire over_them ÐOM the_underground_chamber with_fire and_ also all_of the_men_ _of the_tower_of Shəkem _they_died about_a_thousand man and_woman. **50** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_went to Tēvēts and_he_ _encamped at_Tēvēts and_he_captured_it. **51** And_a_tower_of strength it_was in_the_middle_of the_city and_they_fled to_(to) all_of the_men and_the_women and_all/each/any/every the_ _citizens_of the_city and_they_shut_the_door behind_them and_they_went_up on the_roof the_tower. **52** And_ 'Avīmelek _ _he_came to the_tower and_he_fought in/on/over_him/it and_ _he_drew_near to the_entrance_of the_tower to_burn_it with_ _fire. **53** And_ a_woman one _she_threw a_mill-stone_of an_ _upper_mill-stone on the_head_of 'Avīmelek and_she_crushed ÐOM skull_of_his. **54** And_he/it_called quickly to the_young_ _man the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his and_he/it_said to_ _him/it draw sword_of_your and_kill_me lest people_should_ _say to_me a_woman she_killed_him and_he_pierced_him_ _through man_of_his_young and_he/it_died. **55** And_ the_man_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_saw if/because_that 'Avīmelek he_ _was_dead and_they_went everyone to_his_own_of_place. **56** And_ god _he_repaid ÐOM the_evil_of 'Avīmelek which he_ _had_done to_father_of_his by_killing ÐOM seventy brothers_of_ _his. **57** And_ÐOM all_of the_evil_of the_men_of Shəkem god he_ _repaid on_head_of_their and_it_came to_them the_curse_of Yōtām/(Jotham) the_son_of Jerub-Ba'al.

10:1 And_he/it_rose_up after 'Avīmelek to_deliver ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Tōlā' the_son_of Pū'āh the_son_of Dōdō (the)_ _man_of Issachar and_he was_dwelling in_Shāmīr in_the_hill_ _country_of 'Efrayim. **2** And_he_judged ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) twenty and_three year[s] and_he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_Shāmīr.

3 And_he/it_rose_up after_him Yā'īr/(Jair) the_Gil'ādite and_ _he_judged ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) twenty and_two year[s]. **4** And_ _he/it_was to_him/it thirty sons who_rode on thirty male_ _donkeys and_thirty cities to/for_them to/for_them people_ _call the_villages_of Yā'īr until the_day the_this which in_land of_(the)_Gil'ād. **5** And_ Yā'īr _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_ _Qāmōn.

6 And_they_repeated the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_they_served ÐOM the_ _Ba'al and_ÐOM the_'Ashtārōt and_ÐOM the_gods_of 'Arām and_ _ÐOM the_gods_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_ÐOM the_gods_of Mō'āv

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and_ĐOM the_gods_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_ĐOM the_ _gods_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_abandoned ĐOM **YHWH** and_ _not they_served_him. **7** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_ _glowed/burnt on_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he_sold_them in_the_ _hand_of the_Pəlishtiy and_in_the_hand_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn. **8** And_they_shattered and_they_crushed ĐOM the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_year (the)_that eight- teen year[s] ĐOM all_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who were_on_the_ _other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) in_land the_ʾAmorī which is_in_Gilʻād. **9** And_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _they_passed_over ĐOM the_Yardēn to_fight also against_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _against_Binyāmīn and_against_the_house_of ʾEfrayim and_it_ _was_distress to_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) exceedingly. **10** And_ the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_cried_out to **YHWH** to_say we_have_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_because/when we_have_ _abandoned ĐOM god_of_our and_we_have_served ĐOM the_ _Baʻal. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from the_ _ʾAmorī and_from the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_from the_ _Pəlishtiy. **12** And_the_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_ʻAmālēq and_ _Māʻōn they_oppressed you(pl) and_you(pl)_cried_out to_me and_I_delivered you(pl) from_hand_of_their. **13** And_you(pl) you(pl)_have_abandoned me and_you(pl)_have_served gods other for_so/thus/hence not I_will_repeat to_deliver you(pl). **14** Go and_cry_out to the_ʾElohīm which you(pl)_have_chosen (in)_them they let_them_deliver to/for_you(pl) at_the_time_of your_distress_of_your(pl). **15** And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_said to **YHWH** we_have_sinned you do to/for_us according_to_all_of the_good in_eyes_of_your only deliver_us please the_day (the)_this. **16** And_they_removed ĐOM the_gods_of (the)_foreignness from_midst_of_their and_they_ _served ĐOM **YHWH** and_ self_of_his _it_was_short at_the_ _trouble_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **17** And_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _ _they_were_summoned and_they_encamped in_Gilʻād and_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_gathered and_they_ _encamped at_Mitspāh. **18** And_ the_people the_leaders_of Gilʻād _they_said each to his/its_neighbour who the_man who he_will_begin to_fight against_the_people_of ʻAmmōn he_will_ _become (into)_chief to_all/each/any/every the_inhabitants_of Gilʻād.

11:1 And_Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) the_Gilʻādite he_was a_mighty_ _man_of strength and_he was_the_son_of a_woman a_ _prostitute and_ Gilʻād _he/it_fathered ĐOM Yiftāḥ. **2** And_ the_ _wife_of Gilʻād _she/it_gave_birth to_him/it sons and_ the_ _sons_of the_woman _they_grew_up and_they_drove_out ĐOM Yiftāḥ and_they_said to_him/it not you_will_have_an_ _inheritance in_house_of our_father_of_our if/because are_the_ _son_of a_woman another you. **3** And_ Yiftāḥ _he_fled from_ _face/in_front_of brothers_of_his and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_land of_Ṭōv and_they_joined_ _themselves to Yiftāḥ men worthless and_they_went_out with_ _him/it. **4** And_he/it_was from_days and_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _they_fought with Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** And_he/it_was just_as the_people_of ʻAmmōn they_fought with Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ the_elders_of Gilʻād _they_went to_ _take/accept/receive ĐOM Yiftāḥ from_the_land_of Ṭōv. **6** And_ _they_said to_Yiftāḥ come and_you_will_become to/for_

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(Sidon), the gods of Moav (Moab), the gods of the sons of Amon, and the gods of the Pelishtim. They forsook Yahweh and didn't serve him. **7** Yahweh was very angry with Yisrael (Israel), so he allowed the Pelishtim and the Amonim to harass them. **8** They shattered and oppressed the Israelis that year, but it went on for eighteen years for all the Israelis who were on the opposite side of the Yarden (Jordan) in the land of the Amorim, which is in the Gilead. **9** Then the Amonim also crossed over the Yarden to fight against Yehudah (Judah), against Benyamin, and against the half-tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim).

This caused incredible distress for the Israelis **10** so they cried out to Yahweh, "We have sinned against you, because we have abandoned our god and we have served the Ba'als."

11 "Wasn't it from the Mitsrim (Egyptians)," Yahweh responded, "from the Amorim, from the Amonim, from the Pelishtim, **12** the Tsidonim (Sidonians) and Amalek and Maeon, when they oppressed you that you cried out to me, and I rescued you all from them? **13** Yet you've all abandoned me and served other gods. Therefore, I won't not continue to rescue you. **14** Go and cry out to the gods that you've all chosen for yourselves. They should deliver you all at the time of your distress."

15 Then the Israelis said to Yahweh, "We've sinned. You do to us according to all that is good in your eyes. Only please rescue us today." **16** They removed the foreign gods from among them, and they worshipped Yahweh and so he became concerned with Yisrael's (Israel's) suffering.

17 Now the Amonim had assembled and were camped in Gilead. So the Israelis gathered together and they camped at Mitspah. **18** Then the princes of Gilead said to each other, "Who will lead us to fight against the Amonim? He can become the leader over all of us who live in Gilead."

Yiftah

11:1 Now Yiftah (Jephthah) the Giladi was a fierce warrior, but he was a prostitute's son and his father was Gilead. **2** Gilead's wife also gave birth to sons for him, and when those sons of the wife grew up, they drove Yiftah out and told him, "You won't get any inheritance from our father's estate because you're a son of another woman." **3** So Yiftah fled from the presence of his half-brothers and he settled in the Tov region. Unprincipled men associated around Yiftah and went around with him.

4 Some time later, the Amonim battled against Yisrael (Israel). **5** and that was when the elders of Gilead went to summon Yiftah from the Tov region. **6** Then requested Yiftah, "Come and be our commander so we can fight against the Amonim."

7 "Don't you all hate me? Yiftah asked them. "Didn't you yourselves drive me out of my father's house? So why have you all

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come to me now when you have troubles?"

8 "Well, true," the Gilead elders replied, "But now we've turned back to you. So join with us and fight against the Amonim, and you'll become commander over all of who lives in Gilead."

9 "If you bring me back to fight against the Amonim," Yiftah asked them, "and if Yahweh helps me defeat them, is it correct that I'll actually become your leader?"

10 "Yahweh will be a witness between us," the Gilead elders responded, "that we'll most certainly do what you just said." **11** So Yiftah went with the Gilead elders, and the people set him as commander and leader over themselves. (Yiftah had spoken all those words before Yahweh at Mitspah.)

12 Then Yiftah sent messengers to the Amoni king, demanding, "What's happened with respect to me and to you, that you've come against me to fight over my land?"

13 The Amoni king responded to Yiftah's messengers, "Because the Israelis seized my land when they came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). It went from the Arnon river up to the Yabok river, and over to the Yarden (Jordan) river. Now return the land peaceably."

14 Then Yiftah sent messengers back to the Amoni king **15** to tell him, "Yiftah wants you to know that Yisrael (Israel) didn't take land from Moav (Moab) nor from you Amonim. **16** However in their coming up from Mitsrayim, Yisrael went through the wilderness as far as the Red Sea until arriving at Kadesh. **17** When Yisrael sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, 'Please may we pass through your land,' the king of Edom wouldn't listen.[69] Yisrael likewise sent to the king of Moav, but he wasn't willing either, so Yisrael stayed at Kadesh. **18** Then we went through the wilderness and turned away from the land of Edom[70] and the land of Moav, then went the long way around the eastern border of Moav. They camped on the other side of the Arnon river, but they didn't go within Moav's borders, because the Arnon was the border of Moav. **19** Yisrael sent messengers to the Amori King Sihon, the king of Heshbon and asked him, 'Please, let us pass through your land as far as our place.'[71] **20** But King Sihon didn't trust Yisrael passing through within his border, so he assembled all of his people together and they camped at Yahats, and he battled with Yisrael. **21** Then Yisrael's god, Yahweh, handed King Sihon and all his people over to Yisrael and we defeated them. Thus Yisrael took possession of all of the land of the Amorim inhabiting that region— **22** everything within the Amori territory from the Arnon river to the Yabok, and from the wilderness as far as the Yarden (Jordan). **23** So since it was Yisrael's god Yahweh that expelled the Amorim out of the presence of his people Yisrael, do you actually think that you can take it now? **24** Wouldn't you take possession if your god Kemosh, allowed you to? So too all that our god Yahweh has dis-

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_ourselves (into)_a_commander so_that_we_may_fight against_ _the_people_of ʼAmmōn. **7** And_ Yiftāḥ _he/it_said to_the_ _elders_of Gilʼād not you(pl) did_you(pl)_hate me and_did_you_ _drive_me_out from_the_house_of my_father_of_my and_why have_you(pl)_come to_me now just_as it_is_distress to_you(pl). **8** And_ the_elders_of Gilʼād _they_said to Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) for_ _so/thus/hence now we_have_returned to_you and_you_will_ _come with_us and_you_will_fight against_the_people_of ʼAmmōn and_you_will_become to/for_ourselves (into)_chief to_ _all/each/any/every the_inhabitants_of Gilʼād. **9** And_ Yiftāḥ _ _he/it_said to the_elders_of Gilʼād if you(pl) are_bringing_back me to_fight against_the_people_of ʼAmmōn and_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _gave them before_me I I_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_ _chief. **10** And_ the_elders_of Gilʼād _they_said to Yiftāḥ **YHWH** he_will_be hearing between_us if not according_to_of_your_ _message so we_will_do. **11** And_ Yiftāḥ _he/it_went with the_ _elders_of Gilʼād and_ the_people _they_made him over_them into_chief and_into_commander and_ Yiftāḥ _he/it_spoke ᴅᴏᴍ all_of words/messages_of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** in_Mitspāh. **12** And_ Yiftāḥ _he_sent messengers to the_king_of the_people_of ʼAmmōn to_say what to/for_me and_to_you that/for/because/then/when you_have_ _come to_me to_wage_war against_land_of_my. **13** And_ the_ _king_of the_people_of ʼAmmōn _he/it_said to the_messengers_ _of Yiftāḥ if/because Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_took ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_my when_it_came_up from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_the_ʼArnōn and_unto the_Yaboq/(Jabbok) and_unto the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_now restore them in_peace. **14** And_he_repeated again Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) and_he_sent messengers to the_king_of the_ _people_of ʼAmmōn. **15** And_he/it_said to_him/it thus Yiftāḥ he_says not Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_has_taken ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of Mōʾāv and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of the_people_of ʼAmmōn. **16** If/because when_they_came_up from_Mitsrayim and_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_went in_wilderness to the_sea_of reed[s] and_it_came to_Qādēsh. **17** And_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _it_sent messengers to the_king_of ʾEdōm to_say let_me_pass please in_ _land_of_your and_not the_king_of ʾEdōm he_listened and_also to the_king_of Mōʾāv it_sent and_not he_was_willing and_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived at_Qādēsh. **18** And_he/it_went in_wilderness and_it_went_around ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _land_of ʾEdōm and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of Mōʾāv and_it_came from_ _the_rising_of the_sun of_the_land_of of_Mōʾāv and_they_ _encamped on_the_other_side_of the_ʼArnōn and_not they_ _went in_the_territory_of Mōʾāv if/because the_ʼArnōn was_ _the_border_of Mōʾāv. **19** And_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _it_sent messengers to Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_ʼAmorī the_king_of Ḥeshbōn and_he/it_said to_him/it Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) let_us_pass please in_land_of_your to place_of_my_own. **20** And_not Ṣīḥōn he_trusted ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_pass in_territory_of_his and_ Ṣīḥōn _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of people_of_his and_they_ _encamped at_Yahats/(Jahaz) and_he_fought with Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **21** And_ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣīḥōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of people_of_his in_the_

69 RV 11:17 · Cross-ref. Num 20:14-21.

70 RV 11:18 · Cross-ref. Num 21:4.

71 RV 11:19-22 · Cross-ref. Num 21:21-24.

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_hand_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_defeated_them and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_took_possession_of ÐOM all_of the_land_of the_'Amorī who_was_dwelling the_earth/land (the)_that. **22** And_they_took_possession_of ÐOM all_of the_territory_of the_'Amorī from_the_'Arnōn and_unto the_Yaboq/(Jabbok) and_from the_wilderness and_unto the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **23** And_now **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_ _dispossessed ÐOM the_'Amorī from_face/in_front_of people_ _of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(ms) will_you_take_possession_ _of_it. **24** Not ÐOM that_which he_will_cause_you_to_possess Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) god_of_your it will_you_take_possession_of and_ÐOM all_of that **YHWH** god_of_our he_has_dispossessed from_before_of_us it we_will_take_possession_of. **25** And_now really_(good) are_you_good you more_than_Bālāq the_son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) the_king_of Mō'āv ever_(quarrel) did_he_ _quarrel with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) or ever_(wage_war) did_he_wage_ _war against_them. **26** When_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _dwelt in_ _Ḥeshbōn and_in_daughters_of_its and_in_ʿArōʿēr and_in_ _daughters_of_its and_on/over_all the_cities which were_on the_sides_of the_'Arnōn three hundred(s) year[s] and_why not did_you(pl)_recover_them at_time (the)_that. **27** And_I not I_ _have_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_you(ms) are_doing with_me evil by_waging_war against_me **YHWH** the_judge may_he_ _judge the_day between the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _between the_people_of ʿAmmōn. **28** And_not the_king_of the_ _people_of ʿAmmōn he_listened to the_words/messages_of Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) which he_sent to_him/it. **29** And_it_became on Yiftāḥ the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_he/it_passed_through ÐOM (the)_Gilʿād and_ÐOM Mənashsheh and_he_passed_through ÐOM Mitspāh of_Gilʿād and_from_Mitspāh of_Gilʿād he_passed_on the_people_of ʿAmmōn. **30** And_ Yiftāḥ _he_vowed a_vow to/for_**YHWH** and_he_said if really_(give) you_will_give ÐOM the_people_of ʿAmmōn in_hand_of_my. **31** And_it_was that_ _which_comes_out which it_will_come_out from_the_doors_of my_house_of_my to_meet_me when_return_I in_peace from_ _(the)_sons of_ʿAmmōn and_it_was to/for_**YHWH** and_I_will_ _offer_it_up a_burnt_offering. **32** And_ Yiftāḥ _he/it_passed_ _through to the_people_of ʿAmmōn to_fight against_them and_ _he_gave_them[737475] **YHWH** in_his/its_hand. **33** And_he_ _defeated_them from_ʿArōʿēr and_unto come_you[7677] Minnit twenty citi[es] and_unto Abel Keramim a_defeat great very and_ the_people_of ʿAmmōn _they_were_subdued from_ _face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

34 And_ Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) _he_came (the)_Mitspāh to house_ _of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE daughter_of_his was_coming_out to_meet_him with_tambourines and_with_dancing(s) and_only she was_an_only_child there_belonged_not to_him/it from_ _him/it a_son or a_daughter. **35** And_he/it_was just_as_he_saw her and_he_tore ÐOM clothes_of_his and_he/it_said alas my_ _daughter_of_my exceedingly_(bring_low) you_have_brought_

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possessed ahead of us, we'll possess that. **25** Are you really better now than Tsipor's son, King Balak of Moav?[72] Did he dare contend with Yisrael or did he ever wage war against them? **26** Yisrael lived in Heshbon and in its villages for three hundred years, and in Aroer and in its villages, and in all the cities that are along the banks of the Arnon—so why didn't you repossess them during that time? **27** I haven't done anything wrong to you, but you're doing wrong in dealing with me by fighting against me. Yahweh, the judge, will decide today between the Israelis and the Amonim." **28** But the Amoni king didn't take any notice of Yiftah's message to him.

29 Then Yahweh's spirit empowered Yiftah (Jephthah), and he passed through the Gilead and Menasheh (Manasseh), and through Mitspah of Gilead, and from there he passed through the Amoni region, **30** and he made a promise to Yahweh, "If you really give me victory over the Amonim, **31** then whoever's the first person to come out of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the battle against the Amonim, that person will belong to Yahweh, and I will offer him up as a whole burnt offering." **32** So Yiftah went to the Amoni territory to fight against them, and Yahweh enabled them to defeat them. **33** Then he attacked them from Aroer and as far as the entrance to Minit, twenty cities, and then up to Avel-Keramim, slaughtering a huge number. So the Amonim were subdued by the presence of the Israelis.

Yiftah's daughter

34 When Yiftah (Jephthah) got back to his house in the Mitspah area, look, his daughter was coming out to meet him with tambourines and with dancing. She was their only child—he didn't have any son or daughter apart from her. **35** When he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, "Oh no! My daughter! Indeed, you've made me bow in grief, and you're

72 **RV 11:25 · Cross-ref.** Num 22:1-6.

73 **LV 11:32 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

74 **LV 11:32 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

75 **LV 11:32 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

76 **LV 11:33 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

77 **LV 11:33 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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among those who cause me pain, because I made a vow to Yahweh and I can't go back on it."

36 Then she said to him, "My father, you've made a vow to Yahweh. Do to me whatever you promised, after what Yahweh has done for you—total vengeance against your Amoni enemies."
37 But she asked her father, "Just do this one thing for me: release me for two months, so I can go away and take some companions. I'll fall prostrate on the hills and I'll weep because I'll never have a chance to marry." **38** He agreed and then sent her away for two months. She went with some companions, and she wept on the hills because she'd never be a mother. **39** Then at the end of the two months, she returned to her father and he carried out his vow with respect to her so indeed she never had a chance to marry.

After that, it became a custom in Yisrael (Israel) **40** that the young women of Yisrael go to commemorate the daughter of Yiftah the Giladi for four days during the year.

Yiftah and the Efrayimim

12:1 Now the men of Efrayim (Ephraim) were summoned and they passed northward and they said to Yiftah (Jephthah), "Why did you pass through in order to fight against the Amonim, but you didn't call us to go with you? We're going to burn your house down over you!"

2 "I've been involved in very intense disputes—my people against the Amonim," Yiftah told them. "When I summoned you all, you didn't come and rescue me from them. **3** When I could see that you weren't coming to assist, I took my life into my own hands. I advanced against the Amonim, and Yahweh gave me victory over them. So why then have you all come here to fight against me today?" **4** Then Yiftah assembled all of the men of Gilead and they battled against Efrayim. The men of Gilead struck Efrayim because they had said, "You Gilead people are just fugitives from Efrayim—living here in the middle of Efrayim, in the middle of Menasheh (Manasseh)." **5** The Giladim captured the crossing places of the Yarden (Jordan) along Efrayim. Then when any of the survivors from Efrayim would say, "May I cross over," the men of Gilead would ask, "Are you an Efrati?" If he said, "No," **6** then they'd demand, "Now say: Shibboleth." But if he said "Sibboleth" because he didn't have time to think to pronounce it correctly, they would seize him and would slaughter him at those crossing places of the Yarden. Forty-two thousand from Efrayim fell at that time.

7 Yiftah the Giladi led Yisrael (Israel) for six years, then he died and was buried among the cities of Gilead.

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_me_low and_you you_are[78] among_those_of_who_trouble_me and_I I_have_opened mouth_of_my to **YHWH** and_not I_am_ _able to_turn_back. **36** And_she/it_said to_him/it my_father_of_ _my you_have_opened ᴅᴏᴍ mouth_of_your to **YHWH** do to_me just_as it_has_come_out from_mouth_of_your after that he_did to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** vengeance(s) from_enemies_of_your from_(the)_sons of_ʼAmmōn. **37** And_she/it_said to father_of_ _her let_it_be_done to/for_me the_thing the_this refrain from_ _me two months so_that_I_may_go and_I_will_go_down on the_ _mountains and_so_that_I_may_weep on virginiti(es)_of_my I my[79]. **38** And_he/it_said go and_he_sent_away her two_of months and_ she and_companions_of_her _she_went and_she_ _wept on virginiti(es)_of_her on the_mountains. **39** And_he/it_ _was from_the_end/extremity two months and_she_returned to father_of_her and_he/it_made to/for_her/it ᴅᴏᴍ vow_of_his which he_had_vowed and_she not she_had_known a_man and_ _it_became a_custom in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **40** From_days to_days the_daughters_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_go to_recount for_the_ _daughter_of Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) the_Gilʼādite four_of days in_ _year.

12:1 And_ the_man_of ʼEfrayim _it_was_summoned and_it_ _passed_over northward_to and_they_said to_Yiftāḥ why did_ _you_pass_over to_wage_war against_the_people_of ʼAmmōn and_(to)_us not you_summoned to_go with_you house_of_your we_will_burn over_you with_fire. **2** And_ Yiftāḥ _he/it_said to_ _them a_man_of strife I and_people_of_my and_the_sons of_ _ʼAmmōn I_was exceedingly and_I_summoned you(pl) and_not you(pl)_delivered me from_hand_of_their. **3** And_I_saw if/because_that not_you were_a_deliverer[808182] and_I_put life_ _of_my in_palm_of_my and_I_passed_over against the_people_ _of ʼAmmōn and_he_gave_them **YHWH** in_hand_of_my and_ _why have_you(pl)_come_up to_me the_day the_this to_fight against_me. **4** And_ Yiftāḥ _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_men_of Gilʼād and_he_fought with ʼEfrayim and_ the_men_of Gilʼād _ _they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ ʼEfrayim if/because they_had_said are_ _fugitives_of ʼEfrayim you(pl) Oh_Gilʼād in_the_middle of_ _ʼEfrayim in_the_middle of_Mənashsheh. **5** And_ Gilʼād _it_ _captured ᴅᴏᴍ the_fords_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to_ʼEfrayim and_it_was if/because the_fugitives_of ʼEfrayim they_said let_ _me_pass_over and_they_said to_him/it the_men_of Gilʼād an_ _ʼEfrātī are_you and_he_said no. **6** And_they_said to_him/it say please Shibboleth and_he/it_said Sibboleth and_not he_gave_ _attention to_speak right and_they_seized him and_they_ _slaughtered_him to the_fords_of the_Yardēn and_it_fell at_ _time (the)_that of_ʼEfrayim forty and_two thousand. **7** And_ Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) _he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) six years and_ Yiftāḥ the_Gilʼādite _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_ _the_cities_of Gilʼād.

78 LV 11:35 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

79 LV 11:37 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/תִיעַר/י: (x-qere) וְ/תוֹעֲרִ֫/י: lemma_c/7464 n_0 morph_HC/Ncfpc/Sp1cs id_07gHx וְ/תוֹעֲרִ֫/י

80 LV 12:3 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

81 LV 12:3 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

82 LV 12:3 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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8 And_he_judged after_him ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) 'Ivtsān from_ _Bēyt- leḥem. **9** And_he/it_was to_him/it thirty sons and_thirty daughters he_sent_away to_the_outside and_thirty daughters he_brought for_sons_of_his from the_outside and_he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) seven years. **10** And_ 'Ivtsān _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_house_of leḥem. **11** And_he_judged after_him ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) 'Ēylōn the_Zəvulunite and_he_ _judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ten years. **12** And_ 'Ēylōn the_ _Zəvulunite _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_'Ayyālōn in_ _land of_Zəvulun. **13** And_he_judged after_him ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ʹAvdōn the_son_of Hillēl the_Pirʹātōnī. **14** And_ _he/it_was to_him/it forty sons and_thirty sons_of sons who_ _rode on seventy male_donkeys and_he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) eight years. **15** And_ ʹAvdōn the_son_of Hillēl the_Pirʹātōnī _he/it_died and_he_was_buried at_Pirʹātōn in_ _land of_'Efrayim in_the_hill_country_of the_ʹAmālēqite[s].

13:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_repeated for_ _doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he_gave_them **YHWH** in_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy forty year[s]. **2** And_he/it_ _was a_man one from_Tsorʹāh/(Zorah) from_the_clan_of the_ _Danite[s] and_his/its_name was_Mānōaḥ and_his/its_ _woman/wife was_barren and_not she_had_borne_children. **3** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_appeared to the_woman and_he/it_said to_her/it HERE please you are_barren and_not you_have_borne_children and_you_will_conceive and_you_will_ _bear a_son. **4** And_now take_care please and_do_not drink wine and_strong_drink and_do_not eat any_of unclean_thing. **5** If/because HERE_you will_be_pregnant and_you_will_bear a_ _son and_(a)_razor not it_will_go_up on his/its_head if/because a_Nāzīr_of god he_will_be the_lad from the_womb and_he he_ _will_begin to_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **6** And_ the_woman _she_went and_she/it_said to/for_her/its_man/husband to_say (the)_man_of the_'Elohīm he_came to_me and_appearance_of_his was_like_the_ _appearance_of (the)_messenger_of the_'Elohīm awesome very and_not I_asked_him where from_this was_he and_ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _name not he_told to_me. **7** And_he/it_said to_me HERE_you will_be_pregnant and_you_will_bear a_son and_now do_not drink wine and_strong_drink and_do_not eat any_of uncleanness if/because a_Nāzīr_of god he_will_be the_lad from the_womb until the_day_of his_death_of_his. **8** And_ Mānōaḥ _ _he_prayed to **YHWH** and_he_said pardon_me master_of_my the_man_of the_'Elohīm whom you_sent let_him_come please again to_us so_that_he_may_teach_us what will_we_do for_lad is]_about_to_be_born. **9** And_ the_'Elohīm _he/it_listened to_ _the_voice_of Mānōaḥ and_ the_messenger_of the_'Elohīm _he_ _came again to the_woman and_she was_sitting in_the_field and_Mānōaḥ her/its_husband/man not with_her/it. **10** And_ the_woman _she_made_haste and_she_ran and_she_told to/for_her/its_man/husband and_she/it_said to_him/it HERE he_has_presented_himself to_me the_man who he_came on_ _day to_me. **11** And_he/it_rose_up and_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_went after his/its_wife/woman and_he_came to the_man and_he/it_ _said to_him/it are_you the_man who you_spoke to the_woman and_he/it_said I. **12** And_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_said now

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Ivtsan, Eylon, and Avdon

8 Then after him, Ivtsan of Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) led Yisrael (Israel). **9** Now he had thirty sons. He gave away thirty daughters to be married to outsiders, and he brought in thirty daughters for his sons from the outside. Ivtsan led Yisrael for seven years, **10** and when he died, he was buried in Beyt-Lehem.

11 After him, Eylon the Zevuluni led Yisrael for ten years. **12** When he died, he was buried in Ayalon in the land of Zevulun. **13** After him, Avdon, the son of Hilel the Pireatoni led Yisrael. **14** He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy young male donkeys. He led Yisrael for eight years. **15** Then Avdon (the son of Hilel the Pireatoni) died, and he was buried in Pireaton in the land of Efrayim (Ephraim), in the hill country of the Amalekim.

Shimshon's birth

13:1 The Israelis continued to do what Yahweh considered as evil, so he allowed the Pelishtim to oppress them for forty years. **2** Now there was a man named Manoah from Tsor'ah, of the families of the Danim. His wife was barren so they had no children. **3** One day, Yahweh's messenger appeared to the wife and told her, "Listen, please, you are barren and have never given birth, but you will conceive and have a son. **4** Now take care that you surely don't drink wine or strong drink, and that you don't eat anything prohibited by our rules, **5** because you'll definitely become pregnant and will give birth to a son. His hair must never be cut because he'll be a Nazirite to God from his conception.[83] He will begin to rescue Yisrael (Israel) from the oppression of the Pelishtim."

6 Then the woman went and explained to her husband, "A man of God came to me. He looked like one of God's messengers—extremely terrifying—so I didn't like to ask him where he'd come from, and he didn't tell me his name. **7** Then he told me, 'You're definitely pregnant and you'll give birth to a son. So now, you mustn't drink wine or strong drink, and you mustn't eat anything prohibited by our rules, because the boy will be a Nazirite to God from conception until the day of his death.' "

8 Then Manoah prayed to Yahweh, "Oh please, my master, please let the man of God that you sent before, come back to us again so he can instruct us about what we must do for this boy who's going to be born." **9** The true God listened to Manoah's request, and God's messenger came to the woman again when she was sitting out in the field, but her husband Manoah wasn't with her, **10** so she quickly ran and told her husband, "Look. The man has appeared again who came to me that day." **11** So Manoah followed his wife, and when he came to the man, he asked him, "Are you the man who spoke to my wife before?"

"Yes, it was me," he replied.

12 "Now may your words come true," said Manoah. "How should we bring up the boy, and what will his work be?"

13 "Your wife must carefully follow everything I told her," Yah-

83 RV 13:5 · Cross-ref. Num 6:1-5.

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weh's messenger replied. **14** "She mustn't eat or drink anything that comes from the grapevine. She mustn't drink wine or strong drink, and she mustn't eat anything prohibited by our rules. She must do everything that I've instructed her."

15 "Please stay a little longer," Manoah asked Yahweh's messenger, "so that we can prepare a meal of tender goat meat to honour your presence."

16 "Even if I stayed longer, I wouldn't eat your food," Yahweh's messenger replied. "But if you wanted to prepare a burnt offering for Yahweh, you may offer it." (Because Manoah didn't know that the messenger had come from Yahweh.) **17** "What's your name," Manoah asked, "so that we can honour you when your words come true?"

18 "Why are you asking about my name," Yahweh's messenger replied. "You simply couldn't understand."

19 Then Manoah got their young goat and the other requirements for the offering, and he presented a sacrifice to Yahweh on the rock. Then an amazing thing happened[84] while Manoah and his wife watched— **20** when the flames went up into the sky from the altar, Yahweh's messenger went up in the flames while Manoah and his wife were watching. When they saw that, they quickly bowed right down to the ground. **21** After that, Manoah and his wife never saw him again, but now Manoah knew that he was Yahweh's messenger.

22 Manoah said to his wife, "We'll definitely die now because we've seen God!"

23 But his wife replied to him, "If Yahweh had wanted to kill us, he wouldn't have accepted the entire burnt offering and the grain offering. He wouldn't have shown us all those things, and he wouldn't have given us those instructions."

24 In due course, the woman gave birth to a son and she named him Shimshon (Samson). The boy grew up and Yahweh blessed him, **25** and then Yahweh's spirit began to stir him when he was in Mahaneh Dan—between Tsor'ah and between Eshtaol.

Shimshon and the woman from Timnah

14:1 One time when Shimshon (Samson) went to Timnah, he noticed a young, Pelishti woman there, **2** and he went back home and he reported to his parents, "I saw a Pelishti woman in Timnah that I'd like you to get for me as my wife."

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words/messages_of_your it_will_come what will_it_be the_ _manner_of the_lad and_work_of_his. **13** And_ the_messenger_ _of **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mānōaḥ from_all that I_said to the_ _woman she_will_take_care. **14** From_all that it_comes_forth from_the_vine_of the_wine not she_will_eat and_wine and_ _strong_drink not let_her_drink and_all uncleanness not let_ _her_eat all that I_commanded_her she_will_keep. **15** And_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_said to the_messenger_of **YHWH** let_us_detain please you so_that_we_may_prepare to_your_face a_kid_of goats. **16** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mānōaḥ if you_will_detain_me not I_will_eat in_food_of_your and_if you_will_make a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** you_will_offer_ _it_up if/because not Mānōaḥ he_knew if/because_that was_ _the_messenger_of **YHWH** it. **17** And_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_said to the_messenger_of **YHWH** who your(ms)_name if/because it_ _will_come mmm[85] and_we_will_honour_you. **18** And_he/it_ _said for_him/it[868788] the_messenger_of **YHWH** to/for_what this are_you_asking to_name_of_my and_he is_ _incomprehensible.[899091] **19** And_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _kid_of the_goats and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_grain_offering and_he/it_ _ascended on the_rock to/for_**YHWH** and_he_was_acting_ _wonderfully for_doing and_Mānōaḥ and_his/its_woman/wife were_looking. **20** And_he/it_was when_ the_flame _went_up from_under the_altar to_the_heavens and_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_ascended in_the_flame_of the_altar and_Mānōaḥ and_his/its_woman/wife were_looking and_they_fell on faces_ _of_their ground_to_the. **21** And_not he_repeated again the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** to_appear to Mānōaḥ and_near/to his/its_wife/woman then Mānōaḥ he_knew if/because_that was_the_messenger_of **YHWH** it. **22** And_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_said to his/its_wife/woman surely_(die) we_will_die if/because god we_have_seen. **23** And_she/it_said to_him/it his/its_ _wife/woman if **YHWH** he_had_desired to_kill_us not he_ _accepted from_hand_of_our a_burnt_offering and_a_grain_ _offering and_not he ᴅᴏᴍ all_of these_things and_about_time not he like_this. **24** And_ the_woman _she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_called/named ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_name Shimshvōn/(Samson) and_ the_lad _he_grew_up and_he_ _blessed_him **YHWH**. **25** And_ the_spirit_of **YHWH** _it_began to_stir_him in_Mahaneh- dan between Tsor'āh/(Zorah) and_ _between 'Eshtā'ol.

14:1 And_ Shimshvōn _he/it_descended to_Timnāh and_he/it_ _saw a_woman in_Timnāh one_of_the_daughters_of the_ _Pəlishtiy. **2** And_he/it_ascended and_he_told to_father_of_his and_to_mother_of_his and_he/it_said a_woman I_have_seen in_ _Timnāh one_of_the_daughters_of the_Pəlishtiy and_now get her to/for_me to/for_(a)_woman. **3** And_he/it_said to_him/it

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84 RV 13:19 · Note We've changed this to a passive construction here, because it's not specified whether it was Yahweh himself or his messenger who did the miracle.

85 LV 13:17 · Note OSHB variant note: יִרְבַּד/דָּ: (x-qere) יִרְבַּד/דָּ֫: lemma_1697 n_0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Pp2ms id_07LNG יִרְבַּד/דָּ֫

86 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

87 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

88 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

89 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

90 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

91 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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his/its_father and_mother_of_his is_there_not among_the_ _daughters_of your(pl)_brothers_of_your and_on/over_all people_of_my a_woman that/for/because/then/when you are_ _going to_take/accept/receive a_wife from_the_Pəlishtiy (the)_ _uncircumcised and_ Shimshvōn _he/it_said to his/its_father her get to_me if/because she she_is_pleasing in_eyes_of_my. **4** And_father_of_his and_mother_of_his not they_knew if/because_that was_from_**YHWH** it if/because an_occasion he was_seeking from_the_Pəlishtiy and_at_time (the)_that the_ _Pəlishtiy were_ruling over_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_ Shimshvōn/(Samson) and_father_of_his and_mother_of_his _ _he/it_descended to_Timnāh and_they_came to the_vineyards_ _of (to)_Timnāh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_young_lion_of lions was_roaring to_meet_him. **6** And_it_rushed on/upon/above_ _him/it the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_he_tore_it_apart as_tears_ _apart (the)_kid and_anything there_was_not in_his/its_hand and_not he_told to_father_of_his and_to_mother_of_his ~~DOM~~ that_which he_had_done. **7** And_he/it_descended and_he/it_ _spoke to/for_the_woman/wife and_she_was_pleasing in/on_ _both_eyes_of Shimshvōn. **8** And_he_returned from_days to_ _take_her and_he_turned_aside to_see ~~DOM~~ the_carcass_of the_ _lion and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_swarm_of bees was_in_the_ _carcass_of the_lion and_honey. **9** And_he_scraped_it_out into palms_of_his and_he/it_went going and_eating and_he/it_went to his/its_father and_near/to his/its_mother and_he/it_gave to/for_them and_they_ate and_not he_told to/for_them if/because_that from_the_carcass_of the_lion he_had_scraped_ _out the_honey. **10** And_ father_of_his _he/it_descended to the_ _woman and_he/it_made there Shimshvōn a_feast if/because thus the_young_men they_did. **11** And_he/it_was just_as_they_ _saw him and_they_took thirty close_friends and_they_were with_him/it. **12** And_he/it_said to/for_them Shimshvōn/(Samson) let_me_ask_a_riddle please to/for_ _you(pl) a_riddle if actually_(tell) you(pl)_will_tell it to_me the_ _seven_of the_days_of the_feast and_you(pl)_will_find_it_out and_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) thirty linen_garments and_ _thirty changes_of garments. **13** And_if not you(pl)_will_be_able to_announce to_me and_ you(pl) _you(pl)_will_give to_me thirty linen_garments and_thirty changes_of garments and_ _they_said to_him/it ask_the_riddle riddle_of_your so_that_we_ _may_hear_it. **14** And_he/it_said to/for_them from_eater food it_came_out and_from_a_strong_one a_sweet_thing it_came_ _out and_not they_were_able to_announce the_riddle three_of days. **15** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh and_they_said to_the_wife_of Shimshvōn entice ~~DOM~~ your(fs)_man/husband so_that_he_may_tell to/for_us ~~DOM~~ the_riddle lest we_should_ _burn you and_~~DOM~~ the_house_of your_father_of_your with_fire to_impoverish did_you(pl)_invite to/for_us is_it_not_so. **16** And_ the_wife_of Shimshvōn _she_wept on/upon/above_ _him/it and_she/it_said only you_hate_me and_not you_love_ _me the_riddle you_have_asked_the_riddle to_the_sons_of my_ _people_of_my and_to_me not you_have_told and_he/it_said

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3 "Isn't there a woman among your relatives?" his parents asked him, "Or among all of our people? Why take a wife from the uncircumcised Pelishtim?"

"Get her for me," Shimshon said to his father, "because I feel she's right for me."

4 Now his parents didn't know that Yahweh was arranging this, because he was seeking an opportunity against the Pelishtim who were oppressing Yisrael (Israel) at that time.

5 Then Shimshon went to Timnah with his parents and when they got to the vineyards there, wow, a young lion roared when it saw him. **6** Yahweh's spirit rose up in Shimshon, and he tore the lion to pieces with his bare hands like butchering a young goat, but he didn't mention to his parents what he'd done.

7 Then he continued on and talked with the woman, and he really liked her. **8** Some time later when he returned for the wedding, he turned off the path to look for the lion's carcass, and to his surprise, a swarm of bees had nested in the carcass and there was honey there. **9** He filled his cupped hands with honey, and continued along—walking and eating as he went to where his parents were. He even gave some to them to try, but he didn't tell them that he had scooped it out of the carcass of a dead lion.

10 Then his father went to visit the woman, and in the custom of the young men of the time, Shimshon held a party there. **11** When they saw him, they brought thirty close friends to join him.[92] **12** Shimshon said to them, "Let me suggest a riddle for you all. If you're able to explain it to me during the seven days of the party and you've worked it out correctly, I'll give you all thirty linen coats and thirty sets of clothes. **13** But if you all can't explain it to me, then you yourselves must give me thirty linen coats and thirty sets of clothes."

"Okay, we're listening. Tell us the riddle." they answered.

14 So he said,

"Food came out of the eater,
and sweetness came out of the strong one."

But three days later, they still couldn't solve his riddle.

15 Then on the seventh day,[93] they pressured Shimshon's wife, "Get your husband to tell you the answer of the riddle, otherwise we'll burn down your father' house and you as well. Did you invite us to the party just to impoverish us?"

16 Then Shimshon's wife put on a crying act and said, "You must hate me—you don't love me because you've created a riddle for my relatives, yet you haven't even told me the answer."

"Listen," he replied, "I haven't even told my own parents. Should I tell you?" **17** She continued to cry beside him throughout the seven-day party, and then finally on the seventh day, he gave in and told her because she kept nagging him, so in the end she was able to reveal the answer to her relatives. **18** Then the

92 RV 14:11 · Note Although we can understand the words here, we're not certain of the implications, or perhaps the cultural traditions. Did Shimshon appear too alone? Too intimidating? Or was it just bringing more friends for good food and drink?

93 RV 14:15 · Note The Greek Septuagint translation says 'the *fourth* day', which perhaps might fit better into the narrative, but 'seventh' is in the Hebrew that we have and not necessarily incorrect.

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men of the city said to Shimshon before the sun went down on the seventh day,

"What is sweeter than honey?
And what's stronger than a lion?"

So he said to them,

"If you all hadn't ploughed with my heifer,
you wouldn't have been able to solve my riddle."

19 Then Yahweh's spirit rose up in him, and he went to Ashkelon and killed thirty men there. He took their possessions, and he gave the changes of clothes for the riddle. But he was very angry, so he went back to his parent's home. **20** Then (unknown to Shimshon), his wife was given to the man who'd been his close friend and companion.

15:1 Some days later during the wheat harvest, Shimshon visited his wife with a young goat as a present for the family, because he said, "I'll go into the bedroom with my wife." But her father wouldn't allow him to go in, **2** and pleaded, "Truly, I thought that you must hate her, so I gave her to your close friend. But wouldn't her younger sister be better anyway? Please, would you take her instead."

3 Shimshon responded, "This time I'm blameless concerning the Pelishtim when I cause trouble for them." **4** Then he went and captured three hundred foxes and tied them in pairs—tail to tail. He took torches, and tied one torch between the tails of each pair. **5** He lit the torches and let the foxes loose into the grain crops of the Pelishtim. As a result, he burnt both the standing grain plants and also the harvested stacks of sheaves, and even a vineyard and an olive orchard. **6** So the Pelishtim asked, "Who did this?"

"Shimshon," they replied, "the son-in-law of the man from Timnah, because he took Shimshon's wife and gave her to his close friend." As a result, the Pelishtim went to Timnah and they burnt both the woman and her father. **7** Then Shimshon told them, "Since you actually did that horrible thing, I certainly won't stop until I've avenged myself against you all." **8** Then he attacked the Pelishtim and crippled many of them, before going to Eytam's rock where he lived in a cave.

Shimshon defeats the Pelishtim

9 However, the Pelishti warriors went and camped in Yehudah (Judah), and spread out around the town of Lehi. **10** But the men of Yehudah asked them, "Why have you all come here to attack us?"

"We've come to capture Shimshon (Samson)," they replied. "To give him some of his own back." **11** Then three thousand men from Yehudah went down to the crevice in Eytam's rock, and told Shimshon, "Don't you realise that the Pelishtim are ruling over us? Why are you causing more trouble for us?"

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to/for_her/it HERE to_father_of_my and_to_mother_of_my not I_have_told and_to_you will_I_tell. **17** And_she_wept on/upon/above_him/it the_seven_of the_days which it_ _belonged to/for_them the_feast and_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh and_he_told to/for_her/it if/because she_pressed_ _him and_she_told the_riddle to_the_sons_of her_people_of_ _her. **18** And_they_said to_him/it the_men_of the_city in_the_ _day the_seventh before_before (to)_the_sun it_went what is_ _sweet more_than_honey and_what is_strong more_than_a_lion and_he/it_said to/for_them if_not you(pl)_had_plowed with_ _heifer_of_my not you(pl)_found_out riddle_of_my. **19** And_it_ _rushed on/upon/above_him/it the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_ _he/it_descended 'Ashqəlōn and_he_struck_down from_them thirty man and_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ spoil(s)_of_their and_he/it_ _gave the_changes to_those_who_told_of (of)_the_riddle and_ anger_of_his _it_glowed/burnt and_he/it_ascended the_house_ _of his_father_of_his. **20** And_it_became the_wife_of Shimshvōn/(Samson) to_his_close_of_friend who he_was_a_ _special_friend to_him/it.

15:1 And_he/it_was from_days in_the_days_of the_harvest_of wheat(s) and_ Shimshvōn _he_visited ~~DOM~~ his/its_wife/woman with_a_kid_of goats and_he/it_said let_me_go into wife_of_my to_the_chamber and_not he_permitted_him father_of_her to_ _go. **2** And_ father_of_her _he/it_said really_(think) I_thought if/because_that utterly_(hate) you_hated_her and_I_gave_her to_your_close_of_friend not sister_of_is_her (the)_young good from_her/it let_her_belong please to/for_yourself(m) in_place_ _of_her. **3** And_he/it_said to/for_them Shimshvōn I_will_be_ _free the_time//this_time from_the_Pəlishtiy if/because I am_ _about_to_do with_them harm. **4** And_ Shimshvōn _he/it_went and_he_captured three hundred(s) foxes and_he/it_took torches and_he_turned tail to tail and_he/it_assigned a_torch one between the_two_of the_tails in_middle. **5** And_he_kindled fire on_torches and_he_sent_them among_the_standing_ _grain(s)_of the_Pəlishtiy and_it_burnt_up from_the_stack_of_ _sheaves and_unto the_standing_grain and_unto the_vineyard_ _of olive_tree[s]. **6** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_said who did_he_do this_thing and_they_said Shimshvōn/(Samson) the_son-in-law_ _of the_Timnite if/because he_has_taken ~~DOM~~ his/its_ _wife/woman and_he_has_given_her to_his_close_of_friend and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_went_up and_they_burnt her and_~~DOM~~ father_of_her with_fire. **7** And_he/it_said to/for_them Shimshvōn if you(pl)_will_do like_this if/because if I_have_ _avenged_myself on_you(pl) and_after I_will_cease. **8** And_he_ _defeated them leg with thigh a_defeat great and_he/it_ _descended and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_the_ _cleft_of the_rock_of ʿĒyṭām.

9 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_went_up and_they_encamped in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_were_spread_out at_Leḥī. **10** And_ the_man_of Yəhūdāh _they_said why have_you(pl)_come_up on_us and_they_said to_bind ~~DOM~~ Shimshvōn we_have_come_ _up for_doing to_him/it just_as he_did to/for_us. **11** And_ three_of thousand(s) man of_Yəhūdāh _they_went_down to the_cleft_of the_rock_of ʿĒyṭām and_they_said to_Shimshvōn not do_you_know if/because_that are_ruling over_us the_ _Pəlishtiy and_what this have_you_done to/for_ourselves and_ _he/it_said to/for_them just_as they_did to_me so I_have_done

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to/for_them. **12** And_they_said to_him/it to_bind_you we_
_have_come_down to_give_you in_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy
and_he/it_said to/for_them Shimshvōn/(Samson) swear to_me
lest you(pl)_should_fall on_me you(pl). **13** And_they_said to_
_him/it to_say no[9495] if/because only_(bind) we_will_bind_you
and_we_will_give_you in_hand_of_their and_certainly_(kill) not
we_will_kill_you and_they_bound_him with_two ropes new
and_they_brought_him_up from the_rock. **14** He was_coming to
Leḥī and_the_Pəlishtiy[969798] they_shouted to_meet_him and_it_
_rushed on/upon/above_him/it the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_ the_
_ropes which were_on arms_of_his _they_became like_flax(es)
which people_have_burnt with_fire and_ fetters_of_his _they_
_dropped_off from_under hands_of_his. **15** And_he_found a_
_jawbone_of a_donkey fresh and_he_stretched_out his/its_hand
and_he_took_it and_he_struck_down with_it a_thousand man.
16 And_ Shimshvōn _he/it_said with_the_jawbone_of the_
_donkey a_heap two_heaps with_the_jawbone_of the_donkey I_
_struck_down a_thousand man. **17** And_he/it_was just_as_he_
_finished to_speak and_he_threw the_jawbone from_hand_of_
_his and_he/it_called (to)_place (the)_that Ramath Leḥī.
18 And_he_was_thirsty very and_he/it_called to **YHWH** and_
_he_said you you_have_given by_the_hand_of your_servant_of_
_your ᴅᴏᴍ the_victory the_big/large/great(fs) (the)_this and_
_now I_will_die with_thirst and_I_will_fall in_the_hand_of the_
_uncircumcised_men. **19** And_ god _he_split_open ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_hollow_place which is_at_Leḥī and_they_went_out from_
_him/it waters and_he_drank and_ his/its_breath/wind/spirit _
_it_returned and_he_lived therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_
_called his/its_name En Hakkore which is_at_Leḥī until the_day
(the)_this. **20** And_he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrāʾ[ēl]/(Israel) in_the_days_
_of the_Pəlishtiy twenty year[s].

16:1 And_ Shimshvōn/(Samson) _he/it_went to_ʿAzzāh and_
_he/it_saw there a_woman a_prostitute and_he_went into_her.
2 To_Gazites to_say Shimshvōn he_has_come here and_they_
_surrounded and_they_lay_in_wait to_him/it all_of the_night
at_the_gate_of the_city and_they_were_silent all_of the_night
to_say until the_light_of the_morning and_we_will_kill_him.[99]
3 And_ Shimshvōn _he_lay_down until the_middle_of the_night
and_he/it_rose_up in_the_middle_of the_night and_he_took_
_hold on_the_doors_of the_gate_of the_city and_on_the_two_of
the_doorposts and_he_pulled_them_up with the_bar and_
_he/it_assigned on shoulders_of_his and_he_carried_them_up
to the_top_of the_mountain which is_on the_face_of Ḥevrōn.
4 And_he/it_was after thus and_he_loved a_woman in_the_
_valley_of Sōrēq and_name_of_her was_Dilīlāh. **5** And_they_
_went_up to_her/it the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_said
to/for_her/it entice him and_see how strength_of_is_his great
and_how will_we_prevail to_him/it and_we_will_bind_him to_

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"Just as they've done to me," he replied, "so I've done to them."
12 "We've come here to tie you up so we can hand you over to the Pelishtim," they said.
"Okay," Shimshon responded. "But promise me that you all won't injure me yourselves."
13 "No, however, we'll certainly tie you up," they replied, "and we'll hand you over to them. But truly we won't kill you." Then they tied him up with two new ropes and brought him up from the rocks.
14 When they'd taken him as far as Lehi, the Pelishtim shouted triumphantly when they saw him. Then Yahweh's spirit rose in Shimshon and the ropes around his arms just seemed as weak as burnt flax stalks when he simply snapped them off him. **15** He saw a fresh donkey's jawbone lying on the ground, and he reached out his hand and grabbed it, and he slaughtered a thousand Pelishti men with it. **16** Then Shimshon declared,

"With a donkey's jawbone, one heap, two heaps,
with a donkey's jawbone, I've slaughtered a thousand men."

17 When he finished reciting that, he hurled the jawbone away, and he called that place 'Ramat-Lehi' (which means 'jawbone hill').
18 Then he was very thirsty and cried out to Yahweh, "You yourself have given your servant this great victory, but now must I die with this thirst and get captured by those uncircumcised Pelishtim?" **19** So God split open the little hollow that's at Lehi, and water came out of it. When he drank, his strength returned and he revived. Because of that, he called it 'Eyn-Hakore' (which means 'the fountain of the one who called out'), which is in Lehi to this day. **20** And so Shimshon led Yisrael (Israel) for twenty years at the time of the Pelishti oppression.

Shimshon carries away the gates

16:1 Shimshon (Samson) went to Azah (Gaza) city and he saw a prostitute woman there so he went in to spend the night with her. **2** But the Gazim passed around the news, "Shimshon's in town." So they encircled the city gate and they laid in wait for him all night. They stayed quiet the whole night, saying, "We'll kill him when it gets light." **3** Shimshon stayed with her until the middle of the night, then he got up. He picked up both the gates including the cross-bar and their posts, and hoisted them up onto his shoulders, and he carried them up to the top of the hill which is in front of Hevron.

Shimshon and Dililah

4 Sometime after that, Shimshon (Samson) fell in love with a Pelishti woman named Dililah who lived in the Sorek valley. **5** The Pelishti leaders came to her and requested, "Make him open up. Find out

94 **LV 15:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
95 **LV 15:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
96 **LV 15:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
97 **LV 15:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
98 **LV 15:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.
99 **LV 16:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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what makes him strong, and how we can beat him, so that we can tie him up to keep him in our power. Then we'll each give you one thousand one hundred silver coins."

6 So Dililah asked Shimshon, "Please, tell me what makes you so strong, and how could someone tie you up to keep you in their power?"

7 "If they'd tie me up with seven green cords that haven't been dried," he replied, "then I'd become weak and be just like any other man."

8 So the Pelishti leaders brought her seven green cords that hadn't been dried, and she tied him up with them. **9** Now she had an ambush group ready in the next room when she said to him, "The Pelishtim are here to get you, Shimshon!" But he tore the cords to shreds just like a strip of flax fiber is torn to shreds when the fire reaches it, thus they didn't find out the secret of his strength. **10** Then Dililah said to him, "Listen, you deceived me and lied to me. Now tell me, please, how could someone tie you up?"

11 "Actually, if they would tie me with new ropes which have never been used," he replied, "I'd become weak and be just like any other man."

12 So Dililah took new cords and tied him up with them. She said to him, "The Pelishtim are here to get you, Shimshon!" with the ambush group staying in the next room. But he flicked them off his arms like they were just thread.

13 Then Dililah said to Shimshon, "So far you've just been deceitful to me and told me lies. Now Tell me how you can be tied up."

So he told her, "It's if you just weave seven locks of my hair into the loom."

14 So she did it and fastened it with the pin, and called out, "The Pelishtim are here to get you, Shimshon!" Then he woke up and ripped out the pin, the loom, and his hair from the fabric.

15 Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart isn't with me? You've been deceitful to me three times now, and you haven't revealed to me the secret of your amazing strength." **16** Day after day she nagged and pestered him until he was sick to death of hearing it. **17** So finally he told her his secret, "My hair has never been cut because I've been a Nazirite to God since my birth. If my head would be shaved, then my strength would leave me, and I'd become weak—I'd be just like any other man."

18 When Dililah perceived that he'd told her his deepest secret, she summoned the Pelishti leaders, "Come here one more time, because he's told me his secret." So the Pelishti leaders came, bringing the silver coins with them. **19** Then she made him fall

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_humble_him and_we we_will_give to/for_you(fs) each one_ _thousand and_one_hundred silver. **6** And_ Dilīlāh _she/it_said to Shimshvōn/(Samson) tell please to_me how strength_of_is_ _your great and_how will_you_be_bound to_humble_you. **7** And_he/it_said to_her/it Shimshvōn if people_will_bind_me with_seven cords fresh which not they_have_been_dried[100][101] and_I_will_be_weak and_I_will_be like_one the_humankind. **8** And_they_brought_up to/for_her/it the_rulers_of the_ _Pəlishtiy seven cords fresh which not they_had_been_dried and_she_bound_him with_them. **9** And_the_ambusher was_ _sitting to/for_her/it in_chamber and_she/it_said to_him/it the_Pəlishtiy are_on_you Oh_Shimshvōn and_he_tore_apart ~~ḌǪM~~ the_cords just_as (the)_cord_of (the)_tow it_is_torn_apart when_smells_it fire and_not strength_of_his it_was_known. **10** And_ Dilīlāh _she/it_said to Shimshvōn HERE you_have_ _deceived (in)_me and_you_have_spoken to_me lies now tell please to_me how will_you_be_bound. **11** And_he/it_said to_ _her/it if indeed_(bind) they_will_bind_me with_ropes new which not it_has_been_done in/among_them work and_I_will_ _be_weak and_I_will_be like_one the_humankind. **12** And_ Dilīlāh _she/it_took ropes new and_she_bound_him in/among_ _them and_she/it_said to_him/it the_Pəlishtiy are_on_you Oh_ _Shimshvōn/(Samson) and_the_ambusher was_sitting in_ _chamber and_he_tore_them_apart from_under arms_of_his like_thread. **13** And_ Dilīlāh _she/it_said to Shimshvōn until now you_have_deceived (in)_me and_you_have_spoken to_me lies tell to/for_me how will_you_be_bound and_he/it_said to_ _her/it if you_will_weave ~~ḌǪM~~ seven the_plaits_of my_head with the_web. **14** And_she_thrust with_pin and_she/it_said to_ _him/it the_Pəlishtiy are_on_you Oh_Shimshvōn and_he_awoke from_sleep_of_his and_he_pulled_out ~~ḌǪM~~ the_pin the_loom and_~~ḌǪM~~ the_web. **15** And_she/it_said to_him/it how will_you_ _say I_love_you and_heart_of_your not is_with_me this three times you_have_deceived (in)_me and_not you_have_told to/for_me how strength_of_is_your great. **16** And_he/it_was if/because she_pressed for_him/it with_words/messages_of_ _her all_of the_days and_she_urged_him and_ self_of_his _it_ _was_short to_die. **17** And_he_told to/for_her/it ~~ḌǪM~~ all_of his/its_heart and_he/it_said to/for_her/it a_razor not it_has_ _come_up on my_head if/because am_a_Nāzīr_of god I from_ _the_womb_of my_mother_of_my if I_was_shaved and_it_will_ _depart from_me strength_of_my and_I_will_be_weak and_I_ _will_be like_every_of the_humankind. **18** And_ Dilīlāh _she/it_ _saw[102][103] if/because_that he_had_told to/for_her/it ~~ḌǪM~~ all_of his/its_heart and_she_sent and_she/it_called/named (to)_the_ _rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy to_say come_up the_time//this_time if/because he_has_told mmm[104] ~~ḌǪM~~ all_of his/its_heart and_ _they_came_up to_her/it the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_ _brought_up the_silver in_hand_of_their. **19** And_she_made_ _him_sleep on knees_of_her and_she/it_called/named (to)_man and_she_shaved_off ~~ḌǪM~~ seven the_plaits_of his/its_head and_

100 **LV 16:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

101 **LV 16:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

102 **LV 16:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

103 **LV 16:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

104 **LV 16:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: לי/ה: (x-qere) לִי: lemma_l n_1.0 morph_HR/Sp1cs id_07TmX

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_she_began to_humble_him and_ strength_of_his _it_departed from_on_him. **20** And_she/it_said the_Pəlishtiy are_on_you Oh_ _Shimshvōn/(Samson) and_he_awoke from_sleep_of_his and_ _he/it_said I_will_go_out as_time on_time and_I_will_shake_ _myself_free and_he not he_knew if/because_that **YHWH** he_ _had_departed from_with_him. **21** And_they_seized_him the_ _Pəlishtiy and_they_gouged_out ~~DOM~~ eyes_of_his and_they_ _brought_down him to_ʿAzzāh and_they_bound_him with_ _(the)_fetters and_he/it_was grinding in_house_of the[105]. **22** And_ the_hair_of his/its_head _it_began to_grow_back just_ _as it_had_been_shaved.

23 And_the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy they_gathered[106] to_ _sacrifice a_sacrifice great to_Dāgōn god_of_their and_for_joy and_they_said god_of_our he_has_given in_hand_of_our ~~DOM~~ Shimshvōn enemies_of_our. **24** And_ the_people _they_saw ~~DOM~~_him/it and_they_praised ~~DOM~~ god_of_their if/because they_said god_of_our he_has_given in_hand_of_our ~~DOM~~ enemy_of_our and_~~DOM~~ the_one_who_desolates_of land_of_our and_which he_has_multiplied ~~DOM~~ our_slain_of_ones. **25** And_ _he/it_was wwww wwww[107] heart_of_their and_they_said summon (to)_Shimshvōn/(Samson) so_that_he_may_make_ _sport to/for_us and_they_summoned (to)_Shimshvōn from_ _the_house_of the[108] and_he_made_sport before_them and_ _they_made_stand him between pillars. **26** And_he/it_said Shimshvōn to the_young_man who_kept_hold in_his/its_hand permit me and[109] ~~DOM~~ the_pillars which the_house is_ _established on_them so_that_I_may_lean on_them. **27** And_ _the_house was_full (the)_men and_(the)_women and_were_ _there_(to) all_of the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy and_were_on the_ _roof about_three_of thousand(s) man and_woman who_were_ _looking when_ Shimshvōn _sported. **28** And_ Shimshvōn _ _he/it_called to **YHWH** and_he_said my_master **YHWH** remember_me please and_strengthen_me please only the_ _time//this_time the_this the_ʾElohīm so_that_I_may_avenge_ _myself vengeance_of one of_the_two_of eyes_of_my from_the_ _Pəlishtiy. **29** And_ Shimshvōn _he_twisted ~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_ _pillars_of the_middle which the_house was_established on_ _them and_he_supported_himself on_them one was_in_his_ _right_of_hand and_one was_in_his_left_of_hand. **30** And_ Shimshvōn/(Samson) _he/it_said life_of_my let_it_die with the_Pəlishtiy and_he_stretched_out with_strength and_ the_ _house _it_fell on the_rulers and_on all_of the_people which in/on/over_him/it and_ the_dead whom he_killed in_death_of_ _his _they_were many more_than_those_whom he_had_killed in_life_of_his. **31** And_ brothers_of_his and_all the_household_ _of his_father_of_his _they_went_down and_they_carried ~~DOM~~_ _him/it and_they_brought_him_up and_they_buried him between Tsorʿāh/(Zorah) and_between ʾEshtāʾol in_the_tomb_ _of Mānōaḥ his/its_father and_he he_had_judged ~~DOM~~ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) twenty year[s].

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asleep on her knees, and she called in a man to shave off his seven locks of hair, causing him to start to weaken, and his additional strength left him. **20** Then she said, "The Pelishtim are here to get you, Shimshon!" He woke up and thought to himself, "I'll escape like all the other times and I'll shake myself loose." But he didn't know that Yahweh had left him. **21** So the Pelishtim seized him, and they gouged out his eyes. They brought him to Azah (Gaza) and chained him with a pair of bronze shackles, then they put him to work in prison grinding grain. **22** However, over time his hair began to grow back again.

Shimshon's death

23 Some time later, the Pelishti leaders gathered together for a celebration and to offer a large sacrifice to their god Dagon, saying, "Our god has helped us capture our terrible enemy, Shimshon (Samson)." **24** When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, "Our god has helped us capture our enemy—the devastator of our region who killed so many of us." **25** Later in the celebration when the drink had liberated their thinking, they said, "Call for Shimshon so he can entertain us." So they brought Shimshon in from the prison and taunted him to get them all laughing. They made him stand among the pillars of the building **26** and he asked the servant who was guiding him by the hand, "Place my hands against the two pillars holding up the building so I can lean on them." **27** The building was full of the men and the women, including the Pelishti leaders. On the roof there were about three thousand men and women watching the entertainment with Shimshon.

28 Then Shimshon called out to Yahweh, "My master Yahweh, please remember me. Strengthen me please, just this time, oh God, so that I can avenge myself by one last act of vengeance on the Pelishtim to make them pay for my two eyes." **29** Then he took hold of the two centre pillars on which the building depended, and pressed out against them—one in his right hand and one in his left. **30** Then he exclaimed, "Let me die with the Pelishtim!" He stretched out with his strength and the building fell on their leaders and all of the people in it. So he killed more people at his death than he had killed during his life.

31 Then his brothers and all his father's household went to Azah (Gaza) and carried his body back. They buried him between Tsor'ah and Eshtaol in the burial place of his father Manoah. He had helped Yisrael (Israel) for twenty years.

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105 LV 16:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ים֥רי֖סא/ה: (x-qere) 'ם֥יר֖וֹסָא/ה': lemma_d/631 n_0 morph_HTd/Vqsmpa id_07oxz ם֥יר֖וֹסָא/ה

106 LV 16:23 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

107 LV 16:25 · Note OSHB variant note: בוט יכ: (x-qere) 'בֻּ֥ט/כִּ': lemma_k/2896 a morph_HR/Vqc id_07URH בֻּ֥ט/כִּ

108 LV 16:25 · Note OSHB variant note: ים֥רי֖סא/ה: (x-qere) 'ם֥יר֖וֹסָא/ה': lemma_d/631 n_0.1.1 morph_HTd/Vqsmpa id_07yyH ם֥יר֖וֹסָא/ה

109 LV 16:26 · Note OSHB variant note: ינ/שמיה/ו: (x-qere) 'יֵנ֣/שְׁמֵ֔ה/ו': lemma_c/4184 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Vhv2ms/Sp1cs id_07nfk יֵנ֣/שְׁמֵ֔ה/ו

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The false gods of Mikiyas

17:1 Now there was a man named Mikah from the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim) **2** who admitted to his mother, "Those eleven hundred silver coins that were taken from you—when you made a curse, and even said it when I was listening, well listen, I've got it all—I took it myself."

His mother said, "May Yahweh bless you, my son." **3** Then he brought back the eleven hundred silver coins to his mother and she declared, "I will certainly consecrate the money to Yahweh for my son's benefit. Take it and we'll use it to have one statue carved and another cast." **4** So after the money had been returned, his mother gave two hundred silver coins to a silversmith. He made a carved figure and one cast from a mould, and they were placed in Mikah's house.

5 Now that Mikah had a shrine with gods in it, he made some priestly robes and some household gods, and consecrated one of his sons as his priest. **6** In those days, Yisrael (Israel) didn't have a king—each person would do whatever seemed right to them.

7 Now there was a young Levite man from the family of Yehudah (Judah)[110] who'd been staying in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) (in Yehudah). **8** He left Beyt-Lehem to find another place to say, and on his way, he ended up arriving at Mikah's place in the Efrati hill country. **9** "Where have you come from?" Mikah asked him.

"I'm a Levite from Beyt-Lehem in Yehudah," he replied, "and I'm trying to find a good place to stay a while."

10 "Stay with me," said Mikah, "and be like a father and a priest to me. I'll give you ten silver coins a year as well as board and clothing." So the Levite man went in **11** and agreed to stay with Mikah, eventually becoming like one of Mikah's own sons. **12** Mikah ordained the Levite, and the young man became like a priest to him, and lived in his house. **13** "Now I know that Yahweh will make everything go well for me," Mikah said, "because I have this Levite as a priest."

The Danim settle in Layish

18:1 In those days, Yisrael (Israel) didn't have a king. The tribe of Dan was looking for land to settle in, because up until then, they hadn't been able to claim their allocated region among the Israeli tribes. **2** So the Danim sent out five capable men (from Tsor'ah and from Eshtaol) to scout out the region and explore it. They had told them, "Go and explore the area." They came to the Efrati hill country, as far as Mikah's house, and spent the night there. **3** They'd been near Mikah's house when they recognized the voice of the young Levite man. So they'd gone in there and they asked him, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What do you get here?"

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17:1 And_he/it_was a_man from_hill of_'Efrayim and_his/its_ _name was_Mīkāhū. **2** And_he/it_said to_mother_of_his one_ _thousand and_one_hundred the_silver which it_was_taken to/for_you(fs) and[111] you_uttered_a_curse and_also you_said in_ears_of_my HERE the_silver is_with_me I I_took_it and_ his/its_mother _she/it_said son_of_my be_blessed to/for_ _**YHWH**. **3** And_he_brought_back ~~DOM~~ the_one_thousand and_ _one_hundred the_silver to_mother_of_his and_ his/its_mother _she/it_said surely_(consecrate) I_consecrate ~~DOM~~ the_silver to/for_**YHWH** from_hand_of_my for_son_of_my to_make a_ _carved_image and_a_molten_image and_now I_will_return_it to/for_you(fs). **4** And_he_brought_back ~~DOM~~ the_silver to_ _mother_of_his and_ his/its_mother _she/it_took two_hundred silver and_she_gave_it to_silversmith and_he_made_it a_ _carved_image and_a_molten_image and_he/it_was in_house_ _of Mīkāhū. **5** And_the_man Mīkāh to_him/it a_house_of god and_he/it_made an_ephod and_teraphim and_he_filled ~~DOM~~ the_hand_of one of_sons_of_his and_he/it_was to_him/it (into)_a_priest. **6** In_the_days the_those there_was_not a_king in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) everyone the_right in_eyes_of_his he_did. **7** And_he/it_was a_young_man from_Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh/(Judah) from_the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh and_he was_a_ _Lēviyyiy and_he was_sojourning there. **8** And_ the_man _ _he/it_went from_the_city from_Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh to_sojourn in_where he_will_find and_he_came the_ _hill_country_of 'Efrayim to the_house_of Mīkāh for_doing its_ _road/course. **9** And_he/it_said to_him/it Mīkāh from_where do_you_come and_he/it_said to_him/it am_a_Lēviyyiy I from_ _Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh and_I am_going to_sojourn in_where I_will_find. **10** And_he/it_said to_him/it Mīkāh remain with_me and_become to_me (into)_a_father and_(into)_ _a_priest and_I I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) ten_of silver to_ _days and_an_order_of garments and_sustenance_of_your and_ the_Lēviyyiy _he/it_went. **11** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _he_was_ _willing to_dwell with the_man and_ the_young_man _he/it_ _was to_him/it like_one of_sons_of_his. **12** And_ Mīkāh _he_ _filled ~~DOM~~ the_hand_of the_Lēviyyiy and_he/it_was to_him/it the_young_man (into)_a_priest and_he/it_was in_house_of Mīkāh. **13** And_ Mīkāh _he/it_said now I_know if/because_that **YHWH** he_will_do_good to_me if/because he_has_become to_ _me the_Lēviyyiy (into)_a_priest.

18:1 In_the_days the_those there_was_not a_king in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_in_days the_those the_tribe_of the_ _Danite[s] was_seeking to_him/it an_inheritance to_dwell_in if/because not it_had_fallen for_him/it until the_day (the)_that in_the_middle the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (in)_an_ _inheritance. **2** And_ the_descendants_of Dān _they_sent from_ _tribe_of_their five men from_ends_of_their men sons_of strength from_Tsor'āh/(Zorah) and_from_'Eshtā'ol to_spy_out ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_to_explore_it and_they_said to_them go explore ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_they_came the_hill_ _country_of 'Efrayim to the_house_of Mīkāh and_they_spent_ _the_night there. **3** They were_near the_house_of Mīkāh and_ _they they_recognized ~~DOM~~ the_voice_of the_young_man the_ _Lēviyyiy and_they_turned_aside there and_they_said to_

110 RV 17:7 · Note Maybe one parent was from the tribe of Levi and one from Yehudah?

111 LV 17:2 · Note OSHB variant note: יִרְתָּא/וְ: (x-qere) תָּאָ/וְ'; lemma_c/859 c morph_HC/Pp2fs id_07bTH תָּאָ/וְ ׃

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_him/it who did_he_bring_you here and_what are_you doing in_this_place and_what belongs_to_you here. 4 And_he/it_said to_them like_this and_like_this he_has_done to_me Mīkāh and_ _he_has_hired_me and_I_have_become to_him/it (into)_a_ _priest. 5 And_they_said to_him/it enquire please by_god so_ _that_we_may_know will_ journey_of_our which we are_going on_it _it_succeed. 6 And_he/it_said to/for_them the_ _priest/officer go to_peace is_in_front_of **YHWH** way_of_ _your(pl) which you(pl)_go in_it. 7 And_ the_five_of the_men _ _they_went and_they_came to_Layish and_they_saw ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _people which was_in_midst_of_its dwelling to_security according_to_the_custom_of the_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) at_peace and_secure and_there_was_not one_who_put_to_shame anything on_the_earth one_who_possessed oppression and_ _were_far they from_the_Tsīdonī and_anything there_was_not to/for_them with anyone. 8 And_they_came to brothers_of_ _their Tsor´āh/(Zorah) and_'Eshtā'ol and_they_said to/for_ _them brothers_of_their what you(pl). 9 And_they_said arise and_let_us_go_up on_them if/because we_have_seen ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _earth/land and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_is_good very and_you(pl) are_being_inactive do_not hesitate to_go to_go to_take_ _possession_of ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land. 10 Just_as_you(pl)_go you(pl)_will_come to a_people secure and_the_earth is_broad_ _of both_sides if/because he_has_given_it god in_hand_of_ _your(pl) a_place where there_is_not there lack_of any_of thing which on_the_earth. 11 And_they_set_out from_there of_the_ _tribe_of of_the_Danite[s] from_Tsor´āh and_from_'Eshtā'ol six hundred(s) man girded weapons_of war. 12 And_they_went_up and_they_encamped at_Qiryat- yə´ārīm/(jearim) in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_called (to)_place (the)_that Mahaneh Dān until the_day the_this THERE behind Qiryat Yə´ārīm/(Jearim). 13 And_they_passed_ _through from_there the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_they_ _came to the_house_of Mīkāh. 14 And_ the_five_of the_men who_had_gone to_spy_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land Layish _they_ _answered and_they_said to brothers_of_their do_you(pl)_know if/because_that there_are in_houses the_these an_ephod and_ _teraphim a_carved_image and_a_molten_image and_now consider what will_you(pl)_do. 15 And_they_turned_aside there_(to) and_they_came to the_house_of the_young_man the_ _Lēviyyiy the_house_of Mīkāh and_they_asked to_him/it to_ _welfare. 16 And_six hundred(s) man girded the_weapons_of their_war_of_their were_standing the_entrance_of the_gate who from_(the)_sons of_Dān. 17 And_ the_five_of the_men who_had_gone to_spy_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land _they_went_up they_went there_(to) they_took ~~ĐOM~~ the_carved_image and_ _~~ĐOM~~ the_ephod and_~~ĐOM~~ the_teraphim and_~~ĐOM~~ the_molten_ _image and_the_priest was_standing the_entrance_of the_gate and_six hundred(s) the_man (the)_girded the_weapons_of (the)_war. 18 And_these they_went the_house_of Mīkāh and_ _they_took ~~ĐOM~~ the_carved_image_of the_ephod and_~~ĐOM~~ the_ _teraphim and_~~ĐOM~~ the_molten_image and_he/it_said to_them the_priest/officer what are_you(pl) doing. 19 And_they_said to_ _him/it keep_quiet put hand_of_your over mouth_of_your and_ _come with_us and_become to/for_us (into)_a_father and_ _(into)_a_priest good is_your_being a_priest of_the_house_of a_ _man one or being_your a_priest of_a_tribe and_of_a_clan in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 20 And_ the_heart_of the_priest/officer _it_

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4 Then he told them what Mikah had done for him, and how he'd hired him to be like his priest.

5 So they asked him, "Please find out from God if we'll have success on this expedition we're on."

6 "Continue on in peace," the priest said. "Yahweh has prepared everything ahead of you all."

7 Then the five men left and went on to Layish. They saw that the people there were living in confidence just like the Tsidonim (Sidonians) were—peacefully and feeling secure. No one in the region was causing trouble for them and they were very settled. They were far away from the Tsidonim and didn't interact with others. 8 Then they went back to their relatives in Tsor'ah and Eshtaol, who asked them, "How did it go?" 9 "Get ready immediately," they said, "so that we can go to battle against them! Because we've seen the land and listen, it's incredibly good. Don't just stay still here—you all need to take action to go in to take possession of the land.

10 When you go, you'll all come to a people living without suspicion of attack, and the land is spacious in all directions, because God will hand it over to you—a place where there's no lack of anything that's on the earth."

11 So six hundred Dani warriors left Tsor'ah and Eshtaol, carrying their weapons. 12 They set off and camped at Kiryat-Yearim in Yehudah (Judah). That's why they call that place Mahaneh-Dan (meaning 'Dan's camp') to this day—it's back behind Kiryat-Yearim. 13 From there, they crossed over into the Efrati hill country, eventually arriving near Mikah's house.

14 Then the five men who had been here previously scouting out the land said to their group, "Do you know that there's a house here with a gear for priests, family idols, a carved image, and a cast image? So now, consider what you should do." 15 So they turned off the main path and they came to the place with the young Levite man in Mikah's house, and they asked about his welfare. 16 The six hundred Dani men stayed outside at the gate, holding their weapons.

17 The five men who'd gone to scout out the land went in around the back. They took the carved image, the priest's gear, the family idols, and the cast image, while the priest was standing at the entrance of the gate along with the six hundred armed men. 18 When the priest saw them bringing out all the religious objects, he demanded, "What's going on?"

19 "Stay quiet," they told him. "Put your hand over your mouth and come with us, and be like a father and a priest for us. Is it better to be a priest for only one household, or to be a priest for a whole related tribe in Yisrael (Israel)?" 20 The priest liked that idea, so he went along with them—taking the priestly gear and the household idols, and the carved image.

21 Then they went back to the main path and continued on their way with the children, animals, and those carrying the valuable property going in front. 22 When they'd already gone quite some distance from Mikah's house, Mikah and his neighbours gathered together, then the men ran in a group and

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caught up with the Danim. **23** They called out to the Danim who turned around to face them and asked Mikah, "What's the matter? Why has this group come together?" **24** "You all took my gods that I made," Mikah replied, "And the priest. Then you disappeared and I had nothing left. So how can you all ask me what the matter is!"

25 "I wouldn't say too much if I was you," he was told. "Otherwise some of our more fiery men might start to get a bit hostile, then you'd bring about your own death, and that of your companions!" **26** Then Mikah realised that they were too strong for them, so they turned back around and went home.

So the Danim continued onward, **27** taking with them the things that Mikah had made, as well as his priest. They came to Layish where the unsuspecting people were living peaceably, and they slaughtered them with their swords and burnt down the city. **28** No one came to rescue them because it was a long way from Tsidon (Sidon) and they did have much involvement with them anyway. (Layish was in the valley near Beyt-Rehov.) They rebuilt the city and then moved into it. **29** They named the rebuilt city Dan (instead of Layish) in honour of their ancestor Dan who was one of Yisrael's (Israel's) sons. **30** The Danim mounted the carved image for themselves to worship. Yonatan (Jonathan) (Gereshom's son from Menasheh (Manasseh)) became the priest for the Danim (and then his descendants until when the people were eventually exiled from the region). **31** So they set up the carved image that Mikah had made and worshipped it the whole time that God's tent was at Shiloh.

The Levite and his slave-wife

19:1 In those days when there was no king over Yisrael (Israel), there was a Levite man who was staying in the remotest parts of the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim). He took a slave-wife for himself from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) in Yehudah (Judah). **2** However, she started sleeping around, and then she left him and went to her father's house in Beyt-Lehem where she ended up staying for four months. **3** Then her husband got organised and went after her—to sweet-talk her and persuade her to return with him. He took a young servant man and a team of donkeys. She invited her husband into her father's house, and when her father saw him, he was glad to meet him. **4** His father-in-law (her father) in-

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_was_good and_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_ephod and_~~DOM~~ the_ _teraphim and_~~DOM~~ the_carved_image and_he_went in_the_ _midst_of the_people. **21** And_they_turned and_they_went and_ _they_put ~~DOM~~ the_little_one[s] and_~~DOM~~ the_livestock and_~~DOM~~ the_valuable[s] before_them. **22** They they_had_gone_far_away from_the_house_of Mīkāh and_the_men who were_in_houses which were_near the_house_of Mīkāh they_were_called_ _together and_they_overtook ~~DOM~~ the_descendants_of Dān. **23** And_they_called_out to the_descendants_of Dān and_they_ _turned faces_of_their and_they_said to_Mīkāh what is_to_you that/for/because/then/when you_have_been_called_together. **24** And_he/it_said ~~DOM~~ gods_of_my which I_made you(pl)_have_ _taken and_~~DOM~~ the_priest/officer and_you(pl)_have_gone and_ _what to/for_me still and_why this are_you(pl)_saying to_me what is_to_you. **25** And_they_said to_him/it the_descendants_of Dān do_not make_heard voice_of_your with_us lest they_ _should_fall on_you(pl) men bitter_of self and_you_will_gather life_of_your and_the_life_of your_household_of_your. **26** And_ the_descendants_of Dān _they_went to_way_of_their and_ Mīkāh _he/it_saw if/because_that were_too_strong they from_ _him/it and_he_turned and_he_returned to house_of_his. **27** And_they they_took ~~DOM~~ that_which Mīkāh he_had_made and_~~DOM~~ the_priest/officer who he_belonged to_him/it and_ _they_came to Layish to a_people at_peace and_secure and_ _they_struck_down them to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_~~DOM~~ the_city they_burnt with_fire. **28** And_there_was_not a_ _deliverer if/because was_far it from_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_ _anything there_belonged_not to/for_them with anyone and_ _she was_in_valley which belongs_to_Bēyt- rehob and_they_ _rebuilt ~~DOM~~ the_city and_they_lived in_it. **29** And_they_called the_name_of the_city Dān in/on_name_of Dān ancestor_of_ _their who he_was_born to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_but was_Layish the_name_of the_city to_time. **30** And_they_set_up to/for_them the_descendants_of Dān ~~DOM~~ the_carved_image and_ _Yōnātān/(Jonathan) the_son_of Gērəshom the_son_of wwww[112] he and_sons_of_his they_were priests of_the_tribe_of of_the_Danite[s] until the_day_of the_earth/land went_into_ _exile. **31** And_they_set_up to/for_them ~~DOM~~ the_carved_image_ _of Mīkāh which he_had_made all_of the_days_of the_being of_ _the_house_of the_'Elohīm in_Shiloh.

19:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days the_those and_a_king there_ _was_not in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_was a_man a_Lēviyyiy sojourning in_the_remotest_parts_of the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_he/it_took to_him/it a_woman a_concubine from_Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** And_she_ _was_angry on/upon/above_him/it concubine_of_his and_she_ _went from_with_him to the_house_of her_father_of_her to Bēyt- leḥem Yəhūdāh and_it_became there days four months. **3** And_ her/its_husband/man _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went after_her to_speak to her/its_heart mmm[115] and_servant_of_ _his with_him/it and_a_pair_of donkeys and_she_brought_him the_house_of her_father_of_her and_he_saw_him the_father_of the_young_woman and_he_rejoiced to_meet_him. **4** And_he_ _took_hold in/on/over_him/it father-in-law_of_his the_father_

112 LV 18:30 · Note OSHB note: Suspended letter(s). Shown as suspended letters without a superscript note number.

115 LV 19:3 · Note OSHB variant note: וּ/בישה/ל: (x-qere) הִ֫בִישָׁה/לְ': lemma_l/7725 n_1.1 morph_HR/Vhc/Sp3fs id_079hY הִ֫בִישָׁה/לְ

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_of the_young_woman and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived with_him/it three_of days and_they_ate and_they_drank and_ _they_spent_the_night there. **5** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_ _fourth and_they_rose_early in_morning and_he/it_rose_up to_ _go and_ the_father_of the_young_woman _he/it_said to son-in-law_of_his sustain heart_of_your a_piece_of bread and_ _after you(pl)_will_go. **6** And_they_lived and_ both_of_them _ _they_ate together and_they_drank and_ the_father_of the_ _young_woman _he/it_said to the_man be_willing please and_ _spend_the_night and_ heart_of_your _let_it_be_good. **7** And_ the_man _he/it_rose_up to_go and_he_urged in/on/over_ _him/it father-in-law_of_his and_he_returned and_he_spent_ _the_night there. **8** And_he_rose_early in_morning in_the_day (the)_fifth to_go and_he/it_said the_father_of the_young_ _woman sustain please heart_of_your and_delay until the_day declines and_ the_two_of_of_them _they_ate. **9** And_he/it_rose_ _up the_man to_go he and_concubine_of_his and_servant_of_ _his and_he/it_said to_him/it father-in-law_of_his the_father_ _of the_young_woman HERE please the_day it_is_sinking to_ _become_evening spend_the_night please HERE the_day to_ _decline spend_the_night here and_ heart_of_your _let_it_be_ _good and_you(pl)_will_rise_early tomorrow for_journey_of_ _your(pl) and_you_will_go to_tent_of_your. **10** And_not the_ _man he_was_willing to_spend_the_night and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went and_he_came to opposite Yəvūş/(Jebus) that is_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_were_with_him a_pair_of donkeys saddled and_concubine_of_his with_him/it. **11** They were_near Yəvūş/(Jebus) and_the_day it_had_gone_down exceedingly and_ the_servant _he/it_said to master(s)_of_his come please and_let_us_turn_aside to the_city_of the_Yəvūşī (the)_this and_let_us_spend_the_night in_it. **12** And_he/it_said to_him/it master(s)_of_his not we_will_turn_aside to a_city foreign who not from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they and_ _we_will_pass_on to Giv˝āh. **13** And_he/it_said to_servant_of_ _his come[116][117] and_let_us_drew_near at_one_of the_places and_we_will_spend_the_night in_Giv˝āh or in_Rāmāh. **14** And_ _they_passed_on and_they_went and_it_went to/for_them the_ _sun beside (the)_Giv˝āh which belongs_to_Binyāmīn. **15** And_ _they_turned_aside there to_go to_spend_the_night in_Giv˝āh and_he_went and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_the_ _open_square_of the_city and_there_was_not anyone who_was_ _receiving them to_the_house to_spend_the_night. **16** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man old was_coming from work_of_his from the_field in_evening and_the_man from_hill of_'Efrayim and_he was_sojourning in_Giv˝āh and_the_men_of the_place were_Ben-_of jaminites. **17** And_he_lifted_up eyes_of_his and_ _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_man who_was_travelling in_the_open_ _square_of the_city and_he/it_said the_man[118][119] (the)_old where are_you_going and_from_where are_you_coming. **18** And_he/it_said to_him/it we are_passing from_Bēyt-food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to the_remotest_parts_of the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim from_there I and_I_went to Bēyt-

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sisted on offering hospitality, so they ate and drank, and he stayed the night, and ended up staying for three days. **5** Then on the fourth day, they got up early and the Levite prepared to leave, but his father-in-law urged him to eat before they left.

6 So the two of them ate and drank together, and then the woman's father said, "Please stay another night. Relax and have a good time."

7 The man got ready to leave, however his father-in-law persisted, so he stayed another night there. **8** He got up early in the morning on the fifth day to get ready to leave, but the father of the young woman said, "Get some energy first." So they waited until later in the day, and then the two of them ate.

9 When the man stood up to go with his slave-wife and his young man, his father-in-law said, "Listen, the day's coming to an end soon. Please stay the night. See, it'll be getting dark soon. Spend the night here and be happy. Then make an early start tomorrow for your journey home."

10 But the man from the tribe of Levi didn't want to stay another night. He put saddles on his two donkeys, and started to go with his slave-wife and his servant toward Yevus city (now called Yerushalem (Jerusalem)).

11 They got close to Yevus and the daylight had mostly gone, so the young man said to his master, "Come, please, we should turn aside into this city of the Yevusim so we can spend the night there." **12** "We won't go into a city of foreigners," his master replied. "There's no Israelis there. Better to keep going until we reach Giveah." **13** Then he added, "Yes, let's keep going to reach either Giveah or Ramah to spend the night in." **14** So they passed Yevus and went on, but the sun went down as they neared Giveah (in Benyamite territory) **15** so they went into Giveah to spend the night there. They went and sat in the open plaza of the city, but no one invited them into their home for the night.

16 But then in late evening, an old man came in from his work in the field. He was from the Efrati hill country but currently staying in the Giveah area where the residents were Benyamites. **17** He looked up and noticed them in the open plaza of the city and asked the man, "Where are you going, and where have you come from?"

18 "We're passing through from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) in Yehudah (Judah)," the Levite replied. "Going to the remote parts of the Efrati hill country where I'm from. I went to Beyt-Lehem, and I'm going to Shiloh where Yahweh's house is. However, no one here has invited us into their home. **19** We have our own food and straw for our donkeys, and enough food and wine for the three of us so we don't need anything else.

20 "Peace to you all," said the old man. "Let me supply every-

116 LV 19:13 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

117 LV 19:13 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

118 LV 19:17 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

119 LV 19:17 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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thing you need—only don't spend the night here in the square."
21 Then he took them to his house and fed their donkeys. They
washed their feet, and they all ate and drank. **22** They were hav-
ing a good time, but suddenly the men of the city—wicked
men—had surrounded the house—pounding repeatedly on the
door. They called out to the old man who owned the house,
"Hey, bring out the man who came to your place, so we can have
fun with him."[113][114] **23** The man who owned the house went out
to them and said to them, "No, my brothers, please you mustn't
act wickedly. That man is a guest in my house—you all mustn't
do this disgraceful thing. **24** My virgin daughter and his
slave-wife are here. Please let me bring *them* out so you can rav-
ish them and do whatever you want to them. But don't do that
wicked thing to that man." **25** But the men weren't willing to lis-
ten to him, so the man pushed his slave-wife out to them and
they raped her and abused her the whole night until the morn-
ing, when they discarded her as it began to dawn.
26 The woman managed to get herself back to the house where
her master was, and collapsed at the entrance until it got light.
27 When her master got up and he opened the door to go and
continue on his trip, look, his slave-wife had fallen at the en-
trance and her hands were on the threshold. **28** "Get up," he told
her. "Let's go." But she didn't answer, so he put her on his don-
key and headed home. **29** When he arrived, he got a knife and
hacked his wife's body into twelve pieces (including the bones),
and he sent them to various places spread across all of Yisrael's
(Israel's) territory. **30** Then everyone who saw a piece said,
"Nothing has ever happened like this before—we've never seen
anything like this from the time that the Israelis left Mitsrayim
(Egypt) until now. What do we need to do about it? Speak up and
make a plan."

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leḥem Yəhūdāh and_ĐØM the_house_of **YHWH** I am_going and_
_there_was_not anyone who_was_receiving me to_the_house.
19 And_also straw as_well_as fodder there_are for_donkeys_of_
_our and_also food and_wine there_are to_me and_for_
_maidservant_of_your and_for_servant with your_servants
there_is_not lack_of any_of thing. **20** And_ the_man (the)_old _
_he/it_said peace to/for_you(fs) certainly all_of lack_of_your
is_on_me only in_square do_not spend_the_night. **21** And_he_
_brought_him to_house_of_his and_he_fed[120][121][122] (to)_
_donkeys and_they_washed feet_of_their and_they_ate and_
_they_drank. **22** They were_making_good ĐØM heart_of_their
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_men_of the_city men_of sons_of
worthlessness they_surrounded ĐØM the_house beating_
_violently on the_door and_they_said to the_man the_master_
_of the_house (the)_old to_say bring_out ĐØM the_man who he_
_came to house_of_your so_that_we_may_know_him. **23** And_
_he/it_went_out to_them the_man the_master_of the_house
and_he/it_said to_them no my_brothers_of_my do_not do_evil
please after that the_man the_this he_has_come not house_of_
_my[123] do_not do ĐØM the_disgraceful_folly (the)_this. **24** HERE
daughter_of_my the_virgin and_concubine_of_his let_me_
_bring_out please them and_afflict them and_do to/for_them
the_good in_eyes_of_your(pl) and_to_man the_this not you(pl)_
_must_do the_thing_of (the)_disgraceful_folly (the)_this.
25 And_not the_men they_were_willing to_listen to_him/it
and_ the_man _he_took_hold on_concubine_of_his and_he_
_brought_her_out to_them (the)_outside and_they_knew her
and_they_abused (in)_her all_of the_night until the_morning
and_they_let_her_go in/on/at/with[124] the_dawn. **26** And_ the_
_woman _she_came to_ of_the_morning _the_turning and_she_
_fell the_entrance_of the_house_of the_man where master(s)_
_of_her was_there until the_light. **27** And_ master(s)_of_her _
_he/it_rose_up in_morning and_he_opened the_doors_of the_
_house and_he/it_went_out to_go to_way_of_his and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_woman concubine_of_his was_falling
the_entrance_of the_house and_hands_of_her were_on the_
_threshold. **28** And_he/it_said to_her/it get_up and_let_us_go
and_there_was_not one_who_answered and_he_took_her on
the_donkey and_ the_man _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to_
_place_of_his. **29** And_he_came to house_of_his and_he/it_took
ĐØM the_knife and_he_took_hold on_concubine_of_his and_he_
_cut_her_in_pieces to_bones_of_her into_two_plus ten pieces
and_he_sent_her_out in_all_of the_territory_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).
30 And_it_was every_of (the)_one_who_saw and_saying(ms) not
it_has_occurred and_not like_this it_has_been_seen (to)_from_
_the_day_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) came_up from_the_
_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) until the_day the_this set to/for_
_you(pl) on/upon_it(f) make_a_plan and_speak.

113 RV 19:22 · Note Of course, everyone understood that their aim was to sodomise him.

114 RV 19:22-24 · Cross-ref. Gen 19:5-8.

120 LV 19:21 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

121 LV 19:21 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

122 LV 19:21 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

123 LV 19:23 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

124 LV 19:25 · Note OSHB variant note: תולע/ב: (x-qere) תֹולֲעַ/כ׳: lemma_k/5927 morph_HR/Vqc id_07mev תֹולֲעַ/כ

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20:1 And_ all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_went_out and_ the_congregation _it_was_assembled like_a_man one (to)_ _from_Dān and_unto Bə'ēr Shevaʿ and_the_land_of (the)_Gilʿād to **YHWH** (the)_Mitspāh. **2** And_ the_corners_of all_of the_ _people all_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_presented_ _themselves in_the_assembly_of the_people_of the_'Elohīm four hundred(s) thousand man on_foot who_drew a_sword. **3** And_ the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_heard if/because_ _that the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_gone_up (the)_ _Mitspāh and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said speak how the_evil (the)_this did_it_occur. **4** And_ the_man the_ _Lēviyyiy the_husband_of the_woman (the)_murdered _he_ _answered and_he_said to_(the)_Givʿāh which belongs_to_ _Binyāmīn I and_concubine_of_my I_came to_spend_the_night. **5** And_they_rose_up on_me the_citizens_of (the)_Givʿāh and_ _they_surrounded on_me ~~DOM~~ the_house night me they_ _intended to_kill and_~~DOM~~ concubine_of_my they_abused and_ _she_died. **6** And_I_took_hold on_concubine_of_my and_I_cut_ _her_in_pieces and_I_sent_her_off in_all the_land_of the_ _inheritance_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_have_done wickedness and_disgraceful_folly in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** HERE of_ _you_of_all Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) give to/for_you(pl) a_ _message and_counsel here. **8** And_ all_of the_people _he/it_ _rose_up like_a_man one to_say not we_will_go anyone to_tent_ _of_his and_not we_will_depart anyone to_house_of_his. **9** And_ _now this is_the_thing which we_will_do to_Givʿāh on/upon_ _it(f) by_lot. **10** And_we_will_take ten men to_hundred to_ _all/each/any/every the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_one_ _hundred to_thousand and_one_thousand to_thousand to_ _take/accept/receive provision[s] for_people for_doing to_ _coming_their to_Gevaʿ of_Binyāmīn according_to_all_of the_ _disgraceful_folly which it_did in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **11** And_ every_of (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_gathered to the_city like_a_man one united. **12** And_ the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_sent men in_all the_tribes_of Binyāmīn to_say what is_ _the_evil (the)_this which it_has_happened among_you(pl). **13** And_now give_up ~~DOM~~ the_men sons_of worthlessness who are_in_Givʿāh so_that_we_may_put_them_to_death and_so_ _that_we_may_remove evil from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_ _were_willing[125][126] of_Binyāmīn to_listen to_the_voice_of their_brothers_of_their the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** And_ the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_gathered from the_cities to_(the)_Givʿāh to_go_out for_battle with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_they_were_mustered the_descendants_ _of Binyāmīn in_the_day (the)_that from_the_cities twenty and_six thousand man who_drew a_sword apart_aside from_ _the_inhabitants_of (the)_Givʿāh who_they_were_mustered seven hundred(s) man chosen. **16** From_all the_people the_this seven hundred(s) man chosen impeded_of the_hand_of his_ _right_side_of_his all_of this was_slinging with_stone to the_ _single_hair and_not he_missed. **17** And_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_mustered apart_apart from_ _Binyāmīn four hundred(s) thousand man who_drew a_sword all_of this was_man_of war.

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The preparation of Israelis of war

20:1 Then all the Israelis from Dan in the north to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south, and even from Gilead across the Yarden (Jordan), came and assembled before Yahweh at Mitspah with one single, united purpose. **2** The leaders of all the Israeli tribes also came out to show their agreement with the assembly of the people of the true God: four hundred thousand warriors all carrying swords.

3 Meanwhile, the Benyamites had heard that the Israelis had gathered at Mitspah, and everyone asked, "Explain how this wicked thing came to happen."

4 So the Levite man (the husband of the woman who had been murdered) answered, "I went to the Giveah region (in Benyamin) with my slave-wife to spend the night. **5** The citizens of Giveah conspired together against me. They surrounded the house at night because of me, intending to kill me. Instead, they assaulted and abused my slave-wife so that she died. **6** I took my slave-wife's body back home and cut her in pieces, and I sent them out into every section of the territory that God gave Yisrael (Israel), because they've committed a heinous crime, and a disgrace to Yisrael. **7** Listen, all of you Israelis, what's your advice? What should we do about it?"

8 All the people agreed together and started saying, "We won't go back to our families. We won't return to our houses. **9** rather this is what we must do to Giveah: choose by lot who will fight against them. **10** Choose a tenth of our men to go and get supplies for the other warriors to travel to Giveah in Benyamin after what they did that outraged Yisrael. **11** So all Yisrael was united together against that city.

12 Then the Israeli tribes sent men across the Benyamite region to ask, "What's this evil thing that's been done among you? **13** So now, hand over those worthless men from the Giveah region so that we can put them to death and purge Yisrael of that evil." But the Benyamites weren't willing to take the advice of their Israeli relatives. **14** They came out of their cities and assembled at Giveah to the battle against the Israelis. **15** The Benyamites mobilised together twenty-six thousand men from their cities on that day, all carrying swords. In addition, seven hundred chosen men had been mobilised from the Giveah region. **16** Among all of those people were seven hundred chosen left-handers, each of whom could sling a stone at a hair without missing. **17** The Israelis (excluding Benyamites) mustered up for themselves four hundred thousand men—all expert warriors and all carrying swords.

125 LV 20:13 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'יְנֻבּ': lemma_1121 a morph_HNcmpc id_07Kvd יְנֻבּ

126 LV 20:13 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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The war to punish the Benyamites

18 The Israelis got ready and went to
Beyt-El (Bethel) and asked God, "Who
should lead us into battle with the Benyamites?"
"It should be Yehudah (Judah) out front," Yahweh responded.
19 So the Israelis set out in the morning and made camp near
Giveah. 20 Then they went out to battle against the
Benyamites—setting themselves up for the battle against them
at Giveah.
21 But the Benyamites led a surprise attack out of Giveah and
killed twenty-two thousand of the Israeli warriors. 22 However
the Israelis strengthened themselves and they continued to set
up for battle the next day at the same place.
23 Then the Israelis assembled and wept before Yahweh until
evening. They asked him, "Should we continue to attack and
battle against our cousins the Benyamites?"
"Go back against them," Yahweh replied. 24 So the Israelis went
back to battle against the Benyamites again on the second day.
25 Again the Benyamites came out from Giveah, and this time
they killed eighteen thousand Israeli swordsmen. 26 Then the Is-
raeli warriors and all the people went back to Beyt-El (Bethel).
They wept, and they sat there before Yahweh. They fasted that
day until the evening, then they offered burnt offerings and
peace offerings to Yahweh. 27 They asked Yahweh (because the
box containing the agreement with the true God was there in
those days 28 and Pinhas (son of Aharon's (Aaron's) son Eleazar)
was serving before it in those days), "Should we continue to go
to the battle once more against the our cousins the Benyamites,
or should we stop?"
"Go back again, because tomorrow I'll give you victory over
them," Yahweh responded.
29 So the Israelis placed groups of warriors in ambush all
around Giveah. 30 Then they took their positions now for the
third day against the Benyamites in Giveah. 31 When the
Benyamites came out from the city, they were lured away as
they began to strike down their enemies like the time before.
Around thirty Israelis were killed on the two roads—one going
to Beyt-El and the other to Giveah through the countryside.
32 Then the Benyamites said, "We're starting to defeat them, just
like before."
But the Israelis had said, "Let's flee so that we can draw them
away from the city and onto the roads." 33 Then the main group
of Israelis retreated and set up battle lines at Ba'al-Tamar, as the
ones hiding in ambush made a surprise attack from their places
in Ma'areh-Geva. 34 Ten thousand chosen Israeli warriors came
out in the sight of the Giveah region, and the battle was fierce,
but the Benyamites hadn't yet realised that disaster was about
to hit them. 35 Yahweh helped the Israelis to defeat the
Benyamites that day, and over twenty-five thousand Benyamite
swordsmen were killed 36 and they saw that they were defeated.
The Israelis had given ground to the Benyamites because they
had relied on the ambush placed around Giveah. 37 Then the
group hiding in ambush had rushed out and spread out around

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18 And_they_arose and_they_went_up Bēyt-ʾēl and_they_
_enquired by_god and_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_
_said who will_he_go_up to/for_ourselves at_first to_battle
with the_descendants_of Binyāmīn and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) will_at_the_first. 19 And_ the_people_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_arose in_morning and_they_encamped
on (the)_Giv˝āh. 20 And_ the_man_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_
_went_out to_battle with Binyāmīn and_they_deployed with_
_them the_man_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) battle to (the)_Giv˝āh.
21 And_ the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_went_out from
(the)_Giv˝āh and_they_destroyed among_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_
_the_day (the)_that two and_twenty thousand man ground_to_
the. 22 And the_people the_man_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _it_
_showed_itself_strong and_they_repeated to_deploy battle in_
_place where they_had_deployed there in_the_day (the)_first.
23 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_went_up and_
_they_wept to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** until
the_evening and_they_enquired by_**YHWH** to_say will_I_repeat
to_draw_near for_battle with the_descendants_of Binyāmīn
my_brother/kindred and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said go_up to_him/it.
24 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_drew_near to the_
_descendants_of Binyāmīn in_the_day the_second. 25 And_
Binyāmīn _he/it_went_out to_meet_them from (the)_Giv˝āh in_
_the_day the_second and_they_destroyed among_the_people_
_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) again eight-_of teen thousand man ground_
_to_the all_of these were_drawers_of a_sword. 26 And_ all_of
the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_all the_people _they_went_
_up and_they_came Bēyt-ʾēl and_they_wept and_they_lived
there to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_
_fasted on_day (the)_that until the_evening and_they_offered_
_up burnt_offerings and_peace_offerings to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH**. 27 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
_they_enquired by_**YHWH** and_there the_box_of the_covenant_
_of the_ʾElohīm in_the_days the_those. 28 And_Pinḥāṣ the_son_
_of ʾEl˝āzār the_son_of ʾAh$_a$ron was_standing before_it in_the_
_days the_those to_say will_I_repeat again to_go_out for_battle
with the_descendants_of Binyāmīn my_brother/kindred or
will_I_cease and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said go_up if/because
tomorrow I_will_give_him in_hand_of_your. 29 And_
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_assigned ambushers to (the)_Giv˝āh
round_about. 30 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_
_went_up against the_descendants_of Binyāmīn in_the_day
the_third and_they_deployed against (the)_Giv˝āh as_time on_
time. 31 And the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_went_out
to_meet the_people they_were_drawn_away from the_city and_
_they_began to_strike_down some_of_the_people fatally_
_wounded as_time on_time in_highways which one is_going_up
Bēyt-ʾēl and_one to_Giv˝āh in_the_field about_thirty man in_
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 32 And the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_
_said they are_defeated before_us as_at_time and_the_sons of_
_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_said let_us_flee and_we_will_draw_him_
_away from the_city to the_highways. 33 And_
_all/each/any/every (the)_man_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_rose
from_place_of_his and_they_deployed at_Ba˝al- tamar and_the_
_ambusher_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) was_bursting_forth from_place_
_of_his from_the_open_place_of Gev˝a˝. 34 And_they_came
from_before to_Giv˝āh ten_of thousand(s) man chosen from_all
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_battle it_was_heavy and_they not

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they_knew if/because_that was_about_to_touch to_them (the)_ _calamity. **35** And_ **YHWH** _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Binyāmīn to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_destroyed among_Binyāmīn in_the_day (the)_that twenty and_five thousand and_one_hundred man all_of these was_one_who_drew a_sword. **36** And_ the_ _descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_saw if/because_that they_ _were_defeated and_ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gave place to_Binyāmīn if/because they_trusted to the_ambusher whom they_had_set against (the)_Giv˝āh. **37** And_the_ _ambusher they_made_haste and_they_made_a_raid against (the)_Giv˝āh and_ the_ambusher _he_marched and_he_struck_ _down ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_city to_the_mouth_of the_sword. **38** And_ _the_appointed_signal which_it_belonged to_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with the_ambusher was_do_much they_to_ _cause_to_go_up the_rising_of the_smoke from the_city. **39** And_ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_turned in_battle and_ _Binyāmīn it_began to_strike_down fatally_wounded among_ _the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) about_thirty man if/because they_ _said surely totally_(defeated) it is_defeated before_us like_ _battle (the)_first. **40** And_the_rising it_began to_go_up from the_city a_pillar_of smoke and_ Binyāmīn _it_turned behind_it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_entirety_of the_city it_went_up to_ _the_heavens. **41** And_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_turned and_ the_man_of Binyāmīn _he_was_terrified if/because he_ _saw if/because_that it_had_touched on/upon/above_him/it (the)_calamity. **42** And_they_turned to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to the_way_of the_ _wilderness and_the_battle it_overtook_him and_which were_ _from_the_cities were_destroying him in_the_midst_of_of_him. **43** They_surrounded ᴅᴏᴍ Binyāmīn they_pursued_him rest they_trod_him_down to opposite (the)_Giv˝āh from_the_rising_ _of the_sun. **44** And_they_fell of_Binyāmīn eight- teen thousand man ᴅᴏᴍ all_of these were_men_of strength. **45** And_they_ _turned and_they_fled to_the_wilderness to the_rock_of (the)_ _Rimmōn and_they_gleaned_him in_highways five_of thousand(s) man and_they_pursued_closely after_him to Gid˝om and_they_struck_down from_him/it two_thousand man. **46** And_ all_of those_who_fell of_Binyāmīn _he/it_was were_twenty and_five thousand man who_drew a_sword in_ _the_day (the)_that ᴅᴏᴍ all_of these were_men_of strength. **47** And_they_turned and_they_fled to_the_wilderness to the_ _rock_of (the)_Rimmōn six hundred(s) man and_they_lived at_ _the_rock_of Rimmōn four months. **48** And_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_turned_back against the_descendants_of Binyāmīn and_they_struck_them_down to_the_mouth_of the_ _sword from_a_city_of soundness unto animal unto every_of (the)_thing_which_was_found also all_of the_cities which_ _were_found they_sent in_fire.

21:1 And_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_had_sworn at_Mitspāh to_say anyone from_him/it not he_will_give daughter_of_his to_Binyāmīn to/for_(a)_woman. **2** And_ the_people _it_came Bēyt- 'ēl and_they_lived there until the_evening to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_'Elohīm and_they_lifted_up voice_ _of_their and_they_wept weeping great. **3** And_they_said why Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) this_thing has_it_ _happened in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_be_missing the_day from_

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Giveah, then had gone in and attacked the entire city with their swords. **38** Then they started a fire as the prearranged signal was to be the rising column of smoke up out of the city.

39 Meanwhile the main Israeli force had retreated, and the Benyamites had attacked and killed around thirty men, thinking that they were winning like they'd done twice before. **40** But when the pillar of smoke began to rise from the city, the Benyamites looked behind them and were shocked to see their city going up in smoke. **41** Then the main Israeli force stopped retreating and turned back to attack again. The Benyamites were horrified because they now saw that disaster had struck them. **42** They retreated away from the Israelis into the wilderness, but the battle overtook them, plus the Israelis were coming back out of the cities getting right in amongst them to fight. **43** They surrounded the Benyamites as they tried to flee, and easily ran them down as they tried to escape from the Giveah region towards the east. **44** Eighteen thousand strong Benyamite warriors were killed, **45** and the rest turned and fled into the wilderness towards the Rimon rock. Another five thousand men were killed along the trails. They chased them all the way to Gideom, and killed another two thousand men, **46** so the total number of Benyamite swordsmen who were killed came to twenty-five thousand—all strong warriors.

47 But six hundred men made it to Rimon rock, and they stayed there for four months. **48** Meanwhile, the Israelis went back to the Benyamite region and killed the people with their swords—entire cities including cattle and everything else—then the cities were set on fire.

Wives for the Benyamites

21:1 Now back in Mitspah, the Israeli men had promised never to allow their daughters to marry a Benyamite man. **2** But now the Israelis went to Beyt-El (Bethel) and sat there before God until evening—calling out and crying loudly, **3** asking, "Oh Yahweh, God of Yisrael (Israel), why has this happened to Yisrael—for one tribe to be missing from Yisrael now?"

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4 The next day, the people got up early and built an altar there, and they offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings. **5** Then the Israelis asked, "Among all the Israeli tribes serving Yahweh, was there any group who didn't join the battle?" (They asked that because they had previously decided that anyone who didn't go to Mitspah to fight for Yahweh would be put to death.) **6** Now the Israelis felt sorry for their Benyamite cousins, saying, "An entire tribe has been hacked off Yisrael today. **7** How can we find wives for any Benyamite men that are left because we've promised to Yahweh not to give our daughters to them to marry?

8 So they asked, "Is there any from our tribes who didn't show up for Yahweh at Mitspah?" Then listen, no one from Yavesh-Gilead had joined their assembly there. **9** (When the people had checked around themselves, they'd realised that no one from Yavesh-Gilead was there.) **10** So the Israelis sent twelve thousand warriors there, commanding them to use their swords to kill the inhabitants of Yavesh-Gilead, including married women and children— **11** specifically they had to kill every male, and every woman who's slept with a male. **12** That way they discovered four hundred young virgin women among the inhabitants of Yavesh-Gilead, and brought them back to their camp at Shiloh (in the Kena'an (Canaan) region).

13 Then the entire assembly sent a message to the Benyamites at Rimon rock, saying that they were now ready for peace. **14** So the Benyamites returned and were given the young women from Yavesh-Gilead, but there wasn't enough of them.

15 The people still felt sorry for the Benyamites, because Yahweh had caused a gap among Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes, **16** so the leaders asked, "How can we provide wives for the remaining Benyamite men since the other Benyamite women were wiped out?" **17** Because they said, "They must be able to procreate so that an entire Israeli tribe isn't blotted out. **18** But we can't be the ones to give our daughters to them to marry because we made an oath that anyone who did that would be cursed."

19 They said, "Listen, there's a celebration for Yahweh from time to time at Shiloh, which is on the north of Beyt-El (Bethel), east of the road that goes from Beyt-El uphill to Shekem, and on the south of Levonah." **20** So they told the Benyamites, "Go and hide in those vineyards **21** and watch. When the Shiloh girls come out to perform in the dances, come out of the vineyards and you can each catch a wife for yourselves, then go back home to Benyamin. **22** When their fathers or brothers complain to us, we'll tell them, "Let them have them since we didn't find you for them. And you all won't be guilty of giving them to the Benyamites because they stole them.

23 So that's what the Benyamites did—they grabbed enough dancing girls to be their wives, then they returned to their allocated land and rebuilt their cities and lived in them. **24** The other

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_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_tribe one. **4** And_he/it_was from_the_next_ _day and_ the_people _they_rose_early and_they_built there an_altar and_they_offered_up burnt_offerings and_peace_ _offerings. **5** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said who is_the_one_who not he_went_up in_assembly from_all the_ _tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to **YHWH** if/because the_oath (the)_ _great it_was to_the_one_who not he_went_up to **YHWH** (the)_ _Mitspāh to_say surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **6** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_had_compassion to Binyāmīn his/its_brother and_they_said it_has_been_cut_off the_day a_tribe one from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** What will_we_do to/for_them for_who]_remain for_wives and_we we_have_ _sworn by_**YHWH** to_not to_give to/for_them any_of_our_ _daughters to_wives. **8** And_they_said who is_the_one of_the_ _tribes_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which not it_went_up to **YHWH** (the)_Mitspāh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not anyone he_had_come to the_camp from_Yāvēsh/(Jabesh)- gil'ād to the_assembly. **9** And_ the_people _it_was_mustered and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_was_not there anyone of_the_inhabitants_of of Yāvēsh. **10** And_they_sent there the_congregation two_plus ten thousand man from_(the)_sons of_(the)_strength and_they_ _commanded them to_say go and_you(pl)_will_strike_down ~~DOM~~ the_inhabitants_of Yāvēsh to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_the_women and_the_little_one[s]. **11** And_this is_the_thing which you(pl)_will_do every_of male and_all woman who_has_ _known lying_of a_male you(pl)_will_totally_destroy. **12** And_ _they_found of_the_inhabitants_of of Yāvēsh four hundred(s) young_woman virgin[s] who not she_had_known a_man to_ _lying_of a_male and_they_brought them to the_camp Shiloh which in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan). **13** And_ all_of the_ _congregation _they_sent and_they_spoke to the_descendants_ _of Binyāmīn who were_at_the_rock_of Rimmōn and_they_ _proclaimed to/for_them peace. **14** And_ Binyāmīn _it_returned at_time (the)_that and_they_gave to/for_them the_women whom they_had_preserved_alive from_the_women_of Yāvēsh and_not they_found to/for_them so. **15** And_the_people it_had_ _compassion to_Binyāmīn if/because **YHWH** he_had_made a_ _breach in_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **16** And_ the_elders_of the_congregation _they_said what will_we_do for_who]_remain for_wives if/because she_is_destroyed from_Binyāmīn woman. **17** And_they_said a_possession_of the_escaped_remnant belongs_to_Binyāmīn and_not a_tribe it_will_be_wiped_out from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **18** And_we not we_are_able to_give to/for_them wives any_of_our_daughters if/because the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_sworn to_say one_who_ _gives a_wife to_Binyāmīn be_cursed. **19** And_they_said HERE the_festival_of **YHWH** is_in_Shiloh from_days to_days which is_ _from_northward of_Bēyt- 'ēl the_rising_of_towards of_the_sun of_the_highway which_goes_up from_Bēyt- 'ēl to_Shəkem and_ _from_the_Negev to_Ləvō'nah. **20** And[128][129] ~~DOM~~ the_ _descendants_of Binyāmīn to_say go you(pl)_will_lie_in_wait in_vineyards. **21** And_you(pl)_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE if the_daughters_of Shiloh they_will_come_out to_dance with_ _dancing(s) and_you(pl)_will_go_out from the_vineyards and_ _you(pl)_will_seize to/for_you(pl) each_man his/its_

128 **LV 21:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְצֵר/וְ: (x-qere) וְוֵּצְרֵ/וְ': lemma_c/6680 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vpw3mp id_07VKr וְוֵּצְרֵ/וְ

129 **LV 21:20 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_wife/woman from_the_daughters_of Shiloh and_you(pl)_will_
_go the_land_of Binyāmīn. **22** And_it_was if/because fathers_of_
_their or brothers_of_their they_will_come mmm[130] to_us and_
_we_will_say to_them show_favour_for_us_to them if/because
not we_took each_man his/its_wife/woman in_battle
if/because not you(pl) you(pl)_gave_them to/for_them about_
_time you(pl)_will_be_guilty. **23** And_they_did thus the_
_descendants_of Binyāmīn and_they_carried_off wives to_
_number_of_their from the_dancers whom they_seized and_
_they_went and_they_returned to inheritance_of_their and_
_they_rebuilt ~~DOM~~ the_cities and_they_lived in_them. **24** And_
_they_dispersed from_there the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_
_time (the) each_man to_tribe_of_his and_to_clan_of_his and_
_they_went_out from_there each_man to_inheritance_of_his.
25 In_the_days the_those there_was_not a_king in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) each_man the_right in_his_own_of_eyes he_
_will_do.

JDG · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

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Israelis went back to their tribes and their families in the areas that had been allocated to them.

25 In those days, there was no king in Yisrael (Israel)—everyone would just do what seemed right to them.[127]

JDG · OET-RV v0.2.3

127 RV 21:25 · Cross-ref. Jdg 17:6.

130 LV 21:22 · Note OSHB variant note: בוֹר/ל: (x-qere) בִּיר/ל': lemma_l/7378 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HR/Vqc id_0752H בִּיר/ל

Ruth

Introduction

This account tells us about what happened back in the time when the tribal leaders (misleadingly called 'Judges' in most older English translations) were still ruling Yisrael (Israel), i.e., before their first king. At that time, a long drought caused a famine in Yisrael, which in turned caused Elimelek to move his family to the neighbouring country of Moav (Moab). After a time, Elimelek died there in Moav, but eventually their two sons married, and this account focuses on Ruth who was one of those wives. When Ruth's husband also died, she displayed amazing love and dedication towards her mother-in-law, No'omi (Naomi, whose name means 'pleasant'). When God blessed Yisrael again with good crops, No'omi returned back to her roots in Yisrael and Ruth accompanied her. According to Jewish customs, Ruth needed to marry a relative of her husband, so that Elimelek's name could continue through the generations. Boaz turned out to be that man, and the son they bore became an ancestor of the future King David, and eventually through time, of Yeshua (Jesus) the messiah.

The previous *Accounts of the Heroes and Guides/Leaders* tells about how much the Jewish people suffered because they had turned away from God. So this account reveals how Ruth, a non-Jew, is blessed after she begins to follow Yisrael's god.

Note that the Hebrew name of the main character in this account is 'תּוֹר' which might be transliterated as 'Rūt' (and pronounced as 'root' with no 'th' at the end). However in weighing up the pros and cons, we have elected to use the traditional spelling of 'Ruth' (rather than 'Rut' which might would be more accurate in one sense, yet would most likely also be pronounced wrongly by most English speakers).

Main components of this account

Ruth accompanies No'omi when she returns home to Beyt-Lehem *1:1-22*
Ruth gets to know Boaz *2:1–3:18*
The marriage of Ruth and Boaz *4:1-22*

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1:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days_of the_judges of_the_judging and_he/it_was a_famine on_the_earth and_he/it_went a_man from_Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_sojourn in_ _the_region(s)_of Mō'āv he and_his/its_woman/wife and_the_ _two_of sons_of_his. **2** And_name_of the_man was_'Ĕlīmelek and_name_of his/its_wife/woman was_No'omī and_name_of the_two_of sons_of_his was_Maḥlōn and_Kilion 'Efrātī from_ _Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh and_they_came the_ _region(s)_of Mō'āv and_they_were there. **3** And_ 'Ĕlīmelek the_husband_of No'omī _he/it_died and_ she and_the_two_of sons_of_her _she_was_left. **4** And_they_took to/for_them wives Mō'āvites the_name_of the_one(f) was_Orpah and_name_of the_second(fs) was_Rūt and_they_lived there about_ten years. **5** And_ also both_of_them Maḥlōn and_Kilion _they_died and_ the_woman _she_was_left from_both_of children_of_her and_ _from_husband_of_her.

6 And_ she and_daughters-in-law_of_her _she/it_arose and_ _she_returned from_the_region(s)_of Mō'āv if/because she_ _had_heard in_the_region_of Mō'āv if/because_that **YHWH** he_ _had_visited ~~DOM~~ people_of_his by_giving to/for_them food. **7** And_she_went_out from the_place where she_had_been there_(to) and_the_two_of daughters-in-law_of_her with_her/it and_they_went on_way to_return to the_land_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **8** And_ No'omī _she/it_said to_the_two_of daughters-in-law_of_her go return each_woman to_the_house_ _of her_mother_of_her may_he_deal[1] **YHWH** with_you(pl) covenant_loyalty just_as you(pl)_have_dealt with the_dead and_with_me. **9** **YHWH** may_he_give to/for_you(pl) and_find rest each_woman the_house_of her/its_husband/man and_she_ _kissed (to)_them and_they_raised voice_of_their and_they_ _wept. **10** And_they_said to_her if/because with_you we_will_ _return to_people_of_your. **11** And_ No'omī _she/it_said go_back my_daughters_of_my to/for_what will_you(pl)_go with_me still to_me do_sons in_inward_parts_of_my and_they_will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_husbands. **12** Go_back my_daughters_of_ _my go if/because I_am_too_old for_belonging to_a_husband if/because I_said there_is to_me hope also I_belonged the_night to_a_husband and_also I_bore sons. **13** Therefore will_you(pl)_ _wait until that they_will_grow_up therefore will_you_shut_ _yourselves_off to_not to_belong to_a_husband no my_ _daughters_of_my if/because it_is_bitter to_me very more_ _than_you(pl) if/because it_has_gone_forth on_me the_hand_of **YHWH**. **14** And_they_raised voice_of_their and_they_wept again and_ Orpah _she_kissed (to)_mother-in-law_of_her and_ _Rūt she_clung to_her. **15** And_she/it_said THERE sister-in-law_ _of_your she_has_returned to_people_of_her and_near/to gods_ _of_her go_back after sister-in-law_of_your. **16** And_ Rūt _ _she/it_said do_not entreat (on)_me to_abandon_you to_turn_ _back from_after_you if/because to where you_will_go I_will_go and_at_where you_will_lodge I_will_lodge people_of_your people_of_my and_god_of_your god_of_my. **17** At_where you_ _will_die I_will_die and_there I_will_be_buried thus **YHWH** may_he_do to_me and_thus may_he_add if/because (the)_death it_will_separate between_me and_between_you. **18** And_she/it_ _saw if/because_that she was_determined to_go with_her and_

Readers' Version

Elimelek goes to Moav during a famine

1:1 Back in the time when the tribal leaders ruled Yisrael (Israel), there was a drought which caused a shortage of food, so a man from the town of Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) in the Yehudah (Judah) region went to live in the country of Moav (Moab) for a while, taking his wife and their two sons. **2** The man's name was Elimelek and he was married to No'omi (Naomi), and their sons' names were Mahlon and Kilyon. (They were part of the Efratah clan from Beyt-Lehem in Yehudah.) They travelled to the Moav countryside and lived there. **3** Then No'omi's husband Elimelek died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** Eventually they married women from there in Moav—Orpah and Ruth. But after No'omi and her sons had lived in Moav for about then years, **5** Mahlon and Kilyon both also died, and No'omi was left without her husband or her two sons.

Ruth accompanies No'omi back to Beyt-Lehem

6 One day No'omi (Naomi) was in the countryside there in Moav (Moab) when she heard someone telling about how Yahweh had helped his people in Yisrael (Israel) and that now they had plenty of food, so she got ready to return to Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) with her two daughters-in-law. **7** The three of them left the place where they'd been living in Moav and started walking along the road back to Yehudah (Judah). **8** Then No'omi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Both of you should go back to your parents' homes. I pray that Yahweh will treat you with the same faithfulness that you showed to your now-deceased husbands and to me. **9** May Yahweh enable both of you to find new husbands and find peace and happiness in your new homes with them."

Then she kissed them as they all wept aloud. **10** But they both said, "No, we'll go with you as you return to your relatives."

11 But No'omi responded, "No, go back to your homes my daughters. Why would you bother coming with me? It's not like I could still give birth to more sons to become your husbands. **12** Go on back, my daughters, because I'm too old to remarry. Even if I did hope for that and got married tonight and had some sons, **13** could you wait for them to grow up so you could be remarried? No, my daughters, what's hard for me, even more than your hardships, is that Yahweh is using his power against me."

14 Then they wailed and cried again, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye and left, but Ruth stayed and clung to No'omi. **15** No'omi said, "Look, your sister-in-law is going back to her parents and to her religion. Go back with her."

16 But Ruth replied, "Please don't insist that I leave you and go back, because wherever you go, I'll go with you and wherever you live, I'll live there too. Your people are my people, and your god is my god. **17** Wherever you die, I'll die there too and be buried there. May Yahweh punish me severely if anything other than death separates the two of us."

18 When No'omi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her,

1 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: השעי: (x-qere) שַׁעֲרִי: lemma_6213 a morph_HVqj3ms id_08nRZ שַׁעֲרִי

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she didn't say any more.

19 So the two of them travelled on until they reached Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem). When they entered Beyt-Lehem, the whole town was curious about them, and the women began asking, "Is that No'omi?"

20 But No'omi told them not to call her 'No'omi' (which means 'pleasant') but to call her 'Mara' (meaning 'miserable') because she said, "The almighty God has made my life very miserable. **21** I went away content with a family, but Yahweh has brought me back with a void. So why call me 'No'omi'? You see, Yahweh has testified against me—the powerful God has brought misfortune on me."

Ruth collects grain in Boaz' field

22 And so No'omi (Naomi) had returned to Yisrael (Israel), along with her daughter-in-law, Ruth the Moavit, and they arrived there in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) at the start of the barley harvest.

2:1 Now there was a relative there of No'omi's deceased husband. His name was Boaz and he was a very wealthy man from the same clan as Elimelek had been.

2 Ruth the Moavit said to No'omi, "Allow me to go to the countryside and pick up any heads of grain that the harvesters drop.[4] I'll follow any harvester who seems kind."

"Go ahead, my daughter," No'omi replied.

3 So Ruth left and went to the countryside where she picked up heads of grain after the harvesters, and it just so happened that that part of the countryside belonged to Boaz who was Elimelek's relative.

4 Just then, Boaz arrived from the town and greeted the harvesters, "May Yahweh be with you," to which they replied, "May Yahweh bless you also."

5 Then he asked the foreman of the harvesters, "Whose daughter is that young woman over there?"

6 "She's a young Moavit," the man replied. "The one who came with No'omi when she returned from Moav (Moab). **7** She asked me for permission to follow the harvesters and pick up any heads of grain that drop, and she's been doing it since early morning until just recently she's taking a break now in the shelter.

8 So Boaz approached Ruth, "Young woman," he said, "listen

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_she_ceased to_speak to_her. **19** And_ the_two_of_of_them _ _they_went until came_they Bēyt- leḥem and_he/it_was just_ _as_they_came Bēyt- leḥem and_ all_of the_city _it_was_stirred on_them and_they(f)_said is_this No῾ₒmī. **20** And_she/it_said to_ _them do_not call to_me No῾ₒmī call to_me Mara if/because the_almighty he_has_caused_bitterness to_me exceedingly. **21** I full I_went and_empty bring_back_me **YHWH** to/for_what do_ _you(pl)_call to_me No῾ₒmī and_**YHWH** he_has_testified against_me and_the_almighty he_has_done_harm[23] to_me.

22 And_ No῾ₒmī _she_returned and_Rūt the_Mō'āvite_woman daughter-in-law_of_her with_her/it who_she_returned from_ _the_region(s)_of Mō'āv and_they they_came Bēyt- leḥem at_ _the_beginning_of the_harvest_of barley(s).

2:1 And_belonged_to_No῾ₒmī a_relative[6] to/for_her/its_ _man/husband a_man mighty_of wealth from_the_clan_of 'Elīmelek and_his/its_name was_Bo῾az. **2** And_ Rūt the_ _Mō'āvite_woman _she/it_said to No῾ₒmī let_me_go please the_ _field so_that_I_may_glean[789] among_grain[101112] behind the_ _one_whom I_will_find favour in_eyes_of_his and_she/it_said to/for_her/it go my_daughter_of_my. **3** And_she_went and_ _she_came and_she_gleaned in_the_field behind the_harvesters and_ chance_of_her _it_chanced_on the_portion_of the_field of_Bo῾az who was_from_the_clan_of 'Elīmelek. **4** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Bo῾az was_coming from_Bēyt- food/grain/bread and_he/it_said to_harvesters **YHWH** be_ _with_you(pl) and_they_said to_him/it may_he_bless_you **YHWH**. **5** And_ Bo῾az _he/it_said to_servant_of_his who_was_ _appointed over the_harvesters belongs_to_whom the_young_ _woman (the)_this. **6** And_ the_servant who_was_appointed over the_harvesters _he_answered and_he_said is_a_young_ _woman Mō'āvite she who_she_returned with No῾ₒmī from_ _the_region_of Mō'āv. **7** And_she/it_said let_me_glean please and_I_will_gather among_sheaves behind the_harvesters and_ _she_came and_she_has_stayed from_then this_morning and_ _unto now this sitting_her the_house little. **8** And_ Bo῾az _he/it_ _said to Rūt am_not have_you_heard my_daughter_of_my do_ _not go to_glean in_a_field another and_also not you_must_ _pass_on from_this_field and_thus you_will_stay with servants_ _of_my_female. **9** Eyes_of_your in_the_field which they_are_

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2 LV 1:21 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

3 LV 1:21 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

4 RV 2:2 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:9-10; Deu 24:19.

6 LV 2:1 · Note OSHB variant note: עדימ: (x-qere) 'עֲדוֹמִ': lemma_4129 morph_HNcmsa id_08swV עֲדוֹמִ

7 LV 2:2 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

8 LV 2:2 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

9 LV 2:2 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

10 LV 2:2 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

11 LV 2:2 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

12 LV 2:2 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_harvesting and_you_will_go[131415] behind_them am_not have_
_I_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ the_young_men to_not to_touch_you and_
_you_will_be_thirsty and_you_will_go to the_vessels and_you_
_will_drink some_of_that_which they_will_draw the_young_
_men. **10** And_she_fell on face_of_her and_she_bowed_down
ground_to_the and_she/it_said to_him/it why have_I_found
favour in_eyes_of_your to_pay_regard_to_me and_I[161718] am_a_
foreigner. **11** And Bo´az _he_answered and_he/it_said to/for_
her/it fully(be_told) it_has_been_told to_me all that you_
_have_done with mother-in-law_of_your after the_death_of
your(fs)_man/husband and_you_left father_of_your[192021] and_
_mother_of_your and_the_land_of your_kindred_of_your and_
_you_came to a_people which not you_knew yesterday three_
_days_ago. **12** **YHWH** may_he_reward deed[s]_of_your and_
_may_it_be wage[s]_of_your complete from_with **YHWH** the_
_god_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) whom you_have_come to_take_refuge
under wings_of_his. **13** And_she/it_said I_am_finding favour in_
_eyes_of_your my_master if/because you_have_comforted_me
and_because/when you_have_spoken to the_heart_of your_
_maidservant_of_your and_I not I_am like_one_of your(pl)_
_maidservants_of_your. **14** And_he/it_said to_her Bo´az to_the_
_time_of the_meal approach here and_you_will_eat some_of
the_food and_you_will_dip of_bread_of_your_piece in_vinegar
and_she_sat_down from_the_side_of the_harvesters and_he_
_held_out to/for_her/it roasted_grain and_she/it_ate and_she_
_was_satisfied and_she_had_excess. **15** And_she/it_arose to_
glean and Bo´az _he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his to_
_say also between the_sheaves she_will_glean and_not you(pl)_
_must_humiliate_her. **16** And_also indeed_(pull_out) you(pl)_
_will_pull_out to/for_her/it some_of the_bundles_grain and_
_you(pl)_will_leave_them and_she_will_glean and_not you(pl)_
_must_rebuke (in)_her. **17** And_she_gleaned in_the_field until
the_evening and_she_beat_out ᴅᴏᴍ that_which she_had_
_gleaned and_he/it_was about_an_᾽ēyfāh barley(s). **18** And_she_
_lifted_it_up and_she_went the_city and_ mother-in-law_of_her
_she/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ that_which she_had_gleaned and_she/it_
_produced and_she_gave to/for_her/it ᴅᴏᴍ that_which she_
_had_left_over from_abundance_of_her. **19** And_she/it_said
to/for_her/it mother-in-law_of_her where did_you_glean the_
_day and_where did_you_work may_he_be the_one_of_who_
_paid_regard_to_you blessed and_she_told to_mother-in-law_
_of_her ᴅᴏᴍ whom she_had_worked with_him/it and_she/it_
_said the_name_of the_man whom I_worked with_him/it the_
_day is_Bo´az. **20** And_ No´ₒmī _she/it_said to_daughter-in-law_
_of_her he be_blessed to/for_**YHWH** who not he_has_
_abandoned loyalty_of_his_covenant with the_living and_ᴅᴏᴍ

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here. Don't leave this place or go to any other field to pick up grain, but just stay close by these young female workers of mine. **9** Watch where the men are harvesting and follow along behind them. I've told them not to bother you. And whenever you're thirsty, help yourself from the water jars that the men keep filled."

10 Then she knelt down on the ground and bowed her head low to the ground and said, "Why are you being so kind to me when I'm a foreigner? I wasn't expecting your attention."

11 "People have told me," Boaz replied, "about everything you've done for your mother-in-law since your husband died—how you left your parents and your homeland behind and came here to live with people that you hadn't even met before. **12** May Yahweh reward your hard work. Since you've come here for protection under Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh, may he reward you in full."

13 "My lord," she replied, "I trust that I'll continue to please you because you've comforted me by speaking so kindly to me, your servant, even though I'm not like your servant girls."

14 Then when it was time to eat, Boaz told Ruth, "Come and join us. Take some bread and dip it in the sauce and eat." So she sat beside the harvesters, and he also offered her some roasted grain. She ate until she was full and even had some left over. **15** Then she went back to picking up heads and Boaz ordered his men, "Let her gather grain even among the bundles and don't shame her. **16** Even pull some stalks out from the bundles and drop them for her to pick up, and don't tell her off."

17 So Ruth picked up grain in the countryside until evening and when she beat the heads and collected the grains, she had a large basket of barley. **18** So she picked up the basket and headed back into town and showed her mother-in-law how much she had collected. Ruth also gave No'omi (Naomi) the roasted grain left-over from her lunch. **19** "Where did you pick up grain today and where did you work?" asked No'omi. "May the man who took notice of you be blessed."

So she told her mother-in-law where she had worked, "The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz."

20 "May he be blessed by Yahweh," responded No'omi. "Yahweh *hasn't* forgotten his kindness towards us who are still living and to our husbands who've died." And then she added, "That man is a close relative of Elimelek. In fact, he's one of those re-

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14 **LV 2:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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18 **LV 2:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

19 **LV 2:11 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

20 **LV 2:11 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

21 **LV 2:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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sponsible for taking care of our family."[5]
21 "He also told me," said Ruth the Moavit, "to stay with his workers until they finish the harvesting."
22 "It's good, my daughter," said No'omi to her daughter-in-law, "for you to stay near his servant girls because you don't know how people might treat you in another field."
23 So Ruth stayed near Boaz' servant girls and picked up heads of grain until the end of the barley harvest and then the wheat harvest, and she lived with her mother-in-law.

Ruth requests Boaz to assume his responsibilities

3:1 One day Ruth's mother-in-law No'omi (Naomi) said to her, "My daughter, I think I need to be finding a secure living situation for you? 2 Now, Boaz whose servant girls you've been working with, he's a relative of ours. In fact, he'll be on the threshing floor winnowing barley tonight. 3 So wash yourself and put on some perfume. Wear your cloak and go out to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you're there until he's finished eating and drinking. 4 Then when he lies down to sleep, pay attention to where he lies down. Once he's asleep, go and lift the blanket near his feet and lie down. Then he'll tell you what to do next."
5 "I'll do everything you say," Ruth answered, 6 then she went out to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law had instructed.
7 When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was feeling cheery, he went off to lie down at the end of the pile of grain. Then Ruth quietly followed him, and uncovered his feet and lay down there. 8 But Boaz was startled in the middle of the night, and when he turned over he was stunned to find a woman lying at his feet. 9 "Who are you?" he asked.
"I'm your servant Ruth," she replied, "Spread your cloak over me[22] because you have a responsibility as our close relative."
10 "My dear girl, may Yahweh bless you." Boaz replied, "You have shown more kindness now that before,[23] because you haven't chased after the young men, whether rich or poor. 11 So now dear girl, don't be afraid. I'll do what you've asked for, because the whole town knows that you're an honourable woman.

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the_dead and_she/it_said to/for_her/it No᾽ₒmī is_near to/for_ _us the_man is_one_of_our_kinsman-redeemers he. 21 And_ Rūt the_Mō'āv̄ite_woman _she/it_said also if/because_that he_said to_me with the_servants who to_me you_will_stay until (if) they_have_completed ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_harvest which to_me. 22 And_ No᾽ₒmī _she/it_said to Rūt daughter-in-law_of_her is_ _good my_daughter_of_my that/for/because/then/when you_ _will_go_out with servants_of_his_female and_not people_will_ _molest (in)_you in_a_field another. 23 And_she_stayed with_ _the_female_servants_of Bo᾽az to_glean until the_harvest_of the_barley(s) and_the_harvest_of the_wheat(s) was_complete and_she_dwelt with mother-in-law_of_her.

3:1 And_she/it_said to/for_her/it No᾽ₒmī mother-in-law_of_her my_daughter_of_my not will_I_seek to/for_you(fs) a_resting_ _place that it_will_go_well to/for_you(fs). 2 And_now not is_ _Bo᾽az relative_of_our whom you_were with servants_of_his_ _female THERE he will_be_winnowing ᴅᴏᴍ the_threshing_ _floor_of the_barley(s) the_night. 3 And_you_will_wash and_ _you_will_anoint_yourself and_you_will_put mmm[26] on and[27] the_threshing_floor do_not make_yourself_known to_man until finishes_he to_eat and_to_drink. 4 And_let_it_be when_he_lies_ _down and_you_will_take_note_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_place where he_ _will_lie_down there and_you_will_go and_you_will_uncover feet_of_his and[28] and_he he_will_tell to/for_you(fs) ᴅᴏᴍ that_ _which you_will_do.[29] 5 And_she/it_said to_her/it all that you_ _are_saying[30] I_will_do. 6 And_she_went_down the_threshing_ _floor and_she_did according_to_all that she_had_commanded_ _her mother-in-law_of_her. 7 And_ Bo᾽az _he_ate and_he_drank and_ his/its_heart _it_was_good and_he_went to_lie_down at_ _the_end_of the_heap and_she_came in_secrecy and_she_ _uncovered feet_of_his and_she_lay_down. 8 And_he/it_was in_ _the_middle_of the_night and_ the_man _he_trembled and_he_ _twisted and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_woman was_lying_down feet_ _of_his. 9 And_he/it_said who are_you[31] and_she/it_said I am_ _Rūt your(ms)_female_slave and_you_will_spread_out skirt_of_ _your over maidservant_of_your if/because are_a_ _kinsman-redeemer you. 10 And_he/it_said you be_blessed to/for_**YHWH** my_daughter_of_my you_have_made_good loyalty_of_your (the)_latter more_than (the)_former to_not to_ _go after the_young_men whether poor and_if rich. 11 And_ _now my_daughter_of_my do_not fear all that you_are_saying I_will_do for_you if/because all_of the_gate_of my_people_of_ _my is_knowing if/because_that are_a_woman_of ability you. 12 And_now if/because truly if/because wwww[32] am_a_

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5 **RV 2:20 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:25.

22 **RV 3:9 · Note** This was the cultural way for Ruth to request Boaz to take her as his wife.

23 **RV 3:10 · Note** Probably referring to Ruth's faithfulness to her mother-in-law.

26 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/תלמש**: (x-qere) 'ךְ/יָתְלְמַשׁ': lemma_8071 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp2fs id_08i9m יָתְלְמַשׁ/ךְ

27 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתדרי/ו**: (x-qere) 'יָ/תְּדַרְי/וְ'; lemma_c/3381 morph_HC/Vqq2fs id_08XPV תְּדַרְי/וְ

28 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתבכש/ו**: (x-qere) 'יָ/תְּבָכַּשׁ/וְ'; lemma_c/7901 n_1 morph_HC/Vqq2fs id_08fE2 תְּבָכַּשׁ/וְ

29 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHQ.

30 **LV 3:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'י/לֹא': lemma_413 n_0.0 morph_HR/Sp1cs id_08k23 לֹא/י

31 **LV 3:9 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

32 **LV 3:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מא**: (x-qere)

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_kinsman-redeemer I and_also there_is a_kinsman-redeemer near more_than_I. **13** Stay the_night and_it_was in_morning if he_will_redeem_you good let_him_redeem and_if not he_will_ _be_willing to_redeem_you and_I_will_redeem_you I by_the_life of_**YHWH** lie_down until the_morning. **14** And_she_lay_down mmm[3334353637] until the_morning and_she/it_arose in/on/at/with[38] anyone he_recognized ~~DOM~~ his/its_neighbour and_he/it_said not let_it_be_known if/because_that the_ _woman she_came the_threshing_floor. **15** And_he/it_said give the_shawl which is_on_you and_take_hold on_it and_she_took_ _hold on_it and_he_measured_out six barley(s) and_he_put_it on/upon_it(f) and_he_came the_city. **16** And_she_came to mother-in-law_of_her and_she/it_said who are_you my_ _daughter_of_my and_she_told to/for_her/it ~~DOM~~ all that he_ _had_done to/for_her/it the_man. **17** And_she/it_said the_six the_barley(s) the_these he_gave to_me if/because he_said[39] do_ _not go empty to mother-in-law_of_your. **18** And_she/it_said sit_down my_daughter_of_my until that you_will_know how a_ _matter will_it_fall_out if/because not the_man he_will_be_at_ _peace if/because (if) he_has_finished the_matter the_day.

4:1 And_Bo͵az he_went_up the_gate and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived there and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _kinsman-redeemer was_passing_by whom Bo͵az he_had_ _spoken and_he/it_said turn_aside sit here a_certain_one a_ _certain_one and_he_turned_aside and_he_sat_down. **2** And_ _he/it_took ten men of_the_elders_of the_city and_he/it_said sit here and_they_sat_down. **3** And_he/it_said to_redeemer the_ _portion_of the_field which belonged_to_brother_of_our to_ _'Elīmelek No͵ₒmī who_she_returned from_the_region_of Mō'āv she_has_sold. **4** And_I I_said I_will_uncover ear_of_your to_say acquire_it before those_sitting and_before the_elders_of my_ _people_of_my if you_will_redeem redeem and_if not he_will_ _redeem tell to/for_me and[44] if/because there_is_not except_ _you to_redeem and_I am_after_you and_he/it_said I I_will_ _redeem. **5** And_ Bo͵az _he/it_said in/on_day acquire_you the_ _field from_the_hand_of No͵ₒmī and_from_with Rūt the_ _Mō'āvite_woman the_wife_of the_dead_man you_have_ _acquired[45] to_raise_up the_name_of the_dead_man over inheritance_of_his. **6** And_ the_kinsman-redeemer _he/it_said

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12 It is true that I have a responsibility towards your family,[24] but there's another man who's more closely related to you all than me. **13** Stay here for the rest of the night, and then in the morning, if he'll accept then he can marry you. But if he's not willing to take care of you, then as Yahweh lives, I'll do it myself. Now lie down here until morning."

14 So Ruth lay there near his feet until morning, but she got up before it was light enough to be recognised as Boaz had said, "It's best if no one knows that a woman visited the threshing floor." **15** Then Boaz said, "Bring your cloak here and hold it out." So she held it while he poured a generous amount of barley into it, and lifted it onto her shoulder. Then he or she[25] went into the town. **16** When Ruth got home, her mother-in-law asked her, "My daughter, how did everything go?"

So Ruth told her everything that Boaz had said and done for her **17** and she also said, "He gave me all this barley because he told me that he didn't want me to return to my mother-in-law empty-handed."

18 "Okay my daughter," No'omi (Naomi) responded. "Wait now until we see what happens, because that man won't rest today until the matter gets settled."

Boaz takes over the land and gets Ruth as a wife

4:1 Meanwhile, Boaz went to the place inside the town gate (where people conducted their official business) and sat down there. Just as he had hoped, the man responsible for No'omi's (Naomi's) family came along—the man whom Boaz had mentioned earlier—and Boaz called out to him by name and said, "Come over here and sit down." So the man came over and sat down. **2** Then Boaz called over ten of the older, well-respected men from the town and asked them to sit and witness their discussion, so they sat down with them. **3** Then Boaz asked the other relative, "The part of the countryside that belonged to our relative Elimelek is for sale. No'omi, who recently returned from Moav (Moab), is selling it. **4** I thought that I should tell you about it and in case you buy the land while the people sitting here are listening, including these leaders of our people. If you want to buy it back into the family, then do so. But if you do not want to buy it back, then let me know, because you are the clos-

24 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Ruth 2:20.

25 **RV 3:15 · Note** TC: There's no separate Hebrew word for 'he' or 'she' here—it's part of the verb 'he/she_went' but it's unclear if this original verb was marked *masculine* or *feminine*, hence you'll find both alternatives in various Bible translations.

33 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תלגרמ: (x-qere) 'וֹ/יִתּוֹלְגַרְמ': lemma_4772 n_1.2.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_08EAT וֹ/יִתּוֹלְגַרְמ

34 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

35 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

36 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

37 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

38 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ב/סורט: (x-qere) 'בְּ/סָרֵט': lemma_b/2962 n_1.0.0 morph_HR/D id_08vSy בְּ/סָרֵט

39 **LV 3:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'יִ/לֹא': lemma_413 n_0.1 morph_HR/Sp1cs id_086C3 יִ/לֹא

44 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/עדא: (x-qere) 'וְ/הָעֵדָא': lemma_c/3045 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Vqh1cs id_08fbk וְ/הָעֵדָא

45 **LV 4:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתינק: (x-qere) 'הָתִּינָק': lemma_7069 n_0.1 morph_HVqp2ms id_08cqw הָתִּינָק

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est relative to Elimelek, and I am next after you."

"I'll buy it," the man replied.

5 "When you buy the land from No'omi," Boaz continued, "you will also need to marry Ruth, our deceased relative's widow from Moav, so that she'll have a son who will inherit the property and continue Elimelek's family line."

6 "I can't buy it back myself, then," the closer relative answered. "If I did that, I would ruin my own son's inheritance. You can have the land and the woman instead of me, because I simply can't take it."

7 (At that time in Yisrael (Israel), people had a different way of buying land or exchanging goods between them. In order to make these matters legally binding, one man would take off one of his sandals and give it to the other party.[40] That was the way people in Yisrael confirmed what they had agreed to do.)

8 "You buy it yourself," the relative said and he took off one of his sandals and gave it to Boaz. **9** Then Boaz said to the respected men and to all the other people who were there, "Today you have all witnessed that I've bought from No'omi all the property that belonged to Elimelek, Kilyon, and Mahlon. **10** I am also taking Ruth, Mahlon's widow from Moav, to be my wife so that she can have a son. Everyone will consider that son to be Elimelek's descendant and he will inherit the property and carry on Elimelek's family name among his relatives and here in his hometown.[41] You've seen and heard that today and can tell anyone who asks about it."

11 All the respected men, and the others who were sitting at the town gate, agreed, and they said, "Yes, we are your. We pray that Yahweh will allow this woman who will be coming into your home, to be like Rahel (Rachel) and Le'ah, the two who gave birth to our ancestors and started our people, Yisrael.[42] May you become great in the clan of Efratah and famous here in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)! **12** We pray that your family will be like the family of your ancestor Perets, son of Yehudah (Judah) and Tamar,[43] because of the many descendants that Yahweh will give to you and this young woman."

Boaz' descendants

13 So Boaz married Ruth, and when he slept with her, Yahweh enabled her to become pregnant and she gave birth to a son. **14** The women in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) said to No'omi (Naomi), "Praise Yahweh for giving you a male descendant to preserve your family today. We pray to Yahweh that people throughout Yisrael (Israel) will greatly respect him. **15** Your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who's been better to you than if you had seven sons, has given birth to him. Now he'll make you feel young again and he'll take care of you when you get old." **16** Then No'omi picked up the baby and held him closely

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not I_am_able mmm[46] to_me lest I_should_ruin ÐOM inheritance_of_my_own redeem to/for_yourself(m) you ÐOM of_redemption_of_my_right if/because not I_am_able to_ _redeem_it. **7** And_this formerly_former_times was_in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on the_redemption and_on the_exchanging to_ _confirm every_of matter anyone he_drew_off sandal_of_his and_he/it_gave to_neighbour_of_his and_this was_the_ _attestation in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** And_ the_kinsman-redeemer _he/it_said to_Bo'az acquire_it to/for_you(fs) and_he_drew_off sandal_of_his. **9** And_ Bo'az _he/it_said to_elders and_all the_ _people are_witnesses you(pl) the_day if/because_that I_ _acquire ÐOM all_of that belonged_to_'Elīmelek and_ÐOM all_of that belonged_to_Kilion and_Maḥlōn from_the_hand_of No'omī. **10** And_also ÐOM Rūt the_Mō'āvite_woman the_wife_of Maḥlōn I_acquire to_me to/for_(a)_woman to_raise_up the_name_of the_dead_man over inheritance_of_his and_not the_name_of the_dead_man it_will_be_cut_off from_with brothers_of_his and_from_the_gate_of his_place_of_his are_witnesses you(pl) the_day. **11** And_ all_of the_people which was_at_gate and_the_ _elders _they_said we_are_witnesses **YHWH** may_he_make ÐOM the_woman who_is_about_to_come into house_of_your like_ _Rāḥēl and_like_Lē'āh who the_two_of_of_them they_built ÐOM the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_make wealth in_'Efrātāh and_ _proclaim a_name in_house_of leḥem. **12** And_let_it_be household_of_your like_the_household_of Perets whom Tāmār she_bore to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) from the_offspring which **YHWH** he_will_give to/for_yourself(m) from the_young_woman (the)_ _this.

13 And_ Bo'az _he/it_took ÐOM Rūt and_it_became to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman and_he_went to_her/it and_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _gave to/for_her/it conception and_she/it_gave_birth a_son. **14** And_ the_women _they_said to No'omī **YHWH** who not he_ _has_caused_to_cease to/for_you(fs) a_kinsman-redeemer the_ _day be_blessed and_ his/its_name _may_it_be_proclaimed in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_it_was to/for_you(fs) (into)_one_who_ _restores life and_to_sustain ÐOM age_of_your_old if/because daughter-in-law_of_your who she_loves_you she_has_given_ _birth_to_him who she is_good to/for_you(fs) more_than_seven sons. **16** And_ No'omī _she/it_took ÐOM the_child and_she_ _placed_him on_bosom_of_her and_it_became to_him/it (into)_

40 **RV 4:7-8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:9.

41 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:5-6.

42 **RV 4:11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 29:31.

43 **RV 4:12 · Cross-ref.** Gen 38:27-30.

46 **LV 4:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: לוֹאנ/ל: (x-qere) לְאָנִ/ל׳: lemma_l/1350 a morph_HR/Vqc id_08Ynf לְאָנִ/ל

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_a_nurse. **17** And_they_called to_him/it the_female_neighbours a_name to_say a_son he_has_been_born to_No´ₒmī and_they_ _called his/its_name ´Ōvēd he was_the_father_of Yishay/(Jesse) the_father_of Dāvid. **18** And_these are_the_descendants_of Perets Perets he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Ḥetsrōn. **19** And_Ḥetsrōn he_ _fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Rām and_Rām he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ ´Amminādāv. **20** And_´Amminādāv he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Naḥshōn and_Naḥshōn he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Salmah. **21** And_Salmōn he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Bo´az and_Bo´az he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ ´Ōvēd. **22** And_´Ōvēd he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Yishay and_Yishay he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Dāvid.

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and became like second mother to him.

17 The women who were living nearby said, "It is as if No'omi now has a son!" They named him Oved.

Eventually Oved went on to become the father of Yishay (Jesse), who became the father of King David.[47] **18** Here is a list of the descendants of Perets: Perets's son was Hetsron. **19** Hetsron's son was Ram and Ram's son was Aminadav. **20** Aminadav's son was Nahshon and Nahshon's son was Salmon. **21** Salmon's son was Boaz and Boaz's son was Oved. **22** Oved's son was Yishay and Yishay's son was King David.

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47 **RV 4:17 · Cross-ref.** Mat 1:5-6.

1 Shmuel

Introduction

This document tells about the people of the nation of Yisrael (called 'Israel' in older Bibles) at the time when Shmuel (commonly, but wrongly known as 'Samuel') was still their teacher through to when Sha'ul (commonly, but wrongly known as 'Saul') led them as their first king. It also reveals the reasons why Sha'ul lost his position as king and why God promised to replace him with David.
Long ago before Yisrael had a king, the people regarded their god as their ruler, but eventually they came to the point of asking God to give them a king to lead them. Both the king and the people were subject to God's leading and expected to obey God's laws.
The main theme of this document is showing how peace and prosperity came when the people obeyed God, and if not, it could lead to destruction. And then sometimes God used his people to apply his discipline to other people groups. It pays to note what's written in 2:30 that goes, "I will honour those who honour me, but those who despise me will be side-lined."

Main components of this account

Shmuel as Yisrael's judge *1:1–7:17*
Sha'ul becomes king *8:1–10:27*
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1:1 And_he/it_was a_man one from the_Ramatayim Tsōfīm/(Zophim) from_hill of_'Efrayim and_his/its_name was_ _'Elqānāh the_son_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) the_son_of 'Elīhū the_son_of Toḥū the_son_of Tsūf/(Zuph) an_'Efrātī. **2** And_ _to/for_him/it two_of wives the_name_of one was_Ḥannāh and_name_of the_second(fs) was_Pəninnāh and_he/it_was to/for_Pəninnāh children and_to/for_Ḥannāh there_belonged_ _not children. **3** And_ the_man (the)_that _he/it_would_go_up from_city_of_his from_days to_days to_bow_down and_to_ _sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_Shiloh and_ _there the_two_of the_sons_of ʿĒlī Ḥofnī and_Pinehas were_ _priests to/for_**YHWH**. **4** And_ the_day _he/it_was and_ 'Elqānāh _he/it_sacrificed and_he/it_gave to/for_Pəninnāh his/its_wife/woman and_to/for_all her/its_sons/descendants and_her/its_daughters portions. **5** And_to/for_Ḥannāh he_gave a_portion one double if/because ~~ĐOM~~ Ḥannāh he_loved and_ _**YHWH** he_had_closed her_womb/uterus. **6** And_she_ _provoked_her rival_of_her also provocation in_account_of to_ _disconcert_her/it if/because **YHWH** he_had_closed behind her_womb/uterus. **7** And_thus/so/as_follows he_did a_year in_ _year from_sufficiency she_ascended in_house_of **YHWH** thus she/it_provoked_her/it and_she/it_wept and_not she_ate. **8** And_he/it_said to/for_her/it 'Elqānāh her/its_husband/man Oh_Ḥannāh to/for_what_(why) are_you_weeping and_to/for_ _what_(why) not are_you_eating and_to/for_what_(why) your(fs)_heart is_it_sad am_not am_I good to/for_you(fs) from_ _ten sons.

9 And_ Ḥannāh _she/it_arose after had_eaten in_Shiloh and_ _after had_drunk and_ʿĒlī the_priest/officer was_sitting on the_ _seat at the_doorpost_of the_temple_of **YHWH**. **10** And_she was_bitter_of soul and_she/it_prayed to **YHWH** and_weeping she_wept. **11** And_she/it_vowed a_vow and_she/it_said Oh_ _**YHWH** soldiers/messengers if really_(look) you_will_look in_ _the_affliction your(ms)_female_slave and_you(ms)_will_ _remember_me and_not you_will_forget ~~ĐOM~~ your(ms)_female_ _slave and_you(ms)_will_give to/for_your(ms)_female_slave offspring_of men and_I_will_give_him/it to/for_**YHWH** all_of the_days_of his/its_life and_(a)_razor not it_will_go_up on his/its_head. **12** And_it_was if/because she_had_increased to_ _pray to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ʿĒlī was_ _watching ~~ĐOM~~ her/its_mouth. **13** And_Ḥannāh she was_ _speaking to her/its_heart only her/its_lips were_quivering and_her/its_voice not it_was_heard and_he/it_considered_ _her/it ʿĒlī to_be_drunk(fs). **14** And_he/it_said to_her/it ʿĒlī until when will_you(fs)_be_drunk remove ~~ĐOM~~ wine_of_your from_with_you. **15** And_ Ḥannāh _she_answered and_she/it_ _said no my_master am_a_woman hard_of spirit I and_wine and_strong_drink not I_have_drunk and_I_have_poured_out ~~ĐOM~~ soul_of_my to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **16** Do_not give ~~ĐOM~~ maidservant_of_your to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before a_daughter_of worthlessness if/because from_ _the_greatness_of my_complaint_of_my and_provocation_of_ _my I_have_spoken until now. **17** And_ ʿĒlī _he_answered and_ _he/it_said go to_peace and_the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) may_

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Elkanah and family at Shiloh

1:1 There was a man named Elkanah from Ramatayim-Tsofim who lived in the Efrati hill country. (He was an Efrati—the son of Yeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Tsuf.)[1] **2** He had two wives: Hannah (who had no children) and Peninah (who had several children).

3 Every year he would take his family to Shiloh to offer sacrifices to Commander-in-chief Yahweh. Eli was Yahweh's priest there, and his two sons Hofni and Pinhas also served there.

4 on the day that Elkanah made his sacrifice, he would give portions of the cooked meat to Peninah and to all her sons and daughters, **5** but he'd give a double portion to Hannah because he loved her, even though Yahweh had not enabled her to have children. **6** Then her rival would provoke her and try to make her angry, because Yahweh hadn't given her children. **7** And so it happened every year. Every time they went to Yahweh's tent, Peninah ridiculed him, and Hannah would weep and wouldn't eat. **8** Then Elkanah would ask her, "Hannah, why are you crying? And why aren't you eating? And why are you so upset? Isn't it better having me than having ten sons?"

Hannah and Eli

9 One time Hannah got up after eating and drinking at Shiloh. (Eli the priest was sitting on the seat near the entrance of Yahweh's tent.) **10** Hannah was very upset, and she prayed to Yahweh and wept uncontrollably. **11** Then she made a vow, saying, "Commander Yahweh, if you would only notice the misery of your female servant and remember me. Don't ignore me. Help your female servant to give birth to a son, then I'll give him to you for his entire life, and he'll never have his hair cut."[2]

12 As she continued praying to Yahweh, Eli was watching her mouth. **13** Now Hannah was praying from her heart, and her lips were moving but she wasn't speaking aloud. Eli thought she must be drunk, **14** and scolded her, "You shouldn't be getting drunk. Get rid of your wine."

15 "No, my master," Hannah replied, "I'm a woman who's suffering deep down. I haven't drunk any wine or intoxicating drink, but rather I've been sharing my inner issues with Yahweh. **16** Don't think that your female servant is just a worthless woman, because just now I was praying as a result of my terrible anguish and frustration."

17 "Then go in peace," Eli replied. "And may Yisrael's (Israel's) god grant your request that you presented to him."

18 "Please assume the best of your female servant," said Hannah, then she went on her way and had something to eat, and

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 6:27,34.

2 **RV 1:11 · Cross-ref.** Num 6:5.

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something had changed in her demeanor.

Shmuel's birth and dedication

19 They all gut up early the next morning and worshipped Yahweh again, then they returned to their home at Ramah. Then Elkanah slept with his wife Hannah, and Yahweh answered her prayer. 20 Hannah got pregnant, and in due course, she gave birth to a son. She named him 'Shmuel' (Samuel) (meaning 'heard by God', usually changed to 'Shmuel' in English) because she had requested him from Yahweh.

21 At the usual time, Elkanah and all his household went to Shiloh to offer their sacrifices and fulfill their vows to Yahweh. 22 But Hannah didn't accompany them because she'd told her husband, "I'll come and bring him when he's weaned. Then he can be taken in to Yahweh and permanently remain there." 23 "Do what you think's best," her husband replied. "Stay until you've weaned him. May Yahweh do whatever he said to you." So she stayed behind and breastfed her son until she eventually weaned him.

24 The next year, after she'd weaned him, she took the young boy with them, along with three bulls, a sack of flour, and a container of wine. Then she brought him to Yahweh's tent in Shiloh, 25 and after slaughtering the bull, they took the boy in to Eli. 26 "Please, my master," Hannah said. "As your spirit lives, my master, I'm the woman who was standing with you here to pray to Yahweh. 27 I prayed that Yahweh would give me a son, and he did, and this is him. 28 Also, I dedicated him to Yahweh all his life, so he's now given to Yahweh."

Then they worshipped Yahweh there.

Hannah's praise

2:1 Then Hannah prayed, saying,
"I'm so happy with Yahweh.
My strength comes from Yahweh.
I can loudly refute my enemies.
Because I'm so pleased that you rescued me.[3]
2 No one else is holy like Yahweh.
There's certainly no one else who's like you.
No one else is like a rock to me like our god is.
3 You all shouldn't speak so proudly.
Don't let arrogance come out of your mouths.
Because Yahweh is a god of knowledge,
and all actions are weighed by him.
4 Warriors have their bows shattered,
but those who stumbled are given extra strength.
5 Those who had been satisfied now hire themselves out for

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_he_grant ÐǾM petition_of_your which you_have_asked from_
_with_him. 18 And_she/it_said maidservant_of_your may_she_
_find favour in_eyes_of_your and_ the_woman _she_went to_
_way_of_her and_she/it_ate and_face_of_her not they_were
to/for_her/it still.

19 And_they_rose_early in_morning and_they_bowed_down to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_returned
and_they_came to house_of_their to_(the)_Rāmāh and_
'Elqānāh _he/it_knew ÐǾM Ḥannāh his/its_wife/woman and_
_he_remembered_her **YHWH**. 20 And_he/it_was to_the_
_circuit(s)_of the_days and_ Ḥannāh _she/it_
_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth a_son
and_she/it_called/named ÐǾM his/its_name Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel)
if/because from_**YHWH** I_asked_for_him. 21 And_ the_man
'Elqānāh and_all household_of_his _he/it_ascended to_sacrifice
to/for_**YHWH** ÐǾM the_sacrifice_of the_days and_ÐǾM vow_of_
_his. 22 And_Ḥannāh not she_went_up if/because she_said
to/for_her/its_man/husband until the_lad he_will_be_weaned
and_I_will_take_him and_he_will_present_himself with the_
_presence_of **YHWH** and_he_will_dwell there until perpetuity.
23 And_he/it_said to/for_her/it 'Elqānāh her/its_husband/man
do the_good in_eyes_of_your remain until wean_you ÐǾM_
_him/it only **YHWH** may_he_carry_out ÐǾM message_of_his
and_ the_woman _she_remained and_she_nursed ÐǾM son_of_
_her until she_had_weaned ÐǾM_him/it. 24 And_she_brought_
_him_up with_her/it just_as she_had_weaned_him with_young_
_bulls three and_an_'ēyfāh one flour and_a_jar_of wine and_
_she_took_him the_house_of **YHWH** Shiloh and_the_lad was_a_
_lad. 25 And_they_slaughtered ÐǾM the_young_bull and_they_
_brought ÐǾM the_lad to ʿĒlī. 26 And_she/it_said pardon_me
my_master by_the_life your_self_of_your my_master I the_
_woman who_stood with_you in_this_place to_pray to **YHWH**.
27 Concerning the_lad the_this I_prayed and_ **YHWH** _he/it_
_gave to_me ÐǾM petition_of_my which I_asked from_with_him.
28 And_also I I_entrust_him to/for_**YHWH** all_of the_days
which he_has_been he is_asked to/for_**YHWH** and_he_bowed_
down there to/for**YHWH**.

2:1 And_ Ḥannāh _she/it_prayed and_she/it_said heart_of_my
it_exults in_**YHWH** horn_of_my it_is_exalted in_**YHWH** mouth_
_of_my it_has_opened_wide on enemies_of_my if/because I_
_rejoiced in_deliverance_of_your. 2 There_is_not a_holy_one
like_**YHWH** if/because there_is_not except_you and_there_is_
_not a_rock like_god_of_our. 3 Do_not multiply you(pl)_will_
_speak haughty haughty arrogant_speech it_goes_out from_
_mouth_of_your(pl) if/because is_a_god_of knowledge(s)
YHWH and[4] deeds they_are_measured. 4 The_bow_of warriors
are_shattered and_those_who_stumble they_gird_on strength.
5 Satisfied_people for_food they_hire_themselves_out and_
_hungry_people they_cease to a_barren_woman she_bears
seven_children and_a_woman_many_of sons she_languishes.
6 **YHWH** is_killing and_he_is_restoring_to_life he_is_bringing_
_down Shə'ōl and_he_has_brought_up. 7 **YHWH** is_making_
_poor and_he_is_making_rich he_is_bringing_low also he_is_
_exalting. 8 He_is_raising_up from_the_dust the_poor from_

3 **RV 2:1-10 · Cross-ref.** Luk 1:46-55.

4 **LV 2:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְלֹא֙: (x-qere) וְלֹ֙ו: lemma_c/l/3808 morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_09gXh

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_the_ash_heap he_lifts_up the_needy to_cause_them_to_dwell with noble_people and_a_throne_of honour he_makes_them_ _inherit if/because to/for_**YHWH** the_pillars_of the_earth and_ _he_set on_them the_world. **9** The_feet_of people[5] he_protects and_wicked_people in_darkness they_perish if/because not by_ _strength anyone he_prevails. **10** **YHWH** they_are_shattered mmm[6] mmm[7] in_heavens he_thunders **YHWH** he_judges the_ _ends_of the_earth and_he_gives strength to_king_of_his and_ _he_exalts the_horn_of his_anointed. **11** And_ ʾElqānāh _he/it_ _went to_(the)_Rāmāh on house_of_his and_the_lad he_was serving ~~ḎOM~~ **YHWH** with the_presence_of ʿĒlī the_ _priest/officer.

12 And_the_sons of_ʿĒlī were_sons_of worthlessness not they_ _knew ~~ḎOM~~ **YHWH**. **13** And_the_custom_of the_priests with the_ _people every_of person who_was_sacrificing a_sacrifice and_ the_servant_of the_priest/officer _he_came just_as_boiled the_ _meat and_the_fork the_three the_prongs in_his/its_hand. **14** And_he_thrust_it in_pot or in_pot or in_caldron or in_pot all that the_fork it_brought_up the_priest/officer he_took in/on/over_him/it thus they_did to/from_all/each/any/every Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_(ones_who)_went there in_Shiloh. **15** Also before_before they_made_smoke ~~ḎOM~~ the_fat and_he_came the_ _servant_of the_priest/officer and_saying(ms) to_person who_ _was_sacrificing give meat to_roast to_priest and_not he_will_ _accept from_you meat boiled if/because (if) raw. **16** And_he/it_ _said to_him/it the_man surely_(make_smoke) let_them_make_ _smoke as_day the_fat and_take to/for_yourself(m) just_as appetite_of_your it_desires and_saying(ms) mmm[8] if/because now you_will_give_it and_if not I_take_it by_force. **17** And_it_ _became the_sin_of the_young_men great very with the_ _presence_of **YHWH** if/because the_men they_treated_with_ _contempt ~~ḎOM~~ the_offering_of **YHWH**.
18 And_Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) was_serving ~~ḎOM~~ the_presence_of **YHWH** a_lad girded an_ephod_of linen. **19** And_a_robe small she_made for_him/it his/its_mother and_she_brought_it_up to_him/it from_days to_days when_she_went_up with her/its_ _husband/man to_sacrifice ~~ḎOM~~ the_sacrifice_of the_days.

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food,
but the hungry people no longer lack.
The woman who'd been childless, gives birth to seven,
but the woman with many sons is depressed.
6 Yahweh puts to death and he makes alive.
He sends down to the grave and brings up.
7 Yahweh makes poor and makes rich.
He humbles, and he also honours.
8 He lifts the poor up from the dust,
and lifts up the needy from the ash heap
so they can sit with influential people
and be given the seat of honour.
The earth's foundations belong to Yahweh—
he was the one who placed the world on top of them.
9 He watches over those who are loyal to him,
but wicked people will die in the darkness,
because we don't succeed through our own strength.
10 It's Yahweh who shatters our enemies.
He thunders against them from the heavens.
Yahweh will judge the entire earth,
and will give strength to the king,
and will give victory to his chosen one."
11 Then Elkanah and his family returned to their home in Ramah, but young Shmuel (Samuel) stayed to help Eli the priest serve Yahweh.

Eli's greedy sons

12 Now Eli's sons were worthless scoundrels who didn't obey Yahweh. **13** It was the custom of those priests that when anyone was offering a sacrifice and as soon as the meat was boiling, the priest's servant would come along holding a three-pronged fork **14** and stick it into the pot or pan. The priest would then claim whatever the fork brought up. That's what they did to all the Israelis who came to Shiloh to offer sacrifices. **15** Also, before the fat was removed to burn, the priest's servant would say to the person sacrificing, "Give some meat to the priest—he doesn't want just boiled meat all the time—he'll take some raw meat as well to roast."
16 But if the person tried to say, "Once the fat has all been burnt, then take whatever you want for yourself," then he'd assert, "No, you'd better give it right now or I'll take it by force."
17 And so the actions of those young men were very wicked in Yahweh's mind because they just treated sacrifices to Yahweh with contempt.

Young Shmuel starts serving at Shiloh

18 By now Shmuel (Samuel) was serving Yahweh, dressed in a priestly uniform made from linen. **19** Each year his mother would make a small robe for him and bring it when she came with her husband to

5 **LV 2:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דיסח: (x-qere) וְיִדְיֻסָּח׳: lemma_2623 n_1.1.0 morph_HAampc/Sp3ms id_09jaD וְיִדְיֻסָּח
6 **LV 2:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/בירמ: (x-qere) וְיַבְּירֻמ׳: lemma_7378 n_1.1.1 morph_HVhrmpc/Sp3ms id_09UXS וְיַבְּירֻמ
7 **LV 2:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לע: (x-qere) וְיַלָּעׁ׳: lemma_5921 a n_1.1.0 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_09Abd וְיַלָּעׁ
8 **LV 2:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ל: (x-qere) וְאֹל׳: lemma_3808 n_0.1.1 morph_HTn id_09AFs וְאֹל

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offer their sacrifices. **20** Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, "May Yahweh give more children for you through this woman in place of the boy dedicated to Yahweh." Then they'd return home.

21 So Yahweh visited Hannah and she went on to give birth to three other sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, young Shmuel grew up serving Yahweh.

Eli and his children

22 Now Eli was very old and he had heard all about what his sons were doing to the Israeli people, and also that they were sleeping around with the women who worked at the sacred tent entrance. **23** "Why are you two doing all these things that I keep hearing about—these evil things affecting all those people?" he asked them. **24** "No, my sons. The reports that I keep hearing Yahweh's people passing on aren't good! **25** If someone sins against a person, then God will mediate for him, but if someone sins against Yahweh, who will speak up for that person?" But they wouldn't listen to their father's advice because Yahweh wanted to put them to death.

26 Meanwhile the boy Shmuel (Samuel) was growing up, and his good behaviour pleased both Yahweh and the people.[9]

The prophecy against Eli's family

27 One day one of God's prophets came to Eli and told him, "This is what Yahweh says, 'Didn't I clearly reveal myself to your ancestors when they were Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) slaves in Mitsrayim (Egypt)? **28** And out of all the Israeli tribes, I chose your ancestor to be a priest to me, to go up on my altar, to burn incense, and to wear the sacred apron in front of me.[10] Plus I gave your ancestors the rights to all the burnt offerings made by the Israelis.[11] **29** Why do you disrespect sacrifices and offerings that I commanded the people to bring to me at my residence. And why do you honour your sons more than me by fattening yourselves from the best of every offering of my people Yisrael (Israel)?'

30 "Therefore, this is what Yahweh the god of Yisrael declares: 'I indeed said your ancestors and then your descendants would serve me forever.' But now I declare this instead: 'This cannot continue because I will honour those who honour me, but those who despise me will be side-lined. **31** Listen, the time is coming when I'll bring you and your relatives to an end—none of your men will die of old age **32** and you'll see distress in my residence. I'll do good for the rest of Yisrael, but there'll never be another old man in your home. **33** I won't finish them off near my altar. Your eyes will fail and you'll grieve inside, but your adult sons will die. **34** This will be the sign: it'll turn out that your two sons Hofni and Pinhas will both die on the same day.[12] **35** Then I'll se-

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20 And_ ʹĒlī _he_blessed ~~ĐOM~~ ʾElqānāh and_~~ĐOM~~ his/its_ _wife/woman and_saying(ms) **YHWH** may_he_appoint to/for_ _yourself(m) offspring from the_woman (the)_this in_place_of the_petition which someone_asked to/for_**YHWH** and_they_ _went to_place_of_his. **21** If/because **YHWH** he_visited ~~ĐOM~~ Ḥannāh and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_ _gave_birth three sons and_two_of daughters and_ the_lad Shəmūʾēl _he_grew_up with **YHWH**.

22 And_ʹĒlī he_was_old exceedingly and_he_heard ~~ĐOM~~ all_of that they_did sons_of_his to/from_all/each/any/every Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_~~ĐOM~~ how they_were_lying with the_women who_were_serving the_opening_of the_tent_of meeting. **23** And_he/it_said to/for_them to/for_what are_you_doing according_the_things the_these that I am_hearing ~~ĐOM~~ things_ _of_your(pl) wicked from_with all_of the_people these. **24** No my_sons_of_my if/because is_not good the_report which I am_ _hearing the_people_of **YHWH** are_spreading. **25** If a_person he_will_sin to_a_person and_he_will_mediate_for_him god and_ _if to/for_**YHWH** a_person he_will_sin who will_he_intercede to_him/it and_not they_listened to_sound/voice their_father_ _of_their if/because **YHWH** he_desired to_put_them_to_death. **26** And_the_lad Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) was_going and_was_ _growing_up and_he_was_good both with **YHWH** and_also with people.

27 And_ a_man_of god _he_came to ʹĒlī and_he/it_said to_ _him/it thus **YHWH** he_says indeed_(reveal) did_I_reveal_ _myself to the_house_of your_ancestor_of_your on_their_being in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_the_house_of Parʹoh. **28** And_I_chose ~~ĐOM~~_him/it from_all the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_me to_a_ _priest to_go_up on altar_of_my to_make_smoke incense to_ _bear an_ephod before_me and_I_gave to_the_house_of your_ _ancestor_of_your ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_fire_offerings_of the_people_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **29** To/for_what do_you(pl)_kick at_ _sacrifice_of_my and_at_offering_of_my which I_commanded a_dwelling_place and_do_you_honour ~~ĐOM~~ sons_of_your more_ _than_me by_making_yourselves_fat from_the_choicest_of every_of (the)_offering_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) of_people_of_my. **30** For_so/thus/hence the_utterance_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) indeed_(say) I_said house_of_your and_the_ _house_of your_ancestor_of_your they_will_walk_about to/for_ _my_face/front until perpetuity and_now the_utterance_of **YHWH** far_be_it to/for_me if/because those_of_who_honour_ _me I_will_honour and_those_of_who_despise_me they_will_ _be_insignificant. **31** HERE days are_coming and_I_will_cut_off ~~ĐOM~~ arm_of_your and_~~ĐOM~~ the_arm_of the_house_of your_ _ancestor_of_your from_ an_old_man _being in_house_of_your. **32** And_you_will_look_at the_distress_of a_dwelling_place in_all that he_will_do_good_to ~~ĐOM~~ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_not an_old_ _man he_will_be in_house_of_your all_of the_days. **33** And_a_ _man not I_will_cut_off to/for_yourself(m) from_with altar_of_ _my to_cause_to_fail ~~ĐOM~~ eyes_of_your and_to_cause_to_grieve

9 **RV 2:26 · Cross-ref.** Luk 2:52.

10 **RV 2:28 · Cross-ref.** Exo 28:1-4.

11 **RV 2:28 · Cross-ref.** Lev 7:35-36.

12 **RV 2:34 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 4:11.

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~~DOM~~ self_of_your and_all the_increase_of your_house_of_your they_will_die men. **34** And_this for_you will_be_the_sign which it_will_come to the_two_of sons_of_your to Ḥofnī and_Piṇḥāṣ in/on_day one both_of_of_them they_will_die. **35** And_I_will_ _raise_up to_me a_priest faithful just_as is_in_heart_of_my and_ _in_soul_of_my he_will_act and_I_will_build to_him/it a_house enduring and_he_will_walk_about[13] to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before my_of_anointed all_of the_days. **36** And_it_was every_of (the)_one_who_remains in_house_of_your he_will_ _come to_bow_down to_him/it for_a_payment_of silver and_a_ _round_loaf_of bread and_saying(ms) attach_me please to one of_the_priesthoods to_eat a_piece_of bread.

3:1 And_the_lad Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) was_serving ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before ʿĒlī and_the_message_of **YHWH** it_was rare in_the_days the_those there_was_not vision spread_out. **2** And_he/it_was in_the_day (the)_that and_ʿĒlī was_lying in_place_of_his[15] his[16] they_began dim not he_was_ _able to_see. **3** And_the_lamp_of god not_yet it_was_ _extinguished and_Shəmūʾēl was_lying in_(the)_palace of_ _**YHWH** where was_there the_box_of god. **4** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_called to Shəmūʾēl and_he/it_said here_I_am. **5** And_he_ _ran to ʿĒlī and_he/it_said here_I_am if/because you_ _summoned to/for_me and_he/it_said not I_summoned return lie_down and_he/it_went and_he_lay_down. **6** And_ **YHWH** _ _he_repeated to_call again Shəmūʾēl and_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_rose_ _up and_he/it_went to ʿĒlī and_he/it_said here_I_am if/because you_summoned to_me and_he/it_said not I_summoned my_ _son_of_my return lie_down. **7** And_Shəmūʾēl not_yet he_knew ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_not_yet it_was_revealed to_him/it the_ _message_of **YHWH**. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he_repeated to_call Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) at_time and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to ʿĒlī and_he/it_said here_I_am if/because you_summoned to_ _me and_ ʿĒlī _he_understood if/because_that **YHWH** was_ _summoning (to)_lad. **9** And_ ʿĒlī _he/it_said to_Shəmūʾēl go lie_ _down and_it_was if he_will_call to_you and_you_will_say speak Oh_**YHWH** if/because servant_of_your is_listening and_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_went and_he_lay_down in_place_of_his. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he_came and_he_stood and_he/it_called as_ _time on_time Oh_Shəmūʾēl Oh_Shəmūʾēl and_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_ _said speak if/because servant_of_your is_listening. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Shəmūʾēl HERE I am_about_to_do a_thing in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) which every_of one_of_who_hears_it the_ _two_of ears_of_his they_will_tingle. **12** In_the_day (the)_that I_ _will_carry_out against ʿĒlī ~~DOM~~ all_of that I_have_spoken against house_of_his beginning and_ending. **13** And_I_tell to_ _him/it if/because_that I am_about_to_judge ~~DOM~~ house_of_his until perpetuity for_the_iniquity_of which he_knew if/because were_bringing_a_curse to/for_them sons_of_his and_not he_ _rebuked (in)_them. **14** And_therefore I_swear to_the_house_of ʿĒlī if the_iniquity_of the_house_of ʿĒlī it_will_be_atoned_for

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lect another man to be a faithful priest to me—he'll follow my desires and do what's in my mind. I'll make him and his faithful descendants to continue and to always serve me. **36** Any of your descendants who remain alive will have to go to him to request food and money and beg for some priestly work to earn something to eat.' "

Yahweh calls Shmuel

3:1 Meanwhile young Shmuel (Samuel) was serving Yahweh under Eli. In those days, Yahweh rarely spoke to the people or sent visions.

2 By that time, Eli's sight was very poor—he could barely see. One night when he was sleeping in his place,[14] **3** and Shmuel was lying down in Yahweh's tent (where the box was that contained the stone slabs), but God's lamp was still burning. **4** Yahweh called out to Shmuel, and he called back, "I'm here. Coming." **5** Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, because you called me."

"I didn't call," he said. "Go back and lie down." So he went back and laid down.

6 Yahweh called again, "Shmuel."

Shmuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, because you called me."

"I didn't call, my son," he said, "Go back and lie down."

7 (At this point, Shmuel didn't really know Yahweh, because Yahweh hadn't revealed himself to him before.) **8** Then Yahweh called Shmuel a third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, because you called me."

Then Eli realised that it was Yahweh who was calling the boy **9** and he told Shmuel, "Go and lie down. Then if he calls to you again, just answer, 'Speak, Yahweh, because your servant is listening.' " So Shmuel went and laid down again in his place.

10 Then Yahweh came and stood nearby and called like he'd done the other times, "Shmuel, Shmuel."

"Speak," Shmuel said, "because your servant is listening."

11 "Listen," Yahweh told him, "I'm about to do something in Yisrael (Israel) that will make everyone's ears tingle when they hear it. **12** When it happens, I'll do everything that I've said about Eli and his family, from the beginning to the end. **13** I've told him already that I'm about to eternally judge his household because he knew about the evil that was being done, because his sons were bringing curses on themselves and he didn't scold them. **14** That's why I've promised Eli's family that their disobe-

13 LV 2:35 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

14 RV 3:2 · Note Some translations use 'room' here instead of 'place', but it could easily be that he had a small bed in a corner somewhere.

15 LV 3:2 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

16 LV 3:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/נִיעַ**: (x-qere) **ו/יָנִיעַ**: lemma_c/5869 a n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Ncbdc/Sp3ms id_09Mdv **ו/יָנִיעַ**

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dience can never be forgiven by means of sacrifices or offerings.

Shmuel tells Eli what Yahweh said

15 Then Shmuel (Samuel) lay down again until the morning when he opened the doors of Yahweh's house as usual, but he was scared to tell Eli about the vision. 16 But Eli called him, "Shmuel, my son."

"Here I am," he answered.

17 "What did he tell you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide it from me. May God punish you severely if you hide a single word from everything he told you." 18 So Shmuel told him everything without hiding anything. Then Eli answered, "It's Yahweh. May he do whatever he thinks best."

19 As Shmuel grew up, Yahweh was with him and nothing he said failed to happen, 20 so all Yisrael (Israel) from Dan in the north and as far as Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south knew that Shmuel was a faithful prophet of Yahweh. 21 Over time, Yahweh continued to appear in Shiloh and to reveal his plans through Shmuel

4:1 and Shmuel's messages went to all Yisrael.

The capture of the box with the agreement

At that time, Yisrael (Israel) went to war against the Pelishtim. They camped at Even-Ha'ezer (Ebenezer), and the Pelishtim camped at Afek. 2 Then the Pelishtim lined up to meet Yisrael and the battle spread. Yisrael was defeated by the Pelishtim and they killed about 4,000 warriors in the battle line in the countryside. 3 As the people[18] came into the camp, the Israeli elders asked themselves, "Why did Yahweh allow the Pelishtim to slaughter us today? Let's get the box from Shiloh that contains the stone slabs with Yahweh's agreement on them. Once it's amongst us, surely it'll save us from defeat by our enemies." 4 So the people sent men to Shiloh and from there they lifted the box containing Yahweh's agreement and the sacred platform with the winged creatures.[19][20] Eli's two sons, Hofni and Pinhas, were there with the box containing God's agreement.

5 As the box with Yahweh's agreement was carried into the camp, all the Israelis shouted so loud that the ground shook. 6 When the Pelishtim heard the noise, they said, "What's that loud shout in the Ivrim' (Hebrews') camp?" Then they realised that the box with Yahweh's covenant had come into their camp 7 and they were afraid saying, "A god has come into the Israeli

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by_sacrifice and_by_an_offering until perpetuity.

15 And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he_lay until the_morning and_he_ _opened ĐOM the_doors_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_Shəmū'ēl he_was_afraid from_telling ĐOM the_vision to ʿĒlī. 16 And_ ʿĒlī _ _he/it_called ĐOM Shəmū'ēl and_he/it_said Oh_Shəmū'ēl son_of_ _my and_he/it_said here_I_am. 17 And_he/it_said what was_ _the_message which he_spoke to_you do_not please hide_it from_me thus may_he_do to_you god and_thus may_he_add if you_will_hide from_me a_message from_all (the)_message which he_spoke to_you. 18 And_he_told to_him/it Shəmū'ēl ĐOM all_of the_words/messages and_not he_hid_them from_him/it and_he_said is_**YHWH** he the_good in_eyes_of_his[17] let_him_ _do. 19 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_grew_up and_**YHWH** he_was with_ _him/it and_not he_made_fall from_all words/messages_of_his ground_to_the. 20 And_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Dān and_ _unto Bə'ēr Shevʿaʿ _he/it_knew if/because_that Shəmū'ēl was_ _established to_a_prophet to/for_**YHWH**. 21 And_ **YHWH** _he_ _repeated to_appear in_Shiloh if/because **YHWH** he_revealed_ _himself to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) at_Shiloh by_the_message_of **YHWH**.

4:1 And_ the_message_of Shəmū'ēl _he/it_was to/from_ _all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_went_out to_meet the_Pəlishtiy for_battle and_they_ _encamped at (the)_Eben- ezer and_the_Pəlishtiy they_ _encamped at_'Afēq.

2 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_deployed to_meet Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_battle _it_spread_out and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_was_ _defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_Pəlishtiy and_they_struck_down in_line in_the_field about_four_of thousand(s) man. 3 And_ the_people _it_came into the_camp and_ the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said to/for_what has_ _he_defeated_us **YHWH** the_day to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_Pəlishtiy let_us_bring to_ourselves from_Shiloh ĐOM the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** so_that_it_may_come in_midst_of_our and_so_that_it_may_deliver_us from_the_ _palm_of our_enemies_of_our. 4 And_ the_people _it_sent Shiloh and_they_brought from_there ĐOM the_box_of the_ _covenant_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers who_sits_of the_ _cherubims and_there the_two_of the_sons_of ʿĒlī were_with the_box_of the_covenant_of the_'Elohīm Ḥofnī and_Piṇḥāṣ. 5 And_he/it_was just_ the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** _as_ _came into the_camp and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_shouted a_shout great and_ the_earth/land _it_was_stirred. 6 And_ the_ _Pəlishtiy _they_heard ĐOM the_sound_of the_shout and_they_ _said what is_the_sound_of the_shout (the)_great (the)_this in_ _the_camp_of the_ʿIvrī/(Hebrews) and_they_knew if/because_ _that the_box_of **YHWH** it_had_come into the_camp. 7 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_saw if/because they_said a_god he_has_ _come into the_camp and_they_said woe to/for_us if/because

17 **LV 3:18 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

18 **RV 4:3 · Note** It seems that most translations assume that this is referring to the remainder of the warriors staggering back into the camp (which is certainly a possibility), but we've interpreted it as the people coming together (with their elders as it says), to try to figure out why they were defeated. (Similarly for v4.)

19 **RV 4:4 · Note** And with Commander Yahweh sitting on, above, or between them.

20 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:22.

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not like_this it_has_been yesterday three_days_ago. **8** Woe to/for_us who will_he_deliver_us from_the_hand_of the_ _'Elohīm (the)_mighty the_these these they the_'Elohīm who_ _struck ס֭ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_all plague in_wilderness. **9** Show_yourselves_strong and_become (into)_men Oh_ _Pəlishtiy lest you(pl)_should_serve (to)_ʻIvrī just_as they_ _have_served to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be (into)_men and_you(pl)_will_fight. **10** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_fought and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_was_defeated and_they_fled each_man to_ _his_own_of_tents and_it_became the_defeat great exceedingly and_he_fell of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thirty thousand foot_soldier[s]. **11** And_the_box_of god it_was_taken and_the_two_of the_sons_ _of ʻĒlī they_died Ḥofnī and_Piṇḥāṣ.

12 And_ the_man_of Binyāmīn _he_ran from_the_battle_line and_he_came Shiloh in_the_day (the)_that and_garments_of_ _his were_torn and_earth was_on his/its_head. **13** And_he_ _came and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE ʻĒlī was_sitting on the_seat the_ _side_of**21** the_road watching if/because it_was his/its_heart trembling on the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_the_man he_came to_announce in_city and_ all_of the_city _it_cried_out. **14** And_ ʻĒlī _he/it_listened ס֭ the_sound_of the_outcry and_he/it_ _said what is_the_sound_of the_uproar the_this and_the_man he_hurried and_he_came and_he_told to_ʻĒlī. **15** And_ʻĒlī was_a_ _son_of ninety and_eight year[s] and_eyes_of_his it_was_set and_not he_was_able to_see. **16** And_ the_man _he/it_said to ʻĒlī I am_the_one_who_comes from the_battle_line and_I from the_ _battle_line I_have_fled the_day and_he/it_said what the_ _message was_it my_son_of_my. **17** And_ the_bearer_news _he_ _answered and_he/it_said Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_has_fled to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before the_Pəlishtiy and_also a_slaughter great it_has_been among_people and_also the_two_of sons_of_ _your they_have_died Ḥofnī and_Piṇḥāṣ and_the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm it_has_been_taken. **18** And_he/it_was just_as_he_ _brought_to_remembrance ס֭ the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_ _he_fell from_under the_seat backwards behind the_side_of the_gate and_ neck_of_his _it_was_broken and_he/it_died if/because the_man he_was_old and_heavy and_he he_had_ _judged ס֭ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) forty year[s].

19 And_daughter-in-law_of_his the_wife_of Piṇḥāṣ was_ _pregnant to_give_birth and_she_heard ס֭ the_report concerning of_the_box_of the_'Elohīm the_being_taken and_ father-in-law_of_her and_husband_of_her _he_had_died and_ _she_bowed_down and_she/it_gave_birth if/because they_ _turned on/upon_it(f) pangs_of_her. **20** And_about_the_time_of died_she and_ those_who_were_standing on/upon_it(f) _they_ _spoke do_not be_afraid if/because a_son you_have_borne and_ _not she_answered and_not she_set her/its_heart. **21** And_ _she/it_called/named (to)_lad I- chabod to_say glory it_has_ _gone_into_exile from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) because_of the_box_of the_'Elohīm the_being_taken and_near/to father-in-law_of_her and_husband_of_her. **22** And_she/it_said glory it_has_gone_ _into_exile from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm it_has_been_taken.

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camp." Then they said, "This means trouble, because it wasn't like this yesterday or the previous days. **8** Oh dear! Who will rescue us from these mighty gods? Those are the gods who struck the Mitsrim (Egyptians) with every plague in the wilderness. **9** Now we Pelishtim really need to fight with passion, because if we don't, we'll ending up serving the Ivrim just like they've had to serve us. Now, gather your courage and fight for your lives."

10 So the Pelishtim fought hard, and Yisrael (Israel) was defeated. Many warriors fled back to their tents and it was a terrible slaughter—30,000 foot soldiers from Yisrael were killed. **11** As well as that, the box with God's agreement was taken, and Eli's two sons Hofni and Pinhas were killed.

The death of Eli

12 A Benyamite man ran from the battle line back to Shiloh that day. His clothes were torn and he was covered in dirt. **13** When he arrived there, Eli was sitting on a roadside seat watching, because he was very concerned about the sacred chest. As the man entered the city with the news, all the people started wailing loudly. **14** As Eli heard the wailing, he asked, "What's that big commotion?" So the man ran over to Eli to tell him the news. **15** At that time, Eli was ninety-eight years old, and he stared straight ahead because he couldn't see. **16** The man told him, "I'm the one who's just come from the battle line. I had to fled from the battle line today."

"What was the issue, my son?" Eli asked.

17 "Yisrael (Israel) fled defeated from the Pelishtim," said the messenger. "And also, there has been a terrible slaughter of our people. What's more, your two sons, Hofni and Pinhas, were killed, and the sacred chest has been captured."

18 The moment he mentioned the capturing of God's box, Eli fell backwards off the seat beside the city gate. Because he was old and very heavy, his neck broke and he died. Eli had led Yisrael for forty years.

The death of Pinhas' widow

19 Now Pinhas' wife (Eli's daughter-in-law) was pregnant—about to give birth—when she heard the news about the sacred chest being taken, and that both her father-in-law and her husband had died. At that moment, she knelt down and gave birth because the birth pains suddenly started. **20** But she was dying, and the women who stood over her said, "Don't be afraid, because you've given birth to a son." But she didn't answer or pay any attention. **21** She named the boy 'I-Kavod' (which means 'no glory'), saying, "The glory has departed from Yisrael (Israel)," about the sacred chest being taken, and about the deaths of her father-in-law and her husband. **22** Then she said, "The glory has departed from Yisrael, because the sacred chest has been taken."

21 LV 4:13 · Note OSHB variant note: יְדֵי: (x-qere) יְדֵי֫: lemma_3027 morph_HNcbsc id_09KHf יְדֵי֫

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The sacred chest gets carried to Ashdod

5:1 Now the Pelishtim had taken the sacred chest, and they took it from Even-Ha'ezer (Ebenezer) to Ashdod **2** where they carried it into the temple of their god Dagon and placed it beside a statue of Dagon. **3** Early the next day when the Ashdodim got up, to their horror Dagon had fallen to the ground on its face in front of Yahweh's box. So they stood it up and returned it to its place. **4** But then the next morning, more shock: Dagon had fallen to the ground on its face in front of Yahweh's box but now its hands and head were cut off, and were lying on the threshold. Only its body remained intact. **5** (Because of that, until this day Dagon's priests and everyone who enters Dagon's temple in Ashdod won't tread on the threshold.)

God punishes the Pelishti cities

6 Yahweh caused a lot of trouble for the people of Ashdod and he terrified them. He caused them and the people in the region to get lumpy growths on their skin. **7** When the leaders in Ashdod saw what was happening, they said, "The god of Yisrael's (Israel's) box mustn't stay with us because he's punishing both us and our god Dagon." **8** So they sent for all the Pelishti rulers, and when they'd assembled they asked, "What should we do with the god of Yisrael's box?"

"Let the god of Yisrael's box be taken around to Gat," they decided. So they moved it there. **9** After it arrived, Yahweh started punishing Gat and both young and old men in the city started getting growths on their skin, and it caused a huge panic. **10** So they sent God's box to Ekron, but as soon as it entered the city, the Ekronim cried out, "Hey! They've brought the god of Yisrael's box here to kill us and our people." **11** So they sent for the Pelishti rulers, and when they'd assembled they said, "Send the god of Yisrael's box away. Send it back to its place so it won't cause us and our people to die." Because there was a deadly panic all over the city as God's punishment there was severe **12** and the men who didn't die suffered with the growths. So the people's cry went up to the heavens.

Sending the chest back to Yisrael

6:1 So it was that Yahweh's box was held in Pelishti territory for seven months, **2** then the Pelishtim called their priests and diviners and asked,

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5:1 And_the_Pəlishtiy they_took ÐOM the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_they_brought_it from_Eben- ezer to_'Ashdōd. **2** And_ the_ _Pəlishtiy _they_took ÐOM the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_they_ _brought ÐOM_him/it the_house_of Dāgōn and_they_placed ÐOM_him/it beside Dāgōn. **3** And_ the_'Ashdōdites _they_rose_ _early from_the_next_day and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Dāgōn was_ _lying to_face_of_its towards_land to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_box_of **YHWH** and_they_took ÐOM Dāgōn and_ _they_returned ÐOM_him/it to_place_of_its. **4** And_they_rose_ _early in_morning from_the_next_day and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Dāgōn was_lying to_face_of_its towards_land to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_box_of **YHWH** and_the_head_of Dāgōn and_the_two_of the_palms_of_its_hands_of_his were_ _cut_off to the_threshold only Dāgōn it_remained on/upon/above_him/it. **5** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so not the_priests_of Dāgōn and_all the_(ones_who)_went the_house_ _of Dāgōn they_tread on the_threshold_of Dāgōn in_'Ashdōd until the_day (the)_this.

6 And_ the_hand_of **YHWH** _it_was_heavy against the_ _'Ashdōdites and_he_devastated_them and_he_struck ÐOM_ _them in/on/at/with[2223] ÐOM 'Ashdōd and_ÐOM territories_of_ _its. **7** And_ the_people_of 'Ashdōd _they_saw if/because_that so and_they_said not the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_ _will_remain with_us if/because his/its_hand it_is_hard on_us and_on Dāgōn god_of_our. **8** And_they_sent and_they_gathered ÐOM all_of the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy to_them and_they_said what will_we_do to_the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _they_said Gat the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_it_go_ _round and_they_brought_round ÐOM the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **9** And_he/it_was after they_had_brought_ _round ÐOM_him/it and_it_became the_hand_of **YHWH** on_city panic great exceedingly and_he_struck ÐOM the_men_of the_ _city both_young and_unto the_old and_they_broke_out to/for_ _them tumors[24]. **10** And_they_sent ÐOM the_box_of the_'Elohīm ʻEqrōn and_he/it_was just_ the_box_of the_'Elohīm _as_went ʻEqrōn and_ the_ʻEqrōnites _they_cried_out to_say they_have_ _brought_round to_me ÐOM the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_kill_me and_ÐOM people_of_my. **11** And_they_ _sent and_they_gathered ÐOM all_of the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_said send_away ÐOM the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_it_may_return to_its_own_of_place and_not it_will_kill ÐOM_me and_ÐOM people_of_my if/because it_was panic_of death in_all the_city it_was_heavy exceedingly the_hand_of the_'Elohīm there. **12** And_the_men who not they_ _died they_were_struck in/on/at/with[2526] and_ the_cry_for_ _help_of the_city _it_went_up the_heavens.

6:1 And_ the_box_of **YHWH** _he/it_was in_the_region_of the_ _Pəlishtiy seven months. **2** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_summoned (to)_priests and_(to)_diviners to_say what will_we_do to_the_ _box_of **YHWH** make_known_to_us how will_we_send_it to_its_

22 **LV 5:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מילפע/ב**: (x-qere) 'מְיֹרֹחְטִ/ב': lemma_b/2914 n_0.1 morph_HRd/Ncmpa id_09J1i **מְיֹרֹחְטִ/ב**

23 **LV 5:6 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

24 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מילפע**: (x-qere) 'מְיֹרֹחְטִ': lemma_2914 n_0 morph_HNcmpa id_09Ypk **מְיֹרֹחְטִ**

25 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מילפע/ב**: (x-qere) 'מֵיֹרֹחְטִ/ב': lemma_b/2914 n_1 morph_HRd/Ncmpa id_09GVi **מֵיֹרֹחְטִ/ב**

26 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_own_of_place. 3 And_they_said if you(pl)_are_about_to_send_ _away ÐOM the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) do_not send_ _away ÐOM_him/it empty if/because certainly_(send_back) you(pl)_will_send_back to_him/it a_guilt_offering then you(pl)_ _will_be_healed and_it_will_be_known to/for_you(pl) to/for_ _what not his/its_hand does_it_turn_aside from_you(pl). 4 And_ _they_said what is_the_guilt_offering which we_will_send_back to_him/it and_they_said the_number_of the_rulers_of the_ _Pəlishtiy five tumors_of[27] gold and_five mice_of gold if/because a_plague one to/for_all_them and_to_rulers_of_ _your(pl). 5 And_you(pl)_will_make images_of mmm[28] and_ _images_of your(pl)_mice_of_your(pl) which_are_ruining ÐOM the_earth/land and_you(pl)_will_give to_the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) honour perhaps he_will_lighten ÐOM his/its_ _hand from_on_you(pl) and_from_on gods_of_your(pl) and_ _from_on land_of_your(pl). 6 And_for_what will_you(pl)_ _harden ÐOM heart_of_your(pl) just_as Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _Par'oh they_hardened ÐOM heart_of_their am_not just_as he_ _dealt_wantonly (is)_in_them and_they_sent_them_away and_ _they_went. 7 And_now take and_make a_cart new one and_ _two_of cows nursing which not it_has_gone_up on_them a_ _yoke and_you(pl)_will_harness ÐOM the_cows on_cart and_ _you(pl)_will_take_back ones_of_their_young from_after_them to_the_house. 8 And_you(pl)_will_take ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_put ÐOM_him/it into the_cart and_ÐOM the_ _articles_of the_gold which you(pl)_have_sent_back to_him/it a_guilt_offering you(pl)_will_put in_box from_side_of_its and_ _you(pl)_will_send_away ÐOM_him/it and_it_will_go. 9 And_ _you(pl)_will_see if the_way_of its_own_territory_of_his it_will_ _go_up Bēyt Shemesh he he_has_done to/for_us ÐOM the_harm (the)_great (the)_this and_if not and_we_will_know if/because_ _that not his/its_hand it_touched (in)_us chance it it_happened to/for_us. 10 And_ the_men _they_made thus and_they_took two_of cows nursing and_they_harnessed_them on_cart and_ _ÐOM ones_of_their_young they_shut_up in_house. 11 And_ _they_put ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** into the_cart and_ÐOM the_ _box and_ÐOM the_mice_of the_gold and_ÐOM the_images_of their_tumors_of_their. 12 And_they_were_straight[29] the_cows in_road on the_road_of Bēyt Shemesh on_a_highway one they_ _went going and_lowing and_not they_turned_aside right_hand and_left_hand and_the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy were_going after_them to the_border_of Bēyt Shemesh. 13 And_Bēyt-shemesh were_harvesting the_harvest_of wheat(s) in_valley and_they_lifted_up ÐOM eyes_of_their and_they_saw ÐOM the_ _box and_they_rejoiced to_see. 14 And_the_cart it_came to the_ _field_of Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the Bēyt and_it_stopped there and_there a_stone large and_they_split ÐOM the_wood(s)_of the_cart and_ÐOM the_cows they_offered_up a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH**. 15 And_the_Lēviyyiy they_brought_down ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM the_box which with_him/it which in/on/over_him/it the_articles_of gold and_they_put_them to the_stone (the)_large and_the_people_of Bēyt Shemesh they_

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"What should we do with Yahweh's box? Show us how we can get it back away to its place."

3 "If you're going to send the god of Yisrael's (Israel's) box back," they responded, "don't send it back by itself, but definitely return it to him with a guilt offering. Then you'll all be healed, and you'll all understand why you've been suffering."

4 "What guilt offering should we send with it?" they asked.

"Five gold replicas of the tumours, and five gold mice," they said. "That's the number of our rulers, because the same plague affected both them and the people. 5 Make replicas of the tumours and replicas of the mice that have been destroying the land, and it will honour Yisrael's god. Then perhaps he will less his punishment that's been on you and on your gods and on your land. 6 Why have you all been so stubborn just like the Mitsrim (Egyptians) when Par'oh (Pharaoh) made them stubborn? When Yisrael's god dealt severely with them, didn't the Mitsrim send the Israelis away and they went? 7 So now, get a brand new cart with two nursing cows which have never had a yoke on their necks. Hitch the cows to the cart but take their calves back to their pen. 8 Then pick up Yahweh's box and put it into the cart along with the gold objects that you are sending with it as a guilt offering put in another container beside the box. Finally, send the cart away and off it will go. 9 Then watch it. If it heads towards Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) in Israeli territory, then it's their god that caused this terrible calamity. But if not, then we'll know that it wasn't the Israeli god, and that it all happened to us by chance."

10 So they followed those instructions: they took two cows that had been feeding calves and hitched them to the new cart, but they shut their calves away in the stall. 11 Then they put Yahweh's box into the cart with the other container with the gold mice and the replicas of their tumours. 12 Amazingly, the cows went straight down the road going to Beyt-Shemesh. They stayed on that one highway, walking and mooing, and they never once deviated to the left or the right, and the Pelishti rulers followed them as far as the border of Beyt-Shemesh.

13 Meanwhile in Beyt-Shemesh, the people were harvesting wheat in the valley, and when they looked up and saw the box, they were very happy. 14 The cart came into the field belonging to Yehoshua (Joshua) and then the cows just stood there. There was a large stone there, and the people split the sides of the wooden cart into pieces to start a fire, then offered the cows as a burnt sacrifice to Yahweh. 15 Then the Levites lifted down Yahweh's box and the other container that was with it with the gold objects in it, and they placed them on the large stone. Then the men of Beyt-Shemesh offered up more burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices to Yahweh on that day. 16 The five Pelishti rulers

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27 LV 6:4 · Note OSHB variant note: **ילפע**: (x-qere) 'יְרֹחָט': lemma_2914 morph_HNcmpc id_09Fc9 יְרֹחָט

28 LV 6:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **סכ/ילפע**: (x-qere) 'סָכ/יְרֹחָט': lemma_2914 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp2mp id_092xG סָכ/יְרֹחָט

29 LV 6:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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watched all this from a distance before returning to Ekron that same day.

The gold replicas

17 The gold replicas of tumours that the Pelishtim sent back as a guilt offering to Yahweh were for the five cities: Ashdod, Azah (Gaza), Ashkelon, Gat, and Ekron. 18 And the gold mice were from the number of all the Pelishti cities under the five rulers, including fortified cities as well as the villages in the open country, and as far as the large stone that they sat Yahweh's box on. (It's still in Yehoshua's (Joshua's) field in Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) until this day.)

19 But some Beyt-Shemesh men looked into Yahweh's box, and he killed seventy[30] of them. The people mourned because Yahweh had caused such devastation among the people.

The sacred chest is taken to Kiryat-Yearim

20 The Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) men said, "Who can stand in front of the face of Yahweh, this holy God? And where should we send the box to from here?" 21 So they sent messengers to those living in Kiryat-Yearim, saying, "The Pelishtim have returned Yahweh's box. Come over here and get it."

7:1 So the men from Kiryat-Yearim came and lifted up Yahweh's box and brought it into Avinadav's house on the hill.[33] They consecrated his son Eleazar to take care of it.

Shmuel guides Yisrael

2 The sacred chest ended up staying in Kiryat-Yearim for twenty years but the Israelis longed sadly for Yahweh.

3 Then Shmuel (Samuel) told all the Israelis, "If you all really want to return to Yahweh, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtarot from among you. Then decide firmly to serve Yahweh and no other, then he'll rescue you from the Pelishtim' oppression." 4 So the Israelis removed the Ba'al and Ashtoret idols, and began to serve Yahweh only.

5 Then Shmuel called, "Gather all Yisrael (Israel) to Mitspah, and I'll pray to Yahweh for you all." 6 So they gathered at Mitspah, and drew water and poured it out in front of Yahweh, and they fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against Yahweh." And Shmuel guided the Israelis at Mitspah.

7 When the Pelishtim heard that the Israelis had gathered at Mitspah, the Pelishti rulers decided to attack Yisrael. When the Israelis heard that, they were afraid of the Pelishtim 8 and begged Shmuel, "Don't stop crying out to our god Yahweh, so

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_offered_up burnt_offerings and_they_sacrificed sacrifices in_ _the_day (the)_that to/for_**YHWH**. 16 And_five the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy they_saw and_they_went_back ʹEqrōn in_the_day (the)_that.

17 And_these are_the_tumors_of the_gold which the_Pəlishtiy they_sent_back a_guilt_offering to/for_**YHWH** for_ʾAshdōd one[31] for_ʹAzzāh one for_ʾAshqəlōn one for_Gat one for_ʹEqrōn one. 18 And_the_mice_of the_gold the_number_of all_of the_ _cities_of belonging_to_the_Pəlishtiy of_the_five_of the_rulers from_a_city_of fortification and_unto (the)_village[s]_of the_ _hamlet-dweller[s] and_unto ʾĀvēl the_great which they_set_ _down on/upon_it(f) ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** until the_day the_ _this in_the_field_of Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) the Bēyt. 19 And_he_ _struck_down among_the_people_of Bēyt Shemesh if/because they_had_looked in_the_box_of **YHWH** and_he_struck_down among_people seventy man fifty thousand man and_ the_ _people _they_mourned if/because **YHWH** he_had_struck (in)_ _people a_blow great[32]

20 and_ the_people_of Bēyt Shemesh _they_said who is_he_able to_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** the_ _ʾElohīm (the)_holy the_this and_near/to whom will_it_go_up from_with_us. 21 And_they_sent messengers to the_ _inhabitants_of Qiryat to_say the_Pəlishtiy they_have_brought_ _back ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** come_down take_up ÐOM_him/it to_you(pl).

7:1 And_they_came the_people_of Qiryat and_they_took_up ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** and_they_brought ÐOM_him/it to the_ _house_of ʾAvīnādāv on_hill and_ÐOM ʾElʹāzār his/its_son they_ _consecrated to_guard/protect ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH**.

2 And_he/it_was from_the_day_of the_box dwelt at_Qiryat-yəʹārīm/(jearim) and_ the_days _they_increased and_ twenty year[s] _they_were and_ all_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _ _they_mourned after **YHWH**. 3 And_ Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) _he/it_ _said to all_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say if in_all heart_of_your(pl) you(pl) are_turning_back to **YHWH** remove ÐOM the_gods_of (the)_foreignness from_among_of_you(pl) and_the_ʹAshtārōt and_direct heart_of_your(pl) to **YHWH** and_ _serve_him for_him/it_being_alone so_that_he_may_deliver you(pl) from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. 4 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_removed ÐOM the_Baʹal and_ÐOM the_ _ʹAshtārōt and_they_served ÐOM **YHWH** for_him/it_being_ _alone. 5 And_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_said gather ÐOM all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_(the)_Mitspāh so_that_I_may_pray for_ _you(pl) to **YHWH**. 6 And_they_gathered_together to_(the)_ _Mitspāh and_they_drew water and_they_poured_it_out to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_fasted in_ _the_day (the)_that and_they_said there we_have_sinned to/for_**YHWH** and_ Shəmūʾēl _he_judged ÐOM the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) at_Mitspāh. 7 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_heard

30 **RV 6:19 · Note** TC: The oldest Hebrew text has 50,070 men being killed here, making it hard to imagine how that many men kept clambering over dead bodies to look into the sacred chest. (But possibly we're not understanding the situation correctly?) We have followed later manuscripts here.

31 **LV 6:17 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

32 **LV 6:19 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

33 **RV 7:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 6:2-4; 1Ch 13:5-7.

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if/because_that the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_ _gathered_together to_(the)_Mitspāh and_ the_rulers_of the_ _Pəlishtiy _they_went_up against Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_heard and_they_saw from_ _face/in_front_of the_Pəlishtiy. **8** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) do_not keep_ _silent from_him/it from_crying_out to **YHWH** god_of_our so_ _that_he_may_deliver_us from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **9** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_took a_lamb_of milk one and[34] a_burnt_ _offering a_whole_offering to/for_**YHWH** and_ Shəmū'ēl _he_ _cried_out to **YHWH** for Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he **YHWH**. **10** And_ _he/it_was Shəmū'ēl offering_up the_burnt_offering and_the_ _Pəlishtiy they_drew_near for_battle in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ **YHWH** _he_thundered with_a_sound great in_the_day (the)_ _that on the_Pəlishtiy and_he_confused_them and_they_were_ _defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **11** And_ the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_went_out from (the)_Mitspāh and_they_pursued ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pəlishtiy and_they_ _defeated_them to from_under to_Bēyt- car. **12** And_ Shəmū'ēl _ _he/it_took a_stone one and_he/it_assigned between (the)_ _Mitspāh and_between (the)_Shēn and_he/it_called ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_name Eben- ezer and_he_said until now he_has_helped_ _us **YHWH**. **13** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_were_subdued and_not they_repeated again to_come in_the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_became the_hand_of **YHWH** on_Pəlishtiy all_of the_days_of Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel). **14** And_ the_cities which they_had_taken the_Pəlishtiy from_with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ _went_back to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_ʹEqrōn and_unto Gat and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ territory_of_their Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_delivered from_the_ _hand_of the_Pəlishtiy and_he/it_was peace between Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_between the_'Amorī. **15** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_ _judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_days_of his/its_life. **16** And_he_went from_sufficiency a_year in_a_year and_he_ _went_round Bēyt- 'ēl and_(the)_Gilgāl and_(the)_Mitspāh and_ _he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_places the_ _these. **17** And_return_of_his was_to_(the)_Rāmāh if/because was_there house_of_his and_there he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_built there an_altar to/for_**YHWH**.

8:1 And_he/it_was just_as Shəmū'ēl he_was_old and_he/it_ _assigned ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his judges for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ _he/it_was the_name_of his/its_son the_firstborn Yō'ēl/(Joel) and_name_of his_second_of_his was_'Aviy^{yāh} judges in_Bə'ēr-shevaʿ. **3** And_not sons_of_his they_walked his[36] and_they_ _turned_aside after (the)_unjust_gain and_they_took a_bribe and_they_turned_aside justice. **4** And_ all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gathered_together and_they_came to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) to_(the)_Rāmāh. **5** And_they_said to_him/it HERE you you_have_become_old and_sons_of_your not they_ _have_walked in_ways_of_your now appoint to/for_ourselves a_ _king to_judge_us like_all_of the_nations. **6** And_ the_matter _ _it_was_displeasing in/on_both_eyes_of Shəmū'ēl just_as they_ _said give to/for_ourselves a_king to_judge_us and_ Shəmū'ēl _ _he_prayed to **YHWH**. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Shəmū'ēl

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that he'll rescue us from the Pelishtim." **9** So Shmuel got a young lamb and offered it up—a whole burnt up offering to Yahweh. And he cried out to Yahweh for Yisrael, and Yahweh answered him. **10** While Shmuel was offering up that burnt offering, the Pelishtim approached to battle against Yisrael. But that day Yahweh made an intense sound like thunder that confused the Pelishtim and the Israelis were able to defeat them. **11** The Israeli men ran out from Mitspah and chased the Pelishtim—killing them all the way to Beyt-Kar.

12 Shmuel took a single rock and stood it between Mitspah and Shen. He named it 'Even-Ha'ezer' (Ebenezer) (which means 'stone of help'), saying, "Yahweh helped us all the way up to here." **13** So the Pelishtim ended up being subdued and didn't invade Yisrael's border again, and Yahweh worked against the Pelishtim as long as Shmuel lived. **14** The cities that the Pelishtim had taken from Ekron and as far as Gat were returned to Yisrael. And so Yisrael rescued their territory from the Pelishtim, and there was peace between Yisrael and the Amorim.

15 So Shmuel guided Yisrael while he lived. **16** Every year he did the circuit around Beyt-El (Bethel), Gilgal, and Mitspah, and he helped settled disputes for the people in all those places, **17** but he always returned to Ramah because his home was there. He would judge disputes there, and built an altar to Yahweh there.

The Israelis request a king · Full kingdom

8:1 As Shmuel (Samuel) grew older, he appointed his two sons as judges over Yisrael (Israel). **2** The eldest was Yoel (Joel) and his brother was Aviyah. They were based in Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba). **3** However, they didn't take after time, but rather chased dishonest gain—accepting bribes and perverting justice.

4 Eventually, the Israeli elders met together with Shmuel at Ramah **5** and requested, "Listen, you're old now, and your sons don't follow your example. So appoint a king for us now to lead us like all the other nations."[35] **6** But Shmuel thought that their request for a king was an evil request, so he prayed to Yahweh **7** who replied, "Listen to everything that the people are saying, because they're not rejecting *you*, but they're rejecting me from

34 LV 7:9 · Note OSHB variant note: הלעי/ו: (x-qere) וּהָלֶעַי/ו: lemma_c/5927 morph_HC/Vhw3ms/Sp3ms id_09YS7 וּהָלֶעַי/ו

35 RV 8:5 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:14.

36 LV 8:3 · Note OSHB variant note: כרד/ב/ו: (x-qere) וּבָכְרֹד/ב/ו: lemma_b/1870 n_1.1 morph_HR/Ncbpc/Sp3ms id_09zuk וּבָכְרֹד/ב/ו

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reigning over them. 8 They're doing to you just what they've done to me every since I rescued them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) and right up until today: deserting me and serving other gods. 9 So listen to what they're saying now, but certainly warn them about what kings require of their subjects."

Advance warnings about having a king · Full kingdom

10 Then Shmuel (Samuel) passed on everything that Yahweh had said to the people who were requesting a king from him, 11 telling them, "If you all have a king reigning over you, this is what he'll demand: he will conscript your sons and appoint them as his cavalry or charioteers, or they'll run as foot-soldiers in front, of his chariot. 12 Others he'll appoint a commander of various units. Some will end up ploughing his fields or harvesting his crops, or manufacturing his weapons and chariots. 13 He'll take your daughters to manufacture perfumes, or to be cooks and bakers. 14 He'll confiscate your best fields and vineyards and olive orchards, and give to his servants to control. 15 Then he'll demand a tenth of your seeds and grape harvests for his officials and his servants. 16 He'll commandeer some of your best male and female servants and young men, and he'll impound some of your donkeys, then he'll use them all for his projects. 17 He'll expect a tenth of your sheep and goats, and you yourselves will end up being his slaves. 18 When that all happens, you'll all cry out in front of the king who you chose for yourselves, but Yahweh won't be answering you at that time."

19 However, the people refused to consider Shmuel's (Samuel's) advice and they argued, "No, we want a king over us 20 so we'll be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us, and will lead out our warriors in battle." 21 Shmuel listened to everything the people said, and passed it on to Yahweh, 22 and Yahweh told him, "Do what they're asking and get them a king." So Shmuel told the people and then sent them all back to their homes.

Sha'ul is chosen as king · Full kingdom

9:1 Now there was a Benyamite man named Kish (son of Aviel, son of Tseror, son of Bekorat, son of Afiah, the son of a Yemini man) who was strong and wealthy. 2 Kish had a son named Sha'ul (Saul) who was a handsome young man and good—in fact there wasn't any

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listen to_the_voice_of the_people to_all/each/any/every that they_will_say to_you if/because not you they_have_rejected if/because ~~DOM~~_me they_have_rejected from_reigning over_ _them. 8 According_to_all_of the_deeds which they_have_done from_the_day_of I_brought_up ~~DOM~~_them from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto the_day the_this and_they_have_ _abandoned_me and_they_have_served gods other so they are_ _doing also to/for_you(fs). 9 And_now listen to_voice_of_their nevertheless if/because certainly_(warn) you_will_warn (is)_in_ _them and_you_will_tell to/for_them the_right[s]_of the_king who he_will_reign over_them.

10 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** to the_people who_were_asking from_with_him a_king. 11 And_he/it_said this it_will_be the_right[s]_of the_king who he_will_reign over_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ sons_of_your(pl) he_will_take and_he_will_appoint_them to_him/it in_chariot[s]_of_his and_ _among_horsemen_of_his and_they_will_run to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before chariot_of_his. 12 And_to_appoint_them to_him/it commanders_of thousands and_commanders_of fifties and_to_plow plowing_of_his and_to_harvest harvest_of_ _his and_to_make the_weapons_of his_warfare_of_his and_the_ _equipment(s)_of his_chariotry_of_his. 13 And_~~DOM~~ daughters_ _of_your(pl) he_will_take to_perfumers and_to_cooks and_to_ _bakers. 14 And_~~DOM~~ fields_of_your(pl) and_~~DOM~~ vineyards_of_ _your(pl) and_your(pl)_olive_of_groves (the)_good he_will_take and_he/it_gave to_servants_of_his. 15 And_seed(s)_of_your(pl) and_vineyards_of_your(pl) he_will_take_a_tithe and_he/it_gave to_officials_of_his and_to_servants_of_his. 16 And_~~DOM~~ servants_of_your(pl)_male and_~~DOM~~ servants_of_your(pl)_ _female and_~~DOM~~ men_of_your_young (the)_good and_~~DOM~~ donkeys_of_your(pl) he_will_take and_he_will_use_them for_ _work_of_his. 17 Flock[s]_of_your(pl) he_will_take_a_tithe and_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_become to_him/it (into)_servants. 18 And_you(pl)_will_cry_out in_the_day (the)_that from_to/for_ _face/front/presence king_of_your(pl) whom you(pl)_have_ _chosen to/for_you(pl) and_not **YHWH** he_will_answer you(pl) in_the_day (the)_that. 19 And_ the_people _they_refused to_ _listen to_the_voice_of Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) and_they_said no if/because (if) a_king he_will_be over_us. 20 And_we_will_be also we like_all_of the_nations and_he_will_judge_us king_of_ _our and_he_will_go_out before_us and_he_will_fight ~~DOM~~ battles_of_our. 21 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_listened ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _words/messages_of the_people and_he_spoke_them in_the_ _ears_of **YHWH**. 22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Shəmū'ēl listen to_voice_of_their and_you_will_make_king to/for_them a_king and_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) go each_man to_his_own_of_city.

9:1 And_he/it_was a_man mmm wwww[3738] and_his/its_name was_Qīsh the_son_of 'Avī'ēl the_son_of Tsərōr/(Zeror) the_son_ _of Bəkōrat the_son_of 'Afīaḥ a_son_of a_man a_ _Yəmīnī/(Jamite) a_mighty_man_of wealth. 2 And_to/for_ _him/it a_son he_belonged and_his/its_name was_Shā'ūl/(Saul) a_young_man and_good and_there_was_not a_man from_(the)_

37 **LV 9:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: וימי־זב/מ: (x-qere) וְיִמְנְבִ֣/מ': lemma_m/1144 n_1.0.1 morph_HR/Np id_09EC9 וְיִמְנְבִ֣/מ

38 **LV 9:1 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) good from_him/it from_shoulder_of_ _his and_upward_upwards he_was_tall from_all the_people. **3** And_ the_she-asses of_Qīsh the_father_of Shā'ūl _they_were_ _lost and_ Qīsh _he/it_said to Shā'ūl his/its_son take please with_you ÐOM one of_the_young_men and_arise go seek ÐOM the_she-asses. **4** And_he/it_passed_through in_the_hill_ _country_of 'Efrayim and_he/it_passed_through in_land_of Shalisha and_not they_found_them and_they_passed in_the_ _land_of Sha'alīm and_there_were_not and_he/it_passed_ _through in_land_of the_Jaminite[s] and_not they_found_them. **5** They they_came in_land of_Tsūf/(Zuph) and_Shā'ūl he_said to_servant_of_his who with_him/it come and_let_us_turn_back lest father_of_my he_should_cease from the_she-asses and_he_ _will_be_anxious to/for_us. **6** And_he/it_said to_him/it HERE please a_man_of god is_in_city (the)_this and_the_man is_ _honoured all that he_speaks actually_(come) it_comes now let_us_go there perhaps he_will_tell to/for_us ÐOM journey_of_ _our which we_have_walked on_it. **7** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_ _said to_servant_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE we_will_go and_ _what will_we_bring to_man if/because the_bread it_has_been_ _used_up from_bags_of_our and_a_gift there_is_not to_bring to_the_man_of the_'Elohīm what is_with_us. **8** And_ the_ _servant _he_repeated to_answer ÐOM Shā'ūl and_he/it_said HERE is_found in_hand_of_my a_fourth_part_of a_shekel_of silver and_I_will_give_it to_the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_he_ _will_tell to/for_us ÐOM journey_of_our. **9** Formerly_formerly in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus the_man he_said when_went_he to_ _consult god come and_let_us_go to the_seer if/because to_ _prophet the_day it_was_called formerly_formerly the_seer. **10** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_servant_of_his is_good message_ _of_your come let_us_go and_they_went to the_city where was_ _there the_man_of the_'Elohīm. **11** They were_going_up on_ _the_ascent_of the_city and_they they_found young_women who_were_coming_out to_draw water and_they_said to_them (there) in_this_place is_the_seer. **12** And_they_answered them and_they_said (there)_he_is THERE to_your_face hurry now if/because the_day he_has_come to_city if/because a_sacrifice_ _of the_day belongs_to_people at_place. **13** Just_as_you(pl)_ _come the_city thus you(pl)_will_find ÐOM_him/it before_ _before he_will_go_up to_the_high_place to_eat if/because not the_people it_will_eat until comes_he if/because he he_will_ _bless the_sacrifice after thus those_who_were_invited they_ _will_eat and_now go_up if/because ÐOM_him/it as_the_day you(pl)_will_find ÐOM_him/it. **14** And_they_went_up the_city they were_coming in_the_middle the_city and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) was_coming_out to_meet_ _them to_go_up the_high_place. **15** And_**YHWH** he_had_ _uncovered ÐOM the_ear_of Shəmū'ēl a_day one to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before Shā'ūl/(Saul) came to_say. **16** About_ _time tomorrow I_will_send to_you a_man from_the_land_of Binyāmīn and_you_will_anoint_him to_ruler over people_of_ _my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_will_deliver ÐOM people_of_my from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy if/because I_have_seen ÐOM people_of_my if/because of_distress_of_its_cry it_has_come to_ _me. **17** And_Shəmū'ēl he_saw ÐOM Shā'ūl and_**YHWH** he_ _answered_him HERE the_man whom I_spoke to_you this_one he_will_rule over_people_of_my. **18** And_ Shā'ūl _he_ _approached ÐOM Shəmū'ēl in_the_middle of_the_gate and_

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Israeli man better than him, and he was head and shoulders taller than anyone else.

3 One time, the female donkeys of Sha'ul's father Kish had gone missing, and Kish told his son, "Take one of the servants with you, and pack up and go and find those donkeys." **4** So they passed through the Efrati hill country, then through the Shalishah region, but they didn't find them. Then they went through the Sha'alim region, but there was nothing, so they continued on through the land of the Benyamites, but they didn't find them. **5** Finally, they entered the Tsuf area, and eventually Sha'ul said to his servant, "Come on. Let's go back home in case my father stops worrying about the donkeys and starts worrying about us."

6 But he replied, "Listen, please. There's an honoured man of God in this city. Everything he says comes true. Let's go there now. Perhaps he'll tell us which way we should have gone."

7 "Okay, then. We can go there," Sha'ul responded, "but what can we give the man? We don't have any more food in our bags, and we never brought along a gift. What else do we have?"

8 "Look," answered the servant, "I've got a small silver coin. We can give that to the man and he'll tell us where to go." **9** (In Yisrael (Israel) before then, when people wanted an answer from God, they'd say, "Come and let us go to the 'seer'," because the prophet of today was called the 'seer' before.)

10 "Good idea," Sha'ul told his servant. "Let's go then." So they went to the city there where the man of God was. **11** They were climbing up the rise towards the city when they met some young women going out to draw water, and they asked them, "Is the seer in town?" **12** "Yes he is," they answered. "Hurry though, because he's come to the city today to offer the sacrifice for the people at the high place. **13** You'll find him as soon as you enter the city, before he goes up to the high place to eat. The people won't eat until he gets there, because he himself will bless the sacrifice. Afterwards, those who've been invited will eat together there. So go up there now and you'll soon find him." **14** So they went on up into the city, and as they were entering, wow, there was Shmuel (Samuel) coming out towards them to go up to the high place.

15 On the previous day, Yahweh had quietly told Shmuel, **16** "About this time tomorrow, I'll send a Benyamite man to you, and you should anoint him to be ruler over my people Yisrael. He will rescue my people from the Pelishtim, because I've noticed my people because I heard their cries."

17 Then Shmuel saw Sha'ul, and Yahweh told him, "Look, that's the man that I you about. He will help control my people." **18** As Sha'ul approached Shmuel right there in the middle of the city gateway, he asked, "Please tell me, where's the seer's house?"

19 "I am the seer," Shmuel answered, "Now, Go up to the high place ahead of me, and you'll eat with me today. In the morning, I'll tell you what you want to know, then I'll send you off. **20** As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, don't worry anymore about them because they've been found. Now, all of Yisrael

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is wanting your father's household, and wanting you in particular." **21** "But I'm a Benyamite," Sha'ul responded, "That's the smallest tribe in Yisrael, and my clan's the lowliest of all the Benyamite clans. So why did you talk to me like that?"

22 Then Shmuel took Sha'ul and his servant to the room where the meal had been prepared, and he gave them a place at the head of table—even above the invited guests. (There were about thirty men.) **23** And Shmuel told the cook, "Give the special piece of meat that I showed you and said to keep aside." **24** So the cook lifted the cooked leg and placed it in front of Sha'ul. Then Shmuel told Sha'ul, "Look, this has been reserved for you. Eat it, because it's been kept until the appointed time when I could call these people together."

Shmuel anoints Sha'ul with oil · Full kingdom

So Sha'ul (Saul) ate with Shmuel (Samuel) that day, **25** and then they went back from the high place down into the city, and Shmuel spoke with Sha'ul on his house roof.

26 They rose early the next day. At dawn, Shmuel had called to Sha'ul on the roof, saying, "Get up and I will send you off." So Sha'ul got up, and the two of them went outside. **27** When they reached the edge of the city, Shmuel said to Sha'ul, "Tell your servant to go on ahead," and so he went on ahead. "But you stand here, and I'll give you the message from God."

10:1 Then Shmuel took a flask of oil, and poured it on Sha'ul's head and kissed him, and told him, "It's Yahweh who has anointed you to be ruler over his chosen people. **2** After you leave me today and get back to Benyamite territory, then you'll see two men near Rahel's (Rachel's) tomb in Tseltsah, and they'll say to you, 'The donkeys that you went to look for have been found. But, wow, your father has stopped worrying about the donkeys and now he's worried about *you* and trying to figure out what he should do.' **3** Then further on from there, as you approach the oak tree at Tavor, you'll find three men going to Beyt-El (Bethel) to worship God. One will be taking three young goats, one will be carrying three rounds loaves of bread, and one

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_he/it_said tell please to_me where this is_the_house_of the_ _seer. **19** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_answered ÐOM Shā'ūl and_he/it_ _said I am_the_seer go_up to/for_my_face/front the_high_place and_you(pl)_will_eat with_me the_day and_I_will_send_you_ _away in_morning and_all/each/any/every that is_in_heart_of_ _your I_will_tell to/for_you(fs). **20** And_to_she-asses which_ _were_lost to/for_yourself(m) the_day the_three_of the_days do_not set ÐOM heart_of_your to/for_them if/because they_ _have_been_found and_belongs_to_whom every_of (the)_ _desirable_thing_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) am_not to/for_yourself(m) and_to/for_all the_house_of your_father_of_your. **21** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he_answered and_he/it_said am_not a_Ben-_of jaminite am_I from_the_small_of[39] of_the_tribes_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_is_clan_of_my the_insignificant from_all the_clans_of the_tribes_of Binyāmīn and_for_what have_you_ _spoken to_me according_the_manner (the)_this. **22** And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_took ÐOM Shā'ūl and_ÐOM servant_of_ _his and_he/it_brought_them room_to_the and_he/it_gave to/for_them a_place at_the_head_of those_who_were_invited and_they were_about_thirty man. **23** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to_cook give ÐOM the_portion which I_gave to/for_you(fs) which I_said to_you put ÐOM_her/it with_you. **24** And_ the_cook _he_lifted_up ÐOM the_thigh and_the_on_it and_he/it_assigned to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shā'ūl and_he/it_said HERE the_part_which_remains set_it to_your_face eat_it if/because to_time it_was_kept to/for_yourself(m) to_say the_people I_ _have_invited and_ Shā'ūl _he_ate with Shəmū'ēl in_the_day (the)_that.

25 And_they_went_down from_the_high_place the_city and_ _he/it_spoke with Shā'ūl/(Saul) on the_roof. **26** And_they_rose_ _early and_he/it_was just_ the_dawn _as_came_up and_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_called to Shā'ūl the[41] to_say arise so_that_I_ _may_send_you_away and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_rose_up and_ both_of_ _them he and_Shəmū'ēl _they_went_out to_the. **27** They were_ _going_down at_the_edge_of the_city and_Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) he_said to Shā'ūl say to_servant so_that_he_may_pass_on before_us and_he_passed_on and_you(ms) remain as_day so_ _that_I_may_make_you_hear ÐOM the_message_of god.
10:1 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_took ÐOM the_flask_of (the)_oil and_ _he_poured_it on his/its_head and_he_kissed_him and_he/it_ _said am_not that/for/because/then/when he_has_anointed_ _you **YHWH** over inheritance_of_his to_ruler. **2** When_go_you the_day from_with_me and_you_will_find two_of men near the_grave_of Rāḥēl in_the_territory_of Binyāmīn at_ _Tseltsaḥ/(Zelzah) and_they_will_say to_you the_she-asses which you_went to_seek they_have_been_found and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE father_of_your he_has_abandoned ÐOM the_ _matter(s)_of the_she-asses and_he_is_anxious to/for_you(pl) to_say what will_I_do for_son_of_my. **3** And_you_will_pass_on from_there and_beyond and_you_will_come to the_great_tree_ _of Tāvōr and_they_will_find_you there three men who_are_ _going_up to the_'Elohīm Bēyt-'ēl one will_be_carrying three kids and_one will_be_carrying three_of round_loaves_of bread

39 LV 9:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

41 LV 9:26 · Note OSHB variant note: גב/ה: (x-qere) ה/נָבִיא/ה': lemma_d/1406 morph_HTd/Ncmsa/Sd id_09AJ9 ה/נָבִיא/ה

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and_one will_be_carrying a_jar_of wine. **4** And_they_will_ask to/for_yourself(m) to_welfare and_they_will_give to/for_ _yourself(m) two_of bread[s] and_you_will_take_them from_ _hand_of_their. **5** After thus you_will_come Giv˝āh_of the_ _'Elohīm where are_there the_garrisons_of the_Pəlishtiy and_ _let_it_be just_as_you_come there the_city and_you_will_meet a_company_of prophets who_are_coming_down from_the_ _high_place and_will_be_of_before_them lyre and_tambourine and_flute and_harp and_they will_be_prophesying. **6** And_it_ _will_rush on_you the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_you_will_prophesy with_them and_you_will_be_changed into_a_man another. **7** And_it_was if/because they_will_come[42] the_signs the_these to/for_you(fs) do to/for_yourself(m) that_which hand_of_your it_will_find if/because the_'Elohīm is_with_you. **8** And_you_ _will_go_down to/for_my_face/front (the)_Gilgāl and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE I am_about_to_come_down to_you to_offer_ _up burnt_offerings to_sacrifice sacrifices_of peace_offerings seven_of days you_will_wait until come_I to_you and_I_will_ _make_known to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ that_which you_will_do. **9** And_it_was just_as_he_turned shoulder_of_his to_go from_ _with Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) and_he_changed to_him/it god a_ _heart another and_ all_of the_signs the_these _they_came in_ _the_day (the)_that. **10** And_they_came there to_(the)_Giv˝āh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_company_of prophets to_meet_him and_it_rushed on/upon/above_him/it the_spirit_of god and_ _he_prophesied among_them. **11** And_he/it_was every_of one_ _of_who_knew_him from_yesterday three_days_ago and_they_ _saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE with prophets he_was_prophesying and_ the_people _he/it_said each to his/its_neighbour what this has_it_happened to_the_son_of Qīsh also is_Shā'ūl/(Saul) among_prophets. **12** And_ a_man from_there _he_answered and_he/it_said and_who father_of_is_their therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_became (into)_a_proverb also is_Shā'ūl among_prophets. **13** And_they_were_ended/finished from_ _prophesying and_he_came the_high_place. **14** And_ the_uncle_ _of Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_him/it and_to servant_of_his where did_you(pl)_go and_he/it_said to_seek ~~DOM~~ the_she-asses and_ _we_saw if/because_that there_not and_we_went to Shəmū'ēl. **15** And_ the_uncle_of Shā'ūl _he/it_said tell please to_me what did_he_say to/for_you(pl) Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel). **16** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to uncle_of_his indeed_(tell) he_told to/for_us if/because_that the_she-asses they_had_been_found and_~~DOM~~ the_message_of the_royalty not he_told to_him/it which Shəmū'ēl he_had_said.

17 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_called_together ~~DOM~~ the_people to **YHWH** (the)_Mitspāh. **18** And_he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says I I_brought_up ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_delivered you(pl) from_the_hand_of Mitsrayim and_ _from_the_hand_of all_of the_kingdoms which_were_ _oppressing you(pl). **19** And_you(pl) the_day you(pl)_have_ _rejected ~~DOM~~ god_of_your(pl) who he is_a_deliverer to/for_ _you(pl) from_all calamities_of_your(pl) and_troubles_of_

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will be carrying a wine in a container. **4** They'll ask about how you're doing and give you two loaves of bread which you should accept. **5** After that, you'll come to the hill of God (where there's a camp of Pelishti warriors). When you enter the town, you'll meet a group of prophets descending from the altar area, **6** and Yahweh's spirit will rush onto you. Then you'll join them in prophesying, and you'll be transformed into a different person. **7** When this all comes true, do whatever you think is correct because God will be helping you. **8** Then go ahead of me to Gilgal and wait there for seven days, until I get there and tell you what to do. I'll join you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings.

9 Then as Sha'ul (Saul) started to leave Shmuel (Samuel), God changed his thinking. Then all Shmuel's predictions came true that day, **10** so when Sha'ul and his servant came to the hill, a group of prophets met them and God's spirit rushed onto Sha'ul and he joined them in prophesying. **11** Then everyone who had known Sha'ul previously heard him prophesying with the prophets, they asked each other, "What's happened to Kish's son? Is Sha'ul really a prophet now?" **12** A man from there answered, "And who is *their* father?" So after that it became a common saying, "Has Sha'ul also become a prophet?"[40] **13** When he had finished prophesying, he ascended to the altar area.

14 Later, Sha'ul's uncle asked him and his servant, "Where did you two take off to?"

"To look for the donkeys," Sha'ul replied. "But we couldn't find them, so we went to Shmuel."

15 "And what did he tell you?" the uncle asked.

16 "He assured us that the donkeys had been found," Sha'ul replied. But he didn't tell him anything that Shmuel had said about becoming king.

Sha'ul is selected as king · Full kingdom

17 Then Shmuel (Samuel) summoned the people to come before Yahweh at Mitspah, **18** and he told them, "Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel), says, 'I myself brought Yisrael out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). I rescued you from Mitsri (Egyptian) control, and from all the kingdoms that oppressed you.' **19** But since then, you all have rejected your god—the one who saves you from all your calamities and distresses. And you've all said to him, 'We'd rather have a king over

40 RV 10:12 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 19:23-24.

42 LV 10:7 · Note OSHB variant note: הניאבת: (x-qere) 'הָנָאְבָּת': lemma_935 n_1.0.0 morph_HVqi3fp id_09wn4 הָנָאְבָּת

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us.' So station yourselves now in front of Yahweh by your tribes and clans."

20 Then Shmuel had all the Israeli tribes approach, and the tribe of Benyamin was selected. **21** Then he had all the Benyamite clans approach, and the Matri clan was selected. Then Kish's son, Sha'ul (Saul) was selected and they tried to find him, but they couldn't find him anywhere **22** so they asked Yahweh again, "Is that man around here anywhere?"

"Look, he's hiding among the supplies," Yahweh replied.

23 So they ran and got him from there, and when he took his place among the people, he was head and shoulders taller than anyone else. **24** Then Shmuel announced to everyone, "Can you see the one that Yahweh has chosen? Certainly there's no one else like him among all the people."

All the people saw that and responded, "Long live the king."

25 Then Shmuel explained how the kingship would work, and wrote it in a book and placed it in front of Yahweh. Then he sent everyone home. **26** Shmuel also went home to Giveah, accompanied by some of the powerful warriors whose hearts God had touched. **27** But some worthless men asked, "How can that one save us?" and they despised Sha'ul (Saul) and didn't bring him any gifts, but he made no comment.

Sha'ul rescues Yavesh from the Amonim · Full kingdom

11:1 About a month later,[44] Nahash the Amoni took his men and camped around Yavesh-Gilead, and the leaders of Yavesh told him, "Make a treaty with us, and we'll serve you."

2 "Yes, I'll make an treaty with you," Nahash replied, "by gouging out all of your right eyes in order to shame all Yisrael (Israel)."

3 "Oh! Then leave us alone for seven days," the Yavesh elders responded, "so that we can send messengers through all the territory of Yisrael. If no one will come to rescue us, then we'll surrender to you."

4 When the messengers arrived where Sha'ul (Saul) lived at Giveah and passed the news onto the people, everyone started wailing loudly. **5** At that time, Sha'ul was walking home behind the cattle and he asked, "What's with all the people wailing?" Then they told him what the messengers from Yavesh had said. **6** God's spirit rushed on Sha'ul as he heard the message, and he became very angry. **7** Then he took a pair of cattle and chopped them into pieces, and sent messengers to take them throughout Yisrael and announce, "This is what will be done to the cattle of

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_your(pl) and_you(pl)_have_said to_him/it if/because a_king you_will_appoint over_us and_now present_yourselves to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_tribes_of_your(pl) and_to_families_of_your(pl). **20** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he_brought_ _near ÐOM all_of the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ the_tribe_of Binyāmīn _it_was_taken_by_lot. **21** And_he_brought_near ÐOM the_tribe_of Binyāmīn its[43] and_ the_clan_of (the)_Matri _it_ _was_taken_by_lot and_ Shāʾūl/(Saul) the_son_of Qīsh _he_was_ _taken_by_lot and_they_sought_him and_not he_was_found. **22** And_they_enquired again by_**YHWH** has_he_come yet here the_man and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said HERE he is_hiding_himself into the_vessels. **23** And_they_ran and_they_took_him from_ _there and_he_presented_himself in_the_middle the_people and_he_was_tall from_all the_people from_shoulder_of_his and_upward_upwards. **24** And_ Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) _he/it_said to all_of the_people do_you(pl)_see the_one_whom he_has_ _chosen in/on/over_him/it **YHWH** if/because there_is_not like_him in_all the_people and_ all_of the_people _they_ _shouted and_they_said the_king may_he_live. **25** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_spoke to the_people ÐOM the_right[s]_of the_ _kingship and_he_wrote in_book and_he_set_it to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ Shəmūʾēl _he_sent_away ÐOM all_of the_people each_man to_his_own_of_house. **26** And_ _also Shāʾūl he_went to_his_own_of_house to_Giv˙āh and_they_ _went with_him/it the_army which god he_had_touched (in)_ _heart_of_their. **27** And_the_sons worthlessness they_said what will_he_deliver_us this_one and_they_despised_him and_not they_brought to_him/it a_gift and_he/it_was like_one_who_ _kept_silent.

11:1 And_ Nāḥāsh the_ʹAmmōnī _he/it_ascended and_he_ _encamped on Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) Gilʹād and_ all_of the_men_of Yāvēsh _they_said to Nāḥāsh make to/for_us a_covenant and_ _we_will_serve_you. **2** And_he/it_said to_them Nāḥāsh the_ _ʹAmmōnī by_this I_will_make to/for_you(pl) by_gouging_out to/for_you(pl) every_of eye_of the_right_side and_I_will_make_ _it a_reproach on all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **3** And_they_said to_ _him/it the_elders_of Yāvēsh refrain to/for_us seven_of days so_that_we_may_send messengers in_all_of the_territory_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_if there_is_not one_who_delivers us and_ _we_will_come_out to_you. **4** And_ the_messengers _they_came Giv˙āh of_Shāʾūl/(Saul) and_they_spoke the_words/messages in_the_ears_of the_people and_ all_of the_people _they_lifted_ _up ÐOM voice_of_their and_they_wept. **5** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Shāʾūl was_coming after the_cattle from the_field and_ Shāʾūl _ _he/it_said what is_to_people that/for/because/then/when they_are_weeping and_they_recounted to_him/it ÐOM the_ _words/messages_of the_men_of Yāvēsh. **6** And_ the_spirit_of god _it_rushed on Shāʾūl in/on/at/with[45] ÐOM the_ _words/messages the_these and_ anger_of_his _it_ _glowed/burnt exceedingly. **7** And_he/it_took a_pair_of ox[en] and_he_cut_it_in_pieces and_he_sent_them in_all the_ _territory_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) by_the_hand_of the_messengers to_say one_who not_he is_coming_out after Shāʾūl and_after

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43 LV 10:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תחפשנמ/ל: (x-qere) ו/יְתֹחְפְּשֻׁנִּמְ/ל': lemma_l/4940 n_1.1 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_09jXT ו/יְתֹחְפְּשֻׁנִּמְ/ל

44 RV 11:1 · Note This appears only in a few ancient documents.

45 LV 11:6 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/עמש/ב: (x-qere) ו/עְמָשְׁ/כ': lemma_k/8085 n_1.0 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp3ms id_09eDt ו/עְמָשְׁ/כ

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Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) thus it_will_be_done to_ox[en]_of_his and_ the_dread_of **YHWH** _it_fell on the_people and_they_went_out like_a_man one. **8** And_he_mustered_them at_Bezeq and_ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_were three hundred(s) thousand and_the_man_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) was_thirty thousand. **9** And_they_said to_messengers the_(ones_who)_ _went thus you(pl)_will_say to_the_man_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) tomorrow it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) deliverance in/on/at/with[46] of_the_sun and_ the_messengers _they_came and_they_told to_the_men_of Yāvēsh and_they_rejoiced. **10** And_ the_men_of Yāvēsh _they_said tomorrow will_we_go_ _out to_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_do to/for_ourselves according_to_all_of the_good in_eyes_of_your(pl). **11** And_ _he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_ _assigned ᴅᴏᴍ the_people three companies and_they_came in_ _the_midst_of the_camp in_the_watch_of the_morning and_ _they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ ʿAmmōn until the_heat_of the_day and_ _he/it_was those_who_remained and_they_were_scattered and_not they_remained among_them two together.

12 And_ the_people _he/it_said to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) who is_ _the_one_who_said Shā'ūl will_he_reign over_us deliver_up the_men so_that_we_may_put_them_to_death. **13** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said not anyone he_will_be_put_to_death in_the_day the_this if/because the_day **YHWH** he_has_done deliverance in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to the_people come and_let_us_go (the)_Gilgāl and_let_us_renew there the_ _royalty. **15** And_ all_of the_people _they_went (the)_Gilgāl and_ _they_made_king there ᴅᴏᴍ Shā'ūl to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** in_Gilgāl and_they_sacrificed there sacrifices peace_offerings to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_rejoiced there Shā'ūl and_all the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) up_to muchness.

12:1 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) HERE I_ _have_listened to_voice_of_your(pl) to_all/each/any/every that you(pl)_have_said to_me and_I_have_made_king over_you(pl) a_king. **2** And_now HERE the_king is_walking_about before_ _you(pl) and_I I_am_old and_I_am_grey_haired and_sons_of_my here_they are_with_you(pl) and_I I_have_walked_about before_ _you(pl) since_youth(s)_of_my until the_day (the)_this. **3** Here_ _I_am testify against_me before **YHWH** and_before his_of_ _anointed ᴅᴏᴍ the_ox_of whom have_I_taken and_the_donkey_ _of whom have_I_taken and_ᴅᴏᴍ whom have_I_oppressed ᴅᴏᴍ whom have_I_crushed and_from_the_hand_of whom have_I_ _taken a_ransom and_I_will_hide eyes_of_my in/on/over_ _him/it and_I_will_restore_it to_you(pl). **4** And_they_said not you_have_oppressed_us and_not you_have_crushed_us and_not you_have_taken from_the_hand_of anyone anything. **5** And_ _he/it_said to_them is_a_witness **YHWH** on_you(pl) and_is_a_ _witness his_of_anointed the_day the_this if/because_that not you(pl)_have_found in_hand_of_my anything and_he/it_said he_is_a_witness. **6** And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_said to the_ _people **YHWH** who he_appointed ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʾAhₐron and_which he_brought_up ᴅᴏᴍ ancestors_of_your(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **7** And_now present_ _yourselves and_I_will_enter_into_judgement with_you(pl) to_

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anyone who doesn't join Sha'ul and Shmuel (Samuel) in battle."

Then Yahweh caused the people to be afraid of him, and they united together. **8** When Sha'ul assembled them at Bezek, there were three hundred thousand warriors from Yisrael and thirty thousand from Yehudah (Judah), **9** and they told the original messengers, "Go and tell the leaders of Yavesh-Gilead, 'Tomorrow you'll all be rescued by the time that the sun's at its hottest.' " **10** So the Yavesh leaders told Nahash, "We'll surrender to you all tomorrow, then you can do to us whatever seems good to you all."

11 The next day, Sha'ul divided his warriors into three divisions, and they attacked the Amoni camp before the sun rose. Then they slaughtered the Amonim until the hottest part of the day. Their remaining warriors were scattered so completely that no two of them were able to stay together.

Sha'ul reaffirmed as king · Full kingdom

12 Then the people asked Shmuel (Samuel), "Who were the ones saying that Sha'ul (Saul) wasn't fit to reign over us? Bring them here and we'll execute them."

13 "No one's going to be executed today," Sha'ul said, "because today Yahweh has rescued Yisrael (Israel)."

14 "Come on then," said Shmuel. "Let's go to Gilgal and renew the kingship there." **15** So all the people when to Gilgal and in front of Yahweh they reaffirmed Sha'ul as king. Then they offered sacrifices as peace offerings to Yahweh, then Sha'ul and the people celebrated together.

Shmuel's farewell speech · Full kingdom

12:1 Then Shmuel (Samuel) said to all Yisrael (Israel), "Listen to me now. I've listened to your voices and taken notice of everything that you all said to me. And I've appointed a king to reign over you all. **2** So look now and you can see your king walking here in front of you all. But as for me, I'm old and grey, and my sons are among you all. I've served you all openly from my youth right up to the present time, **3** and here I am now. Now with Yahweh listening, answer this truthfully: Have I ever taken anyone's ox or donkey? Did I cheat anyone? Have I oppressed anyone or taken a bribe to not see something? I'll pay back anything I owe anyone."

4 "No, you haven't cheated us," they answered. "And you haven't oppressed us or taken any payments."

5 "Yahweh is a your witness," he said. "And his anointed king is a witness today, that you have never found me taking anything that wasn't mine."

"We witness that," they agreed.

6 "It was Yahweh who appointed Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron)," Shmuel continued, "and who brought your ancestors

46 LV 11:9 · Note OSHB variant note: מח/ב: (x-qere) 'כ/מָּחַ': lemma_k/2527 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_09aUL כ/מָּחַ

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out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[47] **7** Now present yourselves to Yahweh as I confront you all in front of him by telling you about his righteousness that he displayed to you all as well as to your ancestors before you: **8** After Ya'akov (Jacob) went to Mitsrayim and your ancestors cried out to Yahweh,[48] then Yahweh sent Mosheh and Aharon, and they brought your ancestors out of Mitsrayim and settled them into this place. **9** Then they forgot their god Yahweh, and he allowed them to be oppressed by Sisera (the commander of the army from Hatsor),[49] and the Pelishtim,[50] and the king of Moav (Moab).[51] Then they fought against them **10** and cried out to Yahweh, 'We have sinned, because we've abandoned Yahweh and have served the Baals and the Ashtarot. But if you rescue us now from our enemies, we will serve you.'[52] **11** Then Yahweh sent Gid'on,[53] Bedan,[54] Yiftah (Jephthah),[55] and Shimshon (Samson)[56] to rescue you all from your enemies all around you, and so you all have had times of living securely.[57] **12** But then you all saw Amoni King Nahash coming against you, and you demanded that you all wanted a king to reign over you rather than having your god Yahweh as your king.[58]

13 So now, look, here's the king that you all chose to have. Yes, Yahweh has given you all a king. **14** If you all honour Yahweh and listen to his instructions and don't rebel against his commands, then both you and your king will indeed be following your god Yahweh. **15** But if you all don't listen to Yahweh, and you rebel against his commands, then he will work against you all just like he worked against your ancestors.[59] **16** So now stay there and you'll all see the incredible sign that Yahweh is about to do in front of you. **17** Now, isn't it the time of the wheat harvest right now? I'll call to Yahweh, and he'll send unseasonal thunder and rain, and then you'll all see and realise that in Yahweh's view, asking for a king was very evil."

18 So Shmuel (Samuel) called to Yahweh and he sent thunder and rain that day, and all the people became very afraid of Yahweh and Shmuel **19** and begged Shmuel, "Pray to your god Yahweh for your servants, so that we won't die, because we've added more evil onto all our previous sins by requesting a king for our-

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_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** ~~ĐƠM~~ all_of the_ _righteousness(es)_of **YHWH** which he_did with_you(pl) and_ _~~ĐƠM~~ ancestors_of_your(pl). **8** When_when Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) he_ _went Mitsrayim and_ ancestors_of_your(pl) _they_cried_out to **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_sent ~~ĐƠM~~ Mosheh and_~~ĐƠM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron and_they_brought_out ~~ĐƠM~~ ancestors_of_your(pl) from_ _Mitsrayim and_they_caused_them_to_dwell in_place (the)_ _this. **9** And_they_forgot ~~ĐƠM~~ **YHWH** god_of_their and_he_sold ~~ĐƠM~~_them in_the_hand_of Ṣīṣərā' the_commander_of the_ _army_of Ḥātsōr and_in_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy and_in_the_ _hand_of the_king_of Mō'āv and_they_fought against_them. **10** And_they_cried_out to **YHWH** and[6061] we_have_sinned if/because we_have_abandoned ~~ĐƠM~~ **YHWH** and_we_have_ _served ~~ĐƠM~~ the_Ba'al and_~~ĐƠM~~ the_'Ashtārōt and_now deliver_ _us from_the_hand_of our_enemies_of_our so_that_we_may_ _serve_you. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he_sent ~~ĐƠM~~ Jerub-Ba'al and_~~ĐƠM~~ Bədān and_~~ĐƠM~~ Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) and_~~ĐƠM~~ Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) and_he_delivered you(pl) from_the_hand_of your(pl)_enemies_ _of_your(pl) from_round_about and_you(pl)_dwelt security. **12** And_you(pl)_saw if/because_that Nāḥāsh the_king_of the_ _people_of 'Ammōn was_coming on_you(pl) and_you(pl)_said to_me no if/because a_king he_will_reign over_us and_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) king_of_was_your(pl). **13** And_now HERE the_ _king whom you(pl)_have_chosen whom you(pl)_asked_for and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE **YHWH** he_has_set over_you(pl) a_king. **14** If you(pl)_will_fear ~~ĐƠM~~ **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_serve ~~ĐƠM~~_ _him/it and_you(pl)_will_listen to_voice_of_his and_not you(pl)_will_rebel_against ~~ĐƠM~~ the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_ both you(pl) and_also the_king who he_has_become_king over_ _you(pl) _you(pl)_will_be after **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **15** And_ _if not you(pl)_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** and_you(pl)_ _will_rebel_against ~~ĐƠM~~ the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_it_will_be the_hand_of **YHWH** on_you(pl) and_on_ancestors_of_your(pl). **16** Also now stand and_see ~~ĐƠM~~ the_thing (the)_great the_this which **YHWH** is_about_to_do to_eyes_of_your(pl). **17** Am_not is_ _the_harvest_of wheat(s) the_day I_will_call_out to **YHWH** and_ _he_will_give thunder_claps and_rain and_know and_see if/because_that evil_of_your(pl) is_great which you(pl)_have_ _done in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** by_asking to/for_you(pl) a_ _king. **18** And_ Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) _he/it_called to **YHWH** and_

47 RV 12:6 · Cross-ref. Exo 6:26.
48 RV 12:8 · Cross-ref. Exo 2:23.
49 RV 12:9 · Cross-ref. Jdg 4:2.
50 RV 12:9 · Cross-ref. Jdg 13:1.
51 RV 12:9 · Cross-ref. Jdg 3:12.
52 RV 12:10 · Cross-ref. Jdg 10:10-15.
53 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. Jdg 7:1.
54 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. Jdg 4:6.
55 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. Jdg 11:29.
56 RV 12:11 · Note TC: This list of four names varies between different ancient manuscripts so you might find variation in other translations.
57 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 3:20.
58 RV 12:12 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 8:19.
59 RV 12:15 · Note TC: or (in the ancient Septuagint translation), ...against you all **and your king**.
60 LV 12:10 · Note OSHB variant note: רמאי/ו: (x-qere) וְיִרְמְאוּ/וְ'; lemma_c/559 morph_HC/Vqw3mp id_09Es6 וְיִרְמְאוּ/וְ
61 LV 12:10 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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YHWH _he/it_gave thunder_claps and_rain in_the_day (the)_ _that and_ all_of the_people _it_feared exceedingly ÐOM **YHWH** and_ÐOM Shəmū'ēl. **19** And_ all_of the_people _they_said to Shəmū'ēl pray for your_servants to **YHWH** god_of_your and_not we_will_die if/because we_have_added to all_of sins_of_our an_ _evil_thing by_asking to/for_us a_king. **20** And_ Shəmū'ēl _ _he/it_said to the_people do_not be_afraid you(pl) you(pl)_ _have_done ÐOM all_of the_evil (the)_this nevertheless do_not turn_aside from_after **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_serve ÐOM **YHWH** in_all heart_of_your(pl). **21** And_not you(pl)_must_turn_ _aside if/because after (the)_emptiness which not they_will_ _benefit and_not they_will_rescue if/because are_emptiness they. **22** If/because not **YHWH** he_will_abandon ÐOM people_of_ _his in_account_of his/its_name (the)_great if/because **YHWH** he_was_determined for_doing you(pl) to_him/it into_a_people. **23** Also I far_be_it to/for_me from_sinning to/for_**YHWH** from_ _ceasing to_pray for_you(pl) and_I_will_teach you(pl) (in)_the_ _way_of (the)_good and_(the)_upright. **24** Only fear ÐOM **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_serve ÐOM_him/it in_faithfulness in_all heart_ _of_your(pl) if/because consider ÐOM that_which he_has_done_ _great_things with_you(pl). **25** And_if still_(do_evil) you(pl)_ _will_do_evil both you(pl) as_well_as king_of_your(pl) you(pl)_ _will_be_swept_away.

13:1 Was_a_son_of a_year Shā'ūl/(Saul) when_he_became_king and_two_of years he_reigned over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_he_ _chose to_him/it Shā'ūl three_of thousand(s) from_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_were with Shā'ūl two_thousand at_ _Mikmāṣ and_in_the_hill_country_of Bēyt-'ēl and_one_ _thousand they_were with Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) at_Giv'āh of_Binyāmīn and_the_rest_of the_people he_sent_ _away each_man to_tents_of_his. **3** And_ Yōnātān _he_attacked ÐOM the_garrison_of the_Pəlishtiy which was_at_Gev'a' and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_heard and_Shā'ūl he_gave_a_blast on_ _trumpet in_all the_earth/land to_say the_'Ivrī/(Hebrews) let_ _them_hear. **4** And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_heard to_say Shā'ūl he_has_attacked ÐOM the_garrison_of the_Pəlishtiy and_also Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_has_made_itself_odious with_Pəlishtiy and_ the_people _they_were_summoned after Shā'ūl (the)_Gilgāl. **5** And_the_Pəlishtiy they_gathered to_fight with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thirty thousand chariot[s] and_six_of thousand(s) horsemen and_a_people like_sand which is_on the_ _shore_of the_sea to_increase_in_number and_they_came_up and_they_encamped at_Mikmāṣ the_east_of Bēyt Aven. **6** And_ _everyone_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_saw if/because_that it_was_ _distress to_him/it if/because the_people it_was_hard_pressed and_ the_people _they_hid_themselves in_caves and_in_ _thickets and_in_cliffs and_in_(the)_chambers and_in_cisterns. **7** And_'Ivrī they_passed_over ÐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_ _land_of Gād and_Gil'ād and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) still_he was_at_Gilgāl and_all the_people they_trembled after_him. **8** And[65] seven_of days to_time which Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) and_not Shəmū'ēl he_ _had_come (the)_Gilgāl and_he/it_scattered the_people from_

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selves."

20 "Don't be afraid," Shmuel responded. "You yourselves have indeed done all this evil. However, don't make it worse by turning away from Yahweh, but rather, serve him with all your being. **21** And don't turn away from Yahweh and worship useless idols because they can't benefit you or rescue you, because they're empty of life. **22** Yahweh won't abandon his people because he has an excellent reputation to uphold, especially since he's declared you all to be his people. **23** Also, far be it from me to sin against Yahweh by not praying for you all, as well as instructing you all in the good and proper way. **24** Just honour Yahweh and serve him faithfully and sincerely—always remembering the incredible things he's done for you all. **25** But if you all continue to do evil, both you and your king will get swept away."

Shmuel scolds Sha'ul · Full kingdom

13:1 Sha'ul (Saul) was thirty[62] years old when he began to reign over Yisrael (Israel), and when he'd reigned for two years, **2** he chose three thousand Israeli warriors for himself: two thousand were stationed with him in Mikmas, and one thousand were with his son Yonatan (Jonathan) in Benyamite Giveah. All the others, he sent back to their homes.

3 Then Yonatan attacked and defeated the Pelishti unit that was at Geva, and the Pelishtim heard about it. So Sha'ul had a trumpet blown throughout the country, with the message, "Listen all you Ivrim (Hebrews)." **4** All of Yisrael heard the news that Sha'ul had wiped out a Pelishti outpost, and realised that Yisrael had become repulsive to the Pelishtim. So the people were summoned to join Sha'ul at Gilgal.

5 The Pelishtim assembled themselves to fight Yisrael with thirty thousand chariots, six thousand mounted cavalry, and warriors as numerous as the sand on the beach. They went to Mikmas and camped there, east of Beyt-Aven. **6** But the Israeli warriors were very anxious because their troops were so outnumbered, so they hid in caves and thickets, among rocks, and in tombs and wells. **7** Some of them crossed the Yarden (Jordan) River to the Gad and Gilead regions.

Sha'ul stayed at Gilgal, but the people with him were trembling. **8** He waited seven days until the time when Shmuel (Samuel) had said that he'd get there,[63] but he didn't appear so Sha'ul's men began to desert him. **9** "Bring me the burnt offering

62 RV 13:1 · Note TC: There's some confusion around the numbers in this verse in the original manuscripts, so other translations might differ.

63 RV 13:8 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 10:8.

65 LV 13:8 · Note OSHB variant note: לחיו/ו: (x-qere) לְחַוָּיו/ו: lemma_c/3176 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HC/Vhw3ms id_09mk1 לְחַוָּיו/ו

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and the peace offerings," Sha'ul commanded, then he offered up the burnt offering. **10** Just as he'd finished, wow, Shmuel arrived at last, and Sha'ul went over to greet him. **11** "What have you done?" Shmuel asked.

"When I saw the people leaving me," Sha'ul replied "and you, you didn't get here when you said you would, and the Pelishtim were gathering at Mikmas, **12** then I thought, 'The Pelishtim are about to attack us at Gilgal, and I haven't offered any gift to Yahweh.' So I forced myself, and offered up the burnt up offering."

13 "That was stupid of you," Shmuel responded. "You haven't obeyed what your god Yahweh instructed, because if you had, then Yahweh would have established your reign over Yisrael (Israel) forever. **14** But now your kingdom won't survive. Yahweh has found a man who's loyal to him and he's commanded that man to lead his people,[64] because you haven't obeyed him.

15 Then Shmuel left Gilgal and went to Giveah in Benyamite territory. Meanwhile, Sha'ul counted up the warriors with him—around six hundred of them. **16** Sha'ul and his son Yonatan (Jonathan) and the people with them, were staying in Geva, whereas the Pelishtim were camped at Mikmas, **17** and they sent out three raiding parties—one went north to Ofrah in the Shual region, **18** one went west to Beyt-Horon, and one went towards the wilderness where the border overlooks the Tsevoeim valley.

19 At that time, there were no blacksmiths in Yisrael (Israel) because the Pelishtim didn't want the Israelis to be able to make swords or spears, **20** so all the Israelis had to go to the Pelishtim to get their axes and plough blades, etc., sharpened. **21** (They were charged two-thirds of a shekel for larger things like plough blades, and one-third for picks and axes, and for straightening ox goads.) **22** So on the day of battle, Sha'ul and his son Yonatan had a sword and spear each, but none of their warriors had any.

23 Now one Pelishti unit had been sent out to guard the pass at Mikmas.

Yonatan's bravery · Full kingdom

14:1 Then one day, Sha'ul's (Saul's) son Yonatan (Jonathan) said to the young man who carried his equipment, "Come on, let's cross over to the Pelishti unit that's over on the opposite side." But he didn't tell his

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_with_him. **9** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said bring_near to_me the_ _burnt_offering and_the_peace_offerings and_he/it_ascended the_burnt_offering. **10** And_he/it_was just_as_he_finished to_ _offer_up the_burnt_offering and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Shəmū'ēl was_coming and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_went_out to_meet_him to_ _bless_him. **11** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said what have_you_done and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said if/because I_saw if/because_that the_ _people it_was_scattered from_with_me and_you(ms) not you_ _had_come to_the_appointed_time_of the_days and_the_ _Pəlishtiy were_gathering Mikmāṣ. **12** And_I_said now the_ _Pəlishtiy they_will_come_down to_me (the)_Gilgāl and_the_ _face_of **YHWH** not I_have_entreated and_I_forced_myself and_ _I_offered_up the_burnt_offering. **13** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to Shā'ūl you_have_acted_foolishly not you_have_kept ĐOM the_ _command_of **YHWH** god_of_your which he_commanded_you if/because now **YHWH** he_established ĐOM kingdom_of_your to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until perpetuity. **14** And_now kingdom_of_your not it_will_endure **YHWH** he_has_sought to_him/it a_man according_to_of_his_own_heart and_he_has_appointed_him **YHWH** to_ruler over people_of_his if/because not you_have_ _kept ĐOM that_which he_commanded_you **YHWH**. **15** And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_ascended from (the)_Gilgāl Giv˝āh of_Binyāmīn and_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he_ _mustered ĐOM the_people who_were_found with_him/it about_six hundred(s) man. **16** And_Shā'ūl and_ _Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) his/its_son and_the_people which_was_found with_them were_remaining in_Gev˝a´ of_ _Binyāmīn and_the_Pəlishtiy they_encamped in_Mikmāṣ. **17** And_ the_destroyer _he/it_went_out from_the_camp_of the_ _Pəlishtiy three companies the_company one it_turned to the_ _direction_of ´Ofrāh to the_land_of Shū´āl. **18** And_the_company one it_turned the_direction_of Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_the_company one it_turned the_direction_of the_border which_looks_down over the_valley_of Tsəv˝o´īm/(Zeboim) to_the_wilderness. **19** And_a_craftsman not he_was_found in_all_of the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_said[6667] the_Pəlishtiy lest the_ _´Iv˝rī/(Hebrews) they_should_make a_sword or a_spear. **20** And_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_went_down the_Pəlishtiy to_sharpen each_man ĐOM plowshare_of_his and_ĐOM mattock_ _of_his and_ĐOM axe_of_his and_ĐOM plowshare_of_his. **21** And_ _it_was the_charge two_thirds_of_a_shekel for_plowshares and_ _for_mattocks and_for_three fork and_for_the_axes and_to_ _make_straight the_goad[s]. **22** And_it_was in/on_day battle and_not a_sword and_a_spear it_was_found in_the_hand_of all_ _of the_people which was_with Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_ĐOM Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_it_was_found to_Shā'ūl and_to_Yōnātān his/its_son. **23** And_ the_garrison_of the_ _Pəlishtiy _he/it_went_out to the_pass_of Mikmāṣ.

14:1 And_ the_day _he/it_was and_ Yōnātān the_son_of Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to the_young_man the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_ _his come and_let_us_pass_over to the_garrison_of the_ _Pəlishtiy which is_from_the_other_side_of this and_to_father_ _of_his not he_told. **2** And_Shā'ūl was_remaining at_the_edge_

64 RV 13:14 · Cross-ref. Acts 13:22.

66 LV 13:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **רמא**: (x-qere) **'וְרָמָא**; lemma_559 morph_HVqp3cp id_09Y4x **וְרָמָא**

67 LV 13:19 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_of (the)_Giv˝āh under (the)_pomegranate_tree which is_in_ _Migrōn and_the_people which with_him/it was_about_six hundred(s) man. **3** And_'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_son_of 'Aḥīṭūv the_ _brother_of 'Ī-kāvōd the_son_of Piṇḥāṣ the_son_of ´Ēlī the_ _priest_of **YHWH** in_Shiloh was_bearing an_ephod and_the_ _people not it_knew if/because_that Yōnātān he_had_gone. **4** And_between the_passes which Yōnātān he_sought to_pass_ _over to the_garrison_of the_Pəlishtiy the_tooth_of the_rock from_the_other_side from_this and_the_tooth_of the_rock from_the_other_side from_this and_name_of the_one was_ _Bōtsēts and_name_of the_one was_Ṣenneh. **5** The_tooth the_ _one a_pillar was_from_the_north opposite_to Mikmāṣ and_ _the_one_tooth was_from_the_south opposite_to Gev˝a´. **6** And_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _he/it_said to the_young_ _man the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his come and_let_us_ _pass_over to the_garrison_of the_uncircumcised_men the_ _these perhaps **YHWH** he_will_act to/for_us if/because there_ _is_not to/for_**YHWH** limitation to_save by_many or by_few. **7** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his do all_of that is_in_heart_of_your turn_aside to/for_you(fs) here_I am_with_you according_to_of_your_heart. **8** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said HERE we are_about_to_pass_over to the_ _men and_we_will_reveal_ourselves to_them. **9** If thus they_ _will_say to_us be_still until reach_we (to)_you(pl) and_we_will_ _remain in_our_place and_not we_will_go_up to_them. **10** And_ _if thus they_will_say come_up to_us and_we_will_go_up if/because he_has_given_them **YHWH** in_hand_of_our and_this to/for_ourselves will_be_the_sign. **11** And_ both_of_them _ _they_revealed_themselves to the_garrison_of the_Pəlishtiy and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_said HERE ´Ivrī/(Hebrews) are_ _coming_out from the_holes where they_have_hidden_ _themselves there. **12** And_ the_men_of the_garrison _they_ _answered ~~DOM~~ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_~~DOM~~ the_ _bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his and_they_said come_up to_us and_we_will_make_known_to you(pl) something and_ Yōnātān _he/it_said to the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his come_up after_me if/because he_has_given_them **YHWH** in_the_hand_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **13** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_ascended on hands_of_ _his and_on feet_of_his and_the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his was_behind_him and_they_fell to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Yōnātān and_the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his was_killing behind_him. **14** And_it_became the_slaughter (the)_ _first which Yōnātān and_the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his he_struck_down about_twenty man about_in_half_of a_furrow an_acre_of a_field. **15** And_it_became trembling in_camp in_ _field and_on/over_all the_people the_garrison and_the_ _destroyer also they they_trembled and_ the_earth/land _it_ _quaked and_it_became (into)_a_trembling_of god.

16 And_ the_watchmen of_Shā'ūl/(Saul) at_Giv˝āh of_Binyāmīn _they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_multitude it_melted_away and_he/it_went and_here. **17** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_people which with_him/it muster please and_see who has_he_gone from_with_us and_they_mustered and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE were_ _not Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_the_bearer_of his_ _armour(s)_of_his. **18** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_'Aḥiy^{yāh} bring_ _near the_box_of the_'Elohīm if/because it_was the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm in_the_day (the)_that and_the_sons of_

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father. **2** Meanwhile, Sha'ul was still waiting under the pomegranate tree in Migron on the outskirts of Geva with around six-hundred warriors. **3** Ahiyah the priest was also there wearing a sacred apron. (He was son of Ahituv the brother of I-Kavod, son of Pinhas, son of Eli, Yahweh's priest at Shiloh.) But the people didn't know that Yonatan had gone.

4 Meanwhile, for Yonatan to get to the Pelishti garrison, they had to go through a narrow pass between two cliffs. (The cliff on one side was named Botsets, and the other was named Seneh. **5** One cliff faced north toward Mikmas, and the other side faced south toward Geva.)

6 Yonatan said to his servant carrying his equipment, "Come on. Let's pass over to that group of these uncircumcised ones. Perhaps Yahweh will help us, because it doesn't matter to him whether he saves using many people or just a few."

7 "Do everything that you feel is right," he responded. "Go on ahead and be confident that I'll be there supporting you."

8 "Now listen," Yonatan said. "We'll cross over and then reveal ourselves to them. **9** Then if they tell us, 'Stay there until we get down to you,' then we'll stay where we are and not go up to them. **10** But if they say, 'Come on up to us,' then we'll go up, because that'll be the sign to us that Yahweh will help us overpower them."

11 So the two of them revealed themselves to the Pelishti unit, and the soldiers said, "Hey, look! The Ivrim (Hebrews) are coming out from the holes there where they've hidden themselves." **12** Then some of the men called to Yonatan and his servant, "Come on up here to us and we'll teach you a thing or two."

"Come on up behind me," Yonatan told his servant, "because Yahweh has already declared Yisrael (Israel) to be the victor." **13** So Yonatan climbed up on his hands and feet, with his servant following behind him. Then at the top, Yonatan struck them down with his sword while his servant followed behind and killed them. **14** In that first offensive, Yonatan and his servant killed about twenty men in an area of around 30m square. **15** At that time, Pelishtim in the camp started getting the jitters, then all the people, and even raiding parties. Then the ground shook, and it turned into a god-given panic.

Yisrael defeats the Pelishtim · Full kingdom

16 Sha'ul's (Saul's) lookouts in Giveah (in Benyamite territory) saw to their surprise that their opponents were starting to scatter in every direction. **17** "Count our people and see who's missing," Sha'ul commanded, so they called the roll and wow, it was Yonatan (Jonathan) and his servant who weren't accounted for. **18** "Bring the sacred chest here," Sha'ul told Ahiyah the priest, because the Israelis had control of it again at that time. **19** But

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even as Sha'ul was speaking to him, the confusion in the Pelishti camp was continually increasing, and Sha'ul told him, "Oh, don't worry about it." **20** Then he called his warriors together and they went forward to battle. To their surprise, the Pelishtim were fighting each other in total confusion. **21** Now before that time, some Ivrim (Hebrews) had joined the Pelishti camp, but now they switched alliance back to Yisrael (Israel) with Sha'ul and Yonatan. **22** Also, there had been some Israeli deserters who'd hidden in the Efrati hill country heard that the Pelishtim were fleeing, and so they too also chased and attacked them. **23** So Yahweh saved Yisrael that day, and the fighting went as far as Beyt-Aven.

Yonatan eats honey · Full kingdom

24 Now the Israeli warriors were getting exhausted that day, but Sha'ul (Saul) had made the them promise, "We need to avenge our enemies. Anyone who eats food before the evening is cursed." **25** But when they reached the forest, there was honeycomb on the ground. **26** Although the warriors entered the forest and saw the honey, none of them tasted any because they were afraid of the curse. **27** But Yonatan (Jonathan) hadn't heard his father's oath, so he dipped his staff into the honeycomb and ate some honey and felt rejuvenated. **28** However, someone noticed it and mentioned, "Your father made the people promise, 'Anyone who eats food today will be cursed.' So the people are faint."

29 "My father's caused trouble for us," Yonatan responded. "See how much better I feel now because I tasted a little bit of this honey. **30** Actually, if the troops had eaten what they'd found from the plunder of their enemies today, how much better it would have been because we might have had an even more decisive victory over the Pelishtim."

31 That day they killed Pelishtim from Mikmas to Ayalon, but the fighters were totally exhausted. **32** They rushed greedily at the plunder, grabbing sheep, cattle, and calves which they slaughtered right there and ate with the blood still in them. **33** Then King Sha'ul (Saul) was told, "Look, the people are sinning against Yahweh by eating meat with the blood still in it."[68]

"You've all acted treacherously," he responded, "Now, roll a big stone over to me." **34** Then he said, "Go out among the warriors and tell them to bring their animals over here to slaughter and to eat, so they don't sin against Yahweh by eating meat with the blood still in it." So the people brought their animals over and slaughtered them there. **35** Then Sha'ul built an altar to Yah-

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_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **19** And_he/it_was until Shā'ūl he_spoke to the_priest/officer and_the_tumult which was_in_the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy and_he/it_went going and_great and_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to the_priest/officer withdraw hand_of_your. **20** And_ Shā'ūl and_all the_people which with_him/it _he_was_ _called_together and_they_came to the_battle and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was the_sword_of each_man in_ _neighbour_of_his confusion was_great very. **21** And_the_ _'Ivrī/(Hebrews) who_they_had_belonged to_Pəlishtiy as_ _yesterday three_days_ago who they_had_gone_up with_them in_camp all_around and_also they to_be with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which was_with Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_Yōnātān. **22** And_ _all/each/any/every (the)_person_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_had_ _hidden_themselves in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim they_ _heard if/because_that the_Pəlishtiy they_had_fled and_ also they _they_pursued_closely after_them in_battle. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he_delivered in_the_day (the)_that ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_battle it_passed_beyond ÐØM Bēyt Aven.

24 And_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_was_hard_pressed in_ _the_day (the)_that and_ Shā'ūl _he_had_put_under_oath ÐØM the_people to_say the_man who he_will_eat food until the_ _evening be_cursed and_I_will_avenge_myself from_enemies_ _of_my and_not all_of the_people it_tasted food. **25** And_all the_ _earth/land they_went in_forest and_he/it_was honey on the_ _surface_of the_field. **26** And_ the_people _it_came into the_ _forest and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_flowing_of honey and_there_ _was_not one_who_reached his/its_hand to mouth_of_his if/because the_people it_feared ÐØM the_oath. **27** And_ _Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) not he_had_heard when_ his/its_father _made_to_swear_an_oath ÐØM the_people and_ _he_stretched_out ÐØM the_end_of the_staff which in_his/its_ _hand and_he_dipped it in_the_honeycomb_of the_honey and_ _he_brought_back his/its_hand to mouth_of_his and[70] eyes_of_ _his. **28** And_ a_person of_the_people _he_answered and_he/it_ _said indeed_(swear_an_oath) father_of_your he_made_to_ _swear_an_oath ÐØM the_people to_say the_man who he_will_ _eat food the_day be_cursed and_ the_people _it_was_weary. **29** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said father_of_my he_has_troubled ÐØM the_earth/land see please if/because_that eyes_of_my they_brightened if/because I_tasted a_little_of honey (the)_ _this. **30** Indeed if/because if indeed_(eat) it_had_eaten the_day the_people any_of_the_plunder_of its_enemies_of_his which it_ _found if/because now not defeat among_Pəlishtiy it_has_ _been_great. **31** And_they_defeated in_the_day (the)_that (in)_ _Pəlishtiy from_Mikmāṣ to_'Ayyālōn and_ the_people _it_was_ _weary exceedingly. **32** And[71] the_people to the_plunder[72] and_ _they_took sheep and_cattle and_the_sons the_herd and_they_ _slaughtered_them ground_to_the and_ the_people _it_ate_ _them with blood. **33** And_people_told to_Shā'ūl/(Saul) to_say THERE the_people are_sinning to/for_**YHWH** by_eating with the_blood and_he/it_said you(pl)_have_acted_treacherously roll to_me the_day a_stone great. **34** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said be_

68 RV 14:33 · Cross-ref. Gen 9:4; Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deu 12:16,23; 15:23.

70 LV 14:27 · Note OSHB variant note: הנארת/ו: (x-qere) 'הָנַרְאָת/ו': lemma_c/215 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqw3fp id_09xwi הָנַרְאָת/ו

71 LV 14:32 · Note OSHB variant note: שעי/ו: (x-qere) 'טַעַי/ו': lemma_c/5860 b morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_09B7n טַעַי/ו

72 LV 14:32 · Note OSHB variant note: ללש: (x-qere) 'לָלָשׁ/ה': lemma_d/7998 n_1.1 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_09cMk לָלָשׁ/ה

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_scattered among_people and_you(pl)_will_say to/for_them bring_near to_me each_one ox_of_his and_each_one sheep_of_ _his and_you(pl)_will_slaughter_it in_this_place and_you(pl)_ _will_eat_it and_not you(pl)_will_sin to/for_**YHWH** by_eating with the_blood and_ all_of the_people _they_brought_near each_one ox_of_his by_hand_of_his the_night and_they_ _slaughtered_it there. **35** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_built an_altar to/for_**YHWH** ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it he_began to_build an_altar to/for_ _**YHWH**. **36** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said let_us_go_down after the_ _Pəlishtiy night and_let_us_plunder in/among_them until the_ _light_of the_morning and_not let_us_leave (is)_in_them anyone and_they_said all_of the_good in_eyes_of_your do and_ the_priest/officer _he/it_said let_us_draw_near here to the_ _'Elohīm. **37** And_ Shā'ūl _he_enquired by_god will_I_go_down after the_Pəlishtiy will_you_give_them in_the_hand_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not he_answered_him in_the_day (the)_ _that. **38** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_said draw_near here Oh_all_ _of the_corners_of the_people and_know and_see how the_sin (the)_this has_it_happened the_day. **39** If/because by_the_life of_**YHWH** who_delivers ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because if (there)_it is_in_Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) son_of_my if/because surely_(die) he_will_die and_there_was_not one_of_ _who_answered_him from_all the_people. **40** And_he/it_said to all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl) you(pl)_will_be to_a_side one and_I and_Yōnātān son_of_my we_will_be to_a_side one and_ the_people _they_said to Shā'ūl the_good in_eyes_of_your do. **41** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) come_NOW a_blameless_lot and_ Yōnātān and_Shā'ūl _he_was_ _taken_by_lot and_the_people they_went_out. **42** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said make_fall between_me and_between Yōnātān son_ _of_my and_ Yōnātān _he_was_taken_by_lot. **43** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to Yōnātān tell to/for_me what have_you_done and_he_told to_him/it Yōnātān and_he/it_said indeed_(taste) I_tasted with_the_end_of the_staff which was_in_hand_of_my a_little_of honey here_I I_will_die. **44** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_ _said thus god may_he_do and_thus may_he_add if/because surely_(die) you_will_die Oh_Yōnātān. **45** And_ the_people _ _he/it_said to Shā'ūl Yōnātān who he_has_done the_ _deliverance (the)_great (the)_this in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) will_he_ _die far_be_it by_the_life of_**YHWH** if one_of_the_hair[s]_of his/its_head it_will_fall towards_land if/because with god he_ _has_acted the_day the_this and_ the_people _they_redeemed ᴅᴏᴍ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_not he_died. **46** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_ascended from_after the_Pəlishtiy and_ _the_Pəlishtiy they_went to_their_own_of_place.

47 And_Shā'ūl he_had_taken the_royalty over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_waged_war all_around in_all enemies_of_his against_ _Mō'āv and_against_the_people_of ʹAmmōn and_against_'Edōm and_against_the_kings_of Tsōvāh/(Zobah) and_against_ _Pəlishtiy and_in_every where he_turned he_acted_wickedly. **48** And_he/it_made strength and_he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ ʹAmālēq and_he_delivered ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_hand_of those_ _who_plundered_it. **49** And_ the_sons_of Shā'ūl _they_were Yōnātān and_Yishvī/(Ishvi) and_Malkī- shūʹa and_name_of the_

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weh—it was the first one he built.

36 Then Sha'ul said, "Let's go after the Pelishtim tonight and plunder them until the light of morning. Let's not leave any of them alive."

"Do what you feel is right," they responded.

But the priest said, "Let's ask God here first."

37 So Sha'ul asked God, "Should we go after the Pelishtim? Will you give Yisrael (Israel) victory over them?" But Yahweh didn't answer him that day. **38** Then Sha'ul commanded, "All you leaders of the warriors. Gather here so we can find out what sin was committed today. **39** As Yahweh who saves Yisrael lives, even if it's my own son Yonatan (Jonathan), whoever sinned today will certainly die." But the people didn't volunteer any information. **40** "You all can be on one side, and my son Yonatan and I will be on the other side," Sha'ul said.

"Do whatever feels right to you," the people replied.

41 Then Sha'ul asked Yisrael's god Yahweh, "Show us the truth." And Sha'ul and Yonatan were selected—not the people.[69] **42** Then Sha'ul asked again, "Choose between me and my son Yonatan." And Yonatan was selected. **43** Sha'ul demanded from Yonatan, "Tell me what you've done."

"Actually," Yonatan answered, "I did taste some honey from the end of my staff, so take me—I'm ready to die."

44 "May God do to me whatever he wants," Sha'ul said. "because you will certainly die, Yonatan."

45 But the people stood up to Sha'ul, "Should Yonatan die? Wasn't it him who saved Yisrael today? We won't stand for it. As Yahweh lives, not even a hair on his head will be touched because he worked with God today." And so the people rescued Yonatan and he wasn't executed.

46 Then Sha'ul stopped chasing the Pelishtim and went home, and the Pelishtim also returned to their place.

Sha'ul's kingdom, and his family details · Full kingdom

47 After Sha'ul (Saul) had taken on the kingship of Yisrael (Israel), he fought against their enemies from all around: against the Moavim, the Amonim, the Edomim, the kings of Tsovah, and against the Pelishtim. Wherever he turned, he punished his enemies. **48** He acted bravely and defeated even the Amalekim, always rescuing Yisrael from those who came in to plunder it.

69 RV 14:41 · Cross-ref. Num 27:21; 1Sam 28:6.

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49 Sha'ul's sons were Yonatan (Jonathan), Yishvi, and Malkishua. His oldest daughter was Merav, and the younger one was Mikal. 50 His wife's name was Ahinoam (daughter of Ahima'ats). His army commander was Avner (son of Sha'ul's uncle Ner— 51 Kish was Sha'ul's father, and Avner's father Ner was Aviel's son).

52 The conflict with the Pelishtim was intensive for all of Sha'ul's life, so whenever he saw a good warrior or any strong, young man, then he would conscript them.

Sha'ul destroys the Amalekim · Full kingdom

15:1 One day Shmuel (Samuel) said to Sha'ul (Saul), "It was Yahweh who sent me to anoint you as king over his people Yisrael (Israel) back then,[73] so now, listen to what he has to say. 2 Commander Yahweh says, 'I've noticed what the Amalekim did to Yisrael when they came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)—they attacked them as they passed by.[74] 3 So go now and attack Amalek and destroy them completely without compassion, putting men and women, children and infants to death, along with their cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.' "

4 So Sha'ul summoned the people to Telaim and counted them: two hundred thousand foot soldiers as well as ten thousand warriors from Yehudah (Judah). 5 Then Sha'ul took them to Amalek city, and they lay in wait in the valley. 6 Then he warned the Keynim, "You all need to move out from among the Amalekim, so that you all won't be attacked along with them. That's because you all were kind to our ancestors when they came out of Mitsrayim." So the Keynim moved out from among the Amalekim.

7 Then Sha'ul slaughtered the Amalekim from Havilah to Shur (near Mitsrayim), 8 and they captured King Agag alive but killed everyone else with swords. 9 However, as well as sparing Agag, they took the best sheep and cattle

God rejects Sha'ul · Full kingdom

10 Then Yahweh told Shmuel (Samuel), 11 "I regret that I've appointed Sha'ul (Saul) as king because he's turned away from following me and hasn't obeyed my instructions." That really upset Shmuel and he cried out to Yahweh all night. 12 Early the next morning, Shmuel got up to meet Sha'ul, but someone told him, "Sha'ul went to Karmel, and wow, he set up a monument to himself. Then he turned around and went to Gilgal." 13 When Shmuel caught up with Sha'ul, Sha'ul told him, "May Yahweh bless you. I've followed Yahweh's instructions."

14 "Then what's that bleating of sheep that I can hear?" asked

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_two_of daughters_of_his the_name_of the_firstborn was_ _Mērāv and_name_of the_young_one was_Mīkāl. 50 And_name_ _of the_wife_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) was_'Aḥīno'am the_daughter_of 'Aḥīma'ats and_name_of the_commander_of his_army_of_his was_'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr the_uncle_of Shā'ūl. 51 And_Qīsh was_the_father_of Shā'ūl and_Nēr the_father_of 'Avnēr was_ _the_son_of 'Avī'ēl. 52 And_it_became the_war severe on the_ _Pəlishtiy all_of the_days_of Shā'ūl and_ Shā'ūl _he_saw every_ _of man mighty and_all son_of strength and_he_gathered_him to_him/it.

15:1 And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_said to Shā'ūl ÐOM_me **YHWH** he_sent to_anoint_you to_king over people_of_his over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_now listen to_sound/voice of_the_ _words/messages_of of_**YHWH**. 2 Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says I_have_paid_attention_to ÐOM that_which ʿAmālēq it_did to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) that_which it_set to_him/it on_way when_it_came_up from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 3 Now go and_you_will_attack ÐOM ʿAmālēq and_you(pl)_will_ _totally_destroy ÐOM all_of that to_him/it and_not you_must_ _have_compassion on/upon/above_him/it and_you_will_put_ _to_death from_man unto a_woman from_a_child and_unto a_ _sucking_child from_an_ox and_unto a_sheep from_a_camel and_unto a_donkey. 4 And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he_summoned ÐOM the_people and_he_mustered_them at_Ṭəlā'īm two_hundred thousand foot_soldier[s] and_ten_of thousand(s) with (the)_ _man_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). 5 And_ Shā'ūl _he_came to the_city_ _of ʿAmālēq and_he_lay_in_wait in_wadi. 6 And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_ _said to the_Qēynī[s] go depart go_down from_among_of the_ _ʿAmālēqite[s] lest I_should_destroy_you with_him/it and_ _you(ms) you_did loyalty with all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_they_came_up from_Mitsrayim and_ the_ _Qēynī[s] _it_departed from_among_of ʿAmālēq. 7 And_ Shā'ūl _ _he_defeated ÐOM ʿAmālēq from_Ḫₐvīlāh come_you Shūr which is_on the_face_of Mitsrayim. 8 And_he_seized ÐOM 'Agag the_ _king_of ʿAmālēq alive and_ÐOM all_of the_people he_totally_ _destroyed to_the_mouth_of the_sword. 9 And_ Shā'ūl and_the_ _people _he_had_compassion on 'Agag and_on the_best_of the_ _sheep and_the_cattle and_the_second and_on the_lambs and_ _on all_of the_good and_not they_were_willing to_totally_ _destroy_them and_all the_property despised and_worthless ÐOM_her/it they_totally_destroyed.

10 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) to_say. 11 I_regret if/because_that I_have_ _made_king ÐOM Shā'ūl/(Saul) to_king if/because he_has_ _turned_back from_after_me and_ÐOM words/messages_of_my not he_has_carried_out and_it_glowed/burnt to_Shəmū'ēl and_ _he_cried_out to **YHWH** all_of the_night. 12 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_ _rose_early to_meet Shā'ūl in_morning and_it_was_told to_ _Shəmū'ēl to_say Shā'ūl he_came to_(the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_setting_up to_him/it a_ _monument and_he_turned and_he_passed_on and_he/it_ _descended (the)_Gilgāl. 13 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_came to Shā'ūl and_he/it_said to_him/it Shā'ūl you be_blessed to/for_**YHWH** I_have_carried_out ÐOM the_message_of **YHWH**. 14 And_

73 **RV 15:1 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 10:1.

74 **RV 15:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:8-14; Deu 25:17-19.

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Shəmūʾēl _he/it_said and_what is_the_sound_of the_sheep the_ _this in_ears_of_my and_the_sound_of the_cattle which I am_ _hearing. **15** And_ Shāʾūl _he/it_said from_the_ʹAmālēqite[s] people_brought_them that the_people it_had_compassion on the_best_of the_sheep and_the_cattle so_as to_sacrifice_them to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your and_ĐØM the_rest we_totally_ _destroyed. **16** And_he/it_said Shəmūʾēl to Shāʾūl be_quiet so_ _that_I_may_tell to_you ĐØM that_which **YHWH** he_said to_me the_night and[78] to_him/it speak. **17** And_ Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) _ _he/it_said am_not though were_small you in_your_two's_own_ _of_eyes the_chief_of the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) are_you and_he_anointed_you **YHWH** to_king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **18** And_he_sent_you **YHWH** on_a_journey and_he/it_said go and_you_will_totally_destroy ĐØM the_sinners ĐØM ʹAmālēq and_you_will_wage_war in_him/it until destroy_they ĐØM_ _them. **19** And_for_what not did_you_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** and_did_you_rush to the_plunder and_did_you_do the_ _evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **20** And_ Shāʾūl/(Saul) _he/it_ _said to Shəmūʾēl which/who I_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** and_I_went on_journey which he_sent_me **YHWH** and_I_ _brought ĐØM ʾAgag the_king_of ʹAmālēq and_ĐØM ʹAmālēq I_ _totally_destroyed. **21** And_ the_people _he/it_took from_the_ _plunder sheep and_cattle the_choicest_of the_object[s]_for_ _destruction to_sacrifice_them to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your in_ _Gilgāl. **22** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_said does_delight to/for_ _**YHWH** in_burnt_offerings and_sacrifices like_listening to_the_ _voice_of **YHWH** HERE to_obey more_than_sacrifice is_good to_ _pay_attention more_than_the_fat_of rams. **23** If/because is_ _the_sin_of divination rebellion and_is_wickedness and_ _teraphim presumption because you_have_rejected ĐØM the_ _message_of **YHWH** and_he_has_rejected_you from_king. **24** And_ Shāʾūl _he/it_said to Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) I_have_sinned if/because I_have_transgressed ĐØM the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_ _ĐØM words/messages_of_your if/because I_feared ĐØM the_ _people and_I_listened to_voice_of_their. **25** And_now forgive please ĐØM sin_of_my and_return with_me so_that_I_may_bow_ _down to/for_**YHWH**. **26** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_said to Shāʾūl/(Saul) not I_will_return with_you if/because you_have_ _rejected ĐØM the_message_of **YHWH** and_he_has_rejected_you **YHWH** from_being king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **27** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he_turned_round to_go and_he_took_hold on_the_skirt_of his_ _robe_of_his and_it_tore. **28** And_he/it_said to_him/it Shəmūʾēl **YHWH** he_has_torn ĐØM the_kingship_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_ _with_you the_day and_he_will_give_it to_neighbour_of_your (the)_good more_than_you. **29** And_also the_eminence_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not he_will_deal_falsely and_not he_will_regret if/because not is_a_man he to_regret. **30** And_he/it_said I_ _have_sinned now honour_me please before the_elders_of my_ _people_of_my and_before Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_return with_me and_I_will_bow_down to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your. **31** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he_returned after Shāʾūl and_ Shāʾūl _he_bowed_ _down to/for_**YHWH**. **32** And_ Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) _he/it_said bring_near to_me ĐØM ʾAgag the_king_of ʹAmālēq and_he/it_ _went to_him/it ʾAgag bonds and_ ʾAgag _he/it_said truly the_

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Shmuel. "And I'm sure I can hear cattle sounds too?"

15 "Ah, the warriors took them from the Amalekim," Sha'ul answered. "They wanted to save the best of the sheep and the cattle in order to sacrifice to your god Yahweh. But we completely destroyed the rest."

16 "Stop," said Shmuel, "and let me tell you what Yahweh told me last night."

"Go ahead," Sha'ul responded.

17 So Shmuel told him, "Although you consider yourself insignificant, aren't you the head of the tribes of Yisrael (Israel)? Yahweh anointed you as king over Yisrael, **18** then sent you off with the task of completely destroying the sinful Amalekim—fighting until they were all destroyed. **19** So why didn't you obey Yahweh's command? Instead, you headed straight for the plunder and disobeyed Yahweh."

20 "I did listen to Yahweh's instructions," Sha'ul insisted. "and I did what he asked. So now I've brought Amaleki King Agag here and I've completely destroyed the Amalekim. **21** Yes, the people kept some of the best sheep and cattle to sacrifice to your god Yahweh here at Gilgal."

22 But Shmuel asked,

"Is Yahweh happier with burnt offerings and sacrifices
than with those who follow his instructions?
Listen, obedience is better than sacrifice—
paying attention is worth more than the fat of rams.
23 Rebellion is as sinful as doing sorcery,
and being stubborn is as sinful as worshipping idols.
Because you have rejected Yahweh's instructions,
he has rejected you as king."

24 "Yes, I've sinned," Sha'ul (Saul) responded. "I can see that I've disobeyed Yahweh's instruction, and yours too, because I feared the people and did what they were requesting. **25** But now, please forgive my sin and come back with me so I can worship Yahweh."

26 "No, I won't return with you." Shmuel (Samuel) replied. "You've rejected Yahweh's instructions, and Yahweh has already rejected you as Yisrael's (Israel's) king."

27 As Shmuel turned around to go, Sha'ul grabbed the edge of his robe and it tore.[75] **28** "Today, Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Yisrael away from you," Shmuel told him. "And he's given it to another man who's better than you. **29** And by the way, Yisrael's powerful God doesn't go back on his word, and doesn't change his mind like people tend to do.

30 "It's true that I've sinned," Sha'ul said, "but please honour me now in front of the Israeli people and their elders. And then return with me, so I can worship your god Yahweh." **31** So Shmuel followed Sha'ul back, and Sha'ul worshipped Yahweh.

32 Then Shmuel commanded, "Bring the Amaleki King Agag over here to me."

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75 **RV 15:27-28 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 28:17; 1Ki 11:30-31.

78 **LV 15:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ורמאי/ו: (x-qere) ו'רֶמְאָ֣י/ו': lemma_c/559 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_09ExA רֶמְאָ֣י/ו

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So they brought him over, and trembling,[76] he said, "I've faced up to death now."[77]

33 Then Shmuel told him,

"Just as your sword has made women childless,

so too will your mother be made childless among women."

And Shmuel hacked Agag to pieces in front of Yahweh there at Gilgal.

34 Then Shmuel went home to Ramah, and Sha'ul (Saul) returned to his house in Giveah. 35 After that, Shmuel never saw Sha'ul again, but he mourned for him, and Yahweh regretted that he'd made Sha'ul king over Yisrael (Israel).

Shmuel anoints David as King · Full kingdom

16:1 Then Yahweh spoke to Shmuel (Samuel), "How long are you going to keep mourning for Sha'ul (Saul) for, when I myself have rejected him as king over Yisrael (Israel)? Fill your horn with oil and go. I'll send you to Yishay (Jesse) from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), because I've seen one of his sons who'd make a good king for me."

2 "How can I do that?" asked Shmuel. "Sha'ul would kill me if he heard about it."

"Take a heifer with you," Yahweh said, "and say, 'I've come to sacrifice to Yahweh.' 3 Invite Yishay to the sacrifice, and I'll show you what do to from there, and you should anoint the one I tell you to."

4 So Shmuel did what Yahweh had told him, and went to Beyt-Lehem. The town elders trembled when they met him, and asked, "Do you come in peace?"

5 "Yes, in peace," he answered "I've come to sacrifice to Yahweh. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he purified Yishay and his sons and called them to the sacrifice.

6 When they arrived, Shmuel saw Eliav and thought, "Surely this man's the one that Yahweh wants to anoint." 7 But Yahweh told him, "Don't look at his height or outward appearance, because I've rejected him. Because it isn't what a person sees with their eyes, but Yahweh sees their motives and values."

8 Then Yishay called for Avinadav to walk across in front of Shmuel, but he said again, "Yahweh hasn't chosen that one." 9 Then Yishay made Shamah walk across in front, but again he said, "Yahweh hasn't chosen that one." 10 So all up, Yishay made seven of his sons walk across in front of Shmuel, but Shmuel told him, "Yahweh hasn't chosen any of them." 11 Then Shmuel asked Yishay, "Is this all your sons?"

"Well, there's just the youngest," he answered "but you see, he's out looking after the flock."[79]

"Send for him," Shmuel instructed him, "because we won't do anything else until he gets here." 12 So he sent for him and

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_bitterness_of (the)_death it_has_departed. 33 And_ Shəmū'ēl _ _he/it_said just_as sword_of_your it_has_made_childless women so she_will_become_childless from_women mother_of_ _your and_ Shəmū'ēl _he_cut_to_pieces ÐOM 'Agag to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_Gilgāl. 34 And_ Shəmū'ēl _ _he/it_went to_(the)_Rāmāh and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_went_up to house_of_his Giv˝āh of_Shā'ūl. 35 And_not Shəmū'ēl he_ _repeated to_see ÐOM Shā'ūl until the_day_of his_death_of_his if/because Shəmū'ēl he_mourned concerning Shā'ūl and_**YHWH** he_regretted if/because_that he_had_made_king ÐOM Shā'ūl over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

16:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Shəmū'ēl until when are_you mourning to Shā'ūl and_I I_have_rejected_him from_reigning over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) fill horn_of_your oil and_go I_will_send_ _you to Yishay/(Jesse) the_Bēyt- lehemite if/because I_have_ _seen among_sons_of_his to_me a_king. 2 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_ _said how will_I_go and_ Shā'ūl _he_will_hear and_he_will_kill_ _me and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said a_heifer_of cattle you_will_take in_hand_of_your and_you_will_say to_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** I_ _have_come. 3 And_you_will_invite (to)_Yishay at_sacrifice and_I I_will_make_known_to_you(pl) ÐOM that_which you_will_ _do and_you_will_anoint to_me ÐOM the_one_whom I_will_say to_you. 4 And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_made ÐOM that_which **YHWH** he_said and_he_came Bēyt- leḥem and_ the_elders_of the_city _they_trembled to_meet_him and_he/it_said peace is_ _your_coming. 5 And_he/it_said peace to_sacrifice to/for_ _**YHWH** I_have_come consecrate_yourselves and_you(pl)_will_ _come with_me at_sacrifice and_he/it_consecrated ÐOM Yishay and_ÐOM sons_of_his and_he/it_called to/for_them to_sacrifice. 6 And_he/it_was when_came_they and_he/it_saw ÐOM 'Elī'āv˝ and_he/it_said surely is_before **YHWH** his_of_anointed. 7 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Shəmū'ēl do_not look to appearance_of_ _his and_near/to the_height_of his_stature_of_his if/because I_ _have_rejected_him if/because not that_which the_humankind he_sees if/because the_humankind he_sees to_eyes and_**YHWH** he_sees to_heart. 8 And_ Yishay/(Jesse) _he/it_called to 'Avīnādāv˝ and_he_made_him_pass_by to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Shəmū'ēl and_he/it_said also (in)_this_one not **YHWH** he_has_chosen. 9 And_ Yishay _he_made_pass_by Shammāh and_he/it_said also (in)_this_one not **YHWH** he_has_ _chosen. 10 And_ Yishay _he_made_pass_by seven_of his_sons_ _of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) and_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to Yishay not **YHWH** he_has_chosen (in)_these. 11 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to Yishay are_ the_ _young_men _they_finished and_he/it_said still the_young_one he_remains and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_is_shepherding (in)_flock and_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to Yishay send and_bring_him if/because not we_will_turn_round until comes_he here. 12 And_he_sent and_he_brought_him and_he was_red with beautiful_of eyes and_good appearance and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said

76 **RV 15:32 · Note** The meaning of the original word here is unclear and so there'll be different interpretations.

77 **RV 15:32 · Note** Some translations interpret the original words as Agag thinking (or saying to himself) that he was going to be spared, but he surely knew Shmuel.

79 **RV 16:11 · Note** We deliberately left the word 'flock' here (rather than 'sheep'), because although young David is always thought of as 'the shepherd boy' in English culture, in the middle-East, **goats** are probably a more important part of the flock than sheep.

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arise anoint_him if/because this is_he. **13** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_ _took ÐOM the_horn_of (the)_oil and_he_anointed ÐOM_him/it in_the_midst_of his_brothers_of_his and_ the_spirit_of **YHWH** _ _it_rushed to Dāvid from_the_day (the)_that and_onwards and_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to_(the)_Rāmāh.

14 And_spirit of_**YHWH** it_departed from_with Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_it_terrified_him a_spirit evil from_with **YHWH**. **15** And_ the_servants_of Shā'ūl _they_said to_him/it HERE please a_ _spirit_of god evil is_terrifying_of_you. **16** Let_him_say please master_of_our your_servants to_your_face let_them_seek a_ _person who_knows playing on_harp and_it_was when_is on_ _you a_spirit_of god evil and_he_will_play in_his/its_hand and_ _good to/for_you(fs). **17** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to servants_of_ _his see please to_me a_person who_does_well to_play and_ _you(pl)_will_bring_him to_me. **18** And_ one of_the_young_men _he_answered and_he/it_said HERE I_have_seen a_son of_ _Yishay/(Jesse) the_Bēyt- lehemite who_knows to_play and_a_ _mighty_man_of strength and_a_man_of war and_one_ _discerning_of message and_a_man_of form and_**YHWH** with_ _him/it. **19** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent messengers to Yishay and_ _he/it_said send to_me ÐOM Dāvid son_of_your who is_with_ _flock. **20** And_ Yishay _he/it_took a_donkey bread and_a_ _skin-bottle_of wine and_a_kid_of goats one and_he_sent_them by_the_hand_of Dāvid his/its_son to Shā'ūl/(Saul). **21** And_ Dāvid _he_came to Shā'ūl and_he_stood before_him and_he_ _loved_him exceedingly and_he/it_was to_him/it a_bearer_of armour(s). **22** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent to Yishay to_say let_him_ _stand please Dāvid to/for_my_face/front if/because he_has_ _found favour in_eyes_of_my. **23** And_it_was when_ a_spirit_of god _was to Shā'ūl and_ Dāvid _he/it_will_take ÐOM the_harp and_he_played_it in_his/its_hand and_it_was_relief to_Shā'ūl and_good to_him/it and_it_departed from_on_him the_spirit_ _of (the)_evil.

17:1 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_gathered ÐOM armies_of_their for_battle and_they_were_gathered Sōkoh which belongs_to_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_encamped between Sōkoh and_ _between ʿAzēqāh in_Ephes- dammim. **2** And_Shā'ūl and_the_ _man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_gathered and_they_ _encamped in_valley_of 'Ēlāh and_they_deployed battle to_ _meet the_Pəlishtiy. **3** And_the_Pəlishtiy were_standing to the_ _mountain from_this and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_standing to the_mountain from_this and_the_valley was_between_them. **4** And_ the_man_of the_champions _he/it_went_out from_the_ _camps_of the_Pəlishtiy was_Golyat his/its_name from_Gat height_of_his was_six cubits and_a_span. **5** And_a_helmet_of bronze was_on his/its_head and_body_armour_of scales he was_clothed and_the_weight_of the_body_armour was_five_of thousand(s) shekels bronze. **6** And_leg_armour_of bronze was_ _on feet_of_his and_a_javelin_of bronze was_between shoulders_of_his. **7** And[82] his_spear_of_his was_like_a_beam_of weavers and_the_blade_of his_spear_of_his was_six hundred(s)

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brought him in. He was a good-looker with beautiful eyes and red colouring, and Yahweh said, "Stand up and anoint him, because he's the one." **13** So Shmuel took the horn full of olive oil and anointed him right there with his brothers, and Yahweh's spirit rushed onto David from that day onwards. Then Shmuel left and went home to Ramah.

Sha'ul employs David · Full kingdom

14 Meanwhile, Yahweh's spirit left Sha'ul (Saul), and instead an evil spirit from Yahweh tormented him, **15** and his servants told him, "Look, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. **16** Let our master please get your servants to find a man who knows how to play the harp. Then, whenever the evil spirit from God is on you, then he'll play it and it'll be good for you."

17 "Okay," Sha'ul responded, "Find a man for me who's good at playing it, and bring him to me."

18 Then one of his servants spoke up, "Listen, I've noticed one of the sons of Yishay (Jesse) in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) who knows how to play. He's also a very powerful warrior, as well as being good looking and wise in what he says. And Yahweh is with him."

19 So Sha'ul sent messengers to Yishay to tell him, "Your son David who looks after your flock, send him to me." **20** So Yishay loaded a donkey with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them to King Sha'ul with his son David. **21** When David got to the king, he became his servant, and he was liked so much that he was appointed as the one who carried the king's equipment. **22** Sha'ul sent a message back to Yishay, saying, "Let David remain in my service, because I really like him." **23** Then whenever the spirit from God tormented Sha'ul, David would take the harp and play it. That would bring relief to Sha'ul and make him feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

Galyat Challenges the Israelis · Full kingdom

17:1 At that time, the Pelishtim gathered their army divisions together ready for battle. They assembled at Sokoh in Yehudah (Judah), and camped between Sokoh and Azekah in Efes-Damim. **2** Sha'ul (Saul) and the Israeli warriors gathered and camped in the Elah valley, then they arranged themselves for battle against the Pelishtim. **3** So the Pelishtim stood on one hill and the Israelis on the opposite hill, with the valley between them.

4 Then the Pelishtim sent a champion out from their camp to represent them. His name was Galyat (Goliath) and he came from Gat, and he was almost three metres[80] tall. **5** He wore a bronze helmet, and his body armour had overlapping plates weighing a total of some fifty-five kilograms. **6** He had bronze armour on his legs, and a bronze plate[81] between his shoulders. **7** The wooden shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam and his

80 RV 17:4 · Note Some Greek sources have a height closer to two metres.

81 RV 17:6b · Note It's not totally clear what's being described in the second part of this sentence, so other interpretations might differ.

82 LV 17:7 · Note OSHB variant note: יְחִ֥ידוֹ: (x-qere) יְעִ֥ירוֹ: lemma_c/6086 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_09vQR יְעִ֥ירוֹ

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spear time weighed around seven kilograms. His shield-bearer walked in front of him. **8** Galyat stood there and called out to the Israeli warriors, "Why have you all come out to line up for battle? Now, I'm down here as a Pelishti, and all of you are Sha'ul's slaves, so choose a man for yourselves and let him come down here to fight me. **9** If he's able to fight with me and kill me, then we'll become your slaves. But if I'm the winner and kill him, then you'll all become our slaves and work for us." **10** Then he said, "I personally scoff at Yisrael's (Israel's) lines today. Give me a man so we can fight together." **11** When Sha'ul and the Israelis heard all that, they were discouraged and very afraid.

David and Galyat · Full kingdom

12 [83]Now David was the son of Yishay (Jesse) (from the Efrat clan, he lived in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) in Yehudah (Judah)) who had eight sons, and by Sha'ul's (Saul's) time, was quite old compared to other men.[84] **13** Yishay's three oldest sons (Eliav, Avinadav, and Shamah) had gone to the battle with Sha'ul, **14** but David was the youngest. While the three oldest were with Sha'ul, **15** David went back and forth between Sha'ul's camp and looking after his father's flock at Beyt-Lehem.

16 For forty days, the Pelishti champion came out and presented himself in the early morning and again in the evening.

17 One day Yishay said to his son David, "Here's a sack of roasted grain and ten loaves of bread. Take them straight away to your brothers at the camp. **18** And take these ten cuts of cheese to the commander of their unit. Find out how your brothers are doing and bring back anything they want to send to me. **19** Sha'ul and them and the other warriors are in the Elah valley, fighting against the Pelishtim."

20 So David got up early in the morning and left the flock with a shepherd, and set out just like Yishay had told him to. When he got to the battleground and the camp, the warriors were just going out to the battle line and they were shouting the battle cry. **21** The Israelis and the Pelishtim arranged themselves—battle line to battle line. **22** David left what he'd brought with a guard, and ran into the battle line. Then he caught up with his brothers and asked them how they were doing. **23** While he was talking with them, look, the Pelishti champion from Gat was coming out with his challenge. Galyat (Goliath) spoke like he had before and David heard it all. **24** But when the Israelis saw the champion, they were terrified and fled away from him. **25** saying to each other, "Have you seen this man who's coming out? He's certainly coming to mock Yisrael (Israel)! Any man who can de-

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shekels iron and_the_bearer_of the_body_shield was_walking before_him. **8** And_he_stood and_he/it_called to the_battle_ _lines_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said to/for_them to/for_ _what do_you(pl)_come_out to_deploy battle am_not am_I the_ _Philistine and_are_you(pl) servants of_Shā'ūl/(Saul) commission to/for_you(pl) a_man and_let_him_come_down to_ _me. **9** If he_will_be_able to_fight with_me and_he_will_strike_ _me_down and_we_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_slaves and_if I I_will_prevail to_him/it and_I_will_strike_him_down and_you(pl)_will_be to/for_us (into)_slaves and_you(pl)_will_ _serve us. **10** And_ the_Philistine _he/it_said I I_defy ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _battle_lines_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_day the_this give to_me a_ _man so_that_we_may_fight together. **11** And_ Shā'ūl and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_Philistine the_these and_they_were_dismayed and_they_ _saw exceedingly.

12 And_Dāvid was_a_son_of a_man an_'Efrātī the_this from_ _Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_his/its_name was_Yishay/(Jesse) and_to/for_him/it eight sons and_the_man in_the_days_of Shā'ūl he_was_old he_had_gone among_men. **13** And_ the_three_of the_sons_of Yishay the_big(pl) _they_had_ _gone they_had_gone after Shā'ūl to_battle and_name_of the_ _three_of his_sons_of_his who they_had_gone in_battle was_ _'Elī'āv the_firstborn and_second_of_his was_'Avīnādāv and_ _the_third was_Shammāh. **14** And_Dāvid he was_the_young and_three the_big(pl) they_had_gone after Shā'ūl/(Saul). **15** And_Dāvid was_going and_was_returning from_under Shā'ūl to_shepherd ᴅᴏᴍ the_flock_of his/its_father Bēyt- leḥem. **16** And_ the_Philistine _he_drew_near rising_early and_doing_ _in_the_evening and_he_took_his_stand forty day[s]. **17** And_ Yishay _he/it_said to_Dāvid his/its_son take please to_ _brothers_of_your the_'ēyfāh_of (the)_roasted_grain the_this and_ten bread[s] the_this and_bring_them_quickly the_camp to_brothers_of_your. **18** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ten_of the_portions_of (the)_milk the_these you_will_bring to_the_commander_of the_ _thousand and_ᴅᴏᴍ brothers_of_your you_will_pay_attention to_welfare and_ᴅᴏᴍ pledge_of_their you_will_take. **19** And_ _Shā'ūl and_they and_all (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_in_ _valley_of 'Ēlāh they_were_fighting with the_Pəlishtiy. **20** And_ Dāvid _he_rose_early in_morning and_he_left ᴅᴏᴍ the_flock with a_watchman and_he_lifted_up and_he/it_went just_as he_ _had_commanded_him Yishay/(Jesse) and_he_came to_the_ _camp and_the_army which_was_going_out to the_battle_line and_they_shouted_a_war_cry in_battle. **21** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_Pəlishtiy _it_deployed battle_line to_meet battle_line. **22** And_ Dāvid _he_left ᴅᴏᴍ the_vessels from_with_him on the_ _hand_of the_keeper_of the_vessels and_he_ran the_battle_line and_he_came and_he_asked of_brothers_of_his to_welfare. **23** And_he was_speaking with_them and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _man_of the_champions was_coming_up was_Golyat the_ _Philistine his/its_name Gat mmm[8687] the_Pəlishtiy and_he/it_ _spoke according_the_words/messages the_these and_ Dāvid _

83 RV 17:12 · Note Verses 12–31 aren't included in every ancient Greek translation.

84 RV 17:12 · Note There's a small variation in the original manuscripts at the end of the verse, but it has minimal effect on the essential story-line.

86 LV 17:23 · Note OSHB variant note: תורעמ/מ: (x-qere) 'תֹּוְכְרַעַמ/מ': lemma_m/4634 morph_HR/Ncfpc id_09d4o תֹּוְכְרַעַמ/מ

87 LV 17:23 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_he/it_listened. 24 And_all/each/any/every (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_saw_they ĐOM the_man and_they_fled from_before_of_him and_they_were_afraid exceedingly. 25 And_he/it_said the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) have_you(pl)_ _seen the_man who_comes_up the_this if/because to_defy ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_is_coming_up and_it_was the_man who he_ _will_strike_him_down he_will_make_him_rich the_king rich[es] great and_ĐOM daughter_of_his he_will_give to_him/it and_ĐOM the_house_of his/its_father he_will_make free in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 26 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to the_men who_ _were_standing with_him/it to_say what will_it_be_done for_ _man who he_will_strike_down ĐOM the_Philistine this and_he_ _will_remove reproach from_under Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because who is_the_Philistine (the)_uncircumcised the_this that/for/because/then/when he_has_defied the_battle_lines_ _of god living. 27 And_he/it_said to_him/it the_people according_the_manner the_this to_say thus it_will_be_done for_man who he_will_strike_him_down. 28 And_ 'Elī'āv his/its_ _brother (the)_old _he/it_listened when_spoke_he to the_men and_ the_anger of_'Elī'āv _it_glowed/burnt on_Dāvid and_ _he/it_said to/for_what this have_you_come_down and_with whom have_you_left the_fewness_of the_sheep (the)_those in_ _wilderness I I_know ĐOM presumption_of_your and_ĐOM the_ _wickedness_of your_heart_of_your if/because_that so_as to_ _see the_battle you_have_come_down. 29 And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _said what have_I_done now am_not a_message was_it. 30 And_ _he_turned_away from_beside_him to the_front another_ _person and_he/it_said according_the_manner the_this and_ _they_brought_him_back the_people message according_the_ _message the_former. 31 And_they_were_heard[88] the_ _words/messages which Dāvid he_spoke and_people_told to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_he_sent_ _for_him. 32 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Shā'ūl not the_heart_of anyone let_it_fall on/upon/above_him/it servant_of_your he_ _will_go and_he_will_fight with the_Philistine (the)_this. 33 And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to Dāvid not you_will_be_able to_go against the_Philistine the_this to_fight with_him/it if/because are_a_youth you and_he is_a_man_of war since_youth(s)_of_his. 34 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Shā'ūl a_shepherd servant_of_your he_has_been for_father_of_his among_flock and_ the_lion and_ _ĐOM the_bear _it_came and_it_carried_off a_sheep from_the_ _flock. 35 And_I_went_out after_it and_I_struck_it and_I_ _rescued_it from_mouth_of_its and_he/it_rose_up on_me and_ _I_took_hold on_beard_of_its and_I_struck_it and_I_killed_it. 36 Both ĐOM the_lion as_well_as the_bear servant_of_your he_ _has_struck_down and_it_was the_Philistine (the)_ _uncircumcised the_this like_one from_them if/because he_ _has_defied the_battle_lines_of god living. 37 And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_said **YHWH** who he_delivered_me from_the_hand_of the_lion and_from_the_hand_of the_bear he he_will_deliver_me from_the_hand_of the_Philistine the_this and_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _ _he/it_said to Dāvid go and_**YHWH** he_will_be with_you. 38 And_ Shā'ūl _he_clothed ĐOM Dāvid garments_of_his and_

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feat him will be made very wealthy by the king, and he'll give his daughter to him, plus his extended family will be exempt from paying taxes."

26 "What was it that'll be done for the man who kills this Pelishti and take's Yisrael's disgrace away?" David asked some of the men standing around him. "Because who does that uncircumcised Pelishti think he is that he would taunt the army of the living God?" 27 Then the men told him again what would be given to the man who defeats him.

28 But when David's oldest brother Eliav heard him talking to the men, he got very angry and scolded him, "Why have you come down here? Who's looking after those few sheep that you left in the desert? I know you have a big head and you're just a troublemaker—you just want to watch the battle."

29 "What have I done now?" David asked. "Wasn't it just a question?" 30 Then he went over to another group and asked the same question and got the same answer.

31 So it got around what David was saying, and when Sha'ul (Saul) heard about it, he sent for him.[85] 32 David told the king, "Don't be discouraged. Your servant will go and fight against this Pelishti."

33 "You can't go against this Pelishti and fight him," Sha'ul told David. "You're still a lad, but he's been a professional warrior since he was young."

34 "Your servant has been working for his father tending the flock," David replied. "Sometimes a lion or a bear has come and taken a sheep from the flock 35 and I would go after it and beat it and rescue the sheep from its mouth. If it went to attack me, then I'd grasp it by the jaw and beat it and kill it. 36 Your servant has killed both a lion and a bear, and that uncircumcised Pelishti will end up just like them, because he's insulted the army of the living God." 37 Then he added, "Yahweh who has saved me from the lion and from the bear, *he* will be the one to save me from that Pelishti."

"Go then, and Yahweh be with you." Sha'ul assented. 38 Then Sha'ul had David dressed in his own battle attire, and then in body armour with a bronze helmet. 39 David strapped his sword over the top and then tried to walk because he hadn't been trained in wearing it. But he told Sha'ul, "I couldn't walk in all that without practice," so he took it all off. 40 Then he picked up his staff, and selected five smooth stones from the riverbed. He placed them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag, and picked up his sling and headed towards the Pelishti champion.

85 **RV 17:31 · Note** Verses 12–31 aren't included in every ancient Greek translation.

88 **LV 17:31 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

David fronts up to Galyat · Full kingdom

41 Then Galyat (Goliath) came closer and closer to David, with his shield-bearer walking in front of him. 42 When he looked and realised that David was a reddish, good-looking lad, he despised him 43 and asked him, "Are you coming to me with a stick because you think I'm a dog?" Then the Pelishti cursed David by his gods. 44 "Come over here," he told David, "and let me give your flesh to the vultures and wild animals."

45 "You're coming to me with a sword and spear and dagger," David shouted back. "But I'm coming to you in the name of Commander-in-chief Yahweh, the god of Yisrael's (Israel's) army that you've been taunting. 46 Today, Yahweh will help me defeat you and I'll knock you down and cut off your head. What's more, I'll give the Pelishti army corpses to the vultures and wild animals today, then everyone will know that there's a god in Yisrael. 47 Everyone here will learn that Yahweh doesn't save with swords or spears, because he's in charge of the battle and will help us defeat you all."

48 Then as Galyat went closer to meet David, David ran quickly towards him at the battle line. 49 He slipped his hand into his bag and took out a single stone and slung it towards the Pelishti—striking him on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead and he collapsed forwards onto the ground, 50 and so David defeated the Pelishti with a sling and a stone—knocking him down and killing him.[89] Not having a sword with him, 51 David ran and stood over the Pelishti—drawing Galyat's sword out of its sheath to kill him and cut off his head.[90]

When the Pelishtim saw that their powerful champion was dead, they fled 52 and the Israeli warriors started yelling and they chased the Pelishtim into the valley and as far as the gates of Ekron. The dead bodies of the Pelishtim could be seen on the road all the way from Sha'arayim to Gat and Ekron. 53 When the Israelis returned from chasing the Pelishtim, they raided the valuables from their camp. 54 David put Galyat's equipment into his own tent, then he carried his head to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Literal Version

_he/it_gave a_helmet_of bronze on his/its_head and_he_ _clothed ÐOM_him/it body_armour. 39 And_ Dāvid _he_girded ÐOM sword_of_his from_under (to)_garments_of_his and_he_ _undertook to_go if/because not he_had_put_to_the_test and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Shā'ūl not I_will_be_able to_go in_these_ _things if/because not I_have_put_to_the_test and_he_ _removed_them Dāvid from_on_himself. 40 And_he/it_took staff_of_his in_his/its_hand and_he_chose to_him/it five smooth_ones_of stones from the_wadi and_he/it_assigned ÐOM_ _them in_the_bag_of (the)_shepherds which to_him/it and_in_ _pouch and_sling_of_his was_in_hand_of_his and_he_drew_near to the_Philistine.

41 And_ the_Philistine _he/it_went coming and_approaching to Dāvid and_the_man the_bearer of_the_body_shield was_before_ _of_him. 42 And_ the_Philistine _he_looked and_he_saw ÐOM Dāvid and_he_despised_him if/because he_was a_youth and_ _red with handsome_of appearance. 43 And_ the_Philistine _ _he/it_said to Dāvid a_dog am_I that/for/because/then/when you are_coming to_me with_staves and_ the_Philistine _he_ _cursed ÐOM Dāvid by_gods_of_his. 44 And_ the_Philistine _ _he/it_said to Dāvid come to_me so_that_I_may_give ÐOM flesh_ _of_your to_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_to_the_animal[s]_ _of the_field. 45 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to the_Philistine you are_coming to_me with_sword and_with_spear and_with_ _javelin and_I am_coming against_you in/on_name_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of the_battle_lines_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom you_have_defied. 46 The_day the_this he_will_deliver_you_up **YHWH** in_hand_of_my and_I_will_ _strike_you_down and_I_will_remove ÐOM head_of_your from_ _on_you and_I_will_give the_corpse[s]_of the_army_of the_ _Pəlishtiy the_day the_this to_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_ _to_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land and_ all_of the_earth/land _they_will_know if/because_that there_is a_god for_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 47 And_ all_of the_assembly the_this _they_ _will_know if/because_that not by_sword and_by_spear **YHWH** he_saves if/because to/for_**YHWH** the_battle and_he/it_gave you(pl) in_hand_of_our. 48 And_it_was if/because the_Philistine he_arose and_he/it_went and_he_drew_near to_meet Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he_hurried and_he_ran the_battle_line to_meet the_Philistine. 49 And_ Dāvid _he_stretched_out ÐOM his/its_ _hand into the_bag and_he/it_took from_there a_stone and_he_ _slung_it and_he_struck ÐOM the_Philistine to forehead_of_his and_ the_stone _it_sank in_forehead_of_his and_he_fell on his/its_faces/face ground_to_the. 50 And_ Dāvid _he_was_ _strong more_than the_Philistine with_sling and_with_stone and_he_struck_down ÐOM the_Philistine and_he_killed_him and_a_sword there_was_not in_the_hand_of Dāvid. 51 And_ Dāvid _he_ran and_he_stood to the_Philistine and_he/it_took ÐOM sword_of_his and_he_drew_it_out from_sheath_of_its and_ _he_killed_him and_he_cut_off with_it ÐOM his/its_head and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_saw if/because_that their_mighty_of_man he_had_died and_they_fled. 52 And_ the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) _they_arose and_they_ _shouted_a_war_cry and_they_pursued ÐOM the_Pəlishtiy until come_you a_valley and_unto the_gates_of ´Eqrōn and_ those_

89 **RV 17:50 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 21:19.

90 **RV 17:51 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 21:19.

Literal Version

_slain_of the_Pəlishtiy _they_fell on_the_way_of Sha´ₐrayim and_unto Gat and_unto ´Eqrōn. **53** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_returned from_hotly_pursuing after the_ _Pəlishtiy and_they_plundered ~~ḎOM~~ camps_of_their. **54** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took ~~ḎOM~~ the_head_of the_Philistine and_he_ _brought_it Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_~~ḎOM~~ weapons_of_his he_put in_his_own_of_tent.
55 And_just_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _as_saw ~~ḎOM~~ Dāvid going_out to_ _meet the_Philistine he_said to 'Avnēr the_commander_of the_ _army son_of whom this is_the_youth Oh_'Avnēr and_ 'Avnēr _ _he/it_said by_the_life your_self_of_your the_king if I_know. **56** And_ the_king _he/it_said you ask son_of whom this is_the_ _young_man. **57** And_just_ Dāvid _as_returned from_when_ _struck_down ~~ḎOM~~ the_Philistine and_ 'Avnēr _he/it_took ~~ḎOM~~_ _him/it and_he_brought_him to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Shā'ūl and_the_head_of the_Philistine in_his/its_ _hand. **58** And_he/it_said to_him/it Shā'ūl son_of whom are_ _you Oh_youth and_ Dāvid _he/it_said the_son_of your_ _servant_of_your Yishay/(Jesse) the_Bēyt- lehemite.

18:1 And_he/it_was just_as_he_finished to_speak to Shā'ūl and_ _the_self_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) it_was_bound with_the_self_of Dāvid and[91] Yōnātān like_his_own_of_self. **2** And_he_took_him Shā'ūl in_the_day (the)_that and_not he_ _permitted_him to_return the_house_of his/its_father. **3** And_ Yōnātān and_Dāvid _he_made a_covenant because_he_of_loved ~~ḎOM~~_him/it like_his_own_of_self. **4** And_ Yōnātān _he_stripped_ _himself ~~ḎOM~~ the_robe which on/upon/above_him/it and_he_ _gave_it to_Dāvid and_garments_of_his and_unto sword_of_his and_unto bow_of_his and_unto belt_of_his. **5** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_went_out in_every where he_sent_him Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_ _prospered and_he_appointed_him Shā'ūl over the_men_of (the)_war and_it_was_good in/on_both_eyes_of all_of the_ _people and_also in/on_both_eyes_of the_servants_of Shā'ūl.

6 And_he/it_was when_came_they when_ Dāvid _returned from_when_struck_down ~~ḎOM~~ the_Philistine and_ the_women _ _they_came_out from_all the_cities_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[94] and_the_dancing(s) to_meet Shā'ūl the_king with_tambourines with_joy and_with_three-stringed_instruments. **7** And_ the_ _women who_were_playing _they_sang and_they_said Shā'ūl he_has_struck_down in/on/at/with[95] and_Dāvid (on)_his_ten_ _of_thousands. **8** And_it_glowed/burnt to_Shā'ūl exceedingly and_it_was_displeasing in_eyes_of_his the_matter the_this and_ _he/it_said they_have_ascribed to_Dāvid ten_thousands and_ _to_me they_have_ascribed the_thousands and_yet to_him/it only the_royalty. **9** And_he/it_was Shā'ūl looking_suspiciously_ _at[96] ~~ḎOM~~ Dāvid from_the_day (the)_that and_onwards. **10** And_ _he/it_was from_the_next_day and_it_rushed a_spirit_of god evil to Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_he_prophesied in_the_midst_of the_ _house and_Dāvid was_playing in_his/its_hand as_a_day in/on_

Readers' Version

Sha'ul asks about David · Full kingdom

55 When Sha'ul (Saul) had seen David going out to meet Galyat (Goliath), he'd asked Avner, the army commander, "Whose son is this lad, Avner?"

"As surely as you live, your majesty," replied Avner, "I don't know."

56 "Find out whose son he is," the king had commanded.

57 Then when David had returned from killing the Pelishti, Avner brought him to stand in front of Sha'ul, and he was holding Galyat's head. **58** "Whose son are you, lad?" Sha'ul asked.

"I'm the son of your servant Yishay (Jesse), who lives in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)," replied David.

David's friendship with Yonatan · Full kingdom

18:1 After David had finished speaking to the king, him and Yonatan (Jonatan) became close friends, in fact Yonatan really loved him. **2** From that day, Sha'ul (Saul) kept David with him, and wouldn't allow him to return home. **3** Then Yonatan and David made an agreement together, because Yonatan loved him as much as he loved himself. **4** Yonatan took off the cloak that he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his armour, his sword and bow, and even his belt. **5** David went on missions wherever Sha'ul sent him and always succeeded. Sha'ul put him in charge of the warriors, and that pleased all the people, as well as Sha'ul's servants.

Sha'ul becomes envious of David · Full kingdom

6 When they'd all come back after killing the Pelishti, the women from the Israeli cities had come out to meet King Sha'ul (Saul) with singing and dancing—playing tambourines and other instruments with great happiness. **7** However, as they danced they sang,

"Sha'ul has killed his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands."[92]

8 Sha'ul found that offensive and it made him very angry. "They've attributed tens of thousands to David," he complained, "but only thousands to me. Next thing he'll end up as king." **9** So from that day onwards, Sha'ul remained wary of David and kept an eye on him.

10 Then the next day, an evil spirit from God rushed on Sha'ul

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91 LV 18:1 · Note OSHB variant note: ובהאי/ו: (x-qere) 'וּבְהֶאָיְ/ו': lemma_c/157 morph_HC/Vqw3ms/Sp3ms id_097PM וּבְהֶאָיְ/ו

92 RV 18:7 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 21:11; 29:5.

94 LV 18:6 · Note OSHB variant note: רוש/ל: (x-qere) 'רְיֵשׁ/ל': lemma_l/7891 morph_HR/Vqc id_09UWS רְיֵשׁ/ל

95 LV 18:7 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/פלא/ו: (x-qere) 'ב/וְיִפָּלֵא': lemma_b/505 n_0.1 morph_HR/Acbpc/Sp3ms id_09RJK ב/וְיִפָּלֵא

96 LV 18:9 · Note OSHB variant note: עוו: (x-qere) 'עָיוֹו': lemma_5770 morph_HVqrmsa id_09BVU עָיוֹו

Readers' Version

and even in the middle of the house he started prophesying. As David was playing near him (as he did every day), Sha'ul was holding a spear **11** and he suddenly hurled it, saying, "I'll pin that David to the wall." But twice when he did that, David managed to elude him.

12 So Sha'ul ended up afraid of David because Yahweh was with him, but was no longer with the king. **13** Then Sha'ul sent him out of the room and appointed him as the commander of a thousand warriors, so he came and went in front of the people.[93] **14** Yahweh was with David and he was succeeding in everything he did. **15** Sha'ul knew about his successes and couldn't stand looking at him, **16** but all the people of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) loved David because they observed his comings and goings.

David wins Mikal as his wife · Full kingdom

17 One day Sha'ul (Saul) told David, "Look, here's my oldest daughter Merav—I'll give her to you for a wife. The only condition is that you become a powerful warrior for me and fight Yahweh's battles." (Sha'ul had said to himself, "I don't need to hurt him physically—I'll let the Pelishtim do that for me.") **18** "Who am I," David asked, "and who are my relatives in my father's clan in Yisrael (Israel), that I should become the king's son-in-law?"

19 However, when it was the time for Sha'ul to give his daughter Merav to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholati to marry.

20 Now Sha'ul's other daughter Mikal loved David, and when they told the king, he was pleased about it, **21** saying to himself, "I'll give her to him so she can become a trap for him so the Pelishtim could be the ones to attack him." So he said a second time, "You'll become a son-in-law of mine today." **22** Then Sha'ul commanded his servants, "Tell David privately, 'Listen, the king is pleased with you, and all of us his servants love you. So now we think that you should become the king's son-in-law.' "

23 So they told David privately, but he responded, "Something that significant isn't likely to happen. I'm hard up and without much honour."

24 When Sha'ul's servants told him what David had said, **25** he replied, "Pass this onto David, 'The king doesn't want an expensive bride price—only a hundred Pelishti foreskins taken from the king's enemies.' " But Sha'ul was still wanting the Pelishtim to be the ones to kill David. **26** Now when David heard this from the servants, he decided that he could indeed marry the king's daughter within the time period that had been given, **27** so he and his men got ready and went and killed *two* hundred Pelishti men. He brought them to the king and had them counted to ful-

Literal Version

_day and_the_spear was_in_the_hand_of Shā'ūl. **11** And_ Shā'ūl _he_hurled ~~ĐOM~~ the_spear and_he/it_said I_will_strike (on)_ _Dāvid and_(on)_wall and_ Dāvid _he_went_around from_ _before_of_him two_times. **12** And_ Shā'ūl _he_was_afraid from_ _to/for_face/front/presence Dāvid if/because he_was **YHWH** with_him/it and_from_with Shā'ūl he_had_turned_aside. **13** And_he_removed_him Shā'ūl from_with_him and_he_ _appointed_him to_him/it a_commander_of a_thousand and_ _he/it_went_out and_he_came to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_people. **14** And_he/it_was Dāvid to/from_ _all/each/any/every way_of_his[97] being_successful and_**YHWH** with_him/it. **15** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_saw which/who he was_ _being_successful exceedingly and_he_was_afraid of_him. **16** And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) was_loving ~~ĐOM~~ Dāvid if/because he was_going_out and_was_coming before_them.

17 And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to Dāvid HERE daughter_of_my (the)_old Mērāv ~~ĐOM~~ her/it I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) to/for_(a)_woman only become to/for_me (into)_a_son_of strength and_fight the_battles_of **YHWH** and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_ _said not let_it_be hand_of_my in/on/over_him/it and_let_it_ _be in_him/it the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **18** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _said to Shā'ūl who am_I and_who kinsfolk_of_are_my the_ _clan_of my_father_of_my in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) that/for/because/then/when I_will_be a_son-in-law of_king. **19** And_he/it_was at_the_time_of gave ~~ĐOM~~ Mērāv the_ _daughter_of Shā'ūl to_Dāvid and_she she_was_given to_'Adrī'ēl the_Məḥolātī to/for_(a)_woman. **20** And_ Mīkāl the_daughter_ _of Shā'ūl _she_loved ~~ĐOM~~ Dāvid and_people_told to_Shā'ūl and_ the_matter _it_was_pleasing in_eyes_of_his. **21** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said I_will_give_her for_him/it so_that_she_may_ _become to_him/it (into)_a_snare and_so_that_it_may_be in_ _him/it the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to Dāvid in_two_times you_will_be_a_son-in-law to_me the_day. **22** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ servant_of_his[98] speak to Dāvid in_secrecy to_say HERE he_delights in_you the_king and_all servants_of_his they_love_you and_now be_son-in-law to_king. **23** And_ the_servants_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) _they_spoke in_ _the_ears_of Dāvid ~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these and_ Dāvid _he/it_said trifling in_eyes_of_your(pl) is_to_be_ _son-in-law to_king and_I am_a_man poor and_lightly_ _esteemed. **24** And_ the_servants_of Shā'ūl _they_told to_him/it to_say according_the_words/messages the_these Dāvid he_ _spoke. **25** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said thus you(pl)_will_say to_ _Dāvid there_is_not delight to/for_the_king in_bride-price if/because for_a_hundred foreskins_of Pəlishtiy to_avenge_ _himself on_the_enemies_of the_king and_Shā'ūl he_planned to_make_fall ~~ĐOM~~ Dāvid by_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **26** And_ servants_of_his _they_told to_Dāvid ~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these and_ the_matter _it_was_pleasing in/on_both_eyes_ _of Dāvid to_be_son-in-law to_king and_not the_days they_ _were_completed. **27** And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_

93 RV 18:13 · Note It's not entirely clear what the implications of this coming and going were (and similarly at the end of v16). It could easily refer to him returning successfully from military excursions.

97 LV 18:14 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

98 LV 18:22 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

Literal Version

_went he and_men_of_his and_he_struck_down among_
_Pəlishtiy two_hundred man and_ Dāvid _he/it_brought ĐOM
foreskins_of_their and_people_gave_them_in_full to/for_the_
_king to_be_son-in-law to_king and_he_gave to_him/it Shā'ūl
ĐOM Mīkāl daughter_of_his to/for_(a)_woman. **28** And_
Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_saw and_he/it_knew if/because_that
YHWH was_with Dāvid and_Mīkāl the_daughter_of Shā'ūl she_
_loved_him. **29** And_ Shā'ūl _he_increased to_be_afraid from_
_face/in_front_of Dāvid again and_he/it_was Shā'ūl an_enemy
ĐOM Dāvid all_of the_days. **30** And_ the_commanders_of the_
_Pəlishtiy _they_went_out and_he/it_was from_sufficiency
they_went_out Dāvid he_was_successful from_all the_servants_
of Shā'ūl and his/its_name _it_was_esteemed exceedingly.

19:1 And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_spoke to
Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) his/its_son and_near/to all_
_of servants_of_his to_kill ĐOM Dāvid and_Yōnātān the_son_of
Shā'ūl he_delighted in_Dāvid exceedingly. **2** And_ Yōnātān _he_
_told to_Dāvid to_say Shā'ūl father_of_my is_seeking to_kill_
_you and_now take_care please in_morning and_you_will_
_remain in_place and_you_will_hide_yourself. **3** And_I I_will_
_go_out and_I_will_stand to_the_side_of my_father_of_my in_
_the_field where you are_there and_I I_will_speak in_you to
father_of_my and_I_will_see whatever and_I_will_tell to/for_
you(fs). **4** And Yōnātān _he/it_spoke in_Dāvid good to
Shā'ūl/(Saul) his/its_father and_he/it_said to_him/it not the_
_king let_him_sin against_servant_of_his against_Dāvid
if/because not he_has_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_
_because/when deeds_of_his are_good to/for_yourself(m)
exceedingly. **5** And_he/it_assigned ĐOM life_of_his in_palm_of_
_his and_he_struck_down ĐOM the_Philistine and_ **YHWH** _
_he/it_made a_deliverance great to/from_all/each/any/every
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_saw and_you_rejoiced and_for_what will_
_you_sin against_blood innocent by_killing ĐOM Dāvid without_
cause. **6** And Shā'ūl _he/it_listened to_the_voice_of
Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_ Shā'ūl _he_swore_an_
_oath by_the_life of_**YHWH** if he_will_be_put_to_death. **7** And_
Yōnātān _he/it_called to_Dāvid and_he_told to_him/it Yōnātān
ĐOM all_of the_words/messages the_these and_ Yōnātān _he/it_
_brought ĐOM Dāvid to Shā'ūl and_he/it_was before_him as_
_yesterday three_days_ago. **8** And_ the_war _it_repeated to_be
and_ Dāvid _he/it_went_out and_he_fought against_Pəlishtiy
and_he_defeated (is)_in_them a_defeat great and_they_fled
from_before_of_him. **9** And_it_became a_spirit_of **YHWH** evil to
Shā'ūl and_he in_house_of_his was_sitting and_spear_of_his in_
_his/its_hand and_Dāvid was_playing with_hand. **10** And_
Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_sought to_strike with_spear (on)_Dāvid
and_(on)_wall and_he_escaped from_face/in_front_of Shā'ūl
and_he_struck ĐOM the_spear in_wall and_Dāvid he_fled and_
_he_escaped in_night that. **11** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent messengers
to the_house_of Dāvid to_watch_for_him and_to_kill_him in_
_morning and_she_told to_Dāvid Mīkāl his/its_wife/woman to_
_say if not_you are_delivering ĐOM life_of_your the_night
tomorrow you will_be_put_to_death. **12** And_ Mīkāl _she_let_
_down ĐOM Dāvid through the_window and_he/it_went and_
_he_fled and_he_escaped. **13** And_ Mīkāl _she/it_took ĐOM the_

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fill the pledge, and so Sha'ul had to give his daughter Mikal to become his wife.

28 But when Sha'ul realised that Yahweh was helping David, and that his daughter loved him, **29** he became more afraid of David, so he remained hostile to David from then on.

30 Whenever the Pelishti commanders decided to attack, David was more successful than any other of Sha'ul's commanders, so he became very famous.

Sha'ul persecutes David · Full kingdom

19:1 Then Sha'ul (Saul) urged his son Yonatan (Jonathan) and all his servants to kill David, but Yonatan really liked David **2** and told him, "My father Sha'ul wants to get rid of you, so please watch out in the morning. Find a hiding place and stay there. **3** And what I'll do, I'll go out and stand by my father in the countryside where you're hiding, and I'll bring you into the conversation to see what he'll say about you."

4 So the next morning, Yonatan spoke well of David to his father Sha'ul, saying, "Don't let the king sin against his servant, against David, because he hasn't sinned against you, and actually, he's been a big help to you. **5** He took his life into his hands when he fought against Galyat (Goliath), and Yahweh used it to save all Yisrael (Israel). So why would you sin against innocent blood by putting David to death for no reason."

6 Sha'ul listened to Yonatan, then he promised, "As surely as Yahweh lives, he won't be put to death." **7** Afterwards, Yonatan called David and told him what had been said. Then he brought David back to work for Sha'ul and things carried on as before.

8 Then war broke out again, and David went out and battled against the Pelishtim and defeated them so badly that they fled away from him.

9 One day as Sha'ul was sitting in his house, an evil spirit from Yahweh came on him. He had his spear in his hand, and David was playing the harp. **10** Sha'ul tried to hit David with the spear, but David eluded him and the spear went into the wall. Then David slipped away and fled that night.

11 Sha'ul sent messengers to watch David's house to kill him in the morning,[99] but his wife Mikal told him, "If you don't do something to save your life tonight, you'll be dead by tomorrow." **12** So Mikal lowered David out through the window, and he was able to slip out and take off. **13** Then she took a household idol and put it in the bed, putting a goats' hair quilt where the head should be and covering it with the bed-clothes. **14** When Sha'ul sent messengers to arrest David, she told them, "He's sick." **15** Sha'ul sent the messengers back, telling them, "Bring him up to me bed and all so I can kill him." **16** But when the messengers

99 RV 19:11 · Cross-ref. Psa 59 header.

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returned, look, it was a household idol in the bed with a goats' hair quilt as its head. **17** Sha'ul had Mikal brought in and questioned, "Why did you deceive me like that and sent my enemy off, so that he slipped away?"

"He told me that he'd kill me," Mikal answered Sha'ul, "if I didn't help him escape."

18 After David had slipped away, he went to Shmuel (Samuel) in Ramah and told him everything that Sha'ul had done to him, then the two of them went and stayed in Navit. **19** But Sha'ul was told that David was in Navit near Ramah, **20** so he sent messengers to capture David. When they saw a group of prophets prophesying and Shmuel standing as head over them, God's spirit came onto Sha'ul's messengers and they also prophesied. **21** They told Sha'ul and he sent more messengers and they also prophesied. He sent messengers a third time, and they started prophesying as well. **22** Finally Sha'ul himself headed towards Ramah and got as far as the large water cistern in Seku. He asked around about Shmuel and David, and was told that they were in Navit near Ramah. **23** So he went to Navit, and God's spirit came on him as well. As he walked, he kept prophesying until he entered Navit. **24** He took off his outer clothes and prophesied in front of Shmuel. He lay undressed all that day and all night, so that's why people ask, "Is Sha'ul a prophet as well?"[100]

Yonatan helps David · Full kingdom

20:1 Then David fled from Navit near Ramah and went to Yonatan (Jonathan) and asked, "What have I done? What did I do wrong? What sin has made your father so angry that he wants to take my life?"

2 "Far from it," Yonatan responded. "You won't die. Listen, my father doesn't do anything, big or small, without telling me. So why would my father hide this from me if it was his plan? No,

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_teraphim and_she_put_it into the_bed and_ĐOM (the)_quilt_of (the)_goat_hair(s) she_put of_its_head_of_the_place and_she_ _covered_it with_garment. **14** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent messengers to_take/accept/receive ĐOM Dāvid and_she/it_said he is_sick. **15** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent ĐOM the_messengers to_see ĐOM Dāvid to_say bring_up ĐOM_him/it on_bed to_me to_kill_him. **16** And_ the_messengers _they_came and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _teraphim was_to the_bed and_the_quilt_of (the)_goat_hair(s) place_of_its_head_of_was_the. **17** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_said to Mīkāl to/for_what thus have_you_deceived_me and_you_ _have_let_go ĐOM enemy_of_my and_he_has_escaped and_ Mīkāl _she/it_said to Shā'ūl he he_said to_me let_me_go why will_I_kill_you. **18** And_Dāvid he_fled and_he_escaped and_he_ _went to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) to_(the)_Rāmāh and_he_told to_ _him/it ĐOM all_of that he_had_done to_him/it Shā'ūl and_ he and_Shəmū'ēl _he/it_went and_they_lived in/on/at/with[101]. **19** And_it_was_told to_Shā'ūl to_say THERE Dāvid in/on/at/with[102] in_Rāmāh. **20** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent messengers to_take/accept/receive ĐOM Dāvid and_he/it_saw ĐOM the_company_of the_prophets prophesying and_Shəmū'ēl was_standing chief over_them and_it_became on the_ _messengers_of Shā'ūl the_spirit_of god and_ also they _they_ _prophesied. **21** And_people_told to_Shā'ūl and_he_sent messengers other and_ also they _they_prophesied and_ Shā'ūl _he_repeated and_he_sent messengers third and_ also they _ _they_prophesied. **22** And_ also he _he/it_went to_(the)_Rāmāh and_he_came to a_cistern_of (the)_great which is_in_Sēkū and_ _he_asked and_he/it_said where are_Shəmū'ēl and_Dāvid and_ _he/it_said THERE in/on/at/with[103] in_Rāmāh. **23** And_he/it_ _went there to Nāvīt[104] in_Rāmāh and_it_became on/upon/above_him/it also he the_spirit_of god and_he/it_ _went steadily_(go) and_he_prophesied until came_he in/on/at/with[105] in_Rāmāh. **24** And_ also he _he_stripped_off clothes_of_his and_ also he _he_prophesied to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) and_he_fell_down naked all_of the_day (the)_that and_all the_night therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_say also is_Shā'ūl/(Saul) among_ _prophets.

20:1 And_ Dāvid _he_fled mmm[109] in_Rāmāh and_he_went and_ _he/it_said to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) what have_I_done what my_ _perversity/evil/guilt/punishment and_what sin_of_is_my to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before father_of_your that/for/because/then/when he_is_seeking ĐOM life_of_my. **2** And_he/it_said to_him/it far_be_it not you_will_die HERE mmm wwww[110] father_of_my anything great or anything small

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100 RV 19:24 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 10:11-12.

101 LV 19:18 · Note OSHB variant note: תיונ/ב: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ': lemma_b/5121 n_0 morph_HR/Np id_09MHW תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ

102 LV 19:19 · Note OSHB variant note: תיונ/ב: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ': lemma_b/5121 n_0.0 morph_HR/Np id_09y2D תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ

103 LV 19:22 · Note OSHB variant note: תיונ/ב: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ': lemma_b/5121 morph_HR/Np id_09gp2 תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ

104 LV 19:23 · Note OSHB variant note: תיונ: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ': lemma_5121 n_1.0 morph_HNp id_098Ge תוֹנֶ֫ךָ

105 LV 19:23 · Note OSHB variant note: תיונ/ב: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ': lemma_b/5121 morph_HR/Np id_09RaU תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ

109 LV 20:1 · Note OSHB variant note: תוונ/מ: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/מִ': lemma_m/5121 n_1.0 morph_HR/Np id_09eLB תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/מִ

110 LV 20:2 · Note OSHB variant note: השע־ו/ל: (x-qere) 'אֹל': lemma_3808 morph_HTn id_09uGu אֹל־ 'הֶשֶּׁעַי־': lemma_6213 a morph_HVqi3ms id_09dRu הֶשֶּׁעַי

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and_not he_uncovers ~~DOM~~ ear_of_my and_why father_of_my will_he_hide from_me ~~DOM~~ the_thing the_this is_not this. **3** And_he_swore_an_oath again Dāvid and_he/it_said well_ _(know) father_of_your he_knows if/because_that I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your and_he/it_said not Yōnātān let_him_ _know this lest he_should_be_grieved and_but by_the_life of_ _**YHWH** and_by_the_life your_self_of_your if/because about_a_ _step is_between_me and_between (the)_death. **4** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said to Dāvid whatever self_of_your it_will_say and_I_ _will_do for_you. **5** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Yōnātān HERE a_ _new_moon will_be_tomorrow and_I really_(sit) I_will_sit with the_king to_eat and_you_will_let_me_go and_I_will_hide_ _myself in_field until the_evening (the)_third. **6** If actually_ _(miss) he_will_miss_me father_of_your and_you_will_say urgently_(ask) he_asked_for_himself from_me Dāvid to_run Bēyt- leḥem city_of_his if/because the_sacrifice_of the_days is_ _there to/from_all/each/any/every the_clan. **7** If thus he_will_ _say good safety belongs_to_servant_of_your and_if really_ _(burn) it_will_burn to_him/it know if/because_that (the)_ _harm it_has_been_determined from_with_him. **8** And_you_ _will_do covenant_loyalty towards servant_of_your if/because in_(the)_covenant_of **YHWH** you_have_brought ~~DOM~~ servant_ _of_your with_you and_if there_is in_me iniquity put_me_to_ _death you and_unto father_of_your to/for_what this will_you_ _bring_me. **9** And_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _he/it_ _said far_be_it to_you if/because if ever_(know) I_will_know if/because_that (the)_harm it_has_been_determined from_with father_of_my to_come on_you and_not ~~DOM~~_her/it will_I_tell to/for_you(fs). **10** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Yōnātān who will_ _he_tell to_me or what will_he_answer_you father_of_your hard. **11** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said to Dāvid come and_let_us_ _go_out the_field and_ both_of_them _they_went_out the_field. **12** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said to Dāvid **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because_that I_will_sound_out ~~DOM~~ father_ _of_my about_time tomorrow the_third and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE good is_to Dāvid and_not then will_I_send to_you and_I_will_ _uncover ~~DOM~~ ear_of_your. **13** Thus **YHWH** may_he_do to_ _Yōnātān and_thus may_he_add if/because it_will_make_good to father_of_my ~~DOM~~ (the)_harm on_you and_I_will_uncover ~~DOM~~ ear_of_your and_I_will_send_you_away and_you_will_go to_peace and_let_it_be **YHWH** with_you just_as he_has_been with father_of_my. **14** And_not if still_I am_alive and_not you_ _will_do with_me the_covenant_loyalty_of **YHWH** and_not I_ _will_die. **15** And_not you_must_cut_off ~~DOM~~ loyalty_of_your_ _covenant from_with house_of_my until perpetuity and_not when_ **YHWH** _cuts_off ~~DOM~~ the_enemies_of Dāvid everyone from_under the_surface_of the_soil. **16** And_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _he_made with the_house_of Dāvid and_ **YHWH** _he_will_require from_the_hand_of the_ _enemies_of Dāvid. **17** And_ Yōnātān _he_repeated to_make_ _swear_an_oath ~~DOM~~ Dāvid because_he_of_loved ~~DOM~~_him/it if/because the_loving_of his_own_self_of_his he_loved_him. **18** And_he/it_said to_him/it Yōnātān will_be_tomorrow a_new_ _moon and_you_will_be_missed if/because seat_of_your it_will_ _be_empty. **19** And_you_will_do_on_the_third_day you_will_

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you're wrong."

3 "For sure, your father knows that you've taken a liking to me," said David, "and he would have decided not to tell you so you wouldn't be upset." Then David made an oath again, "Indeed, as Yahweh is alive, and as your soul is alive, death is definitely only a step away from me."

4 "I'll do anything for you—whatever you say," Yonatan confirmed.

5 "Listen, the new moon celebration is tomorrow,[106] and I'll definitely be expected to sit with the king to eat," David told him. "But you should let me go, and I'll hide myself in the countryside until the third evening. **6** If your father misses me, then tell him, 'David begged me to let him go to his home in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), to join his clan for their yearly sacrifice.' **7** If your father says, 'That's fine,' then your servant can relax. But if he gets really angry, you'll know that he's planning evil. **8** If that's the case, it'll be up to you to do what's right with your servant in terms of our agreement before Yahweh. If I've been disloyal to the king, kill me yourself—no need to drag me to him.

9 "Don't even think of it," Yonatan responded. "If I find out that my father has decided to harm you, I'll certainly tell you."

10 "If your father does have a cruel plan, who'll tell me?" David asked Yonatan.

11 "Come with me out to the countryside." Yonatan replied. So they went out to the countryside together **12** and he promised David, "By Yahweh the god of Yisrael (Israel), I will definitely sound out my father around this time tomorrow, or soon after. If it looks good for you, then I'll certainly send a message to let you know. **13** But if he's planning evil for you, may Yahweh punish me similarly or even worse if I don't inform you, and send you away so you can leave in peace. And may Yahweh be with you just like he used to be with my father. **14** But as long as I'm still alive, please keep our agreement of faithfulness before Yahweh so I won't die. **15** Don't ever terminate that agreement of faithfulness towards my family,[107] even when Yahweh destroys your enemies wherever they are. **16** So Yonatan made a multi-generational agreement with David, adding, "And may Yahweh punish David's enemies."

17 Then Yonatan got David to promise again because he loved him as much as he loved his own life, **18** and he told him, "The new moon celebration is tomorrow, and you'll be missed because your seat will be empty. **19** The following day, go to the place where you hid before and stay by the big rock. **20** I'll shoot three arrows to the side of it, as if trying to hit a target. **21** Then I'll send my boy to find the arrows. If I tell him that they're on my side, then just as Yahweh lives it'll be safe for you to come out. **22** But if I tell the boy that they're on the far side, go because Yahweh is sending you away. **23** As for our pact, Yahweh will

106 **RV 20:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 28:11.

107 **RV 20:15 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 9:1.

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watch over us and our descendants."

24 So David hid himself in the countryside, and at the new moon celebrations, the king sat down to eat— **25** sitting at his usual seat by the wall. Yonatan sat opposite, and Avner sat beside Sha'ul (Saul). No one was sitting in David's seat **26** but Sha'ul didn't say anything that day, thinking, "Something must have happened that made him ceremonially unclean." **27** However, the next day of the celebration when David was still missing, Sha'ul asked his son Yonatan, "Why didn't Yishay's (Jesse's) son come to the meal yesterday or today?"

28 "David begged me to let him go to Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)," Yonatan answered. **29** "He requested, 'Please release me because our clan's sacrifice will be in the city, and my brother has told me to be there. So now, if I've found favour in your eyes, please let me slip away and go to see my brothers.' That's why he hasn't come to the king's table."

30 Sha'ul was furious at Yonatan and yelled at him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do you think that I don't know that you're taking the side of Yishay's son? It's to your detriment and to the shame of your mother's nakedness, **31** because as long as that son of Yishay stays alive on this earth, you and your kingdom will never be established. Now, send men and arrest him, because he's on his way to the grave!"

32 "Why should he be put to death?" Yonatan retorted. "What wrong has he done?"

33 Then Sha'ul hurled his spear at him to kill him, and Yonatan knew then that his father had already determined to kill David. **34** Yonatan angrily got up from the table. He didn't eat any food that second day of the celebration—he was upset about David because his father had dishonoured him.[108] **35** So it was that the following morning, Yonatan went out to the countryside at the time agreed with David, taking a small boy with him. **36** "Run ahead—find the arrows that I'm about to shoot," he told his boy. The boy ran and he shot the arrow to go over his head. **37** The boy went to where the arrow was, but Yonatan called out, "Isn't the arrow further past you?" **38** Then he added, "Hurry up! Don't mess around." So the boy picked up the arrow and brought it back to his master, **39** but the boy didn't realise what had just happened—only Yonatan and David knew. **40** Then Yonatan gave his equipment to the boy and sent him back to the city.

41 When the boy was gone, David came up from the side and dropped onto his knees, bowing three times with his face to the ground. Then they greeted each other with a kiss and cried together, although David cried the most. **42** Then Yonatan told David, "Go in peace, because us two have made a pact together in Yahweh's name, agreeing, 'Yahweh will watch between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants forever.' " Then David set off and Yonatan went back to the city.

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_come_down exceedingly and_you_will_come to the_place where you_hid_yourself there in/on_day of_the_deed and_you_ _will_stay beside the_stone (the)_Ezel. **20** And_I the_three_of the_arrows side_of_its I_will_shoot to_send_them to_me to_a_ _target. **21** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_will_send ÐOM the_lad go find ÐOM the_arrows if explicitly_(say) I_will_say to_lad THERE the_arrows are_from_you and_hither fetch_it and_come if/because safety to/for_yourself(m) and_there_is_not anything by_the_life of_**YHWH**. **22** And_if thus I_will_say to_man THERE the_arrows are_from_you and_beyond go if/because he_has_ _sent_you_away **YHWH**. **23** And_the_matter which I and_you we_have_spoken HERE **YHWH** will_be_between_me and_ _between_you until perpetuity. **24** And_ Dāvid _he_hid_himself in_the_field and_ the_new_moon _he/it_was and_ the_king _ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived to[111] the_food to_eat. **25** And_ the_king _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived on seat_ _of_his as_time on_time to the_seat_of the_wall and_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _he/it_rose_up and_ 'Avnēr _ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived from_the_side_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_ the_place_of Dāvid _it_was_empty. **26** And_ _not Shā'ūl he_spoke anything in_the_day (the)_that if/because he_said is_chance it not is_clean he if/because not clean. **27** And_he/it_was from_the_next_day_of the_new_moon the_ _second and_ the_place_of Dāvid _it_was_empty and_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to Yōnātān his/its_son why not the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) has_he_come both yesterday as_well_as the_day to the_food. **28** And_ Yōnātān _he_answered ÐOM Shā'ūl urgently_(ask) Dāvid he_asked_for_himself from_with_me to Bēyt- leḥem. **29** And_he/it_said let_me_go please if/because a_ _sacrifice_of the_clan to/for_us in_city and_he he_has_ _commanded to_me my_brother/kindred and_now if I_have_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your let_me_slip_away please so_ _that_I_may_see ÐOM brothers_of_my therefore yes/correct/thus/so not he_has_come to the_table_of the_king. **30** And_ the_anger of_Shā'ūl _it_glowed/burnt on_Yōnātān and_he/it_said to_him/it Oh_son_of (the)_perverse_woman_of (the)_rebelliousness am_not do_I_know if/because_that you are_choosing (to)_the_son_of Yishay to_your_own_of_shame and_to_the_shame_of the_nakedness_of your_mother_of_your. **31** If/because all_of the_days which the_son_of Yishay he_lives on the_soil not you and_kingdom_of_your you_will_be_ _established and_now send and_fetch ÐOM_him/it to_me if/because is_a_son_of death he. **32** And_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _he_answered ÐOM Shā'ūl/(Saul) his/its_father and_he/it_said to_him/it to/for_ _what will_he_be_put_to_death what has_he_done. **33** And_ Shā'ūl _he_hurled ÐOM the_spear on/upon/above_him/it to_ _strike_him and_ Yōnātān _he/it_knew if/because_that it_had_ _been_determined it from_with his/its_father to_kill ÐOM Dāvid. **34** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_rose_up from_with the_table in_ _the_heat_of anger and_not he_ate in/on_day of_the_new_ _moon the_second food if/because he_was_grieved concerning Dāvid if/because he_had_put_him_to_shame his/its_father.

108 RV 20:34 · Note It's not entirely clear who this 'him' was (as Sha'ul had seriously dishonoured Yonatan as well), so we've left it ambiguous (although David was certainly the last name mentioned).

111 LV 20:24 · Note OSHB variant note: לע: (x-qere) 'לֶֽא': lemma_413 morph_HR id_09Gd9 לֶֽא

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35 And_he/it_was in_morning and_ Yōnātān _he/it_went_out the_field to_the_appointed_time_of Dāvid and_a_lad small with_him/it. 36 And_he/it_said to_lad_of_his run find please ~~ḎOM~~ the_arrows which I am_about_to_shoot the_lad he_ran and_he he_shot the_arrow to_make_it_pass_beyond_him. 37 And_ the_lad _he_came to the_place_of the_arrow which Yōnātān he_had_shot and_ Yōnātān _he/it_called after the_lad and_he/it_said am_not is_the_arrow from_you and_beyond. 38 And_ Yōnātān _he/it_called after lad quickly make_haste do_ _not delay and_ the_lad_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _ _he_picked_up ~~ḎOM~~ the[112] and_he_came to master(s)_of_his. 39 And_the_lad not he_knew anything only Yōnātān and_Dāvid they_knew ~~ḎOM~~ the_matter. 40 And_ Yōnātān _he/it_gave ~~ḎOM~~ weapons_of_his to the_lad who to_him/it and_he/it_said to_ _him/it go take_them the_city. 41 The_lad he_went and_Dāvid he_arose from_beside the_south and_he_fell to_face_of_his towards_land and_he_bowed_down three times and_they_ _kissed each ~~ḎOM~~ his/its_neighbour and_they_wept_for each ~~ḎOM~~ his/its_neighbour until Dāvid he_did_great_things. 42 And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said to_Dāvid go to_peace that the_two_of_of_ _us we we_have_sworn_an_oath in/on_name_of **YHWH** to_say **YHWH** he_will_be between_me and_between_you and_between offspring_of_my and_between your(ms)_seed/fruit until perpetuity.

21:1 [113] And_he/it_rose_up and_he_went and_Yōnātān he_went the_city.

2 [118] And_ Dāvid _he_went to_Nov to ʾAḥīmelek the_ _priest/officer and_ ʾAḥīmelek _he_trembled to_meet Dāvid and_he/it_said to_him/it why are_you you_alone and_anyone there_is_not with_you. 3 [119] And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_ _ʾAḥīmelek the_priest/officer the_king he_commanded_me a_ _matter and_he/it_said to_me anyone not let_him_know anything ~~ḎOM~~ the_matter which I am_sending_of_you and_ _which I_have_commanded_you and_~~ḎOM~~ the_young_men I_ _have_directed to a_place_of a_certain_one a_certain_one. 4 [120] And_now what is_there under hand_of_your five bread[s] give in_hand_of_my or the_that_which_is_found. 5 [121] And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_answered ~~ḎOM~~ Dāvid and_he/it_said there_ _is_not bread_of profaneness to under hand_of_my if/because (if) bread_of holiness there_is if the_young_men they_have_ _kept_themselves only from_a_woman. 6 [122] And_ Dāvid _he_ _answered ~~ḎOM~~ the_priest/officer and_he/it_said to_him/it if/because (if) woman is_withheld to/for_us as_yesterday three_days_ago when_I_go_out and_ the_vessels_of the_young_ _men _they_were holiness and_he is_a_journey_of profaneness

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David stays at Nov · Full kingdom

21:1 David went to the priest Ahimelek at Nov, but Ahimelek trembled when he saw David and asked him, "Why are you here by yourself? How come you don't have a companion?"[114]

2 "The king sent me on an errand," David replied, "but he told me not to tell anyone about the matter that he sent me on. Plus I've told my young men where to meet me. **3** Now, what food do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread or whatever you can find."

4 "There is no ordinary bread on hand," the priest answered. "But there is the sacred bread, if only the young men have kept themselves from women."

5 "There's definitely been no women near us for three days," David told the priest. "That's how I always do missions. The men[115] have been pure, even though it was a common journey, and today even more so."

6 So the priest gave him the sacred bread, because there was

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112 LV 20:38 · Note OSHB variant note: יצח/ה: (x-qere) 'סִיצְּחָֽהּ': lemma_d/2678 n_0.1 morph_HTd/Ncmpa id_09nbe סִיצְּחָֽהּ

113 LV 21:1 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.20.42

114 RV 21:1-6 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:3-4; Mrk 2:25-26; Luk 6:3.

115 RV 21:5 · Note The Hebrew says 'the men's vessels' (or 'containers'). It's not culturally clear if that referred to their 'bodies' (as this translation implies) or to something they carried.

118 LV 21:2 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.1

119 LV 21:3 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.2

120 LV 21:4 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.3

121 LV 21:5 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.4

122 LV 21:6 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.5

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no other bread there other than the previous day's bread of the presence which had been removed from in front of Yahweh to be replaced by fresh bread.[116]

7 Now it so happened that one of Sha'ul's (Saul's) servants was there that day presenting himself to Yahweh. He was Doeg the Edomi, a leader of Sha'ul's herdsmen.

8 David asked Ahimelek, "Do you have any spear or sword here? I didn't have time to grab my sword or my weapons when I left, because the king's matter was urgent."

9 "I've only got Galyat's (Goliath's) sword," replied the priest. "From the Pelishti who you killed in the Elah valley.[117] Look, it's wrapped in the cloak behind the sacred apron. If you want to take it for yourself, take it, because there's no other sword around here."

"Yes, there's no other sword like it," said David. "Get it for me."

David flees to Gat · Full kingdom

10 Then David left and continued moving to distance himself from Sha'ul (Saul), and he went to King Akish of Gat. **11** But Akish's servants complained to him, "Isn't that David who'll become king of Yisrael (Israel)? Isn't he the one they sing about when they dance, chanting, 'Sha'ul has killed his thousands, and David his tens of thousands?' "[127]

12 David listened to those words without any reaction because he was very afraid of what King Akish might do,[128] **13** so he changed his behaviour when he was with them and pretended to be insane.[129] He scratched on wooden doors and let his saliva dribble down his beard. **14** Then King Akish complained to his servants, "Look, that man's insane. Why did you all bring him to me? **15** Don't I already have enough madmen around here—why

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and_indeed if/because the_day it_is_holy in_vessel. **7** [123] And_ _he_gave to_him/it the_priest/officer a_holy_thing if/because not it_was there bread if/because (if) the_bread_of the_ _presence which_had_been_removed from_to/for_ _face/front/presence **YHWH** to_put bread_of heat in/on_day it_was_taken_away. **8** [124] And_there a_man one_of_the_ _servants_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) in_the_day (the)_that he_was_ _detained to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _his/its_name was_Do'ēg the_'Edōmite the_mighty_one_of the_ _shepherds who belonged_to_Shā'ūl. **9** [125] And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _said to_'Aḥīmelek and_not there_is here under hand_of_your a_spear or a_sword if/because both sword_of_my and_also weapons_of_my not I_took in_hand_of_my if/because it_was the_matter_of the_king urgent. **10** [126] And_ the_priest/officer _ _he/it_said the_sword_of Golyat the_Philistine whom you_ _struck_down in_valley_of 'Ēlāh HERE it is_wrapped in_cloak behind the_ephod if ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it you_will_take to/for_ _yourself(m) take_it if/because there_is_not another except_it in_this_place and_ Dāvid _he/it_said there_is_not like_it give_it to/for_me.

11 [130] And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_he_fled in_the_day (the)_ _that from_face/in_front_of Shā'ūl and_he_went to 'Akīsh the_ _king_of Gat. **12** [131] And_ the_servants_of 'Akīsh _they_said to_ _him/it am_not is_this Dāvid the_king_of the_earth/land am_ _not of_this_one do_people_sing in_dancing(s) to_say Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_has_struck_down in/on/at/with[132] and_Dāvid in/on/at/with[133]. **13** [134] And_ Dāvid _he/it_assigned ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _words/messages the_these in_heart_of_his and_he_was_afraid exceedingly from_face/in_front_of 'Akīsh the_king_of Gat. **14** [135] And_he_changed_it ᴅᴏᴍ sense_of_his in_eyes_of_their and_he_acted_like_a_madman in_hand_of_their and[136] on the_ _doors_of the_gate and_he_made_to_flow_down spittle_of_his to beard_of_his. **15** [137] And_ 'Akīsh _he/it_said to servants_of_ _his THERE you(pl)_see a_man behaving_like_a_madman to/for_what do_you(pl)_bring ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to_me. **16** [138] Lacking_of mad_men am_I that/for/because/then/when

116 RV 21:6 · Cross-ref. Lev 24:5-9.
117 RV 21:9 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 17:51.
123 LV 21:7 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.6
124 LV 21:8 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.7
125 LV 21:9 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.8
126 LV 21:10 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.9
127 RV 21:11 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 18:7; 29:5.
128 RV 21:12 · Cross-ref. Psa 56 header.
129 RV 21:13 · Cross-ref. Psa 34 header.
130 LV 21:11 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.10
131 LV 21:12 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.11
132 LV 21:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/פלא/ו: (x-qere) ב/וַיִּפָּלֶא/ו: lemma_b/505 n_0.1 morph_HR/Acbpc/Sp3ms id_09VGa ב/וַיִּפָּלֶא/ו
133 LV 21:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/תבבר/ו: (x-qere) ב/וַיִּתְבַּבַּר/ו: lemma_b/7233 n_0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_099dP ב/וַיִּתְבַּבַּר/ו
134 LV 21:13 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.12
135 LV 21:14 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.13
136 LV 21:14 · Note OSHB variant note: ותי/ו: (x-qere) וַיִּתֵּן/ו: lemma_c/8427 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vpw3ms id_09bst וַיִּתֵּן/ו
137 LV 21:15 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.14
138 LV 21:16 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.15

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you(pl)_have_brought ~~ĐƟM~~ this_one to_behave_like_a_madman on_me this_one will_he_come into house_of_my.

22:1 And_ Dāvid _he/it_went from_there and_he_escaped to the_cave_of ʹAdullām and_ brothers_of_his and_all the_ _household_of his/its_father _they_heard and_they_went_ _down to_him/it to_(to). **2** And_they_gathered_together to_ _him/it every_of man distress and_all man whom to_him/it a_ _creditor and_all man bitter_of soul and_he/it_was over_them (into)_a_commander and_they_were with_him/it about_four hundred(s) man. **3** And_ Dāvid _he/it_went from_there Mitspāh of_Mō'āv and_he/it_said to the_king_of Mō'āv let_him_go_out please father_of_my and_mother_of_my with_you(pl) until that I_will_know what will_he_do to/for_me god. **4** And_he_led_ _them with the_presence_of the_king_of Mō'āv and_they_lived with_him/it all_of the_days_of the_being of_Dāvid in_ _stronghold. **5** And_ Gād the_prophet _he/it_said to Dāvid not you_must_remain in_stronghold go and_you_will_go (for)_ _yourself the_land_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ Dāvid _he/it_went and_he_came the_forest_of Ḫeret.

6 And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_listened if/because_that Dāvid and_ _the_men who with_him/it he_was_known and_Shā'ūl was_ _sitting at_Giv'āh under the_tamarisk_tree at_place and_spear_ _of_his was_in_hand_of_his and_all servants_of_his were_ _standing on/upon/above_him/it. **7** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_ _servants_of_his who_were_standing on/upon/above_him/it listen please Oh_Ben-_of jaminites also to_all_of_you(pl) the_ _son_of Yishay/(Jesse) will_he_give fields and_vineyards (to)_ _all_of_you(pl) will_he_appoint commanders_of thousands and_ _commanders_of hundreds. **8** That/for/because/then/when of_you_of_all you(pl)_have_conspired on_me and_there_is_not one_who_opens ~~ĐƟM~~ ear_of_my when_ son_of_my _makes with the_son_of Yishay and_there_is_not one_who_feels_pain from_ _of_you(pl) on_me and_opening ~~ĐƟM~~ ear_of_my if/because_that son_of_my he_has_raised_up ~~ĐƟM~~ servant_of_my on_me to_an_ _ambusher as_day (the)_this. **9** And_ Do'ēg the_'Edōmite _he_ _answered and_he was_standing with the_servants_of Shā'ūl and_he_said I_saw ~~ĐƟM~~ the_son_of Yishay coming to_Nov to 'Aḫīmelek the_son_of 'Aḫīṭūv. **10** And_he_enquired to_him/it by_**YHWH** and_provision[s] he_gave to_him/it and_~~ĐƟM~~ the_ _sword_of Golyat the_Philistine he_gave to_him/it. **11** And_ the_king _he_sent to_call ~~ĐƟM~~ 'Aḫīmelek the_son_of 'Aḫīṭūv the_priest/officer and_~~ĐƟM~~ all_of the_house_of his/its_father the_priests who were_at_Nov and_ of_them_of_all _they_came to the_king. **12** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_said listen please Oh_ _son_of 'Aḫīṭūv and_he/it_said here_I_am my_master. **13** And_ _he/it_said him[142] Shā'ūl to/for_what have_you(pl)_conspired on_me you and_the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) when_gave_you[143] to_him/it bread and_a_sword and_you_enquired to_him/it by_ _god to_rise_up to_me to_an_ambusher as_day (the)_this.

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add another? Must that man come into my house?"

David moves around but gains followers · Full kingdom

22:1 So David left there and slipped away to the cave at Adulam.[139] When his brothers and other relatives found out, they went and joined him there. **2** Over time, any man who was in trouble, or in debt, or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader—some four hundred men in all.

3 From there, David went to Mitspah in Moav (Moab), and he asked the king of Moav, "Please let my parents stay here in the palace with you until I find out what God will do for me." **4** So he took them to the king where they stayed with him the entire time that David lived in the fortress.

5 Then the prophet Gad told David, "Don't stay in the fortress. Leave it and come back to Yehudah's (Judah's) region." So David left and went to the Heret forest in Yehudah.

The slaughter of the priests · Full kingdom

6 One day, Sha'ul (Saul) was sitting holding his spear underneath the tamarisk tree on a hill near Giveah with all his servants stationed around him, when he heard where David and his men were, **7** and he accused his servants, "Listen now, you Benyamites. Will Yishay's (Jesse's) son also[140] give fields and vineyards to all of you? Will he make all of you commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds? **8** Yes, all of you have conspired against me. Not one of you informed me when my own son made a pact with that son of Yishay. And none of you took my side or even informed me that my son has encouraged my servant to lie in ambush against me as he is today!"

9 Now Doeg the Edomi was stationed there with Sha'ul's servants, and he spoke up, "I saw Yishay's son go to Nov and talk with Ahimelek the priest,[141] **10** and the priest asked Yahweh for directions for him, and gave him food and Galyat's (Goliath's) sword."

11 Then the king summoned Ahituv's son Ahimelek and all his relatives who were priests to Nov, and they all came to the king. **12** "Listen now, son of Ahituv," said Sha'ul.

"Go ahead my master," answered Ahimelek.

13 "Why have you all conspired against me?" asked Sha'ul. "You gave bread to Yishay's son, and a sword, and you asked guidance from God for him, so now he's risen up against me—lying in ambush this very day?"

14 "Isn't David one of your most faithful servants?" Ahimelek answered the king. "He's the king's son-in-law and commander

139 RV 22:1 · Cross-ref. Psa 57 header; Psa 142 header.

140 RV 22:7 · Note See note on 'גַּם' ('gam') at https://www.sil.org/resources/publications/entry/99313.

141 RV 22:9-10 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 21:7-9; Psa 52 header.

142 LV 22:13 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/לֹא: (x-qere) וְ/יֵלֵא: lemma_413 n_1.2.0 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_09hya וְ/יֵלֵא

143 LV 22:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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over your guards, and isn't he honoured in your house? 15 Did I begin to inquire for him from God today? Far be it from me! Don't let the king accuse his servant or any of my father's household, because your servant doesn't know about any of this—nothing at all."

16 "For certain, Ahimelek," the king declared. "you and all your father's household will certainly die for that!" 17 Then the king commanded his messengers who were stationed beside him, "Turn around and put Yahweh's priests to death because they've taken David's side. And because they knew he was fleeing, but they didn't inform me." But the king's servants weren't willing to attack Yahweh's priests. 18 So the king commanded Doeg the Edomi, "You turn around and attack the priests." So Doeg turned and he himself attacked the priests. He killed eighty-five men that day who wore sacred linen aprons. 19 Also at Nov (the city of priests) he killed men and women with his sword, children and infants, cattle, donkeys, and sheep.

20 But one of Ahimelek's sons was able to slip away. His name was Evyatar and he fled to join David, 21 and informed him that Sha'ul (Saul) had commanded Doeg to kill Yahweh's priests. 22 "I knew on that day," David responded, "when Doeg the Edomi was there, that he would probably tell Sha'ul. It's my fault that your father and all his family were murdered. 23 Stick with me—don't be afraid, because the one who wants to kill me would kill you as well. You'll be safe with me."

David rescues Ke'ilah · Full kingdom

23:1 Some time later, David was told, "Listen, the Pelishtim are fighting against the city of Ke'ilah and they are stealing grain from the threshing floors," 2 so he asked Yahweh, "Should I go and attack those Pelishtim?"

"Go and attack the Pelishtim and save Ke'ilah," Yahweh responded.

3 But David's men warned him, "Listen, we're afraid here in Yehudah (Judah), and we'd be even more afraid if we went to Ke'ilah against the Pelishtim' battle lines." 4 So David double-checked with Yahweh who answered, "Get ready and go to Ke'ilah, because I'm about to give you victory over the Pelishtim." 5 Then David and his men went to Ke'ilah and battled

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14 And_ 'Aḥīmelek _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_he_said and_who among_all_of your_servants like_Dāvid is_faithful and_the_son-in-law_of the_king and_one_who_turns_aside to bodyguard_of_your and_one_who_is_honoured in_household_ _of_your. 15 The_day did_I_begin mmm[144] to_him/it by_god far_be_it to/for_me not the_king let_him_put against_servant_ _of_his anything in_all the_house_of my_father_of_my if/because not servant_of_your he_knew in_all this anything small or great. 16 And_ the_king _he/it_said surely_(die) you_ _will_die Oh_'Aḥīmelek you and_all the_house_of your_father_ _of_your. 17 And_ the_king _he/it_said to_runners who_were_ _standing on/upon/above_him/it turn_round and_put_to_ _death the_priests_of **YHWH** if/because also hand_of_their is_ _with Dāvid and_because/when they_knew if/because_that he was_fleeing and_not they_uncovered ᴅᴏᴍ mmm[145] and_not the_servants_of the_king they_were_willing to_stretch_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_their to_fall on_the_priests_of **YHWH**. 18 And_ the_ _king _he/it_said mmm[146] you turn_round and_fall on_priests and_he_turned_round Do'ēg[147] the_'Edōmite and_ he _he_fell on_priests and_he_killed in_the_day (the)_that eighty and_five man who_bore an_ephod_of linen. 19 And_ᴅᴏᴍ Novʼ the_city_of the_priests he_struck_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword from_ _man and_unto woman from_a_child and_unto a_sucking_child and_ox[en] and_donkey[s] and_sheep to_the_mouth_of the_ _sword. 20 And_ a_son one of_'Aḥīmelek the_son_of 'Aḥīṭūvʼ _ _he_escaped and_his/its_name was_'Evyātār and_he_fled after Dāvid. 21 And_ 'Evyātār _he_told to_Dāvid if/because_that Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_had_killed ᴅᴏᴍ the_priests_of **YHWH**. 22 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_'Evyātār I_knew in_the_day (the)_that if/because was_there Do'ēg[148] the_'Edōmite if/because_that surely_(tell) he_will_tell to_Shā'ūl I I_have_turned in_all life_of the_house_of your_father_of_your. 23 Remain with_me do_not be_afraid if/because the_one_who he_seeks ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_my he_ _seeks ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_your if/because are_in_good_care you with_ _me.

23:1 And_people_told to_Dāvid to_say THERE the_Pəlishtiy are_ _fighting against_Qə'īlāh and_they are_plundering ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _threshing_floors. 2 And_ Dāvid _he_enquired by_**YHWH** to_say will_I_go and_will_I_attack (in)_Pəlishtiy the_these and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Dāvid go and_you_will_attack (in)_Pəlishtiy and_ _you_will_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ Qə'īlāh. 3 And_ the_men_of Dāvid _they_ _said to_him/it HERE we here in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) are_fearful and_indeed if/because we_will_go Qə'īlāh against the_battle_ _lines_of the_Pəlishtiy. 4 And_he_repeated again Dāvid to_ _enquire by_**YHWH** and_he_answered_him **YHWH** and_he/it_ _said arise go_down Qə'īlāh if/because I am_about_to_give ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pəlishtiy in_hand_of_your. 5 And_he/it_went Dāvid his[149] Qə'īlāh and_he_fought against_Pəlishtiy and_he_drove_away ᴅᴏᴍ livestock_of_their and_he_defeated (is)_in_them a_defeat great and_ Dāvid _he_delivered ᴅᴏᴍ the_inhabitants_of Qə'īlāh.

144 **LV 22:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: לוֹאשׁ/ל: (x-qere) לְאָשׁ/ל': lemma_l/7592 morph_HR/Vqc id_09g86 לְאָשׁ/ל

145 **LV 22:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: נזא/ו: (x-qere) נָגְזָא/י': lemma_241 n_1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp1cs id_09Cb1 נָגְזָא/י

146 **LV 22:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: גיוד/ל: (x-qere) גָּאוֹד/ל': lemma_l/1673 n_1.2 morph_HR/Np id_09aNE גָּאוֹד/ל

147 **LV 22:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: גיוד: (x-qere) גָּאוֹד': lemma_1673 morph_HNp id_09u2Q גָּאוֹד

148 **LV 22:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: גיוד: (x-qere) גָּאוֹד': lemma_1673 morph_HNp id_09bme גָּאוֹד

149 **LV 23:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/שנא/ו: (x-qere) ו/יְשַׁנָּא/ו': lemma_c/376 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_09kPr ו/יְשַׁנָּא/ו

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6 And_he/it_was when_ 'Evyātār the_son_of 'Aḥīmelek _fled to Dāvid Qə'ílāh an_ephod it_came_down in_his/its_hand. **7** And_ _it_was_told to_Shā'ūl/(Saul) if/because_that Dāvid he_had_ _gone Qə'ílāh and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said god he_has_alienated ~~DOM~~_him/it in_hand_of_my if/because he_has_shut_himself_up by_going in_a_city_of doors and_bar[s]. **8** And_ Shā'ūl _he_ _summoned ~~DOM~~ all_of the_people for_battle to_go_down Qə'ílāh to_lay_siege against Dāvid and_near/to men_of_his. **9** And_ Dāvid _he/it_knew if/because_that on/upon/above_ _him/it Shā'ūl was_plotting the_evil and_he/it_said to 'Evyātār the_priest/officer bring_near the_ephod. **10** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) certainly_(hear) servant_of_your he_has_heard if/because_that Shā'ūl is_ _seeking to_come to Qə'ílāh to_destroy (to)_city because_of_me. **11** Will_they_deliver_me_up the_citizens_of Qə'ílāh in_hand_of_ _his will_ Shā'ūl _he_come_down just_as servant_of_your he_ _has_heard Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) tell please to_servant_of_your and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said he_will_come_ _down. **12** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said will_ the_citizens_of Qə'ílāh _ _they_deliver_up ~~DOM~~_me and_~~DOM~~ men_of_my in_the_hand_of Shā'ūl and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said they_will_deliver_you(pl)_up. **13** And_ Dāvid and_men_of_his about_six hundred(s) man _ _he/it_rose_up and_they_went_out from_Qə'ílāh and_they_ _went_about at_where they_went_about and_to_Shā'ūl/(Saul) it_was_told if/because_that Dāvid he_had_escaped from_Qə'ílāh and_he_ceased to_go_forth.

14 And_ Dāvid _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_ _wilderness in_strongholds and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_country in_the_wilderness_of Zīf and_he_sought_him Shā'ūl all_of the_days and_not he_gave_ _him god in_his/its_hand. **15** And_ Dāvid _he/it_saw[152] if/because_that Shā'ūl he_had_come_forth to_seek ~~DOM~~ life_of_ _his and_Dāvid was_in_the_wilderness_of Zīf at_Ḥoresh. **16** And_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shā'ūl _ _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to Dāvid Ḥoresh and_he_ _strengthened ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand in_god. **17** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it do_not be_afraid if/because not it_will_find_you the_ _hand_of Shā'ūl father_of_my and_you(ms) you_will_reign over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I I_will_become to_you (into)_second_in_ _rank and_also Shā'ūl father_of_my is_knowing right. **18** And_ both_of_them _they_made a_covenant to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** and_ Dāvid _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived at_Ḥoresh and_Yōnātān he_went to_ _house_of_his. **19** And_ Zīfī _they_went_up to Shā'ūl/(Saul) to_ _(the)_Giv'āh to_say am_not is_Dāvid hiding_himself with_us in_strongholds at_Ḥoresh on_the_hill_of (the)_Hakilah which is_from_the_south_of (the)_Yəshimōn/(Jeshimon). **20** And_now to/from_all/each/any/every the_desire_of your_self_of_your the_king to_come_down come_down and_belongs_to_us to_ _deliver_him_up in_the_hand_of the_king. **21** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said you(pl) be_blessed to/for_**YHWH** if/because

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against the Pelishtim—thoroughly defeating them and taking their livestock, thus saving the inhabitants of Ke'ilah.

6 Now when Ahimelek's son Evyatar had fled to David at Ke'ilah, he'd brought a sacred apron with him.

7 Sha'ul (Saul) was told that David had gone to Ke'ilah, so he said, "Ah, God has deserted him and given him to me because he's shut himself in by going into a walled city with doors that can be barred shut." **8** So Sha'ul initiated preparations to go to Ke'ilah to entrap David and his men.

9 But David discovered that Sha'ul was planning to destroy him, so he summoned Evyatar the priest, "Bring the sacred apron here." **10** Then David prayed, "Yahweh, God of Yisrael (Israel), your servant has heard that Sha'ul is intending to come to Ke'ilah—to destroy the city because of me. **11** Will Sha'ul come here, just as your servant has heard? Will the masters of Ke'ilah turn me over to him? Yahweh, God of Yisrael, please tell your servant."

"Yes, he will go there," Yahweh answered.

12 "And will the masters of Ke'ilah hand me and my men over to Sha'ul?" David asked again.

And Yahweh said, "They will deliver up."

13 So David and his men (about 600 of them), left Ke'ilah and moved around from place to place. When Sha'ul was told that David had slipped away from Ke'ilah, he didn't continue with his plans.

Sha'ul pursues David · Full kingdom

14 David stayed in various fortresses in the wilderness, and sometimes he stayed in the hill country in the Zif wilderness. Sha'ul (Saul) kept searching for them, but God didn't allow him to capture them. **15** Once David was staying in the Zif wilderness and he saw that Sha'ul had arrived there to try to kill him. **16** Then Sha'ul's son Yonatan (Jonathan) went to David at Horesh and encouraged him to keep trusting God, **17** saying, "Don't be afraid, because my father Sha'ul won't capture you. As for you, you'll reign over Yisrael (Israel), and I'll be your second in command. Even my father knows that." **18** Again, the two of them made an agreement before Yahweh.[150] Then David stayed at Horesh and Yonatan returned home.

19 Some men from Zif went to Sha'ul at Giveah, saying, "We're pretty sure that David's hiding himself among us in the fortresses in Horesh, on the Hakilah hill south of Yeshimon.[151] **20** So now, your majesty, come over whenever you want, and we'll make sure he's handed over to you."

21 "May you all be blessed by Yahweh," Sha'ul responded, "because you've had compassion on me. **22** Please go back and double-check and find out who's seen him there. Learn more and look at the place yourselves, because I've been told that he's

150 **RV 23:18 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 18:3.

151 **RV 23:19 · Cross-ref.** Psa 54 header.

152 **LV 23:15 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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very crafty. **23** Find out all the other places where he hides himself. Return to me with definite information, then I'll go with you all, and if he's there in that region, then I'll search for him among the population of Yehudah (Judah)."

24 So they left and returned to Zif ahead of Sha'ul. At that time, David and his men were in the Maeon wilderness south of Yeshimon **25** when Sha'ul and his men came to search for them. When David was told, he went further south to a rocky hill therein that wilderness, but Sha'ul also heard that and followed them. **26** At one point, Sha'ul was on one side of a hill, and David and his men were on the other side. David was hurrying to get away from Sha'ul, but Sha'ul and his men were trying to surround David and his men to capture them. **27** Just then, a messenger arrived for Sha'ul, saying, "Come quickly because the Pelishtim have raided our region." **28** So Sha'ul had to give up chasing David and went to repel the Pelishtim. **29** David also left that area and stayed in the fortresses around Eyn-Gedi.

David refuses to kill Sha'ul · Full kingdom

24:1 After Sha'ul (Saul) returned from repelling the Pelishtim, they told him that David was now in the Eyn-Gedi wilderness. **2** So Sha'ul chose three thousand Israeli warriors and went searching for David and his men at Wild Goats Rocks. **3** On the way, as they reached the sheep yards, Sha'ul went into a cave to relieve himself, but David and his men were hiding there further inside the cave.[154] **4** David's men whispered to him, "Wow, today what Yahweh told you is coming true when he said, 'Listen, I'm about to give victory over your enemy, and you will do to him whatever you think is right.' " Then David sneaked up and quietly cut a piece off the edge of Sha'ul's robe. **5** Afterwards however, David felt bad because he'd cut a piece off Sha'ul's clothes **6** and he said to his men, "By Yahweh, I shouldn't have done that to my master—to Yahweh's anointed king—to do him harm because he's

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you(pl)_have_had_compassion on_me. **22** Go please prepare still and_know and_see ÐOM place_of_his where foot_of_his it_is who has_he_seen_him there if/because someone_has_said to_me very_(be_crafty) he he_is_crafty. **23** And_see and_know from_all the_hiding_places where he_hides_himself there and_you(pl)_ _will_return to_me to a_certain_thing and_I_will_go with_ _you(pl) and_it_was if (there)_he in/on_the_earth and_I_will_ _search_out ÐOM_him/it among_all_of the_thousands_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **24** And_they_arose and_they_went to_Zīf to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shā'ūl and_Dāvid and_men_ _of_his were_in_the_wilderness_of Mā'ōn in_ʿArāvāh to the_ _south_of (the)_Yəshimōn. **25** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_men_of_ _his _he/it_went to_seek_him and_people_told to_Dāvid and_ _he/it_descended the_rock and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_wilderness_of Mā'ōn and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_listened and_he_pursued after Dāvid the_ _wilderness_of Mā'ōn. **26** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_went from_the_ _side_of the_mountain from_this and_Dāvid and_men_of_his were_from_the_side_of the_mountain from_this and_he/it_was Dāvid hurrying_away to_go from_face/in_front_of Shā'ūl and_ _Shā'ūl and_men_of_his were_surrounding (to) Dāvid and_ _near/to men_of_his to_catch_them. **27** And_a_messenger he_ _came to Shā'ūl to_say make_haste and_come if/because the_ _Pəlishtiy they_have_made_a_raid on the_earth/land. **28** And_ Shā'ūl _he_turned_back from_pursuing after Dāvid and_he/it_ _went to_meet the_Pəlishtiy therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_called (to)_place (the)_that Sela Hammahlekoth. **24:1** [153] And_ Dāvid _he/it_ascended from_there and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_strongholds_of ʿĒyn.

2 [157] And_he/it_was when_just_as Shā'ūl he_returned from_ _after the_Pəlishtiy and_people_told to_him/it to_say THERE Dāvid is_in_the_wilderness_of ʿĒyn. **3** [158] And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _ _he/it_took three_of thousand(s) man chosen from_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_went to_seek ÐOM Dāvid and_men_ _of_his on the_face_of the_rocks_of the_mountain_goats. **4** [159] And_he_came to the_folds_of the_sheep on the_way and_there a_cave and_ Shā'ūl _he_went to_cover ÐOM feet_of_his and_ _Dāvid and_men_of_his in_the_innermost_parts_of the_cave were_sitting. **5** [160] And_ the_men_of Dāvid _they_said to_him/it HERE the_day which **YHWH** he_said to HERE I am_about_to_ _give ÐOM mmm[161] in_hand_of_your and_you_will_do for_ _him/it just_as it_will_be_good in_eyes_of_your and_ Dāvid _ _he/it_rose_up and_he_cut_off ÐOM the_skirt_of the_robe which belonged_to_Shā'ūl in_secrecy. **6** [162] And_he/it_was after thus and_ the_heart_of Dāvid _it_struck ÐOM_him/it on that he_had_ _cut_off ÐOM the_skirt which belonged_to_Shā'ūl. **7** [163] And_

153 LV 24:1 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.23.29

154 RV 24:3 · Cross-ref. Psa 57 header; Psa 142 header.

157 LV 24:2 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.1

158 LV 24:3 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.2

159 LV 24:4 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.3

160 LV 24:5 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.4

161 LV 24:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **יבי֣א/ך**: (x-qere) **בִּיאֶ֑ךָ**: lemma_341 n_1.2.0 morph_HVqrmsc/Sp2ms id_09vNC **בִּיאֶ֑ךָ**

162 LV 24:6 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.5

163 LV 24:7 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.6

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_he/it_said to_men_of_his far_be_it to/for_me from_**YHWH** if I_
_will_do ᵈᵒᵐ the_thing the_this to_master_of_my to_the_one_
_anointed_of **YHWH** by_stretching_out hand_of_my
in/on/over_him/it if/because is_the_one_anointed_of **YHWH**
he. **8** [164] And_ Dāvid _he_reprimanded ᵈᵒᵐ men_of_his by_
_words/messages and_not he_permitted_them to_rise_up
against Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_Shā'ūl he_arose from_the_cave and_
_he/it_went on_way. **9** [165] And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up after thus
and_he/it_went_out wwww the[166] and_he/it_called after Shā'ūl
to_say my_master the_king and_ Shā'ūl _he_looked behind_him
and_ Dāvid _he_bowed_low face towards_land and_he_bowed_
down. **10** [167] And Dāvid _he/it_said to_Shā'ūl to/for_what do_
_you_listen_to ᵈᵒᵐ the_words/messages_of someone to_say
THERE Dāvid is_seeking harm_of_your. **11** [168] HERE the_day
the_this eyes_of_your_own they_have_seen ᵈᵒᵐ how he_gave_
_you **YHWH** the_day in_hand_of_my in_cave and_saying(ms)
to_kill_you and_it_looked_with_compassion on_you and_I_said
not I_will_stretch_out hand_of_my on_master_of_my
if/because is_the_one_anointed_of **YHWH** he. **12** [169] And_Oh_
_of_my_father see also see ᵈᵒᵐ the_skirt_of your_robe_of_your
in_hand_of_my if/because when_I_cut_off ᵈᵒᵐ the_skirt_of
your_robe_of_your and_not I_killed_you know and_see
if/because_that there_is_not in_hand_of_my evil and_
_transgression and_not I_have_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_
_you(ms) are_lying_in_wait_for ᵈᵒᵐ life_of_my to_take_it. **13** [170]
YHWH may_he_judge between_me and_between_you and_he_
_will_avenge_me **YHWH** from_you and_hand_of_my not it_will_
_be on/over_you(fs). **14** [171] Just_as the_proverb_of the_
_ancient[s] it_says from_wicked_people wickedness it_comes_
_forth and_hand_of_my not it_will_be on/over_you(fs). **15** [172]
After whom the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) has_he_come_out after
whom are_you pursuing after a_dog dead after a_flea one. **16** [173]
And_it_was **YHWH** (into)_a_judge and_he_will_judge between_
_me and_between_you and_may_he_see and_may_he_conduct
ᵈᵒᵐ case_of_my and_may_he_vindicate_me from_your(ms)_
_hand. **17** [174] And_he/it_was just_ Dāvid _as_finished to_speak
ᵈᵒᵐ the_words/messages the_these to Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_
Shā'ūl _he/it_said voice_of_your is_this my_son_of_my Dāvid
and_ Shā'ūl _he_lifted_up voice_of_his and_he_wept. **18** [175] And_
_he/it_said to Dāvid are_righteous you more_than_I if/because
you you_have_dealt_out_to_me (the)_good and_I I_have_dealt_

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the one Yahweh anointed."[155] **7** He restrained his men with a few quiet words and wouldn't allow them to attack Sha'ul.

Then Sha'ul left the cave and headed down the path. **8** After waiting a few moment, David went out of the cave and called out behind Sha'ul, "My master the king." When Sha'ul turned and looked behind him, David bowed **9** and said, "Why do you listen to people when they say that I'm wanting to harm you? **10** Look, you can see for yourself that Yahweh gave me the opportunity to harm you today in the cave, and some of my men wanted me to kill you, but I showed you compassion and told them that I wouldn't do harm to my master, because he's Yahweh's chosen king. **11** Your majesty, look of this piece of your robe that I'm holding, because when I cut it off, I didn't kill you. So now you can see for yourself that I have no evil plans, and I haven't do you any wrong, even though you're ambushing me so you can kill me. **12** May Yahweh judge between you and me because I'll let Yahweh repay you for any harm against me—it won't be me who works against you. **13** As the ancient proverb says, 'Evil things are done by evil people.' But it won't be me who harms you. **14** Who has Yisrael's (Israel's) king come to find? Who are you chasing after? A dead dog? A flea?[156] **15** May Yahweh take his judgement seat and judge between me and you, and may he see my case and find me innocent and save me from you."

16 When David finished saying that to Sha'ul, Sha'ul called back, "Is that your voice, my son David?" Then he cried loudly **17** and told David, "You're more righteous than I am, because you were good to me even when I did evil things to you. **18** You've stated that you've treated me well—how Yahweh gave you the advantage over me, yet you didn't kill me. **19** Now if a man finds his enemy unprepared, does he just send him off happily? Well, may Yahweh reward you for your mercy towards me today. **20** Now listen, I know for certain that you're going to become king and that the kingdom of Yisrael will prosper under your leadership. **21** Now promise me by Yahweh that you won't destroy my name from my family line by killing my descendants." **22** David promised that to Sha'ul, then Sha'ul went back home and David and his men returned to their fortress.

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155 RV 24:6 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 26:11.

156 RV 24:14 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 26:20.

164 LV 24:8 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.7

165 LV 24:9 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.8

166 LV 24:9 · Note OSHB variant note: הרעמ/ה־ן: (x-qere) הָרָעְמִ/הֵ֑מְ: lemma_m/d/4631 n_1.1 morph_HR/Td/Ncfsa id_098Qr הָרָעְמִ/הֵ֑מְ

167 LV 24:10 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.9

168 LV 24:11 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.10

169 LV 24:12 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.11

170 LV 24:13 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.12

171 LV 24:14 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.13

172 LV 24:15 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.14

173 LV 24:16 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.15

174 LV 24:17 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.16

175 LV 24:18 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.17

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David, Naval, and Abigil · Full kingdom

25:1 Later on, Shmuel (Samuel) died and all the Israelis gathered and mourned for him, then they buried him at his house in Ramah.

Then David left and went to the Paran wilderness. **2** Now there was a man in Maeon whose business was in Karmel. He owned three thousand sheep and one thousand goats, and was busy shearing his sheep at Karmel. **3** The man's name was Naval, and his wife was Avigayil. The wife was wise and very good-looking, whereas the man (who was a Kalevi) was harsh and cruel.

4 While David was in the wilderness, he heard that Naval was shearing his sheep, **5** so he told ten young men, "Go to Naval at Karmel and greet him in my name. **6** Then tell him, 'Make you live long. Peace to you and your household and everything that belongs to you. **7** Now I've heard those shearers are working for you, and your shepherds have been living with us. We haven't harmed them or taken anything of theirs while they've been in Karmel. **8** Ask your servants and they'll confirm this. May these young men enjoy your favour because harvesting the wool is a prosperous time, so I request a gift for your servants and for your 'son', David.' "

9 So David's men went and passed all that onto Naval, and then waited for his response. **10** But Naval answered them, "Why should I care about David? Yishay's (Jesse's) son isn't anyone important. There's lot of servants these days who are on the run from their masters. **11** This bread and water, and the meat that I've butchered, is for my shearers. Why should I give it to men when I don't even know where they're from?"

12 David's men left and returned to inform him what Naval had been said. **13** Then David told his men, "Strap on your swords." So David took around four hundred men, leaving around two

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_out_to_you (the)_evil. **19** [176] And[177] you_have_told the_day ᴅᴏᴍ how you_have_done with_me good ᴅᴏᴍ how he_delivered_ _me_up **YHWH** in_hand_of_your and_not you_killed_me. **20** [178] And_because/when anyone he_will_find ᴅᴏᴍ enemy_of_his and_will_he_send_him_away on_a_journey good and_**YHWH** may_he_reward_you good in_place_of the_day the_this that_ _which you_have_done to_me. **21** [179] And_now HERE I_know if/because_that certainly_(reign) you_will_reign and_it_will_ _be_established in_hand_of_your the_kingdom_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **22** [180] And_now swear_an_oath to/for_me by_ _**YHWH** if you_will_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ offspring_of_my after_me and_ _if you_will_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ name_of_my from_the_house_of my_ _father_of_my. **23** [181] And_ Dāvid _he_swore_an_oath to_ _Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_went to house_of_his and_ _Dāvid and_men_of_his they_went_up to the_stronghold.

25:1 And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_died and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gathered_together and_they_mourned to_him/it and_they_buried_him at_house_of_his in_Rāmāh and_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_descended to the_ _wilderness_of Pā'rān. **2** And_a_man was_in_Mā'ōn and_ _business_of_his was_in_Karmel/(Carmel) and_the_man was_ _great very and_to/for_him/it sheep three_of thousand(s) and_ _one_thousand goats and_he/it_was when_sheared ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _flock_of_sheep/goats in_Karmel/(Carmel). **3** And_name_of the_man was_Nāvāl and_name_of his/its_wife/woman was_ _'Avīgayil and_the_woman was_good_of insight and_beautiful_ _of form and_the_man was_hard and_evil_of deeds and_he mmm[183]. **4** And_ Dāvid _he/it_listened in_wilderness if/because_that Nāvāl was_shearing ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_flock_of_ _sheep/goats. **5** And_ Dāvid _he_sent ten young_men and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_men go_up to_Karmel/(Carmel) and_ _you(pl)_will_go to Nāvāl and_you(pl)_will_ask to_him/it in_ _name_of_my to_welfare. **6** And_you(pl)_will_say thus to_one and_you(ms) peace and_house_of_your peace and_ _all/each/any/every that to/for_yourself(m) peace. **7** And_now I_have_heard if/because_that shearers to/for_you(fs) now the_ _shepherds who to/for_yourself(m) they_have_been with_us not we_have_humiliated_them and_not it_has_been_missing to/for_them anything all_of the_days_of their_being in_ _Karmel/(Carmel). **8** Ask ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_your_own and_they_ _will_tell to/for_you(fs) and_ the_young_men _let_them_find favour in_eyes_of_your if/because on a_day good we_have_ _come give please ᴅᴏᴍ that_which hand_of_your it_will_find to_servants_of_your and_to_son_of_your to_Dāvid. **9** And_ the_ _young_men_of Dāvid _they_came and_they_spoke to Nāvāl according_to_all_of the_words/messages the_these in/on_ _name_of Dāvid and_they_rested. **10** And_ Nāvāl _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ the_servants_of Dāvid and_he/it_said who is_Dāvid and_ _who is_the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) the_day servants who_

176 LV 24:19 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.18

177 LV 24:19 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תא: (x-qere) וְתָהֲתַא: lemma_c/859 c n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Pp2ms id_09YQH וְתָהֲתַא

178 LV 24:20 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.19

179 LV 24:21 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.20

180 LV 24:22 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.21

181 LV 24:23 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.22

183 LV 25:3 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/בל/כ: (x-qere) יִבְלָכ: lemma_3614 n_0 morph_HNgmsa id_09Cyq יִבְלָכ

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_break_away each_one from_face/in_front_of master(s)_of_his they_are_many. **11** And_will_I_take ~~ĐOM~~ bread_of_my and_~~ĐOM~~ water_of_my and_~~ĐOM~~ slaughter_of_my which I_have_ _slaughtered for_shearers_of_my and_will_I_give_them to_men who not I_know where from_this are_they. **12** And_ the_young_ _men_of Dāvid _they_turned_round to_way_of_their and_they_ _returned and_they_came and_they_told to_him/it according_ _to_all_of the_words/messages the_these. **13** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_said to_men_of_his gird_on everyone ~~ĐOM~~ sword_of_his and_they_girded_on everyone ~~ĐOM~~ sword_of_his and_ also Dāvid _he_girded_on ~~ĐOM~~ sword_of_his and_they_went_up after Dāvid about_four hundred(s) man and_two_hundreds they_ _remained with the_vessels. **14** And_to_'Avīgayil the_wife_of Nāvāl a_young_man one of_the_young_men he_told to_say THERE Dāvid he_sent messengers from_the_wilderness to_bless ~~ĐOM~~ master(s)_of_our and_he_shouted at_them. **15** And_the_ _men were_good to/for_us very and_not we_were_humiliated and_not we_missed anything all_of the_days_of (of)_which_we_ _went_about with_them when_were_we in_field. **16** A_wall they_were with_us both night as_well_as by_day all_of the_ _days_of our_being with_them shepherding the_flock. **17** And_ _now know and_see what will_you_do if/because (the)_evil it_ _has_been_determined against master(s)_of_our and_on all_of household_of_his and_he is_a_son_of worthlessness from_ _speaking to_him/it. **18** And_she_made_haste 'Avīgayil[184] and_ _she/it_took two_hundred bread[s] and_two jars_of wine and_ _five sheep prepared[185][186] and_five seahs roasted_grain and_a_ _hundred bunches_of_raisins and_two_hundreds fig_cakes and_ _she_put_them on the_donkeys. **19** And_she/it_said to_ _servants_of_her pass_on to/for_my_face/front HERE_I after_ _you(pl) will_be_coming and_to_husband_of_her Nāvāl not she_told. **20** And_it_was she was_riding on the_donkey and_ _she_was_going_down in_the_cover_of the_mountain and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Dāvid and_men_of_his were_going_down to_ _meet_her and_she_met ~~ĐOM~~_them. **21** And_Dāvid he_had_said surely to_deception I_have_guarded ~~ĐOM~~ all_of that belongs_to_ _this_man in_wilderness and_not it_has_been_missing from_all that to_him/it anything and_he_has_returned to_me evil in_ _place_of good. **22** Thus god may_he_do to_the_enemies_of Dāvid and_thus may_he_add if I_will_leave from_all that to_ _him/it until the_morning one_who_urinates on_a_wall. **23** And_ 'Avīgayil _she/it_saw ~~ĐOM~~ Dāvid and_she_made_haste and_she_came_down from_under the_donkey and_she_fell to_ _the_face_of Dāvid on face_of_her and_she_bowed_down the_ _ground. **24** And_she_fell at feet_of_his and_she/it_said be_on_ _me I my_master the_iniquity and_let_her_speak please maidservant_of_your in_ears_of_your and_hear ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _words/messages_of your_maidservant_of_your. **25** Not please my_master let_him_set ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_heart to the_man_of (the)_ _worthlessness the_this on Nāvāl if/because like_name_of_his is_so he is_Nāvāl his/its_name and_disgraceful_folly with_ _him/it and_I maidservant_of_your not I_saw ~~ĐOM~~ the_young_ _men_of my_master whom you_sent. **26** And_now my_master

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hundred with their gear.

14 Meanwhile, Naval's wife Avigayil had been informed by a servant, "Listen, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master, but he yelled at them. **15** Their men had been very good to us—we were never harmed or had anything go missing when we were in the countryside. **16** They protected us both day and night for the whole time that we were tending the sheep. **17** So now you should think about it and decide what you can do, because no doubt disaster is about to hit our master and all his household. He's a terrible man who listens to no one."

18 So Avigayil quickly collected two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five butchered sheep, a large basket of roasted grain, a hundred bunches of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded it all on donkeys **19** and told her servants, "Go ahead with the donkeys. I'll come along behind you all." But she didn't say a word to her husband Naval.

20 As she rode down a hill and into the ravine, suddenly she encountered David and his men coming down to meet her. **21** David had told them, "Well it was certainly a waste of time looking after that fellow in the wilderness, and taking such care not to take anything of his. Then all he did was to return insults for our good behaviour. **22** May God preserve my enemies, if I don't eliminate all of the older and young men in his household before the morning.

23 When Avigayil saw David, she quickly dismounted from the donkey and fell to her knees in front of David and bowed her face to the ground. **24** She clutched his feet and said, "My master, let the guilt be on me myself. Please let your female servant explain to you—please listen to what your female servant has to say. **25** My master, please don't remain angry at that worthless man, Naval. His name means 'fool' and so he is. He's a senseless man, but my master, your female servant didn't see the young men you sent. **26** And now, my master, as Yahweh lives and as your spirit lives, it's Yahweh who's prevented you from spilling blood and taking his punishment into your own hands. And now may your enemies and anyone who makes plans against my master be like Naval. **27** Now let this gift that your servant has brought to my master be given to the young men who serve my master. **28** Please forgive your female servant for being forward because Yahweh will certain advance my master's reputation. My master is fighting Yahweh's battles and all your life, you haven't broken the law. **29** Even if someone decides to chase you and try to kill you my master, your god Yahweh will keep you wrapped in his bundle of the living, whereas your enemies will be slung away like stones from a sling. **30** If Yahweh does all the good things he's promised for my master, then in time you'll become Yisrael's (Israel's) ruler. **31** It would be good not to have someone's unnecessary death as an obstacle for you or to be

184 LV 25:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **לינובא**: (x-qere) 'לִנָּבָא': lemma_26 n_1.1.2.1 morph_HNp id_093Gj לִנָּבָא

185 LV 25:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **תוושע**: (x-qere) 'תְּוֹשַׁע': lemma_6213 a n_1.1.1 morph_HVqsfpa id_09wWW תְּוֹשַׁע

186 LV 25:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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seen as my master just saving his own skin. Then Yahweh will bless my master, and you will appreciate your female servant."

32 "May Yisrael's god Yahweh be blessed," David responded. "The one who sent you to meet me today. **33** And blessed be your discernment and blessed be you yourself, because you've prevented me from shedding blood today and from taking my own revenge. **34** Yes indeed, as Yahweh lives, Yisrael's god prevented me from harming you. If you hadn't hurried here to meet me, certainly neither Naval nor any of his older or young men would have survived to see the morning light. **35** Then David accepted the gifts that she had brought for him, and said, "Go back to your house in peace. See, I've listened to what you said and granted your request."

36 When Avigayil got home to Naval, wow, he had put on a celebration at his house with a feast fit for a king. He was feeling very contented and was quite drunk, so she didn't tell him anything at all until it was light in the morning. **37** And so it was in the morning, when Naval's wine had worn off, his wife told him what she'd done. In his rage, he had a stroke and became totally paralysed **38** for about then days. Then Yahweh struck Naval and he died.

39 When David heard that Naval had died, he said, "Blessed be Yahweh, who has judged the case of Naval's insult and has prevented his servant from doing the wrong thing. And Yahweh has repaid Naval for his own evil."

Then David sent messengers to Avigayil about taking her as a wife. **40** His servants went to her at Karmel and told her, "David sent us to take you back to become his wife."

41 She knelt down with her face to the ground and replied, "See, your female servant is ready for washing the feet of my master's servants like a slave woman." **42** Then Avigayil and five of her servant girls quickly got ready, and she mounted the donkey. She followed the messengers to where David was and became a wife for him.

43 David had also married Ahinoam from Yizre'el (Jezreel), so both of them became his wives. **44** (Meanwhile Sha'ul (Saul) had given his daughter, David' wife Mikal, to Palti, Layish's son from Galim.)[182]

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by_the_life of_**YHWH** and_by_the_life your_self_of_your that he_has_restrained_you **YHWH** from_coming in_blood(s) and_ _from_delivering hand_of_your to/for_you(fs) and_now may_ _they_be like_Nāvāl enemies_of_your and_those_who_seek against my_master evil. **27** And_now the_blessing (the)_this which maidservant_of_your he_has_brought to_master_of_my and_it_will_be_given to_men who_go_about at_the_feet_of my_ _master. **28** Forgive please to_the_transgression_of your(ms)_ _female_slave if/because surely_(make) **YHWH** he_will_make for_master_of_my a_house enduring if/because the_battles_of **YHWH** my_master is_fighting and_evil not it_will_be_found in_ _you(ms) from_days_of_your. **29** And_ a_man _he/it_rose up to_ _pursue_you and_to_seek ÐOM life_of_your and_it_will_be the_ _life_of my_master bound_up in_the_bundle_of the_living with **YHWH** god_of_your and_ÐOM the_life_of your(pl)_enemies_of_ _your he_will_sling_it_out in_the_middle of_the_hollow_of of_ _(the)_sling. **30** And_it_was if/because **YHWH** he_will_do to_ _master_of_my according_to_all that he_has_spoken ÐOM the_ _good on_you and_he_has_appointed_you to_ruler over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **31** And_not it_will_become this to/for_ _yourself(m) (into)_staggering and_(into)_stumbling_of heart for_master_of_my and_(into)_pouring_out blood without_cause and_to_ my_master _deliver to_him/it and_ **YHWH** _he_will_ _do_good to_master_of_my and_you_will_remember ÐOM maidservant_of_your. **32** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_'Avīgayil **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_has_sent_you the_ _day the_this to_meet_me be_blessed. **33** And_be_ discernment_ _of_your _blessed and_be_ you who you_have_restrained_me the_day the_this from_coming in_blood(s) and_from_delivering hand_of_my to_me _blessed. **34** And_but by_the_life of_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_has_restrained_me from_ _doing_harm_to you if/because if_not you_had_made_haste and[187] to_meet_me if/because if he_has_been_left to_Nāvāl until the_light_of the_morning one_who_urinates on_a_wall. **35** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took from_hand_of_her ÐOM that_which she_had_brought to_him/it and_to_her he_said go_up to_peace to_house_of_your see I_have_listened to_voice_of_your and_I_ _have_lifted_up face_of_your. **36** And_ 'Avīgayil _she_went to Nāvāl and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE to_him/it a_feast in_house_of_his like_the_feast_of the_king and_the_heart_of Nāvāl it_was_good on/upon/above_him/it and_he was_drunk up_to muchness and_not she_told for_him/it anything small and_great until the_light_of the_morning. **37** And_he/it_was in_morning when_ the_wine _had_gone_out from_Nāvāl and_she_told to_him/it his/its_wife/woman ÐOM the_things the_these and_ his/its_ _heart _he/it_died in_his_inward_of_part[s] and_he he_became to_stone. **38** And_he/it_was about_the_ten_of the_days and_ **YHWH** _he_struck ÐOM Nāvāl and_he/it_died. **39** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_listened if/because_that Nāvāl he_had_died and_he/it_ _said **YHWH** who he_has_conducted ÐOM the_case_of my_ _disgrace_of_my from_the_hand_of Nāvāl and_ÐOM servant_of_ _his he_has_restrained from_evil be_blessed and_ÐOM the_evil_ _of Nāvāl **YHWH** he_has_turned_back on_his_own_of_head and_ Dāvid _he_sent and_he/it_spoke with_'Avīgayil to_take_ _her to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **40** And_ the_servants_of

182 RV 25:44 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 3:14-16.

187 LV 25:34 · Note OSHB variant note: יתאבת/ו: (x-qere) תאָבְתִּ֥/וֹ: lemma_c/935 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqw2fs id_09vDG תאָבְתִּ֥/וֹ

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Dāvid _they_came to ʾAvīgayil to_(the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_ _they_spoke to_her/it to_say Dāvid he_has_sent_us to_you to_ _take_you to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **41** And_she/it_arose and_she_bowed_down face ground_to_the and_she/it_said HERE maidservant_of_your will_become_(into)_a_maid to_wash the_feet_of the_servants_of my_master. **42** And_she_made_ _haste and_ ʾAvīgayil _she/it_arose and_she_rode on the_ _donkey and_five maids_of_her who_walked to_foot_of_her and_she_went after the_messengers_of Dāvid and_it_became to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **43** And_ĐOM ʾAḥīnoʿam Dāvid he_ _had_taken from_Yizrəʾēl/(Jezreel) and_ also both_of_of_them _ _they_became to_him/it (into)_wives. **44** And_Shāʾūl/(Saul) he_ _had_given ĐOM Mīkāl daughter_of_his the_wife_of Dāvid to_ _Palṭī/(Palti) the_son_of Layish who was_from_Gallim.

26:1 And_ the_Zīfī _they_came to Shāʾūl to_(the)_Givʿāh to_say am_not is_Dāvid hiding_himself on_the_hill_of (the)_Hakilah on the_face_of (the)_Yəshimōn/(Jeshimon). **2** And_ Shāʾūl _he/it_ _rose_up and_he/it_descended to the_wilderness_of Zīf and_ _were_with_him three_of thousand(s) man chosen_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_seek ĐOM Dāvid in_the_wilderness_of Zīf. **3** And_ Shāʾūl _he_encamped on_the_hill_of (the)_Hakilah which was_on the_face_of (the)_Yəshimōn on the_way and_ _Dāvid was_dwelling in_wilderness and_he/it_saw if/because_ _that Shāʾūl he_had_come after_him to_the_wilderness. **4** And_ Dāvid _he_sent spies and_he/it_knew if/because_that Shāʾūl he_had_come to a_certain_thing. **5** And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_he_went to the_place where he_had_encamped there Shāʾūl and_ Dāvid _he/it_saw ĐOM the_place where he_lay there Shāʾūl and_ʾAvnēr the_son_of Nēr the_commander_of his_ _army_of_his and_Shāʾūl was_lying in_camp and_the_people were_encamping him[191]. **6** And_ Dāvid _he_answered and_ _he/it_said to ʾAḥīmelek the_Hittite and_near/to ʾAvīshay the_ _son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) the_brother_of Yōʾāv/(Joab) to_say who will_he_go_down with_me to Shāʾūl/(Saul) into the_camp and_ ʾAvīshay _he/it_said I I_will_go_down with_you. **7** And_ Dāvid and_ʾAvīshay _he_went to the_people night and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Shāʾūl was_lying sleeping in_camp and_ _spear_of_his was_thrust in/on_the_earth mmm[192] and_ʾAvnēr and_the_people were_lying mmm[193]. **8** And_ ʾAvīshay _he/it_ _said to Dāvid god he_has_delivered_up the_day ĐOM enemy_of_ _your in_hand_of_your and_now let_me_strike_him please with_spear and_in_ground a_time one and_not I_will_repeat to_ _him/it. **9** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to ʾAvīshay do_not destroy_ _him if/because who has_he_stretched_out his/its_hand on_ _the_one_anointed_of **YHWH** and_will_he_be_free_from_guilt. **10** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because (if) **YHWH** he_will_strike_him or day_of_his it_will_come and_he_ _will_die or in_battle he_will_go_down and_he_will_be_carried_ _away. **11** Far_be_it to/for_me from_**YHWH** from_stretching_ _out hand_of_my on_the_one_anointed_of **YHWH** and_now

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26:1 One time some Zifim went to Sha'ul (Saul) at Giveah and told him, "Isn't David hiding himself on the Hakilah hill opposite Yeshimon?"[188] **2** So Sha'ul got ready with three thousand chosen Israeli warriors and went to the Zif wilderness to search for David. **3** They camped at Hakilah hill (opposite Yeshimon) by the path, but David stayed in the wilderness when he saw the Sha'ul was there trying to get him. **4** (He'd sent some spies and knew that Sha'ul had definitely arrived.) **5** That night, David moved out and got to the place where Sha'ul had camped. He could see where Sha'ul was sleeping, along with Ner's son Avner, his army commander. Sha'ul was asleep in the secure centre with his warriors all around him.

6 David spoke to Ahimelek (the Hiti) and to Avishay (son of Yoav's (Joab's) brother Tseruyah) asking, "Who'll go into the camp with me to Sha'ul?"

Avishay answered, "I will. I'll go with you."

7 So that night David and Avishay crept into the camp. Sha'ul was asleep there in the centre with his spear stuck into the ground near his head, and Avner and others were lying in a circle around him. **8** Avishay whispered to David, "Today God has arranged for you to defeat your enemy. So please let me pierce him now with the spear through him and into the ground. Only one strike will do it—I won't have to strike him a second time.

9 "Don't kill him," David responded, "because who can attack Yahweh's anointed king and be considered innocent?" **10** As Yahweh lives, he will certainly strike him, or else his time will come and he'll die, or maybe he'll go into battle and be swept away. **11** May Yahweh prevent me from harming Yahweh's anointed one.[189] Just grab the spear that's by his head, and the jug of water, then we can get out of here." **12** So David took the spear and water jug that were near Sha'ul's head and then got out of there.

188 **RV 26:1 · Cross-ref.** Psa 54 header.

189 **RV 26:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 24:6.

191 **LV 26:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תביבס: (x-qere) ו/יֻתְּבִיבְס: lemma_5439 n_0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_09jP6 ו/יֻתְּבִיבְס

192 **LV 26:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תשארמ: (x-qere) ו/יֻתְּשַׁאַרְמ: lemma_4763 n_1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_09xGy ו/יֻתְּשַׁאַרְמ

193 **LV 26:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תביבס: (x-qere) ו/יֻתְּבִיבְס: lemma_5439 n_0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_09giL ו/יֻתְּבִיבְס

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No one saw them, and no one woke up or realised, because Yahweh had caused them all to fall into a deep sleep.

13 Then David crossed the valley and stood on the top of the opposite hill—quite a distance away **14** and called out to Avner and the camp, "Won't you answer, Avner?"

"Who are you that's shouting to the king?" Avner answered.

15 "Aren't you a warrior?" David called out. "And who in Yisrael (Israel) is as good as you? But why didn't you watch over your master the king? Because one of the people came to destroy the king your master. **16** Your performance wasn't good. As Yahweh lives, all of you who were supposed to be watching over your master, over Yahweh's anointed one, deserve to be executed. Look around, where's the king's spear and water jug that were by his head?"

17 Then Sha'ul recognised David's voice and called back, "Is that your voice, my son David?"

"Yes, it is my voice, my master the king." David replied. **18** Then he asked, "Why is my master chasing his servant? What have I done? What wrong am I guilty of? **19** Now please listen, my master the king, to your servant's words. If it's Yahweh who's incited you against me, may he accept an offering, but if it's people, may they be cursed in front of Yahweh because they've driven me away from enjoying Yahweh's inheritance for me,[190] saying, 'Go away and serve other gods.' **20** So now, don't let me die far from Yahweh's presence. It seems that Yisrael's king has come all this way to chase a flea, just like someone chases a wild bird in the hills."

21 Sha'ul responded, "Yes, I've sinned. Go home, my son David. I won't wrong you again, because you spared my life today. Yes, I've acted foolishly and been following the wrong path."

22 "Look, here's your spear." David called back. "Get one of your young men to come across and get it. **23** May Yahweh repay each person for their obedience and faithfulness. Yahweh put you in a vulnerable position today, but I wasn't willing to hurt Yahweh's anointed king. **24** Just as I honoured your life today, so to may Yahweh honour my life and rescue me from all my difficulties.

25 "May you be blessed, my son David," Sha'ul told David. "You certainly have both ability and the skill to use it."

Then David went on his way and Sha'ul went back home.

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take please ~~DOM~~ the_spear which is_the[194] and_~~DOM~~ the_jug_of the_waters and_let_us_go to/for_ourselves. **12** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_spear and_~~DOM~~ the_jug_of the_waters the_ _place_of_the_head_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_they_went to/for_ _them and_there_was_not one_who_saw and_there_was_not one_who_knew and_there_was_not one_who_awoke if/because of_them_of_all were_sleeping if/because (the)_deep_sleep_of **YHWH** it_had_fallen on_them. **13** And_ Dāvid _he/it_passed_ _through the_other_side and_he_stood on the_top_of the_hill from_a_distance was_great the_place between_them. **14** And_ Dāvid _he/it_called to the_people and_near/to 'Avnēr the_son_ _of Nēr to_say am_not will_you_answer Oh_'Avnēr and_ 'Avnēr _he_answered and_he/it_said who are_you who_you_have_ _called_out to the_king. **15** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Avnēr am_not a_man are_you and_who is_like_you in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_for_what not did_you_guard (to) master(s)_of_your the_ _king if/because one of_the_people he_came to_destroy ~~DOM~~ the_king master(s)_of_your. **16** Not is_good the_thing the_this which you_have_done by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because are_ _sons_of death you(pl) that not you(pl)_watched over master(s)_of_your(pl) over the_one_anointed_of **YHWH** and_ _now see where is_the_spear_of the_king and_~~DOM~~ the_jug_of the_waters which was_the[195]. **17** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he_ _recognized ~~DOM~~ the_voice_of Dāvid and_he/it_said voice_of_ _your is_this my_son_of_my Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he/it_said my_ _sound/voice my_master the_king. **18** And_he/it_said to/for_ _what this my_master pursuing after servant_of_his if/because what have_I_done and_what is_in_hand_of_my evil. **19** And_ _now let_him_hear please my_master the_king ~~DOM~~ the_ _words/messages_of his_servant_of_his if **YHWH** he_has_ _incited_you against_me may_he_smell an_offering and_if the_ _sons_of the_humankind they be_cursed to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** if/because they_have_driven_me_out the_day from_having_a_share in_the_inheritance_of **YHWH** to_ _say go serve gods other. **20** And_now not blood_of_my let_it_ _fall towards_land from_before the_presence_of **YHWH** if/because the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_come_out to_ _seek ~~DOM~~ a_flea one just_as someone_pursues the_partridge in_mountains. **21** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said I_have_sinned return my_son_of_my Dāvid if/because not I_will_do_harm to/for_ _yourself(m) again because that life_of_my it_was_precious in_ _eyes_of_your the_day the_this HERE I_have_behaved_foolishly and_I_have_gone_astray greatly very. **22** And_ Dāvid _he_ _answered and_he/it_said HERE the[196] the_king and_ one of_ _the_young_men _let_him_pass_over and_let_him_take_it. **23** And_**YHWH** he_will_return to_everyone ~~DOM~~ righteousness_ _of_his and_~~DOM~~ faithfulness_of_his that he_gave_you[197] **YHWH** the_day in_a_hand and_not I_was_willing to_stretch_out hand_ _of_my on_the_one_anointed_of **YHWH**. **24** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE just_as life_of_your it_was_great the_day the_

190 RV 26:19 · Note This is possibly referring to David not being able to enjoy his piece of land, but we haven't said that in the translation because it's not certain. (It could be referring to having a peaceful or prosperous life, for example.)

194 LV 26:11 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תשארמ: (x-qere) 'ו/יֶתְּשָׁאֲרֻמ': lemma_4763 n_0.0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_09iHE ו/יֶתְּשָׁאֲרֻמ

195 LV 26:16 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תשארמ: (x-qere) 'ו/יֶתְּשָׁאֲרֻמ': lemma_4763 n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_09na6 ו/יֶתְּשָׁאֲרֻמ

196 LV 26:22 · Note OSHB variant note: תינח/ה: (x-qere) 'תִּינָּח': lemma_2595 morph_HNcfsa id_09YNp תִּינָּח

197 LV 26:23 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_this in_eyes_of_my so life_of_my may_it_be_great in/on_both_
_eyes_of **YHWH** and_may_he_deliver_me from_all trouble.
25 And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_said to Dāvid you be_blessed my_
_son_of_my Dāvid both certainly_(do) you_will_do and_also
certainly_(prevail) you_will_prevail and_ Dāvid _he/it_went to_
_way_of_his and_Shā'ūl he_returned to_place_of_his.
27:1 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to his/its_heart now I_will_be_
_swept_away a_day one by_the_hand_of Shā'ūl there_is_not to_
me good if/because really(escape) I_will_escape to the_land_
_of the_Pəlishtiy and_he_will_desist from_me Shā'ūl to_seek_
_me again in_all the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_be_
_delivered from_hand_of_his. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_
he and_six hundred(s) man who with_him/it _he/it_passed_
_through to 'Akīsh the_son_of Mā'ōk the_king_of Gat. **3** And_
Dāvid _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived with 'Akīsh in_Gat he
and_men_of_his each_one and_his/its_house(hold) Dāvid and_
_the_two_of wives_of_his 'Aḥīno'am the_Jezreelite_woman and_
_'Avīgayil the_wife_of Nāvāl the_Karməlī/(Carmelite)_woman.
4 And_it_was_told to_Shā'ūl if/because_that Dāvid he_had_fled
Gat and_not he_repeated[198] again to_seek_him. **5** And_ Dāvid _
_he/it_said to 'Akīsh if please I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_
_your let_people_give to_me a_place in_one_of the_cities_of
the_field so_that_I_may_dwell there and_for_what servant_of_
_your will_he_dwell in_the_city_of (the)_royalty with_you.
6 And_he_gave to_him/it 'Akīsh in_the_day (the)_that ĐØM
Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) for_so/thus/hence Tsiqlag it_has_belonged to_
_the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) until the_day (the)_this. **7** And_
_he/it_was the_number_of the_days which Dāvid he_dwelt in_
_the_region_of the_Pəlishtiy days and_four months. **8** And_
Dāvid and_men_of_his _he/it_ascended and_they_made_raids
against the_Geshurite[s] and_the[199] and_the_'Amālēqite[s]
if/because they were_dwelling the_earth/land which from_
_long_ago/eternity come_you to_Shūr and_unto the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** And_ Dāvid _he_attacked ĐØM the_
_earth/land and_not he_let_live a_man and_a_woman and_
_he/it_will_take sheep and_cattle and_donkeys and_camels
and_clothes and_he_returned and_he_went to 'Akīsh. **10** And_
'Akīsh _he/it_said not did_you(pl)_make_a_raid the_day and_
Dāvid _he/it_said on the_Negev_of Yəhūdāh and_on the_
_Negev_of the_Jerahmeelite[s] and_near/to the_Negev_of the_
_Qēynī[s]. **11** And_a_man and_a_woman not Dāvid he_let_live
to_bring Gat to_say lest they_should_tell on_us to_say thus
Dāvid he_has_done and_was_thus practice_of_his all_of the_
_days which he_dwelt in_the_region_of the_Pəlishtiy. **12** And_
'Akīsh _he_trusted in_Dāvid to_say surely_(become_odious) he_
_has_become_odious among_people_of_his among_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_was to_me (into)_a_servant_of
perpetuity.
28:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days the_those and_ the_Pəlishtiy _
_they_gathered_together ĐØM armies_of_their for_war to_fight
against_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ 'Akīsh _he/it_said to Dāvid surely_
_(know) you_will_know if/because_that with_me you_will_go_
_out in_camp you and_men_of_your. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said
to 'Akīsh for_so/thus/hence you you_will_know ĐØM that_

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David among the Pelishtim · Full kingdom

27:1 But David thought to himself, "One of these days, I'm going to be caught off-guard by Sha'ul's (Saul's) actions. There's no future for me here, so I definitely need to slip away to the Pelishtim region. Then hopefully Sha'ul will give up looking for me again across all Yisrael (Israel), and I'll slip be able to stay under his radar." **2** So he left Yisrael and crossed over with his six hundred men to Gat and King Akish (Maeok's son). **3** Then David and his men settled with Akish in Gat. David had his two wives Ahinoam (from Yizre'el (Jezreel)) and Avigayil (widow of Naval from Karmel) with him. **4** When Sha'ul was told that David had fled to Gat, he stopped searching for him.

5 One day, David asked Akish, "If I've found favour in your eyes, ask them to give me a place in one of the cities in the countryside so I can live there. There's no need for us to bludge on you here in the royal city." **6** So Akish gave Tsiklag to David that day, and as a result, it still belongs to Yehudah's (Judah's) kings until today.

7 David ended up living in the Pelishti countryside for around sixteen months, **8** and during that time, he would take his men to raid the Geshurim, the Gizrim, and the Amalekim. They had lived in that region from long before—from Shur all the way to Mitsrayim (Egypt). **9** When David attacked a place, he would take the sheep and cattle, donkeys and camels, and clothes, but he didn't leave anyone alive. Then he'd return home and visit Akish. **10** The king would ask him, "Which place did you raid today?"

David would tell him, "In southern Yehudah," or "South of the Yerahme'elim," or "In the southern Keyni region". **11** David never allowed any man or woman to live to be able to go back to Gat and report on what he'd really been doing. That was how he handled things for the entire time that he lived in the Pelishti countryside. **12** But King Akish was trusting David, thinking, "He'll definitely be hated now by his people in Yisrael (Israel), so he'll be forced to remain here as my servant."

Sha'ul consults a medium · Full kingdom

28:1 Some time later, the Pelishtim gathered their forces getting ready to battle against Yisrael (Israel), and King Akish complimented David, "We'll definitely want you and your men to join with our forces."

198 **LV 27:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: תְּסִוֵּי: (x-qere) תָּסֵךְ: lemma_3254 morph_HVqp3ms id_09VoX תָּסֵךְ

199 **LV 27:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: יזרג/ה/ו: (x-qere) יִרְזִגִּ֖/ה/ו: lemma_c/d/1511 n_1.0 morph_HC/Td/Ngmsa id_09oSi יִרְזִגִּ֖/ה/ו

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2 "Sounds good," David replied, "because you'll be able to see for yourself what your servant can do."

"I'll appoint as my permanent bodyguard," Akish told him.

3 By now, Shmuel (Samuel) was long dead and all Yisrael had mourned for him and had buried him in his town of Ramah,[200] and Sha'ul (Saul) had had expelled all the mediums from the country, along with those who contacted the spirits.

4 Then the Pelishtim went to Shunem and camped there. Meanwhile Sha'ul gathered all Yisrael's warriors and they camped at Gilboa, **5** but when he saw the Pelishti camp, he was afraid and trembled inside. **6** He asked Yahweh for direction, but Yahweh didn't answer him either through a dream, nor by use of the sacred pouch,[201] nor through any prophet. **7** Then Sha'ul instructed his servants, "Find a woman for me who talks to the spirits of dead people, so I can go to her and ask her something."

"Sure," his servants told him, "there's a woman in Eyn-Dor who can do that."

8 So Sha'ul put on different clothes to disguise himself, and went off in the night with two of his men. They went to the woman and he asked, "Please divine for me with a spirit of the dead and bring up the person that I tell you."

9 "Listen," said the woman, "surely you're aware of what Sha'ul has done—he's expelled anyone out of the country brings back the dead or converses with the spirits. So why are you trying to trap me? Are you trying to get me killed?"

10 Sha'ul promised her in front of Yahweh, "As Yahweh lives, you won't be punished for doing this."

11 "Okay then, who do you want me to bring up for you?"

"Bring Shmuel (Samuel) up for me." he replied.

12 When the woman saw Shmuel, she yelled out and said to Sha'ul, "Oh no, you've tricked me! You're Sha'ul!"

13 "Don't be afraid," said the king, "but what have you seen?"

"I saw gods coming up out of the ground," she replied.

14 "What does he look like?" he asked.

"An old man's appearing," she said, "wearing a robe."

Sha'ul knew it was Shmuel, and he knelt down and bowed his face to the ground.

15 "Why've you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Shmuel asked.

"I'm very distressed," Sha'ul replied, "and the Pelishtim are about to go to war against me. And God has turned away from me and doesn't answer me anymore—he hasn't sent me any prophets or given me any dreams, So I've called to you so you can tell me what I should do."

16 "If Yahweh's turned away from you and become your enemy," Shmuel responded, "what's the point in asking me?"

17 He's simply done what he told me to tell you that he'd do. He's

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_which servant_of_your he_will_do and_ 'Akīsh _he/it_said to Dāvid for_so/thus/hence a_watchman of_head_of_my I_will_ _make_you all_of the_days. **3** And_Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) he_had_ _died and_they_had_mourned to_him/it all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_had_buried_him in_Rāmāh (and)_in_his_own_of_city and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_had_removed the_necromancers and_ĐOM the_soothsayers from_the_land. **4** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_ _gathered_together and_they_came and_they_encamped at_ _Shūnēm and_ Shā'ūl _he_gathered ĐOM all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_encamped at_Gilbo'a. **5** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_saw ĐOM the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy and_he_was_afraid and_ his/its_ _heart _it_trembled exceedingly. **6** And_ Shā'ūl _he_enquired by_**YHWH** and_not he_answered_him **YHWH** neither by_ _dreams nor by_Urim nor by_prophets. **7** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_ _said to_servants_of_his seek to_me a_woman_of (of)_a_ _mistress_of necromancy so_that_I_may_go to_her/it and_so_ _that_I_may_consult (in)_her and_ servants_of_his _they_said to_him/it THERE a_woman_of (of)_a_mistress_of necromancy is_Endor Endor. **8** And_ Shā'ūl _he_disguised_himself and_he_ _was_clothed garments other and_ he and_two_of men with_ _him/it _he/it_went and_they_came to_the_woman night and_ _he/it_said divine[204] please[205] to_me by_necromancy and_ _bring_up to_me ĐOM the_one_whom I_will_say to_you. **9** And_ the_woman _she/it_said to_him/it HERE you you_know ĐOM that_which Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_has_done which/who he_has_cut_ _off ĐOM the_necromancers and_ĐOM the_soothsayer from the_ _earth/land and_why are_you setting_traps on_life_of_my to_ _cause_me_to_die. **10** And_he_swore to/for_her/it Shā'ūl by_ _**YHWH** to_say by_the_life of_**YHWH** if it_will_happen_to_you punishment in_matter (the)_this. **11** And_ the_woman _she/it_ _said ĐOM whom will_I_bring_up for_you and_he/it_said ĐOM Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) bring_up to_me. **12** And_ the_woman _ _she/it_saw ĐOM Shəmū'ēl and_she_cried_out with_a_voice great and_ the_woman _she/it_said to Shā'ūl to_say to/for_ _what have_you_deceived_me and_you(ms) are_Shā'ūl. **13** And_ _he/it_said to/for_her/it the_king do_not fear if/because what have_you_seen and_ the_woman _she/it_said to Shā'ūl gods I_ _have_seen coming_up from the_earth/land. **14** And_he/it_said to/for_her/it what appearance_of_is_his and_she/it_said a_ _man old is_coming_up and_he is_wrapped a_robe and_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_knew if/because_that was_Shəmū'ēl it and_he_bowed_ _low face towards_land and_he_bowed_down. **15** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to Shā'ūl to/for_what have_you_disturbed_me by_ _bringing_up ĐOM_me and_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_said it_is_ _distress to_me exceedingly and_the_Pəlishtiy are_fighting against_me and_god he_has_turned_aside from_with_me and_ _not he_has_answered_me yet neither by_the_hand_of (the)_ _prophets nor by_dreams and_I_have_summoned to/for_ _yourself(m) to_make_known_to_me what will_I_do. **16** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said and_for_what do_you_ask_me and_**YHWH** he_has_turned_aside from_with_you and_he/it_was enemy_of_ _your. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made to_him/it just_as he_spoke

200 **RV 28:3 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 25:1.

201 **RV 28:6 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:21.

204 **LV 28:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִמּוֹסֵק: (x-qere) יִמָּסֵק: lemma_7080 morph_HVqv2fs id_09wCL יִמָּסֵק.

205 **LV 28:8 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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by_hand_of_my and_ **YHWH** _he_has_torn_away ÐOM the_ _kingdom from_hand_of_your and_he_has_given_it to_ _neighbour_of_your to_Dāvid. **18** Just_as not you_listened to_ _the_voice_of **YHWH** and_not you_executed the_burning_of his_anger_of_his on_ʼAmālēq therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_thing the_this he_has_done to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** the_ _day (the)_this. **19** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_give also ÐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_you in_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy and_ _tomorrow you and_sons_of_your will_be_with_me also ÐOM the_camp_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) **YHWH** he_will_give in_the_hand_ _of the_Pəlishtiy. **20** And_ Shāʾūl/(Saul) _he_made_haste and_ the_fullness_of his_stature_of_his _he_fell towards_land and_ _he_was_afraid exceedingly from_the_words/messages_of Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) also strength not it_was in_him/it if/because not he_had_eaten food all_of the_day and_all the_ _night. **21** And_ the_woman _she_came to Shāʾūl and_she/it_ _saw if/because_that he_was_terrified exceedingly and_she/it_ _said to_him/it HERE maidservant_of_your she_has_listened to_ _voice_of_your and_I_have_put life_of_my in_palm_of_my and_ _I_have_listened_to ÐOM words/messages_of_your which you_ _have_spoken to_me. **22** And_now listen please also you to_the_ _voice_of your_maidservant_of_your and_let_me_set to_your_ _face a_piece_of bread and_eat and_let_it_be in_you(ms) strength if/because you_will_go on_way. **23** And_he_refused and_he/it_said not I_will_eat and_they_urged in_him/it servants_of_his and_also the_woman and_he/it_listened to_ _voice_of_their and_he/it_rose_up from_the_ground and_he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived to the_bed. **24** And_belonged_to_ _woman a_calf_of the_stall in_house and_she_made_haste and_ _she_slaughtered_it and_she/it_took flour and_she_kneaded_it and_she_baked_it unleavened_bread(s). **25** And_she_brought_ _them_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shāʾūl/(Saul) and_before_of servants_of_his and_they_ate and_they_arose and_they_went on_night (the)_that.

29:1 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_gathered ÐOM all_of armies_of_ _their to_ʾAfēq and_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) were_encamping at_spring which is_in_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel). **2** And_the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy were_passing_along to_hundreds and_to_thousands and_Dāvid and_men_of_his were_passing_along at_last with ʾAkīsh. **3** And_ the_commanders_of the_Pəlishtiy _they_said what are_the_ _ʿIvrī/(Hebrews) the_these and_ ʾAkīsh _he/it_said to the_ _commanders_of the_Pəlishtiy am_not is_this Dāvid the_ _servant_of Shāʾūl the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who he_has_ _been with_me this days or this years and_not I_have_found in_ _him/it anything from_the_day_of fell_he until the_day (the)_ _this. **4** And_they_were_angry on/upon/above_him/it the_ _commanders_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_said to_him/it the_ _commanders_of the_Pəlishtiy send_back ÐOM the_man so_ _that_he_may_return to place_of_his where you_assigned_him there and_not he_will_go_down with_us in_battle and_not he_ _will_become to/for_ourselves (into)_an_adversary in_battle and_how this_one will_he_make_himself_acceptable to master(s)_of_his am_not by_the_heads_of the_men the_those. **5** Am_not is_this Dāvid whom people_sing to_him/it in_

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ripped the kingdom away from you and given it to your neighbour David.[202] **18** You didn't do what Yahweh instructed and you didn't execute his anger against Amalek,[203] so that's why Yahweh is doing that to you today. **19** He will also allow Yisrael (Israel) to be defeated by the Pelishtim, and tomorrow you and your sons will be here with me. Yahweh will also allow Yisrael's entire camp of warriors to be captured by the Pelishtim."

20 Sha'ul, who'd been standing immediately toppled right over and crashed to the ground—he was very scared by Shmuel's words, plus he didn't have much strength because he hadn't eaten for twenty-four hours. **21** The woman knelt over Sha'ul and saw that he was terrified, and told him, "Listen to me. Your female servant has risked my life to do what you said and follow your instructions. **22** So now, although you're the king, please listen to your female servant. Let me get you some food, and then eat it to regain your strength for the journey home.

23 But he refused, saying, "No, I won't eat anything." However his servants and also the woman urged him, and he decided to take their advice so he got up from the ground and sat on the bed. **24** Now the woman had a calf in a stall at the house, and she quickly slaughtered it, She took flour and kneaded it and baked flat bread. **25** She placed the food in front of Sha'ul and his servants, and they ate before getting up and going out into the night.

The Pelishtim don't trust David · Full kingdom

29:1 Meanwhile, the Pelishtim had gathered in their camp at Afek, while the Israelis were camped near the Yizre'el (Jezreel) spring. **2** As the Pelishti leaders marched out groups of hundreds and thousands, David and his men were behind them with King Akish. **3** But the Pelishti commanders asked, "What are those Ivrim (Hebrews) doing here?"

"That's David," Akish replied. "He was the servant of King Sha'ul (Saul) of Yisrael (Israel), but he's been with me for over a year, and I haven't found anything distrustful in him from when he lost favour until today?"

4 But the Pelishti commanders were furious at him and told him, "Send that man back to whatever place you've given him! There's no way he's joining us in the battle! What if he turned against us during the fight? What better way could he have to win back his master's favour than by killing our men? **5** Isn't this the David that when they dance they sing,

'Sha'ul has struck down his thousands,

202 RV 28:17 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 15:28.

203 RV 28:18 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 15:3-9.

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and David his ten thousands'?"[206]

6 So Akish called David and told him, "As Yahweh lives, you've definitely been honest, and everything I've seen of your activities has been good, because I haven't seen you do anything wrong since the day you first arrived. However, these rulers don't approve of you, **7** so turn back and go in peace so that you don't do anything to displease them."

8 "But what have I done?" David rebutted. "What wrong have you found in your servant from the day I arrived at your place until now? Why can't I come and fight against the enemies of my master the king?"

9 "All I know, is that as far as I'm concerned you're as reliable as a messenger from God." Akish responded. "Nevertheless, the Pelishti commanders have said, 'He can't join our side in the battle.' **10** So you and your master's servants who came with you should get up with the early morning light and leave."

11 So David and his men packed up early in the morning to return to the Pelishtim region, but the Pelishti warriors headed towards Yizre'el (Jezreel).

David pursues the Amalekim · Full kingdom

30:1 David and his men got back to Tsiklag three days later and found that the Amalekim had raided Tsiklag and other parts of the wilderness in southern Yehudah (Judah). They had attacked Tsiklag then burnt it down, **2** capturing the women and children and everyone else. They hadn't killed anyone, but had taken them away with them, **3** so when David and his men arrived at the town, wow, it had been burnt down and their wives, and sons and daughters had been taken captive. **4** David and his men cried loudly until they didn't have the strength to cry any more. **5** David's two wives, Ahinoam (from Yizre'el (Jezreel)) and Avigayil (Naval's widow from Karmel),[209] had been taken captive along with the others.

6 David was in a tight spot because the men were considering throwing rocks at him to kill him, because they were very upset about their children, but he found strength in his god Yahweh. **7** Then David asked the priest Evyatar (Ahimelek's son),[210] "Please get the sacred apron and come back to me." So Evyatar got the sacred apron and went back to David. **8** Then David asked Yahweh, "If I chase after these raiders, will I catch up to them?"

"Chase them because you'll definitely catch up and you'll certainly be able to rescue the captives," Yahweh answered.

9 So David and the six hundred men who were with him took

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_dancing(s) to_say Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_has_struck_down (on)_his_ _of_thousands and_Dāvid in/on/at/with[207]. **6** And_ 'Akīsh _ _he/it_called (to) Dāvid and_he/it_said to_him/it by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because are_upright you and_good in_eyes_of_my your_going_out[208] and_coming_your with_me in_camp if/because not I_have_found in_you(ms) evil from_the_day_of came_you to_me until the_day the_this and_in_the_eyes_of the_rulers not are_good you. **7** And_now turn_back and_go in_ _peace and_not you_will_do evil in/on_both_eyes_of the_ _rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy. **8** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Akīsh if/because what have_I_done and_what have_you_found in_ _servant_of_your from_the_day when I_was to_your_face until the_day the_this that/for/because/then/when not I_will_go and_I_will_fight against_the_enemies_of my_master the_king. **9** And_ 'Akīsh _he_answered and_he/it_said to Dāvid I_know if/because_that are_good you in_eyes_of_my like_an_ _messenger_of god nevertheless the_commanders_of the_ _Pəlishtiy they_have_said not he_will_go_up with_us in_battle. **10** And_now rise_early in_morning and_the_servants_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your who they_have_come with_you and_you(pl)_will_rise_early in_morning and_it_will_be_light to/for_you(pl) and_go. **11** And_ Dāvid he and_men_of_his _he_ _rose_early to_go in_morning to_return to the_land_of the_ _Pəlishtiy and_the_Pəlishtiy they_went_up Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel).

30:1 And_he/it_was when_ Dāvid and_men_of_his _came Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) in_the_day the_third and_the_'Amālēqite[s] they_had_made_a_raid against the_Negev and_near/to Tsiqlag and_they_had_attacked ~~ÐØM~~ Tsiqlag and_they_had_burnt ~~ÐØM~~_ _her/it with_fire. **2** And_they_had_taken_captive ~~ÐØM~~ the_ _women who were_in_it from_small and_unto great not they_ _had_killed anyone and_they_had_driven_them_away and_ _they_had_gone to_way_of_their. **3** And_ Dāvid and_men_of_his _he_came to the_city and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was_burnt with_ _fire and_wives_of_their and_sons_of_their and_daughters_of_ _their they_had_been_taken_captive. **4** And_ Dāvid and_the_ _people which with_him/it _he_lifted_up ~~ÐØM~~ voice_of_their and_they_wept until that there_was_not (is)_in_them strength to_weep. **5** And_the_two_of the_wives_of Dāvid 'Aḥīno'am the_ _Jezreelite_woman and_'Avīgayil the_wife_of Nāval the_ _Karməlī/(Carmelite) they_had_been_taken_captive. **6** And_it_ _was_distress to_Dāvid exceedingly if/because the_people they_said to_stone_him if/because the_soul_of all_of the_ _people it_was_bitter everyone on mmm[211] and_on daughters_ _of_his and_ Dāvid _he_strengthened_himself in_**YHWH** his/its_god. **7** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Evyātār the_ _priest/officer the_son_of 'Aḥīmelek bring_near please to_me the_ephod and_ 'Evyātār _he_brought_near ~~ÐØM~~ the_ephod to Dāvid. **8** And_ Dāvid _he_enquired by_**YHWH** to_say will_I_ _pursue after the_marauding_band the_this will_I_overtake_it and_he/it_said to_him/it pursue if/because certainly_

206 **RV 29:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 18:7; 21:11.

207 **LV 29:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ב**/תבבר/**ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתְבְּבַר/בְּ': lemma_b/7233 n_0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_09hSt וְ/יִתְבְּבַר/**ב**

208 **LV 29:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

209 **RV 30:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 25:42-43.

210 **RV 30:7 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 22:20-23.

211 **LV 30:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **נב**/**ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָנֻב': lemma_1121 a morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_09gLX וְ/יָנֻב

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_(overtake) you_will_overtake_it and_certainly_(rescue) you_
_will_rescue_them. **9** And_he/it_went Dāvid he[212] and_six
hundred(s) man who with_him/it and_they_came to the_wadi_
_of (the)_Bəsōr and_those_who_were_left_behind they_
remained. **10** And Dāvid he and_four hundred(s) man _he_
pursued and two_hundred man who they_were_too_
_exhausted for_passing_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_wadi_of (the)_Bəsōr _
_they_stood. **11** And_they_found a_man from_
_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) in_the_field and_they_took
ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to Dāvid and_they_gave to_him/it bread and_he_
_ate and_they_gave_him_to_drink water. **12** And_they_gave to_
_him/it a_slice_of fig_cake and_two_of bunches_of_raisins and_
_he_ate and_ his/its_breath/wind/spirit _it_returned to_him/it
if/because not he_had_eaten food and_not he_had_drunk water
three days and_three nights. **13** And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid
belong_to_whom you and_where from_this are_you and_ am_a_
_young_man from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) _he/it_said I a_slave
of_a_man ʹAmālēqite and_he_abandoned_me my_master
if/because I_was_sick the_day (the)_three. **14** We we_had_
_made_a_raid the_Negeʋ_of the_Kerethite[s] and_on that_
_which belongs_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_on the_Negeʋ_of
Kālēʋ/(Caleb) and_ᴅᴏᴍ Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) we_had_burnt with_
_fire. **15** And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid will_you_take_me_
_down to the_marauding_band the_this and_he/it_said swear
to/for_me by_god if you_will_kill_me and_if you_will_deliver_
_me_up in_the_hand_of my_master and_I_will_take_you_down
to the_marauding_band (the)_this. **16** And_he_took_him_down
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_were_spread_out over the_surface_
_of all_of the_earth/land eating and_drinking and_celebrating
in_all_of the_plunder (the)_great which they_had_taken from_
_the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy and_from_the_land_of Yəhūdāh.
17 And_he_struck_them_down Dāvid from_the_twilight and_
_unto the_evening of_their_next_of_day and_not he_escaped
from_them anyone if/because (if) four hundred(s) man young_
_man who they_rode on the_camels and_they_fled. **18** And_
Dāvid _he_rescued ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that ʹAmālēq they_had_taken
and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of wives_of_his Dāvid he_rescued. **19** And_not
it_was_missing to/for_them from the_small(sg) and_unto the_
_great and_unto sons and_daughters and_from_the_booty and_
_unto all_of that they_had_taken to/for_them (the)_everything
Dāvid he_brought_back. **20** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ all_of
the_sheep and_the_cattle they_drove_them to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_livestock (the)_that and_they_said
this is_the_booty_of Dāvid. **21** And_ Dāvid _he_came to two_
_hundred the_men who they_had_been_too_exhausted for_
_going after Dāvid and_they_had_left_them_behind at_the_
_wadi_of (the)_Bəsōr and_they_went_out to_meet Dāvid and_
_to_meet the_people which with_him/it and_ Dāvid _he_
_approached ᴅᴏᴍ the_people and_he_asked to/for_them to_
welfare. **22** And every_of man evil and_worthlessness of_the_
_men who they_had_gone with Dāvid _he_answered and_they_
_said because that not they_went with_me not we_will_give
to/for_them any_of_the_booty which we_have_recovered
if/because (if) everyone ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_wife/woman and_ᴅᴏᴍ
children_of_his and_they_will_lead_them_away and_they_will_
go. **23** And Dāvid _he/it_said not you(pl)_must_do thus my_

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off and they reached the Besor riverbed, where some of the slower ones remained. **10** David and four hundred men continued, but two hundred more of the men who were exhausted stopped at the far end of the Besor riverbed. **11** They found an Mitsri (Egyptian) man in the countryside and took him to David. They gave him water to drink and bread to eat, **12** along with a slice of fig cake and two raisin clusters. He ate it and felt stronger again because he hadn't eaten or drunk for three full days. **13** "Who do you belong to?" David asked. "And where are you from?"

"I am an Mitsri," he replied. "I'm an Amaleki man's slave but my master left me three days ago because I got sick. **14** We'd raided the southern area of the Kereti as well as part of Yehudah (Judah) and the south of Kalev (Caleb). And we burnt down Tsiklag."

15 David asked him, "Can you lead us to them?"

"I'll take you to them," he answered, "if you promise by God that you won't kill me and won't hand me back over to my master." **16** So he took David down to the plain, and sure enough, there were the Amalekim spread out, eating and drinking and celebrating because of all the plunder that they had taken from the Pelishti and Yehudah regions. **17** David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day, and none of the Amalekim were able to escape except for four hundred young men who jumped on camels and fled. **18** So David was able to rescue everyone that the Amalekim had taken, including his two wives. **19** None of their sons or daughters were missing, and they also recovered all the animals and all the plunder—nothing was missing—big or small. **20** David took all the flocks and herds and they drove them in front of the other livestock, saying, "This is David's spoil."

21 Then David got back to the two hundred men who'd been too exhausted to go all the way with them. They'd stayed at the Besor riverbed, and they went out to meet David and his men. As David approached to greet them, **22** all the evil and worthless men who'd gone with David complained, "Because they didn't go with us, we won't give them any of the plunder that we recovered, except that each man can get his wife and children then take them away and leave."

23 "No, my brothers," David said. "You won't do that with what Yahweh has given to us. He's protected us and helped us defeat the raiders who came against us. **24** Who'll listen to you all when you talk like that? The portion for the ones who went and fought will be the same as for those who stayed with the equipment. They'll all share alike. **25** So from that time onwards, it's been a custom and law in Yisrael (Israel).

212 LV 30:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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David distributes gifts · Full kingdom

26 When David got back to Tsiklag, he sent a gift from some of the plunder to the elders in Yehudah (Judah), telling them, "Look, here's a blessing for you—some of the spoil from Yahweh's enemies." **27** Gifts were sent to: those in Beyt-El (Bethel), Ramot-Negev, Yatir, **28** Aroer, Sifmot, Eshtemoa, **29** Rakal, the cities of the Yerahme'elim and the Keynim, **30** Hormah, Bor-Ashan, Atak, **31** Hevron, and all the places where David and his men had been to.

The death of Sha'ul and his sons · Full kingdom[213]

31:1 Meanwhile, the Pelishtim were battling against Yisrael (Israel), and the Israelis fled from the Pelishtim but many were killed on Mt. Gilboa. **2** The Pelishtim stayed hard on the tail of Sha'ul (Saul) and his sons, and they killed his sons Yonatan (Jonathan), Avinadav, and Malkishua. **3** Then the battle was fierce around Sha'ul, then the Pelishti archers sighted him and he writhed in terrible pain from the arrows. **4** He said to the man carrying his equipment, "Draw out your sword and pierce me through with it, lest these uncircumcised Pelishtim come and pierce me through then torture me as I'm dying." But the man who carried his equipment was very scared and wouldn't do it, so Sha'ul took his sword and fell on it. **5** When the man carrying his equipment saw that the king was dead, he too fell on his sword and died with him. **6** So Sha'ul, three of his sons, and the man carrying his equipment all died on that same day, along with all his warriors. **7** When the Israelis on the north side of the Yizre'el (Jezreel) valley and on the east side of the Yarden (Jordan) saw that the Israeli warriors had fled and that Sha'ul and his sons had been killed, they left their cities and fled, and the Pelishtim came and lived in them.

8 The next day when the Pelishtim came to strip anything valuable from the bodies, they found the bodies of Sha'ul and his three sons there on Mt. Gilboa. **9** They cut off the king's head and took all his gear. Then they sent messengers all around the Pelishti region to spread their good news to the temples of their idols and to all their people. **10** They Sha'ul's armour and

213 RV 31:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 10:1-12

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_brothers_of_my ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ that_which **YHWH** he_has_given to/for_ _us and_he_has_kept us and_he/it_gave ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_marauding_ _band which_came on_us in_hand_of_our. **24** And_who will_he_ _listen to/for_you(pl) to_the_message/thing/matter the_this if/because like_the_share of_the_one_who_went_down in_ _battle and_like_the_share_of the_one_who_remained with the_ _vessels alike they_will_share. **25** And_he/it_was from_the_day (the)_that and_onwards and_he_made_it into_a_regulation and_into_a_judgement for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until the_day (the)_ _this.

26 And_ Dāvid _he_came to Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) and_he_sent some_ _of_the_booty to_the_elders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_friend_of_ _his to_say HERE to/for_you(pl) a_blessing from_the_booty_of the_enemies_of **YHWH**. **27** For_those_who in_house_of ʾēl and_ _for_those_who were_in_Ramoth_of the_Negev and_for_those_ _who were_in_Yattir/(Jattir). **28** And_for_those_who were_in_ _ʻArōʻēr and_for_those_who were_in_Sifmōt and_for_those_who were_in_'Eshtəmoʻa. **29** And_for_those_who were_in_Rākāl and_ _for_those_who were_in_the_cities_of the_Jerahmeelite[s] and_ _for_those_who were_in_the_cities_of the_Qēynī[s]. **30** And_for_ _those_who were_in_Ḥormāh and_for_those_who were_in_Bor-ashan and_for_those_who were_in_ʻAtāk. **31** And_for_those_ _who were_in_Ḥevrōn and_to/for_all the_places where he_ _had_gone_about there Dāvid he and_men_of_his.

31:1 And_the_Pəlishtiy were_fighting against_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_fled from_face/in_ _front_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_fell slain on_the_mountain_of (the)_Gilboʻa. **2** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_pursued_closely ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ sons_of_his and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_ _struck_down ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ 'Avīnādāv and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Malkī- Shūʻa the_sons_of Shā'ūl. **3** And_ the_battle _it_was_heavy against Shā'ūl and_they_found_him the_archers men with_bow and_he_was_in_severe_pain exceedingly from_the_archers. **4** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_ _the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his draw sword_of_your and_ _pierce_me_through with_it lest the_uncircumcised_men the_ _these they_should_come and_they_will_pierce_me_through and_they_will_deal_wantonly with_me and_not the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his he_was_willing if/because he_was_afraid exceedingly and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_took ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _drought//sword/knife and_he_fell on_it. **5** And_ the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his _he/it_saw if/because_that Shā'ūl he_ _had_died and_ also he _he_fell on sword_of_his and_he/it_died with_him/it. **6** And_ Shā'ūl and_three_of his_sons_of_his and_ _the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his also all_of men_of_his _ _he/it_died in_the_day (the)_that together. **7** And_they_saw the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who were_on_the_other_side_of the_valley and_which were_on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) if/because_that the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_fled and_because/when Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_sons_of_ _his they_had_died and_they_abandoned ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_cities and_ _they_fled and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_came and_they_lived in_ _them. **8** And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_came to_strip ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ones_slain and_they_found ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~

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Shā'ūl and_ĐOM the_three_of sons_of_his fallen on_the_ _mountain_of (the)_Gilbo´a. **9** And_they_cut_off ĐOM his/its_ _head and_they_stripped_off ĐOM armour(s)_of_his and_they_ _sent in_the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy all_around to_bear_the_news the_house_of their_idols_of_their and_ĐOM the_people. **10** And_ _they_put ĐOM armour(s)_of_his the_house_of ´Ashtārōt and_ _ĐOM corpse_of_his they_fixed on_the_wall_of Bēyt Shan. **11** And_they_heard to_him/it the_inhabitants_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) ĐOM that_which the_Pəlishtiy they_had_done to_Shā'ūl. **12** And_ every_of man_of strength _they_arose and_ _they_went all_of the_night and_they_took ĐOM the_corpse_of Shā'ūl and_ĐOM the_corpses_of his_sons_of_his from_the_wall_ _of Bēyt Shan and_they_came to_Yāvēsh and_they_burnt ĐOM_ _them there. **13** And_they_took ĐOM bones_of_their and_they_ _buried_them under the_tamarisk_tree in_Yāvēsh and_they_ _fasted seven_of days.

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weapons in the temple of the Ashtarot, and hung his body on the Beyt-Shean city wall.

11 When the residents of Yavesh-Gilead heard what the Pelishtim had done to Sha'ul's body, **12** all their warriors walked all night to take Sha'ul's body and those of his sons, off the wall at Beyt-Shean. They took them back to Yavesh and burnt them there. **13** Then they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Yavesh, and fasted for seven days.

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2 Shmuel

Introduction

Second Shmuel (commonly, but wrongly known as 'Samuel') is the continuation of *First Shmuel*—the two parts together are considered a single 'book' in the Jewish Bible—it's only split into two because it was too long to fit on a single scroll.

This the story of David's reign: firstly he ruled what became known as 'Yehudah' (Judah) in the south east (chapters 1–4), and eventually, the entire nation, including the much larger area of Yisrael (called 'Israel' in older translations) in the north east (Chapter 5–24). This document explains how David dealt with his enemies within the country, as well as battling with other nations in order to widen and strengthen his kingdom. David's faith and respect of God is demonstrated here, as well as his love for the people. However, despite that, he was also fierce and he was quite capable of disobeying God to get what he wanted. But God sees everything and seen his prophet Natan (Nathan) with a parable to show David his selfishness. David asked for forgiven for his sin and accepted the punishment that God gave him.

The times of peace and prosperity through the latter parts of David's rule were planted in the minds of the Hebrew people, and in the future when they faced difficulties, they would long for another king like David—a son (better 'a descendant') of David who would love God like him.

Main components of this account

The kingdom of David in Yehudah *1:1–4:12*
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1:1 And_he/it_was after the_death_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_Dāvid he_returned from_when_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_Amalek and_ Dāvid _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) days two. **2** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_third and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man was_coming from the_camp from_ _with Shā'ūl and_garments_of_his were_torn and_earth was_on his/its_head and_he/it_was when_came_he to Dāvid and_he_ _fell towards_land and_he_bowed_down. **3** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it Dāvid where from_this are_you_coming and_he/it_said to_him/it from_the_camp_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_have_escaped. **4** And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid what the_message was_it tell please to_me and_he/it_said which/who the_people it_has_fled from the_battle and_also many it_has_fallen of the_people and_ _they_have_died and_also Shā'ūl and_ _Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) his/its_son they_have_died. **5** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to the_young_man who_had_told to_ _him/it how do_you_know if/because_that Shā'ūl and_Yōnātān his/its_son he_has_died. **6** And_he/it_said the_young_man who_had_told to_him/it by_chance_(happen_to_be) I_found_ _myself on_the_mountain_of (the)_Gilbo'a and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Shā'ūl/(Saul) was_leaning on spear_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_chariotry and_the_owners_of the_ _horses they_overtook_him. **7** And_he_turned behind_him and_ _he_saw_me and_he/it_called to_me and_I_said here_I_am. **8** And_he/it_said to_me who are_you and[2] to_him/it am_an_ _Amalekite I. **9** And_he/it_said to_me stand please over_me and_kill_me if/because it_has_seized_me (the)_dizziness if/because all_of still life_of_my is_in_me. **10** And_I_stood on/upon/above_him/it and_I_killed_him if/because I_knew if/because_that not he_will_live after he_had_fallen and_I_took the_crown which was_on his/its_head and_an_armlet which was_on arm_of_his and_I_brought_them to my_master here. **11** And_ Dāvid _he_took_hold his[3] and_he_tore_them and_also all_of the_men who with_him/it. **12** And_they_mourned and_ _they_wept and_they_fasted until the_evening on Shā'ūl and_ _on Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) his/its_son and_on the_ _people_of **YHWH** and_on the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_had_fallen by_sword. **13** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _said to the_young_man who_had_told to_him/it where from_ _this are_you and_he/it_said am_the_son_of a_man a_sojourner an_Amalekite I. **14** And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid how not were_you_afraid to_stretch_out hand_of_your to_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_anointed_of **YHWH**. **15** And_ Dāvid _he/it_called to_ _one of_the_young_men and_he/it_said draw_near fall in/on/over_him/it and_he_struck_him_down and_he/it_died. **16** And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid mmm[4] be_on head_of_your if/because mouth_of_your_own it_has_testified in_you(ms) to_ _say I I_killed ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_anointed_of **YHWH**.

17 And_ Dāvid _he_made_a_lament ᴅᴏᴍ the_lamentation (the)_ _this on Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_on Yōnātān his/its_son. **18** And_ _he/it_said to_teach the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Bow HERE it_is_written on the_book_of the_upright_one. **19** The_

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David learns about Sha'ul's death · Full kingdom

1:1 After David returned from slaughtering the Amalekim, he stayed in Tsiklag for two days. (King Sha'ul (Saul) was dead by this time.) **2** Then on the third day, wow, a man came from Sha'ul's camp. He had torn clothes and dirt on his head, and when he got to David he fell onto his knees and bowed low. **3** "Where have you come from?" David asked him.

"I was in Yisrael's (Israel's) camp, but managed to escape." he replied. **4** "Why? What happened?" David demanded. "Tell me, please,"

"Our people fled from the battle," the man said. "Many fell and died. Even Sha'ul and his son Yonatan (Jonathan) died."

5 "How do you know that Sha'ul and Yonatan died?" David asked the young man who'd brought the news.

6 "I happened to be on Mt. Gilboa," the young man replied, "and listen, Sha'ul was leaning on his spear. Then wow, the chariots and the masters of the chariot horses overtook him,[1] **7** and he turned around and saw me. He called me and I answered, 'Here I am.' **8** 'Who are you?' he asked. 'I'm an Amaleki,' I told him. **9** Then he said to me, 'Please, come over here and kill me, because although I'm still alive, the pain is unbearable.' **10** So I stood over him and killed him, because I knew that with those wounds, he wouldn't live. Then I took the crown off his head and the bracelet on his arm, and I brought them here to you, my master."

11 Then David pulled at his clothes with his hands and tore them, and all the men with him did the same, **12** and they mourned and wept and fasted until the evening for Sha'ul and for his son Yonatan, and for Yahweh's people, because many Israelis had been killed.

13 Then David asked the young man who'd brought the news, "Where are you from?"

"I'm a foreigner's son," he replied, "an Amaleki." **14** "How come you weren't afraid to kill Yahweh's anointed king with your own hands?" David asked him. **15** Then David called to one of his young men, "Come over here and execute him." So he struck him, and he died. **16** "Your blood's on your own head," David told the Amaleki, "because you admitted in your own words that you, yourself killed Yahweh's anointed one."

David's song of mourning · Full kingdom

17 Then David sang this funeral song for Sha'ul (Saul) and his son Yonatan (Jonathan) **18** and said that it should be

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1 RV 1:6-10 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 31:1-6; 1Ch 10:1-6.

2 LV 1:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **רמאי/ו**: (x-qere) 'רָמְאִ֖י': lemma_c/559 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_10zio רָמְאִ֖ו

3 LV 1:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **דגב/ב/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְיִדְגְּבִ֖י': lemma_b/899 b n_1.0 morph_HR/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_10Ap3 וְיִדְגְּבִ֖ב

4 LV 1:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **ד/ימד**: (x-qere) 'דְּ֭מָיִךְ': lemma_1818 n_1.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_10sYp דְּ֭מָיִךְ

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taught to the people of Yehudah (Judah). It's called 'The bow' and indeed, it's written down in the Book of Yashar:[5]

19 "Yisrael's (Israel's) splendour was slain in the hills.
How the powerful warriors have died.
20 Don't tell them in Gat.
Don't let them take the news to Ashkelon's streets,
in case the Pelishti women celebrate,
and the daughters of the uncircumcised are elated.
21 You mountains in Gilboa,
may you have no dew or rain fall on you,
nor fields producing grain for offerings.
Because it was there that Sha'ul's shield was splattered with his blood,
and the leather won't be preserved with oil again.
22 From the blood of those slain—
from the fat of the warriors,
Yonatan's bow didn't retreat
and Sha'ul's sword didn't fail on its strikes.
23 Sha'ul (Saul) and Yonatan (Jonathan) were loved—
they pleased the people.
and even at their death they weren't separated.
They were swifter than eagles.
they were stronger than lions.
24 Weep for Sha'ul you daughters of Yisrael (Israel),
the one who dressed you in nice clothes with jewellery,
and gave you all gold brooches to put on.
25 Those warriors have fallen in the middle of the battle.
Yonatan has been killed there on the hills.
26 I grieve for you my dear friend Yonatan (Jonathan).
You were so kind to me.
Your friendship meant more to me than the women who say they love me.
27 Yes, those powerful warriors have fallen,
and those weapons of war have been destroyed."

The kingdom of David · Full kingdom

2:1 After that was over, David inquired from Yahweh, "Should I go into one of Yehudah's (Judah's) cities?"
"Yes, go," Yahweh answered.
"Where should I go?" David asked again.
"To Hevron," he said.
2 So David took his two wives (Ahinoam the Yizre'eli and Avigayil the widow of Naval the Karmeli)[6] and went there. 3 He took his men who were with him, along with their families, and went to live in Hevron and the surrounding towns. 4 Then the Yehudah leaders came and anointed David as king over Yehudah.
They told him, "It was the men of Yavesh-Gilead who buried Sha'ul (Saul)."[7] 5 So David sent messengers to Yavesh-Gilead to tell them, "May Yahweh bless you all because you showed that

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_beauty Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on places_of_your_high is_slain how the_mighty_ones they_have_fallen. 20 Do_not tell in_Gat do_not bear_news in_the_streets_of 'Ashqəlōn lest the_ _daughters_of the_Pəlishtiy they_should_rejoice lest the_ _daughters_of the_uncircumcised they_should_exult. 21 Oh_ _mountains_of in_Gilbo'a not dew and_not rain be_on_you(pl) and_fields_of contributions if/because there the_shield_of the_ _mighty_ones it_was_defiled the_shield_of Shā'ūl not was_ _anointed with_oil. 22 From_the_blood_of those_slain from_ _the_fat_of the_mighty_ones the_bow_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) not it_turned_back backwards and_the_sword_of Shā'ūl not it_returned empty. 23 Shā'ūl and_Yōnātān (the)_lovable and_(the)_pleasant in_ _lives_of_their and_in_death_of_their not they_were_separated more_than_eagles they_were_swift more_than_lions they_ _were_strong. 24 Oh_daughters_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) because_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) weep who_clothed_of_you(pl) scarlet with luxuries who_brought_up ornament[s]_of gold on clothing_of_ _your(pl). 25 How the_mighty_ones they_have_fallen in_the_ _middle_of_the_battle Yōnātān on places_of_your_high is_slain. 26 It_is_distress to_me on_you my_brother/kindred Yōnātān you_were_pleasant to/for_me very love_of_your it_was_ _wonderful to_me more_than_the_love_of women. 27 How the_ _mighty_ones they_have_fallen and_ the_weapons_of war _ _they_have_perished.

2:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_ Dāvid _he_enquired by_ _**YHWH** to_say will_I_go_up in_one_of the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it go_up and_ Dāvid _he/it_said where will_I_go_up and_he/it_said to_ _Ḥevrōn. 2 And_he/it_ascended there Dāvid and_also the_two_ _of wives_of_his 'Aḥīno'am the_Jezreelite_woman and_'Avīgayil the_wife_of Nāvāl the_Karməlī/(Carmelite). 3 And_men_of_his who with_him/it Dāvid he_brought_up each_man and_his/its_ _house(hold) and_they_lived in_the_cities_of Ḥevrōn. 4 And_ the_people_of Yəhūdāh _they_came and_they_anointed there ~~DOM~~ Dāvid to_king over the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_people_told to_Dāvid to_say were_the_men_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) those_who they_buried ~~DOM~~ Shā'ūl/(Saul). 5 And_ Dāvid _he_sent messengers to the_people_of Yāvēsh and_he/it_said to_them you(pl) be_blessed to/for_**YHWH** that you(pl)_have_done the_ _loyalty the_this with master(s)_of_your(pl) with Shā'ūl and_

5 **RV 1:18 · Cross-ref.** Josh 10:13.
6 **RV 2:2 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 25:42-43.
7 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 31:11-13.

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_you(pl)_have_buried ÐOM_him/it. **6** And_now **YHWH** may_he_ _do with_you(pl) covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness and_also I I_will_do with_you(pl) the_good (the)_this that you(pl)_have_ _done the_thing (the)_this. **7** And_now hands_of_your(pl) let_ _them_be_strong and_become (into)_sons_of strength if/because master(s)_of_your(pl) Shā'ūl he_has_died and_also ÐOM_me the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_have_anointed to_king over_them.

8 And_'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr the_commander_of the_army which belonged_to_Shā'ūl he_had_taken ÐOM Ish- boshet the_ _son_of Shā'ūl and_he_had_brought_him_over Maḥₐnāyim. **9** And_he_made_him_king to (the)_Gil'ād and_near/to the_ _Ashurite[s] and_to Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) and_over 'Efrayim and_ _over Binyāmīn and_over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_of_all. **10** Was_a_ _son_of forty year[s] Ish- boshet the_son_of Shā'ūl when_he_ _became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_two years he_reigned only the_house_of Yəhūdāh they_were after Dāvid. **11** And_ the_number_of the_days which he_was Dāvid king in_Ḥevrōn over the_house_of Yəhūdāh _he/it_was seven years and_six months. **12** And_ 'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr and_the_servants_of Ish- boshet the_son_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_went_out from_ _Maḥₐnāyim to_Giv'ōn. **13** And_Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) and_the_servants_of Dāvid they_went_out and_they_met_them at the_pool_of Giv'ōn together and_ these_men _they_lived at the_pool from_this and_these at the_ _pool from_this. **14** And_ 'Avnēr _he/it_said to Yō'āv let_them_ _arise please the_young_men and_let_them_play before_us and_ Yō'āv _he/it_said let_them_arise. **15** And_they_arose and_ _they_passed_by by_number two_plus ten for_Binyāmīn and_ _for_Ish- boshet the_son_of Shā'ūl and_two_plus ten of_the_ _servants_of of_Dāvid. **16** And_they_took_hold each on_the_ _head_of his/its_neighbour and_sword_of_his was_in_the_side_ _of his/its_neighbour and_they_fell together and_he/it_called (to)_place (the)_that Helkath Hazzurim which is_in_Giv'ōn. **17** And_it_became the_battle severe up_to muchness in_the_day (the)_that and_ 'Avnēr and_the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_ _was_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _servants_of Dāvid. **18** And_they_were there three the_sons_of Tsərūyāh Yō'āv and_'Avīshay and_'Asāh'ēl and_'Asāh'ēl was_swift on_feet_of_his like_one of_the_gazelles which are_in_country. **19** And_ 'Asāh'ēl _he_pursued after 'Avnēr and_not he_turned_ _aside to_go to the_right and_to the_left from_after 'Avnēr. **20** And_ 'Avnēr _he_turned behind_him and_he/it_said you is_ _this Oh_'Asāh'ēl and_he/it_said I. **21** And_he/it_said to_him/it 'Avnēr turn_aside to/for_yourself(m) to right_of_your or to left_of_your and_seize to/for_yourself(m) one of_the_young_ _men and_take to/for_yourself(m) ÐOM spoil_of_his and_not 'Asāh'ēl he_was_willing to_turn_aside from_after_him. **22** And_ _he_repeated again 'Avnēr to_say to 'Asāh'ēl turn_aside to/for_ _yourself(m) from_after_me to/for_what will_I_strike_you towards_land and_how will_I_lift_up face_of_my to Yō'āv/(Joab) your(ms)_brother/kindred. **23** And_he_refused to_ _turn_aside and_he_struck_him 'Avnēr with_the_back_end(s)_ _of the_spear into the_belly and_ the_spear _it_went_out from_

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kindness to your master Sha'ul to bury him respectfully. **6** Now may Yahweh treat you all with kindness and faithfulness, and I myself will also be good to you because you did that. **7** Meanwhile now that Sha'ul your master is dead, continue to be courageous and become brave warriors as Yehudah has anointed me as king over their tribe.

Disputes between Sha'ul and David's families · Full kingdom

8 However, Avner (Ner's son) who'd been Sha'ul's (Saul's) army commander had taken Sha'ul's son Ish-Boshet[8] across to Mahanayim **9** and declared him to be king over Gilead, and over the Ashurim and Yizre'el (Jezreel), and over Efrayim (Ephraim) and Benyamin, and over all of Yisrael (Israel). **10** Ish-Boshet was forty years old when he started to rule over the Israelis, and he ruled them for two years.

But the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) was loyal to David **11** and he ruled them for seven and a half years.

12 One day Avner left Mahanayim with some of Ish-Boshet's servants and went to Giveon, **13** but Yoav (Joab) (Tseruyah's son, traditionally called 'Yoav' in English) took some of David's servants and went and confronted them at the Giveon pool—one group on each side of the pool. **14** Then Avner said to Yoav, "Let's get some of these young warriors to fight it out in front of us."

"Sounds good to me," said Yoav.

15 So they stood up and counted off twelve representing Benyamin and Sha'ul's (Saul's) son Ish-Boshet and twelve from David's servants. **16** Each of them grabbed his opponent's head and then thrust his sword into his side, so they both fell down dead together. So that place in Giveon was named 'Helkat-Hatsurim' (meaning 'Field of Daggers').

17 That led on to a very intense battle that day, but Avner and the Israeli men were defeated by David's servants. **18** Tseruyah's three sons were there: Yoav, Avishay, and Asahel, (Asahel was a fast runner—like a wild antelope.) **19** and Asahel chased after Avner and wouldn't give up. **20** Avner turned and said, "Is that you, Asahel?"

"Yes, it's me," he answered.

21 "I'm warning you: Stop chasing me and go after someone else instead," Avner called back. But Asahel wouldn't give up **22** so Avner tried again, "Stop chasing me! You'll force me to kill you, then how could I face your brother Yoav?" **23** But Asahel wouldn't give up so Avner thrust the butt end of his spear into his stomach and it went right through and came out his back. He fell to the ground and died there, and when the others caught up, they stopped there.

24 But Yoav and Avishay kept going after Avner. As the sun was setting, they came to the Amah hill (east of Giyah, along the road to the wilderness near Giveon) **25** and the Benyamites lined

8 RV 2:8 · Note Also known as Esh-Baal. (See 1 Chronicles 8:33.)

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up behind Avner as an coordinated unit there on top of the hill.
26 Avner called out to Yoav, "Are we just going to keep killing each other? Don't you know that the only result can be more bitterness? How long will you go on before you command your people to stop killing their cousins?"
27 "As God lives," Yoav replied, "if you hadn't said that, then surely it would have been morning before they would have pulled back from the chase." **28** So Yoav had a trumpet blown and his men stopped fighting and pursing the Israelis.
29 Then Avner and his men walked all that night through the Yarden (Jordan) river plain, then crossed the river and walked all morning until they got back to Mahanayim.
30 When Yoav had assembled them all and counted them, only Asahel and nineteen others had been killed in the battle, **31** although they had killed 360 of Avner's Benyamite warriors.
32 They retrieved Asahel's body and buried it in his father's tomb in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem). Then they walked all night and got back to Hevron at first light.
3:1 Nevertheless the war between Sha'ul's (Saul's) and David's followers dragged on and on, but overall, David's side had more wins than the followers of Ish-Boshet.

David's sons · Full kingdom

2 David's wives gave birth to six sons while they were based there in Hevron: Ahinoam (the Yizre'eli) gave birth to Amnon, **3** then Avigayil (the widow of Naval the Karmeli) gave birth to Kilav, and Ma'akah (daughter of King Talmay of Geshur) gave birth to Avshalom (Absalom). **4** The fourth was Adoniyah (son of Hagit), the fifth was Shefatyah (son of Avital), **5** and the sixth was Yitream (son of David's wife Eglah). All six of those sons were born to David in Hevron.

Avner switches over to David · Full kingdom

6 While the war between Sha'ul's (Saul's) son Ish-Boshet and David's supporters continued, Avner was strengthening himself with Sha'ul's supporters. **7** Now Sha'ul had had a slave-wife named Ritspah (daughter of Ayah) and Avner slept with her. So

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_behind_him and_he_fell there and_he/it_died his_place[9] and_
_he/it_was every_of (the)_one_who_came to the_place where
he_fell there ʼAsāhʾēl and_he/it_died and_they_stood_still.
24 And_ Yōʾāv and_ʾAvīshay _they_pursued after ʾAvnēr and_
_the_sun it_set and_they they_came to the_hill_of ʾAmmāh
which is_on the_face_of Giyaaḥ the_way_of the_wilderness_of
Giv ʻōn. **25** And_ the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_gathered_
_together behind ʾAvnēr and_they_were (into)_a_band one
and_they_stood on the_top_of a_hill one. **26** And_ ʾAvnēr _
_he/it_called to Yōʾāv and_he/it_said to_perpetuity the_sword
will_it_devour am_not do_you_know if/because_that bitter it_
_will_be at_last and_unto when not will_you_say to_people to_
_turn_back from_after brothers_of_their. **27** And_ Yōʾāv _he/it_
_said by_the_life the_ʾElohīm if/because if_not you_had_spoken
if/because then from_the_morning the_people it_had_
_abandoned_pursuit each from_after his/its_brother. **28** And_
Yōʾāv/(Joab) _he_gave_a_blast on_trumpet and_ all_of the_
_people _they_stood and_not they_pursued again after
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_not they_repeated again to_wage_war.
29 And_ʾAvnēr and_men_of_his they_went in_ʻArāvāh all_of
the_night (the)_that and_they_passed_over ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_went all_of (the)_Bitron and_they_
_came Maḥanāyim. **30** And_Yōʾāv he_returned from_after
ʾAvnēr and_he_gathered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of the_people and_they_were_
_missed of_the_servants_of of_Dāvid nine- teen man and_ʻAsāh-
ʾēl. **31** And_the_servants_of Dāvid they_had_struck_down of_
_Binyāmīn and_among_the_men_of ʾAvnēr three hundred(s)
and_sixty man they_had_died. **32** And_people_lifted_up ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~
ʻAsāhʾēl and_they_buried_him in_the_tomb_of his/its_father
which was_Bēyt- leḥem and_they_went all_of the_night Yōʾāv
and_men_of_his and_it_became_light to/for_them at_Ḥevrōn.
3:1 And_it_became the_war long between the_house_of
Shāʾūl/(Saul) and_between the_house_of Dāvid and_Dāvid was_
_going and_strong and_the_house_of Shāʾūl were_going and_
_weak.
2 And[1011] to_Dāvid sons in_Ḥevrōn and_he/it_was firstborn_of_
_his ʾAmnōn of_ʾAḥīnoʻam the_Jezreelite_woman. **3** And_was_
_second_of_his Kileab mmm[1213] the_wife_of Nāvāl the_
_Karməlī/(Carmelite) and_was_the_third ʾAvīshālōm the_son_
_of Maʻakāh the_daughter_of Talmay the_king_of Gəshūr.
4 And_was_the_fourth ʾAdoniyʸāh the_son_of Ḥaggit and_was_
_the_fifth Shəfaṭʸāh the_son_of ʾAvīṭal. **5** And_was_the_sixth
Yitrəʻām/(Ithream) of_ʻEglāh the_wife_of Dāvid these they_
_were_born to_Dāvid in_Ḥevrōn.

6 And_he/it_was when_was (the)_war between the_house_of
Shāʾūl and_between the_house_of Dāvid and_ʾAvnēr he_was
strengthening_himself in_house_of Shāʾūl. **7** And_belonged_to_
_Shāʾūl a_concubine and_name_of_her was_Ritspāh the_
_daughter_of ʾAyʸāh and_he/it_said to ʾAvnēr why have_you_
_gone into the_concubine_of my_father_of_my. **8** And_it_

9 LV 2:23 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תחת: (x-qere) ו/יָתְחַתּ: lemma_8478 n_1 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_10LY2 ו/יָתְחַתּ
10 LV 3:2 · Note OSHB variant note: ודלי/ו: (x-qere) ו/וְדָלְוַי: lemma_c/3205 morph_HC/VNw3mp id_10SMW ו/וְדָלְוַי
11 LV 3:2 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.
12 LV 3:3 · Note OSHB variant note: לניבא/ל: (x-qere) ל/לַּגִּיבָא: lemma_l/26 n_1.1 morph_HR/Np id_109fJ ל/לַּגִּיבָא
13 LV 3:3 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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glowed/burnt to'Avnēr exceedingly on the_words/messages_ _of Ish- boshet and_he/it_said the_head_of a_dog am_I which belongs_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_day I_show loyalty with the_ _house_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) father_of_your to brothers_of_his and_ _near/to friend[s]_of_his_close and_not I_have_delivered_you in_the_hand_of Dāvid and_you_have_visited on_me the_guilt_of the_woman the_day. **9** Thus god may_he_do to_'Avnēr and_ _thus may_he_add to_him/it if/because just_as **YHWH** he_ _swore to_Dāvid if/because so I_will_do for_him/it. **10** To_take_ _away the_kingdom from_the_house_of Shā'ūl and_to_establish ĐOM the_throne_of Dāvid over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_over Yəhūdāh from_Dān and_unto Bə'ēr Shevaʿ. **11** And_not he_was_ _able again to_bring_back ĐOM 'Avnēr a_message because_ _feared_he ĐOM_him/it. **12** And_ 'Avnēr _he_sent messengers to Dāvid place_of_himself[16] to_say belongs_to_whom the_land to_ _say make covenant_of_your with_me and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE hand_of_my will_be_with_you to_bring_round to_you ĐOM all_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_he/it_said good I I_will_make with_ _you a_covenant only a_thing one I am_asking from_with_you to_say not you_will_see ĐOM face_of_my if/because (if) to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before bring_you ĐOM Mīkāl the_ _daughter_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) when_come_you to_see ĐOM face_ _of_my. **14** And_ Dāvid _he_sent messengers to Ish- boshet the_ _son_of Shā'ūl to_say give ĐOM wife_of_my ĐOM Mīkāl whom I_ _betrothed to_me for_a_hundred foreskins_of Pəlishtiy. **15** And_ Ish- boshet _he_sent and_he_took_her from_with a_husband from_with Palṭī'ēl/(Paltiel) the_son_of Layish[17]. **16** And_he/it_ _went with_her her/its_husband/man going and_weeping after_her to Baḥurīm and_he/it_said to_him/it 'Avnēr go return and_he_returned. **17** And_the_message_of 'Avnēr it_was with the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say both yesterday as_ _well_as the_third_day you(pl)_were seeking ĐOM Dāvid to_king over_you(pl). **18** And_now act if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken to Dāvid to_say by_the_hand_of Dāvid servant_of_my to_deliver ĐOM people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_hand_of the_ _Pəlishtiy and_from_the_hand_of all_of enemies_of_their. **19** And_ also 'Avnēr _he/it_spoke in_the_ears_of Binyāmīn and_ also 'Avnēr _he/it_went to_speak in_the_ears_of Dāvid at_ _Ḥevrōn ĐOM all_of that was_good in/on_both_eyes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_in_the_eyes_of all_of the_house_of Binyāmīn. **20** And_ 'Avnēr _he_came to Dāvid Ḥevrōn and_ _were_with_him twenty men and_ Dāvid _he/it_made for_ _'Avnēr and_for_the_men who with_him/it a_feast. **21** And_ 'Avnēr _he/it_said to Dāvid let_me_arise and_let_me_go and_ _let_me_gather to my_master the_king ĐOM all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_they_may_make with_you a_covenant and_you_will_reign over_all that self_of_your it_desires and_ Dāvid _he_sent_away ĐOM 'Avnēr and_he/it_went in_peace.

22 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_servants_of Dāvid and_ _Yō'āv/(Joab) was_coming from_the_raid and_plunder much with_them they_had_brought and_'Avnēr not_he was_with Dāvid in_Ḥevrōn if/because he_had_sent_him_away and_he/it_

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Ish-Boshet demanded, "Why have you slept with my father's slave-wife?" **8** Avner became very angry at this challenge from Ish-Boshet and snapped back, "Do you think I'm Yehudah's (Judah's) dog hiding out over here? Today I've been helping Sha'ul's family: your father, his brothers, and his friends, and I won't let you fall into David's hands. Yet today you bring some charge against me to do with a woman? **9** May God punish me if I don't do for David exactly what Yahweh promised him **10** and help with the transfer of the kingdom away from your family and to establish David's kingdom over both Yehudah and Yisrael (Israel), from Dan down to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba)."[14]
11 Ish-Boshet didn't say a word back to Avner because he was very scared of him.

12 Then Avner sent messengers to David to tell him, "Who should be king of this country? Let's come to an agreement and then I could join you and help make all of Yisrael turn to you."

13 "Yes, good," David replied. "I'm happy to come to an agreement with you on one condition: you must bring my wife—Sha'ul's daughter, Mikal—if you want to be accepted here."
14 Then David sent messengers to Sha'ul's son Ish-Boshet saying, "Give Mikal back to me. I earnt her as my wife with the foreskins of one-hundred Pelishtim."[15] **15** So Ish-Boshet had her taken from her husband (Layish's son Paltiel), **16** but he walked along behind her, weeping, as far as Bahurim where finally Avner told him to go back home and so he did.

17 Then Avner conferred with the Israeli elders saying, "Previously you were wanting David to be king over you, **18** but now it's time for action. Yahweh has already said, 'I'm going to use my servant David to rescue my people Yisrael from the Pelishtim and all their other enemies.' " **19** Avner also spoke privately with the Benyamites, then he went to Hevron to tell David privately what the Israelis and the Benyamites had agreed to.

20 Then Avner took twenty men and went to David at Hevron, and David put on a feast for all of them. **21** Avner asked David, "My master, the king. Let me get ready and go, and let me encourage all of Yisrael that they'll make an agreement with you so that you will be king over the entire area as you've been wanting." So David sent Avner, and he went in peace.

Yoav murders Avner · Full kingdom

22 Soon afterwards, Yoav (Joab) and some of David's men arrived after a raid and carried in a lot of plunder. (Avner had already left Hevron

14 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 15:28.

15 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 18:27.

16 **LV 3:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: תחת/ו: (x-qere) יְתִחַתּ/ו': lemma_8478 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_10t1W יְתִחַתּ/ו

17 **LV 3:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: שול: (x-qere) שִׁיל': lemma_3919 b n_0 morph_HNp id_108zu שִׁיל

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because David had sent him off and he'd left in peace.) **23** When Yoav and all the fighters with him arrived, he was told that Avner had been there and spoken with the king, then sent away in peace. **24** So Yoav went to the king and demanded, "What have you done? Avner came to you and I can't believe that you'd let him go, but he's definitely not here now. **25** Surely you realise that he only came here to influence you and to find out where you're coming from and going to, and to learn everything that you're doing?"

26 Once Yoav had finished talking to David, he sent messengers to catch up to Avner. They found him at the Sirah cistern and brought him back without David's knowledge. **27** When Avner got back to Hevron, Yoav took him aside at the city gate as if to speak to him privately, then stabbed him in the stomach and he died as vengeance for killing Yoav's brother Asahel. **28** Later when David heard about it, he declared, "I and my kingdom are innocent of Avner's death in Yahweh's eyes. **29** May Yoav's extended family continually suffer from sores or leprosy, and be forced into manual labour or be killed in battle, or run out of food to eat." **30** (That's how Yoav and his brother Avishay murdered Avner because he'd killed their brother Asahel in Giveon during the war.)

Abnir's burial · Full kingdom

31 Then David instructed Yoav (Joab) and all the people with him, "Tear your clothes and put on sackcloth and mourn for Avner." Later at the funeral, King David walked behind the coffin **32** and they buried Avner in Hevron. The king cried loudly at the tomb, and the people also wept. **33** The king sang this song for Avner:

"Avner shouldn't have died as if he was just some drunken fool.
34 He wasn't handcuffed or with his feet in chains.
He fell like someone disturbing a burglar."

And so the people wept even more for him.

35 Many people brought food to David during the day, but he promised, "May God severely punish me if I eat anything before the sun goes down." **36** All the people recognised David's dignity in handling this matter and were pleased with his behaviour, just as they were pleased with everything that the king did, **37** and everyone throughout Yisrael (Israel) knew that the king hadn't ordered for Avner (Ner's son) to be executed. **38** Then the king told his servants, "Don't you all realise that Yisrael lost a leader and a great man today? **39** Although I was anointed as king, I feel tender today. Those sons of Tseruyah are more violent than me. May Yahweh repay evil people appropriately for their actions."

Literal Version

_went in_peace. **23** And_Yō'āv and_all the_army which with_ _him/it they_came and_people_told to_Yō'āv to_say 'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr he_came to the_king and_he/it_sent_out/away_ _him/it and_he/it_went in_peace. **24** And_ Yō'āv _he_went to the_king and_he/it_said what have_you_done HERE 'Avnēr he_ _came to_you to/for_what this did_you_send_him_away and_ _he/it_went completely_(go). **25** You_know ĐOM 'Avnēr the_ _son_of Nēr if/because_that to_deceive_you he_came and_to_ _know ĐOM out_of and_ĐOM mmm[18] and_to_know ĐOM all_of that you are_doing. **26** And_ Yō'āv _he/it_went_out from_with Dāvid and_he_sent messengers after 'Avnēr and_they_brought_ _back ĐOM_him/it from_well_of Sirah and_Dāvid not he_knew. **27** And_ 'Avnēr _he_returned Ḫevrōn and_he_turned_him_ _aside Yō'āv into the_middle_of the_gate to_speak with_him/it in_quietness and_he_struck_him there the_belly and_he/it_ _died for_the_blood_of ʿAsāh-ʾēl his/its_brother. **28** And_ Dāvid _he/it_listened from_after thus and_he/it_said am_innocent I and_kingdom_of_my from_with **YHWH** until perpetuity from_ _the_blood(s)_of 'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr. **29** Let_them_whirl over the_head_of Yō'āv/(Joab) and_near/to all_of the_house_of his/its_father and_not let_him_be_cut_off from_the_house_of Yō'āv one_who_suffers_a_discharge and_one_who_has_a_skin_ _disease and_one_who_takes_hold on_spindle and_one_who_ _falls by_sword and_one_lacking_of bread. **30** And_Yō'āv and_ _'Avīshay his/its_brother they_killed (to)_'Avnēr on that he_ _had_killed ĐOM ʿAsāhʾēl brother_of_their at_Givʿōn in_battle. **31** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Yō'āv and_near/to all_of the_ _people which with_him/it tear garments_of_your(pl) and_ _gird_yourselves sackcloth(s) and_mourn to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before 'Avnēr and_the_king Dāvid was_walking after the_bier. **32** And_they_buried ĐOM 'Avnēr in_Ḫevrōn and_he_ _lifted_up[19] the_king ĐOM voice_of_his and_he_wept to the_ _grave_of 'Avnēr and_ all_of the_people _they_wept. **33** And_ the_king _he_made_a_lament concerning 'Avnēr and_he_said like_the_death_of a_fool 'Avnēr will_he_die. **34** Hand_of_your not were_bound and_feet_of_your not to_bronze_fetters they_ _were_brought_near as_falls to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before sons_of injustice you_have_fallen and_ all_of the_ _people _they_repeated to_weep on/upon/above_him/it. **35** And_ all_of the_people _it_came to_make_to_eat ĐOM Dāvid bread while_still the_day and_ Dāvid _he_swore_an_oath to_say thus may_he_do to/for_me god and_thus may_he_add if/because if to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_sun goes I_will_taste bread or all_of anything. **36** And_all the_people they_paid_regard and_it_was_good in_eyes_of_their like_all that the_king he_did in/on_both_eyes_of all_of the_people it_ _was_good. **37** And_ all_of the_people and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _ _they_knew in_the_day (the)_that if/because_that not it_was from_the_king to_kill ĐOM 'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr. **38** And_ the_ _king _he/it_said to servants_of_his am_not do_you(pl)_know if/because_that a_leader and_a_great_man he_has_fallen the_ _day the_this in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **39** And_I the_day am_weak and_ king _I_am_anointed and_the_men the_these the_sons_of

18 LV 3:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **ד/אובמ**: (x-qere) 'דֹּ֫אָבֹנִ֥ם': lemma_4126 n_0.2 morph_HNcmpc/Sp2ms id_10eEg דֹּ֫אָבֹנִ֥ם

19 LV 3:32 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

Tsərūʸᵃʰ/(Zeruiah) are_too_hard for_me **YHWH** may_he_repay to_the_one_who_does_of (of)_the_evil according_to_of_his_evil.

4:1 And_ the_son_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_listened if/because_ _that 'Avnēr he_had_died in_Ḥevrōn and_ hands_of_his _they_ _dropped and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_terrified. **2** And_ _two_of men commanders_of marauding_bands they_were the_ _son_of Shā'ūl the_name_of the_one was_Ba'anāh and_name_of the_second was_Rēkāv the_sons_of Rimmōn the_Bə'ērōtite from_(the)_sons of_Binyāmīn if/because also Bə'ērōt it_is_ _reckoned to Binyāmīn. **3** And_ the_Bə'ērōtites _they_had_fled to_Gittayim and_they_have_been there sojourning until the_ _day (the)_this. **4** And_belonged_to_ _Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shā'ūl a_son stricken_of feet a_son_of five years he_was when_ the_report_of Shā'ūl and_Yōnātān _came from_Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) and_she_ _lifted_him nurse_of_his and_she_fled and_he/it_was when_ _she_made_haste to_flee and_he_fell and_he_became_lame and_his/its_name was_Mephiboshet. **5** And_ the_sons_of Rimmōn the_Bə'ērōtite Rēkāv and_Ba'anāh _they_went and_ _they_came about_the_heat_of the_day to the_house_of Ish-boshet and_he was_lying ᴅᴏᴍ the_lying_of (the)_noon(s). **6** And_they(f) they_came to the_middle_of the_house taking_of (of)_wheat(s) and_they_struck_him into the_belly and_Rēkāv and_Ba'anāh his/its_brother they_escaped. **7** And_they_came the_house and_he was_lying on bed_of_his in_the_chamber_of his_lying_down_of_his and_they_struck_him and_they_killed_ _him and_they_removed ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_head and_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_head and_they_went the_way_of the_'Arāvāh all_of the_ _night. **8** And_they_brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_head_of Ish- boshet to Dāvid Ḥevrōn and_they_said to the_king HERE the_head_of Ish-boshet the_son_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) enemy_of_your who he_sought ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_your and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave to_master_of_my the_king vengeance(s) the_day the_this from_Shā'ūl and_from_ _offspring_of_his. **9** And_ Dāvid _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ Rēkāv and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ Ba'anāh his/its_brother the_sons_of Rimmōn the_ _Bə'ērōtite and_he/it_said to/for_them by_the_life of_**YHWH** who he_has_ransomed ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_my from_all trouble. **10** If/because the_one_who_told to_me to_say HERE Shā'ūl he_ _has_died and_he he_was like_one_bearing_news in_his_own_ _of_eyes and_I_took_hold in_him/it and_I_killed_him in_ _Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) that I_gave_me to_him/it news. **11** Indeed if/because men wicked they_have_killed ᴅᴏᴍ a_man righteous in_his_own_of_house on bed_of_his_own and_now am_not will_ _I_require ᴅᴏᴍ blood_of_his from_hand_of_your(pl) and_I_will_ _remove you(pl) from the_earth/land. **12** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ the_young_men and_they_killed_them and_ _they_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ hands_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ feet_of_their and_ _they_hanged_them at the_pool in_Ḥevrōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_head_ _of Ish- boshet they_took and_they_buried_it in_the_tomb_of 'Avnēr at_Ḥevrōn.

Readers' Version

The murder of Ish-Boshet · Full kingdom

4:1 When Sha'ul's (Saul's) son Ish-Boshet heard that Avner had been killed in Hevron, he lost courage and all Yisrael (Israel) was horrified. **2** He had two men who were leaders of raiding parties. They were Rimon's sons Ba'anah and Rekav from Be'erot in the Benyamite region, **3** but the people from Be'erot had fled to Gitayim where they've stayed until now.

4 (Sha'ul's son Yonatan (Jonathan) had a son named Mefiboshet. He was five years old when the report about Sha'ul and Yonatan's death came from Yizre'el (Jezreel). Mefiboshet's nanny picked him up to run to safety, but in her hurry he fell and became crippled in his legs.)[20]

5 One day, Ba'anah and Rekav (the sons of Rimon from Be'erot) walked to Ish-Boshet's house, arriving in the middle of the day when he was taking a nap. **6–7** They entered the middle of the house as if getting wheat, then entered the inner room where @Ish-Boshet was on the bed. They struck him in the body, killing him, then they cut off his head. Then Rekav and Ba'anah took the head and escaped, and walked all night through the Aravah. **8** They took Ish-Boshet's head to David at Hevron and told the king, "Look, here's the head of Ish-Boshet, the son of your enemy Sha'ul who tried to kill you. Today Yahweh's given vengeance to my master the king against Sha'ul and his descendants."

9 Then David answered Rekav and his brother Ba'anah (the sons of Rimon from Be'erot), "As Yahweh lives, having delivered my life from every distress, **10** when the messenger came to Tsiklag thinking he was bringing me good news and told me that Sha'ul was dead, I had him seized and executed.[21] **11** Now how much more when wicked men have killed an innocent man on his bed in his own house. Shouldn't I avenge you two for his murder and remove you from the earth?" **12** Then David commanded some of the young men and they killed the two brothers and cut of their hands and feet and hung them[22] beside the Hevron pool, but they took Ish-Boshet's head and buried it there in Hevron in Avner's tomb.

20 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 9:3.

21 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 1:1-16.

22 **RV 4:12 · Note** It's ambiguous in the Hebrew whether the hands and feet were strung up, or the actual bodies.

Readers' Version

David becomes king of all Yisrael · Full kingdom[23]

5:1 Then the leaders of all of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes came to David at Hevron and said to him, "Listen, we're all close relations. **2** In the past when Sha'ul (Saul) was our king, you were the one who actually showed leadership of the people. Yahweh has already told you that you will shepherd Yisrael and become our king." **3** So with Yahweh as their witness, all the Israeli elders made a formal agreement with David, and they anointed him as king over all Yisrael. **4** David was thirty years old when he became their king and he reigned for a total of forty years:[24] **5** seven and a half years in Hevron as king of Yehudah (Judah), then thirty-three years in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) as king over all Yisrael and Yehudah.

David captures Yerushalem · Full kingdom

6 The king and his men battled against the Yevusim who lived in and around Yerushalem (Jerusalem),[28] but Yevusim mocked David, "You'll never break in here—even blind and crippled men could keep you out," because they thought that David couldn't get in. **7** But David *did* capture that Tsiyon (Zion) fortress that then became known as David's city.

8 He'd told his men that day, "Anyone wanting to strike the Yevusim should use the water tunnel to reach the lame people and the blind people—the ones who are hated by David." (That's why they say that blind and crippled people shouldn't enter the house.[29])

9 So David lived in that fortress and called it 'David's city'—expanding it on all sides. **10** David continued to grow more powerful because Yahweh, Commander-in-chief God was with him.

11 King Hiram from Tsor (Tyre) sent messengers to David, then he sent carpenters and stone-cutters to build a palace for David.

12 David knew that Yahweh had established him as king over all Yisrael (Israel) and that he was prospering the kingdom for the sake of his people the Israelis.

13 After David moved from Hevron to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he married more wives and took more slave-wives, all of whom produced more sons and daughters for him. **14** The names of his sons who were born in Yerushalem were Shamua, Shovav, Natan (Nathan), Shelomoh (Solomon), **15** Yavehar, Elishua, Nefeg, Yafia,

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5:1 And_ all_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came to Dāvid to_Ḥevrōn and_they_said to_say HERE_we_are bone_of_ _are_your and_flesh_of_your we. **2** Both yesterday as_well_as three_days_ago when_was Shā'ūl/(Saul) king over_us you you_ _were[25] the_one_who_led_out[26] and_the[27] ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to/for_yourself(m) you you_will_ _shepherd ÐØM people_of_my ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(ms) you_will_become (into)_ruler over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_ all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came to the_king to_ _Ḥevrōn and_he_made to/for_them the_king Dāvid a_covenant at_Ḥevrōn to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _they_anointed ÐØM Dāvid to_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** Was_ _a_son_of thirty year[s] Dāvid when_he_became_king forty year[s] he_reigned. **5** In_Ḥevrōn he_reigned over Yəhūdāh/(Judah) seven years and_six months and_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_reigned thirty and_three year[s] over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah).

6 And_ the_king and_men_of_his _he/it_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) against the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] who_was_dwelling_of the_earth/land and_he/it_said to_Dāvid to_say not you_will_come here if/because (if) he_will_turn_ _you_aside the_blind_people and_the_lame_people to_say not Dāvid he_will_come here. **7** And_ Dāvid _he_captured ÐØM the_ _stronghold_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) that is_the_city_of Dāvid. **8** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said in_the_day (the)_that any_of one_who_ _attacks_of (of)_a_Yəvūşī and_let_him_approach by_tunnel and_ÐØM the_lame_people and_ÐØM the_blind_people who_are_ _hated_of[30] of_the_self_of of_Dāvid therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_say a_blind_person and_a_lame_ _person not he_will_go into the_house. **9** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived in_stronghold and_he/it_called to/for_her/it the_city_of Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he/it_built round_ _about from the_Millō' and_to_the_inside. **10** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_went going and_becoming_great and_**YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers with_him/it. **11** And_ Ḥīrām the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) _he_sent messengers to Dāvid and_wood(s)_of cedars and_craftsmen_of wood and_craftsmen_of the_stone_of a_wall and_they_built a_house for_Dāvid. **12** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _knew if/because_that he_had_appointed_him **YHWH** to_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_because/when he_had_exalted his/its_kingdom in_account_of people_of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took again concubines and_wives from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) after came_he from_Ḥevrōn and_ _they_were_born[3132] again to_Dāvid sons and_daughters. **14** And_these are_the_names_of the_ones_born to_him/it in_

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23 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 11:1-9; 14:1-7

24 **RV 5:4-5 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 2:11; 1Ch 3:4; 29:27.

25 **LV 5:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התיה**: (x-qere) 'תֵּיָה'; lemma_1961 n_1.0.0 morph_HVqp2ms id_10YiJ תֵּיָה

26 **LV 5:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **איצומ**: (x-qere) 'אֵיצוֹמִ/ה': lemma_d/3318 morph_HTd/Vhrmsa id_10C33 אֵיצוֹמִ/ה

27 **LV 5:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יבמ/ה/ו**: (x-qere) 'אֵיבֵמִ/ה/ו': lemma_c/d/935 n_1.0 morph_HC/Td/Vhrmsa id_102Z4 אֵיבֵמִ/ה/ו

28 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Josh 15:63; Jdg 1:21.

29 **RV 5:8 · Note** Left ambiguous here because it's not clear from the Hebrew. (Some think 'David's palace' while others go for 'God's temple'.)

30 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ואנש**: (x-qere) 'יֵאָנֵשׁ': lemma_8130 n_1.0 morph_HVqsmpc id_10cvb יֵאָנֵשׁ

31 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

32 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Shammūʻa and_Shōvāv and_Nātān and_Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **15** And_Yāvəḥar/(Ibhar) and_ _ʼElīshūʻa and_Nefeg and_Yāfīʻa/(Japhia). **16** And_ʼElīshāʻma and_ʼElyādāʻ and_ʼElīfeleṭ.

17 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_heard if/because_that people_had_ _anointed ÐOM Dāvid to_king over Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_ all_of the_Pəlishtiy _they_went_up to_seek ÐOM Dāvid and_ Dāvid _ _he/it_listened and_he/it_descended to the_stronghold. **18** And_the_Pəlishtiy they_had_come and_they_had_spread_out in_the_valley_of Rəfāʼīm. **19** And_ Dāvid _he_enquired by_ _**YHWH** to_say will_I_go_up against the_Pəlishtiy will_you_ _give_them in_hand_of_my and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Dāvid go_up if/because certainly_(give) I_will_give ÐOM the_Pəlishtiy in_hand_of_your. **20** And_ Dāvid _he_went in_Baʻal- pərātsīm and_he_defeated_them there Dāvid and_he/it_said **YHWH** he_ _has_broken_through ÐOM enemies_of_my to/for_my_ _face/front like_a_breaking_out_of water therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_called the_name_of the_place (the)_ _that Baʻal Pərātsīm. **21** And_they_abandoned there ÐOM idols_ _of_their and_he_carried_them_off Dāvid and_men_of_his. **22** And_they_repeated again the_Pəlishtiy to_come_up and_ _they_had_spread_out in_the_valley_of Rəfāʼīm. **23** And_ Dāvid _ _he_enquired by_**YHWH** and_he/it_said not you_must_go_up go_around to behind_them and_you_will_come to/for_them from_in_front_of the_balsam_trees. **24** And_let_it_be in/on/at/with[35] ÐOM the_sound_of marching in_the_tops_of the_balsam_trees then you_will_act_decisively if/because then **YHWH** he_has_gone_out to_your_face to_attack (in)_the_camp_ _of the_Pəlishtiy. **25** And_ Dāvid _he/it_made so just_as he_had_ _commanded_him **YHWH** and_he_defeated ÐOM the_Pəlishtiy from_Gevʻa until come_you Gezer.

6:1 And_he_gathered again Dāvid ÐOM every_of chosen_man in_ _Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) thirty thousand. **2** And_he/it_rose_up and_ Dāvid and_all the_people which with_him/it _he/it_went from_ _Baale- Yehuda to_bring_up from_there ÐOM the_box_of the_ _ʼElohīm which the_name the_name_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers who_sits the_cherubims on/upon/above_ _him/it it_is_called. **3** And_they_made_to_ride ÐOM the_box_of the_ʼElohīm to a_cart a_new and_they_carried_it from_the_ _house_of ʼAvīnādāv which was_on_hill and_ʻUzzāʼ and_ʼAḥyō the_sons_of ʼAvīnādāv were_leading ÐOM the_cart new. **4** And_ _they_carried_it from_the_house_of ʼAvīnādāv which was_on_ _hill with the_box_of the_ʼElohīm and_ʼAḥyō was_walking to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box. **5** And_Dāvid and_all the_house_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) were_playing to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** on_all_of wood(s)_of fir_trees and_on_ _harps and_on_lyres and_on_tambourines and_on_rattles and_ _on_cymbals. **6** And_they_came to the_threshing_floor_of Nākōn and_ ʻUzzāʼ _he_stretched_out to the_box_of the_ʼElohīm

Readers' Version

16 Elishama, Elyada, and Elifelet.

Defeated by David the Pelishtim · Full kingdom[33]

17 When the Pelishtim heard that David had been proclaimed as king over all Yisrael (Israel), their army set off to capture him, but David heard and retreated[34] to the fortress. **18** The Pelishtim moved in and took over the Rafa valley, **19** and David inquired from Yahweh, "Should I attack the Pelishtim? Will you help me defeat them?"

"Yes, attack them," Yahweh replied, "because I'll certainly help you to defeat them."

20 So David attacked and defeated them, and said, "Yahweh broke through my enemies in front of me like breaking a dam." So he called the place 'Ba'al-Peratsim' (which means 'Master of breaking through'). **21** The Pelishtim left their idols there, and David and his men took them away.

22 Then the Pelishtim returned to the Rafa valley and took over it again. **23** Again David inquired from Yahweh who replied, "No, don't go straight in. Move around behind them and then attack them from opposite the trees. **24** Then when you hear a sound in the tops of the trees that sounds like marching, then you'll know that Yahweh has gone ahead to strike the Pelishtim' camp." **25** So David followed Yahweh's instructions they attacked the Pelishtim from Geva all the way to Gezer.

The Box with the agreement is brought to Yerushalem · Full kingdom[36]

6:1 Then David selected thirty thousand Israeli warriors and gathered them together. **2** He led them to Kiryat-Yearim (formerly called Ba'alah) in Yehudah (Judah) to get the box of God (whose name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh) who lives between the two winged creatures on the top of it.[37] **3** They placed the sacred chest on a newly-made cart and started moving it from Avinadav's house which was on a hill.[38] Uza and Ahyo (Avinadav's sons) were leading the cart. **4** They took it from Avinadav's house and Ahyo took the lead in front. **5** David and all the Israelis were celebrating in God's presence with wooden harps and lyres, along with tambourines, shakers, and cymbals.

6 But when they reached Nakon's threshing floor the oxen stumbled so Uza reached out to steady the sacred chest. **7** Yahweh became furious with Uza and killed him right there by the

33 **RV 5:17 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 14:8-17

34 **RV 5:17 · Note** The Hebrew says 'descended', but doesn't tell us either from where (probably Yerushalem) or to where (possibly Masada).

35 **LV 5:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ב/עמש/ך**: (x-qere) **כ/עְמָשׁ֔/ה**: lemma_k/8085 n_1.0.0.0 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp2ms id_10ayp **כ/עְמָשׁ֔/ה**

36 **RV 6:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 13:1-14; 15:25–16:6,43

37 **RV 6:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:22.

38 **RV 6:3 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 7:1-2.

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sacred chest because he'd touched it. **8** Now David got angry because of Yahweh's outburst against Uza, and that place has been called Perets-Uza (meaning 'The punishment of Uza') until today. **9** David was afraid of Yahweh that day and asked, "How will Yahweh's box get to Yerushalem (Jerusalem)?" **10** So he decided not to take Yahweh's box there and redirected it instead to the house of Oved-Edom (a Giti). **11** The sacred chest stayed at Oved-Edom's house for three months, and Yahweh blessed him and all the household.[39]

12 Someone told King David, "Yahweh has blessed Oved-Edom's household because of the sacred chest," so David went and brought God's Box from Oved-Edom's house to Yerushalem with much happiness. **13** When the men who were carrying the sacred chest had walked six steps, they stopped and David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf there. **14** Then David, wearing a linen apron, danced in front of Yahweh, putting everything into it. **15** David and all the Israelis brought the sacred chest into Yerushalem with shouting and trumpet blasts.

16 However, as they were entering the city, David's wife Mikal (Sha'ul's (Saul's) daughter) looked out the window and saw King David leaping and dancing in front of Yahweh, and she felt only despite for him. **17** They took Yahweh's box and placed it in the middle of the tent that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt sacrifices to Yahweh, as well as peace offerings. **18** When David had finished offering those sacrifices, he blessed the people in Commander-in-chief Yahweh's name. **19** He handed out a large bread roll, a cake of pressed dates, and a cake of pressed raisins to each man and woman there, then they all returned to their homes.[40]

20 Then David returned to bless his own house, but his wife Mikal came out to meet him complaining, "What disgraceful behaviour for Yisrael's (Israel's) king today—dancing when he was wearing so little and exposing himself to his female servants like some brainless person!"

21 "It was to thank Yahweh," David responded, "who chose me (rather than your father and any of his family) by appointing me as leader over Yahweh's people Yisrael. I was celebrating in front of Yahweh **22** and I will humiliate and humble myself even more than that. Yet I will end up being honoured by those female servants that you were talking about."

23 After that, Sha'ul's (Saul's) daughter Mikal never had any more children.

Literal Version

and_he_took_hold in/on/over_him/it if/because the_ox[en] they_had_stumbled. **7** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_ _glowed/burnt on_ʻUzzā' and_he_struck_him_down there the_ _'Elohīm on the_presumption and_he/it_died there beside the_ _box_of the_'Elohīm. **8** And_it_glowed/burnt to_Dāvid on that **YHWH** he_had_broken_out a_breaking_out against_ʻUzzā' and_ _he/it_called (to)_place (the)_that Perez ʻUzzā' until the_day (the)_this. **9** And_ Dāvid _he_feared ÐOM **YHWH** in_the_day (the)_that and_he/it_said how will_it_come to_me the_box_of **YHWH**. **10** And_not Dāvid he_was_willing to_turn_aside to_ _him/it ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** to the_city_of Dāvid and_he_ _took_it_aside Dāvid the_house_of Obed- 'Edōm the_Gittiy. **11** And_ the_box_of **YHWH** _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived the_house_of Obed- 'Edōm the_Gittiy three months and_ **YHWH** _he/it_blessed ÐOM Obed- 'Edōm and_ÐOM all_of household_of_his. **12** And_it_was_told to/for_the_king Dāvid to_ _say **YHWH** he_has_blessed ÐOM the_household_of Obed- 'Edōm and_ÐOM all_of that to_him/it in_account_of the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm and_ Dāvid _he/it_went and_he/it_ascended ÐOM the_ _box_of the_'Elohīm from_the_house_of Obed- 'Edōm the_city_ _of Dāvid with_joy. **13** And_he/it_was if/because those_who_ _carried_of (of)_the_box_of **YHWH** they_had_stepped six steps and_he/it_sacrificed an_ox and_a_fatling. **14** And_Dāvid was_ _dancing in_all strength to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_Dāvid was_girded an_ephod_of linen. **15** And_Dāvid and_all the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_bringing_up ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** with_a_shout and_with_the_sound_of a_ _ram's_horn. **16** And_it_was the_box_of **YHWH** coming the_ _city_of Dāvid and_Mīkāl the_daughter_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) she_ _looked_down through the_window and_she/it_saw ÐOM the_ _king Dāvid leaping and_dancing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** and_she_despised to_him/it in_heart_of_her. **17** And_they_brought ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** and_they_set ÐOM_him/it in_place_of_its in_the_middle of_the_tent which he_had_pitched to_him/it Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he/it_ascended burnt_offerings to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_peace_offerings. **18** And_ Dāvid _they_were_ _ended/finished from_offering_up the_burnt_offering and_the_ _peace_offerings and_he/it_blessed ÐOM the_people in/on_ _name_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **19** And_he_distributed to/from_all/each/any/every the_people to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_multitude_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_from_ _a_man and_unto a_woman to_each a_cake_of bread one and_a_ _date-cake one and_a_raisin-cake one and_ all_of the_people _ _he/it_went each to_his_own_of_house. **20** And_ Dāvid _he_ _returned to_bless ÐOM household_of_his and_ Mīkāl the_ _daughter_of Shā'ūl _she_came_out to_meet Dāvid and_she/it_ _said how he_has_honoured_himself the_day the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_has_uncovered_himself the_day to_the_ _eyes_of the_maidservants_of his_servants_of_his as_uncovers_ _himself shamelessly_(uncover) one of_the_worthless_men. **21** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Mīkāl to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** who he_chose (in)_me more_than_of_your_ _father and_more_than_all_of household_of_his to_appoint ÐOM_me ruler over the_people_of **YHWH** over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)

39 RV 6:11 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 26:4-5.

40 RV 6:19-20 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 16:43.

Literal Version

and_I_will_play to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**.
22 And_I_will_demean_myself still more_than_this and_I_will_
_be lowly in_my_own_of_eyes and_with the_maidservants
whom you_have_said with_them I_will_be_honoured. **23** And_
_to_Mīkāl the_daughter_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) not it_belonged
to/for_her/it a_child until the_day_of her_death_of_her.

7:1 And_he/it_was if/because the_king he_dwelt in_house_of_
his and**YHWH** he_had_given_rest to_him/it from_round_
_about from_all enemies_of_his. **2** And_ the_king _he/it_said to
Nātān the_prophet see please I am_dwelling in_house_of
cedar(s) and_the_box_of the_'Elohīm is_dwelling in_the_middle
of_the_tent_curtain. **3** And_ Nātān _he/it_said to the_king all_of
that is_in_heart_of_your go do if/because **YHWH** is_with_you.
4 And_he/it_was in_night (the)_that and_ the_message_of
YHWH _he/it_was to Nātān to_say. **5** Go and_you_will_say to
servant_of_my to Dāvid thus **YHWH** he_says you will_you_build
to/for_me a_house I_to_dwell_in. **6** If/because not I_have_dwelt
in_a_house (to)_from_the_day_of I_brought_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto
the_day the_this and_I_have_been going_about in_a_tent and_
_in_a_tabernacle. **7** In_every where I_went_about in_all the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_message did_I_speak with one of_
_the_tribes_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom I_commanded to_
_shepherd ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say
to/for_what not have_you(pl)_built to_me a_house_of cedar(s).
8 And_now thus you_will_say to_servant_of_my to_Dāvid thus
YHWH soldiers/messengers he_says I I_took_you from the_
_pasture from_after the_flock to_be ruler over people_of_my
over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **9** And_I_have_been with_you in_every
where you_went and_I_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ all_of enemies_of_your
from_before_of_you and_I_will_make to/for_yourself(m) a_
_name great like/according_to_name the_big(pl) who on_the_
_earth. **10** And_I_will_appoint a_place for_people_of_my for_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_plant_it and_it_will_dwell in_its_
_place and_not it_will_be_agitated again and_not sons_of
injustice they_will_repeat to_afflict_it just_as at_time. **11** And_
_(to)_from the_day when I_appointed judges over people_of_
_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_give_rest to/for_yourself(m)
from_all enemies_of_your and_he_tells to/for_yourself(m)
YHWH if/because_that a_house he_will_make for_you **YHWH**.
12 If/because days_of_your they_will_be_completed and_you_
_will_lie_down with ancestors_of_your and_I_will_raise_up ᴅᴏᴍ
your(ms)_seed/fruit after_you who he_will_come_out from_
_your(pl)_inward_of_parts and_I_will_establish ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_
_kingdom. **13** He he_will_build a_house for_name_of_my and_I_
_will_establish ᴅᴏᴍ the_throne_of his/its_kingdom until
perpetuity. **14** I I_will_become for_him/it (into)_a_father and_
_he he_will_become to/for_me (into)_a_son who when_he_
_does_wrong and_I_will_reprove_him with_a_rod_of men and_
_with_wounds_of children_of humankind. **15** And_my_
_covenant_of_loyalty not it_will_depart from_him/it just_as I_

Readers' Version

Yahweh's promise to David · Full kingdom[41]

7:1 Then the king moved into his palace, and Yahweh allowed him to have a time of peace from all his enemies. **2** One day the king said to the prophet Natan (Nathan), "Look, I'm here living in a house made of cedar, but God's box is still there in a tent."

3 "Go and do whatever you consider best," Natan replied, "because Yahweh is with you." **4** But that night, Yahweh spoke to Natan, **5** "Go and tell my servant David that Yahweh says, 'Will you build a house for me to live in? **6** I haven't lived in a house since I brought the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) right up until now, but rather I was living in a tent as they moved around. **7** In all those places, I never once queried the leaders to ask why they never built a cedar house for me.'

8 "But now you should tell my servant David that Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, 'I myself took you out of the grass field where you looked after the sheep and goats to become the leader of my people the Israelis. **9** Everywhere you've gone, I've been with you and destroyed your enemies in front of you, and I will make you famous like all the famous people on the earth. **10** I will establish a place for the Israelis and put them there to live, and they won't be afraid because evil people won't continue to oppress them like happened in the past **11** when I appointed heroes (traditionally 'judges') over my people Yisrael (Israel). I will give you peace from all your enemies, and I, Yahweh, will enable your descendants to rule after you. **12** when your time on earth comes to an end and you're laid down with your ancestors, I will appoint one of your sons to be king and I will establish his kingdom.[42] **13** He's the one who'll build a temple for me, and I will make his descendents reign forever. **14** I myself will become like a father to him, and he'll become like a son to me.[43] When he disobeys, I'll punish him like fathers punish their sons. **15** But my kindness won't turn away from you like I turned away from Sha'ul (Saul)—the one who I removed ahead of you. **16** Your descendants and your kingdom will remain forever. Your throne will be established forever.' "[44]

41 RV 7:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 17:1-15

42 RV 7:12 · Cross-ref. Psa 89:3-4; 132:11; Yhn 7:42; Acts 2:30.

43 RV 7:14 · Cross-ref. Psa 89:26-27; 2Cor 6:18; Heb 1:5.

44 RV 7:16 · Cross-ref. Psa 89:36-37.

Readers' Version

David's prayer · Full kingdom[45]

17 So Natan (Nathan) passed all of that onto David, **18** and King David went and sat in front of Yahweh and said, "Who am I, my master Yahweh, and how important is my family that you have brought me to this point? **19** But that was just minor to you, my master Yahweh. You also spoke about the distant future for my descendants. **20** What more can I, David say to you? But my master Yahweh, you yourself know your servant. **21** You've done all these incredible things in order to fulfil what you said and to fulfil your own desires, and then revealed them to your servant. **22** That's why you're incredible, Yahweh my god, and so there's no one like you. There's no god except you—that's what we keep hearing about. **23** What other nation is like your people, Yisrael (Israel)—one nation on the earth that you went to redeem for yourself as a people—rescuing you from Mitsrayim (Egypt) and its gods? You made a reputation for yourself and did amazing and scary things for your nation in front of your people[46] **24** You established us Israelis as your own people forever, and you yourself Yahweh became our God.

25 "And now, Yahweh God, the promise you made concerning your servant and his descendants, and do just as you have spoken and make it come true into the future. **26** May your reputation be good forever, with people saying, 'Commander Yahweh is God over Yisrael,' and the dynasty of your servant David will be established under you, **27** because you, Commander-in-chief Yahweh are Yisrael's god. You have told your servant, 'I will build a dynasty for you.' That's why your servant has found the courage to pray this prayer.

28 "So now, my master Yahweh, you are God, and you do what you say, and you have said these good things concerning your servant. **29** Now, if it pleases you, bless your servant's extended family forever, because you yourself, my master Yahweh, have spoken, and from your blessing, your servant's family will be blessed forever."

Literal Version

_removed_it from_with Shā'ūl/(Saul) whom I_removed from_ _before_face_of_you. **16** And_ house_of_your and_kingdom_of_ _your _it_will_be_established until perpetuity to_your_face throne_of_your it_will_be established until perpetuity.

17 According_to_all_of the_words/messages the_these and_ _according_to_all_of the_vision the_this so Nātān he_spoke to Dāvid. **18** And_ the_king Dāvid _he_went and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he/it_said who am_I my_master **YHWH** and_who house_of_is_my that/for/because/then/when you_have_ _brought_me to here. **19** And_it_was_small yet this_thing in_ _eyes_of_your my_master **YHWH** and_you_have_spoken also concerning the_house_of your_servant_of_your (to)_from_ _distant_time and_this is_the_manner_of the_humankind my_ _master **YHWH**. **20** And_what Dāvid will_he_increase again to_ _speak to_you and_you(ms) you_know ĐOM servant_of_your my_master **YHWH**. **21** In_account_of message_of_your and_ _according_to_of_your_own_heart you_have_done ĐOM all_of the_greatness (the)_this by_making_know_it ĐOM servant_of_ _your. **22** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so you_are_great my_ _master **YHWH** if/because there_is_not like_you and_there_is_ _not a_god except_you in_all that we_have_heard with_ears_of_ _our. **23** And_who is_like_people_of_your like_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_ _nation one on_the_earth which god they_went to_redeem to_ _him/it to_a_people and_to_make to_him/it a_name and_to_do to/for_you(pl) (the)_greatness and_awesome_deeds for_land_ _of_your from_face/in_front_of people_of_your which you_had_ _redeemed for_yourself from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) nations and_ _gods_of_its. **24** And_you_established to/for_yourself(m) ĐOM people_of_your[47] Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_yourself(m) to_a_ _people until perpetuity and_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** you_have_ _become to/for_them (into)_god. **25** And_now Oh_**YHWH** god the_message which you_have_spoken on servant_of_your and_ _on house_of_his establish until perpetuity and_do just_as you_ _have_spoken. **26** So_ name_of_your _that_it_may_be_great until perpetuity to_say **YHWH** soldiers/messengers is_god over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_house_of your_servant_of_your Dāvid it_will_be established before_you. **27** If/because you Oh_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_have_ _uncovered ĐOM the_ear_of your_servant_of_your to_say a_ _house I_will_build for_you therefore yes/correct/thus/so servant_of_your he_has_found ĐOM his/its_heart to_pray to_ _you ĐOM the_prayer (the)_this. **28** And_now my_master **YHWH** you he the_'Elohīm and_words/messages_of_your they_are truth and_you_have_spoken to servant_of_your ĐOM the_good_ _thing (the)_this. **29** And_now be_willing and_bless ĐOM the_ _house_of your_servant_of_your to_be forever_perpetuity to_ _your_face if/because you my_master **YHWH** you_have_spoken and_from_blessing_of_your the_house_of your_servant_of_your it_will_be_blessed forever_perpetuity.

45 RV 7:17 · Parallel 1 Chr. 17:16-27

46 RV 7:23 · Cross-ref. Deu 4:34.

47 LV 7:24 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

8:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_ Dāvid _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _Pəlishtiy and_he_subdued_them and_ Dāvid _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_bridle_of the_cubit from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **2** And_ _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Mō'āvˇ and_he_measured_them_off with_ _measuring-line he_made_lie_down them towards_land and_ _he_measured_off two_of measuring-lines to_put_to_death and_the_fullness_of (the)_measuring-line to_let_live and_ Mō'āvˇ _it_became of_Dāvid (into)_subjects who_were_ _bringing_of (of)_tribute. **3** And_ Dāvid _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Ha dad'ezer the_son_of Rəḥovˇ the_king_of Tsōvāh/(Zobah) when_went_he to_restore his/its_hand at_the_river_of[50].[51] **4** And_ Dāvid _he_captured from_him/it one_thousand and_ _seven hundred(s) horsemen and_twenty thousand man on_ _foot and_ Dāvid _he_hamstrung ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_chariotry and_ _he_left from_him/it one_hundred chariot[s]. **5** And_ 'Arām Dammeseq _it_came to_help (to)_Ha dad'ezer the_king_of Tsōvāh and_ Dāvid _he_struck_down among_'Arām twenty and_two thousand man. **6** And_ Dāvid _he/it_assigned garrisons in_'Arām_of Dammeseq and_ 'Arām _it_became of_Dāvid (into)_ _subjects who_were_bringing_of (of)_tribute and_ **YHWH** _he_ _gave_victory ᴅᴏᴍ Dāvid in_every where he_went. **7** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_shields_of the_gold which they_were to the_servants_of Ha dad'ezer and_he/it_brought_them Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **8** And_from_Beṭaḥ and_from_ _Bērōtāh the_cities_of Ha dad'ezer the_king Dāvid he_took bronze much very. **9** And_ To'ū the_king_of Ḥa māt _he/it_ _listened if/because_that Dāvid he_had_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_army_of Ha dad'ezer. **10** And_ To'ū _he_sent ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhōrām/(Joram) his/its_son to the_king Dāvid to_ask to_ _him/it to_welfare and_to_bless_him on that he_had_fought against_Ha dad'ezer and_he_had_defeated_him if/because (the)_ _man_of (the)_wars_of To'ū Ha dad'ezer he_was and_in_hand_of_ _his articles_of silver and_articles_of gold and_articles_of bronze they_were. **11** Also ᴅᴏᴍ_them the_king Dāvid he_ _consecrated to/for_**YHWH** with the_silver and_the_gold which he_had_consecrated from_all the_nations which he_had_ _subdued. **12** From_'Arām and_from_Mō'āvˇ and_from_the_ _people_of 'Ammōn and_from_the_Pəlishtiy and_from_Amalek and_from_the_plunder_of Ha dad'ezer the_son_of Rəḥovˇ the_ _king_of Tsōvāh/(Zobah). **13** And_ Dāvid _he/it_made a_name when_returned_he from_when_he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ 'Arām in_the_ _Valley_of Salt eight- teen thousand. **14** And_he/it_assigned in_ _'Edōm garrisons in_all 'Edōm he_put garrisons and_ all_of 'Edōm _he/it_was subjects of_Dāvid and_ **YHWH** _he_gave_ _victory ᴅᴏᴍ Dāvid in_every where he_went. **15** And_ Dāvid _ _he_reigned over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_was Dāvid doing justice and_righteousness to/from_all/each/any/every people_of_his. **16** And_Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) was_over the_army and_ _Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of 'Aḥīlūd was_recorder. **17** And_Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of 'Aḥiṭūvˇ and_'Aḥīmelek the_ _son_of 'Evyātār were_priests and_Sərāyah was_secretary. **18** And_Bənāyah the_son_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) and_the_

Readers' Version

David's victories · Full kingdom[48]

8:1 Sometime later, David attacked the Pelishtim and defeated them, and he captured Meteg-Ha'amah from them.

2 Then he defeated the Moavim. David forced them to lie on the ground and used a length of rope to decide their fate—those inside two lengths of the rope were killed, and those inside the third length were spared and so the Moavim became David's servants—bringing him tribute.

3 Then David defeated Tsovah's King Hadadezer (son of Rehov) who had tried to reestablish his authority over the Perat (Euphrates) River. **4** David captured 1,700 horsemen and twenty thousand men on foot. He hamstrung all the chariot horses except for a hundred of them.

5 Then the Arameans came from Damesek (Damascus) to help Tsovah's king Hadadezer but David killed twenty-two thousand of them. **6** David stationed garrisons in Aram (Syria) (in Damesek) and the Arameans became David's servants—bringing him tribute, and Yahweh helped David win wherever he went. **7** David confiscated the gold shields that Hadadezer's servants carried and brought them to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **8** He also brought a large amount of bronze out of Hadadezer's cities of Betah and Berotah.

9 When Hamat's King Toeu heard that David had defeated Hadadezer's entire army, **10** he sent his son Yoram (Joram) to ask for peace for Hamat and to congratulate him for fighting Hadadezer and defeating him because Hadadezer often battled against Toeu. Yoram brought containers with him, made of gold, silver, and bronze. **11** King David dedicated them to Yahweh, along with the silver and gold that he'd taken from all the nations that they'd conquered: **12** from Aram and Moav (Moab), from the Amonim and the Pelishtim, and from Amalek and from the plunder of Tsovah's King Hadadezer (son of Rehov).

13 Then David made more of a name for himself when he returned from defeating eighteen thousand Arameans in the Salt Valley.[49] **14** He stationed garrisons throughout Edom and made the people his servants, and Yahweh protected David wherever they fought.

15 So David reigned over all Yisrael (Israel) and led all his people with justice and integrity. **16** Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab) was the army commander and Ahilud's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) was the secretary. **17** The priests were Ahituv's son Tsadok and Evyatar's son Ahimelek, and Serayah was secretary. **18** Yehoyada's son Benayah supervised the Keretim and the Peletim (David's bodyguard), and David's sons were his administrators.

48 RV 8:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 18:1-17

49 RV 8:13 · Cross-ref. Psa 60 header.

50 LV 8:3 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'תָּרְפִ': lemma_6578 n_0 morph_HNp id_10dp9 תָּרְפִ

51 LV 8:3 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

Readers' Version

David assists Mefiboshet · Full kingdom

9:1 One day David asked, "Is there still anyone remaining from Sha'ul's (Saul's) extended family because I'd like to show kindness to them for Yonatan's (Jonathan's) sake?"[52]

2 Now there was a servant in Sha'ul household named Tsiva and he was summoned to David, and the king asked him, "Are you Tsiva?"

"Yes, I'm your servant," he replied.

3 "Is there anyone from Sha'ul's family who's still alive?" the king asked. "If so, I'd like to show God's kindness to them."

"Yes, There's still one of Yonatan's sons alive," Tsiva told the king. "He's crippled in both legs."[53]

4 "Where is he?" the king asked.

"Actually," Tsiva told the king, "he's at Makir's house—the son of Amiyel in Lo-Devar." **5** So King David sent messengers to Lo-Devar to have him brought to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

6 Then Yonatan's son Mefiboshet came to David and fell onto his knees and bowed his face down to the ground, and David said, Mefiboshet."

"I'm your servant," he replied.

7 Then David told him, "Don't be afraid, because I'll certainly show you kindness for the sake of your father Yonatan. I'll restore all the pastureland that belonged to your grandfather Sha'ul (Saul), and you yourself are invited to always eat at my table."

8 Mefiboshet bowed low and asked, "Your servant's nothing more than a dead dog. Why would you care about me?"

9 Then the king summoned Sha'ul's servant Tsiva and told him, "I've given everything that belonged to Sha'ul and to all his household to your master. **10** You and your fifteen sons and your twenty servants must work the land for him and harvest the produce to support your master's grandson, but he will eat with me at my house."

11 "Yes, my master the king," Tsiva responded. "Your servant will do everything you've commanded."

So from then on, Mefiboshet always ate at the king's table as if he was one of the king's sons. **12** Mefiboshet had a young son named Mika. All Tsiva's household became Mefiboshet's servants, **13** but Mefiboshet (who was crippled in both legs) lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) because he had a permanent invitation to eat with the king.

Literal Version

_Kerethite[s] and_the_Pelethite[s] and_the_sons of_Dāvid were_ _priests they_were.

9:1 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said if/because is_there still one_who he_ _is_left to_the_house_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) so_that_I_may_do with_ _him/it covenant_loyalty in_account_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)). **2** And_belonged_to_the_ _house_of Shā'ūl a_servant and_his/its_name was_Tsīvā'/(Ziba) and_people_summoned to_him/it to Dāvid and_ the_king _ _he/it_said to_him/it are_you Tsīvā' and_he/it_said servant_of_ _your. **3** And_ the_king _he/it_said is_there_not still anyone of_ _the_house_of of_Shā'ūl so_that_I_may_do with_him/it the_ _covenant_loyalty_of god and_ Tsīvā' _he/it_said to the_king still a_son of_Yōnātān stricken_of both_feet. **4** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_king where is_he and_ Tsīvā' _he/it_said to the_ _king HERE he is_the_house_of Mākīr the_son_of ʼAmmiyʾēl in_ _Lo- debar. **5** And_ the_king Dāvid _he_sent and_he_took_him from_the_house_of Mākīr the_son_of ʼAmmiyʾēl from_Lo- debar. **6** And_ Mephiboshet the_son_of Yōnātān the_son_of Shā'ūl _he_ _came to Dāvid and_he_fell on his/its_faces/face and_he_ _bowed_down and_ Dāvid _he/it_said Oh_Mephiboshet and_ _he/it_said HERE servant_of_is_your. **7** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it Dāvid do_not be_afraid if/because certainly_(do) I_will_ _do with_you covenant_loyalty because_of Yōnātān father_of_ _your and_I_will_restore to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _land_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) father_of_your and_you(ms) you_will_eat food on table_of_my continually. **8** And_he_bowed_down and_ _he/it_said what servant_of_is_your that/for/because/then/when you_have_turned to the_dog (the)_dead who is_like_me. **9** And_ the_king _he/it_called (to) Tsīvā'/(Ziba) the_servant_of Shā'ūl and_he/it_said to_him/it all_of that it_belonged to_Shā'ūl and_to/for_all household_of_ _his I_have_given to_the_son_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your. **10** And_you_will_work for_him/it ~~DOM~~ the_soil you and_sons_ _of_your and_servants_of_your and_you_will_bring and_it_was for_the_son_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your food and_he_will_ _eat_it and_Mephiboshet the_son_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_ _your he_will_eat continually food on table_of_my and_ _belonged_to_Tsīvā' fif- teen sons and_twenty servants. **11** And_ Tsīvā' _he/it_said to the_king according_to_all that my_master the_king he_will_command ~~DOM~~ servant_of_his so servant_of_your he_will_do and_Mephiboshet was_eating on table_of_my like_one from_(the)_sons of_the_king. **12** And_ _belonged_to_Mephiboshet a_son young and_his/its_name was_Mīkā' and_all/each/any/every (the)_resident_of the_ _house_of Tsīvā' were_servants of_Mephiboshet. **13** And_ _Mephiboshet was_dwelling in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because on the_table_of the_king continually he was_eating and_he was_lame the_two_of feet_of_his.

52 RV 9:1 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 20:15-17.

53 RV 9:3 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 4:4.

Literal Version

10:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_ the_king_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn _he/it_died and_ Ḥānūn his/its_son _he_reigned in_ _place_of_him. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said I_will_do covenant_ _loyalty with Ḥānūn the_son_of Nāḥāsh just_as his/its_father he_did with_me covenant_loyalty and_ Dāvid _he_sent to_ _comfort_him by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his concerning his/its_father and_ the_servants_of Dāvid _they_came the_ _land_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn. **3** And_ the_leaders_of the_ _people_of ʻAmmōn _they_said to Ḥānūn master(s)_of_their honouring is_Dāvid ~~ḎOM~~ father_of_your in_eyes_of_your that/for/because/then/when he_has_sent to/for_yourself(m) comforters am_not in_account_of to_explore ~~ḎOM~~ the_city and_ _to_spy_on_it and_to_overthrow_it Dāvid has_he_sent ~~ḎOM~~ servants_of_his to_you. **4** And_ Ḥānūn _he/it_took ~~ḎOM~~ the_ _servants_of Dāvid and_he_shaved ~~ḎOM~~ (the)_half_of their_ _beard_of_their and_he_cut_off ~~ḎOM~~ robes_of_their in_middle to buttocks_of_their and_he_sent_them_away. **5** And_people_ _told to_Dāvid and_he_sent to_meet_them if/because the_men they_were humiliated exceedingly and_ the_king _he/it_said remain in_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) until beard_of_your(pl) it_will_ _grow_back and_you(pl)_will_return. **6** And_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _they_saw if/because_that they_had_made_ _themselves_odious with_Dāvid and_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _ _they_sent and_they_hired ~~ḎOM~~ ʾArām Bēyt Rəḥov and_~~ḎOM~~ ʾArām Tsōvāh/(Zobah) twenty thousand foot_soldier[s] and_ _~~ḎOM~~ the_king_of Maʻₐkāh one_thousand man and_the_man_of Ṭōv two_plus ten thousand man. **7** And_ Dāvid _he/it_listened and_he_sent ~~ḎOM~~ Yōʾāv/(Joab) and_~~ḎOM~~ all_of the_army the_ _powerful/mighty(pl). **8** And_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _they_ _went_out and_they_deployed battle the_entrance_of the_gate and_ʾArām_of Tsōvāh and_Rəḥov and_the_man_of Ṭōv and_ _Maʻₐkāh were_they_of_alone in_country. **9** And_ Yōʾāv _he/it_ _saw if/because_that it_was to_him/it the_face_of the_battle from_before and_from_behind and_he_chose from_all the_ _chosen_men_of in/on/at/with[55] and_he_deployed to_meet ʾArām. **10** And_~~ḎOM~~ the_rest_of the_people he_gave in_the_ _hand_of ʾAvīshay his/its_brother and_he_deployed to_meet the_people_of ʻAmmōn. **11** And_he/it_said if ʾArām it_will_be_ _too_strong for_me and_you_will_become to/for_me (into)_ _deliverance and_if the_people_of ʻAmmōn they_will_be_too_ _strong for_you and_I_will_come to_deliver to/for_you(fs). **12** Be_strong and_let_us_show_ourselves_strong for people_of_ _our and_for the_cities_of our_god_of_our and_**YHWH** he_will_ _do the_good in_eyes_of_his. **13** And_ Yōʾāv and_the_people which with_him/it _he_drew_near for_battle on_ʾArām and_ _they_fled from_before_of_him. **14** And_the_sons of_ʻAmmōn they_saw if/because_that ʾArām it_had_fled and_they_fled from_face/in_front_of ʾAvīshay and_they_came the_city and_ Yōʾāv/(Joab) _he_returned from_under the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_he_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **15** And_ ʾArām _he/it_ _saw if/because_that it_had_been_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_gathered_ _themselves together. **16** And_ Hₐdadʻezer _he_sent and_he_ _brought_out ~~ḎOM~~ ʾArām which was_from_the_other_side_of the_river and_they_came Ḥēylām and_Shōvāk the_

Readers' Version

Yisrael defeats the Amonim and the Arameans · Full kingdom[54]

10:1 Some time later, the Amoni king died, and his son Hanun replace him as king. **2** "I'll be kind to Nahash's son Hanun," David said, "just like his father was kind to me." So he sent servants to Hanun to convey his condolences.

When they arrived in the Amon region, **3** the Amoni commanders said to their master Hanun, "Do you think that David really sent condolences to honour your late father? Isn't it more likely because he wanted them to spy on us, and to explore the city so he could more easily conquer it?"

4 So Hanun seized David's servants and had half of their beards shaved off and their robes cut in half all the way up to their buttocks, then he sent them off. **5** They sent messengers ahead to tell David because they were very humiliated, and the king told them to stay in Yeriho (Jericho) before returning when their beards grew back.

6 Then the Amoni leaders realised that they'd now caused David to despise them, so they hired twenty thousand Aramean (or Arami (Syrian)) mercenaries from Beyt-Rehov and Tsovah, and another one thousand from Ma'akah and twelve thousand from Tov. **7** When David heard that, he sent Yoav (Joab) in with the entire army. **8** The Amonim came out the city gate and organised themselves for battle at the entrance, while their hired mercenaries stood apart out in the countryside.

9 When Yoav saw that he was disadvantaged with enemy lines both in front and behind, he selected certain Israeli warriors and placed them to battle the Aramean mercenaries, **10** leaving the others to face the Amonim under the command of his brother Avishay, **11** telling him, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you come and rescue us, but if the Amonim are too strong for you, then I'll come and rescue you. **12** Be strong and courageous for the sake of our people and our god's cities, and Yahweh will do whatever he considers right."

13 So Yoav and his men advanced to attack the Aramean mercenaries but they fled away from them. **14** When the Amonim saw the Arameans running away, they started retreating from Avishay and went back into the city, so Yoav withdrew from attacking the Amonim and returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

15 When the Arameans realised that they'd been defeated by Yisrael (Israel), they assembled all their warriors together again. **16** King Hadadezer (from Tsovah) called for Aramean warriors from beyond the Perat (Euphrates) River and they came to Heylam. Shovak was Hadadezer's army commander. **17** When David heard that, he assembled all the Israeli warriors and they crossed the Yarden (Jordan) going towards Heylam. The Arameans came out to meet David and the two sides fought each other. **18** But again the Arameans fled from the Israelis, and David killed seven hundred Aramean charioteers and forty thou-

54 RV 10:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 19:1-19

55 LV 10:9 · Note OSHB variant note: לאדשי/ב: (x-qere) לְאָדְשֵׁי: lemma_3478 n_0.1 morph_HNp id_10KEX לְאָרְשֵׁי

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sand cavalry, and their commander Shovak was struck and died there also. **19** Then all the kings associated with Hadadezer realised they couldn't defeat Yisrael, so they made peace with the Israelis and served them, and so the Arameans were afraid to try to rescue the Amonim again.

David takes Uriyah's wife · Full kingdom

11:1 The next spring (when kings usually go to war), David sent Yoav (Joab) and his officials and all the Israeli warriors, and they defeated the Amonim and besieged Rabah.

But David stayed in Yerushalem (Jerusalem),[56] **2** and early one evening he got up from a nap and walked around the palace roof area. From there he saw a woman bathing, and she was very good-looking. **3** David sent a messenger to find out who she was, and was told, "That's Eliam's daughter Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba)—Uriyah the Hiti's wife." **4** Then he sent messengers to get her, and she came and he slept with her. (She had been purifying herself after the completion of her menstrual period.) Then she returned to her house.

5 After some time, the woman realised that she was pregnant, and so she informed David. **6** David sent to Yoav, "Send Uriyah the Hiti here to me." So Yoav sent Uriyah to David. **7** When he arrived, David asked him about how Yoav and his men were doing, and how the battle was going, **8** then he told him, "Go to your house and relax." So Uriyah left the palace and the king sent a gift to be delivered to his house. **9** But Uriyah didn't go home—instead he slept at the palace entrance with all the king's servants, **10** The next day, David was informed that Uriyah didn't go home to his house, so he asked him, "Didn't you just get back from a long journey? Why didn't you go home?"

11 "The sacred chest and the warriors from Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) are living in tents," Uriyah replied. "And my master, Yoav, and my master's servants are camping out in the open. So I couldn't just go to my house to eat and to drink and to sleep with my wife. By your life and by the life of your spirit, I couldn't do that."

12 "Well, stay here today also," David told him, "and tomorrow I'll send you back." So Uriyah stayed in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)

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_commander_of the_army_of Ḥadad'ezer was_before_of_them. **17** And_it_was_told to_Dāvid and_he_gathered ÐOM all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_passed_through ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) and_he_came to_Ḥēylām and_ 'Arām _they_ _deployed to_meet Dāvid and_they_engaged_in_battle with_ _him/it. **18** And_ 'Arām _it_fled from_face/in_front_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Dāvid _he_killed of_'Arām seven hundred(s) charioteer[s] and_forty thousand horsemen and_ _ÐOM Shōvāk the_commander_of its_army_of_his he_struck_ _down and_he/it_died there. **19** And_ all_of the_kings the_ _servants_of Ḥadad'ezer _they_saw if/because_that they_had_ _been_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_made_peace with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_served_them and_ 'Arām _they_saw to_deliver again ÐOM the_people_of 'Ammōn.

11:1 And_he/it_was to_the_return_of the_year to_the_time_of (the)_kings go_out[58] and_ Dāvid _he_sent ÐOM Yō'āv/(Joab) and_ÐOM servants_of_his with_him/it and_ÐOM all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_destroyed ÐOM the_people_of 'Ammōn and_they_laid_siege on Rabāh and_Dāvid was_ _remaining in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_he/it_was to_ _the_time_of the_evening and_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up from_ _under bed_of_his and_he/it_walked/wandered on the_roof of_ _the_house_of the_king and_he/it_saw a_woman bathing from_ _under the_roof and_the_woman was_good_of appearance very. **3** And_ Dāvid _he_sent and_he_enquired to/for_the_ _woman/wife and_he/it_said am_not is_this Bath- shev'a' the_ _daughter_of 'Elī'ām the_wife_of 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy. **4** And_ Dāvid _he_sent messengers and_he_took_her and_she_came to_ _him/it and_he_lay with_her/it[59] and_she was_purifying_ _herself from_uncleanness_of_her and_she_returned to house_ _of_her. **5** And_ the_woman _she/it_conceived/became_ _pregnant and_she_sent and_she_told to_Dāvid and_she/it_said am_pregnant I. **6** And_ Dāvid _he_sent to Yō'āv send to_me ÐOM 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy and_ Yō'āv _he_sent ÐOM 'Ūriy^{yāh} to Dāvid. **7** And_ 'Ūriy^{yāh} _he_came to_him/it and_ Dāvid _he_asked to_ _the_welfare_of Yō'āv/(Joab) and_to_the_welfare_of the_people and_to_the_welfare_of the_battle. **8** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_ _'Ūriy^{yāh}[60] go_down to_house_of_your and_wash feet_of_your and_ 'Ūriy^{yāh} _he/it_went_out from_the_house_of the_king and_it_went_out after_him the_present_of the_king. **9** And_ 'Ūriy^{yāh} _he_lay_down the_entrance_of the_house_of the_king with all_of the_servants_of his_master(s)_of_his and_not he_ _went_down to house_of_his. **10** And_people_told to_Dāvid to_ _say not 'Ūriy^{yāh} he_has_gone_down to house_of_his and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Ūriy^{yāh} am_not from_a_journey are_you coming why not have_you_gone_down to house_of_your. **11** And_ 'Ūriy^{yāh} _he/it_said to Dāvid the_box and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) are_dwelling in_booths and_master_of_ _my Yō'āv and_the_servants_of my_master on the_face_of the_ _field are_encamping and_I will_I_go to house_of_my to_eat

56 RV 11:1 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 20:1.

58 LV 11:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

59 LV 11:4 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

60 LV 11:8 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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and_to_drink and_to_lie with wife_of_my life_of_you(pl)_of_by_
_the and_by_the_life_of your_self_of_your if I_will_do ~~DOM~~ the_
_thing (the)_this. **12** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to ʼŪriy^{yāh} remain
in_this_place also the_day and_tomorrow I_will_let_you_go
and_ ʼŪriy^{yāh} _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_the_day (the)_that and_from_the_
_next_day. **13** And_he/it_called to_him/it Dāvid and_he_ate
before_him and_he_drank and_he_made_him_drunk and_he/it_
_went_out in_evening to_lie_down on_bed_of_his with the_
_servants_of his_master(s)_of_his and_near/to house_of_his not
he_went_down. **14** And_he/it_was in_morning and_ Dāvid _he_
_wrote a_letter to Yō'āv/(Joab) and_he_sent_it by_the_hand_of
ʼŪriy^{yāh}. **15** And_he_wrote in_letter to_say set ~~DOM~~ ʼŪriy^{yāh} to
the_front of_the_face_of of_the_battle (the)_severe and_
_you(pl)_will_turn_back from_after_him and_he_will_be_struck
and_he_will_die. **16** And_he/it_was when_ Yō'āv _watched
against the_city and_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ ʼŪriy^{yāh} to the_place
where he_knew if/because_that men_of strength were_there.
17 And_ the_men_of the_city _they_went_out and_they_fought
with Yō'āv and_ some_of the_people some_of_the_servants_of
Dāvid _it_fell and_ also ʼŪriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy _he/it_died. **18** And_
Yō'āv _he_sent and_he_told to_Dāvid ~~DOM~~ all_of the_matters_of
the_battle. **19** And_he/it_commanded ~~DOM~~ the_messenger to_
_say just_as_you_finish ~~DOM~~ all_of the_matters_of the_battle to_
_speak to the_king. **20** And_it_was if the_anger_of the_king it_
_will_rise and_saying(ms) to/for_yourself(m) why did_you(pl)_
_draw_near to the_city to_fight am_not did_you(pl)_know ~~DOM~~
how they_will_shoot from_under the_wall. **21** Who did_he_
_strike_down ~~DOM~~ ʼAvīmelek the_son_of Jerub-Besheth am_not
a_woman did_she_throw on/upon/above_him/it a_mill-stone_
_of an_upper_mill-stone from_under the_wall and_he/it_died
in_Tēvēṯs to/for_what did_you(pl)_draw_near to the_wall and_
_you_will_say also servant_of_your ʼŪriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy he_has_
died. **22** And the_messenger _he/it_went and_he_came and_
_he_told to_Dāvid ~~DOM~~ all_of that he_had_sent_him
Yō'āv/(Joab). **23** And_ the_messenger _he/it_said to Dāvid
if/because they_prevailed over_us the_men and_they_went_out
against_us the_field and_we_were on_them to the_entrance_of
the_gate. **24** And[61] the[62] to servants_of_your from_under the_
_wall they_have_died some_of_the_servants_of the_king and_
_also servant_of_your ʼŪriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy he_has_died. **25** And_
Dāvid _he/it_said to the_messenger thus you_will_say to Yō'āv
not let_it_be_displeasing in_eyes_of_your ~~DOM~~ the_thing the_
_this if/because like_this and_like_this the_sword it_devours
strengthen battle_of_your against the_city and_tear_it_down
and_encourage_him. **26** And_ the_wife_of ʼŪriy^{yāh} _she_heard
if/because_that ʼŪriy^{yāh} her/its_husband/man he_had_died
and_she_mourned on husband_of_her. **27** And_ the_mourning _
_he/it_passed_through and_ Dāvid _he_sent and_he_gathered_
_her to house_of_his and_it_became to_him/it to/for_(a)_
_woman and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it a_son and_ the_thing
which he_had_done Dāvid _it_was_displeasing in/on_both_
_eyes_of **YHWH**.

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that day and the following day, **13** and David summoned him over, and they ate and drank together, and David got him drunk. But even then, Uriyah didn't go back to his house, but when he left in the evening he went back to sleep in the dorm with his master's servants.

14 The next morning, David wrote a note to Yoav and told Uriyah to deliver it. **15** He'd written, "Place Uriyah in the front where the fighting is strongest, then fall back from behind him so that he'll be struck and die." **16** So as Yoav was surrounding the city, he placed Uriyah where he knew the strongest enemy warriors would be fighting. **17** The warriors from the city came out and fought against Yoav's men, and some of David's servants were killed and so was Uriyah.

18 Then Yoav sent a messenger to David to give him a full account of the battle. **19** He told the messenger, "Once you've finished telling all the details of the battle to the king, **20** if he gets angry and asks, 'Why did you all go so close in to the city to fight? Didn't you know that they'd shoot down from the wall? **21** Wasn't Yerubeshet's son Avimelek killed by a woman in Tevets when she threw a millstone down from the wall?[57] Why did you approach the wall?' Then you should say, 'Your servant Uriyah the Hiti is also dead.' "

22 So the messenger left and went and told David everything that Yoav had told him, **23** saying, "Their men gained ground and came out against us in the countryside, but we forced them back to their city gate. **24** Then their archers were shooting at your men from the top of the wall and some of your men were killed, including your servant Uriyah the Hiti."

25 David sent the messenger back to encourage Yoav, "Don't let yourself be upset by what happened because no one knows who might die in a battle. Reinforce your battle against the city and tear it down."

26 When Uriyah's wife Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba) heard that her husband had been killed, she mourned for him. **27** When her time of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her to the palace. She became a wife to him and bore a son for him, but Yahweh was unhappy about what David had done.

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57 RV 11:21 · Cross-ref. Jdg 9:53.

61 LV 11:24 · Note OSHB variant note: **וארי/ו**: (x-qere) 'וּרִיָּ֣/ו': lemma_c/3384 a morph_HC/Vhw3mp id_109RY וּרִיָּ֣/ו

62 LV 11:24 · Note OSHB variant note: **ם֝יארומ/ה**: (x-qere) 'ם֝יָרוֹמ/ה': lemma_d/3384 a morph_HTd/Vhrmpa id_10aqQ ם֝יָרוֹמ/ה

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Natan brings rebuke to David · Full kingdom

12:1 So Yahweh sent Natan (Nathan) to David[63] to tell him, "Once there was a rich man and a poor man living in the same city. **2** The rich man had a large number of flocks and herds, **3** but the poor man only had one little female lamb that he'd bought. It grew up with him and his sons, and would eat his left-overs and drink from his cup and lay down in his lap—it was like a daughter to him. **4** One day the rich man had a visitor, but instead of taking one of his own animals for a meal, he killed the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the meal for his guest."

5 David got very angry listening to that and told Natan, "By the life of Yahweh, the man that did that definitely deserves to be put to death! **6** He must pay back four lambs for doing that and for having no pity on that poor man."

7 Then Natan said to David, "You are that rich man. Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel), says to you: 'I myself anointed you as king over Yisrael, and I myself kept you safe from Sha'ul (Saul). **8** I gave you the house that belonged to your master, as well as his wives. I made you king over both Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah). And if that wasn't enough, I've given you more and more. **9** So why have you despised my commands by doing what you knew was evil? You had Uriyah the Hiti killed with an Amoni sword and you took his wife for yourself. **10** So now, because you despised me and took Uriyah's wife as your own, war and violence will never go away from you and your descendants. **11** I will cause a disaster to hit you from within your own household—I'll take your wives and give them to a family member right in front of your eyes, and he will let everyone know that he's sleeping with your wives.[64] **12** You did what you did in secret, but I myself will do all this in public before all Yisrael.' "

13 "Yes, I've sinned against Yahweh," David responded to Natan.

"Yahweh has taken away your sin," Natan replied. "You won't die. **14** Nevertheless, because you have utterly disrespected Yahweh in this matter, also your new son is certainly going to die." **15** Then Natan went home.

David's son dies · Full kingdom

Then Yahweh caused the baby (that Uriyah's wife had given birth to) to get

Literal Version

12:1 And_ **YHWH** _he_sent ÐOM Nātān to Dāvid and_he_came to_ _him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it two_of men they_were in_a_ _city one one was_rich and_one was_poor. **2** To_the_rich_man flock[s] and_herd[s] many very it_belonged. **3** And_to_man there_belonged_not anything if/because (if) a_ewe-lamb one small which he_had_acquired and_he_nourished_it and_it_ _grew_up with_him/it and_with children_of_his together from_ _his_piece_of_of_bread it_ate and_from_cup_of_his it_drank and_in_bosom_of_his it_lay_down and_it_became to_him/it like_a_daughter. **4** And_ a_visitor _he_came to_the_man_of (the)_rich and_he_spared to_take/accept/receive one_of_his_ _own_sheep and_one_of_his_own_cattle for_doing for_traveller who_had_come to_him/it and_he/it_took ÐOM the_ewe-lamb_of the_man (the)_poor and_he_prepared_it for_man who_had_ _come to_him/it. **5** And_ the_anger of_Dāvid _it_glowed/burnt on_man exceedingly and_he/it_said to Nātān by_the_life of_ _**YHWH** if/because is_a_son_of death the_man who_did this. **6** And_ÐOM the_ewe-lamb he_will_restore fourfold consequence_of that he_did ÐOM the_thing the_this and_on that not he_showed_pity. **7** And_ Nātān _he/it_said to Dāvid you the_man thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says I I_ _anointed_you to_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I I_delivered_ _you from_the_hand_of Shā'ūl/(Saul). **8** And_I_gave to/for_ _yourself(m) ÐOM the_house_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your and_ÐOM the_wives_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your in_bosom_ _of_your and_I_gave to/for_yourself(m) ÐOM the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_if little and_I_ _will_add to_you like_those and_like_those. **9** Why have_you_ _despised ÐOM the_message_of **YHWH** for_doing the_evil in/on/at/with[65] ÐOM 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy you_struck_down with_sword and_ÐOM his/its_wife/woman you_took for_ _yourself to/for_(a)_woman and_him you_killed the_sword_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn. **10** And_now not the_sword it_will_ _depart from_house_of_your until perpetuity consequence if/because you_despised_me and_she/it_took ÐOM the_wife_of 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy to_be to/for_yourself(m) to/for_(a)_woman. **11** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_raise_up on_you calamity from_your_own_of_house and_I_will_take ÐOM wives_ _of_your to_eyes_of_your and_I_will_give_them to_neighbour_ _of_your and_he_will_lie with wives_of_your to_the_eyes_of the_sun (the)_this. **12** If/because you you_acted in_secret and_I I_will_do ÐOM the_thing the_this before all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_before the_sun. **13** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Nātān I_have_ _sinned to/for_**YHWH** and_ Nātān _he/it_said to Dāvid also **YHWH** he_has_taken_away sin_of_your not you_will_die. **14** Nevertheless if/because indeed_(declare_contemptible) you_ _have_declared_contemptible ÐOM the_enemies_of **YHWH** by_ _thing the_this also the_son (the)_born to/for_yourself(m) surely_(die) he_will_die. **15** And_ Nātān _he/it_went to house_ _of_his and_ **YHWH** _he_struck ÐOM the_child whom the_wife_ _of 'Ūriy^{yāh} she_had_borne to_Dāvid and_he_was_sick. **16** And_ Dāvid _he/it_sought ÐOM the_'Elohīm for the_lad and_ Dāvid _he_fasted a_fast and_he_went and_he_passed_the_night and_he_lay ground_to_the. **17** And_ the_elders_of his_house_of_

63 RV 12:1 · Cross-ref. Psa 51 header.

64 RV 12:11-12 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 16:22.

65 LV 12:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/ניע/ב**: (x-qere) **י/נִיעִ/ב**ְּ: lemma_b/5869 a n_1.3 morph_HR/Ncbdc/Sp1cs id_10ttW **י/נִיעִ/ב**ְּ

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_his _they_stood on/upon/above_him/it to_raise_him from the_earth/land and_not he_was_willing and_not he_ate with_ _them food. **18** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh and_ the_child _he/it_died and_ the_servants_of Dāvid _they_saw to_ _announce to_him/it if/because_that the_child he_had_died if/because they_said HERE when_was the_child alive we_spoke to_him/it and_not he_listened to_voice_of_our and_how will_ _we_say to_him/it the_child he_has_died and_he_will_do harm. **19** And_ Dāvid _he/it_saw if/because_that servants_of_his were_whispering_to_one_another and_ Dāvid _he_understood if/because_that the_child he_had_died and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to servants_of_his has_ the_child _he_died and_they_said he_ _has_died. **20** And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up from_the_ground and_ _he_bathed and_he_anointed_himself and_he_changed his[66] and_he_went the_house_of **YHWH** and_he_bowed_down and_ _he_went to house_of_his_own and_he_asked and_they_set to_ _him/it food and_he/it_ate. **21** And_ servants_of_his _they_said to_him/it what is_the_thing the_this which you_have_done in_ _account_of the_child was_alive you_fasted and_you_wept and_ _when the_child he_died you_arose and_she/it_ate food. **22** And_he/it_said while_still the_child was_alive I_fasted and_ _I_wept if/because I_said who is_knowing mmm[67] **YHWH** he_ _will_live the_child. **23** And_now he_has_died to/for_what this am_I fasting am_I_able to_bring_him_back again I will_be_going to_him/it and_he not he_will_return to_me. **24** And_ Dāvid _he_ _comforted ᴅᴏᴍ Bath- shevaʿ his/its_wife/woman and_he_went to_her/it and_he_lay with_her/it and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and[68] ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_name Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_**YHWH** he_ _loved_him.

25 And_he_sent by_the_hand_of Nātān the_prophet and_he/it_ _called ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_name Yədīdəʸᵃʰ/(Jedidiah) in_account_of **YHWH**.

26 And_ Yō'āvʿ/(Joab) _he_fought against_Rabāh of_the_people_ _of of_ʿAmmōn and_he_captured ᴅᴏᴍ the_city_of the_royalty. **27** And_ Yō'āvʿ _he_sent messengers to Dāvid and_he/it_said I_ _have_fought against_Rabāh also I_have_captured ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _city_of the_waters. **28** And_now gather ᴅᴏᴍ the_rest_of the_ _people and_encamp on the_city and_capture_it lest I I_should_ _take ᴅᴏᴍ the_city and_ name_of_my _it_will_be_called on_it. **29** And_ Dāvid _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_people and_he/it_ _went to_Rabāh and_he_fought against_it and_he_captured_it. **30** And_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_crown_of their_king_of_their from_ _under his/its_head and_weight_of_its was_a_talent_of gold and_stone_of precious and_it_became on the_head_of Dāvid and_the_plunder_of the_city he_brought_out much very. **31** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_people which was_in_it he_brought_out and_ _he/it_assigned saw[s] and_at_the_picks_of (the)_iron and_at_

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sick. **16** David pleaded with Yahweh for the boy's sake, and he fasted, and he spent the entire night lying down on the ground. **17** The influential members of his household got beside him to try to get him up from the ground, but he wouldn't budge, and he wouldn't eat anything they brought. **18** Then on the seventh day, the baby died, but David's servants were afraid to tell him because after seeing his response when the child was sick, they were afraid of what he might do to himself when he found out that his son had died.

19 However, when David noticed his servants whispering together, he realised that the baby must have died, and he asked them, "Did the baby die?"

"Yes," they answered, "he passed away."

20 Then David got up from the ground and washed, and he rubbed lotions on and changed his clothes, then he entered Yahweh's tent and worshipped him. Then he went back home and asked for food to be served, and he ate.

21 His servants queried him, "We don't understand what just happened: when the baby was alive you fasted and wept, but yet when he dies, you get up and have a meal?"

22 "While the child was still alive," David replied, "I fasted and I wept, because I thought, 'Who knows? Yahweh might be gracious to me and let him live.' **23** But now that he's dead, there's no more reason to fast—I can't bring him back again. One day I'll go to him, but he'll never come back here to me." **24** Then David comforted his wife Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba).

The birth of Shelomoh · Full kingdom

Then David went to Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba) and slept with her, and in due course she gave birth to a son. David he named him Shelomoh (Solomon), and Yahweh loved that boy **25** and sent the prophet Natan (Nathan) to name him Yedideyah[69] (which means 'loved by Yahweh') for Yahweh's sake.

David captures Rabah · Full kingdom[70]

26 Then Yoav (Joab) fought the Amonim at Rabah and captured their palace, **27** then he sent messengers to David to tell him, "I've fought against Rabah and I've overthrown the city's water supply. **28** So now, gather the rest of our fighters and lay siege to the city and capture it. Otherwise I'll do it and then it'll be named after me. **29** So David gathered all his warriors and went to Rabah, where he attacked the city and captured it. **30** He took the king's crown off his head (it was gold and weighed around 30kg), and it was placed on his head. A lot of other plunder was also taken from the city. **31** The inhabitants of Rabah were brought out and assigned to work at the brick kiln with saws, iron picks, and axes. (He did that to all the Amoni cities.)

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66 LV 12:20 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תלמש: (x-qere) 'וְיִתְלְמְשׁ': lemma_8071 n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_10rXs וְיִתְלְמְשׁ

67 LV 12:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ינ/נחי: (x-qere) 'יְנֻּחֶ֔נּוּ': lemma_c/2603 a morph_HC/Vqq3ms/Sp1cs id_10cdx יְנֻּחֶ֔נּוּ

68 LV 12:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ארקי: (x-qere) 'וַאֲרַקְתִּ֔יהָ': lemma_c/7121 morph_HC/Vqw3fs id_10Yoz וַאֲרַקְתִּ֔יהָ

69 RV 12:25 · Note That name didn't seem to stick because this is the only mention of it in the Bible.

70 RV 12:26 · Parallel 1 Chr. 20:1-3

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Then David and all his people returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Amnon rapes Tamar · Full kingdom

13:1 Some time afterwards, David's son Amnon fell in love with his beautiful half-sister Tamar (Avshalom's (Absalom's) sister), **2** and he made himself frustrated, always thinking about her because she was a virgin. However, he couldn't do anything with her. **3** But Amnon had a very shrewd friend called Yonadav (son of David's brother Shimeah) **4** and Yonadav asked him, "Hey, you're a son of the king, so tell me why you're always so unhappy?"

"I'm in love with my brother Avshalom's sister Tamar," Amnon replied.

5 "Go to bed and pretend to be sick," Yonadav suggested. "Then when your father comes to see you, ask him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come to look after my food. She can cook it here and serve it to me.' " **6** So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick, and when the king came to see him, Amnon asked him, "Please, let my sister Tamar come and make a couple of bread rolls while I'm watching, and then she can serve them to me."

7 So David sent a message to Tamar to ask her to go to her brother Amnon's house and prepare food for him. **8** So Tamar went to her half-brother Amnon's house where he was lying down. She took some dough and kneaded it into breadrolls and baked them. **9** Then she took the tray over to him, but he refused to eat, saying, "Send everyone else out of here," so they all left. **10** Then Amnon told Tamar, "Bring the food into the bedroom so that you can serve it to me." So Tamar took the breadrolls that she'd made, and took them to Amnon in the bedroom. **11** But when she got close enough to him, he grabbed her and insisted, "Come and lie down with me, my sister."

12 "No, my brother," she told him, "don't humiliate me because we Israelis don't do that. Don't do this disgraceful thing. **13** Where could I hide my shame? And you—you'd be considered a godless fool in Yisrael (Israel). Just speak to the king because he'd give me to you to marry." **14** But he didn't want her advice, and being stronger than her, he humiliated her by forcing her down and raping her.

15 Instantly, Amnon hated her with terrible hatred—a much greater hatred than the love with which he'd loved her, and he told her to get up and get out.

16 "No, no." she responded. "Sending me away would be even worse than what you just did to me."

But he refused to listen to her **17** and called his personal servant. He told him to take the woman away and send her outside and then lock the door behind her. **18** (She was wearing the kind of long robe that the virgin daughters of the king wore as an

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_the_axes_of (the)_iron and_he_caused_to_pass them in/on/at/with[71] and_thus/so/as_follows he_did to_ _all/each/any/every the_cities_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn and_ Dāvid and_all the_people _he_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

13:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_belonged_to_'Avīshālōm the_son_of Dāvid a_sister a_beautiful and_name_of_her was_ _Tāmār and_he_loved_her 'Amnōn the_son_of Dāvid. **2** And_it_ _was_distress to_'Amnōn to_make_himself_sick because_of Tāmār sister_of_his if/because was_a_virgin she and_it_was_ _difficult in/on_both_eyes_of 'Amnōn for_doing to/for_her/it anything. **3** And_belonged_to_'Amnōn a_friend and_his/its_ _name was_Yōnādāv/(Jonadab) the_son_of Shimʿāh the_ _brother_of Dāvid and_Yōnādāv was_a_man shrewd very. **4** And_he/it_said to_him/it why are_you thus weak Oh_son_of the_king in_morning in_morning am_not will_you_tell to_me and_he/it_said to_him/it 'Amnōn ~~DOM~~ Tāmār the_sister_of 'Avīshālōm my_brother/kindred I am_loving. **5** And_he/it_said to_him/it Yōnādāv lie_down on bed_of_your and_make_ _yourself_sick and_ father_of_your _he_will_come to_see_you and_you_will_say to_him/it let_her_come please Tāmār sister_ _of_my and_let_her_cause_me_to_eat food and_she_will_make to_eyes_of_my ~~DOM~~ the_food so_that that I_may_see and_I_will_ _eat from_hand_of_her. **6** And_ 'Amnōn _he_lay_down and_he_ _made_himself_sick and_ the_king _he_came to_see_him and_ 'Amnōn _he/it_said to the_king let_her_come please Tāmār sister_of_my and_let_her_make_cakes to_eyes_of_my two_of cakes so_that_I_may_eat from_hand_of_her. **7** And_ Dāvid _he_ _sent to Tāmār to_the_house to_say go please the_house_of 'Amnōn brother_of_your and_make to_him/it the_food. **8** And_ Tāmār _she_went the_house_of 'Amnōn brother_of_her and_he was_lying_down and_she/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_dough and[73] and_ _she_made_cakes to_eyes_of_his and_she_cooked ~~DOM~~ the_ _cakes. **9** And_she/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_pan and_she_poured_out before_him and_he_refused to_eat and_ 'Amnōn _he/it_said send_out every_of person from_with_me and_ every_of person _they_went_out from_with_him. **10** And_ 'Amnōn _he/it_said to Tāmār bring the_food the_chamber so_that_I_may_eat from_ _hand_of_your and_ Tāmār _she/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_cakes which she_had_made and_she_brought_them to_'Amnōn brother_of_ _her to_the_chamber. **11** And_she_brought_them to_him/it to_ _eat and_he_took_hold on_her and_he/it_said to/for_her/it come lie with_me my_sister_of_my. **12** And_she/it_said to_ _him/it no my_brother/kindred do_not humble_me if/because not it_will_be_done thus in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) do_not do ~~DOM~~ the_ _disgraceful_folly (the)_this. **13** And_I where will_I_bring ~~DOM~~ reproach_of_my and_you(ms) you_will_be like_one of_the_fools in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_now speak please to the_king if/because not he_will_withhold_me from_you. **14** And_not he_was_willing to_listen to_voice_of_her and_he_was_strong from_her/it and_ _he_humbled_her and_he_lay ~~DOM~~_her/it. **15** And_he_hated_her 'Amnōn hatred great very if/because was_great the_hatred which he_hated_her more_than_the_love which he_had_loved_ _her and_he_said to/for_her/it 'Amnōn get_up go. **16** And_

71 LV 12:31 · Note OSHB variant note: וכלמ/ב: (x-qere) וּבְלַמֵּ/ב: lemma_b/4404 n_1.2 morph_HRd/Ncmsa id_10NgL וּבְלַמֵּ/ב

73 LV 13:8 · Note OSHB variant note: שולת/ו: (x-qere) וְשָׁלַת/ו: lemma_c/3888 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqw3fs id_10KVW וְשָׁלַת/ו

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_she/it_said to_him/it no the_causes_of the_evil (the)_great (the)_this are_more_than_the_other which you_have_done with_me to_send_me_away and_not he_was_willing to_listen to/for_her/it. **17** And_he/it_called ÐOM man_of_his_young who_ _served_of_him and_he/it_said send_away please ÐOM this_ _woman from_with_me to_the_outside and_lock the_door after_her. **18** And_was_on_her a_long_garment_of palms_and_ _soles if/because thus the_daughters_of the_king the_virgins they_wore robes and_ servant_of_his _he_made_go_out her the_ _outside and_he_locked the_door after_her. **19** And_ Tāmār _ _she/it_took ash[es] on head_of_her and_the_long_garment_of the_palms_and_soles which on/upon_it(f) she_tore and_she_ _put hand_of_her on head_of_her and_she_went surely_(go) and_she_cried_out. **20** And_he/it_said to_her/it 'Avīshālōm brother_of_her 'Amnōn brother_of_your has_he_been with_you and_now my_sister_of_my keep_silent brother_of_is_your he do_not set ÐOM heart_of_your to_the_message/thing/matter the_this and_ Tāmār _she_dwelt (and)_a_desolate_woman the_ _house_of 'Avīshālōm brother_of_her. **21** And_the_king Dāvid he_heard ÐOM all_of the_things the_these and_it_glowed/burnt to_him/it exceedingly. **22** And_not 'Avīshālōm he_spoke with 'Amnōn (to)_from_bad and_unto good if/because 'Avīshālōm he_hated ÐOM 'Amnōn on the_thing_of (of)_that he_had_ _humbled ÐOM Tāmār sister_of_his.

23 And_he/it_was to_two_years days and_ shearers _they_were to_'Avīshālōm at_Ba'al- hazor which is_near 'Efrayim and_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_called to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _sons_of the_king. **24** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_went to the_king and_he/it_said HERE please shearers belong_to_servant_of_ _your let_him_go please the_king and_servants_of_his with servant_of_your. **25** And_ the_king _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm no my_son_of_my not please of_us_of_all let_us_go and_not we_ _will_be_heavy on_you and_he_urged in/on/over_him/it and_ _not he_was_willing to_go and_he_blessed_him. **26** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said and_not let_him_go please with_us 'Amnōn my_brother/kindred and_he/it_said to_him/it the_ _king to/for_what will_he_go with_you. **27** And_he_urged in/on/over_him/it 'Avīshālōm and_he_sent with_him/it ÐOM 'Amnōn and_ÐOM all_of the_sons_of the_king. **28** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_commanded ÐOM servants_of_his to_say look please just_ the_heart_of 'Amnōn _as_is_good with_wine and_I_ _will_say to_you(pl) strike_down ÐOM 'Amnōn and_you(pl)_will_ _kill ÐOM_him/it do_not be_afraid am_not that/for/because/then/when I I_have_commanded you(pl) be_ _strong and_become (into)_sons_of strength. **29** And_ the_ _servants_of 'Avīshālōm _they_did to_'Amnōn just_as 'Avīshālōm he_had_commanded and_they_arose all_of the_ _sons_of the_king and_they_mounted each on mule_of_his and_ _they_fled. **30** And_ they _he/it_was were_on_way and_the_ _report it_came to Dāvid to_say 'Avīshālōm he_has_struck_ _down ÐOM all_of the_sons_of the_king and_not he_is_left from_ _them one. **31** And_ the_king _he/it_rose_up and_he_tore ÐOM garments_of_his and_he_lay_down ground_to_the and_all servants_of_his were_standing torn_of garments. **32** And_he_ _answered Yōnādāv/(Jonadab) the_son_of Shim'āh the_ _brother_of Dāvid and_he/it_said not my_master let_him_say

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outer garment.)

So the servant pushed her outside and locked the door behind her. **19** Then Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the long robe that she was wearing. She put her hand on her head and wailed as she walked home.[72] **20** Her brother Avshalom (Absalom) asked her, "Did your half-brother Amnon mess with you? But now, my sister, don't tell anyone since he's your brother and don't let it upset you." So Tamar lived in a state of desolation in her brother Avshalom's house.

21 When King David heard about all that, he got very angry. **22** Also, Avshalom said nothing to Amnon (either good or bad) because he hated him for humiliating his sister Tamar.

Avshalom kills Amnon · Full kingdom

23 Two years passed, then Avshalom's (Absalom's) shearers were in Ba'al-Hatsor (near Efrayim (Ephraim)) and Avshalom invited all the king's sons. **24** Avshalom went to the king and asked him, "Listen, please, the shearers are working for your servant. Please, let the king and his servants come with your servant."

25 "No, my son," the king replied. "There's too many of us—it would be too expensive for you." Avshalom he urged him, but he wouldn't go, however he did bless him.

26 "But if you don't come," Avshalom insisted, "please let my brother Amnon come with us."

"Why should *he* go with you?" the king asked. **27** But Avshalom insisted, so the king agreed to send Amnon and his other sons. **28** Then Avshalom prepared his young men, "Listen now, when Amnon gets a bit drunk from the wine and I tell you all, 'Strike Amnon!' then you'll kill him. You all don't need to be afraid because I myself am the one commanding you. Be courageous warriors." **29** At the right time, Avshalom's servants did to Amnon what Avshalom commanded them. All the rest of the king's sons jumped up and onto their mules and fled away.

30 While they were still on the way, David heard the news that Avshalom had struck all of his sons and killed them, and none were left alive. **31** The king stood up and tore his clothes, then he laid down on the ground. Meanwhile, all his servants there were tearing their clothes. **32** Then Yonadav (David's brother Shimeah's son) spoke up, "My master, don't imagine that all those young men, the king's sons, have been murdered. I suspect

72 RV 13:19 · Note The ashes, tearing of clothes, putting hand on head, and wailing, were all cultural signs of mourning and distress.

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that only Amnon is dead, because Avshalom has been determined to do this ever since his sister Tamar was humiliated.
33 So my master, don't believe the report that all your sons are dead. It's probably only Amnon who's dead.

34 Meanwhile, Avshalom had fled.

Suddenly the watchman turned and saw, wow, many people coming around the hill along the road behind him. **35** "Look," Yonadav told the king. "The king's sons are coming! It's just what I said." **36** He'd hardly finished speaking when, wow, the king's sons came in. Then they all cried loudly, and the king and his servants joined them in their wailing.

37 But Avshalom had fled, and he went to Geshur to stay with King Amihud's son, Talmay.[74] But David mourned for his son every day. **38** After Avshalom fled to Geshur, he stayed there for three years. **39** By then, King David was no longer grieving over Amnon's death and longed to go to see Avshalom.

Avshalom returns to Yerushalem · Full kingdom

14:1 Now Yoav (Joab) (Tseruyah's son) realised that the king missed Avshalom (Absalom), **2** so he sent for a wise woman from Tekoa and told her, "Now, please put on mourning clothes and don't put on any make-up. Act like a woman who has been mourning for the dead for several days, **3** and go to the king and give him this message." Then Yoav told her what to say to the king.

4 So the Tekoei woman went to the king and fell onto her knees with his face down to the ground, saying, "Your majesty, help me."

5 "What's the matter?" the king asked.

"Alas, I'm a widow," she replied. "My husband has died. **6** Your female servant had two sons, and the two of them fought each other out in the countryside. There wasn't anyone there who could stop them, and then one son struck the other and killed him. **7** Now listen, the entire clan has turned against your female servant and demanded, 'Give us the one who killed his brother, and we'll kill him in exchange for the life of the brother that he killed. Also, it would mean that this evil thing couldn't be passed on.' But that would leave me with no descendants to continue my husband's name."

8 "Go home," the king told the woman, "and I'll make a decision about what to do."

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~~DOM~~ all_of the_young_men the_sons_of the_king they_have_ _killed if/because 'Amnōn for_him/it_being_alone he_has_died if/because on the_mouth_of 'Avīshālōm determined it_has_ _been from_the_day_of humbled_he ~~DOM~~ Tāmār sister_of_his. **33** And_now not my_master the_king let_him_set to his/its_ _heart a_message to_say all_of the_sons_of the_king they_have_ _died if/because (if) 'Amnōn for_him/it_being_alone he_has_ _died. **34** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_fled and_ the_servant who_was_ _keeping_watch _he_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ mmm[75] and_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_people numerous were_coming from_the_ _road behind_him from_the_side_of the_mountain. **35** And_ Yōnādāv _he/it_said to the_king THERE the_sons_of the_king they_have_come according_to_the_message_of your_servant_ _of_your so it_has_happened. **36** And_he/it_was just_as_he_ _finished to_speak and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_sons_of the_king they_came and_they_lifted_up voice_of_their and_they_wept and_also the_king and_all servants_of_his they_wept a_weeping a_great very. **37** And_'Avīshālōm he_fled and_he/it_went to Talmay the_son_of ʿAmmiyḥūr[76] the_king_of Gəshūr and_he_ _mourned on his/its_son all_of the_days. **38** And_'Avīshālōm he_fled and_he/it_went Gəshūr and_he/it_was there three years. **39** And_ Dāvid the_king _it(f)_completed to_go_out against 'Avīshālōm if/because he_was_comforted on 'Amnōn if/because he_had_died.

14:1 And_ Yō'āvˇ/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərūy^āh/(Zeruiah) _he/it_ _knew if/because_that the_heart_of the_king was_towards 'Avīshālōm. **2** And_ Yō'āvˇ _he_sent to_Təqōʿī and_he/it_took from_there a_woman wise and_he/it_said to_her/it play_the_ _mourner please and_put_on please garments_of mourning and_do_not anoint_yourself oil and_you_will_be like_a_woman this days many who_has_been_mourning on a_dead_person. **3** And_you_will_go to the_king and_you_will_speak to_him/it according_the_message the_this and_ Yō'āvˇ _he/it_assigned ~~DOM~~ the_words/messages in_mouth_of_her. **4** And_ the_woman (the)_Təqōʿī _she/it_said to the_king and_she_fell on face_of_ _her towards_land and_she_bowed_down and_she/it_said save Oh_king. **5** And_he/it_said to/for_her/it the_king what is_to_ _you and_she/it_said indeed am_a_woman a_widow I and_ husband_of_my _he/it_died. **6** And_belonged_to_maidservant_ _of_your two_of_sons and_ both_of_them _they_struggled_ _together in_the_field and_there_was_not a_deliverer between_ _them and_he_struck_him the_one ~~DOM~~ the_one and_he_killed ~~DOM~~_him/it. **7** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE all_of the_clan it_has_ _risen_up on maidservant_of_your and_they_said deliver_up ~~DOM~~ the_one_who_struck_down_of his/its_brother so_that_we_ _may_put_him_to_death for_the_life_of his/its_brother whom he_killed and_so_that_we_may_destroy also ~~DOM~~ the_heir and_ _they_will_extinguish ~~DOM~~ coal_of_my which it_is_left to_not to_establish[79] for_husband_of_my a_name and_a_remnant on the_surface_of the_soil. **8** And_ the_king _he/it_said to the_ _woman go to_house_of_your and_I I_will_command on_you.

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74 **RV 13:37 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 3:3.

75 **LV 13:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/נִיע**: (x-qere) 'וְ/נָיַע': lemma_5869 a n_0.1 morph_HNcbdc/Sp3ms id_10hPq **ו/נָיַע**

76 **LV 13:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רוחימע**: (x-qere) 'דְוִהִימַע': lemma_5989 n_1.0 morph_HNp id_109ZJ **דְוִהִימַע**

79 **LV 14:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ם֥וש**: (x-qere) 'סִישׁ': lemma_7760 a morph_HVqc id_10mps **סִישׁ**

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9 And_ the_woman (the)_Təqō'ī _she/it_said to the_king be_on_ _me my_master the_king the_iniquity and_on the_house_of my_father_of_my and_the_king and_throne_of_his be_ _innocent. **10** And_ the_king _he/it_said the_one_who_speaks to_you and_you_will_bring_him to_me and_not he_will_repeat again to_touch on/over_you(fs). **11** And_she/it_said let_him_ _remember please the_king ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_your mmm[80] the_avenger_of (the)_blood to_destroy and_not they_will_ _destroy ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_my and_he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** if one_of_the_hair[s]_of your_son_of_your it_will_fall ground_to_ _the. **12** And_ the_woman _she/it_said let_her_speak please maidservant_of_your to my_master the_king a_message and_ _he/it_said speak. **13** And_ the_woman _she/it_said and_for_ _what have_you_planned like_this on the_people_of god and_ _because_ the_king _has_spoken the_message the_this like_a_ _guilty_person to_not the_king to_bring_back ᴅᴏᴍ his_ _banished_of_son. **14** If/because certainly_(die) we_will_die and_we_like_(the)_waters which_are_spilled towards_land which not they_will_be_gathered and_not god he_takes_away life and_he_plans plans to_not he_will_be_throw_out from_ _him/it a_banished_one. **15** And_now when I_have_come to_ _speak to the_king my_master ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this if/because they_have_made_me_afraid the_people and_ maidservant_of_your _she/it_said let_me_speak please to the_ _king perhaps the_king he_will_do ᴅᴏᴍ the_message_of his_ _maidservant_of_his. **16** If/because the_king he_will_hear to_ _deliver ᴅᴏᴍ maidservant_of_his from_the_palm_of the_man to_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ_me and_ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_my together from_the_ _inheritance_of god. **17** And_ maidservant_of_your _she/it_said may_it_become please the_message_of my_master the_king (into)_rest if/because like_the_messenger_of the_'Elohīm is_so my_master the_king to_hear (the)_good and_(the)_bad and_ _**YHWH** god_of_your may_he_be with_you. **18** And_ the_king _ _he_answered and_he/it_said to the_woman do_not please hide from_me anything which I am_asking you and_ the_woman _ _she/it_said let_him_speak please my_master the_king. **19** And_ the_king _he/it_said is_the_hand_of Yō'āv/(Joab) with_you in_ _all this and_ the_woman _she_answered and_she/it_said by_ _the_life your_self_of_your my_master the_king if there_is to_ _go_to_the_right and_to_go_to_the_left from_all that my_ _master the_king he_has_spoken if/because servant_of_your Yō'āv he he_commanded_me and_he he_put in_the_mouth_of your_maidservant_of_your ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages the_ _these. **20** (To)_in_order to_change ᴅᴏᴍ the_face_of the_matter servant_of_your Yō'āv he_did ᴅᴏᴍ the_thing the_this and_ _master_of_my is_wise like_the_wisdom_of the_messenger_of the_'Elohīm to_know ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that on_the_earth. **21** And_ the_ _king _he/it_said to Yō'āv HERE please I_do ᴅᴏᴍ the_thing the_ _this and_go bring_back ᴅᴏᴍ the_young_man ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm. **22** And_ Yō'āv _he_fell to his/its_faces/face towards_land and_ _he_bowed_down and_he/it_blessed ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_ Yō'āv _ _he/it_said the_day he_knows servant_of if/because_that I_ _have_found favour in_eyes_of_your my_master the_king that

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9 But the Tekoei woman continued, "The blame,[77] my master the king, will be on me and my extended family, but the king and his throne will be innocent."

10 "Anyone who speaks against you," said the king, "bring them to me, and then they won't trouble you any more."

11 "Please," she insisted, "may the king ask your god Yahweh to prevent the avenger of blood from increasing the tragedy, so my son won't be destroyed."

"As surely as Yahweh lives," he vowed, "not a hair from your son's head will fall to the ground."

12 Then the woman said, "Please, let your female servant ask my master the king a question."

"Speak," he replied.

13 So the woman asked, "Why have you acted like this against God's people? When the king says that to me, isn't he convicting himself since he hasn't brought back *his own* banished son? **14** It's certain that we'll all die. Water that's spilt on the ground can't be gathered together again but God's not like that. Rather than taking away life, he devises plans so that the one who was banished can be gathered back in. **15** The reason that I've come now to tell this to the king my master, is because the people have frightened me. So your servant said to herself, 'I will speak, please, to the king. Perhaps the king will honour the request of his female servant. **16** Maybe the king will listen in order to save his female servant from the man who's cutting me and my son together off from the inheritance given by God.' **17** And your female servant thought, 'Please, let the word of my master the king become my assurance, because my master the king is like God's messenger when it comes to understanding good and evil.[78] And may Yahweh your god be with you.' "

18 "Hang on," the king told the woman. "I want you to answer this question honestly."

"Please, let my master the king speak." she responded.

19 "Did Yoav (Joab) perhaps have anything to do with all this?" he asked.

The woman answered, "By the life of your spirit, my master the king, there's no avoiding anything that my master the king has said. Yes, your servant Yoav—he himself commanded me, and he himself told your female servant what I should say. **20** Your servant Yoav set this up to try to remedy the situation. But my master is wise like the wisdom of one of God's messengers to know everything that's going on here on earth."

21 Then the king summoned Yoav and told him, "All right then, I'll sort this out. Now go and bring back the young man Avshalom (Absalom)."

22 Yoav fell onto his knees and bowed his face to the ground, and blessed the king, then he said, "Today, your servant knows that I have found favour in your eyes, my master the king, since

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77 RV 14:9 · Note Presumably for not putting the murderer to death.

78 RV 14:17 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 19:27.

80 LV 14:11 · Note OSHB variant note: תיברה/מ: (x-qere) 'תֻּבְּרַהְ/מ': lemma_m/7235 a n_1.1.0.0 morph_HR/Vhc id_10RKz תֻּבְּרַהְ/מ

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the king is going to do what his servant asked." 23 Then Yoav got up and went to Geshur to get Avshalom and bring him back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), 24 but the king said, "He can go around to his house, but he's to stay right away from me." So Avshalom lived in his own house, but wasn't allowed into the palace.

Avshalom and David reconcile · Full kingdom

25 Now Avshalom (Absalom) was admired as the most handsome man in all Yisrael (Israel)—from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet, you wouldn't be able to find a blemish on his skin. 26 He had his hair cut once a year when it got too heavy on him, and when the hair was weighed using standard weights, it would be over two kilograms. 27 Avshalom had three sons and a daughter named Tamar—a very attractive woman.

28 Avshalom lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for two years without ever getting to see the king, 29 so he sent a message to Yoav (Joab) about getting an invitation to see the king, but Yoav wouldn't come to him. He sent another message, but Yoav still wouldn't come, 30 so he instructed his servants, "Listen, Yoav's piece of land with a barley crop is nearby. Go and set fire to it." So Avshalom's servants burnt Yoav's barley.[82]

31 Then Yoav went to Avshalom's house and demanded, "Why did your servants destroy my barley crop?"

32 "Listen, I tried to contact you," Avshalom replied. "I asked you to come here so that I could send you to the king to ask what the point was of bringing me here from Geshur if I can't see him—I might as well have stayed back there. So now, help me to get invited to see the king, and then if I'm considered guilty of a crime, then let him kill me."

33 So Yoav went and informed the king, and he called for Avshalom. When he entered, he knelt and bowed his face to the ground in front of the king, and then the king kissed him.

Avshalom plans his rebellion · Full kingdom

15:1 Sometime after all that, Avshalom (Absalom) acquired a chariot and horses and hired fifty men to run ahead of him. 2 He would get up early and stand on the side of the road going in and out of the city. Every time that someone came into the city to take a dispute to be settled by the king, Avshalom would ask them where they were from, and they'd reply with their city and tribe, 3 then he'd say, "Listen, No doubt what you're saying is sensible and right, but the king hasn't appointed anyone to

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the_king he_has_done ÐOM the_message_of mmm[81]. 23 And_ Yō'āv/(Joab) _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to_Gəshūr and_ _he/it_brought ÐOM 'Avīshālōm Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 24 And_ the_king _he/it_said he_will_turn to house_of_his and_ _face_of_my not he_will_see and_ 'Avīshālōm _he_turned to house_of_his and_the_face_of the_king not he_saw.

25 And_like_'Avīshālōm not he_was a_man handsome in_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_praise exceedingly from_the_sole_of his_ _foot_of_his and_unto of_his_head_of_the_crown not it_was in_ _him/it a_blemish. 26 And_when_shaved_he ÐOM his/its_head and_it_was from_the_end/extremity[83] days to_days when he_ _shaved if/because it_was_heavy on/upon/above_him/it and_ _he_shaved_it and_he_weighed ÐOM the_hair_of his/its_head two_hundred shekels by_the_weight_of the_king. 27 And_they_ _were_born to_'Avīshālōm three sons and_a_daughter one and_ _name_of_her was_Tāmār she she_was a_woman beautiful_of appearance. 28 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) two_ _years days and_the_face_of the_king not he_saw. 29 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_sent to Yō'āv to_send ÐOM_him/it to the_king and_not he_was_willing to_come to_him/it and_he_sent again a_second_time and_not he_was_willing to_come. 30 And_he/it_ _said to servants_of_his see the_portion_of_land_of Yō'āv/(Joab) is_to hand_of_my and_to/for_him/it there barley(s) go and[84] with_fire and_ the_servants_of 'Avīshālōm _ _they_set_on_fire ÐOM the_portion_land with_fire. 31 And_ Yō'āv _he/it_rose_up and_he_went to 'Avīshālōm to_the_house and_he/it_said to_him/it to/for_what servants_of_your have_ _they_set_on_fire ÐOM the_portion_land which to_me with_fire. 32 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said to Yō'āv HERE I_sent to_you to_ _say come here so_that_I_may_send you[85] to the_king to_say to/for_what have_I_come from_Gəshūr was_good to_me still I was_there and_now let_me_see the_face_of the_king and_if there_is in_me iniquity and_he_will_kill_me. 33 And_ Yō'āv _ _he_went to the_king and_he_told to_him/it and_he/it_called (to) 'Avīshālōm and_he_came to the_king and_he_bowed_down to_him/it on face_of_his towards_land to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_king and_ the_king _he_kissed (to)_ _'Avīshālōm.

15:1 And_he/it_was from_after thus and_he/it_made to_him/it 'Avīshālōm a_chariot and_horses and_fifty man who_ran before_him. 2 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_rose_early and_he_stood at the_side_of the_road_of the_gate and_he/it_was every_of the_ _man whom it_belonged for_him/it a_case_at_law to_come to the_king for_judgement and_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_called to_ _him/it and_he/it_said where from_this city are_you and_ _he/it_said is_from_one_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) servant_of_your. 3 And_he/it_said to_him/it 'Avīshālōm see matter_of_your are_good and_straightforward and_one_who_

81 **LV 14:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דבע: (x-qere) 'הָ/דְּבָע': lemma_5650 n_0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_10pWC הָ/דְּבָע

82 **RV 14:30 · Note** TC: The Septuagint translation adds the following words here: "And Avshalom's servants burnt them up. Then Yoav's servants came to him, tearing their garments. They said..."

83 **LV 14:26 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

84 **LV 14:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/יתצוה/ה: (x-qere) 'ו/וּתְיִצַּהָ/ה'; lemma_c/3341 morph_HC/Vhv2mp/Sp3fs id_10E6M ו/וּתְיִצַּהָ/ה

85 **LV 14:32 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_hears there_is_not to/for_yourself(m) from_with the_king.
4 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said who will_he_make_me a_judge on_the_earth and_to_me every_of person whom it_belongs for_ _him/it a_case_at_law and_a_judgement he_will_come and_I_ _will_do_him_justice. **5** And_it_was when_ anyone _drew_near to_bow_down to_him/it and_he_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _hand and_he_took_hold_of to_him/it and_he_kissed to_him/it.
6 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_made according_the_manner the_ _this to/from_all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_ _came for_judgement to the_king and_ 'Avīshālōm _he_stole ᴅᴏᴍ the_heart_of the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity forty year[s] and_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_ _said to the_king let_me_go please so_that_I_may_pay ᴅᴏᴍ vow_of_my which I_vowed to/for_**YHWH** in_Ḥevrōn.
8 If/because a_vow servant_of_your he_vowed when_dwelt_I at_Gəshūr in_'Arām to_say if indeed_(dwell)[87] bring_back_will_ _bring_me_back **YHWH** Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_I_will_ _serve ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. **9** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_king go in_ _peace and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to_Ḥevrōn. **10** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_sent spies in_all the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say just_as_you(pl)_hear ᴅᴏᴍ the_sound_of the_ram's_horn and_you(pl)_will_say 'Avīshālōm he_has_become_king in_ _Ḥevrōn. **11** And_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm two_hundred man they_went from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) who_had_been_invited and_ _who_were_going to_innocence_of_their and_not they_knew any_of thing. **12** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_sent ᴅᴏᴍ 'Aḥītofel the_ _Gilonī the_counsellor_of Dāvid from_city_of_his from_Giloh when_sacrificed_he ᴅᴏᴍ the_sacrifices and_ the_conspiracy _ _he/it_was strong and_the_people was_going and_numerous with 'Avīshālōm.
13 And_ the_messenger _he_came to Dāvid to_say the_heart_of the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_is after 'Avīshālōm. **14** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to/from_all/each/any/every servants_of_his who with_him/it in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) arise and_let_us_ _flee if/because not it_will_belong to/for_ourselves an_escape from_face/in_front_of 'Avīshālōm hurry to_go lest he_should_ _hurry and_he_will_overtake_us and_he_will_thrust on_us ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_calamity and_he_will_strike_down the_city to_the_ _mouth_of the_sword. **15** And_ the_servants_of the_king _they_ _said to the_king according_to_all that my_master the_king he_ _will_choose HERE servants_of_are_your. **16** And_ the_king _ _he/it_went_out and_all household_of_his was_at_feet_of_his and_ the_king _he_left ᴅᴏᴍ ten women concubines to_ _guard/protect the_house. **17** And_ the_king _he/it_went_out and_all the_people was_at_feet_of_his and_they_stood the_ _house_of the_distance. **18** And_all servants_of_his were_ _passing_by at his/its_hand and_all the_Kerethite[s] and_all the_Pelethite[s] and_all Gittiys six hundred(s) man who they_ _had_come at_foot_of_his from_Gat were_passing_by on the_ _face_of the_king. **19** And_ the_king _he/it_said to 'Ittay the_ _Gittiy to/for_what also you will_you_go with_us return and_ _dwell with the_king if/because are_a_foreigner you and_also are_an_exile you to_place_of_your. **20** Was_yesterday coming_

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listen to people from your area." **4** Then Avshalom would add, "If I was appointed as judge, then every person with a dispute or case could come to me and obtain justice." **5** Whenever anyone approached him to bow respectfully to him, he would put out his hand and embrace them and kiss them. **6** Avshalom acted that way towards every Israeli who came for a dispute to be settled by the king, and in doing that he stole the hearts of the Israeli people.

7 Four[86] years later, Avshalom begged the king, "Please, release me to go and fulfill the vow that I made to Yahweh in Hevron, **8** because when I was living in Geshur (in Aram (Syria)) I promised Yahweh that if he brought me back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), then I'd worship him in Hevron."

9 "Go in peace," the king responded, so Avshalom left for Hevron. **10** From there, he sent sleeper groups into all areas of Yisrael (Israel), telling them, "When you all hear the trumpet blasts, then shout, 'Avshalom has become king from Hevron!' "
11 Avshalom had invited two hundred men from Yerushalem to go with him to Hevron, but they were innocent and didn't know what was about to happen. **12** Then while he was offering sacrifices, Avshalom also sent for David's adviser Ahitofel from Giloh. By now the conspiracy was strengthening, and Avshalom was becoming popular with more and more people.

The fleeing of David · Full kingdom

13 Eventually, someone went and told David, "The loyalty of the Israeli people is turning towards Avshalom (Absalom)."

14 So David told his servants, "Pack up quickly and let's get out of here, or else we won't be able to escape from Avshalom. Be fast in case he's heading here soon and overtakes us. That would be a massacre and the whole city would die from their swords."

15 "Your servants here will do everything you tell us," they replied to the king. **16** So the king left ten of his slave-wives to look after the palace, but he left with all his family.

17 So the king departed with all his people, and they stopped at the last house. **18** Then all his servants passed beside him to go ahead, along with his bodyguards (the Kereti and the Peletim) and six hundred Gitim (from Gat). **19** Then the king said to Itay the Giti, "You don't have to come with us. You're a foreigner and an exile from your place, so you could go back and stay with the new king. **20** You haven't been here long, and we don't even know where we're going. I certainly need to leave but you can return with your relatives. May Yahweh show kindness and faithfulness to you all."

86 RV 15:7 · Note The Hebrew says forty years, but this is interpreted here as a scribal error. (David's entire reign was only forty years, see 1 Kings 2:11.)

87 LV 15:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **בישי**: (x-qere) **'בּוֹשֵׁי'**: lemma_7725 morph_HVqa id_10poz **בּוֹשֵׁי**

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21 "As Yahweh lives, and as my master the king lives," Itay answered the king, "wherever my master the king goes, your servant will certainly be there also, whether it means life or death."
22 "Okay, go ahead then," David told Itay. So Itay and all his men and their families went with David. 23 All the people along the road cried when they saw them walking by. The king and all the others crossed the Kidron riverbed and went up the hill toward the wilderness.
24 What a sight! Even Tsadok and all the Levites with him were carrying the box with God's agreement in it, and when they put it down again, the priest Evyatar caught up to them and waited until all the people had finished exiting the city. 25 But the king told Tsadok, "Take the sacred chest back into the city. If Yahweh favours me, then he'll help me return, and he'll let me see it and his place of residence again. 26 But if Yahweh says that he isn't pleased with me, then he'll do to me whatever he thinks best. 27 Aren't you a prophet? Return to the city in peace, along with your son Ahima'ats and Evyatar's son Yonatan (Jonathan). 28 Listen, I'll wait at the fords in the wilderness until I get your message." 29 So Tsadok and Evyatar carried the sacred chest back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), then they remained there.
30 As David was going up the Mt. of Olives, he was walking barefoot with his head covered. He was weeping as were the people with him—they too had their heads covered and were weeping. 31 David knew that Ahitofel was among the people conspiring with Avshalom (Absalom), so he prayed, "Please, Yahweh, make Ahitofel give foolish advice."
32 When David reached the summit (where people frequently worship God), Hushay (the Arki) met him there. He had torn his clothes and put dirt on his head. 33 David told him, "If you come with me, you'll be a burden to me, 34 but if you return to the city and tell Avshalom, 'I'm your servant, my king. I was your father's servant in the past, but now I'll be your servant,' then you'll be able to oppose Ahitofel's counsel for me. 35 The priests Tsadok and Evyatar are already there, so tell them everything you hear in the palace. 36 Also Tsadok's son Ahima'ats and Evyatar's son Yonatan (Jonathan) are there. Tell them everything you hear, then send them to report it to me.
37 So David's friend Hushay slipped back into Yerushalem (Jerusalem) just as Avshalom was entering the city.

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_your and_this_day mmm[88] with_us to_go and_I am_going to where I am_going return and_take_back ÐØM brothers_of_your be_with_you covenant_loyalty and_truth. 21 And_ 'Ittay _he_ _answered ÐØM the_king and_he_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** and_by_the_life_of my_master the_king if/because (if) in_the_ _place_of (of)_where he_will_be there my_master the_king whether for_death or for_life if/because there he_will_be servant_of_your. 22 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Ittay come and_ _pass_on and_ 'Ittay the_Gittiy and_all men_of_his and_all the_ _little_one[s] who with_him/it _he_passed_on. 23 And_all the_ _earth/land were_weeping a_voice great and_all the_people were_passing_by and_the_king was_passing in_the_wadi_of Qidrōn and_all the_people were_passing_on on the_face_of the_ _road ÐØM the_wilderness. 24 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE also Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_all the_Lēviyyiy with_him/it they_were_ _carrying ÐØM the_box_of the_covenant_of the_'Elohīm and_ _they_set_down ÐØM the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_ 'Evyātār _ _he/it_ascended until all_of the_people was_finished to_pass_ _out from the_city. 25 And_ the_king _he/it_said to_Tsādōq take_back ÐØM the_box_of the_'Elohīm the_city if I_will_find favour in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_bring_back_will_bring_ _me_back and_he_will_show_me ÐØM_him/it and_ÐØM habitation_of_his. 26 And_if thus he_will_say not I_delight on/over_you(fs) HERE_I_am let_him_do to/for_me just_as is_ _good in_eyes_of_his. 27 And_ the_king _he/it_said to Tsādōq the_priest/officer a_seer are_you return the_city in_peace and_ _'Aḥīma'ats son_of_your and_Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of 'Evyātār the_two_of sons_of_your(pl) with_you(pl). 28 See I will_be_delaying in/on/at/with[89] of_the_wilderness until message comes from_with_you(pl) to_announce to_me. 29 And_ Tsādōq and_'Evyātār _he_took_back ÐØM the_box_of the_'Elohīm Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_lived there. 30 And_Dāvid was_going_up on_the_ascent_of the_olive_trees going_up and_weeping and_head to_him/it was_covered and_ _he was_walking barefoot and_all the_people which with_ _him/it they_covered each his/its_head and_they_went_up going_up and_weeping. 31 And_Dāvid someone_told to_say 'Aḥītofel is_among_conspirators with 'Avīshālōm and_ Dāvid _ _he/it_said make_foolish please ÐØM the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel Oh_**YHWH**. 32 And_he/it_was Dāvid coming to the_top where he_bowed_down there to_god and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE to_meet_ _him Ḥūshay the_Arkite tunic_of_his was_torn and_earth was_ _on his/its_head. 33 And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid if you_ _pass_over with_me and_you_will_become on_me (into)_a_ _burden. 34 And_if the_city you_will_return and_you_will_say to_'Avīshālōm servant_of_your[90] I the_king I_will_be was_the_ _servant_of your_father_of_your (and)_I from_then and_now (and)_I be_your_servant_of_will and_you_will_frustrate to_me ÐØM the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel. 35 And_not with_you there are_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_'Evyātār the_priests and_it_was every_of (the)_message which you_will_hear from_the_house_of the_ _king you_will_tell to_Tsādōq and_to_'Evyātār the_priests. 36 THERE there are_with_them the_two_of sons_of_their

88 **LV 15:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ד/עונא**: (x-qere) **אֲדֹנִיָּא**: lemma_5128 morph_HVhi1cs/Sp2ms id_10NXX **אֲדֹנִיָּא**

89 **LV 15:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תורבע/ב**: (x-qere) **תֹּוְבֵרֹעַ**: lemma_b/6160 n_1.0 morph_HR/Ncfpc id_10cj2 **תֹּוְבֵרֹעַ/ב**

90 **LV 15:34 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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'Aḥīma'ats of_Tsādōq and_Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) of_
_'Evyātār and_you(pl)_will_send by_hand_of_their to_me
every_of message which you(pl)_will_hear. **37** And_ Ḥūshay
the_friend_of Dāvid _he_came the_city and_'Avīshālōm he_
_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
16:1 And_Dāvid he_passed_on a_little from_the_top and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Tsīvā'/(Ziba) the_servant_of Mephi- boshet
to_meet_him and_a_pair_of donkeys saddled and_were_on_
_them two_hundred bread[s] and_one_hundred bunches_of_
_raisins and_one_hundred summer_fruit and_a_jar_of wine.
2 And_ the_king _he/it_said to Tsīvā' what are_these_things to_
you and Tsīvā' _he/it_said the_donkeys are_for_the_
_household_of the_king to_ride and_the[93] and_the_summer_
_fruit are_to_ the_young_men _eat and_the_wine is_to_ the_
_weary_person _drink in_wilderness. **3** And_ the_king _he/it_
_said and_where is_the_son_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your and_
Tsīvā' _he/it_said to the_king THERE he_is_remaining in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because he_said the_day they_
_will_restore to_me the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_kingship_of my_father_of_my. **4** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_
_Tsīvā' HERE to/for_yourself(m) all that belonged_Mephi-
boshet and_ Tsīvā' _he/it_said I_bow_down may_I_find favour
in_eyes_of_your my_master the_king.

5 And_ the_king Dāvid _he_came to Baḥurīm and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE from_there a_man was_coming_out from_
_the_clan_of the_house_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_his/its_name was_
_Shim'ī the_son_of Gērā' he_was_coming_out coming_out and_
_cursing. **6** And_he_stoned with_stones ᴅᴏᴍ Dāvid and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_
_of the_servants_of the_king Dāvid and_all the_people and_all
the_powerful/mighty(pl) were_from_right_of_his and_from_
_left_of_his. **7** And_thus Shim'ī he_said when_cursed_he get_out
get_out Oh_man_of (the)_blood(s) and_Oh_man_of (the)_
_worthlessness. **8** He_has_brought_back on_you **YHWH** all_of
the_blood(s)_of the_house_of Shā'ūl whom you_have_reigned
place_of_him[95] and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_royalty in_
_the_hand_of 'Avīshālōm son_of_your and_here_you are_in_
_calamity_of_your if/because are_a_man_of blood(s) you.
9 And_ 'Avīshay the_son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) _he/it_said to
the_king to/for_what the_dog (the)_dead the_this will_he_
_curse ᴅᴏᴍ my_master the_king let_me_pass_over please and_
_let_me_remove ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_head. **10** And_ the_king _he/it_said
what to/for_me and_to_you(pl) Oh_sons_of Tsərūyāh thus[96] he_
_is_cursing and[97] **YHWH** he_has_said to_him/it curse ᴅᴏᴍ
Dāvid and_who will_he_say why have_you_done thus. **11** And_
Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Avīshay and_near/to all_of servants_of_
_his HERE son_of_my who he_went_out from_inward_parts_of_
_my is_seeking ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_my and_indeed if/because now the_
_Ben-_of (the)_jaminite leave_alone to_him/it and_let_him_

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Dishonest Tsiva helps David · Full kingdom

16:1 David hadn't gone far past the summit when, wow, he was meet by Mefiboshet's servant Tsiva[91] with a pair of saddled donkeys loaded with two hundred bread rolls, one hundred cakes of raisins, one hundred pieces of fresh fruit, and a leather container of wine. **2** "What's all that?" the king asked.

"The donkeys are for the king's family to ride," Tsiva answered, "and the bread and fruits are for the young men to eat, and the wine is for the people to drink who feel faint in the wilderness."

3 "So where's your master's grandson Mefiboshet?" asked the king.

Ha, he stayed in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) because he thought that the Israelis might give back control of his grandfather's kingdom," Tsiva lied.[92]

4 "Well then," the king told Tsiva, "everything that belonged to Mefiboshet now belongs to you."

"I'm honoured," Tsiva responded, "that I've found favour in the eyes of my master the king."

Shimei curses David · Full kingdom

5 When King David got to Bahurim, wow, a man from Sha'ul's (Saul's) extended family came out. He was Gera's son Shimei, and he came out and cursed David. **6** Then he threw stones at David and all his servants, and all the people and warriors on both sides of the king. **7** "Go away, go away, you worthless man of much bloodshed!" Shimei yelled. **8** "Now Yahweh's returning to you all the blood of Sha'ul's household. You took over as king in his place, but Yahweh's giving the kingdom into the hand of your son Avshalom (Absalom). Look at you, you're evil because you're a man of much bloodshed."

9 The Tseruyah's son Avishay asked the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my master the king? Please, let me cross over and lop off his head."

10 "What does it matter to me, or to you two sons of Tseruyah?" the king replied. "He's cursing because Yahweh told him to curse me, so who has any right to ask him why he's saying it?" **11** Then David told Avishay and all his servants, "Look, my own biological son is trying to kill me. Now on top of that, this Benyamite. Leave him and let him curse, because Yahweh told him to. **12** Perhaps Yahweh will see my suffering and return good on me, instead of this cursing today." **13** As David and his

91 RV 16:1 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 9:9-10.

92 RV 16:3 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 19:25-27.

93 LV 16:2 · Note OSHB variant note: חל/ה/ל/ו: (x-qere) 'סֶחֱלֵ/ה/וֹ': lemma_c/d/3899 morph_HC/Td/Ncbsa id_102wq סֶחֱלֵ/ה/וֹ

95 LV 16:8 · Note OSHB variant note: תחת/ו: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתְחַת': lemma_8478 n_1.2 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_10dSa וְ/יִתְחַת

96 LV 16:10 · Note OSHB variant note: כי: (x-qere) 'הָכִי': lemma_3541 morph_HD id_10Qq5 הָכִי

97 LV 16:10 · Note OSHB variant note: כי/ו: (x-qere) 'יְכִי': lemma_3588 a morph_HC id_10Cyg יְכִי

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men continued along the road, Shimei walked along the hillside beside him—walking and cursing, and throwing stones and dirt at him. **14** Later, the king and all the people with him arrived,[94] and feeling very tired, they rested.

The conflicting advice of Hushay and Ahitofel · Full kingdom

15 Meanwhile, Avshalom (Absalom) and all his followers arrived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and Ahitofel was among them. **16** When David's friend Hushay (the Arki) came to Avshalom, he greeted him, "May the king live. May the king live."

17 "Is that how you show kindness to your friend David?" Avshalom responded. "Why didn't you go with him?"

18 "No," Hushay replied. "I'll serve whoever Yahweh and these people and all the men of Yisrael (Israel) have chosen. So I'll stay with you. **19** Besides that, who should I serve? Why shouldn't I serve my master's son? Just as I've served your father, similarly, I'll serve you."

20 Then Avshalom turned to Ahitofel, "Give us advice. What should we do next?"

21 "Go to your father's slave-wives that he left to guard the house," Ahitofel replied. "Lie with them then all Yisrael will hear that you've made your father stink, and then everyone with you will be encouraged." **22** So they set up a tent for Avshalom on the palace roof and he had sex with his father's slave-wives where everyone would know what was going on.[99]

23 In those days, Ahitofel's advice was just as good as inquiring directly from God, so David in the past, and now Avshalom, accepted what he said.

Hushay argues against Ahitofel's advice · Full kingdom

17:1 Then Ahitofel asked Avshalom (Absalom), "Please, let me choose twelve thousand men, then let me go and pursue after David tonight. **2** I'll attack him while they're tired and lacking energy. Once I panic them, all the people with him will flee and I'll be able to strike the king by himself. **3** Then I'll bring all the people back to you, like a reunion. You'll have the man you're wanting, and all the people will be in peace." **4** That seemed very sensible to Avshalom and all the Israeli elders.

5 But Avshalom insisted, "Now, call Hushay the Arki as well, and let's also listen to his suggestions." **6** So when Hushay ar-

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_curse if/because he_has_spoken to_him/it **YHWH**. **12** Perhaps **YHWH** he_will_look my[98] and_ **YHWH** _he_will_repay to_me good in_place_of curse_of_his the_day (the)_this. **13** And_ Dāvid and_men_of_his _he/it_went on_road and_Shim'ī was_going on_the_side_of the_mountain parallel_with_of_him he_went and_he_cursed and_he_stoned_them with_stones parallel_ _with_of_him and_he_dusted_them with_dust. **14** And_ the_king and_all the_people which with_him/it _he_came exhausted and_he_refreshed_himself there.

15 And_'Avīshālōm and_all the_people the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _'Aḥītofel with_him/it. **16** And_he/it_was when_then Ḥūshay the_Arkite the_friend_of Dāvid he_came to 'Avīshālōm and_ Ḥūshay _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm the_king may_he_live the_ _king may_he_live. **17** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said to Ḥūshay is_this loyalty_of_your with friend_of_your to/for_what not did_you_go with friend_of_your. **18** And_ Ḥūshay _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm no if/because the_one_whom **YHWH** and_the_ _people the_this and_all (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_ _chosen to_him[100] I_will_belong and_with_him I_will_remain. **19** And_the_second_thing (to)_whom I will_I_serve am_not to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before son_of_his just_as I_served to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before father_of_your so I_will_be before_you. **20** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said to 'Aḥītofel give to/for_you(pl) counsel what will_we_do. **21** And_ 'Aḥītofel _ _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm go into the_concubines_of your_ _father_of_your whom he_left to_keep the_house and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_will_hear if/because_that you_have_made_ _yourself_odious with father_of_your and_ the_hands_of all_of those_who are_with_you _they_will_be_strong. **22** And_people_ _pitched for_'Avīshālōm the_tent on the_roof and_ 'Avīshālōm _he_went into the_concubines_of his/its_father to_the_eyes_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** And_the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel which he_counselled in_the_days the_those just_as he_enquires[101] by_ _the_message_of the_'Elohīm was_so all_of the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel both to_Dāvid as_well_as to_'Avīshālōm.

17:1 And_ 'Aḥītofel _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm let_me_choose please two_plus ten thousand man and_I_will_arise and_I_will_ _pursue after Dāvid the_night. **2** And_I_will_come on/upon/above_him/it and_he will_be_weary and_slack_of hands and_I_will_terrify ~~DOM~~_him/it and_ all_of the_people which with_him/it _it_will_flee and_I_will_strike_down ~~DOM~~ the_king for_him/it_being_alone. **3** And_I_will_bring_back all_ _of the_people to_you as_ (the)_everything _returns the_man whom you are_seeking all_of the_people it_will_be peace. **4** And_ the_message _it_was_pleasing in/on_both_eyes_of 'Avīshālōm and_in_the_eyes_of all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said summon please also (to)_Ḥūshay the_Arkite so_that_we_may_hear what is_in_ _mouth_of_his also he. **6** And_ Ḥūshay _he_came to 'Avīshālōm

94 RV 16:14 · Note Probably at the fords mentioned in 15:28.

98 LV 16:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/נוע/י: (x-qere) ב/נִיעַ/י': lemma_b/5869 n_1 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp1cs id_10Xn7 ב/נִיעַ/י

99 RV 16:22 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 12:11-12.

100 LV 16:18 · Note OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) ו/לֹ/': lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_10yrN ו/לֹ

101 LV 16:23 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) שְׁיָא': lemma_376 n_1.0 morph_HNcmsa id_10Gmc שְׁיָא

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and_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said to_him/it to_say according_the_ _message the_this 'Aḥītofel he_has_spoken will_we_do ᴅᴏᴍ message_of_his if not you speak. **7** And_ Ḥūshay _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm not is_good the_counsel which 'Aḥītofel he_has_ _counselled at_time (the)_this. **8** And_ Ḥūshay _he/it_said you you_know ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_your and_ᴅᴏᴍ men_of_his if/because_ _that are_warriors they and_are_bitter_of soul they like_a_bear robbed_of_cubs in_the_field and_father_of_your is_a_man_of war and_not he_will_pass_the_night with the_people. **9** THERE now he is_hiding_himself in_one_of the_pit or in_one_of the_ _places and_it_was just_ (is)_in_them _as_falls at_first and_ the_ _one_who_hears _he_will_hear and_saying(ms) a_slaughter it_ _has_been among_people which is_after 'Avīshālōm. **10** And_he also a_son_of strength whom his/its_heart is_like_the_heart_of (the)_lion surely_melt he_will_melt if/because all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_knowing if/because_that is_a_warrior father_ _of_your and_the_sons strength those_who with_him/it. **11** If/because I_counsel fully_(be_gathered) let_it_be_gathered to_you all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Dān and_unto Bə'ēr Shevʿa´ like_sand which is_at the_sea to_increase_in_number and_ _presence_of_your will_be_going in_battle. **12** And_we_will_ _come to_him/it in/on/at/with[102] of_the_places where he_is_ _found there and_we on/upon/above_him/it just_as the_dew it_will_fall on the_soil and_not it_will_be_left in/on/over_ _him/it and_on/over_all the_men who with_him/it also one. **13** And_if into a_city he_will_be_gathered and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_cause_to_bring to the_city (the)_that ropes and_we_will_drag ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to the_wadi until that not it_has_been_found there also a_pebble. **14** And_ 'Avīshālōm and_all (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said is_good the_ _counsel_of Ḥūshay the_Arkite more_than_the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel and_**YHWH** he_had_commanded to_frustrate ᴅᴏᴍ the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel (the)_good (to)_in_order **YHWH** to_ _bring to 'Avīshālōm ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_calamity.

15 And_ Ḥūshay _he/it_said to Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_near/to 'Evyātār the_priests like_this and_like_this 'Aḥītofel he_has_ _counselled ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_like_this and_like_this I I_have_counselled. **16** And_now send quickly and_tell to_Dāvid to_say do_not pass_ _the_night the_night at_the_wilderness_plains_of the_ _wilderness and_also definitely_(pass_over) you_will_pass_over lest it_should_be_swallowed_up to/for_the_king and_to/for_all the_people which with_him/it. **17** And_ _Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_'Aḥīma´ats were_ _remaining at_En- rogel and_ the_maidservant _she_went and_ _she_told to/for_them and_they they_went and_they_told to/for_the_king Dāvid if/because not they_were_able to_be_ _seen to_go to_the_city. **18** And_ a_young_man _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ_ _them and_he_told to_'Avīshālōm and_ both_of_them _they_ _went quickly and_they_came to the_house_of a_man in_ _Baḥurīm and_to/for_him/it a_well in_courtyard_of_his and_ _they_went_down there. **19** And_ the_woman _she/it_took and_ _she_spread ᴅᴏᴍ the_covering over the_face_of the_well and_ _she_spread_out on/upon/above_him/it the_grain(s) and_not

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rived, Avshalom asked him, "Ahitofel has suggested so and so. Should we do what he said? If not, what would you recommend?"

7 "This time, Ahitofel's suggestion isn't such good advice," Hushay replied. **8** You yourself know your father and his men—and do remember that they're powerful warriors—they're still furious like a bear in the countryside that's been robbed of its cubs. And your father is an experienced man of war, and he won't spend the night there with the people. **9** Listen, he's probably already hiding in a cavern or some other place. Also, if some of your men were killed early in the fighting, then the rumour would go around that Avshalom's already lost many men. **10** Then even your bravest warriors might lose heart, because all Yisrael (Israel) knows that your father is a powerful warrior, and also that the men with him are very experienced. **11** So this is what I suggest: Call warriors from all Yisrael—from Dan in the far north to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the far south. They'll be as numerous as sand grains on the beach and you personally will be able to lead them into battle. **12** Then we'll be able to find him wherever he is, and attack him like dew blankets the entire area, and neither him nor any of the men with him will survive, not even one. **13** If he escaped into some city, we'd all bring ropes to that city and drag the stones into the valley until even a pebble couldn't be found there."

14 Avshalom and all the Israeli elders agreed that Hushay's advice was better than Ahitofel's. (Yahweh had influenced them to reject Ahitofel's good advice so he could bring disaster onto Avshalom.)

The warning to David to flee · Full kingdom

15 Then Hushay told the two priests Tsadok and Evyatar what Ahitofel had suggested to Avshalom (Absalom) and the Israeli elders and what he'd countered it with. **16** Then he told them, "Get that message to David quickly. Tell him not to overnight at the fords in the wilderness, but to cross over otherwise he'll be killed along with everyone else with him."

17 Their sons Yonatan (Jonathan) and Ahima'ats were waiting at Eyn-Rogel where a female servant would come and pass the message onto them, because it wouldn't be safe for them to be seen entering the city. Then they themselves would go and inform King David. **18** But a young man saw them and informed Avshalom, but meanwhile the two of them went quickly and got to the house of a man in Bahurim where they went down into the well in his courtyard. **19** The woman there stretched a covering over the top of the well, and then spread grain over it to dry, so it wasn't obvious. **20** Some of Avshalom's servants arrived at the house and asked the woman, "Where's Ahima'ats and

102 LV 17:12 · Note OSHB variant note: תחא/ב: (x-qere) 'דָּחַאְ/ב': lemma_b/259 morph_HR/Acmsc id_10DE1 דָּחַאְ/ב

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Yonatan?"

"They crossed over the creek," she replied.

So they continued searching for them, but gave up after a while and returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

21 After they'd gone, the two men climbed out of the well, and went on and informed King David, "Pack up and quickly cross over the river, because Ahitofel suggested attacking you all immediately." **22** So David and everyone with him moved on and crossed the Yarden (Jordan) in the night, and by dawn there were all across.

23 When Ahitofel saw that his advice hadn't been taken, he saddled his donkey and rode to his city. He gave instructions to his household, then he hanged himself. His body was buried in his father's tomb.

24 Meanwhile, David arrived at Mahanayim, but Avshalom and all his men had crossed over the Yarden. **25** As the replacement for Yoav (Joab) as army commander, Avshalom had appointed Amasa. (He was Yeter's son, and his mother was Nahash's daughter Avigayil who was the sister of Yoav's mother Tseruyah.) **26** Avshalom and his men camped in the Gilead region.

27 While David was in Mahanayim, Shovi (Nahash's son from Rabah), Makir (Amiyel's son from Lo-Devar), and Barzilay (the Giladi from Roglim) **28** brought bedding and basins, clay pots, wheat and barley, flour and roasted grain, beans and lentils, **29** honey and yogurt, sheep and cheese for David and the people with him to eat because they knew that they'd be hungry and tired and thirsty there in the wilderness.

Avshalom's defeat and death · Full kingdom

18:1 David divided his warriors into units and appointed commanders of hundreds and of thousands. **2** He sent them out in three groups under Yoav (Joab), Avishay (son of Yoav's brother Tseruyah) and Itay (the Giti), then promised that he'd also join them in battle.

3 But the people complained, "No, don't go out, because if we have to flee, they won't be worried about us. Even if half of us die, they won't be worried about us, because you count more to them than ten thousand of us. So it's better that you stay to help us from the city."

4 "I'll do whatever seems best to you," the king responded. So the king stayed beside the city gate while the men went out by their hundreds and thousands. **5** Then he commanded Yoav and Avishay and Itay, "For my sake, don't harm my son Avshalom

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anything it_was_known. **20** And_ the_servants_of 'Avīshālōm _ _they_came to the_woman to_the_house and_they_said where are_'Aḥīma'aṣ and_Yōnātān and_she/it_said to/for_them the_ _woman they_have_passed_over the_brook_of the_waters and_ _they_sought_them and_not they_found_them and_they_ _returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **21** And_he/it_was after they_had_gone and_they_came_up from_the_well and_they_ _went and_they_told to/for_the_king Dāvid and_they_said to Dāvid arise and_pass_over quickly ~~DOM~~ the_waters if/because thus he_has_counselled on_you(pl) 'Aḥītofel. **22** And_ Dāvid and_all the_people which with_him/it _he/it_rose_up and_ _they_passed_over ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) until the_light_of the_morning up_to one_person not one_who not he_had_ _passed_over ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn was_missing. **23** And_'Aḥītofel he_saw if/because_that not counsel_of_his it_was_done and_ _he_saddled ~~DOM~~ the_donkey and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_ _went to house_of_his to city_of_his and_he/it_commanded concerning household_of_his and_he_hanged_himself and_ _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_the_tomb_of his/its_father. **24** And_Dāvid he_had_gone to_Maḥₐnāyim and_'Avīshālōm he_ _had_passed_over ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn he and_all (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it. **25** And_~~DOM~~ ʹAmāsā' 'Avīshālōm he_had_appointed in_place_of Yō'āv/(Joab) over the_army and_ʹAmāsā' was_a_son_of a_man and_his/its_name was_ _Yeter/(Jether) the_Israelite who he_had_gone into 'Avīgayil the_daughter_of Nāḥāsh the_sister_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ/(Zeruiah) the_ _mother_of Yō'āv. **26** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_'Avīshālōm _it_ _encamped the_land_of (the)_Gilʹād. **27** And_he/it_was just_ Dāvid _as_came to_Maḥₐnāyim and_Shovī the_son_of Nāḥāsh from_Rabāh of_the_people_of of_ʹAmmōn and_Mākīr the_son_ _of ʹAmmiy'ēl from_Lo- debar and_Barzillay the_Gilʹādite from_ _Roglīm. **28** Bed[s] and_basins and_a_vessel_of a_potter and_ _wheat(s) and_barley(s) and_flour and_roasted_grain and_ _bean[s] and_lentils and_roasted_grain. **29** And_honey and_ _curd[s] and_sheep and_cheese_of the_herd they_brought for_ _Dāvid and_for_people which with_him/it to_eat if/because they_said the_people is_hungry and_weary and_thirsty in_ _wilderness.

18:1 And_ Dāvid _he_mustered ~~DOM~~ the_people which with_ _him/it and_he/it_assigned over_them commanders_of thousands and_commanders_of hundreds. **2** And_ Dāvid _he_ _sent_out ~~DOM~~ the_people the_third was_in_the_hand_of Yō'āv and_the_third was_in_the_hand_of 'Avīshay the_son_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ the_brother_of Yō'āv/(Joab) and_the_third was_in_ _the_hand_of 'Ittay the_Gittiy and_ the_king _he/it_said to the_ _people certainly_(go_out) also I I_will_go_out with_you(pl). **3** And_ the_people _he/it_said not you_must_go_out if/because if actually_(flee) we_will_flee not they_will_set to_us heart and_ _if of_us_of_half they_will_die not they_will_set to_us heart if/because now like_us ten thousand(s) and_now is_good that/for/because/then/when you_will_be to/for_ourselves from_the_city mmm[103]. **4** And_he/it_said to_them the_king that_which it_will_be_good in_eyes_of_your(pl) I_will_do and_ the_king _he_stood to the_side_of the_gate and_all the_people they_went_out to_hundreds and_to_thousands. **5** And_ the_king

103 LV 18:3 · Note OSHB variant note: ריזע/ל: (x-qere) 'רוָזְע/ל': lemma_l/5826 n_0 morph_HR/Vqc id_10FQw רוָזְע/ל

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_he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Yō'āv and_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshay and_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ittay to_say to_gentleness to_me to_man to_'Avīshālōm and_ _all the_people they_heard when_ the_king _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_commanders on the_matter_of 'Avīshālōm. **6** And_ the_people _he/it_went_out the_field to_meet Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_battle _it_became in_the_forest_of 'Efrayim. **7** And_ _they_were_defeated there the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_servants_of Dāvid and_ _it_became there the_slaughter great in_the_day (the)_that twenty thousand. **8** And_it_became there the_battle scattered[104][105] over the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land and_ the_forest _it_increased to_consume among_people more_ _than_those_whom the_drought//sword/knife it_consumed in_the_day (the)_that. **9** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_was_met to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_servants_of Dāvid and_ _'Avīshālōm was_riding on the_mule and_ the_mule _it_went under the_branche[s]_of the_terebinth (the)_great and_ his/its_ _head _it_was_firm in_terebinth and_he_was_put between the_ _heavens and_between the_earth/land and_the_mule which was_under_him it_passed_on. **10** And_ a_man one _he/it_saw and_he_told to_Yō'āv/(Joab) and_he/it_said THERE I_saw ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm hung_up in_terebinth. **11** And_ Yō'āv _he/it_said to_man who_had_told to_him/it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE you_saw and_why not did_you_strike_him_down there ground_to_the and_on_me to_give to/for_yourself(m) ten silver and_a_belt one. **12** And_ the_man _he/it_said to Yō'āv and[106][107] I was_ _weighing on palms_of_my a_thousand silver not I_will_ _stretch_out hand_of_my against the_son_of the_king if/because in_ears_of_our the_king he_commanded you and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshay and_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ittay to_say protect whoever (in)_the_ _man (in)_'Avīshālōm. **13** Or I_had_done in/on/at/with[108] falsehood and_all thing not it_is_hidden from the_king and_ _you(ms) you_will_stand from_in_front. **14** And_ Yō'āv _he/it_ _said not thus I_will_wait to_your_face and_he/it_took three spears in_palm_of_his and_he_thrust_them in_the_heart_of 'Avīshālōm still_he was_alive in_the_heart_of the_terebinth. **15** And_ ten young_men the_bearers_of the_armour(s)_of Yō'āv/(Joab) _they_surrounded_him and_they_struck ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm and_they_killed_him. **16** And_ Yō'āv _he_gave_a_ _blast on_trumpet and_ the_people _it_turned_back from_ _pursuing after Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because Yō'āv he_restrained ᴅᴏᴍ the_people. **17** And_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm and_they_ _threw ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it in_forest into the_pit (the)_great and_they_ _set_up on/upon/above_him/it a_heap_of stones great very and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_fled each his[109]. **18** And_ _'Avīshālōm he_had_taken and_he_had_set_up to_him/it his[110] ᴅᴏᴍ a_pillar which is_in_the_valley_of the_king if/because he_ _said there_belongs_not to_me a_son in_account_of to_cause_ _to_be_remembered name_of_my and_he/it_called (to)_pillar

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(Absalom)." All the people heard the king give this command about Avshalom to all the leaders.

6 So David's people went out to the countryside to meet the rest of Yisrael (Israel). The battle was in the Efrayim (Ephraim) forest **7** and David's men defeated the rest—twenty thousand men died that day, **8** but as the battle had spread over the entire area, the forest killed more people that day than the sword.

9 Avshalom happened to meet some of David's men. He was riding his mule, and when it darted under the think branches of a large terebinth tree, his head got caught in the branches and he was left hanging in the air as the mule kept going. **10** Someone noticed him and informed Yoav that he'd seen Avshalom hanging in a tree.

11 "What!. You saw him but didn't strike him down?" Yoav challenged. "I would have given you ten silver coins and a leather belt."

12 "Even if you'd placed one thousand silver coins in my hands," he replied, "I wouldn't have harmed the king's son, because we heard the king's command with our own ears about looking out for Avshalom. **13** Even if I'd ignored my good sense, the king would have found out about it, then even you wouldn't have stood up for me."

14 "I'm not going to waste time arguing with you," Yoav responded, then he took three spears and went and thrust them into Avshalom's abdomen while he was still alive and dangling from the tree. **15** Then ten young men who carried Yoav's weapons surrounded Avshalom and finished him off.

16 Then Yoav blew the trumpet to signal the end of the fighting and the people returned from chasing Avshalom's men. **17** They took Avshalom's body and threw it into a large pit in the forest and covered it with a large pile of stones. Meanwhile his men fled back to their homes.

18 During his lifetime, Avshalom had setup a pillar in the King's Valley because he had no sons to preserve his name. He put his name on the pillar and it's known as 'Avshalom's hand' to this day.

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104 LV 18:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **תיצפנ**: (x-qere) 'תֻּצְּפָ֑נָּ': lemma_6327 a n_1.0 morph_HVNsfsa id_10YV4 תֻּצְּפָ֑נָּ

105 LV 18:8 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

106 LV 18:12 · Note OSHB variant note: **אל/ו**: (x-qere) 'אוֹל֖/וְ': lemma_c/3863 morph_HC/C id_10uD3 אוֹל֖/וְ

107 LV 18:12 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

108 LV 18:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **שפנ/ב/ו**: (x-qere) 'שְׁפָ֣נִי/בְ': lemma_b/5315 n_1.1.0 morph_HR/Ncbsc/Sp1cs id_10NhT שְׁפָ֣נִי/בְ

109 LV 18:17 · Note OSHB variant note: **להא/ל/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָלְהֹא֣/לְ': lemma_l/168 n_0 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_10S4c וְ/יָלְהֹא֣/לְ

110 LV 18:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **יח/ב/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יַיִּ֣ח/בְ': lemma_b/2416 e n_1.2.1 morph_HR/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_10zkp וְ/יַיִּ֣ח/בְ

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David learns about Avshalom's death · Full kingdom

19 Then Tsadok's son Ahima'ats requested, "Please, let me run and let me take the news to the king, because Yahweh has rescued him from his enemies."

20 "No, not today," Yoav (Joab) replied. "Some other time I'll allow you to take some news, but not today because the king's son is dead." 21 Then Yoav instructed a Kushi man, "Go and tell the king what you saw.". The man bowed to Yoav and ran off.

22 But Ahima'ats begged Yoav again, "Regardless of what might happen, please, let me also run myself after the Kushi."

"Why would you do that, my boy?" Yoav asked. "There won't be any reward for bad news."

23 "No matter what, I want to run," he replied.

"Okay then, run," Yoav told him. So Ahima'ats took a different route through the Yarden (Jordan) valley and arrived before the Kushi.

24 Now David was sitting between the outer and inner gates. When the watchman had gone over the gate roof to the wall, he looked out and saw, wow, a man was running towards them alone. 25 The watchman called down and informed the king, and the king said, "If he's alone, he'll be bringing news."

As the runner got closer, 26 the watchman looked and saw another man running. He called down to the gatekeeper and said, "Look, there's another man running alone."

"He'll also be bringing news," said the king.

27 "The gait of the first runner is like that of Tsadok's son Ahima'ats," the watchman said.

"He's a good man and he'll be bringing good news," said the king.

28 Then Ahima'ats called ahead to the king, "Peace!" And he knelt down with his face to the ground and said, "Blessed be Yahweh your god, who's stopped the men who acted against my master the king."

29 "Is the young man Avshalom (Absalom) all right?" the king asked.

"When Yoav (Joab) sent me, your servant," Ahima'ats answered, "I noticed a big commotion, but I don't know what it was about."

30 "Go and stand over there," the king ordered, so he stepped aside and stood there.

31 Then, wow, the Kushi man arrived and said, "May my master the king receive the good news, because Yahweh has rescued you today from all those who rose up against you."

32 "Is the young man Avshalom all right?" the king asked him.

The man replied, "May the enemies of my master the king and

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on his/its_name and_it_has_been_called to/for_her/it the_ _monument_of 'Avīshālōm until the_day (the)_this.

19 And_'Aḥīma'ats the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) he_said let_me_ _run please and_let_me_bear_the_news ᴅᴏᴍ the_king if/because_that he_has_vindicated_him **YHWH** from_the_ _hand_of his_enemies_of_his. 20 And_he/it_said to_him/it Yō'āv/(Joab) not are_a_man_of news you the_day the_this and_ _you_will_bear_news in/on_day another and_the_day the_this not you_will_bear_the_news if/because therefore[111][112] the_ _son_of the_king he_has_died. 21 And_ Yō'āv _he/it_said to_ _Kūshiy/(Cushite) go tell to/for_the_king that_which you_ _have_seen and_ the_Kūshiy _he_bowed_down to_Yō'āv and_ _he_ran. 22 And_he_repeated again 'Aḥīma'ats the_son_of Tsādōq and_he/it_said to Yō'āv and_ whatever _let_it_be let_ _me_run please also I after the_Kūshiy and_ Yō'āv _he/it_said to/for_what this are_you running my_son_of_my and_for_you there_will_not_be news which_will_find. 23 And_ whatever _ _let_it_be I_will_run and_he/it_said to_him/it run and_ 'Aḥīma'ats _he_ran the_way_of the_plain and_he_passed_by ᴅᴏᴍ the_Kūshiy. 24 And_Dāvid was_sitting between the_two_of the_gates and_ the_watchman _he/it_went to the_roof of_the_ _gate to the_wall and_he_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_his and_he/it_ _saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man was_running for_him/it_ _being_alone. 25 And_ the_watchman _he/it_called and_he_told to/for_the_king and_ the_king _he/it_said if for_him/it_being_ _alone news is_in_mouth_of_his and_he/it_went coming and_ _approaching. 26 And_ the_watchman _he/it_saw a_man another running and_ the_watchman _he/it_called to the_ _gatekeeper and_he/it_said THERE a_man is_running for_ _him/it_being_alone and_ the_king _he/it_said also this_one is_ _bearing_news. 27 And_ the_watchman _he/it_said I am_seeing ᴅᴏᴍ the_running_of the_first_one like_the_running_of 'Aḥīma'ats the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_ the_king _he/it_ _said is_a_man good this and_near/to news good he_is_coming. 28 And_ 'Aḥīma'ats _he/it_called and_he/it_said to the_king peace and_he_bowed_down to/for_the_king to_face_of_his ground_to_the and_he/it_said **YHWH** god_of_your who he_has_ _delivered_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_men who they_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_ _their against_master_of_my the_king be_blessed. 29 And_ the_ _king _he/it_said does_peace belong_to_man to_'Avīshālōm and_ 'Aḥīma'ats _he/it_said I_saw the_multitude (the)_great to_ _send ᴅᴏᴍ the_servant_of the_king Yō'āv/(Joab) and_ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_your and_not I_know whatever. 30 And_ the_king _ _he/it_said go_around stand thus and_he_went_around and_ _he_stood. 31 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_Kūshiy/(Cushite) was_ _coming and_ the_Kūshiy _he/it_said my_master the_king let_ _him_receive_the_news if/because he_has_vindicated_you **YHWH** the_day from_the_hand_of all_of those_who_rose_up on_you. 32 And_ the_king _he/it_said to the_Kūshiy does_peace belong_to_man to_'Avīshālōm and_ the_Kūshiy _he/it_said let_ _them_be like_man the_enemies_of my_master the_king and_ _all/each/any/every those_who they_have_risen_up on_you

111 **LV 18:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: לֹע: (x-qere) 'לָע': lemma_5921 b morph_HR id_10HX9 וָכִי־ לָע': lemma_3651 b morph_HTm id_10SHe וָכִ.

112 **LV 18:20 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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for_harm.
19:1 [113] And_ the_king _he_was_agitated and_he/it_ascended to the_upper_room_of the_gate and_he_wept and_thus he_said when_went_he my_son_of_my ʼAvīshālōm son_of_my son_of_ _my ʼAvīshālōm who will_he_give died_I I in_place_of_you Oh_ _ʼAvīshālōm son_of_my son_of_my.

2 [114] And_it_was_told to_Yōʼāv HERE the_king is_weeping and_ _he_mourned on ʼAvīshālōm. **3** [115] And_ the_deliverance _it_ _became in_the_day (the)_that (into)_mourning to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_people if/because the_people it_ _heard in_the_day (the)_that to_say the_king he_is_grieved on his/its_son. **4** [116] And_ the_people _it_acted_stealthily in_the_ _day (the)_that to_enter the_city just_as (the)_people who_are_ _ashamed it_acts_stealthily when_flee_they in_battle. **5** [117] And_the_king he_covered ~~DOM~~ his/its_faces/face and_ the_king _he_cried_out a_voice great my_son_of_my ʼAvīshālōm ʼAvīshālōm son_of_my son_of_my. **6** [118] And_ Yōʼāv/(Joab) _he_ _went to the_king the_house and_he/it_said you_have_put_to_ _shame the_day ~~DOM~~ the_faces_of all_of your_servants who_ _rescued ~~DOM~~ life_of_your the_day and_~~DOM~~ the_life_of your(pl)_sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your and_the_life_of your(pl)_wives_of_your and_the_life_of your(pl)_concubines_ _of_your. **7** [119] By_loving ~~DOM~~ those_of_who_hate_you and_by_ _hating ~~DOM~~ those_of_who_love_you if/because you_have_ _made_known the_day if/because_that there_are_not to/for_ _yourself(m) commanders and_servants if/because I_know the_ _day if/because_that if[120] ʼAvīshālōm was_alive and_all_of_of_ _us the_day were_dead if/because_that then it_would_be_right in_eyes_of_your. **8** [121] And_now arise go_out and_speak to the_ _heart_of your_servants if/because by_**YHWH** I_swear if/because_that not_you are_coming_out if a_man he_will_ _lodge with_you the_night and_it_will_be_bad to/for_ _yourself(m) this from_all the_harm which it_has_come on_you since_youth(s)_of_your until now. **9** [122] And_ the_king _he/it_ _rose_up and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_gate and_ _to/for_all the_people people_told to_say HERE the_king is_ _sitting in_gate and_ all_of the_people _it_came to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_king and_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) it_had_ _fled each to_tents_of_his.

10 [124] And_ all_of the_people _he/it_was quarrelling in_all the_ _tribes_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_say the_king he_delivered_us from_the_palm_of our_enemies_of_our and_he he_rescued_us from_the_palm_of the_Pəlishtiy and_now he_has_fled from the_

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all those who rose up against you for evil, be like that young man is."

33 Then the king started trembling, and he went up to the room over the gate, and started weeping, saying, "Oh my son Avshalom, my son. Oh my son Avshalom, I wish I'd died instead of you."

Yoav scolds David · Full kingdom

19:1 Soon Yoav (Joab) was told that the king was weeping and mourning over Avshalom's (Absalom's) death, **2** and so the victory of that day became mourning for all the people, because they'd heard that the king was grieving for his son. **3** The people started quietly heading back into the city, like people would do when they're ashamed of having to *flee* from a battle. **4** But the king covered his face and kept crying out loudly, "Oh my son Avshalom. Oh Avshalom, my son, my son."

5 Then Yoav went to the house where the king was and said, "Today you've made your followers feel ashamed—the ones who saved your life today and the lives of your sons and daughters, and the lives of your wives and your slave-wives. **6** By loving those who hate you and hating those who love you, you've effectively declared today that your officers and men mean nothing to you. It seems to us that if Avshalom was still alive today and we were all dead, then it would have all been okay to you. **7** So get up now and go and speak sincerely to your servants, because as Yahweh lives, if you don't then you won't have a single warrior still with you by the end of the night, and that would result in more trouble for you than anything else that's happened to you since you were just a lad." **8** So the king got up and went and sat at the city gate , and the news quickly got around and all the people came to support the king.

David returns to Yerushalem · Full kingdom

But Avshalom's (Absalom's) warriors had all returned to their homes **9** and over time, people all across Yisrael (Israel) be-

113 **LV 19:1 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.18.33
114 **LV 19:2 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.1
115 **LV 19:3 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.2
116 **LV 19:4 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.3
117 **LV 19:5 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.4
118 **LV 19:6 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.5
119 **LV 19:7 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.6
120 **LV 19:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: אֶל: (x-qere) וְיֶל: lemma_3863 morph_HC id_10FK5 וְל
121 **LV 19:8 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.7
122 **LV 19:9 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.8
124 **LV 19:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.9

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gan to quarrel and say, "The king rescued us from the plans of our enemies including the Pelishtim, but now he's left Yisrael and fled away from Avshalom. **10** We anointed Avshalom to be over us, but he died in the battle. So why aren't we doing something about returning David as king?"

11 So King David sent the two priests Tsadok and Evyatar to the leaders of Yehudah (Judah) to ask, "Why are you the last group to return the king to the palace since the king has heard that the rest of Yisrael want it? **12** Tell them, 'You're all my relatives—my own flesh and blood, so why would you be the last to support me again?' " **13** And tell Amasa, 'Aren't you my own flesh and bone? May God make me suffer if you don't become my army commander from now on, to replace Yoav (Joab).' " **14** In that way, David united all the people of Yehudah and they notified the king, "We all want you and all your servants to return here."

15 So the king headed back and reached the Yarden (Jordan) River, and men from Yehudah went to Gilgal to meet the king and help him across.

16 Shimei (son of Gera the Benyamite from Bahurim)[123] hurried down with the Yehudah men to meet King David. **17** A thousand Benyamite men came with him, as well as Tsiva (formerly Sha'ul's (Saul's) servant) and fifteen of his sons and twenty of his servants, and they hurried to the Yarden to meet the king. **18** They crossed the ford to help bring the king's household back across and anything else the king wanted.

David's mercy to Shimei · Full kingdom

Shimei (Gera's son) fell onto his knees in front of the king when he crossed the Yarden (Jordan) **19** and begged the king, "May my master not consider me guilty, and don't keep thinking about the terrible thing your servant dig on the day that my master the king left Yerushalem (Jerusalem)—don't brood over it

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_earth/land from_under 'Avīshālōm. **11** [125] And_'Avīshālōm whom we_anointed over_us he_has_died in_battle and_now why are_you(pl) keeping_silent to_bring_back ÐOM the_king. **12** [126] And_the_king Dāvid he_sent to Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_ _near/to 'Evyātār the_priests to_say speak to the_elders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say to/for_what will_you(pl)_be the_last_ _people to_bring_back ÐOM the_king to house_of_his and_the_ _message_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_has_come to the_king to house_of_his. **13** [127] Brothers_of_are_my you(pl) bone_of_are_ _my and_flesh_of_my you(pl) and_for_what will_you(pl)_be the_last_people to_bring_back ÐOM the_king. **14** [128] And_to_ _'Amāsā' you(pl)_will_say am_not bone_of_my and_flesh_of_my are_you thus may_he_do to/for_me god and_thus may_he_add if not commander_of the_army you_will_be to/for_my_ _face/front all_of the_days in_place_of Yō'āv/(Joab). **15** [129] And_he_turned ÐOM the_heart_of every_of (the)_man_of Yəhūdāh like_a_man one and_they_sent to the_king you and_all servants_of_your return. **16** [130] And_ the_king _he_returned and_he_came to the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) it_came to_(the)_Gilgal to_go to_meet the_king to_bring_over ÐOM the_king ÐOM the_Yardēn. **17** [131] And_ Shim'ī the_son_of Gērā' the_Ben-_of (the)_jaminite who was_from_Baḥurīm _he_ _hurried and_he/it_descended with the_man_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_meet the_king Dāvid. **18** [132] And_one_ _thousand man with_him/it of_Binyāmīn and_Tsīvā'/(Ziba) the_servant_of the_house_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_five_of teen sons_of_his and_twenty servants_of_his with_him/it and_they_ _rushed_ahead the_Yardēn to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **19** [133] And_ the_ford _it_passed_over to_bring_over ÐOM the_household_of the_king and_to_do the_good his[134] and_ _Shim'ī the_son_of Gērā' he_fell to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_king passed_he in_Yardēn.

20 [135] And_he/it_said to the_king not may_he_reckon to_me my_master guilt and_do_not remember ÐOM that_which servant_of_your he_did_perversely in_the_day when he_went_ _out[136] my_master the_king from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_ the_king _set_it to his/its_heart. **21** [137] If/because servant_of_ _your he_knows if/because_that I I_have_sinned and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_have_come the_day first to/from_

123 **RV 19:16 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 16:5-13.

125 **LV 19:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.10

126 **LV 19:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.11

127 **LV 19:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.12

128 **LV 19:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.13

129 **LV 19:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.14

130 **LV 19:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.15

131 **LV 19:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.16

132 **LV 19:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.17

133 **LV 19:19 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.18

134 **LV 19:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְנִיעַ/ב: (x-qere) וְנָיֵעַ/ב': lemma_b/5869 a n_1 morph_HR/Ncbdc/Sp3ms id_10CSF וְנָיֵעַ/ב

135 **LV 19:20 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.19

136 **LV 19:20 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

137 **LV 19:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.20

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_all/each/any/every the_house_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) to_come_
_down to_meet my_master the_king. **22** [138] And_ 'Avīshay the_
_son_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ/(Zeruiah) _he_answered and_he/it_said in_
_place_of this not Shim'ī will_he_be_put_to_death if/because
he_cursed ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_anointed_of **YHWH**. **23** [139] And_ Dāvid _
_he/it_said what to/for_me and_to_you(pl) Oh_sons_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ
that/for/because/then/when you(pl)_will_become to_me the_
_day (into)_an_adversary the_day anyone will_he_be_put_to_
_death in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because am_not do_I_know
if/because_that the_day I am_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** [140]
And_ the_king _he/it_said to Shim'ī not you_will_die and_he_
_swore_an_oath to_him/it the_king.

25 [142] And_Mephiboshet the_son_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_went_
_down to_meet the_king and_not he_had_done feet_of_his and_
_not he_had_done moustache_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his
not he_had_washed (to)_from the_day the_king went until the_
_day when he_came in_peace. **26** [143] And_he/it_was if/because
he_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_meet the_king and_
_he/it_said to_him/it the_king to/for_what not did_you_go
with_me Oh_Mephiboshet. **27** [144] And_he_said my_master the_
_king servant_of_my he_betrayed_me if/because servant_of_
_your he_said let_me_saddle to/for_me the_donkey so_that_I_
_may_ride on/upon_it(f) and_so_that_I_may_go with the_king
if/because is_lame servant_of_your. **28** [145] And_he_has_
_slandered (in)_servant_of_your to my_master the_king and_
_master_of_my the_king is_like_the_messenger_of the_'Elohīm
and_do the_good in_eyes_of_your. **29** [146] If/because not all_of
the_house_of my_father_of_my it_was if/because (if) men_of
death to_master_of_my the_king and_you_put ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_
_your among_those_who_eat_of table_of_(of)_your and_what
is_there to_me still righteousness and_to_cry_out still to the_
_king. **30** [147] And_he/it_said to_him/it the_king to/for_what
are_you_speaking still words/messages_of_your I_say you and_
_Tsīvā'/(Ziba) you(pl)_will_divide ᴅᴏᴍ the_field. **31** [148] And_
Mephiboshet _he/it_said to the_king also ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_everything
let_him_take after that my_master the_king he_has_come[149]
in_peace to house_of_his.

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20 because your servant knows that I myself have sinned, and look, I have come today, first of all the Yosef's (Joseph's) clans to come down to meet my master, the king."

21 But Avishay (Tseruyah's son) answered instead, "Rather than that, shouldn't Shimei be killed because he cursed Yahweh's anointed one?"

22 "You sons of Tseruyah!" David responded. "Who asked you two to accuse others to me today? Should today be a time to kill other Israelis? Actually, I think it might be *me* who's Yisrael's (Israel's) king?" **23** Then the king promised Shimei, "You won't die for that."

David's mercy to Mefiboshet · Full kingdom

24 Then Sha'ul's (Saul's) grandson Mefiboshet[141] came down to meet the king. He hadn't shaved or washed his feet, and he hadn't washed his clothes since the king had left Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **25** He came from Yerushalem down to the Yarden (Jordan) to meet the king who asked him, "Why didn't you not come with me, Mefiboshet?"

26 "My master the king," Mefiboshet replied, "my servant deceived me. I, your servant, had said to get my donkey saddled so I could ride it and go with you, because as you know, your servant is lame. **27** Then my servant lied to you about me. But my master the king is like God's messenger, so do whatever you consider to be appropriate. **28** All my grandfather's household expected that we'd be executed, yet to placed me, your servant, among those who eat at your table, so I don't have the right to request anything further from the king."

29 "Say no more," said the king. "That land will be divided for you and Tsiva."

30 Actually, let him take everything," Mefiboshet responded. "since my master the king has been able to return safely."

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138 **LV 19:22 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.21

139 **LV 19:23 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.22

140 **LV 19:24 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.23

141 **RV 19:24 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 9:1-13; 16:1-4.

142 **LV 19:25 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.24

143 **LV 19:26 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.25

144 **LV 19:27 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.26

145 **LV 19:28 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.27

146 **LV 19:29 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.28

147 **LV 19:30 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.29

148 **LV 19:31 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.30

149 **LV 19:31 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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David's kindness to Barzilay · Full kingdom

31 Barzilay the Giladi[150] had also come down from Roglim to help the king cross the Yarden (Jordan). 32 At eighty, he was very old, but being very wealthy, he'd provided food and supplies to the king while he'd stayed at Mahanayim, 33 so the king told him, "You cross over with me, and I'll provide for you to be with me in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)."

34 "How much longer am I likely to live?" Barzilay pondered. "Would it really be worth me moving to Yerushalem with the king? 35 Your servant is eighty years old. My mind isn't the same as it was, and I can't really taste what I eat or drink. I can barely hear the sounds of the men and women singing. So why would your servant become an extra burden to my master the king?" 36 As a token privilege, your servant will cross the Yarden with the king, but why should the king reward me with that generous reward? 37 Please, let your servant return, and let me die in my city near the graves of my parents. But look, here's your servant Kimham—let him cross over with my master the king, and do whatever you consider to be appropriate for him."

38 "Kimham can cross over with me," the king said, "and I myself will do for him whatever *you* consider to be appropriate—everything that you choose concerning me, I'll do for you." 39 So all the people crossed the Yarden, and then the king crossed over. The king kissed Barzilay and blessed him, and then Barzilay returned home.

Yehudah and Yisrael disagree · Full kingdom

40 Then the king crossed over to Gilgal, and Kimham crossed over with him. All the people of Yehudah (Judah) brought the king over and also about half of the people of Yisrael (Israel). 41 Then, wow, all the men of Yisrael went to the king and demanded, "Why did our relatives from Yehudah secret you away without inviting us? They took you and your household over the Yarden (Jordan), and all your men as well."

42 All the men of Yehudah answered the men of Yisrael, "Be-

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32 [151] And_Barzillay the_Gil'ādite he_had_come_down from_ _Rogelim and_he/it_passed_through with the_king the to_ _send_him_off ÐOM in/on/at/with[152]. 33 [153] And_Barzillay he_ _was_old very a_son_of eighty year[s] and_he he_had_supplied ÐOM the_king in_dwelling_of_his in_Maḥ$_a$nāyim if/because was_ _a_man great he very. 34 [154] And_ the_king _he/it_said to Barzillay you pass_over with_me and_I_will_supply you with_ _me in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 35 [155] And_ Barzillay _he/it_ _said to the_king how_many are_the_days_of the_years_of my_ _life_of_my that/for/because/then/when I_will_go_up with the_king Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 36 [156] Am_a_son_of eighty year[s] I the_day do_I_know between good and_evil or servant_ _of_your will_he_taste ÐOM that_which I_will_eat and_ÐOM that_ _which I_will_drink or will_I_hear still (in)_the_voice_of male_ _singers and_female_singers and_for_what will_he_become servant_of_your still (into)_a_burden to my_master the_king. 37 [157] Like_a_little servant_of_your he_will_pass_over ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) with the_king and_for_what will_he_reward_ _me the_king the_reward (the)_this. 38 [158] Let_him_return please servant_of_your so_that_I_may_die in_my_own_of_city near the_grave_of my_father_of_my and_mother_of_my and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE servant_of_your Kimham let_him_pass_over with my_master the_king and_do to_him/it ÐOM that_which is_ _good in_eyes_of_your. 39 [159] And_ the_king _he/it_said with_ _me Kimham he_will_pass_over and_I I_will_do for_him/it ÐOM the_good in_eyes_of_your and_all/each/any/every that you_ _will_choose on_me I_will_do for_you. 40 [160] And_ all_of the_ _people _he/it_passed_through ÐOM the_Yardēn and_the_king he_passed_over and_ the_king _he_kissed (to)_Barzillay and_ _he_blessed_him and_he_returned to_his_own_of_place. 41 [161] And_ the_king _he/it_passed_through to_(the)_Gilgal and_Kimhan he_passed_over with_him/it and_all the_people_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and[162] ÐOM the_king and_also (the)_half_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 42 [163] And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE every_of (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_coming to the_king and_they_said to the_king why did_they_steal_you brothers_of_ _our the_man_of Yəhūdāh and_they_brought_over ÐOM the_ _king and_ÐOM household_of_his ÐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_ _all the_men_of Dāvid with_him/it. 43 [164] And_ every_of (the)_ _man_of Yəhūdāh _he_answered to the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)

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150 **RV 19:31 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 17:27-29.

151 **LV 19:32 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.31

152 **LV 19:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְדִרֵי/ב: (x-qere) וְדִרֵי/ה: lemma_d/3383 n_0 morph_HTd/Np id_10Gd9 וְדִרֵי/ה

153 **LV 19:33 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.32

154 **LV 19:34 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.33

155 **LV 19:35 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.34

156 **LV 19:36 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.35

157 **LV 19:37 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.36

158 **LV 19:38 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.37

159 **LV 19:39 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.38

160 **LV 19:40 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.39

161 **LV 19:41 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.40

162 **LV 19:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: ורבעי/ו: (x-qere) וְרִבֶּעָה: lemma_5674 a morph_HVhp3cp id_10JTf וְרִבֶּעָה

163 **LV 19:42 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.41

164 **LV 19:43 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.42

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if/because is_close the_king to_me and_for_what this has_it_ _burnt to/for_yourself(m) on the_matter the_this ever_(eat) have_we_eaten from the_king or ever_(be_taken_away) has_it_ _been_taken_away to/for_us. **44** [165] And_ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_answered ĐOM the_man_of Yəhūdāh and_ _he/it_said ten hands to_me in_king and_also in_Dāvid I more_ _than_you and_why did_you_treat_me_with_contempt and_not message_of_my was_it first to_me to_bring_back ĐOM king_of_ _my and_ the_message of the_man_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_ _was_hard more_than_the_message of the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

20:1 And_there a_man_of worthlessness he_was_met and_ _his/its_name was_Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri a_man a_Jaminite and_he_gave_a_blast on_trumpet and_he/it_said there_is_not to/for_us a_portion in_Dāvid and_not an_inheritance to/for_us in_the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) everyone to_tents_of_his Oh_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ every_of (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended from_after Dāvid after Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri and_the_man_of Yəhūdāh they_clung to_king_of_their from the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_unto Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_ Dāvid _he_came to house_of_his Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ the_king _he/it_took ĐOM the_ _ten women concubines whom he_had_left to_guard/protect the_house and_he_put_them a_house_of confinement and_he_ _sustained_them and_into_them not he_went and_they_were locked_up until the_day_of died_they widowhood_of living. **4** And_ the_king _he/it_said to ʿAmāsāʾ summon to_me ĐOM the_ _man_of Yəhūdāh three_of days and_you(ms) here stand. **5** And_he/it_went ʿAmāsāʾ to_summon ĐOM Yəhūdāh and[168] from the_appointed_time which he_had_appointed_for_him. **6** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to ʾAvīshay now he_will_be_bad to/for_us Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri more_than ʾAvīshālōm you take ĐOM the_servants_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your and_ _pursue after_him lest he_has_found to_him/it cities fortified and_he_will_tear_out eye_of_our. **7** And_they_went_out after_ _him the_men_of Yōʾāv/(Joab) and_the_Kerethite[s] and_the_ _Pelethite[s] and_all the_powerful/mighty(pl) and_they_went_ _out from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_pursue after Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri. **8** They were_near the_stone (the)_great which is_in_Givʿōn and_ʿAmāsāʾ he_came before_them and_Yōʾāv was_girded garment_of_his clothing_of_his it[169] a_belt_of a_ _sword was_fastened on loins_of_his in_sheath_of_its and_he he_went_forward and_it_fell. **9** And_ Yōʾāv _he/it_said to_ _ʿAmāsāʾ peace are_you my_brother/kindred and_ the_hand_of the_right_side_of Yōʾāv _it_took_hold on_the_beard_of ʿAmāsāʾ to_kiss to_him/it. **10** And_ʿAmāsāʾ not he_took_heed to_sword which was_in_the_hand_of Yōʾāv and_he_struck_him with_it into the_belly and_ bowels_of_his _he_poured_out towards_ _land and_not he_repeated to_him/it and_he/it_died and_ _Yōʾāv and_ʾAvīshay his/its_brother he_pursued after Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri. **11** And_a_man he_stood on/upon/above_

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cause the king is from our tribe—our close relative. Why should that make you all angry? Do you all think that the king has rewarded us with fancy food or other privileges?"

43 The men of Yisrael answered the men of Yehudah, "Our ten tribes give us ten shares in the king—more than you. So why do you look down on us? Weren't we the first to talk about bringing our king back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem)?"

But what the men of Yehudah said was harsher than what the ten other tribes said.

Sheva rebels against David · Full kingdom

20:1 Now there was a good-for-nothing Benyamite man named Sheva who was Bikri's son, and he blasted on the trumpet, then said,

"We have no interest in David,
and no claim in Yishay's (Jesse's) son.
Go home every man from Yisrael (Israel)."[166]

2 So all the men of Yisrael left David and went with Sheva (Bikri's sons), but the men of Yehudah (Judah) stayed with their king from the Yarden (Jordan) river and uphill to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

3 When David got back to his Yerushalem palace, the ten slave-wives that he'd left behind to guard the palace,[167] he moved them into a separate house. That place was guarded and he provided for them, but he didn't sleep with them—thus they were locked up until they died living as widows.

4 One day the king told Amasa (his new army commander), "Summon the men of Yehudah to be here in three days, and you be with them." **5** So Amasa went to summon them, but he took longer than the given time. **6** Meanwhile David told Avishay, "Bikri's son Sheva will do more harm to us now than Avshalom (Absalom). Take some of my warriors and chase him down, in case he finds some fortified city to hide in and gets away from us." **7** So Yoav's (Joab's) men and the king's bodyguards and all the best warriors left Yerushalem to hunt Sheva down. **8** When they were approaching the huge rock at Giveon, they met Amasa. Yoav was dressed for battle with a dagger strapped to his waist under his robe. As he stepped forward, he allowed his sword to drop to the ground from his hand. **9** Yoav greeted Amasa, "Is all well with you, my brother?" Then he used his right hand to hold Amasa's beard to kiss him, **10** but Amasa wasn't aware of the dagger that was in Yoav's other hand. Yoav thrust it into his stomach and his intestines poured out on the ground. There was no need to stab him again and Amasa died right there.

Then Yoav and his brother Avishay continued their hunt for Bikri's son Sheva. **11** One of Yoav's young men stood beside

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165 LV 19:44 · Note Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.43

166 RV 20:1 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 12:16; 2Ch 10:16.

167 RV 20:3 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 16:22.

168 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB variant note: רחיו/ו: (x-qere) 'רֵחֹוֵי/ו': lemma_c/309 n_0.1 morph_HC/Vhw3ms id_10qhb רֵחֹוֵי/ו

169 LV 20:8 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/לע/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יֶלַע/ו': lemma_c/5921 a n_0.1.1.0 morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_10bus ו/יֶלַע/ו

Readers' Version

Amasa's body and called out, "All those who favour Yoav and are for David, follow Yoav." **12** Amasa's bloody body was in the middle of the road, and when the young man saw that everyone was stopping to look at it, he dragged it off the road onto the grass and threw a cloth over it. **13** After the body had been removed from the road, all the men followed after Yoav to chase Sheva.

14 Meanwhile Sheva crossed through all the tribal regions of Yisrael (Israel) to Avel-Beyt-Ma'akah where all his relatives gathered together and agreed to back him. **15** Yoav's men arrived and Avel-Beyt-Ma'akah. They heaped a siege ramp up against the city, and also pounded the wall to try to make it collapse. **16** Then a wise woman called out from the city, "Listen, listen, please tell Yoav to come closer so I can speak to him." **17** Yoav went in closer and she asked, "Are you Yoav?"

"I am," he replied.

"Listen to what your servant has to say," she said.

"I'm listening," he answered.

18 Then she told him, "Long ago people used to tell others to come here to Avel to get advice, and they'd do that and then be able to settle the matter. **19** I'm a peaceable and faithful citizen of Yisrael. You're trying to destroy this city and a mother in Yisrael. Why would you wipe out our inheritance from Yahweh?"

20 "Far be it, far be it for me that I would destroy or wipe it out," Yoav replied. **21** That's not what we're here for. We're here for a man from the Efrayim (Ephraim) hills named Sheva, the son of Bikri. He took a stand against the king—against David. Just hand him over to us, and then we'll leave your city."

"Wait," the woman told Yoav. "His head will be thrown over the wall to you." **22** So the woman went to all the people with her wisdom, and they decapitated Sheva, and threw his head down to Yoav. Then he signalled on the trumpet, and his men left the area and went back to their homes, and Yoav returned to the king at Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

David's officials · Full kingdom

23 Now Yoav (Joab) was over the entire Israeli army, and Benayah (Yehoyada's son) was over the kings bodyguards. **24** Adoniram[172] was over the forced labour, and Ahilud's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) was the secretary and **25** Sheva was the scribe. Tsadok and Evyatar were the priests, **26** and Ira (the Yairi) was David's priest.

Literal Version

_him/it one_of_the_young_men_of Yō'āv and_he/it_said who is_the_one_who he_delights in_Yō'āv/(Joab) and_who is_the_one_who belongs_to_Dāvid after Yō'āv. **12** And_ʿAmāsā' was_rolling in_blood in_the_middle of_the_highway[170] and_ the_man _he/it_saw if/because_that all_of the_people it_stopped and_he_brought_round ÐOM ʿAmāsā' from the_highway the_field and_he_threw on/upon/above_him/it a_garment just_as every_of (the)_one_who_came on/upon/above_him/it he_saw and_he_stopped. **13** Just_as he_had_removed_him from the_highway every_of person he_passed_on after Yō'āv to_pursue after Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri. **14** And_he_passed in_all the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_'Āvēl and_Bēyt- maʿₐkāh and_all the_Berites and[171] and_they_came also after_him. **15** And_they_came and_they_laid_siege on/upon/above_him/it in_of house_of maʿₐkāh and_they_poured_out a_mound against the_city and_it_stood by_rampart and_all the_people which was_with Yō'āv were_about_to_destroy to_make_fall the_wall. **16** And_ a_woman wise _she/it_called/named from the_city listen listen say please to Yō'āv/(Joab) draw_near to here so_that_I_may_speak to_you. **17** And_he_drew_near to_her/it and_ the_woman _she/it_said are_you Yō'āv and_he/it_said I_am and_she/it_said to_him/it listen_to the_words/messages_of your(ms)_female_slave and_he/it_said I am_listening. **18** And_she/it_said to_say surely_(speak) they_spoke at_time to_say really_(ask) they_will_ask at_'Āvēl and_thus/so/as_follows they_ceased. **19** I am_the_peaceful_ones_of the_faithful_ones_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you are_seeking to_kill a_city and_a_mother in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_what will_you_swallow_up the_inheritance_of **YHWH**. **20** And_ Yō'āv _he_answered and_he_said far_be_it far_be_it to_me if I_will_swallow_up and_if I_will_destroy. **21** Is_not so the_matter if/because a_man from_hill of_'Efrayim who_is_Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri his/its_name he_has_lifted_up his/its_hand against_king against_Dāvid give ÐOM_him/it for_him/it_being_alone and_I_will_go from_under the_city and_ the_woman _she/it_said to Yō'āv HERE his/its_head is_about_to_be_thrown to_you behind the_wall. **22** And_ the_woman _she_went to all_of the_people with_wisdom_of_her and_they_cut_off ÐOM the_head_of Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri and_they_threw_it to Yō'āv/(Joab) and_he_gave_a_blast on_trumpet and_they_were_scattered from_under the_city each to_tents_of_his and_Yō'āv he_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to the_king.

23 And_Yō'āv was_to all_of the_army of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Bənāʸāh the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) was_over the[173] and_over the_Pelethite[s]. **24** And_'Adorām was_over the_forced_labour and_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of 'Aḥīlūd was_the_recorder. **25** And[174] was_secretary and_Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_'Evyātār were_priests. **26** And_also ʿĪrā' the_Jairite he_was a_priest of_Dāvid.

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170 **LV 20:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

171 **LV 20:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְהלקי/ו: (x-qere) 'וְלָקֵחַ/ו': lemma_c/6950 n_0.1 morph_HC/VNw3mp id_10n34 וְלָקֵחַ/ו

172 **RV 20:24 · Note** 'Adoram' is a shortened form of his name.

173 **LV 20:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: ירכ/ה: (x-qere) 'יְתֵרְכִ/ה': lemma_d/3774 n_0.0 morph_HTd/Ngmsa id_10N2F יְתֵרְכִ/ה

174 **LV 20:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: איש/ו: (x-qere) 'אֱוָשׁ/ו': lemma_c/7724 n_1.0 morph_HC/Np id_10buz אֱוָשׁ/ו

Literal Version

21:1 And_he/it_was a_famine in_the_days_of Dāvid three years year after year and_ Dāvid _he/it_sought ĐOM the_face_of **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said because_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_ _near/to the_house_of (the)_blood(s) on that he_put_to_death ĐOM the_Giv˝ōnites. **2** And_ the_king _he/it_called (to)_ _Giv˝ōnites and_he/it_said to_them and_the_Giv˝ōnites not from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they if/because (if) from_ _the_remnant_of the_'Amorī and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_sworn_an_oath to/for_them and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_ _sought to_strike_them_down because_he_was_zealous for_the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah). **3** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to the_Giv˝ōnites what will_I_do to/for_ _you(pl) and_how will_I_make_amends and_bless ĐOM the_ _inheritance_of **YHWH**. **4** And_they_said to_him/it the_ _Giv˝ōnites there_is_not mmm[179] silver and_gold with Shā'ūl and_with house_of_his and_there_is_not to/for_us a_man to_ _put_to_death in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said what are_ _you(pl) saying I_will_do for_you(pl). **5** And_they_said to the_ _king the_man who he_made_an_end_of_us and_which he_ _planned to/for_us we_were_destroyed from_standing in_all the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** Let_it_be_given[180] to/for_us seven men of_descendants_of_his and_we_will_impale_them to/for_**YHWH** at_Gibeah of_Shā'ūl/(Saul) the_chosen_one_of **YHWH** and_ the_king _he/it_said I I_will_give_them. **7** And_ the_king _he_had_compassion on Mephi- boshet the_son_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shā'ūl on the_ _oath_of **YHWH** which was_between_them between Dāvid and_ _between Yōnātān the_son_of Shā'ūl. **8** And_ the_king _he/it_ _took ĐOM the_two_of the_sons_of Ritspāh the_daughter_of 'Ay^{yāh} whom she_had_borne to_Shā'ūl ĐOM 'Armonī and_ĐOM Mephiboshet and_ĐOM the_five_of the_sons_of Mīkāl the_ _daughter_of Shā'ūl whom she_had_borne to_'Adrī'ēl the_son_of Barzillay the_Məḥolātī. **9** And_he_gave_them in_the_hand_of the_Giv˝ōnites and_they_impaled_them on_mountain to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_fell the_seven_of_ _of_them[181] together and[182] they_were_put_to_death days_of harvest in_first at_the_beginning_of[183][184] of_the_harvest_of barley(s). **10** And_ Ritspāh the_daughter_of 'Ay^{yāh} _she/it_took ĐOM (the)_sackcloth and_she_spread_it_out to/for_her/it to the_rock from_the_beginning_of harvest until water it_was_ _poured_out on_them from the_heavens and_not she_ _permitted the_bird[s]_of the_heavens to_rest on_them by_day and_ĐOM the_animal[s]_of the_field night. **11** And_it_was_told to_Dāvid ĐOM that_which Ritspāh the_daughter_of 'Ay^{yāh} the_ _concubine_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) she_had_done. **12** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_went and_he/it_took ĐOM the_bones_of Shā'ūl and_ĐOM

Readers' Version

The Givonim' claim on Sha'ul's descendants · Full kingdom

21:1 During David's reign, there was a three-year famine. David inquired from Yahweh who said, "Sha'ul (Saul) and his family have blood on their hands, because he killed the Givonim." **2** (The Givonim were not native Israelis, but were a remnant of the Amorim. The Israelis had promised to protect them,[175] but Sha'ul had attempted to eliminate them in his zeal for the people of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah).) So the king summoned the Givonim and asked them, **3** "What can I do for all of you? How can I remedy what was done in the past so that you all would bless Yahweh's people?"

4 "We have no claim to gold or silver from Sha'ul or his household," the Givonim replied, "And we don't wish to have anyone in Yisrael put to death."

"Then what are you saying that I can do for you all?" he asked.

5 "That man who crushed us," they replied, "and who intended that we be annihilated from within Yisrael's borders, **6** give us seven of his descendants and we'll hang them before Yahweh in Giveah where Yahweh's chosen king Sha'ul lived.

"Okay, I'll give them to you," the king responded.

7 However, the king spared Yonatan's (Jonathan's) son (and Sha'ul's grandson) Mefiboshet because of the promises that he and Yonatan had made to each other before Yahweh.[176] **8** Instead he took two of the sons (Armoni and Mefiboshet) of Ritspah (Ayah's daughter and one of Sha'ul's slave-wives), as well as five sons of Sha'ul's daughter Mikal, that she'd bore to Adriel (the son of Barzilay, the Meholati).[177] **9** He handed them over to the Givonim, and they hung them on a hill before Yahweh, and the seven of them died together. This happened at the beginning of the barley harvest.

10 Then Ayah's daughter Ritspah took sackcloth and she spread it on the rock where the corpses were. She kept the birds away during the day and the animals at night—staying there from the beginning of the harvest until the beginning of the rainy season.

11 David was told what Ritspah had done, **12** and he went and got the bones of Sha'ul and his son Yonatan from the leaders of Yavesh-Gilead, who had stolen them from the square of Beyt-Shean where the Pelishtim had hung them there on the day the Pelishtim had defeated Sha'ul at Gilboa.[178] **13** David took Sha'ul and Yonatan's bones along with the bones of the seven men who'd been hung, **14** and his men buried them in the tomb

175 RV 21:2 · Cross-ref. Josh 9:3-15.

176 RV 21:7 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 20:15-17; 2Sam 9:1-7.

177 RV 21:8 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 18:19.

178 RV 21:12 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 31:8-13.

179 LV 21:4 · Note OSHB variant note: יל/: (x-qere) 'וּנְל': lemma_l n_1.1.0.0 morph_HR/Sp1cp id_10njs וּנְל

180 LV 21:6 · Note OSHB variant note: ותני: (x-qere) 'וְתִי': lemma_5414 morph_HVQj3ms id_10YGC וְתִי

181 LV 21:9 · Note OSHB variant note: מיתעבש: (x-qere) 'ם/תְעַבְּשׁ': lemma_7651 n_1.0 morph_HAcmsc/Sp3mp id_10o59 ם/תְעַבְּשׁ

182 LV 21:9 · Note OSHB variant note: מה/ו: (x-qere) 'הָמֵּה/ו': lemma_c/1992 morph_HC/Pp3mp id_10ZbA הָמֵּה/ו

183 LV 21:9 · Note OSHB variant note: תלחת: (x-qere) 'תַלְחַת/ב': lemma_b/8462 n_0.0 morph_HR/Ncfsc id_10zBH תַלְחַת/ב

184 LV 21:9 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

Readers' Version

of Sha'ul's father Kish in Tsela (in the Benyamite region), doing everything that the king had commanded. After that, God answered their prayers for the country.

Battles against Pelishti giants · Full kingdom[187]

15 The Pelishtim started attacking Yisrael (Israel) again, and David and his men went down towards the coast and fought back, but David became exhausted. 16 The Pelishtim had a champion named Yishbi-Benov who was a descendant of giants. He wore new armour and his bronze spear weighed over three kilograms. He intended to kill David 17 but Tseruyah's son Avishay helped David, and he struck the Pelishti and killed him. Then, David's men made a decision, saying, "You won't go out to battle with us anymore because we don't want Yisrael's lamp to be extinguished."[188]

18 Some time after that, there was another battle with the Pelishtim at Gov, and Sibkay (the Hushati) killed Saf who was another descendant of the giants.

19 Then in another battle with the Pelishtim at Gov, Elhanan (son of Ya'are-Oregim, from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)) killed Galyat (Goliath) the Giti even though his spear handle was like a weaver's beam.

20 In a different battle in Gat, there was a fierce man there with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot who was also a descendant of the giants, 21 but when he taunted Yisrael, Yonatan (Jonathan) (son of David's brother Shimeah) killed him. 22 Those four men were descendants of the giants in Gat, but they were killed by David and his men.

David's song of praise · Full kingdom[193]

22:1 Then after Yahweh had rescued David from Sha'ul (Saul) and all his enemies, David sang this song for Yahweh,

2 "Yahweh is my rock and my fortress
and the one who rescues me, yes, even me.

Literal Version

the_bones_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) his/its_son from_with the_citizens_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) who they_had_ _stolen ÐØM_them from_the_open_square_of Bēyt Shan where mmm[185] wwww the[186] in/on_day struck_down Pelishtim ÐØM Shā'ūl on_Gilbo'a. 13 And_he/it_ascended from_there ÐØM the_ _bones_of Shā'ūl and_ÐØM the_bones_of Yōnātān his/its_son and_they_gathered ÐØM the_bones_of the_impaled_men. 14 And_they_buried ÐØM the_bones_of Shā'ūl and_Yōnātān his/its_son in_land of_Binyāmīn at_Zela in_the_tomb_of Qīsh his/its_father and_they_did all that the_king he_commanded and_ god _he_was_entreated for_land after thus.

15 And_it_became again war to_Pəlishtiy with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Dāvid _he/it_descended and_servants_of_his with_him/it and_they_fought with the_Pəlishtiy and_ Dāvid _he_was_weary. 16 And[189] benob who was_among_those_born_of the_Raphah and_the_weight_of_his_spear_of_his was_three hundred(s) the_ _weight_of bronze and_he was_girded a_new_weapon and_ _he/it_said to_strike_down ÐØM Dāvid. 17 And_he_helped to_ _him/it 'Avīshay the_son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) and_he_struck ÐØM the_Philistine and_he_killed_him then the_men_of Dāvid they_swore to_him/it to_say not you_will_go_out again with_us for_battle and_not you_will_extinguish ÐØM the_lamp_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 18 And_he/it_was after thus and_it_became again (the)_battle at_Gov with the_Pəlishtiy then Şibkay the_ _Ḥushātī he_struck_down ÐØM Şaf who was_among_those_ _born_of the_Raphah. 19 And_it_became again (the)_battle at_ _Gov with the_Pəlishtiy and_he_struck_down 'Elḥānān the_ _son_of Jaare-[190] Oregim the_Bēyt- lehemite ÐØM Golyat the_ _Gittiy and_tree his_spear_of_his was_like_a_beam_of weavers. 20 And_it_became again a_battle at_Gat and_he/it_was a_man_ _of strife[191] and_the_fingers_of his_hands_of_his and_the_toes_ _of his_feet_of_his were_six and_six twenty and_four number and_also he he_was_born to_the_Raphah. 21 And_he_taunted ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_struck_him_down Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shimeah[192] the_ _brother_of Dāvid. 22 ÐØM four_of these they_were_born to_ _the_Raphah in_Gat and_they_fell by_the_hand_of Dāvid and_ _by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his.

22:1 And_ Dāvid _he/it_spoke to/for_**YHWH** ÐØM the_ _words/messages_of the_song (the)_this in/on_day **YHWH** when_he_delivered ÐØM_him/it from_the_palm_of all_of enemies_of_his and_from_the_palm_of Shā'ūl/(Saul). 2 And_he_ _said **YHWH** rock_of_is_my and_stronghold_of_my and_ _deliverer_of_my to_me. 3 Oh_god_of my_rock_of_my I_take_

185 **LV 21:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ם/ולת: (x-qere) ם/וְאָלְתּ: lemma_8518 morph_HVqp3cp/Sp3mp id_102PP ם/וְאָלְתּ

186 **LV 21:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ם/יתשלפ/ה משׁ: (x-qere) ה/מָּשׁ: lemma_8033 n_0.1.0 morph_HD/Sd id_10gnL ה/מָּשׁ ם/יִתְשְׁלְפ: lemma_6430 n_0.1 morph_HNgmpa id_10u2Q ם/יִתְשְׁלְפ

187 **RV 21:15 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 20:4-8

188 **RV 21:17 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 11:36; Psa 132:17.

189 **LV 21:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/בשי: (x-qere) ו/יִבְשִׁי: lemma_c/3430_ morph_HC/Np id_1079S ו/יִבְשִׁי

190 **LV 21:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

191 **LV 21:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: ן/ידמ: (x-qere) ן/וֹדָמ: lemma_4067 n_0.1.2 morph_HNcmsa id_10FaA ן/וֹדָמ

192 **LV 21:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: יעמשׁ: (x-qere) הָ/עָמְשׁ: lemma_8092 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_103y6 הָ/עָמְשׁ

193 **RV 22:1 · Parallel** Psa. 18

Literal Version

_refuge in/on/over_him/it shield_of_my and_the_horn_of my_
_salvation_of_my refuge_of_my and_my_place_of_of_escape
my_deliverer_of_my from_violence you_deliver_me. **4** The_one_
_to_be_praised I_call_out_to **YHWH** and_from_enemies_of_my
I_am_delivered. **5** If/because they_encompassed_me breakers_
_of death torrents_of worthlessness they_overwhelmed_me.
6 The_cords_of Shə'ōl they_surrounded_me they_confronted_
_me snares_of death. **7** In_distress to_me I_called_out_to **YHWH**
and_near/to god_of_my I_called_out and_he/it_listened from_
_temple_of_his my_sound/voice and_my_cry_of_for_help was_
_in_ears_of_his. **8** And[196][197][198] and_it_quaked the_earth/land
the_foundations_of the_heavens they_trembled and_they_
_shook_back_and_forth if/because it_burnt to_him/it. **9** Smoke
it_went_up in_nose_of_his and_fire from_mouth_of_his it_
_consumed coals they_burnt from_him. **10** And_he_bent_down
the_heavens and_he_came_down and_thick_darkness was_
_under feet_of_his. **11** And_he_rode on a_cherub and_he_flew
and_he_appeared on the_wings_of the_wind. **12** And_he_put
darkness around_of_him shelters a_sieve_of waters dark_
_clouds_of clouds. **13** From_the_brightness before_him coals_of
fire they_burnt. **14** He_thundered from heaven **YHWH** and_the_
_Most_High he_gave_forth voice_of_his. **15** And_he_sent_out
arrows and_he_scattered_them lightning and[199]. **16** And_ the_
_channels_of the_sea _they_appeared the_foundations_of the_
_world they_were_uncovered at_the_rebuke_of **YHWH** from_
_the_breathing_of the_breath_of his_nose_of_his. **17** He_
_stretched_out from_a_high_place he_took_hold_of_me he_
_drew_me from_waters many. **18** He_rescued_me from_enemy_
_of_my mighty from_those_of_who_hate_me if/because they_
_were_too_strong for_me. **19** They_confronted_me in/on_day
my_calamity_of_my and_he/it_was **YHWH** a_support to_me.
20 And_he_brought_out to_(the)_place ~~DOM~~_me he_rescued_me
if/because he_delighted in_me. **21** He_dealt_with_me **YHWH**
according_to_of_my_righteousness according_to_the_
_cleanness_of my_hands_of_my he_repaid to_me. **22** If/because
I_have_kept the_ways_of **YHWH** and_not I_have_acted_
_wickedly from_god_of_my. **23** If/because all_of his[200] are_to_
_before_me and_regulations_of_his not I_turn_aside from_it.
24 And_I_have_been blameless to_him/it and_I_have_kept_
_myself from_iniquity_of_my. **25** And_ **YHWH** _he_repaid to_me
according_to_of_my_righteousness according_to_of_my_
_cleanness to_before eyes_of_his. **26** With a_faithful_person
you_show_yourself_faithful with a_mighty_man blameless you_
_show_yourself_blameless. **27** With one_who_purifies_himself
you_show_yourself_pure and_with a_perverse_person you_
_show_yourself_twisted. **28** And_~~DOM~~ a_people afflicted you_
_save and_eyes_of_your are_on haughty_ones you_bring_them_
_low. **29** If/because you lamp_of_are_my Oh_**YHWH** and_**YHWH**
he_illuminates darkness_of_my. **30** If/because by_you I_run a_
_marauding_band by_god_of_my I_leap_over a_wall. **31** (The)_

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3 God of my rock—I find safety in him,
my shield and my powerful saviour,
my high fort and my refuge,
my saviour—you save me from violence.
4 I call out to Yahweh who deserves to be praised.
I was kept safe from my enemies.
5 Death was enveloping me like a wave.
Torrents of worthlessness were overwhelming me.
6 Sheol's ropes tightened around me.
Deadly traps confronted me.
7 In my distress I called to Yahweh,
and to my god I called out.
He listened to my voice from his temple,
and he heard my cry for help.
8 The earth reeled and it shook.
The foundations of the heavens trembled,
and they shook because he became angry.
9 Smoke went up from his nose,
and burning coals and fire from his mouth.
10 He stretched out the heavens,
then he came down and it was dark below him.
11 He rode on a winged creature, and he flew.
Yes, he was seen on the wings of the wind.
12 He placed darkness all around him as a covering—
a collection of dark clouds holding water in them.
13 From the brightness in front of him,
coals of fire burnt.
14 Yahweh thundered from the sky.
The most high God made his voice known.
15 He sent out arrows, and he scattered them.
He sent out lightning, and he confused them.
16 The channels of the sea became visible.
The foundations of the world were uncovered
at Yahweh's rebuke,
from the blast from his nostrils.
17 He reached down from above and picked me up.
He pulled me up out of the surging waters.
18 He rescued me from my powerful enemy—
from the people who hated me—
because they were stronger than me.
19 They confronted me when I was experiencing difficulties,
but Yahweh supported me.
20 He brought me out into a wide area.
He rescued me because he was pleased with me.
21 Yahweh has rewarded me because of my obedience.

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196 **LV 22:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: שעגת/ו: (x-qere) 'שַׁעֲנָתִי/ו': lemma_c/1607 morph_HC/Vtw3ms id_10acR שַׁעֲנָתִי/ו

197 **LV 22:8 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

198 **LV 22:8 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

199 **LV 22:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: מהי/ו: (x-qere) 'מְהֻמָּי/ו': lemma_c/2000 n_0 morph_HC/Vhw3ms id_10DVe מְהֻמָּי/ו

200 **LV 22:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: טפשמ/ו: (x-qere) 'יְטַפְּשֻׁמַּי/ו': lemma_4941 n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_10K9C יְטַפְּשֻׁמַּי/ו

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He's repaid me because my hands were clean,
22 because I've followed Yahweh's paths,
and I haven't acted wickedly by turning away from my god.
23 I'm aware of all his regulations,
and I haven't turned away from his decrees.
24 I've done nothing that he can accuse me of,
and I've stopped myself when I wanted to disobey.
25 Yahweh rewarded me for my obedience,
because he saw my innocence.
26 With a faithful person, you show yourself faithful.
with a blameless warrior, you prove yourself blameless.
27 With someone who purifies themself, you show yourself pure,
^but you show yourself deceptive to a crooked person.
28 You save afflicted people,
^but you dislike the proud—you bring them down.
29 Because you are my lamp, Yahweh,
and you lighten my darkness.
30 Because by you, I can charge against a troop of warriors.
With my god's help I can leap over a city wall.
31 God's path is perfect.
Yahweh's message is tried and tested.
→He keeps everyone safe who requests his protection.
32 Who could be God other than Yahweh?
And who is a rock apart from our god?
33 This god is my strong fortress,
and he keeps my pathways cleared.
34 The one who makes my feet nimble like a deer,
and places me securely up on the heights.[194]
35 The one who trains me how to win in battle,
and strengthens my arms to pull back a powerful bow.
36 You saved me from death like a shield,
and you helped me become well-known by answering my prayers.
37 You helped me make large strides,
and stopped my feet from slipping.
38 Let me chase down my enemies and destroy them.
Then I won't return until they're all defeated.
39 I will attack them and smash them.
They won't stand again—they'll fall under my feet.
40 You give me extra strength for the war.
You make the people who rebelled against me submit.
41 You make my enemies flee away from me.
You help me destroy the people who hate me.
42 They look, but there's no one to rescue them.
They call out to you, Yahweh, but you don't answer them.
43 I crush them as finely as the dust on the ground.
I trample them like the mud on the streets and flatten them.

Literal Version

_god is_blameless its_road/course the_message_of **YHWH** is_
_refined is_a_shield he to_all/each/any/every those_who_take_
_refuge in/on/over_him/it. **32** If/because who is_god (from)_
_except **YHWH** and_who is_a_rock (from)_except god_of_our.
33 (The)_god place_of_refuge_of strength and_he_has_set_free
a_blameless_person mmm[201]. **34** He_is_making mmm[202] like_
_does and_on places_of he_makes_me_stand_firm. **35** He_is_
_training hands_of_my for_battle and_ arms_of_my _it_
_stretches a_bow_of bronze. **36** And_you_have_given to_me the_
_shield_of your_salvation_of_your and_answering_your you_
_make_me_great. **37** You_enlarge step[s]_of_my under_me and_
_not ankles_of_my they_slip. **38** Let_me_pursue enemies_of_my
and_I_destroyed_them and_not I_returned until brought_them_
_to_an_end. **39** And_I_brought_them_to_an_end and_I_
_smashed_them and_not they_rose and_they_fell under feet_
_of_my. **40** And_you_girded_me strength for_battle you_made_
_bow_down those_of_who_rose_against_me under_me. **41** And_
_enemies_of_my you_gave to/for_me neck those_of_who_
_hated_me and_I_destroyed_them. **42** They_looked and_there_
_was_not a_deliverer to **YHWH** and_not he_answered_them.
43 And_I_beat_them_fine like_the_dust_of the_earth like_the_
_mud_of the_streets I_pulverised_them I_beat_them_out.
44 And_you_delivered_me from_the_strifes_of my_people_of_
_my you_kept_me to_the_head_of nations a_people which_not
I_knew they_served_me. **45** Sons_of foreignness they_cringed
to_me to_the_ an_ear _hearing they_became_obedient to_me.
46 Sons_of foreignness they_withered and_they_girded_
_themselves from_strongholds_of_their. **47** Is_living **YHWH**
and_be_ rock_of_my _blessed and_ the_god_of the_rock_of my_
_salvation_of_my _may_he_be_exalted. **48** (The)_god is_the_
_one_who_gives vengeance(s) to_me and_he_is_bringing_down
peoples under_me. **49** And_he_of_is_bringing_me_out from_
_enemies_of_my and_more_than_of_those_who_rise_against_
_me you_exalt_me from_man violence(s) you_rescue_me.
50 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_give_thanks_to_you
Oh_**YHWH** among_nations and_to_name_of_your I_will_sing_
_praises. **51** The_tower_of[203] the_salvation(s)_of his_king_of_his
and_he_is_doing covenant_loyalty to_his_of_anointed to_Dāvid
and_to_offspring_of_his until perpetuity.

194 **RV 22:34 · Cross-ref.** Hab 3:19.

201 **LV 22:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: כרד/ו: (x-qere) יְכַרְּדֵ֑נִי: lemma_1870 n_0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp1cs id_109MF יְכַרְּדֵ֑נִי

202 **LV 22:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ילנר/ו: (x-qere) יְלַגְּרֵ֑נִי: lemma_7272 n_1.0 morph_HNcfdc/Sp1cs id_10LH8 יְלַגְּרֵ֑נִי

203 **LV 22:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: לידנמ: (x-qere) לְוֹדְּגֵ֑מִי: lemma_4024 a n_1.0 morph_HNcmsc id_10BX2 לְוֹדְּגֵ֑מִי

Literal Version

23:1 And_these are_the_words/messages_of Dāvid (the)_last the_utterance_of Dāvid the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) and_the_ _utterance_of the_man who_he_was_raised_up height the_one_ _anointed_of the_god_of Ya′$_{a}$qov/(Jacob) and_the_pleasant_ _one_of the_songs_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **2** The_spirit_of **YHWH** he_has_spoken by_me and_speech_of_his is_on tongue_of_my. **3** The_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_said to_me the_rock_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_spoke one_who_rules over_humankind righteous one_who_rules the_fear_of god. **4** And_like_the_light_ _of morning the_sun he_dawns morning not clouds from_ _brightness from_rain fresh_grass from_the_earth. **5** If/because not thus house_of_is_my with god if/because a_covenant_of perpetuity he_has_made to_me arranged in_everything and_ _preserved if/because all_of salvation_of_my and_all desire if/because not will_he_make_grow. **6** And_a_worthless_person is_like_thorn[s] of_them_of_all which_is_chased_away if/because not in_a_hand people_will_take. **7** And_anyone who_ _he_will_touch (is)_in_them he_will_arm_himself iron and_tree a_spear and_with_fire completely_(burn) they_will_be_burnt at_dwelling.

8 These are_the_names_of the_powerful/mighty(pl) who belonged_to_Dāvid Josheb- Basshebeth a_Tahkemonite was_ _the_chief_of the_officer[s] he Adino_his the[205] on eight

Readers' Version

44 You rescue me from the arguments of my people.
You help me remain as the head of nations.
People serve me even if I don't even know them.
45 Foreigners are afraid of me.
When they hear me, they obey me.
46 They lose heart,
and come out of their fortresses trembling.
47 Yahweh is alive—may my secure rock be blessed.
May the god of the rock of my salvation be praised.
48 He's the god who avenges me,
and the one who makes the people who rebelled against me submit.
49 He's the one who helps me escape from my enemies.
You hold me up away from the ones who rise up against me.
You rescue me from violent men.
50 Therefore I praise you, Yahweh, among the nations,
and I sing praises about who you are.[195]
51 The one who helps his king to save the people,
and the one who shows loyalty to the one he chose—
to David and to his descendants forever."

David's ending speech · Full kingdom

23:1 These are David's final words:
"The message from Yishay's (Jesse's) son David—
a message from the man who rose through the ranks—
who was selected by Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god—
singer of Yisrael's (Israel's) pleasant songs.
2 Yahweh's spirit spoke through me.
His message came out of my mouth.
3 Yisrael's god spoke to me.
The rock of Yisrael told me.
The one who rules people with justice,
→rules out of his respect for God.
4 He's like the rising sun bringing the morning light—
a cloudless morning.
Glistening after the rain that grows fresh grass from the soil.
5 My household is aligned with God,
because he made a perpetual agreement with me—
all arranged and secured.
He'll make my salvation and every desire grow. ???
6 But evil people are like thorns—
they're all thrown away.
because they injure your hands.
7 Anyone who wants to move them
must use a metal tool or a wooden stick.
They'll be incinerated right there."

David's top warriors · Full kingdom[204]

8 These are the names of David's top warriors:

195 **RV 22:50 · Cross-ref.** Rom 15:9.

204 **RV 23:8 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 11:10-41

205 **LV 23:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: נצע/ו: (x-qere) יְנִצָּעֵ/ה': lemma_d/6112 n_0.1 morph_HTd/Ngmsa id_10PsY יְנִצָּעֵ/ה

Readers' Version

Yoshev-Bashevet the Tahkemoni was the head of 'The Three'. One time he attacked and killed eight hundred men with his spear.

9 Next after him was **Eleazar**, the son of Ahohi's son Dodo. Once he was among the three powerful warriors with David when they taunted the Pelishtim who were gathered there for battle. The Israeli warriors retreated back up their hill, **10** but Eleazar moved forward and attacked the Pelishtim until his arm became weak, and his hand cramped around his sword. Yahweh achieved a great victory that day, and the other warriors only returned afterwards to plunder the dead.

11 Then there was Agge's son **Shama**, the Harari. The Pelishtim had assembled in formation where there happened to be a field full of lentils. The Israelis fled from the Pelishtim **12** but Shama remained there in the middle of the field and killed many Pelishtim. So the field was saved, and Yahweh achieved a great victory.

13 Once as it was approaching harvest time, three of 'The Thirty' went to where David had been staying at Adulam's cave. There was a Pelishti unit camped in the Refaim valley. **14** At the time, David was in the fortress, and there was another Pelishti unit in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem). **15** David was thirsty one day and asked, "Who'll get me a drink of water from the Beyt-Lehem well by the gate?" **16** So the three powerful warriors broke through the Pelishti camp and got water from the Beyt-Lehem well near the gate. They carried it back to David, but he wouldn't drink it—pouring it out instead as an offering to Yahweh, **17** saying, "Far be it for me, Yahweh, to drink this—the blood of the men who risked their lives." So he wasn't willing to drink it.

Those were some of the things done by 'The Three' powerful warriors.

18 Yoav's (Joab's) brother **Avishay** (Tseruyah's sons) was the head over 'The Three'. Once he was used his spear to kill three hundred fighters, so he was more famous than 'The Three'. **19** He was more honoured than 'The Three' and became their leader even though he wasn't one of 'The Three'.

20 Yehoyada's son **Benayah** from Kavtse'el was a man of military prowess with many actions to his name. Once he killed 'The Two' from Moav (Moab), and another time he went down in a pit on a snowy day and killed the lion in the pit. **21** He also killed an impressive Mitsri (Egyptian) warrior with a spear, even though Benayah only held a staff. First he snatched the spear from the Mitsri's hand, then he killed him with his own spear. **22** Those

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hundred(s) slain at_a_time one[206]. **9** Him[207] 'El'āzār the_son_of Dōdō[208] the_son_of Ahoah among_three the_warriors[209] with Dāvid when_defied_they (in)_Pəlishtiy who_they_were_ _gathered there for_battle and_ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_went_up. **10** He he_arose and_he_struck_down among_ _Pəlishtiy until if/because his/its_hand it_was_weary and_ his/its_hand _it_cleaved to the_drought//sword/knife and_ **YHWH** _he/it_made a_victory great in_the_day (the)_that and_ _the_people they_returned after_him only to_strip. **11** And_ _was_after_him Shammā' the_son_of 'Āgē' the_Haarārī and_ the_ _Pəlishtiy _they_were_gathered to_community and_it_became there the_portion_of the_field full lentils and_the_people it_ _fled from_face/in_front_of the_Pəlishtiy. **12** And_he_took_his_ _stand in_the_middle of_the_portion and_he_delivered_it and_ _he_struck_down ĐΘM the_Pəlishtiy and_ **YHWH** _he/it_made a_victory great. **13** And_they_went_down three[210] of_the_thirty chief[s] and_they_came to the_harvest to Dāvid to the_cave_of Adullam and_a_community_of Pəlishtiy was_encamping in_ _the_valley_of Rəfā'īm. **14** And_Dāvid then was_in_stronghold and_a_garrison_of Pəlishtiy then was_Bēyt- leḥem. **15** And_ Dāvid _he_desired and_he_said who will_he_give_me_to_drink water from_the_well_of Bēyt- leḥem which is_at_gate. **16** And_ the_three_of the_powerful/mighty(pl) _they_broke_through in_the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_drew water from_the_ _well_of Bēyt- leḥem which was_at_gate and_they_carried_ _them and_they_brought_them to Dāvid and_not he_was_ _willing to_drink_them and_he_poured_out ĐΘM_them to/for_ _**YHWH**. **17** And_he/it_said far_be_it to/for_me Oh_**YHWH** from_doing_my this_thing the_blood_of the_men who_went with_lives_of_their and_not he_was_willing to_drink_them these_things the_three_of the_powerful/mighty(pl) they_did. **18** And_'Avīshay the_brother_of Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) he was_the_chief_of the[211] and_he he_ _wielded ĐΘM spear_of_his on three hundred(s) slain and_ _to/for_him/it a_name among. **19** More_than the_three if/because was_he_honoured and_he/it_was to/for_them (into)_a_commander and_unto the_three not he_came. **20** And_ _Bənāyāh the_son_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) was_a_son_of a_ _man_of strength[212] great_of deeds from_Qavtsə'ēl he he_ _struck_down ĐΘM the_two_of the_warrior[s] of_Mō'āv and_he he_went_down and_he_struck_down ĐΘM the[213] in_the_middle of_the_pit in/on_day of_the_snow. **21** And_he he_struck_down ĐΘM a_man from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) wwww[214] appearance and_was_in_the_hand_of the_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) a_spear and_he/it_descended to_ _him/it with_club and_he_seized ĐΘM the_spear from_the_

206 LV 23:8 · Note OSHB variant note: דחא: (x-qere) 'תָּחֵא': lemma_259 n_0 morph_HAcfsa id_10koV תָּחֵא

207 LV 23:9 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/רחא/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יָרֵחַא/ו': lemma_c/310 a n_1.0.0 morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_10BuR וְיָרֵחַאְו

208 LV 23:9 · Note OSHB variant note: ידד: (x-qere) 'יוֹדִי': lemma_1734 n_1.0 morph_HNp id_10J1k יוֹדִי

209 LV 23:9 · Note OSHB variant note: סירבנ: (x-qere) 'סַ֫רְבִּנִ/ה': lemma_d/1368 n_0.1.0.0 morph_HTd/Aampa id_10J7S סַ֫רְבִּנִה

210 LV 23:13 · Note OSHB variant note: סישלש: (x-qere) 'שָׁלְשׁ': lemma_7969 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HAcmsa id_10saZ שָׁלְשׁ

211 LV 23:18 · Note OSHB variant note: ישלש/ה: (x-qere) 'הַשְּׁלִשִׁ/ה': lemma_d/7969 n_1.2 morph_HTd/Acmsa id_10aPi הַשְּׁלִשִׁה

212 LV 23:20 · Note OSHB variant note: יח: (x-qere) 'לַיְ֫חִ': lemma_2428 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmsa id_10KNk לַיְ֫חִ

213 LV 23:20 · Note OSHB variant note: הירא/ה: (x-qere) 'יְרֵאָ֫/ה': lemma_d/738 a n_0.0.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_10zyS יְרֵאָ֫ה

214 LV 23:21 · Note OSHB variant note: רשא: (x-qere) 'שַׁיְ֫אִ': lemma_376 morph_HNcmsc id_10ycr שַׁיְ֫אִ

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_hand_of the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) and_he/it_killed_ _him/it with_his_own_of_spear. **22** These_things Bənāy^yāh the_ _son_of Yəhōyādāʿ he_did and_to/for_him/it a_name among_ _the_three the_powerful/mighty(pl). **23** More_than the_thirty he_was_honoured and_near/to the_three not he_came and_he_ _appointed_him Dāvid to bodyguard_of_his. **24** ʿAsāh-ʾēl the_ _brother_of Yōʾāv/(Joab) was_among_thirty ʾElḥānān the_son_ _of Dōdō Bēyt- leḥem. **25** Shammāh the_Ḥarodī ʾElīqāʾ the_ _Ḥarodī. **26** Ḥelets the_Palṭī ʿĪrāʾ the_son_of ʿIqqēsh the_Təqōʿī. **27** ʾAvīʿezer the_ʿAnnətotī Məvunnay the_Ḥushātī. **28** Tsalmōn/(Zalmon) the_ʾAḥōḥī Maharay the_Nəṭofātī. **29** Ḥēlev the_son_of Baʿanāh the_Nəṭofātī ʾIttay the_son_of Rīvay from_Gibeah of_the_descendants_of of_Binyāmīn. **30** Bənāy^yāh the_Pirʿātōnī Hidday from_the_wadis_of Gaʿash. **31** Abi- Albon the_ʿArvātī ʿAzmāvet the_Barḥumī. **32** ʾElyaḥbāʾ the_Shaʿalvonī the_sons_of Yāshēn/(Jashen) Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)). **33** Shammāh the_Harārī ʾAḥīʾām the_son_of Shārar the_Harārī. **34** ʾElīfeleṭ the_son_of ʾAḥaşbay the_son_of the_Maʿakāhite ʾElīʿām the_son_of ʾAḥītofel the_Gilonī. **35** Hezrai[215] the_Karməlī/(Carmelite) Paʿaray the_ _ʾArbiy. **36** Yigʾāl/(Igal) the_son_of Nātān from_Tsōvāh/(Zobah) Bānī the_Gādī. **37** Tseleq/(Zelek) the_ʿAmmōnī Naḥaray the_ _Bəʾērōtite the_bearer_of[216] of_the_armour(s)_of of_Yōʾāv the_ _son_of Tsərūy^yāh/(Zeruiah). **38** ʿĪrāʾ the_Yitrī/(Ithrite) Gārēv the_Yitrī. **39** ʾŪriy^yāh the_Ḥittiy all_of were_thirty and_seven.

24:1 And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_repeated to_burn on_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he_incited ĐOM Dāvid (is)_in_them to_say go count ĐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ĐOM Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** And_ the_king _he/it_said to Yōʾāv/(Joab) the_commander_of the_army who with_him/it go_about please in_all the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_Dān and_unto Bəʾēr Shevaʿ and_enrol ĐOM the_people and_I_will_know ĐOM the_number_of the_people. **3** And_ Yōʾāv _he/it_said to the_king and_ **YHWH** god_of_your _ _may_he_add to the_people like_them and_like_them a_ _hundred times and_the_eyes_of my_master the_king be_ _seeing_it and_master_of_my the_king to/for_what does_he_ _delight in_thing (the)_this. **4** And_ the_message_of the_king _ _it_prevailed to Yōʾāv and_over the_commanders_of the_army

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were some of the things that Benayah did. He became famous alongside 'The Three'. **23** (He was more honoured than 'The Thirty' but never entered 'The Three'.) David appointed him over his bodyguard.

24 The following were among 'The Thirty':
Yoav's other brother Asahel,
Dodo's son Elhanan from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem),
25 Shamah and Elika the Harodim,
26 Helets the Palti,
Ikesh's son Ira the Tekoei,
27 Aviezer the Antoti,
Mevunay the Hushati,
28 Tsalmon the Ahohi,
Maharay the Netofati,
29 Ba'anah's son Helev the Netofati,
Rivay's son Itay from Giveah (in Benyamin),
30 Benayah the Pireatoni,
Hiday from the Ga'ash valleys,
31 Avi-Alvon the Arvati,
Azmavet the Barhumi,
32 Elyahba the Sha'alvoni,
Yashen's sons,
Yonatan (Jonathan),
33 Shamah the Harari,
Sharar's son Ahiam the Harari,
34 Ahasbay's son Elifelet the Ma'akati,
Ahitofel's son Eliam the Giloni,
35 Hetsro the Karmeli,
Pa'aray the Arbi,
36 Natan's (Nathan's) son Yigal from Tsovah,
Bani the Gadi,
37 Tselek the Amoni,
Naharay the Be'eroti who carried the weapons for Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab),
38 the Yitrim Ira and Garev,
39 and Uriyah the Hiti.
There were thirty-seven of them in total.

David takes a census · Full kingdom[217]

24:1 Then Yahweh was angry against Yisrael (Israel) again and he incited David to cause problems for them by saying, "Go and order a census of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah)." **2** So the king told Yoav (Joab), the commander of his army, who was with him at the time, "Travel throughout all the regions of the Israeli tribes, from Dan (in the far north) down to Be'er-Sheva (Beer-sheba) (in the far south), and count the people so that I'll know the number of fighting men."

3 "May your god Yahweh multiply the people a hundred times over," Yoav responded, "add may my master the king see that

215 **LV 23:35 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ורצח**: (x-qere) **יְרֻצָּח**: lemma_2695 n_0.1.0 morph_HNp id_10Rhi **יְרֻצָּח**

216 **LV 23:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יאשנ**: (x-qere) **אֶשֶׁת**: lemma_5375 n_0.1 morph_HVqrmsc id_10Ucz **אֶשֶׁת**

217 **RV 24:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 21:1-27

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happen, but why would my master the king want to do that?"
4 However, the king insisted, so even though Yoav and the army commanders disagreed, at the king's command they set off to count the Israeli people.

5 They crossed the Yarden (Jordan) river and camped in Aroer, south of the city in the middle of the Gad valley, then proceeded to Yazer. **6** Then they went north to Gilead and the land of Tahtim-Hodshi, before coming to Dan-Yaan and around to Tsidon (Sidon). **7** Then they came to the Tsor (Tyre) fortress and all the cities of the Hivim and the Kena'anim (Canaanites) before going east to Be'er-Sheva in the Negev wilderness (part of Yehudah). **8** So they travelled throughout the land for nine months and twenty days before returning to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **9** Then Yoav reported the census results to the king: 800,000 fighting swordsmen in Yisrael (Israel), and 500,000 in Yehudah.

10 However, David had a guilty conscience after he'd had the people counted and he told Yahweh, "I've disobeyed you badly, but now, Yahweh, please take away the iniquity of your servant because I've been very foolish."

11 When David got up in the morning, Yahweh gave the prophet Gad this message **12** to take to David, "I, Yahweh, am offering you three choices. You decide which one I should carry out against you." **13** Then Gad asked him, "Do you want seven years of famine in your country, or three months of fleeing from your enemies, or three days of deadly disease in your country? Consider those and let me know which option to pass back to the one who sent me."

14 David answered Gad, "This is very distressing, but please let Yahweh be the one to punish me because he's very merciful—don't let other men be the ones."

15 So Yahweh sent a deadly disease to Yisrael (Israel) from the morning and until the time he'd decided. Seventy thousand people died from Dan in the north down to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south. **16** When Yahweh's messenger stretched out his hand to destroy Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with the deadly disease, Yahweh relented concerning the disaster and told the messenger who was destroying many people, "Now lower your hand." When he said that, his messenger was near the threshing floor of Aravnah the Yevusi.

17 David had complained to Yahweh when he saw the messenger afflicting the people, saying, "Listen, it's me alone who sinned, and I myself who disobeyed you. But these innocent people—what have they done? Please, just punish only me and my relatives."

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and_ Yō'āv and_commanders_of the_army _he/it_went_out to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king to_enrol ÐØM the_ _people ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_they_passed_over ÐØM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_encamped at_ʹArōʹēr the_south_of the_city which in_the_middle of_the_wadi (the)_Gād and_ _near/to Yaʹzēr/(Jazer). **6** And_they_came to_(the)_Gilʹād and_ _near/to the_land_of Tahtim and_they_came to_Dān Jaan and_ _around to Tsīdōn/(Sidon). **7** And_they_came[218] the_fortress_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_all the_cities_of the_Ḥiūī and_the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_they_went_out to the_Negev_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Bə'ēr Shevaʹ. **8** And_they_went_about in_all the_earth/land and_they_came from_the_end_of nine months and_twenty day[s] Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **9** And_ Yō'āv/(Joab) _he/it_gave ÐØM the_number_of the_muster_of the_people to the_king and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_became eight hundred(s) thousand man_of strength who_drew a_sword and_ _the_man_of Yəhūdāh was_five hundred(s) thousand man. **10** And_ the_heart_of Dāvid _it_struck ÐØM_him/it after thus he_had_counted ÐØM the_people and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to **YHWH** I_have_sinned exceedingly that_which I_have_done and_now Oh_**YHWH** take_away please ÐØM the_iniquity_of your_servant_of_your if/because I_have_acted_foolishly exceedingly. **11** And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up in_morning and_ _the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to Gād the_prophet the_seer_ _of Dāvid to_say. **12** Go and_you_will_speak to Dāvid thus **YHWH** he_says three_things I am_laying on_you choose to/for_ _yourself(m) one from_them and_I_will_do_it to_you. **13** And_ Gād _he_went to Dāvid and_he_told to_him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it will_it_come to/for_yourself(m) seven years famine in_land_of_your or three months fleeing_your[219] to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before foes_of_your and_he will_of_be_ _pursuing_you and_if to_be three_of days pestilence in_land_ _of_your now know and_see what will_I_bring_back the_one_ _of_who_sent_me message. **14** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Gād it_ _is_distress to_me exceedingly let_us_fall please in_the_hand_of **YHWH** if/because are_great his[220] and_in_the_hand_of a_ _human not let_me_fall. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave a_ _pestilence on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_morning and_unto a_ _time_of an_appointed_time and_he/it_died of the_people from_Dān and_unto Bə'ēr Shevaʹ seventy thousand person[s]. **16** And_ the_messenger _he_stretched_out his/its_hand Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_destroy_it and_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _sighed/regretted concerning harm and_he/it_said to_ _messenger who_was_destroying among_people enough now let_drop hand_of_your and_the_messenger_of **YHWH** he_was near the_threshing_floor_of the[221] the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite). **17** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to **YHWH** when_saw_he ÐØM the_ _messenger who_was_striking_down (on)_people and_he/it_ _said HERE I I_have_sinned and_I I_have_done_wrong and_ _these the_sheep what have_they_done let_it_be please hand_ _of_your on_me and_on_the_house_of my_father_of_my.

218 LV 24:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
219 LV 24:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
220 LV 24:14 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מחר: (x-qere) 'ו/יָמֵחַר': lemma_7356 b n_0.1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_10MWL ו/יָמֵחַר
221 LV 24:16 · Note OSHB variant note: הנרוא/ה: (x-qere) 'הָנָּוְרֶאָ/ה': lemma_d/728 morph_HTd/Np id_10dix הָנָּוְרֶאָ/ה

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18 And_ Gād _he_came to Dāvid in_the_day (the)_that and_ _he/it_said to_him/it go_up set_up to/for_**YHWH** an_altar on_ _the_threshing_floor_of 'Aravnāh[222] the_Yəvūşī. **19** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ascended according_to_the_message_of Gād just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded. **20** And_ 'Aravnāh _he_looked_ _down and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his passing_over on/upon/above_him/it and_ 'Aravnāh _he/it_ _went_out and_he_bowed_down to/for_the_king face_of_his ground_to_the. **21** And_ 'Aravnāh _he/it_said why my_master the_king has_he_come to servant_of_his and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_buy from_with_you ᴅᴏᴍ the_threshing_floor to_build an_ _altar to/for_**YHWH** and_ the_plague _it_will_be_restrained from_under the_people. **22** And_ 'Aravnāh _he/it_said to Dāvid let_him_take_it and_let_him_offer_up my_master the_king the_ _good his[223] see the_ox[en] for_offering and_the_ _threshing-sledges and_the_equipment(s)_of the_ox[en] for_ _wood(s). **23** (The)_everything 'Aravnāh he_gives the_king to/for_the_king and_ 'Aravnāh _he/it_said to the_king **YHWH** god_of_your may_he_accept_you_favourably. **24** And_ the_king _he/it_said to 'Aravnāh no[224] if/because certainly_(buy) I_will_ _buy_it from_with_you for_a_price and_not I_will_offer_up to/for_**YHWH** god_of_my burnt_offerings without_paying and_ Dāvid _he_bought ᴅᴏᴍ the_threshing_floor and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ox[en] for_silver shekels fifty. **25** And_he/it_built there Dāvid an_altar to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_ascended burnt_offerings and_peace_ _offerings and_ **YHWH** _he_was_entreated for_land and_ the_ _plague _it_was_restrained from_under Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

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David builds an altar

18 Gad came to David that day, and instructed him, "Go to the Yevusi Aravnah's threshing floor and build an altar to Yahweh there." **19** So David went there just as Yahweh had instructed him through Gad's message. **20** When Aravnah looked out and saw the king and his servants approaching, he went out and fell to his knees in front of the king and bowed his face to the ground. **21** "Why would my master the king come to his servant?" Aravnah asked.

"I want to buy your threshing floor to build an altar for Yahweh," David answered. "So that the deadly disease afflicting the people can be stopped."

22 "May my master the king take it," Aravnah responded. "Use it in whatever way you think best. See, you can use the oxen for the burnt offering, and the threshing instruments and the oxen's equipment for firewood. **23** I give it all to you, the king. May your god Yahweh accept your offering."

24 "No," the king answered. "I'll definitely buy it from you. I couldn't offer something to my god Yahweh that cost me nothing." **25** So David built an altar there to Yahweh, and he instructed for burnt offerings and peace offerings to be made. Then Yahweh accepted prayers for the country and the deadly disease afflicting Yisrael (Israel) was stopped.

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222 LV 24:18 · Note OSHB variant note: הינרא: (x-qere) 'הָנָוְרֵא': lemma_728 morph_HNp id_10TEw הָנָוְרֵא

223 LV 24:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/ניע/ו: (x-qere) 'ב/וְנִיעִ/ו': lemma_b/5869 a n_1 morph_HR/Ncbdc/Sp3ms id_10pLt ב/וְנִיעִ/ו

224 LV 24:24 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Songs

Introduction

This collection of *Songs* includes songs, poems, chants, and prayers, that the Ivrim used in their meditation and worship, and then those eventually got added to this collection. We have chosen not to use the name 'Psalms' which comes from the Greek word 'ψαλμός' which means 'a song sung to the harp', because most English readers don't even know that meaning. The title 'Songs' isn't perhaps ideal, but does at least suggest that they were sung, read, or chanted with music.

There are many classes of the songs for believers in Yahweh: there are songs of praising and worshipping Yahweh, there are prayers requesting help or rescue from situations, requesting forgiveness, songs thanking or blessing Yahweh, and requests to curse their enemies. These prayers are sometimes personal and sometimes on behalf of the entire nation.

Seven of these songs/poems are acrostic poems, i.e., the first verse starts with the first Hebrew letter (alef) and the second with the second Hebrew letter (beyt), etc. We have chosen to display those Hebrew letters to help the English reader understand that there is that acrostic background to the poem. The seven songs are Song 25 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C25.htm#Top), Song 34 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C34.htm#Top), Song 37 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C37.htm#Top), Song 111 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C111.htm#Top), Song 112 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C112.htm#Top), the longest Song 119 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C119.htm#Top), and Song 145 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C145.htm#Top).

Yeshua (Jesus) and other contributors to *The Messianic Update* (The New Testament) used these songs and valued this collection for use in church worship since the beginning.

The one hundred and fifty songs are divided into five sub-collections.

Main components of this collection

First collection: Songs *1–41*
Second collection: Songs *42–72*
Third collection: Songs *73–89*
Fourth collection: Songs *90–106*
Fifth collection: Songs *107–150*

There are a hundred and fifty songs, poems, and prayers in this collection that were used by the Ivrim in their worship. Many seem to have been written in the time of King David and others around the time of the end of David's kingdom. These songs and prayers are still important today for use by Jewish believers in their worship. These songs reveal the inner emotions of the author like anger and sorrow, happiness and trusting, and hope.

Chapter label: Song

Lighter type marks additions. Underscores join parts of a single source word.

Struck words are untranslated. The ◘ sign marks a verse with no text.

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1:1 How_blessed the_man[4] who not he_walks in_the_counsel_of wicked_people and_in_the_way_of sinners not he_stands and_ _in_the_seat_of mockers not he_sits. **2** If/because (if) is_in_the_ _law_of **YHWH** delight_of_his and_in_law_of_his he_meditates by_day and_night. **3** And_it_was like_a_tree planted at streams_ _of water which fruit_of_its it_gives at_its_appropriate_of_time and_leafage_of_its not it_withers and_all/each/any/every that he_does it_succeeds. **4** Not are_so the_wicked_people if/because (if) like_chaff which it_drives_it_about wind. **5** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so not wicked_people they_will_ _stand in_judgement and_sinners in_the_congregation_of righteous_people. **6** If/because **YHWH** is_knowing the_way_of righteous_people and_the_way_of wicked_people it_will_ _perish.

2:1 To/for_what nations do_they_plot and_peoples do_they_ _devise emptiness. **2** They_take_their_stand the_kings_of the_ _earth and_rulers they_seat_themselves together on **YHWH** and_on his_of_anointed. **3** Let_us_tear_apart ~~DOM~~ fetters_of_ _their and_let_us_throw from_him/it ropes_of_their. **4** The_ _one_who_sits in_heavens he_laughs my_master he_mocks (to)_ _them. **5** Then he_speaks to_them in_anger_of_his and_in_fury_ _of_his he_terrifies_them. **6** And_I I_have_installed king_of_my on Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_my. **7** I_ _will_recount concerning the_decree_of **YHWH** he_said to_me son_of_are_my you I the_day I_have_begotten_you. **8** Ask from_ _me and_I_will_make nations inheritance_of_your and_ _possession_of_your the_ends_of the_earth. **9** You_will_break_ _them with_a_rod_of iron like_a_vessel_of a_potter you_will_ _smash_them. **10** And_now Oh_kings act_prudently let_ _yourselves_be_instructed Oh_rulers_of the_earth. **11** Serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** with_fear and_rejoice with_trembling. **12** Kiss the_son lest he_should_be_angry and_you(pl)_will_perish way if/because it_burns like_a_little anger_of_his how_blessed are_ _all_of those_who_seek_refuge_of in_him/it.

Readers' Version

First collection[1] · Wicked and godly roads

1:1 A person will gain the benefits
if they don't take advice from wicked people,
and don't stand around where sinners go,
and don't sit and join all the scoffers.
2 Instead, they enjoy Yahweh's instructions
and think about them day and night.
3 Those people are like trees that are planted by a stream
and which produce fruit in season.
Their leaves don't wither,[2]
and they prosper in everything they do.[3]
4 But wicked people won't prosper—
they're like straw that gets blown away by the wind.
5 The wicked people won't be able to stand when God judges them,
and sinners won't be able to join in the assembly of all the godly people,
6 because Yahweh knows the path chosen by godly people,
but the path of wicked people will be destroyed.

God's chosen king

2:1 Why do nations make plans,
and people groups devise empty schemes?[5]
2 The kings of this world take their stand
and the rulers collaborate against Yahweh and his chosen one,
3 saying, "Let's break their chains off us.
Let's throw off their ropes."
4 The one who sits in the heavens laughs.
The master ridicules them.
5 Then he'll speak to them in his anger,
and terrify them in his fury.
6 Yahweh says, "I myself have placed my king on Tsiyon (Zion)—
the hill I've chosen to be my holy place."
7 I'll explain Yahweh's decree.
He told me, "You're my son. Today I've become your father.[6]
8 Ask me and I'll give the nations to you for your inheritance.
The whole world will be owned by you.
9 You'll break those nations with an iron bar.
You'll smash them to pieces like a clay pot."[7]
10 So act wisely all you kings.
Be warned all you rulers of the earth.
11 Serve Yahweh with fear.
Be happy for his goodness but tremble because of his power.
12 Honour the son or he might get angry
and you'll perish on the way.

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1 **RV 1:1 · Parallel** Songs 1–41

2 **RV 1:3 · Cross-ref.** Jer 17:8.

3 **RV 1:3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 29:2-3.

4 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

5 **RV 2:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 4:25-26.

6 **RV 2:7 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:33; Heb 1:5; 5:5.

7 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Rev 2:26-27; 12:5; 19:15.

Readers' Version

His severe anger can ignite any moment.
Everyone who goes to him to be safe will gain the benefits.

A prayer when under attack

A song by David when he fled from his son Avshalom (Absalom).
3:1 Yahweh, how did I get so many enemies?
Many people are rising up against me.
2 Many people are talking about me,
saying that God won't help me. (Instrumental break.)[8]
3 But you, Yahweh, protect me like a shield.
You honour and encourage me.
4 I called out with my voice to Yahweh,
and he answered me from his sacred mountain. (Instrumental break.)
5 I laid down and slept.
I awoke, because Yahweh sustains me.
6 I won't be afraid even of tens of thousands of people—
those all around who've taken a stand against me.
7 Take action, Yahweh.
Save me, my god.
Yes, you've slapped all my enemies on the cheek—
you've broken the teeth of the wicked people.
8 Salvation belongs to Yahweh.
Your blessing goes to your people. (Instrumental break.)

A night-time prayer

For the musical director: a song by David to be accompanied by stringed instruments.
4:1 God of my righteousness, answer me when I call out.
You who granted me relief from distress.
Be gracious to me and listen to my prayer.
2 How long will you mortal people keep shaming me instead of honouring me?
Why do you all love meaninglessness and enjoy dishonesty? (Instrumental break.)
3 But be aware that Yahweh has treats people who are faithful

Literal Version

3:1 A_song of_Dāvid when_fled_he from_face/in_front_of 'Avīshālōm his/its_son. **2** [9] Oh_**YHWH** how foes_of_my they_ _are_many many_people are_rising_up on_me. **3** [10] Many_ _people are_saying of_self_of_my there_is_not deliverance for_ _him/it in_god Ṣelāh. **4** [11] And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** are_a_shield behind_me honour_of_my and_the_one_who_lifts_up my_head. **5** [12] My_sound/voice to **YHWH** I_called_out and_he_answered_ _me from_hill his_holiness_of_his Ṣelāh. **6** [13] I I_lay_down and_ _I_slept I_awoke if/because **YHWH** he_sustains_me. **7** [14] Not I_ _will_be_afraid from_ten_thousands_of people who all_around they_have_taken_a_stand on_me. **8** [15] Arise Oh_**YHWH** save_me my_god_of_my if/because you_have_struck ~~DOM~~ all_of enemies_ _of_my jaw the_teeth_of wicked_people you_have_broken. **9** [16] To/for_**YHWH** (the)_deliverance is_towards people_of_your blessing_of_your Ṣelāh.

4:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [18] When_call_I answer_me Oh_god_of my_righteousness_of_ _my in_distress you_have_made_wide to/for_me show_favour_ _to_me and_hear prayer_of_my. **3** [19] Oh_sons_of man until when honour_of_will_my become_(into)_ignominy will_you_love emptiness will_you(pl)_seek falsehood Ṣelāh. **4** [20] And_know if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_made_separate the_faithful to_ _him/it **YHWH** he_will_hear when_call_I to_him/it. **5** [21] Tremble and_do_not sin speak in_heart_of_your(pl) on bed_of_ _your(pl) and_be_silent Ṣelāh. **6** [22] Sacrifice sacrifices_of righteousness and_trust to **YHWH**. **7** [23] Many_people are_ _saying who will_he_show_us[24] good lift_up on_us the_light_of

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8 RV 3:2 · Note Many older translations place the word 'Selah' (the transliteration of the Hebrew word 'סֶלָה' which we're not completely sure of the meaning of) here, but that's meaningless to most modern-English readers so the *OET* makes an informed attempt at a translation. 'Pause and reflect' would also have been a likely meaning. For more information, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selah.

9 LV 3:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.1

10 LV 3:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.2

11 LV 3:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.3

12 LV 3:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.4

13 LV 3:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.5

14 LV 3:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.6

15 LV 3:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.7

16 LV 3:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.8

18 LV 4:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.1

19 LV 4:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.2

20 LV 4:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.3

21 LV 4:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.4

22 LV 4:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.5

23 LV 4:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.6

24 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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your(pl)_face_of_your Oh_**YHWH**. **8** [25] You_have_put joy in_
_heart_of_my more_than_a_time_of grain_of_when_their and_
_their_new_of_wine they_abound. **9** [26] In_peace together I_will_
_lie_down and_I_will_sleep if/because you Oh_**YHWH** alone_
_alone to_security you_caused_me_to_dwell.

5:1 To_choirmaster to the_flutes a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [28] words_of_
_my give_ear_to Oh_**YHWH** consider sighing_of_my. **3** [29] Pay_
_attention to_sound/voice my_cry_for_help_of_my my_king_
_of_my and_god_of_my if/because to_you I_pray. **4** [30] Oh_
_**YHWH** morning[31] you_hear my_sound/voice morning I_
_arrange to/for_yourself(m) and_I_watch. **5** [32] If/because not
are_a_god desiring_of wickedness you not it_sojourns_with_you
evil. **6** [33] Not those_who_boast they_will_take_their_stand to_
_before eyes_of_your you_hate all_of those_who_do_of (of)_
_wickedness. **7** [34] You_destroy those_who_speak_of (of)_
_falsehood everyone_of blood(s) and_deceit he_abhors **YHWH**.
8 [35] And_I in_the_greatness_of your_covenant_loyalty_of_your
I_will_enter house_of_your I_will_bow_down to the_temple_of
your_holiness_of_your in_fear_of_your. **9** [36] Oh_**YHWH** lead_me
in_righteousness_of_your on_account_of enemies_of_my make_
_straight[37] to/for_my_face/front way_of_your. **10** [38] If/because
there_is_not in_mouth_of_his a_reliable_thing being_of_their_
_inner is_destruction(s) is_a_grave open throat_of_their
tongue_of_their they_make_smooth. **11** [39] Hold_them_guilty
Oh_god may_they_fall from_their_own_of_schemes for_the_
_multitude_of their_transgressions_of_their banish_them
if/because they_have_rebelled against_you. **12** [40] And_ all_of
those_who_seek_refuge_of in_you _let_them_rejoice forever_
_perpetuity let_them_shout_for_joy and_you_will_cover over_
_them and_let_them_exult in_you(ms) those_who_love_of

Readers' Version

to him as special to him.
Yahweh pays attention when I call out to him for help.
4 Respect Yahweh and don't sin.[17]
Meditate silently on your bed. (Instrumental break.)
5 Sacrifice to him by obeying him,
and keep trusting him.
6 Many people ask, "Who can show us anything that's good?"
Yahweh, shower your favour down on us.
7 You've made me very happy,
even more so than when there's plenty of food and drink.
8 I can lie down and sleep in peace,
because you, Yahweh, and only you, let me life in safety.

A prayer for protection

For the musical director: a song by David to be accompanied by flutes.
5:1 Listen to what I say, Yahweh.
Give consideration to my groans of distress.
2 Listen to my cry for help,
my king and my god, because it's you that I pray to.
3 Yahweh, you hear my voice each morning.
In the morning I look in your direction and wait.
4 You're not a god who takes pleasure in wickedness.
Evil people can't live with you.
5 Arrogant people can't stand in your presence.
You hate everyone who does wicked things.
6 You destroy those who tell lies.
Yahweh despises murderers and fraudsters.
7 Because of your loyal commitment, I'm able to enter your house.
I will bow down in awe towards your sacred temple.
8 Yahweh, help me to do what is right because my enemies are watching.
Show me clearly how to stay on your path.
9 Their lips are always flapping.
Their minds are their destruction.

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17 **LV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Eph 4:26.
25 **LV 4:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.4.7
26 **LV 4:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.4.8
28 **LV 5:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.1
29 **LV 5:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.2
30 **LV 5:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.3
31 **LV 5:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
32 **LV 5:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.4
33 **LV 5:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.5
34 **LV 5:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.6
35 **LV 5:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.7
36 **LV 5:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.8
37 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: רשוה: (x-qere) 'רַשָּׁיה': lemma_3474 morph_HVhv2ms id_192gM רַשָּׁיה
38 **LV 5:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.9
39 **LV 5:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.10
40 **LV 5:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.11

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Their throats are open graves
Their tongues are full of flattery.[27]
10 My god, make them feel guilty.
May their own plans lead to their downfall.
Drive them out because of their frequent disobedience
because they've rebelled against you.
11 May those who find safety in you be glad.
Let them shout in happiness forever.
Spread your blanket of protection over them.
May those who love your authority praise you.
12 Because you, Yahweh, bless those who do what's right.
You protect them with your favour like a shield.

A prayer in time of distress

A song by David for the singing director to be accompanied by the eight-stringed instrument.

6:1 Yahweh, don't rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your rage.[42]
2 Be gracious to me, Yahweh, because I'm frail.
Heal me, Yahweh, because my bones are aching.
3 I'm emotionally distressed.
How much longer, Yahweh?
4 Turn around, Yahweh, and save my life
to demonstrate your loyal commitment.
5 Once we're dead we can't honour you.
Who will give thanks to you from Sheol?
6 I'm worn out from groaning.
Every night I make my bed swim with my tears.
I melt away on my couch.
7 I can barely open my eyes because of my grief.
My enemies make me weak with grief.
8 Keep away from me, all you who do evil things,[43]
because Yahweh has heard the sound of my weeping.
9 Yahweh has heard my requests—
Yahweh will answer my prayer.
10 Let my enemies be shamed and severely dismayed.
Let them retreat and feel ashamed for a while.

Literal Version

name_of_(of)_your. 13 [41] If/because you you_bless the_
righteous Oh**YHWH** like_shield favour you_surround_him.

6:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments on the_shəmīnīt
a_song of_Dāvid. 2 [44] Oh_**YHWH** do_not in_anger_of_your
rebuke_me and_do_not in_severe_anger_of_your discipline_me.
3 [45] Show_favour_to_me Oh_**YHWH** if/because am_frail I heal_
_me Oh_**YHWH** if/because bones_of_my they_are_disturbed.
4 [46] Self_of_my it_is_disturbed exceedingly and[47] Oh_**YHWH**
until when. 5 [48] Return Oh_**YHWH** rescue life_of_my save_me
on_account_of loyalty_of_your_covenant. 6 [49] If/because there_
_is_not in_death remembrance_of_your in_Shə'ōl who will_he_
_give_thanks to_you. 7 [50] I_have_become_weary by_groaning_
_of_my I_make_swim in_every_of night bed_of_my with_
_tear[s]_of_my couch_of_my I_melt. 8 [51] It_has_wasted_away
from_grief eye_of_my it_has_grown_weak in_all foes_of_my. 9 [52]
Turn_away from_me Oh_all_of those_who_do_of (of)_
_wickedness if/because **YHWH** he_has_heard the_sound_of my_
_weeping_of_my. 10 [53] **YHWH** he_has_heard supplication_of_my
YHWH prayer_of_my he_will_accept. 11 [54] They_will_be_
_ashamed and_they_will_be_disturbed exceedingly all_of
enemies_of_my they_will_turn_back they_will_be_ashamed a_
_moment.

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27 **RV 5:9 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:13.
41 **LV 5:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.12
42 **RV 6:1 · Cross-ref.** Psa 38:1.
43 **RV 6:8 · Cross-ref.** Mat 7:23; Luk 13:27.
44 **LV 6:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.1
45 **LV 6:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.2
46 **LV 6:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.3
47 **LV 6:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תא/ו**: (x-qere) **הָתַּא/וְ**': lemma_c/859 c morph_HC/Pp2ms id_19tc4 **הָתַּא/וְ**
48 **LV 6:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.4
49 **LV 6:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.5
50 **LV 6:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.6
51 **LV 6:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.7
52 **LV 6:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.8
53 **LV 6:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.9
54 **LV 6:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.10

Literal Version

7:1 A_shiggaion of_Dāvid which he_sang to/for_**YHWH** on the_ _words/messages_of Kūsh/(Cush) a_Ben-_of jaminite. **2** [56] Oh_ _**YHWH** god_of_my in_you I_have_sought_refuge save_me from_all those_of_who_pursue_me and_deliver_me. **3** [57] Lest he_should_tear_to_pieces like_a_lion self_of_my tearing and_ _there_is_not a_deliverer. **4** [58] Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my if I_have_ _done this if there_is unrighteousness in_palms_of_my. **5** [59] If I_ _have_repaid one_of_who_is_at_peace_with_me evil and_I_ _have_rescued foe_of_my without_cause. **6** [60] An_enemy may_ _he_pursue life_of_my and_may_he_overtake_it and_may_he_ _trample to_earth life_of_my and_honour_of_my to_dust may_ _he_lay Ṣelāh. **7** [61] Arise Oh_**YHWH** in_anger_of_your raise_ _yourself on_the_furi(es)_of my_foes and_awake to_me justice you_have_commanded. **8** [62] And_an_assembly_of nations may_ _it_surround_you and_over_it to_height return. **9** [63] **YHWH** judges peoples vindicate_me Oh_**YHWH** according_to_of_my_ _righteousness and_according_to_of_my_integrity on_me. **10** [64] May_it_come_to_an_end please the_evil_of wicked_people and_ _may_you_establish the_righteous and_ Oh_god righteous _ _you_who_test hearts and_kidneys. **11** [65] Shield_of_my is_on god a_deliverer of_people_upright_of heart. **12** [66] god is_a_judge righteous and_god is_indignant in_all day. **13** [67] If not anyone_ _will_repent sword_of_his he_will_sharpen bow_of_his he_has_ _bent and_he_has_prepared_it. **14** [68] And_to/for_him/it he_has_ _prepared weapons_of death arrows_of_his into_burning_ _things he_will_make. **15** [69] THERE he_is_in_labour_with wickedness and_he_conceives mischief and_he_brings_forth falsehood. **16** [70] A_pit he_digs and_he_has_dug_it and_he_has_ _fallen in_the_pit which_he_made. **17** [71] Mischief_of_his it_ _returns on_his_own_of_head and_on of_his_head_of_the_ _crown violence_of_his it_comes_down. **18** [72] I_will_give_ _thanks_to **YHWH** according_to_of_his_righteousness and_I_ _will_sing_praises_to the_name_of **YHWH** the_Most_High.

Readers' Version

A prayer for justice

A song by David which he sang to Yahweh concerning the Benyamite, Kush.

7:1 I've taken refuge in you, Yahweh, my god.
Save me from those who are trying to get me,
2 or else they'll rip me apart like a lion—
tearing me apart without anyone to rescue me.
3 Yahweh my god, if I'm the cause of this,
if it's my hands that have done wrong,
4 if I repaid my friend with evil instead of good,
or stole from my enemy for no good reason,
5 allow my enemy to chase me and overtake me,
and trample my life into the ground,
and allow my honour to disappear into the dust. (Instrumental break.)
6 Take action, Yahweh.
Take out your anger on my enemies
Wake up for my sake—it's you who demands justice.
7 The countries have gathered around you—
return to ruling them from on high.
8 Yahweh, judge those people groups.
See my obedience and integrity,
and declare me innocent.
9 Bring the evil activities of wicked people to an end,
and establish those who do good instead.
The righteous God examines inner thoughts and motives.[55]
10 I trust God as my shield—
the one who rescues people who desire to do good.
11 God is a judge who never does wrong.
He's always against evil.
12 If anyone doesn't repent, he'll sharpen his bow,
then bend it back ready to use,
13 because he's prepared weapons of death—
he makes fiery arrows.
14 Look at that person who's pregnant with wickedness

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55 **RV 7:9 · Cross-ref.** Rev 2:23.
56 **LV 7:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.1
57 **LV 7:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.2
58 **LV 7:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.3
59 **LV 7:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.4
60 **LV 7:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.5
61 **LV 7:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.6
62 **LV 7:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.7
63 **LV 7:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.8
64 **LV 7:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.9
65 **LV 7:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.10
66 **LV 7:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.11
67 **LV 7:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.12
68 **LV 7:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.13
69 **LV 7:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.14
70 **LV 7:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.15
71 **LV 7:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.16
72 **LV 7:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.17

Readers' Version

and conceives trouble
and gives birth to lies.
15 He digs a pit then makes it deeper,
but he'll fall into the very hole that he made.
16 His trouble returns on his own head,
and his violence crushes his own skull.
17 I thank Yahweh for how he always does what's right,
and sing praises to Yahweh the highest one.

God's splendour and mankind's status

For the musical director: a song by David to be accompanied by a stringed instrument.[73]

8:1 Our master Yahweh, your reputation all over the earth is magnificent.
Your splendour is displayed across the sky
2 for even infants and children to notice.
You have established strength because of your enemies[74]—to put an end to the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I look up at the sky, I see your handiwork—
the moon and the stars that you placed there.
4 How come that you even notice humankind?[75]
Why would you even pay attention to any descendant of ours?[76]
5 You've made him a little lower than God (or 'gods'),
and poured splendour and majesty over him.[77]
6 You've established him as ruler over your creation—
you've put him in charge of everything:[78]
7 All the sheep and cows,
as well as the animals in the countryside,
8 the birds that fly and the fish in the sea—
everything that moves along the ocean currents.
9 Our master, Yahweh,
your magnificent reputation has spread around the whole world.

Literal Version

8:1 To_choirmaster on the_Gittith a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [79] Oh_
_**YHWH** master(s)_of_our how majestic name_of_is_your in_all
the_earth/land the_one_who set splendour_of_your above the_
_heavens. **3** [80] From_the_mouth_of children and_sucking_
_children you_have_established strength on_account_of foes_
_of_your to_put_an_end_to an_enemy and_an_avenger. **4** [81]
If/because I_will_see heavens_of_your the_works_of fingers_of_
_your the_moon and_the_stars which you_have_established.
5 [82] What is_humankind that/for/because/then/when you_
_will_remember_him and_a_son_of humankind
that/for/because/then/when you_will_pay_attention_to_him.
6 [83] And_you_have_made_him_lack little from_god and_honour
and_majesty you_crown_him. **7** [84] You_make_him_rule over_
_the_works_of your_two's_hands_of_your everything you_have_
_put under feet_of_his. **8** [85] sheep and_cattle(s) of_them_of_all
and_also the_animals_of the_field. **9** [86] The_bird[s]_of the_
_heavens and_the_fish(es)_of the_sea that_which_passes_
_through the_paths_of the_seas. **10** [87] Oh_**YHWH** master(s)_of_
_our how majestic name_of_is_your in_all the_earth/land.

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73 **RV 8:0 · Note** Hebrew: 'gittit' instrument or style.
74 **RV 8:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 21:16.
75 **RV 8:4 · Note** It's important to use singular nouns in this verse, otherwise it would fail to match the singular in the next verse.
76 **RV 8:4 · Cross-ref.** Yob 7:17-18; Psa 144:3; Heb 2:6-8.
77 **RV 8:5 · Note** Although this is referring directly to humankind, we've strived to keep this segment in the singular, as many students of these songs also see messianic implications here.
78 **RV 8:6 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:27; Eph 1:22; Heb 2:8.
79 **LV 8:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.1
80 **LV 8:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.2
81 **LV 8:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.3
82 **LV 8:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.4
83 **LV 8:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.5
84 **LV 8:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.6
85 **LV 8:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.7
86 **LV 8:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.8
87 **LV 8:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.9

Literal Version

9:1 To_choirmaster alumoth_of labben a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [88] I_ _will_give_thanks_to **YHWH** in_all heart_of_my I_will_recount all_of wonders_of_your. **3** [89] I_will_rejoice and_I_will_exult in_ _you I_will_sing_praises_to name_of_your Oh_Most_High. **4** [90] When_ enemies_of_my _turn backwards they_stumble and_ _they_perish from_before_of_you. **5** [91] If/because you_have_ _done justice_of_my and_cause_of_my you_have_sat to_a_ _throne judging_of (of)_righteousness. **6** [92] You_have_rebuked nations you_have_destroyed the_wicked their_name you_have_ _wiped_out forever_perpetuity and_ever. **7** [93] The_enemy they_ _have_come_to_an_end ruins to_perpetuity and_cities you_ _have_plucked_up remembrance_of_their they it_has_perished. **8** [94] And_**YHWH** forever_perpetuity he_remains he_has_ _established for_judgement throne_of_his. **9** [95] And_he he_will_ _judge the_world with_righteousness he_will_judge the_ _nations with_uprightness(es). **10** [96] And_ **YHWH** _let_it_be a_ _refuge for_oppressed a_refuge to_times trouble. **11** [97] And_ _they_will_trust in_you(ms) those_who_know_of your(ms)_ _name if/because not you_have_abandoned those_of_who_ _seek_you Oh_**YHWH**. **12** [98] Sing_praises to/for_**YHWH** who_ _dwells_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) declare among_peoples deeds_of_his. **13** [99] If/because one_who_seeks blood(s) them he_has_ _remembered not he_has_forgotten the_cry_of_distress_of humble_people[100]. **14** [101] Show_favour_to_me Oh_**YHWH** see affliction_of_my from_those_of_who_hate_me Oh_of_you_who_ _raise_me from_the_gates_of death. **15** [102] So_that I_may_ _recount all_of praises_of_your in_the_gates_of the_daughter_ _of Tsiyyōn I_will_rejoice in_deliverance_of_your. **16** [103] Nations they_have_sunk in_the_pit which_they_made in_the_net which they_had_hidden foot_of_their it_has_been_caught. **17** [104] He_ _has_made_himself_known **YHWH** justice he_has_done by_the_ _work_of his_hands_of_his the_wicked he_is_striking_down Higgāyōn Ṣelāh. **18** [105] Wicked_people they_will_return to_ _Shā'ūl/(Saul)_Shə'ōl all_of the_nations forgetful_of god. **19** [106] If/because not to_perpetuity the_needy he_will_be_forgotten

Readers' Version

Thanking Yahweh for his justice

For the musical director: David's song about the death of the son

9:1 I will thank Yahweh with all of my being.
I will tell others all about your miracles.
2 I will be happy and celebrate you,
I will sing praise to your name, the highest one.
3 When my enemies are forced to retreat,
they stumble and die as they run away from you
4 because you have accepted my claim and decided the case in my favour.
You have sat on your throne—a judge who always decides fairly.
5 You scolded countries and destroyed the wicked ones—
making their names disappear, never to return.
6 The enemy are finished—just ruins remaining from now on.
You also uprooted cities—they too will be forgotten.
7 However, Yahweh will reign forever.
He's established his throne as a platform for justice,
8 so he'll judge the world without bias,
and he will solve cases for the peoples with fairness.
9 Anyone who's oppressed can go to Yahweh for safety—
he's a safe refuge in times of trouble.
10 Those who know your reputation put their trust in you,
because you don't abandon those who make the effort to find you, Yahweh.
11 Sing praises to Yahweh who lives in Tsiyon (Zion).
Tell all the peoples about the good things he's done,
12 because the god who avenges those who've been murdered,
doesn't forget the cries of those who suffered.
13 Have mercy on me, Yahweh.
See my suffering because of those who hate me.

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88 **LV 9:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.1
89 **LV 9:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.2
90 **LV 9:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.3
91 **LV 9:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.4
92 **LV 9:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.5
93 **LV 9:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.6
94 **LV 9:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.7
95 **LV 9:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.8
96 **LV 9:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.9
97 **LV 9:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.10
98 **LV 9:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.11
99 **LV 9:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.12
100 **LV 9:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיינע**: (x-qere) '**מֵיְנֵֽנָּע**': lemma_6035 n_0 morph_HAampa id_19y7z **מֵיְנֵֽנָּע**
101 **LV 9:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.13
102 **LV 9:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.14
103 **LV 9:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.15
104 **LV 9:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.16
105 **LV 9:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.17
106 **LV 9:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.18

Readers' Version

You're the one who pulls me away from the gates of death
14 so that I can keep praising you at the gates of Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter.
I'll celebrate the salvation that comes from you.
15 The nations have sunk down into the pit they themselves made.
Their foot is caught in the hidden net that they themselves had put there.
16 Yahweh has revealed himself—he's served justice—
the wicked people were trapped by their own actions. (Meditation break.) (Instrumental break.)
17 Wicked people will turn back to Sheol,
all nations are forgetful of God.
18 But the needy won't always be forgotten,
and those who are suffering won't always find their hopes dashed.
19 Take action, Yahweh. Don't let evil people prevail.
Let the nations face you for judgement.
20 Put some fear in them, Yahweh.
Remind the nations that they're human. (Instrumental break.)

A prayer for relief from bullies

10:1 Why do you seem so distant, Yahweh?
Why can't we see you helping us in times of trouble?
2 Wicked people just arrogantly bully the poor and needy.
May they be caught up by the very schemes that they planned for others.
3 Indeed, the wicked people boast about everything they want
and they say that the greedy person is a fine guy, but they despise Yahweh.
4 In their pride, wicked people don't seek him.
In their minds, they convince themselves that there's no god.
5 Their don't want to change their ways.
Your judgements are high above out of their sight.
As for all their enemies, they sigh at them.
6 They tell themselves, "No one's going to change me.
No one will trouble me, even through all the generations."
7 Their mouths are full of curses and lies,[110] and they oppress others.
Mischief and evil are under their tongues.
8 They sit in ambush near the villages.
In isolated places they murder the innocent.
Their eyes stealthily watch for any vulnerable people.

Literal Version

the_hope_of afflicted_people[107] it_will_be_lost forever_ever.
20 [108] Arise Oh_**YHWH** not humankind let_it_prevail the_
_nations let_them_be_judged on face_of_your. **21** [109] Appoint
Oh_**YHWH** terror to/for_them the_nations may_they_know
are_human_being[s] they Ṣelāh.

10:1 Why Oh_**YHWH** do_you_stand at_a_distance do_you_hide
to_times trouble. **2** In_the_pride_of the_wicked he_hotly_
_pursues the_afflicted they_are_caught by_schemes which
they_have_planned. **3** If/because a_wicked_person he_boasts on
the_desire_of his_self_of_his and_one_greedy_for_unjust_gain
he_blesses he_spurns **YHWH**. **4** A_wicked_person according_to_
_the_haughtiness_of his_nose_of_his not he_seeks are_there_is_
_not a_god all_of thoughts_of_his. **5** They_endure mmm[111] in_
_all time are_height judgements_of_your from_before_him all_
_of foes_of_his he_breathes_out at_them. **6** He_says in_heart_
_of_his not I_will_be_shaken to_a_generation and_a_generation
who not in_distress. **7** A_curse mouth_of_his it_is_full and_
_deceit(s) and_oppression are_under tongue_of_his mischief
and_wickedness. **8** He_sits in_an_ambush_of villages in_(the)_
_places he_kills the_innocent eyes_of_his for_an_unfortunate_
_person they_lie_hidden. **9** He_lies_in_wait in_(the)_place like_
_a_lion in_lair_of_its he_lies_in_wait to_seize the_afflicted he_
_seizes the_afflicted when_he_drags_him_away in_net_of_his.
10 And[112] he_is_bowed_down and_he_falls among_his_mighty_
_of_ones an_army_of[113]. **11** He_says in_heart_of_his god he_has_
_forgotten he_has_hidden his/its_faces/face not he_sees to_
perpetuity. **12** Arise Oh**YHWH** Oh_god lift_up hand_of_your
do_not forget humble_people[114]. **13** Concerning what the_
_wicked has_he_spurned god has_he_said in_heart_of_his not
you_will_seek. **14** You_have_seen if/because you mischief and_

107 **LV 9:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיונע**: (x-qere) 'מִיֻּנֵּ֑ע': lemma_6041 n_0.0 morph_HAampa id_19twL **מִיֻּנֵּ֑ע**
108 **LV 9:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.19
109 **LV 9:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.20
110 **RV 10:7 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:14.
111 **LV 10:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **כרד/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְעָכְרֵ֥ד': lemma_1870 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_19Fkx **וְעָכְרֵ֥ד**
112 **LV 10:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הכד/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְהֻפְּדֵ֥י': lemma_1794 morph_HVqi3ms id_19GV7 **וְהֻפְּדֵ֥י**
113 **LV 10:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיאכלח**: (x-qere) 'לֵֽיחַ': lemma_2426 morph_HNcmsc id_19Jb3 **לֵֽיחַ** 'מֵיאָ֗ךְ': lemma_3512 b n_0 morph_HAampa id_19XXt **מֵיאָ֗ךְ**
114 **LV 10:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיינע**: (x-qere) 'מֵיֻּנֵּ֑ע': lemma_6035 n_0 morph_HAampa id_19zbA **מֵיֻּנֵּ֑ע**

Literal Version

_vexation you_pay_attention to_put in_hand_of_your on_you an_unfortunate_person he_abandons the_fatherless you you_ _are a_helper. **15** Break the_arm_of the_wicked and_bad/evil you_will_seek wickedness_of_his not you_will_find. **16** **YHWH** is_king_of forever and_ever the_nations they_have_perished from_land_of_his. **17** The_desire_of humble_people you_have_ _heard Oh_**YHWH** you_establish heart_of_their you_cause_to_ _pay_attention ear_of_your. **18** To_vindicate the_fatherless and_ _the_oppressed not he_will_repeat again to_terrify humankind from the_earth/land.

11:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid[115] in_**YHWH** I_have_taken_refuge how will_you(pl)_say to_self_of_my take_flight[116] mountain_of_ _your(pl) a_bird. **2** If/because THERE[117] the_wicked they_bend a_bow they_have_prepared arrow_of_their on the_bowstring to_shoot in gloom to_people_upright_of heart. **3** If/because the_foundations they_will_be_torn_down the_righteous what does_he_do. **4** **YHWH** in_(the)_palace his_holiness_of_his **YHWH** is_in_heavens throne_of_his eyes_of_his they_see eyelids_of_his they_test the_children_of humankind. **5** **YHWH** the_righteous he_tests and_the_wicked and_one_who_loves_of (of)_violence self_of_his it_hates. **6** He_will_rain_down on wicked_people snares will_be_fire and_sulfur and_spirit burning_heat(s) the_portion_of their_cup_of_their. **7** If/because is_righteous **YHWH** righteousness(es) he_loves the_upright they_will_see face_of_his.

12:1 To_choirmaster on the_shəmīnīt a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [118] Save Oh_**YHWH** if/because the_faithful he_has_come_to_an_ _end if/because faithful_people they_have_vanished from_ _(the)_sons humankind. **3** [119] Falsehood they_speak each with

Readers' Version

9 They ambush in a hidden places like a lion in cover.
They hide so they can seize helpless people.
They capture the weak by pulling in their nets.
10 They stoop then crouch,
and unfortunate people succumb to their strength.
11 They tell themselves, "God has gone on strike—
he looks away so he never notices."
12 Yahweh, take action.
God, do something.
Don't forget those who are poor or needy.
13 Why do wicked people despise God?
They tell themselves, "You'll never come looking for me."
14 But you have seen—indeed, you notice mischief and grief to do something about it.
The victims trust you to work on their behalf.
You are a helper for the fatherless.
15 Break the hold of wicked and evil people.
Prevent them from being able to implement their wicked schemes.
16 Yahweh is king forever and ever.
He drove those other nations out of his land.
17 You've heard the request of those in need, Yahweh.
You encourage them. You pay close attention
18 to judge the orphan and oppressed,
so that mere humans will no longer be able to terrify them.

Trusting God for fair process

For the musical director: a song by David.
11:1 I've taken refuge in Yahweh.
How can you tell me,
Flutter away to your mountain like a bird?
2 Because, look, wicked people are getting their bows ready.
They've got their arrows lined up on the strings
to shoot at the godly people in the darkness.
3 If the foundations get destroyed,
what can good people do then?
4 Yahweh's in his sacred temple.
His eyes watch—his eyes examine humanity's children.
5 Yahweh examines both good people and the wicked,
but he hates those who love to inflict violence.
6 He rains burning coals and sulfur onto the wicked.
He'll send scorching hot winds to punish them
7 because Yahweh loves what is right, and that's what he does.
Godly people will get to stand in front of him.

The requesting of God

For the musical director: a song by David to be played on the eight-stringed instrument.

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115 **LV 11:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.11.1

116 **LV 11:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּדוּנ: (x-qere) יִדֹּונ֑: lemma_5110 n_0.0 morph_HVqv2fs id_195pP יִדֹּונ.

117 **LV 11:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

118 **LV 12:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.1

119 **LV 12:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.2

Readers' Version

12:1 Help, Yahweh, because faithful people seem to have disappeared.
Those who have integrity have vanished from among humanity.
2 Everyone says empty words to their neighbours.
Everyone speaks with flattering lips and deceitful motives.
3 Yahweh, cut off all those flattering lips,
and every tongue that exaggerates.
4 These are those who have said, "With our tongues we'll get whatever we want.
When *our* lips speak, who can tell us what to do?"
5 Yahweh says, "I'll take action
because of the violence against the poor and the groans of the needy.
I'll provide the safety that they've been longing for."
6 Yahweh's words are pure words,
like silver purified in a furnace on the earth—
refined seven times over.
7 Yahweh, you will protect them.
Yes, forever protect us from this violent generation.
8 Wicked people prowl all around
when evil is promoted for humanity.

A prayer for help

For the musical director: a song by David.
13:1 Yahweh, for how long will you keep forgetting about me?
For how long will you hide yourself from me?
2 How long must I worry?
Must I have grief in my heart all day?
How long will my enemy gloat over me?
3 Look at me and answer me, Yahweh my god.
Restore my strength, or I'll die in my sleep.
4 Don't let my enemy boast that they've defeated me,
otherwise my enemies will celebrate when I'm defeated.
5 But I've trusted in your loyal commitment.
I'm happy inside because you've saved me.
6 I'll sing to Yahweh because he's been generous to me.

Literal Version

his/its_neighbour a_lip_of flattering_words/messages with_a_
_heart and_a_heart they_speak. **4** [120] **YHWH** may_he_cut_off
all_of the_lips_of flattering_words/messages a_tongue which_
_speaks great_things. **5** [121] Which they_say (to)_tongue_of_our
we_will_make_strong lips_of_our are_with_us who is_master
to/for_us. **6** [122] From_the_devastation_of afflicted_people from_
_the_groaning_of needy_people now I_will_arise **YHWH** he_
_says I_will_set in_the_safety which_he_pants to_him/it. **7** [123]
The_words/messages_of **YHWH** are_words/messages pure
silver refined in_a_crucible of_earth refined sevenfold. **8** [124]
You Oh_**YHWH** you_will_keep_them you_will_guard_him from
the_generation this forever_perpetuity. **9** [125] All_around
wicked_people they_walk_about just_ vileness _as_is_exalted
by_the_children_of humankind.

13:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [126] Until when Oh_
_**YHWH** will_you_forget_me perpetuity until when will_you_
_hide ~~DOM~~ face_of_your from_me. **3** [127] Until when will_I_set
counsel(s) in_soul_of_my sorrow in_heart_of_my by_day until
when enemy_of_my will_he_be_exalted over_me. **4** [128] Pay_
_attention answer_me Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my give_light_to
eyes_of_my lest I_should_sleep the_death. **5** [129] Lest enemy_of_
_my he_should_say I_have_prevailed_over_him foes_of_my
they_will_rejoice if/because I_am_shaken. **6** [130] And_I in_your_
_covenant_of_loyalty I_have_trusted heart_of_my may_it_
_rejoice in_deliverance_of_your[131] I_will_sing to/for_**YHWH**
if/because he_has_dealt_bountifully towards_me.

120 **LV 12:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.3
121 **LV 12:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.4
122 **LV 12:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.5
123 **LV 12:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.6
124 **LV 12:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.7
125 **LV 12:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.8
126 **LV 13:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.1
127 **LV 13:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.2
128 **LV 13:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.3
129 **LV 13:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.4
130 **LV 13:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.5
131 **LV 13:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.6

Literal Version

14:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid[134] a_fool he_says in_heart_of_his there_is_not a_god they_behave_corruptly they_do_abominably deed[s] there_is_not one_who_does_of (of)_good. **2** **YHWH** from_heaven he_looks_down on the_children_of humankind to_see is_there one_who_has_insight one_who_seeks ~~DOM~~ god. **3** (The)_everyone he_turns_aside all_together they_are_corrupt there_is_not one_who_does_of (of)_good there_is_not also one. **4** Not all_of those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness do_they_know those_who_devour_of people_of_(of)_my they_eat bread **YHWH** not they_call_on. **5** There they_fear a_fear if/because god is_ _with_a_generation righteous. **6** The_plan_of the_poor you(pl)_ _will_put_to_shame if/because **YHWH** refuge_of_is_his. **7** Who will_he_give will_be_from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_salvation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ **YHWH** _turns_back the_captivity_of his_ _people_of_his Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) let_it_be_glad Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_it_rejoice.

15:1 A_song of_Dāvid[135] Oh_**YHWH** who will_he_sojourn in_ _tent_of_your who will_he_dwell on_the_mountain_of your_ _holiness_of_your. **2** one_who_walks blameless and_one_who_ _does righteousness and_one_who_speaks truth in_heart_of_ _his. **3** Not he_takes_slander on tongue_of_his not he_does to_ _neighbour_of_his evil and_reproach not he_lifts_up on his_of_ _kinsman. **4** Is_despised in_eyes_of_his a_rejected_person and_ _~~DOM~~ those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** he_honours he_swears to_ _do_harm and_not he_changes. **5** Money_of_his not he_gives for_interest and_a_bribe on the_innocent not he_takes one_ _who_does_of (of)_these_things not he_will_be_shaken forever_ _perpetuity.

16:1 A_miktam of_Dāvid[138] protect_me Oh_god if/because I_ _have_taken_refuge in_you. **2** You(f)_said to/for_**YHWH** my_ _master you good_of_my not is_on_you. **3** To_the_holy_ones who on_the_earth they and_the_majestic_ones_of (of)_whom_ _all_of delight_of_my is_in_them. **4** Sorrows_of_their another_ _god they_have_acquired they_will_increase not I_will_pour_ _out offerings_of_their_drink from_blood and_not I_will_take ~~DOM~~ names_of_their on lips_of_my. **5** **YHWH** is_the_portion_of my_possession_of_my and_cup_of_my you are_holding lot_of_ _my. **6** Boundary_lines they_have_fallen to_me in_(the)_places

Readers' Version

Responding to evil people[132]

For the musical director: a song by David.

14:1 Godless people convince themselves that there is no god.
They behave corruptly and do evil things.
No one really does what is good.[133]
2 Yahweh looks down at humanity from the heavens
to see if there are any who understand—who make an effort to discover him.
3 They've all turned away.
Together they've become corrupt.
There isn't anyone who does good—no one.
4 Don't those evil people know anything—
those who eat up my people just like they'd eat bread,
but they don't request help from Yahweh?
5 They tremble with dread,
because God is with those who desire to obey him.
6 You want to humiliate poor people,
even though they go to Yahweh to find safety.
7 If only help would come from Tsiyon (Zion) to rescue Yisrael (Israel).
When Yahweh brings back his people from where they were taken as captives,
then Ya'akov (Jacob) will rejoice and Yisrael will be glad!

Who does Yahweh like?

A song by David.
15:1 Who's allowed to stay in your tent?
Who can live on your sacred hill?
2 Anyone who's innocent because they do what is right
and speaks truth with integrity.
3 Those who don't use their tongues to slander others.
Those who don't harm others,
and who don't insult their neighbours.
4 Those godly people despise those rejected by Yahweh,
but they honour those who respect him.
They do what they've promised, even at their own expense.
5 They don't charge interest when they lend money.
They don't take bribes to testify against innocent people.
Those who do those things will never be rejected.

Yahweh is my security

A song by David.
16:1 Protect me, God,
because you are the one I trust for my safety.
2 I tell Yahweh, "You are my master. Anything good I do means nothing without you.
3 As for the godly people who live here, they are noble people.
I really enjoy being with them.
4 Their troubles will increase—
those who choose to worship other gods.

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132 **RV 14:1 · Parallel** Psa. 53

133 **RV 14:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:10-12.

134 **LV 14:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.14.1

135 **LV 15:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.15.1

138 **LV 16:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.16.1

Readers' Version

I won't pour out their drink offerings of blood
or even use my lips to name their gods.
5 Yahweh is all I want as my inheritance and my cup.
You ensure my future security.
6 I've had a nice piece of land measured out for me—
it's definitely a good inheritance that I received.
7 I will praise Yahweh who gives me good advice.
Even at night, my conscience teaches me what's right.
8 I made a decision to always keep Yahweh on my mind.
Nothing will worry me, because he's right here beside me
9 so I can relax and be happy,
Also I can live in safety
10 because you won't abandon my soul to Sheol.
You wouldn't permit your faithful follower to see the pit.[136]
11 You show me the path that leads to life.
I'm always happy in your presence.
I'll have pleasure forever when I'm with you."[137]

A prayer for protection

A prayer by David.
17:1 Listen to my plea for justice, Yahweh.
Pay attention to my call for help.
Take notice of my prayer coming from honest lips.
2 Consider my case and confirm that I'm innocent.
Let your eyes see what is just.
3 If you test my inner motives,
if you come to me in the night to test me,
you won't find any evil plans—
my mouth won't say anything evil.
4 As for people's actions,
it is at the word from your mouth
that I've kept myself from the ways of lawless people.
5 I've kept myself consistently on your paths.
My feet haven't slipped.
6 I call to you, God, because you answer me.
Take notice of me and listen when I speak.
7 Show your loyal commitment in a wonderful way,
you who use your power to protect
those who take refuge in you from their enemies.
8 Protect me as carefully as the pupil is protected in the eye.
Hide me like a chick under the shadow of your wings.
9 Protect me from the wicked people who assault me—
from my enemies who surround me.
10 They've closed their minds to pity.
Their mouths speak with pride.
11 They have closed in on me.
They have decided to throw me to the ground.

Literal Version

also an_inheritance_of it_is_beautiful on_me. **7** I_will_bless ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** who he_has_counselled_me also nights they_have_ _instructed_me kidneys_of_my. **8** I_have_placed **YHWH** to_ _before_me continually if/because he_is_of_from_my_right_ _hand not I_will_be_shaken. **9** For_so/thus/hence heart_of_my it_rejoices and_ honour_of_my _it_was_glad also flesh_of_my it_ _will_dwell to_security. **10** If/because not you_will_abandon life_of_my to_Shə'ōl not you_will_permit your_faithful_of_one to_see the_pit.[139] **11** You_will_make_known_to_me the_path_of life abundance_of gladness(es) are_with presence_of_your pleasant_things are_at_your_right_of_hand perpetuity.

17:1 A_prayer of_Dāvid[140] hear Oh_**YHWH** righteousness pay_ _attention_to of_entreaty_of_my_cry give_ear_to prayer_of_my with_not lips_of deceit. **2** From_before_face_of_you judgement_ _of_my may_it_come_forth eyes_of_your may_they_see uprightness(es). **3** You_have_tested heart_of_my you_have_ _visited night you_have_tested_me not you_will_find I_have_ _resolved not mouth_of_my it_will_transgress. **4** To_the_deeds_ _of humankind by_the_message_of your_two's_lips_of_your I I_ _have_watched the_paths_of the_violent. **5** They_have_held_ _firm steps_of_my in_tracks_of_your not footsteps_of_my they_ _have_been_shaken. **6** I I_call_out_to_you if/because you_will_ _answer_me Oh_god incline ear_of_your to_me hear my_ _speech/discourse. **7** Make_wonderful loyalti(es)_of_your_ _covenant Oh_deliverer those_who_take_refuge from_those_ _who_rise_up by_your_right_of_hand. **8** Keep_me like_the_ _pupil_of the_daughter_of an_eye in_the_shadow_of your_ _two's_wings_of_your you_will_hide_me. **9** From_face/in_front_ _of wicked_people who they_have_assailed_me enemies_of_my with_soul they_surround (on)_me. **10** Fat_of_their they_have_ _closed_up mouth_of_their they_have_spoken with_pride. **11** Steps_of now mmm[141] eyes_of_their they_set to_bend_down on_the_earth. **12** Likeness_of_his is_like_a_lion which_it_longs to_tear_to_pieces and_like_a_young_lion which_sits in_secret_ _places. **13** Arise Oh_**YHWH** confront face_of_his make_him_ _bow_down deliver life_of_my from_the_wicked sword_of_your. **14** From_men hand_of_your Oh_**YHWH** from_men from_the_ _world portion_of_who_their is_in_life and[142] you_fill belly_of_ _their they_are_satisfied sons and_they_leave abundance_of_ _their to_children_of_their. **15** I in_righteousness I_will_see face_of_your I_will_be_satisfied when_awake form_of_your.

136 **RV 16:10 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:35.

137 **RV 16:8-11 · Cross-ref.** Acts 2:25-28.

139 **LV 16:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

140 **LV 17:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.17.1

141 **LV 17:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: יג/ובבס: (x-qere) יג/וְבָבְסֹ: lemma_5437 n_1 morph_HVqp3cp/Sp1cp id_19dV3 יג/וְבָבְסֹ

142 **LV 17:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ד/ניפצ/ו: (x-qere) ד/נוֹפְצָ/ו: lemma_c/6845 n_2.0 morph_HC/Vqsmsc/Sp2ms id_19oGS ד/נוֹפְצָ/ו

Literal Version

18:1 To_choirmaster of_the_servant_of of_**YHWH** of_Dāvid who he_spoke to/for_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_words/messages_of the_song (the)_this in/on_day **YHWH** when_he_delivered him from_the_ _palm_of all_of enemies_of_his and_from_the_hand_of Shā'ūl/(Saul). **2** [147] And_he_said I_love_you Oh_**YHWH** strength_of_my. **3** [148] **YHWH** rock_of_is_my and_stronghold_of_ _my and_deliverer_of_my god_of_my rock_of_is_my I_take_ _refuge in/on/over_him/it shield_of_my and_the_horn_of my_ _salvation_of_my refuge_of_my. **4** [149] The_one_who_is_to_be_ _praised I_call_out_to **YHWH** and_from enemies_of_my I_am_ _delivered. **5** [150] They_encompassed_me cords_of death and_ _torrents_of worthlessness they_overwhelmed_me. **6** [151] The_ _cords_of Shə'ōl they_surrounded_me they_confronted_me snares_of death. **7** [152] In_distress to_me I_called_out_to **YHWH** and_near/to god_of_my I_cried_for_help he_heard from_ _temple_of_his my_sound/voice and_my_cry_of_for_help before_him it_came in_ears_of_his. **8** [153] And_it_shook and_it_ _quaked the_earth/land and_the_foundations_of the_ _mountains they_trembled and_they_shook_back_and_forth if/because it_burnt to_him/it. **9** [154] Smoke it_went_up in_nose_ _of_his and_fire from_mouth_of_his it_consumed coals they_ _burnt from_him. **10** [155] And_he_bent_down the_heavens and_ _he_came_down and_thick_darkness was_under feet_of_his. **11** [156] And_he_rode on a_cherub and_he_flew and_he_swooped_ _down on the_wings_of the_wind. **12** [157] He_made darkness covering_of_his around_of_him canopy_of_his darkness_of waters dark_clouds_of clouds. **13** [158] From_the_brightness before_him clouds_of_his_dark they_passed_through hail and_

Readers' Version

12 They're like a lion eager for a victim—
like a young lion crouching in ambush.
13 Take action, Yahweh.
Confront them.
Knock them down.
Rescue my life from wicked people by your sword!
14 Use your strength, Yahweh, to rescue me from men—
from people in this world whose prosperity is in this life alone.
You'll fill the bellies of your treasured ones with riches—
they'll have many children and will leave their wealth to them.
15 Because I'm obedient, I'll see your face.
When I wake up, I'll be satisfied at seeing you.

David's song of victory[143]

For the musical director: a song by Yahweh's servant David, when he sang the words of this song to Yahweh on the day that Yahweh rescued him from Sha'ul (King Saul) and all his other enemies.

18:1 He said:
I love you, Yahweh, my source of strength.
2 Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, the one who brings me to safety.
He's my god, my rock. I take refuge in him.
He's my shield, the power that saves me, my fortress.
3 I will call for help from Yahweh
who deserves all the praise he gets,
and then I'll be rescued from my enemies.
4 I felt like I was about to die,
and torrents of worthlessness overwhelmed me.
5 The grave seemed to be putting its ropes around me.
The snares of death trapped me.
6 In my distress I called out to Yahweh.
I cried for help to my god.
He heard my voice from his temple.
My call for help entered his presence.
It reached his ears.
7 Then the earth quaked and shook.
The foundations of the mountains trembled
and were shaken because God was angry.

143 **RV 18:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 22:1-51
147 **LV 18:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.1
148 **LV 18:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.2
149 **LV 18:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.3
150 **LV 18:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.4
151 **LV 18:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.5
152 **LV 18:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.6
153 **LV 18:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.7
154 **LV 18:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.8
155 **LV 18:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.9
156 **LV 18:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.10
157 **LV 18:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.11
158 **LV 18:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.12

Readers' Version

8 Smoke went up from out of his nostrils,
and blazing fire came out of his mouth.
Coals were ignited by it.
9 He opened the skies and came down,
and heavy darkness was under his feet.
10 He rode on a winged creature and flew.
He glided on the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness into a tent around him—
heavy rain clouds in the skies.
12 Hail and burning coals fell from the brightness in front of him.
13 Yahweh thundered from the heavens.
The voice of the highest one shouted.[144]
14 He shot his arrows and scattered his enemies—
many lightning bolts, and forced them to disperse.
15 Then the water channels appeared.
The foundations of the world were exposed
at your rebuke, Yahweh—
at the blast of the breath from your nostrils.
16 He reached down from above and took hold of me.
He pulled me out of the surging waters.
17 He rescued me from my powerful enemy—
from those who hated me,
because they were too strong for me.
18 They confronted me when I was in distress,
but Yahweh was my support.
19 He brought me out to a wide open place.
He saved me because he was pleased with me.
20 Yahweh has rewarded me because I've done nothing wrong.
He has restored me because I'm innocent.
21 because I've followed Yahweh's instructions

Literal Version

_coals_of fire. 14 [159] And_he_thundered in_heavens **YHWH** and_ _the_Most_High he_gave_forth voice_of_his hail and_coals_of fire. 15 [160] And_he_sent_out arrows_of_his and_he_scattered_ _them and_lightning_flashes he_shot and_he_confused_them. 16 [161] And_they_appeared channels_of water and_ the_ _foundations_of the_world _they_were_uncovered from_ _rebuke_of_your Oh_**YHWH** from_the_breathing_of the_breath_ _of your_nose_of_your. 17 [162] He_stretched_out from_a_high_ _place he_took_hold_of_me he_drew_me from_waters many. 18 [163] He_rescued_me from_enemy_of_my mighty and_from_ _those_of_who_hate_me if/because they_were_too_strong for_ _me. 19 [164] They_confronted_me in_the_day_of my_calamity_ _of_my and_he/it_was **YHWH** (into)_a_support to_me. 20 [165] And_he_brought_me_out to_(the)_place he_rescued_me if/because he_delighted in_me. 21 [166] He_dealt_with_me **YHWH** according_to_of_my_righteousness according_to_the_ _cleanness_of my_hands_of_my he_repaid to_me. 22 [167] If/because I_have_kept the_ways_of **YHWH** and_not I_have_ _acted_wickedly from_god_of_my. 23 [168] If/because all_of judgements_of_his are_to_before_me and_regulations_of_his not I_turn_aside from_me. 24 [169] And_I_have_been blameless with_him/it and_I_have_kept_myself from_iniquity_of_my. 25 [170] And_ **YHWH** _he_repaid to_me according_to_of_my_ _righteousness according_to_the_cleanness_of my_hands_of_ _my to_before eyes_of_his. 26 [171] With a_faithful_person you_ _show_yourself_faithful with a_man blameless you_show_ _yourself_blameless. 27 [172] With one_who_purifies_himself you_show_yourself_pure and_with a_perverse_person you_ _show_yourself_tortuous. 28 [173] If/because you a_people afflicted you_save and_eyes uplifted you_bring_low. 29 [174] If/because you you_light lamp_of_my **YHWH** god_of_my he_ _illuminates darkness_of_my. 30 [175] If/because in_you(ms) I_ _run a_marauding_band and_by_god_of_my I_leap_over a_wall. 31 [176] (The)_god is_blameless its_road/course the_message_of **YHWH** is_refined is_a_shield he to_all/each/any/every those_

144 **RV 18:13 · Note** 'hail and burning coals' has been omitted from this translation as the Hebrew words are assumed to have been accidentally copied from the previous verse.

159 **LV 18:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.13

160 **LV 18:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.14

161 **LV 18:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.15

162 **LV 18:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.16

163 **LV 18:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.17

164 **LV 18:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.18

165 **LV 18:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.19

166 **LV 18:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.20

167 **LV 18:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.21

168 **LV 18:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.22

169 **LV 18:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.23

170 **LV 18:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.24

171 **LV 18:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.25

172 **LV 18:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.26

173 **LV 18:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.27

174 **LV 18:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.28

175 **LV 18:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.29

176 **LV 18:31 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.30

Literal Version

_who_take_refuge in/on/over_him/it. **32** [177] If/because who is_ _god (from)_except **YHWH** and_who is_a_rock except_except god_of_our. **33** [178] The_god who_girds_of_me strength and_ _he/it_gave blameless way_of_my. **34** [179] He_is_making feet_of_ _my like_does and_on places_of_my_high he_makes_me_stand_ _firm. **35** [180] He_is_training hands_of_my for_battle and_ arms_ _of_my _it_stretches a_bow_of bronze. **36** [181] And_you_have_ _given to_me the_shield_of your_salvation_of_your and_your_ _right_of_hand it_supports_me and_humility_of_your you_ _make_me_great. **37** [182] You_enlarge step[s]_of_my under_me and_not ankles_of_my they_slip. **38** [183] I_pursued enemies_of_ _my and_I_overtook_them and_not I_returned[184] until brought_them_to_an_end. **39** [185] I_smashed_them and_not they_were_able to_rise they_fell under feet_of_my. **40** [186] And_ _you_girded_me strength for_battle you_made_bow_down those_of_who_rose_against_me under_me. **41** [187] And_enemies_ _of_my you_gave to/for_me neck and_those_of_who_hated_me I_destroyed_them. **42** [188] They_cried_for_help and_there_was_ _not a_deliverer to **YHWH** and_not he_answered_them. **43** [189] And_I_beat_them_fine like_dust on the_face_of the_wind like_ _the_mud_of the_streets I_poured_them_out. **44** [190] You_ _delivered_me from_the_strifes_of a_people you_appointed_me to_the_head_of nations a_people which_not I_knew they_ _served_me. **45** [191] To_the_hearing_of an_ear they_became_ _obedient to_me sons_of foreignness they_cringed to_me. **46** [192] Sons_of foreignness they_withered and_they_came_trembling from_strongholds_of_their. **47** [193] Is_living **YHWH** and_be_ rock_of_my _blessed and_ the_god_of my_salvation_of_my _ _may_he_be_exalted. **48** [194] The_god who_gives vengeance(s) to_me and_he_has_subdued peoples under_me. **49** [195] He_of_is_ _delivering_me from_enemies_of_my also more_than those_of_ _who_rise_against_me you_exalt_me from_man violence you_

Readers' Version

and haven't acted wickedly towards my god.
22 I keep all his instructions in mind,
and I haven't refused to follow any of his rules.
23 I've done nothing that he could blame me for
and I've kept myself from disobeying him.
24 So Yahweh has restored me because of my obedience,
because I was innocent in his sight.
25 To the faithful, you show yourself faithful.
To the blameless, you show yourself blameless.
26 To the pure, you show yourself pure,
but you're shrewd towards anyone who's crooked,
27 because you save people who are suffering,
but you bring down those with proud, uplifted eyes.
28 You give light to my lamp.
Yahweh my god lights up my darkness.
29 With your help, I can run forward into the invaders.
With my god's assistance, I can leap over a wall.
30 As for God, his ways are perfect.
Yahweh's message has been refined.
He is a shield to everyone who goes to him to stay safe,
31 because who is God except Yahweh?
Who is a reliable place of safety except our god?
32 It is God who puts strength onto me like a belt around me—
who makes my path clear of obstacles.
33 He makes me sure-footed like a deer,
and places me in the hills.[145]
34 He trains my hands for battle,
and my arms to use a bronze bow.
35 You protect and save me with your shield.

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145 **RV 18:33 · Cross-ref.** Hab 3:19.

177 **LV 18:32 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.31

178 **LV 18:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.32

179 **LV 18:34 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.33

180 **LV 18:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.34

181 **LV 18:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.35

182 **LV 18:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.36

183 **LV 18:38 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.37

184 **LV 18:38 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

185 **LV 18:39 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.38

186 **LV 18:40 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.39

187 **LV 18:41 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.40

188 **LV 18:42 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.41

189 **LV 18:43 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.42

190 **LV 18:44 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.43

191 **LV 18:45 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.44

192 **LV 18:46 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.45

193 **LV 18:47 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.46

194 **LV 18:48 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.47

195 **LV 18:49 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.48

Readers' Version

You use your power to support me,
and your favour has made me strong.
36 You've made the path for my feet wide beneath me
so that my feet haven't slipped.
37 I chased my enemies and overtook them.
I didn't turn back until they were destroyed.
38 I smashed them so that they were unable to regroup.
They have fallen under my feet.
39 You put strength on me for battle like a belt around me.
You made my enemies bow down to me.
40 You allowed me to kill my enemies.
I annihilated those who hated me.
41 They called for help, but no rescuer came.
They called out to Yahweh, but he didn't answer them.
42 I hammered them into fine pieces like dust in the wind.
I emptied them out like mud in the streets.
43 You rescued me from people's feuds.
You've made me the head over nations.
People serve me that I never knew before.
44 As soon as they heard about me, they obeyed me.
Foreigners cower down to me.
45 The foreigners lose heart,
and came trembling out of their fortresses.
46 Yahweh lives—may my place of security be praised.
Praise the god who saved me.
47 He's the god who executes vengeance on my behalf—
who subdues the nations under me.
48 I'm set free from my enemies.
Indeed, you helped me stay ahead of those who opposed me.
You rescued me from violent men.
49 Therefore I'll give thanks to you among the nations, Yahweh,
I'll sing praises to your name.[146]
50 God gives great victory to his king,
and he shows his loyal commitment to his anointed one—
to David and to his descendants forever.

For the musical director: a song by David.

God's splendour displayed

19:1 The skies declare God's talent and splendour,
and outer space shows off his handiwork.
2 Speech pours out day after day.
Night after night it reveals knowledge.
3 There's no speech or words spoken.

Literal Version

_rescue_me. **50** [196] Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_give_
_thanks_to_you among_nations Oh_**YHWH** and_to_name_of_
_your I_will_sing_praises. **51** [197] He_is_making_great[198] the_
_salvation(s)_of his_king_of_his and_he_is_doing covenant_
_loyalty to_his_of_anointed to_Dāvid and_to_offspring_of_his
until perpetuity.

19:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [200] The_heavens are_
_recounting the_glory_of god and_the_work_of his_hands_of_
_his the_firmament is_telling. **3** [201] Day to_day it_pours_forth
speech and_night to_night it_declares knowledge. **4** [202] There_
_is_not speech and_there_are_not words/messages not voice_
_of_their is_heard. **5** [203] In_all the_earth/land measuring-line_
_of_their it_has_gone_out and_at_the_end_of the_world
words/messages_of_their for_sun he_has_put a_tent in_them.

146 **RV 18:49 · Cross-ref.** Rom 15:9.
196 **LV 18:50 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.49
197 **LV 18:51 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.50
198 **LV 18:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: לדגמ: (x-qere) 'לִיד֫גַמ': lemma_1431 n_2.0 morph_HVhrmsa id_19F23 לִיד֫גַמ
200 **LV 19:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.1
201 **LV 19:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.2
202 **LV 19:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.3
203 **LV 19:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.4

Literal Version

6 [204] And_he is_like_a_bridegroom who_comes_forth from_ _chamber_of_his it_rejoices like_a_mighty_man to_run a_path. **7** [205] Is_from_the_end_of the_heavens forth_of_its_going and_ _circuit_of_its is_to ends_of_their and_there_is_not a_thing_ _hidden from_heat_of_its.[206] **8** [207] The_instruction_of **YHWH** is_ _perfect restoring_of (of)_life the_transcript_of **YHWH** is_ _reliable making_wise_of (of)_a_simple_person. **9** [208] The_ _precepts_of **YHWH** are_upright making_glad_of (of)_the_heart the_command_of **YHWH** is_pure enlightening_of (of)_eyes. **10** [209] The_fear_of **YHWH** is_pure enduring forever_forever the_ _judgements_of **YHWH** are_truth they_are_righteous altogether. **11** [210] (The)_desirable more_than_gold and_more_ _than_pure_gold much and_sweet more_than_honey and_the_ _honey_of honeycombs. **12** [211] Also servant_of_your is_warned (is)_in_them is_in_keeping_them consequence great. **13** [212] Errors who will_he_discern from_hidden_sins acquit_me. **14** [213] Also from_presumptuous_sins keep_back servant_of_your not may_they_rule over_me then I_will_be_blameless and_I_will_ _be_acquitted from_transgression great. **15** [214] Let_them_be for_acceptance the_words/messages_of my_mouth_of_my and_ _the_meditation_of my_heart_of_my to_your_face Oh_**YHWH** rock_of_my and_redeemer_of_my.

20:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [215] May_he_answer_you **YHWH** in/on_day trouble may_it_set_you_on_high the_name_ _of the_god_of Ya´ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob). **3** [216] May_he_send help_of_ _your from_the_sanctuary and_from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) may_he_

Readers' Version

No voice can be heard
4 yet their words go out over all the earth,
and their speech to the end of the world.[199]
He's placed the sun in its home in the sky.
5 The sun is like a bridegroom coming out of his room.
It's like a strong man who's glad when he can run along his path.
6 The sun rises from side of our view
and crosses the sky to the other.
Nothing escapes its heat.
7 Yahweh's instructions are perfect, restoring our motivation.
Yahweh's testimony is reliable, making simple people wise.
8 Yahweh's instructions are right, bringing inner fulfillment.
Yahweh's commands are pure, bringing light to the eyes.
9 Respect for Yahweh is pure, enduring forever.
Yahweh's rules are correct and always right.
10 They're more valuable than gold, even fine gold.
They're sweeter than honey, even the honey that drips from the honeycomb.
11 Yes, your servant is warned by Yahweh's rules.
A worthwhile reward comes from obeying them.
12 Who can discern all their own errors?
Cleanse me from hidden faults.
13 Also, keep your servant from willful sins—
don't let them not rule over me.
Then I'll be perfect,
and I will be innocent of terrible disobedience.
14 Let the words from my mouth
and even my inner thoughts
be acceptable in your sight, Yahweh—
the secure place that I can run to,
and the one who paid for my release from slavery.

A prayer for victory

For the musical director: a song by David.
20:1 May Yahweh help you whenever trouble comes.

199 **RV 19:4 · Cross-ref.** Rom 10:18.
204 **LV 19:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.5
205 **LV 19:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.6
206 **LV 19:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
207 **LV 19:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.7
208 **LV 19:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.8
209 **LV 19:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.9
210 **LV 19:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.10
211 **LV 19:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.11
212 **LV 19:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.12
213 **LV 19:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.13
214 **LV 19:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.14
215 **LV 20:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.1
216 **LV 20:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.2

Readers' Version

Then may Ya'akov's (Jacob's) God protect you
2 and send help from his sanctuary,
to support you from Tsiyon (Zion).
3 May he call to mind all your offerings
and accept your burnt sacrifice. (Instrumental break.)
4 May he give you your desires that you've thought about the most,
and make all the plans that you've hoped for come to pass.
5 Then we will celebrate your victory,
and we'll raise banners in the name of our god.
May Yahweh grant all your requests.
6 Now I know that Yahweh will rescue his anointed one.
He will answer him from his sacred heaven
and use all his strength to save him.
7 Various leaders trust in various different military units,
but we will put our trust in our god Yahweh.
8 They will stumble and fall,
but we will be strong and stand firm.
9 Yahweh, rescue the king.
Answer us when we call for help.

For the musical director: a song by David.

Praise for victory

21:1 The king's glad about your strength, Yahweh.
He's very happy about the salvation you provide.
2 You've given him what he really wanted,
and haven't held back from answering his requests. (Instrumental break.)
3 You went to meet him with blessings of good things.
You placed a crown of purest gold on his head.
4 He asked you for life and you gave it to him.
You extended his life and gave him an eternal dynasty.
5 He receives great respect because of your victory.
You've given him splendour and majesty.

Literal Version

_support_you. **4** [217] May_he_remember all_of offerings_of_your and_your_burnt_of_offering may_he_accept Ṣelāh. **5** [218] May_ _he_give to/for_yourself(m) according_to_of_your_heart and_ _all plan_of_your may_he_fulfill. **6** [219] We_will_shout_for_joy at_ _victory_of_your and_in_the_name_of our_god_of_our we_will_ _raise_a_banner **YHWH** may_he_fulfill all_of requests_of_your. **7** [220] Now I_know if/because_that he_delivers **YHWH** his_of_ _anointed he_answers_him from_the_heavens_of his_holiness_ _of_his with_(the)_mighty_deeds_of (the)_salvation_of his_ _right_hand_of_his. **8** [221] These (in)_chariotry and_these (in)_ _horses and_we in/on_name_of **YHWH** god_of_our we_bring_ _to_remembrance. **9** [222] They they_bow_down and_they_fall and_we we_arise and_we_have_helped_one_another_up. **10** [223] Oh_**YHWH** save the_king may_he_answer_us on_the_day_of we_ _call_out.

21:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [224] Oh_**YHWH** in_ _strength_of_your the_king he_rejoices and_in_deliverance_of_ _your how he_exults[225][226] exceedingly. **3** [227] The_desire_of his/its_heart you_have_given for_him/it and_the_request_of his_lips_of_his not you_have_withheld Ṣelāh. **4** [228] If/because you_meet_him blessings_of good_thing[s] you_set to_head_of_ _his a_crown_of pure_gold. **5** [229] Life he_asked from_you you_ _gave_it for_him/it length_of days forever and_ever. **6** [230] Is_ _great[231] honour_of_his by_victory_of_your splendour and_ _majesty you_place on/upon/above_him/it. **7** [232] If/because you_give_him blessings forever_eternity you_make_him_rejoice with_gladness with presence_of_your. **8** [233] If/because the_king is_trusting in_**YHWH** and_in_the_covenant_loyalty_of the_ _Most_High not he_will_be_shaken. **9** [234] Hand_of_your it_will_ _find to/from_all/each/any/every enemies_of_your hand_of_

217 **LV 20:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.3
218 **LV 20:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.4
219 **LV 20:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.5
220 **LV 20:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.6
221 **LV 20:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.7
222 **LV 20:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.8
223 **LV 20:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.9
224 **LV 21:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.1
225 **LV 21:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לִינִי**: (x-qere) 'לֶגֶ': lemma_1523 morph_HVqi3ms id_19vBq **לֶגֶ**
226 **LV 21:2 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
227 **LV 21:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.2
228 **LV 21:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.3
229 **LV 21:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.4
230 **LV 21:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.5
231 **LV 21:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
232 **LV 21:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.6
233 **LV 21:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.7
234 **LV 21:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.8

Literal Version

_your_right it_will_find those_of_who_hate_you. **10** [235] You_ _will_make_them like_a_furnace_of fire to_the_time_of your(pl)_presence_of_your **YHWH** in_anger_of_his he_will_ _swallow_them_up and_it_will_consume_them fire. **11** [236] Descendant[s]_of_their from_the_earth you_will_destroy and_ _offspring_of_their from_(the)_sons humankind. **12** [237] If/because they_have_extended on_you harm they_have_ _planned a_scheme not they_will_succeed. **13** [238] If/because you_will_make_them a_shoulder on_bowstrings_of_your you_ _will_prepare on faces_of_their. **14** [239] Rise_up Oh_**YHWH** in_ _strength_of_your we_will_sing and_we_will_sing_praises might_of_your.

22:1 To_choirmaster on the_doe_of the_dawn a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [246] My_god_of_my god_of_my why have_you_abandoned_me are_far from_deliverance_of_my the_words/messages_of my_ _cry_of_distress_of_my. **3** [247] My_god_of_my I_call_out by_ _day[248] and_not you_answer and_night and_not silence to_me. **4** [249] And_you(ms) are_holy sitting_of the_praises_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** [250] In_you ancestors_of_our they_trusted they_trusted and_you_delivered_them. **6** [251] To_you they_cried_ _out and_they_were_delivered in_you they_trusted and_not they_were_ashamed. **7** [252] And_I am_a_worm and_not a_man a_ _reproach_of humankind and_despised_of a_people. **8** [253] All_of those_of_who_see_me they_mock to_me they_make_a_ _separation with_a_lip they_shake a_head. **9** [254] Roll to **YHWH** let_him_rescue_him let_him_deliver_him if/because he_ _delights in/on/over_him/it. **10** [255] If/because you were_ _drawing_of_me_forth from_the_belly you_of_were_making_ _me_trust on the_breasts_of my_mother_of_my. **11** [256] On_you

Readers' Version

6 When you grant him lasting blessings,
you make him glad with the excitement of your presence.
7 The king trusts in Yahweh.
He won't waver as he experiences the loyal commitment of the highest one.
8 Your energy will find all your enemies.
Your strength will reach as far as those who hate you.
9 When you get angry, you'll burn them up like in a flaming furnace.
Yahweh will consume them in his fury, and the fire will devour them.
10 You'll destroy their offspring from the earth
and their descendants from among humankind
11 because they intended to do evil against you.
They conceived a plot, but they won't succeed
12 because you will turn them back.
You'll draw your bow in front of them.
13 Yahweh, show us your strength and we'll praise you.
We'll sing, and praise your power.

A cry of pain then a praise song

For the musical director: a song by David to the tune 'The doe of the dawn'.
22:1 My god, my god, why have you abandoned me?[240]
Why are you so far from saving me
and far from my plea for help?
2 My god, I call out in the daytime for help, but you don't answer me,
and at night I'm not silent either.
3 Yet you are sinless—
accepting Yisrael's (Israel's) praises.
4 Our ancestors trusted in you.
They trusted in you, and you rescued them.
5 They called out to you for help and they were rescued.
They trusted in you and were not disappointed.
6 But I'm a worm and not a man—

235 **LV 21:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.9
236 **LV 21:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.10
237 **LV 21:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.11
238 **LV 21:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.12
239 **LV 21:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.13
240 **RV 22:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:46; Mrk 15:34.
246 **LV 22:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.1
247 **LV 22:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.2
248 **LV 22:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
249 **LV 22:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.3
250 **LV 22:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.4
251 **LV 22:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.5
252 **LV 22:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.6
253 **LV 22:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.7
254 **LV 22:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.8
255 **LV 22:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.9
256 **LV 22:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.10

Readers' Version

a disgrace to humanity and despised by the people.
7 Everyone who sees me, taunts me.
They make faces at me.
They shake their heads at me.[241]
8 Go to Yahweh—he'll save him.
He'll rescue him because he likes him.[242]
9 You brought me out from the womb.
You made me trust you when I was at my mother's breasts.
10 I was forced to be dependant on you since birth.
You are my god since I was in my mother's womb.
11 Don't distance yourself from me, because trouble is near.
There's no one else who can help.
12 Many enemies surround me like angry bulls.
Strong bulls from Bashan have surrounded me.
13 They open their mouths wide against me
like a roaring lion tearing its victim apart.
14 I am being poured out like water and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart is like wax—it melts away within my chest.
15 My strength has dried up like a piece of fired clay.
My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.
You're about to let me die and return to dust
16 because dogs have surrounded me.
A band of evil men has encircled me.
They've pierced my hands and my feet.[243]
17 I can count all my bones.
They stand looking, and stare at me.
18 They divide my clothes up among themselves,
They cast lots for my garments.[244]
19 Yahweh, don't just stand at a distance.

Literal Version

I_was_throw from_the_womb from_the_belly_of my_mother_ _of_my been_my_god_of_have you. **12** [257] Do_not be_far from_ _me if/because trouble is_near if/because there_is_not a_ _helper. **13** [258] They_have_surrounded_me bulls many mighty_ _bulls_of Bāshān they_have_surrounded_me. **14** [259] They_have_ _opened on_me mouth_of_their a_lion tearing and_roaring. **15** [260] Like_water I_have_been_poured_out and_ all_of bones_of_ _my _they_have_become_dislocated heart_of_my it_has_ _become like_wax it_has_melted in_the_middle my_inward_ _parts_of_my. **16** [261] It_has_dried_up like_earthenware strength_of_my and_tongue_of_my[262] has_been_made_to_ _cling_to jaws_of_my and_to_the_dust_of death you_put_me. **17** [263] If/because they_have_surrounded_me dogs a_company_ _of evil-doers they_have_encircled_me like_lion hands_of_my and_feet_of_my. **18** [264] I_count all_of bones_of_my they they_ _look they_look on_me. **19** [265] They_distribute clothes_of_my to/for_them and_on clothing_of_my they_throw a_lot. **20** [266] And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** do_not be_distant my_strength_of_my to_help_of_my make_haste. **21** [267] Deliver from_the_sword life_ _of_my from_the_hand_of a_dog my_only_of_life. **22** [268] Save_ _me from_the_mouth_of a_lion and_from_the_horns_of wild_ _oxen you_have_answered_me. **23** [269] I_will_recount name_of_ _your to_brothers_of_my in_the_middle the_assembly I_will_ _praise_you. **24** [270] Oh_those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** praise_him Oh_all_of the_offspring_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) honour_him and_ _be_afraid from_him/it Oh_all_of the_offspring_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** [271] If/because not he_has_despised and_not he_has_detested the_affliction_of an_afflicted_person and_not he_has_hidden his/its_faces/face from_him/it and_when_he_ _cried_for_help to_him/it he_heard. **26** [272] Is_from_with_you praise_of_my in_the_assembly great vows_of_my I_will_pay before those_fearing_of_him. **27** [273] Humble_people they_will_ _eat and_they_will_be_satisfied those_of_who_seek_him they_

241 **RV 22:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:39; Mrk 15:29; Luk 23:35.
242 **RV 22:8 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:43.
243 **RV 22:16 · Note** In this last line, we're following the ancient Septuagint translation rather than the difficult-to-understand Hebrew text.
244 **RV 22:18 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:35; Mrk 15:24; Luk 23:34; Yhn 19:24.
257 **LV 22:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.11
258 **LV 22:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.12
259 **LV 22:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.13
260 **LV 22:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.14
261 **LV 22:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.15
262 **LV 22:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
263 **LV 22:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.16
264 **LV 22:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.17
265 **LV 22:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.18
266 **LV 22:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.19
267 **LV 22:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.20
268 **LV 22:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.21
269 **LV 22:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.22
270 **LV 22:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.23
271 **LV 22:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.24
272 **LV 22:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.25
273 **LV 22:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.26

Literal Version

_will_praise **YHWH** heart_of_your(pl) may_it_live forever_
_forever. **28** [274] They_will_remember and_they_will_turn to
YHWH all_of the_ends_of the_earth and_they_will_bow_down
to_your_face all_of the_clans_of the_nations. **29** [275] If/because
to/for_**YHWH** the_royalty and_he_is_ruling over_nations. **30** [276]
They_have_eaten and_they_have_bowed_down[277] all_of the_
_fat_people_of the_earth before_him all_of those_who_go_
_down_of dust they_will_bow_down and_one_of_who_his_life
not he_has_preserved_alive. **31** [278] Offspring it_will_serve_him
it_will_be_recounted of_the_of_master to_generation. **32** [279]
They_will_come and_they_will_declare righteousness_of_his
to_a_people about_to_be_born if/because_that he_has_acted.

23:1 A_song of_Dāvid[280] **YHWH** is_my_of_shepherd not I_lack.
2 In_pastures_of fresh_grass he_makes_me_lie_down at waters_
_of rest(s) he_leads_me. **3** Self_of_my he_restores he_guides_me
in_tracks_of righteousness for_the_sake_of his/its_name. **4** Also
if/because I_will_go in_a_valley_of deep_darkness not I_will_
_fear harm if/because you with_me rod_of_your and_staff_of_
_your they they_comfort_me. **5** You_arrange to/for_my_
_face/front a_table before foes_of_my you_have_refreshed
with_oil my_head cup_of_my is_saturation. **6** Surely good and_
_covenant_loyalty they_will_pursue_me all_of the_days_of my_

Readers' Version

Please hurry to help me, my strength.
20 Save my life from the sword—
my very existence from the clutch of wild dogs.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth.
Rescue me from the horns of the wild bulls.
22 I'll promote your name among my brothers.
I'll praise you in front of all the assembled people.[245]
23 You all who fear Yahweh, praise him.
All you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob), honour him.
Stand in awe of him, all you descendants of Yisrael (Israel),
24 because he hasn't despised or detested the suffering of the one who's going through it.
Yahweh hasn't hidden away from him.
When the suffering one called out to him, he heard.
25 You're the reason that I offer praise when all the people gather.
I'll fulfill my vows publicly in front of those who fear him.
26 The oppressed people will eat and be satisfied.
Those who are interested in Yahweh will praise him.
May you all live forever.
27 Peoples from each end of the earth will remember and turn to Yahweh.
All the families of the nations will bow down before you,
28 because Yahweh is the king
and rules over the nations.
29 All the prosperous people in the world will celebrate and worship him.
All mortal people will bow before him—those who can't extend their own lives.
30 Our future offspring will serve him.
They'll tell the next generation about the master.
31 They will come and tell about his righteousness.
They'll tell what he's done to people not yet born.
A song by David.

Protected and blessed by the shepherd

23:1 Yahweh is my shepherd
so I won't lack anything.
2 He lies me down in paddocks of fresh grass.
He leads me beside a peaceful stream.
3 He refreshes my inner being.
He guides me along paths of obedience so that he'll be honoured.
4 Even when I walk through a valley in deep darkness,

245 **RV 22:22 · Cross-ref.** Heb 2:12.
274 **LV 22:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.27
275 **LV 22:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.28
276 **LV 22:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.29
277 **LV 22:30 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
278 **LV 22:31 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.30
279 **LV 22:32 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.31
280 **LV 23:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.23.1

Readers' Version

I won't be afraid of being harmed.
Your rod and staff will protect and comfort me.
5 You prepare a meal for me while my enemies watch.
You give me olive oil to soothe my head.
I have so many blessings.
6 I'm certain that your goodness and your mercy will pursue me for my whole life,
and then I'll live in Yahweh's house forever.

God the powerful King

A song by David.
24:1 The earth and all its content belong to Yahweh—
the world, and everything that lives in it,
2 because he founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
3 Who will ascend Yahweh's mountain?
Who will stand in his sacred place?
4 The one with clean hands and a pure heart,
who hasn't falsely declared to be following me,
and hasn't made a promise in order to deceive others.
5 He'll receive a blessing from Yahweh
and he God of his salvation will declare him innocent.
6 Such is the generation of those who try to discover him—
those who want to imitate Ya'akov (Jacob). (Instrumental break.)
7 Look up, you gates.
Open up, everlasting doors,
so that the incredible king can come in.
8 Who's that incredible king?
Yahweh, strong and powerful.
Yahweh, victorious in battle.
9 Look up, you gates.
Open up, everlasting doors,
so that the incredible king can come in.
10 Who's that incredible king?
Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
He's that incredible king. (Instrumental break.)

The praying so that get to teach

A song by David.
א (Alef)
25:1 I offer my life to you, Yahweh.
ב (Beyt)
2 My god, I trust in you.
Don't let me be humiliated.
Don't let my enemies defeat me and then celebrate.
ג (Gimel)
3 Don't let anyone be disgraced because they'd put their trust in you.

Literal Version

_life_of_my and_I_will_return in_house_of **YHWH** for_length_of days.

24:1 Of_Dāvid a_song[281] to/for_**YHWH** the_earth/land and_ _what_of_fills_it the_world and_those_who_dwell_of in_it. **2** If/because he[282] on the_seas he_founded_it and_on the_rivers he_established_it. **3** Who will_he_go_up on_the_mountain_of **YHWH** and_who will_he_stand in_the_place_of his_holiness_of_ _his. **4** A_person_innocent_of palms and_a_person_pure_of heart who not he_has_lifted_up to_falsehood desire_of_my and_not he_has_sworn_an_oath to_deceit. **5** He_will_lift_up blessing from_with **YHWH** and_righteousness from_the_god_of his_salvation_of_his. **6** This is_the_generation_of those_who_ _seek_him[283] those_who_seek_of face_of_(of)_your Oh_ _Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) Ṣelāh. **7** Lift_up Oh_gates heads_of_your(pl) and_be_lifted_up Oh_doors_of antiquity so_ the_king_of (the)_ _glory _that_he_may_come. **8** Who this is_the_king_of (the)_ _glory **YHWH** strong and_mighty **YHWH** mighty_of battle. **9** Lift_up Oh_gates heads_of_your(pl) and_lift_up Oh_doors_of antiquity so_ the_king_of (the)_glory _that_he_may_come. **10** Who that this is_the_king_of (the)_glory **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he is_the_king_of (the)_glory Ṣelāh.

25:1 Of_Dāvid[284] to_you Oh_**YHWH** desire_of_my I_lift_up. **2** My_ _god_of_my in_you I_trust not let_me_be_ashamed not enemies_of_my may_they_exult to_me. **3** Also all_of those_of_ _who_wait_for_you not they_will_be_ashamed those_who_act_ _treacherously without_cause they_will_be_ashamed. **4** ways_ _of_your Oh_**YHWH** make_known_to_me paths_of_your[285] teach_me. **5** Lead_me in_truth_of_your and_teach_me if/because you are_the_god_of my_salvation_of_my you I_have_ _waited_for all_of the_day. **6** Remember compassion(s)_of_your Oh_**YHWH** and_your(pl)_covenant_of_loyalti(es) if/because from_long_ago/eternity they. **7** The_sins_of my_youth(s)_of_my and_transgressions_of_my do_not remember according_to_of_

281 **LV 24:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.24.1

282 **LV 24:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

283 **LV 24:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: שרד/ו: (x-qere) יִשְׁרֹ֣ד/ו': lemma_1875 n_1 morph_HVqrmpc/Sp3ms id_195e6 יִשְׁרֹ֣ד/ו

284 **LV 25:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.25.1

285 **LV 25:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_your_covenant_loyalty remember to_me you on_account_of goodness_of_your Oh_**YHWH**. **8** Is_good and_upright **YHWH** therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_teaches sinners (in)_way. **9** He_leads humble_people in_justice and_he_teaches humble_ _people its_road/course. **10** All_of the_paths_of **YHWH** are_ _covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness to_those_who_keep_of covenant_of_(of)_his and_testimonies_of_his. **11** For_the_sake_ _of name_of_your Oh_**YHWH** (and)_you_will_forgive (to)_ _iniquity_of_my if/because is_great it. **12** Who this the_man (the)_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** he_teaches_him (in)_the_way which_he_will_choose. **13** Self_of_his in_good it_will_remain and_offspring_of_his it_will_possess the_land. **14** The_counsel_ _of **YHWH** belongs_to_those_fearing_of_him and_covenant_of_ _his to_make_known_to_them. **15** Eyes_of_my continually are_ _to **YHWH** if/because he he_will_bring_out from_the_net feet_ _of_my. **16** Turn to_me and_show_favour_to_me if/because am_ _solitary and_afflicted I. **17** The_distresses_of my_heart_of_my they_have_made_wide from_troubles_of_my deliver_me. **18** Consider affliction_of_my and_trouble_of_my and_forgive to/from_all/each/any/every sins_of_my. **19** Consider enemies_ _of_my if/because_that they_have_become_many and_hatred_ _of violence they_have_hated_me. **20** Preserve life_of_my and_ _deliver_me not let_me_be_put_to_shame if/because I_have_ _taken_refuge in_you. **21** Integrity and_uprightness may_they_ _preserve_me if/because I_have_waited_for_you. **22** Redeem Oh_god ~~DOM~~ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_all troubles_of_its.[286]

Readers' Version

On the other hand, may those who act treacherously without cause be ashamed.

ד (Dalet)

4 Make your ways known to me, Yahweh.
Teach me your paths.

ה (He)

5 Guide me into your truth and teach me,
because you're the god who saves me.
I wait all day long to experience your presence.

ו (Vav)

6 Call your acts of compassion and loyal commitment to mind, Yahweh,
because they've always existed.

ז (Zayin)

7 Don't think about my youthful disobedience or my rebelliousness.
Call me to mind with loyal commitment because of your goodness, Yahweh.

ח (Het)

8 Yahweh is both honest and good,
therefore he teaches sinners the way.

ט (Tet)

9 He guides the humble in what is right
and he teaches them his way.

י (Yod)

10 All Yahweh's ways are loyal commitment and faithfulness
to those who keep his agreement and his solemn commands.

כ (Kaf)

11 For the sake of your reputation, Yahweh,
forgive my disobedience because it's pretty bad.

ל (Lamed)

12 Who are those who respect Yahweh?
The master will instruct them in the path that they should choose.

מ (Mem)

13 They'll enjoy a life of goodness,
and their descendants will live peacefully in the land.

נ (Nun)

14 Yahweh's friendship is for those who respect him,
and he makes his promises known to them.

ס (Samek)

15 My eyes are always on Yahweh,
because he'll untangle my feet from the net.

ע (Ayin)

16 Turn towards me and have mercy on me,
because I'm alone and suffering.

פ (Pe)

17 My worries keep increasing—
rescue me from my distress.

צ (Tsade)

286 LV 25:22 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

18 Take note of my suffering and troubles.
Forgive all my sins.
ק (Qof)
19 Look at my enemies because there's so many of them.
They hate me with cruel hatred.
ר (Resh)
20 Protect my life and rescue me.
Don't let me be humiliated, because I always take refuge in you.
ש (Sin/Shin)
21 May integrity and godliness preserve me,
because I wait for you to help me.
ת (Tav)
22 Rescue Yisrael (Israel), God,
from all its troubles.

A prayer of a godly person

A song by David.
26:1 Declare me innocent, Yahweh, because I have walked with integrity.
I've trusted in Yahweh without wavering.
2 Examine me, Yahweh, and test me.
Check out my mind and my motives.
3 I keep my eyes on your loyal commitment,
and I walk about in your faithfulness.
4 I don't associate with deceitful people,
or with those who are dishonest.
5 I avoid the gatherings of evildoers,
and I don't meet with the wicked.
6 I wash my hands in innocence,
and I go around your altar, Yahweh,
7 to sing a praise song
and to tell about all the wonderful things you've done.
8 Yahweh, I love the house where you live,
the place where your power and splendour is continually displayed.
9 Don't remove me along with sinners,
or my life with people blood on their hands—
10 people who are plotting wickedness,
and whose pockets are full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I'll walk with integrity.
Release me from my slavery and have mercy on me.
12 My feet stand on level ground.
I will bless Yahweh at our gatherings.

A prayer of praise

A song by David.
27:1 Yahweh is my light and the one who saves me—why should I be afraid of anyone?
Yahweh is where my life is safe—why should I be worrying?
2 When evil people approached me to wear me down,
those adversaries and enemies stumbled and fell.

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26:1 Of_Dāvid[287] vindicate_me Oh_**YHWH** if/because I in_
_integrity_of_my I_have_walked and_in_**YHWH** I_have_trusted
not I_will_slip. **2** Test_me Oh_**YHWH** and_put_me_to_the_test
mmm[288] kidneys_of_my and_heart_of_my. **3** If/because loyalty_
_of_your_covenant is_to_before eyes_of_my and_I_walk_about
in_faithfulness_of_your. **4** Not I_sit with men_of falsehood and_
_with those_who_conceal_themselves not I_go. **5** I_hate the_
_assembly_of evil-doers and_with wicked_people not I_sit. **6** I_
_wash in_innocence palms_of_my and_I_go_around ~~DOM~~ altar_
_of_your Oh_**YHWH**. **7** To_make_heard (in)_a_sound_of
thanksgiving and_to_recount all_of wonders_of_your. **8** Oh_
_**YHWH** I_love the_habitation_of your_house_of_your and_the_
_place_of the_dwelling_of your_glory_of_your. **9** Do_not remove
with sinners life_of_my and_with people_of blood(s) life_of_my.
10 Who is_in_hands_of_their wickedness and_their_right_of_
_hand it_is_full a_bribe. **11** And_I in_integrity_of_my I_will_walk
redeem_me and_show_favour_to_me. **12** Foot_of_my it_has_
_stood on_level_ground in_assemblies I_will_bless **YHWH**.

27:1 Of_Dāvid[289] **YHWH** light_of_is_my and_salvation_of_my
from_whom will_I_be_afraid **YHWH** is_the_refuge_of my_life_
_of_my from_whom will_I_be_in_dread. **2** When_drew_near on_
_me evil-doers to_devour ~~DOM~~ flesh_of_my foes_of_my and_
_enemies_of_my to_me they they_stumbled and_they_fell.
3 Though it_will_encamp on_me a_camp not heart_of_my it_
_will_fear though it_will_arise on_me warfare in_this I will_be_

287 LV 26:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.26.1

288 LV 26:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **ה/פורצ**: (x-qere) **'ה/פָּרָצ'**: lemma_6884 morph_HVqv2ms/Sh id_196Zy **ה/פָּרָצ**

289 LV 27:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.27.1

Literal Version

_trusting. **4** one_thing I_have_asked from_with **YHWH** it I_will_ _seek I_to_dwell in_house_of **YHWH** all_of the_days_of my_life_ _of_my to_look on_the_kindness_of **YHWH** and_to_contemplate in_temple_of_his. **5** If/because he_will_conceal_me in_refuge_ _of_his in/on_day trouble he_will_hide_me in_the_hiding_ _place_of his_tent_of_his on_a_rock he_will_raise_me_up. **6** And_now my_head it_will_rise above enemies_of_my around_ _of_me and_I_will_sacrifice in_tent_of_his sacrifices_of a_shout_ _of_joy I_will_sing and_I_will_sing_praises to/for_**YHWH**. **7** Hear Oh_**YHWH** my_sound/voice I_call_out and_show_ _favour_to_me and_answer_me. **8** To/for_yourself(m) heart_of_ _my it_has_said seek face_of_my ~~DOM~~ face_of_your Oh_**YHWH** I_ _will_seek. **9** Do_not hide face_of_your from_me do_not turn_ _aside in_anger servant_of_your help_of_my you_have_been do_not abandon_me and_do_not abandon_me Oh_god_of my_ _salvation_of_my. **10** If/because father_of_my and_mother_of_ _my they_have_abandoned_me and_**YHWH** he_will_receive_me. **11** Teach_me Oh_**YHWH** way_of_your and_lead_me in_a_path_ _of level_ground on_account_of enemies_of_my. **12** Do_not give_me in_the_desire_of my_foes_of_my if/because they_have_ _arisen on_me witnesses_of falsehood and_a_witness_of violence. **13** If_not[290] I_had_believed to_see on_the_goodness_of **YHWH** in_land living_people. **14** Wait to **YHWH** be_strong and_ heart_of_your _let_it_show_strength and_wait to **YHWH**.

28:1 Of_Dāvid[291] to_you Oh_**YHWH** I_call_out my_rock_of_my do_not be_deaf from_me lest you_should_be_silent from_me and_I_will_be_equal with those_who_go_down_of the_pit. **2** Hear the_sound_of my_supplications_of_my when_I_cry_for_ _help to_you when_I_lift_up hands_of_my to the_innermost_ _room_of your_holiness_of_your. **3** Do_not drag_me_away with wicked_people and_with those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness who_speak_of (of)_peace with neighbours_of_their and_evil is_ _in_heart_of_their. **4** Requite to/for_them according_to_of_ _their_work and_according_to_the_wickedness_of their_deeds_ _of_their according_to_the_work_of their_hands_of_their requite to/for_them repay recompense_of_their to/for_them. **5** If/because not they_consider (to) the_deeds_of **YHWH** and_ _near/to the_work_of his_hands_of_his he_will_tear_them_ _down and_not he_will_rebuild_them. **6** **YHWH** be_blessed

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3 Even when I'm surrounded by an enemy army, I won't be scared.
Although war breaks out against me, even then I'll remain confident.
4 There's one thing that I've Yahweh and that I'll aim for:
that I'll be able to stay in the house of Yahweh as long as I live.
to see Yahweh's beauty and to meditate in his temple.
5 He'll hide me in his shelter when trouble comes—
He'll conceal me under the cover of his tent .
He'll lift me high to a safe place up on a rock.
6 Then I'll be helped to achieve victory over my enemies all around me,
and I will offer celebratory sacrifices in his tent.
I'll make music and sing to Yahweh.
7 Yahweh, listen to me when I call out for help.
Have mercy on me, and answer me.
8 My gut feelings tell me that I should follow you,
so I'll strive to relate to you, Yahweh.
9 Don't stay away from me.
Don't turn your servant away in anger.
You've been my helper.
Don't leave or abandon me, God who saves me.
10 Even if my parents were to abandon me,
Yahweh would take me in.
11 Teach me your way, Yahweh.
Lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
12 Don't let my enemies do what they want to me,
because fraudulent cases have been brought against me,
and those people thrive on violence.
13 What would've happened to me
if I hadn't believed that I would see Yahweh's goodness in the land of the living?
14 Keep expecting Yahweh to act.
Be strong and courageous. Wait for Yahweh.

A song by David. **Prayer of requesting**

28:1 Yahweh, I call out to you for help, my rock of safety.
Don't refuse to hear me
because if you're silent, I'll soon be with those who are heading down to their graves.
2 Hear my pleading when I call for help from you—
when I raise my hands toward your most sacred room.
3 Don't drag me away along with the wicked—those who do evil things,
who talk about peace with their neighbours but have evil plans in their minds.
4 Give them what their actions deserve
and repay them what their wickedness demands.

290 **LV 27:13 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

291 **LV 28:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.28.1

Readers' Version

Repay them what they've done
and give them what they deserve.
5 Because they don't understand what Yahweh does,
he'll tear them down and never rebuild them.
6 Blessed be Yahweh
because he's heard my requests.
7 Yahweh makes me strong and protects me like a shield.
I trust in him, and he helps me.
That's why I'm so happy inside,
and I'll praise him by singing.
8 Yahweh gives strength to his people,
and he is the place of safety for his anointed one.
9 Rescue your people
and bless your inheritance.
Be their shepherd and carry them always.

A praise song by David.

The incredible power of God's voice

29:1 Acknowledge Yahweh you sons of the mighty one,
acknowledge that greatness and power are his alone.
2 Honour the authority of Yahweh,
worship him in his pure beauty.
3 The voice of Yahweh commands the oceans,
his power thunders over many waters.
4 Yahweh's voice is so powerful,
his voice sounds so majestic.
5 Yahweh's voice splits huge trees,
it shatters the cedar trees in Levanon.
6 He makes them skip around like a calf,
Levanon and Siryon acting like a wild, young bull.
7 Yahweh's voice produces flames of fire.
8 Yahweh's voice makes the land shake,
he shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 Yahweh's voice makes the deer give birth in fright,
it strips the leaves from the trees,
while all the people in his temple praise him.
10 Yahweh sits on his throne conquering the flood,
he reigns forever from his seat as king.
11 Yahweh gives strength to his people,
he grants tranquil peace to his own.

A song by David for the temple dedication.

Thanking Yahweh after sickness

30:1 I'll praise you, Yahweh, because you've helped me succeed
and haven't allowed my enemies to take advantage of me.
2 Yahweh my god, I called out to you for help,

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if/because he_has_heard the_sound_of my_supplications_of_
_my. **7** **YHWH** strength_of_is_my and_shield_of_my in/on/over_
_him/it heart_of_my it_has_trusted and_I_was_helped and_
heart_of_my _it_exulted and_from_song_of_my I_will_give_
_thanks_to_him. **8** **YHWH** is_strength their and_is_the_refuge_
_of the_salvation(s)_of his_anointed he. **9** Save ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ people_of_
_your and_bless ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ inheritance_of_your and_shepherd_them
and_carry_them until (the)_perpetuity.

29:1 A_song of_Dāvid[292] ascribe to/for_**YHWH** Oh_sons_of gods
ascribe to/for_**YHWH** glory and_strength. **2** Ascribe to/for_
_**YHWH** the_glory_of his/its_name bow_down to/for_**YHWH**
in_adornment_of holiness. **3** The_voice_of **YHWH** is_over the_
_waters the_god_of (the)_glory he_thunders **YHWH** is_over
waters many. **4** The_voice_of **YHWH** is_with_strength the_
_voice_of **YHWH** is_with_majesty. **5** The_voice_of **YHWH** is_
breaking cedars and **YHWH** _he_broke_in_pieces ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_
_cedars_of (the)_Lə✓ānōn. **6** And_he_made_them_leap_about
like a_calf Lə✓ānōn and_Shiryōn like a_young_one_of wild_
_oxen. **7** The_voice_of **YHWH** is_striking flames_of fire. **8** The_
_voice_of **YHWH** it_causes_to_tremble the_wilderness **YHWH**
he_causes_to_tremble the_wilderness_of Qādēsh. **9** The_voice_
_of **YHWH** it_causes_labour_pains_to does and_it_stripped_bare
forests and_in_temple_of_his of_it_of_all is_saying glory.
10 **YHWH** to_flood he_sat and_ **YHWH** _he/it_sat_
_down//remained//lived king forever_perpetuity. **11** **YHWH**
strength[293] to_people_of_his he_will_give **YHWH** he_will_bless
~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ people_of_his with_peace.

30:1 A_song the_song_of the_dedication_of the_house of_Dāvid.
2 [294] I_will_exalt_you Oh_**YHWH** if/because you_have_drawn_
_me_up and_not you_have_allowed_to_rejoice enemies_of_my
to_me. **3** [295] Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my I_cried_for_help to_you and_
_you_healed_me. **4** [296] Oh_**YHWH** you_brought_up from Shə'ōl
life_of_my you_preserved_me_alive mmm[297] (of)_the_pit. **5** [298]

292 **LV 29:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.29.1
293 **LV 29:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
294 **LV 30:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.30.2
295 **LV 30:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.30.3
296 **LV 30:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.30.4
297 **LV 30:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ירדוי/מ: (x-qere) יְרָדָיִ֑/מ: lemma_m/3381 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp1cs id_192Bh יְרָדָיִ֑/מ
298 **LV 30:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.30.4

Literal Version

Sing_praises to/for_**YHWH** Oh_of_his_faithful_people and_
_give_thanks to_the_remembrance_of his_holiness_of_his. **6** [299]
If/because a_moment is_in_anger_of_his life is_in_favour_of_his
in_evening weeping it_passes_the_night and_belongs_to_
_morning a_shout_of_joy. **7** [300] And_I I_said in_prosperity_of_
_my not I_will_be_shaken forever_perpetuity. **8** [301] Oh_**YHWH**
in_favour_of_your you_made_stand to_mountain_of_my
strength you_hid face_of_your I_was disturbed. **9** [302] To_you
Oh_**YHWH** I_called_out and_near/to my_master I_sought_
_favour. **10** [303] What is_the_profit in_blood_of_my in_my_going_
_down to the_pit will_it_give_thanks_to_you dust will_it_
_declare faithfulness_of_your. **11** [304] Hear Oh_**YHWH** and_show_
_favour_to_me Oh_**YHWH**[305] be a_helper to_me. **12** [306] You_
_turned wailing_of_my into_dancing to_me you_loosened
sackcloth_of_my and_you_girded_me joy. **13** [307] So_that it_may_
_sing_praises_to_you honour and_not it_may_be_silent Oh_
_**YHWH** god_of_my forever_perpetuity I_will_give_thanks_to_
_you.

31:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [308] In_you Oh_**YHWH** I_
_have_taken_refuge not let_me_be_ashamed forever_perpetuity
in_righteousness_of_your deliver_me. **3** [309] Incline to_me ear_
_of_your quickly deliver_me become to_me (into)_a_rock_of
refuge (into)_a_house_of strongholds to_save_me. **4** [310]
If/because rock_of_are_my and_stronghold_of_my you and_for_
_the_sake_of name_of_your you_guide_me and_you_lead_me.
5 [311] You_will_bring_me_out from_the_net which people_have_
_hidden to_me if/because you place_of_refuge_of_are_my. **6** [312]
In_hand_of_your I_entrust my_breath/wind/spirit you_have_

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and you healed me.
3 Yahweh, you've saved me from death.
You've kept me alive from going down into the grave.
4 Sing praises to Yahweh, you who are faithful to him.
Give thanks to the sinless one
5 because his anger is only for a moment, but his favour is for a lifetime.
Weeping comes for a night, but happiness comes in the morning.
6 When things were going well, I said,
"Nothing will ever shake me."
7 Yahweh, by your favour you established me as a strong mountain,
but when you moved out of sight from me, I got worried.
8 I called out to you for help, Yahweh,
and tried to win my master's favour.
9 What advantage would there be in my death,
if I go down to the grave?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it declare your faithfulness?
10 Listen to me, Yahweh, and have mercy on me
Yahweh, be my helper.
11 You've turned my mourning into dancing for me.
You've removed my mourning clothes and dressed me with gladness instead.
12 So now my glory will sing praise to you and not be silent;
Yahweh my god, I will give thanks to you forever.

Trusting Yahweh despite enemies

For the musical director: a song by David.
31:1 I go to you, Yahweh, to be safe.
Never let me be humiliated.
Rescue me, because you always do what's right.
2 Listen to me—rescue me quickly.
Be my rock that I can be secure behind—
a fortress to keep me safe.
3 Yes, you're my rock and my fortress,

299 LV 30:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.5
300 LV 30:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.6
301 LV 30:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.7
302 LV 30:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.8
303 LV 30:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.9
304 LV 30:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.10
305 LV 30:11 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
306 LV 30:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.11
307 LV 30:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.12
308 LV 31:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.31.1
309 LV 31:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.31.2
310 LV 31:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.31.3
311 LV 31:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.31.4
312 LV 31:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.31.5

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and you lead and guide me in order to maintain your reputation.
4 Pluck me out of the net that they've hidden for me,
because you're my place of safety.
5 I entrust my spirit into your capable hands.
You'll redeem me, Yahweh, God of faithfulness.
6 I hate those who follow worthless trends,
but I trust in Yahweh.
7 I'll be glad and celebrate your loyal commitment,
because you saw my suffering—
you knew my internal troubles.
8 You didn't allow any enemy to get the upper hand over me.
You've set my feet in a wide open place.
9 Have mercy on me, Yahweh, because I'm distressed.
My eyes grow weary with the grief I feel in my body and soul.
10 Yes my life is weary with sorrow
and my years with groaning.
My strength fails because of my disobedience,
and my bones are wasting away.
11 People disdain me because of all my enemies.
My neighbours are appalled at my situation,
and those who know me are horrified.
Those who see me in the street cross to the other side.
12 I am forgotten like a dead person that no one thinks about any more.
I'm discarded like a broken pot.
13 I've heard the whispering of many—
terrifying news from every side
as they plot together against me.
They plot to take my life.
14 But I trust in you, Yahweh.
I declare that you're my god.

Literal Version

redeemed me Oh**YHWH** god_of faithfulness. **7** [313] I_hate those_who_keep vanities_of falsehood and_I to **YHWH** I_trust. **8** [314] I_will_be_glad and_I_will_rejoice in_your_covenant_of_ _loyalty that you_saw ~~DOM~~ affliction_of_my you_knew (in)_the_ _troubles_of my_self_of_my. **9** [315] And_not you_delivered_me_ _up in_the_hand_of an_enemy you_made_stand in_(the)_place feet_of_my. **10** [316] Show_favour_to_me Oh_**YHWH** if/because it_ _is_distress to_me it_has_wasted_away with_grief eye_of_my being_of_my and_belly_of_my. **11** [317] If/because they_have_ _wasted_away in_sorrow life_of_my and_years_of_my with_ _groaning it_has_failed by_iniquity_of_my strength_of_my and_ _bones_of_my they_have_wasted_away. **12** [318] From_all foes_of_ _my I_have_become a_reproach and_to_neighbours_of_my exceedingly and_a_dread to_acquaintances_of_my those_of_ _who_see_me in_street they_flee from_me. **13** [319] I_have_been_ _forgotten like_a_dead_person from_the_heart I_have_become like_a_vessel which_is_destroyed. **14** [320] If/because I_have_ _heard the_whispering_of many_people terror is_from_around_ _about when_they_seated_themselves together on_me to_ _take/accept/receive life_of_my they_planned. **15** [321] And_I on_ _you I_rely Oh_**YHWH** I_say god_of_are_my you. **16** [322] Are_in_ _hand_of_your times_of_my deliver_me from_the_hand_of my_ _enemies_of_my and_from_those_of_who_pursue_me. **17** [323] Make_shine face_of_your on servant_of_your save_me in_your_ _covenant_of_loyalty. **18** [324] Oh_**YHWH** not let_me_be_ashamed if/because I_have_called_out_to_you wicked_people may_they_ _be_ashamed may_they_be_silent to_Shə'ōl. **19** [325] Lips_of falsehood which_speak on the_righteous arrogant with_pride and_contempt may_they_be_dumb. **20** [326] How great goodness_ _of_is_your which you_have_stored_up for_those_fearing_of_ _you you_have_done for_who]_take_refuge on/over_you(fs) before the_children_of humankind.[327] **21** [328] You_hide_them in_ _the_hiding_place_of your(pl)_presence_of_your from_the_ _conspiracies_of man you_hide_them in_a_shelter from_strife_ _of tongues. **22** [329] **YHWH** be_blessed if/because he_has_made_ _wonderful loyalty_of_his_covenant to_me in_a_city_of siege.

313 **LV 31:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.6
314 **LV 31:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.7
315 **LV 31:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.8
316 **LV 31:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.9
317 **LV 31:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.10
318 **LV 31:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.11
319 **LV 31:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.12
320 **LV 31:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.13
321 **LV 31:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.14
322 **LV 31:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.15
323 **LV 31:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.16
324 **LV 31:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.17
325 **LV 31:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.18
326 **LV 31:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.19
327 **LV 31:20 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
328 **LV 31:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.20
329 **LV 31:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.21

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23 [330] And_I I_said when_I_was_making_haste I_have_been_cut_
_off from_before eyes_of_your nevertheless you_heard the_
_sound_of my_supplications_of_my when_I_cried_for_help to_
_you. **24** [331] Love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** Oh_all_of his_faithful_of_people
faithful_people **YHWH** is_preserving and_he_is_repaying on
excess one_who_does_of (of)_pride. **25** [332] Be_strong and_
heart_of_your(pl) _let_it_show_strength Oh_all_of you_who_
wait to/for**YHWH**.

32:1 Of_Dāvid a_poem[334] how_blessed is_one_who_is_forgiven_
_of transgression is_one_who_is_covered_of sin. **2** How_blessed
is_a_person whom_not **YHWH** he_reckons to_him/it iniquity
and_there_is_not in_spirit_of_his deceit.[335] **3** If/because I_kept_
_silent bones_of_my they_became_worn_out in_my_cry_of_of_
_distress all_of the_day. **4** If/because by_day and_night it_was_
_heavy on_me hand_of_your juice_of_my it_was_changed by_
_the_dry_heat(s)_of summer Ṣelāh. **5** Sin_of_my I_made_
_known_to_you and_iniquity_of_my not I_covered I_said I_will_
_confess on transgressions_of_my to/for_**YHWH** and_you(ms)
you_forgave the_guilt_of my_sin_of_my Ṣelāh. **6** On this every_
_of faithful_person let_him_pray to_you to_the_time_of finds
certainly to_a_flood_of waters many to_him/it not they_will_
_reach. **7** You are_a_hiding_place to_me from_distress you_will_
_preserve_me shouts_of deliverance you_will_surround_me
Ṣelāh. **8** I_will_instruct_you and_I_will_teach_you (in)_the_way
which you_will_go I_will_give_counsel will_be_on_you eye_of_
_my. **9** Do_not be like_a_horse like_a_mule which_there_is_not

Readers' Version

15 You control my future.
Rescue me from my enemies
and from those who are trying to get me.
16 Act kindly towards me, your servant.
Rescue me due to your loyal commitment.
17 Don't let me be humiliated, Yahweh, because I've called out to you for help.
Let the wicked be the ones who are humiliated.
Send them down to Sheol where they'll be silent.
18 Let the lying lips be silenced
that speak against the righteous defiantly
with arrogance and contempt.
19 You've stored up great goodness for those who revere you,
that you perform for those who take refuge in you
in plain sight of all humanity.
20 In the shelter of your presence, you hide them from people's evil plots.
You hide them in a shelter from the violence of people's words.
21 Praise Yahweh, because he showed me his incredible loyal commitment
when I was trapped in a besieged city.
22 In my alarm I thought, "I've gone out of your sight,"
yet you did hear my plea for help when I called out to you.
23 Love Yahweh, all you godly people.
Yahweh protects faithful people,
but he pays back the arrogant in full.
24 Be strong and confident,
all you who trust in Yahweh for help.

A song[333] by David.

Admitting sin and requesting forgiveness

32:1 Blessed is the person whose transgression is forgiven,
whose disobedience is covered.
2 Blessed is the person who Yahweh counts as guiltless
and in whose spirit there's no deceit.
3 When I remained silent,
my bones ached inside
while I groaned all day long.
4 You kept the pressure on me day and night.
My strength withered up like in a summer drought. (Instrumental break.)
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I no longer hid my iniquity.
I said, "I'll confess my transgressions to Yahweh,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Instrumental break.)

330 **LV 31:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.22

331 **LV 31:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.23

332 **LV 31:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.24

333 **RV 32:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.

334 **LV 32:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.32.1

335 **LV 32:2 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

6 Every one of your faithful followers should pray to you at a time of great distress,
so that when the surging waters overflow, the waters will not reach them.
7 You're my hiding place—you'll guard me from trouble.
You surround me with victory songs. (Instrumental break.)
8 I'll instruct you and teach you in the way that you should follow.
I'll instruct you and keep my eye on you.
9 Don't be like a horse or a mule which lacks understanding—
it's only with a bridle and bit that they can be controlled
so they'll go where you want them to.
10 The wicked have many sorrows,
but Yahweh's loyal commitment will surround anyone who trusts in him.
11 Be glad in Yahweh, and celebrate, you righteous people.
Shout for joy, all of you who are honest on the inside.
33:1 Rejoice in Yahweh, you godly people. **A praise song**
Praise is appropriate for those who are honest on the inside.
2 Give thanks to Yahweh with the harp.
Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed instrument.
3 Sing a new song to him.
Play skillfully and with loud shouts,
4 because Yahweh means what he says,
and everything he does is fair.
5 He loves what is right and just.
Yahweh's loyal commitment can be seen all over the world.
6 At Yahweh's command, the heavens were made,
and all the stars were made by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathers the waters of the sea together like a heap.
He puts the oceans into storehouses.
8 Let the whole planet respect Yahweh.
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him
9 because he spoke, then it came to be.
He commanded, and it stood in place.
10 Yahweh frustrates the alliances of nations.
He overrules the plans of the peoples.
11 Yahweh's plans stand forever—
the plans in his mind continue for all generations.
12 This nation will thrive because Yahweh is their god—
the people who he's chosen as his own inheritance.
13 Yahweh looks from heaven—he sees all the people.
14 From his residence, he looks down on all the earth's inhabitants.
15 He who formed the insides of all of them, observes everything that they do.
16 No king is saved by a huge army.
A warrior isn't saved by his great strength.
17 A horse is a false hope for victory—
in spite of his great strength, he can't rescue anyone.
18 See, Yahweh's eye is on those who respect him—

Literal Version

understanding with_bridle and_halter trapping[s]_of_its to_
_restrain not to_draw_near to_you. 10 Many pains belong_to_
_(the)_person and_the_one_who_trusts in_**YHWH** covenant_
_loyalty it_will_surround_him. 11 Rejoice in_**YHWH** and_be_
_glad Oh_righteous_people and_shout_for_joy Oh_all_of
people_upright_of heart.

33:1 Shout_for_joy Oh_righteous_people in_**YHWH** for_(the)_
_people is_suitable praise. 2 Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** with_
_harp with_lyre_of ten make_music to_him/it. 3 Sing to_
_him/it[336] a_song new do_well to_play with_a_shout_of_joy.
4 If/because is_upright the_message_of **YHWH** and_all work_
_of_his is_in_faithfulness. 5 He_is_loving righteousness and_
_justice the_covenant_loyalty_of **YHWH** the_earth/land it_is_
_full. 6 By_the_message_of **YHWH** the_heavens they_were_
_made and_by_the_breath_of his_mouth_of_his all_of their_
_group/army/objects. 7 He_is_gathering like_heap the_waters_
_of the_sea he_is_putting in_storehouses the_deeps. 8 Let_
_them_fear from_**YHWH** all_of the_earth/land from_him/it all_
_of the_inhabitants_of the_world let_them_be_afraid.
9 If/because he he_spoke and_it_was he he_commanded and_it_
_stood_forth. 10 **YHWH** he_frustrates the_counsel_of nations
he_frustrates the_plans_of peoples. 11 The_counsel_of **YHWH**
forever_perpetuity it_stands the_thoughts_of his/its_heart to_
_a_generation and_a_generation. 12 How_blessed is_the_nation
which **YHWH** his/its_god the_people which_he_has_chosen to_
_an_inheritance to_him/it. 13 From_the_heavens **YHWH** he_
_looks he_sees ~~DOM~~ all_of the_children_of the_humankind.
14 From_the_place_of his_dwelling he_gazes to all_of the_
_inhabitants_of the_earth/land. 15 The_one_who_forms
together heart_of_their the_one_who_attends to all_of deeds_
_of_their. 16 Not the_king is_saved by_greatness_of army a_
_warrior not he_is_delivered by_greatness_of strength. 17 Is_a_
_vain_hope (the)_horse for_victory and_by_the_greatness_of
its_strength_of_his not it_delivers. 18 HERE the_eye_of **YHWH**
is_to those_fearing_of_him to_who_wait for_his_covenant_of_
_loyalty. 19 To_deliver from_death life_of_their and_to_
_preserve_them_alive in_famine. 20 Self_of_our it_waits to/for_
_**YHWH** help_of_is_our and_shield_of_our he. 21 If/because in_
_him/it heart_of_our it_rejoices if/because in_the_name_of his_
_holiness_of_his we_trust. 22 May_it_be loyalty_of_your_
covenant Oh**YHWH** toward_us just_as we_wait to/for_you(fs).

336 **LV 33:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

34:1 Of_Dāvid when_changed_he ~~DOM~~ sense_of_his to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before 'Avīmelek and_he_drove_him_ _away and_he_went. **2** [337] I_will_bless ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** in_all time continually praise_of_his will_be_of_in_my_mouth. **3** [338] In_ _**YHWH** self_of_my it_will_boast humble_people let_them_hear and_let_them_rejoice. **4** [339] Magnify to/for_**YHWH** with_me and_let_us_exalt his/its_name together. **5** [340] I_sought ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_he_answered_me and_from_all_of fears_of_my he_ _delivered_me. **6** [341] People_look to_him/it and_they_are_ _radiant and_faces_of_their not may_they_be_abashed. **7** [342] This was_poor_person who_he_called_out and_**YHWH** he_ _heard and_from_all_of troubles_of_his he_delivered_him. **8** [343] The_messenger_of **YHWH** is_encamping around (to)_those_ _fearing_of_him and_he_rescued_them. **9** [344] Taste and_see if/because_that is_good **YHWH** how_blessed is_the_man who_ _he_takes_refuge in/on/over_him/it. **10** [345] Fear ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** Oh_of_his_holy_ones if/because there_is_not lack for_those_ _fearing_of_him. **11** [346] Young_lions they_are_in_want and_ _they_are_hungry and_those_who_seek_of (of)_**YHWH** not they_lack any_of good_thing. **12** [347] Come Oh_children listen to_ _me the_fear_of **YHWH** I_will_teach_you(pl). **13** [348] Who the_ _man (the)_desiring life who_loves days to_see good. **14** [349] Keep tongue_of_your from_evil and_lips_of_your from_ _speaking deceit. **15** [350] Turn_away from_evil and_do good seek peace and_pursue_it. **16** [351] The_eyes_of **YHWH** are_to righteous_people and_ears_of_his are_to for_help_of_their_cry. **17** [352] The_face_of **YHWH** is_on_those_who_do_of (of)_evil to_ _cut_off from_the_earth remembrance_of_their. **18** [353] They_

Readers' Version

on those who put their hope on his loyal commitment
19 to save their lives from death
and to keep them alive whenever there's a famine.
20 We wait for Yahweh's response—
he's our help and our protection.
21 We're happy because of what he's done for us
because we trust in his sacred reputation.
22 Let your loyal commitment, Yahweh, be with us
as we put our hope in you.

Praising Yahweh's goodness together

A song by David who pretended to be insane in front of King Avimelek, causing the king to send him away.

א (Alef)
34:1 I will praise Yahweh at all times.
I'll always be praising him out loud.
ב (Beyt)
2 I will praise Yahweh!
Let those who are oppressed hear and celebrate.
ג (Gimel)
3 Praise Yahweh with me.
Let's compliment him together.
ד (Dalet)
4 I searched for Yahweh and he answered me,
and he helped me overcome all my fears.
ה (He)
5 Those who put their trust in him are radiant,
and have no need to feel ashamed.
ו (Vav)
6 This oppressed man called out for help
and Yahweh heard him and saved him from all his troubles.
ז (Zayin)
7 Yahweh's messenger stands guard around those who fear Yahweh
and rescues them.

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337 **LV 34:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.1
338 **LV 34:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.2
339 **LV 34:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.3
340 **LV 34:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.4
341 **LV 34:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.5
342 **LV 34:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.6
343 **LV 34:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.7
344 **LV 34:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.8
345 **LV 34:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.9
346 **LV 34:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.10
347 **LV 34:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.11
348 **LV 34:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.12
349 **LV 34:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.13
350 **LV 34:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.14
351 **LV 34:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.15
352 **LV 34:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.16
353 **LV 34:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.17

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ח (Het)
8 Taste and see that Yahweh is good.
Anyone who looks to him for their safety will prosper.
ט (Tet)
9 Fear Yahweh, you who belong to him.
There's no lack for those who honour him.
י (Yod)
10 Young lions sometimes lack food and go hungry,
but those who put their trust in Yahweh won't lack anything good.
כ (Kaf)
11 Come and listen to me, my children.
I'll teach you how to honour Yahweh.
ל (Lamed)
12 Anyone who desires life and wants a long life
in order to experience good things
מ (Mem)
13 then don't let evil words come out of your mouth,
and keep your lips from speaking lies.
נ (Nun)
14 Turn away from evil
and do good.
Seek peace
and go after it.
ס (Samek)
15 Yahweh's eyes are on those who try to obey him
and his ears are directed toward their calls for help.
ע (Ayin)
16 Yahweh works against those who do evil—
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
פ (Pe)
17 The godly people cry out and Yahweh hears
and he rescues them from all their troubles.
צ (Tsade)
18 Yahweh is close to the brokenhearted,
and he saves whose spirits feel crushed.
ק (Qof)
19 Godly people have many troubles,
but Yahweh rescues them from them all.
ר (Resh)
20 He keeps all his bones—
not one of them will be broken.
ש (Sin/Shin)
21 Evil will bounce back and kill the wicked.
and those who hate godly people will be condemned.
ת (Tav)
22 Yahweh rescues the lives of his servants.

Literal Version

_cry_out and_**YHWH** he_hears and_from_all_of troubles_of_
_their he_delivers_them. **19** [354] Is_near **YHWH** to_those_who_
_are_broken_of heart and_~~DOM~~ people_crushed_of spirit he_
_delivers. **20** [355] Are_many the_troubles_of a_righteous_person
and_from_all_of_of_them he_delivers_him **YHWH**. **21** [356] He_is_
_keeping all_of bones_of_his one of_them not it_is_broken.
22 [357] Evil it_will_kill the_wicked and_those_who_hate_of (of)_
_the_righteous they_will_be_held_guilty. **23** [358] **YHWH** is_
_redeeming the_life_of his_servants_of_his and_not all_of
those_who_take_refuge in/on/over_him/it they_will_be_held_
_guilty.

354 **LV 34:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.18
355 **LV 34:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.19
356 **LV 34:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.20
357 **LV 34:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.21
358 **LV 34:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.22

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35:1 Of_Dāvid[359] contend Oh_**YHWH** with opponents_of_my fight with those_of_who_fight_with_me. **2** Take_hold_of shield and_body_shield and_arise (in)_help_of_my. **3** And_draw_out a_ _spear and_lance to_meet those_of_who_pursue_me say to_ _self_of_my salvation_of_am_your I. **4** May_they_be_ashamed and_ those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_my _may_they_be_ _humiliated may_they_be_turned_back backwards and_ those_ _who_plot_of harm_of_(of)_my _may_they_be_abashed. **5** May_ _they_be like_chaff to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_wind and_the_messenger_of **YHWH** be_pushing. **6** May_it_be way_of_ _their darkness and_slippery_places and_the_messenger_of **YHWH** be_pursuing_of_them. **7** If/because without_cause they_ _have_hidden to_me the_pit_of their_net_of_their without_ _cause they_have_dug for_life_of_my. **8** May_it_come_to_him devastation which_not he_knows and_net_of_his which he_hid may_it_catch_him in_devastation may_he_fall in_it. **9** And_self_ _of_my it_will_rejoice in_**YHWH** it_will_exult in_salvation_of_ _his. **10** All_of bones_of_my they_will_say Oh_**YHWH** who is_ _like_you who_delivers a_poor_person from_a_person_too_ _strong from_him/it and_the_poor and_the_needy from_one_ _of_who_robs_him. **11** They_rise_up witnesses_of violence that_ _which not I_know they_ask_me. **12** They_repay_me harm in_ _place_of good bereavement belongs_to_self_of_my. **13** And_I when_they_were_sick clothing_of_my was_sackcloth I_humbled with_fasting self_of_my and_prayer_of_my to bosom_of_my it_ _returned. **14** Like_a_friend like_a_brother to_me I_went_about like_a_mourner_of a_mother mourning I_bowed. **15** And_at_ _stumbling_of_my they_rejoiced and_they_gathered they_ _gathered on_me stricken_people and_not I_knew they_tore and_not they_were_still. **16** (In)_godless_ones_of mockers_of cake they_gnashed towards_me teeth_of_their. **17** My_master how_long will_you_look bring_back life_of_my from_ravages_ _of_their from_young_lions my_only_of_life. **18** I_will_give_ _thanks_to_you in_the_assembly great among_a_people numerous I_will_praise_you. **19** Not may_they_rejoice to_me enemies_of_my falsehood those_of_who_hate_me without_ _cause let_them_wink an_eye. **20** If/because not peace they_ _speak and_on the_quiet_people_of the_land words/messages_ _of deceit(s) they_plan. **21** And_they_have_opened_wide on_me mouth_of_their they_have_said aha aha eyes_of_our it_has_ _seen. **22** You_have_seen Oh_**YHWH** do_not be_silent my_ _master do_not be_distant from_me. **23** Wake_up and_awake for_judgement_of_my my_god_of_my and_Oh_of_master for_ _cause_of_my. **24** Vindicate_me according_to_of_your_ _righteousness Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my and_not may_they_ _rejoice to_me. **25** Not let_them_say in_heart_of_their aha desire_of_our not may_they_say we_have_swallowed_him. **26** May_they_be_ashamed and_may_they_be_abashed altogether the_people_joyful_of my_distress_of_my those_who_ _magnify_themselves on_me may_they_be_clothed shame and_ _ignominy. **27** May_they_shout_for_joy and_may_they_rejoice the_people_desirous_of my_righteousness_of_my and_may_ _they_say continually **YHWH** (the)_desiring the_welfare_of his_ _servant_of_his may_he_be_great. **28** And_tongue_of_my it_ _will_utter righteousness_of_your all_of the_day praise_of_

359 LV 35:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.35.1

Readers' Version

None of those who go to him for safety will be condemned.

A song by David.

Requesting Yahweh's help

35:1 Yahweh, work against those who work against me.
Fight against those who fight against me.
2 Take hold of your shield and your arm protector,
and come to help me.
3 Use your spear and battle ax against those who chase me.
Tell my soul, "I'm here to save you."
4 May those who seek my life be shamed and dishonoured.
Cause those who plan to harm me to be turned back and confused.
5 May they become like chaff blown around by the wind,
as Yahweh's messenger drives them away.
6 May their path be dark and slippery,
as Yahweh's messenger chases after them.
7 They set their net for me for no good reason.
Without cause they dug a pit to take my life.
8 Let destruction overtake them by surprise.
Let their own net that they set, catch them—
let them fall to their destruction in it.
9 But I'll be happy about Yahweh
and celebrate because he saves me.
10 All my bones will say, "Yahweh, who is like you,
who rescues the oppressed people from those who are too strong for them
and the poor and needy from those who try to rob them?"
11 Violent accusers come out of the woodwork
asking me about things that I know nothing about.
12 They repay me with evil for good—
I feel like I'm dying on the inside.
13 When they were sick, I wore sackcloth
as I fasted for them and prayed with my head bowed on my chest.
14 I went about in grief as if it was my brother.
I bowed my head in mourning as if it was my mother.
15 But any time that I stumbled, they were pleased and gathered together.
They gathered together against me without me knowing.
They tore at me without stopping.
16 With no respect at all, they mocked me.
They grind their teeth at me in rage.
17 My master, how much longer will you just look on for?
Rescue my soul from their destructive attacks—
my life from the lions.
18 Then I'll thank you when everyone's gathered together.
I'll praise you in front of many people.
19 Don't let my deceitful enemies celebrate over my loses.
Don't let those who hate me for no reason wink at each other,
20 because they don't talk peaceably,

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but they devise deceitful stories against those in our land who live in peace.
21 They open their mouths wide against me,
having said, "Aha, Aha, our own eyes have seen it."
22 You've seen it, Yahweh, don't be silent.
My master, don't be distant from me.
23 Arouse yourself and awake to my defence.
My god and my master, defend my cause.
24 Yahweh, my god, vindicate me because you always do what is right.
Don't let my enemies celebrate over my defeat.
25 Don't let them say to themselves, "Aha, we got what we wanted."
Don't let them say, "We've obliterated him."
26 Let anyone who's happy at my distress be put to shame and become confused.
Let those who think they're better than me be clothed with shame and dishonour.
27 Let those who desire my vindication shout happily and be glad.
May they continually say, "Yahweh be praised—
he who gladly ensues the welfare of his servant."
28 Then I'll tell others about your justice
and praise you all day long.

Wicked people and Yahweh's goodness

For the musical director: a song by Yahweh's servant David.
36:1 My heart struggles with the disobedience of evil people.
They see no need to worry about God
2 because they comfort themselves
thinking that their sin won't be discovered and be hated.
3 Their words are sinful and deceitful.
They don't want to be wise and do good.
4 They plot wicked things even when they're lying in bed.
They decide on a path that's no good—not rejecting evil.
5 Your loyal commitment, Yahweh, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
6 Your righteousness is like the highest[360] mountains.
Your judgements are like the deepest ocean.
Yahweh, you preserve both people and animals.
7 God, your loyal commitment is so valuable.

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_your.

36:1 To_choirmaster of_the_servant_of of_**YHWH** of_Dāvid. **2** [361] The_utterance_of transgression to_(the)_person is_in_the_ _midst_of my_heart_of_my there_is_not fear_of god to_before eyes_of_his. **3** [362] If/because he_flatters to_him/it in_his_own_ _of_eyes to_find iniquity_of_his to_hate_it. **4** [363] The_ _words/messages_of his_mouth_of_his are_wickedness and_ _deceit he_has_ceased to_make_wise/intelligent by_doing_ _good. **5** [364] Wickedness he_plans on bed_of_his he_takes_his_ _stand on a_way not good evil not he_rejects. **6** [365] Oh_**YHWH** is_in_the_heavens loyalty_of_your_covenant faithfulness_of_ _your is_to the_clouds. **7** [366] righteousness_of_your is_like_the_ _mountains_of god judgements_of_your are_the_deep great humankind and_animal[s] you_deliver Oh_**YHWH**. **8** [367] How precious covenant_loyalty_of_is_your Oh_god and_the_sons humankind in_the_shadow_of your_two's_wings_of_your they_ _take_refuge. **9** [368] They_take_their_fill from_the_fatness_of your_house_of_your and_the_river_of your(pl)_delights_of_ _your you_give_them_to_drink. **10** [369] If/because is_with_you a_

360 RV 36:6 · Note Literally 'God's'.
361 LV 36:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.1
362 LV 36:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.2
363 LV 36:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.3
364 LV 36:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.4
365 LV 36:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.5
366 LV 36:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.6
367 LV 36:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.7
368 LV 36:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.8
369 LV 36:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.9

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_fountain_of life in_light_of_your we_see light. **11** [370] Prolong loyalty_of_your_covenant to_those_of_who_know_you and_ _righteousness_of_your to_people_upright_of heart. **12** [371] Not may_it_come_to_me the_foot_of pride and_the_hand_of wicked_people not may_it_make_me_wander. **13** [372] There those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness they_have_fallen they_were_ _pushed_down and_not they_were_able to_rise.

37:1 Of_Dāvid[373] do_not fret_yourself in_evil-doers do_not be_ _jealous of_those_who_do_of (of)_unrighteousness.
2 If/because like_grass quickly they_will_wither and_like_the_ _greenery_of fresh_grass they_will_fade. **3** Trust in_**YHWH** and_ _do good dwell the_land and_graze faithfulness. **4** And_take_ _delight on **YHWH** and_he_will_give to/for_yourself(m) the_ _requests_of your_heart_of_your. **5** Roll on **YHWH** way_of_your and_rely on/upon/above_him/it and_he he_will_act. **6** And_he_ _will_bring_forth like_light righteousness_of_your and_justice_ _of_your like_noontide(s). **7** Be_still to/for_**YHWH** and_wait_ _longingly to_him/it do_not fret_yourself in_one_who_makes_ _prosperous_of its_road/course in_a_person who_makes plots. **8** Refrain from_anger and_abandon rage do_not fret_yourself only to_do_evil. **9** If/because evil-doers they_will_be_cut_off and_those_who_wait_for_of (of)_**YHWH** they they_will_possess the_land. **10** And_yet a_little and_not the_wicked_will_be and_ _you_will_look_carefully on place_of_his and_he_will_not_be. **11** And_humble_people they_will_possess the_land and_they_ _will_take_delight on abundance_of well-being. **12** The_wicked is_planning to_righteous and_he_is_grating on/upon/above_ _him/it teeth_of_his. **13** My_master he_laughs to_him/it if/because he_sees if/because_that day_of_his it_will_come. **14** A_sword wicked_people they_have_drawn and_they_have_ _bent bow_of_their to_make_fall the_poor and_the_needy to_ _slaughter people_upright_of way. **15** Sword_of_their it_will_go in_their_own_of_heart and_bows_of_their they_will_be_broken. **16** Is_good the_little of_righteous more_than_the_wealth_of wicked_people many. **17** If/because the_arms_of wicked_people they_will_be_broken and_is_ **YHWH** _sustaining righteous_ _people. **18** **YHWH** is_knowing the_days_of blameless_people and_inheritance_of_their forever_perpetuity it_will_be. **19** Not they_will_be_ashamed in_a_time_of evil and_in_days_of famine they_will_be_satisfied. **20** If/because wicked_people they_will_ _perish and_the_enemies_of **YHWH** will_be_like_a_splendid_ _thing_of pastures they_will_come_to_an_end in_smoke they_ _will_come_to_an_end. **21** The_wicked is_borrowing and_not he_repays and_the_righteous is_showing_favour and_he_is_ _giving. **22** If/because his_blessed_of_ones they_will_possess the_land and_his_cursed_of_ones they_will_be_cut_off.

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You protect us like birds protect their babies under their wings.
8 They feast from the plentiful provisions in your creation.
You let them drink the sweet water from your river.
9 We see light in your light
because you are the fountain of life.
10 Fully show your loyal commitment to those who know you.
Extend your defence to those who are godly.
11 Don't let arrogant people approach me.
Don't let the action of wicked people drive me away.
12 The wicked people have fallen down over there.
They've been knocked down and aren't able to get up.

The endings of godly and wicked people

A song by David.
א (Alef)
37:1 Don't be irritated by those who do evil.
Don't be envious of those who do what is wrong,
2 because they'll soon dry up like the grass
and wither as the green plants.
ב (Beyt)
3 Trust in Yahweh and do what is good.
Settle in the land and appreciate faithfulness.
4 Then delight yourself in Yahweh,
and he'll give you what you really desire.
ג (Gimel)
5 Give your path to Yahweh.
Trust in him, and he'll act on your behalf.
6 He'll display your justice like the daylight
and your innocence like the day at noon.
ד (Dalet)
7 Be still in front of Yahweh and wait patiently for him.
Don't be angry if others succeed in what they do,
or when they make evil plots.
ה (He)
8 Don't be angry and frustrated.
Don't be a worrier—that only makes trouble.
9 Those who do evil will be eliminated,
but those who strive to obey Yahweh will end up owning the land.
ו (Vav)
10 In a little while the evil people will disappear.
You'll look at the place where they were, but they'll be gone.
11 But the meek will inherit the land
and will delight in great prosperity.
ז (Zayin)
12 The wicked people plot against the righteous
and grind their teeth in rage against them.

370 **LV 36:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.36.10
371 **LV 36:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.36.11
372 **LV 36:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.36.12
373 **LV 37:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.37.1

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13 My master laughs at them,
because he knows that their day is coming.
ח (Het)
14 The wicked have drawn out their swords and have bent their bows
to bring the oppressed and needy down—
yes, to kill those who are godly.
15 Their swords will pierce their own hearts,
and their bows will be broken.
ט (Tet)
16 It's better to do right and only have a little,
than to be wicked and rich,
17 because the arms of the wicked people will be broken,
but Yahweh supports people who are righteous.
י (Yod)
18 Yahweh keeps an eye on those who are blameless,
and they won't lose their inheritance.
19 They won't be shamed when times are bad.
When famine comes, they'll have enough to eat,
כ (Kaf)
20 because evil people will die.
Yahweh's enemies will be like the fleeting beauty of the fields—
they'll be consumed and disappear in the smoke.
ל (Lamed)
21 Wicked people borrow but never repay,
but the godly person is generous and gives.
22 Those who are blessed by God will own the land,
but those who are cursed by him will be wiped out.
מ (Mem)
23 It is by Yahweh that a person's steps are established,
and he takes pleasure in observing their path.
24 Even if they stumble, they won't fall on their face,
because Yahweh is right there helping them.
נ (Nun)
25 I was young and now I'm old
and I've never seen the righteous person abandoned
or their children out begging for food.
26 All day long, they're gracious and lend to those more needy,
and their children become a blessing to others.
ס (Samek)
27 Turn away from evil and do what is right.
Then you will go on living,
28 because Yahweh loves justice and doesn't abandon those who are faithful to him.
They're preserved forever, but the descendants of wicked people will be eliminated.
ע (Ayin)
29 The godly people will inherit the land
and always live there.

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23 From_**YHWH** the_steps_of a_man they_are_established and_ _way_of_his he_delights_in. 24 If/because he_will_fall not he_ _will_be_hurled_down if/because **YHWH** is_sustaining his/its_ _hand. 25 A_young_man I_have_been also I_am_old and_not I_ _have_seen the_righteous abandoned and_offspring_of_his seeking food. 26 All_of the_day he_is_showing_favour and_he_ _is_lending and_offspring_of_his become_(into)_a_blessing. 27 Turn_away from_evil and_do good and_dwell forever_ _perpetuity. 28 If/because **YHWH** is_loving justice and_not he_ _will_abandon ÞOM his_faithful_of_people forever_perpetuity they_are_preserved and_the_offspring_of wicked_people it_is_ _cut_off. 29 righteous_people they_will_possess the_land and_ _they_will_dwell forever_forever on_it. 30 The_mouth_of the_ _righteous it_utters wisdom and_tongue_of_his it_speaks justice. 31 The_law_of his/its_god is_in_heart_of_his not steps_ _of_his it_slips. 32 A_wicked_person is_watching for_(the)_ _person and_he_is_seeking to_kill_him.[374] 33 **YHWH** not he_ _will_abandon_him in_hand_of_his and_not he_will_condemn_ _him_as_guilty when_he_is_judged. 34 Wait to **YHWH** and_keep its_road/course and_he_will_exalt_you to_possess the_land when_ wicked_people _are_cut_off you_will_see. 35 I_have_seen a_wicked_person ruthless and_spreading_himself like_a_native_ _tree luxuriant. 36 And_he/it_passed_through and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_not and_I_sought_him and_not he_ _was_found. 37 Watch the_blameless and_see the_upright if/because a_future belongs_to_a_person_of peace. 38 And_ _transgressors they_will_be_destroyed altogether the_future_of wicked_people it_will_be_cut_off. 39 And_the_salvation_of righteous_people is_from_**YHWH** of_refuge_of_their_place in_ _a_time_of trouble. 40 And_he_helped_them **YHWH** and_he_ _delivered_them he_delivers_them from_wicked_people and_ _he_saves_them if/because they_have_taken_refuge in_him/it.

374 **LV 37:32 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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38:1 A_song of_Dāvid to_make_remembrance. **2** [375] Oh_**YHWH** do_not in_anger_of_your rebuke_me and_in_severe_anger_of_ _your chasten_me. **3** [376] If/because arrows_of_your they_have_ _penetrated (in)_me and_it_has_come_down on_me hand_of_ _your. **4** [377] There_is_not soundness in_flesh_of_my from_ _face/in_front_of indignation_of_your there_is_not health in_ _bones_of_my from_face/in_front_of sin_of_my. **5** [378] If/because iniquities_of_my they_have_passed_over my_head like_a_ _burden heavy they_are_too_heavy for_me. **6** [379] They_stink wounds_of_my they_fester from_face/in_front_of folly_of_my. **7** [380] I_am_bent_down I_am_bent_over up_to muchness all_of the_day mourning I_have_gone_about. **8** [381] If/because loins_ _of_my they_are_full burning_pain and_there_is_not soundness in_flesh_of_my. **9** [382] I_am_numb and_I_am_crushed up_to

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פ (Pe)
30 Godly people expound wisdom
and promote justice.
31 God's law is always on their minds.
Their feet won't slip.
צ (Tsade)
32 The wicked person watches the righteous
and seeks to kill them.
33 Yahweh won't abandon them into the evil person's hand
or condemn them when they're judged.
ק (Qof)
34 Wait for Yahweh and stay on the path he showed you,
then he'll assist you to possess the land he promised.
You'll see those who are wicked get eliminated.
ר (Resh)
35 I've seen a wicked and terrifying person
spreading out like a luxuriant tree in its native soil.
36 However, when I passed by again, they weren't there.
I looked for them, but they couldn't be found.
ש (Sin/Shin)
37 Observe the person of integrity, and notice those who are godly.
There's a good future for a peaceful person.
38 Sinners will be totally destroyed;
The future will be cut off for wicked people.
ת (Tav)
39 Yahweh is the one who saves godly people.
He protects them in the times of trouble.
40 Yahweh helps them and rescues them.
He rescues them from evil people and saves them
because they've gone to him as a place of safety.

The requesting of person suffering

A song by David for the memorial offering.
38:1 Yahweh, don't rebuke me in your anger.
Don't punish me in your rage,
2 because your arrows pierce me,
and your hand presses me down.
3 My whole body is weak because of your anger.
There's no health in my bones because of my disobedience,
4 because my sins overwhelm me.
They're a burden that's too heavy for me.
5 My festering wounds smell bad
because of my foolish behaviour.

375 **LV 38:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.1
376 **LV 38:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.2
377 **LV 38:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.3
378 **LV 38:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.4
379 **LV 38:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.5
380 **LV 38:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.6
381 **LV 38:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.7
382 **LV 38:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.8

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6 I'm stooped over and humiliated every day.
I go about mourning all day long,
7 because I have burning pain in my bowels.
My body just isn't healthy.
8 I'm numb and completely crushed.
I groan because of the anguish in my heart.
9 My master, you understand my heart's deepest longings,
and my groanings aren't hidden from you.
10 My heart pounds,
my strength fades,
and my eyesight dims.
11 My friends and companions shun me because of my condition.
My relatives keep their distance.
12 Those who want me dead lay snares for me.
They who desire harm for me speak destructive words
and say sprout treachery all day long.
13 But as for me, I'm like a deaf man who can't hear.
I'm like a mute man who says nothing.
14 I'm like a man who can't hear
and so can't so anything in my defence
15 but instead I wait for you, Yahweh.
→My master God, you'll answer me
16 because I prayed, "Hear me, so that they won't gloat over me.
If my foot slips, they'll do terrible things to me,
17 because I'm about to stumble,
and I'm in constant pain.
18 I confess my guilt.
I'm anxious because of my sin.
19 My enemies are numerous.
Those who hate me wrongfully are many.
20 They repay me with evil for good.
They hurl accusations at me although I try to do what's good.
21 Don't abandon me, Yahweh.
My god, don't be distant from me.
22 Come quickly to help me,

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muchness I_roar from_the_groaning_of my_heart_of_my. **10** [383] My_master is_before_you all_of desire_of_my and_groaning_of_ _my from_you not it_is_hidden. **11** [384] Heart_of_my it_palpitates it_has_left_me strength_of_my and_the_light_of my_eyes_of_ _my also they not are_with_me. **12** [385] Friends_of_my and_ _companions_of_my from_before plague_of_my they_stand and_my_of_kinsmen from_a_distance they_have_stood. **13** [386] And_they_set_traps those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_my and_ _those_who_seek_of harm_of_(of)_my they_have_spoken destruction(s) and_deceit(s) all_of the_day they_devise. **14** [387] And_I am_like_a_deaf_person not I_hear and_like_a_dumb_ _person who_not he_opens mouth_of_his. **15** [388] And_I_have_ _become like_a_man who not is_hearing and_there_are_not in_ _mouth_of_his arguments. **16** [389] If/because to/for_yourself(m) Oh_**YHWH** I_have_waited you you_will_answer my_master god_ _of_my. **17** [390] If/because I_said lest they_should_rejoice to_me when_ foot_of_my _slips on_me they_magnified_themselves. **18** [391] If/because I for_stumbling am_prepared and_pain_of_my is_before_me continually. **19** [392] If/because my_ _perversity/evil/guilt/punishment I_tell I_am_anxious from_ _sin_of_my. **20** [393] And_enemies_of_my life they_are_numerous and_ those_of_who_hate_me falsehood _they_are_many. **21** [394] And_those_who_repay_of (of)_evil in_place_of good they_ _accuse_me in_place_of my[395] good. **22** [396] Do_not abandon_me Oh_**YHWH** my_god_of_my do_not be_distant from_me. **23** [397] Make_haste to_help_of_my my_master salvation_of_my.

383 LV 38:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.9
384 LV 38:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.10
385 LV 38:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.11
386 LV 38:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.12
387 LV 38:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.13
388 LV 38:15 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.14
389 LV 38:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.15
390 LV 38:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.16
391 LV 38:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.17
392 LV 38:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.18
393 LV 38:20 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.19
394 LV 38:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.20
395 LV 38:21 · Note OSHB variant note: **יפודר/**: (x-qere) **יפֶדֶר'**: lemma_7291 morph_HVqc/Sp1cs id_19MMh **יפֶדֶר/**
396 LV 38:22 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.21
397 LV 38:23 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.22

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39:1 To_choirmaster mmm[398] a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [399] I_said I_ _will_guard ways_of_my from_sinning with_tongue_of_my I_ _will_keep to_mouth_of_my a_muzzle while_still the_wicked is_ _to_before_me. **3** [400] I_was_dumb silence I_was_silent from_ _good and_pain_of_my it_was_stirred_up. **4** [401] Heart_of_my it_ _became_warm in_my_inner_of_being in_sighing_of_my fire it_ _burnt I_spoke with_tongue_of_my. **5** [402] Make_known_to_me Oh_**YHWH** end_of_my and_the_measure_of my_days_of_my what is_it let_me_know how transient am_I. **6** [403] HERE handbreadths you_have_made days_of_my and_lifespan_of_my is_like_nothing before_you is_only all_of vanity all_of humankind which_stands Ṣelāh. **7** [404] Only in_(the)_image a_ _person he_goes_about only vanity people_are_in_turmoil he_ _heaps_up and_not he_knows who will_of_be_gathering_them. **8** [405] And_now what do_I_wait_for my_master hope_of_my to/for_yourself(m) it. **9** [406] From_all transgressions_of_my deliver_me a_reproach_of the_foolish do_not make_me. **10** [407] I_ _am_dumb not I_open mouth_of_my if/because you you_have_ _acted. **11** [408] Remove from_on_me plague_of_your from_the_ _hostility_of your_hand_of_your I I_have_come_to_an_end. **12** [409] With_rebukes on iniquity you_have_disciplined a_person and_you_have_melted like_moth his_desired_of_thing is_only vanity all_of humankind Ṣelāh. **13** [410] Hear prayer_of_my Oh_ _**YHWH** and_my_cry_of_for_help give_ear_to to tear[s]_of_my do_not be_silent if/because am_a_sojourner I with_you a_ _resident_alien like_all_of ancestors_of_my. **14** [411] Smear from_ _me so_that_I_may_be_cheerful before_before I_will_go and_I_ _will_not_be.

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my master who saves me.

The telling of sin of person suffering

For the musical director: A song by David for Yedutun.

39:1 I decided that I'll watch what I say
so that I won't sin with my lips.
I'll muzzle my mouth while in the presence of evil people.
2 I kept silent.
I refrained even from saying anything good, and my pain grew worse.
3 My heart became hot when I thought about these things.
It burnt like a fire, then finally I spoke.
4 "Yahweh, make me know when the end of my life will be
and the extent of my days.
Let me see how transient I am.
5 See, you've made my days only the width of my hand,
and my lifetime is like nothing in your sight.
Surely all of humanity is just a single breath. (Instrumental break.)
6 Surely every person walks around like a shadow.
Surely everyone hurries about to accumulate riches although they don't know who'll inherit them.
7 Now, my master, what am I waiting for?
→My hope is in you.
8 Rescue me from my disobedience.
Don't allow fools to be able to mock me.
9 I can't speak and can't even open my mouth,
because it's you who has done it.
10 Stop wounding me.
I'm overwhelmed by the blow of your hand.
11 When you discipline people for disobedience,
like a moth, you consume the things they value.
Surely all people are nothing but vapour. (Instrumental break.)
12 Hear my prayer, Yahweh, and my call for help.
Listen to my weeping.
Don't be deaf to me,
because I'm like a foreigner with you—a refugee like all my ancestors were.
13 Stop staring at me so that I can smile again

398 **LV 39:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְותִידִי/ל: (x-qere) וְוּתוּדִי/לְ': lemma_l/3038 n_1 morph_HR/Np id_19FYp וְוּתוּדִי/ל

399 **LV 39:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.1

400 **LV 39:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.2

401 **LV 39:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.3

402 **LV 39:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.4

403 **LV 39:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.5

404 **LV 39:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.6

405 **LV 39:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.7

406 **LV 39:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.8

407 **LV 39:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.9

408 **LV 39:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.10

409 **LV 39:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.11

410 **LV 39:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.12

411 **LV 39:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.13

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before I die.

For the musical director: a song by David.

A song praising Yahweh

40:1 I waited patiently for Yahweh to help me.
He listened to me and heard my cry.
2 He brought me up out of a horrible pit in the sticky clay,
→and he set my feet on a rock and made my steps secure.
3 He's given me a new song to sing, praise to our god.
Many will see it and honour him
and will trust in Yahweh.
4 The person who trusts Yahweh will prosper
and doesn't honour proud people
or those who go astray and follow lies.
5 Yahweh my god, you've done many wonderful things,
and your thoughts about us can't be numbered.
If I declared and spoke about them,
they would be too many to count.
6 Sacrifices and offerings don't give you pleasure,
but you've opened my mind.
You didn't actually want burnt offerings or sin offerings.
7 Then said I, "See, I've come.
I'm written about in the scroll of the document.
8 I enjoy doing what you want, my god.
Your instructions are on my mind."
9 I have told everyone in the national assembly about how you always do what is right.
Yahweh, you know that I haven't shied back from doing that.
10 I haven't hidden your righteousness away in my heart—
I've declared your faithfulness and how you saved me.
I haven't concealed your loyal commitment or your trustworthiness from the national assembly.
11 Don't stop being merciful towards me, Yahweh.
Let your loyal commitment and your trustworthiness always preserve me.
12 More troubles surround me than I can even count.

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40:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid a_song. **2** [412] Patiently_(wait) I_ _waited_for **YHWH** and_he_stretched_out to_me and_he/it_ _listened for_help_of_my_cry. **3** [413] And_he_brought_me_up from_a_pit_of roaring from_the_mud_of the_mire and_he_set on a_rock feet_of_my he_established steps_of_my. **4** [414] And_ _he/it_gave in_mouth_of_my a_song new praise to_god_of_our many_people they_will_see and_they_will_fear and_they_will_ _trust in_**YHWH**. **5** [415] How_blessed is_the_man who he_has_ _made **YHWH** of_confidence_of_his_object and_not he_has_ _turned to proud_people and_those_who_fall_away_of falsehood. **6** [416] Many you_have_made you Oh_**YHWH** god_of_ _my wonders_of_your and_plans_of_your to_us there_is_not to_ _compare to_you I_will_declare and_I_will_speak they_are_too_ _numerous for_recounting. **7** [417] Sacrifice and_offering not you_desired ears you_dug to/for_me burnt_offering and_sin_ _offering not you_asked_for. **8** [418] Then I_said HERE I_have_ _come in_the_scroll_of the_book it_is_written on_me. **9** [419] To_ _do will_of_your my_god_of_my I_desire and_law_of_your[420] in_ _the_middle my_inward_parts_of_my. **10** [421] I_have_borne_news righteousness in_the_assembly great HERE lips_of_my not I_ _restrain Oh_**YHWH** you you_know. **11** [422] righteousness_of_ _your not I_have_concealed in_the_middle my_heart_of_my faithfulness_of_your and_salvation_of_your I_have_spoken not I_have_hidden loyalty_of_your_covenant and_faithfulness_of_ _your to_the_assembly great. **12** [423] You Oh_**YHWH** not you_ _will_withhold compassion(s)_of_your from_me loyalty_of_ _your_covenant and_faithfulness_of_your continually they_ _preserve_me. **13** [424] If/because they_have_encompassed (on)_ _me troubles until there_was_not number they_have_ _overtaken_me iniquities_of_my and_not I_am_able to_see they_are_numerous more_than_the_hairs_of my_head and_ _heart_of_my it_has_abandoned_me. **14** [425] Be_pleased Oh_ _**YHWH** to_deliver_me Oh_**YHWH** to_help_of_my make_haste. **15** [426] May_they_be_ashamed and_may_they_be_abashed altogether those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_my to_snatch_it_ _away may_they_be_turned_back backwards and_ the_people_ _desirous_of my_harm_of_my _may_they_be_humiliated. **16** [427] May_they_be_appalled on the_consequence_of their_shame_of_

412 **LV 40:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.1
413 **LV 40:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.2
414 **LV 40:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.3
415 **LV 40:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.4
416 **LV 40:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.5
417 **LV 40:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.6
418 **LV 40:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.7
419 **LV 40:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.8
420 **LV 40:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
421 **LV 40:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.9
422 **LV 40:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.10
423 **LV 40:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.11
424 **LV 40:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.12
425 **LV 40:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.13
426 **LV 40:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.14
427 **LV 40:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.15

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_their those_who_say to_me aha[428] aha. **17** [429] May_they_exult and_may_they_rejoice in_you all_of those_of_who_seek_you may_they_say continually **YHWH** may_he_be_great those_who_ _love_of salvation_of_(of)_your. **18** [430] And_I am_poor and_ _needy my_master may_he_think to_me help_of_are_my and_ _deliverer_of_my you my_god_of_my do_not delay.

41:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [431] How_blessed is_one_ _who_considers (to) the_poor in/on_day trouble he_will_ _deliver_him **YHWH**. **3** [432] **YHWH** he_will_keep_him and_he_ _will_preserve_him_alive and_he_will_be_called_blessed[433] on_ _the_earth do_not give_him in_the_desire_of his_enemies_of_ _his. **4** [434] **YHWH** he_will_support_him on a_couch_of illness all_of bed_of_his you_have_changed in_sickness_of_his. **5** [435] I I_ _said Oh_**YHWH** show_favour_to_me heal self_of_my if/because I_have_sinned to/for_you(fs). **6** [436] Enemies_of_my they_speak evil to_me when will_he_die and_ his/its_name _will_it_perish. **7** [437] And_if someone_came to_see falsehood it_speaks his/its_ _heart it_gathers wickedness to_him/it he_goes_out to_outside he_speaks. **8** [438] Together on_me all_of those_of_who_hate_me they_whisper_to_one_another on_me they_plot trouble to_me. **9** [439] A_thing_of worthlessness has_been_poured_out in/on/over_him/it and_which he_lay_down not he_will_repeat to_rise. **10** [440] Also a_person_of my_peace_of_my whom I_ _trusted in_him/it[441] who_ate food_of_my he_has_made_great on_me a_heel. **11** [442] And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** show_favour_to_

Readers' Version

My disobedience has caught up with me so that I'm no longer able to see anything else.

They're more than the hairs on my head, and my heart fails me.

13 Be pleased, Yahweh, to rescue me.

Hurry to help me, Yahweh.

14 Let those who chase me to take my life be ashamed and completely disappointed.

Let those who delight in hurting me be turned back and brought to dishonour.

15 Let those who cheer because of my fate be shocked because of their shame.

16 But may all those who seek you celebrate and be glad because of you.

Let everyone who appreciates how you rescued them, say continually, "May Yahweh be praised."

17 I'm poor and needy, yet my master thinks about me.

You're my help and you come to my rescue.

Don't delay, my god.

A prayer for healing

For the musical director: a song by David.

41:1 People who are concerned for the weak will be blessed—
→in the day of trouble, Yahweh will rescue them.
2 Yahweh will protect them and keep them alive,
and they will be blessed on the earth.
Yahweh will not hand them over to their enemies.
3 Yahweh will support them on the bed of suffering.
You'll make their bed of sickness into a bed of healing.
4 I said, "Yahweh, have mercy on me.
Heal my soul, because I've sinned against you."
5 My enemies speak evil against me, saying,
'When will he die and be forgotten?'
6 If my enemy comes to see me, he speaks hollow words.
He plots in his mind how to destroy me.
When he leaves me, he tells others about it.
7 All who hate me, whisper together against me.

428 LV 40:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
429 LV 40:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.40.16
430 LV 40:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.40.17
431 LV 41:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.1
432 LV 41:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.2
433 LV 41:3 · Note OSHB variant note: **רשא׳**: (x-qere) 'רָשָׁא֥וְ': lemma_c/833 morph_HC/VPq3ms id_19P34 רָשָׁא֥וְ
434 LV 41:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.3
435 LV 41:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.4
436 LV 41:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.5
437 LV 41:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.6
438 LV 41:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.7
439 LV 41:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.8
440 LV 41:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.9
441 LV 41:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
442 LV 41:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.10

Readers' Version

They plot how to make trouble for me.
8 They say, "An evil disease has badly affected him.
Now that he's down flat, he'll never get up again."
9 Indeed, even my own close friend who I trusted,
who had meals at my place,
has betrayed me.
10 But Yahweh, you have mercy on me and help me up
so that I can pay them back.
11 Because my enemy doesn't defeat me,
that's how I know that you're pleased with me.
12 As for me, you support me in my integrity
and will keep me in your mind forever.
13 May Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh be praised from everlasting to everlasting.
Let it be so, yes, let it be.

Second collection[446] · Hope when depressed

For the musical director: a song[447] by Korah's descendants.
42:1 As a deer thirsts for streams of water,
so too my soul longs for you, God.
2 My soul thirsts for God—for the living God.
When will I go and appear before God?
3 My tears are my food day and night,
as people are asking me every day, "Where's your god?"
4 These things I remember, and I pour out my soul within myself.
I travelled with the crowd and accompanied them to God's residence
with shouts of joy and praise—a multitude celebrating a festival.
5 Why are you bowed down, my soul,
and upset within me?
Put your hope in God, because I'll praise him again—
praise him for how my god's presence leads to my being saved.
6 My soul is bowed down within me,

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_me and_raise_me_up so_that_I_may_repay to/for_them. **12** [443] By_this I_know if/because_that you_delight in_me that/for/because/then/when not enemy_of_my he_shouts_in_ _triumph over_me. **13** [444] And_I in_integrity_of_my you_have_ _supported (in)_me and_you_have_set_me to_your_face forever_perpetuity. **14** [445] Be_blessed **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_(the)_antiquity and_unto (the)_perpetuity amen and_amen.

42:1 To_choirmaster a_poem of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ. **2** [448] Like_a_deer which_it_pants towards channels_of water so being_of_my it_pants to_you Oh_god. **3** [449] Being_of_my it_is_ _thirsty for_god for_the_god living when will_I_go and_will_I_ _present_myself the_presence_of god. **4** [450] It_has_been to/for_ _me tear[s]_of_my food by_day and_night when_say to_me all_ _of the_day where god_of_is_your. **5** [451] These_things I_will_ _remember and_I_will_pour_out on_myself soul_of_my if/because_that I_passed_on with_crowd I_led_them to the_ _house_of god with_the_sound_of a_shout_of_joy and_ _thanksgiving a_multitude celebrating_a_festival. **6** [452] Why are_you_bowed_down my_soul_of_my and_were_you_in_ _turmoil on_me wait for_god if/because again I_will_give_ _thanks_to_him the_salvation(s)_of his/its_faces/face. **7** [453] My_ _god_of_my on_me being_of_my it_is_bowed_down therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_remember_you from_the_land_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_Ḥermōn(s) from_hill Mizar. **8** [454] Deep to deep is_calling to_sound/voice waterfalls_of_your all_of breakers_of_your and_waves_of_your over_me they_have_ _passed. **9** [455] By_day **YHWH** he_commands loyalty_of and_in_ _the_night mmm[456] is_with_me a_prayer to_the_god_of my_ _life_of_my. **10** [457] I_will_say to_god rock_of_my why have_you_ _forgotten_me to/for_what mourning do_I_walk in_the_

443 **LV 41:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.41.11
444 **LV 41:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.41.12
445 **LV 41:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.41.13
446 **RV 42:1 · Parallel** Songs 42–72
447 **RV 42:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
448 **LV 42:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.1
449 **LV 42:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.2
450 **LV 42:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.3
451 **LV 42:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.4
452 **LV 42:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.5
453 **LV 42:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.6
454 **LV 42:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.7
455 **LV 42:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.8
456 **LV 42:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: הָרִישׁ: (x-qere) יְרִישֵׁנִי: lemma_7892 a morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_196iZ יְרִישֵׁנִי
457 **LV 42:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.9

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_oppression_of an_enemy. **11** [458] With_a_shattering in_bones_ _of_my they_have_taunted_me foes_of_my when_say_they to_ _me all_of the_day where god_of_is_your. **12** [459] Why are_you_ _bowed_down my_soul_of_my and_why are_you_in_turmoil on_ _me wait for_god if/because again I_will_give_thanks_to_him the_salvation(s)_of my_face_of_my and_god_of_my.

43:1 Vindicate_me Oh_god and_conduct case_of_my from_a_ _nation not faithful from_man deceit and_injustice you_will_ _deliver_me. **2** If/because you are_the_god_of my_refuge_of_my why have_you_rejected_me to/for_what mourning do_I_go_ _about in_the_oppression_of an_enemy. **3** Send light_of_your and_truth_of_your they may_they_lead_me may_they_bring_ _me to the_mountain_of your_holiness_of_your and_near/to place(s)_of_your_dwelling. **4** And_I_will_go to the_altar_of god to the_god_of the_joy_of my_rejoicing_of_my and_I_will_give_ _thanks_to_you with_a_harp Oh_god god_of_my. **5** Why are_ _you_bowed_down my_soul_of_my and_why are_you_in_ _turmoil on_me wait for_god if/because again I_will_give_ _thanks_to_him the_salvation(s)_of my_face_of_my and_god_ _of_my.

44:1 To_choirmaster of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_poem. **2** [462] Oh_ _god with_ears_of_our we_have_heard ancestors_of_our they_ _have_recounted to/for_us the_deed[s] which_you_did in_days_ _of_their in_days_of antiquity. **3** [463] You hand_of_your nations you_dispossessed and_you_planted_them you_did_harm_to peoples and_you_set_them_free. **4** [464] If/because not by_sword_ _of_their they_took_possession_of the_land and_arm_of_their not it_saved (to)_them if/because hand_of_your_right and_ _arm_of_your and_the_light_of your(pl)_face_of_your

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therefore I remember you from the land of the Yarden (Jordan) river
and Mt. Hermon's heights and from Mt. Mits'ar.
7 Deep is calling to deep with the roar of your waterfalls;
All your waves and gusts flow over me.
8 During the day, Yahweh exercises his loyal commitment,
and in the night, his song is with me—
a prayer to the god who gave me life.
9 I'll ask God, my place of safety, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I walk around mourning because of an enemy's oppression?"
10 When those who are hostile to me rebuke me, asking me all day long, "Where's your god?"
it feels like my bones are crushed.
11 My soul, why are you bowed down?
And why are you upset within me?
Put your hope in God, because I'll thank him again—
my god's presence leads to my being saved.

Asking God for help[460]

43:1 God, declare me to be innocent,
and defend my case against an unfaithful nation.
Deliver me from deceitful and evil people.
2 For you are the god who's my place of safety.
Why have you rejected me?
Why do I walk around mourning because of an enemy's oppression?
3 Send out your light and your truth—let them lead me.
Let them bring me to your sacred mountain
and to your residence.
4 I will go to God's altar—
to the god who gives me great fulfillment.
I will praise you with the harp, oh God, my god.
5 My soul, why are you bowed down?
And why are you upset within me?
Put your hope in God, because I'll thank him again—
my god's presence leads to my being saved.

A prayer for help

For the musical director: a song[461] by Korah's descendants.
44:1 God, we have listened with our ears.
Our ancestors have told us about the miracles you did in their time—in the old days.
2 You drove out the other nations with your power, but you planted our ancestors.
You caused suffering for other people groups, but you sent our

458 **LV 42:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.10
459 **LV 42:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.11
460 **RV 43:1 · Parallel** Continuation of Song 42
461 **RV 44:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
462 **LV 44:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.1
463 **LV 44:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.2
464 **LV 44:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.3

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ancestors into the land.
3 Yes, they didn't take over the land with their swords, and their power didn't save them,
^but it was your power and your direction, because you were pleased with them.
4 God, you are my king who plans victories for Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants.
5 Through you we will destroy our adversaries.
In your name we will trample those who come against us,
6 because I won't trust in my bow,
and my sword won't save me.
7 Yes, you have saved us from our enemies,
and have humiliated those who hate us.
8 We've boasted in God every day,
and we will praise your name forever. (Instrumental break.)
9 Yet you've rejected and humiliated us,
and you don't go out with our armies.
10 You made us turn back from the enemy,
and those who hate us take plunder for themselves.
11 You've made us like sheep to be eaten,
and you scattered us among the nations.
12 You've sold your people for virtually nothing—
You haven't profited from their sale.
13 You've made us a reproach to our neighbours—
a contempt and a scorn to those around us.
14 You made us an insult among the other nations—
a shaking of the head among the peoples.
15 My dishonour is on my mind all day,
and my shame has overwhelmed me

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if/because you_took_pleasure_in_them. 5 [465] You he king_of_
_are_my Oh_god ordain the_victories_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob). 6 [466]
By_you foes_of_our we_gore in_name_of_your we_tread_down
those_of_who_rise_against_us. 7 [467] If/because not in_bow_of_
_my I_trust and_sword_of_my not it_saves_me. 8 [468] If/because
you_have_saved_us from_foes_of_our and_those_of_who_hate_
_us you_have_put_to_shame. 9 [469] In_god we_have_boasted[470]
all_of the_day and_name_of_your forever_perpetuity we_will_
_praise Ṣelāh. 10 [471] Also you_have_rejected and_you_have_
_humiliated_us and_not you_have_gone_out with_armies_of_
_our. 11 [472] You_have_made_us_turn_back backwards from the_
_foe and_those_of_who_hate_us they_have_plundered for_
_themselves. 12 [473] You_have_made_us like_sheep_of food and_
_among_nations you_have_scattered_us. 13 [474] You_have_sold
people_of_your for_not wealth and_not you_have_made_great
by_price(s)_of_their. 14 [475] You_have_made_us a_reproach to_
_neighbours_of_our mockery and_derision to_those_around_of_
_us. 15 [476] You_have_made_us a_byword among_nations a_
_shaking_of head not peoples. 16 [477] All_of the_day ignominy_
_of_my is_before_me and_the_shame_of my_face_of_my it_has_
_covered_me. 17 [478] From_the_sound_of one_who_taunts and_
_one_who_reviles from_face/in_front_of an_enemy and_an_
_avenger. 18 [479] All_of this it_has_come_to_us and_not we_had_
_forgotten_you and_not we_had_dealt_falsely with_covenant_
_of_your. 19 [480] Not it_had_turned_back backwards heart_of_
our and steps_of_our _it_had_turned_aside from path_of_
_your. 20 [481] If/because you_have_crushed_us in_a_place_of
jackals and_you_have_covered over_us with_deep_darkness.
21 [482] If we_had_forgotten the_name_of our_god_of_our and_
_we_had_spread_out palms_of_our to_a_god strange. 22 [483] Not
god will_he_search_out this if/because he is_knowing the_
_secrets_of the_heart. 23 [484] If/because on_you we_have_been_
_killed all_of the_day we_have_been_regarded like_sheep_of

465 **LV 44:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.4
466 **LV 44:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.5
467 **LV 44:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.6
468 **LV 44:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.7
469 **LV 44:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.8
470 **LV 44:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
471 **LV 44:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.9
472 **LV 44:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.10
473 **LV 44:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.11
474 **LV 44:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.12
475 **LV 44:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.13
476 **LV 44:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.14
477 **LV 44:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.15
478 **LV 44:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.16
479 **LV 44:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.17
480 **LV 44:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.18
481 **LV 44:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.19
482 **LV 44:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.20
483 **LV 44:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.21
484 **LV 44:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.22

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slaughter. **24** [485] Awake to/for_what do_you_sleep my_master awake do_not reject_us to_perpetuity. **25** [486] To/for_what face_ _of_your do_you_hide do_you_forget affliction_of_our and_ _oppression_of_our. **26** [487] If/because it_has_sunk_down to_dust self_of_our it_has_clung to_earth belly_of_our. **27** [488] Arise help_ _of_(to)_a to/for_ourselves and_redeem_us for_the_sake_of loyalty_of_your_covenant.

45:1 To_choirmaster on Shoshannim of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_ _poem a_song_of love(s). **2** [490] Heart_of_my it_is_aroused a_ _message good I am_speaking work(s)_of_my to_the_king tongue_of_my is_a_stylus a_scribe skilled. **3** [491] You_are_ _handsome from_(the)_sons humankind grace it_has_been_ _poured on_lips_of_your therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_ _has_blessed_you god forever_perpetuity. **4** [492] Gird sword_of_ _your on a_thigh Oh_mighty_one splendour_of_your and_ _majesty_of_your(pl). **5** [493] And_majesty_of_your prosper ride_ _forth on a_matter_of truth and_humility righteousness and_ _let_it_teach_you awesome_deeds hand_of_your_right. **6** [494] Arrows_of_your are_sharpened peoples under_you they_will_ _fall in_the_heart_of the_enemies_of the_king. **7** [495] Throne_of_ _your Oh_god is_forever and_ever is_a_scepter_of uprightness the_scepter_of your_kingdom_of_your. **8** [496] You_have_loved righteousness and_you_have_hated wickedness therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_has_anointed_you god god_of_your

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16 because of hearing those who taunt and insult me—
facing those vengeful enemies.
17 All of this has come against us,
although we haven't forgotten you and we haven't violated your agreement.
18 Our heart hasn't turned back.
Our steps haven't strayed from your way.
19 But you've crushed us out where the jackals live,
and you've covered over us with dark blackness.
20 If we'd forgotten the name of our god
and spread out our hands towards a foreign god,
21 wouldn't God have discovered that
because he even knows our hearts' secrets?
22 Indeed, because of you we're killed all day long—
we're considered to be like sheep to be slaughtered.
23 My master, wake up. Why are you sleeping?
Do something—don't reject us forever.
24 Why do you hide away
and forget our oppression and suffering?
25 Yes, our life has sunk down into the dust—
it just as if we're lying face down on the ground.
26 Take action as our helper
and buy our freedom for us because of your loyal commitment.

A royal wedding song

For the musical director: a song[489] by Korah's descendants. A love song to be sung to the tune of 'Lilies'.
45:1 My heart is stirred with an excellent message.
I'll read aloud the words I've composed about the king.
My tongue is like the pen of a skilled secretary.
2 You are more perfect to look at than the children of humanity.
Your lips move with grace,
so we know that God has blessed you forever.
3 Strap your sword to your side, mighty warrior,
in your splendour and majesty.
4 Ride on triumphantly in your majesty because of trustworthiness, humility, and innocence.
Your powerful actions display your awesome abilities.

485 **LV 44:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.23
486 **LV 44:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.24
487 **LV 44:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.25
488 **LV 44:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.26
489 **RV 45:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
490 **LV 45:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.1
491 **LV 45:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.2
492 **LV 45:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.3
493 **LV 45:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.4
494 **LV 45:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.5
495 **LV 45:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.6
496 **LV 45:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.7

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5 Your arrows are sharp—the peoples fall under you.
Your arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies.
6 Your reign, God, will continue forever.
Your kingdom is renowned for its true justice.
7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness,
therefore God, your god, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions.
8 All your clothes smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia.
Stringed instruments playing from of ivory palaces have made you glad.
9 Kings' daughters are among your honourable women.
The queen stands on your right, clothed in gold from Ofir.
10 Listen, daughter, turn this way and take notice.
Forget your own people and your father's house.
11 Just like that, the king will desire your beauty.
→He's your master—submit to him.
12 The princess from Tsor (Tyre) will be there with a gift.
The rich people will beg for your favour.
13 The princess in the palace is just splendid—
her clothing is embroidered with gold thread.
14 She will be led to the king in an embroidered dress.
The virgins, her companions who'll follow her, will be brought to him.
15 They'll be led by gladness and celebration.
They'll enter the king's palace.
16 Your children will be in the positions that your ancestors used to hold—
you'll make them princes across the whole country.
17 I'll ensure that your name will be remembered by all generations,
therefore the peoples will give you thanks forever.

For the musical director: a song by Korah's descendants. To be sung by soprano[508] voices.

God's right here

46:1 God is our protection and our strength,
always ready to help when troubles come.
2 That's why we won't be afraid, even if the earth were to

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the_oil_of joy more_than_of_your_companions. 9 [497] Are_myrrh and_aloes cassia(s) all_of clothes_of_your from palaces_of ivory stringed_instrument they_have_made_you_glad. 10 [498] Daughters_of kings are_among_your_noble_of_women a_ _queen-consort she_stands to_your_right_of_hand in_(the)_ _gold_of 'Ōfīr. 11 [499] Listen Oh_daughter and_see and_incline ear_of_your and_forget people_of_your and_the_house_of your_ _father_of_your. 12 [500] So_ the_king _that_he_may_desire beauty_of_your if/because he master(s)_of_is_your and_bow_ _down to_him/it. 13 [501] And_the_daughter_of Tsor/(Tyre) with_ _a_gift face_of_your rich_ones_of a_people they_will_entreat. 14 [502] Is_all_of glorious a_daughter_of a_king within is_from_ _settings_of gold clothing_of_her. 15 [503] To_multicoloured_ _material she_is_brought to/for_the_king virgins are_behind_ _her companions_of_her_female are_being_brought to/for_ _you(fs). 16 [504] They_are_brought[505] with_joy(s) and_rejoicing they_go in_(the)_palace the_king. 17 [506] In_place_of ancestors_ _of_your they_will_be children_of_your you_will_make_them into_princes in_all the_earth/land. 18 [507] I_will_cause_to_be_ _remembered name_of_your in_all generation and_a_ _generation therefore yes/correct/thus/so peoples they_will_ _praise_you to_vanishing_point and_ever.

46:1 To_choirmaster of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ on alamoth a_ _song. 2 [509] god to/for_us is_a_refuge and_strength a_help in_ _troubles he_is_found exceedingly. 3 [510] Therefore yes/correct/thus/so not we_will_fear when_ the_earth _ _changes and_when_ mountains _shake in_the_heart_of the_ _seas. 4 [511] They_will_roar waters_of_its they_will_foam

497 **LV 45:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.8
498 **LV 45:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.9
499 **LV 45:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.10
500 **LV 45:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.11
501 **LV 45:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.12
502 **LV 45:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.13
503 **LV 45:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.14
504 **LV 45:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.15
505 **LV 45:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
506 **LV 45:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.16
507 **LV 45:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.17
508 **RV 46:0 · Note** In Hebrew, like 'alamot'.
509 **LV 46:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.1
510 **LV 46:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.2
511 **LV 46:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.3

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mountains they_will_shake at_swelling_of_its Ṣelāh. **5** [512] A_
_river streams_of_its they_make_glad the_city_of god the_holy_
_place_of the_dwellings_of the_Most_High. **6** [513] god is_in_
_midst_of_its not it_will_be_shaken he_will_help_it god to_the_
the_morning _turning. **7** [514] Nations they_were_in_a_tumult[515]
kingdoms they_shook he_gave_forth with_voice_of_his the_
_earth it_melted. **8** [516] **YHWH** soldiers/messengers is_with_us
is_a_refuge to/for_us the_god_of Ya´ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) Ṣelāh. **9** [517]
Come see the_works_of **YHWH** who he_has_appointed
desolations on_the_earth. **10** [518] He_is_making_cease wars to
the_end_of the_earth/land bow[s] he_breaks and_he_cuts_in_
_two spear[s] carts he_burns with_fire. **11** [519] Be_quiet and_
_know if/because_that I am_god I_will_be_exalted among_
_nations I_will_be_exalted on_the_earth. **12** [520] **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers is_with_us is_a_refuge to/for_us the_god_
_of Ya´ₐqoⱱ Ṣelāh.

47:1 To_choirmaster of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_song. **2** [522] Oh_
_all_of the_peoples strike a_palm shout_for_joy to_god with_
_the_sound_of a_shout_of_joy. **3** [523] If/because **YHWH** the_
_Most_High is_to_be_feared a_king great over all_of the_
_earth/land. **4** [524] He_subdues peoples under_us and_peoples
under feet_of_our. **5** [525] He_chooses to/for_us ~~ÐOM~~ inheritance_
_of_our ~~ÐOM~~ the_pride_of Ya´ₐqoⱱ whom he_loved Ṣelāh. **6** [526]
god he_has_gone_up with_a_shout_of_joy **YHWH** with_the_
_sound_of a_ram's_horn. **7** [527] Sing_praises_to god sing_praises
sing_praises to_king_of_our sing_praises. **8** [528] If/because is_
_the_king_of all_of the_earth/land god sing_praises a_poem.
9 [529] god he_reigns over nations god he_sits on the_throne_of

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change—
even if the mountains were shaken into the ocean depths,
3 making its waters roar and rage,
as the mountains shake against the surging waters. (Instrumental break.)
4 There's a river whose streams make God's city happy—
the sacred place where the highest one lives.
5 God is in the middle of that city—she won't be affected.
God will help her, and he will do so at dawn.
6 The nations raged and the kingdoms were shaken.
He spoke out and the earth melted.
7 Commander-in-chief Yahweh is with us.
Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god is our protection. (Instrumental break.)
8 Come and see what Yahweh has done—
the destruction he's caused on earth.
9 He stops wars all over the world.
He breaks bows and cuts spears into pieces.
He incinerates the shields.
10 Stay quiet and be aware that I am God.
I will be honoured among the nations.
I will be honoured throughout the world.
11 Commander-in-chief Yahweh is with us.
Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god is our protection. (Instrumental break.)

God the king of entire world

For the musical director: a song[521] by Korah's descendants.
47:1 Clap your hands, all you peoples.
Shout to God with a cheerful voice.
2 For Yahweh the highest one can be terrifying.
He is a great king over the whole world.
3 He subdues peoples under us
and puts nations under our control.
4 He chooses our inheritance for us—
→the land which Ya'akov (Jacob) (who he loved) was proud of.

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512 **LV 46:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.4
513 **LV 46:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.5
514 **LV 46:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.6
515 **LV 46:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
516 **LV 46:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.7
517 **LV 46:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.8
518 **LV 46:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.9
519 **LV 46:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.10
520 **LV 46:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.11
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523 **LV 47:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.2
524 **LV 47:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.3
525 **LV 47:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.4
526 **LV 47:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.5
527 **LV 47:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.6
528 **LV 47:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.7
529 **LV 47:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.8

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(Instrumental break.)
5 God has gone up with a shout,
Yahweh ascended with a trumpet blast.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises.
Sing praises to our king, sing praises,
7 because God is the king over the whole world.
Sing praises with understanding.
8 God reigns over the nations.
God sits on his sacred throne.
9 The nations' leaders have gathered together to the people of Avraham's god,
because God controls the nations' defences.
He is greatly honoured.
A song by Korah's descendants.

Yerushalem, God's city

48:1 Yahweh is incredible and deserves to be praised a lot,
in our god's city on his sacred hill.
2 Beautiful on the high hills,
making the whole world happy,
is Mt. Tsiyon (Zion), on the northern sides—
the great king's city.
3 God has made himself known in her towers as protector,
4 because, look, the kings assembled themselves.
They passed by together.
5 They saw it, then they were astounded.
They were dismayed, and they hurried away.
6 Trembling took hold of them there—
pain like woman who's in labour.
7 You smash the ships from Tarshish
with the east wind.
8 We've now seen what we'd heard about in Commander-in-chief Yahweh's city—
in the city of our god.
God will establish it forever. (Instrumental break.)
9 We thought about your loyal commitment, God,
when we were in the middle of your temple.
10 Your praise reaches the ends of the earth

Literal Version

his_holiness_of_his. **10** [530] Noble_people_of peoples they_have_ _gathered the_people_of the_god_of 'Avrāhām if/because belong_to_god the_shields_of earth exceedingly he_is_exalted.

48:1 A_song a_song of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ. **2** [531] Is_great **YHWH** and_he_is_to_be_praised exceedingly is_in_the_city_of our_god_of_our the_mountain_of his_holiness_of_his. **3** [532] It_ _is_beautiful_of height the_joy_of all_of the_earth/land the_ _mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_remotest_parts_of Zaphon is_the_town_of the_king great. **4** [533] god is_in_fortresses_of_its he_has_made_himself_known to_a_refuge. **5** [534] If/because THERE the_kings they_assembled they_passed_on together. **6** [535] They they_saw thus they_were_astonished they_were_ _terrified they_hurried_away. **7** [536] Trembling it_seized_them there anguish like_(the)_who]_gives_birth. **8** [537] With_a_wind_ _of the_east you_shatter (the)_ships_of Tarshiysh. **9** [538] Just_as we_have_heard so we_have_seen in_the_city_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_the_city_of our_god_of_our god he_ _will_establish_it until perpetuity Ṣelāh. **10** [539] We_have_ _reflected_on Oh_god loyalty_of_your_covenant in_the_midst_ _of your_temple_of_your. **11** [540] Like_name_of_your Oh_god so praise_of_your is_over the_ends_of the_earth righteousness hand_of_your_right it_is_full. **12** [541] It_will_rejoice the_ _mountain_of Tsiyyōn the_daughters_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_be_glad on_account_of judgements_of_your. **13** [542] Go_around Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_go_round_it count towers_of_ _its. **14** [543] Set heart_of_your(pl) to_rampart_of_its walk_ _through fortresses_of_its so_that you(pl)_may_recount to_a_ _generation later. **15** [544] If/because_that this is_god god_of_our forever and_ever he he_will_guide_us on dying.

530 **LV 47:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.9
531 **LV 48:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.1
532 **LV 48:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.2
533 **LV 48:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.3
534 **LV 48:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.4
535 **LV 48:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.5
536 **LV 48:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.6
537 **LV 48:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.7
538 **LV 48:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.8
539 **LV 48:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.9
540 **LV 48:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.10
541 **LV 48:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.11
542 **LV 48:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.12
543 **LV 48:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.13
544 **LV 48:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.14

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49:1 To_choirmaster of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_song. **2** [545] Hear this Oh_all_of the_peoples give_ear Oh_all_of the_inhabitants_ _of the_world. **3** [546] Both the_children_of humankind as_well_as the_children_of man alike the_rich and_the_needy. **4** [547] Mouth_of_my it_will_speak wisdom(s) and_the_meditation_of my_heart_of_my will_be_understanding(s). **5** [548] I_will_incline to_a_proverb ear_of_my I_will_open with_a_harp riddle_of_my. **6** [549] To/for_what will_I_fear in_days_of trouble the_iniquity_of my_heels_of_my it_surrounds_me. **7** [550] Those_who_rely on wealth_of_their and_in_the_greatness_of their_rich[es]_of_their they_boast. **8** [551] A_brother not certainly_(ransom) anyone he_ _will_ransom not he_will_give to_god ransom_of_his. **9** [552] And_ the_ransom_of their_life_of_their _it_is_precious and_he_will_ _cease forever_perpetuity. **10** [553] And_he_will_live still to_ _perpetuity not he_will_see the_pit. **11** [554] If/because anyone_ _will_see wise_people they_die alike a_fool and_a_stupid_ _person they_perish and_they_leave to_other_people wealth_ _of_their. **12** [555] Being_of_their_inner houses_of_are_their forever_perpetuity places_of_their_dwelling to_a_generation and_a_generation they_called with_names_of_their on lands. **13** [556] And_human/'Ādām in_honour not he_remains he_is_like like_animals which_they_are_destroyed. **14** [557] This way_of_is_ _their stupidity belongs_to_them and_after_them in_mouth_of_ _their they_take_delight Ṣelāh. **15** [558] Like_sheep for_Shə'ōl they_have_been_appointed death it_will_shepherd_them and_ _they_ruled over_them upright_people to_morning their[559] is_

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as does your reputation, God.
→You rule with power and with justice.
11 Let Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) be glad.
Let Yehudah's (Judah's) daughters celebrate
→because of your righteous decrees.
12 Walk around Mt. Tsiyon.
Go round about her.
→Count her towers,
13 Take good notice of her walls,
and look at her palaces
→so that you can tell it to the next generation,
14 because this god is our god forever and ever.
He will be our guide all the way through to death.

Trusting in wealth is foolishness

For the musical director: a song by Korah's descendants.
49:1 Hear this, all you peoples.
Listen to this, all you inhabitants of the world,
2 both low and high—
rich and poor together.
3 I'll talk about wisdom
and my inner thoughts will be about understanding.
4 I'll listen to a proverb.
I'll introduce my riddle with a harp piece.
5 Why should I fear in evil times?
Why should I be afraid when I'm surrounded by wickedness?
6 Why should I fear those who trust in their riches
and boast about their extensive wealth?
7 It is certain that no one can redeem his brother
or pay God a ransom for him,
8 because it's very expensive to buy back someone's life,
and no one can pay what we owe.
9 No one can live forever
so that they wouldn't experience the grave,
10 because he will see decay—even wise people die.
The fool and the brute alike come to an end
→and leave their wealth to others.

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545 **LV 49:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.1
546 **LV 49:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.2
547 **LV 49:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.3
548 **LV 49:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.4
549 **LV 49:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.5
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552 **LV 49:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.8
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554 **LV 49:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.10
555 **LV 49:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.11
556 **LV 49:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.12
557 **LV 49:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.13
558 **LV 49:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.14
559 **LV 49:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: ם/ריצ/ו: (x-qere) ם/רוצ֫/ו': lemma_c/6697 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsc/Sp3mp id_19T67 ם/רוצ֫/ו

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11 Their inner thought is that their families will continue forever,
and the places where they live, for all future generations.
They name their lands after themselves,
12 yet people don't remain alive despite their wealth.
People die just like the animals.
13 That's the way of foolish people,
yet after they're gone, people approve of their sayings. (Instrumental break.)
14 Like sheep, they're destined for slaughter,
and death will be their shepherd.
The upright will rule over them in the morning,
and their bodies will rot in the grave,
far from their fancy homes.
15 But God will buy back my life from the power of the grave,
because he'll receive me. (Instrumental break.)
16 Don't be afraid when someone gets rich,
and if their family becomes very prominent,
17 →because when they die, they'll take nothing with them.
Their splendour can't follow them down.
18 They looked after themselves well while they lived
(and people do praise you when you live for yourself),
19 but they'll go to join their ancestors
and won't ever see the light again.
20 Anyone who has prestige but no understanding
is like the wild animals that will die.

The true/correct worshipping

A song by Asaf.
50:1 Yahweh, God, has spoken
and summoned the world from the sun's rising to its setting.
2 God has shone out of Tsiyon (Zion)—
the perfection of beauty.
3 Our god comes and doesn't stay silent.
A fire devours ahead of him,
and it's very stormy around him.
4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth
→so that he can judge his people.
5 "Bring my faithful ones together to me—
those who've made an agreement with me by sacrificing."
6 The heavens will declare his righteousness,
because God himself is judge. (Instrumental break.)
7 "My people, listen and I'll speak.
I'll bring accusations against you, Yisrael (Israel).
I'm God, your god.
8 I won't scold you for your sacrifices.

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for of_Shə'ōl _the_consuming from_a_lofty_residence to_
_him/it. **16** [560] Surely god he_will_redeem life_of_my from_the_
_hand_of Shə'ōl if/because he_will_take_me Ṣelāh. **17** [561] Do_
_not fear if/because anyone he_will_become_rich if/because
the_honour_of his_house_of_his it_will_increase. **18** [562]
If/because not in_death_of_his he_will_take (the)_anything not
it_will_go_down after_him honour_of_his. **19** [563] If/because
self_of_his in_life_of_his he_blessed and_people_praise_you
if/because you_will_do_well to/for_you(fs). **20** [564] It_will_go to
the_generation_of his_ancestors_of_his until perpetuity not
they_will_see light. **21** [565] Humankind with_honour and_not
he_understands he_is_like like_animals which_they_are_
_destroyed.

50:1 A_song of_'Āṣāf[566] god_of god **YHWH** he_has_spoken and_
_he/it_called the_earth from_the_rising_of the_sun to setting_
_of_its. **2** From_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) perfection_of beauty god he_
_has_shone_forth. **3** god_of_our he_comes and_not let_him_be_
_silent fire before_him it_consumes and_around_of_him it_is_
_tempestuous exceedingly. **4** He_summons (to) the_heavens
(from)_above and_near/to the_earth/land to_judge people_of_
_his. **5** Gather to_me Oh_of_my_faithful_people those_who_
_made_of covenant_of_(of)_my with sacrifice. **6** And_ the_
_heavens _they_declared righteousness_of_his if/because god
is_judge he Ṣelāh. **7** Hear my_people_of_my and_I_will_speak
Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_warn on/over_you(fs) am_god
god_of_your I. **8** Not on sacrifices_of_your I_rebuke_you and_
_your(pl)_burnt_of_offerings are_to_before_me continually.
9 Not I_will_accept from_household_of_your a_young_bull
from_folds_of_your goats. **10** If/because to_me every_of
creature_of_living the_forest the_animals on_hills_of a_
_thousand. **11** I_know every_of bird_of the_mountains and_
_moving_creature[s]_of the_field with_me. **12** If I_will_be_
_hungry not I_will_tell to/for_you(fs) if/because to_me the_

560 LV 49:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.15
561 LV 49:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.16
562 LV 49:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.17
563 LV 49:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.18
564 LV 49:20 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.19
565 LV 49:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.20
566 LV 50:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.50.1

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_world and_what_of_fills_it. **13** Do_I_eat the_flesh_of mighty_ _bulls and_the_blood_of goats do_I_drink. **14** Sacrifice to_god a_ _thank-offering and_pay to_the_Most_High vows_of_your. **15** And_call_out_to_me in/on_day trouble I_will_rescue_you and_you_will_honour_me. **16** And_to_wicked god he_says what is_to_you to_recount decrees_of_my and_you_have_taken covenant_of_my on mouth_of_your. **17** And_you(ms) you_hate discipline and_you_have_thrown words/messages_of_my behind_you. **18** If you_saw a_thief and_you_were_pleased with_ _him/it and_was_with adulterers portion_of_your. **19** Mouth_ _of_your you_let_untie/release in_evil and_tongue_of_your it_ _frames deceit. **20** You_sit on_brother_of_your you_speak on_ _the_child_of your_mother_of_your you_give a_fault. **21** These_ _things you_have_done and_I_kept_silent you_imagined exactly_(be) I_am like_you I_will_rebuke_you and_I_will_ _arrange to_eyes_of_your. **22** Consider please this Oh_you(pl)_ _who_forget_of (of)_god lest I_should_tear_to_pieces and_ _there_will_not_be a_deliverer. **23** one_who_sacrifices a_ _thank-offering he_honours_me and_one_who_sets a_way I_ _will_let_him_look on_the_salvation_of god.

51:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** When_came to_him/it Nātān the_prophet when_when he_had_gone into Bath- sheba. **3** [567] Show_favour_to_me Oh_god according_to_of_your_ _covenant_loyalty according_to_the_greatness_of your(pl)_ _compassion(s)_of_your wipe_out transgressions_of_my. **4** [568] Increase[569] wash_me from_iniquity_of_my and_from_sin_of_my cleanse_me. **5** [570] If/because transgressions_of_my I I_know and_sin_of_my is_before_me continually. **6** [571] To/for_ _yourself(m) you_alone I_have_sinned and_the_evil in_eyes_of_ _your I_have_done so_that you_may_be_just when_speak_you

Readers' Version

You're continually sacrificing burnt offerings to me.
9 I won't accept any bull off your property,
or any billy goats out of your pens,
10 because every animal in the forest is mine,
and the cattle on a thousand hills.
11 I know all the birds in the hills,
and the wild animals in the countryside are mine.
12 I wouldn't bother telling you if I was hungry
because the world is mine including everything in it.
13 Do I eat the meat from bulls that have been sacrificed,
or drink the blood from the goats?
14 Present a thank offering to God
and honour your promises to the highest one.
15 Call out to me whenever you get into trouble.
I'll rescue you, and you'll honour me."
16 But God tells the wicked people,
"What do you have to do with reciting my instructions,
that you've taken telling others about my agreement,
17 since you hate correction
and just toss my warnings back over your shoulders?
18 When you see a thief, you think it's fine,
and you participate with those who commit adultery.
19 You allow evil to come out of your mouth,
and you use your words to deceive others.
20 You sit and speak against your brother.
You slander your own mother's son.
21 You've done these things, but I've stayed silent,
so you thought that I was someone just like yourself.
However, I'll scold you
and bring up all the things you have done, right in front of your eyes.
22 Give this careful consideration, all of you who forget God,
otherwise I will tear you to pieces,
and there'll be no one to rescue you.
23 Anyone who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me,
and anyone who decides to follow God will experience his salvation."

A prayer for forgiveness

For the musical director: a song by David from when the prophet Natan had gone to him after David had committed adultery with Bat-Sheva.
51:1 Have mercy on me, God, because of your loyal commitment.
Blot out my disobedience, because you're so merciful.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
and make me clean from my sin
3 because I'm aware of my transgressions,

567 **LV 51:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.1
568 **LV 51:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.2
569 **LV 51:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: הִבְרֵה: (x-qere) בְּרֵהּ: lemma_7235 a n_1.0 morph_HVhv2ms id_19M4p בְּרֵהּ
570 **LV 51:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.3
571 **LV 51:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.4

Readers' Version

and my sin is always on my mind.
4 It's you and only you that I've sinned against,
and done what's evil in your sight.
You are right when you speak.
You are correct when you judge.
5 Yes, I was born in iniquity.
As soon as my mother conceived me, I was in sin.
6 You desire integrity in my inner self,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret place within.
7 Purify me with blood (applied to the doorway with a sprig of hyssop), and I'll be clean.
Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness
→so that the bones that you've broken can be happy again.
9 Look away from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create a clean heart in me, God,
and renew an unwavering spirit within me.
11 Don't drive me away from your presence,
and don't take your holy spirit away from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain me with a willing spirit.
13 Then I'll teach other transgressors your ways,
and sinners will be converted to you.
14 God of my salvation, forgive me for shedding blood,
→and I'll happily shout about how good and righteous you are.
15 Open my lips, my master,
and my mouth will express praise to you
16 because a sacrifice wouldn't make you happy or I would give it.
You get no pleasure from burnt offerings.
17 The sacrifices that God wants are a broken spirit—
a humbled and repentant heart won't be despised by you, God.
18 Express your pleasure at Tsiyon (Zion) by doing good to us.
Rebuild Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) walls.
19 Then you'll delight in the sacrifices of righteousness,
in burnt offerings and completely burnt offerings.

572 **LV 51:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.5
573 **LV 51:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.6
574 **LV 51:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.7
575 **LV 51:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.8
576 **LV 51:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.9
577 **LV 51:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.10
578 **LV 51:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.11
579 **LV 51:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.12
580 **LV 51:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.13
581 **LV 51:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.14
582 **LV 51:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.15
583 **LV 51:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.16
584 **LV 51:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.17
585 **LV 51:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.18
586 **LV 51:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.19

Literal Version

you_will_be_pure when_judge_you. **7** **572** HERE in_iniquity I_ _was_brought_forth and_in_sin she_conceived_me mother_of_ _my. **8** **573** HERE faithfulness you_desire in_parts and_in_a_ _place_kept_secret wisdom you_cause_me_to_know. **9** **574** You_ _will_cleanse_me_from_sin with_hyssop so_that_I_may_be_pure you_will_wash_me and_more_than_snow I_will_become_white. **10** **575** You_will_make_me_hear joy and_gladness the_bones which_you_have_crushed let_them_rejoice. **11** **576** Hide face_of_ _your from_sins_of_my and_all iniquities_of_my wipe_out. **12** **577** A_heart pure create to_me Oh_god and_spirit steadfast renew in_my_inner_of_being. **13** **578** Do_not throw_me from_ _before_face_of_you and_spirit your_holiness_of_your do_not take from_me. **14** **579** Restore to/for_me the_joy_of your_ _salvation_of_your and_spirit willing you_will_sustain_me. **15** **580** I_will_teach transgressors ways_of_your and_sinners to_ _you they_will_return. **16** **581** Deliver_me from_blood(s) Oh_god the_god_of my_salvation_of_my tongue_of_my it_will_shout_ _for_joy righteousness_of_your. **17** **582** My_master lips_of_my you_will_open and_mouth_of_my it_will_declare praise_of_ _your. **18** **583** If/because not you_desire sacrifice and_I_will_ _give_it burnt_offering not you_are_pleased_with. **19** **584** The_ _sacrifices_of god are_a_spirit_of broken a_heart broken and_ _crushed Oh_god not you_despise. **20** **585** Do_good_to in_favour_ _of_your ~~ĐǾM~~ Tsiyyōn/(Zion) you_will_build the_walls_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **21** **586** Then you_will_delight_in sacrifices_of righteousness burnt_offering and_whole_offering then people_will_offer_up on altar_of_your young_bulls.

Literal Version

52:1 To_choirmaster a_poem of_Dāvid. **2** When_came Do'ēg the_ _'Edōmite and_he_told to_Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_he/it_said to_ _him/it Dāvid he_has_gone to the_house_of 'Aḥīmelek. **3** [588] Why do_you_boast in_evil Oh_mighty_man the_covenant_ _loyalty_of god is_all_of the_day. **4** [589] Destruction(s) tongue_of_ _your it_plots like_a_razor sharpened Oh_you_who_do_of (of)_ _deceit. **5** [590] You_love evil more_than_good falsehood more_ _than_speaking righteousness Ṣelāh. **6** [591] You_love all_of words/messages_of swallowing a_tongue_of deceit. **7** [592] Also god he_will_tear_you_down to_perpetuity he_will_snatch_you_ _away and_he_will_tear_you_away from_a_tent and_he_will_ _root_you_up[593] from_the_land_of living_people Ṣelāh. **8** [594] And_ righteous_people _they_will_see and_they_will_fear and_ _on_him they_will_laugh. **9** [595] THERE the_man who_not he_ _made god refuge_of_his and_he_trusted in_the_greatness_of his_rich[es]_of_his he_sought_safety in_destruction_of_his. **10** [596] And_I am_like_an_olive_tree luxuriant in_house_of god I_ _trust in_the_covenant_loyalty_of god forever and_ever. **11** [597] I_will_give_thanks_to_you forever_perpetuity if/because you_ _have_acted and_I_will_wait_for name_of_your if/because it_is_ _good before your_faithful_of_people.

53:1 To_choirmaster on machalath a_poem of_Dāvid. **2** [601] A_ _fool he_says in_heart_of_his there_is_not a_god they_behave_ _corruptly and_they_do_abominably unrighteousness there_is_ _not one_who_does_of (of)_good. **3** [602] god from_heaven he_ _looks_down on the_children_of humankind to_see is_there one_who_has_insight one_who_seeks ~~DOM~~ god. **4** [603] Of_it_of_all he_backslides all_together they_are_corrupt there_is_not one_

Readers' Version

Then our people will offer bulls on your altar.

God's judgement and mercy

For the musical director: a song[587] by David written when Doeg the Edomi reported to King Sha'ul that, "David went there to Ahimilik."

52:1 Why are you proud of making trouble, you powerful man?
God's loyal commitment comes every day.
2 Your tongue plans destruction—
working deceitfully like a sharp razor.
3 You love evil more than good
and lying rather than speaking the truth. (Instrumental break.)
4 You love saying anything that destroys other people, you deceitful tongue,
5 so God will also destroy you forever.
He'll snatch you up and pluck you out of your tent
and root you out of the land of the living. (Instrumental break.)
6 Godly people will also see it and fear.
They'll laugh at him and say,
7 "Look, that's a man who didn't rely on God for his protection,
but instead trusted in the abundance of his wealth,
and he was strong when he destroyed others."
8 But as for me, I'm like a flourishing olive tree in God's house.
I'll trust in God's loyal commitment forever.
9 I'll continually thank you for what you've done.
I'll rely on your reputation, because it's good,
in the presence of your faithful followers.

Fools and human wickedness

For the musical director: a song[598] by David to be sung to the tune of 'Mahalat'.[599]

53:1 Fools tell themselves that there is no god.
They are corrupt and have done disgusting acts of evil.
There's no one who does good.[600]

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587 **RV 52:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
588 **LV 52:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.1
589 **LV 52:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.2
590 **LV 52:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.3
591 **LV 52:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.4
592 **LV 52:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.5
593 **LV 52:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
594 **LV 52:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.6
595 **LV 52:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.7
596 **LV 52:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.8
597 **LV 52:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.9
598 **RV 53:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
599 **RV 53:0 · Note** The 'Mahalat' could be a tune or an instrument or a voice style.
600 **RV 53:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:10-12.
601 **LV 53:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.1
602 **LV 53:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.2
603 **LV 53:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.3

Readers' Version

2 God looks down from heaven on the children of humanity
to see if there are any with insight—
who strive to obey him.
3 They've all turned away.
Together they have become corrupt.
There's not one who does good, not even one.
4 Do those who do evil have no understanding—
those who devour my people as if they were eating bread,
and it's not God that they trust in to help them?
5 They were very worried even though it was quite irrational
because God will scatter the bones of any army that comes to attack you.
Those people will be put to shame because God has rejected them.
6 If only Yisrael's (Israel's) rescue would come from Tsiyon (Zion).
When God brings his people back from the captivity,
then Ya'akov (Jacob) will celebrate
and Yisrael will be glad.

For the musical director: a song[607] by David written when some people from Zif went to King Sha'ul and told him that David was hiding in their area.[608] To be accompanied by stringed instruments.

God is my helper

54:1 Use the strength that's part of your reputation to rescue me, God,
and use your power to declare me innocent.
2 Hear my prayer, God.
Listen to what I'm saying
3 because strangers have acted against me,
and pitiless men have tried to eliminate me.
They don't have any respect for God. (Instrumental break.)
4 But yes, God is my helper.
My master is the one who supports me.
5 He will repay my enemies with evil.
In your faithfulness, destroy them.
6 I'll sacrifice a freewill offering to you.
I'll give thanks for your reputation, Yahweh, because it's good,
7 because he's rescued me from every trouble.
I've seen my enemies being defeated.

Literal Version

_who_does_of (of)_good there_is_not also one. **5** [604] Not those_ _who_do_of (of)_wickedness do_they_know those_who_devour_ _of people_of_(of)_my they_eat bread god not they_call_on. **6** [605] There they_fear a_fear not fear it_is if/because god he_ _has_scattered the_bones_of one_who_encamped_against_you you_have_put_them_to_shame if/because god he_has_rejected_ _them. **7** [606] Who will_he_give will_be_from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_salvation(s)_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ god _turns_back the_ _captivity_of his_people_of_his Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) let_it_be_glad Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_it_rejoice.

54:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments a_poem of_ _Dāvid. **2** When_ the_Ziphites _came and_they_said to_ _Shā'ūl/(Saul) not is_Dāvid hiding_himself with_us. **3** [609] Oh_ _god by_name_of_your save_me and_by_strength_of_your you_ _will_vindicate_me. **4** [610] Oh_god hear prayer_of_my give_ear to_the_words/messages_of my_mouth_of_my. **5** [611] If/because strangers they_have_risen_up on_me and_ruthless_people they_have_sought life_of_my not they_have_set god to_before_ _themselves Şelāh. **6** [612] HERE god is_a_helper to_me my_ _master is_(in)_those_who_sustain_of life_of_(of)_my. **7** [613] May_he_bring_back[614] the_evil to_enemies_of_my in_ _faithfulness_of_your destroy_them. **8** [615] In_voluntariness I_ _will_sacrifice to_you I_will_give_thanks_to name_of_your Oh_ _**YHWH** if/because it_is_good. **9** [616] If/because from_all trouble he_has_delivered_me and_on_enemies_of_my eye_of_my it_ _has_looked.

604 **LV 53:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.4
605 **LV 53:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.5
606 **LV 53:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.6
607 **RV 54:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
608 **RV 54:0 · Cross-ref.** 1Sa 23:19-20.
609 **LV 54:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.1
610 **LV 54:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.2
611 **LV 54:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.3
612 **LV 54:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.4
613 **LV 54:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.5
614 **LV 54:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בושׁ**: (x-qere) 'בֵּישָׁ': lemma_7725 morph_HVhi3ms id_19imY **בֵּישָׁ**
615 **LV 54:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.6
616 **LV 54:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.7

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55:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments a_poem of_ _Dāvid. **2** [618] Give_ear_to Oh_god prayer_of_my and_do_not hide_yourself from_supplication_of_my. **3** [619] Pay_attention to/for_me and_answer_me I_am_restless in_complaint_of_my and_I_am_distraught. **4** [620] From_the_sound_of an_enemy from_face/in_front_of the_pressure_of the_wicked if/because they_drop on_me wickedness and_in_anger they_are_hostile_ _towards_me. **5** [621] Heart_of_my it_trembles within_me and_ _the_terrors_of death they_have_fallen on_me. **6** [622] Fear and_ _trembling it_comes on_me and_it_has_covered_me shuddering. **7** [623] And_I_said who will_he_give to/for_me wing[s] like_dove I_want_to_fly_away and_I_want_to_settle_ _down. **8** [624] HERE I_want_to_be_far_away to_flee I_want_to_ _lodge in_wilderness Şelāh. **9** [625] I_want_to_make_haste a_ _place_of_escape to_me from_a_wind rushing from_a_storm. **10** [626] Confuse my_master divide tongue_of_their if/because I_ _have_seen violence and_strife in_city. **11** [627] By_day and_night they_go_around_it on walls_of_its and_wickedness and_trouble are_in_midst_of_its. **12** [628] Destruction(s) are_in_midst_of_its and_not it_departs from_its_public_of_square oppression and_ _deceit. **13** [629] If/because not an_enemy he_taunts_me and_I_ _will_endure not one_of_who_hates_me on_me he_magnified_ _himself and_I_will_hide_myself from_him. **14** [630] And_you(ms) a_man according_to_of_my_value friend_of_my_close and_ _acquaintance_of_my. **15** [631] Who together we_made_sweet counsel in_house_of god we_walked_about in_a_crowd. **16** [632] May_it_deceive[633] on_them may_they_go_down Sha'ōl alive if/because evil_deeds are_in_sojourning-place_of_their in_ _their_inner_of_being. **17** [634] I to god I_will_call_out and_**YHWH** he_will_save_me. **18** [635] Evening and_morning and_noon(s) I_ _will_complain and_I_will_murmur and_he/it_listened my_ _sound/voice. **19** [636] He_will_ransom in_peace life_of_my from_ _battle to_me if/because (in)_many_people they_are with_me.

Readers' Version

A prayer for a person betrayed by a friend

For the musical director: a song[617] by David to be accompanied by stringed instruments.

55:1 Listen to my prayer, God,
and don't ignore my request.
2 Pay attention to me and answer me.
I'm restless and overwhelmed by my problems
3 because of what my enemy is saying.
Yes, because of the oppression by wicked people—
because they bring trouble on me and angrily persecute me.
4 My stomach has gone into a knot,
and thoughts of death terrify me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling have hit me,
and horror has overwhelmed me.
6 I said, "Oh, if only I had wings like a dove
→then I'd fly away and find a peaceful place.
7 See, then I would wander far away.
I would stay in the wilderness. (Instrumental break.)
8 I would hurry to a safe spot,
away from the stormy wind and tempest."
9 Confuse them, my master, so their words don't make sense,
because I've seen violence and strife in the city.
10 Day and night they wander around the city walls.
Wickedness and trouble are in the middle of it.
11 Destruction is right there among it,
and oppression and deceit never leave its marketplace,
12 because it wasn't an enemy who taunted me. (Then I could have borne it.)
It wasn't my opponent who set himself up against me. (Then I

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617 RV 55:0 · Note In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
618 LV 55:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.1
619 LV 55:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.2
620 LV 55:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.3
621 LV 55:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.4
622 LV 55:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.5
623 LV 55:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.6
624 LV 55:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.7
625 LV 55:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.8
626 LV 55:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.9
627 LV 55:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.10
628 LV 55:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.11
629 LV 55:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.12
630 LV 55:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.13
631 LV 55:15 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.14
632 LV 55:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.15
633 LV 55:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **תומישי**: (x-qere) 'יְשַׁי': lemma_5377 morph_HVhj3ms id_19LQP **תָּמֹ'יְשַׁי**': lemma_4194 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmsa id_19aiP תָּמֹו׀׀
634 LV 55:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.16
635 LV 55:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.17
636 LV 55:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.18

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would have hidden myself from him.)
13 But it was you—a man of similar status to myself.
My companion and close friend.
14 We'd had good times together.
We'd walked among the crowd in God's residence.
15 Let death hit them suddenly.
Let them go down alive to Sheol,
because wickedness is where they live, right among them.
16 As for me, I'll trust God to help me,
and Yahweh will save me.
17 I complain and moan morning, noon, and evening.
→He will hear my voice.
18 He'll peacefully rescue my life from those who approach me,
because there's many who fight against me.
19 God, the one who's ruled from eternity, will hear them and answer them with what they deserve. (Instrumental break.)
They never change, and they don't respect God.
20 My friend took action against those who were at peace with him.
He hasn't respected the agreement that we had.
21 His mouth was as smooth as butter, but his heart was hostile.
His words were softer than oil, but they were actually drawn swords.
22 Give your problems to Yahweh, and he'll sustain you.
He'll never allow a righteous person to be toppled.
23 But you, God, will send the wicked down into the pit of destruction.
Bloodthirsty and deceitful people won't live even half as long as others,
but I will trust in you.

The praying due trusting of God

For the musical director: a song[642] by David, written when the Pelishtim captured him at Gat.[643] To be sung to the tune of "A dove on distant oak trees".
56:1 Be merciful to me, God, because men are attacking me.
Those who fight me press their assault all day long.
2 My enemies trample me all day long,
because there are many who proudly fight against me.

Literal Version

20 [637] He_will_hear god and_he_will_answer_them and_he_is_ _sitting antiquity Ṣelāh whom there_are_not changes for_them and_not they_fear god. **21** [638] He_stretched_out hands_of_his on_allies_of_his he_violated covenant_of_his. **22** [639] They_were_ _smooth the_creamy_things_of his_mouth_of_his and_was_war his/its_heart words/messages_of_his they_were_soft more_ _than_oil and_they were_drawn_swords. **23** [640] Cast on **YHWH** burden_of_your and_he he_will_sustain_you not he_will_permit forever_perpetuity shaking to_righteous. **24** [641] And_you(ms) Oh_god you_will_bring_them_down to_the_pit_of the_pit people_of blood(s) and_deceit not they_will_divide_in_half days_of_their and_I I_will_trust on/over_you(fs).

56:1 To_choirmaster on yonath-_of elem- rechokim of_Dāvid a_ _miktam when_ the_Pəlishtiy _seized ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_him/it in_Gath. **2** [644] Show_favour_to_me Oh_god if/because he_has_trampled_on_ _me man all_of the_day one_who_fights he_oppresses_me. **3** [645] Enemies_of_my they_have_trampled_on_me all_of the_day if/because many_people are_fighting to_me height. **4** [646] A_day when_I_will_fear I to_you I_will_trust. **5** [647] In_god who_I_praise message_of_his in_god I_have_trusted not I_am_afraid what flesh will_it_do to_me. **6** [648] All_of the_day words/messages_of_

637 **LV 55:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.55.19
638 **LV 55:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.55.20
639 **LV 55:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.55.21
640 **LV 55:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.55.22
641 **LV 55:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.55.23
642 **RV 56:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'miktam' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
643 **RV 56:0 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 21:11-15.
644 **LV 56:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.1
645 **LV 56:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.2
646 **LV 56:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.3
647 **LV 56:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.4
648 **LV 56:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.5

Literal Version

_my they_twist are_on_me all_of plans_of_their for_evil. **7** [649] They_stir_up_trouble they_lie_hidden[650] they heels_of_my they_watch_for just_as they_have_waited_for life_of_my. **8** [651] On wickedness deliver (to)_them in_anger peoples bring_down Oh_god. **9** [652] Wandering_of_my you_have_taken_account_of you put tear[s]_of_my in_skin-bottle_of_your not is_it_of_in_ _your_scroll. **10** [653] Then enemies_of_my they_will_turn_back backwards in/on_day when_I_will_call_out this I_know if/because_that god to_me. **11** [654] In_god who_I_praise a_ _message in_**YHWH** who_I_praise a_message. **12** [655] In_god I_ _have_trusted not I_am_afraid what anyone will_he_do to_me. **13** [656] Are_on_me Oh_god vows_of_your I_will_pay thank-offerings to/for_you(fs). **14** [657] If/because you_have_ _delivered life_of_my from_death not feet_of_my from_ _stumbling to_go_about to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before god in_the_light_of (the)_life.

57:1 To_choirmaster al- tashcheth of_Dāvid a_miktam when_ _fled_he from_face/in_front_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) in_cave. **2** [659] Show_favour_to_me Oh_god show_favour_to_me if/because in_ _you(ms) self_of_my it_takes_refuge and_in_the_shadow_of your_two's_wings_of_your I_take_refuge until destruction(s) it_ _will_pass_by. **3** [660] I_call_out to_god Most_High to_god who_ _avenges on_me. **4** [661] He_will_send from_heaven and_he_will_ _save_me he_will_reproach the_of_one_who_tramples_on_me Şelāh god he_will_send loyalty_of_his_covenant and_ _faithfulness_of_his. **5** [662] Self_of_my in_the_middle lions I_lie_ _with those_who_devour the_children_of humankind teeth_of_ _their are_a_spear and_arrows and_tongue_of_their is_a_sword sharp. **6** [663] Be_exalted above the_heavens Oh_god be_over all_

Readers' Version

3 Any time I'm afraid, I'll put my trust in you— **4** in God, whose message I praise.
I've put my trust in God—I won't be afraid of what people can do to me?
5 All day long they twist my words.
They're always thinking about how to harm me.
6 They conspire then lie hidden—watching my steps
as they just wait for the opportunity to take my life.
7 Don't let them escape when they've done evil things.
In your anger, God, bring down those people groups.
8 You keep track of my wanderings
and put my tears into your bottle.
Aren't they recorded in your book?
9 Then my enemies will pull back when call out to you for help.
I know that because God is for me.
10 In God—whose message I praise,
in Yahweh—whose message I praise,
11 in God I trust.
I'm not scared—what can anyone do to me?
12 The duty to fulfill my promises to you is on me, God.
I'll give thank offerings to you
13 because you've rescued my life from death.
You've kept me from falling into danger,
so that I can walk in front of God in the light of the living.

A prayer for protection from predators

For the musical director: a song[658] by David written when he was fleeing from Sha'ul and hid in a cave. To be sung to the tune of 'Don't destroy'.
57:1 Be merciful to me, God, be merciful to me,
because I come to you to be safe until these troubles are over.
I stay under your wings for protection until this destruction is over.
2 I will cry to the highest God—
to God, who ensures that I get justice.
3 He will send help from heaven and rescue me,

649 **LV 56:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.6
650 **LV 56:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וניפצי**: (x-qere) **ונֹופְצִי**': lemma_6845 n_1.1 morph_HVqi3mp id_19Djm **וּנֹופְצִי**
651 **LV 56:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.7
652 **LV 56:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.8
653 **LV 56:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.9
654 **LV 56:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.10
655 **LV 56:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.11
656 **LV 56:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.12
657 **LV 56:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.13
658 **RV 57:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'miktam' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
659 **LV 57:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.1
660 **LV 57:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.2
661 **LV 57:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.3
662 **LV 57:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.4
663 **LV 57:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.5

Readers' Version

He's angry with those who crush me. (Instrumental break.)
God will let me experience his loyal commitment and his faithfulness.
4 My life is among lions.
I'm among those who are ready to devour me.
I'm among people whose teeth are spears and arrows,
and whose tongues are sharp swords.
5 May you be lifted up, God, above the skies.
May your splendour be seen by the whole world.
6 They spread out a net to catch my feet—I was distressed.
They dug a pit in front of me. They themselves have fallen into it. (Instrumental break.)
7 My heart is fixed, God, I've made my decision.
I will sing, yes, I'll sing praises.
8 Wake up, my honoured heart. Wake up, harp and other stringed instrument.
I'll wake up the dawn.
9 My master, I'll give thanks to you among the peoples.
I'll sing praises to you among the nations.
10 because your loyal commitment is great—reaching to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
11 May you be lifted up, God, above the skies.
May your splendour be seen by the whole world.

Punishment for the wicked

For the musical director: a song[670] by David. To be sung to the tune of 'Don't destroy'.
58:1 When you rulers speak, do you actually say what is right?
Do you give justice, you people?
2 No, you plan wicked schemes in your mind.
You use your hands to distribute violence throughout the land.
3 From the womb, the wicked turn from what's right.
They go astray from birth, speaking lies.
4 Their poison is like snake venom.
They're like a deaf cobra that blocks its own ears

Literal Version

_of the_earth/land glory_of_your. **7** [664] A_net they_prepared for_feet_of_my self_of_my it_bowed_down they_dug to/for_my_ _face/front a_pit they_have_fallen in_the_midst_of_of_it Ṣelāh. **8** [665] Heart_of_my is_steadfast Oh_god heart_of_my is_steadfast I_will_sing and_I_will_sing_praises. **9** [666] Awake my_honour_of_ _my awake Oh_lyre and_harp I_will_waken the_dawn. **10** [667] I_ _will_give_thanks_to_you among_peoples my_master I_will_ _sing_praises_to_you not nations. **11** [668] If/because is_great to the_heavens loyalty_of_your_covenant and_unto the_clouds faithfulness_of_your. **12** [669] Be_exalted above the_heavens Oh_ _god be_over all_of the_earth/land glory_of_your.

58:1 To_choirmaster al- tashcheth of_Dāvid a_miktam. **2** [671] Really silence righteousness do_you_speak uprightness(es) do_ _you(pl)_judge the_children_of humankind. **3** [672] Also in_the_ _heart injustice(s) you(pl)_do on_the_earth the_violence_of your_two's_hands_of_your(pl) you(pl)_weigh_out. **4** [673] Wicked_ _people they_turn_aside from_the_womb they_go_astray from_ _the_belly those_who_speak_of (of)_falsehood. **5** [674] Venom_of them is_like_the_likeness_of the_venom_of a_snake like a_cobra deaf which_it_shuts ear_of_its. **6** [675] Which not it_listens to_ _sound/voice charmers one_who_throws_of spells skillful. **7** [676] Oh_god break_away teeth_of_their in_mouth_of_their the_ _teeth_of young_lions break_off Oh_**YHWH**. **8** [677] May_they_ _flow like waters which_they_go_about (for)_themselves may_

664 **LV 57:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.6
665 **LV 57:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.7
666 **LV 57:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.8
667 **LV 57:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.9
668 **LV 57:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.10
669 **LV 57:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.11
670 **RV 58:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'miktam' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
671 **LV 58:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.1
672 **LV 58:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.2
673 **LV 58:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.3
674 **LV 58:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.4
675 **LV 58:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.5
676 **LV 58:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.6
677 **LV 58:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.7

Literal Version

_he_bend his[678] like let_them_be_cut_off. **9** [679] Like a_snail_of which_melting_away it_goes a_miscarriage_of a_woman_of (of)_which_not they_have_seen the_sun. **10** [680] Before_before pots_of_your(pl) they_will_perceive a_thorn_bush like alive like burning he_will_sweep_it_away. **11** [681] The_righteous he_will_ _rejoice if/because he_has_seen vengeance feet_of_his he_will_ _bathe in_the_blood_of the_wicked. **12** [682] And_ anyone _he_ _will_say surely fruit belongs_to_righteous surely there_is a_ _god who_judges on_the_earth.

59:1 To_choirmaster al- tashcheth of_Dāvid a_miktam when_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _sent and_people_watched ~~DOM~~ the_house to_kill_ _him. **2** [684] Deliver_me from_enemies_of_my my_god_of_my from_those_of_who_rise_against_me may_you_set_me_on_high. **3** [685] Deliver_me from_those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness and_ _from_men_of blood(s) save_me. **4** [686] If/because HERE they_ _lie_in_wait for_life_of_my they_stir_up_trouble on_me fierce_ _people not transgression_of_my and_not sin_of_my Oh_ _**YHWH**. **5** [687] Not iniquity they_run and_they_are_established awake to_meet_me and_see. **6** [688] And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** god soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) awake to_ _punish all_of the_nations do_not show_favour_to all_of those_ _who_act_treacherously_of wickedness Şelāh. **7** [689] They_return to_evening they_growl like_dog and_they_go_around the_city. **8** [690] HERE they_pour_forth with_mouth_of_their swords are_ _on_lips_of_their if/because who is_hearing. **9** [691] And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** you_laugh to_them you_mock to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_nations. **10** [692] Strength_of_his to_you I_will_watch if/because god refuge_of_is_my. **11** [693] The_god_of

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5 then pays no attention to the snake-charmer's voice
no matter how skillful they are.
6 Break their teeth in their mouths, God.
Yahweh, break off the fangs of the young lions.
7 Let them melt away like water.
When they shoot their arrows, let them be as though they were cut in half.
8 Let them be like a snail that quietly disappears.
Like a woman's still-born child that never sees the sunlight.
9 Before your pots can feel the heat of the burning thorn twigs,
he'll sweep the branches away.
10 The godly people will celebrate when they see God's vengeance.
They'll wash their feet in the blood of the wicked
11 so that people will say, "There's definitely a reward for the righteous person.
Truly there is a god who judges the world."

A prayer for safety

For the musical director: a song[683] by David written when King Sha'ul (Saul) had sent men to watch David's house in order to kill him. To be sung to the tune of 'Don't destroy'.
59:1 Rescue me from my enemies, my god.
Protect me from those who want to attack me.
2 Keep me safe from those who do evil,
and save me from the bloodthirsty men.
3 For, see, they wait in ambush to take my life.
Fierce men gather themselves together against me,
but not because of my disobedience or my sin, Yahweh.
4 They prepare to rush me even though I've done nothing wrong.
Wake up and look, and help me.
5 You, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel),
Take action and punish all the nations.
Don't be merciful to any wicked people who've been treacher-

678 LV 58:8 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/צֻחָה: (x-qere) וְ/יִּצְּחוּ: lemma_2671 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_19oxz וְ/יִּצְּחוּ
679 LV 58:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.58.8
680 LV 58:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.58.9
681 LV 58:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.58.10
682 LV 58:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.58.11
683 RV 59:0 · Note In Hebrew, 'miktam' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
684 LV 59:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.1
685 LV 59:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.2
686 LV 59:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.3
687 LV 59:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.4
688 LV 59:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.5
689 LV 59:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.6
690 LV 59:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.7
691 LV 59:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.8
692 LV 59:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.9
693 LV 59:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.10

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ous. (Instrumental break.)
6 They return in the evening, growling like dogs
and prowl around the city.
7 Wow, they belch out with their mouths.
They use their lips like daggers
because they say, "Who can hear us?"
8 But Yahweh, you laugh at them—
you mock all the pagan nations.
9 God, my strength, I'll pay attention to you.
You are my high fortress.
10 My god will meet me with his loyal commitment.
God will allow me to see my enemies defeated.
11 Don't just kill them, or my people will forget.
Use your power to scatter them and make them fall, my master, our shield.
12 Despite their pride, let them be caught
for the sins of their mouths and the words of their lips,
and for the curses and lies that they express.
13 Eliminate them in your anger
Consume them so that they'll no longer exist.
Let them know that God rules in Ya'akov (Jacob),
→and to the ends of the earth. (Instrumental break.)
14 At evening they return,
howling like dogs prowling around the city.
15 They wander around looking for food
and they growl if they're not satisfied.
16 But I'll sing about your strength,
and in the morning I'll sing about your loyal commitment.
because you've been my high fortress
and a place of safety at the time of my distress.
17 To you, my strength, I'll sing praises
because God is my high fortress—the god who demonstrates loyal commitment.

A prayer for military help

For the musical director: a song[703] by David for teaching written when he fought with Aram-Naharayim and with Aram-Tsovah, and Yoav returned and killed twelve thousand Edomim in the Salt Valley. To be sung to the tune of 'The Lily of Testimony'.
60:1 God, you've abandoned us—you've broken through our de-

Literal Version

mmm[694] he_will_meet_me god he_will_let_me_look on_
_enemies_of_my. **12** [695] Do_not kill_them lest people_of_my
they_should_forget make_them_wander_about by_strength_of_
_your and_bring_them_down our_shield_of_Oh my_master.
13 [696] The_sin_of their_mouth_of_their the_message_of their_
_lips_of_their and_let_them_be_caught in_pride_of_their and_
_from_a_curse and_from_lying which_they_speak. **14** [697] Make_
_an_end in_anger make_an_end and_they_will_not_be so_that_
_people_may_know if/because_that god is_ruling over_
_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) to_the_ends_of the_earth/land Şelāh. **15** [698]
And_they_return to_evening they_growl like_dog and_they_go_
_around the_city. **16** [699] They make_wander_about[700] to_eat if
not they_are_satisfied and_they_passed_the_night. **17** [701] And_I
I_will_sing strength_of_your and_I_will_sing_for_joy to_
_morning loyalty_of_your_covenant if/because you_have_been
a_refuge to_me and_a_place_of_escape in/on_day when_it_is_
_distress to_me. **18** [702] My_strength_of_my to_you I_will_sing_
_praises if/because god refuge_of_is_my the_god_of my_
_covenant_loyalty_of_my.

60:1 To_choirmaster on shushan-_of eduth a_miktam of_Dāvid
to_teach. **2** When_struggled_he with 'Arām Nahₐrayim and_~~ḍǫm~~
'Arām Tsōvāh/(Zobah) and_ Yō'āv/(Joab) _he_turned_back
and_he_struck_down ~~ḍǫm~~ 'Edōm in_the_Valley_of Salt two_plus
ten thousand. **3** [704] Oh_god you_have_rejected_us you_have_
_broken_out_against_us you_have_been_angry you_will_restore
to/for_us. **4** [705] You_have_made_quake the_land you_have_

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694 **LV 59:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּ/דסח: (x-qere) יָ֫/דְּסָח֥': lemma_2617 a morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cs id_19CmJ יָ֫/דְּסָח֥

695 **LV 59:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.11

696 **LV 59:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.12

697 **LV 59:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.13

698 **LV 59:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.14

699 **LV 59:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.15

700 **LV 59:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/ועוני: (x-qere) וְ/וְעִינְי': lemma_5128 morph_HVhi3mp/Sn id_199Hn וְ/וְעִינְי

701 **LV 59:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.16

702 **LV 59:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.17

703 **RV 60:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'miktam' is perhaps the name of this class of song.

704 **LV 60:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.1

705 **LV 60:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.2

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_split_it_open repair fractures_of_its if/because it_is_shaking.
5 [706] You_have_made_see people_of_your a_hard_thing you_
_have_made_us_drink wine staggering. **6** [707] You_have_set_up
for_those_fearing_of_you a_standard to_be_displayed from_
_face/in_front_of the_bow Ṣelāh. **7** [708] So_that they_may_be_
_rescued your_beloved_of_ones save hand_of_your_right
and[709]. **8** [710] god he_has_spoken in_sanctuary_of_his I_will_
_exult I_will_divide_up Shəkem and_the_Valley_of Ṣukkōt I_
_will_measure_off. **9** [711] To_me Gil'ād and_belongs_to_me
Mənashsheh and_'Efrayim is_the_protection_of my_head
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) is_my_of_commander's_staff. **10** [712] Mō'āv is_
_the_pot_of my_washing_of_my over 'Edōm I_throw sandal_of_
_my on_me Oh_Pəleshet shout. **11** [713] Who will_he_bring_me a_
_city_of fortification who has_he_led_me to 'Edōm. **12** [714] Not
you Oh_god have_you(pl)_rejected_us and_not you_go_out Oh_
_god with_armies_of_our. **13** [715] Come_NOW to/for_ourselves
help_of from_the_foe and_is_worthlessness the_deliverance_of
humankind.[716] **14** [717] In_god we_will_do strength and_he he_
_will_tread_down foes_of_our.

61:1 To_choirmaster on a_stringed_instrument_of Dāvid. **2** [718]
Hear Oh_god of_entreaty_of_my_cry pay_attention_to prayer_
_of_my. **3** [719] From_the_end_of the_earth/land to_you I_call
when_ heart_of_my _grows_faint on_a_rock which_it_is_high
more_than_me you_will_lead_me. **4** [720] If/because you_have_
_been a_refuge to_me a_tower_of strength from_face/in_front_

Readers' Version

fenses.
You've been angry—restore us again.
2 You've made the land tremble—you've torn it apart.
→Heal its fissures, because it's shaking.
3 You've made your people see difficult things.
You've given us wine to drink that makes us stagger.
4 You've set up a banner for those who honour you,
to be displayed against those who flee from the battle. (Instrumental break.)
5 Use your strength to rescue those you love
and answer us
6 God has spoken from his sacred place, "I'll celebrate.
I'll divide Shekem
and apportion out the Sukot Valley.
7 Gilead is mine,
and Menasheh (Manasseh) is mine.
Efrayim (Ephraim)/Yisrael (Israel) also is my helmet.
Yehudah (Judah) is my scepter.
8 Moav (Moab) is my wash-basin.
I'll toss my shoe on Edom to indicate my ownership of it.
I'll shout triumphantly because of Peleshet."
9 Who will bring me into the fortified city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
10 But it seems that you've rejected us, God?
You don't join our army when they go into battle.
11 Give us help against our enemy,
because human help is worthless.
12 We'll win with God's help.
He'll trample our enemies down.

A prayer for protection

For the musical director: a song by David to be accompanied by stringed instruments.
61:1 Hear my call for help, God.
Answer my prayer.

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706 **LV 60:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.3
707 **LV 60:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.4
708 **LV 60:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.5
709 **LV 60:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְנַעְנֵי: (x-qere) וְיִנָּעֲנוּ': lemma_c/6032 n_0 morph_HC/Vqv2ms/Sp1cs id_19LQV וְיִנָּעֲנוּ
710 **LV 60:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.6
711 **LV 60:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.7
712 **LV 60:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.8
713 **LV 60:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.9
714 **LV 60:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.10
715 **LV 60:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.11
716 **LV 60:13 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
717 **LV 60:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.12
718 **LV 61:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.61.1
719 **LV 61:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.61.2
720 **LV 61:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.61.3

Readers' Version

2 I call to you from the ends of the earth when I feel faint.
→Lead me to the rock of stability that's high above me
3 because you've been a place of protection for me—
a tower that's fortified from the enemy.
4 Let me live in your tent forever.
Let me find protection under the shelter of your wings. (Instrumental break.)
5 because you, God, have heard my promises.
You've given me the inheritance that's given to those who honour you.
6 You'll prolong the king's life—
his years will be like generation after generation.
7 May he sit enthroned in God's presence forever.
May loyal commitment and faithfulness preserve him.
8 I'll sing praise to you forever
so that I can fulfil my promises every day.

For the musical director: a song by David Hidutun.

Trusting in God

62:1 I wait in silence for God alone.
He's the only one who can rescue me.
2 He alone is my rock and the one who rescues me.
He's my fortified tower—no enemy will get me out of there.
3 How long, all of you, will you attack a man?
All of you will be murdered INVESTIGATE
like a leaning wall or a wobbling fence.
4 They plan to bring him down from his high position.
They love to tell lies—
they bless him with their mouths, but in their minds they curse him. (Instrumental break.)
5 I wait in silence for God alone
because I've placed my hope in him.
6 He alone is my rock and the one who rescues me.
He's my fortified tower—no enemy will get me out of there.
7 It's God who saves and honours me.

Literal Version

_of the_enemy. 5 [721] Let_me_sojourn in_tent_of_your forever let_me_take_refuge in_the_shelter_of your_two's_wings_of_ _your Şelāh. 6 [722] If/because you Oh_god you_have_listened to_ _vows_of_my you_have_given the_possession_of those_fearing_ _of name_of_(of)_your. 7 [723] Days to the_days_of the_king you_ _will_add years_of_his be_like a_generation and_a_generation. 8 [724] May_he_sit forever to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before god covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness appoint they_will_ _preserve_him. 9 [725] Thus I_will_sing_praises_to name_of_your forever_ever I_to_pay vows_of_my day day.

62:1 To_choirmaster on Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) a_song of_Dāvid. 2 [726] Only to god is_silence being_of_my from_him/it salvation_ _of_my. 3 [727] Only he rock_of_is_my and_salvation_of_my refuge_of_my not I_will_be_shaken much. 4 [728] Until when will_ _you(pl)_attack on[729] a_person of_you_of_all you(pl)_will_be_ _murdered like_a_wall bent_down a_wall (the)_pushed_down. 5 [730] Surely from_loftiness_of_his they_have_planned to_ _thrust_him_down they_are_pleased_with falsehood with_ _mouth_of_his they_bless and_in_their_inner_of_being they_ _curse Şelāh. 6 [731] Only to_god be_silent my_self_of_my if/because from_him/it hope_of_my. 7 [732] Only he rock_of_is_ _my and_salvation_of_my refuge_of_my not I_will_be_shaken. 8 [733] Is_on god salvation_of_my and_honour_of_my the_rock_of my_strength_of_my refuge_of_my is_in_god. 9 [734] Trust in_ _him/it at_every_of time Oh_people pour_out before_him heart_of_your(pl) god is_a_refuge to/for_ourselves Şelāh. 10 [735] Only are_a_breath the_children_of humankind are_falsehood the_children_of everyone in_the_balances to_go_up they are_ _more_than_a_breath together. 11 [736] Do_not trust in_extortion and_in_robbery do_not put_vain_hope wealth if/because it_

721 LV 61:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.61.4
722 LV 61:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.61.5
723 LV 61:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.61.6
724 LV 61:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.61.7
725 LV 61:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.61.8
726 LV 62:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.1
727 LV 62:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.2
728 LV 62:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.3
729 LV 62:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
730 LV 62:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.4
731 LV 62:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.5
732 LV 62:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.6
733 LV 62:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.7
734 LV 62:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.8
735 LV 62:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.9
736 LV 62:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.10

Literal Version

_will_bear_fruit do_not set heart. **12** [737] one_time god he_has_ _spoken two_times this I_have_heard if/because_that strength belongs_to_god. **13** [738] And_belongs_to_you my_master covenant_loyalty if/because you you_repay to_a_person according_to_of_his_work.

63:1 A_song of_Dāvid when_was_he in_the_wilderness_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** [739] Oh_god god_of_are_my you I_am_ _seeking_you_earnestly it_is_thirsty to/for_yourself(m) self_of_ _my it_longs to/for_yourself(m) flesh_of_my in_land_of dryness and_weary not water. **3** [740] Thus in_sanctuary I_have_seen_you to_see strength_of_your and_glory_of_your. **4** [741] If/because is_ _good loyalty_of_your_covenant more_than_life lips_of_my they_will_extol_you. **5** [742] Thus I_will_bless_you in_life_of_my in_name_of_your I_will_lift_up palms_of_my. **6** [743] Like fat and_ _fatness self_of_my it_will_be_satisfied and_lips_of cries_of_joy mouth_of_my it_will_praise_you. **7** [744] If I_have_remembered_ _you on beds_of_my in_the_night-watches I_meditate on/over_ _you(fs). **8** [745] If/because you_are help_of_(to)_a to/for_me and_ _in_the_shadow_of your_two's_wings_of_your I_shout_for_joy. **9** [746] Self_of_my it_clings after_you (in)_me hand_of_your_right it_supports. **10** [747] And_they to_devastation they_are_seeking life_of_my they_will_go in_the_lower_parts_of the_earth/land. **11** [748] People_will_pour_him over the_hands_of the_sword the_ _portion_of foxes they_will_be. **12** [749] And_the_king he_will_ _rejoice in_god every_of (the)_one_who_swears_an_oath in/on/over_him/it he_will_boast if/because the_mouth_of those_who_speak_of (of)_falsehood it_will_be_shut_up.

737 **LV 62:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.62.11
738 **LV 62:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.62.12
739 **LV 63:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.1
740 **LV 63:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.2
741 **LV 63:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.3
742 **LV 63:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.4
743 **LV 63:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.5
744 **LV 63:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.6
745 **LV 63:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.7
746 **LV 63:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.8
747 **LV 63:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.9
748 **LV 63:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.10
749 **LV 63:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.11

Readers' Version

I find my safe place in God and he's the source of my strength.
8 Trust him at all times, you people.
Tell him all your troubles.
God is a place where we can be protected. (Instrumental break.)
9 Humans are nothing but a puff of wind.
They don't weigh much on the scales.
→Even when weighed together, they're lighter than air.
10 Don't rely on extortion or robbery.
Don't hope uselessly in your wealth,
→because it'll bear no fruit—don't fix your heart on them.
11 God has spoken once.
Twice I've heard this:
→all power comes from God.
12 Also, loyal commitment comes from you, my master,
because you pay back every person for what they've done.

Staying close to God

A song by David when he was in the Yehudah wilderness.
63:1 God, you're my god. I'm eager to get to know you.
My inner being thirsts for you, and my body needs you
in a dry and depressing land where there's no water,
2 so I've been to the sanctuary to see you—
to see your power and your splendour
3 because your loyal commitment is better than life itself.
My lips will praise you.
4 So I will use my life to bless you.
I will lift up my hands to honour you.
5 My mind will be satisfied as if it's had a good meal.
My mouth will gladly praise you
6 on my bed as I think about you.
I will meditate about you during the night
7 because you have helped me.
Under your protection, I sing with happiness
8 I stay close to you—
you use your power to support me.
9 Those who are trying to destroy me
will end up down deep under the earth instead.
10 They'll experience the wrong end of the sword—
they'll become food for jackals.

Readers' Version

11 But the king will express his happiness about God.
Everyone who trusts in God will boast,
but he won't allow liars to say anything.

Trusting God for protection

For the musical director: a song by David.
64:1 Hear my voice of complaint, God.
Save my from my enemies that I fear.
2 Protect me from the secret plots of wicked people—
from the scheming of those who do evil.
3 They have sharpened their tongues like swords.
They have targeted their bitter words like aiming arrows
4 to shoot at innocent people from their ambush—
they shoot suddenly and don't fear any consequences.
5 They encourage each other with their wicked plans.
They talk about secretly laying their traps,
asking who will notice them.
6 They plot crimes, conceiving the 'perfect plan'.
Humankind's inner thoughts and desires run deep.
7 But God will shoot them—
suddenly they'll be wounded by arrows.
8 Their own tongues will bring them to ruin.
Everyone who sees them will just shake their heads.
9 All of humankind will fear God
and talk about what he's done.
Yes, they'll ponder what happened.
10 Those who do what is right will be glad about Yahweh
and take shelter in him.
Every godly person will praise him.

Praising and thanking God

For the musical director: a song by David.
65:1 Our praise is ready for you, God in Tsiyon (Zion).
We've fulfilled our vows.
2 You hear prayers.
Everyone goes to you.
3 Our sinful activities hold us back,
but you forgive our disobedience.

Literal Version

64:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [750] Hear Oh_god my_ _sound/voice in_complaint_of_my from_dread_of an_enemy you_will_preserve life_of_my. **3** [751] You_will_hide_me from_the_ _secret_counsel_of evil-doers from_the_unrest_of those_who_ _do_of (of)_wickedness. **4** [752] Who they_sharpen like_sword tongue_of_their they_bend arrow_of_their a_message bitter. **5** [753] To_shoot in_(the)_places the_blameless suddenly they_ _shoot_at_him and_not they_are_afraid. **6** [754] They_strengthen (for)_themselves a_matter evil they_speak to_hide snares they_ _say who will_he_see (to)_them. **7** [755] They_plot injustice(s) we_ _have_finished a_plot plotted and_the_inner_being_of a_person and_the_heart is_deep. **8** [756] And_he_shot_at_them god an_ _arrow suddenly they_will_be wounds_of_their. **9** [757] And_they_ _caused_him_to_stumble over_them tongue_of_their every_of one_who_looks on_them they_will_shudder. **10** [758] And_ all_of humankind _they_were_afraid and_they_declared the_deed[s]_ _of god and_work_of_his they_will_consider. **11** [759] The_ _righteous let_him_rejoice in_**YHWH** and_he_will_take_refuge in_him/it and_ all_of people_upright_of heart _let_them_boast.

65:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid a_song. **2** [760] To/for_ _yourself(m) silence is_praise Oh_god in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_ _to_you a_vow it_will_be_paid. **3** [761] Oh_you_who_hear_of prayer to_you all_of flesh they_will_come. **4** [762] Things_of iniquities they_are_too_strong for_me transgressions_of_our you you_atone_for_them. **5** [763] How_blessed is_the_one_whom_ _you_choose and_whom_you_bring_near he_dwells courts_of_ _your may_we_be_satisfied by_the_goodness_of your_house_of_ _your the_holy_place_of your_temple_of_your. **6** [764] Awesome_

750 **LV 64:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.1
751 **LV 64:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.2
752 **LV 64:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.3
753 **LV 64:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.4
754 **LV 64:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.5
755 **LV 64:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.6
756 **LV 64:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.7
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758 **LV 64:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.9
759 **LV 64:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.10
760 **LV 65:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.65.1
761 **LV 65:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.65.2
762 **LV 65:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.65.3
763 **LV 65:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.65.4
764 **LV 65:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.65.5

Literal Version

_deeds in_righteousness you_answer_us Oh_god_of our_
_salvation_of_our the_object_of_confidence of_all_of the_ends_
_of the_earth and_the_sea distant. **7** [765] Who_established
mountains by_strength_of_his who_is_girded with_might. **8** [766]
Who_calms the_uproar_of the_seas the_uproar_of their_waves_
_of_their and_the_tumult_of the_peoples. **9** [767] And_they_were_
_afraid the_inhabitants_of the_ends from_signs_of_your the_
_going(s)_out_of morning and_evening you_make_shout_for_
_joy. **10** [768] You_visit the_earth/land and_you_made_it_overflow
much_of you_make_it_rich the_stream_of god is_full water you_
_prepare grain_of_their if/because thus you_prepare_it. **11** [769]
Furrows_of_its you_water_abundantly you_press_down ridges_
_of_its with_showers you_soften_it growth_of_its you_bless.
12 [770] You_crown the_year_of your_goodness_of_your and_
_tracks_of_your they_drip fatness. **13** [771] The_pastures_of the_
_wilderness they_drip and_rejoicing the_hills they_gird_on.
14 [772] The_pastures they_are_clothed (the)_flock[s] and_the_
_valleys they_cover_themselves grain they_shout_for_joy also
they_sing.

66:1 To_choirmaster a_song a_song[775] shout_for_joy to_god Oh_
_all_of the_earth/land. **2** Sing_praises the_glory_of his/its_
_name make glory praise_of_his. **3** Say to_god how awesome
deeds_of_are_your in_the_greatness_of your_strength_of_your
they_cringe to/for_yourself(m) enemies_of_your. **4** All_of the_
_earth/land they_bow_down to/for_yourself(m) and_they_
_sing_praises to/for_you(fs) they_sing_praises_to name_of_
_your Ṣelāh. **5** Come and_see the_works_of god awesome_of
deed on the_children_of humankind. **6** He_turned the_sea into_
_dry_ground in_river they_passed on_foot there let_us_rejoice
in/on/over_him/it. **7** He_is_ruling by_might_of_his forever
eyes_of_his on_nations they_keep_watch those_who_are_

Readers' Version

4 Anyone you choose to bring near to you is honoured,
then they can live in your courtyards.
We'll be satisfied with the goodness of your house—
your holy temple.
5 God of our salvation, answer us
by awesome acts of justice—
yes, you who are hope of all this entire region,
as well as the hope of those who are far across the sea.
6 You created the mountains with your power.
You have plenty of strength.
7 You calm the roaring oceans—
the roaring of their waves
and the turmoil of the nations.
8 Those who live all around the world
are amazed by the evidence of your activities.
You make them happy from the east to the west.
9 You look after the world and water it.
You greatly enrich it.
God's river is full of water.
You've prepared the earth to produce grain.
10 You generously water its ploughed furrows—
your rain flattens down the ridges between them.
You make the soil soft with rain showers
then you bless what grows there.
11 You crown the yearly harvest with your bounty,
and your farm-wagons overflow with plenty.
12 The pastures in the wilderness drip with dew,
and the hills are cloaked with gladness.
13 The pastures are blanketed with sheep and goats.
The valleys also are covered over with grain;
They shout with gladness and sing.

For the musical director: a song.

Praising and thanking God

66:1 Shout happily to God you people all over the world.
2 Sing about his incredible reputation.
Make your praise of him sound great.
3 Tell God, "It's awesome what you do.
Your incredible power causes your enemies to cower.
4 The whole world will bow down to you.
They'll sing to praise you and your reputation." (Instrumental break.)

765 LV 65:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.6
766 LV 65:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.7
767 LV 65:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.8
768 LV 65:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.9
769 LV 65:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.10
770 LV 65:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.11
771 LV 65:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.12
772 LV 65:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.13
775 LV 66:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.66.1

Readers' Version

5 Come and see what God's done.
His activities among humanity are awesome.
6 He turned the sea into dry land.[773]
They walked through the river on foot.[774]
Let's keep celebrating what he did there.
7 He rules forever with his strength.
His eyes keep watch on the nations.
Don't let rebellious people pat themselves on the back. (Instrumental break.)
8 Be a blessing to God, you people groups.
Let the sounds of praising him be heard.
9 He maintains us among the living,
and doesn't allow our feet to slip.
10 For you, God, have tested us.
You've purified us like refined silver.
11 You led us like fish into a net.
You made us carry a heavy load on our backs.
12 You let enemy horsemen ride over our heads.
We went through fire and through water,
but you brought us out to a wide-open place.
13 I will enter your temple with burnt offerings.
I will give the amount that I promised
14 with my own lips—
that vow that I made when I was in a predicament.
15 I'll offer burnt offerings of fattened animals to you
with the sweet aroma of rams.
I will offer bulls and goats. (Instrumental break.)
16 All of you who respect God, come and listen
and I'll tell you about what he's done for me.
17 I called out to him for help with my mouth,
then I praised him with my tongue.
18 If I had considered doing evil,
my master wouldn't have listened to me.
19 Nevertheless God listened to me.
He paid attention to my prayers.
20 God deserves praise—he hasn't turned away from my prayer
or withheld his loyal commitment to me.

A song thanking God

For the musical director: a praise song to be accompanied by stringed instruments.
67:1 May God be gracious to us and bless us,
and show kindness towards us (Instrumental break.)
2 so that those living on earth will know what you're like.
All the nations will learn about your salvation.
3 Let the peoples praise you, God.

Literal Version

_rebellious not let_them_be_exalted[776] (to)_themselves Ṣelāh.
8 Bless Oh_peoples god_of_our and_make_heard the_sound_of his_praise_of_his. 9 Who_placed self_of_our in_life and_not he_ _has_permitted to_slip foot_of_our. 10 If/because you_have_ _tested_us Oh_god you_have_refined_us as_refine silver. 11 You_ _have_brought_us in_net you_have_put affliction on_hips_of_ _our. 12 You_have_made_ride a_man to_head_of_our we_have_ _gone in_fire and_in_water and_you_have_brought_us_out to_ _saturation. 13 I_will_come house_of_your with_burnt_ _offerings I_will_pay to/for_yourself(m) vows_of_my. 14 Which lips_of_my they_opened and_ mouth_of_my _it_spoke in_ _distress to_me. 15 Burnt_offerings_of fatlings I_will_offer_up to_you with the_smoke_of rams I_will_offer cattle with goats Ṣelāh. 16 Come listen and_I_will_recount Oh_all_of those_ _fearing_of (of)_god that_which he_has_done for_self_of_my. 17 To_him/it mouth_of_my I_called_out and_exaltation was_ _under tongue_of_my. 18 Wickedness if I_had_considered in_ _heart_of_my not he_will_listen my_master. 19 Nevertheless god he_has_heard he_has_paid_attention to_the_sound_of my_ _prayer_of_my. 20 god who not he_has_turned_aside prayer_of_ _my and_his_covenant_of_loyalty from_with_me be_blessed.

67:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments a_song a_song.
2 [777] god may_he_show_favour_to_us and_may_he_bless_us may_he_make_shine his/its_faces/face with_us Ṣelāh. 3 [778] To_ _know on_the_earth way_of_your in_all nations salvation_of_ _your. 4 [779] May_they_praise_you peoples Oh_god may_they_ _praise_you peoples of_them_of_all. 5 [780] May_they_rejoice and_may_they_sing_for_joy nations if/because you_judge peoples uprightness and_nations on_the_earth you_guide_

773 **RV 66:6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:21.
774 **RV 66:6 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:14-17.
776 **LV 66:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּמִרְרִי: (x-qere) 'וּמְרֻרָי': lemma_7311 a morph_HVqj3mp id_19NBj וּמְרֻרָי
777 **LV 67:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.1
778 **LV 67:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.2
779 **LV 67:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.3
780 **LV 67:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.4

Literal Version

_them Ṣelāh. **6** [781] May_they_praise_you peoples Oh_god may_ _they_praise_you peoples of_them_of_all. **7** [782] Earth it_gives produce_of_its he_will_bless_us god god_of_our. **8** [783] He_will_ _bless_us god and_ all_of the_ends_of the_earth _they_will_fear ~~DOM~~_him/it.

68:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid a_song a_song. **2** [784] god may_he_ _arise enemies_of_his may_they_be_scattered and_ those_of_ _who_hate_him _may_they_flee from_before_of_him. **3** [785] As_ smoke _is_driven_about may_you_drive_them_about as_ wax _ _melts from_face/in_front_of a_fire wicked_people may_they_ _perish from_face/in_front_of god. **4** [786] And_righteous_people may_they_rejoice may_they_exult to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before god and_may_they_rejoice with_gladness. **5** [787] Sing to_god sing_praises_to his/its_name lift_up to_rider in_clouds Yah his/its_name and_exult before_him. **6** [788] Is_a_father_of fatherless_ones and_a_judge_of widows god in_the_dwelling_ _place_of his_holiness_of_his. **7** [789] god is_causing_to_dwell solitary_people household_(to)_a he_is_bringing_out prisoners in_prosperiti(es) only those_who_are_rebellious they_dwell a_ _parched_land. **8** [790] Oh_god when_you_went_out to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before people_of_your when_marched_you in_ _a_desolate_place Ṣelāh. **9** [791] The_earth it_quaked also the_ _heavens they_dropped from_face/in_front_of god this Ṣīnay from_face/in_front_of god the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **10** [792] Rain_of voluntariness(es) you_shed_abroad Oh_god inheritance_of_your (and)_weary you you_established_it. **11** [793] Community_of_your they_dwelt in_it you_prepared in_ _goodness_of_your for_(the)_person Oh_god. **12** [794] My_master he_gives a_message the_women_who_bear_the_news are_a_ _soldier/messenger great. **13** [795] kings_of armies they_flee they_flee and_the_beautiful_woman_of the_house she_divides the_plunder. **14** [796] If you(pl)_will_lie_down between two_

Readers' Version

Let all the people groups praise you.
4 Let the nations be glad and sing happily,
because you'll judge the peoples with impartiality,
and govern the nations around the world. (Instrumental break.)
5 Let the peoples praise you, God.
Let all the people groups praise you.
6 The earth has yielded its harvest.
God, our god, has blessed us.
7 May God bless us,
and may people all around the world respect him.

A song of victory

For the musical director: a song by David.
68:1 Let God take action so his enemies get scattered.
Let those who hate him flee away from him
2 like smoke is driven away.
Drive them away like wax melts beside a flame,
Let the wicked perish in God's presence.
3 However let the godly people be glad.
Let them be happy in God's presence.
May they celebrate with gladness.
4 Sing to God—sing praises about his reputation.
Praise the one who rides on the clouds.
His name is Yah, so celebrate in front of him.
5 A father of the fatherless,
a protector of the widows,
is God in the sin-free place where he lives.
6 God puts solitary people into homes.
He brings out the prisoners to live in prosperity,
but those who are rebellious live in a dry, barren land.
7 God, when you went out ahead of your people,
you marched through the wilderness. (Instrumental break.)
8 The earth trembled and the skies also dropped rain in God's presence—
in the presence of God at Sinay,

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781 **LV 67:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.5
782 **LV 67:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.6
783 **LV 67:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.7
784 **LV 68:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.1
785 **LV 68:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.2
786 **LV 68:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.3
787 **LV 68:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.4
788 **LV 68:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.5
789 **LV 68:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.6
790 **LV 68:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.7
791 **LV 68:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.8
792 **LV 68:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.9
793 **LV 68:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.10
794 **LV 68:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.11
795 **LV 68:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.12
796 **LV 68:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.13

Readers' Version

in the presence of Yisrael's (Israel's) god.
9 You sent plentiful rain around.
You strengthened your inheritance when it was famished.
10 Your people lived in that land.
You, God, gave to the poor out of your goodness.
11 My master gave an order
and a large army proclaimed it.
12 Kings of armies flee—they take off—
she who waits at home divides out the loot.
13 Although you lie down out there among the sheepfolds,
you'll be like the wings of a dove covered with silver,
and her feathers covered with yellow gold
14 The powerful one scattered kings there.
It was as when it snowed on Mt. Tsalmon.
15 Mt. Bashan is one of God's large mountains.
The hill country of Bashan has many mountain peaks.
16 Why do you look in envy, you high hill country,
at the mountain which God desires for the place he will live?
Indeed, Yahweh will live in it forever.
17 God has many thousands of chariots—thousands of thousands.
My master is among them in the sacred place,
like he was at Sinay.
18 You have ascended on high.
You have led away captives.
You have received gifts from among men,
even from those who were rebellious,
so that you, Yahweh God, might live there.
19 Blessed be my master, who carries a load for us each day—
the god who's our salvation. (Instrumental break.)
20 God is a god who saves people.
My master Yahweh is the one who is able to rescue us from death.

Literal Version

_saddlebags the_wings_of a_dove are_covered with_silver and_
_pinions_of_its with_greenish_of gold. **15** [797] When_ the_
_almighty _scatters kings in_it let_it_snow on_Zalmon. **16** [798]
Oh_mountain_of god Oh_mountain_of Bāshān Oh_mountain_of
peaks Oh_mountain_of Bāshān. **17** [799] To/for_what do_you_
_watch_with_envy Oh_mountains peaks the_mountain god
which_he_desired he_to_dwell_in also **YHWH** he_will_dwell to_
_perpetuity. **18** [800] The_chariotry_of god is_twice_ten_thousand
thousands_of repetition[s] my_master is_among_them Ṣīnay is_
_in_holiness. **19** [801] You_went_up height you_took_captive
captive[s] you_took gifts among_humankind and_even those_
_who_are_rebellious to_dwell Yah god. **20** [802] My_master be_
_blessed day day he_carries_a_load to/for_us (the)_god
salvation_of_our Ṣelāh. **21** [803] (The)_god to/for_us is_a_god of_
_saving_acts and_belong_to_**YHWH** my_master to_death
escapes. **22** [804] Surely god he_will_smash the_head_of his_
_enemies_of_his the_crown_of_head_of hair one_who_goes_
_about in_guilt(s)_of_his. **23** [805] My_master he_has_said from_
_Bāshān I_will_bring_back I_will_bring_back from_the_depths_
_of the_sea. **24** [806] So_that foot_of_your it_may_smash in_blood
the_tongue_of your(pl)_dogs_of_your will_be_from_the_
_enemies portion_of_its. **25** [807] People_have_seen processions_
_of_your Oh_god the_processions_of my_god_of_my king_of_my
in_place. **26** [808] Singers they_went_in_front were_behind
musicians in_the_middle young_women who_were_playing_
_tambourines. **27** [809] In_assemblies bless god **YHWH** from_the_
_fountain_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **28** [810] There Binyāmīn
insignificant is_ruling_of_over_them the_princes_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) of_stones_of_their_heap the_princes_of
Zəvūlūn the_princes_of Naftālī. **29** [811] god_of_your he_has_
_ordained strength_of_your be_strong Oh_god who you_have_
_acted to/for_ourselves. **30** [812] From_temple_of_your at
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to/for_yourself(m) kings they_will_
_bring a_gift. **31** [813] Rebuke the_animal[s]_of the_reed[s] a_
_herd_of mighty_bulls with_calves_of peoples trampling on_
_pieces_of silver he_has_scattered peoples which_wars they_
_delight_in. **32** [814] Envoys they_will_come from

797 LV 68:15 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.14
798 LV 68:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.15
799 LV 68:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.16
800 LV 68:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.17
801 LV 68:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.18
802 LV 68:20 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.19
803 LV 68:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.20
804 LV 68:22 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.21
805 LV 68:23 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.22
806 LV 68:24 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.23
807 LV 68:25 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.24
808 LV 68:26 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.25
809 LV 68:27 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.26
810 LV 68:28 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.27
811 LV 68:29 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.28
812 LV 68:30 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.29
813 LV 68:31 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.30
814 LV 68:32 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.31

Literal Version

Mitsrayim/(Egypt) Kūsh/(Cush) it_will_cause_to_run hands_of_
_its to_god. **33** [815] Oh_kingdoms_of the_earth/land sing to_god
sing_praises_to my_master Ṣelāh. **34** [816] To_rider in_the_
_heavens_of heavens_of ancient_time THERE he_gives_forth
with_voice_of_his a_voice_of strength. **35** [817] Ascribe strength
to_god is_over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) majesty_of_his and_strength_of_
_his is_in_clouds. **36** [818] god is_to_be_feared from_sanctuari(es)_
_of_your the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he is_giving strength and_
_power(s) to_people god be_blessed.

69:1 To_choirmaster on Shoshannim of_Dāvid. **2** [819] Save_me
Oh_god if/because waters they_have_come to the_neck. **3** [820] I_
_have_sunk in_mire_of depth and_there_is_not a_foothold I_
_have_come in_depths_of water and_a_flood it_has_overflowed_

Readers' Version

21 But God will smash the heads of his enemies—
the hair on the head of those who continue with their guilty acts.
22 My master said, "I'll bring my enemies back from Bashan.
I'll bring them back from the depths of the ocean
23 so that you can crush your enemies—dipping your foot in blood,
and so that your dogs' tongues can have their share too from your enemies."
24 People have seen your processions, God—
the processions of my god, my King, into the sacred place.
25 The singers went first with the musicians behind them,
and the girls playing tambourines were in the middle.
26 Bless God in the large congregation.
Praise Yahweh, you who are from the fountain of Yisrael (Israel).
27 First there's Benyamin, the smallest tribe,
then the leaders of Yehudah (Judah) with their large numbers,
then the leaders of Zevulun and the leaders of Naftali (Naphtali).
28 Yisrael, your god has predetermined your strength.
Reveal your power to us, God, as you have done in times past
29 because of your temple in Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
where kings bring gifts to you.
30 Shout in battle against the wild animals in the reeds,
against the peoples, that multitude of bulls and calves.
Humiliate them and make them bring you gifts.
Scatter the people groups who love to attack other countries.
31 Princes will come out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).
Kush (Ethiopia) will hurry to reach out to God with her hands.
32 Sing to God, you kingdoms around the world. (Instrumental break.)
33 To him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which exists from ancient times.
See, he lifts up his voice with strength.
34 Acknowledge God's strength—
His sovereignty is over Yisrael (Israel) and his power in the skies.
35 God, you are awesome in your sacred place.
Yisrael's god—he's the one who gives power and strength to his people.
Praise God.

A request for help

For the musical director: a song by David to be sung to the tune of 'Lilies'.
69:1 Save me, God, because the waters have reached my neck.

815 **LV 68:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.32
816 **LV 68:34 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.33
817 **LV 68:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.34
818 **LV 68:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.35
819 **LV 69:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.1
820 **LV 69:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.2

Readers' Version

2 I sink in deep mud where there's nowhere to stand.
I have come into deep waters where the floods flow over me.
3 I'm exhausted from my crying for help—my throat is dry.
My eyes have failed while I've been waiting for my god.
4 There's more people who hate me without even knowing why, than there are hairs on my head.
I have many enemies who want to destroy me, but for no good reason.
I'm forced to 'give back' what I didn't steal in the first place.
5 God, you know the silly things that I do,
and none of my sins can be hidden from you.
6 Don't let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
Don't let those who need your help be humiliated because of me, God of Yisrael (Israel).
7 I've been ridiculed for following you—
shame has covered my face.
8 I've become a stranger to my siblings—
yes, a foreigner to my mother's children
9 because my zeal for your temple has eaten me up,
and the rebukes of those who rebuke you have fallen on me.
10 When I wept and chose not to eat,
they insulted me.
11 When I put on rough sackcloth,
they just turned me into a joke.
12 Those who sit around the community court talk about me,
and drunkards sing about me.
13 Even so, my prayer is to you, Yahweh,
when you're feeling favourable towards me.
From the strength of your loyal commitment,
answer me for sure by rescuing me.
14 Pull me out of the mud, and don't let me sink.
Rescue me from those who hate me, and from deep waters.

Literal Version

_me. **4** [821] I_have_become_weary by_my_calling_out throat_of_
_my it_has_become_parched eyes_of_my they_have_failed
waiting for_god_of_my. **5** [822] They_are_many more_than_the_
_hairs_of my_head those_of_who_hate_me without_cause
those_of_who_destroy_me enemies_of_my falsehood they_are_
_numerous that_which not I_stole then I_will_return. **6** [823] Oh_
_god you you_know (to)_folly_of_my and_guilt(s)_of_my from_
_you not they_are_hidden. **7** [824] Not let_them_be_ashamed in_
_me those_of_who_wait_for_you my_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers not let_them_be_humiliated in_me those_
_of_who_seek_you Oh_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **8** [825] If/because
on_you I_have_borne reproach ignominy it_has_covered face_
_of_my. **9** [826] Estranged[827] I_have_become to_brothers_of_my
and_a_foreigner to_the_children_of my_mother_of_my. **10** [828]
If/because the_zeal_of your_house_of_your it_has_consumed_
_me and_the_reproaches_of those_who_reproach_you they_
_have_fallen on_me. **11** [829] And_I_wept with_fasting self_of_my
and_it_became (into)_reproach(es) to_me. **12** [830] And_I_made
clothing_of_my sackcloth and_I_became to/for_them (into)_a_
_byword. **13** [831] They_speak in_me those_who_sit_of the_gate
and_taunt_songs of_drinkers_of strong_drink. **14** [832] And_I
prayer_of_my to/for_yourself(m) Oh_**YHWH** a_time_of favour
Oh_god in_the_greatness_of your_covenant_loyalty_of_your
answer_me in_the_faithfulness_of your_salvation_of_your.
15 [833] Deliver_me from_the_mud and_not let_me_sink may_I_
_be_delivered from_those_of_who_hate_me and_from_depths_
_of water. **16** [834] Not let_it_overflow_me a_flood_of water and_
_not let_it_swallow_me_up the_deep and_not let_it_close over_
_me the_pit her/its_mouth. **17** [835] Answer_me Oh_**YHWH**
if/because is_good loyalty_of_your_covenant according_to_the_
_greatness_of your(pl)_compassion(s)_of_your turn to_me.
18 [836] And_do_not hide face_of_your from_servant_of_your
if/because it_is_distress to_me hurry answer_me. **19** [837] Draw_
_near to self_of_my redeem_it on_account_of enemies_of_my
ransom_me. **20** [838] You you_know reproach_of_my and_shame_
_of_my and_ignominy_of_my are_before_you all_of foes_of_my.

821 **LV 69:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.3
822 **LV 69:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.4
823 **LV 69:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.5
824 **LV 69:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.6
825 **LV 69:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.7
826 **LV 69:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.8
827 **LV 69:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
828 **LV 69:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.9
829 **LV 69:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.10
830 **LV 69:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.11
831 **LV 69:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.12
832 **LV 69:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.13
833 **LV 69:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.14
834 **LV 69:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.15
835 **LV 69:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.16
836 **LV 69:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.17
837 **LV 69:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.18
838 **LV 69:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.19

Literal Version

21 [839] Reproach it_has_broken heart_of_my and_I_have_ _become_sick and_I_waited to_show_sympathy and_there_was_ _not and_for_comforters and_not I_found_them. **22** [840] And_ _they_put in_food_of_my poison and_for_thirst_of_my they_ _gave_me_to_drink vinegar. **23** [841] May_it_become table_of_ _their before_them (into)_a_trap and_for_allies (into)_a_snare. **24** [842] Eyes_of_their may_they_grow_dim from_seeing and_ _loins_of_their continually make_to_shake. **25** [843] Pour_out on_ _them indignation_of_your and_the_burning_of your_anger_of_ _your may_it_overtake_them. **26** [844] May_it_be encampment_of_ _their made_desolate in_tents_of_their not may_anyone_be dwelling. **27** [845] If/because you those_whom you_struck they_ _have_harassed and_near/to the_pain_of your_fatally_ _wounded_ones they_have_recounted. **28** [846] Put iniquity to iniquity_of_their and_not let_them_come in_righteousness_of_ _your. **29** [847] May_they_be_wiped_out from_the_scroll_of life and_with righteous_people not may_they_be_written_down. **30** [848] And_I am_afflicted and_am_in_pain salvation_of_your Oh_god may_it_set_me_on_high. **31** [849] I_will_praise the_name_ _of god with_a_song and_I_will_magnify_him with_ _thanksgiving. **32** [850] And_it_will_be_good to/for_**YHWH** more_ _than_an_ox a_young_bull having_horns having_hooves. **33** [851] Humble_people they_will_see they_will_rejoice Oh_you(pl)_ _who_seek_of (of)_god and_ heart_of_your(pl) _may_it_live. **34** [852] If/because is_listening to needy_people **YHWH** and_~~DOM~~ prisoners_of_his not he_despises. **35** [853] May_they_praise_him heaven and_earth the_seas and_all thing_which_moves in_ _them. **36** [854] If/because god he_will_save Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_ _he_will_rebuild the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_will_ _dwell there and_they_will_take_possession_of_it. **37** [855] And_ _the_offspring_of his_servants_of_his they_will_inherit_it and_ _those_who_love_of his/its_name they_will_dwell in_it.

Readers' Version

15 Don't let the floods of water overwhelm me,
or let the deep swallow me up.
Don't let the pit close its mouth over me.
16 Answer me, Yahweh, because your loyal commitment is good.
Turn to me because you've shown so much mercy towards me.
17 Don't hide from me, your servant.
Answer me quickly, because I'm in distress.
18 Come to me and redeem me.
Ransom me because of my enemies.
19 You know my rebuke, my shame, and my dishonour.
All my adversaries report my failings to you.
20 Their insults have broken my heart—I'm full of heaviness.
I looked for someone to take pity, but no one was there.
I looked for someone to encourage me, but I didn't find anyone.
21 They gave me poison to eat.
When I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.
22 Let their table become a snare to catch them in their own schemes.
When they think they're safe, let it become a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened so they won't be able to see anything,
and make their legs continually shake.
24 Pour your indignation out on them,
and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.
25 Let their place become uninhabited.
Don't let anyone live in their tents
26 because they persecuted the one you struck down.
They multiplied the pain of those that you had already wounded.
27 Add sin after sin to their record.
Don't let them try to tell you about their 'innocence'.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book of life
and not have their names written down along with the names

839 LV 69:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.20
840 LV 69:22 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.21
841 LV 69:23 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.22
842 LV 69:24 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.23
843 LV 69:25 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.24
844 LV 69:26 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.25
845 LV 69:27 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.26
846 LV 69:28 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.27
847 LV 69:29 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.28
848 LV 69:30 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.29
849 LV 69:31 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.30
850 LV 69:32 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.31
851 LV 69:33 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.32
852 LV 69:34 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.33
853 LV 69:35 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.34
854 LV 69:36 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.35
855 LV 69:37 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.36

Readers' Version

of the godly.
29 As for me, I'm suffering and in pain.
Yes God, protect me and rescue me.
30 I'll praise God with a song
and with thankfulness, I'll tell about his goodness.
31 That will please Yahweh better than sacrificing a cow,
or a physical bull that has horns and hooves.
32 Humble people will see it and be glad.
You who want to obey God, let your hearts live
33 because Yahweh listens to the poor,
and he doesn't despise his people when they're imprisoned.
34 Let heaven and earth praise him,
including the seas and everything in them that moves.
35 For God will save Tsiyon (Zion)
and will rebuild the cities of Yehudah (Judah).
The people will live there and have it for their own.
36 The descendants of his people will inherit it,
and those who love him will live there safely.

A prayer for help[856]

For the musical director: a song by David for the memorial offering.
70:1 Save me, God.
Yahweh, hurry here to help me.
2 Let those who try to take my life be ashamed and humiliated.
Let those who take pleasure in my pain be turned back and brought to dishonour.
3 Let those who say, "Aha, aha," be turned back because of their shame.
4 Let all those who strive to follow you, celebrate and be glad about you.
Let those who rely on you to rescue them always say, "May God be praised."
5 But I'm poor and needy. Hurry to me, God.
You're my help and you rescue me. Yahweh, don't delay.

Prayer for long-term protection

71:1 I find my safety in you, Yahweh.
Let me never be put to shame.
2 Rescue me and make me safe in your righteousness.
Turn your ear to me and save me.
3 Be a rock of safety for me, where I can always go.
You've given the command to save me because you're my rock and my fortress.
4 Rescue me, my god, out of the control of wicked people—
out of the grasp of the unrighteous and cruel
5 because you're my hope, Yahweh my master.

Literal Version

70:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid to_make_remembrance. **2** [857] Oh_ _god to_deliver_me Oh_**YHWH** to_help_of_my make_haste. **3** [858] May_they_be_ashamed and_may_they_be_abashed those_who_ _seek_of life_of_(of)_my may_they_be_turned_back backwards and_ the_people_desirous_of my_harm_of_my _may_they_be_ _humiliated. **4** [859] May_they_turn_back on the_consequence_of their_shame_of_their those_who_say aha aha. **5** [860] May_they_ _exult and_may_they_rejoice in_you all_of those_of_who_seek_ _you and_may_they_say continually god may_he_be_great those_who_love_of salvation_of_(of)_your. **6** [861] And_I am_poor and_needy Oh_god make_haste to/for_me help_of_are_my and_ _deliverer_of_my you Oh_**YHWH** do_not delay.

71:1 In_you Oh_**YHWH** I_have_taken_refuge not let_me_be_ _ashamed forever_perpetuity. **2** In_righteousness_of_your you_ _will_rescue_me and_you_will_deliver_me incline to_me ear_of_ _your and_save_me. **3** Become to_me (into)_a_rock_of dwelling to_go continually you_have_given_command to_save_me if/because rock_of_are_my and_stronghold_of_my you. **4** My_ _god_of_my deliver_me from_the_hand_of the_wicked from_ _the_palm_of one_who_acts_unjustly and_one_who_is_ _ruthless.[862] **5** If/because you hope_of_are_my my_master **YHWH** of_confidence_of_my_object since_youth(s)_of_my. **6** On_you I_have_supported_myself from_the_womb from_the_ _inward_parts_of my_mother_of_my you were_of_the_one_

856 **RV 70:1 · Parallel** Psa. 40:13-17
857 **LV 70:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.70.1
858 **LV 70:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.70.2
859 **LV 70:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.70.3
860 **LV 70:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.70.4
861 **LV 70:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.70.5
862 **LV 71:4 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

_who_cut_me_off is_in_you praise_of_my continually. **7** Like_a_ _portent I_have_become for_many_people and_you(ms) refuge_ _of_are_my strength. **8** Mouth_of_my it_is_filled praise_of_your all_of the_day splendour_of_your. **9** Do_not throw_me_away to_ _a_time_of old_age just_ strength_of_my _as_fails do_not abandon_me. **10** If/because enemies_of_my they_have_spoken to_me and_those_who_watch_of my_life_of_my they_have_ _consulted together. **11** To_say god he_has_abandoned_him pursue and_seize_him if/because there_is_not a_deliverer. **12** Oh_god do_not be_far from_me my_god_of_my to_help_of_ _my haste[863]. **13** May_they_be_ashamed those_who_accuse_of self_of_(of)_my may_they_come_to_an_end those_who_seek_of harm_of_(of)_my may_they_be_covered reproach and_ _ignominy. **14** And_I continually I_will_wait and_I_will_add to all_of praise_of_your. **15** Mouth_of_my it_will_recount righteousness_of_your all_of the_day salvation_of_your if/because not I_know numbers. **16** I_will_come with_the_ _mighty_deeds_of my_master **YHWH** I_will_bring_to_ _remembrance righteousness_of_your yours_alone. **17** Oh_god you_have_taught_me since_youth(s)_of_my and_unto now I_ _declare wonders_of_your. **18** And_also until old_age and_grey_ _hair Oh_god do_not abandon_me until I_will_declare strength_ _of_your to_a_generation to/from_all/each/any/every one_ _who_he_will_come might_of_your. **19** And_righteousness_of_ _your Oh_god is_to the_height who you_have_done great_ _things Oh_god who is_like_you. **20** Who mmm[864] troubles many and_calamities you_will_return mmm[865] and_from_the_ _depths_of the_earth/land you_will_return you. **21** May_you_ _increase greatness_of_my and_you_will_turn you_will_ _comfort_me. **22** Also I I_will_praise_you with_an_instrument_ _of a_lyre faithfulness_of_your my_god_of_my I_will_make_ _music to/for_yourself(m) with_a_harp Oh_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** Lips_of_my they_will_sing_for_joy if/because I_will_make_music to_you and_self_of_my which you_have_redeemed. **24** Also tongue_of_my all_of the_day it_ _will_utter righteousness_of_your if/because they_are_ _ashamed if/because those_who_seek_of harm_of_(of)_my they_are_abashed.

Readers' Version

I've trusted in you ever since I was a child.
6 I've been supported by you from the womb.
It was you who took me out of my mother's belly.
→My praise will be always about you.
7 I'm a marvel to many people.
You're my secure shelter.
8 My mouth will be filled with praise for you,
filled all day with your honour.
9 Don't throw me away in my time of old age.
Don't abandon me when my strength fails,
10 because my enemies are talking about me.
Those who watch for my life are plotting together.
11 They say, "God's abandoned him now.
Pursue him and capture him, because there's no one to rescue him."
12 Don't stay far away from me, God.
My god, hurry to help me.
13 Let those who are hostile to my life be put to shame and destroyed.
Let those who seek my hurt be covered with rebuke and dishonour.
14 Meanwhile, I'll always be expecting you to help me
and will praise you more and more.
15 I'll tell about your righteousness and your salvation all day,
although I can't count your goodness.
16 I will talk about the powerful actions by Yahweh my master.
I'll make mention of your righteousness, yours alone.
17 God, you have taught me from my youth.
Even now I'm excited to tell about the wonderful things you've done.
18 Indeed, even when I'm old and grey, God, don't abandon me,
as I've been declaring your strength to the next generation—
your power to everyone who is to come.
19 Your justice and fairness is unable to be challenged.
You who've done great things, God, who else is like you?
20 You who made me see many troubles, will revive us again,
and will bring us back up from the depths of the earth.
21 May you increase my honour.
Turn again and comfort me.
22 I'll also praise you for your trustworthiness with the harp, my god.
I'll make music for you with the harp, holy one of Yisrael (Israel).
23 When I sing praise to you, my lips will shout for joy,
along with my soul which you have paid to have released.
24 My tongue will also talk about your righteousness all day long,
→because those who tried to hurt me have been put to shame and are confused.

863 **LV 71:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/שיח: (x-qere) 'הָשִׂיחַ': lemma_2363 a n_0 morph_HVqv2ms/Sh id_19RA2 הָשִׂיחַ
864 **LV 71:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: ונ/תיארה: (x-qere) 'יִנְ/תִיאֲרֵהּ': lemma_7200 n_2.0.0 morph_HVhp2ms/Sp1cs id_19Zc7 יִנְ/תִיאֲרֵהּ
865 **LV 71:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: ונ/ייחת: (x-qere) 'יִנְ/יַיְחִתֵּת': lemma_2421 n_1 morph_HVpi2ms/Sp1cs id_19TPj יִנְ/יַיְחִתֵּת

Readers' Version

A prayer to bless the king

A song by Shelomoh (Solomon).
72:1 Give the king your righteous decrees, God,
your righteousness to the king's son.
2 May he judge your people fairly
and your poor with justice.
3 May the mountains produce peace for the people.
May the hills produce godliness.
4 May he vindicate the poor among the people.
May he save the children of the needy
and crush the oppressors.
5 May they honour you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon lasts throughout all the generations.
6 May he come down like rain on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
7 May godly people flourish throughout his days as king,
and may there be an abundance of peace till the moon is no more.
8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the Perat (Euphrates) to the ends of the earth.
9 May those who live in the wilderness bow down before him.
May his enemies lick the dust.
10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the islands be forced to pay tribute.
May the kings of Sheva and Seva offer gifts.
11 Indeed, may all kings bow down to him.
May all nations serve him
12 because he helps any needy person who cries out
and the poor person who has no other helper.
13 He has pity on the poor and needy,
and he saves the lives of needy people.
14 He redeems their lives from oppression and violence.
Their life is precious to him.
15 May he live—may Sheva's gold be given to him.
May people always pray for him.
May God bless him all day long.
16 May there be abundance of grain in the land—on the mountaintops may their crops wave.
May the fruit of it be like Levanon.
May the people flourish in the cities like the grass across the land.
17 May his good reputation endure forever.
May his fame continue as long as the sun.
May people be blessed in him.
May all nations call him blessed.
18 May Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh, be blessed.
He alone does wonderful things.
19 May his wonderful name be blessed forever,
and may the whole earth be filled with his splendour. May it be so.

Literal Version

72:1 Of_Shəlomoh/(Solomon)[866] Oh_god judgements_of_your to_the_king give and_righteousness_of_your to_the_son_of the_ _king. **2** He_will_judge people_of_your with_righteousness and_ _your_poor_of_people with_justice. **3** Mountains they_will_ _carry peace to_people and_hills in_righteousness. **4** He_will_ _judge the_poor_people_of the_people he_will_save (to)_the_ _children_of the_needy and_he_will_crush the_oppressor. **5** People_will_fear_you with the_sun and_before_of the_moon generation_of generations. **6** He_will_come_down like_rain on mown_grass like_showers dropping_of the_earth. **7** He_will_ _flourish in_days_of_his the_righteous and_abundance_of well-being will_be_until not the_moon. **8** And_may_he_rule from_sea to sea and_from_the_river to the_ends_of the_earth. **9** Before_him wilderness-dwellers they_will_bow_down and_ _enemies_of_his dust they_will_lick_up. **10** The_kings_of Tarshiysh and_the_islands tribute they_will_pay the_kings_of Shəvā' and_Ṣəvā' a_gift they_will_bring_near. **11** And_they_ _will_bow_down to_him/it all_of kings all_of nations they_will_ _serve_him. **12** If/because he_will_deliver the_needy who_ _cries_for_help and_the_poor and_one_who_there_is_not a_ _helper to_him/it. **13** He_will_have_compassion on the_poor and_the_needy and_the_lives_of needy_people he_will_save. **14** From_oppression and_from_violence he_will_redeem life_of_ _their and_ blood_of_their _it_will_be_precious in_eyes_of_his. **15** And_may_he_live and_may_someone_give to_him/it some_ _of_the_gold_of Shəvā' and_may_someone_pray for_him continually all_of the_day may_someone_bless_him. **16** May_it_ _be an_abundance_of grain on_the_earth on_the_top_of the_ _mountains may_it_wave like_Ləvānōn fruit_of_its and_may_ _people_flourish from_the_city like_the_vegetation_of the_ _earth/land. **17** His/its_name may_it_be forever_perpetuity to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_sun may_it_increase[867] his/its_name and_may_they_bless_themselves in_him/it all_of nations may_they_call_him_blessed. **18** Be_blessed **YHWH** god the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_does_of (of)_wonders for_ _him/it_being_alone. **19** And_be_blessed the_name_of his_ _glory_of_his forever_perpetuity and_may_it_be_filled glory_ _of_his ~~DOM~~ all_of the_earth/land amen and_amen. **20** The_ _prayers_of Dāvid the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) they_are_finished.

866 LV 72:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.72.1

867 LV 72:17 · Note OSHB variant note: יִנֹּ֑ין: (x-qere) יִנֹּ֣ין: lemma_5125 morph_HVNj3ms id_19LfY יִנֹּ֣ין

Literal Version

73:1 A_song of_'Āṣāf[872] surely is_good to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) god to_
_people_pure_of heart. **2** And_I like_a_little they_had_turned_
_aside[873] feet_of_my like_nothing they_had_been_poured_
_out[874] steps_of_my. **3** If/because I_was_jealous of_who]_boast
the_well-being_of wicked_people I_saw. **4** If/because there_are_
_not pains to_death_of_their and_is_fat body_of_their. **5** Are_in_
_the_trouble_of humankind not_they and_with humankind not
they_are_stricken. **6** For_so/thus/hence it_is_a_necklace_for_it
pride a_garment_of violence it_covers (to)_them. **7** It_comes_
_out from_fat eye_of_their the_imaginations_of heart they_
_pass_over. **8** They_mock and_they_speak with_evil oppression
from_a_high_place they_speak. **9** They_set in_the_heavens
mouth_of_their and_tongue_of_their it_walks on_the_earth.
10 For_so/thus/hence it_turns_back[875] people_of_his here and_
_waters_of full they_are_drained by_them. **11** And_they_say
how god does_he_know and_is_there knowledge with_the_
_Most_High. **12** HERE these are_wicked_people and_people_at_
_ease_of perpetuity they_increase wealth. **13** Surely emptiness
I_have_kept_pure heart_of_my and_I_have_washed in_
_innocence palms_of_my. **14** And_I_have_been stricken all_of
the_day and_rebuke_of_my has_to_the_mornings. **15** If I_had_
_said I_will_speak like HERE the_generation_of your(pl)_
_children_of_your I_dealt_treacherously_with. **16** And_I_
_thought to_know this was_trouble it[876] in_eyes_of_my. **17** Until
I_went into the_sanctuari(es)_of god I_considered (to)_end_of_
_their. **18** Surely on_smooth_places you_set (to)_them you_
_make_them_fall to_deceptions. **19** How they_have_become
(into)_a_waste like_a_moment they_come_to_an_end they_are_
_finished from sudden_terror(s). **20** Like_a_dream from_when_
_awakes my_master when_waken image_of_their you_will_
_despise. **21** If/because heart_of_my it_was_embittered and_
_kidneys_of_my I_was_pierced. **22** And_I was_stupid and_not I_
_knew animals I_was with_you. **23** And_I continually am_with_
_you you_take_hold on_the_hand_of my_right_side_of_my.
24 With_counsel_of_your you_guide_me and_after honour you_
_will_take_me. **25** Who to_me in_heavens and_with_you not I_
_take_pleasure in/on_the_earth. **26** Flesh_of_my and_heart_of_
_my it_had_come_to_an_end is_the_rock_of my_heart_of_my
and_portion_of_my god forever_perpetuity. **27** If/because
THERE people_far_of_from_you they_will_perish you_destroy
every_of one_who_acts_as_a_prostitute from_you. **28** And_I the_
_approach_of god to_me is_good I_have_made in_the_of_master
YHWH refuge_of_my to_recount all_of works_of_your.

Readers' Version

20 This ends the prayers of Yishay's (Jesse's) son, David.
A song by Asaf.

Third collection[868] · The need for justice

73:1 Surely God is good to Yisrael (Israel)—
to those with pure motives
2 but as for me, my feet almost slipped.
My steps were caused to nearly slide out from under me
3 because I was envious of arrogant people
when I saw how wicked people prosper,
4 because they live without pains
and their bodies are strong and healthy.
5 They are free from normal human struggles,
and they don't suffer along with everyone else.
6 Therefore pride is a necklace for them—
violence covers them like a coat.
7 Their eyes bulge out from their fatness.
Their heads are full of imaginative schemes.
8 They mock and speak with oppressive evil.
They speak from an elevated place.[869]
9 They set their mouth in the heavens,
and their tongue goes through the earth.[870]
10 Therefore his people turn here,
and full waters are drained in/by them.[871]
11 Then they say, "How does God know?
Does the highest one notice what's going on?"
12 Look at these wicked people.
They're always at ease—increasing in wealth.
13 Surely I wasted my time keeping my mind pure
and washing my hands in innocence,
14 because I've been stricken throughout the day,
and punished every morning.
15 If I'd said that I'd speak like that,
wow, I would have betrayed your children's generation.
16 And when I thought about how to understand this,
it was very difficult for me to figure it out
17 until I went into God's sanctuaries,
then I discerned their end.
18 Surely you put them onto slippery places.
You make them fall to destruction.
19 How they are brought down to nothing as in a moment.
They're finished—they come to a terrifying end
20 My master, when you rouse yourself, you'll despise their image,

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868 **RV 73:1 · Parallel** Songs 73–89

869 **RV 73:8 · Note** It's not clear from the Hebrew, if this refers to somewhere physical, or to an attitude like 'arrogance'.

870 **RV 73:9 · Note** Left literal because meaning/application is unclear.

871 **RV 73:10 · Note** Left literal because meaning/application is unclear.

872 **LV 73:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.73.1

873 **LV 73:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יוטנ**: (x-qere) '**וַיָּטֶנּ**': lemma_5186 morph_HVqp3cp id_19KDJ **וַיָּטֶנּ**

874 **LV 73:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הכפש**: (x-qere) '**וְכִפְּשׁ**': lemma_8210 morph_HVQp3cp id_19ATb **וְכִפְּשׁ**

875 **LV 73:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בישי**: (x-qere) '**בִּוֹשָׁי**': lemma_7725 morph_HVqi3ms id_19h5B **בִּוֹשָׁי**

876 **LV 73:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **איה**: (x-qere) '**אַוָּה**': lemma_1931 morph_HPp3ms id_19kMS **אַוָּה**

Readers' Version

like a dream after the person wakes up.
21 When my heart was embittered,
and my organs felt like they had a knife in them,
22 I was stupid and ignorant.
I acted toward you like an animal.
23 Yet I'm with you continuously—
you take hold of my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you'll receive me with honour.
25 Who else do I have I in heaven to help me other than you?
And there's nothing on the earth that I desire more than you.
26 My muscles and my heart fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my fulfilment forever.
27 Yes, listen, those who are far from you must die.
You destroy every one who's unfaithful to you.
28 As for me, approaching God is good for me.
I have made my master Yahweh my safe place
so that I can tell everyone about what you've done.

A song[877] by Asaf.

Requesting God's help

74:1 Why God, have you rejected us forever?
Why are you so angry at the sheep in your pasture?
2 Remember your congregation that you acquired in times past,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your inheritance.
This Mt. Tsiyon (Zion), where you've lived.
3 Take your feet to see the perpetual ruins.
All the damage that the enemy has done to the sanctuary.
4 Your adversaries have roared in the middle of your meeting place.
They've set up their banners as signs.
5 They acted like men chopping down a forest with axes.
6 And now, with axe and hammers,
they smash up all its carved panels.
7 They have burnt your sanctuary to the ground.
They have profaned the place where your name is attached.
8 They said in their hearts, "We'll totally crush them."
They've burnt all of the meeting places of God in the country.
9 There aren't any signs for us to watch.
There's no longer any prophet,
and there's no one among us who knows how long this will last.
10 How much longer, God, will the enemy be able to mock for?
Will the enemy be able to treat your name with contempt forever?

Literal Version

74:1 A_poem of_'Āṣāf[879] why Oh_god have_you_rejected_us to_
_perpetuity anger_of_your does_it_smoke on_the_sheep_of
your_pasture_of_your. **2** Remember congregation_of_your
which_you_acquired antiquity which_you_redeemed the_tribe_
_of your_inheritance_of_your the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion)
which you_have_dwelt in/on/over_him/it. **3** Lift_up footsteps_
_of_your to_the_ruins_of perpetuity everything_of the_enemy
he_has_done_harm_to in_sanctuary. **4** Foes_of_your they_
_roared in_the_midst_of your_appointed_place_of_your they_
_set_up signs_of_their signs. **5** It_was_known like_one_who_
_brings (to)_upwards in_a_thicket_of tree[s] axes. **6** And[880]
engravings_of_its altogether with_axe[s] crowbars they_struck.
7 They_sent in_fire sanctuary_of_your to_ground they_
_profaned the_dwelling_place_of your_name_of_your. **8** They_
_said in_heart_of_their let_of_us_oppress_them altogether
they_burnt all_of the_appointed_places_of god on_the_earth.
9 Signs_of_our not we_have_seen there_is_not still a_prophet
and_not is_with_us one_who_knows until when. **10** Until when
Oh_god the_foe will_he_taunt the_enemy will_he_spurn name_
_of_your to_perpetuity. **11** To/for_what do_you_draw_back
hand_of and_your_right_of_hand from_the_midst_of mmm[881]
destroy. **12** And_god been_my_king_of_has from_east who_does
salvation(s) in_the_midst_of the_earth/land. **13** You you_
_divided by_strength_of_your the_sea you_shattered the_
_heads_of_sea_monsters on the_waters. **14** You you_crushed
the_heads_of Livyātān you_gave_it food to_a_people to_
_wilderness-dwellers. **15** You you_broke_open a_spring and_a_
_torrent you you_dried_up rivers_of ever-flowing. **16** To/for_
_yourself(m) day also to/for_yourself(m) night you you_
_prepared a_luminary and_the_sun. **17** You you_established all_

877 **RV 74:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil', is perhaps the name of this class of song.
879 **LV 74:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.74.1
880 **LV 74:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: תע/ו: (x-qere) 'הָתַּעֲוּ': lemma_c/6258 n_1.0 morph_HC/D id_19ZbA הָתַּעֲוּ
881 **LV 74:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ד/קוח: (x-qere) 'דְּקִיחַ': lemma_2436 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_19ngQ דְּקִיחַ

Literal Version

_of the_borders_of the_earth summer and_winter you you_
_formed_them.[882] **18** Remember this the_enemy he_taunted
Oh_**YHWH** and_a_people foolish they_spurned name_of_your.
19 Do_not give to_an_animal_of the_life_of your_turtle-dove_of_
_your the_life_of your_poor_people do_not forget to_
_perpetuity. **20** Pay_attention to_covenant if/because the_dark_
_places_of the_land they_are_full settlements_of violence.
21 Not the_oppressed let_him_turn_back humiliated the_poor
and_the_needy may_they_praise name_of_your. **22** Arise Oh_
_god conduct case_of_your remember reproach_of_your from
a_fool all_of the_day. **23** Do_not forget the_sound_of your_foes
the_uproar_of those_who_rise_against_you which_goes_up
continually.

75:1 To_choirmaster al- tashcheth a_song of_'Āṣāf a_song. **2** [883]
We_give_thanks to_you Oh_god we_give_thanks and_is_near
your(ms)_name people_recount wonders_of_your. **3** [884]
If/because I_will_take an_appointed_time I uprightness(es) I_
_will_judge. **4** [885] The_earth and_all inhabitants_of_its are_
_melting_away I I_put_in_order pillars_of_its Ṣelāh. **5** [886] I_say
to_who_boast do_not boast and_to_people do_not lift_up a_
_horn. **6** [887] Do_not lift_up to_height horn_of_your(pl) speak
with_a_neck arrogant. **7** [888] If/because not is_from_the_going_
_out and_from_the_setting_place and_not is_from_the_
_wilderness_of exaltation. **8** [889] If/because god is_the_one_who_
_judges this_one he_brings_low and_this he_lifts_up. **9** [890]
If/because a_cup is_in_the_hand_of **YHWH** and_wine it_is_
_foaming full spiced_drink and_he_has_poured_out some_of_
_this surely dregs_of_its they_will_drain all_of the_wicked_

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11 Why do you withdraw your hand of power?
Take it out of your pocket and destroy them.
12 Yet God is my king from times past,
rescuing us in a range of locations.
13 You divided the sea by your strength.
You smashed the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.
14 You crushed the sea dragon's heads.[878]
You fed him to those living in the wilderness.
15 You broke open springs and streams.
You dried up flowing rivers.
16 The day is yours, and the night is also yours.
You set the sun and moon in place.
17 You have set all the borders of the earth.
You have made summer and winter.
18 Call to mind how the enemy hurled insults at you, Yahweh,
and that a foolish nation has belittled your name.
19 Don't just allow a wild animal to take your dove's life.
Don't forget the life of your oppressed people forever.
20 Remember your promises as part of our agreement,
because the dark regions of the country are full of places of violence.
21 Don't let the oppressed be turned back in shame.
Let the poor and oppressed have good reason to praise you.
22 Take action, God; defend your own honour.
Take notice of how fools insult you all day long.
23 Don't forget the voice of your enemies
or the uproar of those who continually defy you.

God the judge

For the musical director: a song by Asaf
to be sung to the tune of 'Don't destroy'.
75:1 We give thanks to you, God.
We thank you because you reveal your presence.
People talk about the amazing things you've done.
2 At the appointed time I will judge fairly.
3 Although the earth and all its inhabitants shake in fear,
I'll steady the earth's foundations. (Instrumental break.)
4 I told the arrogant, "Stop bragging,"
and the wicked, "Don't blow your own trumpet.
5 Don't raise your head ready to charge.
Don't speak with your nose in the air."
6 It's not from the east or from the west,

878 RV 74:14 · Cross-ref. Job 41:1-34.

882 LV 74:17 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

883 LV 75:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.1

884 LV 75:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.2

885 LV 75:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.3

886 LV 75:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.4

887 LV 75:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.5

888 LV 75:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.6

889 LV 75:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.7

890 LV 75:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.8

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and it is not from the wilderness that lifting up comes
7 because God is the judge.
He brings one down one and lifts up another
8 because Yahweh has a full cup of foaming wine mixed with spices
that he holds in his hand and pours it out.
Surely all the wicked people across the earth will drink it to the last drop.
9 But I will continually talk about what you've done;
I'll sing praises to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god.
10 He says, "I'll destroy the power of the wicked,
but will increase the strength of the righteous."

God is victorious

For the musical director: a song by Asaf to be accompanied by stringed instruments.
76:1 God has made himself known in Yehudah (Judah).
His reputation is great in Yisrael (Israel).
2 His tent is in Shalem.
His residence is in Tsiyon (Zion).
3 There he broke the arrows that were for the bow,
the shield, the sword, and the other weapons of war. (Instrumental break.)
4 You shine brightly and reveal your splendour,
above the hills where you killed your victims.
5 The brave warriors were plundered.
They slept their last sleep.
All the warriors were helpless.
6 At your rebuke, God of Ya'akov (Jacob),
both rider and horse fell asleep.
7 You, yes you, are to be feared.
Who can stand in your sight when you are angry?
8 You made your judgement heard from heaven.
The earth was afraid and silent
9 when you, God, took action to execute judgement
and to save all oppressed people across the world. (Instrumental break.)
10 Surely your angry judgement against humanity will bring you praise.
You cloak yourself with what's left of your anger.

Literal Version

_people_of the_earth they_will_drink. **10** [891] And_I I_will_ _declare to_vanishing_point I_will_sing_praises to_the_god_of Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob). **11** [892] And_all the_horns_of wicked_people I_ _will_cut_off the_horns_of the_righteous they_will_be_lifted_ _up.

76:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments a_song of_'Āṣāf a_song. **2** [893] Is_known in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) god in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_great his/its_name. **3** [894] And_he/it_was in_ _Salem lair_of_his and_den_of_his in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **4** [895] There_(to) he_shattered flames_of a_bow shield and_sword and_battle Ṣelāh. **5** [896] Are_lighted_up you are_majestic more_ _than_mountains_of prey. **6** [897] They_were_plundered people_ _mighty_of heart they_slumbered sleep_of_their and_not all_of the_men_of strength they_found hands_of_their. **7** [898] From_ _rebuke_of_your Oh_god_of Ya'ₐqovˇ and_chariot and_horse was_sleeping. **8** [899] You you are_to_be_feared and_who will_he_ _stand to_your_face from_then anger_of_your. **9** [900] From_ _heaven you_proclaimed judgement the_earth it_was_afraid and_it_was_quiet. **10** [901] When_arose for_judgement god to_ _save all_of the_humble_people_of the_earth Ṣelāh. **11** [902] If/because the_anger_of humankind it_will_praise_you the_ _remainder_of anger(s) you_will_gird_on. **12** [903] Make_vows and_pay_them to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) all_of those_ _around_of_him let_them_bring a_gift to_fear. **13** [904] He_ _humbles the_spirit_of rulers he_is_to_be_feared by_the_kings_ _of the_earth.

891 **LV 75:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.75.9
892 **LV 75:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.75.10
893 **LV 76:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.1
894 **LV 76:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.2
895 **LV 76:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.3
896 **LV 76:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.4
897 **LV 76:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.5
898 **LV 76:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.6
899 **LV 76:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.7
900 **LV 76:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.8
901 **LV 76:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.9
902 **LV 76:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.10
903 **LV 76:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.11
904 **LV 76:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.12

Literal Version

77:1 To_choirmaster on Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun)[905] of_'Āṣāf a_song. **2** [906] My_sound/voice to god and_I_will_cry_out my_ _sound/voice to god and_he_will_give_ear to_me. **3** [907] In/on_ _day my_distress_of_my my_master I_sought hand_of_my night it_was_stretched_out and_not it_grew_numb it_refused to_be_ _comforted self_of_my. **4** [908] I_will_remember god and_I_will_ _murmur I_will_complain and_ my_breath/wind/spirit _it_will_ _faint_away Ṣelāh. **5** [909] You_held the_eyelids_of my_eyes_of_ _my I_was_troubled and_not I_spoke. **6** [910] I_thought_about days from_east years_of antiquiti(es). **7** [911] I_will_remember song_of_my in_night with heart_of_my I_will_meditate and_ my_breath/wind/spirit _it_searched. **8** [912] To_forever will_he_ _reject my_master and_not will_he_repeat to_show_favour again. **9** [913] Has_it_come_to_an_end to_perpetuity loyalty_of_ _his_covenant a_message has_it_come_to_an_end to_a_ _generation and_a_generation. **10** [914] Has_ god _he_forgotten to_have_compassion or has_he_shut_off in_anger compassion(s)_of_his Ṣelāh. **11** [915] And_I_said is_my_wounding it of_the_right_hand_of the_Most_High the_changing. **12** [916] I_ _will_remember[917] the_deeds_of Yah if/because I_will_ _remember from_east wonder[s]_of_your. **13** [918] And_I_will_ _meditate on_all_of work_of_your and_on_deeds_of_your I_will_ _meditate. **14** [919] Oh_god is_in_holiness way_of_your who is_a_ _god great like_'Elohīm. **15** [920] You are_the_god who_does_of (of)_wonder[s] you_have_made_known among_peoples strength_of_your. **16** [921] You_redeemed by_an_arm people_of_ _your the_descendants_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) Ṣelāh. **17** [922] They_saw_you the_waters Oh_god they_saw_you the_waters they_writhed_in_agony also the_deeps they_

Readers' Version

11 Make promises to your god Yahweh, then keep them.
May all who surround him bring gifts to him who expects to be obeyed.
12 He humbles the spirit of the princes.
He's feared by the kings across the world.

For the musical director: a song for Yedutun by Asaf. **God's leadership**

77:1 I will call out to God with my voice.
I'll call with my voice to God, and my god will hear me.
2 When I had troubles, I asked my master for help.
At night I stretched my hands out, and they didn't get tired.
The knot in my stomach wouldn't go away.
3 I thought of God as I groaned.
I thought about him as I grew faint. (Instrumental break.)
4 You held my eyes open.
I was too troubled to speak.
5 I thought about the days of old,
about times long past.
6 I call my song to remembrance in the night.
I meditate within my heart,
and my spirit makes searches around diligently.
7 Will my master reject me forever?
Will he never again show me favour?
8 Was his loyal commitment gone forever?
Had his promise failed forever?
9 Had God forgotten to be gracious?
Had his anger masked his compassion? (Instrumental break.)
10 I said, "This is what saddens me:
→the highest one no longer using his power to help us."
11 But I will call to mind what you've done previously, Yahweh.
I will think about the wonderful things that you did in the

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905 LV 77:1 · Note OSHB variant note: וְותִידִי: (x-qere) 'וְֽותִידִֽי': lemma_3038 n_1 morph_HNp id_19GNT וְותִידִי
906 LV 77:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.1
907 LV 77:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.2
908 LV 77:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.3
909 LV 77:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.4
910 LV 77:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.5
911 LV 77:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.6
912 LV 77:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.7
913 LV 77:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.8
914 LV 77:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.9
915 LV 77:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.10
916 LV 77:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.11
917 LV 77:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ריכזא: (x-qere) 'רְוֹכֶזֵא': lemma_2142 morph_HVqi1cs id_19pcc רְוֹכֶזֵא
918 LV 77:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.12
919 LV 77:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.13
920 LV 77:15 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.14
921 LV 77:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.15
922 LV 77:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.16

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past.
12 I will ponder all your activities
and will reflect on them.
13 Your way, God, is without imperfection.
What god compares to our terrific God?
14 You are the god who does miracles.
You've revealed your strength among the peoples.
15 You gave your people victory by use of your great power—
the descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob) and Yosef (Joseph). (Instrumental break.)
16 The waters saw you, God.
The waters saw you, and they were afraid.
The ocean depths trembled.
17 The clouds poured down water.
The cloudy skies also emitted a thunderous sound.
Your arrows of lightning flew about.
18 Your thunderous voice was heard in the wind.
The lightning lit up the world.
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Your path went through the sea
and your trail through the surging waters,
but your footprints couldn't be seen.
20 You led your people like a flock
under the supervision of Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron).

A song[929] by Asaf.

God's past goodness

78:1 Hear my teaching, my people.
Listen to what I'm saying.
2 I will speak out in parables;
I will sing about hidden things about the past.[930]
3 These are things that we have heard and learnt—
things that our ancestors have told us.
4 We won't keep them from their descendants.
We'll tell the next generation about Yahweh's praiseworthy actions,
his strength, and the miracles that he has done.
5 Also he established a rule in Ya'akov (Jacob)
and appointed a law in Yisrael (Israel).
He commanded our ancestors
→that they were to teach them to their children.
6 He commanded this so that the generation to come might know his decrees—
the children not yet born who should tell them in turn to their

Literal Version

_trembled. **18** [923] They_poured_forth water clouds a_sound[924] clouds they_gave_forth also arrows_of_your they_went_about. **19** [925] The_sound_of your_thunder_of_your was_in_whirlwind lightning_flashes they_lit_up the_world it_trembled and_it_ _shook the_earth/land. **20** [926] Was_in_sea way_of_your and[927] was_in_waters many and_footprints_of not they_were_known. **21** [928] You_led like_flock people_of_your by_the_hand_of Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron.

78:1 A_poem of_'Āṣāf[935] give_ear_to my_people_of_my instruction_of_my incline ear_of_your(pl) to_the_ _words/messages_of my_mouth_of_my. **2** I_will_open in_a_ _parable mouth_of_my I_will_pour_forth riddles from antiquity. **3** Which we_have_heard and_we_have_known_them and_ _ancestors_of_our they_have_recounted to/for_us. **4** Not we_ _will_hide from_descendants_of_their to_a_generation later we_will_recount the_praises_of **YHWH** and_might_of_his and_ _wonders_of_his which he_has_done. **5** And_he_established a_ _transcript in_Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) and_a_law he_appointed in_ _Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) which he_commanded ~~DOM~~ ancestors_of_our to_make_them_known to_children_of_their. **6** So_that they_ _may_know a_generation later children who_they_will_be_born they_will_arise and_they_will_recount_them to_children_of_ _their. **7** And_they_will_put in_god confidence_of_their and_not they_will_forget the_deeds_of god and_commands_of_his they_ _will_observe. **8** And_not they_will_be like_ancestors_of_their a_generation stubborn and_rebellious a_generation which_not his/its_heart it_directed and_not it_was_faithful with god his/its_breath/wind/spirit. **9** The_people_of 'Efrayim were_

923 **LV 77:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.77.17
924 **LV 77:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
925 **LV 77:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.77.18
926 **LV 77:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.77.19
927 **LV 77:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/יָלִיבֵשׁ/ך: (x-qere) וְ/דְּלִיבְּשָׁ/ו': lemma_c/7635 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_19tv5 וְ/דְּלִיבְּשָׁ/ו
928 **LV 77:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.77.20
929 **RV 78:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
930 **RV 78:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 13:35.
935 **LV 78:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.78.1

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_equipped_of shooters_of a_bow they_turned_back in/on_day battle. **10** Not they_kept the_covenant_of god and_in_law_of_his they_refused to_walk. **11** And_they_forgot deeds_of_his and_ _wonders_of_his which he_had_shown_them. **12** Before ancestors_of_their he_did wonder[s] in_land of_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) the_region_of Tso´an/(Zoan). **13** He_split_ _open the_sea and_he_brought_them_through and_he_made_ _to_stand_up the_waters like a_heap. **14** And_he_guided_them by_cloud by_day and_all the_night by_the_light_of a_fire. **15** He_split_open rocks in_wilderness and_he_gave_them_to_ _drink like_deeps much. **16** And_he_brought_out streams from_ _a_rock and_he_made_to_flow_down like_rivers water. **17** And_ _they_repeated again[936] to_sin to_him/it by_rebelling_against the_Most_High in_region. **18** And_they_put_to_the_test god in_ _heart_of_their by_requesting food for_selves_of_their. **19** And_ _they_spoke against_god they_said is_ god _he_able to_arrange a_table in_wilderness. **20** THERE he_struck a_rock and_ waters _ _they_flowed_out and_torrents they_overflowed also food is_ _he_able to_give or will_he_prepare meat for_people_of_his. **21** For_so/thus/hence **YHWH** he_heard and_he_was_furious and_fire it_was_kindled in_Ya´ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) and_also anger it_ _went_up in_Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). **22** If/because not they_trusted in_ _god and_not they_trusted in_salvation_of_his. **23** And_he/it_ _commanded clouds (from)_above and_the_doors_of heaven he_opened. **24** And_he_rained_down on_them manna to_eat and_the_grain_of heaven he_gave to_them. **25** bread_of mighty_ _ones everyone he_ate provision[s] he_sent to/for_them to_ _abundance. **26** He_led_out an_east_wind in_heavens and_he_ _led_forth by_strength_of_his a_south_wind. **27** And_he_rained_ _down on_them like_dust meat and_like_the_sand_of the_seas bird[s]_of wing. **28** And_he/it_made_fall/lie_down in_the_ _midst_of his_camp_of_his around (to)_dwelling(s)_of_his. **29** And_they_ate and_they_were_satisfied exceedingly and_ _desire_of_their he_brought to/for_them. **30** Not they_had_ _become_estranged from_desire_of_their still food_of_their was_in_mouth_of_their. **31** And_the_anger_of god it_went_up in/among_them and_he_killed among_their_fat_of_ones and_ _the_young_men_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) he_made_bow_down. **32** In_ _all this they_sinned again and_not they_believed in_wonders_ _of_his. **33** And_they_were_ended/finished in_futility days_of_ _their and_years_of_their in_(the)_terror. **34** If he_killed_them and_they_sought_him and_they_returned and_they_sought_ _earnestly god. **35** And_they_remembered if/because_that god rock_of_was_their and_god Most_High was_their_of_redeemer. **36** And_they_deceived_him with_mouth_of_their and_with_ _tongue_of_their they_lied to_him/it. **37** And_heart_of_their not was_steadfast with_him/it and_not they_were_faithful in_ _covenant_of_his. **38** And_he was_compassionate he_atoned_for iniquity and_not he_destroyed_them and_he_increased to_ _turn_back anger_of_his and_not he_stirred_up all_of rage_of_ _his. **39** And_he_remembered if/because_that were_flesh they a_wind which_goes and_not it_returns. **40** How_often they_ _rebelled_against_him in_wilderness they_grieved_him in_a_ _desolate_place. **41** And_they_returned and_they_put_to_the_

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own children.
7 Then they would place their hope in God
and not forget what he's done
but obey his commands.
8 Then they would not be like their ancestors,
who were a stubborn and rebellious generation—
a generation who didn't control their hearts,
and whose spirits were not committed and faithful to God.
9 The Efrayimim had many archers,
but they turned back on the day of battle.
10 They didn't keep their agreement with God,
and they refused to obey his law.
11 They forgot about what he'd done—
the wonderful things that he had shown them.
12 They forgot the marvellous things that he'd done
in the sight of their ancestors in Mitsrayim (Egypt) in the Tsoan region.
13 He divided the sea and led them across it.
He made the water on each side stand up like walls.
14 In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
^and throughout the night with the light from fire.
15 He split the rocks in the wilderness,
and he gave them plenty of water—enough to fill the ocean.
16 He made streams flow out of the rock
and made the water flow like rivers.
17 Yet they continued to sin against him,
rebelling against the highest one in the wilderness.
18 They challenged God in their hearts
by asking for food to satisfy their appetites.
19 They spoke against God, saying,
"Can God really lay out food on a table for us in the wilderness?
20 See, when he struck the rock, water gushed out
and streams overflowed.
But can he give food also?
Will he provide meat for his people?"
21 When Yahweh heard that, he was angry
and his fire burnt against Ya'akov (Jacob).
His anger attacked Yisrael (Israel),
22 because they didn't believe in God
and didn't trust that he would save them.
23 Yet he commanded the skies above
and opened the doors in the sky.
24 He rained down manna for them to eat.
He gave them the grain from heaven.[931]
25 People ate angels' bread.
He sent them plenty of food.
26 He caused the east wind to blow in the sky,

931 **RV 78:24 · Cross-ref.** Exo 16:4,14-15; Yhn 6:31.

936 **LV 78:17 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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and by his power he guided the south wind.
27 He rained meat down on them like dust—
→birds as numerous as the sand on the seashore.
28 They fell in the middle of their camp—
all around their tents.
29 So they ate and were full.
He gave them what they craved.
30 But they hadn't filled their stomachs yet—
their food was still in their mouths
31 and then God's anger attacked them
and killed the strongest of them.
He brought down Yisrael's (Israel's) young men.
32 Despite that, they continued to sin
and wouldn't trust in the wonderful things he would do.
33 So their days were ended uselessly.
Their years were filled with terror.
34 Whenever God afflicted them, they would start to search for him,
and they would return and earnestly look for him.
35 They would call to mind that God was their security
and that the highest God was their rescuer.
36 But they'd flatter him with their mouth,
and lie to him with their words.
37 Their hearts weren't firmly fixed on him,
and they weren't faithful to his agreement.
38 Yet he, being merciful, forgave their disobedience and didn't destroy them.
Yes, many times he held back his anger
and didn't stir up all his rage.
39 He called to mind that they were only made of flesh—
a breath of wind that passes away and doesn't return.
40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness,
and grieved him in those barren regions.
41 Again and again they challenged God
and offended the holy one of Yisrael (Israel).
42 They didn't think about his power,
or about how he'd rescued them from their enemy,
43 when he performed his miracles in Mitsrayim (Egypt)
and his wonders in the Tsoan region.
44 He turned the Mitsrim' (Egyptians') rivers into blood
so that they couldn't drink from their streams.
45 He sent swarms of flies that bit them
and frogs that overran their land.
46 He gave their crops to the grasshoppers
and the results of their labour to the locusts.
47 He destroyed their grapevines with hail
and their sycamore fig trees with frost.
48 He rained hail on their cattle
and hurled lightning bolts at their livestock.

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_test god and_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_pained.[937]
42 Not they_remembered ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand the_day when he_
_ransomed_them from the_foe. **43** When he_performed in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) signs_of_his and_wonders_of_his in_the_
_region_of Tso'an/(Zoan). **44** And_he_turned into_blood canals_
_of_their and_streams_of_their not they_drank. **45** He_sent (is)_
_in_them a_swarm_of_flies and_it_devoured_them and_frog[s]
and_it_ruined_them. **46** And_he/it_gave to_locust produce_of_
_their and_the_result_of_of_their_toil to_locust. **47** He_killed
with_hail vine[s]_of_their and_sycamores_of_their with_a_
_flood. **48** And_he_delivered_up to_hail cattle_of_their and_
_livestock_of_their to_(the)_bolts. **49** He_sent on_them the_
_burning_of his_anger_of_his fury and_indignation and_trouble
a_deputation_of messengers_of calamities. **50** He_made_level a_
_path for_anger_of_his not he_kept_back from_death life_of_
_their and_life_of_their to_pestilence he_delivered_up. **51** And_
_he_struck_down every_of firstborn in_Mitsrayim the_
_beginning_of generative_power(s) in_the_tents_of Ḥām.
52 And_he_led_out like_sheep people_of_his and_he_led_them
like_flock in_wilderness. **53** And_he_guided_them to_security
and_not they_were_afraid and_~~DOM~~ enemies_of_their the_sea
it_covered. **54** And_he/it_brought_them to the_territory_of his_
_holiness_of_his the_mountain_of which hand_of_his_right it_
_had_acquired. **55** And_he/it_drove_out from_their_face/front
nations and_he_made_fall_them by_a_measuring-line_of an_
_inheritance and_he/it_made_stay/reside in_tents_of_their
the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **56** And_they_put_to_the_test
and_they_rebelled_against ~~DOM~~ god Most_High and_
_testimonies_of_his not they_kept. **57** And_they_turned_back
and_they_acted_treacherously like_ancestors_of_their they_
_changed like_a_bow_of deceit. **58** And_they_provoked_him_to_
_anger by_their_high_of_places and_by_idols_of_their they_
_made_him_jealous. **59** god he_heard and_he_was_furious and_
_he_rejected exceedingly (in)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **60** And_he_
_abandoned the_tabernacle_of Shiloh the_tent which_he_had_
_pitched among_humankind. **61** And_he/it_gave to_captivity
strength_of_his and_splendour_of_his in_the_hand_of the_foe.
62 And_he_delivered_up to_sword people_of_his and_with_
_inheritance_of_his he_was_furious. **63** Men_of_its_young fire
it_consumed and_its_young_of_women not they_were_praised.
64 Priests_of_its by_sword they_fell and_widows_of_its not
they_wept. **65** And_he_awoke like_a_sleeper my_master like_a_
_warrior overcome from_wine. **66** And_he_struck foes_of_his
backwards a_reproach_of perpetuity he_gave to_them. **67** And_
_he_rejected (in)_the_tent_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_(in)_the_
_tribe_of 'Efrayim not he_chose. **68** And_he_chose ~~DOM~~ the_
_tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) ~~DOM~~ the_mountain_of
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) which he_loved. **69** And_he/it_built like the_
_high_things sanctuary_of_his like_the_earth which_he_
_founded_it forever_perpetuity. **70** And_he_chose (in)_Dāvid
servant_of_his and_he_took_him from_the_folds_of sheep.
71 From_after nursing_ewes he_brought_him to_shepherd (in)_
_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) people_of_his and_(in)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
inheritance_of_his. **72** And_he_shepherded_them according_to_

937 LV 78:41 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

_the_integrity_of his_heart_of_his and_with_the_skill_of his_
_hands_of_his he_led_them.

Readers' Version

49 The fierceness of his anger lashed out against them.
He sent rage, fury, and trouble
like agents to bring disaster.
50 He levelled a path for his anger.
He didn't spare them from death
but allowed deadly disease to ravage them.
51 He killed all the firstborn in Mitsrayim (Egypt)—
the firstborn of their reproductive strength in Ham's tents.
52 He led his own people out like sheep
and guided them through the wilderness like a flock.
53 He led them secure and unafraid,
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 Then he brought them to the border of his holy land—
to this mountain that he acquired with his power.
55 He drove out the nations ahead of them
and assigned them their inheritance.
He settled the Israeli tribes in their tents.[932]
56 Yet they challenged and defied the highest God
and didn't obey his solemn commands.
57 They were unfaithful and acted treacherously like their ancestors.
They were as unreliable as a faulty bow.
58 They made him angry with their hilltop shrines
and provoked him to jealous anger with their idols.
59 When God heard this, he was angry
and completely rejected Yisrael (Israel).
60 He abandoned the sanctuary at Shiloh—
the tent where he had lived among people.[933]
61 He allowed his strength[934] to be captured
and gave control of his splendour to the enemy.
62 He handed his people over to the sword,
and he was angry with his heritage.
63 Fire devoured their young men,
and their young women had no wedding songs.
64 Their priests fell by the sword,
and their widows had no opportunity to weep.
65 Then my master awakened like someone who'd been asleep—
like a warrior who shouts because he's been drinking.
66 He drove his opponents back.
He put them to perpetual shame.
67 He rejected Yosef's (Joseph's) tent,
and he didn't choose the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim).
68 He chose the tribe of Yehudah (Judah)
and Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) that he loved.
69 He built his sanctuary like the heavens—
like the earth that he has established forever.
70 He chose his servant David,

932 **RV 78:55 · Cross-ref.** Josh 11:16-23.

933 **RV 78:60 · Cross-ref.** Josh 18:1; Jer 7:12-14; 26:6.

934 **RV 78:61 · Note** Probably referring to the sacred chest containing the tablets with the Sinay agreement written on them. But there's also connotations of Shimshon's/Samson's capture in this line.

Readers' Version

and took him from the sheep pens.
71 He took him from following the ewes with their young,
and he brought him to shepherd Ya'akov (Jacob), his people,
and Yisrael (Israel), his heritage.
72 David shepherded them with sincere integrity,
and he guided them with his skillful hands.

A prayer for national restoration

A song by Asaf.
79:1 God, foreign nations have come into the land you gave as an inheritance.
They have defiled your holy temple.
They have turned Yerushalem (Jerusalem) into a heap of ruins.
2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food to the birds in the skies—
the bodies of your faithful ones to the animals on the ground.
3 They've shed their blood around Yerushalem like water,
and there wasn't anyone to bury them.
4 We have become a reproach for our neighbours—
mocked and scorned by those around us.
5 How long, Yahweh? Will you stay angry forever?
For how long will your jealous anger burn like fire?
6 Pour out your rage on the nations that don't know you
and on the kingdoms that don't pray to you,
7 because they've devoured Ya'akov (Jacob) (meaning Yisrael's (Israel's) people)
and destroyed his villages.
8 Don't hold the sins of our ancestors against us.
May we experience your acts of mercy, because we're very discouraged.
9 Help us, God of our salvation, for the sake of the glory of your name.
Save us and forgive our sins for the sake of your reputation.
10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their god?"
Let your servants' blood that was shed
be avenged on the nations before our eyes.
11 May the groans of the prisoners come before you.
Keep those condemned to death alive with the greatness of your power.
12 Pay back seven times as much into the laps of our neighbouring countries
as repayment for the insults with which they have insulted you, Lord.
13 So we your people, and sheep of your pasture,
will give you thanks forever.
We will tell your praises to all generations.

A prayer for national restoration

For the musical director: a song by Asaf to be sung to the tune of 'Lilies of Agreement.'

Literal Version

79:1 A_song of_'Āṣāf[938] Oh_god the_nations they_have_come in_
_inheritance_of_your they_have_made_unclean ~~DOM~~ the_
_temple_of your_holiness_of_your they_have_made ~~DOM~~
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) into_heaps_of_ruins. **2** They_have_
_given ~~DOM~~ the_corpse[s]_of your_servants food to_the_bird[s]_
_of the_heavens the_flesh_of your_faithful_of_people to_the_of_
_animal[s] the_earth. **3** They_have_poured_out blood_of_their
like_water round_about_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_there_was_not one_who_buried_them. **4** We_have_become a_
_reproach to_neighbours_of_our mockery and_derision to_
_those_around_of_us. **5** Until when Oh_**YHWH** will_you_be_
_angry to_perpetuity will_it_burn like fire jealousy_of_your.
6 Pour_out anger_of_your against the_nations which not they_
_know_you and_on kingdoms which on_name_of_your not
they_call. **7** If/because it_has_consumed ~~DOM~~ Ya'ₐqov and_~~DOM~~
habitation_of_its they_have_devastated. **8** Do_not remember
to/for_us the_iniquities the_forefathers quickly may_they_
_come_to_meet_us compassion(s)_of_your if/because we_have_
_become_low exceedingly. **9** Help_us Oh_god_of our_salvation_
_of_our on the_matter_of the_glory_of your(ms)_name and_
_deliver_us and_atone on sins_of_our for_the_sake_of name_of_
_your. **10** To/for_what will_they_say the_nations where god_of_
_is_their let_it_be_known in/on/at/with[939] to_eyes_of_our the_
_vengeance_of the_blood_of your_servants (the)_poured_out.
11 May_it_come to_your_face the_groaning_of the_prisoner
according_to_the_greatness_of your_arm_of_your leave_over
the_sons_of death. **12** And_repay to_neighbours_of_our
sevenfold into bosom_of_their reproach_of_their which they_
_reproached_you my_master. **13** And_we people_of_your and_
_the_sheep_of your_pasture_of_your we_will_give_thanks to_
_you forever_perpetuity to_a_generation and_a_generation we_
_will_recount praise_of_your.

80:1 To_choirmaster to Shoshannim eduth of_'Āṣāf a_song. **2** [940]
Oh_shepherd_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) give_ear Oh_you_who_lead
like_flock Yōṣēf/(Joseph) Oh_you_who_sit_of the_cherubim
shine_forth. **3** [941] To_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Efrayim

938 **LV 79:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.79.1

939 **LV 79:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ם֣יִג/ב**: (x-qere) '**סָּיוֹג/ב**': lemma_b/1471 a morph_HRd/Ncmpa id_19XXo **סָּיוֹג/ב**

940 **LV 80:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.1

941 **LV 80:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.2

Literal Version

and_Binyāmīn and_Mənashsheh stir_up ~~DOM~~ might_of_your and_come for_salvation_salvation to/for_ourselves. **4** [942] Oh_ _god restore_us and_make_shine face_of_your so_that_we_may_ _be_delivered. **5** [943] Oh_**YHWH** god soldiers/messengers until when have_you_smoked at_the_prayer_of your_people_of_your. **6** [944] You_have_fed_them bread_of tear[s] and_you_have_made_ _them_drink (in)_tears a_third_of_a_measure. **7** [945] You_make_ _us a_contention to_neighbours_of_our and_enemies_of_our they_mock (to)_themselves. **8** [946] Oh_god soldiers/messengers restore_us and_make_shine face_of_your so_that_we_may_be_ _delivered. **9** [947] A_vine from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) you_uprooted you_drove_out nations and_you_planted_it. **10** [948] You_made_ _clear before_it and_it_took_root roots_of_its and_it_filled the_ _land. **11** [949] Mountains they_were_covered shade_of_its and_ _branches_of_its the_cedars_of god. **12** [950] It_stretched_out branch[es]_of_its to the_sea and_near/to the_river shoots_of_ _its_young. **13** [951] To/for_what have_you_broken_down walls_ _of_its and_they_have_plucked_it all_of those_who_pass_by_of the_road. **14** [952] It_eats_it_away wild_boar from_the[953] and_ _moving_creature[s]_of the_field it_grazes_on_it. **15** [954] Oh_god soldiers/messengers return please pay_attention from_heaven and_see and_attend_to vine this. **16** [955] And_the_root which hand_of_your_right it_planted and_on the_son whom_you_ _made_strong for_yourself. **17** [956] It_is_burnt with_fire it_is_ _cut_down from_the_rebuke_of your(pl)_face_of_your they_ _will_perish. **18** [957] May_it_be hand_of_your on the_man_of your_right_hand_of_your on the_son_of humankind whom_ _you_have_made_strong for_yourself. **19** [958] And_not we_will_ _turn_back from_you you_will_give_us_life and_on_name_of_ _your we_will_call. **20** [959] Oh_**YHWH** god soldiers/messengers restore_us make_shine face_of_your so_that_we_may_be_ _delivered.

Readers' Version

80:1 Pay attention, Yisrael's (Israel's) shepherd.
You who lead Yosef (Joseph) (meaning Yisrael) like a flock;
You who sit above the winged creatures on the sacred chest, shine on us!
2 In the sight of Efrayim (Ephraim) and Benyamin and Menasheh (Manasseh), stir up your power.
Come and save us.
3 God, restore us;
Show us your favour and then we'll be saved.
4 Commander-in-chief Yahweh,
how long will you be angry at your people when they pray?
5 You have fed them with bread made from tears
and given them tears to drink in great quantities.
6 You make us something for our neighbours to argue over,
and our enemies laugh about us among themselves.
7 Commander-in-chief God, restore us.
Show us your favour and then we'll be saved.
8 You brought a grapevine out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).
You drove out nations then transplanted it.
9 You cleared the land for it,
→and the grapevine took root and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered with its shade.
God's cedars were covered by its branches.
11 It sent out its branches as far as the sea
and its shoots to the Perat (Euphrates) River.
12 Why have you broken down the walls around it
→so that all who pass by along the road pick its fruit?
13 The boars out of the forest ruin it,
and the animals in the countryside feed on it.
14 Turn back, Commander-in-chief God.
Look down from heaven and take notice and take care of this grapevine.
15 This is the root that you planted by your power—
the shoot that you made grow.

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942 **LV 80:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.3
943 **LV 80:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.4
944 **LV 80:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.5
945 **LV 80:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.6
946 **LV 80:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.7
947 **LV 80:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.8
948 **LV 80:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.9
949 **LV 80:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.10
950 **LV 80:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.11
951 **LV 80:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.12
952 **LV 80:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.13
953 **LV 80:14 · Note** OSHB note: Suspended letter(s). Shown as suspended letters without a superscript note number.
954 **LV 80:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.14
955 **LV 80:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.15
956 **LV 80:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.16
957 **LV 80:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.17
958 **LV 80:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.18
959 **LV 80:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.19

Readers' Version

16 It has been cut down and burnt.
They perish at your rebuke.
17 May your hand be on the man you've given your power to—
on the son of humanity who you made strong for yourself.
18 Then we won't turn away from you.
Revive us, and we'll always pray to you.
19 Commander-in-chief Yahweh God, restore us.
Show us your favour and then we'll be saved.

Thanking God for relief

For the musical director: a song by Asaf to be accompanied by stringed instruments.[960]

81:1 Sing aloud to God our strength.
Shout out to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god with happiness.
2 Sing a song and play the tambourine—
the pleasant lyre with the harp.
3 Blow the trumpet on the day of the new moon,
on the day of the full moon, when our celebration begins,
4 because it's a statute for Yisrael (Israel)—
a decree given by Ya'akov's god.
5 He issued it as a regulation in Yosef (Joseph) (Yosef, but referring to Yisrael)
when he went against Mitsrayim (Egypt),
where I heard a voice that I didn't recognize:
6 "I removed the burden from his shoulder.
His hands were freed from having to hold the basket.
7 In your distress you called out, and I helped you.
I answered you from a dark thundercloud.
I tested you at the waters of Merivah. (Instrumental break.)
8 Listen, my people, yes, I'll warn you, Yisrael (Israel).
If you would only listen to me.
9 There mustn't be any foreign god among you.
You mustn't worship any foreign god.
10 I'm your god Yahweh who brought you out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).
Open your mouth wide, and I'll fill it.

Literal Version

81:1 To_choirmaster on the_Gittith of_'Āṣāf. 2 961 Sing_for_joy to_god strength_of_our shout_for_joy to_the_god_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob). 3 962 Lift_up music and_beat a_tambourine a_ _harp pleasant with a_lyre. 4 963 Blow at_moon a_ram's_horn at_moon to_the_day_of our_festival_of_our. 5 964 If/because is_ _a_decree for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it an_ordinance of_the_god_of of_ _Ya'aqov. 6 965 A_transcript in_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_established_it in_his/its_coming_out on the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) a_ _language_of (of)_which_not I_knew I_heard. 7 966 I_removed from_a_burden shoulder_of_his palms_of_his from_a_basket they_passed_away. 8 967 In_trouble you_called_out and_I_ _rescued_you I_answered_you in_the_hiding_place_of thunder I_tested_you at the_waters_of Mərīvāh Ṣelāh. 9 968 Listen my_ _people_of_my and_let_me_warn on/over_you(fs) Oh_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if you_will_listen to_me. 10 969 Not it_will_be in_you(ms) a_god strange and_not you_must_bow_down to_a_ _god_of foreignness. 11 970 I am_**YHWH** god_of_your who_ _brought_up_of_you from_the_land_of Mitsrayim make_large mouth_of_your and_I_will_fill_it. 12 971 And_not people_of_my it_listened to_voice_of_my and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not it_yielded to_me. 13 972 And_I_gave_it_over in_the_stubbornness_of their_ _heart_of_their they_walked in_their_own_of_schemes. 14 973 If people_of_my will_be_listening to_me Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ways_ _of_my they_will_walk. 15 974 Like_a_little enemies_of_their I_ _will_subdue and_on foes_of_their I_will_turn hand_of_my. 16 975 Those_who_hate_of (of)_**YHWH** they_will_cringe to_ _him/it and_ time_of_their _let_it_be forever_perpetuity. 17 976 And_he_fed_him from_the_best_of the_wheat and_from_a_rock honey I_will_satisfy_you.

960 **RV 81:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'Gitit' could be an instrument or type of voice.
961 **LV 81:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.1
962 **LV 81:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.2
963 **LV 81:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.3
964 **LV 81:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.4
965 **LV 81:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.5
966 **LV 81:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.6
967 **LV 81:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.7
968 **LV 81:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.8
969 **LV 81:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.9
970 **LV 81:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.10
971 **LV 81:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.11
972 **LV 81:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.12
973 **LV 81:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.13
974 **LV 81:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.14
975 **LV 81:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.15
976 **LV 81:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.16

Literal Version

82:1 A_song of_'Āṣāf[978] god is_taking_his_stand in_the_ _congregation_of god in_the_midst_of the_gods he_gives_ _judgement. **2** Until when will_you(pl)_judge injustice and_the_ _face_of wicked_people will_you(pl)_lift_up Ṣelāh. **3** Give_ _judgement_for the_poor and_the_fatherless the_afflicted and_ _the_poor vindicate. **4** Deliver the_poor and_the_needy from_ _the_hand_of wicked_people rescue_them. **5** Not they_know and_not they_understand in_darkness they_walk_about all_of the_foundations_of the_earth they_are_shaken. **6** I I_said are_ _gods you(pl) and_the_sons the_Most_High of_you_of_all. **7** Nevertheless like_humankind you(pl)_will_die and_like_one_ _of the_princes you(pl)_will_fall. **8** Arise Oh_god judge the_ _earth/land if/because you you_have_an_inheritance in_all the_nations.

83:1 A_song a_song of_'Āṣāf. **2** [981] Oh_god let_not rest to/for_ _you(fs) do_not be_silent and_do_not be_inactive Oh_god. **3** [982] If/because HERE enemies_of_your they_are_in_an_uproar and_ _those_of_who_hate_you they_have_lifted a_head. **4** [983] On people_of_your they_make_crafty counsel and_they_consult_ _together on your(pl)_treasured_of_ones. **5** [984] They_have_said come and_let_us_annihilate_them from_a_nation and_not the_ _name_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_be_remembered again. **6** [985] If/because they_have_consulted heart together on_you a_ _covenant they_are_making. **7** [986] The_tents_of 'Edōm and_the_ _Yishmā'ēlī Mō'āv and_the_Hagrī. **8** [987] Gebal and_'Ammōn and_Amalek Pəleshet with the_inhabitants_of Tsor/(Tyre). **9** [988] Also 'Ashshūr it_has_joined_itself with_them they_have_

977 **RV 82:6 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 10:34-36.

978 **LV 82:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.82.1

981 **LV 83:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.1

982 **LV 83:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.2

983 **LV 83:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.3

984 **LV 83:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.4

985 **LV 83:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.5

986 **LV 83:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.6

987 **LV 83:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.7

988 **LV 83:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.8

Readers' Version

11 But my people didn't listen to my words.
Yisrael (Israel) didn't obey me.
12 So I let them go their own stubborn way
so that they could do whatever seemed okay to them.
13 If only my people would listen to me.
If only my people would follow my ways.
14 If they did, I'd quickly subdue their enemies
and use my strength against those who oppress them.
15 May those who hate Yahweh cringe in fear before him.
May they be humiliated forever.
16 I would feed Yisrael (Israel) with the finest bread.
I would satisfy you with honey out of the rock."

God the defender

A song by Asaf.
82:1 God stands in the divine assembly.
He renders judgement among the gods.
2 For how long will you judge unjustly
and show favouritism to the wicked? (Instrumental break.)
3 Defend the poor and the fatherless.
Maintain the rights of those who are afflicted and destitute.
4 Rescue the poor and needy—
help them escape from the control of the wicked people.
5 They neither know nor understand.
They wander around in the darkness.
All the earth's foundations crumble.
6 I said, "You are 'gods',
and all of you are sons of the highest one.[977]
7 Nevertheless you will die like men
and fall like one of the leaders."
8 Take action, God, judge the earth,
because you have an inheritance in all the nations.

Praying for victory over enemies

A song by Asaf.
83:1 God, don't be silent.
Don't ignore us and remain unmoved, God.
2 Look, your enemies are making a commotion,
and those who hate you starting to cause trouble.
3 They conspire against your people,
and plan together against your protected ones.
4 They've said, "Come, and let's destroy them as a nation,
→then the name of Yisrael (Israel) will soon be forgotten."
5 They schemed together with a unified strategy.
they made an alliance against you—

Readers' Version

6 the tents of Edom and the Yishmaelim (Ishmaelites),
of Moav (Moab) and the Hagrim,
7 Geval, Amon, Amalek,
and also Peleshet and the inhabitants of Tsor (Tyre).
8 Ashur (Assyria) also has joined with them.
They have become an arm for the descendants of Lot. (Instrumental break.)
9 Do to them as you did to Midyan,[979]
as you did to Sisera and to Yavin at the Kishon River.[980]
10 They perished at Eyn-Dor
→and became like dung on the ground.
11 Make their leading citizens like Orev and Ze'ev,
and all their princes like Zevah and Tsalmuna.
12 They said, "Let's take God's pastures for ourselves."
13 My god, make them like the whirling dust.
Make them like chaff blown around by the wind,
14 like the fire that burns a forest,
or like a flame that sets mountains on fire.
15 Chase them with your strong wind,
and terrify them with your windstorm.
16 Cause them to be very ashamed
so that they might want to find out more about you, Yahweh.
17 May they be put to shame and be terrified forever.
May they perish in disgrace.
18 Then they will know that you alone, Yahweh,
are to be honoured as the highest one over all the earth.

Longing to be in Yahweh's courtyards

For the musical director: a song by Korah's descendants to be accompanied by stringed instruments.[999]
84:1 How lovely is the place where you live,
Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
2 I long to be in Yahweh's temple courtyards—my desire for them has made me exhausted.
My heart and all of my being call out to the living God.

Literal Version

_become an_arm for_the_children_of Lōṭ Ṣelāh. 10 989 Do to/for_them like_Midyān like_Ṣīṣərā' like_Yāvīn/(Jabin) at_the_ _wadi_of Qīshōn. 11 990 They_were_destroyed at_En- dor they_ _became dung for_ground. 12 991 Make_them their_noble_of_ _people like_ʹOrēvˇ and_like_Zə'ēvˇ and_like_Zevˇaḥ and_like_ _Tsalmunnāʹ/(Zalmunna) all_of princes_of_their. 13 992 Who they_said let_us_take_possession_of to/for_ourselves ~~ĐØM~~ the_ _pastures_of god. 14 993 My_god_of_my make_them like_(the)_ _dust like_chaff to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_wind. 15 994 Like_a_fire which_it_burns a_forest and_like_a_flame which_it_sets_ablaze mountains. 16 995 So you_will_pursue_ _them with_storm_of_your and_with_storm-wind_of_your you_ _will_terrify_them. 17 996 Fill faces_of_their shame so_that_ _they_may_seek name_of_your Oh_**YHWH**. 18 997 May_they_be_ _ashamed and_may_they_be_dismayed until_of perpetuity and_ _may_they_be_abashed and_may_they_perish. 19 998 And_may_ _they_know if/because_that you name_of_who_your is_**YHWH** you_alone are_the_Most_High over all_of the_earth/land.

84:1 To_choirmaster on the_Gittith of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_ _song. 2 1000 How lovely dwelling_place(s)_of_are_your Oh_ _**YHWH** soldiers/messengers. 3 1001 It_has_longed and_also it_ _is_exhausted being_of_my for_the_courts_of **YHWH** heart_of_ _my and_flesh_of_my they_shout_for_joy to god living. 4 1002 Also a_bird it_has_found a_home and_a_swallow a_nest to/for_ _her/it which it_has_put ones_of_its_young with altars_of_your Oh_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers king_of_my and_god_of_my. 5 1003 How_blessed are_those_who_dwell_of your_house_of_

979 **RV 83:9 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 7–8.
980 **RV 83:9 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 4–5.
989 **LV 83:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.9
990 **LV 83:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.10
991 **LV 83:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.11
992 **LV 83:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.12
993 **LV 83:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.13
994 **LV 83:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.14
995 **LV 83:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.15
996 **LV 83:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.16
997 **LV 83:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.17
998 **LV 83:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.18
999 **RV 84:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'Gitit' could be an instrument or type of voice.
1000 **LV 84:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.1
1001 **LV 84:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.2
1002 **LV 84:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.3
1003 **LV 84:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.4

Literal Version

_your still they_praise_you Ṣelāh. **6** [1004] How_blessed is_a_
_person who_strength to_him/it in_you who_highways are_in_
_heart_of_their. **7** [1005] Those_who_pass_of in_the_valley_of
(the)_Baca a_spring they_make_it also blessings early_rain it_
_covers_it. **8** [1006] They_go from_strength to strength he_
_presents_himself to god in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **9** [1007] Oh_**YHWH**
god soldiers/messengers hear prayer_of_my give_ear Oh_god_
_of Ya′ₐqov/(Jacob) Ṣelāh. **10** [1008] Shield_of_our look_at Oh_god
and_pay_attention_to the_face_of your_anointed. **11** [1009]
If/because is_good a_day in_courts_of_your more_than_a_
_thousand I_have_chosen to_stand_at_the_threshold in_house_
_of my_god_of_my more_than_to_dwell in_the_tents_of
wickedness. **12** [1010] If/because is_a_sun and_a_shield **YHWH**
god favour and_honour **YHWH** he_gives not he_withholds good
to_who_walk in_blamelessness. **13** [1011] Oh_**YHWH**
soldiers/messengers how_blessed is_anyone who_trusts
on/over_you(fs).

85:1 To_choirmaster of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_song. **2** [1013]
You_showed_favour_to Oh_**YHWH** land_of_your you_turned_
_back the_captivity_of[1014] of_Ya′ₐqov. **3** [1015] You_forgave the_
_iniquity_of your_people_of_your you_covered all_of sin_of_
_their Ṣelāh. **4** [1016] You_withdrew all_of fury_of_your you_
_turned_back from_the_burning_of your_anger_of_your. **5** [1017]
Restore_us Oh_god_of our_salvation_of_our and_break anger_
_of_your with_us. **6** [1018] Forever will_you_be_angry with_us
will_you_prolong anger_of_your to_a_generation and_a_

Readers' Version

3 Even the sparrow has found herself a house,
and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young
near your altars, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, my King, and my god.
4 Blessed are they who live in your house;
They praise you continually. (Instrumental break.)
5 Blessed is the person who trusts you for their strength—
who thinks about how to travel to Mt. Tsiyon (Zion).
6 Passing through the Valley of Tears, they find springs of water to drink.
The early rains cover it with blessings.
7 They go from strength to strength.
Every one of them appears before God in Tsiyon.
8 Commander-in-chief God Yahweh, hear my prayer.
God of Ya'akov (Jacob), listen to what I'm saying. (Instrumental break.)
9 God, watch over our defender.
Show concern for your anointed one.
10 Yes, one day in your courtyards is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in my god's house,
than to live in the tents of the wicked,
11 because Yahweh God is our sun and shield.
Yahweh will give grace and glory.
He doesn't withhold any good thing from those who walk in integrity.
12 Commander-in-chief Yahweh,
blessed is the person who trusts in you.

Prayer for national peace

For the musical director: a song by Korah's descendants.
85:1 Yahweh, you've shown favour to your country.
You have restored Ya'akov's (Jacob's) well-being.
2 You have forgiven your people's disobedience.
You've covered over all their sin. (Instrumental break.)
3 You have withdrawn all your rage.
You've turned back from your hot anger.

1004 **LV 84:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.5
1005 **LV 84:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.6
1006 **LV 84:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.7
1007 **LV 84:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.8
1008 **LV 84:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.9
1009 **LV 84:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.10
1010 **LV 84:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.11
1011 **LV 84:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.12
1013 **LV 85:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.85.1
1014 **LV 85:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוּבשׁ: (x-qere) 'תְּשִׁיבְ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_19opW תְּשִׁיבְ
1015 **LV 85:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.85.2
1016 **LV 85:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.85.3
1017 **LV 85:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.85.4
1018 **LV 85:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.85.5

Readers' Version

4 Restore us, God who saves us,
and don't stay upset with us.
5 Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you remain angry throughout future generations?
6 Won't you revive us again?
Then your people could be happy about you.
7 Show us your loyal commitment, Yahweh.
Grant us your salvation.
8 I will listen to what Yahweh God says,
because he will make peace with his people—his faithful ones,
yet they mustn't turn back again to doing foolish things.
9 Certainly he must be close to rescuing those who strive to obey him,
then glory[1012] will remain in our land.
10 Loyal commitment and trustworthiness have met together.
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Trustworthiness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
12 Yes, Yahweh will give his good blessings,
→and then our land will yield its crops.
13 Righteousness will go before Yahweh,
→and make a way for his footsteps.

A prayer of David's.

God's great love

86:1 Turn this way and listen, Yahweh,
and answer me because I'm weak and needy.
2 Protect me, because I'm faithful.
My god, save your servant who trusts in you.
3 Be merciful to me, my master,
because I call out to you for help all day long.
4 Make your servant glad,
because I sincerely offer myself to you, my master.
5 You, my master, are good, and ready to forgive,
and you show loyal commitment to everyone who calls out to you for help.
6 Yahweh, listen to my prayer.
Hear the sound of my pleas.
7 In my times of trouble, I call to you for help,
because you'll answer me.
8 There isn't any other god who's comparable with you, my master.

Literal Version

_generation. **7** [1019] Not you will_you_return will_you(pl)_give_
_us_life and_people_of_your they_will_rejoice in_you. **8** [1020]
Show_us Oh_**YHWH** loyalty_of_your_covenant and_salvation_
_of_your you_will_give to/for_us. **9** [1021] I_will_listen_to
whatever he_will_say (the)_god **YHWH** if/because he_will_
_speak peace to people_of_his and_near/to his_faithful_of_
_people and_not let_them_return to_folly. **10** [1022] Surely is_near
to_those_fearing_of_him salvation_of_his to_ glory _dwell in_
_land_of_our. **11** [1023] Covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness they_
_meet_one_another righteousness and_peace they_kiss. **12** [1024]
Faithfulness from_the_earth it_springs_up and_righteousness
from_heaven it_looks_down. **13** [1025] Also **YHWH** he_will_give
the_good and_land_of_our it_will_give produce_of_its. **14** [1026]
righteousness before_him it_will_go and_it_will_make into_a_
_way_of footsteps_of_his.

86:1 A_prayer of_Dāvid[1027] incline Oh_**YHWH** ear_of_your
answer_me if/because am_poor and_needy I. **2** Preserve life_of_
_my if/because am_faithful I save servant_of_your Oh_you god_
_of_my who_trusts to_you. **3** Show_favour_to_me my_master
if/because to_you I_call_out all_of the_day. **4** Make_glad the_
_self_of your_servant_of_your if/because to_you my_master
being_of_my I_lift_up. **5** If/because you my_master are_good
and_ready_to_forgive and_great_of covenant_loyalty to/from_
_all/each/any/every those_of_who_call_out_to_you. **6** Give_
_ear_to Oh_**YHWH** prayer_of_my and_pay_attention to_the_
_sound_of my_supplications_of_my. **7** In/on_day my_distress_
_of_my I_call_out_to_you if/because you_will_answer_me.
8 There_is_not like_you among_gods my_master and_there_
_are_not like_works_of_your. **9** All_of the_nations which you_
_have_made they_will_come and_they_will_bow_down to_your_
_face my_master and_they_will_glorify (to)_name_of_your.
10 If/because are_great you and_you_are_doing_of (of)_
_wonders you are_god you_alone. **11** Teach_me Oh_**YHWH** way_
_of_your I_will_walk in_truth_of_your unite heart_of_my to_
_fear name_of_your. **12** I_will_give_thanks_to_you my_master

1012 RV 85:9 · Note Many translations add 'his' to explain that it's God's glory, but we've left it ambiguous because it could also refer to the people's glory/honour.

1019 LV 85:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.6

1020 LV 85:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.7

1021 LV 85:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.8

1022 LV 85:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.9

1023 LV 85:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.10

1024 LV 85:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.11

1025 LV 85:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.12

1026 LV 85:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.13

1027 LV 86:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.86.1

Literal Version

god_of_my in_all heart_of_my and_I_will_glorify name_of_your forever_perpetuity. **13** If/because loyalty_of_your_covenant is_ _great towards_me and_you_have_delivered life_of_my from_ _Shə'ōl lowest. **14** Oh_god arrogant_people they_have_risen_up on_me and_a_company_of ruthless_people they_have_sought life_of_my and_not they_have_set_you to_before_themselves. **15** And_you(ms) my_master are_a_god compassionate and_ _gracious long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty and_ _faithfulness. **16** Turn to_me and_show_favour_to_me give strength_of_your to_servant_of_your and_save (to)_the_son_of your_maidservant_of_your. **17** Do with_me a_sign of_goodness so_ those_of_who_hate_me _that_they_may_see and_so_that_ _they_may_be_ashamed if/because you Oh_**YHWH** you_have_ _helped_me and_you_have_comforted_me.

87:1 Of_the_sons_of Qoraḥ a_song a_song[1028] foundation_of_his is_among_the_mountains_of holiness. **2** **YHWH** is_loving the_ _gates_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) from_all the_dwelling_places_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob). **3** Glorious_things is_spoken on/over_you(fs) Oh_city_of the_'Elohīm Ṣelāh. **4** I_will_bring_to_remembrance Rahav and_Bāvel to_those_of_who_know_me THERE Pəleshet and_Tsor/(Tyre) with Kūsh/(Cush) this_one it_was_born there. **5** And_of_Tsiyyōn it_will_be_said a_person and_a_person he_ _was_born in_it and_he he_will_establish_it the_Most_High. **6** **YHWH** he_will_count when_records peoples this_one he_was_ _born there Ṣelāh. **7** And_singers like_dancers all_of springs_of_ _my on/over_you(fs).

88:1 A_song a_song of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ to_choirmaster on machalath- leannoth a_poem of_Hēymān the_Ezrachite. **2** [1030] Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of my_salvation_of_my day I_have_cried_ _out in_night before_you. **3** [1031] May_it_come to_your_face prayer_of_my incline ear_of_your to_my_cry_of_of_entreaty. **4** [1032] If/because it_is_surfeited with_troubles being_of_my

Readers' Version

No one else does the things that you do.
9 All the nations that you've made will come and bow before you, my master.
They will honour your name
10 because you are powerful and do wonderful things.
You alone are God.
11 Teach me your ways, Yahweh, then I'll walk in your truth.
Give me an undivided heart to revere you.
12 My master God, I'll praise you with my entire being.
I'll praise you forever
13 because your loyal commitment to me is so great.
You have rescued my life from the depths of the grave.
14 God, the arrogant have risen up against me.
A gang of violent men seek my life—
they don't care what you might do to them.
15 But you, my master, are a merciful and gracious God,
slow to get angry, and generous with loyal commitment and trustworthiness.
16 Turn toward me and have mercy on me.
Give your strength to your servant.
Save the son of your servant woman.
17 Show me a sign of your favour,
then those who hate me will see it and be put to shame
because you, Yahweh, have helped me and comforted me.

Praising Tsiyon (Zion)

A song by Korah's descendants.
87:1 On the sacred hill stands the city he founded.
2 Yahweh loves Tsiyon's (Zion's) gates
more than all of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) tents.
3 Wonderful things are said about you, city of God. (Instrumental break.)
4 "I mention Rahav and Bavel (Babylon) to my followers.
See, there are Peleshet, and Tsor (Tyre), along with Kush (Ethiopia)—
and will say, 'This one was born there.' "
5 It will be said about Tsiyon, "Each of those was born in her,
and the highest one himself will establish her."
6 Yahweh writes in the census book of the nations,
"That one was born there." (Instrumental break.)
7 So also the singers and the dancers say together,
"All my fountains are in you."

A depressed cry for help

For the musical director: a song by Korah's descendants. To be sung to the tune of 'Mahalat-Le'annot' a song[1029] by Heyman, one of Ezra's descendants.
88:1 Yahweh God who rescues me,

1028 **LV 87:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.87.1
1029 **RV 88:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
1030 **LV 88:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.1
1031 **LV 88:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.2
1032 **LV 88:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.3

Readers' Version

I call out day and night to you for help.
2 Let my prayer be noticed by you.
Pay attention to my cry
3 because I'm filled with troubles,
and my life is approaching the grave.
4 People treat me like those who are going down into the pit.
I'm a man with no strength left.
5 I'm abandoned among the dead.
I'm like the dead who lie in the grave,
about whom you don't care any more
because they're cut off from your power.
6 You place me in the lowest part of the pit—
in the dark and deep places.
7 Your rage lies heavy on me,
and all your waves crash over me. (Instrumental break.)
8 Because of you, my acquaintances avoid me.
You have made me a shocking sight to them.
I am hemmed in and I cannot escape.
9 My eyes grow weary from trouble.
All day long I call out to you for help, Yahweh—
I spread out my hands to you.
10 Will you do wonders for the dead?
Will those who've died rise and praise you? (Instrumental break.)
11 Will your loyal commitment be proclaimed in the grave—
your loyalty in the place of the dead?
12 Will your wonderful activities be known in the darkness,
or your righteousness in the place of forgetfulness?
13 But I cry to you for help, Yahweh—
in the morning my prayer goes before you.
14 Yahweh, why do you reject me?
Why do you hide yourself from me?
15 Since my youth, I've always been afflicted and close to death.
I have suffered from your terrors—I'm in despair.
16 Your severe anger has swept over me,
and your terrifying actions have annihilated me.

Literal Version

and_life_of_my to_Shə'ōl they_have_approached. **5** **1033** I_am_
_reckoned with those_who_go_down_of the_pit I_am like_a_
_man who_there_is_not strength. **6** **1034** Among_people set_free
like those_slain who_lie_of the_grave whom not you_
_remember_them again and_they from_hand_of_your they_
_are_cut_off. **7** **1035** You_have_put_me in_a_pit_of lowest_parts
in_the_dark_places in_the_depths. **8** **1036** On_me anger_of_your
it_has_lain and_all breakers_of_your you_have_afflicted_me
Ṣelāh. **9** **1037** You_have_removed_far_away acquaintances_of_my
from_me you_have_made_me abominations to_them I_am_
_shut_up and_not I_will_go_out. **10** **1038** Eye_of_my it_has_
_become_faint from affliction I_have_called_out_to_you Oh_
_**YHWH** in_all day I_have_spread_out to_you palms_of_my.
11 **1039** For_the_people will_you_do wonder[s] or the_shades
will_they_arise will_they_give_thanks_to_you Ṣelāh. **12** **1040**
Will_it_be_recounted in_grave loyalty_of_your_covenant
faithfulness_of_your in_'Avaddōn. **13** **1041** Will_it_be_known in_
_darkness wonder[s]_of_your and_righteousness_of_your in_
_land forgetting. **14** **1042** And_I to_you Oh_**YHWH** I_cry_for_help
and_in_morning prayer_of_my it_comes_to_meet_you. **15** **1043**
Why Oh_**YHWH** do_you_reject self_of_my do_you_hide face_of_
_your from_me. **16** **1044** Have_been_afflicted I and_about_to_die
from_youth I_have_borne terrors_of_your I_am_perplexed.
17 **1045** Over_me anger(s)_of_your they_have_passed terrors_of_
_your they_have_destroyed_me. **18** **1046** They_have_surrounded_
_me like_water all_of the_day they_have_surrounded (on)_me
altogether. **19** **1047** You_have_removed_far_away from_me one_
_who_loves and_a_friend acquaintances_of_my is_a_dark_place.

1033 **LV 88:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.4
1034 **LV 88:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.5
1035 **LV 88:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.6
1036 **LV 88:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.7
1037 **LV 88:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.8
1038 **LV 88:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.9
1039 **LV 88:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.10
1040 **LV 88:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.11
1041 **LV 88:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.12
1042 **LV 88:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.13
1043 **LV 88:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.14
1044 **LV 88:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.15
1045 **LV 88:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.16
1046 **LV 88:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.17
1047 **LV 88:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.18

Literal Version

89:1 A_poem of_'Ēytān the_Ezrachite. **2** [1051] The_covenant_ _loyalti(es)_of **YHWH** forever I_will_sing to_a_generation and_ _a_generation I_will_make_known faithfulness_of_your with_ _mouth_of_my. **3** [1052] If/because I_have_said forever covenant_ _loyalty it_will_be_built the_heavens you_establish faithfulness_of_your in_them. **4** [1053] I_have_made a_covenant to_my_chosen_of_one I_have_sworn_an_oath to_Dāvid servant_ _of_my. **5** [1054] Until perpetuity I_will_establish offspring_of_ _your and_I_will_build to_a_generation and_a_generation throne_of_your Ṣelāh. **6** [1055] And_ the_heavens _they_praise wonder[s]_of_your Oh_**YHWH** also faithfulness_of_your in_the_ _assembly_of the_holy_ones. **7** [1056] If/because who in_cloud[s] is_he_comparable to/for_**YHWH** is_he_like to/for_**YHWH** among_the_sons_of gods.[1057] **8** [1058] god is_awesome in_the_ _council_of the_holy_ones much and_he_is_to_be_feared above all_of those_around_of_him. **9** [1059] Oh_**YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers who like_you is_mighty Oh_Yah and_ _faithfulness_of_your is_around_of_you. **10** [1060] You are_ruling over_the_rising_up_of the_sea when_ waves_of_its _rise_up you you_calm_them. **11** [1061] You you_crushed like_(the)_slain Rahab with_the_arm_of your_strength_of_your you_scattered enemies_of_your. **12** [1062] To/for_yourself(m) heaven also to/for_yourself(m) the_earth the_world and_what_of_fills_it you you_founded_them. **13** [1063] The_north and_the_south you you_created_them Tāvōr and_Ḥermōn at_name_of_your they_ _shout_for_joy. **14** [1064] To/for_yourself(m) an_arm with strength hand_of_your it_is_strong hand_of_your_right it_is_ _exalted. **15** [1065] Is_righteousness and_justice the_foundation_of your_throne_of_your covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness they_

Readers' Version

17 They surround me like water all the day long.
They've all encircled me.
18 You've taken all my friends and acquaintances away from me.
Now my only acquaintance is the darkness.

A song[1048] of Eytan, one of Ezra's descendants.

To be sung my the goodness of God

89:1 I will sing of Yahweh's acts of loyal commitment forever.
I will proclaim your truthfulness to future generations.
2 because I've said, "Loyal commitment has been established forever.
You have established your truthfulness in the heavens."
3 "I have made an agreement with my chosen one,
I've made a promise to my servant David.
4 I will establish your descendants forever,
and I will establish your throne through all generations."[1049]
(Instrumental break.)
5 The heavens praise your wonders, Yahweh.
Your truthfulness is praised in the assembly of the holy ones
6 because who in the heavens can be compared to Yahweh?
Who among the sons of the gods is like Yahweh?
7 He's a god who is greatly honoured in the council of the holy ones
and is awesome among all who are around him.
8 Commander-in-chief Yahweh, God,
who is strong like you, Yahweh?
Your truthfulness surrounds you.
9 You rule the raging sea—
when the waves surge, you calm them.
10 You crushed the proud one,[1050] like someone that's killed.
You scattered your enemies with your strong arm.

1048 **RV 89:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.

1049 **RV 89:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12-16; 1Ch 17:11-14; Psa 132:11; Acts 2:30.

1050 **RV 89:10 · Note** Heb. 'Rahav'. The second part of this line implies that it's not referring to a person here, but probably 'Egypt' (or possibly even 'the huge sea monster').

1051 **LV 89:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.1

1052 **LV 89:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.2

1053 **LV 89:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.3

1054 **LV 89:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.4

1055 **LV 89:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.5

1056 **LV 89:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.6

1057 **LV 89:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

1058 **LV 89:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.7

1059 **LV 89:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.8

1060 **LV 89:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.9

1061 **LV 89:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.10

1062 **LV 89:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.11

1063 **LV 89:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.12

1064 **LV 89:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.13

1065 **LV 89:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.14

Readers' Version

11 The heavens belong to you, and the earth as well.
You made the world and all it contains.
12 You created the north and the south.
Mt. Tavor and Mt. Hermon happily shout your name.
13 You have a powerful fighting arm
and a strong hand, and your sword hand is held high.
14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.
Loyal commitment and trustworthiness come before you.
15 The people who know the happy shout are fortunate.
Yahweh, they live knowing that you are always watching over them.
16 They celebrate your reputation all day long,
and they praise you for always doing what is right.
17 You are their majestic strength,
and by your favour our strength turns into victory.
18 because our shield belongs to Yahweh—
our king belongs to Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one.
19 Long ago you spoke in a vision to your faithful ones.
You said, "I've helped a warrior."
I've raised up one chosen from among the people.
20 I have chosen David my servant—
I've anointed him with my sacred oil.
21 My hand will support him.
My arm will also be with him to strengthen him.
22 No enemy will deceive him.
No wicked man will oppress him.
23 I will crush his enemies in front of him.
I will kill those who hate him.
24 My truth and my loyal commitment will be with him.
He will win victories with my help.

Literal Version

_come_to_meet your(ms)_faces/face. **16** [1066] How_blessed is_
_the_people which_know_of (of)_a_shout_of_joy Oh_**YHWH** in_
_the_light_of your(pl)_face_of_your they_walk. **17** [1067] In_name_
_of_your they_rejoice all_of the_day and_in_righteousness_of_
_your they_are_exalted. **18** [1068] If/because are_the_splendour_
_of their_strength_of_their you and_in_favour_of_your it_is_
_exalted[1069] horn_of_our. **19** [1070] If/because to/for_**YHWH**
shield_of_our and_belongs_to_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
king_of_our. **20** [1071] Then you_spoke in_a_vision to_your_
_faithful_of_people and_she/it_said I_have_placed help on a_
_warrior I_have_raised_up a_chosen_one from_the_people.
21 [1072] I_have_found Dāvid servant_of_my with_the_oil_of my_
_holiness_of_my I_have_anointed_him. **22** [1073] Whom hand_of_
_my it_will_be_steadfast with_him/it also arm_of_my it_will_
_strengthen_him. **23** [1074] Not an_enemy he_will_deceive
in/on/over_him/it and_a_son_of injustice not he_will_afflict_
_him. **24** [1075] And_I_will_crush from_before_of_him foes_of_his
and_those_of_who_hate_him I_will_strike_down. **25** [1076] And_
_faithfulness_of_my and_my_covenant_of_loyalty with_him/it
and_in_name_of_my horn_of_his it_will_be_exalted. **26** [1077]
And_I_will_set on_sea his/its_hand and_on_rivers hand_of_his_
_right. **27** [1078] He he_will_call_out_to_me father_of_are_my you
god_of_my and_the_rock_of my_salvation_of_my. **28** [1079] Also I
firstborn I_will_make_him most_high to_the_kings_of the_
_earth. **29** [1080] Forever_perpetuity I_will_keep[1081] to_him/it
loyalty_of_my_covenant and_covenant_of_my will_be_reliable
to_him/it. **30** [1082] And_I_will_establish forever_forever his/its_
_seed and_throne_of_his like_the_days_of the_heavens. **31** [1083]
If sons_of_his they_will_abandon law_of_my and_in_
_judgements_of_my not they_will_walk. **32** [1084] If regulations_
_of_my they_will_violate and_commands_of_my not they_will_
_keep. **33** [1085] And_I_will_punish with_a_rod transgression_of_
_their and_with_plagues iniquity_of_their. **34** [1086] And_my_
_covenant_of_loyalty not I_will_break_off from_with_him and_

1066 LV 89:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.15
1067 LV 89:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.16
1068 LV 89:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.17
1069 LV 89:18 · Note OSHB variant note: מירת: (x-qere) 'מָגִנָּתֵנוּ': lemma_7311 a morph_HVqi3fs id_19JGx מָגִנָּתֵנוּ
1070 LV 89:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.18
1071 LV 89:20 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.19
1072 LV 89:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.20
1073 LV 89:22 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.21
1074 LV 89:23 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.22
1075 LV 89:24 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.23
1076 LV 89:25 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.24
1077 LV 89:26 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.25
1078 LV 89:27 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.26
1079 LV 89:28 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.27
1080 LV 89:29 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.28
1081 LV 89:29 · Note OSHB variant note: רומשא: (x-qere) 'אָרִים': lemma_8104 morph_HVqi1cs id_19b8w אָרִים
1082 LV 89:30 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.29
1083 LV 89:31 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.30
1084 LV 89:32 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.31
1085 LV 89:33 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.32
1086 LV 89:34 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.33

Literal Version

_not I_will_deal_falsely with_faithfulness_of_my. **35** **1087** Not I_
_will_violate covenant_of_my and_the_utterance_of my_lips_
_of_my not I_will_change. **36** **1088** one_time I_have_sworn_an_
_oath by_holiness_of_my if to_Dāvid I_will_lie. **37** **1089** His/its_
_seed forever_perpetuity it_will_be and_throne_of_his like_sun
before_me. **38** **1090** Like_the_moon it_will_be_established
forever and_a_witness in_cloud[s] which_is_reliable Şelāh.
39 **1091** And_you(ms) you_have_spurned and_you_have_rejected
you_have_been_furious with your_of_anointed. **40** **1092** You_
_have_repudiated the_covenant_of your_servant_of_your you_
_have_profaned to_ground crown_of_his. **41** **1093** You_have_
_broken_through all_of walls_of_his you_have_made
strongholds_of_his a_ruin.**1094** **42** **1095** They_have_plundered_
_him all_of those_who_pass_by_of the_road he_has_become a_
_reproach to_neighbours_of_his. **43** **1096** You_have_exalted the_
_right_hand_of his_foes_of_his you_have_allowed_to_rejoice
all_of enemies_of_his. **44** **1097** Also you_turn_back the_flint_of
his_sword_of_his and_not you_have_raised_him_up in_battle.
45 **1098** You_have_made_cease from_luster_of_his and_throne_
_of_his to_ground you_have_thrown. **46** **1099** You_have_cut_
_short the_days_of his_youth(s)_of_his you_have_wrapped
on/upon/above_him/it shame Şelāh. **47** **1100** Until when Oh_
_**YHWH** will_you_hide_yourself to_perpetuity will_it_burn like
a_fire anger_of_your. **48** **1101** Remember I what is_lifespan
concerning what emptiness have_you_created all_of the_
_children_of humankind. **49** **1102** Who is_the_man who_he_will_
_live and_not he_will_see death who_he_will_deliver life_of_his
from_the_hand_of Shəʾōl Şelāh. **50** **1103** Where covenant_
_loyalti(es)_of_are_your (the)_former my_master which_you_
_swore_an_oath to_Dāvid in_faithfulness_of_your. **51** **1104**
Remember my_master the_reproach_of your_servants bearing_
_my in_bosom_of_my all_of many peoples. **52** **1105** Which
enemies_of_your they_have_reproached Oh_**YHWH** which

Readers' Version

25 I will place his hand over the sea
and his right hand over the rivers.
26 He will call out to me, 'You are my father,
my god, and the reliable one who rescues me.'
27 I also will place him as my firstborn son,
the highest king on the earth.
28 I will extend my loyal commitment to him forever,
and my agreement with him will be secure.
29 I will make his descendants endure forever
and his throne as enduring as the skies above.
30 If his children forsake my law
and don't follow my regulations,
31 if they break my rules
and don't keep my commands,
32 then will I punish their rebellion with a rod
and their disobedience with stripes from a whip.
33 But I won't break off my loyal commitment to him
or be unfaithful to my promise.
34 I won't break my agreement
or change the words of my lips.
35 Once and for all I have made an oath by my holiness—
I won't lie to David:
36 his descendants will continue forever
and his throne as long as the sun before me.
37 It will be established forever like the moon,
the faithful witness in the sky." (Instrumental break.)
38 But you have refused and rejected—
you've been angry with your anointed king.
39 You have renounced the agreement with your servant.
You have desecrated his crown in the dust.

1087 **LV 89:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.34
1088 **LV 89:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.35
1089 **LV 89:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.36
1090 **LV 89:38 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.37
1091 **LV 89:39 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.38
1092 **LV 89:40 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.39
1093 **LV 89:41 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.40
1094 **LV 89:41 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
1095 **LV 89:42 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.41
1096 **LV 89:43 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.42
1097 **LV 89:44 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.43
1098 **LV 89:45 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.44
1099 **LV 89:46 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.45
1100 **LV 89:47 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.46
1101 **LV 89:48 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.47
1102 **LV 89:49 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.48
1103 **LV 89:50 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.49
1104 **LV 89:51 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.50
1105 **LV 89:52 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.51

Readers' Version

40 You have broken down all his walls.
You have ruined his fortresses.
41 Everyone who goes past on the road rob him.
He's become an object of disgust to his neighbours.
42 You have given strength to his enemies;
You've made all his enemies celebrate.
43 You turn back the edge of his sword
and haven't supported him in the battle.
44 You have brought his splendour to an end.
You've thrown his throne down to the ground.
45 You have shortened the days of his youth.
You have covered him with shame. (Instrumental break.)
46 How long, Yahweh? Will you hide yourself forever?
How long will your anger burn like fire?
47 Oh, think about how short my time is,
and for what emptiness you've created all of humanity's children.
48 Who can live and not see death,
or rescue his own life from the clutch of the grave? (Instrumental break.)
49 Lord, where are your former acts of loyal commitment
that you sincerely promised to David?
50 My master, call to mind the mocking directed against your servants
and how I bear so many insults from the nations in my heart.
51 Your enemies hurl insults, Yahweh.
They mock the footsteps of your anointed one.
52 Blessed be Yahweh forever. Yes, indeed, let it be so.

Fourth collection[1107] · The people and the god

A prayer by God's man Mosheh (Moses).
90:1 My master, you've been our protection
throughout all generations.
2 Before the mountains were formed or you formed the earth and the world,
from the entire past through to all the future, you are God.
3 You return man to dust,
and you say, "Return, you descendants of humanity,"
4 because a thousand years in your sight
are just like yesterday when it's over,
and like a watch of several hours in the night.
5 You sweep them away as with a flood and they sleep.
In the morning they are like the grass that sprouts up:
6 In the morning it blooms and grows up,
but by the evening, it has withered and dried up.
7 Certainly we're consumed in your anger,
and in your rage we're terrified.
8 You've placed our disobedience in front of you—

Literal Version

they_have_reproached the_footprints_of your_anointed. 53 [1106] **YHWH** be_blessed forever_perpetuity amen and_amen.

90:1 A_prayer of_Mosheh the_man_of the_'Elohīm[1108] my_ _master a_dwelling_place you you_have_been to/for_ourselves in_a_generation and_a_generation. 2 Before_before mountains they_were_born and_you_brought_forth the_earth and_the_ _world and_from_antiquity until perpetuity you are_god. 3 You_return humankind to crushed_matter and_she/it_said return Oh_children_of humankind. 4 If/because a_thousand years in_eyes_of_your are_like_a_day yesterday if/because it_ _passes and_a_watch in_night. 5 You_flood_them sleep they_are in_morning like_grass which_it_sprouts_up. 6 In_morning it_ _flourishes and_it_sprouts_up to_evening it_withers and_it_ _dries_up. 7 If/because we_come_to_an_end in_anger_of_your and_by_rage_of_your we_are_terrified. 8 You_set[1109] iniquities_ _of_our to_before_you our_concealed_of_sins to_the_light_of your(pl)_face_of_your. 9 If/because all_of days_of_our they_ _turn in_fury_of_your years_of_our we_finish like a_sigh. 10 The_days_of our_years_of_our in/among_them are_seventy year[s] and_if by_strength(s) eighty year[s] and_pride_of_their is_toil and_trouble if/because it_passes_away quickly and_we_ _flew_away. 11 Who is_knowing the_strength_of your_anger_of_ _your and_is_like_fear_of_your fury_of_your. 12 To_count days_ _of_our right teach_us so_that_we_may_bring a_heart_of

1106 **LV 89:53 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.52

1107 **RV 90:1 · Parallel** Songs 90–106

1108 **LV 90:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.90.1

1109 **LV 90:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: תש: (x-qere) 'הָתַשׁ': lemma_7896 morph_HVqp2ms id_19nDP הָתַשׁ

Literal Version

wisdom. **13** Return Oh_**YHWH** until when and_have_
_compassion on servants_of_your. **14** Satisfy_us in_morning
loyalty_of_your_covenant so_that_we_may_shout_for_joy and_
_so_that_we_may_rejoice in_all days_of_our. **15** Make_us_rejoice
according_to_the_days_of (of)_which_you(pl)_afflicted_us the_
_years_of (of)_which_we_saw trouble. **16** May_it_appear to
your_servants deed[s]_of_your and_majesty_of_your to
children_of_their. **17** And_let_it_be the_kindness_of my_master
god_of_our towards_us and_the_work_of our_both_hands
establish on_us and_the_work_of our_both_hands establish_it.

91:1 one_who_dwells in_the_shelter_of the_Most_High in_the_
_shadow_of the_almighty he_will_lodge. **2** I_will_say to/for_
_**YHWH** refuge_of_my and_stronghold_of_my god_of_my
whom_I_trust in/on/over_him/it. **3** If/because he he_will_
_deliver_you from_the_snare_of a_fowler from_a_plague_of
destruction(s). **4** With_pinion_of_his he_will_cover to/for_
_you(fs) and_under wings_of_his you_will_take_refuge is_a_
_shield and_a_wall faithfulness_of_his. **5** Not you_will_be_afraid
from_the_dread_of night from_an_arrow which_it_will_fly by_
_day. **6** From_a_plague which_in_gloom it_will_walk from_
_destruction which_it_will_devastate noon(s). **7** It_will_fall
from_side_of_your a_thousand and_ten_thousand from_your_
_right_of_hand to_you not it_will_draw_near. **8** Only with_your_
_two's_own_of_eyes you_will_look and_the_retribution_of
wicked_people you_will_see. **9** If/because you **YHWH** refuge_
_of_my the_Most_High you_have_made place_of_your_dwelling.
10 Not it_will_happen to_you harm and_plague not it_will_
_draw_near in_tent_of_your. **11** If/because messengers_of_his
he_will_command to_you to_guard_you in_all ways_of_your.
12 On palms they_will_lift_you_up lest you_should_strike on_
_stone foot_of_your. **13** On a_lion and_a_cobra you_will_tread
you_will_trample a_young_lion and_a_serpent. **14** If/because
(in)_me he_loves and_I_will_deliver_him I_will_set_him_on_
_high if/because he_knows name_of_my. **15** He_will_call_out_
_to_me and_I_will_answer_him with_him/it I in_trouble I_will_
_rescue_him and_I_will_honour_him. **16** Length_of days I_will_
_satisfy_him and_I_will_let_him_look on_salvation_of_my.

Readers' Version

our hidden sins in the light of your presence,
9 because our life passes away under your rage—
our years pass quickly like a sigh does.
10 We might reach the age of seventy,
or even eighty if we're healthy,
but even our best years are marked by trouble and sorrow.
Yes, they pass quickly, then we 'fly away'.
11 Who knows the intensity of your anger,
and your rage that's equal to the respect that we should have had for you?
12 So teach us to consider the fragility of our lives
so that we might live wisely.
13 Turn back, Yahweh.
How long will this last?
Have pity on your servants.
14 Satisfy us in the morning with your loyal commitment
so that we can celebrate and be glad for the rest of our lives.
15 Make us glad in proportion to the days you made us suffer,
and to the years we have experienced trouble.
16 Let your servants see your actions,
and let our children see your splendour.
17 May the favour of my master God be ours.
Prosper the work of our hands.
Yes, prosper the work that we do.

God our protector

91:1 Anyone who stays where they're sheltered by the highest one,
will be able to rest safely in the powerful one's shadow.
2 I will tell people that Yahweh is my safe place and my fortress,
my god that I'll put my trust in.
3 He will keep you safe from the hunter's traps,
and from deadly diseases.
4 He'll cover you with his wings,
and you'll feel safe underneath them.
His faithfulness is a shield and protection.
5 You won't be afraid of the terror of the night,
or of a flying arrow hitting you in the day.
6 You won't be afraid of the forces that roam around in the darkness,
or of the destruction that causes devastation at noon time.
7 A thousand warriors might fall dead at your side,
and ten thousand at your right hand,
yet you still won't be reached by the enemy.
8 Just look with your own eyes,
and you'll see the wicked people being punished.
9 Yes, Yahweh is my safe place.
Make every effort to stay with the highest one.
10 Then nothing will be able to harm you.
No evil will approach your home
11 because he'll command his messengers about you—
to guard you wherever you're going.[1110]

1110 RV 91:11 · Cross-ref. Mat 4:6; Luk 4:10.

Readers' Version

12 They'll lift you up in their hands,
so that you won't hit your foot on a rock.[1111]
13 You'll beat back the lion and the cobra with your feet.
You'll trample on the young lion and the snake.[1112]
14 I'll rescue those who are devoted to me.
I'll protect them because they know my name.
15 When anyone calls out to me, I'll answer them,
I'll be with them in times of trouble.
I'll rescue and honour them.
16 I'll satisfy them with a long life,
and I'll show them how I can save them.

An accompanied song for Rest Days.

A praise song

92:1 It's good when people thank you, Yahweh,
and sing praises to you, the highest one
2 to proclaim your loyal commitment in the morning,
and your truthfulness every night,
3 using the ten-stringed instrument,
and the melody from a harp.
4 Yes, you, Yahweh, have made me happy by your actions.
I will cheerfully sing because of what you've done.
5 Yahweh, you do incredible things.
Your thoughts are extremely complex.
6 A stupid person doesn't know that,
and a fool can't understand it.
7 Wicked people sprout up like plants,
and wickedness flourishes.
They're doomed to eternal destruction,
8 but you, Yahweh, will always rule on high.
9 Take note of your enemies, Yahweh,
because your enemies will perish.
All those who do evil will be forced to flee.
10 You've made me as powerful as a wild bull.
I've been anointed with fresh oil.

Literal Version

92:1 A_song a_song for_the_day_of the_sabbath. 2 [1113] Is_good to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** and_to_sing_praises to_name_of_ _your Oh_Most_High. 3 [1114] To_announce in_morning loyalty_ _of_your_covenant and_faithfulness_of_your in_nights. 4 [1115] On a_ten and_on a_lyre on a_melody with_a_harp. 5 [1116] If/because you_have_made_me_rejoice Oh_**YHWH** by_deed[s]_ _of_your in_the_works_of your_two's_hands_of_your I_sing_for_ _joy. 6 [1117] How works_of_your they_are_great Oh_**YHWH** exceedingly thoughts_of_your they_are_deep. 7 [1118] A_person stupid not he_knows and_a_fool not he_understands ~~DOM~~ this. 8 [1119] When_ wicked_people _sprout_up like vegetation and_ all_of those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness _they_flourished they_ _to_be_destroyed until_of perpetuity. 9 [1120] And_you(ms) are_ _height to_vanishing_point Oh_**YHWH**. 10 [1121] If/because THERE enemies_of_your Oh_**YHWH** if/because THERE enemies_ _of_your they_will_perish all_of those_who_do_of (of)_ _wickedness they_will_be_scattered. 11 [1122] And_you_have_ _raised_up like_a_wild_ox horn_of_my I_have_been_anointed with_oil fresh. 12 [1123] And_ eye_of_my _it_has_looked on_walls_ _of_my in_who]_rise on_me evil-doers ears_of_my they_have_ _heard. 13 [1124] The_righteous like_(the)_tree he_will_flourish like_a_cedar in_Ləvānōn he_will_grow. 14 [1125] They_are_ _planted in_house_of **YHWH** in_the_courts_of our_god_of_our they_will_flourish. 15 [1126] Still they_will_bear_fruit in_old_age fat and_fresh they_will_be. 16 [1127] To_announce if/because_that

1111 **RV 91:12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:6; Luk 4:11.
1112 **RV 91:13 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:19.
1113 **LV 92:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.1
1114 **LV 92:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.2
1115 **LV 92:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.3
1116 **LV 92:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.4
1117 **LV 92:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.5
1118 **LV 92:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.6
1119 **LV 92:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.7
1120 **LV 92:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.8
1121 **LV 92:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.9
1122 **LV 92:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.10
1123 **LV 92:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.11
1124 **LV 92:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.12
1125 **LV 92:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.13
1126 **LV 92:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.14
1127 **LV 92:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.15

Literal Version

is_upright **YHWH** rock_of_my and_not mmm[1128] in/on/over_
_him/it.

93:1 **YHWH** he_reigns majesty he_is_clothed **YHWH** he_is_
_clothed strength he_has_girded_himself also the_world it_is_
_established not it_will_be_shaken. **2** Throne_of_your has_
_been_established from_then from_long_ago/eternity you.
3 Rivers they_have_lifted_up Oh_**YHWH** rivers they_have_
_lifted_up voice_of_their rivers they_lifted_up pounding_of_
_their. **4** More_than_the_sounds_of waters many majestic the_
_breakers_of the_sea is_majestic in_height[s] **YHWH**.
5 Testimonies_of_your they_are_reliable exceedingly to_house_
_of_your holiness it_is_befitting Oh_**YHWH** for_length_of days.

94:1 Oh_god_of vengeance(s) Oh_**YHWH** Oh_god_of
vengeance(s) shine_forth. **2** Raise_yourself_up Oh_judge_of the_
_earth/land repay recompense to proud_people. **3** Until when
wicked_people Oh_**YHWH** until when wicked_people will_they_
_exult. **4** They_pour_forth they_speak arrogant all_of those_
_who_do_of (of)_wickedness they_boast. **5** People_of_your Oh_
_**YHWH** they_crush and_inheritance_of_your they_afflict.
6 The_widow and_the_sojourner they_kill and_fatherless_ones
they_murder. **7** And_they_said not **YHWH** he_will_see and_not
the_god_of Ya´ₐqov/(Jacob) he_will_perceive. **8** Understand Oh_
_stupid_ones among_people and_Oh_fools when will_you(pl)_
_have_insight. **9** The_planter_of the_ear[1130] not does_he_hear
or the_one_who_formed_of the_eye not does_he_see. **10** The_
_one_who_disciplines_of nations not does_he_rebuke the_one_
_who_teaches humankind knowledge. **11** **YHWH** is_knowing
the_thoughts_of a_person if/because_that they are_a_breath.
12 How_blessed is_the_man whom you_discipline_him Oh_
_**YHWH** and_from_law_of_your you_teach_him. **13** To_give_
_quiet to_him/it[1131] from_days_of trouble until it_will_be_dug
for_wicked a_pit. **14** If/because not **YHWH** he_will_abandon
people_of_his and_inheritance_of_his not he_will_abandon.
15 If/because to righteousness judgement it_will_return and_
_will_be_after_it all_of people_upright_of heart. **16** Who will_
_he_rise_up to_me with evil-doers who will_he_take_his_stand

Readers' Version

11 With my own eyes, I've looked at my enemies.
With my own ears, I've heard the opposition against me.
12 A godly person flourishes like a palm tree.
That person will grow like a cedar tree in Levanon.
13 They'll be planted in Yahweh's house.
They'll flourish in God's courtyards.
14 They'll still bear fruit even when they're old.
They'll be fresh and vigorous.
15 They'll proclaim that Yahweh is an honest judge.
He's reliable and can only ever do what is right.

The god King

93:1 Yahweh reigns—he's robed in majesty.
Yahweh has clothed and girded himself with strength.
The world is firmly established—
it won't be shaken.
2 Your rule was established long ago.
You have always existed.
3 The rivers have filled up, Yahweh.
Their roar has become very loud.
They've lifted up their pounding waves.
4 The breaking ocean waves are even greater than the noisy rivers.
Yahweh is majestic on his high throne.
5 Your commands are very trustworthy.
Your temple is enhanced by your holy presence, Yahweh, forever.

God the judge of all

94:1 Yahweh, God who avenges,
God of vengeance, let your radiance shine.
2 Rise up, judge of the earth.
Give the proud what they deserve.
3 How long will the wicked last, Yahweh,
How long will the wicked rejoice?
4 They blabber out their arrogant words.
All those who do wicked things boast.
5 They crush your people, Yahweh.
They oppress the nation that belongs to you.
6 They kill widows and strangers,
and they murder the fatherless.
7 They say, "Yahweh won't see it.
Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god won't take any notice of it."
8 Understand, you stupid people.
You fools, when will you ever learn?
9 Can't the one who made ears, hear?
Why can't the one who formed the eye, see?
10 Can't the one who disciplines the nations, correct them?
He's the one who gives knowledge to humankind.
11 Yahweh knows people's thoughts—

1128 **LV 92:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/תלע: (x-qere) ה/תָלְוַע': lemma_5766 b morph_HNcbsc/Sh id_196wc ה/תָלְוַע
1130 **LV 94:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1131 **LV 94:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

that they're just vapour.[1129]
12 Anyone who you discipline, Yahweh, is fortunate—
those who you teach from your instructions.
13 They get relief in times of trouble
until a pit gets dug for wicked people,
14 because Yahweh won't reject his people,
or abandon those who belong to him.
15 Because justice will be honest and fair again,
and all the people who desire to do what's right will appreciate that.
16 Who will come and defend me against those who do evil things?
Who will stand up for me against wicked people?
17 If Yahweh hadn't helped me,
my soul would have been living in silence at the cemetery by now.
18 When I called out, "Hey, I'm starting to slip,"
your loyal commitment, Yahweh, supported me.
19 Whenever I'm very worried
your comfort encourages me.
20 Can a corrupt king be your ally?
Someone who makes it legal to do what's wrong?
21 They work together to take the lives of good citizens,
and they give the death sentence to innocent people.
22 But Yahweh has been like a fortress for me,
and God has been a place of safety.
23 He will turn their own disobedience back on them
and will destroy them because of their own wickedness.
Yes, our god Yahweh will wipe them out.

A praise song

95:1 Come and join us in singing to Yahweh.
Let's happily sing to our protector and our rescuer.
2 Let's thank him as we come in and face him.
Let's sing praise songs to him
3 because Yahweh is a powerful God,
and a powerful king superior to all gods.
4 The deepest valleys in the earth are under his control,
and the mountain peaks are also his.
5 The oceans are his because he created them.
His hands formed all the dry land.
6 Come on, let's bow down and worship him.
Let's kneel in front of our creator, Yahweh,
7 because he's our god.
We are the people he shepherds.
We are the sheep in his care.
If only all of you would listen to his voice today.[1132]
8 Don't become stubborn like your ancestors did at Merivah,
and like they did in the wilderness at Masah.[1133]
9 Your ancestors tried my patience

Literal Version

to_me with those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness. 17 If_not **YHWH** been_(to)_a_help_had to/for_me like_a_little it_dwelt silence self_of_my. 18 If I_said foot_of_my it_has_slipped loyalty_of_ _your_covenant Oh_**YHWH** it_supported_me. 19 In_the_ _multitude_of my_disquieting_thoughts_of_my in_my_inner_ _of_being consolations_of_your they_delighted self_of_my. 20 Will_it_be_joined_to_you a_throne_of destruction(s) one_ _who_fashions mischief on a_decree. 21 They_band_together on the_life_of the_righteous and_blood innocent they_condemn_ _as_guilty. 22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me (into)_a_refuge and_god_of_my (into)_the_rock_of my_shelter_of_my. 23 And_ _he_brought_back on_them ~~DOM~~ wickedness_of_their and_in_ _evil_of_their he_will_destroy_them he_will_destroy_them **YHWH** god_of_our.

95:1 Come let_us_sing_for_joy to/for_**YHWH** let_us_shout_for_ _joy to_the_rock_of our_salvation_of_our. 2 Let_us_come_to_ _meet face_of_his with_thanksgiving with_songs let_us_shout_ _for_joy to_him/it. 3 If/because is_a_god great **YHWH** and_a_ _king great above all_of gods. 4 Whom in_his/its_hand the_ _depths_of the_earth and_the_peaks_of the_mountains to_ _him/it. 5 Whom to_him/it the_sea and_he he_made_it and_ _the_dry_land hands_of_his they_formed. 6 Come let_us_bow_ _down and_let_us_kneel_down let_us_kneel to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** maker_of_our. 7 If/because he god_of_is_our and_we are_the_people_of his_pasture_of_his and_the_flock_of his/its_hand the_day if to_voice_of_his you(pl)_will_listen. 8 Do_not harden heart_of_your(pl) like_ _Mərīvāh like_the_day_of Massah in_wilderness. 9 When they_ _put_me_to_the_test ancestors_of_your(pl) they_tested_me also they_had_seen work_of_my. 10 Forty year[s] I_felt_loathing at_ _a_generation and_I_said are_a_people who_go_astray_of heart they and_they not they_know ways_of_my. 11 That I_swore_an_ _oath in_anger_of_my if they_will_go into rest_of_my.

1129 **RV 94:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 3:20.

1132 **RV 95:7-11 · Cross-ref.** Heb 3:7-11.

1133 **RV 95:8-9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:1-7; Num 20:2-13.

Literal Version

96:1 Sing to/for_**YHWH** a_song new sing to/for_**YHWH** Oh_all_ _of the_earth/land. **2** Sing to/for_**YHWH** bless his/its_name bear_news from_day to_day salvation_of_his. **3** Recount among_nations glory_of_his in_all the_peoples wonders_of_his. **4** If/because is_great **YHWH** and_is_to_be_praised exceedingly he is_to_be_feared above all_of gods. **5** If/because all_of the_ _gods_of the_peoples are_worthless_idols and_**YHWH** the_ _heavens he_made. **6** Splendour and_majesty are_before_of_ _him strength and_splendour are_in_sanctuary_of_his. **7** Ascribe to/for_**YHWH** Oh_clans_of peoples ascribe to/for_ _**YHWH** glory and_strength. **8** Ascribe to/for_**YHWH** the_glory_ _of his/its_name lift_up an_offering and_come to_courts_of_his. **9** Bow_down to/for_**YHWH** in_adornment_of holiness tremble from_before_of_him Oh_all_of the_earth/land. **10** Say among_ _nations **YHWH** he_reigns also the_world it_is_established not it_will_be_shaken he_will_judge peoples with_uprightness(es). **11** The_heavens let_them_rejoice and_ the_earth/land _let_it_ _be_glad the_sea and_what_of_fills_it let_it_thunder. **12** The_ _field and_all that in/on/over_him/it let_it_exult then all_of the_trees_of the_forest they_will_shout_for_joy. **13** To_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** if/because he_is_coming if/because he_is_coming to_judge the_earth/land he_will_judge the_world in_righteousness and_peoples in_faithfulness_of_his.

97:1 **YHWH** he_reigns the_earth/land let_it_be_glad islands many let_them_rejoice. **2** Cloud and_thick_darkness are_ _around_of_him is_righteousness and_justice the_foundation_ _of his_throne_of_his. **3** Fire before_him it_goes and_it_sets_ _ablaze all_around foes_of_his. **4** Flashes_of_his_lightning they_ _light_up the_world it_sees and_ the_earth/land _it_trembled. **5** Mountains like_wax they_melt from_to/for_ _face/front/presence **YHWH** from_to/for_face/front/presence the_master_of all_of the_earth/land. **6** The_heavens they_ _declare righteousness_of_his and_ all_of the_peoples _they_see glory_of_his. **7** Let_them_be_ashamed all_of those_who_serve_ _of (of)_an_image those_who_boast in_(the)_idols bow_down to_him/it Oh_all_of gods. **8** It_hears and_it_rejoiced

Readers' Version

even though they'd seen me perform miracles.
10 I was angry with that generation and said,
'These people are very happy to do their own thing.
They're not really interested in following my instructions.'
11 So I got angry at them and made a decision[1134]
that they would never be allowed to enter the region where I would have given them peace.[1135]

Praise God—he deserves it[1136]

96:1 Sing a new song to Yahweh.
Let the whole world sing to Yahweh.
2 Sing to Yahweh and praise him.
Tell others every day about how he saves us.
3 Talk about his greatness to those in other countries.
Tell all the peoples about the incredible things that he's done,
4 because Yahweh is wonderful and should be highly praised.
He should be revered more than all other gods,
5 because all the gods of the other nations are just idols,
but it's Yahweh who made the universe.
6 There's splendour and majesty in his presence.
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
7 Give honour to God all you various clans.
Praise Yahweh for his splendour and strength.[1137]
8 Give Yahweh the honour that his reputation deserves.
Bring an offering and come into his courtyards.
9 Bow down to Yahweh in your best clothes.
Tremble in front of him, all the earth. TOO LITERAL
10 Tell all the nations that Yahweh reigns.
He put the planet in its place and nothing will shake it.
He will judge each people group with fairness.
11 Let the skies be glad and let the land be happy.
Let the oceans and everything in them roar.
12 Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate.
Let the trees in the forest shout with joy
13 for Yahweh to see as he arrives,
because he's coming to judge the earth.
He'll judge the world with total fairness
and judge all the people with faithfulness.

God's splendour

97:1 Yahweh reigns.
Let the earth be glad.
Let the many islands be happy.
2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him.
Doing what's right and being fair are the foundation of his throne.
3 Fire goes ahead of him,
and burns up his enemies from all around.
4 His lightning lights up the world.
The earth sees it and trembles.
5 The mountains melt like wax when Yahweh comes—

1134 **RV 95:11 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:20-23; Deu 1:34-36; Heb 4:3-5.

1135 **RV 95:11 · Cross-ref.** Deu 12:9-10.

1136 **RV 96:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 16:23-33

1137 **RV 96:7-9 · Cross-ref.** Psa 29:1-2.

Readers' Version

the master of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare that he does what is right,
and all the nations can see his splendour.
7 All those who worship carved figures will be shamed—
those who boast about worthless idols.
Bow down to him, all you 'gods'.
8 Tsiyon (Zion) heard and was glad,
and Yehudah's (Judah's) towns celebrated
because your decrees are fair and right, Yahweh.
9 For you, Yahweh, are the most powerful in all the earth.
You are far greater than any other 'gods'.
10 All you who love Yahweh, hate evil.
He protects the lives of his faithful ones—
he rescues them from the schemes of wicked people.
11 Light comes for godly people
and gladness for those with honest hearts.
12 Be glad in Yahweh, you godly people
and thank him for his sinless purity.

A song. **Praising the master**

98:1 Sing a new song to Yahweh because he's done wonderful things.
His power and his purity have given him the victory.
2 Yahweh has displayed how he saves people.
He has revealed his justice to all the nations.
3 He calls to mind his loyal commitment and faithfulness towards the Jewish people.
Every part of the world has seen how he saves them.
4 Shout to Yahweh with happiness, all the earth.
Burst into happy singing and sing praises.
5 Make music to Yahweh using the harp.
Yes, use the harp and melodic sounds.
6 Use trumpets and the sound of the horn.
Shout happily to Yahweh, our king.
7 Let the sea and everything in it roar,
along with the world and everyone living in it.
8 Let the rivers clap their hands.
Let the mountains sing with happiness
9 to Yahweh who's coming to judge the earth.
He'll judge the world with impartiality,
and judge the people groups with fairness.

99:1 Yahweh reigns—let the nations tremble. **The holiness of our god**

He sits above those winged creatures[1141]—the earth quakes.
2 Yahweh is powerful in Tsiyon (Zion).
He's more important than all the nations. NOT SURE
3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.
He is holy.

Literal Version

Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_ the_daughters_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _they_
_were_glad on_account_of judgements_of_your Oh_**YHWH**.
9 If/because you Oh_**YHWH** are_most_high over all_of the_
_earth/land exceedingly you_are_exalted above all_of gods.
10 Oh_you(pl)_who_love_of (of)_**YHWH** hate evil he_is_
_protecting[1138] the_lives_of his_faithful_people from_the_
_hand_of wicked_people he_delivers_them. **11** Light[1139] is_sown
for_person and_for_people_upright_of heart joy. **12** Rejoice Oh_
_righteous_people in_**YHWH** and_give_thanks to_the_
_remembrance_of his_holiness_of_his.

98:1 A_song[1140] sing to/for_**YHWH** a_song new if/because
wonders he_has_done it_has_given_victory for_him/it hand_of_
_his_right and_the_arm_of his_holiness_of_his. **2** **YHWH** he_
_has_made_known salvation_of_his to_the_eyes_of the_nations
he_has_revealed righteousness_of_his. **3** He_has_remembered
loyalty_of_his_covenant and_faithfulness_of_his to_the_house_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_ends_of the_earth they_have_seen
~~DOM~~ the_salvation_of our_god_of_our. **4** Shout_for_joy to/for_
_**YHWH** Oh_all_of the_earth/land break_forth and_sing_for_joy
and_make_music. **5** Make_music to/for_**YHWH** with_a_harp
with_a_harp and_the_sound_of music. **6** With_trumpets and_
_the_sound_of a_ram's_horn shout_for_joy to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_king **YHWH**. **7** The_sea and_what_of_fills_
_it the_world and_those_who_dwell_of in_it let_it_thunder.
8 Rivers let_them_clap a_palm together mountains let_them_
_sing_for_joy. **9** To_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**
if/because he_is_coming to_judge the_earth/land he_will_judge
the_world with_righteousness and_peoples with_
_uprightness(es).

99:1 **YHWH** he_reigns peoples let_them_tremble he_is_sitting
cherubim the_earth/land let_it_quake. **2** **YHWH** in_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) is_great and_is_ he _exalted over all_of the_
_peoples. **3** Let_them_give_thanks_to name_of_your great and_
_to_be_feared is_holy he. **4** And_the_strength_of a_king who_
_justice he_loves you you_have_established uprightness(es)
justice and_righteousness in_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) you you_have_
_done. **5** Exalt **YHWH** god_of_our and_bow_down to_the_

1138 **LV 97:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1139 **LV 97:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1140 **LV 98:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.98.1
1141 **RV 99:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:22.

Literal Version

_footstool_of his_feet_of_his is_holy he. **6** Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron were_among_priests_of_his and_Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) was_ _among_those_who_called_on_of his/its_name they_were_ _calling to **YHWH** and_he he_answered_them. **7** In_a_pillar_of cloud he_spoke to_them they_kept testimonies_of_his and_the_ _decree which_he_gave to_them. **8** Oh_**YHWH** god_of_our you you_answered_them a_god forgiving you_were to/for_them and_avenging_yourself on deeds_of_their. **9** Exalt **YHWH** god_ _of_our and_bow_down to_the_mountain_of his_holiness_of_his if/because is_holy **YHWH** god_of_our.

100:1 A_song for_thanksgiving[1144] shout_for_joy to/for_**YHWH** Oh_all_of the_earth/land. **2** Serve ~~ḎǾṂ~~ **YHWH** with_joy come before_him with_a_cry_of_joy. **3** Know if/because_that **YHWH** he is_god he he_made_us and[1145] we people_of_his the_flock_of his_pasture_of_his. **4** Go gates_of_his with_thanksgiving courts_ _of_his with_praise give_thanks to_him/it bless his/its_name. **5** If/because is_good **YHWH** is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant and_unto a_generation and_a_generation faithfulness_of_his.

101:1 Of_Dāvid a_song[1146] covenant_loyalty and_justice I_will_ _sing to/for_yourself(m) Oh_**YHWH** I_will_sing_praises. **2** I_ _will_give_attention to_a_way blameless when will_you_come to_me I_will_walk_about in_the_integrity_of my_heart_of_my in_the_midst_of my_house_of_my. **3** Not I_will_set to_before eyes_of_my a_thing_of worthlessness the_doing swerving_ _deeds I_hate not it_will_cling to_me. **4** A_heart perverse it_ _will_depart from_me evil not I_will_know. **5** one_who_ _slanders_of[1147] in_secrecy his/its_neighbour him I_will_ _destroy a_person_haughty_of eyes and_a_person_wide_of heart ~~ḎǾṂ~~_him/it not I_will_be_able. **6** Eyes_of_my will_be_on_ _the_faithful_people_of the_earth to_dwell with_me one_who_ _walks in_a_way blameless he he_will_serve_me. **7** Not he_will_

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4 He's a powerful king who loves justice.
You have established fairness.
You have done what is right and fair in dealing with Yisrael (Israel).
5 Praise our god, Yahweh,
and worship him in front of his throne.
He is holy.
6 Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) were among his priests,
and Shmuel (Samuel) was among those who prayed to him.
They asked Yahweh for help and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud.[1142]
They followed his instructions
and obeyed the rules that he gave them.
8 You answered them, Yahweh our god.
You were a forgiving God to them,
but one who punished them for their disobedience.
9 Praise our god Yahweh,
and worship at his sacred hill,
because our god Yahweh is sinless.

Let's thank and praise Yahweh

The song of thanking.
100:1 Cheerfully shout to Yahweh, everybody.
2 Serve Yahweh with gladness.
Enter his presence with cheerful songs.
3 Know that Yahweh is God.
He created us, and we are his.
We are his people and he cares for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep.
4 Thank him aloud as you enter his gates.
Praise him as you enter his courtyards.
Thank him and bless him
5 because Yahweh is good.
His loyal commitment to us continues forever,[1143]
and his truthfulness continues through the generations.

A good king's pledge

A song by David.
101:1 I will sing about your loyal commitment and justice.
I'll sing praises to you, Yahweh.
2 I will choose to live a blameless life.
When will you come to me?
I'll walk with integrity within my own home.
3 I won't feast my eyes on worthless things.
I hate deceitful activities—they won't cling to me.
4 I will fight my inner perversity.
I refuse to take part in evil.
5 I'll destroy anyone who slanders their neighbour behind

1142 **RV 99:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 33:9.

1143 **RV 100:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13; 7:3; Ezr 3:11; Psa 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; Jer 33:11.

1144 **LV 100:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.100.1

1145 **LV 100:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אל/ו**: (x-qere) **וֹ/לָ/וֹ**: lemma_c/l morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_19EBF **וֹ/לָ/וֹ**

1146 **LV 101:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.101.1

1147 **LV 101:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ינשולמ**: (x-qere) **יִ/נְ/שָׁ/לְ/מ**: lemma_3960 morph_HVmrmsc id_19ASC **יִ/נְ/שָׁ/לְ/מ**

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their back.
I won't tolerate anyone who has a proud and arrogant attitude.
6 It's the faithful people in the land who'll be my mentors.
Those who walk in the way of integrity will be welcome to serve me.
7 I don't want deceitful people living in my house.
Those who lie aren't welcome in my presence.
8 Morning by morning I'll destroy all the wicked people in the country.
I'll remove everyone who does evil from Yahweh's city.

Prayer for relief from troubles

A prayer of an afflicted person feeling faint and who pours out their sorrows to Yahweh.
102:1 Hear my prayer, Yahweh.
Let my call for help reach you.
2 Don't hide your face from me on my day of distress.
Listen to me when I call you, and answer me quickly,
3 because my days are floating away like smoke,
and my bones feel like they're on fire.
4 My heart is cut and withered like grass,
and I have no interest in eating.
5 My skin clings to me
because of the loud groaning of my bones.
6 I'm like a vulture in the wilderness.
I'm like an owl among the ruins.
7 I lie awake
like a lonely bird sitting on the roof.
8 My enemies taunt me all day long.
They ridicule and curse me
9 because I've eaten ashes for food
and my tears have mixed into my drink.
10 You picked me up and threw me away
because of your indignation and anger.
11 My days are like extending shadows,
and I'm withering away like the grass.
12 But you sit on your throne forever,

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_dwell in_the_midst_of my_house_of_my one_who_does_of (of)_
_deceit one_who_speaks lies not he_will_be_established to_
_before eyes_of_my. **8** To_mornings I_will_destroy all_of the_
_wicked_people_of the_land to_cut_off from_the_city_of **YHWH**
all_of those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness.

102:1 A_prayer of_an_afflicted_person if/because he_grows_
_faint and_before_of **YHWH** he_pours_out complaint_of_his.
2 [1149] Oh_**YHWH** hear prayer_of_my and_my_cry_of_for_help
to_you let_it_come. **3** [1150] Do_not hide face_of_your from_me
in/on_day when_it_is_distress to_me incline to_me ear_of_your
in/on_day when_I_will_call_out hurry answer_me. **4** [1151]
If/because they_have_come_to_an_end in_smoke days_of_my
and_bones_of_my like_furnace furnace they_have_been_burnt.
5 [1152] It_has_been_struck like_vegetation and_ heart_of_my _it_
_has_withered if/because I_have_forgotten from_eating food_
_of_my. **6** [1153] From_the_sound_of my_groaning_of_my bone[s]_
_of_my it_clings to_flesh_of_my. **7** [1154] I_am_like (to)_a_
_wilderness_owl_of the_wilderness I_am like_an_owl_of the_
_waste_places. **8** [1155] I_am_wakeful and_I_have_become like_a_
_bird isolated on a_roof. **9** [1156] All_of the_day they_have_
_taunted_me enemies_of_my those_of_who_mock_me by_me
they_have_sworn. **10** [1157] If/because ash[es] like_food I_have_
_eaten and_drinks_of_my with_weeping I_have_mixed. **11** [1158]
From_face/in_front_of indignation_of_your and_severe_anger_
_of_your if/because you_have_picked_me_up and_you_have_
_thrown_me_away. **12** [1159] Days_of_my are_like_a_shadow
extended and_I like_vegetation I_am_withering. **13** [1160] And_
you(ms) Oh**YHWH** forever_perpetuity you_sit and_
_remembrance_of_your is_to_a_generation and_a_generation.
14 [1161] You you_will_arise you_will_have_compassion_on
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) if/because it_is_the_time to_show_favour_to_it
if/because the_appointed_time it_has_come. **15** [1162] If/because
your_servants they_take_pleasure_in ᴅᴏᴍ stones_of_its and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ dust_of_its they_show_favour_to. **16** [1163] And_ nations _

1149 **LV 102:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.1
1150 **LV 102:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.2
1151 **LV 102:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.3
1152 **LV 102:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.4
1153 **LV 102:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.5
1154 **LV 102:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.6
1155 **LV 102:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.7
1156 **LV 102:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.8
1157 **LV 102:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.9
1158 **LV 102:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.10
1159 **LV 102:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.11
1160 **LV 102:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.12
1161 **LV 102:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.13
1162 **LV 102:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.14
1163 **LV 102:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.15

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_they_will_fear ~~DOM~~ the_name_of **YHWH** and_all the_kings_of the_earth/land ~~DOM~~ glory_of_your. **17** **1164** If/because **YHWH** he_has_built Tsiyyōn he_has_appeared in_glory_of_his. **18** **1165** He_has_turned to the_prayer_of the_destitute_person and_not he_has_despised ~~DOM~~ prayer_of_their. **19** **1166** This let_it_be_ _written for_a_generation later and_a_people who_will_be_ _created it_will_praise Yah. **20** **1167** If/because he_has_looked_ _down from_the_height_of his_holiness_of_his **YHWH** from_ _heaven to earth he_has_looked. **21** **1168** To_hear the_groaning_ _of prisoner[s] to_set_free the_sons_of death. **22** **1169** To_ _recount in_Tsiyyōn the_name_of **YHWH** and_praise_of_his in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **23** **1170** When_ peoples _gather together and_kingdoms to_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH**. **24** **1171** He_has_ _humbled in_way mmm[1172] he_has_cut_short days_of. **25** **1173** I_ _said my_god_of_my do_not lift_me_up in_the_middle_of my_ _days_of_my are_in_a_generation_of generations years_of_your. **26** **1174** Formerly_beginning the_earth/land you_founded and_ _were_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your the_heavens. **27** **1175** They they_will_perish and_you(ms) you_will_endure and_all_of_of_them like_garment they_will_wear_out like_ _clothing you_will_change_them and_they_will_pass_away. **28** **1176** And_you(ms) are_he and_years_of_your not they_will_ _come_to_an_end. **29** **1177** The_children_of your_servants they_ _will_dwell and_offspring_of_their to_your_face it_will_be_ _established.

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and your reputation endures through the generations.
13 At the right time you'll feel compassion for Tsiyon (Zion).
Now is the time to favour it because the promised moment has come,
14 because your servants admire the stones that it's built with,
and its dust makes them want to request help.
15 The nations respect Yahweh's reputation,
and kings around the world respect your splendour.
16 Yahweh will rebuild Tsiyon.
He'll appear there in his splendour
17 after he's turned to the prayers of the destitute.
No, he hasn't despised their prayers.
18 Let this be written for future generations to read
so that people yet to be created will praise Yah.
19 Because he's looked down from his place that's high and pure.
From heaven, Yahweh has looked down to earth
20 to hear the prisoners groaning—
to release those who've been given the death sentence.
21 Then Yahweh's name will be declared in Tsiyon (Zion),
and he'll be praised in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
22 when all the people groups are gathered together,
and the kingdoms assembled to serve Yahweh.
23 He's sapped my strength right here in mid-life.
He's shortened my life.
24 I said, "My god, don't take me away right in the middle of life.
You live through generation after generation.
25 You founded this planet right at the beginning.
You made the skies with your own hands.[1148]
26 You'll remain even when they perish.
They'll wear out like an old shirt—
like clothes you'll change them and they'll disappear.
27 But you are there,
and your years won't ever come to an end.
28 The children of your servants here will live on,
and their descendants will live in your presence."

1148 **RV 102:25-27 · Cross-ref.** Heb 1:10-12.
1164 **LV 102:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.16
1165 **LV 102:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.17
1166 **LV 102:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.18
1167 **LV 102:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.19
1168 **LV 102:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.20
1169 **LV 102:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.21
1170 **LV 102:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.22
1171 **LV 102:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.23
1172 **LV 102:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: חכ/ו: (x-qere) יִחֹכּ': lemma_3581 b n_1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cs id_19tAh יִחֹכּ'
1173 **LV 102:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.24
1174 **LV 102:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.25
1175 **LV 102:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.26
1176 **LV 102:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.27
1177 **LV 102:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.28

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A song by David.

Yahweh's goodness

103:1 Bless Yahweh with my entire self,
and everything that's within me, bless him because he's sinless.
2 Bless Yahweh with my entire self,
and don't forget all of his kindnesses.
3 He forgives all your acts of disobedience.
He heals you from all your diseases.
4 He buys you back from the pit to save your life.
He honours you with his compassion and loyal commitment.
5 He gives you the good things that satisfy you.
He makes you feel young and strong like the eagle.
6 Yahweh does what is right,
and gives justice to all those who are oppressed.
7 He revealed his ways through Mosheh (Moses),
and his activities to the Israelis.
8 Yahweh is gracious and merciful,[1178]
slow to get angry and generous in his loyal commitment to us.
9 He won't keep bringing cases against us,
or hold them open forever.
10 He doesn't give us what our rebellion deserves,
or repay us according to how much we disobeyed.
11 Just as the heavens are far above the earth,
so his loyal commitment is strong towards those who obey him.
12 As far as the east is from the west,
he's removed the guilt for our disobedience that far away.
13 Yahweh has compassion on those who obey him,
just like a father has compassion on his children
14 because he knows how we're made—
remembering that we're just dust.
15 As for humankind, their days are like grass that comes and goes.
People are like flowers in the countryside that are here today and gone tomorrow
16 because the wind blows across them and they're finished
then the next day you can't even tell where they were.
17 But Yahweh's loyal commitment to those who honour him continues forever,
and he gives his favour through to their children's children—
18 to the people who keep his agreement,
and all those who are careful to obey his instructions.
19 Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over everyone.
20 Bless Yahweh, you his heavenly messengers,
you heavenly warriors,
obeying whatever he says.
21 Bless Yahweh, all his heavenly warriors—
his servants who do whatever he wants.
22 Bless Yahweh, everything he's made,

Literal Version

103:1 Of_Dāvid[1179] bless my_soul_of_my ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_all parts_of_my_inward ~~DOM~~ the_name_of his_holiness_of_his. **2** Bless my_soul_of_my ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_do_not forget all_of benefits_of_his. **3** Who_forgives to/from_all/each/any/every iniquity_of_your who_heals to/from_all/each/any/every diseases_of_your. **4** Who_redeems from_a_pit life_of_your who_ _crowns_of_you covenant_loyalty and_compassion(s). **5** Who_ _satisfies with_good ornament[s]_of_your it_renews_itself like_ _eagle youth(s)_of_your. **6** **YHWH** is_doing_of (of)_ _righteousness(es) and_judgements to/from_ _all/each/any/every those_who_are_oppressed. **7** He_made_ _known ways_of_his to_Mosheh to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) deeds_of_his. **8** Is_compassionate and_gracious **YHWH** long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty. **9** Not to_perpetuity he_will_conduct_a_case and_not forever_ _perpetuity he_will_keep. **10** Not according_to_of_our_sins he_ _has_done to/for_us and_not according_to_of_our_iniquities he_has_repaid to_us. **11** If/because as_ heaven _is_high above the_earth/land loyalty_of_his_covenant it_is_strong towards those_fearing_of_him. **12** As_ east _is_far_away from_west he_ _has_removed_far_away from_him/it ~~DOM~~ transgressions_of_ _our. **13** As_ a_father _has_compassion on children **YHWH** he_ _has_compassion on those_fearing_of_him. **14** If/because he he_knows form_of_our he_is_remembering if/because_that are_dust we. **15** Humankind are_like_grass his/its_days like_ _the_blossom_of the_field so he_flourishes. **16** If/because a_ _wind it_passes_by in/on/over_him/it and_not_existing_he and_not it_will_recognize_it again place_of_its. **17** And_the_ _covenant_loyalty_of **YHWH** from_long_ago/eternity and_unto perpetuity towards those_fearing_of_him and_righteousness_ _of_his is_to_the_children_of children. **18** To_those_who_keep_ _of covenant_of_(of)_his and_to_those_who_remember_of precepts_of_(of)_his to_do_them. **19** **YHWH** in_heavens he_has_ _established throne_of_his and_kingdom_of_his over_all it_ _rules. **20** Bless **YHWH** his_messengers_of_Oh Oh_mighty_ones_ _of strength who_do_of message_of_(of)_his by_obeying (in)_ _the_sound_of his_message_of_his. **21** Bless **YHWH** Oh_all_of soldiers/messengers_of_his servants_of_his who_do_of will_of_ _(of)_his. **22** Bless **YHWH** Oh_all_of works_of_his in_all the_ _places_of his_dominion_of_his bless my_self_of_my ~~DOM~~ **YHWH**.

1178 **RV 103:8 · Cross-ref.** Jam 5:11.

1179 **LV 103:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.103.1

Literal Version

104:1 Bless my_self_of_my ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my you_are_great exceedingly splendour and_majesty you_are_ _clothed. **2** You_are_wrapping_yourself light like_garment you_ _are_stretching_out the_heavens like_(the)_curtain. **3** The_one_ _who_makes_beams_for on_waters rooms_of_his_upper the_ _one_who_makes clouds chariot_of_his the_one_who_walks on the_wings_of the_wind. **4** He_is_making messengers_of_his winds servants_of_his a_fire blazing. **5** He_established the_ _earth on foundations_of_its not it_will_be_shaken forever and_ _ever. **6** The_deep like_clothing you_covered_it above the_ _mountains the_waters they_stood. **7** From rebuke_of_your they_fled from the_sound_of your_thunder_of_your they_ _hurried_away. **8** They_went_up mountains they_went_down valleys to the_place_of (of)_which you_had_established to/for_ _them. **9** A_boundary you_set not they_will_pass not they_will_ _return to_cover the_earth/land. **10** You_are_the_one_who_ _sends_forth springs in_wadis between the_mountains they_go. **11** They_give_drink_to every_of animal_of_his the_field wild_ _donkeys they_break thirst_of_their. **12** At_them the_bird[s]_of the_heavens it_dwells from_between foliage they_give_forth voice. **13** He_is_watering mountains from_his_upper_of_rooms from_the_fruit your(pl)_works_of_your the_earth/land it_is_ _satisfied. **14** He_is_causing_to_grow grass for_cattle and_ _vegetation for_the_labour_of the_humankind to_bring_forth food from the_earth/land. **15** And_wine which_it_makes_glad the_heart_of humankind to_make_shine faces from_oil and_ _food which_the_heart_of humankind it_sustains. **16** The_trees_ _of **YHWH** the_cedars_of Ləvānōn which he_planted they_are_ _satisfied. **17** Where there birds they_make_nests the_stork is_ _fir_trees home_of_its. **18** The_mountains (the)_high belong_to_ _goats crags are_a_refuge for_badgers. **19** He_made the_moon for_appointed_times the_sun it_knows setting_of_its. **20** You_ _make darkness and_ night _let_it_be in/on/over_him/it every_ _of animal_of_his the_forest it_moves_about. **21** The_young_ _lions are_roaring for_prey and_to_seek from_god food_of_ _their. **22** The_sun it_rises they_gather and_near/to dens_of_ _their they_lie_down. **23** A_person he_goes_out to_work_of_his and_to_labour_of_his until evening. **24** How works_of_your they_are_many Oh_**YHWH** of_them_of_all with_wisdom you_ _have_made the_earth/land it_is_full creature[s]_of_your. **25** This the_sea is_great and_broad_of both_sides are_there moving_thing[s] and_there_is_not a_number living_creatures small with large. **26** There ships they_go_about Livyātān which you_formed to_play in/on/over_him/it. **27** Of_them_of_all to_ _you they_hope to_give food_of_their at_its_appropriate_of_ _time. **28** You_give to/for_them they_gather you_open hand_of_ _your they_are_satisfied good_thing[s]. **29** You_hide face_of_ _your they_are_terrified you_withdraw breath_of_their they_ _die and_near/to dust_of_their they_return. **30** You_send_forth spirit_of_your they_are_created and_you_renew the_surface_of the_ground. **31** The_glory_of **YHWH** may_it_be forever_ _perpetuity **YHWH** may_he_rejoice in_works_of_his. **32** Who_ _looks to_earth and_it_trembled he_touches (in)_mountains and_they_smoke. **33** I_will_sing to/for_**YHWH** in_life_of_my I_

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in all the places where he rules.
Bless Yahweh, my own inner being.

104:1 Bless Yahweh, my own inner being. **Praising the creator**
Yahweh my god, you are very powerful.
You are clothed with splendour and majesty.
2 You wrap yourself in light as if it's a robe.
You stretched out the heavens like a tent.
3 The floor joists for your rooms are laid across the clouds.
You make the clouds your chariot—
you walk on the wings of the wind.
4 He makes the winds his messengers,
and makes flames of fire his servants.[1180]
5 He laid the foundations of this planet,
and it will never be shaken off.
6 You covered it with deep water like a jacket.
The waters stood above the mountains.
7 Then your rebuke made the waters recede.
They hurried away at the thunderous sound of your voice.
8 The mountains rose up and the valleys sunk down—
all into the places that you'd established for them.
9 You set a boundary that the waters won't cross again to cover the earth.
10 Now he sends springs to flow into the valleys,
and that flow between the mountains.
11 They supply water for all the animals in the countryside—
the wild donkeys can break their thirst.
12 The birds build their nests beside them.
They chirp away from among the greenery.
13 He waters the mountains from his rooms above.
The land becomes satisfied because of his work.
14 He makes the grass grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to cultivate,
in order to produce food from the land
15 and wine that makes people's hearts happy,
along with oil that makes faces shine
and bread that sustains the people's bodies.
16 Yahweh's trees have everything they need to prosper—
including Levanon's cedars that he planted,
17 where the birds make their nests.
The storks make the cypress trees their homes.
18 The high hills are for the wild goats.
Their crevices are a safe place for the rock badgers.
19 He made the moon to mark the months.
The sun knows when it's time to go down.
20 You make the darkness at night,
when all the animals in the forest move around.
21 The young lions roar for their prey,
and expect God to supply their food.
22 They slink away when the sun comes up
and lie down in their dens.

1180 RV 104:4 · Cross-ref. Heb 1:7.

Readers' Version

23 Meanwhile people head off to do their work,
and toil away until evening.
24 Yahweh, you've made so many different kinds of things.
You used your wisdom when you made them.
Now the earth is full with your various creatures.
25 The ocean is wide and huge—
Swimming creatures there without number—
both small and large.
26 Ships travel across it.
The sea dragon that you formed plays in it.[1181]
27 All of them look to you
to give them their food at the appropriate time.
28 They gather what you give to them.
When you open your hand, they're satisfied.
29 When you hide yourself away, they're upset.
If you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.
30 When you send out your spirit, they're created,
and you renew the ground's surface.
31 May Yahweh's splendour last forever.
May Yahweh find pleasure in everything he's made and done.
32 He just looks at the world and it trembles.
He touches the mountains and they start smoking.
33 I will sing to Yahweh all my life.
I will sing praises to my god as long as I have breath.
34 May my thoughts please him.
I'm happy about Yahweh.
35 May sinners be destroyed from the world,
and may there be no more wicked people.
I will bless Yahweh with my entire being.
Praise Yah.

Yahweh's faithfulness[1182]

105:1 Give thanks to Yahweh. Ask him when you need help.
Tell every people group about what he's done.
2 Sing to him. Sing praises to him.
Tell about his wonderful miracles.
3 Boast about his sinless reputation.
Let the hearts of those who follow Yahweh be glad.
4 Get your help from Yahweh and his strength.
Always be requesting his attention.
5 Remember the incredible things that he's done—
his miracles and the judgements that he's made
6 you offspring of his servant Avraham,
you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob), his chosen one.
7 He is Yahweh, our god.
His judgements are felt throughout the entire world.
8 He never forgets his agreement with us—
Any promise he made will endure for a thousand generations.

Literal Version

_will_sing_praises to_god_of_my in_my_duration. **34** May_it_be_
_pleasing on/upon/above_him/it musing_of_my I I_rejoice in_
_**YHWH**. **35** Sinners let_them_be_destroyed from the_
_earth/land and_wicked_people be_again not_they bless my_
_self_of_my ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** praise Yah.

105:1 Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** call on_name_of_his make_
_known among_peoples deeds_of_his. **2** Sing to_him/it[1212] sing_
_praises to_him/it tell in_all wonders_of_his. **3** Boast in/on_
_name_of his_holiness_of_his let_it_rejoice the_heart_of those_
_who_seek_of (of)_**YHWH**. **4** Seek **YHWH** and_strength_of_his
seek face_of_his continually. **5** Remember wonders_of_his
which he_has_done signs_of_his and_the_judgements_of his_
_mouth_of_his. **6** Oh_offspring_of 'Avrāhām servant_of_his Oh_
_descendants_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) ones_of_his_chosen. **7** He is_
_**YHWH** god_of_our in_all the_earth/land judgements_of_his.
8 He_remembers forever_perpetuity covenant_of_his the_
_message which_he_commanded for_a_thousand generation[s].
9 Which he_made with 'Avrāhām and_oath_of_his to_
_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **10** And_he_confirmed_it to_Ya'aqov to_a_
_decree to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_covenant_of perpetuity. **11** To_say
to/for_yourself(m) I_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of
Kəna'an/(Canaan) the_portion_of your_inheritance_of_
_your(pl). **12** On_their_being men_of number like_a_little and_
_they_were_sojourning in_it. **13** And_they_went_about from_

1181 **RV 104:26 · Cross-ref.** Yob 41:1; Psa 74:14; Isa 27:1.

1182 **RV 105:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 16:8-22

1212 **LV 105:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_nation to nation from_a_kingdom to a_people another. **14** Not he_permitted anyone to_oppress_them and_he_rebuked on_ _them kings. **15** Do_not touch (in)_my_anointed_of_ones and_ _to_prophets_of_my do_not do_harm. **16** And_he/it_called a_ _famine on the_earth/land every_of staff_of bread he_broke. **17** He_sent before_them a_man to_a_slave Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_ _was_sold. **18** People_afflicted with_shackle[s] mmm[1213] iron it_ _came neck_of. **19** Until the_time message_of_his came the_ _message_of **YHWH** it_tested_him. **20** A_king he_sent and_he_ _set_him_free a_ruler_of peoples and_he_set_him_free. **21** He_ _appointed_him master of_household_of_his and_ruler in_all acquisition_of_his. **22** To_bind officials_of_his in_will_of_his and_his_of_elders he_taught_wisdom. **23** And_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _ _he_came Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_Yaʿaqov/(Jacob) he_ _sojourned in_land_of Ḥām. **24** And_he_made_fruitful ~~DOM~~ people_of_his exceedingly and_he_made_it_strong more_than_ _of_its_foes. **25** He_turned heart_of_their to_hate people_of_his to_deal_cunningly with_servants_of_his. **26** He_sent Mosheh servant_of_his ʾAharon whom he_had_chosen in/on/over_ _him/it. **27** They_performed among_them the_ _words/messages_of his_signs_of_his and_wonders in_land of_ _Ḥām. **28** He_sent darkness and_he_made_dark and_not they_ _rebelled_against ~~DOM~~ mmm[1214].[1215] **29** He_turned ~~DOM~~ water_ _of_their into_blood and_he_caused_to_die ~~DOM~~ fish_of_their. **30** Land_of_their it_swarmed frogs in_the_rooms_of their_ _kings_of_their. **31** He_spoke and_ a_swarm_of_flies _it_came gnats in_all territory_of_their. **32** He_made rains_of_their hail a_fire_of flames was_in_land_of_their. **33** And_he_struck_down vine[s]_of_their and_their_fig_of_tree[s] and_he_broke_down the_tree[s]_of their_territory_of_their. **34** He_spoke and_ locust[s] _it_came and_locust[s] and_there_was_not a_number. **35** And_it_ate all_of the_vegetation in_land_of_their and_it_ate the_fruit_of their_ground_of_their. **36** And_he_struck_down every_of firstborn in_land_of_their the_beginning to/from_ _all/each/any/every power_of_their_generative. **37** And_he_ _brought_them_out with_silver and_gold and_there_was_not among_tribes_of_his one_who_stumbled. **38** Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it_rejoiced when_they_went_out if/because of_them_of_dread

Readers' Version

9 like the one he made with Avraham,[1183]
and his oath to Yitshak (Isaac).[1184]
10 Later, he confirmed it again to Ya'akov (Jacob),[1185]
and to Yisrael (Israel) as an agreement with no expiry date,
11 saying, "I'll give you all the Kena'an (Canaan) region,
as your share of your inheritance."
12 That was when they were few in number—
so few, and were strangers to the area.
13 They wandered from country to country
and from one kingdom to another.
14 He didn't allow others to oppress them.
He even scolded kings on their account.[1186]
15 He told them not to touch his chosen leaders,
and not to harm his prophets.
16 He called for a famine in that land[1187]—
all food supply chains were broken.
17 He sent a man on ahead of them,
when Yosef (Joseph) was sold as a slave.[1188]
18 His feet were shackled together.
His neck was placed in an iron collar[1189]
19 until Yahweh's[1190] order came.
Yahweh's promise[1191] tested Yosef.
20 Then the king sent servants to release him.
The people's ruler set him free.[1192]
21 He made him the master of his household,
and the ruler over all his possessions[1193]—
22 to instruct his officials at his pleasure,
and to teach wisdom to his elders.
23 Then Yisrael (Israel) went to Mitsrayim (Egypt),[1194]
yes, Ya'akov (Jacob) lived for a time in the land of Ham.[1195]
24 Then Yahweh made his people have large families,
and made them much more powerful than their enemies.
25 He caused them to hate his people—
to deal craftily with his servants.

1183 RV 105:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:7; 17:8.

1184 RV 105:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 26:3.

1185 RV 105:10-11 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:13.

1186 RV 105:14-15 · Cross-ref. Gen 20:3-7.

1187 RV 105:16 · Cross-ref. Gen 41:53-57.

1188 RV 105:17 · Cross-ref. Gen 37:28; 45:5.

1189 RV 105:18-19 · Cross-ref. Gen 39:20–40:23.

1190 RV 105:19a · Note It's also possible to interpret the pronoun here as referring to Yosef, as in some other translations.

1191 RV 105:19b · Note It's not clear what saying of Yahweh is being referred to here, so other translations will likely differ.

1192 RV 105:20 · Cross-ref. Gen 41:14.

1193 RV 105:21 · Cross-ref. Gen 41:39-41.

1194 RV 105:23 · Cross-ref. Gen 46:6.

1195 RV 105:23 · Cross-ref. Gen 47:11.

1213 LV 105:18 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ילגר: (x-qere) וְ/לֶגֶר: lemma_7272 n_1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_195wE וְ/לֶגֶר

1214 LV 105:28 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ורבד: (x-qere) וְ/רָבְדֵ: lemma_1697 n_0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_19qs9 וְ/רָבְדֵ

1215 LV 105:28 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

26 He sent his servant Mosheh (Moses),
and Aharon (Aaron) who he'd chosen
so they would deal with it.[1196]
27 They demonstrated signs from Yahweh while with the Mitsrim (Egyptians),
and miracles in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness and the place went dark.[1197]
They couldn't argue against his commands.[1198]
29 He turned their water into blood,
and their fish died.[1199]
30 Their land swarmed with frogs,
even in the palace bedrooms.[1200]
31 He spoke and a swarm of flies came.[1201]
Gnats spread throughout the entire country.[1202]
32 He replaced the rain with hail,
with fire flaming on their land.[12031204]
33 He destroyed their grapevines and fig trees—
shattering all the other trees.
34 He spoke out and the locusts came
and grasshoppers that simply couldn't be counted,[1205]
35 and devoured all of the vegetation in their region—
they ate up all the produce from the soil.
36 He killed every eldest male in their land[1206]—
the star products of their strength. STUD PRODUCTS???
37 He brought his people out carrying gold and silver,[1207]
No one among the tribes stumbled as they left.
38 Mitsrayim (Egypt) was glad when they departed,
because they'd come to very much dread them.
39 He spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light at night.[1208]
40 They asked, and he sent quail,
and they filled up on bread from the heavens.[1209]
41 He split a rock and water gushed out—
it flowed in the wilderness like a river,[1210]
42 because he remembered his holy promise to his servant Avraham.
43 His people were happy as he brought them out of Mitsrayim

Literal Version

it_had_fallen on_them. **39** He_spread_out a_cloud to_a_covering and_fire to_give_light night. **40** He_asked and_he/it_brought quail and_bread_of heavens he_satisfied_them. **41** He_opened a_rock and_ waters _they_flowed_out they_went in_regions a_ _river. **42** If/because he_remembered ~~DOM~~ the_message_of his_ _holiness_of_his ~~DOM~~ 'Avrāhām servant_of_his. **43** And_he_ _brought_out people_of_his with_joy with_a_shout_of_joy ~~DOM~~ ones_of_his_chosen. **44** And_he/it_gave to/for_them lands_of nations and_the_labour_of peoples they_took_possession_of. **45** In_account_of they_may_keep decrees_of_his and_laws_of_ _his they_may_observe praise Yah.

1196 RV 105:26 · Cross-ref. Exo 3:1–4:17.
1197 RV 105:28 · Cross-ref. Exo 10:21-23.
1198 RV 105:28 · Note It's not clear who is being talked about here, so other translations will likely differ.
1199 RV 105:29 · Cross-ref. Exo 7:17-21.
1200 RV 105:30 · Cross-ref. Exo 8:1-6.
1201 RV 105:31 · Cross-ref. Exo 8:20-24.
1202 RV 105:31 · Cross-ref. Exo 8:16-17.
1203 RV 105:32 · Note There was no fire mentioned in the Exodus plagues, hence some translations interpret this as lightning.
1204 RV 105:32-33 · Cross-ref. Exo 9:22-25.
1205 RV 105:34-35 · Cross-ref. Exo 10:12-15.
1206 RV 105:36 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:29.
1207 RV 105:37-38 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:33-36.
1208 RV 105:39 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:21-22.
1209 RV 105:40 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:2-15.
1210 RV 105:41 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:1-7; Num 20:2-13.

Literal Version

106:1 Praise Yah[1231] give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_
_is_good if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **2** Who
will_he_utter the_mighty_deeds_of **YHWH** will_he_proclaim
all_of praise_of_his. **3** How_blessed are_those_who_keep_of (of)_
_justice one_who_does_of (of)_righteousness at_every_of time.
4 Remember_me Oh_**YHWH** with_the_favour_of your_people_
_of_your visit_me with_salvation_of_your. **5** To_see on_the_
_good_thing[s]_of your_chosen_ones_of_your to_rejoice in_the_
_joy_of your_nation_of_your to_boast with inheritance_of_your.
6 We_have_sinned with ancestors_of_our we_have_done_wrong
we_have_acted_wickedly. **7** Ancestors_of_our in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not they_considered wonders_of_your not
they_remembered ᴅᴏᴍ the_greatness_of your(pl)_covenant_
_loyalti(es)_of_your and_they_rebelled at the_sea at_the_sea_of
reed[s]. **8** And_he_saved_them for_the_sake_of his/its_name to_
_make_known ᴅᴏᴍ might_of_his. **9** And_he_rebuked (in)_the_
_sea_of reed[s] and_it_dried_up and_he_led_them in_deeps like_
_wilderness. **10** And_he_saved_them from_the_hand_of one_
_who_hated and_he_redeemed_them from_the_hand_of an_
enemy. **11** And the_waters _they_covered foes_of_their one
from_them not he_was_left. **12** And_they_believed (in)_
_words/messages_of_his they_sang praise_of_his. **13** They_
_made_haste they_forgot works_of_his not they_waited for_
_counsel_of_his. **14** And_they_craved a_craving in_wilderness
and_they_put_to_the test god in_a_desolate_place. **15** And_
_he/it_gave to/for_them petition_of_their and_he_sent a_
_wasting_disease on_self_of_their. **16** And_they_were_envious
of_Mosheh in_camp of_'Ah$_a$ron the_holy_one_of **YHWH**.
17 The_earth it_opened and_it_swallowed_up Dātān and_it_
_covered over the_company_of 'Avīrām. **18** And_ fire _it_burnt
among_company_of_their flame it_set_ablaze the_wicked_
_people. **19** They_made a_calf at_Ḥorēv and_they_bowed_down
to_a_molten_image. **20** And_they_exchanged ᴅᴏᴍ glory_of_
_their for_an_image_of an_ox which_eats vegetation. **21** They_
_forgot god deliverer_of_their who_had_done great_things in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **22** Wonders in_land of_Ḥām awesome_
_deeds at the_sea_of reed[s]. **23** And_he/it_said to_destroy_
_them if_not Mosheh one_of_his_chosen he_had_stood in_
_breach before_him to_turn_back anger_of_his from_
_destroying. **24** And_they_rejected in_land desire not they_
_believed (to)_message_of_his. **25** And_they_murmured in_
_tents_of_their not they_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH**.

Readers' Version

(Egypt).
His chosen ones were shouting with joy.
44 He gave them the foreigners' lands,
and they took possession of the peoples' goods,[1211]
45 so that they might follow his instructions
and obey his rules.
Praise Yah.

106:1 Praise Yah. Give thanks to Yahweh **Yahweh's goodness**
because he's good,
because his loyal commitment never ends.
2 Who can recount everything that Yahweh's done?
Can anyone list all his praises?
3 Those who promote justice will be blessed,
as will those who always do what is right.
4 When you help your people, Yahweh, remember me.
Help me when you rescue them.
5 I want to see your chosen people prosper—
be happy that your nation is happy
and share the splendour of your inheritance.
6 We have disobeyed God like our ancestors did.
We have done things that were wrong, and have acted wickedly.
7 Our ancestors didn't appreciate the miracles you did in Mitsrayim (Egypt).
They just forgot about your display of loyal commitment,
and instead they rebelled down there at the Red Sea.[1216]
8 However, he saved them for the sake of his reputation—
to make his incredible power known to the world.
9 He commanded the Red Sea and it dried up,
then he led them through its depths as if it was ordinary land[1217]
10 and saved them from the forces of those who hated them—
yes, he rescued them from their enemy's power.
11 The water came back over their enemies—
there wasn't a single one of them left.
12 Then they finally believed his words,
and they sang praises to him.[1218]
13 But they soon forgot what he'd done.
They didn't bother waiting for his advice.
14 They had intense cravings for meat in the wilderness,
and they challenged God right there in the desert.[1219]
15 So he gave them what they asked for
but he sent them a horrible disease with it.
16 Then in the camp, they became jealous of Mosheh (Moses),

1211 RV 105:44 · Cross-ref. Josh 11:16-23.

1216 RV 106:7 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:10-12.

1217 RV 106:9-12 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:21-31.

1218 RV 106:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 15:1-21.

1219 RV 106:14-15 · Cross-ref. Num 11:4-34.

1231 LV 106:1 · Note OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

Readers' Version

and Aharon (Aaron), Yahweh's chosen priest.[1220]
17 The earth opened up and swallowed Datan,
and covered over Aviram's followers.
18 Then fire blazed among them,
and the flames burnt up the wicked people.
19 They made a gold calf at Horev,
and worshipped the metal statue there.[1221]
20 They traded the splendour of their God,
with a statue image of a bull that eats grass. ☺
21 They forgot about their saviour god
who'd done incredible miracles in Mitsrayim (Egypt),
22 had done amazing feats in the land of Ham (i.e., Mitsrayim),
and had demonstrated powerful forces at the Red Sea.
23 So he said that he'd destroy them,
except that his chosen servant Mosheh (Moses) stood as intermediary,
to turn him away from his severe anger and plan to destroy.
24 Then they despised that desirable region—
they didn't believe his promise.[1222]
25 Instead they grumbled in their tents
and didn't listen to what Yahweh said.
26 So he made his decision against them:
that they'd drop dead there in the wilderness,
27 and he'd disperse their descendants across many countries
and scatter them in distant lands.[1223]
28 They submitted to the Ba'al of Pe'or,
and ate sacrifices that had been offered to the dead.[1224]
29 They provoked him to anger with their actions,
and a deadly disease broke out among them.
30 Then Pinhas took a stand and intervened
and stopped that plague.
31 That godly action was credited to him,
for all the generations to come.
32 They also made Yahweh angry at the Merivah springs,
and that led to trouble for Mosheh (Moses),[1225]
33 because they'd rebelled against his spirit,
and then he ended up speaking rashly.
34 They didn't destroy those people groups
as Yahweh had told them to do.[1226]
35 Instead they mingled with those other groups,
and imitated their ungodly activities
36 and worshipped their idols

Literal Version

26 And_he_raised his/its_hand to/for_them to_make_fall them in_wilderness. **27** And_to_make_fall offspring_of_their among_ _nations and_to_scatter_them among_lands. **28** And_they_ _joined_themselves to_Ba'al_of Pə'ōr and_they_ate sacrifices_of dead_ones. **29** And_they_provoked_him_to_anger by_deeds_of_ _their and_it_broke_out among_them a_plague. **30** And_ Pinḥās _he_stood_up and_he_mediated and_ the_plague _it_was_ _restrained. **31** And_it_was_reckoned to_him/it to_ _righteousness to_a_generation and_a_generation until perpetuity. **32** And_they_provoked_him_to_anger at the_ _waters_of Mərīvāh and_it_was_bad for_Mosheh because_of_ _them. **33** If/because they_rebelled_toward ~~ḎǪM~~ his/its_ _breath/wind/spirit and_he_spoke_rashly with_lips_of_his. **34** Not they_destroyed ~~ḎǪM~~ the_peoples which **YHWH** he_had_ _said to/for_them. **35** And_they_mixed_themselves with_ _nations and_they_learned deeds_of_their. **36** And_they_served ~~ḎǪM~~ idols_of_their and_they_were to/for_them (into)_a_snare. **37** And_they_sacrificed ~~ḎǪM~~ sons_of_their and_~~ḎǪM~~ daughters_ _of_their to_demons. **38** And_they_shed blood innocent the_ _blood_of their_sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their whom they_sacrificed to_the_idols_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_ the_ _earth/land _it_was_polluted by_blood(s). **39** And_they_ _became_unclean by_works_of_their and_they_played_the_ _prostitute[1232] by_deeds_of_their. **40** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_people_of_his and_he_abhorred ~~ḎǪM~~ inheritance_of_his. **41** And_he_gave_them in_the_hand_of nations and_they_ruled in/among_them those_of_who_hated_ _them. **42** And_they_oppressed_them enemies_of_their and_ _they_were_humbled under hand_of_their. **43** Times many he_ _delivered_them and_they they_rebelled by_plan[s]_of_their and_they_became_low by_iniquity_of_their. **44** And_he/it_saw on_distress to/for_them when_heard_he ~~ḎǪM~~ of_entreaty_of_ _their_cry. **45** And_he_remembered to/for_them covenant_of_ _his and_he_relented according_to_the_greatness_of his[1233]. **46** And_he/it_gave them to_compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before all_of captors_of_their. **47** Save_us Oh_**YHWH** god_of_our and_gather_us from the_nations to_give_thanks to_ _the_name_of your_holiness_of_your to_boast in_praise_of_ _your. **48** **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) be_blessed from (the)_antiquity and_unto (the)_perpetuity and_ all_of the_ _people _saying(ms) amen praise Yah.

1220 **RV 106:16-18 · Cross-ref.** Num 16:1-35.
1221 **RV 106:19-23 · Cross-ref.** Exo 32:1-14.
1222 **RV 106:24-26 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:1-35.
1223 **RV 106:27 · Cross-ref.** Lev 26:33.
1224 **RV 106:28-31 · Cross-ref.** Num 25:1-13.
1225 **RV 106:32-33 · Cross-ref.** Num 20:2-13.
1226 **RV 106:34-36 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 2:1-3; 3:5-6.
1232 **LV 106:39 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1233 **LV 106:45 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/רִסָּח: (x-qere) וְ/יִדָּסֵּח': lemma_2617 a n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_19kem וְ/יִדָּסֵּח

Literal Version

107:1 Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **2** Those_ _redeemed_of **YHWH** whom he_has_redeemed_them from_the_ _hand_of the_foe let_them_say. **3** And_from_the_lands he_has_ _gathered_them from_east and_from_west from_north and_ _from_the_sea. **4** They_wandered_about in_wilderness in_a_ _desolate_place_of a_way a_city_of dwelling not they_found. **5** Hungry also thirsty life_of_their (is)_in_them it_was_fainting_ _away. **6** And_they_cried_out to **YHWH** in_distress to/for_them from_troubles_of_their he_delivered_them. **7** And_he_led_them by_a_way straight to_go to a_city_of_dwelling. **8** Let_them_give_ _thanks to/for_**YHWH** loyalty_of_his_covenant and_wonders_ _of_his to_the_children_of humankind. **9** If/because he_satisfies a_throat longing and_a_throat hungry he_fills good_thing[s]. **10** Those_who_sat_of darkness and_deep_darkness prisoners_of affliction and_iron. **11** If/because they_had_rebelled_against the_words/messages_of god and_the_counsel_of the_Most_

Readers' Version

which then became the reason for their destruction.
37 They sacrificed their sons and daughters to the demons.[1227]
38 Yes, they shed innocent blood—
the blood of their sons and daughters
that they sacrificed to the idols and polluted the land with blood.[1228]
39 Their actions made them unacceptable to worship God,
having prostituted themselves to other gods.
40 So Yahweh got angry with his own people,
and he despised his own inheritance.[1229]
41 He allowed other countries to control them,
and those who hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies oppressed them,
and subdued them under their control.
43 He rescued them many times,
but they kept rebelling in their minds,
and were brought down by their own sin.
44 Nevertheless, he paid attention to their distress
when he heard their cry for help.
45 He thought about his agreement with them,
and he relented because of the strength of his loyal commitment to them.
46 He caused their conquerors to have pity on them.
47 Save us Yahweh our god,
and gather us back from among other nations
so that we can give thanks for your sacred reputation,
and praise you with real gladness.[1230]
48 May Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh be praised throughout the ages,
and all the people said, "Yes, let it be so."
Praise Yah.

Fifth collection[1234] · Thanking for God's goodness

107:1 Give thanks to Yahweh, because he's good,
and his loyal commitment endures forever.
2 Let the people who've been redeemed by Yahweh speak out—
those he's rescued from the enemy's control.
3 He has gathered them back from foreign lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
4 They wandered through the wilderness on a desert road
and found no city that they could settle in.
5 They were hungry and thirsty—
fading away from exhaustion.
6 Then they called out to Yahweh in their time of trouble,
→and he rescued them out of their distress.

1227 **RV 106:37 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 17:17.
1228 **RV 106:38 · Cross-ref.** Num 35:33.
1229 **RV 106:40-46 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 2:14-18.
1230 **RV 106:47-48 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 16:35-36.
1234 **RV 107:1 · Parallel** Songs 107–150

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7 He led them by a direct path
so that they could go to a city to live in.
8 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his loyal commitment
and for the amazing things he's done for humanity,
9 because he satisfies the longings of those who thirst,
and the desires of those who hunger, he fills up with good things.
10 Some sat in darkness and in gloom—
prisoners chained up and experiencing suffering.
11 This was because they had rebelled against God's messages
and rejected the highest one's instructions.
12 He used hardships to humble them.
They stumbled and there wasn't anyone to help them up.
13 Then they called out to Yahweh in their time of trouble,
and he rescued them out of their distress.
14 He broke off their chains
and brought them out of darkness and gloom.
15 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his loyal commitment
and for the amazing things he's done for humanity,
16 because he's broken the bronze gates
and cut through the iron bars.
17 They were foolish in their rebellious ways
and made to suffer because of their sins.
18 They lost their desire to eat any food,
and they came close to death's gates.
19 Then they called out to Yahweh in their time of trouble,
and he rescued them out of their distress.
20 He sent his message and healed them,
and he rescued them from their destruction.
21 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his loyal commitment
and for the amazing things he's done for humanity.
22 Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices
and write songs about what he's done.
23 Some travel across the ocean in ships
and do business overseas.
24 Those people saw Yahweh's activities
and his miracles on the oceans,
25 because he spoke out his command
and aroused the windstorm that stirred up the waves.
26 Their ships reached up to the sky,
then they sank down into the troughs.

Literal Version

_High they_had_spurned. 12 And_he_humbled with_trouble heart_of_their they_stumbled and_there_was_not a_helper. 13 And_they_cried_out to **YHWH** in_distress to/for_them from_ _troubles_of_their he_saved_them. 14 He_brought_them_out from_darkness and_deep_darkness and_fetters_of_their he_ _tore_apart. 15 Let_them_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** loyalty_of_ _his_covenant and_wonders_of_his to_the_children_of humankind. 16 If/because he_breaks_down gates_of bronze and_bars_of iron he_cuts_down. 17 Fools from_the_way_of their_transgression_of_their and_from_iniquities_of_their they_were_afflicted. 18 All_of food throat_of_their it_loathed and_they_reached to the_gates_of death. 19 And_they_cried_ _out to **YHWH** in_distress to/for_them from_troubles_of_their he_saved_them. 20 He_sent message_of_his and_he_healed_ _them and_he_delivered_them from_pits_of_their.[1235] 21 Let_ _them_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** loyalty_of_his_covenant and_ _wonders_of_his to_the_children_of humankind.[1236] 22 And_ _let_them_sacrifice sacrifices_of thanksgiving and_let_them_ _recount works_of_his with_a_shout_of_joy.[1237] 23 Those_who_ _went_down_of the_sea in_ships who_did_of (of)_business on_ _the_waters many.[1238] 24 They they_saw the_works_of **YHWH** and_wonders_of_his in_the_deep.[1239] 25 And_he/it_said and_ _he_appointed a_wind_of a_storm and_it_lifted_up waves_of_ _its.[1240] 26 They_went_up the_heavens they_went_down the_ _deeps soul_of_their in_distress it_melted. 27 They_staggered and_they_trembled like_drunkard and_all skill_of_their it_was_ _confused. 28 And_they_cried_out to **YHWH** in_distress to/for_ _them and_from_troubles_of_their he_brought_them_out. 29 He_raised the_storm into_a_whisper and_ waves_of_their _ _they_were_still. 30 And_they_rejoiced if/because they_were_ _quiet and_he_guided_them to the_harbour_of their_desire_of_ _their. 31 Let_them_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** loyalty_of_his_ _covenant and_wonders_of_his to_the_children_of humankind. 32 And_let_them_exalt_him in_the_assembly_of the_people and_in_the_seat_of the_elders let_them_praise_him. 33 He_ _made rivers into_a_wilderness and_springs_of water into_ _thirsty_ground. 34 A_land_of fruit into_saltiness from_the_ _evil_of those_who_dwell_of in_it. 35 He_made a_wilderness into_a_pool_of water and_a_land_of dryness into_springs_of water. 36 And_he_caused_to_dwell there hungry_people and_ _they_established a_city_of dwelling. 37 And_they_sowed fields and_they_planted vineyards and_they_made fruit_of produce. 38 And_he_blessed_them and_they_multiplied exceedingly and_cattle_of_their not he_made_few. 39 And_they_became_few and_they_were_bowed_down from_the_oppression_of calamity and_sorrow.[1241] 40 He_was_pouring_out contempt on noble_ _people and_he_made_them_wander in_a_wasteland_of not a_ _way. 41 And_he_set_on_high the_needy from_affliction and_ _he/it_assigned like_flock families. 42 Upright_people they_see

1235 **LV 107:20 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1236 **LV 107:21 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1237 **LV 107:22 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1238 **LV 107:23 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1239 **LV 107:24 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1240 **LV 107:25 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1241 **LV 107:39 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.

Literal Version

and_they_rejoice and_all unrighteousness it_shuts her/its_
_mouth. **43** Who is_wise and_let_him_observe these_things
and_let_them_consider_carefully the_covenant_loyalti(es)_of
YHWH.

108:1 A_song a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [1243] Heart_of_my is_steadfast
Oh_god I_will_sing and_I_will_sing_praises also honour_of_my.
3 [1244] Awake Oh_lyre and_harp I_will_waken the_dawn. **4** [1245] I_
_will_give_thanks_to_you among_peoples Oh_**YHWH** and_I_
_will_sing_praises_to_you not nations. **5** [1246] If/because is_great
from_under the_heavens loyalty_of_your_covenant and_unto
the_clouds faithfulness_of_your. **6** [1247] Be_exalted above the_
_heavens Oh_god and_be_over all_of the_earth/land glory_of_

Readers' Version

Their courage melted away in anguish.
27 They swayed and staggered like drunkards
and had run out of sensible ideas.
28 Then they called out to Yahweh in their time of trouble,
and he rescued them out of their distress.
29 He calmed the storm,
and the waves were stilled.
30 Then they celebrated because it had quietened down,
so he brought them to their desired harbour.
31 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his loyal commitment
and for the amazing things that he's done for humanity.
32 Let them speak about his goodness to the people's assembly
and praise him at the council of the elders.
33 He turns rivers into wilderness,
and springs of water into dry land,
34 and a prosperous land into a barren place
because of the wickedness of those who live there.
35 He turns the wilderness into a pool
and dry land into springs of water.
36 He settles the hungry there,
and they build a city to live in.
37 They sow fields and plant vineyards,
so that they can bring in a profitable harvest.
38 He blesses them so they are very numerous.
He doesn't let their cattle decrease in number.
39 They became less in number and status
through painful distress and suffering.
40 He pours contempt on the leaders
and makes them wander in the wilderness where there's no roads,
41 but he protects the needy from affliction
and cares for his families like a shepherd with his flock.
42 The godly people will see that and celebrate,
and all wicked people will be shamed into silence.
43 Anyone who's wise should take note of those things
and meditate about Yahweh's acts of loyal commitment.

Praise, then prayer for victory[1242]

A song by David.
108:1 I've made my decision, God.
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises with sincerity.
2 Wake up, lute and harp—
I'll wake up the dawn.
3 I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the people groups.
I will sing praises to you among the nations

1242 **RV 108:1 · Parallel** Psa. 57:7-11; 60:5-12
1243 **LV 108:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.108.1
1244 **LV 108:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.108.2
1245 **LV 108:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.108.3
1246 **LV 108:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.108.4
1247 **LV 108:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.108.5

Readers' Version

4 because your loyal commitment extends to the heavens
and your trustworthiness reaches to the skies.
5 Be honoured, God, above the heavens,
and may your splendour be displayed across all the world.
6 Use your power to answer me
so that those you love will be rescued.
7 God has spoken from his sanctuary, "I will celebrate.
I will divide up Shekem and apportion out the Sukot Valley.
8 Gilead is mine, and Menasheh (Manasseh) is mine.
Efrayim (Ephraim) is my helmet and Yehudah (Judah) is my scepter.
9 Moav (Moab) is my washbasin.
I'll throw my sandal over Edom.
I'll shout in triumph over Peleshet.
10 Who will bring me into the fortified city?
Who will lead me to Edom?"
11 It seems that you've rejected us, God?
You don't go into battle with our armies.
12 Give us help against our enemy,
because human help is worthless.
13 We'll win with God's help.
He will trample down our enemies.
A song by David for the choir director.

My god help me

109:1 You're the God that I praise—
don't be silent
2 because the wicked and deceitful attack me.
They tell lies about me.
3 They say hateful things all around me,
and they attack me for no reason.
4 They pay back my love with accusations,
but I pray for them.
5 They repay me evil for good,
and they hate my love.
6 Appoint a wicked man to be over him,
then appoint an accuser to stand on his right.
7 When he's judged, may he be found guilty,
and may his prayer for mercy be considered sinful.
8 May his days be few—
may someone else take his office.
9 May his children become fatherless,

Literal Version

_your. 7 [1248] So_that they_may_be_rescued your_beloved_of_
_ones save hand_of_your_right and_answer_me. 8 [1249] god he_
_has_spoken in_sanctuary_of_his I_will_exult I_will_divide_up
Shəkem and_the_Valley_of Ṣukkōt I_will_measure_off. 9 [1250] To_
_me Gil'ād to_me Mənashsheh and_'Efrayim is_the_protection_
_of my_head Yəhūdāh/(Judah) is_my_of_commander's_staff.
10 [1251] Mō'āv is_the_pot_of my_washing_of_my over 'Edōm I_
_throw sandal_of_my over Pəleshet I_shout_in_triumph. 11 [1252]
Who will_he_bring_me a_city_of fortification who has_he_led_
_me to 'Edōm. 12 [1253] Not Oh_god have_you(pl)_rejected_us
and_not you_go_out Oh_god with_armies_of_our. 13 [1254] Come_
_NOW to/for_ourselves help_of from_the_foe and_is_
_worthlessness the_deliverance_of humankind. 14 [1255] In_god
we_will_do strength and_he he_will_tread_down foes_of_our.

109:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid a_song[1256] Oh_god_of my_
_praise_of_my do_not be_silent. 2 If/because the_mouth_of the_
_wicked and_a_mouth_of deceit on_me they_have_opened
they_have_spoken with_me a_tongue_of falsehood. 3 And_
_words/messages_of hatred they_have_surrounded_me and_
_they_have_fought_against_me without_cause. 4 In_place_of
love_of_my they_accuse_me and_I am_prayer. 5 And_they_
_have_put on_me evil in_place_of good and_hatred in_place_of
love_of_my. 6 Appoint on/upon/above_him/it a_wicked_person
and_an_accuser let_him_stand on hand_of_his_right. 7 When_
_he_is_judged let_him_come_forth guilty and_prayer_of_his let_
_it_become (into)_sin. 8 May_they_be his/its_days few office_
_of_his another may_he_take. 9 May_they_be children_of_his
fatherless_ones and_his/its_woman/wife a_widow. 10 And_
really(wander) children_of_his may_they_wander and_they_
_will_beg and_they_will_seek away_from_of_their_ruins. 11 A_
_creditor may_he_strike to/from_all/each/any/every that to_
him/it and strangers _may_they_plunder property_of_his.
12 Not let_it_belong to_him/it[1257] one_who_prolongs loyalty
and_not let_it_belong one_who_shows_favour to_his_

1248 LV 108:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.6
1249 LV 108:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.7
1250 LV 108:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.8
1251 LV 108:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.9
1252 LV 108:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.10
1253 LV 108:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.11
1254 LV 108:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.12
1255 LV 108:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.13
1256 LV 109:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.109.1
1257 LV 109:12 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_fatherless_of_children. **13** May_it_be posterity_of_his to_cut_
_off in_a_generation another their_name may_it_be_wiped_out.
14 May_it_be_remembered the_iniquity_of his_ancestors_of_his
to **YHWH** and_the_sin_of his/its_mother not may_it_be_wiped_
_out. **15** Let_them_be before **YHWH** continually and_may_he_
_cut_off from_the_earth remembrance_of_their. **16** Because
that not he_remembered to_do loyalty and_he_harassed
anyone poor and_needy and_disheartened_of heart to_put_to_
_them_death. **17** And_he_loved a_curse and_it_came_to_him
and_not he_delighted in_blessing and_it_was_far from_him.
18 And_he_put_on a_curse like_garment_of_his and_it_went
like_water in_his_inward_of_part[s] and_like_oil in_bones_of_
_his. **19** May_it_be to_him/it[1258] like_a_garment which_he_
_wraps_himself and_to_a_waistband which_continually he_
_girds_it_on. **20** This be_the_wage[s]_of those_who_accuse_me
from_with **YHWH** and_those_who_speak evil on self_of_my.
21 And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** my_master deal with_me for_the_
_sake_of your(ms)_name if/because is_good loyalty_of_your_
_covenant deliver_me. **22** If/because am_poor and_needy I and_
_heart_of_my someone_has_pierced in_my_inner_of_being.
23 Like_a_shadow just_as_it_stretches_out I_have_vanished I_
_have_been_shaken_off like_locust. **24** Knees_of_my they_have_
_staggered from_fasting and_flesh_of_my it_has_become_lean
from_fatness. **25** And_I I_have_become a_reproach to/for_them
they_see_me they_shake head_of_their. **26** Help_me Oh_**YHWH**
god_of_my save_me according_to_of_your_covenant_loyalty.
27 So_that_they_may_know if/because_that hand_of_is_your
this you Oh_**YHWH** you_have_done_it. **28** They they_will_curse
and_you(ms) you_will_bless they_have_arisen and_they_have_
_been_ashamed and_servant_of_your he_will_rejoice. **29** Those_
_of_who_accuse_me may_they_be_clothed ignominy and_may_
_they_be_covered like_robe shame_of_their. **30** I_will_give_
_thanks_to **YHWH** exceedingly with_mouth_of_my and_
_among_of many_people I_will_praise_him. **31** If/because he_
_stands to_the_right_hand_of the_needy to_save_him from_
_those_who_judge_of self_of_(of)_his.

Readers' Version

and may his wife become a widow.
10 May his children wander around and beg—
asking for handouts as they leave their ruined home.
11 May the creditor take all he owns.
May strangers plunder what he earns.
12 May no one extend any kindness to him.
May no one have pity on his fatherless children.
13 May his children be eliminated—
may their names be blotted out in the next generation.
14 May his ancestors' sins be mentioned to Yahweh,
and may the sin of his mother not be forgotten.
15 May their guilt always be on Yahweh's mind.
May Yahweh cause their history to be totally forgotten.
16 May Yahweh do this because this man never bothered to show any loyal commitment,
^but instead harassed the oppressed, the needy, and the disheartened to death.
17 He loved cursing—may it come back onto him.
He had no desire to bless others—may no blessing come to him.
18 He wrapped himself with cursing like a cloak,
and his curse entered his inner being like water—
like oil into his bones.
19 May his curses cling to him like the clothes he wears to cover himself—
like the belt he always wears.
20 May this be my accusers' reward from Yahweh—
yes for those who say evil things about me.
21 Yahweh my Lord, deal kindly with me for your reputation's sake.
Because your loyal commitment is good, save me,
22 because I'm oppressed and needy,
and my heart is wounded within me.
23 I'm fading away like a shadow in the late afternoon.
I'm shaken off like a locust.
24 My knees are weak from fasting.
My body is frail from not eating enough.
25 I'm scorned by my accusers.
When they see me, they shake their heads.
26 Help me, Yahweh my god.
Exercise your loyal commitment and save me.
27 May they know that you're involved here—
that you, Yahweh, have done this.
28 Though they curse me, please bless me.
When they attack, may they be put to shame,
but may your servant celebrate.
29 May my opponents be clothed with shame.
May they wear their shame like a coat.
30 With my mouth, I thank Yahweh frequently.
I'll praise him even in the middle of a crowd,

1258 LV 109:19 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

31 because he'll stand beside any needy person
to save them from those who condemn them.

Yahweh and his chosen king

A song by David.
110:1 Yahweh told my master, "Sit here on my right
until I defeat your enemies."[1259]
2 Yahweh will expand your power as king outwards from Tsiyon (Zion)—
you'll rule in the middle of your enemies.
3 When you exert your strength in battle,
your people voluntarily follow in full battle dress.
From the place where the dawn is birthed, your youth will be like dew to you.
4 Yahweh has promised, and won't change his mind:
"You're a priest forever following the pattern of Malki-Tsedek (Melchizedek)."[1260]
5 My master is helping right beside you.
He'll crush kings once he gets angry.
6 He will judge the nations and fill them with corpses.
He will crush the heads of many countries.
7 He will drink from the stream along the road,
therefore, he'll be reenergised.

Praise for what Yahweh's done

111:1 Praise Yah.
א (Alef)
I will give sincere thanks to Yahweh
ב (Beyt)
in the assembly of the godly people—in their gathering.
ג (Gimel)
2 The things that Yahweh does are amazing,
ד (Dalet)
eagerly awaited by all those who desire them.
ה (He)
3 His work is majestic and incredible,
ו (Vav)
and his righteousness endures forever.
ז (Zayin)
4 He does wonderful things that will be remembered.
ח (Het)
Yahweh is gracious and merciful.
ט (Tet)
5 He gives food to his faithful followers.
י (Yod)
He will always call to mind his agreement.
כ (Kaf)
6 He showed his powerful works to his people
ל (Lamed)

Literal Version

110:1 Of_Dāvid a_song[1261] the_utterance_of **YHWH** to_master_
_of_my sit to_my_right_of_hand until I_will_make enemies_of_
_your a_footstool for_feet_of_your. 2 The_staff_of your_
_strength_of_your **YHWH** he_will_stretch_out from_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) rule in_the_midst_of your(pl)_enemies_of_
_your. 3 People_of_your will_be_freewill_offerings in/on_day
your_strength_of_your in_majesti(es)_of holiness[1262] from_the_
_womb_of dawn to/for_yourself(m) the_dew_of your_youth(s)_
_of_your. 4 **YHWH** he_has_sworn_an_oath and_not he_will_
_repent you are_a_priest forever_perpetuity on the_manner_of
Malkī- tsedeq. 5 My_master is_at hand_of_your_right he_
_smashes in/on_day his_anger_of_his kings. 6 He_judges
among_nations it_is_full corpses he_smashes chief[s] over the_
_earth great. 7 From_a_wadi on_way he_drinks therefore
yes/correct/thus/so he_lifts_up a_head.

111:1 Praise Yah I_will_give_thanks_to **YHWH** in_all the_heart
in_the_council_of upright_people and_the_congregation. 2 Are_
_great the_works_of **YHWH** they_are_studied to/from_
_all/each/any/every those_delighting_of_in_them. 3 Is_
_splendour and_majesty work_of_his and_righteousness_of_his
is_enduring forever_forever. 4 Remembrance he_has_appointed
of_wonders_of_his is_gracious and_compassionate **YHWH**.
5 Food he_gives to_those_fearing_of_him he_remembers
forever_perpetuity covenant_of_his. 6 The_power_of his_
_works_of_his he_has_declared to_people_of_his to_give to/for_
_them an_inheritance_of nations. 7 The_works_of his_hands_
_of_his are_faithfulness and_justice are_reliable all_of precepts_
_of_his. 8 They_are_sustained forever_ever forever_perpetuity
they_are_done in_faithfulness and_uprightness. 9 Redemption
he_sent for_people_of_his he_ordained forever_perpetuity
covenant_of_his is_holy and_to_be_feared his/its_name. 10 Is_
_the_beginning_of wisdom the_fear_of **YHWH** an_
_understanding good[1263] to/from_all/each/any/every those_
_of_who_do_them praise_of_his is_enduring forever_eternity.

1259 **RV 110:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 22:41-46; Acts 2:34-36; Heb 1:13.

1260 **RV 110:4 · Cross-ref.** Heb 5:6; 7:17-22.

1261 **LV 110:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.110.1

1262 **LV 110:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

1263 **LV 111:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

112:1 Praise Yah how_blessed is_a_person fearing ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** in_commands_of_his he_delights exceedingly. **2** Mighty on_the_ _earth it_will_be his/its_seed the_generation_of upright_people it_will_be_blessed. **3** Wealth and_rich[es] are_in_house_of_his and_righteousness_of_his is_enduring forever_forever. **4** It_ _rises in_darkness light[1264] for_people he_is_gracious and_ _compassionate and_righteous. **5** Is_good a_person who_shows_ _favour and_who_lends who_he_maintains affairs_of_his with_ _justice. **6** If/because forever_perpetuity not he_will_be_shaken (into)_a_remembrance_of perpetuity he_will_become a_ _righteous_person. **7** From_new[s] bad not he_will_be_afraid his/its_heart is_steadfast trusting in_**YHWH**. **8** His/its_heart is_ _sustained not he_will_be_afraid until that he_will_look on_ _foes_of_his. **9** He_scatters he_gives to_(the)_people righteousness_of_his is_enduring forever_forever horn_of_his it_will_be_exalted in_honour. **10** A_wicked_person he_will_see and_he_will_be_angry teeth_of_his he_will_gnash and_he_will_ _melt_away the_desire_of wicked_people it_will_perish.

Readers' Version

in giving them the inheritance of other nations.
מ (Mem)
7 The works of Yahweh's hands are trustworthy and right.
נ (Nun)
All his instructions are reliable.
ס (Samek)
8 They are established forever,
ע (Ayin)
to be observed faithfully and properly.
פ (Pe)
9 He sent his people out of slavery.
צ (Tsade)
He ordained his agreement forever.
ק (Qof)
His name is holy and awe-inspiring.
ר (Resh)
10 Honouring Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.
ש (Sin/Shin)
Those who carry out his instructions have good understanding.
ת (Tav)
His praise endures forever.

112:1 Praise Yahweh.

The blessing for a godly person

א (Alef)
Any person who respects Yahweh's instructions will be blessed—
ב (Beyt)
anyone who greatly delights in his commands.
ג (Gimel)
2 Their descendants on earth will be powerful.
ד (Dalet)
The descendants of the godly person will be blessed.
ה (He)
3 Wealth and riches are in their house.
ו (Vav)
Their righteousness will endure forever.
ז (Zayin)
4 Light shines in the darkness for the godly person.
ח (Het)
That person is gracious, merciful, and just.
ט (Tet)
5 It goes well for the person who deals graciously and lends money,
י (Yod)
who conducts their affairs with honesty,
כ (Kaf)
6 because they'll never be shaken.
ל (Lamed)
The godly person will be remembered forever.
מ (Mem)
7 That person's not afraid of bad news—

1264 **LV 112:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

נ (Nun)
confidently trusting in Yahweh.
ס (Samek)
8 Their heart is tranquil, without fear,
ע (Ayin)
ending up looking out in triumph over their adversaries.
פ (Pe)
9 That person gives generously to the poor.
צ (Tsade)
Their righteousness endures forever.
ק (Qof)
They will be commended with honour.
ר (Resh)
10 The wicked person will see this and be angry.
ש (Sin/Shin)
That person will grind his teeth in rage and will melt away.
ת (Tav)
The desire of the wicked people will perish.

Praising Yahweh's goodness

113:1 Praise Yahweh.
Praise him, you servants of Yahweh.
Praise Yahweh's name.
2 May Yahweh's name be blessed
both now and forever into the future.
3 Yahweh's name should be praised
from when the sun rises until it sets again.
4 Yahweh is high above all nations,
and his glory reaches above the skies.
5 Who is like our god Yahweh who has his throne on high—
6 who looks down at the sky and at the earth?
7 He raises the poor up out of the dirt
and lifts the needy up from the ash heap,
8 so that he may become one of the leaders—
one of the leaders of his people.
9 He gives a home to the barren woman of the house—
he makes her into a happy mother with children.
Praise Yahweh.

Praising God's past miracles

114:1 When Yisrael (Israel) left Mitsrayim (Egypt)
(Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants leaving a people who spoke a foreign language),
2 Yehudah (Judah) became his sacred place,
and Yisrael his kingdom.
3 The Red Sea looked and fled.[1265]
The Yarden (Jordan) river turned back.[1266]
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like lambs.
5 Why did you flee, sea?
Yarden, why did you turn back?
6 Mountains, why did you skip like rams?
You little hills, why did you skip like lambs?

Literal Version

113:1 Praise Yah praise Oh_servants_of **YHWH** praise ~~DOM~~ the_
_name_of **YHWH**. 2 May_it_be the_name_of **YHWH** blessed
from_now and_unto perpetuity. 3 From_the_rising_of the_sun
to setting_of_its the_name_of **YHWH** is_to_be_praised. 4 Is_
_exalted over all_of nations **YHWH** is_above the_heavens glory_
_of_his. 5 Who is_like_**YHWH** god_of_our who_makes_high_of
to_sit. 6 Who_makes_low_of to_see on_heavens and_on_earth.
7 He_is_raising_of from_the_dust the_poor from_the_ash_heap
he_lifts_up the_needy. 8 To_make_him_sit with noble_people
with the_noble_people_of his_people_of_his. 9 He_is_causing_
_to_dwell_of the_barren_woman_of the_house the_mother_of
the_children joyful praise Yah.

114:1 When_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _went_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt)
the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) from_a_people who_spoke_a_
_foreign_language. 2 Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_became (into)_
_sanctuary_of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) dominion(s)_of_his. 3 The_
_sea it_saw and_it_fled the_Yardēn/(Jordan) it_turned_around
to_backwards. 4 The_mountains they_leaped_about like_rams
hills like_young_ones_of sheep. 5 What is_to_you the_sea
that/for/because/then/when you_will_flee Oh_Yardēn you_
_will_turn_around to_backwards. 6 Oh_mountains you(pl)_will_
_leap_about like_rams Oh_hills like_young_ones_of sheep.
7 From_to/for_face/front/presence the_master tremble Oh_
_earth from_to/for_face/front/presence the_god_of Ya'aqov.
8 Who_turned_of the_rock a_pool_of water flint into_a_of_
_spring water.

1265 **RV 114:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:21.
1266 **RV 114:3 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:16.

Literal Version

115:1 Not to/for_us Oh_**YHWH** not to/for_us if/because to_
_name_of_your ascribe glory on loyalty_of_your_covenant on
faithfulness_of_your. **2** To/for_what the_nations will_they_say
where please god_of_is_their. **3** And_god_of_our is_in_heavens
all that he_desires he_does. **4** Idols_of_their are_silver and_gold
the_work_of the_hands_of humankind. **5** A_mouth to/for_them
and_not they_speak eyes to/for_them and_not they_see. **6** Ears
to/for_them and_not they_hear a_nose to/for_them and_not
they_smell. **7** Hands_of_their and_not they_feel feet_of_their
and_not they_walk not they_make_a_sound with_throat_of_
_their. **8** Like_them those_of_who_make_them they_will_be
every one_who is_trusting in_them. **9** Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) trust
in_**YHWH** help_of_is_their and_shield_of_their he. **10** Oh_
_house_of 'Ah$_a$ron trust in_**YHWH** help_of_is_their and_shield_
_of_their he. **11** Oh_those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** trust in_
_**YHWH** help_of_is_their and_shield_of_their he. **12** **YHWH** he_
_has_remembered_us he_will_bless he_will_bless ~~DOM~~ the_
_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_bless ~~DOM~~ the_house_of
'Ah$_a$ron. **13** He_will_bless those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** (the)_
_small with the_big(pl). **14** **YHWH** may_he_add to_you(pl) to_
_you(pl) and_to children_of_your(pl). **15** You(pl) be_blessed
to/for_**YHWH** who_made_of (of)_heaven and_earth. **16** The_
_heavens are_heavens to/for_**YHWH** and_the_earth he_has_
_given to_the_children_of humankind. **17** Not the_dead_people
they_will_praise Yah and_not all_of those_who_go_down_of
silence. **18** And_we we_will_bless Yah from_now and_unto
perpetuity praise Yah.

116:1 I_love if/because he_has_heard **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ my_
_sound/voice supplications_of_my. **2** If/because he_has_
_inclined ear_of_his to_me and_in_days_of_my I_will_call_out.
3 They_encompassed_me the_cords_of death and_the_
_distresses_of Shə'ōl they_found_me trouble and_sorrow I_
_found. **4** And_on_the_name_of **YHWH** I_called please Oh_
_**YHWH** deliver life_of_my. **5** Is_gracious **YHWH** and_righteous
and_god_of_our is_having_compassion. **6** **YHWH** is_protecting

Readers' Version

7 Tremble, earth, before the master—
at the presence of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god.
8 He turned the rock into a pool of water,
and the hard rock into a spring of water.

Trust in Yahweh

115:1 Not to us, Yahweh, not to us,
but to your name bring honour,
for your loyal commitment and for your trustworthiness.
2 Why should the other nations have to ask,
"Where is their god?"
3 Our god is in heaven—
he does whatever he wants.
4 The other nations' gods are gold and silver idols
that people have made with their own hands.
5 Those idols have mouths, but they can't speak.
They have eyes, but they can't see.
6 They have ears, but they can't hear.
They have noses, but they can't smell.
7 They have hands, but can't feel anything.
They have feet, but can't walk.
They can't make any sounds in their throats.
8 The people who make them are just like them,
as is everyone who trusts them to help them.
9 Yisrael (Israel), trust in Yahweh—
he's your help and protection.
10 You priests, descendants of Aharon (Aaron), trust in Yahweh—
he's your help and protection.
11 You who respect and strive to obey Yahweh, trust in him—
he's your help and protection.
12 Yahweh takes notice of us and will bless us.
He'll bless the descendants of Yisrael (Israel).
He'll bless the descendants of Aharon.
13 He will bless those who honour him—
both young and old.
14 May Yahweh give more and more children to you all,
and also to your descendants.
15 May you all be blessed by Yahweh
who made heaven and earth.
16 The heavens, yes, the heavens belong to Yahweh,
but he's given the earth to humanity.
17 The dead don't praise Yah,
nor do any of those who go down into silence.
18 But we have decided to bless Yahweh
now and forevermore.
Praise Yah.

Praise Yahweh who rescued me

116:1 I love Yahweh because he hears my voice
and my requests for mercy.
2 Because he listened to me,
as long as I live, I'll call him for help.
3 The ropes of death surrounded me,
and the snares of the grave confronted me.

Readers' Version

I was confronted by anguish and sorrow.
4 Then I cried out to Yahweh:
"Please Yahweh, rescue my life."
5 Yahweh is merciful and fair—
our god is compassionate.
6 Yahweh protects those who are helpless.
I was in a desperate situation, and he saved me.
7 My mind can relax again
because Yahweh has been generous to me,
8 because you rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears,
and my feet from stumbling.
9 I will walk in front of Yahweh
in the lands of the living.
10 I believed in him,
even when I said, "I'm suffering badly."
11 In my distress I said, "All people are liars."
12 How can I repay Yahweh for all his kindnesses to me?
13 I will raise the cup of salvation,
and call on Yahweh's name.
14 I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh
now in the presence of all his people.
15 The death of his faithful ones
is costly in Yahweh's view.
16 Yahweh, I'm definitely your servant.
I'm your servant—the son of your servant woman.
You've released me from my chains.
17 I will offer thanksgiving to you as a sacrifice,
and I'll call out to Yahweh whenever I need help.
18 I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh
now in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courtyards around Yahweh's residence—
there in the middle of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
Praise Yah.

Praising Yahweh's commitment to us

117:1 Praise Yahweh, all you nations.
Speak highly of him, all you people groups
2 because his loyal commitment towards us is extensive,
and Yahweh's trustworthiness endures forever.
Praise Yah.

Not ending the love of God

118:1 Give thanks to Yahweh, because he's good,
because his loyal commitment endures forever.
2 Let Yisrael (Israel) now say,
"His loyal commitment endures forever."
3 Let Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants now say,
"His loyal commitment endures forever."
4 Let Yahweh's loyal followers say,
"His loyal commitment endures forever."
5 In my distress, I called out to Yahweh for help.
→and he answered me and set me free.
6 Yahweh is with me—I won't be afraid.

Literal Version

simple_people I_had_become_low and_(to)_me he_saved.
7 Return my_self_of_my to_your(pl)_resting_of_place(s)
if/because **YHWH** he_has_dealt_bountifully towards_you.
8 If/because you_have_rescued life_of_my from_death ~~DOM~~ eye_
_of_my from tear[s] ~~DOM~~ foot_of_my from_stumbling. **9** I_will_
_walk_about to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_
_the_lands_of the_life. **10** I_believed if/because I_said I I_am_
_afflicted exceedingly. **11** I I_said when_I_was_making_haste
every_of the_humankind is_a_liar. **12** What will_I_return
to/for_**YHWH** all_of benefits_of_his towards_me. **13** A_cup_of
salvation(s) I_will_lift_up and_on_the_name_of **YHWH** I_will_
_call. **14** Vows_of_my to/for_**YHWH** I_will_pay (to)_before
please to/from_all/each/any/every people_of_his. **15** Is_
_precious in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** the_death of_his_faithful_
_of_people. **16** Please Oh_**YHWH** if/because I servant_of_am_
_your I servant_of_am_your the_son_of your(ms)_female_slave
you_have_loosened (to)_fetters_of_my. **17** To/for_yourself(m) I_
_will_sacrifice a_sacrifice_of thanksgiving and_on_the_name_of
YHWH I_will_call. **18** Vows_of_my to/for_**YHWH** I_will_pay
(to)_before please to/from_all/each/any/every people_of_his.
19 In_the_courts_of the_house_of **YHWH** in_the_midst_of_of_
_you Oh_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) praise Yah.

117:1 Praise ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** Oh_all_of nations extol_him Oh_all_of
the_peoples. **2** If/because it_is_strong towards_us loyalty_of_
_his_covenant and_the_faithfulness_of **YHWH** is_forever praise
Yah.

118:1 Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good
if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **2** Let_it_say
please Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because_that is_forever loyalty_of_
_his_covenant. **3** Let_them_say please the_house_of 'Ah$_a$ron
if/because_that is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **4** Let_them_
_say please those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** if/because_that is_
_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **5** From the_distress I_called_
_out_to **YHWH** he_answered_me in_(the)_place Yah. **6** **YHWH**
to_me not I_will_be_afraid what will_he_do to_me anyone.
7 **YHWH** to_me (in)_my_of_helper(s) and_I I_will_look on_
_those_of_who_hate_me. **8** Is_good to_take_refuge in_**YHWH**
more_than_to_trust in_humankind. **9** Is_good to_take_refuge
in_**YHWH** more_than_to_trust in_noble_people. **10** All_of
nations they_surrounded_me in/on_name_of **YHWH** if/because

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I_fended_them_off. **11** They_surrounded_me also they_
_surrounded_me in/on_name_of **YHWH** if/because I_fended_
_them_off. **12** They_surrounded_me like_bees they_were_
_extinguished like_a_fire_of thorns in/on_name_of **YHWH**
if/because I_fended_them_off. **13** Violently_(push) you_pushed_
_me to_fall and_**YHWH** he_helped_me. **14** Might_of_is_my and_
_strength_of Yah and_he/it_was to_me (into)_salvation. **15** The_
_sound_of a_shout_of_joy and_salvation is_in_the_tents_of
righteous_people the_right_hand_of **YHWH** is_doing strength.
16 The_right_hand_of **YHWH** is_exalting the_right_hand_of
YHWH is_doing strength. **17** Not I_will_die if/because I_will_
_live and_I_will_recount the_deeds_of Yah. **18** Severely_
_(discipline) he_has_disciplined_me **YHWH** and_to_death not
he_has_given_me. **19** Open to_me the_gates_of righteousness I_
_will_go in_them I_will_give_thanks_to Yah. **20** This is_the_gate
to/for_**YHWH** righteous_people they_will_go in_him/it. **21** I_
_will_give_thanks_to_you if/because you_answered_me and_it_
_became to_me (into)_salvation. **22** A_stone the_builders
which_they_rejected it_has_become (into)_the_head_of the_
_corner. **23** From_with **YHWH** this it_has_come it it_is_
_wonderful in_eyes_of_our. **24** This the_day **YHWH** which_he_
_has_made let_us_be_glad and_let_us_rejoice in_him/it.
25 Please Oh_**YHWH** save please please Oh_**YHWH** grant_
_success please. **26** The_one_who_comes in/on_name_of **YHWH**
be_blessed we_bless_you(pl) from_the_house_of **YHWH**. **27** Is_
_god_of **YHWH** and_he_has_given_light to/for_us bind a_
_festival_sacrifice with_ropes to the_horns_of the_altar. **28** god_
_of_are_my you and_I_will_give_thanks_to_you my_god_of_my
I_will_exalt_you. **29** Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_
_is_good if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant.

Readers' Version

What can anyone do to me?
7 Yahweh's on my side as my helper.
I will look on at those who hate me.
8 It's better to take shelter in Yahweh
than to put confidence in humanity.
9 It's better to make Yahweh your safe place
than to put your trust in your country's leaders.
10 All the nations surrounded me in battle.
In Yahweh's name I destroyed them.
11 They surrounded me—yes, they surrounded me—
but in Yahweh's name I destroyed them.
12 They surrounded me like bees
then disappeared as quickly as fire among brush—
with Yahweh's help we defeated them.
13 They attacked me to knock me down,
but Yahweh helped me.
14 Yahweh is my strength and my song,
and he's the one who rescues me.
15 The cheerful shout of victory can be heard in the tents of the godly people—
Yahweh has demonstrated his power and strength.
16 Yahweh's power overcame—
Yahweh has demonstrated his power and strength.
17 I'm going to live, not die,
and I'll tell everyone about what Yahweh did.
18 Yahweh has punished me harshly,
but he hasn't given me over to death.
19 Open the temple gates for me—
I'll enter through them and then give thanks to Yahweh.
20 This is Yahweh's gate—
→the godly people enter through it.
21 I will give thanks to you,
→because you answered me by rescuing me.
22 The stone that the builders rejected
→has become the very important stone at the corner.
23 That's Yahweh's doing—
→we think it's just wonderful.[1267]
24 Today's the day on which Yahweh has acted.
→We'll celebrate and be happy about it.
25 Please, Yahweh, give us victory.
Please, Yahweh, send now success.
26 Blessed is anyone who comes with Yahweh's authority.
We bless you from Yahweh's residence.
27 Yahweh is God, and he's given us light.
Tie the sacrifice to the corner posts of the altar with ropes.
28 You're my god, and I'll give thanks to you.
You're my god—I will praise you.
29 Yes, give thanks to Yahweh because he's good,
because his loyal commitment endures forever.

1267 RV 118:22-23 · Cross-ref. Mat 21:42; Acts 4:11; 1Pe 2:7.

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Obeying Yahweh's instructions

א (Alef)
119:1 Blessed are those whose behaviour is blameless—
who follow Yahweh's instructions.
2 Blessed are they who keep the rules that he revealed—
who strive to sincerely obey him.
3 Surely they wouldn't promote injustice.
They do what he shows them.
4 You've shown your principles through your instructions
so that we should carefully follow them.
5 If only I could be consistent
in keeping your rules,
6 then I wouldn't be ashamed
when I consider all your commands.
7 I'll give thanks to you because I want to do what's right
when I learn about how you always judge fairly.
8 I'll keep your regulations.
Don't totally desert me.

Internalising Yahweh's principles

ב (Beyt)
9 How can a young man keep his motives pure?
By obeying your message.
10 With my whole heart I search for you with all my being.
Don't let me stray from what you commanded.
11 I've stored your message away in my memory
so that I'll be less likely to sin against you.
12 You deserve praise, Yahweh.
Teach me your regulations.
13 With my lips I've proclaimed
all the judgements that you've pronounced.
14 I get happier about everything you've revealed
rather than any kind of riches.
15 I will meditate about your principles
and keep my eyes on your paths.
16 I take delight in your regulations—
I won't forget what you've said.

Pleased to obey Yahweh's instructions

ג (Gimel)
17 Deal kindly with your servant
so that I can continue to live and obey what you've told us.
18 Uncover my eyes so I can gaze
on the marvellous results from your instructions.
19 I'm a foreigner in the land—
don't prevent me from hearing your commands.
20 My inner being is continually crushed
with longing for your regulations.
21 You rebuke the proud, who are cursed—
who stray from your commands.
22 Spare me from disgrace and humiliation
because I've kept the requirements that you've revealed.
23 Even though rulers gather together against me and slander me,
your servant meditates about your regulations.

Literal Version

119:1 How_blessed are_people_blameless_of way who_walk in_
_the_law_of **YHWH**. **2** How_blessed are_those_who_observe_of
testimonies_of_(of)_his in_all the_heart they_seek_him. **3** Also
not they_do injustice in_ways_of_his they_walk. **4** You you_
_have_commanded precepts_of_your to_guard/protect
exceedingly. **5** Would_that ways_of_my they_will_be_steadfast
to_guard/protect decrees_of_your. **6** Then not I_will_be_
_ashamed when_look_I to all_of commands_of_your. **7** I_will_
_give_thanks_to_you in_uprightness_of heart when_learn_I
the_judgements_of your_righteousness_of_your. **8** ~~DOM~~ decrees_
_of_your I_will_keep do_not abandon_me up_to muchness.

9 How a_youth will_he_keep_pure ~~DOM~~ path_of_his to_
_guard/protect according_to_of_your_message. **10** In_all heart_
_of_my I_seek_you do_not allow_me_to_stray from_commands_
_of_your. **11** In_heart_of_my I_have_hidden message_of_your
so_that not I_may_sin to/for_you(fs). **12** You be_blessed Oh_
_**YHWH** teach_me decrees_of_your. **13** With_lips_of_my I_
_recount all_of the_judgements_of your_mouth_of_your. **14** In_
_the_way_of your(pl)_testimonies_of_your I_exult as_on all_of
wealth. **15** On_precepts_of_your I_will_meditate and_I_will_pay_
_attention_to paths_of_your. **16** In_regulations_of_your I_will_
_delight_myself not I_will_forget message_of_your.

17 Deal_bountifully towards servant_of_your I_will_live and_I_
_will_keep message_of_your. **18** Uncover eyes_of_my so_that_I_
_may_pay_attention_to wonderful_things from_law_of_your.
19 Am_a_sojourner I in/on_the_earth do_not hide from_me
commands_of_your. **20** Self_of_my it_is_crushed for_longing to
judgements_of_your at_every_of time. **21** You_rebuke arrogant_
_people cursed_people who_go_astray from_commands_of_
_your. **22** Roll_away from_on_me reproach and_contempt
if/because testimonies_of_your I_observe. **23** Also officials
they_sit in_me they_speak_together servant_of_your he_
_meditates on_decrees_of_your. **24** Also testimonies_of_your
delight(s)_of_are_my the_people_of my_counsel_of_my.

Literal Version

25 It_clings to_dust self_of_my preserve_me_alive according_to_
_of_your_message. 26 ways_of_my I_recounted and_you_
_answered_me teach_me decrees_of_your. 27 The_way_of
your(pl)_precepts_of_your give_me_understanding_of and_I_
_will_meditate on_wonders_of_your. 28 Self_of_my it_weeps
from_grief strengthen_me according_to_of_your_message.
29 A_way_of falsehood remove from_me and_law_of_your
show_favour_to_me. 30 A_way_of faithfulness I_have_chosen
judgements_of_your I_have_placed. 31 I_have_clung to_
_testimonies_of_your Oh_**YHWH** do_not put_me_to_shame.
32 The_way_of your(pl)_commands_of_your I_run if/because
you_enlarge heart_of_my.

33 Teach_me Oh_**YHWH** the_way_of your(pl)_decrees_of_your
so_that_I_may_observe_it end. 34 Give_me_understanding so_
_that_I_may_observe law_of_your and_so_that_I_may_keep_it
with_all_of the_heart. 35 Lead_me in_the_path_of your(pl)_
_commands_of_your if/because in_him/it I_delight. 36 Incline
heart_of_my to testimonies_of_your and_not to unjust_gain.
37 Take_away eyes_of_my from_looking_at worthlessness in_
_ways_of_your preserve_me_alive. 38 Fulfill to_servant_of_your
message_of_your which is_for_fear_of_your. 39 Take_away
reproach_of_my which I_am_afraid_of if/because judgements_
_of_your are_good. 40 HERE I_long for_precepts_of_your in_
_righteousness_of_your preserve_me_alive.

41 And_may_they_come_to_me loyalti(es)_of_your_covenant
Oh_**YHWH** salvation_of_your according_to_of_your_message.
42 So_that_I_may_answer the_one_of_who_taunts_me a_
_message if/because I_trust in_message_of_your. 43 And_do_not
take_away from_mouth_of_my a_message_of faithfulness up_to
muchness if/because for_judgements_of_your I_wait. 44 And_I_
_will_keep law_of_your continually forever_perpetuity and_
_ever. 45 And_I_will_walk_about in_place if/because precepts_
_of_your I_have_sought. 46 And_I_will_speak in_testimonies_of_
_your before kings and_not I_will_be_ashamed. 47 And_I_will_
_delight_myself in_commands_of_your which I_love. 48 And_I_
_will_lift_up palms_of_my to commands_of_your which I_love
and_I_will_meditate on_decrees_of_your.

Readers' Version

24 Also, your revealed messages are my pleasure.
They are my counsellors.

ד (Dalet) **Choosing Yahweh's way**

25 My inner being clings to the dust.
Speak out and give me life.
26 I talked about my behaviour, and you answered me.
Teach me your regulations.
27 Grant me insight into your principles,
so I can meditate about your wonderful actions.
28 My inner being melts away from grief.
Speak out and strengthen me.
29 Keep me off the path of deceit.
Graciously give me your instructions.
30 I've chosen the way of faithfulness.
I have desired your regulations.
31 I cling to what you've revealed—
Yahweh, don't let me be shamed.
32 I run along the path of your commands,
because you have expanded my mind.

ה (He) **Prayer for guidance**

33 Teach me, Yahweh, the way of your regulations,
and I'll keep them to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I'll keep your teaching.
I'll observe it with all my heart.
35 Guide me in the way of your commands,
because I delight in your way.
36 Help me to want to obey what you've revealed
and not just want unscrupulous gain.
37 Help me not to waste time looking at worthless things.
Encourage me to follow your ways.
38 Fulfill your promises to your servant
so that he will respect and obey you.
39 Help me to be able to avoid the disgrace that I dread,
because your judgements are good.
40 Listen, I long for your principles.
Encourage me to follow your ways that are right.

ו (Vav) **Trusting Yahweh's instructions**

41 May I experience your loyal commitment, Yahweh—
your salvation, according to your promise,
42 then I'll answer the one who mocks me with their words,
because I trust in what you've told us.
43 Don't totally prevent me from talking about your message of truth,
because my hope is based on your judgements.
44 I'll always obey what you taught,
forever and ever.
45 I'll walk freely,
because I strive to know your principles.
46 I will tell kings what you've revealed,
and I won't be ashamed.
47 I take pleasure in obeying your commands,
which I love.

Readers' Version

48 I will respect your commands, which I love.
I will meditate on your regulations.

ז (Zayin)

Comforted by Yahweh's principles

49 Remember your promise to your servant
because you have given me hope.
50 That's my comfort in my suffering.
Yes, your promise keeps me alive.
51 Arrogant people mock me terribly,
but I haven't turned away from your instructions.
52 I remember your judgements from ancient times, Yahweh,
and I take comfort in that.
53 I'm seized by a hot anger
because of the wicked who reject your teaching.
54 Your regulations are songs for me
in the house where I'm staying.
55 I remember your name during the night, Yahweh,
and I follow your instruction.
56 This is for me
because I accept your principles.

ח (Het)

The loving of Law of God

57 Yahweh is who I've chosen.
I promise to obey what you've said.
58 With my whole being, I ask for your favour.
Be merciful to me like you've promised you would be.
59 I carefully evaluate which paths I'll follow
and keep myself following what you've revealed.
60 I hurry and don't put off
obeying your commands.
61 The ropes of the wicked people entangle me.
I don't forget your instructions.
62 I get up in the middle of the night to bring praise to you
because your judgements are always right and fair.
63 I'm a companion to all who strive to obey you
and apply your principles.
64 The world is full of your loyal commitment, Yahweh.
Teach me your regulations.

ט (Tet)

The purpose of Yahweh's instructions

65 You do good to your servant, Yahweh,
as you've said you would.
66 Teach me good discernment and understanding,
because I trust in the wisdom of your commands.
67 Before my troubles came, I went astray,
but now I observe your promises.
68 You are good, and you do good.
Teach me your regulations.
69 The arrogant smear me with lies,
but I myself keep your principles with sincerity.
70 Their hearts are unfeeling like fat,
but I myself delight in your instructions.
71 It is good for me that I've suffered
so that I'd learn your regulations.
72 The instructions that come from your mouth are good for

Literal Version

49 Remember the_message to_servant_of_your on that you_
_have_made_me_hope. 50 This comfort_of_is_my in_affliction_
_of_my that/for/because/then/when message_of_your it_has_
_preserved_me_alive. 51 Arrogant_people they_have_mocked_
_me up_to muchness from_law_of_your not I_have_turned_
_aside. 52 I_remember judgements_of_your from_long_
ago/eternity Oh**YHWH** and_I_have_comforted_myself.
53 Burning_indignation it_has_seized_me from_wicked_people
who_abandon_of law_of_(of)_your. 54 Songs they_have_been to_
_me decrees_of_your in_house_of my_sojournings_of_my. 55 I_
_have_remembered in_night name_of_your Oh_**YHWH** and_I_
_have_kept law_of_your. 56 This it_has_belonged to/for_me
that/for/because/then/when precepts_of_your I_have_
_observed.

57 Portion_of_is_my **YHWH** I_have_said to_guard/protect
words/messages_of_your. 58 I_have_entreated face_of_your
with_all_of the_heart show_favour_to_me according_to_of_
_your_message. 59 I_have_thought_about ways_of_my and_I_
_have_turned_back feet_of_my to testimonies_of_your. 60 I_
_have_made_haste and_not I_have_delayed to_guard/protect
commands_of_your. 61 The_ropes_of wicked_people they_have_
_surrounded_me law_of_your not I_have_forgotten. 62 The_
_middle_of the_night I_arise to_give_thanks to/for_you(fs) on
the_judgements_of your_righteousness_of_your. 63 Am_a_
_companion I to/from_all/each/any/every those_who they_
_fear_you and_of_those_who_keep_of precepts_of_(of)_your.
64 Loyalty_of_your_covenant Oh_**YHWH** the_earth/land it_is_
_full decrees_of_your teach_me.

65 Good you_have_done with servant_of_your Oh_**YHWH**
according_to_of_your_message. 66 Goodness_of discernment
and_knowledge teach_me if/because in_commands_of_your I_
_trust. 67 Before I_was_afflicted I was_going_astray and_now
message_of_your I_keep. 68 Are_good you and_are_doing_good
teach_me decrees_of_your. 69 They_have_smeared on_me
falsehood arrogant_people I in_all the_heart I_observe
precepts_of_your. 70 It_is_insensitive like_fat heart_of_their I
law_of_your I_delight. 71 It_was_good to_me that I_was_
_afflicted so_that I_may_learn decrees_of_your. 72 Is_good to_
_me the_law_of your_mouth_of_your more_than_thousands_of
gold and_silver.

Literal Version

73 Hands_of_your they_made_me and_they_prepared_me give_
_me_understanding so_that_I_may_learn commands_of_your.
74 Those_fearing_of_you may_they_see_me and_may_they_
_rejoice if/because for_message_of_your I_have_waited. **75** I_
know Oh**YHWH** if/because_that are_righteousness
judgements_of_your and_faithfulness you_have_afflicted_me.
76 Let_it_be please loyalty_of_your_covenant to_comfort_me
according_to_of_your_message to_servant_of_your. **77** Let_
_them_come_to_me compassion(s)_of_your so_that_I_may_live
if/because law_of_your delight(s)_of_is_my. **78** Arrogant_people
let_them_be_ashamed if/because falsehood they_have_
_subverted_me I I_will_meditate on_precepts_of_your. **79** Let_
_them_turn to_me those_fearing_of_you and[1268] testimonies_
_of_(of)_your. **80** May_it_be heart_of_my blameless in_decrees_
_of_your so_that not I_may_be_ashamed.

81 It_is_exhausted for_salvation_of_your being_of_my for_
_message_of_your I_wait. **82** Eyes_of_my they_are_exhausted
for_message_of_your to_say when will_you_comfort_me.
83 If/because I_have_become like_a_skin-bottle in_smoke
decrees_of_your not I_have_forgotten. **84** How_many are_the_
_days_of your_servant_of_your when will_you_do in_those_of_
_who_harass_me judgement. **85** They_have_dug to_me
arrogant_people pits which not are_according_to_of_your_law.
86 All_of commands_of_your are_faithfulness falsehood they_
_have_harassed_me help_me. **87** Like_a_little they_have_made_
_an_end_of_me in/on_the_earth and_I not I_have_abandoned
precepts_of_your.[1269] **88** According_to_of_your_covenant_
_loyalty preserve_me_alive and_I_will_keep the_transcript_of
your_mouth_of_your.

89 Forever_perpetuity Oh_**YHWH** message_of_your is_standing
in_heavens. **90** Is_to_a_generation and_a_generation
faithfulness_of_your you_have_established the_earth and_it_
_endures. **91** For_judgements_of_your they_stand_forth the_day
if/because (the)_everything servants_of_are_your. **92** If_not
law_of_your been_my_delight(s)_of_had then I_perished in_
_affliction_of_my. **93** Forever_perpetuity not I_will_forget
precepts_of_your if/because by_them you_have_preserved_me_

Readers' Version

me—
more than thousands of gold and silver coins.

The justice of Yahweh's instructions

י (Yod)
73 Your hands created and formed me.
Give me understanding so that I can learn your commands.
74 May those who respect you see me and be happy
because I put my hope in what you've said.
75 Yahweh, I know that your judgements are fair and right,
and that it's in faithfulness that you make me suffer.
76 Let your loyal commitment be my comfort,
as per your promise to your servant.
77 May your grace come to me so that I may live,
because your instructions are my delight.
78 Let the proud be put to shame,
because they've falsely accused me,
but as for me, I'll meditate on your principles.
79 May those who respect you turn to me,
and get to know what you've revealed.
80 May my conscience be blameless with respect to your regulations,
so that I won't be put to shame.

Requesting Yahweh's intervention

כ (Kaf)
81 My inner being faints with longing for your salvation.
I put my hope in what you've said.
82 My eyes are exhausted with longing for your promise,
saying, "When will you comfort me?"
83 because I've become brittle like a wineskin in the smoke.
I don't forget your regulations.
84 How long must your servant wait—
when will you punish those who persecute me?
85 The proud have dug pits to trap me,
which is not according to your instructions.
86 All your commands are sensible.
Those proud people pursue me with false accusations—help me.
87 They have almost finished me off here,
but as for me, I don't reject your principles.
88 It's your loyal commitment that keeps me alive,
so that I can obey what you've revealed.

Trusting in Yahweh's principles

ל (Lamed)
89 Yahweh, your message stands firm in the heavens.
90 Your faithfulness lasts throughout the generations.
You've established the earth and it endures.
91 The heavens and the earth implement your regulations
because all things are your servants.

1268 LV 119:79 · Note OSHB variant note: ועדי/ו: (x-qere) וְיֵעָדֻ֑י: lemma_c/3045 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqrmpc id_19paC וְיֵעָדֻ֑י/ו

1269 LV 119:87 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

92 If your instructions hadn't been my delight,
then I would have died as a result of my suffering.
93 I'll never forget your principles
because through them, you've preserved my life.
94 I'm yours—save me because I strive to follow your principles.
95 The wicked wait for me in order to kill me,
but I strive to understand what you've revealed.
96 I've seen a limit to all perfection,
but your commands are very wide-ranging.

מ (Mem)

Appreciating Yahweh's principles

97 I really love your instructions—
I spend all day meditating on them.
98 Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
because I'm always aware of them.
99 I understand more than my teachers do
because I meditate on what you've revealed.
100 I understand more than the elders do
because I've followed your principles.
101 I've avoided all evil behaviour
so that I can obey what you've said.
102 I haven't deviated from your regulations,
because you yourself have taught me.
103 Your promises are sweet to my taste,
yes, even sweeter than honey on my tongue.
104 I gain understanding through your principles
so I hate all the different ways that people deceive others.

נ (Nun)

The peace/prosperity from law of God

105 Your message is a lamp so I can see where I'm stepping
and a light to illuminate my path.
106 I have promised and have confirmed
that I will honour your judgements that are fair and right.
107 I'm suffering badly.
Keep me alive, Yahweh, as you've said you would.
108 Yahweh, please accept the freewill offerings of my praise,
and teach me your regulations.
109 My life is in continual danger,
yet I don't forget your instructions.
110 The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I haven't strayed from your principles.
111 I consider what you've revealed as my heritage forever,
because it gives me great happiness.
112 I make your regulations my priority forever—to the end.

ס (Samek)

Safety in Yahweh's instructions

113 I hate people who say one thing and do another,
but I love your instructions.
114 You are my safe place and my protection—
I've set my hopes on what you've said.
115 Get away from me, all you who choose to do evil,
so that I can keep my god's commands.

Literal Version

_alive. 94 To/for_yourself(m) I save_me if/because precepts_of_
_your I_have_sought. 95 To_me wicked_people they_have_
_waited to_destroy_me testimonies_of_your I_will_consider_
_carefully. 96 To/from_all/each/any/every perfection I_have_
_seen an_end is_broad command_of_your exceedingly.

97 How I_love law_of_your all_of the_day it meditation_of_is_
_my. 98 More_than_of_my_enemies it_makes_me_wise
commands_of_your if/because forever_perpetuity it to_me.
99 From_all teachers_of_my I_have_insight if/because
testimonies_of_your are_a_meditation my. 100 More_than_old_
_people I_gain_understanding if/because precepts_of_your I_
_have_observed. 101 From_all path evil I_have_restrained feet_
_of_my so_that I_may_keep message_of_your. 102 From_
_judgements_of_your not I_have_turned_aside if/because you
you_have_taught_me. 103 How they_are_smooth to_palate_of_
_my message_of_your more_than_honey to_mouth_of_my.
104 From_precepts_of_your I_gain_understanding therefore
yes/correct/thus/so I_hate every_of path_of falsehood.

105 Is_a_lamp for_foot_of_my message_of_your and_a_light for_
_pathway_of_my. 106 I_have_sworn_an_oath and_I_have_
_confirmed to_guard/protect the_judgements_of your_
_righteousness_of_your. 107 I_have_been_afflicted up_to
muchness Oh_**YHWH** preserve_me_alive according_to_of_your_
_message. 108 The_freewill_offerings_of my_mouth_of_my
accept please Oh_**YHWH** and_judgements_of_your teach_me.
109 Life_of_my is_in_palm_of_my continually and_law_of_your
not I_forget. 110 Wicked_people they_have_set a_snare to_me
and_from_precepts_of_your not I_have_gone_astray. 111 I_have_
_inherited testimonies_of_your forever_perpetuity if/because
are_the_joy_of my_heart_of_my they. 112 I_have_turned heart_
_of_my for_doing decrees_of_your forever_perpetuity end.

113 Half-hearted_people I_hate and_law_of_your I_love.
114 Hiding_place_of_are_my and_shield_of_my you for_
_message_of_your I_wait. 115 Turn_aside from_me Oh_
_evil-doers so_that_I_may_observe the_commands_of my_god_
_of_my. 116 Sustain_me according_to_of_your_message so_that_
_I_may_live and_do_not put_me_to_shame from_hope_of_my.
117 Support_me so_that_I_may_be_saved and_so_that_I_may_
_have_regard for_decrees_of_your continually. 118 You_reject
all_of those_who_go_astray from_decrees_of_your if/because

Literal Version

is_falsehood deceitfulness_of_their. **119** Dross(es) you_cause_to_
_cease all_of the_wicked_people_of the_earth for_
_so/thus/hence I_love testimonies_of_your. **120** It_bristles_up
from_dread_of_of_you flesh_of_my and_from_judgements_of_
_your I_am_afraid.

121 I_have_done justice and_righteousness not you_will_
_abandon_me to_those_of_who_oppress_me. **122** Stand_surety_
_for servant_of_your for_good not may_they_oppress_me
arrogant_people. **123** Eyes_of_my they_are_exhausted for_
_deliverance_of_your and_for_the_message_of your_
_righteousness_of_your. **124** Do with servant_of_your
according_to_of_your_covenant_loyalty and_decrees_of_your
teach_me. **125** Servant_of_am_your I give_me_understanding
so_that_I_may_know testimonies_of_your. **126** A_time for_doing
to/for_**YHWH** people_have_broken law_of_your. **127** Therefore
yes/correct/thus/so I_love commands_of_your more_than_
_gold and_more_than_pure_gold. **128** Therefore
yes/correct/thus/so all_of the_precepts_of everything I_
_approve every_of path_of falsehood I_hate.

129 Are_wonders testimonies_of_your therefore
yes/correct/thus/so it_observes_them self_of_my. **130** The_
_opening_of your(pl)_words/messages_of_your it_gives_light
it_is_giving_understanding_to simple_people. **131** Mouth_of_my
I_opened_wide and_I_panted if/because for_commands_of_
_your I_longed. **132** Turn to_me and_show_favour_to_me
according_to_custom to_those_who_love_of name_of_(of)_your.
133 Footsteps_of_my direct by_message_of_your and_not let_it_
_gain_power over_me any_of wickedness. **134** Redeem_me
from_oppression_of humankind so_that_I_may_keep precepts_
_of_your. **135** Face_of_your make_shine on_servant_of_your
and_teach_me ~~DOM~~ decrees_of_your. **136** Streams_of water eyes_
_of_my they_have_gone_down because not people_keep law_of_
_your.

137 Are_righteous you Oh_**YHWH** and_are_upright judgements_
_of_your. **138** You_commanded righteousness_of testimonies_
_of_your and_faithfulness much. **139** It_has_destroyed_me zeal_
_of_my if/because foes_of_my they_have_forgotten
words/messages_of_your. **140** word_of_your is_refined

Readers' Version

116 Sustain me like you promised you would, so that I may live
and don't make me ashamed of my expectation.
117 Support me, and I'll be saved,
and then I'll continually be paying attention to your regulations.
118 You reject all those who stray from your statutes,
because their deceit is a form of lying.
119 You remove all the wicked from the earth like slag is skimmed off—
that's why I love what you've revealed.
120 My body trembles in fear of you,
and I'm afraid of your judgements.

ע (Ayin)

Obeying Yahweh's instructions

121 I've done what's fair and right.
Don't abandon me to my oppressors.
122 Guarantee your servant's well-being—
don't let the proud oppress me.
123 My eyes are exhausted waiting for you to rescue me
and for your promise to free me of guilt.
124 Deal with your servant according to your loyal commitment,
and teach me your regulations.
125 I'm your servant—give me understanding
so that I can understand what you've revealed.
126 It's time for Yahweh to take action—
they disobey your instructions.
127 That's why I love your commands more than gold—
more than fine gold.
128 That's why I consider all your principles to be right in everything.
I hate every path that leads to lies.

פ (Pe)

Wanting to obey Yahweh's instructions

129 What you've revealed is wonderful,
therefore I obey it.
130 The unfolding of your messages gives light—
it gives insight to the untrained.
131 I open my mouth wide and pant
because I long for your commands.
132 Turn to me and be gracious to me as usual—
to those who love your name.
133 Guide me as you promised
and don't let wickedness gain power over me.
134 Pay the ransom to free me from oppression by others
so that I may keep your principles.
135 Look favourably on your servant,
and teach me your regulations.
136 Tears stream down from my eyes
because others don't follow your instructions.

צ (Tsade)

Yahweh demands obedience

137 You always do what is right, Yahweh,
and your regulations are fair.
138 What you've revealed demands obedience

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and much faithfulness.
139 My zeal has consumed me
because my enemies forget your messages.
140 What you said is totally pure
and your servant loves it.
141 I'm unimportant, and despised.
I don't forget your principles.
142 You do right and it's right forever,
and your instructions are true.
143 Distress and anguish have found me.
Your commands are my only delight.
144 What you've revealed is right forever.
Give me understanding so that I may live.

ק (Qof)

Calling to be rescued

145 I cried out with my whole being, "Answer me, Yahweh,
I will keep your regulations."
146 I call out to you—save me,
so that I can keep what you've revealed to us.
147 I rise before the dawn and cry out for help.
I put my hope in your words.
148 I stay awake through the night hours
in order to meditate on what you've said.
149 Apply your loyal commitment to listening to my voice.
Yahweh, preserve my life according to your justice.
150 Those pursuing wickedness are coming near.
They wander far from your instructions.
151 You are near, Yahweh,
and all your commands are reliable.
152 Long ago I learned from the things that you revealed
that you had established them forever.

ר (Resh)

Calling to be rescued

153 Take note of my suffering and rescue me
because I don't forget your instructions.
154 Plead my cause and buy me back.
Give me life as you promised.
155 The wicked have no chance of getting rescued,
because they have no interest in your regulations.
156 Your mercies are many, Yahweh.
Preserve me by means of your judgements.
157 My pursuers and my adversaries are many
but I haven't turned from what you've revealed.
158 I see the treacherous and despise them
because they don't take notice of what you've said.
159 See how I love your principles.
Yahweh, preserve me according to your loyal commitment.
160 The essence of your message is truth,
and all your righteous judgements last forever.

Literal Version

exceedingly and_servant_of_your he_loves_it. **141** Am_
_insignificant I and_am_despised precepts_of_your not I_have_
_forgotten. **142** righteousness_of_your is_righteousness
forever_perpetuity and_law_of_your is_truth. **143** Anxiety and_
_distress they_have_found_me commands_of_your delight(s)_
_of_are_my. **144** Are_righteousness_of testimonies_of_your
forever_perpetuity give_me_understanding so_that_I_may_live.

145 I_call_out with_all_of the_heart answer_me Oh_**YHWH**
decrees_of_your I_will_observe. **146** I_call_out_to_you save_me
and_I_will_keep testimonies_of_your. **147** I_am_early in_twilight
and_I_cried_for_help mmm[1270] I_wait. **148** Eyes_of_my they_
_anticipate the_night-watches to_meditate on_message_of_
_your. **149** My_sound/voice hear according_to_of_your_
_covenant_loyalty Oh_**YHWH** according_to_of_your_
_judgements preserve_me_alive. **150** Those_who_pursue_of
(of)_wickedness they_draw_near from_law_of_your they_are_
_distant. **151** Are_near you Oh_**YHWH** and_all commands_of_
_your are_truth. **152** Antiquity I_have_known from_
_testimonies_of_your if/because_that forever_perpetuity you_
_have_established_them.

153 See affliction_of_my and_rescue_me if/because law_of_your
not I_have_forgotten. **154** Conduct case_of_my and_redeem_me
to_message_of_your preserve_me_alive. **155** Is_far from_wicked_
_people salvation if/because decrees_of_your not they_have_
_sought. **156** Compassion(s)_of_your are_great Oh_**YHWH**
according_to_of_your_judgements preserve_me_alive. **157** Are_
_many those_of_who_harass_me and_foes_of_my from_
_testimonies_of_your not I_have_turned_aside. **158** I_see those_
_who_act_treacherously and_I_felt_loathing that message_of_
_your not they_have_kept. **159** See if/because_that precepts_of_
_your I_love Oh_**YHWH** according_to_of_your_covenant_loyalty
preserve_me_alive. **160** The_head_of your_message_of_your is_
_truth and_is_forever every_of (the)_judgement_of your_
_righteousness_of_your.

1270 LV 119:147 · Note OSHB variant note: ירבד/ל/ד: (x-qere) רָבְדֽוּ/לִ֑י; lemma_l/1697 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_194RR רָבְדֽוּ/לִ֑י,

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161 Officials they_have_harassed_me without_cause and[1271] heart_of_my it_is_in_dread. **162** I am_rejoicing on message_of_ _your like_one_who_brings_out plunder much. **163** Falsehood I_ _hate and_I_abhor law_of_your I_love. **164** Seven_times in_the_ _day I_praise_you on the_judgements_of your_righteousness_ _of_your. **165** Peace great belongs_to_those_who_love_of law_ _of_(of)_your and_there_was_not for_them a_stumbling_block. **166** I_hope for_salvation_of_your Oh_**YHWH** and_commands_ _of_your I_do. **167** Self_of_my it_keeps testimonies_of_your and_ _I_have_loved_them exceedingly. **168** I_keep precepts_of_your and_testimonies_of_your if/because all_of ways_of_my are_ _before_you.

169 Of_entreaty_of_my_cry may_it_draw_near to_your_face Oh_ _**YHWH** according_to_of_your_message give_me_ _understanding. **170** Supplication_of_my may_it_come to_your_ _face according_to_of_your_message deliver_me. **171** Lips_of_ _my may_they_pour_forth praise if/because you_teach_me decrees_of_your. **172** Tongue_of_my may_it_sing message_of_ _your if/because all_of commands_of_your are_righteousness. **173** May_it_be hand_of_your to_help_me if/because precepts_ _of_your I_have_chosen. **174** I_long for_salvation_of_your Oh_ _**YHWH** and_law_of_your delight(s)_of_is_my. **175** Self_of_my may_it_live so_that_it_may_praise_you and_judgements_of_ _your may_they_help_me. **176** I_have_gone_astray like_a_sheep lost seek servant_of_your if/because commands_of_your not I_ _have_forgotten.

120:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1272] to **YHWH** in_distress to/for_ _me I_called_out and_he_answered_me. **2** Oh_**YHWH** deliver self_of_my from_a_lip_of falsehood from_a_tongue_of deceit. **3** What will_he_give to/for_yourself(m) and_what will_he_add to/for_you(fs) Oh_tongue deceit. **4** Arrows_of a_warrior sharpened with burning_coals_of broom_plants. **5** Woe to_me if/because I_have_sojourned Meshek I_have_dwelt with the_ _tents_of Qēdār. **6** Much_of it_has_dwelt (for)_itself self_of_my with one_who_hates_of peace. **7** I am_peace and_because/when I_speak they are_for_war.

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Obeying Yahweh's instructions

ש (Sin/Shin)
161 Officials pursue me without cause,
but my heart trembles with what you've said.
162 I'm happy because of what you've promised,
like someone who discovers a large jackpot.
163 I hate deceit, in fact I loathe it—
^it's your instructions that I love.
164 I praise you seven times a day
on account of your righteous judgements.
165 Those who love your instructions find extensive peace—
nothing causes them to stumble.
166 I put my hope in you, Yahweh, to rescue me,
and I do what you commanded.
167 I sincerely follow all the things that you've revealed,
and I love them a lot.
168 I keep your principles and everything you've revealed,
because you see everything I do.

A prayer for help

ת (Tav)
169 Let my cry for help approach you, Yahweh.
Speak to me to give me understanding.
170 May my request reach your ears.
Rescue me as you promised you would.
171 May my lips pour out praise,
because you teach me your regulations.
172 Let my tongue sing about your promise,
because all your commands are right and fair.
173 Let your hand be ready to help me,
because I've chosen to follow your principles.
174 I long for when you'll rescue me, Yahweh,
and I enjoy your instructions.
175 May I live and praise you,
and may your regulations help me.
176 I've wandered off like a lost sheep.
Come and find your servant because I haven't forgotten your commands.

Asking Yahweh for peace

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
120:1 I called out to Yahweh when I was in distress,
and he answered me.
2 Rescue my life, Yahweh, from lying lips—
from a tongue of deceit.
3 You deceitful tongue of the enemy,
what punishment will Yahweh give to you,
and then what will he add on top of that?
4 Sharpened arrows like a warrior uses,
along with burning coals of broom branches.
5 It was my loss that I stayed at Meshek,
I lived among the tents at Kedar.
6 I've lived my life for a long time

1271 **LV 119:161 · Note** OSHB variant note: ד/ירבד/מ/ו: (x-qere) וּ/מִ/רָבְדוּ: lemma_c/m/1697 n_0.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_19ezr וּ/מִ/רָבְדוּ

1272 **LV 120:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.120.1

Readers' Version

with haters of peace.
7 I'm for peace,
but when I speak, they're for war.

Yahweh our protector

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
121:1 I look up towards the hills.
Where will my help come from?
2 My help comes from Yahweh
who made heaven and earth.
3 May he not allow your feet to slip.
May your protector stay alert.
4 Listen, Yisrael's (Israel's) protector doesn't doze or sleep.
5 Yahweh is your bodyguard.
Yahweh is beside you to shelter you.
6 Now the sun won't harm you during the day,
or the moon at night-time.
7 Yahweh will protect you from all harm.
He will protect your life.
8 Yahweh will protect your comings and your goings
both now and then forever.

Wanting peace for Yerushalem

A song by David while walking uphill to Yerushalem.
122:1 I was happy when they said to me,
"Let's go to Yahweh's house."
2 Yerushalem (Jerusalem), our feet are standing inside your gates—
3 Yerushalem, the city that was built with its protective walls
4 which is where Yahweh's tribes went up to
following what was revealed to Yisrael (Israel) to give thanks to Yahweh,
5 because judgement thrones remained there—
thrones of David's descendants.
6 Pray for Yerushalem to have peace and prosperity.
May those who love Yerushalem live at ease.
7 May there be peace within your walls—
peace within your fortresses.
8 For the sake of my friends and relatives
I'll say, "May there be peace within you."
9 For the sake of the house of our god Yahweh
I'll strive for the good of Yerushalem.

Praying to see mercy

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
123:1 I look up towards you—
you who rule from your throne in the heavens.
2 Just as servants look to their master for his favour,
and the maids look to their mistress,
so we look to our god Yahweh until he has mercy on us.
3 Have mercy on us, Yahweh, have mercy on us,
because we've been very humiliated by our enemies—

Literal Version

121:1 A_song of_ascents[1273] I_lift_up eyes_of_my to the_
_mountains from_where help_of_my will_it_come. **2** Help_of_
_my is_from_with **YHWH** who_made_of (of)_heaven and_earth.
3 Not may_he_permit to_slip foot_of_your not protector_of_
_your may_he_slumber. **4** THERE not he_will_slumber and_not
the_protector_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_sleep. **5** **YHWH** is_
_your_of_protector **YHWH** shade_of_is_your at the_hand_of
your_right_side_of_your. **6** By_day the_sun not it_will_strike_
_you and_the_moon in_night. **7** **YHWH** he_will_protect_you
from_all harm he_will_protect ~~DOM~~ life_of_your. **8** **YHWH** he_
_will_protect your_going_out and_coming_your from_now and_
_unto perpetuity.

122:1 The_song_of the_ascents of_Dāvid[1274] I_rejoiced in_those_
_who_said to_me the_house_of **YHWH** let_us_go. **2** Standing
feet_of_our they_were in_gates_of_your Oh_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which
_is_built like_a_city which_it_was_joined_together to_itself
together. **4** Where_there tribes the_tribes_of Yah they_went_up
a_transcript to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_give_thanks to_the_name_of
YHWH. **5** If/because there_(to) thrones for_judgement thrones
of_the_house_of of_Dāvid they_sat. **6** Ask_for the_peace_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) those_of_who_love_you may_they_
_be_at_ease. **7** May_it_be peace in_rampart_of_your security in_
_fortresses_of_your. **8** For_the_sake_of brothers_of_my and_
_friends_of_my I_will_speak please peace on/over_you(fs).
9 For_the_sake_of the_house_of **YHWH** god_of_our I_will_seek
good to/for_you(fs).

123:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1275] to_you I_have_lifted_up ~~DOM~~
eyes_of_my who_sit_of in_heavens. **2** HERE like_the_eyes_of
slaves which_are_to the_hand_of their_master(s)_of_their like_
_the_eyes_of a_female_slave which_are_to the_hand_of her_
_mistress_of_her so eyes_of_our are_to **YHWH** god_of_our until
that_he_will_show_favour_to_us. **3** Show_favour_to_us Oh_
_**YHWH** show_favour_to_us if/because much we_have_been_
_surfeited contempt. **4** Much_of it_has_been_surfeited (for)_
_itself self_of_our the_mockery of_(the)_self-confident_people

1273 **LV 121:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.121.1
1274 **LV 122:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.122.1
1275 **LV 123:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.123.1

Literal Version

the_contempt of_arrogant_people.[1276]

124:1 The_song_of the_ascents of_Dāvid[1277] if_not it_were_ _**YHWH** who_he_was to/for_us let_it_say please Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** If_not it_were_**YHWH** who_he_was to/for_us when_rose_up on_us anyone. **3** Then alive they_had_ _swallowed_us_up when_ anger_of_their _burnt on_us. **4** Then the_waters they_had_overflowed_us torrent_(to)_a[1278] it_had_ _passed over self_of_our. **5** Then it_had_passed over self_of_our the_waters (the)_raging. **6** **YHWH** who_not he_has_given_us prey to_teeth_of_their be_blessed. **7** Self_of_our like_a_bird it_ _has_escaped from_a_snare_of fowlers the_snare is_broken and_we we_have_escaped. **8** Help_of_our in/on_name_of **YHWH** who_made_of (of)_heaven and_earth.

125:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1279] those_who_trust in_**YHWH** are_like_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) which_not it_will_be_ _shaken forever_perpetuity it_will_remain.
2 Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) mountains are_around to/for_ _her/it and_**YHWH** is_around (to)_people_of_his from_now and_unto perpetuity. **3** If/because not the_scepter_of (the)_ _wickedness it_will_rest over the_allotted_portion_of the_ _righteous_people so_that not the_righteous_people they_may_ _stretch_out in_injustice_injustice hands_of_their. **4** Do_good Oh_**YHWH** to_people and_to_people_upright in_hearts_of_ _their. **5** And_those_who_turn_aside their_twisting_of_ways he_ _will_lead_them_away **YHWH** with those_who_do_of (of)_the_ _wickedness peace be_on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

126:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1280] when_ **YHWH** _restored ~~DOM~~ the_restoration_of Tsiyyōn we_were like_those_who_dream.
2 Then it_was_filled laughter mouth_of_our and_tongue_of_our a_shout_of_joy then people_said among_nations **YHWH** he_ _has_made_great for_doing with these_people. **3** **YHWH** he_ _has_made_great for_doing with_us we_were joyful. **4** Turn_ _back Oh_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ mmm[1281] like_stream-beds in_Negev. **5** Those_who_sow with_tear[s] with_a_shout_of_joy they_will_ _reap. **6** Going he_will_go and_weeping carrying (the)_bag_of

Readers' Version

4 in fact we've had way more than enough scoffing from the arrogant
and contempt from the proud.

Thanking for Yahweh's protection

A song by David while walking uphill to Yerushalem.
124:1 Let Yisrael (Israel) now say,
"If Yahweh hadn't been on our side,
2 yes, when we were attacked
if Yahweh hadn't been on our side,
3 they would have swallowed us up alive
when their anger raged against us.
4 Then the water would have swept us away—
the torrent would have gone right over us.
5 Yes, then the raging waters would have gone over us.
6 We praise Yahweh
who didn't allow our enemies to tear us apart with their teeth.
7 We've escaped like a bird out of a bird-catcher's trap—
the trap's been broken and we've escaped.
8 We rely on Yahweh for our help—
the one who made heaven and earth.

Against wicked rulers

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
125:1 Those who trust in Yahweh
are like Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) which can't be shaken—enduring forever.
2 Just like the mountains surround Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
so too Yahweh surrounds his people, both now and forever.
3 Wicked rulers must not settle on the land allotted to the righteous,
otherwise those righteous people might end up doing something that they shouldn't do.
4 Do good, Yahweh, to those who are good
and to those who strive to do what is right.
5 But as for those who choose to turn to crooked paths,
Yahweh will banish them along with those who do evil.
May peace be on Yisrael (Israel).

The cheerful harvest

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
126:1 When Yahweh restored Tsiyon's (Zion's) fortunes,
we were like those who dream.
2 Then our mouths were filled with laughter
and our tongues with singing.
Then they said among the nations,
"Yahweh has done great things for them."
3 Yahweh did great things for us.

1276 **LV 123:4 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

1277 **LV 124:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.124.1

1278 **LV 124:4 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

1279 **LV 125:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.125.1

1280 **LV 126:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.126.1

1281 **LV 126:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ונ/תובש: (x-qere) 'ונְ/תִיבְשׁ': lemma_7622 n_1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp1cp id_19HUR ונְ/תִיבְשׁ

Readers' Version

How glad we were.
4 Restore our fortunes, Yahweh,
like the streams do in the Negev desert.
5 Those who sow in tears will harvest with cheerful shouts.
6 The man who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,
will return again with happy shouts—bringing his bundles of grain with him.

A song by Shelomoh while walking uphill to Yerushalem.

Children are a blessing

127:1 If it's not Yahweh who builds the house, those who build it are just wasting their time.
If it's not Yahweh who guards the city, the watchman stands guard uselessly.
2 It's pointless getting up early, then coming home late,
or working so hard to get your food,
because Yahweh provides for those he loves even while they're asleep.
3 Yes, children are a heritage from Yahweh,
and the product of the womb is a reward.
4 The children of a young man
are like arrows in a warrior's hand.
5 The man who has his quiver full of them is blessed.
He won't be put to shame when he confronts his enemies at the community gate.

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.

Prosperity for those who honour Yahweh

128:1 Blessed is everyone who honours Yahweh—
who strives to follow what he showed us.
2 When you eat the product of your own hard work,
you will be blessed and prosper.
3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in your house.
Your children will be like olive trees as they sit around your table.
4 Yes, indeed, the man who honours Yahweh will be blessed.
5 May Yahweh bless you from Tsiyon (Zion)—
may you see Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) prosperity throughout your whole life.
6 May you live to see your children's children.
May peace be on Yisrael (Israel).

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.

Praying against haters of Tsiyon

129:1 Let Yisrael (Israel) say:
"My enemies have attacked me often since my youth.
2 Yes, often since my youth they've attacked me,
yet they haven't defeated me.
3 Their ploughmen ploughed on my back—
they made their furrows long.

Literal Version

(the)_seed certainly_(come) he_will_come[1282] with_a_shout_of_ _joy carrying sheaves_of_his.

127:1 The_song_of the_ascents of_Shəlomoh/(Solomon)[1283] if **YHWH** not he_will_build a_house vanity builders_of_its they_ _have_toiled in/on/over_him/it if **YHWH** not he_will_watch_ _over a_city vanity the_watchman he_has_kept_awake. **2** Vanity to/for_you(pl) who_rise_early_of (of)_to_rise who_delay_of (of)_to_sit who_eat_of (of)_the_bread_of (the)_hard_labours thus he_gives to_his_beloved_of_one sleep. **3** HERE the_ _inheritance_of **YHWH** is_sons is_a_reward the_fruit_of the_ _womb. **4** Like_arrows in_the_hand_of a_warrior so are_the_ _sons_of (the)_youth(s). **5** How_blessed is_the_man who he_ _has_filled ~~DOM~~ quiver_of_his from_them not they_will_be_ _ashamed if/because they_will_speak with enemies in_gate.

128:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1284] how_blessed is_every_of one_ _fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** who_walks in_ways_of_his. **2** The_toil_ _of your_two's_hands_of_your if/because you_will_eat how_of_ _blessed_are_you and_good to/for_you(fs). **3** Wife_of_your will_ _be_like_a_vine fruitful in_the_innermost_parts_of your_house_ _of_your children_of_your will_be_like_shoots_of olive_trees around (to)_table_of_your. **4** HERE if/because thus a_man fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** he_will_be_blessed. **5** May_he_bless_you **YHWH** from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_look on_the_good_thing[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) all_of the_days_of your(ms)_life. **6** And_see children of_children_of_your peace be_on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

129:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1286] much_of people_have_ _harassed_me since_youth(s)_of_my let_it_say please Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** Much_of people_have_harassed_me since_ _youth(s)_of_my also not they_have_prevailed to_me. **3** On back_of_my plowmen they_have_plowed they_have_made_long their[1287]. **4** **YHWH** is_righteous he_has_cut_off the_rope_of wicked_people. **5** May_they_be_ashamed and_may_they_be_ _turned_back backward all_of those_who_hate_of (of)_Tsiyyōn.

1282 **LV 126:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1283 **LV 127:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.127.1
1284 **LV 128:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.128.1
1286 **LV 129:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.129.1
1287 **LV 129:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: תונעמ/ל: (x-qere) יתֻנַּעֲמְ/לִ': lemma_l/4618 n_0 morph_HR/Ncfsc/Sp3mp id_19suA יתֻנַּעֲמְ/ל

Literal Version

6 May_they_be like_the_grass_of roofs which_before_of it_has_
_shot_up it_has_withered. 7 Which_not a_reaper he_has_filled
palm_of_his and_bosom_of_his one_who_binds_sheaves. 8 And_
_not they_say those_who_pass_by the_blessing_of **YHWH** be_
_to_you(pl) we_bless you(pl) in/on_name_of **YHWH**.

130:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1289] from_the_depths I_call_out_
_to_you Oh_**YHWH**. 2 My_master listen to_voice_of_my may_
_they_be ears_of_your attentive to_sound/voice my_
_supplications_of_my. 3 If iniquities you_will_keep Oh_Yah my_
_master who will_he_stand. 4 If/because is_with_you (the)_
_forgiveness so_that you_may_be_feared. 5 I_wait_for **YHWH**
self_of_my it_waits and_for_message_of_his I_wait. 6 Self_of_my
for_the_of_master more_than_watchmen for_morning
watchmen for_morning. 7 Wait Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to **YHWH**
if/because is_with **YHWH** (the)_covenant_loyalty and_great
with_him/it redemption. 8 And_he he_will_redeem ĐǾM
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_all iniquities_of_its.

131:1 The_song_of the_ascents of_Dāvid[1290] Oh_**YHWH** not
heart_of_my it_has_been_haughty and_not eyes_of_my they_
_have_been_uplifted and_not I_have_walked in_things_too_
_great and_in_things_too_difficult for_me. 2 If not I_have_
_made_still and_I_have_made_quiet self_of_my like_a_weaned_
_child on his/its_mother is_like_(the)_child on_me soul_of_my.
3 Wait Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to **YHWH** from_now and_unto
perpetuity.

132:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1294] remember Oh_**YHWH** to_
_Dāvid ĐǾM all_of his_being_afflicted. 2 Who he_swore_an_oath
to/for_**YHWH** he_vowed to_the_mighty_one_of
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob). 3 If I_will_go in_the_tent_of my_house_of_my
if I_will_go_up on the_couch_of my_beds_of_my. 4 If I_will_give
sleep_of to_eyes_of_my to_eyelids_of_my slumber. 5 Until I_
_will_find a_place to/for_**YHWH** dwelling_place(s) for_the_

Readers' Version

4 Yahweh is righteous.
He's cut the ropes of the wicked."[1285]
5 May all those who hate Tsiyon (Zion)
be humiliated and turned back.
6 May they be like the grass that sprouts up on a roof
then dries up and dies before it can grow tall,
7 so it's no use to the harvester
or to the person tying up the bundles of grain.
8 May no one who's passing by say to those haters of Tsiyon,
"May Yahweh's blessing be on you all,"
or, "We bless you all in Yahweh's name."

Yahweh can redeem us

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
130:1 I call out to you, Yahweh—
out from the depths.
2 My master, listen to what I'm saying.
Pay attention to my pleas for mercy.
3 Yahweh, if you kept a record of our disobedience,
master, who could stand before you?
4 But you do have a willingness to forgive
so that you might be respected.
5 I wait for Yahweh to rescue me—
I put my trust in what he's said.
6 I wait for my master to help me—
more eagerly than the night guard looks forward to the morning.
7 Yisrael (Israel), put your hope in Yahweh.
Yahweh is merciful and very willing to get us out of our situation.
8 He's the one who'll pay the price for all Yisrael's sins
so we can be free.[1288]

Explaining inner peace

A song by David while walking uphill to Yerushalem.
131:1 Yahweh, I'm not boastful or full of pride,
nor do I pretend to understand amazing things that are beyond me.
2 Instead, I've worked to maintain inner peace and quietness,
like a child who's been weaned, yet still trusts fully in its mother.
3 Yisrael (Israel), put your hope in Yahweh
from now on and forever.

Yahweh's resting place in Tsiyon

A song to be sung while walking uphill to Yerushalem.
132:1 Yahweh, for David's sake, remember all the hardships he endured.
2 Remember how he made a promise to you, Yahweh—
how he made a vow to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) mighty warrior:

1285 RV 129:4 · Note Probably meaning 'the ropes used to enslave us', but not certain.

1288 RV 130:8 · Cross-ref. Mat 1:21; Tit 2:14.

1289 LV 130:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.130.1

1290 LV 131:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.131.1

1294 LV 132:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.132.1

Readers' Version

3 "I won't enter my home,
or lie down in my bed.
4 I won't let my eyes close
or let myself doze away
5 until I've found a place for Yahweh—
a residence for the powerful one that Ya'akov worshipped.
6 Listen, we heard that the sacred box was in Efratah.
We found it in Ya'ar's fields.
7 We'll go into the place where he lives.
We'll bow low in front of him where he sits.
8 Yahweh, come to the place where you can remain—
you and the sacred chest that represents your power.
9 May your priests wrap themselves in integrity.
May your faithful followers shout happily.
10 For your servant David's sake,
don't just ignore the one that you've chosen.[1291]
11 Yahweh, you promised David and you won't break that promise.
You said, "I'll put your descendants on your throne.[1292]
12 If your sons keep my agreement and the instructions that I'll teach them,
then their children also will sit on your throne forevermore."
13 Yes, Yahweh has chosen Tsiyon (Zion)—
that's where he wants to reside.
14 He said, "This is my resting place forever.
I'll live here, because I like this place.
15 I'll bless Tsiyon with generous provisions.
Her poor people will have enough food to be satisfied.
16 I'll have her priests lead the people to be saved.
The faithful people will shout aloud in their happiness.
17 I'll cause one of David's descendants to become a great king there,
and shine the light on the one I've chosen.[1293]
18 I'll cause his enemies to be shamed,
and it's his crown that will shine.

A song by David while walking uphill to Yerushalem.

Living peacefully together

133:1 Listen, it's really good and pleasant
when the nation's people get on well together.
2 It's like having expensive oil on the head,
running down the beard—Aharon's (Aaron's) beard,
and which then runs down onto the collar of his robes.
3 It's like the dew on Mt. Hermon
which falls on the mountains of Tsiyon (Zion),
because Yahweh commanded the blessing there—eternal life.

Literal Version

_mighty_one_of Ya'$_a$qov. 6 HERE we_heard_of_it in_'Efrātāh we_
_found_it in_the_fields_of Ya'ar/(Jaar). 7 Let_us_go to_his_
_dwelling_of_place(s) let_us_bow_down to_the_footstool_of his_
_feet_of_his. 8 Arise Oh_**YHWH** to_your_resting_of_place you
and_the_box_of your_strength_of_your. 9 Priests_of_your let_
_them_be_clothed righteousness and_your_faithful_of_people
let_them_shout_for_joy. 10 In_account_of Dāvid servant_of_
_your do_not turn_away the_face_of your_anointed_one.
11 **YHWH** he_swore_an_oath to_Dāvid faithfulness not he_will_
_turn_back from_her/it from_the_fruit your_belly_of_your I_
_will_set to_throne to/for_you(fs). 12 If sons_of_your they_will_
_keep covenant_of_my and_testimonies_of_my which I_will_
_teach_them also sons_of_their until perpetuity they_will_sit
to_throne to/for_you(fs). 13 If/because **YHWH** he_has_chosen
(in)_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) he_has_desired_it to_a_dwelling_place to_
_him/it. 14 This resting_place_of_is_my until perpetuity here I_
_will_dwell if/because I_have_desired_it. 15 Food-supply_of_its
abundantly_(bless) I_will_bless its_needy_of_people I_will_
_satisfy food. 16 And_priests_of_its I_will_clothe salvation and_
_its_faithful_of_people certainly_(shout) they_will_shout_for_
_joy. 17 There I_will_make_grow a_horn for_Dāvid I_have_set_
_in_order a_lamp for_my_of_anointed. 18 Enemies_of_his I_will_
_clothe shame and_on_him crown_of_his it_will_shine.

133:1 The_song_of the_ascents of_Dāvid[1295] THERE how good
and_how pleasant brothers is_the_dwelling also together.
2 Like_oil (the)_good on the_head which_runs_down on the_
_beard the_beard_of 'Ah$_a$ron which_is_running_down on the_
_opening_of his_robes_of_his. 3 Like_the_dew_of Ḥermōn
which_is_running_down on the_mountains_of Tsiyyōn
if/because there **YHWH** he_has_commanded ~~DOM~~ the_blessing
life until (the)_perpetuity.

1291 **RV 132:8-10 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 6:41-42.
1292 **RV 132:11 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12-16; 1Ch 17:11-14; Psa 89:3-4; Acts 2:30.
1293 **RV 132:17 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 11:36.
1295 **LV 133:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.133.1

Literal Version

134:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1296] HERE bless ĐOM **YHWH** Oh_ _all_of the_servants_of **YHWH** who_stand in_house_of **YHWH** in_nights. **2** Lift_up hands_of_your(pl) the_sanctuary and_bless ĐOM **YHWH**. **3** May_he_bless_you **YHWH** from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) who_made_of (of)_heaven and_earth.

135:1 Praise Yah praise ĐOM the_name_of **YHWH** praise Oh_ _servants_of **YHWH**. **2** Who_are_standing in_house_of **YHWH** in_the_courts_of the_house_of our_god_of_our. **3** Praise Yah if/because is_good **YHWH** sing_praises to_name_of_his if/because it_is_pleasant. **4** If/because Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) he_has_ _chosen to_him/it Yah Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_possession_of_his. **5** If/because I I_know if/because_that is_great **YHWH** and_ _master(s)_of_our from_all gods. **6** All that **YHWH** he_desires he_does in_heavens and_on_earth in_the_seas and_all the_ _deeps. **7** He_is_bringing_up clouds from_the_end_of the_ _earth/land lightning_flashes for_rain he_makes he_is_ _bringing_out wind from_storehouses_of_his. **8** Who_he_ _struck_down the_firstborn(s)_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_ _humankind unto animal[s]. **9** He_sent signs and_wonders in_ _the_midst_of_of_you Oh_Mitsrayim on_Par'oh and_on/over_all servants_of_his. **10** Who_he_defeated nations many and_he_ _killed kings mighty. **11** To_Sihon the_king_of the_'Amorī and_ _to_'Ōg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān and_to/for_all the_kingdoms_ _of Kəna'an/(Canaan). **12** And_he/it_gave land_of_their an_ _inheritance an_inheritance to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) people_of_his. **13** Oh_**YHWH** name_of_your is_forever Oh_**YHWH** memorial_ _of_your is_to_a_generation and_a_generation. **14** If/because **YHWH** he_vindicates people_of_his and_on servants_of_his he_ _has_compassion. **15** The_idols_of the_nations are_silver and_ _gold the_work_of the_hands_of humankind. **16** A_mouth to/for_them and_not they_speak eyes to/for_them and_not they_see. **17** Ears to/for_them and_not they_give_ear also there_not there_is breath in_mouth_of_their. **18** Like_them those_of_who_make_them they_will_be every one_who is_ _trusting in_them. **19** Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) bless ĐOM **YHWH** Oh_house_of 'Ah$_a$ron bless ĐOM **YHWH**. **20** Oh_house_of the_Lēviyyiy bless ĐOM **YHWH** Oh_those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** bless ĐOM **YHWH**. **21** Be_blessed **YHWH** from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) who_dwells Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) praise Yah.

Readers' Version

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.

Lift your hands and bless Yahweh

134:1 Listen, bless Yahweh, all you servants of Yahweh—
you who stand in Yahweh's house at night.
2 Lift up your hands towards the sacred place and bless Yahweh.
3 May Yahweh, the creator of heaven and earth
bless you from Tsiyon (Zion).

A praise song

135:1 Praise Yahweh—praise his name.
Praise him, you servants of Yahweh,
2 who stand in the house of Yahweh—
in the courtyards around our god's house.
3 Praise Yahweh, because he is good.
Sing praises to his name because it's pleasant,
4 because Yahweh has chosen Ya'akov (Jacob) for himself—
Yisrael (Israel) as his very own.
5 You see, I myself know that Yahweh is great,
yes, our master is greater than all other gods.
6 Yahweh does whatever he wants to do
in heaven and on the earth,
in the seas, including all their deepest parts.
7 He makes the clouds rise up from the end of the earth.
He makes lightning accompany the rain,
and brings the wind out of his storehouse.
8 He struck Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) firstborn males—
both people and animals.[1297]
9 He did miracles and amazing things in your country, Mitsrayim,
against Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his servants.
10 He struck many nations
and killed powerful kings,
11 Sihon king of the Amorim,
and Og king of Bashan,
and all the Kena'ani (Canaanite) kings.
12 He gave their land as an inheritance—
an inheritance to his people Yisrael (Israel).
13 Your reputation lasts forever, Yahweh.
Your renown, Yahweh, endures throughout the generations
14 because Yahweh judges his people,
and he's compassionate towards his servants.
15 The nations' idols are silver and gold—
the work of people's hands.[1298]
16 Those idols have mouths, but they can't speak.
They have eyes, but they can't see.
17 They have ears, but they can't hear,
and there's no breath in their mouths.
18 Those who make them will end up like them,
as will all those who put their trust in them.
19 Descendants of Yisrael (Israel), bless Yahweh.

1296 **LV 134:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.134.1

1297 **RV 135:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 11.

1298 **RV 135:15-18 · Cross-ref.** Psa 115:4-8; Rev 9:20.

Readers' Version

Descendants of Aharon (Aaron), bless Yahweh.
20 Descendants of Levi, bless Yahweh.
All you who respect Yahweh, bless him.
21 Blessed be Yahweh in Tsiyon (Zion)—
he who lives in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
Praise Yahweh.

A song of thankfulness

136:1 Give thanks to Yahweh, because he's good,
because his loyal affection continues forever.[1299]
2 Give thanks to the god of gods,
because his loyal affection continues forever.
3 Give thanks to the master of masters,
because his loyal affection continues forever.
4 Thank him—the only one who does great miracles—
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
5 Thank him who used his wisdom to make the universe,[1300]
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
6 Thank him who spread the earth out over the waters,[1301]
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
7 Thank him who made the great lights,[1302]
because his loyal commitment continues forever:
8 the sun to rule over the day,
because his loyal commitment continues forever,
9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
10 Thank him who struck Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) firstborn males,[1303]
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
11 He led Yisrael (Israel) out from among the Mitsrim (Egyptians),[1304]
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
12 He led them with his powerful hand and outstretched arm,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
13 Thank him who divided the Red Sea in two,[1305]
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
14 Then he made Yisrael go through the middle of that sea,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
15 Then he threw Par'oh (Pharaoh) and his army down into the Red Sea,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
16 Thank him who led his people through the wilderness,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
17 Thank him who struck down great kings,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.

Literal Version

136:1 Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **2** Give_thanks to_the_god_of the_'Elohīm if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **3** Give_thanks to_the_master(s)_of the_masters if/because to_vanishing_point loyalty_of_his_covenant. **4** To_ _one_who_does_of (of)_wonders great for_him/it_being_alone if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **5** To_one_who_ _made_of the_heavens by_understanding if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **6** To_one_who_beat_out_of the_ _earth/land on the_waters if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **7** To_one_who_made_of (of)_the_lights great if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **8** ~~DOM~~ the_sun for_dominion in_the_day if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **9** ~~DOM~~ the_moon and_stars for_dominion(s) in_night if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **10** To_one_who_ _struck_down_of (of)_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) (in)_firstborn(s)_of_ _their if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **11** And_ _he_brought_out Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_among_of_them if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **12** By_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **13** To_one_who_cut_of the_sea_of reed[s] into_pieces if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **14** And_he_made_pass Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_ _middle_of_of_it if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **15** And_he_shook_off Par'oh and_army_of_his in_the_sea_of reed[s] if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **16** To_ _one_who_led_of people_of_his in_wilderness if/because is_ _forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **17** To_one_who_struck_down_ _of (of)_kings great if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **18** And_he_killed kings mighty if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **19** To_Sihon the_king_of the_'Amorī if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **20** And_to_'Ōg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **21** And_he/it_gave land_of_their to_an_inheritance if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **22** An_ _inheritance to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) servant_of_his if/because is_ _forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **23** Who_in_our_low_of_ _condition he_remembered to/for_us if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **24** And_he_tore_us_away from_foes_ _of_our if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **25** He_is_ _giving_of (of)_food to/from_all/each/any/every flesh if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **26** Give_thanks to_the_god_of the_heavens if/because is_forever loyalty_of_

1299 RV 136:1 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13; 7:3; Ezr 3:11; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; Jer 33:11.
1300 RV 136:5 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:1.
1301 RV 136:6 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:2.
1302 RV 136:7-9 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:16.
1303 RV 136:10 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:29.
1304 RV 136:11 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:51.
1305 RV 136:13-15 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:21-29.

Literal Version

_his_covenant.

137:1 At the_rivers_of Bāvel there we_sat also we_wept when_ _remembered_we ᴅᴏᴍ Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **2** On poplars in_the_ _midst_of_of_it we_hung_up harps_of_our. **3** If/because there they_asked_us captors_of_our words/messages_of a_song and_ _mockers_of_our gladness sing to/for_us one_of_the_song[s]_of Tsiyyōn. **4** How will_we_sing ᴅᴏᴍ the_song_of **YHWH** on ground_of foreignness. **5** If I_will_forget_you Oh_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) hand_of_my_right may_it_forget. **6** Tongue_of_my may_it_cleave to_palate_of_my if not I_will_ _remember_you if not I_will_lift_up ᴅᴏᴍ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) above the_chief_of my_joy_of_my. **7** Remember Oh_**YHWH** to_the_people_of 'Edōm ᴅᴏᴍ the_day_ _of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) who_were_saying lay_bare lay_ _bare to the_foundation in_it. **8** Oh_daughter_of Bāvel which_ _is_about_to_be_destroyed how_blessed is_the_one_who_he_ _will_repay to/for_you(fs) ᴅᴏᴍ dealing_of_your which_you_ _dealt to/for_us. **9** How_blessed is_the_one_who_he_will_seize and_he_will_smash ᴅᴏᴍ children_of_your to the_rock.

138:1 Of_Dāvid[1307] I_will_give_thanks_to_you with_all_of heart_ _of_my before the_gods I_will_sing_praises_to_you. **2** I_will_ _bow_down to the_temple_of your_holiness_of_your and_I_ _will_give_thanks_to ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_name on loyalty_of_your_ _covenant and_on faithfulness_of_your if/because you_have_ _made_great over all_of name_of_your message_of_your. **3** In/on_day when_I_called_out and_you_answered_me you_ _made_me_bold in_soul_of_my strength. **4** They_will_give_

Readers' Version

18 Thank him who killed powerful kings,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
19 Thank him who killed the Amori King Sihon,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
20 Thank him who killed King Og from Bashan,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
21 Thank him who gave them the land as their inheritance,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
22 Thank him who gave an inheritance to his servant Yisrael (Israel),
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
23 Thank him who remembered us when we felt so low,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
24 Then he rescued us from those who set themselves against us,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
25 Thank him who gives food to all living creatures,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
26 Yes, give thanks to the god of the heavens,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.

Mourning Yerushalem's destruction

137:1 We sat beside the rivers in Bavel (Babylon)—
sat and wept when we thought about Tsiyon (Zion).
2 We hung our harps there on the willow trees
3 because our captors there had demanded that we sing songs,
and those who never stopped mocking us said,
"Sing us one of the songs from Tsiyon."
4 How could we sing a song about Yahweh
while we were captive in a foreign country?
5 If I forget about you, Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
may my right hand forget how to do anything.
6 Let my tongue stick to my palate if I don't keep remembering you—
if I don't prioritise Yerushalem over my favourite pastime.
7 Remember, Yahweh, the day Yerushalem fell,
how the Edomim said,
"Tear it down—tear it down to its foundations."
8 You daughter of Bavel (Babylon) who will be destroyed—
blessed be the one who repays you for what you did to us.[1306]
9 Blessed be the one who seizes your little ones
and smashes them against the rocks.

A prayer of thankfulness

A song by David.
138:1 I will thank you, Yahweh, with my whole being.
I'll sing praises to you in front of the idols.
2 I will bow down toward your sacred temple,
and I'll thank you for your loyal commitment and for your trustworthiness,

1306 **RV 137:8 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:6.

1307 **LV 138:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.138.1

Readers' Version

because you've made your reputation and your message more important than anything else.
3 When I called out for help, you answered me.
→You gave me strength and made me bold.
4 All the kings of the earth will thank you, Yahweh,
→because they will hear what you're saying.
5 Yes, they'll sing about Yahweh's ways,
because Yahweh's honour is outstanding,
6 because although Yahweh is up high, yet he can still see the lowly,
and he knows the proud from far off.
7 Even when I'm walking with danger all around me,
you will preserve my life.
You actively oppose the anger of my enemies,
and you save me with your intervention.
8 Yahweh will get revenge against them for me.
Your loyal affection continues forever.
You don't abandon the work that you started.

God's care and total knowledge

One of David's songs for the choir director.
139:1 Yahweh, you have examined me, and you know me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I stand up.
You understand my thoughts from far away.
3 You've watched where I go and where I rest,
and you're familiar with everything I do.
4 Before the words even get to my tongue,
Yahweh, you already know everything that I'm going to say.
5 In front of me and behind me, you surround me
to use your power to protect me.
6 That knowledge is too amazing for me.
It's above me and beyond my reach.
7 Where can I go from your spirit?
Where could I run away to—away from your presence?
8 If I ascend up to the heavens, you're there.
If I make my bed in the grave, wow, you're even there.
9 If I flew up high with the dawning sun
or stayed down in a remote part of the ocean,
10 you'd still be there to lead me with your hand
and you would help me.
11 If I said, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light will become night around me,"
12 even the darkness wouldn't be dark to you,
and the night would shine like the day.
The darkness is like the light to you.
13 Yes, you created my internal parts—
you put me together inside my mother's womb.
14 I'll praise you because it's incredible how my body is made.

Literal Version

_thanks_to_you Oh_**YHWH** all_of the_kings_of the_earth if/because they_have_heard the_words/messages_of your_ _mouth_of_your. **5** And_they_will_sing in_the_ways_of **YHWH** if/because is_great the_glory_of **YHWH**. **6** If/because **YHWH** is_ _exalted and_the_lowly he_sees and_the_proud from_a_ _distance he_knows. **7** If I_will_walk in_the_midst_of trouble you_preserve_me_alive on the_anger my_enemies_of_my[1308] you_stretch_out hand_of_your and_it_saves_me hand_of_your_ _right. **8** **YHWH** he_will_avenge for_me Oh_**YHWH** loyalty_of_ _your_covenant is_forever the_works_of your_two's_hands_of_ _your do_not abandon.

139:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid a_song[1309] Oh_**YHWH** you_have_ _examined_me and_you_have_known_me. **2** You you_know sitting_my and_standing_my you_understand (to)_thought[s]_ _of_my from_a_distance. **3** Travelling_my and_my_lying_down you_sift and_all ways_of_my you_know_intimately. **4** If/because there_is_not a_message on_tongue_of_my THERE Oh_**YHWH** you_know of_it_of_all. **5** Back_part and_front you_enclose_me and_you_have_put on_me palm_of_your. **6** Is_too_wonderful[1310] knowledge for_me it_is_set_on_high not I_am_able to/for_ _her/it. **7** Where will_I_go from_spirit_of_your and_where from_presence_of_your will_I_flee. **8** If I_will_ascend heavens are_there you and_I_will_spread_as_a_bed Shə'ōl there_you_ _are. **9** I_will_rise_up the_wings_of dawn I_dwell in_end/latter the_sea. **10** Also there hand_of_your it_will_lead_me and_it_ _will_grasp_me hand_of_your_right. **11** And_I_said surely darkness it_will_crush_me and_will_be_night the_light behind_ _me. **12** Also darkness not it_is_too_dark for_you and_night like_day it_shines as_darkness as_light. **13** If/because you you_ _created kidneys_of_my you_wove_me_together in_the_womb_ _of my_mother_of_my. **14** I_will_give_thanks_to_you on if/because awesome I_am_wonderful are_wonderful works_of_ _your and_self_of_my is_knowing exceedingly. **15** Not bone[s]_ _of_my it_was_hidden from_you who I_was_made in_place I_ _was_formed in_the_lower_parts_of the_earth. **16** Form_of_my_ _shapeless eyes_of_your they_saw on scroll_of_your of_them_ _of_all they_were_written days which_they_were_ordained and[1311] one was_among_them. **17** And_to_me how thoughts_of_ _your they_are_precious Oh_god how sum(s)_of_their they_are_ _vast. **18** I_will_count_them more_than_sand they_will_be_ _numerous I_awoke and_still_I am_with_you. **19** If you_will_kill Oh_god the_wicked and_Oh_men_of blood(s) depart from_me. **20** Those_who they_speak_of_you to_wickedness they_lift_up to_falsehood enemies_of_your. **21** Am_not those_of_who_hate_

1308 **LV 138:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1309 **LV 139:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.139.1
1310 **LV 139:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **היאלפ**: (x-qere) 'הֶאָיְלְפָ': lemma_6383 morph_HAafsa id_193jA הֶאָיְלְפָ
1311 **LV 139:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אל/ו**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/לְ/וֹ': lemma_c/l morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_19xxE וֹ/לְ/וֹ

Literal Version

you Oh**YHWH** do_I_hate and_at_rebels_of_your do_I_feel_
_loathing. **22** Completeness_of hatred I_hate_them (into)_
_enemies they_have_become to_me. **23** Examine_me Oh_god
and_know heart_of_my test_me and_know thoughts_of_my_
_disquieting. **24** And_see if a_way_of an_idol is_in_me and_lead_
_me in_the_way_of antiquity.

140:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [1313] Rescue_me Oh_
_**YHWH** from_humankind evil from_man violence(s) you_will_
_preserve_me. **3** [1314] Who they_plan evil_things in_the_heart
every_of day they_stir_up_trouble wars. **4** [1315] They_sharpen
tongue_of_their like a_snake the_venom_of a_viper is_under
lips_of_their Ṣelāh. **5** [1316] Keep_me Oh_**YHWH** from_the_hands_
_of the_wicked from_man violence(s) you_will_preserve_me
who they_have_planned to_push_down footsteps_of_my. **6** [1317]
Proud_people they_have_hidden a_trap to_me and_ropes they_
_have_spread a_net to_the_side_of a_track snares they_have_set
to_me Ṣelāh. **7** [1318] I_say to/for_**YHWH** god_of_are_my you
give_ear_to Oh_**YHWH** the_sound_of my_supplications_of_my.
8 [1319] Oh_**YHWH** my_master the_strength_of my_salvation_of_
_my you_cover (to)_head_of_my in/on_day weaponry. **9** [1320] Do_
not grant Oh**YHWH** the_desires_of the_wicked plan_of_his
do_not cause_to_accomplish they_will_arise Ṣelāh. **10** [1321] The_
_head_of my_surroundings_of_my the_mischief_of their_lips_of

Readers' Version

Everything you do is wonderful.
My inner being knows that very well.
15 My bones weren't hidden from you when I was made in private—
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my unformed body.
All my history was already recorded in your book
even before any of those days had started.
17 Your thoughts are so precious to me, God.
They add up to something incredible.
18 If I counted them, there'd be more than the sand grains.
When I wake up, I'm still with you.
19 If only you'd kill the wicked, God
(and you violent men, get away from me),
20 because they speak against you due to their evil desires—
your enemies lie about you.
21 Yahweh, I certainly hate those who hate you.
I despise those who rebel against you.
22 I hate them completely—
they've become my enemies.
23 Examine me, God, and know my inner feelings.
Test me and know my thoughts.
24 See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me on the timeless path.

A prayer for protection

A song by David for the choir director.
140:1 Yahweh, rescue me from wicked men.
Keep me safe from men of violence,
2 because they plan evil in their hearts.
They assemble for battles every day.
3 They sharpen their tongues like snakes.
Vipers' poison is on their lips.[1312] (Instrumental break.)
4 Keep me from the hands of the wicked, Yahweh.
Protect me from violent men who plan to ruin me.
5 The proud have set a trap for me,
and they've spread a net with ropes.
They've set traps for me along the path. (Instrumental break.)
6 I said to Yahweh, "You're my god.
Yahweh, listen to my cries for mercy."

1312 **RV 140:3 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:13.
1313 **LV 140:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.1
1314 **LV 140:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.2
1315 **LV 140:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.3
1316 **LV 140:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.4
1317 **LV 140:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.5
1318 **LV 140:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.6
1319 **LV 140:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.7
1320 **LV 140:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.8
1321 **LV 140:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.9

Readers' Version

7 Yahweh, my master, you're the strong one who can save me.
You protect my head during the battle.
8 Yahweh, don't let the wicked get what they want.
Don't allow their evil plans to succeed, or let them attack. (Instrumental break.)
9 Those who surround me raise their heads.
Let the mischief from their own lips bounce back on them.
10 Let burning coals fall on them.
Throw them into the fire or into muddy pits.
→Never again will they try to attack.
11 May no agitator become established in the land.
May evil speedily hunt down the man planning violence.
12 I know that Yahweh will act with favour for the poor
and with justice to the needy.
13 Surely the godly people will praise your name.
The upright will live peaceably in your presence.

A song by David.

Accepting correction

141:1 Yahweh, I called out to you. Come quickly to me.
Listen to my voice when I call to you.
2 May my prayer rise to your face like incense.[1330]
May my lifted hands be like the evening sacrifice.
3 Yahweh, place a guard over my mouth.
Guard the door which is my lips.
4 Don't let my heart bend toward any evil thing
or participate in sinful activities
with men who behave wickedly.
May I not eat any of their delicacies.
5 Let a righteous person hit me—it would be a kindness.
Let them correct me—it will be soothing like lotion on my head.
Help me not to be defiant,
because my prayer is always against those who do wicked things.
6 When their rulers are thrown down from the cliffs,
the people will listen to my words because they're pleasant.
7 Like when someone ploughs and breaks up the ground,
so our bones have been scattered at the entrance to the grave.
8 My eyes are on you, Yahweh, my master.
You're my place of protection—don't abandon my life.
9 Keep me from the trap that they've laid for me—
from the nets of those who do evil.

Literal Version

mmm[1322].[1323] **11** [1324] May_they_be_dropped[1325] on_them burning_coals in_fire let_someone_make_them_fall in_pits not let_them_arise. **12** [1326] A_person_of tongue not let_him_be_ _established on_the_earth a_person_of violence trouble let_it_ _hunt_him for_blows. **13** [1327] I_know[1328] if/because_that **YHWH** he_will_do the_cause_of the_poor the_justice_of needy_people. **14** [1329] Surely righteous_people they_will_give_thanks to_ _name_of_your upright_people they_will_dwell with presence_ _of_your.

141:1 A_song of_Dāvid[1331] Oh_**YHWH** I_call_out_to_you make_ _haste to/for_me give_ear_to my_sound/voice when_call_I to/for_you(fs). **2** Prayer_of_my may_it_be_established incense to_your_face the_raising_of my_palms_of_my an_offering_of evening. **3** Set Oh_**YHWH** a_guard for_mouth_of_my keep_ _watch over the_door_of my_lips_of_my. **4** Do_not incline heart_ _of_my to_anything evil to_practice practices in_wickedness with people who_do_of (of)_wickedness and_not I_will_eat in_ _delicacies_of_their. **5** Let_him_strike_me a_righteous_person loyalty and_let_him_rebuke_me oil_of head not my_head let_it_ _refuse if/because still and_prayer_of_my is_on_their_evil_of_ _deeds. **6** They_have_been_thrown_down at_the_hands_of a_ _rock judges_of_their and_they_will_hear words/messages_of_ _my if/because_that they_are_pleasant. **7** Like one_who_plows and_one_who_breaks_up on_the_earth bones_of_our they_ _have_been_scattered to_the_mouth_of Shə'ōl. **8** If/because are_to_you Oh_**YHWH** my_master eyes_of_my in_you I_take_ _refuge do_not pour_out life_of_my. **9** Keep_me from_the_ _hands_of the_trap which_they_have_laid to_me and_the_ _snares_of those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness. **10** Let_them_fall in_his_own_of_nets wicked_people together I until I_will_pass_ _by.

1322 **LV 140:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּמִ/וסכי: (x-qere) 'וּמִ֫סַּכְּי': lemma_3680 n_0 morph_HVpj3ms/Sp3mp id_19RZH וּמִ֫סַּכְּי

1323 **LV 140:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

1324 **LV 140:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.10

1325 **LV 140:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: וטימי: (x-qere) 'וּטְמֹמֵי': lemma_4131 morph_HVNi3mp id_19J2t וּטְמֹמֵי

1326 **LV 140:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.11

1327 **LV 140:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.12

1328 **LV 140:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: תעדי: (x-qere) 'יְתַעֲדֻנִי': lemma_3045 n_1.1 morph_HVqp1cs id_19cRk יְתַעֲדֻנִי

1329 **LV 140:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.13

1330 **RV 141:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 5:8.

1331 **LV 141:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.141.1

Literal Version

142:1 A_poem of_Dāvid when_was_he in_cave a_prayer. **2** [1333] My_sound/voice to **YHWH** I_cry_out my_sound/voice to **YHWH** I_seek_favour. **3** [1334] I_pour_out before_him complaint_ _of_my trouble_of_my before_him I_tell. **4** [1335] When_faints_ _away on_me my_breath/wind/spirit and_you(ms) you_know pathway_of_my in_the_path which I_walk people_have_hidden a_snare to_me. **5** [1336] Look right and_see and_there_is_not to_ _me one_who_pays_regard a_place_of_escape it_has_been_lost from_me there_is_not one_who_cares for_self_of_my. **6** [1337] I_ _cry_out to_you Oh_**YHWH** I_say you refuge_of_are_my portion_of_my in_land the_life. **7** [1338] Pay_attention to of_ _entreaty_of_my_cry if/because I_have_become_low exceedingly deliver_me from_those_of_who_harass_me if/because they_are_too_strong for_me. **8** [1339] Bring_out from_ _prison self_of_my to_give_thanks_to ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_name (in)_ _me righteous_people they_will_surround if/because you_deal_ _bountifully towards_me.

143:1 A_song of_Dāvid[1341] Oh_**YHWH** hear prayer_of_my give_ _ear to supplications_of_my in_faithfulness_of_your answer_me in_righteousness_of_your. **2** And_do_not go in_judgement with servant_of_your if/because not he_is_righteous to_your_face any_of living_person. **3** If/because an_enemy he_has_pursued self_of_my he_has_crushed to_ground life_of_my he_has_ _caused_me_to_dwell in_dark_places like_dead_people_of antiquity. **4** And_it_has_fainted_away on_me my_ _breath/wind/spirit in_the_midst_of_of_me heart_of_my it_is_ _appalled. **5** I_have_remembered days from_east I_have_ _muttered on_every_of deed_of_your on_the_work_of your_ _two's_hands_of_your I_meditate. **6** I_have_spread_out hands_ _of_my to_you throat_of_my like_a_land exhausted to/for_ _yourself(m) Ṣelāh. **7** Hurry answer_me Oh_**YHWH** my_ _breath/wind/spirit it_is_exhausted do_not hide face_of_your from_me and_I_will_be_equal with those_who_go_down_of the_ _pit. **8** Make_me_hear in_morning loyalty_of_your_covenant if/because in_you(ms) I_have_trusted make_known_to_me the_ _way which I_will_go if/because to_you I_lift_up desire_of_my.

Readers' Version

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets
while I escape.

A prayer for protection

A song[1332] and prayer of David when he was hiding in a cave.

142:1 I cry out to Yahweh with my voice.
With my voice I plead to Yahweh for his favour.
2 I pour out my sorrows to him.
I declare my troubles in front of him.
3 When my spirit is weak within me, you yourself know my path.
They've hidden a trap for me along the path that I walk.
4 I look around and see that no one takes any notice of me.
There's no safe place for me to escape to
and there's no one who cares for my life.
5 I called out to you for help, Yahweh.
I said that you're my protection—
my portion in the land of the living.
6 Listen to my cries for help because I've been driven into a bad situation.
Rescue me from my pursuers because they're stronger than I am.
7 Bring my life out of prison in order to praise your name.
The godly people will gather around me because you've been good to me.

A prayer to be rescued

A song by David.

143:1 Hear my prayer, Yahweh—listen to my requests.
On account of your faithfulness, answer me in your righteousness.
2 Don't judge me, your servant,
because no living person is innocent anyway.[1340]
3 The enemy has pursued my life.
He's smashed me into the ground.
He's forced me to live in darkness like those who've been dead a long time.
4 My spirit is getting weaker.
My mind is full of despair.
5 I remember the good old days.
I meditate about your activities.
I consider all the things you've done.
6 I spread my hands out towards you.

1332 **RV 142:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.

1333 **LV 142:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.1

1334 **LV 142:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.2

1335 **LV 142:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.3

1336 **LV 142:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.4

1337 **LV 142:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.5

1338 **LV 142:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.6

1339 **LV 142:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.7

1340 **RV 143:2 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:20; Gal 2:16.

1341 **LV 143:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.143.1

Readers' Version

I long for you like a thirsty person longs for water in the desert. (Instrumental break.)
7 Answer me quickly, Yahweh, because my spirit is weak.
Don't hide yourself from me or I'll become like those going down into the pit.
8 Every morning I want to hear about your loyal commitment
because I've put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go
because I've committed my life to you.
9 Rescue me from my enemies, Yahweh—
I trust you as my protector.
10 Teach me to do what you like
because you're my god.
May your good spirit lead me
out of the valley onto level ground.
11 Yahweh, keep me alive for the sake of your reputation.
Rescue me from trouble because you always do what is right.
12 Apply your loyal commitment and cut off my enemies.
Destroy all those threatening my life, because I'm your servant.

A song by David.

The thanking due to victory

144:1 Blessed be Yahweh, my stable base,
who trains my hands for war
and my fingers for battle.
2 You're my fortress and show your loyal commitment to me.
You're my high tower and the one who rescues me,
my shield and the one I trust for my protection—
the one who subdues other nations under me.
3 Yahweh, what's humankind that you take notice of them?
Why do you even consider humanity?[1342]
4 People are like a puff of air—
here one minute and gone the next.
5 Yahweh, cause your sky to bend over and come down.
Touch the mountains and make them active.
6 Flash your lightning and scatter your enemies.
Send your arrows and drive them away.
7 Reach your hand down from above.
Save me and rescue me from the surging waters—
away from being controlled by foreigners
8 who always tell lies,
even when they promise to tell the truth.
9 I will sing a new song to you, God.
I'll play the ten-stringed instrument for you
10 who saves kings from their enemies—
the one who rescued his servant David from a deadly sword.
11 Rescue me from being controlled by foreigners
who always tell lies,
even when they promise to tell the truth.
12 May our sons be like plants that grow large even when they're still young

Literal Version

9 Deliver_me from_enemies_of_my Oh_**YHWH** to_you I_have_
_covered. **10** Teach_me to_do will_of_your if/because you god_
_of_are_my spirit_of_your good may_it_lead_me in_land level_
_ground. **11** For_the_sake_of name_of_your Oh_**YHWH** you_will_
_preserve_me_alive in_righteousness_of_your you_will_bring_
_out from_trouble life_of_my. **12** And_in_your_covenant_of_
_loyalty you_will_destroy enemies_of_my and_you_will_destroy
all_of the_foes_of my_life_of_my if/because I servant_of_am_
_your.

144:1 Of_Dāvid[1343] be_blessed **YHWH** rock_of_my the_one_who_
_trains hands_of_my for_battle fingers_of_my for_warfare.
2 Loyalty_of_my_covenant and_stronghold_of_my refuge_of_
_my and_deliverer_of_my to_me shield_of_my and_one_whom_
_in_him I_take_refuge the_one_who_subdues people_of_my
under_me. **3** Oh_**YHWH** what is_humankind and_you_have_
_considered_him a_child_of humankind and_you_have_
_regarded_him. **4** Humankind (to)_breath he_is_like his/its_
_days are_like_a_shadow passing. **5** Oh_**YHWH** bend_down
heavens_of_your and_you_will_come_down touch (in)_
_mountains so_that_they_may_smoke. **6** Flash lightning and_
_you_will_scatter_them send arrows_of_your and_you_will_
_confuse_them. **7** Stretch_out hands_of_your from_a_high_
_place set_me_free and_deliver_me from_waters many from_
_the_hand_of sons_of foreignness. **8** Who mouth_of_their it_
_speaks falsehood and_their_right_of_hand is_a_right_hand_of
deception. **9** Oh_god a_song new I_will_sing to_you with_a_
_lyre_of ten I_will_make_music to_you. **10** Who_gives
deliverance to_kings who_sets_free ~~DOM~~ Dāvid servant_of_his
from_a_sword evil. **11** Set_me_free and_deliver_me from_the_
_hand_of sons_of foreignness who mouth_of_their it_speaks
falsehood and_their_right_of_hand is_a_right_hand_of
deception. **12** That sons_of_our will_be_like_plants full_grown
in_youth(s)_of_their daughters_of_our will_be_like_corners
carved the_structure_of a_palace. **13** Granaries_of_our will_be_
_full providing from_kind to kind flocks_of_our will_be_
_producing_thousands increasing_ten_thousandfold in_our_
_open_of_places. **14** Cattle(s)_of_our will_be_loaded there_will_
_not_be a_breach and_there_will_not_be abortion and_there_
_will_not_be an_outcry in_our_open_of_places. **15** How_blessed
is_the_people which_thus for_him/it how_blessed is_the_
people which**YHWH** his/its_god.

1342 **RV 144:3 · Cross-ref.** Yob 7:17-18; Psa 8:4.

1343 **LV 144:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.144.1

Literal Version

145:1 Praise of_Dāvid[1344] I_will_exalt_you my_god_of_my the_ _king and_I_will_bless name_of_your forever_perpetuity and_ _ever. **2** In_all day I_will_bless_you and_I_will_praise name_of_ _your forever_perpetuity and_ever. **3** Is_great **YHWH** and_is_to_ _be_praised exceedingly and_to_greatness_of_his there_is_not searching. **4** Generation to_generation it_will_extol works_of_ _your and_your(pl)_mighty_of_deeds they_will_declare. **5** The_ _majesty_of the_glory_of your_splendour_of_your and_the_ _matters_of your_wonders I_will_meditate_on. **6** And_the_ _might_of your_awesome_deeds they_will_tell and[1345] I_will_ _recount_it. **7** The_remembrance_of the_greatness_of your_ _goodness_of_your they_will_pour_forth and_righteousness_of_ _your they_will_shout_for_joy. **8** Is_gracious and_ _compassionate **YHWH** long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty. **9** Is_good **YHWH** to_all and_compassion(s)_ _of_his are_on all_of works_of_his. **10** They_will_give_thanks_ _to_you Oh_**YHWH** all_of works_of_your and_your_faithful_of_ _people they_will_bless_you. **11** The_glory_of your_kingdom_ _of_your they_will_tell and_might_of_your they_will_speak. **12** To_make_known to_the_children_of the_humankind deeds_ _of_his_mighty and_the_glory_of the_majesty_of his/its_ _kingdom. **13** kingdom_of_your is_a_kingdom_of all_of perpetuity and_dominion_of_your in_all generation and_a_ _generation. **14** **YHWH** is_sustaining to/from_ _all/each/any/every those_who_fall and_he_is_raising_up to/from_all/each/any/every those_who_are_bowed_down. **15** The_eyes_of all to_you they_hope and_you(ms) are_giving to/for_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ food_of_their at_its_appropriate_of_time. **16** You_are_opening ~~ᵭᵯ~~ hand_of_your and_you_are_satisfying to/from_all/each/any/every living_thing desire. **17** Is_ _righteous **YHWH** in_all ways_of_his and_faithful in_all works_ _of_his. **18** Is_near **YHWH** to/from_all/each/any/every those_ _of_who_call_out_to_him to_all/each/any/every those_who they_call_out_to_him in_truth. **19** The_desire_of those_of_ _fearing_him he_brings_about and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ for_help_of_their_cry he_hears and_he_saves_them. **20** **YHWH** is_protecting ~~ᵭᵯ~~ all_ _of those_of_who_love_him and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ all_of the_wicked_people he_will_destroy. **21** The_praise_of **YHWH** mouth_of_my it_will_ _speak and_ all_of flesh _it_will_bless the_name_of his_ _holiness_of_his forever_perpetuity and_ever.

Readers' Version

and our daughters grow like carved corner pillars in a palace.
13 May our storehouses be full with every kind of produce,
and may the sheep in our fields produce thousands, even tens of thousands.
14 May our oxen have many young.
No one will break through, no one will go out,
and no one will cry in our streets.
15 The people that that happens to are blessed.
Blessed are the people for whom Yahweh is their God.

A praise song

A praise song by David.
א (Alef)
145:1 I will highly commend you, my god, the King.
I will praise your name without ending.
ב (Beyt)
2 Every day I'll make sure to bless you.
I will praise your name forever and ever.
ג (Gimel)
3 Yahweh is great and deserving of a lot of praise—
We can't fully comprehend his greatness.
ד (Dalet)
4 Generation after generation will celebrate because of what you've done
and they'll tell others about your powerful actions.
ה (He)
5 I'll meditate on your incredible splendour and honour
as well as all the marvellous things that you've done.
ו (Vav)
6 They'll tell about how your awesome actions show your power,
and I'll speak about your greatness.
ז (Zayin)
7 They'll remember the fame of your extravagant goodness,
and they'll happily sing about your righteousness.
ח (Het)
8 Yahweh is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and frequently displaying his loyal commitment.
ט (Tet)
9 Yahweh is good to everyone,
and desires the best for everything he made.
י (Yod)
10 Everyone you've made will give thanks to you, Yahweh.
Your faithful supporters will bless you.
כ (Kaf)
11 They'll tell about the splendour of your kingdom,
and they'll speak about your power,
ל (Lamed)
12 making his powerful actions known to humanity's children,
along with the incredible splendour of his kingdom.
מ (Mem)
13 Your kingdom will continue forever,

1344 **LV 145:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.145.1

1345 **LV 145:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: ד/יתלודנ/ו: (x-qere) ה/תָלוּדְנ/וי; lemma_c/1420 morph_HC/Ncfsc/Sp2ms id_19QvT ה/תָלוּדְנ/ו

Readers' Version

and you'll rule generation after generation.
(נ) (Nun)
ס (Samek)
14 Yahweh supports all those who are falling
and raises up all those who are bent over under heavy loads.
ע (Ayin)
15 Everyone and everything's eyes are watching out for you.
You give them their food at the proper time.
פ (Pe)
16 You open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
צ (Tsade)
17 Yahweh is righteous in all his ways
and shows kindness in everything he does.
ק (Qof)
18 Yahweh is near to all who call to him—
to all who sincerely request his help.
ר (Resh)
19 For those who strive to obey him, he does what they desire,
and he hears their call for help and saves them.
ש (Sin/Shin)
20 Yahweh protects all those who love him,
but he'll destroy all the wicked.
ת (Tav)
21 My mouth speaks the praise of Yahweh.
Let everybody bless his holy name forever and ever.

Praise Yahweh the liberator

146:1 Praise Yah.
I'll praise Yahweh with my whole being.
2 I'll praise Yahweh with my life.
I'll sing praises to my god as long as I live.
3 Don't trust in politicians
or in people—none of them can save you.
4 When their breath ceases, they return to the ground—
all their plans come to an end at that time.
5 Blessed are the people who have Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god to help them—
whose hope is in their God Yahweh:
6 He's the one who made the heavens and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.[1346]
He's the one who remains faithful forever.
7 He's the one who executes justice for the oppressed.
He's the one who gives food to the hungry.
Yahweh liberates the prisoners.
8 Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind.
Yahweh straightens up those who are bowed down under heavy loads.
Yahweh loves those who do what is right.
9 Yahweh guards the refugees.
He sustains orphans and widows,
but he subverts the plans of the wicked.
10 Yahweh reigns forever.

Literal Version

146:1 Praise Yah praise my_self_of_my ~~DOM~~ **YHWH**. **2** I_will_
_praise **YHWH** in_life_of_my I_will_sing_praises to_god_of_my
in_my_duration. **3** Do_not trust in_noble_people in_a_child_of
humankind whom_there_is_not to_him/it deliverance.
4 His/its_breath/wind/spirit it_will_go_out he_will_return to_
_earth_of_his in_the_day (the)_that plans_of_his they_have_
_perished. **5** How_blessed is_one_who_the_god_of
Ya'$_{a}$qov/(Jacob) is_(in)_help_of_his hope_of_his is_on **YHWH**
his/its_god. **6** Who_made heaven and_earth ~~DOM~~ the_sea and_
_~~DOM~~ all_of that is_in_them the_one_who_keeps faithfulness
forever_perpetuity. **7** Who_does justice for_oppressed who_
_gives food to_people **YHWH** is_setting_free prisoners. **8** **YHWH**
is_opening blind_people **YHWH** is_raising_up those_who_are_
_bowed_down **YHWH** is_loving righteous_people. **9** **YHWH** is_
_watching_over ~~DOM~~ sojourners the_fatherless and_widow[s]
he_helps_up and_the_way_of wicked_people he_makes_
_crooked. **10** **YHWH** he_will_reign forever_perpetuity god_of_
_your Oh_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) to_a_generation and_a_generation
praise Yah.

1346 **RV 146:6 · Cross-ref.** Acts 4:24; 14:15.

Literal Version

147:1 Praise Yah if/because is_good to_sing_praises_to god_of_ _our if/because is_pleasant is_suitable praise. **2** **YHWH** is_ _building_of (of)_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_banished_ones_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_gathers. **3** The_one_who_heals (to)_the_ _people_broken_of heart and_he_is_binding_up (to)_wounds_ _of_their. **4** He_is_counting the_number of_stars to/for_all_ _them names he_calls. **5** Is_great master(s)_of_our and_great_of power to_understanding_of_his there_is_not a_number. **6** **YHWH** is_helping_up humble_people he_is_bringing_low wicked_people to the_ground. **7** Sing to/for_**YHWH** with_ _thanksgiving make_music to_god_of_our with_a_harp. **8** Who_ _covers the_heavens with_clouds who_prepares for_earth rain who_causes_to_sprout mountains grass. **9** He_is_giving to_ _animal[s] food_of_its to_the_young_ones_of a_raven which they_call_out. **10** Not in_the_strength_of (the)_horse he_ _delights not in_the_legs_of the_man he_takes_pleasure. **11** **YHWH** is_taking_pleasure_in ~~ĐOM~~ those_fearing_of_him ~~ĐOM~~ those_who_wait for_his_covenant_of_loyalty. **12** Extol Oh_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** praise god_of_your Oh_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **13** If/because he_has_strengthened the_bars_ _of your(pl)_gates_of_your he_has_blessed children_of_your in_ _midst_of_your. **14** The_one_who_makes territory_of_your peace the_best_of wheat(s) he_satisfies_you. **15** The_one_who_ _sends message_of_his the_earth to quickly message_of_his it_ _runs. **16** The_one_who_gives snow like_wool hoar-frost like_ _ash[es] he_scatters. **17** The_one_who_throws ice_of_his like_ _crumbs to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before coldness_of_his who will_he_stand. **18** He_sends message_of_his and_he_melts_ _them he_makes_blow his/its_breath/wind/spirit waters they_ _flow. **19** The_one_who_declares mmm[1347] to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) decrees_of_his and_judgements_of_his to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **20** Not he_has_done thus to/from_all/each/any/every nation and_judgements not they_have_known_them praise Yah.

148:1 Praise Yah praise ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** from the_heavens praise_ _him in_heights. **2** Praise_him Oh_all_of messengers_of_his praise_him Oh_all_of mmm[1350]. **3** Praise_him Oh_sun and_moon praise_him Oh_all_of the_stars_of light. **4** Praise_him Oh_

Readers' Version

Tsiyon (Zion), your god reigns throughout the generations.
Praise Yahweh.

Praise Yahweh who's in control

147:1 Praise Yahweh.
How good it is to sing praises to our god,
How pleasant and suitable is a praise song.
2 Yahweh builds up Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
He gathers the Israelis who were taken to other countries.
3 He heals those who are broken-hearted
and bandages their wounds.
4 He counts the stars—
he calls all of them by name.
5 Our master is wonderful and very powerful.
His understanding is unlimited.
6 Yahweh helps the oppressed up.
He brings down the wicked to the ground.
7 Sing to Yahweh with thanksgiving.
Make music for our god with a harp.
8 He's the one who covers the skies with clouds.
He's the one who prepares rain for the earth.
He's the one who makes the mountains sprout with grass.
9 He gives food to the animals
and to the ravens' chicks when they squawk.
10 He doesn't delight in the strength of a horse,
He doesn't enjoy a man's legs.
11 Yahweh enjoys those who fear him—
those who know to expect his loyal commitment.
12 Tell about Yahweh's greatness, Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
Praise your god, Tsiyon (Zion),
13 because he strengthens the locking bars on your gates.
He blesses your children there in the city.
14 He give peace on your borders.
He satisfies you with excellent grain.
15 He sends out his command to the soil,
His message travels quickly.
16 He makes the snow coat the ground like wool on a sheep.
He scatters the frost across the countryside like people scatter ashes.
17 He sends out his hail like crumbs brushed off a table.
Who can stand before his cold?
18 He sends out his command and melts them.
He makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
19 He declared his message to Ya'akov (Jacob)—
his instructions and his regulations for Yisrael (Israel).
20 He hasn't done that for any other country,
and as for his instructions, they don't know them.
Praise Yahweh.

Praise Yahweh everyone

148:1 Praise Yahweh.
Praise Yahweh from the skies.
Praise him in the heights.

1347 **LV 147:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/רבר**: (x-qere) 'ו/יָרְבְּדוּ': lemma_1697 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_19DMw וְ/יָרְבְּדוּ

1350 **LV 148:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/אבצ**: (x-qere) 'ו/יֵאָבְצוּ': lemma_6635 a n_0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_19Hac וְ/יֵאָבְצוּ

Readers' Version

2 Praise him, all his messengers.
Praise him, all his armies.
3 Praise him, sun and moon.
Praise him, all you shining stars.
4 Praise him, highest heavens
and the waters that are above the heavens.[1348]
5 Let them praise Yahweh's name,
because he gave the command and then they were created.[1349]
6 He has established them forever and ever.
He made a decree and it won't ever become invalid.
7 Praise Yahweh from the earth,
you sea monsters and all ocean depths,
8 fire and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds doing what he commanded.
9 The mountains and all the hills,
the fruit trees and all the cedars,
10 both wild and all the domestic animals,
reptiles and winged birds.
11 Kings across the world and all the peoples,
princes and all judges across the world,
12 young men and also young women,
the elderly along with the children,
13 let them all praise Yahweh's name,
because his name alone is famous.
His splendour extends over the earth and in the heavens.
14 He has increased his people's military strength.
Praise from all his faithful ones—
from Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants—the people near to him.
Praise Yahweh.

149:1 Praise Yahweh. **A song of praise**
Sing a new song to Yahweh.
Praise him in the assembly of the faithful ones.
2 Let Yisrael's (Israel's) people be glad about the one who made them.
Let Tsiyon's (Zion's) children be glad about their king.
3 Let them praise him with dancing—
making music with tambourines and harps,
4 because Yahweh appreciates his people,
and he honours humble people by saving them.
5 That honour will make the faithful people cheerful,
and they'll happily sing during the night.
6 They should use their mouths to praise God,
but hold sharp swords in their hands
7 to inflict vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the people groups,
8 to tie their kings up with chains
and to put their leading citizens into iron shackles.
9 They'll carry out the written judgements against them.
That'll be an honour for all his faithful ones.
Praise Yahweh.

1348 **RV 148:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:7.

1349 **RV 148:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:1-2.

Literal Version

_heaven_of the_heavens and_Oh_waters which from_under the_heavens. **5** Let_them_praise ~~DOM~~ the_name_of **YHWH** if/because he he_commanded and_they_were_created. **6** And_ _he_established_them forever_ever forever_perpetuity a_ _decree he_gave and_not it_will_pass_away. **7** Praise ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** from the_earth/land Oh_sea_monsters and_all the_deeps. **8** Oh_ _fire and_hail snow and_smoke wind_of storm which_does message_of_his. **9** Oh_mountains and_all hills tree[s]_of fruit and_all cedars. **10** Oh_animal[s] and_all livestock creeping_ _thing[s] and_bird[s]_of wing. **11** Oh_kings_of the_earth and_all peoples Oh_officials and_all rulers_of the_earth. **12** Oh_young_ _men and_also young_women Oh_old_people with youths. **13** Let_them_praise ~~DOM~~ the_name_of **YHWH** if/because his/its_ _name is_exalted for_him/it_being_alone splendour_of_his is_ _above earth and_heavens. **14** And_he_has_raised_up a_horn for_people_of_his praise to/from_all/each/any/every his_ _faithful_of_people for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_people_ _of near_of_to_him praise Yah.

149:1 Praise Yah sing to/for_**YHWH** a_song new praise_of_his in_the_assembly_of faithful_people. **2** Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_it_ _rejoice in_its_of_maker(s) the_children_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) let_ _them_be_glad in_king_of_their. **3** Let_them_praise his/its_ _name with_dancing with_tambourine and_harp let_them_ _make_music to_him/it. **4** If/because **YHWH** is_taking_pleasure in_people_of_his he_glorifies humble_people with_salvation. **5** Faithful_people let_them_exult in_honour let_them_sing_for_ _joy on beds_of_their. **6** The_exaltation(s)_of god be_in_throat_ _of_their and_a_sword_of edges be_in_hand_of_their. **7** For_ _doing vengeance on_nations rebukes not peoples. **8** To_bind kings_of_their with_fetters and_their_honoured_of_people with_shackles_of iron. **9** For_doing (is)_in_them judgement written is_honour it to/from_all/each/any/every his_faithful_ _of_people praise Yah.

Literal Version

150:1 Praise Yah praise god in_sanctuary_of_his praise_him in_
_the_firmament his_strength_of_his. **2** Praise_him for_his_
_mighty_of_deeds praise_him according_to_the_greatness_of
his_greatness_of_his. **3** Praise_him with_a_blast_of a_ram's_
_horn praise_him with_lyre and_harp. **4** Praise_him with_
_tambourine and_dancing praise_him with_stringed_
_instruments and_reed_instrument/flute. **5** Praise_him with_
_cymbals_of sound praise_him with_cymbals_of shouting.
6 Every_of (the)_breathing_thing let_it_praise Yah praise Yah.

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Readers' Version

Praise Yahweh everyone

150:1 Praise Yahweh.
Praise God in his residence of holiness.
Praise him for his power in heaven.
2 Praise him for his powerful actions.
Praise him because he's so influential.
3 Praise him with a trumpet blast.
Praise him with the ukelele and harp.
4 Praise him with tambourines and dancing.
Praise him with stringed instruments and flutes.
5 Praise him with vibrating cymbals.
Praise him with clanging cymbals.
6 Let everything that can breathe praise Yahweh.
Praise Yahweh.

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Amos

(Heb. Amots)

Introduction

Amos/Amos was a shepherd before he became a prophet. There grew up in Tekoa in the province of Yehudah (Judah), but Yahweh commanded him to go to Beyt-El (Bethel) in Yisrael (Israel) in order to preach there. (Yisrael is north of Yehudah.) These events happened around 800 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) He proclaimed God's curses on Aram, Peleshet, Pinisia, Edom, Amon, Moav, and even Yehudah. At that time, the people were prospering and there was no famine like in some other nations, and Yisrael had widened their border. But Amos saw how the rich people prospered because they took advantage of the poor and even abused them through the courts. They had stopped obeying Yahweh' instructions and commands, so Amos didn't hesitate to tell them how Yahweh would punish them and their country. He encouraged them to maintain true justice in their courts, because what if God might just be gracious towards the people remaining in their country (5:15).

Main components of this document

The punishment of nations near Yisrael *1:1–2:5*
The punishment of Yisrael *2:6–6:14*
The five revelations *7:1–9:15*

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Literal Version

1:1 The_words/messages_of ʾĀmōṣ who he_was among_ _sheep-tenders from_Təqōʿa which he_saw on Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_the_days_of Uzziah[456] the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_ _the_days_of Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Yōʾāsh/(Joash) the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) two_years to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_earthquake. **2** And_he_said **YHWH** from_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion)[789] he_will_roar and_from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_will_give_forth voice_of_his and_ the_pastures_of the_shepherds _they_will_dry_up and_ the_ _top_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) _it_will_wither.

3 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of Dammeseq and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because threshed_ _they with_(the)_threshing_sledges_of (the)_iron ~~DOM~~ (the)_ _Gilʿād. **4** And_I_will_send_forth a_fire in_house_of Ḥazāʾēl and_ _it_will_consume the_fortresses_of Ben. **5** And_I_will_break the_bar_of Dammeseq and_I_will_cut_off inhabitant[s] from_ _Valley_of Aven and_one_who_holds_of (of)_a_scepter from_ _Bēyt- eden and_ the_people_of ʾArām _they_will_go_into_exile to_Qīr **YHWH** he_says.

6 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of ʿAzzāh and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because they_carried_away_ _into_exile exile complete to_deliver_up_them to_ʾEdōm. **7** And_I_will_send_forth a_fire on_the_wall_of ʿAzzāh and_it_ _will_consume fortresses_of_its. **8** And_I_will_cut_off inhabitant[s] from_ʾAshdōd and_one_who_holds_of (of)_a_ _scepter from_ʾAshqəlōn and_I_will_turn hand_of_my on ʿEqrōn and_ the_remnant_of the_Pəlishtiy _they_will_perish my_ _master **YHWH** he_says.

9 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because they_ _delivered_up exile complete to_ʾEdōm and_not they_ _remembered the_covenant_of brothers. **10** And_I_will_send_ _forth a_fire on_the_wall_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_it_will_consume fortresses_of_its.

Readers' Version

1:1 This is the message that Amos (who was among the shepherds in Tekoa) saw concerning Yisrael (Israel) in the days of King Uziyah of Yehudah (Judah),[1] and also in the days of Yoash's son King Yarov'am (Jeroboam) of Yisrael,[2] two years before the earthquake.

2 Amos said,
"Yahweh will shout loudly from Tsiyon (Zion).
He will raise his voice from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[3]
The shepherds' pastures will brown off.
The top of Mt. Karmel will dry up."

Judgement of Yisrael's neighbours · Aram

3 This is what Yahweh says:
"Even if Damesek (Damascus) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away their punishment,
for the cruel things they did to the people of Gilead.[10]
4 I'll send a fire into King Hazael's house,
and it will devour King Ben-Hadad's fortresses.
5 I'll smash the gate bars of Damesek
and eliminate the ruler of the Aven Valley,
and also the leader of Beyt-Eden.
The people of Aram (Syria) will go in captivity to Kir,"
says Yahweh.

Peleshet

6 This is what Yahweh says:
"Even if Azah (Gaza) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away their punishment,
because they carried a whole people group away as captives,
to hand them over to Edom.[11] **7** I'll send fire onto Azah's walls,
and it'll devour her fortresses. **8** I will cut off those from Ashdod
and the ruler of Ashkelon.
I'll cause problems for Ekron,
and the rest of the Pelishtim will die,"
says Yahweh the master.

Tsor

9 This is what Yahweh says:
"Even if Tsor (Tyre) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away their punishment,
because they handed a whole people group over to Edom,
and they didn't take any notice of their brotherhood agreement.[12]

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1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:1-7; 2Ch 26:1-23.

2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 14:23-29.

3 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:16.

4 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

5 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

6 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

7 **LV 1:2 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

8 **LV 1:2 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

9 **LV 1:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

10 **RV 1:3-5 · Cross-ref.** Isa 17:1-3; Jer 49:23-27; Zech 9:1.

11 **RV 1:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:29-31; Jer 47:1-7; Eze 25:15-17; Yoel 3:4-8; Zeph 2:4-7; Zech 9:5-7.

12 **RV 1:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Isa 23:1-18; Eze 26:1–28:19; Yoel 3:4-8; Zech 9:1-4; Mat 11:21-22; Luk 10:13-14.

Readers' Version

10 I'll send fire onto Tsor's walls,
and it'll devour her fortresses."

Edom

11 This is what Yahweh says,
"Even if Edom was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away their punishment,
because he pursued his brother with the sword and abandoned all pity.
His anger raged continually,
and his rage lasted forever.[13]
12 I'll send fire on Teyman,
and it'll devour Batserah's fortresses."

Amon

13 This is what Yahweh says,
"Even if the Amonim were three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away their punishment,
because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead,
in order to grab territory.[14]
14 I'll light a fire in Rabah's walls,
and it'll devour its fortresses,
with a shout in the day of battle,
with a storm in the day of the whirlwind.
15 Their king will go into captivity along with his officials,"
says Yahweh.

Moav

2:1 This is what Yahweh says:
"Even if Moav (Moab) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away its punishment,
because he completely burnt up the bones of Edom's king.[18]
2 I'll send fire on Moav,
and it will devour Keriyot's fortresses.
Moav will die in an uproar—
with shouting and the sound of the horn. 3 I'll wipe out her judge,
and I'll kill all the leaders along with him,"
says Yahweh.

Yehudah's punishment · Southern kingdom

4 This is what Yahweh says:
"Even if Yehudah (Judah) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away its punishment,
because they rejected Yahweh's instructions
and didn't keep his regulations.
Their lies caused them to go astray,
just like their ancestors had done. 5 I'll send fire on Yehudah,
and it'll devour Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) fortresses."

Literal Version

11 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of ʾEdōm and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because pursued_he with_ _sword his/its_brother and_he_spoiled compassion(s)_of_his and_it_tore forever_continuance anger_of_his and_fury_of_his kept_she perpetuity. 12 And_I_will_send_forth a_fire on_ _Tēymān and_it_will_consume the_fortresses_of Botsrāh.

13 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of the_ _people_of ʿAmmōn and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because they_ripped_open the_pregnant_women_of (the)_Gilʿād so_as to_enlarge ~~DOM~~ territory_of_their. 14 And_I_will_kindle a_fire on_the_wall_of Rabāh and_it_will_consume fortresses_of_its with_a_shout_of_alarm in/on_day battle with_a_storm in/on_ _day a_storm-wind[151617] 15 and_ king_of_their _he_will_go in_ _exile he and_officials_of_his together **YHWH** he_says.

2:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of Mōʾāv and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because burnt_he the_bones_ _of the_king_of ʾEdōm into_lime. 2 And_I_will_send_forth a_fire on_Mōʾāv and_it_will_consume the_fortresses_of (the)_ _Qəriyyōt and_it_will_die in_uproar Mōʾāv with_a_shout_of_ _alarm with_the_sound_of a_trumpet. 3 And_I_will_cut_off a_ _judge from_midst_of_its and_all officials_of_its I_will_kill with_ _him/it **YHWH** he_says.

4 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because they_have_rejected ~~DOM~~ the_law_of **YHWH** and_regulations_of_ _his not they_have_kept and_they_have_misled_them lies_of_ _their which ancestors_of_their they_walked after_them. 5 And_I_will_send_forth a_fire on_Yəhūdāh and_it_will_ _consume the_fortresses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

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13 **RV 1:11-12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 34:5-17; 63:1-6; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

14 **RV 1:13-15 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:1-6; Eze 21:28-32; 25:1-7; Zeph 2:8-11.

15 **LV 1:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

16 **LV 1:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

17 **LV 1:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

18 **RV 2:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Isa 15:1–16:14; 25:10-12; Jer 48:1-47; Eze 25:8-11; Zeph 2:8-11.

Literal Version

6 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because sold_ _they for_silver the_righteous and_the_needy in_account_of a_ _pair_of_sandals. **7** Those_who_trample on the_dust_of the_ _earth on_the_head_of poor_people and_the_way_of humble_ _people they_turn_aside and_a_man and_father_of_his they_go into the_young_woman so_as to_profane ĐOM the_name_of my_ _holiness_of_my. **8** And_on garments taken_as_pledges they_ _stretch_out beside every_of altar and_wine fines they_drink the_house_of their_god_of_their. **9** And_I I_destroyed ĐOM the_ _'Amorī from_their_face/front who was_like_the_height_of cedars height_of_his and_is_strong he like_oaks and_I_ _destroyed fruit_of_his (from)_above and_roots_of_his (from)_ _beneath. **10** And_I I_brought_up you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_led you(pl) in_wilderness forty year[s] to_take_possession_of ĐOM the_land_of the_'Amorī. **11** And_I_ _raised_up some_of_your(pl)_sons to_prophets and_some_of_ _your_young_men to_Nāzīr also not is_this Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **12** And_you(pl)_made_ _drink ĐOM the_Nāzīr wine and_to the_prophets you(pl)_ _commanded to_say not you(pl)_must_prophesy. **13** HERE I am_ _about_to_make_totter under_you(pl) just_as the_cart (the)_full to/for_her/it cut_grain it_totters. **14** And_ a_place_of_escape _ _it_will_be_lost from_a_swift_person and_a_strong_person not he_will_make_firm power_of_his and_a_mighty_person not he_ _will_save life_of_his. **15** And_the_one_who_handles_of (of)_ _the_bow not he_will_stand and_a_person_swift on_feet_of_his not he_will_save and_the_rider_of the_horse not he_will_save life_of_his. **16** And_the_person_strong_of his/its_heart among_ _warriors naked he_will_flee in_the_day (the)_that the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**.

3:1 Hear ĐOM the_message the_this which **YHWH** he_has_ _spoken on_you(pl) Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on all_of the_ _clan which I_brought_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_say. **2** Only you(pl) I_have_known from_all the_clans_of the_ _soil therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_visit on_you(pl) ĐOM all_of iniquities_of_your(pl).

3 Do_ two_people _they_walk together except if they_have_ _met_by_appointment. **4** Does_ a_lion _it_roar in_forest and_ _prey there_is_not to_him/it does_ a_young_lion _it_give_forth voice_of_its from_den_of_its except if it_has_caught_ _something. **5** Does_ a_bird _it_fall on (the)_bird-trap the_ _earth/land and_a_snare there_is_not to/for_her/it does_ a_

Readers' Version

6 This is what Yahweh says:

Yisrael's punishment · Northern kingdom

"Even if Yisrael (Israel) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away its punishment,
because they sold the innocent for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals. **7** They trample the heads of the poor into the dust.
They just push the oppressed out of the way.
A man and his father go lie with the same girl
and so profane my sinless reputation. **8** They lie down beside every altar on clothes taken from the poor as pledges,
and in the house of their god they drink the wine of those who were fined.
9 Yet I destroyed the Amorim before them.
They were as tall as of cedars
and as strong as oaks.
Yet I destroyed their fruit up high
and their roots down below.[19] **10** Also, I brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)
and led you forty years in the wilderness
so you all could possess the land of the Amorim.
11 I raised prophets up from among your sons
and devoted Nazirites from your young men.[20]
Isn't that right, you Israelis?
This is Yahweh's declaration.
12 But you all persuaded the Nazirites to drink wine[21]
and ordered the prophets not to prophesy.
13 Listen, I'm going to make you lose your stability
just like a cart wobbles when it's carrying a heavy load of grain.
14 Even fast people won't be able to reach a safe place.
The strong won't have enough strength of their own,
and the powerful won't be able to save themselves.
15 The archer holding the bow will be forced to retreat.
Even the fast runner won't be able to escape.
The horse-rider won't escape with his life.
16 Even the bravest warriors will flee naked that day.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
3:1 Hear this message that Yahweh has spoken against you, people of Yisrael (Israel), against Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants that I brought out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) saying: **2** "I have chosen only you from all the families of the earth, therefore I'll punish you all for all your sins."

Cause and effect · Northern kingdom

3 Do two people walk together, without first agreeing to meet?
4 Would a lion roar in the forest when he doesn't have any prey?
Would a young lion growl from his den if he's caught nothing?

19 RV 2:9 · Cross-ref. Deu 3:8-11.

20 RV 2:11 · Cross-ref. Num 6:1-8.

21 RV 2:12 · Cross-ref. Num 6:2-3.

Readers' Version

5 Would a bird fall into a trap on the ground when no bait has been put in it?
Would a trap just spring up from the ground when it hasn't caught anything?
6 If a warning trumpet sounds in a city, won't the people start to worry?
If disaster comes to a city, wouldn't it be Yahweh who sent it?
7 Surely the master Yahweh wouldn't do anything unless he first reveals his plan to his servants the prophets.
8 The lion has roared—who won't be afraid?
The master Yahweh has spoken—who won't prophesy?

The punishment of Shomron (Samaria) · Northern kingdom

9 Proclaim this in the fortresses at Ashdod,
and those in Mitsrayim (Egypt),
saying, "Assemble yourselves on Shomron's (Samaria's) mountains
and see what great confusion is in her,
and what oppression is in her.
10 Yahweh declares that they don't know how to do right.
They store up violence and destruction in their fortresses."
11 Therefore, this is what the master Yahweh says:
"An enemy will surround the land,
and weaken your powerful grip,
and then your fortresses will be looted."
12 This is what Yahweh says:
"Just as the shepherd rescues out of the lion's mouth two legs only, or a piece of an ear,
so will the Israelis who live in Shomron (Samaria) be rescued with only the corner of a couch or a piece of a bed." 13 Take notice of this and testify against Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants.
That is the declaration of the master Yahweh, Commander-in-chief God.
14 "On the day that I bring punishment for Yisrael's (Israel's) sins to her, I'll also bring punishment on the altars of Beyt-El (Bethel). The altar's horns will be cut off and fall to the ground.[22]
15 I'll destroy the winter house along with the summer house. The houses of ivory will perish, and the large houses will vanish.
That is Yahweh's declaration."
4:1 Listen to this message, you women like the cows of Bashan on Shomron's (Samaria's) mountain—
you who oppress the poor,
you who crush the needy,
you who say to your husbands,
"Bring us drinks."
2 My master Yahweh has sworn by his own sinlessness saying,
"Listen, the time will come
when they'll take you all away with hooks—
the last of you with fish-hooks.
3 You'll all be taken straight out through breaks in the city wall,
and you'll be thrown out toward Harmon.

22 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:15.

Literal Version

_bird-trap _it_go_up from the_soil and_surely_(catch) not it_ _catches_something. 6 (If) a_trumpet is_it_blown in_a_city and_ _the_people not they_tremble or calamity is_it in_a_city and_ _**YHWH** not he_has_done_it. 7 If/because not my_master **YHWH** he_does anything if/because (if) he_has_revealed counsel_of_his_secret to servants_of_his the_prophets. 8 A_lion it_has_roared who not will_he_be_afraid my_master **YHWH** he_ _has_spoken who not will_he_prophesy.

9 Proclaim to the_fortresses in_'Ashdōd and_to the_fortresses in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_say gather_yourselves on the_mountains_of Shomrōn and_see disturbances great in_the_ _midst_of_of_it and_oppression(s) in_midst_of_its. 10 And_not they_know to_do straightforwardness the_utterance_of **YHWH** those_who_store_up violence and_devastation in_fortresses_of_ _their. 11 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says a_ _foe and_around_of the_earth/land and_he_will_bring_down from_you strength_of_your and_ fortresses_of_your _they_will_ _be_plundered. 12 Thus **YHWH** he_says just_as the_shepherd he_delivers from_the_mouth_of (the)_lion two_of legs or a_ _piece_of an_ear so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_dwell in_Shomrōn with_a_corner_of a_bed and_with_silk a_couch they_will_be_delivered. 13 Hear and_warn in_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** the_god_ _of (the)_soldiers/messengers. 14 If/because_that in/on_day visit_I the_transgressions_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on/upon/above_ _him/it and_I_will_visit_them on the_altars_of Bēyt-'ēl and_ the_horns_of the_altar _they_will_be_cut_off and_they_will_fall to_ground. 15 And_I_will_strike the_house_of the_winter to the_house_of the_summer and_ the_houses_of (the)_ivory _ _they_will_perish and_ houses great _people_will_snatch_away the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
4:1 Hear the_message the_this Oh_cows_of (the)_Bāshān who are_on_the_mountain_of Shomrōn who_oppress poor_people who_crush needy_people who_say to_masters_of_their bring so_that_we_may_drink. 2 My_master **YHWH** he_has_sworn by_ _holiness_of_his if/because HERE days are_coming on_you(pl) and_someone_will_take_away you(pl) with_barbs and_ _posterity_of_your(pl) with_hooks_of fishing. 3 And_breaches you(pl)_will_go_out each before_herself and_you(pl)_will_ _throw to_(the)_Harmon the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

Literal Version

4 Come Bēyt-ʾēl and_transgress (the)_Gilgal increase to_ _transgress and_bring to_morning sacrifices_of_your(pl) to_ _three_of days tithes_of_your(pl). **5** And_make_smoke from_ _leaven a_thank-offering and_proclaim freewill_offerings make_them_heard if/because thus you(pl)_love Oh_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **6** And_also I I_gave to/for_you(pl) cleanness_of teeth in_all cities_of_ _your(pl) and_lack_of bread in_all_of places_of_your(pl) and_ _not you(pl)_returned to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **7** And_ _also I I_withheld from_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_rain in_yet three months were_to_harvest and_I_sent_rain on a_city one and_on a_city one not I_sent_rain a_portion_of_ground one it_was_ _rained_on and_a_portion_of_ground which not it_sent_rain on/upon_it(f) it_dried_up. **8** And_ two three cities _they_ _staggered to a_city one to_drink water and_not they_were_ _satisfied and_not you(pl)_returned to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **9** I_struck you(pl) with_blight and_with_mildew to_ _make_many gardens_of_your(pl) and_vineyards_of_your(pl) and_your(pl)_fig_of_trees and_your(pl)_olive_of_trees the_ _locust it_ate and_not you(pl)_returned to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **10** I_sent among_you(pl) pestilence in_the_manner_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_killed by_sword men_of_your_young with the_capture_of your(pl)_horses_of_your(pl) and_I_caused_to_ _go_up the_stench_of your_camp_of_your(pl) (and)_in_nose_of_ _your(pl) and_not you(pl)_returned to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **11** I_overthrew among_you(pl) like_the_overthrow_of god ~~DOM~~ Ṣədom and_~~DOM~~ ʿAmorāh/(Gomorrah) and_you(pl)_ _were like_a_piece_of_firewood plucked_out from_the_ _burning[242526] and_not you(pl)_returned to_me the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**. **12** For_so/thus/hence thus I_will_do to_you Oh_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) consequence if/because this I_will_do to_you be_prepared to_meet god_of_your Oh_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **13** If/because HERE one_who_formed mountains and_one_who_ _created wind and_one_who_tells to/for_ʾĀdām/humankind what thought_of_is_his one_who_makes_of (of)_dawn darkness and_one_who_treads on the_high_places_of the_earth is_ _**YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers his/its_name.

Readers' Version

That is Yahweh's declaration."

The arguing of Israelis · Northern kingdom

4 "Go to the worship centre at Beyt-El (Bethel) and sin,
to the one at Gilgal and multiply sin.
Bring your sacrifices every morning,
your tithes every three days.
5 Offer a thanksgiving sacrifice with bread.
Proclaim freewill offerings.
Announce them,
because that pleases you, you Israelis.
That's my master Yahweh's declaration.
6 I also gave you empty stomachs in all your cities
and lack of bread in all your places.
Yet you all haven't returned to me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
7 I also withheld rain from you
when there were still three months to the harvest.
I made it rain on one city,
and didn't send rain to some another city.
One piece of land was rained on,
but the piece of land where he didn't send rain, dried up.
8 People from two or three cities staggered to another city to drink water,
but still weren't able to get enough.
Yet you all haven't returned to me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
9 I ruined your crops with blight and mildew.
The multitude of your gardens and your vineyards,
your fig trees and your olive trees,
were all devastated by the locusts.
Yet you all haven't returned to me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
10 I sent deadly diseases onto you similar to what I did in Mitsrayim (Egypt).
I killed your young men with the sword, carried away your horses,
and made the stench of your camp reach your noses.
Yet you all haven't returned to me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
11 I overthrew cities among you, just like when God overthrew Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah).[23]
You were like a burning stick snatched out of the fire.
Yet you all haven't returned to me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
12 Therefore I'll do something terrible to you, Yisrael (Israel),
and because I'll do something terrible to you,
prepare to meet your god, Yisrael.
13 Now listen. He who formed the mountains and created the

23 **RV 4:11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24.

24 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

25 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

26 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

wind
reveals his thoughts to humanity,
makes the morning darkness,
and walks around the highest places in this world.
Commander-in-chief God, Yahweh, is his name."

Encouraging repentance from sin · Northern kingdom

5:1 Hear this message of mourning over you that I take up, people of Yisrael (Israel):
2 The virgin Yisrael has fallen—she won't rise again.
She's abandoned on her land—there's no one to help her up,
3 because this is what the master Yahweh says:
"The city that went out with a thousand warriors will have a hundred left,
and the one that went out with a hundred will have ten left belonging to the nation of Yisrael."
4 This is what Yahweh says to the people of Yisrael:
"Seek me and live!
5 Don't seek Beyt-El (Bethel) (which means 'God's house')
or enter Gilgal;
Don't journey down to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba).
Because Gilgal will surely go into captivity,
and Beyt-El will become nothing.
6 Seek Yahweh and live,
or he will break out like fire among Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants.
It will devour, and there'll be no one to quench it in Beyt-El.
7 Those people turn justice into a bitter thing
and throw righteousness down to the ground."
8 God made the Pleiades and Orion constellations.
He turns darkness into the morning
and he makes the day dark with night
He calls for the waters of the sea
and pours them out on the surface of the earth.
Yahweh is his name.
9 He causes devastation to land on the strong,
and destruction comes down on the fortresses.
10 They hate anyone who corrects them at the community centre,
and they despise anyone who speaks the truth.
11 Therefore, because you trample down the poor
and take a percentage of all their grain—
although you have built houses from nice stone blocks, you won't get to live in them.
You have delightful vineyards, but you won't drink their wine.
12 I know how many your offenses are
and how great your sins are—
you who make honest people suffer, take bribes,
and turn aside the needy at the community centre.
13 Therefore any sensible person should be silent at such a time,
because it's an evil time.
14 Strive to do good and not evil, so that you may live.
So Yahweh, the god with armies, will really be with you,

Literal Version

5:1 Hear ~~DOM~~ the_message the_this which I am_lifting_up on_ _you(pl) a_lamentation Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** She_has_ _fallen not she_will_repeat to_rise the_virgin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) she_has_been_abandoned on land_of_her_own there_is_not one_of_who_raises_her_up. **3** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_city which_goes_out a_thousand it_will_ _have_left a_hundred and_which_goes_out a_hundred it_will_ _have_left ten of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) seek_me and_live. **5** And_do_not seek Bēyt- 'ēl and_(the)_Gilgal not you(pl)_must_go and_Bə'ēr- seven not you(pl)_must_pass_over if/because (the)_Gilgal certainly_(go_into_exile) it_will_go_ _into_exile and_Bēyt- 'ēl it_will_become (into)_trouble. **6** Seek ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_live lest he_should_rush like_fire the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_it_will_consume and_there_is_not one_ _who_extinguishes for_Bēyt- 'ēl. **7** Oh_you(pl)_who_turn into_ _wormwood justice and_righteousness to_ground they_thrust_ _down. **8** The_one_who_made_of (of)_Pleiades and_Orion and_ _the_one_who_turns into_morning deep_darkness and_day night he_makes_dark the_one_who_summons (to)_the_waters_ _of the_sea and_he_poured_them_out on the_surface_of the_ _earth/land is_**YHWH** his/its_name. **9** The_one_who_causes_to_ _flash devastation on the_strong and_devastation on a_fortress it_will_come. **10** They_hate in_gate one_who_reproves and_ _one_who_speaks blameless they_abhor. **11** For_so/thus/hence because trample_you(pl) on the_poor and_tribute_of grain you(pl)_take from_him/it houses_of hewn_stone you(pl)_have_ _built and_not you(pl)_will_dwell in_them vineyards_of desire you(pl)_have_planted and_not you(pl)_will_drink ~~DOM~~ wine_of_ _their. **12** If/because I_know many transgressions_of_your(pl) and_numerous sins_of_your(pl) Oh_foes_of the_righteous Oh_ _you(pl)_who_take_of (of)_a_ransom and_needy_people in_gate they_turn_aside. **13** For_so/thus/hence one_who_has_insight at_time (the)_that he_will_be_silent if/because is_a_time evil it. **14** Seek good and_not evil so_that you(pl)_may_live and_let_it_ _be right **YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers will_be_with_ _you(pl) just_as you(pl)_have_said. **15** Hate evil and_love good and_set_up in_gate justice perhaps **YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers he_will_show_favour_to the_remnant_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **16** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers my_master he_says in_all the_open_places wailing and_on/over_all the_streets people_will_say alas alas and_people_will_call a_farmer to_mourning and_wailing to those_who_know_of (of)_mourning_song[s]. **17** And_on/over_ _all the_vineyards wailing if/because I_will_pass in_midst_of_ _your **YHWH** he_says.

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18 Woe_to those_who_desire ~~DOM~~ the_day_of **YHWH** to/for_ _what this to/for_you(pl) the_day_of **YHWH** it will_be_darkness and_not light. **19** Just_as someone he_flees from_face/in_front_ _of the_lion and_it_meets_him the_bear and_he_goes the_house and_he_leans his/its_hand on the_wall and_it_bites_him the_ _snake. **20** Not be_darkness will_the_day_of **YHWH** and_not light and_gloomy and_not brightness to_him/it. **21** I_hate I_ _reject feasts_of_your(pl) and_not I_delight in_assemblies_of_ _your(pl). **22** If/because if you(pl)_will_offer_up to_me burnt_ _offerings and_your(pl)_grain_of_offerings not I_will_accept_ _them and_the_peace_offering_of your(pl)_fatlings_of_your(pl) not I_will_pay_attention_to. **23** Remove from_with_me the_ _noise_of your(pl)_songs_of_your and_the_music_of your(pl)_ _lyres_of_your not I_will_listen_to. **24** And_let_it_roll_on like_ _water justice and_righteousness like_a_wadi ever-flowing. **25** Sacrifices and_grain_offering[s] did_you(pl)_bring_near to_ _me in_wilderness forty year[s] Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **26** And_you(pl)_will_lift_up ~~DOM~~ Şikkūt king_of_your(pl) and_ _~~DOM~~ Kīyyūn images_of_your(pl) the_star_of your(pl)_gods_of_ _your(pl) which you(pl)_made for_yourselves. **27** And_I_will_ _send_into_exile you(pl) from_beyond (to)_Dammeseq is_ _**YHWH** he_says god_of soldiers/messengers his/its_name.

6:1 Woe_to the_people_at_ease in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_those_ _who_trust in_the_mountain_of Shomrōn the_dignitaries_of the_first_of the_nations and_they_will_come to/for_them the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** Pass_over Kəlaneh and_see and_go from_there Hamath- Rabāh and_rule(pl) Gath the_Pəlishtiy[30] are_they_good more_than the_kingdoms the_these or great territory_of_is_their more_than_of_your(pl)_territory. **3** Those_ _who_push_away (to)_a_day calamity and_you(pl)_have_ _brought_near a_seat_of violence. **4** Those_who_lie on beds_of

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just like you've all been saying.

15 Hate evil, love good, and establish justice at the community centre.

Perhaps Yahweh, the god with armies, will be gracious to the remnant of Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants.

16 Therefore, this is what Yahweh says, the god with armies, my master,

"Wailing will be in all the town squares,

and in all the streets they'll complain, 'Oh no. Oh no.'

They'll call the farmers to mourning

and the mourners to wail. **17** There'll be wailing in all the vineyards because I'll pass through among you,"

Yahweh says.

Warning about coming judgement · Northern kingdom

18 You who desire the day of Yahweh won't end well.

Why do you long for the day of Yahweh?

It'll be darkness and not light,

19 like when a person flees from a lion and then they run into a bear,

or when a person goes in a house and puts a hand on the wall and gets bitten by a snake.

20 Won't Yahweh's day consist of darkness and not light?

Gloom and no brightness?

21 "I hate, I despise your festivals,

I take no delight in your formal gatherings.[27]

22 Even though you all offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I won't accept them,

nor will I take any notice of your fellowship offerings of fattened animals.

23 Take the noise of your songs away from me.

I won't listen to the sound of your harps.

24 Instead, let justice flow like water,

and righteousness like a constantly flowing stream.

25 You descendants of Yisrael (Israel),

did you bring me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness for forty years?[28]

26 You've all lifted up the images of Sikut, your king,

and Kiyun, your star god that you made for yourselves.

27 Therefore I will exile you far beyond Damesek (Damascus)," says Yahweh, whose name is the god with armies.

Exile for the complacent · Northern kingdom

6:1 Those who are at ease in Tsiyon (Zion) won't end well,

nor will those who feel secure in the hill country of Shomron (Samaria)—

the notable men of the best of the nations—

the ones who Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants come to for help!

2 "Go to Keleneh and look.

From there go to Hamat-Rabah.

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27 **RV 5:21-22 · Cross-ref.** Isa 1:11-14.

28 **RV 5:25-27 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:42-43.

30 **LV 6:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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Then go down to the Pelishti city of Gat.
Are they better than your two kingdoms?
Is their territory larger than yours?"
3 Those who refuse to consider the day of disaster won't end well
and make the seat of violence come closer.
4 They lie on ivory beds
and lounge on their couches.
They eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall.
5 They sing fun songs with the harp as accompaniment.
They improvise on musical instruments like David did.
6 They drink bowls of wine
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but they don't grieve over Yisrael's (Israel's) ruin.
7 Therefore, they'll go into exile now with the first exiles,
and the feasts of those who lounged about will come to an end.
8 This is the declaration of Yahweh, the god with armies:
"I, the master Yahweh, have sworn by myself
that I detest Yisrael's pride.
I hate their fortresses,
therefore I'll hand the city[29] over with everything that's in it."
9 When that happens, if there's ten people left in a house, they'll all die. **10** When a person's relative comes to take their bodies out of the house to be burnt outside, if he asks the person in the house if there's anyone with them and if that person says there's not, then he'll say, "Don't say anything else because we mustn't mention Yahweh's name."
11 Yes, because, listen, Yahweh will give a command,
and the big house will be smashed to pieces,
and the little house turned into rubble.
12 Do horses run on the rocky cliffs?
Would someone plough there with oxen?
Yet you've all turned justice into poison
and the results of doing what's right, into bitterness,
13 you who celebrate about capturing Lo-Devar—
who say, "Didn't we take Karnayim by our own strength?"
14 Therefore, listen, I'll raise up a nation against you people of Yisrael (Israel).
That's the declaration of Yahweh, the god with armies.
They'll afflict you
from Levo-Hamat to the brook in the Aravah."

The locusts vision · Northern kingdom

7:1 This is what my master Yahweh showed me:
Listen, he formed a locust swarm when the spring crop began to come up, and oh no, it was the late crop after the king's initial harvest. **2** When they'd finished eating everything green across

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ivory and_people_sprawled_out on couches_of_their and_ _those_who_eat lambs from_the_flock and_calves from_the_ _midst_of the_stall. **5** Those_who_improvise on the_mouth_of the_lyre like_Dāvid they_have_devised to/for_them instruments_of song. **6** Those_who_drink in_bowls_of wine and_the_best_of oils they_smear and_not they_were_sickened on the_ruin_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph)[313233] **7** for_so/thus/hence now they_will_go_into_exile at_the_head those_who_go_into_exile and_ the_revelry_of sprawled_out_people _it_will_come_to_an_ _end. **8** My_master **YHWH** he_has_sworn by_self_of_his the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers I am_ _loathing ᴅᴏᴍ the_pride_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_fortresses_of_ _his I_hate and_I_will_deliver_up the_city and_what_of_fills_it. **9** And_it_was if ten men they_will_remain in_a_house one and_ _they_will_die. **10** And_he_will_lift_him_up one_of_his_loved and_the_one_of_who_burns_him to_bring_out bones from the_ _house and_saying(ms) to_the_one_who is_in_the_innermost_ _parts_of the_house still is_anyone_with_you and_saying(ms) no and_saying(ms) hush if/because not to_bring_to_ _remembrance in/on_name_of **YHWH**. **11** If/because HERE **YHWH** is_commanding and_someone_will_strike the_house (the)_great fragments and_the_house the_small(sg) rubble(s). **12** Do_they_run on_crag[s] horses or does_anyone_plow with_ _oxen if/because you(pl)_have_turned into_poison justice and_ _the_fruit_of righteousness into_wormwood. **13** The_joyful_ _people to_Lo- debar who_say am_not by_our_own_of_strength have_we_taken to/for_us Qarnāyim. **14** If/because HERE_I am_ _about_to_raise_up on_you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH** the_god_of (the)_soldiers/messengers a_nation and_they_will_oppress you(pl) from Hamath to the_ _wadi_of (the)_'Arāvāh.

7:1 Thus he_showed_me my_master **YHWH** and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_forming locust[s] at_the_beginning_ _of the_spring-crop of_the_coming_up and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ _spring-crop after the_mowings_of the_king. **2** And_it_was if it_ _had_finished to_eat ᴅᴏᴍ the_vegetation_of the_earth/land and_I_said my_master **YHWH** forgive please who

29 RV 6:8 · Note Probably Shomron (Samaria).

31 LV 6:6 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

32 LV 6:6 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

33 LV 6:6 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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Ya′ₐqov/(Jacob) will_he_stand if/because is_small he. **3** **YHWH** he_relented on this not it_will_be **YHWH** he_said.

4 Thus he_showed_me my_master **YHWH** and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_calling for_conducting_a_case by_fire my_master **YHWH** and_she/it_ate ~~DOM~~ the_deep great and_it_consumed ~~DOM~~ the_portion_land. **5** And_I_said my_master **YHWH** cease please who Ya′ₐqov will_he_stand if/because is_small he. **6** **YHWH** he_relented on this also it not it_will_be my_master **YHWH** he_said.

7 Thus he_showed_me and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE my_master was_standing on a_wall_of tin and_was_in_hand_of_his tin. **8** And_**YHWH** _he/it_said to_me what are_you seeing Oh_'Āmōts and_I_said tin and_ my_master _he/it_said HERE_I am_about_to_put tin in_the_midst_of my_people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not I_will_repeat again to_pass_by to_him/it. **9** And_ the_high_places_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) _they_will_be_made_desolate and_the_sanctuaries_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_be_waste and_I_will_arise on the_house_of Yārov′ām/(Jeroboam) with_sword.

10 And_ Amaziah the_priest_of Bēyt-'ēl _he_sent to Yārov′ām the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say he_has_conspired on_you 'Āmōts in_the_midst_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not the_earth/land it_is_able to_endure ~~DOM~~ all_of words/messages_of_his. **11** If/because thus 'Āmōts he_has_said by_sword Yārov′ām he_will_die and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) certainly_(go_into_exile) it_will_go_into_exile from_under land_of_its. **12** And_ Amaziah _he/it_said to 'Āmōts Oh_seer go flee to/for_yourself(m) to the_land_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_eat there bread and_there you_will_prophesy. **13** And_Bēyt-'ēl not you_must_repeat again to_prophesy if/because is_a_sanctuary_of a_king it and_is_a_house_of kingdom it. **14** And_ 'Āmōts _he_answered and_he/it_said to Amaziah not am_a_prophet I and_not am_a_son_of a_prophet I if/because was_a_herdsman I and_a_fig_picker_of sycamores. **15** And_he_took_me **YHWH** from_after the_flock and_he/it_said to_me **YHWH** go prophesy to people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **16** And_now hear the_message_of **YHWH** you are_saying not you_must_prophesy on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not you_must_prophesy on the_house_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **17** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says wife_of_your in_city she_will_be_a_prostitute and_sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your by_sword they_will_fall and_land_of_your with_measuring-line it_will_be_divided and_you(ms) on ground unclean you_will_die and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) certainly_(go_into_exile) it_will_go_into_exile from_under land_of_its.

8:1 Thus he_showed_me my_master **YHWH** and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_basket_of summer_fruit. **2** And_he/it_said what are_you seeing Oh_'Āmōts and_I_said a_basket_of summer_fruit and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me the_end it_has_

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the land, then I asked, "My master Yahweh, please forgive me. How will Yisrael (Israel) survive because it's only a small country?"

3 So Yahweh backed off from that and said that he wouldn't do it.

The wildfire vision · Northern kingdom

4 This is what my master Yahweh showed me:
Listen, my master Yahweh called on fire to judge the country. It dried up the vast, deep water under the earth and also would have devoured the land **5** except I said, "My master Yahweh, please stop. How will Yisrael (Israel) survive because it's so small?"

6 So Yahweh also backed off from that and said that he wouldn't do it.

The plumb-line vision · Northern kingdom

7 This is what he showed me:
Listen, my master stood on a wall holding a plumb-line **8** and he asked me, "Amos, what do you see?"

"A plumb line," I answered.

"Listen, I'll drop a plumb-line down to check out my people Yisrael (Israel)," my master said. "Never again will I spare them. **9** The hilltop shrines of Yitshak (Isaac) will be destroyed.
Yisrael's sanctuaries will be ruined,
and I'll take action against the house of Yarov'am (Jeroboam) with the sword."

Amos and Amasiyas · Both kingdoms

10 Then Amatsyah, the priest at Beyt-El (Bethel), sent a message to Yisrael's (Israel's) King Yarov'am (Jeroboam), saying: "Amos has conspired against you right among the Israeli people. The country can't handle all his messages. **11** Amos is saying that you, Yarov'am, will die by the sword and that Yisrael will definitely get taken into exile away from this land."

12 Amatsyah ordered Amos, "Hey prophet! Go and run yourself back to the Yehudah (Judah) region, and earn your living and prophesy there. **13** But you must never again prophesy here at Beyt-El because it's the king's sanctuary, and it's the royal residence."

14 "I'm not a prophet," Amos answered the priest. "Nor am I a prophet's son, because I'm a herdsman, plus I take care of an orchard. **15** But Yahweh took me from looking after the flock and told me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Yisrael.' **16** So now listen to Yahweh's message: You say, 'Don't prophesy against Yisrael, and don't speak out against Yitshak's (Isaac's) descendants.'
17 Therefore this is what Yahweh says:
Your wife will become a prostitute in the city.
Your sons and daughters will die by the sword.
Your property will be measured and divided up.
You'll die in a foreign, heathen country,
and Yisrael will certainly be taken into exile from its land."

The basket-of-fruit vision · Northern kingdom

8:1 This is what my master Yahweh showed me: See this basketful of summer fruit. **2** Then he asked, "What do you see,

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Amos?"
"A basket of summer fruit," I said.
Then Yahweh told me, "The end has come for my people Yisrael (Israel). I won't spare them any longer. 3 The songs of the temple will become wailings on that day."
That's the declaration of my master Yahweh.
"Many dead bodies—they're thrown everywhere.
Then silence."

Yisrael's punishment · Northern kingdom

4 Listen to this, you who trample the needy
and take the poor off the land. 5 They say,
"When will the new moon celebrations be over, so we can sell grain again?
When will the Rest Day be over, so we can sell wheat?
We'll make the measure small and increase the price,
as we cheat with false scales.
6 This is so we can sell low-grade wheat.
We can buy the poor people with cash,
and the needy people for a pair of sandals."
7 Yahweh has made an oath on Ya'akov's (Jacob's) pride,
"I certainly won't ever forget any of their evil actions.
8 Won't the land itself quake due to this behaviour,
and every one who lives in it mourn?
All of the ground will come up like the Nile River after the rains,
and it will be tossed about then settle again, like Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) river.
9 This is the declaration of my master Yahweh:
"It will come at that time that I'll make the sun set at noon,
and I will darken the earth during the day.
10 I'll turn your festivals into mourning
and all your songs into dirges.
I'll make all of you wear sackcloth
and every head to be shaved.
I'll make it like mourning for an only son,
and a bitter day to its end.
11 This is the declaration of my master Yahweh:
Listen, the days are coming when I'll send a famine to this country.
Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water,
but for hearing Yahweh's messages.
12 They'll stagger from sea to sea.
They'll rove around from the north to the east to seek Yahweh's message,
but they won't find it.
13 In that day the beautiful young women
and the young men will faint from dehydration.
14 Those who swear by the guilt of Shomron (Samaria)
and say, 'As your god lives, Dan,'
and, 'As the road to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) exists'—

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_come to people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not I_will_repeat again to_pass_by to_him/it. 3 And_ songs_of the_temple _they_will_ _wail in_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** many the_corpse[s] in_all place someone_will_throw hush.

4 Hear this Oh_you(pl)_who_trample_on the_needy and_to_put_ _an_end_to the_afflicted_people_of[34] the_land. 5 To_say when the_new_moon will_it_pass so_that_we_may_sell_grain grain and_the_sabbath so_that_we_may_open grain to_make_small an_'ēyfāh and_to_make_great a_shekel and_to_falsify balances_ _of deceit. 6 To_buy for_silver poor_people and_the_needy in_ _account_of a_pair_of_sandals and_refuse_of grain we_will_sell_ _grain. 7 **YHWH** he_has_sworn by_the_pride_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) if I_will_forget to_perpetuity all_of deeds_of_their. 8 On this not the_earth/land will_it_tremble and_ every_of one_who_dwells in_it _he_will_mourn and_it_will_rise like_light of_it_of_all and_ _it_will_be_tossed and[35] like_the_River of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 9 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** and_I_will_cause_to_go the_sun at_noon(s) and_I_will_make_dark (to)_earth in/on_day light. 10 And_I_ _will_turn feasts_of_your(pl) into_mourning and_all songs_of_ _your(pl) into_lamentation and_I_will_bring_up on all_of loins sackcloth and_on every_of head baldness and_I_will_make_it like_the_mourning an_only_son and_end_of_its will_be_like_a_ _day bitter. 11 HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** and_I_will_send a_famine on_the_earth not a_ _famine for_bread and_not a_thirst for_water if/because (if) for_hearing ~~DOM~~ the_words/messages_of **YHWH**. 12 And_ _people_will_stagger from_sea to sea and_from_the_north and_ _unto the_east they_will_rove_about to_seek ~~DOM~~ the_message_ _of **YHWH** and_not they_will_find_it. 13 In_the_day (the)_that the_virgins (the)_beautiful and_the_young_men they_will_ _become_faint by_thirst. 14 Those_who_swear by_the_guilt_of Shomrōn and_they_say by_the_life your(pl)_gods_of_your Oh_ _Dān and_by_the_life of_the_way_of of Bə'ēr and_they_will_fall and_not they_will_rise again.

34 **LV 8:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: יונע: (x-qere) 'יֵינֵַע': lemma_6041 morph_HAampc id_305vj יֵינֵַע

35 **LV 8:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: הקשנ/ו: (x-qere) 'הָעְקְשְׁנִ/ו': lemma_c/8257 n_0.0 morph_HC/VNq3fs id_306mC הָעְקְשְׁנִ/ו

Literal Version

9:1 I_saw ~~DOM~~ my_master standing on the_altar and_he/it_said strike the_capital so_ the_thresholds _that_they_may_shake and_break_them_off on_the_head_of all_of_them_of_their and_ _posterity_of_their by_sword I_will_kill not he_will_flee to/for_ _them one_who_flees and_not he_will_escape to/for_them an_ _escapee. **2** If they_will_dig in_Shə'ōl from_there hand_of_my it_will_take_them and_if they_will_go_up the_heavens from_ _there I_will_bring_them_down. **3** And_if they_will_hide_ _themselves on_the_top_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) from_there I_will_search_for_them and_I_will_take_them and_if they_will_ _hide_themselves from_before eyes_of_my at_the_bottom_of the_sea from_there I_will_command ~~DOM~~ the_snake and_it_will_ _bite_them. **4** And_if they_will_go in_captivity to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their[36] from_there I_will_ _command ~~DOM~~ the_drought//sword/knife and_it_will_kill_ _them and_I_will_set eye_of_my on_them for_evil and_not for_ _good. **5** And_the_of_master **YHWH** of_(the)_ _soldiers/messengers who_touches on_the_earth and_it_ _melted and_ all_of the_inhabitants_of in_it _they_mourn and_ _it_rises like_River of_it_of_all and_it_sinks like_the_River of_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt)[373839] **6** who_builds in_the_heavens his[40] and_vault_of_his on the_earth he_has_founds_it who_summons (to)_the_waters_of the_sea and_he_poured_them_out on the_ _surface_of the_earth/land is_**YHWH** his/its_name. **7** Am_not like_the_sons_of the_Kūshiy/(Cushite)s are_you(pl) to_me Oh_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH** am_not ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) did_I_bring_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim and_the_Pəlishtiy from_Kaftor/(Caphtor) and_'Arām from_Qīr. **8** HERE the_eyes_of my_master **YHWH** are_on_ _kingdom (the)_sinful and_I_will_destroy ~~DOM~~_her/it from_ _under the_surface_of the_soil nevertheless if/because not totally_destroy I_will_destroy ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **9** If/because HERE I am_about_to_command and_I_will_shake among_all_of the_ _nations ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as it_is_shaken in_sieve and_not a_pebble it_will_fall the_ground. **10** By_sword all_of the_sinners_of my_people_of_my who_say not it_will_ _bring_near and_it_will_meet through_us the_calamity they_ _will_die.

Readers' Version

they will die and never live again."

Yahweh's judgement on Yisrael · Northern kingdom

9:1 I saw my master standing beside the altar, and he said,

"Strike the tops of the pillars so that the foundations will shake.

Break them in pieces onto all their heads,
and I will kill the last of them with the sword.
Not one of them will get away.
Not one of them will escape.

2 Though they dig down towards Sheol, my hand will reach in there and pluck them out.

Though they climb up to heaven, I'll bring them back down from there.

3 Even if they hide on the top of Mt. Karmel, I'll search there and take them.

Though they're hidden from my sight at the bottom of the sea, I'll give orders to the serpent there to bite them.

4 Though they go into captivity, driven ahead by their enemies, I'll give orders there to the sword to kill them.

I'll keep my eyes on them for harm and not for good."

5 Master and Commander-in-chief Yahweh touches the land and it melts.

All who live in it mourn.
All of it will rise up like the Nile River,
then go down again like Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) river.

6 He builds his steps in the heavens,
and has established his vault over the earth.
He calls for the waters of the sea,
and pours them out on the earth's surface,
Yahweh is his name.

7 This is Yahweh's declaration:

"Aren't you all like Kush's (Ethiopia's) sons to me, you Israelis?
Didn't I bring Yisrael (Israel) out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),
the Pelishtim from Kraitai (Crete),
and the Arameans from Kir?

8 Listen, the eyes of my master Yahweh are on the sinful kingdom of Yisrael,
and I will destroy it from the face of the earth,
except that I won't totally wipe out Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

9 Because, listen, I will give a command,
and I'll shake Yisrael among all the nations,
as one shakes grain in a sieve,
but not even a pebble will fall to the ground. **10** All my people who are sinners will die by the sword,
including those who said, 'We're totally immune from any dis-

36 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

37 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

38 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

39 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

40 LV 9:6 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תולעמ: (x-qere) ו/יְתוֹלֲעַמ׳: lemma_4609 b n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_30mM8 ו/יְתוֹלֲעַמ

Readers' Version

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Yisrael's future restoration · Full kingdom

11 At that time, I'll raise up David's shelter that collapsed, and repair where it's split.
I'll raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old.[41]
12 Consequently they may take over what's left of Edom
and all the nations that have decided to follow me.
That is Yahweh's declaration—he'll do it.
13 This is Yahweh's declaration:
Listen, the days will come when the man on the plough will overtake the harvester,
and the treader of grapes will overtake the one planting seed.
The mountains will drip sweet wine,
and all the hills will flow with it.
14 I'll bring my people Yisrael (Israel) back from captivity.
They'll build the ruined cities and inhabit them.
They'll plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they'll make gardens and eat their fruit.
15 I'll plant them onto their land,
and they'll never again be uprooted from the land that I've given them,"
says your god Yahweh.

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Literal Version

11 In_the_day (the)_that I_will_raise_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_booth_of Dāvid (the)_fallen and_I_will_wall_up ~~ĐOM~~ breaches_of_their and_ruins_of_his I_will_raise_up and_I_will_rebuild_it like_the_ _days_of antiquity. **12** So_that they_may_dispossess ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _remnant_of ʾEdōm and_all the_nations which name_of_my it_ _is_called on_them the_utterance_of **YHWH** who_is_about_to_ _do this. **13** HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ the_plowman _he_will_approach (in)_reaper and_the_ _treader_of grapes (in)_the_sower_of the_seed and_ the_ _mountains _they_will_drip sweet_wine and_all the_hills they_ _will_flow_with_it. **14** And_I_will_turn_back ~~ĐOM~~ the_captivity_ _of my_people_of_my Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_will_rebuild cities desolated and_they_will_dwell_in_them and_they_will_ _plant vineyards and_they_will_drink ~~ĐOM~~ wine_of_their and_ _they_will_make gardens and_they_will_eat ~~ĐOM~~ fruit_of_their. **15** And_I_will_plant_them on land_of_their_own and_not they_ _will_be_plucked_up again from_under land_of_their which I_ _have_given to/for_them **YHWH** god_of_your he_says.

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41 RV 9:11-12 · Cross-ref. Acts 15:16-18.

Hoshea

(Hosea)

Introduction

This document is about what was prophesied long ago by the prophet Hoshea (often wrongly known in English as ‘Hosea’) around 800 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) and before Shomron (Samaria) was destroyed by invading armies. The prophets Hoshea and Amos gave similar prophecies to the people in similar period, but Hoshea continued on for several years longer. In those times, Yisrael (Israel) was divided into two countries. The northern part where Hoshea preached continued to be known as Yisrael and was also named as ‘Efrayim’ (the name of a prominent tribe in that northern kingdom). Shomron (Samaria) was its capital city. The smaller, southern part of the former, larger Yisrael was named Yehudah (after the largest tribe in that area).
In this document, Hoshea showed the arguments between those who followed Yahweh, and those who had decided to change their allegiance to idols and other gods. The latter were like Hoshea’s disobedient spouse Gomir who left him behind. Also, Hoshea was very sad about how the people argued and worshipped false gods, and no longer trusted their god Yahweh. But in the ending, God again displayed his love towards his people and wanted to bring them back to him. His love for them was very strong, and he revealed this to them through Hoshea’s sorrowful speeches, “How can I give you up, Efrayim? How can I hand you over, Yisrael? ... My heart is turned over within me—all my compassions are aroused.” (11:8).

Main components of this document

Hoshea’s marriage and family *1:1–3:5*
God’s case against Yisrael *4:1–13:16*
The promise, and the command to repent *14:1-9*

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1:1 This is Yahweh's message that came to Be'eri's son Hoshea (Hosea) in the time of Kings Uziyah,[1] Yotam (Jotham),[2] Ahaz,[3] and Hizkiyah (Hezekiah),[4] of Yehudah (Judah), and was also during the reign of Yoash's son King Yarov'am (Jeroboam)[5] in Yisrael (Israel).

Hoshea's wife and children · Northern kingdom

2 When Yahweh first spoke through Hoshea (Hosea), he told him, "Go and get yourself a prostitute for a wife and have children from her, because the country is committing flagrant prostitution by forsaking Yahweh."

3 So he went and married Divlayim's daughter Gomer, and she got pregnant and bore him a son. **4** Then Yahweh told him, "Name him Yizre'el (Jezreel), because in a little while I'll avenge the blood shed in the Yizre'el valley on Yehu's (Jehu's) family,[6] and I'll put an end to the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel). **5** At that time in the Yizre'el valley, I'll break Yisrael's military power."

6 Then Gomer conceived again and bore a daughter, and Yahweh told Hoshea, "Name her Lo-Ruhamah (which means 'No mercy'), because I'll no longer have mercy on the Israelis, and I won't forgive them at all. **7** But I'll have mercy on Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants, and I'll save them so they'll be able to see that it was their god Yahweh. (I won't save them using bows, swords, battles, horses, or horsemen.)"

8 After she'd weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she got pregnant again and bore a second son. **9** Then Yahweh said, "Name him Lo-Ami (which means 'Not my people') because you're not my people and I'm not your god."

Yisrael's restoration · Northern kingdom

10 Yet the number of Israelis will be like the sand on the seashore, which can't be measured or counted. Then instead of being told, 'You're not my people,' they'll be told, 'You are children of the living god.'[7] **11** The people from both Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel) will be gathered together. They'll appoint one leader for themselves, and they'll come out of the countries where they'd been exiled, because the day of Yizre'el (Jezreel) (which means 'planted by God') will be great.

2:1 "Say to your brothers, 'My people,' and your sisters, 'You've all been shown compassion.' "

Literal Version

1:1 The_message_of **YHWH** which it_came to Hōshēʻa the_son_ _of Bəʾērī in_the_days_of ʻUzziy^{yāh} Yōtām/(Jotham) ʾĀḥāz Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_the_days_of Yārovʻām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Yōʾāsh/(Joash) the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

2 The_beginning_of **YHWH** (of)_when_he_spoke by_Hōshēʻa and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Hōshēʻa go take to/for_yourself(m) a_wife_of prostitution(s) and_children_of prostitution(s) if/because continually_(prostitute_itself) the_earth/land it_ _prostitutes_itself from_after **YHWH.** **3** And_he/it_went and_ _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ Gomer the_daughter_of Divʻlayim and_she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it a_son. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it call his/its_name Yizrəʻʾēl/(Jezreel) if/because yet a_little and_I_will_visit ~~DOM~~ the_blood(s)_of Yizrəʻʾēl/(Jezreel) on the_house_of Yēhūʾ/(Jehu) and_I_will_put_an_end_to the_kingdom_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that and_I_will_ _break ~~DOM~~ the_bow_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_the_valley_of Yizrəʻʾēl/(Jezreel). **6** And_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant again and_she/it_gave_birth a_daughter and_he/it_said to_ _him/it call his/its_name Lo- Ruḥāmāh if/because not I_will_ _repeat again I_will_have_compassion_on ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because certainly_(forgive) I_will_forgive to/for_them. **7** And_~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I_will_ _have_compassion_on and_I_will_save_them by_**YHWH** god_of_ _their and_not I_will_save_them by_bow and_by_sword and_by_ _battle by_horses and_by_horsemen. **8** And_she_weaned ~~DOM~~ Lo- Ruḥāmāh and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_ _she/it_gave_birth a_son. **9** And_he/it_said call his/its_name Lo- Ammi if/because you(pl) not people_of_are_my and_I not I_ _will_belong to_you(pl).

2:1 **8** And_it_was the_number_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) like_the_sand_of the_sea which not it_will_be_measured and_ _not it_will_be_counted and_it_was in_the_place_of (of)_where it_was_said to/for_them not people_of_are_my you(pl) it_will_ _be_said to/for_them children_of the_god living. **2** **9** And_ the_ _people_of Yəhūdāh and_the_sons of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_ _will_be_gathered together and_they_will_appoint to/for_them a_leader one and_they_will_go_up from the_earth/land if/because will_be_great the_day_of Yizrəʻʾēl/(Jezreel). **3** **10** Say to_brothers_of_your(pl) people_of_my and_to_sisters_of_ _your(pl) she_is_shown_compassion.

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:1-7; 2Ch 26:1-23.
2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:32-38; 2Ch 27:1-8.
3 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 16:1-20; 2Ch 28:1-27.
4 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 18:1–20:21; 2Ch 29:1–32:33.
5 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 14:23-29.
6 **RV 1:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 10:11.
7 **RV 1:10 · Cross-ref.** Rom 9:26.
8 **LV 2:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.1.10
9 **LV 2:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.1.11
10 **LV 2:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.1

Literal Version

4 [11] Conduct_a_case with_mother_of_your(pl) conduct_a_case if/because she not wife_of_is_my and_I not her/its_ _husband/man and_let_her_remove prostitution(s)_of_her from_face_of_her[12] and_adulteries_of_her from_between breasts_of_her. 5 [13] Lest I_should_strip_her naked and_I_will_ _exhibit_her like_the_day_of she_was_born and_I_will_make_ _her like_wilderness and_I_will_make_her like_a_land dryness and_I_should_make_her_die with_thirst. 6 [14] And_~~DOM~~ her/its_ _sons/descendants not I_will_have_compassion_on if/because are_children_of prostitution(s) they. 7 [15] If/because mother_of_ _their she_has_prostituted_herself the_one_of_who_conceived_ _them she_has_acted_shamefully if/because she_said I_will_go after lovers_of_my who_give_of food_of_(of)_my and_water_of_ _my wool_of_my and_flax_of_my oil_of_my and_drinks_of_my. 8 [16] For_so/thus/hence here_I am_about_to_fence_up ~~DOM~~ way_ _of_your with_thorns and_I_will_wall_up ~~DOM~~ wall_of_her and_ _paths_of_her not she_will_find. 9 [17] And_she_will_pursue ~~DOM~~ lovers_of_her and_not she_will_overtake ~~DOM~~_them and_she_ _will_seek_them and_not she_will_find_them and_she_will_say I_will_go and_I_will_return to husband_of_my (the)_former if/because it_was_good to_me then more_than_now. 10 [18] And_ _she not she_knows if/because_that I I_gave to/for_her/it the_ _grain and_the_new_wine and_the_fresh_oil and_silver I_ _multiplied to/for_her/it and_gold which_they_made into_ _Ba´al. 11 [19] For_so/thus/hence I_will_return and_I_will_take grain_of_my at_its_appropriate_of_time and_my_new_of_wine at_its_appointed_of_time and_I_will_take_away wool_of_my and_flax_of_my to_cover ~~DOM~~ nakedness_of_her. 12 [20] And_now I_will_uncover ~~DOM~~ lewdness_of_her to_the_eyes_of her_lovers and_anyone not he_will_deliver_her from_hand_of_my. 13 [21] And_I_will_put_an_end_to all_of joy_of_her festival[s]_of_her moon[s]_of_her_new and_sabbath[s]_of_her and_ _all/each/any/every feast_of_her_appointed. 14 [22] And_I_will_ _devastate vine[s]_of_her and_her_fig_of_tree[s] which she_said are_wage[s] they to_me which they_gave to_me lovers_of_my and_I_will_make_them into_a_thicket and_it_will_consume_ _them the_animal[s]_of the_field. 15 [23] And_I_will_visit on/upon_it(f) ~~DOM~~ the_days_of the_Ba´al when she_made_ _smoke to/for_them and_she_adorned_herself ring[s]_of_her and_jewelry_of_her and_she_went after lovers_of_her and_me she_forgot the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

Readers' Version

Yisrael, the prostitute, will be punished · Northern kingdom

2 Contend with your mother, contend,
because she's not my wife,
and nor am I her husband.
Let her turn her face away from prostitution,
and cease her adultery from between her breasts.
3 If she doesn't, I'll strip her naked
and expose her like on the day she was born.
I will make her like the wilderness,
and make her like a sun-baked land,
→and I'll make her die from thirst.
4 I won't have mercy on her children,
→because they're the products of prostitution,
5 because their mother has dabbled in prostitution—
the woman who conceived them has acted shamefully.
Yes, she had said, "I'll go after my lovers,
who give me my bread and my water,
my wool and my flax,
and my oil and my drink."
6 Therefore, I'll fence her paths in with thorns.
I'll build a wall up against her so she can't find her way.
7 She'll try to pursue her lovers, but she won't be able to catch up to them.
She'll search for them, but she won't be able to find them.
Then she'll say, "I'll go and return to my first husband,
→because it was better for me then than it is now."
8 No, she hadn't known that it was me who gave her the grain, the new wine and the oil,
and who lavished gold and silver on her,
→which they then used for Ba'al.
9 Therefore I'll take my grain back in its time,
and my new wine in its season.
I'll take away my wool and my flax
→that were used to cover her nakedness.
10 Now I'll uncover her lewdness as her lovers watch,
but no one can rescue her from my punishment.
11 I'll also put an end to all her mirth,
her feasts, her new-moon celebrations, her rest days, and all her scheduled festivals.

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11 **LV 2:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.2

12 **LV 2:4 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

13 **LV 2:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.3

14 **LV 2:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.4

15 **LV 2:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.5

16 **LV 2:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.6

17 **LV 2:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.7

18 **LV 2:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.8

19 **LV 2:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.9

20 **LV 2:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.10

21 **LV 2:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.11

22 **LV 2:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.12

23 **LV 2:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.13

Readers' Version

12 "I'll destroy her grapevines and her fig trees,
of which she said, 'Those are my wages that my lovers gave me.'
I'll make them grow wild,
→and then the animals in the countryside will devour them.
13 I'll punish her for the feast days for the Baals,
when she burnt incense to them,
when she adorned herself with her rings and jewellery,
and went after her lovers and forgot me."
That is Yahweh's declaration.

The love of God of his people · Northern kingdom

14 Therefore, listen, I'm going to entice her.
I'll bring her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.
15 I'll give her back her vineyards,
and the depressing Akor Valley[24] as a gateway for hope.
She'll answer me there as in the days of her youth—
like at the time that she came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt):
16 "Yahweh declares you'll call me, 'My husband,' at the time
^and no longer call me, 'My master (Heb. Ba'al),'
17 because I'll remove the names of the Baals from her mouth,
and they'll no longer be remembered by their names."
18 "On that day I'll make an agreement for them
with the animals in the fields,
with the birds in the sky,
and with the crawling things on the ground.
I'll abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land,
and I'll make you lie down in safety.
19 I'll take you as my wife forever.
I'll marry you to me in righteousness and justice,
in loyal commitment, and in mercy.
20 I'll be faithful to you as my wife,
and you'll know Yahweh.
21 This is Yahweh's declaration:
At that time I'll answer the skies with rain,
and they'll answer the earth.
22 The earth will answer the grain, the new wine and the oil,

Literal Version

16 [26] For_so/thus/hence HERE I am_about_of_to_persuade_her and_I_will_lead_her the_wilderness and_I_will_speak to[272829] her/its_heart. 17 [30] And_I_will_give to/for_her/it ~~ḎǪM~~ vineyards_of_her from_there and_~~ḎǪM~~ the_valley_of_ʼĀkōr to_a_ _door_of hope and_she_will_answer there_(to) like_the_days_of her_youth(s)_of_her and_like_the_day_of[31] she_ascended from_ _the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 18 [32] And_it_was in_day (the)_ _that the_utterance_of **YHWH** you_will_call husband_of_my and_not you_will_call to_me again Baʼal_my. 19 [33] And_I_will_ _remove ~~ḎǪM~~ the_names_of the_Baʼal from_mouth_of_her and_ _not they_will_be_remembered again by_name_of_their. 20 [34] And_I_will_make to/for_them a_covenant in_the_day (the)_that with the_animal[s]_of the_field and_with the_bird[s]_of the_ _heavens and_the_creeping_thing[s]_of the_soil and_bow and_ _sword and_battle I_will_break from the_earth/land and_I_will_ _make_them_lie_down to_security. 21 [35] And_I_will_betroth_ _you to_me forever_perpetuity and_I_will_betroth_you to_me in_righteousness and_in_justice and_in_covenant_loyalty and_ _in_compassion(s). 22 [36] And_I_will_betroth_you to_me in_ _faithfulness and_you_will_know ~~ḎǪM~~ **YHWH**. 23 [37] And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that I_will_answer the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_ _will_answer ~~ḎǪM~~ the_heavens and_they they_will_answer ~~ḎǪM~~ the_earth/land. 24 [38] And_the_earth it_will_answer ~~ḎǪM~~ the_ _grain and_~~ḎǪM~~ the_new_wine and_~~ḎǪM~~ the_fresh_oil and_they they_will_answer ~~ḎǪM~~ Yizrəʼēl/(Jezreel). 25 [39] And_I_will_sow_ _her to/for_me on_the_earth and_I_will_have_compassion_on ~~ḎǪM~~ Lo- Ruhamah and_I_will_say to_Lo- ammi people_of_are_ _my you and_he he_will_say god_of_my.

24 **RV 2:15 · Cross-ref.** Josh 7:24-26.
26 **LV 2:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.14
27 **LV 2:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
28 **LV 2:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
29 **LV 2:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
30 **LV 2:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.15
31 **LV 2:17 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
32 **LV 2:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.16
33 **LV 2:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.17
34 **LV 2:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.18
35 **LV 2:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.19
36 **LV 2:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.20
37 **LV 2:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.21
38 **LV 2:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.22
39 **LV 2:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.23

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3:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me again go love a_woman who_ _is_loved_of a_companion and_who_commits_adultery as_ **YHWH** _loves ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they are_ _turning to gods other and_they_are_loving_of (of)_cakes_of grapes. **2** And_I_bought_her to/for_me for_fif- teen silver and_ _a_homer_of barley(s) and_a_lethech_of barley(s). **3** And_I_said to_her/it days many you_will_dwell to_me not you_must_ _prostitute_yourself and_not you_must_belong to_a_man and_ _also I to_you. **4** If/because days many the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_dwell there_will_not_be a_king and_ _there_will_not_be a_prince and_there_will_not_be a_sacrifice and_there_will_not_be a_pillar and_there_will_not_be an_ _ephod and_teraphim. **5** After the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_return and_they_will_seek ĐOM **YHWH** god_of_their and_ĐOM Dāvid king_of_their and_they_will_be_in_dread to **YHWH** and_near/to goodness_of_his in_end/latter the_days.

4:1 Hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because a_case_at_law to/for_**YHWH** with the_inhabitants_ _of the_earth/land if/because there_is_not faithfulness and_ _there_is_not covenant_loyalty and_there_is_not knowledge_of god on_the_earth. **2** Cursing and_deceiving and_murdering and_stealing and_committing_adultery people_have_broken_ _out and_blood(s) (in)_blood(s) they_have_touched. **3** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_earth/land it_will_dry_up and_ every_ _of one_who_dwells in_it _he_will_languish among_the_ _animal[s]_of the_field and_on/over_bird_of the_heavens and_ _also the_fish(es)_of the_sea they_will_be_removed.

4 Nevertheless anyone not let_him_bring_a_case and_not anyone let_him_reprove and_people_of_your is_like_those_ _who_contend_of (of)_a_priest. **5** And_you_will_stumble the_ _day and_ also a_prophet _he_will_stumble with_you night and_I_will_destroy mother_of_your. **6** People_of_my they_have_ _been_destroyed from_not_of (the)_knowledge if/because you the_knowledge you_have_rejected and_I_will_reject_you from_ _serving_as_a_priest to_me and_you_have_forgotten the_law_of your(pl)_god_of_your also I I_will_forget children_of_your. **7** As_ _increased_they so they_sinned to_me glory_of_their for_ _shame I_will_exchange. **8** The_sin_of my_people_of_my they_ _eat and_near/to iniquity_of_their they_lift_up desire_of_its. **9** And_it_was as_people as_priest and_I_will_visit on/upon/above_him/it ways_of_his and_deeds_of_his I_will_ _repay to_him/it. **10** And_they_will_eat and_not they_will_be_ _satisfied they_will_prostitute_themselves and_not they_will_ _increase if/because ĐOM **YHWH** they_have_abandoned to_

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and they'll answer Yizre'el (Jezreel) (which means 'God sows/plants').

23 I will sow her for myself in the land,
and I will have mercy on Lo-Ruhamah ('No mercy').
I will tell Lo-Ami ('Not my people'),
'You are my people,'
and they'll say, 'You're our God.' "[25]

Yahweh's love for his people · Northern kingdom

3:1 Yahweh told me, "Go again and love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as Yahweh loves the Israeli people, even though they turn to other gods and honour them with raisin cakes."

2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen silver coins and ten baskets of barley. **3** I told her, "You must stay with me for some time. You mustn't dabble in prostitution or mess with any other man. In the same way, I'll be true to you." **4** Because the Israeli people will continue for many days without a king or prince, a sacrifice or stone pillar, and an ephod or household idols. **5** Afterwards, the Israeli people will return and want to follow Yahweh their god and David their king, and in the final days, they'll come trembling to Yahweh and to his goodness.

Yahweh's case against Yisrael · Northern kingdom

4:1 Listen to Yahweh's message you Israelis,
because Yahweh has brought a lawsuit against the inhabitants of the land,
because there's no faithfulness or loyal commitment—no knowledge of God in the land.
2 There's cursing, lying, murder, stealing and adultery.
They've broken all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.
3 Therefore the land mourns,
and everyone who lives in it is wasting away,
along with the animals in the countryside and the birds in the sky.
Even the fish in the sea will disappear.

Yahweh's warning to priests · Northern kingdom

4 Despite that, don't let anyone bring a lawsuit,
and don't let them accuse.
Your people are like those who would accuse a priest.
5 You'll stumble during the day.
The prophets will also stumble with you at night,
and I'll destroy Yisrael (Israel) your mother.
6 My people are destroyed because of the lack of knowledge
because you have rejected knowledge and I'll reject you from being a priest to me.
Because you've forgotten your god's instructions,
I'll also forget your children.
7 The more the priests multiplied, the more they sinned against me.
→I will change their high status into shame.

25 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Rom 9:25; 1Pe 2:10.

Readers' Version

8 They feed on the sin of my people.
They are greedy for their wickedness.
9 It will be like people, like priests.
→I will punish them for their ways
and I will repay them for their actions.
10 They'll eat but never be full.
They'll sleep around but not prosper,
because they've abandoned Yahweh as their protector.
11 Drinking and sleeping around destroy the heart.

Yahweh's curse on those worshipping false gods · Northern kingdom

12 My people consult their wooden idols,
and their divining rods inform them,
because a spirit of unfaithfulness has led them astray,
and they've played the loose woman, departing from their god.
13 They sacrifice on the mountaintops
and burn incense on the hills,
under oaks, poplars and terebinths,
→because the shade is good.
Therefore your daughters prostitute themselves,
and your daughters-in-law commit adultery.
14 I won't punish your daughters when they prostitute themselves,
nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery,
because the men themselves go off with loose women,
and they offer sacrifices with cult prostitutes,
→so the people without understanding will be ruined.
15 Though you prostitute yourself, Yisrael (Israel),
don't involve Yehudah (Judah) in what you're doing.
Don't go to Gilgal or to Beyt-Aven,
and don't make an oath, saying, 'As Yahweh lives.'
16 Yisrael is stubborn, like a stubborn heifer.
Can Yahweh now feed them like lambs in a large paddock?
17 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) is joined to idols.
Leave them alone.
18 Even when their drinking is over,
they prostitute themselves continually.
Her rulers dearly love their shame.
19 The wind will wrap them up in its wings,
and they'll be ashamed because of their sacrifices.
5:1 "Hear this, you priests.
Pay attention, you Israelis.
Listen, you household of the king,
because the judgement is for you,
because you have all been a snare at Mitspah
and a net spread over Mt. Tavor.
2 The rebels stand deep in slaughter,
→but I will discipline all of them.
3 I know Yisrael,
and Yisrael (Israel) isn't hidden from me.

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_guard/protect.

11 Prostitution and_wine and_new_wine it_takes_away the_ _heart. **12** People_of_my by_wood_of_his he_enquires and_ _stick_of_his it_tells to_him/it if/because a_spirit_of prostitution(s) it_has_misled and_they_have_prostituted_ _themselves from_under god_of_their. **13** On the_tops_of the_ _mountains they_sacrifice and_on the_hills they_make_smoke under oak and_poplar and_terebinth if/because is_good shade_ _of_its therefore yes/correct/thus/so daughters_of_your(pl) they_prostitute_themselves and_brides_of_your(pl) they_ _commit_adultery. **14** Not I_will_visit_judgement on daughters_ _of_your(pl) if/because they_prostitute_themselves and_on brides_of_your(pl) if/because they_commit_adultery if/because they(m) with the_prostitutes they_go_apart and_with the_ _male_cult_prostitutes they_sacrifice and_a_people which_not it_understands it_will_be_ruined. **15** Though you are_ _prostituting_yourself Oh_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not Yəhūdāh/(Judah) let_it_become_guilty and_do_not go (the)_Gilgal and_do_not go_up Bēyt Aven and_do_not swear by_the_life of_**YHWH**. **16** If/because like_a_heifer stubborn Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_is_ _stubborn now he_will_pasture_them **YHWH** like_a_lamb in_ _(the)_place. **17** Is_joined_of idols 'Efrayim leave_alone to_ _him/it. **18** Drink_of_their it_has_come_to_an_end continually_ _(prostitute_themselves) they_have_prostituted_themselves they_have_loved love shame shields_of_its. **19** A_wind it_has_ _wrapped it in_wings_of_its and_they_will_be_ashamed from_ _sacrifices_of_their[404142]
5:1 hear this Oh_priests and_pay_attention Oh_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_Oh_house_of the_king give_ear if/because to/for_you(pl) the_judgement if/because a_trap you(pl)_have_ _been to_Mitspāh and_a_net_of spread_out over Tāvōr. **2** And_ _slaughtering rebels they_have_made_deep and_I am_discipline to/for_all_them. **3** I I_know 'Efrayim and_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not it_ _is_hidden from_me if/because now you_have_prostituted_ _yourself Oh_'Efrayim Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_has_made_itself_ _unclean.

40 **LV 4:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

41 **LV 4:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

42 **LV 4:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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4 Not they_permit deeds_of_their to_return to god_of_their if/because a_spirit_of prostitution(s) is_in_their_inner_of_being and_ם֗ **YHWH** not they_know. **5** And_ the_pride_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_testifies in_face_of_its and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_'Efrayim they_will_stumble on_iniquity_of_their also Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_stumble with_them. **6** With_flock[s]_ _of_their and_with_herd[s]_of_their they_will_go to_seek ם֗ **YHWH** and_not they_will_find_him he_has_withdrawn from_ _them. **7** With_**YHWH** they_have_dealt_treacherously if/because children strange they_have_borne now it_will_ _devour_them a_new_moon with portions_of_their.

8 Blow a_horn in_Giv˝āh a_trumpet in_Rāmāh sound_an_alarm Bēyt Aven after_you Oh_Binyāmīn. **9** 'Efrayim (into)_a_waste it_ _will_become in/on_day rebuke among_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_make_known that_which_is_trustworthy. **10** The_leaders_of Yəhūdāh they_have_become like_those_who_ _displace_of (of)_a_boundary on_them I_will_pour_out like_ _water severe_anger_of_my. **11** 'Efrayim is_oppressed it_is_ _crushed_of judgement if/because he_was_determined he_ _walked after a_command. **12** And_I am_like_moth to_'Efrayim and_like_rottenness to_the_house_of Yəhūdāh. **13** And_ 'Efrayim _he/it_saw ם֗ sickness_of_his and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) ם֗ sore[s]_of_his and_ 'Efrayim _he/it_ _went to 'Ashshūr and_he_sent to the_king great and_he not he_is_able to_heal to/for_you(pl) and_not it_will_depart from_ _you(pl) the_sore[s]. **14** If/because I will_like_(the)_lion to_ _'Efrayim and_like_(the)_lion to_the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I I I_will_tear_to_pieces and_I_will_go I_will_ _carry_off and_there_will_not_be a_deliverer. **15** I_will_go I_ _will_return to place_of_my until that they_will_be_held_guilty and_they_will_seek face_of_my in_distress to/for_them they_ _will_seek_me_earnestly.

6:1 Come and_let_us_return to **YHWH** if/because he he_has_ _torn_to_pieces and_he_will_heal_us he_has_struck and_he_ _will_bind_us_up. **2** He_will_restore_us_to_life from_two_days in_the_day the_third he_will_raise_us_up and_we_will_live

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You've prostituted yourself for now, Yisrael.
Yisrael is defiled.

Hoshea's warning against idolatry · Northern kingdom

4 Their past actions won't allow them to return to their god,
because they have a spirit of prostitution within them,
and they don't know Yahweh.
5 Yisrael's (Israel's) arrogance testifies against them,
Yisrael—yes, Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim)—will stumble in their guilt.
Yehudah (Judah) also will stumble with them.
6 They'll go to inquire from Yahweh, taking their flocks and herds for sacrifices,
but they won't hear from him because he's withdrawn from them.
7 They were unfaithful to Yahweh because they've borne illegitimate children.
Now the new moon festivals will devour them along with their fields.

The war between Yehudah and Yisrael · Northern kingdom

8 Blow the horn in Giveah,
and the trumpet in Ramah.
Sound the alarm at Beyt-Aven:
'We'll follow you into battle, Benyamin!'
9 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) will become uninhabited in the time of punishment.
Among Yisrael's tribes I declare what will certainly happen.
10 Yehudah's (Judah's) leaders are like thieves who move a boundary.
I'll pour my anger out on them like water from a jug.
11 Yisrael is oppressed.
It's crushed in judgement,
because it was determined to honour idols.
12 So I'll be like a moth to Yisrael,
and like rot to Yehudah's descendants.
13 When Yisrael saw its sickness,
and Yehudah its wound,
then Yisrael went to Ashur (Assyria),
and sent to the great king there.
But he can't cure you
or heal your wound,
14 because I'll be like a lion to Yisrael,
and like a young lion to Yehudah's descendants.
I myself will tear them apart then go away.
I'll carry them off and there'll be no one to rescue them.
15 I'll go and return to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and strive to do what I've told them—
until in their distress, they make a sincere decision to obey me."

Insincere repentance · Northern kingdom

6:1 "Come on, let's return to Yahweh.
He tore us apart, but he'll heal us.
He struck us down, but he'll bandage our

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wounds.
2 After two days he'll revive us.
He'll raise us up on the third day,
so that we can live in his presence.
3 Let us know—let's press on to know Yahweh.
His arrival is certain as the dawn.
He will come to us like the showers—
like the spring rains that water the earth."
4 What will I do with you, Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim)?
Yehudah (Judah), what will I do with you?
Your love is like a morning cloud that doesn't last long—
like the dew that quickly disappears.
5 That's why I've cut them to pieces by means of the prophets.
I've killed them with the messages that I've spoken.
My judgement is like the light that shines out.
6 because I desire loyal commitment rather than sacrifices,[43]
and knowledge about God rather than burnt offerings.
7 Like Adam, they broke the agreement.
They were unfaithful to me.
8 Gilead is a city full of evildoers
leaving behind bloody footprints.
9 Just like a band of raiders lie in wait for a man,
so the priests band together to commit murder on the way to Shekem.
Surely they've committed shameful crimes.
10 I've seen a horrible thing among the Israelis.
Yisrael's prostitution is there—Yisrael (Israel) is defiled.
11 A harvest has been appointed for you also, Yehudah (Judah),
when I restore my people's fortunes.
7:1 Whenever I'd heal Yisrael, Yisrael's sin is exposed,
as well as the evil actions of Shomron (Samaria).
Yes, they're deceitful, plus thieves break in,
and a group of raiders robs people in the streets.
2 But they don't realise in their hearts that I remember all their evil.
Now their past actions surround them—they're staring at me in the face.

The betrayal of people of King and teacher ran · Northern kingdom

3 They make the king glad with their evil,
and the leaders with their lies.
4 They're all adulterers, like an oven overheated by the baker.
He shouldn't have stoked the fire from the kneading of the dough until after it's risen.
5 On our king's day, the leaders became red in the face from the wine.
Then he joined in with those who were mocking.
6 Because with their hearts like an oven, they get closer to implementing their plot.
Their anger smoulders all night—in the morning it bursts into

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before_him. 3 And_let_us_know let_us_pursue to_know ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** like_the_dawn forth_of_his_going is_steadfast and_he_ _will_come like_rain to/for_us like_the_spring_rain which_it_ _waters the_land. 4 What will_I_do to_you Oh_'Efrayim what will_I_do to_you Oh_Yəhūdāh and_loyalty_of_your(pl) is_like_a_ _cloud_of the_morning and_like_dew which_rises_early which_ _goes. 5 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_cut_them_in_ _pieces by_prophets I_have_killed_them by_the_ _words/messages_of my_mouth_of_my and_judgements_of_ _your is_light which_it_goes_forth. 6 If/because covenant_ _loyalty I_desire and_not sacrifice and_the_knowledge_of god more_than_burnt_offerings. 7 And_they like_'Ādām they_have_ _transgressed the_covenant there they_dealt_treacherously with_me. 8 Gil'ād is_a_town_of those_who_do_of (of)_ _wickedness tracked from_blood. 9 And_as_ marauding_bands _ _wait a_person an_association_of priests the_way they_murder to_Shəkem if/because wickedness they_have_done. 10 In_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_have_seen a_horrible_thing[44] there prostitution belongs_to_'Efrayim Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_has_made_ _itself_unclean. 11 Also Oh_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_harvest he_has_ _appointed to/for_you(fs) when_I_turn_back the_captivity_of my_people_of_my.
7:1 Just_as_I_heal (to)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_iniquity_of 'Efrayim and_the_evil_deeds_of Shomrōn _it_is_revealed if/because they_do falsehood and_a_thief he_comes a_ _marauding_band it_attacks in_street. 2 And_not they_say to_ _heart_of_their all_of evil_of_their I_remember now they_have_ _surrounded_them deeds_of_their before face_of_my they_are.

3 By_evil_of_their they_make_glad the_king and_by_lies_of_ _their princes. 4 Of_them_of_all are_adulterers like an_oven which_burns from_a_baker who_he_ceases stirring_up from_ _kneading the_dough until it_is_leavened. 5 The_day_of our_ _king_of_our princes they_became_sick fever_of from_wine he_ _stretched_out his/its_hand with mockers. 6 If/because they_ _have_brought_near like_oven heart_of_their in_ambush_of_ _their all_of the_night is_sleeping their_of_baker morning it is_ _burning like_a_fire_of flame. 7 Of_them_of_all they_are_hot like_oven and_they_devour ~~DOM~~ rulers_of_their all_of kings_of_ _their they_have_fallen there_is_not one_who_calls in/among_ _them to_me.

43 RV 6:6 · Cross-ref. Mat 9:13; 12:7.

44 LV 6:10 · Note OSHB variant note: הירירעש: (x-qere) 'תָּיְרִוְרֵעַשׁ': lemma_8186 b n_1 morph_HAafsa id_28g5b תָּיְרִוְרֵעַשׁ

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8 'Efrayim among_peoples he he_mixes_himself 'Efrayim he_ _has_become a_bread_cake not turned_over. **9** Strangers they_ _have_consumed strength_of_his and_he not he_knows also grey_hair it_has_sneaked_in in/on/over_him/it and_he not he_ _knows. **10** And_ the_pride_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_testifies in_ _face_of_its and_not they_have_returned to **YHWH** god_of_ _their and_not they_have_sought_him in_all this. **11** And_ 'Efrayim _he/it_was like_a_dove silly there_is_not heart Mitsrayim/(Egypt) they_have_called 'Ashshūr they_have_gone. **12** Just_as they_will_go I_will_spread over_them net_of_my like_ _the_bird[s]_of the_heavens I_will_bring_them_down I_will_ _chasten_them according_to_a_report to_assembly_of_their. **13** Woe to/for_them if/because they_have_fled from_me devastation to/for_them if/because they_have_transgressed against_me and_I I_will_redeem_them and_they they_have_ _spoken on_me lies. **14** And_not they_have_cried_out to_me with_heart_of_their if/because they_wail on beds_of_their on grain and_new_wine they_assemble_themselves they_turn_ _aside against_me. **15** And_I I_instructed_them I_strengthened arms_of_their and_against_me they_plot evil. **16** They_turn not height they_have_become like_a_bow_of deceit they_will_fall by_sword leaders_of_their from_the_indignation_of their_ _tongue_of_their this be_their_mockery_of_will in_land of_ _Mitsrayim.

8:1 To mouth_of_your a_horn like_eagle is_over the_house_of **YHWH** because they_have_transgressed covenant_of_my and_ _on law_of_my they_have_rebelled. **2** To_me they_cry_out my_ _god_of_my we_know_you Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_ _has_rejected good an_enemy he_will_pursue_him.[45] **4** They they_have_made_kings and_not from_me they_have_installed_ _leaders and_not I_knew silver_of_their and_gold_of_their they_have_made to/for_them idols so_that it_may_be_cut_off. **5** He_has_rejected calf_of_your Oh_Shomrōn anger_of_my it_ _has_burnt on_them until when not will_they_be_able innocence. **6** If/because it_is_from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he a_ _craftsman he_made_it and_not is_god it if/because fragments it_will_become the_calf_of Shomrōn. **7** If/because a_wind they_ _sow and_a_storm-wind they_will_reap standing_grain there_ _is_not to_him/it growth not it_will_produce flour perhaps it_ _will_produce strangers they_will_swallow_it. **8** Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_be_swallowed now they_are among_nations like_a_

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flame.

7 All of them are hot as an oven and they devour those who rule over them.

All their kings have fallen—none of them called to me for help.

Yisrael and the other nations · Northern kingdom

8 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) mixes itself among the peoples.

Yisrael is a flat cake that's only been cooked on one side.

9 Foreigners have devoured his strength, but he hasn't realised that.

Gray hairs are now mixed in, but he hasn't noticed them.

10 Yisrael's pride testifies against it,

yet they haven't returned to their god Yahweh,

nor have they tried to obey all his instructions. **11** Yisrael is like a dove, heartless and foolish,

calling to Mitsrayim (Egypt) for help, then trying Ashur (Assyria).

12 When they go there, I'll spread my net over them.

I'll bring them down like the birds in the sky.

→I'll discipline them according to what they report back to their council.

13 They won't end well because they've strayed from me.

Devastation will hit them because they've rebelled against me.

→I would have bought them back, but they told lies about me.

14 They don't cry to me from their heart, but they wail on their beds.

They gather together for grain and new wine, but they turn away from me.

15 Although I trained them and helped them become strong,

they still plot evil against me.

16 They return, but not upward.

They're like a slack bow.

Their leaders will die by the sword because they've been so insolent.

That's why Mitsrayim (Egypt) will mock them.

Yisrael's rejection of God · Northern kingdom

8:1 "Blow the trumpet—

someone like a vulture is swooping over Yahweh's residence

because Yahweh's people have transgressed my covenant

and rebelled against my law.

2 They call out to me,

'My god, we in Yisrael (Israel) know you.'

3 Yisrael has rejected what's good.

An enemy will chase after them.

4 They appointed kings, but not through me.

They've appointed leaders but I didn't know about it.

They've made idols for themselves with their gold and silver

so they'll end up being destroyed."

5 "Your calf has been rejected, Shomron (Samaria).

My anger burns against them.

45 **LV 8:3 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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For how long will they be incapable of innocence,
6 because it came from Yisrael (Israel)—a craftsman made it.
It's not God.
That calf in Shomron will end up in pieces,
7 because they sow the wind and harvest the whirlwind.
The standing grain has no heads—it yields no flour.
If it were to produce, strangers would grab it anyway.
8 Yisrael is swallowed up.
Now they're among the nations like a cup that no one likes
9 because they've gone up to Ashur (Assyria)—a wild donkey all alone.
Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) has hired lovers for herself.
10 Even though they hire lovers among the nations, now I'll gather them together.
They'll begin to diminish under the burden of the king of princes.
11 Since Yisrael has set up multiple altars for sin offerings,
they have become altars for their sinning.
12 Even if I wrote down my instructions for them ten thousand times,
they would regard them as something strange.
13 As for my sacrificial gifts, they sacrifice meat and eat it,
but Yahweh doesn't accept their sacrifices.
Now he will remember their disobedience
and punish their sins.
They will return to Mitsrayim (Egypt).
14 Yisrael (Israel) has forgotten his maker and has built palaces.
Yehudah (Judah) has fortified many cities,
but I'll send fire into their cities—
it'll devour their fortresses.

Punishment coming for Yisrael · Northern kingdom

9:1 Don't celebrate, Yisrael (Israel), with joy like the peoples,
because you've prostituted yourself—forsaking your god.
You've loved the wages of a sex-worker on all the threshing floors.
2 The grain threshing floor and the wine-pressing pit won't provide enough
and the grape harvest will fail them.
3 The people won't remain on Yahweh's land,
instead, Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) will return to Mitsrayim (Egypt),
and they'll eat non-kosher food in Ashur (Assyria).
4 They won't pour out wine offerings to Yahweh,

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_vessel which_there_is_not pleasure in/on/over_him/it.
9 If/because they they_have_gone_up 'Ashshūr a_wild_donkey isolated to_him/it 'Efrayim they_have_hired loves[464748] **10** also if/because they_will_hire among_nations now I_will_gather_ _them and_they_have_begun a_few from_the_burden_of a_king princes. **11** If/because 'Efrayim he_has_multiplied altars for_ _sinning they_have_become to_him/it altars for_sinning. **12** I_ _wrote[49] to_him/it the_numerous_things_of[50] my_law_of_my like a_strange_thing they_are_regarded. **13** The_sacrifices_of my_gifts_of_my they_sacrifice flesh and_they_ate_it **YHWH** not he_is_pleased_with_them now he_will_remember iniquity_of_ _their and_he_will_punish sins_of_their they Mitsrayim/(Egypt) they_will_return. **14** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he_has_forgotten ~~DOM~~ the_of_one_who_made_him and_he/it_ _built palaces and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) he_has_multiplied cities fortified and_I_will_send fire on_cities_of_his and_it_will_ _consume fortresses_of_his.

9:1 Do_not rejoice Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to rejoicing like_peoples if/because you_have_prostituted_yourself from_under god_of_ _your you_have_loved the_hire on all_of threshing_floors_of grain. **2** Threshing_floor and_winepress not it_will_feed_them and_new_wine it_will_fail (in)_it. **3** Not they_will_remain in_ _land of_**YHWH** and_ 'Efrayim _he_will_return Mitsrayim and_ _in_'Ashshūr unclean_food they_will_eat. **4** Not they_will_pour_ _out to/for_**YHWH** wine and_not they_will_be_pleasing to_ _him/it sacrifices_of_their will_be_like_bread_of mourning(s) to/for_them all_of those_of_who_eat_it they_will_make_ _themselves_unclean[53] if/because bread_of_their will_be_of_ _for_their_self not it_will_go the_house_of **YHWH**. **5** What will_ _you(pl)_do to_the_day_of an_appointed_feast and_to_the_day_ _of the_festival_of **YHWH**. **6** If/because THERE they_have_gone from_the_devastation Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it_will_gather_them Mof/(Memphis) it_will_bury_them desirable_thing[s]_of silver_

46 **LV 8:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
47 **LV 8:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
48 **LV 8:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
49 **LV 8:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בותכא**: (x-qere) 'בָּתְּכֶ֣א': lemma_3789 morph_HVqi1cs id_28u6Y בָּתְּכֶ֣א
50 **LV 8:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ובר**: (x-qere) 'יֻבַּ֣ר': lemma_7230 n_1.0 morph_HNcbsc id_28uHz יֻבַּ֣ר
53 **LV 9:4 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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_of_their nettle[s] it_will_take_possession_of_them thornbush[es] will_be_of_in_their_tents. **7** They_have_come the_days_of (the)_punishment the_days_of (the)_retribution they_have_come[54] Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_them_know is_a_fool the_prophet the_person_of the_spirit is_mad on the_greatness_ _of your_iniquity_of_your and_great animosity. **8** 'Efrayim was_ _a_watchman with god_of_my a_prophet a_trap_of a_fowler is_ _on all_of ways_of_his animosity in_house_of his/its_god. **9** They_have_made_deep they_have_dealt_corruptly like_the_ _days_of (the)_Giv̌āh he_will_remember iniquity_of_their he_ _will_punish sins_of_their.

10 Like_grapes in_wilderness I_found Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_an_ _early_fig on_a_fig_tree at_beginning_of_its I_saw ancestors_of_ _your(pl) they they_came Ba'al Pə'ōr and_they_separated_ _themselves to_shame and_they_were detestable_things according_to_their_love. **11** 'Efrayim like_bird glory_of_their it_ _will_fly_away from_giving_birth and_from_womb and_from_ _conception. **12** If/because if they_will_bring_up ~~DOM~~ children_ _of_their and_I_will_bereave_them from_humankind if/because also woe to/for_them when_depart_I from_them. **13** 'Efrayim just_as I_have_seen is_to_Tyre planted in_pastureland and_ _'Efrayim is_to_bring_out to one_who_kills children_of_his. **14** Give to/for_them Oh_**YHWH** what will_you_give give to/for_ _them a_womb which_miscarries and_breasts which_dry_up.

15 All_of wickedness_of_their is_in_Gilgal if/because there I_ _hated_them on the_wickedness_of their_deeds_of_their from_ _house_of_my I_will_drive_them_out not I_will_repeat to_love_ _them all_of leaders_of_their are_rebellious. **16** 'Efrayim he_

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and their sacrifices won't please him.
To them, it'll be like the food at a funeral—
everyone who eats it will become defiled.
Their food will only be for themselves to eat—
it won't be allowed into Yahweh's residence.
5 So what will you do on the day of a scheduled celebration,
and on the day of a festival for Yahweh?
6 Listen, even if they avoid destruction,
Mitsrayim (Egypt) will gather them.
Nof (Memphis) city will bury them.
Nettles will possess their valuable silver.
Thornbushes will be in their tents.
7 The days of punishment have come.
The days of retribution have come.[51]
Let Yisrael (Israel) know these things.
The prophet is a fool,
the man of the spirit is insane,
because of the extent of your disobedience
and your intense hostility.
8 The prophet is the watchman over Yisrael with my god,
but the bird-catcher's traps are on all of his paths,
and there's hostility in his god's house.
9 They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the time of Giveah.[52]
He will remember their iniquity.
He will punish their sins.

The consequences of Yisrael's sin · Northern kingdom

10 I found Yisrael (Israel) like someone finding grapes there in the wilderness.
Like the first fruit on the fig tree in its first season, I saw your ancestors.
But they came to Ba'al-Pe'or and they devoted themselves to that shameful thing.
They became detestable like that which they loved.[55]
11 As for Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), their splendour will fly away like a bird—
no birth, no pregnancy, and no conception.
12 Even if they bring up their children, I'll cause them all to die one by one.
Yes, it certainly won't end well when I turn away from them!
13 Yisrael, as I have seen, is like Tsor (Tyre) planted in a meadow,
yet Yisrael will bring his children out to the slaughterman."
14 Give them something, Yahweh—what will you give?
Give them a womb that miscarries, and breasts with no milk.

God's judgement of Yisrael · Northern kingdom

15 "All their evil is in Gilgal—indeed I came to hate them there.
Because of the wickedness of their ac-

51 RV 9:7 · Cross-ref. Luk 21:22.

52 RV 9:9 · Cross-ref. Jdg 19:1-30.

54 LV 9:7 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

55 RV 9:10 · Cross-ref. Num 25:1-5.

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tions, I'll drive them out of my house.
I won't love them any more—all their leaders are rebels.
16 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) is stricken—its root has withered so now it can't bear any fruit.
Even if they give birth, I will kill the precious ones of their womb."

The prophet's message about Yisrael · Northern kingdom

17 My god will reject them because they haven't listened to him.
→They will become wanderers among the nations.
10:1 Yisrael (Israel) is a luxuriant vine that produces his fruit.
→The more his fruit increased, the more altars he built.
As his land prospered, he improved his sacred pillars.
2 Their heart is deceitful.
→Now they must bear their guilt.
He will break down their altars.
He'll destroy their pillars.
3 Now they'll say, "We don't have any king,
because we don't respect Yahweh,
and what advantage would it be to us to have a king?"
4 They speak mere words.
They make agreements with worthless promises.
So judgement springs up like poisonous weeds in the furrows of a field.
5 The inhabitants of Shomron (Samaria) will be afraid about what will happen to the calf of Beyt-Aven.
Indeed, its people will mourn over it, as will its idolatrous priests who had rejoiced over it
and over its splendour because it's departed from them.
6 The thing itself will be carried to Ashur (Assyria) as tribute for the great king.
Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) will receive shame,
and Yisrael (Israel) will be ashamed of its idol.
7 The king of Shomron will be removed,
like a twig getting carried out of sight by a river.
8 The high places of Aven, the place of Yisrael's sin, will be destroyed.
Thorns and thistles will grow up on their altars.
Then they'll say to the mountains, 'Cover us!'
and to the hills, 'Fall on us.'[57]

God coming punishment for Yisrael · Northern kingdom

9 "Yes, Yisrael (Israel), you've been sinning since the time of Giveah.[60]
There they have remained.
Won't the war against the sons of injustice overtake them in Giveah?

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_has_been_struck root_of_their it_has_dried_up fruit not[56]
they_will_produce also if/because they(m)_will_give_birth and_
_I_will_put_to_death the_desirable_things_of their(m)_womb_
_of_their.

17 He_will_reject_them god_of_my if/because not they_have_
_listened to_him/it and_they_will_be wanderers among_
_nations.
10:1 Was_a_vine luxuriant Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) fruit he_made for_
_him/it just_as_became_numerous to_fruit_of_his he_
_multiplied (to)_altars according_to_the_good of_land_of_his
they_made_good sacred_pillars. **2** Heart_of_their it_is_smooth
now they_will_be_held_guilty he he_will_break altars_of_their
he_will_destroy pillars_of_their_sacred. **3** If/because now they_
_will_say there_belongs_not a_king to/for_us if/because not
we_fear ~~DOM~~ **YHWH**[5859] and_the_king what will_he_do to/for_
_ourselves. **4** They_have_spoken words/messages they_have_
_sworn_an_oath falsehood they_have_made a_covenant and_it_
_sprouts_up like_(the)_plant justice on the_furrows_of a_field.
5 For_the_heifers_of Bēyt Aven the_inhabitant[s]_of Shomrōn
they_will_be_afraid if/because it_will_mourn on/upon/above_
_him/it people_of_its and_its_pagan_of_priests
on/upon/above_him/it they_will_tremble on glory_of_its
if/because it_has_gone_into_exile from_it. **6** Also it to_'Ashshūr
it_will_be_carried tribute to_the_king great shame 'Efrayim it_
_will_receive and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_will_be_ashamed from_
_its_own_of_counsel. **7** Shomrōn will_be_destroyed king_of_its
like_a_twig on the_surface_of the_waters. **8** And_ the_high_
_places_of wickedness the_sin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_be_
_destroyed thorn[s] and_thorn/thistle it_will_grow_up over
altars_of_their and_they_will_say to_mountains cover_us and_
_to_hills fall on_us.

9 Since_the_days_of (the)_Giv˝āh you_have_sinned Oh_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) there they_have_remained not will_it_
_overtake_them in_Giv˝āh war on sons_of injustice. **10** At_
_desire_of_my and_I_will_discipline_them and_they_will_be_
_gathered on_them peoples when_harness_them to_the_two_of
their[61]. **11** And_'Efrayim was_a_heifer trained which_loved_of

56 LV 9:16 · Note OSHB variant note: ילב: (x-qere) 'לֵב': lemma_1077 morph_HTn id_28mPM לֵב

57 RV 10:8 · Cross-ref. Luk 23:30; Rev 6:16.

58 LV 10:3 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

59 LV 10:3 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

60 RV 10:9 · Cross-ref. Jdg 19:1-30.

61 LV 10:10 · Note OSHB variant note: תניע/ם: (x-qere) 'תְּנוּעֵם': lemma_5868 a n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3mp id_28Ua3 תְּנוּעֵם

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to_thresh and_I I_passed over the_goodness_of its_neck_of_her I_will_cause_to_draw 'Efrayim Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_plow it_ _will_harrow to_him/it Ya'aqov/(Jacob). **12** Sow to/for_you(pl) (to)_righteousness reap (to)_a_mouth_of loyalty plow to/for_ _you(pl) unplowed_ground and_it_is_time to_seek ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** until he_will_come and_he_will_rain_down righteousness for_ _you(pl). **13** You(pl)_have_plowed wickedness injustice_of you(pl)_have_reaped you(pl)_have_eaten the_fruit_of lying if/because you_have_trusted in_your_own_of_way in_the_ _multitude_of your_warriors. **14** And_ an_uproar _it_will_arise among_people_of_your and_all fortresses_of_your it_will_be_ _devastated like_the_devastation_of Shalman Bēyt Arbel in/on_ _day battle mother with children she_was_dashed_in_pieces. **15** Thus someone_will_do to/for_you(pl) Oh_Bēyt-'ēl from_ _face/in_front_of the_evil_of your_wickedness_of_your(pl) at_ _dawn utterly_(destroyed) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_ _be_destroyed.

11:1 If/because was_a_youth Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_loved_him and_from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_summoned (to)_son_of_my. **2** They_summoned to/for_them so they_went from_their_ _face/front to_Ba'al they_sacrificed and_to_idols they_made_ _smoke. **3** And_I I_taught_to_walk (to)_'Efrayim he_took_them on arms_of_his and_not they_knew if/because_that I_had_ _healed_them. **4** With_cords_of humankind I_drew_them with_ _ropes_of love and_I_was to/for_them like_those_who_lift_of (of)_a_yoke on jaws_of_their and_I_inclined to_him/it I_fed_ _him. **5** Not he_will_return to the_land_of Mitsrayim and_ _'Ashshūr it be_his_king_of_will if/because they_have_refused to_repent. **6** And_ a_sword _it_will_whirl in_cities_of_his and_it_ _will_put_an_end_to bars_of_his and_it_will_devour_them from_schemes_of_their. **7** And_people_of_my are_hung_up to_ _apostasy_of_my and_near/to a_height they_call_on_him together not he_will_exalt_them.[64] **8** How will_I_give_you_up Oh_'Efrayim will_I_deliver_you_up Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) how will_I_make_you like_'Admāh will_I_make_you like_ _Tsəvo'īm/(Zeboiim) it_has_been_changed on_me heart_of_my together compassions_of_my they_have_grown_warm. **9** Not I_ _will_carry_out the_burning_of my_anger_of_my not I_will_ _repeat to_destroy 'Efrayim if/because am_god I and_not a_ _human in_midst_of_your the_holy_one and_not I_will_come in_rage. **10** After **YHWH** they_will_walk like_a_lion he_will_roar if/because he he_will_roar and_ children _they_will_tremble from_the_west. **11** They_will_tremble like_a_bird from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_like_a_dove from_the_land_of 'Ashshūr and_I_will_cause_them_to_dwell at houses_of_their the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**.

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10 When I'm ready, I'll discipline them,
and the nations will be gathered against them when they're taken in chains for their two sins.
11 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) is a trained heifer that loves to thresh and I spared her fair neck,
but I will harness Yisrael.
Yehudah (Judah) will plough.
Ya'akov (Jacob) will harrow the ground for himself.
12 Sow righteousness for yourselves.
→Harvest in accordance with loyal commitment.
Break up your fallow ground because it's time to seek Yahweh,
→until he comes and rains righteousness on you.
13 You have ploughed wickedness and harvested injustice.
You've eaten the fruit of lies
because you trusted in your own way—in your many warriors.
14 Therefore a confused alarm will sound among your people and all your fortresses will be destroyed,
just like Shalman destroyed Beyt-Arbel on the day of battle when mothers were dashed to pieces with their children.
15 Then it will also be done to you, Beyt-El (Bethel), because of your great wickedness.
At dawn, Yisrael's (Israel's) king will be destroyed."

God's love for his disobedient people · Northern kingdom

11:1 "When Yisrael (Israel) was a child I loved him,
and I called my son out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[62]
2 The more the godly people called them, the more they went away from them.
They kept sacrificing to the Baals
and burning incense for idols.
3 Yet it was me who taught Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) to walk.
I took them by their arms, but they didn't know that I healed them.
4 I led them with ropes of human kindness—
with iron bands of love.
I was to them like someone who loosened the yoke on their jaws,
and I bent down to them and fed them.
5 They won't return to Mitsrayim (Egypt),
but Ashur (Assyria) will become their king,
because they refused to return to me.
6 The sword will whirl against their cities,
and destroy the locking bars on their gates,
and devour them because of their own plans.
7 My people are insistent on turning away from me.
Though they call to the highest one, he won't lift them up.
8 How can I give you up, Yisrael?
How can I hand you over, Yisrael (Israel)?
How can I make you like Admah?

62 RV 11:1 · Cross-ref. Exo 4:22; Mat 2:15.

64 LV 11:7 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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How can I make you like Tsevoim?[63]
My heart is turned over within me—
all my compassions are aroused.
9 I won't put my fierce anger into action.
I won't destroy Yisrael again,
because I'm God
and not a human,
the holy one among you,
and I won't come in anger.
10 They'll decide to follow Yahweh—he'll roar like a lion.
When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.
11 They will come trembling like a bird from Mitsrayim (Egypt)—
like a dove from Ashur (Assyria).
I'll settle them in their homes
That's what Yahweh declares.
12 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) has surrounded me with lies,
and the people of Yisrael (Israel) with deceit,
but Yehudah (Judah) still goes about with God,
and is faithful to the holy one."

Judgement on Yisrael and Yehudah · Both kingdoms

12:1 Yisrael feeds on the wind
and pursues the east wind all day.
He multiplies lies and violence.
They make a covenant with Ashur (Assyria)
and olive oil is carried to Mitsrayim (Egypt).
2 Yahweh also has a dispute with Yehudah (Judah),
and will punish Ya'akov (Jacob) for what they've done.
He will repay them according to how they behaved.
3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel,[65]
and in his manhood he struggled with God.
4 He struggled with the messenger and prevailed.
He wept and begged for his favour.
He found Yahweh at Beyt-El (Bethel)
and he spoke with us there.
5 Yahweh, the god of armies.
Yahweh is his famous name.
6 But you must return to your god.
Keep loyal commitment and justice,
and wait continually for your god.

Literal Version

12:1 [66] They_have_surrounded_me with_lying 'Efrayim and_ _with_deceit the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) still it_has_roamed_freely with god and_ _with the_holy_one(s) it_is_faithful. **2** [67] 'Efrayim is_feeding wind and_he_is_pursuing an_east_wind all_of the_day falsehood and_violence he_increases and_a_covenant with 'Ashshūr they_are_making and_oil to_Mitsrayim it_is_carried. **3** [68] And_a_case_at_law to/for_**YHWH** with Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_visit_judgement on Ya'aqov/(Jacob) according_to_of_ _his_ways according_to_of_his_deeds he_will_repay to_him/it. **4** [69] In_womb he_took_by_the_heel ~~DOM~~ his/its_brother and_in_ _strength_of_his he_struggled with god. **5** [70] And_he_struggled against an_messenger and_he_prevailed he_wept and_he_ _sought_favour to_him/it Bēyt-'ēl he_found_him and_there he_ _spoke with_us. **6** [71] And_**YHWH** the_god_of (the)_ _soldiers/messengers **YHWH** memorial_of_is_his. **7** [72] And_ _you(ms) in_god_of_your you_will_return loyalty and_justice keep and_wait to god_of_your continually.

63 **RV 11:8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 29:23.
65 **RV 12:3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:26.
66 **LV 12:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.11.12
67 **LV 12:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.1
68 **LV 12:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.2
69 **LV 12:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.3
70 **LV 12:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.4
71 **LV 12:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.5
72 **LV 12:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.6

Literal Version

8 [76] A_merchant in_his/its_hand balances_of deceit who_to_
_defraud he_loves. **9** [77] And_ 'Efrayim _he/it_said surely I_have_
_become_rich I_have_found wealth to_me all_of toil(s)_of_my
not people_will_find to_me iniquity which is_sin. **10** [78] And_I
have_been_**YHWH** god_of_your from_the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) again I_will_cause_you_to_dwell in_tents
like_the_days_of an_appointed_feast. **11** [79] And_I_spoke to the_
_prophets and_I vision[s] I_multiplied and_by_the_hand_of the_
_prophets I_gave_parables. **12** [80] (If) is_Gil'ād wickedness surely
worthlessness they_are in_Gilgal bulls they_have_sacrificed
also altars_of_their are_like_heaps_of_stones on the_furrows_of
a_field. **13** [81] And_ Ya'aqov/(Jacob) _he_fled the_region_of
'Arām and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_served for_a_wife and_for_a_
_wife he_kept_flocks. **14** [82] And_by_a_prophet **YHWH** he_
_brought_up ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim and_by_a_
_prophet he_was_kept. **15** [83] 'Efrayim he_has_provoked_to_
_anger bitterness(es) and_blood(s)_of_his on/upon/above_
_him/it he_will_leave and_reproach_of_his he_will_repay to_
_him/it master(s)_of_his.

13:1 Just_ 'Efrayim _as_spoke trembling he he_lifted_up in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_became_guilty by_Ba'al and_he/it_
_died. **2** And_now they_increase to_sin and_they_have_made
to/for_them a_molten_image from_silver_of_their according_
_to_of_their_skill idols is_the_work_of craftsmen of_it_of_all
to/for_them they are_saying those_who_offer_sacrifice_of
humankind calves they_kiss. **3** For_so/thus/hence they_will_
_become like_a_cloud_of the_morning and_like_dew which_
_rises_early which_goes like_chaff which_it_is_storm-driven
from_a_threshing_floor and_like_smoke from_a_window.
4 And_I am_**YHWH** god_of_your from_the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_gods besides_me not you_must_know
and_a_deliverer there_is_not except_me. **5** I I_knew_you in_

Readers' Version

The other still judging · Northern kingdom

7 A merchant has false scales in his hands.
He loves to oppress.
8 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) said, "Fantastic. I've become rich.
I've found wealth for myself.
In all my labours they won't find disobedience in me,
which would be sin."
9 "I'm Yahweh your god since I rescued you from Mitsrayim (Egypt).
I'll make you live in shelters again,
as in the days of that particular festival.[73]
10 I spoke to the prophets,
and gave them many visions.
By the hand of the prophets I gave parables."
11 If there's disobedience in Gilead,
surely they're worthless.
In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls.
Their altars also will be like piles of stones beside the furrows in the fields.
12 Ya'akov (Jacob) fled to Aram (Syria).
Yisrael (Israel) worked to earn a wife,
and for a wife, he kept sheep.[74]
13 Yahweh used the prophet Mosheh (Moses) to bring Yisrael out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),[75]
and so Yisrael was preserved by a prophet.
14 Yisrael has provoked bitter anger,
so his master will hold him to account for bloodshed
and will turn his insults back onto himself.

Final judgement on Yisrael · Northern kingdom

13:1 "When Efrayim (Ephraim) spoke,
there was trembling.
He promoted himself in Yisrael (Israel),
but he became guilty through Ba'al and died.
2 Now they disobey God more and more,
and they make cast metal images for themselves—
idols skillfully made from their silver—
all of them the work of craftsmen.
They say about them, 'Those who sacrifice people, kiss calves.'
3 Therefore they'll be like the morning clouds,
and like the dew that goes away early,

73 **RV 12:9 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:42-43.
74 **RV 12:12 · Cross-ref.** Gen 29:1-20.
75 **RV 12:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:50-51.
76 **LV 12:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.7
77 **LV 12:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.8
78 **LV 12:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.9
79 **LV 12:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.10
80 **LV 12:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.11
81 **LV 12:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.12
82 **LV 12:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.13
83 **LV 12:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.14

Readers' Version

like the chaff that swirls from the threshing floor,
and like smoke exiting an open window.
4 But I'm your god Yahweh who brought you out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),
and you were to consider no god except me,
because there's no saviour other than me.
5 I knew you out there in the wilderness,
in the region of drought.
6 When they had their pasture, then they became full.
They were filled, and their heart became lifted up,
so they just forgot me.
7 So I will become like a lion to them.
Like a leopard, I'll lurk along the path.
8 I'll attack them like a bear that's been robbed of her cubs.
I'll rip open their chests and devour them there like a lion—
like a wild animal would tear them apart.
9 He destroys you, Yisrael (Israel).
because you're against me—against your helper.
10 Where's your king now to save you in all your cities,
and your other leaders
that you'd talked about, saying, 'Give me a king and princes'?[84]
11 I gave you a king in my anger,[85]
then I took him away in my rage.[86]
12 Yisrael's (Israel's; Heb. Efrayim) disobedience is wrapped up.
His sin is stored up.
13 Pains of childbirth will come on him,
but he's an unwise son,
because he fails to present himself at the right time when the womb opens.
14 Will I ransom them from the hand of the grave?
Will I redeem them from death?
Death, where are your plagues?
Grave, where is your destruction?[87]
My eyes won't be displaying any compassion."
15 Though he flourishes among his brothers, an east wind will come.
Yahweh's wind will come up from the wilderness.
His fountain will dry up,
and his spring will be parched.
It will plunder every precious object from his treasury.
16 Shomron (Samaria) will be held guilty,
because she's rebelled against her god.
They will fall by the sword.
Their young children will be dashed to pieces,
and their pregnant women will be ripped open.

Literal Version

_wilderness in_land drought(s). **6** According_to_of_their_
_pasture and_they_were_satisfied they_were_satisfied and_
heart_of_their _it_was_exalted therefore yes/correct/thus/so
they_forgot_me. **7** And_I_became to/for_them like a_lion like_
_a_leopard on a_road I_will_watch. **8** I_will_meet_them like_a_
_bear robbed_of_cubs and_I_will_tear the_cavity_of their_
_heart_of_their and_I_will_devour_them there like_a_lion (the)_
_animal_of the_field it_will_tear_them_to_pieces. **9** It_will_
_destroy_you Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because in_me in_helper_
_of_your. **10** Where king_of_is_your then so_that_he_may_save_
_you in_all cities_of_your and_rulers_of_your whom you_said
give to/for_me a_king and_leaders. **11** I_gave to/for_
_yourself(m) a_king in_anger_of_my and_I_took_him_away in_
_severe_anger_of_my. **12** The_iniquity_of 'Efrayim is_bound_up
sin_of_his is_stored_up. **13** The_labour-pains_of one_who_gives_
_birth they_will_come to_him/it he is_a_son not wise
if/because a_time not he_will_present_himself at_the_
_breaking_forth_of children. **14** From_the_hand_of Shə'ōl will_
_I_ransom_them from_death will_I_redeem_them where
plagues_of_are_your[88] Oh_death where destruction_of_is_your
Oh_Shə'ōl compassion it_will_be_hidden from_eyes_of_my.
15 If/because he between_of[89] brothers he_flourishes an_east_
_wind it_will_come the_wind_of **YHWH** from_the_wilderness
which_comes_up and_ spring_of_his _it_will_be_ashamed and_
spring_of_his _it_will_be_dried_up it it_will_plunder the_
_treasury_of every_of article_of preciousness.
14:1 **90** Shomrōn it_will_be_held_guilty if/because it_has_
_rebelled against_god_of_its by_sword they_will_fall children_
_of_their they_will_be_dashed_in_pieces and_its_pregnant_of_
_women they_will_be_ripped_open.

84 **RV 13:10 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 8:5-6.
85 **RV 13:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 10:17-24.
86 **RV 13:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 15:26.
87 **RV 13:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:55.
88 **LV 13:14 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
89 **LV 13:15 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
90 **LV 14:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.13.16

Literal Version

2 [91] Return Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to **YHWH** god_of_your if/because you_have_stumbled on_iniquity_of_your. 3 [92] Take with_you(pl) words/messages and_return to **YHWH** say to_ _him/it every_of you_will_forgive iniquity and_take good_ _thing[s] so_that_we_may_pay bulls lips_of_our. 4 [93] 'Ashshūr not it_will_save_us on horse[s] not we_will_ride and_not we_ _will_say again gods_of_our to_the_work_of our_both_hands that by_you the_fatherless he_is_shown_compassion. 5 [94] I_ _will_heal apostasy_of_their I_will_love_them voluntariness if/because anger_of_my it_has_turned_back from_him. 6 [95] I_ _will_be like_dew to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_blossom like_lily and_it_will_strike roots_of_its like_Lə·vānōn. 7 [96] Shoots_of_its_ _young they_will_go and_let_it_be like_(the)_tree splendour_of_ _its and_fragrance to_him/it like_Lə·vānōn. 8 [97] Those_who_ _dwell_of in_shade_of_its they_will_return they_will_cause_to_ _grow grain and_they_will_blossom like_vine memorial_of_its will_be_like_the_wine_of Lə·vānōn. 9 [98] Oh_'Efrayim what to/for_me again to_idols I I_will_answer and_I_will_watch_ _over_it I am_like_a_cypress_tree luxuriant from_me fruit_of_ _your it_is_found.

10 [99] Who is_wise and_let_him_understand these_things discerning and_let_him_know_them if/because are_upright the_ways_of **YHWH** and_righteous_people they_walk in_them and_transgressors they_stumble in_them.

HOS · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

Readers' Version

The mercy of Hoshea of Israelis · Northern kingdom

14:1 Yisrael (Israel), return to your god Yahweh,
because you've stumbled as a result of your iniquity.
2 Prepare what you're going to say and return to Yahweh.
Tell him, "Take away all our disobedience and accept what is good,
so that we can offer praise from our lips.
3 Ashur (Assyria) can't save us.
We won't ride on war-horses.
Nor will we say, 'Our god,' again to anything that we've made ourselves
because this fatherless nation finds compassion in you."
4 "I will heal their waywardness.
I'll love them freely
because my anger has turned away from them.
5 To Yisrael (Israel), I will be like the dew.
He will blossom like a lily flower
and take root like a cedar tree in Levanon.
6 His shoots will sprout.
His beauty will be like that of olive trees,
and his fragrance like the cedars in Levanon.
7 Those who live in Yisrael's shadow will return.
They will revive like the grain
and blossom like the grapevine.
His fame will be like the wine of Levanon.
8 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), what more do I have to do with idols?
It's me who answer and look after him.
I'm like a flourishing cypress tree—
your fruit comes from me."

Conclusion

9 Let those who are wise, understand these things.
Anyone who's discerning, let them know them
because Yahweh's ways are right,
and righteous people will follow them,
but transgressors will stumble in them.

HOS · OET-RV v0.2.4

91 LV 14:2 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.1
92 LV 14:3 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.2
93 LV 14:4 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.3
94 LV 14:5 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.4
95 LV 14:6 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.5
96 LV 14:7 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.6
97 LV 14:8 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.7
98 LV 14:9 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.8
99 LV 14:10 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.9

The first summary of the
Kings of Yisrael and Yehudah

Introduction

The first summary of the kings of Yisrael/Israel and Yehudah/Judah is a continuation of the account about the kingdom of Israeli started in the account by *Shmuel*. It's divided into three main parts: 1. Shelomoh (Solomon) takes over as king of the nation of Yisrael after the death of his father David. 2. Shelomoh's kingdom and his prosperity, especially his construction of the temple in Yerushalem. 3. The kingdom of Yisrael becoming split into two: the northern kingdom (which goes on to continue to be called Israel), and the southern kingdom (named Yehudah after the largest of its two tribes), and the accounts about the kings who led them through until around 950 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.)

Here in the first of the two *Summaries of the kings of Yisrael and Yehudah*, each leader is evaluated according to their obedience of God's instructions, and the prosperity of their entire nations depends of that. Worshipping of false gods and the disobedience of God's instructions would lead to destruction. The northern kings failed this testing and didn't prosper, whereas the southern kingdom did have some good leaders and so had times of prosperity.

Also revealed in *The first summary of the kings of Yisrael and Yehudah*, are God's prophets who brought messages from Yahweh—often warning them against the worshipping of false gods and against disobeying God. The most famous of those in this document is Eliyah (Elijah) and the account about his opposition to Ba'al's prophets (chapter 18).

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1:1 And_the_king Dāvid he_was_old he_had_come in_the_days and_they_covered_him with_clothes and_not it_was_warm to_ _him/it. **2** And_they_said to_him/it servants_of_his let_people_ _seek for_master_of_my the_king a_young_woman a_virgin and_she_will_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _king and_let_her_be to_him/it a_nurse and_she_will_lie in_ _bosom_of_your and_it_will_be_warm to_master_of_my the_ _king. **3** And_they_sought a_young_woman beautiful in_all_of the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_found ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshag the_Shūnammit and_they_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to_king. **4** And_ _the_young_woman was_beautiful up_to muchness and_it_ _became to/for_the_king a_nurse and_she_served_him and_ _the_king not he_knew_her.

5 And_'Adoniyʸāh the_son_of Ḥaggit was_exalting_himself to_ _say I I_will_become_king and_he/it_made to_him/it a_chariot and_horsemen and_fifty man were_running before_him. **6** And_ _not he_had_rebuked_him his/its_father from_days_of_his to_ _say why thus have_you_done and_also he was_good_of form very and_him someone_bore after 'Avīshālōm. **7** And_ words/messages_of_his _they_were with Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_ _of Tsərūʸāh/(Zeruiah) and_with 'Evyātār the_priest/officer and_they_helped after 'Adoniyʸāh. **8** And_Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_ _priest/officer and_Bənāʸāh the_son_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) and_Nātān the_prophet and_Shim'ī and_Rē'ī and_the_mighty_ _men who belonged_to_Dāvid not they_were with 'Adoniyʸāh. **9** And_ 'Adoniyʸāh _he/it_sacrificed sheep and_cattle and_ _fatling near the_stone_of (the) which was_beside En Rogel and_he/it_called ᴅᴏᴍ all_of brothers_of_his the_sons_of the_ _king and_to/for_all the_men_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_ _servants_of the_king. **10** And_ᴅᴏᴍ Nātān the_prophet and_ _Bənāʸāh and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_mighty_men and_ᴅᴏᴍ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) his/its_brother not he_invited.

11 And_ Nātān _he/it_said to Bath- shevа' the_mother_of Shəlomoh to_say am_not have_you_heard if/because_that 'Adoniyʸāh the_son_of Ḥaggit he_has_become_king and_ _master(s)_of_our Dāvid not he_knows. **12** And_now come let_ _me_counsel_you please counsel and_save ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_your and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_life_of your_son_of_your Shəlomoh. **13** Come and_ _go to the_king Dāvid and_you_will_say to_him/it not you my_ _master the_king did_you_swear_an_oath to/for_your(ms)_ _female_slave to_say if/because Shəlomoh son_of_your he_will_ _reign after_me and_he he_will_sit on throne_of_my and_why 'Adoniyʸāh has_he_become_king.[3] **14** THERE still_you will_be_ _speaking there with the_king and_I I_will_come after_you and_I_will_confirm ᴅᴏᴍ words/messages_of_your. **15** And_ Bath- shevа' _she_went to the_king to_the_room and_the_king he_was_old very and_'Avīshag the_Shūnammit was_serving ᴅᴏᴍ the_king. **16** And_ Bath- shevа' _she_bowed_low and_she_ _bowed_down to/for_the_king and_ the_king _he/it_said what is_to_you. **17** And_she/it_said to_him/it my_master you you_ _swore_an_oath by_**YHWH** god_of_your to_maidservant_of_

Readers' Version

David in his old age · Full kingdom

1:1 Now King David had become very old, and he couldn't keep warm even when covered with blankets, **2** so his servants suggested, "Allow us search for a young woman who can wait on you and take care of your needs. She can sleep beside you and keep our master, the king, warm." **3** So they searched throughout Yisrael (Israel) and found a beautiful young woman called Avishag (a Shunamit) and brought her to the king. **4** She was incredibly beautiful and she took care of the king, but he didn't have sexual relations with her.

Adoniyah tries to become king · Full kingdom

5 Then David and Hagit's son Adoniyah[1] promoted himself saying, "I, myself, will reign." He acquired a chariot and horsemen and fifty men who ran along in front. **6** Hagit had given birth to him after Avshalom (Absalom). He was a good-looker, but his father had never disciplined him or ever asked, "Why did you do that?" **7** He had spoken with Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab) and the priest Evyatar and they had both agreed to support him. **8** But the priest Tsadok and Yehoyada's son Benayah, the prophet Natan (Nathan), Shimei and Re'i, and David's top warriors were all against Adoniyah.

9 Then Adoniyah sacrificed sheep and cattle and fattened calves near the Zohelet stone (which is beside Eyn-Rogel), and he invited all his brothers (the king's sons), and all the men of Yehudah (Judah) including the king's servants. **10** However, he didn't invite the prophet Natan, Benayah, the top warriors, or his brother Shelomoh (Solomon).

Shelomoh is made king · Full kingdom

11 Then Natan (Nathan) asked Shelomoh's (Solomon's) mother Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba),[2] "Haven't you heard that Hagit's son Adoniyah has made himself king, and our master David doesn't even realise? **12** So please let me advise you now so that you can save your own life and that of your son Shelomoh. **13** Go and ask King David, 'My master the king, didn't you promise your female servant, saying, "Surely your son Shelomoh will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne?" So why has Adoniyah become king?' **14** Then while you're still there talking to the king, I'll come in behind you and confirm what you said."

15 So Bat-Sheva went to the king's bedroom where Avishag (the Shunamit) was attending him in his old age. **16** Bat-Sheva bowed low to show respect to the king, and he asked her what she wanted.

17 "My master," she replied, "you yourself promised to your female servant in front of your god Yahweh that your son Shelo-

1 RV 1:5 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 3:4.

2 RV 1:11 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 12:24.

3 LV 1:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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moh would be the one to reign after you and sit on your throne.
18 But now, listen, Adoniyah has become king instead, and you
haven't even been told about it. **19** He's sacrificing many oxen
and calves and sheep, and he invited the priest Evyatar, and
Yoav (Joab) the commander of the army, and all your sons ex-
cept for your servant Shelomoh. **20** So now everyone's waiting to
see what you'll do, my master the king. They want you to make
it clearly known who'll be the king on the throne after you.
21 Otherwise, as soon as my master the king passes on to join his
ancestors, my son Shelomoh and I will be considered to be 'in
the way'."

22 Just then, while she was still talking with the king, the
prophet Natan (Nathan) appeared **23** and his arrival was an-
nounced to the king. He went into the room and knelt in front of
the king and bowed his face to the floor. **24** Then he asked, "My
master the king, did you announce that Adoniyah will reign af-
ter you and sit on your throne? **25** I ask because today he sacri-
ficed plenty of oxen and calves and sheep. He'd invited all your
sons and army commanders, and Evyatar the priest. They're all
eating and drinking with him and saying, 'Long live King
Adoniyah!' **26** But as for me, I'm *your* servant, and nor did he in-
vite Tsadok the priest or Yehoyada's son Benayah, or Shelomoh
your servant. **27** Did my master the king organise that without
telling your servants who will sit on the throne of my master the
king after him?"

28 Then King David said, "Call Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba) back in."
So she came back into the king's room and stood in front of him.
29 Then the king promised, "As Yahweh lives and has rescued me
from every danger, **30** I promise you in front of Yisrael's (Israel's)
god Yahweh that your son Shelomoh will reign after me and will
sit on my throne in my place. I'll put it in action today."

31 Bat-Sheva knelt down and bowed her face to the floor and
said, "May my master, the king David live forever."

32 Then King David called out, "Summon Tsadok the priest for
me, and Natan (Nathan) the prophet, and Yehoyada's son Be-
nayah." So they came into the king's room. **33** "Take some of my
servants," the king instructed them. "and put my son Shelomoh
on my mule and lead him to the Gihon Spring. **34** Then you two,
Tsadok and Natan, must anoint him there as king over Yisrael.
Then blow the horn and shout, 'Let King Shelomoh live!' **35** Then
follow him back here where he must come and sit on my throne.
Then he'll reign in my place as ruler of Yisrael and Yehudah (Ju-
dah)."

36 "Certainly," Benayah replied. "Just as Yahweh, the god of my
master the king has instructed. **37** Just as Yahweh has been with
my master the king, so may he be with Shelomoh. And may his
rule be even greater than that of my master, the king David."

38 So Tsadok the priest and Natan the prophet and Yehoyada's
son Benayah and the kings bodyguards went and put Shelomoh
on the king's mule, and took him to Gihon. **39** Tsadok the priest

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_your if/because Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_your he_will_
_reign after_me and_he he_will_sit on throne_of_my. **18** And_
_now HERE ʾAdoniyʸᵃʰ he_has_become_king and_now my_
_master the_king not you_know. **19** And_he/it_sacrificed ox[en]
and_fatling and_sheep to_increase_in_number and_he/it_called
to/from_all/each/any/every the_sons_of the_king and_(to)_
_ʾEvyātār the_priest/officer and_(to)_Yō'āv/(Joab) the_
_commander_of the_army and_(to)_Shəlomoh servant_of_your
not he_has_invited. **20** And_you(ms) my_master the_king the_
_eyes_of all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) are_on_you to_announce to/for_
_them who will_he_sit on the_throne_of my_master the_king
after_him. **21** And_it_was just_ my_master the_king _as_lies_
_down with ancestors_of_his and_I_will_be I and_son_of_my
Shəlomoh sinners. **22** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE still_she was_
_speaking with the_king and_Nātān the_prophet he_came.
23 And_people_told to/for_the_king to_say HERE Nātān the_
_prophet and_he_came to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
the_king and_he_bowed_down to/for_the_king on face_of_his
ground_to_the. **24** And_ Nātān _he/it_said my_master the_king
you have_you_said ʾAdoniyʸᵃʰ he_will_reign after_me and_he
he_will_sit on throne_of_my. **25** If/because he_has_gone_down
the_day and_he/it_sacrificed ox[en] and_fatling and_sheep to_
_increase_in_number and_he/it_called to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_sons_of the_king and_(to)_the_
_commanders_of the_army and_(to)_ʾEvyātār the_
_priest/officer and_THERE_they are_eating and_drinking
before_him and_they_said the_king ʾAdoniyʸᵃʰ may_he_live.
26 And_(to)_me I servant_of_your and_(to)_Tsādōq/(Zadok)
the_priest/officer and_(to)_Bənāʸᵃʰ the_son_of
Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) and_(to)_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) servant_
_of_your not he_has_invited. **27** (If) from_with my_master the_
_king the_matter the_this has_it_occurred and_not you_made_
_known ᴅᴏᴍ mmm[4] who will_he_sit on the_throne_of my_
_master the_king after_him. **28** And_ the_king Dāvid _he_
_answered and_he/it_said summon to_me (to)_Bath- shevaʿ
and_she_came to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king
and_she_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king.
29 And_ the_king _he_swore_an_oath and_he_said by_the_life
of_**YHWH** who he_has_ransomed ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_my from_all
trouble. **30** If/because just_as I_swore to/for_you(fs) by_**YHWH**
the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say if/because Shəlomoh son_of_
_your he_will_reign after_me and_he he_will_sit on throne_of_
_my in_place_of_me if/because so I_will_do the_day (the)_this.
31 And_ Bath- shevaʿ _she_bowed_low face ground and_she_
_bowed_down to/for_the_king and_she/it_said my_master the_
_king Dāvid may_he_live to_vanishing_point. **32** And_he/it_said
the_king Dāvid summon to_me (to)_Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_
priest/officer and(to)_Nātān the_prophet and_(to)_Bənāʸᵃʰ
the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) and_they_came to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **33** And_ the_king _he/it_said
to/for_them take with_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_servants_of your(pl)_
_master(s)_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_cause_to_ride ᴅᴏᴍ
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_my on the_mule which to_me
and_you(pl)_will_take_down ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to Giyḥōn. **34** And_he_
_will_anoint ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it there Tsādōq the_priest/officer and_
_Nātān the_prophet to_king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_you(pl)_

4 LV 1:27 · Note OSHB variant note: **ירבע/ך**: (x-qere) **ʾהָבַע/הָ**: lemma_5650 n_0.1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_11mrn **ʾהָבַע/הָ**

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_will_give_a_blast on_horn and_you(pl)_will_say the_king Shəlomoh may_he_live. **35** And_you(pl)_will_come_up after_ _him and_he_will_come and_he_will_sit on throne_of_my and_ _he he_will_reign in_place_of_me and_him I_have_appointed to_be ruler over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_over Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **36** And_ Bənāʸāh the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _king and_he/it_said amen thus **YHWH** the_god_of my_master the_king may_he_say. **37** Just_as he_has_been **YHWH** with my_ _master the_king so he_will_be[5] with Shəlomoh and_may_he_ _make_great ᴅᴏᴍ throne_of_his more_than_the_throne_of my_ _master the_king Dāvid. **38** And_ Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_ _priest/officer and_Nātān the_prophet and_Bənāʸāh the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) and_the_Kerethite[s] and_the_ _Pelethite[s] _he/it_descended and_they_caused_to_ride ᴅᴏᴍ Shəlomoh on the_mule_of the_king Dāvid and_they_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to Giyḥōn. **39** And_ Tsādōq the_priest/officer _ _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_horn_of (the)_oil from the_tent and_he_ _anointed ᴅᴏᴍ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_they_gave_a_blast on_horn and_ all_of the_people _they_said the_king Shəlomoh may_he_live. **40** And_ all_of the_people _they_went_up after_ _him and_the_people were_playing_the_flute with_flutes and_ _they_were_joyful joy great and_ the_earth/land _it_was_split_ _open by_sound_of_their. **41** And_ 'Adoniyʸāh and_all those_ _who_were_invited who with_him/it _he/it_listened and_they they_had_finished to_eat and_ Yō'āv/(Joab) _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_sound_of the_ram's_horn and_he/it_said why is_the_ _sound_of the_town in_an_uproar. **42** Still_he was_speaking and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan) the_son_of 'Evyātār the_priest/officer he_came and_ 'Adoniyʸāh _he/it_ _said come if/because are_a_man_of ability you and_good you_ _bear_news. **43** And_ Yəhōnātān _he_answered and_he/it_said to_'Adoniyʸāh but master(s)_of_our the_king Dāvid he_has_ _made_king ᴅᴏᴍ Shəlomoh. **44** And_he_has_sent with_him/it the_king ᴅᴏᴍ Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_priest/officer and_ᴅᴏᴍ Nātān the_prophet and_Bənāʸāh the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) and_the_Kerethite[s] and_the_ _Pelethite[s] and_they_have_caused_to_ride ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it on the_mule_of the_king. **45** And_ Tsādōq the_priest/officer and_ _Nātān the_prophet _they_have_anointed ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to_king at_Giyḥōn and_they_have_gone_up from_there joyful and_ the_ _town _it_was_stirred that is_the_sound which you(pl)_have_ _heard. **46** And_also Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_has_sat on the_ _throne_of the_royalty. **47** And_also the_servants_of the_king they_have_come to_bless ᴅᴏᴍ master(s)_of_our the_king Dāvid to_say may_he_make_good mmm[6] ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of Shəlomoh more_than_of_your_name and_may_he_make_great ᴅᴏᴍ throne_of_his more_than_of_your_throne and_ the_king _he_ _bowed_down on the_bed. **48** And_also thus the_king he_has_ _said **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_has_given the_ _day one_who_sits on throne_of_my and_my_own_of_eyes are_ _seeing be_blessed. **49** And_they_trembled and_they_rose_up all_of those_who_were_invited who belonged_to_'Adoniyʸāh and_they_went each to_way_of_his. **50** And_'Adoniyʸāh he_was_ _afraid from_face/in_front_of Shəlomoh and_he/it_rose_up

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took the horn of oil from the sacred tent and anointed Shelomoh with it, and they blew the horn and all the people shouted, "Let King Shelomoh live!" **40** Then all the people followed him back uphill to the city, and the people were playing flutes and were so exuberant in their celebrations that the ground shook with the noise.

41 When Adoniyah and all his invited guests had finished eating, they heard the noise, and Yoav (Joab) heard the sound of the horn and asked, "What's all that commotion in the city?" **42** He was still speaking when Yonatan (Jonathan) the son of Evyatar the priest suddenly turned up, and Adoniyah called him, "Come over here because you're a good fellow and you'll bring good news."

43 "Actually, no," Yonatan answered. "Our master the king David has just made Shelomoh king. **44** The king sent Tsadok the priest and Natan the prophet and Yehoyada's son Benayah and the king's bodyguards, and they placed Shelomoh on the king's mule. **45** Then Tsadok and Natan anointed him as king at Gihon. Now they've gone back from there cheering all the way, and the whole city is happily celebrating. That's the noise that you're all hearing. **46** What's more, Shelomoh's sitting on the royal throne right now. **47** As well as that, the king's servants went in to bless our master the king David, saying, 'May God make Shelomoh's reputation even better than yours, and may he make his reign even greater than yours.' Then the king in his bed, bowed down **48** and said, 'Blessed be Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh who has provided a son to sit on my throne today, and I've been able to see it before my death.' "

49 Then all Adoniyah's invited guests started trembling, and they all got up and quietly slipped back to their homes. **50** Adoniyah himself was now afraid of what Shelomoh would do, so he went to the sacred tent and held on to the horns of the altar. **51** Shelomoh was told, "Listen, Adoniyah is afraid of the new king because he's grabbed the horns of the altar and said, 'Let Shelomoh the king promise me as soon as possible, that he won't execute his servant with the sword.' "

52 "If he shows himself as a loyal subject," Shelomoh responded, "then he'll be able to keep his head. But if he's found to be a traitor, then he'll die." **53** So King Shelomoh sent for Adoniyah, and they brought him down from beside the altar. He came and bowed down to Shelomoh the king and Shelomoh told him, "Go home."

5 LV 1:37 · Note OSHB variant note: **יהי**: (x-qere) 'הָיָהְ': lemma_1961 morph_HVqi3ms id_11ER2 הָיָהְ

6 LV 1:47 · Note OSHB variant note: **ך/יהלא**: (x-qere) 'ם֫יהֹלֶ֥א': lemma_430 n_1.1.0.0 morph_HNcmpa id_11H3W ם֫יהֹלֶ֥א

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David's final words to Shelomoh · Full kingdom

2:1 When David knew that his death was close, he instructed his son Shelomoh (Solomon), **2** "I'll soon be coming to my end, but you must be strong and sensible. **3** You must maintain your god Yahweh's charge to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commands, his judgements, and his testimonies, according to what is written in Mosheh's (Moses') instructions, so that you'll be wise in everything you do and everywhere that you turn, **4** so that Yahweh's promise to me that he'd keep one of my descendants on Yisrael's (Israel's) throne, will stand because he gave the condition, 'If your descendants will obey me and worship me in truth with all their hearts and with all their souls.'

5 "Also you're aware of what Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab) did to me—what he did to two of the commanders of Yisrael's armies—to Ner's son Avner[7] and to Yeter's son Amasa.[8] He murdered them, shedding blood in peacetime as if it was in a war, and the blood guilt is on him from head to toe. **6** So use your own wisdom, but don't let Yoav get old and die peacefully.

7 However, return loyal kindness to the sons of Barzilay the Giladi, and invite them to join you at your table because they helped me when I was fleeing from your brother Avshalom (Absalom).[9]

8 Then there's Gera's son Shimei, the Benyamite from Bahurim. He cursed me horribly when I was going to Mahanayim. Then he went down to meet me at the Yarden (Jordan), and I promised him by Yahweh that I wouldn't execute him,[10] **9** so don't leave him unpunished now. You're a wise man and you'll know how to handle him. Although he's old, make sure he has a bloody death.

David's death · Full kingdom

10 Then David breathed his last and was buried in the City of David. **11** He had

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and_he/it_went and_he_took_hold on_the_horns_of the_altar.
51 And_it_was_told to_Shəlomoh to_say THERE 'Adoniy^{yāh} he_
_fears ĐOM the_king Shəlomoh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_has_
_taken_hold on_the_horns_of the_altar to_say let_him_swear
to_me as_day the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) if he_will_put_to_
_death ĐOM servant_of_his by_sword. **52** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_
_said if he_will_become (into)_a_son_of ability not one_of_his_
_hair[s] it_will_fall ground_to_the and_if evil it_will_be_found
in_him/it and_he_will_die. **53** And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he_
_sent and_they_brought_him_down from_under the_altar and_
_he_came and_he_bowed_down to/for_the_king Shəlomoh and_
_he/it_said to_him/it Shəlomoh go to_house_of_your.
2:1 And_ the_days_of Dāvid _they_drew_near to_die and_he/it_
_commanded ĐOM Shəlomoh son_of_his to_say. **2** I am_about_
_to_go in_the_way_of all_of the_earth/land and_you_will_be_
_strong and_you_will_become (into)_a_man. **3** And_you_will_
_keep ĐOM the_charge_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_go in_ways_of_
_his to_guard/protect regulations_of_his commands_of_his
and_judgements_of_his and_testimonies_of_his according_
_what_is_written in_the_law_of Mosheh so_that you_may_
_cause_to_prosper ĐOM all_of that you_will_do and_ĐOM every_
_of where you_will_turn there. **4** So_that **YHWH** he_may_
_establish ĐOM message_of_his which he_spoke on_me to_say if
descendants_of_your they_will_guard ĐOM way_of_their to_go
to/for_my_face/front in_faithfulness in_all heart_of_their and_
_on/over_all being_of_their to_say not it_will_be_cut_off
to/for_yourself(m) a_man from_under the_throne_of
Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **5** And_also you you_know ĐOM that_which he_
_did to_me Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərū^{yāh}/(Zeruiah) that_
_which he_did to_the_two_of the_commanders_of the_armies_
of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) to'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr and_to_'Amāsā'
the_son_of Yeter/(Jether) and_he_killed_them and_he/it_
_assigned blood(s)_of war in_peace and_he/it_gave blood(s)_of
war on_belt_of_his which was_on_loins_of_his and_on_
_sandal[s]_of_his which was_on_feet_of_his. **6** And_you_will_act
according_to_of_your_wisdom and_not you_must_bring_down
hair_of_his_grey in_peace Shə'ōl. **7** And_to_the_sons_of
Barzillay the_Gil'ādite you_will_do loyalty and_they_will_be
among_those_who_eat_of your_table_of_your if/because thus
they_drew_near to_me when_fled_I from_face/in_front_of
'Avīshālōm your(ms)_brother/kindred. **8** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
is_with_you Shim'ī the_son_of Gērā' the_Ben-_of (the)_jaminite
from_Baḥurīm and_he he_cursed_me a_curse grievous in/on_
_day went_I Maḥ$_a$nāyim and_he he_came_down to_meet_me
the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_I_swore to_him/it by_**YHWH** to_say if
I_will_put_you_to_death by_sword. **9** And_now do_not leave_
_him_unpunished if/because are_a_man wise you and_you_
_will_know ĐOM that_which you_will_do for_him/it and_you_
_will_bring_down ĐOM hair_of_his_grey in_blood Shə'ōl.

10 And_ Dāvid _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_
_was_buried in_the_city_of Dāvid. **11** And_the_days which Dāvid
he_reigned over Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) were_forty year[s] in_Ḥevrōn

7 **RV 2:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 3:27.

8 **RV 2:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 20:10.

9 **RV 2:7 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 17:27-29.

10 **RV 2:8 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 16:5-13; 19:16-23.

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he_reigned seven years and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_ _reigned thirty and_three years. **12** And_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_sat on the_throne_of Dāvid his/its_father and_ reign_of_his _it_was_established exceedingly.

13 And_ 'Adoniy^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥaggit _he_came[14] to Bath-shevʿa´ the_mother_of Shəlomoh and_she/it_said peace is_ _your_coming and_he/it_said peace. **14** And_he/it_said a_ _message to_me to_you and_she/it_said speak. **15** And_he/it_ _said you you_know if/because_that to_me it_belonged the_ _royalty and_on_me all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) they_set faces_of_ _their to_become_king and_ the_royalty _it_has_turned_round and_it_became to_brother_of_my if/because from_**YHWH** it_ _belonged for_him/it. **16** And_now a_petition one I am_asking from_with_you do_not turn_away ḌOM face_of_my and_she/it_ _said to_him/it speak. **17** And_he/it_said speak please to_ _Shəlomoh the_king if/because not he_will_turn_away ḌOM face_of_your and_may_he_give to_me ḌOM 'Avīshag the_ _Shūnammit to/for_(a)_woman. **18** And_ Bath- shevʿa´ _she/it_ _said good I I_will_speak on_you to the_king. **19** And_ Bath-shevʿa´ _she_went to the_king Shəlomoh to_speak to_him/it on 'Adoniy^{yāh} and_ the_king _he/it_rose_up to_meet_her and_he_ _bowed_down to/for_her/it and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived on throne_of_his and_he/it_assigned a_throne for_the_mother_of the_king and_she_sat to_his_right_ _of_hand. **20** And_she/it_said a_petition one small I am_asking from_with_you do_not turn_away ḌOM face_of_my and_he/it_ _said to/for_her/it the_king ask my_mother_of_my if/because not I_will_turn_away ḌOM face_of_your. **21** And_she/it_said ḌOM 'Avīshag the_Shūnammit let_it_be_given to_'Adoniy^{yāh} your(ms)_brother/kindred to/for_(a)_woman. **22** And_ the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_answered and_he/it_said to_mother_ _of_his and_why are_you asking ḌOM 'Avīshag the_Shūnammit for_'Adoniy^{yāh} and_ask to_him/it ḌOM the_royalty if/because he my_brother/kindred (the)_old more_than_me and_to/for_ _him/it and_for_'Evyātār the_priest/officer and_for_ _Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərūy^{āh}/(Zeruiah). **23** And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he_swore_an_oath by_**YHWH** to_say thus may_he_ _do to/for_me god and_thus may_he_add if/because by_his_ _own_of_life 'Adoniy^{yāh} he_has_spoken ḌOM the_message (the)_ _this. **24** And_now by_the_life of_**YHWH** who he_appointed_me and[15] on the_throne_of Dāvid father_of_my and_which he_has_ _made to_me a_house just_as he_spoke if/because the_day 'Adoniy^{yāh} he_will_be_put_to_death. **25** And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he_sent by_the_hand_of Bənāy^{āh} the_son_of Yəhōyādā´/(Jehoiada) and_he_fell in/on/over_him/it and_ _he/it_died.

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reigned over Yisrael (Israel) for forty years—seven years from Hevron and thirty-three years from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[11] **12** Shelomoh (Solomon) replaced his father David on the throne, and his authority was established with firmness.[12]

Adoniyah's provocation and death · Full kingdom

13 Then Hagit's son Adoniyah came to Shelomoh's (Solomon's) mother Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba) and she asked him, "Is your coming peaceful?"

"It is," he replied. **14** "Can I ask you something?"

"Go ahead," she answered.

15 "You yourself know that the kingship was for me as the oldest son," he said, "and all Yisrael (Israel) wanted me to reign. But then Yahweh decided that it was for my brother, and then everything got turned around. **16** So now, I have only one thing to request from you—please don't refuse me."

"Go on," she said.

17 He said, "Please speak to Shelomoh the king because he wouldn't refuse you. Ask him to give me Avishag the Shunamit[13] as my wife."

18 "Okay," Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba) agreed, "I'll personally speak to the king for you."

19 So Bat-Sheva went to King Shelomoh to speak to him on Adoniyah's behalf. The king rose to meet her and bowed down to her. Then he sat on his throne and he had a throne placed on his right for his mother to sit on. **20** Then she said, "I have one small request for you. Please don't say you won't do it"

"What's your request, my mother," the king responded, "because I couldn't refuse you."

21 "Let Avishag the Shunamit," she said, "be given to your brother Adoniyah as a wife."

22 King Shelomoh answered his mother, "You're requesting Avishag the Shunamit for Adoniyah! You might as well request the throne for him, because he's my brother and he's older than I am! And then he'll want Evyatar the priest and Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab)!" **23** Then Shelomoh promised by Yahweh, "May God do to me whatever he wants, unless Adoniyah pays with his life for saying that. **24** And now as Yahweh lives, the one who established me and caused me to sit on the throne of my father David, and who promised David's descendants to continue reigning, Adoniyah will certainly be put to death today."

25 So King Shelomoh instructed Yehoyada's son Benayah and he went and struck Adoniyah down and he died.

11 RV 2:11 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 5:4-5; 1Ch 3:4.

12 RV 2:12 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 29:23.

13 RV 2:17 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 1:3-4.

14 LV 2:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

15 LV 2:24 · Note OSHB variant note: יבישוו/ן/יב: (x-qere) יִבִישְׁוֵ/נִי/ו: lemma_c/3427 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Vhw3ms/Sp1cs id_11QNk יִבִישְׁוֵ/נִי/ו

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Evyatar's banishment and Yoav's death · Full kingdom

26 Then concerning Evyatar the priest, the king told him, "Go to your fields at Anatot because you're marked for death, but I won't do it today because you carried my master Yahweh's sacred box ahead of my father David,[16] and because you suffered through all that my father suffered."[17] **27** That was how Shelomoh (Solomon) banished Evyatar from being a priest to Yahweh. It was done to fulfill what Yahweh had said at Shiloh said about removing Eli's descendants.[18]

28 When the news of that reached Yoav (Joab), he fled to Yahweh's tent and held onto the horns of the altar, because he had supported Adoniyah (even though he hadn't supported Avshalom (Absalom)). **29** Someone told King Shelomoh that Yoav had fled to Yahweh's tent and was there beside the altar, so Shelomoh instructed Yehoyada's son Benayah, "Go and strike him down." **30** So Benayah entered Yahweh's tent and he told Yoav, "The king said for you to come out."

"No, I'll die here," he replied.

So Benayah went back to the king and reported both sides of the conversation **31** and the king told him, "Just do what he said. Kill him and bury him, and in that way you'll remove the blood guilt from me and my descendants for the blood that Yoav shed without cause. **32** Yahweh will return his blood onto his own head, because he attacked two men more righteous and better than himself: Ner's son Avner, the commander of Yisrael's (Israel's) army, and Yeter's son Amasa, the commander of Yehudah's (Judah's) army. He killed them with the sword and my father David didn't have anything to do with it. **33** Their shed blood will return onto Yoav's head and on the heads of his descendants forever. But for David and his family and his descendants and his throne, Yahweh will give peace forever."

34 So Yehoyada's son Benayah went and struck Yoav at the altar and killed him. Then he was buried on his property in the wilderness. **35** The king appointed Benayah as army commander to replace Yoav, and appointed Tsadok as priest in place of Evyatar.

Shimei's execution · Full kingdom

36 Then the king summoned Shimei and told him, "Build yourself a house here in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and live there. But don't go anywhere else **37** because the day that you leave and cross the Kidron valley, you can be certain that you'll die. Your blood will be on your own head."

38 "My master the king," Shimei responded, "your decision is good and your servant will do just what you said."

39 However, three years later, two of Shimei's slaves fled to

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26 And_to_'Evyātār the_priest/officer the_king he_said ʼAnātōt go to fields_of_your if/because are_a_man_of death you and_ _on_day the_this not I_will_put_you_to_death if/because you_ _carried ÐOM the_box_of my_master **YHWH** to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before Dāvid father_of_my and_because/when you_were_afflicted in_all that father_of_my he_was_afflicted. **27** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_drove_out ÐOM 'Evyātār from_being a_priest to/for_**YHWH** to_fulfill ÐOM the_message_ _of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken on the_house_of ʼĒlī in_ _Shiloh. **28** And_the_report it_came to Yō'āv/(Joab) if/because Yō'āv he_had_turned_aside after 'Adoniy^{yāh} and_after 'Avīshālōm not he_had_turned_aside and_ Yō'āv _he_fled to the_tent_of **YHWH** and_he_took_hold on_the_horns_of the_ _altar. **29** And_it_was_told to/for_the_king Shəlomoh if/because_that Yō'āv he_had_fled to the_tent_of **YHWH** and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_beside the_altar and_ Shəlomoh _he_ _sent ÐOM Bənā^{yāh} the_son_of Yəhōyādāʼ to_say go fall in/on/over_him/it. **30** And_ Bənā^{yāh} _he_went to the_tent_of **YHWH** and_he/it_said to_him/it thus the_king he_says come_ _out and_he/it_said no if/because here I_will_die and_ Bənā^{yāh} _he_brought_back ÐOM the_king message to_say thus Yō'āv he_ _spoke and_thus he_answered_me. **31** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_king do just_as he_has_spoken and_fall in/on/over_him/it and_you_will_bury_him and_you_will_remove blood(s)_of without_cause which Yō'āv he_has_shed from_on_me and_ _from_on the_house_of my_father_of_my. **32** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _will_bring_back ÐOM blood_of_his on his/its_head who he_fell on_two_of men righteous and_good from_him/it and_he_ _killed_them with_sword and_father_of_my Dāvid not he_knew ÐOM 'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr the_commander_of the_army_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ÐOM ʼAmāsā' the_son_of Yeter/(Jether) the_ _commander_of the_army_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **33** And_ blood(s)_of_their _they_will_return on_the_head_of Yō'āv/(Joab) and_on_the_head_of his/its_seed to_vanishing_ _point and_to_Dāvid and_to_offspring_of_his and_to_house_of_ _his and_to_throne_of_his it_will_belong peace until perpetuity from_with **YHWH**. **34** And_ Bənā^{yāh} the_son_of Yəhōyādāʼ/(Jehoiada) _he/it_ascended and_he_fell in/on/over_ _him/it and_he_put_him_to_death and_he_was_buried in_his_ _own_of_house in_wilderness. **35** And_ the_king _he/it_gave ÐOM Bənā^{yāh} the_son_of Yəhōyādāʼ in_place_of_him over the_ _army and_ÐOM Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_priest/officer the_king he_ _put in_place_of 'Evyātār.

36 And_ the_king _he_sent and_he/it_called (to)_Shimʼī and_ _he/it_said to_him/it build to/for_yourself(m) a_house in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_you_will_dwell there and_not you_must_go_out from_there where and_where. **37** And_it_was in/on_day you_go_out and_you_will_pass_over ÐOM the_wadi_of Qidrōn surely_(know) you_will_know if/because_that surely_ _(die) you_will_die blood_of_your it_will_be on_your_own_of_ _head. **38** And_ Shimʼī _he/it_said to/for_the_king is_good the_ _message just_as my_master the_king he_has_spoken so servant_of_your he_will_do and_ Shimʼī _he/it_sat_

16 **RV 2:26 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 15:24.

17 **RV 2:26 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 22:20-23.

18 **RV 2:27 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 2:27-36.

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_down//remained//lived in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) days many. **39** And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity three years and_ two_of servants of_Shim´ī _they_fled to 'Akīsh the_son_of Ma´ₐkāh the_king_of Gat and_people_told to_Shim´ī to_say THERE your_servants are_in_Gat. **40** And_ Shim´ī _he/it_rose_up and_he_saddled ᴅᴏᴍ donkey_of_his and_he/it_went to_Gat to 'Akīsh to_seek ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his and_ Shim´ī _he/it_went and_he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his from_Gat. **41** And_it_ _was_told to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) if/because_that Shim´ī he_ _had_gone from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Gat and_he_had_ _returned. **42** And_ the_king _he_sent and_he/it_called (to)_ _Shim´ī and_he/it_said to_him/it am_not did_I_make_you_ _swear by_**YHWH** and_did_I_warn (in)_you to_say in/on_day you_go_out and_you_will_go where and_where surely_(know) you_will_know if/because_that surely_(die) you_will_die and_ _she/it_said to_me is_good the_message I_have_heard. **43** And_ _why not have_you_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_oath_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _command which I_commanded to_you. **44** And_ the_king _ _he/it_said to Shim´ī you you_know ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_evil which heart_of_your it_knows which you_did to_Dāvid father_of_my and_ **YHWH** _he_will_return ᴅᴏᴍ evil_of_your on_head_of_your. **45** And_the_king Shəlomoh will_be_blessed and_the_throne_of Dāvid it_will_be established to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** until perpetuity. **46** And_ the_king _he/it_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Bənāʸᵃʰ the_son_of Yəhōyādā´/(Jehoiada) and_he/it_went_out and_he_fell in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_ _died and_the_kingdom it_was_established in_the_hand_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon).

3:1 And_ Shəlomoh _he_became_son-in-law with Par´oh the_ _king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_daughter_ _of Par´oh and_he_brought_her to the_city_of Dāvid until finished_he to_build ᴅᴏᴍ house_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) all_ _around. **2** Only the_people were_sacrificing at_places if/because not a_house it_had_been_built for_the_name_of **YHWH** until the_days the_those. **3** And_ Shəlomoh _he_loved ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** to_go in_the_regulations_of Dāvid his/its_father only at_places he was_sacrificing and_making_smoke. **4** And_ the_king _he/it_went to_Giv´ōn to_sacrifice there if/because that was_the_high_place (the)_great a_thousand burnt_ _offerings Shəlomoh he_offered_up on the_altar (the)_that. **5** At_Giv´ōn **YHWH** he_appeared to Shəlomoh in_(the)_dream the_night and_ god _he/it_said ask what will_I_give to/for_ _you(fs). **6** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_said you you_have_done with servant_of_your Dāvid father_of_my covenant_loyalty great just_as he_walked to_your_face in_faithfulness and_in_ _righteousness and_in_uprightness_of heart with_you and_ _you_have_kept to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_covenant_loyalty (the)_ _great the_this and_you_have_given to_him/it a_son who_sits on throne_of_his as_day (the)_this. **7** And_now Oh_**YHWH** god_ _of_my you you_have_made_king ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_your in_ _place_of Dāvid father_of_my and_I am_a_lad young not I_know to_go_out and_to_come. **8** And_servant_of_your in_the_middle people_of_your which you_have_chosen a_people numerous which not it_will_be_numbered and_not it_will_be_counted

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Ma'akah's son, King Akish of Gat, and Shimei was told where they'd gone. **40** So Shimei saddled his donkey and rode it to Akish at Gat to try to find his slaves and he was able to recover them **41** But Shelomoh (Solomon) was told that Shimei left Yerushalem and gone to Gat and then returned. **42** So the king summoned Shimei and asked him, "Didn't I get you to promise by Yahweh that you heard me say that whenever you leave here, you'll certainly die? And didn't you tell me that it was a good decision? **43** So why didn't you keep the promise by Yahweh and obey what I instructed you? **44** You yourself know all the evil things that you did to my father David, so now Yahweh will return your evil on your head. **45** But despite what you yelled out,[19] Yahweh will bless me as king, and David's throne will be established forever in front of Yahweh."

46 Then the king commanded Yehoyada's son Benayah, and he went out and put Shimei to death.

In those ways, Shelomoh established his control of the kingdom.

Shelomoh requests wisdom · Full kingdom

3:1 Shelomoh (Solomon) made himself the son-in-law of Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) by taking Par'oh's daughter as a wife and bringing her into the city of David (where she stayed until the completion of the construction of his palace and of Yahweh's temple, and the wall around Yerushalem (Jerusalem)). **2** However, the people were sacrificing on various hills because at that time, a temple hadn't yet been built for Yahweh. **3** Shelomoh demonstrated his love for Yahweh by obeying the instructions of his father David. However, he would offer sacrifices and burn incense on various hills.

4 One time, the king went to Giveon to sacrifice there, because it was the most popular high place. Shelomoh offered up a thousand burnt up sacrifices on that altar, **5** and that night in Giveon, Yahweh appeared to Shelomoh in a dream and asked, "What would you like me to give you?"

6 Shelomoh replied, "You yourself showed incredible loyalty to your servant David, my father, because he walked in faithfulness and obedience in front of you, and did what he believed you wanted. And you've maintained this loyalty towards him and you allowed him to have a son sitting on his throne as I am today. **7** So now, Yahweh my god, you yourself have caused your servant to reign in place of my father David, but I'm still young—I don't really know much about anything. **8** Yet your ser-

19 RV 2:45 · Cross-ref. 2Sa 16:5-8.

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vant is among your chosen people—a numerous people who can't be counted because there's so many of us. **9** So please give your servant the ability to listen to your people and to judge them well—discerning between good and evil, because who's able to judge your people—that's a heavy task."

10 Yahweh was very pleased that Shelomoh had requested that **11** and told him, "Because you requested that and didn't request a long life or riches for yourself, or requested the lives of your enemies, but you requested discernment for yourself when listening and dispensing justice, **12** then I've done what you requested. Listen, I've given you a wise and discerning mind unlike anyone who's lived before you or who will live in the future after you. **13** So I've also given you what you didn't request: both riches and honour—there'll be no other king like you for as long as you live, **14** and if you'll obey my statutes and commands like your father David did, then I'll also lengthen your life."

15 Then Shelomoh woke up, and wow, it had been a dream, and he went into Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and stood in front of the sacred chest. Then he offered up burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and he held a feast for all his servants.

Shelomoh judges a difficult case · Full kingdom

16 One day two prostitutes came to the king and stood in front of him, **17** and one of them said, "Please, my master, us two women live in the same house, and while she was there in the house, I gave birth to a baby. **18** Three days later, this woman also gave birth to her baby. Only the two of us were there in the house—no one else was around. **19** But then in the night, her son died because she rolled over onto him. **20** So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me, as your female servant was asleep. She left her dead son with me, and took my son to her bed. **21** When I woke up in the morning ready to breastfeed my son, to my horror he was dead. However when I examined him closely in the light, more shock, it wasn't actually my son!"

22 "No, my son is the living one," the other woman said, "and your son is the dead one."

"No, *your* son is the dead one," the first woman countered, "and *my* son is the living one!"

Then they continued to argue in front of the king.

23 The king spoke, "So both of you are claiming that your baby is the one that's alive and that the dead one belongs to the other." **24** Then he ordered, "Get me a sword." So they brought a sword to the king. **25** Then the king commanded, "Cut the living child into two pieces and give them half each."

26 But the mother of the surviving baby felt compassion for her son and yelled, "Please, my master, give the baby to her—you certainly mustn't kill him!"

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from_multitude. **9** And_you_will_give to_servant_of_your a_ _heart which_listens to_judge ÐOM people_of_your to_ _distinguish between good and_evil if/because who is_he_able to_judge ÐOM people_of_your (the)_massive (the)_this. **10** And_ the_thing _it_was_good in/on_both_eyes_of my_master that/for/because/then/when Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_ _asked ÐOM the_thing (the)_this. **11** And_ god _he/it_said to_ _him/it because that you_asked ÐOM the_thing the_this and_not you_asked for_yourself days many and_not you_asked for_ _yourself wealth and_not you_asked the_life_of your(pl)_ _enemies_of_your and_you_asked for_yourself to_understand to_hear judgement. **12** HERE I_do according_to_of_your_ _words/messages HERE I_give to/for_yourself(m) a_heart wise and_understanding that like_you not anyone_has_been to_ _your_face and_after_you not anyone_will_arise like_you. **13** And_also that_which not you_asked_for I_give to/for_you(fs) both wealth as_well_as honour that not he_has_been like_you anyone among_kings all_of days_of_your. **14** And_if you_will_ _walk in_ways_of_my to_guard/protect regulations_of_my and_ _commands_of_my just_as Dāvid father_of_your he_walked and_I_will_make_long ÐOM days_of_your. **15** And_ Shəlomoh _ _he_awoke and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was_a_dream and_he_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_box_of the_covenant_of my_master and_ _he/it_ascended burnt_offerings and_he/it_made peace_ _offerings and_he/it_made a_feast to/from_all/each/any/every servants_of_his.

16 Then two women prostitutes they_came to the_king and_ _they_stood before_him. **17** And_ the_woman the_one(f) _ _she/it_said pardon_me my_master I and_the_woman (the)_ _this are_dwelling in_a_house one and_I_gave_birth with_her/it in_house. **18** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_third of_my_ _giving_birth and_ also the_woman (the)_this _she/it_gave_ _birth and_we were_together there_was_not a_stranger with_us in_house except two we were_in_house. **19** And_ the_son_of the_woman (the)_this _he/it_died night that she_lay on/upon/above_him/it. **20** And_she/it_arose in_the_middle the_night and_she/it_took ÐOM son_of_my from_beside_me and_maidservant_of_your was_sleeping and_she_made_him_lie in_bosom_of_her and_ÐOM son_of_her (the)_dead she_made_lie in_bosom_of_my. **21** And_I_rose in_morning to_nurse ÐOM son_ _of_my and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_had_died and_I_looked_ _carefully to_him/it in_morning and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_ _was son_of_my whom I_had_borne. **22** And_ the_woman (the)_ _other _she/it_said no if/because son_of_is_my the_living_one and_is_son_of_your the_dead_one and_this_one was_saying no if/because son_of_is_your the_dead_one and_is_son_of_my the_ _living_one and_they_spoke to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_king. **23** And_ the_king _he/it_said this_one is_ _saying this son_of_is_my the_living_one and_son_of_your is_ _the_dead_one and_this_one is_saying no if/because son_of_ _your is_the_dead_one and_son_of_my is_the_living_one. **24** And_ the_king _he/it_said take to_me a_sword and_they_ _brought the_drought//sword/knife to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_king. **25** And_ the_king _he/it_said cut ÐOM the_ _child (the)_living into_two and_give ÐOM (the)_half to_one and_ÐOM (the)_half to_one. **26** And_ the_woman whom son_of_

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_was_her the_living_one _she/it_said to the_king if/because compassion(s)_of_her they_had_grown_warm on son_of_her and_she/it_said pardon_me my_master give to/for_her/it ÐOM the_one_born (the)_living and_certainly_(kill) do_not kill_him and_this_one was_saying neither to_me nor to/for_you(fs) not he_will_belong cut. **27** And_ the_king _he_answered and_he/it_ _said give to/for_her/it ÐOM the_one_born (the)_living and_ _certainly_(kill) not you(pl)_must_kill_him she his/its_mother. **28** And_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_heard ÐOM the_judgement which the_king he_had_judged and_they_saw from_face/in_ _front_of the_king if/because they_saw if/because_that the_ _wisdom_of god was_within_of_him for_doing justice.

4:1 And_he/it_was the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) king over all_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_these were_the_officials who to_ _him/it ʹAzaryāh the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_priest/officer. **3** 'Elīḥoref and_'Aḥiyyāh the_sons_of Shiyshā' were_scribes Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of 'Aḥīlūd was_the_ _recorder. **4** And_Bənāyāh the_son_of Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) was_ _over the_army and_Tsādōq and_'Evyātār were_priests. **5** And_ _ʹAzaryāh the_son_of Nātān was_over the_overseers and_Zāvūd the_son_of Nātān was_a_priest the_friend_of the_king. **6** And_ _'Aḥīshār was_over the_house and_'Adonīrām the_son_of ʹAvdā' was_over the_forced_labour. **7** And_belonged_to_ _Shəlomoh two_plus ten overseers over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_supplied ÐOM the_king and_ÐOM household_of_his a_ _month in_year it_was on the_one[20] to_supply. **8** And_these names_of_are_their son_of hur in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim. **9** Ben-_of Deker in_Māqaṭs and_in_Shaʹalvīm and_Bēyt-shemesh and_Elon- house_of hanan. **10** Ben-_of Hesed in_ _'Arubōt to_him/it Sōkoh and_all the_land_of Ḥēfer. **11** Ben-_of 'Avīnādāv all_of the_height_of Dōr Ṭāfat the_daughter_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) she_became for_him/it to/for_(a)_ _woman. **12** Baʹₐnā' the_son_of 'Aḥīlūd Taʹₐnāk and_Məgiddōn and_all Bēyt Shan which is_beside (to)_Tsₑrətān/(Zarethan) from_under to_Yizrəʹēl/(Jezreel) from_Bēyt- shə'ān to Abel Meholah to from_the_other_side of_Yoqməʹām/(Jokmeam). **13** Ben-_of Geber in_Rāmot- gilʹād to_him/it the_villages_of Yā'īr/(Jair) the_son_of Mənashsheh which are_in_Gilʹād to_ _him/it the_region_of 'Argov which is_in_Bāshān sixty cities large a_wall and_bar[s]_of bronze. **14** 'Aḥīnādāv the_son_of ʹIddō (to)_Maḥₐnāyim. **15** 'Aḥīmaʹats in_Naftālī also he he_took ÐOM Bosmat the_daughter_of Shəlomoh to/for_(a)_woman. **16** Baʹₐnā' the_son_of Ḥūshay in_'Āshēr and_Bəʹālōt. **17** Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of Pārūaḥ in_Issachar. **18** Shimʹī the_son_of 'Ēlāh in_Binyāmīn. **19** Gevor the_son_of Uri in_land of_Gilʹād the_land_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_'Amorī and_ʹŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān and_an_overseer one who on_the_earth.

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Meanwhile the other woman was saying, "Well then, neither of us will have him. Cut him in half!"

27 The king spoke up, "Don't harm the baby. Give the living child to the first woman—she's his mother."

28 All Yisrael (Israel) eventually heard about this case that the king had judged, and they felt an awesome respect for him because they saw that he had God's wisdom to do justice within him.

Shelomoh's officials · Full kingdom

4:1 So Shelomoh (Solomon) was king over all Yisrael (Israel), **2** and these were his officials:

Tsadok's son Azaryah was the priest.

3 Shisha's sons Elihoref and Ahiyah were secretaries.

Ahilud's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) was the recorder.

4 Yehoyada's son Benayah was the army commander.

Tsadok and Evyatar were priests.

5 Natan's (Nathan's) son Azaryah was supervisor of the governors,

and his son Zavud was a priest and adviser to the king.

6 Ahishar was in charge of the palace,

and Avda's son Adoniram supervised the forced labourers.

7 Shelomoh (Solomon) appointed twelve governors over all Yisrael (Israel), and they sent in food for the palace—each governor was responsible for one month of the year. **8** Their names were:

Ben-Hur in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim),

9 Ben-Deker in Makats, Sha'alvim, Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis), and Elon-Beyt-Hanan,

10 Ben-Hesed in Arubot, Sokoh, and all the land of Hefer,

11 Ben-Avinadav (who was married to Shelomoh's daughter Tafat) in Nafat-Dor,

12 Ahilud's son Ba'ana in Ta'anak and Megidon and all Beyt-Shean next to Tseretan below Yizre'el (Jezreel), from Beyt-Shean to Avel-Meholah, as far as the other side of Yakemeam,

13 Ben-Gever in Ramot-Gilead, including the villages of Menasheh's (Manasseh's) son Yair that were in Gilead, as well as the Argov area in the Bashan region, and including sixty large cities with walls and bronze gate bars.

14 Ido's son Ahinadav in Mahanayim.

15 Ahima'ats (who had married Shelomoh's daughter Basemat) in Naftali (Naphtali),

16 Hushay's son Ba'ana in Asher and Be'alot,

17 Paruah's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) in Yisakar (Issachar),

18 Elah's son Shimei in Benyamin,

19 Uri's son Gever in the Gilead region, including the lands of the Amori King Sihon and King Og of the Bashan.

There was also one district governor over Yehudah (Judah).

20 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **דחא**: (x-qere) 'דָּחֶאָ/ה': lemma_d/259 n_0.0 morph_HTd/Acmsa id_11vua דָּחֶאָ/ה

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Shelomoh's prosperity · Full kingdom

20 Now Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel) had become as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They had plenty to eat and drink and they were contented. **21** Shelomoh (Solomon) controlled all the kingdoms from the Perat (Euphrates) River to the land of the Pelishtim and as far as the Mitsri (Egyptian) border,[21] so they brought tribute to him and followed his orders during his lifetime.

22 The daily requirements for the palace included five tonnes of fine flour and eleven tonnes of coarse flour, **23** ten fattened cattle, twenty pasture cattle, one hundred sheep, wild game including deer, gazelle, and roebuck, and fattened fowls.

24 He controlled all the kingdoms west of the Perat from Tifsah in the north-east to Azah (Gaza) in the south-west, and there was peace with all his neighbours. **25** So all Yehudah and Yisrael lived peacefully, from Dan in the north to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south—everyone focusing on their own property.

26 Shelomoh had forty thousand stalls for his chariot horses, and twelve thousand horsemen.[22] **27** The district governors provided supplies for the palace—one governor for each month. They ensured that nothing was lacking for the king and his visitors. **28** They also provided the barley and straw for the chariot horses and the other horses, delivered to the designated locations.

Shelomoh's wisdom · Full kingdom

29 God gave Shelomoh (Solomon) wisdom and incredible understanding, and the breadth of his interests seemed without limit. **30** He was wiser than anyone in the countries east of Yisrael (Israel) or in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **31** He was wiser than anyone else, including Eytan the Ezrahi[31] and Mahol's son Heyman and Kalkol and Darda, and his reputation spread to all the surrounding countries. **32** He could tell three thousand proverbs and he composed over a thousand songs.[32] **33** He could lecture on plant life from

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20 Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_numerous like_ _sand which is_at the_sea to_increase_in_number they_were_ _eating and_were_drinking and_were_joyful.
5:1 **23** And_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_was ruling in_all the_ _kingdoms from the_river the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy and_unto the_border_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) they_were_bringing tribute and_they_were_serving ~~DOM~~ Shəlomoh all_of the_days_of his/its_life. **2** **24** And_he/it_was the_food_of Shəlomoh for_a_ _day one thirty cor[s]_of fine_flour and_sixty cor[s]_of flour. **3** **25** Ten cattle fat and_twenty cattle pasture and_one_hundred sheep apart_apart_from from_deer and_gazelle and_roe-deer and_birds fattened. **4** **26** If/because he was_ruling in_all the_ _other_side_of the_river from_Tiphsah and_unto ʼAzzāh in_all the_kings_of the_other_side_of the_river and_peace it_ _belonged to_him/it from_all sides_of_his from_round_about. **5** **27** And_ Yəhūdāh and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived to_security everyone under vine_of_ _his_own and_under fig_tree_of_his_own from_Dān and_unto Bə'ēr Shəvā' all_of the_days_of Shəlomoh. **6** **28** And_he/it_was to_Shəlomoh forty thousand stalls_of horses for_chariotry_of_ _his and_two_plus ten thousand horsemen. **7** **29** And_ the_ _overseers the_these _they_supplied ~~DOM~~ the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_~~DOM~~ every_of (the)_person_ _approaching to the_table_of the_king Shəlomoh each month_ _of_his not they_allowed_to_be_missing anything. **8** **30** And_ _the_barley(s) and_the_straw for_horses and_for_steed[s] they_ _brought to the_place where it_was there each according_to_ _of_his_measure.

9 **33** And_ god _he/it_gave wisdom to_Shəlomoh and_ _understanding great very and_breadth_of heart like_sand which is_on the_shore_of the_sea. **10** **34** And_ the_wisdom_of Shəlomoh _it_was_great more_than_the_wisdom_of all_of the_ _people_of the_east and_from_all the_wisdom_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **11** **35** And_he_was_wise from_all the_ _humankind more_than_'Ēytān the_Ezrachite and_Hēymān and_Kalkol and_Darda the_sons_of Mahol and_he/it_was his/its_name among_all_of the_nations around. **12** **36** And_ _he/it_spoke three_of thousand(s) proverb[s] and_ song_of_his

21 **RV 4:21 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:18; 2Ch 9:26.
22 **RV 4:26 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:26; 2Ch 1:14; 9:25.
23 **LV 5:1 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.21
24 **LV 5:2 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.22
25 **LV 5:3 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.23
26 **LV 5:4 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.24
27 **LV 5:5 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.25
28 **LV 5:6 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.26
29 **LV 5:7 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.27
30 **LV 5:8 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.28
31 **RV 4:31 · Cross-ref.** Psa 89 header.
32 **RV 4:32 · Cross-ref.** Prv 1:1; 10:1; 25:1; Song 1:1.
33 **LV 5:9 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.29
34 **LV 5:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.30
35 **LV 5:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.31
36 **LV 5:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.32

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_he/it_was five and_one_thousand. **13** [37] And_he/it_spoke on the_trees from the_cedar which is_in_Ləvānōn and_unto the_ _hyssop which is_coming_out in_wall and_he/it_spoke on the_ _cattle/livestock and_on the_bird[s] and_on the_creeping_ _(thing) and_on the_fish(es). **14** [38] And_they_came from_all the_ _peoples to_hear ᴅᴏᴍ the_wisdom_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) from_with all_of the_kings_of the_earth/land who they_had_ _heard ᴅᴏᴍ wisdom_of_his.

15 [42] And_ Ḥīrām the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) _he_sent ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his to Shəlomoh if/because he_had_heard if/because_that ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it people_had_anointed to_king in_ _place_of father_of_his if/because a_friend Ḥīrām he_had_been to_Dāvid all_of the_days. **16** [43] And_ Shəlomoh _he_sent to Ḥīrām to_say. **17** [44] You you_know ᴅᴏᴍ Dāvid father_of if/because_that not he_was_able to_build a_house for_the_ _name_of **YHWH** his/its_god from_face/in_front_of the_war which they_had_surrounded_him until **YHWH** gave ᴅᴏᴍ_them under the_soles_of mmm[45]. **18** [46] And_now **YHWH** god_of_my he_has_given_rest to_me from_round_about there_is_not an_ _adversary and_there_is_not an_occurrence evil. **19** [47] And_ _WOW_I am_saying to_build a_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_my just_as **YHWH** he_spoke to Dāvid father_of_my to_ _say son_of_your whom I_will_put in_place_of_you on throne_ _of_your he he_will_build the_house for_name_of_my. **20** [48] And_now command so_that_people_may_cut to_me cedars from (the)_Ləvānōn and_servants_of_my they_will_be with your_servants and_the_wage[s]_of your_servants I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) according_to_all that you_will_say if/because you you_know if/because_that there_is_not among_ _us anyone who_knows to_cut wood(s) like_ _Tsīdonī/(Sidonians). **21** [49] And_he/it_was just_ Ḥīrām _as_ _heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_ _he_rejoiced exceedingly and_he/it_said be_blessed **YHWH** the_day who he_has_given to_Dāvid a_son wise over the_people (the)_great (the)_this. **22** [50] And_ Ḥīrām _he_sent to Shəlomoh to_say I_have_heard ᴅᴏᴍ that_which you_sent to_me I I_will_do ᴅᴏᴍ all_of desire_of_your in_wood(s)_of cedar(s) and_in_ _wood(s)_of cypress(es). **23** [51] Servants_of_my they_will_bring_ _them_down from (the)_Ləvānōn sea_to_the and_I I_will_make_ _them rafts on_sea to the_place which you_will_send to_me and_I_will_break_them_up there and_you(ms) you_will_carry_

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the cedars in Levanon to the hyssop that grows on walls. He taught about animals, birds, reptiles, and fish. **34** People from all around came to listen to Shelomoh's wisdom—many having been sent by other kings who'd heard about him.

The preparation of Shelomoh of making the temple · Full kingdom[39]

5:1 Then King Hiram of Tsor (Tyre) sent his servants to Shelomoh (Solomon) when he heard that he'd been anointed as king to replace his father, because Hiram had always been a friend of David. **2** Shelomoh replied to Hiram, **3** "You yourself knew David my father, and you knew that he wasn't able to build a temple for his god Yahweh his god because of the constant state of warfare until Yahweh would allow us to defeat all our enemies. **4** But now, my god Yahweh has enabled us to have peace from all around. We have no enemy, and there's no threat of danger. **5** So listen, I'm planning to build a residence for my god Yahweh, just as Yahweh spoke to my father David, 'Your son who I'll put in your place on your throne, he'll be the one to build the house to honour me.'[40] **6** So now, please give the command to fell cedars for me from the Levanon forest. Let my servants accompany your servants and I'll pay your servants' wages whatever amount you set, because you yourself know that there are no other workers who know how to fell trees like the Tsidonim (Sidonians)."

7 When Hiram got Shelomoh's message, he was very happy and said, "Blessed be Yahweh today, who has given David a wise son to rule over that great nation." **8** He sent this message back to Shelomoh, "I've received the message that you sent me and I myself will supervise everything you want including cedar and cypress logs. **9** My servants will transport them down from the forest to the ocean, and I'll get them tied into rafts and float them to the place you specify and disassemble the rafts. Then it'll be up to you to get them where you need them. All I ask for, is food for my family and workers."

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37 **LV 5:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.33

38 **LV 5:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.34

39 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 2:1-18

40 **RV 5:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12-13; 1Ch 17:11-12.

42 **LV 5:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.1

43 **LV 5:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.2

44 **LV 5:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.3

45 **LV 5:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: וֹ/לְגַר: (x-qere) יָלְגַר֣וּ: lemma_7272 n_0 morph_HNcfdc/Sp1cs id_11vkx יָלְגַר֣וּ

46 **LV 5:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.4

47 **LV 5:19 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.5

48 **LV 5:20 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.6

49 **LV 5:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.7

50 **LV 5:22 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.8

51 **LV 5:23 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.9

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10 So Hiram supplied all the cedar and cypress logs that Shelomoh ordered 11 and each year Shelomoh supplied Hiram with three thousand tonnes of wheat and four hundred thousand litres of pure olive oil. 12 Yahweh gave Shelomoh wisdom just like he'd said he would, and there was peace between Hiram and Shelomoh and the two of them made a treaty with each other.

13 King Shelomoh forced thirty thousand men from all over Yisrael (Israel) to become his workers, 14 and each month he sent a group of ten thousand of them to work in Levanon. Each group would spend a month in Levanon and then two months at home again. Adoniram[41] was put in charge of all that. 15 Shelomoh also forced eighty thousand men to cut stones in the hill country and seventy thousand men to haul loads. 16 Then besides Shelomoh's chief officers who were in charge of the work, there were another three thousand three hundred supervisors of the workers. 17 The king commanded them to quarry large, valuable blocks of dressed stone for the temple foundations. 18 Shelomoh's and Hiram's workers and the Givlim shaped the stones and prepared the timber for building the temple.

Shelomoh begins temple construction · Full kingdom

6:1 So it was that four hundred and eighty years after the Israelis left Mitsrayim (Egypt), in the second month of the fourth year of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) reign over Yisrael (Israel), he began the construction of Yahweh's residence. 2 It would be twenty-seven metres long, nine metres wide, and fourteen metres high.[61] 3 The five-metre wide porch on the front was the same length as the temple width, so nine metres long. 4 The window openings narrowed towards the outer edge of the wall. 5 Against the outside of the back wall and the two sides, he built three-storey (but lower than the wall) side rooms. 6 The lowest level was just over two metres wide, the middle level was half a metre wider, and the top level the same again (because the tem-

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_them_away and_you(ms) you_will_do ~~ĐƠM~~ desire_of_my by_ _giving the_food_of my_household_of_my. 24 52 And_he/it_was Ḥīrām giving to_Shəlomoh wood(s)_of cedar(s) and_wood(s)_of cypress(es) all_of desire_of_his. 25 53 And_Shəlomoh he_gave to_Ḥīrām twenty thousand cor[s]_of wheat(s) food for_ _household_of_his and_twenty cor[s]_of oil pressed thus Shəlomoh he_gave to_Ḥīrām a_year in_year. 26 54 And_**YHWH** he_gave wisdom to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) just_as he_had_ _spoken to_him/it and_he/it_was peace between Ḥīrām and_ _between Shəlomoh and_ the_two_of_of_them _they_made a_ _covenant. 27 55 And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he/it_ascended forced_labour from_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_forced_labour _he/it_was thirty thousand man. 28 56 And_he_sent_them to_ _Ləvānōn ten_of thousand(s) in_month relays a_month they_ _were in_Ləvānōn two months in_home_of_his and_Adoniram was_over the_forced_labour. 29 57 And_he/it_was to_Shəlomoh seventy thousand carrier[s]_of burden-bearer[s] and_eighty thousand stonemason[s] in_country. 30 58 Apart_apart from_ _the_leaders_of the_overseers of_Shəlomoh who were_over the_work three_of thousand(s) and_three hundred(s) who_ _ruled over_people who_were_doing (in)_work. 31 59 And_ the_ _king _he/it_commanded and_they_quarried stones large stones costly to_found the_house stones_of hewn_stone. 32 60 And_ the_builders_of Shəlomoh and_the_builders_of Ḥīrām and_the_Gebalites _they_cut_them_out and_they_prepared the_ _wood(s) and_the_stones to_build the_house.

6:1 And_he/it_was in_eighty year and_four hundred(s) year of_ of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _the_coming_out from_ _the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_year (the)_fourth in_the_ _month_of Ziv that was_the_month the_second of_ of_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _the_reigning over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he/it_built the_house to/for_**YHWH**. 2 And_the_house which the_king Shəlomoh he_built to/for_**YHWH** was_sixty cubit[s] length_of_its and_twenty breadth_of_its and_thirty cubit[s] height_of_its. 3 And_the_porch on the_face_of the_temple_of the_house was_twenty cubit[s] length_of_its on the_face_of the_breadth_of the_house was_ten by_cubit breadth_of_its on the_face_of the_house. 4 And_he/it_made for_house windows_ _of frames closed. 5 And_he/it_built on the_wall_of the_house an_extension[62] all_around ~~ĐƠM~~ the_walls_of the_house around (to)_temple and_(to)_the_room and_he/it_made side-chambers

41 **RV 5:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 12:18.
52 **LV 5:24 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.10
53 **LV 5:25 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.11
54 **LV 5:26 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.12
55 **LV 5:27 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.13
56 **LV 5:28 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.14
57 **LV 5:29 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.15
58 **LV 5:30 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.16
59 **LV 5:31 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.17
60 **LV 5:32 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.18
61 **RV 6:2 · Note** About the height of a modern five-storey building (and the same height as Noah's barge).
62 **LV 6:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **עוצי**: (x-qere) **עִיצָיו**: lemma_3326 b n_1.2.0 morph_HNcmsa id_11vHx **עִיצָיו** _

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all_around. **6** The[63] (the)_lower was_five by_cubit breadth_of_ _its and_the_middle_extension was_six by_cubit breadth_of_its and_(the)_third_extension was_seven by_cubit breadth_of_its if/because ledges he_made for_house around the_outside_to to_not to_have_hold in_the_walls_of the_house. **7** And_the_ _house when_it_was_built stone perfect quarry it_was_built and_hammers and_(the)_axe any_of article_of iron not it_was_ _heard in_house when_it_was_built. **8** The_entrance_of the_ _rib/plank (the)_middle was_to the_side_of the_house (the)_ _right and_by_stairs people_went_up to the_middle_chamber and_from the_middle_chamber to the_thirty. **9** And_he/it_built ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_house and_he_finished_it and_he_panelled ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_ _house beams and_planks with_cedar(s). **10** And_he/it_built ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the[64] on all_of the_house was_five cubits height_of_its and_he_covered ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_house with_wood(s)_of cedar(s). **11** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Shəlomoh/(Solomon) to_say. **12** The_house the_this which you are_building if you_will_walk in_regulations_of_my and_~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ judgements_of_my you_will_observe and_you_will_keep ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ all_of commands_of_my to_go (is)_in_them and_I_will_establish ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ message_of_my with_you which I_spoke to Dāvid father_ _of_your. **13** And_I_will_dwell in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not I_will_abandon ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

14 And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_built ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_house and_he_ _finished_it. **15** And_he/it_built ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_walls_of the_house from_inside with_boards_of cedar(s) from_the_floor_of the_ _house to the_walls_of the_ceiling he_overlaid wood from_ _inside and_he_overlaid ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_floor_of the_house with_ _boards_of cypresses. **16** And_he/it_built ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ twenty cubit[s] mmm[69] of_the_house with_boards_of cedar(s) from the_floor to the_walls and_he/it_built to_him/it inside to_an_innermost_ _room to_the_holy_place_of the_holy_places. **17** And_forty by_ _cubit it_was the_house that is_the_temple before_me. **18** And_ _cedar to the_house within was_carving_of gourds and_spread_ _out_things_of blossoms (the)_everything was_cedar there_ _was_not stone visible. **19** And_an_innermost_room in_the_ _middle of_the_house from_within he_prepared to_put there ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH**. **20** And_before_of the_ _innermost_room was_twenty cubit[s] length and_twenty cubit[s] breadth and_twenty cubit[s] height_of_its and_he_ _overlaid_it gold pure_gold and_he_overlaid an_altar cedar. **21** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_overlaid ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_house from_within gold pure_gold and_he_made_pass in/on/at/with[70] gold to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _innermost_room and_he_overlaid_it gold. **22** And_~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ all_of the_house he_overlaid gold until all_of the_house was_finished and_all the_altar which belonged_to_room he_overlaid gold.

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ple wall got thinner as it went up). The temple walls had ledges built into them for the beams to sit on, so they wouldn't have to go through the walls.

7 While the temple was being built, all of the huge stones were dressed at the quarry site, so there was no noise from any hammer or axe or iron tool at the construction site.

8 The entrance to the bottom level of siderooms was on the south side of the temple, then from there, stairs went up to the middle level, and more stairs to the top level. **9** So he built the temple walls, then it was roofed with cedar beams and planks, **10** and he built the siderooms—each level just over two metres high and attached to the temple with cedar beams.

11 Then Yahweh had this message sent to Shelomoh (Solomon), **12** "This residence that you're building, if you comply with my regulations and follow my judgements and obey all my commands, then I'll ensure that everything I promised your father David will come to pass. **13** I will live among you Israelis and I'll never abandon my people Yisrael (Israel)."

The temple furnishings · Full kingdom[65]

14 So Shelomoh (Solomon) finished the construction of the temple, **15** and on the inside he made walls of cedar boards. The floor was made with cypress boards, and the walls were panelled from the floor to the ceiling. **16** Inside the temple, nine metres at the rear were closed off to make an inner room called 'the very holy place'.[66] That too had walls made of cedar boards. **17** That left the main temple room as eighteen metres long, **18** and it had cedar boards on the walls decorated with carvings of buds and flowers in blossom. All the internal walls were covered with cedar so none of the large stones were visible.

19 The inner room at the back was to house the box containing Yahweh's agreement, **20** and the room (nine metres long and wide and high) was overlaid with pure gold and equipped with an incense altar overlaid with cedar. **21** Then Shelomoh overlaid the main room with pure gold, and he hung gold chains crossing across the entrance to the inner room that was overlaid with gold. **22** He overlaid the interior of the entire temple with gold until it was all finished, including overlaying the altar belonging to the inner room with gold.[67]

23 In the inner room, he made two winged creatures that were

63 LV 6:6 · Note OSHB variant note: עוצי/ה: (x-qere) הָ/עִיצִ֑י: lemma_d/3326 b morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_11FvR הָ/עִיצִ֑י

64 LV 6:10 · Note OSHB variant note: עוצי/ה: (x-qere) הָ/עִיצִ֑י: lemma_d/3326 b n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_11T8G הָ/עִיצִ֑י

65 RV 6:14 · Parallel 2 Chr. 3:8-14

66 RV 6:16 · Cross-ref. Exo 26:33-34.

67 RV 6:22 · Cross-ref. Exo 30:1-3.

69 LV 6:16 · Note OSHB variant note: יתוכרי/מ: (x-qere) מִ/יְתָכְרֵ֔י: lemma_m/3411 morph_HR/Ncfdc id_11riL מִ/יְתָכְרֵ֔י

70 LV 6:21 · Note OSHB variant note: תוקיתר/ב: (x-qere) בְּ/תָוְקוּתַ֖ר: lemma_b/7572 morph_HR/Ncfpc id_114Gd בְּ/תָוְקוּתַ֖ר

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five metres high and made of olive wood.[68] **24** Each wing was over two metres long, giving each one a total wingspan of four and a half metres. **25** Both creatures were the same size and shape, **26** and they were both five metres high. **27** The two winged creatures were placed across the inner room where their wingtips touched each other in the centre and their outer wings touched the walls. **28** Both of the wooden carvings were overlaid with gold.

29 He had all the interior walls of the temple engraved with winged creatures and palm trees and flowers in bloom, **30** and he overlaid the floor of both rooms with gold.

31 He made doors and doorposts for the inner room with olive wood, **32** and both doors were decorated with carvings of winged creatures and palm trees and flowers in bloom, then they were overlaid with gold that was hammered over the carvings. **33** He made the doorposts for the main temple entrance with olive wood, **34** and the two folding doors themselves each had two folding sections made of cypress. **35** These doors were also decorated with carvings of winged creatures and palm trees and flowers in bloom, and then overlaid with gold smoothed down over the carvings.

36 He built the inner courtyard with three rows of dressed stones and a row of cedar beams.

37 The foundation for Yahweh's residence was laid in the second month of the fourth year of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) reign, **38** and it was completed in the eighth month of his eleventh year—meeting all his specifications and requirements. So it took over seven years to build it.

Shelomoh's palace · Full kingdom

7:1 Shelomoh (Solomon) also spent thirteen years getting his own palace finished. **2** He built the 'Levanon Forest Hall' that was forty-six metres long, twenty-three metres wide, and fourteen metres high, with four rows of cedar pillars and cedar beams sitting across the pillars. **3** It was roofed with cedar boards on forty-five supports set out into three rows of fifteen. **4** There were three rows of window gaps arranged in sets of three. **5** All the entrances and doorposts were made with wood planed with square sides, and they were arranged in sets of three.

6 He made his covered porch with pillars. It was twenty-three metres long and fourteen metres wide.

7 He made a hall for his throne where he would judge

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23 And_he/it_made in_room two_of cherubim wood(s)_of olive was_ten cubits height_of_its. **24** And_was_five cubits the_wing_ _of the_cherub (the)_one and_was_five cubits the_wing_of the_ _cherub the_second(fs) was_ten cubits from_the_ends_of its_ _wings_of_his and_unto the_ends_of its_wings_of_his. **25** And_ _was_ten by_cubit the_cherub the_second a_measurement one and_a_shape one belonged_to_the_two_of the_cherubims. **26** The_height_of the_cherub the_one was_ten by_cubit and_ _thus/so/as_follows the_cherub the_second. **27** And_he/it_gave ᵭᵒᵐ the_cherubim in_the_middle of_the_house (the)_inner and_they_spread_out ᵭᵒᵐ the_wings_of the_cherubims and_ the_wing_of the_one _it_touched (in)_wall and_the_wing_of the_cherub the_second was_touching (in)_wall the_second and_ _wings_of_their to the_middle_of the_house were_touching wing to wing. **28** And_he_overlaid ᵭᵒᵐ the_cherubim gold. **29** And_ᵭᵒᵐ all_of the_walls_of the_house round_about he_ _carved engravings_of carvings_of cherubim and_palm_trees and_spread_out_things_of blossoms from_to_faces and_to_ _outer. **30** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_floor_of the_house he_overlaid gold to_ _within and_to_outer. **31** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_entrance_of the_ _innermost_room he_made doors_of wood(s)_of olive the_pillar doorposts_of fifth. **32** And_two_of doors_of wood(s)_of olive and_he_carved on_them carvings_of cherubim and_palm_trees and_spread_out_things_of blossoms and_he_overlaid_them gold and_he_hammered_out on the_cherubim and_on the_ _palm_trees ᵭᵒᵐ the_gold. **33** And_thus/so/as_follows he_made for_the_entrance_of the_temple doorposts_of wood(s)_of olive from_with a_fourth_of. **34** And_two_of doors_of wood(s)_of cypresses two_of sides the_door the_one(f) were_revolving and_two_of curtains the_door the_second(fs) were_revolving. **35** And_he_carved cherubim and_palm_trees and_spread_out_ _things_of blossoms and_he_overlaid gold made_smooth on the_carved_work. **36** And_he/it_built ᵭᵒᵐ the_court (the)_inner three rows_of hewn_stone and_a_row_of beams_of cedar(s). **37** In_year (the)_fourth the_house_of **YHWH** it_was_founded in_the_month_of Ziv. **38** And_in_year the_one(f) ten in_the_ _month_of Būl that was_the_month (the)_eighth the_house it_ _was_complete to/from_all/each/any/every parts_of_its and_ _to/for_all mmm[71] and_he_built_it seven years.

7:1 And_ᵭᵒᵐ house_of_his_own Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_built thir- teen year[s] and_they_were_ended/finished ᵭᵒᵐ all_of house_of_his. **2** And_he/it_built ᵭᵒᵐ the_house_of the_forest_of (the)_Ləʋānōn was_one_hundred cubit[s] length_of_its and_ _was_fifty cubit[s] breadth_of_its and_thirty cubit[s] height_of_ _its on four rows_of pillars_of cedar(s) and_beams_of cedar(s) were_on the_pillars. **3** And_it_was_panelled with_cedar from_ _above above the_side-chambers which were_on the_pillars forty and_five fif- teen the_row. **4** And_window_frames three rows and_window was_to window three times. **5** And_all the_ _openings and_the_doorposts were_square frame-work and_ _the_front window was_to window three times. **6** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_ _porch_of the_pillars he_made was_fifty cubit[s] length_of_its and_thirty cubit[s] breadth_of_its and_a_porch was_on face_of_ _their and_pillars and_a_canopy were_on face_of_their. **7** And_

68 RV 6:23-28 · Cross-ref. Exo 25:18-20.

71 LV 6:38 · Note OSHB variant note: טמשנ/ו: (x-qere) יְטַפְּשֻׁנ/ו: lemma_4941 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_11edn יְטַפְּשֻׁנ/ו

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_the_porch_of the_seat where he_gave_judgement there the_ _porch_of (the)_judgement he_made and_it_was_panelled with_ _cedar from_the_floor to the_floor. **8** And_his/its_house(hold) where he_dwelt there the_court (the)_other from_inside_of to_ _porch like_workmanship the_this it_was and_a_house he_ _made for_the_daughter_of Par'oh whom Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_taken like_porch (the)_this. **9** All_of these were_stones costly according_to_measurements_of hewn_stone sawn with_ _saw from_inside and_from_outside and_from_the_foundation to the_coping_stone and_from_the_outside to the_court (the)_ _great. **10** And_ stones costly stones large stones_of ten cubits and_stones_of eight cubits _it_was_founded. **11** And_were_ _from_to_above stones costly according_to_measurements_of hewn_stone and_cedar. **12** And_the_courtyard (the)_great all_ _around was_three rows hewn_stone and_a_row_of beams_of cedar(s) and_to_the_court_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_inner and_to_the_porch_of the_house.

13 And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he_sent and_he/it_took ÐOM Ḥīrām from_Tsor/(Tyre). **14** Was_a_son_of a_woman a_widow he from_the_tribe_of Naftālī and_father_of_his was_a_man Tyrian a_worker bronze and_he_was_filled ÐOM the_wisdom and_ÐOM the_skill and_ÐOM the_knowledge for_doing any_of work with_bronze and_he_came to the_king Shəlomoh and_ _he/it_made ÐOM all_of their_property/content.

15 And_he/it_laid_siege ÐOM the_two_of the_pillars bronze was_ _eight- teen cubit[s] the_height_of the_pillar the_one and_a_ _line_of two_plus ten cubit[s] it_went_round ÐOM the_pillar the_second. **16** And_two_of capitals he_made to_put on the_ _tops_of the_pillars casting_of bronze was_five cubits the_ _height_of the_capital (the)_one and_was_five cubits the_ _height_of the_capital the_second(fs). **17** Networks work_of a_ _network wreaths work_of chains belonged_to_capitals which were_on the_top_of the_pillars seven for_capital (the)_one and_ _seven for_capital the_second(fs). **18** And_he/it_made ÐOM the_ _pillars and_two_of rows all_around were_on the_network (the)_one to_cover ÐOM the_capitals which were_on the_top_of the_pomegranates and_thus/so/as_follows he_did for_capital the_second(fs). **19** And_the_capitals which were_on the_top_of the_pillars were_a_work_of lili[es] in_porch four cubits. **20** And_ _the_capitals were_on the_two_of the_pillars also from_above from_to_near_of the_bulge which was_to_the_side_of the_ _network[75] and_the_pomegranates two_hundred rows all_ _around were_on the_capital the_second(fs). **21** And_he_set_up ÐOM the_pillars to_the_porch_of the_temple and_he_set_up ÐOM the_pillar (the)_right and_he/it_called ÐOM his/its_name Yākīn/(Jakin) and_he_set_up ÐOM the_pillar (the)_left and_ _he/it_called ÐOM his/its_name Bo'az. **22** And_was_on the_top_ _of the_pillars a_work_of lili[es] and_ the_work_of the_pillars _ _it_was_complete.

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cases—called 'The Judgement Hall'. It was covered with cedar from floor to ceiling.

8 His actual residence behind the hall was constructed in a similar way. Shelomoh (Solomon) also built a house for his wife who was Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughter.[72]

9 All these buildings were constructed with expensive stones that had been cut to size and trimmed with saws inside and out. They went from the foundation up to the eaves, and from the outside across to the great courtyard. **10** These large, costly stones in the foundations were cut in two sizes, with the largest almost five metres long. **11** On top of those were other costly stones of various sizes, and then cedar beams. **12** The largest courtyard had three rows of dressed stones and one row of cedar beams, as did the inner temple courtyard and the palace hall.

Huram comes to work · Full kingdom

13 King Shelomoh (Solomon) sent for a craftsman in Tsor (Tyre) called Huram.[73] **14** His mother was a widow with Naftali (Naphtali) ancestry, and his father had been a bronze engraver in Tsor. He was very knowledgeable and skilled in everything to do with bronze, and so he came to work for King Shelomoh.

The two bronze pillars · Full kingdom[74]

15 He cast two hollow bronze pillars—each being just over eight metres tall and measuring over five metres around. **16** Then he made two decorative bronze caps for those pillars—each over two metres high. **17** To hang over them, he made ornamental chains and wreaths—seven sets over the cap on each pillar. **18** Then he made two rows of decorative bronze pomegranates to go around each of the two caps. **19** The two caps were each shaped like lilies that were nearly two metres high **20** and there were two hundred bronze pomegranates in rows around each cap. NEED A DIAGRAM

21 Huram stood the two pillars at the temple entrance porch. (The left pillar got nicknamed 'Yakin' and the one on the right, 'Boaz'.) **22** The two bronze caps shaped like lilies were placed on top of the pillars and so the pillar construction was completed.

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72 **RV 7:8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 3:1.

73 **RV 7:13 · Note** Sometimes (including this passage) his named is spelt 'Hiram', but we've opted to consistently name him 'Huram' (as per 2 Chr. 4:11) to conveniently avoid confusion with King Hiram (also from Tsor/Tyre).

74 **RV 7:15 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 3:15-17

75 **LV 7:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: הכבש: (x-qere) 'הַכְּבְשֹׂ/ה': lemma_d/7639 n_1 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_11wu9 הַכְּבְשֹׂ/ה

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The bronze water tank · Full kingdom[76]

23 Huram also cast a very large round basin nicknamed 'The sea' that was five metres across (so a circumference of fourteen metres) and over two metres high. **24** Part of the same casting was two rows of decorative buds that went around it under the lip of the basin. There were about eighteen buds for each metre of circumference. **25** Twelve bronze cattle had also been cast and the large basin was sitting on their backs. The cattle were facing outwards with three facing towards each of the four compass points. **26** The basin was about 8cm thick and it had a lip around the outside like a lily blossom. It could contain around forty-four thousand litres of water.

The bronze basin holders · Full kingdom

27 Then Huram cast ten bronze carts for individual water basins. Each one was nearly two metres long and two metres wide and just over a metre tall, **28** and they had frames on the sides with panels between them. **29** There were bronze lions, oxen, and winged creatures in relief on the panels, and above and below those, wreaths were inset into the bronze. **30** Each cart had two bronze axles with four bronze wheels attached to them. At each of the top four corners, there were bronze supports to hold a wash basin, and these were also cast with decorative wreaths. **31** Inside those supports there was a round frame that protruded half a metre upwards and was inset by a quarter of a metre. It also had engravings on it inside square frames. **32** The axles were part of the main casting, and the four 70cm bronze wheels were below the panels. **33** The design of the wheels was similar to chariot wheels, but with their axles, rims, spokes, and hubs all cast from bronze. **34** Each cart had four handles as part of the casting—one projecting from each corner. **35** There was a 25cm bronze band around the top of each cart as well as supports and frames—all part of the main casting. **36** He engraved winged creatures, lions, and palm trees on the flat areas of the carts wherever there was space, and engraved wreaths around them. **37** So that's how he made the ten carts—all the same shape and size using the same mold.

38 Huram also cast ten bronze wash basins for the ten carts—each one was almost two metres across and could hold 900 litres of water.[78] **39** He put five basins on carts on each side of the temple (north and south of the east-facing temple), and he put the huge basin on its bronze cattle near the south-east corner. **40** Huram also made the basins and the ash shovels and the bowls.

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23 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_sea throw_metal was_ten by_cubit from_lip_of_its to lip_of_its round all_around five by_cubit height_of_its and[77] thirty by_cubit it_went_round ~~DOM~~_him/it all_around. **24** And_gourds from_under to_lip_of_its all_around were_going_round ~~DOM~~_him/it ten by_cubit they_were_ _encircling ~~DOM~~ the_sea all_around were_two_of rows the_ _gourds they_were_throw in_casting_of_its. **25** It_was_standing on two_plus_of ten ox[en] three were_turning northward_to and_three were_turning westward_to and_three were_turning southward_to and_three were_turning eastward_to and_the_ _sea was_on_them from_to_above and_all hindquarters_of_ _their inside_were_to_the. **26** And_thickness_of_its was_a_ _hand_breadth and_lip_of_its was_like_the_work_of the_lip_of a_cup the_blossom_of a_lily two_thousand bath[s] it_contained.

27 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_stands ten bronze was_four by_ _cubit the_length_of the_stand (the)_one and_four by_cubit breadth_of_its and_was_three by_cubit height_of_its. **28** And_ _this was_the_work_of the_stand rims to/for_them and_rims were_between the_cross_bars. **29** And_were_on the_rims which were_between the_cross_bars lions ox[en] and_cherubim and_ _was_on the_cross_bars a_base from_above and_were_from_ _under to_the_lions and_to_ox[en] wreaths the_work_of descent. **30** And_four wheels_of bronze belonged_to_stand the_ _one(f) and_axles_of bronze and_four feet_of_its supports to/for_them from_under to_laver the_supports were_throw were_from_the_side_of each wreaths. **31** And_opening_of_its was_from_inside_of to_capital and_upward_upwards by_cubit and_opening_of_its was_round the_work_of a_base a_cubit and_ _(the)_half_of (the)_cubit and_also were_on her/its_mouth carvings and_rims_of_their were_square not round. **32** And_ _the_four_of the_wheels were_to_from_under to_rims and_the_ _hands_of the_wheels were_on_stand and_the_height_of the_ _wheel the_one was_a_cubit and_(the)_half_of (the)_cubit. **33** And_the_work_of the_wheels was_like_the_work_of (the)_ _wheel_of (the)_chariot hands_of_their and_rims_of_their and_ _spokes_of_their and_hubs_of_their (the)_everything was_ _throw. **34** And_four supports were_to the_four the_corners_of the_stand (the)_one were_from the_stand supports_of_its. **35** And_was_at_the_top_of the_stand (the)_half_of (the)_cubit height round all_around and_were_on the_top_of the_stand hands_of_its and_rims_of_its were_from_it. **36** And_he_ _engraved on the_plates hands_of and_on and[79] cherubim lions and_palm_trees according_to_the_clear_space_of each and_ _wreaths were_all_around. **37** Like_this he_made ~~DOM~~ the_ten the_stands casting one a_measurement one a_shape one belonged_to_all_of_of_them. **38** And_he/it_made ten lavers_of bronze forty bath[s] it_contained the_laver the_one was_four by_cubit the_laver the_one a_laver one was_on the_stand the_ _one(f) for_the_ten the_stands. **39** And_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ the_ _stands five on the_side_of the_house from_the_right and_five on the_side_of the_house from_left_of_its and_~~DOM~~ the_sea he_ _put from_the_side_of the_house (the)_right eastward_toward

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76 **RV 7:23 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 4:2-5

77 **LV 7:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: הוק/ו: (x-qere) וָ֫קְוִ֥י: lemma_c/6961 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_11kSN וָ֫קְוִ֥י

78 **RV 7:38 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:17-21.

79 **LV 7:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/יתרגסמ/ו: (x-qere) הַ֫יִּתְרַגְּסִ֥מִי: lemma_4526 n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3fs id_11GoM הַ֫יִּתְרַגְּסִ֥מִי

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from_in_front_of the_south. **40** And_ Ḥīrām _he/it_made ~~ḌOM~~ the_lavers and_~~ḌOM~~ the_shovels and_~~ḌOM~~ the_bowls and_ Ḥīrām _they_were_ended/finished to_do ~~ḌOM~~ all_of the_work which he_did to/for_the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_house_of **YHWH**.

41 Pillars two and_the_bowls_of the_capitals which were_on the_top_of the_pillars two and_the_networks two to_cover ~~ḌOM~~ the_two_of the_bowls_of the_capitals which were_on the_top_ _of the_pillars. **42** And_~~ḌOM~~ the_pomegranates four hundred(s) for_the_two_of the_networks two_of rows pomegranates for_ _network (the)_one to_cover ~~ḌOM~~ the_two_of the_bowls_of the_ _capitals which were_on the_face_of the_pillars. **43** And_~~ḌOM~~ the_stands ten and_~~ḌOM~~ the_lavers ten on the_stands. **44** And_ _~~ḌOM~~ the_sea the_one and_~~ḌOM~~ the_ox[en] two_plus ten under the_sea. **45** And_~~ḌOM~~ the_pots and_~~ḌOM~~ the_shovels and_~~ḌOM~~ the_bowls and_~~ḌOM~~ all_of the_vessels the[8586] which Ḥīrām he_ _made to/for_the_king Shəlomoh the_house_of **YHWH** were_ _bronze polished. **46** In_the_valley_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) he_ _throw_them the_king in_the_thickness_of the_soil between Ṣukkōt and_between Ts$_{e}$rətān/(Zarethan). **47** And_ Shəlomoh _ _he_left ~~ḌOM~~ all_of the_vessels from_abundance very very not the_weight_of the_bronze it_was_ascertained. **48** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_made ~~ḌOM~~ all_of the_vessels which were_the_house_of **YHWH** ~~ḌOM~~ the_altar_of the_gold and_~~ḌOM~~ the_table which on/upon/above_him/it the_bread_of the_ _presence gold. **49** And_~~ḌOM~~ the_lampstands five from_the_ _right and_five from_the_left to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_innermost_room gold pure_gold and_the_ _blossom and_the_lamps and_the_tongs gold. **50** And_the_ _basins and_the_snuffers and_the_bowls and_the_pans and_ _the_fire-pans gold pure_gold and_the_sockets for_the_doors_ _of the_house (the)_inner to_the_holy_place_of the_holy_places for_the_doors_of the_house of_temple gold. **51** And_ all_of the_ _work which he_did the_king Shəlomoh the_house_of **YHWH** _ _it_was_complete and_ Shəlomoh _he/it_brought ~~ḌOM~~ the_ _holy_things_of Dāvid his/its_father ~~ḌOM~~ the_silver and_~~ḌOM~~ the_gold and_~~ḌOM~~ the_vessels he_put in_the_treasuries_of the_ _house_of **YHWH**.

8:1 Then Shəlomoh he_assembled ~~ḌOM~~ the_elders_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) ~~ḌOM~~ all_of the_chiefs_of the_tribes the_leaders_ _of the_fathers of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) to the_king Shəlomoh Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_bring_up ~~ḌOM~~ the_box_ _of the_covenant_of **YHWH** from_the_city_of Dāvid that is_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **2** And_they_assembled to the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) every_of (the)_person_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel)

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The list of temple objects · Full kingdom[80]

So Huram finished everything that King Shelomoh (Solomon) had requested him to make for Yahweh's residence: **41** two massive pillars with large decorated caps and then networks of chain over the caps, **42** the four hundred pomegranates with each pillar having two strings of one hundred of them placed over them, **43** the ten carts and the ten basins on them, **44** the huge water tank and the twelve cattle supporting it, **45** and the pots and shovels and bowls and all the other containers.

All the above was made from polished bronze by Huram for King Shelomoh for Yahweh's residence. **46** The king had them cast in the clay in the Yarden (Jordan) valley between Sukot and Tseretan. **47** None of the above was weighed, because bronze was so plentiful that it didn't matter.

48 Shelomoh also had the gold items made for Yahweh's residence, including the gold incense altar[81] and the gold table for the sacred bread,[82] **49** the ten pure gold lampstands that were placed five on each side of the entrance to the inner room, along with the gold flowers, lamps, and tongs,[83] **50** the pure gold cups, trimmers, bowls, dishes, and firepans, and also the gold door sockets for the inner holiest room and the main room of the temple.

51 Finally all the work that King Shelomoh did for Yahweh's residence was completed, and he had all the holy things from his father David, including the silver and the gold and the containers, taken into the storerooms of the temple.[84]

The sacred box is taken to the temple · Full kingdom[87]

8:1 So Shelomoh (Solomon) assembled the Israeli leaders, and the tribal and clan heads, in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to celebrate the arrival of the box containing Yahweh's agreement coming from David's city, i.e., Tsiyon (Zion).[88] **2** This all happened during the Celebration in Shelters in the seventh month

80 **RV 7:41 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 4:11–5:1

81 **RV 7:48 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:1-3.

82 **RV 7:48 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:23-30.

83 **RV 7:49 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:31-40.

84 **RV 7:51 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 8:11; 1Ch 18:11.

85 **LV 7:45 · Note** OSHB variant note: לֹהאַ/ה: (x-qere) הֱלֹהִ֣יאָ/ה: lemma_d/428 n_1.1 morph_HTd/Pdxcp id_114qA הֱלֹהִ֣יאָ/ה

86 **LV 7:45 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

87 **RV 8:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 5:2–6:2

88 **RV 8:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 6:12-16; 1Ch 15:25-29.

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of Etanim.[89] 3 The Israeli elders and the priests lifted the sacred box 4 and carried it to the temple. Other priests and Levites brought all the sacred objects from the sacred tent. 5 King Shelomoh and all the Israelis who were there, walked ahead of the box, sacrificing more sheep and cattle than could be counted, because there were so many.

6 Then the priests brought the box containing the agreement into the inner room in the temple (the very holy place), and placed it beneath the wings of the two wooden winged creatures, 7 The two creatures had their wings stretched out and touching in the middle of the room where the sacred box was placed, so their wings covered over the top of the box and its carrying poles. 8 The poles were very long and the ends of them could be seen from the entrance to that inner room, but otherwise they couldn't be seen from the outside, and they're still there to this day. 9 There was nothing in the box except for the two stone slabs that Mosheh (Moses) had put inside at Mt. Sinay (also called Horev)[90] where Yahweh made the agreement with the Israelis after he'd brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).

10 When the priests came back out of the holy place, a cloud filled Yahweh's residence[91] 11 and the priests were unable to stand to minister because of the cloud, because Yahweh's presence had filled his temple. 12 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) said, "Yahweh stated that he would dwell in the cloudy darkness.[92] 13 Actually, I've built a raised house for you—where you can live forever."

Shelomoh's address to the people · Full kingdom[93]

14 Then while all the people stood there, the king turned around and pronounced a blessing on all Yisrael (Israel), 15 saying, "Blessed is Yahweh, the god of Yisrael, who spoke audibly to my father David, and then put into action the promise he'd given, 16 'From the day when I brought my people Yisrael out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), I didn't choose a city from among all the tribes of Yisrael to build a house in so that my name would be established there. Instead I chose David to lead my people Yisrael.' "[94]

17 Shelomoh (Solomon) continued, "My father David wanted to build a temple to confirm Yahweh's power and authority here.[95] 18 However, Yahweh told him that it was good that he wanted to build a temple for him, 19 however he wouldn't be the one to

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in_the_month_of (the)_'Ēytānim at_festival that was_the_ _month the_seventh. 3 And_ all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came and_ the_priests _they_lifted ĐOM the_box. 4 And_ _they_brought_up ĐOM the_box_of **YHWH** and_ĐOM the_tent_of meeting and_ĐOM all_of the_articles_of (the)_holiness which were_in_tent and_ the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy _they_ _brought_up ĐOM_them. 5 And_the_king Shəlomoh and_all the_ _congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_were_gathered on/upon/above_him/it with_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_box they_were_sacrificing sheep and_cattle which not they_were_counted and_not they_were_numbered from_multitude. 6 And_ the_priests _they_brought ĐOM the_ _box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** to place_of_its to the_ _innermost_room_of the_house to the_holy_place_of the_holy_ _places to under the_wings_of the_cherubim. 7 If/because the_ _cherubim were_spreading_out wings to the_place_of the_box and_ the_cherubims _they_covered over the_box and_over poles_of_its from_to_above. 8 And_ the_poles _they_were_long and_ the_heads_of the_poles _they_were_visible from the_holy_ _place on the_face_of the_innermost_room and_not they_were_ _visible to_the_outside and_they_were there until the_day (the)_this. 9 There_was_not in_box only the_two_of the_tablets_ _of (the)_stone(s) which he_had_placed there Mosheh at_Ḥorēv where **YHWH** he_made with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_they_came_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 10 And_he/it_was when_ the_priests _came_out from the_holy_ _place and_the_cloud it_filled ĐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. 11 And_not the_priests they_were_able to_stand to_serve from_ _face/in_front_of the_cloud if/because the_glory_of **YHWH** it_ _filled ĐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. 12 Then Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_said **YHWH** he_has_said to_dwell in_(the)_darkness. 13 Indeed_(build) I_have_built a_house_of loftiness to/for_ _you(fs) a_place you_to_dwell_in forever. 14 And_ the_king _he_turned ĐOM his/its_faces/face and_he/it_ _blessed ĐOM all_of the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_standing. 15 And_he/it_ _said **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_spoke with_ _mouth_of_his with Dāvid father_of_my and_with_hand_of_his he_has_fulfilled to_say be_blessed. 16 Since the_day when I_ _brought_out ĐOM people_of_my ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_ _Mitsrayim not I_chose (in)_a_city from_all the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_build a_house to_be name_of_my there and_ _I_have_chosen (in)_Dāvid to_be over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 17 And_he/it_was with the_heart_of Dāvid father_of_my to_build a_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 18 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Dāvid father_of_my because that it_was with heart_of_your to_build a_house for_name_of_my you_did_well

89 **RV 8:2 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:34.

90 **RV 8:9 · Cross-ref.** Deu 10:5.

91 **RV 8:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Exo 40:34-35.

92 **RV 8:12 · Cross-ref.** Psa 18:11; 97:2.

93 **RV 8:14 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 6:3-11

94 **RV 8:16 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:4-11; 1Ch 17:3-10.

95 **RV 8:17-18 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:1-3; 1Ch 17:1-2.

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that/for/because/then/when it_was with heart_of_your.
19 Only you not you_will_build the_house if/because (if) son_
_of_your who_will_come_out from_loins_of_your he he_will_
_build the_house for_name_of_my. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he_has_
_established ÐOM message_of_his which he_spoke and_I_have_
_arisen in_place_of Dāvid father_of_my and_I_have_sat on the_
_throne_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as **YHWH** he_spoke and_I_have_
_built the_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **21** And_I_have_appointed there a_place for_box
where is_there the_covenant_of **YHWH** which he_made with
ancestors_of_our when_he_brought_out ÐOM_them from_the_
_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

22 And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_altar_of **YHWH** before all_of the_
_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_spread_out palms_of_his
the_heavens. **23** And_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) there_is_not like_you a_god in_heavens (from)_
_above and_on the_earth/land (from)_beneath who_keeps the_
covenant and(the)_covenant_loyalty to_servants_of_your
who_walk to_your_face in_all heart_of_their. **24** Who you_have_
_kept to_servant_of_your Dāvid father_of_my ÐOM that_which
you_spoke to_him/it and_you_spoke with_mouth_of_your and_
_with_hand_of_your you_have_fulfilled as_day (the)_this.
25 And_now Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) keep to_
_servant_of_your[101] Dāvid father_of_my ÐOM that_which you_
_spoke for_him/it to_say not it_will_be_cut_off to/for_
_yourself(m) a_man from_before_face_of_me who_sits on the_
_throne_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only if descendants_of_your they_
_will_guard ÐOM way_of_their to_go to/for_my_face/front just_
_as you_have_walked before_me. **26** And_now Oh_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_it_be_established please mmm[102] which
you_spoke to_servant_of_your Dāvid father_of_my.
27 If/because really god will_he_dwell on the_earth/land HERE
the_heavens and_the_heavens_of the_heavens not they_
_contain_you indeed if/because the_house the_this which I_
_have_built. **28** And_you_will_turn to the_prayer_of your_
_servant_of_your and_near/to supplication_of_his Oh_**YHWH**
god_of_my to_listen to the_cry_entreaty and_near/to the_
_prayer which servant_of_your is_praying to_your_face the_
_day. **29** To_be eyes_of_your open to the_house the_this night
and_day to the_place where you_have_said it_will_be name_of_
_my there to_listen to the_prayer which servant_of_your he_
_will_pray to the_place (the)_this. **30** And_you_will_listen to
the_supplication_of your_servant_of_your and_people_of_your
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_will_pray to the_place the_this and_
_you(ms) you_will_hear to the_place_of your_dwelling to the_
_heavens and_you_will_hear and_you_will_forgive. **31** ÐOM that_
_which anyone he_will_sin to_neighbour_of_his and_he_will_

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build it, because it would be his biological son who would do it.[96]
20 Now Yahweh has put his promise into action, and I'm here now having succeeded my father David—sitting on Yisrael's throne just as Yahweh said, and I've been the one to build the residence for Yisrael's god Yahweh. **21** I've included a place for the box containing the two stone tablets with the agreement that Yahweh made with our ancestors when he brought them out of Mitsrayim."

Shelomoh's prayer of dedication · Full kingdom[97]

22 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) stood between Yahweh's altar and all the gathered Israelis, and held his arms up towards the sky **23** and prayed, "Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel), there's no god like you in the heavens above or here on the earth below, keeping the agreement and showing loyal affection to your servants, the ones who serve you with honest devotion. **24** You have done what you told your servant David, my father, that you said you'd do—you said it with your mouth and then put it into action with your hands as we can see today. **25** Now, Yahweh, the god of Yisrael, do the other things for your servant David my father, when you told him that there'll always be one of his descendants on Yisrael's throne, provided they follow you like he did.[98] **26** So now, God of Yisrael, show that you're faithful to do what you say, by doing what you told your servant David, my father.

27 "But would God really reside on the earth? The sky and the heavens aren't big enough for you so how could this building I've constructed contain you?[99] **28** But still, please give attention to your servant's prayer and my request for favour, Yahweh my god. Please listen to my humble prayer that your servant is praying to you today **29** that your eyes be on this house night and day—the place that you've said will be associated with your name.[100] May you answer the prayers that your servant will pray towards this place. **30** Listen to your servant's plea for favour, and the prayers that your people Yisrael will pray toward this place. Keep listening from where you live in the heavens, and hear and forgive.

31 "When someone is accused of sinning against his neighbour and says on oath that the accusation is false, and makes that oath in front of your altar here in this temple, **32** then you should listen from the heavens and judge your people Yisrael, so

96 **RV 8:19 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12-13; 1Ch 17:11-12.

97 **RV 8:22 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 6:12-42

98 **RV 8:25 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 2:4.

99 **RV 8:27 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 2:6.

100 **RV 8:29 · Cross-ref.** Deu 12:11.

101 **LV 8:25 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

102 **LV 8:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִרבד/ךָ: (x-qere) ’רָבְדִּ֔י: lemma_1697 n_0.2 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_11eUw רָבְדִּ֔י

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that wicked people will be condemned and bear the appropriate punishment, and innocent people should be declared not guilty and dealt with appropriately.

33 When your people Yisrael are defeated by an enemy because they've sinned against you, and they turn back to you and confess your name and pray, and plead for favour toward you in this temple, 34 then you should listen from the heavens and forgive the sin of your people Yisrael, and bring them back to this land that you gave to our ancestors.

35 "Or when the rain is held back in the sky because your people have sinned against you, and then they pray towards this place and acknowledge you and turn away from the disobedience that caused the problem, 36 then listen to them from the heavens and forgive the sin of your servants and your people Yisrael, because you'll direct them towards the right way to conduct themselves. Then you'll send rain onto your land that you gave to your people as an inheritance.

37 "Suppose that there was a drought in the land, or diseases like blight or mildew, or swarms of locusts or grasshoppers, or if an enemy besieges them in a gated city, or some other trouble or calamity, 38 then if anyone from your people Yisrael who knows about their own disobedience would spread out their palms toward this temple, 39 then listen to them from your heavenly abode and forgive their sin, and give them what they need. You and you alone are the only one who knows what's inside a human heart. 40 Then the people will want to obey you as long as they're alive here in the land that you gave to our ancestors.

41 "Also the foreigners who are not descendants of Yisrael and who came from distant countries because of your reputation 42 (when they heard about your nature and saw your power in action), and they come and pray toward this temple, 43 then listen to them from your abode in the heavens and do what that foreigner begged of you, so that all the countries will know your reputation and respect you like your people Yisrael do. Then they'll know that your authority is connected with this residence that I've built.

44 "When your people go out to battle against the enemy, and on the road where you sent them they pray to you Yahweh, in this city that you've chosen, with this house that I've built for your honour, 45 Then listen from the heavens to their prayer and their request, and help their situation.

46 "If they disobey you (because everyone sins) and you're angry with them and cause them to be defeated by their enemies, and then they get taken prisoner and led away to the enemy's country (even a far away country), 47 and then they have a change of mind in the land where they were taken to as captives, and while they're still living in that land, they turn back and beg for your favour and confess, 'We've disobeyed and done wrong—we've behaved wickedly,' 48 and they return to you with all their hearts and all their souls in the land of their enemies where they were taken captive, and they pray to you toward the

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_impose in_him/it an_oath to_put_him_under_an_oath and_it_
_will_come an_oath to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before altar_
_of_your in_house (the)_this. 32 And_you(ms) you_will_hear
the_heavens and_you_will_act and_you_will_judge ĐOM your_
_servants to_condemn_as_guilty a_guilty_person to_requite its_
_road/course on_his_own_of_head and_to_declare_righteous a_
_righteous_person to_give to_him/it according_to_of_his_
righteousness. 33 When people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _are_
defeated to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before an_enemy that
they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) and_they_will_return to_you and_
_they_will_praise ĐOM your(ms)_name and_they_will_pray and_
_they_will_seek_favour to_you in_house (the)_this. 34 And_
_you(ms) you_will_hear the_heavens and_you_will_forgive (to)_
_the_sin_of your_people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_
_bring_them_back to the_soil which you_gave to_ancestors_of_
their. 35 When the_heavens _are_shut_up and_not rain it_
_will_be if/because they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) and_they_will_
_pray to the_place the_this and_they_will_praise ĐOM your(ms)_
_name and_from_sin_of_their they_will_turn_back if/because
you_will_afflict_them. 36 And_you(ms) you_will_hear the_
_heavens and_you_will_forgive (to)_the_sin_of your_servants
and_people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because you_will_teach_
_them ĐOM the_way (the)_good which they_will_walk in_it and_
_you(ms)_will_give rain on land_of_your which you_gave to_
_people_of_your to_an_inheritance. 37 Famine if/because it_
_will_be in/on_the_earth pestilence if/because it_will_be blight
mildew locust[s] locust[s] if/because it_will_be if/because he_
_will_lay_siege to_him/it enemy_of_its in_land its_gates_of_his
any_of plague any_of sickness. 38 Every_of prayer every_of
supplication which it_will_belong to/from_all/each/any/every
the_humankind to_all/each/any/every people_of_your
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_will_know everyone the_plague_of
his_own_heart_of_his and_he_will_spread_out palms_of_his to
the_house (the)_this. 39 And_you(ms) you_will_hear the_
_heavens the_place_of your_dwelling and_you_will_forgive
and_you_will_act and_you_will_give to_person according_to_
_all_of ways_of_his whom you_will_know ĐOM heart_of_his
if/because you you_know you_alone ĐOM the_heart_of all_of
the_children_of the_humankind. 40 So_that they_may_fear_you
all_of the_days which they will_be_alive on the_surface_of the_
_soil which you_gave to_ancestors_of_our. 41 And_also to the_
_foreigner who not is_one_of_your_people Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he
and_he_will_come from_a_land distant for_the_sake_of name_
_of_your. 42 If/because people_will_hear ĐOM name_of_your
(the)_great and_ĐOM hand_of_your (the)_mighty and_arm_of_
_your (the)_outstretched and_he_will_come and_he_will_pray
to the_house (the)_this. 43 You you_will_hear the_heavens the_
_place_of your_dwelling and_you_will_do according_to_all that
he_will_call to_you the_foreigner so_that they_may_know all_of
the_peoples_of the_earth/land ĐOM your(ms)_name to_fear you
like_people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_know if/because_
_that name_of_your it_is_called on the_house the_this which I_
_have_built. 44 If/because people_of_your it_will_go_forth for_
_battle on enemy_of_its by_way which you_will_send_them
and_they_will_pray to **YHWH** the_direction_of the_city which
you_have_chosen (in)_it and_the_house which I_have_built for_
_name_of_your. 45 And_you_will_hear the_heavens ĐOM prayer_
_of_their and_ĐOM supplication_of_their and_you_will_do

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justice_of_their. **46** If/because they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) if/because there_is_not anyone who not he_sins and_you_will_ _be_angry with_them and_you_will_deliver_them_up to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before an_enemy and_they_will_take_ _them_captive captors_of_their to the_land_of the_enemy distant or near. **47** And_they_will_bring_back to heart_of_their on_the_earth where they_have_been_taken_captive there and_ _they_will_repent and_they_will_seek_favour to_you in_land of_their_captors to_say we_have_sinned and_we_have_done_ _wrong we_have_acted_wickedly. **48** And_they_will_return to_ _you in_all heart_of_their and_on/over_all being_of_their in_ _land their_enemies_of_their who they_took_captive ~~DOM~~_them and_they_will_pray to_you the_direction_of their_land_of_their which you_gave to_ancestors_of_their the_city which you_ _have_chosen and_the_house which I_have_built[103] for_name_ _of_your. **49** And_you_will_hear the_heavens the_place_of your_ _dwelling ~~DOM~~ prayer_of_their and_~~DOM~~ supplication_of_their and_you_will_do justice_of_their. **50** And_you_will_forgive (to)_ _people_of_your who they_have_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_ _to/for_all transgressions_of_their which they_have_ _transgressed against_you and_you_will_give_them (to)_ _compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before captors_of_ _their and_they_will_have_compassion_on_them. **51** If/because people_of_are_your and_inheritance_of_your they whom you_ _brought_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_the_midst_of the_ _furnace_of (the)_iron. **52** To_be eyes_of_your open to the_ _supplication_of your_servant_of_your and_near/to the_ _supplication_of your_people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_listen to_them in_all calling_their to_you. **53** If/because you you_ _have_separated_them to/for_yourself(m) to_an_inheritance from_all the_peoples_of the_earth/land just_as you_spoke by_ _the_hand_of Mosheh servant_of_your when_you_brought_out ~~DOM~~ ancestors_of_our from_Mitsrayim my_master **YHWH**.

54 And_he/it_was just_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _as_had_finished to_pray to **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ all_of the_prayer and_the_supplication (the)_this he_stood_up from_to/for_face/front/presence the_ _altar_of **YHWH** from_bowing_down on knees_of_his and_ _palms_of_his were_spread_out the_heavens. **55** And_he_stood and_he/it_blessed ~~DOM~~ all_of the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_voice great to_say. **56** **YHWH** who he_has_given a_resting_ _place to_people_of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_all that he_has_spoken not a_message one it_has_fallen from_all message_of_his (the)_good which he_spoke by_the_hand_of Mosheh servant_of_his be_blessed. **57** May_he_be **YHWH** god_ _of_our with_us just_as he_was with ancestors_of_our not may_ _he_abandon_us and_not may_he_abandon_us. **58** To_incline heart_of_our to_him/it to_go in_all ways_of_his and_to_keep commands_of_his and_regulations_of_his and_judgements_of_ _his which he_commanded ~~DOM~~ ancestors_of_our. **59** And_may_ _they_be words/messages_of_my these which I_have_sought_ _favour to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** near to **YHWH** god_of_our by_day and_night for_doing the_justice_of his_servant_of_his and_the_justice_of his_people_of_his

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direction of their country which you gave to their fathers, the city that you chose, and the residence that I've built for your honour, **49** then listen to their prayers and requests from your abode in the heavens, and help their situation. **50** Forgive your people who've disobeyed you and forgive the wicked things that they've done. Help their captors to be compassionate to them, **51** because they're your people and your special possession who you brought out from Mitsrayim (Egypt)—from the middle of the iron-smelting furnace.

52 "May you notice the plea for favour from your servant and from your people Yisrael (Israel)—to listen to them in all their crying out to you. **53** Because you yourself separated them for yourself as a special possession out of all the people groups in the world, just as you said through your servant Mosheh (Moses) when you brought our ancestors out from Mitsrayim, my master Yahweh."

Shelomoh blesses the people · Full kingdom

54 Once Shelomoh (Solomon) was finished praying this prayer and request for favour to Yahweh, he stood up from bowing on his knees with his palms spread out toward the heavens in front of Yahweh's altar, **55** then stood there and blessed all the Israeli people, saying, **56** "Blessed be Yahweh, who has given peace to his people Yisrael (Israel) like he said he would. He didn't fail to do even one part out of all the good things that he told his servant Mosheh (Moses) that he'd do.[104] **57** May our god Yahweh be with us, just as he was with our ancestors. May he not leave us or abandon us, **58** help us to want to follow him and walk on all his paths and obey his commands and statutes and judgements that he gave our ancestors. **59** May this prayer of mine pleading for Yahweh's favour, be remembered by our god Yahweh day and night—to protect both his servant and his people Yisrael as each day requires, **60** so that all the people groups in the worlds would know that Yahweh is the god—there's no other besides him. **61** And you people, may your purpose be to

103 **LV 8:48 · Note** OSHB variant note: תינב: (x-qere) 'יתִּנָּבְ': lemma_1129 morph_HVqp1cs id_11oHn יתִּנָּבְ

104 **RV 8:56 · Cross-ref.** Deu 12:10; Josh 21:44-45.

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completely follow our god Yahweh, by obeying his statutes, and by keeping his commands like you're doing today."

The temple dedication · Full kingdom[105]

62 Then the king and all the Israelis offered sacrifices to Yahweh, **63** and King Shelomoh (Solomon) sacrificed peace offerings to Yahweh (twenty-two thousand cattle and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep) and the king and the Israelis dedicated Yahweh's residence. **64** On that day the king reserved the middle of the courtyard that was in front of the temple, because that was where he made the burnt up offerings and the grain offerings and the fat pieces of the peace offerings. This was because the bronze altar was too small to handle all those offerings.

65 Then Shelomoh and Israelis from all over the country celebrated in front of Yahweh at that time—people from Levo-Hamat in the far north down to the Mitsri (Egyptian) border in the far south—one week, then a second week—a total of fourteen days. **66** The next day, he instructed the people to go home, and they blessed the king, then went home feeling happy and encouraged because of all the good things that Yahweh had done for his servant David's family and for his people Yisrael (Israel).

Yahweh speaks to Shelomoh again · Full kingdom[106]

9:1 Once Shelomoh (Solomon) had finished the construction of the temple and his palace, and various other projects of his, **2** Yahweh appeared a second time to him, similar to his appearance at Giveon[107] **3** and said, "I've heard your prayer and your plea for favour requested from me. I've declared that this residence that you built is holy by associating my name with it forever, and my eyes and my heart will constantly be there.[108] **4** And as for you, if you'll behave with godliness just like your father David lived with total dedication and honesty, by following everything that I've commanded you including keeping my statutes and my judgements, **5** then I'll continue your dynasty over Yisrael (Israel) forever, just like I told your father David when I said, 'your descendants will never be removed from Yisrael's throne.'[109] **6** If you or your descendants ever turn back from following me and don't keep my commands and statutes,

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **60** So_as all_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land to_know if/because_that **YHWH** he the_'Ĕlohīm there_is_not still_more. **61** And_it_was heart_of_ _your(pl) complete with **YHWH** god_of_our to_go in_ _regulations_of_his and_to_keep commands_of_his as_day (the)_this.

62 And_the_king and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it were_ _sacrificing a_sacrifice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **63** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_sacrificed ÐOM the_sacrifice_of (the)_peace_offerings which he_sacrificed to/for_**YHWH** cattle twenty and_two thousand and_sheep one_ _hundred and_twenty thousand and_ the_king and_all the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_dedicated ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. **64** In_the_day (the)_that the_king he_consecrated ÐOM the_middle_of the_courtyard which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_house_of **YHWH** if/because he_offered there ÐOM the_burnt_offering[s] and_ÐOM the_grain_offering[s] and_ _ÐOM the_fat(s)_of the_peace_offerings if/because the_altar_of (the)_bronze which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** was_too_small for_containing ÐOM the_burnt_offering[s] and_ _ÐOM the_grain_offering[s] and_ÐOM the_fat(s)_of the_peace_ _offerings. **65** And_he/it_made Shəlomoh at_time (the)_that ÐOM the_festival and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it an_ _assembly great from_Ləvō' ḪamāT to the_wadi_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_our seven_of days and_seven_of days four- teen day[s]. **66** In_the_day (the)_eighth he_sent_away ÐOM the_people and_ _they_blessed ÐOM the_king and_they_went to_tents_of_their joyful and_good_of heart on all_of the_good which **YHWH** he_ _had_done to_Dāvid servant_of_his and_to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) people_of_his.

9:1 And_he/it_was just_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _as_had_finished to_build ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM the_house_of the_ _king and_ÐOM all_of the_desire_of Shəlomoh which he_ _delighted for_doing. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he_appeared to Shəlomoh a_second_time just_as he_had_appeared to_him/it at_Giv˝ōn. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it I_have_heard ÐOM prayer_ _of_your and_ÐOM supplication_of_your which you_have_ _sought_favour to/for_my_face/front I_have_consecrated ÐOM the_house the_this which you_have_built by_putting name_of_ _my there until perpetuity and_they_will_be eyes_of_my and_ _heart_of_my there all_of the_days. **4** And_you(ms) if you_will_ _walk to/for_my_face/front just_as Dāvid father_of_your he_ _walked in_integrity_of heart and_in_uprightness for_doing according_to_all that I_commanded_you(ms) regulations_of_ _my and_judgements_of_my you_will_observe. **5** And_I_will_ _establish ÐOM the_throne_of your_kingdom_of_your over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_vanishing_point just_as I_spoke on Dāvid father_of_your to_say not it_will_be_cut_off to/for_yourself(m)

105 **RV 8:62 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 7:4-10

106 **RV 9:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 7:11-22

107 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 3:5; 2Ch 1:7.

108 **RV 9:3 · Note** 'my eyes and my heart': many translations have something like 'my presence', but we've left it literal here for the reader to interpret rather than oversimplifying what we don't necessarily understand.

109 **RV 9:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 2:4.

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a_man from_under the_throne_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** If ever_ _(turn_back) you(pl)_will_turn_back you(pl) and_descendants_ _of_your(pl) from_after_me and_not you(pl)_will_keep commands_of_my regulations_of_my which I_have_set before_ _you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_go and_you(pl)_will_serve gods other and_you(pl)_will_bow_down to/for_them. **7** And_I_will_cut_off ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_under the_surface_of the_soil which I_have_given to/for_them and_ÐOM the_house which I_have_ _consecrated for_name_of_my I_will_send_away from_under face_of_my and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_was (into)_a_byword and_ _(into)_a_taunt in_all the_peoples. **8** And_the_house the_this it_ _will_be most_high every_of one_who_passes_by on/upon/above_him/it he_will_be_appalled and_he_will_hiss and_people_will_say concerning what **YHWH** did_he_do thus to_land (the)_this and_to_house (the)_this. **9** And_people_will_ _say on that they_abandoned ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_their who he_ _brought_out ÐOM ancestors_of_their from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_took_hold on_gods other and[111][112] to/for_them and_they_served_them therefore yes/correct/thus/so **YHWH** he_has_brought on_them ÐOM all_ _of the_calamity (the)_this.

10 And_he/it_was from_the_end_of twenty year[s] which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_built ÐOM the_two_of the_houses ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM the_house_of the_king. **11** Ḫīrām the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) he_had_supported ÐOM Shəlomoh with_wood(s)_of cedar(s) and_with_wood(s)_of cypresses and_with_gold to/from_all/each/any/every desire_ _of_his then the_king Shəlomoh he_gave to_Ḫīrām twenty citi[es] in_land of_(the)_Gālīl. **12** And_ Ḫīrām _he/it_went_out from_Tsor/(Tyre) to_see ÐOM the_cities which he_had_given to_ _him/it Shəlomoh and_not they_were_pleasing in_eyes_of_his. **13** And_he/it_said what are_the_cities the_these which you_ _have_given to/for_me my_brother/kindred and_he/it_called to/for_them the_land_of Kāvūl/(Cabul) until the_day (the)_ _this. **14** And_ Ḫīrām _he_had_sent to/for_the_king one_ _hundred and_twenty talent[s]_of gold.

15 And_this is_the_message_of the_forced_labour which he_ _raised the_king Shəlomoh to_build ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM house_of_his_own and_ÐOM the_Millō' and_ÐOM the_ _wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ÐOM Ḫātsōr and_ÐOM Məgiddōn and_ÐOM Gezer. **16** Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he_had_gone_up and_he_had_captured ÐOM Gezer and_he_had_burnt_it with_fire and_ÐOM the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_was_dwelling in_city he_had_ _killed and_he_had_given_it dowri(es) to_daughter_of_his the_ _wife_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **17** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_built ÐOM Gezer and_ÐOM Bēyt Ḫōrōn lower. **18** And_ÐOM Ba'ₐlāth and_ÐOM Tadmor[116] in_wilderness on_the_earth. **19** And_ÐOM all_of the_cities_of (the)_stores which they_belonged to_

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and you go and serve other gods and bow down to them, **7** then I'll cut Yisrael off from the land that I've given them and from the temple that's dedicated to my name—I'll send them far away, and Yisrael will become an example and a laughing stock among all the other countries. **8** As this temple is on a hill and very visible, everyone who passes anywhere nearby will see it and will be appalled and will hiss and they'll say, 'What did the people do that was so bad that Yahweh did that to this country and to this temple?'[110] **9** Then they'll answer, 'It's because they abandoned their god Yahweh who brought their ancestors out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), but they held on to other gods and bowed down to them and served them. Therefore Yahweh brought all this calamity onto them.' "

King Hiram gains some poor cities · Full kingdom[113]

10 It took twenty years for Shelomoh (Solomon) to construct the temple for Yahweh and the palace for himself. **11** King Hiram from Tsor (Tyre), had supported Shelomoh with cedar and cypress logs, and with gold—as much as he'd needed. So King Shelomoh gave him twenty cities in the Galil region, **12** but when Hiram came down from Tsor to see the cities that Shelomoh had given him, he wasn't very happy about them **13** and asked, "My friend, what sort of cities are these that you've given me?" and he called the area 'Kavul' (meaning 'Worthless'), which it's still called to this day. **14** Hiram had sent four tonnes of gold to Shelomoh.

Shelomoh's other achievements · Full kingdom[114]

15 Now this is the matter of the forced labour that King Shelomoh (Solomon) brought up to build Yahweh's residence and his palace, the raised terraces and the Yerushalem (Jerusalem) city wall, and the cities of Hatsor, Megidon and Gezer. **16** (Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Par'oh (Pharaoh) had seized Gezer and set fire to it and killed the Kena'anim (Canaanites) who had lived in the city. Then he'd given it as a wedding present to his daughter when Shelomoh had married her.) **17** Shelomoh rebuilt Gezer and lower Beyt-Horon, **18** Ba'alat, Tadmor in the Yehudah (Judah) wilderness, **19** all of Shelomoh's store-

110 RV 9:8 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:9; 2Ch 36:19.

111 LV 9:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **וחתשו/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְוַחֲתְשׁוּ/ו': lemma_c/7812 morph_HC/Vvw3mp id_11iog וְוַחֲתְשׁוּ/ו

112 LV 9:9 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

113 RV 9:10 · Parallel 2 Chr. 8:1-2

114 RV 9:15 · Parallel 2 Chr. 8:3-18

116 LV 9:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **רמת**: (x-qere) 'רָמָדַת': lemma_8412 morph_HNp id_11RKz רָמָדַת

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house cities, and the cities for his chariots and horses. They also built whatever else Shelomoh wanted—in Yerushalem, in Levanon, and in the entire area of his dominion. **20** All the remaining Amori, Hiti, Perizi, Hivi, and Yevusi people (they weren't descendants of Yisrael (Israel)), **21** had descendants who continued living in Yisrael. These were people groups that the Israelis hadn't been able to annihilate so Shelomoh used them for forced labour (where they remain to this day). **22** But he didn't consign any Israelis to slavehood, because they were his warriors and servants, and his officers and captains, and the commanders of his chariots and horsemen. **23** Some were commanders of the five hundred and fifty work supervisors.

24 Once Par'oh's daughter moved out of the City of David to the palace that he'd built for her, then he built the raised terraces.

25 Shelomoh offered burnt offerings and peace offerings three times that year[115] on the altar that he'd built for Yahweh, and he burnt incense to Yahweh with it, and he completed the temple.

26 King Shelomoh constructed a fleet of ships in Etsyon-Gever, which is near Eylot on the shore of the Red Sea in the Edom region. **27** King Hiram sent some of his servants who were experienced sailors to serve with Shelomoh's men. **28** They sailed to Ofir and brought back fourteen tonnes of gold that they took to Shelomoh.

The queen from Sheva visits Shelomoh · Full kingdom[118]

10:1 Now the queen from Sheva had heard a report about how Yahweh had blessed Shelomoh (Solomon), and she came to test him with difficult questions.[119] **2** She came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with lots of her top people, camels carrying spices and gemstones and a lot of gold. Then she went to Shelomoh and started asking him everything that had been on her mind. **3** He answered all her questions—there wasn't any topic that he wasn't able to shed light on. **4** When the queen from Sheva saw the extent of Shelomoh's wisdom, the palace that he'd built, **5** the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the uniforms and the service of his waiters, and the burnt offerings that he sacrificed at Yahweh's temple, she was totally lost for words.

6 She told the king, "Wow, everything that I heard about you back in my own country, and about how wise you are, is true. **7** I

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_Shəlomoh and_ĐOM the_cities_of (the)_chariotry and_ĐOM the_ _cities_of the_horsemen and_ĐOM the_desire_of Shəlomoh which he_desired to_build in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_ _Ləvānōn and_in_all_of the_land_of his_dominion_of_his. **20** All_of the_people which_remained of the_'Amorī the_ _Ḥittiy[s] the_Pərizzī[s] the_Ḥiūī and_the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] who not from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they. **21** Descendants_of_their who they_remained after_them on_ _the_earth whom not the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_ _been_able to_totally_destroy_them and_he_raised_them Shəlomoh to_forced_labour_of labouring until the_day (the)_ _this. **22** And_any_of_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not Shəlomoh he_made a_slave if/because they were_the_men_of (the)_war and_servants_of_his and_officials_of_his and_ _officers_of_his and_the_commanders_of his_chariotry_of_his and_horsemen_of_his. **23** These were_the_leaders_of the_ _overseers who were_over the_work of_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) fifty and_five hundred(s) who_ruled over_people who_were_ _doing (in)_work. **24** Only the_daughter_of Par'oh she_went_up from_the_city_of Dāvid to house_of_her_own which he_had_ _built to/for_her/it then he_built ĐOM the_Millō'. **25** And_ Shəlomoh _he_offered_up three times in_year burnt_offerings and_peace_offerings on the_altar which he_had_built to/for_ _**YHWH** and_he_made_smoke with_him/it[117] which to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_completed ĐOM the_house. **26** And_ship[s] the_king Shəlomoh he_made at_ _'Etsyon- gever which is_with 'Ēylōt on the_shore_of the_sea_of reed[s] in_land of_'Edōm. **27** And_ Ḥīrām _he_sent in_the_ _ship[s] ĐOM servants_of_his men_of ships who_knew_of the_ _sea with the_servants_of Shəlomoh. **28** And_they_came to_ _'Ōfīr and_they_took from_there gold four hundred(s) and_ _twenty talent[s] and_they_brought_it to the_king Shəlomoh.

10:1 And_the_queen_of Shəvā' was_hearing ĐOM the_report_of Shəlomoh to_the_name_of **YHWH** and_she_came to_put_him_ _to_the_test by_difficult_matters. **2** And_she_came to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_a_retinue numerous very camels which_were_carrying spices and_gold much very and_ _stone_of precious and_she_came to Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_ _she_spoke to_him/it ĐOM all_of that it_was with heart_of_her. **3** And_he_told to/for_her/it Shəlomoh ĐOM all_of words/messages_of_her not it_was anything concealed from the_king which not he_told to/for_her/it. **4** And_ the_queen_of Shəvā' _she/it_saw ĐOM all_of the_wisdom_of Shəlomoh and_ _the_house which he_had_built. **5** And_the_food_of his_table_ _of_his and_the_seating of_his_servants_of_his and_the_ _standing_of mmm[121] and_clothes_of_their and_cup-bearers_ _of_his and_his_burnt_of_offering[s] which he_offered_up the_ _house_of **YHWH** and_not it_was in_her still breath. **6** And_ _she/it_said to the_king truth it_was the_message which I_ _heard in_my_own_of_land on words/messages_of_your and_

115 RV 9:25 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:17; 34:23; Deu 16:16.

117 LV 9:25 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

118 RV 10:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 9:1-12

119 RV 10:1-10 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:42; Luk 11:31.

121 LV 10:5 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תרשנ: (x-qere) ו/יִתְרַשְּׁנ': lemma_8334 n_1.2.0.0 morph_HVprmpc/Sp3ms id_11jg4 ו/יִתְרַשְּׁנ

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_on wisdom_of_your. **7** And_not I_believed (to)_
_words/messages until that I_came and_ eyes_of_my_own _
_they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_was_told to_me the_half
you_have_added wisdom and_good to the_report which I_
_heard. **8** How_blessed people_of_are_your how_blessed your_
_servants these who_stand to_your_face continually who_hear
ᵭᵒᵐ wisdom_of_your. **9** May_he_be **YHWH** god_of_your blessed
who he_has_delighted in_you to_put_you on the_throne_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) because_ **YHWH** _loves ᵭᵒᵐ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_
_vanishing_point and_he_has_appointed_you to_king for_doing
justice and_righteousness. **10** And_she/it_gave to/for_the_king
one_hundred and_twenty talent[s]_of gold and_spices much
very and_stone_of precious not like_spice (the)_that it_has_
_come again to_increase_in_number which the_queen_of
Shəvā' she_gave to/for_the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **11** And_
_also the_ship[s]_of Ḥīrām which it_carried gold from_'Ōfīr it_
brought from'Ōfīr wood(s)_of almug(s) much very and_stone_
of precious. **12** And the_king _he/it_made ᵭᵒᵐ the_wood(s)_of
the_almug(s) support[s] for_the_house_of **YHWH** and_for_the_
_house_of the_king and_harps and_lyres for_singers not it_has_
_come thus wood(s)_of almug(s) and_not it_has_been_seen
until the_day (the)_this. **13** And_the_king Shəlomoh he_gave to_
_the_queen_of Shəvā' ᵭᵒᵐ all_of desire_of_her which she_asked
(from)_besides that_which he_had_given to/for_her/it
according_to_the_hand_of the_king Shəlomoh and_she_turned
and_she_went to_her_own_of_land she and_servants_of_her.

14 And_he/it_was the_weight_of the_gold which it_came to_
_Shəlomoh in_a_year one six hundred(s) sixty and_six
talent[s]_of gold. **15** Apart_besides from_the_men_of the_
_merchants and_the_merchandise_of the_traders and_all the_
_kings_of the_Arab[s] and_the_governors_of the_earth/land.
16 And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he/it_made two_hundred body_
_shield[s] gold beaten six hundred(s) gold he_put_up on the_
_body_shield (the)_one. **17** And_three hundred(s) shields gold
beaten three_of minas gold he_put_up on the_shield (the)_one
and_he_put_them the_king the_house_of the_forest_of (the)_
Ləvānōn. **18** And the_king _he/it_made a_throne_of ivory
great and_he_overlaid_it gold refined. **19** Six steps belonged_to_
_throne and_a_top round belonged_to_throne (from)_behind_it
and_hands from_this and_from_this were_to the_place_of the_
_sitting and_two lions were_standing beside the_hands. **20** And_
_two_plus ten lions were_standing there on the_six the_steps
from_this and_from_this not it_had_been_made thus to/from_
_all/each/any/every kingdoms. **21** And_all/each/any/every
the_vessels_of the_drink_of the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon)
were_gold and_all/each/any/every the_utensils_of the_house_
_of the_forest_of (the)_Ləvānōn were_gold pure_gold there_
_was_not silver not it_was_reckoned in_the_days_of Shəlomoh
to_anything. **22** If/because the_ship[s]_of Tarshiysh to/for_the_
_king on_sea with the_ship[s]_of Ḥīrām one_time to_three
years it_came the_ship[s]_of Tarshiysh carrying_of (of)_gold

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hadn't believed it until I got here and saw it with my own eyes, but then I find that what I heard is only *half* of how incredible it is. Your wisdom and your goodness is way more than what I'd heard described. **8** Your men are so fortunate and especially your servants who are always standing in front of you and able to hear the wise things that you say. **9** May your god Yahweh be blessed, who was pleased with you and placed you on Yisrael's (Israel's) throne. He appointed you as king to rule them fairly and honestly because Yahweh loves Yisrael forever."

10 Then the queen gave to king four tonnes of gold and very many spices and precious gemstones. Never again did King Shelomoh receive more spices than what the queen gave him that day.

11 King Hiram's fleet also brought gold from Ofir as well as a lot of almug wood and precious gemstones. **12** The king used the almug timber to make railings[120] for the temple and the palace, and lyres and harps for the musicians. Such a quantity and quality of almug wood has never again been brought in or seen in Yisrael to this day.

13 Then King Shelomoh gave the queen from Sheva everything she wanted—whatever she requested on top of what he had already given to her. Then she departed with her servants and returned to her country.

Shelomoh's wealth · Full kingdom[122]

14 The amount of gold that came to Shelomoh (Solomon) in one year was around twenty-two tonnes, **15** not counting what came from explorers and traders, and all the Aravi kings, and the governors of the land.

16 King Shelomoh had two hundred body shields made from beaten gold overlaid over wood—each shield took six kilograms of gold. **17** He also had three hundred smaller shields made—each of them covered with two kilograms of gold—and placed in his 'Levanon Forest Hall'.

18 The king had a large ivory throne made and overlaid with pure gold. **19** It had six steps going up to it and the seat-back was rounded at the top. It had armrests on both sides, then a lion on each side next to the armrests, **20** plus twelve lions standing one on each side of the six steps. There was nothing like it in any other kingdom.

21 All of Shelomoh's cups were gold, and the various dishes in the 'Levanon Forest Hall' were also pure gold. Nothing was made out of silver because it was considered to be of little value during Shelomoh's time **22** because the king had a fleet of ships that joined King Hiram's fleet. Every three years the fleet would return bringing gold and silver, ivory, monkeys and baboons.[123]

120 RV 10:12 · Note The exact meaning of this Hebrew word is unknown, especially as it's only used once. (Other possibilities for the use of this obviously high-quality timber includes 'steps' or 'pillars'.)

122 RV 10:14 · Parallel 2 Chr. 9:13-29

123 RV 10:22 · Note baboons: We're not certain of the meaning of this last word (some suggest 'peacocks'), nor are we sure of the type of the ships named 'Tarshish ships'.

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23 King Shelomoh became richer and wiser than any other king in the world, 24 and even people from distant countries would come to see Shelomoh to listen to the wisdom that God had given him. 25 Every visitor would bring a gift: gold containers, clothes, weapons, spices, horses and mules. This continued year after year.

26 Shelomoh acquired 1,400 chariots and twelve thousand horsemen.[124] He stationed most of them in his chariot cities and some with him there in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 27 While he was king, silver in Yerushalem was given a value similar to stones,[125] and cedar timber was given a value like that of the sycamores that grow in plenty in the lowlands. 28 Shelomoh acquired horses from Mitsrayim (Egypt)[126] and from Kue—his traders would acquire them from Kue for the king for a price. 29 An Mitsri (Egyptian) chariot went for six hundred silver coins and a horse for one hundred and fifty. Then they'd export them again to the Hiti and Aramean kings.

Shelomoh turns from God · Full kingdom

11:1 Now King Shelomoh (Solomon) loved many foreign women—besides Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughter there were Moavi women, Amoni women, Edomi women, Tsidoni women, and Hiti women.[127] 2 They were from the nations that Yahweh had told Yisrael (Israel) about, "You must not mix with people from those nations, and they must not join together with you. They will certainly entice you to worship their gods."[128] However, Shelomoh clung to them for love. 3 He had seven hundred wives who were kings' daughters, as well as three hundred slave-wives, and his wives were instrumental in his turning away from Yahweh. 4 By the time of his old age, Shelomoh's wives had persuaded him to worship the gods from their countries—his heart wasn't totally dedicated to Yahweh like his father David had been. 5 So Shelomoh started to worship the Tsidonim' (Sidonians') God Ashtoret and the Amonim' detestable God Malkam, 6 so he did many things that Yahweh had said were evil—he didn't remain fully committed to Yahweh like his father David had been. 7 Then Shelomoh built a place to worship Kemosh, the Moavim detestable God, on a hill facing Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and also for Molek, the Amonim' detestable God. 8 He did those things for his foreign wives who were burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.

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and_silver ivori(es) and_monkeys and_peacocks. 23 And_ the_ _king Shəlomoh _he_became_great from_all the_kings_of the_ _earth/land to_wealth and_to_wisdom. 24 And_all the_ _earth/land were_seeking ~~ĐOM~~ the_face_of Shəlomoh to_hear ~~ĐOM~~ wisdom_of_his which god he_had_put in_heart_of_his. 25 And_they were_bringing each his/its_donation/offering articles_of silver and_articles_of gold and_garments and_ _weaponry and_spices horses and_mules the_matter_of a_year in_a_year. 26 And_ Shəlomoh _he_gathered chariotry and_ _horsemen and_he/it_was to_him/it one_thousand and_four hundred(s) chariot[s] and_two_plus ten thousand horsemen and_he_led_them in_the_cities_of (the)_chariotry and_with the_king in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 27 And_ the_king _he/it_ _gave ~~ĐOM~~ (the)_silver in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) like_ _stone(s) and_~~ĐOM~~ (the)_cedars he_made like_sycamores which are_in_Shephelah to_increase_in_number. 28 And_the_export_ _of the_horses which belonged_to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) was_ _from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from_Que the_traders_of the_ _king they_took_them from_Que for_a_price. 29 And_it_came_ _up and_it_came_out a_chariot from_Mitsrayim for_six hundred(s) silver and_a_horse for_fifty and_one_hundred and_ _thus/so/as_follows to/from_all/each/any/every the_kings_of the_Ḫittiy and_to_the_kings_of 'Arām by_hand_of_their they_ _brought_them_out.

11:1 And_the_king Shəlomoh he_loved women foreign many and_~~ĐOM~~ the_daughter_of Par'oh Mō'āvite_women 'Ammōnī_ _women 'Edōmite_women Sidonian_women Ḫittiy_women. 2 From the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_said to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not you(pl)_must_go in/among_them and_they not they_will_go among_you(pl) truly they_will_turn_aside ~~ĐOM~~ heart_of_your(pl) after gods_of_their (is)_in_them Shəlomoh he_cleaved to_love_them. 3 And_he/it_was to_him/it wives noble_ladies seven hundred(s) and_concubines three hundred(s) and_ wives_of_his _they_turned_aside ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_ _heart. 4 And_he/it_was to_the_time_of the_old_age_of Shəlomoh wives_of_his they_turned_aside ~~ĐOM~~ heart_of_his after gods other and_not it_was heart_of_his complete with **YHWH** his/its_god like_the_heart_of Dāvid his/its_father. 5 And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_went after Astarte the_ _god_of the_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_after Malkām the_ _detestable_thing_of the_'Ammōnī. 6 And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_ _made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_not he_filled after **YHWH** like_Dāvid his/its_father. 7 Then Shəlomoh he_ _built a_high_place for_Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) the_detestable_ _thing_of Mō'āv on_mountain which is_on the_face_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_for_Molek the_detestable_thing_ _of the_people_of 'Ammōn. 8 And_thus/so/as_follows he_did to/from_all/each/any/every wives_of_his (the)_foreign who_ _made_smoke and_who_sacrificed to_gods_of_their. 9 And_ **YHWH** _he_was_angry with_Shəlomoh if/because heart_of_his

124 **RV 10:26 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 4:26.

125 **RV 10:27 · Cross-ref.** Deu 17:17.

126 **RV 10:28 · Cross-ref.** Deu 17:16.

127 **RV 11:1 · Cross-ref.** Neh 13:26; Deu 17:17.

128 **RV 11:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:16; Deu 7:3-4.

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it_had_turned_aside from_with **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_he_had_appeared to_him/it two_times.
10 And_he_had_commanded to_him/it on the_matter the_this to_not to_walk after gods other and_not he_observed ÐOM that_ _which **YHWH** he_had_commanded. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_Shəlomoh because that this it_has_been with_you and_not you_have_observed covenant_of_my and_regulations_of_my which I_commanded to_you certainly_(tear) I_will_tear_away ÐOM the_kingdom from_with_you and_I_will_give_it to_servant_ _of_your. **12** Only in_days_of_your not I_will_do_it for_the_sake_ _of Dāvid father_of_your from_the_hand_of your_son_of_your I_will_tear_it_away. **13** Only ÐOM all_of the_kingdom not I_will_ _tear_away a_tribe one I_will_give to_son_of_your for_the_sake_ _of Dāvid servant_of_my and_for_the_sake_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which I_have_chosen.
14 And_ **YHWH** _he_raised_up as_an_adversary to_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon) ÐOM $H_a$dad the_'Edōmite was_one_of_ _the_offspring_of the_king he in_'Edōm. **15** And_he/it_was when_was Dāvid ÐOM 'Edōm when_ Yō'āv/(Joab) the_ _commander_of the_army _went_up to_bury ÐOM the_ones_ _slain and_he_struck_down every_of male in_'Edōm.
16 If/because six_of months he_remained there Yō'āv and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until he_had_cut_off every_of male in_'Edōm.
17 And_ $H_a$dad he and_people 'Edōmite some_of_the_servants_ _of his/its_father with_him/it _he_fled to_go Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_$H_a$dad was_a_youth young. **18** And_ _they_arose from_Midyān and_they_came Pā'rān and_they_ _took men with_them from_Pā'rān and_they_came Mitsrayim to Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim and_he_gave to_him/it a_ _house and_food he_assigned to_him/it and_land he_gave to_ _him/it. **19** And_ $H_a$dad _he_found favour in/on_both_eyes_of Par'oh exceedingly and_he_gave to_him/it a_wife ÐOM the_ _sister_of his/its_wife/woman the_sister_of Taḥpənēyṣ the_ _queen. **20** And_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it the_sister_of Taḥpənēyṣ ÐOM Gənūvat his/its_son and_she_weaned_him Taḥpənēyṣ in_the_middle of_the_household_of of_Par'oh and_ _he/it_was Gənūvat the_house_of Par'oh in_the_middle the_ _sons_of Par'oh. **21** And_$H_a$dad he_heard in_Mitsrayim if/because_that Dāvid he_had_lain_down with ancestors_of_his and_because/when Yō'āv/(Joab) the_commander_of the_army he_had_died and_ $H_a$dad _he/it_said to Par'oh let_me_go so_ _that_I_may_go to land_of_my_own. **22** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it Par'oh if/because_that what are_you lacking with_me and_here_you are_seeking to_go to land_of_your_own and_ _he/it_said no if/because really_(let_go) you_will_let_me_go.
23 And_ god _he_raised_up to_him/it an_adversary ÐOM Rəzōn the_son_of 'Elyādā' who he_had_fled from_with $H_a$dadezer the_ _king_of Tsōvāh/(Zobah) master(s)_of_his. **24** And_he_gathered on/upon/above_him/it men and_he/it_was the_leader_of a_ _marauding_band when_ Dāvid _killed ÐOM_them and_they_ _went Dammeseq and_they_lived in_it and_they_reigned in_ _Dammeseq. **25** And_he/it_was an_adversary of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_days_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_ÐOM (the)_harm which $H_a$dad and_he_loathed (in)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_ _reigned over 'Arām.

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9 Although Yisrael's god Yahweh had appeared twice to Shelomoh, he now turned his devotion away from Yahweh, who then became angry with him. **10** Yahweh had warned Shelomoh not to follow after other gods, but he didn't obey Yahweh's instructions, **11** and Yahweh told him, "You have this against you: you haven't kept my agreement and you've disobeyed my statutes that I gave you. So I'll definitely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant, **12** except that for the sake of your father David I won't do it in your lifetime, rather, I'll tear the kingdom away from your son. **13** What's more, I won't tear the whole kingdom away—I'll leave one tribe for your son to rule for my servant David's sake, and for the sake of my chosen city Yerushalem."

Shelomoh's enemies · Full kingdom

14 Then Yahweh caused Hadad the Edomi (and a descendant of the Edomi king) to stand against Shelomoh (Solomon). **15** In the past when David had been in Edom with his army commander Yoav (Joab) to bury their dead, they had killed every male in Edom. **16** (Yoav and the Israeli warriors had had to stay there for six months to kill the Edomi males.) **17** However, Hadad had been a small child at that time, and he'd fled to Mitsrayim (Egypt) with some of his father's Edomi servants. **18** They'd passed through Midyan and then Paran where they'd gained some more men before entering Mitsrayim where King Par'oh (Pharaoh) gave him a house and land, and provided him with food. **19** Par'oh took a liking to Hadad and gave him his wife Queen Tahpeneys' sister to marry. **20** Tahpeneys' sister gave birth to his son Genuvat, his son, and Tahpeneys weaned him in the midst of the house of Par'oh. And Genuvat was in the house of Par'oh in the midst of the sons of Par'oh.

21 When Hadad in Mitsrayim heard that both David and his army commander Yoav had died, Hadad said to Par'oh, "Give me permission to leave, and I'll go back to my land."

22 But Par'oh asked him, "But what's wrong with staying here? You've stunned me by asking to go to your land."

"Nothing's lacking here," he replied, "but I have to go—please give me permission to leave."

23 God also caused Elyada's son Rezon to stand against Shelomoh (Solomon). He'd run away from his master, King Hadadezer in Tsovah, **24** then he'd gathered men for himself and had become a commander of a raiding band. When David attacked them, they went to Damesek (Damascus). They lived there and gained control of the city. **25** Then during all of Shelomoh's reign, he'd been outspoken against Yisrael (Israel)—encouraged by the evil that Hadad did. He reigned over Aram (Syria) (Aram) and he loathed Yisrael.

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God's promise to Yarov'am/Jeroboam · Full kingdom

26 Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam), an Efrati from Tseredah also rebelled against the king. (His widowed mother Tseruah was one of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) servants.) **27** This is the background about how it started: Shelomoh had built the raised terrace and had repaired a gap in the wall of the city of David his father. **28** Shelomoh had noticed Yarov'am as a strong and hard-working young man, so he'd appointed him as supervisor over all the forced labour from Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim's (Ephraim's) regions. **29** One time when Yarov'am was away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), the prophet Ahiyah the Shiloni met him on the road. He was wearing a brand-new a new cloak, and there was just the two by themselves in the countryside. **30** Ahiyah then pulled the new cloak off his shoulders and tore it into twelve pieces, **31** and told Yarov'am, "Take ten pieces for yourself, because this is what Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says, 'Listen, I'm about to tear the kingdom away from Shelomoh's control, and I'll give the[129] ten tribes to you. **32** The one tribe[130] will be for him, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Yerushalem city which I've chosen from all the tribes of Yisrael. **33** This is because they've abandoned me. Instead they've bowed down to the Tsidonim' (Sidonians') God Ashtoret, to the Moavi god Kemosh, and to the Amoni God Malkam. They're no longer following my instructions or doing what they know I've said is right—not obeying my statutes or my judgements like the king's father David did. **34** But I won't take the entire kingdom off him, but rather I'll leave him as a leader while he's still alive for the sake of my chosen servant David, who obeyed my commands and my statutes. **35** However, I'll take the kingship away from his son and I'll give the ten tribes to you to rule. **36** I'll give Shelomoh's son one tribe to rule so that one of David's descendants will always rule in my chosen city Yerushalem because it's associated with my name. **37** But I'll use you, and you'll be able to reign over the area where you want to rule—you'll become king over Yisrael. **38** Then if you'll listen to everything that I command you, and walk on the right path and do what pleases me and keep my statutes and my commands, just like my servant David did, then I'll be with you. I'll establish a dynasty for you just like I did for David, and I'll give Yisrael to you. **39** I'll make David's descendants suffer because of Shelomoh's behaviour, but not forever.' "

40 Shelomoh tried to kill Yarov'am (Jeroboam), but he left the area and fled to Mitsrayim (Egypt). He remained in Mitsrayim under the protection of King Shishak until Shelomoh's death.

Literal Version

26 And_Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev˝aṭ an_'Efrātī from (the)_Tsərēdāh/(Zeredah) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Tsərū˝āh/(Zeruah) a_woman a_widow a_servant of_Shəlomoh and_he_raised a_hand on_king. **27** And_this is_the_reason why he_raised a_hand on_king Shəlomoh he_built ÐOM the_Millō' he_closed_up ÐOM the_breach_of the_city_of Dāvid his/its_ _father. **28** And_the_man Yārov˝ām was_a_mighty_man_of strength and_ Shəlomoh _he/it_saw ÐOM the_young_man if/because_that was_doing_of (of)_work he and_he_appointed ÐOM_him/it to/from_all/each/any/every the_forced_labour_of the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **29** And_he/it_was at_time (the)_ _that and_Yārov˝ām he_had_gone_out from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_Shilōnī the_ _prophet _he_found ÐOM_him/it on_way and_he was_covering_ _himself with_a_cloak new and_the_two_of_of_them they_alone were_in_country. **30** And_ 'Aḥiy^{yāh} _he_seized (in)_cloak (the)_ _new which on/upon/above_him/it and_he_tore_it two_plus ten pieces. **31** And_he/it_said to_Yārov˝ām take to/for_ _yourself(m) ten pieces if/because thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_tear_away ÐOM the_kingdom from_the_hand_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_I_ _will_give to/for_yourself(m) ÐOM ten the_tribes. **32** And_the_ _tribe the_one it_will_belong for_him/it for_the_sake_of servant_of_my Dāvid and_for_the_sake_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city which I_have_chosen (in)_it from_all the_tribes_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **33** Because that they_ _have_abandoned_me and_they_have_bowed_down to_Astarte the_god_of the_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) to_Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) the_god_of Mō'āv˝ and_to_Malkām the_god_of the_people_of ˊAmmōn and_not they_have_walked in_ways_of_my for_doing the_right in_eyes_of_my and_regulations_of_my and_ _judgements_of_my like_Dāvid his/its_father. **34** And_not I_ _will_take ÐOM all_of the_kingdom from_hand_of_his if/because ruler I_will_make_him all_of the_days_of his/its_life for_the_ _sake_of Dāvid servant_of_my whom I_chose ÐOM_him/it who he_observed commands_of_my and_regulations_of_my. **35** And_ _I_will_take the_royalty from_the_hand_of his/its_son and_I_ _will_give_it to_you ÐOM the_ten_of the_tribes. **36** And_to_son_ _of_his I_will_give a_tribe one so_as to_belong a_lamp to_Dāvid servant_of_my all_of the_days to/for_my_face/front in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city which I_have_chosen to_me to_put name_of_my there. **37** And_you I_will_take and_you_ _will_reign over_all that self_of_your it_will_desire and_you_ _will_be king over Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **38** And_it_was if you_will_ _listen_to ÐOM all_of that I_will_command_you and_you_will_ _walk in_ways_of_my and_you_will_do the_right in_eyes_of_my by_observing regulations_of_my and_commands_of_my just_as Dāvid servant_of_my he_did and_I_will_be with_you and_I_will_ _build to/for_yourself(m) a_house enduring just_as I_built for_ _Dāvid and_I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) ÐOM Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **39** And_I_afflicted ÐOM the_offspring_of Dāvid on_account_of this nevertheless not all_of the_days. **40** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_sought to_put_to_death ÐOM

129 RV 11:31 · Note Most English translations leave out this 'the' (which is in the Hebrew). However, we suspect that both Ahiyah and Yarov'am knew exactly which of the ten tribes it would be.

130 RV 11:32 · Note It would have been obvious at the time that this was referring to Yehudah. (The unmentioned twelfth tribe is Benyamin—the youngest brother and the smallest tribe.)

Literal Version

Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) and_ Yārov˝ām _he/it_rose_up and_he_ _fled Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to Shiyshaq the_king_of Mitsrayim and_he/it_was in_Mitsrayim until the_death_of Shəlomoh.

41 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Shəlomoh and_all that he_ _did and_wisdom_of_his am_not are_they written on the_ _scroll_of the_matters_of Shəlomoh. **42** And_the_days which Shəlomoh he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_forty year[s]. **43** And_ Shəlomoh _he_lay_ _down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried in_the_city_of Dāvid his/its_father and_ Rəḥav˝ām his/its_son _he_became_ _king in_place_of_him.

12:1 And_ Rəḥav˝ām _he/it_went Shəkem if/because Shəkem all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_had_gone to_make_king ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **2** And_he/it_was just_as_heard Yārov˝ām the_son_of Nev˝aṭ and_he still_he was_in_Mitsrayim where he_had_fled from_ _face/in_front_of the_king Shəlomoh and_ Yārov˝ām _he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived in_Mitsrayim. **3** And_people_sent and_they_summoned to_him/it and[135] Yārov˝ām and_all the_ _assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_spoke to Rəḥav˝ām to_ _say. **4** father_of_your he_made_hard ᴅᴏᴍ yoke_of_our and_ _you(ms) now lighten some_of_the_service_of your_father_of_ _your (the)_hard and_some_of_his_yoke (the)_heavy which he_ _put on_us and_we_will_serve_you. **5** And_he/it_said to_them go yet three days and_return to_me and_ the_people _they_ _went. **6** And_ the_king Rəḥav˝ām _he_consulted with the_ _elders who they_had_been standing with the_presence_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) his/its_father when_was_he alive to_say how are_you(pl) counselling to_bring_back ᴅᴏᴍ the_people the_this message. **7** And[136][137][138] to_him/it to_say if the_day you_will_be a_servant to_people the_this and_you_will_serve_ _them and_you_will_answer_them and_you_will_speak to_them words/messages kind and_they_will_be to/for_yourself(m) servants all_of the_days. **8** And_he_abandoned ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _counsel_of the_elders which they_had_counselled_him and_ _he_consulted with the_youths who they_had_grown_up with_ _him/it who were_those_who_stood before_him. **9** And_he/it_ _said to_them what are_you(pl) counselling so_that_we_may_ _bring_back message ᴅᴏᴍ the_people the_this which they_ _have_spoken to_me to_say lighten some_of the_yoke which father_of_your he_put on_us. **10** And_they_spoke to_him/it the_ _youths who they_had_grown_up with_him/it to_say thus you_ _will_say to_people the_this which they_have_spoken to_you to_say father_of_your he_made_heavy ᴅᴏᴍ yoke_of_our and_ _you(ms) lighten from_on_us thus you_will_speak to_them finger_of_my_little it_is_thick more_than_the_loins_of my_ _father_of_my. **11** And_now father_of_my he_loaded on_you(pl) a_yoke heavy and_I I_will_add to yoke_of_your(pl) father_of_my he_disciplined you(pl) with_whips and_I I_will_discipline

Readers' Version

Shelomoh's death · Full kingdom[131]

41 A record of all the other things that Shelomoh (Solomon) did, and all the wise things that he said, was written in the 'Record of Shelomoh's Achievements'. **42** Shelomoh reigned over all Yisrael (Israel) from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for forty years, **43** then he died and was buried in the City of David, and his son Rehav'am (Rehoboam) became king.

The north rejects Rehav'am (Rehoboam) · Both kingdoms[132]

12:1 Shelomoh's (Solomon's) son Rehav'am (Rehoboam) went to Shekem, because all Yisrael (Israel) had assembled there to make him king. **2** Meanwhile, Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) in Mitsrayim (Egypt) (where he'd fled from King Shelomoh) heard the news and returned to Yisrael. **3** The leaders of the northern tribes summoned him, and they all went to petition King Rehav'am, **4** "Your father Shelomoh required us to contribute too much labour. If you'll lighten the burden on us, then we'll serve you."

5 "Come back in three days," he replied, "and I'll give my response." So the people left.

6 Then King Rehav'am consulted with the elders (who'd served his father Shelomoh while he was alive), asking them for advice on how to respond.

7 "If you want to serve these people well," they replied, "answer them with kindness now then they'll serve you well in the future."

8 However he decided to ignore that advice from the elders, and he consulted with the young men who were standing in front of him and that he'd grown up with, **9** so he asked them, "What would you all recommend that we tell the people who wanted me to lighten the burden that my father placed on them?"

10 "You should tell them this," his young companions replied. "They've asked that you should lighten the load on them from what your father demanded, but on the contrary, you should tell them that your little finger is thicker than your father's thigh bone was. **11** Tell them that your father placed a heavy burden on them, but that you'll add to that. He punished them with whips, but you'll punish them with scorpions."

12 So when Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and all the leaders came back to King Rehav'am (Rehoboam) on the third day as he'd in-

131 **RV 11:41 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 9:29-31

132 **RV 12:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 10:1-19

135 **LV 12:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: ואבי/ו: (x-qere) 'אֲבִ֣י/ו': lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_11nqN אֲבִ֣י/ו

136 **LV 12:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: רבדי/ו: (x-qere) 'וּרְבַדְיֵ֖/ו': lemma_c/1696 morph_HC/Vpw3mp id_11b8z וּרְבַדְיֵ֖/ו

137 **LV 12:7 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

138 **LV 12:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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structed them, **13** he answered them harshly—ignoring the advice of the elders at the beginning. **14** Instead he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father placed a heavy burden on you all, but as for me, I'll add to those demands. My father punished you all with whips, but as for me, I'll punish you all with scorpions." **15** So the king didn't listen to the people. This change came from Yahweh so that what he'd had Ahiyah the Shiloni tell Nevat's son Yarov'am would all indeed happen.[133]

16 When all Yisrael (Israel) saw that the king hadn't listened to them, the people responded,

"What share in David do we have?
We won't get any inheritance from Yishay's (Jesse's) son.
Go back to your tents, Yisrael.
Look at your dynasty now, David."[134]

So the northern Israeli leaders went home again. **17** However, Rehav'am continued to rule over the cities in Yehudah (Judah).

18 Then King Rehav'am (Rehoboam) took Adoniram who was over the forced labour, to go north but the people killed him by throwing rocks at him and the king had to hurriedly jump into his chariot to flee to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **19** Ever since then, the northern tribes of Yisrael have rebelled against David's dynasty.

20 So as soon as all Yisrael heard that Yarov'am (Jeroboam) had returned from Mitsrayim (Egypt), they summoned him to their assembly and appointed him as king over all northern Yisrael. Only the Yehudah region was left under the rule of David's grandson Rehav'am.

Shemayah's prophecy · Southern kingdom[140]

21 So when Shelomoh's (Solomon's) son Rehav'am (Rehoboam) returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he assembled all the tribes of Yehudah (Judah) and Benyamin, and 180,000 warriors were chosen to fight against the northern tribes to return the kingship to him. **22** But God told the prophet Shemayah, **23** "Go and tell Shelomoh's son Rehav'am, the king of Yehudah, and tell all the descendants of Yehudah and Benyamin, and the remainder of the people, saying, **24** 'Yahweh says this: Don't go and fight against your Israeli relatives. Everyone should just return home because everything that happened there was initiated by me.' " When they heard Yahweh's message, they took note of it and everyone went back home.

Literal Version

you(pl) with_scorpions. **12** And[139] Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) and_ _all the_people to Rəḥav'ām in_the_day the_third just_as the_ _king he_had_spoken to_say return to_me in_the_day the_third. **13** And_ the_king _he_answered ÐOM the_people hard and_he_ _abandoned ÐOM the_counsel_of the_elders which they_had_ _counselled_him. **14** And_he/it_spoke to_them according_to_ _the_counsel_of the_youths to_say father_of_my he_made_ _heavy ÐOM yoke_of_your(pl) and_I I_will_add to yoke_of_ _your(pl) father_of_my he_disciplined you(pl) with_whips and_ _I I_will_discipline you(pl) with_scorpions. **15** And_not the_king he_listened to the_people if/because it_was a_turn_of_affairs from_with **YHWH** so_as to_establish ÐOM message_of_his which **YHWH** he_had_spoken by_the_hand_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_Shilōnī to Yārov'ām the_son_of Nevaṭ. **16** And_ all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _ _he/it_saw if/because_that not the_king he_had_listened to_ _them and_ the_people _they_brought_back ÐOM the_king message to_say what to/for_ourselves portion in_Dāvid and_ _not an_inheritance in_the_son of Yishay/(Jesse) to_tents_of_ _your Oh_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) now consider house_of_your_own Oh_ _Dāvid and_ Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he/it_went to_tents_of_its. **17** And_the_sons of_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who_were_dwelling in_the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_reigned over_them Rəḥav'ām. **18** And_ the_king Rəḥav'ām _he_sent ÐOM 'Adorām who was_over the_forced_labour and_ all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _ _they_stoned in/on/over_him/it stone[s] and_he/it_died and_ _the_king Rəḥav'ām he_proved_himself_strong to_go_up in_ _chariot to_flee Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **19** And_ Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _they_have_rebelled in_house_of Dāvid until the_day (the)_this. **20** And_he/it_was just_ all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _as_heard if/because_that Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) he_had_ _returned and_they_sent and_they_called ÐOM_him/it to the_ _congregation and_they_made_king ÐOM_him/it over all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) not anyone_was after the_house_of Dāvid except the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh for_him/it_being_alone. **21** And[141] Rəḥav'ām Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_assembled ÐOM all_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_ÐOM the_tribe_of Binyāmīn one_hundred and_eighty thousand chosen_man maker[s]_of war to_do_battle with the_house_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) to_restore ÐOM the_royalty to_Rəḥav'ām the_son_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **22** And_ the_message_of the_'Elohīm _ _he/it_was to Shəma'^{yāh} the_man_of the_'Elohīm to_say. **23** Say to Rəḥav'ām the_son_of Shəlomoh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_near/to all_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn and_the_rest_of the_people to_say.[142] **24** Thus **YHWH** he_says not you(pl)_must_go_up and_not you(pl)_must_ _do_battle with countrymen_of_your(pl) the_people_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) return everyone to_his_own_of_house if/because from_with_me the_thing the_this it_has_occurred and_they_obeyed ÐOM the_message_of **YHWH** and_they_ _turned_back to_go according_to_the_message_of **YHWH**.

133 RV 12:15 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 11:29-39.

134 RV 12:16 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 20:1.

139 LV 12:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ורבי/ו: (x-qere) 'אוֹבְי/ו': lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_113cA אוֹבְי/ו

140 RV 12:21 · Parallel 2 Chr. 11:1-4

141 LV 12:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ואבי/ו: (x-qere) 'אָבְי/ו': lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_11Gfh אָבְי/ו

142 LV 12:23 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

25 And_ Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) _he/it_built ~~DOM~~ Shəkem in_the_ _hill_country_of ’Efrayim and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_it and_he/it_went_out from_there and_he/it_built ~~DOM~~ Pənū’ēl. **26** And_ Yārov˝ām _he/it_said in_ _heart_of_his now the_kingdom it_will_return to_the_house_of Dāvid. **27** If it_will_go_up the_people the_this for_doing sacrifices in_house_of **YHWH** in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ the_heart_of the_people the_this _it_will_return to their_ _master(s)_of_to to Rəḥav˝ām the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_they_ _will_kill_me and_they_will_return to Rəḥav˝ām the_king_of Yəhūdāh. **28** And_ the_king _he_took_counsel and_he/it_made two_of calves_of gold and_he/it_said to_them is_enough to/for_you(pl) for_going_up Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) HERE gods_of_your Oh_Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) which they_brought_you_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **29** And_he/it_assigned ~~DOM~~ the_one in_house_of ’ēl and_~~DOM~~ the_one he_put in_Dān. **30** And_ the_thing the_this _he/it_was (into)_sin and_ the_ _people _they_went to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _one to Dān. **31** And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ a_house_of high_places and_he/it_made priests from_the_ends_of the_people who not they_were from_(the)_sons of_Levi.

32 And_ Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) _he/it_made a_festival in_month (the)_eighth on_the_fif- teen day of_month like_festival which was_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_ascended on the_altar so he_did in_house_of ’ēl to_sacrifice to_calves which he_had_ _made and_he_stationed in_house_of ’ēl ~~DOM~~ the_priests_of the_ _high_places which he_had_made. **33** And_he/it_ascended on the_altar which he_had_made in_house_of ’ēl on_the_fif- teen day in_month (the)_eighth in_month which he_had_devised mmm[146] and_he/it_made a_festival for_the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_ascended on the_altar to_make_ _smoke.

13:1 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man_of god he_came from_ _Yəhūdāh by_the_message_of **YHWH** to Bēyt- ’ēl and_Yārov˝ām was_standing at the_altar to_make_smoke. **2** And_he/it_called on the_altar by_the_message_of **YHWH** and_he/it_said Oh_altar altar thus **YHWH** he_says HERE a_son will_be_born to_the_ _house_of Dāvid will_be_Yo’shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) his/its_name and_ _he_will_sacrifice on_you ~~DOM~~ the_priests_of the_high_places who_make_smoke on_you and_bones_of humankind people_ _will_burn on_you. **3** And_he/it_gave in_the_day (the)_that a_ _sign to_say this is_the_sign which **YHWH** he_has_spoken HERE the_altar it_will_be_torn_apart and_ the_fatty_ash which on/upon/above_him/it _it_will_be_poured_out. **4** And_he/it_ _was just_ the_king _as_heard ~~DOM~~ the_message_of the_man_of the_’Elohīm which he_called_out on the_altar in_house_of ’ēl and_ Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) _he_stretched_out ~~DOM~~ his/its_ _hand from_under the_altar to_say seize_him and_ his/its_hand which he_had_stretched_out on/upon/above_him/it _it_dried_ _up and_not he_was able to_bring_it_back to_him/it. **5** And_ _the_altar it_was_torn_apart and_ the_fatty_ash _it_was_ _poured_out from the_altar according_the_sign which the_ _man_of the_’Elohīm he_had_given by_the_message_of **YHWH**.

Readers’ Version

Yarov’am (Jeroboam) makes gold calves · Northern kingdom

25 Then Yarov’am (Jeroboam) built Shekem in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim) and he lived there for a while. Then he left there and built Penuel. **26** After that, he worried that the entire country might want to go back under David’s dynasty. **27** He worried that if the people went down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to offer sacrifices in Yahweh’s temple, they might shift their allegiance to King Rehav’am (Rehoboam) in Yehudah (Judah) and then his life might be in danger.

28 So after getting advice, the king made two gold calves, and he told his people, “Going all the way down to Yerushalem is too far for you. Look, these can be your gods, Yisrael (Israel), who brought you out from Mitsrayim (Egypt).”[143] **29** He set one up at Beyt-El (Bethel) (in the south) and the other one at Dan (in the north). **30** This caused the people to sin, and some people went up as far as the one in Dan. **31** He built temples on hills and appointed priests from various tribes—not just from the tribe of Levi.

The warning of worshipping there at Beyt-El · Northern kingdom

32 In the eighth month on the 15th, Yarov’am (Jeroboam) put on a celebration like the one in Yehudah (Judah).[144] He’d made an altar at Beyt-El (Bethel) and he got the priests from the hill temples he’d made to come and stand there, then he offered a sacrifice on that altar to the calves that he’d made. **33** That date of the 15th day of the eighth month was one that he’d just decided for himself, and he instituted a new celebration for the Israelis and he burnt incense on the altar as a sacrifice.

13:1 Then a prophet from of God came from Yehudah, taking Yahweh’s message to Beyt-El. as Yarov’am was standing by the altar to burn incense. **2** The prophet called out against the altar with Yahweh’s message: “Altar! Altar! Yahweh says this: Listen, one of David’s descendants will have a son who’ll be named Yoshiyah (Josiah), and he’ll sacrifice the priests from the hill temples on you—the ones who are burning incense on you. Yes, human bones will be burnt on you.”[145] **3** Then he offered them evidence that what he said came from Yahweh, “Listen, that altar will be broken into pieces, and the ashes in it will spill all over the ground.”

4 The moment the King Yarov’am heard the message that the man of God had called out against the altar at Beyt-El, he called for the man to be arrested. However, the arm that he used to point to him over the altar suddenly became paralysed and he wasn’t able to pull it back. **5** Then the altar itself broke open and ashes poured out onto the ground, exactly as Yahweh had promised through that man of God. **6** Then the king begged the

143 RV 12:28 · Cross-ref. Exo 32:4.

144 RV 12:32-33 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:33-34.

145 RV 13:2 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 23:15-16.

146 LV 12:33 · Note OSHB variant note: דב/ל/מ: (x-qere) ’וֹ/בֵּל/מ’: lemma_m/3820 n_1 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_11H54 וֹ/בֵּל/מ

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prophet, "Please, pray to your god Yahweh for me, so my hand will return to normal."

So the man of God interceded with Yahweh, and the king was able to use his hand again. **7** "Come home with me," the king told the prophet, "and have something to eat. Then I've got a gift to give you."

8 But the man of God replied, "Even if you offered me half of your house, I wouldn't go with you, and I wouldn't eat or drink in this place. **9** Yahweh already told me not to eat or drink here, and not to return home by the same road I came on." **10** Then he left for home taking a different route from the one he'd used to come to Beyt-El.

The old prophet from Beyt-El · Both kingdoms

11 Now at that time there was an old prophet who lived in Beyt-El (Bethel), and his sons[147] had been and told him all the news about what that man of God had done that day in Beyt-El and they told him the message that had been passed on to the king. **12** "Oh, what road did he take when he left?" their father asked, and indeed his sons had noticed which road the man of God from Yehudah (Judah) had taken. **13** So he told his sons to saddle his donkey, and he rode off **14** after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak tree. "Are you the man of God," he asked him, "who came from Yehudah?"

"I am," he said.

15 "Come home with me and have something to eat." he invited him.

16 "Sorry," he replied. "I can't go with you or visit your home, and I can't eat or drink with you in this place, **17** because Yahweh instructed me not to eat or drink here, or to go home by the same road that I came on."

18 Then the old prophet told him, "I'm also a prophet like you, and Yahweh sent a messenger to tell me that I should take you home with me so you can have something to eat and drink." (But that was a lie.)

19 So the prophet accompanied him to his house and had a meal there. **20** Then while they were still seated at the table, Yahweh spoke through the old prophet, **21** and he called out to the man of God who'd come from Yehudah (Judah), "Yahweh says this: Because you have been rebellious against Yahweh and because you didn't obey what Yahweh instructed you **22** and you've returned and you've had food and drink in the place where he told you not to eat or drink, your body won't be buried in your home town."

23 After the meal was finished, the old prophet saddled the donkey for the prophet that he'd brought back, **24** and he left. But on the road, a lion came across him and killed him. His

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6 And_ the_king _he_answered and_he/it_said to the_man_of the_'Elohīm entreat please ĐOM the_face_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_pray for_me so_ hand_of_my _that_it_may_come_back to_ _me and_ the_man_of the_'Elohīm _he_entreated ĐOM the_face_ _of **YHWH** and_ the_hand_of the_king _it_came_back to_him/it and_it_became as_at_time. **7** And_ the_king _he/it_spoke to the_man_of the_'Elohīm come with_me to_the_house and_ _sustain and_I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) a_gift. **8** And_ the_ _man_of the_'Elohīm _he/it_said to the_king if you_will_give to_me ĐOM (the)_half_of your_household_of_your not I_will_go with_you and_not I_will_eat bread and_not I_will_drink water in_place (the)_this. **9** If/because thus he_commanded ĐOM_me by_the_message_of **YHWH** to_say not you_must_eat bread and_ _not you_must_drink water and_not you_must_return by_way which you_went. **10** And_he/it_went by_a_way another and_not he_returned by_way which he_had_come by_it to Bēyt-ʾēl.

11 And_a_prophet one old was_dwelling in_house_of ʾēl and_ son_of_his _he_came and_he_recounted to_him/it ĐOM every_of (the)_deed which the_man_of the_'Elohīm he_had_done the_ _day in_house_of ʾēl ĐOM the_words/messages which he_had_ _spoken to the_king and_they_recounted_them to_father_of_ _their. **12** And_he/it_spoke to_them father_of_their where this is_the_way which_he_went and_ sons_of_his _they_saw ĐOM the_way which the_man_of the_'Elohīm who he_had_come from_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_had_gone. **13** And_he/it_said to sons_of_his saddle to_me the_donkey and_they_saddled to_ _him/it the_donkey and_he_rode on/upon/above_him/it. **14** And_he/it_went after the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_he_ _found_him sitting under the_terebinth and_he/it_said to_ _him/it are_you the_man_of the_'Elohīm who you_came from_ _Yəhūdāh and_he/it_said I_am. **15** And_he/it_said to_him/it come with_me to_the_house and_eat bread. **16** And_he/it_said not I_am_able to_turn_back with_you and_to_go with_you and_ _not I_will_eat bread and_not I_will_drink with_you water in_ _place (the)_this. **17** If/because a_message to_me by_the_ _message_of **YHWH** not you_must_eat bread and_not you_ _must_drink there water not you_must_return to_go by_way which you_went by_it. **18** And_he/it_said to_him/it also I am_a_ _prophet like_you and_an_messenger it_has_spoken to_me by_ _the_message_of **YHWH** to_say bring_him_back with_you to house_of_your so_that_he_may_eat bread and_so_that_he_may_ _drink water he_lied to_him/it. **19** And_he_went_back with_ _him/it and_he_ate bread in_house_of_his and_he_drank water. **20** And_he/it_was they were_sitting to_the_table and_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_the_prophet who bring_ _back_had_brought_him_back. **21** And_he/it_called to_the_man_ _of the_'Elohīm who he_had_come from_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_ _say thus **YHWH** he_says because if/because you_have_ _rebelled_against the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_not you_have_kept ĐOM the_command which he_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_ _your. **22** And_you_went_back and_she/it_ate bread and_you_ _drank water in_place which he_spoke to_you do_not eat bread and_do_not drink water not corpse_of_your it_will_go to the_ _grave_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your. **23** And_he/it_was after

147 RV 13:11 · Note This is singular in the Hebrew, but the rest of this segment suggests multiple sons.

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ate_he bread and_after drank_he and_he_saddled to_him/it the_donkey for_prophet whom bring_back_had_brought_him_ _back. **24** And_he/it_went and_it_met_him a_lion on_way and_ _it_killed_him and_it_became corpse_of_his thrown_down in_ _road and_the_donkey was_standing beside_it and_the_lion was_standing beside the_corpse. **25** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE men were_passing_by and_they_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_corpse thrown_down in_road and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_lion standing beside the_corpse and_ _they_came and_they_spoke in_city which the_prophet (the)_ _old was_dwelling in_it. **26** And_ the_prophet who bring_back_ _had_brought_him_back from the_way _he/it_listened and_ _he/it_said is_the_man_of the_'Elohīm that who he_rebelled_ _against ᴅᴏᴍ the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_he_has_given_him **YHWH** to_lion and_it_has_mauled_him and_it_has_killed_him according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_spoke to_ _him/it. **27** And_he/it_spoke to sons_of_his to_say saddle to_me ᴅᴏᴍ the_donkey and_they_saddled_it. **28** And_he/it_went and_ _he_found ᴅᴏᴍ corpse_of_his thrown_down in_road and_the_ _donkey and_the_lion standing beside the_corpse not the_lion it_had_eaten ᴅᴏᴍ the_corpse and_not it_had_mauled ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _donkey. **29** And_ the_prophet _he_picked_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_corpse_ _of the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_he/it_put_him/it to the_ _donkey and_bring_back_brought_him_back and_he_came to the_city_of the_prophet (the)_old to_mourn and_to_bury_him. **30** And_he_placed ᴅᴏᴍ corpse_of_his in_his_own_of_grave and_ _people_mourned on/upon/above_him/it alas my_ _brother/kindred. **31** And_he/it_was after buried_he ᴅᴏᴍ_ _him/it and_he/it_said to sons_of_his to_say when_die_I and_ _you(pl)_will_bury ᴅᴏᴍ_me in_grave which the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm is_buried in/on/over_him/it beside bones_of_his place ᴅᴏᴍ bones_of_my. **32** If/because certainly_(happen) the_ _message which he_called_out by_the_message_of **YHWH** on the_altar which in_house_of ʾēl and_on all_of the_houses_of the_ _high_places which are_in_the_cities_of Shomrōn it_will_ _happen.

33 After the_matter the_this not Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) he_ _turned_back from_way_of_his (the)_evil and_he_returned and_ _he/it_made from_the_ends_of the_people priests_of high_ _places the_one_desiring he_filled ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_hand and_let_it_ _be priests_of high_places. **34** And_he/it_was by_matter the_ _this (into)_the_sin_of the_house_of Yārov˝ām and_to_ _annihilate_it and_to_destroy_it from_under the_surface_of the_soil.

14:1 At_time (the)_that 'Aviy^{yāh} the_son_of Yārov˝ām he_ _became_sick. **2** And_ Yārov˝ām _he/it_said to_wife_of_his arise please and_you_will_disguise_yourself and_not people_will_ _know if/because_that you[149] are_the_wife_of Yārov˝ām and_ _you_will_go Shiloh THERE is_there 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_prophet he he_spoke on_me to_king over the_people (the)_this. **3** And_you_ _will_take in_hand_of_your ten bread[s] and_cakes and_a_jar_of honey and_you_will_go to_him/it he he_will_tell to/for_you(fs) what will_it_happen to_lad. **4** And_she_did thus the_wife_of Yārov˝ām and_she/it_arose and_she_went Shiloh and_she_ _went the_house_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} and_'Aḥiy^{yāh} not he_was_able to_ _see if/because eyes_of_his they_were_fixed from_his_old_of_

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corpse ended up lying on the road with the donkey standing beside it, and the lion also standing beside it. **25** Some passers-by saw the corpse on the road and the unusual sight of the lion standing beside it, and when they got to the city where the old prophet lived, they told everyone the news.

26 When the prophet who had brought him back from the road heard he said, "That will be the man of God who was rebellious against Yahweh. Yahweh must have given him to the lion, and it tore him into pieces and put him to death according what Yahweh had said would happen." **27** Then he told his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." They put the saddle on, **28** and he went and found the body lying on the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by it. The lion hadn't eaten any of the man of God's body, nor had it attacked the donkey. **29** The prophet lifted the body and laid it across the donkey and brought it back to his city to be buried in his own tomb. **30** They wailed over him, saying, "Oh dear, my brother," and they laid his body in the old prophet's grave. **31** When the period of mourning was over, he told his sons, "When I die, bury me in the grave where the man of God is buried. My bones will end up beside his bones. **32** The message from Yahweh that he shouted out against the altar in Beyt-El (Bethel) will certainly happen, and against all the hilltop worship places in Shomron (Samaria).

Yarov'am's fatal sin · Northern kingdom

33 Despite the man of God's warning, King Yarov'am (Jeroboam) didn't stop his evil ways—in fact he chose more people from across the country to become priests. Anyone who wanted to be a priest would be appointed and he would become one of the priests of the hilltop worship places. **34** Those were the sins of Yarov'am that would eventually lead to the rejection and destruction of his entire family.

The death of Yarov'am's son · Northern kingdom

14:1 At that time, one of Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) sons, Aviyah, became very sick **2** and Yarov'am told his wife, "Go and get changed so that no one will recognise you as my wife. Then go to Shiloh where the prophet Ahiyah is—he's the one who prophesied that I'd become king. **3** Take ten loaves of bread and some cakes and a jar of honey to give to him. He'll tell you what will happen to the boy."

4 So his wife got ready and went to Ahiyah's house at Shiloh. Ahiyah was now very elderly and not able to see, **5** but Yahweh

149 LV 14:2 · Note OSHB variant note: יהתא: (x-qere) 'הָתָא'; lemma_859 b n_1.0 morph_HPp2fs id_11PBZ הָתָא

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had told him, "Listen, Yarov'am's wife will be coming to ask for your guidance about her son, because he's sick. I want you to tell her so-and-so. And when she comes, she won't be dressed like a queen."

6 So as soon as Ahiyah heard her walk through the doorway, he said, "Come in, wife of Yarov'am. Why did you get changed like that? Now I've been instructed to pass bad news onto you— **7** go back and give Yarov'am this message from Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh, 'I chose you out from the people and placed you as a leader over my people Yisrael, **8** and I tore the kingdom away from David's descendants and gave it to you. But you haven't been like my servant David who obeyed my instructions and followed me with integrity—only doing what he knew that I approved of. **9** However, you've done more evil things than any of those who ruled before you. You've rejected me and made cast images of other gods, and have provoked me into anger. **10** Because of that, I'm about to bring calamity to your family: I'll cause all your male descendants to die, either before or after they've left home. I'll eliminate your family just like dried dung burns until it's all gone.[148] **11** The family members who die in the city will be eaten by dogs, and those who die in the countryside will be eaten by birds. All this comes from Yahweh.'

12 So go back home, but as soon as you set foot in the city, your son will die. **13** All Yisrael will mourn for him and they'll bury him. He'll be the only one of your children to be buried, because out of all of Yarov'am's descendants, he's the only one that Yisrael's god Yahweh found good in. **14** In the future, Yahweh will appoint for himself, a king over Yisrael who will get rid of Yarov'am's descendants—in fact it's beginning to come about even now. **15** And Yahweh will strike Yisrael just like the reeds bend over in the swamps, and he'll uproot Yisrael from this good soil that he gave to their ancestors and he'll scatter them beyond the Perat (Euphrates), because they made their Asherah statues which provoked Yahweh to anger. **16** He will hand Yisrael over to their enemies because of Yarov'am's sins and how he encouraged Yisrael to sin."

17 So Yarov'am's wife left and went home to Tirtsah. As she entered the doorway of their home, their son died. **18** Just as Yahweh had told them, all Yisrael mourned for the boy and he was buried.

19 Everything else that Yarov'am (Jeroboam) did, including the record of wars

Yarov'am's death · Northern kingdom

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age. **5** And**YHWH** he_had_said to 'Aḥiy^{yāh} HERE the_wife_of Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) is_about_to_come to_seek a_message from_with_you concerning son_of_her if/because he is_sick like_this and_like_this you_will_speak to_her/it and_let_it_be just_as_she_comes and_she will_be_acting_as_a_stranger. **6** And_he/it_was just_ 'Aḥiy^{yāh} _as_heard ÐOM the_sound_of her_feet_of_her coming in_entrance and_he/it_said come Oh_ _wife_of Yārov˝ām to/for_what this are_you acting_as_a_ _stranger and_I have_been_sent to_you hard_news. **7** Go say to_ _Yārov˝ām thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says because that I_raised_you_up from_among_of the_people and_ _I_made_you a_ruler over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** And_ _I_tore_away ÐOM the_kingdom from_the_house_of Dāvid and_ _I_gave_it to/for_you(fs) and_not you_have_been like_servant_ _of_my Dāvid who he_kept commands_of_my and_which he_ _walked after_me in_all heart_of_his for_doing only the_right in_eyes_of_my. **9** And_you_have_done_evil for_doing from_all those_who they_were to_your_face and_you_have_gone and_ _you_have_made for_yourself gods other and_molten_images to_provoke_me_to_anger and_me you_have_thrown behind back_of_your. **10** For_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_to_bring calamity to the_house_of Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) and_I_will_cut_ _off to_Yārov˝ām one_who_urinates on_a_wall shut_up and_ _freed in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_sweep_away behind the_ _house_of Yārov˝ām just_as someone_sweeps_away (the)_dung until it_is_complete. **11** The_one_who_dies of_Yārov˝ām in_city the_dogs they_will_devour and_the_one_who_dies in_the_field the_bird[s]_of the_heavens they_will_devour if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken. **12** And_you arise go to_house_of_your when_ feet_of_your _go to_the_city and_ the_child _he_will_die. **13** And_they_will_mourn to_him/it all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _they_will_bury ÐOM_him/it if/because this_one for_him/it_ _being_alone he_will_go of_Yārov˝ām into a_grave because it_ _was_found in_him/it something good to **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_house_of Yārov˝ām. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _will_raise_up to_him/it a_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_ _will_cut_off ÐOM the_house_of Yārov˝ām this the_day and_ _what also now. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_strike ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as (the)_reed it_sways in_water and_he_ _will_pluck_up ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_under the_soil (the)_ _good (the)_this which he_gave to_ancestors_of_their and_he_ _will_scatter_them from_the_other_side of_River because that they_have_made ÐOM poles_their_'Ashērāh provoking_to_anger ÐOM **YHWH**. **16** And_he_will_give_up ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_ _account_of the_sins_of Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) which he_has_ _sinned and_which he_has_caused_to_sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **17** And_ the_wife_of Yārov˝ām _she/it_arose and_she_went and_she_came to_Tirtsāh she was_coming at_the_threshold_of the_house and_the_lad he_died. **18** And_they_buried ÐOM_ _him/it and_they_mourned to_him/it all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_spoke by_the_ _hand_of his_servant_of_his 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_prophet.

19 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yārov˝ām which he_waged_ _war and_which he_reigned THERE_they are_written on the_ _scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_

148 RV 14:10 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 15:29.

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_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **20** And_the_days which Yārov˝ām he_reigned were_twenty and_two year[s] and_he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ Nādāv˝ his/its_son _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

21 And_Rəḥav˝ām the_son_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_reigned in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) was_a_son_of forty and_one year[s] Rəḥav˝ām when_he_became_king and_seven- teen year[s] he_ _reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city where **YHWH** he_had_chosen to_put ~~DOM~~ his/its_name there from_all the_ _tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Na˝ₐmāh the_˝Ammōnī_woman. **22** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_they_made_jealous ~~DOM~~_him/it from_all that ancestors_of_their they_had_done by_sins_of_their which they_sinned. **23** And_ also they _they_ _built to/for_them high_places and_sacred_pillars and_ _'Ashērāh_poles on every_of hill high and_under every_of tree luxuriant. **24** And_also male_cult_prostitute[s] he_was in/on_ _the_earth they_did according_to_all_of the_abominations_of the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_dispossessed from_face/in_ _front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** And_he/it_was in_ _year (the)_fifth to/for_the_king Rəḥav˝ām he_came_up Shiyshaq[155] the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **26** And_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_ _treasures_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_~~DOM~~ the_treasures_of the_house_of the_king and_~~DOM~~ (the)_everything he_took and_ _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ all_of the_shields_of the_gold which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_made. **27** And_ the_king Rəḥav˝ām _he/it_made in_place_of_them shields_of bronze and_he_entrusted_them on the_hand_of the_commanders_of the_runners who_guarded the_entrance_of the_house_of the_ _king. **28** And_he/it_was from_sufficiency the_king went the_ _house_of **YHWH** they_carried_them the_runners and_they_ _returned_them to the_guardroom_of the_runners. **29** And_ _the_rest_of the_matters_of Rəḥav˝ām and_all that he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_ _the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **30** And_war it_was between Rəḥav˝ām and_between Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) all_of the_days. **31** And_ Rəḥav˝ām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_ _was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ _name_of his/its_mother was_Na˝ₐmāh the_˝Ammōnī_woman and_ 'Av˝iyyām his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

15:1 And_in_year_of eight- teen to/for_the_king Yārov˝ām the_ _son_of Nev˝aṭ 'Av˝iyyām he_became_king over Yəhūdāh. **2** Three years he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _name_of his/its_mother was_Ma˝ₐkāh the_daughter_of Abishalom. **3** And_he/it_went in_all the_sins_of his/its_father which he_had_done before_him and_not it_was heart_of_his

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that his army fought and how he ruled, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael (Israel). **20** Yarov'am reigned for twenty-two years, then he died and was buried with his ancestors, and his son Nadav replaced him as king.

Rehav'am (Rehoboam) rules in Yehudah · Southern kingdom[150]

21 Meanwhile, Shelomoh's (Solomon's) son Rehav'am (Rehoboam) reigned in Yehudah (Judah). He was forty-one when he started reigning, and he reigned for seventeen years from Yerushalem (Jerusalem)—the city that Yahweh had chosen to associate his name with out of all the tribes of Yisrael (Israel). Rehav'am's mother was Na'amah the Amoni.

22 The people of Yehudah did what Yahweh had decided was evil—in fact they made him more jealous (by worshipping other gods) than their ancestors ever had. **23** They even built hilltop temples and sacred pillars and poles on every high hill and under every large evergreen tree.[151] **24** There were also male prostitutes associated with them,[152] and the Israelis did the same abhorrent things as the nations that Yahweh had removed ahead of their entering the land.

25 In the fifth year of King Rehav'am's reign, Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Shishak attacked Yerushalem[153] **26** and took away the valuables from Yahweh's temple, and the king's palace. He took everything of value, including all the gold shields that Shelomoh had made.[154] **27** To replace them, King Rehav'am made some bronze shields and assigned them to the officers who protect the entrance to the palace. **28** Whenever the king would enter the temple, the guards would quickly take the shields there, and when he left, they'd run them back to the palace.

29 Everything else that Rehav'am did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **30** Rehav'am and Yarov'am (Jeroboam) were in a continual state of war during their reigns. **31** Then Rehav'am (his mother was Na'amah the Amoni) died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David, and his son Aviyam replaced him as king.

Aviyam rules over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[156]

15:1 In the eighteenth year of (Nevat's son) King Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) reign over Yisrael (Israel), Aviyam became king of Yehudah (Judah). **2** (His mother's name was Ma'akah, one of Avshalom's (Absalom's) daughters.) He reigned from

150 **RV 14:21 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 11:5–12:15

151 **RV 14:23 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 17:9-10.

152 **RV 14:24 · Cross-ref.** Deu 23:17.

153 **RV 14:25 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 12:2-8.

154 **RV 14:26 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:16-17; 2Ch 9:15-16.

155 **LV 14:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: קשוש: (x-qere) 'קָשִׁישׁ': lemma_7895 morph_HNp id_11HBS קָשִׁישׁ

156 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 13:1–14:1

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Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for three years **3** but he disobeyed God in ways similar to his father—he wasn't interested in following his god Yahweh completely like his ancestor David had done. **4** However for David's sake, his god Yahweh gave Aviyam a son to rule after him—to allow Yerushalem to continue on with a flicker of light[157] **5** because David had done what Yahweh had said was correct, and throughout his life he hadn't deviated from what Yahweh had instructed him, except in the matter concerning Uriyah the Hiti.[158] **6** Rehav'am's (Rehoboam's) and Yarov'am's factions were in a continual state of war during Aviyam's reign.[159] **7** Everything else that Aviyam did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah, as the war between Aviyam and Yarov'am continued.

8 Then Aviyam died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David, and his son Asa replaced him as king.

Asa's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[160]

9 In the twentieth year of King Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) reign over Yisrael (Israel), Asa became king of Yehudah (Judah) **10** and reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for forty-one years. (His grandmother was Avshalom's (Absalom's) daughter Ma'akah.) **11** Asa did what was pleasing to Yahweh, like his ancestor David had done, **12** and he expelled the male prostitutes from the country and removed all the idols made by the previous generations.[161] **13** He also removed his grandmother Ma'akah from being queen-mother because she had made a horrid Asherah goddess, then he cut down her horrid idol and burnt it in the Kidron valley. **14** He didn't remove the hilltop temples, but despite that he was fully devoted to Yahweh all his life. **15** He brought everything that father had dedicated, plus more of his own, into Yahweh's temple, including gold, silver, and containers.

16 Asa and King Baesha of Yisrael were in a continual state of war during their reigns. **17** King Baesha invaded Yehudah (Judah) and fortified Ramah so that no one could pass in or out to help King Asa of Yehudah. **18** So Asa took all the remaining gold and silver from the temple and palace storerooms, and sent it with his servants to take to Ben-Hadad, son of Tavrimon, son of King Hezyon of Aram (Syria) who lived in Damesek (Damascus), to tell him, **19** "You and me have an agreement between us that was made by our two fathers, so look, I've sent a present of gold and silver to you. So then, break your agreement with King Baesha of Yisrael so he'll give up on attacking me."

20 Ben-Hadad did what king Asa requested, and he sent the

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complete with **YHWH** his/its_god like_the_heart_of Dāvid his/its_father. **4** If/because for_the_sake_of Dāvid **YHWH** his/its_god he_gave to_him/it a_lamp in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_raising_up ÐØM his/its_son after_ _him and_by_establishing ÐØM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **5** That Dāvid he_had_done ÐØM the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_not he_had_turned_aside from_all that he_had_ _commanded_him all_of the_days_of his/its_life only in_the_ _matter_of 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy. **6** And_war it_was between Rəḥav˝ām and_between Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) all_of the_days_ _of his/its_life. **7** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Aviyyām and_all that he_did am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_war it_was between 'Aviyyām and_between Yārov˝ām. **8** And_ 'Aviyyām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ _people_buried ÐØM_him/it in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ 'Āṣā' son_ _of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

9 And_in_year_of twenty of_Yārov˝ām the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) 'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_became_king. **10** And_forty and_one year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Ma'$_a$kāh the_daughter_of Abishalom. **11** And_ 'Āṣā' _he/it_ _made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** like_Dāvid his/its_ _father. **12** And_he_made_to_pass_away the_male_cult_ _prostitutes from the_earth/land and_he_removed ÐØM all_of the_idols which ancestors_of_his they_had_made. **13** And_also ÐØM Ma'$_a$kāh his/its_mother and_he_removed_her from_ _queen-mother who she_had_made an_abominable_image to_ _(the)_pole and_ 'Āṣā' _he_cut_down ÐØM image_of_her_ _abominable and_he_burnt_it in_the_wadi_of Qidrōn. **14** And_ _the_high_places not they_were_removed only the_heart_of 'Āṣā' it_was complete with **YHWH** all_of his/its_days. **15** And_ _he/it_brought ÐØM the_holy_things_of his/its_father and[162] the_house_of **YHWH** silver and_gold and_utensils. **16** And_war it_was between 'Āṣā' and_between Ba'shā' the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) all_of days_of_their. **17** And_ Ba'shā' the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he/it_ascended on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _he/it_built ÐØM (the)_Rāmāh to_not to_permit one_who_goes_ _out and_one_who_comes to_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh. **18** And_ 'Āṣā' _he/it_took ÐØM all_of the_silver and_the_gold which_remained in_the_treasuries_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_ÐØM the_treasures_of the_house_of wwww[163] and_he_ _gave_them in_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his and_he_sent_ _them the_king 'Āṣā' to Ben H$_a$dad the_son_of Ṭavrimmōn the_ _son_of Ḥezyōn the_king_of 'Arām who_was_dwelling in_ _Dammeseq to_say. **19** A_covenant be_between_me and_ _between_you between father_of_my and_between father_of_ _your HERE I_send to/for_yourself(m) a_gift silver and_gold go break ÐØM covenant_of_your with Ba'shā' the_king_of

157 **RV 15:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 11:36.

158 **RV 15:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 11:1-27.

159 **RV 15:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 13:3-21.

160 **RV 15:9 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 14:1-5; 15:16–16:6, 11-14

161 **RV 15:12 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 15:8-15.

162 **LV 15:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/שדק/וְ: (x-qere) וְ/יְשָׁדָק/וְ: lemma_c/6944 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc id_116yA וְ/יְשָׁדָק/וְ

163 **LV 15:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: דלמ: (x-qere) הַ/דֶּלֶ֫מֶ֥/הַ: lemma_d/4428 n_1.1 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_11YA5 הַ/דֶּלֶ֫מֶ֥/הַ

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_he_may_go_up from_on_me. **20** And_ Ben $H_a$dad _he/it_listened to the_king 'Āṣā' and_he_sent ÐOM the_commanders_of the_armies which to_him/it on the_cities_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_attacked ÐOM ʿIyyōn and_ÐOM Dān and_ÐOM Abel Bēyt Maʿ$_a$kāh and_ÐOM all_of Kinneret with all_of the_land_of Naftālī. **21** And_he/it_was just_ Baʿshā' _as_heard and_he_ceased from_building ÐOM (the)_Rāmāh and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_Tirtsāh. **22** And_the_king 'Āṣā' he_ _made_proclamation_to ÐOM all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) there_ _was_not an_exempt_person and_they_carried_off ÐOM the_ _stones_of (the)_Rāmāh and_ÐOM wood(s)_of_its which Baʿshā' he_had_built and_he/it_built with_them the_king 'Āṣā' ÐOM Gevaʿ of_Binyāmīn and_ÐOM (the)_Mitspāh. **23** And_the_rest_of all_of the_matters_of 'Āṣā' and_all might_of_his and_all that he_did and_the_cities which he_built not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yəhūdāh only to_the_time_of his_old_age_of_his he_became_ _sick ÐOM feet_of_his. **24** And_ 'Āṣā' _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_ _the_city_of Dāvid his/its_father and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) his/its_son _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

25 And_Nādāvʿ the_son_of Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) he_became_ _king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_year two of_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_he_reigned over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) two_years. **26** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_ _he/it_went in_the_way_of his/its_father and_in_sin_of_his which he_caused_to_sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **27** And_he_ _conspired on/upon/above_him/it Baʿshā' the_son_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} of_the_house_of of_Issachar and_he_struck_him_down Baʿshā' at_Gibtōn which belonged_to_Pəlishtiy and_Nādāvʿ and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_laying_siege on Gibtōn. **28** And_he_killed_ _him Baʿshā' in_year three of_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_became_king in_place_of_him. **29** And_he/it_was just_as_he_became_king he_struck_down ÐOM all_of the_house_of Yārovʿām not he_left any_of breathing_ _thing of_Yārovʿām until he_had_destroyed_it according_to_ _the_message_of **YHWH** which he_spoke by_the_hand_of his_ _servant_of_his 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_Shilōnī. **30** On the_sins_of Yārovʿām which he_sinned and_which he_caused_to_sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_provocation_of_his which he_provoked_to_ _anger ÐOM **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **31** And_the_ _rest_of the_matters_of Nādāvʿ and_all that he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_ _of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **32** And_war it_was between 'Āṣā' and_ _between Baʿshā' the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of days_of_ _their.

33 In_year three of_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh Baʿshā' the_son_ _of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} he_became_king over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ _Tirtsāh twenty and_four year[s]. **34** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he/it_went in_the_way_of Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) and_in_sin_of_his which he_caused_to_ _sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
16:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yēhū'/(Jehu)

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commanders of his best warriors to attack Israeli cities including Iyon, Dan, Avel-Beyt-Ma'akah, and all Kineret along with all Naftali (Naphtali) region. **21** When King Baesha heard about that, he stopped fortifying Ramah and withdrew to Tirtsah.

22 Then King Asa informed all Yehudah that they were needed at Ramah. They removed the stones and timber from Baesha's fortifications, and king Asa used the materials to build Geva (in Benyamin) and Mitspah. **23** Everything else that Asa did, and all his great works and all the cities he built, are described in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. However in his old age, he developed problems with his feet. **24** Then he died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David (also his ancestor) and his son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) replaced him as king.

Nadav's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

25 In the second year of Asa's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) son Nadav became king of Yisrael (Israel) where he reigned for two years. **26** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, following his father's behaviour and his sin that in turn, caused Yisrael to sin.

27 A man named Baesha (from the Yisakar (Issachar) tribe) plotted against King Nadav and killed him at the Pelishti city of Gibton when Nadav and all Yisrael were besieging the city. **28** It was the third year of King Asa's reign in Yehudah when Baesha killed King Nadav, then Baesha took over as king of Yisrael. **29** As soon as he took over, he had Yarov'am's entire family executed—not leaving a single one of them alive. This fulfilled what Yahweh had said through his servant Ahiyah the Shiloni,[164] **30** because Yarov'am's own sins, as well as his causing Yisrael to sin, had provoked Yahweh into getting angry.

31 Everything else that Nadav did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **32** King Asa and King Baesha of Yisrael were in a continual state of war during their reigns.

Baesha's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

33 Ahiyah's son Baesha began to reign over Yisrael (Israel) in the third year of King Asa's reign over Yehudah (Judah), and he ruled from Tirtsah for twenty-four years. **34** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, similar to Nevat's son Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) behaviour and his sin that in turn, caused Yisrael to

164 RV 15:29 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 14:10.

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sin.

16:1 Then Yahweh told Hanani's son Yehu (Jehu) to tell Baesha, **2** "I took a nobody and promoted you to leader over my people Yisrael, yet you followed Yarov'am's behaviour and provoked me to anger by causing my people Yisrael to sin, **3** so now I'll get rid of you and your family—I'll do the same to you that I did to Yarov'am and his family. **4** The bodies of those in your family who die in the city will be eaten by dogs, and those who die in the countryside will be eaten by vultures.

5 Everything else that Baesha did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **6** When Baesha died he was buried in Tirtsah, and his son Elah replaced him as king.

7 Yahweh sent that message via Hanani the prophet's son Yehu. It was for Baesha and his family—speaking against the evil that they'd done that had provoked Yahweh to get angry with their behaviour which was as bad as Yarov'am's family had been. Yahweh was also angry with Baesha because he had killed all of Yarov'am's family.

Elah's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

8 Baesha's son Elah began to reign in the twenty-sixth year of King Asa's reign over Yehudah (Judah), and he ruled from Tirtsah for two years. **9** However, his servant Zimri who was the commander of half of the chariots conspired against him. Once when Elah was in Tirtsah getting himself drunk at the house of Artsah (who was in charge of the palace), **10** Zimri went in and attacked and killed him, and took over his place as king. (That was in the twenty-seventh year of King Asa's reign over Yehudah.)

11 As soon as Zimri took over and sat on his throne, he had all of Baesha's family executed—he didn't leave a single male or relative or friend. **12** In that way, Zimri eliminated all of Baesha's descendants just as Yahweh had said via the prophet Yehu (Jehu) **13** concerning all of Baesha's sins and the sins of his son Elah, and because they caused Yisrael (Israel) to sin by provoking Yisrael's god Yahweh to get angry with their idols. **14** Everything else that Elah did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael.

Zimri's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

15 Zimri reigned from Tirtsah for seven days in the twenty-seventh year of King Asa's reign over Yehudah (Judah). At the time, the Israeli army were besieging the Pelishti city of Gibton, **16** and when the army camped around the city heard that Zimri had rebelled and assassinated the king, that day all the people in the camp installed the army commander Omri as king to reign over Yisrael (Israel). **17** So Omri took all his warriors from Gibton and besieged Tirtsah. **18** As soon as Zimri realised that the city was surrounded, he went into the saferoom in the palace and set fire to the building and died in the flames **19** because he'd done

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the_son_of Ḥ$_a$nānī on Ba'shā' to_say. **2** Because that I_raised_ _you_up from the_dust and_I_made_you a_ruler over people_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_have_walked in_the_way_of Yārov'ām and_you_have_caused_to_sin ÐOM people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_provoke_me_to_anger by_sins_of_their. **3** HERE_I am_about_to_sweep_away after Ba'shā' and_after house_of_his and_I_will_make ÐOM house_of_your like_the_ _house_of Yārov'ām the_son_of Nev'aṭ. **4** The_one_who_dies of_ _Ba'shā' in_city the_dogs they_will_devour and_the_one_who_ _dies to_him/it in_the_field the_bird[s]_of the_heavens they_ _will_devour. **5** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Ba'shā' and_ _which he_did and_might_of_his not are_they written on the_ _scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** And_ Ba'shā' _he_lay_down with ancestors_ _of_his and_he_was_buried in_Tirtsāh and_ 'Ēlāh son_of_his _ _he_became_king in_place_of_him. **7** And_also by_the_hand_of Yēhū' the_son_of Ḥ$_a$nānī the_prophet the_message_of **YHWH** it_came against Ba'shā' and_near/to house_of_his and_on all_of the_evil which he_had_done in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_ _provoke_him_to_anger by_the_work_of his_hands_of_his to_be like_the_house_of Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) and_on that he_ _struck_down ÐOM_him/it.

8 In_year twenty and_six year of_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) 'Ēlāh the_son_of Ba'shā' he_became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Tirtsāh two_years. **9** And_he_conspired on/upon/above_him/it servant_of_his Zimrī the_commander_ _of (the)_half_of the_chariotry and_he in_Tirtsāh was_drinking drunken the_house_of 'Artsāh who was_over the_household in_ _Tirtsāh. **10** And_ Zimrī _he_came and_he_struck_him_down and_he_killed_him in_year twenty and_seven of_'Āṣā' the_king_ _of Yəhūdāh and_he_became_king in_place_of_him. **11** And_ _he/it_was when_he_became_king just_as_he_sat on throne_of_ _his he_struck_down ÐOM all_of the_house_of Ba'shā' not he_ _left to_him/it one_who_urinates on_a_wall and_his_kinsman_ _of_redeemer and_friend_of_his. **12** And_ Zimrī _he_destroyed ÐOM all_of the_house_of Ba'shā' according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken against Ba'shā' by_the_hand_of Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_prophet. **13** Because_of all_of the_sins_of Ba'shā' and_the_sins_of 'Ēlāh son_of_his which they_sinned and_which they_caused_to_sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_provoke_ _to_anger ÐOM **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_ _vanities_of_their. **14** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Ēlāh and_all that he_did am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

15 In_year twenty and_seven year of_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Zimrī he_became_king seven_of days in_ _Tirtsāh and_the_people were_encamping on Gibtōn which belonged_to_Pəlishtiy. **16** And_ the_people who_were_ _encamping _he/it_listened to_say Zimrī he_has_conspired and_also he_has_struck_down ÐOM the_king and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_made_king ÐOM 'Omrī the_commander_of the_army over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_day (the)_that in_camp. **17** And_ 'Omrī and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he_went_up from_Gibtōn and_they_laid_siege on Tirtsāh. **18** And_he/it_was just_ Zimrī _as_saw if/because_that the_city it_was_captured and_he_went into the_fortress_of the_house_of the_king and_ _he_burnt on/upon/above_him/it ÐOM the_house_of the_king

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with_fire and_he/it_died. **19** On his[165] which he_sinned for_
_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_go in_the_way_of
Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) and_in_sin_of_his which he_did to_
_cause_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **20** And_the_rest_of the_
_matters_of Zimrī and_conspiracy_of_his which he_conspired
not are_they written on_the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days
of_the_kings_of of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).
21 Then the_people Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_was_divided into_half
(the)_half_of the_people it_was behind Tivʿnī the_son_of Ginnat
to_make_him_king and_(the)_half was_behind ʿOmrī. **22** And_
the_people which was_after ʿOmrī _it_prevailed_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_people which was_after Tivʿnī the_son_of Ginnat and_ Tivʿnī _
_he/it_died and_ ʿOmrī _he_became_king. **23** In_year thirty and_
_one year of_ʾĀṣāʾ the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) ʿOmrī he_
_became_king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) two_plus ten year[s] in_
_Tirtsāh he_reigned six years. **24** And_he_bought ᴅᴏᴍ the_hill
Shomrōn from_with Shemer for_two_talents silver and_he/it_
_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_hill and_he/it_called ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of the_city
which he_built on the_name_of Shemer the_owner(s)_of the_
hill Shomrōn. **25** And ʿOmrī _he_did the_evil in/on_both_
_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he_did_evil from_all those_who were_
_before_of_him. **26** And_he/it_went in_all the_way_of
Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevʿaṭ and_in/on/at/with[166]
which he_caused_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_provoke_to_
_anger ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_vanities_
_of_their.[167] **27** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of ʿOmrī which he_
_did and_might_of_his which he_did not are_they written on
the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **28** And ʿOmrī _he_lay_down with ancestors_
_of_his and_he_was_buried in_Shomrōn and_ ʾAḥʾāvʿ his/its_son
_he_became_king in_place_of_him.

29 And_ʾAḥʾāvʿ the_son_of ʿOmrī he_became_king over
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_year thirty and_eight year of_ʾĀṣāʾ the_king_
of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and ʾAḥʾāvʿ the_son_of ʿOmrī _he_reigned
over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn twenty and_two year[s].
30 And_ ʾAḥʾāvʿ the_son_of ʿOmrī _he/it_made the_evil in/on_
_both_eyes_of **YHWH** from_all those_who were_before_of_him.
31 And_he/it_was was_ he_to_walk in_the_sins_of Yārovʿām
the_son_of Nevʿaṭ _it_trifling and_he/it_took a_wife ᴅᴏᴍ
ʾĪzevʿel/(Jezebel) the_daughter_of ʾEtbaʿal the_king_of the_
_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_he/it_went and_he_served ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_
_Baʿal and_he_bowed_down to_him/it. **32** And_he_set_up an_
_altar to_Baʿal the_house_of (the)_Baʿal which he_built in_
Shomrōn. **33** And ʾAḥʾāvʿ _he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_ʾAshērāh_
pole and ʾAḥʾāvʿ _he_increased for_doing to_provoke_to_
_anger ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_all the_
_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who they_were before_him. **34** In_
_days_of_his Ḥīʾēl the_Bēyt- elite he_rebuilt ᴅᴏᴍ
Yərīḥō/(Jericho) by_ʾAvīrām his/its_firstborn he_founded_it

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what Yahweh had said was evil—following Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) behaviour including causing Yisrael to sin. **20** Everything else that Zimri did, including his rebellion, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael.

Omri's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

21 At that time, the people of Yisrael (Israel) were divided concerning their leadership—half of them supported Ginat's son Tivni as king, and the other half supported Omri, **22** but those supporting Omri prevailed, so Tivni was executed and Omri remained in power. **23** Omri became king in the thirty-first years of King Asa's reign over Yehudah (Judah), and reigned over Yisrael for twelve years—six of them from Tirtsah. **24** He bought a hill from a man named Shemer for seventy kilograms of silver, then built his capital city on it. He named it Shomron (Samaria) in honour of Shemer who'd owned the hill.

25 Omri did what Yahweh had said was evil—in fact he did more evil things than all those kings who preceded him. **26** He followed (Nevat's son) Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) behaviour including causing Yisrael to sin by provoking Yisrael's god Yahweh to get angry with their idols. **27** Everything else that Omri did, including his military victories, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **28** Then Omri died and was buried in Shomron, and his son Ahav replaced him as king.

Ahav's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

29 Omri's son Ahav became king of Yisrael (Israel) in the thirty-eighth year of King Ahav's reign over Yehudah (Judah), and he reigned Yisrael from Shomron (Samaria) for twenty-two years. **30** Ahav did what Yahweh had said was evil—in fact he did more evil things than all those kings who preceded him. **31** As if following Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) behaviour wasn't bad enough, he married Izevel (Jezebel), the daughter of the Tsidoni King Etba'al, then went and served Ba'al and bowed down to him. **32** He built a temple for Ba'al in Shomron and placed an altar in it. **33** Ahav also made an Asherah pole and went on to provoke Yisrael's god Yahweh to get angry, more than any of the previous kings of Yisrael had done. **34** During his reign, Hiel from Beyt-El (Bethel) rebuilt Yeriho (Jericho) city. As they laid the foundations, his eldest son Aviram died, and when they hung the city gates, his youngest son Seguv died, just as Yahweh had

165 **LV 16:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תאטח: (x-qere) ו/יתאטַּח: lemma_2403 b n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_11mi6 ו/יתאטַּח

166 **LV 16:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/יתאטח/ב/ו: (x-qere) ו/תאָטַּח/ב/ו: lemma_c/b/2403 b n_1.1 morph_HC/R/Ncfsc/Sp3ms id_11yiC ו/תאָטַּח/ב/ו

167 **LV 16:26 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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told (Nun's son) Yehoshua (Joshua).[168]

Eliyah prophesies about a coming drought · Northern kingdom

17:1 One day the prophet Eliyah (Elijah) from the Tishbim in the Gilead region said to Ahav, "As Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh lives, the one who I serve, there won't be any rain or even dew these next years unless I give the command."[170] **2** Then Yahweh told Eliyah, **3** "Get away from here and travel eastward towards the Kerit stream that enters the Yarden (Jordan) river to hide. **4** You'll be able to drink from the stream, and I've commanded the ravens to bring food to you there."

5 So he did what Yahweh told him, and went and lived by the Kerit stream near the Yarden. **6** Ravens brought bread and meat to him every morning and again in the evening, and he was able to drink from the stream. **7** However, the stream dried up after a while because there was no rain anywhere in the country.

Eliyah and the widow at Tserefat

8 Then Yahweh told Eliyah (Elijah), **9** "Leave here and go to Tserefat in the Tsidon (Sidon) region and stay there. Listen, I've commanded a widow lady there to keep you fed."[171] **10** So he got ready and went to Tserefat. As he entered the town, he saw a woman picking up bits of firewood, and he asked her, "Can you please get me a drink of water." **11** As she went to get it, he called out, "Would you have a piece of bread to go with it?."

12 But she replied, "As your god Yahweh lives, I don't have any bread at all—only a handful of flour in the jar, and a little bit of oil in the jug. See, I'm gathering a few bits of firewood so I can make a little bread for me and my son. After we've eaten that, then we'll die."

13 But Eliyah told her, "Don't be worried. Go and do what you said, except make some bread for me first and bring it out to me. Then after that, you can make some for you and for your son, **14** because Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh has told me that your flour won't run out and your oil won't come to an end until the day when Yahweh gives us rain again."

15 So the woman went and did what Eliyah said, then sure enough Eliyah and the widow and her household had enough food every day. **16** The jar of flour never got empty and the jug of

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and_in/on/at/with[169] his_young_of_son he_set_up gates_of_its according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_spoke by_the_ _hand_of Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nun.

17:1 And_ ʾĒliy^{yāh} the_Tishbiy one_of_the_resident_aliens_of Gilʾād _he/it_said to ʾAḥʾāv by_the_life of_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) whom I_stand before_him if it_will_be the_ _years the_these dew and_rain if/because (if) to_the_mouth_of my_message_of_my. **2** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_him/it to_say. **3** Go from_here and_you_will_turn (for)_ _yourself eastward_to and_you_will_hide_yourself at_the_wadi_ _of Kerith which is_on the_face_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **4** And_ _it_was from_the_wadi you_will_drink and_~~DOM~~ the_ravens I_ _have_commanded to_supply_you there. **5** And_he/it_went and_he/it_made according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** and_ _he/it_went and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived at_the_ _wadi_of Kerith which is_on the_face_of the_Yardēn. **6** And_ _the_ravens were_bringing to_him/it bread and_flesh/body in_ _morning and_bread and_flesh/body in_evening and_from the_ _wadi he_drank. **7** And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity days and_ the_wadi _it_dried_up if/because not it_had_been rain on_the_earth.

8 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_him/it to_say. **9** Arise go to_Tsₑrəfat/(Zarephath) which belongs_to_ _Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_you_will_dwell there HERE I_have_ _commanded there a_woman a_widow to_supply_you. **10** And_ _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to_Tsₑrəfat/(Zarephath) and_ _he_came to the_entrance_of the_city and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there a_woman a_widow was_gathering_of wood(s) and_he/it_ _called to_her/it and_he_said get please to_me a_little_of water in_vessel so_that_I_may_drink. **11** And_she_went to_ _take/accept/receive and_he/it_called to_her/it and_he_said get please to_me a_piece_of bread in_hand_of_your. **12** And_ _she/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** god_of_your if there_is to_ _me food if/because (if) the_fullness_of a_palm_of flour in_jar and_a_little_of oil in_jug and_WOW_I am_gathering two wood(s) and_I_will_go and_I_will_prepare_it to_me and_for_ _son_of_my and_we_will_eat_it and_we_will_die. **13** And_he/it_ _said to_her/it ʾĒliy^{yāh} do_not fear go do according_to_of_your_ _message only make to_me from_there a_bread_cake small at_ _first and_you_will_bring_it_out[173] to_me and_for_yourself and_for_son_of_your you_will_prepare at_last. **14** If/because thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says the_jar_of (the)_flour not it_will_be_at_an_end and_the_jug_of (the)_oil not it_will_be_lacking until the_day_of gives[174] **YHWH** rain on the_surface_of the_soil. **15** And_she_went and_she_did according_to_the_message_of ʾĒliy^{yāh} and_she/it_ate wwww

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168 RV 16:34 · Cross-ref. Josh 6:26.

169 LV 16:34 · Note OSHB variant note: בִּיגַשׁ/ב/ו: (x-qere) 'בְּנָגְשׁ/ב/ו': lemma_c/b/7687 morph_HC/R/Np id_11nHu בְּנָגְשׁ/ב/ו

170 RV 17:1 · Cross-ref. Jam 5:17.

171 RV 17:9 · Cross-ref. Luk 4:25-26.

173 LV 17:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

174 LV 17:14 · Note OSHB variant note: וְתַת: (x-qere) 'תֵּת': lemma_5414 morph_HVqc id_11TF6 תֵּת

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and[175] and_household_of_her days. **16** The_jar_of (the)_flour not it_was_at_an_end and_the_jug_of (the)_oil not it_was_ _lacking according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_spoke by_the_hand_of ʾĒliyʸāh. **17** And_he/it_was after the_things the_ _these the_son_of the_woman the_mistress_of the_house he_ _became_sick and_he/it_was sickness_of_his severe very until that not it_was_left in/on/over_him/it breath. **18** And_she/it_ _said to ʾĒliyʸāh what to/for_me and_to_you Oh_man_of the_ _ʾElohīm you_have_come to_me to_bring_to_remembrance ᴅᴏᴍ my_perversity/evil/guilt/punishment and_to_put_to_death ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_my. **19** And_he/it_said to_her/it give to_me ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_your and_he_took_him from_bosom_of_her and_he_ _took_him_up to the_upper_room where he was_dwelling there and_he_made_him_lie on bed_of_his. **20** And_he/it_called to **YHWH** and_he_said Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my also on the_widow whom I am_staying_as_a_sojourner with_her/it have_you_ _done_harm by_putting_to_death ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_her. **21** And_he_ _stretched_himself over the_lad three times and_he/it_called to **YHWH** and_he_said Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my let_it_return please the_life_of the_lad the_this to part[s]_of_his_inward. **22** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened to_the_voice_of ʾĒliyʸāh and_ the_life_of the_lad _it_returned to part[s]_of_his_inward and_he_lived. **23** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_lad and_he_brought_him_ _down from the_upper_room to_the_house and_he_gave_him to_mother_of_his and_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said see is_alive son_of_ _your. **24** And_ the_woman _she/it_said to ʾĒliyʸāh now this I_ _know if/because_that are_a_man_of god you and_the_ _message_of **YHWH** in_mouth_of_your is_truth.

18:1 And_ days _he/it_was many and_the_message_of **YHWH** it_ _came to ʾĒliyʸāh in_year (the)_third to_say go present_yourself to ʾAḥʾāv and_I_will_give rain on the_surface_of the_soil. **2** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_went to_present_himself to ʾAḥʾāv and_ _the_famine was_severe in_Shomrōn. **3** And_ ʾAḥʾāv _he/it_ _called (to) ʿOvadʸāh who was_over the_household and_ _ʿOvadʸāh he_was fearing ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** exceedingly. **4** And_he/it_ _was when_ ʾĪzevel/(Jezebel) _cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ the_prophets_of **YHWH** and_ ʿOvadʸāh _he/it_took one_hundred prophets and_ _he_hid_them fifty man in_cave and_he_supplied_them food and_water. **5** And_ ʾAḥʾāv _he/it_said to ʿOvadʸāh go on_the_ _earth to all_of the_springs_of the_waters and_near/to all_of the_wadis perhaps we_will_find grass and_we_will_preserve_ _alive horse and_mule and_not we_will_cut_off any_of_the_ _livestock. **6** And_they_divided to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _earth/land to_pass in_it ʾAḥʾāv he_went in_a_direction one for_him/it_being_alone and_ʿOvadʸāh he_went in_a_direction one for_him/it_being_alone. **7** And_he/it_was ʿOvadʸāh on_way and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE ʾĒliyʸāh to_meet_him and_he_recognized_ _him and_he_fell on his/its_faces/face and_he/it_said you is_ _this my_master ʾĒliyʸāh. **8** And_he/it_said to_him/it it_is_I go say to_master(s)_of_your HERE ʾĒliyʸāh. **9** And_he/it_said what have_I_sinned that/for/because/then/when you are_giving ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_your in_the_hand_of ʾAḥʾāv to_put_me_to_ _death. **10** By_the_life of_**YHWH** god_of_your if there_is a_

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oil never ran out, just as Yahweh had promised via Eliyah.

17 Some time afterwards, the woman's son got sick and then it got so bad that he died, **18** so she hassled Eliyah, "You man of God, why did you come here! Now my sins have been brought to God's mind, and he's caused my son to die!"

19 But he told her to bring her son to him, and taking the boy from her arms, he took the body upstairs to the room he was staying in, and laid him down on his bed. **20** Then he called out to Yahweh, "Yahweh, my god, would you really bring tragedy to this widow that I'm staying with by causing her son to die?" **21** Then three times he stretched himself over the boy's body[172] and begged Yahweh, "Yahweh, my god, please let this child's life return into his organs." **22** Yahweh took notice of Eliyah and the boy's life returned and he revived.

23 Then Eliyah carried the boy back downstairs and gave him to his mother and told her, "Look, your son's alive."

24 "Now I certainly know that you're a man of God," the woman responded, "And when you say that you're speaking for Yahweh, it's really true."

Eliyah versus Ba'al's prophets · Northern kingdom

18:1 In the third year of drought, Yahweh told Eliyah (Elijah) to go and show himself to King Ahav and tell him that it would soon rain, **2** so he went to present himself to Ahav.

Meanwhile in Shomron (Samaria), the food shortage was terrible **3** and King Ahav had summoned his palace manager Ovadyah (Obadiah). (Ovadyah was a sincere follower of Yahweh. **4** When Queen Izevel (Jezebel) had tried to kill Yahweh's prophets, Ovadyah had hidden a hundred prophets—fifty in each of two caves and kept them supplied with food and water.) **5** King Ahav told Ovadyah, "We'll go across the country to all the springs and all the valleys that water sometimes flows in. Perhaps we'll find some grass so we can keep a horse or a mule or two alive and not lose our breeding stock." **6** So they divided the country into two, and they each went off in a different direction.

7 While Ovadyah was on a path, Eliyah came to meet him. Ovadyah recognised him and fell to his knees with his face to the ground, and asked, "Is it really you, my master Eliyah?"

8 "Yes, it's me," he replied. "Now go and tell your master that I'm here."

9 "How have I sinned," Ovadyah responded, "that you're giving your servant a death sentence? **10** As your god Yahweh lives, my

172 RV 17:21 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 4:34-35.

175 LV 17:15 · Note OSHB variant note: אִיהּ/וֹ־אוה: (x-qere) 'אֵיהּ': lemma_1931 morph_HPp3fs id_11k9N אֵיהּ/וֹ־ ־אֵיהּ': lemma_c/1931 n_0.0.0 morph_HC/Pp3ms id_111M5 אֵיהּ/וֹ

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master sent people to every kingdom to try to find you, and if they said you weren't there, then he made them promise under oath that it was true. **11** So now you tell me to tell my master that you're here, **12** but as soon as I leave you, Yahweh's spirit will take you to goodness knows where. Meanwhile I'll go and tell Ahav, and he'll come here and not find you, so then he'll kill me, even though I've been trying to obey Yahweh since I was young. **13** Haven't you heard, my master, what I did when Izevel (Jezebel) was killing Yahweh's prophets and I hid a hundred of them in two caves and kept them supplied with food and water? **14** Yet now you're trying to get me killed by telling my master that he'll find you here."

15 "As Commander-in-chief Yahweh lives—the one I serve," Eliyah (Elijah) replied, "I'll definitely be here to see him today."

16 So Ovadyah (Obadiah) went and informed Ahav who then came to meet Eliyah. **17** When he saw Eliyah, Ahav asked him, "Is that you—the one who causes trouble for Yisrael (Israel)?"

18 "It's not me who brings trouble onto Yisrael," Eliyah replied. "But rather it's you and your father's families who decided to ignore Yahweh's commands and serve the Baals instead. **19** So now, get all Yisrael to go to Mt. Karmel, along with the 450 prophets of Ba'al and the 400 prophets of Asherah who Queen Izevel (Jezebel) feeds at her table."

20 So Ahav summoned all the Israelis and the prophets to go to Mt. Karmel, **21** and Eliyah addressed the people, "How much longer are you all going to remain unsure who to follow? If Yahweh is God, follow him, but if it's Ba'al, follow him." But the people just stayed silent. **22** Then he said, "I'm Yahweh's only remaining prophet, but Ba'al has 450 prophets. **23** Let them get us two bulls and they can choose one for themselves. Then they can cut it into pieces and lay them a pile of wood that they've set for a fire, but they can't light the fire. I'll do the same with the other bull, but also won't light the fire. **24** Then they must call to their god and I'll call to Yahweh, and the god who answers by setting the wood on fire must be the true God."

"It sounds good to us," the people answered.

25 So Eliyah told Ba'al's prophets, "Okay, there's a lot more of you guys, so you choose your bull and go first and call out to your god, but don't set fire to the pile."

26 So they took the bull he gave them and prepared it all, and then they called out to Ba'al from morning until midday, shouting, "Ba'al, answer us!" But they didn't hear any voice and got no answer. Then they hopped around the altar they'd made.

27 Finally at noon, Eliyah began mocking them, saying, "Call out louder because he's a god. Maybe he's thinking about something else, or busy with something, or travelling somewhere. Perhaps he's asleep and needs waking up." **28** So they shouted even louder and did their usual cutting of their bodies with knives and swords until a lot of blood flowed. **29** Midday passed and they continued raving all afternoon, but they didn't hear any voice, and they got no answer or even any suggestion that their god was listening.

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_nation and_a_kingdom where not my_master he_has_sent there to_seek_you and_they_said he_is_not and_he_made_ _swear ÐOM the_kingdom and_ÐOM the_nation if/because_that not it_has_found_you. **11** And_now you are_saying go say to_ _master(s)_of_your HERE ʾĒliyʸāh. **12** And_it_was I I_will_go from_with_you and_spirit of_**YHWH** it_will_carry_you_away to where not I_know and_I_will_go to_announce to_ʾAḥʾāv and_ _not he_will_find_you and_he_will_kill_me and_servant_of_ _your is_fearing ÐOM **YHWH** since_youth(s)_of_my. **13** Not has_ _it_been_told to_master_of_my ÐOM that_which I_did when_ ʾĪzeveˑl/(Jezebel) _killed ÐOM the_prophets_of **YHWH** and_I_hid of_the_prophets_of of_**YHWH** one_hundred man fifty fifty man in_cave and_I_supplied_them food and_water. **14** And_now you are_saying go say to_master(s)_of_your HERE ʾĒliyʸāh and_he_ _will_kill_me. **15** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers whom I_stand before_him if/because the_ _day I_will_present_myself to_him/it. **16** And_ ʿOveˑdʸāh _he/it_ _went to_meet ʾAḥʾāv and_he_told to_him/it and_ ʾAḥʾāv _ _he/it_went to_meet ʾĒliyʸāh. **17** And_he/it_was just_ ʾAḥʾāv _ _as_saw ÐOM ʾĒliyʸāh and_ ʾAḥʾāv _he/it_said to_him/it you is_ _this Oh_you_who_trouble Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **18** And_he/it_said not I_have_troubled ÐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because (if) you and_the_household_of your_father_of_your because_you_have_ _abandoned ÐOM the_commands_of **YHWH** and_you_have_ _walked after the_Baʿal. **19** And_now send gather to_me ÐOM all_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to the_mountain_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_ÐOM the_prophets_of (the)_Baʿal four hundred(s) and_fifty and_the_prophets_of (the)_ʾAshērāh four hundred(s) who_eat_ _of the_table_of ʾĪzeveˑl. **20** And_ ʾAḥʾāv _he_sent in_all the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he_gathered ÐOM the_prophets to the_mountain_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel). **21** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _ _he_drew_near to_all_of the_people and_he/it_said until when will_you(pl) be_limping on the_two_of the_crutches if **YHWH** the_ʾElohīm walk after_him and_if (the)_Baʿal walk after_him and_not the_people they_answered ÐOM_him/it a_message. **22** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said to the_people I I_am_left a_prophet to/for_**YHWH** I_alone and_the_prophets_of (the)_Baʿal are_four hundred(s) and_fifty man. **23** And_they_give to/for_us two young_bulls and_let_them_choose to/for_them the_young_bull the_one and_let_them_cut_it_in_pieces and_let_them_put on the_wood(s) and_fire not they_will_set and_I I_will_prepare ÐOM the_young_bull the_one and_I_will_put on the_wood(s) and_fire not I_will_set. **24** And_you(pl)_will_call in/on_name_of your(pl)_god_of_your(pl) and_I I_will_call on_the_name_of **YHWH** and_it_was the_ʾElohīm who he_will_answer by_fire he the_ʾElohīm and_ all_of the_people _it_answered and_they_said is_good the_message. **25** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said to_the_ _prophets_of (the)_Baʿal choose to/for_you(pl) the_young_bull the_one and_prepare_it first if/because you(pl) are_the_many and_call in/on_name_of your(pl)_god_of_your(pl) and_fire not you(pl)_will_set. **26** And_they_took ÐOM the_young_bull which someone_gave to/for_them and_they_prepared_it and_they_ _called on_the_name_of (the)_Baʿal from_the_morning and_ _unto the_noontide(s) to_say Oh_Baʿal answer_us and_there_ _was_not a_voice and_there_was_not one_who_answered and_ _they_limped_around at the_altar which he_had_made. **27** And_ _he/it_was at_noontide(s) and_he_mocked (is)_in_them ʾĒliyʸāh and_he/it_said call_out with_a_voice great if/because is_a_god

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he if/because musing and_because/when a_going_away to_
_him/it and_because/when a_journey to_him/it perhaps is_
_sleeping he and_he_will_awake. **28** And_they_called_out with_
_a_voice great and_they_cut_themselves according_to_of_their_
_custom with_swords and_with_spears until blood poured_out
over_them. **29** And_he/it_was just_ the_noontide(s) _as_passed
and_they_prophesied until (to)_goes_up the_offering and_
_there_was_not a_voice and_there_was_not one_who_answered
and_there_was_not attentiveness. **30** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said
to/from_all/each/any/every the_people draw_near to_me and_
all_of the_people _they_drew_near to_him/it and_he_repaired
ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar_of **YHWH** which_had_been_torn_down. **31** And_
ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_took two_plus ten stones according_to_the_
_number_of the_tribes_of the_sons_of Yaʿₐqovʿ/(Jacob) whom
the_message_of **YHWH** it_had_come to_him/it to_say
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_will_be name_of_your. **32** And_he_built ᴅᴏᴍ
the_stones an_altar in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_he/it_made a_
_trench like_a_receptacle_of two_seahs seed around (to)_altar.
33 And_he_arranged ᴅᴏᴍ the_wood(s) and_he_cut_it_in_pieces
ᴅᴏᴍ the_young_bull and_he/it_assigned on the_wood(s).
34 And_he/it_said fill four jars water and_pour_it on the_burnt_
_offering and_on the_wood(s)[178] and_he/it_said do_it_again
and_they_did_it_again and_he/it_said do_it_a_third_time and_
_they_did_it_a_third_time. **35** And_ the_waters _they_went
around (to)_altar and_also ᴅᴏᴍ the_trench he_filled water.
36 And_he/it_was when_went_up the_offering and_ ʾĒliyʸāh the_
_prophet _he_drew_near and_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of
ʾAvrāhām Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_day let_it_
_be_known if/because_that you are_god in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
and_I servant_of_am_your and_in/on/at/with[179] I_have_done
ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_things the_these. **37** Answer_me Oh_**YHWH**
answer_me so_ the_people the_this _that_they_may_know
if/because_that you Oh_**YHWH** the_ʾElohīm and_you(ms) you_
_have_turned_around ᴅᴏᴍ heart_of_their backwards. **38** And_
the_fire_of **YHWH** _it_fell and_she/it_ate ᴅᴏᴍ the_burnt_
_offering and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_wood(s) and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_stones and_ᴅᴏᴍ
the_dust and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_waters which was_in_trench it_licked_
up. **39** And all_of the_people _he/it_saw and_they_fell on
faces_of_their and_they_said **YHWH** he the_ʾElohīm **YHWH** he
the_ʾElohīm. **40** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said to/for_them seize ᴅᴏᴍ
the_prophets_of (the)_Baʿal anyone not let_him_escape from_
_them and_they_seized_them and_he_brought_them_down
ʾĒliyʸāh to the_wadi_of Qīshōn and_he_slaughtered_them there.

41 And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said to_ʾAḥʾāvʿ go_up eat and_drink
if/because the_sound_of the_noise_of (the)_rain. **42** And_
ʾAḥʾāvʿ _he_went_up to_eat and_to_drink and_ʾĒliyʸāh he_went_
_up to the_top_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_he_bent_down
towards_land and_he/it_assigned his/its_faces/face between
mmm[181]. **43** And_he/it_said to servant_of_his go_up please look

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30 Then Eliyah told the people, "Okay, now come over here by me." So all the people came over by him, and he repaired the altar of Yahweh that had been torn down. **31** He took twelve stones (the number of the sons of Ya'akov (Jacob) who Yahweh told would be called Yisrael)[176] **32** and used them to rebuild Yahweh's altar. Then around the altar he made a trench large enough to hold the water to water in two drums of seed.[177] **33** He arranged the firewood, and cut the bull into pieces and placed them on top, **34** and then ordered, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and the firewood." Then he said "Now do it a second time," and they did it a second time, and again he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time. **35** The water ran around the altar and even filled the trench.

36 When it was time to offer the evening sacrifices, the prophet Eliyah approached the altar and prayed, "Yahweh, God of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Yisrael (Israel), let it be known today that you are God in Yisrael and I'm your servant, and I've done all these things following your instructions. **37** Answer me, Yahweh! Answer me, so that this country will understand that you, Yahweh, are God, and that you can turn their hearts back again."

38 Then Yahweh sent fire down from the sky that consumed the pieces of meat, the firewood, the stones, and the dirt around the altar, including all the water that had been in the trench. **39** When all the people saw what had happened, they fell onto their knees and bowed their faces to the ground, saying, "Yahweh is God! Yahweh is God!"

40 Then Eliyah ordered them, "Grab hold of Ba'al's prophets. Don't let any of them sneak away." So they seized them, and Eliyah brought them down to the Kishon valley and he slaughtered them there.

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41 Then Eliyah (Elijah) told King Ahav, "Get ready and have something to eat and drink, because I can hear the noise of heavy rain coming." **42** So Ahav got ready and had something to eat and drink, but Eliyah went further up Mt. Karmel and squatted with his face down be-

176 RV 18:31 · Cross-ref. Gen 32:28; 35:10.

177 RV 18:32 · Note A more Jewish interpretation that seems to agree with v34–35—see https://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/31555/water-in-elijahs-trench.

178 LV 18:34 · Note Note: KJB: 1Kgs.18.34

179 LV 18:36 · Note OSHB variant note: יִרְבַּד/בְּ/וּ: (x-qere) יִרְבַּד/בְּ/וּ; lemma_c/b/1697 morph_HC/R/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_11VuX וּ/בְּ/רָבַד

181 LV 18:42 · Note OSHB variant note: כָּרְמֶל/וּ: (x-qere) יָגְרְמֶל/וּ: lemma_1290 n_0 morph_HNcfdc/Sp3ms id_11qFQ וּ/גָּרְמֶל

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tween his knees[180] 43 and told his servant, "Go up now, and look towards the ocean."

He went up and looked and said, "There's nothing there."

This happened seven times, 44 but on the seventh time he came back and said, "Wow, there's a small cloud out above the ocean about the size of a man's palm."

Then Eliyah ordered him, "Rush and tell Ahav to get his chariot ready and head down so he won't be caught in the rain."

45 Very soon the sky was full of dark clouds, then wind and heavy rain. Ahav kept riding and made it to the city of Yizre'el (Jezreel). 46 Yahweh gave Eliyah extra strength and he tucked his robe into his belt, and ran ahead of Ahav going into Yizre'el.

Eliyah flees to Mt. Sinay

19:1 Then King Ahav told Izevel (Jezebel) everything that Eliyah (Elijah) had done, including how he'd killed all of Ba'al's prophets, 2 so she sent this message to Eliyah, "May the gods kill me or do worse if I haven't done with your life what you did to those prophets by this time tomorrow." 3 Hearing that, he packed up and fled for his life to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in Yehudah (Judah) , where he left his servant. 4 Then he went an extra day's travel further south into the wilderness where he sat down under a broom bush and prayed that he might be allowed to die, saying, "This is now too much, Yahweh. Take my life, because I'm no better than my ancestors."[182]

5 Then he laid down and slept under the broom bush, until he was suddenly woken by a messenger from Yahweh telling him to get up and eat. 6 Eliyah looked around and wow, there was some bread near his head that had been cooked on glowing coals, and a jug of water. He got up and ate and drank, and then lay down again. 7 Then Yahweh's messenger returned a second time and prodded him and said, "Get up and eat, because otherwise the journey ahead will be too much for you." 8 So he got up and ate and drank. That food lasted his for forty days as he travelled to God's mountain, Horev. 9 He entered a cave there and overnighted in the cave, then suddenly Yahweh spoke to him, asking, "What are you doing here, Eliyah?"

10 "I've been very zealous for you, Commander-in-chief Yahweh," he replied. "But the Israeli people have abandoned your agreement, and they've torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. So here I am, left by myself while meanwhile they're trying to kill me."[183]

11 Then Yahweh said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in front of me, Yahweh. Then look, I'm about to go past you." Then there was an incredibly strong wind that hit the mountain and broke off bits of rock that then shattered. But Yahweh wasn't in the wind, and after the wind there was an earthquake but Yahweh wasn't in the earthquake either. 12 After the earthquake

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the_direction_of the_sea and_he/it_ascended and_he_looked and_he/it_said there_is_not anything and_he/it_said go_back seven times. 44 And_he/it_was at_time and_he/it_said THERE a_cloud small like_the_palm_of a_person is_coming_up from_ _the_sea and_he/it_said go_up say to 'Aḥ'āv harness and_go_ _down and_not it_will_hold_you_back the_rain. 45 And_he/it_ _was until thus and_unto thus and_the_heavens they_grew_ _dark clouds and_spirit and_he/it_was rain great and_ 'Aḥ'āv _ _he_rode and_he/it_went to_Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel). 46 And_the_ _hand_of **YHWH** it_was to 'Ēliy^{yāh} and_he_girded_up loins_of_ _his and_he_ran to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Aḥ'āv until your(ms)_going to_Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel).

19:1 And_ 'Aḥ'āv _he_told to_'Īzeval/(Jezebel) ~~DOM~~ all_of that 'Ēliy^{yāh} he_had_done and_~~DOM~~ all_of that he_had_killed ~~DOM~~ all_ _of the_prophets with_sword. 2 And_ 'Īzeval _she_sent a_ _messenger to 'Ēliy^{yāh} to_say thus may_they_do the_gods and_ _thus may_they_add if/because about_time tomorrow I_will_ _make ~~DOM~~ life_of_your like_the_life one of_them. 3 And_he/it_ _saw and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to life_of_his and_he_ _came Bə'ēr Shəva' which belongs_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _he_left ~~DOM~~ servant_of_his there. 4 And_he he_went in_ _wilderness a_journey_of a_day and_he_came and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived under a_broom_plant one[187] and_he_ _asked ~~DOM~~ self_of_his to_die and_he/it_said enough now Oh_ _**YHWH** take life_of_my if/because not am_good I more_than_ _of_my_ancestors. 5 And_he_lay_down and_he_slept under a_ _broom_plant one and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE this an_messenger was_touching in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it arise eat. 6 And_he_looked and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE place_of_his_ _head_of_was_the a_bread_cake_of hot_coals and_a_jug_of water and_he_ate and_he_drank and_he_returned and_he_lay_ _down. 7 And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_returned a_ _second_time and_he_touched in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_ _said arise eat if/because is_too_great for_you the_journey. 8 And_he/it_rose_up and_he_ate and_he_drank and_he/it_went in_the_strength_of the_food (the)_that forty day[s] and_forty night[s] to the_mountain_of the_'Elohīm Ḥorēv. 9 And_he_ _went there into the_cave and_he_spent_the_night there and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_message_of **YHWH** to_him/it and_he/it_ _said to_him/it what is_to_you here Oh_'Ēliy^{yāh}. 10 And_he/it_ _said exceedingly_(be_zealous) I_have_been_zealous to/for_ _**YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers if/because the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_abandoned covenant_of_ _your ~~DOM~~ altars_of_your they_have_torn_down and_~~DOM~~ prophets_of_your they_have_killed with_sword and_ I _I_am_ _left I_alone and_they_have_sought ~~DOM~~ life_of_my to_take_it_ _away. 11 And_he/it_said go_out and_you_will_stand on_ _mountain to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE **YHWH** was_passing_by and_spirit great and_ _strong was_tearing_out mountains and_breaking rocks to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** not was_in_wind

180 **RV 18:42-45 · Cross-ref.** Jam 5:18.

182 **RV 19:4 · Cross-ref.** Yonah 4:3.

183 **RV 19:10-14 · Cross-ref.** Rom 11:3.

187 **LV 19:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: תחא: (x-qere) 'דָּחָא': lemma_259 n_1 morph_HAcmsa id_11a6j דָּחָא

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YHWH and_after the_wind[188] an_earthquake not was_in_ _earthquake **YHWH**. **12** And_after the_earthquake a_fire not was_in_fire **YHWH** and_after the_fire a_sound_of a_whisper soft. **13** And_he/it_was just_ ʾĒliyʸāh _as_heard and_he_wrapped his/its_faces/face in_cloak_of_his and_he/it_went_out and_he_ _stood the_entrance_of the_cave and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE to_ _him/it a_voice and_he/it_said what is_to_you here Oh_ʾĒliyʸāh. **14** And_he/it_said exceedingly_(be_zealous) I_have_been_ _zealous to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers if/because the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_have_abandoned covenant_of_your ~~ḎOM~~ altars_of_your they_have_torn_down and_~~ḎOM~~ prophets_of_your they_have_killed with_sword and_ I _I_am_left I_alone and_they_have_sought ~~ḎOM~~ life_of_my to_ _take_it_away. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it go go_back to_way_of_your the_wilderness_of_to of_Dammeseq[189] and_ _you_will_go and_you_will_anoint ~~ḎOM~~ Ḥazāʾēl to_king over ʾArām. **16** And_~~ḎOM~~ Yēhūʾ/(Jehu) the_son_of Nimshiy you_will_ _anoint to_king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_~~ḎOM~~ ʾElīshāʿ the_son_ _of Shāfāṭ from_Abel- meholah you_will_anoint to_prophet in_ _place_of_you. **17** And_it_was the_one_who_escapes from_the_ _sword_of Ḥazāʾēl Yēhūʾ he_will_put_to_death and_the_one_ _who_escapes from_the_sword_of Yēhūʾ ʾElīshāʿ he_will_put_to_ _death. **18** And_I_will_leave among_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) seven_of thousand(s) all_of the_knees which not they_have_bowed_ _down to_Baʿal and_all (the)_mouth which not it_has_kissed to_ _him/it.

19 And_he/it_went from_there and_he_found ~~ḎOM~~ ʾElīshāʿ the_ _son_of Shāfāṭ and_he was_plowing two_plus ten pairs were_ _before_of_him and_he was_with_two_plus the_ten and_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_passed_through to_him/it and_he_threw cloak_of_his to_him/it. **20** And_he_left ~~ḎOM~~ the_ox[en] and_he_ran after ʾĒliyʸāh and_he/it_said I_want_to_kiss please (to)_father_of_my and_(to)_mother_of_my and_I_will_go after_you and_he/it_said to_him/it go turn_back if/because what have_I_done to/for_ _you(fs). **21** And_he_turned_back from_after_him and_he/it_ _took ~~ḎOM~~ the_pair_of the_ox[en] and_he_sacrificed_it and_ _with_the_equipment_of the_ox[en] he_cooked_them the_flesh and_he/it_gave to_people and_they_ate and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went after ʾĒliyʸāh and_he_served_him.

20:1 And_Ben- hₐdad the_king_of ʾArām he_gathered ~~ḎOM~~ all_of army_of_his and_thirty and_two king[s] with_him/it and_ _horse[s] and_chariotry and_he/it_ascended and_he/it_laid_ _siege on Shomrōn and_he_fought against_it. **2** And_he_sent messengers to ʾAḥʾāv the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_the_city. **3** And_he/it_said to_him/it thus Ben Hₐdad he_says[191] silver_ _of_your and_gold_of_your to_me it and_wives_of_your and_

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there was a fire, but Yahweh wasn't in the fire.

Then after the fire, there was the sound of a soft whisper. **13** When Eliyah heard that, he wrapped his cloak around his face and went out and stood at the opening of the cave, and he heard a voice ask him, "Why are you here, Eliyah?"

14 "I've been very zealous for you, Commander-in-chief Yahweh," he replied, "But the Israeli people have abandoned your agreement, and they've torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. So here I am, left by myself while meanwhile they're trying to kill me."

15 Then Yahweh told him, "Go back towards the Damesek (Damascus) wilderness, then you must go and anoint Hazael as king over Aram (Syria).[184] **16** Also you need to anoint Nimshi's son Yehu (Jehu) as king over Yisrael (Israel),[185] and you must anoint Shafat's son Elisha from Avel-Meholah to succeed you as prophet. **17** In the future, anyone who escapes from being killed by Hazael's army will be killed by Yehu's army, and anyone who escapes from being killed by Yehu's army will be killed by Elisha. **18** But I've still got seven thousand people in Yisrael who've never bowed to Ba'al or kissed his image."[186]

Eliyah inspires Elisha · Northern kingdom

19 So Eliyah (Elijah) left that place and went and found Shafat's son Elisha. There were twelve teams ploughing a field and he was with the back pair of cattle. Eliyah walked past him and threw his cloak over him. **20** Elisha left the plough and ran after Eliyah, saying, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, then I'll come with you."

"Go on back then," Eliyah replied, "because I haven't done anything for you."

21 So Elisha went back and killed his pair of cattle. He used the wood of the plough to cook the meat on, and he shared it around the people. After they'd eaten, he packed up and followed Eliyah and became his helper.

Ben-Hadad attacks Shomron · Northern kingdom

20:1 At that time, King Ben-Hadad of Aram (Syria) joined with thirty-two smaller kingdoms and they brought their combined armies and horses and chariots and besieged Yisrael's (Israel's) capital Shomron (Samaria) ready to attack it. **2** He sent messengers to Yisrael's King Ahav who was inside the city **3** to

184 RV 19:15 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 8:7-13.

185 RV 19:16 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 9:1-6.

186 RV 19:18 · Cross-ref. Rom 11:4.

188 LV 19:11 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

189 LV 19:15 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

191 LV 20:3 · Note Note: KJB: 1Kgs.20.3

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tell him, "Ben-Hadad says that your gold and silver are mine, as well as the best of your wives and sons."

4 "Whatever you say, my master the king," replied Yisrael's king. "I'm yours along with everything I have."

5 Then the messengers returned, saying, "Ben-Hadad said that you'll give him your gold and silver and your wives and sons, **6** but around this time tomorrow, he'll send his servants to you to search through your palace and the homes of your people, and they'll take everything that they consider to be of value."

7 So Yisrael's king summoned all Yisrael's leaders and told them, "Listen and note how this man is looking for trouble. He's claiming my wives and my sons, and my gold and silver, and I didn't contradict him."

8 But the elders and all the others responded, "No, don't listen to him and don't consent to his demands."

9 So Ahav told Ben-Hadad's messengers, "Tell my master the king that everything he demanded the first time, I'll do, but I can't agree to this new demand."

So they returned to Ben-Hadad with that response **10** and Ben-Hadad sent another message, "The gods can do whatever they like to me and more if I leave enough dust in Shomron (Samaria) for all my prisoners to have a handful each."[190]

11 Yisrael's king replied, "Tell Ben-Hadad that someone who's heading to battle shouldn't boast like someone relaxing after his victory."

12 Ben-Hadad received that message while he was in the huts drinking with the other kings, and he immediately ordered his men to get into position so they got ready to attack the city.

13 Just then, a prophet approached Yisrael's King Ahav and told him, "Yahweh asks if you've seen that great army, because he's going to give you victory over them today so you'll know that Yahweh is God."

14 "Who will enable the victory?" Ahav asked.

"Yahweh says it'll be the young men under the provincial commanders," he answered.

"Who should lead the attack?" he asked.

"You should," the prophet replied.

15 So Ahav gathered the provincial commanders' young men and there were 232 of them. He also assembled the fighting men and there were merely seven thousand of them.

16 They exited the city at midday, while Ben-Hadad and the other kings were still getting drunk in their huts. **17** The young men under the provincial commanders led the way out, and the scouts that Ben-Hadad had sent out informed him that men were coming out of Shomron (Samaria). **18** He ordered, "Whether they've come out for peace or for battle, capture them alive."

19 The provincial commanders' young men exited the city followed by the warriors **20** and each of them killed their opponent.

Literal Version

_children_of_your (the)_good to_me they. **4** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_answered and_he/it_said according_to_of_ _your_message my_master the_king to/for_yourself(m) I and_ _all that to_me. **5** And_ the_messengers _they_returned and_ _they_said thus Ben Hₐdad he_says to_say if/because I_sent to_ _you to_say silver_of_your and_gold_of_your and_wives_of_ _your and_children_of_your to_me you_will_give. **6** If/because if about_time tomorrow I_will_send ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_my to_you and_they_will_search ᴅᴏᴍ house_of_your and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_houses_ _of your_servants and_it_was every_of (the)_desire_of your_ _two's_eyes_of_your they_will_put in_hand_of_their and_they_ _will_take_it. **7** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_called to/from_all/each/any/every the_elders_of the_earth/land and_he/it_said know please and_see if/because_that trouble this_man is_seeking if/because he_sent to_me for_wives_of_my and_for_children_of_my and_for_silver_of_my and_for_gold_of_ _my and_not I_withheld_them from_him. **8** And_they_said to_ _him/it all_of the_elders and_all the_people do_not listen and_ _not you_must_be_willing. **9** And_he/it_said to_the_ _messengers_of Ben say to_master_of_my the_king all that you_ _sent to servant_of_your at_first I_will_do and_the_thing the_ _this not I_am_able for_doing and_ the_messengers _they_went and_they_brought_him_back message. **10** And_he_sent to_ _him/it Ben Hₐdad and_he/it_said thus may_they_do to_me the_gods and_thus may_they_add if the_dust_of Shomrōn it_ _will_suffice for_handfuls to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _people which is_at_feet_of_my. **11** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_answered and_he/it_said speak not one_ _who_girds_on let_him_boast like_one_who_loosens. **12** And_ _he/it_was just_as_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this and_he was_drinking he and_the_kings in_booths and_he/it_said to servants_of_his set_yourselves and_they_set_themselves on the_city. **13** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_prophet one he_drew_near to 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said thus **YHWH** he_says do_you_see ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_multitude (the)_ _great the_this HERE_I am_about_of_to_give_it in_hand_of_your the_day and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **14** And_ 'Aḥ'āv _he/it_said by_whom and_he/it_said thus **YHWH** he_says by_the_young_men_of the_officials_of the_ _provinces and_he/it_said who will_he_begin the_battle and_ _he/it_said you. **15** And_he_mustered ᴅᴏᴍ the_young_men_of the_officials_of the_provinces and_they_were two_hundred two and_thirty and_after_them he_mustered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_people all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_seven_of thousand(s). **16** And_they_went_out at_noontide(s) and_Ben- hₐdad was_ _drinking drunken in_booths he and_the_kings thirty and_two king[s] who_was_helping ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **17** And_ the_young_men_ _of the_officials_of the_provinces _they_went_out at_first and_ Ben Hₐdad _he_sent and_people_told to_him/it to_say men they_have_come_out from_Shomrōn. **18** And_he/it_said if for_ _peace they_have_come_out seize_them alive and_if for_battle they_have_come_out alive seize_them. **19** And_these they_ _went_out from the_city the_young_men_of the_officials_of the_provinces and_the_army which was_behind_them. **20** And_ _they_struck_down everyone man_of_his and_ 'Arām _they_fled

190 RV 20:10 · Note Most translations interpret 'all the people at my feet' to be Ben-Hadad's (large) army (which appears to go back at least to the Vulgate 'sequitur'), but we've TENTATIVELY interpreted it as his (future) prisoners/slaves.

Literal Version

and_it_pursued_them Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Ben Hadad the_king_
_of 'Arām _he_escaped on a_horse and_horsemen. **21** And_ the_
_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_went_out and_he_struck_down
~~DOM~~ the_horse[s] and_~~DOM~~ the_chariotry and_he_defeated (in)_
_'Arām a_defeat great. **22** And_ the_prophet _he_drew_near to
the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said to_him/it go
strengthen_yourself and_know and_see ~~DOM~~ that_which you_
_will_do if/because to_the_return_of the_year the_king_of
'Arām will_be_coming_up on_you.
23 And_the_servants_of the_king_of 'Arām they_said to_him/it
is_a_god_of mountains god_of_their therefore
yes/correct/thus/so they_were_strong from_him/it and_but
let_us_do_battle with_them on_ground if not we_will_be_strong
more_than_them. **24** And_~~DOM~~ the_thing the_this do remove
the_kings each from_place_of_his and_appoint governors in_
_place_of_them. **25** And_you(ms) you_will_muster to/for_
_yourself(m) an_army like_army which_fell from_~~DOM~~_you and_
_a_horse like_horse and_chariotry like_chariotry and_let_us_
_fight them on_ground if not we_will_be_strong from_them
and_he/it_listened to_voice_of_their and_he/it_made thus.
26 And_he/it_was to_the_return_of the_year and_ Ben Hadad _
_he_mustered ~~DOM~~ 'Arām and_he/it_ascended to_'Afēq for_
_battle with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **27** And_the_sons of_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_mustered and_they_were_supplied
and_they_went to_meet_them and_ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_encamped before_them like_two_of
little_flocks_of goats and_'Arām they_filled ~~DOM~~ the_
earth/land. **28** And the_man_of the_'Elohīm _he_drew_near
and_he/it_said to the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said
thus **YHWH** he_says because that 'Arām they_have_said is_a_
_god_of mountains **YHWH** and_not is_a_god_of valleys he and_
_I_will_give ~~DOM~~ all_of the_multitude (the)_great the_this in_
_hand_of_your and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_
**YHWH**. **29** And these _they_encamped opposite_to these
seven_of days and_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh and_ the_
_battle _it_drew_near and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _
_they_struck_down ~~DOM~~ 'Arām one_hundred thousand foot_
_soldier[s] in/on_day one. **30** And_ those_who_remained _they_
fled to'Afēq into the_city and_ the_wall _it_fell on twenty
and_seven thousand man who_remained and_Ben- hadad he_
_fled and_he_went into the_city a_room in_a_room. **31** And_
_they_said to_him/it servants_of_his HERE please we_have_
_heard if/because_that the_kings_of the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because_that are_kings_of covenant_loyalty
they let_us_put please sackcloth(s) on_loins_of_our and_ropes
on_head_of_our and_let_us_go_out to the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) perhaps he_will_let_live ~~DOM~~ life_of_your.
32 And_they_girded sackcloth(s) on_loins_of_their and_ropes
on_heads_of_their and_they_came to the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_said servant_of_your Ben Hadad he_
_says let_it_live please life_of_my and_he/it_said is_still_he
alive my_brother/kindred he. **33** And_the_men they_observed_
_the_signs and_they_hastened and_they_caught from_him and_
_they_said your(ms)_brother/kindred Ben Hadad and_he/it_
_said go fetch_him and_he/it_went_out to_him/it Ben Hadad
and_he_brought_him_up on the_chariot. **34** And_he/it_said to_
_him/it the_cities which father_of_my he_took from_with

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Then the Arameans took off with the Israelis chasing them, but King Ben-Hadad escaped on a horse along with other riders.
21 Then Yisrael's (Israel's) king led more men out and they attacked the horses and chariots—thoroughly defeating Aram.
22 Afterwards that same prophet went back to King Ahav and told him, "Go back and fortify your defenses and plan your strategy, because Aram's (Syria's) king will attack you again at the same time next year."

Ben-Hadad's second attack · Northern kingdom

23 Meanwhile the servants of Aram's (Syria's) king told him, "Their gods are the gods of the hills, so that's why they were stronger than us. But let's fight them on the plain instead then we'll be sure to defeat them. **24** So this is what you should do: relieve those kings of their command and replace them with military commanders. **25** Then gather an army like the one that was defeated, with as many horses and chariots as you had. Then we'll fight them on the plain and we'll be sure to defeat them."
Ben-Hadad took their advice and put the plan into action.
26 The following year, he assembled his army and went to Afek to battle the Israelis, **27** and the Israeli warriors assembled and received their supplies. Then they went to confront them, but they seemed like ants in comparison to the massive Aramean army.
28 A man of God approached Yisrael's (Israel's) king and told him, "Yahweh says that the Arameans have been saying that he's a god of the hills, but not of the valleys. Because of that, he's going to help you defeat this huge army, and then you'll know that Yahweh is God."
29 The two armies remained camped opposite each other for seven days, then the battle began and the Israelis killed a hundred thousand Aramean soldiers that day. **30** The remainder fled into Afek, but the city wall fell onto the remaining twenty-seven thousand men.
Ben-Hadad ran into the city and hid in an inner room, **31** but his servants told him, "Listen, we've heard that the Israeli kings show mercy. Please let us wrap sackcloth around our waists and go out to Yisrael's king with ropes on our heads—perhaps he'll spare your life." **32** So they wrapped their waists in sacking and put ropes on their heads, and went to Yisrael's king, saying, "Your servant Ben-Hadad asks you to spare his life."
"Is he still alive?" he asked. "He's like a brother to me."
33 The men were looking for an indication of mercy and when they heard that they were encouraged. "Yes, Ben-Hadad is like your brother," they said.
"Yes, bring him here," he responded.
So Ben-Hadad revealed himself and was brought into Ahav's chariot, **34** and he told Ahav, "I'll return the cities that my father took from with yours, and your traders can set up stalls in Damesek (Damascus), just as my father did in Shomron (Samaria)."
"Okay, I'll accept that agreement and release you," Ahav said,

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and after formalising the agreement, he sent him away.

A prophet condemns Ahav · Northern kingdom

35 One day, a prophet in training with a group told his companion, "By Yahweh's command, please wound me." But the man refused to slash him, **36** so the first prophet told him, "Because you didn't obey Yahweh's command, listen, as soon as you leave here you'll be attacked by a lion." Then after he left, a lion found him and killed him.[192]

37 Then he found another prophet and said, "Strike me, please," and the man struck him with a sword—wounding him. **38** Then the wounded prophet disguised himself with a covering over his eyes and went and stood on the road to wait for the king. **39** When the king came past, the prophet called out to him, saying, "Your servant went out in the middle of the battle, and suddenly, a man came across with a captive and told me, 'Guard this man. If he goes missing, your life will be forfeit in place of his, or else you'll be fined three thousand pieces of silver.' **40** But while I was busy with other things, the man escaped."

"Well, by your own testimony, you deserve your punishment," King Ahav responded.

41 Then he quickly uncovered his eyes and the king recognised that he was one of the prophets, **42** and the prophet told him, "Yahweh says that because you released a man who should have been executed, then your life will be required in place of his, and your people in place of his people."

43 Then the king went on to his house in Shomron (Samaria), but he was angry and depressed inside.

Navot's vineyard · Northern kingdom

21:1 Sometime after that, King Ahav from Shomron (Samaria) was in his palace in Yizre'el (Jezreel) city, and his neighbour was the Yizre'eli Navot with his vineyard. **2** Ahav pressured Navot, "Give me your vineyard so I can make it into my vegetable garden because it's right beside my house. I can replace it with a better vineyard, or if you prefer, I can pay you in silver for this one."

3 But Navot replied, "Far be it for me to disobey Yahweh by giving up the inheritance entrusted to my ancestors."

4 So Ahav went back to his palace bitter and angry because of Navot's refusal to turn over the land. He refused to eat and went to bed with his face towards the wall, **5** but his wife Izevel (Jezebel) went in and demanded, "What's this about eating nothing and going to bed in a sulk?"

6 "Well, I talked with Navot the Yizre'eli," he replied. "I offered to pay cash for his vineyard or to exchange it for another one if he preferred, but he wouldn't let me have it."

7 "What! You're the king of Yisrael (Israel)!" his wife re-

Literal Version

father_of_your I_will_return and_streets you_will_make to/for_ _yourself(m) in_Dammeseq just_as father_of_my he_made in_ _Shomrōn and_I with_covenant I_will_let_you_go and_he_made to_him/it a_covenant and_he/it_sent_out/away_him/it.

35 And_a_man one from_(the)_sons of_the_prophets he_said to his/its_neighbour at_the_message_of **YHWH** strike_me please and_ the_man _he_refused to_strike_him. **36** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it because that not you_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** HERE_you are_about_to_go from_with_me and_it_will_strike_ _you_down the_lion and_he/it_went from_beside_him and_it_ _met_him the_lion and_it_struck_him_down. **37** And_he_found a_man another and_he/it_said strike_me please and_he_struck_ _him the_man striking and_wounding. **38** And_ the_prophet _ _he/it_went and_he_stood to/for_the_king on the_way and_he_ _disguised_himself with_bandage over eyes_of_his. **39** And_ _he/it_was the_king was_passing_by and_he he_cried_out to the_king and_he/it_said servant_of_your he_went_out in_the_ _midst_of the_battle and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man he_turned_ _aside and_he/it_brought to_me a_man and_he/it_said guard ÐØM the_man the_this if indeed_(be_missing) he_will_be_ _missing and_it_will_be life_of_your in_place_of life_of_his or a_ _talent_of silver you_will_weigh_out. **40** And_he/it_was servant_of_your was_doing_of (of)_those and_those and_he he_ _was_not and_he/it_said to_him/it the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_thus sentence_of_your you you_have_determined. **41** And_ _he_hastened and_he_removed ÐØM the_bandage mmm[193] eyes_of_his and_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_recognized ÐØM_him/it if/because_that of_the_prophets he. **42** And_he/it_ _said to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says because you_have_let_go ÐØM the_man_of my_total_destruction_of_my from_a_hand and_it_will_be life_of_your in_place_of life_of_his and_people_ _of_your in_place_of people_of_his. **43** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_went to house_of_his sullen and_furious and_he_went to_Shomrōn.

21:1 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these a_vineyard it_ _belonged to_Nāvōt the_Yizrə'ēlī/(Jezreelite) which was_in_ _Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) beside the_palace_of 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Shomrōn. **2** And_ 'Aḥ'āv _he/it_spoke to Nāvōt to_say give to/for_me ÐØM vineyard_of_your and_let_it_be to_me to/for_ _garden vegetable[s] if/because it is_near beside house_of_my and_I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) in_place_of_it a_vineyard good from_him/it if it_is_good in_eyes_of_your I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) money_of the_price_of this_one. **3** And_ Nāvōt _he/it_said to 'Aḥ'āv far_be_it to/for_me from_**YHWH** from_giving_my ÐØM the_inheritance_of my_ancestors_of_my to/for_you(fs). **4** And_ 'Aḥ'āv _he_went to house_of_his sullen and_furious on the_message which he_had_spoken to_him/it Nāvōt the_Yizrə'ēlī and_he/it_said not I_will_give to/for_ _yourself(m) ÐØM the_inheritance_of my_ancestors_of_my and_ _he_lay_down on bed_of_his and_he_turned ÐØM his/its_ _faces/face and_not he_ate food. **5** And_she_came to_him/it 'Īzevel/(Jezebel) his/its_wife/woman and_she_spoke to_him/it why this spirit_of_is_your sullen and_not_you are_eating food. **6** And_he/it_spoke to_her/it if/because I_spoke to Nāvōt the_

192 **RV 20:36 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 13:24.

193 **LV 20:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: לע/מ: (x-qere) יְלָעֻ֑מ: lemma_m/5921 a n_1.0 morph_HR/R id_119gC יְלָעֻ֑מ

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_Yizrəʼēlī/(Jezreelite) and_I_said to_him/it give to/for_me ~~ĐǪM~~ vineyard_of_your for_money or if are_desiring you I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) a_vineyard in_place_of_it and_he/it_said not I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) ~~ĐǪM~~ vineyard_of_my. **7** And_ _she/it_said to_him/it ʼĪzevel his/its_wife/woman you now are_you_doing kingship over Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) arise eat food and_ heart_of_your _let_it_be_good I I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) ~~ĐǪM~~ the_vineyard_of Nāvōt the_Yizrəʼēlī. **8** And_she_wrote wwww in/on_name_of ʼAḥʼāv and_she_sealed_them with_seal_ _of_his and_she_sent the[195] to the_elders[196] and_near/to the_ _nobles who were_in_city_of_his who_were_dwelling with Nāvōt. **9** And_she_wrote in_letters to_say proclaim a_fast and_ _make_sit ~~ĐǪM~~ Nāvōt at_the_head_of the_people. **10** And_make_ _sit two men sons_of worthlessness before_him and_let_them_ _testify_against_him to_say you_have_blessed god and_the_ _king and_take_him_out and_stone_him so_that_he_may_die. **11** And_ the_people_of his_city_of_his the_elders and_the_ _nobles who were_those_who_were_dwelling in_city_of_his _ _they_made just_as she_had_sent to_them ʼĪzevel/(Jezebel) just_as it_had_been_written in_letters which she_had_sent to_ _them. **12** They_proclaimed a_fast and_they_made_sit ~~ĐǪM~~ Nāvōt at_the_head_of the_people. **13** And_ the_two_of the_men sons_of worthlessness _they_came and_they_lived before_him and_they_testified_against_him the_men_of (the)_ _worthlessness ~~ĐǪM~~ Nāvōt before the_people to_say Nāvōt he_ _has_blessed god and_the_king and_they_took_him_out from_ _the_outside of_city and_they_stoned_him with_stones and_ _he/it_died. **14** And_they_sent to ʼĪzevel to_say Nāvōt he_has_ _been_stoned and_he/it_died. **15** And_he/it_was just_ ʼĪzevel _ _as_heard if/because_that Nāvōt he_had_been_stoned and_ _he/it_died and_ ʼĪzevel _she/it_said to ʼAḥʼāv arise take_ _possession_of ~~ĐǪM~~ the_vineyard_of Nāvōt the_ _Yizrəʼēlī/(Jezreelite) which he_refused to_give to/for_ _yourself(m) for_money if/because not Nāvōt is_alive if/because he_has_died. **16** And_he/it_was just_ ʼAḥʼāv _as_ _heard if/because_that Nāvōt he_had_died and_ ʼAḥʼāv _he/it_ _rose_up to_go_down to the_vineyard_of Nāvōt the_Yizrəʼēlī to_take_possession_of_it. **17** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _ _he/it_was to ʼĒliyyāh the_Tishbiy to_say. **18** Arise go_down to_ _meet ʼAḥʼāv the_king_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) who is_in_Shomrōn THERE he_is_in_the_vineyard_of Nāvōt where he_has_gone_ _down there to_take_possession_of_it. **19** And_you_will_speak to_him/it to_say thus **YHWH** he_says have_you_murdered and_ _also have_you_taken_possession and_you_will_speak to_him/it to_say thus **YHWH** he_says in_the_place_of (of)_where the_ _dogs they_lapped_up ~~ĐǪM~~ the_blood_of Nāvōt the_dogs they_ _will_lap_up ~~ĐǪM~~ blood_of_your also you. **20** And_ ʼAḥʼāv _ _he/it_said to ʼĒliyyāh have_you_found_me my_enemy_of_my and_he/it_said I_have_found_you because you_have_sold_ _yourself for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **21** HERE_I am_about_to_bring[197] to_you evil and_I_will_sweep_ _away after_you and_I_will_cut_off to_ʼAḥʼāv one_who_urinates

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sponded. "Get up and have something to eat and cheer up! I'll make sure myself that you get Navot's vineyard."

8 So she wrote letters in Ahav's name and sealed them with his seal. Then she sent them to the city elders and leading citizens who lived near Navot. **9** This is what she wrote, "Announce a fast, and seat Navot hear the head of the table. **10** Then seat two troublemakers opposite him, and get them to testify against him that he cursed God and the king. Then take him outside and pelt him with rocks until he's dead.

11 Then the elders and leading citizens of the city did what Izevel (Jezebel) had instructed them via the letters: **12** They announced a fast and seated Navot near the head of the table, **13** then two worthless men were seated opposite him, and they testified in front of all the people that Navot had cursed God and the king. So Navot was led out of the city and killed by having rocks thrown at him, **14** and they sent a message to Izevel to tell her that Navot had been stoned to death.

15 As soon as Izevel heard that Navot had been executed, she told Ahav, "Go on now and take over Navot's vineyard that he refused to sell you, because he's not around any more—he's dead." **16** As soon as Ahav heard that Navot was dead, he went to the vineyard to take possession of it.

17 Then Yahweh told Eliyah (Elijah) (from Tishbeh), **18** "Leave here and go to Yisrael's (Israel's) king Ahav in Shomron (Samaria). Listen, he's there in Navot's vineyard, where he's gone to take possession of it. **19** Tell him that Yahweh's asking if he's taking possession of the property of a murdered man. Then tell him that Yahweh wants him to know that the dogs will lick his blood in the same place where Navot died and the dogs came and licked up his blood."

20 When Eliyah arrived, Ahav asked him, "Ah, my enemy. Have you found me?"

"Yes, I've found you," Eliyah replied. "It seems you've sold your soul by doing what Yahweh's finds to be evil. **21** Yahweh says that he's about to send disaster on you to destroy you and every male in your household—whether they're slaves or free. **22** Your entire family will be eliminated like the families of Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and Ahiyah's son Baesha because you've provoked Yahweh's anger and made Yisrael sin. **23** Also concerning Izevel, Yahweh says that the dogs will eat her body by Yizre'el's (Jezreel's) city wall.[194] **24** The bodies of any of your family who die in the city will be eaten by dogs, and any who die in the countryside will be eaten by birds."

25 Surely there was never anyone else as evil as Ahav who sold his soul by doing what Yahweh was said was wrong—albeit often incited by his wife Izevel (Jezebel). **26** He also behaved disgust-

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194 RV 21:23 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 9:36.

195 LV 21:8 · Note OSHB variant note: ם/הסרימ: (x-qere) ʼסֵירָפְּסʼ: lemma_5612 a n_0.1.1 morph_HNcmpa id_11r2a סֵירָפְּס

196 LV 21:8 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

197 LV 21:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ימב: (x-qere) ʼאֵיבֵמʼ: lemma_935 morph_HVhrmsa id_11a57 אֵיבֵמ

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ingly by worshipping idols like the Amorim had done before Yahweh removed them from the land as the Israelis entered.

27 As soon as Ahav heard that message, he tore his clothes and dressed in sacking and fasted. He even slept in the sackcloth, and he walked around slowly with his head down.

28 Then Yahweh asked Eliyah (Elijah) (from Tishbeh), **29** "Have you noticed that Ahav has shown repentance towards me? Because he's humbled himself, I won't bring that disaster on his family while he's still alive, but rather I'll do it during his son's reign."

prophet Mikayah and King Ahav · Both kingdoms[199]

22:1 Then almost three years went by without war between Aram (Syria) and Yisrael (Israel), **2** but in the third year, Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) went up north to visit Yisrael's king.

3 While they were talking, King Ahav said to his servants, "Do you know that Ramot-Gilead should be ours, but we haven't reclaimed it from Aram's king?" **4** Then he asked Yehoshafat, "Will you go to war with us to reclaim Ramot-Gilead?"

"You and me are together," Yehoshafat told Yisrael's king. "My people are your people, and my horses are your horses." **5** Then he added, "But let's ask Yahweh about it first."

6 So Yisrael's king gathered about four hundred prophets together and asked them, "Should I attack Ramot-Gilead, or not?"

"Go ahead, because our master[200] will give you victory," they answered.

7 But Yehoshafat asked, "Is there no prophet of Yahweh still around here that we can ask?"

8 "There's still one man who speaks for Yahweh," Ahav replied to Yehoshafat, "Yimla's son Mikayah, but I myself hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me—only negative things."

"The king shouldn't talk like that," said Yehoshafat.

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on_a_wall and_shut_up and_freed in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **22** And_I_ _will_make ĐOM house_of_your like_the_house_of Yārov῾ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev῾aṭ and_like_the_house_of Ba῾shā' the_son_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} because_of_the_provocation which you_have_provoked_to_anger and_you_have_caused_to_sin ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** And_also of_'Īzev῾el/(Jezebel) **YHWH** he_ _has_spoken to_say the_dogs they_will_devour ĐOM 'Īzev῾el in_ _the_rampart_of Yizrə῾ē'l/(Jezreel). **24** The_one_who_dies of_ _'Aḥ'āv in_city the_dogs they_will_devour and_the_one_who_ _dies in_the_field the_bird[s]_of the_heavens they_will_devour. **25** Certainly not anyone_was like_'Aḥ'āv who he_sold_himself for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** whom 'Īzev῾el his/its_wife/woman she_incited ĐOM_him/it. **26** And_he_acted_ _abominably exceedingly to_go after the_idols according_to_all that the_'Amorī whom **YHWH** he_dispossessed from_face/in_ _front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_done. **27** And_he/it_was just_ 'Aḥ'āv _as_heard ĐOM the_ _words/messages the_these and_he_tore clothes_of_his and_ _he/it_assigned sackcloth on body_of_his and_he_fasted and_ _he_lay_down in_sackcloth and_he_went_about gentleness. **28** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to 'Ēliy^{yāh} the_ _Tishbiy to_say. **29** Have_you_seen if/because_that 'Aḥ'āv he_ _has_humbled_himself from_before_face_of_me because if/because he_has_humbled_himself from_before_of_me not wwww[198] (the)_evil in_days_of_his in_the_days_of his_son_of_ _his wwww (the)_evil on house_of_his.

22:1 And_they_lived three years there_was_not war between 'Arām and_between Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_he/it_was in_year (the)_third and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_descended to the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to servants_of_his do_you(pl)_know if/because_that to/for_us Rāmot Gil῾ād and_we are_being_inactive from_taking ĐOM_ _her/it from_the_hand_of the_king_of 'Arām. **4** And_he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ will_you_go with_me for_battle Rāmot Gil῾ād and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said to the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) as_ _me as_you as_people_of_my as_people_of_your as_horses_of_ _my as_horses_of_your. **5** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said to the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) seek please as_day ĐOM the_message_of **YHWH**. **6** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_gathered ĐOM the_prophets about_four hundred(s) man and_he/it_said to_ _them will_I_go on Rāmot Gil῾ād for_battle or will_I_refrain and_they_said go_up and_ my_master _he_will_give_it in_the_ _hand_of the_king. **7** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said is_there_not here a_prophet to/for_**YHWH** still so_that_we_may_enquire from_ĐOM_him. **8** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ still a_man one to_consult ĐOM **YHWH** from_ _ĐOM_him and_I I_hate_him if/because not he_prophesies on_ _me good if/because (if) evil Mīkāyəhū the_son_of Yimlā'/(Imlah) and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) _he/it_said not the_king let_him_speak thus. **9** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_called (to) a_court-official one and_

198 LV 21:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **יבא**: (x-qere) **'אֵיבָא'**: lemma_935 morph_HVhi1cs id_118VB **אֵיבָא**

199 RV 22:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 18:2-27

200 RV 22:6 · Note Note that they don't mention 'Yahweh' here.

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_he/it_said bring_quickly Mīkāyəhū the_son_of Yimlā'. **10** And_ _the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhōshāfāṭ the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_sitting each on throne_of_his clothed garments at_the_threshing_floor_of the_entrance_of the_gate_ _of Shomrōn and_all the_prophets were_prophesying before_ _them. **11** And_he/it_made to_him/it Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Kəna'ₐnāh/(Chenaanah) horns_of iron and_he/it_ _said thus **YHWH** he_says with_these you_will_gore ~~DOM~~ 'Arām until destroy_them. **12** And_all the_prophets were_prophesying thus to_say go_up Rāmot Gil'ād and_succeed and_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_gave in_the_hand_of the_king. **13** And_the_messenger who he_had_gone to_call Mīkāyəhū he_spoke to_him/it to_say HERE please the_words/messages_of the_prophets are_a_ _mouth one good concerning the_king let_it_be please mmm[203] like_the_message_of one from_them and_you_will_speak good. **14** And_ Mīkāyəhū _he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because ~~DOM~~ that_which **YHWH** he_will_say to_me ~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_ _speak. **15** And_he_came to the_king and_ the_king _he/it_said to_him/it Oh_Mīkāyəhū will_we_go against Rāmot Gil'ād for_ _battle or will_we_refrain and_he/it_said to_him/it go_up and_ _succeed and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave in_the_hand_of the_king. **16** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_king until how_many times will_I make_of_you_swear which/who not you_will_speak to_ _me only truth in/on_name_of **YHWH**. **17** And_he/it_said I_saw ~~DOM~~ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) scattered to the_mountains like_flock which there_is_not to/for_them a_shepherd and_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said not masters belong_to_these let_them_return each to_his_own_of_house in_peace. **18** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) am_ _not did_I_say to_you not he_prophesies on_me good if/because (if) evil. **19** And_he/it_said for_so/thus/hence hear the_message_of **YHWH** I_saw ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** sitting on throne_of_ _his and_all the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens standing on/upon/above_him/it from_right_of_his and_from_left_of_ _his. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said who will_he_deceive ~~DOM~~ 'Aḥ'āv so_that_he_will_go_up and_so_that_he_will_fall at_ _Rāmot- gil'ād and_ this_one _he/it_said by_thus and_this was_ _saying by_thus. **21** And_ the_spirit _he/it_went_out and_it_ _stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he/it_ _said I I_will_deceive_him[204] and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it how. **22** And_he/it_said I_will_go_out and_I_will_be a_spirit_of falsehood in_the_mouth_of all_of prophets_of_his and_he/it_ _said you_will_deceive and_also you_will_prevail go_out and_do thus. **23** And_now HERE **YHWH** he_has_put a_spirit_of falsehood in_the_mouth_of all_of prophets_of_your these and_ _**YHWH** he_has_spoken on_you calamity. **24** And_ Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Kəna'ₐnāh/(Chenaanah) _he_ _drew_near and_he_struck ~~DOM~~ Mīkāyəhū on the_cheek and_ _he/it_said where this the_spirit_of **YHWH** did_it_pass_on from_with_me to_speak with_you. **25** And_ Mīkāyəhū _he/it_ _said THERE_you are_about_to_see in_the_day (the)_that when you_will_go a_room in_a_room to_hide_yourself. **26** And_ the_

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9 So Yisrael's king ordered an official to fetch Yimla's son Mikayah straight away.

10 Now Yisrael's king Ahav and Yehudah's (Judah's) king Yehoshafat were both wearing their royal robes and sitting on thrones at a gate in Shomron's (Samaria's) city wall, and many prophets were speaking messages to them. **11** Kena'anah's son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) made some horns for himself out of iron and said, "Yahweh says that you'll gore Aram (Syria) with these until they're destroyed." **12** All the other prophets were prophesying similarly, saying things like, "Yes, attack Ramot-Gilead and be successful, and Yahweh will restore it back to you."

13 Meanwhile the messenger who had gone to call Mikayah told him, "Listen, please, all the other prophets agree together as they prophesy victory for the king. Please let your message be similar to theirs and be positive."

14 "As surely as Yahweh lives," Mikayah responded, "I'll only tell Ahav what Yahweh tells me to say."

15 When he got to King Ahav, the king asked him, "Mikayah, should we attack Ramot-Gilead, or not?"

"Go ahead and be successful," he replied, "and Yahweh will give it back to the king."

16 But looking at him, the king said to him, "How many times do I have to make you promise that you'll only tell the truth about me when you pass on Yahweh's messages?

17 "Well," he said, "I saw all Yisrael (Israel) scattered into the hills like sheep without a shepherd,[201] and Yahweh said that they have no leaders so they should all return peacefully to their homes."

18 "Ah," King Ahav told King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat), "Didn't I tell you that he wouldn't prophesy anything good about me—only bad news?"

19 But Mikayah continued, "Listen to Yahweh's message then: I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the heavenly army were standing at both sides of him.[202] **20** Then Yahweh asked who could deceive Ahav to attack Ramot-Gilead so that he'd get killed there. Some suggested one thing and others suggested something else. **21** Then a spirit came out and stood in front of Yahweh and offered to deceive the king, and Yahweh asked him how he intended to do it. **22** He replied that he'd go and be a false spirit so the kings prophets would tell lies, and Yahweh said that that would work and told him to go ahead and do it. **23** So now, listen, Yahweh has put a lying a spirit into all these prophets of yours, and Yahweh has declared disaster on you."

24 Then Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) (Kena'anah's son) went over and slapped Mikayah on the face, and said, "Since when did Yahweh's spirit leave me and start speaking through you?"

25 "Listen here," Mikayah replied, "you'll find that out soon

201 **RV 22:17 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:17; Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

202 **RV 22:19 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:6; Isa 6:1.

203 **LV 22:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִרְבַּד/דְּבָרְ֫: (x-qere) דְּבָרְ֫/דָּבַר֙: lemma_1697 n_0.0.1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_11yBS דְּבָרְ֫/דָּבַר֙

204 **LV 22:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.*22.22*

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enough when you sneak into an inner room to try and hide."
26 King Ahav commanded, "Take Mikayah to Amon, the city commander, and to my son Yoash. **27** Tell them that the king orders them to imprison this man and limit his bread and water until I return safely."
28 "If you do return safely," Mikayah remarked, "then Yahweh hasn't spoken through me." And he added, "Take note all you people."

Ahav's death · Northern kingdom[205]

29 So Yisrael's (Israel's) King Ahav and Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) left to go and attack Ramot-Gilead, **30** and Ahav told Yehoshafat, "I'll go into the battle incognito, but you can wear your royal robes." So Yisrael's king changed into ordinary clothes before heading into the battle.
31 Meanwhile, Aram's (Syria's) king had ordered his thirty-two chariot commanders, "Don't fight with the rank and file—only attack Yisrael's king." **32** As soon as the chariot commanders saw Yehudah's King Yehoshafat, they thought to themselves, "Surely that's Yisrael's king." So then they came over to attack him, but Yehoshafat yelled out, **33** and as soon as they realised that he wasn't the king of Yisrael, they stopped chasing him. **34** But one man casually shot an arrow with his and it struck Yisrael's king between the plates of his body armour, and he called to his chariot driver, "Turn around and get me out of the battle because I've been wounded."
35 The battle carried on all that day and King Ahav was propped up in his chariot opposite Aram, however he died that evening and the blood from his wound pooled into the bottom of his the chariot. **36** Then the call went through the battle lines just as the sun was going down, "Every man should abandon the battlefield and return to his home"
37 So King Ahav died and was taken back to Shomron (Samaria) where he was buried. **38** They washed out the chariot beside the pool in Shomron (where the prostitutes bathed themselves), and dogs licked up the blood, just as Yahweh had said would happen.
39 Everything else about Ahav and everything that he did, including the ivory palace and all the cities that he had built, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **40** Now that Ahav was dead, his son Ahazyah replaced him as king.

Literal Version

_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said take ĐOM Mīkāyəhū and_ _return_him to 'Āmōn the_official_of the_city and_near/to Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_son_of the_king. **27** And_you_will_say thus the_king he_says put ĐOM this_one the_house_of (the)_ _imprisonment and_feed_him bread oppression and_water oppression until come_I in_peace. **28** And_ Mīkāyəhū _he/it_ _said if ever_(return) you_will_return in_peace not **YHWH** he_ _has_spoken by_me and_he/it_said listen Oh_peoples of_them_ _of_all.

29 And_he/it_ascended the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat)[206] the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Rāmot Gil'ād. **30** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ I_will_disguise_myself and_I_will_go in_battle and_ _you(ms) wear clothes_of_your_own and_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_disguised_himself and_he_went in_battle. **31** And_the_king_of 'Arām he_had_commanded ĐOM the_ _commanders_of the_chariotry which to_him/it thirty and_two to_say not you(pl)_must_do_battle with the_small and_ĐOM the_great if/because (if) with the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_ _him/it_being_alone. **32** And_he/it_was just_ the_commanders_ _of the_chariotry _as_saw ĐOM Yəhōshāfāṭ and_they they_said surely is_the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it and_they_turned_aside on/upon/above_him/it to_do_battle and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he_ _cried_out. **33** And_he/it_was just_ the_commanders_of the_ _chariotry _as_saw if/because_that not was_the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it and_they_turned_back from_after_him. **34** And_someone he_drew on_bow to_innocence_of_his and_he_ _struck ĐOM the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) between the_scales and_between the_body_armour and_he/it_said to_charioteer_ _of_his turn_around hand_of_your and_take_me_out from the_ _camp if/because I_have_been_wounded. **35** And_ the_battle _ _it_went_up in_the_day (the)_that and_the_king he_was placed in_chariot opposite_to 'Arām and_he/it_died in_evening and_ the_blood_of the_wound _it_flowed into the_bottom_of the_ _chariot. **36** And_ the_cry _he/it_passed_through in_camp just_ the_sun _as_went to_say everyone to city_of_his and_everyone to land_of_his. **37** And_ the_king _he/it_died and_he_came Shomrōn and_people_buried ĐOM the_king in_Shomrōn. **38** And_someone_washed_off ĐOM the_chariot at the_pool_of Shomrōn and_ the_dogs _they_lapped_up ĐOM blood_of_his and_the_prostitutes they_bathed according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken. **39** And_the_rest_of the_matters_ _of 'Aḥ'āv and_all that he_did and_the_house_of (the)_ivory which he_built and_all the_cities which he_built am_not are_ _they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_ _kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **40** And_ 'Aḥ'āv _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ 'Aḥaz^{yāh} son_of_his _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

205 RV 22:29 · Parallel 2 Chr. 18:28-34

206 LV 22:29 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

41 And_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of ’Āṣā’ he_became_
_king over Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_year four of_’Aḥ’āv the_king_of
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel). **42** Yəhōshāfāṭ was_a_son_of thirty and_five
year[s] when_he_became_king and_twenty and_five year[s] he_
_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_
_mother was_ʻAzūvah the_daughter_of Shilḥī. **43** And_he/it_
_went in_all the_way_of ’Āṣā’ his/its_father not he_turned_
_aside from_him/it for_doing the_right in/on_both_eyes_of
YHWH. **44** [208] Only the_high_places not they_were_removed
still the_people were_sacrificing and_making_smoke at_places.
45 [209] And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he_made_peace with the_king_of
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel). **46** [210] And_the_rest_of the_matters_of
Yəhōshāfāṭ and_might_of_his which he_did and_which he_
_waged_war not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_
_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh. **47** [211] And_the_rest_
_of the_male_cult_prostitute[s] which it_remained in_the_days_
_of ’Āṣā’ his/its_father he_destroyed from the_earth/land.
48 [212] And_a_king there_was_not in_’Edōm an_overseer was_
_king. **49** [213] Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) he_made[214] (the)_ships_
_of Tarshiysh to_go to_’Ōfīr for_gold and_not it_went
if/because they_were_broken[215] the_ships at_ʻEtsyon- gevʻer.
50 [216] Then ’Aḥazʸāh the_son_of ’Aḥ’āv he_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ
servants_of_my let_them_go with your_servants in_the_ships
and_not Yəhōshāfāṭ he_was_willing. **51** [217] And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _
_he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried with
ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid his/its_father and_
Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_of_
_him.

52 [218] ’Aḥazʸāh the_son_of ’Aḥ’āv he_became_king over
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn in_year seven- teen of_Yəhōshāfāṭ
the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_reigned over
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) two_years. **53** [219] And_he/it_made the_evil
in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he/it_went in_the_way_of
his/its_father and_in_the_way_of his/its_mother and_in_the_
_way_of Yārovʻām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevʻaṭ who he_
_caused_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā’ēl/(Israel). **54** [220] And_he_served ᴅᴏᴍ
(the)_Baʻal and_he_bowed_down to_him/it and_he_provoked_
_to_anger ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) according_to_

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Yehoshafat's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[207]

41 Asa's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) started his reign over Yehudah (Judah) when King Ahav had ruled Yisrael (Israel) for four years. **42** Yehoshafat was thirty-five when he became king and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-five years. (His mother was Shilhi's daughter Azuvah.) **43** He followed his father Asa in every way in doing what Yahweh wanted—he didn't veer away from it, except that they didn't demolish the hilltop temples so the people were still sacrificing and burning incense at those places. **44** Yehoshafat did make a peace treaty with Yisrael's king.

45 Everything else about Yehoshafat, including his great achievements and his battle record, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah, **46** and including how he banished the male prostitutes from the land who had remained from the time of his father Asa.

47 At that time, there was no king in Edom—a governor appointed by Yehoshafat ruled there.

48 Yehoshafat had trading ships made to go to Ofir for gold, but they didn't go because the ships got wrecked at Etsyon-Gever. **49** Ahav's son Ahazyah had said to Yehoshafat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Yehoshafat hadn't accepted the offer.

50 Then Yehoshafat died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of his ancestor David, and his son Yehoram (Jehoram) replaced him as king.

Ahazyah's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

51 Ahav's son Ahazyah began to reign over Yisrael (Israel) from Shomron (Samaria) in the seventeenth year of King Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) reign over Yehudah (Judah), and he reigned over Yisrael for two years. **52** He followed the behaviour of his father and mother and Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam), and did what Yahweh had said was evil—causing Yisrael to sin like they had. **53** He served Ba'al and bowed down to him, and he provoked Yisrael's god Yahweh to get angry, similarly to every-

207 **RV 22:41 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 20:31–21:1
208 **LV 22:44 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.43b
209 **LV 22:45 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.44
210 **LV 22:46 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.45
211 **LV 22:47 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.46
212 **LV 22:48 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.47
213 **LV 22:49 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.48
214 **LV 22:49 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רשע**: (x-qere) **’הָשָׂ֫’**: lemma_6213 morph_HVqp3ms id_113AH **הָשָׂ֫**
215 **LV 22:49 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הרבשנ**: (x-qere) **’וּרְבָּשִׁנ֫’**: lemma_7665 morph_HVNp3cp id_11cyX **וּרְבָּשִׁנ֫**
216 **LV 22:50 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.49
217 **LV 22:51 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.50
218 **LV 22:52 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.51
219 **LV 22:53 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.52
220 **LV 22:54 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.53

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thing that his father had done.

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_all that his/its_father he_had_done.

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The second summary of the
Kings of Yisrael and Yehudah

Introduction

The second summary of the kings of Yisrael/Israel and Yehudah/Judah is a continuation of the first summary about the northern kingdom of Yisrael and the Southern kingdom of Yehudah (Judah). This account can be divided into two: **1.** The account about the two kingdoms from around 850 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) through to the defeat of Shomron (Samaria) and the fall of the northern king in 721 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) **2.** The account about the Southern kingdom of Yehudah from the defeat of the northern kingdom of Yisrael through to the capture and destruction of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) by the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar in 586 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) This account ends with Gedalyah governing Yehudah under Babylonian instructions, and then the release of King Yehoyakin who'd been imprisoned in Bavel.

Those disasters and destruction occurred because the leaders and inhabitants of the divided kingdom didn't obey God. The demolition of Yerushalem and the exile of most of the people of Yehudah was a major tragedy in Yisrael's history.

Prophet Elisha is highlighted here in this second summary. Elisha was the dominant prophet who continued on after Eliyah's death.

Main components of this account

The divided kingdom (1:1–17:41)
- a. The prophet Elisha (1:1–8:15)
- b. The kings of Yehudah and Yisrael (8:16–17:4)
- c. The defeat of Shomron/Samaria (17:5-41)

The kingdom of Yehudah (18:1–25:30)
- a. From Hizkiyah going to Yoshiyah (18:1–21:26)
- b. The kingdom of Yoshiyah (22:1–23:30)
- c. Yehudah's final king (23:31–24:20)
- d. The defeat of Yerushalem (25:1-30)

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Yahweh punishes King Ahazyah · Northern kingdom

1:1 After the death of Yisrael's (Israel's) King Ahav, Moav (Moab) rebelled against Yisrael.

2 One day, King Ahazyah fell through a lattice in his upper room in Shomron (Samaria) and was injured, so he sent messengers to go and ask Ekron's god Ba'al-Zevuv if he would recover. **3** But Yahweh's messenger told Eliyah (Elijah) (from Tishbeh), "Leave here and go and meet the Shomron king's messengers and ask them, 'Is it because there's no god in Yisrael that you're all going to inquire from Ekron's god Ba'al-Zevuv? **4** Because of that, Yahweh says that the king won't get out of the bed that he's lying in—he's definitely going to die."

So Eliyah told them and continued on his way. **5** When the messengers returned to the king, he asked them, "What's this? Why are you back here so soon?"

6 "A man came to meet us," they told him, "and he said to us, 'Go and return to the king who sent you, and tell him that Yahweh says this: Is it because there's no god in Yisrael that you are sending messengers to inquire from Ekron's god Ba'al-Zevuv? Therefore you'll never leave that bed that you're lying in but you'll certainly die in it.' "

7 "What was the man like," the king asked them, "who met you and gave you all that message?"

8 "He had a cloak made of animal hair," they answered, "and was wearing a leather belt."

"Ah," said the king. "That's Eliyah from Tishbeh."

9 So he sent a captain with his fifty soldiers to look for Eliyah and they found him sitting on the top of a hill. The captain called out, "Man of God, the king wants to see you."

10 But Eliyah replied, "Well, if I am a man of God, let fire come down from the sky and consume you and your men," and fire came down from the sky, and it burnt up the captain and his men.

11 So the king sent another captain with his fifty men and they went to where Eliyah was and called out to him, "Prophet, the king commands that you come with us right now."

12 Again Eliyah replied, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from the sky and consume you and your men," and God's fire came down from the sky, and it burnt up the captain and his men.

13 So the king sent a third captain with his fifty men. They went to where Eliyah was and the officer knelt down in front of him and pleaded, "Prophet, I beg you, be kind to me and my fifty soldiers, and don't kill us. **14** Listen, fire came down from the sky and burnt up the first two captains and their men, but please treat my life as valuable in your sight."

15 Then Yahweh's messenger told Eliyah, "Go with them. Don't be afraid of him."

So Eliyah went with them to the king **16** and told him, "Yahweh says that you sent messengers to inquire from Ekron's god Ba'al-Zevuv, as if there's no god in Yisrael (Israel) to ask. Therefore, he says, you certainly won't get off that bed that you're on

Literal Version

1:1 And_ Mō'āv _it_rebelled against_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) after the_ _death_of 'Aḥ'āv. **2** And_ 'Aḥaz^{yāh} _he_fell through the_ _window-lattice in_his_upper_of_room which was_in_Shomrōn and_he_became_ill and_he_sent messengers and_he/it_said to_ _them go consult (in)_Ba'al- zebub the_god_of 'Eqrōn if I_will_ _live from_sickness this. **3** And_the_messenger_of **YHWH** he_ _spoke to 'Ēliy^{yāh} the_Tishbiy arise go_up to_meet the_ _messengers_of the_king_of Shomrōn and_speak to_them from_not there_is_not a_god in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_you(pl) going to_consult (in)_Ba'al- zebub the_god_of 'Eqrōn. **4** And_ _therefore thus **YHWH** he_says the_bed where you_have_gone_ _up there not you_will_come_down from_her/it if/because surely_(die) you_will_die and_ 'Ēliy^{yāh} _he/it_went. **5** And_ the_ _messengers _they_returned to_him/it and_he/it_said to_them why this have_you(pl)_returned. **6** And_they_said to_him/it a_ _man he_came_up to_meet_us and_he/it_said to_us go return to the_king who he_sent you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_speak to_ _him/it thus **YHWH** he_says from_not there_is_not a_god in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_you sending to_consult (in)_Ba'al- zebub the_god_of 'Eqrōn for_so/thus/hence the_bed where you_have_ _gone_up there not you_will_come_down from_her/it if/because surely_(die) you_will_die. **7** And_he/it_spoke to_ _them what was_the_appearance_of the_man who he_came_up to_meet_you(pl) and_he/it_spoke to_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_ _words/messages the_these. **8** And_they_said to_him/it a_man_ _of an_owner_of hair and_a_loincloth_of hide was_girded on_ _loins_of_his and_he_said was_'Ēliy^{yāh} the_Tishbiy that. **9** And_ _he_sent to_him/it a_commander_of a_fifty and_his_fifty_of_ _men and_he/it_ascended to_him/it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_ _was_sitting on the_top_of the_hill and_he/it_spoke to_him/it Oh_man_of the_'Elohīm the_king he_has_spoken come_down. **10** And_ 'Ēliy^{yāh} _he_answered and_he/it_spoke to the_ _commander_of the_fifty and_if am_a_man_of god I fire let_it_ _come_down from the_heavens and_let_it_consume you and_ _~~DOM~~ your_fifty_of_men and_ fire _it_came_down from the_ _heavens and_she/it_ate ~~DOM~~_him/it and_~~DOM~~ his_fifty_of_men. **11** And_he_returned and_he_sent to_him/it a_commander_of a_ _fifty another and_his_fifty_of_men and_he_answered and_ _he/it_spoke to_him/it Oh_man_of the_'Elohīm thus the_king he_says quickly come_down. **12** And_ 'Ēliy^{yāh} _he_answered and_he/it_spoke to_them if am_(the)_man_of the_'Elohīm I fire let_it_come_down from the_heavens and_let_it_consume you and_~~DOM~~ your_fifty_of_men and_ the_fire_of god _it_came_ _down from the_heavens and_she/it_ate ~~DOM~~_him/it and_~~DOM~~ his_fifty_of_men. **13** And_he_returned and_he_sent a_ _commander_of a_fifty third and_his_fifty_of_men and_he/it_ _ascended and_ the_commander_of the_fifty the_third _he_ _went and_he_bowed_down on knees_of_his to_before 'Ēliy^{yāh} and_he_sought_favour to_him/it and_he/it_spoke to_him/it Oh_man_of the_'Elohīm let_it_be_precious please life_of_my and_the_life_of your_servants these fifty in_eyes_of_your. **14** HERE fire it_has_come_down from the_heavens and_she/it_ _ate ~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_commanders_of the_fifties (the)_ _former and_~~DOM~~ their_fifty_of_men and_now life_of_my let_it_ _be_precious in_eyes_of_your. **15** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to 'Ēliy^{yāh} go_down with_him do_not be_ _afraid of_him and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_descended with_ _him to the_king. **16** And_he/it_spoke to_him/it thus **YHWH**

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he_says because that you_have_sent messengers to_consult (in)_Ba´al- zebub the_god_of ´Eqrōn from_not there_is_not a_ _god in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_consult (in)_message_of_his for_ _so/thus/hence the_bed where you_have_gone_up there not you_will_come_down from_her/it if/because surely_(die) you_ _will_die. **17** And_he/it_died according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which 'Ēliyyāh he_spoke and_ Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) _he_ _became_king in_place_of_him in_year two of_Yəhōrām the_ _son_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) if/because not he_belonged to_him/it a_son. **18** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Aḥazyāh which he_did am_ _not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

2:1 And_he/it_was when_ **YHWH** _took_up ~~DOM~~ 'Ēliyyāh by_ _whirlwind the_heavens and_ 'Ēliyyāh and_'Elīshā´ _he/it_went from (the)_Gilgal. **2** And_ 'Ēliyyāh _he/it_said to 'Elīshā´ remain please here if/because **YHWH** he_has_sent_me to Bēyt- 'ēl and_ 'Elīshā´ _he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** and_by_the_life your_ _self_of_your if I_will_leave_you and_they_went_down Bēyt- 'ēl. **3** And_ the_sons_of the_prophets who were_at_Bēyt- 'ēl _they_ _went_out to 'Elīshā´ and_they_said to_him/it do_you_know if/because_that the_day **YHWH** is_about_to_take ~~DOM~~ master(s)_of_your from_under head_of_your and_he/it_said also I I_know be_silent. **4** And_he/it_said to_him/it 'Ēliyyāh Oh_ _'Elīshā´ remain please here if/because **YHWH** he_has_sent_me Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** and_by_ _the_life your_self_of_your if I_will_leave_you and_they_came Yərīḥō. **5** And_ the_sons_of the_prophets who were_at_Yərīḥō _ _they_drew_near to 'Elīshā´ and_they_said to_him/it do_you_ _know if/because_that the_day **YHWH** is_about_to_take ~~DOM~~ master(s)_of_your from_under head_of_your and_he/it_said also I I_know be_silent. **6** And_he/it_said to_him/it 'Ēliyyāh remain please here if/because **YHWH** he_has_sent_me to_the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) and_he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** and_by_ _the_life your_self_of_your if I_will_leave_you and_ the_two_of_ _of_them _they_went. **7** And_fifty man from_(the)_sons of_the_ _prophets they_went and_they_stood from_before from_a_ _distance and_the_two_of_of_them they_stood at the_Yardēn. **8** And_ 'Ēliyyāh _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ cloak_of_his and_he_folded_it_ _up and_he_struck ~~DOM~~ the_waters and_they_were_divided hither and_hither and_ both_of_them _they_passed_over on_ _ground. **9** And_he/it_was just_as_they_had_passed_over and_ _'Ēliyyāh he_said to 'Elīshā´ ask what will_I_do for_you before_ _before I_will_be_taken from_with_you and_ 'Elīshā´ _he/it_said and_let_it_be please a_mouth_of two in_spirit_of_your to_me. **10** And_he/it_said you_have_made_difficult to_ask if you_will_ _see ~~DOM~~_me taken from_with_you may_it_be to/for_ _yourself(m) thus and_if not not it_will_be. **11** And_he/it_was they were_walking walking and_speaking and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_chariot_of fire and_horses_of fire and_they_separated between both_of_them and_ 'Ēliyyāh _he/it_ascended in_ _whirlwind the_heavens. **12** And_'Elīshā´ was_seeing and_he was_crying_out my_father_of_my father_of_my the_chariotry_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_horsemen_of_its and_not he_saw_him again and_he_took_hold on_clothes_of_his and_he_tore_them into_two pieces. **13** And_he_took_up ~~DOM~~ the_cloak_of 'Ēliyyāh which it_had_fallen from_on_him and_he_went_back and_he_ _stood on the_bank_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **14** And_he/it_took

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because you'll die in it."

17 So King Ahazyah died just as Yahweh had said via Eliyah. Then Ahazyah's younger brother Yehoram (Jehoram) became king in his place, because Ahazyah didn't have any sons. This happened in the second year of the reign of Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) son King Yehoram over Yehudah (Judah). **18** Everything else that Ahazyah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael.

Eliyah is taken up to heaven · Northern kingdom

2:1 One day as Eliyah (Elijah) and Elisha had left Gilgal, Yahweh took Eliyah up to heaven in a storm. **2** Eliyah had told Elisha, "Now, you stay here because Yahweh has told me to go to Beyt-El (Bethel)."

"By the life of Yahweh," Elisha had responded, "and by the life of your spirit, I won't leave you." So they'd headed to Beyt-El.

3 Also the prophets-in-training who were in Beyt-El had gone out to Elisha and told him, "Do you know that today Yahweh is going to take your master away from you?"

"I already know that," he'd replied. "Don't say anything."

4 Then Eliyah had informed Elisha, "Yahweh has sent me to Yeriho (Jericho). You stay here."

He'd answered, "By the life of Yahweh and the life of your spirit, I won't leave you." So they'd gone to Yeriho.

5 The prophets-in-training who were in Yeriho had approached Elisha and briefed him, "Do you know that today Yahweh is taking your master away from you?"

"Yes, I realise that," he'd responded. "Say no more."

6 Again Eliyah had told him, "You stay here, because Yahweh has sent me to the Yarden (Jordan)."

And he'd countered, "By the life of Yahweh and the life of your spirit, I won't leave you." So the two of them had gone there together. **7** Fifty of the prophets-in-training had also gone, but they'd stood back watching from a distance, so the two of them had stood there by the Yarden. **8** Then Eliyah had taken off his cloak and doubled it over and hit the river with it. The water divided leaving a dry path and the two of them had walked across to the other side. **9** As they'd crossed over, Eliyah had told Elisha, "Tell me what you'd like me to do for you before I get taken away."

"Please," Elisha had answered, "I'd like a double amount of the spirit that you have."

10 "Oh, that's a difficult request," Eliyah had responded. "Well, if you see me being taken away from you, then you'll get what you asked for, but if you miss seeing me go, you won't."

11 Then it had happened while they were walking and talking together. Wow, a chariot of fire and horses of fire drove between the two of them, separating them. Then Eliyah went up to the heavens in the gale. **12** Elisha was watching, and he cried out,

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"My father, my father, Yisrael's (Israel's) chariot and its horsemen!"

But then Elisha could no longer see him, and he grabbed his own cloak, and tore it in half, **13** and he picked up Eliyah's cloak that had fallen down to the ground. Then he went back and stood on the bank of the Yarden (Jordan), **14** and he took Eliyah's cloak and hit the river with it, saying, "Where is Eliyah's god Yahweh?" Then as he hit the water, the river divided into two parts and Elisha crossed through the middle. **15** The prophets-in-training who were on the Yeriho (Jericho) side, affirmed, "Elisha now has the spirit that Eliyah had." Then they came forward to meet him and knelt down in front of him as a sign of respect, **16** and they requested, "Listen please, fifty of us here have military training. Please, let them go to search for your master, in case Yahweh's spirit lifted him and dropped him on a hill somewhere or into one of the valleys."

"Don't waste your time," he replied. **17** But they kept insisting so much that Elisha was embarrassed and he said, "Ok then."

So they sent fifty men, and they searched for three days, but they didn't find Eliyah. **18** When they returned to Elisha (he was staying in Yeriho), he said to them, "Didn't I tell you not to bother?"

19 Then the leaders of Yeriho city said to Elisha, "Please, this city is a good place to live, just as my master can see, but the water supplies around here are bad so our crops don't thrive."

20 "Bring me a brand new bowl," he said, "and put salt there." So they brought one to him, **21** and he went out to the spring and threw the salt at it, and announced, "Yahweh says that he's healed these water supplies and they'll no longer cause death or barrenness." **22** So now those water supplies have been healthy and beneficial until this day, just as Elisha had said.

23 From there Elisha went to Beyt-El (Bethel), and as he was going up on the road, some young men came out from the city, and started mocking him, saying, "Keep moving, baldy. Keep moving, baldy."

24 Then Elisha turned back around and looked at them, and he cursed them in Yahweh's name. Just then, two female bears came out from the forest and mauled forty-two of them.

25 Elisha carried on from there to Mt. Karmel, and from there, he returned to Shomron (Samaria).

The war between Yisrael and Moav · Northern kingdom

3:1 Ahav's son Yehoram (Jehoram) became king over Yisrael (Israel) in the eighteenth year of King Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) reign over Yehudah (Judah), and he reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for twelve years. **2** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, but not as bad as his father and mother had been, and he did remove the pillar of Ba'al that his father had made. **3** However, he committed similar sins to those of Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin and didn't stop doing them. **4** Now Moav's (Moab's) King Meysha was a

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~~ÐØM~~ the_cloak_of 'Ēliy^{yāh} which it_had_fallen from_on_him and_he_struck ~~ÐØM~~ the_waters and_he_said where is_**YHWH** the_god_of 'Ēliy^{yāh} also he and_he_struck ~~ÐØM~~ the_waters and_ _they_were_divided hither and_hither and_ 'Elīshā´ _he_passed_ _over. **15** And_they_saw_him the_sons_of the_prophets who were_at_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) from_before and_they_said the_ _spirit_of 'Ēliy^{yāh} it_has_rested on 'Elīshā´ and_they_came to_ _meet_him and_they_bowed_down to_him/it ground_to_the. **16** And_they_said to_him/it HERE please there_are with your_ _servants fifty men sons_of ability let_them_go please so_that_ _they_may_search_for ~~ÐØM~~ master(s)_of_your lest it_has_ _carried_him_off the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_it_has_throw_him on_one_of the_mountains or in_one_of the[1] and_he/it_said not you(pl)_must_send. **17** And_they_urged in_him/it until was_ _ashamed and_he/it_said send_them and_they_sent_out fifty man and_they_searched three days and_not they_found_him. **18** And_they_returned to_him/it and_he was_remaining in_ _Yərīḥō and_he/it_said to_them am_not did_I_say to_you(pl) do_not go. **19** And_ the_people_of the_city _they_said to 'Elīshā´ HERE please the_location_of the_city is_good just_as my_ _master is_seeing and_the_waters are_bad and_the_earth is_ _causing_abortions. **20** And_he/it_said fetch to_me a_jar new and_put there salt and_they_took to_him/it. **21** And_he/it_ _went_out to the_outlet_of the_waters and_he_threw there salt and_he/it_said thus **YHWH** he_says I_have_healed (to)_waters the_these not it_will_be from_there again death and_abortion. **22** And_ the_waters _they_have_been_healed until the_day the_ _this according_to_the_message_of 'Elīshā´ which he_spoke. **23** And_he/it_ascended from_there Bēyt-^{ʾēl} and_he was_going_ _up on_way and_lads young they_came_out from the_city and_ _they_derided in_him/it and_they_said to_him/it go_up Oh_ _bald_man go_up Oh_bald_man. **24** And_he_turned behind_him and_he_saw_them and_he_cursed_them in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_ two female_bears _they_came_out from the_forest and_ _they_tore_in_pieces from_them forty and_two_of boys. **25** And_he/it_went from_there to the_mountain_of (the)_ _Karmel/(Carmel) and_from_there he_returned Shomrōn.

3:1 And_Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv he_became_ _king over Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) in_Shomrōn in_year eight- teen of_ _Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _he_reigned two_plus ten year[s]. **2** And_he_did the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** only not like_father_of_his and_like_ _mother_of_his and_he_removed ~~ÐØM~~ the_sacred_pillar_of (the)_Ba´al which his/its_father he_had_made. **3** Only to_the_ _sins_of Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ which he_ _caused_to_sin ~~ÐØM~~ Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) he_clung not he_turned_ _aside from_it. **4** And_Mēysha´ the_king_of Mō'āv he_was a_ _sheep-breeder and_he_returned to_the_king_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) one_hundred thousand lambs and_one_

1 LV 2:16 · Note OSHB variant note: תואיג/ה: (x-qere) 'תוֹיְאֵגְ/ה': lemma_d/1516 n_1 morph_HTd/Ncbpa id_12Wyn תוֹיְאֵגְ/ה

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_hundred thousand rams wool. 5 And_he/it_was just_as_died_of
'Aḥ'āv and_ the_king_of Mō'āv _he_rebelled against_the_king_
of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 6 And the_king Yəhōrām _he/it_went_out
in_the_day (the)_that from_Shomrōn and_he_mustered ᴅᴏᴍ
all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 7 And_he/it_went and_he_sent to
Yəhōshāfāṭ the_king_of Yəhūdāh to_say the_king_of Mō'āv he_
_has_rebelled against_me will_you_go with_me against Mō'āv
for_battle and_he/it_said I_will_go_up as_me as_you as_people_
_of_my as_people_of_your as_horses_of_my as_horses_of_your.
8 And_he/it_said where this is_the_way which_we_will_go_up
and_he/it_said the_way_of the_wilderness_of 'Edōm. 9 And_
_he/it_went the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah)[3] and_the_king_of 'Edōm and_they_went_
_around a_journey_of seven_of days and_not it_belonged water
to_army and_to_animal[s] which was_at_feet_of_their. 10 And_
the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said alas if/because **YHWH**
he_has_summoned (to)_the_three_of[4] the_kings the_these to_
_give them in_the_hand_of Mō'āv. 11 And_
Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) _he/it_said is_there_not here a_
prophet to/for**YHWH** so_that_we_may_consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**
from_ᴅᴏᴍ_him and_ one of_the_servants_of the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_answered and_he/it_said is_here 'Elīshā'
the_son_of Shāfāṭ who he_poured water on the_hands_of
'Ēliyʸāh. 12 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said (there) is_ᴅᴏᴍ_him the_
_message_of **YHWH** and_they_went_down to_him/it the_king_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhōshāfāṭ and_the_king_of 'Edōm.
13 And_ 'Elīshā' _he/it_said to the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) what
to/for_me and_to_you go to the_prophets_of your_father_of_
_your and_near/to the_prophets_of your_mother_of_your and_
_he/it_said to_him/it the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) no if/because
YHWH he_has_summoned (to)_the_three_of the_kings the_
_these to_give them in_the_hand_of Mō'āv. 14 And_ 'Elīshā' _
_he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers whom I_
_stand before_him if/because if_not the_face_of Yəhōshāfāṭ
the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I am_lifting_up if I_will_look to_
_you and_if I_will_see_you. 15 And_now fetch to_me a_musician
and_it_was just_ the_musician _as_played and_it_became
on/upon/above_him/it the_hand_of **YHWH**. 16 And_he/it_said
thus **YHWH** he_says make the_wadi the_this ditches ditches.
17 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says not you(pl)_will_see wind
and_not you(pl)_will_see rain and_the_wadi (the)_that it_will_
_be_filled water and_ you(pl) and_livestock_of_your(pl) and_
_animal[s]_of_your(pl) _you(pl)_will_drink. 18 And_ this _it_
_will_be_trifling in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he/it_gave
ᴅᴏᴍ Mō'āv in_hand_of_your(pl). 19 And_you(pl)_will_attack
every_of city_of fortification and_all city_of choice and_all tree
good you(pl)_will_make_fall and_all the_springs_of water
you(pl)_will_stop_up and_all/each/any/every (the)_portion_
_land (the)_good you(pl)_will_spoil with_stones. 20 And_he/it_
_was in_morning just_as_went_up the_offering and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE waters were_coming from_the_direction_of

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sheep breeder, and he would pay an annual tribute to Yisrael's king of a hundred thousand young rams, plus the wool of a hundred thousand rams. 5 However, after King Ahav died, Moav's king rebelled against Yisrael's control over them. 6 So King Yehoram set out from Shomron and mustered all of Yisrael's fighters. 7 Then he sent this message to King Yehoshafat of Yehudah, "Moav's king has rebelled against me. Will you join in battle with me against them?"

"I'll join you," he replied. "You and me are together. My people are your people, and my horses are your horses. 8 What's our strategy? Which way should we go in?" he asked.

"Through the Edom wilderness," he replied.

9 So the kings of Yisrael, Yehudah, and Edom took their armies on a seven day trip circling around, but they didn't find enough water for the men or their animals, 10 and Yisrael's king complained, "Oh dear, it seems that Yahweh has sent in us three kings to allow Moav to defeat us." 11 But Yehoshafat asked, "Isn't there one of Yahweh's prophets here, so we might inquire from Yahweh through him?"

"There's Elisha," one of the servants of Yisrael's king answered, "Shafat's son, the prophet who was Eliyah's (Elijah's) assistant."

12 "Yes, he receives Yahweh's messages," said Yehoshafat.

So the kings of Yisrael, Yehudah, and Edom, went to see him. 13 But Elisha asked Yisrael's king, "What do you and me have in common? Go and inquire from your father's prophets and your mother's prophets."

"No," the king of Yisrael said. "We came because Yahweh has called for us three kings to allow us to be defeated by Moav."

14 "As Commander-in-chief Yahweh lives," Elisha responded, "the one who I serve, I wouldn't be talking to you or even face you, if I hadn't recognised King Yehoshafat of Yehudah. 15 So now bring me a musician.

Then while the musician played, Yahweh spoke to him 16 and he said, "Yahweh says that this valley will store lots of water.[2] 17 He says that you all won't see any wind or rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you and your animals will have plenty to drink. 18 That's a piece of cake for Yahweh. What's more, he'll give you victory over Moav. 19 You'll all attack every important city, including their fortified ones. You can chop down their fruit trees, block up their springs, and ruin their good land with stones."

20 The next day at the time of the morning sacrifice, to their amazement there was water flowing from Edom and covering the ground.

21 By then, the people of Moav had heard that the kings had come to battle them, so they summoned everyone who could

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2 **RV 3:16 · Note** It's not really clear if he's saying that Yahweh will fill natural pools in the valley with water, or if he's instructing the armies to dig trenches or scrape pools that Yahweh will then fill with water.

3 **LV 3:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

4 **LV 3:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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wear a sword and stationed them beside the border. **22** But when they got up early the next morning and the sun rose, from the direction where they were, the water appeared to be red like blood. **23** "That's blood," they exclaimed. "Those three kings must have turned against each other and killed each other. So let's go, Moav, and collect the spoil."

24 But when they reached the allied camp, the allies attacked and they fled away. Then the allies entered Moav and attacked there. **25** They tore down the cities, and each person threw a stone onto the good land, making it useless. They blocked up every spring, and they chopped down every good tree. Eventually, only their capital city of Kir-Hareset remained standing with its stone walls, but they attacked that as well using slingshots.

26 When Moav's king saw that the attackers were stronger than them, he took a team of seven hundred swordsmen to try to break through to the king of Edom, but they failed. **27** So he took his oldest son (who would have become the next king) and sacrificed him publicly on top of the city wall. This made their people crazy furious against Yisrael (Israel), so they left and returned home.

Elisha helps a poor widow · Northern kingdom

4:1 One day a woman who was a wife of one of the prophets-in-training, called out to Elisha, "Your servant, my husband, died, and you yourself know that your servant served Yahweh. Now the moneylender has come to take two of my children in payment to become his slaves."

2 "Hmmh, what could I do to help you?" Elisha responded. "Tell me, what have you got in your house?"

"Your servant's got nothing in the house except a flask of oil," she replied.

3 He told her, "Go and ask for empty containers from all of your neighbours. Make sure you get plenty of them. **4** Then go and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour oil into all those containers. Once each one's full, set it aside." **5** So she went and she shut the door of her house with her and her sons inside. They would bring the empty containers to her, and she poured the oil. **6** Eventually when she told one of her sons to bring the next container, he told her that there wasn't any more, and at that point, the oil stopped flowing.

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'Edōm and_ the_earth/land _she/it_was_filled ĐØM the_waters. **21** And_all Mō'āv they_had_heard if/because_that the_kings they_had_come_up to_fight against_them and_they_were_ _summoned from_all one_who_girds_on_of a_belt and_upward_ _upwards and_they_took_their_stand at the_border. **22** And_ _they_rose_early in_morning and_the_sun it_shone on the_ _waters and_ Mō'āv _they_saw from_before ĐØM the_waters red like_blood. **23** And_they_said is_blood this surely_(fight) the_ _kings they_have_fought_one_another and_they_have_struck_ _down each ĐØM his/its_neighbour and_now to_plunder Oh_ _Mō'āv. **24** And_they_came to the_camp_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_arose and ĐØM Mō'āv and_they_fled from_their_face/front and[5] (in)_it and_they_defeated ĐØM Mō'āv. **25** And_the_cities they_tore_down and_all portion_of_ _land good they_threw each stone_of_his and_they_filled_it and_all spring_of water they_stopped_up and_all tree good they_made_fall until he_left_behind stones_of_its in_Qīr-hareseth and_ the_slingers _they_surrounded_it and_they_ _attacked_it. **26** And_ the_king_of Mō'āv _he/it_saw if/because_ _that it_was_too_strong from_him/it the_battle and_he/it_took with_him seven hundred(s) man who_drew_of a_sword to_ _break_through to the_king_of 'Edōm and_not they_were_able. **27** And_he/it_took ĐØM his/its_son the_firstborn who he_will_ _reign in_place_of_him and_he_offered_him_up a_burnt_ _offering on the_wall and_ severe_anger great _he/it_was towards Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_set_out from_on_him and_ _they_returned to_land.

4:1 And_a_woman one of_the_wives_of of_the_sons_of of_the_ _prophets she_cried_out to 'Elīshā' to_say servant_of_your husband_of_my he_is_dead and_you(ms) you_know if/because_ _that servant_of_your he_was fearing ĐØM **YHWH** and_the_ _creditor is_about_to_come to_take/accept/receive ĐØM the_ _two_of children_of_my to_him/it to_slaves. **2** And_he/it_said to_her/it 'Elīshā' what will_I_do for tell to_me what is_there mmm[6] in_house and_she/it_said there_belongs_not to_ _maidservant_of_your anything in_house if/because (if) a_jar_ _of oil. **3** And_he/it_said go ask to/for_you(fs) vessels from the_ _outside from_with all_of mmm[78] vessels empty do_not make_ _few. **4** And_you_will_go and_you_will_shut the_door behind_ _you and_behind children_of_your and_you_will_pour_out on all_of the_vessels the_these and_the_full_vessel you_will_set_ _aside. **5** And_she_went from_with_him and_she_shut the_door behind_her and_behind her/its_sons/descendants they were_ _bringing to_her/it and_she was_pouring_out[9]. **6** And_he/it_ _was just_ the_vessels _as_were_full and_she/it_said to son_of_ _her bring_near to_me still a_vessel and_he/it_said to_her/it there_is_not still a_vessel and_ the_oil _it_stopped. **7** And_she_ _came and_she_told to_the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_he/it_said go sell ĐØM the_oil and_pay ĐØM mmm[10] and_you mmm[11] you_

5 LV 3:24 · Note OSHB variant note: **ובי/ו**: (x-qere) 'וּכְי/וֹ': lemma_c/5221 morph_HC/Vhw3mp id_1278y וּכְי/וֹ

6 LV 4:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **יכ/ל**: (x-qere) 'דָּ/לִ': lemma_l n_1.0 morph_HR/Sp2fs id_12WRL דָּ/לִ

7 LV 4:3 · Note OSHB variant note: **יכ/נכש**: (x-qere) 'דְּ/נָכְשׁ': lemma_7934 n_1 morph_HAampc/Sp2fs id_12r5i דְּ/נָכְשׁ

8 LV 4:3 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

9 LV 4:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **תקצימ**: (x-qere) 'תֻּקָּצוֹמ': lemma_3332 n_0 morph_HVhrfsa id_1216M תֻּקָּצוֹמ

10 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **יכ/ישנ**: (x-qere) 'דְּ/יָשֵׁנ': lemma_5386 n_1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2fs id_12cc4 דְּ/יָשֵׁנ

11 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **יכ/ינב**: (x-qere) 'דְּ/נֻּבְ/וֹ': lemma_c/1121 a n_0.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp2fs id_12MVU דְּ/נֻּבְ/וֹ

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_will_live by_remainder.

8 And_ the_day _he/it_was and_ ʾElīshāʿ _he/it_passed_through to Shūnēm and_there a_woman great and_she_urged in/on/over_him/it to_eat food and_he/it_was from_sufficiency he_passed_by he_turned_aside to_(to) to_eat food. **9** And_ _she/it_said to her/its_husband/man HERE please I_know if/because_that is_a_man_of god holy he who_passes_by at_us continually. **10** Let_us_make please an_upper_room_of a_wall small and_let_us_put to_him/it there a_bed and_a_table and_a_ _chair and_a_lampstand and_it_was when_comes_he to_us he_ _will_turn_aside to_(to). **11** And_ the_day _he/it_was and_he_ _came to_(to) and_he_turned_aside to the_upper_room and_he_ _lay_down there_(to). **12** And_he/it_said to Gēyḥₐzī servant_of_ _his summon (to)_the_woman (the)_this and_he/it_called to/for_her/it and_she_stood before_him. **13** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it say please to_her/it HERE you_have_taken_care to_us ~~DOM~~ all_of the_care (the)_this what for_doing to/for_you(fs) is_ _there to_speak to/for_you(fs) to the_king or to the_ _commander_of the_army and_she/it_said in_the_middle people_of_my_own I am_dwelling. **14** And_he/it_said and_what for_doing to/for_her/it and_ Gēyḥₐzī _he/it_said indeed a_son there_belongs_not to/for_her/it and_husband_of_her he_is_ _old. **15** And_he/it_said summon to/for_her/it and_he/it_called to/for_her/it and_she_stood at_entrance. **16** And_he/it_said to_ _time the_this about_time living you[12] will_be_embracing a_ _son and_she/it_said no my_master Oh_man_of the_ʾElohīm do_not tell_a_lie to_maidservant_of_your. **17** And_ the_woman _ _she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth a_ _son to_time the_this about_time living which he_had_spoken to_her/it ʾElīshāʿ. **18** And_ the_child _he_grew_up and_ the_day _he/it_was and_he/it_went_out to his/its_father to the_ _harvesters. **19** And_he/it_said to his/its_father my_head my_ _head and_he/it_said to the_servant carry_him to his/its_ _mother. **20** And_he_carried_him and_he_brought_him to his/its_mother and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived on knees_of_her until the_noontide(s) and_he/it_died. **21** And_ _she_went_up and_she_made_him_lie on the_bed_of the_man_ _of the_ʾElohīm and_she_shut behind_him and_she_went_out. **22** And_she/it_called/named to her/its_husband/man and_ _she/it_said send please to_me one of the_servants and_one of_ _the_donkeys so_that_I_may_run to the_man_of the_ʾElohīm and_so_that_I_may_return. **23** And_he/it_said why are_you[13] going[14] to_him/it the_day not new_moon and_not sabbath and_she/it_said peace. **24** And_she_saddled the_donkey and_ _she/it_said to servant_of_her lead_on and_go do_not hold_ _back to_me to_ride if/because (if) I_have_said to/for_you(fs). **25** And_she_went and_she_came to the_man_of the_ʾElohīm to the_mountain_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_he/it_was just_ the_man_of the_ʾElohīm _as_saw ~~DOM~~_her/it from_before and_ _he/it_said to Gēyḥₐzī servant_of_his THERE is_the_ _Shūnammit_woman this. **26** Now run please to_meet_her and_

Readers' Version

7 Then she went and informed the man of God, and he told her, "Go and sell the oil and pay off your debt. Then you and your sons can live on the rest."

Elisha brings a child back to life · Northern kingdom

8 One day, Elisha went to Shunem, and there was a wealthy woman there who invited him in for a meal. After that, he dropped in there for a meal whenever he was going past, **9** and the woman said to her husband, "You know, I'm sure that this man who often drops in on us is a holy man of God. **10** Please, can we make a small upstairs room on our flat roof? And we could put a bed and a lampstand in it for him, plus a table and chair. Then whenever he's passing through here, he'll have his own spot to stay."

11 Another day when Elisha arrived, he went up to his room and lay down. **12** Then he told his servant Geyhazi to call the Shunamit woman, so he called her and she came and stood in front of Elisha. **13** He told Geyhazi, "Now tell her that we've noticed how she looks after us, and ask her what we can do for her? Can we speak to the king for her or to the captain of the army?"

But she replied, "I have family and friends all around me."

14 After she'd left again, he asked Geyhazi, "Well, what can I do for her?"

"Hmmh," Geyhazi replied. "She doesn't have a son, and her husband is old."

15 "Call her then," Elisha said. So he called her and she came and stood in the doorway, **16** and Elisha told her, "In due course after the normal months, you'll have a son to hold."

"No, my master, man of God," she stammered. "Don't lie to your female servant."

17 Then the woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son after the normal time, just as Elisha had told her.

18 The child grew up and one day he went out to his father who was with the harvesters, **19** and he called to his father, "My head, my head."

His father told one of the servants, "Carry him home to his mother."

20 So the servant carried him back to his mother, and he sat on her knees until noon when he died. **21** His mother carried him up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shutting the door behind her as she went out. **22** Then she called her husband and told him, "Please send one of the young men and one of the donkeys to me so I can run and see the man of God and then come back." **23** "Why are you going there today?" he asked. "It's not a religious holiday."

"It'll be okay," she answered, **24** and she saddled the donkey, and told the young man, "Now, let's go! You lead and don't slacken off for my comfort unless I tell you to." **25** So they set off

12 LV 4:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתא**: (x-qere) ʾתָּאּ: lemma_859 b n_1.0 morph_HPp2fs id_12kWB תָּאּ

13 LV 4:23 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתא**: (x-qere) ʾתָּאּ: lemma_859 b morph_HPp2fs id_127rm תָּאּ

14 LV 4:23 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתכלה**: (x-qere) ʾתְּכֻלָּה: lemma_1980 morph_HVqrfsa id_12F4N תְּכֻלָּה

Readers' Version

to seek out the man of God at Mt. Karmel.

When Elisha saw her coming from a distance, he told Geyhazi, "Look, there's the Shunamit woman. **26** Now, please, run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?' "

"Everything's all right," she answered. **27** Then she got to the mountain and to the man of God, and she knelt and grabbed his feet. Geyhazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her because she's upset, but Yahweh has hidden the problem from me—he hasn't informed me."

28 "Did I ask for a son from you, my master?" she said. "No, but didn't I say, 'Don't mislead me?' " **29** Then he told Geyhazi, "Tuck in your robe and take my staff in your hand, and go quickly. If you meet anyone, just keep going and don't stop to bless them, and if someone blesses you, don't stop to answer them. When you get there, lay my staff on the young man's face."

30 But the mother of the young man said, "By the life of Yahweh and the life of your spirit, I won't leave without you." So he got ready, and went with her. **31** However, Geyhazi had gone ahead and he put the staff on the young man's face, but he didn't open his eyes or make a sound. So he returned to meet Elisha and told him that the young man didn't wake up.

32 When Elisha reached the house, it was a shock to see the young man lying on his bed, dead. **33** He went in and he shut the door behind the other two, and he prayed to Yahweh. **34** Then he got on the bed, and he lay on the child and bent down near him, putting his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his palms on his palms. Then the child's body started getting warmer, **35** and he got down and walked around the room several times. Then he got on the bed again, and bent down near him. The young man gasped several times, and then opened his eyes. **36** Then he called to Geyhazi, and told him to call the Shunamit woman, and he called her, and she came and Elisha told her, "Here, take your son." **37** Then she came in and fell to her knees in front of him with her face to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out, **38** and Elisha returned to Gilgal.

Two more miracles · Northern kingdom

At that time, there was a drought and the prophets-in-training were sitting facing him, and Elisha told his servant, "Get the large pot and boil a stew for these prophets-in-training." **39** One person went out to the countryside to gather herbs, and he found a wild vine, and he collected wild fruit from it—as many as he could hold in the fold of his robe. Then not realising that they were poisonous, he came and he sliced them into the pot of stew. **40** Then they served it up for the men to eat, but when they ate it, they called out, "Man of God, there's poison in that pot!" **41** "Bring me some flour," Elisha said. Then he threw it into the pot, and said, "Serve it up for the people to eat," and no one was harmed.

Literal Version

_say to/for_her/it does_peace to/for_you(fs) does_peace belong_to_husband_of_your does_peace belong_to_child and_ _she/it_said peace. **27** And_she_came to the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm to the_mountain and_she_took_hold on_feet_of_his and_ Gēyḥ$_a$zī _he_drew_near to_drive_her_away and_ the_man_ _of the_'Elohīm _he/it_said refrain to/for_her/it if/because self_of_her it_is_bitter to/for_her/it and_**YHWH** he_has_hidden from_me and_not he_has_told to_me. **28** And_she/it_said did_I_ _ask_for a_son from_with my_master not did_I_say not you_ _must_deceive ᴅᴏᴍ_me. **29** And_he/it_said to_Gēyḥ$_a$zī gird_up loins_of_your and_take staff_of_my in_hand_of_your and_go if/because you_will_meet anyone not you_must_bless_him and_ _because/when he_will_bless_you anyone not you_must_ _answer_him and_you_will_put staff_of_my on the_face_of the_ _lad. **30** And_ the_mother_of the_lad _she/it_said by_the_life of_ _**YHWH** and_by_the_life your_self_of_your if I_will_leave_you and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went after_her. **31** And_Gēyḥ$_a$zī he_passed_on before_them and_he/it_assigned ᴅᴏᴍ the_staff on the_face_of the_lad and_there_was_not a_sound and_there_ _was_not attentiveness and_he_went_back to_meet_him and_ _he_told to_him/it to_say not the_lad he_has_awakened. **32** And_ 'Elīshā' _he_came to_the_house and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_lad was_dead he_was_laid on bed_of_his. **33** And_he_went and_he/it_closed_up the_door behind both_of_them and_he_ _prayed to **YHWH**. **34** And_he/it_ascended and_he_lay on the_ _child and_he/it_assigned mouth_of_his on mouth_of_his and_ _eyes_of_his on eyes_of_his and_palms_of_his on mmm[15] and_ _he_bent_down on/upon/above_him/it and_ the_flesh_of the_ _child _it_became_warm. **35** And_he_went_back and_he/it_went in_house one_time hither and_one_time hither and_he/it_ _ascended and_he_bent_down on/upon/above_him/it and_ the_lad _he_sneezed until seven times and_ the_lad _he_opened ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_his. **36** And_he/it_called (to) Gēyḥ$_a$zī and_he/it_ _said summon (to) the_Shūnammit_woman (the)_this and_he_ _summoned_her and_she_came to_him/it and_he/it_said take_ _up son_of_your. **37** And_she_came and_she_fell at feet_of_his and_she_bowed_down ground_to_the and_she_took_up ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_her and_she_went_out. **38** And_'Elīshā' he_returned to_ _(the)_Gilgal and_(the)_famine on_the_earth and_the_sons of_ _the_prophets were_sitting before_him and_he/it_said to_ _servant_of_his put_on the_pot (the)_large and_cook cooked_ _food for_the_sons_of the_prophets.

39 And_ one_man _he/it_went_out to the_field to_gather herbs and_he_found a_vine_of the_field and_he_gathered from_ _him/it gourds_of the_field the_fullness_of his_garment_of_his and_he_came and_he_sliced_them into the_pot_of the_cooked_ _food if/because not people_knew. **40** And_they_poured_it_out for_the_men to_eat and_he/it_was just_as_they_ate some_of_ _the_cooked_food and_they they_cried_out and_they_said death is_in_pot Oh_man_of the_'Elohīm and_not they_were_ _able to_eat_it. **41** And_he/it_said and_fetch flour and_he_ _threw_it into the_pot and_he/it_said pour_it_out for_people so_that_they_may_eat and_not it_was a_thing bad in_pot. **42** And_a_man he_came from_Ba'al- shalishah and_he/it_ _brought to_the_man_of the_'Elohīm bread_of first-fruits twenty bread[s] barley(s) and_new_corn in_sack_of_his and_

15 LV 4:34 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/פַכ: (x-qere) וְ/יְפַכְּ: lemma_3709 n_1.1 morph_HNcfdc/Sp3ms id_12J1i וְ/יְפַכְּ

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_he/it_said give_it to_people so_that_they_may_eat. **43** And_ servant_of_his _he/it_said what will_I_set this to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before a_hundred man and_he/it_said give_it to_people so_that_they_may_eat if/because thus **YHWH** he_ _says they_will_eat and_they_will_have_more_than_enough. **44** And_he/it_gave before_them and_they_ate and_they_had_ _more_than_enough according_to_the_message_of **YHWH**.

5:1 And_Na´ₐmān the_commander_of the_army_of the_king_of ’Arām he_was a_man great to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before master(s)_of_his and_lifted_up_of face if/because in_him/it **YHWH** he_had_given victory to_’Arām and_the_man he_was a_ _mighty_man_of strength having_a_skin_disease. **2** And_’Arām they_had_gone_out marauding_bands and_they_had_taken_ _captive from_the_land_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) a_girl young and_it_ _became to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_wife_of Na´ₐmān. **3** And_she/it_said to mistress_of_her would_that my_ _master to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_prophet who is_in_Shomrōn then he_will_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it from_his_skin_ _of_disease. **4** And_he_went and_he_told to_his_master(s) to_ _say like_this and_like_this the_girl who is_from_the_land_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) she_spoke. **5** And_ the_king_of ’Arām _he/it_ _said come go and_I_will_send a_letter to the_king_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_went and_he/it_took in_his/its_hand ten talents_of silver and_six_of thousand(s) gold and_ten changes_of garments. **6** And_he/it_brought the_letter to the_ _king_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) to_say and_now just_ the_letter the_ _this _as_comes to_you HERE I_have_sent to_you ᴅᴏᴍ Na´ₐmān servant_of_my and_you_will_deliver_him from_his_skin_of_ _disease. **7** And_he/it_was just_ the_king_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _as_ _read_aloud ᴅᴏᴍ the_letter and_he_tore clothes_of_his and_ _he/it_said god am_I to_kill and_to_restore_to_life that/for/because/then/when this_man is_sending to_me to_ _deliver a_man from_his_skin_of_disease if/because only consider please and_see if/because_that he is_seeking_an_ _opportunity to_me. **8** And_he/it_was just_as_heard ’Elīshā´ the_man_of the_’Elohīm if/because_that the_king_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) he_had_torn ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his and_he_sent to the_king to_say to/for_what did_you_tear clothes_of_your let_ _him_come please to_me so_that_he_may_know if/because_ _that there_is a_prophet in_Yisrā’ēl/(Israel). **9** And_ Na´ₐmān _ _he_came his[17] and_with_chariot[s]_of_his and_he_stood the_ _entrance_of the_house of_’Elīshā´. **10** And_he_sent to_him/it ’Elīshā´ a_messenger to_say go and_you_will_wash seven times in_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_ flesh_of_your _it_will_return to/for_ _yourself(m) and_be_clean. **11** And_ Na´ₐmān _he_was_angry and_he_went and_he/it_said HERE I_said to_me he_will_come_ _out surely_(come_out) and_he_will_stand and_he_will_call in/on_name_of **YHWH** his/its_god and_he_will_wave his/its_ _hand to the_place and_he_will_deliver the_one_who_has_a_

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42 One day a man came from Ba’al-Shalishah, and he brought to the man of God an offering from the beginning of his harvest: twenty loaves of barley bread, and newly-harvested corn in his sack, and Elisha said to his servant, “Give it to our people so they can eat.”

43 “How can I divide that out to one hundred men?” asked his servant.

“Give them to the people so they can eat,” he replied, “because Yahweh says that they can eat and have left-overs.” **44** So he laid it out in front of them and they ate and had left-overs, just like Yahweh had said would happen.

Na’aman’s healing · Northern kingdom

5:1 Now Na’aman was the captain in Aram’s (Syria’s) army. He was highly respected by Aram’s king, and was promoted to a high position because Yahweh had helped Aram win many battles because of him. However, despite his military prowess, he suffered from a serious skin disease called leprosy.[16] **2** Previously troops that had been sent out from Aram, had taken a young Israeli girl captive and she had become Na’aman’s wife’s servant. **3** One day she said to her mistress, “I wish that my master would go and see the prophet who lives in Shomron (Samaria), and then he would cure him of his leprosy.” **4** In due course, Na’aman heard and went and told his master what the young Israeli girl had said. **5** The king of Aram responded, “Ok, I’ll write a letter to the king of Yisrael (Israel) for you to take.”

So Na’aman set off, taking along 70kg of gold, 300kg of silver, and ten sets of fine clothes, **6** and he took the letter to the king of Yisrael. The letter said, “Greetings. When this letter gets to you, see, I’ve sent my servant Na’aman to you so that you can heal his skin disease.”

7 However when Yisrael’s king read the letter, he tore his clothes in despair, and he said, “Do they think that I’m God who ends people’s lives and gives life to others? Why’s this person sending a man here for me to take away his skin disease? Surely he must be creating a situation so he has an excuse to attack me!”

8 Later when Elisha the man of God heard that Yisrael’s king had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why did you tear your clothes? Please, let that man come to me so he can know that there *is* a prophet in Yisrael.” **9** So Na’aman came on his chariots and horses, and he stood at the entrance to Elisha’s house. **10** Elisha sent a messenger out to him to tell him, “Go and wash seven times in the Yarden (Jordan) river, and then you’ll be better and your skin will go back to normal.”

11 But Na’aman was furious, and he left, saying, “Listen, I said to myself that he’d surely come out and stand there and call on the name of his god Yahweh, then he’d wave his hand over my body and take away the skin disease. **12** Aren’t the Damesek

16 RV 5:1-14 · Cross-ref. Luk 4:27.

17 LV 5:9 · Note OSHB variant note: וסוס/ב: (x-qere) ’וְיָסוּס/בִ’: lemma_b/5483 b morph_HR/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_12JqE וְיָסוּס/בִ

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(Damascus) rivers Avanah and Parpar better than any river in Yisrael? Can't I bathe in them instead and get healed?" So he turned and he went off angrily. **13** Then some of his servants approached him and suggested, "My master, if the prophet had told you to do something more significant, wouldn't you have done it? So maybe you could do the simple thing that he told you: wash and get better."

14 So Na'aman went down to the Yarden river and dipped in it seven times like the man of God had told him to. Then his skin became clear again, like the skin of a young boy, and he was healed. **15** Then he returned to the man of God along with his entire retinue. Standing in front of him, he said, "Look, please. I know that there is no god in all the earth except in Yisrael. Now, please, accept a blessing from your servant."

16 "By the life of Yahweh who I serve," he responded, "I won't take anything."

Na'aman urged him to take something, but he kept refusing. **17** Then Na'aman said, "Well if not, please, at least may we load a pair of mules with some soil to take back with us, because from now on, your servant will no longer make a burnt offering or a sacrifice to other gods—only to Yahweh. **18** However, I'll ask in advance: May Yahweh forgive your servant when my master goes to the house of the god Rimon to prostrate himself there, and he's leaning on my hand, and I prostrate myself in the house of Rimon. When I prostrate myself in the house of Rimon, please may Yahweh forgive your servant for this one activity."

19 "Go in peace," Elisha replied.

After they'd gone a short distance, **20** Elisha's servant said to himself, "Hmmh, my master wouldn't take anything from that Na'aman the Aramean. By the life of Yahweh, I think I should run after him and take something that he brought." **21** So Geyhazi hurried after Na'aman. When Na'aman saw a person running after him, he got down from his chariot to meet him, and he said, "Is there a problem?"

22 "Peace," he said, "My master sent me to tell you that two young prophets-in-training arrived from the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim). Can we please have 30kg of silver and two sets of clothing for them?"

23 "Sure," said Na'aman. "Take 60kg," he urged him. Then he separated 60kg of silver into two bags along with two sets of clothes, then he gave them to two of his young men to carry back for him. **24** When Geyhazi reached the hill, he sent the men back and they returned to Na'aman. Then he took the sacks that they'd brought and hid them in the house. **25** When he went back in to his master, Elisha asked him, "Where did you go, Geyhazi?"

"Your servant hasn't been anywhere," he replied.

26 "Wasn't I there in spirit when a man turned from on his

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_skin_disease. **12** Not good are_Amana[18] and_Parpar the_rivers_ _of Dammeseq from_all the_waters_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not will_ _I_wash (is)_in_them and_I_will_be_clean and_he_turned and_ _he/it_went in_a_rage. **13** And_ servants_of_his _they_drew_ _near and_they_spoke to_him/it and_they_said would_that a_ _thing great the_prophet he_spoke to_you am_not will_you_do_ _it and_indeed if/because he_has_said to_you wash and_be_ _clean. **14** And_he/it_descended and_he_dipped in_Yardēn seven times according_to_the_message_of the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm and_ flesh_of_his _it_returned like_the_flesh_of a_lad young and_he_was_clean. **15** And_he_went_back to the_man_of the_'Elohīm he and_all camp_of_his and_he_came and_he_ _stood before_him and_he/it_said HERE please I_know if/because_that there_is_not a_god in_all the_earth/land if/because (if) in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_now accept please a_ _blessing from_with servant_of_your. **16** And_he/it_said by_ _the_life of_**YHWH** whom I_stand before_him if I_will_accept and_he_urged in/on/over_him/it to_take/accept/receive and_ _he_refused. **17** And_ Na'ₐmān _he/it_said and_not let_it_be_ _given please to_servant_of_your the_load_of a_pair_of mules earth if/because not he_will_offer again servant_of_your burnt_offering and_sacrifice to_gods other if/because (if) to/for_**YHWH**. **18** To_the_message/thing/matter the_this **YHWH** may_he_forgive (to)_servant_of_your when_ my_master _goes the_house_of Rimmōn to_bow_down there_(to) and_he is_leaning on hand_of_my and_I_will_bow_down the_house_of Rimmōn when_I_bow_down the_house_of Rimmōn may_he_ _forgive wwww[19] **YHWH** (to)_servant_of_your in_matter (the)_ _this. **19** And_he/it_said to_him/it go to_peace and_he/it_went from_with_him a_distance_of land. **20** And_ Gēyḥₐzī the_ _servant_of 'Elīshā' the_man_of the_'Elohīm _he/it_said HERE my_master he_has_restrained ᴅᴏᴍ Na'ₐmān the_'Arammiy the_ _this from_accepting from_hand_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_ _brought by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because if I_run after_him and_I_will_accept from_with_him anything. **21** And_ Gēyḥₐzī _ _he_pursued after Na'ₐmān and_ Na'ₐmān _he_saw one_who_ _ran after_him and_he_fell from_under the_chariot to_meet_ _him and_he/it_said peace. **22** And_he/it_said peace my_master he_has_sent_me to_say HERE now this they_have_come to_me two_of young_men from_hill of_'Efrayim from_(the)_sons of_ _the_prophets give please to/for_them a_talent_of silver and_ _two_of changes_of garments. **23** And_ Na'ₐmān _he/it_said be_ _willing accept two_talents and_he_urged in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_laid_siege two_talents silver in_two_of bags and_ _two_of changes_of garments and_he/it_gave to two_of his_ _servants_of_his and_they_carried_them before_him. **24** And_ _he_came to the_hill and_he/it_took from_hand_of_their and_ _he_deposited_them in_house and_he_sent_away ᴅᴏᴍ the_men and_they_went. **25** And_he he_went and_he_stood to master(s)_ _of_his and_he/it_said to_him/it 'Elīshā' mmm[20] Oh_Gēyḥₐzī and_he/it_said not servant_of_your he_has_gone where and_ _where. **26** And_he/it_said to_him/it not heart_of_my did_it_go just_as a_man he_turned from_under chariot_of_his to_meet_

18 LV 5:12 · Note OSHB variant note: **הנבא**: (x-qere) **הָֽנָּבִֽא**': lemma_549 morph_HNp id_126a2 **הָֽנָּבִֽא**

19 LV 5:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **אנ**: (x-qere)

20 LV 5:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **וא/מ**: (x-qere) **וָיֵא/מ**': lemma_m/575 n_1.0 morph_HR/Tn id_12vQm **וָיֵא/מ**

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_you a_time to_take/accept/receive ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_silver and_to_
_accept clothes and_olive_trees and_vineyards and_sheep and_
_cattle and_male_servants and_maidservants. **27** And_the_skin_
_disease_of Na´ₐmān it_will_cling to_you and_to_offspring_of_
_your forever_perpetuity and_he/it_went_out from_before_
_face_of_him having_a_skin_disease like_snow.
6:1 And_ the_sons_of the_prophets _they_said to ʾElīshā´ HERE
please the_place where we are_dwelling there to_your_face it_
_is_too_cramped for_us. **2** Let_us_go please to the_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_let_us_take from_there each a_beam one
and_let_us_make to/for_ourselves there a_place to_dwell there
and_he/it_said go. **3** And_ the_one _he/it_said be_willing please
and_go with your_servants and_he/it_said I I_will_go. **4** And_
_he/it_went with_them and_they_came to_the_Yardēn and_
_they_cut_down (the)_trees. **5** And_he/it_was the_one was_
_making_fall the_beam and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_iron it_fell into the_waters
and_he_cried_out and_he/it_said alas my_master and_he was_
asked. **6** And the_man_of the_ʾElohīm _he/it_said where did_
_it_fall and_he_showed_him ᴅᴏᴍ the_place and_he_cut_off a_
_piece_of_wood and_he_threw_it to_(to) and_he_caused_to_
_float the_iron. **7** And_he/it_said lift_it to/for_you(fs) and_he_
_stretched_out his/its_hand and_he_took_it.

8 And_the_king_of ʾArām he_was fighting against_
_Yisrā´ēl/(Israel) and_he_consulted (to) servants_of_his to_say
will_be_to a_place_of a_certain_one a_certain_one
encampment_of_my. **9** And_ the_man_of the_ʾElohīm _he_sent
to the_king_of Yisrā´ēl/(Israel) to_say take_care from_passing_
_by the_place the_this if/because there ʾArām is_descending.
10 And_ the_king_of Yisrā´ēl/(Israel) _he_sent to the_place
which he_had_spoken to_him/it the_man_of the_ʾElohīm and**21**
and_he_took_care there not one_time and_not two_times.
11 And_ the_heart_of the_king_of ʾArām _it_was_disturbed on
the_matter the_this and_he/it_called to_servants_of_his and_
_he/it_said to_them am_not will_you(pl)_tell to_me who from_
_those_who_belong_to_us is_to the_king_of Yisrā´ēl/(Israel).
12 And_ one of_servants_of_his _he/it_said no my_master the_
_king if/because ʾElīshā´ the_prophet who is_in_Yisrā´ēl/(Israel)
he_tells to_the_king_of Yisrā´ēl/(Israel) ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_words/messages which you_speak in_the_chamber_of your_
_lying_down_of_your. **13** And_he/it_said go and_see where is_
_he so_that_I_may_send and_so_that_I_may_capture_him and_
_it_was_told to_him/it to_say THERE in_Dotān. **14** And_he_sent
to_(to) horses and_chariotry and_an_army massive and_they_
_came night and_they_surrounded (on) the_city. **15** And_ the_
_servant_of the_man_of the_ʾElohīm _he_rose_early to_arise
and_he/it_went_out and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE an_army was_
_surrounding ᴅᴏᴍ the_city and_horse[s] and_chariotry and_
servant_of_his _he/it_said to_him/it alas my_master how will_
_we_do. **16** And_he/it_said do_not be_afraid if/because are_
_many those_who are_with_us more_than_those_who are_

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chariot to meet you?" Elisha said to him, "Is this a time to take silver or clothing, or to take olive trees or vineyards, or sheep or cattle, or male or female servants? **27** Because of that, Na'aman's leprosy will transfer to you and to your offspring forever." When Geyhazi left the room, his skin had gone white as snow and he was now a leper.

The floating axe head · Northern kingdom

6:1 One day, the prophets-in-training said to Elisha, "Please look, The place where we're sitting to learn from you is too narrow to fit us all in. **2** Please, let us go down by the Yarden (Jordan) river, and let each of us cut down and bring back a log from there to make a new classroom for us to sit in."

"Go ahead," he answered.

3 One of them insisted, "Please, say that you'll come with your servants."

"Okay then, I'll come," he said. **4** So he went with them to the Yarden valley to cut down some trees, **5** but while one of them was chopping down a tree, suddenly the axe head separated from the handle and went flying into the water. The man called out to Elisha, "Oh, Master, what should I do? It's not my axe—I borrowed it!"

6 "Where did it fall in?" the man of God asked. After the man had shown him the place, Elisha cut off a stick and threw it there, and the iron axe head rose to the surface. **7** "Now get it out," he said, and the man stretched out and grabbed it.

The Arami army is defeated · Northern kingdom

8 In those days, the king of Aram (Syria) was fighting against Yisrael (Israel), and he'd instruct his servants, "Set up our camp in such and such a place." **9** However, the man of God sent to Yisrael's king to warn him, "Beware of passing by such and such a place, because the Aramean army will be attacking there." **10** So the king would send messengers to the people at that place to warn them to watch and be prepared.

That happened several times **11** and the Aramean king got very upset about it. He called in his servants and demanded, "Which one of you is a traitor—passing military intelligence to the king of Yisrael?"

12 "No, my master the king," a servant answered. "It's the prophet Elisha in Yisrael who tells their king the things that you say even in your bedroom."

13 "Go and find out where he is," he instructed, "and I'll send some men there to capture him."

"He's in Dotan," he was told later. **14** So he sent chariots and horses and a large contingent, and they arrived there at night and surrounded the town.

15 Early the next morning, the servant of the man of God got up, and going outside he was shocked to see chariots and horses and an army surrounding the town, so he called Elisha, "Oh, my master! What will we do?"

16 "Don't be afraid," he said, "because we have many more than

21 LV 6:10 · Note OSHB variant note: ה/ריהזה/ו: (x-qere) יו/ריהזה/ו: lemma_c/2094 b n_1.0 morph_HC/Vhp3ms/Sp3ms id_12Sxm יו/ריהזה/ו

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that on our side." **17** Then Elisha prayed, "Yahweh, please enable his sight so he can see." Then Yahweh enabled the eyes of the young man, and he was stunned to see that the hill was covered with chariots of fire and horses all around Elisha.

18 When the Arameans approached to swoop in, Elisha prayed to Yahweh, "Please, strike those warriors with blinding light." So Yahweh struck them with blinding light just as Elisha had requested, **19** and Elisha told them, "This isn't the right way, and this isn't the town. Follow me, and let me lead you to the man you're looking for."

Then he led them to Shomron (Samaria), **20** and when they'd entered the city, Elisha said, "Yahweh, open the eyes of these people so they can see." So Yahweh opened their eyes, and then they were stunned to see that they were in the middle of Shomron.

21 When he saw them, the king of Yisrael (Israel) asked Elisha, "Should I kill them? Should I kill them, my father?" **22** "No, don't kill them," he replied. "Would you cold-bloodedly kill your prisoners of war? No, give them bread and water and let them eat and drink, and then they can return to their master." **23** So the king prepared a large meal for them, and they ate and drank, and he sent them off to return to their master. After that, the Aramean troops didn't continue their ventures into Yisrael.

Ben-Hadad besieges Shomron/Samaria · Northern kingdom

24 Sometime after that, King Ben-Hadad of Aram (Syria) assembled all of his warriors and attacked Shomron (Samaria), and besieged it. **25** Being surrounded like that caused a terrible famine inside the city, until a donkey's head would be sold for eighty silver coins, and a cup of doves' droppings was sold for five silver coins.

26 One day as the king of Yisrael (Israel) was walking past on the top of the city wall, a woman cried out to him, "Save me, my master, the king!"

27 "If Yahweh won't save you, how could I possibly save you?" he snapped. "Some grain from the threshing floor or some wine from the wine-pressing pit?" **28** Then he asked her, "Okay, what's your problem?"

"This woman said to me, 'Let's have your son and we'll eat him today, then we'll eat my son tomorrow,' " she answered. **29** "So we boiled my son and ate him, and then the next day I said, 'Hand over your son and we'll eat him,' but she'd hidden him."

30 When he heard that, the king (standing up on the wall) tore his clothes, and the people could see to their astonishment that he was wearing sackcloth underneath, **31** and he said, "May God do that to me and more, if Shafat's son Elisha still has his head on him by the end of the day."

Literal Version

_with_them. **17** And_ 'Elīshā' _he_prayed and_he_said Oh_ _**YHWH** open please ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_his so_that_he_may_see and_ **YHWH** _he_opened ᴅᴏᴍ the_eyes_of the_servant and_he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_hill it_was_full horses and_chariotry_ _of fire around_of 'Elīshā'. **18** And_they_came_down to_him/it and_ 'Elīshā' _he_prayed to **YHWH** and_he_said strike please ᴅᴏᴍ the_nation the_this with_(the)_blindness(es) and_he_ _struck_them with_(the)_blindness(es) according_to_the_ _message_of 'Elīshā'. **19** And_he/it_said to_them 'Elīshā' not this is_the_way and_not this the_city come after_me and_let_me_ _lead you(pl) to the_man whom you(pl)_seek and_he_led them to_Shomrōn. **20** And_he/it_was just_as_they_came Shomrōn and_ 'Elīshā' _he/it_said Oh_**YHWH** open ᴅᴏᴍ the_eyes_of these_men so_that_they_may_see and_ **YHWH** _he_opened ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_their and_they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE in_the_ _middle of_Shomrōn. **21** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_said to 'Elīshā' just_as_he_saw them will_I_strike_them_ _down will_I_strike_them_down my_father_of_my. **22** And_ _he/it_said not you_must_strike_them_down those_whom you_ _have_taken_captive by_sword_of_your and_by_bow_of_your are_you about_to_strike_down set food and_water before_them so_that_they_may_eat and_so_that_they_may_drink and_let_ _them_go to master(s)_of_their. **23** And_he_gave_a_feast to/for_ _them a_feast great and_they_ate and_they_drank and_he_let_ _them_go and_they_went to master(s)_of_their and_not they_ _repeated again the_marauding_bands_of 'Arām to_come in_ _land of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

24 And_he/it_was after thus and_ Ben Hadad the_king_of 'Arām _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of army_of_his and_he/it_ascended and_ _he/it_laid_siege on Shomrōn. **25** And_he/it_was a_famine great in_Shomrōn and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_were_laying_ _siege on/upon_it(f) until was the_head_of a_donkey for_eighty silver and_the_fourth_part_of the_kab wwww wwww**222324** for_ _five silver. **26** And_he/it_was the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_ _passing_by on the_wall and_a_woman she_cried_out to_him/it to_say save my_master the_king. **27** And_he/it_said not let_ _him_save_you **YHWH** from_where will_I_save_you the_(one)_ _from the_threshing_floor or from the_winepress. **28** And_ _he/it_said to/for_her/it the_king what is_to_you and_she/it_ _said the_woman (the)_this she_said to_me give ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_ _your so_that_we_may_eat_him the_day and_ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_my we_will_eat tomorrow. **29** And_we_cooked ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_my and_ _we_ate_him and_I_said to_her/it in_the_day (the)_one give ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_your so_that_we_may_eat_him and_she_had_ _hidden ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_her. **30** And_he/it_was just_ the_king _as_ _heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_woman and_he_tore ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his and_he was_passing_by on the_wall and_ the_people _he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE (the)_sackcloth was_on flesh_of_his from_inside. **31** And_he/it_said thus may_ _he_do to/for_me god and_thus may_he_add if the_head_of 'Elīshā' the_son_of Shāfāṭ it_will_remain_standing on/upon/above_him/it the_day. **32** And_'Elīshā' was_sitting in_ _house_of_his and_the_elders were_sitting with_him/it and_

22 LV 6:25 · Note OSHB variant note: מינויירח: (x-qere) 'מֵינֹוִיבִד': lemma_1686 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpa id_12Bqs מֵינֹוִיבִד

23 LV 6:25 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

24 LV 6:25 · Note OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

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_he_had_sent a_man from_before_face_of_him before_before the_messenger he_came to_him/it and_he he_said to the_ _elders do_you(pl)_see if/because_that the_son_of the_ _murderer the_this he_has_sent to_remove ĐOM my_head look just_ the_messenger _as_comes shut the_door and_you(pl)_ _will_push ĐOM_him/it with_door am_not is_the_sound_of the_ _feet_of his_master(s)_of_his after_him. **33** Still_he was_ _speaking with_them and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_messenger was_coming_down to_him/it and_he/it_said HERE this the_ _calamity is_from_with **YHWH** why will_I_wait to/for_**YHWH** still.
7:1 And_ ʾElīshāʿ _he/it_said hear the_message_of **YHWH** thus **YHWH** he_says about_time tomorrow a_seah fine_flour for_a_ _shekel and_two_seahs barley(s) for_a_shekel at_the_gate_of Shomrōn. **2** And_ the_officer who to/for_the_king who_was_ _leaning on his/its_hand _he_answered ĐOM the_man_of the_ _ʾElohīm and_he_said HERE **YHWH** is_making windows in_ _heavens will_ the_thing the_this _it_happen and_he/it_said here_you are_about_to_see with_your_two's_own_of_eyes and_ _from_there not you_will_eat. **3** And_four men they_were those_who_had_a_skin_disease the_entrance_of the_gate and_ _they_said each to his/its_neighbour why are_we sitting here until we_have_died. **4** If we_said we_will_enter the_city and_ _the_famine is_in_city and_we_will_die there and_if we_sat here and_we_will_die and_now come and_let_us_fall to the_ _camp_of ʾArām if they_will_let_us_live we_will_live and_if they_will_put_us_to_death and_we_will_die. **5** And_they_arose at_twilight to_go to the_camp_of ʾArām and_they_came to the_ _edge_of the_camp_of ʾArām and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_was_ _not there anyone. **6** And_the_of_master he_had_caused_to_ _hear ĐOM the_camp_of ʾArām a_sound_of chariotry a_sound_of horse[s] a_sound_of an_army large and_they_said each to his/its_brother HERE he_has_hired on_us the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) ĐOM the_kings_of the_Ḫittiy and_ĐOM the_ _kings_of Miṣrayim/(Egypt) to_come on_us. **7** And_they_arose and_they_fled at_twilight and_they_abandoned ĐOM tents_of_ _their and_ĐOM horses_of_their and_ĐOM donkeys_of_their the_ _camp just_as it_was and_they_fled to life_of_their. **8** And_ those_who_had_a_skin_disease the_these _they_came to the_ _edge_of the_camp and_they_came into a_tent one and_they_ _ate and_they_drank and_they_carried_off from_there silver and_gold and_clothes and_they_went and_they_hid_them and_ _they_returned and_they_came into a_tent another and_they_ _carried_off_things from_there and_they_went and_they_hid_ _them. **9** And_they_said each to his/its_neighbour not right we are_doing the_day the_this is_a_day_of news it and_we are_ _silent and_we_will_wait until the_light_of the_morning and_ _it_will_find_us punishment and_now come and_let_us_go and_ _let_us_tell the_household_of the_king. **10** And_they_came and_ _they_called_out to the_gatekeeper_of the_city and_they_told to/for_them to_say we_went into the_camp_of ʾArām and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_was_not there anyone and_the_sound_ _of anyone if/because (if) the_horse[s] are_tethered and_the_ _donkey[s] are_tethered and_the_tents just_as they_were.
11 And_ the_gatekeepers _he/it_called and_they_told the_ _household_of the_king within. **12** And_ the_king _he/it_rose_ _up night and_he/it_said to servants_of_his let_me_tell please to/for_you(pl) ĐOM that_which they_have_done to/for_us

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32 Meanwhile, Elisha was sitting at home, joined by the city elders. The king had sent a warrior ahead of him, and before he'd arrived at the house, Elisha had told the elders, "Well now, that son of a murderer has sent an assassin to separate me from my head. Listen, when that hit-man arrives, shut the door and lean against it. His master won't be far behind him." **33** He was still talking with them, when, wow, the warrior was coming towards the house soon followed by the king who said, "Listen, Yahweh caused this disaster so why should I trust him any longer?"

7:1 "Listen to what Yahweh says," Elisha responded, "Yahweh says that at this time tomorrow, a drum of flour will be sold for a shekel, and two drums of barley will be sold for a shekel at the city gate."

2 "That's impossible," interjected the captain at the king's side. "Yahweh would have to make windows in the sky."

"Oh, it'll happen," the man of God answered, "and you'll see it with your own eyes, but you won't get to eat any of it."

3 That day, four men who were isolated due to a skin disease were at the city gate, and they asked each other, "Why are we just sitting here until we starve? **4** If we go into the city, we'll starve to death in there, but if we sit here, we'll die anyway. Why don't we go into the Aramean army camp—if they kill us then we'll die, but if they let us live, then we'll live." **5** So as it was getting dark, they went to go into the camp, but as they came to the edge of it, to their surprise there wasn't a person in sight. **6** It turned out that the master had caused the Aramean army to hear the sounds of chariots and horses and a large army, so they'd said to each other that the king of Yisrael (Israel) must have hired the Hiti and Mitsri (Egyptian) kings to join together to fight them. **7** As a result, they'd taken off and fled in the twilight. They'd abandoned their tents and horses and donkeys—leaving the camp just as it was, and fled for their lives.

8 So those four men with leprosy approached the edge of the camp and went into the first tent, and ate and drank. Then they took some gold and silver and clothes out, and they went and hid it. Then they returned and went into another tent, and stole some stuff from that one, and went and hid that. **9** Then they said to each other, "We shouldn't really be doing this today. It's a day of good news, but we've been keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until the light of the morning, we'll get punished for it, so let's go now and inform the king's household." **10** So they went and called out to one of the city gatekeepers, and they informed them, "We went to the Aramean camp, but listen, there wasn't anyone there, or any voices. The horses and donkeys were still tethered, and the tents were left just as they were."

11 The gatekeepers called out, and the news was reported to the palace. **12** Although it was already night-time, the king got up and warned his servants, "I'll tell you what's going on here: The Arameans know that we're hungry, so they left their camp to go and hide in the countryside, thinking that we'd go out from the city, and then they could capture us and take over the city."

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13 But one of his servants answered, "Sir, please, let us take five of the remaining horses. They're pretty much finished anyway, like the remaining population of Yisrael (Israel), so there's not much to lose. Let us go and investigate." 14 So with the king's permission, they took two chariot horses and went to check out the Aramean camp. 15 They went as far as the Yarden (Jordan) river, and were amazed that the whole road was full of clothing and equipment that the Arameans had thrown off in their rush, and the messengers returned and informed the king. 16 So the people went out and plundered the camp. Then it happened: a drum of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two drums of barley for the same amount, just as Yahweh had said would happen.

17 The king had appointed the captain who had argued with Elisha to be in charge at the city gate, but the people trampled him there and he died, just as the man of God had said when the king had gone to his place. 18 When the man of God had told the king that two drums of barley would be sold for a shekel, and a drum of flour also sold for a shekel the next morning at the city gate, 19 the captain was the one who'd answered the man of God and had said that Yahweh would have to make windows in the sky to do that, and Elisha had told him that he'd see it, but wouldn't be able to eat any of it. 20 That's exactly what happened, because he got trampled by the rush of people at the gate and died.

The Shunamit woman gets her land back · Northern kingdom

8:1 One day Elisha spoke to the Shunamit woman whose son he'd brought back to life, "Pack up and leave here, you and your household, and go and stay somewhere else, because Yahweh's going to send a seven-year drought." 2 So the woman got up, and she did what the man of God told her: She packed up her household and left to go and live in the Pelishtim' region for seven years.

3 Then eventually after seven years, the woman returned from the Pelishtim' region and she went to petition the king about her house and land. 4 When she arrived, the king had asked Geyhazi, the servant of the man of God, "Please tell me all the incredible things that Elisha has done." 5 Then Geyhazi was telling the king that Elisha had made the dead live, and how the woman who he made her son live was petitioning the king on behalf of

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'Arām they_know if/because_that are_hungry we and_they_ _went_out from the_camp to_hide_themselves in/on/at/with_ _the[25] to_say if/because they_will_come_out from the_city and_we_will_seize_them alive and_near/to the_city we_will_go. 13 And_ one of_servants_of_his _he_answered and_he/it_said and_let_people_take please five of the_horses which_remain which they_are_left in_it HERE_they will_be_like_all_of the[26] of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_are_left in_it HERE_they will_be_ _like_all_of wwww of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_have_come_ _to_an_end and_let_us_send so_that_we_may_see. 14 And_they_ _took two_of chariot[s] horses and_ the_king _he_sent_them after the_camp_of 'Arām to_say go and_see. 15 And_they_went after_them to the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE all_of the_road was_full clothes and_equipment(s) which 'Arām they_ _had_thrown_away were_making_haste[27] and_ the_messengers _they_returned and_they_told to_king. 16 And_ the_people _ _he/it_went_out and_they_plundered ÐOM the_camp_of 'Arām and_he/it_was a_seah fine_flour for_a_shekel and_two_seahs barley(s) for_a_shekel according_to_the_message_of **YHWH**. 17 And_the_king he_appointed ÐOM the_officer whom he_was_ _leaning on his/its_hand over the_gate and_they_trampled_ _him the_people in_gate and_he/it_died just_as the_man_of the_'Elohīm who he_spoke when_ the_king _came_down to_ _him/it he_had_spoken. 18 And_he/it_was as_ the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm _had_spoken to the_king to_say two_seahs barley(s) for_a_shekel and_a_seah fine_flour for_a_shekel it_will_be about_time tomorrow in_the_gate_of Shomrōn. 19 And_ the_ _officer _he_had_answered ÐOM the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_ _he_said and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE **YHWH** is_making windows in_ _heavens will_it_happen according_the_manner the_this and_ _he/it_said here_you are_about_to_see with_your_two's_own_ _of_eyes and_from_there not you_will_eat. 20 And_he/it_was to_him/it thus and_ the_people _they_trampled ÐOM_him/it in_ _gate and_he/it_died.

8:1 And_'Elīshā' he_spoke to the_woman whom he_had_ _restored_to_life ÐOM son_of_her to_say arise and_go you[28] and_household_of_your and_sojourn in_where you_will_ _sojourn if/because **YHWH** he_has_called for_famine and_also it_will_come to the_earth/land seven years. 2 And_ the_woman _she/it_arose and_she_did according_to_the_message_of the_ _man_of the_'Elohīm and_ she and_household_of_her _she_ _went and_she_sojourned in_land_of the_Pəlishtiy seven years. 3 And_he/it_was from_the_end_of seven years and_ the_woman _she_returned from_the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy and_she_went_ _out to_cry_out to the_king concerning house_of_her and_ _near/to field_of_her. 4 And_the_king was_speaking to Gēyḥₐzī the_servant_of the_man_of the_'Elohīm to_say recount please to_me ÐOM all_of the_great_things which 'Elīshā' he_has_done. 5 And_he/it_was he was_recounting to/for_the_king ÐOM how he_had_restored_to_life ÐOM the_dead and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_woman whom he_had_restored_to_life ÐOM son_of_her

25 **LV 7:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: הדש/ה/ב: (x-qere) 'הֶדָשׁ/ב': lemma_b/7704 b n_0.2.0 morph_HRd/Ncmsa id_12huk הֶדָשׁ/ב

26 **LV 7:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: ומה/ה: (x-qere) 'וָמֵה': lemma_1995 a morph_HNcmsc id_12T6a וָמֵה

27 **LV 7:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: זפחה/ב: (x-qere) 'זָפָחְ/ב': lemma_b/2648 n_1 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp3mp id_12dMH זָפָחְ/ב

28 **LV 8:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: תא: (x-qere) 'תַּא': lemma_859 b morph_HPp2fs id_12Wxh תַּא

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was_crying_out_for_help to the_king on house_of_her and_on field_of_her and_ Gēyḥₐzī _he/it_said my_master the_king this[29] the_woman and_this son_of_is_her whom ʾElīshāʿ he_ _restored_to_life. 6 And_ the_king _he_asked to/for_the_ _woman/wife and_she_recounted to_him/it and_he_assigned to/for_her/it the_king a_court-official one to_say restore ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that to/for_her/it and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_produce(s)_of the_ _field from_the_day_of when_she_left ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land and_ _unto now.

7 And_ ʾElīshāʿ _he_went Dammeseq and_Ben- hₐdad the_king_ _of ʾArām was_sick and_it_was_told to_him/it to_say the_man_ _of the_ʾElohīm he_has_come to here. 8 And_ the_king _he/it_ _said to Ḫₐzāʾēl take in_hand_of_your a_gift and_go to_meet the_ _man_of the_ʾElohīm and_you_will_consult[30] ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** from_ _ᴅᴏᴍ_him to_say will_I_live from_sickness this. 9 And_ Ḫₐzāʾēl _ _he/it_went to_meet_him and_he/it_took a_gift in_hand_of_his and_all (the)_good_thing_of Dammeseq the_load_of forty camel[s] and_he_came and_he_stood before_him and_he/it_ _said son_of_your[31] Ben Hₐdad the_king_of ʾArām he_has_sent_ _me to_you to_say will_I_live from_sickness this. 10 And_he/it_ _said to_him/it ʾElīshāʿ go say to_him[32] certainly_(live) you_ _will_live and_he_has_shown_me **YHWH** if/because_that certainly_(die) he_will_die. 11 And_he_set ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _faces/face and_he/it_assigned until was_ashamed and_ the_ _man_of the_ʾElohīm _he_wept. 12 And_ Ḫₐzāʾēl _he/it_said why my_master weeping and_he/it_said if/because I_know ᴅᴏᴍ how you_will_do to_the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) harm fortifications_of_their you_will_send in_fire and_their_young_ _of_men with_sword you_will_kill and_children_of_their you_ _will_dash_in_pieces and_their_pregnant_of_women you_will_ _rip_open. 13 And_ Ḫₐzāʾēl _he/it_said if/because_that what servant_of_is_your the_dog that/for/because/then/when he_ _will_do the_thing (the)_great the_this and_ ʾElīshāʿ _he/it_said he_has_shown_me **YHWH** you king over ʾArām. 14 And_he/it_ _went from_with ʾElīshāʿ and_he_came to master(s)_of_his and_ _he/it_said to_him/it what did_he_say to/for_yourself(m) ʾElīshāʿ and_he/it_said he_said to_me certainly_(live) you_will_ _live. 15 And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_he/it_took the_coverlet and_he_dipped_it in_water and_he_spread_it_out over his/its_faces/face and_he/it_died and_ Ḫₐzāʾēl _he_ _became_king in_place_of_him.

16 And_in_year_of five of_Yəhōrām/(Joram) the_son_of ʾAḥʾāv the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) was_the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_ _son_of Yəhōshāfāṭ the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_became_king. 17 A_son_of thirty and_two year[s] he_was when_he_became_

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her house and her field. Then Geyhazi exclaimed, "My master, the king, this is the woman, and that's her son, who Elisha made live!" 6 So the king questioned the woman and she told him her story. Then the king appointed a court official to attend to her case, saying, "Return everything that belongs to her plus the profit from her field from the day she left until now."

Hazael murders Ben-Hadad · Northern kingdom

7 Elisha went to Aram's (Syria's) capital Damesek (Damascus) at a time when King Ben-Hadad of Aram was very sick, and someone told him that the man of God was in town. 8 The king instructed an official named Hazael, "Take a gift with you and go and meet the man of God. Then inquire from Yahweh through him to find out if I'll recover from this sickness." 9 So Hazael went to meet Elisha and took presents with him loaded on forty camels—some of every good thing that he could find in Damesek. He went and stood in front of him and asked, "Your servant, King Ben-Hadad sent me to ask you if he'll recover from his sickness?"

10 "Go and tell him that he'll surely live," Elisha answered. "But Yahweh has shown me that he'll definitely die." 11 Then Elisha stared at him until Hazael felt embarrassed, and then the man of God started to cry.

12 "Why are you crying, my master?" Hazael asked.

"Because I know what evil things you'll do to the Israelis," he said. "You'll burn down their fortresses and kill their young men with the sword. You'll smash their children's heads on rocks, and rip open the bellies of their pregnant women."

13 Hazael asked, "But how could your servant be in a position to do such a major thing when he's only minor, like a dog in the palace?"

"Yahweh has let me see you as king over Aram (Syria)." Elisha replied.

14 Then he left Elisha and went back to his master who asked him, "What did Elisha tell you?"

And he answered, "He told me that you'll certainly live." 15 the very next day, Hazael dipped Ben-Hadad's blanket in water and held it over his face until he died, and then Hazael started to reign in his place.

Yehoram reigns over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[33]

16 In the fifth year of the reign of Ahav's son Yoram (Joram) as king of Yisrael (Israel), Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) son Yehoram (Jehoram) became king of Yehudah (Judah). 17 He was

29 **LV 8:5 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

30 **LV 8:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

31 **LV 8:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

32 **LV 8:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) ל/וי: lemma_l n_1.0 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_125P4 ל/ו

33 **RV 8:16 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 21:1-20

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thirty-two when he became king and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eight years. **18** He followed in the evil ways of the kings of the northern kingdom of Yisrael, just as Ahav's descendants had done, because he'd married one of Ahav's daughters. He did what Yahweh had said was evil, **19** but Yahweh wasn't willing to destroy Yehudah, for the sake of his servant David—he'd promised David that his descendants would always rule Yehudah.

20 It was during King Yehoram's time that Edom rebelled from Yehudah's control, and they appointed their own king. **21** So Yoram took his army and chariots and crossed the valley towards Tsa'ir in Edom. They attacked at night, but as the Edomi army and chariots started to surround them, they had to retreat back to their tents. **22** So Edom has been out from under the control of Yehudah to this day. Then Livnah revolted at the same time.

23 Everything else that Yoram said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **24** Then Yoram died and was buried with his ancestors in the city of David, and his son Ahazyah replaced him as king.

Ahazyah reigns over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[35]

25 In the twelfth year of Ahav's son Yoram's (Joram's) reign over Yisrael (Israel), Yehoram's (Jehoram's) son Ahazyah became the king of Yehudah (Judah). **26** Ahazyah was twenty-two when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for one year. (His mother's name was Atalyah (Athaliah), the daughter of King Omri of Yisrael.) **27** He followed Ahav's customs and did what Yahweh had said was evil like Ahav's descendants, because he was a son-in-law of a descendant of Ahav. **28** He joined Ahav's son Yoram to battle against Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael at Ramot-Gilead, but the Arameans wounded Yoram. **29** King Yoram returned to Yizre'el (Jezreel) to recover from the wounds that Arameans had given him at Ramah when he'd fought with Aram's King Hazael. Later, King Ahazyah of Yehudah (Yehoram's son), went down to see (Ahav's son) Yoram in Yizre'el because he was wounded.

Yihu is selected to rule Yisrael · Northern kingdom

9:1 Then the prophet Elisha called to one of the prophets-in-training and told him, "Tuck your robe in, take this flask of oil, and hurry to Ramot-Gilead. **2** When you get there, you'll see Yehu (Jehu) (the son of Nimshi's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat)) there. Take him into a private inner room, away from his broth-

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_king and_eight years[34] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **18** And_he/it_went in_the_way_of the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv they_ _had_done if/because the_daughter_of 'Aḥ'āv she_had_become for_him/it to/for_(a)_woman and_he/it_made the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **19** And_not **YHWH** he_was_willing to_ _destroy ÐOM Yəhūdāh for_the_sake_of Dāvid servant_of_his just_as he_had_said to_him/it to_give to_him/it a_lamp for_ _descendants_of_his all_of the_days. **20** In_days_of_his 'Edōm it_ _rebelled from_under the_hand_of Yəhūdāh and_they_made_ _king over_themselves a_king. **21** And_ Yəhōrām _he/it_passed_ _through to_Zair and_all the_chariotry with_him/it and_he/it_ _was he he_arose night and_he_defeated ÐOM 'Edōm which_ _was_surrounding to_him/it and_ÐOM the_commanders_of the_ _chariotry and_ the_people _it_fled to_tents_of_its. **22** And_ 'Edōm _it_has_rebelled from_under the_hand_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) until the_day the_this then Livnāh it_ _rebelled at_time (the)_that. **23** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yəhōrām/(Joram) and_all that he_did am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yəhūdāh. **24** And_ Yəhōrām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_ _his and_he_was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ 'Aḥazʸāh son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_ _him.

25 In_year two_plus ten year of_Yəhōrām the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) 'Aḥazʸāh the_son_of Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_became_king. **26** Was_a_son_of twenty and_two year[s] 'Aḥazʸāh when_he_ _became_king and_a_year one he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _'Atalʸāh the_daughter_of 'Omrī the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **27** And_he/it_went in_the_way_of the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv and_ _he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** like_the_ _house_of 'Aḥ'āv if/because was_the_son-in-law_of the_house_ _of 'Aḥ'āv he. **28** And_he/it_went with Yəhōrām the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv for_battle with Ḥazā'ēl the_king_of 'Arām at_Rāmot-gil'ād and_ the_'Arām _they_wounded ÐOM Yəhōrām. **29** And_ Yəhōrām the_king _he_returned to_get_himself_healed in_ _Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) from the_wounds which they_wounded_him the_'Arām at_Rāmāh when_fought_he with Ḥazā'ēl the_king_of 'Arām and_'Aḥazʸāh the_son_of Yəhōrām the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_went_down to_see ÐOM Yəhōrām/(Joram) the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv in_Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) if/because he was_sick.

9:1 And_'Elīshā' the_prophet he_summoned (to)_one from_ _(the)_sons of_the_prophets and_he/it_said to_him/it gird_up loins_of_your and_take the_flask_of (the)_oil the_this in_hand_ _of_your and_go Rāmot Gil'ād. **2** And_you_will_go to_(to) and_ _look_for there Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_son_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of Nimshiy and_you_will_ _go and_you_will_make_him_rise from_among_of[36] brothers_

34 LV 8:17 · Note OSHB variant note: הנש: (x-qere) 'מִנְּשֵׁ': lemma_8141 n_0.1 morph_HNcfpa id_12jxp מִנְּשֵׁ

35 RV 8:25 · Parallel 2 Chr. 22:1-6

36 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_of_his and_you_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it a_room in_a_room.
3 And_you_will_take the_flask_of (the)_oil and_you_will_pour_it on his/its_head and_you_will_say thus **YHWH** he_says I_ _anoint_you to_king to Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_you_will_open the_ _door and_you_will_flee and_not you_must_wait. **4** And_ the_ _young_man the_young_man the_prophet _he/it_went Rāmot Gilʿād. **5** And_he_came and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_commanders_ _of the_army were_sitting and_he/it_said a_message to_me to_ _you Oh_commander and_ Yēhū' _he/it_said to whom from_all_ _of_of_us and_he/it_said to_you Oh_commander. **6** And_he/it_ _rose_up and_he_went to_the_house and_he_poured the_oil to his/its_head and_he/it_said to_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says I_anoint_you to_king to the_people_of **YHWH** to Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **7** And_you_will_strike_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv master(s)_of_your and_I_will_avenge the_ _blood(s)_of my_servants_of_my the_prophets and_the_ _blood(s)_of all_of the_servants_of **YHWH** from_the_hand_of 'Īzeval/(Jezebel). **8** And_ all_of the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv _it_will_ _perish and_I_will_cut_off to_'Aḥ'āv one_who_urinates on_a_ _wall and_shut_up and_freed in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **9** And_I_will_ _make ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv like_the_house_of Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ and_like_the_house_of Baʿshā' the_son_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh}. **10** And_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Īzeval the_dogs they_ _will_devour in_the_territory_of Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) and_there_ _will_not_be one_who_buries_her and_he_opened the_door and_he_fled. **11** And_Yēhū'/(Jehu) he_went_out to the_ _servants_of his_master(s)_of_his and_he/it_said to_him/it peace why the_mad_man the_this did_he_come to_you and_ _he/it_said to_them you(pl) you(pl)_know ᴅᴏᴍ the_man and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ talk_of_his. **12** And_they_said falsehood tell please to/for_ _us and_he/it_said like_this and_like_this he_said to_me to_say thus **YHWH** he_says I_anoint_you to_king to Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **13** And_they_hurried and_they_took each garment_of_his and_ _they_put_them under_him to the_bone_of the_steps and_ _they_gave_a_blast on_trumpet and_they_said Yēhū' he_is_ _king.

14 And_ Yēhū' the_son_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_ _of Nimshiy _he_conspired against Yəhōrām/(Joram) and_ _Yəhōrām he_had_been watching at_Rāmot- gilʿād he and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_face/in_front_of Ḥₐzāʾēl the_king_of 'Arām. **15** And_ Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_king _he_had_returned get_himself_healed in_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) from the_wounds which they_wounded_him the_'Arām when_fought_he with Ḥₐzāʾēl the_king_of 'Arām and_ Yēhū' _he/it_said if there_is mind_of_your(pl) not an_escapee let_him_go_out from the_city to_go mmm[37] in_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel). **16** And_ Yēhū'/(Jehu) _he_ _rode_in_a_chariot and_he/it_went to_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) if/because Yəhōrām was_lying there_(to) and_'Aḥaz^{yāh} the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_had_come_down to_see ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhōrām. **17** And_the_watchman was_standing on the_tower in_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_crowd_of Yēhū' when_came_he and_he/it_said a_crowd_of I am_seeing and_ Yəhōrām _he/it_said take a_horseman and_send_him to_meet_ _them and_he_will_say peace. **18** And_ the_rider_of the_horse _ _he/it_went to_meet_him and_he/it_said thus the_king he_says

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ers, **3** and pour some of the olive oil over his head and tell him that Yahweh says that he's anointed him as king over Yisrael (Israel). Then open the door and get out of there fast." **4** So the young prophet went to Ramot-Gilead, **5** and when he arrived, he was surprised to see the army captains sitting there. He said, "I need to talk to you, captain."

"Which one of us?" Yehu asked.

"It's a message for *you*, captain," he said. **6** So Yehu got up, and went over to the house where the prophet poured the oil on his head and told him, "Yisrael's god Yahweh says that he's anointed you as king over Yahweh's people—over Yisrael. **7** You should attack the house of Ahav your master so Yahweh can avenge the murder of his servants, the prophets, and avenge the murder of all his servants who were killed by Izevel (Jezebel). **8** All of Ahav's household should be killed, and Yahweh won't allow any of his male descendants to live, either before or after they've left home. **9** Yahweh wants Ahav's descendants to be eliminated like the descendants of Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and Ahiyah's son Baesha were. **10** The dogs will eat Izevel's body where she dies in Yizre'el (Jezreel)—she won't be buried." Then he opened the door and rushed away.

11 When Yehu came back to the room where the servants of his masters were, and they asked him, "Is everything okay? What did that madman want with you?"

"You yourselves know that man and the sort of stuff that he says," he said.

12 "You're lying," they insisted. "Tell us what he told you."

"Well, he said several things," Yehu answered, "and then he told me that Yahweh says he's anointed me as king over Yisrael (Israel)."

13 Then they all spread their cloaks on the steps of the building for Yehu to walk out on, and they blew a trumpet and shouted, "Yehu is now the king!"

The killing of Yoram and Ahazyah · Northern kingdom

14 So Yehu (Jehu) (the son of Nimshi's son, Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat)) conspired against Yoram (Joram). Yoram was busy with the army guarding Ramot-Gilead from King Hazael of Aram (Syria). **15** Then King Yoram returned to Yizre'el (Jezreel) to heal from the wounds from the Arameans when he'd fought with their King Hazael.

So Yehu told his men, "If you all want me as king, then don't let anyone leave this city of Ramot-Gilead in case they go to Yizre'el city and tell them our plans." **16** Then Yehu rode to Yizre'el himself because Yoram was recuperating there in bed, and King Ahazyah had gone up north from Yehudah (Judah) to visit him.

17 The watchman was standing on the watchtower in Yizre'el, and he could see Yehu's party in the distance as they began approaching the city, and he reported, "I can see a large group."

King Yoram ordered, "Send out a chariot and go and ask them

37 LV 9:15 · Note OSHB variant note: דיג/ל: (x-qere) דִּיגָה/לְ': lemma_l/5046 morph_HR/Vhc id_12JFe דִּיגָה/לְ

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if they're coming in peace." **18** So the horse and chariot went out to meet them and called out, "The king wants to know if you're all coming in peace?"

But Yehu answered, "What's that got to do with you? Turn around and follow us."

Meanwhile the watchman announced, "The messenger has met them, but he isn't returning."

19 So the king sent out a second horse and chariot, and he approached and asked, "The king wants to know if you're all coming in peace?"

Again Yehu replied, "What's that got to do with you? Turn around and follow us."

20 Then the watchman declared, "He also met with them but didn't return. The leader is riding like Nimshi's son Yehu, because he's riding like crazy."

21 "Quick, get my chariot ready!" Yoram (Joram) ordered. They harnessed his chariot and King Yoram of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah's (Judah's) King Ahazyah both went out—each man in his chariot. They went out to meet Yehu and they found him at Navot's field (the Yizre'eli). **22** When Yoram saw Yehu, he asked, "Have you come in peace, Yehu?"

"How could there be peace," he answered, "when your mother Izevel (Jezebel) is serving idols and embracing witchcraft?"

23 Then Yoram swung the chariot reigns around and fled, shouting to Ahazyah, "It's treason, Ahazyah!" **24** Yehu grabbed his bow, and the arrow struck Yoram between his shoulder blades and came out from his heart, and he slumped down dead in his chariot. **25** Then Yehu said to his third officer Bidkar, "Pick up his body and throw it out into the field of Navot, the Yizre'eli. I'm sure you remember how you and I were riding as pairs after his father Ahav, when Yahweh said this against him: **26** 'Yesterday I saw Navot and his sons killed here, declared Yahweh, and I will repay you in this very place, declares Yahweh.' So now, throw his body down here because Yahweh declared that it would happen."

27 Yehudah's (Judah's) King Ahazyah saw that happen, and he sped away through the garden by a house with Yehu chasing after him shouting, "Get him too in his chariot when he starts climbing upwards to Gur near Yivleam." So as he fled towards Megidon, he was killed there, **28** and his servants took his body to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), where they buried him in his ancestral tomb in the City of David.

29 (Ahazyah had become king over Yehudah in the eleventh year of the reign of Ahav's son Yoram over Yisrael (Israel).)

The killing of Queen Izevel · Northern kingdom

30 Then Yehu (Jehu) came to Yizre'el (Jezreel) and Queen Izevel (Jezebel) heard about it. She painted her eyelids and did her hair nicely, then she looked down through the window, **31** and when Yehu came in the gate, she said, "Greetings, Zimri

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peace and_ Yēhū' _he/it_said what is_to_you and_to_peace go_ _around to after_me and_ the_watchman _he_reported to_say the_messenger he_came to they and_not he_has_turned_back. **19** And_he_sent a_rider_of a_horse second and_he_came to_ _them and_he/it_said thus the_king he_says peace and_ Yēhū' _ _he/it_said what is_to_you and_to_peace go_around to after_ _me. **20** And_ the_watchman _he_reported to_say he_came to to_them and_not he_has_turned_back and_the_driving is_like_ _the_driving_of Yēhū' the_son_of Nimshiy if/because with_ _madness he_drives. **21** And_ Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) _he/it_said harness and_someone_harnessed chariot_of_his and_ Yəhōrām the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_'Aḥaz^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_went_out each in_chariot_of_his and_ _they_went_out to_meet Yēhū'/(Jehu) and_they_found_him in_ _the_portion_of_land_of Nāvōt the_Yizrə'ēlī/(Jezreelite). **22** And_he/it_was just_ Yəhōrām _as_saw ĐØM Yēhū' and_he/it_ _said peace Oh_Yēhū' and_he/it_said what is_(the)_peace until the_prostitution(s)_of 'Īzevel/(Jezebel) mother_of_your and_ _sorceries_of_her (the)_many. **23** And_ Yəhōrām _he_turned_ _around hands_of_his and_he_fled and_he/it_said to 'Aḥaz^{yāh} treachery Oh_'Aḥaz^{yāh}. **24** And_Yēhū' he_filled his/its_hand with_bow and_he_struck ĐØM Yəhōrām between arms_of_his and_ the_arrow _he/it_went_out from_heart_of_his and_he_ _sank_down in_chariot_of_his. **25** And_he/it_said to Bidqar officer_of_his[38] pick_him_up throw_him in_the_portion_of the_ _field_of Nāvōt the_Yizrə'ēlī if/because remember I and_you with were_riding pairs behind 'Aḥ'āv his/its_father and_**YHWH** he_lifted_up on/upon/above_him/it ĐØM the_oracle (the)_this. **26** If not ĐØM the_blood(s)_of Nāvōt and_ĐØM the_blood(s)_of his_sons_of_his I_saw yesterday the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_ _will_repay to/for_yourself(m) on_land (the)_this the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_now pick_him_up throw_him on_ _land according_to_the_message_of **YHWH**. **27** And_'Aḥaz^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_saw and_he_fled the_ _direction_of Bēyt Haggan and_he_pursued after_him Yēhū'/(Jehu) and_he/it_said also ĐØM_him/it strike_him_down into the_chariot at_the_ascent_of Gūr which is_with Yivlə'ām/(Ibleam) and_he_fled Məgiddōn and_he/it_died there. **28** And_ servants_of_his _they_caused_to_ride ĐØM_ _him/it to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_buried ĐØM_ _him/it in_grave_of_his with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid. **29** And_in_year_of one_plus ten year of_ _Yəhōrām/(Joram) the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv 'Aḥaz^{yāh} he_had_become_ _king over Yəhūdāh.

30 And_ Yēhū' _he_went to_Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) and_ _'Īzevel/(Jezebel) she_heard and_she_painted with_eye-paint eyes_of_her and_she_made_good ĐØM head_of_her and_she_ _looked_down through the_window. **31** And_Yēhū' he_came in_ _gate and_she/it_said peace Oh_Zimrī who_murdered_of master(s)_of_his. **32** And_he_lifted_up face_of_his to the_

38 LV 9:25 · Note OSHB variant note: השלש: (x-qere) שְׁלֹשׁ/וֹ': lemma_7991 c n_1.3 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_12xcf שְׁלֹשׁ/וֹ

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_window and_he/it_said who is_with_me who and_they_
_looked_down to_him/it two three court-officials. **33** And_
_he/it_said mmm[40] and_they_let_her_fall and_ some_of_her_
_blood _it_spattered to the_wall and_near/to the_horses and_
_he_trampled_her. **34** And_he_went and_he_ate and_he_drank
and_he/it_said attend_to please ~~DOM~~ the_cursed_woman (the)_
_this and_bury_her if/because was_a_daughter_of a_king she.
35 And_they_went to_bury_her and_not they_found in_her
if/because (if) the_skull and_the_feet and_the_palms_of the_
_hands. **36** And_they_returned and_they_told to_him/it and_
_he/it_said is_the_message_of **YHWH** it which he_spoke by_
_the_hand_of his_servant_of_his ʾĒliy^{yāh} the_Tishbiy to_say in_
_the_territory_of Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) the_dogs they_will_devour
~~DOM~~ the_flesh_of ʾĪzevel/(Jezebel). **37** And[41] the_corpse_of
ʾĪzevel like_dung on the_surface_of the_field in_the_territory_
_of Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) that not people_will_say this is_ʾĪzevel.

10:1 And_belonged_to_ʾAḥʾāv seventy sons in_Shomrōn and_
Yēhūʾ/(Jehu) _he_wrote letters and_he_sent_them Shomrōn to
the_officials_of Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) the_elders and_near/to those_
_guarding ʾAḥʾāv to_say. **2** And_now just_ the_letter the_this _
_as_comes to_you(pl) and_are_with_you(pl) the_sons_of
your(pl)_master(s)_of_your(pl) and_are_with_you(pl) (the)_
chariotry and(the)_horses and_a_city_of_fortification and_
_(the)_weaponry. **3** And_you(pl)_will_see the_good and_the_
right from(the)_sons your(pl)_master(s)_of_your(pl) and_
_you(pl)_will_set_him on the_throne_of his/its_father and_
_fight on the_house_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your(pl). **4** And_
_they_saw very very and_they_said THERE the_two_of the_
_kings not they_stood before_him and_how we will_we_stand.
5 And_ the_one_who was_over the_house and_which was_over
the_city and_the_elders and_the_guardians _he_sent to Yēhūʾ
to_say your_servants we and_all/each/any/every that you_
_will_say to_us we_will_do not we_will_make_king anyone the_
_good in_eyes_of_your do. **6** And_he_wrote to_them a_letter
second to_say if to_me you(pl) and_to_voice_of_my you(pl) are_
_listening take ~~DOM~~ the_heads_of the_men_of the_sons_of
your(pl)_master(s)_of_your(pl) and_come to_me about_time
tomorrow to_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) and_the_sons the_king seventy
man were_with the_great_people_of the_city who_were_
_bringing_up them. **7** And_he/it_was just_ the_letter _as_came
to_them and_they_took ~~DOM~~ the_sons_of the_king and_they_
_slaughtered seventy man and_they_put ~~DOM~~ heads_of_their in_
_baskets and_they_sent_them to_him/it to_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel).
8 And_ the_messenger _he_came and_he_told to_him/it to_say
they_have_brought the_heads_of the_sons_of the_king and_
_he/it_said make ~~DOM~~_them two_of heaps the_entrance_of the_
_gate until the_morning. **9** And_he/it_was in_morning and_
_he/it_went_out and_he_stood and_he/it_said to all_of the_
_people are_righteous you(pl) HERE I I_conspired on my_
_master and_I_killed_him and_who did_he_strike_down ~~DOM~~
all_of these. **10** Know then if/because_that not it_will_fall any_
_of_the_message_of **YHWH** towards_land which **YHWH** he_has_

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the second, murderer of his master."[39] **32** Yehu looked up at the window and called out, "Who is with me? Who?" And two or three servants poked their heads out windows and looked down to him. **33** "Okay," he called up, "toss her out!"

So they tossed her out the window, and some of her blood splashed onto the wall and onto the horses as she was trampled by them. **34** Then Yehu and his men went in and ate and drank, and then he said, "Now, you all better attend to that evil woman and bury her, because she's a king's daughter." **35** But when they went to bury her, they could only find her skull and her hands and feet. **36** They came back inside and told him, "It's just like what Yahweh said via his servant the Tishbi Eliyah (Elijah), when he said that the dogs would eat Izevel's flesh just outside Yizre'el, **37** and then her body would become like dung on the ground and no one would be able to recognise her specific bones."

Ahav's descendants are eliminated · Northern kingdom

10:1 King Ahav had seventy sons who lived in Shomron (Samaria), so Yehu (Jehu) sent letters to the leaders and elders of Yizre'el (Jezreel), and to the guardians of Ahav's children, saying, **2** "When you all receive this letter, you'll have the sons of your masters with you, as well as chariots and horses, and weapons within your fortified city. **3** So select the best and the most honest one out of your masters' sons or nephews, and establish him on his father's throne, and then be prepared to defend your masters' family." **4** But they were extremely frightened and said, "Listen—those two kings couldn't stand against Yehu, so how could we?" **5** Then the man who was now in charge of the household and leading the city elders sent a message to Yehu, "We are your servants and we'll do whatever you tell us to. We don't plan to select a king. Do whatever you think best."

6 So Yehu sent a second letter saying, "If you're all on my side and ready to follow me, come and meet me at Yizre'el tomorrow with the heads of your masters' sons."

The late King Ahav had seventy sons who were being brought up by the city leaders, **7** and when that letter arrived, they killed and beheaded all of them, put the heads in baskets, and sent them to him at Yizre'el.

8 A messenger went and informed Yehu that the heads had been brought, and he instructed them to pile them up in two piles at the city gate until the next morning. **9** In the morning he went out and stood there, and he told all the people, "You are innocent. Listen—it was me myself who conspired against my master and killed him. But who killed all these? **10** You all should know that when Yahweh says something will happen, then it will happen. He said via his servant Eliyah (Elijah) that this is what would happen to Ahav's family, and so it has." **11** Then Yehu killed all Ahav's remaining family members in Yizre'el, and

39 RV 9:31 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 16:10.

40 LV 9:33 · Note OSHB variant note: וה/טמש: (x-qere) ה/וְטָמְשׁ֫ וְ֫; lemma_8058 n_1.0 morph_HVqv2mp/Sp3fs id_12x2S ה/וְטָמְשׁ֫ וְ֫

41 LV 9:37 · Note OSHB variant note: תיה/ו: (x-qere) הָ֫תָיְה֫/וְ֫: lemma_c/1961 n_1.0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3fs id_126sJ הָ֫תָיְה֫/וְ֫

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all his chosen leaders, and his associates and priests, leaving no survivors.

The relatives of Ahazyah are killed · Northern kingdom

12 Then Yehu (Jehu) left Yizre'el (Jezreel) and headed towards Shomron (Samaria). When he reached the shepherds' shearing house, 13 he met the late King Ahazyah's brothers there, and he asked them, "Who are you?"

"We're King Ahazyah's brothers," they said, "and we're coming to look after the sons of the king and of the queen mother."

14 "Arrest them," he ordered, so they grabbed and slaughtered them near the pit at the shearing house. There were forty-two men and none were spared.

All Ahav's other relatives are killed · Northern kingdom

15 Then continuing on from there, Yehu (Jehu) found Rekav's son Yonadav coming to meet him. Yehu greeted him and asked, "Are you wanting to do what is right just like I am?" IS THAT WHAT HE WAS REALLY ASKING???

"Yes, I am." Yonadav replied.

"Great," Yehu said. "Give me your hand," and he gave him his hand, and Yehu pulled him up to join him in the chariot, 16 telling him, "Come with me and see my zeal for Yahweh." So they rode together in the chariot. 17 When they got to Shomron (Samaria), Yehu killed the remainder of Ahav's family who were there, until they were finally exterminated, just as Yahweh had said via Eliyah (Elijah).

18 Then Yehu assembled all the people and told them, "Ahav served Ba'al a little, but Yehu will serve him a lot. 19 So now, call all the prophets of Ba'al to come here—all his servants and all his priests. Don't let anyone stay away because I'm going to make a large sacrifice to Ba'al. Anyone who's absent will be executed." However Yehu was being cunning in order to destroy Ba'al's followers. 20 Yehu ordered, "Announce a special holiday to assemble and worship Ba'al," and so they did. 21 On that day, Yehu brought in all the people, and all the servants of the Ba'al came, leaving no one out. They entered the temple of the Ba'al and it was packed full. 22 He told the wardrobe supervisor, "Bring out uniforms for all the servants of the Ba'al," so he brought robes out for them. 23 Then Yehu and Rekav's son Yonadav entered the temple of the Ba'al and instructed the servants of the Ba'al, "Make sure that it's only the servants of Ba'al in here—we don't want any servants of Yahweh." 24 So they entered to make sacrifices and burnt offerings.

Meanwhile, Yehu had stationed eighty men outside, and had told them, "Don't let any of the ones I send you escape, or it will be *your* life in place of theirs."

25 Then when he finished making the burnt offering in the outer area, Yehu told the guards and officers, "Come in now and

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_spoken on the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv and_**YHWH** he_has_done ~~ĐOM~~ that_which he_spoke by_the_hand_of his_servant_of_his 'Ēliy^{yāh}. 11 And_ Yēhū'/(Jehu) _he_struck_down ~~ĐOM~~ all_of those_who_remained of_the_house_of of_'Aḥ'āv in_ _Yizrə'^{ēl}/(Jezreel) and_all his_great_of_men and_ _acquaintances_of_his and_priests_of_his until not left to_ _him/it a_survivor.

12 And_he/it_rose_up and_he_went and_he/it_went Shomrōn he was_at_Bēyt Eked_of the_Shepherds on_way. 13 And_Yēhū' he_found ~~ĐOM~~ the_brothers_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_said who are_you(pl) and_they_ _said are_the_brothers_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} we and_we_have_come_ _down for_the_peace_of the_sons_of the_king and_the_sons of_ _the_queen-mother. 14 And_he/it_said seize_them alive and_ _they_seized_them alive and_they_slaughtered_them to the_ _pit_of Bēyt Eked forty and_two man and_not he_spared anyone of_them.

15 And_he/it_went from_there and_he_found ~~ĐOM~~ Jonadab the_ _son_of Rēkāv to_meet_him and_he_blessed_him and_he/it_ _said to_him/it is_there with heart_of_your right just_as heart_ _of_my is_with heart_of_your and_ Jonadab _he/it_said there_is and_there_is give ~~ĐOM~~ hand_of_your and_he/it_gave his/its_ _hand and_he_took_him_up to_him/it into the_chariot. 16 And_ _he/it_said come with_me and_look on_zeal_of_my to/for_ _**YHWH** and_they_made_ride ~~ĐOM~~_him/it in_chariot_of_his. 17 And_he_came Shomrōn and_he_struck_down ~~ĐOM~~ all_of those_who_remained of_'Aḥ'āv in_Shomrōn until he_had_ _destroyed_him according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken to 'Ēliy^{yāh}. 18 And_ Yēhū'/(Jehu) _he_gathered ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_people and_he/it_said to_them 'Aḥ'āv he_served ~~ĐOM~~ (the)_Ba'al a_little Yēhū' he_will_serve_him much. 19 And_ _now all_of the_prophets_of (the)_Ba'al all_of those_of_who_ _serve_him and_all priests_of_his summon to_me anyone not let_him_be_missing if/because a_sacrifice great to_me to_Ba'al any one_who he_will_be_missing not he_will_live and_Yēhū' he_acted with_guile so_as to_destroy ~~ĐOM~~ those_who_serve_of (of)_the_Ba'al. 20 And_ Yēhū' _he/it_said consecrate an_ _assembly to_Ba'al and_they_proclaimed_it. 21 And_ Yēhū' _he_ _sent in_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_ all_of those_who_serve_of (of)_ _the_Ba'al _they_came and_not anyone who not he_came he_ _was_left and_they_came the_house_of (the)_Ba'al and_ the_ _house_of (the)_Ba'al _it_was_filled mouth to_mouth. 22 And_ _he/it_said to_the_one_who was_over the_wardrobe bring_out clothing to_all/each/any/every those_who_serve_of (of)_the_ _Ba'al and_he_brought_out to/for_them the_clothing. 23 And_ Yēhū' and_Jonadab the_son_of Rēkāv _he_went the_house_of (the)_Ba'al and_he/it_said to_those_who_serve_of (of)_the_Ba'al search and_see lest there_be here with_you(pl) any_of_the_ _servants_of **YHWH** if/because (if) those_who_serve_of (of)_ _the_Ba'al them_alone. 24 And_they_came for_doing sacrifices and_burnt_offerings and_Yēhū'/(Jehu) he_had_stationed to_ _him/it on_outside eighty man and_he/it_said the_man who he_will_escape from the_men whom I am_bringing on hands_ _of_your(pl) life_of_his in_place_of life_of_his. 25 And_he/it_ _was just_as_he_finished for_doing the_burnt_offering and_ Yēhū' _he/it_said to_runners and_to_officers go strike_them_

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_down anyone not let_him_come_out and_they_struck_them_ _down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ the_runners and_the_ _officers _they_threw_them_out and_they_went to the_city_of the_house_of (the)_Ba῾al. **26** And_they_brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _sacred_pillars_of the_house_of (the)_Ba῾al and_they_burnt_it. **27** And_they_pulled_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_sacred_pillar_of (the)_Ba῾al and_they_pulled_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of (the)_Ba῾al and_they_ _made_it mmm[42] until the_day. **28** And_ Yēhū᾽ _he_destroyed ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_Ba῾al from_Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). **29** Only the_sins_of Yārov῾ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev῾aṭ which he_caused_to_ _sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) not Yēhū᾽ he_turned_aside from_after_ _them the_calves_of the_gold which were_Bēyt-᾽ēl and_which were_in_Dān. **30** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yēhū᾽/(Jehu) because that you_have_done_well for_doing the_right in_eyes_ _of_my according_to_all that was_in_heart_of_my you_have_ _done to_the_house_of ᾽Aḥ᾽āv῾ descendants_of a_fourth_ _generation they_will_sit to/for_yourself(m) on the_throne_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). **31** And_Yēhū᾽ not he_took_care to_go in_the_ _law_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) in_all heart_of_his not he_turned_aside from_under the_sins_of Yārov῾ām which he_caused_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel).
32 In_the_days the_those **YHWH** he_began to_cut_off in_ _Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) and_he_defeated_them Ḫazā᾽ēl in_all the_ _territory_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). **33** From the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_ _rising_of the_sun ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_land_of (the)_Gil῾ād the_ _Gādī[s] and_the_Rə᾽ūvēnite[s] and_the_Manassite[s] from_ _῾Arō῾ēr which is_at the_wadi_of ᾽Arnōn and_(the)_Gil῾ād and_ _(the)_Bāshān. **34** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yēhū᾽ and_all that he_did and_all might_of_his am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). **35** And_ Yēhū᾽ _he_lay_down with ancestors_ _of_his and_people_buried ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it in_Shomrōn and_ Yəhō᾽āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_ _of_him. **36** And_the_days which Yēhū᾽/(Jehu) he_reigned over Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) were_twenty and_eight year[s] in_Shomrōn.

11:1 And_῾Atal[yāh] the_mother_of ᾽Aḥaz[yāh] and[44] if/because_that son_of_her he_was_dead and_she/it_arose and_she_destroyed ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_offspring_of (the)_royalty. **2** And_ Yəhōshev῾a῾/(Jehosheba) the_daughter_of the_king Yəhōrām/(Joram) the_sister_of ᾽Aḥaz[yāh] _she/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ Yō᾽āsh/(Joash) the_son_of ᾽Aḥaz[yāh] and_she_stole ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it from_among_of the_sons_of the_king the[45] ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ nurse_of_his in_the_chamber_of the_beds and_they_hid ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it from_face/in_front_of ῾Atal[yāh] and_not he_was_ _put_to_death. **3** And_he/it_was with_her the_house_of **YHWH** he_was_hiding_himself six years and_῾Atal[yāh] was_reigning over the_earth/land. **4** And_in_year (the)_seventh Yəhōyādā῾/(Jehoiada) he_sent and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _commanders_of the[46] of_Carian[s] and_of_runners and_he/it_ _brought ᴅᴏᴍ_them to_him/it the_house_of **YHWH** and_he_ _made to/for_them a_covenant and_he_made_to_swear_an_

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strike them down. Don't let any of them get out." So they attacked them with swords, and the guards and officers threw the bodies over the fence. Then they went inside the temple, **26** and pulled the sacred posts outside and burnt them. **27** They broke down the pillar of the Ba'al, and they broke down the temple. Since then it's been used as an out-house.

28 That's how Yehu put an end to Ba'al worship in Yisrael (Israel). **29** There was only one of the things with which Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) had caused Yisrael to sin that Yehu didn't destroy: the golden calves at Beyt-El (Bethel) and Dan. **30** Then Yahweh told Yehu, "Because you did good by following my principles and doing what I've said is right, including what you did to Ahav's family, you'll have four generations sitting on Yisrael's throne." **31** But Yehu didn't take care to follow the instructions of Yisrael's god Yahweh whole-heartedly—he didn't reject all of Yarov'am's evil customs which had caused Yisrael to sin.

Yehu's death · Northern kingdom

32 During that period, Yahweh began to reduce the size of Yisrael's (Israel's) territory and Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael attacked along their border **33** from the Yarden (Jordan) river in the east as far south as Aroer city on the Arnon river—capturing the Gilead and Bashan regions where the tribes of Gad, Re'uven, and Menasheh (Manasseh) lived.

34 Everything else that Yehu (Jehu) said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **35** Then Yehu died and was buried in their ancestral tomb in Shomron (Samaria), and his son Yehoahaz replaced him as king. **36** Yehu had ruled from Shomron as the king of Yisrael for twenty-eight years.

Queen Ataliya's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[43]

11:1 When Ahazyah's mother Atalyah (Athaliah) saw that her son had been killed, she went and had all of his descendants executed so that none of them could claim the throne. **2** However, King Yoram's (Joram's) daughter Yehosheva took Yoash, the son of her sister Ahazyah, and hid him in the bedroom along with his wet-nurse. Although he was on the list of the king's sons to be executed, they hid him from Atalyah, and so he wasn't killed. **3** Then he was able to stay hidden with her in the temple for the six years while Atalyah ruled Yehudah (Judah).

4 In the seventh year, Yehoyada the priest sent for the officers over the royal bodyguards and the palace bodyguards to come to him inside Yahweh's temple. He made them agree to take an

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42 LV 10:27 · Note OSHB variant note: תואחמ/ל: (x-qere) תֹואָמֹ/ל': lemma_l/4163 n_0.0 morph_HR/Ncfpa id_12m2R תֹואָמֹ/ל

43 RV 11:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 22:10–23:15

44 LV 11:1 · Note OSHB variant note: ההתאר/ו: (x-qere) 'הָתָאָר': lemma_7200 n_1.0 morph_HVqp3fs id_12YnQ הָתָאָר

45 LV 11:2 · Note OSHB variant note: ם/יתתוממ/ה: (x-qere) 'ם/יתָמֻומ/ה': lemma_d/4191 n_1.1 morph_HTd/VHsmpa id_128fH ם/יתָמֻומ/ה

46 LV 11:4 · Note OSHB variant note: תויאמ/ה: (x-qere) 'תֹואָמ/ה': lemma_d/3967 n_1.1.1 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_12PRQ תֹואָמ/ה

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oath of secrecy and loyalty in the temple, then he let them see the king's son. 5 Then he commanded them, "This is what you all need to do: On the Rest Day, one third of you must go and guard the king's palace. 6 The second third must guard the Sur gate, and the remainder must stay behind the others roaming back and forth, 7 and the two off-duty groups must guard the temple and protect the young king. 8 You'll surround the king—each man holding his weapons at the ready right around him—killing any person who approaches your ranks, and accompanying the king when he goes out or comes in.

9 So the officers over the royal bodyguards did everything that the priest Yehoyada had commanded. Both the on-duty and the off-duty men fulfilled their roles under Yehoyada's direction that Rest Day. 10 The priest had taken the spears and the shields out of the temple that had belonged to King David and given them to the officers over the royal bodyguards, 11 and they all stood in position, each man holding his weapons ready in his hand, right around the palace and the temple and the altar, and the king. 12 Then the priest brought young Yoash out and put the crown on his head. He handed him the official scroll, and they anointed him and made him king. Then they clapped their hands and shouted, "Long live the king!"

13 When Atalyah (Athaliah) heard the sound of the people and the guards, she came to the people gathered at Yahweh's temple 14 and was stunned to see the young, new king standing near the pillar as was the custom, with the captains and the trumpeters near the king, and all the people of the land rejoicing and sounding trumpets. Then Atalyah tore her clothes and shouted out, "Treachery! Treason!" 15 Then Yehoyada the priest commanded the officials over the bodyguards and the army officers, "Bring her out away from these public buildings. Don't kill her in the temple, but kill anyone who tries to rescue her. 16 So they grabbed her by each arm and took her out through the entrance for the horses to the palace, and she was executed there.

17 Then Yehoyada led the making of an agreement between Yahweh and the king and the people, for the people to serve Yahweh, and also between the king and between the people. 18 Then people from all

Yehoyada's reforms · Southern kingdom[50]

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_oath ÐOM_them in_house_of **YHWH** and_he/it_saw ÐOM_them ÐOM the_son_of the_king. 5 And_he_commanded_them to_say this is_the_thing which you(pl)_will_do the_third_part of_ _you(pl) who_come_of (of)_the_sabbath and_who_keep_of (of)_ _the_watch_of the_house_of the_king. 6 And_the_third_part at_ _the_gate_of Sur and_the_third_part at_gate behind the_ _runners and_you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM the_watch_of the_house by_turns. 7 And_the_two_of the_hands in_you(pl) all_of those_ _who_go_out_of (of)_the_sabbath and_they_will_keep ÐOM the_ _watch_of the_house_of **YHWH** to the_king. 8 And_you(pl)_will_ _surround (on) the_king all_around each_man and_weapons_ _of_his in_his/its_hand and_the_one_who_comes into the_ _ranks he_will_be_put_to_death and_be with the_king in_ _his/its_coming_out and_when_comes_he. 9 And_they_did the_ _commanders_of the[47] according_to_all that Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer he_had_commanded and_they_took each ÐOM men_of_his those_who_came_of (of)_ _the_sabbath with those_who_went_out_of (of)_the_sabbath and_they_came to Yəhōyādāʹ the_priest/officer. 10 And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_gave to_the_commanders_of the[48] ÐOM the_spear and_ÐOM the_shields which to/for_the_king Dāvid which in_house_of **YHWH**. 11 And_ the_runners _they_stood each_man and_weapons_of_his in_his/its_hand from_the_side_ _of the_house (the)_right to the_side_of the_house (the)_left to_ _altar and_to_house at the_king all_around. 12 And_he_ _brought_out ÐOM the_son_of the_king and_he/it_gave on/upon/above_him/it ÐOM the_crown and_ÐOM the_transcript and_they_made_king ÐOM_him/it and_they_anointed_him and_ _they_struck a_palm and_they_said the_king may_he_live. 13 And_ ʹAtalʸāh _she_heard ÐOM the_sound_of the_runners the_ _people and_she_went to the_people the_house_of **YHWH**. 14 And_she/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_king was_ _standing at the_pillar according_the_custom and_the_officials and_the_trumpets were_with the_king and_all the_people_of the_earth/land was_joyful and_it_was_giving_a_blast on_ _trumpets and_ ʹAtalʸāh _she_tore ÐOM clothes_of_her and_ _she/it_called/named treason treason. 15 And_ Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer _he/it_commanded ÐOM the_commanders_of the[49] the_officers_of the_army and_ _he/it_said to_them bring_out ÐOM_her/it to from_between_of to_ranks and_the_one_who_goes after_her put_to_death with_ _sword if/because the_priest/officer he_had_said not let_her_ _be_put_to_death the_house_of **YHWH**. 16 And_they_put to/for_her/it hands and_she_went the_way_of the_entrance_of the_horses the_house_of the_king and_she_was_put_to_death there.

17 And_ Yəhōyādāʹ _he_made ÐOM the_covenant between **YHWH** and_between the_king and_between the_people to_be (into)_a_people to/for_**YHWH** and_between the_king and_ _between the_people. 18 And_ all_of the_people_of the_ _earth/land _they_came the_house_of (the)_Baʹal and_they_

47 LV 11:9 · Note OSHB variant note: תויאמ/ה: (x-qere) 'תֹּואֵמ/ה': lemma_d/3967 n_1.3.1 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_12TnS תֹּואֵמ/ה
48 LV 11:10 · Note OSHB variant note: תויאמ/ה: (x-qere) 'תֹּואֵמ/ה': lemma_d/3967 n_1.1.1 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_12SM8 תֹּואֵמ/ה
49 LV 11:15 · Note OSHB variant note: תוא֑מ/ה: (x-qere) 'תֹּואֵמ/ה': lemma_d/3967 n_1.1.2.0 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_12ZxC תֹּואֵמ/ה
50 RV 11:17 · Parallel 2 Chr. 23:16-21

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_pulled_it_down ĐOM mmm[51] and_ĐOM images_of_its they_
broke thoroughly(do_well) and_ĐOM Mattān the_priest_of
(the)_Ba´al they_killed to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_
altars and the_priest/officer _he/it_assigned overseers over
the_house_of **YHWH**. 19 And_he/it_took ĐOM the_commanders_
_of the_hundreds and_ĐOM the_Carian[s] and_ĐOM the_runners
and_ĐOM all_of the_people_of the_earth/land and_they_
_brought_down ĐOM the_king from_the_house_of **YHWH** and_
_they_came the_way_of the_gate_of[52] of_the_runners the_
_house_of the_king and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived on
the_throne_of the_kings. 20 And_ all_of the_people_of the_
_earth/land _it_rejoiced and_the_city it_was_at_peace and_ĐOM
´Atalʸāh they_had_put_to_death with_sword the_house_of the_
_king[53].
12:1 [54] Was_a_son_of seven years Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) when_he_
_became_king.
2 [56] In_year seven of_Yēhū'/(Jehu) Yəhō'āsh he_became_king
and_forty year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_name_of his/its_mother was_Zibiah from_Bə'ēr- shevʿa´. 3 [57]
And_ Yəhō'āsh _he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of
YHWH all_of his/its_days which he_instructed_him
Yəhōyādā´/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer. 4 [58] Only the_high_
_places not they_were_removed still the_people were_
_sacrificing and_were_making_smoke at_places. 5 [59] And_
Yəhō'āsh _he/it_said to the_priests all_of the_money_of the_
_holy_gifts which it_will_be_brought the_house_of **YHWH**
money passing_along everyone the_money_of persons_of his_
_valuation_of_his all_of the_money which it_will_come_up on
the_heart_of a_person to_bring the_house_of **YHWH**. 6 [60] Let_
_them_take to/for_them the_priests each from_with
acquaintance_of_his and_they they_will_repair ĐOM the_
_damage_of the_house to_all/each/any/every where it_will_
_be_found there damage. 7 [61] And_he/it_was in_year twenty
and_three year to/for_the_king Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) not the_
_priests they_had_repaired ĐOM the_damage_of the_house. 8 [62]
And_ the_king Yəhō'āsh _he/it_called (to)_Yəhōyādā´ the_
priest/officer and(to)_priests and_he/it_said to_them why
are_not_you(pl) repairing ĐOM the_damage_of the_house and_
_now do_not take money from_with acquaintances_of_your(pl)
if/because for_the_damage_of the_house you(pl)_will_give_it.
9 [63] And_ the_priests _they_agreed to_not to_take money from_

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over the country went to the temple of Ba'al and broke down the altars. They smashed his images to pieces and killed Matan the priest of the Ba'al in front of the altars. Meanwhile, Yehoyada the priest placed guards over Yahweh's temple. 19 Then he organised the officers over the royal guard and the palace guards to bring the king down from the temple of Yahweh, and along with all the people, they entered the palace via the gate usually used by the king's bodyguards, and he sat on the throne. 20 All the people celebrated and the city was quiet because Atalyah (Athaliah) had been put to death with the sword at the palace.

21 Yoash was only seven when he became king of Yehudah (Judah).

Yoash reigns over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[55]

12:1 Yoash became king in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the seventh year of Yehu's (Jehu's) reign over Yisrael (Israel). (His mother was Tsivyah from Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba).) He reigned for forty years 2 and all his life, he did what Yahweh had said was correct because he was instructed by Yehoyada the priest. 3 However, they didn't remove the hilltop shrines where the people continued sacrificing and burning incense.

4 Then Yoash told the priests, "You all must collect all the money that's donated to Yahweh's temple, whether it's the money they're required to pay or the money that they themselves decide to give as sacred offerings to buy things for the temple. 5 Each priest must bring what they've collected from their acquaintances, and use it to make repairs wherever they find that there's been damage to the temple."

6 However, when the priests still hadn't repaired the damaged portions by the twenty-third year of Yoash's reign, 7 he sent for Yehoyada the priest and the other priests, and questioned them, "Why aren't you all strengthening the temple where it was damaged? From now on, you all won't take any money from acquaintances, but you'll give it directly for repairing the damage." 8 So the priests agreed to not accept money from the people, and

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51 LV 11:18 · Note OSHB variant note: תחבזמ/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִתֹחְבְּזִמ': lemma_4196 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_12omm וְיִתֹחְבְּזִמ

52 LV 11:19 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

53 LV 11:20 · Note OSHB variant note: דלמ: (x-qere) 'הֶֽלֶמ/ה': lemma_d/4428 n_0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_12k2Q הֶֽלֶמ/ה

54 LV 12:1 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.11.21

55 RV 12:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 23:16-23

56 LV 12:2 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.1

57 LV 12:3 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.2

58 LV 12:4 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.3

59 LV 12:5 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.4

60 LV 12:6 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.5

61 LV 12:7 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.6

62 LV 12:8 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.7

63 LV 12:9 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.8

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that they themselves wouldn't be the ones to repair the temple.

9 Then Yehoyada the priest took a wooden chest and he made a hole in the top, and he placed it at the right of the altar. When a person came into the temple, the priests guarding the entrance would place any donated money into the chest. **10** Whenever they noticed the chest getting full, the king's secretary and the high priest would go and count the money as they bagged it up. **11** They used the funds to pay the supervisors and inspectors and the tradesmen doing the repair work: carpenters and builders, **12** and the masons and stone-cutters. They also paid for the timber and stones, and everything else that was needed for the temple repairs. **13** However, they didn't use the donated silver coins that were brought to the temple to make silver bowls, snuffers, basins, or trumpets, or for any other gold or silver instruments within the temple, **14** because they passed on the donations to the people doing the work, and in this way Yahweh's residence got repaired. **15** They didn't audit the men who took the silver coins to the workers because the whole system was based on trust. **16** The silver coins that came as part of the guilt offering and the sin offerings were not used for temple repairs—they belonged to the priests.

17 Then Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael attacked Gat and captured it, after which he decided to attack Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **18** Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yoash took all the sacred things that his ancestors Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) and Yehoram (Jehoram) and Ahazyah, the previous kings of Yehudah, had consecrated and his sacred things, and all of the gold that was found in Yahweh's temple treasuries and in the king's palace, and he sent them to Aram's King Hazael who then cancelled his planned attack on Yerushalem.

19 Everything else that Yoash said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah.

20 However, his servants got together and planned his assassination, and they ambushed Yoash in Beyt-Milo on the road going down to Sila. **21** His servants Yozavad (Shim'at's son) and Yehozavad (Shomer's son) struck him and he died, and they buried him in his ancestral tomb in the city of David, and his son

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_with the_people and_to_not to_repair ÐOM the_damage_of the_ _house. **10** **64** And_ Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer _ _he/it_took a_chest one and_he_bored a_hole in_lid_of_its and_ _he/it_gave ÐOM_him/it beside the_altar in/on/at/with**65** when_ anyone _comes the_house_of **YHWH** and_they_put there_(to) the_priests who_kept_of (of)_the_threshold ÐOM all_ _of the_money which_was_brought the_house_of **YHWH**. **11** **66** And_he/it_was just_as_they_saw if/because_that much the_ _money was_in_chest and_ the_scribe_of the_king and_the_ _priest (the)_great _he/it_ascended and_they_tied_up and_ _they_counted ÐOM the_money which_was_found the_house_of **YHWH**. **12** **67** And_they_put ÐOM the_money which_had_been_ _weighed_out on the_hands_of**68** of_the_doers_of of_the_work the**69** the_house_of **YHWH** and_they_brought_it_out to_the_ _craftsmen_of the_tree and_to_builders who_were_working_on the_house_of **YHWH**. **13** **70** And_to_wall-builders and_to_the_ _stonemasons_of (the)_stone and_to_acquire wood(s) and_ _stones_of hewing to_repair ÐOM the_damage_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_to/for_all that it_went_out on the_house to_repair_ _it. **14** **71** Only not it_was_made the_house_of **YHWH** basins_of silver snuffers bowls trumpets any_of article_of gold and_ _article_of silver from the_money which_was_brought the_ _house_of **YHWH**. **15** **72** If/because to_the_doers_of the_work they_gave_it and_they_repaired in_him/it ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. **16** **73** And_not they_settled_accounts with the_men whom they_put ÐOM the_money on hand_of_their to_give to_ _the_doers_of the_work if/because in_faithfulness they were_ _working. **17** **74** Money_of guilt_offering and_money_of sin_ _offerings not it_was_brought the_house_of **YHWH** to_priests they_belonged. **18** **75** Then Ḥₐzāʾēl the_king_of ʾArām he_went_ _up and_he_fought on Gat and_he_captured_it and_ Ḥₐzāʾēl _ _he/it_assigned his/its_faces/face to_go_up on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **19** **76** And_ Yəhōʾāsh/(Jehoash) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_took ÐOM all_of the_holy_ _things which Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) and_ _Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) and_ʾAḥazʸāh ancestors_of_his the_kings_ _of Yəhūdāh they_had_consecrated and_ÐOM holy_things_of_ _his_own and_ÐOM all_of the_gold which_was_found in_the_ _treasuries_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_the_house_of the_king and_he_sent_them to_Ḥₐzāʾēl the_king_of ʾArām and_he/it_ _ascended from_under Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **20** **77** And_

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64 **LV 12:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.9

65 **LV 12:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וימי/ב**: (x-qere) 'וְיָמָיו/מ': lemma_m/3225 n_0.2.1 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_12GsM וְיָמָיו/מ

66 **LV 12:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.10

67 **LV 12:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.11

68 **LV 12:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ידי**: (x-qere) 'יְדֵי': lemma_3027 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcbdc id_12L8L יְדֵי

69 **LV 12:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הידקפמ/ה**: (x-qere) 'הַיְדָקְפָמִּ/ה': lemma_d/6485 a n_1.0 morph_HTd/VHsmpa id_124Hh הַיְדָקְפָמִּ/ה

70 **LV 12:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.12

71 **LV 12:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.13

72 **LV 12:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.14

73 **LV 12:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.15

74 **LV 12:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.16

75 **LV 12:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.17

76 **LV 12:19 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.18

77 **LV 12:20 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.19

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_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) and_all that he_did am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_ _days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh. **21** [78] And_ servants_of_his _ _they_arose and_they_conspired a_conspiracy and_they_ _struck_down ÐØM Yō'āsh house_of Millō' which_goes_down Silla. **22** [79] And_Yōzāvāḏ/(Jozabad) the_son_of Shimeath and_ _Yəhōzāvāḏ/(Jehozabad) the_son_of Shomer servants_of_his they_struck_him_down and_he/it_died and_people_buried ÐØM_him/it with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ 'Amatsʸāh son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

13:1 In_year twenty and_three year of_Yō'āsh the_son_of 'Aḥazʸāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_son_of Yēhū'/(Jehu) he_became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn seven- teen year[s]. **2** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he/it_went after the_sins_of Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev˝aṭ which he_caused_to_ _sin ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_turned_aside from_it. **3** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he_gave_them in_the_hand_of Ḥₐzā'ēl the_king_of 'Arām and_ _in_the_hand_of Ben the_son_of Ḥₐzā'ēl all_of the_days. **4** And_ Yəhō'āḥāz _he_entreated ÐØM the_face_of **YHWH** and_he/it_ _listened to_him/it **YHWH** if/because he_saw ÐØM the_ _oppression_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because_that the_king_of 'Arām he_oppressed ÐØM_them. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave to_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_deliverer and_they_went_out from_under the_hand_of 'Arām and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ _lived in_tents_of_their as_yesterday three_days_ago.
6 Nevertheless not they_turned_aside from_the_sins_of the_ _house_of Yārov˝ām which he_caused_to_sin[80] ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_it it_walked and_also the_'Ashērāh_pole it_ _remained in_Shomrōn. **7** If/because not he_left to_ _Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) a_people if/because (if) fifty horsemen and_ten chariot[s] and_ten_of thousand(s) foot_soldier[s] if/because he_had_destroyed_them the_king_of 'Arām and_he_ _had_made_them like_dust to_trample. **8** And_the_rest_of the_ _matters_of Yəhō'āḥāz and_all that he_did and_might_of_his am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_ _days of_the_kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **9** And_ Yəhō'āḥāz _ _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried_him in_Shomrōn and_ Yō'āsh/(Joash) his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_of_him.
10 In_year thirty and_seven year of_Yō'āsh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz he_became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn six- teen year[s]. **11** And_he_did the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** not he_turned_aside from_all the_sins_of Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev˝aṭ which he_caused_to_sin ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_it he_walked. **12** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yō'āsh and_ _all that he_did and_might_of_his which he_waged_war with 'Amatsʸāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_ Yō'āsh _he_lay_down with ancestors_ _of_his and_Yārov˝ām he_sat on_throne_of_his and_ Yō'āsh _he_

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Amatsyah replaced him as king.

Yehoahaz reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

13:1 In the twenty-third year of Ahazyah's son Yoash reigning over Yehudah (Judah), Yehu's (Jehu's) son Yehoahaz became king over Yisrael (Israel) and reigned seventeen years from Shomron (Samaria). **2** He did what Yahweh had said was evil and he imitated the customs of Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin—Yehoahaz didn't end them. **3** So Yahweh got angry with Yisrael and he allowed them to be defeated by Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael and his son Ben-Hadad throughout Yehoahaz's reign. **4** Then Yehoahaz prayed to Yahweh for help, and Yahweh listened to him because he saw how much Yisrael was being oppressed by the Aramean king. **5** So Yahweh sent a saviour to Yisrael, and they were able to stand up against the Arameans, and only then were the Israelis able to live peacefully again from day to day. **6** Despite that, they didn't stop imitating the sins of Yarov'am's family who caused Yisrael to sin—no, Yehoahaz kept doing them, and even the Asherah pole remained standing in Shomron.
7 The Aramean king had thoroughly destroyed much of Yisrael's forces only leaving fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and ten thousand foot soldiers for Yehoahaz.
8 Everything else that Yehoahaz said and did, including his great achievements, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **9** Then Yehoahaz died and was buried in Shomron, and his son Yehoash replaced him as king.

Yehoash reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

10 In the thirty-seventh year of King Yoash reigning over Yehudah (Judah), Yehoahaz's son Yehoash became king over Yisrael (Israel) and reigned sixteen years from Shomron (Samaria). **11** He did what Yahweh had said was evil and he imitated the customs of Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin—Yehoash didn't end them. **12** Everything else that Yehoash said and did, including his great achievements fighting along with Yehudah's King Amatsyah, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **13** Then Yehoash died

78 **LV 12:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.20

79 **LV 12:22 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.21

80 **LV 13:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: יטחה: (x-qere) 'אִיטֶחָה': lemma_2398 morph_HVhp3ms id_12T4o אִיטֶחָה

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and was buried in Shomron with the former kings of Yisrael, and his son Yarov'am replaced him on the throne.

Elisha's death · Northern kingdom

14 Meanwhile Elisha had been sick and heading for his last days, so Yisrael's (Israel's) king Yehoash had been to see him, and cried as he stood in front of him and said, "My father, my father, Yisrael's chariot and its horsemen!"[81]

15 Then Elisha had told him, "Bring a bow and arrows." So he'd brought them, **16** and he'd told Yisrael's king, "Grab the bow ready to draw." So he did that, and then Elisha put his hands over the king's hands. **17** Then he said, "Open that window facing east." The king opened it and Elisha said, "Shoot." So he shot the arrow and Elisha said, "That's an arrow of victory for Yahweh and an arrow of victory against Aram (Syria). You will thoroughly defeat Aram at Afek." **18** Then he continued, "Take the rest of the arrows." Yisrael's king took them, and Elisha told him, "Strike the ground with them." So he banged the arrows on the ground three times. **19** But the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have bashed them five or six times, then you would have bashed Aram up completely, but now you'll defeat them three times."

20 Then Elisha died and was buried.

Every year in the spring, bands of Moavim would make raids on Yisrael, **21** and once there was a group of Israelis burying a man. When they saw the raiding party, they quickly threw the body into Elisha's tomb, and when it touched his bones, the man came back to life and stood up.

War between Yisrael and Aram/Syria · Northern kingdom

22 Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael oppressed Yisrael (Israel) all through Yehoahaz's reign, **23** but Yahweh showed favour to the Israelis and felt compassionate towards them. Because of his agreement with Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob), he didn't want to destroy them, and he hasn't tossed them out even to this day.

24 When Aram's King Hazael died, his son Ben-Hadad replaced him as king. **25** Then Yehoahaz's son Yehoash attacked Aram three times, and he took back the cities from Hazael's son Ben-Hadad that had been taken in the war in his father Yehoahaz's time.

Amatsyah reigns over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[82]

14:1 In the second year of the reign of Yehoahaz's son Yehoash over Yisrael (Israel), Amatsyah replaced his father Yoash as king of Yehudah (Judah). **2** He was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-nine years. (His mother's name was Yeho'adin from

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_was_buried in_Shomrōn with the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

14 And_'Elīshā' he_became_sick ÐǾM sickness_of_his which he_ _will_die in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_descended to_him/it Yō'āsh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_wept on his/its_ _faces/face and_he_said my_father_of_my father_of_my the_ _chariotry_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_horsemen_of_its. **15** And_ _he/it_said to_him/it 'Elīshā' take a_bow and_arrows and_ _he/it_took to_him/it a_bow and_arrows. **16** And_he/it_said to_ _the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) make_ride hand_of_your on the_ _bow and_he_made_ride his/its_hand and_ 'Elīshā' _he/it_ _assigned hands_of_his on the_hands_of the_king. **17** And_ _he/it_said open the_window eastward_to and_he_opened_it and_ 'Elīshā' _he/it_said shoot and_he/it_said and_he/it_said an_ _arrow_of victory to/for_**YHWH** and_an_arrow_of victory on_ _'Arām and_you_will_defeat ÐǾM 'Arām in_'Afēq until make_an_ _end. **18** And_he/it_said take the_arrows and_he_took_them and_he/it_said to_the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) strike towards_ _land and_he_struck three times and_he_stopped. **19** And_he_ _was_angry on/upon/above_him/it the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_he/it_said to_strike five or six times then you_have_ _defeated ÐǾM 'Arām until make_an_end and_now three times you_will_defeat ÐǾM 'Arām. **20** And_ 'Elīshā' _he/it_died and_ _people_buried_him and_the_marauding_bands_of Mō'āv they_ _came in/on_the_earth a_year coming. **21** And_he/it_was they were_burying a_man and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_saw ÐǾM (the)_ _marauding_band and_they_threw ÐǾM the_man in_the_grave_ _of 'Elīshā' and_he/it_went and_ the_man _he_touched (in)_ _the_bones_of 'Elīshā' and_he/it_lived and_he/it_rose_up on feet_of_his.

22 And_Ḥazā'ēl the_king_of 'Arām he_had_oppressed ÐǾM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_days_of Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz). **23** And_ **YHWH** _he_showed_favour_to ÐǾM_them and_he_had_ _compassion_on_them and_he_turned to_them on_account_of covenant_of_his with 'Avrāhām Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_ _Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_not he_was_willing to_destroy_them and_not he_threw_them from_under his/its_faces/face until now. **24** And_ Ḥazā'ēl the_king_of 'Arām _he/it_died and_ Ben Hadad his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_of_him. **25** And_ Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz _he_returned and_ _he/it_took ÐǾM the_cities from_the_hand_of Ben the_son_of Ḥazā'ēl which he_had_taken from_the_hand_of Yəhō'āḥāz his/its_father in_battle three times he_defeated_him Yō'āsh/(Joash) and_he_restored ÐǾM the_cities_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

14:1 In_year two of_Yō'āsh the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) 'Amatsyāh the_son_of Yō'āsh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_became_king. **2** A_son_of twenty and_five year[s] he_was when_he_became_king and_twenty and_nine year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_Jehoaddan[84] from Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_

81 RV 13:14 · Note This was the same as what Elisha had said when Eliyah had been taken to heaven. See 2:12.

82 RV 14:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 25:1-24

84 LV 14:2 · Note OSHB variant note: וַיְהוֹעַדִּיָן: (x-qere) וַיְהַעֲוֹהִי: lemma_3086 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_12rrT

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_both_eyes_of **YHWH** only not like_Dāvid his/its_father according_to_all that Yō'āsh his/its_father he_had_done he_ _did. **4** Only the_high_places not they_were_removed still the_ _people were_sacrificing and_were_making_smoke at_places. **5** And_he/it_was just_as the_kingdom it_was_secure in_his/its_ _hand and_he_struck_down ~~DOM~~ servants_of_his who_had_ _struck_down ~~DOM~~ the_king his/its_father. **6** And_~~DOM~~ the_ _children_of those_who_had_struck_down not he_put_to_death according_what_is_written in_the_book_of the_law_of Mosheh which **YHWH** he_commanded to_say not parents they_will_be_ _put_to_death on children and_children not they_will_be_put_ _to_death on parents if/because (if) each for_his_own_of_sin he_will_be_put_to_death[85]. **7** He he_defeated ~~DOM~~ 'Edōm in_the_ _Valley_of_Salt_in_the_Valley_of Salt[86] ten_of thousand(s) and_ _he_seized ~~DOM~~ (the)_Şela' in_battle and_he/it_called ~~DOM~~ his/its_name Yoqtə'ēl/(Joktheel) until the_day (the)_this. **8** Then 'Amats^{yāh} he_sent messengers to Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_son_of Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say come let_us_look_at_one_ _another faces. **9** And_ Yəhō'āsh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he_sent to 'Amats^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say the_ _thornbush which was_in_Lə֯vānōn it_sent to the_cedar which was_in_Lə֯vānōn to_say give ~~DOM~~ daughter_of_your to_son_of_ _my to/for_(a)_woman and_ the_animal_of the_field which was_in_Lə֯vānōn _it_passed_by and_it_trampled ~~DOM~~ the_ _thornbush. **10** Indeed_(defeat) you_have_defeated ~~DOM~~ 'Edōm and_it_has_lifted_you heart_of_your be_honoured and_remain in_house_of_your and_for_what will_you_engage_in_strife with_harm and_ you _you_will_fall and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) with_you. **11** And_not 'Amats^{yāh} he_listened and_ Yəhō'āsh the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended and_ he and_'Amats^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh _they_looked_at_one_another faces in_ _house_of shemesh which belonged_to_Yəhūdāh. **12** And_ Yəhūdāh _it_was_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_fled each his[87]. **13** And_~~DOM~~ 'Amats^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh the_son_of Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) the_son_ _of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} Yəhō'āsh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_seized in_ _house_of shemesh and[88] Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_made_ _a_breach in_the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) at_the_gate_ _of 'Efrayim to the_gate_of the_corner four hundred(s) cubit[s]. **14** And_he/it_will_take ~~DOM~~ all_of the_gold and_the_silver and_ _~~DOM~~ all_of the_vessels which_were_found the_house_of **YHWH** and_in_the_treasuries_of the_house_of the_king and_~~DOM~~ the_ _sons_of the_pledges and_he_returned to_Shomrōn. **15** And_ _the_rest_of the_matters_of Yəhō'āsh which he_did and_might_ _of_his and_which he_waged_war with 'Amats^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_ _matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **16** And_ Yəhō'āsh _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_ _was_buried in_Shomrōn with the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Yārov֯ām/(Jeroboam) his/its_son _he_became_king in_

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Yerushalem.) **3** He did what Yahweh had said was correct behaviour, although not as thoroughly as his ancestor David—his behaviour was more like that of his father Yoash. **4** However, the hilltop shrines weren't removed—people were still sacrificing and burning incense at them.

5 Once he was firmly established as king, Amatsyah had the servants executed who had assassinated his father Yoash,[83] **6** but he didn't have their sons executed, because in the scroll where Mosheh (Moses) had written the laws, Yahweh had commanded, "Fathers shouldn't be executed for what their sons do, nor should sons be executed for the crimes of their ancestors—rather an individual should only be executed for their own crime."

7 He led the victory over ten thousand Edomim in the Salt Valley, seizing Sela in the battle and renaming it as Yakete'el which it's still called today.

8 Then Amatsyah sent messengers to Yisrael's (Israel's) King Yehoash (the son of Yehoahaz, the son of Yehu (Jehu)) challenging, "Come on, let's have it out with each other." **9** But King Yehoash replied to Yehudah's King Amatsyah, "The thistle that was in the Levanon forest sent to the cedar that was in the Levanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as a wife.' But a wild animal that was in the Levanon passed by and it trampled the thistle. **10** It's true that you won a battle with Edom and you're feeling encouraged. Accept that honour, but stay home now. Why would you stir up trouble only to fall again—you and all Yehudah with you?"

11 But Amatsyah wouldn't listen so the armies of Yisrael's King Yehoash and Yehudah's (Judah's) King Amatsyah faced each other in Yehudah at Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis). **12** However, Yehudah was overcome by Yisrael, and its warriors had to flee home from the battlefield. **13** So Yisrael's King Yehoash captured Yehudah's King Amatsyah (the son of Yehoash, the son of Ahazyah) in Beyt-Shemesh. Then he went to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and he broke down the city wall from the Efrayim Gate up to the Corner Gate—almost two hundred metres of it. **14** He took all the gold and silver, and all the equipment that was found in Yahweh's temple and in the palace treasuries. Then taking some hostages as well, he returned to Shomron (Samaria).

15 Everything else that Yehoash said and did, including his battle with Yehudah's King Amatsyah, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **16** Then Yehoash died and was buried in Shomron with the former kings of Yisrael, and his son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) replaced him as king.

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83 **RV 14:5 · Cross-ref.** 12:20-21.

85 **LV 14:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: תומי: (x-qere) תָּמוּי': lemma_4191 n_0 morph_HVHi3ms id_12ywD תָּמוּי

86 **LV 14:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: חלמה: (x-qere) חַלָּמֵ': lemma_4417 n_1.1.0 morph_HNp id_12yHv חַלָּמֵ

87 **LV 14:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לה֣א/ל: (x-qere) ו/יְלָהֹא/ל': lemma_l/168 n_0 morph_HR/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_12frk ו/יְלָהֹא/ל

88 **LV 14:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: ואבי/ו: (x-qere) וְ/אֲבִי/ו': lemma_c/935 n_0.2.0 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_12zbT וְ/אֲבִי/ו

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The death of Yehudah's King Amatsyah · Southern kingdom[89]

17 Yehudah's (Judah's) King Amatsyah (Yoash's son) lived another fifteen years after the death of Yisrael's (Israel's) King Yehoash (Yehoahaz's son). 18 Everything else that Amatsyah said is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah.

19 Some people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) had plotted to assassinate him, but he fled to Lakish. However, they followed him there and killed him in the city. 20 His body was carried back on horses, and he was buried in his ancestral tomb in Yerushalem in the city of David. 21 Then all the people of Yehudah took sixteen year old Azaryah and made him king to replace his late father Amatsyah. 22 Azaryah built up Eylot and he reestablished it as part of Yehudah before he died.

Yarov'am II reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

23 In the fifteenth year of Yoash's son King Amatsyah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Yehoash's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) became king of Yisrael (Israel) and reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for forty-one years. 24 He did what Yahweh had said was evil—he imitated the customs of Nevat's son Yarov'am who'd caused Yisrael to sin. 25 Yarov'am restored Yisrael's border from Levo-Hamat through to the Sea of the Desert, as Yisrael's god Yahweh had foretold via his servant Yonah (Jonah)—the son of the prophet Amitay from Gat-Hahefer. 26 That was because Yahweh had seen how Yisrael had suffered badly and had been unable to control their own destinies, and that no other country would help them. 27 But Yahweh had said that he wouldn't allow Yisrael to be destroyed, so he'd used Yehoash's son Yarov'am to save them.

28 Everything else that Yarov'am said and did, including how he fought and restored Damesek (Damascus) and Hamat to Yisrael, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. 29 Then Yarov'am died and was buried with the former kings of Yisrael, and his son Zekaryah (Zechariah) replaced him as king.

Azaryah/Uziyah reigns over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[90]

15:1 In the twenty-seventh year of King Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) reign over Yisrael (Israel), Amatsyah's son Azaryah[91] became king of Yehudah (Judah). 2 He was sixteen when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for fifty-two years. (His mother's name was Yekaleyah from Yerushalem.) 3 He did what Yahweh had said was

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_place_of_him.

17 And_ 'Amatsʸāh the_son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_king_of Yəhūdāh _he/it_lived after the_death_of Yəhō'āsh the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) fif- teen year[s]. 18 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Amatsʸāh not are_ _they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_ _kings_of of_Yəhūdāh. 19 And_people_conspired on/upon/above_him/it a_conspiracy in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_fled to_Lākīsh and_they_ _sent after_him to_Lākīsh and_they_put_him_to_death there. 20 And_they_carried ÐØM_him/it on the_horses and_he_was_ _buried in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with ancestors_of_his in_ _the_city_of Dāvid. 21 And_ all_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh _ _they_took ÐØM ʿAzarʸāh and_he was_a_son_of six- teen year[s] and_they_made_king ÐØM_him/it in_place_of his/its_father 'Amatsʸāh. 22 He he_built ÐØM 'Ēylōt and_bring_back_restored_it to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) after the_king lay_down with ancestors_ _of_his.

23 In_year fif- teen year of_'Amatsʸāh the_son_of Yō'āsh the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh Yārovʿām the_son_of Yō'āsh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_became_king in_Shomrōn forty and_one year[s]. 24 And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** not he_turned_aside from_all the_sins_of Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ which he_caused_to_sin ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 25 He he_restored ÐØM the_border_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_ _Ləvō'_of Ḥₐmāt to the_sea_of the_ʿArāvāh according_to_the_ _message_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which he_spoke by_the_hand_of his_servant_of_his Yōnāh/(Jonah) the_son_of 'Amittay the_prophet who was_from_Gat- hepher. 26 If/because **YHWH** he_saw ÐØM the_affliction_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) rebellious very and_there_not was_shut_up and_there_not was_freed and_there_was_not a_helper for_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 27 And_not **YHWH** he_had_spoken to_wipe_ _out ÐØM the_name_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_under the_heavens and_he_delivered_them by_the_hand_of Yārovʿām the_son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash). 28 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yārovʿām and_all that he_did and_might_of_his which he_waged_war and_which he_restored ÐØM Dammeseq and_ÐØM Ḥₐmāt to_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 29 And_ Yārovʿām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his with the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Zəkarʸāh son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

15:1 In_year twenty and_seven year of_Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ʿAzarʸāh the_son_of 'Amatsʸāh the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh he_became_king. 2 A_son_of six- teen year[s] he_was when_he_became_king and_fifty and_two year[s] he_ _reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_ _mother was_Yəkolʸāh/(Jecholiah) from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 3 And_he/it_made the_right in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that 'Amatsʸāh his/its_

89 **RV 14:17 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 25:25-28

90 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 26:1-23

91 **RV 15:1 · Note** Azaryah was also known as Uzziyah, especially from v13 onwards.

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_father he_had_done. 4 Only the_high_places not they_were_
_removed still the_people were_sacrificing and_were_making_
_smoke at_places. 5 And_ **YHWH** _he_struck ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_
_he/it_was one_who_had_a_skin_disease until the_day_of his_
_death_of_his and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_
_house_of (the)_separateness and_Yōtām/(Jotham) the_son_of
the_king was_over the_house he_was_judging ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_
_of the_earth/land. 6 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of ʹAzar^{yāh}
and_all that he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_
_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah).
7 And_ ʹAzar^{yāh} _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_
_people_buried ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_
of Dāvid and Yōtām his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_
_of_him.

8 In_year thirty and_eight year of_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_king_of
Yəhūdāh Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Yārovʹām/(Jeroboam) he_
_became_king over Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel) in_Shomrōn six months.
9 And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** just_as
ancestors_of_his they_had_done not he_turned_aside from_
_the_sins_of Yārovʹām the_son_of Nevaṭ which he_caused_to_
_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel). 10 And_he_conspired on/upon/above_
_him/it Shallūm the_son_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) and_he_struck_
_him_down before_the_of people and_he_killed_him and_he_
_became_king in_place_of_him. 11 And_the_rest_of the_
_matters_of Zəkar^{yāh} THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_of
the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel).
12 It was_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken to
Yēhū᾽/(Jehu) to_say descendants_of a_fourth_generation they_
_will_sit to/for_yourself(m) on the_throne_of Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel)
and_he/it_was thus.

13 Shallūm the_son_of Yāvēsh he_became_king in_year thirty
and_nine year of_ʹUzziy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_
_he_reigned a_month_of days in_Shomrōn. 14 And_ Mənaḥēm
the_son_of Gādī _he/it_ascended from_Tirtsāh and_he_came
Shomrōn and_he_struck_down ᴅᴏᴍ Shallūm the_son_of Yāvēsh
in_Shomrōn and_he_killed_him and_he_became_king in_place_
_of_him. 15 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Shallūm and_
_conspiracy_of_his which he_conspired THERE_they are_
_written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_
_kings_of of_Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel). 16 Then Mənaḥēm he_attacked
ᴅᴏᴍ Tiphsah and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of those_who were_in_it and_ᴅᴏᴍ
territories_of_its from_Tirtsāh if/because not it_opened and_
_he_defeated_it ᴅᴏᴍ all_of (the)_its_pregnant_of_women he_
_ripped_open.

17 In_year thirty and_nine year of_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_king_of
Yəhūdāh Mənaḥēm the_son_of Gādī he_became_king over
Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel) ten years in_Shomrōn. 18 And_he/it_made the_
_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** not he_turned_aside from_
_under the_sins_of Yārovʹām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ
which he_caused_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel) all_of his/its_days.
19 Pūl the_king_of ᾽Ashshūr he_came on the_earth/land and_
Mənaḥēm _he/it_gave to_Pūl a_thousand talent[s]_of silver to_
_be hands_of_his with_him/it to_strengthen the_kingdom in_

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correct behaviour like his father Amatsyah had done, 4 although the hilltop shrines weren't removed—the people continued to sacrifice at them and burn incense. 5 Yahweh caused Azaryah to become a leper and he had to live separately from others for the rest of his life, so his son Yotam (Jotham) ran the palace and dealt with the people's problems.

6 Everything else that Azaryah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. 7 Azaryah died[92] and was buried in the ancestral tomb in the city of David, and his son Yotam replaced him as king.

Zekaryah reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

8 In the thirty-eighth year of King Azaryah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) son Zekaryah (Zechariah) became king over Yisrael (Israel) and ruled for six months from Shomron (Samaria). 9 He did what Yahweh had said was evil, just as his ancestors had done—he didn't avoid the kinds of behaviour that had been done by Nevat's son Yarov'am who had caused Yisrael to sin. 10 Then Yavesh's son Shalum plotted to assassinate him, and he attacked him in front of the people and killed him, and he replaced him as king.

11 Everything else that Zekaryah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael.

12 Previously Yahweh had told King Yehu (Jehu) that his descendants would sit on the throne for four generations, and that had come true.[93]

Shalum reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

13 Yavesh's son Shalum became king in the thirty-ninth year of King Azaryah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), but he only reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for one month. 14 Then Gadi's son Menahem came to Shomron from Tirtsah, and he attacked Yavesh's son Shalum there in Shomron and killed him, replacing him as king. 15 Everything else that Shalum said, including his assassination plot, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael (Israel). 16 At that time, Menahem attacked Tifsah and everyone in the city, and its borders from Tirtsah, because they wouldn't open their gates. Then he ripped open the bellies of all the pregnant women there.

Menahem's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

17 In the thirty-ninth year of King Azaryah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Gadi's son Menahem became king over Yisrael (Israel) and he reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for ten years. 18 He did what Yahweh had said was evil—he didn't avoid the kinds of behaviour that had been done by Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin.

During his reign, 19 King Pul of Ashur (Assyria) attacked Yis-

92 **RV 15:7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 6:1.

93 **RV 15:12 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 10:30.

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rael, and Menahem gave Pul over thirty tonnes of silver, so he would support Menahem's reign. **20** (Menahem had taxed all the wealthy families across Yisrael—fifty silver coins per adult male.) As a result, the Assyrian king cancelled his plans to attack and returned home.

21 Everything else that Menahem said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **22** Then Menahem died and was buried, and his son Pekahyah replaced him as king.

Pekahyah reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

23 In the fiftieth year of King Azaryah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Menahem's son Pekahyah became king over Yisrael (Israel) and reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for two years. **24** He did what Yahweh had said was evil—he didn't avoid the kinds of behaviour that had been done by Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin. **25** But Pekah the son of Remalyah, Pekahyah's third officer, plotted to assassinate him, and he attacked him in the palace in Shomron with the assistance of Argov and Aryeh and fifty Giladim. So Pekah killed King Pekahyah and replaced him as king. **26** Everything else that Pekahyah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael—look at it.

Pekah's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

27 In the fifty-second year of King Azaryah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Remalyah's son Pekah became king over Yisrael (Israel) and reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for twenty years. **28** He did what Yahweh had said was evil—he didn't avoid the kinds of behaviour that had been done by Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin.

29 During the reign of King Pekah over Yisrael, Ashur's (Assyria's) King Tiglat-Pileser came, and he captured the cities of Iyon, Avel-Beyt-Ma'akah, Yanoah, Kedesh, and Hatsor, and the regions of Gilead, Galil, and Naftali (Naphtali), and he exiled their people to Ashur.

30 Then Elah's son Hoshea plotted to assassinate Remalyah's son Pekah, and he attacked him, killing him and replacing him as king in the twentieth year of King Yotam's (Jotham's) reign over Yehudah. **31** Everything else that Pekah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael.

Yotam's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[95]

32 In the second year of Remalyah's son Pekah's reign over Yisrael (Israel), Azaryah's son Yotam (Jotham) began to reign over Yehudah (Judah). **33** He was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for sixteen years. (His mother's name was Yerusha, the daughter of Tsadok.) **34** He did what Yahweh had said was correct behaviour like his father Azaryah/Uziyah had done, **35** although the hilltop shrines weren't removed—the people continued to sacrifice at

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_his/its_hand. **20** And_ Mənaḥēm _he_brought_out ÐOM the_ _silver on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on all_of the_mighty_men_of (the)_ _wealth to_give_it to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr fifty shekels silver to_a_man one and_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_returned and_not he_remained there on_the_earth. **21** And_the_rest_of the_ _matters_of Mənaḥēm and_all that he_did am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_ _of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **22** And_ Mənaḥēm _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ Pəqaḥ^{yāh} son_of_his _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

23 In_year fifty year of_ʻAzar^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Pəqaḥ^{yāh} the_son_of Mənaḥēm he_became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn two_years. **24** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** not he_turned_aside from_ _the_sins_of Yārovʻām the_son_of Nevaṭ which he_caused_to_ _sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** And_he_conspired on/upon/above_ _him/it Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū officer_of_his and_he_ _struck_him_down in_Shomrōn in_the_fortress_of the_house_ _of the_king[94] with 'Argovʻ and_ÐOM (the)_'Aryēh and_were_ _with_him fifty man from_(the)_sons the_Gil'ādites and_he_ _killed_him and_he_became_king in_place_of_him. **26** And_the_ _rest_of the_matters_of Pəqaḥ^{yāh} and_all that he_did THERE_ _they are_written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_ _the_kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

27 In_year fifty and_two year of_ʻAzar^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū he_became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn twenty year[s]. **28** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** not he_turned_aside from the_sins_of Yārovʻām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ which he_ _caused_to_sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **29** In_the_days_of Peqaḥ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Tiglat pil'eşer the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_came and_he/it_took ÐOM Ijon and_ÐOM Abel Bēyt Maacah and_ÐOM Yānōaḥ/(Janoah) and_ÐOM Qedesh and_ÐOM Ḥātsōr and_ÐOM (the)_Gil'ād and_ÐOM (to)_the_Gālīl all_of the_land_of Naftālī and_he_took_them_into_exile to_'Ashshūr. **30** And_ Hōshēʻa the_son_of 'Ēlāh _he_conspired a_conspiracy on Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū and_he_struck_him_down and_he_killed_ _him and_he_became_king in_place_of_him in_year twenty of_ _Yōtām/(Jotham) the_son_of ʻUzziy^{yāh}. **31** And_the_rest_of the_ _matters_of Peqaḥ and_all that he_did THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

32 In_year two of_Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Yōtām the_son_of ʻUzziy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_became_king. **33** A_son_of twenty and_ _five year[s] he_was when_he_became_king and_six- teen year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_Yərūshā'/(Jerusha) the_daughter_of Tsādōq/(Zadok). **34** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that ʻUzziy^{yāh} his/its_father he_had_done he_did. **35** Only the_high_places not they_were_ _removed still the_people were_sacrificing and_were_making_

94 LV 15:25 · Note OSHB variant note: דלמ: (x-qere) דֶּלֶ֫מֶ/ה: lemma_d/4428 n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_12jPZ דֶּלֶ֫מֶ/ה

95 RV 15:32 · Parallel 2 Chr. 27:1-9

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_smoke at_places he he_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_upper. **36** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yōtām which he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_ _matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh. **37** In_the_ _days the_those **YHWH** he_began to_send in_Yəhūdāh Rətsīn the_king_of ʾArām and_ᴅᴏᴍ Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmalʸᵃʰū. **38** And_ Yōtām/(Jotham) _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid his/its_father and_ ʾĀḥāz his/its_son _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

16:1 In_year seven- teen year of_Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmalʸᵃʰū ʾĀḥāz the_son_of Yōtām the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_became_king. **2** Was_a_son_of twenty year[s] ʾĀḥāz when_he_became_king and_six- teen year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not he_did the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** his/its_ _god like_Dāvid his/its_father. **3** And_he/it_went in_the_way_of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_also ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_son he_ _made_pass in_fire according_to_the_abominations_of the_ _nations which **YHWH** he_had_dispossessed ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_ _face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **4** And_he_ _sacrificed and_he_made_smoke at_places and_on the_hills and_under every_of tree luxuriant. **5** Then Rətsīn the_king_of ʾArām and_Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmalʸᵃʰū the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_came_up Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_ _battle and_they_laid_siege on ʾĀḥāz and_not they_were_able to_do_battle. **6** At_time (the)_that Rətsīn the_king_of ʾArām he_ _restored ᴅᴏᴍ ʾĒylōt to_ʾArām and_he_cleared_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _Yəhūdī/(Judeans) from_ʾĒylōt and[102][103] they_came ʾĒylōt and_ _they_lived there until the_day (the)_this. **7** And_ ʾĀḥāz _he_ _sent messengers to Tiglat pilʾeṣer the_king_of ʾAshshūr to_say servant_of_am_your and_son_of_your I come_up and_deliver_ _me from_the_palm_of the_king_of ʾArām and_from_the_palm_ _of the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who_are_rising_up on_me. **8** And_ ʾĀḥāz _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_silver and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_gold which_was_found the_house_of **YHWH** and_in_the_treasuries_ _of the_house_of the_king and_he_sent_it to_the_king_of ʾAshshūr a_gift. **9** And_he/it_listened to_him/it the_king_of ʾAshshūr and_ the_king_of ʾAshshūr _he/it_ascended to Dammeseq and_he_seized_it and_he_took_it_into_exile to_Qīr and_ᴅᴏᴍ Rətsīn he_put_to_death. **10** And_ the_king ʾĀḥāz _ _he/it_went to_meet Tiglat pilʾeṣer the_king_of ʾAshshūr Dammeseq and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar which was_in_ _Dammeseq and_ the_king ʾĀḥāz _he_sent to Uriah the_ _priest/officer ᴅᴏᴍ the_likeness_of the_altar and_ᴅᴏᴍ pattern_ _of_its to/from_all/each/any/every work_of_its. **11** And_ Uriah the_priest/officer _he/it_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar according_to_all that the_king ʾĀḥāz he_had_sent from_Dammeseq so Uriah the_ _priest/officer he_did until the_king ʾĀḥāz came from_ _Dammeseq. **12** And_ the_king _he_came from_Dammeseq and_ the_king _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar and_ the_king _he_drew_

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them and burn incense. Yotam built the upper gate to Yahweh's temple.

36 Everything else that Yotam said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **37** In those days, Yahweh began to send Aram's (Syria's) King Retsin and Remalyah's son Pekah against Yehudah. **38** Then Yotam died and was buried in their ancestral tomb in the city of his ancestor David, and his son Ahaz replaced him as king.

Ahaz's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[96]

16:1 In the seventeenth year of Remalyah's son Pekah's reign over Yisrael (Israel), Yotam's (Jotham's) son Ahaz began to reign over Yehudah (Judah). **2** Ahaz was twenty when he became king and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for sixteen years, but he didn't follow what his god Yahweh had said was correct behaviour like his ancestor David had done. **3** Actually he followed the behaviour of the kings of Yisrael, and he even sacrificed his son as a burnt offering[97] like they do in the nations that Yahweh hated and which Yahweh had driven out of the land as the Israelis had entered. **4** Also he sacrificed on the hilltop shrines and burnt incense on them, and on the hills and under every large tree.

5 Then Aram's (Syria's) King Retsin and Yisrael's King Pekah (Remalyah's son) came uphill to attack Yerushalem, and they laid siege against King Ahaz but they weren't able to conquer the city.[98] **6** At that time, Aram's King Retsin recaptured Eylot City for Aram, then he drove the Yehudim (Judeans) out of Eylot and Arameans moved in instead and they have lived there to this day. **7** So Ahaz sent messengers to Ashur's (Assyria's) King Tiglat-Pileser, "I'm your servant and your son. Come up and rescue me from the kings of Aram and Yisrael who are here attacking me." **8** Ahaz took the gold and silver from Yahweh's temple and from the palace treasuries, and sent it as a gift to the Assyrian king. **9** The king of Ashur listened to him and went in and attacked Damesek (Damascus), and he captured it and exiled its people to Kir, and he executed King Retsin.

10 King Ahaz went to meet the Assyrian King Tiglat-Pileser in Damesek, and he saw the altar that was there. So he sent a drawing and the detailed measurements of the altar to the priest Uriyah. **11** So Uriyah built the altar according to the plans that King Ahaz had sent from Damesek and had it finished before King Ahaz returned from Damesek. **12** When the king got back to Yerushalem and saw the altar, he went up onto it **13** and made his burnt offering and his grain offering, and he poured out his drink offering, and he sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings

96 RV 16:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 28:1-27

97 RV 16:3 · Cross-ref. Deu 12:31.

98 RV 16:5 · Cross-ref. Isa 7:1.

102 LV 16:6 · Note OSHB variant note: מרא/ום: (x-qere) יהודא/ו: lemma_c/130 n_0.2.0 morph_HC/Ngmpa id_128XN יהודא/ו

103 LV 16:6 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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onto the altar. **14** He got the bronze altar[99] that had been dedicated to Yahweh moved back away from the temple and placed beside the newer, bigger altar. **15** Then King Ahaz ordered Uriyah, "Use the large altar for the morning burnt offerings and the evening grain offerings, and for the king's burnt offerings and grain offerings, and for the people's burnt offerings and grain offerings and drink offerings. Use it for sprinkling all the blood of the burnt offerings and of the sacrifices on. But I will use the bronze altar for seeking guidance." **16** So Uriyah the priest put everything into effect that King Ahaz had commanded.

17 Then King Ahaz cut the frames off the stands outside the temple, and he removed the basins off them. He took down 'The Sea' that had been sitting on top of bronze bulls and put it on the stone floor.[100] **18** He also removed the canopy that had been built at the temple for use on the Rest Days, and blocked up the king's outer entrance to the temple so that the Assyrian king couldn't use it.

19 Everything else that Ahaz said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah (Judah). **20** Then Ahaz died[101] and was buried in their ancestral tomb in the city of David, and his son Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) replaced him as king.

Hoshea's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

17:1 In the twelfth year of King Ahaz's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Elah's son Hoshea became king over Yisrael (Israel) and he reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for nine years. **2** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, although nothing like the Israeli kings who'd preceded him. **3** Ashur's (Assyria's) King Shalmaneser attacked and defeated him, and Hoshea became his servant and paid tribute to him. **4** But the Assyrian king discovered that Hoshea was planning a revolt and had sent messengers to the Mitsri (Egyptian) King So and hadn't kept up the annual tribute payment. So the Assyrian king arrested Hoshea and imprisoned him.

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_near to the_altar and_he/it_ascended on/upon/above_him/it. **13** And_he_made_smoke ~~ĐOM~~ offering_of_his_burnt and_~~ĐOM~~ his/its_donation/offering and_he_poured_out ~~ĐOM~~ offering_of_ _his_drink and_he_sprinkled ~~ĐOM~~ the_blood_of the_peace_ _offerings which to_him/it on the_altar. **14** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_altar_ _of the_bronze which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_brought_near from_with the_face_of the_house from_between the_altar and_from_between the_house_of **YHWH** and_he/it_gave ~~ĐOM~~_him/it on the_side_of the_altar northward_to. **15** And[104] the_king 'Āḥāz ~~ĐOM~~ Uriah the_ _priest/officer to_say on the_altar (the)_great make_smoke ~~ĐOM~~ the_burnt_offering_of the_morning and_~~ĐOM~~ the_grain_ _offering_of the_evening and_~~ĐOM~~ the_burnt_offering_of the_ _king and_~~ĐOM~~ his/its_donation/offering and_~~ĐOM~~ the_burnt_ _offering_of all_of the_people_of the_earth/land and_their_ _grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings and_all the_ _blood_of the_burnt_offering and_all the_blood_of the_sacrifice on/upon/above_him/it you_will_sprinkle and_the_altar_of (the)_bronze it_will_belong to/for_me to_consult. **16** And_ Uriah the_priest/officer _he/it_made according_to_all that the_ _king 'Āḥāz he_commanded. **17** And_ the_king 'Āḥāz _he_cut_ _off ~~ĐOM~~ the_rims the_stands and_he_removed from_on_them and[105] the_laver and_~~ĐOM~~ the_sea he_took_down from_under the_ox[en] the_bronze which were_under_it and_he/it_gave ~~ĐOM~~_him/it on a_pavement_of stone(s). **18** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_ _covered_structure_of[106] of_the_sabbath which people_had_ _built in_house and_~~ĐOM~~ the_entrance_of the_king (the)_outer_ _to he_removed the_house_of **YHWH** from_face/in_front_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **19** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Āḥāz which he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_ _matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **20** And_ 'Āḥāz _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_ _was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

17:1 In_year two_plus ten of_'Āḥāz the_king_of Yəhūdāh Hōshē'a the_son_of 'Ēlāh he_became_king in_Shomrōn over Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) nine years. **2** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** only not like_the_kings_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who they_were before_him. **3** On/upon/above_him/it Shalman'eṣer the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_came_up and_he/it_was to_him/it Hōshē'a subject and_he_returned to_him/it tribute. **4** And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_found in_Hōshē'a treason that he_had_sent messengers to Ṣō' the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_not he_had_brought_up tribute to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr as_a_year in_year and_he_arrested_him the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_he_confined_him a_house_of imprisonment.

99 RV 16:14 · Cross-ref. Exo 27:1-2; 2Ch 4:1.

100 RV 16:17 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 7:23-39; 2Ch 4:2-6.

101 RV 16:20 · Cross-ref. Isa 14:28.

104 LV 16:15 · Note OSHB variant note: וה/וצי/ו: (x-qere) 'הֶוָּצִי/ו': lemma_c/6680 morph_HC/Vpw3ms id_12zJN הֶוָּצִי/ו

105 LV 16:17 · Note OSHB variant note: תא/ו: (x-qere) 'תֶּאְ': lemma_853 morph_HTo id_12XUn תֶּאְ

106 LV 16:18 · Note OSHB variant note: דסימ: (x-qere) 'דְּסוּמ': lemma_4329 morph_HNcmsc id_12PHM דְּסוּמ

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5 And_ the_king_of ’Ashshūr _he/it_ascended in_all the_ _earth/land and_he/it_ascended Shomrōn and_he/it_laid_siege on/upon_it(f) three years. **6** In_year (of)_the_ninth of_Hōshē˝a the_king_of ’Ashshūr he_captured ᴅᴏᴍ Shomrōn and_he_took_ _into_exile ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) to_’Ashshūr and_he_caused_to_ _dwell ᴅᴏᴍ_them in_Ḥalaḥ and_on_the_Ḥāvōr the_river_of Gōzān and_the_cities_of Māday. **7** And_he/it_was if/because the_people_of Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) they_had_sinned to/for_**YHWH** god_of_their who_had_brought_up ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim from_under the_hand_of Par˝oh the_king_of Mitsrayim and_they_had_feared gods other. **8** And_they_had_ _walked in_the_customs_of the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_ _dispossessed from_face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) and_the_kings_of Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) which they_ _had_done. **9** And_ the_people_of Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) _they_did_ _secretly things which were_not right on **YHWH** god_of_their and_they_built to/for_them high_places in_all cities_of_their from_a_tower_of watchmen unto a_city_of fortification. **10** And_they_erected to/for_them sacred_pillars and_’Ashērāh_ _poles on every_of hill high and_under every_of tree luxuriant. **11** And_they_made_smoke there in_all the_high_places like_ _nations which **YHWH** he_had_taken_into_exile from_their_ _face/front and_they_did things evil to_provoke_to_anger ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. **12** And_they_served the_idols which **YHWH** he_had_ _said to/for_them not you(pl)_must_do ᴅᴏᴍ the_thing (the)_ _this. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he_warned (in)_Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) and_(in)_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) by_the_hand_of every_of mmm[110] every_of seer to_say turn_back from_ways_of_your(pl) (the)_evil and_ _keep commands_of_my regulations_of_my according_to_all_of the_law which I_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ ancestors_of_your(pl) and_ _which I_sent to_you(pl) by_the_hand_of my_servants_of_my the_prophets. **14** And_not they_listened and_they_stiffened ᴅᴏᴍ neck_of_their like_the_neck_of their_ancestors_of_their who not they_trusted in_**YHWH** god_of_their. **15** And_they_ _rejected ᴅᴏᴍ regulations_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ covenant_of_his which he_had_made with ancestors_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ testimonies_of_his which he_warned (in)_them and_they_ _walked[111] after (the)_vanity and_they_became_vain and_after the_nations which were_around_of_them which **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ_them to_not to_do like_them. **16** And_ _they_abandoned ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_ _their and_they_made to/for_them a_molten_image two_of[112] calves and_they_made an_’Ashērāh_pole and_they_bowed_ _down to/from_all/each/any/every the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_they_served ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_Ba˝al. **17** And_they_ _made_pass ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ daughters_of_their in_ _fire and_they_divined divinations and_they_practiced_ _divination and_they_sold_themselves for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_provoke_him_to_anger. **18** And_ **YHWH** _he_was_angry very with_Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) and_he_

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The fall of Shomron/Samaria · Northern kingdom

5 Then the Assyrian king attacked the whole country, including besieging Shomron (Samaria) for three years. **6** In the ninth year of Hoshea’s reign, the Assyrian king captured Shomron. He exiled the Israelis to Ashur (Assyria) and settled them in Halah, and in Havor along the Gozan River, and in the cities of the Madim (Medes).

7 That happened because the Israelis had sinned against their god Yahweh who had rescued them from King Par’oh (Pharaoh) in Mitsrayim (Egypt). They had sinned by worshipping other gods **8** and imitating the customs of the people groups who Yahweh had driven out of the country ahead of them. They had also followed their kings in doing evil things. **9** The Israelis had done things secretly that their god Yahweh had said weren’t right, and they’d built hilltop shrines everywhere from the largest fortified cities to the smallest towns. **10** They’d also erected stone pillars to honour gods and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every large tree,[107] **11** and they’d burnt incense there on all those hilltops just like the people groups that Yahweh had driven off the land ahead of them—doing those evil things had made Yahweh angry. **12** They’d served idols even when Yahweh had forbidden them from doing that.

13 So Yahweh had warned Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) by the declarations by all of his prophets who said, “Turn from your evil ways and obey my commands and statutes, following all of the instructions that I gave your ancestors and which I delivered to you through my servants, the prophets.” **14** However, they hadn’t listened and had hardened their attitudes just like their ancestors who wouldn’t put their trust in their god Yahweh. **15** They rejected his statutes and the agreement that he made with their ancestors, and the warning that he gave them. They chose to worship lifeless objects, and they became hollow and empty themselves, just like the people of the surrounding countries which Yahweh had commanded them not to imitate. **16** They disobeyed the instructions given to them by their god Yahweh by molding two metal calves for themselves[108] and making an Asherah pole. Then they bowed down and worshipped the sun, moon, and stars, and they served Ba’al. **17** They sacrificed their sons and daughters, and used fortune-tellers and witchcraft[109]—making themselves slaves to evil by doing what Yahweh had forbidden, and so making him angry. **18** So that’s why Yahweh had become very angry at the northern kingdom of Yisrael and caused them to be removed from the land. Only the Southern kingdom of Yehudah remained, **19** but even they didn’t obey the commands of their god Yahweh, but copied much of

107 RV 17:10 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 14:23.

108 RV 17:16 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 12:28.

109 RV 17:17 · Cross-ref. Deu 18:10.

110 LV 17:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/אובנ**: (x-qere) ’יֹאבְֵי֥: lemma_5030 morph_HNcmpc id_12z6T יֹאבְֵי֥

111 LV 17:15 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

112 LV 17:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **מינש**: (x-qere) ’יַנֵּ֣שׁ: lemma_8147 morph_HAcmdc id_12a9C יַנֵּ֣שׁ

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the bad behaviour of the northern kingdom. 20 So Yahweh rejected all the Israelis and he caused them to suffer, including being plundered by enemy armies, until he banished them from his presence.

21 Firstly he'd torn the northern kingdom out from the leadership of David's descendants and they'd made Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) king. Then Yarov'am had driven them away from following Yahweh, and had induced them into serious sin. 22 So the Israelis had followed Yarov'am into sin and then didn't turn away from it, 23 and finally Yahweh had removed the people of the northern kingdom of Yisrael from his presence just like he'd warned he would through the messages of his servants, the prophets. So the people were deported to Ashur (Assyria) where they remain to this day.

The Assyrians settle in the northern kingdom · Northern kingdom

24 Then the Assyrian king sent people from Bavel (Babylon) and from Kut and from Ivah and from Hamat and Sefarvayim, and he settled them in the cities of the northern kingdom in place of the Israelis. And they possessed Shomron (Samaria) and lived in its towns. 25 At first the new inhabitants living there didn't respect Yahweh, however he sent lions among them and they started killing them. 26 They told the Assyrian king, "The people groups that you exiled from their own countries and settled in the towns around Shomron, don't know the customs of the god of the land. So he's sent lions against them, and look at them—killing them because they don't know the customs of the god of the land." 27 "Send one of the priests back that was brought from there," the Assyrian king commanded. "He can go back there and settle there again, then he can teach them the customs of the god of that place." 28 So they found one of the priests who had been exiled from Shomron and sent him back to Yisrael (Israel). He settled in Beyt-El (Bethel) and taught the people how Yahweh wanted to be served.

29 But each people group had made their own gods and put them in the hilltop shrines that the Israelis had made before being exiled. Each people group did that in the area where they'd been resettled. 30 Those from Bavel made their god Sukot-Benot, those from Kut made Nergal, those from Hamat made their god Ashima, 31 and the Avim made Nivhaz and Tartak. The Sefarvim sacrificed their own sons in the fire to their gods Adramelek and Anamelek. 32 At the same time, they tried placating Yahweh, but

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_removed_them from_under his/its_faces/face not anyone_ _was_left only the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) for_him/it_being_ _alone. 19 Also Yəhūdāh not it_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_their and_they_walked in_the_customs_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_had_done. 20 And_ **YHWH** _he_ _rejected in_all the_offspring_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_ _afflicted_them and_he_gave_them in_the_hand_of plunderers until that he_threw_them from_before_of_him. 21 If/because he_tore Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_under the_house_of Dāvid they_ _made_king ᴅᴏᴍ Yārov˙ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev˙aṭ and[113] Yārov˙ām ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_after **YHWH** and_ _he_caused_them_to_sin[114] a_sin great. 22 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_walked in_all the_sins_of Yārov˙ām which he_did not they_turned_aside from_it. 23 Until that **YHWH** he_removed ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_under his/its_ _faces/face just_as he_had_spoken by_the_hand of_all_of servants_of_his the_prophets and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_went_ _into_exile from_under land_of_its to_'Ashshūr until the_day (the)_this.

24 And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he/it_brought from_Bāv˙el and_ _from_Kūt/(Cuthah) and_from_Avva and_from_Ḥₐmāt and_ _Ṣəfarvayim and_he_caused_them_to_dwell in_the_cities_of Shomrōn in_place_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_ _took_possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ Shomrōn and_they_lived in_cities_of_ _its. 25 And_he/it_was at_the_beginning_of their_dwelling there not they_feared ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_sent (is)_in_ _them ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_lions and_they_were killing in_them. 26 And_ _they_said to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr to_say the_nations which you_took_into_exile and_you_caused_to_dwell in_the_cities_of Shomrōn not they_know ᴅᴏᴍ the_custom_of the_god_of the_ _earth/land and_he_has_sent among_them ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_lions and_THERE_they are_killing them just_as not_they are_ _knowing ᴅᴏᴍ the_custom_of the_god_of the_earth/land. 27 And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he/it_commanded to_say take to_(to) one of_the_priests whom you(pl)_took_into_exile from_ _there so_that_they_may_go and_so_that_they_may_dwell there and_so_that_he_may_teach_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_custom_of the_god_of the_earth/land. 28 And_ one of_the_priests whom they_had_taken_into_exile from_Shomrōn _he_went and_he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived in_house_of 'ēl and_he/it_was teaching ᴅᴏᴍ_them how will_they_fear ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. 29 And_ _they_were making nation nation his/its_god and_they_placed_ _them in_house_of the_high_places which the_Shomrōn they_ _had_made nation nation in_their_own_of_cities where they were_dwelling there. 30 And_the_people_of Bāv˙el they_made ᴅᴏᴍ Succoth Benoth and_the_people_of Cuthah they_made ᴅᴏᴍ Nērəggal and_the_people_of Ḥₐmāt they_made ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ashimā'. 31 And_the_Avvites they_made Niv˙az and_ᴅᴏᴍ Tartāq and_ _the_Ṣəfarvī were_burning ᴅᴏᴍ children_of_their in_fire to_ _'Adrammelek and_ʿAnammelek the_gods_of[118] of_ _Ṣəfarvayim[119]. 32 And_they_were fearing ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_

113 LV 17:21 · Note OSHB variant note: אדי/ו: (x-qere) 'הַֽדַי/ו': lemma_c/5080 morph_HC/Vhw3ms id_12gFy הַֽדַי/ו

114 LV 17:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

118 LV 17:31 · Note OSHB variant note: הלא: (x-qere) 'יְהֹלֶֽא': lemma_430 morph_HNcmpc id_12eQ5 יְהֹלֶֽא

119 LV 17:31 · Note OSHB variant note: מירפס: (x-qere) 'סְיָֽוְרַפְּס': lemma_5617 n_0 morph_HNp id_12ew3 סְיָֽוְרַפְּס

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_they_made to/for_them from_among_of_themselves priests_of the_high_places and_they_were offering to/for_them in_house_ _of the_high_places. **33** ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** they_were fearing and_ᴅᴏᴍ gods_of_their_own they_were serving according_to_the_ _custom_of the_nations which people_had_taken_into_exile ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_there. **34** Until the_day the_this they are_doing according_the_customs (the)_former not_they are_fearing ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_not_they are_doing according_to_of_their_ _regulations and_according_to_of_their_judgement and_ _according_the_law and_according_the_command which **YHWH** he_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ the_descendants_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) whom he_made his/its_name Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **35** And_ **YHWH** _he_made with_them a_covenant and_he_ _commanded_them to_say not you(pl)_must_fear gods other and_not you(pl)_must_bow_down to/for_them and_not you(pl)_must_serve_them and_not you(pl)_must_sacrifice to/for_them. **36** If/because (if) ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** who he_brought_up you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) with_power great and_by_an_arm outstretched ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it you(pl)_will_fear and_to/for_him/it you(pl)_will_bow_down and_to/for_him/it you(pl)_will_sacrifice. **37** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_regulations and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_judgements and_the_law and_the_command which he_ _wrote to/for_you(pl) you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing all_of the_days and_not you(pl)_must_fear gods other. **38** And_the_ _covenant which I_made with_you(pl) not you(pl)_must_forget and_not you(pl)_must_fear gods other. **39** If/because (if) ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_fear and_he he_will_ _deliver you(pl) from_the_hand_of all_of enemies_of_your(pl). **40** And_not they_listened if/because (if) according_to_of_their_ _custom (the)_former they were_doing. **41** And_they_were the_ _nations the_these fearing ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ idols_of_their they_were serving also children_of_their and_the_sons their_ _children_of_their just_as fathers_of_their they_did they are_ _doing until the_day (the)_this.

18:1 And_he/it_was in_year three of_Hōshē'a the_son_of 'Ēlāh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Ḥizqiyʸāh the_son_of 'Āḥāz the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_became_king. **2** A_son_of twenty and_five year[s] he_was when_he_became_king and_twenty and_nine year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _name_of his/its_mother was_'Avī the_daughter_of Zəkarʸāh. **3** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that Dāvid his/its_father he_had_done. **4** He he_removed ᴅᴏᴍ the_high_places and_he_broke ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _sacred_pillars and_he_cut_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_'Ashērāh_pole and_ _he_crushed_to_pieces the_snake_of (the)_bronze which Mosheh he_had_made if/because until the_days (the)_those the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were making_smoke to_ _him/it and_he/it_called to_him/it Nehushtan. **5** In_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_trusted and_after_him not anyone_was like_him among_all_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh and_

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they also made their own priests to make sacrifices for them in their hilltop shrines. **33** So they were worshipping Yahweh along with their own gods—they'd brought those customs with them from the countries they'd been exiled from **34** and which they still follow to this day.

They're not actually obeying Yahweh because they're not obeying the statutes or laws, or instructions or behaviour that Yahweh commanded the descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob) (who he'd renamed to 'Yisrael').[115] **35** Yahweh had made an agreement with them and had commanded them, "You all must not honour other gods or bow to them. You all must not serve them or sacrifice to them.[116] **36** Only serve Yahweh who used his incredible power to rescue you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). Honour him, and only bow to him and sacrifice to him.[117] **37** Always take care to obey the statutes and customs, and the law and the instructions that he wrote for you, and you all must not honour other gods. **38** Don't forget the agreement that I made with you all, and don't honour other gods— **39** only your god Yahweh, and then he himself will rescue you from all your enemies." **40** However, they didn't listen, preferring to follow the customs from their former places of residence.

41 So those people groups honoured Yahweh, but also served their idols. This continued through the generations with their descendants continuing the same behaviour.

Hizkiyah's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[120]

18:1 In the third year of Elah's son King Hoshea's reign over Yisrael (Israel), Ahaz's son Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) became king of Yehudah (Judah). **2** He was twenty-five when he became king and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-nine years. (His mother was Zekaryah's (Zechariah's) daughter Avi.) **3** He did what Yahweh had said was correct behaviour like his ancestor King David had done. **4** He demolished the hilltop shrines and shattered their pillars, and he cut down the Asherah poles. He crushed the bronze serpent that Mosheh (Moses) had made,[121] because the Israelis had named it 'Nehushtan' and had been offering incense to it until then. **5** Hizkiyah fully trusted in Yisrael's god Yahweh, and no other king was like him among all the kings of Yehudah that ei-

115 RV 17:34 · Cross-ref. Gen 32:28; 35:10.

116 RV 17:35 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:5; Deu 5:9.

117 RV 17:36 · Cross-ref. Deu 6:13.

120 RV 18:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 29:1-2; 31:1

121 RV 18:4 · Cross-ref. Num 21:9.

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ther preceded or followed him. **6** He relied completely on Yahweh—not turning away from following him, and he obeyed the instructions that Yahweh had commanded Mosheh. **7** So Yahweh helped him and he was successful in everything he did. He rebelled against the Assyrian king and refused to submit to his demands. **8** He attacked and defeated the Pelishtim as far as Azah (Gaza) and its borders—both the smaller towns and the fortified city.

9 Then in the fourth year of King Hizkiyah's reign (it was the seventh year of Elah's son Hoshea's reign over Yisrael), the Assyrian King Shalmaneser had attacked Shomron (Samaria) and besieged it. **10** They had finally captured the city after three years. That was the sixth year of Hizkiyah's reign over Yehudah and the ninth year of Hoshea's reign over Yisrael. **11** So that was when the Assyrian king had exiled the people of the northern kingdom of Yisrael to Halah and to Havor along the Gozan River, and to the cities of the Madim (Medes). **12** That happened because they didn't obey their god Yahweh, but instead they broke the agreement with him—everything that Yahweh's servant Mosheh had commanded. They didn't take notice of it and they didn't obey it.

Sanheriv invades Yehudah · Southern kingdom[122]

13 In the fourteenth year of King Hizkiyah's (Hezekiah's) reign, Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib) attacked all the fortified cities in Yehudah (Judah) and captured them. **14** So King Hizkiyah of Yehudah sent messengers to the Assyrian king at Lakish, saying, "I apologise for my mistake. Stop attacking me and I'll give you whatever you demand of us." Then the Assyrian king demanded a tribute of ten tonnes of gold and ten tonnes of silver. **15** So Hizkiyah gave him all the silver out of the temple and from the palace treasuries. **16** He cut the doors off Yahweh's temple and the pillars that he'd overlaid gold onto, and gave them to the Assyrian king.

17 However, the Assyrian king still sent his general and some of his top officials from Lakish to King Hizkiyah in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). They arrived at Yerushalem with a large army and camped by the aquifer supplying the upper pool that was near the field where the people washed their clothes. **18** They called out to the king, and Hilkiyah's son Elyakim who was the palace manager, and the scribe Shevna, and Asaf's son Yoah the secretary, went out to them.

19 Then the top Assyrian commander said to them, "Now, tell Hizkiyah that the great Assyrian king asks him who he thinks he's trusting in. **20** He claims to be powerful enough to fight us. Who is he trusting to help you all that gives you confidence to rebel against us? **21** Listen, your king's trusting in a broken stick to lean on which will just splinter and pierce his hand. That's what King Par'oh (Pharaoh) of Mitsrayim (Egypt) is like to everyone who puts their trust in him. **22** Ah, but he might tell me that he's trusting in your god Yahweh to help you all. If so, I'd ask

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_which they_were before_him. **6** And_he_clung to_**YHWH** not he_turned_aside from_after_him and_he_kept commands_of_ _his which **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh. **7** And_it_ _was **YHWH** with_him/it in_all that he_went_out he_prospered and_he_rebelled against_the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_not he_ _served_him. **8** He he_defeated ÐOM the_Pəlishtiy to ʿAzzāh and_ _ÐOM territories_of_its from_a_tower_of watchmen unto a_city_ _of fortification. **9** And_he/it_was in_year (the)_fourth to/for_ _the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} it was_the_year (the)_seventh of_Hōshēʿa the_son_of 'Ēlāh the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) Shalman'eşer the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr he_came_up on Shomrōn and_he/it_laid_ _siege on_it. **10** And_they_captured_it from_the_end_of three years in_year six of_Ḥizqiy^{yāh} it was_year_of nine of_Hōshēʿa the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) Shomrōn it_was_captured. **11** And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_took_into_exile ÐOM Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) to_'Ashshūr and_he_led_them in_Ḥalaḥ and_on_the_Ḥāvōr the_ _river_of Gōzān and_the_cities_of Māday. **12** On that not they_ _had_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_their and_they_ _had_transgressed ÐOM covenant_of_his ÐOM all_of that Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_had_commanded and_not they_ _listened and_not they_did.

13 And_in_four- teen year to/for_the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_came_up on all_of the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) (the)_fortified and_he_seized_them. **14** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh _he_sent to the_king_of 'Ashshūr to_Lākīsh to_say I_have_sinned turn_back from_on_ _me ÐOM that_which you_will_put on_me I_will_bear and_ the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr _he/it_assigned on Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh three hundred(s) talent[s]_of silver and_thirty talent[s]_of gold. **15** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_gave ÐOM all_of the_ _silver which_was_found the_house_of **YHWH** and_in_the_ _treasuries_of the_house_of the_king. **16** At_time (the)_that Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_cut_off ÐOM the_doors_of the_temple_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM the_door-posts which Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_had_overlaid and_he_gave_them to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **17** And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_sent ÐOM the_commander_ _in_chief and_ÐOM the_Rav-_of ṣārīṣ and_ÐOM the_Rav-_of shaqeh from Lākīsh to the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} with_an_army_of massive Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_went_up and_ _they_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_went_up and_ _they_came and_they_stood at_the_conduit_of the_pool (the)_ _upper which is_on_the_highway_of the_field_of the_washer. **18** And_they_called_out to the_king and_he/it_went_out to_ _them 'Elyāqīm the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} who was_over the_house and_Shevnā' the_secretary and_Yō'āḥ/(Joah) the_son_of 'Āṣāf the_recorder. **19** And_he/it_said to_them the_Rab-_of shaqeh say please to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} thus the_king (the)_great the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_says what is_the_trust the_this which you_trust. **20** You_have_said only a_message_of lips is_a_plan and_ _strength for_war now on whom do_you_rely that/for/because/then/when you_have_rebelled against_me. **21** Now HERE you_rely (for)_yourself on the_staff_of (the)_reed (the)_crushed the_this on Mitsrayim/(Egypt) which anyone he_ _will_support_himself on/upon/above_him/it and_it_will_go

122 RV 18:13 · Parallel 2 Chr. 32:1-19; Isa 36:1-22

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in_palm_of_his and_it_will_pierce_it is_thus Par῾oh the_king_of Mitsrayim to/from_all/each/any/every those_who_rely on/upon/above_him/it. **22** And_because/when you(pl)_will_say to_me to **YHWH** god_of_our we_trust am_not is_he the_one_ _whom Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_has_removed ~~ḎOM~~ places_of_his_high and_ _~~ḎOM~~ altars_of_his and_he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_altar the_this you(pl)_will_bow_down in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **23** And_now make_a_wager please with my_master with the_king_of ’Ashshūr and_let_me_give to/for_yourself(m) two_thousand horses if you_will_be_able to_ _put to/for_yourself(m) riders on_them. **24** And_how will_you_ _turn_back ~~ḎOM~~ the_face_of the_governor_of (of)_one of_the_ _servants_of my_master (the)_little and_you_have_been_ _relying to/for_yourself(m) on Mitsrayim for_chariotry and_ _for_horsemen. **25** Now (from)_without **YHWH** have_I_come_up on the_place the_this to_destroy_it **YHWH** he_said to_me go_up on the_earth/land (the)_this and_destroy_it. **26** And_ ’Elyāqīm the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} and_Shevnā’ and_Yō’āḥ/(Joah) _he/it_said to the_Rab-_of shaqeh speak please to your_servants ’Arāmīt if/because we are_understanding and_do_not speak with_us Yəhūdī/(Judean) in_the_ears_of the_people which is_on the_ _wall. **27** And_he/it_said to the_Rab-_of shaqeh to master(s)_of_ _your and_to_you(ms) has_he_sent_me my_master to_speak ~~ḎOM~~ the_words/messages the_these not to the_men who_are_ _sitting on the_wall to_eat ~~ḎOM~~[123] mmm[124] and_to_drink ~~ḎOM~~ mmm[125][126][127] with_you(pl). **28** And_ the_Rab-_of shaqeh _he_ _stood and_he/it_called with_a_voice great Yəhūdī/(Judean) and_he/it_spoke and_he/it_said hear the_message_of the_king (the)_great the_king_of ’Ashshūr. **29** Thus the_king he_says not let_him_deceive to/for_you(pl) Ḥizqiy^{yāh} if/because not he_ _will_be_able to_deliver you(pl) from_hand_of_his. **30** And_not Ḥizqiy^{yāh} let_him_make_trust you(pl) to **YHWH** to_say certainly_(deliver) he_will_deliver_us **YHWH** and_not ~~ḎOM~~ the_ _city (the)_this it_will_be_given in_the_hand_of the_king_of ’Ashshūr. **31** Do_not listen to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} if/because thus the_ _king_of ’Ashshūr he_says make with_me a_blessing and_come_ _out to_me and_eat everyone_of vine_of_his_own and_ _everyone_of fig_tree_of_his_own and_drink everyone the_ _water_of his_own_cistern_of_his. **32** Until come_I and_I_will_ _take you(pl) to a_land like_your_own_of_land a_land_of grain and_new_wine a_land_of bread and_vineyards a_land_of olive_ _tree_of fresh_oil and_honey and_live and_not you(pl)_will_die and_do_not listen to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} if/because he_misleads you(pl) to_say **YHWH** he_will_deliver_us. **33** Ever_(deliver) the_gods_of the_nations have_they_delivered anyone ~~ḎOM~~ land_of_its from_ _the_hand_of the_king_of ’Ashshūr. **34** Where were_the_gods_of Ḥ$_a$māt and_’Arpād where were_the_gods_of Ṣəfarvayim Hēna῾ and_῾Ivvāh that/for/because/then/when they_have_delivered

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him if he isn’t the one whose hilltop shrines King Hizkiyah demolished when he told you people in Yerushalem and all Yehudah (Judah) that you have to worship at the altar there?

23 “So now ask your king if he’ll make a deal with my master, the king of Ashur (Assyria): He’ll give you two thousand horses, on the condition that you can supply two thousand horsemen who can ride them. **24** If you can’t do that, how could you all possibly repel even one of our army units? Haha, but of course you trust in Mitsrayim to supply chariots and horsemen. **25** Do you think that we’ve come here to destroy this place without Yahweh’s permission? No, no, it was Yahweh himself who told us to attack and destroy you.”

26 But Elyakim and Shevna and Yoah asked the Assyrian commander, “Please speak Aramit to your servants because we understand it. Don’t speak our language because our people on the nearby city wall will be able to understand it.”

27 “Ha ha, do you think my master sent this message just to you three and your king?” he replied. “No, don’t you think that this message is also for the hungry people sitting on the wall who’ll soon have to eat their own dung and drink their own urine along with you?”

28 Then he stood up and called out loudly in Hebrew, “Everyone listen to what the great king from Ashur says: **29** He’s warning you all not to let Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) deceive you, because he’s unable to save you all from our army. **30** And don’t let him force you all to trust in Yahweh thinking that we won’t capture your city and that Yahweh will somehow rescue you all. **31** Don’t listen to Hizkiyah because the Assyrian king is offering you all a chance to come out of the city and surrender. In exchange for saving me some trouble, you’ll be able to drink fresh water again and enjoy the fruit off your own trees out here **32** until he comes here. Then he’ll take you to another country like your own—with grain and wine, and bread and vineyards, olive oil and honey. That way you’ll live and not die of starvation. So don’t listen to Hizkiyah when he misleads you saying that Yahweh will rescue you all.” **33** Did the gods of any of the other countries rescue their people from the power of the Assyrian king? **34** Where were the gods of Hamat and Arpad? Where were the gods of Sefarvayim, Hena, and Ivah? Were they able to save Shomron (Samaria) from the king’s power? **35** From all the other countries, which of their gods was able to save their people, that might give confidence that Yahweh might be able to rescue Yerushalem (Jerusalem) from the king’s power?”

36 But the people on the wall listening remained silent—they

123 LV 18:27 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

124 LV 18:27 · Note OSHB variant note: הֵם/יִרְח: (x-qere) ’תָּאֹוצ֫ם’: lemma_6675 n_0.0.1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3mp id_1247T תָּאֹוצ֫ם

125 LV 18:27 · Note OSHB variant note: הֵם/יניש: (x-qere) ’יֵמִימ’: lemma_4325 morph_HNcmpc id_12cPo יֵמִימ֫ ’הֶם/יִלְגַר: lemma_7272 n_0.0 morph_HNcfdc/Sp3mp id_12HCo הֶם/יִלְגַר

126 LV 18:27 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

127 LV 18:27 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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didn't say a word because the king had already ordered them not to answer the Assyrians. **37** Then Hilkiyah's son Elyakim the palace manager, Shevna the scribe and Asaf's son Yoah the secretary went back in the city to Hizkiyah, tearing their clothes as they went, and they relayed the words of the chief commander to him.

Hizkiyah/Hezekiah consults Yeshayah/Isaiah · Southern kingdom[128]

19:1 When King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) heard the threats from the Assyrian king, he tore his clothes and dressed in sackcloth, and went into Yahweh's temple. **2** He sent his palace manager Elyakim and the scribe Shevna, along with the elders of the priests, all dressed in sackcloth, to Amots's son Yeshayah (Isaiah) the prophet **3** to tell him, "Hizkiyah says: 'Today is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, as if the baby is right there ready to be delivered, but the mother has lost all her strength. **4** Perhaps your god Yahweh has heard everything that the chief commander said when his master the Assyrian king sent him: he defied the living God, and so maybe your god Yahweh will punish him for his words. Lift up a prayer on behalf of the people that are still left here.' "

5 When King Hizkiyah's servants got to Yeshayah, **6** he told them, "This is what you all should tell your master: Yahweh says that you needn't be afraid of what you heard when those young men from the Assyrian king insulted him. **7** Listen, Yahweh will cause him to hear a report and he'll place a fearful spirit in him so he'll decide to return to his own country where he'll be assassinated."

The Assyrians threaten again · Southern kingdom[129]

8 When the chief commander returned to the Assyrian king, he discovered that they'd pulled out of Lakish and were now fighting against Livnah city. **9** Then the king heard that the Kushi (Ethiopian) King Tirhakah was preparing to attack, so he decided to return home but he sent messengers to Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) to say, **10** "Tell Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah not to let the god he trusts in deceive him by telling him that Yerushalem (Jerusalem) won't be captured by the king of Ashur (Assyria). **11** Tell him that he must have heard how the Assyrian armies have completely devastated other countries, so he shouldn't think that he will be saved from it. **12** The gods of the countries destroyed by my ancestors never saved them—those in Gozan, Haran, Retsef, or Eden's descen-

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ĐOM Shomrōn from_hand_of_my. **35** Who in_all the_gods_of the_lands are_those_which they_have_delivered ĐOM land_of_ _their from_hand_of_my that/for/because/then/when **YHWH** he_will_deliver ĐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_hand_of_ _my. **36** And_ the_people _they_kept_silent and_not they_ _answered ĐOM_him/it anything if/because was_the_ _command_of the_king it to_say not you(pl)_must_answer_him. **37** And_ 'Elyāqīm the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} who was_over the_house and_Shevnā' the_secretary and_Yō'āḥ/(Joah) the_son_of 'Āṣāf the_recorder _he_went to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} torn_of clothes and_they_ _told to_him/it the_words/messages_of the_Rab-_of shaqeh.

19:1 And_he/it_was just_ the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _as_heard and_he_ _tore ĐOM clothes_of_his and_he_covered_himself with_ _sackcloth and_he_went the_house_of **YHWH**. **2** And_he_sent ĐOM 'Elyāqīm who was_over the_house and_Shevnā' the_ _secretary and_ĐOM the_elders_of the_priests covered with_ _sackcloth(s) to Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_prophet the_son_of 'Āmōts. **3** And_they_said to_him/it thus Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_says is_a_ _day_of distress and_rebuke and_insult the_day the_this if/because children they_have_come to the_mouth_of_the_ _womb and_strength there_is_not for_giving_birth. **4** Perhaps **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_hear ĐOM all_of the_ _words/messages_of the_Rab- shaqeh whom he_has_sent_him the_king_of 'Ashshūr master(s)_of_his to_taunt the_god living and_he_will_rebuke (in)_words/messages which **YHWH** god_ _of_your he_has_heard and_you_will_lift_up prayer for the_ _remnant which_is_found. **5** And_ the_servants_of the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _they_came to Yəsha'^{yāh}. **6** And_he/it_said to/for_ _them Yəsha'^{yāh} thus you(pl)_will_say to master(s)_of_your(pl) thus **YHWH** he_says do_not be_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_words/messages which you_have_heard which the_ _servants_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr they_have_blasphemed ĐOM_ _me. **7** HERE_I am_about_to_put in/on/over_him/it a_spirit and_he_will_hear a_report and_he_will_return to_his_own_of_ _land and_I_will_make_him_fall by_sword in_his_own_of_land.

8 And_ the_Rab- shaqeh _he_returned and_he_found ĐOM the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr fighting on Livnāh if/because he_had_heard if/because_that he_had_set_out from_Lākīsh. **9** And_he/it_ _listened concerning Tirhāqāh the_king_of Kūsh/(Cush)[131] to_ _say THERE he_has_come_out to_do_battle with_you and_he_ _returned and_he_sent messengers to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} to_say. **10** Thus you(pl)_will_say to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_ _say not let_him_deceive_you god_of_your whom you are_ _trusting in/on/over_him/it to_say not Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_will_be_given in_the_hand_of the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr. **11** HERE you you_have_heard ĐOM that_ _which the_kings_of 'Ashshūr they_have_done to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_lands by_totally_destroying_them and_you(ms) will_you_be_delivered. **12** Did_ the_gods_of the_ _nations which they_destroyed ancestors_of_my ĐOM Gōzān and_ĐOM Ḥārān and_Retsef and_the_sons of_Eden who were_in_

128 RV 19:1 · Parallel Isa. 37:1-7

129 RV 19:8 · Parallel Isa. 37:8-20

131 LV 19:9 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_Təla'ssar _they_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ_them. **13** Where_is_he the_king_of Ḥₐmāt and_the_king_of 'Arpād and_the_king_of Lair Ṣəfarvayim Hēna´ and_´Ivvāh. **14** And_ Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_letters from_the_hand_of the_messengers and_he_read_them and_ _he/it_ascended the_house_of **YHWH** and_he_spread_it_out Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **15** And_ Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ _he_prayed to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_sits the_cherubims you he the_'Elohīm you_alone to_ _all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land you you_ _made ᴅᴏᴍ the_heavens and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land. **16** Incline Oh_**YHWH** ear_of_your and_hear open Oh_**YHWH** eyes_of_your and_see and_hear ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of Ṣanḥērīv which he_has_sent_it to_taunt the_god living. **17** Truly Oh_**YHWH** the_kings_of 'Ashshūr they_have_made_desolate ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _nations and_ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_their. **18** And_they_have_put ᴅᴏᴍ gods_of_their in_fire if/because not were_gods they if/because (if) the_work_of the_hands_of humankind wood and_stone and_they_have_destroyed_them. **19** And_now Oh_**YHWH** god_ _of_our save_us please from_hand_of_his so_ all_of the_ _kingdoms_of the_earth/land _that_they_may_know if/because_that you Oh_**YHWH** are_god you_alone.

20 And_ Yəsha'ʸᵃʰ/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōṣ _he_sent to Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ to_say thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_ _says that_which you_prayed to_me concerning Ṣanḥērīv the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr I_have_heard. **21** This is_the_message which **YHWH** he_has_spoken on/upon/above_him/it she_has_ _despised to/for_yourself(m) she_has_mocked to/for_ _yourself(m) the_virgin_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) behind_you a_head the_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) she_has_shaken. **22** ᴅᴏᴍ whom have_you_taunted and_have_ _you_blasphemed and_on whom have_you_raised a_voice and_ _have_you_lifted_up height eyes_of_your on the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** The_hand_of your(pl)_messengers_of_your you_have_taunted my_master and_she/it_said in/on/at/with[133] my_chariotry_of_my I I_have_gone_up the_ _height[s]_of mountains the_remotest_parts_of Ləvānōn and_I_ _have_cut_down the_height_of its_cedars_of_his the_choice_of its_pines_of_his and_I_have_gone the_lodging_place_of its_end_ _of_his[134] the_forest_of its_plantation_of_his. **24** I I_have_dug and_I_have_drunk water strange and_I_have_dried_up with_ _the_sole_of my_feet_of_my all_of the_canals_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **25** Not have_you_heard (to)_from_distant_ _time ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it I_appointed (to)_from_days_of antiquity and_ _I_planned_it now I_have_brought_it and_you_are about_to_ _make_desolate heaps ruined cities fortified. **26** And_ _inhabitants_of_their were_short_of hand they_were_dismayed and_they_were_ashamed they_were vegetation_of the_field and_greenery_of fresh_grass grass_of roofs and_scorching to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before standing_grain. **27** And_your_ _sitting_down and_your_going_out and_coming_your I_know

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dants in Telasar. **13** Where's the king of Hamat, or the king of Arpad, or the kings of the cities of Sefarvayim, Hena, or Ivah now?"

14 Hizkiyah took the letter that the messengers had brought and read it, then he went up to the temple and spread it out in front of Yahweh **15** and prayed to him, "Yahweh the god of Yisrael (Israel), who lives above the winged creatures.[130] You alone are God—the one over all the kingdoms of the earth. You yourself made the heavens and the earth. **16** Lean this way, Yahweh, and look, and listen to Sanheriv's (Sennacherib's) words mocking the living God. **17** Yes Yahweh, the Assyrian kings have certainly destroyed many countries and their lands. **18** The Assyrians burnt the peoples' gods because they weren't living gods, but rather gods of wood and stone made by people and they've destroyed them. **19** But now Yahweh our god, please save us from his army, then all the kingdoms in the world will know that you, Yahweh, are God—you alone."

Yahweh's response to Hizkiyah via Yeshayah · Southern kingdom[132]

20 Then Amots's son Yeshayah (Isaiah) sent this message to Hizkiyah (Hezekiah): Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says, "Because you prayed to me concerning the Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib), I have listened. **21** This is what Yahweh says about that king:

Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter despises you and derides you.
Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) daughter shakes her head at you.
22 Who did you think you were teasing and insulting?
Who did you think you were shouting at?
Did you raise your eyebrows against Yisrael's holy one?
23 You sent messengers that mocked me.
You said that you went over the highest mountains with your many chariots.
That you went to the highest parts of Levanon and harvested its tallest cedars—its best trees.
That you've been to the end of the inhabited world with its densest forest.
24 You said that you've dug wells far away and drunk their water,
yet with your own feet you dried up all of Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) rivers.
25 Haven't you heard that I made plans long ago—
that what I previously planned, I'm now making it happen?
Fortified cities will collapse into heaps of rubble.
26 Their inhabitants will be powerless—dismayed and

130 **RV 19:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:22.

132 **RV 19:20 · Parallel** Isa. 37:21-38

133 **LV 19:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: בכר/ב: (x-qere) 'בְּרִ/בְ': lemma_b/7230 morph_HR/Ncbsc id_12F7i בְּרִ/בְ

134 **LV 19:23 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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ashamed.
They'll be as vulnerable as plants in the countryside,
or like the grass that grows on the rooftops—
they wilt and wither before they can grow tall. DOUBLE-CHECK
27 Yes, I know when you sit down and when you go out.
When you come in and rage against me.
28 Because you've raged against me and your arrogance has come to my ears,
I'll put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth,
and I'll lead you back on the road that you came here on.
29 "So this will be a sign to you Hizkiyah (Hezekiah):
This year you'll eat what grew by itself,
and next year whatever seeded by itself,
but in the third year you'll sow crops and plant vineyards, and eat what you harvest.
30 Yehudah's (Judah's) surviving descendants will send their roots downwards and will produce fruit above,
31 because a remnant will survive Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) siege,
and Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) will have survivors
because Yahweh's enthusiasm will make sure it happens.
32 "So this is what Yahweh says to the Assyrian king:
He won't enter this city or shoot an arrow into it.
He won't push a large shield towards it or make a ramp up into it.
33 He'll return on the same road that he arrived on,
and Yahweh declares that he won't enter this city,
34 because Yahweh will defend this city
to save it for his own sake
and for the sake of his servant David."
35 That very night, Yahweh sent an angel out to kill 185,000 warriors, so when the army got up early the next morning there were dead bodies all over the place. **36** So the Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib) pulled out and went back to live in Nineveh. **37** While he was bowing in the temple of his god Nisrok, Adramelek and Sharetser ran him through with a sword before escaping to the Ararat region, and so his son Esar-Hadon replaced him as king.

Hizkiyah's sickness and recovery · Southern kingdom[139]

20:1 By that time, King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) was terminally ill and Amots's son the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) came to him and told him, "Yahweh says to get your affairs in order because you're dying and won't recover."
2 But Hizkiyah rolled over to face the wall and prayed to Yahweh, **3** "Oh Yahweh, please remember that I've served you faithfully, and done what you asked with total sincerity." Then

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and_DOM raging_your against_me. **28** Because raged_you to_me and_your_of_arrogance it_has_come_up in_ears_of_my and_I_ _will_put hook_of_my in_nose_of_your and_bridle_of_my on_ _lips_of_your and_I_will_make_you_return by_way which you_ _came by_it. **29** And_this for_you will_be_the_sign you_will_eat this_year self-sown_grain and_in_year the_second(fs) self-seeded_plant[s] and_in_year (the)_third sow and_reap and_ _plant vineyards and_eat fruit_of_their. **30** And_ the_escaped_ _remnant_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which_remains _ _it_will_add a_root (to)_downwards and_it_will_produce fruit (to)_upwards. **31** If/because from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_ _remnant it_will_go_out and_an_escaped_remnant from_hill of_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_zeal_of **YHWH**[135][136] it_will_accomplish this. **32** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says concerning the_king_of 'Ashshūr not he_will_come into the_city (the)_this and_not he_will_shoot there an_arrow and_not he_will_ _confront_it a_shield and_not he_will_pour_out on/upon_it(f) a_mound. **33** By_way which he_is_coming by_it he_will_return and_near/to the_city (the)_this not he_will_come the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **34** And_I_will_defend (to) the_city (the)_ _this to_deliver_it for_my_own_sake and_for_the_sake_of Dāvid servant_of_my. **35** And_he/it_was in_night (the)_that and_ _he/it_went_out the_messenger_of **YHWH** and_he_struck_ _down in_the_camp_of 'Ashshūr one_hundred eighty and_five thousand and_they_rose_early in_morning and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE of_them_of_all were_corpses dead. **36** And_ _he_set_out and_he/it_went and_ Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_returned and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_Nīnəvēh. **37** And_he/it_was he was_bowing_down the_ _house_of Nişrok his/its_god and_'Adrammelek and_ _Shar'etser[137][138] they_struck_him_down with_sword and_they they_escaped the_land_of 'Arāraṭ and_ 'Ēşar- ḥaddōn his/its_ _son _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

20:1 In_the_days the_those Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_became_sick to_die and_he_came to_him/it Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōṣ the_prophet and_he/it_said to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says command to_household_of_your if/because you are_about_to_ _die and_not you_will_live. **2** And_he_turned DOM his/its_ _faces/face to the_wall and_he_prayed to **YHWH** to_say. **3** Please Oh_**YHWH** remember please DOM how I_have_walked_ _about to_your_face in_faithfulness and_with_a_heart complete and_the_good in_eyes_of_your I_have_done and_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_

135 LV 19:31 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'תֹּאָבְצ': lemma_6635 b n_0.0 morph_HNcbpa id_12kTe תֹּאָבְצ
136 LV 19:31 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.
137 LV 19:37 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'וֹ/יָנָּב': lemma_1121 a n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_12uR9 וֹ/יָנָּב
138 LV 19:37 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.
139 RV 20:1 · Parallel Isa. 38:1-8,21-22; 2 Chr. 32:24-26

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_wept weeping great. 4 And_he/it_was Yəsha'yāh not he_had_
_gone_out the[140] (the)_middle and_the_message_of **YHWH** it_
_came to_him/it to_say. 5 Go_back and_you_will_say to
Ḥizqiyyāh the_ruler_of my_people_of_my thus **YHWH** the_god_
_of Dāvid ancestor_of_your he_says I_have_heard ĐOM prayer_
_of_your I_have_seen ĐOM tear[s]_of_your HERE_I am_about_to_
_heal to/for_you(fs) in_the_day the_third you_will_go_up the_
_house_of **YHWH**. 6 And_I_will_add to days_of_your fif- teen
year[s] and_from_the_palm_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr I_will_
_deliver_you and_ĐOM the_city (the)_this and_I_will_defend
(on) the_city (the)_this for_my_own_sake and_for_the_sake_of
Dāvid servant_of_my. 7 And_ Yəsha'yāh/(Isaiah) _he/it_said take
a_cake_of figs and_they_took and_they_put_it on the_boil and_
_he_lived. 8 And_ Ḥizqiyyāh _he/it_said to Yəsha'yāh what will_
_be_the_sign that/for/because/then/when **YHWH** he_will_heal
to_me and_I_will_go_up in_the_day the_third the_house_of
YHWH. 9 And_ Yəsha'yāh _he/it_said this for_you will_be_the_
_sign from_with **YHWH** that/for/because/then/when **YHWH**
he_will_do ĐOM the_thing which he_has_spoken the_shadow it_
_has_gone ten steps or will_it_go_back ten steps. 10 And_
Ḥizqiyyāh _he/it_said it_is_trifling to_shadow to_stretch_out ten
steps no if/because the_shadow let_it_go_back backwards ten
steps. 11 And_ Yəsha'yāh the_prophet _he/it_called to **YHWH**
and_he_turned_back ĐOM the_shadow on_steps which it_had_
_gone_down on_the_steps_of 'Āḥāz backwards ten steps.

12 At_time (the)_that Merodach- Bal'ₐdān the_son_of Bal'ₐdān
the_king_of Bāvel he_sent letters and_a_gift to Ḥizqiyyāh
if/because he_had_heard if/because_that Ḥizqiyyāh he_had_
_been_sick. 13 And_he/it_listened to_them Ḥizqiyyāh and_he_
_showed_them ĐOM all_of the_house_of his_treasure_of_his[143]
ĐOM the_silver and_ĐOM the_gold and_ĐOM the_spices and_ĐOM
the_oil_of (the)_good and_ĐOM the_house_of his_weapons_of_
_his and_ĐOM all_of that it_was_found in_storehouses_of_his
not it_was anything which not he_showed_them Ḥizqiyyāh in_
_house_of_his and_on/over_all realm_of_his. 14 And_
Yəsha'yāh/(Isaiah) the_prophet _he_came to the_king Ḥizqiyyāh
and_he/it_said to_him/it what did_they_say the_men the_these
and_from_where are_they_coming to_you and_ Ḥizqiyyāh _
_he/it_said from_a_land distant they_have_come from_Bāvel.
15 And_he/it_said what did_they_see in_house_of_your and_
Ḥizqiyyāh _he/it_said ĐOM all_of that is_in_house_of_my they_
_saw not anything which not I_showed_them it_was in_
_storehouses_of_my. 16 And_ Yəsha'yāh _he/it_said to Ḥizqiyyāh
hear the_message_of **YHWH**. 17 HERE days are_coming and_it_
_will_be_carried_off all_of that is_in_house_of_your and_which
ancestors_of_your they_have_stored_up until the_day the_this
to_Bāvel not anything it_will_be_left **YHWH** he_says. 18 And_
_some_of_your_descendants who they_will_come_forth from_
_you whom you_will_father people_will_take[144][145] and_they_

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Hizkiyah cried loudly.

4 As Yeshayah was leaving, Yahweh gave him this message before he'd even reached the middle courtyard, 5 "Go back and tell Hizkiyah, the leader of my people, 'Your ancestor David's god Yahweh says that he's heard your prayer and seen your tears. He's decided to heal you and you'll be well enough to go to the temple within three days. 6 He's added fifteen years to your life, plus he'll rescue you and this city from the Assyrian king. Yahweh will defend Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for his own sake and for the sake of his servant David."

7 Then Yeshayah told them to bring some pressed figs, and they brought them and placed them on the sore, and Hizkiyah started getting better.

8 Hizkiyah asked Yeshayah, "What's the sign that Yahweh will heal me and that I'll be able to go to the temple on the third day?"

9 "Yes, Yahweh will give you a sign that he'll do what he said," Yeshayah replied. "Do you want the shadows to advance suddenly or go back?"

10 "It's easy for the shadows to go forward," said Hizkiyah. "So make them go backwards ten steps."

11 So the prophet Yeshayah called to Yahweh, and he made the shadow go back on the steps made by King Ahaz—the shadow went ten steps backward.

Hizkiyah shows off his treasures · Southern kingdom[141]

12 At that time, Baladan's son former King Merodak-Bal'adan of Bavel (Babylon) heard that Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) was sick and sent him letters and a gift. 13 When the messengers arrived, Hizkiyah listened to them, then he showed them his entire treasure house: the gold and silver, the spices and the best oil, the house of his armour, and everything that was in his treasuries. He didn't keep anything in his palace or in his kingdom secret from them. 14 Later the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) came to King Hizkiyah and he asked him, "Where were those men from and what did they say?"

"They came from a distant land—from Bavel," he replied.

15 "What did they see in your house?" Yeshayah asked.

"They saw everything that's in my house," he replied. "There wasn't anything in my treasuries that I didn't show them."

16 Then Yeshayah told Hizkiyah, "Listen to Yahweh's message: 17 He says that days are coming when everything in your house, and everything that your ancestors stored carefully away until this day will be carried to Bavel. Nothing will be left behind.[142] 18 What's more, some of your own biological descendants will be taken and they'll be castrated to become servants of the Babylo-

140 **LV 20:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ריע/ה: (x-qere) 'רֵעֵ': lemma_2691 a n_1.0 morph_HNcbsa id_12kL7 רֵעֵ

141 **RV 20:12 · Parallel** Isa. 39:1-8

142 **RV 20:17 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:13; 2Ch 36:10.

143 **LV 20:13 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

144 **LV 20:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: חקי: (x-qere) 'וְחָקֵי': lemma_3947 n_1 morph_HVqi3mp id_12Uf2 וְחָקֵי

145 **LV 20:18 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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nian king."
19 "What you said from Yahweh is fine," Hizkiyah replied to Yeshayah. "At least I might have peace and stability in my time."

Hizkiyah's death · Southern kingdom[146]

20 Everything else that Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) said and did, including his making the pool and tunnel to bring water into the city, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah (Judah). 21 In due course, Hizkiyah died and his son Menasheh (Manasseh) replaced him as king.

Menasheh's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[147]

21:1 Menasheh (Manasseh) was twelve when he became king, and he reigned over Yehudah (Judah) from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for fifty-five years. (His mother was Heftsi-Bah.) 2 He did what Yahweh had said was evil like the evil behaviour of the people groups that Yahweh had driven out of the region ahead of the Israelis.[148] 3 In fact he went backwards from his father and rebuilt the hilltop shrines that Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) had destroyed, and he made altars for Ba'al, and he made an Asherah pole, just like Yisrael's (Israel's) King Ahav had, and he worshipped the constellations and followed astrology. 4 Also he built altars in Yahweh's residence, where Yahweh had said, "I will establish my reputation in Yerushalem."[149] 5 Menasheh built altars to all the constellations in the two temple courtyards . 6 He even sacrificed his own son as a burnt offering. He practised divination and read omens, and consulted mediums and fortune-tellers. He did so much that Yahweh had said was evil, provoking Yahweh to get angry. 7 He placed the Asherah idol that he'd made in the temple about which Yahweh had said to David and to his son Shelomoh (Solomon), "I will establish my reputation forever in this house and in Yerushalem in Yehudah, which I've chosen out of all the tribes of Yisrael.[150] 8 If only the Israelis will take care to obey everything that I've commanded them, and all the instructions that my servant Mosheh (Moses) gave them, then I won't continue to cause them to leave the area that I gave to their ancestors." 9 But they didn't listen and Menasheh led them astray to do more evil things even than the people groups that Yahweh had destroyed as the people had entered the region.
10 So Yahweh announced via his servants the prophets, 11 "Because Yehudah's King Menasheh has done such terribly evil things, worse even than the Amorim who were there before him, and because he's even made Yehudah sin with his idols, 12 then Yisrael's god Yahweh says: Listen, I'll bring such terrible disaster

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_will_be eunuchs in_(the)_palace of_the_king_of of_Bāvel.
19 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said to Yəsha'^{yāh} is_good the_message_ _of **YHWH** which you_have_spoken and_he/it_said am_not if peace and_stability it_will_be in_days_of_my.

20 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_all might_of_ _his and_which he_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_pool and_~~ĐOM~~ the_conduit and_he/it_brought ~~ĐOM~~ the_waters to_the_city not are_they written on_the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_ _of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). 21 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ Mənashsheh son_of_his _he_became_ _king in_place_of_him.

21:1 Was_a_son_of two_plus ten year[s] Mənashsheh when_he_ _became_king and_fifty and_five year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Hephzi- bah. 2 And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_the_abominations_of the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_dispossessed from_face/in_front_of the_people_ _of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). 3 And_he_returned and_he/it_built ~~ĐOM~~ the_high_places which Ḥizqiy^{yāh} his/its_father he_had_ _destroyed and_he_set_up altars to_Ba'al and_he/it_made an_ _'Ashērāh_pole just_as 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_ _had_done and_he_bowed_down to/from_all/each/any/every the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_he_served ~~ĐOM~~_ _them. 4 And_he_built altars in_house_of **YHWH** which **YHWH** he_had_said in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) I_will_put ~~ĐOM~~ name_ _of_my. 5 And_he/it_built altars to/from_all/each/any/every the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens in_the_two_of the_ _courtyards_of the_house_of **YHWH**. 6 And_he_made_pass ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_son in_fire and_he_practiced_soothsaying and_he_ _practiced_divination and_he_dealt_with necromancer and_ _soothsayers he_increased for_doing (the)_evil in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH** to_provoke_him_to_anger. 7 And_he/it_ _assigned ~~ĐOM~~ the_image_of (the)_'Ashērāh which he_had_ _made in_house which **YHWH** he_had_said to Dāvid and_ _near/to Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_his in_house the_this and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which I_have_chosen from_all the_tribes_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) I_will_put ~~ĐOM~~ name_of_my forever_perpetuity. 8 And_not I_will_repeat to_make_wander the_foot_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) from the_soil which I_gave to_ _ancestors_of_their only if they_will_take_care for_doing according_to_all that I_commanded_them and_to/for_all the_ _law which servant_of_my Mosheh he_commanded ~~ĐOM~~_them. 9 And_not they_listened and_he_misled_them Mənashsheh for_ _doing ~~ĐOM~~ (the)_evil more_than the_nations which **YHWH** he_ _had_destroyed from_face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). 10 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his the_prophets to_say. 11 Because that Mənashsheh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_has_done the_ _abominations the_these he_has_done_evil from_all that the_

146 **RV 20:20 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 32:32-33
147 **RV 21:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 33:1-20
148 **RV 21:2 · Cross-ref.** Jer 15:4.
149 **RV 21:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:13.
150 **RV 21:7-8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 9:3-5; 2Ch 7:12-18.

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_'Amorī who was_before_of_him they_did and_he_has_caused_ _to_sin also ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhūdāh with_idols_of_his. **12** For_ _so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring calamity on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) which every_of mmm[151] the_two_of ears_of_his they_will_tingle. **13** And_I_will_stretch_out over Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ᴅᴏᴍ the_measuring-line_of Shomrōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_levelling_tool_of the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv and_I_will_wipe_clean ᴅᴏᴍ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) just_as someone_wipes_clean ᴅᴏᴍ the_bowl he_wipes_it_clean and_he_turns_it_over on face_of_ _its. **14** And_I_will_abandon ᴅᴏᴍ the_remnant_of my_ _inheritance_of_my and_I_will_give_them in_the_hand_of their_enemies_of_their and_they_will_be (into)_spoil and_ _(into)_plunder to/from_all/each/any/every enemies_of_their. **15** Because that they_have_done ᴅᴏᴍ the_evil in_eyes_of_my and_they_were provoking_to_anger ᴅᴏᴍ_me since the_day when ancestors_of_their they_came_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto the_day (the)_this. **16** And_also blood innocent Mənashsheh he_shed much very until that he_ _had_filled ᴅᴏᴍ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) mouth to_mouth apart_apart from_sin_of_his which he_caused_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **17** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Mənashsheh and_all that he_did and_sin_of_his which he_sinned not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_ _of of_Yəhūdāh. **18** And_ Mənashsheh _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried in_the_garden_of his_ _house_of_his in_the_garden_of 'Uzzā' and_ 'Āmōn his/its_son _ _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

19 Was_a_son_of twenty and_two year[s] 'Āmōn when_he_ _became_king and_two years he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Məshullemet the_daughter_of Ḥārūṣ from Yoṭvāh/(Jotbah). **20** And_he/it_made (the)_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** just_ _as Mənashsheh his/its_father he_had_done. **21** And_he/it_ _went in_all the_way which his/its_father he_had_walked and_ _he_served ᴅᴏᴍ the_idols which his/its_father he_had_served and_he_bowed_down to/for_them. **22** And_he_abandoned ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** the_god_of his_ancestors_of_his and_not he_walked in_ _the_way_of **YHWH**. **23** And_ the_servants_of 'Āmōn _they_ _conspired on/upon/above_him/it and_they_killed ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _king in_his_own_of_house. **24** And_ the_people_of the_ _earth/land _it_struck_down ᴅᴏᴍ all_of those_who_had_ _conspired on the_king 'Āmōn and_ the_people_of the_ _earth/land _they_made_king ᴅᴏᴍ Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) son_of_ _his in_place_of_him. **25** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Āmōn which he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_ _matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **26** And_someone_buried[152] ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it in_grave_of_his in_the_ _garden_of 'Uzzā' and_ Yo'shiy^{yāh} son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

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to Yehudah including Yerushalem that people won't even be able to handle hearing the news about it. **13** I'll use the same tape measure for Yerushalem that I used for Shomron (Samaria), and I'll use the same plumb line that I used for Ahav's extended family. I'll wipe Yerushalem away, just like someone dries a bowl—they wipe it dry and then turn it upside down. **14** I'll abandon the small remainder of my people here, and I'll hand them over to their enemies—they'll become the spoil and plunder of all their enemies, **15** because they've done what I told them was evil, and they've been making me angry from the time that their ancestors were brought out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) right up to this day."

16 Menasheh even poured out so much innocent blood that he filled Yerushalem with it from one side to the other, and that was on top of his other sin of leading Yehudah into doing what Yahweh had said was evil.

17 Everything else that Menasheh said and did, including the sins that he committed, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **18** Then Menasheh died and was buried in the palace garden (made by Uza), and his son Amon replaced him as king.

Amon's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom

19 Amon was twenty-two when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for two years. (His mother was Haruts's daughter Meshulemet from Yotvah.) **20** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, just like his father Menasheh (Manasseh) had done. **21** In fact, he followed everything that his father had done, including serving the same idols and bowing to them. **22** He abandoned Yahweh, the god of his ancestors, and didn't obey his instructions.

23 But Amon's servants plotted to assassinate him, and they killed him in the palace. **24** However, the people executed everyone who'd been involved in the conspiracy against King Amon, and they installed his son Yoshiyah (Josiah) as king in his place.

25 Everything else that Amon said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah (Judah). **26** He was buried in his tomb in the garden made by Uza, and his son Yoshiyah replaced him as king.

151 LV 21:12 · Note OSHB variant note: יעמש/ו: (x-qere) הָעָמֹשׁ: lemma_8085 n_0.1 morph_HVqrmsc/Sp3fs id_12FsX הָעָמֹשׁ

152 LV 21:26 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Yoshiyah's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[153]

22:1 Yoshiyah (Josiah) was eight when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for thirty-one years.[154] (His mother was Adayah's daughter Yedidah from Batsekat.) **2** He did what Yahweh had said was correct behaviour, following all the customs of his ancestor King David, and obeying Yahweh's instructions.

A scroll is discovered in the temple · Southern kingdom[155]

3 In the eighth month of the eighteenth year of King Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) reign, he sent the scribe Shafan (the son of Atsalyah the son of Meshulam) to the temple, saying **4** "Go to the high priest Hilkiyah and get him to count the silver that was brought into Yahweh's temple, which the door-keepers collected from the people. **5** Then have it given to the supervisors of the temple repairs, and then they can pay the workers who are repairing the damage— **6** the craftsmen, builders, and masons, as well as buying wood and quarried stones for the repairs." **7** They won't need to submit detailed accounts for it because they're trustworthy people.[156]

8 During the repairs, the high priest Hilkiyah told the scribe Shafan, "I found a scroll in the temple with Yahweh's instructions written on it." So Hilkiyah gave the scroll to Shafan to read. **9** Then Shafan the scribe went to the king with this report, "Your servants handed over the money that had been collected in the temple, and they gave it to the supervisors of the workers doing the repairs." **10** Then he added, "And the priest Hilkiyah gave me a scroll." Then he read it out loud to King Yoshiyah.

11 When the king heard the contents of the scroll, he tore his clothes **12** and commanded the priest Hilkiyah, Shafan's son Ahikam, Mikayah's son Akbor, the scribe Shafan, and the king's servant Asayah, **13** "Go and inquire from Yahweh on my behalf and on behalf of the people and all Yehudah (Judah), concerning the words of this scroll that was found. Because it sounds like Yahweh must be very angry at us because our predecessors didn't listen to what's written on this scroll and didn't do what was expected of us."

14 So Hilkiyah the priest and Ahikam, Akbor, Shafan, and Asayah went to the prophetess Huldah (the wife of Shalum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the one in charge of looking after the priests' uniforms who lived in the newer part of Yerushalem (Jerusalem)), and they spoke to her. **15** She told them that Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh had said, "Tell the man who sent you all to me **16** that Yahweh says this: I'm going to bring disaster to this place and its inhabitants, just like it's written in the scroll that the king read **17** because they abandoned

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22:1 Was_a_son_of eight year[s] Yo'shiy^{yāh} when_he_became_ _king and_thirty and_one year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Yədīdāh/(Jedidah) the_daughter_of ʿAdā^{yāh} from_Botsqat. **2** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_ _he/it_went in_all the_way_of Dāvid his/its_father and_not he_ _turned_aside right_hand and_left_hand.

3 And_he/it_was in_eight- teen year to/for_the_king Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_king he_sent ~~ĐOM~~ Shāfān the_son_of 'Atsal^{yāh}ū the_son_of Məshullām the_scribe the_house_of **YHWH** to_say. **4** Go_up to Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer (the)_great and_let_him_complete ~~ĐOM~~ the_money which_has_been_brought the_house_of **YHWH** which the_keepers_of the_threshold they_have_gathered from_ _with the_people. **5** And[157] on the_hand_of the_doers_of the_ _work who_have_been_appointed in/on/at/with[158] of_**YHWH** and_they_give ~~ĐOM~~_him/it to_the_doers_of the_work who in_ _house_of **YHWH** to_repair the_damage_of the_house. **6** To_ _craftsmen and_to_builders and_to_wall-builders and_to_ _acquire wood(s) and_stones_of hewing to_repair ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _house. **7** Only not it_will_be_accounted_for with_them the_ _money which_is_given on hand_of_their if/because in_ _faithfulness they are_working. **8** And_ Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_ _priest/officer (the)_great _he/it_said to Shāfān the_scribe the_ _scroll_of the_law I_have_found in_house_of **YHWH** and_ Ḥilqiy^{yāh} _he/it_gave ~~ĐOM~~ the_scroll to Shāfān and_he_read_it. **9** And_ Shāfān the_scribe _he_went to the_king and_he_ _brought_back ~~ĐOM~~ the_king message and_he/it_said your_ _servants they_have_poured_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_money which_was_ _found in_house and_they_have_given_it on the_hand_of the_ _doers_of the_work who_had_been_appointed the_house_of **YHWH**. **10** And_ Shāfān the_scribe _he_told to/for_the_king to_ _say a_scroll he_gave to_me Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer and_ _he_read_it_aloud Shāfān to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **11** And_he/it_was just_ the_king _as_heard ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _words/messages_of the_scroll_of the_law and_he_tore ~~ĐOM~~ clothes_of_his. **12** And_ the_king _he/it_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer and_~~ĐOM~~ 'Aḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān and_~~ĐOM~~ ʿAkbōr the_son_of Mīkā^{yāh} and_~~ĐOM~~ Shāfān the_scribe and_~~ĐOM~~ ʿAsā^{yāh} the_servant_of the_king to_say. **13** Go consult ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** for_me and_for the_people and_for all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) on the_words/messages_of the_scroll which_has_been_found the_this if/because is_great the_rage_of **YHWH** which it it_has_been_kindled on_us on that not ancestors_of_our they_listened to the_words/messages_of the_ _scroll the_this for_doing according_to_every_of (the)_thing_ _written on_us. **14** And_ Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer and_ _'Aḥīqām and_ʿAkbōr and_Shāfān and_ʿAsā^{yāh} _he/it_went to Ḥuldāh the_prophetess the_wife_of Shallūm the_son_of Tiqvāh the_son_of Ḥarḥaṣ the_one_who_kept the_garments and_she was_dwelling in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_district and_

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153 **RV 22:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 34:1-2

154 **RV 22:1 · Cross-ref.** Jer 3:6.

155 **RV 22:3 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 34:8-28

156 **RV 22:7 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 12:15.

157 **LV 22:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/נתי/ו**: (x-qere) 'וּהִנָּתִיְו': lemma_c/5414 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Vqj3mp/Sp3ms id_124SL וּהִנָּתִיְו

158 **LV 22:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ת֫יב/ב**: (x-qere) 'תֵּיבְּ': lemma_1004 b morph_HNcmsc id_12wRc תֵּיבְּ

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_they_spoke to_her. **15** And_she/it_said to_them thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says say to_man who he_sent you(pl) to_me. **16** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_ _bring calamity to the_place the_this and_on inhabitants_of_its ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages_of the_scroll which the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_has_read. **17** Because that they_have_abandoned_ _me and_they_have_made_smoke to_gods other so_as to_ _provoke_me_to_anger by_all_of the_work_of their_hands_of_ _their and_ rage_of_my _it_will_be_kindled on_place the_this and_not it_will_be_quenched. **18** And_near/to the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who_sent you(pl) to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** thus you(pl)_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says the_words/messages which you_have_ _heard. **19** Because heart_of_your it_was_soft and_you_ _humbled_yourself from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** when_heard_ _you that_which I_had_spoken on the_place the_this and_on inhabitants_of_its to_be (into)_a_horror and_(into)_a_curse and_you_tore ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_your and_she/it_wept before_me and_also I I_have_heard the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **20** For_ _so/thus/hence HERE_I will_gather_of_you to ancestors_of_ _your and_you_will_be_gathered to grave(s)_of_your in_peace and_not eyes_of_your they_will_look on_all_of the_distress which I will_bring on the_place the_this and_they_brought_ _back ᴅᴏᴍ the_king message.

23:1 And_ the_king _he_sent and_they_gathered to_him/it all_of the_elders_of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_ the_king _he/it_ascended the_house_of **YHWH** and_all (the)_ _person_of Yəhūdāh and_all the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_him/it and_the_priests and_ _the_prophets and_all the_people (to)_from_the_small and_ _unto the_great and_he/it_called in_ears_of_their ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages_of the_scroll_of the_covenant which_had_ _been_found in_house_of **YHWH**. **3** And_ the_king _he_stood at the_pillar and_he_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_covenant to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** to_go after **YHWH** and_to_keep commands_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ testimonies_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ regulations_of_his in_all the_heart and_on/over_all the_being to_establish ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_covenant (the)_ _this which_were_written on the_scroll the_this and_ all_of the_people _it_took_its_stand in_covenant. **4** And_ the_king _ _he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer (the)_great and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_priests_of the_second_rank and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_keepers_ _of the_threshold to_bring_out from_the_temple_of **YHWH** ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_vessels which_were_made for_Ba'al and_for_'Ashērāh and_to/for_all the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_he_ _burnt_them from_the_outside of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_ _the_fields_of Qidrōn and_he_carried ᴅᴏᴍ dust_of_their Bēyt-'ēl. **5** And_he_removed ᴅᴏᴍ the_pagan_priests whom the_kings_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_had_appointed and_he_made_smoke at_places in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_the_surroundings_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ᴅᴏᴍ those_who_made_smoke to_ _Ba'al to_sun and_to_moon and_to_constellations and_to/for_ _all the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens. **6** And_he_brought_ _out ᴅᴏᴍ the_'Ashērāh_pole from_the_house_of **YHWH** from_

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me. They offered sacrifices to other gods in order to make me angry at everything they do, so now my anger will be directed against this place and it's not stoppable. **18** But to the king of Yehudah who sent you all to seek Yahweh, tell him that Yisrael's god Yahweh says: The words that you heard from the scroll, **19** because you're open to learn and because you humbled yourself in front of Yahweh when you heard my promise that this place and its inhabitants would become a horror and a curse, and because you've torn your clothes and wept in front of me, then Yahweh said that he's taken notice of you. **20** Because of that, he'll allow you to die and be buried peacefully, and you yourself won't witness the destruction that will come to this place."

So they relayed those messages back to King Yoshiyah (Josiah).

Yoshiyah removes false gods · Southern kingdom[159]

23:1 Then King Yoshiyah (Josiah) summoned all the elders of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah (Judah), **2** and he went to the temple, and all the inhabitants of Yerushalem and from all across Yehudah went with him, along with the priests and prophets, and all the people from the most to the least important. Then he read to them every word on the scroll of the agreement that had been found in Yahweh's residence. **3** Then the king stood by the pillar and he made a commitment in front of Yahweh to follow Yahweh and to obey his commands and testimonies and statutes with all sincerity, and with every desire to respect the words of that agreement that had been written on that scroll. All the people were also included in that commitment.

4 Then the king commanded the high priest Hilkiyah and the other priests, and the temple guards to bring out all the utensils that were made for Ba'al and Asherah and for all the constellations, and he burnt them outside Yerushalem in the Kidron countryside, and carried their ashes to Beyt-El (Bethel). **5** He got rid of the pagan priests that the kings of Yehudah had appointed to burn incense in the hilltop shrines around Yerushalem and across the rest of Yehudah, and the ones who burnt incense to Ba'al, and to the sun and moon and to the planets and constellations. **6** He got the Asherah pole out from Yahweh's temple and burnt it in the Kidron valley outside Yerushalem, then he pounded the ashes to dust and threw it over people's graves. **7** He demolished the cubicles of the male temple prostitutes that

159 RV 23:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 34:3-7,29-33

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were inside Yahweh's temple where the women were weaving Asherah coverings.[160] **8** He brought all the priests to Yerushalem from the cities of Yehudah, and he desecrated the hilltop shrines where the priests had burnt incense, from Geva to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba). He demolished the hilltop shrines that Yehoshua (Joshua) (a city official) had built near the city gate (on the left of the gate as you entered the city). **9** However those priests from those hilltop shrines weren't allowed to serve at the altar in Yerushalem, but they were allowed to eat unleavened bread like the other priests.

10 Yoshiyah (Josiah) also desecrated the Tofet, which was in the Ben-Hinom valley, so that the people couldn't sacrifice their children to Molek. **11** The horses that the kings of Yehudah had offered to the sun, he prevented from approaching the hall of the official Netan-Melek that was in the courtyards of Yahweh's temple, and he set fire to the chariots of the sun. **12** Then the king tore down the altars that were on the roof in Ahaz's upper chamber that the kings of Yehudah made, and the altars that Menasheh (Manasseh) made in the two courtyards of Yahweh's temple and he threw the rubble into the Kidron valley. **13** The king desecrated the hilltop shrines that faced Yerushalem—they were south of the Mt. of Destruction' (the Mt. of Olives). King Shelomoh (Solomon) had built shrines for Ashtarot (the disgusting god of the Tsidonim (Sidonians)) and for Kemosh (the disgusting god of Moav (Moab)) and for Molek (the disgusting god of the Amonim). **14** He also smashed the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah poles, then he desecrated those places by filling them with human bones.

15 He also demolished the altar that was in Beyt-El (Bethel)—the hilltop shrine that Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) had made when he'd caused Yisrael (Israel) to sin. He demolished both that altar and the hilltop shrine, then he burnt the shrine. He crushed everything to dust, and he burnt the Asherah pole. **16** As Yoshiyah turned around, he noticed some graves that were there on the hillside, so he had some bones removed from the graves, and he burnt them on the altar to desecrate it. This fulfilled what Yahweh had said through the man of God who'd proclaimed these things.[161] **17** Yoshiyah turned again and asked, "Whose tomb is that?"

"It's the prophet's tomb," the people of Beyt-El replied, "The one who came from Yehudah and predicted that what you just did to that altar would happen." **18** "Don't disturb it then," the king ordered. "Don't let anyone remove his bones."

So they left his bones alone, along with the bones of the other prophet who came from Shomron (Samaria). **19** So King Yoshiyah removed all the hilltop shrines that the Israeli kings had made in the cities of Shomron, provoking Yahweh's anger. The king destroyed them just like he'd done to the ones in

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_the_outside of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to the_wadi_of Qidrōn and_he_burnt ÐǾM_her/it in_the_wadi_of Qidrōn and_ _he_pulverised_it to_dust and_he_threw ÐǾM dust_of_its on the_burial_site_of the_sons_of the_people. **7** And_he_broke_ _down ÐǾM the_houses_of the_male_cult_prostitutes which in_ _house_of **YHWH** where the_women were_weaving there houses for_'Ashērāh. **8** And_he/it_brought ÐǾM all_of the_ _priests from_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_he_made_unclean ÐǾM the_high_places where they_had_made_smoke there_(to) the_priests from_Gevʿaʹ to Bə'ēr Shevʿaʹ and_he_broke_down ÐǾM the_high_places_of the_gates which were_at_the_ _entrance_of the_gate_of Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_governor_of the_city which was_at the_left_side anyone at_the_gate_of the_ _city. **9** Nevertheless not the_priests_of the_high_places they_ _went_up to the_altar_of **YHWH** in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because (if) they_ate unleavened_bread(s) in_the_middle brothers_of_their. **10** And_he_made_unclean ÐǾM (the)_Tofet which was_in_the_valley_of_the_sons_of_Hinnom_was_in_the_ _valley_of_Ben Hinnom[162] was_in_the_valley_of_Ben to_not to_ anyone _make_pass ÐǾM his/its_son and_ÐǾM daughter_of_his in_fire to_Molek. **11** And_he_removed ÐǾM the_horses which the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_had_dedicated to_sun from_the_going of_the_house_of of_**YHWH** at the_room_of Nathan the_court-official which was_in_Parbar and_ÐǾM the_ _chariots_of the_sun he_burnt with_fire. **12** And_ÐǾM the_altars which were_on the_roof the_upper_room_of 'Āḥāz which they_ _had_made the_kings_of Yəhūdāh and_ÐǾM the_altars which Mənashsheh he_had_made in_the_two_of the_courtyards_of the_house_of **YHWH** the_king he_pulled_down and_he_ran from_there and_he_threw ÐǾM dust_of_their into the_wadi_of Qidrōn. **13** And_ÐǾM the_high_places which were_on the_face_ _of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which were_from_the_south_of the_mountain_of (the)_destruction which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_had_built to_Astarte the_detestable_thing_of the_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_to_Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) the_detestable_thing_of Mō'āvʿ and_to_Malkām the_abomination_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn the_king he_made_unclean. **14** And_he_broke ÐǾM the_sacred_ _pillars and_he_cut_down ÐǾM the_'Ashērāh_poles and_he_ _filled ÐǾM place_of_their bones_of humankind. **15** And_also ÐǾM the_altar which in_house_of ʾēl the_high_place which Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevʿaṭ who he_caused_to_sin ÐǾM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_had_made also ÐǾM the_altar (the)_that and_ÐǾM the_high_place he_tore_down and_he_burnt ÐǾM the_ _high_place he_pulverised_it to_dust and_he_burnt the_ _'Ashērāh_pole. **16** And_ Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) _he_turned and_ _he/it_saw ÐǾM the_graves which were_there on_mountain and_he_sent and_he/it_took ÐǾM the_bones from the_graves and_he_burnt_them on the_altar and_he_made_it_unclean according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm who he_proclaimed ÐǾM the_words/messages the_ _these he_had_proclaimed. **17** And_he/it_said what is_the_ _gravestone this which I am_seeing and_they_said to_him/it the_people_of the_city the_grave the_man_of the_'Elohīm who

160 RV 23:7 · Note It's not exactly clear what these woven objects were, or how or where they were used.

161 RV 23:16 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 13:2-3.

162 LV 23:10 · Note OSHB variant note: בְּנֹב: (x-qere) בְּנָב: lemma_1121 a morph_HNp id_12X2W בְּנֹב

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he_came from_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_called ĐOM the_ _things the_these which you_have_done on the_altar_of Bēyt-ʾēl. **18** And_he/it_said leave_alone to_him/it anyone not let_ _him_disturb bones_of_his and_they_left_undisturbed bones_ _of_his with the_bones_of the_prophet who he_had_come from_Shomrōn. **19** And_also ĐOM all_of the_houses_of the_high_ _places which were_in_the_cities_of Shomrōn which the_kings_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_had_made to_provoke_anger Yo'shiyʸāh he_removed and_he/it_made to/for_them according_to_all_of the_deeds which he_had_done in_house_of ʾēl. **20** And_he/it_ _sacrificed ĐOM all_of the_priests_of the_high_places who were_ _there on the_altars and_he_burnt ĐOM bones_of humankind on_them and_he_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

21 And_ the_king _he/it_commanded ĐOM all_of the_people to_ _say observe a_passover to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) according_what_is_written on the_scroll_of the_covenant (the)_this. **22** If/because not it_had_been_observed like_ _passover the_this since_the_days_of the_judges who they_ _judged ĐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_all/each/any/every the_days_ _of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **23** If/because (if) in_eight- teen year to/for_ _the_king Yo'shiyʸāh/(Josiah) the_passover the_this it_was_ _observed to/for_**YHWH** in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **24** And_also ĐOM the_necromancers and_ĐOM the_soothsayers and_ĐOM the_teraphim and_ĐOM the_idols and_ĐOM all_of the_ _detestable_things which they_were_seen in_land of_Yəhūdāh and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Yo'shiyʸāh he_removed so_as to_carry_out ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_law which_were_ _written on the_scroll which Ḥilqiyʸāh the_priest/officer he_ _had_found the_house_of **YHWH**. **25** And_like_him not he_had_ _been before_him a_king who he_turned_back to **YHWH** in_all heart_of_his and_on/over_all being_of_his and_on/over_all strength_of_his according_to_all_of the_law_of Mosheh and_ _after_him not he_arose like_him. **26** Nevertheless not **YHWH** he_turned_back from_the_burning_of his_anger_of_his (the)_ _great which anger_of_his it_burnt on_Yəhūdāh on all_of the_ _provocations which he_had_provoked_him_to_anger Mənashsheh. **27** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said also ĐOM Yəhūdāh I_ _will_remove from_under face_of_my just_as I_removed ĐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_I_will_reject ĐOM the_city (the)_this which I_chose ĐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ĐOM the_house which I_said it_will_be name_of_my there. **28** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yo'shiyʸāh/(Josiah) and_all that he_did not are_ _they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_ _kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **29** In_days_of_his Par'oh Nəkoh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he_went_up on the_king_of 'Ashshūr to the_river_of Pərāt and_ the_king Yo'shiyʸāh _he/it_ _went to_meet_him and_he_killed_him at_Məgiddōn just_as_ _he_saw ĐOM_him/it. **30** And_they_made_him_ride servants_of_ _his dead from_Məgiddōn and_they_brought_him Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_buried_him in_his_own_of_ _grave and_ the_people_of the_earth/land _he/it_took ĐOM Yəhōʾāḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_son_of Yo'shiyʸāh and_they_anointed

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Beyt-El. **20** He executed all the priests from those hilltop shrines on the altars there, and then he burnt human bones on them to desecrate them. Then he returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

The celebration of 'pass-over' · Southern kingdom[163]

21 Then the king commanded all the people, "Celebrate 'pass-over' for your god Yahweh according to what's written on this scroll with the agreement." **22** Since the days of the leaders who judged Yisrael (Israel), or in all the days of the kings of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah), a 'pass-over' had never been celebrated like that one **23** in the eighteenth year of King Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) reign. That 'pass-over' celebration in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was to honour Yahweh.

King Yoshiyah's other activities · Southern kingdom

24 King Yoshiyah (Josiah) also removed the ritual pits and the soothsayers, and the images and idols, and all the abhorrences that were seen in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and in the Yehudah (Judah) region, in his diligence to obey everything that was written on the scroll that the priest Hilkiyah found in the temple. **25** No other king had been like Yoshiyah who'd led the people back to obeying Yahweh—following Mosheh's (Moses') written instructions with all his heart and all his spirit and all his energy. What's more, there's never been a king like him since then either.

26 However, Yahweh's anger against Yehudah hadn't cooled down after everything that King Menasheh (Manasseh) had done[164] to make him angry, **27** and Yahweh said, "I will also remove Yehudah out of my sight, just like I removed Yisrael (Israel). I'll also reject this city of Yerushalem that I chose, as well as the house where I'd said that my name would be established."

28 Everything else that Yoshiyah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **29** While he was still king, the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) Nekoh attacked the Assyrian king near the Perat (Euphrates) River. King Yoshiyah went to meet him, but Nekoh killed him at Megidon when he saw him. **30** His servants brought his body back to Yerushalem from Megidon, and they buried him in his own tomb. Then the people got his son Yehoahaz, and they anointed him and made him king in place of his father.

163 **RV 23:21 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 35:1-19

164 **RV 23:26 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 21:1-18.

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Yehoahaz's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[165]

31 Yehoahaz was twenty-three when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for only three months. (His mother was Yirmiyah's (Jeremiah's) daughter Hamutal from Livnah.) **32** He did what Yahweh had said was evil like many of his ancestors had done. **33** Par'oh (Pharaoh) Nekoh took him from Yerushalem and imprisoned him at Rivlah in the Hamat region, and he forced the residents of Yehudah (Judah) to pay him thirty kilograms of gold and three tonnes of silver. **34** Then Nekoh appointed Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) son Elyakim as the new king but changed his name to Yehoyakim. Then he took Yehoahaz to Mitsrayim (Egypt) where he eventually died. **35** So Yehoyakim paid the gold and silver to Par'oh by assessing the wealth of the people and then forcibly collecting the gold and silver from them to send to Par'oh Nekoh.

Yehoyakim's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[168]

36 Yehoyakim was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eleven years. (His mother was Pedayah's daughter Zevidah from Rumah.) **37** He did what Yahweh had said was evil like many of his ancestors had done.

24:1 During his reign, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) attacked, and Yehoyakim ruled under him for three years before rebelling against him. **2** Then Yahweh sent troops of Kasdim (Chaldeans), troops from Aram (Syria), troops from Moav (Moab), and Amoni troops against Yehudah (Judah) at different times to destroy them, just as Yahweh had said through his servants the prophets. **3** Those things troubled Yehudah at Yahweh's command to remove them out of his sight because of all of King Menasheh's (Manasseh's) sins **4** and because he'd killed innocent people—Yahweh wouldn't forgive him because he'd filled Yerushalem with innocent blood.

5 Everything else that Yehoyakim said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **6** Then Yehoyakim died and his son Yehoyakin replaced him as king.

7 The Mitsri (Egyptian) king didn't continue his attacks on other countries, because the Babylonian king captured land all the way from the Mitsri river as far as the Perat (Euphrates) River—everything that had been controlled by Mitsrayim (Egypt).

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~~ĐƠM~~_him/it and_they_made_king ~~ĐƠM~~_him/it in_place_of his/its_father.

31 Was_a_son_of twenty and_three year[s] Yəhō'āḥāz when_he_ _became_king and_three months he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Ḥₐmūṭal the_daughter_of Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) from_Livnāh. **32** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that ancestors_of_his they_had_done. **33** And_ _he_confined_him Par'oh Nəkoh at_Rivlāh in_land of_Ḥₐmāt in/on/at/with[166][167] in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_put a_ _fine on the_earth/land one_hundred talent[s]_of silver and_a_ _talent_of gold. **34** And_ Par'oh Nəkoh _he_made_king ~~ĐƠM~~ 'Elyāqīm the_son_of Yo'shiyʸᵃʰ/(Josiah) in_place_of Yo'shiyʸᵃʰ his/its_father and_he_changed ~~ĐƠM~~ his/its_name Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) and_~~ĐƠM~~ Yəhō'āḥāz he_took and_he_ _came Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he/it_died there. **35** And_the_ _silver and_the_gold Yəhōyāqīm he_gave to_Par'oh only he_ _taxed ~~ĐƠM~~ the_earth/land to_give ~~ĐƠM~~ the_silver on the_ _mouth_of Par'oh each according_to_of_his_valuation he_ _exacted ~~ĐƠM~~ the_silver and_~~ĐƠM~~ the_gold ~~ĐƠM~~ the_people_of the_earth/land to_give_it to_Par'oh Nəkoh.

36 Was_a_son_of twenty and_five year[s] Yəhōyāqīm when_he_ _became_king and_one_plus ten year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Zebudah[169] the_daughter_of Pədāʸᵃʰ from Rūmāh. **37** And_ _he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_ _all that ancestors_of_his they_had_done.

24:1 In_days_of_his Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he_ _came_up and_he/it_was to_him/it Yəhōyāqīm subject three years and_he_turned_back and_he_rebelled in/on/over_him/it. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he_sent in/on/over_him/it ~~ĐƠM~~ the_ _marauding_bands_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_~~ĐƠM~~ the_ _marauding_bands_of 'Arām and_~~ĐƠM~~ the_marauding_bands_of Mō'āv and_~~ĐƠM~~ the_marauding_bands_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_he_sent_them on_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_destroy_it according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken by_ _the_hand_of his_servants_of_his the_prophets. **3** Surely on the_mouth_of **YHWH** it_happened in_Yəhūdāh to_remove_it from_under his/its_faces/face for_the_sins_of Mənashsheh according_to_all that he_had_done. **4** And_also the_blood_of the_innocent which he_had_shed and_he_had_filled ~~ĐƠM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) blood innocent and_not **YHWH** he_ _was_willing to_forgive. **5** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) and_all that he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_ _of_of_Yəhūdāh. **6** And_ Yəhōyāqīm _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ Yəhōyākīn/(Jehoiachin) his/its_son _he_ _became_king in_place_of_him. **7** And_not he_repeated again the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_come_out from_his_own_of_ _land if/because the_king_of Bāvel he_had_taken from_the_

165 RV 23:31 · Parallel 2 Chr. 36:2-4

166 LV 23:33 · Note OSHB variant note: דלמ/ב: (x-qere) 'דְּלֻמִ/מ': lemma_m/4427 a n_1.0 morph_HR/Vqc id_12QiP דְּלֻמִ/מ

167 LV 23:33 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

168 RV 23:36 · Parallel 2 Chr. 36:5-8

169 LV 23:36 · Note OSHB variant note: הדיבז: (x-qere) 'הֲדוּבְז': lemma_2080 morph_HNp id_12aJ7 הֲדוּבְז

Literal Version

_wadi_of Mitsrayim to the_river_of Pərāt all that it_had_
_belonged to_the_king_of Mitsrayim.
8 Was_a_son_of eight- teen year[s] Yəhōyākīn when_he_
_became_king and_three months he_reigned in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_
_Nəḥushtā' the_daughter_of 'Elnātān from_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **9** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_
_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that his/its_father he_
_had_done. **10** At_time (the)_that they_went_up[171] the_
_servants_of Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ the_city _it_came in_(the)_siege.
11 And_ Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel _he_came to the_
_city and_servants_of_his were_laying_siege on_it. **12** And_
_he/it_went_out Yəhōyākīn the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to
the_king_of Bāvel he and_mother_of_his and_servants_of_his
and_officials_of_his and_court-officials_of_his and_ the_king_of
Bāvel _he/it_took ĐOM_him/it in_year eight of_reigning_his.
13 And_he_brought_out from_there ĐOM all_of the_treasures_of
the_house_of **YHWH** and_the_treasures_of the_house_of the_
_king and_he_cut_up ĐOM all_of the_articles_of the_gold which
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_had_made
in_(the)_palace of_**YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_had_spoken.
14 And_he_took_into_exile ĐOM all_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
and_ĐOM all_of the_officials and_ĐOM all_of the_mighty_men_of
(the)_strength ten_of[172] thousand(s) exile[s] and_all (the)_
craftsman and(the)_smith not except the_poor_people_of
the_people_of the_earth/land anyone_was_left. **15** And_he_
_took_into_exile ĐOM Yəhōyākīn/(Jehoiachin) to_Bāvel and_
_ĐOM the_mother_of the_king and_ĐOM the_wives_of the_king
and_ĐOM his/its_officials and_ĐOM the_leaders_of[173] the_
_earth/land he_led_away exile[s] from_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_Bāvel. **16** And_ĐOM all_of the_
_men_of (the)_strength seven_of thousand(s) and_the_
_craftsman and_the_smith one_thousand (the)_everyone were_
_warriors makers_of war and_he/it_brought_them the_king_of
Bāvel exile[s] to_Bāvel. **17** And_ the_king_of Bāvel _he_made_
_king ĐOM Mattan^{yāh} uncle_of_his in_place_of_him and_he_
_changed ĐOM his/its_name Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah).

18 Was_a_son_of twenty and_one year[s] Tsidqiy^{yāh} when_he_
_became_king and_one_plus ten year[s] he_reigned in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_
_Ḥamūṭal[175] the_daughter_of Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_
_Livnāh. **19** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of
YHWH according_to_all that Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) he_had_
_done. **20** If/because on the_anger of_**YHWH** it_happened in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) until he_
_threw_out ĐOM_them from_under his/its_faces/face and_
Tsidqiy^{yāh} _he_rebelled against_the_king_of Bāvel.

Readers' Version

Yehoyakin's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[170]

8 Yehoyakin was eighteen when he became king, but he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for only three months. **9** He did what Yahweh had said was evil just like his father had done.

10 At that time, the Babylonian king Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) sent his army to besiege Yerushalem, **11** and Nevukadnetsar himself travelled there to observe the operation. **12** Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakin went out to surrender to the Babylonian king, along with his mother, his servants, his captains, and his officials. So the Babylonian king took him captive in the eighth year of his reign. **13** Then all the valuables were brought out of Yahweh's temple and the palace. All the gold furnishings that had been made for the temple by King Shelomoh (Solomon) were cut into pieces. **14** Then all the army leaders and officials, and all the craftsmen and blacksmiths from Yerushalem (some ten thousand people) were taken into exile, leaving only the poorer people behind.

15 King Yehoyakin was exiled from Yerushalem to Bavel (Babylon), along with his mother and wives, his officials, **16** seven thousand top soldiers, and a thousand skilled craftsmen and blacksmiths—leaving no one behind to fight or make weapons.

17 Then the Babylonian king appointed Yehoyakin's uncle Matanyah as king in his place and he changed his name to Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah).

Tsidkiyah/Zedekiah's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[174]

18 Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) was twenty-one when he became king and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eleven years. (His mother was Yirmiyah's (Jeremiah's) daughter Hamutal from Livnah.) **19** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, just like Yehoyakin had done. **20** Because Yahweh was still very angry, he had the people of Yerushalem and all Yehudah (Judah) driven away out of his sight.

Then Tsidkiyah rebelled against the Babylonian king.

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170 RV 24:8 · Parallel 2 Chr. 36:9-10

171 LV 24:10 · Note OSHB variant note: הלע: (x-qere) 'וֹלָע': lemma_5927 n_1.0.1 morph_HVqp3cp id_12QFD וֹלָע

172 LV 24:14 · Note OSHB variant note: הרשע: (x-qere) 'תֶרֶשָׁע': lemma_6235 morph_HAcmsc id_12zc4 תֶרֶשָׁע

173 LV 24:15 · Note OSHB variant note: ילוא: (x-qere) 'יֶלֶיא': lemma_352 c morph_HNcmpc id_1258m יֶלֶיא

174 RV 24:18 · Parallel 2 Chr. 36:11-12; Jer. 52:1-3a

175 LV 24:18 · Note OSHB variant note: לטימח: (x-qere) 'לֶטוּמָח': lemma_2537 morph_HNp id_12Q7w לֶטוּמָח

Readers' Version

Yerushalem's defeat · Southern kingdom

25:1 In the ninth year of Tsidkiyah's (Zedekiah's) reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) brought all his army to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). They made their camp outside the city, and then built attack structures all around it **2** and besieged the city for two years. **3** The people didn't have enough to eat and the famine became severe. **4** Then the Babylonians began breaking into the city, but the local fighters sneaked out at night through a gate between two walls near the king's garden and escaped down to the desert plain. **5** However, the Babylonian soldiers chased after the king and they overtook him on the Yeriho (Jericho) plains, and his army scattered. **6** King Tsidkiyah was captured and taken to the Babylonian king at Rivlah, where he was sentenced— **7** He was forced to watch as his sons were slaughtered, then his eyes were gouged out and he was taken to Bavel (Babylon) restrained with two bronze chains.

The demolition of the temple · Southern kingdom[176]

8 On the seventh day of the fifth month of Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) nineteenth year as king, his servant Nevuzar-Adan, who was his chief bodyguard, went to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **9** He set fire to Yahweh's temple and the palace, and all of Yerushalem's houses, so no important building remained. **10** Then the army under the command of Nevuzar-Adan tore down the walls surrounding Yerushalem. **11** He exiled all the rest of the people from the city, all the surrendered soldiers, and the rest of the population, **12** but he let some of the poorest people remain on the land to look after the vineyards and as farmers.

13 The Babylonians smashed the bronze pillars and the bases and the bronze 'sea' from the temple, and took all the bronze to Bavel (Babylon). **14** They also took the pots and shovels, the snuffers and spoons, and all the bronze utensils used in the temple activities. **15** They took the fire-pans and the gold and silver bowls. **16** The bronze from the two pillars, the 'sea', and the bases that had been made for the temple by Shelomoh (Solomon) was too heavy to be weighed. **17** Each pillar was over eight metres high, plus a bronze capital on top that was over a metre high. They were decorated with latticework with bronze pomegranates all around.

Literal Version

25:1 And_he/it_was in_the_year_of (of)_the_ninth of_reigning_ _his in_month (the)_tenth on_ten of_month Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he and_all army_of_his he_came on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_encamped on/upon_it(f) and_they_built on/upon_it(f) a_siege-work all_around. **2** And_ the_city _it_came in_(the)_siege until one_plus_of ten year to/for_the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh}. **3** On_day_nine of_month and_ the_ _famine _it_was_severe in_city and_not it_belonged food to_ _the_people_of the_earth/land. **4** And_ the_city _it_was_ _broken_into and_all the_men_of (the)_war the_night the_way_ _of the_gate between the_two_walls which was_at the_garden_ _of the_king and_the_ones_from_Kasdiy were_on the_city all_ _around and_he/it_went the_way_of the_ʿArāvāh. **5** And_ the_ _army_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy _they_pursued after the_king and_they_overtook ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it in_the_plains_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_all army_of_his they_were_scattered from_with_him. **6** And_they_seized ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_they_ _brought_up ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to the_king_of Bāvel to_Rivlāh and_ _they_spoke with_him/it judgement. **7** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sons_of Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) they_slaughtered to_eyes_of_his and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_eyes_of Tsidqiy^{yāh} he_made_blind and_he_bound_him with_(the)_fetters and_he_brought_him Bāvel.

8 And_in_month (the)_fifth on_day_seven of_month it was_ _year_of nine- teen year to/for_the_king Nebuchadnezzar the_ _king_of Bāvel Nəvūzar'$_a$dān the_chief_of the_bodyguards the_ _servant_of the_king_of Bāvel he_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **9** And_he_burnt ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of the_king and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _houses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ᴅᴏᴍ every_of house_ _of a_great_person he_burnt with_fire. **10** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_walls_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) all_around all_of the_army_of the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy which was_the_chief_of the_bodyguards they_pulled_down. **11** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_rest_of the_people which_ _remained in_city and_ᴅᴏᴍ those_who_had_fallen who they_ _had_fallen on the_king of_Bāvel and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_rest_of the_ _multitude Nəvūzar'$_a$dān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_ _took_into_exile. **12** And_some_of_the_poor_of the_earth/land the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_left_behind to_vinedressers and_to_husbandmen. **13** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_pillars_of (the)_bronze which were_the_house_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_stands and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sea_of (the)_bronze which in_house_of **YHWH** the_ones_ _from_Kasdiy they_broke and_they_carried_off ᴅᴏᴍ bronze_of_ _their to_Bāvel. **14** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_pots and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_shovels and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_snuffers and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_pans and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _articles_of (the)_bronze which people_served with_them they_ _took_away. **15** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_fire-pans and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_bowls which were_gold gold and_which were_silver silver the_chief_ _of the_bodyguards he_took_away. **16** The_pillars two the_sea the_one and_the_stands which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_ _made for_the_house_of **YHWH** not it_belonged weight to_the_ _bronze_of all_of the_vessels the_these. **17** Was_eight- teen cubit[s] the_height_of the_pillar the_one and_a_capital on/upon/above_him/it bronze and_the_height_of the_capital was_three cubits[177] and_a_network and_pomegranates were_on the_capital all_around (the)_everything was_bronze and_like_

176 RV 25:8 · Parallel Jer. 52:12-33

177 LV 25:17 · Note OSHB variant note: **השמא**: (x-qere) **שְׁתוֹמֵא**: lemma_520 a n_1.1 morph_HNcfpa id_12YoY **שְׁתוֹמֵא**

Literal Version

_these belonged_to_pillar the_second with the_network.

18 And_ the_chief_of the_bodyguards _he/it_took ÐOM Sərāyāh the_priest_of the_head and_ÐOM Tsəfanyāh/(Zephaniah) a_ _priest_of second_rank and_ÐOM the_three_of the_keepers_of the_threshold. **19** And_from the_city he_took a_court-official one who he was_an_officer over the_men_of (the)_war and_five men from_those_who_saw_of (of)_the_face_of the_king who they_were_found in_city and_ÐOM the_scribe the_commander_ _of the_army who_mustered ÐOM the_people_of the_earth/land and_sixty man from_the_people_of the_earth/land who_were_ _found in_city. **20** And_ Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_chief_of the_ _bodyguards _he/it_took ÐOM_them and_he_brought ÐOM_them to the_king_of Bāvel to_Rivlāh. **21** And_ the_king_of Bāvel _he_ _struck_down ÐOM_them and_he_put_them_to_death at_Rivlāh in_land of_Ḥₐmāt and_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_went_into_exile from_under land_of_its.

22 And_the_people who_remained in_land of_Yəhūdāh whom Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he_left_behind and_he_ _appointed over_them ÐOM Gədalyāh the_son_of 'Aḥīqām the_ _son_of Shāfān. **23** And_ all_of the_commanders_of the_armies they and_the_men _they_heard if/because_that the_king_of Bāvel he_had_appointed ÐOM Gədalyāh and_they_came to Gədalyāh (the)_Mitspāh and_Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətanyāh and_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_ _Sərāyāh the_son_of Tanḥumet the_Nəṭofātī and_ _Ya'ₐzanyāh/(Jaazaniah) the_son_of the_Ma'ₐkātī they and_men_ _of_their. **24** And_he_swore_an_oath to/for_them Gədalyāh and_ _to_men_of_their and_he/it_said to/for_them do_not be_afraid from_the_servants_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy dwell in/on_the_ _earth and_serve ÐOM the_king_of Bāvel so_that_it_may_go_ _well for_you(pl). **25** And_he/it_was in_month the_seventh Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətanyāh the_son_of 'Elīshā'ma one_of_the_offspring_of the_royalty he_came and_ten men with_him/it and_they_struck_down ÐOM Gədalyāh and_he/it_ _died and_ÐOM the_Yəhūdī/(Judeans) and_ÐOM the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy who they_were with_him/it at_Mitspāh. **26** And_ all_of the_people from_the_small and_unto the_great and_the_ _commanders_of the_armies _they_arose and_they_came Mitsrayim/(Egypt) if/because they_were_afraid from_face/in_ _front_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy.

27 And_he/it_was in_thirty and_seven year of_the_exile_of of_ _Yəhōyākīn/(Jehoiachin) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_two_ _plus ten month on_day_twenty and_seven of_month Evil-Merodach the_king_of Bāvel he_lifted_up in_year he_became_ _king ÐOM the_head_of Yəhōyākīn the_king_of Yəhūdāh from_ _a_house_of imprisonment. **28** And_he/it_spoke with_him/it good_things and_he/it_gave ÐOM seat_of_his from_under the_ _seat_of the_kings who with_him/it in_Bāvel. **29** And_he_ _changed ÐOM the_clothes_of his_imprisonment_of_his and_ _he/it_will_eat bread continually before_him all_of the_days_of his/its_life. **30** And_his_food_of_allowance a_food_allowance_of continuity it_was_given for_him/it from_with the_king a_

178 RV 25:18 · Parallel Jer. 52:24-27

179 RV 25:22 · Parallel Jer. 40:7-9; 41:1-3

180 RV 25:27 · Parallel Jer. 52:31-34

Readers' Version

The people of Yehudah get exiled to Bavel · Southern kingdom[178]

18 Nevuzar-Adan exiled to Bavel (Babylon) the high priest Serayah, the second priest Tsefanyah (Zephaniah), and the three temple entrance guards. **19** From the city, he took one official who was a military inspector, five of the king's advisors, and the army commander's secretary in charge of recruitment, plus sixty other important men. **20** Nevuzar-Adan took them all to the Babylonian king at Rivlah **21** in the Hamat region, but the king had them all executed there.

The governor there to Yehudah Gidaliyas · Southern kingdom[179]

So the large majority of the people of Yehudah (Judah) were exiled out of their country. **22** From those who the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) allowed to remain, he appointed Gedalyah (son of Shafan's son Ahikam) over them. **23** When all the army captains and their men heard that the Babylonian king had appointed Gedalyah, they came to Gedalyah at Mitspah. This was Netanyah's son Yishmael (Ishmael), Kareah's son Yohanan, Tanhumet's son Serayah the Netofati, and the Ma'akati's son Ya'azanyah, along with their men. **24** Gedalyah made an agreement with them and their men, telling them, "Don't be afraid of the Babylonian officials. Stay in the land and serve the Babylonian king, and he'll be good to you." **25** But in the seventh month, Yishmael (the son of Netanyah, the son of Elishama who was a descendant of King David) brought ten men with him and attacked Gedalyah, and killed him, along with the Yehudim (Judeans) and the Kasdim (Chaldeans) who were with him at Mitspah. **26** After that, all the people, with or without any official status, along with the army commanders fled to Mitsrayim (Egypt) because they were afraid of what the Babylonians might do to them.

Yehoyakin gets released from prison · Southern kingdom[180]

27 Thirty-seven years after Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakin had been exiled to Bavel (Babylon), Evil-Merodak had just become the new king of Bavel and he released Yehoyakin from prison on the 27th of the twelfth month. **28** He spoke kindly to Yehoyakin and honoured him more than the other kings who'd been taken to Bavel. **29** He was allowed to change out of his prison clothes, and was permitted to eat at the king's table for the rest of his life, **30** as well as being given a daily monetary allowance.

Readers' Version

KI2 · OET-RV v0.2.5

Literal Version

_matter_of a_day in_its_day all_of the_days_of his_life_of_his.

KI2 · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

The first
Sequential Account

(1 Chronicles)

Introduction

The *First* and the *Second Account of Chronicles* are a retelling of lots of what's included in *The accounts about Shmuel (Samuel)* and of *The accounts about the kings*, but told in different words. There seem to be two primary purposes for this account:
1. So that the reader can learn more about the destruction of Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel), as God fulfilled his promise and plans for his people. This writer illustrates the achievements of David, Shelomoh (Solomon), of Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat), Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), of Yoshiyah (Josiah), along with other people who obeyed Yahweh's instructions.
2. To document the division of the priests and Levites in preparation for their service in the soon-to-be-built temple for Yahweh, and the extensive preparations by King David that were eventually handed over to King Shelomoh. Yahweh had carefully instructed David about how he wanted the temple worship to operate, and then this was all written down and handed over to Shelomoh, who would be the one who would go on to construct the buildings and all the furnishings and equipment and utensils that were required for its functioning.

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Adam's descendants[1]

1:1 Adam, Shet (Seth), Enosh, **2** Keynan, Mahalalel, Yered (Jared), **3** Hanok (Enoch), Metushelah (Methuselah), Lemek (Lamech), **4** Noah, Shem, Ham, and Yefet (Japheth).

5 Yefet's sons were Gomer, Magog, Maday, Yavan, Tuval, Meshek, and Tiras. **6** Gomer's sons were Ashkenaz, Rifat, and Togarmah. **7** Yavan's sons were Elishah, Tarshish, Kitim, and Dodanim.

8 Ham's sons were Kush, Mitsrayim, Put, and Kena'an (Canaan). **9** Kush's sons were Seva, Havilah, Savta, Raemah, and Savteka. Raemah's sons were Sheva and Dedan. **10** Then Kush fathered Nimrod and he became a mighty warrior. **11** Mitsrayim was the ancestor of the Lud, the Anamim, the Lehavim, the Naftuhim, **12** the Patrusim, the Kasluhim, and the Kaftor people groups. (The Pelishtim descended from the Kasluhim people group.) **13** Kena'an's first son was Tsidon (Sidon), and then he was also the ancestor of the Hitim, **14** the Yevusim, the Amorim, the Girgashim, **15** the Hivim, the Arkim, the Sinim, **16** the Arvadim, the Tsemarim, and the Hamatim.

17 Shem's sons were Eylam, Ashur, Arpakshad, Lud, and Aram. Aram's sons were: Uts (Uz), Hul, Geter, and Meshek. **18** Arpakshad was the father of Shelah, and Shelah was the father of Ever. **19** Ever had two sons: Peleg (which sounds like the Hebrew word for 'divided', because in his lifetime, the earth was divided)[2] and Yaketan. **20** Yaketan was the ancestor of: Almodad, Shelef, Hatsarmavet, Yerah, **21** Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, **22** Eyval, Avimael, Sheva, **23** Ofir, Havilah, and Yovav. All those were the descendants of Yaketan.

24 These were the descendants of Shem (in order from him to Avraham): Arpakshad, Shelah, **25** Ever, Peleg, Re'u, **26** Serug, Nahor, Terah, **27** and Avram (whose name God later changed to Avraham).

Yishmael's descendants[4]

28 Avraham's sons were Yitshak (Isaac) and Yishmael (Ishmael). **29** These were their family lines: The first son born to Yishmael (the son of Avraham's slave-wife Hagar) was Nevayot, then his other sons Kedar, Adbe'el, Mivsam, **30** Mishma, Dumah, Masa, Hadad, Teyma, **31** Yetur, Nafish, and Kedemah. Those were Yishmael's twelve sons. **32** The sons of Avraham's slave-wife Keturah were Zimran, Yakeshan, Medan, Midyan, Yishbak, and Shuah. Yakeshan's sons were Sheva and Dedan. **33** Midyan's sons were Eyfah, Efer, Hanok, Avida, and Elda'ah. All those were Keturah's descendants.

34 Avraham had his son Yitshak (Isaac) by his wife Sarah, and Yitshak's sons were Esav (Esau) and Ya'akov (Jacob) , whose name God later changed to Yisrael (Israel).

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1:1 'Ādām Shēt 'Enōsh. **2** Qēynān/(Kenan) Mah$_a$lal'^{ēl} Yered/(Jared). **3** Ḥ$_a$nōk/(Enoch) Mətūshelaḥ Lemek. **4** Noaḥ Shēm Ḥām and_Yafet. **5** The_sons_of Yefet/(Japheth) were_ _Gomer and_Māgōg and_Māday and_Yāvān/(Javan) and_Tūval and_Meshek and_Tirāṣ. **6** And_the_sons of_Gomer were_ _'Ashkənaz and_Rīfat and_Tōgarmāh. **7** And_the_sons of_ _Yāvān/(Javan) were_'Elīshā'h and_(to)_Tarshiysh Kittim and_ _Dodānīm/(Rodanim). **8** The_sons_of Ḥām were_Kūsh/(Cush) and_Mitsrayim Pūṭ and_Kəna'an. **9** And_the_sons of_ _Kūsh/(Cush) were_Ṣəvā' and_Ḥ$_a$vīlāh and_Ṣavtā' and_Ra'māh and_Ṣavtəkā' and_the_sons of_Ra'māh were_Shəvā' and_Dədān. **10** And_Kūsh he_fathered ᵭᵒᵐ Nimrōd he he_began to_be a_ _mighty_man on_the_earth. **11** And_Mitsrayim he_fathered ᵭᵒᵐ the_Lūdī[3] and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_'Anāmīm and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Lehāvīm and_ _ᵭᵒᵐ the_Naftuḥīm. **12** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Patruṣī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_ _Kaṣluḥīm/(Casluhites) where they_came_forth from_there the_Pəlishtiy and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Kaftorī/(Caphtorites). **13** And_ _Kəna'an he_fathered ᵭᵒᵐ Tsīdōn/(Sidon) his/its_firstborn and_ᵭᵒᵐ Ḥēt. **14** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Yəvūṣī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_'Amorī and_ _ᵭᵒᵐ the_Girgāshiy. **15** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Ḥiūī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_'Arqī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Ṣīnī. **16** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_'Arvādī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_ _Tsəmārī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Ḥ$_a$mātī. **17** The_sons_of Shēm were_ _'Ēylām and_'Ashshūr and_Arpakshad and_Lūd and_'Arām and_ _'Ūts and_Ḥūl and_Geter and_Meshek. **18** And_Arpakshad he_ _fathered ᵭᵒᵐ Shelaḥ and_Shelaḥ he_fathered ᵭᵒᵐ 'Ēvēr. **19** And_to_'Ēvēr two_of sons it_was_born the_name_of the_one was_Peleg if/because in_days_of_his the_earth/land it_was_ _divided and_name_of his/its_brother was_Yoqṭān/(Joktan). **20** And_Yoqṭān he_fathered ᵭᵒᵐ 'Almōdād and_ᵭᵒᵐ Shelef and_ _ᵭᵒᵐ Hazarmaveth and_ᵭᵒᵐ Yeraḥ/(Jerah). **21** And_ᵭᵒᵐ H$_a$dōrām and_ᵭᵒᵐ 'Ūzāl and_ᵭᵒᵐ Diqlāh. **22** And_ᵭᵒᵐ 'Ēyvāl and_ᵭᵒᵐ 'Avīmā'^{ēl} and_ᵭᵒᵐ Shəvā'. **23** And_ᵭᵒᵐ 'Ōfīr and_ᵭᵒᵐ Ḥ$_a$vīlāh and_ᵭᵒᵐ Yōvāv/(Jobab) all_of these were_the_sons_of Yoqṭān. **24** Shēm 'Arpakshad Shelaḥ. **25** 'Ēvēr Peleg Rə'ū. **26** Sərūg Nāḥōr Teraḥ. **27** 'Avrām he is_'Avrāhām.

28 The_sons_of 'Avrāhām were_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_ _Yishmā'^{ēl}/(Ishmael). **29** These generations_of_were_their the_ _firstborn_of Yishmā'^{ēl}/(Ishmael) was_Nəvāyōt and_Qēdār and_'Adbə'^{ēl} and_Mivsām. **30** Mishmā' and_Dūmāh Massā' H$_a$dad and_Tēymā'. **31** Yəṭūr/(Jetur) Nāfish and_Qədəmāh these they were_the_sons_of Yishmā'^{ēl}/(Ishmael). **32** And_the_sons of_Qəṭūrāh the_concubine_of 'Avrāhām she_bore ᵭᵒᵐ Zimrān and_Yoqshān/(Jokshan) and_Mədān and_Midyān and_ _Yishbāq/(Ishbak) and_Shuah and_the_sons of_Yoqshān were_ _Shəvā' and_Dədān. **33** And_the_sons of_Midyān were_'Ēyfāh and_'Ēfer and_Ḥ$_a$nōk/(Enoch) and_'Avīdā' and_'Eldā'āh all_of these were_the_sons_of Qəṭūrāh. **34** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_ _fathered ᵭᵒᵐ Yitsḥāq the_sons_of Yitsḥāq were_'Ēsāv and_ _Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel).

1 **RV 1:1 · Parallel** Gen. 5:1-32; 10:1-32; 11:10-26

2 **RV 1:19 · Cross-ref.** Gen 11:1-9.

3 **LV 1:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: מיידול: (x-qere) 'פֶּיְדוּל': lemma_3866 morph_HNp id_13bmv פֶּיְדוּל

4 **RV 1:28 · Parallel** Gen. 25:12-16

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35 The_sons_of ʿĒsāv were_ʾElīfaz Rəʿūʾēl and_Yəʿūsh/(Jeush) and_Yaʿlām/(Jalam) and_Qoraḥ. 36 The_sons_of ʾElīfaz were_ _Tēymān and_ʾŌmār Tsəfō/(Zephi) and_Gaʿtām Qənaz and_ _Timnāʿ and_Amalek. 37 The_sons_of Rəʿūʾēl were_Naḥat Zeraḥ Shammāh and_Mizzāh.

38 And_the_sons of_Sēʿīr were_Lōṭān and_Shōvāl and_ _Tsivʿōn/(Zibeon) and_ʿAnāh and_Diyshōn and_ʾEtser and_ _Diyshān. 39 And_the_sons of_Lōṭān were_Ḥorī and_Hōmām and_was_the_sister_of Lōṭān Timnāʿ. 40 The_sons_of Shōvāl were_ʿAlvān and_Mānaḥat and_ʿĒyvāl Shəfō and_ʾŌnām and_ _the_sons of_Tsivʿōn were_ʾAyyāh and_ʿAnāh. 41 The_sons_of ʿAnāh were_Diyshōn and_the_sons of_Diyshōn were_Ḥamrān and_ʾEshbān and_Yitrān/(Ithran) and_Kərān/(Cheran). 42 The_ _sons_of ʾEtser were_Bilhān and_Zaʿavān Yaʿaqān/(Jaakan) the_ _sons_of Diyshōn were_ʿŪts and_ʾArān.
43 And_these were_the_kings who they_reigned in_land of_ _ʾEdōm to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_king reigned of_ _the_people_of of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) Belaʿ the_son_of Bəʿōr and_ _name_of his_city_of_his was_Dinhāvāh. 44 And_ Belaʿ _he/it_ _died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Yōvāv/(Jobab) the_son_ _of Zeraḥ from_Botsrāh. 45 And_ Yōvāv _he/it_died and_he_ _reigned in_place_of_him Ḥūshām from_the_land_of the_ _Tēymānī[s]. 46 And_ Ḥūshām _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_ _place_of_him Hadad the_son_of Bədad who_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Midyān in_the_region_of Mōʾāv and_name_of his_city_of_his was_ʿAvīt[9]. 47 And_ Hadad _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_ _of_him Samlāh from_Masrēqāh. 48 And_ Samlāh _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Shāʾūl/(Saul) from_Rəḥovōt the_river. 49 And_ Shāʾūl _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_ _of_him Baʿal- Ḥānān the_son_of ʿAkbōr. 50 And_ Baʿal- Ḥānān _ _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Hadad and_name_ _of his_city_of_his was_Pāʿū and_name_of his/its_wife/woman was_Məhēyṭavʾēl the_daughter_of Maṭrēd the_daughter_of Mēy- Zāhāv. 51 And_ Hadad _he/it_died and_ the_chiefs_of ʾEdōm _they_were chief Timnāʿ chief ʿAlvāh[10] chief Yətēt/(Jetheth). 52 Chief ʾĀhelīvāmāh chief ʾĒlāh chief Pinon. 53 Chief Qənaz chief Tēymān chief Mivtsār. 54 Chief Magdiyʾēl chief ʿĪrām these were_the_chiefs_of ʾEdōm.

2:1 These were_the_sons_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) Rəʾūvēn Shimʿōn Lēvī and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) Issachar and_Zəvūlūn. 2 Dān Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Binyāmīn Naftālī Gād and_ʾĀshēr.

3 The_sons_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_ʿĒr and_ʾŌnān and_ _Shēlāh three_sons it_was_born to_him/it from_Bath- shūʿa the_Kənaʿanī/(Canaanite)_woman and_he/it_was ʿĒr the_ _firstborn_of Yəhūdāh evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he_ _put_him_to_death. 4 And_Tāmār his/its_daughter-in-law she_ _bore for_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ Perets and_ᴅᴏᴍ Zeraḥ all_of the_sons_of Yəhūdāh were_five. 5 The_sons_of Perets were_Ḥetsrōn and_

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Esav's descendants[5]

35 Esav's (Esau's) sons were Elifaz, Re'uel, Ye'ush, Yaelam, and Korah. 36 Elifaz's sons were Teyman, Omar, Tsefo, Gaetam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek. 37 Re'uel's sons were Nahat, Zerah, Shamah, and Mizah.

Se'ir's descendants[6]

38 Se'ir was another descendant of Esav (Esau) , and his sons were Lotan, Shoval, Tsivoen, Anah, Dishon, Etser, and Dishan. 39 Lotan's sons were Hori and Homam, and Lotan's sister was Timna. 40 Shoval's sons were Alvan, Manahat, Eyval, Shefo, and Onam. Tsivoen's sons were Ayah and Anah. 41 Anah's son was Dishon. Dishon's sons were Hamran, Eshban, Yitran, and Keran. 42 Etser's sons were Bilhan, Za'avan, and Ya'akan. Dishan's sons were Uts (Uz) and Aran.

Edom's rulers[7]

43 These are the kings who ruled the region of Edom (where Se'ir's descendants lived) before any kings ruled over Yisrael (Israel): Bela son of Be'or, and his city's name was Dinhavah. 44 When Bela died, Zerah's son Yovav from Batserah city replaced him as king. 45 When Yovav died, Husham replaced him as king. He was from the region where the Teyman people group lived. 46 When Husham died, Bedad's son Hadad replaced him as king. His city's name was Avit. Hadad defeated the Midyan people group in the Moav (Moab) region. 47 When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah city replaced him as king. 48 When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehovot-on-the-river replaced him as king. 49 When Shaul died, Akbor's son Ba'al-Hanan replaced him as king. 50 When Ba'al-Hanan died, Hadad replaced him as king. His city's name was Paeu. His wife's name was Meheytavel—she was the daughter of Matred and the granddaughter of Mey-Zahav.
51 Then Hadad[8] died.
The leaders of the Edom people group were Chiefs Timna, Alvah, Yetet, 52 Oholivamah, Elah, Pinon, 53 Kenaz, Teyman, Mivtsar, 54 Magdiyel, and Iram. Those were the chiefs of Edom.

Ya'akov's descendants

2:1 These were Yisrael's (Israel's) sons: Re'uven, Shim'on (Simeon), Levi, and Yehudah (Judah), Yisakar (Issachar), and Zevulun, 2 Dan, Yosef (Joseph), Benyamin, Naftali (Naphtali), Gad, and Asher.

Yehudah's descendants

3 Yehudah's (Judah's) sons (with the Kena'ani (Canaanite) woman Bat-Shua) were Er, Onan, and Shela. (Yehudah's eldest son, Er, was evil in Yahweh's eyes, and he killed him.) 4 His daughter-in-law Tamar had twin boys named Perets and Zerah, so altogether Yehudah had five sons.

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5 **RV 1:35 · Parallel** Gen. 36:1-19

6 **RV 1:38 · Parallel** Gen. 36:20-30

7 **RV 1:43 · Parallel** Gen. 36:31-43

8 **RV 1:51 · Cross-ref.** 1:50.

9 **LV 1:46 · Note** OSHB variant note: תויע: (x-qere) 'תְּיָוָּע': lemma_5762 n_0 morph_HNp id_13V8b תְּיָוָּע

10 **LV 1:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: הילע: (x-qere) 'הֲוִלַּע': lemma_5933 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_13mGU הֲוִלַּע

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5 Perets's sons were Hetsron and Hamul. 6 Zerah had five sons:
Zimri, Eytan, Heyman, Kalkol, and Dara. 7 Zimri had a son named
Karmi. Karmi had a son named Akar who brought trouble into
Yisrael (Israel) by violating a ban on devoted things.[11] 8 Eytan's
son was Azaryah.

King David's ancestors

9 Hetsron had three sons: Yerahme'el,
Ram, and Keluvay.[12]
10 Ram was the father of Aminadav, and Aminadav was the father of Nahshon—a leader of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah).
11 Nahshon was the father of Salma. Salma was the father of
Boaz. 12 Boaz was the father of Oved. Oved was the father of
Yishay (Jesse). 13 Yishay had his son Eliav first, Avinadav second,
Shimea third. 14 Netanel fourth, Raday fifth, 15 Otsem sixth, then
David last. 16 Their sisters were Tseruyah and Avigayil.
Tseruyah's three sons were Avishay, Yoav (Joab), and Asahel.
17 Avigayil had Amasa. Amasa's father was Yeter, a descendant of
Yishmael (Ishmael).

The descendants of Kalev (Caleb)

18 Hetsron's third son Kalev (Caleb) had
sons with Azuvah, one of his wives. The
sons were Yesher, Shovav, and Ardon. (The other wife's name
was Yerieot.) 19 When Azuvah died, Kalev married Efrat, and
they had a son named Hur. 20 Hur was the father of Uri, and Uri
was the father of Betsalel.
21 Later, when Hetsron was sixty years old, he had sexual intercourse with a daughter of Makir from the region of Gilead and
married her. Hetsron's new wife gave birth to their son Seguv.
22 Seguv was the father of Yair, and Yair controlled twenty-three
cities in the Gilead region. 23 But Geshur and Aram captured
Havot-Ya'ir and Kenat from them, plus their surrounding
towns—sixty towns in all, populated by descendants of Makir
(the father of Gilead). 24 After Hetsron's death in Kalev-Efratah,
his wife Aviyah gave birth to his son Ashur (Assyria), the father
of Tekoa.

Yerahme'el's descendants

25 Hetsron's oldest son was Yerahme'el
and his sons were Ram (the oldest),
Bunah, Oren, Otsem, and Ahiyah. 26 Yerahme'el had another
wife named Atarah. She was the mother of Onam. 27 The sons of
Yerahme'el's oldest son, Ram, were Ma'ats, Yamin, and Eker.
28 Onam's sons were Shamay and Yada, and Shamay's sons were
Nadav and Avishur.
29 Avishur's wife was Avihayil, and their sons were Ahban and
Molid. 30 Nadav's sons were Seled and Apayim. (Seled died childless.) 31 Apayim's son was Yishei, Yishei's son was Sheshan, and
Sheshan's son was Ahlay.
32 The sons of Shamay's brother Yada were Yeter and Yonatan
(Jonathan). (Yeter died childless.) 33 Yonatan's sons were Pelet

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_Ḥāmūl. 6 And_the_sons of_Zeraḥ were_Zimrī and_'Ēytān and_
_Hēymān and_Kalkol and_Dāra´ of_them_of_all were_five.
7 And_the_sons of_Karmī/(Carmi) were_´Ākār who_troubled
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_acted_unfaithfully in_thing[s]. 8 And_
_the_sons of_'Ēytān were_´Azar^{yāh}.

9 And_the_sons of_Ḥetsrōn whom it_was_born to_him/it ĐOM
Yəraḥmə'ēl/(Jerahmeel) and_ĐOM Rām and_ĐOM
Kəlūvay/(Chelubai). 10 And_Rām he_fathered ĐOM ´Amminādāv
and_´Amminādāv he_fathered ĐOM Naḥshōn the_leader_of the_
_descendants_of Yəhūdāh. 11 And_Naḥshōn he_fathered ĐOM
Salmā' and_Salmā' he_fathered ĐOM Bo´az. 12 And_Bo´az he_
fathered ĐOM ´Ōvēd and´Ōvēd he_fathered ĐOM
Yishay/(Jesse). 13 And_Yishay he_fathered ĐOM his/its_
firstborn ĐOM 'Elī'āv and'Avīnādāv the_second and_Shim´ā'
the_third. 14 Nətan'ēl the_fourth Radday was_the_fifth.
15 'Otsem the_sixth Dāvid was_the_seventh. 16 And[13] were_
Tsərū^{yāh}/(Zeruiah) and'Avīgayil and_the_sons of_Tsərū^{yāh}
were_'Avshay Yō'āv/(Joab) and_´Asāh- 'ēl three. 17 And_
_'Avīgayil she_bore ĐOM ´Amāsā' and_father_of ´Amāsā' was_
_Yeter/(Jether) the_Yishmā´ēlī.

18 And_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Ḥetsrōn he_fathered with
´Azūvāh a_wife and_ĐOM Yərī´ōt/(Jerioth) and_these sons_of_
_were_her Yēsher/(Jesher) and_Shōvāv and_'Ardōn. 19 And_
´Azūvāh _she_died and_he/it_took to_him/it Kālēv ĐOM 'Efrāt
and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM Ḥūr. 20 And_Ḥūr he_
fathered ĐOM 'Ūrī and'Ūrī he_fathered ĐOM Bətsal'ēl. 21 And_
_after Ḥetsrōn he_went into the_daughter_of Mākīr the_father_
_of Gil´ād and_he he_had_taken_her and_he was_a_son_of sixty
year[s] and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM Səgūv. 22 And_
_Səgūv he_fathered ĐOM Yā'īr/(Jair) and_he/it_was to_him/it
twenty and_three cities in_land of_(the)_Gil´ād. 23 And_ Gəshūr
and_'Arām _he/it_took ĐOM the_villages_of Yā'īr from_with_
_them ĐOM Qənāt and_ĐOM daughters_of_its sixty citi[es] all_of
these were_the_sons_of Mākīr the_father_of Gil´ād. 24 And_
_after the_death_of Ḥetsrōn in_Kālēv- 'efrātāh and_the_wife_of
Ḥetsrōn was_'Avīy^{yāh} and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM
Ashhur the_father_of Təqō'ī.

25 And_ the_sons_of Yəraḥmə'ēl/(Jerahmeel) the_firstborn_of
Ḥetsrōn _they_were the_firstborn Rām and_Būnāh and_'Oren
and_'Otsem 'Aḥiy^{yāh}. 26 And_ a_wife another _it_became to_
_Yəraḥmə'ēl and_name_of_her was_´Aṭārāh she was_the_
_mother_of 'Ōnām. 27 And_ the_sons_of Rām the_firstborn_of
Yəraḥmə'ēl _they_were Ma´ats and_Yāmīn/(Jamin) and_´Ēqer.
28 And_ the_sons_of 'Ōnām _they_were Shammay and_
_Yādā´/(Jada) and_the_sons of_Shammay were_Nādāv and_
_'Avīshūr. 29 And_name_of the_wife_of 'Avīshūr was_'Avīhayil
and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM 'Aḥbān and_ĐOM Mōlīd.
30 And_the_sons of_Nādāv were_Ṣeled and_'Appayim and_
Ṣeled not sons _he/it_died. 31 And_the_sons of_'Appayim were_
_Yish´ī/(Ishi) and_the_sons of_Yish´ī were_Shēshān and_the_
_sons of_Shēshān were_'Aḥlay. 32 And_the_sons of_Yādā´/(Jada)
the_brother_of Shammay were_Yeter/(Jether) and_

11 RV 2:7 · Cross-ref. Josh 7:1.

12 RV 2:9 · Note In the Hebrew, 'Keluvay' is called 'Kalev' (Caleb) below.

13 LV 2:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **מָה/יִתּוֹיחַא/ו**: (x-qere) **'מָה/יִתּוֹיחַא/ו'**: lemma_c/269 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncfpc/Sp3mp id_13yP1

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Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and Yeter not sons _he/it_ _died. **33** And_the_sons of_Yōnātān were_Pelet and_Zāzā' these they_were the_sons_of Yəraḥmə'ēl. **34** And_not it_belonged to_ _Shēshān sons if/because (if) daughters and_belonged_to_ _Shēshān a_slave from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) and_ _his/its_name was_Yarḥā'/(Jarha). **35** And_ Shēshān _he/it_gave ĐOM daughter_of_his to_Yarḥā'/(Jarha) slave_of_his to/for_(a)_ _woman and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM 'Attay. **36** And_ _'Attay he_fathered ĐOM Nātān and_Nātān he_fathered ĐOM Zāvād. **37** And_Zāvād he_fathered ĐOM 'Eflāl and_'Eflāl he_ _fathered ĐOM 'Ōvēd. **38** And_'Ōvēd he_fathered ĐOM Yēhū'/(Jehu) and_Yēhū' he_fathered ĐOM 'Azar^{yāh}. **39** And_ _'Azar^{yāh} he_fathered ĐOM Ḥelets and_Ḥelets he_fathered ĐOM 'El'āsāh. **40** And_'El'āsāh he_fathered ĐOM Sismai and_Sismai he_ _fathered ĐOM Shallūm. **41** And_Shallūm he_fathered ĐOM Yəqam^{yāh}/(Jekamiah) and_Yəqam^{yāh}/(Jekamiah) he_fathered ĐOM 'Elīshā'ma.

42 And_the_sons of_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_brother_of Yəraḥmə'ēl/(Jerahmeel) were_Mesha his/its_firstborn he was_ _the_father_of Zīf and_the_sons of_Mar'ēshāh were_the_father_ _of Ḥevrōn. **43** And_the_sons of_Ḥevrōn were_Qoraḥ and_ _Tapūaḥ and_Reqem and_Shema'. **44** And_Shema' he_fathered ĐOM Raḥam the_father_of Yorqə'ām/(Jorkeam) and_Reqem he_ _fathered ĐOM Shammay. **45** And_the_son_of Shammay was_ _Ma'ōn and_Ma'ōn was_the_father_of Bēyt Tsūr/(Tsūr). **46** And_ _'Ēyfāh the_concubine_of Kālēv she_bore ĐOM Ḥārān and_ĐOM Mōtsā' and_ĐOM Gāzēz and_Ḥārān he_fathered ĐOM Gāzēz. **47** And_the_sons of_Yehday/(Jahdai) were_Regem and_ _Yōtām/(Jotham) and_Gēyshān and_Peleṭ and_'Ēyfāh and_ _Sha'af. **48** The_concubine_of Kālēv Ma'$_a$kāh he_bore Shevər and_ĐOM Tirḥ$_a$nāh. **49** And_she/it_gave_birth Sha'af the_father_ _of Madmannāh ĐOM Shəvā' the_father_of Makbēnā'h and_ _father_of Giv'ā' and_was_the_daughter_of Kālēv 'Akşāh. **50** These the_descendants_of Kālēv the_son_of Ḥūr the_ _firstborn_of 'Efrāt they_were was_Shōvāl the_father_of Qiryat. **51** Salmā' the_father_of Bēyt- lehem Ḥārēf the_father_of Bēyt-Gādēr. **52** And_ sons to_Shōvāl the_father_of Qiryat _they_were Hāro'ēh[14] (the)_half_of (the)_Menuchite[s]. **53** And_the_clans_ _of Qiryat the_Yitrī/(Ithrite)[s] and_the_Puthite[s] and_the_ _Shumathite[s] and_the_Mishraite[s] from_these the_ _Zorathite[s] and_the_Eshtaolite[s] they_came_forth. **54** The_ _sons_of Salmā' were_Bēyt- lehem and_the_Nəṭofātī[s] 'Aṭrōt_ _Bēyt- Yō'āv/(Joab) 'Aṭrōt_Bēyt- and_(the)_half_of the_ _Mānaḥatite[s] the_Zorite[s]. **55** And_the_clans_of the_ _Sophrites who_were_dwelling_of[15] of_Ya'bēts/(Jabez) were_ _the_Tir'ātī the_Shim'ā'thites the_Sūkātī they were_the_Qēynīs the_(ones_who)_went from_Ḥammat the_father_of Bēyt_of Rēkāv.

3:1 And_these they_were the_sons_of Dāvid[18] whom it_was_ _born to_him/it in_Ḥevrōn the_firstborn was_Amnon of_ _'Aḥīno'am the_Jezreelite_woman second was_Dāniyy'ēl of_ _'Avīgayil the_Karməlī/(Carmelite)_woman. **2** The_third was_

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and Zaza.
Those were the descendants of Yerahme'el.

34 Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. He had a male servant from Mitsrayim (Egypt) whose name was Yarha, **35** and Sheshan gave his daughter to him for a wife, and they had a son Atay. **36** Atay was the father of Natan (Nathan), and Natan was the father of Zavad. **37** Zavad was the father of Eflal, and Eflal was the father of Oved. **38** Oved was the father of Yehu (Jehu), and Yehu was the father of Azaryah. **39** Azaryah was the father of Helets, and Helets was the father of Eleasah. **40** Eleasah was the father of Sismay, and Sismay was the father of Shalum. **41** Shalum was the father of Yekamyah, and Yekamyah was the father of Elishama.

The other descendants of Kalev

42 The oldest son of Yerahme'el's brother Kalev (Caleb) was Meysha. Meysha was the father of Zif, and Zif was the father of Mareshah. Mareshah was the father of Hevron. **43** Hevron's sons were Korah, Tapuah, Rekem, and Shema. **44** Shema was the father of Raham. Raham was the father of Yarekeam. Rekem was the father of Shamay. **45** Shamay's son was Maeon, and Maeon was the father of Beyt-Tsur. **46** Kalev had a slave-wife named Eyfah who gave birth to Haran, Motsa, and Gazez. Haran had a son who he also named Gazez. **47** Yehday's sons were: Regem, Yotam (Jotham), Geyshan, Pelet, Eyfah, and Sha'af.

48 Kalev had another slave-wife named Ma'akah who gave birth to Shever and Tirhanah. **49** She also gave birth to Sha'af (the father of Madmanah), Sheva (father of Makbena and Givea), and Kalev's daughter Aksah.

50 These people were also descendants of Kalev: His other wife Efratah had a son Hur. Hur's sons were Shoval (founder of Kiryat-Yearim city), **51** Salma (founder of Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)), and Haref (founder of Beyt-Gader). **52** The descendants of Shoval (founder of Kiryat-Yearim) were Haroeh, half of the Manahatim, **53** and the clans from Kiryat-Yearim: the Yitrim, the Putim, the Shumatim, and the Mishraim. From those came the Tsor'atim and Eshtaolim. **54** Salma's descendants were the people of Beyt-Lehem, the Netofatim, the clan of Atrot-Beyt-Yo'av, and half of the Manahatim, who were also Tsor'im. **55** The clans of the scribes lived at Yaebets: the Tiratim, the Shimeatim, and the Sukatim. These are the Keynim who descended from Hamat, the ancestor of Rekav's family.

King David's children

3:1 These were David's sons who were born to him in Hevron: the first was Amnon by Ahinoam the Yizre'eli, the second Daniyel by Avigayil the

14 LV 2:52 · Note OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as הָאֹר/ה

15 LV 2:55 · Note OSHB variant note: ובשי: (x-qere) יָבְשִׁי: lemma_3427 morph_HVqrmpc id_13xKf יָבְשִׁי

18 LV 3:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Karmeli, 2 the third Avshalom (Absalom), the son of Ma'akah (daughter of King Talmay of Geshur), the fourth Adoniyah, the son of Hagit, 3 the fifth Shefatyah by Avital, the sixth Yitream by his wife Eglah.
4 Six were born to David in Hevron where he reigned for seven and a half years.[16]

Then he reigned in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for thirty-three years 5 and these were born to him there: Bat-Shua (also known as Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba), daughter of Amiyel)[17] gave birth to four sons: Shimea, Shovav, Natan (Nathan), and Shelomoh (Solomon). 6 Other sons were Yavehar, Elishama, Elifelet, 7 Nogah, Nefeg, Yafia, 8 Elishama, Elyada, and Elifelet. (Nine in all.)
9 David also had sons from his slave-wives. Their sister was Tamar.

Descendants of King Shelomoh (Solomon)

10 Shelomoh (Solomon) had a son Rehav'am (Rehoboam), he had a son Aviyah, he had a son Asa, he had a son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat), 11 he had a son Yoram (Joram), he had a son Ahazyah, he had a son Yoash, 12 he had a son Amatsyah, he had a son Azaryah, he had a son Yotam (Jotham), 13 he had a son Ahaz, he had a son Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), he had a son Menasheh (Manasseh), 14 he had a son Amon, and he had a son Yoshiyah (Josiah). 15 Yoshiyah had four sons: The oldest was Yohanan, second was Yehoyakim, third was Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), and the fourth was Shalum. 16 Yehoyakim had a son Yekaneyah, and he had a son Tsidkiyah.

Descendants of King Yekaneyah

17 Yekaneyah was captured and taken to Bavel (Babylon). His sons were Shealtiyel, 18 Malkiram, Pedayah, Shenatsar, Yekamyah, Hoshama, and Nedavyah. 19 Pedayah's sons were Zerubavel and Shimei. Two of Zerubavel's sons were Meshulam and Hananyah, and their sister was Shelomot. 20 Zerubavel's five other sons were Hashuvah, Ohel, Berekyah, Hasadyah, and Yushav-Hesed. 21 Hananyah's descendants were Pelatyah, Yeshayah (Isaiah), and the sons of Refayah, of Arnan, of Ovadyah (Obadiah), and of Shekanyah.
22 Shekanyah's six descendants were Shemayah and Shemayah's sons Hatush, Yigal, Bariah, Nearyah, and Shafat. 23 Nearyah's three sons were Elyehoeynay, Hizkiyah, and Azrikam. 24 Elyehoeynay's seven sons were Hodavyah, Elyashiv, Pelayah, Akuv, Yohanan, Delayah, and Anani.

The other descendants of Yehudah (Judah)

4:1 Yehudah's (Judah's) sons were Perets, Hetsron, Karmi, Hur, and Shoval. 2 Shoval had a son Reayah, Reayah had a son Yahat, and Yahat had Ahumay and Lahad. Those were the ancestors of the Tsor'atim. 3 Yizre'el (Jezreel), Yishma, and Yidbas started the clans that lived in Eytam city, and they had a sister named Hatslelponi. 4 Hur was the first son born to his mother Efratah, and

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_(to)_'Avīshālōm the_son_of Ma'ₐkāh the_daughter_of Talmay the_king_of Gəshūr the_fourth was_'Adoniyʸᵃʰ the_son_of Ḥaggit. 3 The_fifth was_Shəfaṭʸᵃʰ of_'Avīṭal the_sixth was_ _Yitrə'ām/(Ithream) of_'Eglāh his/its_wife/woman. 4 Six_sons it_was_born to_him/it in_Ḥevrōn and_he_reigned there seven years and_six months and_thirty and_three year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 5 And_these they_were_born to_ _him/it in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Shim'ā' and_Shōvāv and_ _Nātān and_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) four to_Bath- shū'a the_ _daughter_of 'Ammiyʾᵉˡ. 6 And_Yāvəḥar/(Ibhar) and_'Elīshā'ma and_'Elīfeleṭ. 7 And_Nogah and_Nefeg and_Yāfī'a/(Japhia). 8 And_'Elīshā'ma and_'Elyādā' and_'Elīfeleṭ nine. 9 All_of the_ _sons_of Dāvid (from)_besides_of sons_of concubines and_ _Tāmār sister_of_was_their.

10 And_the_son_of Shəlomoh was_Rəḥav'ām was_'Aviyʸᵃʰ son_ _of_his was_'Āṣā' son_of_his was_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) his/its_son. 11 Was_Yəhōrām/(Joram) his/its_son was_'Aḥazʸᵃʰ son_of_his was_Yō'āsh/(Joash) his/its_son. 12 Was_'Amatsʸᵃʰ son_of_his was_'Azarʸᵃʰ son_of_his was_Yōtām/(Jotham) his/its_son. 13 Was_'Āḥāz his/its_son was_Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ son_of_his was_Mənashsheh son_of_his. 14 Was_'Āmōn his/its_son was_ _Yo'shiyʸᵃʰ/(Josiah) son_of_his. 15 And_the_sons of_Yo'shiyʸᵃʰ the_firstborn was_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_second was_ _Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_third was_Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) the_fourth was_Shallūm. 16 And_the_sons of_Yəhōyāqīm was_ _Yəkonʸᵃʰ/(Jeconiah) son_of_his was_Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ son_of_his.

17 And_the_sons of_Yəkonʸᵃʰ a_prisoner were_Shə'altiyʾᵉˡ his/its_son. 18 And_Malkiram and_Pədāʸᵃʰ and_Shen'atstsar Yəqamʸᵃʰ/(Jekamiah) Hōshāmā' and_Nədavʸᵃʰ. 19 And_the_ _sons of_Pədāʸᵃʰ were_Zərubāvel and_Shim'ī and_the_son_of Zərubāvel was_Məshullām and_Ḥₐnanʸᵃʰ and_was_Shəlomīt sister_of_their. 20 And_Ḥₐshuvāh and_'Ohel and_Berekʸᵃʰ and_ _Ḥₐṣadʸᵃʰ Yūshav/(Jushab)- Ḥeṣed five. 21 And_the_son_of Ḥₐnanʸᵃʰ was_Pəlaṭʸᵃʰ and_Yəsha'ʸᵃʰ/(Jeshaiah) the_sons_of Rəfāʸᵃʰ the_sons_of 'Arnān the_sons_of 'Ovadʸᵃʰ the_sons_of Shəkanʸᵃʰ. 22 And_the_sons of_Shəkanʸᵃʰ were_Shəma'ʸᵃʰ and_ _the_sons of_Shəma'ʸᵃʰ were_Ḥaṭṭūsh and_Yig'āl/(Igal) and_ _Bārīaḥ and_Nə'arʸᵃʰ and_Shāfāṭ six. 23 And_the_son_of Nə'arʸᵃʰ was_'Elyəhō'ēynay and_Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ and_'Azrīqām three. 24 And_the_sons of_'Elyəhō'ēynay were_Hōdavʸᵃʰ[19] and_ _'Elyāshiyv and_Pəlāʸᵃʰ and_'Aqqūv and_Yōḥānān and_Dəlāʸᵃʰ and_'Anānī seven.

4:1 The_sons_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_Perets Ḥetsrōn and_ _Karmī/(Carmi) and_Ḥūr and_Shōvāl. 2 And_Rə'āʸᵃʰ the_son_of Shōvāl he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Yaḥat/(Jahath) and_Yaḥat he_fathered ~~DOM~~ 'Aḥūmay and_~~DOM~~ Lahad these were_the_clans_of the_ _Zorathite[s]. 3 And_these were_the_father_of 'Ēyṭām Yizrə'ʾᵉˡ/(Jezreel) and_Yishmā'/(Ishma) and_Yidbās/(Idbash) and_name_of their_sister_of_their was_Hazelelponi. 4 And_ _Pənūʾᵉˡ was_the_father_of Gədor and_'Ēzer was_the_father_of

16 RV 3:4 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 5:4-5; 1Ki 2:11; 1Ch 29:27.

17 RV 3:5 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 11:3.

19 LV 3:24 · Note OSHB variant note: והוידה: (x-qere) 'וּהֲיָודוֹה': lemma_1938 n_0.0.0.3 morph_HNp id_13Gjw וּהֲיָודוֹה

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Ḥūshāh these were_the_descendants_of Ḥūr the_firstborn_of
'Efrāt the_father_of Bēyt- lehem. **5** And_to_Ashhur the_father_
_of Təqṓī two_of wives Ḥel'āh and_Na'ₐrāh they_belonged.
6 And_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it Na'ₐrāh ᴅᴏᴍ 'Aḥuzzām and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥēfer and_ᴅᴏᴍ Tēymənī and_ᴅᴏᴍ Hā'ₐḥashtārī these
were_the_sons_of Na'ₐrāh. **7** And_the_sons of_Ḥel'āh were_
_Tseret/(Zereth) and_Zohar[21] 'Etnan. **8** And_thorn he_fathered
ᴅᴏᴍ ʻĀnūv and_ᴅᴏᴍ Hazzobebah and_the_clans_of 'Aḥarḥēl
the_son_of Hārum. **9** And_he/it_was Ya'bēts/(Jabez) honoured
more_than_of_his_brothers and_mother_of_his she_had_called
his/its_name Ya'bēts to_say if/because I_gave_birth in_pain.
10 And_ Ya'bēts _he/it_called to_the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_
say if really(bless) you_will_bless_me and_you_will_increase
ᴅᴏᴍ territory_of_my and_it_will_be hand_of_your with_me
and_you_will_act from_harm to_not to_hurt_me and_ god _
_he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_had_asked_for. **11** And_
_Kəlūv the_brother_of Shūḥāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Məḥīr he was_
_the_father_of 'Eshtōn. **12** And_'Eshtōn he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Bēyt-
Rāfā' and_ᴅᴏᴍ Pāṣēaḥ and_ᴅᴏᴍ Təḥinnāh the_father_of ʻĪr
Nāḥāsh these were_the_men_of Rēkāh. **13** And_the_sons of_
_Qənaz were_ʻOtnī'ēl and_Sərāyāh and_the_sons of_ʻOtnī'ēl were_
_Ḥₐtat. **14** And_Mə'ōnotay he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʻOfrāh and_Sərāyāh
he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Yō'āv/(Joab) the_father_of Ge if/because
craftsmen they_were. **15** And_the_sons of_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_
_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) was_Iru 'Ēlāh and_Na'am and_
_the_sons of_'Ēlāh and_Qənaz. **16** And_the_sons of_
_Yəhallel'ēl/(Jehallelel) were_Zīf and_Zīfāh Tiryā' and_'Asar'ēl.
17 And_the_son_of Ezrah was_Yeter/(Jether) and_Mered and_
_ʻĒfer and_Yālōn/(Jalon) and_she/it_conceived/became_
_pregnant ᴅᴏᴍ Miryām and_ᴅᴏᴍ Shammay and_ᴅᴏᴍ
Yishbaḥ/(Ishbah) the_father_of 'Eshtəmo'a. **18** And_his/its_
_woman/wife (the)_Yəhūdī/(Judean) she_bore ᴅᴏᴍ
Yered/(Jared) the_father_of Gədor and_ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥevʿer the_father_
_of Sōkoh and_ᴅᴏᴍ Yəqūtī'ēl/(Jekuthiel) the_father_of Zānōaḥ
and_these were_the_sons_of Bityāh the_daughter_of Par'oh
whom Mered he_had_taken. **19** And_the_sons of_the_wife_of of_
_Hodiah the_sister_of Naḥam were_the_father_of Qə'īlāh (the)_
Garmī and'Eshtəmo'a the_Ma'ₐkāhite. **20** And_the_sons of_
_Shimōn were_Amnon Rinnāh Ben- Ḥānān and[22] and_the_sons
of_Yish'ī/(Ishi) were_Zōḥēt and_Ben- zōḥēt.

21 The_sons_of Shēlāh the_son_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_ʻĒr
the_father_of Lēkāh and_La'dāh the_father_of Mar'ēshāh and_
_the_clans_of the_house_of the_work_of (the)_fine_linen of_
_the_house_of of_'Eshbē'a. **22** And_Yōqīm/(Jokim) and_the_
_men_of Kozāvā'/(Cozeba) and_Yō'āsh/(Joash) and_Sārāf who
they_ruled to_Mō'āv and_returned_to_Leḥem returned_to_
_Leḥem and_the_words/messages are_ancient. **23** They were_
_the_potters and_the_inhabitants_of Nəṭā'īm and_Gədērāh with
the_king in_service_of_his they_dwelt there.

24 The_descendants_of Shim'ōn were_Nəmū'ēl and_
_Yāmīn/(Jamin) Yārīv/(Jarib) Zeraḥ Shā'ūl/(Saul). **25** Shallūm
his/its_son Mivsām his/its_son Mishmā' his/its_son. **26** And_

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he founded Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) city. Hur had these descendants: Penuel and Ezer. Penuel started the clans that lived in Gedor city, and Ezer started the clans that lived in Hushah city.
5 Hetsron's son Ashur (Assyria), the father of Tekoa, had two wives, Helah and Na'arah, **6** and Na'arah bore him Ahuzam, Hefer, Teymeni, and Ha'ahashtari. **7** Ashur and his wife Helah's sons were Tseret, Yitshar, Etnan, **8** and Kots. Kots was the father of Anuv and Tsovevah, and the ancestor of the clans descended from Harum's son Aharhel.

9 Yaebets was more respected than his brothers. His mother had named him Yaebets (which sounds like the word meaning 'pain'), saying, "It's because I bore him in pain." **10** Yaebets called out to Yisrael's (Israel's) god, saying, "Oh, please give me a real blessing, and help me and enlarge my territory, and don't do anything to harm me, so that I won't be in pain." And God did what Yaebets requested.

11 Another of Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants was Shuhah. His brother Keluv was the father of Mehir. Mehir was the father of Eshton. **12** Eshton was the father of Beyt-Rafa, Paseah, and Tehinah. Tehinah founded Nahash city, but lived in Rekah.

13 Kenaz's sons were Otniel and Serayah. And Otniel's sons were Hatat and Me'onotay.[20] **14** Me'onotay had a son Ofrah, and Serayah fathered Yoav (Joab), the founder of Craftsmen's Valley, because they were craftsmen.

15 The sons of Kalev (Caleb) (Yefuneh's son) were Iru, Elah, and Na'am, and Elah's son was Kenaz.

16 Yehalel'el's sons were Zif, Zifah, Tirya, and Asarel.

17 Ezra's sons were Yeter, Mered, Efer, and Yalon. And Mered's wife Bityah conceived Miryam (Miriam), Shamay, and Yishbah, the father of Eshtemoa. **18** She was one of Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughters. Mered's wife, who was a descendant of Yehudah (Judah), gave birth to Yered (Jared) the father of Gedor, Hever the father of Sokoh, and Yekutiel the father of Zanoah. **19** The sons of Hodiyah's wife (Naham's sister) were the father of Ke'ilah the Garmi and the father of Eshtemoa the Ma'akati.

20 Shim'on's sons were Amnon, Rinah, Ben-Hanan, and Tulon. Yishei's sons were Zohet and Ben-Zohet.

Shelah's descendants

21 The sons of Shela (one of Yehudah's (Judah's) sons) were Er (father of Lekah), Laedah (father of Mareshah and the clans who worked with linen at Beyt-Eshbea), **22** Yokim and the men of Kozava, and Yoash and Saraf, who ruled in Moav (Moab) and Yashuvi-Lehem. (All this is from ancient records.) **23** They were the potters who lived in Netaeim and Gederah—they lived there and worked for the king.

The descendants of Shim'on (Simeon)

24 Shim'on's (Simeon's) sons were Nemuel, Yamin, Yariv, Zerah, and Shaul.

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20 **RV 4:13 · Note** Not in the Hebrew, but 'sons' was plural, so it seems that it may have been accidentally dropped out of the text.

21 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רחצי**: (x-qere) 'רַחְצִ֖י': lemma_c/6714 n_0.0 morph_HC/Np id_13aWe **רַחְצִ֖י/ו**

22 **LV 4:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וולות/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְוֹלִ֣ית/ו': lemma_c/8436 n_1 morph_HC/Np id_134i9 **וְוֹלִ֣ית/ו**

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25 Shaul's son was Shalum. Shalum's son was Mivsam. Mivsam's son was Mishma. 26 The following were Mishma's descendants: Mishma's son was Hamuel. Hamuel's son was Zakur. Zakur's son was Shimei. 27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters, but none of his brothers had many children, so Shim'on's descendants were never as numerous as those of his younger brother Yehudah (Judah).

28 Shim'on's descendants lived in these cities and towns: Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba), Moladah, Hatsar-Shual,[23] 29 Bilhah, Etsem, Tolad, 30 Betuel, Hormah, Tsiklag, 31 Beyt-Hamarkavot, Hatsar-Susim, Beyt-Biri, and Sha'arayim. They lived in those places until David became king. 32 They also lived in five villages: Eytam, Ayin, Rimon, Token, and Ashan, 33 and all the villages around these towns as far as Ba'al. Those were their settlements, and they kept their genealogical records.

34 Their clan leaders were Meshovav, Yamlek, Yoshah the son of Amatsyah, 35 Yoel (Joel), Yehu (Jehu) the son of Yoshivyah, the son of Serayah, the son of Asiyel, 36 as well as Elyehoeynay, Ya'akovah, Yeshohayah, Asayah, Adiel, Yeshimael, Benayah, 37 and Ziza the son of Shifei, the son of Alon, the son of Yedayah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemayah. 38 Those who are named above were the leaders of their clans, and their extended families increased greatly in number, 39 and they went to the entrance of Gedor (to the east of the valley) in search of pasture for their flocks. 40 They found good, fertile pasture, and the land was wide, and quiet and peaceful, because Ham's descendants had lived there previously.

41 Those listed by name went there in the days of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) and struck down the tents of the Meunim who were found there. They completely annihilated them (to this day), and they lived there in their place because there was pasture for their flocks there. 42 Then five hundred of their men who were descendants of Shim'on (Simeon) went to Mt. Se'ir, led by Yishei's sons Pelatyah, Nearyah, Refayah, and Uziel. 43 They also struck down the rest of the Amalekim who escaped, and they've lived there to this day.

Re'uven's descendants

5:1 Re'uven was the first child born to Yisrael (Israel) (also known as Ya'akov (Jacob)), but when he had sex with one of his father's slave-wives, his birthright was given to the sons of Yosef (Joseph), another one of Yisrael's sons. So Re'uven wasn't recorded as inheriting the birthright, 2 and although Yehudah (Judah) was stronger than his other brothers and would be the son to produce a ruler, the birthright went to Yosef.[25] 3 The sons of Yisrael's eldest son Re'uven were Hanok, Palu, Hetsron, and Karmi.

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_the_sons of_Mishmā´ were_Ḥammū'ēl his/its_son Zakkūr his/its_son Shim'ī son_of_his. 27 And_belonged_to_Shim'ī sons six- teen and_daughters six and_to_brothers_of_his there_ _belonged_not sons many and_all/each/any/every clan_of_ _their not they_increased up_to the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh. 28 And_they_lived in_Bə'ēr- seven and_Mōlādāh and_ Ḥatsar- shū´āl. 29 And_in_Bilhāh and_in_´Etsem and_in_Tōlā´d. 30 And_ _in_Bətū'ēl and_in_Ḥormāh and_in_Tsiqlag/(Ziklag). 31 And_in_ _Bēyt- hammarkāvōt and_in_ Ḥatsar- şūşīm and_in_Bēyt- bir'ī and_in_Sha´arayim these cities_of_were_their until Dāvid reigned. 32 And_villages_of_their were_´Ēyṭām and_´Ayin Rimmōn and_Token and_´Āshān cities five. 33 And_all villages_ _of_their which were_around_of the_cities the_these to Ba´al this dwelling_places_of_was_their and_their_genealogical_ _enrolment to/for_them. 34 And_Məshōvāv and_ _Yamlēk/(Jamlech) and_Yōshāh/(Joshah) the_son_of 'Amatsyāh. 35 And_Yō'ēl/(Joel) and_Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_son_of Yōshivyāh/(Joshibiah) the_son_of Sərāyāh the_son_of ´Asiy'ēl. 36 And_'Elyəhō´ēynay and_Ya´aqovāh/(Jaakobah) and_ _Yəshōḥāyāh/(Jeshohaiah) and_´Asāyāh and_´Adī'ēl and_ _Yəshimā'ēl/(Jesimiel) and_Bənāyāh. 37 And_Zīzā' the_son_of Shif'ī the_son_of 'Allōn the_son_of Yəda´yāh/(Jedaiah) the_son_ _of Shimrī the_son_of Shəma´yāh. 38 These the_(ones_who)_ _went by_names were_leaders in_clans_of_their and_the_ _house_of their_ancestors_of_their they_spread_out to_ _abundance. 39 And_they_went to_the_entrance_of Gədor to to_the_east_of the_valley to_seek pasture for_flock[s]_of_their. 40 And_they_found pasture fertile and_good and_the_earth was_broad_of both_sides and_at_peace and_at_ease if/because were_from Ḥām the_inhabitants there formerly_formerly. 41 And_ these who_were_written by_names _they_came in_the_ _days_of Ḥizqiyyāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_ _attacked ~~DOM~~ tents_of_their and_~~DOM~~ the[24] who they_were_ _found there_(to) and_they_totally_destroyed_them until the_ _day the_this and_they_lived in_place_of_them if/because pasture for_flock[s]_of_their was_there. 42 And_some_of_them of the_descendants_of Shim´ōn they_went to_the_mountain_of Sē´īr men five hundred(s) and_Pəlaṭyāh and_Nə´aryāh and_Rəfāyāh and_´Uzziy'ēl the_sons_of Yish'ī/(Ishi) were_at_head_of_their. 43 And_they_defeated ~~DOM~~ the_remnant_of the_escaped_ _remnant of_Amalek and_they_lived there until the_day (the)_ _this.

5:1 And_the_sons of_Rə'ūvēn the_firstborn_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because he was_the_firstborn and_when_profaned_he the_ _beds_of his/its_father birthright_of_his it_was_given to_the_ _sons_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) the_son_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not to_ _have_himself_enrolled to_birthright. 2 If/because Yəhūdāh he_was_strong among_brothers_of_his and_to_a_leader from_ _him/it and_the_birthright belonged_to_Yōşēf. 3 The_sons_of Rə'ūvēn the_firstborn_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_Ḥanōk/(Enoch) and_Pallū' Ḥetsrōn and_Karmī/(Carmi). 4 The_descendants_of Yō'ēl/(Joel) was_Shəma´yāh son_of_his was_Gōg his/its_son was_

23 **RV 4:28-33 · Cross-ref.** Josh 19:2-8.

24 **LV 4:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: הִינִיעְמִ/ה: (x-qere) הִ'נְוּעְמִ/ה: lemma_d/4586 morph_HTd/Ngmpa id_13ojQ הִ'נְוּעְמִ/ה

25 **RV 5:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 35:22; 49:3-4; Gen 49:8-10.

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_Shim´ī son_of_his. **5** Was_Mīkāh son_of_his was_Rə'āyāh son_of_
_his was_Ba´al his/its_son. **6** Was_Bə'ērāh son_of_his whom
Tiglat pil'eşer the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_took_into_exile he was_
_a_leader of_Rə'ūvēnite[s]. **7** And_relatives_of_his to_clans_of_
_his by_genealogical_enrolment to_generations_of_their were_
_the_chief Yə´ī'ēl/(Jeiel) and_Zəkaryāh. **8** And_Bela´ the_son_of
´Āzāz the_son_of Shema´ the_son_of Yō'ēl/(Joel) he was_
dwelling in´Arō´ēr and_unto Nəvō and_Ba´al- mə´ōn. **9** And_
_to_east he_dwelt to the_entrance[27] wilderness_of_(to)_the
(to)_from the_river Pərāt if/because livestock_of_their they_
_had_increased in_land of_Gil´ād. **10** And_in_the_days_of
Shā'ūl/(Saul) they_made war with the_Hagrī and_they_fell by_
_hand_of_their and_they_lived in_tents_of_their on all_of the_
_face_of the_east of_Gil´ād.

11 And_the_sons of_Gād to_before_them they_dwelt in_land of_
_(the)_Bāshān to Şalkāh. **12** Yō'ēl/(Joel) the_chief and_Shāfām
the_second and_Ya´anay/(Janai) and_Shāfāṭ were_in_Bāshān.
13 And_relatives_of_their to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_
_their were_Mīkā'ēl and_Məshullām and_Shevа´ and_
_Yōray/(Jorai) and_Jakan and_Zī´a and_´Ēvēr seven. **14** These
were_the_sons_of 'Avīhayil the_son_of Ḥūrī the_son_of
Yārōaḥ/(Jaroah) the_son_of Gil´ād the_son_of Mīkā'ēl the_son_
_of Yəshiyshāy/(Jeshishai) the_son_of Yaḥdō/(Jahdo) the_son_
_of Būz. **15** 'Aḥī the_son_of ´Avdiyel the_son_of Gūnī was_head
of_the_house_of their_fathers_of_their. **16** And_they_lived in_
_Gil´ād in_Bāshān and_in_daughters_of_its and_on/over_all
the_pasture_lands_of Shārōn on extremities_of_their. **17** Of_
_them_of_all they_had_themselves_enrolled in_the_days_of
Yōtām/(Jotham) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_the_
_days_of Yārov´ām/(Jeroboam) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

18 The_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_Gādī[s] and_the_half_
_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh from the_sons_of strength men
who_carried_of (of)_shield and_sword and_who_bent_of (of)_a_
_bow and_who_were_trained_of warfare forty and_four
thousand and_seven hundred(s) and_sixty were_going_forth_of
war. **19** And_they_made war with the_Hagrī and_Yəṭūr/(Jetur)
and_Nāfish and_Nōdāv. **20** And_they_were_helped on_them
and_they_were_given in_hand_of_their the_Hagrī and_
_all/each/any/every those_who_were_with_them if/because
to_god they_had_cried_out in_battle and_he_was_entreated
to/for_them if/because they_trusted in_him/it. **21** And_they_
_took_captive livestock_of_their camels_of_their fifty thousand
and_sheep two_hundred and_fifty thousand and_donkeys two_
_thousand and_person[s]_of humankind one_hundred
thousand. **22** If/because slain_ones many they_fell if/because
was_from_(the)_god the_battle and_they_lived in_place_of_
_them until the_exile.

23 And_the_sons of_the_half_of of_the_tribe_of of_Mənashsheh
they_dwelt on_the_earth from_Bāshān to Ba´al Ḥermōn and_
_Sənīr and_the_mountain_of Ḥermōn they they_multiplied.
24 And_these were_the_heads_of the_house_of their_fathers_

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4 Another of Re'uven's descendants was Yoel (Joel), and his son was Shemayah. Shemayah's son was Gog. Gog's son was Shimei. **5** Shimei's son was Mikah. Mikah's son was Reayah. Reayah's son was Ba'al. **6** Ba'al's son was Be'erah, who became a leader of the Re'uvenim, but the Assyrian King Tiglat-Pileser captured him and took him back to Ashur (Assyria).[26] **7** His brothers by their clans, as listed in their genealogical records: Yeiel the leader, Zekaryah (Zechariah), **8** Bela son of Azaz, son of Shema, son of Yoel. Re'uven's clan lived near the city of Aroer as far north as the cities of Nevo and Ba'al-Me'on. **9** Some of them lived further east, as far as the edge of the desert that extends to the Perat (Euphrates) River, because their livestock had multiplied back in the Gilead region. **10** (In the days of King Sha'ul (Saul), they'd battled with the Hagrim and defeated them, so then they'd lived in their tents all over eastern Gilead.)

Gad's descendants

11 Gad's descendants lived opposite them in the Bashan region as far as Salkah: **12** Yoel (Joel) was their leader, Shafam was second-in-command, others were Ya'anay and Shafat in Bashan. **13** Their cousins who were leaders of seven clans were Mika'el (Michael), Meshulam, Sheva, Yoray, Ya'akan, Ziea, and Ever. **14** Those were descendants of Avihayil, the son of Huri, the son of Yaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Mika'el, the son of Yeshishay, the son of Yahdo, the son of Buz. **15** Ahi was the son of Avdiel, the son of Guni, head of their clans. **16** Those descendants of Gad lived in towns in the Gilead and Bashan regions, and on all the pastureland throughout the Sharon Plain. **17** All of them were listed in the genealogies in the days of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yotam (Jotham) and Yisrael's (Israel's) King Yarov'am (Jeroboam).

The eastern warriors

18 There were 44,760 warriors descended from strong men in the tribes of Re'uven and Gad and the eastern half of the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh). They all carried shields and swords, and bows and arrows, and were all trained to fight in battles. **19** They went to war against the Hagrim, Yetur, Nafish, and Nodav, **20** and were helped because they called out to God in the battle. So with God answering their prayers because of their trust in him, they were able to defeat the Hagrim and their allies. **21** They captured their livestock, including 50,000 camels, 250,000 sheep, and 2,000 donkeys, as well as 100,000 people, **22** because many were killed as a result of God's assistance. Then they lived in that area until the exile.

Menasheh's descendants

23 The descendants of the half tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh) lived in the Bashan region as far as Ba'al-Hermon and Senir, and Mt. Hermon, and

26 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:29.

27 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as אֹ֣הֶל

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they increased in number. **24** Their clan leaders were Efer, Yishei, Eliel, Azriel, Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), Hodavyah, and Yahdiyel. They were all powerful and famous warriors, and leaders of their clans.

The exile of the eastern tribes

25 But they disobeyed their ancestors' god, and they prostituted themselves to the gods of the peoples that God had destroyed ahead of them in that region. **26** So Yisrael's (Israel's) god stirred up the spirit of the Assyrian King Pul[28] (also known as Tiglat-Pileser).[29] He took them into exile—that is, the Re'uvenim, the Gadim, and the half tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh). Then he took them to Halah, Havor, Hara, and the river of Gozan (where they still are to this day).[30]

Levi's descendants

6:1 Levi's sons were Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari.

2 Kohat's sons were Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel.

3 Amram's children were Miryam (Miriam), Aharon (Aaron), and Mosheh (Moses).

Aharon's sons were Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar.

4 Eleazar was the father of Pinhas, and Pinhas was the father of Avishua. **5** Avishua was the father of Buki, and Buki was the father of Uzi. **6** Uzi was the father of Zerahyah, and Zerahyah was the father of Merayot. **7** Merayot fathered Amaryah, and Amaryah fathered Ahituv. **8** Ahituv was the father of Tsadok, and Tsadok was the father of Ahima'ats. **9** Ahima'ats was the father of Azaryah, and Azaryah was the father of Yohanan. **10** Yohanan was the father of Azaryah. Azaryah was a priest in the temple that Shelomoh (Solomon) built in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **11** Azaryah was the father of Amaryah, and Amaryah was the father of Ahituv. **12** Ahituv was the father of Tsadok, and Tsadok was the father of Shalum. **13** Shalum was the father of Hilkiyah, and Hilkiyah was the father of Azaryah. **14** Azaryah was the fa-

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_of_their and_ʻĒfer and_Yishʻī/(Ishi) and_ʼElīʼēl and_ʻAzrīʼēl and_ _Yirməʸāh/(Jeremiah) and_Hōdavʸāh and_Yaḥdiyʼēl/(Jahdiel) men mighty_of strength men_of names heads of_the_house_of their_fathers_of_their.

25 And_they_acted_unfaithfully against_the_god_of their_ _ancestors_of_their and_they_played_the_prostitute after the_ _gods_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land which god he_had_ _destroyed from_before_of_them. **26** And_ the_god_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) _he_stirred_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_spirit_of Pūl the_king_ _of ʼAshshūr and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_spirit_of Tiglat pilʼeṣer the_king_of ʼAshshūr and_he_took_them_into_exile to_Rəʼūvēnite[s] and_ _to_Gādī[s] and_to_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh and_ _he/it_brought_them to_Ḥalaḥ and_Ḥāvōr and_Hārāʼ and_the_ _river_of Gōzān until the_day (the)_this.

27 **31** The_sons_of Lēvī were_Gērəshōn Qəhāt and_Mərārī. **28** **32** And_the_sons of_Qəhāt were_ʻAmrām Yitshār/(Izhar) and_ _Ḥevrōn and_ʻUzziyʼēl. **29** **33** And_the_sons of_ʻAmrām were_ _ʼAhₐron and_Mosheh and_Miryām and_the_sons of_ʼAhₐron were_Nādāv and_ʼAvīhūʼ ʼElʻāzār and_ʼĪtāmār. **30** **34** ʼElʻāzār he_ _fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Pinḥāṣ Pinḥāṣ he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAvīshūʻa. **31** **35** And_ʼAvīshūʻa he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Buqqiy and_Buqqiy he_ _fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʻUzziy. **32** **36** And_ʻUzziy he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Zəraḥʸāh and_Zəraḥʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Mərāyōt. **33** **37** Mərāyōt he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAmarʸāh and_ʼAmarʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAḥīṭūv. **34** **38** And_ʼAḥīṭūv he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_Tsādōq he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAḥīmaʻats. **35** **39** And_ʼAḥīmaʻats he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʻAzarʸāh and_ʻAzarʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Yōḥānān/(Johanan). **36** **40** And_Yōḥānān he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʻAzarʸāh he was_the_one_who he_served_as_a_priest in_house which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_built in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **37** **41** And_ ʻAzarʸāh _he/it_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAmarʸāh and_ʼAmarʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAḥīṭūv. **38** **42** And_ʼAḥīṭūv he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Tsādōq and_Tsādōq he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Shallūm. **39** **43** And_Shallūm he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥilqiyʸāh and_Ḥilqiyʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʻAzarʸāh. **40** **44** And_ʻAzarʸāh he_ _fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Sərāʸāh and_Sərāʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ

28 **RV 5:26 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:19.
29 **RV 5:26 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:29.
30 **RV 5:26 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 17:6.
31 **LV 5:27 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.1
32 **LV 5:28 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.2
33 **LV 5:29 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.3
34 **LV 5:30 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.4
35 **LV 5:31 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.5
36 **LV 5:32 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.6
37 **LV 5:33 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.7
38 **LV 5:34 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.8
39 **LV 5:35 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.9
40 **LV 5:36 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.10
41 **LV 5:37 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.11
42 **LV 5:38 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.12
43 **LV 5:39 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.13
44 **LV 5:40 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.14

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Yəhōtsādāq/(Jehozadak). **41** [45] And_Yəhōtsādāq he_went when_ **YHWH** _sent_into_exile ~~DOM~~ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_the_hand_of Nebuchadnezzar.

6:1 [47] The_sons_of Lēvī were_Gērəshom Qəhāt and_Mərārī. **2** [48] And_these are_the_names_of the_sons_of Gērəshom Livnī and_ _Shim'ī. **3** [49] And_the_sons of_Qəhāt were_'Amrām and_ _Yitshār/(Izhar) and_Ḥevrōn and_'Uzziy'ēl. **4** [50] The_sons_of Mərārī were_Maḥlī and_Mūshiy and_these are_the_clans_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] to_ancestors_of_their. **5** [51] Of_Gērəshom Livnī son_of_his Yaḥat/(Jahath) his/its_son Zimmāh son_of_his. **6** [52] Yō'āḥ/(Joah) his/its_son 'Iddō son_of_his Zeraḥ his/its_son Jeatherai his/its_son. **7** [53] The_sons_of Qəhāt were_ _'Amminādāv his/its_son Qoraḥ his/its_son 'Aṣṣir his/its_son. **8** [54] 'Elqānāh son_of_his and_'Evyāṣāf his/its_son and_'Aṣṣir his/its_son. **9** [55] Taḥat his/its_son 'Ūrī'ēl his/its_son 'Uzziy^{yāh} son_of_his and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) his/its_son. **10** [56] And_the_sons of_'Elqānāh were_'Amāsā'i and_Ahimoth. **11** [57] 'Elqānāh mmm[58] 'Elqānāh Zophai his/its_son and_Naḥat his/its_son. **12** [59] 'Eli'āv his/its_son Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) his/its_son 'Elqānāh son_of_ _his. **13** [60] And_the_sons of_Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) was_the_ _firstborn Vashni and_'Aviy^{yāh}. **14** [61] The_sons_of Mərārī were_ _Maḥlī Livnī son_of_his Shim'ī son_of_his 'Uzzā' son_of_his. **15** [62] Shim'ā' son_of_his Haggiah son_of_his 'Asā^{yāh} son_of_his.

16 [63] And_these are_those_whom Dāvid he_appointed over the_ _hands_of song the_house_of **YHWH** from_the_rest_of the_box. **17** [64] And_they_were serving to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_tabernacle_of the_tent_of meeting with_song

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ther of Serayah, and Serayah was the father of Yehotsadak.

15 Yehotsadak was included when Yahweh sent Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) to take Yehudah (Judah) (which includes Yerushalem) into exile.

Levi's other descendants

16 Levi's sons were Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari.[46] **17** The names of Gereshon's sons were Livni and Shimei. **18** Kohat's sons were Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel. **19** Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi.

Here's a list of Levi's descendants who became leaders of their clans:

20 Gereshon's oldest son was Livni, Livni's son was Yahat, and Yahat's son was Zimah. **21** Zimah's son was Yoah, Yoah's son was Ido, Ido's son was Zerah, and Zerah's son was Ye'eteray.

22 Another line of Kohat's descendants started with his son Aminadav. Aminadav's son was Korah. Korah's son was Asir. **23** Asir's son was Elkanah. Elkanah's son was Evyasaf. Evyasaf's son was Asir. **24** Asir's son was Tahat. Tahat's son was Uriel. Uriel's son was Uziyah. Uziyah's son was Shaul.

25 Elkanah's sons were Amasay, Ahimot, **26** and a son also named Elkanah. Elkanah's son was Tsuf. Tsuf's son was Nahat. **27** Nahat's son was Eliav. Eliav's son was Yeroham. Yeroham's son was Elkanah.

28 Shmuel (Samuel) had sons: his oldest son Yoel (Joel) and his other son Aviyah.

29 Merari's descendants started with Mahli. Mahli's son was Livni. Livni's son was Shimei. Shimei's son was Uza. **30** Uza's son was Shimea. Shimea's son was Hagiyah. Hagiyah's son was Asayah.

The temple musicians · Full kingdom

31 These are the men that David put in charge of music in Yahweh's residence, after the sacred box was placed there.

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45 **LV 5:41 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.15

46 **RV 6:16-19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 6:16-19.

47 **LV 6:1 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.16

48 **LV 6:2 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.17

49 **LV 6:3 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.18

50 **LV 6:4 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.19

51 **LV 6:5 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.20

52 **LV 6:6 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.21

53 **LV 6:7 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.22

54 **LV 6:8 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.23

55 **LV 6:9 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.24

56 **LV 6:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.25

57 **LV 6:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.26

58 **LV 6:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **נב/ו**: (x-qere) **יְנֵבּ'**: lemma_1121 a n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmpc id_13cnB **יְנֵבּ**

59 **LV 6:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.27

60 **LV 6:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.28

61 **LV 6:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.29

62 **LV 6:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.30

63 **LV 6:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.31

64 **LV 6:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.32

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32 They were the ones who'd ministered in the sacred tent (also called 'the meeting tent') with music until Shelomoh (Solomon) built the temple in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). They performed their duties according to their instructions.

33 Here's a list of the musicians and their sons:

From Kohat's descendants there was Heyman, the leader of the singers.

Heyman was Yoel's (Joel's) son.
Yoel was Shmuel's (Samuel's) son.
34 Shmuel was Elkanah's son.
Elkanah was Yeroham's son.
Yeroham was Eliel's son.
Eliel was Toah's son.
35 Toah was Tsuf's son.
Tsuf was Elkanah's son.
Elkanah was Mahat's son.
Mahat was Amasay's son.
36 Amasay was Elkanah's son.
Elkanah was Yoel's (Joel's) son.
Yoel was Azaryah's son.
Azaryah was Tsefanyah's (Zephaniah's) son.
37 Tsefanyah was Tahat's son.
Tahat was Asir's son.
Asir was Evyasaf's son.
Evyasaf was Korah's son.
38 Korah was Yitshar's son.
Yitshar was Kohat's son.
Kohat was Levi's son.

Levi was the son of Ya'akov (Jacob) (or Ya'akov, who was later named Yisrael (Israel)/Yisrael).

39 Heyman's cousin Asaf's group stood to the right. Asaf was

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until Shəlomoh/(Solomon) built ~~DOM~~ the_house_of **YHWH** in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_stood according_to_of_ _their_custom on service_of_their. **18** **65** And_these were_the_ _ones_who_stood and_descendants_of_their from_(the)_sons of_the_Qəhātite[s] Hēymān the_singer the_son_of Yō'ēl/(Joel) the_son_of Shəmū'ēl. **19** **66** The_son_of 'Elqānāh the_son_of Yəroḥām the_son_of 'Elī'ēl the_son_of Toah. **20** **67** The_son_of Tsūf/(Zuph)**68** the_son_of 'Elqānāh the_son_of Maḥat the_son_ _of ʿAmāsā'i. **21** **69** The_son_of 'Elqānāh the_son_of Yō'ēl/(Joel) the_son_of ʿAzar^{yāh} the_son_of Tsəfan^{yāh}/(Zephaniah). **22** **70** The_son_of Taḥat the_son_of 'Aşşir the_son_of 'Evyāşāf the_ _son_of Qoraḥ. **23** **71** The_son_of Yitshār/(Izhar) the_son_of Qəhāt the_son_of Lēvī the_son_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** **72** And_ _relative_of_his 'Āşāf was_the_one_who_stood at hand_of_his_ _right 'Āşāf was_the_son_of Berek^{yāh} the_son_of Shimʿā'. **25** **73** The_son_of Mīkā'ēl the_son_of Baaseiah the_son_of Malkīy^{yāh}. **26** **74** The_son_of Ethni the_son_of Zeraḥ the_son_of ʿAdā^{yāh}. **27** **75** The_son_of 'Ēytān the_son_of Zimmāh the_son_of Shimʿī. **28** **76** The_son_of Yaḥat/(Jahath) the_son_of Gērəshom the_son_ _of Lēvī. **29** **77** And_the_sons of_Mərārī relatives_of_their were_ _at the_left_hand 'Ēytān the_son_of Kishi the_son_of ʿAvdiy the_son_of Mallūk. **30** **78** The_son_of Ḫ$_a$shav^{yāh} the_son_of 'Amats^{yāh} the_son_of Ḫilqiy^{yāh}. **31** **79** The_son_of Amzi the_son_ _of Bānī the_son_of Shemer. **32** **80** The_son_of Maḥlī the_son_of Mūshiy the_son_of Mərārī the_son_of Lēvī. **33** **81** And_relatives_ _of_their the_Lēviyyiy were_assigned to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_service_of the_tabernacle_of the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm. **34** **82** And_'Ah$_a$ron and_descendants_of_ _his were_making_smoke on the_altar_of the_burnt_offering and_on the_altar_of the_incense to_all/each/any/every the_ _work_of the_holy_place_of the_holy_places and_to_make_ _atonement on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_all that Mosheh the_servant_of the_'Elohīm he_had_commanded. **35** **83** And_ _these are_the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron 'Elʿāzār his/its_son

65 **LV 6:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.33
66 **LV 6:19 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.34
67 **LV 6:20 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.35
68 **LV 6:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִצְ֫הָר: (x-qere) יִצְהָ֫ר: lemma_6689 n_0.1.0 morph_HNp id_13896 יִצְהָ֫ר
69 **LV 6:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.36
70 **LV 6:22 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.37
71 **LV 6:23 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.38
72 **LV 6:24 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.39
73 **LV 6:25 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.40
74 **LV 6:26 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.41
75 **LV 6:27 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.42
76 **LV 6:28 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.43
77 **LV 6:29 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.44
78 **LV 6:30 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.45
79 **LV 6:31 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.46
80 **LV 6:32 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.47
81 **LV 6:33 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.48
82 **LV 6:34 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.49
83 **LV 6:35 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.50

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Piṇḥāṣ his/its_son ʾAvīshūʿa his/its_son. **36** [84] Buqqiy son_of_
_his ʿUzziy son_of_his Zəraḥʸᵃʰ son_of_his. **37** [85] Mərāyōt
his/its_son ʾAmarʸᵃʰ son_of_his ʾAḥīṭūv his/its_son. **38** [86]
Tsādōq/(Zadok) his/its_son ʾAḥīmaʿats his/its_son.

39 [87] And_these dwelling_places_of_were_their to_
_encampments_of_their in_territory_of_their to_the_
_descendants_of ʾAhₐron to_the_clan_of the_Qəhātite[s]
if/because to/for_them it_belonged the_lot. **40** [88] And_people_
_gave to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥevrōn in_land of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture around_of_it. **41** [89] And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_field_of the_city and_ᴅᴏᴍ villages_of_its people_gave to_
_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh). **42** [90] And_
_to_the_descendants_of ʾAhₐron people_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_cities_of
(the)_refuge ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥevrōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ Livnāh and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_
_its_pasture and_ᴅᴏᴍ Yattir/(Jattir) and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʾEshtəmoʿa and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture. **43** [91] And_ᴅᴏᴍ Hilez and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_
_of_its_pasture ᴅᴏᴍ Dəvīr and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture. **44** [92]
And_ᴅᴏᴍ ʿĀshān and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture and_ᴅᴏᴍ Bēyt
Shemesh and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture. **45** [93] And_from_the_
_tribe_of Binyāmīn ᴅᴏᴍ Gevaʿ and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture
and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʿĀlemet and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture and_ᴅᴏᴍ
ʿAnātōt and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture all_of cities_of_their

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Berekyah's son. Berekyah was Shimea's son. **40** Shimea was Mika'el's (Michael's) son. Mika'el was Ba'aseyah's son. Ba'aseyah was Malkiyah's son. **41** Malkiyah was Etni's son. Etni was Zerah's son. Zerah was Adayah's son. **42** Adayah was Eytan's son. Eytan was Zimah's son. Zimah was Shimei's son. **43** Shimei was Yahat's son. Yahat was Gereshon's son. Gereshon was Levi's son.

44 Heyman's cousin Merari's group stood to the left. Eytan was Kishi's son. Kishi was Avdi's son. Avdi was Maluk's son. **45** Maluk was Hashavyah's son. Hashavyah was Uziyah's son. Uziyah was Hilkiyah's son. **46** Hilkiyah was Amtsi's son. Amtsi was Bani's son. Bani was Shemer's son. **47** Shemer was Mahli's son. Mahli was Mushi's son. Mushi was Merari's son. Merari was Levi's son.

48 Their other Levite cousins were assigned to various ministries serving in God's residence in the sacred tent. **49** It was Aharon (Aaron) and his sons who were responsible for offering the sacrifices on the altar for burnt offerings and on the altar for incense, for all the work of the holiest place, and for making atonement for Yisrael (Israel), according to everything that God's servant Mosheh (Moses) had instructed. **50** These were Aharon's descendants: Aharon's son was Eleazar. Eleazar's son was Pinhas. Pinhas's son was Avishua. **51** Avishua's son was Buki. Buki's son was Uzi. Uzi's son was Zerahyah. **52** Zerahyah's son was Merayot. Merayot's son was Amaryah. Amaryah's son was Ahituv. **53** Ahituv's son was Tsadok, and Tsadok's son was Ahima'ats.

The Levites' settlements

54 Here's a list of places where Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants lived. Kohat's descendants were the first to be allotted property. **55** They were given the city of Hevron in Yehudah (Judah) and the surrounding pastureland, **56** except that Kalev (Caleb) received the fields farther from the city and the villages around the city. (Kalev was Yefuneh's son.) **57** Those descendants of Aharon were given Hevron (a refuge city), as well as these towns and their nearby pastureland: Livnah, Yatir, Eshtemoa, **58** Hilen, Devir, **59** Ashan, and Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis). **60** From the Benyamin tribe, they received the cities of Geva, Alemet, and Anatot and their pasturelands. Altogether those Kohatite clans received thirteen cities, **61** and the remaining Kohatite clans received ten cities from the clans of the Menasheh (Manasseh) tribe.

62 The clans of Gereshon's descendants received thirteen cities from the tribes of Yisakar (Issachar), Asher, Naftali (Naphtali),

84 **LV 6:36 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.51
85 **LV 6:37 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.52
86 **LV 6:38 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.53
87 **LV 6:39 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.54
88 **LV 6:40 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.55
89 **LV 6:41 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.56
90 **LV 6:42 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.57
91 **LV 6:43 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.58
92 **LV 6:44 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.59
93 **LV 6:45 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.60

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and the part of the Menasheh tribe that lived in the Bashan region across the Yarden (Jordan) River. 63 The clans of Merari's descendants received twelve cities from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and Zevulun. 64 The Israeli leaders allotted those towns and the nearby pasturelands to the Levites. 65 They also allotted them the cities from the tribes of Yehudah (Judah), Shim'on (Simeon), and Benyamin that were listed above. 66 Some of Kohat's descendants received cities from the Efrayim (Ephraim) tribe. 67 They also gave them these cities with the surrounding pasturelands: Shekem (a refuge city), Gezer, 68 Yakemeam, Beyt-Horon, 69 Ayalon, and Gat-Rimon. 70 Kohat's other descendants received the cities of Aner and Bil'am (Balaam) and the nearby pastureland from the half-tribe of Menasheh (that lives west of the Yarden River).

71 Gereshon's descendants also received, from the part of the Menasheh tribe that lived across the Yarden River, two cities and pastureland near them: Golan in the Bashan region, and Ashtarot.

72 From the Yisakar (Issachar) tribe they received these cities and their nearby pastureland: Kedesh, Davrat, 73 Ramot, and Anem. 74 From the Asher tribe they received these cities and their nearby pastureland: Mashal, Avdon, 75 Hukok, and Rehov.

76 From the Naftali (Naphtali) tribe they received these cities and their nearby pastureland: Kedesh (in the Galil region), Hamon, and Kiryatayim.

77 Merari's descendants received these cities and their nearby pasturelands from the Zevulun tribe: Rimon and Tavor.

78 From the Re'uven tribe across the Yarden (Jordan) River (opposite Yeriho (Jericho)), they were allotted these cities and towns and their nearby pastureland: Betser in the wilderness, Yahats, 79 Kedemot, and Mofa'at.

80 From the Gad tribe, they received these cities and their nearby pastureland: Ramot in the Gilead region, Mahanayim, 81 Heshbon, and Yazer.

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were_thir- teen citi[es] in_clans_of_their. 46 94 And_to_the_ _descendants_of Qəhāt who_remained of_the_clan_of of_the_ _tribe from_the_half_of the_tribe_of the_half_of Mənashsheh by_lot cities ten. 47 95 And_to_the_descendants_of Gērəshom to_clans_of_their from_the_tribe_of Issachar and_from_the_ _tribe_of 'Āshēr and_from_the_tribe_of Naftālī and_from_the_ _tribe_of Mənashsheh in_Bāshān cities thir- teen. 48 96 To_the_ _descendants_of Mərārī to_clans_of_their from_the_tribe_of Rə'ūvēn and_from_the_tribe_of Gād and_from_the_tribe_of Zəvūlūn by_lot cities two_plus ten. 49 97 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gave to_Lēviyyiy ĐOM the_cities and_ĐOM lands_of_their_pasture. 50 98 And_they_gave by_lot from_the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_from_the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of Shim'ōn and_from_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Binyāmīn ĐOM the_cities the_these which they_called them by_names. 51 99 And_some_of_the_clans_of the_descendants_of Qəhāt and_ the_cities_of their_territory_of_ _their _he/it_was were_from_the_tribe_of 'Efrayim. 52 100 And_ _they_gave to/for_them ĐOM the_cities_of (the)_refuge ĐOM Shəkem and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_ĐOM Gezer and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 53 101 And_ĐOM Jokmeam and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 54 102 And_ĐOM 'Ayyālōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Gat Rimmōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 55 103 And_from_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh ĐOM 'Ānēr and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Bileam and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture to_the_clan_of the_ _descendants_of Qəhāt who_remained. 56 104 To_the_ _descendants_of Gērəshom from_the_clan_of the_half_of the_ _tribe_of Mənashsheh ĐOM Gōlān in_Bāshān and_ĐOM lands_of_ _its_pasture and_ĐOM 'Ashtārōt and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 57 105 And_from_the_tribe_of Issachar ĐOM Qedesh and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture ĐOM Davrat and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 58 106 And_ĐOM Rā'mōt and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Anem and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 59 107 And_from_the_ _tribe_of 'Āshēr ĐOM Mashal and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ _ĐOM 'Avdōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 60 108 And_ĐOM Hukok and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Rəḥov and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 61 109 And_from_the_tribe_of Naftālī ĐOM

94 **LV 6:46 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.61
95 **LV 6:47 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.62
96 **LV 6:48 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.63
97 **LV 6:49 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.64
98 **LV 6:50 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.65
99 **LV 6:51 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.66
100 **LV 6:52 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.67
101 **LV 6:53 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.68
102 **LV 6:54 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.69
103 **LV 6:55 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.70
104 **LV 6:56 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.71
105 **LV 6:57 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.72
106 **LV 6:58 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.73
107 **LV 6:59 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.74
108 **LV 6:60 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.75
109 **LV 6:61 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.76

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Qedesh in_Gālīl and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Hammon and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Qiryātayim and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **62** [110] To_the_descendants_of Mərārī who_remained from_the_tribe_of Zəvūlūn ĐOM Rimmōno and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture ĐOM Tāvōr and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **63** [111] And_from_the_other_side of_the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) to_the_east_of the_ _Yardēn from_the_tribe_of Rə'ūvēn ĐOM Betser in_wilderness and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Yahats/(Jahaz) and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **64** [112] And_ĐOM Qədēmōt and_ĐOM lands_ _of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Mōfa'at and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **65** [113] And_from_the_tribe_of Gād ĐOM Rā'mōt in_Gil'ād and_ _ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Maḥ$_a$nāyim and_ĐOM lands_ _of_its_pasture. **66** [114] And_ĐOM Ḥeshbōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture and_ĐOM Ya'zēr/(Jazer) and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture.

7:1 And_belonged_to_the_sons_of Issachar Tōlā' and_Pū'āh Yāshūv/(Jashub)[115] and_Shimrōn four. **2** And_the_sons of_Tōlā' were_'Uzziy and_Rəfā^{yāh} and_Yərī'^{ēl}/(Jeriel) and_ _Yaḥmay/(Jahmai) and_Yivsām/(Jibsam) and_ _Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) heads of_the_house_of their_fathers_of_ _their of_Tōlā' mighty_men_of strength to_generations_of_ _their number_of_their in_the_days_of Dāvid was_twenty and_ _two thousand and_six hundred(s). **3** And_the_sons of_'Uzziy were_Yizraḥ^{yāh}/(Izrahiah) and_the_sons were_ _Yizraḥ^{yāh}/(Izrahiah) Mīkā'^{ēl} and_'Ovad^{yāh} and_Yō'^{ēl}/(Joel) Yishshiy^{yāh}/(Isshiah) five were_chiefs of_them_of_all. **4** And_ _were_with_them to_generations_of_their of_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their troops_of war_of warfare thirty and_ _six thousand if/because they_had_many wives and_sons. **5** And_relatives_of_their to_all/each/any/every the_clans_of Issachar were_mighty_men_of strength(s) eighty and_seven thousand their_genealogical_enrolment of_everyone.

6 Binyāmīn were_Bela' and_Beker and_Yədī'$_a$'^{ēl}/(Jediael) three. **7** And_the_sons of_Bela' were_'Etsbvōn and_'Uzziy and_'Uzziy'^{ēl} and_Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) and_'Īrī five heads_of a_house_of fathers mighty_men_of strength(s) and_their_genealogical_ _enrolment was_twenty and_two thousand and_thirty and_ _four. **8** And_the_sons of_Beker were_Zəmīrāh and_ _Yō'āsh/(Joash) and_'Elī'ezer and_'Elyəhō'ēynay and_'Omrī and_Yərīmōt/(Jeremoth) and_'Aviy^{yāh} and_'Anātōt and_ _'Ālemet all_of these were_the_sons_of Beker. **9** And_their_ _genealogical_enrolment to_generations_of_their the_heads_of the_house_of their_fathers_of_their mighty_men_of strength was_twenty thousand and_two_hundred. **10** And_the_sons of_ _Yədī'$_a$'^{ēl} were_Bilhān and_the_sons of_Bilhān Yə'ūsh/(Jeush)[116] and_Binyāmīn and_'Ēhūd and_Kəna'$_a$nāh/(Chenaanah) and_ _Zēytān and_Tarshiysh and_'Aḥīshāḥar. **11** All_of these were_ _the_sons of Yədī'$_a$'^{ēl} to_the_heads_of the_fathers mighty_men_

Readers' Version

The descendants of Yisakar (Issachar)

7:1 Yisakar's (Issachar's) four sons were Tola, Puah, Yashuv, and Shimron. **2** Tola's sons were Uzi, Refayah, Yeriel, Yahmay, Yivsam, and Shmuel (Samuel), who all became leaders of their clans. There were strong warriors in the record of Tola's descendants in each generation. (During the time when David was Yisrael's (Israel's) king, there were 22,600 such men.)

3 Uzi's son was Yizrahyah. Yizrahyah's five sons were Mika'el (Michael), Ovadyah (Obadiah), Yoel (Joel), and Yishiyah. They were all leaders of their clans. **4** Along with them, according to their family records, were 36,000 troops in the army, because they had numerous wives and sons. **5** Altogether, Yisakar's clans had 87,000 strong warriors listed in their genealogy.

Benyamin's descendants

6 Benyamin's three sons were Bela, Beker, and Yedieael. **7** Bela's five sons were Etsbon, Uzi, Uziel, Yerimot, and Iri, who were leaders of their clans. According to their family records, they had 22,034 strong warriors.

8 Beker's sons were Zemirah, Yoash, Eliezer, Elyehoeynay, Omri, Yerimot, Aviyah, Anatot, and Alemet. **9** Altogether, their clans had 20,200 strong warriors listed in their genealogy.

10 Yedieael's son was Bilhan. Bilhan's sons were Ye'ush, Benyamin, Ehud, Kena'anah, Zeytan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar. **11** All those descendants of Yedieael were clan leaders and strong warriors, having 17,200 men ready to go to war.

12 The Shupim and Hupim were descendants of Ir, and the Hushim were descendants of Aher.

110 LV 6:62 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.77

111 LV 6:63 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.78

112 LV 6:64 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.79

113 LV 6:65 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.80

114 LV 6:66 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.81

115 LV 7:1 · Note OSHB variant note: **בישי**: (x-qere) **בּוֹשָׁ֑'**: lemma_3437 morph_HNp id_13D5E **בּוֹשָׁ֑'**

116 LV 7:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **שיעי**: (x-qere) **שׁוֹעִ֑'**: lemma_3266 n_0.1.0.1 morph_HNp id_13tTX **שׁוֹעִ֑'**

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_of strength(s) seven- teen thousand and_two_hundreds were_
_going_forth_of war for_battle. **12** And_Shuppim and_Ḥuppim
were_the_sons_of Ir Ḥushim were_the_sons_of 'Aḥēr.

The descendants of Naftali (Naphtali)

13 Naftali's (Naphtali's) sons were Yahtsiel, Guni, Yetser, and Shalum. (They were descendants of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) slave-wife Bilhah.)

13 The_sons_of Naftālī were_Yaḥtsī'ēl/(Jahziel) and_Gūnī and_
_Yētser/(Jezer) and_Shallūm the_sons_of Bilhāh.

Menasheh's descendants

14 Menasheh (Manasseh) had sons by his Arami (Syrian) (Heb. Aramean) slave-wife. She gave birth to Asriel and Makir (who fathered Gilead). **15** Makir married a wife from the Hupim and Shupim. (His sister's name was Ma'akah.) Another descendant was Tselofehad, and he had daughters. **16** Makir's wife (also called Ma'akah) bore a son and named him Peresh (and named his brother Sheresh) and his sons were Ulam and Rekem. **17** Ulam's son was Bedan. Those were the descendants of Gilead (Makir's son and Menasheh's grandson).

14 The_sons_of Mənashsheh were_'Asrī'ēl whom concubine_of_
his (the)'Arammiy she_bore she_bore ÐOM Mākīr the_father_
_of Gil'ād. **15** And_Mākīr he_took a_wife for_Ḥuppim and_for_
_Shuppim and_name_of his_sister_of_his was_Ma'ₐkāh and_
_name_of the_second was_Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) and_they_
_belonged to_Tsəlofḥād daughters. **16** And_ Ma'ₐkāh the_wife_
_of Mākīr _she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_called/named
his/its_name Peresh and_name_of his/its_brother was_Sheresh
and_sons_of_his were_'Ūlām and_Reqem. **17** And_the_sons of_
_'Ūlām were_Bədān these were_the_descendants_of Gil'ād the_
_son_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh. **18** And_sister_of_his
Hammoleket she_bore ÐOM 'Īshəhōd and_ÐOM 'Avī'ezer and_
ÐOM Maḥlāh. **19** And the_sons_of Shəmīdā' _they_were 'Aḥyān
and_Shəkem and_Liqḥī and_'Anī'ām.

Efrayim's descendants

20 These are Efrayim's (Ephraim's) descendants:

One of Efrayim's sons was Shutelah. Shutelah's son was Bered. Bered's son was Tahat. Tahat's son was Eleadah. Eleadah's son was also named Tahat. **21** Tahat's son was Zavad. Zavad's son was Shutelah. Efrayim's other sons, Ezer and Elead, went to Gat city to steal some cattle but were killed by some of the natives of that area. **22** Their father Efrayim mourned for quite some time, and his relatives came to comfort him. **23** Then he slept with his wife and she got pregnant and gave birth to a son. Efrayim named him Beriah (which sounds like the Hebrew word for 'trouble'), because of the recent tragedy in their family.

24 Efrayim's daughter was She'erah and she founded three towns: Lower Beyt-Horon, Upper Beyt-Horon, and Uzen-She'erah.

25 Another of Efrayim's sons was Refah. Refah's son was Reshef. Reshef's son was Telah. Telah's son was Tahan. **26** Tahan's son was Laedan. Laedan's son was Amihud. Amihud's son was Elishama. **27** Elishama's son was Nun. Nun's son was Yehoshua (Joshua) (or Yehoshua, who led Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants after Mosheh (Moses) died).

28 This is a list of the cities and areas where Efrayim's descendants lived: Beyt-El (Bethel) and the nearby villages, Na'aran to the east, Gezer to the west and the nearby villages, and Shekem and the nearby villages extending north as far as Ayah and its villages.

29 Along the border of the area where Menasheh's (Manasseh's) descendants lived were these towns: Beyt-Shean, Ta'anak, Megidon, Dor, and all the nearby villages. The people who lived in all those places were descendants of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) son Yosef (Joseph).

20 And_the_sons of_'Efrayim were_Shūtelaḥ and_Bered his/its_
_son and_Taḥat his/its_son and_'El'ādāh son_of_his and_Taḥat
his/its_son. **21** And_Zāvād his/its_son and_Shūtelaḥ his/its_son
and_'Ezer and_'El'ād and_they_killed_them the_men_of Gat
who_were_born on_the_earth if/because they_went_down to_
_take/accept/receive ÐOM livestock_of_their. **22** And_ 'Efrayim
father_of_their _he_mourned days many and_ brothers_of_his _
_they_came to_comfort_him. **23** And_he_went into his/its_
_wife/woman and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_
_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_he/it_called ÐOM his/its_name
Bərī'āh if/because in_distress it_was in_house_of_his. **24** And_
_daughter_of_his was_She'ₑrāh and_she_built ÐOM Bēyt Ḥōrōn
(the)_lower and_ÐOM (the)_upper and_ÐOM 'Uzzēn She'ₑrāh.
25 And_Refaḥ his/its_son and_Reshef and_Telaḥ his/its_son
and_Taḥan his/its_son. **26** La'dān his/its_son 'Ammihūd his/its_
_son 'Elīshā'ma his/its_son. **27** Nun his/its_son
Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) his/its_son. **28** And_possession_of_their
and_their_dwelling_of_places were_Bēyt-'ēl and_daughters_of_
_its and_to_east Na'ₐrān and_to_west Gezer and_daughters_of_
_its and_Shəkem and_daughters_of_its to Ayyah and_
_daughters_of_its. **29** And_were_on the_hands_of the_
_descendants_of Mənashsheh Bēyt Shan and_daughters_of_its
Ta'ₐnāk and_daughters_of_its Məgiddōn and_her/its_daughters
Dōr and_her/its_daughters in_these the_descendants_of
Yōṣēf/(Joseph) the_son_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_dwelt.

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30 The_sons_of ’Āshēr were_Yimnāh/(Imnah) and_
_Yishvāh/(Ishvah) and_Yishvī/(Ishvi) and_Bərī´āh and_Seraḥ
sister_of_was_their. **31** And_the_sons of_Bərī´āh were_Ḥevʿer
and_Malkiel he was_the_father_of Birzōt[117]. **32** And_Ḥevʿer he_
_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Yaflēṭ/(Japhlet) and_ᴅᴏᴍ Shōmēr and_ᴅᴏᴍ
Ḥōtām and_ᴅᴏᴍ Shū´a sister_of_their. **33** And_the_sons of_
_Yaflēṭ/(Japhlet) were_Pāṣak and_Bimhāl and_´Ashvāt these
were_the_sons_of Yaflēṭ/(Japhlet). **34** And_the_sons of_Shemer
were_’Aḥī and[118] and_Hubbah[119] and_’Arām. **35** And_the_son_of
Helem his/its_brother was_Tsōfaḥ/(Zophah) and_
_Yimnā´/(Imna) and_Shelesh and_´Āmāl. **36** The_sons_of
Tsōfaḥ/(Zophah) were_Ṣūaḥ and_Ḥarnefer and_Shū´āl and_Bērī
and_Yimrāh/(Imra)h. **37** Betser and_Hōd and_Shammā’ and_
_Shilshāh and_Yitrān/(Ithran) and_Bə’ērā’. **38** And_the_sons of_
_Yeter/(Jether) were_Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) and_Pişpāhh and_
_’Arā’. **39** And_the_sons of_´Ullā’ were_’Āraḥ and_Ḥanniyʾēl and_
_Ritsyā’. **40** All_of these were_the_descendants_of ’Āshēr the_
_heads_of the_house_of the_fathers chosen_men mighty_men_
_of strength(s) the_chiefs_of the_leaders and_their_
_genealogical_enrolment in_army in_battle number_of_their
was_men twenty and_six thousand.

8:1 And_Binyāmīn he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Belaʿ his/its_firstborn
’Ashbēl the_second and_Ahrah the_third. **2** Nōḥāh the_fourth
and_Rāfā’ the_fifth. **3** And_ sons to_Belaʿ _they_were ’Addār
and_Gērā’ and_’Avʿīhūʾd. **4** And_’Avʿīshū´a and_Naʿₐmān and_
_’Aḥōaḥ. **5** And_Gērā’ and_Shephuphan and_Ḥūrām. **6** And_
_these were_the_sons_of ’Ēhūd these they were_the_heads_of
fathers of_the_inhabitants_of of_Gevʿa´ and_people_took_them_
_into_exile to Mānaḥat. **7** And_Naʿₐmān and_’Aḥiyʸᵃʰ and_Gērā’
he he_took_them_into_exile and_he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʿUzzā’ and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ ’Aḥīḥud. **8** And_Shaharaim he_fathered in_the_region_of
Mō’āvʿ from_when he_sent_away ᴅᴏᴍ_them Ḥushim and_ᴅᴏᴍ
Baara wives_of_his. **9** And_he/it_fathered from Ḥodesh his/its_
_wife/woman ᴅᴏᴍ Yōvāvʿ/(Jobab) and_ᴅᴏᴍ Tsivʿyā’/(Zibia)
and_ᴅᴏᴍ Mēyshā’ and_ᴅᴏᴍ Malkam. **10** And_ᴅᴏᴍ Yəʿūts/(Jeuz)
and_ᴅᴏᴍ Sakia and_ᴅᴏᴍ Mirmāh these sons_of_were_his the_
_heads_of fathers. **11** And_from_Ḥushim he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ
’Avīṯūvʿ and_ᴅᴏᴍ ’Elpaʿal. **12** And_the_sons of_’Elpaʿal were_
_´Ēvēr and_Mish´ām and_Shemed he he_built ᴅᴏᴍ ’Ōnō and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ Lod and_daughters_of_its.

13 And_Bərī´āh and_Shemaʿ they were_the_heads_of the_
_fathers of_the_inhabitants_of of_’Ayyālōn they they_put_to_
_flight ᴅᴏᴍ the_inhabitants_of Gat. **14** And_’Aḥyō Shāshshaq
and_Yərīmōt/(Jeremoth). **15** And_Zəvʿadʸᵃʰ and_´Arād and_
_´Eder. **16** And_Mīkāʾēl and_Yishpāh/(Ishpah) and_Yōḥā’/(Joha)
were_the_sons_of Bərī´āh.

17 And_Zəvʿadʸᵃʰ and_Məshullām and_Ḥizqī and_Ḥevʿer.
18 And_Yishməray/(Ishmerai) and_Yizlī´āh/(Izliah) and_Yōvāvʿ
were_the_sons_of ’Elpaʿal. **19** And_Yāqīm/(Jakim) and_Zikrī
and_Zavʿdiy. **20** And_’Elī´ēynay and_Tsillətay/(Zillethai) and_
’Elīʾēl. **21** And´Adāʸᵃʰ and_Bərā’ʸᵃʰ and_Shimrāt were_the_
_sons_of Shim´ī. **22** And_Yishpān/(Ishpan) and_´Ēvēr and_’Elīʾēl.

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Asher’s descendants

30 Asher’s sons were Yimnah, Yishvah, Yishvi, and Beriah. Their sister was Serah.

31 Beriah’s sons were Hever and Malkiel. Malkiel was the father of Birzot.

32 Hever was the father of Yaflet, Shomer, Hotam, and their sister Shua. **33** Yaflet’s sons were Pasak, Bimhal, and Ashvat.

34 Shomer’s sons were Ahi, Rohagah, Yehubah, and Aram.

35 Shomer’s younger brother was Helem. Helem’s sons were Tsofah, Yimna, Shelesh, and Amal.

36 Tsofah’s sons were Suah, Harnefer, Shual, Beri, Yimrah, **37** Betser, Hod, Shama, Shilshah, Yitran (whose other name was Yeter), and Be’era.

38 Yeter’s sons were Yefuneh, Pispah, and Ara. **39** Another of Asher’s descendants was Ula, whose sons were Arah, Haniyel, and Ritsya.

40 All those were Asher’s descendants, clan leaders, chosen, very strong, leaders of leaders. And there were 26,000 men listed in their genealogy in the army.

Benyamin’s descendants

8:1 Benyamin had sons: Bela, Ashbel, Ahrah, **2** Nohah, and the fifth, Rafa.

3 Bela’s sons were Adar, Gera, Avihud, **4** Avishua, Na’aman, Ahoah, **5** Gera, Shefufan, and Huram.

6 One of Gera’s sons was Ehud. His descendants were leaders of their clans who lived in Geva city, but were taken into exile to Manahat. **7** Ehud’s sons were Na’aman, Ahiyah, and Gera. Gera was the one who led them when they moved to Manahat. He was the father of Uza and Ahihud.

8 Another of Benyamin’s descendants was Shaharayim, who lived in the Moav (Moab) countryside. He divorced his wives Hushim and Ba’ara, **9** and fathered sons with his wife Hodesh: Yovav, Tsivya, Meysha, Malkam, **10** Ye’uts, Shaveyah, and Mirmah. They all became leaders of their clans. **11** (He’d fathered Avituv and Elpa’al by Hushim.)

12 Elpa’al’s sons were Ever, Misham, Shemer (who built Ono city, plus Lod and its towns),

Benyamin’s descendants in Gat and Ayalon

13 plus Beriah and Shema, who were leaders of their clans, who lived in Ayalon city. They forced the people who lived in Gat city to flee. **14–16** Beriah’s sons were Ahyo, Shashak, Yerimot, Zevadyah, Arad, Eder, Mika’el (Michael), Yishpah, and Yoha.

Benyamin’s descendants in Yerushalem

17–18 Elpa’al’s other descendants included Zevadyah, Meshulam, Hizki, Hever, Yishmeray, Yizliah, and Yovav.

19–21 Another of Benyamin’s descendants was Shimei. Shimei’s descendants included Yakim, Zikri, Zavdi, Eli’eynay, Tsiletay,

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117 **LV 7:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוזרב: (x-qere) ’תְּיָזְרִב’: lemma_1269 n_0 morph_HNp id_13cpy תְּיָזְרִב

118 **LV 7:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: הנהור/ו: (x-qere) ’הֲנֶגְהָר/ֶו’: lemma_c/7303 n_0.0 morph_HC/Np id_13grp הֲנֶגְהָר/ֶו

119 **LV 7:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: הבחי: (x-qere) ’הֲבֶחָ/ִו’: lemma_c/3160 morph_HC/Np id_133iU הֲבֶחָ/ִו

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Eliel, Adayah, Berayah, and Shimrat.

22-25 Shashak's sons were Yishpan, Ever, Eliel, Avdon, Zikri, Hanan, Hananyah, Eylam, Antotiyah, Yifdeyah, and Penuel.

26-27 Another of Benyamin's descendants was Yeroham, whose sons were Shamsheray, Sheharyah, Atalyah (Athaliah), Ya'areshyah, Eliyah (Elijah), and Zikri.

28 All those descendants of Elpa'al (Shaharayim's son) were leaders of their clans according to their genealogies. They all lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Benyamin's descendants in Giveon

29 Another of Benyamin's descendants was Yeiel—he was a founder of Giveon city. His wife was Ma'akah. **30** His sons, starting with the eldest, were Avdon, Tsur, Kish, Ba'al, Nadav, **31** Gedor, Ahyo, and Zeker. **32** Miklot (another of Yeiel's sons) was Shimeah's father. All those descendants of Yeiel also lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) near their relatives.

The descendants of King Sha'ul (Saul)

33 Ner was the father of Kish. Kish was the father of King Sha'ul (Saul). Sha'ul was the father of Yonatan (Jonathan), Malkishua, Avinadav, and Eshba'al. **34** Yonatan's son was Meriv-Ba'al. Meriv-Ba'al was the father of Mikah.

35 Mikah's sons were Piton, Melek, Ta'area, and Ahaz. **36** Ahaz was the father of Yeho'adah. Yeho'adah was the father of Alemet, Azmavet, and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Motsa. **37** Motsa was the father of Binea. Rafa was Binea's son. Eleasah was Rafa's son. Atsel was Eleasah's son.

38 Atsel had a total of six sons, named Azrikam, Bokru, Yishmael (Ishmael), Shearyah, Ovadyah (Obadiah), and Hanan. **39** Atsel had a brother, Eshek. Eshek's oldest son was Ulam. His other sons were Ye'ush and Elifelet.

40 Ulam's sons were powerful warriors who were also archers. Altogether they had 150 sons and grandsons.

All those were Benyamin's descendants.

Those who returned from captivity

9:1 So the genealogy of all Israelis was listed—yes, written on the scroll of Yisrael's (Israel's) kings.

Then Yehudah (Judah) was taken into exile to Bavel (Babylon) because of their unfaithfulness. **2** The first to return and resettle their land and their cities were some priests, Levites, temple servants, and other Israelis.[121] **3** Some from the tribes of Yehudah, Benyamin, Efrayim (Ephraim), and Menasheh (Manasseh) also returned and lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), including the following:

4 Utay son of Amihud (Amihud was Omri's son, Omri was Imri's son, Imri was Bani's son, Bani was a descendant of Perets, Perets was Yehudah's son), **5** Asayah and his sons (descendants of Shilon—Asayah was the oldest), **6** and Ye'uel and 690 other rela-

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23 And_ʹAvdōn and_Zikrī and_Ḥānān. **24** And_Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} and_ _ʹĒylām and_ʹAntotiy^{yāh}. **25** And_Yifdə^{yāh}/(Iphdeiah) and[120] were_the_sons_of Shāshshaq. **26** And_Shamshəray and_ _Shechariah and_ʹAtal^{yāh}. **27** And_Ya ʹ$_a$resh^{yāh}/(Jaareshiah) and_ _ʾĒliy^{yāh} and_Zikrī were_the_sons_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham). **28** These were_the_heads_of fathers to_generations_of_their chiefs these they_dwelt in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

29 And_in_Giv ʹōn the_father_of Giv ʹōn they_dwelt and_name_ _of his/its_wife/woman was_Ma ʹ$_a$kāh. **30** And_son_of_his the_ _firstborn was_ʹAvdōn and_Tsūr/(Tsūr) and_Qīsh and_Ba ʹal and_Nādav. **31** And_Gədor and_ʾAḥyō and_Zeker. **32** And_Miqlōt he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Shim ʹā'h and_also they before relatives_of_ _their they_dwelt in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with brothers_ _of_their.

33 And_Nēr he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Qīsh and_Qīsh he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_Shā'ūl he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_~~DOM~~ Malkī- Shū ʹa and_ _~~DOM~~ ʾAvīnādav and_~~DOM~~ ʾAshba ʹal. **34** And_the_son_of Yōnātān was_Mərīv-ba ʹal was_Mərīv-ba ʹal and_Mərīv- ba ʹal he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Mīkāh. **35** And_the_sons of_Mīkāh were_Pitōn and_Melek and_Ta'$_a$rē ʹa and_ʾĀḥāz. **36** And_ʾĀḥāz he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Yəhō ʹaddāh/(Jehoaddah) and_Yəhō ʹaddāh/(Jehoaddah) he_ _fathered ~~DOM~~ ʹĀlemet and_~~DOM~~ ʹAzmāvet and_~~DOM~~ Zimrī and_ _Zimrī he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Mōtsā'. **37** And_Mōtsā' he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Bin ʹā' Rāfā'h son_of_was_his ʾEl ʹāsāh son_of_was_his ʾĀtsēl his/its_son. **38** And_belonged_to_ʾĀtsēl six sons and_these names_of_are_their ʹAzrīqām Bokrū and_Yishmā ʾ^{ēl}/(Ishmael) and_Shə ʹar^{yāh} and_ʹOvad^{yāh} and_Ḥānān all_of these were_the_ _sons_of ʾĀtsēl. **39** And_the_sons of_ʹĒsheq his/its_brother was_ _ʾŪlām his/its_firstborn was_Yə ʹūsh/(Jeush) the_second and_ _was_ʾElīfeleṭ the_third. **40** And_ the_sons_of ʾŪlām _they_were men mighty_of strength who_bent_of (of)_a_bow and_who_ _had_many children and_the_sons children one_hundred and_ _fifty all_of these from_(the)_sons of_Binyāmīn.

9:1 And_all Yisrā ʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) they_had_themselves_enrolled and_ _THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_of the_kings_of Yisrā ʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) they_were_taken_ _into_exile to_Bāvel in_unfaithfulness_of_their. **2** And_the_ _inhabitants (the)_first who were_in_possession_of_their in_ _cities_of_their were_Yisrā ʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) the_priests the_Lēviyyiy and_the_temple_servants. **3** And_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) some_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_from the_ _descendants_of Binyāmīn and_from the_descendants_of ʾEfrayim and_Mənashsheh they_dwelt. **4** ʹŪtay the_son_of ʹAmmihūd the_son_of ʹOmrī the_son_of ʾImrī the_son_of mmm[122] the_descendants_of Perets the_son_of Yəhūdāh. **5** And_from the_Shilōnī[s] ʹAsā^{yāh} the_firstborn and_sons_of_ _his. **6** And_from the_descendants_of Zeraḥ Yə ʹū ʾ^{ēl}/(Jeuel) and_ _relatives_of_their six hundred(s) and_ninety. **7** And_from the_ _descendants_of Binyāmīn Şallū the_son_of Məshullām the_

120 **LV 8:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לאינפ/ו**: (x-qere) ʾ**לֶאוּנָפ/וּ**ʾ: lemma_c/6439 n_0.0 morph_HC/Np id_13KVb **לֶאוּנָפ/וּ**

121 **RV 9:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 2:70; Neh 7:73.

122 **LV 9:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ומ/ינב**: (x-qere) ʾ**יְנָב**ʾ: lemma_1137 n_0.1 morph_HNp id_132VQ **יְנָב** ʾ**וָמ**ʾ: lemma_4480 a morph_HR id_13gJa **וָמ**

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_son_of Hōdav^{yāh} the_son_of Ṣənū'āh. **8** And_Yiv'nə^{yāh}/(Ibneiah) the_son_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) and_'Ēlāh the_son_of ʻUzziy the_son_of Mikri and_Məshullām the_son_of Shəfaṭ^{yāh} the_son_ _of Rə'ū'^{ēl} the_son_of Yiv'niy^{yāh}/(Ibnijah). **9** And_relatives_of_ _their to_generations_of_their nine hundred(s) and_fifty and_ _six all_of these men were_heads_of fathers to_the_house_of their_fathers_of_their. **10** And_from the_priests Yəda'^{yāh}/(Jedaiah) and_Yəhōyārīv/(Jehoiarib) and_ _Yākīn/(Jakin). **11** And_ʻAzar^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_son_of Məshullām the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of Mərāyōt the_son_of 'Aḥīṭūv the_leader_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm. **12** And_ʻAdā^{yāh} the_son_of Yəroḥām the_son_of Pashḥūr the_ _son_of Malkīy^{yāh} and_Ma'$_a$say the_son_of ʻAdī'^{ēl} the_son_of Yaḥzērāh/(Jahzerah) the_son_of Məshullām the_son_of Məshillēmīt the_son_of 'Immēr. **13** And_relatives_of_their heads of_the_house_of their_fathers_of_their one_thousand and_ _seven hundred(s) and_sixty (the)_mighty_men_of (the)_ _ability_of the_work_of the_service_of the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm.

14 And_from the_Lēviyyiy Shəma'^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥashshūv the_ _son_of ʻAzrīqām the_son_of Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh} of the_descendants_of Mərārī. **15** And_Baqbaqqar Ḥeresh and_Gālāl and_Mattan^{yāh} the_son_of Mīkā' the_son_of Zikrī the_son_of 'Āṣāf. **16** And_ _ʻOvad^{yāh} the_son_of Shəma'^{yāh} the_son_of Gālāl the_son_of Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) and_Berek^{yāh} the_son_of 'Āṣā' the_son_of 'Elqānāh who_dwelt in_the_villages_of the_Nəṭofātī[s]. **17** And_ _the_gatekeepers were_Shallūm and_ʻAqqūv and_Ṭalmōn and_ _'Aḥīman and_brother_of_their Shallūm was_the_chief. **18** And_ _unto now in_the_gate_of the_king eastward_on they were_the_ _gatekeepers of_the_camps_of of_the_descendants_of of_Lēvī. **19** And_Shallūm the_son_of Qōrē' the_son_of 'Evyāṣāf the_son_ _of Qoraḥ and_relatives_of_his of_the_house_of his/its_father the_Qoraḥites were_over the_work_of the_service the_keepers_ _of the_thresholds of_tent and_ancestors_of_their had_been_ _over the_camp_of **YHWH** the_keepers_of the_entrance. **20** And_Pinḥāṣ the_son_of 'El'āzār a_leader he_had_been over_ _them formerly_former **YHWH** with_him/it. **21** Zəkar^{yāh} the_ _son_of Məshelem^{yāh} was_a_gatekeeper the_entrance of_the_ _tent_of meeting. **22** Of_them_of_all who_had_been_chosen to_ _gatekeepers at_thresholds were_two_hundred and_two_plus ten they was_in_villages_of_their their_genealogical_enrolment them Dāvid and_Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) the_seer he_had_appointed in_faithfulness_of_their. **23** And_they and_descendants_of_their were_over the_gates of_the_house_of of_**YHWH** of_the_house_ _of of_the_tent to_guards. **24** To_four sides the_gatekeepers they_were the_east westward_to northward_at and_southward_ _at. **25** And_relatives_of_their in_villages_of_their were_to_ _come for_the_seven_of the_days from_time to time with these. **26** If/because in_faithfulness they were_the_four_of the_ _mighty_ones_of the_gatekeepers they were_the_Lēviyyiy and_ _they_will_be over the_store-rooms and_over the_treasuries_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm. **27** And_around_of the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm they_spent_the_night if/because was_on_them a_duty and_they were_over the_key and_to_morning to_morning. **28** And_some_of_them were_over the_articles_of the_service

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tives from Zerah's clan.

7 From Benyamin's descendants, Salu (who was Meshulam's son, Meshulam was Hodavyah's son, Hodavyah was Senuah's son), **8** Yivneyah (Yeroham's son), Elah (who was Uzi's son, Uzi was Mikri's son), and Meshulam (who was Shefatyah's son, Shefatyah was Re'uel's son, Re'uel was Yivniyah's son).

9 In all, there were 956 of Benyamin's descendants living in Yerushalem. All those above were leaders of their clans.

10 Some of the priests who returned to Yehudah (Judah) were: Yedayah, Yehoyariv, Yakin, **11** Azaryah, the leading official at the temple (Azaryah was Hilkiyah's son, Hilkiyah was Meshulam's son, Meshulam was Tsadok's son, Tsadok was Merayot's son, Merayot was Ahituv's son), **12** Adayah (who was Yeroham's son, Yeroham was Pashhur's son, Pashhur was Malkiyah's son), and Ma'asay (who was Adiel's son, Adiel was Yahzerah's son, Yahzerah was Meshulam's son, Meshulam was Meshilemit's son, Meshilemit was Imer's son).

13 Altogether there were 1,760 priests who returned to Yehudah. They were leaders of their clans, and they were all capable and responsible to work in God's residence.

Levites who returned

14 From Levi's descendants who returned to Yehudah (Judah) there were: Shemayah (who was Hashuv's son, Hashuv was Azrikam's son, Azrikam was Hashavyah's son, Hashavyah was a descendant of Levi's youngest son Merari), **15** Bakbakar, Heresh, Galal, Matanyah (who was Mika's son, Mika was Zikri's son, Zikri was Asaf's son), **16** Ovadyah (Obadiah) (who was Shemayah's son, Shemayah was Galal's son, Galal was Yedutun's son), and Berekyah who lived in one of the villages where the Netofat people lived (Berekyah was Asa's son, Asa was Elkanah's son).

17 From Levi's descendants who returned to Yehudah and who guarded the temple gates there were Shalum, Akuv, Talmon, Ahiman, and some of their relatives. Shalum was their leader. **18** Those descendents of Levi were gatekeepers at the King's Gate on the east, and their descendants still are, even to this day.

19 Shalum was Kore's son, Kore was Evyasaf's son, and Evyasaf was Korah's son. Shalum and his relatives from his clan (Korah's descendants) had the duty of being gatekeepers, responsible for guarding the entrances to Yahweh's temple, as their ancestors had done. **20** Previously Pinhas (Eleazar's son) had supervised the gatekeepers. Yahweh was with Pinhas.

21 Zekaryah (Zechariah) (Meshelemyah's son) was gatekeeper of the entrance to the assembly tent. **22** Altogether, there were 212 men chosen to guard the gates. The records of the clans in their villages listed their names. King David and the prophet Shmuel (Samuel) appointed them because they were dependable. **23** They and their sons watched over the gates of Yahweh's house, that is, the sacred tent, as guards. **24** There were gatekeepers on each of the temple's four sides: east, west, north, and south. **25** Their relatives in their villages would come in from time to time to relieve them for seven days, **26** because the four leaders of the gatekeepers were Levites, and they were also

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trusted to supervise the rooms and the treasuries in God's residence. **27** They would spend the night around the temple while they were in charge, and would open it with the key each morning.

28 Some of them monitored the utensils used in the activities—counting them as they brought them out and when they put them away again. **29** Others took care of the containers and utensils used in the sanctuary, along with the fine flour, the wine and oil, and the frankincense and spices. **30** Some of the priests mixed the fragrances and spices.

31 There was a Levite named Matityah (Shalum's oldest son, who was a descendant of Korah) whose official duty was supervising the baking of the flat breads. **32** Some of Kohat's descendants prepared the rows of bread to be laid out on the sacred table every rest day.

33 Some of Levi's descendants were temple musicians and singers. The leaders of those families stayed in the temple accommodations. They didn't have other duties, because they were expected to serve day and night. **34** Those were the heads of the Levite families according to their generations, and they lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

King Sha'ul's ancestors and descendants[124]

35 Another of Benyamin's descendants was Yeiel. He was a founder of Giveon city and lived there. His wife was Ma'akah. **36** His oldest son was Avdon, and his other sons were Tsur, Kish, Ba'al, Ner, Nadav, **37** Gedor, Ahyo, Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Miklot. **38** Miklot was Shim'am's father. They also lived near their relatives in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

39 Ner was the father of Kish. Kish was the father of King Sha'ul (Saul). Sha'ul was the father of Yonatan (Jonathan), Malkishua, Avinadav, and Eshba'al. **40** Yonatan's son was Meriv-Ba'al. Meriv-Ba'al was the father of Mikah. **41** Mikah's sons were Piton, Melek, and Tahrea. **42** Ahaz was the father of Yaerah. Yaerah was the father of Alemet, Azmavet, and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Motsa. **43** Motsa was the father of Binea. Refayah was Binea's son. Eleasah was Refayah's son. Atsel was Eleasah's son.

44 Atsel had six sons, named Azrikam, Bokru, Yishmael (Ishmael), Shearyah, Ovadyah (Obadiah), and Hanan.

The death of King Sha'ul and his sons · Full kingdom[126]

10:1 Now the Pelishtim fought against Yisrael (Israel), and the Israeli men fled away from the Pelishtim, and many were killed on Mt. Gilboa. **2** Then the Pelishtim pursued Sha'ul (Saul) and his sons, and they killed his sons Yonatan (Jonathan), Avinadav, and Malkishua. **3** The battle against Sha'ul was very fierce, and then the archers spotted him and wounded him. **4** Then

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if/because by_number they_brought_them and_by_number they_took_them_out. **29** And_some_of_them were_appointed over the_vessels and_over all_of the_articles_of the_holy_place and_over the_fine_flour and_the_wine and_the_oil and_the_ _frankincense and_the_spices. **30** And_from the_sons_of the_ _priests were_those_who_mixed_of (of)_the_ointment_mixture of_spices. **31** And_Mattit^{yāh} one_of the_Lēviyyiy he was_the_ _firstborn of_Shallūm the_Qoraḥite in_faithfulness was_over the_work_of the_flat_cakes. **32** And_from the_sons_of the_ _Qəhātite[s] some_of relatives_of_their were_over the_bread_of the_row to_prepare_it sabbath_of sabbath. **33** And_these the_ _singers the_heads_of fathers of_Lēviyyiy were_in_rooms let_ _go_off_duty[123] if/because by_day and_night was_on_them in_ _work. **34** These were_the_heads_of the_fathers of_Lēviyyiy to_ _generations_of_their chiefs these they_dwelt in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

35 And_in_Giv˝ōn they_dwelt the_father_of Giv˝ōn Yə˝ī^{ēl}/(Jeiel)[125] and_name_of his/its_wife/woman was_Ma˝$_a$kāh. **36** And_son_of_his the_firstborn was_˝Avdōn and_Tsūr/(Tsūr) and_Qīsh and_Ba˝al and_Nēr and_Nādāv˙. **37** And_Gədor and_ _'Aḥyō and_Zəkar^{yāh} and_Miqlōt. **38** And_Miqlōt he_fathered ĐOM Shim˝ā'm and_also they before relatives_of_their they_ _dwelt in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with relatives_of_their. **39** And_Nēr he_fathered ĐOM Qīsh and_Qīsh he_fathered ĐOM Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_Shā'ūl he_fathered ĐOM Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_ĐOM Malkī- Shū˝a and_ _ĐOM 'Avīnādāv˙ and_ĐOM 'Ashba˝al. **40** And_the_son_of Yōnātān was_Mərīv˙-ba˝al was_Mərīv˙-ba˝al and_Mərīv˙- ba˝al he_fathered ĐOM Mīkāh. **41** And_the_sons of_Mīkāh were_Pitōn and_Melek and_Taḥrē˝a. **42** And_'Āḥāz he_fathered ĐOM Ya˝rāh/(Jarah) and_Ya˝rāh/(Jarah) he_fathered ĐOM ˝Ālemet and_ĐOM ˝Azmāvet and_ĐOM Zimrī and_Zimrī he_fathered ĐOM Mōtsā'. **43** And_ _Mōtsā' he_fathered ĐOM Bin˝ā' and_Rəfā^{yāh} son_of_was_his 'El˝āsāh son_of_was_his 'Ātsēl his/its_son. **44** And_belonged_to_ _'Ātsēl six sons and_these names_of_are_their ˝Azrīqām Bokrū and_Yishmā˝^{ēl}/(Ishmael) and_Shə˝ar^{yāh} and_˝Ov˙ad^{yāh} and_ _Ḥānān these were_the_sons_of 'Ātsēl.

10:1 And_the_Pəlishtiy they_fought against_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_ the_man_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he_fled from_face/in_front_ _of the_Pəlishtiy and_ slain _they_fell on_the_mountain_of Gilbo˝a. **2** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_pursued_closely after Shā'ūl and_after sons_of_his and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_struck_down ĐOM Yōnātān and_ĐOM 'Avīnādāv˙ and_ĐOM Malkī- Shū˝a the_ _sons_of Shā'ūl. **3** And_ the_battle _it_was_heavy on Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_they_found_him the_archers with_bow and_

123 LV 9:33 · Note OSHB variant note: **סיריטפ**: (x-qere) **'סֵירוּטָפ'**: lemma_6362 n_1 morph_HVqsmpa id_13oGq **סֵירוּטָפ**

124 RV 9:35 · Parallel 1 Chr. 8:29-38

125 LV 9:35 · Note OSHB variant note: **לאועי**: (x-qere) **'לֶאְיָעִ'**: lemma_3273 n_1 morph_HNp id_13CrC **לֶאְיָעִ**

126 RV 10:1 · Parallel 1 Sam. 31:1-13

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_he_was_in_severe_pain from the_archers. **4** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his draw sword_ _of_your and_pierce_me_through with_it lest the_ _uncircumcised_men the_these they_should_come and_they_ _will_deal_wantonly with_me and_not the_bearer_of his_ _armour(s)_of_his he_was_willing if/because he_was_afraid exceedingly and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_took ÐOM the_ _drought//sword/knife and_he_fell on_it. **5** And_ the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his _he/it_saw if/because_that Shā'ūl he_ _had_died and_ also he _he_fell on the_drought//sword/knife and_he/it_died. **6** And_ Shā'ūl and_three_of his_sons_of_his _ _he/it_died and_all household_of_his together they_died. **7** And_ every_of (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who was_in_ _valley _they_saw if/because_that they_had_fled and_ _because/when Shā'ūl and_sons_of_his they_had_died and_ _they_abandoned cities_of_their and_they_fled and_ the_ _Pəlishtiy _they_came and_they_lived in_them. **8** And_he/it_ _was from_the_next_day and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_came to_ _strip ÐOM the_ones_slain and_they_found ÐOM Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_ÐOM sons_of_his fallen on_the_mountain_of Gilbo'a. **9** And_ _they_stripped_him and_they_took ÐOM his/its_head and_ÐOM armour(s)_of_his and_they_sent in_the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy[129] all_around to_bear_the_news ÐOM idols_of_their and_ÐOM the_ _people. **10** And_they_put ÐOM armour(s)_of_his the_house_of their_gods_of_their and_ÐOM skull_of_his they_fixed the_house_ _of Dāgōn. **11** And_ all_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) Gil'ād _they_heard ÐOM all_of that the_Pəlishtiy they_had_done to_Shā'ūl. **12** And_ every_of man_of strength _they_arose and_they_took ÐOM the_ _corpse_of Shā'ūl and_ÐOM the_corpses_of his_sons_of_his and_ _they_brought_them to_Yāvēsh and_they_buried ÐOM bones_ _of_their under the_terebinth in_Yāvēsh and_they_fasted seven_of days. **13** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_died in_unfaithfulness_of_ _his which he_had_acted_unfaithfully against_**YHWH** on the_ _message_of **YHWH** which not he_kept and_also to_enquire by_ _necromancy to_consult. **14** And_not he_consulted (in)_**YHWH** and_he_put_him_to_death and_he_turned_over ÐOM the_ _royalty to_Dāvid the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse).

11:1 And_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gathered_together to Dāvid to_Ḫevrōn to_say HERE bone_of_are_your and_flesh_of_ _your we. **2** Both yesterday as_well_as three_days_ago also when_was Shā'ūl/(Saul) king you were_the_one_who_led_out and_the_one_who_brought ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he/it_said to/for_yourself(m) you you_will_ _shepherd ÐOM people_of_my ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(ms) you_will_be ruler over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_ all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came to the_king to_ _Ḫevrōn and_he_made to/for_them Dāvid a_covenant at_ _Ḫevrōn to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_ _anointed ÐOM Dāvid to_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_ _to_the_message_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel). **4** And_ Dāvid and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_went

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Sha'ul said to his equipment carrier, "Draw your sword and pierce me with it, so those uncircumcised Pelishtim can't come here and torture me." But his equipment carrier was very scared and wasn't willing to do it, so Sha'ul took his sword and fell onto it. **5** Then his equipment carrier, seeing that King Sha'ul had died, also fell on his sword and died. **6** So Sha'ul and his three sons died, thus ending his family's rule. **7** When all the Israelis living in the valley saw that the army had fled, and that Sha'ul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled. Then the Pelishtim came, and they lived there instead.

8 The next day, when the Pelishtim came to strip the dead, they found Sha'ul and his sons' bodies on Mt. Gilboa. **9** They stripped him and carried away his head and his armour. Then they sent messengers all around the Pelishti regions to take the news to their idols and the people. **10** They put his armour in the temple of their gods, and they hung his head in their god Dagon's temple. **11** When everyone who lived back in Yavesh in the Gilead region heard about everything the Pelishtim had done to Sha'ul, **12** all the strong men took action and retrieved the corpses of Sha'ul and his sons, and brought them back to Yavesh. Then they buried them under the large tree in Yavesh, and they fasted for seven days. **13** So Sha'ul died because of his disobedience—when he was unfaithful to Yahweh by not following Yahweh's instructions,[127] and also because he consulted a medium for guidance[128] **14** instead of requesting Yahweh's advice. So Yahweh killed him and handed the kingdom over to Yishay's (Jesse's) son David.

David becomes king · Full kingdom[130]

11:1 Then all of Yisrael (Israel) assembled around David at Hevron, saying, "Look, we're your flesh and blood relatives. **2** In the recent past, even when Sha'ul (Saul) was king, *you* were the one who took Yisrael out and the one who brought us back in. Plus your god Yahweh told you, 'You yourself will shepherd my people, Yisrael, and you yourself will become the leader of my Israeli people.' " **3** So all the Israeli elders went to the king at Hevron, and David made a solemn agreement with them at Hevron in front of Yahweh. Then they anointed David as king over Yisrael in accordance with Yahweh's message that was given through the prophet Shmuel (Samuel).

127 **RV 10:13 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 13:8-14; 15:1-24.

128 **RV 10:13 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:31; 20:6; 1Sam 28:7-8.

129 **LV 10:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

130 **RV 11:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 5:1-10

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4 Then David and all of Yisrael went to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) (Yerushalem, which was also known as Yevus because the Yevusim were living there).[131] 5 The inhabitants inside Yevus said to David, "You won't be entering this place." But David captured what became known as the Tsiyon (Zion) fortress, that is, the city of David. 6 He'd said, "The one who strikes down the Yevusim first will become my army commander." Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab) went up over the wall first, and he became head of the army. 7 David started living in that fortress, so then they called it the city of David. 8 He built the city up all around, from the terrace to the surrounding walls, and Yoav restored the rest of the city. 9 So David became more powerful because Commander-in-chief Yahweh helped him.

David's powerful warriors · Full kingdom

10 The following were the leaders of David's powerful warriors who, together with all of Yisrael (Israel), strengthened his kingdom and established him as king, just as Yahweh had said. 11 So these are David's powerful warriors: Yashaveam (a Hakmoni and the leader of the thirty), who once used his spear against three hundred men in a single battle and killed them all. 12 Next was Eleazar (an Ahohi, son of Dodo) who was one of the top three powerful warriors. 13 He was with David at Pas-Damim when the Pelishtim had assembled there for battle near a part of the countryside where barley was growing. At first, the Israelis fled from the Pelishtim, 14 but then they took their stand in the middle of the barley and proceeded to defeat the Pelishtim as Yahweh saved them through a stunning victory.

15 Then three of that top thirty went down to David, near the rock at Adulam's cave. Meanwhile, Pelishtim had encamped in the Refaim Valley. 16 David was in that fortress then, and the Pelishti garrison was in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), 17 and David was thirsty and asked, "Who'll get me water to drink from the well by the Beyt-Lehem gate?" 18 So those three broke through the Pelishti camp, and they drew water from the well at the Beyt-Lehem gate, and they brought it back to David. But David wasn't willing to drink it, and he poured it out on the ground as an offering to Yahweh. 19 "Far be it from me to drink this water in front of my god," he said. "Could I drink the blood of these men who risked their lives to bring it?" So he wasn't prepared to drink it. Those were some of the things those three powerful warriors did.

20 Yoav's (Joab's) brother Avishay was the head of a group of

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Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) that was_Yəvūş/(Jebus) and_there the_Yəvūşī the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land. 5 And_ the_ _inhabitants_of Yəvūş/(Jebus) _they_said to_Dāvid not you_ _will_come here and_ Dāvid _he_captured ᴅᴏᴍ the_stronghold_ _of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) that is_the_city_of Dāvid. 6 And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_said any_of one_who_attacks_of (of)_a_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite) at_first he_will_become (into)_a_chief and_(into)_a_ _commander and_he/it_ascended at_first Yō'āv/(Joab) the_ _son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) and_he/it_was (into)_a_chief. 7 And_ Dāvid _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_stronghold therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_called to_him/it the_ _city_of Dāvid. 8 And_he/it_built the_city from_round_about from the_Millō' and_unto the_surroundings and_Yō'āv he_ _restored ᴅᴏᴍ the_remainder_of the_city. 9 And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _went going and_becoming_great and_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers with_him/it.

10 And_these were_the_chiefs_of the_warriors who belonged_ _to_Dāvid who_held_strongly with_him/it in_kingdom_of_his with all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_make_him_king according_to_ _the_message_of **YHWH** on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 11 And_these are_ _the_number_of the_powerful/mighty(pl) who belonged_to_ _Dāvid Yāshov˙ām/(Jashobeam) a_son_of a_Ḥakmōnī was_the_ _chief_of the[133] he he_wielded ᴅᴏᴍ spear_of_his on three hundred(s) slain at_a_time one. 12 And_was_after_him 'El˙āzār the_son_of Dōdō the_'Aḥōḥī he was_among_three the_ _powerful/mighty(pl). 13 He he_was with Dāvid at_Paş-dammim and_the_Pəlishtiy they_were_gathered there[134] for_ _battle and_it_became the_portion_of the_field full barley(s) and_the_people they_fled from_face/in_front_of the_Pəlishtiy. 14 And_they_took_their_stand in_the_middle_of the_portion and_they_delivered_it and_they_struck_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pəlishtiy and_ **YHWH** _he_gave_victory a_victory great. 15 And_ three of the_thirty chief[s] _they_went_down to the_rock to Dāvid to the_cave_of ˙Adullām and_a_camp_of Pəlishtiy was_encamping in_the_valley_of Rəfā'īm. 16 And_Dāvid then was_in_stronghold and_a_garrison_of Pəlishtiy then in_house_of lehem. 17 And[135] Dāvid he_said who will_he_give_me_to_drink water from_the_ _well_of Bēyt- lehem which is_at_gate. 18 And_ the_three _ _they_broke_through in_the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_ _drew water from_the_well_of Bēyt- lehem which was_at_gate and_they_carried_them and_they_brought_them to Dāvid and_ _not Dāvid he_was_willing to_drink_them and_he_poured_out ᴅᴏᴍ_them to/for_**YHWH**. 19 And_he/it_said far_be_it to/for_ _me from_god_of_my from_doing this_thing the_blood_of the_ _men the_these will_I_drink with_lives_of_their if/because with_lives_of_their they_brought_them and_not he_was_willing to_drink_them these_things the_three_of the_warriors they_ _did. 20 And_'Avshay the_brother_of Yō'āv/(Joab) he[136] he_was the_chief_of the_three and_he he_wielded ᴅᴏᴍ spear_of_his on

131 **RV 11:4 · Cross-ref.** Josh 15:63; Jdg 1:21.

133 **LV 11:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ם/הישולש: (x-qere) ה/שִׁלֹּשִׁים': lemma_d/7991 c n_0.1 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_13eUm ה/שִׁלֹּשִׁים

134 **LV 11:13 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

135 **LV 11:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ואתי: (x-qere) ו/וַיָּאֹתִי': lemma_c/183 morph_HC/Vtw3ms id_13yML ו/וַיָּאֹתִי

136 **LV 11:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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three hundred(s) slain and[137] a_name among_three. **21** More_
_than the_three by_twofold he_was_honoured and_he/it_was
to/for_them (into)_a_commander and_unto the_three not he_
_came. **22** Bənāʸᵃʰ the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) was_a_son_
_of a_man_of strength great_of deeds from Qaʋtsəʾēl he he_
_struck_down ᴅᴅᴍ the_two_of the_warrior[s] of_Mōʾāʋ and_he
he_went_down and_he_struck_down ᴅᴅᴍ the_lion in_the_
_middle of_the_pit in/on_day of_the_snow. **23** And_he he_
_struck_down ᴅᴅᴍ the_man (the)_from_
_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) a_man_of stature five by_cubit
and_was_in_the_hand_of the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) a_
_spear like_a_beam_of weavers and_he/it_descended to_him/it
with_club and_he_seized ᴅᴅᴍ the_spear from_the_hand_of the_
_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) and_he/it_killed_him/it with_
_his_own_of_spear. **24** These_things Bənāʸᵃʰ the_son_of
Yəhōyādāʿ he_did and_to/for_him/it a_name among_the_three
the_powerful/mighty(pl). **25** More_than the_thirty THERE_he
was_honoured he and_near/to the_three not he_came and_he_
_appointed_him Dāvid over bodyguard_of_his. **26** And_the_
_mighty_men_of (the)_strength(s) were_ʿAsāh-ʾēl the_brother_
_of Yōʾāʋ/(Joab) ʾElḥānān the_son_of Dōdō from_Bēyt- lehem.
27 Shammōt the_Hₐrōrī Ḥelets the_Pəlōnī. **28** ʿĪrāʾ the_son_of
ʿIqqēsh the_Təqōʿī ʾAvīʿezer the_ʿAnnətotī. **29** Ṣibkay the_
_Ḥushātī ʿĪlay the_ʾAḥōḥī. **30** Mahₐray the_Nəṭofātī Ḥēled the_
_son_of Baʿₐnāh the_Nəṭofātī. **31** ʾIttay the_son_of Rīʋay from_
_Gibeah of_the_descendants_of of_Binyāmīn Bənāʸᵃʰ the_
_Piʿātōnī. **32** Ḥūray from_the_wadis_of Gaʿash ʾAvīʾēl the_
_ʿArʋātī. **33** ʿAzmāvet the_Baḥₐrūmī ʾElyaḥbā ʾ the_Shaʿalʋonī.
34 The_sons_of Hāshēm the_Gizōnī
Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shageh the_
_Hₐrārī. **35** ʾAḥīʾām the_son_of Sākār the_Hₐrārī ʾElīfāl the_son_
_of ʾŪr. **36** Ḥēfer the_Mekerathite ʾAḥiyʸᵃʰ the_Pəlōnī. **37** Ḥetsrō
the_Karməlī/(Carmelite) Naʿₐray the_son_of ʾEzbay.
38 Yōʾēl/(Joel) the_brother_of Nātān Miʋḥār the_son_of Hagrī.
39 Tseleq/(Zelek) the_ʿAmmōnī Naḥₐray the_Beerothite the_
_bearer of_the_armour(s)_of of_Yōʾāʋ the_son_of
Tsərūʸᵃʰ/(Zeruiah). **40** ʿĪrāʾ the_Yitrī/(Ithrite) Gārēʋ the_Yitrī.
41 Uriah the_Hittite Zāʋād the_son_of ʾAḥlay. **42** ʿAdīnāʾ the_
_son_of Shizāʾ the_Rəʾūʋēnite a_chief of_Rəʾūʋēnite[s] and_
_were_with_him thirty_warriors. **43** Ḥānān the_son_of Maʿₐkāh
and_Yōshāfāṭ/(Joshaphat) the_Mitnī. **44** ʿUzziyyāʾ the_
_ʿAshtərātī Shāmāʿ and[138] the_sons_of Ḥōtām the_ʿArōʿērite.
45 Yədīʿₐʾēl/(Jediael) the_son_of Shimrī and_Yōḥāʾ/(Joha)
his/its_brother the_Tiytsī. **46** ʾElīʾēl the_Maḥₐvīm and_
_Yərīʋay/(Jeribai) and_Yōshaʋʸᵃʰ/(Joshaviah) the_sons_of
ʾElnaʿam and_Yitmāh/(Ithmah) the_Mōʾāʋite. **47** ʾElīʾēl and_
_ʿŌʋēd and_Yaʿₐsiyʾēl/(Jaasiel) the_Mətsoʋāʸᵃʰ.
12:1 And_these the_(ones_who)_went to Dāvid to_
_Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) still he_was_kept_back from_face/in_front_of
Shāʾūl/(Saul) the_son_of Qīsh and_they were_among_warriors
who_helped_of the_war. **2** They_were_equipped_of bow using_
_right_hand and_using_left_hand with_stones and_with_arrows
with_bow some_of_the_relatives_of Shāʾūl from_Binyāmīn.

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three. He'd killed three hundred people with his spear and had a reputation among the three.[132] **21** He was honoured more than the other two and became the leader of that second group of three, but didn't enter the first Three.

22 Yehoyada's son Benayah from Kavtse'el was a powerful warrior who did amazing things. He struck down Ariel's two sons from Moav (Moab). Another time, he climbed down into a pit on a snowy day and killed the lion that was trapped in the pit. **23** He also killed a huge Mitsri (Egyptian) man—well over two metres tall. The Mitsri was carrying a spear like a weaver's beam, but Benayah went down to take him on with a staff. He forced the spear from the Mitsri's grasp, and then killed him with it. **24** So that was what Benayah (Yehoyada's son) did that gave him a reputation among the three powerful warriors. **25** Actually, he was honoured more than the Thirty, yet he didn't make it to the first Three, but David appointed him to have authority over his bodyguards.

26 These are the names of the powerful warriors: Asahel (Yoav's brother), Elhanan (Dodo's son from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)), **27** Shamot (from Haror), Helets (from Pelon), **28** Ira (Ikesh's son from Tekoa), Aviezer (from Anatot), **29** Sibkay (from Hushah), Ilay (from Ahoh), **30** Maharay (from Netofah), Heled (Ba'anah's son from Netofah), **31** Itay (Rivay's son from Giveah, which belonged to Benyamin's descendants), Benayah (from Pireaton), **32** Huray (from the valleys near Mt. Ga'ash), Aviel (from Aravah), **33** Azmavet (from Baharum), Elyahba (from Shaalvon), **34** Hashem's sons (from Gizon), Yonatan (Jonathan) (Shageh's son from Harar), **35** Ahiam (Sakar's son from Harar), Elifal (Ur's son), **36** Hefer (from Mekerat), Ahiyah (from Pelon), **37** Hetsro (from Karmel), Na'aray (Ezbay's son), **38** Yoel (Joel) (Natan's (Nathan's) brother), Mivhar (Hagri's son), **39** Tselek (the Amoni), Naharay (from Be'erot, armour bearer for Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab)), **40** Ira (the Yitri), Garev (the Yitri), **41** Uriyah (Bat-Sheva's (Bathsheba's) husband the Hiti), Zavad (Ahlay's son), **42** Adina (Shiza's son from the tribe of Re'uven, a leader from that tribe who had thirty soldiers with him), **43** Hanan (Ma'akah's son), Yoshafat (from Mithna), **44** Uziya (from Ashterat), Shama and Yeiel (Hotam's sons from Aroer), **45** Yedieael (Shimri's son) and his brother Yoha (from Tiz), **46** Eliel (from Mahavah), Yerivay and Yoshavyah (Elna'am's sons), Yitmah (from Moav (Moab)), **47** Eliel and Oved, and Ya'asiyel (from Tsovah).

The heroes accompanied to David · Full kingdom

12:1 These were the men who joined David in Tsiklag, when he was banished from Kish's son Sha'ul's (Saul's) presence. (They were among the warriors who assisted David in battle **2** armed with bows. Some used slings right-handed and some

132 RV 11:20 · Note This seems unexpectedly similar to verse 11 and might possibly indicate some confusion in the early records.

137 LV 11:20 · Note OSHB variant note: אל/ו: (x-qere) ו/ל/ו: lemma_c/l morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_13WV1 ו/ל/ו

138 LV 11:44 · Note OSHB variant note: לאועי/ו: (x-qere) ו/לְאִיעִי/ו: lemma_c/3273 n_0.1 morph_HC/Np id_13JnZ ו/לְאִיעִי/ו

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left-handed, as well as shooting arrows with a bow. They were from the Benyamin tribe, Sha'ul's relatives.) **3** Their leader was Ahiezer, then next was Yoash, both Shema'ah's sons from Giveah city. Others were: Yeziel and Pelet (Azmavet's sons), Berakah, Yehu (Jehu) (from Anatot city), **4** Yishmaeyah (from Giveon city, who was the leader of the thirty greatest warriors), Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), Yahaziel, Yohanan, Yozavad (from Gederah city), **5** Eleuzay, Yerimot, Be'alyah, Shemaryah, Shefatyah (from Haruf city), **6** Elkanah, Yishiyah, Azarel, Yoezer, and Yashaveam (all Korah's descendants), **7** and Yoelah and Zevadyah (Yeroham's sons, from Gedor city).

8 Some Gadim joined David at the wilderness fortress. They were very strong army warriors, ready for battle with shields and spears. Their faces were fierce like lions, but they could run across the hills like gazelles. **9** Their leader was Ezer, then Ovadyah (Obadiah), then Eliav. **10** Next was Mishmanah, then Yirmiyah, **11** Atay, Eliel, **12** Yohanan, Elzavad, **13** another Yirmiyah, then the eleventh was Makbanay.

14 Those men from the Gad tribe were army leaders—each leading somewhere between a hundred and a thousand men. **15** They crossed to the west side of the Yarden (Jordan) River during the spring, at the time of the year when the river floods. They drove out all the people who lived in the valleys on both sides of the river.

16 Some other men from the tribes of Benyamin and Yehudah (Judah) also went to David in his fortress. **17** David went out of the cave to meet them, and he told them: "If you've come to me in peace, to help me, then I'll be happy to cooperate with you men. But if you men plan to betray me to my enemies even though I've done you no harm, may the god of our ancestors see your motives and judge."

18 Then the spirit empowered Amasay, the head of the thirty,

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3 The_chief 'Aḥī'ezer and_Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_sons_of (the)_ _Shəmā'āh the_Giv'ātī and[139] and_Peleṭ the_sons_of 'Azmāvet and_Bərākāh and_Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_'Annətotī. **4** And_ _Yishma'^{yāh}/(Ishmaiah) the_Giv'ōnite a_mighty_man among_ _thirty and_over the_thirty. **5** [140] And_Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) and_Yaḥ$_a$zī'^{ēl}/(Jahaziel) and_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) and_ _Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) the_Gədērātī. **6** [141] 'El'ūzay and_ _Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) and_Bə'al^{yāh} and_Shəmar^{yāh} and_Shəfaṭ^{yāh} the[142]. **7** [143] 'Elqānāh and_Yishshiy^{yāh}/(Isshiah) and_'Azar'^{ēl} and_Yō'ezer/(Joezer) and_Yāshov'ām/(Jashobeam) the_ _Qoraḥites. **8** [144] And_Yō'ē'lāh/(Joelah) and_Zəv'ad^{yāh} the_sons_ _of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) from (the)_Gədor. **9** [145] And_from the_ _Gādī[s] they_separated_themselves to Dāvid to_stronghold wilderness_towards_the the_mighty_men_of (the)_strength men_of war for_battle who_deployed_of (of)_shield and_spear and_were_faces_of a_lion faces_of_their and_like_gazelles on the_mountains to_hastening. **10** [146] 'Ēzer was_the_chief 'Ov'ad^{yāh} the_second 'Elī'āv was_the_third. **11** [147] Mishmā'nnah the_fourth Yirmə^{yāh} was_the_fifth. **12** [148] 'Attay the_sixth 'Elī'^{ēl} was_the_seventh. **13** [149] Yōḥānān was_the_eighth 'Elzāvād was_ _the_ninth. **14** [150] Yirmə^{yāh} was_the_tenth Machbannai was_ _the_one_plus_of ten. **15** [151] These from_(the)_sons of_Gād were_the_chiefs_of the_army was_one to_a_hundred the_little and_the_great was_one_to_a_thousand. **16** [152] These were_they who they_passed_over ĐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) in_month (the)_first and_he was_overflowing over all_of its[153] and_they_ _put_to_flight ĐOM all_of the_valleys to_east and_to_west. **17** [154] And_ some_of the_descendants_of Binyāmīn and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) _they_came to to_stronghold to_Dāvid. **18** [155] And_ Dāvid _he/it_went_out before_them and_he_ _answered and_he/it_said to/for_them if to_peace you(pl)_ _have_come to_me to_help_me it_will_belong to/for_me towards_you(pl) a_heart for_unity and_if to_betray_me to_foes_ _of_my with_not violence in_palms_of_my the_god_of our_ _ancestors_of_our may_he_see and_may_he_judge. **19** [156] And_ _spirit it_clothed ĐOM 'Amāsā'i the_chief_of the[157] to/for_

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139 LV 12:3 · Note OSHB variant note: לאוזי/ו: (x-qere) 'לְאִיזִי/ו': lemma_c/3149 morph_HC/Np id_13cLd לְאִיזִי/ו

140 LV 12:5 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.4

141 LV 12:6 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.5

142 LV 12:6 · Note OSHB variant note: יפירח/ה: (x-qere) 'יְפוּרֵחַ/ה': lemma_d/2741 n_0 morph_HTd/Ngmsa id_13FpW יְפוּרֵחַ/ה

143 LV 12:7 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.6

144 LV 12:8 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.7

145 LV 12:9 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.8

146 LV 12:10 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.9

147 LV 12:11 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.10

148 LV 12:12 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.11

149 LV 12:13 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.12

150 LV 12:14 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.13

151 LV 12:15 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.14

152 LV 12:16 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.15

153 LV 12:16 · Note OSHB variant note: יתידג/ו: (x-qere) 'יְתוּדְגִ/ו': lemma_1415 n_1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_13hNu יְתוּדְגִ/ו

154 LV 12:17 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.16

155 LV 12:18 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.17

156 LV 12:19 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.18

157 LV 12:19 · Note OSHB variant note: הישולש/ה: (x-qere) 'הַשִּׁלְשִׁ/ה': lemma_d/7970 n_1.3 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_13icS הַשִּׁלְשִׁ/ה

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_yourself(m) Oh_Dāvid and_with_you Oh_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) peace peace to/for_yourself(m) and_peace be_to_the_one_of_ _who_helps_you if/because he_has_helped_you god_of_your and_he_accepted_them Dāvid and_he_appointed_them (in)_ _the_chiefs_of the_marauding_band. **20** [158] And_some_of_ _Mənashsheh they_fell on Dāvid when_went_he with the_ _Pəlishtiy on Shā'ūl/(Saul) for_battle and_not they_helped_ _them if/because by_plan they_sent_him_away the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy to_say by_heads_of_our he_will_fall to master(s)_ _of_his Shā'ūl. **21** [159] When_went_he to Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) they_ _fell on/upon/above_him/it from_Mənashsheh Adnach and_ _Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) and_Yədi'$_a$'^{ēl}/(Jediael) and_Mīkā'^{ēl} and_ _Yōzāvād and_'Elīhū and_Tsillətay/(Zillethai) the_chiefs_of the_thousands who belonged_to_Mənashsheh. **22** [160] And_they they_helped with Dāvid on the_marauding_band[s] if/because were_mighty_men_of strength of_them_of_all and_they_were commanders in_army. **23** [161] If/because to_a_time_of a_day in/on_day they_came to Dāvid to_help_him until to_a_camp great like_the_camp_of god. **24** [162] And_these are_the_numbers_ _of the_chiefs_of the_man_equipped for_war who_they_came to Dāvid to_Ḥevrōn to_turn_over the_kingdom_of Shā'ūl to_ _him/it according_to_the_mouth_of **YHWH**. **25** [163] The_ _descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who_bore_of (of)_shield and_spear were_six_of thousand(s) and_eight hundred(s) men_ _equipped_of war. **26** [164] Of the_descendants_of Shim'ōn mighty_men_of strength for_war seven_of thousand(s) and_ _one_hundred. **27** [165] Of the_descendants_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] four_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s). **28** [166] And_ _Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_leader of_'Ah$_a$ron and_were_with_ _him three_of thousand(s) and_seven hundred(s). **29** [167] And_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) a_young_man mighty_of strength and_the_ _house_of his/its_father commanders twenty and_two. **30** [168] And_from the_descendants_of Binyāmīn the_relatives_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) three_of thousand(s) and_unto now part_of_ _their_greater were_keeping the_duty_of the_house_of Shā'ūl. **31** [169] And_from the_descendants_of 'Efrayim were_twenty thousand and_eight hundred(s) were_mighty_men_of strength men_of names_of_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their. **32** [170] And_of_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh eight- teen thousand who they_had_been_designated by_names to_come to_make_king ~~DOM~~ Dāvid. **33** [171] And_of_the_descendants_of

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and he said: "To you, David, and with you, son of Yishay (Jesse): peace. Peace to you and peace to the one who helps you, because your god has helped you." And David received them and appointed them as the heads of the troop.

19 Some men from Menasheh (Manasseh) joined David when he accompanied the Pelishtim to battle against King Sha'ul (Saul). (But David and his men didn't help the Pelishtim, because the Pelishtim' governors were advised to send them away, as there was a worry that David would feel loyal to his former master, and hence turn on them.) **20** As David was going to Tsiklag, the following men from Menasheh joined him: Adnah, Yozavad, Yedieael, Mika'el (Michael), another Yozavad, Elihu, and Tsiletay—the captains of units of thousands from Menasheh. **21** They helped David stand against bands of raiders, because they were all powerful warriors and military leaders. **22** Every day more men joined David to help him, until his army became very large, like the Israeli people group itself.

23 The following are the numbers of the leaders of those equipped for war. They came to David at Hevron to help him obtain Sha'ul's kingdom as Yahweh had promised.

24 From Yehudah (Judah): 6,800 warriors ready for battle with shields and spears.

25 From Shim'on (Simeon): 7,100 powerful warriors ready for battle.

26 From Levi: 4,600.

27 Yehoyada (a leader descended from Aharon (Aaron)) brought 3,700 with him.

28 Tsadok, a strong young man, brought twenty-two leaders from his clan.

29 From Benyamin (Sha'ul's (Saul's) tribe): 3,000 (most of whom had previously served King Sha'ul).

30 From Efrayim (Ephraim): 20,800 powerful warriors who were admired within their own clans.

31 From the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh): 18,000 who were known by name came to make David king.

32 From Yisakar (Issachar): 200 leaders (with a good understanding of the times and the right thing to do) along with their

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158 LV 12:20 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.19
159 LV 12:21 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.20
160 LV 12:22 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.21
161 LV 12:23 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.22
162 LV 12:24 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.23
163 LV 12:25 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.24
164 LV 12:26 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.25
165 LV 12:27 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.26
166 LV 12:28 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.27
167 LV 12:29 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.28
168 LV 12:30 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.29
169 LV 12:31 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.30
170 LV 12:32 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.31
171 LV 12:33 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.32

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relatives that they commanded.

33 From Zevulun: 50,000 experienced warriors with each kind of weapon, and stoic in attitude, yet loyal.

34 From Naftali (Naphtali): 1,000 officers, along with 37,000 men carrying shields and spears.

35 From Dan: 28,600 men prepared for battle.

36 From Asher: 40,000 warriors prepared for battle.

37 From Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe across the Yarden (Jordan) river: 120,000 men armed with all kinds of weapons.

38 All those enthusiastic and capable warriors came to Hevron to make David king over all of Yisrael (Israel). The rest of Yisrael was also united in wanting to make David king. **39** They were there with David three days, eating and drinking, because their families had sent provisions with them. **40** Also, people who lived near that area (even as far as the tribal areas belonging to Yisakar (Issachar), Zevulun, and Naftali (Naphtali)) were bringing bread on donkeys and camels, and on mules and on oxen: plentiful supplies of flour, fig cakes, raisin cakes, wine, and oil, as well as oxen and sheep, because Yisrael was celebrating.

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13:1 One day David consulted with all his leaders—the commanders of thousands and of hundreds. **2** David said to the whole Israeli assembly, "If it sounds good to you, and to our god Yahweh, let's spread out to all our different regions to recruit our relatives, along with the priests and the Levites in the cities among their pasturelands, so they can join us. **3** And let's return our god's box back here, because we didn't use it to ask God for guidance in Sha'ul's (Saul's) time." **4** All the assembled people agreed because everyone could see that it was the right thing to do.

5 So David assembled all of Yisrael (Israel), from everywhere from the Shihor river down in Mitsrayim (Egypt) to as far north as Levo-Hamat, to bring in God's box from Kiryat-Yearim.[181] **6** Then David and all of Yisrael went to Kiryat-Yearim (also known as Ba'alah, in Yehudah (Judah)), to bring up from there

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Issachar who_knew_of (of)_understanding of_times to_know what Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) will_it_do chiefs_of_their were_two_ _hundred and_all relatives_of_their were_on mouth_of_their. **34** [172] Of_Zəvūlūn those_who_go_forth_of war those_who_ _prepare_of battle in_all weapons_of war were_fifty thousand and_to_help with_not a_heart and_a_heart. **35** [173] And_of_ _Naftālī commanders one_thousand and_were_with_them with_shield and_spear thirty and_seven thousand. **36** [174] And_ _from the_Danite[s] those_who_prepare_of battle were_twenty and_eight thousand and_six hundred(s). **37** [175] And_of_'Āshēr those_who_go_forth_of war to_deploy battle were_forty thousand. **38** [176] And_from_the_other_side of_Yardēn/(Jordan) of the_Rə'ūvēnite[s] and_the_Gādī[s] and_the_half_of the_ _tribe_of Mənashsheh with_all_of weapons_of war_of battle one_hundred and_twenty thousand. **39** [177] All_of these men_of war who_helped_of a_battle_line with_a_heart complete they_ _came to_Ḥevrōn to_make_king ~~DOM~~ Dāvid over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_also all_of the_remainder_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_heart one to_make_king ~~DOM~~ Dāvid. **40** [178] And_they_were there with Dāvid days three eating and_ _drinking if/because they_had_prepared to/for_them relatives_ _of_their. **41** [179] And_also the_people_near to_them to Issachar and_Zəvūlūn and_Naftali were_bringing food on_donkeys and_ _on_camels and_on_mules and_on_ox[en] food flour fig_cakes and_bunches_of_raisins and_wine and_oil and_ox[en] and_ _sheep to_increase_in_number if/because joy was_in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

13:1 And_ Dāvid _he_consulted with the_commanders_of the_ _thousands and_the_hundreds to/from_all/each/any/every leader. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_all/each/any/every the_ _assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if is_on_you(pl) good and_from **YHWH** god_of_our let_us_spread_out let_us_send to countrymen_of_our who_remain in_all_of the_lands_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_with_them the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy in_the_cities_of their_pasture_lands_of_their so_that_they_ _may_gather_together to_us. **3** And_let_us_bring_round ~~DOM~~ the_box_of our_god_of_our to_us if/because not we_sought_it in_the_days_of Shā'ūl/(Saul). **4** And_ all_of the_assembly _they_ _said for_doing thus if/because the_matter it_was_pleasing in/on_both_eyes_of all_of the_people. **5** And_ Dāvid _he_ _assembled ~~DOM~~ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from Shiyḥōr of_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto Ləvō' Ḥₐmāt to_bring ~~DOM~~ the_ _box_of the_'Elohīm from_Qiryat- yə'ārīm/(jearim). **6** And_ Dāvid and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended to_Baₐlāh to Qiryat Yə'ārīm/(Jearim) which belongs_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah)

172 **LV 12:34 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.33
173 **LV 12:35 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.34
174 **LV 12:36 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.35
175 **LV 12:37 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.36
176 **LV 12:38 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.37
177 **LV 12:39 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.38
178 **LV 12:40 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.39
179 **LV 12:41 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.40
180 **RV 13:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 6:1-11
181 **RV 13:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 7:1-2.

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to_bring_up from_there ~~ÐOM~~ the_box_of the_'Elohīm **YHWH** who_sits the_cherubim which a_name it_is_called. **7** And_they_ _made_to_ride ~~ÐOM~~ the_box_of the_'Elohīm on a_cart new from_the_house_of 'Avīnādāv and_ʹUzzā' and_'Aḥyō were_ _leading (in)_cart. **8** And_Dāvid and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_ _playing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_'Elohīm in_all strength and_on_songs and_on_harps and_on_lyres and_on_ _tambourines and_on_cymbals and_on_trumpets. **9** And_they_ _came to the_threshing_floor_of Kīdōn and_ ʹUzzā' _he_ _stretched_out ~~ÐOM~~ his/its_hand to_take_hold_of ~~ÐOM~~ the_box if/because the_ox[en] they_had_stumbled. **10** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_ʹUzzā' and_he_struck_him_ _down on that he_had_stretched_out his/its_hand on the_box and_he/it_died there to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before god. **11** And_it_glowed/burnt to_Dāvid if/because **YHWH** he_had_ _broken_out a_breaking_out against_ʹUzzā' and_he/it_called (to)_place (the)_that Perets ʹUzzā' until the_day (the)_this. **12** And_ Dāvid _he_feared ~~ÐOM~~ the_'Elohīm in_the_day (the)_ _that to_say how will_I_bring to_me ~~ÐOM~~ the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm. **13** And_not Dāvid he_turned_aside ~~ÐOM~~ the_box to_ _him/it to the_city_of Dāvid and_he_took_it_aside to the_ _house_of ʹŌvēd- 'Edōm the_Gittiy. **14** And_ the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived with the_ _household_of ʹŌvēd- 'Edōm in_house_of_his three months and_ **YHWH** _he/it_blessed ~~ÐOM~~ the_household_of ʹŌvēd- 'Edōm and_~~ÐOM~~ all_of that to_him/it.

14:1 And_he_sent Ḥūrām[185] the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) messengers to Dāvid and_wood(s)_of cedars and_craftsmen_of a_wall and_craftsmen_of wood(s) to_build to_him/it a_house. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_knew if/because_that he_had_appointed_ _him **YHWH** to_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because_that was_ _exalted (to)_upwards his/its_kingdom in_account_of people_ _of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took again wives in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ Dāvid _he/it_fathered again sons and_daughters. **4** And_these are_the_names_of the_ones_ _born who they_belonged to_him/it in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Shammūʿa and_Shōvāv Nātān and_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **5** And_Yāvəḥar/(Ibhar) and_'Elīshūʿa and_'Elīfeleṭ. **6** And_Nogah and_Nefeg and_Yāfīʿa/(Japhia). **7** And_'Elīshāʿma and_Bəʿelyādāʿ and_'Elīfeleṭ.

8 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_heard if/because_that Dāvid he_ _had_been_anointed to_king over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ all_of the_Pəlishtiy _they_went_up to_seek ~~ÐOM~~ Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he/it_listened and_he/it_went_out before_them. **9** And_ _the_Pəlishtiy they_had_come and_they_had_made_a_raid in_ _the_valley_of Rəfā'īm. **10** And_ Dāvid _he_enquired by_god to_ _say will_I_go_up on the_Pəlishtiy[188] and_will_you(pl)_give_ _them in_hand_of_my and_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** go_up and_I_will_give_them in_hand_of_your. **11** And_they_went_up

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the box of God Yahweh who sits over the winged creatures.[182] The box is used when calling his name to request help. **7** They transported God's box on a new cart from Avinadav's house, and Uza and Ahyo were leading the cart, **8** and David and all of Yisrael were celebrating in front of God with all their energy, with songs, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals, and trumpets.

9 However, just as they were passing Kidon's threshing floor, the oxen stumbled and Uza reached out to steady the box. **10** That made Yahweh very angry with Uza, and he struck him down because he'd reached out to touch the box, and he died right there in front of God. **11** That in turn made David angry because Yahweh had burst out against Uza, and he named that place Perets-Uza (which means 'outburst against Uza'), which it's still called, to this day.

12 David was afraid of God that day and asked himself, "How can I possibly bring God's box to where I am in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)?" **13** So David gave up on bringing the box to where he was in the city of David, and instead he took it into the nearby house belonging to Oved-Edom the Giti. **14** So God's box stayed at Oved-Edom's house for three months, and Yahweh blessed Oved-Edom's home and everything that belonged to him.[183]

David 'expansion' in Yerushalem · Full kingdom[184]

14:1 One day King Huram from Tsor (Tyre) sent messengers to David, along with cedar timber and stone masons and carpenters to build a house for him. **2** By then David had realised that Yahweh had established him as king over Yisrael (Israel)—that his kingdom was being made more prominent for the sake of Yahweh's people Yisrael.

3 Then David took more wives in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and he fathered more sons and daughters. **4** These are his children who were born there in Yerushalem: Shamua, Shovav, Natan (Nathan), Shelomoh (Solomon), **5** Yavehar, Elishua, Elifelet, **6** Nogah, Nefeg, Yafia, **7** Elishama, Be'elyada, and Elifelet.

The defeat of the Pelishtim · Full kingdom[186]

8 When the Pelishtim heard that David had been anointed as king over all of Yisrael (Israel), the entire Pelishti army went up into the hill country to eliminate him. David got this news and took his army out to meet them. **9** Meanwhile, the Pelishtim went and raided the Refaim valley, **10** and David asked God, "Should I take on the Pelishtim, and will you give me victory over them?"

182 **RV 13:6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:22.

183 **RV 13:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 26:4-5.

184 **RV 14:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 2:11-16

185 **LV 14:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: מריח: (x-qere) 'רוּחָ': lemma_2438 morph_HNp id_13WLs רוּחָ

186 **RV 14:8 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 5:17-25

188 **LV 14:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: מייתשלפ: (x-qere) 'תְּשֻׁלְפִ': lemma_6430 n_1.1 morph_HNgmpa id_13XTu תְּשֻׁלְפִ

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"Go ahead," Yahweh answered, "and I'll enable you to defeat them."

11 Then they[187] went up to what's now called Ba'al-Peratsim, and David defeated them down there. David said, "God has used me to break through my enemies like a flooded river breaking a dam." Therefore they named that place Ba'al-Peratsim (which means 'the master bursts through'). **12** The Pelishtim abandoned their idols as they fled, and David ordered them to be burnt.

13 But soon the Pelishtim raided the valley again, **14** and David asked God's advice again. "Don't go uphill after them," God said, "but circle around them and confront them in front of the balsam trees. **15** When you hear the sound of the marching in the tops of the balsam trees, that's when you should attack, because God will have gone out ahead of you to strike down the Pelishti army." **16** So David did just as God had told him, and he attacked the Pelishtim from Giveon all the way to Gezer. **17** So David's reputation spread everywhere, and Yahweh caused the other nations to be afraid of him.

Moving the box containing the agreement · Full kingdom

15:1 David constructed houses for his wives in the city of David. He also prepared a place for God's sacred box and erected a tent for it. **2** Then David ordered, "Only the Levites are allowed to carry God's box, because Yahweh chose them to carry the box and to minister for him forever."[189] **3** David assembled all of Yisrael (Israel) in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to bring Yahweh's box uphill there to the place that he'd prepared for it. **4** Then he summoned Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants and these Levites:

5 From Kohat's descendants (Levi's second son): Uriel the leader and 120 of his relatives.

6 From Merari's descendants (Levi's third son): Asayah the leader and 220 of his relatives.

7 From Gereshon's descendants (Levi's eldest son): Yoel (Joel) the leader and 130 of his relatives.

8 From Elitsafan's descendants: Shemayah the leader and 200 of his relatives.

9 From Hevron's descendants: Eliel the leader and eighty of his relatives.

10 From Uziel's descendants: Aminadav the leader and 112 of his relatives.

11 David summoned the priests Tsadok and Evyatar and these Levites: Uriel, Asayah, Yoel, Shemayah, Eliel, and Aminadav. **12** He told them, "You are the heads of the Levite clans. Consecrate yourselves, you and your relatives, and bring Yisrael's god Yahweh's box up to where I've prepared a place for it. **13** The first time we tried, it wasn't you Levites, so our god Yahweh burst out against us because we hadn't requested his instruc-

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in_Ba'al- pərātsīm and_he_defeated_them there Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he/it_said the_'Elohīm he_has_broken_through ~~ĐOM~~ enemies_of_my by_hand_of_my like_a_breaking_out_of water therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_called the_name_of the_ _place (the)_that Ba'al Pərātsīm. **12** And_they_abandoned there ~~ĐOM~~ gods_of_their and_ Dāvid _he/it_said and_they_were_burnt with_fire. **13** And_they_repeated again the_Pəlishtiy and_they_ _made_a_raid in_valley. **14** And_he_enquired again Dāvid by_ _god and_he/it_said to_him/it the_'Elohīm not you_must_go_ _up after_them go_around from_on_them and_you_will_come to/for_them from_in_front_of the_balsam_trees. **15** And_let_it_ _be just_as_you_hear ~~ĐOM~~ the_sound_of (the)_marching in_the_ _tops_of the_balsam_trees then you_will_go_out in_battle if/because the_'Elohīm he_has_gone_out to_your_face to_attack ~~ĐOM~~ the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy. **16** And_ Dāvid _he/it_made just_as he_had_commanded_him the_'Elohīm and_they_ _defeated ~~ĐOM~~ the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy from_Giv'ōn and_ _unto (to)_Gezer. **17** And_ the_name_of Dāvid _he/it_went_out in_all the_lands and_**YHWH** he_put ~~ĐOM~~ of_him_of_dread on all_of the_nations.

15:1 And_he_made to_him/it houses in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ _he_prepared a_place for_the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_he_ _pitched to_him/it a_tent. **2** Then Dāvid he_said not to_carry ~~ĐOM~~ the_box_of the_'Elohīm if/because (if) the_Lēviyyiy if/because (in)_them **YHWH** he_had_chosen to_carry ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _box_of **YHWH** and_to_serve_him until perpetuity. **3** And_ Dāvid _he_assembled ~~ĐOM~~ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_bring_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_box_of **YHWH** to place_of_its which he_had_prepared to_him/it. **4** And_ Dāvid _he_gathered ~~ĐOM~~ the_descendants_of 'Aha_ron and_~~ĐOM~~ the_ _Lēviyyiy. **5** Of_the_descendants_of Qəhāt 'Ūrī'ēl the_leader and_ _relatives_of_his one_hundred and_twenty. **6** Of_the_ _descendants_of Mərārī 'Asāyāh the_leader and_relatives_of_his two_hundred and_twenty. **7** Of_the_descendants_of Gērəshom Yō'ēl/(Joel) the_leader and_relatives_of_his one_hundred and_ _thirty. **8** Of_the_descendants_of 'Elitsāfān Shəma'yāh the_leader and_relatives_of_his two_hundred. **9** Of_the_descendants_of Ḥevrōn 'Elī'ēl the_leader and_relatives_of_his eighty. **10** Of_the_ _descendants_of 'Uzziy'ēl 'Amminādāv the_leader and_ _relatives_of_his one_hundred and_two_plus ten. **11** And_ Dāvid _he/it_called (to)_Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_(to)_'Evyātār the_ _priests and_(to)_Lēviyyiy (to)_'Ūrī'ēl 'Asāyāh and_Yō'ēl/(Joel) Shəma'yāh and_'Elī'ēl and_'Amminādāv. **12** And_he/it_said to/for_them you(pl) are_the_heads_of the_fathers of_Lēviyyiy you(pl) and_relatives_of_your(pl) consecrate_yourselves and_ _you(pl)_will_bring_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_box_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to where_I_have_prepared to_him/it. **13** If/because to_what at_time[191] not you(pl) **YHWH** god_of_our he_burst_out against_us if/because not we_sought_him according_the_ordinance. **14** And_ the_priests and_the_ _Lēviyyiy _they_consecrated_themselves to_bring_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _box_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_ the_ _descendants_of the_Lēviyyiy _they_carried ~~ĐOM~~ the_box_of

187 RV 14:11 · Note It's not clear who's being referred to here.

189 RV 15:2 · Cross-ref. Deu 10:8.

191 LV 15:13 · Note OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

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the_'Elohīm just_as Mosheh he_had_commanded according_to_
_the_message_of **YHWH** on_shoulder_of_their with_poles on_
them. **16** And Dāvid _he/it_said to_the_leaders_of the_
_Lēviyyiy to_appoint ÐOM relatives_of_their the_singers with_
_instruments_of song lyres and_harps and_cymbals sounding_
_aloud to_raise (in)_a_sound of_joy. **17** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_
_appointed ÐOM Hēymān the_son_of Yō'ēl/(Joel) and_from
relatives_of_his 'Āṣāf the_son_of Berekʸāh and_from the_
_descendants_of Mərārī relatives_of_their 'Ēytān the_son_of
Qūshāʸāhū. **18** And_with_them relatives_of_their the_second_in_
_rank Zəkarʸāh Bēn and_Ya'ₐzī'ēl/(Jaaziel) and_Shəmīrāmōt and_
Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) and'Unniy 'Elī'āv and_Bənāʸāh and_Ma'ₐsēʸāh
and_Mattitʸāh and_'Elīfəlēhū and_Miqnēʸāhū and_'Ōvēd-
'ₑdōm and_Yə'ī'ēl/(Jeiel) the_gatekeepers. **19** And_the_singers Hēymān
'Āṣāf and_'Ēytān with_cymbals bronze to_sound_aloud. **20** And_
Zəkarʸāh and'Azī'ēl and_Shəmīrāmōt and_Yəḥī'ēl and_'Unniy
and_'Elī'āv and_Ma'ₐsēʸāh and_Bənāʸāh with_lyres on alamoth.
21 And_Mattitʸāh and_'Elīfəlēhū and_Miqnēʸāhū and_'Ōvēd-
'ₑdōm and_Yə'ī'ēl and_'Azazʸāhū with_harps on the_shəmīnīt to_
_act_as_overseers. **22** And_Kənanʸāh the_leader_of the_Lēviyyiy
in_a_lifting_up an_instructor in_up if/because he was_
_understanding. **23** And_Berekʸāh and_'Elqānāh gatekeepers
for_box. **24** And_Shəvanʸāh and_Yōshāfāṭ/(Joshaphat) and_
Nətan'ēl and'Amāsā'i and_Zəkarʸāh and_Bənāʸāh and_'Elī'ezer
the_priests who_blew_a_trumpet[192] on_trumpets to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_'Ōvēd-
'ₑdōm and_Yəḥiyʸāh/(Jehiah) gatekeepers for_box. **25** And_
Dāvid and_the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_leaders_of
the_thousands _he/it_was were_the_ones_who_went to_bring_
_up ÐOM the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** from the_house_of
'Ōvēd- 'Edōm with_joy. **26** And_he/it_was because_ the_'Elohīm
_helped ÐOM the_Lēviyyiy who_were_carrying_of (of)_the_box_
_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** and_they_sacrificed seven young_
_bulls and_seven rams. **27** And_Dāvid was_wrapped in_a_robe_
_of fine_linen and_all the_Lēviyyiy who_were_carrying ÐOM
the_box and_the_singers and_Kənanʸāh the_leader the_lifting_
_up the_singers and_was_on Dāvid an_ephod_of linen. **28** And_
_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_bringing_up ÐOM the_box_of the_
_covenant_of **YHWH** with_a_shout and_with_the_sound_of a_
_ram's_horn and_with_trumpets and_with_cymbals sounding_
_aloud with_lyres and_harps. **29** And_he/it_was the_box_of the_
_covenant_of **YHWH** was_coming to the_city_of Dāvid and_
_Mīkāl the_daughter_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) she_looked_down
through the_window and_she/it_saw ÐOM the_king Dāvid
leaping_about and_making_merry and_she_despised to_him/it
in_heart_of_her.

16:1 And_they_brought ÐOM the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_they_
_set ÐOM_him/it in_the_middle of_the_tent which he_had_
_pitched to_him/it Dāvid and_they_brought_near burnt_
_offerings and_peace_offerings to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
of/before the'Elohīm. **2** And_ Dāvid _they_were_
_ended/finished from_offering_up the_burnt_offering and_the_
_peace_offerings and_he/it_blessed ÐOM the_people in/on_

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tion."

14 So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh's sacred box. **15** Then, following Yahweh's instructions as given to Mosheh (Moses), Levi's descendants carried God's sacred box with its poles on their shoulders.[190]

16 Meanwhile, David instructed the Levite leaders to assign their brothers as the singers, with accompanying instruments—harps, lyres, and cymbals—playing to raise a sound of celebration. **17** The Levites assigned Yoel's son Heyman and his relative Asaf (son of Berekyah) and Eytan (Kushayah's son, a descendant of Merari), **18** along with their Levite cousins: Zekaryah (Zechariah), Ben, Ya'aziel, Shemiramot, Yehiel, Uni, Eliav, Benayah, Ma'aseyah, Matityah, Elifelehu, Mikneyah, and two of the temple gatekeepers, Oved-Edom and Yeiel. **19** Heyman, Asaf, and Eytan sang and also played bronze cymbals. **20** Zekaryah, Aziel, Shemiramot, Yehiel, Uni, Eliav, Ma'aseyah, and Benayah played harps in a certain musical style. **21** Matityah, Elifelehu, Mikneyah, Oved-Edom, Yeiel, and Azazyah played lyres in a different musical style.

22 Kenanyah, the leader of the musical Levites, directed the singing because he was very capable. **23** Berekyah and Elkanah were two of the men who guarded the sacred box. **24** The priests Shevanyah, Yoshafat, Netanel, Amasay, Zekaryah, Benayah, and Eliezer were the ones who blew trumpets in front of God's sacred box. Oved-Edom and Yehiyah also guarded the sacred box.

25 So David, the Israeli elders, and the top army commanders went to get the box containing Yahweh's agreement from Oved-Edom's house with much celebration. **26** Indeed, God helped the Levites carrying the box containing Yahweh's agreement, and they slaughtered seven bulls and seven rams. **27** David was wearing a fine-linen robe, and so were all the Levites carrying the box, and the singers, and the choir director Kenanyah. In addition, David wore a linen chestpiece. **28** So all of Yisrael (Israel) brought the box containing Yahweh's agreement up the hill with happy shouting, and with a sound of a ram's horn, and with trumpets and cymbals, along with the sound of harps and lyres.

29 As the box containing Yahweh's agreement was being brought inside the city of David, Mikal (Sha'ul's (Saul's) daughter) looked out the window and saw her husband, King David, dancing and celebrating, and she secretly despised him.

The sacred box is placed in the tent · Full kingdom

16:1 Then they brought in God's box and put it in the middle of the tent that David had erected for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings in front of God. **2** When David finished presenting the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in Yahweh's name. **3** Then he distributed a

190 RV 15:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 25:14.

192 LV 15:24 · Note OSHB variant note: **מירצחמ**: (x-qere) 'מִירְצָחַמ': lemma_2690 n_1.1.0 morph_HVhrmpa id_13r8i מִירְצָחַמ

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loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake to each man and woman in Yisrael (Israel).

4 Then David appointed some Levites to minister in front of Yahweh's box and to commemorate and to thank and to praise Yisrael's god Yahweh. **5** Asaf was their leader, with Zekaryah (Zechariah) as his assistant. The other Levites who helped were Yeiel, Shemiramot, Yehiel, Matityah, Eliav, Benayah, Oved-Edom, and Yeiel. They played harps and lyres, and Asaf played cymbals. **6** Benayah and Yahaziel the priests regularly blew trumpets in front of the box containing God's agreement.

A praise song · Full kingdom[193]

7 On that day David first gave Asaf and his helpers this song to praise Yahweh:

8 Give thanks to Yahweh and use his name when calling out for help.
→Tell all the other nations about what he's done for you Israelis.
9 Sing to him and make music to him.
→Tell everyone about all the wonderful things that he's done.
10 Boast about his untarnished reputation.
→Those who follow Yahweh should celebrate.
11 Ask Yahweh to help you and give you his strength.
Constantly ask for his direction.
12 Remember the wonderful things that he's done—
his miracles and how he punished those who deserved it.
13 You descendants of his servant Yisrael (Israel),
you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob), the one who he chose,
14 he is our god, Yahweh.
He judges the entire world.
15 Remember his agreement forever—
the instructions that he gave to a thousand generations,
16 the agreement that he made with Avraham,[194]
and his promise to Yitshak (Isaac).[195]
17 He established it as a law for Ya'akov (Jacob)[196]—
as an eternal agreement for Yisrael (Israel),
18 saying, "I'll give the Kena'an (Canaan) region to you—
your portion that will then be your inheritance."
19 When your ancestors were still a small group,
insignificant, and strangers in the land,
20 and they wandered back and forth from nation to nation,
and from one kingdom to another,
21 God didn't permit anyone to oppress them,
and he rebuked kings on their behalf:[197]

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_name_of **YHWH**. **3** And_he_distributed to/from_
_all/each/any/every (the)_person_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_man
and_unto woman to_each a_round_loaf_of bread and_a_
_date-cake and_a_raisin-cake. **4** And_he/it_gave to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_box_of **YHWH** some_of the_
_Lēviyyiy servants and_to_make_remembrance and_to_give_
_thanks and_to_praise to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** 'Āṣāf was_the_chief and_was_second_of_his
Zəkaryāh Yə'ī'ēl/(Jeiel) and_Shəmīrāmōt and_Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel)
and_Mattityāh and_'Elī'āv and_Bənāyāh and_'Ōvēd- 'edōm and_
_Yə'ī'ēl with_instruments_of lyres and_with_harps and_'Āṣāf
with_cymbals was_sounding_aloud. **6** And_Bənāyāh and_
_Yaḥazī'ēl/(Jahaziel) the_priests with_trumpets continually to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box_of the_covenant_of
the_'Elohīm.

7 In_the_day (the)_that then Dāvid he_appointed at_beginning
to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** by_the_hand_of 'Āṣāf and_
_relatives_of_his. **8** Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** call on_name_of_
_his make_known among_peoples deeds_of_his. **9** Sing to_
_him/it sing_praises to_him/it tell in_all wonders_of_his.
10 Boast in/on_name_of his_holiness_of_his the_heart_of
those_who_seek_of (of)_**YHWH** let_it_rejoice. **11** Seek **YHWH**
and_strength_of_his seek face_of_his continually. **12** Remember
wonders_of_his which he_has_done signs_of_his and_the_
_judgements_of his_mouth_of_his. **13** Oh_offspring_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) servant_of_his Oh_descendants_of
Ya'aqov/(Jacob) ones_of_his_chosen. **14** He is_**YHWH** god_of_
_our in_all the_earth/land judgements_of_his. **15** Remember
forever_perpetuity covenant_of_his the_message which_he_
_commanded for_a_thousand generation[s]. **16** Which he_made
with 'Avrāhām and_oath_of_his to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **17** And_he_
_confirmed_it to_Ya'aqov to_a_decree to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_
_covenant_of perpetuity. **18** To_say to/for_yourself(m) I_will_
_give the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) the_portion_of your_
_inheritance_of_your(pl). **19** When_were_you(pl) men_of
number like_a_little and_sojourning in_it. **20** And_they_went_
_about from_nation to nation and_from_a_kingdom to a_people
another. **21** Not he_permitted (to)_anyone to_oppress_them
and_he_rebuked on_them kings. **22** Do_not touch (in)_my_
_anointed_of_ones and_to_prophets_of_my do_not do_harm.
23 Sing to/for_**YHWH** Oh_all_of the_earth/land bear_news
from_day to day salvation_of_his. **24** Recount among_nations
~~DOM~~ glory_of_his in_all the_peoples wonders_of_his.
25 If/because is_great **YHWH** and_is_to_be_praised exceedingly
and_is_ he _to_be_feared above all_of gods. **26** If/because all_of
the_gods_of the_peoples are_worthless_idols and_**YHWH** the_
_heavens he_made. **27** Splendour and_majesty are_before_of_
_him strength and_joy are_in_place_of_his. **28** Ascribe to/for_
_**YHWH** Oh_clans_of peoples ascribe to/for_**YHWH** glory and_
strength. **29** Ascribe to/for**YHWH** the_glory_of his/its_name
lift_up an_offering and_come before_him bow_down to/for_

193 RV 16:7 · Parallel Psa. 105:1-15; 96:1-3; 106:1,47-48

194 RV 16:16 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:7.

195 RV 16:16 · Cross-ref. Gen 26:3.

196 RV 16:17-18 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:13.

197 RV 16:21-22 · Cross-ref. Gen 20:3-7.

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_**YHWH** in_adornment_of holiness. **30** Tremble from_before_ _face_of_him Oh_all_of the_earth/land also the_world it_is_ _established not it_will_be_shaken. **31** The_heavens let_them_ _rejoice and_ the_earth/land _let_it_be_glad and_let_people_ _say among_nations **YHWH** he_reigns. **32** The_sea and_what_ _of_fills_it let_it_thunder the_field and_all that in/on/over_ _him/it let_it_exult. **33** Then the_trees_of the_forest they_will_ _shout_for_joy from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** if/because he_is_coming to_judge ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land. **34** Give_ _thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good if/because is_ _forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **35** And_say save_us Oh_god_ _of our_salvation_of_our and_gather_us and_deliver_us from the_nations to_give_thanks to_the_name_of your_holiness_of_ _your to_boast in_praise_of_your. **36** **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) be_blessed from (the)_antiquity and_unto (the)_perpetuity and_ all_of the_people _they_said amen and_ _they_praised to/for_**YHWH**.

37 And_he_left there to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _box_of the_covenant of_**YHWH** (to)_'Āṣāf and_(to)_relatives_ _of_his to_serve to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box continually to_the_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **38** And_'Ōvēd-'ₑdōm and_relatives_of_their sixty and_eight and_'Ōvēd- 'ₑdōm the_son_of Yədūtūn/(Jedithun) and_Ḫoṣāh to_gatekeepers. **39** And_~~DOM~~ Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_priest/officer and_relatives_ _of_his the_priests to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _tabernacle_of **YHWH** at_place which was_in_Giv˝ōn. **40** To_ _offer_up burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** on the_altar_of the_ _burnt_offering continually to_morning and_to_evening and_ _to/for_all (the)_thing_written in_the_law_of **YHWH** which he_ _commanded to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **41** And_were_with_them

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22 "Don't attack my chosen people,
and don't harm my prophets."
23 Sing to Yahweh everybody.
→Every day tell others that he's saved us.
24 Tell the other nations about his power.
Tell all the people groups about the wonderful things he's done,
25 because Yahweh is great and deserves a lot of praise,
and he should be revered more than any other god.
26 All those gods of the other people groups are worthless,
^but it was Yahweh who created the heavens.
27 His presence emanates splendour and grandeur,
and strength and happiness radiate from his place.
28 You people in nations all over the world, praise Yahweh—
praise him for his splendour and his strength.
29 Praise Yahweh for his great reputation.
Bring an offering and come into his presence.
Worship Yahweh in his splendour and purity.
30 Let the entire planet tremble if he comes.
The world is firmly established—it can't be shaken around.
31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth shout in celebration,
and let people in all the nations say, "Yahweh is king."
32 Let the oceans roar along with all the creatures in them.
Let the countryside celebrate along with all the creatures that live there.
33 Then the trees in the forests should shout happily when Yahweh comes,
because he is coming to judge the world.
34 Give thanks to Yahweh, because he's good,
because his loyal commitment lasts forever.[198]
35 Then say, "Rescue us, God who's our saviour,
and bring us together and save us from attacks by other nations,
so that we'll thank you for your untarnished reputation,
and boast about your praiseworthy actions."
36 Blessed be Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh,
in eternity past and eternity to come.
And all the people said, "Amen" and praised Yahweh.

Worshipping in Yerushalem · Full kingdom

37 Then David went away from where Yahweh's box had been placed. Asaf and his brothers were left to minister in front of the box continually—in the appropriate way each day depending on the occasion— **38** along with Oved-Edom and sixty-eight relatives. Oved-Edom (Yedutun's son) and Hosah were gatekeepers.
39 Also, Tsadok the priest and his relatives the priests were at the front of Yahweh's tabernacle at the high place, which was in Giveon, **40** to continually present burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar for burnt offerings, morning and evening, following all

198 **RV 16:34 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 5:13; 7:3; Ezr 3:11; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; Jer 33:11.

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the instructions Yahweh had given Yisrael (Israel) , which had been written down. **41** With them were Heyman and Yedutun and the rest of those chosen, who were designated by name to thank Yahweh because his loyal commitment lasts forever. **42** Heyman and Yedutun had brought trumpets and cymbals to accompany the songs for God, and Yedutun's sons at the gate joined in also.

43 Then all the people left and went home, and David also returned home to bless his household.[199]

Natan's message for David · Full kingdom[200]

17:1 After a while, when David was living in his house, he said to the prophet Natan (Nathan), "Look, here I am living in a palace made of cedar, but the box containing Yahweh's agreement is kept in a tent." **2** "Go and do what you're planning," Natan replied, "because God is with you."

3 But that night God spoke to Natan, **4** "Go and tell my servant David that Yahweh says this: You yourself won't be the one to build a residence for me to live in, **5** because I haven't lived in a building from the day that I brought Yisrael (Israel) out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) until today—I've moved from place to place and tent to tent. **6** As I travelled with all the Israelis, did I ever complain to any of Yisrael's leaders who I'd commanded to shepherd my people, and ask them, 'Why haven't you people built a house out of cedar for me?' "

7 "So now you should tell my servant David that Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: I myself took you from the pasture, from behind the sheep, to be a leader over my people, Yisrael. **8** I've always been with you wherever you've gone, and I've defeated all your enemies who were attacking you, and I'll make you famous like some of the greatest people in the world. **9** I'll choose a place for my people, Yisrael, and I'll plant them, and they'll settle in that place and not need to be fearful again. Violent groups won't continue to trouble them like they did in the past, **10** ever since I first put heroes and leaders over my people, Yisrael. Then I'll humble all your enemies. In addition, I declare to you that Yahweh will build a dynasty for you. **11** When your time on earth is up, and it's time to join your deceased ancestors, then I'll raise up one of your sons and establish his kingdom. **12** He'll be the one to build a temple for me and establish a dynasty that will last forever. **13** I myself will be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me,[201] and I won't cease my loyal commitment to him like I ended it with your predecessor. **14** I'll confirm his rule over my temple and my kingdom forever, and his ruling dynasty will last forever."

15 So Natan (Nathan) passed all of that on to David.

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Hēymān and_Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) and_the_rest_of those_who_ _had_been_chosen who they_had_been_designated by_names to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because is_forever loyalty_of_ _his_covenant. **42** And_were_with_them Hēymān and_Yədūtūn trumpets and_cymbals for_those_who_sound_aloud and_(the)_ _instruments_of (the)_song_of the_'Elohīm and_the_sons of_ _Yədūtūn were_to_gate. **43** And_ all_of the_people _they_went everyone to_house_of_his and_ Dāvid _he_turned to_bless ÐOM house_of_his.

17:1 And_he/it_was just_as Dāvid he_dwelt in_house_of_his and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Nātān the_prophet HERE I am_ _dwelling in_house_of the_cedar(s) and_the_box_of the_ _covenant_of **YHWH** is_under tent_curtains. **2** And_ Nātān _ _he/it_said to Dāvid all that is_in_heart_of_your do if/because the_'Elohīm is_with_you. **3** And_he/it_was in_night (the)_that and_ the_message_of god _he/it_was to Nātān to_say. **4** Go and_ _you_will_say to Dāvid servant_of_my thus **YHWH** he_says not you you_will_build to/for_me the_house to_dwell_in. **5** If/because not I_have_dwelt in_a_house since the_day when I_brought_up ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until the_day the_this and_I_ _have_been from_tent to tent and_from_tabernacle. **6** In_every where I_went_about in_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_message did_I_ _speak with one of_the_judges_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom I_ _commanded to_shepherd ÐOM people_of_my to_say to/for_ _what not have_you(pl)_built to_me a_house_of cedar(s). **7** And_ _now thus you_will_say to_servant_of_my to_Dāvid thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says I I_took_you from the_pasture from after the_flock to_be ruler over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** And_I_have_been with_you in_every where you_went and_I_cut_off ÐOM all_of enemies_of_your from_ _before_of_you and_I_will_make to/for_yourself(m) a_name like/according_to_name of_the_great_people who on_the_ _earth. **9** And_I_will_appoint a_place for_people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_plant_it and_it_will_dwell in_its_ _place and_not it_will_be_agitated again and_not sons_of injustice they_will_repeat to_consume_it just_as at_time. **10** And_(to)_from_days when I_appointed judges over people_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_subdue ÐOM all_of enemies_ _of_your and_I_have_told to/for_you(fs) and_a_house he_will_ _build for_you **YHWH**. **11** And_it_was if/because days_of_your they_have_been_completed to_go with ancestors_of_your and_ _I_will_raise_up ÐOM your(ms)_seed/fruit after_you who he_ _will_be one_of_your_sons and_I_will_establish ÐOM his/its_ _kingdom. **12** He he_will_build to/for_me a_house and_I_will_ _establish ÐOM throne_of_his until perpetuity. **13** I I_will_ _become for_him/it (into)_a_father and_he he_will_become to/for_me (into)_a_son and_my_covenant_of_loyalty not I_will_ _remove from_with_him just_as I_removed_it from_the_one_ _who he_was before_you. **14** And_I_will_appoint_him in_house_ _of_my and_in_kingdom_of_my until (the)_perpetuity and_ _throne_of_his it_will_be established until perpetuity. **15** According_to_all_of the_words/messages the_these and_ _according_to_all_of the_vision the_this so Nātān he_spoke to

199 **RV 16:43 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 6:19-20.

200 **RV 17:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 7:1-17

201 **RV 17:13 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 6:18; Heb 1:5.

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Dāvid.

16 And_ the_king Dāvid _he_went and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he/it_said who am_I Oh_**YHWH** god and_who house_of_is_my that/for/because/then/when you_have_ _brought_me to here. **17** And_ this_thing _it_was_small in_eyes_ _of_your Oh_god and_you_have_spoken on the_house_of your_ _servant_of_your (to)_from_distant_time and_you_have_seen_ _me according_to_the_order_of the_humankind the_going_up Oh_**YHWH** god. **18** What will_he_increase again Dāvid to_you for_honour ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_your and_you(ms) ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_ _your you_know. **19** Oh_**YHWH** in_account_of servant_of_your and_according_to_of_your_own_heart you_have_done ᴅᴏᴍ all_ _of the_greatness (the)_this by_making_known ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _greatness(es). **20** Oh_**YHWH** there_is_not like_you and_there_ _is_not a_god except_you in_all that we_have_heard with_ears_ _of_our. **21** And_who is_like_people_of_your Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) a_ _nation one on_the_earth which the_ʾElohīm he_went to_ _redeem to_him/it a_people to_make to/for_yourself(m) a_ _name greatness(es) and_awesome_deeds by_driving_out from_ _face/in_front_of people_of_your which you_had_redeemed from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) nations. **22** And_she/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_your[203] Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to/for_yourself(m) (into)_a_ _people until perpetuity and_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** you_have_ _become to/for_them (into)_god. **23** And_now Oh_**YHWH** the_ _message which you_have_spoken on servant_of_your and_on house_of_his let_it_be_established until perpetuity and_do just_ _as you_have_spoken. **24** So_that_it_may_be_established and_ _so_that_it_may_be_great name_of_your until perpetuity to_say **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) is_god to_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_house_of Dāvid servant_of_your will_be_established before_you. **25** If/because you my_god_of_ _my you_have_uncovered ᴅᴏᴍ the_ear_of your_servant_of_your to_build to_him/it a_house therefore yes/correct/thus/so servant_of_your he_has_found to_pray before_you. **26** And_now Oh_**YHWH** you he the_ʾElohīm and_you_have_spoken on servant_of_your the_good_thing (the)_this. **27** And_now you_ _are_willing to_bless ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of your_servant_of_your to_be forever_perpetuity to_your_face if/because you Oh_ _**YHWH** you_have_blessed_it and_it_will_be_blessed forever_ _perpetuity.

18:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_ Dāvid _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pəlishtiy and_he_subdued_them and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ Gat and_daughters_of_its from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **2** And_ _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Mōʾāv and_ Mōʾāv _they_were subjects of_ _Dāvid who_brought_of (of)_tribute. **3** And_ Dāvid _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Hₐdadʿezer the_king_of Tsōvāh/(Zobah) to_Ḥₐmāt when_ _went_he to_establish his/its_hand at_the_river_of Pərāt. **4** And_ Dāvid _he_captured from_him/it one_thousand chariot[s] and_seven_of thousand(s) horsemen and_twenty thousand man on_foot and_ Dāvid _he_hamstrung ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_chariotry and_he_left from_him/it one_hundred chariot[s]. **5** And_ ʾArām Dammeseq _it_came to_help (to)_Hₐdadʿezer the_

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David praises Yahweh · Full kingdom[202]

16 Then king David went in and sat in front of Yahweh, and asked, "Who am I, Yahweh God, and what is my family, that you've brought me to this point? **17** This was such a small thing in your eyes, God, and you've spoken about the future of your servant's family, and you've blessed me more than I deserve, Yahweh God. **18** What more can I, David, say to you about how you've honoured your servant? You certainly know me well. **19** Yahweh, you've done all these great things for the sake of your servant, and done just what you wanted in order to reveal your greatness. **20** Yahweh, there's no one else like you, and no god except you, as we've all heard for ourselves. **21** There's no other country like your people, Yisrael (Israel)—the only nation in the world where you, God, rescued the people in order to make them your own. That made you famous, and also feared, as you drove the people groups out ahead of your people who you ransomed out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **22** You took your people, Yisrael, to be your people forever, and you, Yahweh, became our god.

23 "And now, Yahweh, may what you said about your servant and his family be confirmed forever, and come to pass just like you've said. **24** May your reputation be established and increase forever, as people say, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh, Yisrael's god, is god over Yisrael.' And your servant David's family has been established as you've watched, **25** because you, God, have revealed to your servant that you'll give me a dynasty. That's why I'm brave enough to pray to you. **26** Yes, Yahweh, you are God and you've promised these good things to me, your servant. **27** And you've now decided to bless your servant's family to be in front of you forever, because you, Yahweh, have blessed us, and so we'll be blessed forever.

David's victories · Full kingdom[204]

18:1 Sometime afterwards, David attacked and defeated the Pelishtim, subduing them, and he captured the Pelishti city of Gat and its surrounding villages. **2** Then he attacked and defeated Moav (Moab), and the Moavim became servants to David—taking him regular tribute.

3 Next David attacked and defeated King Hadadezer of Tsovah-Hamat, when that king had tried enforce his control at the Perat (Euphrates) River. **4** David captured 1,000 chariots, 7,000 horsemen, and 20,000 foot-soldiers from him. And David ham-

202 **RV 17:16 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 7:18-29

203 **LV 17:22 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

204 **RV 18:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 8:1-18

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strung all but one hundred of the chariot horses.

5 When the Arameans (or, Aramim (Syrians)) came from Damesek (Damascus) to help King Hadadezer, David killed 22,000 of them. **6** Then David established forces in the Aramean town of Damesek, and the Arameans became servants to David, taking him regular tribute. So Yahweh helped David wherever he went. **7** David took the gold shields that were used by Hadadezer's servants and brought them to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **8** He also took a lot of bronze from Hadadezer's cities of Tivhat and Kun. (Later, Shelomoh (Solomon) used it to make the huge bronze basin called 'the sea', along with its pillars and other bronze items.)[205]

9 When King Toeu from Hamat heard that David had defeated King Hadadezer's entire army from Tsovah, **10** he sent his son Hadoram to King David carrying various items of gold, silver, and bronze. Hadoram went to ask David for peace and to bless him because he'd fought against Hadadezer and struck him down, because Toeu had also been at war with Hadadezer. **11** King David set that apart as holy to Yahweh, along with the gold and silver that he'd brought back from other nations: from Edom, from Moav (Moab), from the Amonim, from the Pelishtim, and from the Amalekim.

12 Avishay (whose mother was Tseruyah) defeated Edom in the Salt Valley, killing eighteen thousand of them.[206] **13** Then David stationed garrisons in Edom, and all of Edom became his servants. And Yahweh saved David wherever he went.

14 So David ruled over all of Yisrael (Israel) and administered justice and did what was right for all his people. **15** Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab) led the army, and Ahilud's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) was the record keeper. **16** Ahituv's son Tsadok and Evyatar's son Ahimelek were priests, and Shavsha was the secretary. **17** Yehoyada's son Benayah supervised the Keretim and Peletim who were David's bodyguards, and David's sons were his leading officials.

The defeat of the Amonim and Arameans · Full kingdom[208]

19:1 Some time later, the Amoni King Nahash died and his son Hanun became their king, **2** and David said, "I'll show loyal commitment to Nahash's son Hanun, because his father was good to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father's death. However, when David's servants entered Amoni territory to comfort Hanun, **3** the Amoni leaders asked their new king, "Do you think that David's really sending comforters to honour your father? Wouldn't it be more likely that he sent his servants to explore and spy out the land in order to overthrow you?" **4** So King Hanun took David's servants and had their beards shaved off, plus

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_king_of Tsōvᵊāh and_ Dāvid _he_struck_down among_'Arām twenty and_two thousand man. **6** And_ Dāvid _he/it_assigned in_'Arām_of Dammeseq and_ 'Arām _he/it_was of_Dāvid subjects who_brought_of (of)_tribute and_ **YHWH** _he_gave_ _victory to_Dāvid in_every where he_went. **7** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_took ~~ḎOM~~ the_shields_of the_gold which they_were on the_servants_of Hₐdad'ezer and_he/it_brought_them Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **8** And_from_Ṭivḥat and_from_Kun the_cities_of Hₐdad'ezer Dāvid he_took bronze much very with_ _it Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_made ~~ḎOM~~ the_sea_of (the)_bronze and_~~ḎOM~~ the_pillars and_~~ḎOM~~ the_articles_of (the)_bronze. **9** And_ To'ū the_king_of Ḥₐmāt _he/it_listened if/because_that Dāvid he_had_defeated ~~ḎOM~~ all_of the_army_of Hₐdad'ezer the_ _king_of Tsōvᵊāh. **10** And_he_sent ~~ḎOM~~ Hₐdōrām his/its_son to the_king Dāvid mmm[207] to_him/it to_welfare and_to_bless_him on that he_had_fought against_Hₐdad'ezer and_he_had_ _defeated_him if/because (the)_man_of (the)_wars_of To'ū Hₐdad'ezer he_was and_all/each/any/every articles_of gold and_silver and_bronze. **11** Also ~~ḎOM~~_them the_king Dāvid he_ _consecrated to/for_**YHWH** with the_silver and_the_gold which he_had_carried_off from_all the_nations from_'Edōm and_from_Mō'āvᵊ and_from_the_people_of 'Ammōn and_from_ _the_Pəlishtiy and_from_Amalek. **12** And_'Avᵊshay the_son_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ/(Zeruiah) he_struck_down ~~ḎOM~~ 'Edōm in_Valley_of Salt eight- teen thousand. **13** And_he/it_assigned in_'Edōm garrisons and_ all_of 'Edōm _they_were subjects of_Dāvid and_ **YHWH** _he_gave_victory ~~ḎOM~~ Dāvid in_every where he_went. **14** And_ Dāvid _he_reigned over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he/it_was doing justice and_righteousness to/from_ _all/each/any/every people_of_his. **15** And_Yō'āvᵊ/(Joab) the_ _son_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ was_over the_army and_ _Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of 'Aḥīlūd was_recorder. **16** And_Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of 'Aḥīṭūvᵊ and_'Avīmelek the_ _son_of 'Evᵊyātār were_priests and_Shavshā' was_secretary. **17** And_Bənāʸᵃʰ the_son_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) was_over the_ _Kerethite[s] and_the_Pelethite[s] and_the_sons of_Dāvid were_ _the_first to_the_side_of the_king.

19:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_ Nāḥāsh the_king_of the_ _people_of 'Ammōn _he/it_died and_ his/its_son _he_reigned in_place_of_him. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said I_will_do covenant_ _loyalty with Ḥānūn the_son_of Nāḥāsh if/because his/its_ _father he_did with_me covenant_loyalty and_ Dāvid _he_sent messengers to_comfort_him on his/its_father and_ the_ _servants_of Dāvid _they_came into the_land_of the_people_of 'Ammōn to Ḥānūn to_comfort_him. **3** And_ the_leaders_of the_ _people_of 'Ammōn _they_said to_Ḥānūn honouring is_Dāvid ~~ḎOM~~ father_of_your in_eyes_of_your that/for/because/then/when he_has_sent to/for_yourself(m) comforters not in_account_of to_explore and_to_overthrow and_to_spy_on the_earth/land servants_of_his have_they_come to_you. **4** And_ Ḥānūn _he/it_took ~~ḎOM~~ the_servants_of Dāvid

205 **RV 18:8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 7:40-47; 2Ch 4:11-18.

206 **RV 18:12 · Cross-ref.** Psa 60 header.

207 **LV 18:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: לואש/ל: (x-qere) לְאִשׁ/ל: lemma_l/7592 morph_HR/Vqc id_13Qnx לְאִשׁ/ל

208 **RV 19:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 10:1-19

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and_he_shaved_them and_he_cut_off ÐOM robes_of_their in_ _middle to the_buttock[s] and_he_sent_them_away. **5** And_ _people_went and_they_told to_Dāvid on the_men and_he_sent to_meet_them if/because the_men they_were humiliated exceedingly and_ the_king _he/it_said remain in_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) until that beard_of_your(pl) it_will_grow_ _back and_you(pl)_will_return. **6** And_ the_people_of ʹAmmōn _ _they_saw if/because_that they_had_made_themselves_odious with Dāvid and_ Ḥānūn and_the_sons of_ʹAmmōn _he_sent one_thousand talent[s]_of silver to_hire to/for_them from ʾArām Nahₐrayim and_from ʾArām Maʹₐkāh and_from_ _Tsōvāh/(Zobah) chariotry and_horsemen. **7** And_they_hired to/for_them two and_thirty thousand chariot[s] and_ÐOM the_ _king_of Maʹₐkāh and_ÐOM people_of_his and_they_came and_ _they_encamped to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mēydəvāʾ and_the_sons of_ʹAmmōn they_gathered from_cities_of_their and_they_came for_battle. **8** And_ Dāvid _he/it_listened and_ _he_sent ÐOM Yōʾāv/(Joab) and_ÐOM all_of the_army the_ _warriors. **9** And_ the_people_of ʹAmmōn _they_went_out and_ _they_deployed battle the_entrance_of the_city and_the_kings who they_had_come they_alone were_in_country. **10** And_ Yōʾāv _he/it_saw if/because_that it_was the_face_of the_battle to_him/it before and_behind and_he_chose from_all chosen_ _man in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he_deployed to_meet ʾArām. **11** And_ÐOM the_rest_of the_people he_put in_the_hand_of ʾAvshay his/its_brother and_they_deployed to_meet the_ _people_of ʹAmmōn. **12** And_he/it_said if it_will_be_too_strong for_me ʾArām and_you_will_become to/for_me (into)_ _deliverance and_if the_people_of ʹAmmōn they_will_be_too_ _strong for_you and_I_will_deliver_you. **13** Be_strong and_let_ _us_show_ourselves_strong for people_of_our and_for the_ _cities_of our_god_of_our and_**YHWH** the_good in_eyes_of_his he_will_do. **14** And_ Yōʾāv and_the_people which with_him/it _ _he_drew_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before ʾArām for_ _battle and_they_fled from_before_of_him. **15** And_the_sons of_ _ʹAmmōn they_saw if/because_that ʾArām it_had_fled and_ also they _they_fled from_face/in_front_of ʾAvshay his/its_brother and_they_came to_the_city and_ Yōʾāv/(Joab) _he_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **16** And_ ʾArām _he/it_saw if/because_that they_had_been_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_sent messengers and_they_brought_out ÐOM ʾArām which was_from_the_other_ _side_of the_river and_Shōfāk the_commander_of the_army_of Hₐdadʹezer was_before_of_them. **17** And_it_was_told to_Dāvid and_he_gathered ÐOM all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he/it_passed_ _through the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_he_came to_them and_he_ _deployed against_them and_ Dāvid _he_deployed to_meet ʾArām battle and_they_engaged_in_battle with_him/it. **18** And_ ʾArām _it_fled from_to/for_face/front/presence Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ Dāvid _he_killed of_ʾArām seven_of thousand(s) charioteer[s] and_forty thousand man on_foot and_ÐOM Shōfāk the_commander_of the_army he_killed. **19** And_ the_servants_ _of Hₐdadʹezer _they_saw if/because_that they_had_been_ _defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_made_peace with Dāvid and_they_served_him and_ _not ʾArām it_was_willing to_deliver ÐOM the_people_of ʹAmmōn again.

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he cut off the bottom half of their robes to expose their buttocks, and then he sent them home. **5** Some people quickly informed David what had happened, so he sent messengers to meet the men (because they were very much humiliated) and to tell them, "Stay there in Yeriho (Jericho) until your beards grow out, then return here."

6 By then, the Amonim realised that they'd greatly insulted King David, so King Hanun and the Amonim sent thirty tonnes of silver to hire chariots and horsemen from Aram-Naharayim, Aram-Ma'akah, and Tsovah. **7** They hired 32,000 chariots, as well as the king of Ma'akah and his army. They all came and set up their camps near Meydeva, plus they were joined by the Amonim themselves coming out of their cities ready for battle.

8 When David heard about that, he sent Yoav (Joab) with the entire army. **9** Then the Amonim marched out and deployed ready for battle at the entrance to their city, while the kings who'd come were over in the countryside with their men.

10 Yoav quickly realised that he'd have to fight on two fronts, so he chose Yisrael's (Israel's) best warriors and sent them out to face the Arameans (Syrians), **11** while he sent the remaining men (under the control of his older brother Avishay) out against the Amonim. **12** Yoav told them, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you can come to rescue me. But if the Amonim start to gain on you, then I'll come to rescue you. **13** We must be strong and fight hard to defend our people and our cities that belong to our god. Yahweh will do what he considers to be good."

14 So Yoav advanced his troops to attack the Arameans, but the Arameans fled away from them. **15** When the Amonim saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from Avishay and withdrew into the city, so Yoav went back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

16 When the Arameans saw that they were defeated by Yisrael, they sent messengers to bring more Arameans from across the Perat (Euphrates) river, led by Shofak, the commander of Hadadezer's army. **17** When that was reported to David, he gathered all of Yisrael and crossed the Yarden (Jordan). They positioned themselves against the Arameans, who then fought against them. **18** But the Arameans fled away from the Israelis, and David killed seven thousand chariot drivers and forty thousand men on foot, as well as killing Shofak, their army commander. **19** When Hadadezer's servants saw that Yisrael had defeated them, they made peace with David and became his subjects, so Aram (Syria) wasn't willing to help the Amonim militarily any more.

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David captures Rabah · Full kingdom[209]

20:1 Then, in the spring, when kings often march out to war, Yoav (Joab) led the army out for war, and he devastated the Amonim' land. Then he reached the capital, Rabah, and he besieged it while David stayed in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[210] Yoav defeated Rabah and demolished the city. **2** Then David took their king's crown off his head—it was gold with a valuable gemstone set in it, and weighed thirty kilograms. He put the crown on his own head, plus he took a very large amount of plunder out of the city. **3** Then they took all the people out of the city and forced them to work with saws, iron picks, and axes. David did that to the people from all the Amoni cities, then he returned to Yerushalem with his army.

Battles against Gitim · Full kingdom[211]

4 Some time later, war broke out with the Pelishtim at Gezer, then Sibkay the Hushati struck down Sipay, from the descendants of the Refaim, and they were subdued.

5 Then there was another battle with the Pelishtim, and Yair's son Elhanan killed Lahmi the brother of Galyat (Goliath)[212] the Giti (that is, from Gat), even though his spear shaft was as thick as the beam of a weaver's loom. **6** There was also war at Gat, where there was a very tall man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, who was also a descendant of Rafa. **7** When he insulted Yisrael (Israel), Shimea's son Yonatan (Jonathan) killed him. (Shimea was one of David's older brothers.)

8 Those were the descendants of Rafa from Gat who were killed by David and his men.

David orders a census · Full kingdom[215] · Yoav doesn't want to do the census

21:1 Then a trouble-maker worked against Yisrael (Israel) by encouraging David to take a census of Yisrael, **2** so David ordered Yoav (Joab) and the other officials, "Go and count Yisrael from Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south to all the way as far north as Dan, then come and tell me, so that I'll know how many warriors I have."

3 "My master, the king, may Yahweh multiply his people one hundred times over. Aren't they all your servants?" Yoav diplomatically queried, "So why does my master want to do this? Why should he bring judgement on Yisrael?" **4** But the king insisted, so Yoav was forced to go and gather statistics on the entire country. Then he returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) **5** and

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20:1 And_he/it_was to_the_time_of the_return_of the_year to_ _the_time_of (the)_kings go_out and_ Yō'āv/(Joab) _he_lead_ _out ÐOM the_army_of (the)_war and_he_destroyed ÐOM the_ _land_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_he_went and_he/it_laid_ _siege ÐOM Rabāh and_Dāvid was_remaining in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ Yō'āv _he_attacked ÐOM Rabāh and_he_tore_it_down. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took ÐOM the_ _crown_of their_king_of_their from_under his/its_head and_ _he_found_it weight_of a_talent_of gold and_was_in_it a_stone precious and_it_became on the_head_of Dāvid and_the_ _plunder_of the_city he_brought_out much very. **3** And_ÐOM the_people which was_in_it he_brought_out and_he_sawed with_saw and_with_(the)_picks_of (the)_iron and_with_saws and_thus/so/as_follows Dāvid he_did to_all/each/any/every the_cities_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_ Dāvid and_all the_ _people _he_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

4 And_he/it_was afterwards so[213] and_ a_battle _it_arose at_ _Gezer with the_Pəlishtiy then Ṣibkay the_Ḥushātī he_struck_ _down ÐOM Ṣipay one_of_those_born_of the_Rəfā'īm and_they_ _were_subdued. **5** And_it_became again a_battle with the_ _Pəlishtiy and_he_struck_down 'Elḥānān the_son_of Yā'īr/(Jair)[214] ÐOM Laḥmī the_brother_of Golyat the_Gittiy and_ _tree his_spear_of_his was_like_a_beam_of weavers. **6** And_it_ _became again a_battle at_Gat and_he/it_was a_man_of stature and_digits_of_his were_six and_six twenty and_four and_also he he_was_born to_the_Rapha. **7** And_he_taunted ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_struck_him_down Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shimʻā' the_ _brother_of Dāvid. **8** These they_were_born to_the_Rapha in_ _Gat and_they_fell by_the_hand_of Dāvid and_by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his.

21:1 And_ an_adversary _he_rose_up on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_ _incited ÐOM Dāvid to_count ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Yō'āv/(Joab) and_near/to the_leaders_of the_ _people go count ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Bə'ēr- seven and_ _unto Dān and_bring_it to_me so_that_I_may_know ÐOM number_of_their. **3** And_ Yō'āv _he/it_said **YHWH** may_he_add to people_of_his like_them a_hundred times not my_master the_king of_them_of_do_all belong_to_master_of_my to_ _subjects to/for_what my_master does_he_seek this to/for_ _what will_it_become (into)_guilt for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** And_ _the_message_of the_king it_prevailed over Yō'āv and_ Yō'āv _ _he/it_went_out and_he/it_walked/wandered in_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **5** And_ Yō'āv _he/it_gave ÐOM the_number_of the_muster_of the_ _people to_Dāvid and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_was one_ _thousand thousands and_one_hundred thousand man who_

209 **RV 20:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 12:26-31

210 **RV 20:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 11:1.

211 **RV 20:4 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 21:15-22

212 **RV 20:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 17:4-7.

213 **LV 20:4 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

214 **LV 20:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רוּעִי**: (x-qere) 'רִיְעָי': lemma_3265 n_0.2.2 morph_HNp id_13oQN **רִיְעָי**

215 **RV 21:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 24:1-25

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_drew a_sword and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) four hundred(s) and_
_seventy thousand man who_drew a_sword. **6** And_Lēvī and_
_Binyāmīn not he_enrolled among_them if/because the_
_message_of the_king it_was_abhorred with Yō'āv.
7 And_it_was_displeasing in/on_both_eyes_of the_'Elohīm on
the_matter the_this and_he_struck ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** And_
Dāvid _he/it_said to the_'Elohīm I_have_sinned exceedingly
that I_have_done ĐOM the_thing the_this and_now take_away
please ĐOM the_iniquity_of your_servant_of_your if/because I_
_have_acted_foolishly exceedingly. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke
to Gād the_seer_of Dāvid to_say. **10** Go and_you_will_speak to
Dāvid to_say thus **YHWH** he_says three_things I am_holding_
_out over_you choose to/for_yourself(m) one of_them and_I_
_will_do_it to_you. **11** And_ Gād _he_went to Dāvid and_he/it_
_said to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says take to/for_you(fs).
12 Whether three years famine and_if three months being_
_swept_away from_face/in_front_of foes_of_your and_the_
_sword_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your to_overtaking_you and_if
three_of days the_sword_of **YHWH** and_pestilence on_the_
_earth and_the_messenger_of **YHWH** destroying in_all the_
_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_now consider what will_I_
_bring_back ĐOM the_one_of_who_sent_me message. **13** And_
Dāvid _he/it_said to Gād it_is_distress to_me exceedingly let_
_me_fall please in_the_hand_of **YHWH** if/because are_great
compassion(s)_of_his exceedingly and_in_the_hand_of a_
_human not let_me_fall. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave a_
_pestilence on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_fell of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
seventy thousand person[s]. **15** And_ the_'Elohīm _he_sent an_
_messenger to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_destroy_it and_
_just_as_was_destroying_it **YHWH** he_saw and_he/it_
_sighed/regretted on the_harm and_he/it_said to_messenger
(the)_destroying enough now let_drop hand_of_your and_the_
_messenger_of **YHWH** was_standing near the_threshing_floor_
_of 'Ornān the_Yəvūsī. **16** And_ Dāvid _he_lifted_up ĐOM eyes_
_of_his and_he/it_saw ĐOM the_messenger_of **YHWH** standing
between the_earth/land and_between the_heavens and_sword_
_of_his was_drawn in_his/its_hand it_was_stretched_out over
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ Dāvid and_the_elders covered
in_sackcloth(s) _he_fell on faces_of_their. **17** And_ Dāvid _he/it_
said to the'Elohīm not I did_I_say to_count (in)_people and_I
am_he who I_have_sinned and_exceedingly_(do_evil) I_have_
_done_evil and_these the_sheep what have_they_done Oh_
_**YHWH** god_of_my let_it_be please hand_of_your on_me and_
_on_the_house_of my_father_of_my and_on_people_of_your
not to_a_plague. **18** And_the_messenger_of **YHWH** he_said to
Gād to_say to_Dāvid if/because_that Dāvid he_will_go_up to_
_set_up an_altar to/for_**YHWH** on_the_threshing_floor_of
'Ornān the_Yəvūsī/(Jebusite). **19** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ascended
by_the_message_of Gād which he_had_spoken in/on_name_of
YHWH. **20** And_ 'Ornān _he_turned and_he/it_saw ĐOM the_
_messenger and_the_four_of sons_of_his with_him/it were_
_hiding_themselves and_'Ornān he_threshed wheat(s). **21** And_
Dāvid _he_came to 'Ornān and_ 'Ornān _he_looked and_he/it_
_saw ĐOM Dāvid and_he/it_went_out from the_threshing_floor
and_he_bowed_down to_Dāvid face ground_to_the. **22** And_
Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Ornān give to/for_me the_place_of the_
_threshing_floor so_that_I_may_build in/on/over_him/it an_
altar to/for**YHWH** for_money full give_it to_me so_ the_

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reported the numbers to David. Yisrael had 1.1 million sword-wielding men, and Yehudah (Judah) had 470 thousand. **6** However, Yoav had intentionally not counted the tribes of Levi and Benyamin, because he was horrified by the king's command.

Punishment for the census

7 God was displeased by what David had ordered, and he punished Yisrael (Israel), **8** and David said to God, "I've disobeyed you badly by doing that. Please forgive your servant for his disobedience, because I've been very stupid."

9 Then Yahweh told David's prophet Gad, **10** "Go and tell David that Yahweh says this: I'll give you three options—choose one of them and that's what I'll do to you."

11 So Gad went to David and told him, "Yahweh says that you must choose one of these punishments: **12** either three years of famine, or three months of being overcome by your enemies' armies, or three days of Yahweh's 'sword' of pestilence in the country and Yahweh's messenger bringing destruction across all of Yisrael's territory. So now, tell me what answer I should take back to the one who sent me."

13 "Oh, that's very distressing," David replied to Gad, "but please don't let me fall into my enemies' hands. Yahweh is very merciful, so please let him be the one to punish me directly."

14 So Yahweh sent a disease throughout Yisrael, and seventy thousand Israeli men died. **15** Then God sent a messenger to destroy Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and while the disease was still spreading, Yahweh looked down and relented about the tragedy, and he told the destroying messenger, "Enough! Now stop what you're doing." Now Yahweh's messenger happened to be standing at the threshing floor belonging to Ornan the Yevusi.

16 As David looked up, he saw Yahweh's messenger standing between the earth and the heavens, holding his sword stretched out over Yerushalem. Then David and the elders, who were all dressed in sackcloth, fell to their knees and bowed their faces to the ground. **17** Then David asked God, "Wasn't it me myself who said to count the people? It's me who disobeyed and clearly did what was wrong, but these sheep, what have they done? Yahweh my god, please direct your punishment against me and my extended family, but don't continue this deadly disease on your people."

18 Then Yahweh's messenger told Gad to tell David that he should build an altar to Yahweh at Ornan the Yevusi's threshing floor. **19** So David went up to that place when he heard Gad's message that was delivered in Yahweh's name. **20** Meanwhile, Ornan was threshing wheat, and he turned and saw Yahweh's messenger, and he and his four sons who were with him quickly hid behind something. **21** When David arrived there, Ornan saw him and left the threshing floor and knelt in front of David, bowing his face to the ground. **22** Then David asked Ornan, "Give me this place with its threshing floor, and I'll build an altar to Yahweh on it. Sell it to me at the full price, so the deadly disease affecting the people will be stopped."

23 "My master the king, take anything you want," Ornan

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replied. "Listen, I'll donate the cattle for the burnt offerings, and the threshing sledges for firewood, and the wheat for the offering—all at no charge."

24 "No, I'll most definitely pay the full price," King David responded. "I couldn't offer a burnt offering to Yahweh if it hadn't cost me anything." **25** So David paid Ornan six hundred gold pieces for his place, **26** and he built an altar to Yahweh there and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on it. He called to Yahweh, and Yahweh answered him with fire from the heavens on that altar with the burnt offering.

27 Then Yahweh spoke to his messenger, who then returned his sword to his sheath.

The location for the future temple · Full kingdom

28 When David saw that Yahweh had answered him at Ornan the Yevusi's threshing floor, he sacrificed there. **29** At that time, Yahweh's sacred tent that Mosheh (Moses) had made in the wilderness, and the altar for burnt sacrifices, were on a hill used for worship near Giveon city. **30** David wasn't able to go there to ask God's direction because he was terrified of Yahweh's messenger's sword.

22:1 Then David said, "This is now the residence of Yahweh God, and this is the altar for Yisrael's (Israel's) burnt offering."

The preparation of standing up of temple · Full kingdom

2 Then David said to gather the foreigners who lived in Yisrael (Israel), and he assigned them the job of hewing out cut stones to build the residence for God. **3** He prepared a large quantity of iron for the door hinges and fittings, so much brass that it couldn't be weighed, **4** and innumerable cedar logs that the Tsidonim (Sidonians) and the Tsorim (Tyrians) brought in for David. **5** David said, "My son Shelomoh (Solomon) is young and not capable, and the house to be built for Yahweh must be impressive for the sake of his reputation and honour everywhere, so I'll prepare for it now." So David did a lot of preparation before he died.

6 Then David called for his son Shelomoh, and ordered him to build a residence for Yisrael's god Yahweh. **7** David told him, "My son, I wanted to build a temple to honour my god Yahweh,[216] **8** but Yahweh gave me this message, 'You've fought a lot of battles and shed a large amount of blood, so you won't be the one who'll build a residence to honour me—you've shed too much blood on the ground in my sight.' **9** He told me, 'Listen, you'll have a son who'll be a man of peace. I'll give him relief from all his enemies from the surrounding regions. That's why he'll be called 'Shelomoh' (which sounds like 'Shalom'—the Hebrew word for peace), and I'll give peace and quietness to Yisrael during his lifetime. **10** He'll be the one to build a residence for me,

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_plague _that_it_may_be_restrained from_under the_people.
23 And_ 'Ornān _he/it_said to Dāvid take_it to/for_you(fs) and_ my_master the_king _let_him_do the_good in_eyes_of_his see I_ _give the_ox[en] for_offerings and_the_threshing-sledges for_ _wood(s) and_the_wheat(s) for_offering (the)_everything I_ _give. **24** And_ the_king Dāvid _he/it_said to_'Ornān no if/because certainly_(buy) I_will_buy_it for_money full if/because not I_will_take that_which to/for_yourself(m) to/for_**YHWH** and_to_offer_up a_burnt_offering without_ _paying. **25** And_ Dāvid _he/it_gave to_'Ornān for_place shekels_of gold weight six hundred(s). **26** And_he/it_built there Dāvid an_altar to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_ascended burnt_ _offerings and_peace_offerings and_he/it_called to **YHWH** and_ _he_answered_him by_fire from the_heavens on the_altar_of the_burnt_offering. **27** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_messenger and_he_returned sword_of_his to sheath_of_its.
28 At_time (the)_that when_ Dāvid _saw if/because_that he_ _had_answered_him **YHWH** on_the_threshing_floor_of 'Ornān the_Yəvūşī and_he/it_sacrificed there. **29** And_the_tabernacle_ _of **YHWH** which Mosheh he_had_made in_wilderness and_the_ _altar_of the_burnt_offering at_time (the)_that were_in_place at_Giv֯ōn. **30** And_not Dāvid he_was_able to_go before_it to_ _seek god if/because he_was_terrified from_face/in_front_of the_sword_of the_messenger_of **YHWH**.
22:1 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said this it is_the_house_of **YHWH** the_ _'Elohīm and_this is_the_altar for_burnt_offering for_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
2 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_gather ~~ĐØM~~ the_sojourners who in_ _land of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_appointed stonemasons to_cut stones_of hewn_stone to_build the_house_of the_'Elohīm.
3 And_iron to_increase_in_number for_nails for_the_doors_of the_gates and_for_clamps Dāvid he_prepared and_bronze to_ _increase_in_number there_was_not weight. **4** And_wood(s)_of cedar(s) to_there_was_not number if/because the_ _Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_the_Tsorī/(Tyrians) they_had_ _brought wood(s)_of cedar(s) to_increase_in_number to_Dāvid.
5 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_my is_a_ _youth and_weak and_the_house to_build to/for_**YHWH** is_to_ _make_great (to)_upwards for_a_name and_for_honour to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands I_will_prepare please to_him/it and_ Dāvid _he_prepared to_increase_in_number to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before death_of_his. **6** And_he/it_ _called (to)_Shəlomoh son_of_his and_he_commanded_him to_ _build a_house to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
7 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_Shəlomoh mmm[219] I it_was with heart_of_my to_build a_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_ _my. **8** And_he/it_was to_me the_message_of **YHWH** to_say blood to_increase_in_number you_have_shed and_wars great you_have_made not you_will_build a_house for_name_of_my if/because blood(s) much you_have_shed towards_land before_ _me. **9** HERE a_son is_about_to_be_born to/for_you(fs) he he_ _will_be a_man_of rest and_I_will_give_rest to_him/it from_all enemies_of_his from_round_about if/because Shəlomoh it_ _will_be his/its_name and_peace and_quietness I_will_give to

216 RV 22:7-10 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 7:1-16; 1Ch 17:1-14.

219 LV 22:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **נב/ו**: (x-qere) **יִ֫נְּבֵ'**: lemma_1121 a n_0.3 morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cs id_13W2d **יִ֫נְּבֵ'**

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_days_of_his. **10** He he_will_build a_house for_ _name_of_my and_he he_will_become to/for_me (into)_a_son and_I to_him/it (into)_a_father and_I_will_establish the_ _throne_of his/its_kingdom over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until perpetuity. **11** Now my_son_of_my may_he_be **YHWH** with_you and_you_will_be_successful and_you_will_build the_house_of **YHWH** god_of_your just_as he_spoke on_you. **12** Only may_he_ _give to_you **YHWH** insight and_understanding and_he_will_ _appoint_you over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_keep ᴅᴏᴍ the_law_of **YHWH** god_of_your. **13** Then you_will_be_successful if you_ _will_take_care for_doing ᴅᴏᴍ the_decrees and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _judgements which **YHWH** he_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) be_strong and_be_courageous do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_dismayed. **14** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE in_ _affliction_of_my I_have_prepared for_the_house_of **YHWH** gold talents one_hundred thousand and_silver one_thousand thousand(s) talents and_to_bronze and_to_iron there_was_not weight if/because to_increase_in_number it_is and_wood(s) and_stone(s) I_have_prepared and_to_them you_will_add. **15** And_are_with_you to_increase_in_number doers_of work stonemasons and_craftsmen_of stone and_wood and_all skillful_person in_all work. **16** To_gold to_silver and_to_bronze and_to_iron there_is_not number arise and_act and_let_it_be **YHWH** with_you. **17** And_ Dāvid _he/it_commanded to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_officials_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_help (to)_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_his. **18** Not is_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) with_you(pl) and_has_he_given_rest to/for_you(pl) from_round_about if/because he_has_given in_hand_of_my ᴅᴏᴍ the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land and_ the_earth/land _ _it_has_been_subdued to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_before_of people_of_his. **19** Now set heart_of_ _your(pl) and_being_of_your(pl) to_seek to/for_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) and_arise and_build ᴅᴏᴍ the_sanctuary_of **YHWH** the_'Elohīm to_bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** and_the_articles_of (the)_holiness_of the_'Elohīm to_house which_will_be_built for_the_name_of **YHWH**.

23:1 And_Dāvid he_was_old and_he_was_satisfied days and_he_ _made_king ᴅᴏᴍ Shəlomoh son_of_his over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

2 And_he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_leaders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy. **3** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_ _were_counted from_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upwards and_ _he/it_was number_of_their to_heads_of_their to_men thirty and_eight thousand. **4** From_these are_to_act_as_overseers over the_work_of the_house_of **YHWH** twenty and_four thousand and_will_be_officials and_judges six_of thousand(s). **5** And_ _four_of thousand(s) will_be_gatekeepers and_four_of thousand(s) will_be_praising to/for_**YHWH** with_instruments which I_made to_praise. **6** And_he_divided_them Dāvid divisions (to)_the_sons_of Lēvī to_Gērəshōn Qəhāt and_Mərārī.

7 Belonged_to_Gērəshōnites La'dān and_Shim'ī. **8** The_sons_of La'dān were_the_chief Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) and_Zētām and_ _Yō'ēl/(Joel) three. **9** The_sons_of Shim'ī were_Shəlomīt[222] and_

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and he himself will become my son, and I'll become his father, and I'll establish his kingdom's authority over Yisrael forever.'

11 "Now, my son, may Yahweh be with you, and may you be successful and build a residence for Yahweh your god, just as he said you would. **12** I also ask Yahweh to give you insight and understanding, and give you charge over Yisrael so that you can keep your god Yahweh's regulations. **13** Then you'll succeed, if you're careful to follow the instructions and the directions that Yahweh commanded Mosheh (Moses) concerning Yisrael. Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid or discouraged.[217]

14 Now, see, despite many battles, I've prepared the following for Yahweh's residence: three thousand tonnes of gold and thirty thousand tonnes of silver, along with too much bronze and iron to weigh, and timber and cut stones. Plus you'll be able to add more. **15** You'll have plenty of skilled workers, including those who work with stone and those who work with wood. **16** Then there's so many skilled with gold and silver, and bronze and iron. So get organised and get started, and may Yahweh be with you.

17 Then David ordered all the Israeli officials to assist his son Shelomoh (Solomon), saying, **18** "Isn't Yahweh your god with you officials, and hasn't he given you peace on every side? He's allowed me to take control of this region, and this area has been subdued with the help of Yahweh and his people. **19** Now, dedicate your minds and strength to requesting advice from your god Yahweh, then get organised and build Yahweh God's sanctuary so you can bring the box containing Yahweh's agreement to the residence to be built to honour Yahweh's name, and bring God's sacred items."

23:1 By then David was old and coming to the end of his life, and he made his son Shelomoh king of Yisrael (Israel).[218]

The Levite families and their assignments · Full kingdom

2 Then David gathered all the Israeli officials and the priests and Levites. **3** Counting the Levite males that were thirty years old and older, they found there were thirty-eight thousand men. **4** David assigned twenty-four thousand of them to supervise the work at Yahweh's residence, six thousand to be officials and judges, **5** four thousand to be gatekeepers, and four thousand to praise Yahweh using the musical instruments that he'd provided.

6 So David divided the Levites into divisions according to their ancestry through Levi's sons Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari.

The Gershonim

7 The Gershonim included Laedan and Shimei. **8** Laedan's three sons were: Yehiel (the oldest), Zetam,

217 **RV 22:13 · Cross-ref.** Josh 1:6-9.

218 **RV 23:1 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 1:1-40.

222 **LV 23:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: תּוּמְלֹשׁ: (x-qere) תְּיָמוֹלְשׁ': lemma_8019 a morph_HNp id_13UFD תְּיָמוֹלְשׁ

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and Yoel (Joel). **9** Shimei's[220] three sons were: Shelomot, Haziel, and Haran. (They were leaders of Laedan's clans.) **10** Shimei's four sons were: Yahat, Zina,[221] Ye'ush, and Beriah. **11** (Yahat was the head, and Zizah was second. Ye'ush and Beriah were grouped together as one family unit because they didn't have many descendants.)

The Kohatites

12 Kohat's four sons were: Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel. **13** Amram's sons were Aharon (Aaron) and Mosheh (Moses). Aharon and his future male descendants were permanently appointed to consecrate the most sacred things, to burn incense, to minister to Yahweh, and to bless his name.[223] **14** Mosheh was known as a man who served God, and his descendants were included with the other Levites.
15 Mosheh's sons were Gereshom and Eliezer. **16** Gereshom's eldest son was Shevuel. **17** Eliezer's only son was Rehavyah, but Rehavyah went on to have many sons.
18 Yitshar's eldest son was Shelomot. **19** Hevron's sons from oldest to youngest were: Yeriyah, Amaryah, Yahaziel, and Yekameam. **20** Uziel's sons were Mikah and Yishiyah.

The Merarim

21 Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi, and Mahli's sons were Eleazar and Kish. **22** Eleazar died without having any sons, so his brother Kish's sons married his daughters (to continue the family name). **23** Mushi had three sons: Mahli, Eder, and Yerimot.
24 Those were Levi's descendants by their clans and their appointments, who did the work of serving in Yahweh's residence once they reached twenty years old, **25** because David had said, "Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh has given peace to his people, and he'll now live forever in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **26** so the Levites won't need to carry the sacred tent anymore, along with all its equipment."[224] **27** So one of David's final instructions had been to count the Levite men who were twenty years old and over, **28** because their work was to assist Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants in their work in Yahweh's residence.[225] They were in charge of the courtyards and siderooms, in charge of the purification ceremonies, and did other work at God's residence.
29 They were also in charge of the sacred bread, as well as the fine flour for the offering, the wafers of bread without raising agent, the baking pans, and all the measuring and mixing of ingredients.
30 Every morning and every evening the Levites stood and

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_Ḥₐzīʾēl and_Ḥārān three these were_the_heads_of the_fathers of_La'dān. **10** And_the_sons of_Shim'ī were_Yaḥat/(Jahath) Zīnā' and_Yə'ūsh/(Jeush) and_Bərī'āh these were_the_sons_of Shim'ī four. **11** And_he/it_was Yaḥat the_chief and_Zīzāh the_ _second and_Yə'ūsh and_Bərī'āh not they_had_many sons and_ _they_were (into)_a_house_of a_father (into)_a_group one.

12 The_sons_of Qəhāt were_'Amrām Yitshār/(Izhar) Ḥevrōn and_'Uzziyʾēl four. **13** The_sons_of 'Amrām were_'Ahₐron and_ _Mosheh and_ 'Ahₐron _he_was_separated to_consecrate_it a_ _holy_one_of holy_ones he and_descendants_of_his until perpetuity to_make_smoke to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_serve_him and_to_bless in_name_of_his until perpetuity. **14** And_Mosheh the_man_of the_'Elohīm descendants_of_his they_were_named on the_tribe_of the_ _Lēviyyiy[s]. **15** The_sons_of Mosheh were_Gērəshom and_ _'Elī'ezer. **16** The_sons_of Gērəshom were_Shəvūʾēl the_chief. **17** And_ the_sons_of 'Elī'ezer _they_were Rəḥavʸāh the_chief and_not it_belonged to_'Elī'ezer sons other and_the_sons of_ _Rəḥavʸāh they_were_numerous (to)_upwards. **18** The_sons_of Yitshār/(Izhar) were_Shəlomīt the_chief. **19** The_sons_of Ḥevrōn were_Yəriyʸāh/(Jeriah) the_chief 'Amarʸāh the_second Yaḥₐzīʾēl/(Jahaziel) the_third and_Yəqam'ām/(Jekameam) the_ _fourth. **20** The_sons_of 'Uzziyʾēl were_Mīkāh the_chief and_ _Yishshiyʸāh/(Isshiah) the_second.

21 The_sons_of Mərārī were_Maḥlī and_Mūshiy the_sons_of Maḥlī were_'El'āzār and_Qīsh. **22** And_ 'El'āzār _he/it_died and_ _not they_belonged to_him/it sons if/because (if) daughters and_they_took_them the_sons_of Qīsh relatives_of_their. **23** The_sons_of Mūshiy were_Maḥlī and_'Ēder and_ _Yərīmōt/(Jeremoth) three. **24** These were_the_descendants_of Lēvī to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their the_heads_of the_fathers to_their_men_of_enrolled by_number_of names to_ _heads_of_their the_doer[s]_of the_work for_the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH** from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_ _upward_upwards. **25** If/because Dāvid he_had_said **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_has_given_rest to_people_of_his and_he_has_settled in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) until forever_ _perpetuity. **26** And_also for_Lēviyyiy there_is_not to_carry ~~DOM~~ the_tabernacle and_~~DOM~~ all_of articles_of_its for_service_of_its. **27** If/because by_the_words/messages_of Dāvid (the)_last they were_the_number_of the_descendants_of Lēvī from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_(to)_upwards. **28** If/because position_of_ _their was_to_the_side_of the_descendants_of 'Ahₐron for_the_ _service_of the_house_of **YHWH** over the_courts and_over the_ _store-rooms and_over the_purification_of to/from_ _all/each/any/every holy_thing and_the_work_of the_service_ _of the_house_of the_'Elohīm. **29** And_to_the_bread_of the_row and_to_fine_flour for_a_grain_offering and_to_the_wafers_of the_unleavened_bread(s) and_to_cake and_to_dough and_

220 RV 23:9 · Note Possibly the wrong name got into the Hebrew here, because it disagrees with v10.

221 RV 23:10 · Note Some ancient translations have Zizah here, which would seem to fit better with v11.

223 RV 23:13 · Cross-ref. Exo 28:1.

224 RV 23:26 · Cross-ref. Deu 10:8.

225 RV 23:28-32 · Cross-ref. Num 3:5-9.

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_to/for_all measure and_measurement. **30** And_to_stand in_
_morning in_morning to_give_thanks and_to_praise to/for_
_**YHWH** and_thus/so/as_follows to_evening. **31** And_to/for_all
offering_up burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** for_sabbaths for_
_moons and_for_feasts by_number according_to_the_ordinance
on_them continually to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
YHWH. **32** And_they_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_duty_of the_tent_of meeting
and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_duty_of the_holy_place and_the_duty_of the_
_descendants_of ʾAhₐron relatives_of_their for_the_service_of
the_house_of **YHWH**.

24:1 And_to_the_descendants_of ʾAhₐron divisions_of_their the_
_sons_of ʾAhₐron were_Nādāv and_ʾAvīhūʾ ʾElʿāzār and_ʾĪtāmār.
2 And_ Nādāv and_ʾAvīhūʾ _he/it_died to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before father_of_their and_sons not they_belonged
to/for_them and_ ʾElʿāzār and_ʾĪtāmār _they_served_as_priests.
3 And_he_divided_them Dāvid and_Tsādōq/(Zadok) one_of the_
_descendants_of ʾElʿāzār and_ʾAḥīmelek one_of the_
_descendants_of ʾĪtāmār to_group_of_their by_service_of_their.
4 And_they_were_found the_descendants_of ʾElʿāzār many to_
_the_chiefs_of the_men more_than the_descendants_of ʾĪtāmār
and_they_divided_them belonged_to_the_descendants_of
ʾElʿāzār heads of_a_house_of fathers six- teen and_belonged_to_
_the_descendants_of ʾĪtāmār of_the_house_of their_ancestors_
_of_their eight. **5** And_they_divided_them by_lots these with
these if/because officials_of holiness and_the_officials_of the_
_ʾElohīm they_were from_(the)_sons of_ʾElʿāzār and_among_
_the_descendants_of ʾĪtāmār. **6** And_he_recorded_them
Shəmaʿyāh the_son_of Nətanʾēl the_scribe one_of the_Lēviyyiy[s]
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_the_officials
and_Tsādōq the_priest/officer and_ʾAḥīmelek the_son_of
ʾEvyātār and_the_heads_of the_fathers of_priests and_of_
_Lēviyyiy a_house_of a_father one was_drawn for_ʾElʿāzār and_
_drawn drawn for_ʾĪtāmār. **7** And_ the_lot (the)_first _he/it_
_went_out to_Yəhōyārīv/(Jehoiarib) to_Yədaʿyāh/(Jedaiah) the_
_second. **8** To_Ḥārim the_third to_Səʿorīm the_fourth. **9** To_
_Malkīyyāh the_fifth to_Miyyāmin the_sixth. **10** To_Haqqōts the_
_seventh to_ʾAvīyyāh the_eighth. **11** To_Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) the_
_ninth to_Shəkanyāh the_tenth. **12** To_ʾElyāshiv one_plus_of
ten to_Yāqīm/(Jakim) two_plus ten. **13** To_Ḥuppāh thir- teen
to_Jeshebeab four- teen. **14** To_Bilgah fif- teen to_ʾImmēr six-
teen. **15** To_Ḥēzīr seven- teen to_Happitstsēts eight- teen. **16** To_
_Pətaḥyāh nine- teen to_Yəḥezqʾēl the_twenty. **17** To_
_Yākīn/(Jakin) one and_twenty to_Gəmūl two and_twenty.
18 To_Dəlāyāh three and_twenty to_Maʿazyāh four and_twenty.
19 These group[s]_of_were_their for_service_of_their to_go to_
_the_house_of **YHWH** according_to_of_their_ordinance by_the_
_hand_of ʾAhₐron ancestor_of_their just_as he_had_
_commanded_him **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

20 And_to_the_sons_of Lēvī who_remained of_the_sons_of of_
_ʿAmrām Shūvāʾēl of_the_sons_of of_Shūvāʾēl
Yeḥdiyyāhū/(Jehdeiah). **21** For_Rəḥavyāh of_the_sons_of of_
_Rəḥavyāh the_chief was_Yishshiyyāh/(Isshiah). **22** For_
_Izharite[s] Shəlomōt of_the_sons_of of_Shəlomōt
Yaḥat/(Jahath). **23** And_the_sons_of were_Yəriyyāh/(Jeriah)

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praised Yahweh. **31** They would also do that on the rest days, and at the new moon celebrations and during the other religious festivals. There were regulations about how many of them must always be on duty serving Yahweh. **32** They were also in charge of the sacred tent and the holy place, and assisting the priests (their relatives, Aharon's descendants) in their service at Yahweh's residence.

The Levites' duties · Full kingdom

24:1 Aharon's (Aaron's) sons were: Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar, **2** but Nadav and Avihu died before their father and without having any children,[226] so only Eleazar and Itamar became priests. **3** David gave Eleazar's descendant Tsadok, and Itamar's descendant Ahimelek two different sets of duties to perform. **4** There were more leaders among Eleazar's descendants than there were among Itamar's descendants, so they appointed sixteen leaders from Eleazar's descendants and eight from Itamar's descendants. **5** They divided up the duties by a process of choosing randomly, so some of the leaders from each of the two groups served the facility and others served God directly. DOUBLE-CHECK, along with verse 3 as well. **6** Netanel's son Shemayah was the Levite scribe who recorded all this in front of the king and the leaders, Tsadok the priest and Evyatar's son Ahimelek, and the clan leaders of the priests and the Levites. (One family from Eleazar's group was randomly assigned a duty, and then one from Itamar's group, and so on.)

7 The first two allocations of duties went to Yehoyariv and then Yedayah. **8** Next were Harim and Se'orim, **9** Malkiyah and Miyamin, **10** Hakots and Aviyah, **11** Yeshua and Shekanyah, **12** Elyashiv and Yakim, **13** Hupah and Yeshev'av, **14** Bilgah and Imer, **15** Hezir and Hapitsets, **16** Petahyah and Yehezkel, **17** Yakin and Gemul, **18** Delayah and, lastly, Ma'azyah.

19 Those were the priests selected to be leaders of the groups that would serve in Yahweh's temple, following the instructions that Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh had given their ancestor Aharon (Aaron).

Other Levites

20 This is a list of some of Levi's other descendants:

From Amram's sons: Shuvael.

From Shuvael's sons: Yehdiyah.

21 From Rehavyah's sons: Yishiyah, the leader.

226 RV 24:2 · Cross-ref. Lev 10:1-2.

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22 From the Yitshari: Shelomot.
From Shelomot's sons: Yahat.
23 Hevron's[227] sons (in order): Yeriyah, Amaryah, Yahaziel, Yekameam
24 From Uziel's sons: Mikah.
From Mikah's sons: Shamir.
25 Mikah's younger brother: Yishiyah.
From Yishiyah's sons: Zekaryah (Zechariah).
26 Merari's sons: Mahli and Mushi.
Ya'aziyah's son: Beno.
27 Merari's descendants through Ya'aziyah: Beno, Shoham, Zakur, and Ivri.
28 From Mahli: Eleazar who had no sons.
29 Kish's son: Yerahme'el.
30 Mushi's sons: Mahli, Eder, and Yerimot.
Those were the Levites listed by their ancestors' families.
31 They, too, used a process of choosing randomly, just like Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants (their relatives), to determine their specific duties irrespective of where they came in their families. This was done in front of King David, Tsadok and Ahimelek, the clan leaders, and the other priests and Levites.

The temple singers · Full kingdom

25:1 Then David and the army chiefs allocated the musical service to the sons of Asaf, Heyman, and Yedutun—the ones prophesying with harps, with lyres, and with cymbals. This is a list of the men they chose for that work:
2 From Asaf's sons: Zakur, Yosef (Joseph), Netanyah, and Asarelah. They were supervised by Asaf, who prophesied under the king's direction.
3 Six from Yedutun's family: Gedalyah, Tseri, Yeshayah (Isaiah), Hashavyah, and Matityah. They were supervised by Yedutun, who prophesied with a harp, and thanked and praised Yahweh.
4 From Heyman's sons: Bukiyah, Matanyah, Uziel, Shuvael, Yerimot, Hananyah, Hanani, Eliatah, Gidalti, Romamti-Ezer, Yashebekashah, Maloti, Hotir, and Mahaziot. 5 They were all sons of King David's prophet Heyman, who'd been promised by God that he'd strengthen him, and God gave him fourteen sons and three daughters.
6 All of those served as musicians in Yahweh's temple under their fathers' supervision—they played cymbals, harps, and lyres. Their fathers were supervised by the king. 7 There were 288 of those men and their musical relatives who played to Yahweh. 8 They used a process of choosing randomly to determine their duties, whether young or old, and irrespective of their musical abilities.
9 The first allocation went (in order) to:
Asaf and his son Yosef (Joseph),

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'Amar^{yāh} the_second Yaḥ$_a$zī'^{ēl}/(Jahaziel) the_third Yəqam'ām/(Jekameam) the_fourth. 24 The_sons_of 'Uzziy'^{ēl} were_Mīkāh of_the_sons_of of_Mīkāh Shāmūr[228]. 25 The_ _brother_of Mīkāh was_Yishshiy^{yāh} of_the_sons_of of_ _Yishshiy^{yāh} Zəkar^{yāh}. 26 The_sons_of Mərārī were_Maḥlī and_ _Mūshiy the_sons_of Ya'$_a$ziy^{yāh}ū/(Jaaziah) Bənō_of_were. 27 The_sons_of Mərārī of_Ya'$_a$ziy^{yāh}ū/(Jaaziah) Beno_of_his and_Shoham and_Zakkūr and_'Ivrī. 28 Of_the_Maḥlīte[s] 'El'āzār and_not it_belonged to_him/it sons. 29 For_Qīsh the_ _sons_of Qīsh were_Yəraḥmə'^{ēl}/(Jerahmeel). 30 And_the_sons of_Mūshiy were_Maḥlī and_'Ēder and_Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) these were_the_sons_of the_Lēviyyiy to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their. 31 And_ also they _they_throw lots corresponding_to_of relatives_of_their the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Dāvid the_king and_Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_'Aḥīmelek and_the_heads_of the_ _fathers of_priests and_of_Lēviyyiy fathers the_chief was_ _corresponding_to_of his/its_brother (the)_young.

25:1 And_he/it_separated Dāvid and_the_commanders_of the_ _army for_service (to)_the_sons_of 'Āṣāf and_Hēymān and_ _Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) the[229][230] with_harps with_lyres and_ _with_cymbals and_he/it_was number_of_their men_of work for_service_of_their. 2 Of_the_sons_of 'Āṣāf Zakkūr and_ _Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Nətan^{yāh} and_'Asar'^{ēl}āh the_sons_of 'Āṣāf were_on the_hand_of 'Āṣāf who_prophesied on the_hands_of the_king. 3 For_Yədūtūn the_sons_of Yədūtūn were_Gədal^{yāh} and_Tsərī/(Zeri) and_Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Jeshaiah) Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh} and_ _Mattit^{yāh} six on the_hands_of their_father_of_their Yədūtūn with_harp who_prophesied on to_give_thanks and_to_praise to/for_**YHWH**. 4 For_Hēymān the_sons_of Hēymān were_ _Buqqiy^{yāh} Mattan^{yāh} 'Uzziy'^{ēl} Shəvū'^{ēl} and_Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} Ḥ$_a$nānī 'Elī'ātāh Giddaltiy and_Rōmamtiy- 'ezer Yoshbəqāshāh/(Joshbekashah) Mallōtī Hōtīr Maḥ$_a$zī'ōt. 5 All_of these were_sons of_Hēymān the_seer_of the_king by_the_ _words/messages_of the_'Elohīm to_lift_up a_horn and_ the_ _'Elohīm _he/it_gave to_Hēymān sons four- teen and_ _daughters three. 6 All_of these were_on the_hands_of their_ _father_of_their with_song the_house_of **YHWH** with_cymbals lyres and_harps for_the_service_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm on the_hands_of the_king 'Āṣāf and_Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) and_ _Hēymān. 7 And_ number_of_their _he/it_was with relatives_ _of_their who_were_trained_of_song to/for_**YHWH** every_of (the)_one_who_understood two_hundred eighty and_eight. 8 And_they_throw lots duty correspondingly_just_as_of as_ _small as_great teacher with pupil. 9 And_ the_lot (the)_first _ _he/it_went_out for_'Āṣāf to_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) Gədal^{yāh} the_ _second he and_relatives_of_his and_sons_of_his two_plus ten.

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227 RV 24:33 · Note Missing here in the Hebrew, but see 1 Chr. 23:19.

228 LV 24:24 · Note OSHB variant note: **רומש**: (x-qere) 'רְיָמָשׁ': lemma_8069 n_0 morph_HNp id_13bXf רְיָמָשׁ

229 LV 25:1 · Note OSHB variant note: **ם֝יאיבנ/ה**: (x-qere) 'ם֝יָאְבִּנְ/ה': lemma_d/5012 n_1.0.0 morph_HTd/VNsmpa id_13veq ם֝יָאְבִּנְ/ה

230 LV 25:1 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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10 The_third Zakkūr sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **11** The_fourth to_Yitsrī/(Izri) sons_of_his and_relatives_of_ _his two_plus ten. **12** The_fifth Nətanʸāh sons_of_his and_ _relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **13** The_sixth Buqqiyʸāh sons_of_ _his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **14** The_seventh Yəsarʾēlāh/(Jesharelah) sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_ _plus ten. **15** The_eighth Yəshaʿyāh/(Jeshaiah) sons_of_his and_ _relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **16** The_ninth Mattanʸāh sons_of_ _his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **17** The_tenth Shimʿī sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **18** one_plus_of ten ʿAzarʾēl sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **19** The_two_plus ten to_Ḥashavʸāh sons_of_his and_relatives_of_ _his two_plus ten. **20** For_thir- teen Shūvāʾēl sons_of_his and_ _relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **21** To_four teen Mattitʸāh sons_ _of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **22** For_fif- teen to_ _Yərīmōt/(Jeremoth) sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus teen. **23** For_six- teen to_Ḥananʸāh sons_of_his and_relatives_of_ _his two_plus ten. **24** For_seven- teen to_ _Yoshbəqāshāh/(Joshbekashah) sons_of_his and_relatives_of_ _his two_plus ten. **25** For_eight- teen to_Ḥanānī sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **26** For_nine- teen to_Mallōtī sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **27** For_twenty to_ʾElīʾātāh sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **28** For_one and_twenty to_Hōtīr sons_of_his and_relatives_of_ _his two_plus ten. **29** For_two and_twenty to_Giddaltiy sons_of_ _his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **30** For_three and_twenty to_Maḥazīʾōt sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **31** To_four and_twenty to_Rōmamtiy- ʿezer sons_of_his and_ _relatives_of_his two_plus ten.

26:1 To_divisions of_gatekeepers of_Qoraḥites Məshelemʸāh the_ _son_of Qōrēʾ one_of the_sons_of ʾĀsāf. **2** And_belonged_to_ _Məshelemʸāh sons was_Zəkarʸāh the_firstborn was_ _Yədīʿaʾēl/(Jediael) the_second was_Zəvadʸāh the_third was_ _Yatnīʾēl/(Jathniel) the_fourth. **3** Was_ʿĒylām the_fifth was_ _Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) the_sixth was_ʾElyəhōʿēynay the_ _seventh. **4** And_belonged_ʿŌvēd- ʾedōm sons was_Shəmaʿyāh the_firstborn was_Yəhōzāvād/(Jehozabad) the_second was_ _Yōʾāḥ/(Joah) the_third and_was_Sākār the_fourth and_was_ _Nətanʾēl the_fifth. **5** Was_ʿAmmiyʾēl the_sixth was_Issachar the_ _seventh was_Pəʿullətay the_eighth if/because he_had_blessed_ _him god. **6** And_to_Shəmaʿyāh son_of_his sons the_rulers of_ _the_house_of their_father_of_their it_was_born if/because were_mighty_men_of ability they. **7** The_sons_of Shəmaʿyāh were_ʿOtnī and_Rəfāʾēl and_ʿŌvēd ʾElzāvād relatives_of_his were_sons_of ability ʾElīhū and_Semakiah. **8** All_of these from_ _(the)_sons of_ʿŌvēd- ʾEdōm they and_sons_of_their and_ _relatives_of_their were_man_of ability with_strength for_ _service sixty and_two belonged_ʿŌvēd- ʾedōm. **9** And_ _belonged_to_Məshelemʸāh sons and_relatives sons_of ability eight- teen. **10** And_belonged_to_Ḥoşāh one_of the_ _descendants_of Mərārī sons was_Shimrī the_chief if/because not he_was firstborn and_he_had_appointed_him father_of_his to_chief. **11** Was_Ḥilqiyʸāh the_second was_Ṯəvalʸāhū the_third was_Zəkarʸāh the_fourth all_of the_sons and_relatives of_Ḥoşāh were_thir- teen. **12** Belonged_to_these the_divisions_of the_

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Gedalyah and his relatives and sons (a total of twelve),
10 Zakur and his sons and relatives (another twelve),
11 Yitsri and his sons and relatives (twelve),
12 Netanyah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
13 Bukiyah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
14 Yesarelah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
15 Yeshayah (Isaiah) and his sons and relatives (twelve),
16 Matanyah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
17 Shimei and his sons and relatives (twelve),
18 Azarel and his sons and relatives (twelve),
19 Hashavyah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
20 Shuvael and his sons and relatives (twelve),
21 Matityah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
22 Yerimot and his sons and relatives (twelve),
23 Hananyah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
24 Yashebekashah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
25 Hanani and his sons and relatives (twelve),
26 Maloti and his sons and relatives (twelve),
27 Eliatah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
28 Hotir and his sons and relatives (twelve),
29 Gidalti and his sons and relatives (twelve),
30 Mahaziot and his sons and relatives (twelve),
31 Romamti-Ezer and his sons and relatives (twelve).

The guards of doorway of temple · Full kingdom

26:1 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers:

From the Korhim: Kore's son Meshelemyah (Kore was one of Asaf's sons),
2 Meshelemyah's seven sons (in order): Zekaryah (Zechariah), Yedieael, Zevadyah, Yatniel, **3** Eylam, Yehohanan, and Elyehoeynay.
4 Oved-Edom's[231] eight sons (in order): Shemayah, Yehozavad, Yoah, Sakar, Netanel, **5** Amiyel, Yisakar (Issachar), and Pe'uletay. (God had blessed him.)
6 Oved-Edom's son Shemayah also had sons. (They were leaders in their father's family because they were capable warriors.) **7** Shemayah's sons were: Otni, Refael, Oved, and Elzavad. His relatives Elihu and Semakyah were also capable men.
8 All those descendants of Oved-Edom and their sons and relatives were capable people and strong workers. Altogether there were 62 of them.
9 Meshelemyah had sons and relatives who were respected (eighteen in total).
10 Merari's descendant Hosah's sons: Shimri (not actually the firstborn, but his father appointed him as the first), **11** Hilkiyah, Tevalyah, and Zekaryah (Zechariah). (Thirteen sons and relatives in total.)

231 RV 26:4-5 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 6:11; 1Ch 13:14.

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12 Those men were leaders of the groups of men who guarded the temple's gates. They worked in Yahweh's temple like their relatives did. 13 They used a process of choosing randomly to assign each family to a particular gate, irrespective of the family reputation. 14 Shelemyah's group was allocated to the eastern gate, and his son Zekaryah (a wise adviser) was allocated to the northern gate. 15 Oved-Edom's group was allocated to the southern gate, plus his sons were to guard the storehouses.
16 Shupim's and Hosah's groups were allocated the western gate, along with the Shaleket gate on the uphill road, with side-by-side guards. 17 Every day there were six Levites on duty in the east, four in the north, four in the south, and two at the storehouses. 18 There were four on the road by the western courtyard, and two in the courtyard. 19 Those were the groups of men who were Korah's and Merari's descendants who guarded the temple gates.

The guards of things/objects · Full kingdom

20 The Levite Ahiyah was in charge of the temple treasuries, as well as the storehouses for dedicated gifts. 21 Laedan's descendants (also descendants of Gereshon) were leaders among their family groups. Yehiel was a descendant of this Laedan. 22 Yehiel's sons were Zetam and Yoel (Joel), and they were in charge of the storehouses in Yahweh's temple.

23 Others who did that work were descendants of Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel.

24 Shuvael, a descendant of Mosheh's (Moses') son Gereshom, was another leader in charge of the treasuries, 25 along with his relatives: Eliezer's son Rehavyah, Rehavyah's son Yeshayah (Isaiah), Yeshayah's son Yoram (Joram), Yoram's son Zikri, and Zikri's son Shelomot. 26 Shelomot and his relatives supervised all the storehouses for the sacred things that were consecrated by King David, the clan leaders, and the army division leaders and other commanders 27 who'd dedicated some of the plunder from their battles to the repair of Yahweh's residence. 28 Shelomot and his relatives were also in charge of everything that the prophet Shmuel (Samuel), King Sha'ul (Saul) (Kish's son), and David's two army commanders Avner (Ner's son) and Yoav (Joab) (Tseruyah's son) had dedicated to Yahweh.

Other Levites' duties · Full kingdom

29 From Yitshar's descendants, Kenanyah and his sons worked outside the temple area as officials and judges over Yisrael (Israel).

30 From Hevron's descendants, Hashavyah and his relatives were responsible for all the work done for Yahweh and for the king in the area west of the Yarden (Jordan) river. There were 1,700 of them who were able to do their work well. 31 According to the records of Hevron's descendants, Yeriyah was their leader. (In the fortieth year of David's reign, they'd searched in those records and discovered that there were powerful men in Yazer in Gilead.) 32 Yeriyah had 2,700 relatives who were strong work-

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_gatekeepers to_the_chiefs_of the_men duties corresponding_ _to_of relatives_of_their to_serve in_house_of **YHWH**. 13 And_ _they_throw lots as_small as_great to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their for_a_gate and_a_gate. 14 And_ the_lot _it_ _fell eastward_to to_Shelem^{yāh} and_Zəkar^{yāh} son_of_his was_a_ _counsellor with_insight they_throw lots and_ lot_of_his _ _he/it_went_out northward_for. 15 To_ʹŌvēd- edoms south_to_ _the and_to_sons_of_his the_house_of the_store(s). 16 To_ _Shuppim and_to_Ḥoṣāh to_west beside the_gate_of Shalleket on_highway which_goes_up guard alongside_of guard. 17 To_ _east the_Lēviyyiy six to_north_to to_day four to_south_to to_ _day four and_for_storehouses two two. 18 For_Parbar to_west four for_highway two for_Parbar. 19 These were_the_divisions_ _of the_gatekeepers of_the_descendants_of of_the_Qoraḥite[s] and_of_the_descendants_of Mərārī.

20 And_the_Lēviyyiy ʾAḥiy^{yāh} was_over the_storehouses_of the_ _house_of the_ʾElohīm and_to_the_storehouses_of the_holy_ _things. 21 The_sons_of Laʹdān the_descendants_of the_ _Gērəshōnite[s] of_Laʹdān the_heads_of the_fathers of_Laʹdān the_Gērəshōnite were_Yəḥī^{ʾēl}/(Jehiel)i. 22 The_sons_of Yəḥī^{ʾēl}i Zētām and_Yō^{ʾēl}/(Joel) his/its_brother were_over the_ _storehouses_of the_house_of **YHWH**. 23 To_ʹAmrāmite[s] to_ _Izharite[s] to_Ḥevrōnite[s] to_ʹUzziy^{ʾēl}ite[s]. 24 And_Shəvū^{ʾēl} the_son_of Gērəshom the_son_of Mosheh was_the_chief over the_storehouses. 25 And_relatives_of_his belonged_to_ʾElīʹezer Rəḥav^{yāh} son_of_his and_Yəshaʿ^{yāh}/(Jeshaiah) son_of_his and_ _Yəhōrām/(Joram) his/its_son and_Zikrī son_of_his and[232] his/its_son. 26 That Shəlomōt and_relatives_of_his were_over all_of the_storehouses_of the_holy_things which Dāvid the_ _king and_the_heads_of the_fathers to_the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_hundreds and_the_commanders_of the_army he_had_consecrated. 27 Some_of the_wars and_from the_plunder they_consecrated to_repair (to)_the_house_of **YHWH**. 28 And_all/each/any/every that_ Shəmū^{ʾēl}/(Samuel) the_seer and_Shāʾūl/(Saul) the_son_of Qīsh and_ʾAvnēr the_ _son_of Nēr and_Yōʾāv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərū^{yāh}/(Zeruiah) _ _he_had_consecrated every_of (the)_one_who_consecrated was_on the_hand_of Shəlomīt and_relatives_of_his.

29 To_Izharite[s] Kənan^{yāh} and_sons_of_his were_for_work (the)_outside over Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) to_officials and_to_judges. 30 To_Ḥevrōnite[s] Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh} and_relatives_of_his sons_of ability one_thousand and_seven hundred(s) were_over the_ _oversight_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) from_the_other_side of_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) westward_at to_all/each/any/every the_ _work_of **YHWH** and_to_the_service_of the_king. 31 To_ _Ḥevrōnite[s] Yəriy^{yāh}/(Jeriah) was_the_chief of_Ḥevrōnite[s] to_generations_of_his of_fathers in_year of_the_forty of_(the)_ _reign of_Dāvid they_were_investigated and_it_was_found in/among_them mighty_men_of ability at_Yaʹzēr/(Jazer) of_ _Gilʹād. 32 And_relatives_of_his were_sons_of ability two_ _thousand and_seven hundred(s) the_heads_of the_fathers and_he_appointed_them Dāvid the_king over the_Rəʾūvēnite[s]

232 **LV 26:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: תומלש/ו: (x-qere) ותימלשׁ/ו: lemma_c/8013 morph_HC/Np id_13F7i תִּימְלֹשׁ/ו

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and_the_Gādī[s] and_the_half_of the_tribe_of the_Manassite[s] to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_matter_of the_'Elohīm and_ _(the)_matter_of the_king.

27:1 And_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_number_of_their the_ _heads_of the_fathers and_the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_hundreds and_officials_of_their who_serve ~~DOM~~ the_ _king to_all/each/any/every (the)_matter_of the_divisions which_come and_which_go_out month by_month to_ _all/each/any/every the_months_of the_year the_division the_ _one(f) was_twenty and_four thousand. **2** Was_over the_ _division (the)_first for_month (the)_first Yāshov'ām/(Jashobeam) the_son_of Zav'diy'ēl and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **3** one_of the_ _descendants_of Perets was_the_chief to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_commanders_of the_armies for_ _month (the)_first. **4** And_was_over the_division_of the_month the_second Dōday the_'Aḥōḥī and_division_of_his and_Miqlōt was_the_leader and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **5** Was_the_commander_of the_army the_third for_ _month the_third Bənāyāh the_son_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer chief and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **6** That Bənāyāh was_(the)_mighty_man_of the_thirty and_was_over the_thirty and_division_of_his 'Ammizāv'ād his/its_son. **7** The_fourth for_month the_fourth 'Asāh-'ēl the_brother_of Yō'āv/(Joab) and_Zəv'adyāh son_of_his was_after_him and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **8** Was_the_fifth for_month (the)_fifth the_leader Shamhūt the_Yizrāḥ/(Izrahite) and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **9** The_sixth for_month the_sixth 'Īrā' the_son_of 'Iqqēsh the_Təqō'ī and_were_with division_of_ _his twenty and_four thousand. **10** The_seventh for_month the_ _seventh Ḥelets the_Pəlōnī one_of the_descendants_of 'Efrayim and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **11** Was_the_eighth for_month (the)_eighth Şibkay the_Ḥushātī of_Zerahite[s] and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **12** Was_the_ninth month (the)_ninth 'Avī'ezer the_ _'Annətotī mmm[233] and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_ _four thousand. **13** Was_the_tenth for_month (the)_tenth Maharay the_Nəţofātī of_Zerahite[s] and_were_with division_ _of_his twenty and_four thousand. **14** Was_one_plus_of ten for_ _the_one_plus_of ten the_month Bənāyāh the_Pir'ātōnī one_of the_descendants_of 'Efrayim and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **15** The_two_plus ten for_two_plus ten the_month Ḥelday the_Nəţofātī of_'Otnī'ēl and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand.

16 And_over the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_Rə'ūvēnite[s] was_chief 'Elī'ezer the_son_of Zikrī for_Shim'ōnite[s] Shəfaţyāh the_son_of Ma'akāh. **17** For_Lēvī Ḥashavyāh the_son_of Qəmū'ēl for_'Aharon Tsādōq/(Zadok). **18** For_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) 'Elīhū one_of_the_brothers_of Dāvid for_Issachar 'Omrī the_son_of Mīkā'ēl. **19** For_Zəv'ūlūn Yishma'yāh/(Ishmaiah) the_son_of 'Ov'adyāh for_Naftālī Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) the_son_of 'Azrī'ēl.

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ers and leaders of their families. King David put them in charge of governing the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the eastern half of the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh), to ensure that all the people did what God commanded and what the king told them to do.

King David's officials · Full kingdom

27:1 This is a list of the Israeli men who served the king in the army. Some were leaders of families, some were commanders of divisions of a thousand, some were commanders of divisions of a hundred, and some were other officers. There were twenty-four thousand men in each group, and each group served one month each year.

2 Zavdiyel's son Yashaveam was in charge of the group that served during the first month each year. **3** He was a descendant of Perets, and was the commander of all the army officers during the first month each year.

4 Doday (the Ahohi) was the commander of the group that served during the second month each year. Miklot was also a leader in that group.

5 Benayah, son of Yehoyada the high priest, was the commander of the group that served during the third month each year. **6** He was the strongest of 'the thirty' and was their leader. His son was Amizavad.

7 The fourth leader, for the fourth month, was Yoav's (Joab's) brother Asahel, and then his son Zevadyah succeeded him. His division was twenty-four thousand men.

8 The fifth leader, for the fifth month, was the commander Shamhut the Yizrah. His division was twenty-four thousand men.

9 The sixth leader, for the sixth month, was Ikesh's son Ira the Tekoei. His division was twenty-four thousand men.

10 The seventh leader, for the seventh month, was Helets the Peloni (an Efrati). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

11 The eighth leader, for the eighth month, was Sibkay the Hushati (a Zarhi). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

12 The ninth leader, for the ninth month, was Aviezer the Antoti (a Benyamite). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

13 The tenth leader, for the tenth month, was Maharay the Netofati (a Zarhi). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

14 The eleventh leader, for the eleventh month, was Benayah the Pireatoni (an Efrati). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

15 The twelfth leader, for the twelfth month, was Helday the Otnieli (a Netofati). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

The teachers of Yisrael's descendants · Full kingdom

16 There were certain tribal leaders over each of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes:

Zikri's son Eliezer was the leader of the tribe of Re'uven.

Ma'akah's son Shefatyah was the leader of the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon).

233 LV 27:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ימינב/ל: (x-qere) ב/ל: lemma_l/1121 a n_1.0 morph_HRd/Ngmsa id_13mHz ב/ל ו: lemma_3227 n_1 morph_HNgmsa id_13Eb6 יְנִימִ֔י

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17 Kemuel's son Hashavyah was the leader of the Levites.
Tsadok was the leader of Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants.
18 David's older brother Elihu was the leader of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah).
Mika'el's (Michael's) son Omri was the leader of the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar).
19 Ovadyah's (Obadiah's) son Yishmaeyah was the leader of the tribe of Zevulun.
Azriel's son Yerimot was the leader of the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali).
20 Azazyah's son Hoshea was the leader of the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim).
Pedayah's son Yoel (Joel) was the leader of the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh).
21 Zekaryah's (Zechariah's) son Yido was the leader of the half-tribe of Menasheh in Gilead.
Avner's son Ya'asiyel was the leader of the tribe of Benyamin.
22 Yeroham's son Azarel was the leader of the tribe of Dan.
Those were the commanders of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes.
23 David hadn't included men who were less than twenty years old when he'd ordered a census, because Yahweh had promised that he would multiply the Israelis like stars in the sky.[234]
24 Yoav (Joab) (Tseruyah's son) began the count, but never finished it, because Yahweh's anger had struck Yisrael,[235] so the census result wasn't recorded in the record of King David's reign.

King David's administrators · Full kingdom

25 Adiel's son Azmavet supervised the king's treasuries.
Uziyah's son Yonatan (Jonathan) was in charge of the storehouses in the countryside and in the cities and villages, and in the watchtowers.
26 Keluv's son Ezri supervised the farm workers.
27 Shimei the Ramati supervised the king's vineyards.
Zavdi the Shifmi supervised the wine vats.
28 Ba'al-Hanan the Gederi supervised the olive groves and the sycamore trees in the lowlands.
Yoash supervised the olive oil storage.
29 Shitray from the Plain of Sharon was in charge of the herds of cattle that grazed there.
Adlay's son Shafat was in charge of the cattle in the valleys.
30 Ovil the Yishmaeli (Ishmaelite) was in charge of the camels.
Yehdiyah the Meronoti was in charge of the donkeys.
31 Yaziz the Hagri was in charge of the flocks of sheep and goats.
All of those officials supervised King David's property.

King David's advisers · Full kingdom

32 David's uncle Yonatan (Jonathan) was a wise adviser and a copyist.
Hakmoni's son Yehiel attended to the

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20 For_the_sons_of 'Efrayim Hōshē˝a the_son_of ´Azaz^{yāh}ū for_
_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh Yō'^{ēl}/(Joel) the_son_of
Pədā^{yāh}. **21** For_the_half_of (the)_Mənashsheh to_Gil´ād
Yiddō/(Iddo) the_son_of Zəkar^{yāh} for_Binyāmīn
Ya´$_a$siy'^{ēl}/(Jaasiel) the_son_of 'Avnēr. **22** For_Dān ´Azar'^{ēl} the_
_son_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) these were_the_commanders_of
the_tribes_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **23** And_not Dāvid he_took
number_of_their (to)_from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_(to)_
_downwards if/because **YHWH** he_had_said to_multiply ~~DOM~~
Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) like_the_stars_of the_heavens. **24** Yō'āv/(Joab)
the_son_of Tsərū^{yāh}/(Zeruiah) he_began to_count and_not he_
_finished and_he/it_was by_this severe_anger was_towards
Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_not the_number it_went_up in_the_
_number_of the_words/messages_of the_days to/for_the_king
Dāvid.

25 And_was_over the_storehouses_of the_king ´Azmāvet the_
_son_of ´Adī'^{ēl} and_was_over the_storehouses in_the_field in_
_cities and_in_villages and_in_towers
Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of ´Uzziy^{yāh}. **26** And_
_was_over the_doers_of the_work_of the_field for_the_labour_
_of the_soil ´Ezrī the_son_of Kəlūv. **27** And_was_over the_
_vineyards Shim´ī the_Rāmātī and_was_over that_which_was_
_in_vineyards to_the_storehouses_of the_wine Zav˝diy the_
_Shifmī. **28** And_was_over the_olive_trees and_the_sycamores
which were_in_Shephelah Ba´al- Ḥānān the_Gədērī and_was_
_over the_storehouses_of the_oil Yō'āsh/(Joash). **29** And_was_
_over the_cattle which_grazed in_Shārōn Shiṯray[236] the_
_Shārōnite and_was_over the_cattle in_valleys Shāfāṭ the_son_
_of ´Adlay. **30** And_was_over the_camels 'Ōv˝īl the_Yishmā´^{ēl}ī
and_was_over the_she-asses Yeḥdiy^{yāh}ū/(Jehdeiah) the_
_Mēronotī. **31** And_was_over the_flock[s] Yāzīz/(Jaziz) the_
_Hagrī all_of these were_the_officials_of the_property which
to/for_the_king Dāvid.

32 And_Yōnātān the_uncle_of Dāvid was_a_counsellor was_a_
_man_of understanding and_a_scribe he and_Yəḥī'^{ēl}/(Jehiel)
the_son_of Ḫakmōnī was_with the_sons_of the_king. **33** And_
_'Aḫītofel was_a_counsellor to/for_the_king and_Ḫūshay the_

234 RV 27:23 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:5; 22:17; 26:4.

235 RV 27:24 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 24:15; 1Ch 21:1-14.

236 LV 27:29 · Note OSHB variant note: יִרְטשׁ: (x-qere) יְיָטְרְשׁ': lemma_7861 n_1.0 morph_HNp id_13poL יְיָטְרְשׁ

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_Arkite was_the_friend_of the_king. **34** And_after ʾAḥītofel Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) the_son_of Bənāᵞᵃʰ and_ʾEvyātār and_ _was_the_commander_of the_army to/for_the_king Yōʾāv/(Joab).

28:1 And_ Dāvid _he_assembled ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_officials_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_leaders_of the_tribes and_the_ _commanders_of the_divisions who_served ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_ _the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_commanders_of the_hundreds and_the_officials_of all_of the_property and_ _livestock to/for_the_king and_of_sons_of_his with the_officials and_the_warriors and_to/for_all mighty_man_of strength to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_ Dāvid the_king _he/it_rose_ _up on feet_of_his and_he/it_said listen_to_me my_brothers_ _of_my and_people_of_my I was_with heart_of_my to_build a_ _house_of rest for_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** and_for_ _the_footstool_of the_feet_of our_god_of_our and_I_prepared to_build. **3** And_(the)_god he_said to_me not you_will_build a_ _house for_name_of_my if/because are_a_man_of wars you and_blood(s) you_have_shed. **4** And_ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he_chose (in)_me from_all the_house_of my_ _father_of_my to_be (into)_king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) forever_ _perpetuity if/because (in)_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_chose to_ruler and_among_the_house_of Yəhūdāh the_house_of my_father_ _of_my and_among_the_sons_of my_father_of_my in_me he_ _took_pleasure to_make_me_king over all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** And_from_all_of sons_of_my if/because many sons he_has_ _given to_me **YHWH** and_he_has_chosen (in)_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_my to_sit on the_throne_of the_ _kingdom_of **YHWH** over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **6** And_he/it_said to_ _me Shəlomoh son_of_your he he_will_build house_of_my and_ _courts_of_my if/because I_have_chosen in_him/it to_me to_a_ _son and_I I_will_become for_him/it (into)_a_father. **7** And_I_ _will_establish ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_kingdom until forever_perpetuity if he_will_be_strong for_doing commands_of_my and_ _judgements_of_my as_day (the)_this. **8** And_now to_the_eyes_ _of all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_assembly_of **YHWH** and_in_the_ _ears_of our_god_of_our observe and_seek all_of the_ _commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) so_that you(pl)_may_ _possess ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land (the)_good and_you(pl)_will_give_ _it_as_inheritance to_descendants_of_your(pl) after_you(pl) until perpetuity. **9** And_you(ms) Oh_Shəlomoh son_of_my know ᴅᴏᴍ the_god_of your_father_of_your and_serve_him with_a_ _heart complete and_with_a_being willing if/because all_of hearts **YHWH** is_searching and_all inclination_of thoughts he_ _is_understanding if you_will_seek_him he_will_let_himself_be_ _found to/for_you(fs) and_if you_will_abandon_him he_will_ _reject_you forever_ever. **10** See now if/because **YHWH** he_has_ _chosen (in)_you to_build a_house for_sanctuary be_strong and_act. **11** And_ Dāvid _he/it_gave to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ the_pattern_of the_porch and_ᴅᴏᴍ houses_of_ _its and_treasuries_of_its and_its_upper_of_rooms and_rooms_ _of_its (the)_inner and_the_house_of the_atonement_cover. **12** And_the_pattern_of all that it_was in_spirit with_him/it for_

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king's sons.

33 Ahitofel was the king's adviser.

Hushay the Arki was the king's friend.

34 Ahitofel was succeeded by Benayah's son Yehoyada, then by Evyatar.

Yoav (Joab) was the commander of the king's army.

David's temple plans
· Full kingdom

28:1 Now David called all of Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders to assemble in Yerushalem (Jerusalem): the tribal leaders, the leaders of the various divisions that served the king, the commanders of army units of thousands and of hundreds, and the supervisors of all the property and cattle belonging to the king and his sons, along with the top officials, and the warriors, including their powerful heroes.

2 Then King David stood up and spoke, "Listen to me, my brothers and my people, I wanted in my heart to put up a building for the box containing Yahweh's agreement to rest in. It's the footstool for our god's feet, and I've made preparations to start building,[237] **3** but God told me that I wouldn't be the one to build a house to honour him, because I've been involved in a lot of war and killings.

4 "Yet Yisrael's god Yahweh chose me from all of my father's family to be king over Yisrael forever, because he chose a leader from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah), my father's tribe, and among my father's sons, he was pleased to make me king over all of Yisrael. **5** Then out of the many sons that he's given me, he chose my son Shelomoh (Solomon) to be the next king to rule his kingdom of Yisrael.

6 "Then he told me, 'Your son Shelomoh is the one who'll build my temple and the courtyards around it, because I've chosen him to be like my son, and I'll be like a father to him. **7** I'll establish his kingdom forever, if he's diligent at following my instructions and obeying my judgements, like he is at present.'

8 "So now, in front of all of Yisrael, Yahweh's assembly, and in the hearing of our god, I challenge you all to discover and obey all of your god Yahweh's commands, so that you'll all possess the good land, and you'll leave your sons after you to inherit it forever.

9 "And you, Shelomoh my son, follow your father's god and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing life, because Yahweh looks into all hearts, and understands all your motives. If you look for him, he'll make sure you find him, but if you abandon him, he'll reject you forever. **10** You can now see that you need to be strong and get busy, because Yahweh has chosen you to erect a building to be his sanctuary."

11 Then David gave the plans for the temple to his son Shelomoh, including plans for its porch, its houses, its treasuries, its upper rooms and its inner rooms, and the room to contain the sacred box. **12** He also handed over the plans he envisioned for the temple courtyards, all the surrounding apartments, all the

237 RV 28:2-7 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 7:1-16; 1Ch 17:1-14.

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treasuries, and all the storerooms for sacred things. **13** He included instructions for the divisions of the priests and Levites, for all the services required to operate the temple, and for all the equipment and utensils needed for all that. **14** David had determined the weight of gold and silver that would be needed to make all the necessary items that would be used in the regular temple functions, **15** including the gold lampstands and lamps and the silver lampstands and lamps, **16** and the gold for the display tables, and the silver for the silver tables. **17** Also the pure gold meat forks and the jugs and basins, and the weights of the gold and silver bowls. **18** Then the weight of refined gold for the incense altar, and for making the winged creatures that spread out across the top of the box containing Yahweh's agreement. **19** He said, "I've written down all those plans following Yahweh's direction, as he gave me instructions for what has to be done." **20** Then David told his son Shelomoh, "Be strong and courageous, and get going. Don't be afraid or discouraged, because Yahweh God, my god, is with you. He won't leave you and he won't abandon you before all the work of constructing Yahweh's residence and the necessary equipment is finished. **21** Listen, the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the work in God's house, and all the skilled workmen, will be backing you in all the work. The officials and all the people are ready to follow your instructions."

Donations for the temple · Full kingdom

29:1 Then King David told the entire assembly, "My son Shelomoh (Solomon) has been chosen by God himself. He's young and tender,[238] and it's a huge job, because the temple isn't being built for people, but for Yahweh God. **2** I've used all my resources to provide a plentiful supply of materials for my god's residence: the gold for the gold things, and the silver for the silver things, the bronze for the bronze things, the iron for the iron things, the wood for the wooden parts, onyx stones for inlays, antimony stones and colourful things, and all the rare stones, and alabaster stones. **3** What's more, because I'm excited to have my god's residence built, I've donated my own personal gold and silver on top of everything else that I've prepared for the sacred temple: **4** 100 tonnes of gold and 2,500 tonnes of refined silver for overlaying the buildings' walls, **5** as well as gold for the gold things, silver for the silver things, and for everything the crafts-

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_the_courtyards_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_to/for_all the_ _rooms all_around for_the_storehouses_of the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm and_for_the_storehouses_of the_holy_things. **13** And_ _for_the_divisions_of the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_to/for_ _all the_work_of the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_ _to/for_all the_articles_of the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **14** For_gold by_weight of_gold to/from_all/each/any/every articles_of service and_service to_all/each/any/every the_ _articles_of (the)_silver by_weight to/from_all/each/any/every articles_of service and_service. **15** And_the_weight of_the_ _lampstands_of the_gold and_lamps_of_their gold by_weight_of a_lampstand and_a_lampstand and_lamps_of_its and_of_the_ _lampstands_of (the)_silver by_weight of_a_lampstand and_ _lamps_of_its according_to_the_service_of a_lampstand and_a_ _lampstand. **16** And_~~DOM~~ the_gold weight for_the_tables_of the_ _row for_a_table and_a_table and_silver for_the_tables_of (the)_ _silver. **17** And_the_forks and_the_bowls and_the_jugs gold pure and_for_the_bowls_of the_gold by_weight for_a_bowl and_a_ _bowl and_for_the_bowls_of (the)_silver by_weight for_a_bowl and_a_bowl. **18** And_for_the_altar_of (the)_incense gold refined by_weight and_(to)_the_pattern_of the_chariot the_cherubims gold to_those_which_spread_out and_those_which_cover over the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH**. **19** (The)_everything in_ _writing from_the_hand_of **YHWH** on_me he_made_clear all_of the_works_of the_pattern. **20** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_his be_strong and_be_brave and_ _act do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_dismayed if/because **YHWH** god god_of_my is_with_you not he_will_abandon_you and_not he_will_abandon_you until (to)_is_ all_of the_work_of the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH** _complete. **21** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_divisions_of the_priests and_the_ _Lēviyyiy to/from_all/each/any/every the_service_of the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm and_will_be_with_you in_all_of the_work to/from_all/each/any/every willing_person with_skill to/from_all/each/any/every service and_the_officials and_all the_people to/from_all/each/any/every words/messages_of_ _your.

29:1 And_ Dāvid the_king _he/it_said to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_assembly Shəlomoh son_of_my whom_one he_has_chosen in/on/over_him/it god is_a_youth and_weak and_the_work is_great if/because not to/for_ _'Ādām/humankind the_temple if/because to/for_**YHWH** god. **2** And_according_to_all_of power_of_my I_have_prepared for_ _the_house_of my_god_of_my the_gold for_gold and_the_silver for_silver and_the_bronze for_bronze the_iron for_iron and_ _the_wood(s) for_wood(s) stones_of onyx and_settings stones_ _of antimony and_multicoloured_stones and_ _all/each/any/every stone precious and_stones_of alabaster to_increase_in_number. **3** And_again because_delight_I in_ _house_of my_god_of_my there_belongs to_me treasure gold and_silver I_give for_the_house_of my_god_of_my (to)_upwards from_all that_I_have_prepared for_the_house_of (the)_holiness. **4** Three_of thousand(s) talents_of gold from_the_gold_of 'Ōfīr and_seven_of thousand(s) talent[s]_of silver refined to_overlay the_walls_of the_houses. **5** (To)_gold for_gold and_(to)_silver

238 RV 29:1-2 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 22:5.

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for_silver and_to/for_all work by_the_hand_of craftsmen and_ _who is_making_a_contribution to_fill his/its_hand the_day to/for_**YHWH**. **6** And_they_made_a_contribution the_leaders_of the_fathers and_the_leaders_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_hundreds and_(to)_the_leaders_of the_work_of the_king. **7** And_they_ _gave for_the_service_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm gold talents five_of thousand(s) and_darics ten_thousand and_silver talents ten_of thousand(s) and_bronze ten_thousand and_eight_of thousand(s) talents and_iron one_hundred thousand talents. **8** And_the_one_who_was_found with_him/it stones they_gave_ _them to_the_treasury_of the_house_of **YHWH** on the_hand_of Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) the_Gērəshōnite. **9** And_ the_people _they_ _rejoiced because they_had_made_a_contribution if/because with_a_heart complete they_had_made_a_contribution to/for_ _**YHWH** and_also Dāvid the_king he_rejoiced joy great.

10 And_ Dāvid _he/it_blessed ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** to_the_eyes_of all_of the_assembly and_ Dāvid _he/it_said you be_blessed Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ancestor_of_our from_long_ _ago/eternity and_unto perpetuity. **11** To/for_yourself(m) Oh_ _**YHWH** the_greatness and_the_strength and_the_splendour and_the_eminence and_the_majesty if/because everything in_ _heavens and_on_earth to/for_yourself(m) Oh_**YHWH** the_ _kingdom and_you_are_the_one_who_raises_himself to_ _all/each/any/every to_head. **12** And_(the)_wealth and_(the)_ _honour are_from_before_of_you and_you(ms) are_ruling over_ _everything and_are_in_hand_of_your power and_strength and_are_in_hand_of_your to_make_great and_to_make_strong (to)_everyone. **13** And_now our_god_of_Oh we are_giving_ _thanks to/for_you(fs) and_we_are_praising (to)_the_name_of your_splendour_of_your. **14** And_because/when who am_I and_ _who people_of_is_my that/for/because/then/when we_will_ _retain strength to_make_a_contribution like_this if/because is_from_you (the)_everything and_from_hand_of_your we_ _have_given to/for_you(fs). **15** If/because are_sojourners we to_ _your_face and_resident_aliens like_all_of ancestors_of_our are_like_shadow days_of_our on the_earth/land and_there_is_ _not hope. **16** Oh_**YHWH** god_of_our all_of the_abundance the_ _this which we_have_prepared to_build to/for_yourself(m) a_ _house for_the_name_of your_holiness_of_your is_from_hand_ _of_your it[241] and_belongs_to_you (the)_everything. **17** And_I_ _know my_god_of_my if/because_that you are_testing the_ _heart and_uprightness(es) you_are_pleased_with I in_the_ _uprightness_of my_heart_of_my I_have_made_a_contribution all_of these_things and_now people_of_your who_they_are_ _found here I_have_seen with_joy to_make_a_contribution to/for_you(fs). **18** Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of 'Avrāhām Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ancestors_of_our keep this forever_perpetuity (to)_the_inclination_of the_thoughts_of the_heart_of your_people_of_your and_direct heart_of_their to_yourself. **19** And_to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_my give a_ _heart complete to_keep commands_of_your testimonies_of_ _your and_decrees_of_your and_to_do (the)_everything and_to_ _build the_temple which I_have_prepared. **20** And_ Dāvid _

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men are going to make. So who's willing to commit themselves today to making a contribution towards Yahweh's work?

6 Then the family leaders and the leaders of the tribes, and the various levels of military commanders, and the king's construction overseers, all contributed willingly. **7** They donated a total of 170 tonnes of gold and 100kg of gold coins, 350 tonnes of silver, 600 tonnes of bronze, and 3,400 tonnes of iron for the temple construction, **8** plus anyone who had precious stones donated them to the treasury for the temple. Yehiel (a Gershoni) was in charge of those. **9** The people were excited, because they'd all given willingly to Yahweh, and King David was also very pleased.

The praying for David · Full kingdom

10 Then King David blessed Yahweh in front of the entire assembly, saying, "You are blessed, Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, our father, for all time, both past and future. **11** Greatness, power, beauty, splendour, and majesty all belong to you, Yahweh, as indeed does everything in the heavens and on the earth. The kingdom and supreme leadership all belong to you, Yahweh.[239] **12** Wealth and prestige comes from you, and you rule over everything. You have the power and strength and control to make people great and to strengthen everyone, **13** so now, our god, we're thanking you and praising your beautiful name.

14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be in a position to be able to donate freely like this? Yes, everything comes from you, and we've simply given back from what you gave to us, **15** because we're just strangers on the earth in your eyes, and foreign guests, like all our ancestors. Our time on the earth is like a shadow without any permanence. **16** Yahweh our god, all this abundance that we've collected in order to build a house for you, for your holy name, originally came from you, and it all belongs to you anyway. **17** Yes I know, my god, that you examine our hearts, and you're pleased when we do what's right. I've freely offered all these gifts as I strive to do what's right, and now I'm also happy to see your people freely offer gifts to you. **18** Yahweh, god of our ancestors Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Yisrael, help your people continue to desire to do things like this forever, and help them remain loyal to you. **19** Also, give my son Shelomoh (Solomon) a sincere desire to follow your instructions, your decrees, and your regulations, and to do everything needed to build the temple following all my preparation work."

20 Then David told all the assembled people, "Bless your god Yahweh," and the entire assembly blessed Yahweh, their ancestors' god. Then they bowed down to honour both Yahweh and the king.

239 RV 29:11 · Cross-ref. Mat 6:13.

241 LV 29:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **אִיהּ**: (x-qere) **'אִוָּהּ'**: lemma_1931 n_0.0 morph_HPp3ms id_139Vh **אִוָּהּ**

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21 Then they offered sacrifices to Yahweh, and sacrificed burnt offerings to Yahweh on the following day: 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, 1,000 lambs, plus their drink offerings and sacrifices for all of Yisrael in abundance. 22 They ate and drank in Yahweh's honour that day with great celebration.

Then they rededicated David's son Shelomoh as king, and anointed him as leader on Yahweh's behalf, and Tsadok as priest. 23 Shelomoh sat on Yahweh's throne as king, replacing his father David,[240] and he prospered, and all of Yisrael listened to him. 24 All the leaders and the mighty warriors, as well as all of King David's sons, pledged allegiance to King Shelomoh. 25 Yahweh made Shelomoh exceedingly great in the eyes of all the Israelis, and bestowed a kingdom on him, the majesty of which hadn't previously been on any king over Yisrael.

The story of David's kingdom · Full kingdom

26 Yishay's (Jesse's) son David was the king who ruled all of Yisrael (Israel), 27 and he ruled for forty years: from Hevron city for seven years, and then thirty-three years from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[242] 28 He lived a long life with riches and splendour, and died at a good old age. Then his son Shelomoh (Solomon) replaced him as king. 29 The records of everything King David did, from the beginning to his end, were written by the prophets Shmuel (Samuel), Natan (Nathan), and Gad. 30 They wrote about his powerful rule, and all the things that happened to him and to the Israeli people, and in the kingdoms of other countries while he was ruling Yisrael.

CH1 · OET-RV v0.2.5

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_he/it_said to/from_all/each/any/every the_assembly bless please ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_ all_of the_assembly _ _they_blessed to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_ _their and_they_bowed_low and_they_bowed_down to/for_ _**YHWH** and_to_king. 21 And_they_sacrificed to/for_**YHWH** sacrifices and_they_offered_up burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** to_the_next_day_of the_day (the)_that young_bulls one_ _thousand rams one_thousand lambs one_thousand and_their_ _drink_of_offerings and_sacrifices to_increase_in_number to/from_all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 22 And_they_ate and_they_drank to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_ _the_day (the)_that with_joy great and_they_made_king a_ _second_time (to)_Shəlomoh the_son_of Dāvid and_they_ _anointed_him to/for_**YHWH** to_ruler and_(to)_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) to_priest. 23 And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived on the_throne_of **YHWH** to_king in_ _place_of Dāvid his/its_father and_he_was_successful and_ _they_listened to_him/it all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 24 And_all the_ _officials and_the_warriors and_also all_of the_sons_of the_king Dāvid they_gave a_hand under Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_king. 25 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made_great ~~DOM~~ Shəlomoh (to)_upwards to_the_eyes_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_gave on/upon/above_him/it majesty_of royalty which not it_had_ _been on any_of king before_him over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

26 And_Dāvid the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) he_reigned over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 27 And_the_days which he_reigned over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_forty year[s] in_Ḥevrōn he_reigned seven years and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_reigned thirty and_ _three_years. 28 And_he/it_died in_old_age good satisfied_of days wealth and_honour and_ Shəlomoh son_of_his _he_ _reigned in_place_of_him. 29 And_the_matters_of Dāvid the_ _king (the)_former and_(the)_latter there_they are_written on the_words/messages_of Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) the_seer and_on the_words/messages_of Nātān the_prophet and_on the_ _words/messages_of Gād the_seer. 30 With all_of his/its_ _kingdom and_might_of_his and_the_times which they_passed on/upon/above_him/it and_over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_over all_ _of the_kingdoms_of the_lands.

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240 **RV 29:23 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 2:12.

242 **RV 29:27 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 5:4-5; 1Ch 3:4.

The second
Sequential Account

(2 Chronicles)

Introduction

The *Second Chronicles* account is the continuation of *First Chronicles* account (and they're considered as just one account in the book form of the Hebrew Scriptures, the TaNaK). This document includes the account of Shelomoh (Solomon) becoming king, then the rebellion of the northern tribes against his son Rehav'am becoming king. That rebellion was led by Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and resulted in the split between the northern kingdom (called 'Yisrael/Israel' or sometimes 'Efrayim/Ephraim') and the southern kingdom (called 'Yehudah/Judah' and consisting mostly of the tribes of Yehudah and Benyamin). This document then ends with the accounts of the kingdom of Yehudah (Judah) and the defeat of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in 586 B.C.

Main components of this account

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The requesting of Shelomoh of wisdom · Full kingdom[1]

1:1 David's son Shelomoh (Solomon) became established over his kingdom, and his god, Yahweh, was with him and made him very powerful.

2 Shelomoh spoke to all of Yisrael (Israel), to the army commanders of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, to all of Yisrael's leaders, including the clan leaders. **3** So Shelomoh led the whole assembly to the worship place at Giveon, because the sacred tent was there that Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) had made in the wilderness. **4** David had brought God's box uphill from Kiryat-Yearim, and he'd erected a tent for it in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[2] **5** The bronze altar made by Betsalel (son of Uri, son of Hur) was there in front of Yahweh's tent,[3] and Shelomoh and the assembly requested Yahweh's guidance there. **6** So Shelomoh went up to the bronze altar there at the sacred tent, and in front of Yahweh, he sacrificed a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 That night, God appeared to Shelomoh and told him, "Ask for what you want me to give you."

8 "You showed outstanding loyal commitment to my father David," Shelomoh replied to God, "and you've made me king in his place. **9** Now, Yahweh God, may your promise to my father David be confirmed, because you yourself have made me king over a people group as numerous as the dust on the ground. **10** Give me wisdom and knowledge now as I come and go in front of these people, because who could make good judgements for this huge people group of yours?"

11 "Because that was in your heart," God replied to Shelomoh "and you didn't ask for wealth, riches, or fame, or the lives of those who hate you, and also you didn't ask for a long life, but you've asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself to help you lead my people that I've made you king over, **12** then I'll give you that wisdom and knowledge, along with wealth and riches and fame. You'll have more than any king that preceded you or any that follows."

Shelomoh's honour and wealth · Full kingdom[4]

13 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) left the sacred tent at Giveon and returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), where he reigned over Yisrael (Israel). **14** Then Shelomoh built up his chariots and horsemen, and soon had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen,[5] which he stationed in the chariot cities and with him in Yerushalem. **15** The king made silver and gold in Yerushalem as

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1:1 And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_son_of Dāvid _he_ _strengthened_himself over his/its_kingdom and_**YHWH** his/its_god with_him/it and_he_made_him_great (to)_upwards. **2** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_said to/from_all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_ _hundreds and_to_judges and_to/for_all leader to/from_ _all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_heads_of the_fathers. **3** And_ Shəlomoh and_all the_assembly with_him/it _they_ _went to_place which was_at_Giv˝ōn if/because there it_was the_tent_of meeting_of the_'Elohīm which Mosheh the_ _servant_of **YHWH** he_had_made in_wilderness. **4** But the_box_ _of the_'Elohīm Dāvid he_had_brought_up from_Qiryat-ya˝ārīm/(jearim) in_he_had_prepared to_him/it Dāvid if/because he_had_pitched to_him/it a_tent in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **5** And_the_altar_of (the)_bronze which Bətsal'ēl the_son_of 'Ūrī the_son_of Ḥūr he_had_made he_ _had_put to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tabernacle_ _of **YHWH** and_he_sought_it Shəlomoh and_the_assembly. **6** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_ascended there to the_altar_of (the)_ _bronze to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** which was_ _to_the_tent_of meeting and_he/it_ascended on/upon/above_ _him/it burnt_offerings a_thousand. **7** In_night (the)_that god he_appeared to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_he/it_said to_him/it ask what will_I_give to/for_you(fs). **8** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_ _said to_god you you_have_done with Dāvid father_of_my covenant_loyalty great and_you_have_made_me_king in_place_ _of_him. **9** Now Oh_**YHWH** god message_of_your with Dāvid father_of_my let_it_be_established if/because you you_have_ _made_me_king over a_people numerous like_the_dust_of the_ _earth/land. **10** Now wisdom and_knowledge give to_me so_ _that_I_may_go_out to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _people the_this and_so_that_I_may_come if/because who will_ _he_judge ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_your the_this (the)_great. **11** And_ god _he/it_said to_Shəlomoh because that it_was this with heart_ _of_your and_not you_have_asked_for wealth riches and_ _honour and_~~ĐOM~~ the_life_of those_who_hate_you and_also days many not you_have_asked_for and_you_have_asked_for to/for_yourself(m) wisdom and_knowledge that you_will_judge ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_my which I_have_made_you_king on/upon/above_him/it. **12** The_wisdom and_the_knowledge is_ _given to/for_you(fs) and_wealth and_riches and_honour I_ _will_give to/for_you(fs) which not it_belonged thus to_kings who to_your_face and_after_you not it_will_belong thus.

13 And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_went to_place which was_at_ _Giv˝ōn Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_to/for_ _face/front/presence the_tent_of meeting and_he_reigned over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** And_ Shəlomoh _he_gathered chariotry and_ _horsemen and_he/it_was to_him/it one_thousand and_four hundred(s) chariot[s] and_two_plus ten thousand horsemen and_he_placed_them in_the_cities_of (the)_chariotry and_with the_king in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **15** And_ the_king _he/it_

1 **RV 1:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 3:1-15

2 **RV 1:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 6:1-17; 1Ch 13:5-14; 15:25–16:1.

3 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 38:1-7.

4 **RV 1:13 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 10:26-29

5 **RV 1:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 4:26.

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_gave ~~ĐǾM~~ (the)_silver and_~~ĐǾM~~ the_gold in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) like_stone(s) and_~~ĐǾM~~ (the)_cedars
he_made like_sycamores which are_in_Shephelah to_increase_
_in_number. **16** And_the_export_of the_horses which belonged_
_to_Shəlomoh was_from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from_Que the_
_traders_of the_king from_Que they_took_them for_a_price.
17 And_they_brought_up and_they_brought_out from_
_Mitsrayim a_chariot for_six hundred(s) silver and_a_horse for_
_fifty and_one_hundred and_thus/so/as_follows to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_kings_of the_Hittites and_the_kings_
_of ʾArām by_hand_of_their they_brought_them_out.

18 **9** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_said to_build a_house for_the_
_name_of **YHWH** and_a_house for_royalty_of_his.
2:1 **10** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_counted seventy
thousand man burden-bearer[s] and_eighty thousand man
stonemason[s] in_country and_overseers over_them three_of
thousand(s) and_six hundred(s). **2** **11** And_ Shəlomoh _he_sent
to Ḥūrām the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) to_say just_as you_dealt with
Dāvid father_of_my and_you_sent to_him/it cedars to_build to_
_him/it a_house to_dwell in/on/over_him/it. **3** **12** HERE I am_
_about_to_build a_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_my
to_consecrate_it to_him/it to_make_smoke before_him
incense_of perfume(s) and_the_row_of continuity and_burnt_
_offerings for_morning and_for_evening for_sabbaths and_for_
_moons and_for_the_appointed_times_of **YHWH** god_of_our
forever_perpetuity this is_on Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **4** **13** And_the_
_house which I am_about_to_build will_be_great if/because is_
_great god_of_our from_all the_ʾElohīm. **5** **14** And_who will_he_
_retain strength to_build to_him/it a_house if/because the_
_heavens and_the_heavens_of the_heavens not they_contain_
_him and_who am_I which/who I_will_build for_him/it a_
_house if/because (if) to_make_smoke before_him. **6** **15** And_
_now send to_me a_man skillful for_doing in_gold and_in_silver
and_in_bronze and_in_iron and_in_purple and_crimson and_
_violet and_who_knows to_engrave engravings with the_
_skillful_people who are_with_me in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) whom Dāvid father_of_my he_
_appointed. **7** **16** And_send to_me wood(s)_of cedar(s) fir(s) and_
algum(s) from(the)_Ləvānōn if/because I I_know which/who
your_servants are_knowing to_cut the_wood(s)_of Ləvānōn
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE servants_of_my will_be_with servants_of_
_your. **8** **17** And_to_prepare to_me wood(s) to_increase_in_
_number if/because the_house which I am_about_to_build will_

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common as stones, and he made imported cedar timber as common as the local sycamore trees that were plentiful in the lowlands. **16** Shelomoh's horses were imported from Mitsrayim (Egypt)[6] and from the traders in Kue (in modern southern Türkiye/Turkey). **17** Mitsri (Egyptian) chariots cost six hundred silver coins and horses cost one hundred and fifty. (The Hiti and Aramean kings were able to get them for the same price.)

Preparations for temple construction · Full kingdom[7]

2:1 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) decided to build a temple to honour Yahweh, as well as a palace for himself, **2** so he conscripted seventy thousand men as porters, eighty thousand as stone-cutters in the hillside quarries, and 3,600 supervisors.

3 Shelomoh contacted King Huram in Tsor (Tyre), saying, "In my father David's time, you sent cedar timber to him so he could build himself a palace to live in. **4** Listen, I'm building a temple to honour my god Yahweh, to consecrate to him. There we'll burn spiced incense for him, plus we'll have the regular bread display, and burnt offerings in the morning and in the evening, on rest days and on the new moons, and at Yahweh our god's other appointed times. Yisrael (Israel) is required to do this forever. **5** We want to build an impressive building, because our god is more powerful than all the other gods. **6** But who could stay strong enough to build a house for him, since the sky and the heavens of the heavens can't contain him?[8] And who am I that I could build a house for him—maybe I'm good enough to burn incense for him? **7** So then, send me a skilled man who can work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and with purple, red, and blue threads, and who knows how to engrave. He'll work with the skilled craftsmen who my father David appointed and who are with me here in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah (Judah). **8** Also, send me cedar, cypress, and algum timber from there in Levanon, because I myself know that your servants know how to cut the trees from Levanon's forests. And listen, my servants will help your servants **9** so they can supply me with plenty of timber, because the temple I'm building will be

6 **RV 1:16 · Cross-ref.** Deu 17:16.
7 **RV 2:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 5:1-18
8 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 8:27; 2Ch 6:18.
9 **LV 1:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.1
10 **LV 2:1 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.2
11 **LV 2:2 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.3
12 **LV 2:3 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.4
13 **LV 2:4 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.5
14 **LV 2:5 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.6
15 **LV 2:6 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.7
16 **LV 2:7 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.8
17 **LV 2:8 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.9

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large and beautiful. **10** I'll pay your wood-cutters three thousand tonnes of ground wheat, and the same amount of barley, and four hundred thousand litres of wine, and the same amount of olive oil.

11 King Huram of Tsor wrote back to King Shelomoh, "Yahweh has appointed you as king over his people because he loves them. **12** Blessed be Yisrael's god Yahweh who made the heavens and the earth, who's given King David a wise son with insight and understanding, who'll build a temple for Yahweh and a palace for his kingdom.

13 "I'll send Huram-Avi to you—he's a skilled craftsman. **14** His mother's from the tribe of Dan, and his father's from Tsor. He knows how to work in gold and silver, in bronze and iron, in stone and in timber, with purple and blue threads, with fine white linen and with crimson thread, and do any kind of engraving. He can follow any pattern that's given to him by your designers, and the designers of my master, David, your father. **15** So then go ahead and send the wheat, barley, olive oil, and wine that you promised to send to us, **16** then we'll cut the trees you need from Levanon and raft them to Yafo (Joppa) by sea. The responsibility of getting them up the hills to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be yours.

Temple construction begins · Full kingdom[25]

17 Shelomoh (Solomon) had all the foreign men living in Yisrael (Israel) counted (similar to what his father David had done), and it came to 153,600. **18** He conscripted seventy thousand as porters, eighty thousand as stone-cutters, and 3,600 as supervisors to keep the others working.

3:1 Then Shelomoh began to build Yahweh's temple on Mt. Moriyah[26] in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), where Yahweh had appeared to his father David. It was at Ornan the Yevusi's threshing floor where David had planned for it, **2** and they began the construction in early-May of the fourth year of Shelomoh's reign.[27] **3** The temple foundation was twenty-seven metres long and nine metres wide, **4** and the nine metre long front entrance

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_be_great and_to_act_wonderfully. **9** **18** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE to_wood-cutters to_the_cutters_of the_wood(s) I_give wheat(s) wounds to_servants_of_your kor_measures twenty thousand and_barley(s) kor_measures twenty thousand and_wine baths twenty thousand and_oil baths twenty thousand. **10** **19** And_ Ḥūrām the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) _he/it_said in_a_document and_he_sent to Shəlomoh/(Solomon) because_loves_of **YHWH** ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_his he_has_made_you over_them king. **11** **20** And_ Ḥūrām _he/it_said **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_has_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_heavens and_~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land who he_has_given to_Dāvid the_king a_son wise who_knows insight and_understanding who he_will_build a_house to/for_**YHWH** and_a_house for_royalty_of_his be_blessed. **12** **21** And_now I_ _send a_man wise who_knows understanding (to)_Ḥūrām- abi. **13** **22** A_son_of a_woman one_of the_daughters_of Dān and_ _father_of_his was_a_man Tyrian who_knows for_doing in_gold and_in_silver in_bronze in_iron in_stone(s) and_in_wood(s) in_ _purple in_violet and_in_(the)_linen and_in_crimson and_to_ _engrave every_of engraving and_to_design any_of design which it_will_be_given to_him/it with your_skilled_of_people and_the_skillful_people_of my_master Dāvid father_of_your. **14** **23** And_now the_wheat(s) and_the_barley(s) the_oil and_the_ _wine which my_master he_has_said let_him_send to_servants_ _of_his. **15** **24** And_we we_will_cut wood(s) from (the)_Ləvānōn according_to_all_of need_of_your and_we_will_bring_them to/for_yourself(m) rafts on the_sea Yāfō/(Joppa) and_you(ms) you_will_take_up ~~ĐOM~~_them Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

16 **33** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_counted all_of the_people the_sojourners who in_land of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) after the_census which he_had_counted_them Dāvid his/its_father and_ one_ _hundred and_fifty thousand and_three_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s) _they_were_found. **17** **34** And_he/it_made from_ _them seventy thousand burden-bearer[s] and_eighty thousand stonemason[s] in_country and_three_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s) overseers to_compel_to_labour ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _people.

3:1 And_ Shəlomoh _he_began to_build ~~ĐOM~~ the_house_of **YHWH** in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) on_the_mountain_of (the)_ _Mōriy^{yāh} where he_had_appeared to_Dāvid father_of_his which he_had_prepared in_the_place_of Dāvid on_the_ _threshing_floor_of 'Ornān the_Yəvūşī. **2** And_he_began to_ _build in_month the_second on_day in_year four of_reign_of_

18 **LV 2:9 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.10
19 **LV 2:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.11
20 **LV 2:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.12
21 **LV 2:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.13
22 **LV 2:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.14
23 **LV 2:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.15
24 **LV 2:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.16
25 **RV 2:17 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 6:1-38
26 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:2.
27 **RV 3:2 · Note** Probably in 966 B.C.
33 **LV 2:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.17
34 **LV 2:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.18

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_his. **3** And_these of_Shəlomoh are_the_founding to_build ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_house_of the_'Elohīm the_length cubits by_measurement (the)_former was_cubits sixty and_the_breadth was_cubits twenty. **4** And_the_porch which was_on the_face_of the_length on the_face_of the_breadth_of the_house was_cubits twenty and_the_height was_one_hundred and_twenty and_he_ _overlaid_it from_within gold pure. **5** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_house (the)_ _great he_overlaid wood_of cypresses and_he_overlaid_it gold fine and_he/it_ascended on/upon/above_him/it palm_trees and_chains. **6** And_he_overlaid ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_house stone[s] precious for_beauty and_the_gold was_the_gold_of Parvayim. **7** And_he_ _overlaid ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_house the_beams the_thresholds and_walls_ _of_its and_doors_of_its gold and_he_engraved cherubim on the_walls. **8** And_he/it_made ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_house_of the_holy_place_ _of the_holy_places length_of_its on the_face_of the_breadth_of the_house was_cubits twenty and_breadth_of_its was_cubits twenty and_he_overlaid_it gold fine to_talents six hundred(s). **9** And_the_weight of_nails to_shekels fifty gold and_the_upper_ _rooms he_overlaid gold. **10** And_he/it_made in_house_of the_ _holy_place_of the_holy_places cherubim two a_work_of castings and_they_overlaid ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_them gold. **11** And_the_wings_ _of the_cherubim length_of_their was_cubits twenty the_wing_ _of the_one to_cubits five was_touching (to)_the_wall_of the_ _house and_the_wing (the)_other cubits five was_touching (to)_ _the_wing_of the_cherub (the)_other. **12** And_the_wing_of the_ _cherub the_one cubits five was_touching (to)_the_wall_of the_ _house and_the_wing (the)_other cubits five was_touching (to)_ _the_wing_of the_cherub (the)_other. **13** The_wings_of the_ _cherubim the_these were_spreading_out cubits twenty and_ _they were_standing on feet_of_their and_faces_of_their were_ _to_house. **14** And_he/it_made ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_curtain violet and_ _purple and_crimson and_fine_linen and_he/it_ascended on/upon/above_him/it cherubim.

15 And_he/it_made to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _house pillars two cubits thirty and_five length and_the_capital which was_on his/its_head was_cubits five. **16** And_he/it_made chains in_room and_he/it_gave on the_top_of the_pillars and_ _he/it_made pomegranates one_hundred and_he/it_gave on_ _chains. **17** And_he_set_up ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_pillars on the_face_of the_ _temple one from_the_right and_one from_the_left and_he/it_ _called the_name_of the[36] Yākīn/(Jakin) and_name_of the_left_ _pillar Bo´az.

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porch was nine metres high.[28] Shelomoh overlaid the inside walls with pure gold. **5** For the main building, he overlaid it first with cypress planking, then with pure gold, then carved palm trees and chains along the walls. **6** The gold they used came from Parvayim.[29] The main building was also overlaid with valuable gemstones. **7** He overlaid the temple beams, thresholds, walls, and doors with gold, and he engraved winged creatures on the walls.

8 Then he made the most sacred room inside the temple.[30] It was nine metres long (the full width of the temple) and the same width. He overlaid it with thirty kilograms of pure gold (beaten into thin sheets). **9** Each gold nail weighed half a kilogram, and he also overlaid the upper rooms with gold.

10 He cast molten metal into two winged creatures in the most sacred room and overlaid them with gold.[31] **11** Each of the creatures had two wings, each 2.3 metres long. One of the wings reached the temple wall, and the other wing was stretched out to touch the other creature's wingtip, **12** and the same for its companion, **13** so the total span of the two winged creatures was nine metres. They were made standing on their feet, and placed with their faces towards the opening into the main hall. **14** The curtain separating the two rooms was made from fine-linen with blue, purple, and red thread, and with winged creatures embroidered onto it.[32]

The two bronze pillars · Full kingdom[35]

15 For the front of the temple he made two sixteen metre tall pillars, which each had a 'capital' topping that was another two metres high. **16** Ornamental chains were made for the inner sanctuary and to go around the tops of the pillars, and there were one hundred pomegranate models hanging on the chains. **17** There was one pillar on each side of the east-facing entrance—the lefthand one was named Yakin and the righthand one was named Boaz.

28 **RV 3:4 · Note** Most modern translations assume that the Hebrew 'fifty-five metres high' is an error.

29 **RV 3:6 · Note** Probably somewhere south of Yisrael in the Aravi peninsula, but possibly to the east.

30 **RV 3:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 26:33-34.

31 **RV 3:10-13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:18-20.

32 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** Exo 26:31.

35 **RV 3:15 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 7:15-22

36 **LV 3:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: ימי/ה: (x-qere) יָמִי/ה: lemma_d/3233 n_0.1.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_14Bxn יָמִי/ה

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The temple equipment · Full kingdom[37]

4:1 Then he made a square bronze altar,
nine metres on each side and 4.5m high,[38]
2 and he made the large round metal water tank (called 'The Sea'), which was 4.5m in diameter and over two metres high. **3** Below the outer rim were two rows of small ornamental bulls spaced 45cm apart, which were part of the same casting. **4** Supporting 'The Sea' were twelve large cast bulls—facing outwards, with three facing each of the four compass points. **5** The sides of the tank were eight centimeters thick. The tank's brim was fashioned like the brim of a cup, resembling a lily blossom. The tank held sixty-six thousand litres of water.
6 Then he made ten washbasins, placing five on each side for the priests to rinse the burnt offerings in. The priests used 'The Sea' to wash in.[39]

7 He made the ten gold lampstands as per their design, and placed them in the temple with five on each side.[40] **8** He made ten tables and also placed them in the temple with five on each side,[41] plus he made a hundred gold basins.

9 He made the courtyard for the priests, as well as the large courtyard with its doors overlaid with bronze, **10** and he placed 'The Sea' in the southeast corner.

11 Meanwhile, Huram made the tubs and shovels (for the ashes from the altar) and other small bowls.

So Huram finished the work for God's temple that King Shelomoh (Solomon) had assigned to him: **12** the two pillars, the bowl-shaped capitals on top of each pillar, the two sets of latticework to cover those two capitals' bowls, **13** and the four hundred pomegranates for the latticework—two rows of pomegranates to cover each of the two bowls of the capitals that decorated the tops of the pillars. **14** He also made the washbasins and their stands, **15** 'The Sea' and the twelve bulls that hold it up, **16** and the tubs and shovels, the forks, and other utensils.

Those were all items made of polished bronze that Huram-Avi made for King Shelomoh for Yahweh's temple.

17 The king had them cast in the clay between Sukot and Tseredah down by the Yarden (Jordan) River. **18** Shelomoh had so many items made that they didn't even try to weigh all the bronze.

19 Shelomoh had all the items for God's temple made, including the gold altar and the tables for displaying the sacred bread, **20** the pure gold lampstands and their lamps for the inner sanctuary according to their designs, **21** the pure gold flower ornaments, lamps, tongs, **22** the pure gold lamp trimmers, the basins and spoons, and the fire pans. Also the temple entrance, its inner doors into the very sacred room, and the outer temple doors

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4:1 And_he/it_made an_altar_of bronze was_twenty cubit[s] length_of_its and_twenty cubit[s] breadth_of_its and_was_ten cubits height_of_its. **2** And_he/it_made ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sea throw_ _metal was_ten by_cubit from_lip_of_its to lip_of_its round all_ _around and_was_five by_cubit height_of_its and_a_ _measuring-line thirty by_cubit it_went_round ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_him/it all_ _around. **3** And_the_likeness_of oxen was_under to_him/it all_ _around all_around they_were_going_round ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_him/it ten by_cubit they_were_encircling ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sea all_around was_two rows the_ox[en] they_were_throw in_casting_of_its. **4** It_was_ _standing on two_plus ten ox[en] three were_turning northward_to and_three were_turning westward_to and_three were_turning southward_to and_three were_turning eastward_ _to and_the_sea was_on_them from_to_above and_all hindquarters_of_their inside_were_to_the. **5** And_thickness_of_ _its was_a_hand_breadth and_lip_of_its was_like_the_work_of the_lip_of a_cup the_blossom_of a_lily it_was_holding baths three_of thousand(s) it_contained. **6** And_he/it_made lavers ten and_he/it_gave five from_the_right and_five from_the_left to_ _wash in/among_them ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_work_of the_burnt_offering people_rinsed in_them and_the_sea to_wash was_for_priests in/on/over_him/it. **7** And_he/it_made ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_lampstands_of the_gold ten according_to_of_their_ordinance and_he/it_gave in_temple five from_the_right and_five from_the_left. **8** And_ _he/it_made tables ten and_he_placed_them in_temple five from_the_right and_five from_the_left and_he/it_made bowls_ _of gold one_hundred. **9** And_he/it_made the_court_of the_ _priests and_the_precinct (the)_great and_doors for_precinct and_doors_of_their he_overlaid bronze. **10** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sea he_put from_the_side_of (the)_right eastward_at from_in_ _front_of south_(to)_the. **11** And_he/it_made wwww ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _pots and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_shovels and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_bowls and_they_were_ _ended/finished wwww[43] for_doing ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_work which he_ _did to/for_the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) in_house_of the_ _'Elohīm. **12** Pillars two and_the_bowls and_the_capitals on the_ _top_of the_pillars two and_the_networks two to_cover ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_two_of the_bowls_of the_capitals which were_on the_top_ _of the_pillars. **13** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_pomegranates four hundred(s) for_the_two_of the_networks two rows pomegranates for_ _network (the)_one to_cover ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_two_of the_bowls_of the_ _capitals which were_on the_face_of the_pillars. **14** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_stands he_made and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_lavers he_made on the_ _stands. **15** ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sea one and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ox[en] two_plus ten under_it. **16** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_pots and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_shovels and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_forks and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of utensils_of_their Ḥūrām Abi he_made to/for_the_king Shəlomoh for_the_house_of **YHWH** bronze polished. **17** In_the_valley_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) he_throw_ _them the_king in_the_thickness_of the_soil between Ṣukkōt and_between Tsərēdāh/(Zeredah). **18** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_ _made all_of the_vessels the_these to_increase_in_number

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37 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 7:23-51

38 **RV 4:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 27:1-2.

39 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:17-21.

40 **RV 4:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:31-40.

41 **RV 4:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:23-30.

43 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: מריח: (x-qere) 'מָרוּחַ': lemma_2361 n_0.1.1 morph_HNp id_14Zy7 מָרוּחַ

Literal Version

exceedingly if/because not the_weight_of the_bronze it_was_
ascertained. **19** And Shəlomoh _he/it_made ĐOM all_of the_
_vessels which were_the_house_of the_'Ĕlohīm and_ĐOM the_
_altar_of the_gold and_ĐOM the_tables and_was_on_them the_
_bread_of the_presence. **20** And_ĐOM the_lampstands and_
_lamps_of_their they_to_burn according_the_ordinance to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_innermost_room gold
pure_gold. **21** And_the_blossom and_the_lamps and_the_tongs
gold it was_perfection(s)_of gold. **22** And_the_snuffers and_the_
_bowls and_the_pans and_the_fire-pans gold pure_gold and_
_the_entrance_of the_house doors_of_its (the)_inner to_the_
_holy_place_of the_holy_places and_the_doors_of the_house of_
_temple gold.
5:1 And_ all_of the_work which he_did Shəlomoh/(Solomon)
for_the_house_of **YHWH** _it_was_complete and_ Shəlomoh _
_he/it_brought ĐOM the_holy_things_of Dāvid his/its_father
and_ĐOM the_silver and_ĐOM the_gold and_ĐOM all_of the_
_vessels he_put in_the_treasuries_of the_house_of the_'Ĕlohīm.

2 Then Shəlomoh he_assembled ĐOM the_elders_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ĐOM all_of the_chiefs_of the_tribes the_
_leaders_of the_fathers of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_bring_up ĐOM the_box_of the_
_covenant_of **YHWH** from_the_city_of Dāvid that is_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **3** And_they_assembled to the_king every_of
(the)_person_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_festival that was_the_month
(the)_seventh. **4** And_ all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _
_they_came and_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_lifted ĐOM the_box. **5** And_
_they_brought_up ĐOM the_box and_ĐOM the_tent_of meeting
and_ĐOM all_of the_articles_of (the)_holiness which were_in_
_tent the_priests the_Lēviyyiy they_brought_up ĐOM_them.
6 And_the_king Shəlomoh and_all the_congregation_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_were_gathered on/upon/above_him/it to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box sacrificing sheep
and_cattle which not they_were_counted and_not they_were_
_numbered from_multitude. **7** And_ the_priests _they_brought
ĐOM the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** to place_of_its to the_
_innermost_room_of the_house to the_holy_place_of the_holy_
_places to under the_wings_of the_cherubim. **8** And_ the_
_cherubim _they_were spreading_out wings over the_place_of
the_box and_ the_cherubim _they_covered over the_box and_
_over poles_of_its from_to_above. **9** And_ the_poles _they_were_
long and the_heads_of the_poles _they_were_visible from
the_box on the_face_of the_innermost_room and_not they_
_were_visible to_the_outside and_he/it_was there until the_day
(the)_this. **10** There_was_not in_box only the_two_of the_
_tablets which Mosheh he_had_put at_Ḥorēv where **YHWH** he_
_made with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_they_came_
_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt).
11 And_he/it_was when_ the_priests _came_out from the_holy_
_place if/because all_of the_priests who_were_found they_had_
_consecrated_themselves not they_were_to_keep to_divisions.
12 And_the_Lēviyyiy the_singers to/for_all_them (to)_'Āṣāf

Readers' Version

were all gold.
5:1 After all the work which Shelomoh did for Yahweh's temple was completed, Shelomoh brought in his father David's sacred things.[42] He put the gold and silver, and all the other items, in the temple treasuries.

Bringing the sacred box into the temple · Full kingdom[44]

2 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) assembled the Israeli elders, and all the heads of the tribes, the Israeli clan leaders, in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), to bring the box containing Yahweh's agreement up the hill from the city of David, that is, Tsiyon (Zion).[45] **3** So in October, all those Israeli leaders gathered to be with the king for a feast, **4** and once everyone was there, the Levites lifted up the sacred box **5** and carried it up towards the temple. The priests (who are also Levites) carried it, along with the sacred tent and everything that had been in it. **6** Then King Shelomoh, and all the assembled Israelis with him, gathered in front of the box, sacrificing sheep and cattle which were too many to count. **7** The priests then took the box containing Yahweh's agreement in to its place in the house's inner room (the holiest place)—to under the winged creatures, **8** whose outstretched wings would now be over the sacred box and even over the top of its carrying poles. **9** Those long poles stuck out and could be seen from the front of that inner room, but couldn't be seen from the main room, and they're still there to this day. **10** There was nothing in the box except the two stone tablets that Mosheh (Moses) had put in at Horev,[46] which represented the agreement that Yahweh had made with the Israelis after they'd left Mitsrayim (Egypt).

Yahweh's splendour · Full kingdom

11 Then the priests left the holy place in the temple. All the priests who were there consecrated themselves to do the priestly duties, irrespective of

42 RV 5:1 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 8:11; 1Ch 18:11.

44 RV 5:2 · Parallel 1 Kgs 8:1-9

45 RV 5:2 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 6:12-15; 1Ch 15:25-28.

46 RV 5:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 10:5.

Readers' Version

which division they were part of. 12 All the Levites who were singers (Asaf, Heyman, Yedutun, and their sons and their brothers) stood on the east side of the altar. They were dressed in fine linen, and had cymbals, and harps and lyres, along with 120 priests playing trumpets. 13 The trumpeters and singers performed together to praise and thank Yahweh, with the trumpets and cymbals on the highlights of the song to praise Yahweh:

"Yahweh is good to us,
because his loyal commitment continues forever."[47]

Then Yahweh's temple filled with a cloud, 14 and the priests weren't able to stay on their feet and continue ministering, because Yahweh's brilliance had filled the temple.

Shelomoh's blessing · Full kingdom[50]

6:1 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) prayed,
"Yahweh, you said that you would live in a dark cloud, 2 but I've built a beautiful residence for you—a place for you to live in forever."

3 Then, while all the people stood there, Shelomoh turned toward them and spoke a blessing over them, 4 saying, "Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, is blessed, who spoke physically to my father David, and then caused it to actually happen, when he said back then,[51] 5 'When I brought my people out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), I hadn't chosen a city from all of Yisrael's tribes as a place to build a house so my name could be there. Nor had I chosen a man to be leader over my people, Yisrael, 6 but now I've chosen Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to be my place of residence, and I've chosen you, David, to be over my people, Yisrael.'

7 "My father David wanted to build a temple for Yisrael's god Yahweh, 8 but Yahweh told him, 'It's good that you wanted to build a house to honour me, 9 but you won't be the one to build it. It'll be your own biological son who'll build the temple to honour my reputation.'

10 "Now Yahweh has fulfilled what he said, and I'm here sitting on Yisrael's throne instead of my father David, just as Yahweh said, and I've had this temple built to honour Yisrael's god Yahweh. 11 I've placed the sacred box in there—the box that contains the agreement Yahweh made with Yisrael's descendants."

Literal Version

(to)_Hēymān (to)_Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) and_(to)_sons_of_their and_(to)_relatives_of_their fully_clothed fine_linen with_ _cymbals and_with_lyres and_harps were_standing east of_ _altar and_were_with_them priests of_one_hundred and_ _twenty who_were_blowing_a_trumpet[48] on_trumpets. 13 And_ _he/it_was as_one mmm[49] and_to_singers to_make_heard a_ _voice one to_praise and_to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** and_ _just_as_lifted_up a_voice with_trumpets and_with_the_ _cymbals and_with_the_instruments_of (the)_song and_when_ _praised to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good if/because is_ _forever loyalty_of_his_covenant and_the_house it_was_full a_ _cloud the_house_of **YHWH**. 14 And_not the_priests they_were_ _able to_stand to_serve from_face/in_front_of the_cloud if/because the_glory_of **YHWH** it_filled ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm.

6:1 Then Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_said **YHWH** he_has_said to_ _dwell in_(the)_darkness. 2 And_I I_have_built a_house_of loftiness to/for_you(fs) and_a_place you_to_dwell_in forever. 3 And_ the_king _he_turned ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_faces/face and_he/it_ _blessed ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_standing. 4 And_he/it_ _said **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_spoke with_ _mouth_of_his with Dāvid father_of_my and_with_hands_of_his he_has_fulfilled to_say be_blessed. 5 Since the_day when I_ _brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not I_chose (in)_a_city from_all the_tribes_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_build a_house to_be name_of_my there and_not I_chose (in)_a_person to_be ruler over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 6 And_I_have_chosen (in)_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_be name_of_my there and_I_ _have_chosen (in)_Dāvid to_be over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 7 And_he/it_was with the_heart_of Dāvid father_of_my to_build a_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 8 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Dāvid father_of_my because that it_was with heart_of_your to_build a_house for_name_of_my you_did_well that/for/because/then/when it_was with heart_of_your. 9 Only you not you_will_build the_house if/because son_of_your who_ _will_come_out from_loins_of_your he he_will_build the_house for_name_of_my. 10 And_ **YHWH** _he_has_established ᴅᴏᴍ message_of_his which he_spoke and_I_have_arisen in_place_of Dāvid father_of_my and_I_have_sat on the_throne_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as **YHWH** he_spoke and_I_have_built the_ _house for_the_name_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 11 And_I_have_put there ᴅᴏᴍ the_box where is_there the_ _covenant_of **YHWH** which he_made with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

47 **RV 5:13 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 7:3; Ezr 3:11; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; Jer 33:11.

48 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיררצחמ**: (x-qere) 'מְיִרְצָחַמ': lemma_2690 n_0.0 morph_HVhrmpa id_14Tvm מְיִרְצָחַמ

49 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מירצצחמ/ל**: (x-qere) 'מִ֝יִרְצַחְמ/ל': lemma_l/2690 morph_HRd/Vprmpa id_14iTM מִ֝יִרְצַחְמ/ל

50 **RV 6:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 8:12-21

51 **RV 6:4-9 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:1-13; 1Ch 17:1-12.

Literal Version

12 And_he_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_altar_
_of **YHWH** before all_of the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_
_he_spread_out palms_of_his. **13** If/because
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_made a_platform_of bronze and_
_he_had_put_it in_the_middle of_the_precinct was_five cubits
length_of_its and_was_five cubits breadth_of_its and_was_
_cubits three height_of_its and_he_stood on/upon/above_
_him/it and_he_knelt_down on knees_of_his before all_of the_
_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_spread_out palms_of_his
to_the_heavens. **14** And_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) there_is_not like_you a_god in_heavens and_on_
_earth who_keeps the_covenant and_(the)_covenant_loyalty to_
_servants_of_your who_walk to_your_face in_all heart_of_their.
15 Who you_have_kept to_servant_of_your Dāvid father_of_my
ᴅᴏᴍ that_which you_spoke to_him/it and_you_spoke with_
_mouth_of_your and_with_hand_of_your you_have_fulfilled as_
_day (the)_this. **16** And_now Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) keep to_servant_of_your[57] Dāvid father_of_my
ᴅᴏᴍ that_which you_spoke for_him/it to_say not it_will_be_
_cut_off to/for_yourself(m) a_man from_before_face_of_me
who_sits on the_throne_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only if descendants_
_of_your they_will_guard ᴅᴏᴍ way_of_their to_go in_law_of_my
just_as you_have_walked before_me. **17** And_now Oh_**YHWH**
the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) message_of_your which you_spoke
to_servant_of_your to_Dāvid let_it_be_established.
18 If/because really god will_he_dwell with the_humankind on
the_earth/land HERE heaven and_the_heavens_of the_heavens
not they_contain_you indeed if/because the_house the_this
which I_have_built. **19** And_you_will_turn to the_prayer_of
your_servant_of_your and_near/to supplication_of_his Oh_
_**YHWH** god_of_my to_listen to the_cry_entreaty and_near/to
the_prayer which servant_of_your is_praying before_you.
20 To_be eyes_of_your open to the_house the_this by_day and_
_night to the_place where you_have_said to_put name_of_your
there to_listen to the_prayer which servant_of_your he_will_
_pray to the_place (the)_this. **21** And_you_will_listen to the_
_supplications_of your_servant_of_your and_people_of_your
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_will_pray to the_place the_this and_
_you(ms) you_will_hear from_the_place_of your_dwelling from
the_heavens and_you_will_hear and_you_will_forgive. **22** If
anyone he_will_sin to_neighbour_of_his and_he_will_impose
in_him/it an_oath to_put_him_under_an_oath and_he_will_
_come an_oath to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before altar_of_
_your in_house (the)_this. **23** And_you(ms) you_will_hear from
the_heavens and_you_will_act and_you_will_judge ᴅᴏᴍ your_
_servants to_repay to_a_guilty_person to_requite its_
_road/course on_his_own_of_head and_to_declare_righteous a_
_righteous_person to_give to_him/it according_to_of_his_
_righteousness. **24** And_if people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_
_will_be_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before an_
_enemy if/because they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) and_they_will_
_return and_they_will_praise ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_name and_they_

Readers' Version

Shelomoh's prayer · Full kingdom[52]

12 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) stood in front of the altar to Yahweh in front of all the assembled Israelis, and spread out his hands, **13** because he'd made a bronze platform and had it placed in the centre of the courtyard. The square platform was just over two metres on each side, and stood just over a metre off the ground. Firstly he stood on it, then he knelt down in front of all the assembled Israelis and spread his hands out to the sky **14** and said, "Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, there isn't any god like you in the heavens or on the earth—one who keeps his agreement and shows loyal commitment to your servants who are walking with total integrity as you watch them. **15** Everything you verbally told my father David that you'd do, you've used your power to make it all happen, including this today. **16** And now, Yahweh, Yisrael's god, keep another promise you made to your servant David my father, when you told him, 'There'll always be one of your descendants sitting on Yisrael's throne, as long as they obey my instructions just like you have.'[53] **17** So now, Yahweh, Yisrael's god, may what you said to your servant, to David, be confirmed.

18 "But will God really live with humans here on the earth? Wow, the skies and the heavens of the heavens can't contain you—how much less this house that I've built.[54] **19** Nevertheless Yahweh my god, listen to your servant's prayer and request and take notice. **20** Watch over this building where you said you'd be present,[55] and hear my prayers when your servant prays towards this place. **21** Listen to what your servant and your Israeli people are requesting when they pray towards this place. Listen from where you live in the heavens, and hear and forgive.

22 "If someone is accused of wronging their neighbour, and is forced to make a sworn statement in front of your altar in this temple, **23** then listen from the heavens and decide who's telling the truth. Then punish the guilty party as they deserve, and do good to the other side as a reward for their innocence.

24 "And if your Israeli people are defeated by their enemies because they've disobeyed you, but they return to you and confess, and pray, and in this place they request your favour, **25** then listen to them from the heavens and forgive your Israeli people's disobedience, and bring them back to this land that you gave to their ancestors and to them.

26 "When the clouds hold back and give no rain because your Israeli people have disobeyed you, but then they pray towards this place and acknowledge you and turn away from their disobedience because you've punished them, **27** then listen to them from the heavens and forgive the disobedience of your servants and your Israeli people. Teach them the right way to live their lives, and give rain to your land which you gave your people as a

52 RV 6:12 · Parallel 1 Kgs 8:22-53

53 RV 6:16 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 2:4.

54 RV 6:18 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 2:6.

55 RV 6:20 · Cross-ref. Deu 12:11.

57 LV 6:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

permanent inheritance.

28 "If this land suffers from famine, or if there's blight or mildew, or locusts or grasshoppers, deadly diseases or sickness, or if an enemy army surrounds them, 29 then if any person, or all your Israeli people, stretch out their hands towards this temple with their prayers and requests because they each acknowledge their individual pain and suffering, 30 then listen to them from where you live there in the heavens, and forgive them. Reward each person according to their behaviour, because you know people's motives—only you know what's in people's minds. 31 Do that so they'll respect you and live how you want them to, as they live in this country that you gave to our ancestors.

32 "Also, any foreigners who don't belong to your Israeli people, who come to this land because they've heard that you're very great and powerful, if they turn toward this temple and pray, 33 then listen to them as well from where you live there in the heavens. Do whatever that foreigner requests from you, so that all the people groups in the world will learn about your reputation, and honour and obey you like your Israeli people do, and know that this temple that I've built is called by your name.

34 "When you send your people off to battle their enemies, and they pray towards this city that you've chosen and this temple that I've had built to honour your name, 35 then listen from the heavens to their prayer and their requests, and uphold their cause.

36 "When they disobey you (and there's no one who doesn't), and you're angry with them and allow an enemy to get the upper hand, and their captors take them to a distant or nearby land as captives, 37 and then in that land where they're captives, they turn and admit their wickedness and their disobedience, and request your favour, 38 and they turn to you with total sincerity in that other country, and pray towards the land that you gave their ancestors, and the city that you chose, and toward the temple that I've built to honour your name, 39 then listen from where you live in the heavens to their prayer and their requests, and uphold their cause and forgive your people who've disobeyed you.

40 "Now my god, please let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to prayers offered towards this place.

41 "So now Yahweh God, along with the sacred box representing your strength, come and enter your place for resting. Yahweh God, may your priests be dressed in your rescue, and your faithful ones enjoy your goodness.[56] 42 Yahweh God, don't ignore those who you've chosen. Remember your servant David's loyal commitment."

Literal Version

_will_pray and_they_will_seek_favour to_your_face in_house (the)_this. 25 And_you(ms) you_will_hear from the_heavens and_you_will_forgive (to)_the_sin_of your_people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_bring_them_back to the_soil which you_gave to/for_them and_to_ancestors_of_their. 26 When_ the_heavens _are_shut_up and_not rain it_will_be if/because they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) and_they_will_pray to the_place the_this and_they_will_praise ᵭᵒᵐ your(ms)_name from_sin_of_their they_will_turn_back if/because you_will_ _afflict_them. 27 And_you(ms) you_will_hear the_heavens and_ _you_will_forgive (to)_the_sin_of your_servants and_people_of_ _your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because you_will_direct_them to the_ _way (the)_good which they_will_walk in_it and_you(ms)_will_ _give rain on land_of_your which you_gave to_people_of_your to_an_inheritance. 28 Famine if/because it_will_be in/on_the_ _earth pestilence if/because it_will_be blight and_mildew locust[s] and_locust[s] if/because it_will_be if/because he_will_ _lay_siege to_him/it enemies_of_its in_land its_gates_of_his any_of plague and_all sickness. 29 Every_of prayer every_of supplication which it_will_belong to/from_all/each/any/every the_humankind and_to/for_all people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_will_know everyone plague_of_his_own and_his_ _own_of_pain and_he_will_spread_out palms_of_his to the_ _house (the)_this. 30 And_you(ms) you_will_hear from the_ _heavens the_place_of your_dwelling and_you_will_forgive and_you(ms)_will_give to_person according_to_all_of ways_of_ _his whom you_will_know ᵭᵒᵐ heart_of_his if/because you you_alone you_know ᵭᵒᵐ the_heart_of the_children_of the_ _humankind. 31 So_that they_may_fear_you to_go in_ways_of_ _your all_of the_days which they will_be_alive on the_surface_ _of the_soil which you_gave to_ancestors_of_our. 32 And_also to the_foreigner who not is_one_of_your_people Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he and_he_will_come from_a_land distant for_the_sake_of name_of_your (the)_great and_hand_of_your (the)_mighty and_ _arm_of_your (the)_outstretched and_they_will_come and_ _they_will_pray to the_house (the)_this. 33 And_you(ms) you_ _will_hear from the_heavens from_the_place_of your_dwelling and_you_will_do according_to_all that he_will_call to_you the_ _foreigner so_that all_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land they_ _may_know ᵭᵒᵐ your(ms)_name and_to_fear you like_people_ _of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_know if/because_that name_ _of_your it_is_called on the_house the_this which I_have_built. 34 If/because people_of_your it_will_go_forth for_battle on enemies_of_its by_way which you_will_send_them and_they_ _will_pray to_you the_direction_of the_city (the)_this which you_have_chosen (in)_it and_the_house which I_have_built for_ _name_of_your. 35 And_you_will_hear from the_heavens ᵭᵒᵐ prayer_of_their and_ᵭᵒᵐ supplication_of_their and_you_will_ _do justice_of_their. 36 If/because they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) if/because there_is_not anyone who not he_sins and_you_will_ _be_angry with_them and_you_will_deliver_them_up to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before an_enemy and_they_will_take_ _them_captive captors_of_their to a_land distant or near. 37 And_they_will_bring_back to heart_of_their on_the_earth where they_have_been_taken_captive there and_they_will_

56 **RV 6:41-42 · Cross-ref.** Psa 132:8-10.

Literal Version

_repent and_they_will_seek_favour to_you in_land their_
_captivity_of_their to_say we_have_sinned we_have_done_
_wrong and_we_have_acted_wickedly. **38** And_they_will_return
to_you in_all heart_of_their and_on/over_all being_of_their in_
_land their_captivity_of_their where they_took_captive ~~ĐOM~~_
_them and_they_will_pray the_direction_of their_land_of_their
which you_gave to_ancestors_of_their and_the_city which you_
_have_chosen and_to_house which I_have_built for_name_of_
_your. **39** And_you_will_hear[58] from the_heavens from_the_
_place_of your_dwelling ~~ĐOM~~ prayer_of_their and_~~ĐOM~~
supplications_of_their and_you_will_do justice_of_their and_
_you_will_forgive (to)_people_of_your who they_have_sinned
to/for_you(fs). **40** Now my_god_of_my let_them_be please eyes_
_of_your open and_ears_of_your attentive to_the_prayer_of
the_place (the)_this. **41** And_now arise Oh_**YHWH** god to_your_
_resting_of_place you and_the_box_of your_strength_of_your
priests_of_your Oh_**YHWH** god let_them_be_clothed salvation
and_your_faithful_of_people let_them_rejoice in_good. **42** Oh_
_**YHWH** god do_not turn_away the_face_of your_anointed_ones
remember (to)_the_covenant_loyalti(es)_of Dāvid servant_of_
_your.

7:1 And_just_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _as_finished to_pray and_
_the_fire it_came_down from_the_heavens and_she/it_ate the_
_burnt_offering and_the_sacrifices and_the_glory_of **YHWH** it_
_filled ~~ĐOM~~ the_house. **2** And_not the_priests they_were_able
to_go into the_house_of **YHWH** if/because the_glory_of **YHWH**
it_filled ~~ĐOM~~ the_house_of **YHWH**. **3** And_all/each/any/every
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_seeing when_ the_fire _
_came_down and_the_glory_of **YHWH** was_over the_house
and_they_bowed_down face towards_land on the_pavement
and_they_bowed_down and_to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH**
if/because he_is_good if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_
_covenant. **4** And_the_king and_all the_people were_sacrificing
a_sacrifice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **5** And_
the_king Shəlomoh _he/it_sacrificed ~~ĐOM~~ the_sacrifice_of
(the)_cattle twenty and_two thousand and_sheep one_hundred
and_twenty thousand and_ the_king and_all the_people _they_
_dedicated ~~ĐOM~~ the_house_of the_'Elohīm. **6** And_the_priests on
duties_of_their were_standing and_the_Lēviyyiy with_the_
_instruments_of (the)_song_of **YHWH** which Dāvid the_king
he_had_made to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because is_
_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant when_ Dāvid _praised by_
_hand_of_their and_the_priests were_blowing_a_trumpet[62]
before_them and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_standing. **7** And_
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_consecrated ~~ĐOM~~ the_middle_of
the_courtyard which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_
_house_of **YHWH** if/because he_offered there the_burnt_
offerings and~~ĐOM~~ the_fat(s)_of the_peace_offerings
if/because the_altar_of (the)_bronze which Shəlomoh he_had_
_made not it_was_able to_contain ~~ĐOM~~ the_burnt_offering[s]

Readers' Version

The temple dedication · Full kingdom[59]

7:1 When Shelomoh (Solomon) finished praying, fire came down from the skies and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and Yahweh's brilliant light filled the temple.[60] **2** The priests weren't able to go into Yahweh's temple because of Yahweh's brilliant light, **3** and when all the Israelis saw the fire come down and saw the bright light above the temple, they fell to their knees with their faces bowed down low to the stone pavement, and worshipped and thanked Yahweh, saying, "He's certainly good—his loyal commitment really will continue forever."[61]

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices to Yahweh— **5** King Shelomoh sacrificed twenty-two thousand cattle and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep, and so the king and all the people dedicated God's temple. **6** The priests were standing in their positions, as well as the Levites with the instruments King David had made to give thanks to Yahweh. When they assisted David in praising Yahweh, they would sing, "Yes, his loyal commitment continues forever," and the priests would blow their trumpets in front of them as all the Israelis stood there.

7 Then Shelomoh consecrated the middle of the courtyard in front of Yahweh's temple building so he could offer burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings there, because the bronze altar that he'd made wasn't able to handle the large number of burnt offerings and grain offerings, and the fats.

58 LV 6:39 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

59 RV 7:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 8:62-66

60 RV 7:1 · Cross-ref. Lev 9:23-24.

61 RV 7:3 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13; Ezr 3:11; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; Jer 33:11.

62 LV 7:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **מירצצחמ**: (x-qere) 'מֵירְצָחַמ': lemma_2690 morph_HVhrmpa id_14sYk מֵירְצָחַמ

Readers' Version

8 Then Shelomoh and all of Yisrael (Israel) feasted for the next seven days—the huge gathering spread from Levo-Hamat in the far north, all the way to the Mitsri (Egyptian) riverbed in the far south. 9 On the eighth day, they had a solemn service, because they'd observed seven days of celebration for the altar with seven days of feasting. 10 Finally, after some three weeks, Shelomoh sent the people home—they were cheery and encouraged because of the goodness Yahweh had displayed to David and Shelomoh, and to his Israeli people.

Yahweh appears to Shelomoh again · Full kingdom

11 So Shelomoh (Solomon) finished Yahweh's temple and the king's palace—he'd succeeded in implementing everything he'd envisaged. 12 One night, Yahweh appeared to Shelomoh in a dream and told him, "I've heard your prayer, and I've chosen this temple to be the place where my people will offer sacrifices to me. 13 If I restrain the skies so there's no rain, or if I command locusts to devour the land, or if I send disease among my people, 14 then if my people who are known by my name humble themselves and pray, and request my help and turn away from their evil customs, then I myself will hear them from the heavens, and I'll forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 My eyes will be open and my ears will be attentive to prayers offered towards this place, 16 as I've chosen and consecrated this temple to be associated with my name forever—I'll be permanently present there. 17 Also, if you'll obey me like your father David did, and do everything that I've instructed you, and keep my rules and regulations, 18 then I'll ensure that your descendants rule your kingdom, just as I promised your father David when I said, 'You won't fail to have one of your descendants ruling over Yisrael (Israel).' 19 However, if you collectively turn away, and abandon my rules and instructions that I gave you, and decide to serve other gods and worship them, 20 then I'll remove these people from my land that I gave them. Also this temple that I consecrated for myself, I'll throw it away where I can't see it, and I'll make it an object of scorn and ridicule among all the other nations.

21 Then this temple, which everyone admires as they pass by, will be devastated, and people will ask, 'Why did Yahweh do such terrible things to that temple and to that land?'

22 'It happened because they abandoned Yahweh, their ancestors' god,' others will reply. 'He brought them out from slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt), but then they obtained other gods and worshipped them and served them—that's why he sent them all this misery.' "

Literal Version

and_ĐØM the_grain_offering[s] and_ĐØM the_fat(s). 8 And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_made ĐØM the_festival at_time (the)_that seven_of days and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it an_assembly great very from_Ləvō' Ḥₐmāt to the_wadi_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 9 And_they_made in_the_day (the)_eighth an_assembly if/because the_dedication_of the_altar they_had_ _observed seven_of days and_the_festival seven_of days. 10 And_on_day_of twenty and_three of_month the_seventh he_ _sent_away ĐØM the_people to_tents_of_their joyful and_good_ _of heart on the_good which **YHWH** he_had_done to_Dāvid and_to_Shəlomoh and_to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) people_of_his. 11 And_ Shəlomoh _they_were_ended/finished ĐØM the_house_ _of **YHWH** and_ĐØM the_house_of the_king and_ĐØM every_of (the)_thing_which_was_coming on the_heart_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) for_doing in_house_of **YHWH** and_in_ _his_own_of_house he_made_successful. 12 And_ **YHWH** _he_ _appeared to Shəlomoh in_night and_he/it_said to_him/it I_ _have_heard ĐØM prayer_of_your and_I_have_chosen (in)_place the_this to_me for_a_house_of sacrifice. 13 HERE I_will_shut_up the_heavens and_not rain it_will_be and_if I_will_command to the_grasshopper to_devour the_earth/land and_if I_will_send pestilence among_people_of_my. 14 And_ people_of_my which it_has_been_called name_of_my on_them _they_will_humble_ _themselves and_they_will_pray and_they_will_seek face_of_ _my and_they_will_turn from_ways_of_their (the)_wicked and_I I_will_hear from the_heavens and_I_will_forgive (to)_sin_of_ _their and_I_will_heal ĐØM land_of_their. 15 Now eyes_of_my they_will_be open and_ears_of_my attentive to_the_prayer_of the_place (the)_this. 16 And_now I_have_chosen and_I_have_ _consecrated ĐØM the_house the_this to_be name_of_my there until perpetuity and_they_will_be eyes_of_my and_heart_of_my there all_of the_days. 17 And_you(ms) if you_will_walk to/for_ _my_face/front just_as Dāvid father_of_your he_walked and_to_ _do according_to_all that I_commanded_you(ms) and_ _regulations_of_my and_judgements_of_my you_will_observe. 18 And_I_will_establish ĐØM the_throne_of your_kingdom_of_ _your just_as I_made to_Dāvid father_of_your to_say not it_ _will_be_cut_off to/for_yourself(m) a_man who_rules over_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 19 And_if you(pl)_will_turn_away you(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_abandon regulations_of_my and_commands_of_ _my which I_have_set before_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_go and_ _you(pl)_will_serve gods other and_you(pl)_will_bow_down to/for_them. 20 And_I_will_pluck_them_up from_under land_ _of_my which I_have_given to/for_them and_ĐØM the_house the_this which I_have_consecrated for_name_of_my I_will_ _throw from_under face_of_my and_I_will_make_it into_a_ _byword and_into_a_taunt in_all the_peoples. 21 And_the_ _house the_this which it_was most_high to/from_ _all/each/any/every one_who_passes_by on/upon/above_ _him/it he_will_be_appalled and_saying(ms) how **YHWH** did_ _he_do thus to_land (the)_this and_to_house (the)_this. 22 And_ _people_will_say on that they_abandoned ĐØM **YHWH** the_god_ _of their_ancestors_of_their who he_brought_them_out from_ _the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_took_hold on_gods other and_they_bowed_down to/for_them and_they_served_ _them therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_has_brought on_them ĐØM all_of the_calamity (the)_this.

Literal Version

8:1 And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity twenty year[s] which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_built ĐOM the_house_of **YHWH** and_ĐOM house_of_his_own. **2** And_the_cities which Ḥūrām he_had_given to_Shəlomoh Shəlomoh he_rebuilt ĐOM_ _them and_he_caused_to_dwell there ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_went to Ḥₐmāt and_ _he_prevailed over_it. **4** And_he/it_built ĐOM Tadmor in_ _wilderness and_ĐOM all_of the_cities_of (the)_stores which he_ _built in_Ḥₐmāt. **5** And_he/it_built ĐOM Bēyt Ḥōrōn (the)_upper and_ĐOM Bēyt Ḥōrōn (the)_lower cities_of fortification walls doors and_bar[s]. **6** And_ĐOM Ba'ₐlāth and_ĐOM all_of the_cities_ _of (the)_stores which they_belonged to_Shəlomoh and_ĐOM all_of the_cities_of (the)_chariotry and_ĐOM the_cities_of the_ _horsemen and_ĐOM all_of the_desire_of Shəlomoh which he_ _desired to_build in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_Ləvānōn and_in_all_of the_land_of his_dominion_of_his. **7** All_of the_ _people which_remained of the_Hittite[s] and_the_'Amorī[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_ _Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] who not were_of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they. **8** Of descendants_of_their who they_remained after_them on_ _the_earth whom not they_had_destroyed_them the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_raised_them Shəlomoh/(Solomon) to_ _forced_labour until the_day (the)_this. **9** And_from the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom not Shəlomoh he_made into_ _slaves for_work_of_his if/because they were_men_of war and_ _the_commanders_of his_officers_of_his and_the_commanders_ _of his_chariotry_of_his and_horsemen_of_his. **10** And_these were_the_leaders_of the[6768] who to/for_the_king Shəlomoh fifty and_two_hundred who_ruled over_people. **11** And_ĐOM the_daughter_of Par'oh Shəlomoh he_brought_up from_the_ _city_of Dāvid to_house which he_had_built to/for_her/it if/because he_said not a_wife to_me she_will_dwell in_house_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because are_holiness they places_where it_has_come to_them the_box_of **YHWH**. **12** Then Shəlomoh he_offered_up burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** on the_ _altar_of **YHWH** which he_had_built to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_porch. **13** And_(in)_a_matter_of a_day in/on_day to_offer_up according_to_the_command_of Mosheh for_ _sabbaths and_for_moons and_for_times three times in_year at_the_festival_of the_unleavened_bread(s) and_at_the_ _festival_of (the)_weeks and_at_the_festival_of (the)_booths. **14** And_he_appointed according_to_the_ordinance_of Dāvid his/its_father ĐOM the_divisions_of the_priests on service_of_ _their and_the_Lēviyyiy on duties_of_their to_praise and_to_ _serve before the_priests to_the_matter_of a_day in_its_day and_the_gatekeepers by_divisions_of_their for_a_gate and_a_ _gate if/because was_thus the_command_of Dāvid the_man_of the_'Ělohīm. **15** And_not they_turned_aside the_command_of the_king on the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy to/from_ _all/each/any/every matter and_to_treasuries. **16** And_ all_of

Readers' Version

King Shelomoh's achievements · Full kingdom[63]

8:1 After the twenty years that it took Shelomoh (Solomon) to build Yahweh's temple and his palace, **2** he rebuilt the cities that King Huram had given to him, and he got Israelis to live in them.

3 Then Shelomoh attacked Hamat-Tsovah and captured it. **4** He rebuilt Tadmor in the wilderness, and storage cities in the Hamat region. **5** He rebuilt the fortified cities of Upper Beyt-Horon and Lower Beyt-Horon with walls and barred gates, **6** as well as Ba'alat and all the storage cities, and all the cities for Shelomoh's chariots and horsemen that he wanted to build in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Levanon, and throughout his kingdom. **7** All the people who lived in Yisrael (Israel) but who were actually remnants of the Hitim, Amorim, Perizim, Hivim, and Yevusim, **8** who were descendants of groups that the Israelis hadn't completely destroyed, were forced to become Shelomoh's labourers, and they still continue in that role. **9** However, Shelomoh didn't make the Israelis become labourers, because they became his soldiers, officers, chariot commanders, and horsemen. **10** Some 250 Israelis were also King Shelomoh's chief officials who had authority over the people.

11 Shelomoh brought his wife, Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughter, up from the city of David to the house he'd built for her, because he said, "My wife mustn't live in the palace of Yisrael's King David, because the places where Yahweh's box has been are sacred."

12 Then Shelomoh sacrificed burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar that had been built in front of the temple's porch. **13** He followed Mosheh's (Moses') instructions about the daily sacrifices for the rest days[64] and the new moons,[65] and for the three appointed occasions each year: the Festival of Flat Bread, the Harvest Festival, and the Celebration Living in Shelters.[66] **14** Then, as his father David had instructed, he assigned the priests to divisions for their various tasks, and the Levites who would praise and minister in front of the priests and help in their daily tasks, and gatekeepers in their divisions at the various gates. All that was what David, the man of God, had commanded. **15** The priests and Levites followed the king's instructions concerning all their duties, as well as their supervision of the treasuries.

16 So now, all of Shelomoh's work on Yahweh's temple was completed—from the foundation through to its completion and operation.

17 Then Shelomoh went to Etsyon-Gever and to Eylot on the edge of the ocean, in the Edom region. **18** King Huram (from Tsor (Tyre)) sent ships to him, as his servants knew the sea well.

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63 RV 8:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 9:10-28

64 RV 8:13 · Cross-ref. Num 28:9-10.

65 RV 8:13 · Cross-ref. Num 28:11-15.

66 RV 8:13 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:14-17; 34:22-23; Num 28:16–29:39; Deu 16:16.

67 LV 8:10 · Note OSHB variant note: מיבצנ/ה: (x-qere) מְיָבָצְנֵ/ה': lemma_d/5324 n_1.0.0 morph_HTd/VNrmpa id_14q1J מְיָבָצְנֵ/ה

68 LV 8:10 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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Then Shelomoh's men boarded the ships and sailed with them to Ofir, where they obtained fifteen tonnes of gold and brought it back to King Shelomoh.

The queen from Sheva visits · Full kingdom[70]

9:1 The queen from the Sheva region had heard all about Shelomoh (Solomon), and she came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with some hard questions.[71] Her party included a large number of camels carrying lots of spices and gold and valuable gemstones. She came to Shelomoh and discussed with him everything that was on her mind. **2** Shelomoh responded to all her queries, and there wasn't any subject that he wasn't able to speak about. **3** When the queen from Sheva saw Shelomoh's wisdom, and saw the palace that he'd built **4** and the food at his table, as well as his servants' stations, his well-dressed ministers standing by, his cup-bearers in their uniforms, and the burnt offerings that he sacrificed at Yahweh's temple, it took her breath away **5** and she told the king, "Everything I heard in my own country about you and your wisdom was true. **6** I didn't believe what they reported to me until I saw it with my own eyes, and wow, the reports I heard didn't even cover *half* the extent of your wisdom! **7** Your men are blessed, and even your servants are blessed to be able to continually stand in front of you and listen to your wisdom. **8** Your god Yahweh ought to be blessed—the one who delighted in you and placed you on his throne as his king. Your god loved Yisrael (Israel) and wanted to establish them forever, so he's placed you over them as king—to give justice and do what's right."

9 Then she gave the king four tonnes of gold, a very large quantity of spices, and valuable gemstones. Nobody before had ever seen such a large amount of spices as what the queen from Sheva gave to King Shelomoh.

10 (Also, King Huram's servants working together with Shelomoh's servants brought gold from Ofir, as well as algum wood and valuable gemstones. **11** The king made the algum wood into staircases for Yahweh's temple and for the king's palace, and into lyres and harps for the singers. Nothing like that had been seen before in Yehudah (Judah).)

12 King Shelomoh gave the queen from Sheva everything she wanted—more than what she'd brought to the king. Then she departed with her servants and went back to her country.

Literal Version

the_work_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _it_was_arranged until the_ _day of_the_foundation_of of_the_house_of of_**YHWH** and_unto it_was_complete was_complete the_house_of **YHWH**. **17** Then Shəlomoh he_went to_ʼEtsyon- geʋer and_near/to ʼĒylōt on the_shore_of the_sea in_land of_ʼEdōm. **18** And_he_sent to_ _him/it Ḥūrām by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his ships[69] and_servants who_knew_of (of)_the_sea and_they_came with the_servants_of Shəlomoh to_ʼŌfīr and_they_took from_there four hundred(s) and_fifty talent[s]_of gold and_they_brought_it to the_king Shəlomoh.

9:1 And_the_queen_of Shəʋāʼ she_heard ÐOM the_report_of Shəlomoh and_she_came to_put_to_the_test ÐOM Shəlomoh by_ _difficult_matters in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_a_retinue numerous very and_camels which_were_carrying spices and_ _gold to_increase_in_number and_stone_of precious and_she_ _came to Shəlomoh and_she_spoke with_him/it ÐOM all_of that it_was with heart_of_her. **2** And_he_told to/for_her/it Shəlomoh ÐOM all_of words/messages_of_her and_not it_was_ _concealed anything from_Shəlomoh which not he_told to/for_ _her/it. **3** And_ the_queen_of Shəʋāʼ _she/it_saw ÐOM the_ _wisdom_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_the_house which he_ _had_built. **4** And_the_food_of his_table_of_his and_the_ _seating_of his_servants_of_his and_the_standing_of his_ _servants and_clothes_of_their and_cup-bearers_of_his and_ _clothes_of_their and_his_upper_of_room which he_went_up the_house_of **YHWH** and_not it_was still in_her breath. **5** And_ _she/it_said to the_king is_truth the_message which I_heard in_my_own_of_land on words/messages_of_your and_on wisdom_of_your. **6** And_not I_believed (to)_words/messages_ _of_their until that I_came and_ eyes_of_my_own _they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_was_told to_me the_half_of the_ _greatness_of your_wisdom_of_your you_have_added to the_ _report which I_heard. **7** How_blessed people_of_are_your and_ _how_blessed your_servants these who_stand to_your_face continually and_who_hear ÐOM wisdom_of_your. **8** May_he_be **YHWH** god_of_your blessed who he_has_delighted in_you to_ _put_you on throne_of_his to_king to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your because_ god_of_your _loves ÐOM Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_establish_it forever_perpetuity and_he_has_appointed_you over_them to_ _king for_doing justice and_righteousness. **9** And_she/it_gave to/for_the_king one_hundred and_twenty talent[s]_of gold and_spices to_increase_in_number exceedingly and_stone_of precious and_not it_has_been like_spice (the)_that which the_ _queen_of Shəʋāʼ she_gave to/for_the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **10** And_also the_servants_of Ḥūrām[72] and_the_servants_of Shəlomoh who they_brought gold from_ _ʼŌfīr they_brought wood(s)_of algum(s) and_stone_of precious. **11** And_ the_king _he/it_made ÐOM the_wood(s)_of the_ _algum(s) tracks for_the_house_of **YHWH** and_for_the_house_ _of the_king and_harps and_lyres for_singers and_not like_ _them they_had_been_seen formerly_before in_land of_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **12** And_the_king Shəlomoh he_gave to_the_ _queen_of Shəʋāʼ ÐOM all_of desire_of_her which she_asked

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69 LV 8:18 · Note OSHB variant note: תוינוא: (x-qere) ʼתוֹיְנָא': lemma_591 n_1.3.1 morph_HNcfpa id_14fnp תוֹיְנָא

70 RV 9:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 10:1-13

71 RV 9:1-9 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:42; Luk 11:31.

72 LV 9:10 · Note OSHB variant note: חריה: (x-qere) ʼחָרוּהַ': lemma_2361 n_1.1.0 morph_HNp id_14VEv חָרוּהַ

Literal Version

(from)_besides_of that_which she_had_brought to the_king and_she_turned and_she_went to_her_own_of_land she and_ _servants_of_her.

13 And_he/it_was the_weight_of the_gold which it_came to_ _Shəlomoh in_a_year one six hundred(s) and_sixty and_six talents_of gold. **14** Apart_besides from_what_the_men_of the_ _merchants and_the_traders were_bringing and_all the_kings_ _of ʹArāvʼ and_the_governors_of the_earth/land were_bringing gold and_silver to_Shəlomoh. **15** And_ the_king Shəlomoh _ _he/it_made two_hundred body_shield[s] gold beaten six hundred(s) gold beaten he_put_up on the_body_shield (the)_ _one. **16** And_three hundred(s) shields gold beaten three hundred(s) gold he_put_up on the_shield (the)_one and_he_ _put_them the_king in_house_of the_forest_of (the)_Ləvānōn. **17** And_ the_king _he/it_made a_throne ivory great and_he_ _overlaid_it gold pure. **18** And_six steps belonged_to_throne and_a_footstool in_gold to_throne were_attached and_hands from_this and_from_this were_on the_place_of the_sitting and_ _two lions were_standing beside the_hands. **19** And_two_plus ten lions were_standing there on the_six the_steps from_this and_from_this not it_had_been_made thus to/from_ _all/each/any/every kingdom. **20** And_all/each/any/every the_ _vessels_of the_drink_of the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) were_ _gold and_all/each/any/every the_utensils_of the_house_of the_forest_of (the)_Ləvānōn were_gold pure_gold not silver was_reckoned in_the_days_of Shəlomoh to_anything. **21** If/because ships to/for_the_king were_going Tarshiysh with the_servants_of Ḥūrām one_time to_three years they_came the_ships_of Tarshiysh carrying gold and_silver ivori(es) and_ _monkeys and_peacocks. **22** And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he_ _became_great from_all the_kings_of the_earth/land to_wealth and_wisdom. **23** And_all/each/any/every the_kings_of the_ _earth/land were_seeking ~~ĐØM~~ the_face_of Shəlomoh to_hear ~~ĐØM~~ wisdom_of_his which the_ʾElohīm he_had_put in_heart_of_ _his. **24** And_they were_bringing each his/its_ _donation/offering articles_of silver and_articles_of gold and_ _garments weaponry and_spices horses and_mules the_matter_ _of a_year in_a_year. **25** And_he/it_was to_Shəlomoh four_of thousand(s) stalls_of horses and_chariots and_two_plus ten thousand horsemen and_he_placed_them in_the_cities_of (the)_chariotry and_with the_king in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **26** And_he/it_was ruling in_all the_ _kings from the_river and_unto the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy and_ _unto the_border_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **27** And_ the_king _ _he/it_gave ~~ĐØM~~ (the)_silver in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) like_ _stone(s) and_~~ĐØM~~ (the)_cedars he_made like_sycamores which are_in_Shephelah to_increase_in_number. **28** And_they_were_ _bringing_out horses from_Mitsrayim for_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_from_all_of the_lands.

Readers' Version

Shelomoh's wealth · Full kingdom[73]

13 In one year, Shelomoh (Solomon) received about twenty tonnes of gold, **14** as well as what the merchants and traders brought in. All the Aravi kings and all the local governors brought gold and silver to Shelomoh. **15** King Shelomoh made two hundred large shields of beaten gold—six hundred gold coins' worth of beaten gold went into each shield. **16** Also, three hundred smaller shields—three hundred gold coins' worth of beaten gold went into each shield.

17 Then the king made a large ivory throne and overlaid it with pure gold. **18** There were six steps leading up to the throne, and a gold footstool was attached to it. It had an armrest on each side, with a lion statue beside each armrest. **19** There were twelve statues of lions standing on the six steps—one at each end of each step. No throne like that existed in any other kingdom.

20 All of King Shelomoh's cups were made of gold, and all the various dishes in 'The House of the Levanon Forest' were refined gold. Nothing was made of silver, because during Shelomoh's reign, silver wasn't considered valuable, **21** because the king's ships went to Tarshish with Huram's servants. Every three years the fleet would bring back gold, silver, ivory, and apes and baboons, **22** so King Shelomoh became greater than all the other kings in the world, both in wealth and in wisdom.

23 Kings from all over the world wanted to come and listen to the wisdom that God had given Shelomoh. **24** Each of them would bring gifts: gold and silver items, clothes, myrrh and spices, horses and mules. (This continued year after year.)

25 Shelomoh had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, and he kept some in the chariot cities and some close by in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[74] **26** He ended up ruling over all the kings in the region, from the Perat (Euphrates) River in the northeast, west to the area of the Pelishtim, and south down to the Mitsri (Egyptian) border.[75] **27** The king made silver as common as stones, and cedar timber as common as the sycamore fig trees in the lowlands. **28** Horses were brought in from Mitsrayim (Egypt)[76] for Shelomoh, and from other countries as well.

73 RV 9:13 · Parallel 1 Kgs 10:14-25

74 RV 9:25 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 4:26.

75 RV 9:26 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:18; 1Ki 4:21.

76 RV 9:28 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:16.

Readers' Version

Summary of Shelomoh's reign · Full kingdom[77]

29 Everything else that Shelomoh (Solomon) did, from the beginning to the end, was written down by the prophet Natan (Nathan), and in the prophecy by Ahiyah (from Shiloh), and the prophet Ido's visions about Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) were also written down. **30** Shelomoh reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) over all of Yisrael (Israel) for forty years, **31** then he died and was buried with his father in 'The City of David', and his son Rehav'am (Rehoboam) replaced him as king.

Yisrael splits in two · Full kingdom[79]

10:1 Then Rehav'am (Rehoboam) went to Shekem, where all of Yisrael (Israel) had gathered for his coronation. **2** Meanwhile, Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) had fled from King Shelomoh (Solomon) and was down in Mitsrayim (Egypt), but when he heard about the coming coronation, he returned from Mitsrayim. **3** So the leaders of the northern tribes summoned Yarov'am, and he went with them to speak to Shelomoh's son Rehav'am and all of Yisrael, saying, **4** "Your father made us work very hard, but now, lighten the demands that your father made on us, and we'll serve you."

5 "Come back to me in three days." Rehav'am answered, so the people departed.

6 Then King Rehav'am consulted with the older men who'd advised his father Shelomoh when he was still alive, asking them, "How do you advise me to answer the people?"

7 "If you're good to those people and do things that please them, and speak kindly to them," they answered, "then they'll serve you for a long time to come."

8 However, Rehav'am rejected their advice, and consulted some of the young men there who'd grown up with him. **9** "How would you guys suggest I answer the people who've asked me to lighten the burden on them, compared to my father's time?"

10 "Those people tell you that your father was hard on them and that you should lighten their load," his contemporaries advised him. "But you should tell them that your little finger is thicker than your father's waist, **11** and that whereas he required them to contribute, you'll be even more demanding. Tell them that he might have whipped them with leather whips, but that you'll whip them with scorpions!"

12 So Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and all the people returned to King Rehav'am on the third day as he'd prearranged, **13** and ignoring the advice of the older men, the king answered the people harshly. **14** He passed on the younger men's suggestion, telling the people, "I'll make your burden even heavier. My father rebuked you people with whips, but I'll do it with scorpions." **15** So the king took no notice of the people's request, because it was God turning events around, so that what Yahweh had said to Yarov'am (Nevat's son) through Ahiyah (from Shiloh) would

Literal Version

29 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Shəlomoh (the)_former and_(the)_latter not are_they written on the_words/messages_ _of Nathan the_prophet and_on the_prophecy_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_ _Shilōnī and_in_the_visions_of ʼIddō[78] the_seer on Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ. **30** And_ Shəlomoh _ _he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) over all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) forty year[s]. **31** And_ Shəlomoh _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried_him in_the_city_of Dāvid his/its_father and_ Rəḥav˝ām his/its_son _he_became_ _king in_place_of_him.

10:1 And_ Rəḥav˝ām _he/it_went to_Shəkem if/because Shəkem all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) they_had_gone to_make_king ~~ĐOM~~_ _him/it. **2** And_he/it_was just_ Yārov˝ām the_son_of Nevaṭ _as_ _heard and_he was_in_Mitsrayim where he_had_fled from_ _face/in_front_of Shəlomoh the_king and_ Yārov˝ām _he_ _returned from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **3** And_people_sent and_ _they_summoned to_him/it and_ Yārov˝ām and_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he_came and_they_spoke to Rəḥav˝ām to_say. **4** father_of_your he_made_hard ~~ĐOM~~ yoke_of_our and_now lighten some_of_the_service_of your_father_of_your (the)_hard and_some_of_his_yoke (the)_heavy which he_put on_us and_ _we_will_serve_you. **5** And_he/it_said to_them yet three_of days and_return to_me and_ the_people _he/it_went. **6** And_ the_king Rəḥav˝ām _he_consulted with the_elders who they_ _had_been standing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shəlomoh/(Solomon) his/its_father when_was_he alive to_say how are_you(pl) counselling to_bring_back to_people the_this message. **7** And_they_spoke to_him/it to_say if you_will_ _become (into)_good to_the_people the_this and_you_will_be_ _favourable_to_them and_you_will_speak to_them words/messages kind and_they_will_be to/for_yourself(m) servants all_of the_days. **8** And_he_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _counsel_of the_elders which they_had_counselled_him and_ _he_consulted with the_youths who they_had_grown_up with_ _him/it who_were_standing before_him. **9** And_he/it_said to_ _them what are_you(pl) counselling so_that_we_may_bring_ _back message ~~ĐOM~~ the_people the_this which they_have_ _spoken to_me to_say lighten some_of the_yoke which father_ _of_your he_put on_us. **10** And_they_spoke with_him/it the_ _youths who they_had_grown_up with_him/it to_say thus you_ _will_say to_people which they_have_spoken to_you to_say father_of_your he_made_heavy ~~ĐOM~~ yoke_of_our and_you(ms) lighten from_on_us thus you_will_say to_them finger_of_my_ _little it_is_thick more_than_the_loins_of my_father_of_my. **11** And_now father_of_my he_loaded on_you(pl) a_yoke heavy and_I I_will_add to yoke_of_your(pl) father_of_my he_ _disciplined you(pl) with_whips and_I with_scorpions. **12** And_ Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) and_all the_people _he_came to Rəḥav˝ām in_the_day (the)_third just_as the_king he_had_ _spoken to_say return to_me in_the_day (the)_third. **13** And_ _he_answered_them the_king hard and_ the_king Rəḥav˝ām _ _he_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ the_counsel_of the_elders. **14** And_he/it_ _spoke to_them according_to_the_counsel_of the_youths to_say

77 RV 9:29 · Parallel 1 Kgs 11:41-43

78 LV 9:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **יִדְעִי**: (x-qere) **יְדֹעֵי**; lemma_3260 morph_HNp id_14KEV **יְדֹעֵי**

79 RV 10:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 12:1-20

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I_will_make_heavy ĐOM yoke_of_your(pl) and_I I_will_add on/upon/above_him/it father_of_my he_disciplined you(pl) with_whips and_I with_scorpions. **15** And_not the_king he_ _listened to the_people if/because it_was a_turn_of_affairs from_with the_'Elohīm so_as **YHWH** to_establish ĐOM message_ _of_his which he_had_spoken by_the_hand_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_ _Shilōnī to Yārov˝ām the_son_of Nevaṭ. **16** And_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) if/because not the_king he_had_listened to/for_them and_ the_people _they_brought_back ĐOM the_ _king to_say what to/for_ourselves portion in_Dāvid and_not an_inheritance in_the_son_of Jesse everyone to_tents_of_your Oh_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) now consider house_of_your_own Oh_Dāvid and_ all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he/it_went to_tents_of_its. **17** And_ _the_sons of_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who_were_dwelling in_the_cities_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_reigned over_them Rəḥav˝ām. **18** And_ the_king Rəḥav˝ām _he_sent ĐOM H$_a$dōrām who was_ _over the_forced_labour and_they_stoned in_him/it the_ _people_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) stone[s] and_he/it_died and_the_ _king Rəḥav˝ām he_proved_himself_strong to_go_up in_chariot to_flee Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **19** And_ Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _ _they_have_rebelled in_house_of Dāvid until the_day (the)_this.

11:1 And_ Rəḥav˝ām _he_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _he_assembled ĐOM the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn one_ _hundred and_eighty thousand chosen_man maker[s]_of war to_do_battle with Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) to_restore ĐOM the_kingdom to_Rəḥav˝ām. **2** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Shəma˝^{yāh} the_man_of the_'Elohīm to_say. **3** Say to Rəḥav˝ām the_son_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_ _near/to all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) in_Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn to_ _say. **4** Thus **YHWH** he_says not you(pl)_must_go_up and_not you(pl)_must_do_battle with countrymen_of_your(pl) return everyone to_his_own_of_house if/because from_with_me the_ _thing the_this it_has_occurred and_they_heard ĐOM the_ _words/messages_of **YHWH** and_they_turned_back from_going against Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam).

5 And_ Rəḥav˝ām _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_built cities to_ _fortification in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **6** And_he/it_built ĐOM Bēyt-leḥem and_ĐOM ˝Ēyṭām and_ĐOM Təqō˝a. **7** And_ĐOM Bēyt Tsūr and_ĐOM Sōkoh and_ĐOM ˝Adullām. **8** And_ĐOM Gath and_ĐOM Mar'ēshāh and_ĐOM Zīf. **9** And_ĐOM 'Adōrayim and_ĐOM Lākīsh and_ĐOM ˝Azēqāh. **10** And_ĐOM Tsor˝āh/(Zorah) and_ĐOM 'Ayyālōn and_ĐOM Ḫevrōn which were_in_Yəhūdāh and_in_ _Binyāmīn cities_of fortifications. **11** And_he_strengthened ĐOM the_fortifications and_he/it_gave (is)_in_them commanders and_supplies_of food and_oil and_wine. **12** And_on/over_all city and_a_city body_shields and_spears and_he_made_them_strong to_abundance exceedingly and_he/it_was to_him/it Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn.

13 And_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy who in_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) they_took_their_stand on/upon/above_him/it from_all territory_of_their. **14** If/because the_Lēviyyiy they_abandoned ĐOM lands_of_their_pasture and_property_of_their and_they_

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come to pass.

16 When all the Israelis saw that the king hadn't listened to them, the people from the northern tribes answered the king, "What did David have to do with us anyway? We had nothing to gain from Yishay's (Jesse's) son. You might as well all head home, and then they'll see what happened to David's dynasty."[80]

So they all went home, **17** and Rehav'am ended up only ruling over the Israelis living in the Yehudah (Judah) region.

18 King Rehav'am (still in Shekem) sent out Hadoram, his supervisor of the forced labourers, but the Israelis hurled stones at him and killed him. When he heard about that, King Rehav'am forced his way into his chariot and escaped to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **19** and northern Yisrael (Israel) has rebelled against David's descendants to this day.

The scolding of prophet Simayass to Rehav'am · Southern kingdom[81]

11:1 When Rehav'am (Rehoboam) arrived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he assembled Yehudah's (Judah's) and Benyamin's warriors: 180,000 chosen to fight against Yisrael (Israel) to bring the kingdom back to Rehav'am. **2** But Yahweh spoke to the prophet Shemayah, saying, **3** "Go and tell this to Shelomoh's (Solomon's) son King Rehav'am of Yehudah, and to all the Israeli people from the Yehudah and Benyamin tribes: **4** Yahweh says that you mustn't go and fight with your relatives. Everyone should just go home again, because everything that's happened came from me." So they listened to the message from Yahweh, and called off the planned attack against Yarov'am (Jeroboam).

Rehav'am fortifies the cities · Southern kingdom

5 So Rehav'am (Rehoboam) lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and fortified the cities throughout Yehudah (Judah): **6** Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), Eytam, Tekoa, **7** Beyt-Tsur, Sokoh, Adulam, **8** Gat, Mareshah, Zif, **9** Adorayim, Lakish, Azekah, **10** Tsor'ah, Ayalon, and Hevron (all in Yehudah and Benyamin). **11** He strengthened the fortifications in those cities and towns, appointed an army commander, and stocked their storehouses with food and oil and wine. **12** He also equipped each of them with shields and spears, and made sure they were well-protected. So Yehudah and Benyamin were under his control.

Priests and Levites go down to Yehudah · Southern kingdom

13 The priests and Levites throughout all of Yisrael (Israel) supported Rehav'am (Rehoboam) from every part of the coun-

80 **RV 10:16 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 20:1.

81 **RV 11:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 12:21-24

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try. 14 The Levites abandoned their property and their pasture-
land and moved to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across the rest
of Yehudah (Judah), because Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and his sons
stopped them from serving as Yahweh's priests. 15 Instead
Yarov'am established his own priests for his hilltop shrines and
for the goat and calf idols that he'd made.[82] 16 As well as the
priests and Levites, people from all the Israeli tribes who wanted
to serve Yisrael's god Yahweh came to Yerushalem to sacrifice to
Yahweh, their ancestors' god. 17 So they strengthened the king-
dom of Yehudah, and as the people followed David's and Shelo-
moh's (Solomon's) examples, they strengthened Rehav'am's rule
for three years.

Rehav'am's family · Southern kingdom

18 Rehav'am (Rehoboam) married Maha-
lat. She was the daughter of David's son
Yerimot, and her mother was Avihayil, the daughter of Eliav and
granddaughter of Yishay (Jesse). 19 They had three sons: Ye'ush,
Shemaryah, and Zaham. 20 After her, he married Avshalom's
(Absalom's) daughter Ma'akah, and they had four sons: Aviyah,
Atay, Ziza, and Shelomit. 21 Rehav'am loved Ma'akah the most
out of his eighteen wives and sixty slave-wives. He fathered
twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters, 22 but he appointed
Ma'akah's son Aviyah to be the leader of his older and younger
brothers, because that would mark him as the future king. 23 He
wisely sent his other sons to fortified cities across all the regions
in Yehudah (Judah) and Benyamin, where he set them up gener-
ously and asked the local people to give them wives.

Mitsrayim attacks Yehudah · Southern kingdom[84]

12:1 However, after Rehav'am (Re-
hoboam) had become established and in
firm control of his kingdom, he and all the
people abandoned Yahweh's instructions. 2 Because they were
unfaithful to Yahweh, King Shishak from Mitsrayim (Egypt)
came to attack Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the fifth year of Re-
hav'am's reign, 3 with 1,200 chariots and sixty thousand horse-
men, along with a huge number of troops, including Mitsrim
(Egyptians), Luvim (Libyans), Sukim, and Kushim. 4 He captured
Yehudah's (Judah's) fortified cities, then moved towards
Yerushalem.

5 Then the prophet Shemayah and the leaders of Yehudah
who'd fled to Yerushalem because of Shishak's attacks came to
Rehav'am. Shemayah told them, "Yahweh says that it was you
people who abandoned me, so now I've also abandoned you to
be defeated by Shishak."

6 Then the king and the Israeli leaders humbled themselves

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_went to_Yəhūdāh and_to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because
he_had_rejected_them Yārov'ām and_sons_of_his from_
_serving_as_priests to/for_**YHWH**. 15 And_he_appointed to_
_him/it priests for_places and_for_idols and_for_calves which
he_had_made. 16 And_after_them from_all the_tribes_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) those_who_set ÐOM heart_of_their to_seek ÐOM
YHWH the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_came
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of
their_ancestors_of_their. 17 And_they_strengthened ÐOM the_
_kingdom_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_strengthened ÐOM
Rəḥav'ām the_son_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) for_years three
if/because they_walked in_the_way_of Dāvid and_Shəlomoh
for_years three.

18 And_he/it_took to_him/it Rəḥav'ām a_wife ÐOM Maḥalat
wwww[83] of_Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) the_son_of Dāvid 'Avīhayil
daughter_of 'Elī'āv the_son_of Jesse. 19 And_she/it_gave_birth
to_him/it sons ÐOM Yə'ūsh/(Jeush) and_ÐOM Shəmaryāh and_
_ÐOM Zāham. 20 And_after_her he_took ÐOM Ma'akāh the_
_daughter_of 'Avīshālōm and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ÐOM
'Aviyyāh and_ÐOM 'Attay and_ÐOM Zīzā' and_ÐOM Shəlomīt.
21 And_ Rəḥav'ām _he_loved ÐOM Ma'akāh the_daughter_of
'Avīshālōm from_all wives_of_his and_concubines_of_his
if/because wives eight- teen he_had_taken and_concubines
sixty and_he/it_fathered twenty and_eight sons and_sixty
daughters. 22 And_he_appointed to_chief Rəḥav'ām ÐOM
'Aviyyāh the_son_of Ma'akāh to_leader among_brothers_of_his
if/because to_make_him_king. 23 And_he_acted_wisely and_he_
_distributed from_all sons_of_his to/from_all/each/any/every
the_lands_of Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn to_all/each/any/every
the_cities_of (the)_fortifications and_he/it_gave to/for_them
(the)_provision[s] to_increase_in_number and_he_sought a_
_multitude_of wives.

12:1 And_he/it_was just_as_established the_kingdom_of
Rəḥav'ām and_according_to_of_his_strengthening he_
_abandoned ÐOM the_law_of **YHWH** and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
with_him/it. 2 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_fifth to/for_the_
_king Rəḥav'ām Shiyshaq the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he_
_came_up on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because they_had_
_acted_unfaithfully against_**YHWH**. 3 With_one_thousand and_
_two_hundreds chariot[s] and_with_sixty thousand horsemen
and_there_was_not number to_people which they_came with_
_him/it from_Mitsrayim Lūvī Sukkites and_Kūshiy/(Cushite)s.
4 And_he_captured ÐOM the_cities_of (the)_fortifications which
belonged_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_came to
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 5 And_Shəma'yāh the_prophet he_
_came to Rəḥav'ām and_the_leaders_of Yəhūdāh who they_
_had_gathered to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_face/in_
_front_of Shiyshaq and_he/it_said to/for_them thus **YHWH** he_
_says you(pl) you(pl)_have_abandoned ÐOM_me and_also I I_
_have_abandoned you(pl) in_the_hand_of Shiyshaq. 6 And_ the_
_leaders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_king _they_humbled_

82 RV 11:15 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 12:31.

83 LV 11:18 · Note OSHB variant note: וְן: (x-qere) 'תַּבִּ': lemma_1323 morph_HNcfsc id_14jsc תַּבִּ

84 RV 12:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 14:25-28

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_themselves and_they_said is_righteous **YHWH**. 7 And_when_ **YHWH** _saw if/because_that they_had_humbled_themselves the_message_of **YHWH** it_came[86] to Shəma῾yāh to_say they_ _have_humbled_themselves not I_will_destroy_them and_I_ _will_give to/for_them like_a_little (to)_deliverance and_not rage_of_my it_will_pour_forth on_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_ _the_hand_of Shiyshaq. 8 If/because they_will_become to_ _him/it (into)_subjects and_they_will_know service_of_my and_the_service_of the_kingdoms_of the_lands. 9 And_ Shiyshaq the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _he/it_ascended on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_took ĐOM the_treasures_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_ĐOM the_treasures_of the_house_of the_king ĐOM (the)_everything he_took and_he/it_took ĐOM the_shields_of the_gold which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_ _made. 10 And_ the_king Rəḥav῾ām _he/it_made in_place_of_ _them shields_of bronze and_he_entrusted_them on the_hand_ _of the_commanders_of the_runners who_guarded the_ _entrance_of the_house_of the_king. 11 And_he/it_was from_ _sufficiency the_king went the_house_of **YHWH** the_runners they_came and_they_carried_them and_they_returned_them to the_guardroom_of the_runners. 12 And_when_he_humbled_ _himself it_turned_back from_him/it the_anger of_**YHWH** and_ _not to_destroy to_complete_destruction and_also in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) things good it_was. 13 And_ the_king Rəḥav῾ām _he_strengthened_himself in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_reigned if/because was_a_ _son_of forty and_one year[s] Rəḥav῾ām when_he_became_king and_seven- teen year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city where **YHWH** he_had_ _chosen to_put ĐOM his/its_name there from_all the_tribes_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) and_name_of his/its_mother was_Na῾ₐmāh the_ _῾Ammōnī_woman. 14 And_he/it_made (the)_evil if/because not he_had_directed his/its_heart to_seek ĐOM **YHWH**. 15 And_ _the_matters_of Rəḥav῾ām (the)_former and_(the)_latter not are_they written in_the_words/messages_of Shəma῾yāh the_ _prophet and_῾Iddō the_seer for_genealogical_enrolment and_ _the_wars_of Rəḥav῾ām and_Yārov῾ām/(Jeroboam) were_all_of the_days. 16 And_ Rəḥav῾ām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_ _his and_he_was_buried in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ ᾽Aviy^{yāh} son_ _of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

13:1 In_year eight- teen to/for_the_king Yārov῾ām and_ ᾽Aviy^{yāh} _he_became_king over Yəhūdāh. 2 Three years he_ _reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_ _mother was_Mīkāyəhū the_daughter_of ᾽Ūrī᾽ēl from Gibeah and_war it_was between ᾽Aviy^{yāh} and_between Yārov῾ām. 3 And_ ᾽Aviy^{yāh} _he_bound ĐOM the_battle with_an_army mighty_men_of war four hundred(s) thousand man chosen and_Yārov῾ām he_drew_up_in_formation with_him/it battle with_eight hundred(s) thousand man chosen mighty_of strength. 4 And_ ᾽Aviy^{yāh} _he/it_rose_up from_under (to)_the_ _mountain_of Tsəmārayim/(Zemaraim) which is_in_the_hill_ _country_of ᾽Efrayim and_he/it_said listen_to_me Oh_Yārov῾ām and_all Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). 5 Not to/for_you(pl) to_know

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and said, "Yahweh always does what's right and fair."

7 When Yahweh saw that they'd humbled themselves, he gave this message to Shemayah, "They've humbled themselves, so I won't destroy them—my rage won't pour out on Yerushalem through Shishak's attack, and I'll give them a way to recover in the future. 8 Nevertheless, they'll become his servants, and they'll learn the difference between serving me versus serving other nations' kings.

9 When Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Shishak invaded Yerushalem, he took the treasures from Yahweh's temple and the king's palace. He took everything valuable, including the gold shields that Shelomoh (Solomon) had made.[85] 10 King Rehav'am replaced them with bronze shields, and distributed them to the leaders of the people who guarded the entrance to the king's palace. 11 After that, whenever the king went to Yahweh's temple, the guards went with him carrying those bronze shields. Then when the king left again, they'd return them to the guardroom. 12 Because Rehav'am humbled himself, Yahweh stopped being angry with him and didn't eliminate him, so things were reasonably good in Yehudah (Judah).

13 King Rehav'am consolidated his rule in Yerushalem. He reigned for a total of forty-one years—seventeen of which were from Yerushalem city, which Yahweh had chosen from all the tribes in Yisrael (Israel) as the place to establish his reputation. (Rehav'am's mother was the Amonit, Na'amah.) 14 Rehav'am did evil things because he didn't make it his priority to get direction from Yahweh.

15 The account of everything Rehav'am did while he was king, including genealogical records, was recorded in the scrolls written by the prophets Shemayah and Ido. Rehav'am and Yarov'am (Jeroboam) were at war with each other for his entire reign. 16 Then Rehav'am died, he was buried with his ancestors in 'The City of David', and his son Aviyah replaced him as king.

Aviyah defeats Yarov'am · Both kingdoms[87]

13:1 In the eighteenth year of King Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) reign, Aviyah started his reign over Yehudah (Judah). 2 He ruled from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for three years. (His mother was Uriel's daughter Mikayah from Giveah.)

However, war started between Aviyah and Yarov'am.

3 Aviyah launched the attack with four-hundred thousand strong warriors, and Yarov'am drew up in formation against him with eight-hundred thousand strong warriors in his army.

4 Aviyah stood on the top of Mt. Tsemarayim in the Efrayim (Ephraim) hill-country and shouted, "Yarov'am and all of Yisrael

85 **RV 12:9 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:16-17; 2Ch 9:15-16.

86 **LV 12:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

87 **RV 13:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 15:1-8

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(Israel), listen to me. **5** Don't you all understand that Yisrael's god Yahweh made a formal agreement that the kingdom of Yisrael was given forever to David and his descendants? **6** But Nevat's son Yarov'am, who was a servant of David's son Shelomoh (Solomon), took action and rebelled against his master, **7** and a bunch of wicked good-for-nothings gathered around Yarov'am and created a force against Shelomoh's son, Rehav'am (Rehoboam), when Rehav'am was still an inexperienced, young man and couldn't stand up to them. **8** So now you Israelis are saying that you'll stand against the kingdom that Yahweh established through David's descendants. There are certainly many of you, and you have the gold calves that Yarov'am made as gods for you. **9** Didn't you people drive out the Levites, as well as Yahweh's priests who were Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants? Then you appointed for yourselves 'priests' like they have in other countries, so that anyone who comes to consecrate himself by bringing a young bull from the herd and seven rams can become a 'priest' of your non-gods.

10 "But as for us, Yahweh is our god and we haven't abandoned him. Our priests who minister to Yahweh are Aharon's descendants, and the Levites assist them. **11** Every morning and every evening, they sacrifice burnt offerings to Yahweh, and spiced incense. There's sacred bread on the display table, and the lamps in the gold lampstand give light every evening because we're following our god Yahweh's instructions, but you people have abandoned him. **12** So listen! God is guiding us, and his priests will blast their trumpets to signal battle against you people. Listen, you Israelis: don't fight against Yahweh, your ancestors' god, because you won't succeed."

13 But meanwhile, Yarov'am had sent some men around to ambush them from behind, so they were both in front of the army from Yehudah (Judah) and in ambush behind them.

14 When the warriors from Yehudah turned, wow, they realised they were being attacked from in front and from behind. They called out to Yahweh for help while the priests blew their trumpets. **15** Then the men from Yehudah shouted a loud battle cry, and God defeated Yarov'am and all of Yisrael in front of Aviyah and Yehudah. **16** Yisrael's soldiers fled away from Yehudah's army, and God enabled Yehudah to defeat them. **17** Aviyah and his men thrashed them badly, and some five-hundred thousand of their chosen warriors were killed. **18** So the Israelis were subdued at that time, and the people from Yehudah were victorious because they trusted in Yahweh, their ancestors' god.

19 Aviyah chased after Yarov'am and they captured from Yisrael (Israel) the cities of Beyt-El (Bethel), Yeshanah, and Efron, and their surrounding villages. **20** Yarov'am never regained military strength during Aviyah's reign, and after a time Yahweh struck him with sickness and he died.

21 Meanwhile, Aviyah became more powerful. He took fourteen wives for himself, and had twenty-two sons and sixteen daugh-

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if/because_that **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_
_given kingship to_Dāvid over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) forever_
_perpetuity to_him/it and_to_descendants_of_his a_covenant_
of salt. **6** And Yārov'ām the_son_of Nev'aṭ the_servant_of
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_son_of Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_he_
_rebelled on master(s)_of_his. **7** And_they_gathered
on/upon/above_him/it men empty sons_of worthlessness and_
_they_proved_themselves_strong over Rəḥav'ām the_son_of
Shəlomoh and_Rəḥav'ām he_was a_young_man and_weak_of
heart and_not he_showed_himself_strong before_them. **8** And_
_now you(pl) are_saying to_show_yourselves_strong to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before the_kingdom_of **YHWH** in_the_
_hand_of the_descendants_of Dāvid and_you(pl) are_a_
_multitude great and_are_with_you(pl) calves_of gold which
he_made to/for_you(pl) Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) to_gods. **9** Not
have_you(pl)_driven_out ~~ḎOM~~ the_priests_of **YHWH** ~~ḎOM~~ the_
_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_the_Lēviyyiy and_you(pl)_have_
_appointed to/for_you(pl) priests like_the_peoples_of the_lands
every_of (the)_one_who_comes to_fill his/its_hand with_a_
_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd and_rams seven and_it_
_was a_priest to_not gods. **10** And_we **YHWH** god_of_is_our
and_not we_have_abandoned_him and_are_priests who_serve
to/for_**YHWH** the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_the_Lēviyyiy
are_in_work. **11** And_they_are_making_smoke to/for_**YHWH**
burnt_offerings in_morning in_morning and_in_evening in_
_evening and_incense_of perfume(s) and_the_row_of bread
was_on the_table (the)_clean and_the_lampstand_of the_gold
and_lamps_of_its to_burn in_evening in_evening if/because we
are_keeping ~~ḎOM~~ the_duty_of **YHWH** god_of_our and_you(pl)
you(pl)_have_abandoned ~~ḎOM~~_him/it. **12** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
is_with_us at_head the_'Elohīm and_priests_of_his and_the_
_trumpets_of the_alarm to_sound_the_battle_signal on_you(pl)
Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) do_not do_battle with **YHWH**
the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) if/because not
you(pl)_will_succeed. **13** And_Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) he_had_
_caused_to_go_round ~~ḎOM~~ the_ambush to_come from_behind_
_them and_they_were to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_ambush was_from_behind_them.
14 And_ Yəhūdāh _they_turned and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE to/for_
_them the_battle before and_behind and_they_cried_out
to/for_**YHWH** and_the_priests were_blowing_a_trumpet[88] on_
trumpets. **15** And the_man_of Yəhūdāh _they_sounded_the_
_battle_signal and_he/it_was when_ the_man_of Yəhūdāh _
_sounded_the_battle_signal and_(the)_god he_defeated ~~ḎOM~~
Yārov'ām and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before 'Av·iy^{yāh} and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah). **16** And_ the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_fled from_face/in_front_of
Yəhūdāh and_he_gave_them god in_hand_of_their. **17** And_
_they_defeated in/among_them 'Av·iy^{yāh} and_people_of_his a_
defeat great and slain of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) five hundred(s)
thousand man chosen _they_fell. **18** And_ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_were_humbled at_time (the)_that and_
the_people_of Yəhūdāh _they_were_strong if/because they_
_depended on **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their.
19 And_ 'Av·iy^{yāh} _he_pursued after Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) and_

88 LV 13:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **מירצצחמ**: (x-qere) 'מֵירְצָחַמ': lemma_2690 n_0.0 morph_HVhrmpa id_14yLe מֵירְצָחַמ

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_he_captured from_him/it cities ÐOM Bēyt- ʾēl and_ÐOM daughters_of_its and_ÐOM Yəshānāh/(Jeshanah) and_ÐOM daughters_of_its and_ÐOM ʿEfrōn[89] and_daughters_of_its.
20 And_not the_strength_of Yārovʿām he_retained again in_ _the_days_of ʾAvʿiyʸāh and_he_struck_him **YHWH** and_he/it_ _died. **21** And_ ʾAvʿiyʸāh _he_strengthened_himself and_he_took to_him/it wives four- teen and_he/it_fathered twenty and_two sons and_six- teen daughters. **22** And_the_rest_of the_matters_ _of ʾAvʿiyʸāh and_ways_of_his and_words/messages_of_his are_ _written in_the_record_of the_prophet ʿIddō.

23 [90] And_ ʾAvʿiyʸāh _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ _people_buried ÐOM_him/it in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ ʾĀṣā' son_ _of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him in_days_of_his the_ _earth/land it_was_at_peace ten years.
14:1 [91] And_ ʾĀṣā' _he/it_made the_good and_the_right in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** his/its_god. **2** [92] And_he_removed ÐOM the_altars_of (the)_foreignness and_the_high_places and_he_ _broke_down ÐOM the_sacred_pillars and_he_cut_down ÐOM the_ʾAshērāh_poles. **3** [93] And_he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_seek ÐOM **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their and_ _to_observe the_law and_the_command. **4** [94] And_he_removed from_all the_cities_of Yəhūdāh ÐOM the_high_places and_ÐOM the_incense_altars and_ the_kingdom _it_was_at_peace before_ _him. **5** [95] And_he/it_built cities_of fortification in_Yəhūdāh if/because the_earth/land it_was_at_peace and_there_was_not with_him/it war in_years the_these if/because **YHWH** he_had_ _given_rest to_him/it. **6** [96] And_he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh let_us_ _build ÐOM the_cities the_these and_let_us_surround_them wall and_towers gates and_bars still_it the_earth/land is_before_of_ _us if/because we_have_sought ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_our we_ _sought_him and_he_has_given_rest to/for_us from_round_ _about and_they_built and_they_prospered. **7** [97] And_he/it_was to_ʾĀṣā' an_army which_was_carrying body_shield and_spear of_Yəhūdāh three hundred(s) thousand and_of_Binyāmīn those_who_carried_of (of)_a_shield and_those_who_bent_of (of)_a_bow two_hundred and_eighty thousand all_of these were_mighty_men_of strength.

8 [98] And_he/it_went_out against_them Zeraḥ the_ _Kūshiy/(Cushite) with_an_army a_thousand thousand(s) and_ _chariots three hundred(s) and_he_came to Marʾēshāh. **9** [99] And_ ʾĀṣā' _he/it_went_out before_him and_they_drew_up_in_ _formation battle in_valley_of Zephathah to_Marʾēshāh. **10** [100]

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ters. **22** The rest of what Aviyah did, including his sayings and his behaviour, was written down by the prophet Ido.

King Asa's rule over Yehudah · Southern kingdom

14:1 Then Aviyah died, and they buried him with his ancestors in 'The city of David', and his son Asa reigned in his place. During his rule, the country was peaceful for ten years. **2** Asa did what was good and right in his god Yahweh's eyes— **3** he removed the pagan altars and the hilltop shrines, smashed the sacred stone pillars, and cut the Asherah poles down. **4** He ordered the people in Yehudah (Judah) to worship Yahweh, their ancestors' god, and to obey his instructions and regulations. **5** He removed all the hilltop shrines from Yehudah's cities, and also the incense altars, and the kingdom was peaceful under his rule. **6** He fortified Yehudah's cities, as the place was quiet without war during those years, because Yahweh had given him peace, **7** and he'd told Yehudah, "Let's build these cities with walls around them, and towers, doors, and bars, while the land's quiet around us, because we've asked our god Yahweh for guidance. We've made our request, and he's given us rest on all our borders." So they built and they prospered. **8** King Asa had an army of three-hundred thousand men from Yehudah who carried large shields and spears, as well as 280,000 men from Benyamin who also carried shields, along with bows and arrows. They were all powerful warriors.

The Kushi invasion repelled · Southern kingdom

9 But then Zerah the Kushi came out against them with an army of a million soldiers and three hundred chariots, and he advanced to Mareshah. **10** Asa went out to oppose them, and

89 LV 13:19 · Note OSHB variant note: וּרפע: (x-qere) וַיִּרְפְּעֵ֣הוּ: lemma_6085 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_14Lmq וַיִּרְפְּעֵ֣הוּ
90 LV 13:23 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.1
91 LV 14:1 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.2
92 LV 14:2 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.3
93 LV 14:3 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.4
94 LV 14:4 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.5
95 LV 14:5 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.6
96 LV 14:6 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.7
97 LV 14:7 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.8
98 LV 14:8 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.9
99 LV 14:9 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.10
100 LV 14:10 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.11

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they deployed for battle in the Tsefat valley near Mareshah.
11 Then King Asa called out to his god Yahweh, "Yahweh, it makes no difference to you if there's one against you, or one million. Help us, Yahweh our god, because we rely on you, and we've come against this massive force, trusting in your reputation. Yahweh, you're our god—don't let mere humans prevail against you."
12 So Yahweh helped Asa and the army from Yehudah (Judah) to defeat the Kushim, and they fled. **13** Asa and his army chased them southwest as far as Gerar. So many Kushim were killed that the rest couldn't save themselves, because they'd been destroyed in front of Yahweh and his army, and the men of Yehudah carried away a large amount of plunder. **14** They struck all the cities around Gerar, because the Kushim there were terrified of Yahweh. The men from Yehudah plundered all those cities, because they contained a lot of valuable goods. **15** They also attacked the Kushi cattle herdsmen, as well as capturing lots of sheep and camels before returning to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Azaryah's prophecy gives courage to Asa · Southern kingdom

15:1 Then God's spirit came down onto Oded's son Azaryah, **2** and he went out to King Asa and told him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all of Yehudah (Judah) and Benyamin: Yahweh is with you southerners when you're with him. And if you look for him, you'll find him, but if you abandon him, he'll also abandon you. **3** Yisrael (Israel) has been without the true God for a long time, as there hasn't been a priest teaching, so God's instructions have been forgotten. **4** However, they turned to Yisrael's god Yahweh when they were in distress, and requested his help, and he helped them.
5 "In those times, it wasn't safe to travel away, because there was wide unrest among the inhabitants of the surrounding regions. **6** Nation crushed nation, and city crushed city, because God sent them one trouble after another. **7** But you southerners, be strong and don't give up striving, because your hard work will be rewarded."
8 When King Asa heard those words and the prophecy from the prophet Oded's son, he took courage and removed all the detestable idols from across Yehudah and Benyamin, and from the cities he'd captured from the Efrayim (Ephraim) hill country. Also, he repaired the altar to Yahweh that stood in front of Yahweh's temple.
9 He assembled all the people from Yehudah and Benyamin, as well as the many people who'd joined them from the tribes of Efrayim, Menasheh (Manasseh), and Shim'on (Simeon). (Many people had emigrated from Yisrael into Yehudah when they realised that his god Yahweh was helping him.) **10** They gathered together in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in June of the fifteenth year

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And_ 'Āṣā' _he/it_called to **YHWH** his/its_god and_he_said Oh_ _**YHWH** there_is_not with_you to_help between great and_not strength help_us Oh_**YHWH** god_of_our if/because on_you we_ _depend and_in_name_of_your we_have_come on the_ _multitude the_this Oh_**YHWH** god_of_are_our you not let_ _him_retain with_you a_man. **11** [101] And_ **YHWH** _he_defeated ~~DOM~~ the_Kūshiys to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Āṣā' and_ _before_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ the_Kūshiys _they_fled. **12** [102] And_he_pursued_them 'Āṣā' and_the_people which with_ _him/it to_Gərār and_it_fell of_the_Kūshiys to_there_was_ _not to/for_them preservation_of_life if/because they_had_ _been_broken to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _before_of army_of_his and_they_carried_off booty much very. **13** [103] And_they_attacked ~~DOM~~ all_of the_cities around Gərār if/because it_was the_dread_of **YHWH** on_them and_they_ _plundered ~~DOM~~ all_of the_cities if/because plunder much it_ _was in_them. **14** [104] And_also the_tents_of livestock they_ _attacked and_they_took_captive sheep to_increase_in_number and_camels and_they_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

15:1 And_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_son_of ʹŌdēd it_was on/upon/above_ _him/it the_spirit_of god. **2** And_he/it_went_out to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before 'Āṣā' and_he/it_said to_him/it listen_to_ _me Oh_'Āṣā' and_all Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn **YHWH** is_with_ _you(pl) when_are_you(pl) with_him/it and_if you(pl)_will_ _seek_him he_will_let_himself_be_found to/for_you(pl) and_if you(pl)_will_abandon_him he_will_abandon you(pl). **3** And_ _days many belonged_to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_not the_god_of truth and_to_not a_priest who_teaches and_to_not the_law. **4** And_it_turned_back in_distress to_him/it to **YHWH** the_god_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_sought_him and_he_let_himself_ _be_found to/for_them. **5** And_in_times the_those there_was_ _not peace for_who]_went_out and_for_who]_came_in if/because disturbances great were_on all_of the_inhabitants_ _of the_lands. **6** And_they_were_crushed nation by_nation and_ _city by_city if/because god he_disturbed_them in_all trouble. **7** And_you(pl) be_strong and_not hands_of_your(pl) let_them_ _drop if/because there_is reward for_work_of_your(pl). **8** And_ _just_ 'Āṣā' _as_heard the_words/messages the_these and_the_ _prophecy ʹŌdēd the_prophet he_strengthened_himself and_ _he_took_away the_detestable_things from_all the_land_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Binyāmīn and_from the_cities which he_ _had_captured from_hill of_'Efrayim and_he_renewed ~~DOM~~ the_ _altar_of **YHWH** which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_porch_of **YHWH**. **9** And_he_gathered ~~DOM~~ all_of Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn and_those_who_sojourned with_them from_ _'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh and_from_Shimʹōn if/because they_had_fallen on/upon/above_him/it from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_increase_in_number when_saw_they if/because_that **YHWH** his/its_god with_him/it. **10** And_they_gathered_together Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_month the_third of_year_of fifteen of_(the)_reign of_'Āṣā'. **11** And_they_sacrificed to/for_ _**YHWH** in_the_day (the)_that from the_booty which_they_had_

101 **LV 14:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.12
102 **LV 14:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.13
103 **LV 14:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.14
104 **LV 14:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.15

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_brought ox[en] seven hundred(s) and_sheep seven_of thousand(s). **12** And_they_came in_covenant to_seek ĐOM **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their in_all heart_of_ _their and_on/over_all being_of_their. **13** And_ _all/each/any/every one_who not he_will_seek to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_be_put_to_death (to)_from small and_unto great (to)_from_man and_unto woman. **14** And_ _they_swore_an_oath to/for_**YHWH** with_a_voice great and_ _with_a_shout and_with_trumpets and_with_ram's_horns. **15** And_ all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _they_rejoiced on the_oath if/because with_all_of heart_of_their they_had_sworn and_ _on/over_all will_of_their they_had_sought_him and_he_had_ _let_himself_be_found to/for_them and_ **YHWH** _he_gave_rest to/for_them from_round_about. **16** And_also Ma'ₐkāh the_ _mother_of 'Āṣā' the_king he_removed_her from_ _queen-mother that she_had_made to_an_'Ashērāh_pole an_ _abominable_image and_ 'Āṣā' _he_cut_down ĐOM image_of_ _her_abominable and_he_pulverised_it and_he_burnt_it in_the_ _wadi_of Qidrōn. **17** And_the_high_places not they_were_ _removed from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only the_heart_of 'Āṣā' it_was complete all_of his/its_days. **18** And_he/it_brought ĐOM the_ _holy_things_of his/its_father and_his_own_of_holy_things the_house_of the_'Elohīm silver and_gold and_utensils. **19** And_ _war not it_was until year_of thirty and_five of_(the)_reign of_ _'Āṣā'.

16:1 In_year thirty and_six of_(the)_reign of_'Āṣā' Ba'shā' the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_came_up on Yəhūdāh and_he/it_ _built ĐOM (the)_Rāmāh to_not to_permit one_who_goes_out and_one_who_comes to_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** And_ 'Āṣā' _he_brought_out silver and_gold from_the_ _treasuries_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_the_house_of the_king and_he_sent_it to Ben Hₐdad the_king_of 'Arām who_was_ _dwelling in_Dammeseq to_say. **3** A_covenant be_between_me and_between_you and_between father_of_my and_between father_of_your HERE I_send to/for_yourself(m) silver and_gold go break covenant_of_your with Ba'shā' the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_he_may_go_up from_on_me. **4** And_ _he/it_listened Ben[106] Hₐdad to the_king 'Āṣā' and_he_sent ĐOM the_commanders_of the_armies which to_him/it against the_ _cities_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_attacked ĐOM 'Iyyōn and_ _ĐOM Dān and_ĐOM 'Avēl Mayim and_ĐOM all_of the_stores_of the_cities_of Naftālī. **5** And_he/it_was just_ Ba'shā' _as_heard and_he_ceased from_building ĐOM (the)_Rāmāh and_he_ _caused_to_cease ĐOM their_property/content. **6** And_'Āṣā' the_ _king he_took ĐOM all_of Yəhūdāh and_they_carried_off ĐOM the_stones_of (the)_Rāmāh and_ĐOM wood(s)_of_its which Ba'shā' he_had_built and_he/it_built (is)_in_them ĐOM Gev'a' and_ĐOM (the)_Mitspāh.

7 And_at_time (the)_that Ḥₐnānī the_seer he_came to 'Āṣā' the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_said to_him/it because_ _depended_you on the_king_of 'Arām and_not you_depended on **YHWH** god_of_your therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_

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of King Asa's reign **11** and sacrificed seven hundred bulls to Yahweh and seven thousand sheep—all of which had come from the recent plunder. **12** They solemnly agreed to sincerely and diligently devote themselves to Yahweh, their ancestors' god. **13** They decided that anyone who didn't worship Yisrael's god Yahweh must be killed, man or woman, regardless of whether or not they had an important position. **14** Together they loudly promised that to Yahweh, then shouted and blew trumpets and horns, **15** and all of Yehudah celebrated that promise because they were totally sincere and committed. They asked Yahweh to give them guidance, which he did, and he enabled them to have peace throughout their country.

16 King Asa also removed his mother Ma'akah from her position as queen because she made a disgusting Asherah pole. Asa cut down the pole and crushed it, and burnt it at the Kidron brook, **17** although they didn't remove the hilltop shrines from Yisrael. Nevertheless, Asa maintained his singular devotion to Yahweh for his whole life, **18** and he brought his father's sacred things, and his own, into God's temple—gold and silver items. **19** There was no more war in Yehudah until the thirty-fifth year of Asa's reign.

Yisrael comes to invade Yehudah · Both kingdoms[105]

16:1 In the thirty-sixth year of King Asa's reign, Yisrael's (Israel's) king Baesha invaded Yehudah (Judah) and built Ramah to prevent anyone from leaving or entering the land controlled by Yehudah's King Asa. **2** Asa took gold and silver from the temple treasuries and the king's palace, and he sent it to King Ben-Hadad of Aram (Syria) (modern Aram), who lived in Damesek (Damascus), requesting, **3** "I want a peace treaty between you and me, and between your family and mine. Listen, I've sent gold and silver to you. Go and break your agreement with Yisrael's King Baesha, so he'll give up on his attack against me."

4 Ben-Hadad accepted King Asa's suggestion and sent his army captains to fight against Yisrael's cities. They struck Iyon, Dan, and Avel-Mayim, and all the storehouses in the Naftali (Naphtali) cities. **5** When King Baesha heard about that, he stopped fortifying Ramah and abandoned the project, **6** so King Asa took men there from Yehudah. They carried away all the building stones from Ramah, along with the timber which Baesha had been using, and used it all to build Geva and Mitspah (north of Yerushalem (Jerusalem)).

Hanani's prophecy about coming wars · Southern kingdom

7 At that time, the prophet Hanani went to Yehudah's (Judah's) King Asa and told him, "Because you relied on the king of

105 RV 16:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 15:17-22

106 LV 16:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Aram (Syria) rather than on your god Yahweh, the Aramean king's army has escaped from being defeated by you. **8** Didn't the Kushim and the Luvim (Libyans) have a vast number of chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on Yahweh, he helped you defeat them, **9** because Yahweh sees everything that's happening all over the world, and he strengthens the people who trust him completely. You've been foolish in what you've just done, so from now on, you'll be facing wars." **10** But King Asa was angry at the prophet, very angry, and had him put in prison, and after that Asa oppressed some of his people.

The end of Asa's reign · Southern kingdom[107]

11 All of Asa's projects from the beginning of his reign to the end are written in the scroll about the kings of Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel). **12** King Asa got a disease that started in his feet in the thirty-ninth year of his reign. Even as it got worse, he didn't try to get Yahweh to help him, only doctors. **13** Then Asa died in the forty-first year of his reign, **14** and he was buried in the tomb that he'd had carved out in 'The City of David'. They laid his corpse on a bed of prepared spices and perfumes that had been mixed ready. Then they lit a large bonfire in his honour.

Yehoshafat becomes king · Southern kingdom

17:1 Then Asa's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) replaced him as king, and he strengthened their defenses against Yisrael (Israel). **2** He placed troops in all of Yehudah's (Judah's) fortified cities, and posted garrisons across Yehudah and in the cities in Efrayim (Ephraim) that his father Asa had captured. **3** Yahweh helped Yehoshafat because he followed his ancestor David's example at the beginning, and didn't ask the Baals for guidance, **4** because he asked his father's god, and he followed God's instructions rather than doing the evil things that were done in Yisrael. **5** So Yahweh enabled him to maintain control of his kingdom, and all of Yehudah brought tribute to Yehoshafat, causing him to become very wealthy and highly respected. **6** He was completely devoted to doing what pleased Yahweh, even removing the hilltop shrines and the Asherah poles from Yehudah.

7 In the third year of his reign he sent his officials, Ben-Hayil, Ovadyah (Obadiah), Zekaryah (Zechariah), Netanel, and Mikayah, to teach in Yehudah's cities. **8** They were accompanied by the Levites Shemayah, Netanyah, Zevadyah, Asahel, Shemiramot, Yonatan (Jonathan), Adoniyah, Toviyah, and Tov-Adoniyah, along with two priests, Elishama and Yehoram (Jehoram). **9** They took a scroll with Yahweh's instructions written on it, and went around Yehudah's cities teaching the people.

Literal Version

_army_of the_king_of 'Arām it_has_escaped from_your(ms)_ _hand. **8** Not the_Kūshiy/(Cushite)s and_the_Lūvī were_they (to)_an_army to_increase_in_number (to)_chariotry and_(to)_ _horsemen to_abundance exceedingly and_because_depended_ _you on **YHWH** he_gave_them in_hand_of_your. **9** If/because **YHWH** eyes_of_his are_roving_about in_all the_earth/land to_ _show_himself_strong with who_their_heart_of_those is_ _complete to_him/it you_have_acted_foolishly on this if/because from_now there_will_be with_you wars. **10** And_ 'Āṣā' _he_was_angry against the_seer and_he_put_him the_ _house_of the_stock[s] if/because in_a_rage with_him/it on this and_ 'Āṣā' _he_crushed some_of the_people at_time (the)_that.

11 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_matters_of 'Āṣā' (the)_former and_(the)_latter THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_of the_ _kings of_Yəhūdāh and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **12** And_ 'Āṣā' _he_ _became_sick in_year thirty and_nine of_reign_of_his in_feet_ _of_his was_to (to)_upwards sickness_of_his and_also in_ _sickness_of_his not he_sought ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** if/because (in)_ _physicians. **13** And_ 'Āṣā' _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he/it_died in_year forty and_one of_reigning_his. **14** And_ _people_buried_him in_his_own_of_grave(s) which he_had_dug to_him/it in_the_city_of Dāvid and_they_made_him_lie in_ _place which he_had_filled spices and_kinds mixed as_ _ointment_mixture_of work and_they_burnt to_him/it a_ _burning great up_to (to)_muchness.

17:1 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) his/its_son _he_became_ _king in_place_of_him and_he_strengthened_himself on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_he_put an_army in_all the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) (the)_fortified and_he/it_gave garrisons in_ _land of_Yəhūdāh and_in_the_cities_of 'Efrayim which 'Āṣā' his/its_father he_had_captured. **3** And_he/it_was **YHWH** with Yəhōshāfāṭ if/because he_walked in_the_ways_of Dāvid his/its_ _father (the)_former and_not he_sought (to)_Ba'al. **4** If/because (to)_the_god_of his/its_father he_sought and_in_commands_of_ _his he_walked and_not according_to_the_deed[s]_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_ **YHWH** _he_established ~~DOM~~ the_ _kingdom in_his/its_hand and_ all_of Yəhūdāh _they_gave tribute to_Yəhōshāfāṭ and_he/it_was to_him/it wealth and_ _honour to_increase_in_number. **6** And_ his/its_heart _it_was_ _high in_the_ways_of **YHWH** and_again he_removed ~~DOM~~ the_ _high_places and_~~DOM~~ the_'Ashērāh_poles from_Yəhūdāh. **7** And_in_year_of three of_reigning_his he_sent (to)_officials_ _of_his (to)_Ben- ḥayil and_(to)_'Ovaḏyāh and_(to)_Zəkaryāh and_(to)_Nətan'ēl and_(to)_Mīkāyəhū to_teach in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh. **8** And_were_with_them the_Lēviyyiy Shəma'yāh and_ _Nətanyāh and_Zəvaḏyāh and_'Asāh'ēl and[108] and_ _Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan) and_'Adoniyyāh and_Ṭōviyyāh and_good 'adoniyyāhū the_Lēviyyiy and_were_with_them 'Elīshā'ma and_ _Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_priests. **9** And_they_taught in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_was_with_them the_book_of the_law_of **YHWH** and_they_went_round in_all the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_ _they_taught among_people.

107 **RV 16:11 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 15:23-24

108 **LV 17:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תומירמש: (x-qere) ו/תֹּוָמְרִימְּשׁ': lemma_c/8070 n_1.0.0.0 morph_HC/Np id_14C4J ו/תֹּוָמְרִימְּשׁ

Literal Version

10 And_he/it_was the_dread_of **YHWH** on all_of the_kingdoms_ _of the_lands which were_around Yəhūdāh and_not they_ _waged_war with Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat). **11** And_from the_ _Pəlishtiy were_bringing to_Yəhōshāfāṭ tribute and_silver a_ _load also the_ʹArāvī were_bringing to_him/it flock[s] rams seven_of thousand(s) and_seven hundred(s) and_male_goats seven_of thousand(s) and_seven hundred(s). **12** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_was going and_becoming_great to (to)_ _upwards and_he/it_built in_Yəhūdāh fortresses and_cities_of stores. **13** And_property much it_belonged to_him/it in_the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh and_men_of war mighty_men_of strength in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **14** And_these group[s]_of_were_ _their to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their of_Yəhūdāh commanders_of thousands ʹAdnāh was_the_commander and_ _were_with_him mighty_men_of strength three hundred(s) thousand. **15** And_on his/its_hand Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) was_the_commander and_were_with_him two_hundred and_ _eighty thousand. **16** And_on his/its_hand ʹAmaṣʸᵃʰ the_son_of Zikrī who_volunteered to/for_**YHWH** and_were_with_him two_ _hundred thousand mighty_man_of strength. **17** And_from Binyāmīn a_mighty_man_of strength ʾElyādāʹ and_were_with_ _him men_equipped_of bow and_shield two_hundred thousand. **18** And_on his/its_hand Yəhōzāvād/(Jehozabad) and_were_ _with_him one_hundred and_eighty thousand men_equipped_ _of war. **19** These were_the_ones_who_served ᴅᴏᴍ the_king (from)_besides_of those_whom the_king he_put in_the_cities_ _of (the)_fortification in_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah).

18:1 And_he/it_was to_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) wealth and_ _honour to_increase_in_number and_he_became_son-in-law to_ʾAḥʾāv. **2** And_he/it_descended to_the_end_of years to ʾAḥʾāv to_Shomrōn and_he_slaughtered to_him/it ʾAḥʾāv sheep and_cattle to_increase_in_number and_for_people which with_ _him/it and_he_incited_him to_go_up against Rāmot Gilʹād. **3** And_ ʾAḥʾāv the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ the_king_of Yəhūdāh will_you_go with_me Rāmot Gilʹād and_he/it_said to_him/it as_me as_you and_will_be_of_ _as_your_people people_of_my and_with_you in_battle. **4** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said to the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) seek please as_day ᴅᴏᴍ the_message_of **YHWH**. **5** And_ the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ the_prophets four hundred(s) man and_he/it_said to_them will_we_go against Rāmot Gilʹād for_battle or will_I_refrain and_they_said go_up and_ the_ʾElohīm _he_will_give_it in_the_hand_of the_king. **6** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said is_there_not here a_prophet to/for_**YHWH** still so_that_we_may_enquire from_ᴅᴏᴍ_him. **7** And_ the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ still a_man one to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** from_ᴅᴏᴍ_him and_I I_ _hate_him if/because not_he is_prophesying on_me (to)_good if/because all_of his/its_days (to)_evil he is_Mīkāyəhū the_son_ _of Yimlāʾ/(Imlah) and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) _he/it_said not the_king let_him_speak thus. **8** And_ the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_called (to) a_court-official one and_ _he/it_said bring_quickly Mīkāyəhū[111] the_son_of Yimlāʾ. **9** And_the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_Yəhōshāfāṭ the_king_of

Readers' Version

Yehoshafat's rise · Southern kingdom

10 All the surrounding kingdoms were afraid of Yahweh, so they didn't attack Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat). **11** Some of the Pelishtim brought tribute to Yehoshafat, including lots of silver. Also, the Aravim brought him flocks totalling 7,700 rams and 7,700 goats. **12** So Yehoshafat continued to become more powerful, and he built palaces in Yehudah (Judah), as well as storehouses in the cities. **13** He accumulated many supplies in Yehudah's cities.

He also had many powerful warriors in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **14** These are the leaders and numbers from each tribe:

From the tribe of Yehudah, Adnah was the commander, and he had three-hundred thousand warriors,

15 His assistant Yehohanan commanded 280,000,

16 Next was Zikri's son Amasyah, who volunteered for Yahweh and commanded two-hundred thousand warriors.

17 From the tribe of Benyamin, Elyada led two-hundred thousand men equipped with bows and shields,

18 next to him was Yehozavad with 180,000 equipped for war. **19** Those were the ones who served the king, along with the ones the king had placed in Yehudah's (Judah's) fortified cities.

prophet Mikiyas and King Ahav · Both kingdoms[109]

18:1 King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) became very wealthy, and was highly honoured, but then he allied himself by marriage to Yisrael's (Israel's) King Ahav. **2** Some years later, he went up to Ahav in Shomron (Samaria), and Ahav sacrificed lots of sheep and cattle for him and for the people who were with him, and he incited him to attack Ramot-Gilead— **3** Yisrael's King Ahav suggested to Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoshafat, "Will you join me to attack Ramot-Gilead?"

"Wherever you'll be, I'll be there," he responded. "Your people are like my own people, and we're with you in battle." **4** Then he added, "But we should get Yahweh's advice first."

5 So Yisrael's king gathered four hundred of his prophets and asked them, "Should we attack Ramot-Gilead or not?"

"Go ahead," they answered, "and God will give victory to the king."

6 But Yehoshafat asked, "Is there no prophet of Yahweh here that we can ask?"

7 Yisrael's king told Yehoshafat, "There's still one man who would ask Yahweh, but personally I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me—it's always something evil. He's Yimla's son, Mikayah."

"You shouldn't talk like that," said Yehoshafat.

8 So Yisrael's king ordered an official, "Get Yimla's son

109 RV 18:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 22:1-28

111 LV 18:8 · Note OSHB variant note: והכינמ: (x-qere) ʾיהָיְכִימ: lemma_4321 morph_HNp id_14RDi יהָיְכִימ

Readers' Version

Mikayah here as quick as possible."

9 Now the kings of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah) were both clothed in their royal robes and sitting there on their thrones near Shomron's (Samaria's) entrance gate. They were up on a threshing floor, and all the prophets were prophesying in front of them. **10** Kena'anah's son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) made himself some iron horns and said, "Yahweh says you'll use these to gore Aram (Syria) and destroy them." **11** All the rest of Ahav's prophets agreed, saying, "Yes, go and attack Ramot-Gilead and you'll succeed—Yahweh will give the king victory."

12 The messenger who went to fetch Mikayah warned him, "Listen, the king is pleased with what the other prophets agreed on. Just say the same as them and give a favourable message."

13 But Mikayah responded, "As sure as Yahweh lives, I'll only say what my god tells me to say."

14 When he got to the king, King Ahav asked him, "Mikah, should we attack Ramot-Gilead for battle, or should I hold back?"

"Go ahead and succeed," he answered. "You'll be given victory over them."

15 But the king said to him, "How many times must I keep making you promise that you'll only say what Yahweh says—not just what I want to hear?" **16** So Mikayah responded, "I saw all of Yisrael (Israel) scattered on the hills like sheep without shepherds,[110] and Yahweh said, 'They don't have any master, so they'll all just go home in peace.' "

17 Ahav remarked to Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat), "Didn't I tell you that he wouldn't prophesy anything good about me—only disaster?"

18 But Mikayah continued, "Well, listen to what Yahweh says. I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the heavenly soldiers standing on each side of him, **19** and Yahweh said, 'Who'll entice Yisrael's King Ahav so he'll attack and then die at Ramot-Gilead?' Some suggested one thing, and others suggested something else. **20** Then a spirit went out and stood in front of Yahweh and said, 'I myself will entice him.' 'How would you do it?' Yahweh asked him. **21** The spirit replied, 'I'll go and inspire all of Ahav's prophets to tell lies.' Yahweh said, 'That'll work. Go and do it.'

22 "So now, listen. Yahweh placed a deceiving spirit in the mouths of those prophets of yours, and Yahweh has decreed that you'll face disaster."

23 Then Kena'anah's son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) went up to Mikayah and slapped him hard on the cheek, saying, "Yeah? Since when did Yahweh's spirit leave me and start speaking to you?"

24 "Well, you'll find out soon," answered Mikayah, "on the day when you go room by room in some house to try to hide."

25 "Arrest Mikayah," ordered King Ahav, "and return him to

Literal Version

Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_sitting each on throne_of_his they_ _were_clothed garments and_they_were_sitting at_the_ _threshing_floor the_entrance_of the_gate_of Shomrōn and_all the_prophets were_prophesying before_them. **10** And_he/it_ _made to_him/it Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Kəna'$_{a}$nāh/(Chenaanah) horns_of iron[112] and_he/it_said thus **YHWH** he_says with_these you_will_gore ~~DOM~~ 'Arām until destroy_them. **11** And_all the_prophets were_prophesying thus to_say go_up Rāmot Gil'ād and_succeed and_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _gave in_the_hand_of the_king. **12** And_the_messenger who he_ _had_gone to_call (to)_Mīkāyəhū he_spoke to_him/it to_say HERE the_words/messages_of the_prophets are_a_mouth one good concerning the_king and_let_it_be please message_of_ _your like_one from_them and_you_will_speak good. **13** And_ Mīkāyəhū _he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because ~~DOM~~ that_which god_of_my he_will_say ~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_speak. **14** And_he_came to the_king and_ the_king _he/it_said to_ _him/it Oh_Mīkāh will_we_go against Rāmot Gil'ād for_battle or will_I_refrain and_he/it_said go_up and_succeed and_they_ _will_be_given in_hand_of_your(pl). **15** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it the_king until how_many times will_I make_of_you_ _swear which/who not you_will_speak to_me only truth in/on_ _name_of **YHWH**. **16** And_he/it_said I_saw ~~DOM~~ all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) scattered on the_mountains like_flock which there_is_not for_them a_shepherd and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said not masters belong_to_these let_them_return each to_his_own_of_ _house in_peace. **17** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he/it_ _said to Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) not did_I_say to_you not he_ _prophesies on_me good if/because (if) (to)_evil. **18** And_he/it_ _said for_so/thus/hence hear the_message_of **YHWH** I_saw ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** sitting on throne_of_his and_all the_ _soldier/messenger_of the_heavens standing on hand_of_his_ _right and_his_left_of_hand. **19** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said who will_he_deceive ~~DOM~~ 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) so_ _that_he_will_go_up and_so_that_he_will_fall at_Rāmot- gil'ād and_he/it_said this_one was_saying thus and_this was_saying thus. **20** And_ the_spirit _he/it_went_out and_it_stood to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he/it_said I I_will_ _deceive_him and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it how. **21** And_ _he/it_said I_will_go_out and_I_will_be to/for_ _wind/breath/spirit falsehood in_the_mouth_of all_of prophets_of_his and_he/it_said you_will_deceive and_also you_ _will_prevail go_out and_do thus. **22** And_now HERE **YHWH** he_ _has_put a_spirit_of falsehood in_the_mouth_of your(pl)_ _prophets_of_your these and_**YHWH** he_has_spoken on_you calamity. **23** And_ Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Kəna'$_{a}$nāh/(Chenaanah) _he_drew_near and_he_struck ~~DOM~~ Mīkāyəhū on the_cheek and_he/it_said where this is_the_way the_spirit_of **YHWH** which_it_passed_on from_with_me to_ _speak with_you. **24** And_ Mīkāyəhū _he/it_said THERE_you are_about_to_see in_the_day (the)_that when you_will_go a_ _room in_a_room to_hide_yourself. **25** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he/it_said take ~~DOM~~ Mīkāyəhū and_return_him to 'Āmōn the_official_of the_city and_near/to Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_son_of the_king. **26** And_you(pl)_will_say thus the_king he_

110 RV 18:16 · Cross-ref. Num 27:17; Eze 34:5; Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

112 LV 18:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_says put this_one the_house_of (the)_imprisonment and_feed_
_him bread oppression and_water oppression until return_I in_
peace. **27** And Mīkāyəhū _he/it_said if ever_(return) you_will_
_return in_peace not **YHWH** he_has_spoken by_me and_he/it_
_said listen Oh_peoples of_them_of_all.

28 And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_
_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _
_he/it_ascended against Rāmot Gil'ād. **29** And_ the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ I_will_disguise_
_myself and_I_will_go in_battle and_you(ms) wear clothes_of_
_your_own and_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_disguised_
_himself and_they_came in_battle. **30** And_the_king_of 'Arām
he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~ the_commanders_of the_chariotry
which to_him/it to_say not you(pl)_must_do_battle with the_
_small(sg) with the_great if/because (if) with the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_him/it_being_alone. **31** And_he/it_was just_
the_commanders_of the_chariotry _as_saw ~~DOM~~ Yəhōshāfāṭ
and_they they_said is_the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it and_they_
_surrounded on/upon/above_him/it to_do_battle and_
Yəhōshāfāṭ _he_cried_out and_**YHWH** he_helped_him and_he_
_lured_them god away_from_him. **32** And_he/it_was just_ the_
_commanders_of the_chariotry _as_saw if/because_that not it_
_was the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_turned_back from_
_after_him. **33** And_someone he_drew on_bow to_innocence_
_of_his and_he_struck ~~DOM~~ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) between
the_scales and_between the_body_armour and_he/it_said to_
_charioteer turn_around mmm[114] and_you_will_take_me_out
from the_camp if/because I_have_been_wounded. **34** And_ the_
_battle _it_went_up in_the_day (the)_that and_the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_was holding_upright in_chariot opposite_to
'Arām until the_evening and_he/it_died to_the_time the_sun
was_going.

19:1 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he_returned to_house_of_his in_safety to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_he/it_went_out to his/its_
_faces/face Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_son_of Ḥanānī the_seer and_
_he/it_said to the_king Yəhōshāfāṭ (to)_wicked to_help and_
_(to)_those_who_hate_of (of)_**YHWH** will_you_love and_by_this
is_towards_you severe_anger from_to/for_face/front/presence
YHWH. **3** But things good they_have_been_found with_you
if/because you_have_removed the_'Ashērāh_poles from the_
_earth/land and_you_have_directed heart_of_your to_seek the_
_'Elohīm.
4 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_returned and_he/it_went_
_out among_people from_Bə'ēr- seven to the_hill_country_of
'Efrayim and_bring_back_turned_them_back to **YHWH** the_
_god_of their_ancestors_of_their. **5** And_he_appointed judges
on_the_earth in_all the_cities_of Yəhūdāh (the)_fortified for_a_
_city and_a_city. **6** And_he/it_said to the_judges consider what
are_you(pl) doing if/because not to/for_'Ādām/humankind
you(pl)_will_judge if/because to/for_**YHWH** and_with_you(pl)

Readers' Version

Amon the city governor, and to my son Yoash. **26** Tell them that the king's ordered that this man be put in prison, and be given only strictly-rationed bread and water until I return safely."
27 "If you return safely," Mikayah retorted, "then Yahweh mustn't have spoken to me."

The death of Ahav · Both kingdoms[113]

28 So Yisrael's (Israel's) King Ahav and Yehudah's (Judah's) king Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) went to Ramot-Gilead. **29** Ahav told Yehoshafat, "I'll get changed, so I'm not recognised, and go into the battle, but you wear your royal robe." So Yisrael's king disguised himself, and they went into the battle.
30 Meanwhile, Aram's (Syria's) king had ordered his chariot commanders, "Only attack Yisrael's king—don't bother fighting anyone else." **31** However, when those chariot commanders saw King Yehoshafat, they mistook him for Yisrael's king, and wheeled around to fight him, but Yehoshafat cried out to Yahweh for help, and he helped him—God drew them away from him, **32** because when the chariot commanders realised that it wasn't Yisrael's king, they turned back from chasing him.
33 However, one Aramean warrior drew his bow without knowing where Ahav was, and struck Yisrael's king at a joint in his armour. Ahav ordered the charioteer, "Turn around and get me out of here, because I've been seriously wounded." **34** The battle continued for the whole day, and Yisrael's king was propped up in his chariot to watch the Arameans, but he died as the sun was setting.

Yehoshafat gets scolded · Southern kingdom

19:1 Yehudah's (Judah's) king Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) returned safely to his home in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **2** but Hanani's son, the prophet Yehu (Jehu), confronted him, "Should you have helped the wicked, and befriended those that Yahweh hates? Yahweh's angry with you because of what you've done. **3** However, you have some good points, because you removed the Asherah poles from the country, and you've been sincere in wanting to follow God."

The neneyimu of Hihusapat

4 Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), but one time he went out to the people of Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the Efrayim (Ephraim) hill country and encouraged them back to Yahweh, their ancestors' god. **5** He appointed judges in Yehudah's (Judah's) fortified cities to serve across the country, **6** and he told them, "Take care in what you do, because as judges, you're not serving people, but serving Yahweh when you make

113 RV 18:28 · Parallel 1 Kgs 22:29-35

114 LV 18:33 · Note OSHB variant note: יְדֵי/יְדֵי: (x-qere) יְדֵי/יְדֵי; lemma_3027 n_0.0.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp2ms id_14sbC יְדֵי/יְדֵי

Readers' Version

judicial decisions. 7 So revere Yahweh and judge cases carefully, because our god Yahweh doesn't tolerate injustice, partiality, or bribery."

8 Yehoshafat also appointed some Levites and priests in Yerushalem, as well as leaders from some Israeli families, to be judges on Yahweh's behalf based in Yerushalem, 9 and he instructed them, "You must revere Yahweh and be trustworthy and sincere. 10 When any of your fellow Israelis who live in the cities bring any case to you involving violent crime, or interpreting laws or regulations, and so on, you must caution them so they won't sin against Yahweh and induce his anger to come against you or them, so do that, and you won't be guilty. 11 And listen, the chief priest Amaryah is superior to you judges in any religious matter, and Yishmael's (Ishmael's) son Zevadyah is Yehudah's leader for any civil matter concerning the king. Also, you have the Levite officials to assist you judges. Act with courage, and let Yahweh assist people who are doing what's right."

Yehoshafat handles a massive invasion · Southern kingdom

20:1 Sometime after that, the Moavim and Amonim, along with some of the Meunim,[115] came to battle against King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat). 2 Some men came and told Yehoshafat, "A huge army is coming from Aram (Syria) beyond the Dead Sea to attack you, and take note: they're already in Hatsatson-Tamar, also known as Eyn-Gedi." 3 Yehoshafat was alarmed and decided to request advice from Yahweh, and he ordered that all of Yehudah (Judah) should fast. 4 So Yehudah assembled to request Yahweh's help—they came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) from all of Yehudah's cities to ask Yahweh for help.

5 Yehoshafat stood in front of all the people from Yerushalem and across Yehudah, in front of the new temple courtyard, 6 and prayed, "Yahweh, the god of our ancestors, aren't you the god who lives in the heavens? And you rule in all the kingdoms around the world, and you have full power and control—no one can stand against you. 7 Weren't you our god who drove the previous inhabitants of this land out ahead of your Israeli people? Didn't you give it to the descendants of Avraham—the one you loved forever?[116] 8 Our ancestors lived in this land and built a temple to honour you, saying, 9 'If disaster, like war, judgement, epidemic, or famine comes on us, we'll stand in front of this temple, and in front of you, because your name is honoured here. And we'll cry to you because of our distress, and you'll hear and rescue us.'

Literal Version

in_a_matter_of judgement. 7 And_now let_it_be the_dread_of **YHWH** on_you(pl) take_care and_act if/because there_is_not with **YHWH** god_of_our injustice and_lifting_up_of face and_ _taking_of a_bribe. 8 And_also in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) he_appointed some_of the_Lēviyyiy and_the_priests and_some_of_the_heads_of the_fathers of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_the_judgement_of **YHWH** and_for_ _dispute[s] and_they_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 9 And_he/it_commanded to_them to_say thus you(pl)_will_do in_the_fear_of **YHWH** in_faithfulness and_with_a_heart complete. 10 And_all case_at_law which it_will_come on_ _you(pl) from_brothers_of_your(pl) who_dwell in_cities_of_ _their between blood and_blood between law and_command and_regulations and_judgements and_you(pl)_will_warn ÐOM_ _them and_not they_will_be_guilty to/for_**YHWH** and_ severe_ _anger _it_was towards_you(pl) and_towards brothers_of_ _your(pl) thus you(pl)_will_do and_not you(pl)_will_be_guilty. 11 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE 'Amar^{yāh} the_priest_of the_head will_ _be_over_you(pl) to_all/each/any/every (the)_matter_of **YHWH** and_Zəvad^{yāh} the_son_of Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) the_ _leader of_the_house_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_ _all/each/any/every (the)_matter_of the_king and_will_be_ _officials the_Lēviyyiy before_you(pl) be_strong and_act and_ _let_it_be **YHWH** with the_good.

20:1 And_he/it_was afterwards so[121] the_people_of Mō'āv and_ _the_sons of_'Ammōn they_came and_with_them some_of_the_ _'Ammōnī on Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) for_battle. 2 And_ _they_came and_they_told to_Yəhōshāfāṭ to_say is_coming on_ _you a_multitude great from_the_other_side of_sea from_'Arām and_THERE_they are_in_ Ḥatstsōn tāmār that is_ 'Ēyn Gedī. 3 And_he_was_afraid and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_gave ÐOM his/its_ _faces/face to_seek to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_called a_fast over all_of Yəhūdāh. 4 And_ Yəhūdāh _they_gathered to_seek from_ _**YHWH** also from_all the_cities_of Yəhūdāh they_came to_seek ÐOM **YHWH**. 5 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he_stood in_the_assembly_of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_house_of **YHWH** to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_courtyard (the)_new. 6 And_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of our_ancestors_of_our not are_you he god in_heavens and_you(ms) are_ruling over_all_of the_kingdoms_of the_nations and_are_in_hand_of_your power and_strength and_there_is_not with_you to_hold_ground. 7 Not you our_god_of_Oh did_you_dispossess ÐOM the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land (the)_this from_to/for_face/front/presence people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_gave_it to_the_ _offspring_of 'Avrāhām friend_of_your forever_perpetuity. 8 And_they_lived in_it and_they_have_built to/for_yourself(m) in_it a_sanctuary for_name_of_your to_say. 9 If it_will_come on_ _us calamity sword judgement and_pestilence and_famine we_ _will_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before[122] the_house the_this and_before_face_of_you if/because name_of_your is_ _in_house the_this and_we_will_cry_out to_you from_distress_ _of_our and_you_will_hear and_you_will_save. 10 And_now

115 **RV 20:1 · Note** Following the Septuagint for this.

116 **RV 20:7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 41:8; Jam 2:23.

121 **LV 20:1 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

122 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

HERE the_people_of ʼAmmōn and_Mōʼāvʼ and_the_mountain_of Sēʼīr which not you_permitted to_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_go in/among_them when_came_they from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) if/because they_turned_aside from_on_ _them and_not they_destroyed_them. **11** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they are_repaying to_us by_coming to_drive_us_out from_ _possession_of_your which you_caused_us_to_possess. **12** Our_ _god_of_Oh not will_you_enter_into_judgement on_them if/because there_is_not in_us strength to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_multitude (the)_great the_this which_is_ _coming on_us and_we not we_know what will_we_do if/because are_on_you eyes_of_our. **13** And_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_standing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** also one[s]_of_their_little wives_of_their and_children_of_their. **14** And_Yaḥaziʼēl/(Jahaziel) the_son_of Zəkaryāh the_son_of Bənāyāh the_son_of Yəʼīʼēl/(Jeiel) the_son_of Mattanyāh the_Lēviyyiy one_of the_descendants_of ʼĀṣāf it_was on/upon/above_him/it the_spirit_of **YHWH** in_the_middle of_ _the_assembly. **15** And_he/it_said pay_attention Oh_all_of Yəhūdāh and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_the_king Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) thus **YHWH** he_says to/for_you(pl) you(pl) do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_ _dismayed from_face/in_front_of the_multitude (the)_great the_this if/because not to/for_you(pl) the_battle if/because to_ _god. **16** Tomorrow go_down on_them THERE_they will_be_ _coming_up on_the_ascent_of (the)_Tsīts/(Ziz) and_you(pl)_ _will_find ᴅᴏᴍ_them at_the_end_of the_wadi the_face_of the_ _wilderness_of Yərūʼēl/(Jeruel). **17** Not to/for_you(pl) to_fight in_this_battle take_your(pl)_stand stand and_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _victory_of **YHWH** with_you(pl) Oh_Yəhūdāh and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_ _dismayed tomorrow go_out before_them and_**YHWH** will_be_ _with_you(pl). **18** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he_bowed_low face ground_to_the and_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_inhabitants_ _of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_fell_down to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_bow_down to/for_**YHWH**. **19** And_ the_Lēviyyiy of the_descendants_of the_Qəhātites and_ _from the_descendants_of the_Qoraḥites _they_stood to_praise to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) with_a_voice great (to)_upwards. **20** And_they_rose_early in_morning and_they_ _went_out to_the_wilderness_of Təqōʼa and_when_they_went_ _out Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) he_stood and_he/it_said listen_ _to_me Oh_Yəhūdāh and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) trust in_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_be_established trust in_prophets_of_his and_ _succeed. **21** And_he_consulted (to) the_people and_he_ _appointed those_who_sang to/for_**YHWH** and_those_who_ _praised to_adornment_of holiness when_went_out to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before the_man_equipped and_they_ _were_saying give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **22** And_at_the_time when_they_began with_a_shout_of_joy and_praise **YHWH** he_set ambushers on the_people_of ʼAmmōn Mōʼāvʼ and_the_mountain_of Sēʼīr the_ _(ones_who)_went to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_were_

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10 You didn't allow our Israeli ancestors to enter the countries of Amon, Moav (Moab), or Edom when they were travelling from Mitsrayim (Egypt) to Kena'an (Canaan). So our ancestors turned away from those areas and didn't destroy them,[117] but now they're coming here to attack us. **11** Look how they're repaying us for not destroying them—they come here to drive us out from the land you gave us as an inheritance. **12** So, our god, please punish them, because we're not strong enough to battle this huge army that's on its way. We simply don't know what to do, so we're looking to you to rescue us."

13 At that time, all of Yehudah (Judah) (men, women, and children) were standing in front of Yahweh, **14** and Yahweh's spirit came on Yahaziel. (Yahaziel was the son of Zekaryah (Zechariah), son of Benayah, son of Yeiel, son of Matanyah the Levite, and a descendant of Asaf.) In the middle of the assembly **15** he said, "Pay attention, all of Yehudah, inhabitants of Yerushalem, and King Yehoshafat. Yahweh has this to say to you all, 'Don't be afraid, and don't be dismayed by this huge force, because it's not your battle, but God's.[118] **16** Tomorrow, go down against them. Listen, they're coming uphill near the Ascent of Tsits, and you'll find them at the end of the valley, facing the Yeruel wilderness. **17** You won't need to fight them—just take your positions, people from Yerushalem and wider Yehudah, and watch Yahweh save you.[119] Don't be afraid or discouraged. Go out there tomorrow and Yahweh will be with you.' "

18 Then King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah fell to their knees in front of Yahweh to worship him. **19** Then some of the Levites who were descendants of Kohat and Korah stood up to loudly praise Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh.

20 They rose early the next morning and went out to the Tekoa wilderness, and as they were leaving, Yehoshafat stood and called out, "Hear me, inhabitants of Yerushalem and Yehudah. Believe in our god Yahweh, and be confident. Believe his prophets and succeed." **21** Then he consulted with the people, and he appointed some to sing to Yahweh and some to praise him for his splendour and sinlessness as they went out in front of the enemy army, and they were saying, "Give thanks to Yahweh, because his loyal commitment endures forever."

22 As they began to sing and praise Yahweh, he sent ambushers against the Amonim, Moavim, and Edomim who were attacking Yehudah, and they were defeated. **23** Then the Amonim and Moavim turned on the Edomim and completely annihilated them, and after that they slaughtered each other. **24** When Yehudah's men arrived at the place overlooking the wilderness, wow, they saw corpses all over the ground. No one had escaped.

25 Then Yehoshafat and his people went to plunder the spoils,

117 RV 20:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 2:4-19.

118 RV 20:15-17 · Cross-ref. Deu 20:1-4.

119 RV 20:17 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:13-14.

Readers' Version

and they found lots of goods among them, as well as clothing,[120] and valuable items. They took that for themselves until there was nothing left to carry away—there was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it all. **26** On the fourth day, they assembled in Berakah Valley and praised Yahweh there. That's why it's called Berakah Valley (which means 'praise/blessing') to this day. **27** Then all the men from Yerushalem and across Yehudah returned to Yerushalem with King Yehoshafat leading them—celebrating because Yahweh had enabled them to defeat their enemies. **28** When they arrived at Yerushalem, they went to the temple, playing harps, lutes, and trumpets. **29** The nearby kingdoms were all very afraid of God when they heard that Yahweh had fought against Yisrael's (Israel's) enemies, **30** so Yehoshafat's kingdom was untroubled, and his god gave him peace from all his neighbours.

The end of Yehoshafat's kingdom · Southern kingdom[123]

31 Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned over Yehudah (Judah) from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-five years. His mother was Shilhi's daughter, Azuvah. **32** He had similar priorities to his father Asa, doing what pleased Yahweh, and he didn't deviate from that. **33** However, he never removed the hilltop shrines, and the people weren't really serious about obeying their ancestors' god.

34 Everything else that Yehoshafat did, from the beginning to the end of his reign, was written down by Hanani's son Yehu (Jehu) in the scroll about Yisrael's (Israel's) kings.

35 Later on, Yehudah's King Yehoshafat made an alliance with Yisrael's King Ahazyah (which was a wicked thing to do), **36** and they worked together to make ships at Etsyon-Gever to sail to Tarshish. **37** Then Dodavahu's son Eliezer from Mareshah prophesied against Yehoshafat, saying, "When you allied yourself with Ahazyah, Yahweh destroyed what you created." In due course, the ships were damaged and unable to sail to Tarshish.

21:1 Then Yehoshafat died and was buried with his ancestors in 'The City of David', and his son Yehoram (Jehoram) replaced him

Literal Version

defeated. **23** And the_people_of ʼAmmōn and_Mōʼāv _they_ _stood on the_inhabitants_of the_mountain_of Sēʼīr to_totally_ _destroy_them and_to_destroy_them and_just_as_they_had_ _finished with_the_inhabitants_of Sēʼīr they_helped each on_ _neighbour_of_his to_destruction. **24** And_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) it_came to the_watchtower of_wilderness and_they_turned to the_multitude and_THERE_they were_corpses fallen towards_ _land and_there_was_not an_escaped_remnant. **25** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) and_people_of_his _he_went to_ _plunder ᴅᴏᴍ booty_of_their and_they_found in/among_them to_increase_in_number and_property and_corpses and_ _articles_of preciousness(es) and_they_plundered to/for_them to_there_was_not carrying and_they_were days three plundering ᴅᴏᴍ the_booty if/because was_much it. **26** And_on_ _day (the)_fourth they_assembled to_the_valley_of Bərākāh if/because there they_blessed ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_have_called ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of the_ _place (the)_that the_valley_of Bərākāh until the_day. **27** And_ every_of (the)_man_of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _they_turned_back and_Yəhōshāfāṭ at_head_of_their to_return to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_joy if/because he_had_made_ _them_rejoice **YHWH** from_enemies_of_their. **28** And_they_ _came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_lyres and_with_harps and_with_trumpets to the_house_of **YHWH**. **29** And_ the_ _dread_of god _he/it_was on all_of the_kingdoms_of the_lands when_heard_they if/because_that **YHWH** he_had_fought with the_enemies_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **30** And_ the_kingdom_of Yəhōshāfāṭ _it_was_at_peace and_he_had_given_rest to_him/it his/its_god from_round_about.

31 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) _he_reigned over Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_son_of thirty and_five year[s] when_he_ _became_king and_twenty and_five year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _ʼAzūvāh the_daughter_of Shilḥī. **32** And_he/it_went in_the_ _way_of his/its_father ʼĀṣāʼ and_not he_turned_aside from_ _her/it for_doing the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **33** Only the_high_places not they_were_removed and_still the_people not they_directed heart_of_their to_the_god_of their_ _ancestors_of_their. **34** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yəhōshāfāṭ (the)_former and_(the)_latter THERE_they are_ _written in_the_words/messages_of Yēhūʼ/(Jehu) the_son_of Ḥₐnānī which it_was_recorded on the_scroll_of the_kings_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **35** And_after afterwards[124] Yəhōshāfāṭ the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh he_made_an_alliance with ʼAḥazʸāh the_king_ _of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) he he_acted_wickedly for_doing. **36** And_he_ _allied_himself with_him/it for_doing ships to_go Tarshiysh and_they_made ships in_ʼEtsyon- gevʿer. **37** And_ ʼEliʼezer the_ _son_of Dōdāvāhū from_Marʼēshāh _he_prophesied on Yəhōshāfāṭ to_say as_you_have_made_an_alliance with ʼAḥazʸāh **YHWH** he_will_break ᴅᴏᴍ works_of_your and_ ships _they_ _were_broken and_not they_retained to_go to Tarshiysh.

21:1 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_

120 RV 20:25 · Note The Hebrew 'bodies/corpses' seems wrong here.

123 RV 20:31 · Parallel 1 Kgs 22:41-50

124 LV 20:35 · Note OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

Literal Version

_the_city_of Dāvid and_ Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) his/its_son _he_
_became_king in_place_of_him.

2 And_to/for_him/it brothers the_sons_of Yəhōshāfāṭ ʼAzar^{yāh}
and_Yəḥīʾēl/(Jehiel) and_Zəkar^{yāh} and_ʼAzar^{yāh}u and_Mīkāʾēl
and_Shəfaṭ^{yāh} all_of these were_the_sons_of Yəhōshāfāṭ the_
_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **3** And_he/it_gave to/for_them father_
_of_their gifts many to_silver and_to_gold and_to_excellent_
_gifts with cities_of fortifications in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM
the_kingdom he_gave to_Yəhōrām if/because he was_the_
firstborn. **4** And Yəhōrām _he/it_rose_up over the_kingdom_
_of his/its_father and_he_strengthened_himself and_he_killed
ĐOM all_of brothers_of_his with_sword and_also some_of_the_
_leaders_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** Was_a_son_of thirty and_two
year[s] Yəhōrām when_he_became_king and_eight years he_
_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **6** And_he/it_went in_
_the_way_of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) just_as the_house_of
ʼAḥʼāv they_had_done if/because the_daughter_of ʼAḥʼāv she_
_was for_him/it wife and_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_
_eyes_of **YHWH**. **7** And_not **YHWH** he_was_willing to_destroy
ĐOM the_house_of Dāvid on_account_of the_covenant which
he_had_made to_Dāvid and_as_which he_had_said to_give to_
_him/it a_lamp and_to_descendants_of_his all_of the_days.
8 In_days_of_his ʼEdōm it_rebelled from_under the_hand_of
Yəhūdāh and_they_made_king over_themselves a_king. **9** And_
Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) _he_passed_over with commanders_of_his
and_all the_chariotry with_him/it and_he/it_was he_arose
night and_he_defeated ĐOM ʼEdōm the_(one)_going_around to_
_him/it and_ĐOM the_commanders_of the_chariotry. **10** And_
ʼEdōm _it_has_rebelled from_under the_hand_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) until the_day the_this then Livnāh it_
_rebelled at_time (the)_that from_under his/its_hand
if/because he_had_abandoned ĐOM **YHWH** the_god_of his_
_ancestors_of_his. **11** Also he he_made high_places in_the_
_mountains_of Yəhūdāh and_he_made_prostitute_themselves
ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_
_thrust_aside ĐOM Yəhūdāh. **12** And_it_came to_him/it a_
_writing from_ʼĒliy^{yāh} the_prophet to_say thus **YHWH** the_god_
_of Dāvid ancestor_of_your he_says because that not you_have_
_walked in_the_ways_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) father_of_
_your and_in_the_ways_of ʼĀṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh. **13** And_
_you_have_walked in_the_way_of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
and_you_have_made_prostitute_themselves ĐOM Yəhūdāh and_
_ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) as_ the_
_house_of ʼAḥʼāv _made_them_prostitute_themselves and_also
ĐOM brothers_of_your the_house_of your_father_of_your (the)_
_good more_than_you you_killed. **14** HERE **YHWH** is_about_to_
_strike a_blow great on_people_of_your and_on_sons_of_your
and_on_wives_of_your and_on/over_all property_of_your.
15 And_you(ms) will_be_in_sickness(es) great in_(the)_sickness_

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as king.

Yehudah's King Yehoram · Southern kingdom[125]

2 Yehoram's (Jehoram's) younger brothers were Azaryah, Yehiel, Zekaryah (Zechariah), Azaryah, Mika'el (Michael), and Shefatyah, **3** and their father gave them many gifts of gold and silver and precious things, along with fortified cities in Yehudah (Judah), however he handed the kingdom over to Yehoram because he was the oldest son. **4** After Yehoram established firm control of his father's kingdom, he had all his brothers killed, as well as some of Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders.

5 Yehoram was thirty-two years old when he became the king, and he ruled from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eight years. **6** He did many of the evil things that Yisrael's kings had done, because he married one of King Ahav's daughters and did things that Yahweh had said were evil. **7** Despite that, Yahweh wouldn't eliminate David's descendants, because of the promise he'd made with David to 'keep his lamp burning' forever.[126]

8 Meanwhile, Edom had been under Yehudah's control, but during Yehoram's reign they rebelled and appointed their own king.[127] **9** Yehoram took his commanders and all his chariots, and crossed the Yarden (Jordan) River, then at nighttime he attacked the Edomim who'd surrounded him and his chariots.[128] **10** However, Edom successfully rebelled against Yehudah's control, then Livnah also did the same, because Yehoram had abandoned Yahweh, his ancestors' god. **11** He also built hilltop shrines around Yehudah, and he caused Yerushalem's inhabitants to prostitute themselves,[129] and he drove Yehudah away from Yahweh.

12 Then King Yehoram received a written message from the prophet Eliyah (Elijah): "Your father David's god Yahweh says that you decided not to follow your father Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) example, or good King Asa's, **13** but rather you imitated the behaviour of Yisrael's (Israel's) king, so because of that, you've caused Yerushalem's inhabitants, as well as wider Yehudah, to commit adultery like Ahav's family did. Also, you've killed your own blood brothers—people who were better than you. **14** So listen, now Yahweh is going to severely afflict your people, including your sons and your wives, as well as all your possessions, **15** and you yourself will get an intestinal disease that'll get worse every day until your innards fall out."

16 Then Yahweh stirred the Pelishtim up against Yehoram, as well as the Arabs who lived beside the Kushim, **17** and they attacked Yehudah. They did a lot of damage and took away every-

125 RV 21:2 · Parallel 2 Kgs 8:17-24

126 RV 21:7 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 11:36.

127 RV 21:8 · Cross-ref. Gen 27:40.

128 RV 21:9 · Note The meaning of the second half of this sentence is confusing, so other translations might differ.

129 RV 21:11 · Note This sentence is about worship, not physical adultery, so the reference to prostitution most likely refers to idol worship. Also see verse 13 below.

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thing valuable from the king's palace. They also took his wives and sons, other than Yehoahaz, his youngest son.

18 After that, Yahweh caused an intestinal disease in Yehoram that couldn't be cured, **19** and it progressed day after day until, after two years, his intestines fell out, and he died in a lot of pain. His people didn't make a bonfire in his honour like they'd done for his ancestors.

20 Yehoram was thirty-two when he became king, and he ruled from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eight years. No one regretted it when he died, and his body was buried in 'The City of David', but not in the royal tombs.

Yehudah's king Ahazyah · Both kingdoms[130]

22:1 The inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) made his youngest son Ahazyah[131] king in his place, because all his older brothers had been killed by the Aravi invaders. So Yehoram's (Jehoram's) son Ahazyah reigned as Yehudah's (Judah's) king. **2** He was twenty-two[132] when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem for one year. His mother was Atalyah (Athaliah), a granddaughter of Yisrael's (Israel's) King Omri. **3** King Ahazyah behaved just like King Ahav's family had done, because his mother gave him evil advice, **4** so he did what Yahweh had said was evil, just like Ahav's family, because after his father's death, they'd become Ahazyah's advisors, giving destructive suggestions. **5** He followed their advice and joined King Yehoram (son of Yisrael's King Ahav) to fight against Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael at Ramot-Gilead, where Yehoram was wounded by the Arameans. **6** Yehoram returned to Yizre'el (Jezreel) to recover, because he'd been wounded at Ramah in the battle against Aram's King Hazael. So Yehudah's King Ahazyah went up to Yizre'el to see Yehoram.

7 God caused Ahazyah's downfall through his visit to Yoram (Joram). When Ahazyah arrived, he went with Yehoram to meet Nimshi's son Yehu (Jehu), who Yahweh had appointed to kill all of Ahav's descendants. **8** While Yehu was executing judgement on Ahav's descendants, he discovered Yehudah's officials there, including Ahazyah's nephews who'd been serving him, and he killed all of them as well. **9** Then Yehu went searching for Ahazyah and found him hiding in Shomron (Samaria) city. They

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_of your(pl)_bowels_of_your until bowels_of_your they_will_ _come_out from the_sickness days to days. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _stirred_up on Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) ~~ĐOM~~ the_spirit_of the_ _Pəlishtiy and_the_ʹArāvī who were_on the_hand_of the_ _Kūshiy/(Cushite)s. **17** And_they_came_up on_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_broke_into_it and_they_took_ _captive ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_property which_was_found to_the_ _house_of the_king and_also sons_of_his and_wives_of_his and_ _not he_remained to_him/it a_son if/because (if) Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_young_one_of his_sons_of_his. **18** And_after all_of this he_struck_him **YHWH** in_bowels_of_his to_a_sickness to_there_was_not healing. **19** And_he/it_was to_ _days from_days and_about_the_time_of the_end of_days two was_going_out bowels_of_his they_came_out with sickness_of_ _his and_he/it_died in_diseases harmful and_not they_made to_him/it people_of_his a_burning like_the_burning_of his_ _ancestors_of_his. **20** A_son_of thirty and_two_years he_was when_he_became_king and_eight years he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_went with_not desire and_people_buried_him in_the_city_of Dāvid and_not in_the_ _graves_of the_kings.

22:1 And_ the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _they_ _made_king ~~ĐOM~~ 'Aḥaz^{yāh} son_of_his the_small(sg) in_place_of_ _him if/because all_of the_former_sons the_marauding_band which_came with_ʹArāvī to_camp it_had_killed and_ 'Aḥaz^{yāh} the_son_of Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _ _he_became_king. **2** Was_a_son_of forty and_two year[s] 'Aḥaz^{yāh} when_he_became_king and_a_year one he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _ʹAtal^{yāh} the_daughter_of ʹOmrī. **3** Also he he_walked in_the_ _ways_of the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv if/because his/its_mother she_ _was counsellor_of_his_female to_act_wickedly. **4** And_he/it_ _made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** like_the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv if/because they they_were to_him/it counsellors after the_death_of his/its_father to_destruction to_him/it. **5** Also in_ _counsel_of_their he_walked and_he/it_went with Yəhōrām the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) for_battle on Ḥ$_a$zā'^{ēl} the_king_of 'Arām at_Rāmot- gil'ād and_ the_'Arām _ _they_wounded ~~ĐOM~~ Yəhōrām/(Joram). **6** And_he_returned to_ _get_himself_healed in_Yizrə'^{ēl}/(Jezreel) if/because the_ _wounds which they_had_wounded_him at_Rāmāh when_ _fought_he with Ḥ$_a$zā'^{ēl} the_king_of 'Arām and_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_ _son_of Yəhōrām the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_went_down to_see ~~ĐOM~~ Yəhōrām the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv in_Yizrə'^{ēl}/(Jezreel) if/because he was_sick. **7** And_from_god it_was the_downfall_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} by_going to Yəhōrām and_when_went_he he_went_out with Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) to Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_son_of Nimshiy whom he_had_anointed_him **YHWH** to_cut_off ~~ĐOM~~ the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv. **8** And_he/it_was just_ Yēhū' _as_entered_into_ _judgement with the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv and_he_found ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _officials_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_sons of_the_brothers_of

130 RV 22:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 8:25-29; 9:21-28

131 RV 22:1 · Note Called Yehoahaz in 21:17 above. (Replace 'Yeho' at the front with 'Yah' at the end—the meaning 'Yahweh has held' remains the same.)

132 RV 22:2 · Note The Hebrew has forty-two here, but we've corrected it from 2 Kgs 8:26.

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of_'Aḥaz^{yāh} serving (to)_'Aḥaz^{yāh} and_he_killed_them. **9** And_
_he/it_sought ĐOM 'Aḥaz^{yāh} and_people_captured_him and_he
was_hiding_himself in_Shomrōn and_they_brought_him to
Yēhū' and_they_put_him_to_death and_they_buried_him
if/because they_said was_the_son_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat)
he who he_sought ĐOM **YHWH** in_all heart_of_his and_there_is_
_not to_the_house_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} to_retain strength for_kingship.

10 And_ʹAtal^{yāh} the_mother_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} she_saw if/because_
_that son_of_her he_was_dead and_she/it_arose and_she_
_destroyed ĐOM all_of the_offspring_of (the)_royalty of_the_
_house_of of_Yəhūdāh. **11** And_ Yəhōshavʹat/(Jehoshabeath)
the_daughter_of the_king _she/it_took ĐOM Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_
_son_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} and_she_stole ĐOM_him/it from_among_of
the_sons_of the_king who_were_about_to_be_put_to_death
and_she/it_gave ĐOM_him/it and_ĐOM nurse_of_his in_the_
_chamber_of the_beds and_she_hid_him
Yəhōshavʹat/(Jehoshabeath) the_daughter_of the_king
Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_wife_of Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_
_priest/officer if/because she she_was the_sister_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh}
from_face/in_front_of ʹAtal^{yāh} and_not she_put_him_to_death.
12 And_he/it_was with_them in_house_of the_'Elohīm hiding_
_himself six years and_ʹAtal^{yāh} was_reigning over the_
_earth/land.

23:1 And_in_year (the)_seventh Yəhōyādāʹ he_strengthened_
_himself and_he/it_took ĐOM the_commanders_of the_
_hundreds to_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_son_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) and_to_
_Yishmāʹ^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) and_
_to_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_son_of ʹŌvēd and_ĐOM Maʹₐsē^{yāh} the_son_of
ʹAdā^{yāh} and_ĐOM 'Elīshāfāṭ the_son_of Zikrī with_him/it in_
_covenant. **2** And_they_went_around in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_
_they_gathered ĐOM the_Lēviyyiy from_all the_cities_of
Yəhūdāh and_the_heads_of the_fathers of_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_
_they_came to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_ all_of the_
_assembly _it_made a_covenant in_house_of the_'Elohīm with
the_king and_he/it_said to/for_them HERE the_son_of the_king
he_will_reign just_as **YHWH** he_spoke on the_sons_of Dāvid.
4 This is_the_thing which you(pl)_will_do the_third_part of_
_you(pl) who_come_of (of)_the_sabbath to_priests and_to_
_Lēviyyiy will_become_(into)_the_gatekeepers_of the_
_thresholds. **5** And_the_third_part in_house_of the_king and_
_the_third_part will_be_at_the_gate_of the_foundation and_all
the_people will_be_in_the_courtyards_of the_house_of **YHWH**.
6 And_not let_anyone_go the_house_of **YHWH** if/because (if)
the_priests and_those_who_are_serving of_Lēviyyiy they they_
_will_go if/because are_holiness they and_all the_people they_
_will_keep the_duty_of **YHWH**. **7** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_will_
_surround ĐOM the_king all_around each_man and_weapons_
_of_his in_his/its_hand and_the_one_who_comes into the_
_house he_will_be_put_to_death and_be with the_king when_
_comes_he and_when_he_goes_out. **8** And_ the_Lēviyyiy and_all
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _they_made according_to_all that
Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer he_had_commanded

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captured him and took him to Yehu, and killed him. They did bury him, because they said, "He was the grandson of King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) who tried hard to please Yahweh." After that, there were no descendants of Ahazyah who were powerful enough to become Yehudah's king.

Yehudah's queen Atalyah · Southern kingdom[133]

10 When Ahazyah's mother Atalyah (Athaliah) found out that her son had died, she took action and destroyed all his family members who could become king of Yehudah (Judah). **11** However, a princess named Yehoshav'at took Ahazyah's son Yoash, and she sneaked him away from among the king's sons who were about to be killed, and she hid him and his nurse in a bedroom. Yehoshav'at was the daughter of the late King Yehoram (Jehoram) and the wife of Yehoyada the priest (she was Ahazyah's sister), and she hid Yoash from Atalyah so she couldn't kill him. **12** He stayed in hiding with them in the temple for six years while Atalyah ruled over Yehudah.

Revolt against queen Atalyah · Southern kingdom[134]

23:1 The following year, the priest Yehoyada took courage and made an agreement with the commanders of units of a hundred soldiers: Azaryah (Yehoram's (Jehoram's) son), Yishmael (Ishmael) (Yehohanan's son), another Azaryah (Oved's son), Ma'aseyah (Adayah's son), and Elishafat (Zikri's son). **2** They went throughout Yehudah (Judah) and gathered all the Levites and the clan leaders from all the cities. When they came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **3** the whole assembly made an agreement with the young king in the temple, and Yehoyada told them, "Listen, the late king's son will reign, just as Yahweh said about David's descendants.[135] **4** Now this is what you need to do: one third of you priests and Levites who are on duty on the Rest Day must guard the temple entrances. **5** Another third of you must guard the king's palace, and the final third guard the Foundation Gate and all the people in the temple courtyard. **6** Don't let anyone enter Yahweh's temple other than the priests and the Levites who are on duty, because they're consecrated. Every one else must respect Yahweh's instructions not to enter. **7** You Levites must be armed and surround the young king. You must kill anyone else who tries to enter the temple, but stay close to the king wherever he goes.

8 So the Levites and the other people did everything Yehoyada the priest had instructed. Each leader took his men, both those starting duty on the Rest Day, as well as the others finishing their duties that day, because Yehoyada didn't dismiss any of the

133 **RV 22:10 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 11:1-3

134 **RV 23:1 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 11:4-16

135 **RV 23:3 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12.

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groups. 9 Then Yehoyada the priest gave each of those commanders the spears, and the large and small shields which had been put in the temple by King David. 10 He stationed all the people, each one holding their weapon, right across the end of the temple, around the altar and the temple, and all around the king.
11 Then they brought out young Yoash, put a crown on his head, gave him a scroll with the agreement on it, and proclaimed him as king. Then Yehoyada and his sons anointed him with olive oil and shouted, "Long live the king!"
12 When Atalyah (Athaliah) heard the sound of people running, and people praising the king, she went to the temple 13 to look, and wow, the young king was standing where previous kings had stood by the pillar at the temple entrance, with the commanders and trumpeters beside him. The people were all cheering and blowing trumpets, and singers with instruments were leading the praise. Then Atalyah tore her robe and shouted out, "Treason! Treason!"
14 Then Yehoyada the priest instructed the commanders, "Kill her, but not here at Yahweh's temple. March her outside and kill anyone who sticks up for her."
15 They seized her as she reached the Horse Gate in front of the palace and killed her there.

Yehoyada leads back to Yahweh · Southern kingdom[136]

16 Then Yehoyada the priest got the people to formally agree that they and the king would be loyal to Yahweh, 17 so all the people went to Ba'al's temple and tore it down. They smashed its altars and idols, and killed Ba'al's priest Matan in front of the altars. 18 Then Yehoyada created the roster for the temple duties of the priests and Levites that King David had previously assigned, including offering burnt offerings to Yahweh with happiness and singing, following Mosheh's (Moses') written instructions. 19 He also stationed guards at the temple gates so that no one could enter if they were ceremonially 'unclean'.
20 Then Yehoyada took those commanders, and the leading citizens and leaders, and all the people, and they brought the king out of the temple and down into the palace through the Upper Gate, and sat him on the royal throne. 21 Then all of Yehudah's (Judah's) people celebrated, and then the city was peaceful and quiet, as Atalyah (Athaliah) had been put to death with a sword.

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and_they_took each ĐOM men_of_his those_who_came_of (of)_
_the_sabbath with those_who_went_out_of (of)_the_sabbath
if/because not Yəhōyādāʹ the_priest/officer he_let_go_off_duty
ĐOM the_divisions. 9 And_ Yəhōyādāʹ the_priest/officer _he/it_
_gave to_the_commanders_of the_hundreds ĐOM the_spears
and_ĐOM the_shields and_ĐOM the_shields which to/for_the_
_king Dāvid which were_the_house_of the_ʾElohīm. 10 And_he_
_stationed ĐOM all_of the_people and_each weapon_of_his was_
_in_hand_of_his from_the_side_of the_house (the)_right to the_
_side_of the_house (the)_left to_altar and_to_house at the_king
all_around. 11 And_they_brought_out ĐOM the_son_of the_king
and_they_put on/upon/above_him/it ĐOM the_crown and_ĐOM
the_transcript and_they_made_king ĐOM_him/it and_they_
_anointed_him Yəhōyādāʹ and_sons_of_his and_they_said the_
_king may_he_live. 12 And_ ʹAtalʸāh _she_heard ĐOM the_sound_
_of the_people who_were_running and_who_were_praising ĐOM
the_king and_she_went to the_people the_house_of **YHWH**.
13 And_she/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_king was_
_standing at pillar_of_his at_entrance and_the_officials and_
_the_trumpets were_with the_king and_all the_people_of the_
_earth/land was_joyful and_it_was_giving_a_blast on_trumpets
and_the_singers were_with_the_instruments_of (the)_song
(and)_they_were_leading to_praise and_ ʹAtalʸāh _she_tore ĐOM
clothes_of_her and_she/it_said treason treason. 14 And_
Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer _he_sent_out ĐOM the_
_commanders_of the_hundreds the_officers_of the_army and_
_he/it_said to_them bring_her_out to from_between_of the_
_ranks and_the_one_who_goes after_her he_will_be_put_to_
_death with_sword if/because the_priest/officer he_had_said
not you(pl)_must_put_her_to_death the_house_of **YHWH**.
15 And_they_put to/for_her/it hands and_she_went to the_
_entrance_of the_gate_of the_horses the_house_of the_king
and_they_put_her_to_death there.
16 And_ Yəhōyādāʹ _he_made a_covenant between_himself and_
_between all_of the_people and_between the_king to_be (into)_
_a_people to/for_**YHWH**. 17 And_ all_of the_people _they_came
the_house_of (the)_Baʹal and_they_pulled_it_down and_ĐOM
altars_of_its and_ĐOM images_of_its they_broke and_ĐOM
Mattān the_priest_of (the)_Baʹal they_killed to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_altars. 18 And_ Yəhōyādāʹ _he/it_
_assigned the_oversight(s)_of the_house_of **YHWH** in_the_
_hand_of the_priests the_Lēviyyiy whom Dāvid he_had_
_assigned over the_house_of **YHWH** to_offer_up the_burnt_
_offerings_of **YHWH** according_what_is_written in_the_law_of
Mosheh with_joy and_with_song on the_hands_of Dāvid.
19 And_he_stationed the_gatekeepers at the_gates_of the_
_house_of **YHWH** and_not a_person_unclean he_came to/from_
_all/each/any/every matter. 20 And_he/it_took ĐOM the_
_commanders_of the_hundreds and_ĐOM the_nobles and_ĐOM
the_rulers over_people and_ĐOM all_of the_people_of the_
_earth/land and_he_brought_down ĐOM the_king from_the_
_house_of **YHWH** and_they_came in_the_middle of_the_gate_of
(the)_upper the_house_of the_king and_they_made_sit ĐOM
the_king on the_throne_of (the)_royalty. 21 And_ all_of the_
_people_of the_earth/land _they_rejoiced and_the_city it_was_
_at_peace and_ĐOM ʹAtalʸāh they_had_put_to_death with_sword.

136 RV 23:16 · Parallel 2 Kgs 11:17-20

Literal Version

24:1 Was_a_son_of seven years Yō'āsh/(Joash) when_he_ _became_king and_forty year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Tsiv^{yāh}/(Zibiah) from_Bə'ēr- shevʿa'. **2** And_ Yō'āsh _he/it_ _made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** all_of the_days_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer. **3** And_he_took to_ _him/it Yəhōyādā' wives two and_he/it_fathered sons and_ _daughters. **4** And_he/it_was afterwards so[140] it_was with the_ _heart_of Yō'āsh to_renew ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. **5** And_he_ _assembled ÐOM the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_he/it_said to/for_them go_out to_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _collect from_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) money to_repair ÐOM the_ _house_of your(pl)_god_of_your(pl) from_sufficiency a_year in_ _a_year and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_do_quickly to_the_ _message/thing/matter and_not the_Lēviyyiy they_acted_ _quickly. **6** And_ the_king _he/it_called (to)_Yəhōyādā' the_ _chief and_he/it_said to_him/it why not have_you_required on the_Lēviyyiy to_bring from_Yəhūdāh and_from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ÐOM the_tax_of Mosheh the_servant_ _of **YHWH** and_of_the_assembly of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_the_ _tent_of the_transcript. **7** If/because ʿAtal^{yāh} the_wickedness her/its_sons/descendants they_had_broken_into ÐOM the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm and_also all_of the_holy_things_of the_ _house_of **YHWH** they_had_used for_Baʿal. **8** And_ the_king _ _he/it_said and_they_made a_chest one and_they_put_it at_ _the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** outside_to_the. **9** And_they_ _made a_proclamation in_Yəhūdāh and_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_bring to/for_**YHWH** the_tax_of Mosheh the_servant_of the_'Elohīm on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ _wilderness. **10** And_ all_of the_officials and_all the_people _ _they_rejoiced and_they_brought and_they_threw to_chest until (to)_finished. **11** And_he/it_was at_the_time_of when_ _someone_brought ÐOM the_chest to the_overseer_of the_king by_the_hand_of the_Lēviyyiy and_just_as_they_saw if/because_ _that was_much the_money and_ the_scribe_of the_king and_ _the_representative_of the_priest_of the_head _he_came and_ _they_poured_out ÐOM the_chest and_they_took_it and_they_ _returned_it to place_of_its thus they_did to_a_day in/on_day and_they_gathered money to_increase_in_number. **12** And_he_ _gave_it the_king and_Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) to the_doer[s]_of the_work_of the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_they_ _were hiring stonemasons and_craftsmen to_renew the_house_ _of **YHWH** and_also (to)_craftsmen_of iron and_bronze to_ _repair ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. **13** And_ the_doers_of the_ _work _they_worked and_ the_repair _it_went_up for_work by_ _hand_of_their and_they_erected ÐOM the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm on measurement_of_its and_they_strengthened_it. **14** And_just_as_they_had_finished they_brought to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_king and_Yəhōyādā' ÐOM the_ _remainder_of the_money and_someone_made_it articles for_ _the_house_of **YHWH** articles_of service and_offering_up and_ _pans and_articles_of gold and_silver and_they_were offering_ _up burnt_offerings in_house_of **YHWH** continually all_of the_ _days_of Yəhōyādā'. **15** And_ Yəhōyādā' _he_became_old and_

Readers' Version

Yehudah's king Yoash · Southern kingdom[137]

24:1 Yoash was seven years old when he became Yehudah's (Judah's) king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for forty years. His mother was Tsivyah from Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba). **2** Yoash did what pleased Yahweh throughout the lifetime of Yehoyada the priest. **3** Yehoyada procured two wives for him, and they bore him sons and daughters.

4 Sometime later, Yoash decided it would be good to repair Yahweh's residence, **5** and he gathered the priests and Levites, and told them, "Go out to Yehudah's cities and collect enough money across the country to renovate God's house in the next few years. Make this a priority." But the Levites didn't get on to it, **6** so the king summoned Yehoyada and demanded, "Why haven't you followed up on sending the Levites throughout Yerushalem and across Yehudah to collect the annual tax instituted by Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) for the people to contribute to the costs of the sacred tent?"[138]

7 (The wicked Atalyah's (Athaliah's) people had previously broken into Yahweh's residence and taken some of the sacred items from Yahweh's temple to use for Ba'al worship.)

8 The king ordered that a chest be made and placed outside the main temple entrance. **9** They made an announcement in Yerushalem and throughout Yehudah that people were to bring to Yahweh the tax that was instituted by God's servant Mosheh when they were still in the wilderness. **10** All the officials and the people agreed with this policy, so they brought their contributions and dropped them into the chest until it filled up. **11** Every day, when the Levites who'd been given oversight over the chest by the king saw that it was full, they'd fetch one of the king's secretaries along with one of the head priest's officials, and they'd empty the box and return it to its place, so they amassed a large sum of money.

12 The king and Yehoyada the priest gave the collected funds to the people who worked on the temple renovations. They used them to hire stone-workers and carpenters to restore the temple building, as well as for iron and bronze craftsmen. **13** So they started on the work, and the temple restoration went ahead. They rebuilt the temple following its original specifications, and strengthened it. **14** Whey they'd finished, they brought the remainder of the funds back to the king and Yehoyada, and they made items for the temple, items used in ministry and for burnt offerings, and dishes and gold and silver items. During Yehoyada's time, they were offering regular burnt sacrifices in Yahweh's temple.

15 By then, Yehoyada was getting old, and he died at the age of 130, **16** and they buried him with the kings in 'The City of David', because he'd done so much good for Yisrael (Israel), and for God and his temple.

137 RV 24:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 12:1-16

138 RV 24:6 · Cross-ref. Exo 30:11-16.

140 LV 24:4 · Note OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

Readers' Version

17 After Yehoyada's death, Yehudah's (Judah's) leaders went to young King Yoash and declared their loyalty to him, and he listened to them. **18** Then they abandoned the temple of their ancestors' god Yahweh, and they worshipped the Asherah poles and idols, and God was angry at Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah because of their disobedience. **19** He sent prophets to tell them to return back to him, and although they warned the people, the people didn't take any notice.

20 Then God's spirit enveloped Zekaryah (Zechariah), the son of Yehoyada the priest,[139] and he stood up and told the people, "God asks why you people are violating his commands. Because you abandoned Yahweh, he's abandoned you people." **21** However, the people conspired against Zekaryah, and the king ordered him to be executed by stoning him in the temple courtyard. **22** King Yoash disregarded the loyal commitment that Yehoyada had shown to his father, and killed his son. As Zekaryah was dying, he said, "Yahweh will see this and find a way to avenge."

23 Around the end of the year, the Aramean army attacked Yehudah and Yerushalem, and killed all the people's leaders. They sent all their plunder back to their king in Damesek (Damascus). **24** Actually, the Arameans only had a smallish army, but Yahweh allowed them to defeat the much larger army from Yehudah and bring punishment to King Yoash, because they'd abandoned Yahweh, their ancestors' god. **25** When they withdrew, they left Yoash with severe wounds, and then his servants conspired against him because he'd killed the son of the priest Yehoyada. So they killed him in his bed, and although they buried him in 'The City of David', he wasn't buried with the other kings. **26** The ones who'd conspired to kill him were: Zavad (a son of the Amoni woman Shim'at) and Yehozavad (a son of the Moavi woman Shimrit).

27 The list of King Yoash's sons, the many prophecies concerning him, and his renovations of the temple, are all written on 'The Scroll of the Kings'. His son Amatsyah replaced him as king.

Literal Version

_he_was_satisfied days and_he/it_died a_son_of one_hundred and_thirty year[s] at_death_of_his. **16** And_people_buried_him in_the_city_of Dāvid with the_kings if/because he_had_done good in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_with the_'Ĕlohīm and_his/its_ _house(hold). **17** And_after the_death_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_leaders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_came and_they_bowed_ _down to/for_the_king then the_king he_listened to_them. **18** And_they_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ the_house_of **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their and_they_served ~~ĐOM~~ the_'Ashērāh_ _poles and_~~ĐOM~~ the_idols and_ severe_anger _he/it_was towards Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_guilt_of_ _their this. **19** And_he_sent (is)_in_them prophets to_bring_ _them_back to **YHWH** and_they_warned (in)_them and_not they_gave_ear. **20** And_spirit god it_clothed ~~ĐOM~~ Zəkar^{yāh} the_ _son_of Yəhōyādā' the_priest/officer and_he_stood from_under (to)_people and_he/it_said to/for_them thus the_'Ĕlohīm he_ _says why are_you(pl) transgressing ~~ĐOM~~ the_commands_of **YHWH** and_not you(pl)_will_prosper if/because you(pl)_have_ _abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** and_he_has_abandoned you(pl). **21** And_they_conspired on/upon/above_him/it and_they_ _stoned_him stone[s] by_the_command_of the_king in_the_ _courtyard_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **22** And_not Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_king he_remembered the_loyalty which Yəhōyādā' his/its_ _father he_had_done with_him/it and_he_killed ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_ _son and_just_as_he_died he_said **YHWH** may_he_see and_may_ _he_require. **23** And_he/it_was to_the_circuit_of the_year it_ _came_up on/upon/above_him/it the_army_of 'Arām and_ _they_came to Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_destroyed ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_leaders_of the_people from_ _the_people and_all booty_of_their they_sent to_the_king_of Dammeseq. **24** If/because with_a_small_number_of men they_ _came the_army_of 'Arām and_**YHWH** he_gave in_hand_of_ _their an_army to_increase_in_number exceedingly if/because they_had_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_ _of_their and_~~ĐOM~~ Yō'āsh they_did judgement(s). **25** And_ _when_went_they from_him/it if/because they_had_left ~~ĐOM~~_ _him/it in/on/at/with[141] great they_conspired on/upon/above_him/it servants_of_his_own in_the_blood(s)_of the_sons_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer and_they_ _killed_him on bed_of_his and_he/it_died and_they_buried_him in_the_city_of Dāvid and_not they_buried_him in_the_graves_ _of the_kings. **26** And_these are_the_ones_who_conspired on/upon/above_him/it Zāvād the_son_of Shim'at the_ _'Ammōnī_woman and_Yəhōzāvād/(Jehozabad) the_son_of Shimrīt the_Mō'āvite_woman. **27** And_sons_of_his and[142] of_ _the_oracle on/upon/above_him/it and_the_founding of_the_ _house_of the_'Ĕlohīm THERE_they are_written on the_record_ _of the_scroll_of the_kings and_ 'Amats^{yāh} son_of_his _he_ _became_king in_place_of_him.

139 RV 24:20-21 · Cross-ref. Mat 23:35; Luk 11:51.

141 LV 24:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **סיילחמ/ב**: (x-qere) **בְּיוֹלֶחַמְ**': lemma_b/4251 morph_HR/Ncmpa id_14qX2 **בְּיוֹלֶחַמְ**

142 LV 24:27 · Note OSHB variant note: **ור/בר**: (x-qere) **בָּרֵי**': lemma_7235 a morph_HVqi3ms id_1425M **בָּרֵי**

Literal Version

25:1 A_son_of twenty and_five year[s] 'Amatsyāh he_became_ _king and_twenty and_nine year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Yəhō'addin/(Jehoaddan) from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** only not with_a_heart complete. **3** And_he/it_was just_as the_ _kingdom it_was_secure on/upon/above_him/it and_he_killed ĐOM servants_of_his who_had_struck_down ĐOM the_king his/its_father. **4** And_ĐOM children_of_their not he_put_to_ _death if/because according_what_is_written in_law in_the_ _book_of Mosheh which **YHWH** he_commanded to_say not parents they_will_die on children and_children not they_will_ _die on parents if/because each for_his_own_of_sin they_will_ _die. **5** And_ 'Amatsyāh _he_assembled ĐOM Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_appointed_them to_the_house_of ancestors to_the_ _commanders_of the_thousands and_to_the_commanders_of the_hundreds to/from_all/each/any/every Yəhūdāh and_ _Binyāmīn and_he_enrolled_them (to)_from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_he_found_them three hundred(s) thousand chosen_man who_goes_forth warfare who_holds a_spear and_a_body_shield. **6** And_he_hired from_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) one_hundred thousand mighty_man_of strength for_one_hundred talent[s]_of silver. **7** And_(the)_man_ _of the_'Elohīm he_came to_him/it to_say the_king not let_it_ _go with_you the_army_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because not **YHWH** is_with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_descendants_of 'Efrayim. **8** If/because (if) you go act be_strong for_battle he_ _will_overthrow_you the_'Elohīm to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_enemy if/because there_is strength in_god to_ _help and_to_overthrow. **9** And_ 'Amatsyāh _he/it_said to_the_ _man_of the_'Elohīm and_what is_to_do to_the_one_hundred_ _of the_talent[s] which I_paid to_the_troop[s]_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_man_of the_'Elohīm _he/it_said there_ _is to/for_**YHWH** to_give to/for_yourself(m) much more_than_ _this. **10** And_he_separated_them 'Amatsyāh (to)_the_troop[s] which it_had_come to_him/it from_'Efrayim to_go to_place_of_ _their and_ anger_of_their _it_glowed/burnt exceedingly on_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_returned to_place_of_their in_the_ _heat_of anger. **11** And_'Amatsyāh he_strengthened_himself and_he_led_out ĐOM people_of_his and_he/it_went the_Valley_ _of Salt and_he_struck_down ĐOM the_people_of Sē'īr ten_of thousand(s). **12** And_ten_of thousand(s) alive the_people_of Yəhūdāh they_took_captive and_they_brought_them to_the_ _top_of the_cliff and_they_threw_them from_the_top_of (the)_ _cliff and_all_of_of_them they_were_split_open. **13** And_the_ _sons of_the_troop which 'Amatsyāh he_had_turned_back from_ _going with_him/it to_battle and_they_made_a_raid on_the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh from_Shomrōn and_unto Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_ _they_struck_down from_them three_of thousand(s) and_they_ _plundered plunder much.

Readers' Version

Yehudah's King Amatsyah · Southern kingdom[143]

25:1 Amatsyah was twenty-five when he became Yehudah's (Judah's) king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-nine years. His mother was Yeho'adin from Yerushalem. **2** He mostly followed Yahweh's instructions, but not whole-heartedly.

3 Once his rule was established, he killed those of his servants who'd assassinated his father Yoash. **4** However, he didn't order their sons to be executed, because he obeyed Yahweh's instructions that had been written down by Mosheh (Moses), "Parents mustn't die because of what their children did, and children mustn't die because of what their parents did, but each individual should be punished for their own disobedience."[144]

5 Then Amatsyah summoned Yehudah's men and appointed some, clan by clan, to be leaders of hundreds and of thousands, for all of Yehudah and Benyamin. They counted three-hundred thousand men who were twenty and over, and suitable for fighting with a spear and shield. **6** He also hired a hundred thousand powerful warriors from Yisrael (Israel) for three tonnes of silver.

7 However, a man of God came and told him, "Your majesty, don't let Yisrael's soldiers go with you, because Yahweh isn't with Yisrael—those people of Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim).[145] **8** Even if you go and fight courageously in battle, God will cause you to be defeated by the enemy, because God has the power to help and the power to overthrow."

9 "So what should I do about all the silver that I've already paid to the troops from Yisrael?" Amatsyah asked.

"Yahweh can do much more for you than that," God's man replied.

10 So King Amatsyah told the troops from Yisrael to go home again, but they were extremely angry with Yehudah, and they got home still feeling furious.

11 Then Amatsyah took courage and led his army out to the Salt Valley, where they slaughtered ten thousand Edomi soldiers. **12** Yehudah rounded up another ten thousand and herded them to the top of a cliff, where they drove them over to kill them.

13 However, during that time, the warriors that Amatsyah had sent back to Yisrael raided Yehudah's cities all the way from Shomron (Samaria) to Beyt-Horon. They'd killed three thousand people and taken back a large amount of plunder.

143 RV 25:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 14:2-6

144 RV 25:4 · Cross-ref. Deu 24:16.

145 RV 25:7 · Note The northern kingdom of Yisrael also came to be known as 'Efrayim' (similar how the area of the tribes of Yehudah and Benyamin (plus others who moved in—see 11:16) became known as 'Yehudah').

Readers' Version

Amatsyah worships false gods · Southern kingdom

14 After King Amatsyah returned from fighting the Edomim, he brought back their idols and set them up to be his gods—bowing down to them and offering sacrifices. **15** That made Yahweh very angry at Amatsyah, and he sent a prophet to tell him, "Why did you want those gods who weren't even able to save their own people from your army?"

16 While he was still speaking, the king snapped at him, "Who asked you to be my counsellor? Stop right this minute or they'll strike you down!"

So the prophet stopped talking, but then he added, "I know that God has decided to destroy you because you've done that, and because you didn't listen to my advice."

Yehudah brings trouble on itself · Both kingdoms

17 Some time later, Yehudah's (Judah's) King Amatsyah consulted his advisors, then sent a challenge to Yisrael's (Israel's) King Yoash (son of Yehoahaz, son of Yehu (Jehu)), "Let's face each other on the battlefield." **18** But Yisrael's King Yoash replied, "A thistle in Levanon sent a message to a cedar in Levanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son for a wife,' but some random animal passed through the Lebanese countryside and trampled the thistle. **19** You defeated Edom and now it's gone to your head. So stay in your chair at home and don't get over-excited, otherwise both you and Yehudah will be toppled."

20 But King Amatsyah took no notice, because God was planning for him to be defeated for worshipping Edom's gods. **21** So Yisrael's King Yoash advanced, and the two armies faced each other at Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) in Yehudah, **22** and Yehudah was badly defeated by Yisrael, and all their warriors fled back home. **23** Yisrael's King Yoash captured King Amatsyah (son of Yoash, son of Yehoahaz) at Beyt-Shemesh and took him to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). Then he tore down Yerushalem's wall from the Efrayim Gate to the Corner Gate—a section about 180m long. **24** He took back to Shomron (Samaria) all the gold and silver and other valuable items that Oved-Edom had been guarding in the temple, as well as the valuables from the palace and some hostages.

25 After the death of Yisrael's King Yoash (son of Yehoahaz), Yehudah's King Amatsyah lived for a further fifteen years. **26** The account of everything else Amatsyah did was written in the scroll of 'The Kings of Yehudah and Yisrael'. **27** From the time that Amatsyah had turned from following Yahweh, there was a conspiracy to assassinate him in Yerushalem, but he fled to Lakish. However, they traced him to Lakish and killed him there. **28** They used horses to carry his body back to Yerushalem, and he was buried with his ancestors in 'The City of David'.[146]

Literal Version

14 And_he/it_was after 'Amatsʸāh came from_when_defeated ~~ĐOM~~ the_'Edōmites and_he/it_brought ~~ĐOM~~ the_gods_of the_ _people_of Sē'īr and_he_set_them_up to_him/it to_gods and_ _before_face_of_them he_bowed_down and_to_them he_made_ _smoke. **15** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_ _'Amatsʸāh and_he_sent to_him/it a_prophet and_he/it_said to_ _him/it to/for_what have_you_sought ~~ĐOM~~ the_gods_of the_ _people which not they_delivered ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_their_own from_your(ms)_hand. **16** And_he/it_was when_he_was_ _speaking to_him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it into_a_ _counsellor to/for_the_king have_we_made_you cease to/for_ _yourself(m) to/for_what will_people_strike_you_down and_ the_prophet _he_ceased and_he/it_said I_know if/because_that god he_has_planned to_destroy_you if/because you_have_done this and_not you_have_listened to_counsel_of_my.

17 And_ 'Amatsʸāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he_took_ _counsel and_he_sent to Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_son_of Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say wwww[147] let_us_look_at_one_another faces. **18** And_ Yō'āsh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_sent to 'Amatsʸāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh to_say the_thornbush which was_in_Ləvānōn it_sent to the_cedar which was_in_Ləvānōn to_say give ~~ĐOM~~ daughter_of_your to_son_of_my to/for_(a)_ _woman and_ the_animal_of the_field which was_in_Ləvānōn _ _it_passed_by and_it_trampled ~~ĐOM~~ the_thornbush. **19** You_ _have_said HERE you_have_defeated ~~ĐOM~~ 'Edōm and_it_has_ _lifted_you heart_of_your to_display_honour now remain in_ _house_of_your to/for_what will_you_engage_in_strife with_ _harm and_ you _you_will_fall and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) with_ _you. **20** And_not 'Amatsʸāh he_listened if/because was_from_ _(the)_god it so_as to_give_them in_a_hand if/because they_ _had_sought ~~ĐOM~~ the_gods_of 'Edōm. **21** And_ Yō'āsh the_king_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended and_ he and_'Amatsʸāh the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh _they_looked_at_one_another faces in_ _house_of shemesh which belonged_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **22** And_ Yəhūdāh _it_was_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_fled each to_tents_of_his. **23** And_~~ĐOM~~ 'Amatsʸāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh the_son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) Yō'āsh the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_seized in_house_of shemesh and_ _he_brought_him Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_made_a_ _breach in_the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_the_ _gate_of 'Efrayim to the_gate_of the_face four hundred(s) cubit[s]. **24** And_all the_gold and_the_silver and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_ _vessels which_were_found in_house_of the_'Elohīm with ʻŌvēd- 'Edōm and_~~ĐOM~~ the_treasures_of the_house_of the_king and_~~ĐOM~~ the_sons_of the_pledges and_he_returned Shomrōn. **25** And_ 'Amatsʸāh the_son_of Yō'āsh the_king_of Yəhūdāh _ _he/it_lived after the_death_of Yō'āsh the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) fif- teen year[s]. **26** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Amatsʸāh (the)_former and_(the)_latter not THERE_are_they written on the_scroll_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **27** And_from_the_time when 'Amatsʸāh he_ _turned_aside from_after **YHWH** and_people_conspired

146 RV 25:28 · Note The Hebrew actually has the unusual 'The City of Yehudah' here.

147 LV 25:17 · Note OSHB variant note: דל: (x-qere) ה֫כְל: lemma_1980 n_0.0 morph_HVqv2ms/Sh id_14tNx ה֫כְל

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on/upon/above_him/it a_conspiracy in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_fled to_Lākīsh and_they_
_sent after_him to_Lākīsh and_they_put_him_to_death there.
28 And_they_carried_him on the_horses and_they_buried ÐOM_
_him/it with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah).

26:1 And_ all_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh _they_took ÐOM
ʻUzziy^{yāh} and_he was_a_son_of six- teen year[s] and_they_
_made_king ÐOM_him/it in_place_of his/its_father ʼAmats^{yāh}.
2 He he_built ÐOM ʼĒylōt and_bring_back_restored_it to_
_Yəhūdāh after the_king lay_down with ancestors_of_his.
3 Was_a_son_of six- teen year[s] ʻUzziy^{yāh} when_he_became_
_king and_fifty and_two year[s] he_reigned in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_
Yəkol^{yāh}/(Jecholiah)[151] from Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **4** And
_he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_
_to_all that ʼAmats^{yāh} his/its_father he_had_done. **5** And_he/it_
_was to_seek god in_the_days_of Zəkar^{yāh} who_was_skilled in_
_the_seeing the_ʼElohīm and_in_the_days_of his_seeking ÐOM
YHWH he_made_him_prosper the_ʼElohīm. **6** And_he/it_went_
_out and_he_fought against_Pəlishtiy and_he_made_a_breach_
_in ÐOM the_wall_of Gath and_ÐOM the_wall_of
Yavneh/(Jabneh) and_ÐOM the_wall_of ʼAshdōd and_he_built
cities in_ʼAshdōd and_among_Pəlishtiy. **7** And_he_helped_him
the_ʼElohīm on the_Pəlishtiy and_on the[152] who_were_dwelling
in_Gūr baʻal and_the_Məʻūnāy. **8** And_ the_ʻAmmōnī _they_paid
tribute to_ʻUzziy^{yāh} and_ his/its_name _he/it_went to the_
_entrance[153] of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) if/because he_displayed_
_strength to (to)_upwards. **9** And_ ʻUzziy^{yāh} _he/it_built towers
in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) at the_gate_of the_corner and_at
the_gate_of the_valley and_at the_buttress and_he_made_
_them_strong. **10** And_he/it_built towers in_wilderness and_he_
_dug wells many if/because livestock much it_belonged to_
_him/it and_in_Shephelah and_in_plain farmers and_
_vinedressers in_mountains and_in_orchard[s] if/because
loving the_ground he_was. **11** And_he/it_was to_ʻUzziy^{yāh} an_
_army maker[s]_of war those_who_go_forth_of army to_
_troop[s] by_the_number_of their_muster_of_their by_the_
_hand_of Yəʼī^{ʼēl}/(Jeiel)[154] the_scribe and_Maʻ$_a$sē^{yāh} the_official
on the_hand_of Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} one_of_the_officials_of the_king.
12 All_of the_number_of the_heads_of the_fathers of_mighty_
_men_of strength two_thousand and_six hundred(s). **13** And_
_was_on hand_of_their an_army_of war three hundred(s)
thousand and_seven_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s)
makers_of war with_power_of strength to_help to/for_the_king
on the_enemy. **14** And_he_prepared to/for_them ʻUzziy^{yāh}
to/from_all/each/any/every the_army shields and_spears and_
_helmets and_body_armour(s) and_bows and_(to)_stones_of
slings. **15** And_he/it_made in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) war_
_engines the_invention_of an_inventor to_be on the_towers
and_on the_corners to_shoot with_arrows and_with_stones
large and_ his/its_name _he/it_went_out to (to)_from_a_

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Yehudah's King Uziyah · Southern kingdom[148]

26:1 Then all the people took sixteen-year-old Uziyah and made him king to replace his father Amatsyah. **2** Uziyah restored Eylot City to Yehudah (Judah) and rebuilt it after his father's death.

3 Uziyah was sixteen when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for fifty-two years. His mother was Yekaleyah from Yerushalem. **4** He did the things that Yahweh said were good, like his father Amatsyah had done. **5** He strived to follow God during the lifetime of Zekaryah (Zechariah), who instructed him. During the time that he obeyed Yahweh, God made him successful.

6 Uziyah went to attack the Pelishtim, and successfully broke through the walls at Gat, Yavneh, and Ashdod. He rebuilt Ashdod and other cities in the Peleshet region. **7** God helped him against the Pelishtim, against the Aravim who were living in Gur-Ba'al, and against the Meunim. **8** The Amonim paid tribute to Uziyah, and his fame spread as far as the Mitsri (Egyptian) border because he was becoming more powerful.

9 King Uziyah built fortified towers in Yerushalem at the Corner Gate, the Valley Gate, and at the angle in the wall. **10** He also built towers in the wilderness, and dug a lot of wells, because he had a lot of cattle—both in the lowlands and in the plains. He was also interested in horticulture, so he had workers stationed in his vineyards and in his fertile fields.

11 Uziyah's army was trained for fighting battles, and organised into divisions set up by Yeiel the scribe and the commander Ma'aseyah, under the supervision of Hananyah, one of the king's officials. **12** There were 2,600 clan leaders who led the powerful warriors, **13** and the full force of 37,500 was under their authority, to support the king against his enemies. **14** Uziyah supplied shields, spears, helmets, armoured vests, bows, and slingshots for the entire army. **15** Using a local invention, he made war machines in Yerushalem to be placed on the towers and corners of the walls to fire arrows and large stones. His fame now spread widely because he'd received a lot of help that had made him very powerful.

16 However, at the peak of his strength, he became very arrogant, and that led to his destruction. He disobeyed his god Yahweh and went into the temple to burn incense on the incense altar. **17** The high priest Azaryah and eighty other brave priests

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148 RV 26:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 14:21-22; 15:1-7

151 LV 26:3 · Note OSHB variant note: **הילכי**: (x-qere) 'הֶיָלְכִי': lemma_3203 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_14cKK **הֶיָלְכִי**

152 LV 26:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **מיברע/ה**: (x-qere) 'מֵיֶבְרַעֲ/ה': lemma_d/6163 b n_0.0.0 morph_HTd/Ngmpa id_14dbh **מֵיֶבְרַעֲ/ה**

153 LV 26:8 · Note OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as **אֹנֻבֶל**

154 LV 26:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **לאועי**: (x-qere) 'לֶאֱוִעִי': lemma_3273 morph_HNp id_14fYJ **לֶאֱוִעִי**

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went in after him. **18** They confronted King Uziyah and challenged him, "It's not permitted for you, Uziyah, to sacrifice to Yahweh, only for Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants the priests—the ones consecrated to sacrifice.[149] Leave the sanctuary, because you've disobeyed Yahweh God, so now he won't honour you."

19 Then Uziyah, who was holding an incense pan, became very angry, but when he started raging at the priests, spots of leprosy suddenly appeared on his forehead while he was still there beside the incense altar in front of the priests. **20** The high priest Azaryah looked more closely, and confirming that it was indeed leprosy on his forehead, hurried him outside. The king was now also in a hurry, because Yahweh had afflicted him.

21 King Uziyah had leprosy until he died, so he had to live in an isolated residence and wasn't allowed to approach the temple. His son Yotam (Jotham) stood in for him—supervising the palace and ruling Yehudah (Judah).

22 The record of all the other things Uziyah did while he was king was written by the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) (son of Amots). **23** When Uziyah died,[150] because of his leprosy they buried him with his ancestors in a royal grave in the countryside, and his son Yotam replaced him as king.

Yehudah's King Yotam · Southern kingdom[157]

27:1 Yotam (Jotham) was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for sixteen years. His mother was Yerusha, daughter of the priest Tsadok. **2** He did the things that Yahweh said were good like his father Uziyah had done (except that he didn't trespass in Yahweh's temple). However, the people were still behaving corruptly.

3 He rebuilt the temple's Upper Gate and extended the Ofel wall. **4** He built cities in the Yehudah (Judah) hill country, and built fortresses and towers in the forests. **5** He attacked the Amonim' king and dominated them. Then for the next three

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_distance if/because he_made_wonderful to_be_helped until if/because he_was_strong. **16** And_according_to_of_his_ _strengthening his/its_heart it_was_haughty until (to)_ _behaved_corruptly and_he_acted_unfaithfully against_**YHWH** his/its_god and_he_went into the_temple_of **YHWH** to_make_ _smoke on the_altar_of (the)_incense. **17** And_he_went after_ _him ʻAzar^{yāh} the_priest/officer and_were_with_him priests to/for_**YHWH** eighty sons_of strength. **18** And_they_took_ _their_stand on ʻUzziy^{yāh} the_king and_they_said to_him/it not to/for_yourself(m) Oh_ʻUzziy^{yāh} to_make_smoke to/for_**YHWH** if/because to_priests the_descendants_of ʾAh$_a$ron who_are_ _consecrated to_make_smoke go_out from the_sanctuary if/because you_have_acted_unfaithfully and_not to/for_ _yourself(m) for_honour from_**YHWH** god. **19** And_ ʻUzziy^{yāh} _ _he_was_enraged and_was_in_hand_of_his a_censer to_make_ _smoke and_when_he_was_enraged with the_priests and_(the)_ _skin_disease it_arose on_forehead_of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_priests in_house_of **YHWH** from_under to_the_altar_of (the)_incense. **20** And_he_turned to_him/it ʻAzar^{yāh} the_priest_of the_head and_all the_priests and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE he was_one_who_had_a_skin_disease on_ _forehead_of_his and_they_hastened_him from_there and_also he he_hurried_himself to_go_out if/because he_had_struck_ _him **YHWH**. **21** And_he/it_was ʻUzziy^{yāh} the_king having_a_ _skin_disease until the_day_of his_death_of_his and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived the_house_of the[155] having_a_skin_ _disease if/because he_was_cut_off from_the_house_of **YHWH** and_Yōtām/(Jotham) his/its_son was_over the_house_of the_ _king he_was_judging ~~ĐOM~~ the_people_of the_earth/land. **22** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of ʻUzziy^{yāh} (the)_former and_ _(the)_latter[156] Yəsha^{ʻyāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of ʾĀmōts the_ _prophet he_has_written. **23** And_ ʻUzziy^{yāh} _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried ~~ĐOM~~_him/it with ancestors_of_his in_the_field_of (the)_grave which belonged_ _to_kings if/because they_said he was_one_who_had_a_skin_ _disease and_ Yōtām his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_of_ _him.

27:1 Was_a_son_of twenty and_five year[s] Yōtām when_he_ _became_king and_six- teen year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Yərūshāʾ/(Jerusha) the_daughter_of Tsādōq/(Zadok). **2** And_ _he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_ _to_all that ʻUzziy^{yāh} his/its_father he_had_done only not he_ _went into the_temple_of **YHWH** and_yet the_people were_ _behaving_corruptly. **3** He he_built ~~ĐOM~~ the_gate_of the_house_ _of **YHWH** (the)_upper and_on_the_wall_of (the)_ʻOfel he_built to_increase_in_number. **4** And_cities he_built in_the_hill_ _country_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_heights he_built fortresses and_towers. **5** And_he he_waged_war with the_king_ _of the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_he_prevailed over_them and_

149 RV 26:18 · Cross-ref. Exo 30:7-8; Num 3:10.

150 RV 26:23 · Cross-ref. Isa 6:1.

155 LV 26:21 · Note OSHB variant note: תושפה/ה: (x-qere) תִּישְׁפָּ֫ח/ה֑ʾ: lemma_d/2669 n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_14DcB תִּישְׁפָּ֫ח/ה֑ʾ

156 LV 26:22 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

157 RV 27:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 15:32-38

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_they_gave to_him/it the_people_of ´Ammōn in_year (the)_that one_hundred talent[s]_of silver and_ten_of thousand(s) kor_ _measures wheat(s) and_barley(s) ten_of_thousand(s) this they_ _brought to_him/it the_people_of ´Ammōn and_in_year the_ _second(fs) and_(the)_third. **6** And_ Yōtām/(Jotham) _he_ _strengthened_himself if/because he_had_directed ways_of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** his/its_god. **7** And_ _the_rest_of the_matters_of Yōtām and_all wars_of_his and_ _ways_of_his THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_of the_ _kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah). **8** A_son_of twenty and_five year[s] he_was when_he_became_king and_six- teen year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **9** And_ Yōtām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried ĐOM_him/it in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ 'Āḥāz his/its_son _he_ _became_king in_place_of_him.

28:1 Was_a_son_of twenty year[s] 'Āḥāz when_he_became_king and_six- teen year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not he_did the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** like_Dāvid his/its_father. **2** And_he/it_went in_the_ways_of the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_also molten_images he_made for_Ba´al. **3** And_he he_made_smoke in_valley_of son_of Hinnom and_he_ _burnt ĐOM sons_of_his in_fire according_to_the_abominations_ _of the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_dispossessed from_ _face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** And_he_ _sacrificed and_he_made_smoke at_places and_on the_hills and_under every_of tree luxuriant.

5 And_he_gave_him **YHWH** his/its_god in_the_hand_of the_ _king_of 'Arām and_they_defeated in_him/it and_they_took_ _captive from_him/it captive[s] large and_they_brought_them Dammeseq and_also in_the_hand_of the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_was_given and_he_defeated in/on/over_ _him/it a_defeat great. **6** And_ Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū _ _he_killed among_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) one_hundred and_twenty thousand in/on_day one (the)_all were_sons_of strength because_they_had_abandoned ĐOM **YHWH** the_god_of their_ _ancestors_of_their. **7** And_he_killed Zikrī (the)_warrior_of 'Efrayim ĐOM Ma´$_a$sē^{yāh} the_son_of the_king and_ĐOM ´Azrīqām the_officer_of the_house and_ĐOM 'Elqānāh the_second_of the_ _king. **8** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_took_captive of_relatives_of_their two_hundred thousand women sons and_ _daughters and_also booty much they_plundered from_them and_they_brought ĐOM the_booty to_Shomrōn.

9 And_there he_was a_prophet to/for_**YHWH** was_´Ōdēd his/its_name and_he/it_went_out to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_army which_was_coming to_Shomrōn and_ _he/it_said to/for_them HERE in_the_rage_of **YHWH** the_god_ _of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) towards Yəhūdāh he_gave_ _them in_hand_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_have_killed among_ _them in_a_rage which_to to_heavens it_has_reached. **10** And_

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years, the Amonim brought him three tonnes of silver, and 2,000 tonnes each of wheat and barley each year. **6** Yotam became more powerful because he'd established a pattern of obeying his god Yahweh. **7** The record of all the other things Yotam did while he was king, including all his battles, was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah'. **8** He was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem for sixteen years. **9** Then (at forty-one years old), Yotam died and was buried in 'The City of David', and his son Ahaz replaced him as king.

Yehudah's King Ahaz · Southern kingdom[158]

28:1 Ahaz was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for sixteen years, but he didn't do what Yahweh wanted, like his ancestor David had. **2** Instead, he followed the example of Yisrael's (Israel's) kings, including casting metal idols for the Ba'al. **3** He offered incense in the Ben-Hinom valley and he burnt his children with fire,[159] following the detestable customs of the nations that Yahweh had driven away as the Israelis had entered the region, **4** plus he offered sacrifices and burnt incense at the hilltop shrines, and on the hills, and under every large, green tree.

War between Aram and Yisrael · Both kingdoms[160]

5 So his god Yahweh allowed King Ahaz to be defeated by Aram's (Syria's) king—they attacked and took many prisoners back to Damesek (Damascus). In addition, Yahweh allowed Yisrael's (Israel's) king to be victorious, and they slaughtered many fighters.[161] **6** Yisrael's King Pekah (Remalyah's son) killed 120,000 powerful warriors in Yehudah (Judah) in one day, after they'd abandoned their ancestors' god. **7** A warrior from Efrayim (Ephraim) named Zikri killed King Ahaz's son Ma'aseyah, Azrikam the palace supervisor, and Elkanah the king's second-in-command. **8** Yisrael's soldiers captured two-hundred thousand of their relatives, including their wives and children. They also took a lot of plunder back to Shomron (Samaria) with them.

The prophet Oded

9 Now there was a prophet of Yahweh named Oded, and he went out to Yisrael's (Israel's) army as it was returning to Shomron (Samaria), and told them, "Listen, your ancestors' god, Yahweh, was angry with Yehudah (Judah), so he helped you defeat them. However, you people killed them in rage, and God has taken notice. **10** Now you want to keep the

158 RV 28:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 16:1-4

159 RV 28:3 · Note Probably, but not definitely, referring to the practice of child sacrifice.

160 RV 28:5 · Parallel 2 Kgs 16:5

161 RV 28:5-6 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 16:5; Isa 7:1.

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people of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah as your own male and female slaves, but that would certainly make you people guilty in your god Yahweh's view. **11** So then, listen to me and return those captives, because they're your own relatives, and Yahweh is extremely angry at you people."

12 Then some of the leaders of Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) took action and confronted those returning from battle: Azaryah (Yehohanan's son), Berekyah (Meshilemot's son), Yehizkiyah (Shalum's son), and Amasa (Hadlay's son) **13** told the ones returning, "Don't bring those captives here, because that would be disobedience, and add to the rest of our disobedience and wrongdoing, because Yahweh's already angry at us here in Yisrael." **14** So the returning soldiers released the captives in front of the leaders and all the assembled people, and dropped all the plunder there as well. **15** Then some men from Yisrael were called out by name to come and search the plunder to find clothes and dress the naked captives from Yehudah and give them sandals. Then they gave them food and drink, as well as oil to rub on their wounds. They gave donkeys to those who couldn't easily walk, and took them to Yeriho (Jericho) (Yeriho, the Palm City) which was nearer their relatives, then those men returned to Shomron.

16 Around that time, King Ahaz requested help from the Assyrian kings, **17** because the Edomim had been and attacked Yehudah and taken captives. **18** Also the Pelishtim had raided the lowland cities and the Negev, and they'd captured Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis), Ayalon, and Gederot, as well as Sokoh, Timnah, and Gimzo with their surrounding villages, **19** because Yahweh was humbling Yehudah because King Ahaz had thrown off restraint there and been very unfaithful to Yahweh. **20** So the Assyrian King Tiglat-Pileser came, but he ended up adding to his troubles rather than helping. **21** Ahaz gave the Assyrian king valuables from the temple and the palace and from other leaders, but that didn't help.

Ahaz's disobedience · Southern kingdom

22 While King Ahaz was experiencing those troubles, he disobeyed Yahweh even more **23** and sacrificed to the gods of Damesek (Damascus) (because Aram (Syria) had defeated him). He reasoned, "Since the gods of the Aramean kings helped them, I'll sacrifice to them, and then they'll help me." However, that led to Ahaz's fall, and to the fall of all of Yehudah (Judah).[162] **24** Then Ahaz gathered all the furnishings that were used in the temple, and broke them

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_now the_people_of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl) are_saying to_force_into_slavery to_male_slaves and_ _to_female_slaves to/for_you(pl) not certainly you(pl) with_ _you(pl) are_guilt(s) to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **11** And_ _now listen_to_me and_return the_captive[s] which you(pl)_ _have_taken_captive from_relatives_of_your(pl) if/because the_ _burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** is_towards_you(pl). **12** And_ men of_the_chiefs_of the_descendants_of 'Efrayim ´Azarʸᵃʰ the_ _son_of Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) Berekʸᵃʰ the_son_of Məshillēmōt and_Jechizkiah the_son_of Shallūm and_´Amāsā' the_son_of Ḥadlay _they_rose_up on the_(ones_who)_went from the_war. **13** And_they_said to/for_them not you(pl)_must_ _bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_captive[s] here if/because (to)_the_guilt_of **YHWH** on_us you(pl) are_saying to_add to sins_of_our and_to guilt_of_our if/because much guilt to/for_us and_burning_of anger is_towards Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** And_ the_man_equipped _ _he_left ᴅᴏᴍ the_captive[s] and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_plunder to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_commanders and_all the_assembly. **15** And_ the_men who they_had_been_designated by_names _ _they_arose and_they_took_hold on_captive[s] and_all people_ _of_their_naked they_clothed from the_booty and_they_ _clothed_them and_they_shod_them and_they_fed_them and_ _they_gave_them_to_drink and_they_anointed_them and_they_ _led_them on_donkeys to/from_all/each/any/every one_who_ _stumbled and_they_brought_them Yərīḥō/(Jericho) the_city_ _of the_palm_trees beside relatives_of_their and_they_returned Shomrōn. **16** At_time (the)_that the_king 'Āḥāz he_sent to the_ _kings_of 'Ashshūr to_help to_him/it. **17** And_again the_ _'Edōmites they_had_come and_they_had_defeated (in)_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_had_taken_captive captive[s]. **18** And_the_Pəlishtiy they_had_made_a_raid on_the_cities_of the_Shephelah and_the_Negeѵ of_Yəhūdāh and_they_had_ _captured ᴅᴏᴍ Bēyt Shemesh and_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ayyālōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_ _Gədērōt and_ᴅᴏᴍ Sōkoh and_her/its_daughters and_ᴅᴏᴍ Timnah and_her/its_daughters and_ᴅᴏᴍ Gimzō and_ᴅᴏᴍ daughters_of_its and_they_lived there. **19** If/because **YHWH** he_had_humbled ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhūdāh in_account_of 'Āḥāz the_king_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because he_had_allowed_lack_of_ _restraint in_Yəhūdāh and_he_had_acted_unfaithfully unfaithfulness against_**YHWH**. **20** And_he_came on/upon/above_him/it Tiglat pil'eṣer the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_he/it_laid_siege to_him/it and_not he_strengthened_him. **21** If/because 'Āḥāz he_had_plundered ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of the_king and_the_officials and_ _he/it_gave to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_not for_help to_ _him/it.

22 And_at_the_time_of harassed to_him/it and_he_increased to_act_unfaithfully against_**YHWH** that the_king 'Āḥāz. **23** And_ _he/it_sacrificed to_the_gods_of Dammeseq which_had_ _defeated in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_said if/because the_ _gods_of the_kings_of 'Arām they are_helping them to/for_ _them I_will_sacrifice and_they_will_help_me and_they they_ _became to_him/it (into)_causing_overthrow_his and_to/for_ _all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** And_ 'Āḥāz _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _utensils_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm and_he_cut_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_

162 RV 28:23 · Note Sometimes in 2 Chronicles, Yehudah is referred to as Yisrael, but as that can be confusing for readers, we've made adjustments.

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_utensils_of the_house_of the_ʾElohīm and_he/it_closed_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_doors_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_he/it_made to_ _him/it altars in_all corner in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **25** And_on/over_all city and_a_city of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_ _made high_places to_make_smoke to_gods other and_he_ _provoked ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** the_god_of his_ancestors_of_his. **26** And_ _the_rest_of his_matters_of_his and_all ways_of_his (the)_ _former and_(the)_latter THERE_they are_written on the_ _scroll_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh and_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **27** And_ ʾĀḥāz _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried_ _him in_city in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because not they_ _brought_him to_the_graves_of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ Ḥizqiyʸāh son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him. **29:1** Ḥizqiyʸāh he_became_king a_son_of twenty and_five year[s] and_twenty and_nine year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _ʾAvʿiyʸāh the_daughter_of Zəkarʸāh. **2** And_he/it_made the_ _right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that Dāvid his/its_father he_had_done. **3** He in_year (the)_first of_ _reigning_his in_month (the)_first he_opened ᴅᴏᴍ the_doors_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_he_repaired_them. **4** And_he/it_ _brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_priests and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Lēviyyiy and_he_ _gathered_them to_the_open_place_of the_east. **5** And_he/it_ _said to/for_them listen_to_me Oh_Lēviyyiy now consecrate_ _yourselves and_consecrate ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of **YHWH** the_god_ _of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_bring_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _impurity from the_holy_place. **6** If/because fathers_of_our they_acted_unfaithfully and_they_did the_evil in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_our and_they_abandoned_him and_ _they_turned faces_of_their away_from_the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** and_they_gave a_neck. **7** Also they_shut the_doors_of the_porch and_they_extinguished ᴅᴏᴍ the_lamps and_incense not they_made_smoke and_burnt_offering[s] not they_offered_ _up in_place to_the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **8** And_he/it_was the_severe_anger_of **YHWH** towards Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_has_made_them mmm[165] a_ _horror and_into_a_hissing just_as you(pl) are_seeing with_ _your_two's_own_of_eyes. **9** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE fathers_of_ _our they_have_fallen by_sword and_sons_of_our and_ _daughters_of_our and_wives_of_our are_in_captivity on this. **10** Now is_with heart_of_my to_make a_covenant to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_it_will_turn_back from_him/it the_burning_of his_anger_of_his. **11** My_sons_of_my now do_ _not be_negligent if/because (in)_you(pl) **YHWH** he_has_ _chosen to_stand before_him to_serve_him and_to_be to_ _him/it servants and_makers_of_smoke. **12** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _ _they_arose Maḥat the_son_of ʿAmāsāʾi and_Yōʾēl/(Joel) the_ _son_of ʿAzarʸāh of the_descendants_of the_Qəhātite[s] and_ _from the_descendants_of Mərārī Qīsh the_son_of ʿAvʿdiy and_ _ʿAzarʸāh the_son_of Yəhallelʾēl/(Jehallelel) and_from the_ _Gershonite[s] Yōʾāḥ/(Joah) the_son_of Zimmāh and_ʿĒden the_ _son_of Yōʾāḥ. **13** And_from the_descendants_of ʾElītsāfān

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into pieces and locked the temple doors. Then he set up pagan altars at every Yerushalem (Jerusalem) intersection, **25** and in every Yehudah city he set up hilltop shrines to make sacrifices to other gods, thus angering Yahweh, his ancestors' god.

26 The record of all the other things Ahaz did while he was king was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yehudah and Yisrael' (Israel). **27** Then Ahaz died[163] and was buried in 'The City of David', but not in the tombs of the other kings of Yisrael. Then his son Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) replaced him as king.

Purifying the temple · Southern kingdom[164]

29:1 Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-nine years. His mother was Zekaryah's (Zechariah's) daughter Aviyah. **2** He did what pleased Yahweh, like his ancestor King David had done.

3 In the very first month of his reign, he unlocked the temple doors and repaired them. **4** Then he summoned the priests and the Levites, assembled them in the eastern temple courtyard, **5** and told them, "Now you Levites, listen to me. You need to consecrate yourselves now, and consecrate the residence of Yahweh, your ancestors' god, and remove any defilement from the sacred place, **6** because our ancestors were unfaithful and disobeyed our god Yahweh. Then they abandoned him, lost interest in this temple, and turned their back on it all. **7** They extinguished the lamps and locked the temple up. After that, they didn't burn any incense or offer any burnt sacrifices in the sacred place of Yisrael's (Israel's) god. **8** That's why Yahweh was angry at Yerushalem and all of Yehudah (Judah), and allowed us to become a place of terror and horror and scorn, as you've all seen with your own eyes. **9** As a result, our fathers died in battle, and our wives and children have been captured and taken to other countries.

10 Now I sincerely want to make an agreement with Yisrael's god Yahweh, so that his fierce anger will turn away from us. **11** So lads, don't mess around, because Yahweh has chosen you to stand in his presence to serve him, and to be ministering and burning incense.

12 Then these Levites took action:

from the Kohatites: Mahat (Amasay's son) and Yoel (Joel) (Azaryah's son),

from the descendants of Merari: Kish (Avdi's son) and Azaryah (Yehalel'el's son),

from the Gershonim: Yoah (Zimah's son) and Eden (Yoah's son),

163 **RV 28:27 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:28.

164 **RV 29:1 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 18:1-3

165 **LV 29:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: העוז/ל: (x-qere) הֲוָעִ֥יז/לְ֖: lemma_l/2189 n_0.1.0 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_14FaA הֲוָעִ֥יז/לְ֖

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13 from Elitsafan's descendants: Shimri and Yeiel,
from Asaf's descendants: Zekaryah (Zechariah) and Matanyah,
14 from Heyman's descendants: Yehiel and Shimei, and
from Yedutun's descendants: Shemayah and Uziel.
15 They assembled their relatives and consecrated themselves, then they entered the temple to purify it, as the king had ordered as a result of Yahweh's message. 16 The priests entered the inner part of the temple to purify it, and they took everything they found that shouldn't be in there and brought it out to the temple courtyard, and then the Levites took it all out to be burnt, down in the Kidron valley.
17 They began the purification at the beginning of March and worked outwards, reaching the porch by the eighth, and then it took eight more days for the courtyard, so they finished on the sixteenth.
18 Then they reported to King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), "We've purified the whole of Yahweh's temple, including the altar for burnt offerings and all its utensils, and the bread display table and all its utensils. 19 We've prepared and consecrated all the items which King Ahaz rejected during his unfaithful reign, and they're back in front of Yahweh's altar."

Temple sacrifices restored

20 Early the next morning, King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) assembled the city officials and went to Yahweh's residence, 21 taking seven bulls, seven rams, seven male lambs, and seven male goats to be a sin offering for the kingdom, the sanctuary, and Yehudah (Judah). He instructed the priests (Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants) to sacrifice the animals to Yahweh on the altar. 22 So they slaughtered the bulls and took the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. Then they did the same for the rams, and then the lambs. 23 Finally, they brought the goats for the sin offering to the front, and the king and the people placed their hands on them, 24 and then the priests slaughtered them and splashed their blood on the altar so Yahweh would forgive all of Yisrael's (Israel's) disobedience. (The king had ordered the burnt offerings and the sin offering be for all of Yisrael.)
25 Then he told the Levites to stand in the temple with cymbals, harps, and lyres—obeying what David and his prophets Gad and Natan (Nathan) had commanded. (Yahweh had actually given those orders through his prophets.) 26 The Levites stood with David's instruments, and the priests with their trumpets, 27 then Hizkiyah said to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When they started to slaughter the animals, the people sang and praised Yahweh as the trumpets were blown and the other instruments played. 28 The entire assembly were bowing down and worshipping as the singers sang and the trumpeters played, until the burnt offering was completed, 29 then the king and ev-

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Shimrī and[166] and_from the_descendants_of ʾĀṣāf Zəkar^{yāh} and_ _Mattan^{yāh}. 14 And_from the_descendants_of Hēymān Yəḥīʾ^{ēl}/(Jehiel)[167] and_Shimʿī and_from the_descendants_of Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) Shəmaʿ^{yāh} and_ʿUzziyʾ^{ēl}. 15 And_they_ _gathered ĐOM relatives_of_their and_they_consecrated_ _themselves and_they_came according_to_the_command_of the_king by_the_words/messages_of **YHWH** to_cleanse the_ _house_of **YHWH**. 16 And_ the_priests _they_came to_within the_house_of **YHWH** to_cleanse_it and_they_brought_out ĐOM all_of the_uncleanness which they_found in_(the)_palace of_ _**YHWH** to_the_courtyard_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_ the_ _Lēviyyiy _they_took_it to_bring_it_out to_the_wadi_of Qidrōn outside_to_the. 17 And_they_began on_day_one of_month (the)_first to_consecrate and_on_day_of eight of_month they_ _came to_the_porch_of **YHWH** and_they_consecrated ĐOM the_ _house_of **YHWH** for_days eight and_on_day_of six- teen of_ _month (the)_first they_finished. 18 And_they_went within to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king and_they_said we_have_cleansed ĐOM all_of the_house_of **YHWH** ĐOM the_altar_of the_burnt_offering and_ _ĐOM all_of utensils_of_its and_ĐOM the_table_of the_row and_ _ĐOM all_of utensils_of_its. 19 And_ĐOM all_of the_vessels which the_king ʾĀḥāz he_had_rejected in_reign_of_his in_ _unfaithfulness_of_his we_have_prepared and_we_have_ _consecrated and_THERE_they to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_altar_of **YHWH**.

20 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king _he_rose_early and_he_gathered ĐOM the_officials_of the_city and_he/it_ascended the_house_of **YHWH**. 21 And_they_brought young_bulls seven and_rams seven and_lambs seven and_he-goats_of goats seven to_a_sin_ _offering on the_kingdom and_on the_sanctuary and_on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_said to_the_descendants_of ʾAh$_a$ron the_priests to_offer_up on the_altar_of **YHWH**. 22 And_ _they_slaughtered the_cattle and_ the_priests _they_took ĐOM the_blood and_they_sprinkled_it to_the_altar and_they_ _slaughtered the_rams and_they_sprinkled the_blood to_the_ _altar and_they_slaughtered the_lambs and_they_sprinkled the_blood to_the_altar. 23 And_they_brought_near ĐOM the_ _goats_of the_sin_offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_the_assembly and_they_laid hands_of_their on_ _them. 24 And_they_slaughtered_them the_priests and_they_ _made_a_sin_offering ĐOM blood_of_their to_the_altar to_make_ _atonement on all_of Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) if/because to/from_ _all/each/any/every Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) the_king he_had_said the_ _burnt_offering and_the_sin_offering. 25 And_he_stationed ĐOM the_Lēviyyiy the_house_of **YHWH** with_cymbals with_lyres and_with_harps by_the_command_of Dāvid and_Gād the_seer_ _of the_king and_Nathan the_prophet if/because was_by_the_ _hand_of **YHWH** the_command by_the_hand_of his_prophets_ _of_his. 26 And_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_stood with_the_ _instruments_of Dāvid and_the_priests with_trumpets. 27 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said to_offer_up the_burnt_offering to_the_ _altar and_at_the_time the_burnt_offering when_it_began the_ _song_of **YHWH** and_the_trumpets it_began and_on the_hands_ _of the_instruments_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel).

166 **LV 29:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לאועי/ו**: (x-qere) **ו/לֶאֱיעִי**ʾ: lemma_c/3273 n_1 morph_HC/Np id_14poL **ו/לֶאֱיעִי**
167 **LV 29:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לאוחי**: (x-qere) **לֶאֱיחִי**ʾ: lemma_3171 morph_HNp id_14PYi **לֶאֱיחִי**

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28 And_all the_assembly were_bowing_down and_the_song was_singing and_the_trumpets were_blowing_a_trumpet[168][169] (the)_everything was_until (to)_was_ the_burnt_offering _ _complete. 29 And_just_as_finished to_offer_up the_king and_ _all those_who_were_found with_him/it they_bowed_down and_they_bowed_down. 30 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king and_the_ _officials _he/it_said to_Lēviyyiy to_praise to/for_**YHWH** with_ _the_words/messages_of Dāvid and_'Āṣāf the_seer and_they_ _praised to to_joy and_they_bowed_low and_they_bowed_ _down. 31 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_answered and_he/it_said now you(pl)_have_filled hand_of_your(pl) to/for_**YHWH** draw_near and_bring sacrifices and_thank-offerings to_the_house_of **YHWH** and_ the_assembly _they_brought sacrifices and_ _thank-offerings and_all person_willing_of heart burnt_ _offerings. 32 And_he/it_was the_number_of the_burnt_ _offering[s] which the_assembly they_brought cattle seventy rams one_hundred lambs two_hundred were_for_a_burnt_ _offering to/for_**YHWH** all_of these. 33 And_the_holy_offerings were_cattle six hundred(s) and_sheep three_of thousand(s). 34 Only the_priests they_were to_fewness and_not they_were_ _able to_skin ~~DOM~~ all_of the_burnt_offerings and_they_helped_ _them relatives_of_their the_Lēviyyiy until the_work was_ _complete and_unto the_priests they_had_consecrated_ _themselves if/because the_Lēviyyiy were_upright_of heart to_ _consecrate_themselves more_than_the_priests. 35 And_also burnt_offering[s] to_increase_in_number with_the_fat(s)_of the_peace_offerings and_with_offerings of_offering and_ the_ _service_of the_house_of **YHWH** _it_was_arranged. 36 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_all the_people _he_rejoiced on that_which_ the_ _'Elohīm _he_had_prepared for_people if/because in_ _suddenness the_thing it_had_happened.

30:1 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_sent to all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_also letters he_wrote to 'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh to_come to_the_house_of **YHWH** in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_doing a_passover to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). 2 And_ the_king and_officials_of_his and_all the_assembly in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _he_had_ _taken_counsel for_doing the_passover in_month the_second. 3 If/because not they_had_been_able to_observe_it at_time (the)_that if/because the_priests not they_had_consecrated_ _themselves to_what_was sufficiency[171] and_the_people not they_had_gathered[172] to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 4 And_ the_ _thing _it_was_pleasing in/on_both_eyes_of the_king and_in_ _the_eyes_of all_of the_assembly. 5 And_they_appointed a_ _message to_cause_to_pass a_proclamation in_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) from_Bə'ēr- seven and_unto Dān to_come for_ _doing a_passover to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because not to_increase_in_ _number they_had_done according_what_is_written. 6 And_ the_runners _they_went with_letters from_the_hand_of the_ _king and_officials_of_his in_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_

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eryone with him bowed down and worshipped. 30 Then King Hizkiyah and his officials ordered the Levites to sing praises to Yahweh using compositions by David and the prophet Asaf, so they cheerfully sang praises and bowed down and worshipped.

31 Then Hizkiyah responded, "You've consecrated yourselves to Yahweh, so come near and bring your sacrifices and thanksgiving gifts into Yahweh's house." So the assembly brought in their sacrifices and thanksgiving gifts, plus those who wanted to brought their sacrifices to be burnt.

32 Altogether they brought seventy bulls, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs to be completely burnt on the altar, 33 as well as six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep as dedicated offerings. 34 There weren't enough priests to skin all the burnt offerings, so their relatives the Levites helped them until the work was finished and until all the priests had consecrated themselves, because the Levites had worked quicker to consecrate themselves than the priests had. 35 In addition to the burnt offerings, there was the fat from the peace offerings, and there were drink offerings.

So the service in Yahweh's temple was reinstituted, 36 and Hizkiyah and all the people celebrated about what God had prepared for the people, because it had all happened fairly quickly.

Hizkiyah orders a pass-over celebration · Both kingdoms

30:1 Then King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) sent invitations to all of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) (including Efrayim (Ephraim) and Menasheh (Manasseh)) to come to Yahweh's temple, 2 because the king had consulted with his officials and the whole assembly in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and decided to have a late celebration of the Passover in April.[170] 3 (They couldn't have done it at the proper time because the priests hadn't consecrated themselves sufficiently then, and so the people hadn't gathered in Yerushalem.) 4 The plan pleased the king and all the people, 5 so they sent messages across all of Yisrael and Yehudah, from Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south to Dan in the far north, for the people to come to Yerushalem to celebrate the Passover to honour Yisrael's god Yahweh. (They hadn't previously been observing the written instructions.) 6 Runners took the letters from the king and his officials, going to all of Yisrael and Yehudah with the king's command: "Descendants of Yisrael, return to Yahweh, the god of Avraham, Yitshak

168 **LV 29:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מירצצחמ**: (x-qere) 'סֵירְצַחַמ': lemma_2690 n_1 morph_HVhrmpa id_14x92 סֵירְצַחַמ

169 **LV 29:28 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

170 **RV 30:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Num 9:9-11.

171 **LV 30:3 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

172 **LV 30:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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(Isaac), and Yisrael, and he'll return to you—the group that escaped from the control of the Assyrian kings. **7** Don't be like your fathers and brothers who weren't faithful to Yahweh, their ancestors' god, provoking him to leave them decimated, as you can see. **8** So don't be stubborn like your ancestors were. Obey Yahweh and come to the sanctuary that he's consecrated forever, and serve your god Yahweh so he'll turn his anger away from you. **9** If you descendants of Yisrael return to Yahweh, your brothers and sons will be shown mercy by their captors and be able to return to this land, because your god Yahweh is gracious and compassionate, and he won't ignore you if you'll turn back to him.

10 The messengers went from city to city in the Efrayim (Ephraim) and Menasheh (Manasseh) regions, as far north as Zevulun, but many people there laughed at them and mocked them. **11** However, some of the people from Asher, Menasheh, and Zevulun humbled themselves and went to Yerushalem. **12** Also in Yehudah, God moved the people to want to obey the king and his officials and Yahweh's instructions.

The pass-over celebration · Both kingdoms

13 The next month, a huge crowd gathered in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to celebrate the Festival of Flat Bread. **14** They took action and removed the altars to Ba'al in Yerushalem, and all the incense altars, and threw them down into the Kidron valley to be burnt there. **15** In the middle of the month, they slaughtered the Passover lambs. The priests and Levites had been ashamed, so they'd consecrated themselves, then they brought the burnt offerings into the temple. **16** They stood at their stations, following the instructions written by Mosheh (Moses), then the Levites handed the bowls of blood to the priests to sprinkle on the altar. **17** Because many people in the assembly hadn't consecrated themselves, the Levites assisted them by slaughtering the lambs and consecrating them to Yahweh. **18** Although most of the people who'd travelled down from Efrayim (Ephraim), Menasheh (Manasseh), Yisakar (Issachar), and Zevulun hadn't purified themselves, they ate the Passover food anyway despite the written instructions, because Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) had prayed to Yahweh for them, "May Yahweh, who is good, declare as innocent **19** everyone who sincerely wants to honour and obey Yahweh, their ancestors' god, even if they haven't completed the formal purification ceremonies for the temple." **20** Yahweh took notice of Hizkiyah's request, and forgave the people, **21** so the Israelis who'd come to Yerushalem cel-

Literal Version

_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_according_to_the_command_of the_ _king to_say Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) return[173] to **YHWH** the_god_of 'Avrāhām Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_ _that_he_may_return to the_escaped_remnant which_remains to/for_you(pl) from_the_palm_of the_kings_of 'Ashshūr. **7** And_ _do_not be like_fathers_of_your(pl) and_like_brothers_of_ _your(pl) who they_acted_unfaithfully against_**YHWH** the_god_ _of their_ancestors_of_their and_he_made_them into_a_horror just_as you(pl) are_seeing. **8** Now do_not stiffen neck_of_ _your(pl) like_fathers_of_your(pl) give a_hand to/for_**YHWH** and_come to_sanctuary_of_his which he_has_consecrated forever_perpetuity and_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) so_ _that_it_may_turn_back from_you(pl) the_burning_of his_ _anger_of_his. **9** If/because when_return_you(pl) to **YHWH** relatives_of_your(pl) and_children_of_your(pl) will_be_to_ _compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before captors_of_ _their and_to_return to_land (the)_this if/because is_gracious and_compassionate **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_not he_will_ _turn_aside face from_you(pl) if you(pl)_will_turn_back to_ _him/it. **10** And_ the_runners _they_were passing from_city to_ _city in_land_of 'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh and_unto Zəvūlūn and_they_were laughing on_them and_mocking (in)_them. **11** Nevertheless men from_'Āshēr and_Mənashsheh and_from_ _Zəvūlūn they_humbled_themselves and_they_came to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **12** Also on_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_was the_hand_of the_'Elohīm to_give to/for_them a_heart one for_ _doing the_command_of the_king and_the_officials by_the_ _message_of **YHWH**.

13 And_they_gathered Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_people numerous for_doing ~~DOM~~ the_festival_of the_unleavened_ _bread(s) in_month the_second an_assembly to_increase_in_ _number exceedingly. **14** And_they_arose and_they_removed ~~DOM~~ the_altars which were_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _~~DOM~~ all_of the_incense_altars they_removed and_they_threw_ _them to_the_wadi_of Qidrōn. **15** And_they_slaughtered the_ _passover on_day_four- teen of_month the_second and_the_ _priests and_the_Lēviyyiy they_were_ashamed and_they_ _consecrated_themselves and_they_brought burnt_offerings the_house_of **YHWH**. **16** And_they_stood at place_of_their according_to_of_their_custom according_to_the_law_of Mosheh the_man_of the_'Elohīm the_priests were_sprinkling ~~DOM~~ the_blood from_the_hand_of the_Lēviyyiy. **17** If/because many_of among_assembly who not they_had_consecrated_ _themselves and_the_Lēviyyiy were_over the_slaughter_of the_ _passovers to_all/each/any/every not clean to_consecrate_ _them to/for_**YHWH**. **18** If/because the_greater_part_of the_ _people many_of from_'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh Issachar and_ _Zəvūlūn not they_had_purified_themselves if/because they_ _ate ~~DOM~~ the_passover with_not according_what_is_written if/because Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_had_prayed on_them to_say **YHWH** (the)_good may_he_make_atonement for. **19** Every_of who_his_ _heart_of_one he_has_directed to_seek the_'Elohīm **YHWH** the_ _god_of his_ancestors_of_his and_not according_to_the_ _purification_of the_holy_place. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_he_healed ~~DOM~~ the_people. **21** And_ the_

173 LV 30:6 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_were_found in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _they_made ÐOM the_festival_of the_
_unleavened_bread(s) seven_of days with_joy great and_they_
_were_praising to/for_**YHWH** a_day in/on_day the_Lēviyyiy
and_the_priests with_instruments_of strength to/for_**YHWH**.
22 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_spoke to the_heart_of all_of the_
_Lēviyyiy who_were_understanding understanding_of good
to/for_**YHWH** and_they_ate ÐOM the_appointed_feast the_
_seven_of the_days sacrificing sacrifices_of peace_offerings
and_giving_thanks to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_
_of_their.

23 And_ all_of the_assembly _they_took_counsel for_doing
seven_of days another and_they_observed seven_of days joy.
24 If/because Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_
_contributed for_assembly one_thousand young_bulls and_
_seven_of thousand(s) sheep and_the_officials they_
_contributed for_assembly young_bulls one_thousand and_
_sheep ten_of thousand(s) and_ priests _they_consecrated_
_themselves to_increase_in_number. **25** And_they_rejoiced all_
_of the_assembly_of Yəhūdāh and_the_priests and_the_
_Lēviyyiy and_all the_assembly the_(ones_who)_went from_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_sojourners the_(ones_who)_went
from_the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_who_were_dwelling in_
_Yəhūdāh. **26** And_it_became joy great in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because since_the_days_of
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_son_of Dāvid the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not like_this in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
27 And_ the_priests the_Lēviyyiy _they_arose and_they_blessed
ÐOM the_people and_it_was_listened to_voice_of_their and_
prayer_of_their _it_came to_the_dwelling_of his_holiness_of_
_his to_heavens.
31:1 And_just_ all_of this _as_finished they_went_out all_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[176] who_were_found to_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh
and_they_broke the_sacred_pillars and_they_cut_down the_
_'Ashērāh_poles and_they_pulled_down ÐOM the_high_places
and_ÐOM the_altars from_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Binyāmīn
and_in_'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh until (to)_finished and_ all_
_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_returned each to_
_possession_of_his to_cities_of_their. **2** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_
_appointed ÐOM the_divisions_of the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy
on divisions_of_their each according_to_the_mouth_of his_
_service_of_his to_priests and_to_Lēviyyiy for_burnt_offering
and_for_peace_offerings to_serve and_to_give_thanks and_to_
_praise in_the_gates_of the_camps_of **YHWH**. **3** And_the_
_portion_of the_king from property_of_his_own was_for_
_offerings for_the_burnt_offerings_of the_morning and_the_
_evening and_the_burnt_offerings for_sabbaths and_for_moons
and_for_feasts according_what_is_written in_the_law_of
YHWH. **4** And_he/it_said to_people to_the_inhabitants_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_give the_portion_of the_priests
and_the_Lēviyyiy so_that they_may_be_strong in_the_law_of
YHWH. **5** And_just_ the_message _as_spread the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_multiplied the_first_of grain new_wine

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ebrated the Festival of Flat Bread for seven days with great excitement. The Levites and priests enthusiastically praised Yahweh every day using their musical instruments. **22** Hizkiyah sincerely thanked all the Levites who were very insightful about worshipping Yahweh. Then everyone ate for the prescribed seven days—sacrificing peace offerings and confessing to Yahweh, their ancestors' god.

The pass-over celebration gets extended · Southern kingdom

23 Then the whole group decided to celebrate for seven more days, so they enthusiastically celebrated for another whole week, **24** because Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) had provided a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep for the people, and the officials had also contributed another thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep. Many more priests also consecrated themselves. **25** All the people from Yehudah celebrated, including the priests and Levites, and everyone who'd come down from Yisrael (Israel) to stay in Yehudah (whether just for the occasion, or to live permanently), plus others living in Yehudah. **26** Everyone in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was very happy, because nothing like that had happened in Yerushalem since the time when David's son Shelomoh (Solomon) was king. **27** Finally, the priests and Levites stood up and prayed a blessing on the people, and their voice was heard because their prayer reached God's holy residence in the heavens.

Hizkiyah's religious reforms · Southern kingdom

31:1 When that was all over, all those Israelis went out to Yehudah's (Judah's) cities and shattered the pillars and cut down the Asherah poles, and they tore down the hilltop shrines and altars from the entire Yehudah-Benyamin region, and also up in the Efrayim-Menasheh region. Once they'd finished that, they all returned to their own land and cities.

2 King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) allocated the priests and Levites into divisions for the various different types of duties: for doing burnt offerings and peace offerings, for other services, and for thanksgiving and praise at the temple gates. **3** The king contributed some of his own funds for burnt offerings to be sacrificed each morning and evening, as well as for the Rest Days and the New Moon celebrations, and on the other special days as per the written instructions that had come from Yahweh.[174]

4 He told the people living in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to give the prescribed portions to the priests and Levites,[175] so that they could focus on serving Yahweh, **5** and as soon as the message reached them, the Israelis started giving the first portions of

174 **RV 31:3 · Cross-ref.** Num 28:1–29:39.

175 **RV 31:4-5 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:12-13,21.

176 **LV 31:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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their harvests of grain, new wine, oil, and honey, and of all the produce from the countryside, so they brought a tenth of the harvests of all their crops. **6** The people from Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah who were living in Yehudah's cities also brought a tenth of their cattle and sheep, as well as a sacred tenth consecrated to their god Yahweh, and it was all put in big piles. **7** That all began in May and was finished by September, **8** and when King Hizkiyah and his officials came and saw the piles, they praised Yahweh and his Israeli people. **9** When Hizkiyah asked the priests and Levites about the piles, **10** Azaryah the chief priest (a descendant of Tsadok) told him, "Since the people started bringing their contributions to the temple, we've been eating well, and even had left-overs, because Yahweh has blessed his people, and all this is the remainder."

11 So then Hizkiyah ordered them to prepare the temple storerooms, which they did, **12** and they brought in the contributions and the tenths that had been given, and the things faithfully dedicated to Yahweh. A Levite, Konaniyah, was appointed as supervisor, with his brother Shimei as deputy. **13** Those two supervised Yehiel, Azazyah, Nahat, Asahel, Yerimot, Yozavad, Eliel, Yismakyah, Mahat, and Benayah, by the arrangement of King Hizkiyah and Azaryah the temple supervisor.

14 The Levite Yimnah's son, Kore, who guarded the temple's eastern gate, was put in charge of the free-will offering to God—to distribute those offerings that were made to Yahweh, as well as any consecrated items. **15** Eden, Minyamin, Yeshua, Shemayah, Amaryah, and Shekanyah faithfully assisted him in the priests' cities to distribute those things to the different divisions of priests, regardless of their status or size. **16** Every male who was at least three years old, and was listed in the genealogical records, received a portion for their service in the temple, as each division performed their assigned duties. **17** Each priestly clan kept genealogical records and received a portion, and so did the Levites who were at least twenty years old, all according to their divisions, **18** as well as their wives and young children, and sons and daughters whose names were on the genealogies, because they'd also faithfully consecrated themselves for the sacred work. **19** Also, there were people chosen by name to give a portion to each male among Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants, the priests, who had pasture land around their cities, as well as to each Levite included on the genealogical records.

20 So King Hizkiyah did that throughout Yehudah (Judah), and he continued to faithfully follow his god Yahweh's instructions. **21** He tried hard to be diligent and sincere in whatever he did for the temple operation, as he followed God's rules and commands, and he prospered.

Literal Version

and_fresh_oil and_honey and_all/each/any/every produce_of the_field and_the_tithe_of (the)_everything to_increase_in_ _number they_brought. **6** And_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) who_were_dwelling in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) also they a_tithe_of herd[s] and_flock[s] and_ _a_tithe_of holy_things which_had_been_consecrated to/for_ _**YHWH** god_of_their they_brought and_they_made heaps heaps. **7** In_month (the)_third they_began the_heaps to_found and_in_month the_seventh they_finished. **8** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_the_officials _they_came and_they_saw ~~ĐOM~~ the_heaps and_they_blessed ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** and_~~ĐOM~~ people_of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **9** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_enquired to_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy on the_heaps. **10** And_he/it_said to_him/it ʿAzar^{yāh} the_priest/officer the_head of_the_house_of of_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_he/it_said from_when_began the_ _contribution to_bring the_house_of **YHWH** we_have_eaten and_we_have_been_satisfied and_we_have_had_more_than_ _enough to_abundance if/because **YHWH** he_has_blessed ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_his and_(the)_is_that_which_remains ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _abundance (the)_this. **11** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said to_prepare rooms in_house_of **YHWH** and_they_prepared_them. **12** And_ _they_brought ~~ĐOM~~ the_contribution and_the_tithe and_the_ _holy_things in_faithfulness and_was_over_them an_officer Kōnan^{yāh}ū[177][178] the_Lēviyyiy and_Shimʿī brother_of_his was_ _second_in_command. **13** And_Yaḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) and_ʿAzaz^{yāh}ū and_Naḥat and_ʿAsāh'ēl and_Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) and_ _Yōzāvʿād/(Jozabad) and_'Elī'ēl and_Yişmak^{yāh}ū/(Ismachiah) and_Maḥat and_Bənā^{yāh} were_overseers from_the_hand_of Kōnan^{yāh}ū[179] and_Shimʿī his/its_brother by_the_appointment_ _of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king and_ʿAzar^{yāh} the_ruler_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm. **14** And_Qōrē' the_son_of Yimnāh/(Imnah) the_ _Lēviyyiy the_gatekeeper to_east_to was_over the_freewill_ _offerings_of the_'Elohīm to_distribute the_contribution_of **YHWH** and_the_holy_things_of the_holy_things. **15** And_were_ _on his/its_hand ʿĒden and_Minyāmīn and_Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) and_Shəmaʿyāh 'Amar^{yāh} and_Shəkan^{yāh} in_the_cities_of the_ _priests in_faithfulness to_distribute to_brothers_of_their by_ _divisions as_great as_small. **16** (From)_besides_of their_ _genealogical_enrolment to_males from_a_son_of three years and_(to)_upwards to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_one_who_ _went to_the_house_of **YHWH** for_the_matter_of a_day in_its_ _day for_service_of_their by_duties_of_their according_to_of_ _their_divisions. **17** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_genealogical_enrolment of_ _the_priests to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their and_the_ _Lēviyyiy from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_(to)_upwards by_ _duties_of_their by_divisions_of_their. **18** And_to_genealogical_ _enrolment in_all one[s]_of_their_little wives_of_their and_ _sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_assembly if/because in_faithfulness_ _of_their they_had_consecrated_themselves holiness. **19** And_ _to_the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priests in_the_fields_of the_pasture_land_of their_cities_of_their in_all city and_a_city men who they_had_been_designated by_names to_distribute

177 LV 31:12 · Note OSHB variant note: והיננוכ: (x-qere) 'וְהָיֻנֻּכ': lemma_3562 morph_HNp id_14YHd וְהָיֻנֻּכ

178 LV 31:12 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

179 LV 31:13 · Note OSHB variant note: והיננוכ: (x-qere) 'וְהָיֻנֻּכ': lemma_3562 n_0.2.0 morph_HNp id_14kR1 וְהָיֻנֻּכ

Literal Version

portions to/from_all/each/any/every male among_priests and_to/for_all the_genealogical_enrolment among_Lēviyyiy.
20 And_he/it_made like_this Ḥizqiy^{yāh} in_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_made the_good and_the_right and_(the)_faithfulness to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** his/its_god.
21 And_on/over_all work which he_began in_the_service_of the_house_of the_ʾElohīm and_in_law and_in_command to_seek (to)_god_of_his in_all heart_of_his he_did_it and_he_succeeded.

32:1 After the_matters and_the_faithfulness the_these Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of ʾAshshūr he_came and_he_came in_Yəhūdāh and_ _he_encamped on the_cities (the)_fortified and_he/it_said to_ _break_into_them to_him/it. **2** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_saw if/because_that Ṣanḥērīv he_had_come and_face_of_his was_ _for_war on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_he_took_counsel with officials_of_his and_his_mighty_of_men to_stop_up ĐOM the_waters_of the_springs which were_from_the_outside of_ _city and_they_helped_him. **4** And_ people numerous _they_ _assembled and_they_stopped_up ĐOM all_of the_springs and_ _ĐOM the_wadi which_flowed in_the_middle the_earth/land to_ _say to/for_what the_kings_of ʾAshshūr will_they_come and_ _they_will_find waters many. **5** And_he_strengthened_himself and_he/it_built ĐOM all_of the_city_wall which_was_broken_ _down and_he/it_ascended on the_towers and_to_outside the_ _city_wall another and_he_strengthened ĐOM the_Millō' the_ _city_of Dāvid and_he/it_made weapon[s] to_increase_in_ _number and_shields. **6** And_he/it_gave commanders_of wars over the_people and_he_assembled_them to_him/it to the_ _open_place_of the_gate_of the_city and_he/it_spoke to heart_ _of_their to_say. **7** Be_strong and_be_courageous do_not be_ _afraid and_do_not be_dismayed from_face/in_front_of the_ _king_of ʾAshshūr and_from_before_of all_of the_multitude which with_him/it if/because is_with_us one_great more_than_ _with_him. **8** With_him/it an_arm_of flesh and_is_with_us **YHWH** god_of_our to_help_us and_to_fight battles_of_our and_ the_people _they_supported_themselves on the_ _words/messages_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **9** After this Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of ʾAshshūr he_sent servants_ _of_his to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he was_at Lākīsh and_ _all might_of_his_imperial with_him/it to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_to all_of Yəhūdāh which was_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say. **10** Thus Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of ʾAshshūr he_says on what are_you(pl) relying and_remaining in_siege in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **11** Not is_Ḥizqiy^{yāh} misleading you(pl) to_give you(pl) to_die by_hunger and_by_ _thirst to_say **YHWH** god_of_our he_will_deliver_us from_the_ _palm_of the_king_of ʾAshshūr. **12** Not that Ḥizqiy^{yāh} did_he_ _remove ĐOM places_of_his_high and_ĐOM altars_of_his and_ _he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh and_to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_ _say to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before an_altar one you(pl)_ _will_bow_down and_on_it you(pl)_will_make_smoke. **13** Not do_you(pl)_know what I and_fathers_of_my have_I_done to_ _all/each/any/every the_peoples_of the_lands ever_(able) the_ _gods_of the_nations_of the_lands were_they_able to_deliver ĐOM land_of_their from_hand_of_my. **14** Who in_all the_gods_of the_nations the_these which fathers_of_my they_totally_

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The Assyrians threaten Yerushalem · Southern kingdom[180]

32:1 After all those acts of faithfulness by Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), the Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib) invaded Yehudah (Judah). He besieged the fortified cities and prepared to capture them for himself. **2** When King Hizkiyah saw that Sanheriv had entered the country and clearly intended to attack Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **3** he consulted with his officials and army leaders about blocking up the springs outside the city, and they helped him. **4** Many people gathered and blocked the springs from feeding the stream that flowed through the area, saying, "Why should the Assyrian kings come and find plenty of water?" **5** Then he strengthened his fortifications, repairing broken sections of the wall, and built towers and an outer wall. He strengthened the supporting wall on the east side of 'The City of David'. He also manufactured many weapons and shields, **6** and he appointed army commanders and assembled them at the plaza by the city gate, and encouraged them with these words, **7** "Be strong and be courageous. Don't be scared or discouraged because of the Assyrian king, or by his massive army, because we have someone on our side who's more powerful than him. **8** They can only rely on human strength, but we have our god Yahweh to help us and fight our battles for us." So the people took strength from King Hizkiyah's encouragement.
9 Later, when the Assyrian King Sanheriv was surrounding Lakish city with his army, he sent some servants to Yerushalem, to Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah and all the residents, saying, **10** "I,Sanheriv, the king of Ashur (Assyria), am asking what you're all trusting in as you're staying there in Yerushalem while it's besieged. **11** Hizkiyah tells you, 'Our god Yahweh will rescue us from the Assyrian king,' but he's misleading you, and you'll all die of hunger and thirst! **12** Wasn't it Hizkiyah who removed his hilltop shrines and his altars, and spoke to the people of Yerushalem and all of Yehudah, telling you to bow down at only one altar and offer sacrifices on it? **13** Don't you people know what my ancestors and I have done to the people groups from other countries? Were any of their gods able to save them from me? **14** Which one of those nations' gods which my ancestors destroyed is a precedent showing that your god can rescue anyone from me? **15** So don't let Hizkiyah deceive you or mislead you like this. Don't believe him, because no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to save his people from my ancestors or from me. So your god certainly won't be able to protect you

180 RV 32:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 18:13-37; 19:14-19,35-37; Isa 36:1-22; 37:8-38

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from my army.

16 Then Sanheriv's servants said even more against the god Yahweh, and against his servant Hizkiyah, **17** plus he wrote letters insulting Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh and speaking against him, writing, "Just like the other nations' gods couldn't save their people from me, so too Hizkiyah's god won't be able to protect his people from my strength." **18** Then the Assyrians shouted loud threats in Hebrew to the people of Yerushalem who were on the wall, to try to frighten and terrify them so they could capture the city— **19** telling them Yerushalem's god was just another god made by people, and just as useless as other countries' gods.

20 Then King Hizkiyah and Yeshayah (Isaiah) (son of the prophet Amots) called out to the heavens requesting God's help, **21** and Yahweh sent a messenger who destroyed the powerful warriors, and the leaders and chiefs in the Assyrian army, and then their king had to return home in shame. When he went into the temple of his god, some of his sons ran him through with a sword.

22 So that's how Yahweh saved Hizkiyah and Yerushalem's inhabitants from the Assyrian King Sanheriv, and from the power of other nations, and he gave them peace on all sides. **23** Many people came to Yerushalem to bring offerings for Yahweh and valuable gifts for Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah, and after all that, he was highly respected by the other nations.

Hizkiyah's illness · Southern kingdom[182]

24 Some time afterwards, King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) became very sick and was expected to die, but he prayed to Yahweh, and Yahweh answered him with a miracle. **25** However, Hizkiyah was very proud and didn't thank Yahweh, so his anger fell on Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah (Judah). **26** Then Hizkiyah and Yerushalem's inhabitants humbled themselves, and so Yahweh's anger didn't affect them during Hizkiyah's lifetime.

Hizkiyah's wealth · Southern kingdom

27 King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) had become very wealthy, and he was highly respected. He established treasuries for gold and silver, for gemstones and spices, and for shields and other valuable things, **28** as well as

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_destroyed is_one_which it_was_able to_deliver ĐOM people_of_ _its from_hand_of_my that/for/because/then/when god_of_ _your(pl) he_will_be_able to_deliver you(pl) from_hand_of_my. **15** And_now not Ḥizqiy^{yāh} let_him_deceive you(pl) and_not let_ _him_mislead you(pl) like_this and_do_not believe to_him/it if/because not any_of god of_any_of nation and_kingdom it_ _has_been_able to_deliver people_of_its from_hand_of_my and_ _from_the_hand_of my_fathers_of_my indeed if/because gods_ _of_your(pl) not they_will_deliver you(pl) from_hand_of_my. **16** And_again servants_of_his they_spoke on **YHWH** the_ _'Elohīm and_on Ḥizqiy^{yāh} servant_of_his. **17** And_letters he_ _wrote to_taunt to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_ _to_say on/upon/above_him/it to_say like_the_gods_of the_ _nations_of the_lands which not they_delivered people_of_ _their from_hand_of_my so not the_god_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_will_ _deliver people_of_his from_hand_of_my. **18** And_they_called_ _out with_a_voice great Yəhūdī/(Judean) to the_people_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which was_on the_wall to_make_ _them_afraid and_to_terrify_them so_that they_may_capture ĐOM the_city. **19** And_they_spoke concerning the_god_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) as_on the_gods_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land the_work_of the_hands_of the_humankind. **20** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king and_Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōṣ the_prophet _he_prayed on this and_they_cried_out the_heavens. **21** And_ **YHWH** _he_sent an_messenger and_he_ _annihilated every_of mighty_man_of strength and_officer and_commander in_the_camp_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_he_ _returned with_shame_of face to_his_own_of_land and_he_ _came the_house_of his/its_god and[181] his_lower_parts_of_his there they_made_him_fall by_sword. **22** And_ **YHWH** _he_saved ĐOM Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_the_hand_of Ṣanḥērīv the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr and_from_the_hand_of everyone and_he_led_ _them from_round_about. **23** And_many_people were_bringing an_offering to/for_**YHWH** to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _excellent_gifts to_Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _he_was_lifted_up to_the_eyes_of all_of the_nations from_after thus.

24 In_the_days the_those Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_became_sick until to_die and_he_prayed to **YHWH** and_he/it_said to_him/it and_a_sign he_gave to_him/it. **25** And_not according_to_the_benefit on/upon/above_him/it Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_repaid if/because his/its_ _heart it_was_haughty and_he/it_was on/upon/above_him/it severe_anger and_towards Yəhūdāh and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **26** And_he_humbled_himself Ḥizqiy^{yāh} in_the_haughtiness_of his/its_heart he and_the_ _inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not it_came towards_them the_severe_anger_of **YHWH** in_the_days_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh}.

27 And_he/it_was to_Ḥizqiy^{yāh} wealth and_honour great exceedingly and_treasuries he_made to_him/it for_silver and_ _for_gold and_for_stone[s] precious and_for_spices and_for_ _shields and_to/for_all articles_of preciousness. **28** And_ _storehouses for_the_yield_of grain and_new_wine and_fresh_

181 LV 32:21 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/אִיצֵי/מְ/וֹ: (x-qere) יֶֽאֱצֵי/מְ/וֹ: lemma_c/m/3329 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc id_14mZJ יֶֽאֱצֵי/מְ/וֹ

182 RV 32:24 · Parallel 2 Kgs 20:1-3,12-19; Isa. 38:1-3; 39:1-8

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_oil and_stalls to/from_all/each/any/every livestock and_
_livestock and_flocks for_stalls. **29** And_cities he_made to_
_him/it and_livestock_of flock and_herd to_increase_in_
_number if/because he_had_given to_him/it god property
much very. **30** And_he Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_stopped_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_outlet_
_of the_waters_of Giyḥōn (the)_upper and_he_directed_them
(to)_downwards westward_to of_the_city_of of_Dāvid and_
Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_prospered in_all deed_of_his. **31** And_thus/so/as_
_follows in_the_envoys_of the_officials_of Bāvel who_sent
on/upon/above_him/it to_enquire the_sign which it_had_
_happened in/on_the_earth he_left_him the_ʾElohīm to_put_
_him_to_the_test to_know everything_of in_heart_of_his.

32 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_his_covenant_
_of_loyalti(es) THERE_they are_written in_the_vision_of
Yəsha′^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of ʾĀmōṣ the_prophet on the_
_scroll_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel).
33 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_
_people_buried_him at_the_ascent_of the_graves_of the_
_descendants_of Dāvid and_honour they_did to_him/it at_
_death_of_his all_of Yəhūdāh and_the_inhabitants_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ Mənashsheh son_of_his _he_
_became_king in_place_of_him.
33:1 Was_a_son_of two_plus ten year[s] Mənashsheh when_he_
_became_king and_fifty and_five year[s] he_reigned in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_
_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_the_abominations_of the_
_nations which **YHWH** he_had_dispossessed from_face/in_
_front_of the_people_of Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel). **3** And_he_returned
and_he/it_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_high_places which Ḥizqiy^{yāh} his/its_
_father he_had_pulled_down and_he_set_up altars to_Ba′al and_
_he/it_made ʾAshērāh_poles and_he_bowed_down to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens
and_he_served ᴅᴏᴍ_them. **4** And_he_built altars in_house_of
YHWH which **YHWH** he_had_said in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
it_will_be name_of_my forever_perpetuity. **5** And_he/it_built
altars to/from_all/each/any/every the_soldier/messenger_of
the_heavens in_the_two_of the_courtyards_of the_house_of
YHWH. **6** And_he he_made_pass ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his in_fire in_
_valley_of son_of Hinnom and_he_practiced_soothsaying and_
_he_practiced_divination and_he_practiced_sorcery and_he_
_dealt_with necromancer and_soothsayer he_increased for_
_doing (the)_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_provoke_him_
_to_anger. **7** And_he/it_assigned ᴅᴏᴍ the_image_of (the)_image
which he_had_made in_house_of the_ʾElohīm which god he_
_had_said to Dāvid and_near/to Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_
_his in_house the_this and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which
I_have_chosen from_all the_tribes_of Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) I_will_put
ᴅᴏᴍ name_of_my forever_forever. **8** And_not I_will_repeat to_
_remove ᴅᴏᴍ the_foot_of Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) from_under the_soil
which I_appointed for_ancestors_of_your(pl) only if they_will_

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storehouses for grain, wine, and olive oil, and stalls for his flocks and all kinds of livestock. **29** He built cities for himself, and acquired large numbers of sheep and goats, and also cattle, because God had made him very prosperous.

30 Hizkiyah blocked off the upper outlet at the Gihon spring and directed the water down the western side of 'The City of David'. All his projects were successful, **31** and so when the Babylonian leaders sent messengers to ask about the miracle that had been done in the country, God left him alone to test him and see what he really believed.

Hizkiyah's reign ends · Southern kingdom[183]

32 The record of all the other things Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) did while he was king, which includes a record of his loyal commitment, was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael' (Israel). **33** Then Hizkiyah died and was buried in the upper tombs with David's other descendants, and everyone in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah honoured him. Then his son Menasheh (Manasseh) replaced him as king.

Yehudah's king Menasheh · Southern kingdom[184]

33:1 Menasheh (Manasseh) was twelve when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for fifty-five years. **2** He did was what Yahweh had said was evil, like the disgusting things of the people groups that Yahweh had driven out ahead of the Israelis.[185] **3** The hilltop shrines that his father Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) had torn down, he turned around and rebuilt them and erected altars to the Baals, and he made Asherah poles, and he bowed down to all the stars in the sky and served them. **4** He built altars in Yahweh's temple in Yerushalem that Yahweh had previously said that his name would always be associated with.[186] **5** He built altars for all the stars in the sky in both of the temple courtyards, **6** and he made his sons pass through the fire in the Ben-Hinom valley, and he practiced fortune-telling and sorcery and magic, and connected with mediums and spirits. He did so much evil in Yahweh's eyes that it provoked him into getting angry.

7 He made an idol and put it in the temple, yes, where God had told David and his son Shelomoh (Solomon), "My name will be associated with that building forever, there in Yerushalem, which was chosen from among all of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes.[187] **8** If Yisrael will be careful to do everything that I've instructed them and follow all the regulations and statutes that were given to them through Mosheh (Moses), then I won't force them to leave the land again that I gave to their ancestors." **9** So

183 RV 32:32 · Parallel 2 Kgs 20:20-21

184 RV 33:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 21:1-9

185 RV 33:2 · Cross-ref. Jer 15:4.

186 RV 33:4 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 6:6.

187 RV 33:7-8 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 9:3-5; 2Ch 7:12-18.

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Menasheh led Yerushalem's inhabitants astray, and all of Yehudah (Judah)—doing more evil than the nations that Yahweh had destroyed ahead of the Israelis.

10 Then Yahweh spoke to King Menasheh and his people, but they paid no attention, **11** so Yahweh brought in the Assyrian king's army leaders and they captured Menasheh. They put a hook in his nose and bronze chains around his feet, and they took him away to Bavel (Babylon). **12** When he was there suffering, he humbled himself in the presence of his ancestors' god Yahweh, and pleaded with him for help. **13** When he prayed, Yahweh listened to him and answered his request and brought him back to Yerushalem to his kingdom. Then Menasheh realised that Yahweh really is God.

14 After that, he rebuilt the outer wall for 'The City of David' on the west of Gihon to the Fish Gate and around the hill—also making it higher. Then he stationed army commanders in all of Yehudah's fortified cities. **15** He removed the foreign gods and idols from the temple, as well as all the altars that he'd built on the temple mount and throughout Yerushalem, and he dumped them all outside the city. **16** Then he rebuilt Yahweh's altar and sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and he told Yehudah to serve Yisrael's god Yahweh. **17** However, the people continued to offer sacrifices at the hilltop shrines, but now only to their god Yahweh.

18 The record of all the other things Menasheh did while he was king, including his prayer to his god and the messages spoken to him by the prophets, was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yisrael' (Israel). **19** It's written in 'The Words of Hozay' about his disobedience and unfaithful activities, and how he built the hilltop shrines and Asherah poles and idols before he humbled himself, as well as the response to his pleading in his prayer. **20** Then Menasheh died and was buried at his palace, and his son Amon replaced him as king.

Yehudah's King Amon · Southern kingdom[189]

21 Amon was twenty-two when he became king, and he ruled from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for two years. **22** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, just like his father Menasheh (Manasseh) had done, and he sacrificed to all the idols his father had made, and served them. **23** He didn't humble himself and turn to

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_take_care for_doing ~~ÐOM~~ all_of that I_commanded_them to/from_all/each/any/every the_law and_the_regulations and_ _the_judgements by_the_hand_of Mosheh. **9** And_ Mənashsheh _he_misled ~~ÐOM~~ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_doing evil more_than the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_destroyed from_face/in_front_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mənashsheh and_near/to people_of_his and_not they_paid_ _attention. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_brought on_them ~~ÐOM~~ the_ _commanders_of the_army which belonged_to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_they_captured ~~ÐOM~~ Mənashsheh with_thorns and_they_bound_him with_(the)_fetters and_they_brought_ _him to_Bāvel. **12** And_just_as_harassed to_him/it he_entreated ~~ÐOM~~ the_face_of **YHWH** his/its_god and_he_humbled_himself exceedingly from_to/for_face/front/presence the_god_of his_ _ancestors_of_his. **13** And_he_prayed to_him/it and_he_was_ _entreated to_him/it and_he/it_listened supplication_of_his and_bring_back_brought_him_back Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_kingdom_of_his and_ Mənashsheh _he/it_knew if/because_ _that **YHWH** he the_'Elohīm. **14** And_after thus he_rebuilt the_ _wall outer of_the_city_of of_Dāvid westward_on of_Giyḥōn in_ _wadi and_to_go in_the_gate_of the_fish(es) and_he_went_ _around (to)_'Ofel and_he_made_it_high very and_he/it_ _assigned commanders_of the_army in_all the_cities (the)_ _fortified in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **15** And_he_removed ~~ÐOM~~ the_ _gods_of (the)_foreignness and_~~ÐOM~~ the_image from_the_ _house_of **YHWH** and_all the_altars which he_had_built on_ _the_mountain_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_threw_them outside_to_the of_city. **16** And[188] ~~ÐOM~~ the_altar_of **YHWH** and_he/it_sacrificed on/upon/above_him/it sacrifices_of peace_offering(s) and_ _thanksgiving and_he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh to_serve ~~ÐOM~~ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **17** But still the_people were_ _sacrificing at_places only to/for_**YHWH** god_of_their. **18** And_ _the_rest_of the_matters_of Mənashsheh and_prayer_of_his to his/its_god and_the_words/messages_of the_seers who_spoke to_him/it in/on_name_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) THERE_they are_on the_matters_of the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **19** And_prayer_of_his and_being_entreated to_ _him/it and_all sin_of_his and_unfaithfulness_of_his and_the_ _places which he_built in/among_them high_places and_he_ _set_up the_'Ashērāh_poles and_the_idols to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before he_humbled_himself THERE_they are_written on the_words/messages_of Ḥōzay. **20** And_ Mənashsheh _he_ _lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried_him house_of_his and_ 'Āmōn his/its_son _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

21 Was_a_son_of twenty and_two year[s] 'Āmōn when_he_ _became_king and_two years he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **22** And_he/it_made (the)_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** just_as Mənashsheh his/its_father he_had_done and_to/for_all the_idols which Mənashsheh his/its_father he_had_made 'Āmōn he_sacrificed and_he_ _served_them. **23** And_not he_humbled_himself from_to/for_

188 LV 33:16 · Note OSHB variant note: וְכִי/ן: (x-qere) וַיְּבִי/ו: lemma_c/1129 n_1.2.0 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_14jd4 וַיְּבִי/ו

189 RV 33:21 · Parallel 2 Kgs 21:19-26

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face/front/presence **YHWH** as Mənashsheh his/its_father _ _had_humbled_himself if/because that ’Āmōn he_increased guilt. **24** And_they_conspired on/upon/above_him/it servants_ _of_his and_they_killed_him in_his_own_of_house. **25** And_ the_ _people_of the_earth/land _they_struck_down ᵭᵒᵐ all_of those_who_had_conspired on the_king ’Āmōn and_ the_people_ _of the_earth/land _they_made_king ᵭᵒᵐ Yo’shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) son_of_his in_place_of_him.

34:1 Was_a_son_of eight years Yo’shiy^{yāh} when_he_became_king and_thirty and_one year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he/it_went in_the_ways_of Dāvid his/its_father and_not he_turned_aside right_hand and_left_ _hand. **3** And_in_eight years of_reigning_his and_he still_he was_a_youth he_began to_seek (to)_the_god_of Dāvid his/its_ _father and_in_two_plus ten year he_began to_cleanse ᵭᵒᵐ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from the_ _high_places and_the_’Ashērāh_poles and_the_idols and_the_ _molten_images. **4** And_people_pulled_down before_him ᵭᵒᵐ the_altars_of the_Ba‘al and_the_incense_altars which were_ _upward_upwards (from)_above_them he_cut_down and_the_ _’Ashērāh_poles and_the_idols and_the_molten_images he_ _broke_in_pieces and_he_pulverised_them and_he_sprinkled_ _them on the_surface_of the_graves which_had_sacrificed to/for_them. **5** And_the_bones_of priests he_burnt on altars_of_ _their[194] and_he_cleansed ᵭᵒᵐ Yəhūdāh and_ᵭᵒᵐ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **6** And_in_the_cities_of Mənashsheh and_’Efrayim and_Shim‘ōn and_unto Naftālī in/on/at/with mmm[195] all_around. **7** And_he_pulled_down ᵭᵒᵐ the_altars and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_’Ashērāh_poles and_the_idols he_crushed to_ _pulverise and_all the_incense_altars he_cut_down in_all the_ _land_of Yisrā’^{ēl}/(Israel) and_he_returned to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **8** And_in_year_of eight- teen of_ _reigning_his to_cleanse the_earth/land and_the_house he_ _sent ᵭᵒᵐ Shāfān the_son_of ’Atsal^{yāh}ū and_ᵭᵒᵐ Ma‘$_a$sē^{yāh} the_ _official_of the_city and_ᵭᵒᵐ Yō’āḥ/(Joah) the_son_of Yō’āḥaz the_recorder to_repair ᵭᵒᵐ the_house_of **YHWH** his/its_god. **9** And_they_came to Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer (the)_great and_they_gave ᵭᵒᵐ the_money which_had_been_brought the_ _house_of god which the_Lēviyyiy who_kept_of (of)_the_ _threshold they_had_gathered from_the_hand_of Mənashsheh and_’Efrayim and_from_all the_remnant_of Yisrā’^{ēl}/(Israel) and_from_all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Binyāmīn and[196] of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **10** And_they_gave_it on the_hand_of the_doer[s]_of the_work who_had_been_appointed in_house_of **YHWH** and_they_gave ᵭᵒᵐ_him/it the_doers_of the_work who were_working in_house_of **YHWH** to_mend and_to_repair the_

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Yahweh like his father had, so Amon's guilt was even worse.

24 Then Amon's servants conspired against him, and assassinated him in his palace, **25** but the local people executed everyone who'd conspired against King Amon, and made his son Yoshiyah (Josiah) king in his place.

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34:1 Yoshiyah (Josiah) was eight when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for thirty-one years.[191] **2** He did what Yahweh had said was right, and made similar decisions to his ancestor David—not deviating to the right or the left.

3 In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still a teenager, he began to learn more about the god of his ancestor David, and in the twelfth year, he began to remove the hilltop shrines from Yerushalem and across Yehudah (Judah), as well as the Asherah poles, and the carved and cast metal idols. **4** He watched while they tore down the altars for the Baals and cut down the incense altars that were above them. He shattered the Asherah poles and the idols,[192] then crushed them to powder, which he scattered over the graves of the people who'd sacrificed to them. **5** He burnt the bones of those priests on their altars,[193] and that's how he purified Yerushalem and all of Yehudah, **6** as well as the cities in the tribes of Menasheh (Manasseh), Efrayim (Ephraim), Shim'on (Simeon), and as far north as Naftali (Naphtali), including in the ruins around them. **7** He tore down the altars and the Asherah poles, ground the idols into pieces, and cut down the incense altars in all of Yisrael (Israel), before returning to Yerushalem.

8 In his eighteenth year as king, in order to purify the land and the temple, he sent Atsalyah's son Shafan, Ma'aseyah the city official, and Yo'ahaz's son Yoah the secretary, to repair his god Yahweh's residence. **9** They went to Hilkiyah the high priest and handed over the funds that had been donated for God's house, which had been collected by the Levites as doorkeepers—the money was from the tribes of Menasheh, Efrayim, and other places in the northern kingdom of Yisrael, as well as from Yerushalem's inhabitants and people across all of Yehudah and Benyamin. **10** The priests then paid the workers who'd been assigned to work in Yahweh's temple to repair and strengthen it. **11** They also paid the carpenters and builders to buy cut stone

190 RV 34:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 22:1-2

191 RV 34:1 · Cross-ref. Jer 3:6.

192 RV 34:4 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 21:3; 2Ch 33:3.

193 RV 34:5 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 13:2.

194 LV 34:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **מיתוחבזמ**: (x-qere) **’ם/תוֹחְבְּזִמ**’: lemma_4196 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3mp id_14MNm **ם/תוֹחְבְּזִמ**

195 LV 34:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **סה/יתְּבְרַח/ב**: (x-qere) **’סֶה/יתְּבְרַח/ב**’: lemma_b/2719 n_0.0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3mp id_14CXE **סֶה/יתְּבְרַח/ב**

196 LV 34:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **יבשי/ו**: (x-qere) **’וּבֶשְׁי/ו**’: lemma_c/7725 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqw3mp id_14d7c **וּבֶשְׁי/ו**

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and timber for the beams and braces which Yehudah's kings had allowed to deteriorate, **12** and the workers did their work faithfully. Their supervisors were Yahat and Ovadyah (Obadiah) (Levites descended from Merari), as well as Zekaryah (Zechariah) and Meshulam (descendants of Levi's son Kohat), and all the Levites who were good on their musical instruments. **13** They also supervised the porters and people working on various other tasks. Some of the Levites were secretaries, officials, and guards.

14 When they were bringing the money out of the temple, Hilkiyah the high priest found a scroll containing Yahweh's instructions that had been given via Mosheh (Moses). **15** Hilkiyah informed the scribe Shafan that he'd found a Torah scroll in the temple, and he gave him the scroll. **16** Shafan took the scroll with him to the king and reported to him, "Your servants are doing everything they were assigned to do. **17** They've taken the cash that was in Yahweh's residence, and passed it on to the supervisors of the workers." **18** Then Shafan told the king, "I've brought a scroll that the priest Hilkiyah gave me," and then he started reading it out to the king.

19 When the king heard the words of God's instructions, he tore his clothes in grief. **20** Then he commanded Hilkiyah, Shafan's son Ahikam, Mikah's son Avdon, Shafan himself, and the king's special advisor Asayah, **21** "Go and ask Yahweh on my behalf, and on behalf of everyone in Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah), what he wants us to do with respect to the instructions on the scroll that's just been found, because it seems that Yahweh will be very angry at us because our ancestors haven't followed all of Yahweh's instructions as they're written on that scroll."

22 So Hilkiyah and the others went to Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) Second District, to the prophetess Huldah (wife of Shalum, son of Tokahat, son of Hasrah who took care of the temple robes). They passed on the king's question, **23** and she replied, "Yisrael's god Yahweh says to tell the king: **24** Yahweh says, 'Listen, I'm going to bring disaster on this place and its inhabitants, as per all the curses written on that scroll that was read to Yehudah's king, **25** because they've abandoned me and offered incense to other gods. That's made me angry, and so my rage will be poured out on this place, and it can't be prevented.' **26** However, Yehudah's king sent you all to ask for Yahweh's direction, so tell him, 'Yisrael's god Yahweh says that after hearing the scroll's words, **27** you were sincere, and you humbled yourself in front of God when you heard his words about this place and its inhabitants. Yes, Yahweh declares you've humbled yourself in front of me and torn your clothes, and wept in front of me, and I've personally heard you. **28** So listen, I'll allow you to die and be buried in peace, and so your eyes won't see the disas-

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_house. **11** And_they_gave_it to_craftsmen and_to_builders to_ _acquire stones_of hewing and_wood(s) for_clamps and_to_ _make_beams_for ᴅᴏᴍ the_houses which the_kings_of Yəhūdāh they_had_ruined. **12** And_the_men were_working in_ _faithfulness in_work and_over_them Yaḥat/(Jahath) and_ _ʿOvadʸāh the_Lēviyyiy of the_descendants_of Mərārī and_ _Zəkarʸāh and_Məshullām of the_descendants_of the_Qəhātites were_appointed to_act_as_overseers and_the_Lēviyyiy every_of one_who_was_skilled in_instruments_of song. **13** (And)_were_ _over the_burden-bearers and_were_acting_as_overseers to_ _all/each/any/every doer_of work for_labour and_labour and_ _some_of_the_Lēviyyiy were_scribes and_officials and_ _gatekeepers. **14** And_when_they_brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_money which_had_been_brought the_house_of **YHWH** Ḥilqiyʸāh the_ _priest/officer he_found ᴅᴏᴍ the_scroll_of the_law_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Mosheh. **15** And_ Ḥilqiyʸāh _he_answered and_ _he/it_said to Shāfān the_scribe the_scroll_of the_law I_have_ _found in_house_of **YHWH** and_ Ḥilqiyʸāh _he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _scroll to Shāfān. **16** And_ Shāfān _he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_scroll to the_king and_he_brought_back again ᴅᴏᴍ the_king message to_say all that it_was_given in_the_hand_of your_servants they are_doing. **17** And_they_have_poured_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_money which_was_found in_house_of **YHWH** and_they_have_given_it on the_hand_of those_who_had_been_appointed and_on the_ _hand_of the_doers_of the_work. **18** And_ Shāfān the_scribe _ _he_told to/for_the_king to_say a_scroll he_has_given to_me Ḥilqiyʸāh the_priest/officer and_he/it_called in_him/it Shāfān to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **19** And_he/it_was just_ the_king _as_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_law and_he_tore ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his. **20** And_ the_king _he/it_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥilqiyʸāh and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʾAḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʿAvdōn the_son_of Mīkāh and_ᴅᴏᴍ Shāfān the_ _scribe and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʿAsāʸāh the_servant_of the_king to_say. **21** Go consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** for_me and_for the_one_who_remains among_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_among_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) on the_ _words/messages_of the_scroll which it_has_been_found if/because is_great the_rage_of **YHWH** which it_has_been_ _poured_out on_us on that not ancestors_of_our they_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_message_of **YHWH** for_doing according_to_every_of (the)_ _thing_written on the_scroll (the)_this. **22** And_ Ḥilqiyʸāh and_ _which the_king _he/it_went to Ḥuldāh the_prophetess the_ _wife_of Shallūm the_son_of Tōqahat[197] the_son_of Ḥaṣrāh the_ _keeper_of the_garments and_she was_dwelling in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_district and_they_spoke to_her/it like_this. **23** And_she/it_said to/for_them thus **YHWH** the_god_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says say to_man who he_sent you(pl) to_ _me. **24** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring calamity on the_place the_this and_on inhabitants_of_its ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_curses which_are_written on the_scroll which people_have_read_aloud to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king_of Yəhūdāh. **25** Because that they_have_abandoned_ _me and[198][199] to_gods other so_as to_provoke_me_to_anger by_ _all_of the_works_of their_hands_of_their and_ rage_of_my _it_ _will_pour_forth on_place the_this and_not it_will_be_

197 LV 34:22 · Note OSHB variant note: תהקות: (x-qere) 'תַּהֲקָת': lemma_8445 n_1.1.1 morph_HNp id_14SpF תַּהֲקָת

198 LV 34:25 · Note OSHB variant note: וריטקי/ו: (x-qere) 'וְרִטַּקְי/ו': lemma_c/6999 a n_1.2.0 morph_HC/Vpw3mp id_14LnE וְרִטַּקְי/ו

199 LV 34:25 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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_quenched. **26** And_near/to the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who_
_sent you(pl) to_consult (in)_**YHWH** thus you(pl)_will_say to_
_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says the_
_words/messages which you_have_heard. **27** Because heart_of_
_your it_was_soft and_you_humbled_yourself from_to/for_
_face/front/presence god when_heard_you ÐOM
words/messages_of_his on the_place the_this and_on
inhabitants_of_its and_you_humbled_yourself to/for_my_
_face/front and_you_tore ÐOM clothes_of_your and_you_wept
before_me and_also I I_have_heard the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
28 HERE_I will_gather_of_you to ancestors_of_your and_you_
_will_be_gathered to grave(s)_of_your in_peace and_not eyes_
_of_your they_will_look on_all_of the_distress which I will_
_bring on the_place the_this and_on inhabitants_of_its and_
_they_brought_back ÐOM the_king message. **29** And_ the_king _
_he_sent and_he_gathered ÐOM all_of the_elders_of Yəhūdāh
and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **30** And_ the_king _he/it_
_ascended the_house_of **YHWH** and_all (the)_person_of
Yəhūdāh and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
and_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_all the_people from_
_the_great and_unto the_small and_he/it_called in_ears_of_
_their ÐOM all_of the_words/messages_of the_scroll_of the_
_covenant which_had_been_found the_house_of **YHWH**.
31 And_ the_king _he_stood at place_of_his and_he_made ÐOM
the_covenant to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_go
after **YHWH** and_to_keep ÐOM commands_of_his and_
_testimonies_of_his and_regulations_of_his in_all heart_of_his
and_on/over_all being_of_his for_doing ÐOM the_
_words/messages_of the_covenant which_were_written on the_
_scroll (the)_this. **32** And_he_made_stand ÐOM every_of (the)_
_one_who_was_found in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
Binyāmīn and the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _
_they_did according_to_the_covenant_of god the_god_of their_
_ancestors_of_their. **33** And_ Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) _he_removed
ÐOM all_of the_abominations from_all the_lands which
belonged_to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_made_to_
_serve ÐOM every_of (the)_one_who_was_found in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_serve ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_their all_of
his/its_days not they_turned_aside from_after **YHWH** the_god_
_of their_ancestors_of_their.

35:1 And_ Yo'shiy^{yāh} _he/it_made in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
a_passover to/for_**YHWH** and_people_slaughtered the_
_passover on_day_four- teen of_month (the)_first. **2** And_he_
_appointed the_priests on duties_of_their and_he_encouraged_
_them for_the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **3** And_he/it_
_said to_Lēviyyiy the[205] to/from_all/each/any/every
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (the)_holy to/for_**YHWH** put ÐOM the_box_of
(the)_holiness in_house which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_son_
_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_built there_will_not_
_be to/for_you(pl) a_burden on_shoulder now serve ÐOM
YHWH god_of_your(pl) and_ÐOM people_of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
4 And_be_prepared[206][207] to_the_house_of your(pl)_ancestors_

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ter that I'll send to this place and its inhabitants.' "
So they took that response back to the king.
29 Then the king summoned all the elders from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and from across Yehudah, **30** and they all walked up to the temple, with the inhabitants of Yerushalem and all of Yehudah, and the priests and the Levites, and all the people, irrespective of their standing in the community. Then the king read everything out to them that was on the Torah scroll that had been found in the temple. **31** Then the king stood at his normal place and made an agreement with Yahweh: to obey Yahweh and follow his instructions and his regulations and statutes, sincerely and with all his energy—doing what was in the joint understanding that had been written on the scroll. **32** Then he had everyone from Yerushalem and Benyamin take a stand in agreement to it, and so Yerushalem's inhabitants renewed their agreement with their ancestors' god. **33** So King Yoshiyah (Josiah) removed all the disgusting idols from all the Israeli regions, and he made everyone in Yisrael (Israel) serve their god Yahweh—during his lifetime they never turned away from Yahweh, their ancestors' god.

Celebrating the messenger's 'passing-over' · Southern kingdom[200]

35:1 Then King Yoshiyah (Josiah) prepared a 'pass-over' celebration in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and they slaughtered the lambs at the end of March. **2** He assigned the priests to the various tasks that needed to be done, and encouraged them to do their work well. **3** He told the Levites (they'd been separated from the other tribes in order to serve Yahweh) who were teaching all of Yisrael (Israel), "Place the sacred box in the house that was built by David's son, Yisrael's King Shelomoh (Solomon)—it won't be a

200 RV 35:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 23:21-23

205 LV 35:3 · Note OSHB variant note: הינובמ/ה: (x-qere) ה'מ֫יְנִיבְמִ֫/ה': lemma_d/995 morph_HTd/Vhrmpa id_14LZM מ֫יְנִיבְמִ֫/ה

206 LV 35:4 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

207 LV 35:4 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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burden any more for your shoulders. Now serve your god Yahweh and his Israeli people, **4** and prepare yourselves in your clan divisions as per the instructions written by Yisrael's King David and his son Shelomoh.[201] **5** Then stand in the temple area, grouped by your clans and ready to help the other tribes. **6** Consecrate yourselves and slaughter the 'pass-over' lambs for the people as per the instructions given through Mosheh (Moses) by Yahweh.

7 King Yoshiyah provided thirty thousand lambs and young goats from his own flocks for the 'pass-over' sacrifices, and three thousand bulls from his own herds. **8** His officials also contributed for the benefit of the people, priests, and Levites. The chief temple officials Hilkiyah, Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Yehiel donated 2,600 lambs and three hundred cattle to the priests. **9** The Levite leaders Konaniyah and his younger brothers Shemayah and Netanel, along with Hashavyah, Yeiel, and Yozavad, together contributed five thousand lambs and three hundred bulls.

10 So everything was prepared as the king had commanded, and the priests stood at their places, and the Levites were there in their various divisions, **11** and they slaughtered the 'pass-over' lambs, then the priests sprinkled the blood while the Levites skinned the animals. **12** They set aside the animals to be burnt on the altar, in order to give them to the various family groups to offer to Yahweh, following the instructions Mosheh had written down. They did the same thing with the cattle. **13** They roasted the 'pass-over' meal over the fire as per the instructions,[202] and they boiled the meat of the sacred offerings in pots and kettles and pans, and served the meat immediately to all the people who were there. **14** Afterwards, the Levites prepared the meal for themselves and for the priests (Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants), because the priests had been busy sacrificing the burnt offerings and the fat portions right through to the evening. **15** The singers (Asaf's descendants) were at their posts, as they'd been commanded by King David, Asaf, Heyman, and the king's prophet Yedutun.[203] The men guarding the gates didn't have to leave their posts, because their fellow Levites prepared food for them.

16 So on that day, everything that needed to be done for worshipping Yahweh was done. They celebrated the 'pass-over' festival, and they sacrificed burnt offerings as King Yoshiyah (Josiah) had commanded. **17** The Israelis who were there celebrated the 'pass-over' that day, then they celebrated the 'Festival of Flat Bread' for seven days.[204] **18** There hadn't been a

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_of_your(pl) according_to_of_your(pl)_divisions by_the_ _writing_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_by_the_ _writing_of Shəlomoh son_of_his. **5** And_stand in_place to_the_ _divisions_of the_house_of the_ancestors of_countrymen_of_ _your(pl) the_sons_of the_people and_a_division_of the_house_ _of an_ancestor for_Lēviyyiy. **6** And_slaughter the_passover and_consecrate_yourselves and_prepare for_countrymen_of_ _your(pl) for_doing according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** by_ _the_hand_of Mosheh. **7** And_ Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) _he_ _contributed for_the_sons_of the_people flock[s] lambs and_ _the_sons goats (the)_everything for_passovers to/from_ _all/each/any/every (the)_one_who_was_found to_the_ _number_of thirty thousand and_cattle three_of thousand(s) these were_from_the_property_of the_king. **8** And_officials_of_ _his to_a_freewill_offering for_people for_priests and_for_ _Lēviyyiy they_contributed Ḥilqiy^{yāh} and_Zəkar^{yāh} and_ _Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) the_officers_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm to_ _priests they_gave for_passovers two_thousand and_six hundred(s) and_cattle three hundred(s). **9** And[208] and_ _Shəma'^{yāh} and_Nətan'ēl brothers_of_his and_Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh} and_ _Yə'ī'ēl/(Jeiel) Yōzāvˇād/(Jozabad) the_leaders_of the_Lēviyyiy they_contributed for_Lēviyyiy for_passovers five_of thousand(s) and_cattle five hundred(s). **10** And_ the_service _it_ _was_arranged and_ the_priests _they_stood at place_of_their and_the_Lēviyyiy on divisions_of_their according_to_the_ _command_of the_king. **11** And_they_slaughtered the_passover and_ the_priests _they_sprinkled from_hand_of_their and_the_ _Lēviyyiy were_skinning_them. **12** And_they_put_aside the_ _burnt_offering[s] to_give_them to_the_divisions of_the_house_ _of ancestors of_the_sons_of of_the_people to_bring_near to/for_**YHWH** according_what_is_written in_the_scroll_of Mosheh and_thus/so/as_follows for_cattle. **13** And_they_ _cooked the_passover in_fire according_the_ordinance and_ _the_holy_offerings they_boiled in_pots and_in_(the)_pots and_ _in_bowls and_they_brought_them_quickly to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_children_of the_people. **14** And_after they_prepared to/for_them and_for_priests if/because the_ _priests the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron were_in_offering_up the_ _burnt_offering[s] and_the_fat(s) until night and_the_Lēviyyiy they_prepared to/for_them and_for_priests the_descendants_ _of 'Ah$_a$ron. **15** And_the_singers the_descendants_of 'Āṣāf were_ _at position_of_their according_to_the_command_of Dāvid and_'Āṣāf and_Hēymān and_Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) the_seer_of the_king and_the_gatekeepers were_to_a_gate and_a_gate[209] there_was_not to/for_them to_turn_aside from_under service_ _of_their if/because relatives_of_their the_Lēviyyiy they_ _prepared to/for_them. **16** And_ all_of the_service_of **YHWH** _ _it_was_arranged in_the_day (the)_that for_doing the_passover

201 **RV 35:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 8:14.

202 **RV 35:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:8-9.

203 **RV 35:15 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 25:1.

204 **RV 35:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-20.

208 **LV 35:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְהִינָנֻכְ/ו: (x-qere) וְהֵינֵנָכְ/ו': lemma_c/3562 n_1.0.1.1 morph_HC/Np id_141sn וְהֵינֵנָכְ/ו

209 **LV 35:15 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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and_to_offer_up burnt_offerings on the_altar_of **YHWH** according_to_the_command_of the_king Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah). **17** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who_were_found _they_ _made ĐOM the_passover at_time (the)_that and_ĐOM the_ _festival_of the_unleavened_bread(s) seven_of days. **18** And_not a_passover it_had_been_observed like_it in_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) since_the_days_of Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) the_prophet and_all (the)_kings_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) not they_had_observed like_ _passover which Yo'shiy^{yāh} and_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) which_was_ _found and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_ _observed. **19** In_eight- teen year of_(the)_reign of_Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_passover (the)_this it_was_observed.

20 After all_of this when Yo'shiy^{yāh} he_had_prepared ĐOM the_ _house Nəkō the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he_went_up to_do_ _battle at_Karkəməysh/(Carchemish) on the_Pərāt and_he/it_ _went_out to_meet_him Yo'shiy^{yāh}. **21** And_he_sent to_him/it messengers to_say what to/for_me and_to_you Oh_king_of Yəhūdāh not on_you you the_day if/because against the_ _house_of my_battle_of_my and_god he_has_said I_to_hurry cease to/for_yourself(m) from_god who is_with_me and_not he_will_destroy_you. **22** And_not Yo'shiy^{yāh} he_turned face_of_ _his from_him/it if/because to_fight in/on/over_him/it he_ _disguised_himself and_not he_listened to the_ _words/messages_of Nəkō from_the_mouth_of god and_he_ _went to_do_battle in_the_valley_of Məgiddōn. **23** And_ the_ _archers _they_shot_arrows to/for_the_king Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) and_ the_king _he/it_said to_servants_of_his take_me_away if/because I_have_been_wounded exceedingly. **24** And_they_ _took_him_away servants_of_his from the_chariot and_they_ _made_him_ride on the_chariot_of (the)_second which to_ _him/it and_they_brought_him Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_the_grave(s)_of his_ _ancestors_of_his and_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) were_mourning on Yo'shiy^{yāh}. **25** And_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) _he_made_a_lament on Yo'shiy^{yāh} and_they_said all_of the_male_singers and_the_female_singers in_lamentations_of_their on Yo'shiy^{yāh} until the_day and_they_ _made_them into_a_decree on Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_THERE_they are_written on the_lamentations. **26** And_the_rest_of the_ _matters_of Yo'shiy^{yāh} and_his_covenant_of_loyalti(es) according_what_is_written in_the_law_of **YHWH**. **27** And_ _matters_of_his (the)_former and_(the)_latter THERE_they are_ _written on the_scroll_of the_kings_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah).

36:1 And_ the_people_of the_earth/land _they_took ĐOM Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh} and_they_made_ _him_king in_place_of his/its_father in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** Was_a_son_of three and_twenty year[s] Yəhō'āḥāz when_he_became_king and_three months he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_he_removed_ _him the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_imposed_a_fine_on ĐOM the_ _earth/land one_hundred talent[s]_of silver and_a_talent_of

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'pass-over' celebration done like that in Yisrael (Israel) since the time of the prophet Shmuel (Samuel), and none of Yisrael's kings had ever done it like Yoshiyah did, along with the priests and Levites and the people from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all of Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael. **19** They celebrated that festival in the eighteenth year of Yoshiyah's reign.

The death of Yehudah's King Yoshiyah · Southern kingdom[210]

20 After all of Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) work on temple restoration, Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Nekoh went to attack Karkemish city on the Perat (Euphrates) river, and Yoshiyah went out to confront him. **21** Nekoh sent messengers to tell Yoshiyah, "What's this got to do with you, King of Yehudah (Judah)? We're not attacking you at present, because we're in a different fight, and God told me to hurry. Don't oppose God, who's with me, and don't make him destroy you." **22** However, Yoshiyah wouldn't listen, but disguised himself before going into battle. He didn't listen to Nekoh even though he was speaking for God, so he went to fight on the Megidon plain.

23 King Yoshiyah was hit by the archers, and he told his servants, "Get me away from here, because I'm badly wounded." **24** So his servants lifted him off his chariot and took him on his reserve chariot back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), where he died. He was buried in a tomb with his ancestors, and all of Yerushalem and Yehudah mourned over him.

25 The prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) wrote a funeral song for him, which the male and female singers still use at funerals to this day. That became a custom in Yisrael (Israel) —the words of that song are written in a scroll of funeral songs.

26 The record of all the other things Yoshiyah did while he was king, and his loyal commitment to following Yahweh's instructions, **27** including his actions from the beginning to the end of his reign, was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yisrael and Yehudah'.

Yehudah's King Yehoahaz · Southern kingdom[211]

36:1 Then the people of Yehudah (Judah) took Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) son Yehoahaz and made him king in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to replace his father. **2** Yehoahaz was twenty-three when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem for only three months. **3** Then Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) king deposed him and forced the country to pay an annual tribute of thirty kilograms of gold and three tonnes of silver. **4** Mitsrayim's King

210 RV 35:20 · Parallel 2 Kgs 23:28-30

211 RV 36:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 23:30-35

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Nekoh took Yehoahaz to Mitsrayim,[212] and then the king made his younger brother Elyakim king over Yehudah and Yerushalem, although he changed Elyakim's name to Yehoyakim.

Yehudah's King Yehoyakim · Southern kingdom[213]

5 Yehoyakim was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eleven years. He did many things that Yahweh had said were evil.[214] 6 Bavel's (Babylon's) King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) attacked and captured Yehoyakim and took him to Bavel in bronze chains,[215] 7 along with some items from Yahweh's temple that were taken to Bavel and placed in the king's temple there.

8 The record of all the other things Yehoyakim did while he was king, including the disgusting things he did, was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah' (Judah), and his son Yehoyakin replaced him as king.

Yehudah's King Yehoyakin · Southern kingdom[216]

9 Yehoyakin was eighteen[217] when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for just ten days. He did many things that Yahweh had said were evil. 10 At the beginning of the next year, King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) sent soldiers to bring him to Bavel (Babylon), bringing valuable items from the temple,[218] and he made his younger brother Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) king over Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem.[219]

Yehudah's king Tsidkiyah · Southern kingdom[220]

11 Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) was twenty-one when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eleven years.[221] 12 He did many things that Yahweh had said were evil, in fact, he didn't even humble himself when the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) brought him a message from Yahweh. 13 He'd become very stubborn and wouldn't return to Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh, and he also rebelled against King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), who'd made him promise in front of God to be loyal.[222] 14 In addition, all the leaders of the priests and the people of Yehudah (Judah) became more and more unfaithful,

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gold. 4 And_ the_king_of Mitsrayim _he_made_king ĐOM ʾElyāqīm his/its_brother over Yəhūdāh and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_changed ĐOM his/its_name Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) and_ĐOM Yəhōʾāḥāz his/its_brother Nəkō he_took and_he_brought_him towards_Mitsrayim.

5 Was_a_son_of twenty and_five year[s] Yəhōyāqīm when_he_ _became_king and_one_plus ten year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_made the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** his/its_god. 6 On/upon/above_him/it Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he_came_up and_he_ _bound_him with_(the)_fetters to_take_him to_Bāvel. 7 And_ _some_of_the_articles_of the_house_of **YHWH** Nebuchadnezzar he_brought to_Bāvel and_he_put_them in_palace_of_his in_ _Bāvel. 8 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yəhōyāqīm and_ _abominations_of_his which he_did and_that_which_was_found on/upon/above_him/it THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_ _of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_ Yəhōyākīn/(Jehoiachin) his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_ _of_him.

9 Was_a_son_of eight years Yəhōyākīn when_he_became_king and_three months and_ten_of days he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_made the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH**. 10 And_to_the_return_of the_year the_ _king Nebuchadnezzar he_sent and_he_brought_him to_Bāvel with the_articles_of preciousness_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_ _he_made_king ĐOM Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) his/its_brother over Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

11 Was_a_son_of twenty and_one year[s] Tsidqiy^{yāh} when_he_ _became_king and_one_plus ten year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 12 And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** his/its_god not he_humbled_himself from_to/for_face/front/presence Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_ _prophet from_the_mouth_of **YHWH**. 13 And_also against_king Nebuchadnezzar he_rebelled who he_had_made_him_swear_ _an_oath by_god and_he_stiffened ĐOM neck_of_his and_he_ _made_hard ĐOM heart_of_his from_turning_back to **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 14 Also all_of the_leaders_of the_ _priests and_the_people they_increased to_act_unfaithfully unfaithfulness[226][227] according_to_all_of the_abominations_of the_nations and_they_made_unclean ĐOM the_house_of **YHWH**

212 **RV 36:4 · Cross-ref.** Jer 22:11-12.

213 **RV 36:5 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 23:36–24:7

214 **RV 36:5 · Cross-ref.** Jer 22:18-19; 26:1-6; 35:1-19.

215 **RV 36:6 · Cross-ref.** Jer 25:1-38; 36:1-32; 45:1-5; Dan 1:1-2.

216 **RV 36:9 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 24:8-17

217 **RV 36:9 · Note** Using 2 Kings 24:8 to (hopefully) correct the Hebrew here which has 'eight'.

218 **RV 36:10 · Cross-ref.** Jer 22:24-30; 24:1-10; 29:1-2; Eze 17:12.

219 **RV 36:10 · Cross-ref.** Jer 37:1; Eze 17:13.

220 **RV 36:11 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 24:18-20; Jer. 52:1-3a

221 **RV 36:11 · Cross-ref.** Jer 27:1-22; 28:1-17.

222 **RV 36:13 · Cross-ref.** Eze 17:15.

226 **LV 36:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

227 **LV 36:14 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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which he_had_consecrated in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
15 And_ **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their _he_sent to_them by_the_hand_of his_messengers_of_his rising_early and_sending if/because he_had_compassion on people_of_his and_on place_of_his_dwelling. **16** And_they_were deriding (in)_ _the_messengers_of the_'Elohīm and_despising words/messages_of_his and_mocking at_prophets_of_his until the_rage_of **YHWH** came_up on_people_of_his until (to)_there_ _was_not healing. **17** And_he/it_ascended on_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _king_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy[228] and_he_killed men_of_their_ _young with_sword in_house_of their_sanctuary_of_their and_ _not he_had_compassion on young_man and_young_woman the_old and_the_decrepit (the)_everyone he_gave in_his/its_ _hand. **18** And_all/each/any/every the_articles_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm the_big(pl) and_(the)_small and_the_treasures_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_the_treasures_of the_king and_ _officials_of_his (the)_everything he_brought Bāvel. **19** And_ _they_burnt ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of the_'Elohīm and_they_pulled_ _down ᴅᴏᴍ the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_all palaces_of_its they_burnt with_fire and_all the_articles_of its_ _desirable_things_of_her to_destroy. **20** And_he_took_into_exile the_remainder from the_drought//sword/knife to Bāvel and_ _they_became to_him/it and_for_sons_of_his (into)_slaves until the_kingdom_of Pāraṣ reigned. **21** To_fulfill the_message_of **YHWH** by_the_mouth_of Yirmᵊyāh/(Jeremiah) until the_ _earth/land it_has_accepted ᴅᴏᴍ sabbaths_of_its all_of the_ _days_of its_being_made_desolate it_rested to_complete seventy year[s].
22 And_in_year_of one to/for_Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) the_king_ _of Pāraṣ to_fulfill the_message_of **YHWH** by_the_mouth_of Yirmᵊyāh **YHWH** he_stirred_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_spirit_of Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh) the_king_of Pāraṣ and_he_caused_to_ _pass a_proclamation in_all his/its_kingdom and_also in_ _writing to_say. **23** Thus he_says Kōresh the_king_of Pāraṣ all_of the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land he_has_given to_me **YHWH** the_god_of the_heavens and_he he_has_appointed (on)_me to_ _build to_him/it a_house in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which is_ _in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who is_among_you(pl) from_all people_ _of_his **YHWH** his/its_god with_him/it and_let_him_go_up.

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doing disgusting things often done in other nations, and then they defiled Yahweh's residence, which he'd consecrated in Yerushalem.

15 So Yahweh, their ancestors' god, sent many messages via his prophets, because he felt compassion for his people and his residence, **16** but they mocked God's messengers and rejected the messages—ridiculing his prophets until Yahweh became so angry that he couldn't be stopped. **17** So Yahweh sent the Chaldean king against them, and the Kasdim (Chaldeans) ran Yehudah's young men through with the sword, even in the temple, and they didn't spare any of the young men or women, or even those who were older or elderly—God allowed Nevukadnetsar to thoroughly defeat them.[223] **18** Then he took everything valuable, big or small, from God's temple, as well as from the king and his officials. **19** They set God's temple on fire,[224] and tore down some of the wall surrounding Yerushalem, burnt all its palaces, and destroyed everything valuable. **20** Anyone else who was still alive was taken to Bavel (Babylon), where they became servants to the king and his children until the time when the Persians came to power. **21** That fulfilled God's message that Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) had previously proclaimed, that the land would become desolate to make up for the Rest Days that had been ignored—that took seventy years.[225]

Koresh sends the exiles back to Yehudah · Southern kingdom[229]

22 During the first year that King Koresh (Cyrus) reigned over Paras (Persia), in order to further fulfil what Yahweh had said via the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), Yahweh worked on the spirit of King Koresh who then wrote this ruling and sent messengers to announce it throughout his kingdom: **23** "I, Paras's King Koresh, declare that Yahweh, the god of the heavens, has given me all these earthly kingdoms, and he's given me the job of building a house for him in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), which is in Yehudah (Judah).[230] To help with that, anyone who's from there is allowed to return, and may their god Yahweh be with them and help them.

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223 RV 36:17 · Cross-ref. Jer 21:1-10; 34:1-5.

224 RV 36:19 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 9:8.

225 RV 36:21 · Cross-ref. Jer 25:11; 29:10.

228 LV 36:17 · Note OSHB variant note: יירדשכ: (x-qere) יְהוּדָֽה׃: lemma_3778 n_1.1.1 morph_HNgmpa id_14UwH יְהוּדָֽה׃

229 RV 36:22 · Parallel Ezra 1:1-4

230 RV 36:23 · Cross-ref. Isa 44:28.

Proverbs

Introduction

This collection of *Proverbs*, is one way of teaching so that godly people have good examples of sensible life principles. Most of these sayings concern a person's lifestyle and internal values. Perhaps the most critical proverb included in here is: "The first step towards being wise is to strive to obey Yahweh" (1:7; 9:10). The sayings illustrate the good results that can come from following wise paths and not that of stupidity, as the path of wicked people is like deep darkness (4:19), and in contrast, the path of those who do what is right, is like a bright light (v18). These proverbs are a collection of useful sayings that help to impart godly wisdom to the reader.

Main components of this collection

Praising wisdom *1:1–9:18*
Shelomoh's (Solomon's) sayings *10:1–29:27*
Agur's sayings *30:1-33*
Various other proverbs *31:1-31*

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Literal Version

1:1 The_proverbs_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_son_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** To_know wisdom and_discipline to_teach words/messages_of understanding. **3** To_ _take/accept/receive correction_of insight righteousness and_ _justice and_uprightness(es). **4** To_give to_naive_people prudence to_a_youth knowledge and_discretion. **5** A_prudent_ _one let_him_listen and_let_him_increase learning and_one_ _who_has_understanding guidance(s) let_him_get. **6** To_ _understand a_proverb and_a_parable the_words/messages_of learned_ones and_parables_of_their.

7 The_fear_of **YHWH** is_the_beginning_of knowledge wisdom and_discipline fools they_despise. **8** Listen_to my_son_of_my the_correction_of your_father_of_your and_do_not reject the_ _instruction_of your_mother_of_your. **9** If/because will_be_a_ _wreath_of grace they for_head_of_your and_necklaces for_ _neck(s)_of_your. **10** My_son_of_my if they_will_entice_you sinners do_not be_willing. **11** If they_will_say come with_us let_ _us_lie_in_wait for_blood let_us_lie_hidden for_an_innocent_ _one without_cause. **12** Let_us_engulf_them like_Shə'ōl alive and_complete like_those_who_go_down_of the_pit. **13** All_of wealth prized we_will_find we_will_fill houses_of_our plunder. **14** Lot_of_your you_will_throw among_us a_bag one it_will_ _belong to_all_of_of_us. **15** My_son_of_my do_not walk in_the_ _way with_them restrain foot_of_your from_pathway_of_their. **16** If/because feet_of_their to_evil they_run and_they_make_ _haste to_shed blood. **17** If/because in_vain the_net is_spread_ _out in/on_both_eyes_of every_of owner_of[2] a_wing. **18** And_ _they for_their_own_of_blood they_lie_in_wait they_lie_hidden for_their_own_of_life. **19** Are_thus the_paths_of every_of one_ _who_gains_unjustly unjust_gain ~~ḎOM~~ the_life_of its_owners_of_ _his it_will_take.

20 Wisdom(s) in_street it_cries_aloud in_places she_gives_forth voice_of_her. **21** At_the_top_of noisy_places she_calls_out at_ _the_entrances_of the_gates in_city sayings_of_her she_utters. **22** Until when Oh_naive_people will_you(pl)_love naiveté and_ _mockers mockery do_they_delight_in to/for_them and_fools will_they_hate knowledge. **23** You(pl)_will_turn_back to_

Readers' Version

The purpose of proverbs

1:1 These are the proverbs collected by King Shelomoh (Solomon) of Yisrael (Israel) (King David's son):
2 These will help you to know wisdom and instruction,
and to comprehend sayings that give understanding.
3 Also to learn insight
and to understand what's right and leads to justice and integrity.
4 They give good advice to those who are naive—
teaching knowledge and discretion to young people.
5 Let wise people also listen to these sayings to keep learning more,
and discerning people can acquire guidance—
6 understanding proverbs and parables—
the words of wise people plus their challenges.

The warning to young people

7 Deciding to obey Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge.[1]
Fools despise wisdom and being told what they should do.
8 My child, listen to your father's instructions.
Don't reject what your mother has told you to do,
9 because their teaching is like a graceful garland to wear on your head,
or like beautiful necklaces to wear around your neck.
10 My child, if evil people tempt you to join them, don't agree to it. **11** If they say,
"Come with us. We'll find someone to kill—
we'll hide and ambush an innocent person just for fun.
12 Let's swallow innocent people just like the grave does,
and healthy people just like those going down to the pit.
13 We'll find lots of valuable loot.
We'll fill our houses with what we take.
14 You need to come and join us—
we share everything equally."
15 My child, don't follow their ways.
Keep your foot away from their path
16 because their feet run towards evil,
and they rush to pour out blood.
17 Surely it would be a waste of time
to spread out a net while the bird is watching,
18 but they lie in wait for their own blood—
they ambush their own lives.
19 That's what happens to anyone who gains wealth illegally—
it takes that person's life.

Accepting or rejecting wisdom

20 Wisdom calls out loudly on the street—
she makes her voice known in the plazas.[3]
21 She calls out from above the busy streets.
She tells her sayings at the meeting place at the city gates.

1 RV 1:7 · Cross-ref. Yob 28:28; Psa 111:10; Prv 9:10.

2 LV 1:17 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

3 RV 1:20-21 · Cross-ref. Prv 8:1-3.

Readers' Version

22 How much longer will naive people love their naivety,
and mockers enjoy their mockery,
and stupid people despise knowledge?
23 Change your ways when I correct you.
Listen, I'll pour my spirit out on you all.
Let me declare my messages to you all
24 because I've called and you've all refused to listen.
I held out my hand but no one paid any attention
25 and you all ignored all my advice
and took no notice when I corrected you.
26 So I'll laugh when calamity hits you all
and I'll ridicule you when you're all terrified
27 when panic strikes you all like a storm
and calamity comes like a whirlwind
and when trouble and anguish reach you all.
28 Then they'll call out to me for help but I won't answer.
They'll search for me but won't be able to find me
29 because they hated wisdom
and didn't choose to respect and obey Yahweh.
30 They didn't listen to my advice.
They didn't want to hear whenever I corrected them,
31 so they'll eat the fruit of their own chosen path
and they'll be filled with their own schemes.
32 Naive people will get killed as a result of their own turning away,
and the fools' own complacency will destroy them.
33 However, those who listen to me will have secure lives
and be able to relax without worrying about troubles coming.

The peace/prosperity from wisdom

2:1 My child, if you accept my sayings
and internalise my commands,
2 so you'll be attentive to wisdom
and your mind will look for understanding,
3 if you'll call out for insight,
raising your voice to ask for understanding,
4 if you go after it as if it's silver
and search for it as if it was hidden treasure,
5 then you'll understand how to respect and obey Yahweh
and you'll learn more about God.
6 That's because Yahweh gives wisdom—
knowledge and understanding come from his mouth
7 and he gives true wisdom to godly people—
a protective shield for those walking with integrity.
8 to guard the paths of justice,
and he will preserve the way of those who are faithful to him.
9 Then you'll understand righteousness and justice and integrity—every good path to walk,
10 because wisdom will enter into your mind
and knowledge will give you pleasure.

Literal Version

_rebuke_of_my HERE I_will_pour_forth to/for_you(pl) my_
_breath/wind/spirit let_me_declare words/messages_of_my
you(pl). **24** Because I_called and_you(pl)_refused I_stretched_
_out hand_of_my and_there_was_not one_who_paid_attention.
25 And_you(pl)_ignored all_of advice_of_my and_rebuke_of_my
not you(pl)_yielded_to. **26** Also I at_calamity_of_your(pl) I_will_
_laugh I_will_mock when_ dread_of_your(pl) _comes. **27** When_
_comes mmm[4] dread_of_your(pl) and_calamity_of_your(pl)
like_a_storm-wind it_will_arrive when_comes on_you(pl)
trouble and_distress. **28** Then they_will_call_to_me and_not I_
_will_answer they_will_seek_me_earnestly and_not they_will_
_find_me. **29** Because if/because they_hated knowledge and_
_the_fear_of **YHWH** not they_chose. **30** Not they_yielded to_
_advice_of_my they_spurned all_of rebuke_of_my. **31** And_they_
_will_eat from_the_fruit their_way_of_their and_from_their_
_own_of_schemes they_will_be_surfeited. **32** If/because the_
_turning_away_of naive_people it_will_ruin_them and_the_
_security_of fools it_will_destroy_them. **33** And_one_who_
_listens to_me he_will_dwell security and_he_will_be_at_ease
from_dread_of trouble.

2:1 My_son_of_my if you_will_receive words/messages_of_my
and_commands_of_my you_will_treasure with_you. **2** To_make_
_attend to_wisdom ear_of_your you_will_incline heart_of_your
to_understanding. **3** If/because if to_discernment you_will_call
to_understanding you_will_give_forth voice_of_your. **4** If you_
_will_seek_it like_silver and_like_(the)_treasures you_will_
_search_for_it. **5** Then you_will_discern the_fear_of **YHWH** and_
_the_knowledge_of god you_will_find. **6** If/because **YHWH** he_
_gives wisdom are_from_mouth_of_his knowledge and_
understanding. **7** And[5] for(the)_people success a_shield for_
_those_who_walk_of integrity. **8** To_guard the_paths_of justice
and_the_way_of his_faithful_people[6] he_will_preserve. **9** Then
you_will_understand righteousness and_justice and_
_uprightness(es) every_of track_of good. **10** If/because wisdom
it_will_come in_heart_of_your and_knowledge to_self_of_your
it_will_be_pleasant. **11** Discretion it_will_watch over_you
understanding it_will_preserve_you. **12** To_deliver_you from_
_the_way the_wicked from_man who_speaks perverse_things.
13 Who_leave paths_of uprightness to_go in_the_ways_of
darkness. **14** The_ones_joyful for_doing evil they_exult in_
_perverse_things_of evil. **15** Who paths_of_their are_twisted
and_they_are_crooked in_tracks_of_their. **16** To_deliver_you
from_a_woman strange from_a_foreign_woman

4 **LV 1:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: הוּאשׁ/כ: (x-qere) הָאוֹשִׁ/כ: lemma_k/7722 b n_1.1.0 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_20iee הָאוֹשִׁ/כ
5 **LV 2:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְפַצ/ו: (x-qere) וְפֹּצֵי: lemma_6845 morph_HVqi3ms id_20GpK וְפֹּצֵי
6 **LV 2:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דיסח: (x-qere) וְ/יְדִיסָח: lemma_2623 morph_HAampc/Sp3ms id_20Unh וְ/יְדִיסָח

Literal Version

words/messages_of_who_her she_makes_smooth. **17** Who_
_leaves the_close_friend_of her_youth(s)_of_her and_ĐØM the_
_covenant_of her_god_of_her she_forgets. **18** If/because she_
_sank_down to death house_of_her and_near/to the_shades
tracks_of_her. **19** All_of those_of_who_go_to_her not they_
_return and_not they_reach the_paths_of life. **20** So_that you_
_may_walk in_the_way_of good_people and_the_paths_of
righteous_people you_will_keep. **21** If/because upright_people
they_will_dwell[789] the_land and_blameless_people they_will_
_remain in_it. **22** And_wicked_people from_the_land they_will_
_be_cut_off and_those_who_act_treacherously people_will_
_tear_away from_it.

3:1 My_son_of_my instruction_of_my do_not forget and_
_commands_of_my heart_of_your let_it_keep. **2** If/because
length_of days and_years_of life and_peace they_will_add
to/for_you(fs). **3** Loyalty and_faithfulness not may_they_leave_
_you bind_them on neck(s)_of_your write_them on the_tablet_
_of your_heart_of_your. **4** And_find favour and_insight good
in/on_both_eyes_of god and_human/'Ādām. **5** Trust to **YHWH**
in_all heart_of_your and_near/to understanding_of_your_own
do_not depend. **6** In_all ways_of_your acknowledge_him and_he
he_will_make_straight paths_of_your. **7** Do_not be wise in_
_your_two's_own_of_eyes fear ĐØM **YHWH** and_turn_aside
from_evil. **8** Healing may_it_be to_navel_of_your and_
_refreshment to_bones_of_your. **9** Honour ĐØM **YHWH** from_
_wealth_of_your and_from_the_first_of_all_of produce_of_your.
10 So_ barns_of_your _that_they_may_be_filled plenty and_
_new_wine wine-vats_of_your they_will_burst_open. **11** The_
_discipline_of **YHWH** my_son_of_my do_not reject and_do_not
loath (in)_rebuke_of_his. **12** If/because ĐØM the_one_whom he_
_loves **YHWH** he_reproves and_like_a_father ĐØM a_son whom_
_he_is_pleased_with. **13** How_blessed is_a_person who_he_finds
wisdom and_human/'Ādām who_he_obtains understanding.
14 If/because is_good profit_of_her_trading more_than_the_
_trading_profit_of silver and_more_than_gold gain_of_her.

Readers' Version

11 Discretion will watch over you.
Understanding will guard you
12 to rescue you off the path of wicked people—
from people who speak perversely—
13 the ones who abandon the paths of godliness
to walk in the ways of darkness,
14 the ones who are glad to do evil.
They rejoice in perverse things of evil,
15 whose paths are crooked
and going astray in their tracks.
16 Being discreet and insightful will rescue you from a strange woman—
from a foreign woman who makes her sayings smooth,
17 who's left her husband from her younger days,
and has forgotten her promise to her god.
18 Her house sinks down to death,
and her paths to the departed spirits.
19 No one who goes into her place will return,
and they won't find the paths that lead to life.
20 So follow the ways of good people,
and stay on the path of those who want to do what's right,
21 because it's people who do what is right who'll live in this land,
and those who are blameless will remain in it.
22 However, the wicked people will be taken off the land,
and those who are treacherous will be torn away from it.
3:1 My son, don't forget my instructions, **Advice to the young**
and keep my commands in your thoughts,
2 →because they'll give you a longer lifetime
and add peace to your life.
3 Don't let loyal commitment and faithfulness leave you:
tie them around your neck,
and inscribe them into your mind.
4 Then you'll find favour and good insight
in the eyes of God and man.[10]
5 Trust in Yahweh with everything in you,
^and don't rely on your own logic.
6 Acknowledge Yahweh's involvement in everything you do,
and he'll make the way easier to follow.
7 Don't pride yourself on your own wisdom,[11]
^but rather obey Yahweh and turn away from evil.
8 It will be healing for your stomach,
and refreshment for your bones.
9 Honour Yahweh from your wealth
and from the first of everything you harvest,
10 →then your barns will be completely filled,

7 **LV 2:21 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

8 **LV 2:21 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

9 **LV 2:21 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

10 **RV 3:4 · Cross-ref.** Luk 2:52.

11 **RV 3:7 · Cross-ref.** Rom 12:16.

Readers' Version

and your vats will overflow with new wine.
11 My son, don't reject correction from Yahweh,
and don't resent his rebuke,[12]
12 because Yahweh disciplines those he loves,[13]
just like a father does to his child that he appreciates.[14]
13 The person who discovers wisdom is blessed,
as is the one who obtains understanding,
14 because it's better than a good income.
Being wise is of more value than gold.
15 Wisdom is more valuable than jewelry.
→There's nothing else you could want that's worth as much as being wise.
16 On one hand, wisdom leads to a longer life.
On the other hand, being wise will enable riches and honour.
17 The ways of wisdom are pleasant,
and all its ways are peaceful.
18 Wisdom is a tree of life for those who embrace it.
People who are consistently wise are blessed.
19 Yahweh founded the world using wisdom.
He established the atmosphere and sky by understanding.
20 As a result of his knowledge, the ocean depths broke open,
and the clouds dripped dew.
21 My son, don't let wisdom, knowledge, or understanding escape from your sight.
Safeguard sound wisdom and discretion
22 and they'll liven your mind,
and then people will notice it about you.
23 Then you'll walk in confidence
without tripping or stumbling.
24 When you go to bed, your mind won't be filled with fear.
You'll lie down and your sleep will be relaxing.
25 Don't worry about something terrible suddenly happening to you,
or about when you see wicked people facing ruin,
26 because your confidence will be in Yahweh,
and he will protect you on your journey.
27 Don't hold back when you're able to do good to someone—
when you have the ability and opportunity to act.
28 Don't tell your neighbour, "Go home now, but come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you then,"
when you had it there the whole time.
29 Don't plot how to take advantage of your neighbour,
when he's living beside you and trusting you.
30 Don't quarrel with others for no reason—

Literal Version

15 Is_precious she mmm[16] and_all pleasures_of_your not they_
_compare with_her. **16** Length_of days is_in_her_right_of_hand
are_in_her_left_of_hand wealth and_honour. **17** ways_of_her
are_ways_of kindness and_all pathways_of_her are_well-being.
18 Is_a_tree_of life she to_who_take_hold on_her and_those_of_
_who_hold_fast_to_her is_called_blessed. **19** **YHWH** by_wisdom
he_founded the_earth he_established the_heavens by_
_understanding. **20** By_knowledge_of_his the_depths they_
_were_split_open and_clouds they_dripped dew. **21** My_son_of_
_my not let_them_depart from_eyes_of_your keep sound_
_wisdom and_discretion. **22** And_they_will_be life for_self_of_
_your and_grace for_neck(s)_of_your. **23** Then you_will_walk to_
_security way_of_your and_foot_of_your not you_will_strike.
24 If you_will_lie_down not you_will_fear and_you_will_lie_
down and sleep_of_your _it_will_be_pleasing. **25** Do_not be_
_afraid from_terror suddenly and_from_the_devastation_of
wicked_people if/because it_will_come. **26** If/because **YHWH**
he_will_be (in)_confidence_of_your and_he_will_keep foot_of_
_your from_capture. **27** Do_not withhold good from_owners_of_
_its when_belongs to_the_power_of mmm[17] for_doing. **28** Do_
_not say mmm[18] go and_come_back and_tomorrow I_will_give_
it and(there) it_is_with_you. **29** Do_not devise on neighbour_
_of_your harm and_he is_dwelling to_security with_you. **30** Do_
_not contend[19] with anyone without_cause if not he_has_dealt_
_out_to_you evil. **31** Do_not be_jealous of_a_person_of violence
and_do_not choose in_all ways_of_his. **32** If/because is_(the)_
_abomination_of **YHWH** one_who_is_crooked and_~~DOM~~ upright_
_people intimacy_of_his. **33** The_curse_of **YHWH** in_house_of
the_wicked and_the_habitation_of righteous_people he_blesses.
34 Though (to)_mockers he he_mocks and[20] he_gives favour.
35 Honour wise_people they_will_inherit and_fools is_lifting_up
shame.

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12 **RV 3:11 · Cross-ref.** Yob 5:17.

13 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Rev 3:19.

14 **RV 3:11-12 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:5-6.

16 **LV 3:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: מ/יינפ: (x-qere) 'מ/ינְּנְפִּ': lemma_m/6443 n_1 morph_HR/Ncbpa id_20w1U מ/ינְּנְפִּ

17 **LV 3:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: ד/ירי: (x-qere) 'ךָ/דָּי': lemma_3027 morph_HNcbsc/Sp2ms id_20GXq ךָ/דָּי

18 **LV 3:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: ל/יער/ד: (x-qere) 'ךָ/עֵר/ל': lemma_l/7453 n_1.0.0 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_20kCD ךָ/עֵר/ל

19 **LV 3:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: בורת: (x-qere) 'בֵּירָתּ': lemma_7378 morph_HVqj2ms id_20emQ בֵּירָתּ

20 **LV 3:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/יינע/ל: (x-qere) 'ו/לֵּוָּע/ל': lemma_c/l/6035 n_0.0 morph_HC/R/Aampa id_20j8W ו/לֵּוָּע/ל

Literal Version

4:1 Listen_to Oh_children the_correction_of a_father and_be_
_attentive to_know understanding. **2** If/because teaching good
I_give to/for_you(pl) instruction_of_my do_not neglect.
3 If/because a_son I_was to_father_of_my a_tender and_only_
child to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before mother_of_my.
4 And_he_taught_me and_he/it_said to_me heart_of_your let_
_it_hold_fast_to words/messages_of_my keep commands_of_my
and_live. **5** Acquire wisdom acquire understanding do_not
forget and_do_not turn_aside from_the_words/messages_of
my_mouth_of_my. **6** Do_not abandon_her and_she_will_keep_
_you love_her and_she_will_guard_you. **7** The_beginning_of
wisdom acquire wisdom and_on/over_all acquisition_of_your
acquire understanding. **8** Esteem_her and_she_will_exalt_you
she_will_honour_you if/because you_will_embrace_her. **9** She_
_will_put to_head_of_your a_wreath_of grace a_crown_of
beauty she_will_give_you. **10** Listen my_son_of_my and_receive
words/messages_of_my so_that_they_may_increase to/for_
_yourself(m) years_of life. **11** (In)_the_way_of wisdom I_taught_
_you I_led_you in_tracks_of uprightness. **12** When_walk_you not
step_of_your it_will_be_restricted and_if you_will_run not you_
_will_stumble. **13** Take_hold on_discipline do_not let_go keep_
_her if/because she your(ms)_life. **14** In_the_path_of wicked_
_people do_not go and_do_not advance in_the_way_of evil_
_people. **15** Avoid_it do_not pass_along in/on/over_him/it
turn_aside from_on_it and_pass_on. **16** If/because not they_
_will_sleep if not they_do_harm and_ sleep_of_their _it_is_
_taken_away if not they_bring_injury[21]. **17** If/because they_eat
the_bread_of wickedness and_wine violence(s) they_drink.
18 And_the_path_of righteous_people is_like_a_light_of
brightness which_goes and_which_shines until the_
_established_part_of the_day. **19** The_way_of wicked_people is_
_like_darkness not they_know on_what are_they_stumbling.
20 My_son_of_my to_words/messages_of_my be_attentive to_
_utterances_of_my incline ear_of_your. **21** Do_not let_them_
_depart from_eyes_of_your keep_them in_the_middle your_
_heart_of_your. **22** If/because are_life they to_those_of_who_
_find_them and_to/for_all flesh_of_his healing. **23** From_all
guarding guard heart_of_your if/because from_him/it the_
_sources_of life. **24** Remove from_yourself crookedness_of
mouth and_deviousness_of lips put_far_away from_yourself.
25 Eyes_of_your to_the_front let_them_look and_eyelids_of_
_your let_them_look_straight before_you. **26** Make_level the_
_track_of your_foot_of_your and_all ways_of_your let_them_be_

Readers' Version

if they haven't done anything wrong to you.
31 Don't envy violent people,
and don't imitate how they behave,
32 because Yahweh detests crooked people
^but is friendly towards those who are godly.
33 Yahweh's curse is on the household of wicked people,
^but he blesses the home of those who do what's right.
34 He mocks those who mock others,
but he shows favour towards those who are humble.[15]
35 Wise people will inherit honour,
but fools will receive shame.

The teaching of children

4:1 My children, listen to your father's teachings.
Pay attention so you'll learn well,
2 because I'll give you good teaching.
Don't abandon my instructions.
3 When I was a boy in my father's house,
and I was my mother's tender son,
4 then he taught me and told me,
"Remember what I have told you.
Follow my instructions and live.
5 Acquire wisdom and understanding.
Always remember what I've told you and keep doing it.
6 Don't abandon wisdom and it'll preserve you.
Love it, and it will guard you.
7 Wisdom is the priority—get hold of it,
and more than anything, acquire understanding.
8 Esteem wisdom and it will lift you up.
Wisdom will honour you when you embrace it.
9 Wisdom will place a wreath of grace on your head.
It'll present you with a crown of beauty.
10 My child, listen to my words and accept them,
→and that'll increase the years of your life.
11 I taught you how to act wisely,
and I directed you towards the right paths.
12 When you walk, your steps won't be hampered,
and if you run, you won't stumble.
13 Take hold of my discipline—don't let it go.
Guard it, because it's your lifeline.
14 Don't imitate what wicked people do,
and don't go the same way as evil people.
15 Avoid that path—don't even walk across it.
Keep right away from it and go somewhere else,
16 because they can't nap unless they've done some harm,
and they'll be robbed of sleep if they haven't caused trouble.
17 Those evil people eat the bread of wickedness,
and drink the wine of violence.
18 In contrast, the path of those who do what is right, is like a bright light,

15 **RV 3:34 · Cross-ref.** Jam 4:6; 1Pe 5:5.

21 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ולושכי**: (x-qere) 'וּלְיֻשְׁכֵי': lemma_3782 n_0 morph_HVhi3mp id_20UCh **וּלְיֻשְׁכֵי**

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→that keeps getting brighter until the brightest time of day.
19 The path of wicked people is like deep darkness,
→so they don't even know what they're stumbling over.
20 My child, pay attention to what I'm saying,
and let my words sink in.
21 Don't let them out of your sight,
and keep them in the centre of your thoughts,
22 because they're life to those who find them,
and healing to their entire bodies.
23 Guard your mind and thoughts more than anything else,
→because the way you live all your life, bubbles out from your values.
24 Remove perverse talk from your mouth,
and keep devious words away from your lips.
25 Keep your eyes looking towards the front,
and let your gaze be straight ahead.
26 Make the path level for your footsteps,
and let everything you do be straight-forward.
27 Don't veer to the left or to the right—
keep your feet away from evil paths.

The warning concerning adultery

5:1 My child, pay attention to my wise words,
and listen carefully to what I've learnt
2 so you won't lose your discretion,
and so your lips might guard knowledge.
3 Although the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey,
and her speech is smoother than oil,
4 in the end, she's as bitter as wormwood,
and sharper than a double-sided sword.
5 Her feet are heading down towards death,
and her steps will take her to her grave.
6 She doesn't consider the path of life.
Her paths wander so she doesn't know where she'll end up.
7 So now my children, listen to me,
and don't deviate from my advice.
8 Stay far away from her,
and don't go near the entrance to her house,
9 in case you end up giving your youthful strength to others,
and your best years to a cruel person.
10 Then strangers might make use of your strength (as a slave)
and you end up working in a foreigner's house.
11 Then you'll groan when you are about to die
when your flesh and your body are worn out
12 and you recall, "How I hated discipline,
and didn't like being told what not to do.
13 I didn't listen to those who were teaching me,
and I didn't take any notice of those who were instructing me.
14 I was so close to utter calamity,
and everyone would have noticed me.
15 Drink water from your own supply[22]

Literal Version

_steadfast. **27** Do_not turn_aside right and_left turn_aside foot_
_of_your from_evil.

5:1 My_son_of_my to_wisdom_of_my be_attentive to_
_understanding_of_my incline ear_of_your. **2** To_guard/protect
discretion and_knowledge lips_of_your they_will_observe.
3 If/because honey the_lips_of a_strange_woman they_drip
and_is_smooth more_than_oil mouth_of_her. **4** And_end_of_her
is_bitter like_wormwood sharp like_a_sword_of mouths. **5** Feet_
_of_her are_going_down death Shə'ōl steps_of_her they_will_
_attain. **6** The_path_of life lest she_should_observe tracks_of_
_her they_wander not she_knows. **7** And_now Oh_children
listen to_me and_do_not depart from_the_words/messages_of
my_mouth_of_my. **8** Make_far_away from_with_her way_of_
_your and_do_not draw_near to the_entrance_of her_house_of_
_her. **9** Lest you_should_give to_others vigor_of_your and_
_years_of_your to_a_cruel_person. **10** Lest strangers they_
_should_be_satisfied strength_of_your and_your(pl)_hard_of_
_labours in_house_of a_foreigner. **11** And_you_will_groan at_
_end_of_your when_ flesh_of_your and_body_of_your _wastes_
_away. **12** And_you_will_say how I_hated discipline and_rebuke
heart_of_my it_spurned. **13** And_not I_listened to_the_voice_of
my_teachers_of_my and_to_those_of_who_taught_me not I_
_inclined ear_of_my. **14** Like_a_little I_was in_every_of calamity
in_the_middle the_assembly and_the_congregation. **15** Drink
water from_your_own_of_cistern and_streams from_the_midst_
_of your_own_well_of_your. **16** Springs_of_your will_they_
_overflow outside_to_the in_places streams_of water. **17** Let_
_them_belong to/for_yourself(m) you_alone and_not to_
_strangers with_you. **18** May_it_be spring_of_your blessed and_
_rejoice from_the_wife_of your_youth(s)_of_your. **19** A_doe_of
loves and_a_mountain_goat_of grace breasts_of_her may_they_
_satisfy_you at_every_of time by_love_of_her may_you_be_
_intoxicated continually. **20** And_for_what will_you_go_astray
my_son_of_my with_a_strange_woman and_will_you_embrace
the_bosom_of a_foreign_woman. **21** If/because are_in_front_of
the_eyes_of **YHWH** the_ways_of a_person and_all tracks_of_his

22 RV 5:15 · Note Many commentators believe that the next several lines are alluding to the marital relationship between a man and his wife.

Literal Version

he_is_observing. **22** Iniquities_of_his[23] they_will_seize_him ~~DOM~~ the_wicked_person and_by_the_cords_of his_sin_of_his he_will_ _be_held. **23** He he_will_die in_there_is_not discipline and_in_ _the_greatness_of his_foolishness_of_his he_will_go_astray.

6:1 My_son_of_my if you_have_stood_surety for_fellow-citizen_ _of_your you_have_struck to_stranger palms_of_your. **2** You_ _have_been_ensnared by_the_words/messages_of your_mouth_ _of_your you_have_been_caught by_the_words/messages_of your_mouth_of_your. **3** Do this then my_son_of_my and_ _deliver_yourself if/because you_have_come in_the_palm_of your_neighbour_of_your go humble_yourself and_importune neighbours_of_your. **4** Do_not give sleep to_eyes_of_your and_ _slumber to_eyelids_of_your. **5** Deliver_yourself like_a_gazelle from_a_hand and_like_a_bird from_the_hand_of a_fowler. **6** Go to an_ant Oh_sluggard consider ways_of_its and_become_wise. **7** Which there_is_not to/for_her/it commander officer and_ _ruler. **8** It_prepares in_summer food_of_its it_gathers at_ _harvest food_of_its. **9** Until when Oh_sluggard will_you_lie_ _down when will_you_rise from_sleep_of_your. **10** A_little_of sleep(s) a_little_of slumber(s) a_little_of folding_of hands to_ _rest. **11** And_it_will_come like_a_traveller poverty_of_your and_lack_of_your like_a_man shield. **12** A_person_of worthlessness a_person_of wickedness is_walking crookedness_ _of mouth. **13** He_is_winking with_eyes_of_his[2425] he_is_ _scraping with_foot_of_his[2627] he_is_pointing with_fingers_of_ _his. **14** Perverse_things are_in_heart_of_his he_is_devising evil in_all time contentions[28] he_sends_out. **15** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so suddenly disaster_of_his it_will_come suddenness he_will_be_broken and_there_will_not_be healing. **16** Six_things those **YHWH** he_hates and_are_seven the_

Readers' Version

and flowing water from your own well.
16 Should your springs overflow out onto the streets,
with streams of water in the plaza?
17 Let them be for you alone,
and not for any strangers who are with you.
18 May your fountain be blessed,
and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth—
19 a loving doe, yes, a graceful deer.
Let her breasts satisfy you always.
Constantly be overwhelmed by her love.
20 My son, why would you stagger along with a strange woman,
or embrace the bosom of a foreign woman
21 because everything a person does is in front of Yahweh's eyes,
and he observes all of your decisions?
22 Wicked people get trapped by their own disobedience,
and they get tangled in their ropes of rebellion.
23 They'll die from a lack of discipline,
and their own stupidity will lead them astray.

The other still warning

6:1 My child, if you offer something as a guarantee for your neighbour's loan,
or you've shaken hands on a deal with a stranger,
2 then you've become trapped by your own lips—
you've been caught by the words out of your own mouth.
3 In that case, my child, go and rescue yourself:
Since you've fallen into your neighbour's control,
go and humbly appeal to your neighbour to release you from that pledge.
4 Don't say that you'll just sleep on it.
Don't think that you'll just have a nap first.
5 Save yourself immediately like a deer when it's snagged,
or a bird fleeing from a trapper.
6 You lazy person, go and watch an ant.
→Think about its behaviour, and be wise.
7 It doesn't even have a commander,
or overseer or ruler.
8 It prepares its food in the summer.
It stores up its supplies in the harvest season.
9 How much longer will you lie there, lazy person?
When will you get up from your sleep?
10 A little sleep, a quick nap,
a little folding of your arms to rest,

23 LV 5:22 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

24 LV 6:13 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

25 LV 6:13 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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28 LV 6:14 · Note OSHB variant note: מינדמ: (x-qere) 'מִינָּדְמ': lemma_4066 morph_HNcmpa id_20EG9 מִינָּדְמ

Readers' Version

11 and poverty will sneak in like a robber,
and need will threaten like an armed man.
12 The wicked and worthless man
walks around with a crooked mouth,
13 winking with his eyes,
shuffling his feet along,
and pointing with his fingers.
14 People like that think perversely—
always devising evil plans
and spreading dissension.
15 Because of that, disaster will come suddenly—
they'll be instantly broken beyond healing.
16 There are six things that Yahweh hates,
actually seven that he finds detestable.
17 1 arrogant eyes,
2 a lying tongue,
3 hands that shed innocent blood,
18 4 a mind that devises wicked plans,
5 feet that rush off to do something evil,
19 6 a dishonest witness that breathes out lies, and
7 a person that stirs up conflict within the family.
20 My child, follow your father's commands,
and don't abandon what your mother taught you.
21 Lock them into your mind.
Tie them around your neck.
22 When you walk around, what you learnt will guide you.
When you lie down, it will preserve you.
When you wake up, it'll speak to your mind,
23 because rules are like a lamp and teaching like a light.
Rebuke and discipline are the pathway to life
24 by keeping your from the evil woman—
from the smooth tongue of a foreign woman.
25 Don't lust in your mind for her beauty,
and don't let her capture you with her eyelashes,
26 because the price of a prostitute might be as cheap as a loaf of bread,
but another man's wife might cost you your precious life.
27 Can anyone carry fire against their chest,
without their clothes catching fire.
28 If a person walks on coals,
won't they get their feet burnt?
29 It's like that for anyone sleeping with his neighbour's wife,
No one will go unpunished for doing that.
30 They might not despite a thief
if they're stealing to satisfy their hunger,
31 yet even the thief has to pay back seven times as much if they're caught—
they might lose everything in their house.
32 Anyone who commits adultery lacks judgement—

Literal Version

_disgusting_thing_of[29][30] his_self_of_his. **17** Eyes haughty a_
_tongue_of falsehood and_hands which_shed blood innocent.
18 A_heart which_devises plans_of wickedness feet which_
_hurry to_run to_evil. **19** A_witness_of falsehood one_who_he_
_breathes_out lies and_one_who_spreads contentions between
brothers. **20** Keep my_son_of_my the_command_of your_
_father_of_your and_do_not abandon the_instruction_of your_
_mother_of_your. **21** Bind_them on heart_of_your continually
tie_them on neck(s)_of_your. **22** When_you_walk_about[31] it_
_will_guide you when_you_lie_down it_will_watch over_you
and_you_will_awake it it_will_speak_to_you. **23** If/because is_a_
_lamp the_command and_the_instruction is_a_light and_are_a_
_way_of life rebukes_of discipline. **24** To_keep_you from_a_
_woman_of evil from_smoothness_of tongue a_foreign_woman.
25 Do_not desire beauty_of_her in_heart_of_your and_not let_
_her_capture_you with_eyelids_of_her. **26** If/because the_price
a_woman a_prostitute is_to a_round_loaf_of bread and_the_
_wife_of a_man a_life precious she_hunts. **27** Will_ a_man _he_
_snatch_up fire in_bosom_of_his and_garments_of_his not will_
_they_be_burnt. **28** Or a_man will_he_walk on (the)_burning_
_coals and_feet_of_his not will_they_be_scorched. **29** Is_thus
the_one_who_goes into the_wife_of his/its_neighbour not
every_of (the)_one_who_touches (in)_her he_will_go_
_unpunished. **30** Not people_despise (to)_thief if/because he_
_will_steal to_fill appetite_of_his if/because he_will_be_hungry.
31 And_he_will_be_found_out he_will_make_restitution
sevenfold ~~DOM~~ all_of the_wealth_of his_house_of_his he_will_
_give. **32** one_who_commits_adultery a_woman is_lacking_of
heart he he_does_it one_who_destroys self_of_his_own. **33** A_
_wound and_shame he_will_find and_reproach_of_his not it_
_will_be_wiped_away. **34** If/because jealousy is_the_rage_of a_
_man and_not he_will_have_compassion in/on_day vengeance.
35 Not he_will_lift_up the_face_of any_of ransom and_not he_
_will_be_willing if/because you_will_make_great a_bribe.

29 LV 6:16 · Note OSHB variant note: תובעות: (x-qere) 'תָּבֵעוֹת': lemma_8441 morph_HNcfsc id_20mY8 תָּבֵעוֹת

30 LV 6:16 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

31 LV 6:22 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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7:1 My_son_of_my keep words/messages_of_my and_
_commands_of_my you_will_treasure with_you. **2** Keep
commands_of_my and_live and_instruction_of_my like_the_
_pupil_of your_two's_eyes_of_your. **3** Bind_them on fingers_of_
_your write_them on the_tablet_of your_heart_of_your. **4** Say
to_wisdom sister_of_are_my you and_a_relative (to)_
_discernment you_will_call. **5** To_keep_you from_a_woman
strange from_a_foreign_woman words/messages_of_who_her
she_makes_smooth. **6** If/because at_the_window_of my_house_
_of_my through window-lattice_of_my I_looked_down. **7** And_I_
_saw among_people I_observed among_sons a_youth lacking_of
heart. **8** He_was_passing_by in_street beside corner_of_her and_
_the_direction_of her_house_of_her he_strode. **9** At_twilight in_
_the_evening the_day in_the_middle_of the_night and_
_darkness. **10** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_woman to_meet_him
the_garment_of a_prostitute and_guarded_of heart. **11** She is_
_boisterous and_rebellious in_house_of_her not feet_of_her
they_stay. **12** A_time in_street a_time in_places and_beside
every_of corner she_lies_in_wait. **13** And_she_takes_hold[32]
in/on/over_him/it[3334] and_she_kisses for_him/it she_has_
_made_firm face_of_her and_she/it_said to_him/it.
14 Sacrifices_of peace_offerings are_on_me the_day I_have_paid
vows_of_my. **15** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_come_
_out to_meet_you to_seek_eagerly face_of_your and_I_have_
_found_you. **16** Coverings I_have_spread couch_of_my
coloured_fabrics_of linen_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **17** I_have_
_sprinkled bed_of_my myrrh aloes and_cinnamon. **18** Come let_
_us_take_our_fill_of love(s) until the_morning let_us_delight_
_ourselves with_love(s). **19** If/because not the_man is_in_
_house_of_his he_has_gone on_a_journey from_a_distance.
20 The_bag_of (the)_money he_has_taken in_his/its_hand to_
_the_day_of the_full_moon he_will_come house_of_his. **21** She_
_turns_him with_the_greatness_of her_persuasiveness_of_her
with_the_seductiveness_of her/its_lips she_impels_him. **22** He_
_is_walking behind_her suddenly like_an_ox which_to the_
_slaughter[35] it_goes and_like_an_anklet to the_chastening_of a_
_fool. **23** Until an_arrow it_will_pierce liver_of_his as_ a_bird _
_hurries into a_trap and_not he_knows if/because_that is_for_
_life_of_his it. **24** And_now Oh_children listen to_me and_be_
_attentive to_the_words/messages_of my_mouth_of_my. **25** Not
let_it_turn_aside to ways_of_her heart_of_your not let_it_go_
_astray in_pathways_of_her. **26** If/because many slain_ones
she_has_made_fall and_are_numerous all_of her_killed_of_men.
27 Is_the_ways_of Shə'ōl house_of_her they_are_going_down to
the_chambers_of death.

Readers' Version

they end up destroying their own life.
33 They'll discover pain and dishonour,
and their shame will never be wiped away,
34 because jealousy arouses rage in an offended person
who won't show any compassion when it's time to avenge.
35 You won't just be able to pay them off,
even if you try to increase the amount.

The woman egpanpanlibug

7:1 My child, obey what I've told you,
and store my instructions securely inside you.
2 Follow my instructions and live,
and keep my teaching as the focus of your eyes.
3 Tie them onto your fingers.
Write them onto your mind.
4 Tell wisdom that she's your sister,
and call understanding a close relative,
5 so they'll keep you from the street woman—
from the ungodly woman whose words sound so smooth.
6 Once from the window of my house,
I looked down through the lattice slits,
7 and I saw a simple lad—
a youth lacking much judgement.
8 He was passing through her street near the corner,
then he strode along the path to her house.
9 In the twilight as evening began—
halfway towards night and darkness.
10 Then look, a woman greets him,
dressed like a prostitute and skilled at seduction.
11 She's boisterous and defiant,
and her feet don't know how to stay home.
12 She's often on the street or in the plazas,
and she lies in wait at every corner.
13 Then she grabbed him and kissed him.
She looks serious and tells him,
14 "I have meat at home from my sacrifice earlier—
today I've done my religious duties.
15 That's why I came out to meet you—
to look all around until I found you.
16 I've put nice covers on my couch—
coloured linen fabric from Mitsrayim (Egypt).
17 I've perfumed my bed
with fragrant myrrh and aloes and cinnamon.
18 Come and let's enjoy making love until morning.
We can delight ourselves in our love
19 because the man of the house is away—
he's gone away on a long journey.
20 He took a bag of money with him.
He won't be back home until the middle of the month."

32 LV 7:13 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

33 LV 7:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

34 LV 7:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

35 LV 7:22 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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21 She persuades him with her seductive talk.
She compels him with her smooth lips.
22 He suddenly started following her,
like a cow going to be slaughtered—
like a fool with a noose around his neck,
23 until an arrow pierces his stomach,
like a bird rushing into a trap,
not knowing that it will cost him his life.
24 So listen to me now my children,
and pay attention to what I'm telling you.
25 Do let your desires drive you in her direction.
Don't wander onto her pathways
26 because she's caused many to be pierced and fall—
it would be difficult to count them all.
27 Her house is the pathway to the grave—
descending downwards to deathly rooms.

Praising wisdom

8:1 Doesn't wisdom call out?
Doesn't understanding raise her voice?[36]
2 On the high places by the road,
she stations herself between the paths.
3 By the gates at the main entrance to the city,
she calls out loudly into the doorways.
4 "To you, people, I call—
my voice is calling all humankind.
5 You naive people must learn to be prudent,
and you foolish people must learn to be discerning.
6 Listen because I'll speak uplifting things,
and open my lips about what is right,
7 because my mouth will tell the truth,
and my lips detest wickedness.
8 All the words in my mouth are honest—
there's nothing twisted or crooked among them.
9 All of them are straightforward to anyone who understands,
and right to those looking for knowledge.
10 Choose my instruction over silver,
and knowledge rather than shiny gold,
11 because wisdom is better than jewels,
and there's nothing more desirable than her.
12 I, wisdom, live together with good judgement,
and I'm good at finding knowledge and discretion.
13 Those who strive to obey Yahweh, hate evil,
I, wisdom, hate pride and arrogance,
evil activities, and perverse talk.
14 Good advice and sound wisdom are mine.
I have understanding and strength.
15 I enable kings to reign well,
and rulers to administer justice.
16 By me, princes and the leading citizens rule—

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8:1 Not wisdom does_she_call_out and_understanding does_
_she_give_forth voice_of_her. 2 At_the_top_of the_heights on
the_way between_of the_pathways she_stations_herself. 3 To_
_the_side_of the_gates to_the_opening_of the_town the_
_entrance_of the_doorways she_cries_aloud. 4 To_you(pl) Oh_
_people I_call and_voice_of_my is_to the_children_of
humankind. 5 Understand Oh_naive_people prudence and_Oh_
_fools understand heart. 6 Listen if/because princely_things I_
_will_speak and_the_opening_of my_lips_of_my will_be_
_uprightness(es). 7 If/because truth palate_of_my it_will_utter
and_is_(the)_abomination_of my_lips_of_my wickedness. 8 Are_
_(in)_righteousness all_of the_words/messages_of my_mouth_
_of_my there_is_not (is)_in_them a_tortuous_thing and_a_
_perverse_thing. 9 Of_them_of_all are_straightforward to_who_
_has_understanding and_upright to_those_who_find_of (of)_
_knowledge. 10 Take discipline_of_my and_not silver and_
_knowledge more_than_gold chosen. 11 If/because is_good
wisdom more_than_corals and_all pleasures not they_compare
with_it. 12 I wisdom I_dwell prudence and_knowledge_of
discretion I_find. 13 The_fear_of **YHWH** is_to_hate evil pride
and_arrogance and_a_way evil and_a_mouth_of perversiti(es) I_
_hate. 14 To_me counsel and_sound_wisdom I am_
_understanding to_me strength. 15 By_me kings they_reign
and_rulers they_enact righteousness. 16 By_me princes they_
_rule and_noble_people all_of judges_of righteousness. 17 I
mmm[38] I_love and_those_of_who_seek_me_earnestly they_
_find_me. 18 Wealth and_honour are_with_me wealth enduring
and_righteousness. 19 Is_good fruit_of_my more_than_gold
and_more_than_pure_gold and_gain_of_my more_than_silver
chosen. 20 In_the_path_of righteousness I_walk[39] in_the_
_middle of_the_pathways_of justice. 21 To_give_as_an_
_inheritance those_of_who_love_me substance and_treasuries_
_of_their I_fill. 22 **YHWH** he_created_me the_beginning_of its_
_road/course the_beginning_of his_works_of_his from_then.
23 From_long_ago/eternity I_was_installed from_the_beginning
from_the_beginnings_of the_earth. 24 When_there_were_not

36 **RV 8:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Prv 1:20-21.

38 **LV 8:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: יְהוָה/יבהא: (x-qere) יְהוָֹה': lemma_157 morph_HVqrmpc/Sp1cs id_20eeu יְהוָֹה

39 **LV 8:20 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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the_deeps I_was_brought_forth when_there_were_not springs abounding_of water. **25** Before_before mountains they_were_ _planted to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_hills I_was_ _brought_forth. **26** Until not he_had_made the_earth and_the_ _open_places and_the_beginning_of the_dusts_of[40] the_world. **27** When_established_he the_heavens was_there I when_he_ _marked_out a_circle on the_surface_of the_deep. **28** When_he_ _made_firm the_clouds (from)_above when_became_strong the_springs_of the_deep.[41] **29** When_set_he for_sea limit_of_its and_water not they_will_transgress mouth_of_his when_he_ _marked_out the_foundations_of the_earth. **30** And_I_was beside_him a_craftsman and_I_was delight(s) day day playing before_him in_all time. **31** Playing in_the_world_of his_earth_ _of_his and_delight(s)_of_my were_with the_children_of humankind. **32** And_now Oh_children listen to_me and_how_ _blessed those_who_my_ways_of_are they_observe. **33** Listen_to correction and_act_wisely and_do_not neglect_it. **34** How_ _blessed is_anyone who_listens to_me by_keeping_watch at doors_of_my day day to_guard/protect the_doorposts_of my_ _doorways_of_my. **35** If/because finding_me he_finds[42][43] life and_he_obtained favour from_**YHWH**. **36** And_one_of_who_ _misses_me is_treating_violently self_of_his all_of those_of_ _who_hate_me they_love death.

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judging with impartiality.
17 I love those who love me,
and those who search for me will find me.
18 Riches and honour accompany me—
enduring wealth and fairness.
19 My fruit is better than purest gold,
and my produce is better than choice silver.
...
20 I walk along the road of doing what's right,
among the pathways that lead to justice,
21 so those who love me can inherit wealth,
as I fill their storerooms.
22 Yahweh created me among his first actions—
at the beginning of his works long ago.[37]
23 I was established from eternity—
before the beginnings of the world.
24 I was revealed before the deep oceans existed,
when there weren't yet any springs gushing water.
25 Before the mountains were set into place,
and before the hills were seen, I was revealed.
26 yes, even before he made the earth and fields,
or the first dust on the ground.
27 I was there:
when Yahweh made the skies,
when he inscribed the horizon circle above the oceans,
28 when he pressed the clouds into shape,
when he established the springs way down in the oceans.
29 when he determined the boundaries of the oceans so that the waters wouldn't go past his line,
when he marked out the earth's foundations.
30 I was beside him as a skilled craftsman—
He enjoyed my company every day,
playing in his presence all the time.
31 I was enjoying playing in his world,
and enjoying humankind's descendants.
32 So now my children, listen to me
because those who follow my ways will find happiness.
33 Listen when you're corrected
and don't neglect wisdom.
34 People who listen to me will be blessed
keeping watch on my doors every day—guarding my doorway,
35 because anyone who finds me, finds life
and obtains favour from Yahweh.
36 Anyone who misses finding me harms themself,
and those who hate me, love death.

37 **RV 8:22 · Cross-ref.** Rev 3:14.

40 **LV 8:26 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHQ.

41 **LV 8:28 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

42 **LV 8:35 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יאצמ**: (x-qere) **'אָצָמ'**: lemma_4672 morph_HVqp3ms id_204Th **אָצָמ**

43 **LV 8:35 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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Wisdom versus stupidity

9:1 Wisdom has built her house—
chiselling out its seven pillars.
2 She's butchered her meat and mixed her wine—
her table is already nicely prepared.
3 She's sent out her young women.
She calls out from the heights in the city.
4 "Anyone who's naive, let him turn aside here,"
she says to the one lacking understanding.
5 "Come and eat my bread,
and drink the wine I've mixed.
6 Abandon foolish ways and live,
and walk on the path of understanding.
7 Anyone who tries to correct a mocker just gets insulted,
and anyone who tells off a wicked person is likely to get hurt.
8 Don't try to correct a mocker in case he just hates you.
^Correct a wise person on the other hand, and it'll be appreciated.
9 Give to a wise person and they'll become wiser still.
Inform an honest person and they'll keep learning.
10 The first step towards being wise is to strive to obey Yahweh,
and being aware of the heavenly beings is the beginning of understanding,
11 because it's by me that your days will be extended,
and years will be added to your life.
12 If you're wise, you'll be helping yourself,
^and if you mock, then you alone will suffer the result.
13 A foolish woman is boisterous and naive,
and she doesn't know anything.
14 She sits at the doorway of her house,
or on a seat in the city heights,
15 in order to call out to those who are passing by—
those men who are going straight past on their way.
16 "Anyone who's naive can turn in here,"
she says to those lacking sense.
17 "Stolen drinks are sweet,
and secret food tastes good."
18 But he doesn't realise that the dead are there,
or that her guests are in the depths of the grave.

Shelomoh's proverbs

10:1 The proverbs by Shelomoh (Solomon):
A wise son makes his father happy,
^but a foolish son causes grief for his mother.
2 Ill-gotten treasures profit nothing,
^but doing the right thing rescues you from death.
3 Yahweh doesn't allow those who do the right thing to go hungry,
^but he rejects those who are wicked.
4 Idle hands lead to poverty,
^but those who work hard gain wealth.
5 Anyone who stores their produce in the summer is being sensible,

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9:1 Wisdom(s) she_has_built house_of_her she_has_hewn pillars_of_her seven. **2** She_has_slaughtered slaughter_of_her she_has_mixed wine_of_her also she_has_arranged table_of_her. **3** She_has_sent_out servants_of_her_female she_calls_out on the_elevations_of the_heights_of the_town. **4** Who is_naive let_him_turn_aside here one_lacking_of heart she_says for_him/it. **5** Come eat in_food_of_my and_drink in_the_wine which_I_have_mixed. **6** Abandon foolish_things and_live and_advance in_the_way_of understanding. **7** one_who_admonishes a_mocker is_receiving to_him/it shame and_one_who_reproves (to)_a_wicked_person defect_of_his. **8** Do_not reprove a_mocker lest he_should_hate_you reprove (to)_a_wise_person and_he_will_love_you. **9** Give to_a_wise_person and_he_will_be_wise yet make_known to_a_righteous_person so_that_he_may_increase learning. **10** Is_the_beginning_of wisdom the_fear_of **YHWH** and_the_knowledge_of the_holy_one(s) is_understanding. **11** If/because by_me days_of_your they_will_increase and_they_will_add to_you years_of life. **12** If you_are_wise you_are_wise for_yourself and_you_mock you_alone you_will_bear_it. **13** A_woman_of folly is_boisterous naiveté and_not she_knows whatever. **14** And_she_sits to_the_doorway_of her_house_of_her on a_seat the_heights_of the_town. **15** To_call to_those_who_pass_by_of the_road those_who_make_straight paths_of_their. **16** Who is_naive let_him_turn_aside here and_one_lacking_of heart and_she_says for_him/it. **17** Waters stolen they_are_sweet and_bread_of secret_places it_is_pleasant. **18** And_not he_knows if/because_that the_shades are_there are_in_the_depths_of Shə'ōl her_invited_of_men.

10:1 The_proverbs_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) a_son wise he_makes_glad a_father and_a_son a_fool is_the_grief_of his/its_mother. **2** Not treasures_of wickedness they_profit and_righteousness it_delivers from_death. **3** Not **YHWH** he_allows_to_hunger the_appetite_of the_righteous and_the_desire_of wicked_people he_rejects. **4** Is_poor one_who_works a_palm_of slackness and_the_hand_of diligent_people it_gains_riches. **5** one_who_gathers in_summer is_a_son who_acts_prudently one_who_sleeps at_harvest is_a_son who_acts_shamefully. **6** Blessings belong_to_the_head the_righteous and_the_mouth_of wicked_people it_conceals violence. **7** The_memorial_of the_righteous is_for_a_blessing and_name_of wicked_people it_will_rot. **8** A_person_wise_of heart he_accepts commands and_a_fool lips he_will_be_ruined. **9** one_who_walks in_integrity he_walks security and_one_who_makes_crooked ways_of_his

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he_will_become_known. **10** one_who_winks[47][48] an_eye he_gives sorrow and_a_fool lips he_will_be_ruined. **11** Is_a_fountain_of life the_mouth_of a_righteous_person and_the_mouth_of wicked_people it_conceals violence. **12** Hatred it_stirs_up contentions and_over all_of transgressions love it_covers. **13** On_the_lips_of one_who_has_understanding wisdom it_is_ _found and_a_rod is_for_the_back_of one_lacking_of heart. **14** Wise_people they_store_up knowledge and_the_mouth_of a_ _fool is_ruin near. **15** The_wealth a_rich_person is_the_town_of his_strength_of_his is_the_ruin_of poor_people poverty_of_ _their. **16** The_wage[s]_of the_righteous is_(to)_life the_yield_of the_wicked is_(to)_sin. **17** Is_a_path to_life one_who_keeps discipline and_one_who_neglects rebuke is_leading_astray. **18** one_who_conceals hatred is_lips_of falsehood and_one_who_ _spreads a_bad_report he is_a_fool. **19** In_a_multitude_of words/messages not transgression it_ceases and_one_who_ _restrains lips_of_his is_acting_prudently. **20** Is_silver chosen the_tongue_of the_righteous the_heart_of wicked_people is_ _like_a_little. **21** The_lips_of the_righteous they_feed many_ _people and_fools by_lack_of heart they_die. **22** The_blessing_of **YHWH** it it_makes_rich and_not he_adds hard_labour with_ _her/it. **23** Is_like_laughter for_a_fool to_do wickedness and_ _wisdom for_a_person_of understanding. **24** The_fear_of a_ _wicked_person it it_will_come_to_him and_the_desire_of righteous_people someone_will_give. **25** Just_ a_storm-wind _ _as_passes_by and_not the_wicked_are and_a_righteous_person is_a_foundation_of perpetuity. **26** Like_vinegar to_teeth and_ _like_smoke to_eyes is_so the_sluggard to_those_of_who_send_ _him. **27** The_fear_of **YHWH** it_adds days and_the_years_of wicked_people they_will_be_short. **28** The_hope_of righteous_ _people is_joy and_the_hope_of wicked_people it_is_lost. **29** Is_ _a_refuge for_integrity the_way_of **YHWH** and_ruin for_those_ _who_do_of (of)_wickedness. **30** The_righteous forever_ _perpetuity not he_will_be_shaken and_wicked_people not they_will_dwell_in the_land. **31** The_mouth_of a_righteous_ _person it_will_bear_fruit wisdom and_(the)_tongue perversiti(es) it_will_be_cut_off. **32** The_lips_of the_righteous they_know pleasure and_the_mouth_of wicked_people perverse_things.

11:1 Balances_of deceit are_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** and_ _stone_of perfect pleasure_of_is_his. **2** Presumption it_comes and_ shame _it_came and_~~DOM~~ modest_people wisdom. **3** The_ _integrity_of upright_people it and_the_perverseness_of those_ _who_act_treacherously and[49]. **4** Not wealth it_profits in/on_ _day fury and_righteousness it_delivers from_death. **5** The_ _righteousness_of a_blameless_person it_makes_straight its_ _road/course and_by_wickedness_of_his a_wicked_person he_ _falls. **6** The_righteousness_of upright_people it_delivers_them and_by_the_desire_of those_who_act_treacherously they_are_ _caught. **7** At_the_death_of a_person wicked hope it_is_lost and_the_hope_of strength(s) it_perishes. **8** A_righteous_person from_distress is_delivered and_ a_wicked_person _he_came in_

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^but the one who sleeps during the harvest is a disgraceful son.

6 Blessings come to those who do what is right,
^but wicked people lie to conceal their violence.
7 The memory of a godly person is a blessing,
^but the name of the wicked person will rot.
8 The wise person accepts instructions,
^but fools will be ruined by their own words.
9 Anyone who walks with integrity will walk securely,
^but the person with crooked ways will soon get found out.
10 The person who winks at you will cause grief,
and those who speak foolishly will be ruined.
11 The words from a godly person are a fountain of life,
^but the mouth of a wicked person conceals violence.
12 Hatred stirs up quarrels,
^but love covers over all wrongs.[44]
13 Wisdom is found on the lips of a person with discernment,
^but those lacking morals need to be punished.
14 Wise people store up knowledge,
^but the mouth of a fool invites destruction.
15 The wealth of a rich person gives them security,
^but poor people are destroyed by their poverty.
16 The reward of a godly person is life,
^but a wicked person ends up being punished.
17 The person who accepts instruction is on the path to life,
^but the one who rejects rebuke ends up lost.
18 Anyone who conceals hatred, has lying lips,
and anyone who spreads slander is foolish.
19 A lot of talking doesn't mean that a person isn't doing something wrong,
^but anyone who keeps their mouth closed is being sensible.
20 The tongue of a godly person adds value like good silver,
^but the thoughts of the wicked are of little value.
21 The lips of a godly person shepherd many people,
^but foolish people die from the lack of morals.
22 Yahweh's blessing leads to prosperity,
and that's without adding forced labour to it.
23 Doing wicked things is like a sport to foolish people,
^but a wise person enjoys doing sensible things.
24 The wicked person's fears will come to pass,
^but the godly person's desires will be given to them.
25 When a tornado passes over, it destroys wicked people,
^but godly people are like an enduring foundation.
26 Lazy people irritate their supervisors
→like vinegar on their teeth and smoke in their eyes.
27 Striving to obey Yahweh prolongs your life,
^but the years of wicked people will be short.

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44 RV 10:12 · Cross-ref. Jam 5:20; 1Pe 4:8.

47 LV 10:10 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

48 LV 10:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

49 LV 11:3 · Note OSHB variant note: ם/דש/ו: (x-qere) ם֫/הָשִׁי': lemma_7703 n_0 morph_HVqi3ms/Sp3mp id_20DUx ם֫/הָשִׁי

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28 Godly people anticipate future happiness,
^but wicked people will never gain what they expect.
29 Staying on Yahweh's paths is security for the godly,
^but ruin for those who do evil.
30 Godly people will never be shaken,
^but the wicked won't live long in the land.
31 The mouth of a godly person produces wisdom as its fruit,
^but the tongues of perverse people will be cut off.
32 The lips of godly person experience pleasure,
^but the mouth of the wicked experience perversity.
11:1 Yahweh hates dishonest scales,
^but he delights in an accurate weight
2 When presumption comes, shame follows,
^but modesty is followed by wisdom.
3 Godly people will be guarded by their integrity,
^but treacherous people will be destroyed by their deceit.
4 Wealth doesn't help in the day of rage,
^but doing what's right will rescue you from death.
5 When an innocent person does what's right things go straightforwardly,
^but the wicked person will fall due to their own wickedness.
6 The godliness of good people will rescue them,
^but treacherous people will be caught out by their own schemes.
7 When the wicked person dies, all hope is lost,
and the expectation of strength disappears.
8 The godly person is rescued from trouble,
^but the wicked person gets it instead.
9 A godless person destroys his neighbour with his mouth,
^but the godly will be rescued by knowledge.
10 When the godly do well, the city celebrates,
^and when the wicked perish, there's a cheerful shout.
11 A blessing from the upright people helps to elevate a city,
^but it gets torn down by the mouth of the wicked.
12 A person who despises their neighbour lacks good morals,
^but a person with understanding will stay quiet.
13 A gossip goes around revealing secrets,
^but a trustworthy person keeps things private.
14 When there are no directions, a nation falls,
^but there's safety in having lots of advisers.
15 You'll end up getting burnt if you guarantee a stranger's loan,
^but avoiding shaking on deals will lead to security.
16 A woman who displays grace to others will obtain honour,
^but ruthless people seize wealth.
17 People who display loyal commitment benefit themselves,
^but cruel people harm their own selves.
18 A wicked person can make a living from telling lies,

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_his_place. **9** By_the_mouth a_godless_person he_ruins his/its_
_neighbour and_by_knowledge righteous_people they_are_
_delivered. **10** In_the_prosperity_of righteous_people a_town it_
_rejoices and_when_ wicked_people _perish a_shout_of_joy.
11 By_the_blessing_of upright_people a_town it_is_exalted and_
_by_the_mouth_of wicked_people it_is_torn_down. **12** one_
_who_despises (to)_neighbour_of_his is_lacking_of heart and_a_
_person_of understanding(s) he_keeps_quiet. **13** one_who_goes_
_about slander is_revealing a_secret and_one_who_is_faithful_
_of spirit is_concealing a_matter. **14** When_there_is_not
guidance(s) a_people it_falls and_victory is_in_a_multitude_of
counsellor[s]. **15** Harm he_is_harmed if/because he_stood_
_surety_for a_stranger and_one_who_hates those_striking_
_hands is_secure. **16** A_woman_of grace she_lays_hold_of
honour and_ruthless_people they_take_hold_of wealth. **17** A_
_person_of loyalty is_dealing_bountifully_with self_of_his and_
_is_ a_cruel_person _troubling body_of_his. **18** A_wicked_person
is_making wage[s]_of falsehood and_one_who_sows
righteousness wage[s]_of truth. **19** true righteousness is_to_life
and_one_who_pursues evil is_to_his_own_of_death. **20** Are_
_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** people_perverse_of heart and_
_are_pleasure_of_his people_blameless_of way. **21** Hand to_hand
not an_evil_person he_will_go_unpunished and_the_offspring_
_of righteous_people he_will_be_delivered. **22** A_ring_of gold
in_the_nose_of a_pig a_woman beautiful and_who_turns_aside_
_of discernment. **23** The_desire_of righteous_people only is_
_good the_hope_of wicked_people is_fury. **24** There_is one_
_who_scatters and_he_is_increased still and_one_who_
_withholds from_uprightness only to_lack. **25** A_person_of
blessing he_will_be_made_fat and_one_who_gives_water also
he he_will_be_watered. **26** one_who_withholds grain they_
_curse_him a_people and_a_blessing belongs_to_the_head_of
one_who_sells_grain. **27** one_who_seeks_diligently good he_
_seeks favour and_one_who_seeks_carefully evil it_will_come_
_to_him. **28** one_who_trusts in_wealth_of_his he he_will_fall
and_like_leaf righteous_people they_will_bud. **29** one_who_
_troubles household_of_his he_will_inherit wind and_will_be_a_
_servant a_fool to_the_wise_of heart. **30** The_fruit_of the_
_righteous is_a_tree_of life and_one_who_takes people[50] is_
_wise. **31** THERE a_righteous_person on_the_earth he_is_
_rewarded indeed if/because a_wicked_person and_a_sinner.
12:1 one_who_loves discipline[5152] is_loving knowledge and_
_one_who_hates rebuke is_stupid. **2** A_good_person he_obtains
favour from_**YHWH** and_a_person_of evil_devices he_
_condemns_as_guilty. **3** Not anyone he_is_established by_
_wickedness and_the_root_of righteous_people not it_is_
_moved. **4** A_wife_of ability is_the_crown_of her_husband_of_
_her and_is_like_rottenness in_bones_of_his a_woman_who_
_acts_shamefully. **5** The_plans_of righteous_people are_justice
the_guidance(s)_of wicked_people are_deceit. **6** The_
_words/messages_of wicked_people are_to_lie_in_wait_for
blood and_the_mouth_of upright_people it_delivers_them.
7 Someone_overthrows wicked_people and_they_are_not and_

50 LV 11:30 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

51 LV 12:1 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

52 LV 12:1 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_the_household_of righteous_people it_endures. **8** To_the_
_mouth_of his_insight_of_his a_person he_is_praised and_one_
_who_is_perverted_of heart he_will_become (into)_contempt.
9 Is_good one_who_is_lightly_esteemed and_a_servant to_
_him/it more_than_one_who_honours_himself and_he_is_
_lacking_of food. **10** A_righteous_person is_knowing the_life_of
his_animals_of_his and_the_compassion(s)_of wicked_people
are_cruel. **11** one_who_tills land_of_his he_will_be_satisfied
food and_one_who_pursues worthless_things is_lacking_of
heart. **12** A_wicked_person he_covets a_net_of evil_things and_
_the_root_of righteous_people it_yields_produce. **13** Is_in_the_
_transgression_of lips a_snare evil and_he/it_went_out from_
_trouble a_righteous_person. **14** From_the_fruit of_the_mouth_
_of a_person he_will_be_satisfied good_thing[s] and_the_
_dealing_of the_hands_of a_person he_will_repay[53] to_him/it.
15 The_way_of a_fool is_right in_his_own_of_eyes and_one_
_who_listens to_advice is_wise. **16** A_fool in_the_day anger_of_
_his it_is_known and_ is_sensible _one_who_conceals shame.
17 He_breathes_out faithfulness he_declares righteousness
and_a_witness_of lies deceit. **18** There_is one_who_speaks_
_rashly[5455] like_thrusts_of a_sword and_(the)_tongue wise_
_people is_healing. **19** A_lip_of reliability it_will_be_established
forever_ever and_unto I_will_give_rest a_tongue_of falsehood.
20 Deceit is_in_the_heart_of those_who_devise_of (of)_evil and_
_belongs_to_counsellors_of peace joy. **21** Not it_happens to_
_righteous any_of trouble and_wicked_people they_are_full
distress. **22** Are_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** lips_of falsehood
and_those_who_do_of (of)_faithfulness delight_of_are_his. **23** A_
_person sensible is_concealing knowledge and_the_heart_of
fools it_proclaims foolishness. **24** The_hand_of diligent_people
it_will_rule and_slackness[565758] it_will_become (into)_forced_
_labour. **25** Anxiety in_the_heart_of a_person it_bows_it_down
and_a_message good it_makes_it_glad. **26** He_makes_a_search
from_friend_of_his a_righteous_person and_the_way_of
wicked_people it_misleads_them. **27** Not slackness he_roasts
game_of_his_hunted and_the_wealth a_person precious a_
_diligent_person. **28** Is_in_the_path_of righteousness life and_
_the_direction_of a_pathway not death.
13:1 A_son wise the_discipline_of a_father and_a_mocker not
he_listens_to a_rebuke. **2** From_the_fruit of_the_mouth_of a_
_person he_eats good_thing[s] and_the_appetite_of those_who_
_act_treacherously is_violence. **3** one_who_guards mouth_of_
_his is_protecting life_of_his one_who_opens lips_of_his ruin
to_him/it. **4** Is_coveting and_there_is_not appetite_of_his a_
_sluggard and_the_appetite_of diligent_people it_will_be_
_made_fat. **5** A_message_of falsehood a_righteous_person he_
_hates and_a_wicked_person he_acts_odiously and_he_acts_
_shamefully. **6** righteousness it_preserves integrity_of way and_
_wickedness it_subverts sin. **7** There_is one_who_enriches_
_himself and_there_is_not anything one_who_impoverishes_

Readers' Version

^but someone who sows goodness gets a genuine wage.
19 True goodness leads to life,
^but those who chase after evil, receive death.
20 Yahweh hates those with perverse motives,
^but he appreciates those who choose blameless ways.
21 Most certainly, an evil person won't go unpunished,
^but the descendants of a godly person will be rescued.
22 A beautiful woman without discretion
→is like a gold ring in a pig's nose.
23 Godly people long for good things,
^but wicked people can only expect to receive fury.
24 Someone who helps generously, gains even more,
^but those who without what's due, end up poor.
25 A person who blesses will prosper,
and those who give water, will also be satisfied.
26 People will curse the person who hoards up grain,
^but the one who sells it will be blessed by them.
27 Anyone who strives diligently, strives for favour,
^but if you strive for evil, it'll come to you.
28 Anyone who trusts in their riches will fall,
^but godly people will thrive like green leaves.
29 Those who cause trouble for their households will inherit the wind,
and the fool will become a slave to those with sensible values.
30 The fruit of doing what's right is a tree of life,
and those who win people over are wise.
31 Listen, anyone who does what's right will be rewarded appropriately,
so how more so the wicked and disobedient person!
12:1 Anyone who loves discipline, loves knowledge,
^but those who hate correction are stupid.
2 A good person receives favour from Yahweh,
^but he will condemn the person with wicked plans.
3 No one can become established by means of wickedness,
^but the foundations of righteous people can't be moved.
4 A capable wife is the crown of her husband,
^but a wife who acts shamefully is like rottenness in his bones.
5 The plans of godly people are to do justice,
^but wicked people lean towards deceit.
6 The words of wicked people lie in wait for blood,
^but the speech of godly people rescues them.
7 The wicked get overthrown then disappear,
^but the homes of godly people endure.
8 A person will be praised for their insightful words,
^but anyone with a warped mind will end up despised.

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53 LV 12:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **בושי**: (x-qere) **בִּישָׁי**: lemma_7725 morph_HVhi3ms id_20VcL **בִּישָׁי**

54 LV 12:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

55 LV 12:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

56 LV 12:24 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

57 LV 12:24 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

58 LV 12:24 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

9 It's better to be little known yet have a servant,
than to be self-important but have nothing to eat.
10 A godly person cares for the life of their animal,
^but wicked people display cruelty rather than compassion.
11 The person who tills the ground will have enough food,
^but anyone chasing worthless things has the wrong values.
12 The wicked person covets evil gain,
^but godly people produce like a deep-rooted tree.
13 An evil person entices others with their rebellious lips,
^but godly people stay out of trouble.
14 A person will be rewarded with good things from the fruit of their mouth,
and a person's labour will be repaid to them by its results.
15 The fools' paths seem like the right ones in their own eyes,
^but a wise person listens to advice.
16 A fool's anger is made known straightaway,
^but a sensible person overlooks being disrespected.
17 Anyone who breathes out faithfulness, unashamedly says what's right,
^but a biased witness speaks deceitfully.
18 Some people speak recklessly, like a sword thrashing around,
^but wise people bring healing with their words.
19 Lips that produce reliable words will always be trusted,
^but a tongue that spurts out lies will be believed only for a moment.
20 Those who make evil plans, do it from a deceitful mind,
^but those who promote peace, end up contented.
21 Trouble doesn't come towards people who do what's right,
^but wicked people are full of distress.
22 Yahweh hates lying lips,
^but he's pleased by those who are trustworthy.
23 A sensible person doesn't show off everything they know,
^but foolish people like to proclaim their foolishness.
24 Those who work hard will rule,
^but an idle person will become forced labour.
25 A person who's full of anxiety gets weighed down by it,
^but good news cheers them up.
26 A godly person keeps an eye on their neighbour,
^but the ways of wicked people leads them astray.
27 A slack hunter doesn't roast his kill,
^but a diligent person values all their possessions.
28 Life can be found by following the path of doing what's right,
and there's no death if you stay on the pathway.
13:1 A wise son accepts his father's discipline,
^but a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke.

Literal Version

_himself and_wealth great. **8** The_ransom_of the_life_of a_
_person wealth_of_is_his and_one_who_is_poor not he_hears a_
_threat. **9** The_light_of righteous_people it_rejoices and_the_
_lamp_of wicked_people it_is_extinguished. **10** Only with_
_presumption it_gives contention and_~~DOM~~ those_who_receive_
_advice wisdom. **11** Wealth from_vanity it_will_become_small
and_one_who_gathers on hand he_will_increase. **12** Hope
deferred is_making_sick the_heart and_tree life a_desire which_
_comes. **13** one_who_despises (to)_a_message he_will_be_
_pledged to_him/it and_one_fearing_of (of)_a_command he he_
_will_be_rewarded. **14** The_instruction_of a_wise_person is_a_
_fountain_of life to_turn_aside from_the_snares_of death.
15 Insight good it_gives favour and_the_way_of those_who_act_
_treacherously is_enduring. **16** Every_of sensible_person he_
_acts with_knowledge and_a_fool he_spreads_out foolishness.
17 A_messenger wicked he_falls in_trouble and_an_envoy_of
faithfulness(es) is_healing. **18** Poverty and_shame one_who_
_ignores discipline and_one_who_keeps correction he_is_
_honoured. **19** A_desire realised it_is_pleasing to_a_person and_
_is_an_abomination_of fools to_turn_aside from_evil. **20** one_
_who_walks[596061] with wise_people and[62] and_one_who_
_associates_with fools he_will_be_harmed. **21** Sinners calamity
it_pursues and_~~DOM~~ righteous_people good it_rewards. **22** A_
_good_person he_leaves_an_inheritance_to children_of
children and_is_stored_up for_righteous the_wealth_of a_
_sinner. **23** Abundance_of food the_unplowed_ground_of those_
_who_are_poor and_there_is that_which_is_swept_away in_not
justice. **24** one_who_restrains rod_of_his is_hating son_of_his
and_one_of_who_loves_him he_seeks_him_diligently discipline.
25 A_righteous_person is_eating to_the_satiety_of his_appetite_
_of_his and_the_belly_of wicked_people it_is_lacking.
14:1 Wise_women_of women she_builds house_of_her and_folly
with_her_own_of_hands she_tears_it_down. **2** one_who_walks
in_uprightness_of_his is_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** and_one_who_
_is_crooked_of his_ways_of_his is_despising_of_him. **3** Is_in_
_the_mouth_of a_fool a_rod_of pride and_the_lips_of wise_
_people it_preserves_them. **4** When_there_are_not cattle(s)
the_feeding_trough_of is_clean and_abundance_of produce(s)
is_by_the_strength_of an_ox. **5** A_witness_of faithfulness(es)
not he_tells_lies and_ a_witness_of falsehood _he_breathes_out
lies. **6** A_mocker he_seeks wisdom and_there_is_not and_
_knowledge to_one_who_has_understanding it_is_trifling. **7** Go
from_before to_a_person a_fool and_not you_have_known lips_
_of knowledge. **8** The_wisdom_of a_sensible_person is_to_
_understand its_road/course and_the_foolishness_of fools is_
_deceit. **9** Fools he_mocks guilt and_between upright_people
favour. **10** A_heart is_knowing the_bitterness_of its_own_self_
_of_his and_in_joy_of_its not a_stranger he_shares. **11** The_
_house_of wicked_people it_will_be_destroyed and_the_tent_of
upright_people it_will_flourish. **12** There_is a_way right to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_person and_end_of_its is_
_the_ways_of death. **13** Also in_laughter a_heart it_is_in_pain

59 **LV 13:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: דולה: (x-qere) דָּלֻוֹת: lemma_1980 morph_HVqrmsa id_20Mem דָּלֻוֹת

60 **LV 13:20 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

61 **LV 13:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

62 **LV 13:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: וכח/מכח: (x-qere) מָכְחֲיָ: lemma_2449 n_1 morph_HVqi3ms id_20yr6 מָכְחֲיָ

Literal Version

and_end_of_its[6364] joy may_be_grief. **14** From_ways_of_his one_
_who_is_backslidden_of heart he_will_be_satisfied and_from_
_with_himself a_person good. **15** A_naive_person he_believes
to/from_all/each/any/every thing and_a_sensible_person he_
_considers (to)_step_of_his. **16** A_wise_person is_fearing and_
_turning_aside from_evil and_a_fool is_arrogant and_confident.
17 A_person_short_of anger(s) he_does foolishness and_a_
_person_of evil_devices he_is_hated. **18** Naive_people they_
_inherit foolishness and_sensible_people they_surround
knowledge. **19** Evil_people they_bow to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before good_people and_wicked_people at the_gates_of
the_righteous. **20** Also by_neighbour_of_his one_who_is_poor
he_is_hated and_those_who_love_of (of)_the_rich are_many.
21 one_who_despises (to)_neighbour_of_his is_sinning and_
_one_who_shows_favour_to humble_people[65] how_of_blessed_
_is_he. **22** Am_not those_who_devise_of (of)_evil do_they_go_
_astray and_loyalty and_faithfulness those_who_devise_of (of)_
_good. **23** In_all hard_labour profit it_is and_message_of lips is_
_only to_lack. **24** The_crown_of wise_people wealth_of_is_their
the_folly_of fools is_folly. **25** A_witness_of reliability is_
delivering lives and deceit _he_breathes_out lies. **26** Is_in_
_the_fear_of **YHWH** confidence_of strength and_to_children_
_of_his a_refuge it_will_belong. **27** The_fear_of **YHWH** is_a_
_fountain_of life to_turn_aside from_the_snares_of death. **28** Is_
_in_the_multitude_of a_people the_glory_of a_king and_is_in_
_not_of a_people the_ruin_of a_ruler. **29** A_person_long_of
anger(s) is_great_of understanding and_a_person_short_of
spirit is_exalting foolishness. **30** Is_the_life_of bodies a_heart_of
health and_is_rottenness_of bones jealousy. **31** one_who_
_oppresses[6667] the_poor he_reproaches maker_of_his and_is_
_honouring_of_him one_who_shows_favour_to the_needy.
32 By_wickedness_of_his a_wicked_person he_is_pushed_down
and_is_seeking_refuge in_death_of_his a_righteous_person.
33 In_a_heart discerning wisdom it_rests and_in_the_inward_
_part[s]_of fools it_is_made_known. **34** righteousness it_exalts
a_nation and_is_a_shame_of to_a_people sin. **35** The_favour_of
a_king belongs_to_a_servant who_acts_prudently and_fury_of_
_his it_belongs one_who_acts_shamefully.
15:1 An_answer soft it_turns_away rage and_a_message_of hurt
it_raises anger. **2** The_tongue_of wise_people it_makes_good
knowledge and_the_mouth_of fools it_pours_forth foolishness.
3 In_all place the_eyes_of **YHWH** they_are_watching evil_
_people and_good_people.[68] **4** Health_of tongue is_a_tree_of life
and_perverseness with_it is_brokenness in_spirit. **5** A_fool he_
_spurns the_discipline_of his/its_father and_one_who_keeps
correction he_is_prudent. **6** Is_the_house_of a_righteous_
_person wealth great and_with_the_income_of a_wicked_
_person is_trouble. **7** The_lips_of wise_people they_scatter
knowledge and_the_heart_of fools is_not right. **8** The_sacrifice_
_of wicked_people is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** and_is_the_

Readers' Version

2 A person can eat well as a result of the fruit of their mouth,
^but the appetite of treacherous people is violence.
3 The person who zips their lips, protects their life,
^but those who open their mouths, destroy themselves.
4 Lazy people want a lot but get nothing,
^but those who are diligent will have plenty.
5 Godly people hate fake news,
^but the wicked person causes a stink and disgrace.
6 doing what's right preserves those who like to display integrity,
^but wickedness overcomes the sinner.
7 Some people pretend to be wealthy, but have very little.
Others act as if they're poor, but are actually very wealthy.
8 The rich man's wealth might be needed to ransom his life,
^but the poor person hears no threat.
9 The person who does what's right has a light that shines brightly,
^but the lamp of the wicked person gets put out.
10 Insolence only causes friction,
^but those who take advice, advance in wisdom.
11 Wealth gained dishonestly gets frittered away,
^but what's earnt through hard work will increase.
12 Hoping for something that never happens causes stress,
^but when a longing is fulfilled, it's like a new lease of life.
13 Anyone who despises instruction will pay for it,
^but a person who respects a command will be rewarded.
14 Instruction from the wise is a fountain of life,
→turning a person away from deadly traps.
15 Good insight gives favour,
^but the path of treacherous people is hard.
16 Every sensible person makes use of knowledge,
^but the fool displays his foolishness.
17 A wicked messenger gets into trouble,
^but reliable messengers help the situation.
18 Poverty and disgrace are for those who ignore discipline,
^but the person who heeds correction will end up being honoured.
19 A desire that gets fulfilled makes a person feel pleased,
^but foolish people hate to turn away from evil.
20 The person who walks with wise people will become wise,
^but anyone associating with fools will get harmed.
21 Calamity chases after sinners,
^but goodness will reward those who do what's right.
22 A good person leaves an inheritance for their children,
^but a sinner's wealth will be saved for those who do what's

63 LV 14:13 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

64 LV 14:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

65 LV 14:21 · Note OSHB variant note: **מיינע**: (x-qere) '**מְיַנֵּעַ**': lemma_6035 morph_HAampa id_20GDR **מְיַנֵּעַ**

66 LV 14:31 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

67 LV 14:31 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

68 LV 15:3 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

right.
23 The unused field of a poor person could produce a lot of food,
^but injustice sweeps it away from them.
24 The parent who doesn't spank their children must hate them,
^but the one who loves them, is diligent in disciplining them.
25 The person who does what's right will be able to satisfy their appetite,
^but the stomach of wicked people doesn't get enough.
14:1 The wisest woman builds her house,
^but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.
2 A good citizen respects and honours Yahweh,
^but a devious person despises him.
3 What comes out of a fool's mouth is prodded on by pride,
^but the lips of wise people protect them.
4 Where there's no cattle, the feeding trough will be spotless,
^but a good harvest requires the strength of the bull.
5 A trustworthy witness doesn't tell lies,
^but a biased witness just breathes out lies.
6 A mocker searches for wisdom, but finds none,
^but knowledge is simple to find for the one who understands.
7 Go away from where a fool is,
→otherwise you won't find knowledgeable lips.
8 a sensible person has the wisdom to understand their direction,
^but fools are deceived by their own foolishness.
9 Fools mock the idea of feeling guilty,
→so good citizens favour each other.
10 A person holds their own bitterness inside,
and they don't share their happiness with a stranger either.
11 The wicked person's house will be destroyed,
^but the good citizen's tent will do well.
12 There's a nice path right in front of a person,
→but there's death at the end of that road.
13 People who are laughing can still be aching inside,
and the end of happiness might be grief.
14 Someone who turns back on their morals will be satisfied by their ways,
^but a good person will be satisfied by what they do.
15 Naive people believe everything they hear,
^but smart people carefully consider their steps.
16 A wise person fears trouble and turns away from it,
^but a stupid one is careless and overconfident.

Literal Version

_prayer_of upright_people delight_of_his. **9** Is_(the)_
_abomination_of **YHWH** the_way a_wicked_person and_one_
_who_pursues righteousness he_loves. **10** Discipline bad is_for_
_one_who_forsakes_of (of)_the_path one_who_hates correction
he_will_die. **11** Shəʾōl and_'Avaddōn are_before **YHWH** indeed
if/because the_hearts_of the_children_of humankind. **12** Not a_
_mocker he_loves reproof to_him/it to wise_people not he_
_goes. **13** A_heart joyful it_makes_good a_face and_by_sorrow_
_of heart a_spirit is_stricken. **14** A_heart discerning it_seeks
knowledge and[69] fools it_feeds_on foolishness. **15** All_of the_
_days_of the_afflicted are_displeasing and_good heart is_a_feast
continually. **16** Is_good a_little with_the_fear_of **YHWH** more_
_than_treasure great and_turmoil in_him/it. **17** Is_good a_
_portion_of vegetable[s] and_love is_there more_than_an_ox
fattened and_hatred in_him/it. **18** A_person_of rage he_stirs_up
strife and_a_person_long_of[70] anger(s) he_makes_quiet a_
_dispute. **19** The_way a_sluggard is_like_a_hedge_of thorn[s]
and_the_path_of upright_people is_throw_up. **20** A_son wise
he_makes_glad a_father and_a_fool a_person is_despising
his/its_mother. **21** Foolishness is_a_joy to_one_lacking heart
and_a_person_of understanding he_makes_straight to_walk.
22 Plans they_go_wrong when_there_is_not counsel and_with_
_multitude_of counsellors it_is_established. **23** Joy belongs_to_
_person in_the_answer_of his_mouth_of_his and_is_a_message
at_its_appropriate_of_time how good. **24** The_path_of life is_
_upward_upwards for_one_who_acts_prudently so_as to_turn_
_aside from_Shəʾōl beneath. **25** The_house_of proud_people he_
_tears_down **YHWH** and_he_will_establish the_territory_of a_
widow. **26** Are(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** the_plans_of an_
_evil_person and_are_clean words/messages_of kindness.
27 one_who_gains_unjustly unjust_gain is_troubling house_of_
_his_own and_one_who_hates gifts he_will_live. **28** The_heart a_
_righteous_person it_considers to_answer and_the_mouth_of
wicked_people it_pours_forth evil_things. **29** Is_far **YHWH**
from_wicked_people and_the_prayer_of righteous_people he_
_hears. **30** Light_of eyes it_makes_glad a_heart a_report good it_
_makes_fat the_bone[s]. **31** An_ear which_hears_of[7172]
correction_of life in_the_midst_of wise_people it_will_remain.
32 one_who_ignores discipline[7374] is_rejecting self_of_his and_
_one_who_heeds correction is_acquiring heart. **33** The_fear_of
YHWH is_the_correction_of wisdom and_is_before_of honour
humility.
16:1 To/for_'Ādām/humankind the_plans_of the_heart and_is_
from**YHWH** the_answer_of the_tongue. **2** All_of the_ways_of
a_person are_pure in_his_own_of_eyes and_is_ **YHWH** _
_weighing spirits. **3** Roll to **YHWH** works_of_your and_ plans_
_of_your _they_will_be_established. **4** Everything[75] **YHWH** he_
_makes for_purpose_of_its and_also the_wicked for_a_day_of

69 LV 15:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ונפ/ו**: (x-qere) **יפ/ו**: lemma_c/6310 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_204qd **יפ/ו**

70 LV 15:18 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

71 LV 15:31 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

72 LV 15:31 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

73 LV 15:32 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

74 LV 15:32 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

75 LV 16:4 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

Literal Version

trouble. **5** Is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** every_of person_
_haughty_of heart hand to_hand not he_will_go_unpunished.
6 By_loyalty and_faithfulness iniquity it_is_atoned_for and_is_
_by_the_fear_of **YHWH** turning_aside from_evil. **7** When_ the_
_ways_of a_person _is_pleased_with **YHWH** also enemies_of_his
he_causes_to_be_at_peace with_him/it. **8** Is_good a_little with_
_righteousness more_than_greatness_of gains with_not justice.
9 The_heart_of a_person it_plans its_road/course and_**YHWH**
he_directs step[s]_of_his. **10** Divination is_on the_lips_of a_king
in_judgement not mouth_of_his it_will_act_unfaithfully.
11 Scale[s] and_balances_of justice to/for_**YHWH** work_of_are_
_his all_of the_weights_of the_bag. **12** Is_an_abomination_of
kings to_do wickedness if/because by_righteousness a_throne
it_is_established. **13** Are_the_delight_of kings lips_of
righteousness and_one_who_speaks upright_things he_loves.
14 The_rage_of a_king is_messengers_of death and_a_person
wise he_covers_it. **15** Is_in_the_light_of the_face_of a_king life
and_favour_of_his is_like_a_cloud_of spring_rain. **16** To_acquire
wisdom how is_good more_than_gold and_to_acquire
understanding is_chosen more_than_silver. **17** The_highway_of
upright_people is_to_turn_aside from_evil is_protecting life_of_
_his one_who_guards its_road/course. **18** To_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before breaking pride and_is_before_of stumbling
haughtiness_of spirit. **19** Is_good to_be_lowly spirit with
humble_people[76] more_than_to_divide plunder with proud_
_people. **20** one_who_gives_attention on a_message he_finds
good and_one_who_trusts in_**YHWH** how_of_blessed_is_he.
21 To_the_wise_of heart one_who_has_understanding it_is_
_called and_sweetness_of lips it_increases persuasiveness. **22** Is_
_a_fountain_of life the_prudence_of its_owners_of_his and_the_
_discipline_of fools is_foolishness. **23** The_heart a_wise_person
it_gives_insight_to mouth_of_his and_to lips_of_his it_adds
persuasiveness. **24** Are_a_honeycomb_of honey
words/messages_of kindness a_sweet_thing to_soul and_
_healing to_bone[s]. **25** There_is a_way right to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before a_person and_end_of_its is_the_ways_of
death. **26** The_appetite_of a_labourer it_toils for_him/it
if/because it_presses on/upon/above_him/it mouth_of_his.
27 A_person_of worthlessness is_digging_up evil and_is_on
mmm[77] like_a_fire scorching. **28** A_person_of perversiti(es) he_
_sends_out strife and[78] is_separating a_close_friend. **29** A_
_person_of violence he_deceives his/its_neighbour and_he_
_leads_him in_a_way not good. **30** one_who_shuts eyes_of_his
is_to_devise perverse_things one_who_purses lips_of_his he_
_accomplishes evil. **31** Is_a_crown_of splendour grey_hair in_
_the_way_of righteousness it_is_found. **32** Is_good a_person_
_long_of anger(s) more_than_a_warrior and_one_who_rules
over_spirit_of_his more_than_one_who_captures_of a_city.
33 In_bosom ~~DOM~~ the_lot it_is_hurled_down and_is_from_
_**YHWH** every_of decision_of_its.
17:1 Is_good a_piece_of_bread dry and_security is_with_it more_
_than_a_house full sacrifices_of_strife. **2** A_servant who_acts_
_prudently he_will_rule over_a_son who_acts_shamefully and_
_among_of brothers he_will_share the_inheritance. **3** A_

Readers' Version

17 People who quickly become angry, act foolishly,
and those planning evil schemes are hated.
18 Naive people inherit foolishness,
^but clever people are surrounded by knowledge.
19 Evil people will be forced to bow down in front of those who are good,
and wicked people at the gates of those who do what's right.
20 A poor person is hated even by their neighbour,
^but there are many who love the rich.
21 Anyone who despises their neighbour disobeys God,
^but the person who is kind to the poor will be happy.
22 Don't those who devise evil schemes end up losing their way?
^However, those with loyal commitment and faithfulness devise good things.
23 Hard work results in a profit,
^but words from lips only lead to poverty.
24 The crown of wise people is their wealth.
^The foolishness of fools is really foolish.
25 A truthful witness saves lives,
^but a deceitful one breathes out lies.
26 Respecting and obeying Yahweh leads to confidence of strength,
and that will be a safe place for their children.
27 Respecting and obeying Yahweh is a fountain of life,
→to turn people from deadly traps.
28 The pride of a king is being over lots of people,
^but a shortage of people signals the ruin of a ruler.
29 People who are slow to get angry, have more understanding,
^but a quick-tempered person prioritises foolishness.
30 A peaceful mind gives a healthy body,
^but envy causes the bones to rot.
31 Anyone who oppresses the poor, taunts their maker,
^but showing favour to a needy person honours him.
32 Wicked people destroy themselves by doing evil things,
^but those who do what's right find a safe place in their death.
33 Wisdom resides in an understanding mind,
→and it's made known even among foolish people.
34 Doing what's right makes a nation great,
^but disobeying God brings disgrace to people groups.
35 The king shows favour to a servant who acts with insight,
^but his rage is for those who act shamefully.
15:1 A gentle answer turns fury away,
^but a hurtful reply makes people angrier.
2 A wise person's tongue advances knowledge,
^but the mouth of fools pours out nonsense.
3 Yahweh's eyes are everywhere—
→watching both good and evil people.

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76 **LV 16:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיינע**: (x-qere) '**מְיֻנָּע**': lemma_6035 n_1 morph_HAampa id_20bfm **מְיֻנָּע**

77 **LV 16:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/יתפש**: (x-qere) '**וְ/תָפְשׂ**': lemma_8193 n_0.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_20LMG **וְ/תָפְשׂ**

78 **LV 16:28 · Note** OSHB note: Small letter(s). Shown as small letters without a superscript note number.

Readers' Version

4 A soothing tongue is a tree of life,
^but perversity crushes the spirit.
5 Fools reject discipline from their father,
^but sensible people accept correction.
6 There's great wealth in the home of a person who does what's right,
^but the income of a wicked person will just be trouble.
7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge,
^but it's not so for the minds of fools.
8 The sacrifices of wicked people are hated by Yahweh,
^but he delights in the prayer of a godly person.
9 Yahweh detests what wicked people do,
^but he loves those who strive to do what's right.
10 Severe discipline is coming for those who abandon the right path,
and those who hate correction will die.
11 The grave and place of destruction aren't hidden from Yahweh,
→so how much more the thoughts and values of humankind.
12 Mockers never love the one who corrects them,
→and they never approach the wise.
13 Inner happiness makes a face glad,
^but a spirit is crushed by a broken heart.
14 A discerning mind wants knowledge,
^but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.
15 Every day is bad for those who are suffering,
^but cheerful people have a continual feast.
16 It's better to have a little along with respect for Yahweh,
^than having great wealth, and then turmoil with it.
17 It's better to have a meal of vegetables where there's love,
^than to have roast meat where there's hate.
18 Quick-tempered people stir up trouble,
^but a patient person calms a quarrel.
19 The path of a slacker is like a hedge of thorns,
^but the road for godly people is a level highway.
20 A wise child brings happiness to their father,
^but a foolish person despises their mother.
21 Foolishness brings happiness to those who lack morals,
^but an understanding person makes sensible decisions.
22 Plans go wrong where no one gets advice,
^but they get implemented where there's many advisers.
23 A person is always pleased to give the right answer,
and the right thing said at the right time is so good.
24 Life's path is upward for the wise person,
→to prevent them going down to the grave.
25 Yahweh tears down the houses of the proud,
^but he'll protect a widow's boundary.
26 Evil plans are hated by Yahweh,
^but kind messages are pure.

Literal Version

_crucible is_for_silver and_a_furnace is_for_gold and_is_ **YHWH** _testing hearts. **4** An_evil-doer is_paying_attention on a_lip_of wickedness deception is_giving_ear on a_tongue_of destruction(s). **5** one_who_mocks (to)_one_who_is_poor he_ _reproaches maker_of_his a_person_joyful for_calamity not he_ _will_go_unpunished. **6** The_crown_of old_people is_children_of children and_the_honour_of children parents_of_is_their. **7** Not is_suitable for_a_fool a_lip_of excellence indeed if/because for_ _a_noble_person a_lip_of deception. **8** Is_a_stone_of favour the_ _bribe in/on_both_eyes_of its_owners_of_his to all_of that he_ _turns he_prospers. **9** one_who_conceals a_transgression is_ _seeking love and_one_who_repeats (in)_a_matter is_separating a_close_friend. **10** A_rebuke it_goes_down in_one_who_has_ _understanding more_than_striking a_fool a_hundred_times. **11** Only rebellion an_evil_person he_seeks and_a_messenger cruel he_will_be_sent in/on/over_him/it. **12** Let_it_meet a_bear robbed_of_cubs (in)_a_person and_not a_fool in_foolishness_of_ _his. **13** one_who_returns evil for good not it_will_depart[79] evil from_house_of_his. **14** Water is_one_who_lets_out_of the_ _beginning_of strife and_before_of it_has_broken_out the_ _dispute abandon. **15** one_who_justifies the_wicked and_one_ _who_condemns_as_guilty the_righteous are_(the)_ _abomination_of **YHWH** also both_of_of_them. **16** To/for_what this is_a_price in_the_hand_of a_fool to_acquire wisdom and_ _heart_of there_is_not. **17** In_all time the_friend is_loving and_ _a_brother for_adversity he_is_born. **18** A_person lacking_of heart he_is_striking a_palm is_pledging a_pledge to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before his/its_neighbour. **19** one_who_loves transgression is_loving contention one_who_makes_high entrance_of_his is_seeking ruin. **20** A_person_perverse_of heart not he_finds good and_one_who_is_perverted in_tongue_of_his he_falls in_trouble. **21** one_who_begets a_fool to_grief to_ _him/it and_not the_father_of a_fool he_rejoices. **22** A_heart joyful it_makes_good healing and_spirit stricken it_dries_up the_bone[s]. **23** A_bribe from_the_bosom_of a_wicked_person he_accepts to_turn_aside the_paths_of justice. **24** Is_with the_ _presence_of one_who_has_understanding wisdom and_the_ _eyes_of a_fool are_at_the_end_of the_earth. **25** Is_grief to_ _father_of_his a_son a_fool and_bitterness to_the_of_one_who_ _bore_him. **26** Also to_impose_a_fine to_(the)_person not is_ _good to_strike noble_people is_on uprightness. **27** one_who_ _restrains words/messages_of_his is_knowing knowledge and[80] spirit is_a_person_of understanding. **28** Also a_fool who_keeps_ _silent a_wise_person he_is_considered one_who_shuts lips_of_ _his one_who_has_understanding.
18:1 (To)_desire one_who_separates_himself he_seeks in_all sound_wisdom he_breaks_out. **2** Not a_fool he_delights in_ _understanding if/because (if) in_ his/its_heart _revealing_ _itself. **3** When_ a_wicked_person _comes also contempt it_ _comes and_with shame reproach. **4** Are_waters deep the_ _words/messages_of the_mouth_of a_person a_wadi flowing a_ _fountain_of wisdom. **5** To_lift_up the_face_of a_wicked_person not is_good to_turn_aside a_righteous_person in_judgement. **6** The_lips_of a_fool they_go in_strife and_mouth_of_his for_

79 LV 17:13 · Note OSHB variant note: שׁימת: (x-qere) שׁוֹמֶת: lemma_4185 morph_HVqi3fs id_202pa שׁוֹמֶת
80 LV 17:27 · Note OSHB variant note: רק/ו: (x-qere) רַקִּי: lemma_3368 morph_HAamsc id_206Fc רַקִּי

Literal Version

_beatings it_calls. **7** The_mouth_of a_fool is_ruin to_him/it and_
_lips_of_his are_(the)_snare_of his_life_of_his. **8** The_
_words/messages_of a_slanderer are_like_delicacies and_they
they_go_down the_chambers_of the_belly. **9** Also one_who_
_shows_himself_idle in_work_of_his is_a_brother he to_a_
_master_of destruction. **10** Is_a_tower_of strength the_name_of
YHWH in/on/over_him/it a_righteous_person he_runs and_
_he_is_set_on_high. **11** The_wealth a_rich_person is_the_town_
_of his_strength_of_his and_like_a_wall high in_his_own_of_
imagination. **12** To(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
destruction the_heart_of a_person it_is_haughty and_is_before_
_of honour humility. **13** one_who_brings_back a_message
before_before he_listens is_folly it to_him/it and_ignominy.
14 The_spirit_of a_person it_will_endure sickness_of_his and_
_spirit stricken who will_he_bear_it. **15** A_heart discerning it_
_acquires knowledge and_the_ear_of wise_people it_seeks
knowledge. **16** The_gift_of a_person it_makes_space to_him/it
and_before_of great_people it_leads_him. **17** Is_righteous the_
_first in_case_of_his and_he_will_come[81] his/its_neighbour
and_he_will_examine_him. **18** Contentions the_lot it_puts_an_
_end_to and_between mighty_people it_separates. **19** A_brother
transgressed is_more_than_a_town_of strength and[82] are_like_
_the_bar_of a_fortress. **20** From_the_fruit of_the_mouth_of a_
_person belly_of_his it_is_satisfied the_produce_of his_lips_of_
_his he_is_satisfied. **21** Death and_life are_in_the_hand_of the_
_tongue and_those_of_who_love_it he_will_eat fruit_of_its.
22 He_finds a_wife he_finds a_good_thing and_he_obtained
pleasure from_**YHWH**. **23** Supplications one_who_is_poor he_
_speaks and_a_rich_person he_answers strong_
_words/messages. **24** A_person_of companions is_to_be_broken
and_there_is one_who_loves clinging more_than_a_brother.
19:1 Is_good one_who_is_poor who_walks in_integrity_of_his
more_than_the_person_perverse_of his_lips_of_his and_he is_a_
_fool. **2** Also with_not knowledge a_person not is_good and_
_one_who_hastens with_feet is_missing. **3** The_folly_of a_
_person it_subverts its_road/course and_towards **YHWH**
his/its_heart it_rages. **4** Wealth it_adds friends many and_a_
_poor_person friend_of_his_close[83] he_is_separated. **5** A_
_witness_of lies not he_will_go_unpunished and_he_breathes_
_out lies not he_will_escape. **6** Many_people they_entreat the_
_face_of a_noble_person and_all is_the_friend of_a_person_of
gift. **7** All_of the_brothers_of one_who_is_poor they_hate_him
indeed if/because friend[s]_of_his_close they_are_distant from_
_him/it he_is_pursuing words/messages to_him[84] they. **8** one_
_who_acquires heart is_loving self_of_his_own one_who_keeps
understanding is_to_find good. **9** A_witness_of lies not he_will_
_go_unpunished and_he_breathes_out lies he_will_perish.
10 Not is_suitable for_a_fool luxury indeed if/because for_a_
_slave to_rule over_princes. **11** The_prudence_of a_person it_
_makes_long anger_of_his and_glory_of_his[85] is_to_pass over
transgression. **12** Is_a_roaring like_(the)_lion the_rage_of a_king

Readers' Version

27 The person who makes unjust gains, brings troubles on their own home,
^but the one who hates bribes will live.
28 The person who does what's right, thinks carefully before answering,
^but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil.
29 Yahweh is far from the wicked,
^but he hears the prayer of those who do what's right.
30 A bright look makes others glad.
Good news makes your bones healthy.
31 The ear that listens to correction lives—
→it will remain among the wise people.
32 Someone who ignores discipline, despises themself,
^but anyone who listens to correction strengthens their values.
33 Wise instructions lead to striving to obey Yahweh,
and humility leads to honour.
16:1 People make their own plans,
→then Yahweh decides what will happen.
2 People always tell themselves that they're doing the right thing,
^but Yahweh evaluates their motives.
3 Entrust what you're doing to Yahweh,
→and your plans will be effective.
4 Yahweh makes everything for his purpose,
→even the wicked for the day of disaster.
5 Yahweh detests every person who's arrogant—
→they certainly won't go unpunished.
6 Disobedience can be made up for by faithfulness and loyal commitment,
and those who respect and honour Yahweh avoid doing what's evil.
7 When Yahweh is pleased with a person's behaviour,
→he causes even his enemies to be at peace with them.
8 It's better to have just a little from doing what's right,
than a large income acquired dishonestly.
9 People plan their ways in their minds,
→but Yahweh directs their steps.
10 Inspired judgements come from the king's lips.
When making judgements, his mouth must not betray justice.
11 Honest scales and balances come from Yahweh.
The weights in the bag are his work.
12 Wicked behavior is detestable for kings,
because a throne is established by doing what's right.
13 Kings appreciate lips that say what's right,
and they value people who tell the truth.

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81 **LV 18:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אבי**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/אָב': lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_20jvq וֹ/אָב

82 **LV 18:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מינודמ/ו**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/מִנָּיְדִמ': lemma_c/4079 n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpa id_205EL וֹ/מִנָּיְדִמ

83 **LV 19:4 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

84 **LV 19:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אל**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/ל': lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_20xJG וֹ/ל

85 **LV 19:11 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

14 A king's rage is a messenger of death,
→and wise people will appease it.
15 When a king's face brightens, there's life.
His favour is like a rain cloud in the spring.
16 It's better to acquire wisdom than gold,
and to choose understanding rather than silver.
17 The highway of godly people steers them away from evil.
Anyone who carefully considers their path, protects their life.
18 Pride goes before destruction,
and arrogance before a stumble.
19 It's better to live humbly among poor people,
^than to be dividing up the plunder with the proud.
20 The person who gives attention to a matter will succeed,
and those who put their trust in Yahweh will be blessed.
21 A person with a wise nature will be called 'understanding',
and pleasant lips are more persuasive.
22 Having insight is like a fountain of life,
^but disciplining fools would be foolishness.
23 The wise person's mind gives insight to their mouth,
and adds persuasiveness to their lips.
24 Kind messages are like the honey in a honeycomb,
→sweet for the self-esteem, and healing for the bones.
25 There's a clear path right in front of a person,
→but its end is the ways to death.
26 The workers' appetites work on their behalf,
→because their hunger presses them on.
... **27** A worthless person dredges up scandal,
→and it's like scorching fire on their lips.
28 Perverse people stir up strife,
→then it separates close friends.
29 Violent people deceive their neighbours,
→and lead them on a path that isn't good.
30 Those who shut their eyes are planning perverse things.
People who purse their lips are doing evil.
31 Gray hair is a crown of splendour,
that's found with a life of doing what's right.
32 It's better to be slow to get angry than to be powerful,
and better to be able to control yourself than to capture a city.
33 The dice are thrown onto the table,
^but Yahweh determines their fall.
17:1 It's better to have a dry piece of bread in quietness,
^than a house full of feasting with strife.
2 A servant who acts wisely will rule over a shameful son,
→and he'll share in the inheritance along with the brothers.
3 There's a crucible and furnace for gold and silver,
^but it's Yahweh who tests hearts.

Literal Version

and_is_like_dew on grass favour_of_his. **13** Is_destruction(s) to_
_father_of_his a_son a_fool and_are_a_dripping continual the_
_contentions_of a_wife. **14** House and_wealth are_an_
_inheritance_of fathers and_is_from_**YHWH** a_wife prudent.
15 Laziness it_makes_fall deep_sleep and_a_person_of slackness
he_will_be_hungry. **16** one_who_keeps_of a_command is_
_guarding_of life_of_his the_one_who_despises_of ways_of_(of)_
_his he_will_die[86]. **17** Is_lending_of **YHWH** one_who_shows_
_favour_to a_poor_person and_recompense_of_his he_will_
_repay to_him/it. **18** Discipline son_of_your if/because there_is
hope and_near/to putting_him_to_death do_not lift_up desire_
_of_your. **19** A_person_great_of[87] rage is_bearing the_fine
if/because if you_will_rescue and_again you_will_repeat.
20 Listen_to counsel and_accept correction so_that you_may_
_become_wise in_end_of_your. **21** Many plans are_in_the_heart_
_of a_person and_the_purpose_of **YHWH** it it_will_stand. **22** Is_
_the_desire_of a_person loyalty_of_his and_good one_who_is_
_poor from_man falsehood. **23** The_fear_of **YHWH** is_to_life
and_satisfied he_will_pass_the_night not he_will_be_visited
trouble. **24** A_sluggard he_hides his/its_hand in_bowl also to
mouth_of_his not bring_back_brings_it_back. **25** A_mocker you_
_will_strike and_a_naive_person he_will_become_prudent and_
_to_reprove (to)_one_who_has_understanding he_will_
_understand knowledge. **26** one_who_assaults_of a_father who_
_he_drives_away a_mother is_a_son who_brings_shame and_
_who_causes_shame. **27** Cease my_son_of_my[88] to_listen_to
correction to_stray from_words/messages_of knowledge. **28** A_
_witness_of worthlessness he_mocks justice and_the_mouth_of
wicked_people it_swallows_up wickedness. **29** They_are_
_prepared for_mockers judgements and_beatings for_the_back_
_of fools.
20:1 Is_a_mocker (the)_wine[89] is_noisy strong_drink and_all
one_who_staggers in/on/over_him/it not he_is_wise. **2** Is_a_
roaring like(the)_lion the_terror_of a_king one_of_who_
_infuriates_him is_missing life_of_his. **3** Is_honour to_person
cessation from_strife and_all fool he_breaks_out. **4** From_
_winter a_sluggard not he_plows and_he_asks[90] at_harvest and_
_there_is_not. **5** Is_water deep a_plan in_the_heart_of a_person
and_a_person_of understanding he_draws_it_out. **6** A_
_multitude_of person[s] he_proclaims each_one loyalty_of_his
and_a_person_of faithfulness(es) who will_he_find. **7** Is_going_
_about in_integrity_of_his a_righteous_person how_blessed
sons_of_are_his after_him. **8** A_king who_sits on a_throne_of
judgement is_winnowing with_eyes_of_his all_of evil. **9** Who
will_he_say I_have_kept_pure heart_of_my I_am_pure from_sin_
_of_my. **10** A_weight and_a_weight a_measure and_a_measure
are_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** also both_of_of_them. **11** Also
by_deeds_of_his a_youth he_makes_himself_known if is_pure
and_if is_upright activity_of_his. **12** An_ear which_hears and_
_an_eye which_sees **YHWH** he_has_made also both_of_of_them.
13 Do_not love sleep lest you_should_become_impoverished

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86 LV 19:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **תמוי**: (x-qere) 'תּוֹמָיו': lemma_4191 n_0 morph_HVqi3ms id_20SmQ תּוֹמָיו

87 LV 19:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **לרג**: (x-qere) 'לָדֶגֶ': lemma_1419 a morph_HAamsc id_20yUJ לָדֶגֶ

88 LV 19:27 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

89 LV 20:1 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

90 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB variant note: **לאשי**: (x-qere) 'לָאָשִׁיו': lemma_c/7592 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_2096q לָאָשִׁיו

Literal Version

open eyes_of_your be_satisfied food. **14** Bad bad the_buyer he_
_says and_he_is_going_away to_him/it then he_boasts.
15 There_is gold and_abundance_of jewels and_are_an_article_
_of preciousness lips_of knowledge. **16** Take garment_of_his
if/because he_stands_surety_for a_stranger and_for a_foreign_
_woman[91] hold_it_in_pledge. **17** Is_sweet to_person food_of
falsehood and_after mouth_of_his it_will_be_filled gravel.
18 Plans by_counsel it_is_established and_by_guidance(s) make
war. **19** one_who_goes_about_of slander is_uncovering secret_
_counsel and_to_one_who_opens lips_of_his not you_will_get_
_involved. **20** one_who_curses his/its_father and_mother_of_his
lamp_of_his it_will_be_extinguished in/on/at/with[92] darkness.
21 An_inheritance hastily_gained[93] at_first and_end_of_its not
it_will_be_blessed. **22** Do_not say I_will_repay evil wait to/for_
_**YHWH** so_that_he_may_deliver to/for_you(fs). **23** Are_(the)_
_abomination_of **YHWH** a_weight and_a_weight and_balances_
_of deceit not are_good. **24** Are_from_**YHWH**[949596] the_steps_of
a_man and_human/'Ādām what will_he_understand its_
_road/course. **25** Is_a_snare_of a_person one_who_he_will_say_
_rashly holiness and_after the_vows to_consider. **26** A_king wise
is_winnowing wicked_people and_he_brought_back over_them
a_wheel. **27** The_lamp_of **YHWH** is_the_breath_of a_human it_
_is_searching all_of the_chambers_of the_belly. **28** Loyalty and_
_faithfulness they_preserve a_king and_he_supports by_loyalty
throne_of_his. **29** The_glory_of young_men strength_of_is_their
and_the_splendour_of old_people is_grey_hair. **30** Wounds_of
bruise[s] are_a_cleansing[97] (in)_evil and_blows_of the_
_chambers_of the_belly.
21:1 Is_streams_of water the_heart_of a_king in_the_hand_of
YHWH to all_of that he_desires he_turns_it. **2** Every_of way_of
a_person is_upright in_his_own_of_eyes and_is_ **YHWH** _
_weighing hearts. **3** To_do righteousness and_justice is_chosen
to/for_**YHWH** more_than_sacrifice. **4** Haughtiness_of eyes and_
_a_person_wide_of heart the_lamp_of wicked_people is_sin.
5 The_plans_of a_diligent_person are_only to_profit and_all
one_who_hastens is_only to_lack. **6** The_acquisition_of
treasures by_a_tongue_of falsehood is_a_breath driven_about
seekers_of death. **7** The_violence_of wicked_people it_will_
_drag_them_away if/because they_refuse for_doing justice.
8 Is_crooked the_way_of a_person guilty and_a_pure_person is_
_upright work_of_his. **9** Is_good to_dwell on a_corner_of a_roof
more_than_a_woman_of contentions and_a_house_of
association. **10** The_appetite_of a_wicked_person it_craves evil
not he_is_shown_favour in_eyes_of_his his/its_neighbour.
11 When_impose_a_fine_on a_mocker[98] a_naive_person he_
_becomes_wise and_when_instruct (to)_a_wise_person he_
_receives knowledge. **12** The_righteous_one is_giving_attention
to_the_house_of a_wicked_person he_is_subverting wicked_

Readers' Version

4 Those who do evil pay attention to wicked lips.
A liar listens to a destructive tongue.
5 Anyone who mocks the poor, taunts their maker.
Someone who's happy about a calamity won't go unpunished.
6 Grandchildren are the crown of the aged,
and children are proud of their parents.
7 Excellent lips wouldn't be suitable for a fool,
and certainly deceptive lips don't suit a ruler.
8 Doing a favour can act like a bribe for the donor.
→It causes everything they do to prosper.
9 The person who conceals an offence is seeking acceptance,
^but the one repeating the matter separates close friends.
10 Rebukes work on a sensible person,
more than a hundred lashes on a fool.
11 Only an evil person seeks rebellion
→and so a cruel opponent will be sent against him.
12 It's better to meet a mother bear robbed of its cubs,
→than to meet a fool displaying their foolishness.
13 Someone who returns evil for good,
→will find that evil never departs from their house.
14 The beginning of a dispute is like a small water leak,
→so stop it before it breaks out into a quarrel.
15 The person who justifies wicked people,
and the one who condemns an innocent person,
→are both detestable to Yahweh.
16 Why would a fool need money in their hand
when they have no intention of acquiring wisdom.
17 A true friend loves at all times,
and relatives are born to help during periods of difficulty.
18 A person lacking integrity is quick to give a handshake—
→guaranteeing a loan in front of their neighbour.
19 The one who loves to disobey, loves contention.
The person who builds a high fence, invites destruction.
20 The person with twisted values won't find goodness,
and the one with a perverse tongue will descend into disaster.
21 It's sad for the parents of a child who makes bad choices,
and the father of a fool won't be a happy person.
22 A cheerful attitude promotes healing,
^but a crushed spirit makes your bones dry up.
23 A wicked person accepts a secret bribe
→to pervert the paths of justice.
24 Wisdom is present with the understanding person,
^but a fool's eyes are unable to concentrate.

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91 **LV 20:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מירכנ**: (x-qere) 'תָּיְרְכָנ': lemma_5237 morph_HAafsa id_20uMy תָּיְרְכָנ
92 **LV 20:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ב/ושיא**: (x-qere) 'וְנִשֵּׂאָב': lemma_b/380 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_20hMA וְנִשֵּׂאָב
93 **LV 20:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תלחבמ**: (x-qere) 'תֻּלָּהֹבְמ': lemma_926 morph_HVPsfsa id_20JoU תֻּלָּהֹבְמ
94 **LV 20:24 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
95 **LV 20:24 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
96 **LV 20:24 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.
97 **LV 20:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: **קירמת**: (x-qere) 'קֻורְמַת': lemma_8562 morph_HNcmsa id_20fDj קֻורְמַת
98 **LV 21:11 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

25 A foolish child brings grief to his father,
and bitterness to the mother who gave birth to them.
26 It's not good to impose a fine on the innocent.
Beating up an official isn't a good thing to do.
27 A person who's truly knowledgeable, restrains what they say,
and an understanding person stays calm.
28 Even a fool who stays silent is considered to be wise.
The one with closed lips appears to have understanding.
18:1 People who keep themselves separate, seek their own desires,
They reject sound wisdom.
2 Fools don't enjoy learning,
^but always like to make their opinions known.
3 When a wicked person arrives, contempt from others also comes,
and when shame arrives, so does reproach.
4 The utterances from a person's mouth are deep waters.
A fountain of wisdom produces a flowing stream.
5 It's not good to show partiality to the wicked
or to deprive an innocent person of justice.
6 The fool's lips brings strife,
and the fool's mouth invites a beating.
7 The fool's mouth will bring ruin,
and the lips of fools are a trap for their minds.
8 'News' snippets from a gossip are like delicious snacks—
→they get absorbed like food going down into your stomach.
9 The person who is slack in their work,
→is a cousin to the one who destroys.
10 Yahweh's name is a strong tower.
→Godly people run into it to be safe.
11 The rich person's wealth is like a fortified city,
and in their imagination, like a high wall.
12 Before destruction hits, a person is proud,
^but humility precedes honour.
13 Someone who answers before they've even listened
→is being foolish and shameful.
14 A person's spirit can endure through sickness,
^but who can bear a crushed spirit?
15 Understanding people acquire knowledge,
and wise people want information.
16 A person's donation can make space for them,
and it will give them access to important people.
17 The first person to state their case sounds right,
→until their opponent cross-examines them.

Literal Version

_people to_calamity. **13** one_who_shuts ear_of_his from_the_
_cry_of the_poor also he he_will_call_out and_not he_will_be_
_answered. **14** A_gift in_secrecy it_subdues anger and_a_bribe
in_bosom rage strong. **15** Is_a_joy to_person to_do justice and_
_terror to_those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness. **16** Anyone who_
_wanders from_the_way_of insight in_the_assembly_of the_
_shades he_will_rest. **17** Will_be_a_person_of lack one_who_
_loves pleasure one_who_loves wine and_oil not he_will_gain_
_riches. **18** Is_a_ransom for_person a_wicked_person and_in_
_place_of upright_people one_who_acts_treacherously. **19** Is_
_good to_dwell in_land_of wilderness more_than_a_woman_of
contentions[99] and_anger. **20** Treasure desirable and_oil are_in_
_the_habitation_of a_wise_person and_a_fool a_person he_
_swallows_it_up. **21** one_who_pursues righteousness and_
_loyalty he_finds life righteousness and_honour. **22** A_city_of
warriors a_wise_person he_goes_up and_he_brought_down
the_strength_of its_confidence_of_her. **23** one_who_guards
mouth_of_his and_tongue_of_his is_keeping from_troubles self_
_of_his. **24** An_arrogant_person proud is_mocker his/its_name
he_is_acting in_the_overflowing_of presumption. **25** The_
_desire_of a_sluggard it_kills_him if/because hands_of_his
they_refuse for_doing. **26** All_of the_day he_craves a_craving
and_a_righteous_person he_gives and_not he_keeps_back.
27 The_sacrifice_of wicked_people is_an_abomination indeed
if/because with_evil_intent he_brings_it. **28** A_witness_of lies
he_will_perish and_a_person who_listens to_perpetuity he_
_will_speak. **29** A_person wicked he_makes_firm with_face_of_
_his and_an_upright_person he he_considers[100] mmm[101].
30 There_is_not wisdom and_there_is_not understanding and_
_there_is_not counsel to_before **YHWH**. **31** A_horse is_prepared
for_a_day_of battle and_belongs_to_**YHWH** the_victory.
22:1 A_name is_to_be_chosen more_than_wealth great more_
_than_silver and_more_than_gold favour good. **2** The_rich and_
_the_poor they_meet_one_another is_the_maker_of all_of_
_them_of_their **YHWH**. **3** A_sensible_person he_sees trouble
and[102] and_naive_people they_pass_on they_are_punished.
4 The_consequence_of humility the_fear_of **YHWH** is_wealth
and_honour and_life. **5** Thorns snares are_in_the_path_of a_
_perverse_person one_who_guards_of self_of_his he_will_be_far
from_them. **6** Train (to)_youth on the_mouth_of his_way_of_his
also if/because he_will_be_old not he_will_turn_aside from_it.
7 A_rich_person over_those_who_are_poor he_rules and_is_a_
_servant one_who_borrows to_a_person who_lends. **8** one_who_
_sows unrighteousness he_will_reap[103] trouble and_the_rod_of
his_fury_of_his it_will_end. **9** A_person_good_of eye he he_will_
_be_blessed if/because he_gives some_of_his_food to_(the)_
_person. **10** Drive_out a_mocker and_ strife _it_will_go_out and_
dispute and_shame _it_will_cease. **11** one_who_loves pure_of[104]
heart who_are_grace_of lips_of_his his/its_neighbour a_king.
12 The_eyes_of **YHWH** they_guard knowledge and_he_has_

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99 LV 21:19 · Note OSHB variant note: מינודמ: (x-qere) 'מְנֻיָּדִמ': lemma_4079 morph_HNcmpa id_20VTa מְנֻיָּדִמ
100 LV 21:29 · Note OSHB variant note: ויכי: (x-qere) 'וֹיְבָי': lemma_995 morph_HVqi3ms id_20QMs וֹיְבָי
101 LV 21:29 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/יכרד: (x-qere) 'וְ/כְּרַד': lemma_1870 n_0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_2027y וְ/כְּרַד
102 LV 22:3 · Note OSHB variant note: רתסי/ו: (x-qere) 'וָ/תֶּסֶנְ': lemma_c/5641 n_1 morph_HC/VNp3ms id_20wq8 וָ/תֶּסֶנְ
103 LV 22:8 · Note OSHB variant note: רוצקי: (x-qere) 'יָצָק': lemma_7114 b morph_HVqi3ms id_20eMv יָצָק
104 LV 22:11 · Note OSHB variant note: רוהט: (x-qere) 'רָהְטָ': lemma_2889 morph_HAamsc id_20CAN רָהְטָ

Literal Version

_subverted the_words/messages_of one_who_acts_
_treacherously. **13** A_sluggard he_says a_lion is_in_street in_
_the_middle the_open_places I_will_be_killed. **14** Is_a_pit deep
the_mouth_of strange_women one_who_is_cursed_of **YHWH**
he_will_fall[105] there. **15** Foolishness is_bound in_the_heart_of a_
_youth a_rod_of discipline it_will_put_it_far_away from_him.
16 one_who_oppresses the_poor to_increase to_him/it one_
_who_gives to_a_rich_person is_only to_lack.

Readers' Version

18 Tossing a coin ends quarrels,
→and it settles things between powerful people.
19 Someone who's offended is as approachable as a fortified city,
and quarrels are like the bars on a fortress.
20 The fruit of a person's mouth satisfies their stomach,
and they'll be satisfied with the product of their lips.
21 The tongue has power over life and death,
→and those who love using it will eat its fruit.
22 A man who finds a wife, finds a good thing,
→and receives favour from Yahweh.
23 Poor people make requests,
^but the rich person answers harshly.
24 A person with many companions will come to ruin,
^but there is a companion that sticks closer than a brother.
19:1 It's better to walk with integrity,
^than to be a foolish person with perverse speech.
2 What's more, a person without knowledge isn't good,
and anyone who shifts their feet quickly, misses their way.
3 A person's foolishness subverts their course,
→then their mind rages against Yahweh.
4 Wealth adds many friends,
^but the poor friend ends up being isolated.
5 A false witness won't go unpunished,
and the one who tells lies, won't escape the consequences.
6 Many people make requests to a generous leader,
and everyone is the friend of the person who gives gifts.
7 All the relatives of a poor person hates them,
→so how much more do their friends avoid them.
The poor person sends messages after them, but they're no longer around.
8 Anyone who acquires integrity, loves their own life.
The one who preserves understanding will find success.
9 A lying witness won't go unpunished,
and the one who tells lies will die.
10 Luxury is not suitable for a fool—
even worse for a slave to rule over princes.
11 A person's insight makes them slow to anger,
and it's their privilege to overlook an offense.
12 The king's rage is like a lion's roar,
^but his favour is like dew on the grass.
13 A foolish child leads to their father's destruction,
and an argumentative wife is like something constantly dripping.
14 Houses and wealth are an inheritance from your parents,
→but a sensible wife is from Yahweh.
15 Laziness makes a person fall into a deep sleep,
and a slack person will go hungry.
16 The ones who obey Yahweh's instructions will preserve their lives.
^Anyone who despises his ways, will die.

105 LV 22:14 · Note OSHB variant note: לוֹפִי: (x-qere) לְפִי': lemma_5307 morph_HVqi3ms id_20biE לְפִי

Readers' Version

17 Someone who's kind to a poor person is lending to Yahweh,
→and he will repay for the good deed.
18 Discipline your child because that gives hope,
^but don't think about their death.
19 People who get very angry will end up paying a fine,
→because if you rescue them, you'll have to do it again and again.
20 Listen to advise and accept correction
→so that you'll become wise for your life ahead.
21 People make many plans in their minds,
^but Yahweh's advice will endure time.
22 People desire loyal commitment from others,
and it's better to have a poor friend than one who lies.
23 Respecting and honouring Yahweh leads to life,
→and that person will have peaceful nights without trouble arriving.
24 The lazy person hides their hands in the dish—
→not even troubling to lift it to their mouth.
25 Beat a mocker then that simple one will become sensible,
and correct an intelligent person and they'll know even more.
26 Children who assault their fathers and drive away their mothers
→bring shame and reproach.
27 My child, if you want to stray from knowledge,
→stop listening to correction.
28 A worthless witness makes a mockery of justice,
and the mouth of the wicked person gulps in more wickedness.
29 Judgements are prepared for scoffers,
and beatings for the backs of fools.
20:1 Wine is a mocker and strong drink makes you boisterous,
→and everyone who staggers due to it, isn't wise.
2 A king's rage is like a roaring lion.
→Anyone who provokes him to anger risks their life.
3 It's honourable for a person to step away from strife,
^but every fool would rather break out an argument.
4 A lazy person won't plough when it's still cold,
→then he looks at harvest time and there's nothing.
5 The plans in a person's mind are like deep water,
^but an understanding person will draw them out.
6 Many people talk about their loyalty,
^but who can actually find a faithful person.
7 Godly people act with integrity.
→Their children will be blessed after them.
8 A king sitting on his throne to make a judgement,
→sifts all evil out with his eyes.
9 Who can say, "I've kept my motives pure—
I've been freed from sin"?
10 Differing weights and unequal measures—
→Yahweh hates both of them.
11 Even young people are known by their actions
→if they're honest and obedient.
12 The ear that hears and the eye that sees—
→it was Yahweh that made both of them.

Literal Version

Literal Version

Readers' Version

13 Don't love sleep or you might end up in poverty.
Open your eyes then you'll have enough food.
14 "Worthless, worthless," say the buyers,
^but as soon as they've left, they boast about the good deal.
15 There's gold around, and plenty of jewels,
^but lips with knowledge are a rare commodity.
16 Take the person's coat if they've used it to guarantee the loan of a stranger,
and hold it in pledge if they did it for a foreign woman.[45]
17 The bread of lies tastes good at first,
^but afterwards it's like a mouthful of gravel.
18 Plans are established with advisers,
→so wise guidance is required for war.
19 The person who gossips reveals a secret,
→so don't get involved with someone with a big mouth.
20 The one who curses their father and mother,
→will have their lamp extinguished in deep darkness.
21 An inheritance that's gained at too young an age,
→won't be a blessing in the end.
22 Don't say, "I'll repay that evil."
→Wait for Yahweh and he'll rescue you.
23 Fiddling with the weights is hated by Yahweh,
and deceitful scales aren't good.
24 It's Yahweh that determines a person's steps,
→so how does a mere human understand their course?
25 It's a trap for a person to rashly declare something as sacred,
→and then to only reflect later after making vows.
26 A wise king winnows out the wicked to separate them.
He uses the thresher to break them off.
27 The human spirit is Yahweh's lamp,
→searching all the innermost parts.
28 Loyal commitment and faithfulness to king preserves him,
and his throne is upheld by that loyal commitment.
29 The splendour of young men is their strength,
and the adornment of old people is their grey hair.
30 Lashes and wounds clean out evil,
and beatings clean out the innermost parts.
21:1 The king's thoughts are like streams of water to Yahweh—
→he directs them to go wherever he wants.
2 All a person's ways seem right in their own eyes,
^but Yahweh evaluates motives.
3 To do what's right and fair
→is more desirable to Yahweh than sacrificing.
4 Arrogance and pride—the lamp of wicked people,
→is disobeying Yahweh.
5 The plans of diligent people will only lead to abundance,
^but those who just rush around will only get poverty.
6 Wealth that's acquired via a lying tongue,
→will be like a quick breath for those seeking death.
7 The violence of wicked people will drag them away,
because they refuse to apply justice.

45 **RV 20:16 · Cross-ref.** 27:13.

Readers' Version

8 The paths of a guilty person are crooked,
^but well-behaved people act with decency.
9 It's better to live in the corner of the attic[46]
than inside the main house with the company of an argumentative wife.
10 Wicked people have a strong, inner craving for evil.
→Even their neighbours won't be shown any favour.
11 By punishing a mocker, a naive person becomes wise,
and when wise people are instructed, they acquire knowledge.
12 People who do what's right pay attention to the wicked person's house,
→subverting the wicked until they're ruined.
13 Any person who shuts their ears to the cry of the poor
→will also call out for help but won't be answered.
14 A discreet gift subdues anger,
and a bribe quietens down a strong rage.
15 The godly person enjoys promoting justice,
^but brings terror to those doing wicked things.
16 Anyone who wanders away from the path of insight,
→will rest in the assembly of the dead.
17 The lover of pleasure will become poor.
Anyone who loves wine and rich food won't become wealthy.
18 A wicked person becomes the payment to free someone who does what's right,
and a treacherous person to free a godly person.
19 It's better to live in a wilderness region,
than with a wife who's argumentative and negative.
20 Precious treasures and oil will be in the house of a wise person,
^but a foolish person consumes it all.
21 The person who strives to do what's right and who shows loyal commitment,
→will find life, forgiveness, and honour.
22 A wise man can climb up into a city of warriors,
→and bring down the strength of its confidence.
23 Any person who guards their mouth and tongue
→will keep trouble away from their life.
24 A proud and arrogant person is called a mocker,
→because they act with arrogant presumption.
25 The craving of slackers will kill them,
because their hands refuse to work.
26 All day long, they fantasise their craving,
^but people who do what's right, give without holding back.
27 The wicked person's sacrifice is detestable,
because it's brought with evil intent.
28 A lying witness will die,
^but a good listener will speak out success.
29 The wicked person makes their face look stern,
^but godly people carefully consider their ways.
30 There's no wisdom or understanding

Literal Version

46 **RV 21:9 · Note** We made an adjustment here for most of our readers in houses with sloping roofs, as distinct from living in an arid climate and having a flat roof.

Literal Version

17 Incline ear_of_your and_hear the_words/messages_of wise_
_people and_heart_of_your you_will_set to_knowledge_of_my.
18 If/because will_be_pleasant that/for/because/then/when
you_will_keep_them in_belly_of_your they_will_be_prepared
together on lips_of_your. **19** To_be in_**YHWH** confidence_of_
_your I_teach_you the_day even you. **20** Not have_I_written
to/for_yourself(m) officers[106] (in)_counsels and_knowledge.
21 To_make_known_to_you the_truth_of[107] of_
_words/messages_of faithfulness to_bring_back
words/messages faithfulness to_those_of_who_sent_you.

Readers' Version

or advice that would oppose Yahweh.
31 A horse is prepared for the day of battle,
^but the victory belongs to Yahweh.
22:1 A good reputation is more desirable than great wealth,
and good favour more than gold or silver.
2 Rich and poor meet each other at their end.
Yahweh is the creator of all of them.
3 A prudent person notices trouble and avoids it,
whereas naive people just blunder onwards and suffer.
4 The consequence of humility and respecting and honouring Yahweh
→is riches and honour and life.
5 Thorns and traps are on the perverse person's path,
^but those who guard their own self-esteem keep far away from them.
6 Train your children in the way they should go,
→then when they're older they won't turn away from it.
7 A rich person rules over those who are poor,
and the one who borrows is enslaved to the lender.
8 The person who sows evil will harvest trouble,
and the power from his anger will end.
9 Generous people will be blessed,
because they share their food with the poor.
10 Drive away a mocker and then strife will disappear,
→and abuse and disputes will stop.
11 The person who values pure motives, who speaks graciously,
→will have the king for a friend.
12 Yahweh's eyes guard knowledge,
^but he overthrows the plans of those who behave treacherously.
13 The lazy person says, "There's a lion outside—
→I'll be killed if I go outside!"
14 The mouth of a loose woman is a deep pit.
→Those who are cursed by Yahweh will fall into it.
15 Foolish ideas are natural in the mind of a youth.
→but the rod bringing discipline drives it far from them.
16 Those who oppress the poor or give to the rich, in order to make a profit,
→will just end up in poverty themselves.

17 Listen carefully to what wise people have said. **The thirty sayings**
Set your mind to apply what I'm teaching you
18 because internalising my instructions will be worthwhile—
→then they'll be easy for you to share with others.
19 I'll instruct you today
→so that you'll put your trust in Yahweh.
20 Actually, I've written thirty proverbs
to advise and teach you—
21 to show you true and reliable principles
so that you can give accurate answers to those sent to you.

106 LV 22:20 · Note OSHB variant note: שלשום: (x-qere) שְׁלִשִׁים: lemma_7991 c n_1 morph_HAompa id_20aYb שְׁלִשִׁים

107 LV 22:21 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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22 Don't rob those in poverty just because they're poor
and don't 'crush' a poor person at the community gate
23 →because Yahweh will take their side.
Yes, he'll plunder the lives of those who plunder them.
24 Don't associate with angry people,
and don't go along with a hot-headed person,
25 →in case you end up copying their habits,
and get yourself tangled in that trap.
26 Don't be among those quick to shake hands
to guarantee the loans of others,
27 because if you're unable to make the payment,
→you could have your bed taken out from under you.
28 Don't move an ancient boundary marker,
which your ancestors had placed there.
29 You've seen a man who's skilled at his work—
→he'll take his position in front of kings.
^He won't do his work just for anybody.
23:1 When you sit down to eat with a political leader,
pay attention to what's in front of you,
2 and put a knife to your throat,
if you have an enormous appetite.
3 Don't crave their delicacies,
because it's the food of lies.
4 Don't just work to get rich.
Your wisdom should tell you to stop.
5 You glance at wealth then it'll be gone,
because it'll make wings for itself and fly away into the sky like an eagle.
6 Don't eat the food of a stingy person,
and don't crave for their delicacies,
7 because they're always calculating internally—
telling you to eat and drink but it's not really genuine.
8 You'll vomit up the bit that you've eaten
and your pleasant greetings will have been wasted.
9 Don't bother speaking to a foolish person
because they'll despise the wise things that you say.
10 Don't move an ancient boundary marker,
or encroach on the fields of those who are disadvantaged,
11 because the one who watches out for them is strong

-1- **-2-** **-3-** **-4-** **-5-** **-6-** **-7-** **-8-** **-9-** **-10-**

Literal Version

22 Do_not rob a_poor_person if/because is_poor he and_do_not crush a_poor_person at_gate. **23** If/because **YHWH** he_will_conduct case_of_their and_he_will_rob ᴅᴏᴍ those_of_who_rob_them life.

24 Do_not associate with a_master_of anger and_ᴅᴏᴍ a_person_of rage(s) not you_must_go. **25** Lest you_should_learn his[108] and_you_will_take a_snare for_self_of_your.

26 Do_not be among_those_who_strike_of (of)_a_palm among_who]_stand_surety_for debts. **27** If there_is_not to/for_yourself(m) to_pay to/for_what will_anyone_take bed_of_your from_under_you.

28 Do_not displace a_boundary_of antiquity which ancestors_of_your they_made.

29 You_see a_person skilled in_work_of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before kings he_will_take_his_stand not he_will_take_his_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before insignificant_people.

23:1 If/because you_will_sit_down to_eat with a_ruler carefully_(consider) you_will_consider ᴅᴏᴍ that_which is_before_of_you. **2** And_you_will_put a_knife in_throat_of_your if are_a_master_of appetite you. **3** Do_not crave[109][110] for_his_delicious_of_food(s) and_he is_food_of lies.

4 Do_not labour to_gain_riches from_understanding_of_your cease. **5** Mmm[111] eyes_of_your in/on/over_him/it and_not_existing_he if/because surely_(make) it_makes for_him/it wings like_an_eagle and[112] the_heavens.

6 Do_not eat ᴅᴏᴍ the_food_of a_person_evil_of eye and_do_not crave[113] for_his_delicious_of_food(s). **7** If/because as he_calculates in_self_of_his is_so he eat and_drink he_says to/for_you(fs) and_heart_of_his not is_with_you. **8** Of_bread_of_your_piece which_you_have_eaten you_will_vomit_it_up and_you_will_spoil words/messages_of_your (the)_pleasant.

9 In_the_ears_of a_fool do_not speak if/because he_will_despise (to)_the_insight_of your(pl)_words/messages_of_your.

10 Do_not displace a_boundary_of antiquity and_in_the_fields_of fatherless_ones do_not go. **11** If/because redeemer_of_their is_strong he he_will_conduct ᴅᴏᴍ case_of_their with_you.

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108 **LV 22:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תחרא**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יֶתְחָרֵ֑א': lemma_734 n_1 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_202eu וְ/יֶתְחָרֵ֑א

109 **LV 23:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

110 **LV 23:3 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

111 **LV 23:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יועת/ה**: (x-qere) 'תִּיעָ֥ת/ה': lemma_i/5774 a morph_HTi/Vhi2ms id_20Tsm תִּיעָ֥ת/ה

112 **LV 23:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יע/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָע֣וּף': lemma_5774 a morph_HVqi3ms id_2017A וְ/יָע֣וּף

113 **LV 23:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ואתת**: (x-qere) 'וְ/אֶתְתֵּ֑ת': lemma_183 n_0.0 morph_HVtj2ms id_20QAE וְ/אֶתְתֵּ֑ת

Literal Version

12 Bring to_discipline heart_of_your and_ear_of_your to_
_words/messages_of knowledge.

13 Do_not withhold from_a_youth discipline if/because you_
_will_strike_him with_rod not he_will_die. 14 You with_rod
you_will_strike_him and_life_of_his from_Shə'ōl you_will_
_deliver.

15 My_son_of_my if heart_of_your it_is_wise heart_of_my also I
it_will_rejoice. 16 And_ kidneys_of_my _they_will_rejoice
when_ lips_of_your _speak uprightness(es).

17 Not heart_of_your let_it_be_jealous of_sinners if/because (if)
in_the_fear_of **YHWH** all_of the_day. 18 If/because if there_is a_
_future and_hope_of_your not it_will_be_cut_off.

19 Oh_you listen son_of_my and_be_wise and_guide in_way
heart_of_your. 20 Do_not be among_drunkards_of wine among_
_gluttons_of meat (for)_themselves. 21 If/because a_drunkard
and_a_glutton he_will_become_impoverished and_rags
drowsiness it_will_clothe_him.

22 Listen to_father_of_your who he_begot_you and_do_not
despise if/because mother_of_your she_is_old. 23 Truth buy
and_do_not sell_it wisdom and_discipline and_understanding.
24 Greatly_(rejoice)[114] he_rejoices[115] the_father_of a_righteous_
_son and_one_who_begets[116] a_wise_son and[117] in/on/over_
_him/it. 25 father_of_your and_mother_of_your may_he_rejoice
and_ the_one_of_who_bore_you _may_she_rejoice.

26 Give my_son_of_my heart_of_your to_me and_eyes_of_your
ways_of_my let_them_observe[118].[119] 27 If/because is_a_pit deep
a_prostitute and_is_a_well narrow a_foreign_woman. 28 Also
she like_a_robber she_lies_in_wait and_those_who_act_
_treacherously among_humankind she_increases.

29 Belongs_to_whom woe belongs_to_whom woe belong_to_
_whom contentions[120] belongs_to_whom complaint belong_to_
_whom bruises without_cause belongs_to_whom dullness_of

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and he'll take up their case against you.
12 Make continual learning part of your values, **-11-**
and use your ears for gaining knowledge.
13 It's important to discipline your children. **-12-**
They won't die from getting a spanking.
14 Spank them with a stick
and you'll keep them from the grave.
15 My child, if you value wisdom **-13-**
then I'll certainly be very happy.
16 My mind will be celebrating
when your lips speak out what's right.
17 Don't let yourself start envying sinners— **-14-**
instead it should be Yahweh that you respect and strive to obey,
18 because then there'll certainly be a future.
Your hope for the future won't be chopped off.
19 My child, listen and become wise, **-15-**
and channel your values in the right direction.
20 Don't associate with those drinking too much wine,
or with those who gorge themselves on meat,
21 →because drunkards and gluttons will become impoverished,
and their drowsiness will leave them dressed in rags.
22 Listen to what your father tells you, **-16-**
and don't despise your mother when she gets old.
23 Acquire truth and don't sell it,
and similarly for wisdom, instruction, understanding.
24 The father of someone who does what's right will be encouraged.
Yes, anyone who fathers a sensible child will be glad.
25 Let your father be happy.
and may your mother celebrate.
26 My child, follow me with sincerity, **-17-**
and let your eyes observe my ways,
27 because a prostitute is a deep pit,
and an adulteress is a narrow well.
28 They lie in wait like a robber would,
and keep adding to the number of men who become unfaithful.
29 Who has dread or sorrow or contentions? **-18-**

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114 LV 23:24 · Note OSHB variant note: לוֹג: (x-qere) 'לֹגְ': lemma_1524 a morph_HVqa id_20KFN לֹגְ
115 LV 23:24 · Note OSHB variant note: לוני: (x-qere) 'לֹנְיָ': lemma_1523 n_1.0 morph_HVqi3ms id_20L7f לֹנְיָ
116 LV 23:24 · Note OSHB variant note: דלוי: (x-qere) 'דֵּלֹוִי/ו': lemma_c/3205 morph_HC/Vqrmsa id_209VK דֵּלֹוִי/ו
117 LV 23:24 · Note OSHB variant note: חמשי/ו: (x-qere) 'חַמְשֵׁי': lemma_8055 morph_HVqi3ms id_20Toi חַמְשֵׁי
118 LV 23:26 · Note OSHB variant note: הנצרת: (x-qere) 'הָנַרְצְתְ': lemma_5341 n_0 morph_HVqj3fp id_20RFy הָנַרְצְתְ
119 LV 23:26 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.
120 LV 23:29 · Note OSHB variant note: מינודמ: (x-qere) 'מִנָּיְדְמ': lemma_4079 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmpa id_20BVw מִנָּיְדְמ

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Who has complaints, or needless wounds, or bloodshot eyes.
30 It's those who linger over wine,
or try various mixed drinks.
31 Don't look at wine when it's red and sparkling in the cup,
and when it would slide down smoothly.
32 →In the end it bites like a snake,
and stings like a viper.
33 →Then your eyes will see strange things,
and perverse things in your mind will get spoken.
34 →You'll feel like someone sleeping out in the ocean—
just like someone lying down at the top of a mast.
35 You'll say, "They hit me but it didn't hurt.
They beat me but I couldn't feel it.
When will I wake up? I'll have some more—where is it?"

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24:1 Don't be envious of evil men,
and don't try to associate with them,
2 because they have violent thoughts,
and their lips cause trouble.

-20-

3 It's through wisdom that a house is built,
and it's established by understanding.
4 It's through knowledge that its rooms get filled
→with beautiful and valuable treasures.

-21-

5 A wise person is strong,
and those with knowledge increase their power,
6 →because you need wise guidance to go to war,
and victory requires many advisers.

-22-

7 Wisdom is too much for fools.
→They don't open their mouths at the city gate.

-23-

8 The person who plans to do evil,
will be known by others as a master schemer.

-24-

9 A foolish plan is sinful,
and people hate a mocker.

-24-

10 If you display a lack of courage when you have troubles,
→your strength is limited.

-25-

11 Rescue those being led away to their death,
and those who will be staggering to their slaughter if you restrain.
12 If you just say that you didn't know anything about it,
→then the one who weighs motives will realise.
→Then the one who guards your life will repay everyone according to what they've done.

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13 My child, eat honey because it's good,
and honeycomb tastes sweet.
14 Wisdom is like that for your mind,
and if you find it, there'll be a future for you,

Literal Version

eyes. 30 To_who_delay over the_wine to_who_go to_examine mixed_wine. 31 Do_not see wine if/because it_will_be_red if/because it_will_give in/on/at/with[121] eye_of_its it_will_go with_smoothness(es). 32 End_of_its like_a_snake it_will_bite and_like_a_viper it_will_sting. 33 Eyes_of_your they_will_see strange_things and_heart_of_your it_will_speak perverse_ _things. 34 And_you_will_be like_one_who_lies_down in_the_ _heart_of the_sea and_like_one_who_lies_down at_the_top_of a_mast. 35 They_struck_me not I_am_sick they_struck_me not I_know when will_I_awake I_will_repeat I_will_seek_it again.

24:1 Do_not be_jealous of_people_of evil and_do_not desire[122] to_be with_them. 2 If/because violence[123][124] heart_of_their it_ _plots and_trouble lips_of_their they_speak.

3 By_wisdom a_house it_is_built and_by_understanding it_is_ _established. 4 And_by_knowledge rooms they_are_filled all_of wealth precious and_pleasant.

5 A_man wise is_strength and_a_person_of knowledge is_ _making_firm strength. 6 If/because by_guidance(s) you_will_ _make for_yourself war and_victory is_in_a_multitude counsellor[s].

7 Are_high for_a_fool wisdom(s) in_gate not he_opens mouth_ _of_his.

8 one_who_plans to_do_evil to_him/it master_of plots people_ _will_call.

9 A_plan_of foolishness is_sin and_is_an_abomination_of to/for_'Ādām/humankind a_mocker.

10 You_have_shown_yourself_without_courage in/on_day trouble is_narrow strength_of_your.

11 Deliver those_who_are_being_taken to_death and_those_ _who_are_staggering to_slaughter if you_will_restrain.
12 If/because you_will_say HERE not we_knew this not one_ _who_weighs hearts he does_he_perceive and_one_who_guards life_of_your he does_he_know and_will_he_repay to/for_ _'Ādām/humankind according_to_of_his_work.

13 Eat my_son_of_my honey if/because it_is_good and_honey is_sweet on palate_of_your. 14 Thus know wisdom for_self_of_ _your if you_find_it and_there_is a_future and_hope_of_your not it_will_be_cut_off.

121 **LV 23:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: סיכ/ב: (x-qere) 'סֹוכְּ/בִּ': lemma_b/3563 a morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_20GXn סֹוכְּ/בִּ

122 **LV 24:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: ואתת: (x-qere) 'וְאָתְּ': lemma_183 n_0.0 morph_HVtj2ms id_206mr וְאָתְּ

123 **LV 24:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

124 **LV 24:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

15 Do_not lie_in_wait wicked_person to_the_habitation_of a_
_righteous_person do_not devastate place_of_his_
_resting.[125][126][127] 16 If/because seven_times a_righteous_person
he_will_fall and_he_will_rise and_wicked_people they_will_
_stumble in_trouble.

17 When_falls mmm[128][129] do_not rejoice and_when_stumbles_
_he not let_it_rejoice heart_of. 18 Lest **YHWH** he_should_see
and_it_will_be_displeasing in_eyes_of_his and_he_will_turn_
_back from_towards_him anger_of_his.

19 Do_not fret_yourself by_evil-doers do_not be_jealous of_
_(the)_people. 20 If/because not a_future it_will_belong to_
_person the_lamp_of wicked_people it_will_be_extinguished.

21 Fear ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** my_son_of_my and_the_king with those_
_who_change do_not get_involved. 22 If/because suddenly
calamity_of_their it_will_arise and_the_disaster_of both_of_
_them who is_knowing.

23 Also these belong_to_wise_people to_pay_regard_to faces in_
_judgement not is_good. 24 one_who_says to_a_wicked_person
are_righteous you they_will_curse_him peoples they_will_
_denounce_him nations. 25 And_to_who_rebuke_him it_will_
_be_pleasant and_on_them blessing_of good_thing[s] it_will_
_come. 26 Lips one_who_brings_back words/messages
straightforward he_kisses. 27 Establish on_outside work_of_
_your and_make_it_ready in_the_field to/for_you(fs) after and_
_you_will_build house_of_your. 28 Do_not be a_witness
without_cause in_neighbour_of_your and_will_you_deceive
with_lips_of_your. 29 Do_not say just_as he_has_done to_me so
I_will_do for_him/it I_will_repay to_person according_to_of_
_his_deed. 30 At the_field_of a_person lazy I_passed_by and_at
the_vineyard_of a_person lacking_of heart. 31 And_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE of_it_of_all it_had_grown_up nettles surface_
_of_its they_were_covered weeds and_the_wall_of its_stones_
_of_his it_was_broken_down. 32 And_ I _I_saw I_set heart_of_my
I_saw I_received instruction. 33 A_little_of sleep(s) a_little_of
slumber(s) a_little_of folding_of hands to_rest. 34 And_it_will_
_come going_about poverty_of_your and_lack(s)_of_your like_a_
_man shield.

Readers' Version

and what you hope for won't be taken away from you.
15 Don't lie in wait like a wicked person **-27-**
does at a good person's home.
Don't devastate the place where a good person lives,
16 because a good person might fall several times then get up again,
^but the wicked stumble when calamity comes.
17 Don't cheer when your enemy falls, **-28-**
and when they stumble, don't celebrate
18 →because Yahweh will see and disapprove,
→and turn his anger away from them.
19 Don't get yourself worrying because of **-29-**
evil people.
Don't be jealous of the wicked,
20 →because there's no future for an evil person.
The lamp of the wicked will be extinguished.
21 My child, honour Yahweh and the **-30-**
king and strive to obey them,
Don't get involved with those who change sides
22 →because disaster will suddenly hit them
and who knows what ruin they both might bring then?
23 These are more sayings of the wise: **More wise sayings**
It's not good to show partiality when deciding a case.
24 Anyone who says to the guilty that they're innocent,
→will be cursed by the peoples and hated by the nations.
25 However, those who convict the guilty will be admired,
→and they'll be blessed by good things happening.
26 An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.
27 Establish your work for outsiders and prepare your food gardens
then after that, build your house.
28 Don't be a witness against your neighbour without good reason,
or deceive others with what you say.
29 Don't say, "I'll do to him what he did to me,
I'll pay him back for what he's done."
30 I passed by the field of a lazy person
and by the vineyard of a person with no initiative.
31 Wow, thorns had grown up over all of it,
and it was completely covered with weeds,
and its stone walls were broken down.
32 I looked and made a decision.
I saw it and learnt from it:
33 A little sleep, a quick nap,
a little folding your arms to rest,
34 and poverty will sneak up on you like a robber,
and need will approach like an armed bandit.

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125 **LV 24:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

126 **LV 24:15 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

127 **LV 24:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

128 **LV 24:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יביוא/ך**: (x-qere) **בִּיּוֹאֵ֫ךָ**: lemma_341 n_1.0 morph_HVqrmsc/Sp2ms id_20UXx **בִּיּוֹאֵ֫ךָ**

129 **LV 24:17 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

Readers' Version

More of Shelomoh's sayings

25:1 There are also these other proverbs
from Shelomoh (Solomon) that the men
working for Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah)
copied:
2 It is God's privilege to conceal a matter,
^and the king's privilege to try to discover a matter.
3 The skies are high and the earth goes deep,
→and the motives of kings are unable to be predicted.
4 Remove the dross from silver,
→and then a container comes from the silversmith's hands.
5 Remove the wicked person from the king's presence,
→and then his rule will be established as being honest and fair.
6 Don't promote yourself in front of a king,
and don't claim a place among the well-known people,[130]
7 because it's better if they tell you, "Come up here,"
than to be placed lower right in front of a prince as you look at him.
8 Don't be in a rush to take someone to court.
→What would you do at the end, if your neighbour put you to shame?
9 Sort out your case with your neighbour,
without revealing other people's secrets,
10 in case someone hears you and puts you to shame
and your bad reputation never gets repaired.
11 Good advice given at the right time
is like gold apples set in a silver frame.
12 A wise rebuke to a listening ear
is like a gold earring and a fine-gold ornament.
13 To those who send him, a faithful messenger
is like cool snow when doing a day's hard work,
and it refreshes the soul of his masters.
14 A person who boasts about a gift that never comes
is like clouds and wind without rain.
15 A ruler can be persuaded by being patient,
and a soft tongue can break a bone.
16 When you find honey, eat just what you need,
otherwise you might vomit if you've had too much.
17 Don't set foot in your neighbour's house too often,
in case they get fed up with you and end up hating you.
18 A man who gives a false testimony against his neighbour,
is like a club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.
19 Having confidence in someone who acts treacherously in a time of trouble,
is like having a broken tooth, or having your foot slip.
20 Taking off your coat on a cold day,
is like pouring vinegar on baking soda
or singing songs to someone who's feeling sad.

Literal Version

25:1 Also these are_the_proverbs_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon)
which they_copied the_men_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** Is_the_glory_of god to_conceal a_matter
and_is_the_glory_of kings to_search_out a_matter. **3** heaven
for_height and_earth for_depth and_the_heart_of kings there_
_is_not searching. **4** Remove dross(es) from_silver and_he/it_
_went_out for_metalsmith a_vessel. **5** Remove the_wicked to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_king and_it_will_be_
_established in_righteousness throne_of_his. **6** Do_not claim_
honour to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_king and_in_
_the_place_of great_people do_not stand. **7** If/because is_good
to_say to/for_yourself(m) come_up here more_than_setting_
_you_low to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_noble_person
that_which eyes_of_your they_have_seen. **8** Do_not go_forth to_
_contest_a_lawsuit quickly lest what will_you_do at_end_of_its
when_ neighbour_of_your _puts_to_shame you. **9** Case_of_your_
_own conduct with neighbour_of_your and_the_secret another_
_person do_not reveal. **10** Lest he_should_bring_you_shame
one_who_hears and_your_bad_of_report not it_will_turn_back.
11 Apples_of gold in_carvings_of silver a_message spoken on
times_of_its_proper. **12** An_earring_of gold and_an_ornament_
_of gold one_who_reproves wise on an_ear listening. **13** Is_like_
_the_cold_of snow in/on_day harvest an_envoy faithful to_
_those_of_who_sent_him and_the_life_of his_masters_of_his
he_will_restore. **14** Clouds and_spirit and_rain there_is_not a_
_person who_boasts in_a_gift_of falsehood. **15** By_length_of
anger(s) a_ruler he_will_be_persuaded and_a_tongue soft it_
_will_break a_bone. **16** Honey you_have_found eat sufficiency_
_of_your lest you_should_be_surfeited_with_it and_you_will_
_vomit_it_up. **17** Make_precious foot_of_your from_the_house_
_of your_neighbour_of_your lest he_should_be_surfeited_with_
_you and_he_will_hate_you. **18** A_war-club and_a_sword and_
_an_arrow sharpened a_person who_testifies against_
_neighbour_of_his a_witness_of falsehood. **19** A_tooth broken
and_a_foot slipped the_confidence one_who_acts_
_treacherously in/on_day trouble. **20** one_who_removes a_
_garment in/on_day coldness vinegar on soda and_one_who_
_sings (with)_songs to a_heart_of sad. **21** If is_hungry one_of_
_who_hates_you give_him_to_eat food and_if he_is_thirsty
give_him_to_drink water. **22** If/because burning_coals you will_
_be_snatching_up on his/its_head and_**YHWH** he_will_repay
to/for_you(fs). **23** A_wind_of the_north it_brings_forth rain
and_faces indignant a_tongue_of secrecy. **24** Is_good to_dwell
on the_corner_of a_roof more_than_a_woman_of
contentions[135] and_a_house_of association. **25** Water cool on a_
_person weary and_a_report good from_a_land_of distance.
26 A_spring fouled and_a_fountain ruined a_righteous_person
who_sways to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_wicked_
_person. **27** To_eat honey_of much not is_good and_the_
_searching_of their_own_honour_of_their is_an_honour. **28** A_
_city_of broken_into there_is_not a_wall a_person whom there_
_is_not control for_spirit_of_his.
26:1 Like_snow in_summer and_like_rain at_harvest so not is_
_suitable for_a_fool honour. **2** Like_bird for_fluttering like_

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130 **RV 25:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Luk 14:8-10.

135 **LV 25:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: מינודמ: (x-qere) 'מֹנָיְדִמ': lemma_4079 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpa id_20KEw מֹנָיְדִמ

Literal Version

_swallow for_flying so a_curse_of without_cause to_him[136] it_
_will_come. **3** A_whip is_for_horse a_bridle is_for_donkey and_
_a_rod is_for_the_back_of fools. **4** Do_not answer a_fool
according_to_of_his_foolishness lest you_should_become_like
for_him/it also you. **5** Answer a_fool according_to_of_his_
_foolishness lest he_should_be wise in_his_own_of_eyes. **6** one_
_who_cuts_off feet violence one_who_drinks one_who_sends
words/messages by_the_hand_of a_fool. **7** Legs they_hang_
_down from_a_lame_person and_a_proverb in_the_mouth_of
fools. **8** As_ties a_stone in_a_sling is_so one_who_gives to_a_fool
honour. **9** A_thornbush it_goes_up in_the_hand_of a_drunkard
and_a_proverb in_the_mouth_of fools. **10** An_archer who_
_pierces everyone and_one_who_hires a_fool and_one_who_
_hires those_who_pass_by. **11** Like_a_dog which_returns to
vomit_of_its_own a_fool who_repeats (in)_foolishness_of_his.
12 You_see a_person wise in_his_own_of_eyes hope belongs_to_
_a_fool more_than_him. **13** A_sluggard he_says a_lion is_in_road
a_lion is_between the_open_places. **14** The_door it_turns on
hinge[s]_of_its and_a_sluggard on bed_of_his. **15** A_sluggard he_
_hides his/its_hand in_bowl he_is_weary to_bring_it_back to
mouth_of_his. **16** Is_wise a_sluggard in_his_own_of_eyes more_
_than_seven_people who_bring_back_of (of)_discernment.
17 one_who_takes_hold on_the_ears_of a_dog one_who_passes_
_by who_becomes_furious on a_dispute which_not to_him/it.
18 Like_a_madman who_throws burning_arrows arrows and_
_death. **19** Is_so a_person who_he_deceives ~~DOM~~ his/its_
_neighbour and_saying(ms) not was_I jesting. **20** With_not_of
wood(s) a_fire it_is_extinguished and_when_there_is_not a_
_slanderer strife it_becomes_quiet. **21** Charcoal to_burning_
_coals and_wood(s) to_fire and_a_person_of contentions[137] to_
_kindling strife. **22** The_words/messages_of a_slanderer are_
_like_delicacies and_they they_go_down the_chambers_of the_
_belly. **23** Silver_of dross(es) overlaid on earthenware lips
burning and_a_heart_of evil. **24** His[138] one_who_hates he_
_disguises_himself and_in_his_inner_of_being he_puts deceit.
25 If/because voice_of_his he_will_make_favourable do_not
trust in/on/over_him/it if/because seven abominations are_in_
_heart_of_his. **26** Hatred it_covers_itself with_deception
wickedness_of_his it_will_be_revealed in_the_assembly. **27** one_
_who_digs a_pit in_it he_will_fall and_one_who_rolls a_stone
to_him/it it_will_return. **28** A_tongue_of falsehood it_hates its_
_crushed_of_people and_a_mouth smooth it_makes calamity.
27:1 Do_not boast in/on_day tomorrow if/because not you_
_know what a_day will_it_bring_forth. **2** Let_him_praise_you a_
_stranger and_not mouth_of_your_own a_foreigner and_not
lips_of_your_own. **3** The_weight_of a_stone and_the_burden_of
(the)_sand and_the_provocation_of a_fool is_heavy more_than_
_of_both_of_them. **4** The_cruelty_of rage and_the_flood_of
anger and_who will_he_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_

Readers' Version

21 Give your enemy food to eat if they're hungry,
and water to drink if they're thirsty,
22 because you're heaping burning coals on their head,[131]
and Yahweh will be the one to repay you.
23 The northerly wind brings rain with it,
and a gossipping tongue brings indignant looks.
24 If better to live in the corner of an attic,
than to live inside the house with a contentious wife.
25 Good news from a distant country,
is like cool water for a tired person.
26 A godly person giving in to someone wicked,
is like a spring that gets muddied, or a well that gets ruined.
27 It isn't good to eat too much honey,
and nor is trying to make yourself look good.
28 A person who has no self-control,
is like a city where the walls have been broken down.
26:1 Like snow in the summer, or rain at harvest time,
so too honour isn't fitting for a fool.
2 Like a fluttering bird or a darting swallow,
so too an undeserved curse won't land on you.
3 There's a whip for the horse and a bridle for the donkey,
and a rod to beat the fool's back.
4 Don't answer a fool with a foolish answer,
otherwise you'll just end up like them.
5 Answer a fool according to their foolish thinking,
so they don't think they're cleverer than they are.
6 Sending a fool with your message to pass on
is like cutting off your feet and drinking in violence.
7 The legs of a lame person just dangle down,
like a proverb in the mouth of fools.
8 Giving honour to a fool,
is like tying the stone into the sling.
9 A drunkard getting thorns in his hand,
is like a fool trying to explain a proverb.
10 Hiring a fool or an unknown passer-by,
is like an archer just randomly shooting arrows.
11 A fool who keeps doing the same foolish things,
is like a dog that returns to its vomit.[132]
12 Do you see a person who thinks they're clever?
There's more hope for a fool than for that person.
13 The lazy person says, "There's a young lion on the road.
There's a lion out there on the streets."
14 The door turns on its hinges,
and the slacker turns in their bed.

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131 RV 25:21-22 · Cross-ref. Rom 12:20.

132 RV 26:11 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 2:22.

136 LV 26:2 · Note OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) וְלֹ: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_209wB וְלֹ

137 LV 26:21 · Note OSHB variant note: מינודמ: (x-qere) מִנְיָדִמ: lemma_4079 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpa id_20NA8 מִנְיָדִמ

138 LV 26:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/תפש/ו: (x-qere) ב/יְתָפֵשׂ/ו: lemma_b/8193 n_1.0 morph_HR/Ncfdc/Sp3ms id_20RP4 ב/יְתָפֵשׂ/ו

Readers' Version

15 The sluggard keeps their hand in the dish—
they're too lazy to bring it back to their mouth.
16 The slacker is wiser in their own eyes,
than seven people who give good advice.
17 The person who gets angry about a quarrel that's nothing to do with them,
is like someone grabbing the ears of a dog that's passing by.
18–19 A person who deceives their neighbour then says they were just joking
is like a madman shooting flaming arrows.
20 When there's no more firewood, the fire goes out,
and when there's no gossiper, a conflict dies down.
21 Like wood gets the fire burning
and charcoal keeps the embers hot,
→so too a contentious person kindles strife.
22 The words of a gossip are like delicious morsels,
and they go right down into the person's insides.
23 Burning lips and evil motives
are like a silver overlay on a clay pot.
24 A person who hates can disguise it with their lips,
but they're accumulating deceit inside.
25 When they say favourable things, don't trust them,
because there's seven detestable things in within them.
26 Hatred can be covered by deception,
→but it will be uncovered when people gather together.
27 The person who digs a pit will fall into it,
and the one who rolls a stone will have it come back on them.
28 A lying tongue despises those who are crushed by it,
^and a flattering mouth leads to calamity.
27:1 Don't boast about what will happen tomorrow,
because you don't know what the next day will bring.[133]
2 Let some other person praise you, rather than your own mouth—
someone from out of town and not your own lips.
3 Stones are heavy, and sand weighs you down,
→but being provoked by a fool is heavier than either of them.
4 Anger is overwhelming and rage is cruel,
→but who can tolerate jealousy?
5 Open rebuke is better than concealed love.
6 Wounds from a friend are faithful,
^but kisses from an enemy are confusing.
7 Honey isn't so attractive when you're full,

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_of/before jealousy. 5 Is_good[139][140] rebuke uncovered more_
_than_love hidden. 6 Are_reliable the_bruises_of one_who_loves
and_are_abundant the_kisses_of one_who_hates. 7 An_appetite
satisfied it_treads_down honey and_an_appetite hungry every_
_of bitter_thing is_sweet. 8 Like_a_bird which_wanders from
nest_of_its is_so a_person who_wanders from_his_own_of_
_place. 9 Oil and_perfume it_makes_glad a_heart and_the_
_sweetness_of his/its_neighbour is_from_the_counsel_of a_
_person. 10 Friend_of_your[141][142] and[143] your_father_of_your
do_not abandon and_the_house_of your(ms)_brother/kindred
do_not go in/on_day your_calamity_of_your is_good a_
_neighbour near more_than_a_brother far_away. 11 Be_wise
my_son_of_my and_make_glad heart_of_my so_that_I_may_
_bring_back one_of_who_taunts_me a_message. 12 A_sensible_
_person he_sees evil he_hides_himself naive_people they_pass_
_on they_are_punished. 13 Take garment_of_his if/because he_
_stands_surety_for a_stranger and_for a_foreign_woman hold_
_it_in_pledge. 14 one_who_blesses his/its_neighbour with_a_
_voice great in_morning rising_early a_curse it_is_reckoned to_
_him/it. 15 A_dripping continual in/on_day persistent_rain
and_a_wife_of contentions[144] she_is_like. 16 Those_of_who_
_hide_her he_hides the_wind and_oil_of hand_of_his_right it_
_meets. 17 Iron by_iron it_grows_sharp and_anyone he_
_sharpens the_face_of his/its_neighbour. 18 one_who_keeps_of
a_fig_tree he_will_eat fruit_of_its and_one_who_protects
master(s)_of_his he_will_be_honoured. 19 Like_water the_face
to_face so the_heart_of the_humankind to_person. 20 Sha'ōl
and[145] not they_are_satisfied and_the_eyes_of the_humankind
not they_are_satisfied. 21 A_crucible is_for_silver and_a_
_furnace is_for_gold and_a_person is_to_the_mouth_of his_
_praise_of_his. 22 If you_will_pound ᴅᴏᴍ the_fool in_mortar in_
_the_middle the_grain(s) with_pestle not it_will_depart from_
_with_him foolishness_of_his. 23 Well_(know) you_will_know
the_face_of your_flock_of_your set heart_of_your to_the_herds.
24 If/because not is_forever wealth and_if a_crown is_to and_a_
_generation[146]. 25 Grass it_disappears and_ fresh_grass _it_
appears and the_vegetation(s)_of the_mountains _they_are_
_gathered. 26 lambs are_for_clothing_of_your and_are_the_
_price_of a_field goats. 27 And_a_sufficiency_of the_milk_of
goats is_for_food_of_your for_the_food_of your_household_of_
_your and_life of_maids_of_your.
28:1 They_flee and_there_is_not one_who_pursues the_wicked
and_righteous_people like_a_young_lion he_is_confident. 2 By_
_the_transgression_of a_land are_many princes_of_its and_by_
_a_person who_has_understanding who_knows the_right it_
_will_last_long. 3 A_man poor and_one_who_oppresses poor_

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133 **RV 27:1 · Cross-ref.** Jam 4:13-16.

139 **LV 27:5 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

140 **LV 27:5 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

141 **LV 27:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

142 **LV 27:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

143 **LV 27:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: הער/ו: (x-qere) ’עֵרְ/וֹ’: lemma_c/7453 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_2044e עֵרְ/וֹ

144 **LV 27:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: מינודמ: (x-qere) ’מֹנָיֹדְמ’: lemma_4079 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpa id_20BJQ מֹנָיֹדְמ

145 **LV 27:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: הדבא/ו: (x-qere) ’וֹהַבֶּאְ/וֹ’: lemma_c/10 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_20mvX וֹהַבֶּאְ/וֹ

146 **LV 27:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: רוד: (x-qere) ’רְוֹדְ/וֹ’: lemma_c/1755 n_0 morph_HC/Ncmsa id_20U84 רְוֹדְ/וֹ

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_people rain which_prostrates and_there_is_not food. **4** Those_
_who_abandon_of (of)_the_law they_praise the_wicked and_
_those_who_keep_of (of)_the_law they_engage_in_strife with_
_them. **5** People_of evil not they_understand justice and_those_
_who_seek_of (of)_**YHWH** they_understand everything. **6** Is_
_good one_who_is_poor who_walks in_integrity_of_his more_
_than_a_person_perverse_of two_ways and_he is_rich. **7** one_
_who_keeps the_law is_a_son who_has_understanding and_
_one_who_associates_with gluttons he_shames his/its_father.
8 one_who_increases wealth_of_his by_interest and_
_in/on/at/with[147] for_one_who_shows_favour_to poor_people
he_gathers_it. **9** one_who_turns_aside ear_of_his from_hearing
the_law also prayer_of_his is_an_abomination. **10** one_who_
_leads_astray upright_people in_a_way_of evil in_his_own_of_
_pit he he_will_fall and_blameless_people they_will_inherit
good. **11** Is_wise in_his_own_of_eyes a_person rich and_a_poor_
_person who_has_understanding he_examines_him_
thoroughly. **12** When righteous_people _rejoice great glory
and_when_ wicked_people _arise everyone he_is_searched_for.
13 one_who_conceals transgressions_of_his not he_will_prosper
and_one_who_confesses and_one_who_forsakes_them he_will_
_be_shown_mercy. **14** How_blessed is_a_person who_fears
continually and_one_who_hardens his/its_heart he_will_fall in_
_calamity. **15** Is_a_lion roaring and_a_bear rushing a_ruler
wicked over a_people poor. **16** A_ruler lacking_of
understanding(s) and_great_of extortion(s) one_who_hates[148]
unjust_gain he_will_prolong days. **17** A_person oppressed by_
_the_blood_of a_person[149][150][151] to the_pit he_will_flee not let_
_people_support in_him/it. **18** one_who_walks blameless he_
_will_be_delivered and_one_who_is_crooked_of two_ways he_
_will_fall at_one. **19** one_who_tills_of land_of_his he_will_be_
_satisfied food and_one_who_pursues worthless_things he_
_will_be_satisfied poverty. **20** A_person_of faithfulness(es) will_
_be_great_of blessings and_one_who_hastens to_gain_riches
not he_will_go_unpunished. **21** To_pay_regard_to faces not is_
_good and_on a_piece_of bread a_man he_will_transgress. **22** Is_
_hastening to_wealth a_person_of evil_of eye and_not he_
_knows if/because_that poverty it_will_come_to_him. **23** one_
_who_reproves a_person after favour he_will_find more_than_
_one_who_makes_smooth the_tongue. **24** one_who_robs
his/its_father and_mother_of_his and_one_who_says there_is_
_not a_transgression is_a_companion he of_a_person
destruction. **25** A_person_arrogant_of self he_stirs_up strife
and_one_who_relies on **YHWH** he_will_be_made_fat. **26** one_
_who_trusts in_his_own_of_heart he is_a_fool and_one_who_
_walks in_wisdom he he_will_be_delivered. **27** one_who_gives
to_poor there_is_not lack and_one_who_hides eyes_of_his is_
_great_of curses. **28** When_ wicked_people _arise everyone he_
_hides_himself and_when_perish_they righteous_people they_
_increase.

Readers' Version

^but even bitter food is sweet when you're hungry.
8 A person who wanders away from their home,
is like a bird that wanders from its nest.
9 Lotions and perfumes make a person cheery,
→but it's so pleasant to be given good advice by a friend.
10 Don't abandon your friends or your father's friends,
and don't go to your brother's house when calamity hits you.
A friend nearby is better than a brother living a long way away.
11 My child, make me happy by becoming wise,
and then I'll be able to answer anyone who taunts me.
12 A sensible person sees evil and stays out of sight
but naive people continue on then get punished.
13 If someone guarantees a stranger's loan, then definitely take their coat,
or if they stand as guarantee for a foreign woman.[134]
14 If someone blesses their neighbour using a loud voice early in the morning,
→it will be considered as a curse.
15 A contentious woman is like a continual dripping on a rainy day,
16 Restraining her is like stopping the wind,
or like catching something oily with one hand.
17 Iron sharpens iron,
and one neighbour sharpens another.
18 The caretaker of a fig tree can eat its fruit,
and someone protecting his master should be honoured.
19 As water reflects your face,
so too, a person's behaviour reflects their values.
20 The grave and destruction are never satisfied,
and people's eyes are never satisfied.
21 There's a smelting pot for silver, and a furnace for gold,
but a person is refined by the praise they receive.
22 Even if you could pound a fool like grain in a mortar,
→their foolishness can't be separated from them.
23 Make sure you know the state of your flock well.
Set your mind on your cattle herds,
24 because wealth doesn't last forever,
and a crown isn't passed down to every generation.
25 The grass dries off and then fresh grass appears,
and then the herbs are gathered from the mountains.
26 The lambs will be for your clothing,
and the male goats will become the price for a field.
27 The female goats will give enough milk for your household,
and nourishment for your servant girls.
28:1 The wicked run away when no one's even chasing them,

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134 **RV 27:13 · Cross-ref.** 20:16.

147 **LV 28:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיברת/ב/ו: (x-qere) 'תְּיֻבַּרַת/וְ': lemma_c/8636 n_1 morph_HC/Ncfsa id_20M3A תְּיֻבַּרַת/וְ

148 **LV 28:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: יאנש: (x-qere) 'אֲנָשׁ': lemma_8130 morph_HVqrmsa id_2052N אֲנָשׁ

149 **LV 28:17 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

150 **LV 28:17 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

151 **LV 28:17 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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^but the godly person is as confident as a lion.
2 A country in rebellion has many rulers,
^but an understanding man who knows what's right will last long.
3 Someone who's poor but oppresses other poor people,
is like driving rain when you have nothing to eat.
4 Those who've abandoned the law, praise the wicked,
^but those who keep the law strive against them.
5 Evil people don't understand justice,
^but those who strive after Yahweh, understand everything.
6 A poor person with integrity
^is better than someone who's rich but crooked.
7 A sensible child follows Yahweh's instructions,
^but those who carouse with gluttons, shame their father.
8 The person who increases their wealth by charging interest and by overcharging,
gathers it but it'll end up going to someone who's kind to the poor.
9 A person who turns their ear away from hearing Yahweh's instructions,
→even their prayers are detestable.
10 The one who leads good people astray will fall into their own pit,
^but those who are blameless will inherit good.
11 Rich people see themself as wise,
^but a poor person with understanding, sees right through them.
12 When godly people triumph, there's great celebration,
^but when it's the wicked, people hide.
13 Someone covering their faults won't prosper,
^but the one who confesses and then abandons their bad behaviour, will be shown mercy.
14 The person who strives to allows obey Yahweh will be blessed,
^but the one who firmly resists will fall into trouble.
15 A wicked ruler over struggling people,
is like a lion roaring or a bear attacking.
16 A ruler lacking understanding can become an oppressor.
The person who hates dishonest gain will have a longer life.
17 A man tormented by the killing of another will flee to the pit.
Don't let anyone support him.
18 The person with blameless behaviour will be rescued,
^but the crooked one will suddenly fall.
19 The person working their land will have enough food,
^but those wasting their time will have their fill of poverty.
20 A faithful person will have great blessing,
^but the one trying to get rich quick won't go unpunished.
21 It's not good to show partiality,
yet a person will break the rules for a piece of bread.
22 Those who rush to get wealthy are greedy,
^but they don't realise that poverty will come to them.
23 If you correct another person, you'll be appreciated in the

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29:1 A_person_of rebukes who_stiffens a_neck suddenness he_ _will_be_broken and_there_will_not_be healing. **2** When_ righteous_people _increase the_people it_rejoices and_when_ a_wicked_person _rules a_people it_groans. **3** A_person who_ _loves wisdom he_makes_glad his/its_father and_one_who_ _associates_with prostitutes he_destroys wealth. **4** A_king by_ _justice he_establishes a_land and_a_person_of contributions he_breaks_it_down. **5** A_man who_flatters to his/its_neighbour a_net is_spreading on footsteps_of_his. **6** Is_in_the_ _transgression_of a_person evil a_snare and_a_righteous_ _person he_cries_aloud and_he_rejoices. **7** A_righteous_person is_knowing the_case_of poor_people a_wicked_person not he_ _understands knowledge. **8** People_of mockery they_inflame a_ _town and_wise_people they_turn_away anger. **9** A_person wise is_entering_into_judgement with a_person a_fool and_he_rages and_he_laughs and_there_is_not quietness. **10** People_of blood(s) they_hate a_blameless_person and_upright_people they_seek life_of_his. **11** All_of his/its_breath/wind/spirit a_ _fool he_sends_forth and_a_wise_person in_backwards he_ _calms_it. **12** A_ruler is_paying_attention on a_message_of falsehood all_of servants_of_his will_be_wicked. **13** one_who_is_ _poor and_a_person_of oppression(s) they_meet_one_another **YHWH** is_giving_light_to the_eyes_of both_of_them. **14** A_king who_judges in_truth poor_people throne_of_his forever_always it_will_be_established. **15** A_rod and_rebuke it_gives wisdom and_a_youth let_untie/release is_putting_to_shame his/its_ _mother. **16** When_ wicked_people _increase transgression it_ _increases and_righteous_people on_downfall_of_their they_ _will_look. **17** Discipline son_of_your and_he_will_give_you_rest and_he_will_give delights to_self_of_your. **18** When_there_is_ _not vision a_people it_is_let_untie/release and_one_who_ _keeps the_law blessed_is_he_of_how. **19** By_words/messages not a_slave he_will_let_himself_be_instructed if/because he_ _will_understand and_not he_is_answering. **20** Do_you_see anyone who_hastens in_words/messages_of_his hope belongs_ _to_a_fool more_than_him. **21** one_who_pampers from_youth slave_of_his and_end_of_his it_will_be trouble. **22** A_person_of anger he_stirs_up strife and_a_master_of rage is_great_of transgression. **23** The_pride_of a_person it_will_bring_him_low and_a_person_lowly_of spirit he_will_attain honour. **24** one_ _who_has_shares with a_thief is_hating self_of_his_own an_ _oath he_hears and_not he_tells. **25** Trembling_of a_person it_ _makes a_snare and_one_who_trusts in_**YHWH** he_will_be_set_ _on_high. **26** Many_people are_seeking the_face_of a_ruler and_ _is_from_**YHWH** justice_of a_person. **27** Is_an_abomination_of righteous_people a_person_of injustice and_is_an_ _abomination_of the_wicked a_person_upright_of way.

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end
more than someone who just says what they wanted to hear.
24 People who rob their parents and say they've done nothing wrong
are in the same class as those who are destructive.
25 Greedy people stir up strife,
^but the one who trusts Yahweh will prosper.
26 The person who trusts their own plans is a fool,
^but the one who walks with wisdom will be rescued.
27 Those who give to the poor will have all they need,
^but the one who just looks away will receive many curses.
28 When wicked people come to power, everyone hides,
^but when they die, godly people increase.
29:1 The person who gets rebuked but just stiffens their neck,
will be broken suddenly and beyond recovery.
2 When it's the godly ones who increase, the people are happy,
^but when it's the wicked, a nation groans.
3 Those who love wisdom, make their parents glad,
^but the one who spends time with prostitutes, destroys wealth.
4 A king establishes the country with justice,
^but one who accepts bribes, tears it down.
5 Someone who flatters their neighbour
is spreading out a net to capture them.
6 The disobedience of an evil person will trap them,
^but the godly person sings and celebrates.
7 A godly person understands the poor person's court case,
^but the wicked person doesn't understand knowledge.
8 Mockers inflame a city,
^but wise people deflect anger.
9 If a wise person takes a fool to court,
then there'll be rage and ridicule, but no resolution.
10 People who've killed hate those who are blameless,
^but good citizens try to protect them .
11 The fool vents all their anger,
^but a wise person holds it back.
12 A ruler who pays attention to lies,
will only have wicked officials.
13 A poor person and someone who's oppressed have lots in common
^but it's Yahweh who gives hope to both of them.
14 A king who judges the poor fairly,
will always rule securely.
15 A scolding and a spanking give wisdom,
^but an undisciplined child will bring shame to their mother.
16 When the wicked increase, crime increases,
^but those who do what's right will live to see their downfall.
17 Discipline your child and you'll be able to relax,
and they'll bring you happiness.
18 When there's no vision, the people have no boundaries,
^but those who follow Yahweh's instructions will be happy.
19 A servant can't be corrected just with words,
because even if they understand, they won't answer.

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20 If a person is quick to speak out,
there's more hope for a fool than for them.
21 Someone who's pampered their servants since they were young,
can only expect insolence in the end.
22 An angry person stirs up strife,
and someone who rages causes big trouble.
23 A person's pride will bring them down,
^but a humble person will be honoured.
24 Someone who helps a thief, hates their own life.
They take the oath yet refuse to testify.
25 A person's fear becomes a trap,
^but the one who trusts Yahweh will be kept safe.
26 Many people want to plead to the ruler,
^but it's Yahweh who gives a person justice.
27 those who do what's right detest corrupt people,
^but on the other hand, the wicked detest good citizens.

Agur's sayings

30:1 These are the sayings by Yakeh's son Agur, the burden, told to Itiel and Ukal:
2 I'm certainly among the stupid people
and lack the understanding that most people have,
3 and I haven't been well educated,
^but I do know about the holy ones.
4 Who's been up to heaven and come back down again?
Who's captured the wind between their two hands?
Who's wrapped the oceans around them like a cloak?
Who's set up all the earth's boundaries?
What's his name, and what's the name of his son?
Surely you know?
5 Every message from God is flawless.
He protects those who go to him to be safe.
6 Don't add to his messages
in case he rebukes you and you're found to be a liar.

More sayings

7 There's two things that I want from you—
don't keep them from me before I die:
8 Keep deceitfulness and lying far away from me,
and don't give me either poverty or riches—
just give me the food that I need
9 because if I had plenty, I might deny God, asking, "Who is Yahweh?"
and if I became poor, I might steal and dishonour God's reputation.
10 Don't make false accusations to a slave's master,
in case he curses you and you have to bear the guilt.
11 There's a generation that curses their fathers
and doesn't bless their mothers.
12 There's a generation who are pure in their own eyes,
^but they're not actually washed from their filthiness.

Literal Version

30:1 The_words/messages_of 'Āgūr the_son_of Yāqeh/(Jakeh) the_oracle the_utterance_of the_man to_'Îtî·'ēl to_'Îtî·'ēl and_Ukal. 2 If/because am_stupid I from_man and_not the_ _understanding_of a_person to_me. 3 And_not I_have_learned wisdom and_knowledge_of the_holy_one(s) I_know. 4 Who has_ _he_gone_up heaven and_has_he_come_down who has_he_ _gathered the_wind in_the_hollow_of_of_his_hands who has_ _he_wrapped the_waters in_cloak who has_he_set_up all_of the_ends_of the_earth what name_of_is_his and_what is_the_ _name_of his/its_son if/because you_know. 5 Every_of message_of god is_refined is_a_shield he for_who]_take_refuge in/on/over_him/it. 6 Do_not add to words/messages_of_his lest he_should_rebuke (in)_you and_you_will_be_proved_a_liar.

7 Two_things I_ask from_with_you do_not withhold_them from_me before_before I_will_die. 8 Deceitfulness and_a_ _message_of falsehood put_far_away from_me poverty and_ _wealth do_not give to_me let_me_devour the_food_of my_ _allotment_of_my. 9 Lest I_should_be_satisfied and_I_will_deny and_I_will_say who is_**YHWH** and_lest I_should_become_ _impoverished and_I_will_steal and_I_will_seize the_name_of my_god_of_my. 10 Do_not slander a_slave to his[152] lest he_ _should_curse_you and_you_will_be_held_guilty. 11 A_ _generation his/its_father it_curses and_~~DOM~~ his/its_mother not it_blesses. 12 A_generation is_pure in_its_own_of_eyes and_ _from_excrement_of_its not it_has_been_washed. 13 A_ _generation how eyes_of_its they_are_raised and_eyelids_of_its they_are_lifted_up. 14 A_generation are_swords teeth_of_its and_are_knives fangs_of_its[153] to_devour afflicted_people from_the_earth and_needy_people from_humankind.
15 Belong_to_a_leech two_of_daughters give give three_things they not they_are_satisfied four_things not they_say enough.

152 **LV 30:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/נדא: (x-qere) ו/יָגְּדֶא': lemma_113 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_206WH ו/יָגְּדֶא

153 **LV 30:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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16 Shəʾōl and_barrenness_of a_womb land which_not it_is_
_satisfied water and_fire which_not it_says enough. 17 An_eye
which_it_mocks (to)_a_father and_which_it_despises (to)_
_obedience_of a_mother they_will_peck_it_out the_ravens_of
the_wadi and_they_will_eat_it the_young_of an_eagle.
18 Three_things they they_are_too_wonderful for_me and[154]
not I_know_them. 19 The_way_of the_eagle in_heavens the_
_way_of a_snake on a_rock the_way_of a_ship in_the_heart_of
the_sea and_the_way_of a_man with_a_young_woman. 20 Is_
_thus the_way_of a_woman adulterous she_eats and_she_
_wipes_clean mouth_of_her and_she_says not I_have_done
wickedness. 21 Under three_things the_earth it_quakes and_
_under four_things not it_is_able to_bear_up. 22 Under a_slave
if/because he_will_become_king and_a_fool if/because he_will_
_be_satisfied food. 23 Under a_woman_who_is_hated if/because
she_will_be_married and_a_female_servant if/because she_
_will_dispossess mistress_of_her. 24 Four_things they are_
_small_things_of the_earth and_they are_wise_things made_
_wise. 25 The_ants are_a_people not strong and_they_prepared
in_summer food_of_their. 26 Rock_badgers are_a_people not
mighty and_they_made in_rock[s] home_of_their. 27 A_king
there_is_not for_locust and_he/it_went_out dividing of_it_of_
_all. 28 A_lizard in_two_hands you_will_grasp and_she is_in_
_the_palaces_of a_king. 29 Three_things they are_doing_well_of
step and_four_things are_doing_well_of (of)_to_walk. 30 A_lion
is_mighty among_animal[s] and_not it_turns_back from_
_face/in_front_of anything. 31 A_rooster_of loins or a_male_
_goat and_a_king who_a_band_of_soldiers with_him/it. 32 If
you_have_been_foolish by_exalting_yourself and_if you_have_
_planned hand to_mouth. 33 If/because squeezing_of milk it_
_brings_forth curd[s] and_squeezing_of a_nose it_brings_forth
blood and_squeezing anger(s) it_brings_forth strife.

Readers' Version

13 There's a generation with very proud eyes,
and their eyebrows are also raised.
14 There's a generation whose teeth are swords,
and its fangs are knives
to eliminate from the earth those who are suffering,
and the needy from humankind.
15 The leech has two daughters: Give! Give!"
There are three, maybe four, things that are never satisfied—
four that never have enough:
16 1. the grave,
2. a childless woman,
3. land that never has enough water, and
4. fire that never stops spreading.
17 The eye that mocks its father,
and scorns its mother instead of obeying,
will be pecked out by the ravens in the valley,
and the young vultures will eat it.
18 There's three things that are too wonderful for me,
maybe four that I don't understand:
19 1. how an eagle's soars in the sky,
2. how a snake slithers over a rock,
3. how a ship sails across the ocean, and
4. how a young man loves a young woman.
20 This is the way of a woman who commits adultery:
She eats and wipes her mouth,
and declares that she hasn't done anything wrong.
21 There's three things that makes the earth tremble—
four things it can't handle:
22 1. a slave becoming king,
2. a fool who has plenty to eat,
23 3. a hated woman who gets married, and
4. a female slave who supplants her mistress.
24 There are four creatures on the earth
that are small but extremely wise:
25 1. Individual ants aren't strong, but they store up food in the summer.
26 2. Rock badgers aren't very powerful, but they make their homes in the cliffs.
27 3. Locusts don't have a king, but they go out in formation like soldiers.
28 4. You can catch a lizard in your hands, yet they get into king's palaces.
29 There are three things that take fancy steps—
maybe four that walk impressively.
30 1. the lion who's a powerful animal that doesn't turn back from facing anything,
31 2. the strutting rooster,
3. male goats, and
4. a king with his bodyguards around him.
32 If you've been foolish enough to brag about yourself,
then plan to put your hand over your mouth,

154 LV 30:18 · Note OSHB variant note: עברא/ו: (x-qere) הָֽעִבְרֵ֣א/וֹ': lemma_c/702 n_0.0 morph_HC/Acmsa id_20XRp הָֽעִבְרֵ֣א/וֹ

Readers' Version

33 because churning milk makes butter,
squeezing the nose makes it bloody,
and stirring up anger produces strife.

King Lemuel's sayings

31:1 These are the sayings by King Lemuel, the burden, that his mother had taught him:
2 Now what my son? My son that I gave birth to.
The son from my marriage.
3 Don't give your strength to women,
or use your intelligence to destroy kings.
4 Lemuel, it's not for kings to drink wine
or for rulers to crave strong drink,
5 in case they drink and forget their own laws
and end up depriving the poor of justice.
6 Give strong drink to those who are dying,
and wine to those who are bitterly depressed.
7 They'll drink it then forget their poverty,
and not remember their misery any more.
8 Open your mouth for those who can't speak—
for the cause of all those who are dying.
9 Open your mouth to promote justice,
and to defend the poor and needy.

The good spouse woman

א (Alef)
10 Who can find a capable wife,
→and she'll be worth far more than jewels?
ב (Beyt)
11 Her husband trusts her completely,
→and he doesn't lack in prosperity.
ג (Gimel)
12 She doesn't harm him, but does him good,
right throughout her life.
ד (Dalet)
13 She searches for wool and flax,
and works eagerly with her hands.
ה (He)
14 She's like those merchant ships—
she brings her food from far away.
ו (Vav)
15 She gets up when it's still dark
to provide food for her household
and her servant girls.
ז (Zayin)
16 She appraises a field and buys it.
Using her own earnings, she plants a vineyard.
ח (Het)
17 She keeps herself fit,
and her arms are strong.

Literal Version

31:1 The_words/messages_of Ləmūʾēl the_king an_oracle which she_instructed_him his/its_mother. 2 What my_son_of_my and_what Oh_son_of my_womb_of_my and_what Oh_son_of my_vows_of_my. 3 Do_not give to_women strength_of_your and_ways_of_your to_wiping_out kings. 4 Not is_for_kings Oh_ _Ləmūʾēl not for_kings to_drink wine and_for_rulers where[155] strong_drink. 5 Lest he_should_drink and_he_will_forget that_ _which_is_decreed and_he_will_change the_cause_of all_of the_ _sons_of affliction. 6 Give strong_drink to_one_who_is_ _perishing and_wine to_people_bitter_of soul. 7 He_will_drink and_he_will_forget poverty_of_his and_trouble_of_his not he_ _will_remember again. 8 Open mouth_of_your for_the_dumb to the_cause_of all_of the_sons_of passing_away. 9 Open mouth_ _of_your judge righteousness and_plead_the_cause_of the_poor and_the_needy.

10 A_wife_of ability who will_he_find and_is_far more_than_ _corals price_of_her. 11 It_trusts in_her the_heart_of her_ _husband_of_her and_gain not he_lacks. 12 She_does_to_him good and_not evil all_of the_days_of her_life_of_her.[156] 13 She_ _seeks wool and_flax(es) and_she_worked in_the_delight_of her_hands_of_her. 14 She_is like_the_ships_of a_trader from_a_ _distance she_brings food_of_her. 15 And_she/it_arose when_ _still night and_she/it_gave food to_household_of_her and_an_ _allotted_portion to_her_female_of_servants. 16 She_considers a_field and_she_took_it from_the_fruit her_hands_of_her she_ _plants[157] a_vineyard. 17 She_girds with_strength loins_of_her and_she_strengthened arms_of_her. 18 She_tastes if/because_ _that is_good profit_of_her_trading not it_is_extinguished in/on/at/with[158] lamp_of_her. 19 Hands_of_her she_stretches_ _out on_distaff and_palms_of_her they_grasp the_spindle. 20 Palm_of_her she_spreads_out to_(the)_person and_hands_of_ _her she_stretches_out to_person. 21 Not she_is_afraid for_ _household_of_her from_snow if/because all_of household_of_ _her is_clothed scarlet(s). 22 Coverings she_makes for_herself is_fine_linen and_purple clothing_of_her. 23 Is_known in_gates husband_of_her when_sits_he with the_elders_of the_land. 24 Linen_garment[s] she_makes and_she_sold and_a_belt she_ _supplies to_merchants. 25 Is_strength and_honour clothing_ _of_her and_she_laughed to_a_day future. 26 Her/its_mouth she_opens with_wisdom and_instruction_of loyalty is_on tongue_of_her. 27 She_is_watching_over the_goings_of her_ _household_of_her and_the_bread_of laziness not she_eats. 28 Sons_of_her they_rise_up and_they_called_her_blessed

155 **LV 31:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וא**: (x-qere) '**יָ֫א**': lemma_335 morph_HTi id_20nHM **יָ֫א**
156 **LV 31:12 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
157 **LV 31:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **עטנ**: (x-qere) '**הָעְטָנָ֑ה**': lemma_5193 morph_HVqp3fs id_20ATh **הָעְטָנָ֑ה**
158 **LV 31:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לילב**: (x-qere) '**הַלַּיְלָ֗ב**': lemma_b/3915 morph_HRd/Ncmsa id_20UMb **הַלַּיְלָ֗ב**

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husband_of_her and_he_praised_her.[159][160][161] **29** Many daughters they_have_done ability and_you you_have_gone_up above of_them_of_all. **30** Is_deception (the)_grace and_Abel (the)_beauty a_woman fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** she she_will_be_ _praised. **31** Give to/for_her/it from_the_fruit her_hands_of_ _her and_let_them_praise_her in_gates works_of_her.

Readers' Version

ט (Tet)
18 She's aware that her merchandise is quality.
Her lamp doesn't go out at night.
י (Yod)
19 Her hands work the spindle—
spinning thread for cloth.
כ (Kaf)
20 She's generous to the poor,
and reaches out to the needy.
ל (Lamed)
21 She's not worried about her household when it snows,
because they're all dressed in quality clothes.
מ (Mem)
22 She makes blankets for herself,
fine linen, and her purple clothing.
נ (Nun)
23 Her husband is well-known in the community,
where he sits with the nation's elders.
ס (Samek)
24 She makes linen clothes and sells them,
and she supplies sashes to the merchants.
ע (Ayin)
25 She's clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs as she thinks about the future.
פ (Pe)
26 It's always wisdom that comes out of her mouth,
and loyal commitment guides the instructions on her tongue.
צ (Tsade)
27 She keeps an eye on the comings and goings of her household,
and she doesn't indulge in laziness.
ק (Qof)
28 Her sons stand and compliment her,
and her husband also praises her:
ר (Resh)
29 "There's many women with ability,
^but you're better than any of them."
ש (Sin/Shin)
30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting,
^but a woman that honours and strives to obey Yahweh will be praised.
ת (Tav)
31 Give her the honour that she deserves,
and let her abilities praise her at the city gates.

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159 LV 31:28 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
160 LV 31:28 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
161 LV 31:28 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

Reflections

commonly called
Kohelet
(meaning 'The group leader')

Introduction

This collection of *Reflections* (commonly called *Ecclesiastes*), was written by a wise leader. Some of the proverbs here were written by King Shelomoh (Solomon), but there's also proverbs from other writers. The authors of these thought carefully about the meaning of life. They looked at everything that happens here in the world ('under the sun') to discover its purpose and to try to understand the meaning of life. They advise that it's necessary to respect and obey Yahweh, to strive to find happiness in our daily lives. (The meaning of Ecclesiastes is 'The group leader'. The title commonly used in English is a Latin transliteration of the Greek translation of the Hebrew word קֹהֶלֶת.) In Hebrew texts, this document is grouped in with 'The Writings (Ketuvim)'.

Main components of this document

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Conclusion *12:9-14*

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Literal Version

1:1 The_words/messages_of Teacher the_son_of Dāvid king in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

2 Futility_of futilities Teacher he_said futility_of futilities (the)_
_everything is_futility. **3** What advantage belongs_to_
_humankind in_all toil_of_his which_he_toils under the_sun.
4 A_generation is_going and_a_generation is_coming and_the_
_earth forever_perpetuity is_continuing. **5** And_ the_sun _it_
rises and the_sun _it_goes and_near/to place_of_its it_is_
_panting it is_rising there. **6** It_is_going to the_south and_it_is_
_circling to the_north circling_around circling_around the_
_wind is_going and_on its_of_circuits the_wind is_returning.
7 All_of the_rivers are_going to the_sea and_the_sea not_it is_
_full to the_place_of (of)_where_the_rivers are_going there
they are_returning to_go. **8** All_of (the)_things are_wearisome
not anyone he_is_able to_speak_them not an_eye it_is_satisfied
to_see and_not an_ear it_is_filled from_hearing. **9** Whatever
(that)_it_has_been it is_that_which_it_will_be and_whatever
(that)_it_has_been_done it is_that_which_it_will_be_done and_
_there_is_not any_of new_thing under the_sun. **10** Is_there
anything which_anyone_will_say see this is_new it already it_
_has_been to_ancient_times which it_was from_before_face_of_
_us. **11** There_is_not remembrance_of things and_also of_things
which_they_will_be not it_will_be to/for_them remembrance
with those_who_they_will_be to_time.

12 I Teacher I_was king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **13** And_I_gave ~~ĐOM~~ heart_of_my to_
_study and_to_discover by_wisdom on all that it_has_been_
_done under the_heavens it is_a_business evil god which_he_
_has_given to_the_children_of the_humankind to_be_busy
in/on/over_him/it. **14** I_have_seen ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_works which_
_they_have_been_done under the_sun and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
(the)_everything is_futility and_striving_of wind. **15** That_
_which_is_bent not it_is_able to_become_straight and_
_something_missing not it_is_able to_be_numbered. **16** I I_
_have_spoken with heart_of_my to_say I HERE I_have_made_
_great and_I_have_increased wisdom above every one_who he_
_was to/for_my_face/front over Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_heart_of_my it_has_seen much wisdom and_knowledge.
17 And_I_gave heart_of_my to_know wisdom and_to_know
madness(es) and_folly I_knew that_also this it is_a_striving_of
wind. **18** If/because is_in_abundance_of wisdom abundance_of
frustration and_someone_will_increase knowledge he_will_
_increase pain.
2:1 I I_said in_heart_of_my come please let_me_put_you_to_the_
_test with_pleasure and_look on_good and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
also it was_futility. **2** Of_laughter I_said it_is_mad and_of_

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1:1 The following are the words of the leader,[1] David's son, king in Yerushalem (Jerusalem):

Everything's meaningless

2 "Totally pointless," says the leader.
"A complete waste of time. Everything's worthless."
3 What profit does humanity gain from all their hard work in this world?
4 Generations come, and generations go,
but the world just carries on going.
5 The sun rises and the sun sets,
then rushes around to its place, rising there again.
6 Going to the south then around to the north,
the wind is going, changing, turning,
then it's returning on its rounds.
7 All the rivers flow into the sea but it never gets full.
The place that the rivers are going to, they end up going there again.
8 Everything is wearisome—not even worth talking about.
The eyes never stop seeing,
and your ears never fill up with everything they hear.
9 Whatever that was in the past, it will be in the future,
and everything that's happened before, will happen again.
There's nothing new in this world.[2]
10 If someone says, "Look at this—it's new,"
well, it was already done long ago before we even got here.
11 Things that happened in the past get forgotten,
and the same will also happen for future events.
People in the future will be exactly the same.

The persecution of wise

12 I, the leader, was king over Yisrael (Israel) in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
13 I used my mind and wisdom to discover and to explore everything that is done in this world.
It's a difficult job that God has given humanity to be busy with.
14 I saw everything that gets done in this world,
and look—everything's pointless like chasing after the wind.
15 Something that's bent can't be straightened again,
and what's missing can't be counted.
16 I spoke with sincerity, saying, "Look at me—I've become powerful,
and I've increased in wisdom relative to everyone who ruled before me here in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[3]
My mind has acquired much knowledge and wisdom."
17 I made it my aim to discover knowledge and wisdom versus madness and folly.
I was aware that that also is chasing after the wind
18 because having much wisdom leads to much frustration
and anyone who's adding knowledge is also adding pain.

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1 RV 1:1 · Note We don't have enough information to fully understand the meaning of the Hebrew word 'קֹהֶלֶת' (Kohelet), but it probably means something like 'leader/speaker of the assembly', so we use 'the leader' throughout this document.

2 RV 1:9 · Note 'Under the sun' isn't a natural English idiom

3 RV 1:16 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 4:29-31.

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2:1 I said to myself,
"Come on, let me find out what's good and enjoy the pleasure from them."
But look, it was also pointless.
2 To laughter, I said, "It's madness,"
and to joy, "What's the point of this?"
3 I explored in myself how to indulge my body with wine, but my mind was guiding me in wisdom.
Also, how to grasp foolishness
until I could see whether that's better for humanity to do while they live out their lives here on this earth.
4 I expanded my program of works.
I built houses for myself.
I planted vineyards for myself.[4]
5 I made gardens for myself, and royal parks,
and I planted all different kinds of fruit trees in them.
6 I constructed pools for myself
to irrigate a forest of growing trees.
7 I acquired male and female servants,
and the children born to them belonged to me.
Also a large number of sheep and cattle belonged to me—
more than all my predecessors in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[5]
8 I also accumulated gold and silver for myself,
and treasure from kings and from the provinces.[6]
I appointed male and female singers for myself,
and the pleasures of the sons of humanity—many women.
9 So I became famous,
and I added more than all who preceded me in Yerushalem.[7]
Also my wisdom stayed with me.
10 Everything my eyes wanted, I gave them.
I didn't hold back from anything that would make me happy,
because I was happy inside from all my work
and that was my reward from all my effort.
11 And I turned, I, to all the things that I'd made
and to the work that I'd done,
and look, everything was pointless and chasing after the wind,
and there wasn't any profit in anything done in this world.
12 Then I changed direction to investigate wisdom and madness and folly,
because what could any future king do that hasn't already been done?
13 I saw that wisdom is to be preferred over folly,
just as light is to be preferred over darkness.
14 The wise person uses their eyes,
but the fool walks in the darkness,
and even I know that the same fate comes to both of them.
15 I said to myself, "The fool's end will also come to me,

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_pleasure what this is_it_doing. **3** I_searched in_heart_of_my to_ _gratify with_wine ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ flesh_of_my and_heart_of_my was_ _guiding with_wisdom and_to_take_hold on_folly until that I_ _saw where this is_good for_the_children_of the_humankind which they_will_do under the_heavens the_number_of the_ _days_of their_lives_of_their. **4** I_made_great works_of_my I_ _built to_me houses I_planted to_me vineyards. **5** I_made to_me gardens and_parks and_I_planted in/among_them tree[s]_of every_of fruit. **6** I_made to_me pools_of water to_water from_ _them a_forest_of sprouting_of trees. **7** I_acquired male_slaves and_female_slaves and_the_sons house he_belonged to_me also livestock herd[s] and_flock[s] many it_belonged to_me from_all those_who_they_were to/for_my_face/front in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **8** I_gathered to_me also silver and_ _gold and_treasure_of kings and_(the)_provinces I_acquired to_ _me male_singers and_female_singers and_the_delights_of the_ _children_of the_humankind breast and_breasts. **9** And_I_ _became_great and_I_increased from_all one_who_he_was to/for_my_face/front in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) also wisdom_of_my it_remained to/for_me. **10** And_ _all/each/any/every that eyes_of_my they_asked not I_ _withheld from_them not I_restrained ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ heart_of_my from_ _all pleasure if/because heart_of_my was_joyful from_all toil_ _of_my and_this it_was reward_of_my from_all toil_of_my. **11** And_ I _I_turned in_all works_of_my which_ hands_of_my _ _they_had_done and_on_toil which_I_had_toiled for_doing and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE (the)_everything was_futility and_striving_of wind and_there_was_not advantage under the_sun. **12** And_ I _ _I_turned to_see wisdom and_madness(es) and_folly if/because what the_humankind who_he_will_come after the_king ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ that_which already people_have_done_it. **13** And_ I _I_saw that_ _is advantage of_wisdom more_than (the)_folly like_the_ _advantage_of the_light more_than the_darkness. **14** The_wise_ _person eyes_of_his are_in_head_of_his and_the_fool in_ _darkness is_walking and_ also I _I_knew that_fate one it_will_ _happen_to ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ of_them_of_all. **15** And_ I _I_said in_heart_of_ _my like_the_fate_of the_fool also me it_will_happen_to_me and_for_what I have_I_become_wise then excessively and_I_ _said in_heart_of_my that_also this is_futility. **16** If/because there_is_not remembrance_of man with the_fool for_a_long_ _time in_that_already the_days the_(ones_who)_went (the)_ _everything it_has_been_forgotten and_how the_wise_person he_will_die with the_fool. **17** And_I_hated ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ (the)_life if/because was_evil on_me the_work which_it_was_done under the_sun if/because (the)_everything is_futility and_striving_of wind. **18** And_ I _I_hated ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of toil_of_my which_I was_ _toiling under the_sun that_I_will_leave_it to_person who_he_ _will_be after_me. **19** And_who is_knowing a_wise_person will_ _he_be or a_fool and_he_will_have_power in_all toil_of_my which_I_have_toiled and_which_I_have_been_wise under the_ _sun also this is_futility. **20** And_ I _I_turned to_make_despair ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ heart_of_my on all_of the_toil which_I_have_toiled under

4 **RV 2:4-8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:23-27; 2Ch 9:22-27.
5 **RV 2:7 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 4:23.
6 **RV 2:8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:10,14-22.
7 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 29:25.

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the_sun. **21** If/because there_is a_person who_toil_of_his was_
_with_wisdom and_with_knowledge and_with_skill and_to/for_
_humankind who_not he_toiled in/on/over_him/it he_will_
_give_it portion_of_his also this is_futility and_an_evil great.
22 If/because what is_becoming to_person in_all toil_of_his
and_in_the_striving_of his_heart_of_his[111213] which_he was_
_toiling under the_sun. **23** If/because all_of his/its_days are_
_pains and_is_vexation business_of_his also in_night not
his/its_heart it_rests also this is_futility it. **24** There_is_not
good for_person that_will_eat and_he_will_drink and_he_will_
_show ~~DOM~~ self_of_his good in_toil_of_his also this I I_have_seen
if/because_that is_from_the_hand_of the_'Elohīm it.
25 If/because who will_he_eat and_who will_he_enjoy outside
from_me. **26** If/because to/for_'Ādām/humankind who_is_good
before_him he_gives wisdom and_knowledge and_joy and_to_
_sinner he_gives the_business to_gather and_to_gather to_give_
_it to_a_person_good to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_
_'Elohīm also this is_futility and_striving_of wind.

3:1 Belongs_to_everything an_appointed_time and_a_time
to/from_all/each/any/every matter under the_heavens. **2** A_
_time to_give_birth and_a_time to_die a_time to_plant and_a_
_time to_pluck_up that_which_is_planted. **3** A_time to_kill and_
_a_time to_heal a_time to_break_down and_a_time to_build.
4 A_time to_weep and_a_time to_laugh a_time_of to_mourn
and_a_time_of to_leap_about. **5** A_time to_throw_away stones

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so what use was it being so wise back then?"
Then I told myself that that also is pointless,
16 because neither the wise person nor the fool will be remembered forever,
as they'll both be forgotten in the days to come—
and how strange it is that the wise die just like the fool!
17 Then I hated life because of the misfortune around me—
the work that was done in this world,
because everything was pointless and chasing after the wind.
18 Then I hated all the work that I'd done in this world
that will get left to those who follow me after I go.
19 And who knows whether my successor will be wise or a fool?
He'll have authority over all my projects that I worked hard on
and which I've applied wisdom to in this world.
That also was pointless.
20 Then I changed to despairing over all the projects in this world that I'd worked hard on,
21 because there are people whose work is in wisdom and knowledge, and in skill.
However, then a person who hasn't worked on it, will gain it as their inheritance.
That also is pointless and a great misfortune
22 because what does a person get in exchange for all their work and their goals in life that they work towards in this world?
23 Because all his days are painful, and anger is his business—
even in the night, his mind doesn't rest.[8]
That also is pointless.
24 There's nothing better for humanity other than eating and drinking,
and genuinely enjoying their hard work.[9]
Also I saw that that comes from God
25 because who could eat and enjoy life apart from him?
26 Yes, he gives wisdom and knowledge and happiness to people who are good in his sight.[10]
But to the sinner, he gives the job of gathering and collecting to give to the one who's good in God's sight.
That also is pointless and chasing after the wind.

A right time for everything

3:1 There's an appointed time for everything,
and an appropriate time for every activity in this world:
2 A time to give birth and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to pull out what was planted.
3 A time to kill and a time to heal.

8 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Yob 5:7; 14:1.

9 **RV 2:24 · Cross-ref.** Ecc 3:13; 5:18; 9:7; Isa 56:12; Luk 12:19; 1Cor 15:32.

10 **RV 2:26 · Cross-ref.** Yob 32:8; Prv 2:6.

11 **LV 2:22 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

12 **LV 2:22 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

13 **LV 2:22 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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A time to tear down and a time to build up.
4 A time to cry and a time to laugh.
A time to mourn and a time to dance.
5 A time to throw stones and a time to pick up stones.
A time to embrace and a time to avoid embracing.
6 A time to search and a time to lose.
A time to keep and a time to toss out.
7 A time to tear and a time to mend.
A time to be silent and a time to speak up.
8 A time to love and a time to hate.
A time for war and a time for peace.

Enjoying life and work

9 What do people gain from all the work they do?
10 I've seen the task that God has given people to keep them occupied.
11 God makes everything happen at the appropriate time.
Also, he puts the awareness of eternity into the human mind,
yet humanity can't grasp what God has done from the beginning to the end.
12 I know that there's nothing better for them
than being cheerful and doing good during their lives
13 and everyone should eat and drink and see good in everything they do—
that's a gift from God.
14 I know that everything God does will be enduring.
There's nothing that needs to be added to it, or taken away,
and God has done it like that so that people will respect and want to obey him.
15 Whatever there is, it already was,
and whatever is to be, it already is,
and God will watch whatever's being worked on.

Not/None correct judging here of world

16 Then again I saw in this world at the place of judgement, there was wickedness,
and at the place of righteousness, there was wickedness.
17 I said to myself, "God will judge the righteous and the wicked,
because there's a time for every matter, and for every action to be judged."
18 I said to myself, "God tests humanity
so they can see that they themselves are like animals
19 because the same one thing happens to both people and animals:
just like one dies, so does the other—they both have the same breath.
But people have no advantage over animals—everything is pointless.
20 Both go to the same place—
both came from the dust and both return to the dust.
21 Who can know that a person's spirit is the one going up—upwards,
and the animal's spirit is the one going down—downwards to

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and_a_time_of to_gather stones a_time to_embrace and_a_time to_be_far from_embracing. 6 A_time to_seek and_a_time to_ _count_as_lost a_time to_keep and_a_time to_throw_away. 7 A_ _time to_tear and_a_time to_sew a_time to_be_silent and_a_ _time to_speak. 8 A_time to_love and_a_time to_hate a_time_of warfare and_a_time_of peace.

9 What is_the_advantage_of the_one_who_works in_that_which he was_toiling. 10 I_have_seen ~~DOM~~ the_business which god he_ _has_given to_the_children_of the_humankind to_be_busy in/on/over_him/it. 11 ~~DOM~~ (the)_everything he_has_made beautiful in_time_of_its also ~~DOM~~ (the)_perpetuity he_has_put in_heart_of_their from_not_of which not the_humankind he_ _will_find ~~DOM~~ the_work which the_'Elohīm he_has_done from_ _beginning and_unto end. 12 I_know if/because_that there_is_ _not good for_them if/because (if) to_rejoice and_to_do good in_life_of_his. 13 And_also every_of the_humankind who_he_ _will_eat and_he_will_drink and_he_will_see good in_all toil_of_ _his is_a_gift_of god it. 14 I_know if/because_that all that the_ _'Elohīm he_does it it_will_be forever_perpetuity on/upon/above_him/it there_is_not to_add and_from_it there_ _is_not to_take_away and_(the)_god he_has_acted that_people_ _will_fear from_before_face_of_him. 15 Whatever (that)_it_is has_been_already it and_which to_be already it_has_been and_ _(the)_god he_will_seek ~~DOM~~ that_which_was_pursued.

16 And_again I_have_seen under the_sun the_place_of (the)_ _justice was_(to)_(to) (the)_wickedness and_the_place_of (the)_ _righteousness was_(to)_(to) (the)_wickedness. 17 I I_said in_ _heart_of_my ~~DOM~~ the_righteous and_~~DOM~~ the_wicked the_ _'Elohīm he_will_judge if/because a_time to/from_ _all/each/any/every matter and_on every_of (the)_deed there. 18 I I_said in_heart_of_my on the_cause_of the_children_of the_ _humankind to_test_them the_'Elohīm and_to_see that_they are_animal[s] they to/for_them. 19 If/because the_fate of_the_ _children_of the_humankind and_the_fate the_cattle/livestock and_fate one to/for_them like_the_death_of this so the_death_ _of this and_spirit one belongs_to_all and_the_advantage_of the_humankind is_more_than the_cattle/livestock not if/because (the)_everything is_futility. 20 (The)_everything is_ _going to place one (the)_everything it_was from the_dust and_ _(the)_everything is_returning to the_dust. 21 Who is_knowing the_spirit_of the_children_of the_humankind which_is_going_ _up it (to)_upwards and_spirit the_cattle/livestock which_is_ _going_down it (to)_downwards to_earth. 22 And_I_saw if/because_that there_is_not good more_than_that the_ _humankind he_will_take_pleasure in_work(s)_of_his if/because it portion_of_is_his if/because who will_he_bring_ _him to_see on_whatever (that)_it_will_be after_him.
4:1 And_ I _I_returned and_I_saw ~~DOM~~ all_of the_oppression(s)

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which were_being_done under the_sun and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_tear[s]_of the_oppressed and_there_was_not to/for_them a_comforter and_was_from_the_hand_of their_oppressors power and_there_was_not to/for_them a_comforter. **2** And_ I _ _I_commended ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ the_dead_people who_already they_had_ _died more_than the_living who they were_alive pleasure_still. **3** And_good more_than_of_both_of_them ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ one_who still not he_has_been one_who not he_has_seen ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ the_activity (the)_ _evil which it_is_done under the_sun. **4** And_ I _I_considered ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ all_of the_toil and_~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ all_of the_skill_of the_work that/for/because/then/when it is_envy_of everyone from_ _neighbour_of_his also this is_futility and_striving_of wind. **5** The_fool is_folding ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ hands_of_his and_he_is_eating ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ flesh_of_his_own. **6** Is_good the_fullness_of a_palm_of quietness more_than_the_fullness_of the_hollow_of_hands toil and_ _striving_of wind. **7** And_ I _I_returned and_I_saw futility under the_sun. **8** There_was one_person and_there_was_not a_ _second_person also a_son and_a_brother there_belonged_not to_him/it and_there_was_not an_end to/from_ _all/each/any/every toil_of_his also mmm[14] not it_was_ _satisfied wealth and_for_whom am_I toiling and_depriving ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ self_of_my from_good also this is_futility and_is_a_ _business evil it. **9** Are_good (the)_two_people more_than the_ _one that there_is to/for_them a_reward good for_toil_of_their. **10** If/because if they_will_fall_down the_one he_will_raise ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ companion_of_his and_woe_to_him the_one who_he_will_fall_ _down and_there_is_not a_second_person to_raise_him. **11** Also if two_people they_will_lie_down and_it_will_be_warm to/for_ _them and_to_one_person how will_it_be_warm. **12** And_if someone_will_overpower_him the_one the_two_people they_ _will_stand before_him and_the_thread (the)_threefold not (in)_quickly it_will_be_torn_apart. **13** Is_good a_youth poor and_wise more_than_a_king old and_a_fool who not he_knows to_be_warned still. **14** If/because from_the_house_of the_ _prisoners he_came_out to_become_king if/because also in_ _his_own_of_kingdom he_had_been_born poor. **15** I_saw ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ all_of the_living who_are_walking_about under the_sun with the_youth the_second who he_will_arise in_place_of_him. **16** There_is_not an_end to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _people to_all/each/any/every those_whom he_was before_ _them also the_subsequent_people not they_will_rejoice in_ _him/it if/because also this is_futility and_a_striving_of wind.

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the earth?

22 Then I saw that there is nothing better than that people would enjoy their work,
because that's their assignment.
Yes, who can see what will happen to them after they die?

4:1 Then I turned and I saw all the oppression around the world,
and, look, see the tears of the oppressed
but there was no one to comfort them.
The oppressors exerted their power against them,
but there was no one to comfort the oppressed.

2 So I praised those who were dead—who've already died,
more than the living—those who are still alive.

3 But better than both of them, is the one who hasn't yet lived—
who hasn't seen the evil things that are being done in this world.

4 Then I noticed all the skills used and the work that gets done,
but also saw that it raised the envy of others.
That is also pointless and chasing after the wind.

5 The fool folds his hands together instead of working
and ends up ruining himself.

6 A small handful of quietness is better
than two very full handfuls of work and chasing after the wind.

7 Then I turned and I saw a pointless thing in this world:

8 Sometimes there's a person living alone without a child or a relative, who works hard without stopping.
However, wealth doesn't satisfy them because they wonder why they're working so hard and not sitting down to enjoy their good things.
That also is pointless, and it's an unpleasant business.

9 Two people are better than one.
because their working together can give a better result.

10 Yes, if they fall, one person can help his companion up,
but it wouldn't end so well if one person falls alone
and there's no second person to help them.

11 Similarly, if two people lie down together, they can help each other stay warm,
but how can one person stay warm by themself?

12 And even if one person would be easily overpowered,
two people could stand against an attacker.
A three-stranded rope can't be easily broken.

13 A poor but wise youth is better off
than an old but foolish king who can't accept advice,

14 because coming from a family who'd spent time in prison, he made it to become king—yet even in his kingdom he was born poor.

15 I saw all those walking around in this world with the next child who will rule after him—

16 there was no end to all the people who've ruled before them.
Even the ones who follow him won't speak kindly about him,

14 **LV 4:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: יניע/ו: (x-qere) ניע/ו': lemma_5869 a n_1.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_21ycY ניע/ו

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because even that is pointless and chasing after the wind.

5:1 Watch your step when you go to God's house.

Be careful of your words

Going in to listen is better than fools who offer sacrifices,
because they don't realise that what they're doing there is evil.
2 Don't speak out too quickly,
and don't let your emotions rush to make you request something from God,
because God is in the heavens,
but you're on the earth, so let your words be few.
3 A dream can lead to a lot of panic,
and a fool's voice brings many words.
4 When you promise something to God,
don't put off doing what you promised
because no one likes fools.
Whatever you promise, do it![15]
5 It's better not to make a promise
than to promise something and then not do it.
6 Don't allow your mouth to cause your whole body to sin,
and don't tell the temple messenger that it was an unintentional sin.
Why make God angry by what you say
and destroy the good things that you've done?
7 Yes, there's many dreams and pointless things and many words—
just respect and strive to obey God.
8 If you see the extortion of the poor
and the perversion of justice and righteousness in the provinces,

Not/None purpose of wealth

don't be amazed about it because a high official is watching over another official,

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17 **16** Guard mmm[17] just_as you_will_go to the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm and_draw_near to_listen more_ the_fools _than_to_ _give a_sacrifice if/because not_they are_knowing for_doing evil.
5:1 **18** Do_not be_hasty on mouth_of_your and_heart_of_your not let_it_hasten to_bring_forth a_matter to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_'Elohīm if/because the_'Elohīm is_in_ _heavens and_you(ms) are_on the_earth/land therefore yes/correct/thus/so[19] let_them_be words/messages_of_your few. **2** **20** If/because the_dream it_comes with_abundance_of business and_the_voice_of a_fool with_a_multitude_of words/messages. **3** **21** Just_as you_will_vow a_vow to_god do_ _not delay to_pay_it if/because there_is_not pleasure in_fools ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ that_which you_will_vow pay. **4** **22** Is_good which/who not you_will_vow more_that_you_will_vow[232425] and_not you_will_ _pay. **5** **26** Do_not permit ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ mouth_of_your to_cause_to_sin ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ flesh_of_your and_do_not say to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_messenger if/because_that was_inadvertence it to/for_what the_'Elohīm will_he_be_angry towards voice_of_ _your and_he_will_ruin ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_ _your. **6** **27** If/because in_abundance_of dreams and_futilities and_words/messages many if/because ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_'Elohīm fear.

7 **29** If oppression_of one_who_is_poor and_robbery_of justice and_righteousness you_will_see in_province do_not be_ _astonished on the_matter if/because a_high_one from_under a_high_one[303132] is_watching and_high_ones over_them. **8** **33** And_the_profit_of a_land is_in_everything it[34] a_king to_a_field he_has_been_served. **9** **35** one_who_loves silver not he_will_be_

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15 **RV 5:4 · Cross-ref.** Psa 66:13-14.
16 **LV 4:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.1
17 **LV 4:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: ילנר/ך: (x-qere) ךְ/לָנּוּר: lemma_7272 n_1.2.1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp2ms id_21to2 ךְ/לָנּוּר
18 **LV 5:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.2
19 **LV 5:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
20 **LV 5:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.3
21 **LV 5:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.4
22 **LV 5:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.5
23 **LV 5:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
24 **LV 5:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
25 **LV 5:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
26 **LV 5:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.6
27 **LV 5:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.7
29 **LV 5:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.8
30 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
31 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
32 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
33 **LV 5:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.9
34 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: איה: (x-qere) אָיְהּ: lemma_1931 n_1 morph_HPp3ms id_21rhu אָיְהּ
35 **LV 5:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.10

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_satisfied silver and_whoever is_loving (in)_wealth not income also this is_futility. **10** [36] When_ the_good _increases those_of_ _who_consume_it they_increase and_what profit belongs_to_ _owner(s)_of_its if/because (if) the_sight_of[37] his_eyes_of_his. **11** [38] Is_sweet the_sleep_of the_labourer whether a_little and_if much he_will_eat and_the_plenty of_person not_it is_ _permitting to_him/it to_sleep. **12** [39] There_is an_evil severe which_I_have_seen under the_sun wealth was_being_kept by_ _owner(s)_of_its to_harm_of_his. **13** [40] And_ the_wealth (the)_ _that _it_was_lost in_a_business evil and_he_fathered a_son and_there_was_not in_his/its_hand anything. **14** [41] Just_as he_ _came_out from_the_womb_of his/its_mother naked he_will_ _return to_go just_as_he_came and_anything not he_will_carry in_toil_of_his which_he_will_take in_his/its_hand. **15** [42] And_ _also this is_an_evil severe as_to exactly_as_of (that)_he_came so he_will_go and_what advantage to_him/it who_will_toil for_ _wind. **16** [43] Also all_of his/its_days in_darkness he_eats and_ _he_is_vexed greatly and_sickness_of_his and_anger. **17** [44] HERE that_which I I_have_seen to_be_good that_which is_beautiful is_to_eat and_to_drink and_to_see good in_all toil_of_his which_someone_will_toil under the_sun the_number_of the_ _days_of his[454647] which he_has_given to_him/it the_'Elohīm if/because it portion_of_is_his. **18** [48] Also every_of the_ _humankind whom he_has_given to_him/it the_'Elohīm wealth and_riches and_he_has_given_him_power to_eat from_him/it and_to_receive ~~DOM~~ portion_of_his and_to_take_pleasure in_ _toil_of_his this is_a_gift_of god it. **19** [49] If/because not much he_will_remember ~~DOM~~ the_days_of his/its_life if/because the_ _'Elohīm is_keeping_him_busy with_the_joy_of his/its_heart. **6:1** There_is an_evil which I_have_seen under the_sun and_is_ _great it on the_humankind. **2** Anyone whom he_gives to_ _him/it the_'Elohīm wealth and_riches and_honour and_not_ _existing_he is_lacking to_appetite_of_his from_all that he_ _desires and_not he_gives_him_power the_'Elohīm to_eat from_ _him/it if/because a_man foreign he_eats_it this is_futility and_ _is_an_affliction an_evil it. **3** If anyone he_will_father one_ _hundred_children and_years many he_will_live and_will_be_ _many that_which_ the_days_of his_years_of_his _they_will_be and_self_of_his not it_will_be_satisfied from the_good and_also burial not it_belonged for_him/it I_say is_good from_him/it

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and higher ones are watching over them.

9 Land is an advantage for everyone—the king gets served from the countryside.

10 A person who loves money won't be satisfied with it,

and anyone who loves wealth won't be satisfied with their income.

That's also pointless.

11 When material goods increase, people's consumption increases,

and what advantage does the owner get other than just feeding his eyes?

12 The labourer has a pleasant sleep, whether they've had a lot to eat or just a little,

^but the many investments of the rich person don't permit them to sleep.

13 There's a sad contradiction that I've seen in this world:

wealth hoarded up by its owner, but working to destroy him.

14 Then that wealth was lost in a failed investment

and although he had a son, he had nothing left to live on.

15 He was naked when he was born and he'll be naked when he goes again,

and despite all his hard work, he won't be able to take any money with him.[28]

16 This is also a sickening misfortune:

He will leave this world just like he entered it,

and what profit belongs to him who will work hard for the wind?

17 What's more, all his life he'll eat in darkness,

and in a lot of distress, as well as sickness and anger.

18 Listen, this is what I myself have discovered to be good:

It's good for a person to eat and drink

and to see benefit in all the hard work that they'll do in this world

during the number of the days of their life that God has given that person,

because that's their allocation in life.

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28 **RV 5:15 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:21; Psa 49:17; 1Tim 6:7.

36 **LV 5:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.11

37 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיאר: (x-qere) 'תְּוֵאֵר': lemma_7207 morph_HNcfsc id_21DLP תְּוֵאֵר

38 **LV 5:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.12

39 **LV 5:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.13

40 **LV 5:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.14

41 **LV 5:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.15

42 **LV 5:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.16

43 **LV 5:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.17

44 **LV 5:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.18

45 **LV 5:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/יח: (x-qere) 'ו/יָחֵ': lemma_2416 e n_0.0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_21yrH ו/יָחֵ

46 **LV 5:17 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

47 **LV 5:17 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

48 **LV 5:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.19

49 **LV 5:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.20

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19 Also, each person who's been given wealth and possessions by God and has been empowered
to eat from it
and to accept their allocation in life
and to enjoy their hard work:
that's a gift from God.
20 Those people don't retain a memory of each day that passed
because God keeps them full of internal happiness.
6:1 There's a problem in this world
and it troubles people:
2 God gives wealth and possessions and prestige to someone,
and that person has access to everything they want,
but God doesn't allow them to enjoy it—
instead a foreigner will get to enjoy it.
That's totally pointless, and it's senseless and unfair.
3 If a man should father a hundred children
and live many years however long his life might be,
but he's not satisfied in himself by his prosperity
and he doesn't have anywhere to be buried,
then I'd say that a stillborn child would have been better off than him,
4 because that child came for no reason
and it went in darkness, and its name will be covered in darkness.
5 It didn't even see the sun or know about it.
It'll rest easier than that man will.
6 Even if that man lived a thousand years twice over,
but never saw good in anything,
aren't they both going to the same place?
7 All of humanity's work is for their mouth,
but the inner cravings are never fulfilled.
8 So what advantage does a wise person have over a fool?
What advantage does a poor person's knowledge give them over others?
9 It's better to enjoy what's right there than to feed the imagination.
That's also pointless and chasing after the wind.
10 Everything that existed has already been named.
It's known what humankind is
and that humans can't dispute with the one who's stronger than them.
11 Yes, many words just become more pointless.
What advantage is that to anyone?
12 Who knows what's good for a person
for those pointless days that he/she lives?
The days pass by like a shadow
but who can tell anyone what will happen to them next in this world?

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the_miscarriage. **4** If/because in_futility it_came and_in_
_darkness it_will_go and_in_darkness his/its_name it_is_
_covered. **5** Also the_sun not it_saw and_not it_knew_it
quietness belongs_to_this_one more_than_this_one. **6** And_if
he_lived a_thousand years two_times and_good not he_saw not
to a_place one are_(the)_all going. **7** All_of the_toil_of the_
_humankind is_for_mouth_of_his and_also the_living_creatures
not it_will_be_filled. **8** If/because what advantage belongs_to_
_person more_than the_fool what belongs_to_person who_
_knows to_walk before the_living. **9** Is_good the_sight_of eyes
more_ desire _than_going also this is_futility and_striving_of
wind. **10** Whatever (that)_it_has_been already his/its_name it_
_has_been_named and_ which/who he is_human _it_is_known
and_not he_is_able to_contend with mmm[50] more_than_him.
11 If/because there_are words/messages many which_increase
futility what advantage belongs_to_person. **12** If/because who
is_knowing what is_good for_person in_life the_number_of the_
_days_of the_life_of his_futility_of_his and_he_spends_them
like_shadow that who will_he_tell to_person what will_it_be
after_him under the_sun.

50 **LV 6:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: שׁ/היקתה: (x-qere) שׁ/הֵיקַתְּ': lemma_s/8623 n_0.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_21fTQ שׁ/הֵיקַתְּ

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7:1 Is_good a_name more_than_ointment good and_the_day_of (the)_death more_than_the_day_of his_being_born. **2** Is_good to_go to a_house_of mourning more_than_to_go to a_house_of a_feast because_what it is_the_end_of every_of the_humankind and_the_living_person he_will_give to his/its_heart. **3** Is_good vexation more_than_laughter if/because by_sadness_of face a_ _heart it_will_be_good. **4** The_heart_of wise_people in_house_of mourning and_the_heart_of fools in_house_of rejoicing. **5** Is_ _good to_listen_to the_rebuke_of a_wise_person from_man who_listens_to the_song_of fools. **6** If/because like_the_sound_ _of (the)_thorns under the_pot so the_laughter_of the_fool and_also this is_futility. **7** If/because (the)_oppression it_will_ _make_look_foolish a_wise_person and_ a_bribe _it_will_ _destroy ᴅᴏᴍ a_heart. **8** Is_good the_end_of a_matter more_ _than_of_its_beginning is_good a_person_long_of spirit more_ _than_a_person_haughty_of spirit. **9** Do_not be_hasty in_spirit_ _of_your to_become_angry if/because anger in_the_bosom_of fools it_settles. **10** Do_not say why that_the_days (the)_former they_were good from_these was_it if/because not from_wisdom you_have_asked on this. **11** Is_good wisdom with an_ _inheritance and_is_an_advantage to_those_who_see_of (of)_ _the_sun. **12** If/because (in)_the_shade of_(the)_wisdom (in)_ _the_shade of_(the)_money and_the_advantage_of knowledge (the)_wisdom it_preserves_alive owners_of_its. **13** Consider ᴅᴏᴍ the_work_of the_'Elohīm if/because who is_he_able to_make_ _straight ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_has_bent_it. **14** In/on_day good be in_good and_on_a_day_of adversity consider also ᴅᴏᴍ this exactly_as_of this the_'Elohīm he_has_made on cause_of that_ _not the_humankind he_will_find_out after_him anything. **15** ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_everything I_have_seen in_the_days_of my_ _futility_of_my there_is a_righteous_person who_perishes in_ _righteousness_of_his and_there_is a_wicked_person who_ _prolongs in_evil_of_his. **16** Do_not be righteous greatly and_ _do_not make_yourself_wise excessively to/for_what will_you_ _destroy_yourself. **17** Do_not be_wicked greatly and_do_not be a_fool to/for_what will_you_die at_not time_of_your. **18** Is_good which/who you_will_take_hold on_this and_also from_this do_ _not give_rest_to ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_your if/because one_fearing_of (of)_god he_will_go_out ᴅᴏᴍ of_them_of_all. **19** (The)_wisdom it_gives_strength to_person from_ten rulers who they_are in_ _city. **20** If/because anyone there_is_not righteous on_the_earth who he_does good and_not he_sins. **21** Also to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_words/messages which people_speak do_not give heart_of_your that not you_will_hear ᴅᴏᴍ servant_ _of_your cursing_of_you. **22** If/because also times many heart_ _of_your it_knows which/who also you[53] you_have_cursed others. **23** All_of this I_have_put_to_the_test by_wisdom I_said let_me_be_wise and_she was_far from_me. **24** Is_far_away whatever (that)_it_has_been and_deep deep who will_he_find_ _it_out. **25** I (and)_heart_of_my I_turned to_know and_to_ _examine and_to_seek wisdom and_the_scheme_of_things and_ _to_know wickedness stupidity and_the_folly madness(es). **26** And_was_ I _finding bitter more_than_death ᴅᴏᴍ the_woman who she is_snares and_is_nets her/its_heart are_fetters hands_

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7:1 A good reputation is better than expensive perfume,[51]
and the day you die is more important than the day of your birth.
2 It's better to go to a house where there's mourning than to a house where there's a party,
because death is the end of each person,
and those still alive should consider this in their hearts.
3 Laughter is better than grief
because a serious face means that the mind is working.
4 Wise people do their thinking at a funeral,
whereas foolish people prefer to spend time at a party.
5 It's better to accept a rebuke from a wise person
than to listen to the songs from foolish people,
6 because the laughter of a fool
is like the crackling of burning thorn twigs under a cooking pot—
that's also pointless.
7 Oppression drives a wise person insane,
and a bribe destroys a person's morals.
8 Finishing something is better than starting it,
and being patient is better than being proud.
9 Don't be quick to get angry,[52]
because anger belongs in a fool's toolbox.
10 Don't ask, "What was it about the old days that were better than these?"
because that question doesn't display wisdom.
11 Wisdom is good when you get an inheritance,
and it's an advantage to those doing well.
12 Wisdom can protect us just like money can,
but the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of its owner.
13 Look at God's work:
who can straighten what he's made crooked?
14 Be happy on a good day,
but on a day of problems, consider this:
God caused one, as well as the other—
humanity can't discover what's going to come next.
15 I've seen everything in my days of pointlessness:
There's godly people dying despite doing everything right,
and there are wicked people living long lives doing evil.
16 Don't be highly righteous or overly wise—
Why go to the trouble of destroying yourself?
17 Don't be very wicked and don't be a fool—
why should you die when it's not your time?
18 It's good to take hold of wisdom and don't rest from doing what is right,
because the godly person should continue with both of them.

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51 RV 7:1 · Cross-ref. Prv 22:1.

52 RV 7:9 · Cross-ref. Jam 1:19.

53 LV 7:22 · Note OSHB variant note: תֹּא: (x-qere) 'הָתֵּא': lemma_859 c n_0.0 morph_HPp2ms id_21fA1 הָתֵּא

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19 Wisdom gives strength to the wise—
more than the ten most powerful men in the city.
20 But yes, there's no person on the earth who's truly good,
only doing what is right and never disobeying.
21 Don't give your attention to everything that people say,
otherwise you might hear your servant speaking against you,
22 because you know how often you've belittled others yourself.
23 I tested all of that with wisdom.
I said, "Let me be wise," but it eluded me.
24 It seemed far away
and deeper down than anyone can find.
25 I changed my mind's direction to try to learn and explore—
to search for wisdom and to understand how things work,
and to understand the foolishness of wickedness and how that leads to madness.
26 I learnt that a woman who takes advantage of you leads to more bitterness than death would be—
her heart is like a net and her hands become chains.
Any person that's good in God's eyes would escape from her,
but an ungodly person would end up captured by her.
27 The leader has discovered that—
adding one thing to another to try to find an explanation for everything.
28 I continually tried to learn more, but I didn't find it.
I found one special man out of a thousand
but I couldn't find one such woman out of all of them.
29 This is the only conclusion I came to:
God made humankind to do good, but instead they've come up with many other kinds of schemes.
8:1 Who's like the wise person and understands what's going on?
A person's wisdom makes their face lighten up
and gives their face a certain firmness.
2 Follow the king's orders
because of your promise to God.
3 Don't rush away from the king's presence
or take a stand on an evil matter
because whatever he wants to do, he'll do.
4 A king's word is authoritative—
who'll ask him what he thinks he's doing?
5 Those who follow commands will stay out of trouble,
and a wise person will know the right time and place for something
6 because there's a time and a right way to do everything,
otherwise humanity's misery will be severe.
7 No one knows what the future will bring
so no one can tell you what will happen next.
8 Just as no person has control over the wind to be able to restrain it,
nor does anyone have authority over the day of their death.
Just as no one can be discharged in the middle of a war,

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_of_her a_person_good to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_'Elohīm he_escapes from_her/it and_a_sinner he_is_ _captured by_her. **27** Consider this I_have_found Teacher she_ _said one to_one to_find the_scheme_of_things. **28** Which again self_of_my it_has_sought and_not I_have_found a_man one of_ _a_thousand I_have_found and_a_woman among_all_of these not I_have_found. **29** Only_only consider this I_have_found which/who the_'Elohīm he_made ~~DOM~~ the_humankind upright and_they they_have_sought schemes many.
8:1 Who is_like_the_wise_person and_who is_knowing the_ _interpretation_of a_matter the_wisdom_of anyone it_makes_ _shine his/its_faces/face and_the_strength_of his/its_ _faces/face it_is_changed. **2** I the_mouth_of a_king keep and_on the_cause_of the_oath_of god. **3** Do_not be_hasty from_before_ _of_him you_will_go do_not stand in_a_matter evil if/because all that he_will_desire he_will_do. **4** Because_that a_message_of a_king is_mastery and_who will_he_say to_him/it what are_ _you_doing. **5** one_who_keeps_of (of)_a_command not he_will_ _know a_thing evil and_an_appropriate_time and_custom the_ _heart a_wise_person it_will_know. **6** If/because to/from_ _all/each/any/every matter there_is an_appropriate_time and_ _a_custom if/because the_trouble_of the_humankind is_great on/upon/above_him/it. **7** If/because not_he is_knowing what (that)_will_it_be if/because just_as it_will_be who will_he_tell to_him/it. **8** There_is_not anyone having_mastery over_wind to_restrain ~~DOM~~ the_wind and_there_is_not mastery in/on_day of_(the)_death and_there_is_not discharge in_battle and_not wickedness it_will_rescue ~~DOM~~ owners_of_its. **9** ~~DOM~~ all_of this I_ _have_seen and_I_have_given ~~DOM~~ heart_of_my to/from_ _all/each/any/every deed which it_is_done under the_sun a_ _time when the_humankind he_has_power over_a_person for_ _harm to_him/it. **10** And_in_such I_have_seen wicked_people being_buried and_they_came and_from_a_place_of holy they_ _went and_they_will_be_forgotten in_city where right they_ _had_done also this is_futility. **11** That not the_sentence_of the_ _deed_of the_evil it_is_done quickly therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_heart_of the_children_of the_ _humankind it_is_full (is)_in_them for_doing evil. **12** That a_ _sinner is_doing evil a_hundred_times_of and_he_is_prolonging to_him/it if/because also I am_knowing which/who it_will_ _belong good to_those_fearing_of the_'Elohīm that they_fear from_before_face_of_him. **13** And_good not it_will_belong to_ _wicked and_not he_will_prolong days like_shadow that not_he he_has_feared from_to/for_face/front/presence god. **14** There_ _is futility which it_is_done on the_earth/land which/who there_are righteous_people whom it_is_happening to_them according_to_the_deed[s]_of (the)_wicked_people and_there_ _are wicked_people whom_it_is_happening to_them according_ _to_the_deed[s]_of (the)_righteous_people I_said that_also this is_futility. **15** And_ I _I_commend ~~DOM~~ (the)_pleasure that there_ _is_not good for_humankind under the_sun if/because (if) to_ _eat and_to_drink and_to_rejoice and_he it_will_join_him in_ _toil_of_his the_days_of his/its_life which he_has_given to_ _him/it the_'Elohīm under the_sun. **16** Just_as I_gave ~~DOM~~ heart_of_my to_know wisdom and_to_see ~~DOM~~ the_business which it_is_done on the_earth/land if/because also in_the_day and_in_the_night sleep with_eyes_of_his not_he is_seeing. **17** And_I_saw ~~DOM~~ all_of the_work_of the_'Elohīm if/because

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not the_humankind he_is_able to_find_out ~~DOM~~ the_work which it_is_done under the_sun in_that_(to) that the_humankind he_ _toils to_seek and_not he_will_find_out and_also if the_wise_ _person he_will_say to_know not he_will_be_able to_find_out.
9:1 If/because ~~DOM~~ all_of this I_have_given to heart_of_my and_ _to_make_clear ~~DOM~~ all_of this which/who the_righteous and_ _the_wise and_deeds_of_their are_in_the_hand_of the_'Elohīm both love as_well_as hatred not the_humankind is_knowing (the)_everything is_before_of_them. **2** (The)_all just_as for_all fate one belongs_to_righteous and_to_wicked to_good and_to_ _clean and_to_unclean and_to_who_sacrifices and_to_one_who not_he is_sacrificing as_person as_sinner the_one_who_swears_ _an_oath just_as an_oath one_fearing. **3** This is_an_evil in_all that it_is_done under the_sun if/because fate one belongs_to_ _everyone and_also the_heart_of the_children_of the_ _humankind is_full evil and_madness(es) is_in_heart_of_their in_lives_of_their and_after_it to the_dead_people. **4** If/because who is_the_one_who he_is_united[54] to all_of the_living there_is hope if/because to_a_dog living it is_good more_than the_lion (the)_dead. **5** If/because the_life are_knowing that_will_die and_the_dead_people not_they are_knowing anything and_ _there_is_not still to/for_them a_reward if/because memorial_ _of_their it_is_forgotten. **6** Both love_of_their as_well_as hatred_of_their as_well_as envy_of_their already it_has_ _perished and_a_portion there_is_not to/for_them again forever_perpetuity in_all that it_is_done under the_sun. **7** Go eat with_joy food_of_your and_drink with_a_heart_of good wine_of_your if/because already the_'Elohīm he_has_taken_ _pleasure_in ~~DOM~~ deeds_of_your. **8** In_all time let_them_be clothes_of_your white and_oil on head_of_your not let_it_be_ _lacking. **9** See life with a_wife whom you_love all_of the_days_ _of the_life_of your_futility_of_your which he_has_given to/for_yourself(m) under the_sun all_of the_days_of your_ _futility_of_your if/because it portion_of_is_your in_life and_ _in_toil_of_your which you are_toiling under the_sun. **10** All that hand_of_your it_finds for_doing with_strength_of_your do if/because there_is_not work and_the_scheme_of_things and_ _knowledge and_wisdom in_Shə'ōl where you are_going to_(to).
11 I_returned and_I_saw under the_sun if/because_that not belongs_to_ones the_race and_not belongs_to_men the_battle and_also not belongs_to_people food and_also not belongs_to_ _who_has_understanding wealth and_also not belongs_to_who_ _has_knowledge favour if/because time and_chance it_ _happens_to ~~DOM~~ of_them_of_all. **12** If/because also not the_ _humankind he_knows ~~DOM~~ time_of_his like_fish(es) which_ _are_caught in_a_net evil and_like_birds which_are_caught in_ _snare like_them the_children_of the_humankind are_ensnared to_a_time_of evil when_it_falls on_them suddenly.

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nor can being wicked rescue you from your situation.
9 I saw all that and applied my mind to everything that happens in this world.
I saw that sometimes a person can dominate someone else to that person's detriment.
10 I've seen wicked people being buried—
being carried out from a sacred place,
and what they'd done there in the city was just forgotten.
That's also pointless.
11 When an evil activity isn't quickly condemned,
then humanity will become totally determined to do evil.
12 Even if an ungodly person does some evil thing a hundred times over and goes on to live a long time,
I know that things will go better for those who respect and obey God.
13 It won't go well for the wicked and what they do won't help them live longer
because they've shown no respect for God's presence.
14 There's something else strange that happens in this world:
when bad things happen to godly people
and when good things happen to evil people.
That's also hard to understand.
15 Then I recommended enjoyment
because there's nothing better for a person in this world than to eat and drink and be cheery,
then that attitude will be with them as they work
during the days of their life that God gives them in this world.
16 So when I set my mind on gaining wisdom
and observing all the business done on this earth,
because day and night there's someone not sleeping,
17 and I saw everything that God does—
realising that humanity can't discover everything that's done in this world—
they'll try to discover it but fail.
Even if a wise person claimed to know,
they wouldn't be able to discover it.
9:1 Indeed I set my mind to examine all this
and concluded that godly and wise people and their work is in God's hands.
Being loved or being hated, humankind doesn't know what's ahead of them.
2 We all have the same fate whether godly or wicked,
or good or pure or impure,
whether you sacrifice or not,
or you're good or disobedient,
or you make a promise or you're the subject of a promise.
3 There's evil in everything that's done in this world:
that same final event for everyone.
Yes, humankind's minds are full of evil and madness during their lifetimes,
and after that they join the dead.

54 **LV 9:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: רחבי: (x-qere) 'רַבָּחִי': lemma_2266 n_1.1 morph_HVPi3ms id_21t8g רַבָּחִי

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4 Anyone who's joined to the living has hope,
because a dog that's alive is better than a lion that's dead,
5 because the living know that we'll die
but the dead don't know anything
and have no further reward because their memory is forgotten.
6 Their love and hatred and their envy will have already perished,
and they no longer have a part in everything that's done in this world.
7 So go and enjoy eating your food and drinking your wine
because God has already approved what you've been doing.
8 Always let your clothes be clean and white,
and don't spare the use of lotion on your head.
9 Live together with the wife that you love
for all the length of your pointless life that you're given in this world,
because that's your allocation in your life
and in the work that you're doing in this world.
10 Everything that you find to do, do it well,
because in the grave where you'll be going,
there's no work or planning or knowledge or wisdom.
11 I again saw in this world
that the fastest ones don't always win the race,
the most powerful side doesn't always win the war,
wise people don't always have enough to eat,
intelligent people don't always get wealthy,
and people with understanding don't always win favour,
because chance and timing affects them all.
12 You see, humanity doesn't know when their time is about to be up:
just like a fish getting caught in a deadly net,
or birds that get caught in a trap,
so too people can get caught out when trouble suddenly hits them.

Wisdom is better than stupidity

13 I also saw this about wisdom in this world
and found it powerful: 14 There was a small walled city with not so many inhabitants and a powerful king decided to attack it so he surrounded it and built large siege ramps against the walls. 15 There was a poor man in the city who was wise and used his wisdom to save it from that king, but the people soon forgot about that poor man. 16 So I concluded that wisdom is better than strength and yet the poor person's wisdom wasn't appreciated and his words were soon forgotten.
17 The words of wise people are quietly heeded—
more than those of a ruler shouting at a bunch of fools.
18 It's better to be wise than to have many weapons,

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13 Also this I_have_seen wisdom under the_sun and_was_great it to_me. 14 A_city small and_men in_it were_few and_he_came to_her/it a_king great and_he_surrounded ~~DOM~~_her/it and_he_ _built on/upon_it(f) siege_works great. 15 And_someone_found in_it a_man poor wise and_ he _he_delivered ~~DOM~~ the_city by_ _wisdom_of_his and_human/'Ādām not he_remembered ~~DOM~~ the_man (the)_poor (the)_that.[565758] 16 And_ I _I_said is_good wisdom more_than_strength and_the_wisdom_of the_poor_ _person is_despised and_words/messages_of_his not_they are_ _heard. 17 The_words/messages_of wise_people in_quietness heard are_more_than_the_cry_of a_ruler among_fools. 18 Is_ _good wisdom more_than_weapons_of war and_a_sinner one he_will_destroy good much.
10:1 Flies_of death it_causes_to_stink it_ferments the_oil_of a_ _perfumer is_weighty more_than_wisdom more_than_honour

56 **LV 9:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
57 **LV 9:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
58 **LV 9:15 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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folly_of a_little. **2** The_heart a_wise_person is_to_his_right_of_
_hand and_the_heart a_fool is_to_his_left_of_hand. **3** And_also
on_way the[5960] is_walking his/its_heart he_lacks and_
_saying(ms) to_everyone is_a_fool he. **4** If the_spirit_of the_
_ruler it_will_go_up towards_you place_of_your do_not leave
if/because health it_will_cause_to_rest sins great. **5** There_is
an_evil which_I_have_seen under the_sun like_an_inadvertence
which_is_going_forth from_to/for_face/front/presence the_
_ruler. **6** (The)_folly it_is_put in_(the)_places many and_rich_
_people in_place they_sit. **7** I_have_seen slaves on horses and_
_princes who_walk like_slaves on the_earth/land. **8** one_who_
_digs a_pit in/on/over_him/it he_will_fall and_one_who_
_breaks_through a_wall it_will_bite_him a_snake. **9** one_who_
_quarries stones he_will_be_hurt (is)_in_them one_who_cleaves
wood(s) he_will_be_endangered by_them. **10** If the_iron_axe it_
_is_blunt and_he not faces he_has_sharpened and_strength(s)
he_will_make_strong and_is_an_advantage_of to_give_
_success[6162] wisdom. **11** If the_snake it_will_bite with_not
charming and_there_is_not advantage for_the_master_of the_
_tongue. **12** The_words/messages_of the_mouth_of a_wise_
_person are_favour and_the_lips_of a_fool it_swallows_him.
13 The_beginning_of the_words/messages_of his_mouth_of_his
is_folly and_the_end_of his_mouth_of_his is_madness evil.
14 And_the_fool he_multiplies words/messages not the_
_humankind he_knows what (that)_will_it_be and_which it_
_will_be from_after_him who will_he_tell to_him/it. **15** The_
_toil_of (the)_fools it_wearies_him that not he_knows to_go to
a_city. **16** Woe to/for_you(fs) Oh_land which_king_of_your is_a_
_youth and_princes_of_your in_morning they_eat. **17** How_of_
_blessed_are_you Oh_land which_king_of_your is_a_son_of
nobles and_princes_of_your at_time they_eat for_strength and_
_not for_drinking. **18** In_laziness(es) the_rafter[s] it_comes_low
and_in_lowering_of hands the_house it_leaks. **19** For_laughter
people_are_making food and_wine it_makes_glad life and_
_(the)_money it_answers ~~DOM~~ (the)_everything. **20** Also in_
_mind_of_your a_king do_not curse and_in_the_chambers_of
your_lying_down_of_your do_not curse a_rich_person
if/because (the)_bird_of the_heavens it_will_carry ~~DOM~~ the_
_sound and_an_owner_of the[63] it_will_tell the_matter.

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but one disobedient person will destroy a lot of good.
10:1 Dead flies make a perfumer's product stink.
Similarly, a little foolishness can ruin all your wisdom or honour.
2 A wise person's thoughts lead to protection,
^but a fool's thoughts lead to vulnerability
3 and while they're walking along the road,
the fool lacks common sense
and everyone is aware of what a fool they are.
4 If a ruler gets upset with you, don't quit your position,
because calmness will smooth over large offenses.
5 I saw another misfortune in this world:
where an error happened in front of a ruler.
6 Foolishness can happen even in high positions,
^and wealthy people can be in low positions.
7 I've seen slaves riding horses
^and princes walking on the ground like slaves.
8 A person who digs a pit can fall into it,[55]
and an attacker who breaks through a wall gets bitten by a snake.
9 A person who pulls out rocks might be hurt by them.
Someone who splits wood might get injured by it.
10 If your iron axe head gets blunt and the owner doesn't sharpen it,
then he has to use lots of strength,
so use wisdom if you want to succeed.
11 If a snake bites before it's charmed,
the snake charmer won't be able to charge for the show.
12 A wise person's words earn them favour,
but a fool's lips destroy him—
13 as soon as he opens his mouth, foolishness comes out,
and the end of his chatter is wicked madness.
14 Then the fool continues again with more nonsense.
No one knows what will happen next.
Who can tell you what will happen in the future?
15 A foolish person's work wears him out,
because he doesn't know how to get to a city.
16 A country won't end well
if its king is young and its princes feast in the morning.
17 A country is blessed if its king comes from a noble family
and its princes eat and drink for strength and not for drunkenness.
18 With a lazy owner, the roof beams will sag.
Idle hands will result in a leaky house.
19 There's laughter around the meal table,
wine makes people glad,

55 **RV 10:8 · Cross-ref.** Psa 7:15; Prv 26:27.

59 **LV 10:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: לכס/ה/ש/כ: (x-qere) 'לָכָסֵ֫שׁ/כ': lemma_k/s/5530 morph_HR/Tr/Ncmsa id_21kMd לָכָסֵ֫שׁ/כ

60 **LV 10:3 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

61 **LV 10:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: רישכה: (x-qere) 'רֵשְׁכָה': lemma_3787 n_0.0 morph_HVhc id_212fr רֵשְׁכָה

62 **LV 10:10 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

63 **LV 10:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: סיפנכ/ה: (x-qere) 'סַיְפִנְּכ': lemma_3671 n_0.0 morph_HNcfda id_21ckn סַיְפִנְּכ

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and money is the answer to everything.
20 Don't curse the king even in your mind,
and don't curse the rich even in your bedroom,
because a little birdie will carry your words
and some feathered critter will pass on what you said.

The to do of wise

11:1 Throw your bread out onto the waters
because you'll find it again in several days.
2 Share it around seven or eight others
because you don't know when a calamity will hit your area.
3 If the clouds are filled with rain, they'll pour it out,
and if a tree falls to the north or the south,
wherever it falls, that's where it'll be.
4 A person who worries about the wind,
won't sow any seed,
and someone who keeps looking at the clouds,
will never harvest their crop.
5 Just as you don't know how the winds work,
or how the bones get into a pregnant woman's womb,
nor do you know how God does everything that he does.
6 Sow your seed in the morning
and don't stop planting until the evening,
because you don't know which areas will grow well,
or whether it will all succeed equally.
7 Light is sweet
and it's good for your eyes to see the sun.
8 Even if a person lives for many years,
they should take pleasure in all of them,
but remember the dark days
because everything that happens is pointless.

Advice to young people

9 Young people, enjoy being young and strong
and stay cheerful during that youthful stage.
Follow your ambitions and your desires
but be aware that God will judge you concerning all those things.
10 Don't allow yourself to be controlled by anger
and keep your body away from evil,
because youth and good looks are a vapour that passes.
12:1 Think about your creator while you're still young,
before troubling times come
and the years arrive when you'll say that you no longer find pleasure in them.
2 Yes, before the sun and the light, and the moon and the stars seem darker,
and the clouds return after the rain.
3 That day when the guards of the house will get the trembles
and the strong men will be bent over,
and the women grinding grain will stop because there's only a few of them left,

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11:1 Send bread_of_your on the_surface_of the_waters
if/because in_(the)_abundance_of the_days you_will_find_it.
2 Give a_portion to_seven and_also to_eight if/because not
you_know what calamity will_it_be on the_earth/land. **3** If the_
_clouds they_will_be_filled rain on the_earth/land they_will_
_pour_it_out and_if a_tree it_falls at_south and_if at_north the_
_place_of (of)_where_ the_tree _it_falls there it_will_become.
4 one_who_watches_of a_wind not he_will_sow and_one_who_
_looks on_clouds not he_will_reap. **5** Just_as not_you are_
_knowing what is_the_way_of the_wind like_bones in_the_
_womb_of the_full_woman thus not you_know ~~DOM~~ the_work_of
the_'Elohīm who he_makes ~~DOM~~ (the)_everything. **6** In_morning
sow ~~DOM~~ seed_of_your and_to_evening do_not give_rest_to
hand_of_your if/because not_you are_knowing[64] where this
will_it_succeed this or this and_if both_of_them as_one be_
_good. **7** And_is_sweet the_light and_good for_eyes to_see ~~DOM~~
the_sun. **8** If/because if years many the_humankind he_will_
_live in_all_of_of_them let_him_take_pleasure and_let_him_
_remember ~~DOM~~ the_days_of the_darkness if/because many
they_will_be all that_it_has_come is_futility.

9 Take_pleasure Oh_young_man in_youth(s)_of_your and_let_it_
_make_you_good heart_of_your in_the_days_of your_youth(s)_
_of_your and_walk in_the_ways_of your_heart_of_your and_in_
_the_sight_of your_two's_eyes_of_your and_know if/because_
_that on all_of these_things he_will_bring_you the_'Elohīm in_
_judgement. **10** And_remove vexation from_heart_of_your and_
_put_away evil from_flesh_of_your if/because (the)_youth and_
_the_black_hair are_futility.
12:1 And_remember ~~DOM~~ your(pl)_of_creator(s) in_the_days_of
your_youth(s)_of_your until that not the_days_of (the)_evil
they_will_come and_ years which you_will_say there_is_not to_
_me in/among_them pleasure _they_will_arrive. **2** Until that
not the_sun and_the_light and_the_moon and_the_stars it_will_
_become_dark and_ the_clouds _they_will_return after the_
_rain. **3** In_the_day when_ those_who_keep_of (of)_the_house _
_they_will_tremble and_ the_people_of (the)_strength _they_
_will_bend_themselves and_ the_female_grinders _they_will_
_cease if/because they_have_become_few and_ the_women_
_who_look in_windows _they_will_grow_dim. **4** And_ the_doors
_they_will_be_shut_up on_street when_ the_sound_of the_
_grinding_mill _becomes_low and_someone_will_arise to_
sound/voice of(the)_bird and_ all_of the_daughters_of (the)_
_song _they_will_be_reduced. **5** Also from_a_high_place people_

64 LV 11:6 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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_will_be_afraid and_terrors are_in_way and_ the_almond_tree _
_it_will_bloom and_ the_grasshopper _it_will_drag_itself_along
and_ the_caper-berry _it_will_fail if/because the_humankind
is_going to the_house_of its_perpetuity_of_his and_they_will_
_go_about in_street[666768] the_mourners. **6** Until that not it_
_will_be_snapped[69] the_cord_of (the)_silver and_ the_bowl_of
the_gold _it_will_be_crushed and_ the_jar _it_will_be_broken at
the_water_spring and_ the_water_wheel _it_will_be_crushed to
the_well. **7** And_ the_dust _it_will_return to the_earth/land
just_as_it_was and_the_spirit it_will_return to the_'Elohīm who
he_gave_it. **8** Futility_of futilities the_Teacher he_said (the)_
_everything is_futility.

9 And_excess that_ Teacher _he_was wise again he_taught
knowledge ᴅᴏᴍ the_people and_he_weighed and_he_searched_
_out he_arranged_in_order proverbs many. **10** Teacher he_
_sought to_find words/messages_of delight and_that_which_
_was_written uprightness was_words/messages_of truth.
11 The_words/messages_of wise_people are_like_goads and_
_are_like_nails firmly_fixed masters_of collections they_are_
_given from_a_shepherd one. **12** And_excess more_than_them
my_child_of_my be_warned to_make books many there_is_not
an_end and_study much is_weariness_of flesh. **13** The_end_of
the_matter (the)_everything it_has_been_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_'Elohīm fear and_ᴅᴏᴍ commands_of_his keep if/because this
is_all_of the_humankind. **14** If/because ᴅᴏᴍ every_of deed the_
_'Elohīm he_will_bring in_judgement with every_of hidden_
_thing whether good and_if evil.

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and the women looking out the windows will no longer see clearly.[65]
4 Then the doors in the street will be shut
so that the grinding that gets louder with the first birdsong will be barely heard
and all the girls singing will be quietened.
5 The people will also become afraid of heights
and the road will have its terrors.
The almond trees will blossom
and the locusts will drag themselves along.
Normal desires will be lost
because you'll be heading for your eternal home
and the mourners will be in the streets.
6 Think about God before the silver cord gets broken
and the golden bowl breaks,
the pitcher shatters at the well
and the wheel is crushed at the cistern,
7 the dust returns to the earth as it was
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
8 "Nothing but a puff of air," says the leader. "Everything is pointless."

Conclusion

9 Besides the fact that the leader was wise, he still taught the people knowledge, and he searched and evaluated. He arranged and edited many proverbs. **10** The leader searched for pleasing words, and wrote down many truthful words that would lead to godliness.
11 The words of wise people can prod others along,
and they're like nails holding things firm.
They're all given by one shepherd.
12 My son, be careful of anything in addition to these,
because there's no end to producing books
and too much study wears you out.
13 So after listening to everything, here's the final conclusion:
Respect God and strive to follow him and obey his commands,
because that's humanity's whole duty.
14 Yes, God will judge everything we do
including everything that's been hidden
whether good or bad.

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65 RV 12:3 · Note This may also be referring to the failing body, e.g., the guards being the arms, the stooping being the legs, the grinders being few would refer to the teeth, and the windows might refer to the eyes.

66 LV 12:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

67 LV 12:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

68 LV 12:5 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

69 LV 12:6 · Note OSHB variant note: קחרי: (x-qere) קָתְרֵי׳: lemma_7576 n_1.1.0 morph_HVNi3ms id_21cWZ קָתְרֵי׳

Song of Songs

Introduction

The *Song of Songs* is about courtship, love, and marriage, and tells about the happiness of a man and woman due to their love. The characters in this document are the groom, the bride, and Yerushalem's young women and young men.

The story from the Song of Songs can also be seen as an illustration of God's love for his people, and looking back from the Messianic Update (the New Testament), his love for followers of Yeshua, going even further about Yeshua and his bride, the church.

Main components of this document

The first song *1:1–2:7*
The second song *2:8–3:5*
The third song *3:6–5:1*
The fourth song *5:2–6:3*
The fifth song *6:4–8:4*
The sixth song *8:5-14*

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1:1 The_song_of the_songs which is_of_Shəlomoh.
2 Let_him_kiss_me from_the_kisses_of his_mouth_of_his if/because are_good love(s)_of_your more_than_wine. **3** To_ _odour oils_of_your are_good is_oil which_it_is_poured_out your(ms)_name therefore yes/correct/thus/so young_women they_love_you. **4** Draw_me after_you let_us_run he_has_ _brought_me the_king chambers_of_his let_us_be_glad and_let_ _us_rejoice on/over_you(fs) let_us_bring_to_remembrance love(s)_of_your more_than_wine uprightness(es) they_love_ _you. **5** Am_black I and_lovely Oh_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) like_the_tents_of Qēdār like_the_ _tent_curtains_of Shəlomoh. **6** Do_not look_at_me who_I am_ _blackish whom_it_has_looked_on_me the_sun the_sons_of my_ _mother_of_my they_were_angry with_me they_made_me one_ _who_keeps ᴅᴏᴍ the_vineyards vineyard_of_my_own which_ _belongs_to_me not I_have_kept. **7** Tell to/for_me Oh_ self_of_ _my _the_one_whom_it_loves where will_you_graze where will_ _you_make_them_lie_down at_noon(s) which_why will_I_be like_a_veiled_woman with the_flocks_of your(pl)_companions_ _of_your. **8** If not you_know to/for_you(fs) Oh_beautiful_one among_women go_out to/for_you(fs) in_the_footprints_of the_ _flock and_pasture ᴅᴏᴍ goats_of_your_young at the_dwelling_ _places_of the_shepherds. **9** To_mare_of_my among_the_ _chariots_of Par'oh I_liken_you my_friend_of_my. **10** Cheeks_of_ _your they_are_delightful with_(the)_jewels neck_of_your with_ _beads. **11** Strings_of_jewels_of gold we_will_make for_you with (the)_studs_of (the)_silver. **12** Until that_the_king was_at_table_ _of_his nard_of_my it_gave_forth odour_of_its. **13** Is_(the)_bag_ _of (the)_myrrh lover_of_my to_me between breasts_of_my it_ _lodges. **14** Is_(the)_cluster_of (the)_henna_blossom lover_of_ _my to_me in_the_vineyards_of ʿĒyn. **15** Here_you are_beautiful my_friend_of_my here_you are_beautiful eyes_of_your are_ _doves. **16** Here_you[23] are_beautiful my_lover_of_my also pleasant also couch_of_our is_luxuriant. **17** The_beams_of our_ _houses_of are_cedar(s) mmm[4] are_cypress(es).
2:1 I am_the_crocus_of (the)_Shārōn (the)_lily_of the_valleys.
2 Like_a_lily between the_thornbushes is_so friend_of_my between the_daughters. **3** Like_an_apple_tree among_the_ _trees_of the_forest is_so lover_of_my between the_sons in_ _shade_of_his I_desired and_I_sat and_fruit_of_his was_sweet to_palate_of_my. **4** He_has_brought_me into the_house_of (the)_wine and_standard_of_his over_me is_love. **5** Sustain_me with_raisin-cakes refresh_me with_apples if/because am_weak_ _of love I. **6** Hand_of_his_left is_under (to)_head_of_my and_his_ _right_of_hand it_embraces_me. **7** I_adjure you(pl) Oh_ _daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_gazelles or by_the_ _does_of the_field if you(pl)_will_awaken and_if you(pl)_will_ _arouse ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_love until that_it_will_please.

Readers' Version

1:1 The song to beat all songs by Shelomoh (Solomon).[1]
The bride **The first song**
2 Let him kiss me on the lips,
because your caresses are better than wine.
3 As for the fragrance of your perfumes—they're good.
Your reputation is like fragrant oil
so the eligible young women love you.
4 Take me with you—let's run.
May the king has brought me to his bedroom.
Yerushalem's young women
Let's be happy and celebrate with you.
We will praise your love more than wine.
The bride
It's right that they love you.
5 I am black but lovely, daughters of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
like the tents in Kedar.
Like Shelomoh's (Solomon's) palace curtains.
6 Don't look at me, that I'm black.
That the sun scorched me.
My brothers were angry with me.
They forced me to look after our vineyards—
but I haven't maintained my own vineyard.
7 Declare to me, you who my heart loves.
Where do you graze?
Where do you make your flocks lie down at noontime?
Why should I be like a woman who covers herself beside your companions' flocks?
The groom
8 If you don't know, most beautiful among women,
follow the footprints of the flock,
and graze your young goats beside the shepherds' tents.
9 I liken you, my darling,
to a mare walking among Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) stallions hitched to chariots.
10 Your cheeks are beautiful with earrings.
Your neck is beautiful with necklaces.
Yerushalem's young women
11 We'll make gold earrings
with silver studs.
The bride
12 While the king was on his couch,
my perfume gave off its fragrance.
13 My dearest is like a perfume sachet
that stays between my breasts.
14 My dearest is like a cluster of henna blossoms to me,
in the Eyn-Gedi vineyards.
The groom
15 Wow, you're beautiful, my darling.

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 4:32.
2 **LV 1:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
3 **LV 1:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
4 **LV 1:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְנִטְּיָהַר/וְנִטְּיחַר: (x-qere) 'וְנִטְּיָהַר': lemma_7351 n_0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cp id_222Kt וְנִטְּיָהַר

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Look at you, beautiful, with your doves' eyes.
The bride
16 Look at you. You're handsome, my dearest, truly pleasant.
Indeed, our couch is comfortable.
17 The beams of our house are cedar.
Our rafters are pine.
2:1 I'm a wildflower of Sharon.
A lily of the valleys.
The groom
2 My darling is among the young women
like a lily among the thorns.
The bride
3 Like an apple tree among the trees in the forest,
so is my dearest among the young men.
In his shadow I greatly delighted, and I sat,
and his fruit is sweet to my taste.
4 He brought me to the house of food and wine
and his desire for me is to show love.
5 Sustain me with raisin cakes.
Refresh me with apples,
because I'm weak with love.
6 His left hand is under my head,
^and his right arm embraces me.
7 Promise me, you young women from Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
by the female gazelles or the does in the countryside,
don't awaken or stir love until it's the right time.
The bride

The second song

8 Listen, my dearest is coming,
leaping over the mountains,
jumping over the hills.
9 My dearest is being like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look, that one is standing behind our wall,
gazing through the windows—
looking through the lattices.
10 My dearest answered and said to me,
"Stand up, my darling, my beauty, and come,
11 because, look, the winter is over.
The rain has passed—
it went away.
12 Blossoms have appeared across the land.
The time of birds tweeting has arrived,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
13 The fig tree ripens its green figs,
and the grapevines are in blossom.
They give off a scent.
Stand up, my beautiful darling and come.
14 My dove, in the holes in the rocks,

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8 The_sound_of my_lover_of_my THERE this he_is_coming he_ _is_leaping over the_mountains he_is_bounding over the_hills. **9** Lover_of_my is_like (to)_a_gazelle or (to)_the_fawn_of the_ _deer(s) THERE this he_is_standing behind wall_of_our he_is_ _gazing from the_windows he_is_peering from the_lattices. **10** Lover_of_my he_answered and_saying(ms) to_me arise to/for_you(fs) my_friend_of_my my_beautiful_of_one and_ _come to/for_you(fs). **11** If/because THERE the[5] it_has_passed rain it_has_passed_away it_has_gone to_him/it. **12** The_ _blossoms they_have_appeared in/on_the_earth the_time_of (the)_pruning it_has_arrived and_the_sound_of the_turtle-dove it_has_been_heard in_land_of_our. **13** The_fig_tree it_has_ _ripened figs_of_its_early and_the_vines blossom they_have_ _given_forth odour arise wwww[6] my_friend_of_my my_ _beautiful_of_one and_come to/for_you(fs). **14** My_dove_of_my in_the_clefts_of the_rock in_the_hiding_place_of the_steep_ _place let_me_see ~~DOM~~ form_of_your[789] cause_me_to_hear ~~DOM~~ voice_of_your if/because voice_of_your is_sweet and_form_of_ _your is_lovely. **15** Seize to/for_us foxes foxes small which_ruin vineyards and_vineyards_of_our are_blossom.

5 **LV 2:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּתְמֹ/ה: (x-qere) 'וְיִתְּמֹ/ה': lemma_d/5638 n_1.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_22ibe וְיִתְּמֹ/ה

6 **LV 2:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: יכל: (x-qere) 'דֹּ/לֶ': lemma_l n_0.0.0 morph_HR/Sp2fs id_22GpK דֹּ/לֶ

7 **LV 2:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

8 **LV 2:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

9 **LV 2:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Literal Version

16 Lover_of_my to_me and_I to_him/it who_is_grazing among_ _lilies. **17** Until that_ the_day _it_will_breathe and_ the_ _shadows _they_will_flee turn be_like to/for_yourself(m)[1011] my_lover_of_my (to)_a_gazelle or (to)_the_fawn_of the_deer(s) on the_mountains_of ravine[s].
3:1 On bed_of_my in_nights I_sought ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ self_of_my _one_ _whom_it_loves I_sought_him and_not I_found_him. **2** I_will_ _arise please and_I_will_go_around in_city in_streets and_in_ _places I_will_seek ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ self_of_my _one_whom_it_loves I_ _sought_him and_not I_found_him. **3** They_found_me the_ _watchmen who_go_around in_city ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ self_of_my _one_ _whom_it_loves have_you(pl)_seen. **4** Like_a_little that_I_had_ _passed_away from_them until that_I_found ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ self_of_ _my _one_whom_it_loves I_grasped_him and_not I_let_him_go until that_I_had_brought_him to the_house_of my_mother_of_ _my and_near/to the_room_of the_one_who_conceived_me. **5** I_ _adjure you(pl) Oh_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_ _gazelles or by_the_does_of the_field if you(pl)_will_awaken and_if you(pl)_will_arouse ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ (the)_love until that_it_will_ _please.

6 Who this is_coming_up from the_wilderness like_columns_of smoke she_is_perfumed_of myrrh and_frankincense from_all the_scent-powder_of a_trader. **7** THERE bed_of_his which_ _belongs_to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) sixty warriors are_around to/for_her/it some_of_the_warriors_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **8** Of_ _them_of_all[12] are_grasped_of a_sword trained_of warfare each_one sword_of_his is_on thigh_of_his from_dread in_ _nights.[131415] **9** A_litter he_has_made to_him/it the_king Shəlomoh from_(the)_wood(s)_of (the)_Ləvānōn. **10** Posts_of_ _its he_made silver back_of_its gold seat_of_its purple_wool middle_of_its was_fitted_out leather from_the_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **11** Come_out and_look Oh_ _daughters_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) on_king Shəlomoh on_crown which_she_crowned for_him/it his/its_mother in/on_day his_ _wedding_of_his and_on_the_day_of the_rejoicing_of his/its_ _heart.

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in the hiding places of the cliff,
Show me your appearance,
make me hear your voice,
because your voice is sweet, and you look lovely.
15 Catch the foxes for us—
the little foxes that destroy the vineyards,
and our vineyards are in blossom.
The bride **The woman's dream**
16 My dearest belongs to me and I belong to him—
the man grazing among the lilies.
17 Until the daylight arrives and the shadows flee, turn.
My dearest resembles a gazelle or a young stag on the rugged mountains.
3:1 On my bed in the night, I search for the one that my soul loves.
I searched for him, but I didn't find him.
2 I'll get up now and go about in the city—
in the streets and in the town squares.
I will search for the man who my soul loves.
I looked for him, but I didn't find him.
3 The guards going around in the city found me:
"Have you seen the man whom my soul loves?"
4 I'd hardly passed by the guards
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him and I wouldn't let him go
until I'd brought him to my mother's house
and to the room of the woman who conceived me.
5 I strongly advise you, young women of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
by the female gazelles or the does in the countryside,
don't awaken or stir love until it pleases.
The bride **The third song**
6 Who's that coming up from the wilderness like columns of smoke—
fragrant smoke of myrrh and frankincense from all the merchant's powders?
7 Look, it's his chair carried on poles.
It belongs to Shelomoh (Solomon) and sixty Israeli warriors surround it.
8 Each of them is studied in war and holding a sword.
Each one has his sword at his thigh against the dangers in the nights.
9 King Shelomoh had a chair carried on poles made for himself
from the trees from Levanon.
10 Its posts were made of silver, its back, gold, and its seat, pur-

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ple cloth.
Its interior was decorated with love by Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) young women.
11 Go out and look, young women of Tsiyon (Zion), at King Shelomoh.
Look at the crown his mother crowned him with
on the day of his wedding—
on the day that his heart was filled with happiness.
The groom
4:1 Wow, you're beautiful, my darling.
Look, at you, so beautiful.
Your eyes are doves from behind your veil.
Your hair is like a flock of goats that hop down from the slopes of Gilead.
2 Your teeth are like a flock of shorn sheep that have come up from the washing,
all of which have identical pairs and none of them have been lost.
3 Your lips are like a scarlet thread and your mouth is lovely.
Your cheeks are like a slice of pomegranate from behind your veil.
4 Your neck is like the tower of David that's built of layers—
a thousand shields hanging on it—all the shields of the warriors.
5 Your two breasts are like two fawns—
twins of a gazelle grazing among the lilies.
6 Until the daylight arrives and the shadows flee,
I myself will go to the mountain of myrrh
and to the hill of frankincense.
7 All of you is beautiful, my darling,
and you don't have any flaws.
8 Come with me from Levanon, my bride.
Descend from the top of Amanah,
from the top of Senir and Hermon,
from the hiding places of lions,
from the mountains of leopards.
9 You have enchanted my heart, my girlfriend, my bride.
You've enchanted my heart with one look from your eyes—
with one jewel from your necklace.
10 How your love is beautiful, my girlfriend, my bride.
How your love is better than wine
and the smell of your oils is nicer than all spices.
11 Your lips drip with nectar, my bride.
Honey and milk are under your tongue,
and your clothes smell nice like Levanon's forests.
12 My girlfriend, my bride, is a locked garden,
a locked spring, a sealed fountain.
13 Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranate trees with delicious fruits,
and henna and nard spice plants,
14 nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees

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4:1 Here_you are_beautiful my_friend_of_my here_you are_ _beautiful eyes_of_your are_doves from_behind to_veil_of_your hair_of_your is_like_(the)_flock_of (the)_she-goats which_they_ _have_descended from_hill of_Gil'ād. **2** Teeth_of_your are_like_ _(the)_flock_of (the)_shorn_ewes which_they_have_come_up from the_washing which_all_of_of_them are_bearing_twins and_one_deprived_of_offspring there_is_not among_them. **3** Are_like_(the)_thread_of (the)_scarlet lips_of_your and_ _mouth(s)_of_your is_lovely is_like_(the)_slice_of (the)_ _pomegranate temple_of_your from_behind to_veil_of_your. **4** Is_like_the_tower_of Dāvid neck_of_your built to_layers (the)_ _thousand (the)_shield[s] is_hung on/upon/above_him/it all_of the_shields_of the_warriors. **5** The_two_of breasts_of_your are_ _like_two_of fawns twins_of a_gazelle which_graze among_ _lilies. **6** Until that_ the_day _it_will_breathe and_ the_shadows _they_will_flee I_will_go to_me to the_mountain_of (the)_ _myrrh and_near/to the_hill_of (the)_frankincense. **7** Of_you_ _of_all is_beautiful my_friend_of_my and_blemish there_is_not on/over_you(fs). **8** With_me from_Ləvānōn Oh_bride with_me from_Ləvānōn you_will_come you_will_come_down from_the_ _top_of Amana from_the_top_of Sənīr and_Ḥermōn from_the_ _dens_of lions from_the_mountains_of leopards. **9** You_have_ _stolen_my_heart my_sister_of_my bride you_have_stolen_my_ _heart in/on/at/with[16] of_eyes_of_your one_of necklace of_ _necklaces_of_your. **10** How love(s)_of_your they_are_beautiful my_sister_of_my bride how love(s)_of_your they_are_good more_than_wine and_the_odour_of your(pl)_oils_of_your from_ _all spices. **11** Honey lips_of_your they_drip Oh_bride honey and_milk are_under tongue_of_your and_the_odour_of your(pl)_garments_of_your is_like_the_odour_of Ləvānōn. **12** Is_a_garden locked sister_of_my bride a_spring locked a_ _spring sealed_up. **13** Shoots_of_your are_a_garden_of pomegranates with fruit_of excellence(s) henna_plants with nard_plants. **14** Nard and_saffron calamus and_cinnamon with all_of the_trees_of frankincense myrrh and_aloes with all_of the_best_of spices. **15** A_spring_of gardens a_well_of water living and_flowing from Ləvānōn. **16** Awake Oh_north_wind and_come Oh_south_wind make_breathe garden_of_my spices_ _of_its let_them_flow lover_of_my let_him_come to_garden_of_ _his and_let_him_eat the_fruit_of its_excellence(s)_of_his. **5:1** I_have_come to_garden_of_my my_sister_of_my bride I_ _have_gathered myrrh_of_my with spice_of_my I_have_eaten honeycomb_of_my with honey_of_my I_have_drunk wine_of_ _my with milk_of_my eat Oh_friends drink and_become_drunk Oh_lovers.

16 LV 4:9 · Note OSHB variant note: דחא/ב: (x-qere) 'תָּחַא/ב': lemma_b/259 morph_HR/Acfsa id_22zCS תָּחַא/ב

Literal Version

2 I was_sleeping and_heart_of_my was_awake the_sound_of my_lover_of_my is_knocking open to_me my_sister_of_my friend_of_my dove_of_my my_perfect_of_one that_head_of_my is_filled dew locks_of_my[17] dewdrops_of night. **3** I_have_ _stripped_off ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ tunic_of_my how will_I_put_it_on I_have_ _washed ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ feet_of_my how will_I_dirty_them. **4** Lover_of_my he_sent his/its_hand from the_hole and_inward_parts_of_my they_were_turbulent on/upon/above_him/it. **5** I I_arose to_ _open to_lover_of_my and_hands_of_my they_dripped myrrh and_fingers_of_my myrrh flowing on the_handles_of the_bolt. **6** I I_opened to_lover_of_my and_lover_of_my he_had_turned_ _away he_had_passed_away being_of_my it_went_out when_he_ _turned_aside I_sought_him and_not I_found_him I_called_him and_not he_answered_me. **7** They_found_me the_watchmen who_go_around in_city they_struck_me they_wounded_me they_lifted ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ shawl_of_my from_on_me the_watchmen_of the_walls. **8** I_adjure you(pl) Oh_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if you(pl)_will_find ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ lover_of_my what will_you(pl)_tell to_him/it that_weak_of love I. **9** How_is lover_of_your more_than_a_lover Oh_beautiful_one among_ _women how lover_of_is_your more_than_a_lover that_thus you_have_adjured_us. **10** Lover_of_my is_dazzling and_ruddy he_is_conspicuous more_than_ten_thousand. **11** His/its_head is_gold_of pure_gold locks_of_his[18] are_curls black like_raven. **12** Eyes_of_his are_like_doves at channels_of water washing in_ _milk sitting on fullness. **13** Cheeks_of_his are_like_(the)_bed_of (the)_spice towers_of aromatic_herbs lips_of_his are_lilies dripping myrrh flowing. **14** Hands_of_his are_rods_of gold filled with_chrysolite parts_of_his_lower are_a_plate_of ivory covered sapphires. **15** Legs_of_his are_pillars_of marble founded on bases_of pure_gold appearance_of_his is_like_Lə✓ānōn it_is_ _chosen like_cedars. **16** Mouth_of_his is_sweetness(es) and_all_ _of_of_him is_desirableness(es)[19][20][21] this lover_of_is_my and_

Readers' Version

used for incense,
myrrh and aloes, with all the best spices,
15 a fountain of gardens,
a well of living waters,
and streams flowing down from Levanon.
The bride
16 Wake up, north wind, and come, south wind.
Blow on my garden and let its spices flow.
Let my dearest come to his garden and eat its delicious fruit.
The groom
5:1 I have come to my garden, my girlfriend, my bride.
I've plucked my myrrh with my spice.
I've eaten my honeycomb with my honey.
I've drunk my wine with my milk.
Yerushalem's young women
Eat, friends,
drink, and drink freely, dear ones.

The fourth song

The bride
2 I'm asleep, but my heart is awake.
A sound—my dearest is knocking.
The groom
"Open to me, my girlfriend, my darling, my dove, my perfect one,
because my head is full of dew—
my hair is wet with the night dampness."
The bride
3 "I've already undressed—do I have to get dressed again?
I've washed my feet—won't I get them dirty now?"
4 My dearest stretched out his hand through the hole
and my stomach tightened when I saw him.
5 I got myself up to open to my dearest and my hands dripped with myrrh.
My fingers dripped with flowing myrrh on the arm of the bolt.
6 I opened the door to my dearest,
but my dearest had turned and gone.
My stomach sunk because he'd left.
I searched for him, but I couldn't find him.
I called him, but he didn't answer me.
7 The guards going about in the city found me.
They beat me and wounded me.
The guards of the walls took my shawl off me.
8 I adjure you, young women of Yerushalem (Jerusalem):
if you find my dearest, what will you tell him?
Tell him that I'm sick with love.
Yerushalem's young women
9 Most beautiful among women, how is your dearest better

17 **LV 5:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

18 **LV 5:11 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

19 **LV 5:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

20 **LV 5:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

21 **LV 5:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

than another darling?
What is your dearest more than another, that you adjure us like that?
The bride
10 My dearest is dazzling and red—
→he would stand out among ten thousand.
11 His head is gold, refined gold.
His hair is wavy, and black like the raven.
12 His eyes are like doves beside streams of water,
bathing in milk, sitting beside the pools.
13 His cheeks are like a bed of spices—like towers where aromatic herbs are hung.
His lips are lilies—dripping with flowing myrrh.
14 His arms are rods of gold mounted with topaz stones.
His belly is a plate of ivory covered with sapphires.
15 His thighs are pillars of alabaster set on bases of refined gold.
His appearance is like Levanon—as attractive as the cedar trees.
16 His mouth is most sweet,
and all of him is most desirable.
This is my dearest, and this is my friend,
young women of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
Yerushalem's young women
6:1 Where did he go, your dearest, most beautiful woman among women?
Where did he turn, your dearest—let us join you in looking for him.
The bride
2 My dearest went down to his garden, to the beds of spices,
→in order to graze in the gardens and in order to gather lilies.
3 I belong to my dearest, and my dearest belongs to me.
He grazes among the lilies.
The groom

The fifth song

4 You are beautiful, my darling, like Tirtsah,
lovely like Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
awe-inspiring like armies marching with banners.
5 Turn your eyes away from me, because they excite me.
Your hair is like a flock of goats that hop down from Mt. Gilead.
6 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes that have come up from the washing,
all of which have twin lambs and none of them have died.
7 Your cheeks are like a slice of a pomegranate
from behind your veil.
8 He has sixty queens, and eighty concubines,
and young women without number.
9 She's special, my dove, my perfect one.

Literal Version

_this friend_of_is_my Oh_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
6:1 Where lover_of_your has_he_gone Oh_beautiful_one among_ _women where lover_of_your has_he_turned so_that_we_may_ _seek_him with_you. **2** Lover_of_my he_has_gone_down to_ _garden_of_his to_the_beds_of (the)_spice to_graze in_gardens and_to_gather lilies. **3** I belong_to_lover_of_my and_lover_of_ _my to_me the_one_who_is_grazing among_lilies.[222324]

4 Are_beautiful you my_friend_of_my like_Tirtsāh lovely like_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) majestic like_(the)_ _soldiers/messengers_banners. **5** Turn eyes_of_your from_ _before_me that_they[25] they_have_confused_me hair_of_your is_like_(the)_flock_of (the)_she-goats which_they_have_ _descended from (the)_Gil'ād. **6** Teeth_of_your are_like_(the)_ _flock_of (the)_ewes which_they_have_come_up from the_ _washing which_all_of_of_them are_bearing_twins and_one_ _deprived_of_offspring there_is_not among_them. **7** Is_like_ _(the)_slice_of (the)_pomegranate temple_of_your from_behind to_veil_of_your. **8** Are_sixty they queens and_eighty concubines and_young_women there_is_not number. **9** Is_one she dove_of_ _my my_perfect_of_one is_one_daughter she of_mother_of_her is_a_pure_daughter she of_the_one_of_who_bore_her they_ _saw_her daughters and_they_called_her_blessed queens and_ _concubines and_they_praised_her. **10** Who this is_the_one_

22 **LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
23 **LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
24 **LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
25 **LV 6:5 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

Literal Version

_who_looks_down like the_dawn beautiful like_moon pure like_ _sun majestic like_(the)_soldiers/messengers_banners. **11** To a_ _garden_of nut[s] I_went_down to_see on_the_green_shoots_of the_wadi to_see had_ the_vine _it_budded the_pomegranates had_they_bloomed. **12** Not I_knew desire_of_my it_set_me the_ _chariots_of Ammi-_-[26] of_Ammi-.
7:1 [27] Return return Oh_Shulammite_woman return return so_ _that_we_may_look on/over_you(fs) why will_you(pl)_look on_ _woman like_the_dance_of the_two_groups. **2** [28] How feet_of_ _your they_are_beautiful in_sandals Oh_daughter_of a_noble_ _person the_curves_of your_two's_thighs_of_your are_like ornaments the_work_of the_hands_of a_master-craftsman. **3** [29] Navel_of_your is_(the)_bowl_of (the)_roundness not (the)_ _mixed_wine may_it_lack belly_of_your is_a_heap_of wheat(s) which_is_fenced_around with_lilies. **4** [30] The_two_of breasts_of_ _your are_like_two_of fawns twins_of a_gazelle. **5** [31] Neck_of_ _your is_like_(the)_tower_of (the)_ivory eyes_of_your are_pools in_Ḫeshbōn at the_gate_of Bath- Rabbim nose_of_your is_like_ _the_tower_of (the)_Lə֯ānōn which_watches the_face_of Damascus. **6** [32] Head_of_your on_you is_like_Karmel/(Carmel) and_the_hair_of your_head_of_your is_like_(the)_wool the_king is_bound by_tresses. **7** [33] How you_are_beautiful and_how you_ _are_lovely Oh_love with_delights. **8** [34] This stature_of_your it_ _is_like (to)_a_palm_tree and_breasts_of_your (to)_clusters. **9** [35] I_say I_will_climb_up on_the_palm_tree I_will_take_hold on_ _fruit-stalks_of_its and_may_they_be please breasts_of_your like_the_clusters_of (the)_vine and_the_odour_of your_nose_of_ _your like_apples. **10** [36] And_mouth_of_your be_like_(the)_ _wine_of (the)_good which_goes for_lover_of_my to_ _smoothness(es) which_flows_gently the_lips_of sleepers. **11** [37] I belong_to_lover_of_my and_is_towards_me his/its_ _longing/desire. **12** [38] Come my_lover_of_my let_us_go the_field let_us_pass_the_night in_villages. **13** [39] Let_us_rise_early to_ _vineyards let_us_see if the_vine it_has_budded the_blossom it_ _has_opened the_pomegranates they_have_bloomed there I_ _will_give ~~DOM~~ love(s)_of_my to/for_you(fs). **14** [40] The_ _mandrakes they_have_given_forth an_odour and_will_be_over doorway(s)_of_our all_of excellent_things new also old my_ _lover_of_my I_have_stored_up to/for_you(fs).
8:1 Who will_he_give_you like_a_brother to_me the_sucking_

Readers' Version

She's special to her mother—perfect to the woman who bore her.
The young women saw her and called her blessed.
The queens and the concubines praised her:
10 "Who is that, the woman who looks down like the dawn,
beautiful like the moon,
pure like the sun,
awe-inspiring like armies marching with banners?"
11 I went down to the nut tree garden to look at the green shoots of the valley
to see if the grapevine had budded?
Had the pomegranates bloomed?
12 Before I realised it,
my desire had put me among my people's chariots, a leading citizen.
Yerushalem's young women
13 Return, return, woman from Shulam.
Return, return and let us look at you.
The bride
Why do you look at the Shulamit
like the dance of two armies?
The groom
7:1 Your feet are so beautiful in sandals, daughter of a noble.
The curves of your thighs are like ornaments—the work of a craftsman's hands.
2 Your navel is like a round bowl
that never lacks spiced wine.
Your belly is like a pile of threshed wheat
encircled with lily flowers.
3 Your two breasts are like two fawns—
a gazelle's twins.
4 Your neck is like a tower of ivory.
Your eyes are pools in Heshbon
by the gate of Bat Rabbim.
Your nose is like the tower of Levanon,
looking to the face of Damesek (Damascus).

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26 **LV 6:12 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as יְמַע׃
27 **LV 7:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.6.13
28 **LV 7:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.1
29 **LV 7:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.2
30 **LV 7:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.3
31 **LV 7:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.4
32 **LV 7:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.5
33 **LV 7:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.6
34 **LV 7:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.7
35 **LV 7:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.8
36 **LV 7:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.9
37 **LV 7:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.10
38 **LV 7:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.11
39 **LV 7:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.12
40 **LV 7:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.13

Readers' Version

5 Your head crowns you like Mt. Karmel,
and the loose hair of your head is like purple robes—
a king is held captive in their tresses.
6 You're so beautiful and so lovely—
you're love with added delights!
7 You're tall like a palm tree,
and your breasts like its clusters of dates.
8 I said, "I'll go up the palm tree.
I'll grab hold of its stalks of fruit."
And, please, let your breasts be like the clusters on the grapevine,
and let the fragrance of your nose be like apples,
9 and let your mouth be like the best wine
going down smoothly for my dearest—
gliding over the lips of those who sleep.
The bride
10 I belong to my dearest
and his longing is for me.
11 Come, my dearest, let's go out to the countryside.
Let's spend the night in the villages.
12 Let's go early to the vineyards.
We'll see if the grapevine has budded,
if the blossoms have opened,
and if the pomegranates have bloomed.
There I'll give my love to you.
13 The mandrakes give off a scent,
and over our doors are all kinds of choice dried fruits—
new ones and also old ones.
My dearest, I've stored these up for you.
8:1 Who will give you to me like a brother,
who nursed at my mother's breasts?
If I found you outside, I would kiss you.
Yes, they wouldn't despise me.
2 I would lead you.
I would bring you to my mother's house—she who taught me.
I would have you drink some spiced wine,
and some of my pomegranate juice.
3 His left hand is under my head
and his right hand embraces me.
4 I adjure you, young women of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
don't awaken and stir up love until it desires.
Yerushalem's young women

The sixth song

5 Who is that coming up from the wilderness,
leaning against her dearest?
The bride
Under the apple tree I awakened you.
Your mother was in labour with you there.

Literal Version

_child of_the_breasts_of my_mother_of_my I_will_find_you on_
_outside I_will_kiss_you[414243] also not people_will_despise to_
_me. 2 I_will_lead_you I_will_bring_you to the_house_of my_
_mother_of_my who_she_taught_me I_will_give_you_to_drink
some_(the)_wine of_(the)_spice some_of_the_juice_of my_
_pomegranate_of_my. 3 Hand_of_his_left is_under my_head
and_his_right_of_hand it_embraces_me. 4 I_adjure you(pl) Oh_
_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) why will_you(pl)_
_awaken and_why will_you(pl)_arouse ~~DOM~~ (the)_love until
that_it_will_please.

5 Who this is_coming_up from the_wilderness leaning_herself
on lover_of_her under the_apple_tree I_aroused_you there_(to)
she_was_in_labour_with_you mother_of_your there_(to) she_
_was_in_labour she_bore_you. 6 Put_me like_seal on heart_of_
_your like_seal on arm_of_your if/because is_strong like_death
love is_severe like_Shə'ōl jealousy flames_of_its are_flames_of
fire a powerful_flame.[45] 7 Waters many not they_are_able to_

41 **LV 8:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

42 **LV 8:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

43 **LV 8:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

45 **LV 8:6 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

Literal Version

_extinguish ~~DOM~~ (the)_love and_rivers not they_will_overflow_it if anyone he_will_give ~~DOM~~ all_of the_wealth_of his_house_of_ _his for_love utterly_(despise) people_will_despise to_him/it. **8** A_sister to/for_us small and_breasts there_are_not to/for_ _her/it what will_we_do for_sister_of_our in_the_day when_it_ _will_be_spoken for_her. **9** If is_a_wall she we_will_build on/upon_it(f) a_battlement_of silver and_if is_a_door she we_ _will_shut_up on/upon_it(f) a_board_of cedar. **10** I was_a_wall and_breasts_of_my are_like_towers then I_was in_eyes_of_his like_one_who_finds peace. **11** A_vineyard it_belonged to_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon) at_Ba´al- hamon he_gave ~~DOM~~ the_ _vineyard to_who_keep each_one he_will_bring for_fruit_of_its a_thousand silver. **12** Vineyard_of_my[464748] which_belongs_to_ _me is_before_of_me the_thousand_shekels to/for_yourself(m) Oh_Shəlomoh and_two_hundreds belong_to_those_who_keep ~~DOM~~ fruit_of_its. **13** Oh_you_who_dwell[495051] in_gardens companions are_listening for_voice_of_your cause_me_to_ _hear_it. **14** Hasten my_lover_of_my and_be_like to/for_ _yourself(m) (to)_a_gazelle or (to)_the_fawn_of the_deer(s) on mountains_of spices.

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Readers' Version

There she was in labour—she gave birth to you.
6 Place me like the seal on your heart,
like the seal on your arm,
because live is strong like death.
Zeal is unyielding like the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire—Yah's flame.
7 Many waters aren't able to quench this love
and rivers can't drown it.
If a man would give all the family's wealth in exchange for love,
he'd be utterly despised.
Bride's older brothers
8 We have a young sister—
small and without her breasts developed.
What will we do for our sister
on the day when she is spoken for?
9 If she's a wall,[44] we'll build a silver turret on her.
And if she is a door, we'll protect her with cedar planks.
The bride
10 I was a wall and my breasts were like towers.
Then, in his eyes, I was like a person who finds peace.
11 There was a vineyard for Shelomoh (Solomon) at Ba'al-Hamon.
He gave the vineyard to keepers.
Each person brought a thousand silver coins in exchange for its fruit.
12 My own vineyard is right in front of me.
Those thousand coins belong to you, Shelomoh,
and the two hundred belong to the people who are keepers of its fruit.
The groom
13 You, the one residing in the gardens:
my companions are listening intently for your voice—
let me hear it.
The bride
14 Flee, my dearest, and be like a gazelle
or a young stag on the mountains of spices.

SNG · OET-RV v0.2.2

44 **RV 8:9 · Note** Some consider these analogies to refer to her (still young) flat chest, others to a wall/door protecting her virginity.
46 **LV 8:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
47 **LV 8:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
48 **LV 8:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.
49 **LV 8:13 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
50 **LV 8:13 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
51 **LV 8:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Yoel

(Joel)

Introduction

This account was written around 400-500 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.), at a time when other nations were being ruled over by the Persian kings. Yahweh's message is brought to the people via Petuel's son, Yoel (Joel).
This document was written because God's revelation to Yoel included warnings about his coming judgement and punishment of the surrounding nations, known as *Yahweh's day*. When that day arrived, it would be the time for God's punishment of all those who had disobeyed him. The prophet explained that Yahweh was calling his people to turn away from their sinful lifestyles, and then he followed this up with a promise that his people would again live peaceful and prosperous lives and receive his blessings. It's also recorded here how Yahweh promised to send his spirit to all people groups.

Main components of this document

The destruction by locusts *1:1–2:17*
The promise of restoration of a peaceful life *2:18-27*
Yahweh's day of action *2:28–3:21*

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Literal Version

1:1 The_message_of **YHWH** which it_came to Yō'ēl/(Joel) the_ _son_of Pətū'ēl.

2 Hear this Oh_elders and_give_ear Oh_all_of the_inhabitants_ _of the_earth/land has_ this _it_happened in_days_of_your(pl) and_if in_the_days_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl). **3** On_it to_children_of_your(pl) recount and_children_of_your(pl) to_ _children_of_their and_children_of_their to_a_generation another. **4** The_remainder_of the_locust[s] the_locust[s] it_has_ _eaten and_the_remainder_of the_locust[s] the_locust[s] it_has_ _eaten and_the_remainder_of the_locust[s] the_locust[s] it_has_ _eaten. **5** Awake Oh_drunkards and_weep and_wail Oh_all_of you(pl)_who_drink_of (of)_wine on sweet_wine if/because it_ _has_been_cut_off from_mouth_of_your(pl). **6** If/because a_ _nation it_has_come_up on land_of_my it_is_mighty and_there_ _is_not number teeth_of_its are_the_teeth_of a_lion and_the_ _fangs_of a_lion to_him/it. **7** It_has_made vine[s]_of_my into_a_ _waste and_my_fig_of_tree[s] into_a_stump completely_(strip_ _bare) it_has_stripped_it_bare and_it_has_thrown_it_away branches_of_its they_have_become_white. **8** Wail like_a_virgin girded_of sackcloth on the_husband_of her_youth(s)_of_her. **9** Grain_offering and_drink_offering it_has_been_cut_off from_ _the_house_of **YHWH** the_priests who_serve_of (of)_**YHWH** they_are_in_mourning. **10** The_field[s] it_is_devastated the_ _ground it_is_dried_up if/because the_grain it_is_devastated the_new_wine it_has_dried_up the_fresh_oil it_has_languished. **11** Be_ashamed Oh_farmers wail Oh_vinedressers on the_wheat and_on the_barley if/because the_harvest_of the_field it_has_ _perished. **12** The_vine it_has_dried_up and_the_fig_tree it_has_ _languished the_pomegranate_tree also the_palm_tree and_ _the_apple_tree all_of the_trees_of the_field they_have_dried_ _up if/because joy it_has_been_ashamed from the_children_of humankind. **13** Gird_yourselves and_lament Oh_priests wail Oh_you(pl)_who_serve_of (of)_the_altar come spend_the_night in_sackcloth(s) Oh_you(pl)_who_serve_of god_of_(of)_my if/because it_has_been_withheld from_the_house_of your(pl)_ _god_of_your(pl) grain_offering and_drink_offering. **14** Consecrate a_fast call an_assembly gather the_elders all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land the_house_of **YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) and_cry_out to **YHWH**. **15** Alas for_day if/because is_near the_day_of **YHWH** and_like_devastation from_the_ _almighty[3] it_will_come. **16** Am_not before eyes_of_our food has_it_been_cut_off from_the_house_of our_god_of_our joy and_rejoicing. **17** The_seeds they_have_shrivelled under shovels_of_their the_storehouses they_are_desolate the_ _granaries they_have_been_torn_down if/because the_grain it_ _has_dried_up. **18** How the_livestock it_has_groaned the_herds_ _of cattle they_have_wandered_in_confusion if/because there_ _is_not pasture to/for_them also the_flocks_of (the)_sheep they_have_suffered. **19** To_you Oh_**YHWH** I_call if/because fire it_has_consumed the_pastures_of the_wilderness and_a_flame it_has_set_ablaze all_of the_trees_of the_field. **20** Also the_ _animals_of the_field it_pants to_you if/because the_channels_ _of water they_have_dried_up and_fire it_has_consumed the_ _pastures_of the_wilderness.

Readers' Version

1:1 This is Yahweh's message that came to Petuel's son Yoel (Joel):

Destruction by locusts

2 Hear this, you elders,
and listen, all you people that live in this country.
Has this sort of thing ever happened in your lifetime
or in the days of your ancestors?
3 Tell your children about it,
and your children to their children,
and their children to the following generation.
4 What the cutting locusts left behind, the swarming locusts have eaten,
and what the swarming locusts left behind, the hopping locusts have eaten,
and what the hopping locusts left behind, the destroying locusts have eaten.
5 Wake up, drunkards, and weep.
Yes, wail, all you wine drinkers.
Wail about the sweet wine, because it's all gone now.
6 Because a powerful nation (of locusts) with innumerable soldiers has come against my land,
Its teeth are like a lion's teeth,
and the fangs are like those of a lioness.[1]
7 It's made my grapevine into a piece of rubbish
and my fig tree into splinters.
Stripping everything, it's stripped it and thrown it away.
Its branches have become white (without the bark).
8 Mourn like a young woman dressed in sackcloth after losing her young husband.
9 The grain offering and the drink offering have been discontinued at Yahweh's temple.
The priests mourn—Yahweh's servants.
10 The countryside has been devastated.
The soil mourns, because the grain has been destroyed.
The new wine dried up,
The fresh oil isn't good.
11 Feel shame, farmers, for the wheat and for the barley.
Wail, vinedressers, because the harvest from the countryside has perished.
12 The grapevine has dried up and the fig tree has been made weak.
The pomegranate tree, also the palm tree and the apple tree, all of the trees across the countryside have dried up.
→So humanity's joy has dried up.
13 Get dressed in sackcloth and sing dirges, you priests.
Wail, you servants of the altar.
Come, spend the night in sackcloth, servants of my god,
because the grain offering and the drink offering have been withheld from the house of your god.
14 Consecrate a fast,

1 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** Rev 9:8.

3 **LV 1:15 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

call an assembly.
Gather the elders and all the residents of the country
to the house of Yahweh your god,
and cry out to Yahweh.
15 What a terrible day,
because Yahweh's day is near,
and it will come as destruction from the powerful one.[2]
16 Hasn't our food been cut off right in front of our eyes,
and joy and gladness cut off from God's house?
17 The seeds have shrivelled under their clods.
The storehouses are in ruins.
The granaries have been torn down,
because the grain has dried up.
18 How the livestock groan.
The herds of cattle are perplexed,
because there's no pasture to graze.
Also the flocks of sheep have suffered.
19 I call for help to you, Yahweh,
because fire has devoured the pastures in the wilderness,
and the flame has burnt all the trees in the countryside.
20 Even the wild animals pant for you,
because the streams of water have dried up,
and fire has destroyed the pastures in the wilderness.

Yahweh's day arrives · Southern kingdom

2:1 Blow the shofar in Tsiyon (Zion),
and shout on the mountain of my holiness.
Let all of the country's residents tremble,
because Yahweh's day is coming,
yes, it's close.
2 It'll be a day of darkness and gloom—
a day of clouds and thick darkness
like the dawn being spread out on the mountains.
There hasn't been a great and mighty army like that since the beginning of time,
and after it there won't be again for many generations.
3 A devouring fire goes ahead of it,
and behind it a flame is burning.
Ahead of it, the land is like the garden of Eden,
but behind it is a wilderness of desolation,
and indeed, there's no escape from it.
4 At first, it appears like horses,
and they run like war horses.[4]
5 Like the sound of chariots, they leap along the tops of the hills—
like the sound of flames devouring stubble,
like a mighty people organised for war.
6 People flinch in horror when they see them coming.
All of their faces turn dark.[5]

Literal Version

2:1 Give_a_blast_on a_ram's_horn in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_
_sound_a_battle_signal on_the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_
_my all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land let_them_tremble
if/because the_day_of **YHWH** is_about_to_come if/because it_
_is_near. **2** A_day_of darkness and_gloom a_day_of cloud and_
_thick_darkness like_dawn spread_out over the_mountains a_
_people numerous and_mighty like_it not it_has_occurred since
(the)_antiquity and_after_it not it_will_repeat until years_of a_
_generation and_a_generation. **3** Before_it fire it_has_consumed
and_after_it a_flame it_sets_ablaze is_like_the_garden_of ʼĒden
the_earth/land before_it and_after_it a_wilderness_of
desolation and_also escape not it_belongs for_him/it. **4** Is_like_
_the_appearance_of horses appearance_of_its and_like_
_horsemen so they_run. **5** Like_the_sound_of chariots over the_
_tops_of the_mountains they_leap like_the_sound_of a_flame_
_of fire which_consumes stubble like_a_people mighty
deployed_of battle. **6** From_before_of_it peoples they_are_in_
_anguish all_of faces they_gather a_glow. **7** Like_warriors they_
_run like_men_of war they_go_up a_wall and_each on_ways_of_
_its they_go and_not they_exchange paths_of_their. **8** And_each
his/its_brother not they_thrust a_man on_track_of_its they_go
and_through the_weapon[s] they_fall not they_stop. **9** On_city
they_rush on_wall they_run in_houses they_go_up through
the_windows they_go like_thief. **10** Before_it the_earth it_
_trembles the_heavens they_shake sun and_moon they_
_become_dark and_the_stars they_withdraw brightness_of_
their. **11** And**YHWH** he_gives_forth voice_of_his to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before army_of_his if/because is_great

2 **RV 1:15 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:6.

4 **RV 2:4-5 · Cross-ref.** Rev 9:7-9.

5 **RV Joel 2:6b · Note** We don't have a good understanding of an uncommon Hebrew word used here, so other translations might differ.

Literal Version

very camp_of_his if/because is_mighty the_one_who_does_of message_of_(of)_his if/because is_great the_day_of **YHWH** and_ _awesome exceedingly and_who will_he_endure_it.

12 And_also now the_utterance_of **YHWH** return to_me in_all heart_of_your(pl) and_with_fasting and_with_weeping[8] and_ _with_wailing. **13** And_tear heart_of_your(pl) and_not garments_of_your(pl) and_return to **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) if/because is_gracious and_compassionate he he_is_long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty and_he_is_relenting on (the)_harm. **14** Who is_knowing he_will_turn and_he_will_ _relent and_he_will_leave behind_him a_blessing a_grain_ _offering and_a_drink_offering to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **15** Give_a_blast_on a_ram's_horn in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) consecrate a_fast call an_assembly. **16** Gather the_people consecrate an_ _assembly gather the_elders gather children and_sucking_ _children_of breasts the_bridegroom let_him_go_out from_ _room_of_his and_the_bride from_chamber_of_her. **17** Between the_porch and_the_altar the_priests who_serve_of (of)_**YHWH** let_them_weep and_let_them_say have_compassion Oh_**YHWH** on people_of_your and_do_not make inheritance_of_your into_ _a_reproach to_mock on_them nations to/for_what will_ _people_say among_peoples where god_of_is_their.

Readers' Version

7 They run like warriors.
Like men of war, they climb the wall.
Then they walk, each man choosing his own way forward,
and they don't veer off their paths.
8 There's no jostling each other—
each man marches straight forward.
They handle those who present weapons against them
and their progress isn't interrupted.
9 They rush on the city.
They run along the wall.
They climb through the windows into the houses like thieves.
10 The earth shakes as they approach.
The heavens tremble.
The sun and the moon become dark,
and the stars cease their shining.[6]
11 Yahweh speaks in front of his army,
because there's a huge number of them,
because those executing his commands are very powerful.
Yes, Yahweh's day is really terrible,
and who could possibly survive it?[7]

A call for genuine repentance · Southern kingdom

12 Yahweh declares: Even now,
return to me with all of your hearts,
and with fasting and weeping, and with mourning.
13 Yes, tear your hearts and not your clothes,
and return to your god Yahweh,
because he's gracious and merciful,
slow to get angry, but displaying loyal commitment,
and relenting from sending disaster.
14 Who knows? He might change his mind and relent
and leave a blessing after him:
grain and wine that you can all use as offerings for your god Yahweh.
15 Blow the shofar in Tsiyon (Zion),
declare a fast,
announce an assembly.
16 Gather the people,
consecrate the congregation,
assemble the elders,
gather the children
and the ones suckling the breasts.
May the bridegroom come out from his chamber
and the bride from her room.
17 Let Yahweh's servants the priests weep between the porch and the altar.
And let them say, "Have pity on your people, Yahweh,
and don't allow others to mock the people that you inherited,
and then other nations to rule over them.
Why should the other nations ask, 'Where is their god?' "

6 **RV 2:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 8:12.

7 **RV 2:11 · Cross-ref.** Rev 6:17.

8 **LV 2:12 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

18 Then Yahweh was jealous for his land,
and he had pity on his people.
19 Then Yahweh answered and told his people,
"Listen, I'll send you grain and new wine and oil,
and it'll be enough for you all,
and I'll no longer make you a country for the other nations to mock.
20 And I will distance the northern army from you,
and I will banish them into a land of dryness and desolation—
their face into the eastern sea
and their back into the western sea.
Their stench will rise,
and their odour will spread,
because they've made many powerful moves."
21 Don't fear, land. Be glad and celebrate,
because Yahweh has been doing powerful things.
22 Don't worry, you animals in the countryside,
because the pastures in the wilderness have sprouted,
and the tree has borne its fruit—
the fig tree and the grapevine have produced their best.
23 And be glad, you descendants of Tsiyon (Zion),
and celebrate about your god Yahweh,
because he's given you the early rain as vindication,
and he's brought down showers for you—
the early rains and the late rains like before.
24 Then the threshing floors will be full of grain,
and the vats will overflow with grape juice and olive oil.
25 "And I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust and the hopping locust,
the destroying locust and the cutting locust have eaten—
my huge army that I sent among you.
26 You'll all eat and be full,
and you'll praise the name of your god Yahweh,
who's done miracles among you all,
and my people will never feel shamed.
27 Then you'll all know that I'm right there in Yisrael (Israel)—
that I'm your god Yahweh and there isn't any other,
and my people will never feel shamed.

The restoration of the harvests · Southern kingdom

28 And it will happen after that,
that I'll pour out my spirit onto all peoples,
and your sons and your daughters will prophesy.
Your elderly will dream dreams,
Your young people will see visions.
29 At that time I'll pour out my spirit
even on the male and female slaves.

Yahweh's spirit poured out

Literal Version

18 And_ **YHWH** _he_became_jealous for_land_of_his and_he_ _had_compassion on people_of_his. **19** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _answered and_he/it_said to_people_of_his HERE_I am_about_ _to_send to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ (the)_grain and_(the)_new_wine and_(the)_fresh_oil and_you(pl)_will_be_satisfied ~~DOM~~_him/it and_not I_will_make you(pl) again a_reproach among_nations. **20** And_~~DOM~~ the_northerner[s] I_will_remove_far_away from_ _with_you(pl) and_I_will_drive_it_away into a_land dryness and_desolation ~~DOM~~ his/its_faces/face into the_sea (the)_ _eastern and_end_of_its into the_sea (the)_western and_ stench_of_its _he/it_would_go_up and_ smell_of_its_foul _it_ _will_go_up if/because he_has_made_great for_doing. **21** Do_ _not fear Oh_land be_glad and_rejoice if/because **YHWH** he_ _has_made_great for_doing. **22** Do_not fear Oh_animals_of the_ _field if/because the_pastures_of the_wilderness they_are_ _green if/because the_tree[s] it_has_borne fruit_of_its the_fig_ _tree and_the_vine they_have_given strength_of_their. **23** And_ _the_sons of_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) be_glad and_rejoice in_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) if/because he_has_given to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_early_rain for_righteousness and_he_has_sent_down to/for_you(pl) rain early_rain and_spring_rain in_month. **24** And_ the_threshing_floors _they_will_be_full grain and_ the_ _wine-vats _they_will_overflow new_wine and_fresh_oil. **25** And_I_will_restore to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_years which the_ _locust[s] the_locust[s] and_the_locust[s] and_the_locust[s] army_of_my (the)_great which I_sent among_you(pl) it_has_ _eaten. **26** And_you(pl)_will_eat eating and_being_satisfied and_ _you(pl)_will_praise ~~DOM~~ the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who he_has_dealt with_you(pl) by_doing_wonderfully and_not people_of_my they_will_be_ashamed forever_perpetuity. **27** And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that am_in_the_midst_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I and_I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_there_ _is_not yet and_not people_of_my they_will_be_ashamed forever_perpetuity.

3:1 [9] And_it_was after thus I_will_pour_out ~~DOM~~ my_ _breath/wind/spirit on all_of flesh and_ sons_of_your(pl) and_ _daughters_of_your(pl) _they_will_prophesy your_old_of_men dreams they_will_dream men_of_your_young visions they_will_ _see. **2** [10] And_also on the_male_servants and_on the_female_ _servants in_the_days (the)_those I_will_pour_out ~~DOM~~ my_ _breath/wind/spirit.

9 **LV 3:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).2.28

10 **LV 3:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).2.29

Literal Version

3 [13] And_I_will_put wonders in_heavens and_on_earth blood
and_fire and_columns_of smoke. 4 [14] The_sun it_will_be_
_changed into_darkness and_the_moon into_blood to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before the_day_of **YHWH** (the)_great and_
_(the)_awesome comes. 5 [15] And_it_was every one_who he_will_
_call in/on_name_of **YHWH** he_will_escape if/because on_the_
_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
an_escaped_remnant it_will_be just_as **YHWH** he_has_said and_
_will_among_the_survivors those_whom **YHWH** will_be_
_calling.

4:1 [19] If/because THERE in_the_days (the)_those and_at_time
(the)_that when I_will_turn_back[20] ~~DOM~~ the_captivity_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 2 [21] And_I_
_will_gather ~~DOM~~ all_of the_nations and_I_will_bring_them_
_down to the_valley_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) and_I_will_
_enter_into_judgement with_them there on people_of_my and_
_inheritance_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_have_scattered
among_nations and_~~DOM~~ land_of_my they_have_divided_up.
3 [22] And_near/to people_of_my they_have_throw a_lot and_
_they_have_exchanged the_boy for_prostitute and_the_girl
they_have_sold for_wine and_they_have_drunk. 4 [23] And_also
what are_you(pl) to_me Oh_Tyre and_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_
_all/each/any/every the_territories_of Pəleshet recompense
are_you(pl) repaying to_me and_if are_you(pl) making_
_recompense to_me swift quickly I_will_return recompense_of_
_your(pl) on_head_of_your(pl). 5 [24] That silver_of_my and_gold_
_of_my you(pl)_took and_my_desirable_of_things (the)_good
you(pl)_took to_your(pl)_own_of_temples. 6 [25] And_the_sons
of_Yəhūdāh and_the_sons of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl)_
_sold to_the_people_of the_Greeks so_as to_remove_them_far_
_away from_under territory_of_their_own. 7 [26] Here_I am_
_about_of_to_rouse_them from the_place where you(pl)_sold
~~DOM~~_them there_(to) and_I_will_return recompense_of_
_your(pl) on_head_of_your(pl). 8 [27] And_I_will_sell ~~DOM~~ sons_of_
your(pl) and~~DOM~~ daughters_of_your(pl) in_the_hand_of the_
_people_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_will_sell_them to_the_
_Sabeans to a_nation distant if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken.

Readers' Version

The warning about Yahweh's day · Southern kingdom

30 Then I'll do miracles in the skies and on the earth—
blood and fire and columns of smoke.
31 The sun will be turned into darkness
and the moon into blood,[11]
ahead of the coming of Yahweh's incredible yet scary day.
32 Then it will happen that everyone who calls on Yahweh's name will be saved,
because on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) and in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) there'll be a way of escape, just as Yahweh has said,
and among the survivors who Yahweh is calling.[12]

Yahweh's judgement of the nations

3:1 Listen, in those days and at that time
when I return those who were taken away as captives from Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
2 then I'll gather all the nations,
and bring them down to Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) valley.
Then I'll judge them there
because they scattered my people—Yisrael (Israel) my inheritance—among the nations,
and they divided up my land.
3 Then they threw dice to decide who'd get my people—
they traded a boy for a prostitute,
and sold a girl for wine so they could drink.
4 Tsor (Tyre), Tsidon (Sidon), and all of the regions of Peleshet, what are you to me?
Are you trying to get even with me?
If you are, I'll very quickly deflect your actions back on yourselves,[16]
5 because you took my gold and silver,
and you took my precious treasures into your temples.
6 Then you sold the people of Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to the Hellains (Greeks),
so that they'd be taken far away from their homeland.
7 Listen, I'll stir them up there in the place where you sold

11 **RV 2:31 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:29; Mrk 13:24-25; Luk 21:25; Rev 6:12-13.
12 **RV 2:28-32 · Cross-ref.** Acts 2:17-21.
13 **LV 3:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).2.30
14 **LV 3:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).2.31
15 **LV 3:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).2.32
16 **RV 3:4-8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 23:1-18; Eze 26:1–28:26; Amos 1:9-10; Zech 9:1-4; Mat 11:21-22; Luk 10:13-14.
19 **LV 4:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.1
20 **LV 4:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בושא**: (x-qere) **בְּיָשָׁא**: lemma_7725 n_0.0.0 morph_HVhi1cs id_29VRt **בְּיָשָׁא**
21 **LV 4:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.2
22 **LV 4:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.3
23 **LV 4:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.4
24 **LV 4:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.5
25 **LV 4:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.6
26 **LV 4:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.7
27 **LV 4:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.8

Readers' Version

them,
and I'll deflect your behaviour back on yourselves,
8 because I'll sell *your* sons and daughters to the people of Yehudah,
and they'll sell them to people from Sheva—to a faraway nation."
Yes, Yahweh has spoken.
9 Proclaim this among the nations:
"Prepare for war.
Arm the warriors!
Let them approach.
Let all the men of war start coming.
10 Hammer your plough blades into swords
and your pruning hooks into spears.[17]
Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'
11 Hurry and come all you surrounding nations,
and gather yourselves there."
Yahweh, send down your warriors.
12 "Let the nations rouse themselves
and come to Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) valley,
because I'll sit there to judge all the surrounding nations.
13 Swing the sickle, because the harvest has ripened.
Come on, go down, because the wine-pressing pit is full.
The vats overflow, because their wickedness is great."
14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision,
because Yahweh's day is near in the valley of decision.
15 The sun and the moon become dark,
and the stars withhold their brightness.
16 Yahweh will roar from Tsiyon (Zion),
and from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) he'll utter his voice,[18]
and the heavens and the earth will shake.
But Yahweh will be a shelter for his people
and a fortress for the Israelis.
17 "Then you will know that I'm your god Yahweh,
living in Tsiyon (Zion), on my sacred mountain.

The blessing of God of his people · Southern kingdom

Then Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be sacred,
and foreign warriors won't pass through it again.

Literal Version

9 **28** Proclaim this among_nations consecrate a_war rouse the_ _warriors let_them_draw_near all_of the_men_of (the)_war let_ _them_go_up. **10** **29** Beat plowshares_of_your(pl) into_swords and_your(pl)_pruning_of_knives into_spears the_weak_man let_him_say am_a_warrior I. **11** **30** Hurry and_come Oh_all_of the_nations from_round_about and_they_will_gather there_(to) bring_down Oh_**YHWH** your_of_warriors. **12** **31** Let_them_be_ _roused and_ the_nations _let_them_go_up to the_valley_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) if/because there I_will_sit to_judge ~~DOM~~ all_of the_nations from_round_about. **13** **32** Send_out the_ _sickle if/because the_harvest it_has_grown_ripe come tread if/because the_winepress it_is_full the_wine-vats they_are_ _overflowing if/because is_great evil_of_their. **14** **33** Multitudes multitudes are_in_the_valley_of (the)_decision if/because is_ _near the_day_of **YHWH** in_the_valley_of (the)_decision. **15** **34** Sun and_moon they_have_become_dark and_the_stars they_ _have_withdrawn brightness_of_their. **16** **35** And_**YHWH** from_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) he_will_roar and_from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_will_give_forth voice_of_his and_ heaven and_earth _they_will_shake and_**YHWH** will_be_a_ _refuge for_people_of_his and_a_stronghold for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

17 **36** And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) who_dwells in_Tsiyyōn the_mountain_of my_ _holiness_of_my and_it_will_be Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_ _holy_place and_strangers not they_will_pass in_it again. **18** **37** And_it_was on_day (the)_that the_mountains they_will_drip sweet_wine and_the_hills they_will_go milk and_all the_ _ravines_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_go water and_a_spring

17 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** Isa 2:4; Mic 4:3.
18 **RV 3:16 · Cross-ref.** Amos 1:2.
28 **LV 4:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.9
29 **LV 4:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.10
30 **LV 4:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.11
31 **LV 4:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.12
32 **LV 4:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.13
33 **LV 4:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.14
34 **LV 4:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.15
35 **LV 4:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.16
36 **LV 4:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.17
37 **LV 4:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.18

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from_the_house_of **YHWH** it_will_go_forth and_it_watered ~~DOM~~ the_wadi_of (the)_Shittim. **19** [38] Mitsrayim/(Egypt) (into)_a_ _desolation it_will_become and_'Edōm (into)_a_wilderness_of desolation it_will_become from_the_violence_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh whom they_shed blood innocent in_land_of_their. **20** [39] And_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) forever_perpetuity it_will_ _remain and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_a_generation and_a_ _generation. **21** [40] And_I_will_leave_unpunished blood_of_their which_not I_left_unpunished and_**YHWH** is_dwelling in_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion).

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Readers' Version

18 Then at that time, the mountains will drip sweet wine,
and the hills will flow with milk,
and all of Yehudah's (Judah's) streams will flow with water,
and a spring will go forth from Yahweh's residence and water the Shitim valley.
19 Mitsrayim (Egypt) will become uninhabited,
and Edom will become a lonely wilderness
because of the violence against the people of Yehudah—
they shed innocent blood in their country.
20 But Yehudah will remain forever,
and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will continue throughout the generations,
21 and I will declare their blood to be innocent (which I hadn't done previously),
because Yahweh resides in Tsiyon (Zion)."

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38 LV 4:19 · Note Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.19

39 LV 4:20 · Note Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.20

40 LV 4:21 · Note Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.21

Mikah

(Heb. Mikah)

Introduction

The prophets Mikah/Micah and Yeshayah (Isaiah) lived at the same time—Mikah came from a town in the southern kingdom of Yehudah. God revealed to Mikah the coming destruction to Yehudah that had been prophesied by the prophet Amos concerning the northern kingdom. Yahweh would punish the people due to their disobedient actions and due to his anger over their biased court decisions, but the account of prophet Mikah also talks about a hopeful future.

Now there are famous prophecies included in this document : Yahweh's announcement about ruling the entire world and bringing of peace/prosperity (4:1-4), the prophesying concerning the coming king from David's descendants bringing of peace/prosperity (5:2-5a); and the vital command taught by prophet Mikah there to Yisrael: "[Yahweh] has told humanity what is good, and what [he] requires from you: Act justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with your god." (6:8)

Main components of this document

The punishment of Yisrael and Yehudah *1:1–3:12*
The arrival of promised teacher of Yisrael bringing good living *4:1–5:15*
The warning and telling of hopefulness *6:1–7:20*

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1:1 The_message_of **YHWH** which it_came to Mīkāh the_ _Mōrashtiy in_the_days_of Yōtām/(Jotham) ʾĀḥāz Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which he_saw on Shomrōn and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

2 Hear Oh_peoples of_them_of_all pay_attention Oh_earth and_ _what_of_fills_it and_let_it_be my_master **YHWH** in_you(pl) (into)_a_witness my_master from_the_temple_of his_holiness_ _of_his. **3** If/because HERE **YHWH** is_about_to_go_forth from_ _place_of_his and_he_will_come_down and_he_will_tread on the_high_places_of[5] the_earth. **4** And_ the_mountains _they_ _will_melt under_him and_the_valleys they_will_be_cleft like_ _wax from_face/in_front_of the_fire like_water poured_out on_ _a_descent. **5** Is_for_the_transgression_of Ya′$_a$qov/(Jacob) all_of this and_for_the_sins_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who is_ _the_transgression_of Ya′$_a$qov am_not is_it_Shomrōn and_who are_the_high_places_of Yəhūdāh am_not is_it_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **6** And_I_will_make Shomrōn into_ _(the)_heap_of_ruins_of the_field into_planting_place(s)_of a_ _vineyard and_I_will_pour_down to_valley stones_of_its and_ _foundations_of_its I_will_uncover. **7** And_all images_of_its they_will_be_crushed and_all hire(s)_of_its they_will_be_burnt with_fire and_all idols_of_its I_will_make a_waste if/because from_the_hire_of a_prostitute it_gathered_them and_unto the_ _hire_of a_prostitute they_will_return. **8** On this I_will_lament and_I_will_wail I_will_go barefoot[6] and_naked I_will_make a_ _lament like_jackals and_a_mourning like_the_daughters_of an_ _ostrich. **9** If/because is_incurable wounds_of_its if/because it_ _has_come to Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_has_reached to the_gate_of my_people_of_my to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

10 In_Gath do_not tell at_all_(weep) do_not weep in_house_of leaphrah dust roll_yourself[7]. **11** Pass_on to/for_you(pl) Oh_ _inhabitant[s]_of Shaphir bareness shame not the_ _inhabitant[s]_of Tsa'$_a$nān/(Zaanan) she_came_forth the_ _lament_of Bēyt Ezel it_will_take from_you(pl) ground_of_its_

Readers' Version

1:1 This is Yahweh's message that came to Mikah (from Morashet) in the days of Yehudah's (Judah's) kings Yotam (Jotham),[1] Ahaz,[2] and Hizkiyah (Hezekiah),[3] that he saw concerning Shomron (Samaria) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Shomron and Yerushalem's mourning · Both kingdoms

2 Listen, all you peoples.
Let the world and everything in it pay attention.
Let my master Yahweh be against you as a witness,
my master from his sacred temple
3 because wow, Yahweh comes out of his place.
He will come down and tread on the high places[4] of the earth.
4 The mountains will melt under him.
The valleys will break apart,
like wax that's near a fire,
like waters that are poured out from a steep place.
5 All that is because of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) disobedience,
and because of the sins of the Israeli people.
What was Ya'akov's transgression? Isn't it Shomron (Samaria)?
What is Yehudah's (Judah's) high place? Isn't it Yerushalem (Jerusalem)?
6 "I will make Shomron a heap of ruins in the countryside—
a place for planting vineyards.
Then I'll pour the stones from her buildings down into the valley
and I'll uncover her foundations.
7 All her carved statues will be smashed into pieces,
and all her wages will be burnt.
Yes, I'll totally destroy all her idols.
Since she used prostitutes' wages to pay for them,
the crushed pieces of idols will become prostitutes' wages again."
8 Because of that, I'll mourn and wail.
I'll go barefoot and undressed.
I'll wail like the jackals
and mourn like owls
9 because her wound is incurable.
Yes, it's come to Yehudah (Judah).
It's reached the gate of my people—reached Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

War is coming to Yerushalem · Southern kingdom

10 Don't tell about it in Gat.
Don't weep at all.
I roll myself in the dust at Beyt-Le'afrah (the house of dust).

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1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:32-38; 2Ch 27:1-9.

2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 16:1-20; 2Ch 28:1-27.

3 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 18:1–20:21; 2Ch 29:1–32:33.

4 **RV 1:3 · Note** Possibly referring to the pagan temples which were often constructed on hilltops.

5 **LV 1:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתומב: (x-qere) יְתֻמָּ֔ב: lemma_1116 morph_HNcfpc id_33Wkf יְתֻמָּ֔ב

6 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: לליש: (x-qere) לָלֹ֖וּשׁ: lemma_7758 n_1.0 morph_HAamsa id_33jQ8 לָלֹ֖וּשׁ

7 **LV 1:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתשלפתה: (x-qere) יְשַׁלַּ֥פְתָּה: lemma_6428 n_0 morph_HVtv2fs id_33aMT יְשַׁלַּ֥פְתָּה

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11 Pass by undressed and humiliated, inhabitants of Shafir.
Don't come out, inhabitants of Tsa'anan.
Beyt-Haetsel mourns—its place to stand is taken from you
12 because the inhabitants of Marot wait anxiously for good,
because disaster has come down from Yahweh to Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) gates.
13 Harness the chariot to the team of horses, inhabitants of Lakish.
She was the beginning of sin for the daughter of Tsiyon (Zion),
because Yisrael's (Israel's) transgressions were first found in you.
14 So you'll give parting gifts to Moreshet-Gat.
The town of Akziv will deceive Yisrael's kings.
15 I will again bring a conqueror to you, inhabitants of Mareshah.
Yisrael's best will come to Adulam.
16 Shave your head
and cut off your hair
for the children who you delight in.
Make yourselves as bald as eagles,
because they'll be taken from you and into exile.

Punishing the oppressors

2:1 Woe to those who plan to do wicked things—
to those who do evil on their beds.
They do it in the morning light
because they make use of their power.
2 They see fields that they'd like and seize them,
and houses and they just take them.
They'll oppress a man and his household—
even taking property handed down in the family.
3 Therefore Yahweh says,
"Listen, I'm planning to bring disaster against this clan,
which you won't be able to avoid.
You won't walk so proudly,
because it'll be a terrible time for you all.
4 In that day someone will sing a song against you all.
and mourn with a song of wailing,
and say, 'We're completely ruined.
Yahweh changes my people's territory.
How can he remove the land from me?
He divides our fields up to give to traitors.' "
5 Therefore, there'll be no one in Yahweh's assembly
who'll have authority to measure you out any more land.
6 "Don't tell us that,"
they tell us!
"They shouldn't preach those things—
that sort of disgrace will never happen to us."
7 Do Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants really ask,

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_standing. **12** If/because she_is_in_anguish for_good the_
_inhabitant[s]_of Mārōt if/because calamity it_has_come_down
from_with **YHWH** to_the_gate_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
13 Harness the_chariot to_steed[s] Oh_inhabitant[s]_of Lākīsh
was_the_beginning_of sin it for_the_daughter_of
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) if/because in_you the_transgressions_of
Yisrā'ēl[8]/(Israel) they_were_found. **14** For_so/thus/hence you_
_will_give parting_gifts to Mōreshet Gat the_houses_of 'Akzīv
will_become_(into)_a_deceitful_thing to_the_kings_of
Yisrā'ēl[8]/(Israel). **15** Again the_one_who_dispossesses I_will_
_bring to/for_you(fs) Oh_inhabitant[s]_of Mar'ēshāh to
'Adullām[8][9][10] the_glory_of Yisrā'ēl[8]/(Israel) he_will_come.
16 Make_bald and_shave on the_children_of your(pl)_delights_
_of_your make_large baldness_of_your like_eagle if/because
they_will_go_into_exile from_you.

2:1 Woe_to those_who_plan_of (of)_wickedness and_those_who_
_do_of (of)_evil on beds_of_their at_the_light_of the_morning
they_do_it if/because (there)_it_is to_the_power_of their_hand_
_of_their. **2** And_they_desire fields and_they_seize_them and_
_houses and_they_take_them and_they_oppress a_man and_
_his/its_house(hold) and_a_man and_inheritance_of_his. **3** For_
_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says here_I am_planning on
the_clan (the)_this calamity which not you(pl)_will_remove
from_there necks_of_your(pl) and_not you(pl)_will_walk
haughtily if/because will_be_a_time evil it. **4** In_the_day (the)_
_that someone_will_lift_up on_you(pl) a_saying and_he_will_
_wail a_wailing it_is_finished he_will_say utterly_(devastate)
we_are_devastated the_portion_of my_people_of_my he_
_changes how he_removes_it to_me to_an_apostate fields_of_
_our he_apportions. **5** For_so/thus/hence not he_will_belong
to/for_yourself(m) one_who_throws a_measuring-line by_lot
in_the_assembly_of **YHWH**. **6** Do_not prophesy they_prophesy
not they_will_prophesy of_these_things not ignomini[es] it_
_will_be_turned_back. **7** Is_it_said Oh_house_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob)
is_ the_spirit_of **YHWH** _it_short or are_these deeds_of_his am_
_not words/messages_of_my do_they_do_good with the_
_upright_person walking. **8** And_yesterday people_of_my to_
_an_enemy he_raises_up from_in_front_of a_garment a_mantle
you(pl)_strip_off from_those_who_pass_by security those_who_
_turn_back_of war. **9** The_women_of my_people_of_my you(pl)_
_drive_out from_the_house_of her_delights_of_her from_under
children_of_her you(pl)_take_away glory_of_my forever_
_perpetuity. **10** Arise and_go if/because not this is_(the)_
_resting_place in_account_of uncleanness it_will_ruin and_the_
_ruin will_be_grievous. **11** If anyone who_walks_of wind and_

8 **LV 1:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

9 **LV 1:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

10 **LV 1:15 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_falsehood he_told_a_lie I_will_prophesy to/for_yourself(m) of_
_wine and_of_(the)_drink and_it_was the_prophesier_of the_
_people (the)_this. **12** Surely_(gather) I_will_gather Oh_Ya'ₐqov
of_you_of_all surely_(assemble) I_will_assemble the_remnant_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) together I_will_make_it like_sheep a_
_sheepfold like_a_flock in_the_middle of_(the)_pasture_of_its
they_will_be_distraught from_humankind. **13** The_one_who_
_breaks_through he_will_go_up before_them they_will_break_
_through and_they_have_passed_through the_gate and_they_
_went_out in_him/it and_ king_of_their _he/it_passed_through
before_them and_**YHWH** will_be_of_at_their_head.

3:1 And_I_said hear please Oh_leaders_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_
_Oh_rulers_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) am_not to/for_
_you(pl) to_know ~~DOM~~ (the)_justice. **2** Oh_you(pl)_who_hate_of
(of)_good and_you(pl)_who_love_of (of)_evil[12] who_tear_away_
_of skin_of_(of)_their from_on_them and_flesh_of_their from_
_under bones_of_their. **3** And_which they_have_eaten the_
_flesh_of my_people_of_my and_skin_of_their from_on_them
they_have_stripped_off and_~~DOM~~ bones_of_their they_have_
_broken_in_pieces and_they_have_chopped_them_up just_as
in_pot and_like_meat in_the_middle a_caldron. **4** Then they_
_will_cry_out to **YHWH** and_not he_will_answer them and_he_
_will_hide his/its_faces/face from_them at_time (the)_that
just_as they_have_made_evil deeds_of_their. **5** Thus **YHWH** he_
_says on the_prophets who_mislead ~~DOM~~ people_of_my who_
_bite with_teeth_of_their and_they_proclaim peace and_which
not he_puts on mouth_of_their and_they_consecrate
on/upon/above_him/it war. **6** For_so/thus/hence night to/for_
_you(pl) from_vision and_it_will_grow_dark to/for_you(pl)
from_divining and_ the_sun _it_will_go on the_prophets and_it_
_will_be_dark on_them the_day. **7** And_they_will_be_ashamed[13]
the_seers and_ those_who_divine _they_will_be_abashed and_
_they_will_cover over a_moustache of_them_of_all if/because
there_will_not_be an_answer_of god. **8** And_but I I_am_full
power with the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_justice and_might to_
_announce to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) transgression_of_its and_to_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) sin_of_its. **9** Hear please this Oh_leaders_of
the_house_of Ya'ₐqov and_Oh_rulers_of the_house_of

Readers' Version

"Is the Yahweh's spirit impatient?
Are these his actions?"
Don't my words do good to anyone who obeys them?
8 Lately my people have risen up against me like an enemy.
You strip the rich robe off those who are innocently going past,
like a soldier on the battlefield might have done to his enemy.
9 You've driven our widows out of their pleasant houses.
You've forever deprived their young children of what I'd blessed them with.
10 Get ready and leave because this isn't a place for resting.
It's about to be completely destroyed because of its disobedience.
11 If someone comes to you full of talk and lies and says,
"I'll prophesy to you about enjoying wine and strong drink,"
he'd be considered to be a prophet for this people.
12 I will certainly gather all of you, Ya'akov (Jacob).
I'll definitely assemble the remnant of Yisrael (Israel).
I'll bring them together like sheep in a pen—
like a flock in the middle of their pasture.
Noisy because there'll be so many people.
13 Someone will go in front of them to break open the way.
They'll force open the gate and go out.
Their king will pass on ahead of them.
Yahweh will be at their head.

Scolding Yisrael's leaders and prophets · Both kingdoms

3:1 Then I said, "Now listen,
you leaders of Ya'akov (Jacob),
and rulers of the house of Yisrael (Israel):
Isn't it your responsibility to understand justice?
2 Those who hate good
and love evil,
those who tear their skin off them
and their flesh from their bones,
3 those who eat the flesh of my people,
and their skin that they've stripped off them,
they break their bones,
and chop them in pieces,
just like soup in a pot—
like meat in a cauldron.
4 Then they'll call out to Yahweh for help,
but he won't answer them.
He'll hide himself from them at that time,
because they've done evil things."
5 So Yahweh speaks out against the 'prophets' who lead his people astray:
"They lie through their teeth and proclaim, 'Peace.'
They're fighting against the one who never put a single word into their mouths.

12 LV 3:2 · Note OSHB variant note: הער: (x-qere) 'עֶרֶ': lemma_7451 b n_1 morph_HAamsa id_33pm7 עֶרֶ

13 LV 3:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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6 Therefore, it'll be night for you prophets, without any visions.
It will be dark for you all, without any prophesying.
The sun will go down on the 'prophets',
and the day will be black for them.
7 The tellers of the future will be put to shame,
and the diviners will be disgraced.
They will cover their lips, all of them,
because there'll be no answer from God."
8 But I'm full of power from Yahweh's spirit,
and full of justice and strength,
to declare to Ya'akov (Jacob) his disobedience,
and to Yisrael (Israel) his sin.
9 Now listen to this,
you leaders of the house of Ya'akov,
and rulers of the house of Yisrael,
you all who detest justice,
and who take everything that's right and make it crooked.
10 You build Tsiyon (Zion) with blood
and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with evil.
11 Her leaders judge for a bribe,
her priests teach for a price,
and her prophets do divination for money.
Yet they claim to depend on Yahweh, and they say,
"Isn't Yahweh right here with us?
Nothing bad can happen to us."
12 Therefore, because of you all,
Tsiyon (Zion) will become a ploughed field,
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will become a heap of rubble,
and the temple hill will become covered with scrub.[11]

Yahweh's mountain · Both kingdoms[14]

4:1 In the last days it'll come about
that the mountain where Yahweh's residence is
will become more important than other mountains.
Then it'll be lifted above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.
2 Many nations will go and say,
"Come, let's go up to Yahweh's mountain,
to the house of the Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god
so that he will teach us his ways,
and we will walk on his paths."
Because the law will go out from Tsiyon (Zion),
and Yahweh's message from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
3 He'll judge among many peoples
and will arbitrate for strong countries far away.
They'll beat their swords into plough blades
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nations won't attack other nations,
nor will they train for war any longer.
4 Then every person will be able to sit under their grapevine

11 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Jer 26:18.

14 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** Isa. 2:2-4

Literal Version

Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_loathe justice and_~~ḏom~~ every_of (the)_
_straight_thing they_make_crooked. **10** Who_build
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) with_blood(s) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
with_injustice. **11** Leaders_of_its for_a_bribe they_judge and_
_priests_of_its for_a_price they_teach and_prophets_of_its for_
_money they_divine and_on **YHWH** they_depend to_say am_
not is**YHWH** in_midst_of_our not it_will_come on_us
calamity. **12** For_so/thus/hence on_account_of_of_you(pl)
Tsiyyōn a_field it_will_be_plowed and_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) heaps_of_ruins it_will_be and_the_
_mountain_of the_house (into)_high_places_of a_forest.

4:1 And_it_was in_end/latter the_days it_will_be the_mountain_
_of the_house_of **YHWH** established (in)_the_chief_of the_
mountains and it _will_be_lifted_up more_than_the_hills and_
_they_will_stream on/upon/above_him/it peoples. **2** And_
nations many _they_will_come and_they_will_say come and_
_let_us_go_up to the_mountain_of **YHWH** and_near/to the_
_house_of the_god_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) so_that_he_may_teach_
_us from_ways_of_his and_so_that_we_may_walk in_paths_of_
_his if/because from_Tsiyyōn instruction it_will_go_forth and_
_the_message_of **YHWH** from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_
_he_will_judge between peoples many and_he_will_decide for_
_nations mighty to far_away and_they_will_beat swords_of_
_their into_plowshares and_spears_of_their into_pruning_
_knives not nation they_will_lift_up against nation a_sword
and_not they_will_learn again warfare. **4** And_they_will_dwell
everyone under vine_of_his_own and_under fig_tree_of_his_
_own and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies if/because the_
_mouth_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers it_has_spoken.
5 If/because all_of the_peoples they_walk everyone in/on_
_name_of his/its_god and_we we_will_walk in/on_name_of
YHWH god_of_our forever_perpetuity and_ever.

Literal Version

6 In_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_will_gather the_one_who_is_lame and_the_one_who_is_outcast I_will_ _assemble and_which I_have_done_harm_to. **7** And_I_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_who_was_lame into_a_remnant and_the_one_ _who_was_straying to_(a)_nation mighty and_ **YHWH** _he_will_ _reign over_them in_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) from_ _now and_unto perpetuity. **8** And_you(ms) Oh Migdal Oh_hill_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn to_you it_will_come and_ the_ _dominion (the)_former a_kingdom_of to_the_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _it_will_come. **9** Now to/for_what do_ _you_shout shouting a_king is_there_not on/over_you(fs) or counsellor_of_your has_he_perished that/for/because/then/when it_has_taken_hold_of_you anguish like_(the)_who]_gives_birth. **10** Writhe_in_pain and_ _burst_forth Oh_daughter_of Tsiyyōn like_(the)_who]_gives_ _birth if/because now you_will_go_out from_the_town and_ _you_will_dwell in_the_field and_you_will_go to Bāvel there you_will_be_delivered there he_will_redeem_you **YHWH** from_ _the_palm_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your. **11** And_now they_ _have_gathered on_you nations many which_are_saying let_ _her_be_polluted and_let_it_look on_Tsiyyōn eyes_of_our. **12** And_they not they_know the_thoughts_of **YHWH** and_not they_understand counsel_of_his if/because_that he_has_ _gathered_them like_(the)_grain threshing_floor_to_the. **13** Arise and_thresh Oh_daughter_of Tsiyyōn if/because horn_ _of_your I_will_make iron and_hooves_of_your I_will_make bronze and_you_will_pulverise peoples many and_I_will_ _dedicate_to_destruction to/for_**YHWH** gain_of_their_unjust and_wealth_of_their to_the_master_of all_of the_earth/land. **14** [16] Now you_will_cut_yourself Oh_daughter_of troop[s] a_ _siege someone_has_set on_us with_rod they_will_strike on the_cheek ᴅᴏᴍ the_judge_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

Readers' Version

and under their fig tree.
No one will make them afraid,[15]
because Commander-in-chief Yahweh has spoken.
5 All various people groups follow their own god,
but we will obey our god Yahweh's instructions
forever and ever.

Yisrael will return from exile · Both kingdoms

6 Yahweh declares: "At that time, I'll gather the lame people
and assemble those who were scattered—those who I've done harm to.
7 And I will turn those lame people into a growing group,
and those scattered ones into a strong nation,
and Yahweh will reign over them on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion),
from now and until forever.
8 And you, watchtower for the flock,
hill of the daughter of Tsiyon—
to you it will come—your former dominion will arrive—
the kingdom that belongs to the daughter of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
9 Now, why do you shout so loudly?
Is it because you don't have a king?
Is it because your advisor passed away
that pain's gripping you like that of a woman in labour.
10 Be in pain and labour daughter of Tsiyon,
like a woman giving birth.
For now, you need to go out of the city
and live in the countryside.
Then you'll go to Bavel (Babylon) and be rescued from there.
There Yahweh will redeem you from your enemies' control.
11 Now many nations have assembled against you.
They say, 'Let her be overrun.
Let our eyes gloat over Tsiyon's fall.'
12 But those enemies don't know Yahweh's thoughts,
and they don't understand his plans,
because he's gathered them up like bundles of grain ready to be broken on the threshing floor.
13 Get going and thresh, daughter of Tsiyon,
because I'll make your horn into iron,
and I'll make your hooves into bronze.
And you'll break many peoples into pieces
and you'll confiscate their unjust earnings to devote to Yahweh—
their wealth will be for the master of the whole world."
5:1 Now come together in battle ranks, daughter of soldiers.
A siege has been set up against us.
They strike Yisrael's (Israel's) judge on the cheek with a rod.

15 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Zech 3:10.

16 **LV 4:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.1

Readers' Version

God promises a ruler from Beyt-Lehem · Southern kingdom

2 But you, Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) Efratah,
even though you're insignificant among Yehudah's (Judah's) clans,
out of you, one will come to me to rule in Yisrael (Israel),
whose beginning is from ancient times—
from everlasting.[17]
3 Therefore God will hand them over to their enemies,
until the time when the woman in labour gives birth,
and the rest of his brothers return to the people of Yisrael.
4 He'll stand and shepherd his flock with Yahweh's strength,
in the majesty of the name of his god Yahweh.
They'll remain, because then he will be famous to the ends of the earth.
5 That one will be our peace.
When the Assyrians come into our land
and when they march against our fortresses,
then we'll raise seven shepherds against them
and eight leaders of men.

God's salvation and his vengeance

6 They'll shepherd the land of Ashur (Assyria) with the sword—
that country founded by Nimrod in its entrances.[22]
He'll rescue us from the Assyrians,
when they come into our land,
when they march inside our borders.
7 The remnant of Ya'akov (Jacob) will end up among many peoples,
like dew from Yahweh,
like showers on the grass,
that don't need help from any person,
and they don't rely on human intervention.
8 The remnant of Ya'akov will be among the nations,
among many peoples,
like a lion among the animals of the forest,
like a young lion among the flocks of sheep.

Literal Version

5:1 [18] And_you(ms) Oh_Bēyt- leḥem 'Efrātāh are_insignificant to_be among_the_families_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) from_you to_ _me someone_will_go_out to_be ruler over_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_origins_of_his from_east from_days_of antiquity. **2** [19] For_ _so/thus/hence he_will_deliver_them_up until a_time when_ _one_who_is_about_to_give_birth she_has_given_birth and_ _the_rest_of his_brothers_of_his they_will_return with the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** [20] And_he_will_stand and_he_will_ _shepherd by_the_strength_of **YHWH** by_the_majesty_of the_ _name_of **YHWH** his/its_god and_they_will_remain if/because now he_will_be_great to the_ends_of the_earth. **4** [21] And_it_was this_one peace 'Ashshūr if/because it_will_come in_land_of_our and_because/when it_will_tread on_fortresses_of_our and_we_ _will_raise_up on/upon/above_him/it seven shepherds and_ _eight princes_of man.

5 [23] And_they_will_shepherd ~~DOM~~ the_land_of 'Ashshūr with_ _sword and_~~DOM~~ the_land_of Nimrōd at_entrances_of_its and_ _he_will_deliver_us from_'Ashshūr if/because it_will_come in_ _land_of_our and_because/when it_will_tread in_territory_of_ _our. **6** [24] And_it_was the_remnant_of Ya'ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) in_the_ _midst_of peoples many like_dew from_with **YHWH** like_ _showers on vegetation which not it_waits for_anyone and_not it_waits for_the_children_of humankind. **7** [25] And_it_was the_ _remnant_of Ya'ₐqoѵ among_nations in_the_midst_of peoples many like_a_lion among_the_animals_of the_forest like_a_ _young_lion among_flocks_of[26][27][28] sheep which if it_has_ _passed_through and_it_tramples and_it_tears and_there_is_ _not a_deliverer. **8** [29] Hand_of_your may_it_be_lifted_up above foes_of_your and_all enemies_of_your may_they_be_cut_off. **9** [30] And_it_was in_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ _I_will_cut_off horses_of_your from_midst_of_your and_I_will_ _destroy chariots_of_your. **10** [31] And_I_will_cut_off the_cities_of your_land_of_your and_I_will_tear_down all_of fortresses_of_

17 **RV 5:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 2:6; Yhn 7:42.
18 **LV 5:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.2
19 **LV 5:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.3
20 **LV 5:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.4
21 **LV 5:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.5
22 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 10:8-11.
23 **LV 5:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.6
24 **LV 5:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.7
25 **LV 5:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.8
26 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
27 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
28 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
29 **LV 5:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.9
30 **LV 5:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.10
31 **LV 5:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.11

Literal Version

_your. **11** [32] And_I_will_cut_off sorceries from_hand_of_your and_soothsayers not they_will_belong to/for_you(fs). **12** [33] And_I_will_cut_off images_of_your and_your(pl)_sacred_of_ _pillars from_midst_of_your and_not you_will_bow_down again to_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your. **13** [34] And_I_will_ _pluck_up poles_your_'Ashērāh from_midst_of_your and_I_will_ _destroy cities_of_your. **14** [35] And_I_will_do in_anger and_in_ _rage vengeance with the_nations which not they_have_ _obeyed.

6:1 Hear please ~~ĐOM~~ that_which **YHWH** is_saying arise conduct_ _a_case with the_mountains and_ the_hills _let_them_hear voice_of_your. **2** Hear Oh_mountains ~~ĐOM~~ the_case_of **YHWH** and_Oh_enduring_ones the_foundations_of the_earth if/because a_case_at_law to/for_**YHWH** with people_of_his and_with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_argue. **3** My_people_of_my what have_I_done to/for_yourself(m) and_what have_I_made_ _you_weary testify against_me.[41][42] **4** If/because I_brought_you_ _up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from_household slaves I_ransomed_you and_I_sent to_your_face ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh 'Ah$_a$ron and_Miriam. **5** My_people_of_my remember please what Bālāq the_king_of Mō'āv did_he_plan and_what Bil'ām the_son_of Bə'ōr did_he_answer ~~ĐOM~~_him/it from (the)_Shiṭṭīm to (the)_Gilgal so_as to_know the_righteousness(es)_of **YHWH**.

Readers' Version

As he passes through them,
he'll trample over them and tear them to pieces,
and there'll be no one to save them.
9 You'll use your power against your enemies,
and they'll be destroyed.
10 Yahweh declares: "At that time,
I'll wipe out your horses
and demolish your chariots.
11 I'll destroy the cities in your country
and tear down all your fortresses.
12 I'll destroy the witchcraft that you practise,
and you'll no longer have any diviners.
13 I'll destroy your carved statues,
and the engraved stone pillars from among you.
You'll no longer worship the workmanship of your hands.
14 I'll topple your Asherah poles where you worship,
and I'll destroy your cities.
15 In my anger, I'll execute vengeance
on the nations that haven't obeyed.

Yahweh's challenge to Yisrael · Full kingdom

6:1 Now listen to what Yahweh says,
"Take action, present your case to the mountains.
and let the hills hear your voice.
2 Listen to Yahweh's lawsuit, you mountains,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
because Yahweh has a lawsuit with his people,
and he'll present evidence against Yisrael (Israel)."
3 "My people, what have I done to you?
How have I worn you down?
Present your case against me.
4 I rescued you out of slavery
and brought you out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[36]
I sent Mosheh (Moses), Aharon (Aaron),[37] and Miryam (Miriam)[38] to you.
5 My people, remember what Moav's (Moab's) King Balak devised,
and how Be'or's son Bil'am (Balaam) answered that king[39]
as you went from Shitim to Gilgal.[40]
Think about that so you can know Yahweh's righteous actions."

32 **LV 5:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.12
33 **LV 5:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.13
34 **LV 5:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.14
35 **LV 5:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.15
36 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:50-51.
37 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 4:10-16.
38 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 15:20.
39 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 22:2–24:25.
40 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:1–4:19.
41 **LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
42 **LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

The desire of Master God

6 What should I bring to Yahweh,
as I bow down to the high God?
Should I come to him with burnt offerings,
with year-old calves?
7 Will Yahweh be pleased with thousands of rams,
or with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Should I sacrifice my oldest child to pay for my disobedience—
my biological offspring to pay for my own sin?
8 He has told humanity what is good,
and what Yahweh requires from you:
Act justly,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with your god.[43]
9 Yahweh is making an announcement to the city—
even now wisdom is calling out to you:
"Pay attention to the rod of punishment,
and to the one who has put it in place.
10 There's dishonest wealth in wicked people's houses,
along with hated false weights and measures.
11 Should I consider people to be innocent if they use fraudulent scales
or a bag of deceptive weights?
12 The city's rich men are full of violence,
the inhabitants have spoken lies,
and you can't believe a word that they say.
13 Therefore I'll strike you with a terrible blow,
and I'll make you into a desolate country because of your sins.
14 You'll eat but not be satisfied—your emptiness will remain inside you.
You'll store goods away but not be able to save them, and what you do save I will be taken by force.
15 You'll sow, but not harvest.
You'll tread the olives, but not anoint yourselves with their oil.
You'll press grapes, but not drink the wine.
16 As a city, you've kept the regulations made by King Omri,[44]
and behaved similarly to Ahav's evil descendants.[45]
You walk by their advice, so I'll make you into a ruin.
People will hiss at your inhabitants,
and my people will mock you."

Dysfunctional society

7:1 I'm miserable because I've become like the gathering of left-over fruit,
and like the grapes that have already been gleaned.
There's no grape clusters to eat,
and none of the ripe early figs that I really felt like.
2 The faithful people have disappeared from the land.

Literal Version

6 With_what will_I_come_to_meet **YHWH** will_I_bow_myself_
_down to_the_god_of height will_I_come_to_meet_him with_
_burnt_offerings with_calves sons_of a_year. 7 Will_ **YHWH** _
_he_take_pleasure in_thousands_of rams in_tens_of_thousands_
_of torrents_of oil will_I_give firstborn_of_my transgression_of_
_my the_fruit_of my_belly_of_my the_sin_of my_self_of_my.
8 He_has_told to/for_yourself(m) Oh_humankind what is_good
and_what is_**YHWH** requiring from_you if/because (if) to_do
justice and_the_love_of covenant_loyalty and_to_be_modest to_
_walk with god_of_your. 9 The_voice_of **YHWH** to_city it_calls_
_out and_success it_will_see your(ms)_name hear Oh_tribe and_
_whoever he_appointed_it. 10 Still are_there house_of the_
_wicked treasures_of wickedness and_an_'ēyfāh_of scantness
accursed. 11 Will_I_be_clean with_balances_of wickedness and_
_with_a_bag_of weights_of deceit. 12 Which its_rich_of_people
they_are_full violence and_inhabitants_of_its they_speak
falsehood and_tongue_of_their is_deceit in_mouth_of_their.
13 And_also I I_will_make_sick by_striking_you I_will_make_
_desolate_you on sins_of_your. 14 You you_will_eat and_not
you_will_be_satisfied and_emptiness_of_your will_be_of_in_
_your_midst and_you_will_carry_away and_not you_will_bring_
_to_safety and_which you_will_bring_to_safety to_sword I_will_
_give. 15 You you_will_sow and_not you_will_reap you you_will_
_tread olive[s] and_not you_will_anoint_yourself oil and_new_
_wine and_not you_will_drink wine. 16 And_it_has_been_kept
the_regulations_of ʿOmrī and_all/each/any/every (the)_deed_
_of the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv and_you(pl)_have_walked in_schemes_
_of_their so_as I_to_make you into_a_horror and_inhabitants_
_of_its into_hissing and_the_reproach_of my_people_of_my
you(pl)_will_bear.

7:1 Woe to_me if/because I_have_become like_gathering(s)_of
summer_fruit like_gleanings_of the_grape_harvest there_is_not
a_cluster_of_grapes to_eat an_early_fig appetite_of_my it_
_craves. 2 The_faithful he_has_perished from the_earth/land
and_an_upright_person among_humankind there_is_not of_
_them_of_all for_blood(s) they_lie_in_wait each ~~DOM~~ brother_
_of_his they_hunt a_net. 3 Are_on (the)_evil both_hands to_do_

43 **RV 6:8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 10:12-13.

44 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 16:23-28.

45 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 16:29-34; 21:25-26.

Literal Version

_it_well the_official is_asking and_the_judge for_bribe[474849]
and_the_great_person he is_speaking the_desire_of his_self_of_
_his and_they_weave_it. **4** Their_good_of_person is_like_a_
_thorn-bush an_upright_person more_than_a_thorn_hedge
the_day_of your_watchmen punishment_of_your it_has_come
now confusion_of_their it_will_be. **5** Do_not believe in_a_
_neighbour do_not trust in_a_close_friend from_the_woman_
_who_lies_of your_bosom_of_your guard the_openings_of your_
_mouth_of_your. **6** If/because a_son is_treating_with_contempt
a_father a_daughter is_arising on_mother_of_her a_
_daughter-in-law on_mother-in-law_of_her are_the_enemies_of
a_person the_people_of his_own_household_of_his. **7** And_I for_
_**YHWH** I_will_watch I_will_wait for_the_god_of my_salvation_
_of_my he_will_hear_me god_of_my.

8 Do_not rejoice my_enemy_of_my to_me if/because I_have_
_fallen I_will_arise if/because I_sit in_darkness **YHWH** will_be_
_light to_me. **9** The_rage_of **YHWH** I_will_bear if/because I_
_have_sinned to_him/it until that he_will_conduct case_of_my
and_he_will_do justice_of_my he_will_bring_me_out to_the_
_light I_will_look on_righteousness_of_his. **10** And_ enemy_of_
_my _she_will_see and_it_will_cover_her shame who_says to_
_me where_is_he **YHWH** god_of_your eyes_of_my they_will_
_look on_her now she_will_become (into)_a_trampling_place
like_the_mud_of the_streets. **11** A_day to_build walls_of_your a_
_day (the)_that a_boundary it_will_be_far. **12** A_day that and_
_to_you someone_will_come (to)_from 'Ashshūr and_the_cities_
of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and(to)_from Mitsrayim and_unto the_
_River and_sea from_sea and_mountain the_mountain. **13** And_
the_earth/land _it_will_become (into)_a_desolation on
inhabitants_of_its from_the_fruit their_deeds_of_their.

Readers' Version

There is no godly person among all mankind.
They all lie in wait to shed blood—
each one hunts his own fellow countryman with a net.
3 They're very good at doing harm:
the leader asks for money,
the judge is ready for bribes,
and the powerful man is telling others what he wants to obtain,
and so they scheme together.
4 The best of them is like a thorn-bush.
The most upright is worse than a prickly hedge.
It's the day foretold by your watchmen—
the day of your punishment.
Now is the time of their confusion.
5 Don't trust any neighbour.
Put no confidence in any friend.
Be careful about what you say
even to the woman who lies in your arms,
6 because sons dishonour their fathers,
daughters rise up against their mothers,
and daughters-in-law against their mothers-in-law.
A person's enemies are the people in their own household.[46]
7 But as for me, I'll look out for Yahweh.
I'll wait for the god who saves me.
My god will hear me.

The saving/explaining of Master God

8 Don't be happy about what happened to me, my enemy.
After I fall, I'll get up and stand again.
When I sit in darkness, Yahweh will be a light for me.
9 Because I sinned against Yahweh, I'll endure his rage
until he pleads my cause on my behalf, and executes judgement for me.
He'll bring me to the light, and I'll see him rescue me in his justice.
10 Then my enemy will see it,
and shame will cover the one who said to me,
"Where is Yahweh your god?"
My eyes will look at her;
she'll be trampled down like the mud in the streets.
11 The time will come for rebuilding your walls.
On that day your boundaries will be greatly expanded.
12 On that day your people will come to you,
from Ashur (Assyria) and the cities in Mitsrayim (Egypt),
from Mitsrayim to the Perat (Euphrates) River,
from sea to sea,
and from mountain to mountain.
13 But the land will be desolate
because of the people who are living there,

46 **RV 7:6 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:35-36; Luk 12:53.

47 **LV 7:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

48 **LV 7:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

49 **LV 7:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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because of the fruit of their actions.

God's mercy towards Yisrael

14 Shepherd your people with your staff—
the flock of your inheritance.
They live alone in a forest,
surrounded by pastureland.
Let them graze in Bashan and Gilead as in the old days.
15 Just like in the days when you were rescued out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),
I'll display miracles to them.
16 The nations will see and be ashamed of all their power.
They'll put their hands over their mouths—
and act like their ears are deaf.
17 They'll lick the dust like a snake—
like creatures that crawl on the earth.
They'll be trembling as they come out of their fortresses.
They'll come with fear to you, our god Yahweh,
and they'll be afraid because of you.
18 What other God is there like you, who takes away sin?
Who forgives the disobedience of the remnant of his inherited people?
He doesn't stay angry forever,
because he happily demonstrates his loyal commitment.
19 You'll have compassion on us yet again.
You'll wipe away our disobedience.
You will throw all our sins into the deepest parts of the sea.
20 You'll give truth to Ya'akov (Jacob)
and loyal commitment to Avraham,
as you promised to our ancestors long ago.

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Literal Version

14 Shepherd people_of_your with_rod_of_your the_flock_of your_inheritance_of_your which_dwells_of (of)_alone a_forest in_the_middle a_garden-land let_them_graze Bāshān and_Gil'ād like_the_days_of antiquity. **15** Like_the_days_of you_came_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim I_will_show_him wonders. **16** Nations they_will_see and_they_will_be_ashamed from_all strength_of_their they_will_put a_hand over a_mouth ears_of_ _their they_will_be_deaf. **17** They_will_lick_up dust like_snake like_things_which_crawl_of the_earth they_will_quake from_ _strongholds_of_their to **YHWH** god_of_our they_will_be_in_ _dread and_they_will_be_afraid from_you. **18** Who is_a_god like_you who_forgives iniquity and_who_passes over transgression to_the_remnant_of his_inheritance_of_his not he_keeps_hold_of forever_forever anger_of_his if/because is_ _one_desiring covenant_loyalty he. **19** He_will_return he_will_ _have_compassion_on_us he_will_subdue iniquities_of_our and_you_will_throw in_the_depths_of the_sea all_of sins_of_ _their. **20** You_will_give faithfulness to_Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) covenant_loyalty to_'Avˇrāhām which you_swore to_fathers_of_ _our from_days_of antiquity.

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Yeshayah

(Isaiah)

Introduction

The author of this document was Yeshayah, son of Amots (Amos). Called 'Yeshayah' in older English translations, 'Yeshayah' means 'Yahweh saves'. He was one of Yahweh's prophets and lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the southern kingdom known by the name of its largest tribe, Yehudah (Judah). This document was written between 740 B.C. and 680 B.C., and is divided into three main parts:
1. *Chapters 1–39*: This section tells how Yehudah was threatened by Ashur. Yeshayah saw that that was due to the people's disobedience and failure to put their trust in Yahweh. Yeshayah warns the people and their teachers that they need to live godly lives that valued doing the right things, and promoting true justice. He warns them that if they don't listen to Yahweh's messages, destruction would indeed come to them. Yeshayah also predicts the birth of a descendants of David who would be followed by the people at some future time, plus he mentions a future period when there's peace across the entire world.
2. *Chapters 40–55*: In this second section, Yeshayah predicts the coming capture of many people from Yehudah, and how they'll be taken to exile in Bavel. Yeshayah explains that even in those times, the people mustn't become weak and lose hope, because Yahweh has a plan to save his people and return them there to Yerushalem to start a new life there. The theme of these chapters is how Yahweh controls what happens to his people and has a future plan for them, and included in that is that all nations will receive blessing from God by means of Yisrael (Israel).
3. *Chapters 56–66*: Yeshayah also predicts the circumstances of those who God returns to Yerushalem. He passes on Yahweh's instructions concerning godly living, true justice, observing the rest day, sacrificing, and praying. It's in this section that we can read the source of Yeshua's (Jesus') speech about his being chosen in order to declare the good news (Yeshayah 61:1-2; Luke 4:18-19.)

Main components of this document

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1:1 This is the vision of Yeshayah (Isaiah) (son of Amots), which he saw concerning Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the days of Uziyah,[1] Yotam (Jotham),[2] Ahaz,[3] and Hizkiyah (Hezekiah),[4] kings of Yehudah.

Yahweh scolds Yehudah · Southern kingdom

2 Hear, heavens, and listen, earth, because Yahweh has spoken:
"I've raised sons and brought them up,
^but they've rebelled against me.
3 The bull knows his owner,
and the donkey knows its master's feeding trough,
but Yisrael (Israel) doesn't know—
my people don't understand."
4 This sinful nation won't come to a good end.
these people who excel at disobeying.
Descendants of those in the habit of doing evil things.
Children who act corruptly.
They have abandoned Yahweh.
They have despised Yisrael's holy one.
They have estranged themselves from him.
5 Why do you want more beatings?
Why do you keep rebelling?
Your whole head is sick,
and your motivation is weak.
6 From the sole of the foot up to the head nothing is healthy.
Bruises and sores and fresh wounds haven't been cleaned out,
and they haven't been bandaged or treated with olive oil.
7 Your country is totally ruined with your cities all burnt down.
Right in front of you, strangers are taking all the harvest from your field—
leaving devastation and destruction behind.
8 Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter is left isolated
like a hut in a vineyard,
like a shed in a cucumber field,
like a besieged city.
9 If it wasn't for the fact that Commander-in-chief Yahweh left a few survivors behind,
we would have been wiped out like both Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah).[5]
10 Hear what Yahweh has to say, you who are like Sedom's rulers.
Listen to God's instructions, you who are like Amorah's people:
11 "What do your many sacrifices mean to me?" asks Yahweh.
"I've had enough of the burnt offerings of rams,
and the fat of fattened animals,

Literal Version

1:1 The_vision_of Yəsha῾^{yāh} the_son_of 'Āmōts which he_saw on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_the_days_of ῾Uzziy^{yāh} Yōtām/(Jotham) 'Āḥāz Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_kings_of Yəhūdāh.

2 Hear Oh_heavens and_give_ear Oh_earth if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken children I_have_brought_up and_I_have_raised and_they they_have_rebelled against_me. **3** An_ox it_knows owner_of_its and_a_donkey the_feeding_trough_of its_ _owner(s)_of_his Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) not it_knows people_of_my not it_considers_carefully. **4** Woe_to a_nation which_sins a_ _people heavy_of iniquity offspring_of evil-doers children who_behave_corruptly they_have_abandoned ~~ĐØM~~ **YHWH** they_have_spurned ~~ĐØM~~ the_holy_one_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) they_ _have_become_estranged back_part. **5** Concerning what will_ _you(pl)_be_struck again will_you(pl)_increase rebellion all_of the_head is_for_sickness and_all the_heart is_faint. **6** From_the_ _sole_of the_foot and_unto the_head there_is_not in/on/over_ _him/it soundness bruise[s] and_welt[s] and_wound[s] fresh not they_have_been_pressed_out and_not they_have_been_ _bound_up and_not it_has_been_softened with_oil. **7** Land_of_ _your(pl) is_a_desolation cities_of_your(pl) have_been_burnt fire ground_of_your(pl) to_before_you(pl) strangers are_ _devouring ~~ĐØM~~_her/it and_desolation is_like_the_overthrow_ _of strangers. **8** And_ the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) _she_ _has_been_left like_a_shelter in_a_vineyard like_a_hut in_a_ _cucumber_field like_a_city besieged. **9** If_not **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_had_left to/for_us survivor[s] like_a_ _little like_Ṣədom we_were (to)_῾Amorāh/(Gomorrah) we_were_ _like. **10** Hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_rulers_of Ṣədom give_ _ear_to the_instruction_of our_god_of_our Oh_people_of ῾Amorāh. **11** To/for_what to/for_me the_multitude_of your(pl)_ _sacrifices_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_says I_have_been_surfeited burnt_offerings_of rams and_the_fat_of fatlings and_the_blood_ _of bulls and_lambs and_goats not I_am_pleased. **12** If/because you(pl)_come to_present_yourselves presence_of_my who did_ _he_require this from_hand_of_your(pl) to_trample courts_of_ _my. **13** Not you(pl)_must_repeat to_bring an_offering_of worthlessness incense is_an_abomination it to_me new_moon and_sabbath the_calling convocation[s] not I_am_able_to_ _endure wickedness and_assembli[es]. **14** Moons_of_your(pl)_ _new and_your(pl)_appointed_of_feasts self_of_my it_hates they_have_become on_me (into)_a_burden I_am_weary to_ _bear_them. **15** And_when_you_spread_out palms_of_your(pl) I_ _will_hide eyes_of_my from_you(pl) also if/because you(pl)_ _will_multiply prayer not_I will_be_hearing hands_of_your(pl) blood(s) they_are_full. **16** Wash make_yourselves_clean remove the_wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl) from_before eyes_of_my cease to_do_evil. **17** Learn to_do_good seek justice set_right the_oppressor vindicate the_fatherless conduct_a_ _case_for the_widow. **18** Come please and_let_us_argue_our_

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:1-7; 2Ch 26:1-23.
2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:32-38; 2Ch 27:1-9.
3 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 16:1-20; 2Ch 28:1-27.
4 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 18:1–20:21; 2Ch 29:1–32:33.
5 **RV 1:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24; Rom 9:29.

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_case_together **YHWH** he_says though sins_of_your(pl) they_
_are like_scarlet like_snow they_will_become_white though
they_are_red like_crimson like_wool they_will_be. **19** If you(pl)_
_will_be_willing and_you(pl)_will_obey the_good_thing[s]_of
the_earth/land you(pl)_will_eat. **20** And_if you(pl)_will_refuse
and_you(pl)_will_rebel the_sword you(pl)_will_be_eaten
if/because the_mouth_of **YHWH** it_has_spoken.

21 How it_has_become (into)_a_prostitute a_town faithful full_
_of justice righteousness it_lodged in_it and_now murderers.
22 Silver_of_your it_has_become (into)_dross(es) drink_of_your
has_been_mixed with_water. **23** Leaders_of_your are_rebels
and_companions_of thieves of_it_of_all is_loving a_bribe and_
_it_is_pursuing rewards the_fatherless not they_vindicate and_
_the_lawsuit_of a_widow not it_comes to_them. **24** For_
_so/thus/hence the_utterance_of the_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers the_mighty_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) woe I_
_will_ease_myself from_foes_of_my and_I_will_avenge_myself
from_enemies_of_my. **25** And_I_will_turn hand_of_my on_you
and_I_will_refine like_potash dross(es)_of_your and_I_will_
_remove all_of slag(s)_of_your. **26** And_I_will_restore judges_of_
_your as_at_time and_counsellors_of_your as_at_beginning
after thus it_will_be_called to/for_you(fs) the_city_of (the)_
_righteousness a_town faithful. **27** Tsiyyōn/(Zion) with_justice
it_will_be_redeemed and_its_repentant_of_ones with_
_righteousness. **28** And_a_crushing transgressors and_sinners

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and I'm not pleased by the blood of bulls or lambs or goats.[6]
12 Who told you all that you had to appear in front of me?
Who said that you all should come and trample through my courtyards?
13 Don't keep bringing me worthless offerings.
They smell terribly bad to me.
New moon holidays and sabbaths, calling of assemblies—
I can't stand your disobedience mixed with your festive celebrations.
14 My spirit hates your religious holidays and your feasts on the calendar.
They've become a burden to me that I'm tired of carrying.
15 So when you spread out your hands, I just hide my eyes from you all.
Even though you multiply prayers, I don't listen
because your hands are full of blood.
16 Wash yourselves and get cleaned up.
Remove the evil of your actions from in front of me.
Stop doing evil things.
17 Learn to do good.
Strive for justice.
Correct the oppressor.
Serve justice for the fatherless.
Stand up for the widow in court."
18 Yahweh says, "Come, now, and let's work things out together.
Even though your sins are like scarlet, they'll become as white like snow.
Even though they're red like crimson, they'll become like wool.
19 If you're willing and ready to obey,
you'll all eat the best food from the land,
20 but if you refuse and rebel,
war will be what eats you all.
That's what Yahweh is telling you."

Disobedient Yerushalem

21 How did the faithful city become a prostitute?
She who was full of justice—
with righteousness embedded in her,
but now ended up as murderers.
22 Your city's silver has turned into junk metal.
You wine is now mixed with water.
23 Your leaders are rebels and companions of thieves.
Everyone loves bribes and kick-backs.
They don't defend the fatherless,
and don't even think about standing up for the widow.
24 Here's the declaration of the Yisrael's (Israel's) powerful master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh:
"Oh well, I'll get relief from my opponents,
and avenge myself on my enemies;
25 I'll turn my actions against you,

6 RV 1:11-14 · Cross-ref. Amos 5:21-22.

Readers' Version

and refine your junk metal with chemicals
to remove all your impurity.
26 Then I'll restore your judges like they were before,
and your counsellors like they were at the start.
Afterwards you'll be a faithful city called 'The city of integrity'."
27 Tsiyon (Zion) will be set free by justice,
and those who repent, set free by doing what is right.
28 But those who rebel or disobey will be shattered,
and those who abandon Yahweh will come to their end,
29 because they'll be ashamed of the shrines that you liked at the sacred oak trees,
and you'll all be disgraced by the gardens that you chose to worship idols in.
30 You'll all be like an oak tree with withered leaves,
and like a garden that has no access to water.
31 The strong man will be like kindling and his work like a spark,
and both of them will burn together in a fire that no one can put out.

Yahweh's mountain is central[7]

2:1 This is the message the Amots's son Yeshayah (Isaiah) saw concerning Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem):
2 Near the end of time, the mountain where Yahweh's house is
will be established as the most important mountain.
It will become more famous than any other hill,
and all the nations will flow to visit it.
3 Many different peoples will come and say,
"Come on, let's go up to Yahweh's mountain—
to the temple of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) God,
so he can teach us his ways and we can walk in his paths."
Because God's instructions will emanate from Tsiyon (Zion),
and Yahweh's message will spread out starting from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
4 He'll judge between the nations,
and will settle cases for many different peoples.
They'll hammer their swords into plough blades,
and their spears into pruning hooks.[8]
The nations will stop attacking each other,
and they won't go to war again.
5 You descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob),
come and walk in Yahweh's light.

The day of Yahweh's judging

6 Yes, you've abandoned your people,
Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
because they're too influenced by eastern ideas
and they practice divination like the Pelishtim,
and they make deals with sons of foreigners.
7 Their land is full of silver and gold,
and there's no limit to its wealth.

Literal Version

together and_those_who_abandon_of (of)_**YHWH** they_will_
_come_to_an_end. **29** If/because they_will_be_ashamed from_
_the_oaks which you(pl)_have_desired and_you(pl)_will_be_
_abashed from_the_gardens which you(pl)_have_chosen.
30 If/because you(pl)_will_be like_a_terebinth which_is_
_withering_of leafage_of_its and_like_a_garden which water
there_is_not to/for_her/it. **31** And_ the_strong_person _it_was
(into)_tow and_work_of_his will_become_(into)_a_spark and_
both_of_them _they_will_burn together and_there_will_not_be
one_who_extinguishes.

2:1 The_message which Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōts
he_saw on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
2 And_it_was in_end/latter the_days established it_will_be the_
_mountain_of the_house_of **YHWH** (in)_the_chief_of the_
_mountains and_lifted_up more_than_the_hills and_they_will_
_stream to_him/it all_of the_nations. **3** And_ peoples many _
_they_will_come and_they_will_say come and_let_us_go_up to
the_mountain_of **YHWH** to the_house_of the_god_of
Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) so_that_he_may_teach_us from_ways_of_his
and_so_that_we_may_walk in_paths_of_his if/because from_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) instruction it_will_go_forth and_the_message_
_of **YHWH** from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **4** And_he_will_judge
between the_nations and_he_will_decide for_peoples many
and_they_will_beat swords_of_their into_plowshares and_
_spears_of_their into_pruning_knives not nation it_will_lift_up
against nation a_sword and_not they_will_learn again warfare.
5 Oh_house_of Ya'$_a$qov come and_let_us_walk in_the_light_of
YHWH.

6 If/because you_have_abandoned people_of_your the_house_
_of Ya'$_a$qov if/because they_are_full from_east and_soothsayers
like_Pəlishtiy and_with_the_children_of foreigners they_clap_
hands. **7** And land_of_its _she/it_was_filled silver and_gold
and_there_is_not an_end to_treasures_of_its and_ land_of_its _
_she/it_was_filled horses and_there_is_not an_end to_chariots_
_of_its. **8** And_ land_of_its _she/it_was_filled idols to_the_work_
_of his_hands_of_his they_bow_down to_that_which fingers_of_

7 **RV 2:1 · Parallel** Mic. 4:1-3

8 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:10.

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_his they_have_made. **9** And_ everyone _he_has_been_humbled and_ everyone _he_has_become_low and_do_not forgive to/for_ _them. **10** Go in_rock and_hide_yourself in_dust from_face/in_ _front_of the_dread_of **YHWH** and_from_the_splendour_of his_ _majesty_of_his. **11** Eyes_of pride_of a_person it_will_become_ _low and_ the_haughtiness_of people _it_will_be_humbled and_ **YHWH** _he_will_be_exalted for_him/it_being_alone in_the_day (the)_that. **12** If/because a_day to/for_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers on every_of proud_thing and_lofty_thing and_on every_of thing_lifted_up and_it_will_be_low. **13** And_on all_of the_cedars_of (the)_Ləvānōn which_are_lofty and_ _which_are_lifted_up and_on all_of the_oaks_of (the)_Bāshān. **14** And_on all_of the_mountains which_are_lofty and_on all_of the_hills which_are_lifted_up. **15** And_on every_of tower high[10] and_on every_of wall fortified. **16** And_on all_of the_ships_of Tarshiysh and_on all_of the_ships_of (the)_desire. **17** And_ the_ _pride_of the_humankind _it_will_be_humbled and_ the_ _haughtiness_of people _it_will_become_low and_ **YHWH** _he_ _will_be_exalted for_him/it_being_alone in_the_day (the)_that. **18** And_the_idols entirely it_will_pass_away. **19** And_people_ _will_go in_caves_of the_rocks and_in_holes_of the_ground from_face/in_front_of the_dread_of **YHWH** and_from_the_ _splendour_of his_majesty_of_his when_arises_he to_terrify the_earth/land. **20** In_the_day (the)_that the_humankind it_ _will_throw_away ~~DOM~~ the_idols_of its_silver_of_his and_~~DOM~~ the_idols_of its_gold_of_his which they_made to_him/it to_ _bow_down to_the_moles moles and_to_bats. **21** To_go in_the_ _clefts_of the_rocks and_in_the_clefts_of the_cliffs from_ _face/in_front_of the_dread_of **YHWH** and_from_the_ _splendour_of his_majesty_of_his when_arises_he to_terrify the_earth/land. **22** Cease to/for_you(pl) from the_humankind whom breath is_in_nose_of_his if/because how is_he accounted.

3:1 If/because HERE the_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers is_ _about_to_remove from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_from_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) support and_support every_of support_of food and_all/each/any/every support_of water. **2** Warrior and_

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The land also is full of horses,
and there's no limit to its chariots,
8 Their land is full of idols.
They worship the craftsmanship of their own hands—
what their fingers have made.
9 Then a person will be bowed down,
and a man will be humbled,
but not forgiven.
10 Go into a cave in the rocks,
or hide in a hole in the ground
from the terror from Yahweh
and from the blinding light of his majesty.[9]
11 Proud people will be humbled,
and the arrogant will be take a lesson,
and Yahweh alone will be honoured on that day.
12 because Commander-in-chief Yahweh has chosen a day
for judgement against those who are proud and aloof,
and against every arrogant person—they'll all be humbled.
13 It's also against all the high and mighty cedars in Levanon,
and all the oak trees in Bashan,
14 against all the massive mountains
and all the high hills,
15 against every high tower
and fortified wall,
16 against all the ships from Tarshish
and all those beautiful sailing ships.
17 Humankind's pride will be humbled
and the arrogance of people will be cut off,
and only Yahweh will be honoured at that time.
18 All the idols will be completely eliminated.
19 Yes, men will go into the caves in the rocks
and into holes in the ground,
to escape from the terror of Yahweh,
and from the blinding light of his majesty,
when he takes action to terrify the earth.
20 On that day, people will throw away
their gold and silver idols which they made to worship.
They'll throw them into rabbit holes and bat caves.
21 Then they'll crawl into the crevices in the rocks
and into the openings in the ragged cliffs,
to escape from the terror of Yahweh,
and from the blinding light of his majesty,
when he takes action to terrify the earth.
22 Don't put your faith in humankind who need air to breathe,
because what can they do about anything?

Judgement on Yerushalem and Yehudah

3:1 Yes, listen, the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh will take supply and support

9 RV 2:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:15; 2Th 1:9.

10 LV 2:15 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and from Yehudah (Judah)—
all the supply of bread and of water,
2 the top warriors and regular soldiers,
the judges and prophets,
the diviners and elders,
3 the unit captains and respected officials,
the counsellors and expert craftsman,
and any skillful enchanters.
4 "Then I'll put young people in place as their leaders,
and children will rule over them.
5 After that, the people will be oppressed—
one person fighting another,
and a man being taken advantage of by his neighbour.
The lad will insult the elderly,
and the dishonourable insult the honourable.
6 Indeed, a man will seize his brother in his own father's house:
'You have a coat so be our ruler,
and this ruin will be under your control.'
7 That will cause him to shout out,
'I have no intention of helping. I don't even have enough food and clothes for my own household.
and in my house there is no bread and there is no clothing.
Don't try to make me the ruler of the people.' "
8 Yes, Yerushalem (Jerusalem) has stumbled,
and Yehudah (Judah) has fallen,
because their words and actions are against Yahweh,
defying his royal authority.
9 You can tell their intentions by the look on their faces,
and they talk about their disobedience like the people in Sedom did.
They don't try to hide it.
Their lives won't end well because they've brought suffering on themselves.
10 Tell those who do what's right
that they'll be rewarded for their good deeds.
11 But the wicked won't end well.
They'll be repaid appropriately for their actions.
12 Even children will oppress my people,
and women rule over them.
Those who guide you lead my people astray
and confuse your progress to make you follow the wrong path.
13 Yahweh is getting ready to make his case
and is standing ready to judge the peoples.

Yahweh judges his people

14 He will come to pronounce judgement on the elders of his people and their leaders:
"Yes, all of you, you've taken all the fruit from the vineyard—

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_man_of war judge and_prophet and_diviner and_elder.
3 Commander_of fifty and_one_who_is_uplifted_of face and_
_counsellor and_one_skillful_of magic_arts and_one_who_has_
_understanding_of charming. **4** And_I_will_make youths
leaders_of_their and_wantonness(es) they_will_rule over_them.
5 And_ the_people _it_will_oppress each (in)_a_person and_
_each (in)_neighbour_of_his the_youth[s] they_will_act_
_insolently in_person and_one_who_is_lightly_esteemed in_
_who_is]_honoured. **6** If/because a_person he_will_seize (in)_
_brother_of_his the_house_of his/its_father a_cloak belongs_
_to_you a_ruler you_will_be to/for_ourselves and_the_heap_
_ruins (the)_this will_be_under hand_of_your. **7** He_will_lift_up
in_day (the)_that to_say not I_will_be one_who_binds_up and_
_in_house_of_my there_is_not food and_there_is_not a_cloak
not you(pl)_must_appoint_me a_ruler_of the_people.
8 If/because Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_has_stumbled and_
_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) it_has_fallen if/because tongue_of_their
and_deeds_of_their are_against **YHWH** to_rebel_toward the_
_eyes_of his_glory_of_his. **9** The_expression_of_their_faces_of_
_their it_has_testified against_them and_sin_of_their like_
_Ṣədom they_have_declared not they_have_hidden_it woe to_
_self_of_their if/because they_have_done to/for_them harm.
10 Tell the_righteous if/because_that good if/because the_
_fruit_of_their_deeds_of_their they_will_eat. **11** Woe to_the_
_wicked it_will_be_bad if/because the_dealing_of his_hands_of_
_his it_will_be_done for_him/it. **12** People_of_my oppressors_
_of_its is_acting_like_children and_women they_have_ruled in_
_him/it my_people_of_my guides_of_your are_leading_astray
and_the_way_of your(pl)_paths_of_your they_have_confused.

13 Is_taking_his_stand to_conduct_a_case **YHWH** and_he_is_
_standing to_judge peoples. **14** **YHWH** in_judgement he_will_
_come with the_elders_of his_people_of_his and_leaders_of_its
and_you(pl) you(pl)_have_consumed the_vineyard the_
_robbery_of the_poor is_in_houses_of_your(pl). **15** Mmm[1112]
you(pl)_crush people_of_my and_the_faces_of poor_people
you(pl)_grind the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**

11 **LV 3:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: מכ/ל/נ: (x-qere) 'הַמּ': lemma_4100 morph_HTi id_23UCh הַמּ־לְכָֽ֑': lemma_l n_1.1.0 morph_HR/Sp2mp id_23jZZ לְכָֽ֑

12 **LV 3:15 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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soldiers/messengers.

16 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said because if/because the_daughters_ _of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) they_are_haughty and_they_have_walked stretched_out[13] neck and_making_seductive_glances eyes walking and_mincing_along they_walk and_on_feet_of_their they_tinkle_with_anklets. **17** And_ my_master _he_will_make_ _scabby the_crown_of_the_head_of the_daughters_of Tsiyyōn and_**YHWH** forehead_of_their he_will_lay_bare. **18** In_the_day (the)_that my_master he_will_remove ᴅᴏᴍ the_splendour_of the_anklets and_the_amulets and_the_ornaments. **19** The_ _pendants and_the_bracelets and_the_veils. **20** The_turbans and_the_ankle_chains and_the_sashes and_the_houses_of the_ _living_creatures and_the_charms. **21** The_signet-rings and_ _the_rings_of the_nose. **22** The_fine_robes and_the_over-tunics and_the_cloaks and_the_purses. **23** And_the_mirrors and_the_ _linen_garments and_the_headdresses and_the_shawls. **24** And_ _it_was in_place_of perfume rottenness it_will_be and_in_ _place_of a_belt a_rope and_in_place_of a_work well-set_hair baldness and_in_place_of a_robe a_girding_of sackcloth branding in_place_of beauty. **25** Men_of_your by_sword they_ _will_fall and_strength_of_your in_battle. **26** And_they_will_ _lament and_they_will_mourn gates_of_its and_it_will_be_ _emptied to_ground it_will_sit.

4:1 And_ seven women _they_will_take_hold on_a_man one in_ _the_day (the)_that to_say food_of_our_own we_will_eat and_ _our_own_of_clothing we_will_wear only name_of_your let_it_ _be_called on_us remove reproach_of_our.

2 In_the_day (the)_that it_will_become the_branch_of **YHWH** (into)_beauty and_(into)_glory and_the_fruit_of the_earth/land (into)_exaltation and_(into)_honour for_the_escaped_remnant_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **3** And_it_was the_one_who_remains in_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_the_one_who_is_left in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) holy it_will_be_said to_him/it every_ _of (the)_one_who_is_recorded for_life in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **4** If my_master he_has_washed_ _away ᴅᴏᴍ the_excrement_of the_daughters_of Tsiyyōn and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_blood(s)_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_will_cleanse from_midst_of_its by_a_spirit_of judgement and_by_a_spirit_of burning. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_create over all_of the_place_of the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn and_over convocations_of_its a_cloud by_day and_smoke and_brightness_of fire flame night if/because will_be_over all_of the_glory a_canopy. **6** And_a_ _shelter it_will_be for_shade by_day from_the_heat and_for_ _refuge and_for_shelter from_the_rainstorm and_from_the_

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the plunder from the poor is in your houses.
15 Why do you crush my people
and rub the poor people's faces into the ground?"
That's the declaration of my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

A warning for Yerushalem's women

16 Then Yahweh said:
"Because Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughters are proud,
and they walk with their chins stuck out and with flirting eyes—
walking and mincing their steps and tinkling their feet,
17 Then my master will shave the heads of Tsiyon's daughters,
and Yahweh will make their foreheads bald."
18 At that time my master will remove their fancy ankle bracelets and headbands, crescent necklaces
19 and earrings, bracelets and veils,
20 scarves, armlets, and sashes, perfume bottles and charms,
21 rings on their fingers and in their noses,
22 festive robes and capes, veils and purses,
23 fine clothes and underwear, and their turbans and shawls.
24 When that happens, there'll be a stink instead of fragrance,
a rope instead of a nice sash,
baldness instead of a styled hairdo,
sackcloth instead of fancy clothes,
brands on the skin instead of beauty,
25 Your men will die from the sword
and your warriors in the battle.
26 The city gates will mourn and wail,
and she'll end up just sitting their on the ground, alone.
4:1 When that happens, seven women will take hold of one man, saying,
'We'll eat our food and wear our clothes.
Just let us marry you so we can take your name
to remove our shame.'

Yahweh blesses Yerushalem again

2 At that time, Yahweh's branch will become beautiful and glorious,
and the produce of the land will be a source of pride and delight for what remains of the Israelis. **3** All who remain in Tsiyon (Zion), i.e., the remnant in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), will then be his people who are destined to continue to live. **4** Surely my master will wash away the filth of Tsiyon's daughters, and clean up the blood stains from the middle of Yerushalem using the spirit of judgement and the spirit of fire. **5** Then over all of Mt. Tsiyon and her assemblies there, Yahweh will place a canopy over all the splendour—creating cloud during the day, and smoke and the brightness of a flaming fire during the night.[14] **6** During the day, it'll be a shelter that gives shade from the heat, as well as being a cover and place to get out of the storm and rain.

13 **LV 3:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוּטִנ: (x-qere) 'תְּנֹיוּטִנ': lemma_5186 morph_HVqsfpa id_234dp תְּנֹיוּטִנ

14 **RV 4:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 13:21; 24:16.

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The song about Yahweh's vineyard

5:1 Let me sing, please, to my dearest one,
a song for my darling about his vineyard.
My dearest had a vineyard on very fertile hillside.[15]
2 He dug it over and cleared it
and planted it with choice vines.
He built a watchtower in the middle of it
and also hewed a wine-pressing pit in a rocky portion.
Then he waited for it to produce grapes,
but it produced sour, wild grapes.
3 So now, you who lives in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
and man from Yehudah (Judah),
judge, please, between me and between my vineyard.
4 What more could have been done for my vineyard,
that I haven't already done for it?
I waited for it to produce grapes,
but why did it produce wild grapes?
5 So now, listen please,
because I'll tell you what I'm going to do to my vineyard:
I'll remove the hedge around it and burn it in a fire.
I'll tear its wall down so people can trample over it.
6 Then I'll allow it to become overgrown.
It won't be pruned or hoed, and thistles and thorns will grow through it.
Then I'll command the clouds not to rain on it any more.
7 Yes, Commander-in-chief Yahweh's vineyard is Yisrael (Israel),
and the people from Yehudah (Judah) are his nice plants.
Then he waited for justice, but look, slaughter came.
He waited for people to do what's right, but listen, screaming came.

People's bad activities

8 Those who acquire houses won't end well,
or those who add to their fields until there's no room left.
→Then the poor are made to remain alone in the middle of the country.
9 I heard Commander-in-chief Yahweh say:
'Surely many houses will end up empty—
even large and nice ones won't have anyone living in them.
10 A large vineyard will produce a measly amount of juice,
and ten baskets of seed will only give a harvest of one basket of grain.
11 Those who get up early in the morning to get a strong drink won't end well,
yes, those who loiter into the night as wine inflames them.
12 They celebrate with harp and lyre,
tambourine and flute and wine,
but they don't care about anything that Yahweh does,

Literal Version

_rain.

5:1 Let_me_sing please to_my_beloved_of_one a_song_of my_ _beloved_of_my of_vineyard_of_his a_vineyard it_belonged to_ _my_beloved_of_one on_a_horn_of a_son_of oil. **2** And_he_dug_ _it and_he_cleared_it_of_stones and_he_planted_it a_choice_ _vine and_he/it_built a_tower in_the_middle_of_of_it and_also a_wine-vat he_dug_out in/on/over_him/it and_he_waited for_ _doing grapes and_he/it_made wild_grapes. **3** And_now Oh_ _inhabitant[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_everyone_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) judge please between_me and_between vineyard_of_my. **4** What is_to_do still for_vineyard_of_my and_ _not I_have_done in/on/over_him/it why did_I_wait for_doing grapes and_he/it_made wild_grapes. **5** And_now let_me_make_ _know please you(pl) ~~DOM~~ that_which I am_about_to_do to_ _vineyard_of_my I_will_remove hedge_of_its and_it_was (into)_ _grazing I_will_break_down wall_of_its and_it_was (into)_a_ _trampling_place. **6** And_I_will_make_it a_desolation not it_ _will_be_pruned and_not it_will_be_hoed and_ thorn[s] and_ _bush[es] _he/it_would_go_up and_to the_clouds I_will_ _command from_raining on/upon/above_him/it rain.
7 If/because the_vineyard_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers is_ _the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_everyone_of Yəhūdāh is_ _the_plantation_of his_delight(s)_of_his and_he_waited for_ _justice and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE bloodshed for_righteousness and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE an_outcry.

8 Woe_to those_who_make_touch_of (of)_a_house (in)_a_house a_field on_a_field they_bring_near until there_not_of is_room and_you(pl)_are_made_to_dwell you_alone in_the_midst_of the_earth/land. **9** In_ears_of_my **YHWH** soldiers/messengers if not houses many (into)_a_waste they_will_become great_ _houses and_good_houses will_be_from_not an_inhabitant.
10 If/because ten_of acres_of vineyard they_will_produce a_ _bath one and_seed_of a_homer it_will_produce an_'ēyfāh.
11 Woe_to those_who_rise_early_of in_morning strong_drink they_pursue those_who_delay_of in_twilight wine it_inflames_ _them. **12** And_ harp and_lyre tambourine and_flute and_wine _ _it_was their_drinking/feast and_~~DOM~~ the_deed[s]_of **YHWH** not they_pay_attention_to and_the_work_of his_hands_of_his not they_see. **13** For_so/thus/hence people_of_my it_will_go_ _into_exile from_not_of knowledge and_honour_of_its will_be_ _men_of hunger and_multitude_of_its will_be_parched_of thirst. **14** For_so/thus/hence Shə'ōl it_will_enlarge throat_of_ _its and_it_will_open_wide mouth_of_its to_not limit and_ splendour_of_its and_multitude_of_its and_uproar_of_its and_

15 **RV 5:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 21:33; Mrk 12:1; Luk 20:9.

Literal Version

_one_exulting in_it _it_will_go_down. **15** And_ everyone _he_ _has_been_humbled and_ everyone _he_has_become_low and_ _the_eyes_of proud_people they_will_become_low. **16** And_he_ _was_exalted[16] **YHWH** soldiers/messengers by_judgement and_ _(the)_god (the)_holy will_show_himself_holy by_ _righteousness. **17** And_ lambs _they_will_graze like_their_own_ _of_pasture and_the_ruins_of fatlings those_who_sojourn they_ _will_eat. **18** Woe_to those_who_draw_along_of (of)_the_ _iniquity with_(the)_cords_of (the)_emptiness and_like_the_ _rope_of (the)_cart sin. **19** Those_who_say let_it_hurry let_it_ _make_haste work_of_his so_that we_may_see and_let_it_draw_ _near and_let_it_come the_plan_of the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_we_may_know. **20** Woe_to those_who_ _say of_evil good and_of_good evil those_who_make darkness into_light and_light into_darkness those_who_make bitter into_sweet and_sweet into_bitter. **21** Woe_to people_wise in_ _their_own_of_eyes and_before faces_of_their_own people_ _discerning. **22** Woe_to men_mighty for_drinking wine and_ _people_of ability for_mixing strong_drink. **23** Those_who_ _justify_of (of)_a_wicked_person the_consequence_of a_bribe and_the_righteousness_of righteous_people they_take_away from_him. **24** For_so/thus/hence as_ a_tongue_of fire _ _consumes stubble and_dry_grass a_flame it_sinks_down root_ _of_their like_rottenness it_will_be and_blossom_of_their like_ _dust it_will_go_up if/because they_have_rejected ~~DOM~~ the_ _law_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_~~DOM~~ the_message_of the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_spurned. **25** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_anger of_**YHWH** it_has_ _burnt on_people_of_his and_he_has_stretched_out his/its_ _hand on/upon/above_him/it and_he_has_struck_it and_ the_ _mountains _they_have_quaked and_ corpse_of_their _it_ _became like_offal in_the_middle_of the_streets in_all this not anger_of_his it_has_turned_back and_still his/its_hand is_ _stretched_out. **26** And_he_will_lift_up a_standard for_nations from_a_distance and_he_will_whistle to_him/it from_the_end_ _of the_earth/land and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE quickly swift it_will_ _come. **27** There_is_not a_weary_one and_there_is_not one_ _who_stumbles in/on/over_him/it not anyone_will_slumber and_not anyone_will_sleep and_not the_loincloth_of its_loins_ _of_his it_has_been_opened and_not a_thong_of its_sandals_of_ _his it_has_been_torn_apart. **28** Which arrows_of_its are_ _sharpened and_all bows_of_its are_bent the_hooves_of its_ _horses_of_his like_flint they_are_regarded and_wheels_of_its like_storm-wind. **29** Roaring to_him/it like_lion and[17] like_ _(the)_lions and_it_will_growl and_it_will_seize prey and_it_ _will_carry_it_off and_there_is_not a_deliverer. **30** And_it_will_ _growl on/upon/above_him/it in_the_day (the)_that like_the_ _growling_of the_sea and_someone_will_look to_land and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE darkness distress and_light it_has_become_ _dark by_clouds_of_its.

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in fact, they don't even know what he's done for them.
13 Therefore, my people will be exiled because of their for lack of understanding,
and its honourable people are hungry,
and the parched crowds are thirsty.
14 Therefore, the grave has enlarged its appetite
and opened its mouth without limit.
and its elite and its crowd will descend into it,
along with its noisy crowd and those celebrating.
15 Everyone will be brought into submission and humbled.
All the proud people will be humiliated,
16 and Commander-in-chief Yahweh will be honoured for his justice.
God will demonstrate his holiness by doing what is right.
17 Then the lambs will feed in their pastures,
and fattened calves will graze around the houses.
18 Those who pull in wickedness with cords of lies won't end well,
and nor will those who drag disobedience along behind them with cart ropes.
19 They say, 'Let him hurry,
let him speed up his work so we can see what he's doing,
and let the counsel of the holy one of Yisrael (Israel) approach,
and let it come and let us know.'
20 Those who call evil good, and good evil, won't end well.
Nor will those who make darkness for light and light for darkness,
or who set bitter as sweet and sweet as bitter!
21 Those who are wise in their own eyes won't end well,
nor those who think they're clever.
22 Those who are experts at drinking wine won't end well,
nor those whose strength is mixing strong drinks,
23 or those who take a bribe then say a wicked person is innocent,
or those that deny justice to innocent people.
24 Therefore, the roots of their families will rot,
and their flowers will flower away like dust
just like how a tongue of fire devours stubble in a field
and the dry grass goes up in flame,
because they've rejected Commander-in-chief Yahweh's instructions,
and they've despised the message from the holy one of Yisrael (Israel).
25 That's why Yahweh got very angry at his people,
and he's taken action against them and has struck them.
The mountains tremble and their corpses become like garbage in the streets.
In all these things, his anger doesn't subside,
and he doesn't withdraw the actions he's started.

16 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

17 LV 5:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **וְ/נֹאשׂ**: (x-qere) **נָאְשִׂי**: lemma_7580 morph_HVqi3ms id_23cpd **נָאְשִׂי**

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26 He'll signal to faraway nations
and will whistle to those at the ends of the earth.
Then wow, how quickly they'll show up.
27 Those enemy armies won't get tired or stumble.
They won't stop for a rest or to sleep.
They never take their weapons off,
or loosen the straps on their sandals.
28 Their arrows are sharp,
and all their bows are strung.
Their horses have hooves as hard as flint,
and their chariot wheels are like a windstorm.
29 Their roar sounds like a lion,
and they growl like young lions.
They seize their prey and carry it off,
→and there's no rescuer in sight.
30 They will roar above their prey on that day,
like the roaring of the ocean.
If someone looks across the land they'd only see darkness and distress.
The light has been darkened by the clouds.

The showing of God to Yeshayah

6:1 In the year that King Uziyah died,[18] I saw my master sitting on a tall, elevated throne, and his long robe covered the temple floor. **2** There were 'serafs' standing above him. They each had six wings—they used two to cover their faces, two to cover their feet, and two to fly with. **3** They were calling out to each other,
"Commander-in-chief Yahweh is holy, yes, fully holy.
The whole earth is filled with his splendour."[19]
4 Whenever one of them spoke, the sound of their voices make the doorways shake, and the temple was filled with smoke,[20]
5 and I said,
"This isn't going to end well for me. Yes, I'm doomed because I am a man with unclean lips,
and I live among a people with unclean lips,
and yet my eyes have seen the king: Commander-in-chief Yahweh."
6 Then one of the 'serafs' flew to me. He was holding a hot coal that he'd taken off the altar with a pair of tongs. **7** He touched my mouth with that coal and said,
"Look, this has touched your lips,
and your guilt has been taken away
and the price has been paid for your sin."
8 Then I heard my master ask, "Who will I send? Who will go on our behalf?"
"I'm here," I answered. "Send me."
9 Then he said,
"Go and tell that nation:
'Listen closely, but don't understand,

Literal Version

6:1 In_year of_the_death_of the_king ʼUzziy^{yāh} and_I_saw ~~DOM~~ my_master sitting on a_throne high and_lifted_up and_the_ _skirts_of_of_his_robe were_filling ~~DOM~~ the_temple. **2** Seraphim were_standing from_above to_him/it six wings six wings belonged_to_one with_two_wings he_covered face_of_his and_ _with_two_wings he_covered feet_of_his and_with_two_wings he_flew. **3** And_ this _he_called to this and_saying(ms) is_holy holy holy **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_fullness of_all_of the_earth/land glory_of_is_his. **4** And_ the_foundations_of the_ _thresholds _they_shook from_the_voice_of the_one_who_ _called and_the_house it_was_filled smoke. **5** And_I_said woe to_me if/because I_am_destroyed if/because am_a_man unclean_of lips I and_among_of a_people unclean_of lips I am_ _dwelling if/because ~~DOM~~ the_king **YHWH** soldiers/messengers eyes_of_my they_have_seen. **6** And_he_flew to_me one of the_ _seraphim and_was_in_hand_of_his a_live_coal which_with_ _tongs he_had_taken from_under the_altar. **7** And_he_made_it_ _touch (on) mouth_of_my and_he/it_said HERE this it_has_ _touched (on) lips_of_your and_ iniquity_of_your _it_will_be_ _removed and_sin_of_your it_will_be_atoned_for. **8** And_I_heard ~~DOM~~ the_voice_of my_master saying ~~DOM~~ whom will_I_send and_who will_he_go to/for_us and_I_said here_I_am send_me. **9** And_he/it_said go and_you_will_say to_people the_this hear continually_(hear) and_do_not understand and_see continually_(see) and_do_not perceive. **10** Make_fat the_heart_ _of the_people the_this and_ears_of_its make_heavy and_eyes_ _of_its seal_over lest it_should_see with_eyes_of_its and_with_ _ears_of_its it_will_hear and_heart_of_its it_will_understand and_it_will_return and_someone_will_heal to_him/it. **11** And_I_ _said until when my_master and_he/it_said until that (if) cities they_have_lain_desolate from_not an_inhabitant and_houses from_not anyone and_the_ground it_will_be_devastated a_

18 **RV 6:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:7; 2Ch 26:23.

19 **RV 6:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:8.

20 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Rev 15:8.

Literal Version

desolation. **12** And **YHWH** _he_will_send_far_away ~~DOM~~ the_ _humankind and_ the_abandoned_land _it_will_become_great in_the_midst_of the_earth/land. **13** And_still will_be_in_it a_ _tenth_part and_it_will_return and_it_will_become (into)_ _burning like_terebinth and_like_oak which in_the_felling a_ _stump is_in_them will_be_offspring_of holiness stump_of_its.

7:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days_of ʾĀḥāz the_son_of Yōtām/(Jotham) the_son_of ʿUzziy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Rətsīn the_king_of ʾArām and_Peqaḥ the_son_ _of Rəmal^{yāh}ū the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_went_up Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_battle on/upon_it(f) and_not he_ _was_able to_engage_in_battle on_it. **2** And_it_was_told to_the_ _house_of Dāvid to_say ʾArām it_has_stood with ʾEfrayim and_ heart_of_his and_the_heart_of_his_people_of_his _it_shook as_ the_trees_of the_forest _shake from_face/in_front_of a_wind. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəshaʿyāh/(Isaiah) go_out please to_meet ʾĀḥāz you and_Shəʾār- yāshūv son_of_your to the_end_ _of the_conduit_of the_pool (the)_upper to the_highway_of the_field_of the_washer. **4** And_you_will_say to_him/it take_ _care and_show_quietness do_not be_afraid and_heart_of_your not let_it_be_timid from_the_two_of the_stumps_of (the)_ _pieces_of_firewood (the)_smoking the_these by_the_heat_of the_anger of_Rətsīn and_ʾArām and_the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū. **5** Because if/because it_has_planned on_you ʾArām harm ʾEfrayim and_the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū to_say. **6** Let_us_go_up on_ _Yəhūdāh and_let_us_demolish_it and_let_us_break_into_it to_ _ourselves and_let_us_make_king a_king in_the_midst_of_of_it ~~DOM~~ the_son_of Ṭ$_e$vʾ^{ēl}. **7** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says not it_will_stand and_not it_will_happen. **8** If/because the_head_of ʾArām is_Dammeseq and_the_head_of Dammeseq is_Rətsīn and_ _in_yet sixty and_five year[s] ʾEfrayim it_will_be_shattered from_a_people. **9** And_the_head_of ʾEfrayim is_Shomrōn and_ _the_head_of Shomrōn is_the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū if not you(pl)_ _will_believe if/because not you(pl)_will_be_established.

Readers' Version

and see clearly, but don't perceive.'[21]
10 Fatten the heart of this people,
and dull its ears and dim its eyes.
Otherwise it might see with its eyes
and hear with its ears
and understand with its heart,
→and turn and be healed."
11 So I asked, "Until when, master?"
And he replied:
"Until cities are desolate—without inhabitants,
and the houses are without people,
→and the land is a ruined wasteland,
12 and Yahweh has driven the people far away,
→and the middle of the country is almost totally deserted.
13 If there's still a tenth of the people in it,
→then disaster will turn back and burn everything.
Like an elm or an oak tree that's been cut down but still has a stump—
→so too the sacred remnant is the nation's stump."

A message for Ahaz

7:1 During the reign of King Ahaz (son of Yotam (Jotham), son of Uziyah) in Yehudah (Judah), King Retsin from Aram (Syria) and King Pekah (son of Remalyah) from Yisrael (Israel), went up to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) attack it, but they weren't able to conquer it.[22] **2** It was reported to David's descendants that Aram stands by with Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), and the king and the people trembled just like the trees in the forest shaking in the wind.
3 Then Yahweh told Yeshayah (Isaiah), "Please go out with your son She'ar-Yashuv to meet Ahaz at the end of the channel from the upper pool, near the road to the field where they wash clothes, **4** and tell him, 'Be careful and calm and don't be afraid. Don't let your courage melt away because of these two tails of smoldering firebrands, i.e., by the anger of Retsin and Aram and Remalyah's son. **5** Yes, they've plotted together against you, saying, **6** "Let's go up against Yehudah together and terrify her. Let's break into her and crown Teve'el's son as king right there in the middle of her." '
7 However, my master Yahweh says:
'That's not going to happen.
They won't succeed
8 because Aram's capital is Damesek (Damascus)
and Damesek' leader is Retsin.
Nevertheless, with sixty-five years Yisrael will no longer exist as a nation.
9 Yisrael's capital is Shomron (Samaria).
and Shomron's leader is Remalyah's son.
If you don't keep believing,
then you'll end up not standing.' "

21 RV 6:9-10 · Cross-ref. Mat 13:14-15; Mrk 4:12; Luk 8:10; Yhn 12:40; Acts 28:26-27.

22 RV 7:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 16:5; 2Ch 28:5-6.

Readers' Version

Imanu-El will precede the thorns

10 Later, Yahweh spoke again to Ahaz,
11 "Ask your god Yahweh for a sign of confirmation for yourself. Request an incredible miracle."
12 "No, I won't ask," Ahaz replied. "I refuse to test Yahweh."
13 Then Yeshayah (Isaiah) said, "You descendants of David need to listen. It's bad enough that you're wearing out the people, but why are you also annoying my god? 14 Because of that, my master will take the initiative himself to choose a sign: listen, a young, virgin woman[23] will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and will name him 'Imanu-El' (which means 'God is with us').[24] 15 He'll know how to refuse evil and do good by the time that he can eat yoghurt and honey. 16 However, before the child is old enough to do that, the countries of the two kings that you're afraid of, will become deserted.
17 But instead, Yahweh will bring the Assyrian king to attack you and your people, and David's dynasty will be under its greatest stress since Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) broke away from Yehudah (Judah)."
18 When that happens, Yahweh will whistle for a fly that's in Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) distant streams, and for a bee that's in Ashur (Assyria). 19 They'll all come and settle down in deserted valleys and cracks in the rocks, and in all the thornbushes and watering holes.
20 At that time, my master will use a hired razor from beyond the Perat (Euphrates) to shave the head and legs of the Assyrian king, and to remove his beard.
21 In those days, a farmer will preserve a single, young cow alive, and a couple of sheep. 22 However, because they'll produce so much milk, they'll produce yoghurt, because everyone left in the country will eat yoghurt and honey.
23 During that period, every block of land with a thousand grapevines that would have been worth a thousand silver coins, will just be full of thistles and thorns. 24 Because it'll be so overgrown with briers, men will hunt there with their bows and arrows. 25 All the hills that had been cultivated, will now be off limits because of all the thistle and thorns, and sheep and cattle will be left there to tread it down.

Yeshayah's son is born

8:1 Then Yahweh told me, "Get yourself a large, stone tablet and inscribe the name 'Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz' (which means 'Quickly plunder and grab the loot') on it, 2 and I'll get my reliable witnesses to attest for me: the priest Uriyah, and Yeverekyah's son Zekaryah (Zechariah).
3 Then I slept with my wife, the prophetess, and she got pregnant and in due course, gave birth to a son. Yahweh told me, "Name him Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz, 4 because before he's old enough to call out 'papa' or 'mama', the riches from Damesek

Literal Version

10 And_ **YHWH** _he_repeated to_speak to 'Āḥāz to_say. 11 Ask to/for_yourself(m) a_sign from_with **YHWH** god_of_your make_deep a_request or make_high (to)_upwards. 12 And_ 'Āḥāz _he/it_said not I_will_ask and_not I_will_put_to_the_test ĐOM **YHWH**. 13 And_he/it_said hear please Oh_house_of Dāvid is_too_little for_you(pl) to_make_weary people that/for/because/then/when you(pl)_will_make_weary also ĐOM god_of_my. 14 For_so/thus/hence my_master he he_will_ _give to/for_you(pl) a_sign THERE the_young_woman will_be_ _pregnant and_she_will_bear a_son and_she_will_call his/its_ _name Immanu- 'ēl. 15 Curd[s] and_honey he_will_eat to_ _knowing_his to_reject (in)_evil and_to_choose (in)_good. 16 If/because before_before the_lad he_will_know to_reject (in)_evil and_to_choose (in)_good the_soil which you are_ _feeling_dread from_face/in_front_of the_two_of kings_of_its it_will_be_abandoned. 17 **YHWH** he_will_bring on_you and_on people_of_your and_on the_house_of your_father_of_your days which not they_have_come (to)_from_the_day_of 'Efrayim departed from_under Yəhūdāh/(Judah) ĐOM the_king_of 'Ashshūr. 18 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that **YHWH** he_will_ _whistle for_fly which is_at_the_end_of the_canals_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_for_bee which in_land of_'Ashshūr. 19 And_they_will_come and_ of_them_of_all _they_will_settle in_the_wadis_of the_cliffs and_in_the_clefts_of the_rocks and_ _on_all_of the_thornbushes and_in_all_of the_watering-places. 20 In_the_day (the)_that my_master he_will_shave with_a_razor (the)_hired on_the_other_sides_of (of)_the_River with_the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr ĐOM the_head and_the_hair_of the_feet[25] and_also ĐOM the_beard it_will_sweep_away. 21 And_it_was in_ _the_day (the)_that a_person he_will_preserve_alive a_heifer_of the_herd and_two_of sheep. 22 And_it_was from_the_ _abundance_of producing milk he_will_eat curd[s] if/because curd[s] and_honey every_of (the)_one_who_remains in_the_ _midst_of the_earth/land he_will_eat. 23 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that every_of place where it_was there a_thousand vine[s] for_a_thousand silver it_will_be (into)_thorn[s] and_ _(into)_bush[es] it_will_become. 24 With_arrows and_with_bow anyone_will_go there_(to) if/because thorn[s] and_bush[es] it_ _will_be all_of the_earth/land. 25 And_all/each/any/every the_ _hills which with_hoe they_were_hoed not you_will_go there_ _(to) fear_of thorn[s] and_bush[es] and_it_was (into)_ _pastureland_of ox[en] and_(into)_a_trampling_place_of sheep.
8:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me take to/for_yourself(m) a_ _tablet large and_write on/upon/above_him/it with_a_stylus_ _of a_person (to)_Mahēr- shālāl- ḥāsh Mahēr-. 2 And_I_will_ _call_as_witness to/for_me witnesses reliable ĐOM 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_ _priest/officer and_ĐOM Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Yəverek^{yāh}ū/(Jeberekiah). 3 And_I_drew_near to the_ _prophetess and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_ _she/it_gave_birth a_son and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me call his/its_name Mahēr- Shālāl- Ḥāsh Baz. 4 If/because before_ _before the_lad he_will_know to_call_out my_father_of_my and_Oh_of_my_mother someone_will_carry_off ĐOM the_ _wealth_of Dammeseq and_ĐOM the_plunder_of Shomrōn to_

23 **RV 7:14 · Note** See https://textandcanon.org/does-isaiah-predict-the-virgin-birth.

24 **RV 7:14 · Cross-ref.** Mat 1:23.

25 **LV 7:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king_of 'Ashshūr.

5 And_ **YHWH** _he_repeated to_speak to_me again to_say.
6 Because if/because the_people the_this it_has_rejected ~~ḎǪM~~ the_waters_of (the)_Shilluḥāh which_go to_gentleness and_ _rejoicing with Rətsīn and_the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū. **7** And_ _therefore THERE my_master is_about_to_bring_up on_them ~~ḎǪM~~ the_waters_of the_river (the)_mighty and_(the)_many ~~ḎǪM~~ the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_~~ḎǪM~~ all_of glory_of_his and_he/it_ _would_go_up over all_of channels_of_its and_it_will_go over all_of banks_of_its. **8** And_it_will_pass_on in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_overflow and_it_will_pass_over to the_neck it_will_reach and_ the_spreading(s)_of its_wings_of_his _it_was the_fullness_ _of the_breadth_of your_land_of_your Oh_Immanu-$^{'ēl}$. **9** Be_bad Oh_peoples and_be_shattered and_give_ear Oh_all_of the_ _distant_places_of the_earth gird_yourselves and_be_shattered gird_yourselves and_be_shattered. **10** Plan a_plan and_it_will_ _be_frustrated speak a_message and_not it_will_stand if/because is_with_us god.

11 If/because thus **YHWH** he_said to_me as_grew_strong_of the_hand and_he_will_instruct_me from_walking in_the_way_ _of the_people the_this to_say. **12** Not you(pl)_must_say conspiracy to_all/each/any/every that the_people the_this it_ _is_saying conspiracy and_~~ḎǪM~~ fear_of_its not you(pl)_must_ _fear and_not you(pl)_must_regard_with_awe. **13** ~~ḎǪM~~ **YHWH** soldiers/messengers ~~ḎǪM~~_him/it you(pl)_will_regard_as_holy and_he be_your_fear_of_will and_he will_of_be_the_one_ _whom_you(pl)_regard_with_awe. **14** And_it_was (into)_a_ _sanctuary and_(into)_a_stone_of striking and_(into)_a_rock_of stumbling for_the_two_of the_houses_of Yisrā$^{'ēl}$/(Israel) (into)_ _a_trap and_(into)_a_snare for_the_inhabitant[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **15** And_they_will_stumble over_them many_people and_they_will_fall and_they_will_be_broken and_ _they_will_be_ensnared and_they_will_be_captured.

16 Bind_up the_transcript seal_up the_instruction among_my_ _of_apprentices/followers. **17** And_I_will_wait to/for_**YHWH** who_is_hiding his/its_faces/face from_the_house_of Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) and_I_will_wait_eagerly to_him/it. **18** HERE I and_the_youths whom he_has_given to_me **YHWH** are_for_ _signs and_for_portents in_Yisrā$^{'ēl}$/(Israel) from_with **YHWH** soldiers/messengers who_dwells on_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **19** And_because/when they_will_say to_you(pl) consult (to) the_necromancers and_near/to the_soothsayers who_whisper and_who_mutter am_not a_people (to) his/its_ _god will_it_consult for the_living (to) the_dead.

20 To_the_instruction and_to_the_transcript if not they_will_ _speak according_the_manner the_this that there_is_not to_ _him/it dawn. **21** And_it_will_pass in_it hard_pressed and_ _hungry and_it_was if/because it_will_be_hungry and_it_will_ _be_enraged and_it_will_curse (in)_king_of_its and_(in)_god_of_

Readers' Version

(Damascus) and the plunder from Shomron (Samaria) will all be taken to be presented to the Assyrian king.

Invasion by the Assyrians

5 Then Yahweh continued to speak to me again, saying, **6** "Yehudah (Judah) has refused the gentle waters of Shiloah and instead requests help from King Retsin and Remalyah's son King Pekah, **7** so therefore my master will send the waters of a large, powerful river onto them: the Assyrian king and all his majestic power. It'll come like a flood filling all the channels then overflowing all its banks. **8** It will sweep across Yehudah, flooding yet moving on until it reaches your neck. Its edges will cover your entire country, Imanu-El."

9 Raise the war cry, peoples, and be terrified,
and listen, all you distant places in the world.
Prepare yourselves for war and to be shattered.
Prepare yourselves for war and to be shattered.
10 Make whatever plans you want, but they'll come to nothing.
Give a presentation but it won't stand, because God is with us.

Yahweh warns Yeshayah

11 Yes, Yahweh spoke strongly to me, and warned me not to behave like other people, saying, **12** "Don't say 'conspiracy' everyone time that other people do, and don't be afraid when they're afraid, and don't live in dread.[26] **13** Only honour Commander-in-chief Yahweh, and be concerned about him and fear him. **14** He'll be like your safe retreat. He'll be both the stone that strikes and the rock that makes both Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) stumble,[27] and like a trap for the inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **15** Many people will stumble over that stone and that rock and fall and be broken, or be snared and captured."

Warning about consulting mediums

16 Tie up this report and seal up these instructions for my apprentices. **17** I'll wait for Yahweh to act. He's distanced himself from Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants, but I'll continue to expect his help.[28]

18 Both I myself, and the children that Yahweh has given me,[29] are like directions and warning signs for Yisrael (Israel), that come from Commander-in-chief Yahweh who lives on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion).

19 When they tell you all to consult mediums and fortunetellers who chirp and mutter, shouldn't the people consult their god rather than the dead guiding the living?

The time of sadness

20 Shouldn't it be the written instructions that they talk about? If they're not following this message, dawn will never arrive for them, **21** and they'll be distressed and hungry as they pass it by. Then because they're hungry and an-

26 RV 8:12-13 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 3:14-15.

27 RV 8:14-15 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 2:8.

28 RV 8:17 · Cross-ref. Heb 2:13.

29 RV 8:18 · Cross-ref. Heb 2:13.

Readers' Version

gry, they'll curse their king and their god as they look upwards.
22 They'll look back to the ground, and wow, only see trouble
and darkness—gloom, distress, and thick darkness thrusting out
at them.

9:1 However, it won't not cover over those who are distressed.
Previously he humiliated the Zevulun and Naftali (Naphtali) regions, but later, he'll honour the way of the sea—beyond the
Yarden (Jordan) river—Galil of the nations.[30]

The coming king

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a powerful light.
The light has shone on those who've lived in a land of darkness.[32]
3 You have multiplied the nation itself.
You've increased its happiness.
They celebrate in front of you
like the happiness at harvest time.
Like their excitement when dividing the plunder,
4 because you've shattered the chains on its neck,
and the stick whacking its shoulders.
You've broken the rod of his oppressor
like when you defeated Midyan.
5 Yes, every warrior's boot treading loudly will be burnt,
along with every piece of clothing with blood on it,
6 because a child is born for us.
A son is given to us
and the government will be on his shoulder.
He'll be called 'Amazing adviser',
'Greatest God', 'Forever father', 'Prince of peace'.
7 His government will be without borders—
with peace that's never broken.
He'll rule on David's throne, and over his kingdom,
to establish it and sustain it with justice and with fairness from
now onwards.[33]
The zeal of Commander-in-chief Yahweh will do that.

Literal Version

_its and_it_will_turn (to)_upwards. 22 And_near/to the_earth
it_will_look and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE trouble and_darkness gloom_
_of distress and_darkness it_is_thrust_out. 23 [31] If/because not
gloom will_belong_to_that_which distress to/for_her/it like_
_time (the)_former he_treated_with_contempt towards_land
of_Zəvūlūn and_(to)_the_of_land of_Naftālī and_the_latter_
_time he_will_honour the_way_of the_sea the_other_side_of
the_Yardēn/(Jordan) Gālīl the_nations.

9:1 [34] The_people which_walk in_darkness they_will_see a_light
great those_who_dwell_of in_land deep_darkness a_light it_
_will_shine on_them. 2 [35] You_will_multiply the_nation to_it[36]
you_will_magnify the_rejoicing they_will_rejoice to_your_face
like_the_rejoicing_of at_harvest just_as people_are_glad when_
_divide_they plunder. 3 [37] If/because ~~DOM~~ the_yoke_of its_
_burden_of_his and_~~DOM~~ the_staff_of its_shoulder_of_his the_
_rod_of the_one_who_oppresses in/on/over_him/it you_will_
_shatter like_the_day_of Midyān. 4 [38] If/because every_of boot
which_marches with_shaking and_cloak rolled in_blood(s) and_
_it_will_be to_burning fuel_of a_fire. 5 [39] If/because a_child he_
_will_be_born to/for_us a_son he_will_be_given to/for_us and_
_it_became the_dominion on shoulder_of_his and_he/it_called
his/its_name a_wonder_of a_counsellor god mighty father_of
perpetuity[40] prince_of peace. 6 [41] Mmm[42][43] of_the_dominion
and_to_peace there_will_not_be an_end on the_throne_of Dāvid
and_over his/its_kingdom establish ~~DOM~~_her/it and_to_sustain_
_it in_justice and_in_righteousness from_now and_unto
perpetuity the_zeal_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers it_will_
_accomplish this.

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30 **RV 9:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:15.
31 **LV 8:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.1
32 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:16; Luk 1:79.
33 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Luk 1:32-33.
34 **LV 9:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.2
35 **LV 9:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.3
36 **LV 9:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) וֹ/לִ': lemma_l n_1.0 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_23VmY וֹ/לִ
37 **LV 9:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.4
38 **LV 9:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.5
39 **LV 9:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.6
40 **LV 9:5 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.
41 **LV 9:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.7
42 **LV 9:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: הברם/ל: (x-qere) הֶֽבְרַ֫מְ/לִ': lemma_l/4766 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_237TK הֶֽבְרַ֫מְ/ל
43 **LV 9:6 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a consonant with an anomalous final form that is word-medial.

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7 [44] A_message my_master he_has_sent in_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_it_will_fall on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** [45] And_ the_people of_it_ _of_all 'Efrayim and_the_inhabitant[s]_of Shomrōn _they_will_ _know with_pride and_with_greatness_of heart to_say. **9** [46] Bricks they_have_fallen and_hewn_stone we_will_rebuild sycamores they_have_been_cut_down and_cedars we_will_ _substitute. **10** [47] And_ **YHWH** _he_set_on_high ᴅᴏᴍ the_foes_of Rətsīn on/upon/above_him/it and_ᴅᴏᴍ enemies_of_his he_ _provoked. **11** [48] 'Arām from_east and_Pəlishtiy from_the_west and_they_consumed ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_all the_mouth in_ _all this not anger_of_his it_has_turned_back and_still his/its_ _hand is_stretched_out. **12** [49] And_the_people not it_has_ _turned_back to the_one_who_of_struck_it and_ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** soldiers/messengers not they_have_sought. **13** [50] And_ **YHWH** _ _he_cut_off from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) head and_tail palm_branch and_bulrush day one. **14** [51] An_old_man and_one_who_is_ _uplifted_of face he is_the_head and_a_prophet who_teaches falsehood he is_the_tail. **15** [52] And_ the_guides_of the_people the_this _they_were leading_astray and_those_of_who_were_ _guided_by_him were_confused. **16** [53] Therefore yes/correct/thus/so on men_of_its_young not he_rejoices my_ _master and_ᴅᴏᴍ ones_of_its_fatherless and_ᴅᴏᴍ widows_of_its not he_has_compassion_on if/because of_it_of_all is_godless and_doing_evil and_all mouth is_speaking disgraceful_folly in_ _all this not anger_of_his it_has_turned_back and_still his/its_ _hand is_stretched_out. **17** [54] If/because it_has_burnt like_fire wickedness thorn[s] and_bush[es] it_consumes and_it_has_ _kindled (in)_the_thickets_of the_forest and_they_have_swirled a_rising_up_of smoke. **18** [55] By_the_severe_anger_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_land it_has_been_scorched and_ the_ _people _he/it_was like_fuel_of a_fire each (to) his/its_brother not they_spared. **19** [56] And_it_devoured on the_right_side and_ _it_was_hungry and_it_ate on the_left_side and_not they_were_ _satisfied everyone the_flesh_of his_own_arm_of_his they_ate. **20** [57] Mənashsheh ᴅᴏᴍ 'Efrayim and_'Efrayim ᴅᴏᴍ Mənashsheh together they were_on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_all this not anger_ _of_his it_has_turned_back and_still his/its_hand is_stretched_ _out.

10:1 Woe_to those_who_decree decrees_of wickedness and_ _writers who_trouble they_wrote. **2** To_turn_aside from_ _judgement poor_people and_to_take_away the_justice_of the_ _poor_people_of my_people_of_my to_be widows prey_of_their

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Yahweh's anger at Yisrael

8 My master sent a message against Ya'akov (Jacob),
and it dealt with Yisrael (Israel),
9 and all the people will know it—
Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) and those who live in Shomron (Samaria).
With a proud and arrogant heart they'll say,
10 "The bricks have fallen, but we'll rebuild with beautiful chiselled stone.
The sycamores are felled, but we'll replace them with expensive cedar."
11 But Yahweh will send King Retsin against them as an adversary,
and will stir up their enemies—
12 the Arameans on the east and the Pelishtim on the west,
and they'll be a big mouth that'll gobble Yisrael (Israel) up.
Even then, Yahweh's anger won't subside.
He'll still be taking action against them.
13 The people still won't return to the one who struck them,
and they won't strive to know Commander-in-chief Yahweh
14 so he'll cut off Yisrael's head and tail—
high palm branches and low reeds, all on the same day.
15 Yisrael's leaders are that head,
and the lying prophets are that tail.
16 These people's guides have led them the wrong way,
so the ones being guided were destroyed.
17 Therefore, my master won't be happy about their young men,
nor will he have compassion for their fatherless and their widows,
because everyone one of them is godless and does evil things,
and every mouth speaks out foolish things.
With all that going on, his anger never goes away,
and he continues to take action against them
18 because wickedness burns like fire.
It burns up the thistles and thorns,
and it spreads to the trees in the forest

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44 **LV 9:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.8
45 **LV 9:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.9
46 **LV 9:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.10
47 **LV 9:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.11
48 **LV 9:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.12
49 **LV 9:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.13
50 **LV 9:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.14
51 **LV 9:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.15
52 **LV 9:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.16
53 **LV 9:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.17
54 **LV 9:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.18
55 **LV 9:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.19
56 **LV 9:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.20
57 **LV 9:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.21

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as smoke swirls up into the air.
19 Commander-in-chief Yahweh's anger causes the entire land to be scorched,
and then the people become the fuel for the fire
as each man doesn't even spare his own brother.
20 They devoured on the right but were still hungry.
They ate on the left, but it didn't fill them up,
so everyone ate the flesh on their own arms.
21 Menasheh (Manasseh) fought Efrayim (Ephraim), then Efrayim found Menasheh,
then they fought together against Yehudah (Judah).
Even through all that, his anger didn't subside,
and he continues to take action against them.
10:1 Those who make wicked laws won't end well,
nor will administrators who write troublesome edicts,
2 suppressing the rights of the needy,
and robbing the poor among my people of justice,
making widows become plunder,
and preying on the fatherless.
3 Then what will you all do for the judgement day,
and for the destruction coming from far away?
Who will you all flee to for help then,
and where will you leave your wealth?
4 All they can do is to crouch among the prisoners,
or fall among the killed.
In all these things, Yahweh's anger doesn't subside,
and he continues to take action against them.

Yahweh uses but judges Ashur

5 Ashur (Assyria) won't end well.
The rod of my anger and the staff of my rage is in their hands,[58]
6 I've sent their king against an arrogant nation
and against the people that I'm angry with.
I order him to plunder the plunder and to prey on the prey,
and to trample them—trodden down like the mud in the streets.
7 However, that's not what's in his mind,
and he doesn't even think about those things,
because he's bent on destruction
and the elimination of not just a few nations.
8 In fact, he says,
"Aren't all my commanders like kings?
9 We destroyed Kalno liked we did at Karkemish,
Hamat like Arpad, and Shomron (Samaria) like Damesek (Damascus).
10 I've already punished idolatrous kingdoms,
and their idols and images were more impressive that those in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Shomron,

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and_DOM fatherless_ones they_will_plunder. **3** And_what will_
_you(pl)_do to_the_day_of punishment and_to_the_devastation
which_from_a_distance it_will_come to whom will_you(pl)_flee
for_help and_where will_you(pl)_leave abundance_of_your(pl).
4 Except anyone_knelt_down under prisoner[s] and_under
those_who_were_killed they_will_fall in_all this not anger_of_
_his it_has_turned_back and_still his/its_hand is_stretched_out.

5 Woe_to 'Ashshūr the_rod_of my_anger_of_my and_is_a_staff it
in_hand_of_their indignation_of_my. **6** On_a_nation godless I_
_sent_him and_on the_people_of my_severe_anger_of_my I_
_commanded_him to_plunder plunder and_to_take_as_spoil
spoil and[59] a_trampling_place like_the_mud_of the_streets.
7 And_he not thus he_intended and_heart_of_his not thus it_
_planned if/because to_destroy is_in_heart_of_his and_to_cut_
_off nations not a_few. **8** If/because he_said not commanders_
_of_are_my alike kings. **9** Not like_Karkəməysh/(Carchemish)
is_Kələneh or not like_'Arpād is_Ḥₐmāt or not like_Dammeseq
is_Shomrōn. **10** Just_as hand_of_my it_has_found (to)_the_
_kingdoms_of the_idol and_images_of_their were_more_than_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_more_than_Shomrōn. **11** Not
just_as I_did to_Shomrōn and_to_idols_of_its so will_I_do to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_to_images_of_its. **12** And_it_was
if/because my_master he_will_finish DOM all_of work_of_his on_
_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) I_will_visit_judgement on the_fruit_
_of the_greatness_of the_heart_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_on
the_glory_of the_haughtiness_of his_eyes_of_his. **13** If/because
he_has_said by_the_strength_of my_hand_of_my I_have_acted
and_by_skill_of_my if/because I_have_understanding and_I_
_have_removed the_borders_of peoples and[60] I_have_plundered

58 RV 10:5-34 · Cross-ref. Isa 14:24-27; Nah 1:1–3:19; Zeph 2:13-15.
59 LV 10:6 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/מוּשׁ/לְ/וּ: (x-qere) וְ/מוּשׁ/לְ/וּ: lemma_c/l/7760 a morph_HC/R/Vqc/Sp3ms id_23fc3 וְ/מוּשׁ/לְ/וּ
60 LV 10:13 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/יִתְדִּיתָ/הּ: (x-qere) וְ/יִתְוֹדוּתָ/עֲ/הֶ: lemma_c/6264 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Aampc/Sp3mp id_23Lft וְ/יִתְוֹדוּתָ/עֲ/הֶ

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and_I_have_brought_down like_a_mighty_man those_who_sit.
14 And_it_has_found like_nest hand_of_my (to)_the_wealth_of
the_peoples and_as_gathers eggs abandoned all_of the_
_earth/land I I_have_gathered and_not any_was fluttering a_
_wing and_opening a_mouth and_chirping. **15** Does_ the_axe _
_it_glorify_itself above the_one_who_cuts in/on/over_him/it or
the_saw does_it_magnify_itself above the_one_of_who_wields_
_it as_ a_rod _wields and_~~DOM~~ those_of_who_lift_it as_ a_staff _
_lifts not wood. **16** For_so/thus/hence the_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers he_will_send on_his_fat_of_ones leanness
and_under glory_of_his it_will_burn a_burning like_the_
_burning_of fire. **17** And_ the_light_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_was
(into)_a_fire and_its_holy_of_one (into)_a_flame and_it_will_
_burn and_it_will_consume bush[es]_of_his and_thorn[s]_of_his
in/on_day one. **18** And_the_splendour_of his_forest_of_his and_
_orchard_of_his from_breath and_unto flesh it_will_bring_to_
_an_end and_it_was as_ one_who_is_sick _wastes_away. **19** And_
_the_remnant_of the_tree[s]_of his_forest_of_his a_number
they_will_be and_a_child he_will_record_them.

20 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that not it_will_repeat again
the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_escaped_remnant_of
the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) to_depend on the_one_of_who_
_struck_it and_it_will_depend on **YHWH** the_holy_one_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_truth. **21** A_remnant it_will_return the_
_remnant_of Ya'aqov to the_god_of mighty. **22** If/because
though it_will_be people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_the_
_sand_of the_sea a_remnant it_will_return in/on/over_him/it
annihilation is_determined righteousness is_about_to_
_overflow. **23** If/because complete_destruction and_that_
_which_has_been_determined my_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers is_about_to_do in_the_midst_of all_of the_
_earth/land.

24 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers he_says do_not be_afraid my_people_of_
_my which_dwells Tsiyyōn/(Zion) from_'Ashshūr with_rod it_
_will_strike_you and_staff_of_its it_will_lift_up on_you in_the_
_manner_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **25** If/because yet a_little_of a_
little and indignation _it_will_be_complete and_anger_of_my
will_be_on destruction_of_their. **26** And_he_will_wield

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11 so just like I did to Shomron and its idols,
I'll will also do to Yerushalem and its idols."
12 In due course, when my master has finished all his work against Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) and against Yerushalem, I'll deal with the result of the Assyrian king's proud plans and the arrogant attitude that he displays, **13** because he says,
"It was my own strength and initiatives that got me this far,
and by using my wisdom, because I was discerning.
Now I've removed the boundaries of the peoples,
and I've stolen their treasures,
and like a powerful animal, I've brought down the inhabitants.
14 My hand has seized the wealth of the nations
just like someone taking the eggs out of a nest.
I gathered it from all over the world
but no one fluttered a wing, or opened a mouth and chirped.
15 Will the axe say it's greater than the person who swings it?
Will the saw praise itself more than the one who uses it?
As if a rod could move those who are lifting it up,
or a staff could lift up what's not made from wood.
16 Therefore, my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh
will make his muscular warriors waste away,
and instead of the Assyrian king getting glory,
he'll get his fingers burnt like with a burning flame.
17 Then Yisrael's (Israel's) light will become a fire,
and its holy one a flame,
→and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day.
18 His beautiful forest and his fruitful land
will be steadily destroyed,
like a sick person who wastes away.
19 There'll be so few trees left in his forest that even a child could count them.

Only a remnant will return

20 At that time, the remnant of Yisrael (Israel), i.e., the survivors of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants, will no longer rely on that king who makes them suffer, but instead will rely on Yahweh, Yisrael's holy one. **21** A remnant of Yisrael will return to their powerful god. **22** Although the Israelis are currently very numerous, only a remnant will return.[61] Destruction has been decreed because justice must prevail **23** Yes, complete destruction has been decreed by my master Yahweh and he's about to apply it throughout the country.

Yahweh will punish Ashur

24 Because of that, my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "My people living in Tsiyon (Zion), don't be afraid of the Assyrians. They'll beat you with a rod and raise their staff against you like the Mitsrim (Egyptians) did **25** for a little while longer, and then I'll be upset with the Assyrians and my anger will lead to their destruction.

61 RV 10:22-23 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:27.

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26 Commander-in-chief Yahweh will wave a whip against them,
like when the Midyanites were struck at Orev rock, and wave his
staff over the sea like they did leaving Mitsrayim (Egypt).
27 Then at that time, he'll lift his load off your shoulders and his
yoke from off your neck, and that yoke will be broken as you be-
gin to thrive again.

Enemy invasion

28 The enemy has come to Ay, passed
through Migron, storing their supplies north of Yerushalem
(Jerusalem) at Mikmas. 29 They've crossed over the pass. They
camped at Geva. Ramah is trembling, and Giveah of Sha'ul (Saul)
has fled.
30 Cry out for help daughter of Galim,
pay attention Layshah,
you'll suffer Anatot.
31 Madmenah flees,
the residents of Gevim are taken to safety.
32 Yet today he will stand at Nov,
shaking his fist at the daughter of Tsiyon (Zion)—
the hill of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
33 Listen, my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh will cut off
the branches with a crash,
and the tallest of the tall will be cut down,
and the high and mighty will be brought low.
34 He'll chop down the thickets in the forest with an axe,
→and Levanon will be felled by the mighty one.

The future, peaceful kingdom

11:1 Then a shoot will come out from the
stump of Yishay (Jesse),
and a branch from his roots will grow to produce fruit.[63]
2 Yahweh's spirit will be with him—
a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a spirit of good advice and strength,
a spirit of knowledge and striving to obey Yahweh.
3 He'll be happy to respect and honour Yahweh.
He won't judge just by what can be seen,
or make decisions just from what can be heard,
4 but he'll judge the ordinary people with justice
and decide fairly for the poor in the world.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips, he'll execute the wicked.[64]
5 His waistbelt will be doing what's right,
and the strap for his hips will be faithfulness.
6 At that time, the wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the young goat,
and the cow and the young lion and the calf,
→all there together, and a little child will lead them.[65]
7 The cow and the bear will graze together.

Literal Version

on/upon/above_him/it **YHWH** soldiers/messengers a_whip
like_the_defeat_of Midyān at_the_rock_of ʹOrēvʼ and_staff_of_
_his will_be_over the_sea and_he_will_raise_it in_the_manner_
_of Mitsrayim. 27 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that burden_of_
_its it_will_be_removed from_under shoulder_of_your and_
_yoke_of_its from_under neck_of_your and_ the_yoke _it_will_
_be_broken from_face/in_front_of fatness.

28 He_has_come to Aiath he_has_passed in_Migrōn to_Mikmāṣ
he_deposits baggage(s)_of_his. 29 They_have_passed_over the_
_pass Gevʼaʹ will_be_a_lodging_place to/for_us (the)_Rāmāh it_
_has_trembled Givʼāh of_Shā'ūl/(Saul) it_has_fled. 30 Cry_aloud
voice_of_your Oh_daughter_of Gallim pay_attention Oh_
_Layishah Oh_afflicted_one ʹAnātōt. 31 Madmenah it_has_fled
the_inhabitants_of (the)_Gēvīm they_have_brought_to_safety.
32 Yet the_day at_Novʼ to_stand he_will_shake his/its_hand the_
_mountain_of the_daughter_of[62] of_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_hill_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 33 THERE the_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers is_about_to_lop_off bough[s] with_a_crash
and_the_exalted_ones_of (the)_height will_be_cut_down and_
_the_tall_ones they_will_become_low. 34 And_he_will_cut_
_down the_thickets_of the_forest with_(the)_axe and_the_(the)_
_Ləvānōn by_a_mighty_one it_will_fall.

11:1 And_ a_branch _it_will_go_forth from_the_rootstock_of
Yishay/(Jesse) and_a_shoot from_roots_of_his it_will_bear_
_fruit. 2 And_it_will_rest on/upon/above_him/it the_spirit_of
YHWH a_spirit_of wisdom and_understanding a_spirit_of
counsel and_strength a_spirit_of knowledge and_the_fear_of
YHWH. 3 And_delighting_his will_be_in_the_fear_of **YHWH**
and_not to_the_sight_of his_eyes_of_his he_will_judge and_not
to_the_hearing_of his_ears_of_his he_will_decide. 4 And_he_
_will_judge with_righteousness poor_people and_he_will_
_decide with_uprightness for_the_humble_people_of the_earth
and_he_will_strike the_earth with_the_rod_of his_mouth_of_his
and_with_the_breath_of his_lips_of_his he_will_put_to_death
the_wicked. 5 And_it_was righteousness the_loincloth_of his_
_hips_of_his and_(the)_faithfulness the_loincloth_of his_loins_
_of_his. 6 And_ wolf _it_will_sojourn with lamb and_leopard
with kid it_will_lie_down and_calf and_young_lion and_fatling
together and_a_child small will_be_leading (in)_them. 7 And_
_cow and_female_bear they_will_graze together young_of_their
they_will_lie_down and_the_lion like_ox it_will_eat straw.
8 And_ a_sucking_child _he_will_play over the_hole_of a_cobra
and_over the_nest_of a_viper a_weaned_child his/its_hand he_
_will_put_out. 9 Not they_will_do_harm and_not they_will_
_destroy in_all the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_my if/because
the_earth/land it_will_be_full knowledge ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** like_

62 **LV 10:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: תִּיב: (x-qere) 'תֵּבֵ': lemma_1323 morph_HNcfsc id_231AV תֵּבֵ

63 **RV 11:1 · Cross-ref.** Rev 5:5; 22:16.

64 **RV 11:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Th 2:8.

65 **RV 11:6-9 · Cross-ref.** Isa 65:25.

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_waters (to)_sea which_cover.

10 And_it_was in_the day (the)_that the_root_of Yishay/(Jesse) who will_be_standing for_a_standard_of peoples to_him/it nations they_will_seek and_it_will_be place_of_his_resting glory. **11** And_it_was in_the day (the)_that my_master he_will_ _repeat a_second_time his/its_hand to_acquire ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _remnant_of his_people_of_his which it_will_remain from_ _'Ashshūr and_from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from_Patrōṣ and_ _from_Kūsh/(Cush) and_from_ʿĒylām and_from_Shinʿār and_ _from_Ḥₐmāt and_from_the_islands_of the_sea. **12** And_he_will_ _lift_up a_standard for_nations and_he_will_gather the_ _banished_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_scattered_women_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_will_assemble from_the_four the_ _corners_of the_earth/land. **13** And_ the_jealousy_of 'Efrayim _ _it_will_come_to_an_end and_the_foes_of Yəhūdāh they_will_ _be_cut_off 'Efrayim not it_will_be_jealous_of ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhūdāh and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) not it_will_treat_as_foes ᴅᴏᴍ 'Efrayim. **14** And_they_will_fly on_the_shoulder the_Pəlishtiy westward_ _to together they_will_plunder ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of the_east 'Edōm and_Mō'āv will_be_the_stretching_out_of[69] their_hand_ _of_their and_the_sons of_ʿAmmōn be_their_subjects_of_will. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_divide ᴅᴏᴍ the_tongue_of the_sea_of Mitsrayim and_he_will_brandish his/its_hand on the_river with_the_heat_of his/its_breath/wind/spirit and_he_will_ _strike_it into_seven wadis and_he_will_make_walk in_sandals. **16** And_ a_highway _it_will_belong to_the_remnant_of his_ _people_of_his which it_will_remain from_'Ashshūr just_as it_ _belonged to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in/on_day it_went_up from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

12:1 And_you_will_say in_the day (the)_that I_will_give_thanks_ _to_you Oh_**YHWH** if/because you_were_angry with_me anger_ _of_your let_it_turn_back and_may_you_comfort_me. **2** HERE god salvation_of_is_my I_will_trust and_not I_will_be_in_dread if/because might_of_is_my and_strength Yah **YHWH** and_ _he/it_was to_me (into)_salvation. **3** And_you(pl)_will_draw water with_joy from_the_springs_of (the)_salvation. **4** And_ _you(pl)_will_say in_the day (the)_that give_thanks to/for_ _**YHWH** call on_name_of_his make_known among_peoples

Readers' Version

Their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
8 A child will play over the cobra's hole,
and the toddler will stretch his hand over the viper's nest.
9 There'll be no more pain or destruction on all my sacred mountain,
because the world will be full of knowledge about Yahweh,
just as the waters cover the sea.[66]

The return of a remnant

10 Then on that day, Yishay's (Jesse's) root will stand as a signal to the peoples. Nations will search for him,[67] and his residence will be wonderful. **11** At that time, my master will again exercise his power to recover a remnant of his people who remain in Ashur (Assyria), Mitsrayim (Egypt), Patros, Kush (Ethiopia), Eylam, Shin'ar, Hamat, and from various islands.
12 He'll raise a banner for the nations,
and gather the Israelis who were banished—
assembling the Yehudim (Jews) who were scattered right around the world.
13 Yisrael's (Israel's; Heb. Efrayim) jealousy will go, and Yehudah's (Judah's) enemies will be eliminated.
Yisrael will no longer be jealous of Yehudah, and Yehudah will no longer treat Yisrael as enemies.
14 They will swoop down the slopes to attack the Pelishtim on the west.
Together they'll plunder the peoples in the east.
They'll take over Edom and Moav (Moab),
and the Amonim will become their subjects.
15 Then Yahweh will completely destroy the gulf from the Mitsri (Egyptian) sea,
and wave his hand with his scorching wind over the Perat (Euphrates) river
→and divide it into seven streams that can be crossed in sandals.[68]
16 There'll be a highway for the remnant of his people coming from Ashur (Assyria),
just like when Yisrael (Israel) came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).

Song of praise

12:1 Then on that day you'll say,
"I'll praise you, Yahweh, because although you were angry at me,
your anger subsided and you've comforted me.
2 Yes, God is the one who saves me.
I will trust him and not be afraid
because my strength and the one I sing about is Yah—Yahweh,
and he's rescued me from my enemies.[70]

66 RV 11:9 · Cross-ref. Hab 2:14.

67 RV 11:10 · Cross-ref. Rom 15:12.

68 RV 11:15 · Cross-ref. Rev 16:12.

69 LV 11:14 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

70 RV 12:2 · Cross-ref. Exo 15:2; Psa 118:14.

Readers' Version

3 Then you'll cheerfully get water
from the springs of salvation.
4 "Give thanks to Yahweh," you'll say at that time.
"Ask him for help.
Tell all the people groups what he's done.
Tell everyone how wonderful he is.
5 Sing to Yahweh because he's done amazing things.
Make sure everyone in the world knows about them.
6 Yell and shout happily, you inhabitants of Tsiyon (Zion),
because Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one is powerful among you."

Yahweh's punishment of Bavel

13:1 This is the heavy message about Bavel (Babylon), which Amots' son Yeshayah (Isaiah) saw:[72]
2 Raise a banner on the bare mountain.
Call out to them and wave your hand,
and enter the gates of the princes.
3 I have commanded my sanctified ones
as well as angrily summoning warriors—
my boasting, arrogant ones.
4 There's a loud noise from the mountains,
like that from many people.
It's the sound of uproar from the kingdoms—
nations that are gathering.
Commander-in-chief Yahweh is mustering an army for battle.
5 They're coming from a far country,
from the end of the heavens.
They're the instruments of Yahweh's judgement,
coming to destroy the entire country.
6 Start wailing because Yahweh's day is close,
and destruction from the powerful one will come.[73]
7 That's why all hands hang limp,
and the heart of every person melts.
8 They'll have pangs of dismay,
and agony will seize them like a woman who writhes in labour.
They'll stare at their neighbours in astonishment
with their faces flushed red.
9 Yes, Yahweh's day is coming—
a cruel day with of fierce anger and rage,
to make the earth a desolate place
as sinners are destroyed from it.
10 The stars in the sky and their constellations
won't shine their light.
The sun coming out will be dark,
and the moon won't be shining its light.[74]

Literal Version

deeds_of_his bring_to_remembrance if/because_that his/its_
_name is_exalted. 5 Sing_praises_to **YHWH** if/because majesty
he_has_done is_made_known[71] this in_all the_earth/land.
6 Cry_aloud and_cry_out Oh_inhabitant[s] of_Tsiyyōn/(Zion)
if/because is_great in_midst_of_your the_holy_one_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

13:1 The_oracle_of Bāvel which Yəsha'yāh/(Isaiah) the_son_of
'Āmōts he_saw. 2 On a_mountain swept_bare lift_up a_standard
lift_up a_voice to/for_them wave a_hand so_that_they_may_go
the_doors_of noble_people. 3 I I_have_commanded to_my_
_consecrated_of_ones also I_have_summoned my_of_warriors
to_anger_of_my the_exultant_ones_of my_pride_of_my. 4 The_
_sound_of a_tumult is_on_mountains the_likeness_of a_people
numerous the_sound_of an_uproar_of kingdoms_of nations
which_are_gathering **YHWH** soldiers/messengers is_mustering
an_army_of battle. 5 Are_coming from_a_land_of distance
from_the_end_of the_heavens **YHWH** and_the_weapons_of his_
_indignation_of_his to_ruin all_of the_earth/land. 6 Wail
if/because is_near the_day_of **YHWH** like_devastation from_
_the_almighty it_will_come. 7 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so
all_of hands they_will_drop and_all heart_of a_person it_will_
_melt.[76] 8 And_they_will_be_terrified pangs and_labour-pains
they_will_seize_them like_(the)_who]_gives_birth they_will_be_
_in_anguish each to his/its_neighbour they_will_look_in_
_astonishment will_be_faces_of flames faces_of_their. 9 THERE
the_day_of **YHWH** is_coming a_cruel_day and_severe_anger
and_burning_of anger to_make the_earth/land (into)_a_waste
and_its_of_sinners he_will_destroy from_it. 10 If/because the_
_stars_of the_heavens and_constellations_of_their not they_
_will_flash_forth light_of_their the_sun it_will_be_dark in_
_his/its_coming_out and_the_moon not it_will_make_shine
light_of_its.[77] 11 And_I_will_visit on the_world evil and_on
wicked_people iniquity_of_their and_I_will_put_an_end_to the_
_pride_of arrogant_people and_the_haughtiness_of ruthless_
_people I_will_bring_low. 12 I_will_make_precious humankind
more_than_pure_gold and_human/'Ādām more_than_(the)_
_gold_of 'Ōfīr. 13 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so heaven I_will_
_make_tremble and_ the_earth/land _it_will_shake from_place_
_of_its in_the_severe_anger_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers
and_in_the_day_of the_burning_of his_anger_of_his. 14 And_it_
_was like_a_gazelle hunted and_like_sheep and_there_will_not_
_be one_who_gathers everyone to people_of_his_own they_
_will_turn and_everyone to land_of_his_own they_will_flee.
15 Every_of (the)_one_who_is_found he_will_be_pierced_

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71 LV 12:5 · Note OSHB variant note: תעדימ: (x-qere) תַּעֲדוּמִ': lemma_3045 morph_HVHsfsa id_234Rb תַּעֲדוּמִ

72 RV 13:1–14:23 · Cross-ref. Isa 47:1-15; Jer 50:1–51:64.

73 RV 13:6 · Cross-ref. Yoel 1:15.

74 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref. Eze 32:7; Mat 24:29; Mrk 13:24-25; Luk 21:25; Rev 6:12-13; 8:12.

76 LV 13:7 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

77 LV 13:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_through and_all (the)_one_who_is_captured he_will_fall by_
_sword. **16** And_children_of_their they_will_be_dashed_in_
_pieces to_eyes_of_their houses_of_their they_will_be_
_plundered and_wives_of_their they_will_be_lain_with[78].
17 Here_I am_about_to_rouse on_them ᴅᴏᴍ Māday who silver
not they_value and_gold not they_delight in_him/it. **18** And_
_bows youths they_will_dash_in_pieces and_the_fruit_of the_
_womb not they_will_have_compassion_on on children not
eye_of_their it_will_look_with_pity. **19** And_it_will_be Bāvel
the_beauty_of kingdoms the_splendour_of the_pride_of the_
_ones_from_Kasdiy like_the_overthrow_of god ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣədom and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ ʹAmorāh/(Gomorrah). **20** Not it_will_remain to_perpetuity
and_not it_will_settle until a_generation and_a_generation
and_not he_will_pitch_tent there an_ʹArāvī and_shepherds not
they_will_make_lie_down there. **21** And_they_will_lie_down
there wilderness-dwellers and_ jackals _they_will_be_full
houses_of_their and_they_will_dwell there daughters_of an_
_ostrich and_goats they_will_leap_about there. **22** And_ hyenas
_it_will_sing in_palaces_of_its[79] and_jackals in_the_palaces_of
delight and_is_near to_go time_of_its and_days_of_its not they_
_will_be_prolonged.

14:1 If/because **YHWH** he_will_have_compassion_on ᴅᴏᴍ
Yaʹₐqovʹ/(Jacob) and_he_will_choose again (in)_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
and_he_will_give_them_rest on land_of_their_own and_ the_
_sojourner _he_will_join_himself to_them and_they_will_
_attach_themselves to the_house_of Yaʹₐqovʹ. **2** And_they_will_
_take_them peoples and_they_will_bring_them to place_of_
_their and_they_will_receive_them_as_an_inheritance the_

Readers' Version

11 I will punish the world for its evil
and the wicked for their disobedience.
I'll put an end to the pride of the arrogant,
and bring down the arrogance of the ruthless.
12 I'll make humans more rare than pure gold,
and people more scarce than the gold from Ofir.
13 So I'll make the sky wobble,
and the earth will be shaken out of its place
by the fury of Commander-in-chief Yahweh
on the day of his raging ≈anger.
14 Then like a gazelle being hunted
or sheep without a shepherd,
everyone will turn to their own people group
and they'll all flee back to their own countries.
15 Everyone who's discovered (in Bavel (Babylon)) will be run through with a spear,
and everyone who's caught will be killed by the sword.
16 Their children will be smashed to pieces right in front of them.
Their homes will be looted and their wives raped.
17 Listen, I'm stirring the Madim (Medes) up against them,
who don't value silver or care about gold.
18 Their arrows will strike down the young men.
They'll have no mercy on your infants,
and won't show any pity on your children.
19 Yes, that admirable kingdom of Bavel (Babylon),
the pride of the Kasdim (Chaldeans),
will be destroyed by God like Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah) were.[75]
20 It'll never be inhabited again,
or lived in from one generation to the next.
The Arabs won't even set up their tents there,
and the shepherds won't rest their flocks there.
21 But desert animals will live there,
and jackals will live in the houses.
Ostrich chicks will grow there
and wild goats will romp around there.
22 Hyenas will howl in its towers,
and jackals in the nice palaces.
Her time is coming to an end,
and her lifetime won't be extended.

Return from exile

14:1 Yahweh will have compassion on Ya'akov (Jacob),
and will choose Yisrael (Israel) again,
and settle them on their own land.
Foreigners will join with them,
and attach themselves to the Israeli people.

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75 RV 13:19 · Cross-ref. Gen 19:24.

78 LV 13:16 · Note OSHB variant note: הנלגשת: (x-qere) ʾהֻנְבְּכָשֶׁתʾ: lemma_7901 n_0 morph_HVNi3fp id_23fNB הֻנְבְּכָשֶׁת

79 LV 13:22 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

2 The nations will take them back to their own place,
and in Yahweh's land, the Israelis will take them as male and female servants.
They'll take their captors captive,
and they'll rule over their oppressors.
3 Then at the time when Yahweh gives you a break from your anguish and suffering,
and from the hard labour you did as slaves,
4 then you'll taunt Bavel's (Babylon's) king with this song,
"How the oppressor has stopped,
and how his fury has ceased.
5 Yahweh has broken the wicked peoples' staff,
the golden rod of the rulers.
6 In your rage, you struck the people groups with never-ending blows,
ruling the nations in anger—persecuting them without restraint.
7 Now the whole world is in restful peace.
People have broken out with a shout of celebration.
8 Even the cypress trees are happy about your demise,
as the cedars in Levanon.
Now that you're powerless,
→no one comes up to cut us down.
9 Down below, the grave is excited
waiting for your arrival.
It wakes up the dead for you—all the kings of the earth,
raising them from their thrones—all the kings of the nations.
10 They'll all speak and tell you
that you have been made weak like them,
in fact become completely like them.
11 Your reputation has been brought down to the grave,
along with the sound of your harps.
Maggots are spread to be your mattress,
and worms are your blanket.
12 How you've fallen from heaven, you shining son of the dawn.[80]
You've been cut down to the ground, you who defeated nations.
13 You had said to yourself,
'I will climb up to the heavens above God's stars.
I will elevate my throne and I will rule on the mountain
where they assemble on Tsafon's heights.
14 I'll go up above the tops of the clouds,
I'll make myself like the most high one.'
15 Nevertheless you've been taken down to the grave—
to the remotest parts of the pit.
16 Those who see you there will stare at you.
They'll ponder your fate—
if you're the man who make the earth tremble?
The one who made kingdoms shake?
17 The one who turned the world into a wilderness,

Literal Version

_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on the_land_of **YHWH** to_male_
_servants and_to_female_servants and_they_will_be taking_
_captive (to)_captors_of_their and_they_will_rule over_
_oppressors_of_their. 3 And_it_was in/on_day **YHWH** gives_rest
to/for_yourself(m) from_pain_of_your and_from_turmoil_of_
_your and_from the_labour (the)_hard which it_was_laboured
on/over_you(fs). 4 And_you_will_lift_up the_saying the_this on
the_king_of Bāvel and_you_will_say how the_oppressor he_
_has_ceased raging it_has_ceased. 5 **YHWH** he_has_broken the_
_staff_of wicked_people the_scepter_of rulers. 6 Which_struck
peoples in_severe_anger a_blow_of (of)_not ceasing which_
_ruled in_anger nations persecution which_not anyone_
_restrained. 7 It_is_at_rest all_of the_earth/land it_is_at_peace
people_have_broken_forth a_shout_of_joy. 8 Also the_fir_trees
they_have_rejoiced to/for_yourself(m) the_cedars_of Ləvānōn
from_then you_lay_down not the_cutter he_comes_up on_us.
9 Shə'ōl from_under it_is_excited to/for_yourself(m) to_meet
coming_your it_has_roused to/for_yourself(m) shades all_of
the_leaders_of the_earth it_has_made_rise from_thrones_of_
_their all_of the_kings_of the_nations. 10 Of_them_of_all they_
_will_answer and_they_will_say to_you also you you_have_
_been_made_weak like_us to_us you_have_become_like. 11 It_
_has_been_brought_down Shə'ōl pride_of_your the_sound_of
your(pl)_lyres_of_your under_you maggot[s] it_is_spread_as_a_
_bed and_coverings_of_your are_worm[s]. 12 How you_have_
_fallen from_heaven Oh_shining_one son_of dawn you_have_
_been_cut_down to_ground Oh_you_who_defeat over the_
_nations. 13 And_you(ms) you_said in_heart_of_your the_
_heavens I_will_ascend from_above (to)_the_stars_of 'Ēl I_will_
_raise throne_of_my and_I_will_sit on_the_mountain_of
appointed_meeting in_the_remotest_parts_of Tsāfōn. 14 I_will_
_ascend above the_high_places_of the_cloud[s] I_will_make_
_myself_like (to)_the_Most_High. 15 Nevertheless to Shə'ōl you_
_have_been_brought_down to the_remotest_parts_of the_pit.
16 Those_of_who_see_you to_you they_will_stare to_you they_
_will_consider_carefully is_this the_man who_made_tremble
the_earth/land who_made_shake kingdoms. 17 Who_made the_
_world like_wilderness and_cities_of_its he_tore_down
prisoners_of_his not he_opened home_to. 18 All_of the_kings_of
the_nations of_them_of_all they_have_lain_down in_splendour
each_one in_his_own_of_house. 19 And_you(ms) you_have_
_been_thrown_out from_tomb_of_your like_a_shoot abhorred
the_clothing_of those_who_were_killed those_who_were_
_pierced_of the_sword those_who_go_down_of to the_stones_of
the_pit like_a_corpse trodden_down. 20 Not you_will_be_united
with_them in_burial if/because land_of_your you_have_ruined
people_of_your you_have_slain not it_will_be_named forever_
_perpetuity the_offspring_of evil-doers. 21 Prepare for_sons_of_
_his a_place_of_slaughter in_the_iniquity_of their_ancestors_
_of_their not they_will_arise and_they_will_take_possession_of
the_earth and_they_will_fill the_surface_of the_world cities.

80 RV 14:12 · Cross-ref. Rev 8:10; 9:1.

Literal Version

22 And_I_will_rise_up on_them the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_I_will_cut_off to_Bāvel name and_ _remnant and_posterity and_progeny the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **23** And_I_will_make_it (into)_a_possession_of hedgehog[s] and_ _pools_of water and_I_will_sweep_it_away with_a_broom_of destruction the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers.

24 **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_sworn to_say if not just_ _as I_have_intended so it_has_happened and_as_which I_have_ _planned it it_will_stand. **25** To_break 'Ashshūr in_land_of_my and_on mountains_of_my I_will_tread_it_down and_it_will_be_ _removed from_on_them yoke_of_its and_burden_of_its from_ _under shoulder_of_its it_will_be_removed. **26** This is_the_plan which_is_planned on all_of the_earth/land and_this is_the_ _hand which_is_stretched_out over all_of the_nations. **27** If/because **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_planned and_who will_he_frustrate_it and_is_hand_of_his the_one_ _which_is_stretched_out and_who will_he_turn_it_back.

28 In_year of_the_death_of the_king 'Āḥāz the_oracle (the)_this it_came. **29** Do_not rejoice Oh_Pəleshet of_you_of_all if/because_that the_rod of_the_one_who_struck_you it_has_ _been_broken if/because from_the_root_of a_snake a_viper it_ _will_go_forth and_fruit_of_its will_be_a_serpent flying. **30** And_ the_firstborn(s)_of poor_people _they_will_graze and_ _needy_people to_security they_will_lie_down and_I_will_put_ _to_death by_famine root_of_your and_remnant_of_your it_ _will_kill. **31** Wail Oh_gate cry_out Oh_city it_has_melted_away Pəleshet of_you_of_all if/because from_the_north smoke is_ _coming and_there_is_not an_isolated_one among_ranks_of_its. **32** And_what will_anyone_answer the_messengers_of a_nation if/because **YHWH** he_has_founded Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_in_it

Readers' Version

and tore down its cities?
The one wouldn't release his prisoners of war to go home?
18 All the kings of the nations have laid down in honour—
each one in his own tomb,
19 but you have been thrown out of your grave,
like an unwanted branch that's thrown away.
Those killed with the sword surround you like how clothes wrap around a person.
They went down to the stones in the pit like a trampled corpse.
20 You won't be buried with them because you've ruined your land.
You've killed your people—
the offspring of the wicked will never be mentioned again.
21 Prepare for the slaughter of his children because of their fathers' disobedience,
in case they rise up and possess the earth,
and fill the world with their cities.

Yahweh will destroy Bavel

22 Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares, "I will take action against them and erase Bavel's (Babylon's) name and their remnant and their future offspring. **23** I'll make it into a place where owls live, and pools of water, and I'll sweep her with the broom of destruction." That's the declaration from Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

Destroyed by God the ones from-Asirya

24 Commander-in-chief Yahweh has promised,
"Everything that I intended will certainly happen,
and what I've planned will come to pass.
25 To break Ashur (Assyria)[81] in my land,
and trample them down on my hills.
Its yoke will be lifted from their necks
and its burden lifted from their shoulder.
26 That's the plan for the whole world,
and Yahweh's hand is ready to strike all the nations.
27 Commander-in-chief Yahweh has made his plans and who could prevent him?
His arm is stretched out and who could turn it back?

Yahweh will destroy the Pelishtim

28 In the year that King Ahaz died,[82] this message came:
29 All you Pelishtim, don't celebrate that the rod that struck you is now broken,
because out of the root of that snake, a viper will grow,
and its result will be a darting adder.[83]
30 Then the poor will graze in my pastures,
and the needy will lie down in safety.
I will kill your root with famine,
and it will kill your survivors.
31 Wail, you gate. Cry out, you city.

81 **RV 14:25 · Cross-ref.** Isa 10:5-34; Nah 1:1–3:19; Zeph 2:13-15.

82 **RV 14:28 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 16:20; 2Ch 28:27.

83 **RV 14:29-31 · Cross-ref.** Jer 47:1-7; Eze 25:15-17; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Zeph 2:4-7; Zech 9:5-7.

Readers' Version

Peleshet, all of you will melt away,
because smoke comes from the north,
and no soldier is alone in his ranks.
32 What will Peleshet answer to the messengers from that nation?
Remember that Yahweh has founded Tsiyon (Zion),
and it's in her that the afflicted among his people will find safety.

Yahweh will destroy Moab

15:1 Here is a message for Moav (Moab):[84]
So, in a night Ar in Moav will be laid waste, destroyed.
So, in a night Kir in Moav will be laid waste, destroyed.
2 They've gone up to the temple, and Divon up to the hills to weep.
Moav wails about Nevo and Meydeva.
All their heads are bald.
All their beards are cut off.
3 In their streets they wear sackcloth.
On their (flat) roofs and in the square, everyone wails,
→coming down in tears.
4 Heshbon and El'aleh cry out—their voice is heard as far as Yahats.
So too, the soldiers from Moav call out as their spirit trembles inside them.
5 My heart cries out for Moav, those who flee to Tsoar and to Eglat-Shelishiyah,
because they weep as they climb the Luhit ascent,
yes, on the road to Horonayim, they cry loudly from their suffering.
6 The Nimrim spring has dried up so the grass has withered.
The vegetation has disappeared so there's no more greenery.
7 Because of that, they take the wealth they've made and their savings,
→and they carry it away across the stream with the willows.
8 Yes, the cry has surrounded the Moav (Moab) region,
and her wailing has carried as far as Eglayim and Be'er-Elim,
9 because the Dimon stream is full of blood,
→However, I'll bring more on Dimon.
I'll send a lion for Moav's survivors,
and for the remnant of the land.

Moav's hopeless situation

16:1 Send a ram to Yehudah's (Judah's) ruler
from Sela in the wilderness to the mountain of the daughter of Tsiyon (Zion).
2 Then just like birds flutter away from a nest that's disturbed,
so too the Moav (Moab) women will head to the fords at the Arnon river.
3 Bring some advice. Make a decision.
Make some shade that's dark in the middle of the day.

Literal Version

the_afflicted_people_of his_people_of_his they_will_take_
_refuge.

15:1 The_oracle_of Mō'āv if/because in_a_night_of ʿĀr of_Mō'āv it_was_devastated it_was_destroyed if/because in_a_night_of Qīr of it_was_devastated it_was_destroyed. **2** It_has_gone_up the_house and_Diyvōn the_high_places for_weeping on Nəvō and_on Mēydəvā' Mō'āv it_is_wailing in_all heads_of_its baldness every_of beard is_diminished. **3** In_streets_of_its they_ _have_girded_on sackcloth on roofs_of_its and_in_its_open_of_ _places of_it_of_all it_is_wailing going_down in_weeping. **4** And_ Ḥeshbōn and_'El'ālēh _it_has_cried_out to Yahatṣ/(Jahaz) voice_of_their it_has_been_heard therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_equipped_men_of Mō'āv they_are_ _shouting being_of_its it_is_trembling for_him/it. **5** Heart_of_ _my for_Mō'āv it_cries_out fugitives_of_its are_to Tsoʿar/(Zoar) ʿEglat Shəlishiy^{yāh} if/because the_ascent_of (the)_Lūḥīt with_ _weeping it_is_going_up in/on/over_him/it if/because the_ _road_of Ḥoronayim a_cry_of shattering they_rouse. **6** If/because the_waters_of Nimrīm wastes they_are if/because grass it_has_dried_up fresh_grass it_has_wasted_away greenery not it_is. **7** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_wealth which_it_ _has_made and_store_of_their over the_wadi_of the_poplars they_carry_them_off. **8** If/because the_cry it_has_gone_around ~~DOM~~ the_territory_of Mō'āv is_to Eglaim wailing_of_its and_ _Bə'ēr-^{ē}'īm wailing_of_its. **9** If/because the_waters_of Dimōn they_are_full blood if/because I_will_put on Dimōn added_ _things will_be_for_the_escaped_remnant_of Mō'āv a_lion and_ _for_the_remainder_of the_land.

16:1 Send a_lamb the_ruler_of the_land from_Ṣelaʿ wilderness_ _to_the to the_mountain_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **2** And_it_was like_a_bird fluttering a_nest sent_away they_will_ _be the_daughters_of Mō'āv the_fords of_'Arnōn. **3** Bring[85] counsel make a_decision make like_night shade_of_your in_ _the_middle the_noon(s) hide banished_ones a_fugitive do_not expose. **4** Let_them_sojourn among_you my_banished_of_ones Mō'āv become a_shelter for_them from_face/in_front_of the_ _destroyer if/because the_oppressor he_will_come_to_an_end devastation it_will_cease the_trampler they_will_be_finished

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84 **RV 15:1–16:14 · Cross-ref.** Isa 25:10-12; Jer 48:1-47; Eze 25:8-11; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph 2:8-11.

85 **LV 16:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְאִיבָה: (x-qere) יְאֵיבָה׳: lemma_935 morph_HVhv2fs id_23YrG יְאֵיבָה׳

Literal Version

from the_earth/land. **5** And_it_will_be_established in_(the)_
_loyalty a_throne and_he_will_sit on/upon/above_him/it in_
_faithfulness in_the_tent_of Dāvid one_who_judges and_one_
_who_seeks justice and_one_prompt_of righteousness. **6** We_
_have_heard the_pride_of Mō'āv proud very haughtiness_of_its
and_pride_of_its and_arrogance_of_its are_not right boasts_of_
_its_empty. **7** For_so/thus/hence Mō'āv it_will_wail for_Mō'āv
of_it_of_all it_will_wail for_the_raisin-cakes_of Qīr you(pl)_will_
_groan only stricken_people. **8** If/because the_terraced_fields_
_of Ḥeshbōn it_has_languished the_vine[s]_of Səvām rulers_of
nations they_have_struck_down its_choice_of_grapes to
Ya'zēr/(Jazer) they_reached they_wandered the_wilderness
shoots_of_its they_were_spread_out they_passed_over the_sea.
9 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_weep with_the_weeping_of
Ya'zēr the_vine[s]_of Səvām I_water_you_abundantly tear[s]_
_of_my Oh_Ḥeshbōn and_'El'ālēh if/because on fruit_of_your_
_summer and_on harvest_of_your shouting it_has_fallen.
10 And_ gladness and_rejoicing _it_will_be_removed from the_
_orchard and_in_vineyards not anything_will_be_sung not
anything_will_be_shouted wine in_winepresses not the_
_treader[s] he_will_tread shouting I_have_made_to_cease.
11 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so parts_of_my_inward for_
_Mō'āv like_harp they_make_a_sound and_my_inner_of_being
for_Qīr- ḥeres. **12** And_it_was if/because it_has_presented_itself
if/because Mō'āv it_has_wearied_itself on the_high_place and_
_it_will_come to sanctuary_of_its to_pray and_not it_will_
_prevail. **13** This is_the_message which **YHWH** he_has_spoken
concerning Mō'āv from_then. **14** And_now **YHWH** he_says to_
_say in_three years like_the_years_of a_hired_labourer and_
the_honour_of Mō'āv _it_will_be_lightly_esteemed for_all_of
the_multitude (the)_great and_a_remnant little fewness will_
_be_not mighty.

17:1 The_oracle_of Dammeseq THERE Dammeseq is_about_to_
_be_removed from_a_city and_it_will_be a_ruin_of a_ruin.
2 The_cities_of ʿArōʿēr will_be_abandoned for_flocks they_will_
_be and_they_will_lie_down and_there_will_not_be one_who_
terrifies. **3** And fortress _it_will_cease from_'Efrayim and_
_kingship from_Dammeseq and_the_remnant_of 'Arām like_
_the_glory_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_be the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **4** And_it_was in_
_the_day (the)_that the_glory_of Yaʿaqov/(Jacob) it_will_

Readers' Version

Hide the fugitives.
Don't expose the refugees.
4 Let Moav's refugees live among you.
Be a shelter for them from the destroyer,
because the oppressor will give up.
Destruction will cease.
The oppressors will disappear from the land.
5 A king will be established based on loyal commitment.
A descendant of David who will rule with faithfulness—
one who judges fairly and strives for justice,
and who quickly does what is right.
6 We've heard about Moav's (Moab's) excessive pride,
and their haughtiness and arrogance,
but their boasting is empty.
7 So Moav mourns for itself—all of them.
They long for the raisin-cakes from Kir-Hareset.
They're completely overcome
8 because Heshbon's fields have dried up
as have Sivmah's grapevines.
The rulers of nations have trampled down its best grapevines.
They reached Yazer—wandering through the wilderness.
Its shoots spread out—passing over the ocean.
9 So I'll weep along with those weeping in Yazer for Sivmah's grapevines.
I'll water you with my tears, Heshbon and El'aleh,
because they're shouting about your summer fruits and your harvest.
10 People will no longer be happy in their orchards,
and celebrations will disappear from the vineyards.
There won't be any singing or shouting in the wine-pressing pits,
and the shouting of those treading the grapes will cease.
11 My stomach tightens like a harp string when I think about Moav.
My insides groan about Kir-Hareset.
12 The people of Moav wear themselves out praying at their hilltop shrines.
They go to their temple to pray, but it doesn't help them.
13 That's what Yahweh already said about Moav (Moab), **14** and now he says that within three years like a hired labourer, Moav's honour will disappear, because out of their large population, only a small and insignificant group will remain.

Bad news for Damesek

17:1 A message for Damesek (Damascus):[86]
Listen, Damesek will cease to be a city
and will become a heap of rubble.
2 Aroer's cities will be abandoned to sheep and goats.
They'll lie down there and there'll be no one around to frighten them.
3 Forts will disappear from Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim)

86 RV 17:1-3 · Cross-ref. Jer 49:23-27; Amos 1:3-5; Zech 9:1.

Readers' Version

and Damesek will lose its kingdom.
The remnant from Aram (Syria) will be a prize for the Israelis.
That's what Commander-in-chief Yahweh says.
4 At that time, Ya'akov (Jacob) (meaning Yisrael's (Israel's) people) will become insignificant.
The fat on his body will waste away.
5 Initially the harvester cut off all the stalks of grain and gathered them together,
→then an individual came along picking up any dropped stalks,
→in the Refaim valley.
6 There'll be a few stalks left over,
like beating an olive tree to ge the two or three olives at the top,
or four or five on the upper branches.
That's what Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says.
7 At that time humankind will look at their maker,
and turn their eyes to the holy one of Yisrael.
8 They'll stop trusting the altars that they themselves made,
They'll stop noticing the Asherah poles and incense altars crafted with their own fingers.
9 At that time, their fortified cities will be abandoned like a deserted part of the forest,
and their summits will be abandoned and desolate as Yisrael advances,
10 because you've forgotten the god who saved you,
and you didn't remember the rock that you used for protection.
So you sow pleasant plantations
and plant vine cuttings from a stranger.
11 You nurture what you've planted,
and in the morning, your seed will have sprouted,
but the harvest will become a heap in a time of sickness,
and the pain will be incurable.

The defeat of enemies nations

12 The confusion of many peoples won't end well.
they roar like the roaring oceans
and the nations rumble like the rumble of a large waterfall.
13 Yes, the nations rumble like many rivers,
but he'll scold them and they'll flee away.
and be chased like how the wind chases chaff over the hills
and like whirling dust blown ahead of a storm.
14 Then in the evening, oh my, terror!
but it's gone by morning.
That's what happens to those who plunder us,
and the outcome for those who rob us.

Yahweh's message to Kush/Cush

18:1 You won't end well, you land of whirring wings
that's on the far side of Kush's (Ethiopia's) rivers.[87]
2 You who send ambassadors across the ocean

Literal Version

_become_low and_the_fatness_of its_flesh_of_his it_will_be_
_made_lean. **5** And_it_was as_ a_harvest _gathers standing_
_grain and_arm_of_his ears_of_grain someone_will_reap and_
_it_was like_one_who_gathers ears_of_grain in_the_valley_of
Rəfā'īm. **6** And_it_will_be_left in/on/over_him/it gleanings
like_the_beating_of an_olive_tree two three olives at_the_top_
_of the_top four five on_branches_of_its fruit-bearing the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** In_the_day
(the)_that the_humankind he_will_look on the_of_one_who_
_made_him and_eyes_of_his to the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
they_will_see. **8** And_not he_will_look to the_altars the_work_of
his_hands_of_his and_which fingers_of_his they_have_made
not he_will_see and_the_'Ashērāh_poles and_the_incense_
_altars. **9** In_the_day (the)_that they_will_be the_cities_of his_
_refuge_of_his like_the_abandoned_place_of the_forest and_
_the_top which they_abandoned from_face/in_front_of the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_be a_desolation.
10 If/because you_have_forgotten the_god_of your_salvation_
_of_your and_the_rock_of your_refuge_of_your not you_have_
_remembered therefore yes/correct/thus/so you_plant
plantations_of pleasantness(es) and_the_vine_branch_of a_
_stranger you_sow_it. **11** In/on_day your_planting_of_your you_
_cause_to_grow and_in_morning seed_of_your you_cause_to_
_sprout is_a_heap a_harvest in/on_day sickness and_pain
incurable.

12 Woe_to the_tumult_of peoples many as_ the_seas _roar they_
_roar and_the_uproar_of nations like_the_uproar_of waters
mighty they_are_in_an_uproar. **13** Nations like_the_uproar_of
waters many they_are_in_an_uproar and_he_will_rebuke
in/on/over_him/it and_it_will_flee from_a_distance and_it_
_will_be_chased like_chaff_of mountains to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before a_wind and_like_whirling_dust to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before a_storm-wind. **14** To_a_time_of evening
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE sudden_terror before_before morning it_
_is_not this will_be_the_portion_of those_who_plunder_us and_
_the_lot of_those_of_who_despoil_us.

18:1 Woe_to a_land_of whirring_of wings which is_from_the_
_other_side of_the_rivers_of of_Kūsh/(Cush). **2** The_one_which_
_is_sending on_sea envoys and_in_vessels_of papyrus on the_
_surface_of the_waters go Oh_messengers swift to a_nation tall
and_smooth_skinned to a_people feared from it and_beyond a_

87 RV 18:1-7 · Cross-ref. Zeph 2:12.

Literal Version

_nation strength strength and_trampling which rivers they_
_divide land_of_its. 3 Oh_all_of the_inhabitants_of the_world
and_those_who_dwell_of earth just_as_lifts_up a_standard
mountains you(pl)_will_see_it and_just_as_sounds a_trumpet
you(pl)_will_hear_it. 4 If/because thus **YHWH** he_said to_me I_
_will_remain_quiet[88] and_I_will_pay_attention in_place_of_my
like_heat_of shimmering with light like_a_cloud_of dew in_the_
_heat_of harvest. 5 If/because to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
of/before harvest just bud[s] _as_is_finished and_unripe_
_grape[s] ripening blossom it_will_become and_he_will_cut_off
the_shoots with_(the)_knives and_ ~~DOM~~ the_tendrils he_will_
_remove he_will_cut_away. 6 They_will_be_abandoned alike to_
_bird[s]_of_prey_of the_mountains and_to_the_animal[s]_of
the_earth/land and_it_will_pass_the_summer on/upon/above_
_him/it the_bird[s]_prey and_all (the)_animal_of the_
_earth/land on/upon/above_him/it it_will_pass_the_winter.
7 At_time (the)_that a_gift it_will_be_brought to/for_**YHWH**
soldiers/messengers a_people tall and_smooth_skinned and_
_from_a_people feared from it and_beyond a_nation_of
strength strength and_trampling which rivers they_divide
land_of_its to the_place_of the_name_of **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion).

19:1 The_oracle_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) THERE **YHWH** is_riding
on a_cloud swift and_he_is_coming Mitsrayim and_ the_idols_of
Mitsrayim _they_will_tremble from_before_of_him and_the_
_heart_of Mitsrayim it_will_melt within_it. 2 And_I_will_
_provoke Mitsrayim against_Mitsrayim and_they_will_fight
each against_brother_of_his and_each against_neighbour_of_
_his city against_city kingdom against_kingdom. 3 And_ the_
_spirit_of Mitsrayim _it_will_be_disturbed within_it and_plan_
_of_its I_will_confuse and_they_will_consult (to) the_idols and_
_near/to the_spirits_the_dead and_near/to the_necromancers
and_near/to the_soothsayers. 4 And_I_will_hand_over ~~DOM~~
Mitsrayim in_the_hand_of a_master(s) cruel and_a_king strong
he_will_rule over_them the_utterance_of the_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers. 5 And_ waters from_the_sea _they_will_
_be_dried_up and_a_river it_will_become_dry and_it_will_be_
dry. 6 And the_rivers _they_will_stink they_will_be_low and_
_they_will_become_dry the_canals_of Mitsrayim reed[s] and_
_rush[es] they_will_wither. 7 Bare_places will_be_at the_River
at the_mouth_of the_River and_all/each/any/every the_sown_
_land_of the_River it_will_be_dry it_will_be_driven_about and_
_it_will_not_be. 8 And_they_will_lament the_fishermen and_
all_of those_who_throw_of in_River a_fish_hook _they_will_
_mourn and_those_who_spread_out_of (of)_a_fishing_net on

Readers' Version

skimming over the water in papyrus vessels.
You swift messengers, go to the nation where the people are tall and smooth-skinned—
a people who are feared—a very powerful nation
from a land that's divided by rivers.
3 All you inhabitants of the world
and those who live on the earth,
look when a signal is raised on the hills,
and listen when you hear a trumpet sounding.
4 This is what Yahweh told me:
I'll remain quite and pay attention from my place,
like when heat shimmers with light,
like a cloud of mist in the heat at harvest time.
5 Before the harvest starts, when the blossoming has finished,
and the flowers are forming into grapes,
then he'll cut off the unwanted shoots with the pruning knife
and cut away the long tendrils.
6 They'll be left there for the birds of prey from the hills,
and the wild animals across the land.
The birds of prey will spend the summer on them,
and then the animals across the land will spend the winter on them.
7 At that time, a gift will be brought for Commander-in-chief Yahweh,
from those tall, smooth-skinned people who are feared by every nation.
That very powerful nation whose land is divided by rivers.
They'll take it to Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) where Commander-in-chief Yahweh's name is known.

Yahweh's punishment for Mitsrayim

19:1 A message for Mitsrayim (Egypt):[89]
Look, Yahweh's riding on a swift cloud and he's coming to Mitsrayim.
Mitsrayim's idols will tremble in front of him,
and its people will lose their courage.
2 Then I'll stir Mitsrayim up against Mitsrayim,
→so brothers will fight their brothers and neighbours against neighbours,
city against city and kingdom against kingdom.
3 Mitsrayim's spirit will be weakened from within
→and I will confuse its advice,
so they'll consult idols and the spirits of the dead,
as well as mediums and diviners.
4 Then I'll hand Mitsrayim over to a cruel master—
a strong king will rule over them.
That's what the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says.
5 The waters from the sea will dry up,
and any river will drop in level and empty out.
6 Then the low rivers will stink,
and Mitsrayim's canals will dry up.

88 **LV 18:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: הטוקשא: (x-qere) 'הָטָקְשָׁא': lemma_8252 n_1.0 morph_HVqh1cs id_23oym הָטָקְשָׁא

89 **RV 19:1-25 · Cross-ref.** Jer 46:2-26; Eze 29:1–32:32.

Readers' Version

The reeds and rushes will wither.
7 There'll be exposed areas at the river mouth,
and all the cultivated land along the river
will turn to dust and cease to exist.
8 The fishermen will wail and mourn—
everyone who throws a hook into the Nile will grieve,
along with all those who spread a fishing net over the surface of the waters.
9 Flax workers will be ashamed,
as will those who weave white cloth.
10 Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) foundations will be crushed,
and their hired workers will be discouraged.
11 Tsoan city's officials are foolish.
Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) wise counsellors are stupid.
How could you all tell Par'oh that you're the son of wise people—
a son of ancient kings?
12 So where are your wise advisors now?
Please let them explain to you
so they'll know what Commander-in-chief Yahweh has planned for Mitsrayim (Egypt).
13 Tsoan's officials have become fools.
Nof's (Memphis') leaders have been deceived.
Their tribal leaders have led Mitsrayim astray.
14 Yahweh has mixed a confused spirit into them,
so they've misled Mitsrayim is everything it does,
making them stagger like a drunkard in his own vomit.
15 No one in Mitsrayim can do anything—
whether head or tail, palm branch or reed.

Mitsrayim will fear Yahweh

16 When that happens, the Mitsrim (Egyptians) will tremble like women, dreading Commander-in-chief Yahweh's raised fist held against them. 17 Yehudah (Judah) (the land of Yehudah) will become an object of terror to Mitsrayim (Egypt). Whenever they're reminded of Yehudah they'll become afraid, because of what Commander-in-chief Yahweh is planning against them.
18 At that time, there'll be five cities in Mitsrayim where they'll speak out in Hebrew, and make oaths by Commander-in-chief Yahweh. (One of those cities will be called 'the city of destruction'.)
19 At that time, there'll be an altar to Yahweh in the middle of Mitsrayim, and a stone pillar to him on their shared border. 20 It'll be for a sign in Mitsrayim and a witness to Commander-in-chief Yahweh, because when they're oppressed and cry out to Yahweh for help, he'll send a saviour and defender for them who will rescue them. 21 Then Yahweh will become known to Mitsrayim, and the Mitsrim will know Yahweh that day, and they'll worship him with sacrifices and offerings, and they'll make a commitment to Yahweh and then they'll honour it.
22 Then Yahweh will strike Mitsrayim—striking then healing, and they'll turn to Yahweh and he will take notice of their requests and will heal them.

Literal Version

the_surface_of the_waters they_will_languish. 9 And_ those_ _who_work_of flax(es) combed and_those_who_weave white_ _cloth _they_will_be_ashamed. 10 And_they_will_be foundations_of_its crushed all_of those_who_work_of wage[s] will_be_grieved_of soul. 11 Are_only fools the_officials_of Tsoʻan/(Zoan) the_wise_people_of the_counsellors_of Parʻoh are_counsel stupid how will_you(pl)_say to Parʻoh am_a_son_of wise_people I a_son_of kings_of ancient_time. 12 Where_are_ _they then your_wise_of_people and_they_will_tell please to/for_you(fs) and_they_will_know what **YHWH** soldiers/messengers has_he_planned on Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 13 The_officials_of Tsoʻan they_have_become_fools the_ _officials_of Nof/(Memphis) they_have_been_deceived the_ _corner_of its_tribes_of_her they_have_misled ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim. 14 **YHWH** he_has_mixed in_midst_of_its a_spirit_of confusion(s) and_they_have_misled ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim in_all deed_ _of_its as_ a_drunkard _is_made_to_stagger in_vomit_of_his. 15 And_not it_will_be for_Mitsrayim a_deed which head and_ _tail palm_branch and_bulrush it_will_do.

16 In_the_day (the)_that it_will_be Mitsrayim like_women and_ _it_will_tremble and_it_will_be_in_dread from_face/in_front_of the_brandishing_of the_hand_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers which he is_brandishing on/upon/above_him/it. 17 And_ the_ _land_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_will_become to_Mitsrayim (into)_ _an_object_of_terror every one_whom someone_will_bring_to_ _remembrance ~~DOM~~_her/it to_him/it he_will_be_in_dread from_face/in_front_of the_plan_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers which he is_planning on/upon/above_him/it. 18 In_the_day (the)_that five cities in_land of_Mitsrayim they_will_be which_ _speak the_language_of Kənaʻan/(Canaan) and_which_swear_ _an_oath to/for_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_city_of (the)_ _destruction it_will_be_said of_one. 19 In_the_day (the)_that an_altar it_will_be to/for_**YHWH** in_the_middle of_the_land_of of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_a_pillar will_be_beside border_of_its to/for_**YHWH**. 20 And_it_was (into)_a_sign and_(into)_a_ _witness to/for_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_land of_ _Mitsrayim if/because they_will_cry_out to **YHWH** from_ _face/in_front_of those_who_oppress and_he_will_send to/for_ _them a_deliverer and_one_who_contends and_he_will_rescue_ _them. 21 And_ **YHWH** _he_will_make_himself_known to_ _Mitsrayim and_ Mitsrayim _they_will_know ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** in_ _the_day (the)_that and_they_will_serve sacrifice and_offering and_they_will_vow a_vow to/for_**YHWH** and_they_will_pay_it. 22 And_ **YHWH** _he_will_strike ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim striking and_ _healing and_they_will_turn to **YHWH** and_he_will_be_

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_entreated to/for_them and_he_will_heal_them. **23** In_the_day (the)_that a_highway it_will_be from_Mitsrayim to_'Ashshūr and_ 'Ashshūr _it_will_go in_Mitsrayim and_Mitsrayim in_ _'Ashshūr and_ Mitsrayim _they_will_serve with 'Ashshūr. **24** In_the_day (the)_that it_will_be Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_third to_ _Mitsrayim and_to_'Ashshūr a_blessing in_the_midst_of the_ _earth/land. **25** Which he_will_bless_it **YHWH** soldiers/messengers to_say people_of_my Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_the_work_of my_hands_of_my 'Ashshūr and_inheritance_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) be_blessed.

20:1 In_year the_commander_in_chief came to_'Ashdōd when_ Ṣargōn the_king_of 'Ashshūr _sent ~~ĐOM~~_him/it and_he_fought against_'Ashdōd and_he_captured_it. **2** At_time (the)_that **YHWH** he_spoke by_the_hand_of Yəsha'yāh/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōts to_say go and_you_will_loosen the_sackcloth from_ _under hips_of_your and_sandal[s]_of_your you_will_take_off from_under feet_of_your and_he/it_made thus walking naked and_barefoot. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said just_as servant_of_my Yəsha'yāh he_has_gone naked and_barefoot three years a_sign and_a_portent on Mitsrayim and_on Kūsh/(Cush). **4** So the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr he_will_lead_away ~~ĐOM~~ the_captive[s]_of Mitsrayim and_~~ĐOM~~ the_exile[s]_of Kūsh/(Cush) young_men and_old_men naked and_barefoot and_bared_of buttock the_ _nakedness_of Mitsrayim. **5** And_they_will_be_dismayed and_ _they_will_be_ashamed from_Kūsh/(Cush) of_confidence_of_ _their_object and_from Mitsrayim boasting_of_their. **6** And_ one_who_dwells the_coast the_this _saying(ms) in_the_day (the)_that THERE is_thus of_confidence_of_our_object where we_fled there for_help to_be_delivered from_face/in_front_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_how we will_we_escape.
21:1 The_oracle_of the_wilderness_of the_sea like_storm-winds in_south to_sweep_on from_the_wilderness someone_is_ _coming from_a_land to_be_feared. **2** A_vision severe it_has_ _been_told to_me the_one_who_acts_treacherously is_acting_ _treacherously and_the_one_who_destroys is_destroying go_up Oh_'Ēylām lay_siege Oh_Māday all_of groaning_of_its I_will_ _cause_to_cease. **3** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so loins_of_my they_are_full anguish pangs they_have_seized_me like_the_ _pangs_of one_who_gives_birth I_am_bent_over from_hearing I_am_terrified from_seeing. **4** Heart_of_my it_has_wandered shuddering it_has_overwhelmed_me ~~ĐOM~~ the_twilight_of my_ _desire_of_my it_has_made to_me (into)_trembling. **5** They_ _are_arranging the_table they_are_spreading_out the_rug they_ _are_eating they_are_drinking arise Oh_officials smear a_ _shield. **6** If/because thus he_has_said to_me my_master go station the_watchman that_which he_will_see let_him_tell. **7** And_he_will_see a_rider a_pair_of horses a_rider_of a_donkey a_rider_of a_camel and_he_will_pay_attention attentiveness greatness_of attentiveness. **8** And_ a_lion _he/it_called on a_ _watchtower my_master I am_standing continually by_day and_at post_of_my I am_stationed all_of the_nights. **9** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE this a_rider_of a_man a_pair_of horses is_ _coming and_he_answered and_he/it_said it_has_fallen Bāvel it_has_fallen and_all the_images_of its_gods_of_her someone_

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23 At that time, there'll be a highway from Mitsrayim to Ashur (Assyria), so Assyrians will go to Mitsrayim and Mitsrim will go to Ashur, and they'll worship together. **24** Yisrael (Israel) will be the third in the group with Mitsrayim and Ashur—a blessing in the middle of the region **25** when Commander-in-chief Yahweh will bless them saying, "Blessed be my people Mitsrayim, and Ashur, the work of my hands, and Yisrael, my inheritance."

The undressed prophecy about Mitsrayim and Kush

20:1 In the year before the Assyrian King Sargon sent his top army commander to Ashdod, and he attacked and captured it, **2** Yahweh told Yeshayah (Isaiah) (Amots' son), "Take off the sackcloth and the sandals that you've been wearing." So he started walking around naked[90] and barefoot. **3** Later Yahweh said, "Just as my servant Yeshayah has been walking around naked and barefoot for three years, it's a sign and a prophecy about Mitsrayim (Egypt) and Kush (Ethiopia). **4** It's a sign that the Assyrian king will lead away captives from Mitsrayim and Kush—young men and old, barefoot and naked with their buttocks exposed—to Mitsrayim's shame. **5** They'll be discouraged and ashamed because of their unfounded confidence in Kush and their boasting about Mitsrayim. **6** Those who live along those coastlines will say, "Listen, we fled there for help because that was our hope to be saved from the Assyrian king—how can we escape now?"

Bavel's coming destruction

21:1 A message for the wilderness beside the ocean:
It comes like whirlwinds sweeping through the desert,
coming from a nation that induces terror.
2 I've been given a distressing vision.
The deceitful deceive and the destroyer destroys.
Go up Eylam. Lay siege, Maday (Media).
I'll make all her groaning come to an end.
3 That's why my stomach tightens.
Pangs of anguish seize me like a woman giving birth.
I'm stunned by what I hear.
I'm terrified by what I see.
4 My heart falters—I'm overwhelmed and I shudder.
The twilight that I longed for has turned into trembling.
5 They're setting the table and spreading out the rugs.
They're eating and drinking.
Take action you officials. Oil up your shields.
6 My master has told me to station a watchman who'll tell what he sees. **7** When he sees a rider or a pair of horses, or someone riding a camel or a donkey, he must pay attention—very careful attention.

90 RV 20:2 · Note This doesn't necessarily mean that he wore absolutely nothing.

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8 Then the watchman[91] calls out,
"My master, I've stood day after day on this watchtower,
and spent the nights stationed at my post, **9** so listen, a rider is coming with a pair of horses, and he brings the news that Bavel (Babylon) has fallen, yes fallen,[92] and all its carved idols lie broken on the ground."
10 Oh my down-trodden people who've been trampled all over.
I've passed on to you all what I heard from Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

A message about Edom/Se'ir

11 A message for Dumah:
Someone's calling me from Edom,
"Watchman, how long will it be before the night is over?"
12 "The morning's coming but also the next night. If you all want to ask, ask now, then come back again later."

A message about Arav

13 A message for Arav:
You'll all overnight in Arav's forest, you Dedani caravans.
14 Bring water out to meet the thirsty.
You who live in Teyma bring some food for the fugitives
15 because they've fled from the approaching army with their swords held out in front of them,
and from the taut bows and from the stress of battle.
16 Yahweh told me that in exactly one year from now,
like the end of the labourer's contract,
all the greatness of Kedar in Arav will come to an end.
17 Only a few of Kedar's archers will remain from their warriors,
because Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh has spoken.

A message about Yerushalem

22:1 A message for the Valley of Vision (Yerushalem (Jerusalem)):
What's happening to you all that you've all gone up to your flat rooftops?
2 The city is full of noise and commotion.
The town is so boisterous.
Those dead bodies weren't killed in fighting.
They didn't die in battle.
3 All your leaders fled together but they were captured without an arrow being shot.
All the others were captured together, even though they had fled far away.
4 Therefore I said: Don't look at me!
I'm weeping bitterly so don't rush to comfort me
concerning the destruction of my people,
5 because it's a day of panic and trampling and confusion
from the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh—
breaking down a wall in the Valley of Vision and crying out to the mountain.
6 Eylam picked up the quiver with chariots and horseriders,
and Kir uncovered their shields.

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_has_broken to_ground. **10** My_threshed_one_of_my and_the_
_son_of my_threshing_floor_of_my that_which I_have_heard from_with **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_have_told to_you(pl).

11 The_oracle_of Dūmāh to_me someone_is_calling from_Sē'īr Oh_watchman what is_from_the_night Oh_watchman what is_
_from_the_night_of. **12** The_watchman he_says morning it_will_
_come and_also night if you(pl)_will_enquire enquire return come.

13 The_oracle on_'Arāv in_thicket[s] in_'Arāv you(pl)_will_
_lodge Oh_caravans_of Dədānīm. **14** To_meet the_thirsty bring water the_inhabitants_of the_land_of Tēymā' with_bread_of_
_his they_met fugitive[s]. **15** If/because from_face/in_front_of swords they_have_fled from_face/in_front_of a_sword drawn and_from_before_of a_bow bent and_from_before_of the_
_weight_of battle. **16** If/because thus my_master he_has_said to_me in_yet a_year like_the_years_of a_hired_labourer and_
all_of the_splendour_of Qēdār _it_will_be_finished. **17** And_the_
_remnant_of the_number_of the_bowmen of_the_warriors_of of_the_people_of of_Qēdār they_will_be_few if/because **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_spoken.

22:1 The_oracle_of the_valley_of vision what is_to_you then that/for/because/then/when of_you_of_all you_have_gone_up to_roofs. **2** Noises full Oh_city turbulent Oh_town exultant your_slain_of_ones not are_slain_of a_sword and_not they_are_
_dead_of battle. **3** All_of rulers_of_your they_have_fled together from_a_bow they_have_been_captured all_of those_found_of_
_in_you they_were_captured together from_a_distance they_
_had_fled. **4** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_said look_away from_me I_will_show_bitterness with_weeping do_not hasten to_comfort_me on the_devastation_of the_daughter_of my_
_people_of_my. **5** If/because a_day_of panic and_trampling and_
_confusion belongs_to_the_of_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_the_valley_of vision breaking_down_of a_wall and_crying_out to the_mountain. **6** And_'Ēylām it_took_
_up a_quiver with_chariotry_of a_man horsemen and_Qīr it_
_laid_bare a_shield. **7** And_he/it_was the_choicest_of your(pl)_
_valleys_of_your they_were_full chariotry and_the_horsemen powerfully_(take_a_stand) they_took_a_stand to_the_gate.
8 And_he_uncovered ~~DOM~~ the_covering_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_you_looked in_the_day (the)_that to the_weaponry_of the_
_house_of the_forest. **9** And_~~DOM~~ the_breaches_of the_city_of Dāvid you(pl)_saw if/because_that they_were_many and_
_you(pl)_gathered ~~DOM~~ the_waters_of the_pool (the)_lower.
10 And_~~DOM~~ the_houses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl)_

91 RV 21:8 · Note We follow the Dead Sea Scrolls here—the Hebrew has 'a lion'.

92 RV 21:9 · Cross-ref. Rev 14:8; 18:2.

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_counted and_you(pl)_pulled_down the_houses to_fortify the_
_city_wall. **11** And_a_reservoir you(pl)_made between the_two_
_walls for_the_water_of the_pool (the)_old and_not you(pl)_
_looked to the_one_of_who_made_it and_the_one_of_who_
_planned_it from_distant_time not you(pl)_considered. **12** And_
my_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers _he/it_called in_the_
_day (the)_that for_weeping and_for_wailing and_for_baldness
and_for_girding sackcloth. **13** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE joy and_
_gladness they_are_killing cattle and_they_are_slaughtering
sheep they_are_eating meat and_they_are_drinking wine we_
_will_eat and_we_will_drink if/because tomorrow we_will_die.
14 And_he_has_revealed_himself in_ears_of_my **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers if it_will_be_atoned_for the_iniquity[94]
the_this to/for_you(pl) until you(pl)_will_die_(emph) my_
_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says.

15 Thus my_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says come
go to the_steward the_this to Shevnā' who is_over the_house.
16 What belongs_to_you here and_who to/for_yourself(m) here
that/for/because/then/when you_have_dug_out for_yourself
here a_tomb he_is_digging_out_of a_high_place tomb_of_his
he_is_cutting_of in_rock a_dwelling to_him/it. **17** THERE **YHWH**
is_about_of_to_hurl_you_away hurling Oh_man and_he_of_is_
_about_to_grasp_you firmly_(grasp). **18** Tightly_(wind_up) he_
_will_wind_you_up a_winding a_ball to a_land broad_of both_
sides there(to) you_will_die and_will_be_(to)_there the_
_chariots_of your_splendour_of_your Oh_disgrace_of the_
_house_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your. **19** And_I_will_drive_you
from_office_of_your and_from_position_of_your he_will_tear_
_you_down. **20** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that and_I_will_
_summon (to)_servant_of_my (to)_'Elyāqīm the_son_of
Ḥilqiy^{yāh}. **21** And_I_will_clothe_him tunic_of_your and_sash_of_
_your I_will_make_firm_on_him and_authority_of_your[96] I_
_will_put in_his/its_hand and_it_was (into)_a_father of_the_
_inhabitant[s]_of of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_of_the_
_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **22** And_I_will_put the_key_of the_
_house_of Dāvid on shoulder_of_his and_he_will_open and_
_there_will_not_be one_who_shuts and_he_will_shut and_
_there_will_not_be one_who_opens. **23** And_I_will_drive_him a_
_tent_peg in_a_place firm and_it_was (into)_a_seat_of honour
for_the_house_of his/its_father. **24** And_they_will_hang
on/upon/above_him/it all_of the_honour_of the_house_of
his/its_father the_descendants and_the_offshoot(s) all_of the_

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7 Our most productive valleys became full of chariots,
and the horseriders took position at the city gates.
8 He uncovered Yehudah's (Judah's) defences,
and that day you looked for the weapons in the Forest House.
9 You all saw that there were many breaches on the David's City,
and you fetched water from the lower pool.
10 You all counted Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) houses,
and pulled some down to fortify the city wall.
11 You all made a reservoir between the two walls for the water from the old pool,
but you didn't put your trust in the one who made it
and didn't consider its designer from long ago.
12 Then my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh called for weeping and wailing,
and for heads to be shaved and for sackcloth to be worn. **13** But look! There's celebration and gladness.
They're killing cattle and slaughtering sheep,
and eating meat and drinking wine,
saying, 'Let's eat and drink today because we'll die tomorrow.'[93]
14 So now, Commander-in-chief Yahweh has revealed to me:
'You all won't be forgiven for that wickedness until you die.'

A message about Shevna

15 My master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:
Go to the administrator who's in charge of Shevna.
16 Ask what right you have to come here to carve yourself a tomb—
chiselling a tomb to rest in, out of the tall cliff?
17 Listen man, Yahweh is about to take firm hold of you,
and he's about to hurl you away.
18 He'll swing you round and round like a ball,
tossed out into a wide open land where you'll die.
Your impressive chariots will be there,
but what a terrible disgrace for your master's household.
19 I will push you out of your official role,
and he'll pull you down from your position.
20 Then at that time, I'll summon my servant Elyakim (Hilkiyah's son) **21** and I'll put your robe and sash on him, and give him the authority that you had. He'll be like a father to those who live in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and right across Yehudah (Judah). **22** Then I'll place the key to David's house on his shoulder and he'll open the door that no one will be able to shut. Then he'll shut it, and no one will be able to open it.[95] **23** I'll fasten him in, like a peg into something solid, and he'll become a wonderful throne for his father's house.
24 Then they'll hang all the great things from his father's

93 **RV 22:13 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:32.

94 **LV 22:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

95 **RV 22:22 · Cross-ref.** Rev 3:7.

96 **LV 22:21 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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house onto him—the offspring and descendants from the small containers and cups through to the largest jugs. **25** Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that at that time, the peg driven into the firm place will give way, and break off and fall, and the burden that was relying on it will fail. Yahweh has spoken.

A message for Tsor and Tsidon

23:1 A message for Tsor (Tyre):[97]
Cry loudly, you ships from Tarshish because your home port has been destroyed. It's been reported to them from Kitim. **2** Be silent you who live along the coast, you traders from Tsidon (Sidon) who cross the ocean to be filled. **3** The grain from Shihor across the waters and the harvest from the Nile became hers, and it became the commerce of the nations.
4 Be ashamed Tsidon because the ocean has spoken.
The fortress by the sea said,
'I haven't been in labour or given birth,
and I haven't raised young men or young women.'
5 When the report reaches Mitsrayim (Egypt),
they'll be very upset about what happened to Tsor (Tyre).
6 Sail over to Tarshish.
Cry loudly, you who live along the coast.
7 Is this your happy city that's been around since ancient times—
whose feet carried her to settle in a far away place?
8 Who planned that for Tsor, the bestower of crowns,
whose traders are princes,
whose merchants were honoured around the world?
9 Commander-in-chief Yahweh planned it to dishonour the pride from all that splendour—
to treat the honoured people of the world with contempt.
10 Go across your land like the river does.
You daughter of Tarshish, there's no restraint any more.
11 He's stretched his hand over the ocean.
He's made the kingdoms tremble.
Yahweh has commanded Kena'an (Canaan) to destroy its fortresses.
12 He said, 'You won't continue celebrating, you oppressed young daughter of Tsidon (Sidon).
Take action and go across to Kupros (Cyprus) but you won't get any peace there.'
13 Look at the Kasdim' (Chaldeans') country—those people have come to nothing.
The Assyrians allocated it to animals that live in the wilderness.
They erected siege-towers against it—
demolishing its palaces and turning it into a pile of rubble.

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_vessels_of the_small from_the_vessels_of the_bowls and_unto all_of the_vessels_of the_jars. **25** In_the_day (the)_that the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_tent_peg which_ _had_been_driven in_a_place firm it_will_be_removed and_it_ _will_be_cut_down and_it_will_fall and_ the_burden which on/upon_it(f) _it_will_be_cut_off if/because **YHWH** he_has_ _spoken.

23:1 The_oracle_of Tsor/(Tyre) wail Oh_ships_of Tarshiysh if/because it_has_been_devastated from_house from_coming from_the_land_of Kittim/(Cyprus) it_has_been_revealed to_ _them. **2** Be_silent Oh_inhabitants_of the_coastland Oh_trader_ _of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) one_who_passes_over the_sea they_have_ _filled_you. **3** And_was_on_waters many the_seed_of Shiyḥōr the_harvest_of the_River revenue_of_was_her and_it_became the_trading_profit_of nations. **4** Be_ashamed Oh_ _Tsīdōn/(Sidon) if/because the_sea the_stronghold_of the_sea it_has_said to_say not I_have_been_in_labour and_not I_have_ _given_birth and_not I_have_brought_up young_men I_have_ _raised young_women. **5** When_when a_report is_to_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) people_will_be_in_anguish like_the_report_ _of Tsor/(Tyre). **6** Pass_over to_Tarshiysh wail Oh_inhabitants_ _of the_coastland. **7** Is_this to/for_you(pl) exultant_city is_ _from_days_of antiquity beginning_of_its they_have_carried_it feet_of_its from_a_distance to_sojourn. **8** Who did_he_plan this on Tsor/(Tyre) which_bestows_crowns which traders_of_its were_princes merchants_of_its were_those_who_were_ _honoured_of the_earth. **9** **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _planned_it to_profane the_pride_of all_of splendour to_treat_ _with_contempt all_of the_honoured_people_of the_earth. **10** Pass_over land_of_your like_River Oh_daughter_of Tarshiysh there_is_not a_restraint still. **11** His/its_hand he_has_stretched_ _out over the_sea he_has_made_tremble kingdoms **YHWH** he_ _has_commanded concerning Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_destroy strongholds_of_its. **12** And_he/it_said not you_will_repeat again to_exult Oh_you_who_are_oppressed the_virgin_of the_ _daughter_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) Kittim/(Cyprus)[98] arise pass_over also there not it_will_be_rest to/for_you(fs). **13** THERE the_ _land_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy this is_the_people which_not it_was 'Ashshūr it_allocated_it to_wilderness-dwellers they_ _raised_up its[99] they_laid_bare palaces_of_its it_made_it (into)_ _a_ruin. **14** Wail Oh_ships_of Tarshiysh if/because stronghold_ _of_your(pl) it_has_been_devastated. **15** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that and_ Tsor/(Tyre) _will_be_forgotten seventy year[s] like_the_days_of a_king one from_the_end/extremity seventy year[s] it_will_happen to_Tsor/(Tyre) like_the_song_of the_ _prostitute. **16** Take a_harp go_around the_city Oh_prostitute forgotten do_well to_play multiply song so_that you_may_be_ _remembered. **17** And_it_was from_the_end/extremity seventy year[s] **YHWH** he_will_visit ~~ðom~~ Tsor/(Tyre) and_it_will_return to_hire_of_its and_it_will_act_the_prostitute with all_of the_ _kingdoms_of the_earth/land on the_surface_of the_soil. **18** And_it_was profit_of_its_trading and_hire_of_its a_holy_ _thing to/for_**YHWH** not it_will_be_stored_up and_not it_will_

97 **RV 23:1-18 · Cross-ref.** Eze 26:1–28:19; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:9-10; Zech 9:1-4; Mat 11:21-22; Luk 10:13-14.

98 **LV 23:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: סייתכ: (x-qere) 'סִיתִּכְ': lemma_3794 n_0.1.0 morph_HNp id_23p6Q סִיתִּכְ

99 **LV 23:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: וניחב/: (x-qere) 'וְנָוחַבְ': lemma_971 n_0.1.1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_23k2Q וְנָוחַבְ

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_be_hoarded if/because to_who_dwell to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH** it_will_belong profit_of_its_trading
for_eating to_satiety and_for_covering magnificent.

24:1 HERE **YHWH** is_about_to_lay_waste the_earth/land and_
_he_of_is_about_to_devastate_it and_he_will_twist surface_of_
_its and_he_will_scatter inhabitants_of_its. **2** And_it_was as_
_people as_priest as_servant as_master(s)_of_his as_
_maidservant as_mistress_of_her as_buyer as_seller as_lender
as_borrower as_creditor just_as a_creditor in_him/it.
3 Completely_(laid_waste) the_earth/land it_will_be_laid_waste
and_totally_(be_plundered) it_will_be_plundered if/because
YHWH he_has_spoken ~~DOM~~ the_message (the)_this. **4** It_has_
_dried_up the_earth/land it_has_withered it_has_languished
the_world it_has_withered the_noble[s]_of the_people_of the_
_earth/land they_have_languished. **5** And_the_earth it_has_
_been_polluted under inhabitants_of_its if/because they_have_
_transgressed laws they_have_overstepped the_decree they_
_have_broken the_covenant_of perpetuity. **6** Therefore
yes/correct/thus/so a_curse it_has_consumed the_earth and_
the_inhabitants_of in_it _they_have_been_held_guilty therefore
yes/correct/thus/so the_inhabitants_of the_earth they_have_
diminished and humankind_of fewness _it_will_be_left.
7 New_wine it_has_dried_up the_vine it_has_languished all_of
the_people_joyful_of heart they_have_groaned. **8** The_joy_of
tambourines it_has_ceased the_uproar_of exultant_people it_
_has_stopped the_joy_of the_harp it_has_ceased. **9** With_song
not people_will_drink wine strong_drink it_will_be_bitter to_
_those_of_who_drink_it. **10** The_town_of formlessness it_has_
_been_broken every_of house it_has_been_shut_up from_
_entering. **11** An_outcry on (the)_wine will_in_the_streets all_of
gladness it_has_become_evening the_joy_of the_earth/land it_
_has_departed. **12** It_has_remained in_city desolation and_ruin
the_gate it_will_be_crushed. **13** If/because thus it_will_be in_
_the_midst_of the_earth/land in_the_middle the_peoples like_
_the_beating_of an_olive_tree like_gleanings if the_grape_
_harvest it_has_come_to_an_end. **14** They they_will_lift_up
voice_of_their they_will_shout_for_joy in_the_majesty_of
YHWH they_will_cry_aloud from_the_west. **15** Therefore
yes/correct/thus/so in_east glorify **YHWH** in_the_islands_of
the_sea the_name_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
16 From_the_extremity_of the_earth/land songs we_have_
_heard splendour belongs_to_one and_I_said leanness to_me
leanness to_me woe to_me those_who_act_treacherously they_

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14 Cry loudly, you ships from Tarshish.
because your fortress has been destroyed.
15 After that time, Tsor (Tyre) will be forgotten for seventy years like the lifespan of a single king. At the end of those seventy years, what will happen to Tsor will be like the prostitute in this song:
16 Take a harp and go around the city, you forgotten prostitute.
^Play many songs so that you'll be remembered.
17 Then at the end of those seventy years, Yahweh will visit Tsor. It'll return to hiring itself out and to her prostitution with all the world's kingdoms on this planet. **18** But their earnings and profits will be set apart for Yahweh. It won't be stored up or hoarded, because it will belong to those who live in Yahweh's presence for buying plenty of food and beautiful clothes.

The cursing of God of world

24:1 Listen, Yahweh is about to devastate the world
and about to leave it in ruins.
He'll twist its surface and scatter its inhabitants.
2 Then the priest won't be any better off than the people,
the master than his slave,
the mistress than her maids,
the seller than the buyer,
the borrower than the lender,
or the creditor than the debtor.
3 The world will be totally devastated and completely plundered.
It'll be plundered because Yahweh has spoken this message.
4 The land has dried up and everything has withered.
The world has declined and withered.
Its prominent people declined as well.
5 The world has been defiled by its inhabitants
because they've broken the laws,
disregarded the decree,
broken the eternal agreement.[100]
6 That's why a curse has consumed the world,
and its inhabitants are found guilty.
Therefore earth's inhabitants will decrease
and only a few will be left.
7 The new wine has dried up—the grapevine has deteriorated.
All the people who were cheery are now groaning.
8 The happy sound of the tambourines ceases.
The loud celebrations stop.
The harp's cheery music has gone silent.
9 They don't sing and drink wine any more.
Strong drink now tastes bitter when they drink it.
10 The town is completely disorganised.
All the homes have been boarded up to keep people out.
11 There's an outcry in the streets about the wine.
Cheeriness has degraded into twilight.
Happiness has departed from the world.

100 RV 24:5 · Note Perhaps referring to the instructions given to Noah and family in Genesis 9:1.

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12 Desolation has remained in the city.
The gates will be crushed into ruins.
13 It'll be like that all over the world—among the nations
like when an olive tree is beaten to shake the fruit off
or like the few left-over grapes when the grape harvest is finished.
14 They'll start singing with gusto and with happiness.
From the west they'll shout cheerfully about Yahweh's greatness.
15 Therefore in the east, praise Yahweh.
On the islands, praise the name of Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh.
16 We've heard songs from the end of the earth, 'Praise to the one who's always fair and right.'
Then I said, 'I'm wasting away—losing weight—I won't end well.
The treacherous have been treacherous,
yes, the treacherous have been treacherously treacherous.'
17 Terror and pit-traps and snare-traps await you,
you inhabitants of the earth.
18 The one who runs away from the sound of terror, will fall into the pit,
and those who get up out of the pits, will be caught in the snare,
because the windows in the high place have been opened,
and the earth's foundations have been shaken.
19 The earth will be totally shattered.
The earth will be split completely through.
The earth will be violently shaken.
20 The earth staggers around like a drunkard,
and sways like a hut in a gale.
Its sin will weigh it down
→and it'll fall—never to rise again.
21 At that time, Yahweh will punish the heavenly army
and the earthly kings on the earth.
22 They'll be rounded up and imprisoned in a pit.
They'll be shut up in that prison and after a long time, they'll be punished.
23 Then the moon will go shy, and the sun will hide in shame,
because Commander-in-chief Yahweh will reign on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) there in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
and with splendour in front of his elders.

A song for praising Yahweh

25:1 Yes, Yahweh, you're my god.
I will honour you and thank your name/reputation
because you've done incredible things,
planned long back in perfect faithfulness.
2 Yes, you can make a city into a heap of rubble,
or a fortified town into ruins.
You've destroyed some strangers' fortresses—never to be rebuilt again.
3 So yes, strong people will honour you—

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_act_treacherously and_treachery those_who_act_
_treacherously they_act_treacherously. **17** Dread and_pit and_
_snare are_on_you Oh_inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land. **18** And_
_it_was the_one_who_flees from_the_sound_of the_dread he_
_will_fall into the_pit and_the_one_who_goes_up from_the_
_midst_of the_pit he_will_be_caught in_snare if/because
windows from_a_high_place they_have_been_opened and_ the_
_foundations_of the_earth _they_have_shaken. **19** Utterly_
_(break) the_earth/land it_has_been_broken utterly_(split) the_
_earth it_has_been_split_through utterly_(shake) the_earth it_
_has_been_shaken. **20** Wildly_(stagger) the_earth it_will_
_stagger like_drunkard and_it_will_sway like_hut and_it_will_
_be_heavy on/upon_it(f) transgression_of_its and_it_will_fall
and_not it_will_repeat to_rise. **21** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_
_that **YHWH** he_will_visit_judgement on the_
_soldier/messenger_of the_height in_height[s] and_on the_
_kings_of the_soil on the_soil. **22** And_they_will_be_gathered a_
_gathering prisoner[s] to a_pit and_they_will_be_shut_up at a_
_prison and_from_an_abundance_of days they_will_be_visited.
23 And_ the_moon _it_will_be_abashed and_ the_sun _it_will_
_be_ashamed if/because **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_will_
_reign on_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_before his_of_elders glory.

25:1 Oh_**YHWH** god_of_are_my you I_will_exalt_you I_will_give_
_thanks_to name_of_your if/because you_have_done wonder[s]
plans from_distant_time faithfulness faithfulness. **2** If/because
you_have_made from_a_city into_heap a_town fortified into_a_
_ruin a_fortress_of strangers from_a_city forever_perpetuity
not it_will_be_rebuilt. **3** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_
_will_honour_you a_people strong a_town_of nations ruthless
they_will_fear_you. **4** If/because you_have_been a_refuge for_
_person a_refuge for_person in_distress to_him/it a_shelter
from_rainstorm a_shade from_heat if/because the_breath_of
ruthless_people is_like_a_rainstorm_of a_wall. **5** Like_heat in_a_
_dry_land the_uproar_of strangers you_will_subdue heat by_

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_the_shade_of a_cloud the_song_of ruthless_people he_will_
_quieten.

6 And_ **YHWH** soldiers/messengers _he_will_make to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_peoples on_mountain the_this a_
_feast_of fat_things a_feast_of old_wine(s) fat_things full_of_
_marrow old_wine(s) refined. **7** And_he_will_swallow_up on_
_mountain the_this the_surface_of the_covering which_covers
over all_of the_peoples and_the_woven_stuff which_is_woven
over all_of the_nations. **8** He_will_swallow_up (the)_death to_
perpetuity and my_master **YHWH** _he_will_wipe_away tear[s]
from_under every_of face and_the_reproach_of his_people_of_
_his he_will_remove from_under all_of the_earth/land
if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken. **9** And_saying(ms) in_the_day
(the)_that HERE god_of_is_our this we_have_waited to_him/it
and_he_will_save_us this is_**YHWH** we_have_waited to_him/it
let_us_be_glad and_let_us_rejoice in_salvation_of_his.

10 If/because the_hand_of **YHWH** it_will_rest on_mountain
the_this and_ Mō'āv _it_will_be_trampled_down in_its_place
as_ a_heap_of_straw _is_trampled_down in/on/at/with[104] a_
_dung_hill. **11** And_it_will_spread_out hands_of_its in_midst_of_
_its just_as (the)_swimmer he_spreads_them_out to_swim and_
_he_will_bring_low haughtiness_of_its with the_tricks_of its_
_hands_of_his. **12** And_the_fortification_of the_refuge_of
your(pl)_walls_of_your he_will_lay_low he_will_bring_it_low
he_will_make_it_touch (to)_ground to the_dust.

26:1 In_the_day (the)_that the_song the_this it_will_be_sung in_
_land of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_city_of strength to/for_us
salvation he_sets walls and_a_rampart. **2** Open the_gates so_ a_
_nation righteous which_keeps faithfulness(es) _that_it_may_
_enter. **3** An_inclination firm you_will_keep peace peace
if/because in_you(ms) he_is_trusting. **4** Trust in_**YHWH** until
perpetuity if/because Yah **YHWH** a_rock_of
everlastingness(es). **5** If/because he_will_lay_low the_
_inhabitants_of a_high_place a_town set_on_high he_will_
_bring_it_low he_will_bring_it_low to the_ground he_will_
_make_it_touch to the_dust. **6** It_will_trample_it a_foot the_
_feet_of the_afflicted the_footsteps_of poor_people. **7** The_way
of_righteous is_level_paths Oh_upright_one the_track_of the_
_righteous you_make_level. **8** Also the_way_of your(pl)_
_judgements_of_your Oh_**YHWH** we_have_waited_for_you is_

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The towns in ruthless nations will fear you,
4 because you've been a safe place to be shelter for those who are distressed—
a shelter from the rain and a shade from the hot sun,
because the breath of ruthless people is like rain beating against a wall,
5 and like heat in a dry land.
You subdued the uproar from foreigners,
like the shade of a cloud reduces the heat.
He'll quieten down the song of ruthless people.

Yahweh hosts a banquet

6 Then Commander-in-chief Yahweh will hold a banquet of good things for all that people on that mountain.
There'll be vintage wine and choice meat.
7 Then on that mountain, he'll swallow up the bedsheet that's covering all the peoples,
and the web that's woven over all the nations.
8 My master will permanently swallow death up.[101]
Yahweh will wipe the tears away from every face.[102]
He's removed his people's disgrace from all the earth, because Yahweh has spoken.
9 Then at the time it will be said, 'Look, that's our god.
We put our hope in him, and he saved us.
Yes, that's Yahweh—we maintained our trust in him.
We'll be happy and celebrate how he's saved us.'

The cursing of God of Moav

10 Yahweh's hand rests on this mountain to secure it.
Moav (Moab) will be trampled down like a heap of straw in a dung pile.[103]
11 Yahweh will spread out his hands in the middle of it,
like a swimmer spreading his arms to swim,
and he'll cancel their pride with the skill of his hands.
12 He'll knock down your high fortress walls,
and Moav's cities will be broken right down low.

Yehudah's victory song

26:1 A song will be sung in Yehudah (Judah) at that time:
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) city is strong.
He gave us walls and ramparts to keep us safe.
2 Open the gates so a righteous nation can enter—
one that remains faithful.
3 The one with their mind made up firmly will have true peace,
because he puts his trust in you.
4 Put your trust in Yahweh forever,
because Yah (Yahweh) is a stable rock.
5 That's because he humbles those who live in high places.
He'll bring low the town that's been elevated.
He'll will lay it low to the ground—levelling it down to dust.

101 **RV 25:8 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:54.

102 **RV 25:8 · Cross-ref.** Rev 7:17; 21:4.

103 **RV 25:10-12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 15:1–16:14; Jer 48:1-47; Eze 25:8-11; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph 2:8-11.

104 **LV 25:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ימ/ב**: (x-qere) **וְמָב'**: lemma_1119 morph_HR id_23E6M **וְמָב**

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6 It will be trampled down by feet—
the feet of the oppressed,
the footsteps of the poor.
7 The righteous person's path is level.
You, the one who does what's right, will flatten their paths.
8 We've we've followed your instructions, Yahweh, we've kept our trust in you—
we desire to honour your name and reputation
9 From deep inside me, I have longed for you in the night—
my spirit within me earnestly waits for you,
because when people have your instructions,
the world's inhabitants learns to discern what's right.
10 If the wicked person is shown favour,
they won't learn to do what's right.
Even in a land where doing right is valued,
they act unjustly and won't get to see Yahweh's majesty.
11 Yahweh, when you take action, they don't perceive it.
Let them see and be ashamed by the people's zeal,
Also, the fire will consume your enemies.[105]
12 Yahweh, you'll establish peace for us,
because you indeed have taken action on our behalf.
13 Yahweh our god, we've been ruled over by other masters,
but you only, are the one that we honour.
14 Those dead ones won't live—those departed spirits won't rise again,
indeed you've visited and destroyed them,
and erased all memory of them.
15 You've enlarged the nation, Yahweh,
yes, enlarged it and gained honour—
you've extended all the land's boundaries.
16 Yahweh, when they were distressed,
the people went to find you with their quiet request, when you'd disciplined them.
17 Like a pregnant woman who's close to giving birth cries out from her labour pains,
that's what we were like in front of you, Yahweh.
18 It's like we were pregnant and in labour, giving birth to wind.
We haven't rescued anyone on the earth,
and the world's inhabitants haven't fallen.
19 Your dead will live—their corpses will rise.
Wake up and sing happily, you all who've lived in the dust,
because your dew is the dew that gives light
and the earth will release her dead.

Judgement is coming then restoration

20 Go my people—enter into your rooms and shut the door behind you.
Hide a little while until the indignation has passed by.

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_for_name_of_your and_for_memorial_of_your the_desire_of self. **9** Self_of_my I_have_desired_you in_night also my_ _breath/wind/spirit in_my_inner_of_being I_will_seek_you_ _earnestly if/because just_as judgements_of_your are_to_earth righteousness the_inhabitants_of the_world they_learn. **10** The_wicked he_is_shown_favour not he_learns righteousness in_land straightforwardness(es) he_acts_unjustly and_not he_sees the_majesty_of **YHWH**. **11** Oh_**YHWH** hand_of_ _your it_is_raised not they_BEHOLD they_will_BEHOLD and_ _they_will_be_ashamed the_zeal_of a_people also the_fire_of your(pl)_foes_of_your it_will_consume_them. **12** Oh_**YHWH** you_will_establish peace to/for_us if/because also all_of works_ _of_our you_have_done to/for_ourselves. **13** Oh_**YHWH** god_of_ _our they_have_ruled_over_us masters except_you only_alone in_you we_bring_to_remembrance name_of_your. **14** Dead_ones not they_will_live shades not they_will_rise for_so/thus/hence you_have_visited and_you_have_destroyed_them and_you_ _have_destroyed all_of remembrance of_them. **15** You_have_ _added to_nation Oh_**YHWH** you_have_added to_nation you_ _have_gained_glory you_have_extended all_of the_boundaries_ _of the_land. **16** Oh_**YHWH** in_distress people_sought_you they_ _poured_out a_whisper chastening_of_your was_to_them. **17** Like a_pregnant_woman who_she_brings_near to_give_birth she_is_in_labour she_cries_out in_labour-pains_of_her so we_ _were from_before_of_you Oh_**YHWH**. **18** We_were_pregnant we_were_in_labour like we_gave_birth_to wind deliverance(s) not we_accomplish the_earth and_not the_inhabitants_of the_ _world they_fall. **19** Your(pl)_dead_of_ones they_will_live corpse_of_my they_will_rise awake and_shout_for_joy Oh_ _you(pl)_who_dwell_of dust if/because will_be_the_dew_of lights dew_of_your and_the_earth the_shades it_will_make_fall.

20 Come my_people_of_my go in_rooms_of_your and_shut mmm[107] behind hide like_a_little_of a_moment until it_has_ _passed_by[108] indignation. **21** If/because THERE **YHWH** is_ _about_to_go_forth from_place_of_his to_visit the_iniquity_of the_inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land on/upon/above_him/it

105 **RV 26:11 · Cross-ref.** Heb 10:27.

107 **LV 26:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתלד/ך: (x-qere) תָּלְדָ֑ךְ: lemma_1817 b n_1.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp2ms id_23L75 תָּלְדָ֑ךְ

108 **LV 26:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: רובעי: (x-qere) רָבֶ֣עַי: lemma_5674 a morph_HVqi3ms id_23X1G רָבֶ֣עַי

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and_ the_earth/land _it_will_reveal ᴅᴏᴍ blood(s)_of_its and_not it_will_cover still over its_slain_of_ones.
27:1 In_the_day (the)_that **YHWH** he_will_visit_judgement with_sword_of_his[109] (the)_fierce and_(the)_great and_(the)_ _mighty on Livyātān a_snake fleeing and_on Livyātān a_snake twisting and_he_will_slay ᴅᴏᴍ the_sea_monster which is_in_ _sea. **2** In_the_day (the)_that a_vineyard_of desire[110] sing to/for_her/it. **3** I **YHWH** am_its_of_keeper to_moments I_ _water_it lest someone_should_injure on/upon_it(f) night and_ _day I_guard_it. **4** Rage there_is_not to_me who will_he_give_ _me thorn[s] bush[es] in_battle I_will_march against_it I_will_ _burn_it altogether. **5** Or let_anyone_take_hold on_protection_ _of_my let_anyone_make peace to_me peace let_anyone_make to/for_me. **6** The_(ones_who)_went Yaʹₐqovʿ/(Jacob) it_will_ _take_root it_will_blossom and_it_will_bud Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ _they_will_fill the_surface_of the_world fruit. **7** Like_the_blow_ _of the_one_who_struck_it has_he_struck_it or like_the_ _slaughter_of its_slain_ones has_it_been_slain. **8** By_startling[111] by_sending_it_away you_will_conduct_a_case_with_it he_ _removed by_wind_of_his (the)_fierce in/on_day the_east_ _wind. **9** For_so/thus/hence by_this the_iniquity_of Yaʹₐqovʿ it_ _will_be_atoned_for and_this is_all_of the_fruit_of the_ _removing its_sin_of_his when_makes_he all_of the_stones_of the_altar like_stones_of chalk pulverised not 'Ashērāh_poles and_incense_altars they_will_stand. **10** If/because a_city fortified is_alone it_is_a_habitation wildernessed and_ _abandoned like_wilderness there a_calf it_will_graze and_ _there it_will_lie_down and_it_will_bring_to_an_end branches_ _of_its. **11** When_ branch[es]_of_its _dry_up they_are_broken_ _off women are_coming they_are_setting_light_to it if/because not is_a_people_of understanding(s) it therefore yes/correct/thus/so not he_will_have_compassion_on_it the_ _one_of_who_made_it and_the_one_of_who_formed_it not he_ _will_show_favour_to_it. **12** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that **YHWH** he_will_beat_out from_the_flowing_stream_of the_river to the_wadi_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_be_ _gathered to_one one Oh_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **13** And_it_ _was in_the_day (the)_that it_will_be_blown on_a_trumpet great and_ those_who_were_lost in_land of_'Ashshūr and_ _those_who_were_banished in_land of_Mitsrayim _they_will_ _come and_they_will_bow_down to/for_**YHWH** on_the_ _mountain_of (the)_holiness in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

Readers' Version

21 Listen, Yahweh is about to come out of his place, to punish all the world's inhabitants,
and the earth will reveal all its bloodshed and will no longer cover over those who were killed.
27:1 At that time, Yahweh will use his extremely powerful sword,
to punish the slithering sea monster Livyatan—Livyatan the twisting snake-like creature,[106]
and he'll kill the monster that's in the ocean.
2 When that happens, sing about a delightful vineyard.
3 I, Yahweh, will look after it.
I'll keep it watered in case someone attacks it.
I'll guard it night and day.
4 I don't have any anger—who will give me thorn bushes?
I will march against it—I'll completely burn it up.
5 If anyone takes advantage of my protection,
then they'll make peace to me—
let them make peace with me.
6 The (time) is coming when Ya'akov (Jacob) will take root.
Yisrael (Israel) will blossom and bud,
and they'll fill the world with fruit.
7 Has he attacked us like he attacked those who attacked us,
or did he kill us like he killed those who killed us?
8 By sending her away, you have contended with her.
He released his fierce breath on an east-wind day.
9 So Ya'akov's (Jacob's) disobedience will be made right again by that,
and this is all the fruit of the removal of his sin:
when he'll make all the altar stones like pulverised pieces of chalk.
No Asherah poles or incense altars will remain standing,
10 because the fortified city is desolate.
That habitation is deserted and abandoned like a wilderness.
A calf grazes there, then it will lie down.
It will bring its branches to an end—
11 when its branches dry up, they'll be broken off.
Women will come and light fires with them because they're not a people with understanding.
Therefore the one who made and formed it, won't show any favour towards it.
12 Then at that time, Yahweh will thresh people
from the Perat (Euphrates) river in the northeast to Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) river down in the southwest,
and you Israelis will be gathered in one by one.
13 Then on that same day, a loud trumpet will be blown,
and those who are perishing in Ashur (Assyria) will come

106 RV 27:1 · Cross-ref. Yob 41:1; Psa 74:14; 104:26.

109 LV 27:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

110 LV 27:2 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

111 LV 27:8 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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along with those who were banished to Mitsrayim,
and they will bow down to Yahweh on Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) sacred mountain.

A warning for Shomron (Samaria)

28:1 You won't end well Shomron (Samaria), you proud crown of Yisrael's (Israel's; Heb. Efrayim) drunkards
or its beauty and splendour that's fading like a flower past its prime.
There at the head of a lush valley that's struck down by wine.
2 Look, the master is sending a very powerful one,
like a hailstorm, a destructive windstorm, or a huge flood.
He'll drive it down to the ground with his hand.
3 The proud crown of Yisrael's drunkards will be trampled underfoot.
4 The fading flower of its beauty and splendour at the head of a lush valley
will be like a very early fig before summer.
The ones who see it will grab it and swallow it.
5 At that time, Commander-in-chief Yahweh will become a beautiful crown,
and a splendid diadem for the remnant of his people,
6 and a spirit of justice for those who need judgements,
and strength for those who turn the battle back at the gates.

Yehudah's drunken prophets

7 Even those reeled from wine
and stagger from strong drink.
Priest and prophet reeled from the strong drink,
and they were confused by from the wine.
They staggered from the strong drink—
reeling in vision, they stagger in indecision.
8 Indeed, all their tables are covered with vomit—
there's no place without filth.
9 Who will he teach knowledge to,
and who will he get to understand the message?
Those who've been weaned from milk—
who've already been taken off the breasts.
10 Because it's 'command to command to command, line to line to line, a little there, a little there'.[113]
11 Indeed, with stammering lips and foreign language,
he will speak to this people group[114]
12 telling them, 'This is the resting place where the weary ones can rest',
and, 'This is the place for refreshing'.
but they weren't willing to listen.
13 So Yahweh's message to them,
'command to command to command, line to line to line, a little there, a little there',
so they can go, but they'll stumble backwards and will be bro-

Literal Version

28:1 Woe_to the_crown_of (the)_pride_of the_drunkards_of 'Efrayim and_the_blossom which_withers the_beauty_of its_ _splendour_of_his which is_on the_head_of a_valley_of fatness(es) those_struck_down_of wine. **2** THERE a_mighty_one and_a_strong_one belongs_to_the_of_master like_a_storm_of hail a_tempest_of destruction like_a_storm_of waters mighty overflowing he_will_thrust_it_down to_ground with_a_hand. **3** With_feet the_crown_of (the)_pride_of the_drunkards_of 'Efrayim they_will_be_trampled. **4** And_it_will_be a_flower (of)_ _which_withers the_beauty_of its_splendour_of_his which is_on the_head_of a_valley_of fatness(es) like_an_early_fig[112] before_ _before summer which the_one_who_sees it he_will_see while_ _still_it is_in_palm_of_his he_will_swallow_it. **5** In_the_day (the)_that **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_will_become (into)_ _a_crown_of beauty and_(into)_a_diadem_of splendour for_the_ _remnant_of his_people_of_his. **6** And_(into)_a_spirit_of justice for_who]_sits on (the)_judgement and_(into)_strength those_ _who_turn_back_of (of)_the_battle gate_to_the.

7 And_also these with_wine they_reeled and_with_(the)_drink they_staggered priest and_prophet they_reeled with_(the)_ _drink they_were_confused from (the)_wine they_staggered from (the)_strong_drink they_reeled in_vision they_staggered decision. **8** If/because all_of the_tables they_are_full vomit filth not room. **9** ~~DOM~~ whom will_he_teach knowledge and_~~DOM~~ whom will_he_make_understand the_message those_who_are_ _weaned_of from_milk ones_removed_of from_breasts. **10** If/because command to_command command to_command line to_line line to_line a_little there a_little there. **11** If/because by_stammerings_of lip and_by_a_language another he_will_speak to the_people (the)_this. **12** Whom he_ _said to_them this is_the_resting_place give_rest to_weary and_ _this is_the_place_of_rest and_not they_were_willing to_listen. **13** And_it_was to/for_them the_message_of **YHWH** command to_command command to_command line to_line line to_line a_ _little there a_little there so_that they_may_go and_they_will_ _stumble backwards and_they_will_be_broken and_they_will_ _be_ensnared and_they_will_be_captured.

112 LV 28:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

113 RV 28:10 · Note The Hebrew for this verse (and v13) includes 'tsav latsav, tsav latsav, kav lakav, kav lakav,' etc., suggesting that it might possibly have been intended as drunken gibberish.

114 RV 28:11-12 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 14:21.

Literal Version

14 For_so/thus/hence hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_people_ _of mockery Oh_rulers_of the_people the_this who are_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **15** If/because you(pl)_have_said we_ _have_made a_covenant with death and_with Shə'ōl we_have_ _made an_agreement a_scourge[120] overflowing if/because it_ _will_pass_by[121] not it_will_come_to_us if/because we_have_ _made falsehood refuge_of_our and_in_deception we_have_ _hidden_ourselves. **16** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I he_has_laid in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) a_stone a_ _stone_of testing a_corner_of preciousness_of a_foundation founded the_one_who_trusts not he_will_make_haste. **17** And_ _I_will_make justice (into)_a_measuring-line and_righteousness (into)_a_levelling_tool and_ hail _it_will_sweep_away the_ _refuge_of falsehood and_the_shelter waters they_will_ _overflow. **18** And_ covenant_of_your(pl) with death _it_will_be_ _annulled and_agreement_of_your(pl) with Shə'ōl not it_will_ _stand a_scourge overflowing if/because it_will_pass_by and_ _you(pl)_will_be to_him/it (into)_a_trampling_place. **19** From_ _sufficiency it_passes_by it_will_take you(pl) if/because in_ _morning in_morning it_will_pass_by in_the_day and_in_night and_it_was only terror to_understand the_message.
20 If/because the_bed it_is_too_short for_stretching_oneself and_the_woven_stuff it_is_narrow just_as_wraps_oneself_up.
21 If/because like_the_mountain_of Pərātsīm **YHWH** he_will_ _arise like_a_valley in_Giv˝ōn he_will_rage for_doing deed_of_ _his is_strange deed_of_his and_to_work work_of_his is_alien work_of_his. **22** And_now do_not show_yourselves_a_ _mocker(pl) lest fetters_of_your(pl) they_should_become_ _strong if/because complete_destruction and_that_which_has_ _been_determined I_have_heard from_with my_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers on all_of the_earth/land.

23 Give_ear and_hear my_sound/voice pay_attention and_hear my_speech/discourse. **24** All_of the_day the_plowman does_he_ _plow to_sow does_he_loosen and_does_he_harrow land_of_his. **25** Am_not if he_has_levelled surface_of_its and_does_he_

Readers' Version

ken,
plus they'll become trapped and will be captured.

A vital foundation for Tsiyon/Zion

14 Therefore, listen to Yahweh's message,
you people who are always mocking,
you rulers of the people there in Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
15 because you've all said, "We've come to an agreement with death,
and we have an understanding with the grave.
When the overwhelming scourge goes past,
it won't bother us because we've made lies our shelter,
and we hide in deception."
16 Therefore, my master Yahweh says:
Look, I've put a foundation stone in place in Tsiyon (Zion)—one that's been tested.
It's a valuable cornerstone—a reliable foundation.
Anyone who trusts in it won't have to rush away.[115]
17 Then I'll make justice into a measuring stick,
and righteous into a levelling tool.
Hail will sweep away the shelter of lies,
and floods will drown the hiding place.[116]
18 Then your agreement with death will be dissolved,
and your understanding with the grave will collapse.[117]
When the overwhelming scourge comes past,
→you'll all be overwhelmed by it.
19 When it comes past, it'll take you all
because it'll come past morning by morning, and day and night.
Understanding the message will bring only terror,
20 because the bed is too short for stretching yourself out on,
and the woven blanket is too narrow to wrap around you.
21 Yahweh will take action like he did at Mt. Peratsim.[118]
He'll stir himself up like he did in Giveon valley[119]
to do his work—his special work.
To perform his task—his special task. **22** So now, don't show yourselves to be mockers
in case your chains become heavier,
because I've heard from my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh
about complete destruction and the rest that's been determined against the entire land.

The wisdom of God

23 Listen carefully to what I say.
Pay attention to my words.
24 Does a farmer spend all day ploughing and not sow any-

115 **RV 28:16 · Cross-ref.** Rom 9:33; 10:11; 1Pe 2:6.
116 **RV 28:17b · Cross-ref.** 28:15b.
117 **RV 28:18 · Cross-ref.** 28:15.
118 **RV 28:21 · Cross-ref.** 2Sa 5:20; 1Ch 14:11.
119 **RV 28:21 · Cross-ref.** Josh 10:10-12.
120 **LV 28:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **טיש**: (x-qere) **טֹאשׁ**: lemma_7752 morph_HNcmsa id_23VHs **טֹאשׁ**
121 **LV 28:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רבע**: (x-qere) **רֹבֵעַ**: lemma_5674 a n_0.1.0 morph_HVqi3ms id_236WH **רֹבֵעַ**

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thing?
Does he just continue to break up and harrow his land?
25 Doesn't he level its surface and scatter fennel and sow cumin,
and put the wheat in rows and the barley in plots, and spelt around the border?
26 Yes, his god instructs him,
he teaches him to make good decisions.
27 Fennel isn't threshed with a threshing board,
nor is a cart wheel rolled over cumin,
but rather, fennel is beaten with a stick,
and cumin with a rod.
28 Grain for bread must be ground because anyone threshing it doesn't keep at it forever.
He can run his cart wheel over it and his horses don't crush it.
29 That too comes from Commander-in-chief Yahweh
who gives good advice—he has great wisdom.

The siege of Yerushalem

29:1 You won't end well Ariel—the town where David camped.
Year follows year—let the holidays come around,
2 but I'll bring distress to Ariel
and there'll be mourning and wailing
and it'll become like an altar hearth[122] to me.
3 Then I'll get troops to camp all around you and besiege you—building towers and ramps against your fortified walls.
4 You'll be brought down and will speak from the ground,
and your words will come from the dust.
Your voice will sound like a spirit speaking out of the ground,
and your speech will whisper from the dust.
5 But the multitude of foreigners will be like fine dust,
and that mass of ruthless people will be like chaff that gets blown away.
and it will happen so suddenly.
6 Commander-in-chief Yahweh will send thunder, an earthquake, and a loud noise,
a strong gale, a windstorm and a fire burning things up.
7 It'll be like a dream—a vision in the night.
Many of the world's nations will go to war against Ariel.
All those will attack its fortifications and put her under distress.
8 It'll be like a hungry person dreaming and eating in the dream, then waking up with an empty stomach.
Or like a thirsty person dreaming and drinking in the dream, then waking up with a dry throat and feeling faint.
That's what it'll be like for all those nations which go to war against Mt. Tsiyon (Zion).

Compromised prophets

9 Astonish yourselves and be astonished.
Blind yourselves and be blind.
Get drunk, but not with wine.

Literal Version

_scatter black_cumin and_cumin does_he_sprinkle and_does_
_he_put wheat a_row and_barley an_appointed_place and_spelt border_of_its. **26** And_he_instructs_him to_judgement his/its_
_god he_teaches_him. **27** If/because not with_(the)_sledge black_cumin it_is_threshed and_a_wheel_of a_cart over cumin it_is_turned if/because with_staff black_cumin it_is_beaten_out and_cumin with_rod. **28** bread it_is_crushed if/because not to_
perpetuity continually(thresh) anyone_threshes_it and_he_
_sets_in_motion the_wheel_of his_cart_of_his and_horses_of_
_his not he_crushes_it. **29** Also this from_with **YHWH** soldiers/messengers it_has_gone_out he_has_made_wonderful counsel he_has_made_great sound_wisdom.

29:1 Woe_to 'Arī'ēl 'Arī'ēl the_town_of Dāvid (of)_where_he_
_camped add year to year festivals let_them_go_around. **2** And_
_I_will_bring_distress to_'Arī'ēl and_it_will_be mourning and_
_lamentation and_it_will_be to/for_me like_an_altar_hearth.
3 And_I_will_encamp like_circle on_you and_I_will_lay_siege on_you siege-works and_I_will_raise on_you fortifications.
4 And_you_will_become_low from_the_ground you_will_speak and_from_the_dust utterance_of_your it_will_be_humbled and_
_it_was like_a_necromancer from_the_ground voice_of_your and_from_the_dust utterance_of_your it_will_whisper. **5** And_
_it_was like_dust fine the_multitude_of your_strangers and_
_will_be_like_chaff which_passes_away the_multitude_of ruthless_people and_it_was to_suddenness suddenly. **6** From_
_with **YHWH** soldiers/messengers it_will_be_visited with_
_thunder and_with_earthquake and_a_sound great a_
_storm-wind and_a_tempest and_a_flame_of fire devouring.
7 And_it_was like_a_dream a_vision_of the_night the_
_multitude_of all_of the_nations which_go_to_war on 'Arī'ēl and_all those_of_who_go_to_war_against_it and_stronghold_of_
_its and_those_who_bring_distress to/for_her/it. **8** And_it_was just_as the_hungry_person he_dreams and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_is_eating and_he_awakes and_is_empty appetite_of_his and_
_as_which the_thirsty_person he_dreams and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_is_drinking and_he_awakes and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_is_
_faint and_throat_of_his is_longing so it_will_be the_multitude_
_of all_of the_nations which_go_to_war on the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion).

9 Delay and_be_astonished blind_yourselves and_be_blind people_have_become_drunk and_not wine people_have_
_staggered and_not strong_drink. **10** If/because he_has_
_poured_out on_you(pl) **YHWH** a_spirit_of deep_sleep and_he_

122 RV 29:2 · Note Here we use one of the possible translations of ''Arī'ēl' (rather than transliterating it as a name), but none of those three possible options seem to make a lot of sense.

Literal Version

_has_shut ~~DOM~~ your(pl)_eyes ~~DOM~~ the_prophets and_~~DOM~~ heads_
_of_your(pl) the_seers he_has_covered. **11** And_it_became
to/for_you(pl) the_vision_of the_whole like_the_
_words/messages_of the_scroll (the)_sealed which people_give
~~DOM~~_him/it to one_who_knows_of the[127] to_say read_aloud
please this and_saying(ms) not I_am_able if/because it is_
sealed. **12** And the_scroll _it_is_given to one_who not he_
_knows writing to_say read_aloud please this and_saying(ms)
not I_know writing. **13** And_ my_master _he/it_said because
if/because the_people the_this it_has_drawn_near with_
_mouth_of_its and_with_lips_of_its they_have_honoured_me
and_heart_of_its it_has_made_far_away from_me and_ fearing_
_their ~~DOM~~_me _it_became a_command_of people which_has_
_been_taught. **14** For_so/thus/hence HERE_I he_will_repeat to_
_deal_wonderfully_with ~~DOM~~ the_people the_this very_(deal_
_wonderfully) and_a_wonder and_ the_wisdom_of its_wise_
_people _it_will_perish and_the_understanding_of its_
_understanding_people it_will_hide_itself.

15 Woe_to those_who_make_deep from_**YHWH** to_hide a_plan
and_it_was in_a_dark_place deeds_of_their and_they_said who
is_seeing_of_us and_who is_knowing_of_us. **16** Perversity_of_
_your(pl) (if) like_clay_of the_potter will_he_be_regarded
that/for/because/then/when a_thing_made it_will_say to_the_
_one_of_who_made_it not he_made_me and_a_pot it_said to_
_potter_of_its not he_has_understood. **17** Am_not yet a_little_of
a_little and_ Lə·vānōn _it_will_turn into_orchard and_the_
_orchard to_forest it_will_be_considered. **18** And_they_will_
_hear in_day (the)_that the_deaf_people the_words/messages_
_of a_scroll and_from_gloom and_from_darkness the_eyes_of
blind_people they_will_see. **19** And_ humble_people _they_will_
add in**YHWH** joy and_needy_people_of humankind in_the_
_holy_one_of Yisrā·ēl/(Israel) they_will_be_glad. **20** If/because
the_ruthless_person he_will_come_to_an_end and_ the_mocker
_he_will_come_to_an_end and_ all_of those_who_lie_in_wait_of
wickedness _they_will_be_cut_off. **21** Those_who_cause_to_sin_
_of (of)_a_person with_a_message and_for_who]_adjudicates
in_gate they_lay_a_trap and_they_have_turned_aside with_
_emptiness the_righteous_person. **22** For_so/thus/hence thus
YHWH he_says to the_house_of Ya·a qov/(Jacob) who he_
_redeemed ~~DOM~~ 'Av·rāhām not now Ya·a qov it_will_be_ashamed
and_not now his/its_faces/face they_will_grow_pale.
23 If/because when_sees_it children_of_its the_work_of my_
_hands_of_my in_midst_of_its they_will_regard_as_holy name_

Readers' Version

Stagger, but not from strong drink,
10 because Yahweh has poured a spirit of deep sleep out onto you all,
and has shut your prophets' eyes,[123]
and has covered your visionaries' heads.
11 Then to you all, the entire vision will be like the words sealed in a scroll—
if it's handed to a person who's educated to read out, they'll say, 'I can't, because it is sealed up.'
12 ^Or if the scroll is given to an uneducated person to read out, they'll say, 'I can't read.'
13 My master says,
"Yes, those people come close to me with what their mouths say,
and honour me with lipservice,
but their heart is far from me,
and their respect for me is just something that they've been taught to do.[124]
14 Because of that, I'll confound those people again with wonder after wonder.
The wisdom of the wise will vanish,
and the intelligence of the intelligent will be hidden."[125][126]

Hope for the future

15 Those who keep their plans down deep to hide them from Yahweh, won't end well,
and they did what they wanted in dark places, saying, "Who can see us? Who could know what we're doing?"
16 Your thinking is crazy!
It's as if the potter's clay, the thing that was made by him, would be considered to say, 'He didn't make me.'
Or if the pot said to the potter, 'He doesn't understand.'[128]
17 Hasn't it been just a little while,
and Levanon will turn into an orchard,
and the orchard will be considered as a forest?[129]
18 At that time, deaf people will be able to hear the words from a scroll,
and from their gloom and darkness, the eyes of blind people will be able to see.
19 The people of low status will be happy again because of Yahweh,
and the poor people among us will celebrate because of Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one,
20 because ruthless people and mockers will come to an end,
and all those who plan wicked schemes will be eliminated—
21 those who give false evidence against a person,

123 **RV 29:10 · Cross-ref.** Rom 11:8.

124 **RV 29:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 15:8-9; Mrk 7:6-7.

125 **RV 29:14 · Note** Septuagint: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will hide the intelligence of the intelligent. Cited in 1 Corinthians 1:19.

126 **RV 29:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 1:19.

127 **LV 29:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: רִפְּס/ה: (x-qere) 'רֻפָּס': lemma_5612 a n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmsa id_238B7 רֻפָּס

128 **RV 29:16 · Cross-ref.** Isa 45:9; Rom 9:20.

129 **RV 29:17 · Cross-ref.** 32:15.

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and lay a trap at the city gate for the person who arbitrates,
and who deprive the innocent person of justice.
22 That's why Yahweh (who redeemed Avraham) says this to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants:
"My people will no longer be ashamed—
no longer will their faces be pale with fear,
23 because when they see their children who are the result of my work among them,
they will regard my name and reputation as sacred
and they will regard me as sacred and will show respect to me.
24 Then those whose spirits go astray, will know understanding,
and those who murmur will learn insight.

Yehudah's worthless treaty with Mitsrayim

30:1 Yahweh declares that you rebellious children won't end well.
You're making plans that don't come from me,
and pouring out drink offerings but not by my spirit,
thus adding disobedience to disobedience.
2 Those who go down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) didn't ask my advice,
before trying to reach safety with Par'oh (Pharaoh),
and trying to find security in Mitsrayim's shadow.
3 But Par'oh's safety will bring you all shame,
and Mitsrayim's security will bring you all humiliation,
4 because its officials have been in Tsoan,
and its messengers have reached Hanes.
5 Everyone will be ashamed because of a nation that won't benefit them—
not help, nor advantage, but shame and even disgrace.
6 This is a message about the Negev desert's animals:
In the area of trouble and danger
from the lioness and the lion,
and the viper and the flying serpent,
they carry their wealth on donkeys' shoulders
and their treasures on camels' humps,
to a nation that can't help them.
7 Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) 'help' is futile and meaningless,
so I've called her 'Rahav who just sits there'.

The disobedient people

8 Now go to them and write it on a tablet—
inscribe it on a scroll
so that it'll be there for a future day—
something that'll endure forever
9 because this is a rebellious nation.
They're lying children—unwilling to listen to Yahweh's instructions,
10 who tell those who see visions, "Don't see."
And tell the prophets, "Don't show us 'what's right'—
Just flatter us and give us deceptive messages."

Literal Version

_of_my and_they_will_regard_as_holy ᵈᵒᵐ the_holy_one_of Ya'ₐqov and_ᵈᵒᵐ the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_regard_ _with_awe. **24** And_ those_who_go_astray_of spirit _they_will_ _know understanding and_those_who_murmur they_will_learn insight.

30:1 Woe_to children who_are_rebellious the_utterance_of **YHWH** for_doing a_plan and_not from_me and_by_pouring_out a_libation and_not my_breath/wind/spirit so_as to_add sin to sin. **2** Those_who_go to_go_down Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _mouth_of_my not they_have_consulted to_reach_safety in_ _the_refuge_of Par'oh and_to_seek_refuge in_the_shadow_of Mitsrayim. **3** And_it_was to/for_you(pl) the_refuge_of Par'oh (into)_shame and_the_refuge in_the_shadow_of Mitsrayim (into)_ignominy. **4** If/because they_have_been in_Tso'an/(Zoan) officials_of_its and_messengers_of_its Ḥānēṣ they_have_ _reached. **5** Everyone he_will_be_ashamed[130] on a_people which_not they_will_confer_profit to_them not for_help and_ _not to_confer_profit if/because for_shame and_also for_ _reproach. **6** The_oracle_of the_animals_of the_Negev in_land trouble and_distress lion and_lion from_them viper and_ _serpent flying they_carry on the_shoulder_of male_donkeys wealth(s)_of_their and_on the_hump_of camels treasures_of_ _their to a_people which_not they_will_confer_profit. **7** And_ _Mitsrayim futility and_emptiness they_will_help for_ _so/thus/hence I_call (to)_this_one Rahav they a_sitting_still.

8 Now go write_it on a_tablet with_them and_on a_scroll inscribe_it so_that_it_may_be for_a_day future forever_ever until perpetuity. **9** If/because is_a_people_of rebellion it children lying children who_not they_have_been_willing to_ _hear the_law_of **YHWH**. **10** Who they_have_said to_seers not you(pl)_must_see and_to_seers not you(pl)_must_see to/for_us straightforwardness(es) speak to/for_us flattering_ _words/messages see deception(s). **11** Turn_away from the_way turn_aside from the_path cause_to_cease from_before_of_us ᵈᵒᵐ the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **12** For_so/thus/hence thus the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says because you_ _have_rejected (in)_message the_this and_you(pl)_have_trusted in_oppression and_that_which_is_crooked and_you(pl)_have_

130 LV 30:5 · Note OSHB variant note: שיאבה: (x-qere) שִׁיבָה: lemma_954 n_1.1 morph_HVhp3ms id_23ozE שִׁיבָה

Literal Version

_depended on/upon/above_him/it. **13** For_so/thus/hence it_
_will_become to/for_you(pl) the_iniquity the_this like_a_
_breach which_is_about_to_fall a_bulging in_a_wall high which
suddenly to_suddenness breaking_of_its it_will_come. **14** And_
_someone_will_break_it like_the_breaking_of a_jar potters
crushed which_not anyone_will_spare and_not it_will_be_found
among_fragment[s]_of_its a_potsherd to_snatch_up fire from_
_a_fireplace and_to_draw water from_a_cistern. **15** If/because
thus my_master **YHWH** the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_
_says in_returning and_quietness you(pl)_will_be_delivered in_
_being_quiet and_in_trusting it_will_be strength_of_your(pl)
and_not you(pl)_were_willing. **16** And_you(pl)_said no
if/because on horse[s] we_will_flee therefore
yes/correct/thus/so you(pl)_will_flee and_on swift_horses we_
_will_ride therefore yes/correct/thus/so those_of_who_
_pursue_you(pl) they_will_prove_swift. **17** A_thousand one
from_face/in_front_of the_threat_of one from_face/in_front_of
the_threat_of five you(pl)_will_flee until (if) you(pl)_have_
_been_left like_flagstaff on the_top_of (the)_mountain and_
_like_standard on (the)_hill.

18 And_therefore **YHWH** he_is_waiting to_show_favour_to_
_you(pl) and_therefore he_is_rising_up to_have_compassion_
_on_you(pl) if/because is_a_god_of justice **YHWH** how_blessed
are_all_of those_who_wait_of to_him/it. **19** If/because a_people
in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) it_will_dwell in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
certainly_(weep) not you_will_weep certainly_(show_favour)
he_will_show_favour_to_you to_sound/voice of_your_crying_
_out just_as_he_hears he_will_answer_you. **20** And_he/it_gave
to/for_you(pl) my_master bread distress and_water oppression
and_not he_will_hide_himself again teachers_of_your and_
eyes_of_your _they_will_be seeing ~~ḏōm~~ teachers_of_your.
21 And_ears_of_your they_will_hear a_message from_behind_
_you to_say this is_the_way walk in_him/it if/because you(pl)_
_will_go_to_the_right and_because/when you(pl)_will_go_to_
_the_left. **22** And_you(pl)_will_make_unclean ~~ḏōm~~ the_plating_
_of the_images_of your_silver_of_your and_~~ḏōm~~ the_sheathing_
_of the_molten_image_of your_gold_of_your you_will_throw_
_them_away like a_menstrual_rag filth you_will_say to_him/it.
23 And_he/it_gave the_rain_of your(ms)_seed/fruit which you_
_will_sow ~~ḏōm~~ the_soil and_food the_produce_of the_soil and_
_it_was fat and_fat livestock_of_your it_will_graze in_the_day
(the)_that pasture broad. **24** And_the_cattle(s) and_the_male_
_donkeys which_till_of the_soil fodder_of salted they_will_eat
which someone_has_been_winnowing with_shovel and_with_
_pitchfork. **25** And_it_was on every_of mountain high[131] and_on
every_of hill lifted_up streams watercourses_of water in/on_

Readers' Version

11 Turn off the road.
Go on a different path.
Keep Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one away from us.
12 Therefore Yisrael's holy one says,
"Because you've all rejected this message
and have trusted in oppression and perversion and depended on it,
13 then that disobedience will become your downfall,
→like a bulge in a high wall that will at some unexpected time, suddenly come smashing down.
14 It'll be like the smashing of a clay jar—completely shattered.
Among the fragments, a person wouldn't be able to find a piece big enough to pick up a hot coal from the fire,
or to dip some water out of a cistern to drink."
15 So this is what Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one says,
"You'll all be saved by returning and quietly waiting.
Your strength will come from quietness and confidence,
→but you all weren't willing.
16 You all said, 'Nah, we'll flee away on horses,'
and indeed you all will flee,
and you said, 'We'll ride on swift horses,'
but those who chase after you all will prove to be swifter.
17 A thousand will flee from the threat of just one.
You'll all flee from the threat of five of the enemy
until you're left like a lone flagstaff on the top of a mountain
or like a banner poked into a hill."

Yahweh will bless his people

18 And yet Yahweh is waiting to show favour to you all,
so he takes action to show you mercy
because Yahweh is a god of justice.
Those who wait for him to rescue them will be blessed,
19 because people will live in Tsiyon (Zion)—in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
You certainly won't weep anymore because at the sound of your crying out, he'll show favour to you.
As soon as he hears, he'll answer you.
20 My master will give you distress for your food
and oppression for your water,
and your teacher will no longer hide himself,
so you'll see him will your own eyes.
21 Your ears will hear a command coming from behind you saying,
'That's the right way to go,'
so you'll be guided whether you go to the right or to the left.
22 Then you all will desecrate your silver-plated idols
and your gold-sheathed images.
You'll throw them away like a menstrual rag
and you'll say, 'You piece of filth!'
23 Then he'll give you rain for the seed that you've planted in

131 LV 30:25 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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the ground,
→and the soil will produce plenty of food,
and your livestock will graze in wide pastures at that time.
24 The bulls and the male donkeys that till the ground
→will eat human-quality grain that's been properly winnowed.
25 On every high mountain and every substantial hill,
there'll be streams flowing with water,
at the time of much slaughter when fortified towers are defeated.
26 The light from the moon will be like the light from the sun,
and the sun's light will be seven times brighter
at the time when Yahweh bandages up his people's fracture
and when he heals their severe wound.

Yahweh's judgement for Ashur

27 Look, Yahweh is coming from far away.
He's very angry and his weight ascends.
His lips are full of indignation
and his tongue is like a consuming fire.
28 His breath is like a rushing river that comes up to the neck,
to sift the nations in a sieve that separates out worthlessness,
and with a bridle in the people's jaws to lead them astray.
29 You'll all have your own song like you would at a religious festival,
and be happy inside like when someone walks to Yahweh's mountain with their flute—
going to Yisrael's (Israel's) rock that gives protection.
30 Then Yahweh will make his majestic voice heard
and lowering his arm, he'll reveal his raging anger and the consuming flame,
as well as a windstorm, a rainstorm, and a hailstorm,
31 because Yahweh's voice will shatter Ashur (Assyria)—
he'll strike them with a rod.
32 With every stroke from the punishing rod that he puts across them,
there'll be tambourines and harps as he fights them in battle—brandishing his arm,
33 because a cremation place was arranged long ago.
Indeed, it's been prepared for the Assyrian king.
Its funeral pyre is deep and wide with the firewood piled high.
Yahweh's breath will ignite it like a stream of burning sulphur.

Yahweh's protection of Yerushalem

31:1 Those who go down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) for help won't end well.
They depend on horses and rely on chariots that are many,
and on cavalry that are very numerous,
but they don't look towards Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one,
and they don't request help from Yahweh.
2 Yahweh is also wise and he brought calamity.
He hasn't changed his mind since his messages

Literal Version

day slaughter great when towers _fall. **26** And_it_was the_
_light_of the_moon like_the_light_of the_sun and_the_light_of
the_sun it_will_be sevenfold like_the_light_of seven_of the_
_days in/on_day **YHWH** binds_up ~~DOM~~ the_fracture_of his_
_people_of_his and_the_wound_of his_wound_of_his he_will_
_heal.

27 THERE the_name_of **YHWH** is_coming from_a_distance
anger_of_his is_burning and_is_weight lifting_up lips_of_his
they_are_full indignation and_tongue_of_his is_like_a_fire
consuming. **28** And_breath_of_his is_like_a_torrent overflowing
to the_neck it_reaches for_shaking nations in_a_sieve_of
worthlessness and_a_halter which_misleads on the_jaws_of
peoples. **29** (The)_song it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) like_the_
_night_of is_consecrated a_festival and_gladness_of heart like_
_who]_walks with_flute to_go on_the_mountain_of **YHWH** to
the_rock_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **30** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_cause_to_
_hear ~~DOM~~ the_majesty_of his_voice_of_his and_the_lowering_of
his_arm_of_his he_will_show with_rage_of anger and_a_flame_
_of fire consuming a_driving_storm and_a_rainstorm and_
_stone_of hail. **31** If/because from_the_voice_of **YHWH**
'Ashshūr it_will_be_shattered with_rod he_will_strike. **32** And_
_it_was every_of blow_of the_staff_of appointment which
YHWH he_will_place on/upon/above_him/it with_
_tambourines and_with_harps and_with_battles_of brandishing
he_will_fight in/on/at/with[132]. **33** If/because has_been_
_arranged from_yesterday a_place_of_burning also it[133] to/for_
_the_king it_has_been_prepared someone_has_made_it_deep
someone_has_made_it_large pile_of_its_wood fire and_wood(s)
is_much the_breath_of **YHWH** like_a_torrent_of sulfur is_
_about_to_burn (in)_it.

31:1 Woe_to those_who_go_down Mitsrayim/(Egypt) for_help
on horses they_depend and_they_have_relied on chariotry
if/because it_is_many and_on horsemen if/because they_are_
_numerous exceedingly and_not they_look on the_holy_one_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_~~DOM~~ **YHWH** not they_seek. **2** And_also he
is_wise and_he/it_brought calamity and_~~DOM~~ words/messages_
_of_his not he_has_turned_aside and_he_will_rise_up on the_
_house_of evil-doers and_on the_help_of those_who_do_of (of)_
_wickedness. **3** And_Mitsrayim is_humankind and_not god and_

132 **LV 30:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ב: (x-qere) ם֫/ב': lemma_b n_0 morph_HR/Sp3mp id_231Ff ם֫/ב
133 **LV 30:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: אוה: (x-qere) אֶ֫יהָ': lemma_1931 n_1.0.0 morph_HPp3fs id_23xk4 אֶ֫יהָ

Literal Version

_horses_of_their are_flesh and_not spirit and_**YHWH** he_will_
_stretch_out his/its_hand and_ the_one_who_helps _he_will_
stumble and the_one_who_is_helped _he_will_fall and_
_together of_them_of_all they_will_come_to_an_end.
4 If/because thus **YHWH** he_has_said to_me just_as the_lion
and_the_young_lion it_growls over prey_of_its that it_is_
_summoned on/upon/above_him/it a_multitude_of shepherds
from_voice_of_their not it_is_dismayed and_from_tumult_of_
_their not it_cringes so **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_will_
_come_down to_go_to_war on the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion)
and_on hill_of_its. **5** Like_birds flying so **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers he_will_defend (on)
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_will_defend_it and_he_will_
_rescue_it he_will_pass_over_it and_he_will_deliver_it. **6** Return
to_the_one_whom people_have_made_deep rebellion Oh_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** If/because in_the_day (the)_that
they_will_reject everyone the_idols_of his_silver_of_his and_
_the_idols_of his_gold_of_his which they_have_made to/for_
_you(pl) hands_of_your(pl) sin. **8** And_ 'Ashshūr _it_will_fall by_
_a_sword not a_human and_a_sword not a_human it_will_
_consume_it and_it_will_flee to_him/it from_face/in_front_of
a_sword and_its_young_of_men (into)_forced_labour they_will_
_become. **9** And_rock_of_its from_terror it_will_pass_away and_
_they_will_be_dismayed from_a_standard commanders_of_its
the_utterance_of **YHWH** who fire to_him/it in_Tsiyyōn and_
_an_oven to_him/it in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

32:1 THERE for_righteousness a_king he_will_reign and_to_
_rulers for_justice they_will_rule. **2** And_it_was each like_a_
_hiding_place_of a_wind and_a_shelter_of a_rainstorm like_
_streams_of water in_a_dry_land like_the_shadow_of a_rock
heavy in_land weary. **3** And_not the_eyes_of those_who_see
they_will_look and_the_ears_of those_who_hear they_will_pay_
_attention. **4** And_the_heart_of hasty_people it_will_
_understand to_know and_(the)_tongue stammerers it_will_
_hasten to_speak clear_words/messages. **5** Not it_will_be_called
again to_a_fool noble and_of_a_scoundrel not a_noble_person
it_will_be_said. **6** If/because a_fool disgraceful_folly he_speaks
and_heart_of_his it_does wickedness for_doing godlessness
and_by_speaking concerning **YHWH** error by_keeping_empty
the_appetite_of the_hungry and_drink the_thirsty he_deprives.
7 And_a_scoundrel weapons_of_his are_evil he evil_purposes
he_plans to_ruin afflicted_people[134] with_words/messages_of
falsehood and_when_ the_needy _speaks justice. **8** And_a_
_noble_person noble_deeds he_plans and_he on noble_deeds
he_stands.

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and he'll take action against the place of evil-doers
and against those who do wicked things.
3 Mitsrayim (Egypt) is human and not a god.
Their horses are physical and not spiritual
and Yahweh will stretch out his hand and the ones trying to help will stumble,
and the ones being helped will be defeated,
→and all of them will die together.
4 Because this is what Yahweh has told me,
"As a lion growls and the young lion growls over its prey,
even if a large group of shepherds shout at it,
→it's not put off by their voices
and it doesn't cringe because of the commotion they make,
→so too Commander-in-chief Yahweh will descend to go to war on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) and its hill.
5 Just like birds do, Commander-in-chief Yahweh will protect Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
He'll defend and rescue it—passing over it and saving it."
6 You Israeli people, return to the one that you've seriously rebelled against, **7** because at that time, everyone will reject their gold and silver idols that you've all made with your disobedient hands.
8 Then Ashur (Assyria) will fall from a sword (but not a human one),
and a sword (not a human one) will destroy it.
It will flee away from that sword,
and its young men will become forced labour.
9 Their security will pass away from terror,
and their officers will be dismayed from seeing the banner flying.
That's the declaration from Yahweh who has fire in Tsiyon (Zion)
and a furnace in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Predicting an honest government

32:1 Listen, a king will reign with fairness,
and officials will rule with justice.
2 Each of them will be like a hiding place from the wind
and a shelter in a rainstorm.
They'll be like streams in the desert,
and like the shade from a large rock in an arid land.
3 Then won't the eyes of those who see, look,
and the ears of those who hear, pay attention?
4 Then the heart of the hasty will understand knowledge,
and the tongue of stutterers will speak fluently and clearly.
5 The fool won't be called 'noble' any more,
and scoundrels will no longer be respected,
6 because the fool speaks foolishness
and his heart plans disobedience for doing ungodly things
and by speaking error about Yahweh.
He keeps those empty who have a hungry appetite,
and he deprives those who are thirsty.

134 **LV 32:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ם׳יונע**: (x-qere) **'ם׳יִינֲע**: lemma_6041 n_0.1.0 morph_HAampa id_237qo **ם׳יִינֲע**

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7 As for the scoundrel, evil is his weapon.
He plans to ruin those already suffering with false stories,
and speaks against justice for the needy.
8 In contrast, the honourable person plans to do honourable things,
and they will stand on those noble actions.

Yerushalem's women in despair

9 Take action, you carefree women.
Listen to my voice you confident daughters.
Pay attention to what I have to say.
10 In just over a year you confident women will be agitated
because the grape harvest will fail and the fruit gathering won't happen.
11 Tremble you carefree women.
Be agitated you confident women.
Strip yourselves bare then put sackcloth around your waists.
12 Beat your breasts with grief over the pleasant fields
and over the fruitful grapevines.
13 My people's land has thorns and thistles growing up over it—
even in all the happy homes in the cheery town,
14 because the palace will be abandoned.
The busy city will be deserted.
The hill and the watchtower will forever be like caves—
a delight for the wild donkeys and a pasture for the flocks
15 until the spirit is poured down on us from up high,
and the wilderness becomes an orchard,
and the orchard is considered as a forest.[135]
16 Then justice will live in the wilderness,
and righteousness will stay in the orchard.
17 The result of their doing what's right will be peace,
and the service of righteousness will be quietness and permanent security.
18 Then my people will live peacefully,
and in secure homes and undisturbed resting places.
19 It will hail when the forest comes down,
and the city will be completely levelled.
20 You all who sow wherever there's water, will be blessed—
you all who untie your cow and donkey to give them free range.

Yahweh pushes Ashur away

33:1 The destroyer won't end well, but you haven't been destroyed.
The one who acts treacherously hasn't been dealt with treacherously.
When you finish destroying, that's when you'll be destroyed.
When you've stopped dealing treacherously, that's when people will deal treacherously with you.
2 Yahweh, show your favour to us because we've waited for your help.

Literal Version

9 Oh_women carefree arise hear my_sound/voice Oh_daughters confident give_ear_to my_speech/discourse. **10** Days with a_ _year you(pl)_will_be_agitated Oh_confident_women if/because the_grape_harvest it_will_fail the_gathering not it_will_come. **11** Tremble Oh_carefree_women be_agitated Oh_confident_ _women strip_off and_lay_yourselves_bare(pl) and_gird on loins. **12** On breasts mourning on fields_of desire on vine[s] fruitful. **13** On the_land_of my_people_of_my which_thorns thorn[s] it_will_grow_up if/because on all_of the_houses_of joy a_town exultant. **14** If/because the_palace it_will_be_ _abandoned the_tumult_of the_city it_will_be_abandoned the_ _hill and_the_watchtower it_will_become behind caves until perpetuity a_joy_of wild_donkeys a_pasture_of flocks. **15** Until it_will_be_poured_out on_us spirit from_a_high_place and_it_ _was the_wilderness (into)_orchard and[136] to_forest it_will_be_ _considered. **16** And_it_will_dwell in_wilderness justice and_ _righteousness in_orchard it_will_remain. **17** And_it_was the_ _work_of (the)_righteousness peace and_the_labour_of (the)_ _righteousness will_be_quietness and_security until perpetuity. **18** And_ people_of_my _it_will_dwell in_a_habitation_of peace and_in_dwelling_places_of securiti(es) and_in_resting_places_of undisturbed. **19** And_it_will_hail when_ the_forest _comes_ _down and_with_lowness the_city it_will_become_low. **20** How_ _of_blessed_are_you(pl) Oh_you(pl)_who_sow_of at every_of water Oh_you(pl)_who_let_untie/release_of (of)_the_foot_of the_ox and_the_donkey.

33:1 Woe_to the_destroyer and_you(ms) not have_been_ _destroyed and_the_one_who_acts_treacherously and_not people_have_dealt_treacherously in_him/it just_as_you_finish destroying you_will_be_destroyed just_as_you_complete to_ _deal_treacherously people_will_deal_treacherously with_you. **2** Oh_**YHWH** show_favour_to_us to/for_yourself(m) we_have_ _waited be arm_of_their to_mornings also salvation_of_our in_ _a_time_of distress. **3** From_the_sound_of tumult peoples they_ _flee from_arising_of_your nations they_were_scattered. **4** And_ plunder_of_your(pl) _it_will_be_gathered (the)_gathering_of

135 RV 32:15 · Cross-ref. 29:17.

136 LV 32:15 · Note OSHB variant note: לְמִרְכַּ/וֹ: (x-qere) לָמֶרַכ/הָ/וֹ: lemma_c/d/3759 n_0.0 morph_HC/Td/Ncmsa id_23N8o לָמֶרַכ/הָ/וֹ

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(the)_locust[s] like_the_rushing_of locusts someone_will_be_
_rushing in/on/over_him/it. **5** **YHWH** is_exalted if/because he_
_is_dwelling a_high_place he_will_fill Tsiyyōn/(Zion) justice
and_righteousness. **6** And_it_was the_steadiness_of your(pl)_
_times_of_your wealth_of deliverance(s) wisdom_of and_
_knowledge the_fear_of **YHWH** it be_his_treasure_of_will.
7 THERE their_valiant_one they_have_cried_out outside_to_the
messengers_of peace bitter they_weep. **8** Highways they_have_
_been_made_desolate one_who_passes_by_of a_path he_has_
_ceased someone_has_broken a_covenant someone_has_
_rejected cities not anyone_has_valued humankind. **9** It_has_
_dried_up the_land it_has_languished Ləvānōn it_has_
_displayed_shame it_has_withered (the)_Shārōn it_has_become
like_(the)_plain and_is_ Bāshān and_Karmel/(Carmel) _
_shaking_off.

10 Now I_will_arise **YHWH** he_says now I_will_exalt_myself
now I_will_lift_myself_up. **11** You(pl)_will_conceive dry_grass
you(pl)_will_give_birth_to stubble breath_of_your(pl) is_a_fire
which_it_will_consume_you(pl). **12** And_they_will_be peoples
burnings_of lime thorns cut_down with_fire they_will_be_
_kindled. **13** Hear Oh_distant_ones that_which I_have_done
and_know Oh_near_ones strength_of_my. **14** They_are_in_dread
in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) sinners trembling it_has_seized godless_
_people who will_he_sojourn to/for_us a_fire_of consuming
who will_he_sojourn to/for_us hearths_of perpetuity. **15** one_
_who_walks righteousness(es) and_one_who_speaks
uprightness(es) one_who_rejects (in)_unjust_gain_of
extortion(s) one_who_shakes palms_of_his from_taking_hold
on_bribe one_who_shuts ear_of_his from_hearing blood(s) and_
_one_who_shuts eyes_of_his from_looking on_evil. **16** He high_
_places he_will_dwell will_be_strongholds_of cliffs refuge_of_
_his food_of_his will_be_given water_of_his will_be_reliable.

17 A_king in_beauty_of_his eyes_of_your they_will_see they_
_will_see a_land_of distances. **18** Heart_of_your it_will_
_meditate_on terror where is_one_who_counted where is_one_
_who_weighed where is_one_who_counted ~~DOM~~ the_towers.
19 ~~DOM~~ a_people barbarous not you_will_see a_people too_
_deep_of_language for_hearing stammering_of tongue there_is_
_not understanding. **20** See Tsiyyōn the_town_of our_
_appointed_feast_of_our eyes_of_your they_will_see
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_habitation undisturbed a_tent
which_not anyone_will_pack_up which_not pegs_of_its_tent

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Be our strength each morning as well as our rescuer when trouble comes.
3 The peoples flee when they hear the commotion.
When you took action, the nations were scattered.
4 You all gather the plunder like locusts—
like locusts swarming in over it.
5 Yahweh is praised because he lives in a high place.
He will rule Tsiyon (Zion) by doing what's both right and fair.
6 He will be your constant source of stability—
a large supply of security, wisdom, and knowledge.
Respect and honour for Yahweh will be its treasure.
7 Look, their warriors have cried outside—
the messengers of peace weep bitterly.
8 The highways are deserted—
no one is going past on the paths.
Agreements are broken, people avoid cities, no one values people.
9 The land has dried up and become unproductive.
Levanon is ashamed and has withered.
The Sharon plain is like the desert,
and Bashan and Karmel are losing their leaves.

Yahweh warns his enemies

10 "Now I'll take action" says Yahweh.
"Now I'll be praised.
Now I'll be elevated.
11 You'll all conceive chaff and give birth to stubble.
Your breath is a fire that will devour you all.
12 The people will be burnt down into ashes,
like thorn bushes cut down and burnt in a heap.
13 You who are far away, listen to what I've done.
^and you all who are nearby, feel my strength."
14 The sinners in Tsiyon (Zion) are very afraid—
trembling has seized the godless.
"How can we stay in this place with a devouring fire?
Which of us can live with continual burning?"
15 The one who does what's right,
and is honest in what they say,
who rejects dishonest gain from extortion,
and who avoids shaking hands on a deal involving a bribe,
who refuses to listen to ideas of murder,
and who won't let his eyes look into evil schemes,
16 that person will live in high places—
the mountain fortress will be their refuge.
They'll have a reliable source of food and water.

The ruling king

17 Your eyes will see the king in his beauty.
They'll see a distant land.
18 Your heart will recall the terror.
"Where's the taxation accountant? Where's the one doing the weighing?
Where's the one who counted the towers?"
19 You'll no longer see those fierce people
whose language is too confusing to comprehend

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and whose sounds are too foreign to understand.
20 Look at Tsiyon (Zion), the town of our festivals.
Your eyes will see Yerushalem (Jerusalem)—a place to live undisturbed.
No tents will be packed up and no tent pegs will ever be pulled out,
and none of its ropes will be snapped.
21 Yahweh the majestic one will be there with us—
a place with rivers and wide canals.
No ship that's rowed will be able to go over it,
and no huge sailing ships will pass along it.
22 Yes, Yahweh is our judge—he's our commander.
Yahweh is our king—he'll rescue us.
23 Your ropes are coming undone—they can't secure the base of the mast.
They can't spread the sail out.
Then the large booty onboard will be divided as plunder—
even lame people will take some spoil.
24 None of the residents will say that they're sick—
the people who live there will be forgiven for their disobedience.

Yahweh punishes his enemies

34:1 Come close you nations to listen.
and you peoples pay attention.
The earth and everything that fills it must listen—
the world and everything that it's produced.
2 Yahweh is very angry at all the nations
and furious at all their armies.
He'll completely destroy them—
he'll hand them over to be slaughtered.
3 Then their slain will be tossed out
and the hills will soak up their blood,
and their corpses will release a stench.
4 All the stars in the sky will rot away,
and the skies will be rolled up like a scroll.
All their objects will wither like leaves falling off a grapevine,
and like withered fruit dropping off a fig tree.[137]
5 Once my sword will have drunk its fill in the skies/heavens,
look, it will descend on Edom and on the people who will receive total destruction as my judgement.[138]
6 Yahweh's sword is full of blood and fattened with fat
from the blood of lambs and goats, and from the fat from rams' kidneys,
because Yahweh has a sacrifice in Batserah,
and a great slaughter in the nation of Edom.
7 Wild bulls will go down with them,
as well as young bulls and powerful ones.
Their land will drink its fill of blood,
and the dust will be smeared with fat,
8 because Yahweh will have his day of vengeance—

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anyone_will_pull_out to_perpetuity and_all ropes_of_its not they_will_be_torn_apart. **21** If/because (if) there will_be_ _majestic **YHWH** to/for_us a_place_of rivers canals broad_of both_sides not it_will_go in/on/over_him/it ship[s]_of rowing and_a_ship majestic not it_will_pass_along_it. **22** If/because **YHWH** is_our_of_judge **YHWH** is_our_of_commander **YHWH** king_of_is_our he he_will_deliver_us. **23** Ropes_of_your they_ _are_untie/release not they_make_firm the_base_of their_ _mast_of_their not they_have_spread_out the_sail then booty_ _of plunder in_abundance_of it_will_be_divided lame_people they_will_take_as_spoil spoil. **24** And_not an_inhabitant he_ _will_say I_am_sick the_people which_dwells in_it will_be_ _forgiven_of iniquity.

34:1 Draw_near Oh_nations to_hear and_Oh_peoples pay_ _attention the_earth/land and_what_of_fills_it the_world and_ _all produce(s)_of_its let_it_hear. **2** If/because severe_anger to/for_**YHWH** towards all_of the_nations and_rage towards every_of their_group/army/objects he_will_totally_destroy_ _them he_will_deliver_them_up to_slaughter. **3** And_their_ _slain_of_ones they_will_be_thrown_out and_corpses_of_their stench_of_their it_will_go_up and_ mountains _they_will_melt_ _away from_blood_of_their. **4** And_ all_of the_ _soldier/messenger_of the_heavens _they_will_rot_away and_ _they_will_be_rolled_up like_scroll the_heavens and_all their_ _group/army/objects it_will_wither as_ leafage _withers from_ _a_vine and_like_withered_fruit from_a_fig_tree. **5** If/because it_has_drunk_its_fill in_the_heavens sword_of_my THERE on 'Edōm it_will_come_down and_on the_people_of my_total_ _destruction_of_my for_judgement. **6** A_sword to/for_**YHWH** it_is_full blood it_has_fattened_itself from_fat from_the_blood_ _of lambs and_goats from_the_fat_of the_kidneys_of rams if/because a_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** in_Botsrāh and_a_ _slaughter great in_land of_'Edōm. **7** And_ wild_oxen _they_ _will_go_down with_them and_young_bulls with mighty_bulls and_ land_of_their _it_will_drink_its_fill from_blood and_dust_ _of_their from_fat it_will_be_fattened. **8** If/because a_day_of vengeance to/for_**YHWH** a_year_of retribution(s) for_the_ _cause_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **9** And_ torrents_of_its _they_will_be_ _changed into_pitch and_dust_of_its into_sulfur and_ land_of_ _its _it_will_become (into)_pitch burning. **10** Night and_by_day not it_will_be_extinguished forever_perpetuity smoke_of_its it_ _will_go_up from_generation to_generation it_will_be_desolate to_perpetuity_of perpetuities there_will_not_be one_who_ _passes in_it. **11** And_they_will_take_possession_of_it wilderness_owl and_hedgehog and_great_owl and_raven they_

137 **RV 34:4 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:29; Mrk 13:25; Luk 21:26; Rev 6:13-14.

138 **RV 34:5-17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 63:1-6; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Amos 1:11-12; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

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_will_dwell in_it and_he_will_stretch_out on/upon_it(f) a_
_measuring-line_of formlessness and_stones_of emptiness.
12 Nobles_of_its and_there_will_not_be there that_which_a_
_kingship people_will_call and_all princes_of_its they_will_be
nothing. **13** And_it_will_grow_up fortresses_of_its thorns
nettle[s] and_thornbush[es] will_be_of_on_its_fortifications
and_it_will_be a_habitation_of jackals grass for_daughters_of
an_ostrich. **14** And_ wilderness-dwellers _they_will_meet DOM
hyenas and_goat to his/its_neighbour it_will_call surely there
the_night-creature it_will_rest and_it_will_find to/for_her/it a_
_resting_place. **15** There_(to) arrow_snake[s] it_will_make_a_
_nest and_it_laid_eggs and_it_will_hatch and_it_will_gather_a_
_brood in_shadow_of_its surely there red_kites they_will_be_
_gathered each companion_of_its. **16** Seek from_under the_
_scroll_of **YHWH** and_read one of_them not it_will_be_missing
each companion_of_its not they_will_miss if/because mouth_
_of_my it it_has_commanded and_spirit_of_his it it_will_
_gather_them. **17** And_he he_has_throw for_them a_lot and_
_hand_of_his it_has_divided_it to/for_them by_measuring-line
until perpetuity they_will_possess_it to_a_generation and_a_
_generation they_will_dwell in_it.

35:1 They_will_rejoice[143] the_wilderness and_the_dry_region
and_ the_wilderness_plain _let_it_be_glad and_it_will_bud like_
_a_crocus. **2** Profusely_(bud) it_will_bud and_let_it_be_glad also
gladness_of and_shouting_for_joy the_glory_of (the)_Ləvānōn
it_will_be_given to/for_her/it the_splendour_of (the)_
Karmel/(Carmel) and(the)_Shārōn they they_will_see the_
_glory_of **YHWH** the_splendour_of our_god_of_our.
3 Strengthen hands slack and_knees which_stumble make_firm.
4 Say to_people_hasty_of heart be_strong do_not be_afraid
HERE god_of_your(pl) vengeance he_will_come the_
_recompense_of god he he_will_come and_he_will_deliver_
_you(pl). **5** Then the_eyes_of blind_people they_will_be_opened
and_the_ears_of deaf_people they_will_be_unstopped. **6** Then
he_will_leap like_deer a_lame_person and_ the_tongue_of a_
_dumb_person _it_will_shout_for_joy if/because they_will_

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a year of retribution for Tsiyon's (Zion's) sake.
9 Its streams will be changed into tar,
and its dust into sulfur,
and its land will become burning pitch.
10 It'll burn night and day and its smoke will permanently go up.[139]
It'll be a wasteland throughout the generations
and no one will ever pass through it again.
11 Desert owls and hedgehogs will take it over—
owls and ravens will live there.
Yahweh will stretch the measuring line of ruin over it
and plumb lines of destruction.
12 Its leading citizens will have nothing left to call a kingdom,
and all its princes will become nobodies.
13 Thorns will grow up its fortresses.
Nettles and thornbushes will grow on its high walls,
and it'll become a place for jackals to live in—
grass for ostriches.
14 Wild animals will meet hyenas,
and the wild goats will bleat to each other.
The lilith owl[140] will rest there,
and find a place for itself to nest.
15 Owls will nest and lay eggs there,
and hatch and brood the chicks in its shade.
Indeed the hawks will gather there with their mates.
16 Look through Yahweh's scroll and read—not one of them will be missing.
Not one will lack its mate because Yahweh has commanded it,
and his spirit will gather them there.
17 He has thrown dice for them,
and his hand divided out their territory with a measuring line.
It'll be theirs forever—they'll live there throughout the generations.

The happiness of those saved by God

35:1 The wilderness and the desert will celebrate,
and the Aravah plain will be happy and blossom like a lily.
2 It will blossom widely and be glad,
even with happiness and cheery shouting.
Levanon's glory will be given to it,
as well as the splendour of Karmel and Sharon.
They will see Yahweh's brightness—the splendour of our god.
3 Strengthen the limp hands,
and steady the stumbling knees.[141]
4 Tell those with anxious hearts,
"Be strong—don't be afraid.
Listen, your god will come with vengeance—

139 **RV 34:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 14:11; 19:3.

140 **RV 34:14 · Note** See article on 'lilith' at https://www.sil.org/resources/publications/entry/111035.

141 **RV 35:3 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:12.

143 **LV 35:1 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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paying them back for what they've done.
→He himself will come and rescue you."
5 Then the blind will be able to see again,
and deaf people will be able to hear.[142]
6 Then the lame person will leap like a deer
and the one who's mute will shout happily
because springs will burst out in the wilderness,
and streams in the Aravah plain.
7 The parched ground will become a pool,
and the thirsty place will become springs of water.
The place where jackals lived and relaxed
→will grow grass, reeds, and papyrus.
8 There'll be a highway to travel on
→and it'll be called 'the sacred road'.
The 'unclean' won't use it
but it'll be for those walking in the right direction—
fools won't be allowed to wander onto it.
9 There'll be no lions there
and no dangerous wild animals on it.
Those creatures won't be found there,
but those people who've been bought back will walk on it.
10 Then the people ransomed by Yahweh will return
and they'll come to Tsiyon (Zion) with a cheerful shout.
They'll always be happy and gladness and celebration will overwhelm them,
and sorrow and groaning will disappear.

Ashur threatens Yerushalem[144]

36:1 In the fourteenth year of the reign of King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), Ashur's (Assyria's) King Sanheriv (Sennacherib) attacked Yehudah's (Judah's) fortified cities and captured them. **2** Then from Lakish, the Assyrian king sent his top negotiator to King Hizkiyah in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with a large army. He stopped by the aqueduct at the upper pool on the road to the field where women wash clothes, **3** and Hilkiyah's son Elyakim, the palace supervisor, went out to meet him, taking Shevna the administrator, and Asaf's son Yoah the secretary. **4** The negotiator instructed them, "Tell Hizkiyah that Ashur's powerful king wants to know who or what you think you're trusting in to rescue you? **5** Your plan and war preparations are only hot air, so who are you relying on that encourages you to rebel against me? **6** Listen, if it's Mitsrayim (Egypt), that's like trusting a staff made from a splintered reed. If a man were to lean on it, it would pierce his palm—that's what relying on Mitsrayim's King Par'oh (Pharaoh) is like for those who put their trust in him. **7** But if you tell me that you're relying on your god Yahweh, hasn't Hizkiyah removed his hilltop shrines and altars, and forced all Yehudah to worship him in front of the altar there in Yerushalem?
8 "So now, make a deal with my master, the Assyrian king. Let me give you two thousand horses if you can find that many rid-

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_burst_forth in_wilderness waters and_torrents in_plain.
7 And_ the_parched_ground _it_was (into)_a_pool and_thirsty_
_ground will_become_(into)_springs_of water will_be_in_a_
_habitation_of jackals place_of_its_resting herbage will_
become(into)_reeds and_papyrus. **8** And_it_was there a_
_highway and_a_way and_the_way_of (the)_holiness it_will_be_
_called to/for_her/it not he_will_pass_along_it the_unclean
and_he will_belong_to_them one_who_walks_of the_way and_
_fools not they_will_wander_about. **9** Not it_will_be there a_lion
and_a_violent_one_of living_creatures not it_will_go_up_on_it
not it_will_be_found there and_ those_redeemed _they_will_
_walk. **10** And_the_people_ransomed_of **YHWH** they_will_
_return and_they_will_come Tsiyyōn/(Zion) with_a_shout_of_
_joy and_gladness_of perpetuity will_be_on head_of_their joy
and_gladness they_will_overtake_them and_ sorrow and_
_groaning _they_will_flee.

36:1 And_he/it_was in_four- teen year to/for_the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh}
Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_came_up on all_of the_
_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) (the)_fortified and_he_seized_them.
2 And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_sent ~~DOM~~ the_Rab- shaqeh
from_Lākīsh to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh}
with_an_army_of massive and_he_stood at_the_conduit_of the_
_pool (the)_upper on_the_highway_of the_field_of the_washer.
3 And_he/it_went_out to_him/it 'Elyāqīm the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh}
who was_over the_house and_Shevnā' the_secretary and_
_Yō'āḥ/(Joah) the_son_of 'Āṣāf the_recorder. **4** And_he/it_said
to_them the_Rab- shaqeh say please to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} thus the_king
(the)_great the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_says what is_the_trust the_
_this which you_trust. **5** I_say only a_message_of lips is_a_plan
and_strength for_war now on whom do_you_rely
that/for/because/then/when you_have_rebelled against_me.
6 HERE you_rely on the_staff_of (the)_reed (the)_crushed the_
_this on Mitsrayim/(Egypt) which anyone he_will_support_
_himself on/upon/above_him/it and_it_will_go in_palm_of_his
and_it_will_pierce_it is_thus Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim
to/from_all/each/any/every those_who_rely on/upon/above_
_him/it. **7** And_because/when you_will_say to_me to **YHWH**
god_of_our we_trust am_not is_he the_one_whom Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_
_has_removed ~~DOM~~ places_of_his_high and_~~DOM~~ altars_of_his
and_he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
the_altar the_this you(pl)_will_bow_down. **8** And_now make_a_

142 **RV 35:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Mat 11:5; Luk 7:22.

144 **RV 36:1 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 18:13-27; 2 Chr. 32:1-19

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_wager please with my_master the_king of_'Ashshūr and_let_ _me_give to/for_yourself(m) two_thousand horses if you_will_ _be_able to_put to/for_yourself(m) riders on_them. **9** And_how will_you_turn_back ᴅᴏᴍ the_face_of the_governor_of (of)_one of_the_servants_of my_master (the)_little and_you_have_been_ _relying to/for_yourself(m) on Mitsrayim for_chariotry and_ _for_horsemen. **10** And_now (from)_without **YHWH** have_I_ _come_up on the_earth/land (the)_this to_destroy_it **YHWH** he_said to_me go_up against the_earth/land (the)_this and_ _destroy_it. **11** And_ 'Elyāqīm and_Shevnā' and_Yō'āḥ/(Joah) _ _he/it_said to the_Rab- shaqeh speak please to your_servants 'Arāmīt if/because we are_understanding and_do_not speak to_ _us Yəhūdī/(Judean) in_the_ears_of the_people which is_on the_wall. **12** And_ the_Rab- shaqeh _he/it_said to master(s)_of_ _your and_to_you(ms) has_he_sent_me my_master to_speak ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages the_these not to the_men who_are_ _sitting on the_wall to_eat ᴅᴏᴍ mmm[145] and_to_drink ᴅᴏᴍ mmm[146] with_you(pl). **13** And_ the_Rab- shaqeh _he_stood and_ _he/it_called with_a_voice great Yəhūdī/(Judean) and_he/it_ _said hear ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_king (the)_great the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **14** Thus the_king he_says not let_him_ _deceive to/for_you(pl) Ḥizqiy^{yāh} if/because not he_will_be_ _able to_deliver you(pl). **15** And_not Ḥizqiy^{yāh} let_him_make_ _trust you(pl) to **YHWH** to_say certainly_(deliver) he_will_ _deliver_us **YHWH** not the_city (the)_this it_will_be_given in_ _the_hand_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **16** Do_not listen to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} if/because thus the_king of_'Ashshūr he_says make with_me a_blessing and_come_out to_me and_eat everyone vine_of_his_own and_everyone fig_tree_of_his_own and_drink everyone the_water_of his_own_cistern_of_his. **17** Until come_I and_I_will_take you(pl) to a_land like_your_own_of_land a_ _land_of grain and_new_wine a_land_of bread and_vineyards. **18** Lest Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_should_mislead you(pl) to_say **YHWH** he_ _will_deliver_us have_ the_gods_of the_nations _they_delivered anyone ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_its from_the_hand_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **19** Where were_the_gods_of Ḥ$_a$māt and_'Arpād where were_the_gods_of Ṣəfarvayim and_because/when they_have_ _delivered ᴅᴏᴍ Shomrōn from_hand_of_my. **20** Who in_all the_ _gods_of the_lands the_these are_those_which they_have_ _delivered ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_their from_hand_of_my that/for/because/then/when **YHWH** he_will_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_hand_of_my. **21** And_they_kept_ _silent and_not they_answered ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it anything if/because was_the_command_of the_king it to_say not you(pl)_must_ _answer_him. **22** And_ 'Elyāqīm the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} who was_ _over the_house and_Shevnā' the_secretary and_Yō'āḥ/(Joah) the_son_of 'Āṣāf the_recorder _he_went to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} torn_of clothes and_they_told to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_Rab- shaqeh.

37:1 And_he/it_was just_ the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _as_heard and_he_ _tore ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his and_he_covered_himself with_ _sackcloth and_he_went the_house_of **YHWH**. **2** And_he_sent

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ers for them. **9** How could you even repel a captain who's one of the least of my master's servants since you've been relying on Mitsrayim for chariots and horsemen to rescue you? **10** Also, listen, I didn't come here to destroy this region without Yahweh—it was Yahweh who told me to come here and destroy this nation."

11 Then Elyakim and Shevna and Yoah asked the negotiator, "Please speak Aramit to your servants, because we understand it. Don't speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people who are up on the wall."

12 But the negotiator replied, "Do you think that my master sent me to give this message just to you and your master? Don't you think that it's also for the men sitting on the wall who'll have to join you in eating their own dung and drinking their own urine?"

13 Then the negotiator stood and looked up, and shouted in Hebrew, "Listen to this message from the great Assyrian king. **14** The king says not to let your king Hizkiyah deceive you all, because he won't be able to save you. **15** Don't let him make you rely on Yahweh by telling you all that Yahweh will rescue you, and that this city won't be captured by the Assyrian king. **16** No, don't listen to Hizkiyah, because the Assyrian king says that if you all surrender and come out here, you'll be allowed to continue to harvest your own grapevines and fig trees, and everyone will be able to drink the water from their own wells **17** until I come and take you to a land like your own that has grain and new wine—a land with bread and vineyards.

18 "Don't let Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) mislead you all by saying that Yahweh will rescue you. Did the gods of any other nations saved them from the Assyrian king's power? **19** Where were Hamat and Arpad's gods? Where were Sefarvayim's gods? Did any gods save Shomron (Samaria) from my power? **20** From all those regions, which of their gods saved them from my power, so what makes you all think that Yahweh will save Yerushalem (Jerusalem) from me."

21 But those on the wall kept silent and didn't answer him, because King Hizkiyah had ordered them not to respond. **22** Then Elyakim (Hilkiyah's son who was the palace supervisor) and Shevna (the administrator) and Yoah (the secretary) returned to Hizkiyah with their clothes torn in grief and passed the negotiator's messages on to him.

37:1 When King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) heard the report, he torn his clothes too,

Hizkiyah consults Yeshayah[147]

145 **LV 36:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: הם/ירח: (x-qere) 'םָ֫תָאוֹצ': lemma_6675 n_0.0.1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3mp id_233dV םָ֫תָאוֹצ

146 **LV 36:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: הם/ינש: (x-qere) 'ֵיֵמִימ': lemma_4325 morph_HNcmpc id_23Qsw ֵיֵמִימ'םָ֫ה/יִלְגַר': lemma_7272 n_0.0 morph_HNcfdc/Sp3mp id_23CF2 םָ֫ה/יִלְגַר

147 **RV 37:1 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 19:1-7

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and covered himself with sackcloth and went into Yahweh's residence. **2** Then he sent Elyakim (the palace supervisor) and Shevna (the administrator) and the elders of the priests to go to Yeshayah (Isaiah), the son of Amots the prophet, **3** and they told him, "King Hizkiyah says that today is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, like when children go to their mother who's about to deliver her baby but she doesn't have the strength to give birth. **4** Perhaps your god Yahweh heard the messages from the negotiator who was sent by his master, the Assyrian king, to defy the living god. Perhaps Yahweh will rebuke him for the words that Yahweh heard. So send up a prayer for the remnant of us here."

5 When King Hizkiyah's servants got to Yeshayah, **6** he told them to tell their master, "Yahweh says not to be afraid because of the words that you heard when the Assyrian king's servants insulted me. **7** Listen, I'll put a spirit in him and he'll hear a report that he needs to return to his own country, and then I'll cause him to be assassinated at home."

A further threat from Ashur[148]

8 Then the Assyrian negotiator returned to find the Assyrian king because he'd heard that he had left Lakish, and he found him fighting against Livnah. **9** Then the king heard that Kush's (Ethiopia's) King Tirhakah was marching out to attack him, so he sent messengers back to Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) with instructions, **10** "Tell Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah: don't let your god that you trust in, deceive you by telling you that Yerushalem (Jerusalem) won't be conquered by the Assyrian king. **11** Listen, you've heard how that the Assyrian kings have destroyed all the other regions. Don't think that you'll be saved. **12** Did the gods of those other nations save them—places like Gozan and Haran and Retsef, and the people of Eden who lived in Telasar? **13** What happened to the kings of Hamat, Arpad, La'ir, Sefarvayim, Hena, and Ivah?"

Hizkiyah's Prayer

14 Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) accepted the letter brought by the messengers and read it. Then he went into Yahweh's residence and spread it out in front of Yahweh **15** and prayed to Yahweh, saying, **16** "Commander-in-chief Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, who's enthroned above the winged creatures. You alone are God over all of earth's kingdoms—you made the heavens and the earth. **17** Yahweh, please pay attention and listen. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and look, and listen to everything that Sanheriv (Sennacherib) has said to defy the living god. **18** Yahweh, it's true that the Assyrian kings have destroyed all those nations and their regions, **19** and his men threw their gods into the fire, because they weren't gods at all—they're just crafted from wood and stone, so they destroyed them. **20** But

148 RV 37:8 · Parallel 2 Kgs 19:8-9

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ĐOM 'Elyāqīm who was_over the_house and_ĐOM Shevnā' the_ _secretary and_ĐOM the_elders_of the_priests covered with_ _sackcloth(s) to Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōts the_ _prophet. **3** And_they_said to_him/it thus Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_says is_ _a_day_of distress and_rebuke and_insult the_day the_this if/because children they_have_come to the_mouth_of_the_ _womb and_strength there_is_not for_giving_birth. **4** Perhaps **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_hear ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_Rab- shaqeh whom he_has_sent_him the_king_of 'Ashshūr master(s)_of_his to_taunt the_god living and_he_will_rebuke (in)_words/messages which **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_heard and_you_will_lift_up prayer for the_remnant which_is_found. **5** And_ the_servants_of the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _they_came to Yəsha'^{yāh}. **6** And_he/it_said to_them Yəsha'^{yāh} thus you(pl)_ _will_say to master(s)_of_your(pl) thus **YHWH** he_says do_not be_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_words/messages which you_have_heard which the_servants_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr they_have_blasphemed me. **7** HERE_I am_about_to_put in/on/over_him/it a_spirit and_he_will_hear a_report and_he_ _will_return to land_of_his_own and_I_will_make_him_fall by_ _sword in_his_own_of_land.

8 And_ the_Rab- shaqeh _he_returned and_he_found ĐOM the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr fighting on Livnāh if/because he_had_heard if/because_that he_had_set_out from_Lākīsh. **9** And_he/it_ _listened on Tirhāqāh the_king_of Kūsh/(Cush) to_say he_has_ _come_out to_do_battle with_you and_he/it_listened and_he_ _sent messengers to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} to_say. **10** Thus you(pl)_will_say to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say not let_him_ _deceive_you god_of_your whom you are_trusting in/on/over_ _him/it to_say not Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_will_be_given in_the_hand_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **11** HERE you you_have_ _heard that_which the_kings_of 'Ashshūr they_have_done to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands by_totally_destroying_ _them and_you(ms) will_you_be_delivered. **12** Did_ the_gods_of the_nations which they_destroyed ancestors_of_my ĐOM Gōzān and_ĐOM Ḥārān and_Retsef and_the_sons of_'Ēden who were_ _in_Təla'ssar _they_deliver them. **13** Where is_the_king_of Ḥ$_a$māt and_the_king_of 'Arpād and_the_king of_Lair Ṣəfarvayim Hēna' and_'Ivvāh.

14 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_took ĐOM the_letters from_the_hand_ _of_the_messengers and_he_read_it and_he/it_ascended the_ _house_of **YHWH** and_he_spread_it_out Ḥizqiy^{yāh} to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **15** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_prayed to **YHWH** to_say. **16** Oh_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who_sits the_cherubims you he the_'Elohīm you_alone to_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_ _earth/land you you_made ĐOM the_heavens and_ĐOM the_ _earth/land. **17** Incline Oh_**YHWH** ear_of_your and_hear open Oh_**YHWH** eyes_of_your and_see and_hear ĐOM all_of the_ _words/messages_of Ṣanḥērīv which he_has_sent to_taunt the_ _god living. **18** Truly Oh_**YHWH** the_kings_of 'Ashshūr they_ _have_made_desolate ĐOM all_of the_lands and_ĐOM land_of_ _their. **19** And_they_have_put ĐOM gods_of_their in_fire if/because not were_gods they if/because (if) the_work_of the_

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_hands_of humankind wood and_stone and_they_have_
_destroyed_them. **20** And_now Oh_**YHWH** god_of_our save_us
from_hand_of_his[149] so_ all_of the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land
_that_they_may_know if/because_that you are_**YHWH** you_
_alone.
21 And_ Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōṯs _he_sent to
Ḫizqiy^{yāh} to_say thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_
_says that you_have_prayed to_me concerning Ṣanḥērīv the_
_king_of 'Ashshūr. **22** This is_the_message which **YHWH** he_
_has_spoken on/upon/above_him/it she_has_despised to/for_
_yourself(m) she_has_mocked to/for_yourself(m) the_virgin_of
the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) behind_you a_head the_
_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) she_has_shaken. **23** ~~ḎǪM~~
whom have_you_taunted and_have_you_blasphemed and_on
whom have_you_raised a_voice and_have_you_lifted_up height
eyes_of_your against the_holy_one_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **24** By_
_the_hand_of your_servants you_have_taunted my_master and_
_she/it_said with_the_abundance_of my_chariotry_of_my I I_
_have_gone_up the_height[s]_of mountains the_remotest_
_parts_of Ləvānōn and_I_have_cut_down the_height_of its_
_cedars_of_his the_choicest_of its_pines_of_his and_I_have_
_gone the_height_of its_end_of_his the_forest_of its_
_plantation_of_his. **25** I I_have_dug and_I_have_drunk water
and_I_have_dried_up with_the_sole_of my_feet_of_my all_of
the_canals_of Miṣrayim/(Egypt). **26** Am_not have_you_heard
(to)_from_distant_time it I_appointed from_days_of antiquity
and_I_planned_it now I_have_brought_it and_you_are about_
_to_make_desolate heaps ruined cities fortified. **27** And_
_inhabitants_of_their were_short_of hand they_were_dismayed
and_they_were_ashamed they_were vegetation_of the_field
and_greenery_of fresh_grass grass_of roofs and_a_field to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before standing_grain. **28** And_your_
_sitting_down and_your_going_out and_coming_your I_know
and_~~ḎǪM~~ raging_your against_me. **29** Because raged_you to_me
and_your_of_arrogance it_has_come_up in_ears_of_my and_I_
_will_put hook_of_my in_nose_of_your and_bridle_of_my on_
_lips_of_your and_I_will_make_you_return by_way which you_
_came by_it. **30** And_this for_you will_be_the_sign you_will_eat
this_year self-sown_grain and_in_year the_second(fs)
self-seeded_plant[s] and_in_year (the)_third sow and_reap and_
_plant vineyards and[151] fruit_of_their. **31** And_ the_escaped_
_remnant_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which_remains _
_it_will_add a_root (to)_downwards and_it_will_produce fruit
(to)_upwards. **32** If/because from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_
_remnant it_will_go_out and_an_escaped_remnant from_hill of_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_zeal_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers it_
_will_accomplish this. **33** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_
_says concerning the_king_of 'Ashshūr not he_will_come into
the_city (the)_this and_not he_will_shoot there an_arrow and_
_not he_will_confront_it a_shield and_not he_will_pour_out on_

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now, Yahweh our god, save us from his power so that all of the world's kingdoms will know that you alone are Yahweh who is God.

Yeshayah's message to Hizkiyah[150]

21 Then Amots' son Yeshayah (Isaiah) sent this message to King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah): "Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says that because you prayed to me about the Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib), **22** then this is what Yahweh pronounces about him:

Tsiyon's (Zion's) virgin daughter despises you—she scorns you.
Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) daughter shakes her head at you.
23 Who is it that you've defied and insulted?
Who did you raise your voice against
and arrogantly challenged?
It was Yisrael's holy one.
24 You've defied my master by sending your servants,
and you've said that you've gone to the tops of the mountains with your chariots—
up to the remotest parts of Levanon to cut down its tallest cedars and best pines.
You've said that you'll enter the highest parts of its forest plantation.
25 It's me who has dug and drunk water,
and dried up all of Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) canals with the soles of my feet.
26 "Haven't you heard that I determined it from long ago.
I planned it since ancient times and now I'm making it happen,
→and you're about to make fortified cities into desolate heaps of ruins.
27 Their powerless inhabitants are dismayed and ashamed.
They come and go like the vegetation in the countryside,
and like how a grass roof doesn't stay green for long
and like a field as the grain crop grows.
28 "I know when you sit down and when you go in or out,
and I know your raging against me.
29 Because of that raging against me,
and your arrogance that's reached my ears,
I'll put my hook in your nose
and my bit in your mouth,
and I'll send you home on the same road that you came here on."
30 So this will be the sign for you Hizkiyah (Hezekiah):
This year you'll eat wild crops,
and next year you'll eat the self-seeded growth.

149 **LV 37:20 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

150 **RV 37:21 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 19:20-37

151 **LV 37:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: לוכא/ו: (x-qere) וְלָכְאָ֑וְ: lemma_c/398 morph_HC/Vqv2mp id_23SPW וְלָכְאָ֑וְ

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But in the third year you must sow and harvest,
and plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
31 The people of Yehudah (Judah) who've remained here
will send their roots down and their fruit will grow up,
32 because a remnant will come out of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
and survivors from Mt. Tsiyon (Zion).
Commander-in-chief Yahweh will accomplish this through his zeal.
33 Therefore Yahweh says this about the Assyrian king:
He won't come into this city and he won't shoot an error here.
He won't bring a shield near it, and he won't build ramps up against it.
34 He'll return by the road that he came on, and he won't enter this city.
That is Yahweh's declaration 35 and I'll protect this city and rescue it for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David.

Sanheriv's retreat and assassination

36 Then Yahweh's messenger went out and killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers—when the others got up early the next morning, wow, there were corpses all around! 37 Then the Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib) left and headed back there, and he settled down in Nineveh. 38 One day he was worshipping in the temple of his god Nisrok, and his sons Adramelek and Sharetser ran a sword through him before escaping to the Ararat region, and his son Esar-Hadon replaced him as king.

Hizkiyah's sickness and recovery[153]

38:1 Then a time came when King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) became critically ill, and the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) (Yeshayah, Amots' son) went to him and told him, "Yahweh says that you should put all your affairs into order, because you won't recover—your time is up."
2 Then Hizkiyah rolled over to face the wall and prayed to Yahweh, 3 "Oh Yahweh, please remember how I've served you faithfully and with integrity, and done what pleases you." Then Hizkiyah cried and cried.
4 Later, Yahweh gave Yeshayah this message, 5 "Go and tell the king that Yahweh, the god of his father David has taken notice of his prayer and seen his tears. So he'll give him another fifteen years 6 and will rescue both him and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) from the Assyrian king. Yahweh will defend this city 7 and this will be the sign from him that he will do what he's said, 8 'Look, I will turn the shadow on the steps built by King Ahaz, back ten steps.' " So the sun's shadow went back up ten steps that it had gone down.

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_it[152] a_mound. 34 By_way which he_came by_it he_will_return and_near/to the_city (the)_this not he_will_come the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. 35 And_I_will_defend (on) the_city (the)_ _this to_deliver_it for_my_own_sake and_for_the_sake_of Dāvid servant_of_my.

36 And_he/it_went_out the_messenger_of **YHWH** and_he_ _struck_down in_the_camp_of 'Ashshūr one_hundred and_ _eighty and_five thousand and_they_rose_early in_morning and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE of_them_of_all were_corpses dead.
37 And_he_set_out and_he/it_went and_ Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_returned and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_Nīnəvēh. 38 And_he/it_was he was_bowing_down the_ _house_of Nişrok his/its_god and_'Adrammelek and_Shar'etser sons_of_his they_struck_him_down with_sword and_they they_ _escaped the_land_of 'Arāraṭ and_ 'Ēşar- ḥaddōn his/its_son _ _he_became_king in_place_of_him.
38:1 In_the_days the_those Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_became_sick to_die and_he_came to_him/it Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōts the_prophet and_he/it_said to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says command to_household_of_your if/because you are_about_to_ _die and_not you_will_live. 2 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_turned his/its_ _faces/face to the_wall and_he_prayed to **YHWH**. 3 And_he_ _said please Oh_**YHWH** remember please ~~ḎOM~~ how I_have_ _walked_about to_your_face in_faithfulness and_with_a_heart complete and_the_good in_eyes_of_your I_have_done and_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_wept weeping great. 4 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yəsha'^{yāh} to_say. 5 Go and_you_will_say to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} thus **YHWH** the_god_of Dāvid ancestor_of_your he_ _says I_have_heard ~~ḎOM~~ prayer_of_your I_have_seen ~~ḎOM~~ tear[s]_of_your here_I he_will_add to days_of_your fif- teen year[s]. 6 And_from_the_palm_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr I_will_ _deliver_you and_~~ḎOM~~ the_city (the)_this and_I_will_defend (on) the_city (the)_this. 7 And_this for_you will_be_the_sign from_with **YHWH** which/who **YHWH** he_will_do ~~ḎOM~~ the_thing the_this which he_has_spoken. 8 HERE_I am_about_to_turn_ _back ~~ḎOM~~ the_shadow_of the_steps which it_had_gone_down on_the_steps_of 'Āḥāz with_sun backwards ten steps and_ the_ _sun _it_went_back ten steps on_steps which it_had_gone_ _down.

152 LV 37:33 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

153 RV 38:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 20:1-11; 2 Chr. 32:24-26

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9 A_writing of_Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) when_ _he_was_sick and_he/it_lived from_sickness_of_his. **10** I I_said in_the_half_of my_days_of_my let_me_go in_the_gates_of Shə'ōl I_have_been_caused_to_miss the_remainder_of my_years_of_ _my. **11** I_said not I_will_see Yah Yah in_land of_the_living not I_will_look_at humankind again with the_inhabitants_of cessation. **12** Dwelling-place_of_my it_has_been_pulled_up and_ _it_has_been_removed from_me like_the_tent_of my_shepherd I_have_rolled_up like_weaver life_of_my from_the_loom he_ _cuts_me_off from_day unto night you_make_an_end_of_me. **13** I_have_lain_down until morning like_lion so he_breaks all_of bones_of_my from_day unto night you_make_an_end_of_me. **14** Like_a_swallow_of a_crane so I_chirp I_moan like_dove eyes_ _of_my they_are_low to_height[s] my_master oppression to/for_me stand_surety_for_me. **15** What will_I_say and_ _saying(ms) to_me and_he he_has_acted I_will_walk_ _deliberately all_of years_of_my on the_bitterness_of my_self_ _of_my. **16** My_master on_them people_live and_to/for_all in_ _them the_life_of my_breath/wind/spirit and_may_you_ _restore_me_to_health and_preserve_me_alive. **17** HERE for_ _welfare bitterness to_me it_was_bitter and_you(ms) you_loved life_of_my from_the_pit_of destruction if/because you_threw_ _away behind back_of_your all_of sins_of_my. **18** If/because not Shə'ōl it_gives_thanks_to_you death it_praises_you not those_ _who_go_down_of the_pit they_hope to faithfulness_of_your. **19** The_living the_living he he_gives_thanks_to_you as_I the_ _day a_father to_children he_makes_known concerning faithfulness_of_your. **20** **YHWH** is_to_save_me and_stringed_ _instruments_of we_will_play all_of the_days_of our_lives_of_ _our at the_house_of **YHWH**. **21** And_ Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) _he/it_ _said let_them_take a_cake_of figs and_let_them_rub_it on the_ _boil so_that_he_may_live. **22** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said what will_be_the_sign if/because_that I_will_go_up the_house_of **YHWH**.

39:1 At_time the_that Mərodak Bal'$_a$dān the_son_of Bal'$_a$dān the_king_of Bāvel he_sent letters and_a_gift to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_ _he/it_listened if/because_that he_had_been_sick and_he_was_ _strong. **2** And_he_rejoiced on_them Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_he_showed_ _them ~~ḎOM~~ the_house_of mmm[156] ~~ḎOM~~ the_silver and_~~ḎOM~~ the_ _gold and_~~ḎOM~~ the_spices and_~~ḎOM~~ the_oil (the)_good and_~~ḎOM~~ all_of the_house_of his_weapons_of_his and_~~ḎOM~~ all_of that it_ _was_found in_storehouses_of_his not it_was anything which

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Hizkiyah's poem of praise

9 Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) wrote this poem after he'd recovered from his sickness:

10 I said, "I'll go through the gates to the grave in the prime of my life,
I'll miss out on the remainder of my years."
11 I said, "I won't see Yah in the land of the living.
I'll no longer look at humankind but rather those who've ceased living."
12 The body that I live in has been pulled up and removed from over me like a shepherd's tent.
I've rolled my life up like a weaver cutting me off from the loom.
From day until night, you make an end of me—
13 I lie down[154] until the morning.
He breaks all my bones like a lion would.
From day until night, you make an end of me.
14 I chirp like a swallow and moan like a dove.
My eyes feel weak from looking upwards.
I'm oppressed, my master, help me out.
15 What will I say? He told me and then he did it.
I'll walk slowly my remaining years because of my soul's bitterness.
16 My master, people live by such things,
and my spirit finds life in all of them.
Please restore my health and preserve my life.
17 Look, this severe bitterness was for my welfare,
and you held my life back from the pit of destruction
because you threw all my sins back over your shoulder.
18 No, the grave doesn't thank you.
Death doesn't praise you.
Those who go down into the pit don't expect you to be faithful.
19 The living, yes only the living, give thanks to you like I do today.
A father tells his children about your faithfulness.
20 Yahweh will save me and we'll play stringed instruments
at his residence for the rest of our lives.
21 Then Yeshayah (Isaiah) said, "Get them to apply a cake of figs to the boil so he'll recover."
22 Now Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) asked, "What will be the sign that I should go up to Yahweh's residence?"

Hizkiyah shows off his wealth[155]

39:1 At that time, Babylonian King Merodak-Bal'adan (son of Baladan) sent messengers with letters and a gift to King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) because he had heard that he'd been sick and then recovered.
2 Hizkiyah happily welcomed them, and showed them his treasure house—the gold and silver and spices and high-quality oil, as well as his armoury and other storehouses. Hizkiyah showed

154 **RV 38:13 · Note** The Hebrew could be read: I cried out or I lie down.

155 **RV 39:1 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 20:12-19

156 **LV 39:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תכנ/ה: (x-qere) תֹּכְנִי/וֹ: lemma_5238 n_1.1.1.2 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_23X3B תֹּכְנִי/וֹ

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them everything in his palace and all over his kingdom.
3 Afterwards, the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) went to King Hizkiyah and asked him where those men had come from and what they had said.
"They came from the distant region of Bavel (Babylon)," Hizkiyah replied.
4 "What did they see in your palace?" Yeshayah asked.
"They've seen everything that's in my palace," Hizkiyah answered. "There's none of my treasures that I didn't show them."
5 Then Yeshayah told Hizkiyah, "Listen to this message from Commander-in-chief Yahweh: 6 The time is definitely coming when everything in your palace will be carried away to Bavel—everything that your ancestors collected in the past until now. Yahweh says that nothing will be left. 7 In addition, some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood, will be taken away and be castrated so as to become servants in the Babylonian king's palace."
8 "Yahweh's message that you've passed on is appropriate," Hizkiyah told Yeshayah, "because at least there'll be peace and stability during my time."

Yahweh will comfort his people

40:1 "Encourage my people," says your god. "Encourage them.
2 Speak to Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) heart and tell her that her period of service is ended,
because the punishment for her disobedience has been accepted.
She's received double punishment from Yahweh for all her sins.
3 A voice calls out in the wilderness[157] to clear the path for Yahweh.
Make a straight road in the Aravah plain for our god.[158]
4 Every valley will be filled in and every mountain and hill will be flattened,
and so the slopes will be levelled and the rough places smoothed out,
5 then Yahweh's splendour will be revealed and all people will see it simultaneously,
because that's what Yahweh has declared.
6 A voice says, 'Call out!' and I ask, 'What should I call out?'
Say that all people are like grass—
all their 'loyal commitment' is as temporary as a flower in the countryside.[159]
7 The grass dries up and the flower wilts
when Yahweh's breath blows over it.
Surely humankind is like grass.
8 The grass dries up, the flower wilts,
but the decree from our god will stand forever.
9 Go up onto a high hill you bearer of news for Tsiyon (Zion).
Raise your voice you bringer of news to Yerushalem

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not he_showed_them Ḥizqiy^{yāh} in_house_of_his and_on/over_ _all realm_of. 3 And_ Yəsha'^{yāh} the_prophet _he_came to the_ _king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_he/it_said to_him/it what did_they_say the_men the_these and_from_where are_they_coming to_you and_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said from_a_land distant they_have_come to_me from_Bāvel. 4 And_he/it_said what did_they_see in_ _house_of_your and_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said ~~DOM~~ all_of that is_in_ _house_of_my they_saw not anything which not I_showed_ _them it_was in_storehouses_of_my. 5 And_ Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) _ _he/it_said to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} hear the_message_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. 6 HERE days are_coming and_it_will_be_ _carried_off all_of that is_in_house_of_your and_which ancestors_of_your they_have_stored_up until the_day the_this Bāvel not anything it_will_be_left **YHWH** he_says. 7 And_some_ _of_your_descendants who they_will_come_forth from_you whom you_will_father people_will_take and_they_will_be eunuchs in_(the)_palace of_the_king_of of_Bāvel. 8 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said to Yəsha'^{yāh} is_good the_message_of **YHWH** which you_have_spoken and_he/it_said if/because peace and_stability it_will_be in_days_of_my.

40:1 Comfort comfort people_of_my god_of_your(pl) he_says. 2 Speak to the_heart_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_proclaim to_her/it if/because_that service_of_its it_has_been_completed if/because_that iniquity_of_its it_has_been_accepted if/because_that it_has_received from_the_hand_of **YHWH** double in_all sins_of_its. 3 A_voice is_calling in_wilderness make_clear the_way_of **YHWH** make_straight in_plain a_ _highway for_god_of_our. 4 Every_of valley it_will_be_lifted_up and_all mountain and_hill they_will_become_low and_ the_ _steep_place _it_was (into)_level_ground and_the_rough_places (into)_a_plain. 5 And_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_will_be_revealed and_ all_of flesh _they_will_see_it together if/because the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** it_has_spoken. 6 A_voice is_saying proclaim and_saying(ms) what will_I_proclaim all_of (the)_flesh is_grass and_all loyalty_of_its is_like_the_blossom_of the_field. 7 Grass it_dries_up blossom it_withers if/because the_breath_of **YHWH** it_blows in/on/over_him/it truly is_grass the_people. 8 Grass it_dries_up blossom it_withers and_the_message_of our_god_ _of_our it_will_stand forever_perpetuity. 9 On a_mountain high go_up to/for_you(fs) Oh_bearer_of_news_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) lift_ _up with_strength voice_of_your Oh_bearer_of_news_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) lift_it_up do_not be_afraid say to_ _the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) HERE god_of_your(pl). 10 HERE my_master **YHWH** (in)_a_strong_one he_will_come and_arm_ _of_his is_ruling to_him/it HERE reward_of_his with_him/it and_wage[s]_of_his is_before_of_him. 11 Like_a_shepherd flock_ _of_his he_will_shepherd in_arm[s]_of_his he_will_gather lambs and_in_bosom_of_his he_will_carry_them nursing_ewes he_ _will_lead.

157 **RV 40:3 · Note** It's unclear from the Hebrew if the ***voice*** is in the wilderness, or if the ***path*** is in the wilderness.
158 **RV 40:3 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:3; Mrk 1:3; Yhn 1:23.
159 **RV 40:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Jam 1:10-11; 1Pe 1:24-25.

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12 Who has_he_measured in_the_hollow_of_of_his_hand the_
_waters and_the_heavens with_span has_he_marked_off and_all
in_(the)_a_measure the_dust_of the_earth/land and_has_he_
_weighed with_scale[s] mountains and_hills with_balances.
13 Who has_he_directed ~~DOM~~ the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_the_
_person_of his_counsel_of_his will_he_inform_him. **14** With
whom did_he_take_counsel and_did_he_give_him_
_understanding and_did_he_teach_him (in)_the_path_of justice
and_did_he_teach_him knowledge and_the_way_of
understanding(s) will_he_inform_him. **15** THERE nations are_
_like_a_drop from_a_bucket and_like_the_dust_of balances
they_are_regarded THERE islands like_(the)_dust he_lifts.
16 And_Ləvānōn not is_sufficiency_of burning and_animal[s]_
_of_its not are_sufficiency_of burnt_offering. **17** All_of the_
_nations are_as_nothing before_him from_nothingness and_
_emptiness they_are_regarded to_him/it. **18** And_near/to
whom will_you_liken god and_what likeness will_you(pl)_
_compare to_him/it. **19** The_idol a_craftsman he_has_throw
and_a_metalsmith with_gold he_will_overlay_it and_chains_of
silver he_is_refining. **20** The_impoverished_person a_
_contribution wood which_not it_will_rot he_chooses a_
_craftsman skillful he_seeks to_him/it to_prepare an_idol
which_not it_will_be_shaken. **21** Am_not do_you(pl)_know am_
_not do_you(pl)_hear am_not has_it_been_told from_the_
_beginning to/for_you(pl) am_not have_you(pl)_understood
the_foundations_of the_earth/land. **22** The_one_who_sits above
the_circle_of the_earth/land and_inhabitants_of_its are_like_
_grasshoppers the_one_who_stretched_out like_curtain the_
_heavens and_he_spread_them_out like_tent to_dwell_in.
23 The_one_who_appoints rulers to_nothing judges_of the_
_earth like_nothingness he_makes. **24** Even not they_have_
_been_planted even not they_have_been_sown even not it_has_
_taken_root on_the_earth rootstock_of_their and_also he_blows
(is)_in_them and_they_have_dried_up and_a_tempest like_chaff
it_carries_them_off. **25** And_near/to whom will_you_liken_me
and_will_I_be_equal the_holy_one he_says. **26** Lift_up height
your(pl)_eyes and_see who did_he_create these the_one_who_
_brings_out by_number their_group/army/objects to/for_all_
_them in/on_name_of he_calls from_greatness_of strength(s)
and_a_strong_one_of power any not it_is_missing. **27** To/for_
_what do_you_say Oh_Yaʹaqovʹ/(Jacob) and_do_you_declare Oh_
_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) way_of_my it_is_hidden from_**YHWH** and_
_from_god_of_my justice_of_my it_passes_away. **28** Am_not do_

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(Jerusalem)—shout loudly and don't be afraid.
Tell Yehudah's (Judah's) cities that their god is here.
10 Look, my master Yahweh will be coming with strength,
and he will be ruling with power.
Look, he's bringing his reward
and his wages are there in front of him.[160]
11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd does.[161]
He will hold the lambs to his chest.
He will lead along the ewes who've just had lambs.
12 Who has measured the oceans in their palm,
and has marked off the sky with their handspan?
Who can count the dust grains on the earth,
and has weighed the mountains with scales and the hills with balances?

Not/None like of Master of Yisrael

13 Who has told Yahweh's spirit what to do,
and has any person given him good advice?[162]
14 Who did he ask for advice?
Who informed him about something?
Who taught him how to judge fairly,
and taught him knowledge and helped him to understand something?
15 Listen, the nations are like a drop in a bucket,
and are as insignificant as dust on the scales.
He lifts the islands as if they just specks.
16 It's not enough to set fire to Levanon,
and it doesn't have enough animals to be an adequate burnt offering.
17 All the nations together are still nothing to him.
He considers their combined power as useless and worthless.
18 Who could you compare God with?
What is there that you all could say is anything like him?[163]
19 An idol that was cast by a craftsman,
overlaid with gold by a goldsmith,
and then decorated with silver chains?
20 The poorer person chooses a contribution of wood that won't rot.
They choose a skillful craftsman to make an idol that won't topple over.
21 Don't you all know? Haven't you heard?
Didn't anyone tell you all from the beginning?
Don't you all understand the earth's foundations?
22 He's the one who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers.
He's the one who stretches the skies out like a curtain
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
23 He decides which officials will come to nothing.

160 **RV 40:10 · Cross-ref.** Isa 62:11; Rev 22:12.

161 **RV 40:11 · Cross-ref.** Eze 34:15; Yhn 10:11.

162 **RV 40:13 · Cross-ref.** Rom 11:34; 1Cor 2:16.

163 **RV 40:18-19 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:29.

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He makes the world's judges irrelevant.
24 Indeed, they're hardly planted, yes, hardly sown.
Indeed, their stem has barely taken root in the earth,
but he also blows on them and they wither,
and the wind carries them away like straw.
25 "Who else is like me?" asks the holy one.
"Who else could be equal to me?"
26 Look up and see the stars.
Who created them?
Yahweh knows their number as he brings them out.
He calls them all by name.
Because of his great strength and mighty power
not a single one is missing.
27 Why do you talk, Ya'akov (Jacob)?
And why do you speak, Yisrael (Israel)?
Saying, 'My path is hidden from Yahweh,
and my rights disappear.'
28 Don't you know?
Haven't you heard?
The eternal God Yahweh is the creator of one end of the earth to the other.
He doesn't get tired
and he won't become weary.
You won't find a limit to his understanding.
29 He gives energy to those who are weary,
and increases the strength of those who are weak.
30 Even young people get tired and weary,
and young men can stumble clumsily,
31 but those who trust Yahweh will renew their strength.
They will rise up with wings like eagles.
They will run and not get tired.
They will walk and not become weary.

Yahweh will help Yisrael

41:1 Stay silent in front of me, you islands,
and let the peoples renew their strength.
Let them approach then let them speak.
Let's gather together for judgement.
2 Who has stirred up punishment from the east?
It meets with his feet.
He destroys nations in front of him.
He causes kings to rule.
He makes them like dust with his sword—
like chaff driven by his bow.
3 He chases after them—going forward in peace.
He comes on a path without using his feet.
4 Who has done it and has accomplished it—
calling the generations out from the beginning?
I Yahweh, am the first and the last. I am he.
5 The islands have seen and are afraid.
The whole world trembles.
They approach and come.
6 Everyone helps out their neighbours,

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_you_know or not have_you_heard is_a_god_of perpetuity **YHWH** the_one_who_created the_ends_of the_earth/land not he_grows_weary and_not he_becomes_weary there_is_not searching to_understanding_of_his. **29** He_is_giving to_person strength and_to_not strength(s) power he_increases. **30** And_youths _they_grow_weary and_they_become_weary and_young_men surely_(stumble) they_stumble. **31** And_those_who_wait_for_of (of)_**YHWH** they_will_renew strength they_will_go_up wing[s] like_eagles they_will_run and_not they_will_become_weary they_will_walk and_not they_will_grow_weary.

41:1 Be_silent to_me Oh_islands and_peoples let_them_renew strength let_them_approach then let_them_speak together for_judgement let_us_draw_near. **2** Who has_he_stirred_up from_the_east righteousness it_meets_him to_foot_of_his he_delivers_up before_him nations and_kings he_causes_to_rule he_makes_them like_dust sword_of_his like_chaff which_is_driven_about bow_of_his. **3** He_pursues_them he_passes_on peace a_path with_feet_of_his not he_comes. **4** Who has_he_done_it and_has_he_accomplished_it calling_forth the_generations from_the_beginning I **YHWH** am_first and_ꝺꝋᴍ the_last I am_he. **5** Islands they_have_seen and_they_are_afraid the_ends_of the_earth/land they_tremble they_have_drawn_near and_they_have_come. **6** Each ꝺꝋᴍ his/its_neighbour they_help and_to_brother_of_his he_says be_strong. **7** And_ a_craftsman _he_encouraged ꝺꝋᴍ a_metalsmith one_who_smooths_of a_hammer ꝺꝋᴍ one_who_strikes_of an_anvil saying of_soldering is_good it and_he_strengthened_it with_nails not it_will_be_shaken. **8** And_you(ms) Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) servant_of_my Ya'ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) whom I_have_chosen_you the_offspring_of 'Aѵrāhām friend_of_my. **9** Whom I_took_hold_of_you from_the_ends_of the_earth/land and_from_its_remotest_of_parts I_called_you and_I_said to/for_yourself(m) servant_of_are_my you I_have_chosen_you and_not I_have_rejected_

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_you. **10** Do_not be_afraid if/because am_with_you I do_not fear if/because I god_of_am_your I_have_strengthened_you also I_ _have_helped_you also I_have_supported_you with_the_right_ _hand_of my_righteousness_of_my. **11** THERE they_will_be_ _ashamed and_ all_of those_who_are_angry on/over_you(fs) _ _they_will_be_put_to_shame they_will_be as_nothing and_ the_ _people_of your_strife_of_your _they_will_perish. **12** You_will_ _seek_them and_not you_will_find_them the_people_of your_ _strife_of_your they_will_be as_nothing and_as_nothing the_ _people_of your_warfare_of_your. **13** If/because I **YHWH** god_ _of_your am_taking_hold_of hand_of_your_right the_one_who_ _says to/for_yourself(m) do_not be_afraid I I_will_help_you. **14** Do_not be_afraid Oh_worm_of Ya'aqov Oh_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I I_will_help_you the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ _is_redeemer_of_your the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** HERE I_will_make_you (into)_a_threshing-sledge_of sharp new an_ _owner_of edges you_will_thresh mountains and_you_will_ _crush_them and_hills like_chaff you_will_make. **16** You_will_ _winnow_them and_spirit it_will_carry_them_away and_a_ _tempest it_will_scatter them and_you(ms) you_will_be_glad in_**YHWH** in_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_will_boast. **17** The_poor_people and_the_needy_people are_seeking water and_there_was_not tongue_of_their with_thirst it_is_dry I **YHWH** I_will_answer_them the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not I_ _will_abandon_them. **18** I_will_open on bare_heights rivers and_in_the_middle_of valleys springs I_will_make the_ _wilderness (into)_a_pool_of water and_a_land_of dryness (into)_springs_of water. **19** I_will_put in_wilderness cedar[s] acacia_tree[s] and_myrtle_tree[s] and_tree oil I_will_set in_ _plain cypress[es] elm[s] and_box_tree[s] together. **20** So_that people_may_see and_people_will_know and_people_will_set and_people_will_have_insight all_together if/because_that the_ _hand_of **YHWH** it_has_done this and_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_created_it.

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and tells each other to be strong.

7 The craftsman encourages the goldsmith who smooths with a hammer.

The one who strikes the anvil says that the welding is good

and the strengthen it with nails so it won't topple over.

8 But you, my servant Yisrael (Israel),

Ya'akov (Jacob) who I've chosen,

the offspring of my friend Avraham,

9 I pulled you back from the ends of the earth,

calling you from its most distant corners,

and I told you, 'You're my servant.'

I've chosen you and won't reject you.

10 Don't be afraid, because I'm with you.

Don't be anxious, because I'm your God.

I'll strengthen you, indeed, I'll help you.

Yes, I'll support you with my strength—always doing what's right.

11 Listen, all those who are angry with you will be ashamed and disgraced.

Those who contend with you will be reduced to nothing and will perish.

12 You'll search for those who contended against you, but you won't be able to find them.

Those who battled against you will be useless and irrelevant,

13 because I, your god Yahweh, will hold up your right hand—

the one who tells you not to be afraid because I'll help you.

14 Don't be afraid, Ya'akov (Jacob), you worm—you Israeli people.

I will help you declares Yahweh—the one who rescues you—

Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one.

15 Listen, I'm making you into a threshing sledge—sharp and doubled-edged.

You'll thresh mountains and crush them,

and make the hills like chaff.

16 You'll toss them into the air and the wind will carry them away,

and a whirlwind will scatter them.

Then you'll be happy about Yahweh—

you'll boast about Yisrael's holy one.

17 The poor and needy people look for water, but there's none.

Their tongues are dry from thirst.

I, Yahweh, will respond to them.

I, Yisrael's god won't abandon them.

18 I'll make streams flow down from barren hills,

and will cause springs to appear in the middle of the valleys.

I'll make the wilderness into a pool of water,

and fill the dry land with springs.

19 I'll grow cedar, acacia, myrtle, and olive trees in the wilderness.

I'll plant cypress, elm, and boxwood trees on the desert plain,

20 so that people will be able to see, to realise, and to have determination and insight together

→because Yahweh has personally done this—Yisrael's (Israel's)

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holy one has created it.

Yahweh's challenge to idols

21 "Bring your case to me," says Yahweh.
"Present your arguments," says Ya'akov's (Jacob's) king.
22 Let them bring them out and tell us what will happen.
What happened before that?
Tell us so we can ponder them and so we can know what's been done
and then tell us what's still coming.
23 Tell the signs of the future so that we can know if you're all gods.
Yes, do something good or bad so that we can be amazed or afraid together.
24 Look, you're all nothing and your actions are worthless.
Anyone who chooses you all to worship is disgusting.
25 I have stirred up a ruler from the north,
and he's coming from the east.
He'll put his trust in me
and he'll step on officials like mud
and like a potter who works the clay with his feet.
26 Who told us that from the beginning so that we'd know?
Who predicted it so that we can now say that they were correct?
Actually, no one said or announced it—
no, no one heard your messages.
27 Firstly to Tsiyon (Zion), look they're here!
Then I sent a runner to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to give them the news.
28 Then I looked at those idols but there was no life there.
There wasn't any advisor among them.
29 No, all of them are a delusion—they accomplish nothing.
Their cast metal images are as empty as the wind.

Yahweh's chosen servant · The first servant song

42:1 Look, here's my servant who I support—my chosen one who I'm pleased with.[165]
I've put my spirit onto him. He'll bring justice to the nations.
2 He won't cry out or lift up his head.
and he won't make his voice heard in the streets.
3 He won't break a crushed reed
and nor will he extinguish a dim oil-lamp.
He will faithfully bring justice to the people.
4 He won't grow dim or be crushed
before he's established justice in the world,
and while the islands wait for his instructions.
5 The god Yahweh who created the skies and stretched them out,
who formed the earth and all its produce,
who gives breath to the people on it
and a spirit to those who walk on it, says this:

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21 Bring_near case_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_says bring_near arguments_of_your(pl) the_king_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) he_says. **22** Let_them_bring_them_near and_let_them_tell to/for_us ~~DOM~~ the_things_which they_will_happen the_former_things what were_they tell so_that_we_may_set heart_of_our and_so_that_we_may_know end_of_their or the_coming_things proclaim_to_us. **23** Tell the_things_coming to_afterwards so_that_we_may_know if/because_that are_gods you(pl) also you(pl)_will_do_good and_you(pl)_will_do_harm so_that_we_may_fear and[164] altogether. **24** HERE you(pl) are_from_nothing and_work_of_your(pl) is_from_something_worthless is_an_abomination one_who_he_chooses (in)_you(pl). **25** I_have_stirred_up from_the_north and_he_has_come from_the_rising_of the_sun he_will_call on_name_of_my and_he_will_come officials like mud and_like a_potter who_he_tramples clay. **26** Who did_he_tell_it from_the_beginning so_that_we_may_know and_from_before so_that_we_may_say correct also there_was_not one_who_told also there_was_not one_who_proclaimed also there_was_not one_who_heard words/messages_of_your(pl). **27** A_first_one to_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) HERE here_they_are and_to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_bearer_of_news I_gave. **28** And_I_will_look and_there_is_not a_person and_from_these and_there_is_not a_counsellor and_I_will_ask_them and_they_will_bring_back a_message. **29** THERE of_them_of_all are_deception are_nothing deeds_of_their are_a_wind and_emptiness images_of_their_molten.

42:1 HERE servant_of_my whom_I_support in/on/over_him/it one_of_my_chosen self_of_my whom_it_is_pleased_with I_have_put my_breath/wind/spirit on/upon/above_him/it justice to_nations he_will_bring_forth. **2** Not he_will_cry_out and_not he_will_lift_up and_not he_will_make_heard in_street voice_of_his. **3** A_reed crushed not he_will_break and_a_wick dim not he_will_extinguish_it to_faithfulness he_will_bring_forth justice. **4** Not he_will_grow_dim and_not he_will_be_crushed until he_will_establish on_the_earth justice and_for_instruction_of_his islands they_will_wait. **5** Thus he_says (the)_god **YHWH** who_created_of the_heavens and_who_stretched_of_them_out who_beat_out_of the_earth/land and_produce(s)_of_its who_gives breath to_people on/upon_it(f) and_spirit to_who_walk on_it. **6** I **YHWH** I_have_called_you in_righteousness and_I_will_take_hold on_hand_of_your and_I_will_watch_over_you and_I_will_make_you (into)_a_covenant_of the_people (into)_a_light_of the_nations. **7** To_open eyes blind to_bring_out from_prison prisoner[s] from_a_house_of imprisonment those_who_dwell_of darkness. **8** I am_**YHWH** it

164 LV 41:23 · Note OSHB variant note: אֹרְנִ֖/וֹ: (x-qere) 'הֲאֹרְנִ֖/וֹ': lemma_c/7200 morph_HC/Vqh1cp id_23BYD הֲאֹרְנִ֖/וֹ

165 RV 42:1 · Cross-ref. Mat 3:17; 17:5; Mrk 1:11; Luk 3:22; 9:35.

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name_of_is_my and_glory_of_my to_another not I_will_give and_praise_of_my to_images. **9** The_former_things THERE they_have_come and_new_things I am_about_to_tell before_ _before they_will_spring_up I_will_cause_to_hear_them[166] you(pl).

10 Sing to/for_**YHWH** a_song new praise_of_his from_the_end_ _of the_earth/land Oh_you(pl)_who_go_down_of the_sea and_ _what_of_fills_it Oh_islands and_inhabitants_of_their. **11** The_ _wilderness and_cities_of_its let_them_lift_up the_villages Qēdār where_it_dwells the_inhabitants_of Ṣela׳ let_them_ _shout_for_joy from_the_top_of the_mountains let_them_cry_ _aloud. **12** Let_them_give to/for_**YHWH** glory and_praise_of_his in_islands let_them_declare. **13** **YHWH** like_warrior he_will_go_ _forth like_a_man_of war(s) he_will_stir_up zeal he_will_raise_ _a_war-cry also he_will_raise_a_battle-shout over enemies_of_ _his he_will_prevail.

14 I_have_been_silent from_long_ago/eternity I_have_kept_ _silent I_have_restrained_myself like_(the)_who]_gives_birth I_ _groan I_puff and_I_pant together. **15** I_will_lay_waste mountains and_hills and_all vegetation_of_their I_will_dry_up and_I_will_make rivers (into)_islands and_pools I_will_dry_up. **16** And_I_will_lead blind_people by_a_way which_not they_ _have_known by_paths which_not they_have_known I_will_ _guide_them I_will_make the_dark_place before_them to_the_ _light and_rough_places (into)_level_ground these are_the_ _things I_have_made_them and_not I_will_abandon_them. **17** They_will_be_turned_back backwards they_will_be_ashamed shame those_who_trust in_idol those_who_say to_a_molten_ _image you(pl) god_of_are_our.

18 Oh_deaf_people listen and_Oh_blind_people look to_see. **19** Who is_blind if/because (if) servant_of_my and_deaf like_ _messenger_of_my whom_I_will_send who is_blind like_one_in_ _a_covenant and_blind like_the_servant_of **YHWH**. **20** You_

Readers' Version

6 I, Yahweh, have called you my servant for a godly purpose,
and I'll take hold of your hand and watch over you.
I will make you into a promise for the people—a light for the nations:
7 to open the eyes of the blind—
to bring prisoners out of the dungeon—
to release those who live in dark prisons.
8 I am Yahweh. That's my name
and I won't allow anyone else to receive the honour that only I deserve,
and nor will I allow images to receive the praise that should come to me.
9 Listen, things said before have come to pass
and I'm about to reveal new things—
I'll let you all know about them before they come to be.

A song to praise Yahweh

10 Sing a new song for Yahweh—praising him from the end of the earth.
Those who go down to the sea and everything that fills it.
You islands and their inhabitants.
11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice—
the villages where the Bedouins live.
Let the inhabitants of Edom's capital Sela sing.
Let them shout from the mountaintops.
12 Let them honour Yahweh
and praise him from the islands.
13 Yahweh will go ahead like a warrior—
he'll stir up zeal like a man of war.
He'll raise a war cry—shouting out loudly,
and then he'll defeat his enemies.

Yahweh promises help

14 I've been silent for a long time now.
I've been still—I've restrained myself.
Now I'll cry out like a woman giving birth.
I'll puff and pant at the same time.
15 I'll make the mountains and hills dry up
and all their vegetation will wither.
plus I'll turn the rivers into islands
and dry up the pools.
16 I'll lead the blind down a path that they don't know.
I'll guide them on roads that they're not familiar with.
I'll make the dark places in front of them, light,
and the rough places into level ground.
I'll do those things for them, and I won't abandon them.
17 Those who trust in idols will be turned back and totally humiliated—
those who tell a cast metal figure, 'You're our god.'

Yisrael's stubborn deafness

18 Listen you deaf people,
and look you blind people and see.
19 Who is blind other than my servant,

166 **LV 42:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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or deaf like my messenger who I'll send?
Who's blind like my partner in our agreement,
or blind like Yahweh's servant.
20 You see many things but don't take any notice.
Your ears are open but you don't listen.
21 Yahweh was pleased to do what's right—
he made his instructions honourable and splendid.
22 But this is a people who've been robbed and plundered.
They're all trapped in holes and hidden away in prisons.
They've become the spoil, and there's no one to rescue them.
They've become plunder and no one speaks up to help them back.
23 Will any of you take any notice of that?
Will anyone listen or pay attention afterwards?
24 Who gave Ya'akov (Jacob) to the robbers,
and Yisrael (Israel) to the looters?
→Wasn't it Yahweh, the one we disobeyed?
They weren't willing to do what he wanted,
and they didn't listen to his instructions.
25 Then he poured out his rage and the violence of war.
The flames burnt all around, yet Yisrael didn't realise.
They burnt it up, but it didn't take it to heart.

Yahweh promises rescue and return

43:1 But now Yahweh, the one who created you, Ya'akov (Jacob),
and who formed you, Yisrael (Israel), says this:
Don't be afraid, because I've paid the price to free you.
I've called you by name—you belong to me.
2 When you pass through the waters, I'm with you,
and through the rivers, they won't carry you away.
When you walk through the fire, you won't get scorched
and the flames won't burn you up
3 because I'm your god, Yahweh—
your rescuer, Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one.
I've given Mitsrayim (Egypt) as your ransom—
Kush (Ethiopia) and Seva in your place
4 since you are precious in my eyes.
You are honoured and I love you,
and I'll give humankind in your place,
and nations in exchange for your life.
5 Don't be afraid, because I'm with you.
I'll bring your descendants from the east,
and I'll gather you in from the west.
6 I'll tell the north to hand you over,
and tell the south not to hold you back.
Bring my sons back from distant lands,
and bring my daughters from the ends of the earth—
7 yes, all those who belong to me
and who I've created as my showpiece—
those who I formed when I made them.

Literal Version

_have_seen[167] many_things and_not you_keep_them they_are_
_open ears and_not he_listens. **21** **YHWH** he_was_pleased for_
_the_sake_of righteousness_of_his he_will_make_great the_law
and_he_will_make_it_glorious. **22** And_he is_a_people despoiled
and_plundered they_are_trapped in_holes of_them_of_all and_
_in_houses_of imprisonment(s) they_are_hidden they_have_
_become (into)_spoil and_there_is_not a_deliverer plunder
and_there_is_not one_who_says bring_it_back. **23** Who among_
_you(pl) will_he_give_ear_to this will_he_pay_attention and_
_will_he_listen to_afterwards. **24** Who has_he_given mmm[168][169]
Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_those_who_despoil am_
_not was_it_**YHWH** whom we_have_sinned to_him/it and_not
they_were_willing in_ways_of_his to_walk and_not they_
_listened to_law_of_his. **25** And_he_poured_out
on/upon/above_him/it rage anger_of_his and_the_fierceness_
_of battle and_it_set_it_ablaze from_round_about and_not it_
_knew and_it_burnt in/on/over_him/it and_not it_set_it on
heart.

43:1 And_now thus **YHWH** who_created_of_you Oh_Ya'ₐqovˇ
and_who_formed_of_you Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says do_not
be_afraid if/because I_have_redeemed_you I_have_called_you
by_name_of_your to_me you. **2** If/because you_will_pass in_
_waters will_be_with_you I and_in_rivers not they_will_
_overflow_you if/because you_will_walk in fire not you_will_
_be_scorched and_flame not it_will_burn on/over_you(fs).
3 If/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_your the_holy_one_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) deliverer_of_your I_have_given ransom_of_your
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) Kūsh/(Cush) and_Şəvˇā' in_place_of_you.
4 Because_that you_are_precious in_eyes_of_my you_are_
_honoured and_I I_love_you and_I_will_give humankind in_
_place_of_you and_peoples in_place_of_life_of_your. **5** Do_not
be_afraid if/because am_with_you I from_the_east I_will_bring
offspring_of_your and_from_the_west I_will_gather_you. **6** I_
_will_say to_north deliver_up and_to_the_south do_not
withhold bring sons_of_my from_a_distance and_daughters_of_
_my from_the_end_of the_earth/land. **7** Every_of (the)_one_
_who_is_called by_name_of_my and_whom_for_glory_of_my I_
_created_him whom_I_formed_him also I_made_him.

167 **LV 42:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיאר: (x-qere) 'תֹּאַר': lemma_7200 morph_HVqa id_23yvx תֹּאַר
168 **LV 42:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: הסושמ/ל: (x-qere) 'הָסָשְׁמַ/ל': lemma_l/4933 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_23oUN הָסָשְׁמַ/ל
169 **LV 42:24 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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8 Bring_out a_people blind and_eyes there_are and_deaf_people and_ears belong_to_them. **9** All_of the_nations they_have_ _assembled together and_ peoples _they_gather who in/among_them will_he_declare this and_former_things will_ _they_proclaim_to_us let_them_appoint witnesses_of_their so_ _that_they_may_be_justified and_let_them_hear and_let_them_ _say truth. **10** You(pl) witnesses_of_are_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_servant_of_my whom I_have_chosen so_that you(pl)_may_know and_you(pl)_may_believe to_me and_ _you(pl)_may_perceive if/because_that I am_he to/for_my_ _face/front not a_god it_was_formed and_after_me not it_will_ _be. **11** I I am_**YHWH** and_there_is_not (from)_except_me a_ _deliverer. **12** I I_have_declared and_I_have_saved and_I_have_ _proclaimed and_there_was_not among_you(pl) a_strange_god and_you(pl) witnesses_of_are_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ _I am_god. **13** Also from_a_day I am_he and_there_is_not from_ _hand_of_my a_deliverer I_act and_who will_he_revoke_it.

14 Thus **YHWH** redeemer_of_your(pl) the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says for_your(pl)_sake I_have_sent to_Bāvel and_I_will_bring_down in_boats of_them_of_all and_the_ones_ _from_Kasdiy in_the_ships_of their_shout_of_joy_of_their. **15** I am_**YHWH** your_holy_of_one the_one_who_created_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) king_of_your(pl). **16** Thus **YHWH** who_made in_ _sea a_way and_in_waters mighty a_path he_says. **17** Who_sent_ _out chariotry and_horse[s] an_army and_a_strong_one together they_lay_down not they_rose they_were_extinguished like_wick they_were_quenched. **18** Do_not remember former_ _things and_ancient_things do_not consider. **19** Here_I am_ _about_to_do a_new_thing now it_is_springing_up am_not do_ _you_know_it also I_will_make in_wilderness a_way in_a_ _desolate_place rivers. **20** It_honours_me the_animal[s]_of the_ _field jackals and_daughters_of an_ostrich if/because I_have_ _put in_wilderness water rivers in_a_desolate_place to_water people_of_my one_of_my_chosen. **21** A_people which I_formed to_me praise_of_my they_will_recount.

Readers' Version

The calling of God of Yisrael as witness

8 Bring out the people with eyes who still seem blind,
and those who have ears but still seem deaf.
9 All the nations have gathered together,
and the peoples assemble.
Which of them could have predicted this?
They announce things that have happened in the past!
Let them appoint their own witnesses so they can be justified.
Let them hear and then let them say that it's true.
10 But Yahweh declares that you all are *my* witnesses
and my servant who I've chosen
so that you all can know and believe me
and understand that I am God.
There's no other god that was formed before me,
^and none will be format after me.
11 I (and no one else) am Yahweh.
and other than me, there's no one else who can save you.
12 I have declared that I would save and I have saved,
and I have proclaimed that I have done it,
and you all are my witnesses that I am God.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
13 From the first day, I am he,
and no one can oppose my power.
I take action and who could reverse it?

The punishment of Bavel

14 Yahweh, the one who paid to set you all free, Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one, says this:
For your sake, I've sent an army to Bavel (Babylon),
and I'll bring all of them down as fugitives in boats,
and all those Kasdim (Chaldeans) in the ships that they usually cheer about.
15 I am Yahweh, your holy one
creator of Yisrael, your king.
16 I am Yahweh,
the one who made a path through the sea
and a road through the surging waters.
17 I enticed the chariots and horses out,
together with a strong army,
They fell down together and didn't rise again.
They were extinguished like how a wick is quenched.
18 Yahweh says,
Don't meditate on what happened previously,
and don't keep thinking about past history.
19 Listen, I'm going to do something new.
It's springing up—haven't you noticed it?
Yes, I'll make a road in the wilderness—
streams in that desolate place.
20 The animals in the countryside will honour me—
the jackals and the ostriches
because I've put water in the wilderness,
streams in the desolate place
to provide water for my chosen people.
21 I formed that nation for myself.

Readers' Version

They will discuss their praise for me.
22 But you didn't call to me for help, Ya'akov (Jacob),
because you've grown tired of me, Yisrael (Israel).
23 You haven't brought sheep to me as your burnt offerings,
and you haven't honoured me with your sacrifices.
I haven't burdened you with grain offerings,
and I haven't made you weary by demanding incense.
24 You didn't spend any money to buy fragrant reeds for me,
and you haven't satisfied me with the fat from your sacrifices.
Nevertheless you've burdened me with your disobedience—
you've tired me out with your wickedness.
25 I'm the only one who wipes your offenses out for my own sake,
and then I won't remember your sins any more.
26 Remind me, let's plead the case together.
You retell it all so that you can be declared innocent.
27 Your founding father sinned,
and your spokesmen have disobeyed me,
28 so I'll defile your sacred officials,
and send destruction to Ya'akov (Jacob),
and insults to Yisrael (Israel).

Yisrael's sin

44:1 Now listen Ya'akov (Jacob) my servant,
and Yisrael (Israel) who I've chosen.
2 The one who made you and formed you in the womb,
Yahweh says this:
Don't be afraid, Ya'akov my servant,
and Yisrael who I've chosen,
3 because I'll pour water out onto the thirsty ground
and streams on the dry ground.
I'll pour my spirit out onto your offspring
and my blessing onto your descendants.
4 They'll spring up among the grasses
like poplars beside flowing streams.
5 This one will say that they're in favour of Yahweh,
and that one will out Ya'akov's (Jacob's) name out.
Another one will write 'Belonging to Yahweh' on their hand,
and others will use the title 'From Yisrael'.
6 Yisrael's (Israel's) king and the one who bought their freedom,
Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
I'm the first and the last,[170]
and there's no other god—just me.
7 Yes, who's like me? Let him proclaim it,
and let him declare it.
Let him recount to me the historical sequence of how this nation was established in the past,
and let them declare what's about to happen.
8 Don't dread the future
and don't be afraid.

Yahweh's chosen people

Literal Version

22 And_not ~~DOM~~_me you_have_called_on Oh_Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) if/because you_have_grown_weary with_me Oh_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** Not you_have_brought to/for_me the_ _sheep_of your(pl)_burnt_offerings_of_your and_sacrifices_of_ _your not you_have_honoured_me not I_have_burdened_you with_offering[s] and_not I_have_made_you_weary with_ _frankincense. **24** Not you_have_bought to/for_me for_money calamus and_the_fat_of your(pl)_sacrifices_of_your not you_ _have_satisfied_me nevertheless you_have_burdened_me with_ _sins_of_your you_have_made_me_weary with_iniquities_of_ _your. **25** I I am_he who_is_wiping_out transgressions_of_your for_my_own_sake and_sins_of_your not I_will_remember. **26** Cause_me_to_remember let_us_enter_into_judgement together you recount so_that you_may_be_justified. **27** Ancestor_of_your (the)_first he_sinned and_spokesmen_of_ _your they_transgressed against_me. **28** And_I_will_profane the_officials_of holiness and_I_will_give to_(the)_destruction Ya'$_a$qov and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_reviling_words/messages.

44:1 And_now listen Oh_Ya'$_a$qov servant_of_my and_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom_I_have_chosen in_him/it. **2** Thus **YHWH** who_made_of_you and_who_formed_of_you from_the_womb he_will_help_you he_says do_not be_afraid my_servant_of_my Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) and_Yəshurūn/(Jeshurun) whom_I_have_ _chosen in_him/it. **3** If/because I_will_pour_out water on thirsty_ground and_streams on dry_ground I_will_pour_out my_breath/wind/spirit on offspring_of_your and_blessing_of_ _my on descendants_of_your. **4** And_they_will_spring_up in_ _between herbage like_poplars at watercourses_of water. **5** This_one he_will_say to/for_**YHWH** I and_this he_will_call_ _out with_the_name_of Ya'$_a$qov and_this he_will_write his/its_ _hand to/for_**YHWH** and_with_the_name_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_give_a_title. **6** Thus **YHWH** the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_redeemer_of_its **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says I am_ _first and_I am_last and_(from)_except_me there_is_not a_god. **7** And_who is_like_me let_him_proclaim_it and_let_him_ _declare_it and_let_him_recount_it_in_order to_me from_ _when_I_established a_people_of antiquity the_coming_things and_which they_will_come let_them_declare to_them. **8** Do_not be_in_dread and_do_not fear not from_then did_I_proclaim_to_ _you and_did_I_declare and_you(pl) witnesses_of_are_my is_ _there a_god (from)_except_me and_there_is_not a_rock not I_ _know.

170 RV 44:6 · Cross-ref. Isa 48:12; Rev 1:17; 22:13.

Literal Version

9 Those_who_form_of (of)_an_idol of_them_of_all are_ _nothingness and_their_desired_of_things not they_confer_ _profit and_witnesses_of_their they[174] not they_see and_not they_know so_that they_may_be_ashamed. **10** Who has_he_ _formed a_god and_an_idol has_he_throw to_not to_confer_ _profit. **11** THERE all_of companions_of_his they_will_be_ _ashamed and_craftsmen they from_humankind of_them_of_all let_them_gather_together let_them_stand_up let_them_be_in_ _dread let_them_be_ashamed altogether. **12** A_craftsman_of iron a_tool and_he_works_it on_charcoal and_with_hammers he_forms_it and_he_worked_it with_the_arm_of his_strength_ _of_his also he_is_hungry and_there_is_not strength not he_ _drinks water and_he_grew_weary. **13** A_craftsman_of wood(s) he_stretches_out a_measuring-line he_outlines_it with_marker he_works_it with_(the)_tools and_with_compass he_outlines_it and_he_made_it like_the_form_of a_man like_the_beauty_of a_ _man to_dwell a_house. **14** To_cut_down to_him/it cedars and_ _he/it_took a_cypress and_an_oak and_he_strengthened_it to_ _him/it among_the_trees_of the_forest he_plants wwww[175] and_rain it_makes_it_grow. **15** And_it_was to/for_ _ʾĀdām/humankind to_burn and_he/it_took from_them and_ _he_became_warm also he_kindles_a_fire and_he_bakes bread also he_makes a_god and_he_bowed_down he_makes_it an_idol and_he_prostrated_himself to_it. **16** Of_it_of_half he_burns in a_ _fire over of_it_of_half meat he_eats he_roasts roasted_meat and_he_is_satisfied also he_is_warm and_he_says aha I_am_ _warm I_see a_fire. **17** And_the_remainder_of_of_it (into)_a_god he_makes (into)_idol_of_his he_prostrates_himself[176] to_him/it and_he_bows_down and_he_prays to_him/it and_he_says deliver_me if/because god_of_are_my you. **18** Not they_know and_not they_understand if/because it_is_besmeared from_ _seeing eyes_of_their from_having_insight hearts_of_their. **19** And_not he_brings_back to his/its_heart and_not knowledge and_not understanding to_say of_it_of_half I_burnt in a_fire and_also I_baked on coals_of_its bread I_roasted meat and_I_ _ate_it and_the_remainder_of_of_it (into)_an_abomination will_ _I_make to_a_product_of a_tree will_I_prostrate_myself. **20** He_ _is_feeding ash[es] a_heart which_it_is_deceived it_has_turned_ _him_aside and_not he_will_deliver ~~DOM~~ self_of_his and_not he_ _will_say am_not is_falsehood in_my_right_of_hand. **21** Remember these_things Oh_Yaʿaqov/(Jacob) and_Oh_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because servant_of_are_my you I_formed_ _you are_a_servant to_me you Oh_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not you_will_ _be_forgotten_by_me. **22** I_have_wiped_out like_(the)_cloud transgressions_of_your and_like_cloud sins_of_your return to_ _me if/because I_have_redeemed_you. **23** Shout_for_joy Oh_

Readers' Version

Didn't I already declare it to you
and announce what would happen, and you all are my witnesses?
Is there some other god[171] than me?
There's no other 'rock' that I know of.

The absurdity of crafting an idol

9 All those who form idols are losers
and their expectations won't be realised.
Their witnesses can't see and they don't know anything,
so they'll be ashamed.
10 Who would form a god
or an idol that never helps them?
11 All their associates will be put to shame—
craftsmen are just human beings.
Let all of them gather together and take their stand.
Let them dread the consequences and be ashamed together.
12 The blacksmith takes a tool and works on the iron over the coals.
He hammers it with his strong arm to form it into shape.
But then he gets hungry and feels weaker.
If he doesn't drink water, he'll feel exhausted.
13 The carpenter measures a piece of wood.
He outlines it with a marker and works it with his chisels.
He outlines it with a compass and makes it like the figure of a man—
like a good-looking man who might live in a house.
14 He cuts down cedar trees
or selects a cypress or an oak.
He lets it grow strong among the trees in the forest.
He plants a fir tree and the rain makes it grow.
15 Then the wood is used by humankind to burn.
The carpenter uses some of the wood to warm himself,
Yes, he kindles a fire and bakes bread on it.
He also makes a god out of it and bows down to it.
He makes the wood into an idol and kneels in front of it.
16 He burns half of the wood for the fire,
and roasts meat on that half—he eats the meat and is satisfied.
He also warms himself and says 'Aha, I'm warm,' as he looks at the fire.
17 He uses the rest of the wood to make a god.
He makes an idol and kneels in front of it.
He bows down and prays to it
→and says, 'Rescue me, because you're my god.'
18 Those people don't know and don't understand
because their eyes are plastered over so they can't see
and their minds are prevented from having insight.
19 No one gives much thought to their actions.

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171 RV 44:8 · Note This is the only place where Yeshayah uses Eloah (singular) for God instead of Elohim (plural).

174 LV 44:9 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

175 LV 44:14 · Note OSHB note: Small letter(s). Shown as small letters without a superscript note number.

176 LV 44:17 · Note OSHB variant note: דוגסי: (x-qere) דָּגְסִי: lemma_5456 morph_HVqi3ms id_23ZkF דָּגְסִי

Readers' Version

They don't apply knowledge and understanding, to say,
'I burnt half of the wood in the fire and baked bread on the coals.
I roasted meat on it and ate it.
Then I'll take the remainder to make a detestable idol.
I'll bow down to a piece of wood from a tree.'
20 He eats thanks to those ashes.
He's deceived and been led astray.
He doesn't escape from his own situation and say,
'I'm holding a lie in my right hand.'
21 Remember that, Ya'akov (Jacob),
and Yisrael (Israel) because you're my servant.
I formed you—you're my servant Yisrael—I won't forget about you.
22 I've blotted out your disobedience like a cloud.
and your sins like a fog.
Return to me because I paid the price for your freedom.
23 Shout happily you skies because Yahweh has taken action.
Shout triumphantly you depths of the earth.
Sing loudly you mountains and forests and all you trees
because Yahweh has paid the price for Ya'akov's (Jacob's) freedom
and will be honoured by Yisrael (Israel).
24 Yahweh, the one who paid for your freedom
and the one who formed you in the womb, says this:
I am Yahweh who made everything,
who alone stretched out the skies and formed the earth.
Who was it who helped me?
25 Who else frustrates the sign of empty-talkers,
and makes diviners look foolish?
Who else turns wise people back
and makes their knowledge seem foolish?[172]
26 Who else confirms the words of his prophet,
and fulfills the advice of his messengers
who say that Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be inhabited,
and that Yehudah's (Judah's) towns will be rebuilt,
and the country's ruins will be rebuilt?
27 Who else tells the deep sea to dry out,
and makes your rivers dry up?
28 Who else calls King Koresh (Cyrus) 'my shepherd',
and says that he'll do everything I want?
Who else says that Yerushalem will be rebuilt,
and that the temple foundations will be restored.[173]

Yahweh send Koresh

45:1 Yahweh has appointed Koresh (Cyrus) and given him power
to subdue other nations and defeat kings—
to open doors ahead of him,

Literal Version

_heaven if/because **YHWH** he_has_acted shout_in_triumph Oh_ _lower_parts_of the_earth break_forth Oh_mountains a_shout_ _of_joy Oh_forest and_all tree in/on/over_him/it if/because **YHWH** he_has_redeemed Ya'aqov and_by_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_ _will_get_glory_for_himself. **24** Thus **YHWH** redeemer_of_your and_the_one_of_who_formed_you from_the_womb he_says I am_**YHWH** who_made everything who_stretched_out the_ _heavens I who_beat_out_of the_earth/land wwww mmm[177]. **25** Who_frustrates the_signs_of empty_talkers and_diviners he_ _makes_look_foolish who_turns_back wise_people backwards and_knowledge_of_their he_makes_foolish. **26** Who_establishes the_message_of his_servant_of_his and_the_counsel_of his_ _messengers_of_his he_performs who_says of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_will_be_inhabited and_of_the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_be_rebuilt and_ruins_of_ _its I_will_raise_up. **27** Who_says to_ocean-deep be_dried_up and_rivers_of_your I_will_make_dry. **28** Who_says to/for_ _Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) shepherd_of_my and_all desire_of_my he_will_perform and_to_say of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) let_it_ _be_rebuilt and_the_temple let_it_be_refounded.

45:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says to_his_of_anointed to/for_Kōresh whom I_have_taken_hold on_his_right_of_hand to_subdue before_him nations and_the_loins_of kings I_will_loosen to_ _open before_him doors and_gates not they_will_be_shut. **2** I to_your_face I_will_go and_the_mountainous_land(s) I_will_

172 **RV 44:25 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 1:20.

173 **RV 44:28 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 36:23; Ezr 1:2.

177 **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: יְ/תֵאָ/מ: (x-qere) יְ/תֵאָ/מ': lemma_m/854 n_0 morph_HR/R/Sp1cs id_23BvR יְ/תֵאָ/מ

Literal Version

_make_smooth[178] doors_of bronze I_will_break and_bars_of iron I_will_cut_through. 3 And_I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) treasures_of darkness and_hidden_treasures_of secret_places so_that you_may_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** who_calls by_name_of_your the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 4 For_the_sake_of servant_of_my Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) one_of_my_ _chosen and_I_summoned to/for_yourself(m) by_name_of_your I_will_give_you_a_title and_not you_know_me. 5 I am_**YHWH** and_there_is_not yet besides_me there_is_not a_god I_will_ _gird_you and_not you_know_me. 6 So_that people_may_know from_the_rising_of the_sun and_from_its_setting_of_place[179] if/because_that nothing is_apart_from_me I am_**YHWH** and_ _there_is_not yet. 7 I_am_forming light and_I_am_creating darkness I_am_bringing_about well-being and_I_am_creating calamity I am_**YHWH** who_does all_of these_things. 8 Drip_ _down Oh_heaven (from)_above and_clouds let_them_flow righteousness the_earth let_it_open_up and_let_them_bear_ _fruit salvation and_righteousness let_it_cause_to_sprout together I **YHWH** I_have_created_it.

9 Woe_to one_who_contends with the_one_of_who_formed_ _him a_potsherd with potsherds_of the_ground does_it_say[181] clay to_the_one_of_who_forms_it what are_you_making and_ _work_of_your there_belong_not hands to_him/it. 10 Woe_to one_who_says to_a_father what are_you_fathering and_to_a_ _woman what are_you_in_labour_with. 11 Thus **YHWH** the_ _holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_one_of_who_formed_it he_says the_coming_things ask_me on children_of_my and_on the_work_of my_hands_of_my you(pl)_command_me. 12 I I_ _made the_earth and_human/'Ādām on/upon_it(f) I_created I hands_of_my they_stretched_out the_heavens and_all their_ _group/army/objects I_commanded. 13 I I_have_stirred_him_ _up in_righteousness and_all ways_of_his I_will_make_smooth he he_will_build city_of_my and_exile[s]_of_my he_will_let_go not for_price and_not for_a_bribe **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. 14 Thus **YHWH** he_says the_produce_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_the_trading_profit_of Kūsh/(Cush) and_ _the_Ṣāvā' people_of stature to_you they_will_pass_over and_ _to_you they_will_belong behind_you they_will_walk in_fetters they_will_pass_over and_to_you they_will_bow_down[182] to_you

Readers' Version

and no gates will shut him out.
Now Yahweh says this:
2 I'll go ahead of you Koresh and level the mountains.
I'll break down bronze doors and cut through iron bars,
3 and I'll give you the treasures that are hidden away
and the riches stored in secret places
so that you'll know that it's me, Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, who calls you by name.
4 For the sake of my servant Ya'akov (Jacob)
and Yisrael my chosen one,
I've summoned you by name.
Although you don't know me, I'll give you a title of honour.
5 I am Yahweh and there's no one else.
Apart from me, there's no other God.
Even though you don't know me,
I will strengthen you
6 so that from the east to the west they'll know
that there's nothing apart from me.
I'm Yahweh, and there's no other God.
7 I formed the light and created the darkness.
I bring peace and prosperity, and I cause disasters.
It's me, Yahweh, who does all those things.
8 Rain down from above you skies,
and let the clouds pour down godliness.
Let the earth open up and let salvation grow on the trees
and at the same time, let righteousness sprout up.
I, Yahweh, have created it.

Don't argue with Yahweh

9 The person who argues against their creator won't end well.
They're like a piece of broken pottery lying among all the other pieces on the ground.
Does the clay ask the potter what he's making,[180]
or ask why he didn't do a very good job making what he did?
10 Anyone who asks a father what he's fathering won't end well,
and nor will anyone who asks a woman what she's in labour for.
11 Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one and the one who formed it, asks this:
'Concerning the things to come, do you question me about my children?
And will you all tell me what actions that I should take?'
12 I made the earth and created humankind on it.
My own hands stretched the skies out,
and I ordered all the heavenly bodies into place.

178 LV 45:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **רשוא**: (x-qere) 'רֶשַׁיְא': lemma_3474 n_1 morph_HVpi1cs id_23woV רֶשַׁיְא

179 LV 45:6 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

180 RV 45:9 · Cross-ref. Isa 29:16; Rom 9:20.

181 LV 45:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

182 LV 45:14 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

13 I stirred Koresh (Cyrus) up to do what's right,
and I'll smooth out his paths ahead of him.
He'll be the one to build my city, and he'll release my exiles—
not for a ransom or for a bribe.
Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that.
14 Yahweh says this:
Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) produce and Kush's (Ethiopia's) profit and those tall people from Seva
will all be turned over to you and they'll belong to you.
They'll walk behind you and will be handed over in chains.
They'll bow down to you and state,
'Surely God is with you—he's the only god—there's no other.'
15 You are certainly a god who hides himself,
you god who rescues Yisrael (Israel).
16 Those who craft idols will be humiliated—
all of them will be put to shame together.
Those who craft idols will be publicly disgraced.
17 Yisrael has been rescued by Yahweh—freed forever.
You all won't be humiliated or put to shame ever again.
18 Yahweh who created the skies, is God.
He formed the earth and established it.
He didn't create it as a wasteland,
^but rather, he formed it to be lived in.
Yahweh says this:
19 I didn't speak in secrecy in a place where it's all dark.
It wasn't in vain that I told Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants to search for me.
I am Yahweh who says what is right and declares what is proper.

Yahweh and false gods

20 Gather together and come.
Assemble together you fugitives from the nations.
Those who carry their wooden idols don't know what's going on—
those who pray to a god that can't help them.
21 Declare and approach. Let them also get advice together.
Who predicted that in the past and then declared it?
Wasn't it me, Yahweh?
There's no god other than me—
a god who does what is right and who rescues his people.
There's no other rescuer except me.
22 Turn to me and be saved, all you at the ends of the earth,
because I'm God and there isn't any other.
23 I've solemnly promised that—
I only say what's right and I don't change my mind,
because every knee will bow to me.
Every tongue will promise allegiance to me.[183]
24 They'll say that righteousness and strength are only in Yahweh.
All those who were angry at him will come to him in their shame.

183 RV 45:23 · Cross-ref. Rom 14:11; Php 2:10-11.

Literal Version

they_will_pray surely on/over_you(fs) god and_there_is_not yet there_not_of are_gods. 15 Truly you are_a_god who_hides_ _himself Oh_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) deliverer. 16 They_will_be_ _ashamed and_also of_them_of_all they_will_be_put_to_shame together they_will_walk in_ignominy craftsmen_of images. 17 Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_has_been_saved by_**YHWH** a_salvation_of everlastingness(es) not you(pl)_will_be_ashamed and_not you(pl)_will_be_put_to_shame until everlastingness(es)_of perpetuity. 18 If/because thus **YHWH** who_created the_heavens he the_'Elohīm who_formed the_earth/land and_who_made_ _of_it he he_established_it not a_wasteland he_created_it to_ _dwell_in he_formed_it he_says I am_**YHWH** and_there_is_not yet. 19 Not in_secrecy I_spoke in_a_place_of a_land_of darkness not I_said to_the_offspring_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) emptiness seek_ _me I **YHWH** am_speaking righteousness I_am_declaring uprightness(es).

20 Gather_together and_come draw_near together Oh_ _fugitives_of the_nations not those_who_carry ~~DOM~~ the_wood_ _of their_idol_of_their and_those_who_pray to a_god which_not it_will_save they_know. 21 Declare and_bring_near also let_ _them_take_counsel together who did_he_proclaim this from_ _east from_then did_he_declare_it am_not was_it_I **YHWH** and_ _there_is_not again a_god (from)_except_me a_god righteous and_a_deliverer there_is_not besides_me. 22 Turn to_me and_ _be_saved Oh_all_of the_ends_of the_earth if/because I am_god and_there_is_not yet. 23 By_myself I_swear it_goes_forth from_ _mouth_of_my righteousness a_message and_not it_will_return if/because_that to_me every_of knee it_will_bow_down every_ _of tongue it_will_swear. 24 Only are_in_**YHWH** to_me everyone_will_say righteousness(es) and_strength to_him he_ _will_go and_ all_of those_who_are_angry in/on/over_him/it _ _they_will_be_ashamed. 25 By_**YHWH** they_will_be_justified and_ all_of the_offspring_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_boast.

Literal Version

46:1 Bel he_has_bowed_down Nəvō is_stooping_low idols_of_ _their they_belong to_animal[s] and_to_cattle burdens_of_ _your(pl) are_carried a_load for_a_weary_animal. **2** They_have_ _stooped_low they_have_bowed_down together not they_have_ _been_able to_rescue a_burden and_self_of_their in_captivity it_has_gone. **3** Listen to_me Oh_house_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_ _all the_remnant_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_have_ _been_carried from the_belly who_have_been_borne from the_ _womb. **4** And_unto old_age I am_he and_unto grey_hair[184] I I_ _will_carry I I_made and_I I_will_bear and_I I_will_carry and_I_ _will_rescue. **5** To_whom will_you_liken_me and_will_you(pl)_ _make_me_equal and_will_you_compare_me so_that_we_may_ _be_alike. **6** Those_who_pour_out gold from_a_bag and_silver on_scale[s] they_weigh_out they_hire a_metalsmith and_he_ _makes_it a_god they_prostrate_themselves also they_bow_ _down.[185] **7** They_lift_it_up on a_shoulder they_carry_it and_ _they_set_it_down in_its_place and_it_stands from_place_of_its not it_departs also he_cries_out to_him/it and_not it_answers from_trouble_of_his not it_delivers_him. **8** Remember this and_ _pluck_up_courage bring_it_back Oh_rebels on heart. **9** Remember former_things from_long_ago/eternity if/because_that I am_god and_there_is_not yet god and_there_ _not is_like_me. **10** Who_declares from_the_beginning the_end and_from_antiquity things_which not they_have_been_done who_says purpose_of_my it_will_be_fulfilled and_all desire_of_ _my I_will_accomplish. **11** Who_calls from_the_east a_bird_of_ _prey from_a_land_of distance a_man_of mmm[186] also I_have_ _spoken also I_will_bring_it I_have_planned also I_will_ _accomplish_it. **12** Listen to_me Oh_people_mighty_of heart Oh_people_distant from_righteousness. **13** I_have_brought_ _near righteousness_of_my not it_is_far_away and_salvation_ _of_my not it_will_delay and_I_will_give in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) salvation to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) splendour_of_my.

Readers' Version

25 Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants will be declared innocent by Yahweh,
and they'll boast about what he's done for them.

The false gods there in Bavel

46:1 The Babylonian gods Bel bows down and Nevo stoops low.
Their idols need to be carried by animals and are burdens for tired cattle.
2 Together those gods bend low, kneeling down.
They're not able to rescue the load
and they themselves have been taken into captivity.
3 Listen to me you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob),
and all the remnant of Yisrael's (Israel's) families—
carried since birth,
supported since the womb.
4 I'll be there even when you age,
and I'll carry you when your hair goes grey.
I made you and I'll support you,
and I'll carry you and rescue you.
5 Who can you liken me to or say that I'm the same as,
or compare me to and say that we're alike?
6 Those who pour gold out from a bag
and weigh their silver on a scale,
hire a metalsmith to make it into a god.
They kneel in front of it and worship it.
7 They lift it up and carry it on their shoulders,
and then they put it down in its place.
It stands there and never leaves.
They call out to it for help but it doesn't answer—
it won't rescue them from their troubles.
8 Remember that and pluck up courage.
You rebels, take it to heart.
9 Think about what happened long ago
because I'm God and there's no other,
I'm God and there's no one like me.
10 From the beginning, I declare the end.
From ancient times, I announce what's still to come.
I declare that my plan will come to be,
and all my intentions will be accomplished.
11 Summoning a bird of prey from the east,
from a distant country—the man to carry out my plan.
Yes, I've spoken and I'll make it happen.
I've planned, and I'll also accomplish it.
12 Listen to me you stubborn people—
you who are so far from doing what's right.
13 I've brought my righteousness near—it's not far away,
and my salvation won't delay.
I'll rescue Tsiyon (Zion)

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184 **LV 46:4 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

185 **LV 46:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

186 **LV 46:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: תצע/ו: (x-qere) 'יִ/חָצֵע': lemma_6098 n_1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp1cs id_23a1F יִ/חָצֵע

Readers' Version

and display my splendour to Yisrael (Israel).

47:1 Come down and sit in the dust you virgin daughter of Bavel (Babylon).

Bavel's coming judgement

Sit on the ground without a throne you daughter of the Kasdim (Chaldeans),[187]

because people won't call you tender and delicate any more.

2 Turn those millstones and grind flour.

Remove your veil and strip off your skirt.

Uncover your legs to wade through rivers.

3 Your nakedness will be exposed.

Yes, your shame will be visible.

I'll take vengeance and won't spare anyone.

4 Commander-in-chief Yahweh is the name of the one who bought our freedom—

Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one.

5 Sit in silence and go in darkness you daughter of the Kasdim (Chaldeans),

because you'll no longer be called 'the queen of kingdoms'.

6 I was angry with my people—

I defiled my inheritance and handed them over to you.

You showed them no compassion—

even the old had a heavy burden placed on them.

7 You said that you'd be queen forever,

but you didn't give it enough thought—

you didn't consider its outcome.

8 Now listen to this you over-indulged woman who lives in security,

saying in her heart, 'No one else is important except me.

I'll never be a widow or lose my children.'[188]

9 But both of these things will suddenly happen to you:

Bereavement and childless will hit in one day.

They'll come on you with completeness despite your plentiful sorceries

and the power of your multiple spells.

10 You trusted in your wickedness and thought no one would notice you.

Your wisdom and knowledge has led you astray

and you told yourself that no one else was important except you.

11 Calamity will hit you and you won't be able to charm it away.

Disaster will fall on you and you won't be able to avoid it—

disaster like you've never known before will come on you suddenly.

12 Keep trusting your spells and your plentiful sorceries

that you've worked hard at since your youth.

Perhaps you'll be successful—maybe scaring disaster away.

13 You've become tired of listening to so much advice.

Please let them stand up and save you—

those ones who chart the skies and divine from moons

Literal Version

47:1 Go_down and_sit on the_dust Oh_virgin_of the_daughter_of Bāvel sit to_ground there_is_not a_throne Oh_daughter_of the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy if/because not you_will_repeat people_will_ _call to/for_you(fs) tender and_delicate. **2** Take a_hand-mill and_grind flour uncover veil_of_your strip_off a_skirt uncover a_leg pass_through rivers. **3** Nakedness_of_your let_it_be_ _uncovered also reproach_of_your let_it_be_visible vengeance I_will_take and_not I_will_meet anyone. **4** Redeemer_of_our is_ _**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** Sit silence and_go in_darkness Oh_daughter_ _of the_ones_from_Kasdiy if/because not you_will_repeat people_will_call to/for_you(fs) queen_of kingdoms. **6** I_was_ _angry towards people_of_my I_profaned inheritance_of_my and_I_gave_them in_hand_of_your not you_appointed to/for_ _them compassion(s) on the_old you_made_heavy yoke_of_your exceedingly. **7** And_you_said forever_perpetuity I_will_be a_ _queen until not you_put these_things on heart_of_your not you_remembered outcome_of_its. **8** And_now listen_to this Oh_ _voluptuous_woman who_dwells to_security who_says in_ _heart_of_her I and_only_of_I am_yet not I_will_dwell a_widow and_not I_will_know childlessness. **9** And_they_will_come to_ _you both_of these_things a_moment in/on_day one childlessness and_widowhood according_to_of_their_ _completeness they_will_come on_you in_the_abundance_of your(pl)_sorceries_of_your in_the_power_of your(pl)_spells_of_ _your very_many. **10** And_you_trusted in_evil_of_your you_said there_is_not one_of_who_sees_me wisdom_of_your and_ _knowledge_of_your it it_has_led_you_away and_you_said in_ _heart_of_your I and_only_of_I am_yet. **11** And_it_will_come on_you calamity which_not you_will_know to_charm_it_away and_it_will_fall on_you disaster which_not you_will_be_able to_ _cover_it and_it_will_come on_you suddenly devastation which_not you_will_know. **12** Stand please in_spells_of_your and_in_the_abundance_of your(pl)_sorceries_of_your in_which you_have_laboured since_youth(s)_of_your perhaps you_will_ _be_able to_profit perhaps you_will_terrify. **13** You_have_ _become_weary with_the_abundance_of your(pl)_counsels_of_ _your let_them_stand please and_let_them_deliver_you those_ _who_divide_of[189] (of)_the_heavens those_who_look on_stars those_who_make_known to_moons from_the_things_which they_will_come on_you. **14** THERE they_have_become like_chaff a_fire it_has_burnt_them not they_will_deliver ~~DOM~~ self_of_ _their from_the_hand_of the_flame there_will_not_be coal to_ _be_warm a_fire to_sit before_it. **15** Thus they_have_become to/for_you(fs) those_whom you_have_laboured traders_of_your since_youth(s)_of_your everyone to_his_own_of_side they_ _have_wandered there_is_not deliverer_of_a.

187 RV 47:1-15 · Cross-ref. Isa 13:1–14:23; Jer 50:1; 51:64.

188 RV 47:8-9 · Cross-ref. Rev 18:7-8.

189 LV 47:13 · Note OSHB variant note: ורבה: (x-qere) יְרִבֻּהּ; lemma_1895 morph_HVqrmpc id_23p2N יְרִבֻּהּ

Literal Version

48:1 Listen_to this Oh_house_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) who_are_called in/on_name_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from_the_waters_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_came_out who_swear in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_(in)_the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_bring_to_ _remembrance not in_truth and_not in_righteousness. **2** If/because from_the_city_of (the)_holiness they_have_called_ _themselves and_on the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_ _supported_themselves is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_ _name. **3** The_former_things from_then I_declared and_from_ _mouth_of_my they_went_out and_I_proclaimed_them suddenly I_acted and_they_came. **4** Because_knew_I if/because_that were_stubborn you and_was_a_tendon_of iron neck_of_your and_forehead_of_your was_bronze. **5** And_I_ _declared_them to/for_yourself(m) from_then before_before it_ _came I_proclaimed_to_you lest you_should_say idol_of_my it_ _did_them and_my_carved_of_image and_my_molten_of_image it_commanded_them. **6** You_have_heard look_at of_it_of_all and_you(pl) am_not will_you(pl)_tell I_will_proclaim_to_you new_things from_now and_secret_things and_not you_have_ _known_them. **7** Now they_have_been_created and_not from_ _then and_before_of a_day and_not you_had_heard_of_them lest you_should_say HERE I_knew_them. **8** Neither not you_ _heard nor not you_knew nor from_then not ear_of_your it_ _opened if/because I_knew surely_(act_treacherously) you_ _will_act_treacherously and_a_rebel from_the_womb it_has_ _been_called to/for_you(fs). **9** For_the_sake_of name_of_my I_ _will_make_long anger_of_my and_praise_of_my I_will_ _restrain_myself to/for_you(fs) to_not to_cut_you_off. **10** HERE I_have_refined_you and_not (in)_silver I_have_chosen_you in_ _a_furnace_of affliction. **11** For_my_own_sake for_my_own_sake I_will_act if/because how will_it_be_profaned and_glory_of_my to_another not I_will_give.

12 Listen to_me Oh_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) my_ _called_of_one I am_he I am_first also I am_last. **13** Also hand_ _of_my it_founded the_earth and_my_right_of_hand it_spread_ _out the_heavens I am_calling to_them they_stand together.

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to discover what's going to happen to you.
14 Look, they've become like straw that get burnt in a fire.
They can't rescue themselves from the flames.
There'll be no coals to warm them—no fire to sit by.
15 That's what those you worked with have become—those traders from your youth.
Everyone has wandered in their own direction—there's no rescuer.

Yahweh knows and controls the future

48:1 Listen to this you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob),
who are called by the name Yisrael (Israel) and descended from Yehudah (Judah).
You make promises using Yahweh's name,
and mention Yisrael's god,
but it's not done honestly or sincerely
2 even though they state that they're from the sacred city,
and that they're supported by Yisrael's god, named commander-in-chief Yahweh.
3 Long ago I predicted and explained what would happen,
→then suddenly, I took action and they happened
4 because I knew that you were stubborn.
Your neck muscles are like iron
and your forehead is like bronze,
5 so I announced those things in advance.
Before they happened, I informed you
so that you couldn't say that your idol did them,
or say that your carved idols and cast figures ordered them to happen.
6 You've heard—now investigate all of it.
Won't you admit that what I tell you is true?
Now I'll tell you new things,
and secret things that you didn't previously know.
7 They're activated now—not in the past,
and you hadn't heard of them happening before today
otherwise you might say that you expected them.
8 No, you hadn't heard and you didn't know
because from way back, you never wanted to hear.
Yes, I knew that you act very treacherously
and even from the womb you've been called a rebel.
9 For the sake of my reputation, I'll hold back my anger,
and so that I'm praised, I'll restrain myself from destroying you.
10 Look, I've refined you, but not like silver—
I've tested you in the furnace of affliction.
11 But for my own sake I'll take action,
because how could I allow my reputation to be damaged?
I won't allow others to take the honour that's due to me.

The chosen by God destroy of Bavel

12 Listen to me Ya'akov (Jacob),
and Yisrael (Israel) who I called.
I am he, the first, and also the last.[190]

190 RV 48:12 · Cross-ref. Isa 44:6; Rev 1:17; 22:13.

Readers' Version

13 Yes, my hand founded the earth,
and my right hand stretched out the skies.
I call to them, then they stand together.
14 Gather together all of you and listen.
Which of those idols has announced these things?
Yahweh's dearest ally will implement Yahweh's desire on Bavel (Babylon)
and apply his power to those Kasdim (Chaldeans).
15 I've spoken. I've summoned him.
I've brought him, and he will succeed in his mission.
16 Come close to me and listen to this:
From the beginning, I haven't spoken in secrecy.
I was there when those things happened.
My master Yahweh has sent me and his spirit.
17 Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one and the one who paid the price for your freedom, says this:
I am your god, Yahweh, who teaches you to prosper—
who leads you in the path that you should follow.
18 If you had paid attention to my instructions
then you would have had peace like a river
and your righteousness like waves in the ocean.
19 Your descendants would have been as numerous as the sand,
and the offspring from your womb like its grains.
It wouldn't have been destroyed
and had its name removed from my presence.
20 Go away from Bavel (Babylon).
Flee from those Kasdim (Chaldeans).[191]
Proclaim this with a happy song.
Send it out to the ends of the earth to say:
Yahweh has paid the price to free his servant Ya'akov (Jacob).
21 They weren't thirsty when he led them through the wildernesses.
He made water flow out of a rock for them—
he split open the rock and the water gushed out.
22 There's no peace for the wicked says Yahweh.[192]

Yahweh's servant · The second servant song

49:1 Listen to me you islands,
and pay attention you distant peoples.
Yahweh called me from before I was born—
he knew my name when I was still inside my mother.[193]
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword[194] that he hid in the shadow of his hand.
He made me into a polished arrow that he hid in his quiver.
3 Then he told me, 'Yisrael (Israel), you're my servant,
and I'll be honoured by others because of you.'
4 I replied, 'I've worked with no results

Literal Version

14 Gather_together of_you_of_all and_listen who in/among_ _them has_he_declared ~~DOM~~ these_things **YHWH** he_loves_him he_will_execute pleasure_of_his on_Bāv̄el and_arm_of_his the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy. **15** I I I_have_spoken also I_have_ _summoned_him I_have_brought_him and_he_will_make_ _successful its_road/course. **16** Draw_near to_me listen_to this not from_the_beginning in_secrecy I_have_spoken from_the_ _time_of happened_it was_there I and_now my_master **YHWH** he_has_sent_me and_spirit_of_his. **17** Thus **YHWH** redeemer_ _of_your the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says I am_**YHWH** god_of_your who_teaches_of_you to_profit who_leads_of_you in_the_way which_you_will_go. **18** If you_had_paid_attention to_commands_of_my and_he/it_was like_river peace_of_your and_righteousness_of_your like_the_waves_of the_sea. **19** And_ _he/it_was like_sand offspring_of_your and_the_descendants_ _of your(pl)_inward_parts_of_your like_grains_of_its not it_ _will_be_cut_off and_not his/its_name it_will_be_destroyed from_before_face_of_me. **20** Go_out from_Bāv̄el flee from_the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy with_a_sound_of a_shout_of_joy declare proclaim this send_it_out to the_end_of the_earth/land say **YHWH** he_has_redeemed servant_of_his Ya'aqov̄/(Jacob). **21** And_not they_were_thirsty in_the_waste_places he_led_ _them water from_a_rock he_caused_to_flow for_them and_he_ _split_open a_rock and_ waters _they_flowed_out. **22** There_is_ _not peace **YHWH** he_says for_(the)_people.

49:1 Listen Oh_islands to_me and_pay_attention Oh_peoples from_a_distance **YHWH** from_the_womb he_called_me from_ _the_inward_parts_of my_mother_of_my he_has_brought_to_ _remembrance name_of_my. **2** And_he/it_assigned mouth_of_ _my like_a_sword sharp in_the_shadow_of his/its_hand he_hid_ _me and_he_made_me (into)_an_arrow polished in_quiver_of_ _his he_concealed_me. **3** And_he/it_said to_me servant_of_are_ _my you Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom by_you I_will_get_glory_for_ _myself. **4** And_I I_said to_emptiness I_have_laboured to_ _nothingness and_Abel strength_of_my I_have_caused_to_fail nevertheless justice_of_my is_with **YHWH** and_wage[s]_of_my is_with god_of_my. **5** And_now he_says **YHWH** who_formed_of_ _me from_the_womb (into)_a_servant to_him/it to_bring_back

191 **RV 48:20 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:4.
192 **RV 48:22 · Cross-ref.** Isa 57:21.
193 **RV 49:1 · Cross-ref.** Jer 1:5.
194 **RV 49:2 · Cross-ref.** Heb 4:12; Rev 1:16.

Literal Version

Ya´ₐqovʿ to_him/it and_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) wwww[197] it_will_be_
_gathered and_I_will_be_honoured in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**
and_god_of_my he_has_been strength_of_my. **6** And_he/it_said
it_is_too_trifling for_being_your to_me servant to_raise_up ~~DOM~~
the_tribes_of Ya´ₐqovʿ/(Jacob) and[198] of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_
_bring_back I_will_make_you (into)_a_light_of the_nations to_
_be salvation_of_my to the_end_of the_earth/land. **7** Thus
YHWH the_redeemer_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) its_holy_of_one he_
_says to_despise life to_one_who_abhors_of (of)_a_nation to_a_
_servant_of rulers kings they_will_see and_ princes _they_will_
_stand_up and_they_will_bow_down[199] on_account_of **YHWH**
who is_reliable the_holy_one_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he_has_
_chosen_you.

8 Thus **YHWH** he_says in_a_time_of_favour I_will_answer_you
and_on_a_day_of_salvation I_will_help_you and_I_will_watch_
_over_you and_I_will_make_you (into)_a_covenant_of the_
_people to_raise_up the_land to_give_as_inheritance
inheritances desolate. **9** To_say to_the_prisoners come_out to_
_those_who are_in_darkness reveal_yourselves on roads they_
_will_graze and_on/over_all bare_heights pasture_of_their.
10 Not they_will_be_hungry and_not they_will_be_thirsty and_
_not it_will_strike_them burning_heat and_sun if/because one_
_of_who_has_compassion_on_them he_will_guide_them and_to
springs_of water he_will_lead_them. **11** And_I_will_make all_of
mountains_of_my (into)_road and_highways_of_my they_will_
_be_lifted_up. **12** HERE these from_a_distance they_will_come
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE these from_the_north and_from_the_
_west and_these from_the_land_of Ṣīnīm. **13** Shout_for_joy Oh_
_heaven and_be_glad Oh_earth and_break_forth[203] Oh_
_mountains a_shout_of_joy if/because **YHWH** he_has_
_comforted people_of_his and_his_afflicted_of_people he_has_
_compassion_on. **14** And_ Tsiyyōn/(Zion) _she/it_said he_has_
_abandoned_me **YHWH** and_the_of_master he_has_forgotten_

Readers' Version

and used my strength for nothing at all.
Nevertheless, my justice is with Yahweh,
and my wages are with my god.'
5 Now Yahweh has spoken—
the one who formed me from the womb as his servant—
to restore Ya'akov (Jacob) to himself,
and gather Yisrael (Israel) to him.
I'll be honoured in Yahweh's eyes,
and my god has been my strength.
6 Also he says,
'It's too insignificant for you to be my servant to raise up Ya'akov's tribes
and to bring back those from Yisrael who've been preserved.
I'll make you into a light for the nations[195]—
to be the one who takes salvation to the ends of the earth for me.'[196]
7 Yahweh, Yisrael's holy one,
the one who paid the price for their freedom
says to the one whose life is despised,
the one who's hated by the nations—a slave of rulers:
'Kings will see and stand up,
and princes will bow down
on account of Yahweh who is faithful—Yisrael's holy one
because he has chosen you.'

Yisrael's restoration

8 Yahweh says this:
I will answer you in a time of favour,
and I will help you on a day of salvation[200]
and protect you and appoint you to be an agreement for the people,
to rebuild the land so that desolate place can be redistributed as inheritances.
9 You'll tell the prisoners to come out
and those in darkness to show themselves.
They'll graze along roads,
and over all the pasture on bare hills.
10 They won't be hungry or thirsty,
and the burning heat of the sun won't beat down on them,
because they'll be guided by one who has compassion on them
and he'll lead them to springs of water.[201]
11 I'll make all my mountains into a road,
and I'll fill all the low spots on my highways.
12 Look, they'll come from far away,

195 **RV 49:6 · Cross-ref.** Isa 42:6; Luk 2:32; Acts 26:23.

196 **RV 49:6 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:47.

197 **LV 49:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אל**: (x-qere) **לִ֣י**: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_23Xmm **לִ֣י**

198 **LV 49:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וְיִרְצֵנוּ**: (x-qere) **וְיִרְוֵֽנוּ**: lemma_c/5341 morph_HC/Vqsmpc id_23PiS **וְיִרְוֵֽנוּ**

199 **LV 49:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

200 **RV 49:8 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 6:2.

201 **RV 49:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 7:16-17.

203 **LV 49:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וחצפי**: (x-qere) **וְחִצְפִּ֣י**: lemma_c/6476 morph_HC/Vqv2mp id_23ruf **וְחִצְפִּ֣י**

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and look, some from the north and from the west, and from Sinim.
13 Shout happily you sky and be cheerful you earth
and shout with joy you mountains
because Yahweh has comforted his people
and has compassion on them when they're suffering.
14 But Tsiyon (Zion) said, 'Yahweh has abandoned me,
and my master has forgotten me.'
15 Would a woman forget her young baby
or have no compassion on the child that she's given birth to?
Even if she could forget, I won't forget you.
16 Look, I've written your name on my palms.
I'm always thinking about your city walls.
17 Your children are hurrying.
Those who destroyed and ravaged you, are going away from you.
18 Look up and see all around you,
they're all gathering together—coming towards you.
Yahweh declares, As surely as I live,
you'll 'put them all on' like jewelry,
and you'll tie them on like a bride.
19 Look up because your ruined and desolate places,
and your devastated land,
will be too cramped for the coming inhabitants,
and those who swallowed you up will be far away.
20 Yet your descendants who were born in captivity will say in your ears,
'This place is too cramped for us.
Move over to make room for us to live here.'
21 Then you'll think to yourself, 'Who fathered these children?
I was bereaved and barren—taken into exile and thrown away.
Who raised these children?
I was left alone, so where did these children come from?'
22 My master Yahweh says this:
Look, I'll lift my hand up to the nations,
and raise my banner to the peoples.
They'll bring your sons on their laps,
and they'll carry your daughters on their shoulders.
23 Kings will become your children's tutors,
and their noble ladies will become your wet nurses.
They'll bow down to you with their faces to the ground
and lick the dust from your feet.
→Then you'll know that I am Yahweh—those who patiently rely on my assistance won't be humiliated.
24 Can the booty be snatched from a warrior,
or can captives escape from a tyrant.[202]
25 But Yahweh says this:
Even the warrior's captives will be taken from him,
and the spoils will be recovered from a tyrant,
→and I'll oppose your opponent and rescue your children.

Literal Version

me. 15 Will a_woman _she_forget child_of_her_sucking from_ _having_compassion_on the_child_of her_womb_of_her also these they_will_forget and_I not I_will_forget_you. 16 HERE on palms I_have_inscribed_you walls_of_your are_before_me continually. 17 Children_of_your they_have_made_haste those_ _of_who_tear_you_down and_those_of_who_make_you_desolate from_you they_will_go_out. 18 Lift_up all_around eyes_of_your and_see of_them_of_all they_have_gathered_together they_ _have_come to/for_you(fs) by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because of_them_of_all like_ornament[s] you_will_ _put_on and_you_will_tie_them_on like_bride. 19 If/because places_of_your_waste and_your(pl)_desolate_of_places and_ _the_land_of your_destruction_of_your if/because now you_ _will_be_too_cramped for_the_inhabitant[s] and_ those_of_ _who_swallowed_you_up _they_will_be_far_away. 20 Yet they_ _will_say in_ears_of_your the_children_of your(pl)_ _bereavement(s)_of_your it_is_cramped to_me the_place draw_ _near to/for_me so_that_I_may_dwell. 21 And_you_will_say in_ _heart_of_your who did_he_father to_me ~~DOM~~ these_children and_I was_bereaved and_barren I_was_gone_into_exile and_ _thrust_away and_these who did_he_bring_up HERE I I_ _remained I_alone these_children where are_they. 22 Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says HERE I_will_lift_up to the_nations hand_of_my and_near/to peoples I_will_raise standard_of_my and_they_will_bring sons_of_your in_the_bosom and_ _daughters_of_your on a_shoulder they_will_be_carried. 23 And_they_will_be kings foster-fathers_of_your and_their_ _noble_of_ladies nurses_of_your_wet faces ground they_will_ _bow_down to/for_you(fs) and_the_dust_of your_two's_feet_of_ _your they_will_lick_up and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** whom not those_of_who_wait_for_me they_will_be_ _ashamed. 24 Will_it_be_taken from_a_warrior booty and_if the_captive[s] the_righteous will_it_escape. 25 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says also a_captive_of a_warrior he_will_be_taken and_the_booty a_ruthless_person it_will_be_delivered and_~~DOM~~ opponent_of_your I I_will_oppose and_~~DOM~~ children_of_your I I_will_save. 26 And_I_will_cause_to_eat ~~DOM~~ those_of_who_ _maltreat_you ~~DOM~~ flesh_of_their_own and_like_(the)_wine blood_of_their_own they_will_become_drunk and_ all_of flesh _ _they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** deliverer_of_ _your and_redeemer_of_your the_mighty_one_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob).
50:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says where this is_the_document_of the_ _divorce_of your_mother_of_your(pl) which I_sent_her_away or who is_one_of_my_creditors whom I_sold you(pl) to_him/it HERE for_iniquities_of_your(pl) you(pl)_were_sold and_for_ _transgressions_of_your(pl) mother_of_your(pl) she_was_sent_ _away. 2 Why did_I_come and_there_was_not anyone did_I_ _call[204] and_there_was_not one_who_answered really_(be_ _short) hand_of_my was_it_too_short for_ransom and_if was_ _there_not in_me strength to_deliver HERE by_rebuke_of_my I_ _dry_up the_sea I_make rivers a_wilderness fish_of_their it_ _will_stink because_there_is_not water and_it_will_die by_ _thirst. 3 I_clothe the_heavens darkness and_sackcloth I_make covering_of_their.

202 RV 49:24 · Note Using the reading from the Qumran scroll here.

204 LV 50:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

4 My_master **YHWH** he_has_given to_me a_tongue_of apprentices/followers to_know to_help ~~DOM~~ the_weary a_ _message he_awakens in_morning in_morning he_awakens to_ _me ear to_hear like_apprentices/followers. **5** My_master **YHWH** he_has_opened to_me ear and_I not I_have_been_ _rebellious backwards not I_have_turned_back. **6** Back_of_my I_ _gave to_those_who_struck_me and_cheeks_of_my to_those_ _who_made_them_bare face_of_my not I_hid from_insults and_ _spittle. **7** And_the_of_master **YHWH** he_helps to_me therefore yes/correct/thus/so not I_have_been_humiliated therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_made face_of_my like_flint and_I_ _have_perceived if/because_that not I_will_be_put_to_shame. **8** Is_near the_one_of_who_justifies_me who will_he_contend with_me let_us_stand together who is_the_master_of my_case_ _of_my let_him_draw_near to_me. **9** HERE my_master **YHWH** he_helps to_me who he will_he_condemn_me_as_guilty THERE of_them_of_all like_garment they_will_wear_out moth it_will_ _eat_them. **10** Who among_you(pl) is_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** is_ _listening to_the_voice_of his_servant_of_his the_one_who he_ _has_walked darkness(es) and_there_was_not brightness to_ _him/it let_him_trust in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_let_him_ _depend on_god_of_his. **11** HERE all_of_you_of_Oh who_kindle_ _of (of)_a_fire who_gird_on_of (of)_firebrands walk in_Ur your_ _fire_of_your(pl) and_with_the_firebrands which_you(pl)_have_ _kindled from_hand_of_my this it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) to_pain you(pl)_will_lie_down.

Readers' Version

26 I'll cause those who mistreated you to eat their own flesh,
and they'll get drunk on the wine of their own blood.
Then everybody will know that I am your rescuer, Yahweh,
and Ya'akov's (Jacob's) powerful one who paid the price for your freedom.
50:1 Yahweh says this:
Where's the divorce papers for your mother who I sent away?
Which of my creditors did I sell you all to,
because you were all sold because of your disobedience?
And your mother was sent away because of your rebellion.
2 Why did I come when there wasn't anyone there?
Why did I call when no one answered?
Was I unable to pay the ransom?
Didn't I have enough strength to rescue you?
Look, when I scold the ocean, it dries up.
I can turn rivers into a wilderness—
→its fish will stink because they'll die of thirst because there's no water.
3 I clothe the skies with darkness,
and I place sackcloth as their covering.

Yahweh's obedient servant · The third servant song

4 My master Yahweh, has given me a tongue that keeps learning—
knowing how to help the weary with a message.
He wakes me in the morning—
wakes me up to listen to his teaching.
5 My master Yahweh, has opened my ears.
I haven't been rebellious
and I haven't turned back from what I was asked.
6 I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who made them bare.
I didn't hide my face from insults and getting spat on[205]
7 but my master Yahweh will help me.
Therefore I'm not humiliated,
so I've made my face look determined like flint
because I know that I won't be ashamed.
8 The one who'll declare me innocent is close by.
Who will bring charges against me?[206] Let's stand in court together.
Who is my accuser? Let him approach me.
9 Listen, my master Yahweh will help me.
Who is it who condemns me as guilty?
They'll all wear out like clothes—the moths will eat them.
10 How many of you strive to obey Yahweh,
listening to his servant's words?
Who among you all walks in deep darkness without light?
Learn to trust Yahweh and to depend on your god.
11 Look, all of you who kindle fires and carry flaming torches.
Walk in the light from your fire and from the kindling that you're all burning.

205 **RV 50:6 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:67; Mrk 14:65.

206 **RV 50:8-9 · Cross-ref.** Rom 8:33-34.

Readers' Version

That is what you'll receive from my hand.
You'll all lie down in pain.

Comforting words for Yerushalem

51:1 Listen to me, all of you who strive to do what's right—
you who want to follow Yahweh's instructions.
Look at the rock that you where chiselled from,
and at the mouth of the cistern that you were quarried out of.
2 Look at your ancestor, Avraham,
and Sarah who bore you all,
because I called him as one person,
→then I blessed him and made him many,
3 because Yahweh will comfort Tsiyon (Zion).
He will comfort all its ruined places,
and make her wilderness like Eden
and her desert plains like Yahweh's garden.
Joy and happiness will come from there—
thanksgiving and the sounds of music.
4 Pay attention to me, my people.
and you my nation, listen carefully,
because I will send out my instructions,
and in an instant, I'll make my justice as a light for the nations.
5 I'm ready to declare you as innocent.
My salvation will go out.
My arms will bring justice to the peoples.
The islands wait eagerly—waiting for my arm.
6 Look upwards to the skies
^and down to the earth below,
because the skies will be dispersed like smoke,
and the earth will wear out like a piece of clothing
and its inhabitants will die like gnats.
However, when I save you, you'll be free forever,
and I'll only ever do what is right.
7 Listen to me, all of you who know what is right—
people with my instructions always in their thoughts.
Don't be afraid of getting insulted by people,
and don't be dismayed by their abuse,
8 because moths will eat them like a piece of clothing,
and their larva will devour them like they do with wool.
However, I will only ever do what is right,
and when I save you, you'll be free throughout the generations.
9 Wake up, wake up! Yahweh, strengthen yourself!
Wake up like back in the old days—
the generations from long ago.
Wasn't it you who pierced the sea monster Rahav and cut it into pieces?
10 Wasn't it you who dried up the ocean—those large, deep waters—
the one who made the deep seas into a way for those who've been set free to pass over?
11 Then those who Yahweh has paid the price for their freedom, will return,
and go to Tsiyon (Zion) with happy shouts,

Literal Version

51:1 Listen to_me Oh_you(pl)_who_pursue_of (of)_righteousness you(pl)_who_seek_of (of)_**YHWH** look to the_rock which_ _you(pl)_were_dug and_near/to the_excavation_of the_pit which_you(pl)_were_dug_out. **2** Look to 'Avrāhām ancestor_of_ _your(pl) and_near/to Sārāh who_she_brought_you(pl)_forth if/because one_person I_called_him and_I_blessed_him and_I_ _multiplied_him. **3** If/because **YHWH** he_will_comfort Tsiyyōn/(Zion) he_will_comfort all_of places_of_its_waste and_ _he/it_assigned wilderness_of_its like_ʹĒden and_its_ _wilderness_of_plain like_the_garden_of **YHWH** joy and_ _gladness it_will_be_found in_it thanksgiving and_the_sound_ _of music. **4** Pay_attention to_me my_people_of_my and_Oh_of_ _my_nation to_me give_ear if/because law from_with_me it_ _will_go_out and_justice_of_my (into)_a_light_of peoples I_will_ _make_in_a_moment. **5** Is_near righteousness_of_my salvation_ _of_my it_has_gone_out and_arms_of_my peoples they_will_ _judge to_me islands they_will_wait_eagerly and_near/to arm_ _of_my they_will_wait. **6** Lift_up to_heavens your(pl)_eyes and_ _look to the_earth/land from_under if/because the_heavens like_smoke they_will_be_dispersed and_the_earth like_garment it_will_wear_out and_inhabitants_of_its like gnat[s] they_will_ _die and_salvation_of_my forever_perpetuity it_will_be and_ _righteousness_of_my not it_will_be_broken. **7** Listen to_me Oh_you(pl)_who_know_of (of)_righteousness a_people law_of_ _which_my is_in_heart_of_their do_not fear the_reproach_of humankind and_from_their_reviling_of_words/messages do_ _not be_dismayed. **8** If/because like_garment it_will_eat_them moth and_like_wool it_will_eat_them clothes-moth and_ _righteousness_of_my forever_perpetuity it_will_be and_ _salvation_of_my to_a_generation_of generations. **9** Awake awake put_on strength Oh_arm_of **YHWH** awake like_days_of antiquity generations_of antiquiti(es) am_not are_you she who_cut_in_pieces Rahav who_pierced_of the_sea_monster. **10** Am_not are_you she who_dried_up the_sea the_water_of the_deep great who_she_made the_depths_of the_sea a_way to_ those_redeemed _pass_over. **11** And_the_people_ransomed_of **YHWH** they_will_return and_they_will_come Tsiyyōn/(Zion) with_a_shout_of_joy and_gladness_of perpetuity will_be_on head_of_their joy and_gladness they_will_overtake_them sorrow and_groaning they_will_flee. **12** I I am_he who_ _comforts_of_you(pl) who are_you and_you_have_been_afraid from_a_person who_he_dies and_from_a_child_of humankind who_grass he_is_made. **13** And_you_have_forgotten **YHWH** who_made_of_you who_stretched_out the_heavens and_who_ _founded the_earth and_you_have_been_in_dread continually all_of the_day from_face/in_front_of the_anger_of the_one_ _who_oppresses just_as he_has_prepared to_destroy and_where is_the_anger_of the_one_who_oppresses. **14** one_who_stoops he_will_hasten to_be_let_untie/release and_not he_will_die to_ _pit and_not he_will_lack food_of_his. **15** And_I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your who_stirs_up_of the_sea and_ waves_of_its _they_ _roared is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name. **16** And_I_ _have_put words/messages_of_my in_mouth_of_your and_ _with_the_shadow_of my_hand_of_my I_have_covered_you to_ _plant the_heavens and_to_found the_earth and_to_say to_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) people_of_are_my you.

Literal Version

17 Rouse_yourself rouse_yourself arise Oh_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) who you_have_drunk from_the_
_hand_of **YHWH** ~~ĐǾM~~ the_cup_of his_anger_of_his ~~ĐǾM~~ the_
_bowl_of the_cup_of (the)_staggering you_have_drunk you_
_have_drained. **18** There_is_not one_who_leads to/for_her/it
from_all the_children whom_she_has_borne and_there_is_not
one_who_takes_hold on_hand_of_her from_all the_children
whom_she_has_brought_up. **19** Two_things those have_
_happened_of_to_you who does_he_show_sympathy to/for_
_you(fs) the_devastation and_the_destruction and_the_famine
and_the_sword who do_I_comfort_you. **20** Children_of_your
they_have_become_faint they_have_lain_down at_the_head_of
all_of the_streets like_an_antelope_of a_net they_are_full the_
_anger_of **YHWH** the_rebuke_of your(pl)_god_of_your. **21** For_
_so/thus/hence hear please this Oh_afflicted_one and_Oh_
_drunken_one_of and_not from_wine. **22** Thus master(s)_of_
_your **YHWH** and_god_of_your who_he_conducts_a_case_for
people_of_his he_says HERE I_have_taken from_hand_of_your
~~ĐǾM~~ the_cup_of (the)_staggering ~~ĐǾM~~ the_bowl_of the_cup_of
my_anger_of_my not you_will_repeat to_drink_it again. **23** And_
_I_will_put_it in_the_hand_of those_who_grieve_you who they_
_said to_self_of_your bow_down so_that_we_may_pass_over_
_you(pl) and_you_made like_ground back_of_your and_like_
_street for_who]_pass_over.

52:1 Awake awake put_on strength_of_your Oh_Tsiyyōn/(Zion)
put_on the_garments_of your_beauty_of_your Oh_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city_of (the)_holiness if/because

Readers' Version

and with happiness always showing on their faces.
Gladness and joy will overtake them—
sorrow and mourning will disappear.
12 It's me who's the one who comforts you all.
Why would you be afraid of other humans who are just mortal,
or other descendants of humankind who are a temporary as grass.
13 Then you've forgotten Yahweh who made you
and who stretched out the skies and made the earth's foundations.
You've been in dread the entire day as your angry oppressor approaches ready to destroy you.
But where is the oppressor's anger now?
14 The one who stoops over will be quickly released.
He won't die in the pit and won't lack his food.
15 I am your god Yahweh who stirs up the sea
and its waves roar.
Commander-in-chief Yahweh is his name.
16 I've given you my messages to proclaim,
and I've protected you with my hand—
planting the skies and founding the earth,
and telling Tsiyon (Zion) that you are my people.

The cup of anger removed from Yerushalem

17 Rouse yourself, rouse yourself. Get up, Yerushalem (Jerusalem)—
you who drank the cup from Yahweh's hand that was filled with his anger.
You drank the cup that makes you stagger—you drained it.
18 Despite all the children that she's borne, there's no one to lead her,
and there's no one to hold her hand out of all the children that she's brought up.
19 Those two things have happened to you:
Who shows sympathy to you after the devastation and destruction?
Who comforts you after the famine and war?
20 Your children have fainted and they lie at the end of every street like antelope caught in a net.
They're full of Yahweh's anger—the rebuke from your god,
21 so listen to this you oppressed one,
and the one who's drunk, but not from wine.
22 This is what your master Yahweh,
and your god who defends your people, says:
Listen, I've taken that cup of suffering out of your hand—
the goblet containing my rage. You'll no longer have to drink it.
23 Instead, I'll put it into your tormentors' hand—
those who told you to bow down so they could walk over the top of you,
and made your back like the ground or the street for walking on.

Yahweh will rescue Yerushalem

52:1 Wake up, wake up, strengthen yourself Tsiyon (Zion).

Readers' Version

Put your beautiful clothes on, Yerushalem (Jerusalem), sacred city,
because the uncircumcised and the 'unclean' people won't enter you again.[207]
2 Shake yourself free from the dust.
Take action, you captive Yerushalem.
Release the chains from your neck, you captive daughter of Tsiyon
3 because Yahweh says this:
You were sold for nothing
and you'll gain your freedom without any payment,
4 because my master Yahweh says this:
My people went down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to stay there long ago,
and then Ashur (Assyria) has oppressed the nation for nothing.
5 Now Yahweh declares:
My people were taken for no reason.
His rulers mock him
and my name is continually slandered throughout the day.[208]
That is Yahweh's declaration.
6 Therefore my people will know my name because on that day
it will be me speaking and saying, 'Here I am.'
7 How delightful is the one who brings good news across the mountains announcing peace[209]—
bringing good news that announces a coming rescuer,
and telling Tsiyon (Zion) that their god reigns.
8 Your watchmen will all call out loudly at the same time.
They'll all shout happily because each of them will see that Yahweh has returned to Tsiyon.
9 Start shouting out happily you ruined places in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
because Yahweh has encouraged his people—he's paid the price for Yerushalem's freedom.
10 In front of all the nations, Yahweh has revealed that he's holy and powerful,
and even the ends of the earth will see that our god rescues his people.
11 Get out, get out, leave that place! Don't touch anything that's 'unclean'.[210]
Get out from among it. Purify yourselves, all of you who carry Yahweh within you,
12 because you won't leave out in a rush.
You all won't have to flee hurriedly
because Yahweh will go ahead of you all,
and Yisrael's (Israel's) god will bring up the rear.

Literal Version

not he_will_repeat he_will_come in_you again an_
_uncircumcised_man and_an_unclean_person. 2 Shake_
_yourself_free from_the_dust arise Oh_captive
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) loosen_for_yourselves(pl)[211] the_
_fetters_of your_neck_of_your Oh_captive_one the_daughter_of
Tsiyyōn. 3 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says for_nothing you(pl)_
_were_sold and_not with_money you(pl)_will_be_redeemed.
4 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says Mitsrayim/(Egypt)
people_of_my it_went_down at_time to_sojourn there and_
_'Ashshūr for_nothing it_oppressed_it. 5 And_now wwww
mmm[212] here the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because people_of_
_my it_was_taken for_nothing its[213] they_wail the_utterance_of
YHWH and_continually all_of the_day name_of_my is_reviled.
6 For_so/thus/hence people_of_my it_will_know name_of_my
for_so/thus/hence in_the_day (the)_that if/because_that I am_
_he who_is_speaking here_I_am. 7 How they_are_delightful on
the_mountains the_feet_of one_who_bears_news one_who_
_proclaims peace one_who_bears_news good one_who_
_proclaims salvation one_who_says to_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) god_of_
_your he_reigns. 8 The_voice_of your_watchmen they_will_lift_
_up a_voice together they_will_shout_for_joy if/because eye in_
_eye they_will_see when_ **YHWH** _returns Tsiyyōn. 9 Break_
_forth shout_for_joy together Oh_waste_places_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because **YHWH** he_has_comforted
people_of_his he_has_redeemed Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
10 **YHWH** he_has_bared ~~DOM~~ the_arm_of his_holiness_of_his to_
_the_eyes_of all_of the_nations and_ all_of the_ends_of the_
_earth _they_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_salvation_of our_god_of_our.
11 Depart depart go_out from_there an_unclean_thing do_not
touch go_out from_the_midst_of_of_it purify_yourselves Oh_
_you(pl)_who_bear_of (of)_the_vessels_of **YHWH**. 12 If/because
not in_haste you(pl)_will_go_out and_in_flight not you(pl)_will_
_go if/because will_be_going before_you(pl) **YHWH** and_will_
_of_be_your(pl)_rearguard the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

207 RV 52:1 · Cross-ref. Rev 21:2-27.

208 RV 52:5 · Cross-ref. Rom 2:24.

209 RV 52:7 · Cross-ref. Nah 1:15; Acts 10:36; Rom 10:15; Eph 6:15.

210 RV 52:11 · Cross-ref. 2Cor 6:17.

211 LV 52:2 · Note OSHB variant note: וחתפתה: (x-qere) 'יְחִתַּפְּתָה': lemma_6605 a n_0.1.0 morph_HVtv2fs id_238eG יְחִתַּפְּתָה

212 LV 52:5 · Note OSHB variant note: י/לִ־ימ: (x-qere) 'הֵמָּ': lemma_4100 morph_HTi id_23VCc י/לִ־ הֵמָּ': lemma_l morph_HR/Sp1cs id_23aeF י/לִ

213 LV 52:5 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/לשמ: (x-qere) 'וְיָלִֽלוּ': lemma_4910 morph_HVqrmpc/Sp3ms id_23MNk וְיָלִֽלוּ

Literal Version

13 THERE servant_of_my he_will_prosper he_will_be_high and_
_he_will_be_lifted_up and_he_will_be_exalted exceedingly.
14 Just_as they_were_appalled on_you many_people so was_a_
_disfigurement_of from_man appearance_of_his and_form_of_
his from(the)_sons humankind. **15** So he_will_startle nations
many on/upon/above_him/it kings they_will_shut mouth_of_
_their if/because that_which not it_had_been_recounted
to/for_them they_will_see and_which not they_had_heard
they_will_understand.
53:1 Who has_he_believed (to)_report_of_our and_the_arm_of
YHWH to whom has_it_been_revealed. **2** And_he/it_ascended
like_shoot before_him and_like_root from_ground_of dryness
not form to_him/it and_not splendour and_we_will_look_at_
_him and_not appearance and_we_will_desire_him. **3** He_was_
_despised and_rejected_of people a_man_of pains and_one_
_acquainted_of sickness and_like_a_hiding_of face from_him/it
he_was_despised and_not we_valued_him. **4** Nevertheless
sicknesses_of_our he he_bore and_pains_of_our he_carried_
_them and_we we_considered_him stricken struck_of god and_
_afflicted. **5** And_he was_pierced from_transgressions_of_our
he_was_crushed from_iniquities_of_our the_chastening_of our_
_peace_of_our on/upon/above_him/it and_by_wound[s]_of_his
it_was_healed to/for_us. **6** Of_us_of_all like_sheep we_have_
_gone_astray each to_his_own_of_way we_have_turned and_
_**YHWH** he_has_caused_to_touch in/on/over_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_iniquity_of all_of_us_of_our. **7** He_was_oppressed and_he was_
_afflicted and_not he_opened mouth_of_his like_sheep which_
_to_slaughter it_is_brought and_like_a_ewe to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before shearers_of_its it_is_dumb and_not he_opened
mouth_of_his. **8** From_oppression and_from_judgement he_
_was_taken_away and_ᴅᴏᴍ generation_of_his who will_he_
_consider if/because_that he_was_cut_off from_the_land_of
living_people from_the_transgression_of my_people_of_my a_
_wound belonged_to_him. **9** And_he/it_gave with wicked_
_people grave_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ a_rich_person in_death(s)_of_his
on not violence he_had_done and_not deceit was_in_mouth_of_
his. **10** And**YHWH** he_desired to_crush_him he_made_him_
_sick if it_will_make a_guilt_offering self_of_his he_will_see
offspring he_will_prolong days and_the_pleasure_of **YHWH** in_
_his/its_hand it_will_prosper. **11** From_the_labour_of his_self_
_of_his he_will_see he_will_be_satisfied by_knowledge_of_his
the_righteous_one servant_of_my he_will_justify (to)_many_
_people and_iniquities_of_their he he_will_carry. **12** For_
_so/thus/hence I_will_allot_a_portion to_him/it among_people
and_ᴅᴏᴍ mighty_people he_will_apportion the_plunder
because that he_poured_out to_death life_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ
transgressors he_was_numbered and_he the_sin_of many_
_people he_bore and_for_transgressors he_will_make_entreaty.

Readers' Version

The suffering servant · The fourth servant song

13 Listen, my servant will prosper—
he'll be promoted and highly honoured.
14 Many people were horrified at you—his appearance was so disfigured
and his body was so disfigured that he no longer looked like a man.
15 So he'll startle many nations.
Kings will shut their mouths because even if they hadn't been told about it,
they'll see and understand what they hadn't heard about.[214]
53:1 Who has believed our message,
and who has Yahweh's power been revealed to?[215]
2 He grew in front of him like a young plant,
and like a root out of the dry ground.
He had no fancy form or splendour to look at,
and his appearance didn't attract us to him.
3 He was despised and rejected by people—
a man with a lot of pain and familiar with sickness
like someone that most people would look away from
and despise him, rather than to esteem him.
4 Despite that, he's borne our sicknesses
and carried our pains.[216]
We thought that he'd been struck down by God—
attacked and made to suffer.
5 But he was pierced for our disobedience,
and crushed for our wicked actions.
The punishment that gave us peace was on him,
and we were healed thanks to his wounds.[217]
6 We've all strayed away like sheep—
everyone's gone in their own direction[218]
and Yahweh has placed all our disobedience onto him.
7 He was oppressed and tormented
but like a lamb being led away to be slaughtered,[219] he didn't open his mouth,
and like a sheep that's silent in front of its shearers, he didn't open his mouth.
8 After oppression and judgement, he was taken away,
but how many of his peers even cared that he was cut off from the land of the living?
He was wounded because of the disobedience of my people.
9 His burial place was among the criminals,
and a rich man at his death,
although he'd committed no violent acts,
and had never spoken deceitfully.[220]
10 But Yahweh desired to crush him—

214 RV 52:15 · Cross-ref. Rom 15:21.
215 RV 53:1 · Cross-ref. Rom 10:16; Yhn 12:38.
216 RV 53:4 · Cross-ref. Mat 8:17.
217 RV 53:5 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 2:24.
218 RV 53:6 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 2:25.
219 RV 53:7 · Cross-ref. Rev 5:6.
220 RV 53:9 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 2:22.

Readers' Version

he made him sick if it would make his life a guilt offering.
He will live long and see offspring,
and Yahweh' plans will prosper through his work.
11 Due to his internal anguish, he'll be able to see.
He'll be satisfied with his knowledge.
My obedient servant will justify many,
and he will carry their disobedience.
12 Because of that, I'll allocate a portion for him.
He'll divide out the plunder to a powerful people
because he poured out his life resulting in his death.
He was included with the wicked,[221]
and he bore the disobedience of many people,
and he intervened on behalf of the disobedient.

Yahweh's love for Yerushalem

54:1 Sing happily you barren women who has never given birth.
Break into a cheery song and celebrate, you who've never been in labour,
because the desolate woman now has more children than the married woman did says Yahweh.[222]
2 Widen your tent and stretch your tent curtains further out without restraint.
Make your tent ropes longer and drive your stakes in deep
3 because you'll spread out both to the right and to the left,
and your descendants will conquer nations
and settle in cities that had become desolate.
4 Don't be afraid because you won't be put to shame,
and don't be discouraged because you won't be disgraced,
because you'll forget the shame from your youth.
You'll no longer remember the disgrace from when you were made a widow
5 because your husband is the one who made you—
his name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one is your protector.
He's called the god of the whole world.
6 Yes, Yahweh has called you back
as if you were an abandoned wife with a wounded spirit,
or a young wife who was rejected.
Your god says:
7 I abandoned you for a little while,
^but now I'll bring you back with great compassion.
8 I kept away from you for a while in a flood of severe anger,
but with my permanent loyal commitment, I'll have compassion on you.
Yahweh who paid the price for your freedom says:
9 For me, this is like Noah's flood—
just as I promised to never again to cover the earth,
so too I promise not to be angry at you or to rebuke you.
10 Even if the mountains disappear and the hills shake,
my loyal commitment to you won't disappear and my agreement for peace won't be shaken,

221 RV 53:12 · Cross-ref. Luk 22:37.

222 RV 54:1 · Cross-ref. Gal 4:27.

Literal Version

54:1 Shout_for_joy Oh_barren_woman who_not she_has_given_ _birth break_forth a_shout_of_joy and_cry_aloud Oh_one_who_ _not she_has_been_in_labour if/because are_many the_ _children_of a_desolate_woman from_(the)_sons a_married_ _woman **YHWH** he_says. **2** Enlarge the_place_of your_tent_of_ _your and_the_tent_curtains_of your(pl)_dwellings_of_your may_people_stretch_out do_not refrain make_long tent-cords_ _of_your and_your(pl)_tent_of_pegs make_strong. **3** If/because right and_left you_will_spread_out and_offspring_of_your nations he_will_dispossess and_cities desolated they_will_ _cause_to_be_inhabited. **4** Do_not be_afraid if/because not you_ _will_be_put_to_shame and_do_not be_ashamed if/because not you_will_display_shame if/because the_shame_of your_ _youth(s)_of_your you_will_forget and_the_reproach_of your(pl)_widowhood_of_your not you_will_remember again. **5** If/because is_your(pl)_of_husband(s) your(pl)_of_maker(s) is_ _**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name and_is_redeemer_ _of_your the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_god_of all_of the_ _earth/land he_is_called. **6** If/because like_a_wife who_has_ _been_abandoned and_who_is_grieved_of spirit he_will_call_ _you **YHWH** and_a_wife_of youth(s) if/because she_is_rejected god_of_your he_says. **7** For_a_moment small I_abandoned_you and_in_compassion(s) great I_will_gather_you. **8** In_a_flood_of severe_anger I_hid face_of_my a_moment from_you and_in_ _covenant_loyalty_of perpetuity I_will_have_compassion_on_ _you redeemer_of_your **YHWH** he_says. **9** If/because is_the_ _waters_of Noaḥ this to_me which I_swore from_ the_waters_of Noaḥ _passing again over the_earth/land so I_swear from_ _being_angry towards_you and_from_rebuking on/over_ _you(fs). **10** If/because the_mountains they_will_be_removed and_the_hills they_will_shake and_my_covenant_of_loyalty from_with_you not it_will_be_removed and_the_covenant_of my_peace_of_my not it_will_shake one_of_who_has_ _compassion_on_you **YHWH** he_says.

Literal Version

11 Oh_afflicted_one which_it_is_storm-tossed which_not it_
_has_been_comforted HERE I am_about_to_set in_antimony
stones_of_your and_I_will_refound_you with_sapphires.
12 And_I_will_make ruby battlements_of_your and_gates_of_
_your (to)_stones_of beryl and_all border_of_your (to)_stones_
_of delight. **13** And_all children_of_your will_be_
_apprentices/followers_of **YHWH** and_will_be_great the_peace_
_of your(pl)_children_of_your. **14** In_righteousness you_will_be_
_established be_distant from_extortion if/because not you_
_will_be_afraid and_from_terror if/because not it_will_draw_
_near to_you. **15** THERE actually_(stir_up_trouble) anyone_will_
_stir_up_trouble not from_~~DOM~~_me whoever is_stirring_up_
_trouble with_you on_you he_will_fall. **16** HERE[223] I I_created a_
_craftsman who_blows on_a_fire_of charcoal and_who_
_produces a_weapon for_work_of_its and_I I_created a_
_destroyer to_ruin. **17** Any_of weapon which_it_will_be_formed
on_you not it_will_succeed and_all tongue which_it_will_arise
with_you to_judgement you_will_condemn_as_guilty this is_
_the_inheritance_of the_servants_of **YHWH** and_
_righteousness_of_their from_with_me the_utterance_of
YHWH.

55:1 Alas Oh_every_of thirsty_one come to_waters and_which
there_belongs_not to_him/it money come buy_grain and_eat
and_come buy_grain with_not money and_with_not price wine
and_milk. **2** To/for_what do_you(pl)_weigh_out money for_not
bread and_toil_of_your(pl) for_not to_satiety listen carefully_
_(listen) to_me and_eat good_thing[s] so_that_it_may_take_
_delight in_fatness appetite_of_your(pl). **3** Incline ear_of_
_your(pl) and_come to_me listen so_ self_of_your(pl) _that_it_
_may_live and_I_will_make to/for_you(pl) a_covenant_of
perpetuity the_covenant_loyalti(es)_of Dāvid (the)_reliable.
4 HERE a_witness_of peoples I_made_him a_leader and_one_
_who_commands (of)_peoples. **5** THERE a_nation which_not
you_know you_will_call and_a_nation which_not they_have_
_known_you to_you they_will_run on_account_of **YHWH** god_
_of_your and_to_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because
he_has_glorified_you. **6** Seek **YHWH** when_he_lets_himself_be_
_found call_on_him when_is_he near. **7** A_wicked_person let_
_him_abandon its_road/course and_a_person_of wickedness
thoughts_of_his and_let_him_return to **YHWH** so_that_he_
_may_have_compassion_on_him and_near/to god_of_our
if/because he_will_increase to_forgive. **8** If/because not
thoughts_of_my thoughts_of_are_your(pl) and_not ways_of_
_are_your(pl) ways_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
9 If/because the_heavens they_are_high more_than_the_earth
so ways_of_my they_are_high more_than_of_your(pl)_ways
and_thoughts_of_my more_than_of_your(pl)_thoughts.
10 If/because just_as the_rain and_the_snow it_comes_down
from the_heavens and_to_(to) not it_returns if/because (if) it_

Readers' Version

says Yahweh, the one who has compassion for you.

The new Yerushalem

11 You city which is suffering like being battered in a storm
with no one to comfort you,
listen, I'll rebuild you with turquoise stones,
and place sapphires in your foundations.
12 I'll make your towers out of rubies
and your gates from beryl stones,
and all your walls from other precious stones.
13 All your children will be followers of Yahweh,
and they'll experience extended peace.
14 You'll be established with justice—far away from oppression.
You won't be afraid of acts of terror because it won't approach you.
15 Listen, no one will attack you that I haven't sent.
Anyone stirring up trouble against you will fail.
16 Look, I created the craftsman who fans the charcoal fire,
and produces weapons as his work,
and it's me who created a destroyer to cause destruction.
17 No weapon that's made to be used against you will succeed,
and those who speak out accusations against you will be condemned as guilty.
That's the inheritance of Yahweh's servants,
and I, Yahweh, will pronounce them as innocent.

Come and freely find Yahweh

55:1 Hey, you who are thirsty, go to the water supplies,
and you who have no money, go and buy grain and eat.
Yes, come and buy grain without money,
and wine and milk with no price on them.
2 Why pay money for what's not food,
and work hard for what doesn't satisfy?
Listen carefully to me and eat good things
and enjoy rich foods.
3 Pay attention and come to me.
Listen so you all can live,
and I'll make a permanent agreement with you all—
the reliable, loyal commitment shown to David.[224]
4 Listen, I've made him a witness to the nations—
a leader and commander of the people groups.
5 Look, you'll call a nation that you didn't know,
and that nation that didn't know you either, will run to you
because of your god Yahweh,
and because Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one has caused you to be honoured.
6 Search for Yahweh while he lets himself be found.
Call out to Yahweh for help while he's near.
7 Let the wicked person abandon their behaviour,
and the evil person abandon their plans.
Then let them return to Yahweh so that he can have compas-

223 **LV 54:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְה: (x-qere) 'הֶנָּה': lemma_2005 morph_HTm id_23HEm הֶנָּה

224 **RV 55:3 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:34.

Readers' Version

sion for him,
and return to our god because he'll freely forgive them.
8 Yes, my thoughts aren't like your thoughts,
and your ways aren't like my ways.
That's what Yahweh declares.
9 Yes, just as the skies are higher than the earth,
so too my ways are higher than your ways
and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts.
10 Just like how the rain and snow come down from the skies
and don't return there, but water the land
that then makes it produce and sprout,
seed is given to the sower and bread to the consumer,
11 so too when my message leaves my mouth.
It won't return to me empty,
but when it's done what was desired,
and after having prospered in the place where I sent it.
12 You'll all go out cheerfully
and be led in peace.
The mountains and hills will let out a happy shout,
and all the trees in the countryside will clap their hands.
13 Instead of thornbushes, cypress trees will grow up.
Rather than nettles, myrtle trees will rise up,
and it'll increase Yahweh's reputation
as a permanent sign that will never be destroyed.

Salvation for others

56:1 Yahweh says this:
Promote justice and do what is right
because the time when I'll save you is coming soon,
and my righteousness will be revealed.
2 Everyone who does that will be blessed,
and the son of humanity who takes hold of it,
who observes the rest day—not defiling it,
and who stays away from doing anything evil.
3 Don't let the son of any foreigner who's decided to follow Yahweh,
say, 'Yahweh will certainly separate me out from his people.'
And don't let the castrated slave say, 'Look, I'm a withered-up tree,'
4 because Yahweh says this:
To the castrated slaves who observe my rest days
and choose what pleases me and are faithful to my agreement,
5 I will give them a monument and a good name in my house and inside my walls
that's better than sons and daughters.
I'll give them a permanent good reputation which won't be terminated.
6 Then the children of foreigners who strive to follow Yahweh,
to serve him and to love his name, and to be his servants,
who observe the rest day without defiling it,
and who cling to my agreement,
7 I'll bring them to my sacred mountain
and make them happy in my temple where people pray.

Literal Version

_has_given_water_to ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_it_has_caused_it_
_to_bring_forth and_it_has_made_it_sprout and_he/it_gave
seed to_sower and_bread to_eater. **11** Thus it_is message_of_my
which it_goes_forth from_mouth_of_my not it_will_return to_
_me empty if/because (if) it_has_done ~~DOM~~ that_which I_
_desired and_it_has_prospered that_which I_sent_it.
12 If/because in_joy you(pl)_will_go_out and_in_peace you(pl)_
_will_be_led the_mountains and_the_hills they_will_break_
_forth before_you(pl) a_shout_of_joy and_all the_trees_of the_
_field they_will_clap a_palm. **13** In_place_of the_thornbush a_
_cypress it_will_grow_up and_in_place_of[225] the_nettle a_
_myrtle_tree it_will_grow_up and_it_was to/for_**YHWH** (into)_
_a_name (into)_a_sign_of perpetuity which_not it_will_be_cut_
_down.

56:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says keep justice and_do righteousness
if/because is_near salvation_of_my to_come and_
_righteousness_of_my to_be_revealed. **2** How_blessed is_the_
_person who_he_does this and_the_child_of humankind who_
_he_takes_hold on_it who_keeps the_sabbath from_profaning_it
and_who_keeps his/its_hand from_doing any_of evil. **3** And_not
the_son_of (the)_foreignness who_he_has_joined_himself to
YHWH let_him_say to_say surely_(separate) he_will_separate_
_me **YHWH** from_under people_of_his and_not the_eunuch let_
_him_say HERE I am_a_tree dry. **4** If/because thus **YHWH** he_
_says to_eunuchs who they_keep ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my and_
_they_choose (in)_that_which I_desire and_they_are_keeping_
_hold on_covenant_of_my. **5** And_I_will_give to/for_them in_
_house_of_my and_in_walls_of_my a_monument and_a_name
good more_than_sons and_more_than_daughters a_name_of
perpetuity I_will_give to_him/it which not it_will_be_cut_off.
6 And_the_sons of_(the)_foreignness who_join_themselves to
YHWH to_serve_him and_to_love ~~DOM~~ the_name_of **YHWH** to_
_be to_him/it (into)_servants every_of one_who_keeps the_
_sabbath from_profaning_it and_those_who_keep_hold on_
_covenant_of_my. **7** And_I_will_bring_them to the_mountain_of
my_holiness_of_my and_I_will_make_them_rejoice in_house_of
my_prayer_of_my offerings_of_their_burnt and_sacrifices_of_
_their will_be_for_acceptance on altar_of_my if/because house_
_of_my a_house_of prayer it_will_be_called to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_peoples. **8** The_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH** who_gathers the_banished_ones_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) still I_will_gather on/upon/above_him/it to_
_its_gathered_of_ones.

225 LV 55:13 · Note OSHB variant note: תחת: (x-qere) 'תַּחַתְ/וֹ': lemma_c/8478 morph_HC/R id_23tZn תַּחַתְ/וֹ

Literal Version

9 Oh_every_of animal_of the_field come to_devour Oh_every_of animal_of in_forest. **10** Watchmen_of_its[227] are_blind of_them_ _of_all not they_know of_them_of_all are_dogs dumb not they_ _are_able to_bark they_are_dreaming they_are_lying_down they_are_loving_of (of)_to_slumber. **11** And_the_dogs are_ _mighty_of appetite not they_know satiety and_they are_ _shepherds not they_know to_understand of_them_of_all to_ _their_own_of_way they_have_turned everyone to_his_own_of_ _unjust_gain from_end_of_his. **12** Come let_me_take wine and_ _let_us_drink strong_drink and_it_was like_this_day day tomorrow great abundance exceedingly.

57:1 The_righteous_person he_has_perished and_there_is_not anyone who_puts on heart and_people_of loyalty are_being_ _removed when_there_is_not one_who_has_understanding if/because_that from_face/in_front_of (the)_evil the_ _righteous_person he_is_removed. **2** He_will_go peace they_ _will_rest on beds_of_their one_who_walks his_of_ _straightforwardness. **3** And_you(pl) draw_near hither Oh_ _children_of a_soothsayer offspring_of an_adulterer(m) and_ _she_has_played_the_prostitute. **4** On whom are_you(pl)_ _making_fun on whom do_you(pl)_make_wide a_mouth do_ _you(pl)_make_long a_tongue am_not are_you(pl) children_of transgression offspring_of deception. **5** Who_are_inflaming_ _yourselves among_oaks under every_of tree luxuriant who_ _are_slaughtering_of the_youths in_wadis under the_clefts_of the_cliffs. **6** Is_among_the_smooth_stones_of the_wadi portion_ _of_your they they allotted_portion_of_are_your also to/for_ _them you_have_poured_out a_drink_offering you_have_ _offered_up a_grain_offering on these_things will_I_relent. **7** On a_mountain high and_lifted_up you_have_set bed_of_your also there you_have_gone_up to_sacrifice a_sacrifice. **8** And_after the_door and_the_doorpost you_have_set_up memorial_of_ _your if/because from_with_me you_have_uncovered and_you_ _have_gone_up you_have_made_wide bed_of_your and_you_ _have_cut_off to/for_you(fs) from_them you_have_loved bed_ _of_their a_hand you_have_seen. **9** And_you_journeyed to/for_ _the_king with_oil and_you_increased perfumes_of_your and_ _you_sent envoys_of_your to from_a_distance and_you_ _showed_abasement to Shə'ōl. **10** With_the_greatness_of your_ _journey_of_your you_became_weary not you_said despairing the_life_of your_hand_of_your you_found therefore yes/correct/thus/so not you_became_weak. **11** And_~~DOM~~ whom did_you_dread and_did_you_fear that/for/because/then/when you_will_lie and_me not you_remembered not you_put_it on

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Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar,
because my temple will be called a prayer house for all the nations.[226]
8 My master Yahweh, who gathers Yisrael's (Israel's) outcasts, says this:
I'll gather others beside those already gathered.

The judging of teachers of Yisrael

9 All you animals in the countryside, come to devour,
yes, all you animals in the forest.
10 All of its watchmen are blind—they don't know what's going on.
They're all voiceless dogs, unable to bark.
They dream about lying down—enjoying a nap.
11 The dogs have a fierce appetite—they're never full.
The shepherds know nothing and don't understand.
They've all gone their own way and make money from their illegal sidelines.
12 Come on, take some wine and let's drink strong drink.
Tomorrow will be just like today except we'll have even more.

Yisrael's idolatry is condemned

57:1 The godly people die but no one takes it to heart.
Those with loyal commitment are removed but no one knows what's going on
because the godly people are pulled back from facing evil.
2 They go in peace.
They've walked on a straightforward path
and now they rest on their beds.
3 But come here you children of a sorceress—
offspring of adulterers and prostitutes.
4 Who are you all making fun of?
Who are you speaking out against and poking your tongues out against?
You're all children of wickedness—offspring of deception
5 who burn with lust under oak trees—in fact under every green tree.
You all slaughter children in valleys under the crevices in the cliffs.
6 You stand up large, smooth stones from the riverbed
and offer them a portion of your food.
You pour out wine as a drink offering and offer up a grain offering.
Will I relent in taking action about those activities?
7 You slept up high at the hilltop shrines
where you went up to also offer a sacrifice,
8 and you've put your symbols behind the door and doorposts.
Yes, away from me you stripped off
and filled your bed with others.
You had an agreement with those whose bed you loved—

226 **RV 56:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 21:13; Mrk 11:17; Luk 19:46.

227 **LV 56:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּפֹצֵ֑י: (x-qere) וְ֝פֹצֵ֗י: lemma_6822 n_1.2.0.0 morph_HVqrmpc/Sp3ms id_237Pb וְ֝פֹצֵ֗י

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enjoying their bodies.
9 You took oil and travelled to the king,
along with lots of perfumes.
Then you sent your ambassadors to distant places,
and even descended to the world of the dead.
10 You were tired from your long journey,
but you didn't say that it's all just hopeless.
You found new things to do so then you didn't become weak.
11 Who very you so afraid of that you lie,
and don't remember me or think about me?
Haven't I been silent for a long time now
so it's not me that you're afraid of.
12 I'll talk about your activities and how you do what's right
but they won't benefit you.
13 When you call out for help, let your collection rescue you,
but a wind will carry them all away—
a breath will take them away.
But those who rely on me for safety will inherit the land,
and will take possession of my holy mountain.

God will help and heal

14 Then he'll say:
Pile it up, pile it up, make a track through.
Remove the stumbling blocks from the path for my people.
15 The one who's high and honoured, who lives forever and whose name is holy, says:
I live in a place that's holy and up high,
but also with the oppressed person and with the humble person,
→to restore the spirit of the humble and to encourage those who feel crushed.
16 However, I won't argue the point forever,
and I won't remain permanently angry,
because those who stand in front of me would faint—
the creatures that I myself made.
17 I was angry at the wickedness of their dishonest gain and I struck them.
I hid and I was angry, but they decided to go against me.
18 I've seen their ways and I'll heal them,
and I'll lead them and comfort them and their mourners.
19 I'll enable them to shout happily,
'Peace, peace, to those both near and far,'
and I will heal them says Yahweh.
20 But the wicked are like the ocean in a storm,
because it's unable to stay calm, but rather it stirs up slush and mud.
21 My god says that there's no peace for those who are wicked.

Don't fast just for looks

58:1 Shout loudly. Don't hold back.
Raise your voice like a trumpet
and confront my people with their wickedness,
and Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants with their disobedience.

Literal Version

heart_of_your not have_I been_silent and_from_long_ago and_
_me not you_fear. **12** I I_will_declare righteousness_of_your
and_~~DOM~~ deeds_of_your and_not they_will_benefit_you.
13 When_you_cry_out let_them_deliver_you collection(s)_of_
your and~~DOM~~ of_them_of_all a_wind it_will_carry_away a_
_breath it_will_take_them_away and_the_one_who_takes_
_refuge in_me he_will_inherit the_land and_he_will_possess
the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_my.

14 And_saying(ms) throw_up throw_up make_clear the_way
lift_up stumbling_block[s] from_the_way_of my_people_of_my.
15 If/because thus the_one_who_is_high and_the_one_who_is_
_exalted who_dwells perpetuity and_is_holy his/its_name he_
_says a_high_place and_a_holy_place I_dwell and_~~DOM~~ a_
_person_crushed and_a_person_lowly_of spirit to_restore the_
_spirit_of lowly_people and_to_restore the_heart_of those_
_who_are_crushed. **16** If/because not forever_perpetuity I_will_
_conduct_a_case and_not to_perpetuity I_will_be_angry
if/because spirit from_before_face_of_me it_will_grow_faint
and_breaths which_I I_made. **17** In_the_iniquity_of his_unjust_
_gain_of_his I_was_angry and_I_struck_him I_hid and_I_was_
_angry and_he/it_went apostate in_the_way_of his/its_heart.
18 ways_of_his I_have_seen and_I_will_heal_him and_I_will_
_lead_him and_I_will_restore comfort(s) to_him/it and_to_his_
_of_mourners. **19** I_am_about_to_create the_fruit_of[228] lips
peace peace to_(the)_person and_to_(the)_person **YHWH** he_
_says and_I_will_heal_him. **20** And_the_wicked_people are_like_
_sea which_is_tossed if/because to_be_quiet not it_is_able and_
waters_of_its _they_have_tossed_up mire and_mud. **21** There_
_is_not peace god_of_my he_says for_(the)_people.

58:1 Call_out with_a_throat do_not refrain like_trumpet raise
voice_of_your and_declare to_people_of_my transgression_of_
_their and_to_the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) sins_of_their.
2 And_me day day they_seek and_the_knowledge_of my_ways_
_of_my they_desire like_a_nation which righteousness it_has_

228 **LV 57:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: בונ: (x-qere) 'בִינָ': lemma_5108 b morph_HNcmsc id_23UMC בִינָ

Literal Version

_done and_the_judgement_of his/its_god not it_has_abandoned they_ask_me judgements_of righteousness the_approach_of god they_desire. **3** To/for_what have_we_fasted and_not you_ _have_seen have_we_humbled self_of_our and_not you_know THERE in/on_day your_fasting_of_your(pl) you(pl)_find pleasure and_all labourers_of_your(pl) you(pl)_drive_hard. **4** THERE for_strife and_contention you(pl)_fast and_to_strike with_a_fist_of wickedness not you(pl)_fast like_day to_make_ _heard in_height[s] voice_of_your(pl). **5** Like_this the_fast which_I_choose_it is_it a_day_of anyone to_humble self_of_his to_bow_down like_a_bulrush his/its_head and_sackcloth and_ _ash[es] he_spreads_as_a_bed (to)_this do_you_call a_fast and_ _a_day_of acceptance to/for_**YHWH**. **6** Am_not is_this the_fast which_I_choose_it to_loosen the_bonds_of wickedness to_ _unfasten the_bindings_of the_yoke-bar and_to_let_go those_ _who_are_crushed free and_all yoke-bar you(pl)_will_tear_ _apart. **7** Am_not is_it_to_break for_person bread_of_your and_ _poor_people homeless_people you_will_bring a_house if/because you_will_see the_naked and_you_will_cover_him and_from_your_own_of_flesh not you_will_hide_yourself. **8** Then it_will_break_forth like_dawn light_of_your and_ _healing_of_your quickly it_will_spring_up and_it_will_go to_ _your_face righteousness_of_your the_glory_of **YHWH** it_will_ _be_your_rearguard. **9** Then you_will_call and_**YHWH** he_will_ _answer you_will_cry_for_help and_he_will_say here_I_am if you_will_remove from_among_of_you the_yoke-bar the_ _stretching_out a_finger and_the_speaking wickedness. **10** And_ _you_will_offer to_person self_of_your and_a_person_of afflicted you_will_satisfy and_it_will_rise in_darkness light_of_ _your and_gloom_of_your will_like_the_noon(s). **11** And_he_ _will_lead_you **YHWH** continually and_he_will_satisfy in_arid_ _regions appetite_of_your and_bones_of_your he_will_ _strengthen and_you_will_be like_a_garden watered and_like_ _a_spring_of waters which not waters_of_its they_will_fail. **12** And_they_will_rebuild some_of_you the_ruins_of antiquity the_foundations_of a_generation and_a_generation you_will_ _raise_up and_it_will_be_called to/for_yourself(m) one_who_ _walls_up a_breach one_who_restores paths to_dwell_in.

13 If you_will_turn_back from_the_sabbath foot_of_your to_do pleasures_of_your in/on_day my_holiness_of_my and_you_will_ _call (to)_sabbath a_delight (to)_the_holy_day_of **YHWH** honourable and_you_will_honour_it from_doing ways_of_your_ _own from_finding pleasure_of_your and_to_speak a_message. **14** Then you_will_take_delight on **YHWH** and_I_will_make_you_

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2 They search for me every day
and want to learn about my ways like a nation that does what is right,
and they haven't abandoned the values of their god.
They ask me to make judgements that are far and right.
They want god to approach them.
3 Why did we fast, as you didn't even look?
We humbled ourselves and you didn't even notice?
Listen, when you fasted was it just for your own needs?
You all certainly drive your labourers hard!
4 Look, you all fast with strife and contention,
and strike out with vicious clenched fists.
You all don't fast today to make your voices heard up on high.
5 Is that the kind of fasting that I would choose?
A day when a person humbles themself and bows their head down like a bulrush does.
They wear sackcloth and form a bed of ashes to sit on.
Is that really a fast that's acceptable to Yahweh?
6 Isn't this the fast that I would prefer?
When you all remove chains that were wickedly put on others,
and undo the ropes from the yoke that forced them to comply?
Let go all those who've been crushed,
and break every yoke that burdened them.
7 Isn't it to share your food with those who are hungry,
and to bring the poor, homeless people into your house?
When you see someone naked, clothe them,
and don't hide yourself from your own relatives.
8 Then your light will break through like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly spring up.
Your right actions will go ahead of you
and Yahweh's honour will follow along behind you.
9 Then you'll call out and Yahweh will answer.
You'll cry for help and he'll say, 'Here I am.'
If you remove the burden of the yoke from among you,
as well as the pointing finger and wicked speech,
10 give yourself to the hungry
and give those who are suffering what they need
then your light will rise in the darkness
and your darkness will be like the noonday.
11 Then Yahweh will continually lead you
and satisfy your appetite in arid regions.
He'll strengthen your bones and will be like a watered garden,
and like a spring that never runs dry.
12 Then some of you will rebuild the ancient ruins—
you'll restore the foundations from generations ago
and you'll be called the repairer of the wall—
the one who restores streets to live in.

Blessings for keeping the rest day

13 If on the rest day, you turn back from what you wanted to do
and don't try to please yourself on my sacred day,
enjoy Yahweh's sacred and honourable rest day,
and honour it instead of doing your own activities such as

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finding your own pleasure or delivering a speech,
14 then you'll take delight in Yahweh.
I'll make you ride on the heights of the earth,
and I'll give you the same blessings that I gave your ancestor, Ya'akov (Jacob).
That's what Yahweh has spoken.

Yisrael's sins and punishment

59:1 Listen, don't think that Yahweh can't rescue you,
or that he won't be able to hear you.
2 However, your disobedience causes separation between you all and your god,
and your sins have made him turn away from listening to you,
3 because your hands are defiled with blood,
and your fingers with sin.
Your lips spew out lies
and your tongue works against justice.
4 No one stands up for justice,
and no one pleads their case truthfully.
They rely on being meaningless, or fancy words of no value—
conceiving mischief and advancing wickedness.
5 They hatch vipers' eggs
and weave spiders' webs
Anyone who eats any of their eggs will die—
when they're cracked open, a viper will be hatched.
6 Their weavings aren't for clothes,
so they don't cover themselves with their products.
Their products are products of wickedness,
and their hands are involved in violence.
7 Their feet run towards evil,
and they're quick to shed innocent blood.
They're always thinking about wickedness—
they walk the paths of causing ruin and destruction.
8 They don't know the way of peace,
and there's no justice on their tracks.
They've make their paths crooked—
none of those who tread on them will experience peace.

Societal sinfulness

9 Therefore, justice is far from us
and righteousness doesn't reach us.
We wait for light, but look, we get darkness.
We wait for gleams of light, but walk in the gloom.
10 We grope along the wall like the blind,
and feel around as though we had no eyes.
Even at midday, we stumble as if it's twilight—
among the living but behaving like the dead.
11 All of us growl like bears,
and moan mournfully like doves.
We keep hoping for justice, but none comes,
for rescue, but it's far away
12 because our transgressions in front of you are many.

Literal Version

_ride on the_high_places_of[229][230] the_land and_I_will_feed_you the_inheritance_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) ancestor_of_your if/because the_mouth_of **YHWH** it_has_spoken.

59:1 HERE not the_hand_of **YHWH** it_is_too_short for_saving and_not ear_of_his it_is_too_heavy for_hearing. **2** If/because (if) iniquities_of_your(pl) they_have_been separating between_ _you(pl) and_between god_of_your(pl) and_sins_of_your(pl) they_have_hidden face from_you(pl) from_hearing. **3** If/because palms_of_your(pl) they_are_defiled with_blood and_fingers_of_your(pl) with_iniquity lips_of_your(pl) they_ _have_spoken falsehood tongue_of_your(pl) injustice it_ _mutters. **4** There_is_not one_who_calls in_righteousness and_ _there_is_not one_who_enters_into_judgement in_truth they_ _rely on emptiness and_they_speak worthlessness they_ _conceive mischief and_they_bring_forth wickedness. **5** Eggs_of a_viper they_have_hatched and_webs_of a_spider they_weave the_one_who_eats any_of_their_eggs he_will_die and_the_ _pressed_egg a_snake it_is_hatched. **6** Webs_of_their not they_ _will_become (into)_clothing and_not people_will_cover_ _themselves with_products_of_their products_of_their are_ _products_of wickedness and_deed[s]_of violence is_in_palms_ _of_their. **7** Feet_of_their to_evil they_run and_they_hasten to_ _shed blood innocent thoughts_of_their are_thoughts_of wickedness devastation and_destruction are_on_highways_of_ _their. **8** A_way_of peace not they_know and_there_is_not justice on_tracks_of_their paths_of_their they_have_made_ _crooked to/for_them any_of one_who_treads on_it not he_ _knows peace.

9 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so justice it_is_far from_him/it and_not it_reaches_us righteousness we_wait_eagerly to_the_ _light and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE darkness for_gleams_of_light in_ _gloom(s) we_walk. **10** We_grope_for like_(the)_people a_wall and_like_there_are_not eyes we_grope we_have_stumbled at_ _noon(s) like_twilight among_people like_who_have]_died. **11** We_growl like_bears of_us_of_all and_like_doves mournfully_ _(moan) we_moan we_wait_eagerly for_justice and_there_is_ _not for_deliverance it_is_far from_us. **12** If/because transgressions_of_our they_are_many before_you and_sins_of_ _our it_has_testified against_us if/because transgressions_of_ _our are_with_us and_iniquities_of_our we_know_them. **13** We_ _have_transgressed and_we_have_denied (in)_**YHWH** and_we_ _have_turned_back from_after god_of_our we_have_spoken oppression and_rebellion we_have_conceived and_we_have_

229 **LV 58:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

230 **LV 58:14 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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_uttered from_the_heart words/messages_of falsehood.
14 And_it_has_been_driven_back backwards justice and_
_righteousness from_a_distance it_stands if/because it_has_
_stumbled in_place truth and_straightforwardness not it_is_
_able to_enter. **15** And_ (the)_truth _it_became missing and_
_one_who_turned_aside from_evil was_plundered and_ **YHWH**
_he/it_saw and_it_was_displeasing in_eyes_of_his
that/for/because/then/when there_was_not justice.

16 And_he/it_saw if/because_that there_was_not anyone and_
_he_was_appalled if/because_that there_was_not one_who_
_interposed and_it_gave_victory to_him/it arm_of_his_own
and_his_own_of_righteousness it it_sustained_him. **17** And_he_
_put_on righteousness like_(the)_armour and_a_helmet_of
salvation on_head_of_his and_he_put_on garments_of
vengeance clothing and_he_wrapped_himself like_robe zeal.
18 As_on deeds as_on he_will_repay rage to_foes_of_his
recompense to_enemies_of_his to_islands recompense he_will_
_repay. **19** And_people_will_fear from_the_setting_place ~~DOM~~
the_name_of **YHWH** and_from_the_rising_of the_sun ~~DOM~~
glory_of_his if/because he_will_come like_river narrow which_
_(the)_wind_of **YHWH** it_will_drive in_him/it. **20** And_he_will_
_come to_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) a_redeemer and_to_those_who_
_repent_of transgression in_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) the_utterance_of
YHWH. **21** And_I this covenant_of_is_my with_them **YHWH** he_
_says my_breath/wind/spirit which is_on_you and_
_words/messages_of_my which I_have_put in_mouth_of_your
not they_will_depart from_mouth_of_your and_from_the_
_mouth_of your(ms)_seed/fruit and_from_the_mouth_of the_
_offspring_of your(ms)_seed/fruit **YHWH** he_says from_now
and_unto perpetuity.

60:1 Arise shine if/because light_of_your it_has_come and_the_
_glory_of **YHWH** on_you it_has_dawned. **2** If/because THERE
the_darkness it_will_cover the_earth and_thick_darkness
peoples and_on_you **YHWH** he_will_dawn and_glory_of_his
over_you it_will_appear. **3** And_ nations _they_will_come to_
_light_of_your and_kings to_the_brightness_of your_dawn_of_
_your. **4** Lift_up all_around eyes_of_your and_see of_them_of_all

Readers' Version

Our sins have testified against us
because our transgressions are with us,
and as for our iniquities, we know them.
13 We've rebelled and denied Yahweh,
and turned away from following our god—
promoting oppression and rebellion instead.
We've conceived and told lies as if they were the heart-felt truth.
14 Justice is driven right back,
and righteousness stands off at a distance,
because truth has stumbled in the public square,
and honesty can't enter.
15 So then truth went missing,
and the one who turned away from evil got robbed.
Yahweh saw it and wasn't pleased that there was no justice.

The assisting of Master of his people

16 Yahweh saw that there wasn't anyone to make a stand,
and was appalled that there was no one to intervene.
So he applied his own power to bring salvation,
and his own desire to do what's right, sustained him.[231]
17 He put righteousness on like armour,
and a helmet of salvation on his head.[232]
He dressed in clothes of vengeance
and wrapped himself with zeal like a robe.
18 He will repay his enemies for the evil things that they have done.
He will repay the islands with the appropriate reward.
19 Then those in the west will respect Yahweh's reputation,
and in the east, will respect his splendour,
→because he'll come like a swift river with Yahweh's wind driving it.
20 Then a redeemer will come to Tsiyon (Zion)
and to those descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob) who repent of their disobedience.
That's what Yahweh declares.
21 Then Yahweh says:
This is my agreement with them.
My spirit which is on you and my messages that I've put in your mouth,
they won't leave your mouth or the mouths of your descendants,
even the distant generations from now and forever onwards.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yerushalem's future splendour

60:1 Take action, shine, because your light has come,
and Yahweh's brilliance has risen to shine on you,
2 Yes, listen, darkness will cover the earth.
and thick darkness will blanket the nations,
and then Yahweh will dawn over you,

231 RV 59:16 · Cross-ref. Isa 63:5.

232 RV 59:17 · Cross-ref. Eph 6:14-17; 1Th 5:8.

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and his brilliance will appear over you.
3 Nations will come to your light,
and kings to your rising brightness.
4 Look up and all around and see all of them gathered together.
Your sons will come from far away,
and your little daughters will be carried back on the hip.
5 Then you'll see and be radiant,
and your heart will be in awe, and broaden,
because plenty of international shipping will come to you,
6 Plenty of camels will cover your land—
young camels from Midyan and Eyfah.
All of them will come from Sheva.
They'll bring gold and frankincense
and will announce praises to Yahweh.
7 All the flocks from Kedar will be gathered for you.
The rams from Nevayot will serve you.
They'll be accepted to go up onto my altar,
and I'll decorate my house beautifully.
8 Who are these who fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?
9 The islands wait for me, and the ships from Tarshish
will be first to bring your sons from far away
along with their gold and silver to honour your god Yahweh
and for Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one because he's honoured you.
10 The sons of foreigners will rebuild your city walls,
and their kings will serve you,
because although I struck you in my severe anger,
yet in my favour I've had compassion towards you.
11 Then your city gates will be always open—
they won't be shut day or night,
so the wealth from other nations can be brought to you,
with their kings being led captive.[233]
12 Yes, any nation or kingdom that won't serve you will perish,
and the nations will be completely destroyed.
13 Levanon's best will come to you—
cypress, fir, and cedar timber all at once,
to make my sanctuary beautiful
and I'll honour the place where I stand.
14 The descendants of those who oppressed you will come to you
and all those who despised you will bow down at your feet.[234]
They will call you Yahweh's city—
Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one—Tsiyon (Zion).
15 Instead of your being abandoned and hated, with no one passing through you,
I'll make you a thing of perpetual pride—the joy of future generations.
16 You'll suckle the milk from the nations,
and feed from the breast of kings,

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they_have_gathered_together they_have_come to/for_you(fs) sons_of_your from_a_distance they_will_come and_daughters_ _of_your on a_hip they_will_be_carried. **5** Then you_will_see and_you_will_be_radiant and_it_will_be_in_awe and_it_will_be_ _enlarged your(fs)_heart if/because it_will_be_turned_over on_ _you the_abundance_of the_sea the_wealth_of nations they_ _will_come to/for_you(fs). **6** An_abundance_of camels it_will_ _cover_you the_young_camels_of Midyān and_ʿĒyfāh of_them_ _of_all from_Shəvʿā' they_will_come gold and_frankincense they_will_carry and_the_praises_of **YHWH** they_will_bear_ _news. **7** Every_of (the)_flock_of Qēdār they_will_gather to/for_ _you(fs) the_rams_of Nəvʿāyōt they_will_serve_you they_will_ _go_up on acceptance altar_of_my and_the_house_of my_ _splendour_of_my I_will_beautify. **8** Who are_these like_cloud they_fly and_like_doves to windows_of_their. **9** If/because to_ _me islands they_will_wait and_the_ships_of Tarshiysh will_at_ _the_first_place to_bring children_of_your from_a_distance silver_of_their and_gold_of_their with_them to_the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_to_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because he_has_glorified_you. **10** And_ sons_of foreignness _ _they_will_rebuild walls_of_your and_kings_of_their they_will_ _serve_you if/because in_severe_anger_of_my I_struck_you and_in_favour_of_my I_have_had_compassion_on_you. **11** And_ gates_of_your _they_will_be_open continually by_day and_ _night not they_will_be_shut to_bring to_you the_wealth_of nations and_kings_of_their led. **12** If/because the_nation and_ _the_kingdom which not they_will_serve_you they_will_perish and_the_nations utterly_(desolate) they_will_become_desolate. **13** The_splendour_of (the)_Ləvānōn to_you it_will_come cypress_of elm and_box_tree together to_beautify the_place_of my_sanctuary_of_my and_the_place_of my_feet_of_my I_will_ _glorify. **14** And_they_will_come to_you by_bowing_down the_ _children_of those_who_afflicted_you and_they_will_bow_down to the_soles_of your_two's_feet_of_your all_of those_of_who_ _despised_you and_they_will_call to/for_you(fs) the_city_of **YHWH** Tsiyyōn/(Zion) of_the_holy_one_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** In_place_of being_your abandoned and_hated and_there_ _was_not one_who_passed_through and_I_will_make_you (into)_an_exaltation_of perpetuity a_joy_of a_generation and_ _a_generation. **16** And_you_will_suck the_milk_of nations and_ _the_breast_of kings you_will_suck and_you_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** deliverer_of_am_your and_redeemer_ _of_your the_mighty_one_of Yaʿaqovʿ/(Jacob). **17** In_place_of the_bronze I_will_bring gold and_in_place_of the_iron I_will_ _bring silver and_in_place_of the_wood(s) bronze and_in_place_ _of the_stone(s) iron and_I_will_make overseer[s]_of_your peace and_taskmasters_of_your righteousness. **18** Not it_will_ _be_heard again violence in_land_of_your devastation and_ _destruction in_territories_of_your and_you_will_call salvation walls_of_your and_gates_of_your praise. **19** Not it_will_be to_ _you again the_sun for_light by_day and_for_brightness the_ _moon not it_will_shine to/for_you(fs) and_it_was to/for_ _you(fs) **YHWH** (into)_a_light_of perpetuity and_god_of_your (into)_splendour_of_your. **20** Not it_will_go again sun_of_your and_moon_of_your not it_will_be_removed if/because **YHWH**

233 **RV 60:11 · Cross-ref.** Rev 21:25-26.

234 **RV 60:14 · Cross-ref.** Rev 3:9.

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he_will_become your (into)_a_light_of perpetuity and_ the_ _days_of your_mourning_of_your _they_will_be_complete. **21** And_people_of_your of_them_of_all will_be_righteous forever_perpetuity they_will_possess the_land they_are_the_ _shoot_of mmm[236] the_work_of my_hands_of to_glorify_ _myself. **22** The_small(sg) he_will_become (into)_thousand and_ _the_little to_(a)_nation mighty I am_**YHWH** at_its_ _appropriate_of_time I_will_hasten_it.

61:1 The_spirit_of my_master **YHWH** is_on_me because **YHWH** he_has_anointed ~~DOM~~_me to_bear_news humble_people he_ _has_sent_me to_bind_up (to)_those_broken_of heart to_call to_ _those_taken_captive liberty and_to_prisoners opening opening. **2** To_call a_year_of favour to/for_**YHWH** and_a_day_of vengeance of_god_of_our to_comfort all_of mourners. **3** To_put to_the_mourners_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) to_give to/for_them a_ _turban in_place_of ash[es] oil_of joy in_place_of mourning a_ _mantle_of praise in_place_of a_spirit faint and_it_will_be_ _called to/for_them the_oaks_of (the)_righteousness the_ _planting_of **YHWH** to_glorify_himself. **4** And_they_will_ _rebuild the_ruins_of antiquity the_desolate_places_of the_ _forefathers they_will_raise_up and_they_will_renew the_ _cities_of devastation the_desolate_places_of a_generation and_ _a_generation. **5** And_ strangers _they_will_stand and_they_ _will_shepherd flock[s]_of_your(pl) and_the_sons foreignness be_your(pl)_farmers_of_will and_vinedressers_of_your(pl). **6** And_you(pl) priests_of **YHWH** you(pl)_will_be_called the_ _servants_of our_god_of_our it_will_be_said to/for_you(pl) the_ _wealth_of nations you(pl)_will_consume and_in_abundance_ _of_their you(pl)_will_boast. **7** In_place_of shame_of_your(pl) double and_ignominy they_will_shout_for_joy portion_of_their for_so/thus/hence in_land_of_their double they_will_possess joy_of perpetuity it_will_belong to/for_them. **8** If/because I

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and you know that I, Yahweh, am your rescuer and your redeemer—Ya'akov's (Jacob's) powerful one.

17 Instead of bronze and iron, I'll bring gold and silver,
and instead of timber and stones, bronze and iron.
Then I'll appoint peace as your overseer,
and righteousness as your supervisors.
18 Violence won't be experienced in your land—
no more devastation or destruction in your territories.
You'll realise that salvation protects you like city walls
and praise like your city gates.
19 The sun will no longer be your light during the day,
nor will the moon's brightness shine for you,
but rather, Yahweh will be your perpetual light,
and your god will be your brilliant light.[235]
20 Your sun will no longer set,
and your moon will no longer disappear,
because Yahweh will be your perpetual light,
and your days of mourning will be over.
21 As for your people, all of them will do what is right.
They will permanently possess the land—the shoot that I planted—
my handiwork to showcase my greatness.
22 The little one will become a thousand,
and the little nation will become powerful.
I, Yahweh, will quickly accomplish it at the appropriate time.

The assisting of Yisrael

61:1 My master, Yahweh's spirit is on me
because Yahweh has chosen me
→to bring good news to those who are suffering.[237]
He's sent me to bandage up the brokenhearted,
to decree freedom for those taken captive,
and to liberate those who are chained up.
2 He's sent me to proclaim the year of Yahweh's favour,[238]
and a day of our god's vengeance,
and to comfort all those who mourn.[239]
3 It'll be a time to give Tsiyon's (Zion's) mourners a nice turban instead of ashes on their heads,
oil to show joy on their faces instead of mourning,
a cloak of praise instead of a discouraged spirit.
Then they'll be called 'oaks of righteousness' that Yahweh planted to display his splendour.
4 They'll rebuild the ancient ruins—
restoring the places that had become deserted.
They'll rebuild the devastated cities,
and places that have been in ruins for generations.
5 Strangers will stand out in your fields and shepherd your flocks,

235 **RV 60:19 · Cross-ref.** Rev 21:23; 22:5.

236 **LV 60:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: עטמ/ו: (x-qere) יִ/עָטַמ': lemma_4302 n_0.0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp1cs id_23ML6 יִ/עָטַמ

237 **RV 61:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 11:5; Luk 7:22.

238 **RV 61:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Luk 4:18-19.

239 **RV 61:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:4.

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and sons of foreigners will take care of your farms and vineyards.
6 Then you'll all be called Yahweh's priests,
and it'll be said that you're servants of our god.
You'll consume the wealth from the nations
→and you'll also boast because there'll be so much of it.
7 Instead of shame, you'll all have a double blessing,
and instead of dishonour, they'll shout happily about their portion,
Yes, they'll possess a double portion in their land
and they'll have permanent happiness
8 because I, Yahweh, love justice and hate theft and crime.
Due to my faithfulness, I'll repay them for what they've been through,
and I'll make a permanent agreement with them.
9 Then their descendants will be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the people groups.
Everyone who sees them will recognise them
because they are the people who Yahweh has blessed.
10 I'm going to really celebrate Yahweh.
My inner being will be glad about my god
because he has dressed me in clothes of a free person.
He's clothed me with the robe of a person declared innocent
like the groom puts on a nice turban,
and the bride adorns herself with jewelry.[240]
11 Just as the soil produces growth,
and as the seeds in the garden start to sprout,
so too my master, Yahweh, will make righteousness grow
as well as praise towards all the nations.

Yerushalem's coming rescue

62:1 For the sake of Tsiyon (Zion), I won't be silent.
and for Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) sake, I won't be quiet,
until its righteousness proceeds as brightness
and its salvation like a burning torch.
2 Then the other nations will see your righteousness,
and all kings will see your glory.
and you'll be called by a new name that Yahweh himself will give.
3 You'll be a beautiful crown in Yahweh's hand,
and a royal turban in your god's palm.
4 They won't claim any longer that you've been abandoned,
and they won't say again that your land has been deserted,
because you'll be called 'the place that Yahweh likes'.
Also, your land will be called 'married'
because your land will be married to him.
5 Just like a young man marries a young woman,
your sons will marry you,

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YHWH am_loving justice I_am_hating robbery with_injustice and_I_will_give wage[s]_of_their in_faithfulness and_a_ _covenant_of perpetuity I_will_make to/for_them. **9** And_it_ _will_be_known among_nations offspring_of_their and_ _descendants_of_their in_the_middle the_peoples all_of those_ _of_who_see_them they_will_recognize_them if/because_that they are_offspring **YHWH** whom_he_has_blessed. **10** Greatly_ _(rejoice) I_will_rejoice in_**YHWH** self_of_my it_will_be_glad in_ _god_of_my if/because he_has_clothed_me garments_of salvation a_robe_of righteousness he_has_covered_me like_ _bridegroom who_he_acts_like_a_priest a_turban and_like_ _bride who_she_adorns_herself ornaments_of_her.
11 If/because like_ground which_it_brings_forth growth_of_its and_like_a_garden sown_in_it_of_which_things it_makes_grow so my_master **YHWH** he_will_make_grow righteousness and_ _praise before all_of the_nations.

62:1 For_the_sake_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) not I_will_be_silent and_ _for_the_sake_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) not I_will_remain_ _quiet until it_will_go_forth like_brightness righteousness_of_ _its and_salvation_of_its like_a_torch which_it_burns. **2** And_ nations _they_will_see righteousness_of_your and_all kings glory_of_your and_it_will_be_called to/for_you(fs) a_name new which the_mouth_of **YHWH** it_will_designate_it. **3** And_you_ _will_be[242] a_crown_of beauty in_the_hand_of **YHWH** and[243] royalty in_the_palm_of your(pl)_god_of_your. **4** Not it_will_be_ _said to/for_you(fs) again abandoned and_of_land_of_your not it_will_be_said again desolation if/because to/for_you(fs) Hephzi- bah it_will_be_called and_to_land_of_your married if/because **YHWH** he_delights on/over_you(fs) and_land_of_ _your it_will_be_married. **5** If/because a_young_man he_ _marries a_young_woman they_will_marry_you sons_of_your and_the_joy_of a_bridegroom on a_bride he_will_rejoice on_ _you god_of_your. **6** On walls_of_your Oh_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) I_have_appointed watchmen all_of the_day and_all the_night continually not they_will_be_silent Oh_you(pl)_who_cause_to_remember ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** let_not rest

240 RV 61:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 21:2.

242 LV 62:3 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

243 LV 62:3 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/הוּנַּצ֔: (x-qere) וְ/הִינָּצ֔: lemma_c/6797 morph_HC/Ncbsc id_23xrM וְ/הִינָּצ֔

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belong_to_you(pl). **7** And_do_not give rest to_him/it until he_
_will_establish and_unto he_will_make ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) praise on_the_earth. **8** **YHWH** he_
_swears_an_oath by_his_right_of_hand and_by_the_arm_of his_
_strength_of_his if I_will_give ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ grain_of_your again food to_
_enemies_of_your and_if sons_of foreignness they_will_drink
wine_of_your_new which you_have_laboured in/on/over_
_him/it. **9** If/because those_of_who_gather_it they_will_eat_it
and_they_will_praise ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ **YHWH** and_those_of_who_gather_it
they_will_drink_it in_the_courts_of my_holiness_of_my. **10** Pass
pass in_gates make_clear the_way_of the_people throw_up
throw_up the_highway clear_it from_stone[s] raise a_standard
over the_peoples. **11** THERE **YHWH** he_has_proclaimed to the_
_end_of the_earth/land say to_the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion)
THERE salvation_of_your is_about_to_come THERE reward_of_
_his with_him/it and_wage[s]_of_his is_before_of_him. **12** And_
_people_will_call to/for_them the_people_of (the)_holiness
those_redeemed_of **YHWH** and_to_you sought_out a_city
which_not it_has_been_abandoned it_will_be_called.

63:1 Who this is_coming from_ʾEdōm red_of_garments from_
_Botsrāh this_one is_honoured in_clothing_of_his he_is_
_bending in_the_greatness_of his_strength_of_his I I_am_
_speaking in_righteousness great to_save. **2** Why does_redness
belong_to_clothing_of_your and_are_garments_of_your like_
_one_who_treads in_a_winepress. **3** The_winepress I_have_
_trodden I_alone and_from_peoples there_was_not anyone
with_me and_I_trod_them in_anger_of_my and_I_trampled_
_them in_rage_of_my and_ juice_of_their _it_spattered on
garments_of_my and_all clothes_of_my I_have_defiled.
4 If/because a_day_of vengeance was_in_heart_of_my and_the_
_year_of my_redemption(s)_of_my it_had_come. **5** And_I_looked
and_there_was_not a_helper and_I_was_appalled and_there_
_was_not a_sustainer and_it_gave_victory to_me arm_of_my
and_rage_of_my it it_sustained_me. **6** And_I_trod_down peoples
in_anger_of_my and_I_made_them_drunk in_rage_of_my and_I_
_brought_down to_ground juice_of_their.

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and as the groom is full of happiness about his bride,
your god will be full of happiness about you.
6 I've put watchmen on your walls, Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
They'll never be silent—night or day.
You all who are reminding Yahweh, don't ever stop to rest—
7 don't let him rest until he reestablishes Yerushalem,
and until he makes it something to be praised by the world.
8 Yahweh has using the strength from his power,
and raised his right hand to make a promise:
I'll won't give your grain to your enemies again for their food,
and foreigners' children won't be drinking the new wine that you worked so hard to make,
9 because those who harvested the grain will eat it,
and those who collected the grapes will drink in my sacred courtyards.
10 Go through, head out the city gates. Clear the way for the people.
Build up, build up the highway. Clear away the stones to raise up a banner for the nations.
11 Listen, Yahweh has proclaimed to the ends of the earth:
Tell Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter to look because her rescue is about to happen.
Look, he's brought his reward with him,
and his wages go ahead of him.[241]
12 The ones that Yahweh has paid to have freed
will be called 'the sacred people' by others.
Also, you'll be called 'the desirable city'—
the one which hasn't been abandoned.
63:1 Who's that coming from Edom,[244] **Yahweh's vengeance**
coming from Batserah dressed in crimson?
This one dressed like an honoured person,
marching in the greatness of his strength?
It's me, Yahweh, proclaiming what's right—powerful to rescue.
2 What's that red on your clothes?
Your clothes look like you've been treading grapes in a wine-pressing pit?
3 I've trodden in the wine-pressing pit alone,
and there wasn't anyone from the nations with me.
I trod them in my anger,
and trampled them in my fury.[245]
and their blood is splattered onto my clothes.[246]
All my clothes are stained
4 because I had decided that this was the day of vengeance,
and the year had come for me to buy my people's freedom.
5 I looked and there wasn't anyone to help,
and I was appalled that no one assisted,
but my power gave me victory,

241 **RV 62:11 · Cross-ref.** Isa 40:10; Rev 22:12.

244 **RV 63:1-6 · Cross-ref.** Isa 34:5-17; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Amos 1:11-12; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

245 **RV 63:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 14:20; 19:15.

246 **RV 63:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 19:13.

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and my rage sustained me.[247]
6 I trod down peoples in my anger,
and in my rage, I made them drunk,
and I poured their blood out on the ground.
7 I'll tell others about Yahweh's loyal commitment—
praising him for his treatment of us.
Remembering Yahweh's goodness
Yes, for his amazing goodness to Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants,
which he's shown us according to his mercy,
and according to his incredible loyal commitment,
8 and he said, "They're definitely my people—
children who wouldn't be disloyal,"
and he became their rescuer.
9 In all their suffering, he also suffered,
and his messenger went ahead of him to rescue them.
In his love and mercy, he paid the price for their freedom,
through that era, he lifted them up and carried them.
10 However, they rebelled and grieved his holy spirit,
→so he turned into their enemy who fought against them.
11 Then his people recalled that era with Mosheh (Moses),
Where is the one who brought them up from the sea
along with those shepherds of his flock?
Where is the one who sent his holy spirit to be among them,
12 who transferred his glorious power to Mosheh,
who then divided the sea in front of them[248]
to gain himself a lasting reputation,
13 who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the wilderness, they didn't stumble.
14 Like cattle going down a valley, Yahweh's spirit gave them peace,
so you led your people to give yourself an incredible reputation.
15 Look from heaven
and see from your wonderful, holy residence.
The mercy
Where's your actions full of zeal and power?
Your inner motivation and your compassion have restrained themselves from me.
16 Yes, you are our father, although Avraham doesn't know us
and Yisrael (Israel) doesn't recognise us.
You, Yahweh, are our father
and the one who bought us our freedom long ago.
17 Yahweh, why do you make us wander from your paths—
hardening our hearts so we don't want to obey you.
Return for your servants' sake—
the tribes who are your inheritance.
18 For a while, your holy people possessed your sanctuary.

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7 The_covenant_loyalti(es)_of **YHWH** I_will_bring_to_
_remembrance the_praises_of **YHWH** as_on all that he_has_
_dealt_out_to_us **YHWH** and_the_greatness_of goodness to_
_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which he_has_dealt_out_to_them
according_to_of_his_compassion(s) and_according_to_the_
_greatness_of his_covenant_loyalti(es)_of_his. **8** And_he/it_said
surely people_of_are_my they children who_not they_will_
_deal_falsely and_he/it_was to/for_them (into)_a_deliverer.
9 In_all distress_of_their belonged_to_him[249] distress and_the_
_messenger_of his/its_faces/face it_saved_them in_love_of_his
and_in_mercy_of_his he he_redeemed_them and_he_lifted_
_them_up and_he_carried_them all_of the_days_of antiquity.
10 And_they they_rebelled and_they_grieved ~~ḥōm~~ the_spirit_of
his_holiness_of_his and_he_changed_himself to/for_them into_
_an_enemy he he_fought against_them. **11** And_it_remembered
the_days_of antiquity Mosheh people_of_his where is_the_one_
_of_who_brought_them_up from_the_sea with the_shepherds_
_of his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats where is_the_one_who_put in_
_midst_of_its ~~ḥōm~~ the_spirit_of his_holiness_of_his. **12** Who_
_caused_to_go to_the_right_hand_of Mosheh the_arm_of his_
_splendour_of_his who_split_open the_waters from_their_
_face/front for_doing to_him/it a_name_of perpetuity. **13** Who_
_caused_of_them_to_walk in_deeps like_horse in_wilderness
not they_stumbled. **14** Like_livestock which_in_valley it_goes_
_down the_spirit_of **YHWH** it_gave_it_rest so you_led people_
_of_your for_doing to/for_yourself(m) a_name_of splendour.

15 Look from_heaven and_see from_the_lofty_residence_of
your_holiness_of_your and_splendour_of_your where zeal_of_
_are_your and_your(pl)_mighty_of_deeds the_tumult_of
your(pl)_inward_parts_of_your and_compassion(s)_of_your to_
_me they_have_restrained_themselves. **16** If/because you
father_of_are_our if/because 'Avrāhām not he_knows_us and_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_acknowledges_us you Oh_**YHWH**
father_of_are_our is_our_of_redeemer from_long_ago/eternity
name_of_your. **17** To/for_what do_you(pl)_make_us_wander
Oh_**YHWH** from_ways_of_your do_you_harden heart_of_our
from_fear_of_of_you return for_the_sake_of your_servants the_
_tribes_of your_inheritance_of_your. **18** For_(the)_time the_
_people_of your_holiness_of_your they_possessed foes_of_our
they_have_trodden_down sanctuary_of_your. **19** We_have_been
from_long_ago/eternity those_whom_not you_ruled over_them
those_whom_not name_of_your it_was_called on_them[251] if

247 **RV 63:5 · Cross-ref.** Isa 59:16.
248 **RV 63:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:21.
249 **LV 63:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) ו֫ל֫י: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_23vWE ו֫ל֫
251 **LV 63:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.1

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you_tore the_heavens you_came_down from_before_of_you mountains they_shook.
64:1 **252** As_ fire _kindles brushwood(s) water fire it_boils to_ _make_known name_of_your to_foes_of_your from_before_of_ _you nations they_will_quake. **2** **253** When_did_you awesome_ _deeds which_not we_were_waiting_for you_came_down from_ _before_of_you mountains they_shook. **3** **254** And_from_long_ _ago not people_have_heard not people_have_given_ear an_eye not it_has_seen a_god besides_you who_he_acts for_one_who_ _waits_of to_him/it. **4** **255** You_meet ~~DOM~~ one_who_rejoices and_ _one_who_does_of (of)_righteousness in_ways_of_your they_ _remember_you THERE you you_were_angry and_we_sinned (is)_in_them long_duration and_will_we_be_saved. **5** **256** And_ _we_have_become like_(the)_person of_us_of_all and_are_like_ _a_garment_of menstruation(s) all_of righteousness(es)_of_our and_we_have_withered like_leafage of_us_of_all and_iniquities_ _of_our like_wind they_carry_us_off. **6** **257** And_there_is_not one_who_calls on_name_of_your one_who_rouses_himself to_ _take_hold on/over_you(fs) if/because you_have_hidden face_ _of_your from_him/it and_you_have_melted_us in_the_hand_of our_iniquity_of_our. **7** **258** And_now Oh_**YHWH** father_of_are_ _our you we are_the_clay and_you(ms) are_of_the_one_who_ _formed_us and_are_the_work_of your_hand_of_your of_us_of_ _all. **8** **259** Do_not be_angry Oh_**YHWH** up_to muchness and_do_ _not forever_forever remember iniquity HERE look please people_of_are_your of_us_of_all. **9** **260** The_cities_of your_ _holiness_of_your they_have_been a_wilderness Tsiyyōn/(Zion) a_wilderness it_has_been Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_ _desolation. **10** **261** The_house_of our_holiness_of_our and_ _splendour_of_our where they_praised_you ancestors_of_our it_has_become (into)_a_burning_of fire and_all things_of_our_ _desirable it_has_become (into)_a_ruin. **11** **262** On these_things will_you_restrain_yourself Oh_**YHWH** will_you_be_silent and_ _will_you(pl)_afflict_us up_to muchness.

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Now our enemies have trampled over your sacred place.
19 We've become like those who you never ruled over—
like those who never called to you for help.
64:1 If you'd torn the skies open, then had come down,
the mountains would have shaken in front of you.
2 Just as fire ignites twigs and boils water,
making your name known to your enemies will make the nations tremble in front of you.
3 When you did amazing things that we weren't expecting, you came down.
The mountains shook in front of you.
4 Since ancient times, no one has heard,
and people's ears haven't listened to anything like that.
No eye has seen any god other than you,
→who takes action for those who wait, expecting his help.[250]
5 You meet the one who is happy and who does what is right—
who remembers your instructions.
Listen, you were angry because we sinned over a long period
but now we will be saved.
6 We've all become like someone 'unclean'
and all the good things we do are like a used menstrual rag.
Because of our acts of disobedience,
all of us have been like leaves that withered and were carried off like the wind.
7 There's no one left who calls on your name—
no one who stirs themself up to take hold of you,
because you've hidden yourself from us
and allowed our acts of disobedience to dissolve us away.
8 But now, Yahweh, you are our father.
We are the clay, and you're our potter,
and all of us are the your handiwork.
9 Don't be excessively angry, Yahweh,
and don't remember our disobedience forever.
Wow, please look here—all of us are your people.
10 Your sacred cities have become a wilderness:
Tsiyon (Zion) has become a wilderness.
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) became a desolation.
11 Our sacred and beautiful temple, where our ancestors praised you,
has now been burnt,

250 **RV 64:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 2:9.
252 **LV 64:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.2
253 **LV 64:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.3
254 **LV 64:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.4
255 **LV 64:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.5
256 **LV 64:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.6
257 **LV 64:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.7
258 **LV 64:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.8
259 **LV 64:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.9
260 **LV 64:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.10
261 **LV 64:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.11
262 **LV 64:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.12

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and everything that we liked there is in ruins.
12 After those, will you restrain yourself, Yahweh?
Will you remain silent as you make us suffer so much?

Judgement from Yahweh

65:1 "I let myself be consulted by those who hadn't asked,
I let myself be found by those who hadn't searched for me.[263]
I said, 'Here I am. Here I am.' to a nation that wasn't even calling out my name.
2 All day long, I held my hands out to a rebellious people,[264]
who do just what they want rather than walking the good path—
3 a people who continually provoke me to anger.
They regularly sacrifice in gardens
and burn incense on brick altars.
4 They sit among graves and spend the night in such places.
They eat pork, and soup made from 'unclean' meat,
5 saying, 'Don't come near me because I'm more holy than you!'
Those people make me angry like a fire burning all day long.
6 "Listen, it's written in front of me.
I won't stay silent because I'll repay—
I'll repay where it hurts—
7 your disobedience and that of your ancestors together."
Yahweh says, "They burnt incense on the mountains,
and taunted me on the hills,
so I'll measure out their wages where it hurts."
8 This is what Yahweh says:
When juice is found in some grapes on the vine,
then someone will say, 'Don't destroy it because there's good in it,'
so too for the sake of my servants, I won't destroy everyone.
9 I'll bring descendants out of Ya'akov (Jacob),
and someone to possess my mountains out of Yehudah (Judah),
and my chosen ones will take possession of it,
and my servants will live there.
10 The Sharon plain will become a pasture for the flocks,
and the Akor valley[265] will be a resting place for cattle
for my people who search for me.
11 But you all who abandon Yahweh,
who forget my sacred mountain,
who prepare a table for Gad,
and fill mixed wine for Meni,
12 I'll appoint you all for the sword.
You'll all bow down for slaughter
because I called and you all didn't answer.
I spoke and you all didn't listen,

Literal Version

65:1 I_let_myself_be_consulted by_those_who_not they_had_ _asked I_let_myself_be_found by_those_who_not they_had_ _sought_me I_said here_I_am here_I_am to a_nation which_not it_had_been_called by_name_of_my. **2** I_spread_out hands_of_ _my all_of the_day to a_people rebellious who_walk the_way not good after thoughts_of_their_own. **3** The_people who_ _provoke_to_anger me on face_of_my continually who_sacrifice in_gardens and_who_make_smoke on the_bricks. **4** Those_who_ _sit among_graves in_(the)_places they_spend_the_night the_ _ones_eating the_flesh_of the_pig and[266] unclean_meat(s) vessels_of_is_their. **5** Those_who_say draw_near to_yourself do_ _not draw_near to_me if/because I_am_set_apart_from_you these_people are_smoke in_nose_of_my a_fire which_burns all_ _of the_day. **6** HERE it_is_written before_me not I_will_be_silent if/because (if) I_will_repay and_I_will_repay on bosom_of_their. **7** Iniquities_of_your(pl) and_the_iniquities_of your(pl)_ _ancestors_of_your(pl) together **YHWH** he_says who they_ _made_smoke on the_mountains and_on the_hills they_ _taunted_me and_I_will_measure wage[s]_of_their first into[267] bosom_of_their. **8** Thus **YHWH** he_says just_as the_new_wine it_is_found in_grapes and_saying(ms) do_not destroy_it if/because blessing in/on/over_him/it so I_will_act for_the_ _sake_of servants_of_my to_not to_destroy (the)_everyone. **9** And_I_will_bring_out from_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) offspring and_ _from_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) one_who_will_possess_of mountains_ _of_(of)_my and_they_will_take_possession_of_it ones_of_my_ _chosen and_servants_of_my they_will_dwell there_(to). **10** And_ (the)_Shārōn _it_was (into)_a_pasture_of sheep and_ _the_valley_of ʼĀkōr (into)_a_resting_place_of cattle for_ _people_of_my who they_have_sought_me. **11** And_you(pl) who_abandon_of (of)_**YHWH** (the)_forgetting ~~DOM~~ the_ _mountain_of my_holiness_of_my who_arrange for_Gād a_table and_who_fill for_Meni mixed_wine. **12** And_I_will_appoint you(pl) to_sword and_all_of_of_you(pl) to_slaughter you(pl)_ _will_bow_down because I_called and_not you(pl)_answered I_ _spoke and_not you(pl)_listened and_you(pl)_did the_evil in_ _eyes_of_my and_(in)_that_which not I_desired you(pl)_chose. **13** For_so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** HERE servants_of_my they_will_eat and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_be_ _hungry HERE servants_of_my they_will_drink and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_be_thirsty HERE servants_of_my they_will_rejoice and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_be_ashamed. **14** HERE servants_of_my they_will_shout_for_joy from_goodness_of_heart and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_cry_out from_pain_of heart and_from_brokenness_ _of spirit you(pl)_will_wail. **15** And_you(pl)_will_leave name_of_ _your(pl) to_a_curse to_my_chosen_of_ones and_he_will_put_ _you_to_death my_master **YHWH** and_(to)_servants_of_his he_ _will_call a_name another. **16** That the_one_who_blesses_

263 **RV 65:1 · Cross-ref.** Rom 10:20.
264 **RV 65:2 · Cross-ref.** Rom 10:21.
265 **RV 65:10 · Cross-ref.** Josh 7:24-26.
266 **LV 65:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **קרפ/ו**: (x-qere) **קֶרֶמ/וּ**: lemma_c/4839 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_23b3J **קֶרֶמ/וּ**
267 **LV 65:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לע**: (x-qere) **לֶא**: lemma_413 morph_HR id_23WZc **לֶא**

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_himself on_the_earth he_will_bless_himself by_the_god_of surely and_the_one_who_swears_an_oath on_the_earth he_ _will_swear_an_oath by_the_god_of surely if/because the_ _troubles (the)_former they_will_be_forgotten and_ _because/when they_will_be_hidden from_eyes_of_my.

17 If/because HERE_I am_about_to_create heavens new and_an_ _earth new and_not the_former_things they_will_be_ _remembered and_not they_will_come_up on a_heart. **18** If/because (if) rejoice and_be_glad until perpetuity that_ _which I am_about_to_create if/because HERE_I am_about_to_ _create ~~DOM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) gladness and_people_of_ _its joy. **19** And_I_will_be_glad in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_I_will_rejoice in_people_of_my and_not it_will_be_heard in_it again a_sound_of weeping and_a_sound_of a_cry_of_ _distress. **20** Not it_will_be from_there again a_sucking_child_of days and_an_old_person who not he_will_complete ~~DOM~~ his/its_days if/because the_young_man a_son_of one_hundred year[s] he_will_die and_the_one_who_misses a_son_of one_ _hundred year[s] he_will_be_cursed. **21** And_they_will_build houses and_they_will_dwell_in_them and_they_will_plant vineyards and_they_will_eat fruit_of_their. **22** Not they_will_ _build and_another he_will_dwell not they_will_plant and_ _another he_will_eat if/because will_be_like_the_days_of the_ _tree the_days_of my_people_of_my and_the_work_of their_ _hands_of_their ones_of_my_chosen they_will_use_to_the_full. **23** Not they_will_labour to_emptiness and_not they_will_ _father_children for_(the)_terror if/because will_be_the_ _offspring_of those_blessed_of **YHWH** they and_descendants_ _of_their with_them. **24** And_it_was before they_will_call and_I I_will_answer still they will_be_speaking and_I I_will_hear. **25** Wolf and_lamb they_will_graze as_one and_the_lion like_ox it_will_eat straw and_a_snake will_be_dust food_of_its not they_ _will_do_harm and_not they_will_destroy in_all the_mountain_ _of my_holiness_of_my **YHWH** he_says.

Readers' Version

and did what I considered to be evil
and you chose what I didn't like.
13 So my master, Yahweh, says this:
Listen, my servants will eat, but you'll all be hungry.
Look, my servants will drink, but you'll all be thirsty.
Watch, my servants will celebrate, but you'll all be put to shame.
14 Listen, my servants will shout happily as they celebrate,
^but you'll all cry out from mental anguish,
and you'll all wail because of your broken spirits.
15 Your names will remain in your language as curse words for my chosen ones,
but my master Yahweh will put you to death,
and then he will call his servants by another name.
16 Anyone who blesses themself on earth, will bless themself by the god of certainty,
and anyone who makes a vow on earth, will promise by the god of certainty,
because their former troubles will be forgotten because they'll be hidden from my eyes.

Yahweh's new creation

17 Listen, I'm about to create new skies and a new earth,[268]
and then the previous things won't be remembered or thought about
18 because you'll celebrate and be forever happy with what I'm about to create,
because listen, I'm about to create a happy Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with celebrating people.
19 Then I'll celebrate about Yerushalem and be happy about my people,
and the sounds of weeping and distress will no longer be heard there.[269]
20 There won't be any more babies die there at a few days old,
or an elderly person who doesn't enjoy their full life.
Someone who's a hundred years old will seem like a young man,
and someone who doesn't reach one hundred will be considered cursed.
21 They'll build houses and live in them,
and they'll plant vineyards and get to eat their fruit.
22 They won't build then end up having someone else live there,
and they won't plant then end up with someone else eating the produce,
because my people will live as long as trees,
and my chosen ones will fully enjoy everything they've worked at.
23 Their work won't be wasted, and they won't end up discouraged,
→because they'll be Yahweh's children who are blessed, along

268 RV 65:17 · Cross-ref. Isa 66:22; 2Pe 3:13; Rev 21:1.

269 RV 65:19 · Cross-ref. Rev 21:4.

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with their descendants.
24 Before they even call out, I'll answer them—
while they're still speaking, I'll hear them.
25 The wolf and the lamb will graze together,
and the lion will eat straw like the cow.
The snake's food will be dirt and they won't cause any harm,
and nothing will be destroyed on my sacred mountain says Yahweh.[270]

Hypocrisy in worship

66:1 Yahweh says this:
The heavens are my throne[271] and the earth is my footstool.[272]
Where then, could you all build a house for me,
and where could be a place for me to relax?
2 My hand made all those things
and they came to be by Yahweh's declaration.
The people that I take notice of
are those who are humble and contrite,
and who sincerely respect and honour my message.
3 The same person who slaughters a bull (to sacrifice), also murders a person.
The one who sacrifices a lamb, breaks a dog's neck.
Someone who brings up a grain offering, also brings pigs' blood.
A person who offers incense as a memorial, blesses wickedness as well.
→They've chosen their own ways, and enjoy their detestable behaviour.
4 So I will choose their punishment,
→and I'll cause their fears to come to be.
because I called but no one answered.
I spoke and no one listened.
They did evil things as I watched,
and chose to do what I didn't like.
5 Listen to Yahweh's message you who respect and honour it.
Your relatives who hate you and who exclude you all for my name's sake, have said,
'Let Yahweh be honoured so we can see your happiness,'
however, they'll be put to shame.
6 There's a sound of uproar from the city—
noise coming from the temple:
the sound of Yahweh giving his enemies what they deserve.
7 Before it went into labour, it already gave birth.
Before the pain hit it, it delivered a son.[273]
8 Who's heard anything like that before?
Who's seen those sorts of things?
Can a land be given birth to in one day?
Can a nation be born in an instant,

Literal Version

66:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says the_heavens throne_of_are_my and_ _the_earth is_the_footstool_of my_feet_of_my where this is_ _the_house which you(pl)_will_build to_me and_where this is_ _the_place rest_of_my. **2** And_~~DOM~~ all_of these_things hand_of_ _my it_made and_ all_of these_things _they_were the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_near/to this_one I_will_look to an_ _afflicted_person and_a_person_stricken_of spirit and_a_ _person_trembling on message_of_my. **3** one_who_slaughters (the)_ox one_who_strikes_down_of (of)_a_person one_who_ _sacrifices (the)_lamb one_who_breaks_the_neck_of a_dog one_ _who_offers_up_of (of)_a_grain_offering the_blood_of a_pig one_who_offers_as_a_memorial frankincense one_who_blesses wickedness also they they_have_chosen (in)_their_own_of_ _ways and_(in)_their_detestable_of_things self_of_their it_has_ _delighted. **4** Also I I_will_choose (in)_punishments_of_their and_fears_of_their I_will_bring to/for_them because I_called and_there_was_not one_who_answered I_spoke and_not they_ _listened and_they_made the_evil in_eyes_of_my and_(in)_that_ _which not I_desired they_chose. **5** Hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_people_trembling to message_of_his relatives_of_your(pl) who_hate_of_you(pl) who_exclude_of_you(pl) for_the_sake_of name_of_my they_have_said **YHWH** let_him_be_glorified so_ _that_we_may_look on_joy_of_your(pl) and_they they_will_be_ _ashamed. **6** The_sound_of an_uproar from_the_city a_sound from_the_temple the_sound_of **YHWH** repaying recompense to_enemies_of_his. **7** Before_before she_was_in_labour she_ _gave_birth before_before labour-pain[s] it_came to/for_her/it and_she_delivered a_male. **8** Who has_he_heard like_this who has_he_seen like_these will_ a_land _it_be_brought_forth in/on_day one or a_nation will_it_be_born a_time one if/because she_was_in_labour also Tsiyyōn/(Zion) she_gave_ _birth_to ~~DOM~~ children_of_her. **9** I do_I_bring_to_the_birth and_ _not I_cause_to_bring_forth **YHWH** he_says or am_I the_one_ _who_causes_to_bring_forth and_do_I_restrain god_of_your he_ _says. **10** Rejoice with Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_be_glad in_ _it Oh_all_of you(pl)_of_who_love_it rejoice with_it joy Oh_all_ _of you_who_mourn on_it. **11** So_that you(pl)_may_suck and_ _you(pl)_will_be_satisfied from_the_breast_of its_consolations_ _of_her so_that you(pl)_may_suck and_you(pl)_will_take_ _delight from_the_nipple_of its_abundance_of_her.
12 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_extend to_her/it like_a_river peace and_like_a_torrent overflowing the_abundance_of nations and_you(pl)_will_suck on a_hip you(pl)_will_be_carried and_on knees you(pl)_will_be_fondled.

270 **RV 65:25 · Cross-ref.** Isa 11:6-9.
271 **RV 66:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:34; 23:22.
272 **RV 66:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:35.
273 **RV 66:7 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:5.

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13 Like_a_person whom his/its_mother she_comforts_him so I I_will_comfort_you(pl) and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl)_will_be_comforted. **14** And_you(pl)_will_see and_ heart_of_your(pl) _it_will_exult and_bones_of_your(pl) like_ _(the)_grass they_will_sprout and_ the_hand_of **YHWH** _it_will_ _be_made_known with servants_of_his and_he_will_be_ _indignant ᴅᴏᴍ enemies_of_his. **15** If/because THERE **YHWH** in_fire he_will_come and_will_like_the_storm-wind chariots_ _of_his to_bring_back with_rage anger_of_his and_rebuke_of_ _his with_flames_of fire. **16** If/because by_fire **YHWH** will_ _enter_into_judgement and_by_sword_of_his with all_of flesh and_ those_slain_of **YHWH** _they_will_be_many. **17** Those_who_ _consecrate_themselves and_those_who_purify_themselves to the_gardens after one[276] in_middle those_who_eat_of (of)_the_ _flesh_of the_pig and_the_detestable_thing and_the_mouse all_ _together they_will_come_to_an_end the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **18** And_I deeds_of_their and_thoughts_of_their it_is_coming to_ _gather ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_nations and_the_languages and_they_ _will_come and_they_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ glory_of_my. **19** And_I_will_ _perform in/among_them a_sign and_I_will_send from_them survivors to the_nations Tarshiysh Pūl and_Lūd who_draw_of (of)_a_bow Tūv̇al and_Yāvān/(Javan) the_islands (the)_distant which not they_have_heard ᴅᴏᴍ report_of_my and_not they_ _have_seen ᴅᴏᴍ glory_of_my and_they_will_declare ᴅᴏᴍ glory_ _of_my among_nations. **20** And_they_will_bring_back ᴅᴏᴍ all_of relatives_of_your(pl) from_all the_nations an_offering to/for_ _**YHWH** on_horses and_in_chariot[s] and_in_litters and_on_ _mules and_on_camels to the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_my Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) **YHWH** he_says just_as the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_grain_offering in_a_ _vessel pure the_house_of **YHWH**. **21** And_also from_them I_ _will_take to_priests to_Lēviyyiy **YHWH** he_says. **22** If/because just_as the_heavens (the)_new and_the_earth (the)_new which I am_about_to_make will_endure to/for_my_face/front the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** so offspring_of_your(pl) and_name_of_ _your(pl) it_will_endure. **23** And_it_was from_sufficiency a_ _new_moon in_its_new_of_moon and_as_often_as_of a_sabbath in_sabbath_of_its all_of flesh it_will_come to_bow_down to/for_ _my_face/front **YHWH** he_says. **24** And_they_will_go_out and_ _they_will_look on_the_corpses_of the_people who_rebelled against_me if/because worm_of_their not it_will_die and_fire_ _of_their not it_will_be_extinguished and_they_will_be an_ _abhorrence to/from_all/each/any/every flesh.

Readers' Version

→because Tsiyon (Zion) gave birth to her children so soon as she went into labour?

9 "Do I bring a baby to the birth canal and then not deliver it?" Yahweh asks.

"Or do I bring it to the point of delivery and then hold it back?" asks your god.

10 Celebrate with Yerushalem (Jerusalem) all of you who love it, and be glad.

Happily celebrate with it, all of you who mourned over it,

11 because you'll all suckle and be satisfied from her comforting breasts.

Yes, you'll all drink deeply and delight yourselves from her gushing nipple,

12 because Yahweh says this:

Listen, I'm about to extend peace to Yerushalem like a river,

and the wealth of the nations to her like an overflowing stream.

Then you'll all suckle and be carried on the hip,

and bounced on her knees.

13 I'll comfort you all like a mother comforts her child,

and you'll all be comforted in Yerushalem.

14 You'll all see that and it'll warm your heart,

and your bones will sprout like the grass.

Yahweh will reveal his power to his servants,

and he'll be indignant at his enemies,

15 because listen, Yahweh will come in fire with his chariots like a windstorm,

→to bring his raging anger and to rebuke with flames of fire.

16 Yes, Yahweh judges all humanity with fire and his sword,

and many people will be killed by him.

17 Those who consecrate themselves, and purify themselves for the gardens,

and those who eat pork, rats, and other detestable things, will all be destroyed together.

That is Yahweh's declaration.

18 I know their thoughts and what they've done. The time is coming to gather all the nations and the language groups, and they'll come and see my glory. **19** I'll perform a miracle among them, and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud (home of archers), Tuval, Yavan (Greece), and to the distant islands where they haven't heard about me or seen my splendour. They'll tell other nations about my greatness. **20** Then they'll bring all your relatives back from all the nations to my sacred mountain Yerushalem (Jerusalem), on horses, and in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels, as an offering to Yahweh like how the Israelis bring a grain offering in a clean vessel into the house of Yahweh.

That's what Yahweh says.

21 Then I'll choose some of them to be priests and temple workers.

That's what Yahweh says.

276 **LV 66:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: דחא: (x-qere) תַּחַא: lemma_259 n_1.2.0 morph_HAcfsa id_23RUH תַּחַא

Readers' Version

22 Just as the new skies and the new earth will stand in front of me,[274]
so your descendants and your name will endure.
That's what Yahweh declares.
23 Then from month to month and week to week,
all creatures will come to bow down in front of me.
That's what Yahweh says.
24 Then they'll go out and see the corpses of those who rebelled against me,
because the maggots won't die and their fire won't be extinguished,[275]
and all creatures will find them abhorrent.

ISA · OET-RV v0.2.7

Literal Version

ISA · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

274 RV 66:22 · Cross-ref. Isa 65:17; 2Pe 3:13; Rev 21:1.

275 RV 66:24 · Cross-ref. Mrk 9:48.

Tsefanyah

(Zephaniah)

Introduction

Tsefanyah (commonly known as Zephaniah) was a prophet at the time that Yoshiyah (Josiah) was king of Yehudah (Judah). The people served the true God, but before long, they abandoned Yahweh and started worshipping false gods. So then Yahweh threatened to punish the people of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) city and the people across all of Yehudah because of their evil activities. However, even then, they refused to ask him for forgiveness. So in 586 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.), Yerushalem was destroyed by the Babylonians (sometimes also called Chaldeans). But even then, he'd planned to punish those other nations in the future for enslaving his people, then he'd allow his people to return there to Yerushalem and receive his blessing.

Main components of this document

The day of Yahweh's judgement *1:1–2:3*
The destruction of nations near Yisrael *2:4-15*
The destruction and future redemption of Yerushalem *3:1-20*

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1:1 The message from Yahweh which came to Tsefanyah (Zephaniah) (son of Kush (Ethiopia), son of Gedalyah, son of Amaryah, son of Hizkiyah (Hezekiah)) in the time of Amon's son, King Yoshiyah (Josiah) of Yehudah (Judah)[1]

Coming judgement against Yehudah · Southern kingdom

2 Yahweh declares:
I will exterminate everything that lives on the ground.
3 Yahweh declares:
I'll bring humans and animals to an end, along with the birds and fish. Wicked people will be destroyed along with their idols and humankind will be cut-off from the earth. **4** I will punish the people of Yehudah (Judah),
and those living in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
I will wipe all remnants of Ba'al out from this place.
No one will even remember the names of those priests who served idols.
5 I'll punish those who bowed down to the stars and planets from their rooftops,
and those making promises to Yahweh but then promising to the false god Malkam.[2]
6 I'll punish those who turn back after following me, Yahweh,
as well as those who haven't searched for Yahweh or prayed to me.
7 Be silent in the presence of the master Yahweh,
because his day is near.
Yahweh has prepared a sacrifice,
and he's consecrated his guests.
8 On the day of Yahweh's sacrifice, I will visit their officials and the king's sons, and all those wearing foreign clothing. **9** At that time I will punish all the officials who force their way into people's homes—the ones filling their masters' houses using fraud and violence.
10 Yahweh declares:
On that day a cry of distress will come from the Fish Gate,
and wailing from the second district
and a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, you inhabitants of the Maktesh,
because all of the people of Kena'an (Canaan) will be destroyed.
All the money-counters will be eliminated.
12 I will search Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with lamps at that time,
and I will punish those who've sunk to the bottom—
the ones who tell themselves,
'Yahweh will never take action—either good or bad.'
13 Their wealth will be taken as plunder
and their houses will be ruined.
They'll build houses, but they won't get to live in them.

Literal Version

1:1 The_message_of **YHWH** which it_came to Tsəfan^{yāh} the_son_of Kūshiy/(Cushi) the_son_of Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of 'Amar^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} in_the_days_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_son_of 'Āmōn the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah).

2 Utterly_(destroy) I_will_bring_to_an_end everything from_under the_surface_of the_soil the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **3** I_will_bring_to_an_end human_being and_animal I_will_bring_to_an_end the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_the_fish(es)_of the_sea and_the_stumbling-blocks with the_wicked_people and_I_will_cut_off ~~ĐØM~~ the_humankind from_under the_surface_of the_soil the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **4** And_I_will_stretch_out hand_of_my on Yəhūdāh and_on all_of the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_I_will_cut_off from the_place the_this ~~ĐØM~~ the_remnant_of (the)_Ba'al ~~ĐØM~~ the_name_of the_pagan_priests with the_priests. **5** And_~~ĐØM~~ those_who_bow_down on the_roofs to_the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_~~ĐØM~~ those_who_bow_down those_who_swear_an_oath to/for_**YHWH** and_those_who_swear_an_oath by_king_of_their. **6** And_~~ĐØM~~ those_who_have_turned_back from_after **YHWH** and_which not they_have_sought ~~ĐØM~~ **YHWH** and_not they_have_sought_him. **7** Hush from_face/in_front_of my_master **YHWH** if/because is_near the_day_of **YHWH** if/because **YHWH** he_has_prepared a_sacrifice he_has_consecrated those_of_who_were_invited_by_him. **8** And_it_was in/on_day of_the_sacrifice_of of_**YHWH** and_I_will_visit_judgement on the_princes and_on the_sons_of the_king and_on all_of those_who_are_clothed clothing foreign. **9** And_I_will_visit_judgement on every_of (the)_one_who_leaps over the_threshold in_the_day (the)_that those_who_fill the_house_of their_master(s)_of_their violence and_deceit. **10** And_it_was on_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** the_sound_of a_cry_of_distress from_the_gate_of the_fish(es) and_wailing from the_second_district and_a_crashing great from_the_hills. **11** Wail Oh_inhabitants_of the_Mortar if/because all_of the_people_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) it_will_be_destroyed all_of the_weighers_of silver they_will_be_cut_off. **12** And_it_was at_time (the)_that I_will_search ~~ĐØM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_lamps and_I_will_visit_judgement on the_people who_are_thickening on lees_of_their who_are_saying in_heart_of_their not **YHWH** he_will_do_good and_not he_will_do_harm. **13** And_it_was wealth_of_their (into)_plunder and_houses_of_their (into)_a_desolation and_they_will_build houses and_not they_will_dwell_in_them and_they_will_plant vineyards and_not they_will_drink ~~ĐØM~~ wine_of_their. **14** Is_near the_day_of **YHWH** (the)_great near and_hurrying exceedingly the_sound_of the_day_of **YHWH** bitter is_shouting there a_warrior. **15** Will_be_a_day_of fury the_day (the)_that a_day_of distress and_trouble a_day_of devastation and_desolation a_day_of darkness and_gloom a_day_of cloud and_thick_darkness. **16** A_day_of trumpet and_battle-cry on the_cities (the)_fortified and_on the_corners (the)_high. **17** And_I_will_cause_distress to_humankind and_they_will_walk like_(the)_people if/because to/for_**YHWH** they_have_sinned and_ blood_of_their _it_will_

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 22:1–23:30; 2Ch 34:1–35:27.

2 **RV 1:5 · Note** A variant of the name of the pagan god 'Molek' (or 'Molech', but also close to the Hebrew word for 'king' as found in some other translations).

Literal Version

_be_poured_out like_dust and_bowel[s]_of_their like_dung(s).
18 Neither silver_of_their nor gold_of_their not it_will_be_able
to_deliver_them in/on_day of_the_fury_of of_**YHWH** and_in_
_the_fire_of his_jealousy_of_his all_of the_earth/land it_will_
_be_consumed if/because complete_destruction surely that_
_which_is_terrible he_will_make with all_of the_inhabitants_of
the_earth/land.

2:1 Gather_yourselves_together and_gather_together Oh_nation
not ashamed. **2** Before_before a_decree brings_forth like_chaff
a_day it_has_passed_away before_before not it_will_come on_
_you(pl) the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** before_before not
it_will_come on_you(pl) the_day_of the_anger of_**YHWH**. **3** Seek
~~DOM~~ **YHWH** Oh_all_of the_humble_people_of the_earth/land
who judgement_of_his they_have_done seek righteousness seek
humility perhaps you(pl)_will_be_hidden in/on_day of_the_
anger of**YHWH**.

4 If/because ʿAzzāh abandoned it_will_be and_ʾAshqəlōn will_
become(into)_a_desolation ʾAshdōd at_noontide(s) people_
_will_drive_it_out and_ʿEqrōn it_will_be_plucked_up. **5** Woe_to
the_inhabitants_of the_region_of the_sea the_nation_of the_
_Kərētī the_message_of **YHWH** is_on_you(pl) Oh_
_Kəna'an/(Canaan) the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy and_I_will_
_destroy_you from_not an_inhabitant. **6** And_it_will_be the_
_region_of the_sea pastures_of meadows_of shepherds and_
_folds_of sheep. **7** And_ the_region _it_was to_the_remnant_of
the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) on_them they_will_graze in_
_the_houses_of ʾAshqəlōn in_evening they_will_lie_down
if/because he_will_visit_them **YHWH** god_of_their and_he_
_will_turn_back mmm[9]. **8** I_have_heard the_reproach_of Mōʾāv
and_the_reviling_words/messages_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn
who they_have_reproached ~~DOM~~ people_of_my and_they_have_
_magnified_themselves on territory_of_their. **9** For_
_so/thus/hence by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because
Mōʾāv like_Şədom it_will_be and_the_sons of_ʿAmmōn like_
_ʿAmorāh/(Gomorrah) a_place_possessed_of weed[s] and_a_pit_

Readers' Version

They'll plant vineyards, but won't get to drink their wine.
14 Yahweh's big day of judgement is near—
close and coming quickly.
The sound of Yahweh's day is bitter—
even warriors will cry out.
15 That day will be a day of anger,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of destruction and desolation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of cloud and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blasts and with the battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the high towers on their corners.
17 I'll bring distress to the people,
and they'll walk slowly as if they were blind,
because they've sinned against Yahweh.
Their blood will be poured out like dust,
and their innards like dung.
18 Their silver, and even their gold, won't be able to save them
on the day of Yahweh's anger.
The whole earth will be consumed in the fire of his jealousy
because he'll soon destroy people from all over the world.

Do what is right · Southern kingdom

2:1 Gather yourselves together,
yes, assemble now you shameless nation
2 before the decree is made,
before the day passes like chaff,
before Yahweh's anger reaches you all,
yes, before that day of Yahweh's anger hits you.
3 Search for Yahweh, all you humble people who do his justice.
Aim to do what is right and to stay humble.
Perhaps you'll be hidden away on the day Yahweh's anger.

The demolition of places near Yisrael

4 Because Azah (Gaza) will become abandoned,
and Ashkelon will become a ruin.
The people of Ashdod will be driven out by noon,
and Ekron will be overthrown.[3]
5 The inhabitants of the coastal region are to be pitied,
the nation of the Kereti.
Yahweh's decision is against you all,
Kena'an (Canaan), land of the Pelishtim.
I'll destroy you until no one remains.
6 The coastal region will become pastures of meadows for shepherds
and pens for flocks.
7 The remaining survivors from Yehudah (Judah) will inhabit that region.
They will shepherd their flocks on that land.
They'll lie down in their houses in Ashkelon in the evening,
because their god Yahweh will visit them, and he'll restore

3 **RV 2:4-7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:29-31; Jer 47:1-7; Eze 25:15-17; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Zech 9:5-7.

9 **LV 2:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: תובש/ם: (x-qere) ׳תיִבְּשׁ/ם׳: lemma_7622 n_0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3mp id_36AXb תיִבְּשׁ/ם

Readers' Version

their fortune.
8 I've heard Moav's (Moab's) mocking[4]
and the Amonim' insults.[5]
They've insulted my people
and built up their forces against their border.
9 Commander-in-chief Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, declares:
As certain as I'm alive,
Moav will become like Sedom,
and the Amonim like Amorah (Gomorrah),
overrun by nettles and salt-pits—in ruins forever.[6]
The remnant of my people will plunder them,
and the remainder of my nation will take possession of them.
10 That will be the fruit of their pride,
because they mocked and talked themselves up
against the people of Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
11 The people of Moav (Moab) and Amon will be very scared when Yahweh punishes them.
He'll do that so powerfully that people will stop worshipping all other gods.
People in every nation will worship Yahweh instead—each person in their own country.
12 Also you, Kushim (Ethiopians) (Kushim), will be killed by my sword.[7]
13 Yahweh will punish those in the north.
Yes, he'll destroy Ashur (Assyria).
He'll turn Nineveh into ruins—
it'll become a dry place like the desert.[8]
14 Herds of every kind of wild animals will lie down in the middle of it,
Various kinds of owls will sit on the pillars still standing.
A call will hoot in the window.
Rubble will blocking any doorways still upright,
because the cedar planks will be exposed.
15 This is the proud city where people lived in security.
The one with a reputation: "No other city compares with me."
How it's become a ruin—a home for the wild animals.
Every one passing by will hiss at it in derision,
and shake their fist remembering their hate for it.

Yerushalem's sin · Southern kingdom

3:1 The one rebelling and being defiled is to be pitied—
the city of oppressors.
2 She doesn't listen to what she's told.

Literal Version

_of salt and_a_waste until perpetuity the_remnant_of my_
_people_of they_will_plunder_them and_the_rest_of my_
_nation_of_my[10] they_will_take_possession_of_them. 10 This
to/for_them in_place_of pride_of_their if/because they_
_reproached and_they_magnified_themselves on the_people_of
YHWH soldiers/messengers. 11 **YHWH** will_be_awesome on_
_them if/because he_will_make_lean ~~DOM~~ all_of the_gods_of
the_earth/land and_they_will_bow_down to_him/it everyone
from_his_own_of_place all_of the_islands_of the_nations.
12 Also you(pl) Oh_Kūshiy/(Cushite)s are_those_slain_of my_
_sword_of_my they. 13 And_he_will_stretch_out his/its_hand on
the_north and_he_will_destroy ~~DOM~~ 'Ashshūr and_he_will_make
~~DOM~~ Nīnəvēh (into)_a_waste a_dry_region like_wilderness.
14 And_they_will_lie_down in_the_midst_of_of_it herds every_
_of animal_of_his a_nation both wilderness_owl as_well_as
hedgehog on_capitals_of_its they_will_spend_the_night a_
_sound it_will_sing in_window desolation will_on_the_
_threshold if/because cedar-work he_will_lay_bare. 15 This[11][12]
the_city (the)_exultant which_dwelt to_security which_said in_
_heart_of_its I and_only_of_I am_yet how it_has_become (into)_
_a_waste a_resting_place for_animal[s] every one_who_passes_
_by on/upon_it(f) he_will_hiss he_will_shake his/its_hand.

3:1 Woe_to the_one_who_is_rebellious and_the_one_who_is_
_defiled the_city which_oppresses. 2 Not it_has_listened to_a_
_voice not it_has_accepted correction in_**YHWH** not it_has_
_trusted to god_of_its not it_has_drawn_near. 3 Officials_of_its
in_midst_of_its are_lions roaring judges_of_its are_wolves_of

4 **RV 2:8-11 · Cross-ref.** Isa 15:1–16:14; 25:10-12; Jer 48:1-47; Eze 25:8-11; Amos 1:13-15.
5 **RV 2:8-11 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:1-6; Eze 21:28-32; 25:1-7; Amos 1:13-15.
6 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24.
7 **RV 2:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 18:1-7.
8 **RV 2:13-15 · Cross-ref.** Isa 10:5-34; 14:24-27; Nah 1:1–3:19.
10 **LV 2:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: יוֹנֵ֔: (x-qere) יֹ֔וֹנֵ: lemma_1471 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cs id_36gBW יֹ֔וֹנֵ
11 **LV 2:15 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
12 **LV 2:15 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

the_evening which_not they_gnaw to_morning. **4** Prophets_of_
_its are_insolent men_of treacheri(es) priests_of_its they_
_profane the_sanctuary they_treat_violently the_law. **5** **YHWH**
is_righteous in_midst_of_its not he_does injustice in_morning
in_morning judgement_of_his he_gives to_the_light not he_is_
_missing and_not an_unjust_person is_knowing shame. **6** I_
_have_cut_off nations corners_of_their they_are_desolate I_
_have_made_desolate streets_of_their from_not_of one_who_
_passes_by cities_of_their they_have_been_laid_waste from_
_not_of anyone from_not an_inhabitant. **7** I_said surely you_
_will_fear me you_will_accept correction and_not dwelling_of_
_its it_will_be_cut_off all that I_have_visited on/upon_it(f)
nevertheless they_rose_early they_corrupted all_of practices_
_of_their. **8** For_so/thus/hence wait to_me the_utterance_of
YHWH for_the_day_of my_rising for_booty if/because
judgement_of_my is_to_gather nations I_to_assemble kingdoms
to_pour_out on_them indignation_of_my all_of the_burning_of
my_anger_of_my if/because in_the_fire_of my_jealousy_of_my
all_of the_earth/land it_will_be_consumed. **9** If/because then I_
_will_restore to peoples a_lip purified to_ of_them_of_all _call
in/on_name_of **YHWH** to_serve_him a_shoulder one. **10** From_
_the_other_side of_the_rivers_of of_Cush worshippers_of_my
the_daughter_of my_scattered_ones[141516] they_will_bring
offering_of_my. **11** In_the_day (the)_that not you_will_be_
_ashamed from_all practices_of_your which you_have_
_transgressed against_me if/because then I_will_remove from_
_midst_of_your the_exultant_ones_of your_pride_of_your and_
_not you_will_repeat to_be_haughty again on_the_mountain_of
my_holiness_of_my. **12** And_I_will_leave in_midst_of_your a_
_people afflicted and_poor and_they_will_take_refuge in/on_
_name_of **YHWH**. **13** The_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_
_will_do injustice and_not they_will_speak falsehood and_not
it_will_be_found in_mouth_of_their a_tongue_of deceitfulness
if/because they they_will_graze and_they_will_lie_down and_
_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies.

Readers' Version

She doesn't take correction.
She refuses to trust in Yahweh.
She won't approach her god.
3 Her leaders are roaring lions among the flock.
Her judges are wolves that approach in the evening.
There's nothing left to eat by the morning.
4 Her prophets are insolent, treacherous men.
Her priests profane the sanctuary—they violate God's law.
5 Yahweh behaves fairly in her midst.
He doesn't do anything that's wrong.
He makes fair and just judgements every morning.
At every dawn, he's present there,
and yet those who are disobedient have no shame.
6 I've destroyed nations—broken down their walls.
I've destroyed their streets and now they're deserted.
Their cities are ruined, lifeless,
without anyone living in them.
7 I said, 'Surely you will respect me and accept correction.
Then she won't die as a city because of my punishing her.'
Nevertheless, they got up early to do all their corrupt activities.
8 Yahweh declares:
Wait for me, for when I pounce on the prey,
because my decision is to gather nations and assemble kingdoms,
to pour my indignation and all my anger out on them,
because the whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealousy.
9 Then I'll be sure to give pure speech to the peoples,
so all of them can pray to Yahweh,
and serve him side-by-side.
10 From across the rivers of Kush (Ethiopia) (Kush), my worshippers,
my scattered children will return and bring my offering.
11 On that day you won't feel ashamed about all the times you disobeyed me,
because at that time, I'll remove those proud people from among you,
and you won't continue to be arrogant on my sacred mountain.
12 And I'll leave the poorer and humble people among you,
and they'll trust in Yahweh's authority.
13 The surviving Israelis won't do what is wrong.
They won't tell lies or deceive others.[13]
Instead they'll eat and sleep in peace,
No one will be there to terrify them.

13 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Rev 14:5.

14 **LV 3:10 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

15 **LV 3:10 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

16 **LV 3:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

The song of happiness · Both kingdoms

14 Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter, sing happily.
All Yisrael (Israel), shout aloud.
Daughters of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), be happy and triumphant will all your being.
15 Yahweh will stop punishing you.
He's forced your enemy to retreat.
Yisrael's king, Yahweh, is among you.
Don't worry any more about being harmed.
16 In that day Yerushalem will be told,
"Don't be afraid, Tsiyon (Zion).
Don't let your hands grow weak.
17 Your god Yahweh is right there.
A powerful warrior, he'll save you.
He'll be so happy about you.
He'll be silent in his love.
He'll talk happily about your rescue."
18 I will gather those among you who grieve so they can attend the celebrations.
They were taken as tribute and it was a reproach.
19 Look, I'll be dealing with all of your oppressors at that time.
I'll save your people who are disabled or who've been shamed.
Then I'll get them praising,
and change their shame into a good reputation around the world.
20 At that time I will bring you all in—
yes, I'll gather you all together at that time.
You'll have a good reputation and people all over the world will praise you,
as I restore your good fortune right in front of your eyes.
Yahweh has spoken.

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Literal Version

14 Shout_for_joy Oh_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) shout Oh_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) rejoice and_exult in_all the_heart Oh_
_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **15** **YHWH** he_has_
_removed judgements_of_your he_has_cleared_away enemy_of_
_your the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) **YHWH** is_in_midst_of_your
not you_will_fear evil again. **16** In_the_day (the)_that it_will_
_be_said to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) do_not be_afraid Oh_
_Tsiyyōn not hands_of_your let_them_drop. **17** **YHWH** god_of_
_your is_in_midst_of_your[17] a_warrior who_he_will_give_
_victory he_will_rejoice on_you with_joy he_will_be_silent in_
_love_of_his he_will_be_glad on_you with_a_shout_of_joy.
18 Those_who_are_grieved_of from_an_appointed_feast I_will_
_gather from_you they_were tribute on/upon_it(f) reproach.
19 HERE_I am_about_to_deal with all_of those_of_who_
_afflicted_you at_time (the)_that and_I_will_save ~~DOM~~ the_one_
_who_is_lame and_the_one_who_is_outcast I_will_gather and_I_
_will_make_them (into)_praise and_(into)_a_name in_all the_
_earth/land shame_of_their. **20** At_time (the)_that I_will_bring
you(pl) and_at_time gather_I you(pl) if/because I_will_make
you(pl) (into)_a_name and_(into)_praise among_all_of the_
_peoples_of the_earth/land when_I_turn_back ~~DOM~~
captiviti(es)_of_your(pl) to_eyes_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_says.

ZEP · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

17 **LV 3:17 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Havakuk

(Habakkuk)

Introduction

In this document, we can read the prophet Havakuk's (Habakkuk's) discussions about Yahweh God. Havakuk lived in Yehudah (Judah) and this document was likely written by 600 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) Havakuk questions God as to why he punishes his Israeli relatives when they're more godly people than those who attack them. Yahweh answered that he sent armies from Bavel in order to punishment them. At that time, the Babylonians solders were very feared because they were very fierce and had already defeated Ashur and Mitsrayim. Havakuk didn't understand why his master Yahweh would allow that. He also asked God, "Why are you silent while the wicked destroy those who are more godly than them?" (1:13). God answered that he would step in and help in due course: "...godly people live by their faith." (2:4)
The other part of this document is the prophecy about the coming destruction of evil people. Havakuk still fears God's curse on Yehudah, but he trusting that his people would be saved and given of strength to endure the difficulties that they were experiencing. This document finishes with a song praising the Yahweh for his faithfulness.

Main components of this document

The complaints of prophet Havakuk and the answer of Master God *1:1–2:4*
The destruction of evil people *2:5-20*
The praying for Havakuk *3:1-19*

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Readers' Version

1:1 Here is the message that the prophet Havakuk (Habakkuk) saw:

Havakuk's complaint · Southern kingdom

2 For how long, Yahweh, must I call for help before you listen?
I cry out about the violence, but you haven't rescued me.
3 Why do I have to keep seeing injustice and looking at trouble?
Destruction and violence are all around—there's such strife, and conflicts keep happening.
4 That's why the law is paralysed and why justice doesn't prevail—
because those who do good are surrounded by wicked people, so justice gets perverted.

Yahweh's response · Southern kingdom

5 Watch the other countries and observe them, and be astonished and amazed,
because I'm about to do something in your time
that no one will believe would happen, even if they were told about it.[5]
6 Listen, I'm about to stir up the Babylonians[6]—
that fierce and impetuous empire
that marches around the world to seize cities for themselves.
7 They're dreaded and feared.
They go by their own rules to boost their own pride.
8 Their horses are faster than leopards
and more menacing than the wolves in the evening.
So their horsemen arrive from a great distance, then come charging—
they fly like an eagle that's swift to devour.
9 They all come for violence—
hordes of faces advancing like the wind in the wilderness.
They gather captives like sand.
10 They scoff at kings, and rulers are just a joke to them.
They laugh at fortresses as they pile soil up around them and capture them.
11 Then they sweep past like the wind and move on.
They become guilty of thinking that their own strength is their god.

Havakuk's second complaint · Southern kingdom

12 Yahweh, aren't you the eternal God?
You're my heavenly protector who won't die.
Yahweh, you've appointed them for judgement.
Our rock, you've established them for punishment.
13 Your eyes are too pure to endure seeing evil,
and you're not able to look on wrongdoing with favour.

Literal Version

1:1 The_oracle[1234] which Ḥ$_a$vaqqūq the_prophet he_saw.

2 Until when Oh_**YHWH** have_I_cried_for_help and_not you_ _will_hear I_cry_out to_you violence and_not you_save.
3 To/for_what do_you_make_me_see wickedness and_mischief do_you_look_at and_devastation and_violence are_to_before_ _me and_ strife _he/it_was and_contention it_arises.
4 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_law it_grows_numb and_ _not it_comes_forth to_perpetuity justice if/because the_ _wicked is_surrounding ~~ḎOM~~ the_righteous_person therefore yes/correct/thus/so justice perverted it_comes_forth.

5 See among_nations and_look and_be_astounded be_ _astonished if/because a_deed I_am_about_to_do in_days_of_ _your(pl) which_not you(pl)_will_believe if/because it_will_be_ _recounted. **6** If/because here_I am_about_to_raise_up ~~ḎOM~~ the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy the_nation (the)_bitter and_(the)_ _impetuous which_goes to_the_expanses_of the_earth to_take_ _possession_of dwellings which_not to_him/it. **7** Is_terrifying and_awesome it from_him/it justice_of_its and_dignity_of_its it_comes_forth. **8** And_they_are_swift more_than_leopards horses_of_its and_they_are_keen more_than_wolves_of the_ _evening and_ warhorses_of_its _they_paw_the_ground and_ _horsemen_of_its from_a_distance they_come they_fly like_an_ _eagle which_makes_haste to_devour. **9** Of_it_of_all for_violence it_comes the_totality_of their_faces_of_their eastward_is and_ _it_gathered like_sand captive[s]. **10** And_he (in)_kings it_ _derides and_rulers are_laughter to_him/it it to/from_ _all/each/any/every fortress it_laughs and_it_heaped_up earth and_it_captured_it. **11** Then it_swept_on a_wind and_it_passed_ _on and_he_is_guilty the_one_who strength_of_his becomes_ _(into)_god_of_his.

12 Am_not are_you from_east Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my my_holy_ _of_one not we_will_die Oh_**YHWH** to_judgement you_have_ _appointed_it and_Oh_rock to_reprove you_have_established_it. **13** You_are_too_pure_of eyes for_seeing evil and_to_look to mischief not you_are_able to/for_what do_you_look_at those_ _who_act_treacherously are_you_silent when_ a_wicked_person _swallows_up a_person_righteous more_than_him. **14** And_you_ _have_made humankind like_the_fish(es)_of the_sea like_

1 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
2 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
3 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
4 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
5 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:41.
6 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:2.

Literal Version

_creeping_thing[s] which_not a_ruler in/on/over_him/it.
15 Of_it_of_all with_a_fish_hook he_brings_up he_drags_it_away in_net_of_his and_he_gathers_it in_his_fishing_of_net therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_rejoices and_he_is_glad. **16** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_sacrifices to_net_of_his and_he_makes_ _smoke to_his_fishing_of_net if/because by_them is_rich portion_of_his and_food_of_his is_fat. **17** There- fore will_he_ _empty net_of_his and_continually to_kill nations not will_he_ _spare.
2:1 At post_of_my I_will_stand and_I_will_take_my_stand on the_fortification and_I_will_watch to_see what will_he_speak by_me and_what will_I_bring_back on complaint_of_my.

2 And_he_answered_me **YHWH** and_he/it_said write_down the_vision and_make_it_clear on the_tablets so_that one_who_ _reads in_him/it he_may_run. **3** If/because still the_vision is_ _for_time and_it_will_pant to_end and_not it_will_lie if it_will_ _delay wait to_him/it if/because surely_(come) it_will_come not it_will_delay. **4** THERE it_is_swollen not self_of_his it_is_ _upright in/on/over_him/it and_the_righteous by_ _faithfulness_of_his he_will_live.

5 And_also if/because (the)_wine is_acting_treacherously a_ _man proud and_not he_stays_at_home who he_has_made_ _large like_Shə'ōl throat_of_his and_he is_like_death and_not he_is_satisfied and_he_has_gathered to_him/it all_of the_ _nations and_he_has_assembled to_him/it all_of the_peoples. **6** Am_not these_nations of_them_of_all on/upon/above_him/it a_saying will_they_lift_up and_a_mocking_song riddles to_ _him/it and_will_someone_say woe_to the_one_who_increases that_which_not to_him/it until when and_one_who_makes_ _heavy on/upon/above_him/it pledge[s]. **7** Am_not suddenness those_of_who_pay_interest_to_you will_they_arise and_ those_ _of_who_will_make_you_tremble _will_they_awake and_you_ _will_become (into)_plunder(s) for_them. **8** If/because[10] you you_have_plundered nations many they_will_plunder_you all_ _of the_rest_of the_peoples from_the_blood(s)_of humankind and_the_violence_of the_land the_town and_all those_who_ _dwell_of in_it. **9** Woe_to one_who_gains unjust_gain evil for_ _house_of_his to_set on_places nest_of_his to_deliver_himself from_the_palm_of evil. **10** You_have_planned shame for_house_ _of_your by_cutting_off peoples many and_you_have_sinned self_of_your. **11** If/because a_stone from_the_wall it_will_cry_ _out and_a_rafter from_tree it_will_answer_it. **12** Woe_to one_ _who_builds a_city by_blood(s) and_he_establishes a_town by_ _injustice. **13** Am_not THERE from_with **YHWH**

Readers' Version

Why then have you tolerated those who are treacherous?
Why are you silent while the wicked destroy those who are more godly than them?
14 You've made those people like the fish of the sea—
like reptiles that have no ruler.
15 The invader brings them all up with a fishhook.
He drags them up with his fishing net.
He catches them all in his drag net,
which makes him happily celebrate.
16 Therefore he sacrifices to his fishing net
and burns incense to his drag net,
because it's his net that gives him plenty of food,
and his food is the richest kind.
17 So will he keep harvesting with his net?
Will he continue destroying nations without mercy?
2:1 I'll stand at my guard post and station myself on the watchtower,
and I'll wait there to see what he will say to me,
and how I should respond when I'm corrected.

Yahweh's second response to Havakuk · Southern kingdom

2 Yahweh responded, saying:
"Write this vision clearly onto tablets so that messengers can run with them and read them aloud. **3** This vision is for a future time, but in the end anyone waiting for it will see it happen, because when it comes, it won't delay.[7]
4 Listen, those who don't have noble desires are puffed up,
but godly people live by their faith.[8]

The punishment of sinners · Southern kingdom

5 Wine betrays the arrogant man so that he won't rest.
His appetite becomes like the cemetery—always wanting more,
and like death which is never satisfied.
The invader takes over all the nations,
and captures every people group.
6 Won't all those peoples create a saying to ridicule the invader and a taunting song and riddles about him? They'll say 'It won't end well for those who take what doesn't belong to them. As you take more and more, it will become heavier and heavier for you.'
7 Won't those you've taken from suddenly organise themselves—
won't you tremble when they wake up?
Then you'll become spoil for *them*
8 because you've plundered many nations.
All the remnants of the nations will plunder you because you've taken lives
and acted with violence against the land and cities, and everyone who lives in them.
9 It won't end well for anyone who's used evil gains to furnish

7 **RV 2:3 · Cross-ref.** Heb 10:37.

8 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38.

10 **LV 2:8 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

his house.
He wanted to set his nest on high to keep himself safe from the hand of evil,
10 but because you've destroyed many nations,
you've brought guilt onto yourself.
11 The stones in the wall will cry out,
and the timber rafters will answer them.
12 It won't end well for anyone who builds a city with blood,
or who establishes a town with wickedness.
13 Listen, isn't it Commander-in-chief Yahweh who ensures that
those peoples are just playing with fire
and those nations will just get exhausted from their efforts?
14 The world will be filled with the knowledge of Yahweh's splendour
as surely as the oceans are filled with water.[9]
15 It won't end well for anyone (nation) who forces their neighbour to drink—
you'll pour your anger out on them to make them drunk
so that their nakedness becomes exposed.
16 You'll be filled with shame instead of honour.
Now it's your turn—drink and then your uncircumcision will be exposed.
The cup in Yahweh's powerful right hand is coming around to you,
and your honour will be covered over with disgrace.
17 The violence done to Levanon will bounce back and overwhelm you,
and the destruction of animals will terrify you,
because you've taken lives
and you've acted with violence against the land and the cities, and everyone who lives in them.
18 How can an idol profit you when it was just formed and shaped by its human maker?
It's a teacher of lies because its maker uses his own imagination when he makes these speechless 'gods'.
19 It won't end well for anyone who tells the piece of wood to wake up,
or for the one who tells that speechless stone to stand up.
Can these things teach?
Yes, it might be plated with valuable gold and silver,
but there's absolutely no life in it.
20 In contrast, Yahweh is in his sacred temple.
Let everyone in the world be silent in his presence.

Havakuk's prayerful song · Southern kingdom

3:1 A prayer of the prophet Havakuk (Habakkuk) designed to be sung:[11]
2 Yahweh, I've heard the report about

Literal Version

soldiers/messengers and_ peoples _they_labour for_the_ _sufficiency_of fire and_nations for_the_sufficiency_of emptiness they_grow_weary. **14** If/because the_earth/land it_ _will_be_filled to_know ~~DOM~~ the_glory_of **YHWH** like_waters which_they_cover over the_sea. **15** Woe_to one_who_makes_ _drink_of his/its_neighbour one_who_mixes rage_of_your and_ _even you_make_them_drunk so_as to_look on nakedness(es)_ _of_their. **16** You_are_satisfied shame more_than_honour also you drink and_be_counted_as_uncircumcised it_will_come_ _round to_you the_cup_of the_right_hand_of **YHWH** and_ _disgrace will_be_over honour_of_your. **17** If/because the_ _violence_of Ləvānōn it_will_cover_you and_the_devastation_ _of animals it_will_terrify_them from_the_blood(s)_of humankind and_the_violence_of the_land the_town and_all those_who_dwell_of in_it. **18** What a_carved_image does_it_ _profit if/because he_has_carved_it the_of_one_who_formed_it a_molten_image and_that_which_teaches falsehood if/because the_one_who_formed form_of_its he_relies on/upon/above_ _him/it for_doing idols dumb. **19** Woe_to one_who_says to_ _wood wake_up awake to_a_stone_of silence it will_it_teach THERE it is_sheathed gold and_silver and_all breath there_is_ _not within_it. **20** And_**YHWH** in_(the)_palace his_holiness_of_ _his hush from_before_of_him all_of the_earth/land.

3:1 A_prayer of_Ḥavaqqūq the_prophet on shiggionoth. **2** Oh_ _**YHWH** I_have_heard report_of_your I_fear Oh_**YHWH** work_ _of_your in_the_midst_of years restore_it in_the_midst_of years you_will_make_it_known in_severe_anger to_have_compassion

9 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Isa 11:9.

11 **RV 3:1 · Note** The meaning of the Hebrew word transliterated 'shigyonot' is unknown, but assumed to be some kind of musical directive. (Also in Song/Psalm 7:0.)

Literal Version

you_will_remember. **3** god[13] from_Tēymān he_comes and_the_ _holy_one from_hill of_Pā'rān Şelāh splendour_of_his it_has_ _covered the_heavens and_praise_of_his the_earth/land it_has_ _filled. **4** And_brightness like_light it_is two_horns from_hand_ _of_his to_him/it and_there the_hiding_place_of his_strength_ _of_his.[1415] **5** Before_him pestilence it_goes and_ plague _it_ _goes_out to_feet_of_his. **6** He_stood and_he_shook the_earth he_has_seen and_he_has_made_jump nations and_ mountains_ _of antiquity _they_have_been_shattered hills_of antiquity they_have_bowed_down goings_of antiquity to_him/it. **7** Under trouble I_have_seen the_tents_of Kūshān/(Cushan) they_ _tremble the_tent_curtains_of the_land_of Midyān. **8** On_rivers Oh_**YHWH** has_it_burnt or on_rivers anger_of_is_your or on_ _sea fury_of_is_your that/for/because/then/when you_will_ _ride on horses_of_your chariots_of_your salvation. **9** Bareness bow_of_your it_is_made_bare oaths arrows a_message Şelāh rivers you_split_open the_earth. **10** They_have_seen_you mountains they_writhe a_storm_of water it_has_passed_over the_deep it_has_given_forth voice_of_its height_of hands_of_its it_has_lifted. **11** Sun moon it_has_stood_still lofty_residence_ _(to)_a to_light_of arrows_of_your they_go to_brightness_of the_lightning_flash_of your_spear_of_your. **12** In_indignation you_march the_earth in_anger you_trample_down nations. **13** You_have_gone_out for_the_salvation_of your_people_of_ _your for_the_salvation ~~DOM~~ your_of_anointed you_have_ _smashed the_leader from_the_house_of the_wicked you_have_ _laid_bare foundation[s] to neck Şelāh. **14** You_pierced with_ _his_own_of_arrows the_head_of his[16] they_storm to_scatter_ _me exultation_of_their was_like to_devour the_afflicted in_ _place. **15** You_trod on_sea horses_of_your a_heap_of waters many. **16** I_heard and_ belly_of_my _it_trembled to_ _sound/voice lips_of_my they_quivered rottenness it_came in_ _bones_of_my and_under_me I_trembled that I_will_be_quiet for_the_day_of trouble to_come_up to_the_people which_it_ _attacks_us. **17** If/because the_fig_tree not it_buds and_there_ _is_not produce on_vines the_product_of the_olive_tree it_fails and_fields not it_produces food someone_cuts_off from_the_ _fold the_flock and_there_are_not cattle in_stalls. **18** And_I in_ _**YHWH** I_will_exult I_will_rejoice in_the_god_of my_salvation_ _of_my. **19** **YHWH**[171819] my_master strength_of_is_my and_ _he/it_assigned feet_of_my like_does and_on places_of_my_ _high he_makes_me_tread to_choirmaster with_stringed_ _instruments.

Readers' Version

what you've done,
and I'm in awe of your work, Yahweh.
Do it again in our times—
show us again in this age.
Despite your severe anger, remember to have compassion.
3 God came in from Teyman in Edom,
and the sinless one from Mt. Paran. (Instrumental break.)
His splendour blanketed the skies,
and the earth was full of his praise.
4 His brightness was like the light—
rays flashed from his hand
where he kept his power.
5 Deadly disease went ahead of him,
then the plague followed along behind.
6 He stood and measured the earth.
He looked and made the nations tremble.
Even the ancient mountains were shattered,
and the everlasting hills bowed down.
His ways are everlasting.
7 I saw the people in tents in Kushan in trouble.
The tent curtains in the Midyan region were trembling.
8 Was your rage against the rivers, Yahweh?
Was your anger against the rivers,
or your fury against the ocean,
when you rode in on your horses and your victorious chariots?
9 You got your bow out ready to use.
Each arrow was a promise you'd made. (Instrumental break.)
You split the earth open with rivers.
10 The mountains saw you and twisted in pain.
A storm brought heavy rain down on them.
The deep sea raised its voice—
it sent up high waves.
11 The sun and moon have stopped in their places
with the light from your arrows as they fly by,
yes, with the gleam of your flashing spear.
12 You have marched over the world in your fury.
You've trampled down the nations in anger.
13 You went out to rescue your people—
to save your anointed one.
You crush the leader of the house of wicked people
to strip him from the thigh up to the neck. (Instrumental break.)
14 You have pierced the head of his warriors with his own arrows,
since they came like a storm to scatter us—

13 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

14 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

15 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

16 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **זרפ/ו**: (x-qere) 'זְרָפָ֥יו': lemma_6518 n_1.1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_35uf4 **זְרָפָ֥יו/ו**

17 **LV 3:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

18 **LV 3:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

19 **LV 3:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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their gloating was like someone who destroys weak people in secret.
15 You trod on top of the sea with your horses—
churning the many waters.
16 I heard, and my insides turned to jelly.
My lips quivered at the sound.
My bones start aching, and my legs tremble beneath me.
However, I will wait quietly for the day of distress to hit the people who invaded us.
17 Even if the fig tree doesn't produce buds
and there is no fruit on the grapevines,
and although the olive tree stops producing,
and the fields yield no food,
and although the sheep and goats can't return to their pens,
and there are no cattle in their stalls,
18 I'll still praise Yahweh.
I'll celebrate because God saves me.
19 I trust my master Yahweh for my strength,
and he makes my feet agile like a deer's feet.
He helps me climb up to my high places.[12]
For the musical director, on my stringed instruments.

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Literal Version

HAB · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

12 RV 3:19 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 22:34; Psa 18:33.

Yirmiyah

(Jeremiah)

Introduction

The prophet Yirmiyah/Jeremiah, started his vocation as a prophet around 627 B.C. and continued for just under fifty years until around 580 B.C. During that long period serving as a prophet,he warned the people concerning the coming destruction of the nation of Yehudah/Judah due to their wickedness including the worshipping of false gods. Then in due course, Yirmiyah saw the fulfilment of what he'd prophesied when Yerushalem was captured by King Nevukadnetsar from Bavel. Yirmiyah witnessed the demolition of the city and Yahweh's temple, and the forced exile of many people to Bavel. Then he prophesied the return of some people from captivity, and the rebuilding of the nation.

Yirmiyah's account is divided into five main sections: 1. Yirmiyah's calling; 2. Yahweh's messages to the nation of Yehudah and its teachers during the reigns of Yoshiyah/Josiah, Yehoyakim/Jehoiakim, Yehoyakin/Jehoiakin, and Tsidkiyah/Zedekiah; 3. all the persecution of people according what Yirmiyah's secretary Baruk wrote, including the various prophecies, and the important events in Yirmiyah's life; 4. what was said by Yahweh concerning the various foreign nations; and 5. the other messages concerning Yerushalem's destruction, and the capture of the people who would be exiled to Bavel.

Yirmiyah was a merciful person and full of love towards his people, and so he disliked having to present Yahweh's judgements to them. Parts of this account documents his personal sufferings due to his calling by Yahweh to become a prophet. Yahweh's messages were like fire in his heart that he couldn't hide.

This document also writes about a new agreement coming at a future time, and that that agreement would be kept by Yahweh's people even with no teacher driving them because it would be written onto their hearts. (31:31-34)

Main components of this document

Yirmiyah's calling *1:1-19*
The prophecies during the reigns of Yoshiyah, Yehoyakim, Yehoyakin, and Tsidkiyah *2:1–25:38*
Yirmiyah's persecution *26:1–45:5*
The prophecies for nations *46:1–51:64*
Yerushalem's destruction *52:1-34*

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1:1 These are the messages from Hilkiyah's son, Yirmiyah (Jeremiah)—one of the priests who were in Anatot in Benyamin's territory. **2** Yahweh's messages started coming to him when Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yoshiyah (Josiah) (Amon's son) was in the thirteenth year of his reign.[1] **3** It continued through the reign of Yoshiyah's son, King Yehoyakim[2] until the end of the eleventh year of the reign of Yoshiyah's son, King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah)—Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was exiled in the fifth month of that year.[3]

Yirmiyah's calling

4 Now Yahweh's message came to me:

5 "Before I formed you in your mother, I already knew you,
and before you came out of the womb, I had a plan for you.
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

6 But I said, "Oh no, Yahweh, my master. Listen, I don't know how to speak, because I'm just a young lad."

7 but Yahweh told me, "Don't say that you're only a child, because you must go to everyone I send you to and you must tell them everything that I command you to say. **8** Don't be afraid of them, because I'll be with you to rescue you."
That's Yahweh's message.

9 Then Yahweh stretched out his hand and touched my mouth and said, "Listen, I've put my messages into your mouth. **10** I'm appointing you today over the nations and kingdoms—to uproot and to break down, to destroy and to pull down, to build and to plant."

Yahweh encourages Yirmiyah · Southern kingdom

11 Another time, Yahweh's message came to me, saying, "Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), what do you see?"

"I see a branch from an almond tree," I replied.

12 Then Yahweh told me, "You've done well to see that, because I keep watch[6] on my message to make sure it happens."

13 Then Yahweh asked me a second time what I was seeing, and I replied, "I see a pot full of boiling water and it's tipping towards the north."

14 "Yes, disaster will come from the north and be released onto all the inhabitants of this region," Yahweh continued. **15** "Listen, I'm about to summon all the clans of the northern kingdoms, and they'll come and attack the walls around Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all of Yehudah's (Judah's) other cities, then each king will place his throne at the entrance to Yerushalem's gates." That is Yahweh's declaration. **16** "That's how I'll judge my people for their wickedness as they've abandoned me and sacrificed to other gods and bowed down to idols that they made

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1:1 The_words/messages_of Yirmə^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} one_
_of the_priests who were_at_ʼAnātōt in_land of_Binyāmīn.
2 Whom the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_him/it in_the_
_days_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_son_of ʼĀmōn the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_thir- teen year of_reigning_his. **3** And_
_he/it_was in_the_days_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of
Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh until one_plus_of ten year of_
_Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_king_of
Yəhūdāh was_finished until Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) went_
_into_exile in_month (the)_fifth.
4 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
5 Before_before mmm[4] in_belly I_knew_you and_before you_
_came_forth from_the_womb I_set_you_apart a_prophet to_
_nations I_appointed_you. **6** And_I_said alas my_master **YHWH**
HERE not I_know to_speak[5] if/because am_a_youth I. **7** And_
YHWH _he/it_said to_me do_not say am_a_youth I if/because
to every_of one_whom I_will_send_you you_will_go and_ꝺom
all_of that I_will_command_you you_will_speak. **8** Do_not be_
_afraid from_their_face/front if/because will_be_with_you I to_
_deliver_you the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he_
_stretched_out ꝺom his/its_hand and_he_touched (on) mouth_
_of_my and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me HERE I_have_put
words/messages_of_my in_mouth_of_your. **10** See I_appoint_
_you the_day the_this over the_nations and_over (the)_
_kingdoms to_pluck_up and_to_pull_down and_to_destroy and_
_to_tear_down to_build and_to_plant.

11 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say what
are_you seeing Oh_Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) and_I_said a_branch_of
an_almond_tree I am_seeing. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me
you_have_done_well to_see if/because I am_keeping_watch
over message_of_my to_do_it. **13** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _
_he/it_was to_me a_second_time to_say what are_you seeing
and_I_said a_pot blown_upon I am_seeing and_face_of_its from_
_face/in_front_of northward_of. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_
_me from_the_north (the)_calamity it_will_be_let_untie/release
on all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land. **15** If/because
HERE_I am_about_to_summon to/from_all/each/any/every
the_clans_of the_kingdoms_of northward_of the_utterance_of
YHWH and_they_will_come and_they_will_set each_one
throne_of_his the_entrance_of the_gates_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_on all_of walls_of_its all_around
and_on all_of the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **16** And_I_will_
_speak judgements_of_my them on all_of wickedness_of_their
which they_have_abandoned_me and_they_have_made_smoke
to_gods other and_they_have_bowed_down to_the_works_of
their_own_hands_of_their. **17** And_you(ms) you_will_gird_up

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1 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 22:3–23:27; 2Ch 34:8–35:19.

2 **RV 1:3 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:36–24:7; 2Ch 36:5-8.

3 **RV 1:3 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:18–25:21; 2Ch 36:11-21.

4 **LV 1:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רוצא**/: (x-qere) **רָצָא**/; lemma_3335 morph_HVqi1cs/Sp2ms id_24BsK **רָצָא**/

5 **LV 1:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

6 **RV 1:12 · Note** There's a play on words in the original here, as the Hebrew word for 'keeping watch' has the same consonants as the word for 'almond'.

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loins_of_your and_you_will_arise and_you_will_say to_them
ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that I I_will_command_you do_not be_dismayed
from_their_face/front lest I_should_make_you_dismayed
before_them. **18** And_I HERE I_have_made_you the_day into_a_
_city_of fortification and_into_a_pillar_of iron and_into_walls_
_of bronze on all_of the_earth/land to_the_kings_of Yəhūdāh
to_officials_of_its to_priests_of_its and_to_the_people_of the_
_earth/land. **19** And_they_will_fight against_you and_not they_
_will_prevail to/for_you(fs) if/because will_be_with_you I the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** to_deliver_you.
2:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Go
and_you_will_proclaim in_the_ears_of[7] of_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say thus **YHWH** he_says I_
_remember to/for_you(fs) the_covenant_loyalty_of your_
_youth(s)_of_your the_love_of your(pl)_betrothal(s)_of_your
walking_your after_me in_wilderness in_land not sown. **3** Was_
_a_holy_thing Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to/for_**YHWH** the_beginning_of
his_produce_of_his[8] all_of those_of_who_devour_it they_will_
_be_held_guilty calamity it_will_come to_them the_utterance_
_of **YHWH**.

4 Hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_house_of Yaʿaqovʿ/(Jacob)
and_all the_clans_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** Thus
YHWH he_says what ancestors_of_your(pl) did_they_find in_
_me injustice that/for/because/then/when they_became_
_distant from_with_me and_they_walked after (the)_vanity
and_they_became_vain. **6** And_not they_said where is_**YHWH**
who_brought_up us from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) who_
_led us in_wilderness in_land wilderness_plain and_pit[s] in_
_land dryness and_deep_darkness in_land which_not he_has_
_passed in_it anyone and_not anyone he_has_dwelt there.
7 And_I_brought you(pl) into the_land_of the_orchard to_eat
fruit_of_its and_its_good_of_thing[s] and_you(pl)_came and_
_you(pl)_made_unclean ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_my and_inheritance_of_
_my you(pl)_made into_an_abomination. **8** The_priests not
they_said where is_**YHWH** and_those_who_handled_of (of)_
_the_law not they_knew_me and_the_shepherds they_rebelled
against_me and_the_prophets they_prophesied by_Baʿal and_
_after things_which_not they_profited they_walked.

9 For_so/thus/hence again I_will_contend with_you(pl) the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_children_of your(pl)_
_children_of_your(pl) I_will_contend. **10** If/because pass_over
the_coasts_of Kittim/(Cyprus) and_see and_Qēdār send and_
_consider_carefully exceedingly and_see THERE it_has_

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with their own hands. **17** So Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), get yourself ready and go and tell them everything that I'll tell you. Don't be scared in front of them or else I'll scare you right there in front of them! **18** And listen, today I've you as strong as a fortified city and an iron pillar and bronze walls, as far as the kings of Yehudah are concerned, along with their officials and priests, and the general population. **19** They'll oppose you but they won't be able to defeat you because I'll be with you to rescue you," says Yahweh.

Yisrael has deviated from Yahweh · Both kingdoms

2:1 Then Yahweh gave me a message **2** to proclaim to Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) ears:

"Yahweh says: I remember your loyal commitment when you were all young
and your love when you were committed to me.
You all followed after me in the wilderness where no crops were planted.
3 Yisrael (Israel) was set apart for Yahweh—the firstfruits of his harvest.
All those who devoured it became guilty—calamity came to them.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yisrael's ancestors turned away · Both kingdoms

4 Listen to Yahweh's message you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob),
and all you clans that are part of Yisrael (Israel).
5 Yahweh asks: what injustices did you ancestors find in me,
that caused them to become distant from me.
They chased after vanity and became vain.
6 They didn't try to find out where Yahweh was—
the one brought led them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)
then led them through the wilderness with its pits and desert areas.
It was a region of deep darkness without water—
an area that no one passes through, let alone lives in.
7 Then I took you to the Karmel region
to eat its fruit and other good things.
However you came and defiled my land
and made the inheritance that I gave you into something detestable.
8 The priests didn't ask where Yahweh was,
and the handlers of the law didn't know me.
The shepherds rebelled against me,
and the prophets prophesied by Ba'al
and they went after things that wouldn't profit them.

Yahweh's case against his people · Both kingdoms

9 Yahweh declares: I will bring a case against you all,
and I'll contend against your children and your grandchildren.

7 **LV 2:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
8 **LV 2:3 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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10 If you all cross over west to the coasts of Kupros (Cyprus) Island and look,
or head east to Kedar, ask around and pay careful attention
to see if something like this has ever happened before.
11 Has a country ever swapped out its gods (not that they were actual gods)?
But my people have exchanged their greatness for something of no benefit.
12 You heavens, be appalled and shudder.
Become utterly desolate.
That's what Yahweh says
13 because my people have done two evil things:
1. They've abandoned the spring of living water
and 2. They've gone and dug wells for themselves—broken cisterns that can't hold any water.

Yisrael's punishment for abandonment · Both kingdoms

14 Is Yisrael (Israel) a slave? Was it born into slavery?
Why has it been carried off as plunder?
15 Young lions roared at it—
they've made their voice heard.
They've made the land into wasteland—
its cities have become ruins without any inhabitants.
16 Also the people from Nof (Memphis) and Tahfanhes have shaved your heads.
17 Didn't you bring this on yourself by abandoning your god, Yahweh
at the time when he was leading you along the right path.
18 So now, what's the point of travelling to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to drink from Shihor's waters?
And why bother taking a trip to Ashur (Assyria) to drink the river water?
19 Your own wickedness will punish you
and your turning away will rebuke you.
So see and know that it's evil and bitter to abandon your god Yahweh,
and you no longer have respect for me.
That's Commander-in-chief Yahweh's declaration.

Yisrael refuses to worship Yahweh · Both kingdoms

20 I broke off your yoke from long ago.
I tore your chains to pieces and you said that you wouldn't disobey,
because you'd been lying down with prostitutes on every high hill and under every leafy tree.
21 I myself had planted you as a choice vine from a reliable seed,
but how you've changed yourself into some degenerate, wild vine,
22 because even if you wash yourself with bleach or use heaps of soap,

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_happened like_this. 11 Has_ a_nation _it_exchanged gods and_
_they not are_gods and_people_of_my it_has_exchanged glory_
_of_its for_that_which_not it_profits. 12 Be_appalled Oh_heaven
on this and_shudder be_desolate exceedingly the_utterance_of
YHWH. 13 If/because two evil_things people_of_my it_has_
_done ᴅᴏᴍ_me they_have_abandoned a_spring_of water living
to_dig to/for_them cisterns cisterns broken which not they_
_contain the_waters.

14 A_slave is_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) or one_born_of the_household is_
_it why has_it_become (into)_plunder. 15 On/upon/above_
_him/it young_lions they_have_been_roaring they_have_given_
_forth voice_of_their and_they_have_made land_of_its into_a_
_waste cities_of_its they_are_ruined[9] from_not_of inhabitant.
16 Also the_people_of Nof/(Memphis) and[10] they_will_graze_
_you crown_of_head. 17 Am_not this have_you_done to_
_yourself by_your_abandoning ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_your at_the_
_time_of when_of_he_was_leading_you in_way. 18 And_now
what is_to_you to_the_journey_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_drink
the_water_of the_Shiyḥōr and_what is_to_you to_the_journey_
_of 'Ashshūr to_drink the_water_of the_River. 19 It_will_
_punish_you wickedness_of_your and_apostasies_of_your they_
_will_rebuke_you and_know and_see if/because_that is_evil
and_bitter abandoning_your ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_your and_not
of_me_of_awe is_with_you the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers.

20 If/because from_long_ago/eternity I_broke_off yoke_of_your
I_tore_apart fetters_of_your and_you_said not I_will_
_transgress[11] if/because on every_of hill high and_under
every_of tree luxuriant you have_been_lying_down a_
_prostitute. 21 And_I I_had_planted_you a_choice_vine of_it_of_
_all was_seed_of reliability and_how you_have_changed_
_yourself to_me the_degenerate_ones_of the_vine alien.
22 If/because though you_will_wash with_soda and_you_will_
_increase to/for_you(fs) soap iniquity_of_your is_stained
to/for_my_face/front the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
23 How will_you_say not I_have_made_myself_unclean after
the_Ba'al not I_have_walked consider conduct_of_your in_
_valley recognize what have_you_done a_young_camel swift

9 **LV 2:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התצנ**: (x-qere) **'וְתָצֻנּ'**: lemma_3341 n_0.0 morph_HVNp3cp id_24Z4D **וְתָצֻנּ**
10 **LV 2:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **סנפחת/ו**: (x-qere) **'סֻחֲנְפַּחַת/וֹ'**: lemma_c/8471 n_1 morph_HC/Np id_24p7s **סֻחֲנְפַּחַת/וֹ**
11 **LV 2:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **דבעא**: (x-qere) **'רֹוֶבֶּעָא'**: lemma_5674 a n_1 morph_HVqi1cs id_24x72 **רֹוֶבֶּעָא**

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which_entwines paths_of_its. **24** A_wild_donkey accustomed_
_to_of (of)_a_wilderness in_the_desire_of mmm[12] it_pants_for
the_wind heat_of who will_he_turn_it_back all_of those_of_
_who_seek_it not they_will_grow_weary in_month_of_its they_
_will_find_it. **25** Restrain foot_of_your from_barefoot and[13]
from_thirst and_you_said despairing no if/because I_love
strange_gods and_after_them I_will_walk.

26 Like_the_shame_of a_thief if/because he_is_found so the_
_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they kings_of_their officials_of_their
and_priests_of_their and_prophets_of_their they_have_been_
_put_to_shame. **27** Who_say to_wood father_of_are_my you
and_to_stone you mmm[14] if/because they_have_turned to_me
a_neck and_not a_face and_at_the_time_of their_calamity_of_
_their they_will_say arise and_save_us. **28** And_where gods_of_
_are_your which you_made for_yourself let_them_arise if they_
_will_save_you at_the_time_of your_calamity_of_your
if/because the_number_of your(pl)_cities_of_your gods_of_your
they_are Oh_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **29** To/for_what do_you(pl)_
_contend against_me of_you_of_all you(pl)_have_rebelled
against_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **30** For_vanity I_struck
~~ḎǾM~~ sons_of_your(pl) correction not they_accepted sword_of_
_your(pl) it_devoured prophets_of_your(pl) like_a_lion
destroying. **31** Oh_generation you(pl) consider the_message_of
YHWH a_wilderness have_I_been to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) or a_land_
_of darkness why people_of_my have_they_said we_have_
_roamed_freely not we_will_come again to_you. **32** Will_ a_
_virgin _she_forget ornament[s]_of_her a_bride sashes_of_her
and_people_of_my they_have_forgotten_me days there_is_not
number. **33** How you_make_good way_of_your to_seek love for_
_so/thus/hence also ~~ḎǾM~~ (the)_wicked_women you_have_
_taught[15] ~~ḎǾM~~ ways_of_your. **34** Also on_skirts_of_your the_
_blood_of the_lives_of needy_people innocent they_were_found
not in_(the)_in you_found_them if/because on all_of these_
_things. **35** And_you_said if/because I_am_innocent surely
anger_of_his it_has_turned_back from_me HERE_I am_about_
_to_enter_into_judgement_with you because said_you not I_
_have_sinned. **36** Why do_you_go_about exceedingly to_change
~~ḎǾM~~ way_of_your also from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) you_will_be_
_ashamed just_as you_were_ashamed from_'Ashshūr. **37** Also
from_with this_one you_will_go_out and_hands_of_your will_
_be_on head_of_your if/because **YHWH** he_has_rejected (in)_
_your_objects_of_of_confidence and_not you_will_prosper

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your guilt remains as a stain in front of me.
That is the declaration of my master, Yahweh.
23 How can you say, 'I'm not defiled—I haven't worshipped the Baals'?
Consider your conduct in the valley.
Recognise what you've done:
behaving like a young, female camel that flits here and there.
24 You're like a wild, female donkey, accustomed to the wilderness in its desire for the wind.
No one can hold her back when she's in heat.
All those searching for her won't give up trying to find her at mating time.
25 Keep your feet from becoming bare, and your throat from thirst,
but you've said that it's hopeless,
as you love foreign gods and feel obliged to follow them.

Yisrael deserves their punishment · Both kingdoms

26 It's like the shame felt by a thief who gets caught.
So too, you Israelis will be shamed:
the people, their kings and officials, and their priests and prophets
27 who say to the tree, 'You're my father,'
and to the standing stone, 'You gave birth to me.'
Yes, they show their backs to me, not their faces,
but when calamity comes, they'll say, 'Do something and rescue us!'
28 So where then are the gods that you made for yourself?
Let them take action if they can save you at the time of your calamity,
because you have as many gods and you have cities in Yehudah (Judah).
29 Why do you all complain to me, when all of you have rebelled against me?
That is Yahweh's declaration.
30 It was a waste of time when I beat your sons—they wouldn't accept discipline.
You've all killed your prophets like a destructive lion.
31 You in this generation, pay attention to Yahweh's message.
Have I been a wilderness to Yisrael (Israel), or a land of thick darkness?
Why would my people say that they've now gone their own ways
and so won't come back to me again?
32 Would a young woman forget to wear her jewelry,
or a bride forget to wear her wedding sashes?
However my people have forgotten me for such a long time.
33 You've become very good at finding love—

12 LV 2:24 · Note OSHB variant note: שפנ/ו: (x-qere) הָ֫שְׁפֵּנִי: lemma_5315 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3fs id_24Cpt הָ֫שְׁפֵּנִי
13 LV 2:25 · Note OSHB variant note: נרוג/ך: (x-qere) הָ֫נְּוֹרְגִ֥/וּ: lemma_c/1627 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsc/Sp2fs id_24LZU הָ֫נְּוֹרְגִ֥/וּ
14 LV 2:27 · Note OSHB variant note: תדל/ני: (x-qere) וּנְ֫תָדְלִ֥י: lemma_3205 n_1.1 morph_HVqp2fs/Sp1cp id_24hDf וּנְ֫תָדְלִ֥י
15 LV 2:33 · Note OSHB variant note: תדמל: (x-qere) תְּ֫תַדְמְלִ֥י: lemma_3925 n_0.0 morph_HVpp1cs id_24WMK תְּ֫תַדְמְלִ֥י

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you could even teach prostitutes a thing or two!
34 The blood of innocent, poor people was even found on your clothes—
it wasn't because you caught them breaking in, but you did it anyway
35 then you said, 'But I'm innocent—surely he's not angry at me.'
Listen, I'm about to judge you because you said that you didn't sin.
36 Why are you constantly changing your alliances?
You'll be disappointed by Mitsrayim (Egypt) just like you were disappointed by Ashur (Assyria).
37 What's more, you'll be removed from this place will your hands on your head,
because Yahweh has rejected the ones that you put your confidence in
→and they won't be of any help to you.

Yisrael is unfaithful · Both kingdoms

3:1 Listen, if a man divorced his wife and she left and married another man,
surely he wouldn't move in with her again?
Wouldn't the country end up totally immoral?
Now you've acted like a prostitute with many partners—
would you then return to me?
That is Yahweh's declaration.
2 Look up at the barren hilltops and see.
Is there anywhere there where you haven't given yourself?
You sat by the paths waiting for them like an Aravi waiting in the wilderness,
and so you've polluted the nation by your acts of prostitution and wickedness.
3 That's why the showers have been withheld
and the late rains never came,
yet you have the look of a prostitute who refuses to be ashamed.
4 Even now you say that I'm your father,
or that I'm your close friend from since you were young.
5 Will he be angry forever?
Or permanently keep watch?
Listen, you say that, but you do all the wicked things that you can.

Yehudah is also unfaithful · Southern kingdom

6 At the time when Yoshiyah (Josiah) was king of Yehudah (Judah),[20] Yahweh asked me, "Do you see what faithless Yisrael (Israel) has done? She herself has walked up every high hill, and has been a prostitute underneath every green tree. **7** However I

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to/for_them.

3:1 To_say THERE a_husband he_will_send_away ~~DOM~~ his/its_ _wife/woman and_she_will_go from_with_him and_she_will_ _belong to_a_man another will_he_return to_her/it again am_ _not completely_(be_polluted) the_earth/land (the)_that will_ _it_be_polluted and_you you_have_acted_as_a_prostitute companions many and_will_you_return to_me the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**. **2** Lift_up eyes_of_your on bare_heights and_see where not have_you_been_lain_with[16] at roads you_sat to/for_ _them like_an_ʿArāvī in_wilderness and_you_have_polluted the_land by_prostitution(s)_of_your and_by_wickedness_of_ _your. **3** And_ showers _they_have_been_withheld and_spring_ _rain not it_has_come and_the_forehead_of a_woman a_ _prostitute it_belonged to/for_you(fs) you_refused to_be_ _ashamed. **4** Am_not from_now have_you_called[17] to_me my_ _father_of_my were_the_close_friend_of my_youth(s)_of_my you. **5** Will_he_keep forever_perpetuity or will_he_keep to_ _perpetuity HERE you_spoke[1819] and_you_did (the)_wicked_ _things and_you_were_able.

6 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me in_the_days_of Yoʾshiy[yāh]/(Josiah) the_king have_you_seen that_which the_ _apostate_one Yisrāʾ[ēl]/(Israel) she_has_done she has_been_ _going on every_of hill high and_near/to under every_of tree luxuriant and_she_has_acted_as_a_prostitute there. **7** And_I_ _thought after she_has_done ~~DOM~~ all_of these_things to_me

16 **LV 3:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תלגש: (x-qere) 'תְּבַכֶּשׁ': lemma_7901 n_1.2 morph_HVPp2fs id_24YfW תְּבַכֶּשׁ
17 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתארק: (x-qere) 'תָּאָרָק': lemma_7121 morph_HVqp2fs id_24uXm תָּאָרָק
18 **LV 3:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתרבד: (x-qere) 'תְּרֻבַּד': lemma_1696 n_0.0.0 morph_HVpp2fs id_24wtX תְּרֻבַּד
19 **LV 3:5 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.
20 **RV 3:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 22:1–23:30; 2Ch 34:1–35:27.

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she_will_return and_not she_has_returned and[21] treacherous sister_of_her Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **8** And_I_saw if/because_that on all_of causes that the_apostate_one Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) she_ _committed_adultery I_sent_her_away and_I_gave ~~DOM~~ the_ _document_of her_divorce(s)_of_her to_her/it and_not treacherous Yəhūdāh sister_of_her she_was_afraid and_she_ _went and_she_acted_as_a_prostitute also she. **9** And_it_was from_the_lightness_of her_prostitution_of_her and_it_was_ _polluted ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_she_committed_adultery ~~DOM~~ (the)_stone and_~~DOM~~ the_tree. **10** And_also in_all this not she_returned to_me treacherous sister_of_her Yəhūdāh in_all her/its_heart if/because (if) with_deception the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

11 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me self_of_her the_apostate_one Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) she_has_made_appear_righteous more_than_ _treacherous Yəhūdāh. **12** Go and_you_will_proclaim ~~DOM~~ the_ _words/messages the_these northward_toward and_you_will_ _say return Oh_apostate_one Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH** not I_will_make_fall face_of_my on_you(pl) if/because am_faithful I the_utterance_of **YHWH** not I_will_keep forever_ _perpetuity. **13** Only recognize iniquity_of_your if/because_that against_**YHWH** god_of_your you_have_rebelled and_you_have_ _scattered ~~DOM~~ ways_of_your to_strangers under every_of tree luxuriant and_to_voice_of_my not you(pl)_have_listened the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **14** Return Oh_sons apostate the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** if/because I I_am_master over_you(pl) and_I_will_take you(pl) one from_a_city and_two from_a_clan and_I_will_bring you(pl) Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **15** And_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) shepherds according_to_of_my_own_heart and_ _they_will_shepherd you(pl) knowledge and_insight. **16** And_it_ _was if/because you(pl)_will_multiply and_you(pl)_will_be_ _fruitful on_the_earth in_the_days (the)_those the_utterance_ _of **YHWH** not people_will_say again the_box_of the_covenant_ _of **YHWH** and_not it_will_come_up on a_heart and_not people_will_remember in_him/it and_not people_will_miss_it and_not it_will_be_made again. **17** At_time (the)_that people_ _will_call (to)_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_throne_of **YHWH** and_they_will_be_gathered to_her/it all_of the_nations to_the_ _name_of **YHWH** to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not they_ _will_walk again after the_stubbornness_of their_own_heart_ _of_their (the)_evil. **18** In_the_days (the)_those the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_walk with the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_come together from_a_land_of the_north to the_earth/land which I_gave_as_an_inheritance ~~DOM~~ ancestors_of_your(pl).

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thought that after she'd done all those things, she'd return to me, but she hasn't, and her treacherous sister, Yehudah, saw her. **8** So I saw that because of all those situations where faithless Yisrael had committed adultery, I had given her divorce notice to her and sent her away. But her sister Yehudah, acting treacherously, wasn't worried and she went out and also prostituted herself. **9** Because she took her prostitution lightly, the nation became immoral and committed adultery with standing stones and trees. **10** Then after all that, that treacherous sister Yehudah didn't return to me with sincerity, but with deception. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Hope for unfaithful Yisrael · Northern kingdom

11 Then Yahweh told me: Unfaithful Yisrael (Israel) has actually been more upright than treacherous Yehudah (Judah)!
12 Go up north and tell them:
Unfaithful Yisrael, Yahweh declares:
Return to me—
I won't continue to be angry at you, because I'm faithful.
That's Yahweh's declaration.
13 However you must recognise your disobedience
because you've rebelled against your god, Yahweh,
and you've extended your connections to foreign gods under every leafy tree,
and you haven't listened to my voice.
That's Yahweh's declaration.
14 Return you unfaithful children, Yahweh declares,
because I'm your husband.
Then I'll take you all—one from a city and a couple from a clan—and I'll bring you to Tsiyon (Zion),
15 and I'll give you shepherds who'll be faithful to me,
and they will guide you with knowledge and insight.
16 Then when you're fruitful and multiply in the land, Yahweh says,
they'll no longer talk about having the chest containing Yahweh's agreement.
They won't call it to mind or remember it,
and they won't miss it or want a new one made again.
17 At that time, they'll call Yerushalem (Jerusalem) Yahweh's throne,
and they'll be gathered there from all the nations to honour Yahweh's name,
and they won't want to behave again according to the evil in their own stubborn minds.
18 In those days, the people of Yehudah (Judah) will join the people of Yisrael (Israel),
coming from the northern lands to the land that I gave your ancestors as an inheritance.

21 LV 3:7 · Note OSHB variant note: הארת/ו: (x-qere) אֶרֶת/ו: lemma_c/7200 n_0.0.0 morph_HC/Vqw3fs id_24Cdg אֶרֶת/ו

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The sinning of Yisrael · Both kingdoms

19 Then I thought to myself about how I'd accept you to be my children,
and give you a desirable land—an inheritance that all nations consider very beautiful.
I decided that you'll all call me 'my father',
and then you all won't turn away from me.
20 However, like a woman who deals treacherously with her companion,
so too you've all dealt treacherously with me, you Israeli people.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
21 A sound of weeping is heard on the barren hilltops—
the Israeli people begging for mercy
because they've followed paths of disobedience
and they've forgotten their god, Yahweh.
22 Come back, you unfaithful children—I will cure your faithlessness.
Say, look, we're coming back to you because you're our god, Yahweh.
23 Deception definitely comes from the hills—a commotion of mountains.
Our god Yahweh is certainly Yisrael's (Israel's) salvation.
24 From our youth, that shameful idol worship has consumed our ancestors' hard work—
their sheep and cattle, and their sons and daughters.
25 Let us lie down in our shame, and let our humiliation cover us,
because we've disobeyed our god, Yahweh.
Our ancestors and then we ourselves, haven't listened to the voice of our god, Yahweh.

A call to turn back · Northern kingdom

4:1 Yahweh says:
If you'll return, Yisrael (Israel),
yes, if you'll return to me
and remove those detestable idols away from me without wavering,
2 and if you promise as Yahweh lives, in truth, justice, and righteousness,
then the nations will bless themselves in him,
and it's him that they'll boast about.
3 Yes, tells the people from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across all Yehudah (Judah):
Plough your unploughed ground, but don't sow thornbushes.[24]
4 Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh by removing the foreskins from your hearts
you people of Yerushalem and Yehudah,
so that my rage doesn't burst out and burn like fire,
because there wouldn't be anyone to extinguish it due to the wickedness of your behaviour.

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19 And_I I_thought how I_will_set_you among_sons and_I_will_
_give to/for_you(fs) a_land_of desire an_inheritance_of beauty
of_beauties_of nations and_I_thought father_of_my you(pl)_
_will_call[22] to_me and_from_after_me not you(pl)_will_turn_
_away[23]. **20** Nevertheless a_woman she_deals_treacherously
from_companion_of_her so you(pl)_have_dealt_treacherously
with_me Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
21 A_sound on bare_heights the_weeping of_the_supplications_
_of of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_heard if/because
they_have_perverted ~~DOM~~ way_of_their they_have_forgotten
~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_their. **22** Return Oh_sons apostate I_will_
_heal apostasies_of_your(pl) here_we we_have_come to/for_
you(fs) if/because you are**YHWH** god_of_our. **23** Truly to_
_deception from_the_hills a_tumult mountains truly is_in_
_**YHWH** god_of_our the_salvation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** And_
_the_shameful_thing it_has_consumed ~~DOM~~ the_toil_of our_
_ancestors_of_our since_youth(s)_of_our ~~DOM~~ flock[s]_of_their
and_~~DOM~~ herd[s]_of_their ~~DOM~~ sons_of_their and_~~DOM~~
daughters_of_their. **25** Let_us_lie_down in_shame_of_our and_
_let_it_cover_us disgrace_of_our if/because to/for_**YHWH** god_
_of_our we and_ancestors_of_our we_have_sinned since_
_youth(s)_of_our and_unto the_day the_this and_not we_have_
_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_our.

4:1 If you_will_return Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of
YHWH to_me you_will_return and_if you_will_remove things_
_of_your_detestable from_presence_of_my and_not you_will_
_waver. **2** And_you_will_swear by_the_life of_**YHWH** in_
_faithfulness in_justice and_in_righteousness and_they_will_
_bless_themselves in_him/it nations and_in_him they_will_
_boast. **3** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says to_the_man_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) plow
to/for_you(pl) unplowed_ground and_do_not sow to thorns.
4 Circumcise_yourselves to_**YHWH** and_remove the_foreskins_
_of your_heart_of_your(pl) Oh_man_of Yəhūdāh and_the_
_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) lest it_should_go_
_forth like_fire rage_of_my and_it_will_burn and_there_will_
_not_be one_who_extinguishes from_face/in_front_of the_
_wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl).

22 LV 3:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **וארקת**: (x-qere) **יְאֹרְקֻהּ**: lemma_7121 morph_HVqi2fs id_24e5T **יְאֹרְקֻהּ**

23 LV 3:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **ובושת**: (x-qere) **יְבוֹשֻׁהּ**: lemma_7725 n_0 morph_HVqi2fs id_24jGt **יְבוֹשֻׁהּ**

24 RV 4:3 · Cross-ref. Hos 10:12.

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5 Declare in_Yəhūdāh and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) make_ _a_proclamation and_say and[25] a_trumpet on_the_earth call_ _out fill and_say gather_yourselves and_let_us_go to the_cities_ _of (the)_fortification. **6** Lift_up a_standard to_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) bring_to_safety do_not stand_still if/because calamity I am_ _about_to_bring from_the_north and_destruction great. **7** A_ _lion it_has_gone_up from_thicket_of_its and_a_destroyer_of nations he_has_set_out he_has_gone_out from_place_of_his to_ _make land_of_your into_a_waste cities_of_your they_will_fall_ _in_ruins from_not an_inhabitant. **8** On this gird_yourselves(pl) sackcloth(s) mourn and_wail if/because not the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** it_has_turned_back from_us. **9** And_it_was on_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** the_heart_of the_ _king and_the_heart_of the_officials it_will_perish and_ the_ _priests _they_will_be_appalled and_the_prophets they_will_ _be_astonished. **10** And_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** truly utterly_(deceive) you_have_deceived (to)_people the_this and_ _(to)_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say peace it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) and_ a_sword _it_will_reach to the_throat. **11** At_ _time (the)_that it_will_be_said to_people the_this and_to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_wind scorching bare_heights in_ _wilderness will_be_the_direction_of the_daughter_of my_ _people_of_my not to_winnow and_not to_purify. **12** A_wind too_full from_these it_will_come to_me now also I I_will_speak judgements them. **13** THERE like_clouds he_is_going_up and_ _like_storm-wind chariots_of_his they_are_swift more_than_ _eagles horses_of_his woe to/for_us if/because we_are_ _devastated. **14** Wash from_evil heart_of_your Oh_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) so_that you_may_be_saved until when will_it_remain in_your_inner_of_being the_thoughts_of your_wickedness_of_your. **15** If/because a_voice is_declaring from_Dān and_it_is_proclaiming trouble from_hill of_'Efrayim. **16** Bring_to_remembrance to_nations HERE proclaim to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) besiegers are_coming from_(the)_ _land_of (the)_distance and_they_have_given_forth on the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) voice_of_their. **17** Like_those_who_ _guard_of (of)_a_field they_are on/upon_it(f) from_round_ _about if/because ~~DOM~~_me it_has_been_rebellious_against the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **18** Conduct_of_your and_deeds_of_your they_have_brought_about these_things to/for_you(fs) this wickedness_of_is_your if/because it_is_bitter if/because it_has_ _reached to heart_of_your.

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The coming punishment of Yehudah · Southern kingdom

5 Announce in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
and declare in Yehudah (Judah) to blow the horn in the land.
Call out loudly to gather together and enter the fortified cities.
6 Lift up a banner towards Tsiyon (Zion) and get to safety.
Don't stand still because I'm about to bring calamity from the north with horrific destruction.
7 A lion has come up from its thicket,
and a destroyer of nations has set out.
He's come out from his place to make your country into a wasteland.
Your cities will be reduced to ruins with no inhabitants.
8 So put on sackcloth—mourn and wail
because Yahweh's burning anger hasn't turned away from us.
9 Yahweh says that at that time,
the king and his officials will lose heart
and the priests and prophets will be astonished.
10 Then I replied, "Oh now! My master Yahweh,
you've certainly completely deceived Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and also this people,
saying, 'It will be well for you all.' Yet the sword will come for our throats."
11 When that happens, Yerushalem and this people will be told:
A scorching wind will come from the bare hills in the wilderness.
It won't be coming just to winnow the grain and blow away the chaff—
12 it'll be a strong blast from me.
Then I'll speak judgements against them.
13 Listen, he goes up like the clouds,
and his chariots are like the storm wind.
His horses are faster than eagles.
→We won't end well because we'll be devastated.
14 Yerushalem (Jerusalem), wash the evil from your heart so that you can be saved.
How much longer will you hold onto your wicked thoughts for,
15 because a voice from Dan declares trouble
and disaster is proclaimed from Efrayim's (Ephraim's) hill?
16 Remind the nations—
listen, announce to Yerushalem:
They're coming from a distant land to lay siege against you,
and they raise their voice against Yehudah's (Judah's) cities.
17 They'll surround Yerushalem like the watchmen around a field because it rebelled against me.
That's Yahweh's declaration.
18 Your conduct and your actions have brought that to you, Yerushalem.
That's your punishment—it's bitter and it'll pierce to your heart.

25 **LV 4:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ועקת/ו: (x-qere) 'וְעִקַּת': lemma_8628 morph_HVqv2mp id_24C5b וְעִקַּת

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19 My inward parts, my insides!
I writhe with chest pains.
My heart is pounding—I won't stay silent,

Yirmiyah's sorrow for the country · Southern kingdom

→because my soul, you hear the sound of the trumpet—an alarm for battle.
20 Destruction followed by more destruction has been proclaimed,
because all the land has been devastated.
Suddenly my tents are devastated—
my tent fabrics gone in a moment.
21 How long do I have to watch the enemy's banner for?
How long will that trumpet sound go on for?
22 Yes, my people are foolish—they don't know me.
They're like stupid children who don't understand anything.
They've very clever at doing what's evil
and they don't know how to do what's good.
23 I saw the land, and wow, it was formless and empty,
and the skies didn't have any light.

Yirmiyah's vision about destruction · Southern kingdom

24 I saw the mountains, and wow, they were quaking,
and all the hills shook back-and-forth.
25 I looked, and wow, there were no more people,
and all the birds had flown away.
26 I saw, and wow, the orchard had turned into a wilderness,
and all the cities had been pulled down out of Yahweh's sight due to his burning anger,
27 because Yahweh says this:
The entire country will become desolate,
^but I won't completely destroy it.
28 The land will mourn after that,
and the skies will darken from above,
because I've revealed my resolution,
^and I won't change my mind or turn back from it.
29 The city people will flee from the sound of approaching horsemen and archers.
They'll head into the thickets and up onto the cliffs.
→Every city will be abandoned without anyone living in them.
30 So you,[28] what will you do for the devastated one?
You dress in scarlet, adorning yourself with gold jewelry.
You make your eyes look bigger with makeup, but it won't help—
your lovers reject you and they're coming for your life.
31 Yes, I hear a sound like a woman in labour—
distress like a woman giving birth to her first child—
the sound of Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter as she gasps for breath.
She spreads out her hands saying,

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19 Parts_of_my_inward parts_of_my_inward I_am_waiting[26]
the_walls_of my_heart_of_my is_turbulent to/for_me heart_of_
_my not I_will_keep_silent if/because the_sound_of a_trumpet
you_have_heard[27] my_self_of_my the_shout_of battle.
20 Destruction to destruction it_has_been_proclaimed
if/because all_of the_earth/land it_has_been_devastated
suddenly tents_of_my they_have_been_devastated a_moment
curtains_of_my_tent. **21** Until when will_I_see a_standard will_
_I_hear the_sound_of a_trumpet. **22** If/because is_a_fool
people_of_my me not they_know are_children fools they and_
_not they are_having_understanding are_skillful they to_do_
_evil and_to_do_good not they_know.

23 I_looked_at ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_
_was_formlessness and_emptiness and_near/to the_heavens
and_was_not light_of_their. **24** I_looked_at the_mountains and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_were_quaking and_all the_hills they_
_shook_to_and_fro. **25** I_looked and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_not
the_humankind and_all (the)_bird_of the_heavens they_had_
_fled. **26** I_looked and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_garden-land was_
_(the)_wilderness and_all cities_of_its they_had_been_pulled_
_down from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** from_face/in_front_of
the_burning_of his_anger_of_his. **27** If/because thus **YHWH** he_
_says a_desolation it_will_be all_of the_earth/land and_
_complete_destruction not I_will_make. **28** On this the_
_earth/land it_will_mourn and_ the_heavens (from)_above _
_they_will_be_dark on if/because I_have_spoken I_have_
_resolved and_not I_have_repented and_not I_will_turn_back
from_it. **29** From_the_sound_of a_horseman and_a_shooter_of
a_bow every_of the_city is_fleeing people_will_go in_thickets
and_on_rocks people_will_go_up every_of the_city is_
_abandoned and_there_is_not dwelling in_them anyone.
30 And[29] Oh_devastated_one what are_you_doing
that/for/because/then/when you_are_dressing scarlet
that/for/because/then/when you_adorn_yourself
ornament[s]_of gold that/for/because/then/when you_tear_
_open with_eye-paint eyes_of_your for_vanity you_beautify_
_yourself they_have_rejected (in)_you lovers life_of_your they_
_seek. **31** If/because a_sound like_a_sick_woman I_have_heard
distress like_a_woman_bearing_a_first_child the_sound_of the_
_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) she_is_gasping_for_breath she_is_
_spreading_out palms_of_her woe please to_me if/because self_
_of_my it_is_weary to_murderers.

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26 LV 4:19 · Note OSHB variant note: הלוחא: (x-qere) 'הָלְיְחוֹא': lemma_3176 n_1.0.0.0 morph_HVhh1cs id_245Xt הָלְיְחוֹא

27 LV 4:19 · Note OSHB variant note: יתעמש: (x-qere) 'תַּעֲמָשׁ': lemma_8085 morph_HVqp2fs id_249XH תַּעֲמָשׁ

28 RV 4:30 · Note The Hebrew has a female you pronoun (as used for the city), which doesn't match the male form of devastated. Many modern versions have What will you do, devastated one? despite the gender mismatch.

29 LV 4:30 · Note OSHB variant note: יתאו: (x-qere) 'תַּאֲוִ': lemma_c/859 b morph_HC/Pp2fs id_24DdX תַּאֲוִ

Literal Version

5:1 Rove_about in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _see please and_observe and_search in_its_open_of_places if you(pl)_will_find a_person if there_is one_who_does justice one_who_seeks faithfulness and_I_will_forgive to/for_her/it. **2** And_if by_the_life of_**YHWH** people_say for_so/thus/hence to_falsehood they_are_swearing_oaths. **3** Oh_**YHWH** eyes_of_ _are_your am_not to_faithfulness you_struck ~~DOM~~_them and_ _not they_became_weak you_brought_them_to_an_end they_ _refused to_accept correction they_made_strong faces_of_their more_than_rock they_refused to_return. **4** And_I I_said only are_poor_people they they_have_acted_foolishly if/because not they_know the_way_of **YHWH** the_ordinance_of their_god_of_ _their. **5** I_will_go to/for_me to the_big(pl) and_I_will_speak them if/because they they_know the_way_of **YHWH** the_ _ordinance_of their_god_of_their nevertheless they alike they_ _had_broken_off a_yoke they_had_torn_apart fetters. **6** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_will_attack_them a_lion from_a_forest a_wolf_of wilderness_plains it_will_devastate_ _them a_leopard will_be_lying_in_wait at cities_of_their every_ _of (the)_one_who_goes_out from_them he_will_be_torn_in_ _pieces if/because transgressions_of_their they_are_many they_are_numerous mmm[31].[32] **7** Where for_this will_I_forgive[33] to/for_you(fs)[34] children_of_your they_have_abandoned_me and_they_have_sworn by_not gods and_I_satisfied them and_ _they_committed_adultery and_the_house_of a_prostitute they_cut_themselves. **8** Horses well_fed lustful they_are everyone to the_wife_of his/its_neighbour they_neigh. **9** On these_things not will_I_punish the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_if on_a_nation which is_like_this_one not self_of_my will_it_ _avenge_itself. **10** Go_up among_its_vine_of_rows and_destroy_ _them and_complete_destruction do_not make remove tendrils_of_its if/because not to/for_**YHWH** they. **11** If/because indeed_(deal_treacherously) they_have_dealt_treacherously with_me the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

Readers' Version

'I fear for my life because of those murderers.'

Yerushalem's corruption · Southern kingdom

5:1 Roam around Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) streets and look and observe,
and search around its plazas.
If you can find one person there who values justice and strives to be faithful,
then I'll forgive the city.
2 Even when they make an oath in Yahweh's name,
it'll still be a lie.
3 Yahweh, don't you look for honesty?
You struck them but they don't even react.
You brought them to an end, but they refuse to accept correction.
They make their faces harder than rock and refuse to change.
4 Then I thought that maybe they're just poor people?
They act foolishly because they're not educated about Yahweh's way
or what their god requires of them?
5 So I'll go to the leaders and speak to them,
because they know Yahweh's way and what their god requires.
However, all of them have broken out from under his yoke,
and torn off the chains.
6 Because of that, a lion from a thicket will attack them.
A wolf from the wilderness will devastate them.
A leopard lies in wait outside their cities—
→everyone who goes out from them will be torn to pieces
because their disobedience is extensive
and their disloyalty is substantial.
7 How could I forgive you for that?
Your children have abandoned me and have made oaths by things that are not gods.
I satisfied them, but they committed adultery
and ritually cut themselves[30] at the prostitute's house.
8 They were well-fed, lusty horses,
each man neighing at his neighbour's wife.
9 Yahweh asks:
Shouldn't I punish them for these things?
Shouldn't I avenge myself on a nation like that?
10 Go along the rows in the vineyard and destroy them,
but don't completely destroy them—
break off their shoots because they don't belong to Yahweh.
11 No, Yisrael's (Israel's) and Yehudah's (Judah's) people had indeed dealt treacherously with me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

30 RV 5:7 · Note Many translations follow the Septuagint here rather than the Hebrew, and end up with something like gathered together. (Of course, the prostitute here refers to idol worship.)

31 LV 5:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **מה/יתובשמ**: (x-qere) 'מֶֽה/יִתּוֹבוּשְׁמ': lemma_4878 n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3mp id_24pBm מֶֽה/יִתּוֹבוּשְׁמ

32 LV 5:6 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

33 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **חולסא**: (x-qere) 'חַלְּסֶֽא': lemma_5545 morph_HVqi1cs id_24BPG חַלְּסֶֽא

34 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

Yahweh rejects Yisrael · Southern kingdom

12 They've denied Yahweh and said:
He doesn't exist and nothing bad will happen us,
and we'll never experience war or famine.
13 The prophets are full of air and don't have any message.
So let what they say, happen to them.
14 So Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Because you've spoken those words,
I'll put my messages in your mouth as a fire
and this people group will be the wood that it consumes.
15 Listen you Israelis to Yahweh's declaration:
I'm about to bring to you all a nation from far away—
it's an enduring nation that's been around for a long time.
You won't know their language or understand what they say.
16 Its quiver is like an open tomb.
All of them are warriors.
17 It will consume your grain and your food.
They'll devour your sons and daughters, and your flocks and your cattle.
They'll strip your grapevines and your fig trees.
With their swords, they'll shatter your fortified cities that you were trusting in.
18 But Yahweh says:
Even in those days, I won't completely destroy you all.
19 When the people ask why Yahweh's doing that, you'll tell them:
You rejected me and served foreign gods in your own country,
so you'll all serve strangers in a land that doesn't belong to you.

Yahweh warns his people · Southern kingdom

20 Declare this to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
and proclaim it in Yehudah (Judah):
21 Please listen to this, you foolish, heartless people.
They have eyes but do not see,
and they have ears, but do not hear.[35]
22 Yahweh declares:
Should you all respect and strive to obey me,
and shouldn't you tremble in front of me?
It was me who designated the sand as the boundary for the ocean—
it's a permanent line and the sea doesn't go past it.
The waters surge but get no further,
and the waves roar, but can't get past it.[36]
23 But this group of people has a stubborn and rebellious heart.
They've turned aside and gone away.
24 They don't say to themselves:
Please, let's strive to obey our god Yahweh—
the one who gives the autumn and spring rains at the appro-

Literal Version

12 They_have_denied (in)_**YHWH** and_they_said is_not he and_ _not it_will_come on_us harm and_sword and_famine not we_ _will_see. **13** And_the_prophets they_will_become to/for_ _wind/breath/spirit and_the_message not (is)_in_them thus let_it_be_done to/for_them. **14** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers he_says because you_have_ _spoken ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this HERE_I am_about_to_make words/messages_of_my in_mouth_of_your into_a_fire and_the_ _people the_this wood(s) and_it_will_consume_them. **15** HERE_I am_about_to_bring on_you(pl) a_nation from_a_distance Oh_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH** is_a_nation enduring it is_a_nation from_long_ago/eternity it a_nation which_not you_know language_of_its and_not you_hear what does_it_say. **16** Quiver_of_its is_like_a_grave open of_them_of_ _all are_warriors. **17** And_he/it_will_eat harvest_of_your and_ _food_of_your they_will_devour sons_of_your and_daughters_ _of_your it_will_devour flock[s]_of_your and_herd[s]_of_your it_will_devour vine[s]_of_your and_your_fig_of_tree[s] it_will_ _shatter the_cities_of your(pl)_fortifications_of_your which you are_trusting in_them with_sword. **18** And_also in_the_days (the)_those the_utterance_of **YHWH** not I_will_make with_ _you(pl) complete_destruction. **19** And_it_was if/because you(pl)_will_say for what **YHWH** god_of_our did_he_do to/for_ _us ᴅᴏᴍ all_of these_things and_you_will_say to_them just_as you(pl)_abandoned me and_you(pl)_served gods_of foreignness in_your_own_of_land so you(pl)_will_serve strangers in_land which_not belongs_to_you(pl).

20 Declare this in_house_of Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) and_proclaim_it in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say. **21** Hear please this Oh_people fool and_who_there_is_not heart eyes to/for_them and_not they_ _see ears to/for_them and_not they_hear. **22** Me not do_ _you(pl)_fear the_utterance_of **YHWH** or from_before_of_me not do_you(pl)_tremble who I_appointed the_sand a_boundary for_sea a_decree_of perpetuity and_not it_will_pass_over_it and_they_surged and_not they_will_prevail and_ waves_of_its _ _they_roar and_not they_will_pass_over_it. **23** And_to_people the_this a_heart stubborn and_rebellious it_belongs they_have_ _turned_aside and_they_have_gone_away. **24** And_not they_said in_heart_of_their let_us_fear please ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_our who_gives rain and[37] and_spring_rain at_its_appropriate_of_ _time the_weeks_of the_appointments_of harvest he_keeps to/for_us. **25** Iniquities_of_your(pl) they_have_turned_aside these_things and_sins_of_your(pl) they_have_withheld (the)_ _good from_you(pl). **26** If/because they_are_found among_ _people_of_my wicked_people he_watches as_ fowlers _bend they_set a_destroyer people they_catch. **27** Like_a_cage full bird[s] so houses_of_their are_full deceit therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_have_become_great and_they_have_ _gained_riches. **28** They_have_become_fat they_have_become_

35 **RV 5:21 · Cross-ref.** Isa 6:9-10; Eze 12:2; Mrk 8:18.

36 **RV 5:22 · Cross-ref.** Yob 38:8-11.

37 **LV 5:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: הרי/ו: (x-qere) הָרוֹי: lemma_3138 morph_HNcmsa id_24GE5 הָרוֹי

Literal Version

_smooth also they_have_transgressed matters_of evil a_cause not they_have_pleaded the_cause_of the_fatherless and_they_ _will_have_success and_the_justice_of needy_people not they_ _have_judged. **29** On these_things not will_I_punish the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** or on_a_nation which is_like_this_one not self_of_my will_it_avenge_itself. **30** An_atrocious_event and_a_ _horrible_thing it_has_occurred on_the_earth. **31** The_prophets they_have_prophesied with_falsehood and_the_priests they_ _are_ruling on hands_of_their and_people_of_my they_have_ _loved thus and_what will_you(pl)_do to_end_of_its.

6:1 Bring_to_safety Oh_people_of Binyāmīn[39] from_the_midst_ _of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_Təqō͗a blow a_trumpet and_at Bēyt Hakkerem raise a_rising if/because calamity it_ _has_looked_down from_the_north and_destruction great. **2** The_lovely_one and_the_dainty_one I_resemble the_ _daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **3** To_her/it shepherds and_ _flocks_of_their they_will_come they_will_pitch on/upon_it(f) tents all_around they_will_graze everyone ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand. **4** Consecrate on/upon_it(f) battle arise and_let_us_go_up at_ _noon(s) woe to/for_us if/because the_day it_has_turned if/because the_shadows_of evening they_are_stretched_out. **5** Arise and_let_us_go_up in_night and_let_us_destroy fortresses_of_its. **6** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says cut_down wood and_pour_out on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_mound that the_city it_will_be_ _visited of_it_of_all is_oppression in_midst_of_its. **7** As_keeps_ _cool a_well[40] water_of_its so it_has_kept_cool evil_of_its violence and_havoc it_is_heard in_it are_on face_of_my continually sickness and_wound[s]. **8** Let_yourself_be_ _instructed Oh_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) lest self_of_my it_ _should_be_alienated from_you lest I_should_make_you a_ _desolation a_land which_not it_is_inhabited.

Readers' Version

priate time.
He decides on the harvest weeks for us.
25 Your disobedience has diverted those things,
and your sins have withheld goodness from you all
26 because there are wicked influencers among my people.
They lie in wait like a bird-catcher.
They set a trap and catch people.
27 Their homes are full of deceit like a cage full of birds.
→so that's how they've become rich and powerful.
28 They've become fat and slick.
They also disobey by doing evil.
They don't plead the cause of those who are fatherless,
and they're successful, yet they haven't insisted on justice for the poor.
29 Yahweh says:
Why shouldn't I punish them for all that behaviour?
Why shouldn't I avenge myself on a nation like this one?
30 Something horrible and shocking has happened in the country:
31 The prophets prophesy with lies,
and the priests rule by their own authority,
and my people love it this way,
but what will you all do when it comes to its end?

Yerushalem's last warning · Southern kingdom

6:1 Get out of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and get yourselves to safety, you people of Benyamin,
and blow a trumpet in Tekoa.
Send up a signal from Beyt-Hakerem
because disaster and terrible destruction looms from the north.
2 Although it's beautiful and delicate,
I will destroy Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter.
3 Shepherds and their flocks will go and pitch their tents all around it.[38]
Each one will graze their own area.
4 Prepare for battle.
Take action and let's attack at midday.
It won't be good for us if the day is ending
because the evening shadows get longer.
5 Take action and attack at night
and destroy its palaces.
6 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:
Cut down trees for timber
and mound up a ramp against Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
→That city must be punished as it's full of oppression.

38 RV 6:3 · Note Many English translations interpret these 'shepherds' with their 'flocks' to be leaders of foreign nations with their armies implementing the destruction mentioned in the previous verse, i.e., the ones battling in the next verse. However, we've chosen to interpret the flocks grazing the city surrounds as the follow-on *after* the destruction, before the next verse goes *back in time* to give more details of how the destruction will occur.

39 LV 6:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

40 LV 6:7 · Note OSHB variant note: רוב: (x-qere) בְּרֵיהָ: lemma_953 a n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmsa id_24FSa בְּרֵיהָ

Readers' Version

7 Just as a well keeps its water fresh,
so too she keeps her evil fresh.
Violence and oppression can be heard there.
I always see sickness and deadly diseases.
8 Take note of my warning Yerushalem
in case I turn away from you—
in case I make you desolate—
a land that's not inhabited.

Yisrael's disobedience · Southern kingdom

9 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Those who remain in Yisrael (Israel)
will be picked over like gleaning the last few grapes off a vine.
Return your hand over the branches like a grape-picker.
10 Who should I speak to and warn so they can list?
Wow, their ears are so closed that they can't pay attention.
Wow, Yahweh's message has become offensive to them—
they don't enjoy hearing it.
11 Now I'm filled with Yahweh's rage.
I'm tired of holding it in.
Pour it out on the children in the street
and on the young men who gather together,
because a husband will be captured with his wife—
the very elderly as well.
12 Then their houses will be turned over to others,
along with their fields and wives
because I'll stretch out my hand
against the land's inhabitants.
That's Yahweh's declaration
13 because from the smallest to the greatest,
they're all greedy for dishonest gain.
From a prophet to the priest, everyone deals in lies.
14 They've lightly bandaged my people's wound
by saying, 'Peace, peace,' but there wasn't any peace.[41]
15 Were they ashamed when they did something disgusting?
No, they weren't ashamed—
they didn't even know how to be humiliated
so therefore they'll fall among the fallen.
At the time when I punish them, they'll stumble.
That's what Yahweh says.[42]

Yisrael rejects Yahweh's messages · Southern kingdom

16 Yahweh says this:
Stand at the crossroads and look,
and ask about the ancient paths.
'Where is the path of the good?' Then walk along it
and find rest for your spirit.
But they say, 'We won't walk on it.'
17 I set watchmen over you.
Pay attention to the sound of the trumpet,
But they said, 'We won't pay attention.'
18 Therefore listen you nations,

Literal Version

9 Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says thoroughly_(glean) people_will_glean like_vine the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) return hand_of_your like_a_grape_gatherer over branches. 10 To whom will_I_speak and_will_I_warn so_that_they_may_ _listen THERE is_uncircumcised ear_of_their and_not they_are_ _able to_pay_attention THERE the_message_of **YHWH** it_has_ _become to/for_them (into)_a_reproach not they_delight in_ _him/it. 11 And_~~DOM~~ the_rage_of **YHWH** I_am_full I_am_weary to_hold_it_in pour_it_out on child[ren] in_street and_on the_ _gathering_of young_men alike if/because also a_husband with a_wife they_will_be_caught the_old with the_full_of days. 12 And_ houses_of_their _they_will_be_turned_over to_others fields and_wives alike if/because I_will_stretch_out ~~DOM~~ hand_ _of_my on the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land the_utterance_of **YHWH**. 13 If/because from_their_of_little and_unto their_of_ _great of_it_of_all is_gaining unjust_gain and_from_prophet and_unto priest of_it_of_all is_doing falsehood. 14 And_they_ _have_healed ~~DOM~~ the_fracture_of my_people_of_my on a_ _trifling_thing to_say peace peace and_there_is_not peace. 15 Are_they_ashamed if/because_that an_abomination they_ _have_done neither at_all_(ashamed) not they_are_ashamed nor to_exhibit_shame not they_know for_so/thus/hence they_ _will_fall among_who]_fall at_the_time_of when_I_have_ _visited_them they_will_stumble **YHWH** he_says.

16 Thus **YHWH** he_says stand at the_roads and_look and_ask of_paths_of ancient_time where this is_the_way_of (the)_good and_walk in_it and_find rest for_self_of_your(pl) and_they_said not we_will_walk. 17 And_I_raised_up over_you(pl) watchmen pay_attention to_sound/voice a_trumpet and_they_said not we_will_pay_attention. 18 For_so/thus/hence listen the_ _nations and_know Oh_congregation ~~DOM~~ that_which is_in_ _them. 19 Hear the_earth/land HERE I am_about_to_bring calamity to the_people the_this the_fruit_of their_own_ _schemes_of_their if/because on words/messages_of_my not they_have_paid_attention and_law_of_my and_they_have_ _rejected (in)_it. 20 To/for_what this to_me frankincense

41 **RV 6:14 · Cross-ref.** Eze 13:10.

42 **RV 6:12-15 · Cross-ref.** Jer 8:10-12.

Literal Version

which_from_Shəvā' it_comes and_the_cane (the)_good from_a_
_land_of distance offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt not are_for_
_acceptance and_sacrifices_of_your(pl) not they_are_pleasing
to_me. **21** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_
_about_to_give to the_people the_this stumbling_blocks and_
_they_will_stumble over_them fathers and_sons alike a_
_neighbour and_friend_of_his and_they_will_perish[43].

22 Thus **YHWH** he_says THERE a_people is_about_to_come
from_a_land_of the_north and_a_nation great it_will_be_roused
from_the_remotest_parts_of the_earth. **23** Bow and_javelin
they_take_hold_of is_cruel it and_not they_have_mercy sound_
_of_their is_like_sea which_it_roars and_on horses they_ride
they_are_arranged like_a_man for_battle on_you Oh_daughter_
_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **24** We_heard ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ of_it_of_the_report our_
_both_hands they_dropped distress it_took_hold_of_us anguish
like_(the)_who]_gives_birth. **25** Do_not go_out[44] the_field and_
_on_road do_not walk[45] if/because a_sword belongs_to_the_
_enemy terror is_from_round_about. **26** Oh_daughter_of my_
_people_of_my gird_yourself sackcloth and_roll in_ash[es] the_
_mourning an_only_child observe to/for_you(fs) wailing_of
bitterness(es) if/because suddenly the_destroyer it_will_come
on_us. **27** An_assayer I_have_made_you among_people_of_my
fortification and_you_will_observe and_you_will_test ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~
conduct_of_their. **28** Of_them_of_all are_those_who_turn_aside_
_of rebels who_go_about_of slander bronze and_iron of_them_
_of_all they are_behaving_corruptly. **29** The_bellow[s] it_puffs
mmm[46] lead for_vanity someone_has_refined thoroughly_
_(refine) and_evil_people not they_have_been_separated.
30 Silver rejected people_called to/for_them if/because **YHWH**
he_has_rejected (in)_them.

Readers' Version

and you congregation, know what will happen to them.
19 Listen, you earth.
Yes, I will bring disaster to this people—
the fruit of their own plans
because they paid no attention to my messages
and they rejected my instructions.
20 What difference does it make to me if they burn frankincense that came from Sheva?
Or if they have good cane from a distant land?
Your burnt offerings aren't acceptable,
and your sacrifices don't please me.
21 So Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'll give this group of people a stumbling block,
and they'll trip over it—
fathers and sons together,
both a neighbour and his friend.
22 Yahweh says this:
Listen, an army is about to come from a northern country,
and a powerful nation will be roused from the remotest parts of the world.

The coming, northern army · Southern kingdom

23 They carry bows and spears.
It's cruel and they have no mercy.
They make a noise like the sea roaring
and they ride in battle formation on horses
against you, Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter.
24 We felt weak when we heard the reports about them.
Distress took hold of us and we're in agony like a woman about to give birth.
25 Don't go out to the countryside,
and don't walk on the road
because of the enemy's sword.
There's terror all around.
26 My people's daughter, dress yourself in sackcloth
and roll in ashes.
Go into mourning as if you'd lost an only child—
a time of bitter wailing
because the destroyer will suddenly come against us.
27 I've appointed you to examine my people like ore,
so you can observe their conduct, and test them.
28 They're all stubborn rebels who go around slandering others.
They're all like bronze and iron, behaving corruptly.
29 The bellows fan the fire
but after the thorough refining, the lead remains.
The evil people haven't been separated out.
30 They'll be called 'rejected silver'

43 LV 6:21 · Note OSHB variant note: **ודבא׳**: (x-qere) **וְדָבָא֣/וְ**': lemma_c/6 n_0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_24vu4 **וְדָבָא֣/וְ**

44 LV 6:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **יאצת**: (x-qere) **וְאֵצֵ֥ת**': lemma_3318 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqj2mp id_24MrQ **וְאֵצֵ֥ת**

45 LV 6:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **יכלת**: (x-qere) **וְכֶ֥לֶת**': lemma_1980 n_1 morph_HVqj2mp id_24ST2 **וְכֶ֥לֶת**

46 LV 6:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **ם/תשא/מ**: (x-qere) **שֵׁ֣א/מְ**': lemma_m/784 n_1.0 morph_HR/Ncbsa id_243Hf **שֵׁ֣א/מְ** **סָ֔ת**': lemma_8552 morph_HVqp3ms id_247G6 **סָ֔ת**

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because Yahweh has rejected them.

Yirmiyah's preaching in the temple · Southern kingdom

7:1 Yahweh's message came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah):
2 Stand at the gate at Yahweh's temple and proclaim this message, saying:
Listen to Yahweh's message,
all you people of Yehudah (Judah) who enter these gates to worship Yahweh.
3 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that
you all must improve your ways,
and make them right
so that I'll allow you all to live in this land.
4 Don't trust in deceptive words that say,
'Yahweh's temple is here.'
'Yahweh's temple, Yahweh's temple.'
5 Yes, if you all really make your behaviour good,
and everyone really acts fairly towards their neighbours,
6 and you all don't oppress strangers, orphans, or widows,
and don't shed innocent blood in this place
or follow after other gods that will harm you,
7 then I'll allow you all to live in this place in the land that I gave to your ancestors from ancient times and for the future to come.
8 Listen, you're all relying on deceptive messages which can't profit. **9** Will you all keep stealing and murdering, committing adultery and telling lies in court, offering incense to Ba'al and following other gods that you didn't previously know. **10** Then you all come here and stand in front of this temple that's associated with my name, and say that you're saved while you all continue to do all those disgusting things. **11** This house which bears my name has become a robbers' den in your eyes.[47] Listen, I've also seen it. That is Yahweh's utterance. **12** But please go to my place in Shiloh where I had previously had my tent and my name resided, and see what I did to destroy that place due to the wickedness of my people, Yisrael (Israel).[48] **13** So now Yahweh declares that because you've all been doing those things, and I've spoken to you all over and over again but you wouldn't listen, and I called you all but you wouldn't answer, **14** then I'll do what I did to Shiloh, to this house that's called by my name—the temple that you've all trusted in, and the place that I gave to you and your ancestors. **15** I'll throw you all away where I can't see you just as I threw out all your relatives, all of Yisrael's (Israel's; Heb. Efrayim) descendants, from the northern kingdom.

Yehudah's consistent disobedience · Southern kingdom

16 And you, Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), don't pray on behalf of this group of people, and don't cry out for help, or pray for them, or petition me about them, because I won't

Literal Version

7:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** to_say. **2** Stand in_the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_you_will_proclaim there ~~ḎǾM~~ the_message the_this and_you_will_say hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_(ones_who)_went in_gates the_these to_ _bow_down to/for_**YHWH**. **3** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says make_good ways_of_ _your(pl) and_deeds_of_your(pl) so_that_I_may_cause_to_dwell you(pl) in_place (the)_this. **4** Do_not trust to/for_you(pl) to (the)_words/messages_of (the)_deception to_say the_temple_of **YHWH** the_temple_of **YHWH** are_the_temple_of **YHWH** they. **5** If/because if really_(make_good) you(pl)_will_make_good ~~ḎǾM~~ ways_of_your(pl) and_~~ḎǾM~~ deeds_of_your(pl) if really_(do) you(pl)_will_do justice between everyone and_between his/its_ _neighbour. **6** The_sojourner the_fatherless and_the_widow not you(pl)_must_oppress and_blood innocent do_not shed in_ _place the_this and_after gods other not you(pl)_must_walk for_harm your(pl). **7** And_I_will_cause_to_dwell you(pl) in_ _place the_this on_the_earth which I_gave to_ancestors_of_ _your(pl) (to)_from antiquity and_unto perpetuity. **8** HERE you(pl) are_relying to/for_you(pl) on (the)_words/messages_of (the)_deception to_not to_profit. **9** Will_you_steal will_you_ _murder and_will_you_commit_adultery[49] and_will_you_swear to_falsehood and_will_you_make_smoke to_Ba'al and_will_you_ _walk after gods other which not you(pl)_have_known. **10** And_ _you(pl)_will_come and_you(pl)_will_stand to/for_my_ _face/front in_house the_this which name_of_my it_is_called on/upon/above_him/it and_you(pl)_will_say we_are_delivered so_as to_do ~~ḎǾM~~ all_of the_abominations the_these. **11** A_den_of robbers the_house the_this which name_of_my it_is_called on/upon/above_him/it has_it_become in_eyes_of_your(pl) also I HERE I_have_seen the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **12** If/because go please to place_of_my which was_in_Shiloh where I_caused_to_ _dwell name_of_my there at_time and_see ~~ḎǾM~~ that_which I_ _did to_him/it from_face/in_front_of the_wickedness_of my_ _people_of_my Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **13** And_now because did_ _you(pl) ~~ḎǾM~~ all_of the_deeds the_these the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_spoke to_you(pl) rising_early and_speaking and_ _not you(pl)_listened and_I_called you(pl) and_not you(pl)_ _answered. **14** And_I_will_do to_house which name_of_my it_is_ _called on/upon/above_him/it which you(pl) are_trusting in/on/over_him/it and_to_place which I_gave to/for_you(pl) and_to_ancestors_of_your(pl) just_as I_did to_Shiloh. **15** And_I_ _will_throw_out you(pl) from_under face_of_my just_as I_ _throw_out ~~ḎǾM~~ all_of relatives_of_your(pl) ~~ḎǾM~~ all_of the_ _offspring_of 'Efrayim.

16 And_you(ms) do_not pray for the_people the_this and_do_ _not lift_up for_them a_cry_of_entreaty and_a_prayer and_do_ _not entreat (in)_me if/because not_I will_be_hearing you. **17** Are_you_not seeing what are_they doing in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_the_streets_of

47 RV 7:11 · Cross-ref. Mat 21:13; Mrk 11:17; Luk 19:46.

48 RV 7:12-14 · Cross-ref. Josh 18:1; Psa 78:60; Jer 26:6.

49 LV 7:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **18** The_children are_gathering wood(s) and_the_fathers are_kindling ĐǪM the_fire and_the_ _women are_kneading dough for_doing cakes for_the_queen_of the_heavens and_they_are_pouring_out drink_offerings to_ _gods other so_as to_provoke_me_to_anger. **19** Me are_they provoking the_utterance_of **YHWH** am_not ĐǪM_them for_the_ _sake_of the_shame_of their_faces_of_their. **20** For_ _so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** HERE anger_ _of_my and_rage_of_my is_about_to_be_poured_out against the_place the_this on the_humankind and_on the_ _cattle/livestock and_on the_tree[s]_of the_field and_on the_ _fruit_of the_soil and_it_will_burn and_not it_will_be_ _quenched. **21** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt add to sacrifices_of_your(pl) and_eat meat. **22** If/because not I_spoke with ancestors_of_your(pl) and_not I_commanded_them in/on_ _day I_brought_out[51] them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on matters_of burnt_offering and_sacrifice. **23** If/because (if) ĐǪM the_matter the_this I_commanded them to_say listen to_voice_of_my and_I_will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_god and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_become to_me (into)_a_ _people and_you(pl)_will_walk in_all (the)_way which I_will_ _command you(pl) so_that it_may_go_well for_you(pl). **24** And_ _not they_listened and_not they_inclined ĐǪM ear_of_their and_they_walked in_schemes in_the_stubbornness_of their_ _own_heart_of_their (the)_evil and_they_were (to)_backwards and_not (to)_forwards. **25** (To)_from the_day when ancestors_ _of_your(pl) they_came_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim until the_day the_this and_I_sent to_you(pl) ĐǪM all_of servants_of_ _my the_prophets day rising_early and_sending. **26** And_not they_listened to_me and_not they_inclined ĐǪM ear_of_their and_they_stiffened ĐǪM neck_of_their they_did_evil more_ _than_of_their_ancestors. **27** And_you_will_say to_them ĐǪM all_of the_words/messages the_these and_not they_will_listen to_you and_you_will_call to_them and_not they_will_answer_ _you. **28** And_you_will_say to_them this is_the_nation which not they_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** his/its_god and_not they_accepted correction (the)_faithfulness it_has_perished and_it_has_been_cut_off from_mouth_of_their.

29 Shave hair_of_your and_throw_it_away and_take_up on bare_heights a_lamentation if/because **YHWH** he_has_rejected and_he_has_abandoned ĐǪM the_generation_of his_fury_of_his. **30** If/because the_people_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_have_done the_evil in_eyes_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** they_have_put things_of_their_detestable in_house which name_of_my it_is_ _called on/upon/above_him/it to_make_it_unclean. **31** And_ _they_have_built the_high_places_of (the)_Tofet which is_in_ _Valley_of son_of Valley_of to_burn ĐǪM sons_of_their and_ĐǪM daughters_of_their in_fire which not I_commanded and_not it_ _came_up on heart_of_my. **32** For_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_not it_will_be_said again (the)_Tofet and_Valley_of son_of Valley_of if/because (if)

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listen to you. **17** Don't you see what they do in Yehudah's (Judah's) cities and in Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) streets? **18** The sons are gathering firewood, and the fathers are kindling the fire, and the women are kneading dough to make cakes for 'the queen of the heavens'[50] and pouring out drink offerings for other gods so as to provoke me to anger. **19** Yahweh declares that it's not me they're provoking, but rather it's themselves that they're hurting to their own shame. **20** So my master Yahweh, says this: "Listen, my anger and rage will gush out onto this place—onto people and animals, and trees in the countryside and crops in the ground. It will burn and not be extinguished."

21 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: "Instead of wasting time burning up your sacrifices, just eat the meat yourselves, **22** because on the day when I brought your ancestors out from Mitsrayim (Egypt), I didn't immediately give them orders about burnt offerings and sacrifices. **23** What I told them was, 'Listen to my voice, and I'll be your god, and you all will be my people. Follow all the instructions that I'll give you so that everything will go well for you all.' **24** But they didn't turn their heads towards him and listen, and they enacted schemes from the stubbornness of their own evil hearts—going backwards instead of forwards **25** from the day that their ancestors left Mitsrayim even until today. Then I sent my servants the prophets to you all—rising early each day and sending them. **26** However, they didn't listen to me, and they stiffened their necks and turned their heads—doing even more evil than their ancestors.

27 So pass all these messages on to them, even though they won't listen to you.

You'll call to them, but they won't answer you. **28** Tell them that this is a nation that doesn't listen to the voice of its god Yahweh, and doesn't accept discipline.

'The Slaughter Valley' · Southern kingdom

29 Shave your head in mourning and throw the hair away.

Sing a mourning song on the barren heights

because Yahweh has rejected and abandoned the generation who made him angry.

30 Yes, Yahweh says that Yehudah's (Judah's) people have done what I consider evil—putting disgusting things in the temple that's associated with my name, and so have defiled it.
31 They've built hilltop shrines to Tofet in Hinom Valley outside Yerushalem (Jerusalem)[52] to burn their sons and daughters in

50 RV 7:18 · Cross-ref. Jer 44:17-19.

51 LV 7:22 · Note OSHB variant note: **אֵיצוֹה**: (x-qere) **יְאֵיצוֹה'**: lemma_3318 morph_HVhc/Sp1cs id_24mn4 **יְאֵיצוֹה**

52 RV 7:31 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 23:10; Jer 32:35.

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fire—something I've never commanded or even considered.[53]
32 So listen, Yahweh says, that days are coming because of that that, when it'll no longer be called 'Tofet' or 'Hinom Valley', but rather, 'The Slaughter Valley', because so many people will be buried in Tofet that they'll run out of space. 33 Then the people's corpses will become food for the vultures and the wild animals, and there'll be no one left to frighten them away. 34 Then in Yehudah's cities and Yerushalem's streets, I'll halt the sounds of joy and gladness, even wedding celebrations,[54] because the region will become a wasteland.

8:1 Yahweh declares that they will bring the bones of Yehudah's kings out from their graves at that time, as well as the bones of their leaders, priests, and prophets, along with the bones of Yerushalem's inhabitants. 2 Then they'll spread them out under the sun, moon, and stars—the heavenly bodies that they loved and served, and that they followed after and searched for, and that they bowed down to. Those bones won't be collected up, and they won't be buried again. They'll be like dung across the surface of the land. 3 The remnant of that evil group of people in all those places where I banished them, will choose death rather than life. That is Commander-in-chief Yahweh's declaration.

Sin and punishment · Southern kingdom

4 Then Yahweh says to tell them:
Don't people get back up when they fall down?
Don't they come back after they've turned the wrong way?
5 So Why do these people from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) turn and away, then continue to be unfaithful?
They keep hold of deceitfulness and refuse to come back.
6 I've listened carefully but they don't say the right things.
None of them wants to give up their wickedness.
^All of them carry on their own ways, like a horse rushing forward in battle.
7 Even the stork as it flies, knows the seasons.
The dove, swallow, and thrush stick to their migration times,
^yet my people do know what Yahweh expects of them.
8 How can you all say that you're wise and that you have Yahwehs instructions?
Honestly, the quills of deceitful scribes have made it into a lie.
9 The wise will be put to shame—
they will be dismayed and trapped.
Yes, they've rejected Yahweh's message.
What wisdom do they really have?

Literal Version

the_valley_of (the)_slaughter and_people_will_bury in_Tofet because_there_is_not room. 33 And_it_will_become the_ _corpse[s]_of the_people the_this (into)_food for_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_for_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land and_ _there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies. 34 And_I_will_cause_to_ _cease from_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_from_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_sound_of joy and_the_sound_of gladness the_sound_of a_bridegroom and_the_sound_of a_bride if/because (into)_a_desolation the_earth/land it_will_become.
8:1 At_time (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** and[55] ~~DOM~~ the_ _bones_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_~~DOM~~ the_bones_ _of its_officials_of_his and_~~DOM~~ the_bones_of the_priests and_ _~~DOM~~ the_bones_of the_prophets and_~~DOM~~ the_bones_of the_ _inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_graves_of_their.
2 And_they_will_spread_them_out to_sun and_to_moon and_ _to/for_all the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens which they_ _loved_them and_which they_served_them and_which they_ _walked after_them and_which they_consulted_them and_ _which they_bowed_down to/for_them not they_will_be_ _gathered and_not they_will_be_buried (into)_dung on the_ _surface_of the_soil they_will_become. 3 And_ death _it_will_ _be_chosen more_than_life to_all/each/any/every the_ _remnant which_remain from the_family (the)_evil (the)_this in_all the_places which_remain where I_have_banished_them there the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers.

4 And_you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** he_says do_people_ _fall and_not do_they_stand_up or does_anyone_turn_away and_not does_he_return. 5 Why the_people the_this Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) has_it_turned_away apostasy enduring they_have_kept_hold on_deceitfulness they_have_ _refused to_return. 6 I_have_paid_attention and_I_have_heard not right they_speak there_is_not anyone who_relents on wickedness_of_his to_say what have_I_done of_it_of_all is_ _turning course_of_life[59] like_a_horse which_rushes in_battle.
7 Also a_stork in_the_heavens it_knows times_of_its_appointed and_a_turtle-dove and[60] and_a_crane[61] they_keep ~~DOM~~ the_ _time_of their_coming and_people_of_my not they_know ~~DOM~~ the_ordinance_of **YHWH**. 8 How will_you(pl)_say are_wise we and_the_law_of **YHWH** is_with_us truly HERE into_falsehood a_ _stylus_of falsehood_of scribes it_has_made_it. 9 Wise_people they_will_be_put_to_shame they_will_be_dismayed and_they_ _have_been_captured THERE (in)_the_message_of **YHWH** they_ _have_rejected and_wisdom_of what to/for_them. 10 For_ _so/thus/hence I_will_give ~~DOM~~ wives_of_their to_others fields_ _of_their to_those_who_dispossess if/because from_the_small and_unto the_great of_it_of_all is_gaining unjust_gain from_ _prophet and_unto priest of_it_of_all is_doing falsehood.
11 And_they_have_healed ~~DOM~~ the_fracture_of the_daughter_of my_people_of_my on a_trifling_thing to_say peace peace and_

53 **RV 7:31 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:21.
54 **RV 7:34 · Cross-ref.** Jer 16:9; 25:10; Rev 18:23.
55 **LV 8:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וְאֵיצוֹי/ואיצו**: (x-qere) 'וְאֵיצוֹי': lemma_3318 morph_HVhi3mp id_24dp9 **וְאֵיצוֹי**
59 **LV 8:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בְּתוצרמ/ם**: (x-qere) 'בְּתָצְוּרְמִ/ם': lemma_b/4794 n_0.1 morph_HR/Ncfsc/Sp3mp id_24Sgi **בְּתָצְוּרְמִ/ם**
60 **LV 8:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וסוס**: (x-qere) 'וְסִיסִ/וֹ': lemma_c/5483 a n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsa id_24vWK **וְסִיסִ/וֹ**
61 **LV 8:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_there_is_not peace. **12** Are_they_ashamed if/because_that an_
_abomination they_have_done also at_all_(ashamed) not they_
_are_ashamed and_to_be_ashamed not they_know for_
_so/thus/hence they_will_fall among_who]_fall at_the_time_of
their_punishment_of_their they_will_stumble **YHWH** he_says.
13 Surely_(gather) I_will_bring_them_to_an_end the_utterance_
_of **YHWH** there_will_not_be grapes on_vine and_there_will_
_not_be figs on_tree and_the_leafage it_will_wither and_the_
_things_which_I_gave to/for_them they_will_pass_away_them.
14 Concerning what are_we sitting gather_yourselves and_let_
_us_go into the_cities_of (the)_fortification so_that_we_may_
_perish there if/because **YHWH** god_of_our he_has_caused_us_
_to_perish and_he_has_given_us_to_drink water_of poison
if/because we_have_sinned to/for_**YHWH**. **15** We_waited_
_eagerly for_peace and_there_was_not good for_a_time_of
healing and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE terror. **16** From_Dān the_
_snorting_of his_horses_of_his it_has_been_heard from_the_
_sound_of the_neighings_of his_mighty_horses all_of the_
_earth/land it_has_shaken and_they_have_come and_they_
_have_consumed the_land and_what_of_fills_it the_city and_
_the_inhabitants_of in_it. **17** If/because HERE_I am_about_to_
_send among_you(pl) snakes vipers which there_is_not to/for_
_them charming and_they_will_bite you(pl) the_utterance_of
YHWH.

18 Cheerfulness_of_my on sorrow on_me heart_of_my is_faint.
19 THERE the_sound_of the_cry_for_help_of the_daughter_of
my_people_of_my from_a_land_of distance(s) is_**YHWH** not in_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) or king_of_is_its not in_it why have_they_
_provoked_me_to_anger by_idols_of_their by_vanities_of
foreignness. **20** Harvest it_has_passed summer it_has_come_to_
_an_end and_we not we_have_been_saved. **21** On the_
_brokenness_of the_daughter_of my_people_of_my I_have_
_been_broken I_am_in_mourning desolation it_has_taken_hold_
_of_me. **22** Balm is_there_not in_Gil'ād or a_physician is_there_
_not there if/because why not the_healing_of the_daughter_of
my_people_of_my has_it_come_up. **23** [62] Who will_he_give my_
_head was_water and_eye_of_my was_a_fountain_of tear[s]
and_I_will_bewail by_day and_night ~~DOM~~ those_slain_of the_
_daughter_of my_people_of_my.
9:1 [63] Who will_he_give_me in_wilderness a_lodging_place_of
travellers and_I_will_leave ~~DOM~~ people_of_my and_I_will_go

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10 Because of that, I'll give their wives to others,
and their fields to those who dispossess them,
because they're all prospering by taking advantage of others—
prophets and priests are all behaving deceptively.
11 They lightly treated the fracture of my people's daughter,
saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there's no peace.[56]
12 Were they ashamed when they did something disgusting?
Even when confronted, they weren't ashamed—
they didn't know how to be humiliated
so they'll fall like the others.
They'll stumble at the time of their punishment says Yahweh.[57]
13 I'll bring their harvests to an end, says Yahweh.
There won't be any grapes on their vines, or figs on their trees.
Even the leaves will wither,
and what I gave them, will rot away.
14 Why are we just sitting here?
→Let's go into the fortified cities together so we can die there,
because our god Yahweh is going to cause us to perish,
and he'll make us drink poisoned water because we've sinned against him.
15 We had hoped for peace, but nothing good came.
We hoped for a time of healing, but wow, got terror.
16 The snorting of his stallions could be heard from Dan.
The whole earth shakes from the sound of the neighing of his powerful horses.
They are coming to destroy the land and everything in it,
and the city and everyone living in it.
17 Yes, listen, I'll send snakes[58] among you all—
vipers that can't be charmed,
→and they'll bite you all, says Yahweh.

Yirmiyah's sorrow about Yehudah · Southern kingdom

18 My sorrow is beyond comfort.
My heart is faint within me.
19 Listen, it's the sound of a cry for help
from my people's daughter from a far away land.
Isn't Yahweh in Tsiyon (Zion)?
Is its king no longer there?
Why have they provoked me to anger with their idols and with useless foreign gods?
20 The harvest has passed, summer has ended,
and we haven't been rescued.
21 I'm broken because of the brokenness of my people's daughter.
I'm in mourning and overwhelmed by depression.
22 Is there no medicine in Gilead?
Isn't there a doctor there?

56 **RV 8:11 · Cross-ref.** Eze 13:10.

57 **RV 8:10-12 · Cross-ref.** Jer 6:12-15.

58 **RV 8:17 · Note** This could likely be referring to enemy warriors, not literal snakes.

62 **LV 8:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Jer.9.1

63 **LV 9:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Jer.9.2

Readers' Version

Why isn't my people's daughter getting healed?
9:1 If only my head was water, and my eyes were a fountain of tears,
→then I'd weep day and night for my people's slain daughter.
2 Who will give me a lodging place for travellers in the desert?
Then I would leave my people and walk away from them,
because all of them are adulterers—
a treacherous group of people.
3 They bend their tongues like bows—
chasing lies rather than faithfulness.
They grow strong in the land
because they go from evil to evil and they don't know me.
That's Yahweh's declaration.
4 Let each person beware of his neighbour,
and don't rely on any relative,
because brothers consistently betray,
and neighbours go around slandering.
5 Every one will deceive their neighbour,
and they won't tell the truth—
they teach their tongues to tell lies.
→They wear themselves out being disobedient.
6 Your residence is in the middle of deceit—
because of deceit they refuse to know me.
That's Yahweh's declaration.
7 Because of that, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says,
I'm about to refine them and test them,
because how else should I act towards my people's daughter.
8 Their tongue is a deadly arrow—
it speaks out deceit.
With his mouth, a man speaks peace with his neighbours,
while in his mind, he's planning his ambush.
9 Shouldn't I punish them for those things? Yahweh says.
Shouldn't I avenge myself against a nation like that?
10 On the mountains I'll take up weeping and wailing,
and a funeral song out in the wilderness pastures,
because they're left desolate as no one passes through there.

Literal Version

from_with_them if/because of_them_of_all are_adulterers an_
_assembly_of those_who_act_treacherously. **2** [64] And_they_
_have_bent ~~DOM~~ tongue_of_their bow_of_their falsehood and_
_not to_faithfulness they_are_strong in/on_the_earth
if/because from_evil to evil they_have_gone_out and_me not
they_know the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **3** [65] Each from_neighbour_
_of_his take_heed and_on any_of brother do_not rely
if/because every_of brother persistently_(betray) he_betrays
and_all neighbour slander he_goes_about. **4** [66] And_each (in)_
_neighbour_of_his they_deceive and_truth not they_speak
they_have_taught tongue_of_their to_speak falsehood to_do_
_iniquity they_are_weary. **5** [67] Dwelling_your in_the_middle
deceit on_deceit they_have_refused to_know me the_
_utterance_of **YHWH**. **6** [68] For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers he_says HERE_I am_about_of_to_refine_
_them and_I_will_test_them if/because how will_I_act from_
_face/in_front_of the_daughter_of my_people_of_my. **7** [69] Is_an_
_arrow beaten[70] tongue_of_their deceit it_speaks with_mouth_
_of_his peace with his/its_neighbour someone_speaks[71] and_
_in_his_inner_of_being he_sets ambush_of_his. **8** [72] On these_
_things not will_I_visit (in)_them the_utterance_of **YHWH** or
on_a_nation which is_like_this_one not self_of_my will_it_
_avenge_itself. **9** [73] On the_mountains I_will_take_up weeping
and_wailing and_on the_pastures_of the_wilderness
lamentation if/because they_are_left_desolate from_not_of
anyone who_passes_through and_not people_hear the_sound_
_of livestock from_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_unto
animal[s] they_have_fled they_have_gone. **10** [74] And_I_will_
_make ~~DOM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) into_heaps_of_stones a_
_habitation_of jackals and_~~DOM~~ the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
I_will_make a_waste from_not_of inhabitant. **11** [75] Who the_
_man (the)_wise and_he_will_understand ~~DOM~~ this and_which
the_mouth_of **YHWH** it_has_spoken to_him/it so_that_he_may_
_declare_it concerning what the_earth/land has_it_been_
_destroyed has_it_become_ruined like_wilderness from_not_of
one_who_passes_through. **12** [76] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said
because they_have_abandoned ~~DOM~~ law_of_my which I_set
before_them and_not they_have_listened to_voice_of_my and_
_not they_have_walked in_it. **13** [77] And_they_have_walked after
the_stubbornness_of their_own_heart_of_their and_after the_

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64 LV 9:2 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.3
65 LV 9:3 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.4
66 LV 9:4 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.5
67 LV 9:5 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.6
68 LV 9:6 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.7
69 LV 9:7 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.8
70 LV 9:7 · Note OSHB variant note: טחוש: (x-qere) 'טָוְחָשׁ': lemma_7819 a n_1.0.0 morph_HVqsmsa id_24hgx טָוְחָשׁ
71 LV 9:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
72 LV 9:8 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.9
73 LV 9:9 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.10
74 LV 9:10 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.11
75 LV 9:11 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.12
76 LV 9:12 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.13
77 LV 9:13 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.14

Literal Version

_Ba´al which they_taught_them ancestors_of_their. **14** [78] For_ _so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_of_to_feed_them ~~DOM~~ the_people the_this wormwood and_I_will_give_them_to_drink water_of poison. **15** [79] And_I_will_scatter_them among_nations which not they and_ancestors_of_their they_knew and_I_will_ _send_forth after_them ~~DOM~~ the_drought//sword/knife until I_ _have_made_an_end_of them.

16 [81] Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says consider and_ _summon (to)_the_who]_wail so_that_they_may_come and_ _near/to the_skillful_women send so_that_they_may_come. **17** [82] And_let_them_hasten and_let_them_take_up on_us wailing so_ eyes_of_our _that_they_may_run_down tear[s] and_ _eyelids_of_our they_may_flow water. **18** [83] If/because a_sound_ _of wailing it_has_been_heard from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) how we_ _have_been_devastated we_have_been_put_to_shame exceedingly if/because we_have_left the_land if/because people_have_throw_down dwellings_of_our. **19** [84] If/because hear Oh_women the_message_of **YHWH** and_ ear_of_your(pl) _ _let_it_receive the_message_of his_mouth_of_his and_teach daughters_of_your(pl) a_mourning_song and_every_woman fem_of_her_neighbour a_lamentation. **20** [85] If/because death it_ _has_come_up in_windows_of_our it_has_come in_fortresses_ _of_our to_cut_off child[ren] from_the_street young_men from_ _the_open_places. **21** [86] Speak thus the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ the_corpse[s]_of the_humankind _it_will_fall like_dung on the_surface_of the_field and_like_cut_grain from_behind the_ _reaper and_there_will_not_be one_who_gathers. **22** [87] Thus **YHWH** he_says not a_wise_person let_him_boast in_wisdom_ _of_his and_not the_mighty_person let_him_boast in_might_of_

Readers' Version

They don't hear the sound of cattle or birds or wild animals—
they've fled and gone away.
11 Then I'll make Yerushalem (Jerusalem) into piles of ruins—
a place for jackals to live in—
and I'll make Yehudah's (Judah's) cities into uninhabited wastelands.
12 Who is the person that's wise and understands this?
Who has Yahweh's mouth spoken to so that they can declare it—
concerning why the nation has perished and been destroyed
like the wilderness with no one passing through it?
13 Then Yahweh said, "Because they abandoned my instructions that I gave to them,
and they don't listen to my voice or follow what say,
14 and they're guided by their own stubborn minds,
and follow after the Ba'al that their ancestors taught them about,
15 then Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'm about to feed them bitter food
and give them poison water to drink.
16 Then I'll scatter them among nations that neither they nor their ancestors knew anything about,
and I'll send an army after them until I've finished them off.

The requesting of people of Yerushalem · Southern kingdom

17 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Consider that and summon funeral wailers to come—
get the most skillful women to come.
18 Let them hurry and start wailing about us,
→so our eyes have tears running down them,
and our eyelids flow with water,
19 because the sound of mourning can be heard from Tsiyon (Zion):
'We've been so devastated.
We're terribly ashamed, because we've left the land
because they tore down our houses.'
20 So now hear Yahweh's message, you women.
Let your ear receive the message from his mouth,
and teach your daughters a mourning song,
and each woman teach her neighbour a funeral song,
21 because death has come up into our windows.
It enters into our fortresses,

78 LV 9:14 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.15
79 LV 9:15 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.16
81 LV 9:16 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.17
82 LV 9:17 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.18
83 LV 9:18 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.19
84 LV 9:19 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.20
85 LV 9:20 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.21
86 LV 9:21 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.22
87 LV 9:22 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.23

Readers' Version

cutting off children from the street
and young men from the open plazas.
22 Yahweh says to pass this on:
Human corpses will fall like dung across the ground's surface
and like fallen grain after the harvesters have finished,
and there's no one to collect them.
23 Yahweh says this:
Don't let the wise person boast about their wisdom,
and don't let the warrior boast about his strength.
Don't let the rich person boast about their riches,
24 because if they want to boast, let them boast about this:
Understanding and knowing me because I'm Yahweh,
demonstrating loyal commitment, justice, and righteousness on the earth
because I take pleasure in those things.[80]
That is Yahweh's declaration.
25 Listen, Yahweh declares that there's a time coming
when I will punish all those who've been physically circumcised:
26 the Mitsrim (Egyptians), Yehudim (Jews), Edomim, Amonim, and Moavim,
and all those who trim the corners of their beards, those living in the wilderness,
because all the uncircumcised nations and all the Israelis have uncircumcised hearts.

Idolatry versus true worship · Southern kingdom

10:1 Listen to the message that Yahweh is telling you all, you Israelis. **2** This is what Yahweh says:
Don't imitate the ways of other nations,
and don't be dismayed by signs in the skies,
just because those other nations are,
3 because the customs of those groups of people are worthless.
Yes, they cut down a tree from a forest,
and a craftsman does his handywork with his tools,
4 then they overlay it with gold and silver.
They use hammer and nails to securely fasten it
so that it won't topple over.
5 Those idols are like a scarecrow in a cucumber field,
not being able to speak.
What's more, they have to be carried because they can't walk.
Don't be afraid of them because they can't harm anyone,
but at the same time, there's no good in them either.
6 There's no one like you, Yahweh.
You're powerful and have a reputation for your strength.
7 Who wouldn't respect and obey you, king of the nations
because that's what you deserve?[91]

Literal Version

_his not a_rich_person let_him_boast in_rich[es]_of_his. **23** [88] If/because (if) in_this the_one_who_boasts let_him_boast he_ _has_insight and_he_knows me if/because_that I am_**YHWH** who_does covenant_loyalty justice and_righteousness on_the_ _earth if/because in_these_things I_delight the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **24** [89] HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_visit_judgement on every_of man_circumcised in_a_ _foreskin. **25** [90] On Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_on ʾEdōm and_on the_people_of ʿAmmōn and_on Mōʾāv and_on all_of those_who_are_cut_off_of the_corner who_dwell in_wilderness if/because all_of the_nations are_uncircumcised and_all the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) are_uncircumcised_of heart.

10:1 Hear ~~DOM~~ the_message which **YHWH** he_has_spoken to_ _you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **2** Thus **YHWH** he_says (to) the_way_of the_nations do_not learn and_from_the_signs_ _of the_heavens do_not be_dismayed if/because the_nations they_are_dismayed from_them. **3** If/because the_customs_of the_peoples is_futility it if/because a_tree from_a_forest someone_has_cut_it_down the_work_of the_hands_of a_ _craftsman with_tool. **4** With_silver and_with_gold he_ _beautifies_it with_nails and_with_hammers they_make_them_ _strong and_not it_will_stagger. **5** Are_like_a_scarecrow_of a_ _cucumber_field they and_not they_speak actually_(carry) they_are_carried if/because not they_walk do_not be_afraid from_them if/because not they_do_harm and_also doing_good there_is_not them. **6** From_there_is_not like_you Oh_**YHWH** are_great you and_is_great name_of_your in_strength. **7** Who not will_he_fear_you Oh_king_of the_nations if/because to/for_ _yourself(m) it_is_befitting if/because among_all_of the_wise_ _people_of the_nations and_on/over_all kingdom_of_their from_there_is_not like_you. **8** And_in_one they_are_stupid and_ _they_are_foolish the_correction_of futilities is_wood it. **9** Silver beaten from_Tarshiysh it_is_brought and_gold from_ _ʾŪfāz the_work_of a_craftsman and_the_hands_of a_ _metalsmith is_violet_stuff_of and_purple clothing_of_their are_the_work_of skillful_people of_them_of_all. **10** And_**YHWH**

80 **RV 9:24 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 1:31; 2Cor 10:17.
88 **LV 9:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Jer.9.24
89 **LV 9:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Jer.9.25
90 **LV 9:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Jer.9.26
91 **RV 10:7 · Cross-ref.** Rev 15:4.

Literal Version

is_god truth he is_god living and_king_of perpetuity from_
_severe_anger_of_his the_earth/land it_shakes and_not nations
they_will_endure indignation_of_his. **11** Like_this you(pl)_will_
_say to_them the_gods who the_heavens and_the_earth not
they_made may_they_perish from_the_earth and_from under
the_heavens these.

12 He_was_making_of (of)_the_earth by_power_of_his he_was_
_establishing the_world by_wisdom_of_his and_by_
_understanding_of_his he_stretched_out the_heavens. **13** To_
_sound/voice of_his_giving_forth a_tumult_of waters was_in_
_heavens and_he_brought_up clouds from_the_end_of the_
_earth[92] lightning_flashes for_rain he_makes and_he_brought_
_out the_wind from_storehouses_of_his. **14** Every_of person he_
_is_stupid from_knowledge every_of metalsmith he_is_put_to_
_shame from_the_idol if/because is_deception image_of_his_
_molten and_not breath is_in_them. **15** Are_futility they a_
_work_of mockeri(es) at_the_time_of their_punishment_of_
_their they_will_perish. **16** Not is_like_these the_portion_of
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) if/because is_the_one_who_formed_of (the)_
_everything he and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_the_tribe_of his_
_inheritance_of_his is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_
_name.

17 Gather_up from_the_ground_of bundle_of_your Oh_you_
_who_dwell[93] in_siege. **18** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says here_
_I am_about_to_sling_forth ~~DOM~~ the_inhabitants_of the_
_earth/land at_time (the)_this and_I_will_cause_distress
to/for_them so_that they_may_find. **19** Woe to_me on fracture_
_of_my wound_of_my is_severe and_I I_said surely this is_a_
_sickness_of and_I_will_endure_it. **20** Tent_of_my it_has_been_
_devastated and_all tent-cords_of_my they_have_been_snapped
children_of_my they_have_gone_out_from_me and_they_are_
_not there_is_not one_who_pitches again tent_of_my and_one_
_who_raises curtains_of_my_tent. **21** If/because the_shepherds
they_are_stupid and_~~DOM~~ **YHWH** not they_have_sought
therefore yes/correct/thus/so not they_have_prospered and_
_all flock_of_their it_has_been_scattered. **22** The_sound_of a_
_report THERE it_is_coming and_a_din great from_a_land_of

Readers' Version

Yes, among all the wise people of the word,
and among all their kingdoms,
there's no one like you.
8 Those 'wise' people are both stupid and foolish all at once—
instructed by an idol that's just a piece of wood.
9 They brought hammered silver from Tarshish and gold from Ufaz—
the work of a craftsman and from the hands of the refiners.
Then they put violet and purple clothing on them—
all the work of skillful people.
10 However, Yahweh is the true god.
He is the living god and permanent king.
When he's angry, the earth shakes,
and the nations can't endure his indignation.
11 You need to tell them this:
The gods that didn't make the heavens and earth
will perish from the earth and from under these skies.

Praising Yahweh · Southern kingdom

12 Yahweh made the earth using his power.
He established the world by his wisdom,
and with his understanding, he stretched out the skies.
13 When he projects his voice, there's a rush of waters in the skies,
and he brings clouds up from the ends of the earth.
He made lightning for the rain,
and sends out wind from his storehouse.
14 Every person has become stupid from knowledge.
Every metalworker is put to shame by idols
because his molten image is a deception and there's no life in them.
15 They're worthless—a work of mockery.
They'll perish at the time for their punishment.
16 Ya'akov's (Jacob's) inheritance isn't like that
because he's the one who made everything,
and the Israelis are his inheritance.
His name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

Coming destruction for Yehudah · Southern kingdom

17 Gather your stuff and leave the land,
you who are living under siege
18 because Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'm flinging out the inhabitants of the land at this time,
and I'll cause them distress so that they can find me.
19 Oh dear, poor me. My fracture, my wound is severe,
but I said that this is a sickness and I will endure it.
20 My tent has been devastated, and all of my tent ropes have been snapped.
My sons have gone off and left me.
There's no one to pitch my tent again,
or to hang up my tent curtains.
21 Yes, the shepherds are stupid and haven't asked Yahweh for

92 LV 10:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **יִרְאָ**: (x-qere) **יִרְאָה**: lemma_d/776 n_1 morph_HTd/Ncbsa id_24fZb יִרְאָה
93 LV 10:17 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתבשי**: (x-qere) **תֹּשְׁבִי**: lemma_3427 n_0.0 morph_HVqrfsa id_24EMh תֹּשְׁבִי

Readers' Version

direction
so therefore they haven't prospered, and all their flock has been scattered.
22 Listen, it sounds like news has arrived
plus there's a loud rumble from a land in the north
coming to make Yehudah's (Judah's) cities into deserted places for jackals to live in.
23 Yahweh, I know that a person's life pathway isn't their own—
no one who walks, directs their own steps.
24 Discipline me, Yahweh, only in justice and not in anger
in case you reduce me to nothing.
25 Pour your fury out on the nations that don't know you.
and on the families that don't call out to you to help them,
because they've consumed Ya'akov (Jacob).
Yes, they've completely destroyed him and ruined his farmland.

The broken agreement · Both kingdoms

11:1 Yahweh's message came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) to say: **2** Listen to the words of this agreement and tell them to everyone in Yehudah (Judah), including those who live in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) **3** and tell them, "Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says that anyone who won't listen to the words of this agreement will be cursed. **4** It's the same agreement that I commanded for your ancestors at the time when I brought them out of the iron furnace that was Mitsrayim (Egypt), telling them: 'Listen to my voice and follow the instructions that I've given you all, and then you'll be my people, and I'll become your god **5** in order to fulfill the promise that I made to your ancestors to give them a land that's flowing with milk and honey, as it is right now.' "
"So be it, Yahweh," I answered.
6 Then Yahweh told me, "Proclaim all these things in Yehudah's cities, including in Yerushalem's streets. Tell them to listen to the words of this agreement and carry them out **7** because I solemnly warned your ancestors at the time when I brought them out of Mitsrayim until today, repeatedly warning them to listen to my voice. **8** However, they didn't listen or even pay any attention to me, and each one of them stubbornly followed their own evil desires, so I ordered all the consequences from not obeying the agreement, to come to them."
9 Then Yahweh told me, "A conspiracy has been found across Yehudah, and including Yerushalem's inhabitants. **10** They've returned to the evil ways of their ancestors from the past who refused to listen to my messages, and then they followed after other gods to serve them. The people of both Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah broke the agreement that I made with the ancestors. **11** So now, listen: Yahweh says that I'm about to bring calamity to them which they won't be able to avoid, and they'll cry out to me for help but I won't listen to them. **12** Then Yehudah's cities, including those living in Yerushalem, will go and cry out to the gods for help that they've been burning incense to, but those gods won't be able to rescue them from their calamity **13** be-

Literal Version

the_north to_make ÐOM the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_
_desolation a_habitation_of jackals. **23** I_know Oh_**YHWH**
if/because_that not belongs_to_person its_road/course not
belongs_to_a_person who_walks (and)_to_direct ÐOM step[s]_of_
_his. **24** Correct_me Oh_**YHWH** only in_justice not in_anger_of_
_your lest you_should_diminish_me. **25** Pour_out rage_of_your
on the_nations which not they_have_known_you and_on clans
which on_name_of_your not they_have_called if/because they_
_have_consumed ÐOM Ya'ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) and_they_have_
_consumed_him and_they_have_made_an_end_of_him and_ÐOM
habitation_of_his they_have_devastated.

11:1 The_message which it_came to Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) from_
_with **YHWH** to_say. **2** Hear ÐOM the_words/messages_of the_
_covenant (the)_this and_you_will_speak_them to everyone_of
Yəhūdāh and_to the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
3 And_you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says the_man who not he_will_hear ÐOM
the_words/messages_of the_covenant (the)_this is_cursed.
4 Which I_commanded ÐOM ancestors_of_your(pl) in/on_day I_
_brought_out them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_
_the_furnace_of (the)_iron to_say listen to_voice_of_my and_
_you(pl)_will_do them according_to_all that I_will_command
you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_
_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_god. **5** So_as to_carry_out ÐOM
the_oath which I_swore to_ancestors_of_your(pl) to_give
to/for_them a_land flowing_of milk and_honey like_day the_
_this and_I_answered and_I_said amen Oh_**YHWH**. **6** And_
YHWH _he/it_said to_me proclaim ÐOM all_of the_
_words/messages the_these in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
and_in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say hear
ÐOM the_words/messages_of the_covenant (the)_this and_
_you(pl)_will_do them. **7** If/because solemnly_(warn) I_warned
(in)_ancestors_of_your(pl) in/on_day I_brought_up them from_
_the_land_of Mitsrayim and_unto the_day the_this rising_early
and_warning to_say listen to_voice_of_my. **8** And_not they_
_listened and_not they_inclined ÐOM ear_of_their and_they_
_walked everyone in_the_stubbornness_of their_own_heart_of_
_their (the)_evil and_I_brought on_them ÐOM all_of the_
_words/messages_of the_covenant (the)_this which I_
_commanded for_doing and_not they_did. **9** And_ **YHWH** _
_he/it_said to_me a_conspiracy it_has_been_found among_
_everyone_of Yəhūdāh and_among_the_inhabitants_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **10** They_have_returned to the_
_iniquities_of their_ancestors_of_their (the)_former who they_
_refused to_hear ÐOM words/messages_of_my and_they they_
_have_walked after gods other to_serve_them the_house_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_house_of Yəhūdāh they_have_broken
ÐOM covenant_of_my which I_made with ancestors_of_their.
11 For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_
_to_bring to_them a_calamity which not they_will_be_able to_

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_go_out from_her/it and_they_will_cry_out to_me and_not I_
_will_listen to_them. **12** And_ the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _they_will_go
and_they_will_cry_out to the_'Elohīm which they are_making_
_smoke to/for_them and_at_all_(deliver) not they_will_deliver
to/for_them at_the_time_of their_calamity_of_their.
13 If/because the_number_of your(pl)_cities_of_your gods_of_
_your they_are Oh_Yəhūdāh and_the_number_of the_streets_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl)_have_made altars to_thing
altars to_make_smoke to_Ba'al. **14** And_you(ms) do_not pray for
the_people the_this and_do_not lift_up for_them a_cry_of_
_entreaty and_a_prayer if/because not_I will_be_listening at_
_the_time_of they_call_out to_me for calamity_of_their.
15 What to_my_beloved_of_one in_house_of_my doing_its
(the)_plan the_many_people and_flesh_of holiness they_will_
_pass_away from_on_you if/because wickedness_of_your then
you_will_rejoice. **16** An_olive_tree luxuriant beautiful_of fruit_
_of form **YHWH** he_called name_of_your to_sound/voice a_
_rainstorm great he_has_kindled a_fire on/upon_it(f) and_
branches_of_its _they_are_bad. **17** And_**YHWH**
soldiers/messengers who_planted you he_has_spoken on_you
evil on_account_of the_evil_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which they_have_done
to/for_them to_provoke_me_to_anger by_making_smoke to_
_Ba'al.

18 And_**YHWH** he_made_known_to_me and_I_knew then you_
_showed_me deeds_of_their. **19** And_I had_been_like_a_lamb a_
_tame_one which_it_is_led to_slaughter and_not I_knew
if/because_that on_me they_had_planned plans let_us_destroy
the_tree with_bread_of_its and_let_us_cut_him_off from_the_
_land_of the_living and_his/its_name not may_it_be_
remembered again. **20** And**YHWH** soldiers/messengers who_
_judges_of (of)_righteousness who_tests kidneys and_heart let_
_me_see vengeance_of_your from_them if/because to_you I_
_have_made_known ~~DOM~~ case_of_my. **21** For_so/thus/hence
thus **YHWH** he_says on the_people_of ʹAnātōt who_are_seeking
~~DOM~~ life_of_your to_say not you_must_prophesy in/on_name_of
YHWH and_not you_will_die by_hand_of_our. **22** For_
_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says
HERE_I am_about_to_visit_judgement on_them the_young_men
they_will_die by_sword sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their
they_will_die by_famine. **23** And_a_remnant not it_will_belong
to/for_them if/because I_will_bring calamity to the_people_of
ʹAnātōt the_year_of their_punishment_of_their.

12:1 Are_righteous you Oh_**YHWH** if/because I_bring_a_case to_
_you nevertheless judgements I_will_speak with_you why the_
_way_of wicked_people does_it_prosper all_of those_who_act_
_treacherously_of treachery are_they_at_ease. **2** You_have_
_planted_them also they_have_taken_root they_walk also they_
_have_produced fruit are_near you in_mouth_of_their and_
_distant from_kidneys_of_their. **3** And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** you_
_know_me you_see_me and_you_test heart_of_my with_you
drag_them_away like_sheep to_slaughter and_set_them_apart

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cause there are now as many gods in Yehudah as you all have cities, and as many incense altars for Ba'al in Yerushalem as you all have streets. **14** Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), don't pray for those people, and don't plead with me to rescue them, because I won't be listening when they call out to me for help during their difficulties.

15 "My dear Yehudah, what right do you have to be in my temple after doing so much evil?

You offer holy sacrifices then go and happily do wicked things.

16 Yahweh called you a luxuriant olive tree with beautiful, good-looking fruit.

^Now he'll kindle a fire with a loud roar on its branches that have gone bad.

17 Commander-in-chief Yahweh who planted you, has decided that you'll experience evil because of the evil done by the peoples of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah when they've provoked me to anger by offering incense to Ba'al.

A plot against Yirmiyah · Southern kingdom

18 Then Yahweh revealed something to me which I understood once he showed me their preparations. **19** I was like a tame lamb being led to be slaughtered, and I didn't know that they had made plans against me, saying, 'Let's destroy the tree with its fruit, and cut him off from the land of the living. Then his name won't be remembered any longer.'

20 Then I prayed, "Commander-in-chief Yahweh who always judges fairly, examining our inner thoughts and motives, let me see your vengeance on them, because I've presented my case to you."

21 So Yahweh said it was some men of Anatot[94] who were wanting to kill me, saying that I mustn't prophesy in Yahweh's name or else they'd make sure that I die. **22** Therefore Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "Listen, I'm about to punish them. Their young men will die by the sword, and their children will die from famine. **23** There won't be any of them left, because I will bring calamity to the people from Anatot at the time of their punishment."

Yirmiyah queries Yahweh · Southern kingdom

12:1 Yahweh, you do what's right when I bring you a case.

→Nevertheless, I want to talk with you about justice:

Why do wicked people prosper?
Why are treacherous people able to relax?
2 You planted them like trees and they've taken root,
then they've grown and produced fruit.

94 **RV 11:21 · Note** Yirmiyah's home town—see 1:1.

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They're full of talk about you,
but they're really far from you.
3 but Yahweh, you know me.
You see me, and test my heart toward you.
Drag them away like sheep doing to slaughter,
and reserve a time for them to be slaughtered.
4 How much longer will the land be dry for
with the plants in the countryside withering up?
Even the wild animals and birds have diminished in number,
because people have said that he won't see what will happen to us.

Yahweh's response to Yirmiyah

5 If you've run with foot soldiers and they've worn you out,
how will you compete with horses?
If you're falling to the ground in a safe region,
how will you do in the thickets by the Yarden (Jordan) river?
6 Even your brothers and other family members are working against you.
They speak out against you.
Don't trust them when they say good things about you.

Yahweh's distress about his people · Southern kingdom

7 I've abandoned my country.
I've walked away from my inheritance.
I've given my dearly loved one into the hand of its enemies.
8 My inheritance become like a lion in a forest for me.
That country always speaks against me so I hate it.
9 My inheritance is like a speckled bird of prey to me,
with other birds of prey all around it.
Go and get all the wild animals from the countryside to come and eat.
10 Many shepherds (foreign rulers) have ruined my vineyard—
they've trampled my area.
They've made my desirable region into a desolate wasteland.
11 They've made it into a wasteland—it's mourning to me.
All the land has been made desolate because there's no one who cares about it.
12 Destroyers have come to all the bare hilltops in the wilderness,
because a sword is devouring for Yahweh, from each end of the land.
There's no peace for any living thing.
13 People have sown wheat and harvested thorns.
They've wearied themselves but not profited,
and they were ashamed by your low production
resulting from Yahweh's fierce anger.

The what was said of God concerning the nations surrounding Yisrael · Southern kingdom

14 Yahweh says this: All my evil neighbours who touch the inheritance that I gave to my Israeli people, listen, I'll uproot them from the land, and I'll uproot Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants from among them. 15 Then after I've uprooted them, I'll have compassion on them again, and I'll bring them back—each one back to their

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to_a_day_of slaughter. 4 Until when the_earth/land will_it_dry_
_up and_the_vegetation_of every_of the_field will_it_be_dried_
_up from_the_evil_of those_who_dwell_of in_it animals and_
_bird[s] it_has_dwindled_away if/because people_have_said not
he_will_see ĐØM end_of_our.

5 If/because with foot_soldiers you_have_run and_they_have_
_made_you_weary and_how will_you_compete with the_horses
and_in_a_land_of safety you are_falling_to_the_ground and_
_how will_you_do in_the_thicket_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan).
6 If/because also brothers_of_your and_the_house_of your_
_father_of_your also they they_have_dealt_treacherously with_
_you also they they_have_called_out after_you full do_not trust
in_them if/because they_speak to_you good_things.

7 I_have_abandoned ĐØM house_of_my I_have_abandoned ĐØM
inheritance_of_my I_have_given ĐØM the_one_beloved_of my_
_self_of_my in_the_palm_of enemies_of_her. 8 It_has_become
to/for_me inheritance_of_my like_a_lion in_forest it_has_
_given_forth on_me with_voice_of_its therefore
yes/correct/thus/so I_hate_it. 9 A_bird_of_prey speckled
inheritance_of_is_my to_me are_bird[s]_prey all_around
on/upon_it(f) go gather every_of (the)_animal_of the_field
bring_them for_food. 10 Shepherds many they_have_ruined
vineyard_of_my they_have_trodden_down ĐØM portion_of_my
they_have_made ĐØM the_portion_of my_desire_of_my into_a_
_wilderness_of desolation. 11 He_has_made_it into_a_desolation
it_is_in_mourning on_me desolate all_of the_earth/land it_has_
_been_made_desolate if/because there_is_not anyone who_
_puts_it on heart. 12 Over all_of the_bare_heights in_wilderness
destroyers they_have_come if/because a_sword to/for_**YHWH**
is_devouring from_an_end_of the_land and_unto the_end_of
the_earth/land there_is_not peace to/from_
_all/each/any/every flesh. 13 People_have_sown wheat(s) and_
_thorns they_have_reaped they_have_wearied_themselves not
they_have_profited and_be_ashamed from_produce(s)_of_
_your(pl) from_the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH**.

14 Thus **YHWH** he_says on all_of neighbours_of_my (the)_evil
who_touch (in)_inheritance which I_gave_as_an_inheritance
ĐØM people_of_my ĐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) HERE_I am_about_of_to_
_pluck_them_up from_under land_of_their and_ĐØM the_house_
_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I_will_pluck_up from_among_of_them.
15 And_it_was after I_have_plucked_up them I_will_return and_
_I_will_have_compassion_on_them and_I_will_bring_them_back
everyone to_his_own_of_inheritance and_everyone to_his_

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_own_of_land. **16** And_it_was if really_(learn) they_will_learn ~~ĐOM~~ the_ways_of my_people_of_my to_swear by_name_of_my by_the_life of_**YHWH** just_as they_taught ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_my to_swear by_Ba´al and_they_will_be_built in_the_middle people_of_my. **17** And_if not they_will_listen and_I_will_pluck_ _up ~~ĐOM~~ the_nation (the)_that plucking_up and_destroying the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**.

13:1 Thus **YHWH** he_said to_me go and_you_will_buy for_ _yourself a_loincloth_of linen(s) and_you_will_put_it on loins_ _of_your and_in_water not you_must_cause_it_to_go. **2** And_I_ _bought ~~ĐOM~~ the_loincloth according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** and_I_put_it on loins_of_my. **3** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me a_second_time to_say. **4** Take ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _loincloth which you_bought which is_on loins_of_your and_ _arise go to_Pərāt and_hide_it there in_(the)_cleft_of the_rock. **5** And_I_went and_I_hid_it at_Pərāt just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded me. **6** And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity days many and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me arise go to_Pərāt and_take from_there ~~ĐOM~~ the_loincloth which I_commanded_ _you(ms) to_hide_it there. **7** And_I_went to_Pərāt and_I_dug and_I_took ~~ĐOM~~ the_loincloth from the_place where I_had_ _hidden_it there_(to) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_loincloth it_ _was_ruined not it_was_profitable for_anything. **8** And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **9** Thus **YHWH** he_ _says thus I_will_ruin ~~ĐOM~~ the_pride_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _~~ĐOM~~ the_pride_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) (the)_great. **10** The_people the_this (the)_wicked who_are_refusing to_hear ~~ĐOM~~ words/messages_of_my who_are_walking in_the_ _stubbornness_of their_own_heart_of_their and_they_have_ _walked after gods other to_serve_them and_to_bow_down to/for_them and_let_it_be like_loincloth the_this which not it_ _is_profitable for_anything. **11** If/because just_as (the)_ _loincloth it_clings to the_loins_of a_person so I_have_made_ _cling to_me ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh the_utterance_of **YHWH** to_be to_ _me (into)_a_people and_(into)_a_name and_(into)_praise and_ _(into)_honour and_not they_listened.
12 And_you_will_speak[96] to_them ~~ĐOM~~ the_message the_this thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says every_of jar it_ _will_be_filled wine and_they_will_say to_you indeed_(know) not do_we_know if/because_that every_of jar it_will_be_filled wine. **13** And_you_will_say[97] to_them thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_fill ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_inhabitants_of the_ _earth/land (the)_this and_~~ĐOM~~ the_kings who_sit for_Dāvid on throne_of_his and_~~ĐOM~~ the_priests and_~~ĐOM~~ the_prophets and_ _~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) drunkenness. **14** And_I_will_smash_them each to his/its_ _brother and_the_parents and_the_children alike the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** not I_will_show_pity and_not I_will_have_ _mercy and_not I_will_have_compassion from_destroying_ _them.

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own inheritance and their own land. **16** If they'll properly learn the ways of my people, to make promises using my name saying, 'As Yahweh lives,' instead of how my people were taught to make promises by Ba'al, then they'll prosper and be my people again. **17** However if they won't listen when I uproot the nation, then I'll uproot it to destroy it. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yirmiyah buries a loincloth · Southern kingdom

13:1 Yahweh told me this: Go and buy yourself a linen loincloth and put it on, but don't let it get near water. **2** So I bought a loincloth as Yahweh had told me to, and I put it on. **3** Then Yahweh gave me a second instruction, saying: **4** Take the loincloth that you bought and you're wearing, and pack up and go to Perat (Euphrates)[95] and bury it in a crack in the rock. **5** So I went and hid it at Perat just as Yahweh had told me to.

6 Then after many days, Yahweh told me to get ready and go to Perat to retrieve the loincloth that he'd told me to bury there. **7** So I went to Perat and dug the loincloth out from the crack that I'd hidden it in, but wow, it was ruined and totally worthless.

8 Then Yahweh gave me this message: **9** Yahweh says that I'll rot away the pride of Yehudah (Judah), including the pride of the great Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **10** That wicked nation that refused to listen to my messages, who are following their own stubborn desires and have followed other god by serving them and bowing down to them, let that nation become like that loincloth that's no good for anything. **11** Yahweh declares that just like a loincloth is hitched to someone's hips, so too I've made all those from Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah cling to me, to be my people who would bring me fame, praise, and honour, but they didn't listen.

Filled with wine · Southern kingdom

12 So you must pass this message along to them: Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says that every jar will be filled with wine, and they'll tell you, 'Of course we know that every jar will be filled with wine.' **13** So tell them that Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm about to fill all the inhabitants of this land with drunkenness—the kings that sit of David's throne, the priests and prophets, and all of Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants. **14** Then Yahweh declares: I'll cause a drunken brawl among brothers, parents, and children. I won't pity you or have compassion, and I won't spare them from destruction.

95 **RV 13:4 · Note** About 6km away from Anatot. It's possible that the Perat River is being referred to here, although less likely as that was a trip of over a thousand kilometres.

96 **LV 13:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

97 **LV 13:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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15 Listen and pay attention.
Don't be arrogant, because Yahweh has spoken.

Yirmiyah warns against pride · Southern kingdom

16 Give honour to your god Yahweh before he brings darkness,
and before he causes you all to stumble on the mountains at twilight,
because you're hoping for light, but he'll turn the place into deep darkness—into a dark cloud.
17 But if you all won't listen,
I'll weep in private because of your arrogance.
Tears will run down my eyes because Yahweh's flock has been taken captive.
18 Tell the king and the queen mother to take a low seat
because their splendid crowns have been removed from their heads.
19 The cities of the Negev have been shut up,
and there's no one to open them again.
Yehudah (Judah) has been taken into exile—
they've all been taken far away.
20 Look up and see them coming from the north.
Where's the flock that was given to you—those beautiful sheep?
21 What will you say when the allies that you taught, he sets over you?
Won't labour pains hit you like a woman giving birth?
22 Then as a country you'll ask why those things have happened to you.
It's the magnitude of your disobedience that's caused your skirt to be lifted
and your body to be treated with violence.
23 An Kushi (Ethiopian) person can't change their skin colour
and a leopard can't change its spots.
Similarly you all aren't able to do good
as you're all so accustomed to doing evil.
24 I'll scatter them like straw that's blown across the wilderness by the wind.
25 Yahweh declares that that's your part of your inheritance
as you've forgotten me and trusted in lies.
26 So I'll also pull your skirt up over your face
and then your shame will become visible.
27 I've seen your adultery and neighing—
the wickedness of your prostitution on the hills and across the countryside.
I've seen your detestable behaviour.
You won't end well, Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
How long will you remain 'unclean'?

The terrible drought · Southern kingdom

14:1 This is Yahweh's message to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) regarding droughts:

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15 Hear and_give_ear do_not be_haughty if/because **YHWH** he_
_has_spoken. **16** Give to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) glory
before_before he_will_bring_darkness and_before feet_of_
_your(pl) they_will_stumble on mountains_of twilight and_
_you(pl)_will_wait for_light and_he_will_make_it into_deep_
_darkness and_to_make_it[98] into_thick_darkness. **17** And_if not
you(pl)_will_listen_to_it in_secret_places self_of_my it_will_
_weep from_face/in_front_of pride and_bitterly_(weep) it_will_
weep and eye_of_my _it_will_run_down tear[s] if/because
the_flock_of **YHWH** it_has_been_taken_captive. **18** Say to/for_
_the_king and_to_queen-mother make_low sit if/because it_
_has_come_down of_your(pl)_head_of_the_place the_crown_of
your_splendour_of_your(pl). **19** The_cities_of the_Negeѵ they_
_have_been_shut_up and_there_is_not one_who_opens
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_has_been_taken_into_exile of_it_of_all it_
_has_been_taken_into_exile completeness(es). **20** Lift_up[99]
your(pl)_eyes and[100] the_(ones_who)_went from_the_north
where is_the_flock which_it_was_given to/for_you(fs) the_
_sheep_of your_beauty_of_your. **21** What will_you_say
if/because he_will_appoint over_you and_you you_taught ~~ᴅǫᴍ~~_
_them over_you close_friends to_chief am_not labour-pains
will_they_seize_you like a_woman_of giving_birth. **22** And_
_because/when you_will_say in_heart_of_your why have_they_
_happened_to_me these_things in_the_greatness_of your_
_iniquity_of_your of_your(pl)_robe_of_the_skirts they_have_
_been_uncovered heels_of_your they_have_suffered_violence.
23 Will_ a_Kūshiy/(Cushite) _he_change skin_of_his and_a_
_leopard spots_of_its also you(pl) you(pl)_will_be_able to_do_
_good Oh_those_accustomed_of (of)_to_do_evil. **24** And_I_will_
_scatter_them like_chaff which_passes_away to/for_
_wind/breath/spirit the_wilderness. **25** This lot_of_is_your the_
_portion_of your(pl)_measure(s)_of_your from_with_me the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** that you_have_forgotten me and_you_
_have_trusted in_falsehood. **26** And_also I I_will_strip_off of_
_your(pl)_robe_of_the_skirts over face_of_your and_ shame_of_
_your _it_will_be_visible. **27** Adulteri(es)_of_your and_
_neighings_of_your the_wickedness_of your_prostitution_of_
_your on hills in_the_field I_have_seen things_of_your_
_detestable woe to/for_you(fs) Oh_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
not you_are_clean after when yet.

14:1 That_which the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to
Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) on the_matters_of the_droughts.
2 Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_is_in_mourning and_gates_of_its they_

98 LV 13:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **תישו**: (x-qere) '**תֵּישֵׁ/ו**': lemma_c/7896 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqc id_24Xqr **תֵּישֵׁ/ו**

99 LV 13:20 · Note OSHB variant note: **יאש**: (x-qere) '**וְאָשׁ**': lemma_5375 morph_HVqv2mp id_246ev **וְאָשׁ**

100 LV 13:20 · Note OSHB variant note: **יאר/ו**: (x-qere) '**וְאָר/ו**': lemma_c/7200 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqv2mp id_24dmq **וְאָר/ו**

Literal Version

_are_languishing they_are_in_mourning to_earth and_the_
_outcry_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_has_gone_up. **3** And_
_their_noble_of_ones they_have_sent mmm[101] for_water they_
_have_come to the_cisterns not they_have_found water they_
_have_returned vessels_of empty they_are_ashamed and_they_
_are_humiliated and_they_have_covered head_of_their. **4** In_
_account_of the_soil which_it_is_cracked if/because not rain it_
_has_come on_the_earth farmers they_are_ashamed they_
_have_covered head_of_their. **5** If/because also a_doe in_the_
_field it_has_given_birth and_it_has_abandoned if/because not
fresh_grass it_is. **6** And_wild_donkeys they_have_stood on the_
_bare_heights they_have_panted_for breath like_jackals eyes_
_of_their they_have_failed if/because there_is_not vegetation.
7 Though iniquities_of_our they_have_testified against_us Oh_
_**YHWH** act for_the_sake_of your(ms)_name if/because
apostasies_of_our they_are_many to/for_yourself(m) we_have_
_sinned. **8** Oh_hope_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) deliverer_of_its in_a_
_time_of distress to/for_what are_you like_a_sojourner on_the_
_earth and_like_a_traveller who_he_has_turned_aside to_
_spend_the_night. **9** To/for_what are_you like_a_person
astounded like_a_warrior who_not he_is_able to_save and_
_you(ms) are_in_midst_of_our Oh_**YHWH** and_name_of_your
on_us it_is_called do_not abandon_us. **10** Thus **YHWH** he_says
of_people the_this thus they_have_loved to_wander feet_of_
_their not they_have_restrained and_**YHWH** not he_has_
_accepted_them now he_will_remember iniquity_of_their and_
_he_will_punish sins_of_their. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_
_me do_not pray for the_people the_this for_good.
12 If/because they_will_fast not_I will_be_listening to of_
_entreaty_of_their_cry and_because/when they_will_offer_up
a_burnt_offering and_a_grain_offering not_I will_of_be_
_accepting_them if/because by_sword and_by_famine and_by_
_pestilence I will_be_bringing_to_an_end them. **13** And_I_said
alas my_master **YHWH** HERE the_prophets are_saying to/for_
_them not you(pl)_will_see sword and_famine not it_will_
_happen to/for_you(pl) if/because peace_of reliability I_will_
_give to/for_you(pl) in_place (the)_this. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_
_said to_me falsehood the_prophets are_prophesying in_name_
_of_my not I_sent_them and_not I_appointed_them and_not I_
_spoke to_them a_vision_of falsehood and_divination and[102]
and[103] their_own_heart_of_their they are_prophesying to_
_you(pl). **15** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says on the_
_prophets who_are_prophesying in_name_of_my and_I not I_
_sent_them and_they are_saying sword and_famine not it_will_
_happen on_the_earth (the)_this by_sword and_by_famine the_
_prophets (the)_those they_will_meet_their_end. **16** And_the_
_people whom they are_prophesying to/for_them they_will_be
thrown_out in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_
_face/in_front_of the_famine and_the_sword and_there_will_
_not_be one_who_buries for_them them wives_of_their and_
_sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their and_I_will_pour_out on_
_them ~~DOM~~ wickedness_of_their. **17** And_you_will_speak to_
_them ~~DOM~~ the_message the_this eyes_of_my let_them_run_

Readers' Version

2 Yehudah (Judah) is in mourning and its gates are neglected.
They're mourning for the land
and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) is crying out in distress.
3 The leading citizens send their servants out for water,
but when they get to the wells, they didn't find any.
They return with empty containers—
ashamed and humiliated, and with their heads covered in grief.
4 The ground is cracked open because there hasn't been any rain.
The farmers are ashamed—they've covered their heads in grief,
5 because even the doe in the countryside abandoned her newborn fawn as there was no grass.
6 Wild donkeys stand on bare hills and pant for breath like jackals—
their eyes have failed because there's no vegetation.
7 Even though our transgressions testify against us,
do something, Yahweh, for the sake of your reputation
because we sinned against you with our frequent rebellion.
8 You are Yisrael's (Israel's) hope—the one who rescues it at a time of distress.
Why would you act like a stranger in the land—
like a traveller who's stopped in to stay the night.
9 Why are you like someone just standing there with their mouth open—
like a warrior who's powerless to save someone?
You're here among us, Yahweh, and we've been calling out to you to rescue us.
Don't abandon us.
10 This is what Yahweh says about this nation:
They love to wander, so they've gone wherever their feet take them,
→but Yahweh hasn't accepted them.
Now he'll remember their wickedness
and he'll punish them for their disobedience.
11 Yahweh told me, "Don't pray for good to come to this nation
12 because even if they fast, I won't listen to their petition, and when they offer up a burnt offering and a grain offering, I won't be accepting them, because I'm bringing an end to them by the sword, and famine, and disease."
13 Then I said, "Oh no, my master Yahweh. Listen, the prophets are telling the people that they won't experience war or famine because you'll give them ongoing peace in this place."
14 "The prophets use my name but speak deceitfully," Yahweh answered. "I didn't appoint them and I didn't send them, and I didn't give them a false vision. The worthless prophecies that they're proclaiming to you all come from their own minds."

101 LV 14:3 · Note OSHB variant note: **הם/ירועצ**: (x-qere) 'הֶם/יִרְיְעֻצ': lemma_6810 n_1.0 morph_HAampc/Sp3mp id_24rN2 הֶם/יִרְיְעֻצ

102 LV 14:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ולולא**: (x-qere) 'וְלִילֵאָל': lemma_c/457 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsa id_249Yo וְלִילֵאָל

103 LV 14:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ותומרת**: (x-qere) 'וְתֵימַרַת': lemma_c/8649 b morph_HC/Ncfsc id_24t1Z וְתֵימַרַת

Readers' Version

15 Therefore Yahweh says, "Now those prophets who I never sent but who are using my name and say that no war or famine will happen in this region, well those prophets will meet their own ends through war and famine. 16 Then the people that they prophesied to will be thrown out into Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) streets because of famine and war. No one will be there to bury them or their wives, sons, or daughters, as I'll pour their wickedness out onto them.

17 Then you'll pass this message onto them:
Day and night the tears run down my eyes.
Don't let them stop, because of the terrible damage
as my virgin daughter has been shattered—
my people have received a very severe wound.

18 If I go out into the countryside, wow, I see those who were killed by the sword.
Then if I go into the city, wow, there's diseases caused by famine,
because both prophets and priests have gone into a land that they weren't familiar with.

Pleading for mercy · Southern kingdom

19 Have you completely rejected Yehudah (Judah)?
Do you really hate Tsiyon (Zion)?
Why have you struck us when there's no healing for us?
We eagerly hoped for peace, but there was nothing good.
We hoped for a time of healing, but wow, we got terror!

20 Yahweh, we acknowledge our wickedness—
the transgression of our ancestors.
Yes, we've sinned against you.

21 For the sake of your reputation, don't reject us.
Don't treat the place hosting your wonderful throne with contempt.
Remember your agreement with us, and don't break it.

22 Do those useless idols from other countries send rain?
Do they cause showers to fall?
Isn't it you, our god Yahweh, who does that?
We eagerly wait for you, because you're the one who does all those things.

Yehudah's coming destruction · Southern kingdom

15:1 Then Yahweh told me, "Even if Mosheh (Moses)[104] or Shmuel (Samuel)[105] were standing in front of me, I still wouldn't be in favour of this group of people. Send them out away from me, and let them go away. 2 If anyone comes to ask you where they should go, tell them that this is what Yahweh says:
Those who are destined for death, will die.
Those for the sword, will die in war.
Those for famine, will suffer starvation.

Literal Version

_down tear[s] night and_by_day and_not let_them_cease if/because a_breaking great the_virgin_of the_daughter_of my_ _people_of_my she_has_been_broken a_wound severe very. 18 If I_went_out the_field and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE those_slain_of a_ _sword and_if I_went the_city and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE diseases_of famine if/because both prophet as_well_as priest they_have_ _gone_about to a_land and_not they_know.

19 Utterly_(reject) have_you_rejected ÐØM Yəhūdāh/(Judah) or (in)_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) self_of_your does_it_abhor why have_ _you(pl)_struck_us and_there_is_not to/for_us healing we_ _waited_eagerly for_peace and_there_was_not good and_for_a_ _time_of healing and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE terror. 20 We_know Oh_ _**YHWH** wickedness_of_our the_iniquity_of our_ancestors_of_ _our if/because we_have_sinned to/for_you(fs). 21 Do_not spurn for_the_sake_of name_of_your do_not treat_with_ _contempt the_throne_of your_glory_of_your remember do_ _not break covenant_of_your with_us. 22 Are_there among_the_ _vanities_of the_nations those_who_send_rain and_if the_ _heavens do_they_give showers not you is_it Oh_**YHWH** god_ _of_our and_we_wait_eagerly for_you if/because you you_have_ _done ÐØM all_of these_things.

15:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me if Mosheh and_ _Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) he_will_stand to/for_my_face/front not soul_of_my will_be_to the_people the_this send_them_away from_under face_of_my and_let_them_go_out. 2 And_it_was if/because they_will_say to_you where will_we_go_out and_ _you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** he_says those_who are_for_ _death to_death and_which are_for_sword to_sword and_which are_for_famine to_famine and_which are_for_captivity to_ _captivity. 3 And_I_will_appoint over_them four kinds the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** ÐØM the_drought//sword/knife to_kill and_ÐØM the_dogs to_drag_away and_ÐØM the_bird[s]_of the_ _heavens and_ÐØM the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land to_devour

104 RV 15:1 · Cross-ref. Exo 32:11-14; Num 14:13-19.

105 RV 15:1 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 7:5-9.

Literal Version

and_to_destroy. **4** And_I_will_make_them mmm[108] to_
_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land on_
_account_of Mənashsheh the_son_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) on that_which he_did in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **5** If/because who will_he_have_
_compassion on_you Oh_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_who
will_he_show_sympathy to/for_you(fs) and_who will_he_turn_
_aside to_ask to_welfare to/for_you(fs). **6** You you_abandoned
ᴅᴏᴍ_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** backwards you_go and_I_
_have_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_my on_you and_I_have_
_destroyed_you I_had_wearied_myself to_relent. **7** And_I_have_
_winnowed_them with_a_winnowing_fork in_the_gates_of the_
_earth/land I_have_made_childless I_have_destroyed ᴅᴏᴍ
people_of_my from_ways_of_their not they_have_turned_away.
8 They_are_numerous to_me widows_of_its[109] more_than_the_
_sand_of the_seas I_have_brought to/for_them on a_mother a_
_young_man a_destroyer at_noon(s) I_have_made_fall
on/upon_it(f) suddenly anguish and_sudden_terror. **9** The_one_
_who_bore_of (of)_the_seven_children she_has_languished it_
_has_panted breath_of_her it_went[110] sun_of_her while_still
by_day she_is_ashamed and_she_is_abashed and_remnant_of_
_their to_sword I_will_give to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
enemies_of_their the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

10 Woe to_me my_mother_of_my that/for/because/then/when
you_gave_birth_to_me a_man_of strife and_a_man_of
contention to/from_all/each/any/every the_earth/land not I_
_have_lent and_not people_have_lent to_me of_it_of_all are_
_cursing_of_me. **11** **YHWH** he_said if not mmm[111][112] for_good if
not I_will_cause_to_plead in_you(ms) in_a_time_of evil and_in_
_a_time_of distress ᴅᴏᴍ the_enemy. **12** Will_it_break iron iron
from_the_north and_bronze. **13** Wealth_of_your and_treasures_
_of_your to_plunder I_will_give not for_price and_on/over_all
sins_of_your and_on/over_all territories_of_your. **14** And_I_
_will_make_to_pass ᴅᴏᴍ enemies_of_your in_land which_not
you_have_known if/because a_fire it_has_been_kindled in_
_anger_of_my towards_you(pl) it_will_burn. **15** You you_know
Oh_**YHWH** remember_me and_visit_me and_avenge_yourself
to_me from_those_of_who_harass_me do_not to_the_length_of
your_anger_of_your take_me_away know bearing_my on_you

Readers' Version

Those for exile, will be taken away in captivity.[106]
3 Yahweh declares that he'll assign them to four groups:
1. killed by the sword,
2. dragged away by wild dogs,
3. assigned to the birds of prey, and
4. assigned to be devoured and destroyed by wild animals.
4 Because of what Yehudah's (Judah's) King Menasheh (Manasseh) did in Yerushalem (Jerusalem),[107] I'll make people in all the world's nations be horrified by them.
5 Yes, who will feel sorry for you, Yerushalem,
and who will show sympathy for you?
Who will go out of their way to ask about your welfare?
6 Yahweh declares: You've forsaken me—
you've turned your back on me
so I've used my power against you to destroy you.
I'm tired of letting you off.
7 So I'll winnow them with a pitchfork at the country's gates.
I'll make them childless, thus destroying my people
as they haven't turned from their own ways.
8 I'll make more widows for them than sand grains on the beach.
I'll send a destroyer against the mothers of their young men at midday.
I'll make shock and horror fall on them suddenly.
9 The mother who has borne seven children will waste away.
She'll gasp—her sun will set while it is still daytime.
She'll be ashamed and embarrassed, because I will give those who remain
to be killed by the sword in their enemies' presence.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yirmiyah's complaint to Yahweh · Southern kingdom

10 Poor me, mother, that you gave birth to me—
a man of strife and contention throughout the entire region.
I haven't lent money or borrowed it
yet they all curse me.
11 Yahweh said,
Won't I rescue you for good?
Won't I make your enemies plead with you
in a time of evil and distress?
12 Can anyone break iron—
iron from the north, or bronze?
13 I'll give your wealth and treasures to your enemies as plunder without them having to pay

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106 **RV 15:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:10.

107 **RV 15:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 21:1-16; 2Ch 33:1-9.

108 **LV 15:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הַעוז/ל**: (x-qere) **הָֽוַּעַז/לְ**: lemma_l/2189 n_1.1 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_24U8E **הָֽוַּעַז/לְ**

109 **LV 15:8 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

110 **LV 15:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **האב**: (x-qere) **אָֽבְ**: lemma_935 morph_HVqp3ms id_24x3o **אָֽבְ**

111 **LV 15:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/תורש**: (x-qere) **ךָ/יִתְיָרֵֽשׁ**: lemma_8281 n_1.0 morph_HVpp1cs/Sp2ms id_24gHx **ךָ/יִתְיָרֵֽשׁ**

112 **LV 15:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

as the price for all your sins committed across all your territories.
14 Then I'll make you serve your enemies in a land that you hadn't been to before
because the fire of my anger towards you all has been kindled and will burn.
15 Yahweh, you know my situation.
Take note of my situation and bring your vengeance to those harassing me.
Don't be patient with them and let them take me away.
Know that I suffer reproach for your sake.
16 Your messages were found and I consumed them.
Your message to me made me happy and gave me cause for celebration
because I bear your name, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, god of armies.
17 I didn't sit among the gathering of the merry makers,
but rather, I enjoyed feeling your presence.
I sat alone because you'd filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain ongoing and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Will you be like a spring that lets me down when its supply is unreliable?
19 So Yahweh said this:
If you return to me, then I'll restore you and you'll stand in front of me
because if you separate out the foolish things from the precious things,
you will be like my mouth. The people will come back to you,
but you yourself mustn't go back to them.
20 I'll make you like an impenetrable bronze wall to this people,
and they'll fight against you.
However, they won't defeat you,
because I'll be with you to save you, and to rescue you.
That is Yahweh's declaration. **21** Then I'll rescue you from the plots of wicked people
and I'll buy your freedom from the ruthless people.

Yirmiyah advised not to marry · Southern kingdom

16:1 Then Yahweh gave me a message, telling me: **2** Don't get married and don't have children in this place **3** because Yahweh says this to the children born in this place and to the parents who brought them into this world:
4 They'll die from disease and not be mourned or buried—
they'll be like dung on the ground.
They'll come to their ends through war and famine,
and their corpses will become food for the birds and the wild animals.
5 Yes, Yahweh says this:
Don't enter a home where there's a funeral.

Literal Version

reproach. **16** words_of_your they_were_found and_I_ate_them and_he/it_was mmm[113] to_me (into)_a_joy and_(into)_the_ _rejoicing_of my_heart_of_my if/because name_of_your it_is_ _called on_me Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers. **17** Not I_sat in_the_assembly_of merry_makers and_I_rejoiced from_face/in_front_of hand_of_your alone I_sat if/because indignation you_filled_me. **18** To/for_what pain_of_my is_it perpetuity and_wound_of_my incurable it_has_refused to_be_ _healed surely_(be) you_are to_me like a_deceitful_thing waters which_not they_are_reliable. **19** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says if you_will_return and_I_will_restore_you to/for_my_ _face/front you_will_stand and_if you_will_bring_forth the_ _precious from_that_which_is_worthless like_mouth_of_my you_will_be they they_will_return to_you and_you(ms) not you_must_return to_them. **20** And_I_will_make_you for_people the_this into_a_wall_of bronze fortified and_people_will_fight against_you and_not they_will_prevail to/for_you(fs) if/because will_be_with_you I to_save_you and_to_deliver_you the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **21** And_I_will_deliver_you from_the_ _hand_of wicked_people and_I_will_ransom_you from_the_ _palm_of ruthless_people.

16:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Not you_must_take to/for_yourself(m) a_wife and_not they_ _will_belong to/for_yourself(m) sons and_daughters in_place (the)_this. **3** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says on the_sons and_ _on the_daughters (the)_born in_place the_this and_on mothers_of_their who_bore them and_on fathers_of_their who_ _fathered them on_the_earth (the)_this. **4** Deaths_of diseases they_will_die not they_will_be_mourned and_not they_will_be_ _buried (into)_dung on the_surface_of the_soil they_will_ _become and_by_sword and_by_famine they_will_come_to_an_ _end and_ corpse[s]_of_their _it_will_become for_food for_the_ _bird[s]_of the_heavens and_for_the_animal[s]_of the_ _earth/land. **5** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says do_not enter a_ _house_of mourning and_do_not go to_lament and_do_not

113 LV 15:16 · Note OSHB variant note: יר֣בד/ךָ֣: (x-qere) רָבַ֣דְתָּ֣: lemma_1697 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_24Wom יר֣בד/ךָ֣

Literal Version

show_sympathy to/for_them if/because I_have_withdrawn ~~DOM~~ peace_of_my from_with the_people the_this the_utterance_of **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_covenant_loyalty and_~~DOM~~ (the)_ _compassion(s). **6** And_ great_people and_insignificant_people _ _they_will_die on_the_earth (the)_this not they_will_be_buried and_not people_will_mourn to/for_them and_not anyone_will_ _cut_himself and_not anyone_will_make_himself_bald to/for_ _them. **7** And_not people_will_break to/for_them on mourning to_comfort_him on a_dead_person and_not people_will_give_ _to_drink them a_cup_of consolations on his/its_father and_on his/its_mother. **8** And_a_house_of a_feast not you_must_go to_ _sit with_them to_eat and_to_drink. **9** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_cause_to_cease from the_place the_this to_eyes_ _of_your(pl) and_in_days_of_your(pl) the_sound_of joy and_ _the_sound_of gladness the_sound_of a_bridegroom and_the_ _sound_of a_bride. **10** And_it_was if/because you_will_tell to_ _people the_this ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages the_these and_they_will_say to_you concerning what **YHWH** has_he_ _spoken on_us ~~DOM~~ all_of the_calamity (the)_great (the)_this and_what iniquity_of_is_our and_what sin_of_is_our which we_ _have_sinned to/for_**YHWH** god_of_our. **11** And_you_will_say to_them on that ancestors_of_your(pl) they_abandoned me the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_they_walked after gods other and_they_served_them and_they_bowed_down to/for_them and_me they_abandoned and_~~DOM~~ law_of_my not they_kept. **12** And_you(pl) you(pl)_have_done_evil for_doing more_than_ _of_your(pl)_ancestors and_here_you(pl) are_walking everyone after the_stubbornness_of his/its_heart (the)_wicked to_not to_ _listen to_me. **13** And_I_will_hurl you(pl) from_under the_ _earth/land (the)_this to the_earth/land which not you(pl) and_ancestors_of_your(pl) you(pl)_have_known and_you(pl)_ _will_serve there ~~DOM~~ gods other by_day and_night that not I_ _will_give to/for_you(pl) favour.

14 For_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_not it_will_be_said again by_the_life of_**YHWH** who he_brought_up ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **15** If/because (if) by_the_life of_ _**YHWH** who he_brought_up ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_a_land_of the_north and_from_all the_lands where he_ _had_banished_them to_(to) and_I_will_bring_them_back to land_of_their which I_gave to_ancestors_of_their.

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Don't go to mourn or to show sympathy to them,
because I've withdrawn my peace from this people,
as well as my compassion and loyal commitment.
That is Yahweh's declaration. **6** Both the important people and the ordinary people will die in this land.
They won't be buried and no one will mourn for them,
or cut themselves or shave off their hair to show grief for them.
7 No one must share any food to comfort those in mourning because of the deaths,
and no one must give a comforting cup to his father or mother.
8 Don't go to a dining establishment to sit with them to eat and drink
9 because Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Listen, right in front of your eyes, in your lifetime and in this place,
I'm about to make the sounds of happiness and gladness cease—
including the sounds of brides and grooms.[114]
10 Then when you pass on all these messages to the people, they'll ask you:
Why has Yahweh decreed all this terrible calamity against us,
and what wickedness or sin have we committed against our god Yahweh?
11 So give them this declaration from Yahweh:
It's because your ancestors followed after foreign gods and served them and bowed down to them.
They abandoned me and didn't follow my instructions.
12 Then you yourselves have done even more wickedness than your ancestors,
and everyone of you is walking by the stubbornness of their wicked heart—
not listening to me.
13 So I will throw you all out of this land,
to a land that neither you or your ancestors have been to.
14 Now listen, Yahweh declares:
Because of that the days are coming when they'll no longer say,
'As Yahweh, the one who brought the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), lives.'
15 Instead they'll say:
'As Yahweh lives, the one who brought the Israelis back from the land of the north
and from the lands where he had driven them,'
because I'll bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors.

Return from exile · Southern kingdom

114 RV 16:9 · Cross-ref. Jer 7:34; 25:10; Rev 18:23.

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The coming punishment · Southern kingdom

16 Listen, Yahweh declares:
I'll send for many fishermen to fish the people out.
After that, I'll send for many hunters
to hunt them from under every mountain and hill, and from the crevices in the rocks
17 because I'm watching everything they do
and their wicked behaviour can't be hidden from me.
18 Firstly, I'll pay back double for their disobedience and wickedness,
because of their polluting my land with their detestable carvings,
and because they filled my inheritance with their disgusting idols."

Yirmiyah thanks for safety · Southern kingdom

19 Yahweh, you're my fortress and my refuge—
my place of safety in any distressing time.
The nations will go to you from the ends of the earth and say,
"Surely our ancestors inherited lies—
Those idols are a waste of time and there's no profit in them.
20 Can people make their own gods?
Well, they're not gods at all!
21 So listen, I'm about to demonstrate that at this time—
I'll reveal my power and activity to them
and then they'll know that my name is Yahweh.

Yehudah's sin and punishment · Southern kingdom

17:1 Yehudah's (Judah's) sin is written with an iron stylus that has a diamond point.
It's engraved on the tablet which is their hearts, and on the projecting corners of your altars.
2 Even their children remember their altars and their Asherah poles
that were beside the luxuriant trees and on the high hills—
3 even on my mountain in the countryside.
I'll give your wealth and all your treasures to be plundered by others
because of your sin on your hilltop shrines throughout all your territories.
4 You'll have to let go the inheritance that I gave you.
I'll make your serve your enemies in a land that you've never been to,
because you've ignited a fire in my anger which will burn forever.

Various sayings

5 Yahweh says this:
Anyone who trusts in humankind will be cursed—
trusting in their own physical strength turns their hearts away from Yahweh.
6 They're like shrubs in the desert, unable to see any good coming,

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16 HERE_I am_about_to_send mmm[115] many the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_they_will_fish_them_out and_after thus I_will_send many hunters and_they_will_hunt_them from_under every_of mountain and_from_on every_of hill and_from_the_clefts_of the_rocks. **17** If/because eyes_of_my are_on all_of ways_of_their not they_have_been_hidden from_before_face_of_me and_not iniquity_of_their it_has_been_concealed from_before eyes_of_ _my. **18** And_I_will_repay first the_double_of their_iniquity_of_ _their and_sin_of_their because they_have_profaned ~~DOM~~ land_ _of_my with_the_corpse[s]_of their_detestable_things_of_their and_abominations_of_their they_have_filled ~~DOM~~ inheritance_ _of_my.

19 Oh_**YHWH** strength_of_my and_stronghold_of_my and_my_ _place_of_of_escape in/on_day trouble to_you nations they_ _will_come from_the_ends the_earth and_they_will_say surely falsehood ancestors_of_our they_possessed futility and_there_ _was_not in_them that_which_profits. **20** Will_he_make for_ _him/it anyone gods and_they not are_gods. **21** For_ _so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_of_to_make_them_know at_ _time (the)_this I_will_make_them_know ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my and_ _~~DOM~~ might_of_my and_they_will_know if/because_that name_ _of_my is_**YHWH**.

17:1 The_sin_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) is_inscribed with_a_stylus_of iron with_a_point_of diamond it_is_engraved on the_tablet_of their_heart_of_their and_to_the_horns_of your(pl)_altars_of_ _your(pl). **2** Just_ children_of_their _as_remember altars_of_ _their and_their_'Ashērāh_poles at tree[s] luxuriant on hills (the)_high. **3** Mountain_of_my in_the_field wealth_of_your all_ _of treasures_of_your to_plunder I_will_give places_of_your_ _high for_sin in_all territories_of_your. **4** And_you_will_let_fall and_in_you from_inheritance_of_your which I_gave to/for_ _you(fs) and_I_will_make_you_serve ~~DOM~~ enemies_of_your on_ _the_earth which not you_know if/because a_fire you(pl)_have_ _kindled in_anger_of_my until perpetuity it_will_burn.

5 Thus **YHWH** he_says the_man who he_trusts in_humankind and_he_makes flesh strength_of_his and_from **YHWH** his/its_ _heart it_turns_aside is_cursed. **6** And_it_was like_a_bush in_ _plain and_not he_will_see if/because good it_will_come and_ _he_will_dwell parched_places in_wilderness a_land_of saltiness and_not anyone_dwells. **7** The_man who he_trusts in_ _**YHWH** is_blessed and_ **YHWH** _it_was of_confidence_of_his_

115 LV 16:16 · Note OSHB variant note: מיגוד/ל: (x-qere) מְיַגֵּיד/לִ': lemma_l/1771 morph_HR/Ncmpa id_24Jp4 מְיַגֵּיד/ל

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_object. **8** And_it_was like_a_tree planted at water and_which_
_at a_stream it_sends_out roots_of_its and_not it_will_see[119]
if/because heat it_will_come and_it_was leafage_of_its
luxuriant and_in_year_of drought not it_will_be_anxious and_
_not it_will_cease from_producing fruit. **9** Is_deceitful the_
_heart from_all and_is_incurable it who will_he_know_it. **10** I
YHWH am_searching the_heart I_am_testing the_kidneys
(and)_to_give to_everyone his_ways[120] to_the_fruit_of his_
_deeds_of_his. **11** A_partridge which_it_gathers_a_brood and_
_not it_has_laid one_who_makes wealth and_not with_justice
in_the_middle_of his[121] it_will_leave_him and_at_end_of_his
he_will_be a_fool.

12 Is_a_throne_of glory a_high_place from_first_time the_place_
_of our_sanctuary_of_our. **13** Oh_hope_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) Oh_
_**YHWH** all_of those_of_who_abandon_you they_will_be_
_ashamed mmm[122] on_the_earth they_will_be_written_down
if/because they_have_abandoned the_spring_of water living
~~DOM~~ **YHWH**. **14** Heal_me Oh_**YHWH** and_I_will_be_healed save_
_me and_I_will_be_saved if/because praise_of_are_my you.
15 HERE they are_saying to_me where is_the_message_of
YHWH let_it_come please. **16** And_I not I_have_hastened from_
_a_shepherd after_you and_a_day incurable not I_have_desired
you you_know the_utterance_of my_lips_of_my in_front_of
face_of_your it_was. **17** Do_not become to_me (into)_a_terror
refuge_of_are_my you in/on_day calamity. **18** Those_of_who_
_pursue_me let_them_be_put_to_shame and_not I let_me_be_
_put_to_shame they let_them_be_dismayed and_not I let_me_
_be_dismayed bring on_them a_day_of calamity and_double
breaking break_them.

Readers' Version

and they'll live in dry parts of the wilderness
that's salty and with no one else living there.
7 The person who trusts in Yahweh will be blessed,
as they put their confidence in him.
8 That person will be like a tree planted by a stream
that sends its roots out to the water.
It has nothing to fear when the heat comes and its leaves stay green.
It has nothing to be afraid of in a drought year
and it won't stop producing fruit.[116]
9 Human motives are the most deceitful of all.
They can't be cured—who can determine them?
10 I am Yahweh who searches the mind.
I test the motives.[117]
I give to everyone according to the results of their actions.[118]
11 A partridge hatches an egg that it didn't lay.
Someone might get rich by unjust means
but right in the middle of their life it'll leave them
and in the end, that person will be a fool.

Yirmiyah's request to Yahweh

12 The place of our sanctuary from the beginning has been like a splendid throne on a high place.
13 You, Yahweh are the one that Yisrael (Israel) puts their hope in.
All who abandon you will be put to shame.
Those who turn away from you will be written on the ground,
because they've forsaken Yahweh—the fountain of living waters.
14 Heal me, Yahweh, and I'll be healed.
Rescue me, and I'll be rescued,
because you are the one I praise.
15 Listen, they're asking me,
Where is Yahweh's message? Let it come.
16 As for me, I didn't run from being a shepherd following you.
I didn't long for the day of disaster.
You know everything I said—it was said in your presence.
17 Don't become a terror to me.
You're my place of safety when disaster comes.
18 Let my pursuers be ashamed, but don't let me be ashamed.
Let them be dismayed, but don't let me be dismayed.
Send the day of disaster against them
and shatter them with a double share of destruction.

116 RV 17:8 · Cross-ref. Psa 1:3.

117 RV 17:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 2:23.

118 RV 17:10 · Cross-ref. Psa 62:12.

119 LV 17:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **ארי**: (x-qere) 'הֶאֱרִי': lemma_7200 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqi3ms id_24agE הֶאֱרִי

120 LV 17:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **כ/כרד/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְכָרְדִ/כ': lemma_k/1870 n_0.1 morph_HR/Ncbpc/Sp3ms id_24nHt וְכָרְדִ/כ

121 LV 17:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **מי/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְעֹשֵׂ/מי': lemma_3117 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_24qJK וְעֹשֵׂ/מי

122 LV 17:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **רוסי/י**: (x-qere) 'יְרוּס/ו': lemma_c/5493 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqrmpc/Sp1cs id_24q5z יְרוּס/ו

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19 Yahweh told me this:
Go and stand in at gate of the people
where Yehudah's (Judah's) kings come and go,
then in all the other gates of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
20 Tell the people:
Listen to Yahweh's message, you kings of Yehudah and all you people of Yehudah,
and all of Yerushalem's residents who go in through those gates.
21 Yahweh says this:
Be careful for the sake of your lives
and on the rest day, don't carry a load to bring it to Yerushalem's gates.[123]
22 Don't bring a load out from your homes on the rest day.
Don't do any work, but set apart the rest day,
just as I instructed your ancestors to do.
23 They did not listen or pay attention,
but stubbornly refused to listen to me, nor did they accept discipline.
24 Yahweh declares that if you carefully listen to me
and don't bring a load to this city's gates on the rest day
but instead set apart the rest day for Yahweh, and don't do any work on it,
25 then kings, princes, and those who sit on David's throne
will come to this city's gates in chariots and on horses.
They'll come along with their leaders from Yehudah (Judah) including Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) residents,
and this city will be inhabited forever.
26 They'll come from Yehudah's cities including from all around Yerushalem,
from the Benyamin region and the foothills,
from the mountains, and from the Negev desert,
bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and frankincense,
as well as those who bring thank offerings to Yahweh's residence.
27 But if you don't listen to me
and don't set apart the rest day
and don't carry heavy loads to enter Yerushalem's gates on the rest day,
then I'll light a fire at its gates that will incinerate Yerushalem's fortresses,
and that won't be able to be put out.

Observing the rest day · Southern kingdom

18:1 Yahweh's message came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) to say, **2** "Get ready and go down to the potter's house, and I'll give

Yirmiyah visits the potter · Southern kingdom

Literal Version

19 Thus **YHWH** he_said to_me go and_you_will_stand in_the_ _gate_of the_sons_of the_people[124] which they_go in_him/it the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_which they_go_out in_ _him/it and_in_all_of the_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **20** And_you_will_say to_them hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_ _kings_of Yəhūdāh and_all Yəhūdāh and_all/each/any/every the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_(ones_who)_ _went in_gates the_these. **21** Thus **YHWH** he_says take_heed to_ _lives_of_your(pl) and_do_not carry a_burden in/on_day of_ _the_sabbath and_you(pl)_will_bring_it in_the_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **22** And_not you(pl)_must_bring_out a_burden from_houses_of_your(pl) in/on_day of_the_sabbath and_all work not you(pl)_must_do and_you(pl)_will_set_apart_ _as_holy ~~DOM~~ the_day_of the_sabbath just_as I_commanded ~~DOM~~ ancestors_of_your(pl). **23** And_not they_listened and_not they_ _inclined ~~DOM~~ ear_of_their and_they_stiffened ~~DOM~~ neck_of_ _their to_not to_listen[125] and_to_not to_accept correction. **24** And_it_was if carefully_(listen) you(pl)_will_listen to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** to_not to_bring a_burden in_the_ _gates_of the_city (the)_this in/on_day of_the_sabbath and_to_ _set_apart_as_holy ~~DOM~~ the_day_of the_sabbath to_not to_do in/on/at/with[126] any_of work. **25** And_they_will_come in_the_ _gates_of the_city (the)_this kings and_princes who_sit on the_ _throne_of Dāvid who_ride in_chariot[s] and_on_horses they and_officials_of_their everyone_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_ _inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ the_city (the)_ _this _it_will_remain forever_perpetuity. **26** And_they_will_ _come from_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_from_round_about_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_from_the_land_of Binyāmīn and_ _from the_Shephelah and_from the_hill_country and_from the_ _Negev those_who_bring burnt_offering and_sacrifice and_ _grain_offering and_frankincense and_those_who_bring_of (of)_a_thank-offering the_house_of **YHWH**. **27** And_if not you(pl)_will_listen to_me to_set_apart_as_holy ~~DOM~~ the_day_of the_sabbath and_to_not to_carry a_burden and_to_go in_the_ _gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in/on_day of_the_sabbath and_I_will_kindle a_fire in_gates_of_its and_it_will_consume the_fortresses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not it_will_be_ _extinguished.

18:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** to_say. **2** Arise and_you_will_go_down the_house_ _of the_potter and_there_(to) I_will_cause_you_to_hear ~~DOM~~ words/messages_of_my. **3** And_I_went_down the_house_of the_

123 **RV 17:21 · Cross-ref.** Neh 13:15-22.

124 **LV 17:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **עמ**: (x-qere) 'הָ/עָם': lemma_d/5971 a n_1.2 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_24Ddt הָ/עָם

125 **LV 17:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **עמוש**: (x-qere) 'עֹ֫רֶף': lemma_8085 n_0.1 morph_HVqc id_244aE עֹ֫רֶף

126 **LV 17:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/ב**: (x-qere) 'וְ/בְ': lemma_b n_0.0 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_248MU וְ/בְ

Literal Version

_potter and[127][128] was_doing work on the_two_stones. **4** And_ the_vessel which he was_making with_clay _it_was_spoiled in_ _the_hand_of the_potter and_he_would_return and_he_made_it a_vessel another just_as it_was_pleasing in/on_both_eyes_of the_potter for_doing. **5** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_saying. **6** Like_potter the_this not am_I_able for_doing to/for_you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH** HERE like_clay in_the_hand_of the_potter so you(pl) are_in_hand_of_my Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** A_moment I_will_speak on a_nation and_on a_kingdom to_pluck_up and_ _to_pull_down and_to_destroy. **8** And_ the_nation (the)_that _ _it_will_turn_away from_evil_of_its which I_had_spoken on/upon/above_him/it and_I_will_relent on the_calamity which I_had_planned for_doing to_him/it. **9** And_a_moment I_ _will_speak on a_nation and_on a_kingdom to_build and_to_ _plant. **10** And_it_will_do the[129] in_eyes_of_my to_not to_listen to_voice_of_my and_I_will_relent on the_good which I_had_said to_do_good_to it. **11** And_now say please to everyone_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say thus **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_fashion on_you(pl) calamity and_I_am_about_to_ _plan on_you(pl) a_plan turn_back please everyone from_way_ _of_his (the)_wicked and_make_good ways_of_your(pl) and_ _deeds_of_your(pl). **12** And_they_say despairing if/because after plans_of_our_own we_will_walk and_everyone the_ _stubbornness_of his/its_heart (the)_wicked we_will_act. **13** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says ask please among_ _nations who has_he_heard like_these_things a_horrible_thing she_has_done exceedingly the_virgin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** Does_it_leave from_the_rock_of the_field the_snow_of Ləvānōn or waters strange cool flowing are_they_plucked_up. **15** If/because they_have_forgotten_me people_of_my to_ _falsehood they_make_smoke and_they_have_caused_them_to_ _stumble in_ways_of_their paths_of antiquity to_go paths a_ _way not throw_up. **16** To_make land_of_their into_a_waste hissings_of[130][131] perpetuity every_of one_who_passes_by on/upon_it(f) he_will_be_appalled and_he_will_wag with_head_ _of_his. **17** Like_a_wind_of the_east I_will_scatter_them to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before an_enemy neck and_not face I_will_see_them in/on_day their_disaster_of_their.

Readers' Version

you my messages there."

3 So I went down to pottery factory, and wow, he was on his potter's wheel. **4** However, the container that he was making with his hand on the clay was ruined, so he started again and make it into another container that he was pleased with.

5 Then Yahweh gave me this message: **6** Like that potter, shouldn't I be able to do what I want with you Israelis? Yahweh declares that you Israelis are in my hand like that clay in the potter's hand. **7** One time, I might declare to a nation or a kingdom that it will be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed. **8** and later on, that nation that I spoke to might turn away from its evil, and then I'll cancel the destruction that I'd planned for them. **9** Another time, I might declare that a nation or kingdom will be established, or strengthened, **10** however if I see it doing evil and not listening to my voice, then I'll cancel the good that I'd said I'd do to it. **11** So now, speak to the people of Yehudah (Judah) including Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) residents and tell them that Yahweh says, "Listen, I'm about to devise a plan against you all and prepare calamity for you. Each of you needs to turn back from their evil activities and improve your behaviour and your activities." **12** However, they'll say, "Don't waste your time because we'll continue with our plans, and each of us will do whatever wicked things that we want!"

Yisrael deserts Yahweh · Southern kingdom

13 Because of that, Yahweh says this:
Ask the nations if they've ever heard anything like this?
The virgin Yisrael (Israel) has done something extremely horrible.
14 Does the snow in Levanon ever disappear off its rocky slopes?
Do the cool waters stop flowing?
15 Yet my people have forgotten me.
They offer incense to useless idols
that have made them stumble on the ancient paths
that haven't had any maintenance.
16 Their land will become a wasteland—forever mocked at.
Everyone who passes by will be appalled
and will wag their heads.
17 I'll scatter them before their enemies like the east wind from the desert does.
I won't look at them but will turn my back when their disaster comes.

127 LV 18:3 · Note OSHB variant note: וה/נה/ו: (x-qere) 'הֵנָּה/וְ': lemma_c/2009 morph_HC/Tm id_24FZn הֵנָּה/וְ 'אֲוִיהִ֖י': lemma_1931 n_0.0.0 morph_HPp3ms id_24HhN אֲוִיהִ֖י

128 LV 18:3 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

129 LV 18:10 · Note OSHB variant note: הער/ה: (x-qere) 'עַ֣רָ/ה': lemma_d/7451 a n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_24Zvg עַ֣רָ/ה

130 LV 18:16 · Note OSHB variant note: תקורש: (x-qere) 'תְּנֹקִ֥יר': lemma_8322 morph_HNcfpc id_24Jo5 תְּנֹקִ֥יר

131 LV 18:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

A plot against Yirmiyah · Southern kingdom

The people
18 Then the people said,
Come on, let's decide what to do about Yirmiyah (Jeremiah),
because we have plenty of instructions from the priests,
advice from the wise men,
and messages from the prophets.
Yirmiyah
19 Yahweh, pay attention to me
and listen to the what my enemies are saying.
20 Should good be repaid with evil,
because they're digging a pit for me?
Remember how I stood in front of you to tell you their good points—
to turn back your rage from them.
21 Therefore, hand their children over to famine,
and send war to punish them.
Let their wives be childless and become widowed,
and let their husbands die from disease—
their young men killed in battle.
22 Let a cry of distress be heard from their houses
when you send raiders to surprise them,
because they've dug a pit to capture me in
and have hidden traps for me to step into.
23 But you, Yahweh, know all their deadly plots against me.
Don't forgive their wickedness.
Don't erase their disobedience from your sight.
Let them be overthrown as you watch
at the time when you deal with them in your anger.

The shattered flask · Southern kingdom

19:1 Then Yahweh said this:
Take some of the elders and some of the priests,
and go and buy a clay flask from the potter.
2 Then go out to the Ben-Hinom Valley[134] by the Broken Pottery Gate,
and then proclaim the words that I'll tell you there.
3 Tell them:
You kings of Yehudah (Judah) and you residents of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
listen to Yahweh's message.
Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says,
Listen, I'm about to send calamity to this place,
and the ears of everyone who hears about it will tingle.
4 I'm doing that because they've abandoned me and defiled this place—
they've burnt incense to other 'gods',
that neither they or their ancestors or Yehudah's kings used to

Literal Version

18 And_they_said come and_let_us_plan on Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) plans if/because not instruction it_will_ _be_lost from_the_priest and_counsel from_the_wise and_ _message from_the_prophet come and_let_us_attack_him with_ _tongue and_not let_us_pay_attention to all_of words/messages_of_his. **19** Be_attentive Oh_**YHWH** to_me and_ _listen to_sound/voice my_opponents_of_my. **20** Will_it_be_ _repaid in_place_of good evil if/because they_have_dug a_pit for_self_of_my remember standing_my to_your_face to_speak on_them good to_turn_back ~~DOM~~ rage_of_your from_them. **21** For_so/thus/hence give ~~DOM~~ children_of_their to_famine and_pour_them over the_hands_of the_sword and_ wives_of_ _their _may_they_become childless and_widows and_men_of_ _their may_they_be slain_of death men_of_their_young struck_ _down_of the_sword in_battle. **22** A_cry_of_distress may_it_be_ _heard from_houses_of_their if/because you_will_bring on_ _them a_marauding_band suddenly if/because they_have_dug a_pit[132] to_capture_me and_snares they_have_hidden for_feet_ _of_my. **23** And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** you_know ~~DOM~~ all_of plan_ _of_their on_me for_death do_not atone on iniquity_of_their and_sin_of_their from_before_face_of_you do_not wipe_out and[133] overthrown to_your_face in_the_time_of your_anger_of_ _your deal with_them.

19:1 Thus **YHWH** he_said go and_you_will_buy a_jar_of a_ _potter_of earthenware and_some_of_the_elders_of the_people and_some_of_the_elders_of the_priests. **2** And_you_will_go_out to the_valley_of_Ben Hinnom the_valley_of_Ben which is_at_ _the_entrance_of the_gate_of the[136] and_you_will_proclaim there ~~DOM~~ words/messages which I_will_speak to_you. **3** And_ _you_will_say hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring calamity on the_place the_this which every_of one_of_who_ _hears_of_it ears_of_his they_will_tingle. **4** Because that they_ _have_abandoned_me and_they_have_treated_as_foreign ~~DOM~~ the_place the_this and_they_have_made_smoke in_him/it to_ _gods other which not they_knew_them they and_ancestors_ _of_their and_the_kings_of Yəhūdāh and_they_have_filled ~~DOM~~ the_place the_this the_blood_of innocent_ones. **5** And_they_ _have_built ~~DOM~~ the_high_places_of (the)_Ba'al to_burn ~~DOM~~ children_of_their in_fire burnt_offerings to_Ba'al which not I_ _commanded and_not I_spoke and_not it_came_up on heart_of_

132 **LV 18:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: החיש: (x-qere) 'הָחוּשׁ': lemma_7745 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcfsa id_24L1P הָחוּשׁ
133 **LV 18:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: ויה/ו: (x-qere) 'וַיִּהְיֶ֫ו': lemma_c/1961 morph_HC/Vqi3mp id_24CbA וַיִּהְיֶ֫ו
134 **RV 19:2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:10; Jer 7:30-32; 32:34-35.
136 **LV 19:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוסרח/ה: (x-qere) 'תַּיְסַרַח֫/ה': lemma_d/2777 n_1 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_24mtF תַּיְסַרַח֫/ה

Literal Version

_my. **6** For_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_not it_will_be_called to_place the_ _this again (the)_Tofet and_Valley_of son_of Valley_of if/because (if) the_valley_of (the)_slaughter. **7** And_I_will_ _make_void ÐOM the_plan_of Yəhūdāh and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_place the_this and_I_will_make_ _them_fall by_sword to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their and_by_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_ _of_(of)_their and_I_will_give ÐOM corpse[s]_of_their to_food to_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_to_the_animal[s]_of the_ _earth/land. **8** And_I_will_make ÐOM the_city (the)_this into_a_ _waste and_into_a_hissing every_of one_who_passes_by on/upon_it(f) he_will_be_appalled and_he_will_hiss on all_of wounds_of_its. **9** And_I_will_make_them_eat ÐOM the_flesh_of their_sons_of_their and_ÐOM the_flesh_of their_daughters_of_ _their and_everyone the_flesh_of his/its_neighbour they_will_ _eat in_the_siege and_in_the_distress which they_will_bring_ _distress to/for_them enemies_of_their and_those_who_seek_ _of life_of_(of)_their. **10** And_you_will_break the_jar to_the_ _eyes_of the_men who_go with_you. **11** And_you_will_say[137] to_ _them thus he_says **YHWH** soldiers/messengers thus I_will_ _break ÐOM the_people the_this and_ÐOM the_city (the)_this just_as someone_breaks ÐOM the_vessel_of the_potter which not it_will_be_able to_be_repaired again and_in_Tofet people_ _will_bury because_there_is_not room to_bury. **12** Thus I_will_ _do to_place the_this the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_to_ _inhabitants_of_its and_to_make ÐOM the_city (the)_this like_ _Tofet. **13** And_they_will_be the_houses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_the_houses_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) like_the_place_of (the)_Tofet the_unclean_ _things to_all/each/any/every the_houses which people_ _made_smoke on roofs_of_their to_all/each/any/every the_ _soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_they_poured_out drink_offerings to_gods other. **14** And_ Yirməʸāh/(Jeremiah) _ _he_came from_(the)_Tofet where he_had_sent_him **YHWH** there to_prophesy and_he_stood in_the_court_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_he/it_said to all_of the_people. **15** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring[138] to the_city (the)_this and_on all_of cities_of_its ÐOM all_of the_calamity which I_have_spoken on/upon_it(f) if/because they_have_stiffened ÐOM neck_of_ _their to_not to_hear ÐOM words/messages_of_my.

20:1 And_ Pashḥūr the_son_of ʾImmēr the_priest/officer _he/it_ _listened and_he was_an_overseer a_chief in_house_of **YHWH** ÐOM Yirməʸāh prophesying ÐOM the_words/messages the_these. **2** And_ Pashḥūr _he_struck ÐOM Yirməʸāh the_prophet and_ _he/it_gave ÐOM_him/it on the_stock[s] which was_at_the_ _gate_of Binyāmīn (the)_upper which in_house_of **YHWH**. **3** And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ Pashḥūr _he_ _brought_out ÐOM Yirməʸāh from the_stock[s] and_he/it_said to_him/it Yirməʸāh not Pashḥūr **YHWH** he_has_called your(ms)_name if/because (if) Magor- missabib_all_around.

Readers' Version

know.

Then they've filled this place with the blood of the innocent.

5 They built hilltop shrines to burn their children in the fire as offerings to Ba'al,

something I never instructed or talked about, nor did it even enter my mind.[135]

6 So Yahweh declares that the time is coming when this place will no longer be called Tofet or the Valley of Ben-Hinom, but rather, the 'Slaughter Valley'. **7** Then I'll confound Yehudah and Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) plans in this place, and I'll have them struck down by their enemies' swords and by those who want to kill them, and I'll give their dead bodies to the birds and the wild animals for food. **8** Then I'll make that city into a wasteland that's something to scoff at—everyone who passes by will be appalled and will mock it because of all its disasters. **9** I'll cause them to eat the flesh of their children and of their neighbours during the distress caused by the siege imposed by the enemies who want to kill them.

10 Then as the men who went with you watch, you must break that pottery flask **11** and tell them that Commander-in_chief Yahweh says this:

I'll shatter this nation and this city, just like someone shatters a piece of pottery that can never be repaired again. They'll bury the dead in Tofet until they run out of room. **12** Yahweh declares that I'll do that to this place and its residents—making this city like Tofet **13** and Yerushalem's houses including the houses of Yehudah's kings will be defiled like that place, Tofet—all the houses on whose rooftops they burnt incense to all the constellations and poured out drink offerings to other 'gods'.

14 Then Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) returned from Tofet where Yahweh had sent him to prophesy, and he stood in the temple courtyard and proclaimed to all the people, **15** "This is what Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says: 'Listen, every disaster that I've pronounced against these people, I'm about to send to this city and to all the villages around it, because they've been stubborn and failed to take notice of my messages.' "

Yirmiyah's conflict with Pashhur · Southern kingdom

20:1 The priest, Pashhur (Imer's son) who was a supervisor, heard Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) prophesying those words at Yahweh's house, **2** and he struck the prophet Yirmiyah. Then he placed him in the stocks that were at the upper gate of Benyamin hear Yahweh's house. **3** The next day, when Pashhur released Yirmiyah from the stocks, Yirmiyah said to him, "Yahweh won't call you 'Pashhur', but 'Magor-Misaviv' (which means 'surrounded by terror'), **4** because Yahweh says this: Listen, I'll

135 **RV 19:5 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:21.

137 **LV 19:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

138 **LV 19:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: יבמ: (x-qere) 'אֹיְבֵמ': lemma_935 n_1.2.0.0 morph_HVhrmsa id_24NL7 אֹיְבֵמ

Readers' Version

make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends. They'll fall by their enemies' swords before your very eyes, and then I'll hand Yehudah (Judah) over to the Babylonian king, and he'll carry them away to Bavel (Babylon) and put them to death. **5** I'll give away all the wealth of this city—all its products and valuables, and all the treasures of Yehudah's kings—to their enemies. They'll plunder it, seize it, and carry it off to Bavel. **6** Then you, Pashhur will be taken into captivity along with all the others in your home. You'll be taken to Bavel, and you'll die there and be buried—you and all your friends who you've prophesied these lies to.

Yirmiyah's complaint to Yahweh · Southern kingdom

7 Yahweh, you've deceived me, and I was deceived.
You've overcome me and prevailed.
I'm laughed at all day long—
everyone mocks me.
8 Yes, whenever I speak, I call out loudly.
I proclaim violence and destruction
because Yahweh's message has become a reproach and derision for me, all day long.
9 If I say that I won't mention him
and won't speak in his name anymore,
then his message becomes a fire burning in my heart—
shut up in my bones.
Then I get worn out holding it in,
and I can't continue to do it.
10 Yes, I've heard many people whispering
that terror is all around.
They want to publicly denounce me.
All my trusted friends watch for my fall:
"Perhaps he can be deceived
so that we may prevail against him
and take out our vengeance on him."
11 However Yahweh is like a fearsome warrior with me,
therefore my persecutors will stumble and won't prevail.
Because they won't succeed, they'll be totally put to shame—
an everlasting disgrace that'll never be forgotten.
12 Commander-in-chief Yahweh, who examines the righteous people,
who sees the thoughts and motives,
let me see your vengeance on them,
→because I've made my case known to you.
13 Sing to Yahweh.
Praise Yahweh because he's rescued the lives of those who are oppressed from the clutch of those who do evil.

Literal Version

4 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_of_to_
_make_you[139] into_a_terror to/for_yourself(m) and_to/for_all
friends_of_your and_they_will_fall by_the_sword_of their_
_enemies_of_their and_eyes_of_your will_be_seeing and_ÐOM
all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I_will_give in_the_hand_of the_king_of
Bāvel and_he_will_take_them_into_exile to_Bāvel and_he_will_
_strike_them_down with_sword. **5** And_I_will_give ÐOM all_of
the_wealth_of the_city (the)_this and_ÐOM all_of property_of_
_its and_ÐOM every_of thing_of_its_precious and_ÐOM all_of the_
_treasures_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh I_will_give in_the_hand_of
their_enemies_of_their and_they_will_plunder_them and_they_
_will_take_them and_they_will_bring_them to_Bāvel. **6** And_
_you(ms) Oh_Pashḥūr and_all/each/any/every those_who_
_dwell_of your_house_of_your you(pl)_will_go in_captivity and_
_Bāvel you_will_go and_there you_will_die and_there you and_
_all friends_of_your whom you_prophesied to/for_them with_
_falsehood you_will_be_buried.

7 You_deceived_me Oh_**YHWH** and_I_was_deceived you_
_prevailed_over_me and_you_prevailed I_have_become (into)_
_a_laughing-stock all_of the_day of_it_of_all is_mocking to_me.
8 If/because from_sufficiency I_speak I_cry_out violence and_
_havoc I_proclaim if/because the_message_of **YHWH** it_has_
_become to_me (into)_a_reproach and_(into)_derision all_of
the_day. **9** And_I_will_say not I_will_remember_him and_not I_
_will_speak again in_name_of_his and_it_was in_heart_of_my
like_a_fire burning shut_up in_bones_of_my and_I_will_be_
_weary to_hold_it_in and_not I_will_be_able. **10** If/because I_
_have_heard the_whispering_of many_people terror is_from_
_round_about tell and_let_us_tell_about_him every_of (the)_
_person_of my_peace_of_my are_watching_of stumbling_of_
_(of)_my perhaps he_will_be_deceived and_we_will_prevail to_
_him/it and_we_will_take vengeance_of_our from_him. **11** And_
_**YHWH** is_with_me like_a_warrior ruthless therefore
yes/correct/thus/so those_of_who_pursue_me they_will_
_stumble and_not they_will_prevail they_will_be_ashamed
exceedingly if/because not they_will_succeed ignominy_of
perpetuity not it_will_be_forgotten. **12** And_Oh_**YHWH**
soldiers/messengers who_tests the_righteous who_sees
kidneys and_heart let_me_see vengeance_of_your from_them
if/because to_you I_have_made_known ÐOM case_of_my. **13** Sing
to/for_**YHWH** praise ÐOM **YHWH** if/because he_has_delivered
ÐOM the_life_of the_needy from_the_hand_of evil-doers.
14 The_day when I_was_born in/on/over_him/it be_cursed
the_day when she_bore_me mother_of_my not let_it_be
blessed. **15** The_man who he_bore_the_news ÐOM father_of_my
to_say he_has_been_born to/for_yourself(m) a_son a_male
greatly_(make_rejoice) he_made_him_rejoice be_cursed.
16 And_it_was the_man (the)_that like_cities which **YHWH** he_
_overthrew and_not he_had_compassion and_he_will_hear a_
_cry_of_distress in_morning and_a_shout_of_alarm at_the_
_time_of noon(s). **17** That not he_killed_me from_the_womb
and_it_became to_me mother_of_my grave_of_my and_womb_
_of_her was_pregnant_of perpetuity. **18** To/for_what this from_
_the_womb did_I_come_forth to_see trouble and_sorrow and_
_they_have_come_to_an_end in_shame days_of_my.

139 **LV 20:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

21:1 The_message which it_came to Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** when_sent to_him/it the_king Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) ᴅᴏᴍ Pashḥūr the_son_of Malkīyʸᵃʰ and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ Tsəfanʸᵃʰ/(Zephaniah) the_son_of Ma´ₐsēʸᵃʰ the_ _priest/officer to_say. **2** Seek please for_us ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** if/because Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel is_waging_war on_us perhaps **YHWH** he_will_do with_us according_to_all_of wonders_of_his and_he_will_go_up from_on_us. **3** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_said to_them thus you(pl)_will_say to Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ. **4** Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_turn_round ᴅᴏᴍ the_weapons_of (the)_ _war which are_in_hand_of_your(pl) which you(pl) are_fighting by_them with the_king_of Bāvel and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy who_are_laying_siege on_you(pl) from_the_outside of_ _wall and_I_will_gather them into the_middle_of the_city (the)_ _this. **5** And_ I _I_will_fight with_you(pl) by_a_hand outstretched and_by_an_arm strong and_in_anger and_in_rage and_in_severe_anger great. **6** And_I_will_strike_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _inhabitants_of the_city (the)_this and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_humankind and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_cattle/livestock by_a_pestilence great they_will_ _die. **7** And_after thus the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_people and_ᴅᴏᴍ those_who_ _remain in_city (the)_this from the_pestilence from the_ _drought//sword/knife and_from the_famine in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel and_in_the_hand_of their_ _enemies_of_their and_in_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_ _of_(of)_their and_he_will_strike_them_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword not he_will_have_mercy on_them and_not he_will_ _show_pity and_not he_will_have_compassion. **8** And_near/to the_people the_this you_will_say thus **YHWH** he_says here_I am_setting before_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_way_of (the)_life and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_way_of (the)_death. **9** The_one_who_remains in_city (the)_ _this he_will_die by_sword and_by_famine and_by_pestilence and_the_one_who_goes_out and_he_will_fall on the_ones_ _from_Kasdiy who_are_laying_siege on_you(pl) and_he_will_

Readers' Version

14 Let the day when I was born be cursed.[140]
Don't let the day that my mother gave birth to me be blessed.
15 Let the man who brought the news to my father be cursed—
The one who said, 'You now have a son,' causing great celebration.
16 Let that man be like the cities that Yahweh overthrew without having compassion on them.
Let him hear a cry for help in the dawn and a battle cry at noontime,
17 because he didn't kill me in the womb—
→making my mother become my tomb—her womb forever pregnant.
18 Why did I come out from the womb to see trouble and sorrow,
and to end my days in shame?

Yerushalem's future destruction · Southern kingdom

21:1 Then Yahweh gave Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) a message when King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) sent Malkiyah's son Pashhur and Ma'aseyah's son Tsefanyah (Zephaniah) the priest to him, and they said, **2** "Please request Yahweh's advice on our behalf, because the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) is attacking us.[141] Perhaps Yahweh will do miracles for us like he has in the past, and will make him stop attacking us and leave."
3 So Yirmiyah told them to tell King Tsidkiyah that **4** Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'm about to make your own weapons ineffective that you're all using to fight the Babylonian king and the Kasdim (Chaldeans) who are laying siege to you from outside the wall, and I'll gather them[142] in the middle of this city. **5** Then I myself will fight you all with all my strength and power in my anger and rage and terrible fury, **6** and I'll kill this city's inhabitants—people and animals will all die from terrible, deadly diseases. **7** Then Yahweh declares that after that I'll hand over Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah along with his officers, and the people in this city who survive the deadly diseases and sword and famine, to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar, and to their enemies who want to kill them. He'll kill them with the sword—he won't spare them or show pity or compassion.
8 Then you must tell this to the people:
Yahweh says that I'm about to give you the choice between the path to life and the path to death. **9** Anyone who stays in this city will die from war, famine, or deadly diseases, but anyone who goes out and falls to their knees in front of the Babylonians who've surrounded you all, will live They'll escape with their lives that way **10** because I've already decided to harm this city rather than doing good. Yahweh declares that this city will be

140 RV 20:14-18 · Cross-ref. Yob 3:1-19.

141 RV 21:2 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:1-11; 2Ch 36:17-21.

142 RV 21:4 · Note This last part of the sentence is left quite literal, as it's ambiguous in the Hebrew, what or who the 'them' is referring to here.

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handed over to the Babylonian king and he'll burn it down.

Yahweh's punishment for Yehudah's kings · Southern kingdom

11 As for Yehudah's (Judah's) king, listen
to this message from Yahweh **12** for
David's descendants:
Administer justice every morning
and rescue anyone who's been robbed, from their oppressor,
otherwise my fury will go out like fire
and burn, but no one will be able to extinguish it
because of your wicked activities.
13 Yahweh declares: listen you inhabitants from the valley
and you on the rocky plain.
You all say that no one can swoop down on you,
or be able to enter your hiding places,
14 however I will punish you all according to the results of your actions.
Yahweh declares:
I'll start a fire in your forest
and it'll consume everything around it.

The message for Yehudah's king · Southern kingdom

22:1 Yahweh told me to go down to Yehudah's (Judah's) palace and proclaim this message: **2** Listen to Yahweh's message for Yehudah's king who sits on David's throne, along with your officials and your people who enter these doorways. **3** Yahweh says that you must administer justice and do what's right. Rescue anyone who's been robbed, from their oppressor. Don't mistreat any foreigner or orphan or widow. Don't be violent, and don't shed innocent blood in this place, **4** because if you carefully do those things, then the kings who sit on David's throne will enter through the gates of this palace riding in chariots or on horses, along with their officials and their people. **5** However, if you take no notice of those instructions, then Yahweh solemnly promises that this palace will become a pile of rubble,[145] **6** because this is what Yahweh says about the palace of Yehudah's king:
To me, you're like the Gilead forests or like Levanon's summit.
However, I'll make you into a wilderness—
cities that aren't inhabited.
7 I'll appoint destroyers against you—
each warrior with his weapons.
They'll cut down your choicest cedars
and throw them onto the fire.
8 Then many nations will pass by this city and ask each other why Yahweh has done that to this great city? **9** Someone else

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_live[143] and_it_will_belong for_him/it life_of_his to_plunder.
10 If/because I_have_set face_of_my on_city (the)_this for_
_harm and_not for_good the_utterance_of **YHWH** in_the_hand_
_of the_king_of Bāvel it_will_be_given and_he_will_burn_it
with_fire.
11 And_to_the_house_of the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) hear
the_message_of **YHWH**. **12** Oh_house_of Dāvid thus **YHWH** he_
_says judge to_morning justice and_deliver one_who_has_been_
_robbed from_the_hand_of an_oppressor lest it_should_go_
_forth like_fire rage_of_my and_it_will_burn and_there_will_
_not_be one_who_extinguishes from_face/in_front_of the_
_wickedness_of mmm[144]. **13** HERE_I am_against_you Oh_
_inhabitant_of the_valley Oh_rock_of the_plain the_utterance_
_of **YHWH** Oh_you(pl)_who_say who will_he_come_down on_us
and_who will_he_come in_our_hiding_of_places. **14** And_I_will_
_visit_judgement on_you(pl) according_to_the_fruit_of
your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_
_kindle a_fire in_forest_of_its and_it_will_consume all_of
around_of_it.

22:1 Thus **YHWH** he_said go_down the_house_of the_king_of
Yəhūdāh and_you_will_speak there ~~ĐOM~~ the_message (the)_
_this. **2** And_you_will_say hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_king_
_of Yəhūdāh who_sits on the_throne_of Dāvid you and_
_servants_of_your and_people_of_your the_(ones_who)_went
in_gates the_these. **3** Thus **YHWH** he_says do justice and_
_righteousness and_deliver one_who_has_been_robbed from_
_the_hand_of an_oppressor and_sojourner fatherless and_
_widow do_not maltreat do_not treat_violently and_blood
innocent do_not shed in_place (the)_this. **4** If/because if
carefully_(do) you(pl)_will_do ~~ĐOM~~ the_thing the_this and_
_they_will_go in_the_gates_of the_house the_this kings who_sit
for_Dāvid on throne_of_his who_ride in_chariot[s] and_on_
_horses he his[146] and_people_of_his. **5** And_if not you(pl)_will_
_listen_to ~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these by_myself I_
_swear the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because_that (into)_a_ruin
the_house (the)_this it_will_become. **6** If/because thus **YHWH**
he_says on the_house_of the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) are_
_Gil'ād you to_me the_top_of (the)_Ləvānōn if not I_will_make_
_you a_wilderness cities which_not they_are_inhabited[147].
7 And_I_will_consecrate on_you destroyers everyone and_
_weapons_of_his and_they_will_cut_down the_choicest_of
your(pl)_cedars_of_your and_they_will_throw_them on the_
fire. **8** And nations many _they_will_pass_by at the_city (the)_
_this and_they_will_say each to his/its_neighbour concerning
what **YHWH** did_he_do thus to_city (the)_great (the)_this.
9 And_they_will_say on that they_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ the_

143 LV 21:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **היחי**: (x-qere) **וְהֶיָּֽחְו֗**: lemma_c/2421 n_0.1 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_24Ui1 **וְהֶיָּֽחְו֗**
144 LV 21:12 · Note OSHB variant note: **סה/ילעמ**: (x-qere) **בָּֽם־יִלְעַ֣מ**: lemma_4611 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp2mp id_24ytA **בָּֽם־יִלְעַ֣מ**
145 RV 22:5 · Cross-ref. Mat 23:38; Luk 13:35.
146 LV 22:4 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/דבע/ו**: (x-qere) **וְיָדְבֶּֽע־ו֗**: lemma_c/5650 n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_24Xge **וְיָדְבֶּֽע־ו֗**
147 LV 22:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **הבשונ**: (x-qere) **וּבָּֽשׁוֹנ֙**: lemma_3427 n_0 morph_HVNp3cp id_24yT7 **וּבָּֽשׁוֹנ֙**

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_covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_their and_they_bowed_down to_
_gods other and_they_served_them.

10 Do_not weep for_the_one_who_is_dead and_do_not show_
_sympathy to_him/it weep bitterly_(weep) for_who_is]_about_
_to_go_away if/because not he_will_return again and_he_will_
_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of his/its_descendants. **11** If/because thus
YHWH he_says to Shallūm the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_
_king_of Yəhūdāh who_is_reigning in_place_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}
his/its_father who he_went_forth from the_place the_this not
he_will_return there again. **12** If/because in_the_place_of (of)_
_where they_took_into_exile ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it there he_will_die and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land (the)_this not he_will_see again.

13 Woe_to one_who_builds house_of_his with_not
righteousness and_his_upper_of_rooms with_not justice by_
_fellow-citizen_of_his he_works without_paying and_wage[s]_
_of_his not he_gives to_him/it. **14** The_one_who_says I_will_
_build to/for_me a_house_of size(s) and_upper_rooms_of
spacious and_he_will_tear to_him/it windows_of_my and_
_panelled with_cedar and_he_will_smear_it with_vermilion.
15 Are_you_king if/because you are_competing in_cedar
father_of_your am_not did_he_eat and_did_he_drink and_did_
_he_do justice and_righteousness then good to_him/it. **16** He_
_defended the_cause_of the_poor and_the_needy then good
am_not is_it the_knowledge ᴅᴏᴍ_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
17 If/because not eyes_of_your and_heart_of_your are_
_if/because (if) on gain_of_your_unjust and_on the_blood_of
the_innocent_person to_shed_it and_on (the)_oppression and_
_on (the)_extortion for_doing. **18** For_so/thus/hence thus
YHWH he_says to Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of
Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) not people_
_will_mourn to_him/it alas my_brother/kindred and_alas Oh_
_sister not people_will_mourn to_him/it alas Oh_master and_
_alas splendour_of_his.[152] **19** The_burial_of a_donkey he_will_
_be_buried people_will_drag_him and_people_will_throw_him_
_out from_beyond (to)_the_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

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will answer that it's because they abandoned the agreement with their god Yahweh, and bowed down to their gods and served them.

Yirmiyah's message about King Yoshiyah/Josiah · Southern kingdom

10 Don't weep for King Yoshiyah (Josiah) who was killed
and don't mourn because he died.
Instead, weep bitterly for his son, King Yehoahaz who's about to be exiled
because he won't return again and see his native land again.
11 Yes, Yahweh says this about Yoshiyah's son Yehoahaz[148] who reigned instead of his father, who then left this place. He won't return there again[149] **12** because he'll die in the place where they took him into exile, and he won't ever see this country again.

Yirmiyah's message about Yehoyakim · Southern kingdom

13 The king[150] who built his house by doing what's not right
and built his upper rooms by unjustly forcing people to work,
→won't end well.
He forced the citizens to work without getting paid—
not giving them their wages.
14 He'd decided to build himself a large house with spacious upper rooms,
so he cut out large windows for it, and panelled it with cedar,
and painted it with red ochre.
15 Does having the best cedar make you a better king?
Didn't your father Yoshiyah (Josiah) eat and drink well?
However, he administered justice and did what was right
→so things went well for him.
16 He took up the cause of the poor and needy,
→so things went well for him.
Yahweh declares that that's what it means to know me,
17 but your desires and motives are only focused on your dishonest gain,
on shedding innocent blood,
and on oppression and practicing extortion.
18 Therefore this is what Yahweh says about Yehoyakim, son of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yoshiyah (Josiah):[151]
They won't mourn for him saying, 'Oh no, my brother! Oh no, my sister!'
They won't mourn for him saying, 'Oh no, my master! Oh no, his splendour!'
19 He'll be buried just like a donkey would be—
dragged away and thrown somewhere outside Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) gates.

148 **RV 22:11 · Note** Called 'Shallum' here in the Hebrew.

149 **RV 22:11 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:31-34; 2Ch 36:1-4.

150 **RV 22:13 · Note** Referring here to Yehudah's King Yehoyakim—see verse 24.

151 **RV 22:18 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:36–24:6; 2Ch 36:5-7.

152 **LV 22:18 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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Yirmiyah's message about Yerushalem's fate · Southern kingdom

20 You people of Yehudah (Judah), go up to Levanon and cry out.
Shout in the Bashan region.
Cry out from the Avarim mountains,
because all your 'lovers' have been destroyed.
21 I warned you when you were still secure—
you said that you wouldn't listen.
That's been your way since your youth,
that you haven't taken any notice of my instructions.
22 The wind will drive away all your 'shepherds',
and your 'lovers' will go into captivity.
Then you'll be ashamed and humiliated because of all your wickedness.
23 You who live in Levanon,
nested there among the cedars,
but how you'll groan when your labour pains come to you,
like a woman giving birth.

Judgement for Yehoyakin · Southern kingdom

24 Yahweh declares by his life:
Even if you, Yehoyakin,[155][156] son of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim, were the signet ring on my right hand, I would tear you off **25** because I'm handing you over to the ones who are wanting to kill you and to those that you're afraid of—to Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) and his Kasdim (Chaldeans). **26** I'll hurl you and your mother who bore you, into another land—a country where you're both foreigners and you'll both die there. **27** Although they'll long to return to this land, they'll never return here.
28 Is this man Yehoyakin a despised, shattered pot—
a jar that no one wants
Why will before hurled out along with his descendants,
and thrown into a country that they're not familiar with?
29 Land, land, land, Listen to Yahweh's message.
30 Yahweh says this:
Record this man as being childless—
a man who won't prosper in his lifetime.
None of his descendants will prosper
to sit on David's throne
or to rule over Yehudah (Judah) again.

Returning under new shepherds · Southern kingdom

23:1 Yahweh declares that the shepherds who destroy and scatter the flock from my pasture won't end well. **2** Therefore, this is what Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says about the shepherds who tend My people: Yahweh declares that you've all scattered my flock and driven them away, and haven't looked after them. Listen, I'm about to punish you all for your wicked actions.
3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the

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20 Go_up (the)_Ləvānōn and_cry_out and_in_Bāshān give_forth voice_of_your and_cry_out from_ʹAvārīm if/because all_of lovers_of_your they_have_been_broken. **21** I_spoke to_you in_ _securiti(es)_of_your you_said not I_will_listen this been_your_ _way_of_has since_youth(s)_of_your if/because not you_have_ _listened to_voice_of_my. **22** All_of shepherds_of_your a_wind it_will_shepherd and_lovers_of_your in_captivity they_will_go if/because then you_will_be_ashamed and_you_will_be_ _humiliated from_all wickedness_of_your. **23** Oh_you_who_ _dwell_of[153] in_Ləvānōn Oh_you_who_are_nested[154] among_ _cedars how you_will_groan when_will_come to/for_you(fs) labour-pains anguish like_(the)_who]_gives_birth.

24 By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because if Kon^{yāh}ū/(Coniah) the_son_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_will_be a_signet-ring on the_ _hand_of my_right_side_of_my if/because from_there I_will_ _pull_you_off. **25** And_I_will_give_you in_the_hand_of those_ _who_seek_of life_of_(of)_your and_in_the_hand_of those_ _whom you are_fearful from_their_face/front and_in_the_ _hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel and_in_the_hand_ _of the_ones_from_Kasdiy. **26** And_I_will_hurl you and_ĐØM mother_of_your who she_bore_you to the_earth/land another where not you(pl)_were_born there and_there you(pl)_will_die. **27** And_to the_earth/land where they will_be_lifting ĐØM desire_of_their to_return there to_(to) not they_will_return. **28** A_pot despised smashed the_man the_this Kon^{yāh}ū/(Coniah) or a_vessel which_there_is_not pleasure in/on/over_him/it why he and_offspring_of_his have_they_been_hurled_down and_have_they_been_thrown to the_earth/land which not they_knew. **29** Oh_land Oh_land Oh_land hear the_message_of **YHWH**. **30** Thus **YHWH** he_says record ĐØM the_man the_this childless a_man who_not he_will_prosper in_days_of_his if/because not he_will_prosper any_of_his_offspring anyone will_be_sitting on the_throne_of Dāvid and_ruling again over_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah).

23:1 Woe_to the_shepherds who_are_causing_to_stray and_ _who_are_scattering ĐØM the_flock_of my_pasture_of_my the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **2** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says on the_shepherds who_are_ _shepherding ĐØM people_of_my you(pl) you(pl)_have_ _scattered ĐØM flock_of_my and_you(pl)_have_driven_them_ _away and_not you(pl)_have_paid_attention_to ĐØM_them HERE_I am_about_to_visit on_you(pl) ĐØM the_wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **3** And_I I_

153 **LV 22:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתבשי**: (x-qere) **תְּבַשֵּׁי**: lemma_3427 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqrfsc id_24zeo **תְּבַשֵּׁי**

154 **LV 22:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתננקמ**: (x-qere) **תְּנַנָּקְמ**: lemma_7077 n_1.0 morph_HVPsfsa id_24ZPC **תְּנַנָּקְמ**

155 **RV 22:24 · Note** Called 'Shallum' here in the Hebrew and in verse 28.

156 **RV 22:24 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:8-15; 2Ch 36:9-10.

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_will_gather_together ᴅᴏᴍ the_remnant_of my_flock_of_my from_all the_lands where I_have_banished ᴅᴏᴍ_them there and_I_will_bring_back them to pasture_of_their and_they_will_ _be_fruitful and_they_will_increase. **4** And_I_will_raise_up over_them shepherds and_they_will_shepherd_them and_not they_will_be_afraid again and_not they_will_be_terrified and_ _not they_will_be_missing the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **5** HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_raise_up for_Dāvid a_branch righteous and_he_will_reign a_king and_ _he_will_act_prudently and_he_will_do justice and_ _righteousness on_the_earth. **6** In_days_of_his Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_be_saved and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_ _dwell to_security and_this name_of_his which anyone_will_ _call_him **YHWH** righteousness_of_is_our. **7** For_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_not people_will_say again by_the_life of_**YHWH** who he_brought_ _up ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **8** If/because (if) by_the_life of_**YHWH** who he_brought_up and_which he_brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_offspring_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_a_land northward_at and_ _from_all the_lands where I_banished_them there and_they_ _will_dwell on land_of_their_own.

9 Of_prophets heart_of_my it_is_broken in_my_inner_of_being all_of bones_of_my they_have_become_weak I_have_become like_a_person drunk[159] and_like_a_man whom_it_has_passed_ _over_him wine from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** and_because_of the_words/messages_of his_holiness_of_his. **10** If/because adulterers the_earth/land it_is_full if/because from_face/in_ _front_of a_curse the_earth/land it_has_dried_up the_pastures_ _of the_wilderness they_have_become_dry and_ of_life_of_ _their_course _it_became evil and_strength_of_their is_not right. **11** If/because both prophet as_well_as priest they_are_ _polluted also in_house_of_my I_have_found wickedness_of_ _their the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **12** For_so/thus/hence it_will_ _become path_of_their to/for_them like_slippery_places in_ _darkness they_will_be_pushed_down and_they_will_fall on_it if/because I_will_bring on_them calamity the_year_of their_ _punishment_of_their the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **13** And_among_ _the_prophets_of Shomrōn I_saw offensiveness they_ _prophesied by_Ba'al and_they_caused_to_err ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_ _my ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** And_among_the_prophets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) I_have_seen a_horrible_thing they_ _have_committed_adultery and_they_have_walked in_ _falsehood and_they_have_strengthened the_hands_of evil-doers to_not they_have_turned_away anyone from_evil_of_ _his they_have_become to_me of_them_of_all like_Ṣədom and_ _inhabitants_of_its like_'Amorāh/(Gomorrah). **15** For_ _so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says on the_prophets HERE_I am_about_to_make_eat them wormwood and_I_will_make_them_drink water_of poison if/because from_ _with the_prophets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) wicked_ _behavior it_has_gone_out to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _earth/land. **16** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says do_ _not listen to the_words/messages_of the_prophets who_are_

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countries that I've banished them to and I'll return them to their pasture, where they'll be fruitful and multiply. **4** Yahweh declares that I'll appoint shepherds over them who'll look after them, and then they'll no longer be afraid or dismayed, nor will any go missing. **5** Listen, Yahweh declares that the time is coming

when I will appoint a righteous branch for David
and he will reign wisely as king
and will administer justice and righteousness in the land.[157]

6 At that time, Yehudah (Judah) will be rescued and Yisrael will live in security,
and this is the name that he'll be known by: Yahweh who does what is right for us.

7 Listen, Yahweh declares that the time is coming when they'll no longer say, 'As surely as Yahweh lives, who brought the Israelis out from Mitsrayim (Egypt).' **8** Instead they'll say, 'As surely as Yahweh lives, who brought and led the Israelis out of the land in the north and all the other lands that he'd banished them to.' Then they'll live in their own land again.

Lying prophets · Southern kingdom

9 As for the prophets,
I feel broken inside and all my bones tremble.
I've become like a drunkard—like a man overcome by wine,
because of Yahweh—because of his holy words.
10 Yes, the land is full of adulterers—
the land mourns because of the curse,
and the pastures in the wilderness have dried up—
their course is evil and their power is misused.
11 Yes, both prophet and priest are compromised—
even in my house I've discovered their wickedness.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
12 Therefore their path will become slippery.
They'll be pushed into the darkness and will fall into it
because I'll send them disaster in the year of their punishment.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
13 Among the prophets in Shomron (Samaria), I've seen offensive behaviour:
they prophesied by Ba'al and led my people Yisrael (Israel) astray.
14 Also, among the prophets in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), I've seen horrible things:
They commit adultery and walk in lies.
They empower those who do evil,
→so that no one turns their back on wickedness.
They're all like Sedom to me.
The people in Yerushalem are like Amorah (Gomorrah),[158]

157 **RV 23:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Jer 33:14-16.

158 **RV 23:14 · Cross-ref.** Gen 18:20; Eze 16:49.

159 **LV 23:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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15 therefore this is what Commander-in-chief Yahweh says about the prophets:
I'll feed them wormwood
and give them poisoned water to drink,
because ungodliness has spread throughout the land
starting from Yerushalem's prophets.
16 This is what Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:
Don't listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.
They are filling you all with false hopes.
They speak visions from their own minds,
not from Yahweh's mouth.
17 They keep telling those who despise me,
that Yahweh says that you'll all have peace.
They tell everyone who practises their own stubborn ways
that no harm will come to them.
18 But which of them has attended Yahweh's council meeting
where he could see what's happening and hear his message?
Who has paid attention to his message and obeyed it?
19 Listen, the storm of Yahweh's rage is going out,
and the storm is creating a whirlwind that's whirling around the heads of those who are wicked.
20 Yahweh's anger won't turn back until he's carried out his plans and purposes.
In the final days, you'll all understand it.
21 I didn't send those prophets, yet they rushed to proclaim their messages.
I didn't speak to them, yet they still prophesied.
22 If they had in fact attended my council meeting,
they would have proclaimed my messages to my people
and turned them back from their wickedness and their wicked activities.
23 Yahweh declares:
Am I a god who's only nearby, but who isn't also a god from far away?
24 Would someone hide themself in some place and think that I couldn't see them? Yahweh asks.
Don't I fill the heavens and the earth? declares Yahweh.
25 Those prophets who prophesy lies in my name, I've heard them say, 'I had a dream. I had a dream!' 26 How long will this go on, with prophets who prophesy lies from their own minds, but who are prophesying from the deceitfulness of their own hearts. 27 They're planning on making my people forget my name with the dreams that they report, each one to his neighbour, just as their ancestors forgot my name in favour of Ba'al's name. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream, report that dream. However, the one who I've declared something to, let him declare my message truthfully. What does straw have to do with grain? That is Yahweh's declaration. 29 Isn't my message like fire, and like a hammer that shatters rock? That is Yahweh's declaration. 30 So listen, Yahweh declares that I'm against the prophets who steal my messages from someone else. 31 Yes, I'm against those prophets

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_prophesying to/for_you(pl) they are_causing_to_become_vain you(pl) the_vision_of their_own_heart_of_their they_speak not from_the_mouth_of **YHWH**. 17 They_are_saying continually_ _(say) to_those_of_who_despise_me **YHWH** he_says peace it_ _will_belong to/for_you(pl) and_all/each/any/every one_who_ _walks in_the_stubbornness_of his/its_heart they_have_said not it_will_come on_you(pl) calamity. 18 If/because who has_ _he_stood in_the_council_of **YHWH** so_that_he_may_see and_ _so_that_he_may_hear ~~DOM~~ mmm who has_he_paid_attention_ _to mmm[160] and_has_he_listened. 19 THERE the_storm_of **YHWH** rage it_has_gone_out and_a_storm whirling on the_ _head_of wicked_people it_will_whirl_about. 20 Not the_anger of_**YHWH** it_will_turn_back until he_has_brought_about and_ _unto he_has_carried_out the_purposes_of his/its_heart at_ _the_end_of the_days you(pl)_will_understand (in)_it understanding. 21 Not I_sent ~~DOM~~ the_prophets and_they they_ _ran not I_spoke to_them and_they they_prophesied. 22 And_if they_had_stood in_council_of_my and_they_will_cause_to_hear words/messages_of_my ~~DOM~~ people_of_my and_they_will_turn_ _them_back from_way_of_their (the)_wicked and_from_the_ _wickedness_of their_deeds_of_their. 23 A_god_of from_near am_I the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_not a_god_of from_a_ _distance. 24 Or anyone will_he_hide_himself in_(the)_places and_I not I_will_see_him the_utterance_of **YHWH** am_not ~~DOM~~ the_heavens and_~~DOM~~ the_earth/land am_I filling the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. 25 I_have_heard ~~DOM~~ that_which the_ _prophets who_prophesy in_name_of_my falsehood to_say I_ _have_dreamed I_have_dreamed they_have_said. 26 Until when is_there in_the_heart_of the_prophets who_prophesy_of (of)_ _the_falsehood and_the_prophets_of the_deceitfulness_of their_own_heart_of_their. 27 Who_plan to_make_forget ~~DOM~~ people_of_my name_of_my by_dreams_of_their which they_ _recount each to_neighbour_of_his just_as ancestors_of_their they_forgot ~~DOM~~ name_of_my for_Ba'al. 28 The_prophet whom with_him/it a_dream let_him_recount the_dream and_which message_of_my with_him/it let_him_speak message_of_my faithfulness what belongs_to_straw with the_grain the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. 29 Am_not thus message_of_is_my like_ _fire the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_like_a_hammer which_it_ _shatters rock. 30 For_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_on the_ _prophets the_utterance_of **YHWH** who_steal_of words/messages_of_(of)_my each from_with his/its_neighbour. 31 HERE_I am_on the_prophets the_utterance_of **YHWH** who_ _take tongue_of_their and_they_have_uttered an_utterance. 32 HERE_I am_on those_who_prophesy_of (of)_dreams_of falsehood the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_they_have_recounted_ _them and_they_caused_to_err ~~DOM~~ people_of_my by_ _falsehoods_of_their and_by_recklessness_of_their and_I not I_ _sent_them and_not I_appointed_them and_at_all_(benefit) not they_benefit (to)_people the_this the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

160 LV 23:18 · Note OSHB variant note: רבד/: (x-qere) וְרָבְדוּ/: lemma_1697 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_24ght וְרָבְדוּ

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33 And_because/when it_will_ask_you the_people the_this or the_prophet or a_priest to_say what is_the_burden_of **YHWH** and_you_will_say to_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ what burden and_I_will_ _abandon you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH**. 34 And_the_prophet and_the_priest and_the_people who he_will_say the_burden_of **YHWH** and_I_will_visit_judgement on the_man (the)_that and_ _on house_of_his. 35 Thus you(pl)_will_say each to his/its_ _neighbour and_each to his/its_brother what **YHWH** did_he_ _answer and_what **YHWH** did_he_say. 36 And_the_burden_of **YHWH** not you_will_remember again if/because the_burden it_ _is for_everyone message_of_his_own and_you(pl)_change ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_words/messages_of god living **YHWH** soldiers/messengers god_of_our. 37 Thus you_will_say to the_prophet what did_he_ _answer_you **YHWH** and_what **YHWH** did_he_say. 38 And_if the_burden_of **YHWH** you(pl)_will_say for_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says because you_have_spoken ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_message the_this the_burden_of **YHWH** and_I_sent to_you(pl) to_say not you(pl)_must_say the_burden_of **YHWH**. 39 For_so/thus/hence HERE_I_am and_I_will_forget you(pl) totally_(forget) and_I_ _will_abandon you(pl) and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_city which I_gave to/for_ _you(pl) and_to_ancestors_of_your(pl) from_under face_of_my. 40 And_I_will_put on_you(pl) a_reproach_of perpetuity and_ _shame_of perpetuity which not it_will_be_forgotten.

24:1 He_showed_me **YHWH** and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE two_of baskets_of figs were_set to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_temple_of **YHWH** after Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel took_into_exile ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Yəkonʸᵃʰ/(Jeconiah) the_son_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_officials_of Yəhūdāh and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_craftsman and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_ _smith from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_brought_them Bāvel. 2 The_basket one was_figs good very like_the_figs_of the_early_figs and_the_basket one was_figs bad very which not they_will_be_eaten from_badness. 3 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me what are_you seeing Oh_Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) and_I_said figs the_figs (the)_good are_good very and_the_bad_figs are_ _bad very which not they_will_be_eaten from_badness. 4 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 5 Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says like_figs (the)_good the_ _these so I_will_regard ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_exile[s]_of Yəhūdāh whom I_ _have_sent from the_place the_this the_land_of the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy for_good. 6 And_I_will_set eye_of_my on_them for_ _good and_I_will_bring_them_back to the_earth/land (the)_this and_I_will_build_them_up and_not I_will_tear_them_down and_I_will_plant_them and_not I_will_pluck_them_up. 7 And_I_ _will_give to/for_them a_heart to_know ~~ᵭᵯ~~_me if/because_ _that I am_**YHWH** and_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_ _I I_will_become to/for_them (into)_god if/because they_will_

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who speak their own messages by claim that the messages came from me. 32 Yahweh declares that indeed, I'm against those who prophesy false dreams and retell them to lead my people astray with their reckless lies. It wasn't me who sent or commanded them, and they're of no benefit at all to those people. That is Yahweh's declaration.

False prophets · Southern kingdom

33 Now when this people group or a prophet or priest asks you, 'What is Yahweh's burden?'[161] you should tell them, 'You are the burden and I'll abandon you.' That is Yahweh's declaration. 34 As for the prophet or priest or anyone who claims that he knows Yahweh's burden, I'll punish that man and his household. 35 This is what each of you should ask their friend or relative: 'What did Yahweh answer?' or 'What has Yahweh said?' 36 But don't refer anymore to Yahweh's burden, because each person's message becomes the burden, so you all end up perverting the words of the living god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, our god. 37 This is what you should ask to the prophet, 'What answer did Yahweh give you?' or 'What did Yahweh say?' 38 However if you say, 'Yahweh's burden', then this is what Yahweh says: Because you said those words, 'Yahweh's burden,' after I sent you all a message saying, 'Don't say, "Yahweh's burden,' 39 therefore listen, I'll definitely forget you and will remove you all out of my presence—both you and your ancestors, and the city that I gave you. 40 Then I'll put permanent shame on you all, and continual insults that won't be forgotten.

Two baskets of figs · Southern kingdom

24:1 After the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had carried away Yehoyakin, son of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim, as well as Yehudah's officials and Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) craftsmen and metalsmiths, and had taken them to Bavel (Babylon),[162] Yahweh showed me two baskets of figs placed in front of his temple. 2 One basket of figs was very good like early, ripe figs, but the figs in the other basket were so bad that they weren't edible. 3 Then Yahweh asked me, "Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), what do you see?"

"Figs," I replied. "Some figs that look very good, and others that are so bad they're inedible."

4 Then Yahweh gave me this message: 5 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh, says this: I'll look favourably at the exiles from Yehudah just like those good figs, the exiles that I've sent out from this place to Bavel. 6 I'll give them my favour and restore them to this land. I'll build them up, and not tear them down. I'll plant them, and not uproot them. 7 Then I will give them a desire to know me, because I'm Yahweh. They'll be my people and I will be their god, so they will turn to me wholeheartedly.

8 But Yahweh declares that just like those bad figs that are

161 RV 23:33 · Note The Hebrew word translated 'burden' could alternatively mean 'message of doom' here and through to verse 40, except that it's also used to describe the people.

162 RV 24:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:12-16; 2Ch 36:10.

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inedible will be discarded, I'll act in that same way towards Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), along with his officials and the rest of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) who remain in this land or go to stay in the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **9** I'll turn them into something horrifying—a disaster, right there in the sight of all the world's kingdoms—a disgrace and a subject for proverbs, taunts, and curses in every place that I'll drive them into. **10** I'll send armies, famine, and disease against them until they're destroyed from the land that I gave to them and their ancestors.

Exile to Bavel foretold · Southern kingdom

25:1 This is the message that came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) concerning all the people of Yehudah (Judah) in the fourth year of the reign of Yehoyakim (son of Yehudah's King Yoshiyah (Josiah)), which was the first year of the reign of the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar). **2** The prophet Yirmiyah proclaimed this to all the people across Yehudah including all of Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants, saying: **3** Yahweh's messages have been coming to me for twenty-three years since the thirteenth year of the reign of Yehudah's king Yoshiyah (Yoshiyah, Amon's son), and I've passed them on to you all over and over again, but you haven't taken any notice of them. **4** Yahweh sent all his servants the prophets to you again and again, but you all haven't listened or paid any attention. **5** Those prophets said, 'Let everyone turn from their wicked ways and their evil activities, and return to the land that Yahweh gave in ancient times to your ancestors and to all of you as a permanent inheritance. **6** So don't walk after other gods to worship them or to bow down to them, and don't provoke him with things you make with your hands, and then he won't harm you all.' **7** But Yahweh declares that you all haven't listened to me, because with what you've made, you've provoked me to do harm to you.

8 So Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Since all of you haven't listen to my messages, **9** listen, I'm about to send out a command to fetch all the northern peoples. Yahweh declares that I will bring my servant, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar and his armies against this land and its inhabitants, and against all the nations around you. I will mark them for destruction and turn them into a horror—something to be hissed at, and permanent ruins. **10** I'll put an end to the sounds of gladness and celebration, the sounds of brides and grooms,[164] and the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.[165] **11** Then all of this land will become a desolation and a horror, and these nations

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_return to_me in_all heart_of_their. **8** And_like_figs (the)_bad which not they_will_be_eaten from_badness if/because thus **YHWH** he_says so I_will_make ĐOM Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM officials_of_his and_ĐOM the_remnant_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) those_who_remain on_the_earth (the)_this and_those_who_dwell in_land of_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** And_I_will_make_them mmm[163] into_an_ _evil to_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land into_a_reproach and_into_a_byword into_a_taunt and_into_a_ _curse in_all the_places where I_will_banish_them there. **10** And_I_will_send on_them ĐOM the_drought//sword/knife ĐOM the_famine and_ĐOM the_pestilence until they_are_ _finished from_under the_soil which I_gave to/for_them and_ _to_ancestors_of_their.

25:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) on all_ _of the_people_of Yəhūdāh in_year (the)_fourth of_ _Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh it was_the_year (the)_first of_ _Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel. **2** Which Yirmə^{yāh} the_ _prophet he_spoke to all_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh and_ _near/to all_of the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_ _say. **3** Since thir- teen year of_Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_son_of 'Āmōn the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_unto the_day the_this this three and_twenty year[s] the_message_of **YHWH** it_has_come to_me and_I_have_spoken to_you(pl) rising_early and_speaking and_ _not you(pl)_have_listened. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he_sent to_you(pl) ĐOM all_of servants_of_his the_prophets rising_early and_ _sending and_not you(pl)_listened and_not you(pl)_inclined ĐOM ear_of_your(pl) to_listen. **5** To_say turn_back please everyone from_way_of_his (the)_evil and_from_the_ _wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl) and_dwell on the_ _soil which **YHWH** he_gave to/for_you(pl) and_to_ancestors_ _of_your(pl) (to)_from antiquity and_unto perpetuity. **6** And_ _do_not walk after gods other to_serve_them and_to_bow_ _down to/for_them and_not you(pl)_must_provoke_to_anger me by_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your(pl) and_not I_ _will_do_harm to_you(pl). **7** And_not you(pl)_have_listened to_ _me the_utterance_of **YHWH** so_as mmm[167] by_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your(pl) for_harm your(pl). **8** For_ _so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says because that not you(pl)_have_listened_to ĐOM words/messages_of_my. **9** HERE_I am_about_to_send and_I_ _will_fetch ĐOM all_of the_clans_of the_north the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_near/to Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel servant_of_my and_I_will_bring_them on the_earth/land (the)_ _this and_on inhabitants_of_its and_on all_of the_nations the_ _these round_about and_I_will_totally_destroy_them and_I_ _will_make_them into_a_waste and_into_a_hissing and_into_ _ruins_of perpetuity. **10** And_I_will_destroy from_them the_ _sound_of joy and_the_sound_of gladness the_sound_of a_ _bridegroom and_the_sound_of a_bride the_sound_of a_

163 LV 24:9 · Note OSHB variant note: העוז/ל: (x-qere) הָעֵז/ל: lemma_l/2113 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_2466z הָעֵז/ל

164 RV 25:10 · Cross-ref. Jer 7:34; 16:9.

165 RV 25:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 18:22-23.

167 LV 25:7 · Note OSHB variant note: וסעכה/ינ: (x-qere) יְנָסִיעֻכָה: lemma_3707 n_0.0.0 morph_HVhc/Sp1cs id_24nu8 יְנָסִיעֻכָה

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_hand-mill and_the_light_of a_lamp. **11** And_ all_of the_ _earth/land (the)_this _it_will_become (into)_a_desolation (into)_a_waste and_ the_nations the_these _they_will_serve ĐOM the_king_of Bāvel seventy year[s]. **12** And_it_was just_ seventy year[s] _as_are_completed I_will_visit on the_king_of Bāvel and_on the_nation (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** ĐOM iniquity_of_their and_on the_land_of the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy and_I_will_make ĐOM_him/it into_desolations_of perpetuity. **13** And[168] on the_earth/land (the)_that ĐOM all_of words/messages_of_my which I_spoke on/upon_it(f) ĐOM every_of (the)_thing_written in_book the_this which Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) he_prophesied on all_of the_nations. **14** If/because they_will_work by_them also they nations many and_kings great and_I_will_repay to/for_them according_to_of_ _their_deed[s] and_according_to_the_work_of their_hands_of_ _their.

15 If/because thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā^{ēl}/(Israel) he_said to_me take ĐOM the_cup_of (the)_wine the_rage (the)_this from_hand_of_my and_you_will_make_drink ĐOM_him/it ĐOM all_of the_nations which I am_sending you to_them. **16** And_ _they_will_drink and_they_will_stagger_to_and_fro and_they_ _will_act_like_mad_people from_face/in_front_of the_ _drought//sword/knife which I am_about_to_send between_ _them. **17** And_I_took ĐOM the_cup from_the_hand_of **YHWH** and_I_made_drink ĐOM all_of the_nations which he_sent_me **YHWH** to_them. **18** ĐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ĐOM the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM kings_of_its ĐOM officials_ _of_its to_make ĐOM_them into_a_ruin into_a_waste into_a_ _hissing and_into_a_curse as_day (the)_this. **19** ĐOM Par'oh the_ _king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ĐOM servants_of_his and_ĐOM officials_of_his and_ĐOM all_of people_of_his. **20** And_ĐOM every_of (the)_foreigner and_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of the_land_ _of (the)_'Ūts and_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of the_land_of the_ _Pəlishtiy and_ĐOM 'Ashqəlōn and_ĐOM 'Azzāh and_ĐOM 'Eqrōn and_ĐOM the_remnant_of 'Ashdōd. **21** ĐOM 'Edōm and_ĐOM Mō'āv and_ĐOM the_people_of 'Ammōn. **22** And_ĐOM all_of the_ _kings_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_ĐOM the_kings_of the_coastland which is_ _on_the_other_side_of the_sea. **23** And_ĐOM Dədān and_ĐOM Tēymā' and_ĐOM Būz and_ĐOM all_of those_who_are_cut_off_of the_corner. **24** And_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of 'Arāv and_ĐOM all_ _of the_kings_of the_mixed_people[s] who_dwell in_wilderness. **25** And_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of Zimrī and_ĐOM all_of the_kings_ _of 'Ēylām and_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of Māday. **26** And_ĐOM all_ _of the_kings_of the_north (the)_near and_(the)_far each to his/its_brother and_ĐOM all_of the_kingdoms_of the_ _earth/land which are_on the_surface_of the_soil and_the_ _king_of Shēshak he_will_drink after_them. **27** And_you_will_ _say to_them thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says drink and_become_drunk and_vomit and_fall_down and_not you(pl)_will_rise from_face/in_front_of the_drought//sword/knife which I am_about_to_send between_you. **28** And_it_was if/because they_will_refuse to_

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will serve the Babylonian king for seventy years.[166]

12 Then after seventy years have passed, then I'll punish the king of Bavel (Babylon) and that nation—the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans)—for their wickedness, and make it into a permanent wasteland. That is Yahweh's declaration. **13** Then I'll carry out all the messages that I'd spoken against that land, and everything written in this document that Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) has prophesied against all the nations. **14** Yes many other nations and great kings will also make slaves out of those nations. I'll repay them for everything they've done.

The punishment of God of nations

15 Yes Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh told me, "Take this cup of the wine of fury from my hand, and all the nations that I'm sending you to, make them drink it. **16** They'll drink and then stagger around and act like mad people when they see the deadly army that I'm sending out to them.

17 So I took the cup from Yahweh's hand and made all the nations that he'd sent me to, drink from it, **18** as well as Yehudah's (Judah's) cities including Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and its king and officials—to turn them into ruins and something terrifying, and into something to hiss and curse at, as they are until this present day. **19** Those nations included:

Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Par'oh (Pharaoh), his officials, his leaders, and all his people,

20 all people of mixed heritage and all the kings of the land of Uts (Uz),

all the kings of the land of Peleshet: Ashkelon, Azah (Gaza), Ekron, and the remnant from Ashdod,

21 Edom, Moav (Moab), and the Amonim,

22 all the kings of Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon),

the kings from the coastlands across the sea,

23 Dedan, Teyma, Buz,

and all who cut the corners of their hair,

24 all the Aravi kings,

and all the kings of the mixed tribes who live in the desert,

25 all the kings from Zimri, Eylam, and Maday (Media),

26 all the kings of the north, both near and far, one after another,

all the kingdoms around the world.

And after all of them, the Babylonian[169] king will drink it too.

27 Then Yahweh told me to tell them, 'Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says this: Drink and become drunk, then vomit, fall down, and don't get up again until the

166 RV 25:11 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 36:21; Jer 29:10; Dan 9:2.

168 LV 25:13 · Note OSHB variant note: יתיאבה/ו: (x-qere) יְתֵאֵבֶה/וְ: lemma_c/935 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Vhq1cs id_24FpP יְתֵאֵבֶה/וְ

169 RV 25:26 · Note 'Babylon' here in the Hebrew is 'Sheshak', which is Hebrew for 'Babylon' with the letters substituted in a simple code.

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deadly army arrives that I'm sending among you.' **28** Then if any of the above refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, tell me, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that you certainly must drink it, **29** because listen, I'm about to bring disaster to the city that is called by my name, and should you yourselves be free from punishment? You won't be free, because I'm calling a deadly army against all the inhabitants of the land.'
That is Commander-in-chief Yahweh's declaration.

30 You must prophesy all these messages against them, telling them:

'Yahweh will roar from the heights
and he'll shout with his voice from his sacred residence,
and he will roar mightily against his land,
and he will shout, like those who tread grapes in a wine-pressing pit
against all those who live on the earth.
31 The uproar will be heard even at the ends of the earth
because Yahweh brings a charge against the nations.
He will pass judgement on all humankind
and have the wicked killed in war.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
32 Commander-in-chief says this:
Listen, disaster is spreading from nation to nation.
A terrible storm is rising from the ends of the earth.
33 Then those killed that day by Yahweh will be spread from one end of the earth to the other. They won't be mourned over, gathered, or buried—they'll be like dung lying on the ground.
34 Wail, you shepherds, and call out for help.
Roll around in the dust, you leaders of the flock,
because the time has come for your slaughter.
You'll all be scattered when you fall, like fragments of broken pottery.
35 There's no safe place for the shepherds to go to.
There'll be no escape for the leaders of the flock.
36 Hear the shepherds' cries of distress
and the wails of the leaders of the flock,
→because Yahweh is destroying their pastures.
37 So the peaceful pastures will be devastated
because of Yahweh's fierce anger.
38 He's left his den like a young lion would,
because their land will become a horror
due to the oppressor's anger and Yahweh's fierce angry.

Wanting a death sentence for Yirmiyah · Southern kingdom

26:1 Near the beginning of the reign of Yehoyakim (Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) son), this message came from Yahweh: **2** Yahweh says this: Stand in the courtyard of my temple and speak about all of Yehudah's (Judah's) cities who come to worship at my residence. Proclaim all the messages that I've commanded you to say to them—don't hold anything back. **3** Maybe they'll listen and everyone will turn from their wicked ways, and then I would turn back the disaster that I'm planning to send to them because of their wicked behaviour, **4** so you

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_take the_cup from_hand_of_your to_drink and_you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says certainly_ _(drink) you(pl)_will_drink. **29** If/because HERE on_city which name_of_my it_is_called on/upon_it(f) I am_beginning to_do_ _harm and_you(pl) completely_(exempt_from_punishment) will_you(pl)_be_exempt_from_punishment not you(pl)_will_be_ _exempt_from_punishment if/because a_sword I am_calling on all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **30** And_you(ms) you_will_ _prophesy to_them ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages the_these and_you_will_say to_them **YHWH** from_a_high_place he_will_ _roar and_from_the_dwelling_of his_holiness_of_his he_will_ _give_forth voice_of_his mightily_(roar) he_will_roar on habitation_of_his shouting like_those_who_tread he_will_sing to all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land. **31** An_uproar it_ _has_come to the_end_of the_earth/land if/because a_ _controversy to/for_**YHWH** on_nations he is_about_to_enter_ _into_judgement to/from_all/each/any/every flesh the_ _wicked_people he_has_delivered_them_up to_sword the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **32** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says THERE calamity is_about_to_go_forth from_nation to nation and_a_storm great it_will_be_roused from_the_ _remotest_parts_of the_earth. **33** And_they_will_be those_slain_ _of **YHWH** in_the_day (the)_that from_the_end_of the_ _earth/land and_unto the_end_of the_earth/land not they_ _will_be_mourned and_not they_will_be_gathered and_not they_will_be_buried (into)_dung on the_surface_of the_soil they_will_become. **34** Wail Oh_shepherds and_cry_out and_roll_ _in_ashes Oh_noble_ones_of the_flock if/because days_of_ _your(pl) they_have_been_completed for_slaughtering and_ _dispersions_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_fall like_a_vessel_of desire. **35** And_ a_place_of_escape _it_will_be_lost from the_ _shepherds and_escape from_the_noble_ones_of the_flock. **36** The_sound_of the_cry_of_distress_of the_shepherds and_ _the_wailing_of the_noble_ones_of the_flock if/because **YHWH** is_destroying ~~DOM~~ pasture_of_their. **37** And_ the_pastures_of (the)_peace _they_will_be_devastated from_face/in_front_of the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH**. **38** He_has_left like_(the)_ _lion lair_of_his if/because land_of_their it_has_become (into)_ _a_waste from_face/in_front_of the_anger_of the_oppressor and_because_of the_burning_of his_anger_of_his.

26:1 In_beginning of_the_kingship_of of_ _Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_message the_this it_came from_ _with **YHWH** to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** he_said stand in_the_court_ _of the_house_of **YHWH** and_you_will_speak to all_of the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh the_(ones_who)_went to_bow_down the_ _house_of **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages which I_ _commanded_you(ms) to_speak to_them do_not hold_back a_ _message. **3** Perhaps they_will_listen and_they_will_turn_back everyone from_way_of_his (the)_evil and_I_will_repent concerning the_calamity which I am_planning for_doing to/for_them from_face/in_front_of the_wickedness_of their_

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_deeds_of_their. **4** And_you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** he_
_says if not you(pl)_will_listen to_me to_go in_law_of_my which
I_have_set before_you(pl). **5** To_listen to the_words/messages_
_of my_servants_of_my the_prophets whom I have_been_
_sending to_you(pl) and_rising_early and_sending and_not
you(pl)_have_listened. **6** And_I_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ the_house the_
_this like_Shiloh and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_city the[172] I_will_make into_a_
_curse to_all/each/any/every the_nations_of the_earth/land.
7 And_ the_priests and_the_prophets and_all the_people _they_
heard ᴅᴏᴍ Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) speaking ᴅᴏᴍ the
_words/messages the_these in_house_of **YHWH**. **8** And_he/it_
was just Yirməʸᵃʰ _as_had_finished to_speak ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that
YHWH he_had_commanded to_speak to all_of the_people and_
the_priests and_the_prophets and_all the_people _they_seized
ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to_say surely_(die) you_will_die. **9** Why have_you_
_prophesied in_the_name_of **YHWH** to_say like_Shiloh it_will_
_be the_house the_this and_the_city (the)_this it_will_be_
_desolate from_not an_inhabitant and_ all_of the_people _it_
_assembled to Yirməʸᵃʰ in_house_of **YHWH**. **10** And_they_heard
the_officials_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) ᴅᴏᴍ the_things the_these
and_they_came_up from_the_house_of the_king the_house_of
YHWH and_they_lived at_the_entrance_of the_gate_of **YHWH**
(the)_new. **11** And_ the_priests and_the_prophets _they_said to
the_officials and_near/to all_of the_people to_say a_sentence_
_of death belongs_to_man the_this if/because he_has_
_prophesied against the_city (the)_this just_as you(pl)_have_
_heard with_your_two's_own_of_ears. **12** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_
_said to all_of the_officials and_near/to all_of the_people to_say
YHWH he_sent_me to_prophesy against the_house the_this
and_near/to the_city (the)_this ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages
which you(pl)_have_heard. **13** And_now make_good ways_of_
_your(pl) and_deeds_of_your(pl) and_listen to_the_voice_of
YHWH god_of_your(pl) so_ **YHWH** _that_he_will_repent
concerning the_calamity which he_has_spoken on_you(pl).
14 And_I here_I am_in_hand_of_your(pl) do to_me according_
_the_good and_according_the_right in_eyes_of_your(pl).
15 Only certainly_(know) you(pl)_will_know if/because_that if
you(pl) are_about_to_put_to_death ᴅᴏᴍ_me if/because_that
blood innocent you(pl) are_about_to_put on_yourselves and_
_near/to the_city (the)_this and_near/to inhabitants_of_its
if/because in_truth he_has_sent_me **YHWH** to_you(pl) to_speak
in_ears_of_your(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages the_these.
16 And_ the_officials and_all the_people _they_said to the_
_priests and_near/to the_prophets there_is_not for_man the_
_this a_sentence_of death if/because in/on_name_of **YHWH**
god_of_our he_has_spoken to_us. **17** And_ men of_the_elders_of
the_earth/land _they_arose and_they_said to all_of the_
_assembly_of the_people to_say. **18** Mīkāh[173] the_Mōrashtiy he_
_was prophesying in_the_days_of Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_said to all_of the_people_of
Yəhūdāh to_say thus he_says **YHWH** soldiers/messengers
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) a_field it_will_be_plowed and_

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need to tell them that Yahweh says this:
If you don't listen to me so as to follow my instructions that I've given to you all, **5** if you don't listen to the words of my servants the prophets that I've been regularly sending to you, and indeed you haven't listened, **6** then I'll destroy this house like I did at Shiloh[170] and I'll turn this city into a curse to/for all the nations in the world.

7 The priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) proclaiming those words at Yahweh's temple. **8** Then as soon as Yirmiyah had finished saying everything that Yahweh had commanded him to tell all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him and threatened to kill him, saying: **9** Why have you prophesied in Yahweh's name and said that this temple will be destroyed like Shiloh, and that this city will become desolate, with no inhabitants?" Then all the people gathered together against Yirmiyah at Yahweh's residence.

10 Then Yehudah's (Judah's) officials heard about what was going on, and they went up from the palace to the temple where they sat in the gateway at the New Gate at Yahweh's residence. **11** Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the officials and to all the people, saying, "It's right for this man to die, because he prophesied against this city, as you've all heard with your own ears."

12 So Yirmiyah spoke to all the officials and all the people and said, "Yahweh has sent me out to prophesy to say all the words that you have heard, against both this temple and this city. **13** So now, improve your ways and your practices, and listen to the voice of your god Yahweh so that he'll relent concerning the disaster that he's proclaimed against you all. **14** As for me, here I am in your hands—do to me whatever you think is right and proper. **15** However, you must surely know that if you kill me, then you're all bringing innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and its inhabitants, because Yahweh has truly sent me to you to proclaim all these messages for you all to hear."

16 Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets, "This man doesn't deserve to be sentenced to death, because he's spoken to us in the name of our god, Yahweh."

17 Then some of Yehudah's (Judah's) elders stepped forward and spoke to all the people who were gathered there, **18** "Mikah (from Morashet) prophesied during the lifetime of Yehudah's King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), and he told all the people from Yehudah that Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:

Tsiyon (Zion), a field will be ploughed,
and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will become heaps of ruins,
and the temple hill will become an overgrown forest.[171]

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170 **RV 26:6 · Cross-ref.** Josh 18:1; Psa 78:60; Jer 7:12-14.

171 **RV 26:18 · Cross-ref.** Mic 3:12.

172 **LV 26:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: הַתַּאז/ה: (x-qere) הַתַּאזֵ֑ה: lemma_d/2063 n_0.1.0 morph_HTd/Pdxfs id_24h7X הַתַּאזֵ֑ה

173 **LV 26:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: הֵיכִימ: (x-qere) הֲכִימֵ֑: lemma_4318 n_1.2.0 morph_HNp id_24CTb הֲכִימֵ֑

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19 Did Yehudah's King Hizkiyah or anyone else in Yehudah put him to death? Didn't Hizkiyah respect and honour Yahweh and ask for his favour, and didn't Yahweh relent from sending the disaster that he had pronounced against them? It seems that we're about to bring great harm on ourselves."

20 Now there was another man prophesying in Yahweh's name of Yahweh: Uriyah (son of Shemayah from Kiryat-Yearim) who prophesied against this city and against this land with similar messages to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah). 21 When King Yehoyakim and all his warriors and all the officials heard his words, the king wanted to put him to death. However when Uriyah heard about it, he became afraid, and he fled and went to Mitsrayim (Egypt). 22 However, King Yehoyakim sent Akbor's son Elnatan and several other men to Mitsrayim to get Uriyah. 23 They brought Uriyah back from Mitsrayim and took him to King Yehoyakim who ran him through with a sword and threw his corpse into the public graveyard.

24 However, Shafan's son Ahikam supported Yirmiyah and didn't allow the people to kill him.

Yirmiyah wears a yoke · Southern kingdom

27:1 At the beginning of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim (son of Yoshiyah (Josiah) Yoshiyah), this message came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) from Yahweh,[174] 2 telling him this:

Make yourself a wooden ox yoke with bars, and tie it to your neck. 3 Use it to send messages to the kings of Edom, Moav (Moab), Amon, Tsor (Tyre), and Tsidon (Sidon), through the ambassadors from those countries who've come to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to meet with King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) 4 to tell them that Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says to give their masters this message: 5 I myself made the earth and the people and animals that are on the earth, by my direct actions and my great strength, and I give it to whoever I see fit. 6 Now I've personally handed over all these lands to my servant, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), and I've also given the animals in the countryside to him to serve him. 7 All the nations will serve him and his son and then his grandson, until the time of his own land comes due. Yes, it will, and then many nations and great kings will make him serve them.

8 Any nation or kingdom that won't serve the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar and that won't put its neck into his yoke, then I'll punish that nation with war and famine and disease until I've used King Nevukadnetsar to finish them off. That is Yahweh's declaration, 9 so don't you all keep listening to your 'prophets',

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_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) heaps_of_ruins it_will_be and_the_ _mountain_of the_house (into)_high_places_of a_forest. 19 Really_(put_to_death) did_they_put_him_to_death Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_all Yəhūdāh not was_he_fearing ÐOM **YHWH** and_did_he_entreat ÐOM the_face_of **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he/it_sighed/regretted concerning the_calamity which he_had_spoken on_them and_we are_about_to_do an_ _evil great on selves_of_our. 20 And_also a_man he_was prophesying in/on_name_of **YHWH** 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_son_of Shəma'^{yāh} from_Qiryat- yə'ārīm/(jearim) and_he_prophesied on the_city (the)_this and_on the_earth/land (the)_this like_all_of the_words/messages_of Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah). 21 And_ the_king Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) and_all his_of_warriors and_all the_ _officials _he/it_listened ÐOM words/messages_of_his and_ the_ _king _he/it_sought to_put_him_to_death and_ 'Ūriy^{yāh} _he/it_ _listened and_he_was_afraid and_he_fled and_he_went Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 22 And_ the_king Yəhōyāqīm _he_sent men Mitsrayim ÐOM 'Elnātān the_son_of 'Akbōr and_men with_ _him/it to Mitsrayim. 23 And_they_brought_out ÐOM 'Ūriy^{yāh} from_Mitsrayim and_they_took_him to the_king Yəhōyāqīm and_he_struck_him_down with_sword and_he_threw ÐOM corpse_of_his to the_graves_of the_sons_of the_people. 24 Nevertheless the_hand_of 'Aḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān it_was with Yirmə^{yāh} to_not to_give ÐOM_him/it in_the_hand_of the_ _people to_put_him_to_death.

27:1 In_beginning_of_the_reign_of of_Yəhōyāqīm the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_message the_this it_came to Yirmə^{yāh} from_with **YHWH** to_say. 2 Thus **YHWH** he_said to_me make to/for_yourself(m) fetters and_ _yoke-bars_of and_you_will_put_them on neck_of_your. 3 And_ _you_will_send_them to the_king_of 'Edōm and_near/to the_ _king_of Mō'āv and_near/to the_king_of the_people_of 'Ammōn and_near/to the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_near/to the_king_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) by_the_hand_of messengers the_ _(ones_who)_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh. 4 And_you_will_ _command ÐOM_them to masters_of_their to_say thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says thus you(pl)_will_say to masters_of_your(pl). 5 I I_made ÐOM the_ _earth/land ÐOM the_humankind and_ÐOM the_cattle/livestock which are_on the_surface_of the_earth/land by_power_of_my (the)_great and_by_arm_of_my (the)_outstretched and_I_give_it to_those_whom it_is_pleasing in_eyes_of_my. 6 And_now I I_ _give ÐOM all_of the_lands the_these in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel servant_of_my and_also ÐOM the_animal[s]_of the_field I_give to_him/it to_serve_him. 7 And_ all_of the_nations _they_will_serve ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM his/its_son and_ÐOM the_son_of his/its_son until the_time_of his_land_of_his also he comes and_they_will_work in_him/it nations many and_kings great. 8 And_it_was the_nation and_ _the_kingdom which not they_will_serve ÐOM_him/it ÐOM Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel and_ÐOM which not it_will_ _put ÐOM neck_of_its in_the_yoke_of the_king_of Bāvel with_ _sword and_with_famine and_with_pestilence I_will_visit_

174 RV 27:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:18-20; 2Ch 36:11-13.

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_judgement on the_nation (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** until I_have_consumed ĐOM_them in_his/its_hand. **9** And_ _you(pl) do_not listen to prophets_of_your(pl) and_near/to diviners_of_your(pl) and_near/to dreams_of_your(pl) and_ _near/to soothsayers_of_your(pl) and_near/to sorcerers_of_ _your(pl) who they are_saying to_you(pl) to_say not you(pl)_ _will_serve ĐOM the_king_of Bāvel. **10** If/because falsehood they are_prophesying to/for_you(pl) so_as to_remove_far_away you(pl) from_under land_of_your(pl) and_I_will_drive_out you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_perish. **11** And_the_nation which it_ _will_bring ĐOM neck_of_its in_the_yoke_of the_king_of Bāvel and_it_will_serve_him and_I_will_let_it_remain on land_of_its the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_it_will_work_it and_it_will_dwell in_it. **12** And_near/to Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I_spoke according_to_all_of the_ _words/messages the_these to_say bring ĐOM necks_of_your(pl) in_the_yoke_of the_king_of Bāvel and_serve ĐOM_him/it and_ _people_of_his and_live. **13** To/for_what you and_people_of_ _your will_you(pl)_die by_sword by_famine and_by_pestilence just_as **YHWH** he_has_spoken to the_nation which not it_will_ _serve ĐOM the_king_of Bāvel. **14** And_do_not listen to the_ _words/messages_of the_prophets who_are_saying to_you(pl) to_say not you(pl)_will_serve ĐOM the_king_of Bāvel if/because falsehood they are_prophesying to_you(pl). **15** If/because not I_ _sent_them the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_they are_prophesying in_name_of_my to_falsehood so_as I_to_drive_out you(pl) and_ you(pl) and_the_prophets who_are_prophesying to_you(pl) _ _you(pl)_will_perish. **16** And_near/to the_priests and_near/to all_of the_people the_this I_spoke to_say thus **YHWH** he_says do_not listen to the_words/messages_of your(pl)_prophets_of_ _your(pl) who_are_prophesying to/for_you(pl) to_say THERE the_articles_of the_house_of **YHWH** are_about_to_be_brought_ _back from_Bāvel_at now quickly if/because falsehood they are_prophesying to_you(pl). **17** Do_not listen to_them serve ĐOM the_king_of Bāvel and_live to/for_what the_city (the)_this will_it_become a_ruin. **18** And_if are_prophets they and_if (there) the_message_of **YHWH** with_them let_them_entreat please (in)_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers to_not go the_vessels which_remain in_house_of **YHWH** and_the_house_of the_king_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_ _Bāvel. **19** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says concerning the_pillars and_on the_sea and_on the_stands and_ _on the_remainder_of the_vessels which_remain in_city (the)_ _this. **20** Which not he_took_them Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel when_he_took_into_exile ĐOM Yəkon^{yāh}/(Jeconiah)[175] the_son_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_king_of Yəhūdāh from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_Bāvel and_ĐOM all_of the_nobles_ _of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **21** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) he_says on the_vessels which_remain the_house_of **YHWH** and_the_ _house_of the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **22** To_Bāvel they_will_be_taken and_there_(to) they_will_ _remain until the_day_of I_give_attention_to ĐOM_them the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_bring_them_up and_I_will_ _bring_them_back to the_place (the)_this.

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and to your diviners and dreamers, and to your soothsayers and sorcerers—all those who keep telling you that you all won't serve the Babylonian king, **10** because they're prophesying lies to you, so as to remove you all far away from on your land. Yes, I will drive you all out and you'll die in a foreign land. **11** However, the nation that brings its neck into the Babylonian king's yoke and serves him, I'll let that nation remain on its land, and it will cultivate it and live there. That's is Yahweh's declaration.

12 Then to Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), I passed on those same words, saying, "Put your necks into the yoke of the Babylonian king, and serve him and his people, and live. **13** Why would you and your people die from war, famine, and disease, as Yahweh has said will come to any nation that doesn't serve the Babylonian king? **14** So don't listen to the messages from the prophets who are speaking to you when they tell you all not to serve the king of Bavel (Babylon) as they're prophesying lies to you **15** because I didn't send them. Yahweh declares that they're using my name to prophesy lies so that I'll drive you out, and you'll all perish—both you and the prophets who are prophesying to you." **16** Then I told the priests and all those people that Yahweh says: Don't listen to the words of your prophets who are prophesying to you and saying that the utensils from Yahweh's temple will soon be brought back from Bavel, because they're prophesying lies to you. **17** Don't listen to them. Serve the Babylonian king and live. Why should this city become a ruin? **18** If they were prophets who really have access to Yahweh's message, then please let them intercede with Commander-in-chief Yahweh so that the utensils remaining in Yahweh's temple and in Yehudah's king's palace and in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) don't end up being taken to Bavel.

19 Yes, Commander-in-chief Yahweh has spoken about the bronze pillars and the large, bronze water basin, and concerning the bronze stands and the rest of the utensils remaining in this city, **20** which the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) didn't take when he exiled Yehudah's King Yekaneyah (son of Yehoyakim) from Yerushalem to Bavel, along with all the leading citizens of Yehudah including Yerushalem. **21** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says about the utensils remaining in Yahweh's temple and in the palace of the king of Yehudah and Yerushalem: **22** They'll be taken to Bavel and they'll remain there until the time when I punish those Babylonians, and then I'll bring them back and restore them to this place. That is Yahweh's declaration.

175 LV 27:20 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Yirmiyah vs Prophet Hananyah · Southern kingdom

28:1 In the fifth month of the fourth year of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah),[176] Azur's son Hananyah who was a 'prophet' from Giveon, said to me in Yahweh's temple as priests and all the people watched, saying, **2** "Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: I've broken the yoke of the Babylonian king. **3** Within two years, I, myself, will bring back here all the utensils from Yahweh's residence that the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) got from this place and took to Bavel (Babylon). **4** I, myself, will also bring Yekaneyah (the son of Yehudah's King Yehoyakim) back to this place, and all the exiles from Yehudah that were taken to Bavel, because I'll break the yoke of the Babylonian king. That is Yahweh's declaration."

5 Then the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) spoke to the prophet Hananyah, as the priests and all the people standing in Yahweh's temple watched, **6** saying, "Let it be so—may Yahweh do all that. May Yahweh confirm your messages that you prophesied, to bring the temple utensils back to this place, along with all the exiles from Bavel. **7** However, please listen to this message that I, myself, am speaking as you and all the people listen: **8** The prophets who preceded both me and you, prophesied long ago that many nations and powerful kingdoms would experience wars, terrible suffering, and deadly diseases. **9** The prophet who prophesies about peace, that prophet will be known as 'a truthful prophet sent by Yahweh' only when his message comes to pass."

10 Then the prophet Hananyah took the yoke bar off the prophet Yirmiyah's neck, and broke it. **11** Then as all the people watched, he said, "This is what Yahweh says: Just like that, I'll break the yoke of the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) off the neck of all the nations within two more years."

Then the prophet Yirmiyah left the gathering.

12 After the prophet Hananyah broke the yoke bar that had been on the prophet Yirmiyah's neck, Yahweh's message came to Yirmiyah saying, **13** "Go and tell Hananyah this: 'Yahweh says that you've broken wooden yoke bars, but in their place, you'll make yoke bars out of iron,' **14** because Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, 'I've put an iron yoke bar on the neck of all these nations to serve the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar, and they will indeed serve him. I've also given him the animals from the countryside.' "

15 Then the prophet Yirmiyah told the prophet Hananyah, "Listen, please, Hananyah. Yahweh hasn't sent you, and you yourself have made this people group put their trust in things

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28:1 And_he/it_was in (the)_that in_beginning of_the_reign_of of_Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh in/on/at/with[177] (the)_fourth in_month (the)_fifth he_said to_ _me Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_son_of ʹAzzūr the_prophet who was_from_ _Giv˝ōn in_house_of **YHWH** to_the_eyes_of the_priests and_all the_people to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_ _of Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says to_say I_will_break ÐOM the_yoke_of the_king_of Bāv˝el. **3** In_yet two_years days I will_bring_back to the_place the_this ÐOM all_of the_articles_of the_house_of **YHWH** which he_took Nəv˝ūkadnetstsar[178] the_king_of Bāv˝el from the_place the_this and_he/it_brought_them Bāv˝el. **4** And_ _ÐOM Yəkon^{yāh}/(Jeconiah) the_son_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ÐOM all_of the_exile[s]_of Yəhūdāh the_(ones_who)_went to_Bāv˝el I will_bring_back to the_place the_this the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because I_will_ _break ÐOM the_yoke_of the_king_of Bāv˝el. **5** And_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet _he/it_said to Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_ _prophet to_the_eyes_of the_priests and_to_the_eyes_of all_of the_people who_were_standing in_house_of **YHWH**. **6** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet _he/it_said amen thus **YHWH** may_he_do **YHWH** may_he_carry_out ÐOM words/messages_of_your which you_have_prophesied by_bringing_back the_articles_of the_ _house_of **YHWH** and_all the_exile[s] from_Bāv˝el to the_place (the)_this. **7** Nevertheless listen_to please the_message the_this which I am_about_to_speak in_ears_of_your and_in_the_ears_of all_of the_people. **8** The_prophets who they_were to/for_my_ _face/front and_before_face_of_you from (the)_antiquity and_ _they_prophesied against lands many and_on kingdoms great of_war and_of_calamity and_of_pestilence. **9** The_prophet who he_prophesies of_peace when_ the_message_of the_prophet _ _comes the_prophet he_will_be_recognized whom he_sent_him **YHWH** in_truth. **10** And_ Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_prophet _he/it_took ÐOM the_yoke-bar from_under the_neck_of Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet and_he_broke_it. **11** And_ Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} _he/it_said to_the_eyes_of all_of the_people to_say thus **YHWH** he_says thus I_will_break ÐOM the_yoke_of Nəv˝ūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāv˝el in_yet two_years days from_under[179] the_neck_of all_of the_nations and_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet _he/it_went to_way_of_ _his. **12** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh} after Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_prophet broke ÐOM the_yoke-bar from_ _under the_neck_of Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet to_say. **13** Go and_ _you_will_say to Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} to_say thus **YHWH** he_says yoke-bars_of wood you_have_broken and_you_will_make in_ _place_of_them yoke-bars_of iron. **14** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says a_ _yoke_of iron I_have_put on the_neck_of all_of the_nations the_ _these to_serve ÐOM Nəv˝ūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāv˝el and_ _they_will_serve_him and_also ÐOM the_animal[s]_of the_field I_have_given to_him/it. **15** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet _he/it_ _said to Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_prophet listen please Oh_Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} not he_sent_you **YHWH** and_you(ms) you_have_made_rely ÐOM the_people the_this on falsehood. **16** For_so/thus/hence thus

176 **RV 28:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:18-20; 2Ch 36:11-13.

177 **LV 28:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: תנש/ב: (x-qere) הֲנָשִׂ֔יא/ב: lemma_b/8141 n_1.1.0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_24wRc הֲנָשִׂ֔יא/ב

178 **LV 28:3 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

179 **LV 28:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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YHWH he_says HERE_I am_about_of_to_throw_you_out from_ _under the_surface_of the_soil this_year you will_die if/because rebellion you_have_spoken against **YHWH**. **17** And_ Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_prophet _he/it_died in_year (the)_that in_month the_ _seventh.

29:1 And_these are_the_words/messages_of the_letter which Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet he_sent from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to the_remainder_of the_elders_of the_exile[s] and_near/to the_priests and_near/to the_prophets and_near/to all_of the_people which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_had_ _taken_into_exile from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_Bāvel. **2** After Yəkon^{yāh}/(Jeconiah) the_king and_the_queen-mother and_the_court-officials the_officials_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_the_craftsman and_the_smith went_out from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** By_the_hand_of 'El'āsāh the_son_of Shāfān and_Gəmar^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} whom Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_sent to Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel to_Bāvel to_say. **4** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says to/from_all/each/any/every the_exile[s] whom I_sent_into_ _exile from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_Bāvel. **5** Build houses and_dwell and_plant gardens and_eat ~~ḌǪM~~ produce_of_their. **6** Take wives and_father sons and_daughters and_take for_sons_ _of_your(pl) wives and_~~ḌǪM~~ daughters_of_your(pl) give to_ _husbands so_that_they_may_bear sons and_daughters and_ _increase/multiply there and_do_not diminish. **7** And_seek ~~ḌǪM~~ the_welfare_of the_city where I_have_sent_into_exile you(pl) to_(to) and_pray for_it to **YHWH** if/because in_welfare_of_its it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) welfare. **8** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says not let_them_deceive to/for_you(pl) prophets_of_your(pl) who are_ _in_midst_of_your(pl) and_diviners_of_your(pl) and_do_not listen to dreams_of_your(pl) which you(pl) are_dreaming. **9** If/because with_falsehood they are_prophesying to/for_ _you(pl) in_name_of_my not I_sent_them the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **10** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says if/because to_the_ _mouth_of (of)_will_be_completed for_Bāvel seventy year[s] I_ _will_give_attention_to you(pl) and_I_will_carry_out on_you(pl) ~~ḌǪM~~ message_of_my (the)_good by_bringing_back you(pl) to the_place (the)_this. **11** If/because I I_know ~~ḌǪM~~ the_plans which I am_planning on_you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH** plans_of well-being and_not for_harm to_give to/for_you(pl) a_ _future and_a_hope. **12** And_you(pl)_will_call_on ~~ḌǪM~~_me and_ _you(pl)_will_come and_you(pl)_will_pray to_me and_I_will_ _listen to_you(pl). **13** And_you(pl)_will_seek ~~ḌǪM~~_me and_ _you(pl)_will_find_me if/because you(pl)_will_seek_me in_all heart_of_your(pl). **14** And_I_will_let_myself_be_found to/for_ _you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_turn_back ~~ḌǪM~~ mmm[183] and_I_will_gather you(pl) from_all the_nations and_ _from_all_of the_places where I_banished you(pl) there the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_bring_back you(pl) to the_

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that aren't true. **16** Because of that, Yahweh says this: 'Listen, I'm removing you from this world. You'll die this very year, because you have said things that would cause the people to rebel against Yahweh.' "

17 The prophet Hananyah then died in the seventh month of that year.

Yirmiyah's letter to the exiled Yehudim · Southern kingdom

29:1 The prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) sent a letter from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to the remainder of the elders of the exile, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people that Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had exiled from Yerushalem to Bavel (Babylon)[180] **2** after the removal from Yerushalem of King Yekaneyah and the queen mother, the court officials and the leaders of Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem, plus the craftsmen and the metalsmiths. **3** He sent it with Shafan's son Eleasah and Hilkiyah's son Gemaryah, who Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) sent to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar in Bavel. The letter said,

4 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this to all of you that I've exiled from Yerushalem to Bavel: **5** Build houses and live in them, and plant gardens and eat their fruit. **6** Marry and have children. Find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage so that they also have children. Increase in number there—don't become fewer. **7** In addition, the city that I've sent you all into exile to, work to make it more prosperous and pray to Yahweh for it, because if it prospers, its prosperity will belong to all of you. **8** That's because Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Don't let your prophets and diviners who are among you deceive you, and don't listen to your dreams that you wishfully dream, **9** because those prophets are prophesying using my name but not being truthful—I didn't send them. That is Yahweh's declaration.

10 "Because this is what Yahweh says: When seventy years have passed for Bavel,[181] I'll visit take notice of you all again, and I'll implement my good message about you—to bring you all back to this place, **11** because I know the plans that I have for you all: plans for peaceful well-being—not to bring you all harm, but rather a future with hope. That is Yahweh's declaration. **12** Then you'll all call out to me for help, and you'll come and pray to me, and I'll listen to you all. **13** You'll search for me, and you'll find me, because you'll all want to follow me with complete sincerity.[182] **14** Then, Yahweh has declared, I'll let myself be found by you all, and I'll bring you back from captivity. I'll gather you all from all the nations and all the places that I banished you to, and I'll bring you all back to the place that I sent you into exile from. That is Yahweh's declaration.

15 Because you've all said that Yahweh has appointed prophets

180 **RV 29:1-2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:12-16; 2Ch 36:10.

181 **RV 29:10 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 36:21; Jer 25:11; Dan 9:2.

182 **RV 29:13 · Cross-ref.** Deu 4:29.

183 **LV 29:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיבש/תכ: (x-qere) תּוּבְשׁ֫כָֽ֫': lemma_7622 n_1.0.2 morph_HNcfsc/Sp2mp id_24pPf תּוּבְשׁ֫כָֽ֫

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for you there in Bavel, **16** then Yahweh has something to say about the king sitting on David's throne and about all the people living in this city—your relatives who didn't go into exile with you. **17** So Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: Listen, I'm about to send war, famine and deadly diseases against them. I'll make them like rotten figs that are so bad they're inedible. **18** Yes, I'll chase after them with war, famine, and deadly diseases, and I'll make them become a horror to all the world's kingdoms—a curse and a desolation, and a reproach and something to be hissed at by all the nations where I've driven them, **19** because they didn't listen to my messages that I sent to them over and over again via my servants the prophets, but all you exiles didn't listen. That is Yahweh's declaration.

20 But all you exiles that I sent away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to Bavel, listen to Yahweh's message:

21 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says this about Kolayah's son Ahav and Ma'aseyah's son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), who are both prophesying untruths to you in my name: Listen, I'm handing them over to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), and he'll kill them right in front of you. **22** Then because of them, a new curse phrase will be taken on by all the Jewish exiles in Bavel, which goes, "May Yahweh make you like Tsidkiyah and Ahav, who were roasted in the fire by the Babylonian king," **23** because they did something shameful in Yisrael and they have committed adultery with the wives of their neighbours, and they spoke untrue messages in my name that I hadn't commanded them to. I am the one who knows that and I'm a witness. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Message to false prophet Shemayah · Southern kingdom

24 Yahweh told me to tell Shemayah (the Nehelami) this: **25** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Because you sent letters in your name to all the people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and to the priest Tsefanyah (Zephaniah) (Ma'aseyah's son), and to all the priests, to tell Tsefanyah:

26 Yahweh has made you, Tsefanyah, priest in place of the priest Yehoyada, to be overseer in Yahweh's temple over every man who raves out loud, making himself a prophet, and you must put him in the stocks with an iron collar around his neck. **27** So why haven't you rebuked Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) the Antoti who's prophesying to you all, **28** because he's sent a letter to us here in Bavel (Babylon) saying, "Your exile will last a long time. Build houses and live in them. Plant gardens and eat their fruit."

29 The priest Tsefanyah read that letter to the prophet Yir-

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_place where I_sent_into_exile you(pl) from_there.
15 If/because you(pl)_have_said he_has_raised_up to/for_us **YHWH** prophets (to)_Bāvel. **16** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says concerning the_king who_sits to the_throne_of Dāvid and_ _near/to all_of the_people which_dwells in_city (the)_this countrymen_of_your(pl) who not they_went_out with_you(pl) in_exile. **17** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says HERE_I am_about_to_send on_them ĐØM the_drought//sword/knife ĐØM (the)_famine and_ĐØM (the)_pestilence and_I_will_make them like_figs (the)_rotten which not they_will_be_eaten from_ _badness. **18** And_I_will_pursue after_them with_sword with_ _famine and_with_pestilence and_I_will_make_them mmm[184] to_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land into_ _a_curse and_into_a_waste and_into_a_hissing and_into_a_ _reproach in_all the_nations where I_have_banished_them there. **19** Because that not they_listened to words/messages_of_ _my the_utterance_of **YHWH** which I_sent to_them ĐØM servants_of_my the_prophets rising_early and_sending and_not you(pl)_listened the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **20** And_you(pl) hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_all_of the_exile[s] whom I_sent from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_Bāvel. **21** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says concerning 'Aḥ'āv the_son_of Qōlāyāh and_near/to Tsidqiyyāh/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Ma'aseyāh who_are_ _prophesying to/for_you(pl) in_name_of_my falsehood HERE_I am_about_to_give ĐØM_them in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel and_he_will_strike_them_down to_eyes_of_ _your(pl). **22** And_it_will_be_taken from_them a_curse to_ _all/each/any/every the_exile[s]_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who are_ _in_Bāvel to_say may_he_make_you **YHWH** like_Tsidqiyyāh and_ _like_'Aḥ'āv whom he_roasted_them the_king_of Bāvel in_fire. **23** Because that they_did disgraceful_folly in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_committed_adultery ĐØM the_wives_of their_ _neighbours_of_their and_they_spoke a_message in_name_of_ _my falsehood which not I_commanded_them and_I wwww wwww[185186] and_a_witness the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

24 And_near/to Shəma'yāh the_Neḥelāmī you_will_say to_say. **25** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says to_say because that you you_sent in_your_own_of_ _name letters to_all_of the_people which is_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_near/to Tsəfanyāh/(Zephaniah) the_son_of Ma'aseyāh the_priest/officer and_near/to all_of the_ _priests to_say. **26** **YHWH** he_has_made_you priest in_place_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer to_be overseers the_ _house_of **YHWH** to/from_all/each/any/every person who_is_ _mad and_who_is_prophesying and_you(ms)_will_give ĐØM_ _him/it into the_stock[s] and_near/to the_iron_collar. **27** And_ _now to/for_what not have_you_rebuked (in)_ _Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) the_'Annətotīite who_is_prophesying to_ _you(pl). **28** If/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_has_ _sent to_us Bāvel to_say will_be_long it build houses and_dwell and_plant gardens and_eat ĐØM produce_of_their. **29** And_ Tsəfanyāh the_priest/officer _he/it_called ĐØM the_letter the_

184 **LV 29:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: הָעוז/ל: (x-qere) הָֽוָּעַז/ל': lemma_l/2189 n_0.1.1.1 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_24J16 הָֽוָּעַז/ל

185 **LV 29:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: עדיוה: (x-qere) עֲדוֹי/ה': lemma_d/3045 morph_HTd/Vqrmsa id_24xzj עֲדוֹי/ה

186 **LV 29:23 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

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_this in_the_ears_of Yirməʸᵃʰ the_prophet. **30** And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirməʸᵃʰ to_say. **31** Send to all_of the_exile[s] to_say thus **YHWH** he_says concerning Shəmaʿʸᵃʰ the_Neḥₑlāmī because that he_has_prophesied to/for_you(pl) Shəmaʿʸᵃʰ and_I not I_sent_him and_he_has_ _made_rely you(pl) on falsehood. **32** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_visit_judgement on Shəmaʿʸᵃʰ the_Neḥₑlāmī and_on his/its_seed not he_will_ _belong to_him/it anyone who_dwells in_the_middle the_ _people the_this and_not he_will_look on_good which I will_be_ _doing for_people_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because rebellion he_has_spoken on **YHWH**.

30:1 The_message which it_came to Yirməʸᵃʰ from_with **YHWH** to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says to_say write to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages which I_have_spoken to_you into a_book. **3** If/because HERE days are_ _coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_turn_back ~~DOM~~ the_captivity_of my_people_of_my Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_bring_them_ _back to the_earth/land which I_gave to_ancestors_of_their and_they_will_take_possession_of_it. **4** And_these are_the_ _words/messages which **YHWH** he_spoke concerning Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_near/to Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **5** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says a_voice_of trembling we_have_heard dread and_there_is_not peace. **6** Ask please and_see if a_male is_ _giving_birth why have_I_seen every_of man hands_of_his are_ _on loins_of_his like_(the)_who]_gives_birth and_ all_of faces _ _have_they_been_changed into_paleness. **7** Woe if/because will_be_great the_day (the)_that from_there_is_not like_it and_ _will_be_a_time_of distress it for_Yaʿₐqovˇ/(Jacob) and_from_it he_will_be_saved. **8** And_it_was on_day (the)_that the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers I_will_break yoke_ _of_his from_under neck_of_your and_fetters_of_your I_will_ _tear_apart and_not they_will_work in_him/it again strangers. **9** And_they_will_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_their and_~~DOM~~ Dāvid king_of_their whom I_will_raise_up to/for_them. **10** And_ _you(ms) do_not fear my_servant_of_my Yaʿₐqovˇ the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_do_not be_dismayed Oh_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because HERE_I am_about_of_to_save_you from_a_distant_land and_~~DOM~~ your(ms)_seed/fruit from_the_ _land_of their_captivity_of_their and_ Yaʿₐqovˇ _he_will_return and_he_will_be_undisturbed and_he_will_be_at_ease and_ _there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies. **11** If/because am_with_ _you I the_utterance_of **YHWH** to_save_you if/because I_will_ _make complete_destruction in_all the_nations where I_have_ _scattered_you there nevertheless you not I_will_make complete_destruction and_I_will_discipline_you to_justice and_ _certainly_(leave_unpunished) not I_will_leave_you_ _unpunished. **12** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says is_incurable (to)_fracture_of_your wound_of_your is_severe. **13** There_is_not one_who_pleads cause_of_your to_a_sore medications_of healing there_are_not to/for_you(fs). **14** All_of lovers_of_your they_have_forgotten_you you not they_care_for if/because the_ _blow_of an_enemy I_have_struck_you the_correction_of a_ _cruel_person on the_greatness_of your_iniquity_of_your sins_

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miyah, **30** then Yahweh gave this message to Yirmiyah: **31** Send to all the exiles to tell them: This is what Yahweh says about Shemayah the Nehelami: Because Shemayah has prophesied to you all, even though I didn't send him, and he made you trust what's not true, **32** therefore Yahweh says this: Listen, I will punish Shemayah the Nehelami and his descendants. None of his family will live among this people, and he won't experience the good things that I'll do for my people, because he's encouraged rebellion against Yahweh. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yahweh's promises to his people · Both kingdoms

30:1 Yahweh gave Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) a message, saying: **2** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh says this: Write down on a scroll all the messages that I've given you, **3** because listen to Yahweh's declaration: The time is coming when I'll restore my people of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah) from captivity, and I'll bring them back to the land that I have to their ancestors, and they'll take possession of it again.

4 Now these are the messages that Yahweh spoke concerning Yisrael and Yehudah:

5 Yes, Yahweh says this:
A cry of panic and terror has been heard,
and there's no peace.
6 Please ask and find out: can males give birth?
Why do I see every strong man with his hands on his hips like a woman in labour?
And why has everyone's faces gone so pale?
7 Oh dear, that will be a terrible day like nothing that's come before.
It'll be a distressing time for Ya'akov (Jacob),
→but he'll be rescued from it.
8 Then Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that at that time I'll break his yoke off your neck, and I'll pull your chains apart, and foreigners will no longer enslave your country. **9** Then they'll serve their god Yahweh, and their king on David's throne who I'll appoint for them.

10 Then Yahweh declares:
Then you, my servant Ya'akov, don't be afraid,
and don't be dismayed, Yisrael (Israel),
because listen, I'm rescuing you from afar,
and your offspring from the land where they were held captive.
Yisrael will return and be left alone and at ease,
and there won't be anyone making it afraid.[187]
11 Yahweh declares:
Yes, I'm with you to rescue you,
because I'll completely destroy all the nations that I've scattered you to,

187 RV 30:10-11 · Cross-ref. Jer 46:27-28.

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but I won't completely destroy you.
I'll discipline you according to justice,
but I won't just let you off what you deserve.
12 Yes, Yahweh says this:
Your fracture is incurable.
Your wound is severe.
13 There's no one pleading your cause.
There's no medicines for your wound.
There's no healing for you.
14 All your lovers have forgotten you—
they don't care about you.
Yes, I've struck you like an enemy would,
with the discipline of a cruel person,
due to the severity of your wickedness.
You've disobeyed so frequently.
15 Why do you cry out about your fracture—
about your incurable pain?
Your wickedness has been severe.
You've disobeyed so often
→so I've done those things to you.
16 Because of that, all those who devoured you will be devoured,
and all of your adversaries, every one of them, will go into captivity.
Then the ones plundering you will become like plunder,
and all those preying on you, I'll give to you as spoil.
17 Yes, I'll bring healing to you,
and I'll heal you from your wounds
because they've called you an outcast.
'She is Tsiyon (Zion)—no one cares about her.'
That is Yahweh's declaration.
18 Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'm restoring the fortune of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
and I will have compassion on the places where they live.
Each city will be rebuilt on its mound,
and each fortress will sit on its proper place.
19 Then thanksgiving will go out from them,
and the sound of those laughing.
I'll multiply them, and they won't diminish in number,
→and I'll make them honoured—
they won't become insignificant.
20 Then its children will be as in former times,
and its community will be established under my supervision,
and I'll punish all those who oppress it.
21 Its king will be from among it,
and its ruler will come from its middle.
Then I'll bring it near, and it will approach me,
because who is this that has pledged its heart to approach me?
That is Yahweh's declaration.
22 You'll be my people
and I'll become your god.
23 Listen, Yahweh's storm of rage has gone out—

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_of_your they_are_numerous. **15** Why do_you_cry_out on fracture_of_your is_incurable pain_of_your on the_greatness_of your_iniquity_of_your sins_of_your they_are_numerous I_have_ _done these_things to/for_you(fs). **16** For_so/thus/hence all_of those_of_who_devour_you they_will_be_devoured and_all foes_ _of_your of_them_of_all in_captivity they_will_go and_they_ _will_be those_of_who_plunder_you (into)_plunder and_all those_of_who_despoil_you I_will_make into_spoil. **17** If/because I_will_bring_up healing to/for_you(fs) and_from_wounds_of_ _your I_will_heal_you the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because a_ _banished_one people_have_called to/for_you(fs) is_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) it one_who_cares there_is_not to/for_her/it. **18** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_turn_back the_ _captivity_of the_tents_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_dwellings_of_its I_will_have_compassion and_ a_city _it_will_be_rebuilt on mound_of_its and_a_fortress on place_of_its_proper it_will_ _remain. **19** And_it_will_go_out from_them thanksgiving and_ _the_sound_of merry_makers and_I_will_multiply_them and_ _not they_will_diminish and_I_will_make_them_honoured and_ _not they_will_be_insignificant. **20** And_they_will_be children_ _of_its like_long_ago and_congregation_of_its to/for_my_ _face/front it_will_be_established and_I_will_visit_judgement on all_of those_of_who_oppress_it. **21** And_it_was its_noble_of_ _one from_him/it and_ruler_of_its from_midst_of_its he_will_ _come_forth and_I_will_bring_him_near and_he_will_draw_ _near to_me if/because who that this has_he_pledged ~~DOM~~ his/its_heart to_draw_near to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **22** And_you(pl)_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_ _become to/for_you(pl) (into)_god. **23** THERE the_storm_of **YHWH** rage it_has_gone_out a_storm staying_as_a_sojourner on the_head_of wicked_people it_will_whirl_about. **24** Not the_ _burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** it_will_turn_back until he_ _has_brought_about and_unto he_has_carried_out the_ _purposes_of his/its_heart in_end/latter the_days you(pl)_will_ _understand (in)_it.

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31:1 At_time (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_will_become (into)_god to_all/each/any/every the_clans_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they they_will_become to_me (into)_a_people. **2** Thus **YHWH** he_says it_found favour in_wilderness the_people_of the_survivors_of the_sword he_went to_give_it_rest Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** From_a_distance **YHWH** he_appeared to_me and_a_love_of perpetuity I_have_loved_you therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_prolonged_to_you covenant_ _loyalty. **4** Again I_will_build_you and_you_will_be_rebuilt Oh_ _virgin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) again you_will_adorn_yourself tambourines_of_your and_you_will_go_forth in_the_dancing_of merry_makers. **5** Again you_will_plant vineyards on_the_hills_ _of Shomrōn planters they_will_plant and_they_will_put_ _them_to_use. **6** If/because there_will_be a_day watchmen when_they_will_call_out in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim arise and_let_us_go_up Tsiyyōn/(Zion) to **YHWH** god_of_our. **7** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says cry_out of_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) gladness and_cry_aloud on_the_chief_of the_nations make_a_ _proclamation praise and_say save Oh_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ people_of_ _your ~~DOM~~ the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** Here_I am_about_ _to_bring them from_a_land_of the_north and_I_will_gather_ _them from_the_remotest_parts_of the_earth will_be_among_ _them the_blind and_the_lame the_pregnant and_one_who_ _gives_birth alike a_company great they_will_return hither. **9** With_weeping they_will_come and_with_supplications I_will_ _bring_them I_will_lead_them to torrents_of water on_a_path straight which_not they_will_stumble in_it if/because I_have_ _become for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_father and_'Efrayim firstborn_of_is_my he. **10** Hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_ _nations and_declare in_islands from_a_distance and_say the_ _one_who_scattered_of (of)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_gather_it and_he_will_keep_it like_one_who_shepherds flock_of_his. **11** If/because **YHWH** he_has_ransomed ~~DOM~~ Ya'aqov and_he_ _has_redeemed_it from_the_hand_of one_too_strong for_it. **12** And_they_will_come and_they_will_cry_out_for_joy on_the_ _height_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_they_will_be_radiant because_ _of the_good_thing[s]_of **YHWH** on grain and_on new_wine and_on fresh_oil and_on the_young_of the_flock and_herd and_ _it_will_be life_of_their like_a_garden watered and_not they_ _will_repeat to_become_faint again. **13** Then a_virgin she_will_ _rejoice with_dancing and_young_men and_old_men alike and_ _I_will_turn mourning_of_their into_joy and_I_will_comfort_ _them and_I_will_make_them_glad from_sorrow_of_their. **14** And_I_will_satisfy the_appetite_of the_priests fatness and_ _people_of_my ~~DOM~~ thing[s]_of_my_good they_will_be_satisfied the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

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a storm whirling around the heads of wicked people.
24 Yahweh's burning anger won't turn back
until he's established and completed what he's planned.
You'll all understand it in the days to come.

Yisrael's return home · Both kingdoms

31:1 Yahweh declares that at that time,
I'll be the god to all of Yisrael's (Israel's) families, and they'll be my people. **2** Yahweh says this:
A people, the survivors after being attacked in war,
found favour in the wilderness,
Yisrael going to find a peaceful place.
3 From far off, Yahweh appeared to me: I've always loved you
therefore I've displayed loyal commitment to help you endure.
4 I'll rebuild you, and you'll be restored, Yisrael's pretty daughter.
Again you'll adorn yourself with your tambourines,
and will go out in the dance of those celebrating.
5 You'll plant vineyards again on the Shomron (Samaria) hills.
The planters will plant and make them productive.
6 Yes, there'll be a day when the watchers in the Efrayim (Ephraim) hill country will call out,
'Get ready and let's go up to our god Yahweh at Tsiyon (Zion),'
7 because Yahweh says this:
"Sing for Yisrael (Israel) (Ya'akov (Jacob)) with gladness,
and shout for this leader of the nations.
Cause it to be heard, praise, and say,
'Yahweh, save your people, the remnant of Yisrael.'
8 Listen, I'm bringing them back from the land in the north,
and I'll gather them from the remote parts of the world.
Among them are the blind and the lame,
and pregnant women together with those giving birth.
A large number of people will return here.
9 They'll be weeping as they come,
and as they request me, I'll bring them out.
I'll cause them to walk to streams of water on a straight road.
They won't stumble on it.
because I've become a father for Yisrael (Israel),
and Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), he's my firstborn.
10 Listen to Yahweh's message, you nations,
and declare it in the coastlands from far off, and say,
'The one scattering Yisrael will gather him back,
and he'll protect him like a shepherd of his flock,
11 because Yahweh has ransomed Yisrael (Ya'akov (Jacob))
and paid the price to free it from the power of a nation that's stronger than it.
12 Then they'll come and sing on Tsiyon's (Zion's) heights,
and they'll be radiant about Yahweh's goodness:
about the grain, about the new wine and the fresh oil,
and about the young from the flock and the herd.
Their soul will be like a watered garden,
and they won't be weakened again.
13 Then the young women will celebrate with dancing,
along with the young and old men together.

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I'll turn their mourning into happiness and I'll comfort them,
and I'll give them reason for celebration rather than sorrow.
14 I'll satisfy the priests' appetites for good food
and my people will be pleased by my goodness.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yahweh's mercy towards Yisrael · Both kingdoms

15 Yahweh says this,
"A voice is heard in Ramah, wailing,
bitter weeping.
Rahel (Rachel)[188] is weeping over her sons.
She refuses to be comforted over her sons,
because he is no more."[189]
16 Yahweh says this,
"Don't cry any more,
and keep the tears out of your eyes,
→because there's a reward for your work,
→and they'll return from the enemy's country."
That is Yahweh's declaration.
17 There's hope for your future,
and your children will return to their border.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
18 I've heard Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) upset at itself, saying,
You disciplined me,
and I was disciplined like an untrained calf.
Restore me so I can return
because you're my god Yahweh.
19 Yes, after I turned away, I repented,
and after I was instructed, I slapped my thigh.
I was ashamed and also humiliated
because I still bore the reproach from my youthful rebellion.
20 Isn't Yisrael a precious son to me,
or a child that I really liked?
Yes, as often as I speak against him,
I still continually remember him.
Therefore I groan deep down for him.
I'll always feel compassionate towards him.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
21 Set signposts up for yourself.
Place markers where you can see them.
Set the highway as your goal—
the path that you went on.
Yisrael's (Israel's) young daughter, return—
return to those cities of yours.
22 How much longer will you waver, you apostate daughter?
Yes, Yahweh has created something new in the land—
a woman protects[190] a man.

Literal Version

15 Thus **YHWH** he_says a_voice in_Rāmāh is_heard a_wailing weeping_of bitterness(es) Rāḥēl is_weeping on her/its_ _sons/descendants she_has_refused to_be_comforted on her/its_sons/descendants if/because he_is_not. **16** Thus **YHWH** he_says restrain voice_of_your from_weeping and_eyes_of_your from_tear[s] if/because there_will_be a_reward for_work_of_ _your the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_they_will_return from_the_ _land the_enemy. **17** And_there_is hope for_future_of_your the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_ children _they_will_return to_their_ _own_of_territory. **18** Indeed_(hear) I_have_heard 'Efrayim bemoaning_itself you_have_disciplined_me and_I_was_ _disciplined like_a_calf which_not it_had_been_trained restore_ _me so_that_I_may_return if/because you are_**YHWH** god_of_ _my. **19** If/because after I_turned_away I_repented and_after I_ _was_instructed I_slapped on a_thigh I_was_ashamed and_also I_was_humiliated if/because I_bore the_reproach_of my_ _youth(s)_of_my. **20** A_son dear to_me is_'Efrayim or a_child_of delight(s) if/because from_sufficiency speak_I in/on/over_ _him/it certainly_(remember) I_remember_him still therefore yes/correct/thus/so parts_of_my_inward they_are_in_a_tumult to_him/it surely_(have_compassion) I_will_have_compassion_ _on_him the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **21** Set_up to/for_you(fs) road_markers place to/for_you(fs) guideposts set heart_of_your to_highway the_way which_you_went[191] return Oh_virgin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) return to cities_of_your these. **22** Until when will_you_turn_hither_and_thither Oh_daughter (the)_apostate if/because **YHWH** he_has_created a_new_thing on_the_earth a_ _female she_will_surround a_man.

188 **RV 31:15 · Cross-ref.** Gen 35:16-19.

189 **RV 31:15 · Cross-ref.** Mat 2:18.

190 **RV 31:22 · Note** Heb. 'surrounds'—the intended meaning of this last line isn't certain.

191 **LV 31:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִתכלה: (x-qere) תְּכָלָּה׃ lemma_1980 n_1 morph_HVqp2fs id_24fUh תְּכָלָּה ׃

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23 Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says again people_will_say ~~DOM~~ the_message the_this in_ _land of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_cities_of_its when_I_turn_ _back ~~DOM~~ captivity_of_their may_he_bless_you **YHWH** Oh_ _abode_of righteousness Oh_mountain_of (the)_holiness. **24** And_they_will_dwell in_it Yəhūdāh and_all cities_of_its together farmers and_those_who_they_journey with_flock. **25** If/because I_give_water_to the_throat the_weary and_all person who_it_has_become_faint I_fill. **26** On this I_awoke and_ _I_looked and_sleep_of_my it_was_pleasing to/for_me. **27** HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_sow ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yəhūdāh the_seed_of humankind and_the_seed_of animal[s]. **28** And_it_ _was just_as I_kept_watch over_them to_pluck_up and_to_pull_ _down and_to_tear_down and_to_destroy and_to_do_harm so I_ _will_keep_watch over_them to_build and_to_plant the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **29** In_the_days the_those not people_ _will_say again fathers they_have_eaten sour_grape[s] and_the_ _teeth_of children they_will_be_blunt. **30** If/because (if) everyone for_his_own_of_iniquity he_will_die every_of the_ _humankind who_eats the_sour_grape[s] teeth_of_his they_ _will_be_blunt. **31** HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_make with the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_covenant new. **32** Not like_covenant which I_made with ancestors_of_their in/on_day I_took_hold on_hand_of_their to_bring_them_out from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) who they they_broke ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my and_I I_was_a_husband over_them the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **33** If/because this is_the_covenant which I_will_make with the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) after the_days the_those the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_will_put ~~DOM~~ law_of_my in_their_inner_of_being and_on heart_of_their I_will_write_it and_I_will_be to/for_them (into)_god and_they they_will_ _become to_me (into)_a_people. **34** And_not they_will_teach again each ~~DOM~~ his/its_neighbour and_each ~~DOM~~ his/its_ _brother to_say know ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** if/because of_them_of_all they_will_know me (to)_from_their_of_little and_unto their_of_ _great the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because I_will_forgive (to)_ _iniquity_of_their and_(to)_sin_of_their not I_will_remember again. **35** Thus **YHWH** who_gives the_sun for_light by_day the_ _fixed_order(s)_of the_moon and_the_stars for_light night who_stirs_up the_sea and_ waves_of_its _they_roared is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name he_says. **36** If the_fixed_ _order(s) the_these they_will_depart from_before_face_of_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** also the_offspring_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_cease from_being a_nation to/for_my_face/front all_ _of the_days. **37** Thus **YHWH** he_says if the_heavens from_to_ _above they_will_be_measured and_ the_foundations_of the_ _earth (to)_downwards _they_will_be_explored also I I_will_ _reject in_all the_offspring_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on all_of that

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Yisrael's future peace/prosperity · Both kingdoms

23 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
When I restore the prosperity of Yehudah (Judah) and its cities,
again they'll restore this saying,
'May Yahweh bless you—
Yahweh who's the repository of righteousness—
mountain of holiness.'
24 Then Yehudah and all its cities will live in the land together—
farmers, and also shepherds who roam around with their flocks,
25 because I satisfy those who are weary,
and I refresh everyone who's become faint.
26 After that, I woke up and looked around,
and I'd had a good sleep.
27 Yahweh declares:
Listen, there's a time coming when I'll sow the Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) regions with the seeds of people and animals so they'll multiply all around.
28 Just like how I supervised them to uproot and tear down,
and to overthrow and destroy and do harm,
now I'll keep watch as they build and plant.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
29 Then at that time, they'll no longer say:
'The parents ate sour grapes,
→but it's the teeth of the children that are set on edge.'[192]
30 because everyone will die for their own disobedience,
i.e., whoever eats sour grapes will have their own teeth set on edge.
31 Listen, Yahweh declares that the time is coming when I'll make a new agreement with the people of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah).[193] **32** It won't be like the agreement that I made with their ancestors at the time when I took hold of their hand to bring them out from Mitsrayim (Egypt), when they broke my agreement even though I was a husband to them. That is Yahweh's declaration. **33** Yes, Yahweh declares that this is the agreement that I'll make with the Israeli people after that time: I'll put my law inside them—writing it on their heart,[194] and I will be their god, and they will be a people for me. **34** Then each man will no longer teach his neighbour or his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh', because all of them will know me—from the smallest of them to the greatest, because I'll forgive their disobedience, and I won't remember their wickedness any longer.[195]
35 Yahweh says this:

192 **RV 31:29 · Cross-ref.** Eze 18:2.

193 **RV 31:31 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:28; Mrk 14:24; Luk 22:20; 1Cor 11:25; 2Cor 3:6.

194 **RV 31:33 · Cross-ref.** Heb 10:16.

195 **RV 31:34 · Cross-ref.** Heb 10:17.

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I'm the one who gives the sun for light during the day,
and the moon and the stars for light at night.
He stirs up the ocean, so that its waves roar,
His name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
36 Yahweh declares that if these elements stopped working,
then Yisrael (Israel) would also permanently cease to exist as a nation.
37 Yahweh says this:
If the skies above could be measured and be searched out,
as well as the foundations of the earth below,
then I would also reject all of Yisrael's descendants
for everything that they've done.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
38 Listen, Yahweh declares that the time is coming when the city will be rebuilt for Yahweh—from Hananel's tower all the way to the Corner Gate. **39** After that, the measuring line will be stretched over Garev Hill and around to Go'ah. **40** Then all the valley of the corpses and ashes, and all the fields as far as the Kidron brook, to the corner of the Horses Gate toward the east, will be holiness to Yahweh. It won't be uprooted, and it'll never be overthrown again.

Yirmiyah buys a field · Southern kingdom

32:1 This was the message that came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) from Yahweh in the tenth year of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), the eighteenth year of Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) reign.[200] **2** The army of the Babylonian king had besieged Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and the prophet Yirmiyah was imprisoned in the guards' courtyard at the palace of Yehudah's king. **3** Yehudah's king Tsidkiyah had imprisoned him there after asking, "Why do you prophesy and say that Yahweh says: Listen, I'm about to hand this city over to the Babylonian king and he'll capture it. **4** Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah definitely won't escape from the power of the Kasdim (Chaldeans), because he'll be handed over to the Babylonian king and they'll speak face-to-face to each other. **5** He'll take Tsidkiyah to Bavel (Babylon) where he'll remain until I've dealt with him. No, you all won't succeed in fighting against the Babylonians. That is Yahweh's declaration.
6 Then Yirmiyah said: Yahweh gave me a message, saying: **7** Listen, your cousin Hanamel (your uncle Shalum's son) is coming to see you and will ask you to buy his field in Anatot, because you have the right to buy it. **8** Then just as Yahweh had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the guards' courtyard and he asked me, "Buy my field that is in Anatot in the Benyamin re-

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they_have_done the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **38** HERE days[196][197] the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ the_city _it_will_be_rebuilt to/for_**YHWH** from_the_tower_of Ḫanan'ēl the_gate_of the_ _corner. **39** And_it_will_go_out again the_measuring-line_of[198] of_(the)_measurement before_itself to the_hill_of Gārēv and_ _it_will_turn towards_Go'āh. **40** And_all the_valley the_corpses and_the_fatty_ash and_all the[199] to the_wadi_of Qidrōn to the_ _corner_of the_gate_of the_horses eastward_toward will_be_ _holy to/for_**YHWH** not it_will_be_plucked_up and_not it_will_ _be_torn_down again forever_perpetuity.

32:1 The_message which it_came to Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** in/on/at/with[201] (the)_tenth of_ _Tsidqiyyāh/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) that the was_eight- teen year of_Nəvūkadnetstsar. **2** And_then the_ _army_of the_king_of Bāvel were_laying_siege on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_Yirməyāh the_prophet he_was shut_up in_the_courtyard_of the_guard which was_the_house_ _of the_king_of Yəhūdāh. **3** That he_had_shut_him_up Tsidqiyyāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh to_say why are_you prophesying to_say thus **YHWH** he_says here_I am_about_to_ _give ᴅᴏᴍ the_city (the)_this in_the_hand_of the_king_of Bāvel and_he_will_capture_it. **4** And_Tsidqiyyāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh not he_will_escape from_the_hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy if/because certainly_(be_given) he_will_be_given in_the_hand_ _of the_king_of Bāvel and_ mouth_of_his _it_will_speak with mouth_of_his and_eyes_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ mmm[202] they_will_see. **5** And_Bāvel he_will_take ᴅᴏᴍ Tsidqiyyāh and_there he_will_be until I_give_attention_to ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because you(pl)_will_fight with the_ones_from_Kasdiy not you(pl)_will_succeed. **6** And_ Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) _he/it_said the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **7** HERE Ḫanam'ēl the_son_of Shallūm uncle_of_your is_about_to_come to_you to_ _say buy to/for_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ field_of_my which is_at_ _ʹAnātōt if/because to/for_yourself(m) the_right_of (the)_ _redemption to_buy_it. **8** And_he_came to_me Ḫanam'ēl the_ _son_of my_uncle_of_my according_to_the_message_of **YHWH**

196 LV 31:38 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'סְיָאָב': lemma_935 n_1.0 morph_HVqrmpa id_24hu2 סְיָאָב
197 LV 31:38 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.
198 LV 31:39 · Note OSHB variant note: הוק: (x-qere) 'וָק: lemma_6957 b morph_HNcmsc id_24KUc וָק
199 LV 31:40 · Note OSHB variant note: תומרש/ה: (x-qere) 'תּוֹמֶדְשׁ/ה': lemma_d/7709 morph_HTd/Ncfpa id_24s5d תּוֹמֶדְשׁ/ה
200 RV 32:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:1-7.
201 LV 32:1 · Note OSHB variant note: תנש/ב: (x-qere) 'הֲנָשׂ/ב': lemma_b/8141 n_1.1.0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_24mRt הֲנָשׂ/ב
202 LV 32:4 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ניע: (x-qere) 'וְנֵיִע': lemma_5869 a morph_HTd/Aofsa id_24Gnb וְנֵיִע

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to the_courtyard_of the_guard and_he/it_said to_me buy please ס֣ם field_of_my which is_at_ʿAnātōt which in_land of_ _Binyāmīn if/because to/for_yourself(m) the_right_of (the)_ _possession and_belongs_to_you the_right_redemption buy_it to/for_you(fs) and_I_knew if/because_that was_the_message_of **YHWH** it. **9** And_I_bought ס֣ם the_field from_with Ḥ$_a$nam^{ʾēl} the_son_of my_uncle_of_my which was_at_ʿAnātōt and_I_ _weighed_out for_him/it ס֣ם the_silver was_seven shekels and_ten the_silver. **10** And_I_wrote on_document and_I_sealed_ _it and_I_caused_to_witness_it witnesses and_I_weighed_out the_silver on_balances. **11** And_I_took ס֣ם the_document_of the_purchase ס֣ם the_one_which_was_sealed the_order and_ _the_conditions and_ס֣ם the_one_which_was_uncovered. **12** And_I_gave ס֣ם the_document the_purchase to Bārūk the_ _son_of Nēriy^{yāh} the_son_of Maḥṣē^{yāh} to_the_eyes_of Ḥ$_a$nam^{ʾēl} uncle_of_my and_to_the_eyes_of the_witnesses who_wrote on_ _the_document_of the_purchase to_the_eyes_of all_of the_ _Yəhūdī/(Judeans) who_were_sitting in_the_courtyard_of the_ _guard. **13** And_I_commanded ס֣ם[203] Bārūk to_eyes_of_their to_say. **14** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) he_says take ס֣ם the_documents the_these ס֣ם the_document_of the_purchase the_this and_ס֣ם the_one_ _which_was_sealed and_ס֣ם the_document_of (the)_uncovered the_this and_you_will_put_them in_a_vessel_of earthenware so_that they_may_remain days many. **15** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) he_says again houses and_fields and_vineyards they_will_be_bought on_the_ _earth (the)_this.

16 And_I_prayed to **YHWH** after gave_I ס֣ם the_document_of the_purchase to Bārūk the_son_of Nēriy^{yāh} to_say. **17** Alas my_ _master **YHWH** THERE you you_made ס֣ם the_heavens and_ _ס֣ם the_earth/land by_strength_of_your (the)_great and_by_ _arm_of_your (the)_outstretched not it_is_too_difficult for_you any_of thing. **18** You_are_doing covenant_loyalty to_thousands and_you_are_paying_back the_iniquity_of fathers into the_ _bosom_of their_children_of_their after_them (the)_god (the)_ _great (the)_mighty is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_ _name. **19** (The)_great_of (the)_counsel and_(the)_great_of (the)_deed[s] who eyes_of_your are_opened on all_of the_ways_ _of the_children_of humankind to_give to_everyone according_ _to_of_his_ways and_according_to_the_fruit of_his_deeds_of_ _his. **20** Who you_performed signs and_wonders in_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) until the_day the_this and_in_ _Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) and_among_humankind and_you_have_made for_yourself a_name as_day (the)_this. **21** And_you_brought_out ס֣ם people_of_your ס֣ם Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim by_signs and_by_wonders and_by_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched and_with_terror great. **22** And_ _she/it_gave to/for_them ס֣ם the_earth/land (the)_this which you_had_sworn to_ancestors_of_their to_give to/for_them a_ _land flowing_of milk and_honey. **23** And_they_came and_they_ _took_possession_of ס֣ם_her/it and_not they_listened to_ _voice_of_your and_in/on/at/with[208] not they_walked ס֣ם all_

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gion, because you have the right to inherit it so the right to buy it belongs to you. Buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was Yahweh's message. **9** So I bought the field in Anatot from my cousin Hanamel, and I weighed out seventeen shekels of silver for him. **10** Then I wrote in a scroll and sealed it, and had witnesses witness it and the weight of the silver on the scales. **11** Next I took that sealed purchase deed with the price and conditions, as well as an unsealed copy. **12** I gave the sealed purchase document to Baruk (son of Neriyah, son of Mahseyah) in front of my cousin Hanamel and the witnesses who'd signed the purchase agreement, as well as all the Yehudim (Jews) who were sitting in the guards' courtyard. **13** Then still in front of them, I instructed Baruk, **14** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Take these documents, both this receipt of purchase that's sealed and the unsealed copies, and put them into a clay jar so they'll last for a long time, **15** because Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land.

Yirmiyah's prayer · Southern kingdom

16 After I'd given the purchase deed to Neriyah's son Baruk, I prayed to Yahweh, saying: **17** Oh no, master Yahweh. Listen, you alone made the heavens and the earth by taking action and using your incredible strength. Nothing you say is too difficult for you to do. **18** You show loyal commitment to thousands, and pour people's guilt into their children's laps after them. You are the strong and powerful god—your name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **19** You are very wise and do incredible things, because your eyes are open to all the people's ways—to give each person what their conduct and actions deserve. **20** You did miracles and amazing things in Mitsrayim (Egypt), remembered to this day, and you've made a name for yourself in Yisrael (Israel) and among humankind. **21** You brought your people Yisrael out from Mitsrayim using miracles and amazing things and by taking action and using your incredible strength, along with great terror. **22** Then you gave them this land which you had promised their ancestors that you'd give them—a land flowing with milk and honey. **23** So they entered and took possession of it, but they didn't listen to your voice or follow your instructions. They didn't do anything that you'd ordered them to do so you've brought all this calamity onto them.

203 LV 32:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

208 LV 32:23 · Note OSHB variant note: ד/תורת/ב/ו: (x-qere) ד/תרות/ב/ו׳; lemma_c/b/8451 morph_HC/R/Ncfsc/Sp2ms id_24qeu ד/תרות/ב/ו׳

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24 Look, the siege mounds have reached up to the city to capture it, and it's been handed over to the Kasdim (Chaldeans) who've been fighting it. Everything you said would happen has, including war, famine, and deadly diseases, and you're there watching it. 25 Then you yourself told me, 'Use silver to buy yourself a field, and have witnesses witness it, even though this city is being handed over to the Kasdim.'

26 Then Yahweh gave Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) this message: 27 Listen, I'm Yahweh, the god of all mankind. Is there anything that's too difficult for me to do? 28 Therefore Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'm about to hand this city over to the Babylonians—the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) will capture it.[204] 29 The soldiers who are fighting against this city will come and set fire to this city and burn it. Those people who worship Ba'al on their flat roofs, and who poured out drink offerings to other gods in order to provoke me, will now have their houses burnt down 30 because the people of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) have certainly been people who've been doing evil in front of me since their youth. The people of Yisrael have certainly offended me with the practices and activities. That is Yahweh's declaration. 31 Yahweh declares that the people of this city has provoked my anger and fury since the day that they built it, and then right up to the present day, so I'll will remove it right out of my sight, 32 because of all the wicked things that the people of Yisrael and Yehudah have done to provoke me—their kings, princes, priests, prophets, and every person in Yehudah including Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants. 33 They turned their backs to me instead of their faces, even though I had eagerly taught them. I tried to teach them, but they wouldn't listen or receive correction. 34 They set up their detestable idols in the house that is called by my name, in order to defile it, 35 and they built hilltop shrines for Ba'al along the Ben-Hinom Valley in order to pass their sons and daughters through the fire for Molek.[205] I didn't command them to do that—it never entered my mind that they should do that detestable thing and so cause Yehudah to sin.'[206][207]

Promised restoration · Southern kingdom

36 So now Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh has something to say about this city that you've all been talking about, saying, 'It's

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_of that you_had_commanded to/for_them for_doing not they_
_did and_you_have_caused_to_happen_to ᴅᴏᴍ_them ᴅᴏᴍ all_of
the_calamity (the)_this. 24 THERE the_mounds they_have_come
the_city to_capture_it and_the_city it_has_been_given in_the_
_hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy who_are_fighting on/upon_
_it(f) from_face/in_front_of the_drought//sword/knife and_
_the_famine and_the_pestilence and_which you_spoke it_has_
_happened and_there_you are_seeing_it. 25 And_you(ms) you_
_have_said to_me my_master **YHWH** buy to/for_yourself(m)
the_field with_silver and_cause_to_witness_it witnesses and_
_the_city it_has_been_given in_the_hand_of the_ones_from_
Kasdiy. 26 And the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to
Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) to_say. 27 HERE I am_**YHWH** the_god_of
all_of flesh for_me any_of thing is_it_too_difficult. 28 For_
_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_give
ᴅᴏᴍ the_city (the)_this in_the_hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy
and_in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel and_
_he_will_capture_it. 29 And_ the_ones_from_Kasdiy who_are_
_fighting on the_city (the)_this _they_will_come and_they_will_
_set_on_fire ᴅᴏᴍ the_city (the)_this with_fire and_they_will_
_burn_it and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_houses which people_made_smoke on
roofs_of_their to_Ba'al and_they_poured_out drink_offerings
to_gods other so_as to_provoke_me_to_anger. 30 If/because
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_sons of_
_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_have_been only doing the_evil in_eyes_
_of_my since_youth(s)_of_their if/because the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only are_provoking_to_anger ᴅᴏᴍ_me by_the_
_work_of their_hands_of_their the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
31 If/because on anger_of_my and_on rage_of_my it_has_been
to/for_me the_city (the)_this (to)_from the_day when they_
_built it and_unto the_day the_this to_remove_it from_under
face_of_my. 32 On all_of the_evil_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_sons of_Yəhūdāh which they_have_
_done to_provoke_me_to_anger they kings_of_their officials_of_
_their priests_of_their and_prophets_of_their and_everyone_of
Yəhūdāh and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
33 And_they_turned to_me a_neck and_not a_face and_I_taught
ᴅᴏᴍ_them rising_early and_teaching and_not_they were_
_listening to_take/accept/receive correction. 34 And_they_put
things_of_their_detestable in_house which name_of_my it_was_
_called on/upon/above_him/it to_make_it_unclean. 35 And_
_they_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_high_places_of (the)_Ba'al which are_in_
_Valley_of son_of Valley_of to_make_pass_through ᴅᴏᴍ sons_
_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ daughters_of_their to_Molek which not I_
_had_commanded_them and_not it_had_come_up on heart_of_
_my for_doing the_abomination (the)_this so_as to_cause_to_
_sin[209] ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhūdāh/(Judah).

36 And_now for_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says concerning the_city (the)_this which
you(pl) are_saying it_has_been_given in_the_hand_of the_king_
_of Bāvel by_sword and_by_famine and_by_pestilence.

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204 RV 32:28 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:1-11; 2Ch 36:17-21.

205 RV 32:35 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 23:10; Jer 7:31.

206 RV 32:34-35 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 23:10; Jer 7:30-31; 19:1-6.

207 RV 32:35 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:21.

209 LV 32:35 · Note OSHB variant note: יטחה: (x-qere) אִיטָּחַה': lemma_2398 morph_HVhc id_24jmt אִיטָּחַה

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37 HERE_I will_of_be_gathering_them from_all the_lands where I_have_banished_them there in_anger_of_my and_in_rage_of_ _my and_in_severe_anger great and_I_will_bring_them_back to the_place the_this and_I_will_cause_them_to_dwell to_security. **38** And_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become to/for_them (into)_god. **39** And_I_will_give to/for_them a_heart one and_a_way one to_fear me all_of the_days for_good to/for_ _them and_for_children_of_their after_them. **40** And_I_will_ _make to/for_them a_covenant_of perpetuity which not I_will_ _turn_back from_after_them I_to_do_good_to them and_ĐOM fear_of_my I_will_put in_heart_of_their to_not to_turn_aside from_with_me. **41** And_I_will_rejoice on_them to_do_good_to them and_I_will_plant_them on_the_earth (the)_this in_ _faithfulness in_all heart_of_my and_on/over_all being_of_my. **42** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says just_as I_have_brought to the_people the_this ĐOM all_of the_calamity (the)_great (the)_ _this so I will_bring on_them ĐOM all_of the_good which I am_ _speaking to_them. **43** And_ the_field _it_will_be_bought on_ _the_earth (the)_this which you(pl) are_saying is_a_desolation it from_not human_being and_an_animal it_has_been_given in_ _the_hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy. **44** fields for_silver people_ _will_buy and_they_will_write on_document and_they_will_ _seal_it and_cause_to_witness_it witnesses in_land of_Binyāmīn and_in_the_surroundings_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_ _the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_the_cities_of the_hill_ _country and_in_the_cities_of the_Shephelah and_in_the_ _cities_of the_Negeѵ if/because I_will_turn_back ĐOM captivity_ _of_their the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

33:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) a_second_time and_he still_he was_shut_ _up in_the_courtyard_of the_guard to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** who_ _made_of_it **YHWH** who_formed it to_establish_it is_**YHWH** his/its_name he_says. **3** Call to_me and_I_will_answer_you and_ _I_will_tell to_you great_things and_incomprehensible_things which_not you_know_them. **4** If/because thus **YHWH** the_god_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says on the_houses_of the_city (the)_this and_on the_houses_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh which_have_ _been_pulled_down because_of the_mounds and_near/to the_ _sword. **5** They_are_coming to_fight with the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy and_to_fill_them with the_corpses_of the_humankind which I_struck_down in_anger_of_my and_in_rage_of_my and_ _which I_have_hidden face_of_my from_the_city (the)_this on all_of evil_of_their. **6** HERE_I will_bring_up for_it healing and_ _healing and_I_will_heal_them and_I_will_uncover to/for_them an_abundance_of well-being and_faithfulness. **7** And_I_will_ _turn_back ĐOM the_captivity_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM the_captivity_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_I_will_rebuild_them as_at_ _time. **8** And_I_will_cleanse_them from_all iniquity_of_their which they_have_sinned to_me and_I_will_forgive mmm[213] iniquities_of_their which they_have_sinned to_me and_which they_have_rebelled against_me. **9** And_it_will_become to/for_ _me (into)_a_name_of joy (into)_praise and_(into)_honour to_ _all/each/any/every the_nations_of the_earth/land who they_ _will_hear ĐOM all_of the_good which I will_be_doing ĐOM_them and_they_will_be_in_awe and_they_will_tremble on all_of the_

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been handed over to the Babylonian king due to war, famine, and deadly diseases.' **37** Listen, I'll gather them back from every land where I had banished them to in my rage, fury, and great anger. I'm about to bring them back to this place and enable them to live in security, **38** and then they'll be my people and I'll be their god. **39** I'll give them a united vision and a single way to honour me every day so that it'll turn out good for them and for their descendants after them. **40** Then I'll make a permanent agreement with them, that I won't turn away from doing good to them. I'll set honour for me in their minds, so that they'll never turn away from me. **41** Then I'll take pleasure in doing good to them. I'll faithfully plant them in this land with all my heart and all my life **42** because Yahweh says this, 'Just as I have brought all this great disaster on this people, so too I'll bring on them all the good things that I've said I'd do for them. **43** Then people will buy fields in this land, about which you've been saying, "This land is ruined, without people or even animals living on it. It's been handed over to the Babylonians." **44** They'll use silver to buy fields and will write in sealed scrolls. They'll assemble witnesses in the Benyamin region, all around Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah's (Judah's) other cities of Yehudah, in the cities in the hill country and in the lowlands, and in the cities of the Negev, because I'll bring back their fortunes. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Promised blessings · Southern kingdom

33:1 Then while Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) was still locked in the guards' courtyard, Yahweh gave him a second message, saying, **2** Yahweh, the maker of the earth, who formed and established it and who's known by his name Yahweh, says: **3** Call out to me, and I'll answer you. I'll tell you amazing things that you haven't previously known or understood. **4** Yes, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh, says this about the houses in this city and the palaces of Yehudah's (Judah's) king that were torn down to be used against the siege ramps and the attackers: **5** The Babylonians are coming to fight, and to fill the houses with the corpses of the people that I'll kill in my rage and fury when I turn my back on this city because of all their wickedness. **6** Listen, I'm about to bring a cure and healing, because I'll heal them and will bring bountiful peace and prosperity to them, and justice. **7** I'll bring back the fortunes of Yehudah and Yisrael—I'll build them up as they were before. **8** Then I'll purify them from all the evil that they've committed against me—I'll pardon all the times that they disobeyed me, and all the ways that they rebelled against me. **9** Then this city will become an object of joy for me—a song of praise and honour for all the nations of the earth who'll hear about all the good things that I'm going to do for it. Then the people in the city will be respectful and tremble because of all the good things and the peace and prosperity that I'll give to it.

213 **LV 33:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: לוֹכ/ל: (x-qere) 'לָכְ/ל': lemma_l/3605 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_24HJr לָכְ/ל

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10 Yahweh says this: In this place that you're all talking about, saying, "It's desolate—a place where neither people or animals live," in Yehudah's cities including Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) streets that are indeed desolate with no people or animals around, there'll be heard again 11 the sounds of happiness and celebration. You'll all hear the sounds of the bride and groom, and those who bring thank offerings to Yahweh's temple will be heard saying,

"Give thanks to Commander-in-chief Yahweh,
because Yahweh is good,
and his loyal commitment lasts forever!"[210]

Yes, I'll restore the fortunes of the land to what they were before, says Yahweh.

12 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: 'In this desolate place where no people or animals are living, around all its cities there'll again be pastures where shepherds can rest their flocks. 13 In the cities in the hill country, the lowlands, and the Negev, in the Benyamin region, and all around Yerushalem and in Yehudah's other cities, the flocks will again pass be counted by their shepherds,' says Yahweh.

14 Yahweh declares: Listen, the time is coming when I'll do what I've promised for the people of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah. 15 In those days and at that time, I'll make a righteous branch grow for David, and he'll do what's fair and right throughout the land. 16 Yehudah will be rescued in those days, and Yerushalem will live in security, because it'll be called, 'Yahweh is the one who does what's right for us,' 17 because Yahweh says this: 'There'll always be one of David's descendants reigning over Yisrael,[211] 18 and there'll always be a Levitical priest to stand in front of me to sacrifice burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to offer other sacrifices.'[212]

19 Then Yahweh gave Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) this message: 20 Yahweh says this: 'If you all can break my contract with day and night so that there'll no longer be day or night at their proper times, 21 then my agreement with my servant David my servant could also be broken, so that he would no longer have a descendant to sit on his throne. The same is true for my agreement with my servants, the priests from Levi tribe. 22 As the stars in the skies can't be counted, and as the sand grains on the seashores can't be measured, so I'll increase the descendants of my servant David, as well as the Levites who work for me.'

23 Yahweh gave Yirmiyah this message: 24 Haven't you noticed what this people group has declared when they said, 'The two clans that Yahweh chose, now he's rejected them'? In that way they despise my people, saying that they no longer deserve to be a nation as far as they're concerned. 25 But I, Yahweh say this: Didn't I establish the permanent contract with day and night,

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_good and_on all_of the_well-being which I will_be_doing for_ _it. 10 Thus **YHWH** he_says again it_will_be_heard in_place the_ _this which you(pl) are_saying is_desolate it from_not human_ _being and_from_not animal in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_in_ _the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which_are_made_ _desolate from_not human_being and_from_not an_inhabitant and_from_not animal. 11 The_sound_of joy and_the_sound_of gladness the_sound_of a_bridegroom and_the_sound_of a_bride the_sound_of those_who_say give_thanks_to ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** soldiers/messengers if/because is_good **YHWH** if/because is_ _forever loyalty_of_his_covenant who_bring a_thank-offering the_house_of **YHWH** if/because I_will_turn_back ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _captivity_of the_earth/land as_at_time **YHWH** he_says. 12 Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says again it_will_be in_place the_this (the)_desolate from_not human_being and_ _unto an_animal and_on/over_all cities_of_its pasture_of shepherds who_make_to_lie_down flock[s]. 13 In_the_cities_of the_hill_country in_the_cities_of the_Shephelah and_in_the_ _cities_of the_Negeʋ and_in_the_land_of Binyāmīn and_in_the_ _surroundings_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_the_cities_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) again the_flock they_will_pass on the_ _hands_of one_who_counts_them **YHWH** he_says. 14 HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_carry_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_message (the)_good which I_have_spoken to the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_to the_house_of Yəhūdāh. 15 In_the_days the_those and_at_time (the)_that I_will_cause_to_sprout for_ _Dāvid a_branch_of righteousness and_he_will_do justice and_ _righteousness on_the_earth. 16 In_the_days the_those Yəhūdāh it_will_be_saved and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_ _will_dwell to_security and_this is_that_which anyone_will_call to/for_her/it **YHWH** righteousness_of_is_our. 17 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says not it_will_be_cut_off to_Dāvid a_man who_sits on the_throne_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 18 And_to_priests the_Lēviyyiy not it_will_be_cut_off a_man from_before_face_of_me who_offers_up a_burnt_offering and_ _who_makes_smoke a_grain_offering and_who_makes a_ _sacrifice[214] all_of the_days. 19 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _ _he/it_was to Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) to_saying. 20 Thus **YHWH** he_says if you(pl)_will_break ᴅᴏᴍ covenant_of_my the_day and_ᴅᴏᴍ covenant_of_my the_night and_to_not daytime and_ _night to_be at_their_appropriate_of_time. 21 Also covenant_ _of_my it_will_be_broken with Dāvid servant_of_my from_ _belonging to_him/it a_son who_reigns on throne_of_his and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_Lēviyyiy the_priests servants_of_my. 22 Which not the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens it_will_be_counted and_ _not the_sand_of the_sea it_will_be_measured so I_will_ _increase ᴅᴏᴍ the_offspring_of Dāvid servant_of_my and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Lēviyyiy who_serve_of ᴅᴏᴍ_me. 23 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirməʸᵃʰ to_say. 24 Am_not have_you_ _seen what the_people the_this have_they_said to_say the_two_ _of the_clans which **YHWH** he_chose (is)_in_them and_he_has_ _rejected_them and_ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my they_spurn from_being

210 RV 33:11 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13; 7:3; Ezr 3:11; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1.

211 RV 33:17 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 7:12-16; 1Ki 2:4; 1Ch 17:11-14.

212 RV 33:18 · Cross-ref. Num 3:5-10.

214 LV 33:18 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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again a_nation before_them. **25** Thus **YHWH** he_says if not covenant_of_my of_daytime and_night the_fixed_order(s)_of heaven and_earth not I_have_ordained. **26** Also the_offspring_ _of Yaʻₐqovʿ/(Jacob) and_Dāvid servant_of_my I_will_reject from_taking any_of_his_offspring rulers to the_offspring_of ʾAvʿrāhām Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_Yaʻₐqovʿ if/because I_will_turn_ _back[215] ĐǾM captivity_of_their and_I_will_have_compassion_ _on_them.

34:1 The_message which it_came to Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** and_Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvʿel and_all army_of_his and_all the_kingdoms_of the_earth the_rule_of his/its_hand and_all the_peoples were_fighting on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_on all_of cities_of_its to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says go and_you_ _will_say to Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_you_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_ _says HERE_I am_about_to_give ĐǾM the_city (the)_this in_the_ _hand_of the_king_of Bāvʿel and_he_will_burn_it with_fire. **3** And_you(ms) not you_will_escape from_hand_of_his if/because certainly_(capture) you_will_be_captured and_in_ _hand_of_his you_will_be_given and_eyes_of_your ĐǾM the_ _eyes_of the_king_of Bāvʿel they_will_see and_mouth_of_his with mouth_of_your it_will_speak and_Bāvʿel you_will_go. **4** Nevertheless hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh thus **YHWH** he_says on_you not you_will_die by_sword. **5** In_peace you_will_die and_like_the_burnings_of your(pl)_fathers_of_your the_kings (the)_former who they_ _were to_your_face so people_will_burn to/for_you(fs) and_alas Oh_master they_will_mourn to/for_you(fs) if/because a_ _promise I I_have_spoken the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **6** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) the_prophet _he/it_spoke to Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ the_king_of Yəhūdāh ĐǾM all_of the_words/messages the_these in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **7** And_the_army_of the_king_of Bāvʿel were_fighting on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_on all_of the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which_were_left against Lākīsh and_near/to ʿAzēqāh if/because they they_remained among_ _the_cities_of Yəhūdāh cities_of fortification.

8 The_message which it_came to Yirməʸᵃʰ from_with **YHWH** after the_king Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) made a_covenant with all_ _of the_people which was_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_call to/for_them liberty. **9** To_let_go everyone ĐǾM slave_of_his_ _male and_everyone ĐǾM slave_of_his_female (the)_Hebrew_ _masc and_(the)_Hebrew_fem free_people to_not to_work by_ _them by_a_Yəhūdī/(Judean) brother_of_his anyone. **10** And_ all_of the_officials and_all the_people who they_went in_ _covenant to_let_go everyone ĐǾM slave_of_his_male and_ _everyone ĐǾM slave_of_his_female free_people to_not to_work by_them again _they_obeyed and_they_heard and_they_let_ _them_go. **11** And_they_turned_back after thus and_they_took_ _back ĐǾM the_male_slaves and_ĐǾM the_female_slaves whom they_had_let_go free_people forced_them_into_slavery[218] to_ _male_slaves and_to_female_slaves. **12** And_ the_message_of

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and determine the laws of the universe and this planet? **26** In the same way, would I now reject Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants and not bring a ruler for the descendants of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov out of them. No, because I'll restore their fortunes and show mercy towards them.

The warning for Tsidkiyah/Zedekiah · Southern kingdom

34:1 Yahweh gave this message to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) when the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), along with all the world's kingdoms, domains, and people groups under his control, was attacking Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah's (Judah's) other cities, saying:[216] **2** Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says to go and speak to Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) and tell him that Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm about to hand this city over to the Babylonian king, and he'll set it on fire. **3** You won't escape from his power, because you'll definitely be captured and handed over to him and you'll talk face-to-face with the king of Bavel (Babylon) as you're taken to Bavel. **4** However King Tsidkiyah, listen to Yahweh's message—you won't be killed by being run through with a sword **5** but actually you'll die in peace. They'll cremate your body as was done for your ancestors, the previous kings, and they'll mourn for you saying, 'Oh no, master!' That's the promise that Yahweh has declared. **6** So the prophet Yirmiyah passed on all those messages to Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah in Yerushalem **7** when the Babylonian king's army had attacked Yerushalem and Yehudah's remaining fortified cities of Lakish and Azekah.

The restoration of slaves · Southern kingdom

8 Yahweh gave a message to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) after King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) had made an agreement with all the people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) that they'd free **9** their male and female Ivri (Hebrew) slaves—no one should force a fellow Yehudi (Jew) to work for them. **10** So all the leaders and people formally agreed that each person would free their male and female slaves, and they put it into practice—taking them from their work and setting them free. **11** However, after that they changed their minds and retrieved the male and female slaves that they'd freed, then forced them to work as slaves again.

12 Then Yahweh gave me this message to tell them: **13** Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says that I personally made an agreement

215 LV 33:26 · Note OSHB variant note: **בושא**: (x-qere) **בִּישָׁא**ʾ: lemma_7725 morph_HVhi1cs id_24K5U **בִּישָׁא**

216 RV 34:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:1-11; 2Ch 36:17-21.

218 LV 34:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **ם/ושיבכי/ו**: (x-qere) **ם/וּשְׁבְּכִי/וְ**ʾ: lemma_c/3533 n_0.1 morph_HC/Vqw3mp/Sp3mp id_249Ga **ם/וּשְׁבְּכִי/וְ**

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with your ancestors on the day that I brought them out from their lives of slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt). That was when I said that **14** at the end of every seven years, you all must release any fellow Ivrim (Hebrews) who had sold themselves to you and served you for six years, releasing them as free people.[217] However, your ancestors did not listen to me or show any desire to obey me. **15** Now recently, you yourselves repented and began to do what I've said is right. You all made a solemn agreement at my temple that carries my name, that you'd monitor each other to free your slaves. **16** But then you all turned and profaned my name by retrieving your male and female slaves which you'd released as free people, and then forced them to work as slaves again, **17** therefore Yahweh says this: You yourselves haven't listened to me—you all should have declared your fellow Israelis to be free. So listen, I'm about to proclaim 'freedom' for you: freedom to experience war, deadly diseases, and famine, because I'm going to make you a horrible thing in the sight of every kingdom in the world. That is Yahweh's declaration. **18** Then I'll deal with the people who've broken my agreement, who didn't respect the intent of the agreement that they established in front of me when they cut a bull in two and walked between the two halves, **19** when the leaders of Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem), the officials and the priests, and all the people of the land walked between the two sections of the bull. **20** I'll hand them over to their enemies and to those who want to see them dead. Their bodies will be food for the birds in the skies and the animals on the ground. **21** I'll hand Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) and his leaders over to their enemies and to those who want to see them dead, and to the army of the Babylonian king who's attacking you. **22** This is Yahweh's declaration: Listen, I'm about to order them back to battle against this city, and they'll capture it and set it on fire. Then I'll make Yehudah's other cities into deserted wastelands.

Praising the faithful Rekavites · Southern kingdom

35:1 Several years earlier, when Yehoyakim son of Yoshiyah (Josiah) was the king of Yehudah (Judah), Yahweh had given

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YHWH _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_with **YHWH** to_say. **13** Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says I I_ _made a_covenant with ancestors_of_your(pl) in/on_day I_ _brought_out them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_ _a_house_of slaves to_say. **14** From_the_end/extremity seven years you(pl)_will_let_go everyone ~~DOM~~ his/its_brother (the)_ _Hebrew who he_will_sell_himself to/for_yourself(m) and_he_ _will_serve_you six years and_you_will_let_him_go a_free_ _person from_with_you and_not ancestors_of_your(pl) they_ _listened to_me and_not they_inclined ~~DOM~~ ear_of_their. **15** And_ you(pl) _you(pl)_turned_back the_day and_you(pl)_did ~~DOM~~ the_right in_eyes_of_my to_call liberty everyone to_ _neighbour_of_his and_you(pl)_made a_covenant to/for_my_ _face/front in_house which name_of_my it_is_called on/upon/above_him/it. **16** And_you(pl)_turned_back and_ _you(pl)_profaned ~~DOM~~ name_of_my and_you(pl)_took_back everyone ~~DOM~~ slave_of_his_male and_everyone ~~DOM~~ slave_of_ _his_female whom you(pl)_had_let_go free_people to_desire_ _of_their and_you(pl)_forced_into_slavery ~~DOM~~_them to_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_male_slaves and_(into)_female_slaves. **17** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says you(pl) not you(pl)_ _have_listened to_me to_call liberty everyone to_brother_of_his and_everyone to_neighbour_of_his HERE_I am_about_to_ _proclaim to/for_you(pl) liberty the_utterance_of **YHWH** to the_drought//sword/knife to (the)_pestilence and_near/to (the)_famine and_I_will_make you(pl) mmm[219] to_ _all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land. **18** And_ _I_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_people who_have_transgressed ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my who not they_have_carried_out ~~DOM~~ the_ _words/messages_of the_covenant which they_made before_ _me the_calf which they_cut into_two_pieces and_they_passed between pieces_of_its. **19** The_officials_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_officials_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_ _court-officials and_the_priests and_all/each/any/every the_ _people_of the_earth/land who_passed between the_pieces_of the_calf. **20** And_I_will_give them in_the_hand_of their_ _enemies_of_their and_in_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_ _of_(of)_their and_ corpse_of_their _it_will_become (into)_food for_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_for_the_animal[s]_of the_ _earth/land. **21** And_~~DOM~~ Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_~~DOM~~ officials_of_his I_will_give in_the_hand_of their_enemies_of_their and_in_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_their and_in_the_hand_of the_army_of the_king_of Bāvel which_have_gone_up from_on_you(pl). **22** HERE_I am_ _about_to_command the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_bring_ _them_back to the_city (the)_this and_they_will_fight on/upon_it(f) and_they_will_capture_it and_they_will_burn_it with_fire and_~~DOM~~ the_cities_of Yəhūdāh I_will_make a_waste from_not an_inhabitant.

35:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** in_the_days_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_ _of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say. **2** Go to the_house_of the_Rēkāvites and_you_will_speak them

217 RV 34:14 · Cross-ref. Exo 21:2; Deu 15:12.

219 LV 34:17 · Note OSHB variant note: הַעוז/ל: (x-qere) הָֽוָעַז֙/ל׳: lemma_l/2189 n_0.1 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_24L7e הָֽוָעַז֙/ל

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and_you_will_bring_them the_house_of **YHWH** to one of_the_ _rooms and_you_will_give_to_drink them wine. **3** And_I_took ~~DOM~~ Ya'$_a$zan^{yāh}/(Jaazaniah) the_son_of Yirma^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥ$_a$vatstsan^{yāh} and_~~DOM~~ brothers_of_his and_~~DOM~~ all_of children_of_his and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_house_of the_Rēkāvites. **4** And_I_brought ~~DOM~~_them the_house_of **YHWH** to the_room_ _of the_sons_of Ḥānān the_son_of Yigdal^{yāh}ū/(Igdaliah) the_ _man_of the_'Ĕlohīm which was_beside the_room_of the_ _officials which was_from_above (to)_the_room_of Ma'$_a$sē^{yāh} the_son_of Shallūm the_keeper_of the_threshold. **5** And_I_set to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_sons_of the_house_of the_Rēkāvites bowls full wine and_cups and_I_said to_them drink wine. **6** And_they_said not we_drink wine if/because Yōnādāv/(Jonadab) the_son_of Rēkāv ancestor_of_our he_ _commanded to_us to_say not you(pl) and_children_of_your(pl) you(pl)_must_drink wine until perpetuity. **7** And_a_house not you(pl)_must_build and_seed not you(pl)_must_sow and_a_ _vineyard not you(pl)_must_plant and_not it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) if/because in_tents you(pl)_will_dwell all_of days_of_your(pl) so_that you(pl)_may_live days many on the_ _surface_of the_soil where you(pl) are_sojourning there. **8** And_ _we_have_listened to_the_voice_of Yōnādāv the_son_of Rēkāv ancestor_of_our to_all/each/any/every that he_commanded_ _us to_not to_drink wine all_of days_of_our we wives_of_our sons_of_our and_daughters_of_our. **9** And_to_not to_build houses we_to_dwell_in and_vineyard and_field and_seed not it_ _belongs to/for_ourselves. **10** And_we_have_dwelt in_tents and_ _we_have_obeyed and_we_have_done according_to_all that he_ _commanded_us Yōnādāv ancestor_of_our. **11** And_he/it_was when_ Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel _came_up against the_earth/land and_we_said come and_let_us_go Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_face/in_front_of the_army_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_from_before_of the_army_of 'Arām and_we_have_dwelt in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **12** And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirma^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) to_say. **13** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says go and_you_will_say to_the_man_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) am_not will_you(pl)_accept correction to_listen to words/messages_of_ _my the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **14** ~~DOM~~ the_words/messages_of Yōnādāv/(Jonadab) the_son_of Rēkāv which he_commanded ~~DOM~~ children_of_his to_not to_drink wine it_was_carried_out and_not they_have_drunk until the_day the_this if/because they_have_obeyed ~~DOM~~ the_command_of their_ancestor_of_ _their and_I I_have_spoken to_you(pl) rising_early and_ _speaking and_not you(pl)_have_listened to_me. **15** And_I_sent to_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ all_of servants_of_my the_prophets rising_early and_sending to_say turn_back please everyone from_way_of_ _his (the)_evil and_make_good deeds_of_your(pl) and_do_not walk after gods other to_serve_them and_dwell to the_soil which I_gave to/for_you(pl) and_to_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_ _not you(pl)_inclined ~~DOM~~ ear_of_your(pl) and_not you(pl)_ _listened to_me. **16** If/because the_sons_of Yōnādāv the_son_of Rēkāv they_have_carried_out ~~DOM~~ the_command_of their_ _ancestor_of_their which he_commanded_them and_the_

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Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) this message:[220] **2** Go to the Rekavi clan and talk with them, then bring them into one of the rooms in my temple, and give them wine to drink. **3** So I took Ya'azanyah (son of Yirmiyah, son of Havatsanyah) and his brothers and his sons, and all the rest of the Rekavi clan, **4** and I took them to the rooms of the sons of Hanan (son of Yigdalyah, man of God) at the temple. Those rooms were beside the leaders' room, which was above the room of Ma'aseyah (Shalum's son), the gatekeeper. **5** Then I placed bowls and cups of wine in front of the Rekavites and told them to drink some.

6 But they responded, "We don't drink wine, because our ancestor, Rekav's son Yonadav, commanded all of us and our descendants not to ever drink any wine. **7** He also told us not to build any houses, or to plant any crops or vineyards, saying that we must always live in tents, so that we'd have long lives in the land that we're staying in as foreigners. **8** We've obeyed the voice of our ancestor, Rekav's son Yonadav in everything that he commanded us and we, our wives, and our children have never drunk wine in our lives. **9** We'll never build houses to live in, or own any vineyards, fields, or seed. **10** We've lived in tents, and we've followed everything that our ancestor Yonadav told us, **11** but when the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) attacked the land, we decided that we must move to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to escape from the Babylonian and Aramean armies, so now we're all living in Yerushalem.

12 Then Yahweh gave this message to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), saying that **13** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says to go and ask the people in Yehudah (Judah), including those who live in Yerushalem: Won't you all accept correction and listen to my messages? This is Yahweh's declaration: **14** Rekav's son Yonadav told his descendants not to drink any wine and they've followed that to this very day. In contrast, I've personally and consistently spoken to all of you but you haven't taken any notice of what I've said. **15** I persistently sent all my servants, the prophets, out to you all to tell each person to turn from their wicked behaviour and start doing good instead, and to stop following after other gods and serving them. Then they'd live on the land that I gave to your ancestors and to all of you, however, you all won't listen to me or pay attention to me. **16** Yes, Yonadav's descendants have followed the instructions that their ancestor gave them, but this people, refuses to obey me, **17** so Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says this: Listen, I'm sending all the disasters that I pronounced for Yehudah, including everyone living in Yerushalem. I'm sending them against them because I spoke to them, but they wouldn't listen. I called to them, but they wouldn't answer.

18 Then Yirmiyah told the Rekavi clan that Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: You've all listened to the commands of your ancestor Yonadav and have kept them all. You've obeyed everything that he commanded you all to do,

220 RV 35:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 23:36–24:6; 2Ch 36:5-7.

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19 so Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
There'll always be someone descended from Rekav's son Yonadav to serve me.

Baruk reads out Yahweh's messages at the temple · Southern kingdom

36:1 In the fourth year of the reign Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim (son of Yoshiyah (Josiah)), Yahweh gave this message to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah):[221] 2 Get a scroll for yourself and write all the messages on it that I've told you concerning Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah, and all the other nations. Do this for everything I have said, back from the time of Yoshiyah until the present time. 3 Perhaps Yehudah's people will hear about all the disasters that I intend to bring on them and then turn away from their wicked ways, so I can forgive them for their wickedness and their disobedience.

4 Then Yirmiyah called Neriyah's son Baruk, and Yirmiyah dictated all the messages that Yahweh had given to him, for Baruk to record on a scroll. 5 Then Yirmiyah instructed Baruk saying, "I'm restrained from entering Yahweh's residence 6 so you must go and read from the scroll that you wrote at my dictation. On the day of the fast, you must read Yahweh's messages so that all the people in the temple will hear them as well as the people from the rest of Yehudah's cities. Proclaim these messages to them. 7 Perhaps Yahweh will take notice of their pleas for mercy. Perhaps everyone will turn from their wicked ways, since the anger and fury that Yahweh has proclaimed against this nation is severe. 8 So Neriyah's son Baruk did everything that the prophet Yirmiyah had told him to—he read Yahweh's messages aloud at Yahweh's temple.

9 In the ninth month of the next year, all the people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the visitors to the city from the rest of Yehudah, announced a fast to honour Yahweh. 10 Again Baruk read Yirmiyah's messages aloud at Yahweh's temple, from the room of Gemaryah (son of the scribe Shafan) in the upper courtyard, by the entrance gate to Yahweh's residence. He did this so that all the people could hear it.

Literal Version

_people the_this not they_have_listened to_me. 17 For_
_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers
the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring
to Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_near/to all_of the_inhabitants_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ĐØM all_of the_calamity which I_
_spoke on_them because I_spoke to_them and_not they_
_listened and_I_called to/for_them and_not they_answered.
18 And_to_the_house_of the_Rēkāvites Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah)
he_said thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says because that you(pl)_have_listened to
the_command_of Yōnādāv/(Jonadab) ancestor_of_your(pl)
and_you(pl)_have_kept ĐØM all_of commands_of_his and_
_you(pl)_have_done according_to_all that he_commanded
you(pl). 19 For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says not it_
_will_be_cut_off a_man to_Yōnādāv the_son_of Rēkāv who_
_will_stand to/for_my_face/front all_of the_days.

36:1 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_fourth of_
_Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of Yo'shiyyāh/(Josiah) the_
_king_of Yəhūdāh the_message the_this it_came to Yirməyāh
from_with **YHWH** to_say. 2 Take to/for_yourself(m) a_scroll_of
a_document and_you_will_write to_her/it ĐØM all_of the_
_words/messages which I_have_spoken to_you on
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_on Yəhūdāh and_on all_of the_nations
from_the_day when_I_spoke to_you from_the_days_of
Yo'shiyyāh and_unto the_day (the)_this. 3 Perhaps the_house_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_hear ĐØM all_of the_harm which I
am_planning for_doing to/for_them so_that they_may_turn_
_back everyone from_way_of_his (the)_evil and_I_will_forgive
(to)_iniquity_of_their and_(to)_sin_of_their. 4 And_
Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) _he/it_called ĐØM Bārūk the_son_of
Nēriyyāh and_ Bārūk _he_wrote from_the_mouth_of Yirməyāh
ĐØM all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** which he_had_
_spoken to_him/it on a_scroll_of a_document. 5 And_ Yirməyāh
_he_commanded ĐØM Bārūk to_say I am_shut_up not I_am_able
to_go the_house_of **YHWH**. 6 And_ you _you_will_go and_you_
_will_read_aloud in_scroll which you_have_written from_
_mouth_of_my ĐØM the_words/messages_of **YHWH** in_the_
_ears_of the_people the_house_of **YHWH** in/on_day fasting
and_also in_the_ears_of all_of Yəhūdāh the_(ones_who)_went
from_cities_of_their you_will_read_them_aloud. 7 Perhaps
supplication_of_their it_will_fall to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** and_they_will_turn_back everyone from_
_way_of_his (the)_evil if/because is_great the_anger and_the_
_rage which **YHWH** he_has_spoken against the_people (the)_
this. 8 And Bārūk the_son_of Nēriyyāh _he/it_made according_
_to_all that he_had_commanded_him Yirməyāh the_prophet to_
_call in_scroll the_words/messages_of **YHWH** the_house_of
YHWH. 9 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_fifth of_
_Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of Yo'shiyyāh/(Josiah) the_
_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_month (the)_ninth they_
_proclaimed a_fast to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**
all_of the_people in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_all the_
people the(ones_who)_went from_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh in_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 10 And Bārūk _he/it_called in_

221 RV 36:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:1; 2Ch 36:5-7; Dan 1:1-2.

Literal Version

_scroll ÐOM the_words/messages_of Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) the_ _house_of **YHWH** in_the_room_of Gəmarʸᵃʰ the_son_of Shāfān the_scribe in_court (the)_upper the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_new in_the_ears_of all_of the_ _people.

11 And_ Mīkāyəhū the_son_of Gəmarʸᵃʰ the_son_of Shāfān _ _he/it_listened ÐOM all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** from_under the_scroll. **12** And_he/it_descended the_house_of the_king to the_room_of the_scribe and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there all_of the_officials ʾElīshāʿma the_scribe and_Dəlāʸᵃʰ the_son_of Shəmaʿʸᵃʰ and_ʾElnātān the_son_of ʿAkbōr and_Gəmarʸᵃʰ the_ _son_of Shāfān and_Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Ḥₐnanʸᵃʰ and_all the_officials were_sitting. **13** And_he_told to/for_them Mīkāyəhū ÐOM all_of the_words/messages which he_had_heard when_ Bārūk _read_aloud in_scroll in_the_ears_of the_people. **14** And_ all_of the_officials _they_sent to Bārūk ÐOM Yəhūdī/(Jehudi) the_son_of Nətanʸᵃʰ the_son_of Shelemʸᵃʰ the_ _son_of Kūshiy/(Cushi) to_say the_scroll which you_have_read_ _aloud in_it in_the_ears_of the_people take_it in_hand_of_your and_come and_ Bārūk the_son_of Nēriyʸᵃʰ _he/it_took ÐOM the_ _scroll in_his/its_hand and_he_went to_them. **15** And_they_said to_him/it sit please and_read_it_aloud in_ears_of_our and_ Bārūk _he/it_called in_ears_of_their. **16** And_he/it_was just_as_ _they_heard ÐOM all_of the_words/messages they_were_in_ _dread each to his/its_neighbour and_they_said to Bārūk certainly_(tell) we_will_tell to/for_the_king ÐOM all_of the_ _things the_these. **17** And_ÐOM Bārūk they_asked to_say tell please to/for_us how did_you_write ÐOM all_of the_ _words/messages the_these from_mouth_of_his. **18** And_he/it_ _said to/for_them Bārūk from_mouth_of_his he_proclaimed to_ _me ÐOM all_of the_words/messages the_these and_I was_ _writing on the_scroll with_ink. **19** And_ the_officials _they_said to Bārūk go you and_Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) hide_yourself and_ _anyone not let_him_know where are_you(pl).

20 And_they_came to the_king court_to_the and_ÐOM the_scroll they_had_deposited in_the_room_of ʾElīshāʿma the_scribe and_ _they_told in_the_ears_of the_king ÐOM all_of the_things. **21** And_ the_king _he_sent ÐOM Yəhūdī/(Jehudi) to_ _take/accept/receive ÐOM the_scroll and_he_fetched_it from_ _the_room_of ʾElīshāʿma the_scribe and_he_read_it_aloud Yəhūdī/(Jehudi) in_the_ears_of the_king and_in_the_ears_of all_of the_officials who_were_standing from_under the_king. **22** And_the_king was_sitting the_house_of the_winter in_ _month (the)_ninth and_ÐOM the_fire-pot before_him was_ _kindled. **23** And_he/it_was just_ Yəhūdī/(Jehudi) _as_read_ _aloud three doors and_four he_tore_it with_the_knife_of the_ _scribe and_he_threw_it into the_fire which was_to the_fire-pot until all_of the_scroll was_consumed on the_fire which was_on the_fire-pot. **24** And_not they_were_afraid and_not the_king and_all servants_of_his who_heard ÐOM all_of the_ _words/messages the_these they_tore ÐOM clothes_of_their. **25** And_also ʾElnātān and_Dəlāʸᵃʰ and_Gəmarʸᵃʰ they_had_ _made_entreaty with_king to_not to_burn ÐOM the_scroll and_ _not he_listened to_them. **26** And_ the_king _he_commanded ÐOM Yəraḥməʾᵉˡ/(Jerahmeel) the_son_of the_king and_ÐOM Sərāʸᵃʰ the_son_of ʿAzrīʾᵉˡ and_ÐOM Shelemʸᵃʰ the_son_of ʿAvdəʾᵉˡ to_take/accept/receive ÐOM Bārūk the_scribe and_ÐOM

Readers' Version

The messages get read to the officials · Southern kingdom

11 When Mikayah (son of Gemaryah son of Shafan) heard all Yahweh's messages from the scroll, **12** he went down to the secretary's room in the palace, and wow, all the officials were sitting there: Elishama the secretary, Shemayah's son Delayah, Akbor's son Elnatan, Shafan's son Gemaryah, and Hananyah's son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), along with all the other officials. **13** When Mikayah reported to them all the messages that he'd heard Baruk read aloud for the people to hear, **14** the officials sent Yehudi (Jew) (son of Netanyah son of Shelemyah son of Kushi) to Baruk. Yehudi ordered Baruk, "Take the scroll in your hand, the scroll from which you were reading in the hearing of the people, and come." So Neriyah's son Baruk took the scroll and went to the officials **15** where they told him to sit down and read it to them, so Baruk read out the messages. **16** When they heard it all, they were afraid and decided together that they needed to report it all to the king, **17** and they asked Baruk, "How come you wrote down all these messages from Yirmiyah (Jeremiah)?"

18 "He dictated them to me," he replied, "and I just wrote them down on the scroll."

19 Then the officials told Baruk, "Go and hide, and Yirmiyah as well. Don't let anyone know where you two are."

King Yehoyakim burns the scroll · Southern kingdom

20 Then they left the scroll in the secretary Elishama's room and went out to the king in the courtyard and told him everything they'd heard. **21** The king sent Yehudi (Jew) to get the scroll, and he went and got it from the secretary Elishama's room. Then Yehudi read it aloud for the king and all the officials who were standing beside him to hear. **22** That month, the king was in his winter house and a brazier was burning in front of him. **23** Whenever Yehudi had read a couple of columns, the king would slice it off with a knife and toss it into the fire until the entire scroll was gone, **24** but neither the king or any of his servants were afraid of the messages (and they didn't tear their clothes to indicate repentance— **25** Elnatan, Delayah, and Gemaryah had urged the king not to burn the scroll, but he hadn't taken any notice of them). **26** Then the king ordered a relative Yerahme'el, Azriel's son Serayah, and Avdeel's son Shelemyah to arrest the scribe Baruk and the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), but Yahweh had hidden them.

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Yirmiyah rewrites the scroll · Southern kingdom

27 After the king had burnt the scroll with the messages on it that Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) had dictated to Baruk, Yahweh gave this message to Yirmiyah: 28 Get yourself another scroll and write down all the messages that were on the original scroll that Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim burnt. 29 Then you must tell the king that Yahweh says: You burnt that scroll, asking why it was written that the Babylonian king would come and destroy this land and leave it without people or animals. 30 Now Yahweh says about King Yehoyakim: No descendant of his will ever sit on David's throne. As for him, his corpse will be thrown out into the heat of the day and the frost at night. 31 I'll punish him, his descendants, and his servants for their wickedness. The disasters that I've threatened them with, but which they ignored, I'll send onto them and all Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants, and onto every person in the rest of Yehudah.

32 So Yirmiyah got another scroll and gave it to Baruk, son of Neriyah the scribe. Yirmiyah again dictated all the messages that had been on the scroll burnt by Yehudah's King Yehoyakim, and Baruk wrote them onto the scroll, along with several other similar messages.

Yirmiyah's response to Tsidkiyah/Zedekiah · Southern kingdom

37:1 By now Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) reigned as king instead of Yehoyakim's son Yehoyakin. The Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had made Tsidkiyah king over the Yehudah (Judah) region.[222] 2 However, Tsidkiyah, his servants, and his people wouldn't listen to Yahweh's messages that he'd given via the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah).

3 Eventually, King Tsidkiyah, Shelemyah's son Yehukal, and Tsefanyah (Zephaniah) son of Ma'aseyah the priest, sent a message to the prophet Yirmiyah requesting him, "Pray on our behalf to our god, Yahweh. 4 At that time, Yirmiyah was still coming and going among the people, because he hadn't yet been put in prison. 5 Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) army had come out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and the Babylonians who were besieging Yerushalem (Jerusalem) heard the news about them and retreated from Yerushalem.

6 Then Yahweh gave Yirmiyah this message to proclaim: 7 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh told me that you people should say this to Yehudah's king who sent you all to consult me: Listen

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Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet and_he_hid_them **YHWH**.

27 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh} after the_king burnt ÐOM the_scroll and_ÐOM the_words/messages which Bārūk he_had_written from_the_mouth_of Yirmə^{yāh} to_ _say. 28 Return take to/for_yourself(m) a_scroll another and_ _write on/upon_it(f) ÐOM all_of the_words/messages (the)_ _former which they_were on the_scroll (the)_former which Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_ _burnt. 29 And_to Yəhōyāqīm the_king_of Yəhūdāh you_will_ _say thus **YHWH** he_says you you_burnt ÐOM the_scroll (the)_ _this to_say why did_you_write on/upon_it(f) to_say certainly_ _(come) the_king_of Bāʿel he_will_come and_he_will_destroy ÐOM the_earth/land (the)_this and_he_will_cause_to_cease from_her/it human_being and_animal. 30 For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says on Yəhōyāqīm the_king_of Yəhūdāh not he_will_belong for_him/it one_who_sits on the_throne_of Dāvid and_corpse_of_his it_will_be thrown_out to_heat in_the_ _day and_to_frost in_night. 31 And_I_will_visit on/upon/above_ _him/it and_on his/its_seed and_on servants_of_his ÐOM iniquity_of_their and_I_will_bring on_them and_on the_ _inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_near/to everyone_of Yəhūdāh ÐOM all_of the_calamity which I_have_ _spoken against_them and_not they_listened. 32 And_ _Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) he_took a_scroll another and_he_gave_it to Bārūk the_son_of Nēriy^{yāh} the_scribe and_he_wrote on/upon_it(f) from_the_mouth_of Yirmə^{yāh} ÐOM all_of the_ _words/messages_of the_scroll which Yəhōyāqīm the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_had_burnt in_fire and_again it_was_added to_them words/messages many like_them.

37:1 And_ king Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) _he_reigned in_place_of Kon^{yāh}ū/(Coniah) the_son_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) whom Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāʿel he_made_king in_land of_Yəhūdāh. 2 And_ _not he and_servants_of_his and_the_people_of the_earth/land he_listened to the_words/messages_of **YHWH** which he_spoke by_the_hand_of Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet. 3 And_ the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh} _he_sent ÐOM Yəhūkal/(Jehucal) the_son_of Shelem^{yāh} and_ÐOM Tsəfan^{yāh}/(Zephaniah) the_son_of Ma'$_{a}$sē^{yāh} the_priest/officer to Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet to_say pray please for_us to **YHWH** god_of_our. 4 And_Yirmə^{yāh} was_coming and_ _was_going_out in_the_middle the_people and_not they_had_ _put ÐOM_him/it the_house_of the[223]. 5 And_the_army_of Par'oh it_had_come_forth from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy who_were_laying_siege on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _they_had_heard ÐOM report_of_their and_they_had_taken_themselves_up from_under Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 6 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _ _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet to_say. 7 Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) he_says thus[224] you(pl)_will_ _say to the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who_sent you(pl) to_me to_consult_me THERE the_army_of Par'oh which_was_coming_ _out to/for_you(pl) to_help is_about_to_return to_its_own_of_

222 **RV 37:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:17; 2Ch 36:10.

223 **LV 37:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: אוּלְכָ֑ה/אילכ: (x-qere) אוּלְכָ֑ה': lemma_d/3628 n_0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_24fJr

224 **LV 37:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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land Mitsrayim. **8** And the_ones_from_Kasdiy _they_will_ _return and_they_will_fight on the_city (the)_this and_they_ _will_capture_it and_they_will_burn_it with_fire. **9** Thus **YHWH** he_says do_not deceive selves_of_your(pl) to_say surely_(go) they_will_go from_on_us the_ones_from_Kasdiy if/because not they_will_go. **10** If/because if you(pl)_defeated all_of the_army_ _of the_ones_from_Kasdiy who_are_fighting with_you(pl) and_ _they_survived among_them men pierced_through everyone in_tent_of_his they_will_arise and_they_will_burn ᴅᴏᴍ the_city (the)_this with_fire.

11 And_it_was when_ the_army_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy _had_ _taken_itself_up from_under Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_ _face/in_front_of the_army_of Par'oh. **12** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_ _went_out from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_go the_land_of Binyāmīn to_receive_a_portion from_there in_the_middle the_ _people. **13** And_he/it_was he was_at_the_gate_of Binyāmīn and_there a_captain_of the_guard and_his/its_name was_ _Yir'iyyāyh/(Irijah) the_son_of Shelemʸᵃʰ the_son_of Ḥanʸᵃʰ and_he_arrested ᴅᴏᴍ Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) the_prophet to_say to the_ones_from_Kasdiy you are_falling. **14** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _ _he/it_said a_lie not_I am_falling on the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_not he_listened to_him/it and_ Yir'iyyāyh/(Irijah) _he_ _seized (in)_Yirməʸᵃʰ and_he_brought_him to the_officials. **15** And_ the_officials _they_were_angry towards Yirməʸᵃʰ and_ _they_struck ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_they_put him the_house_of (the)_fetter[s] the_house_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_scribe if/because ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it they_had_made into_(the)_ _house_of (the)_imprisonment. **16** If/because Yirməʸᵃʰ he_went into the_house_of the_cistern and_near/to the_cells and_he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived there Yirməʸᵃʰ days many. **17** And_ the_king Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) _he_sent and_he_took_ _him and_he_asked_him the_king in_house_of_his in_secrecy and_he/it_said is_there a_message from_with **YHWH** and_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_said there_is and_he/it_said in_the_hand_of the_king_of Bāvel you_will_be_given. **18** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_ _said to the_king Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ what have_I_sinned to/for_ _yourself(m) and_to_servants_of_your and_to_people the_this that/for/because/then/when you(pl)_have_put me into the_ _house_of (the)_imprisonment. **19** And[225] prophets_of_are_ _your(pl) who they_prophesied to/for_you(pl) to_say not the_ _king_of Bāvel he_will_come on_you(pl) on the_earth/land (the)_this. **20** And_now listen please my_master the_king may_ _it_fall please supplication_of_my to_your_face and_do_not make_me_go_back the_house_of Yōnātān the_scribe and_not I_ _will_die there. **21** And_ the_king Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ _he_commanded and_they_deposited ᴅᴏᴍ Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) in_the_ _courtyard_of the_guard and_they_gave to_him/it a_round_ _loaf_of bread to_day from_the_street_of the_bakers until all_of the_bread was_finished from the_city and_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_courtyard_of the_guard.

38:1 And_ Shəfaṭʸᵃʰ the_son_of Mattān and_Gədalʸᵃʰ the_son_of Pashḥūr and_Jucal the_son_of Shelemʸᵃʰ and_Pashḥūr the_son_ _of Malkīyʸᵃʰ _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages which Yirməʸᵃʰ was_speaking to all_of the_people to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** he_says the_one_who_remains in_city (the)_this he_

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Par'oh's army which was coming out to help you all is about to return back to its own country, Mitsrayim. **8** Then the Babylonians will return and attack this city, then they'll capture it and burn it down. **9** Yahweh says not to deceive yourselves that the Babylonians have left, because they won't leave, **10** because even if you all defeated the entire Babylonian army that's attacking you so that only wounded men were left in their tents, they would get up and burn down this city.

Yirmiyah is arrested and imprisoned · Southern kingdom

11 Then when the Babylonian army had left Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to avoid Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) army, **12** Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) left the city to go to the Benyamin region to take possession of a section of land there among his people. **13** As he went through the Benyamin gate, a chief guard named Yiriyah (son of Shelemyah, son of Hananyah) was there. He seized the prophet Yirmiyah and claimed that he was deserting to the Babylonians.

14 But Yirmiyah disputed, "That's a lie—I'm not deserting to the Babylonians." However Yiriyah wouldn't listen to him and he arrested him and took him to the officials. **15** The officials were angry at Yirmiyah and they had him beaten and put in prison. (The place had been the house of the scribe Yonatan (Jonathan), but it had been converted into a prison.) **16** So Yirmiyah was kept there in an underground cell for several days.

17 Then King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) sent someone to fetch Yirmiyah, and in his house, the king asked him privately, "Is there any message from Yahweh?"

"There is a message," Yirmiyah answered. "You'll be handed over to the Babylonian king." **18** Then Yirmiyah asked the king, "What crime have I committed against you or your servants or your people, that you've had me put in prison? **19** Where are all the other prophets who prophesied to you all that the Babylonian king wouldn't come here? **20** But now, my master the king, please listen to this appeal: Don't return me to the scribe Yonatan's house, or I'll die there."

21 So King Tsidkiyah ordered that Yirmiyah be held in the guards' courtyard, and he was given a loaf of bread every day from the bakers' street, until the time when all the bread in the city ran out. But Yirmiyah remained confined in the guards' courtyard.

Yirmiyah is placed down a shaft · Southern kingdom

38:1 Four officials, Matan's son Shefatyah, Pashhur's son Gedalyah, Shelemyah's son Yehukal, and Malkiyah's son Pashhur heard the messages that Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) was telling all the

225 **LV 37:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/יָא/וְ: (x-qere) וְ/הַיָּא/וְ: lemma_c/346 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ti id_24sQJ וְ/הַיָּא/וְ

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people, saying: **2** Yahweh says this: Anyone who stays in this city will be killed by fighting, famine, or deadly diseases, but anyone who goes out to the Babylonians will survive—they won't be killed. **3** Yahweh says that this city will definitely be taken over and captured by the Babylonian king.

4 So those officials went to King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) and requested that Yirmiyah be executed because (they claimed) his messages were discouraging their warriors defending the city and discouraging all the people. They claimed that he wasn't advancing the people's safety, but causing harm.

5 "All right," King Tsidkiyah replied. "Do whatever you want with him, because no king can argue against all of you." **6** So they took Yirmiyah and put him into the water storage cistern carved out by the king's son Malkiyah. It was right there in the guards' courtyard, and they lowered Yirmiyah down with ropes. There wasn't any water left in the cistern, but it was still muddy at the bottom and he sank down into the mud.

7 Now the Kushi Eved-Melek was one of the trusted servants in the king's house and he heard that they had put Yirmiyah down into the cistern. Meanwhile, the king was sitting at the Benyamin Gate. **8** So Eved-Melek left the palace and went and spoke with the king, **9** "My master the king, those men have been evil in the way they've mistreated the prophet Yirmiyah. They threw him into a cistern so he'd die in it from hunger, since there's no food left in the city." **10** Then the king ordered Eved-Melek to take command of thirty of the king's men to go and get the prophet Yirmiyah out of the cistern so he wouldn't die down there. **11** So Eved-Melek led the men to a storeroom for clothing under the king's house where they got some rags and worn-out clothes. Then they let them down by ropes to Yirmiyah in the cistern **12** and told him to use the rags and old clothes under his armpits to protect him from being hurt by the ropes. Yirmiyah did that, **13** then they pulled him up with the ropes—that's how they got him up out from the mud in the cistern. Then he stayed in the guards' courtyard.

King Tsidkiyah's advice to Yirmiyah · Southern kingdom

14 One day King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) summoned the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) to meet him at the third entrance to the temple and told him, "I want to ask you something. Don't refuse to answer honestly and truthfully."

15 "Ha, if I tell you the truth, you'll order me to be executed," Yirmiyah replied. "And if I give you good advice, you won't take

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_will_die by_sword by_famine and_by_pestilence and_the_one_ _who_goes_out to the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_he_will_live[226] and_it_will_belong for_him/it life_of_his to_plunder and_he_ _will_live. **3** Thus **YHWH** he_says certainly_(be_given) the_city (the)_this it_will_be_given in_the_hand_of the_army_of the_ _king of_Bāvel and_he_will_capture_it. **4** And_ the_officials _ _they_said to the_king let_him_be_put_to_death please ĐOM the_man the_this if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so he is_making_drop ĐOM the_hands_of the_men_of (the)_war who_ _remain in_city (the)_this and_ĐOM the_hands_of all_of the_ _people by_speaking to_them according_the_words/messages the_these if/because the_man the_this not_he is_seeking for_ _welfare for_people the_this if/because (if) for_harm. **5** And_ the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) _he/it_said THERE he is_in_ _hand_of_your(pl) if/because not the_king he_is_able you(pl) anything. **6** And_they_took ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) and_they_ _threw ĐOM_him/it into the_cistern of_Malkīy^{yāh} the_son_of the_king which was_in_the_courtyard_of the_guard and_they_ _let_down ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} with_ropes and_in_cistern there_was_ _not water if/because (if) mud and_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he_sank in_mud. **7** And_ ʹEvʹed Melek the_Kūshiy/(Cushite) a_man_of a_ _court-official _he/it_listened and_he in_house_of the_king if/because_that they_had_put ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} into the_cistern and_the_king was_sitting in_the_gate_of Binyāmīn. **8** And_ ʹEvʹed Melek _he/it_went_out from_the_house_of the_king and_ _he/it_spoke to the_king to_say. **9** My_master the_king the_men the_these they_have_done_evil ĐOM all_of that they_have_done to_Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet ĐOM whom they_have_thrown into the_cistern and_he/it_died in_his_place from_face/in_front_of (the)_famine if/because not the_food yet is_in_city. **10** And_ the_king _he_commanded ĐOM ʹEvʹed Melek the_Kūshiy to_say take in_hand_of_your from_here thirty men and_you_will_ _bring_up ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet from the_cistern before_ _before he_will_die. **11** And_he/it_took ʹEvʹed Melek ĐOM the_ _men in_his/its_hand and_he_went the_house_of the_king to under the_storehouse and_he/it_took from_there worn_out_ _things_of the[227] and_worn_out_things_of rags and_he_let_ _them_down to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) into the_cistern with_ _ropes. **12** And_ ʹEvʹed Melek the_Kūshiy/(Cushite) _he/it_said to Yirmə^{yāh} put please the_worn_out_things_of the_clothes and_the_rags under the_joints_of your_two's_hands_of_your from_under to_the_ropes and_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_made thus. **13** And_they_drew_out ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} with_ropes and_they_ _brought_up ĐOM_him/it from the_cistern and_ Yirmə^{yāh} _ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_the_courtyard_of the_ _guard.

14 And_ the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) _he_sent and_he/it_ _took ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet to_him/it to an_entrance the_ _third which in_house_of **YHWH** and_ the_king _he/it_said to Yirmə^{yāh} I am_about_to_ask you a_matter do_not hide from_me anything. **15** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_said to Tsidqiy^{yāh} if/because I_will_tell to/for_yourself(m) am_not certainly_(put_to_death) will_you_put_me_to_death and_because/when I_will_counsel_ _you not you_will_listen to_me. **16** And_ the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh} _

226 LV 38:2 · Note OSHB variant note: היחי: (x-qere) 'חָיָּ֥ו/ה': lemma_c/2421 n_0.1 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_2411s חָיָּ֥ו/ה

227 LV 38:11 · Note OSHB variant note: תובחס/ה: (x-qere) 'תּוֹבָחְסִ': lemma_5499 n_1.1 morph_HNcfpa id_24srU תּוֹבָחְסִ

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_he_swore to Yirmə^{yāh} in_secrecy to_say by_the_life of_**YHWH** wwww[229] who he_has_made to/for_us ~~DOM~~ the_living_ _creatures (the)_this if I_will_put_you_to_death and_if I_will_ _give_you in_the_hand_of the_men the_these who are_seeking ~~DOM~~ life_of_your. **17** And_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) _he/it_said to Tsidqiy^{yāh} thus **YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers the_ _god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says if indeed_(go_out) you_will_go_ _out to the_commanders_of the_king_of Bāvel and_ self_of_ _your _it_will_live and_the_city (the)_this not it_will_be_burnt with_fire and_ you and_household_of_your _you_will_live. **18** And_if not you_will_go_out to the_commanders_of the_king_ _of Bāvel and_ the_city (the)_this _it_will_be_given in_the_ _hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_they_will_burn_it with_ _fire and_you(ms) not you_will_escape from_hand_of_their. **19** And_ the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) _he/it_said to Yirmə^{yāh} I am_dreading ~~DOM~~ the_Yəhūdī/(Judeans) who they_have_fallen to the_ones_from_Kasdiy lest they_should_give ~~DOM~~_me in_ _hand_of_their and_they_will_deal_wantonly with_me. **20** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_said not they_will_give listen please to_the_ _voice_of **YHWH** to_that_which I am_speaking to_you so_that_ _it_may_go_well to/for_yourself(m) and_ self_of_your _so_that_ _it_may_live. **21** And_if you are_refusing to_go_out this is_the_ _thing which he_has_shown_me **YHWH**. **22** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE all_of the_women who they_are_left in_ _house_of the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) are_about_to_be_ _brought_out to the_commanders_of the_king_of Bāvel and_ _they will_be_saying they_misled_you and_they_prevailed to/for_yourself(m) the_people_of your_peace_of_your they_ _are_sunk in_mire feet_of_your they_have_turned backwards. **23** And_~~DOM~~ all_of wives_of_your and_~~DOM~~ children_of_your people_will_bring_out to the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_you(ms) not you_will_escape from_hand_of_their if/because by_the_ _hand_of the_king_of Bāvel you_will_be_captured and_~~DOM~~ the_city (the)_this you_will_burn with_fire. **24** And_ Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) _he/it_said to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) anyone not let_him_know in_words/messages the_these and_ _not you_will_die. **25** And_because/when the_officials they_ _will_hear if/because_that I_have_spoken with_you and_they_ _will_come to_you and_they_will_say to_you tell please to/for_ _us what did_you_say to the_king do_not hide_it from_him/it and_not we_will_put_you_to_death and_what did_he_say to_ _you the_king. **26** And_you_will_say to_them I was_making_fall supplication_of_my to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _king to_not to_send_me_back the_house_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) to_die there. **27** And_ all_of the_officials _they_came to Yirmə^{yāh} and_they_asked ~~DOM~~_ _him/it and_he_told to/for_them according_to_all_of the_ _words/messages the_these which the_king he_had_ _commanded and_they_kept_silent from_him/it if/because not the_message it_had_been_heard. **28** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_courtyard_of the_guard until the_day when Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_was_captured and_ _it_was just_as Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_was_captured.

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any notice of what I say."

16 But King Tsidkiyah privately promised Yirmiyah, "As our creator Yahweh lives, I won't execute you or hand you over to those men who want to see you dead."

17 "Okay," Yirmiyah answered the king, "Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: If you indeed go out to the Babylonian king's officials, then you'll live, and this city won't be burnt down. You and your family would live. **18** But if you don't go out to his officials, then this city will be handed over to the Babylonians. They'll burn it down, and you wouldn't be able to escape from their power."

19 "But I'm afraid of the Yehudim (Jews) who've already deserted to the Babylonians," the king confided to Yirmiyah. "You see, I might be handed over to them and they might treat me cruelly."

20 "The Babylonians won't hand you over to those Yehudim," Yirmiyah responded. "Obey Yahweh's message from Yahweh that I'm passing on to you, so that things will go well for you, and so that you'll live through this. **21** However, if you refuse to surrender, then this is what Yahweh has shown me: **22** Listen king of Yehudah (Judah), all the women who are left in your palace will be taken out to the Babylonian king's commanders. Those women will tell you,

'You were deceived by your friends—they've ruined you.
Now your feet are stuck in the mud, and your friends have turned away.'

23 Yes, all your wives and children will be taken out to the Babylonians and you yourself won't escape from them either. You'll be taken captive by the Babylonian king, and this city will be burnt down."

24 Then Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) told Yirmiyah, "Don't tell anyone else what we spoke about or you might die. **25** If the officials hear that I've have talked with you, and if they come and demand, 'Tell us what you said to the king—don't hide it from us or we'll kill you,' **26** then you must tell them, 'I was just pleading to the king not to return me to the dungeon in Yonatan's (Jonathan's) house or I'd die there.' **27** Then sure enough the officials came to Yirmiyah and questioned him and he answered them as the king had instructed him. They couldn't say anything else because they hadn't heard the conversation, **28** so Yirmiyah remained in the guards' courtyard until the day that Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was captured.[228]

228 **RV 38:28 · Cross-ref.** Eze 33:21.

229 **LV 38:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תא**: (x-qere)

Readers' Version

The fall of Yerushalem · Southern kingdom

39:1 In the tenth month of the ninth year of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) came against Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with his large army and besieged it. **2** On the ninth day of the fourth month of Tsidkiyah's eleventh year,[230] the city was broken into. **3** Then all of the Babylonian king's officials came and sat at the middle gate, including the top official Nevu-Sar-Sekim, and Samgar-Nevu and Sarsekim.

4 When Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah and all his warriors saw what was happening, they left at nighttime through the gate between the two walls beside the king's garden and fled towards the Yarden (Jordan) river plains. **5** However the Babylonian army chased after them and overtook the king down in the plains near Yeriho (Jericho). They took him back up to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar at Rivlah in the Hamat region, and he pronounced his judgement on him. **6** The king had Tsidkiyah's sons slaughtered at Rivlah as their father was forced to watch, and Yehudah's officials were also executed. **7** Then they gouged out Tsidkiyah's eyes and put him in chains to be taken to Bavel (Babylon). **8** Then the Babylonians burnt down the palace and the other houses, and tore down Yerushalem's walls. **9** The rest of the people who'd stayed in the city, including those who'd previously deserted, were exiled to Bavel under the supervision of the chief bodyguard Nevuzar-Adan. **10** However, he allowed the poorest people who didn't own anything to remain in Yehudah—allocating vineyards and fields for them to work.

Yirmiyah is released · Southern kingdom

11 Now the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had given an order to his chief bodyguard Nevuzar-Adan about finding Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) **12** and keeping him safe and unharmed—even to care for him and do anything that he requested. **13** So Nevuzar-Adan, the top servant Nevu-Shazban, the high official Nergal-Shar-Etser, and all the Babylonian king's most important officials **14** sent out men to fetch Yirmiyah from the guards' courtyard. They handed him over to Gedalyah (son of Ahikam, son of Shafan) to take him home, so Yirmiyah stayed there among the people.

Literal Version

39:1 In_year (the)_ninth of_Tsidqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_month (the)_tenth Nəvūkadnetstsar the_ _king_of Bāvel and_all army_of_his he_came to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_laid_siege on_it. **2** In_one_ _plus_of ten year of_Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) in_month the_ _fourth on_day_nine of_month the_city it_was_broken_into. **3** And_ all_of the_officials_of the_king_of Bāvel _they_came and_they_lived in_the_gate_of the_middle Nērəggal- Shar'etser Nērəggal- Şamgar Nəvō Sar- sekim the_Ravᵛ_of şārīş Nērəggal- Shar'etser Nērəggal- the_Ravᵛ māg and_all the_rest_of the_ _officials_of the_king_of Bāvel. **4** And_he/it_was just_as he_ _saw_them Tsidqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_ _all/each/any/every the_men_of (the)_war and_they_fled and_ _they_went_out night from the_city the_way_of the_garden_of the_king in_a_gate between the_two_walls and_he/it_went_out the_way_of the_ʹArāvāh. **5** And_ the_army_of the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy _they_pursued after_them and_they_overtook ĐOM Tsidqiy^{yāh} in_the_plains_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_they_took ĐOM_him/it and_they_brought_him_up to Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel to_Rivlāh in_land of_Ḥ$_a$māt and_he/it_spoke with_him/it judgements. **6** And_ the_king_of Bāvel _he_ _slaughtered ĐOM the_sons_of Tsidqiy^{yāh} at_Rivlāh to_eyes_of_ _his and_ĐOM all_of the_nobles_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_king_of Bāvel he_slaughtered. **7** And_ĐOM the_eyes_of Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) he_made_blind and_he_bound_him with_ _(the)_fetters to_bring ĐOM_him/it to_Bāvel. **8** And_ĐOM the_ _house_of the_king and_ĐOM the_house_of the_people the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy they_burnt with_fire and_ĐOM the_walls_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_pulled_down. **9** And_ĐOM the_ _rest_of the_people which_remained in_city and_ĐOM those_ _who_had_fallen who they_had_fallen on/upon/above_him/it and_ĐOM the_rest_of the_people which_remained he_took_into_ _exile Nəvūzar ʾ$_a$dān[231] the_chief_of the_bodyguards Bāvel. **10** And_from the_people (the)_poor who there_belonged_not to/for_them anything Nəvūzarʾ$_a$dān the_chief_of the_ _bodyguards he_left in_land of_Yəhūdāh and_he/it_gave to/for_them vineyards and_fields in_the_day (the)_that.

11 And_ Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel _he/it_commanded on Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) by_the_hand_of Nəvūzarʾ$_a$dān the_ _chief_of the_bodyguards to_say. **12** Take_him and_eyes_of_your set on/upon/above_him/it and_do_not do to_him/it anything harmful if/because wwww[232] just_as he_will_say to_you so do with_him/it. **13** And_he_sent Nəvūzarʾ$_a$dān the_chief_of the_ _bodyguards and[233] the_Ravᵛ_of şārīş and_Nērəggal- chief Nērəggal- the_Ravᵛ_of māg and_all/each/any/every the_chiefs_ _of the_king_of Bāvel. **14** And_they_sent and_they_took ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} from_the_courtyard_of the_guard and_they_gave_ _over ĐOM_him/it to Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʾAḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān to_take_him_out to the_house and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_middle the_people.

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230 RV 39:2 · Note i.e., about eighteen months later (in 586 B.C.).

231 LV 39:9 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

232 LV 39:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ם‏א: (x-qere)

233 LV 39:13 · Note OSHB note: Small letter(s). Shown as small letters without a superscript note number.

Literal Version

15 And_to Yirmə^{yāh} the_message_of **YHWH** it_had_come when_
_was_he shut_up in_the_courtyard_of the_guard to_say. **16** Go
and_you_will_say to_ʿEved- king[234] the_Kūshiy/(Cushite) to_
_say thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of
Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring[235] ~~DOM~~
words/messages_of_my against the_city (the)_this for_harm
and_not for_good and_they_will_be to_your_face in_the_day
(the)_that. **17** And_I_will_deliver_you on_day (the)_that the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** and_not you_will_be_given in_the_hand_
_of the_people whom you are_fearful of_them. **18** If/because
certainly_(rescue) I_will_rescue_you and_by_sword not you_
_will_fall and_it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) life_of_your to_
_plunder if/because you_trusted in_me the_utterance_of
YHWH.

40:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_
_with **YHWH** after Nəvūzar'$_a$dān the_chief_of the_bodyguards
set_free ~~DOM~~_him/it from (the)_Rāmāh when_took_he ~~DOM~~_
_him/it and_he was_bound with_chains in_the_middle all_of
the_exile[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) who_were_being_taken_into_exile to_
Bāvel. **2** And the_chief_of the_bodyguards _he/it_took (to)_
_Yirmə^{yāh} and_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** god_of_your he_
_spoke ~~DOM~~ the_harm (the)_this against the_place (the)_this.
3 And_he/it_brought and_he/it_made **YHWH** just_as he_said
if/because you(pl)_sinned to/for_**YHWH** and_not you(pl)_
_listened to_voice_of_his and_it_was to/for_you(pl) the_
_thing[236] this. **4** And_now HERE I_have_set_you_free the_day
from the_chains which are_on hand_of_your if is_good in_eyes_
_of_your to_come with_me Bāvel come and_I_will_set ~~DOM~~ eye_
_of_my on_you and_if is_displeasing in_eyes_of_your to_come
with_me Bāvel refrain see all_of the_earth/land to_your_face
to the_place_good and_near/to the_place_right in_eyes_of_your
to_go to_(to) go. **5** And_still_he not he_will_return and_return
to Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of 'Aḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān whom the_
_king_of Bāvel he_has_appointed over_the_cities_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_remain with_him/it in_the_middle the_
_people or to any_of (the)_place_right in_eyes_of_your to_go go
and_he_gave to_him/it the_chief_of the_bodyguards a_food_
_allowance and_a_present and_he/it_sent_out/away_him/it.
6 And_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) _he_went to Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of
'Aḥīqām to_(the)_Mitspāh and_he/it_sat_
_down//remained//lived with_him/it in_the_middle the_
_people which_remained on_the_earth.

7 And_ all_of the_commanders_of the_armies which in_the_
_field they and_men_of_their _they_heard if/because_that the_
_king_of Bāvel he_had_appointed ~~DOM~~ Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of
'Aḥīqām on_the_earth and_because/when he_had_appointed
with_him/it men and_women and_little_one[s] and_some_of_
_the_poor_people_of the_earth/land from_those_who not they_
_had_been_taken_into_exile to_Bāvel. **8** And_they_came to

Readers' Version

Hope for Eved-Melek · Southern kingdom

15 While Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) had still been held in the guards' courtyard, Yahweh had given him this message: **16** Go and tell Eved-Melek the Kushi (Ethiopian) that Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm about to fulfill my messages against this city for disaster and not for good, and they'll all come true right in front of your eyes on that day. **17** But Yahweh declares that I'll rescue you from those people that you're afraid of **18** because I'll definitely save your life. You won't be killed by the soldiers, but Yahweh declares that because you put your trust in me, your life will be saved.

Yirmiyah returns to Gedalyah · Southern kingdom

40:1 The chief bodyguard Nevuzar-Adan had found Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) chained up among all the exiles from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the rest of Yehudah (Judah) to be taken to Bavel (Babylon), and had released him at Ramah.

2 The chief bodyguard took Yirmiyah aside and told him, "Your god Yahweh decreed this disaster for this place, **3** then he caused it to happen. Yahweh did just as he'd decreed, since you people sinned against him and didn't obey him. That's why all this has happened to you people. **4** But now listen, I've released you today from your chains. If you choose to come with me to Bavel, I'll look after you, but if you don't want to, then look around and go wherever you think best. **5** Or why don't you return to Gedalyah (son of Ahikam, son of Shafan) who the Babylonian king has put in charge of Yehudah's cities. Stay among the people with him, or go wherever you think best." Then the king's chief bodyguard gave him food and a gift, and sent him away. **6** So Yirmiyah went to Gedalyah's place and stayed with him among the people who were left behind in the land.

Yehudah's governor Gedalyah · Southern kingdom[237]

7 Now some commanders of Yehudi (Jew) soldiers who were still in the countryside, along with their men heard that the Babylonian king had made Ahikam's son Gedalyah governor over the land.[238] They also heard that he'd put him in charge of the men, women, and children who were the poorest people in

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234 LV 39:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

235 LV 39:16 · Note OSHB variant note: יבמ: (x-qere) 'אֵיבֵמ': lemma_935 morph_HVhrmsa id_24tzm אֵיבֵמ

236 LV 40:3 · Note OSHB variant note: רבד: (x-qere) 'רָבָדּ/ה': lemma_d/1697 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_242Lg רָבָדּ/ה

237 RV 40:7 · Parallel 2 Kgs 25:22-24

238 RV 40:7-9 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:22-24.

Readers' Version

the land—those who hadn't been exiled to Bavel (Babylon). **8** So they went to Gedalyah at Mitspah. Those who went were Netanyah's son Yishmael (Ishmael), Kareah's sons Yohanan and Yonatan (Jonathan), Tanhumet's son Serayah, the sons of Ofay the Netofati, and Ma'akati's son Yezanyah, and their men.
9 Gedalyah (son of Ahikam, son of Shafan) made a promise to them and their men, saying, "Don't be afraid to serve the Babylonian officials. Live in the land and serve the Babylonian king, and it will go well with you. **10** See, I'm living in Mitspah to meet with the Babylonians who came to us. So harvest wine, summer fruit, and oil and store them in your containers. Live in the cities that you've occupied." **11** Then all the Yehudim (Jews) in Moav (Moab), among the people of Amon, and in Edom, and in every land heard that the Babylonian king had allowed a small number of people to stay in Yehudah (Judah), and that he'd appointed Gedalyah (son of Ahikam, son of Shafan) over them. **12** So all the Yehudim from every place that they'd be driven into, came back to Yehudah to Gedalyah at Mitspah, and they harvested a lot of wine and summer fruit.

The murder of Gedalyah · Southern kingdom[240]

13 Some time later, Kareah's son Yonatan (Jonathan) and all the army commanders from the countryside, came to Gedalyah at Mitspah, **14** and asked him, "Do you realise that the Amoni King Ba'alis has sent Netanyah's son Yishmael (Ishmael) to assassinate you?" However Ahikam's son Gedalyah didn't believe them **15** so Kareah's son Yohanan spoke privately to Gedalyah at Mitspah, "Allow me to go and kill Netanyah's Yishmael. No one will suspect me. Why should he kill you? Why allow all of Yehudah (Judah) that has been gathered to you to be scattered and the remnant destroyed?"
16 However Ahikam's son Gedalyah replied to Kareah's son Yohanan, "No, don't do that, because you're lying about Yishmael."
41:1 However, in the seventh month, Yishmael (son of Netanyah, son of Elishama from the royal family) and some officers of the king came—he had ten men with him. They came to Ahikam's son Gedalyah at Mitspah and had a meal together.[241]
2 Then Yishmael and the ten men who were with him, stood up and attacked with their swords. Yishmael killed Gedalyah, who the Babylonian king had put in charge of the region, **3** and they killed all the Yehudim (Jews) who were with Gedalyah there at Mitspah, as well as the Babylonian soldiers who were there.

Literal Version

Gədal^{yāh} to_(the)_Mitspāh and_Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} and_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) and_
_Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_sons_of Qārēaḥ and_
_Sərā^{yāh} the_son_of Tanḥumet and_the_sons of_
_ʻŌfay/(Ephai)[239] the_Nəṭofātī and_Yəzan^{yāh}/(Jezaniah) the_
_son_of the_Maʻ$_a$kātī they and_men_of_their. **9** And_he_swore_
_an_oath to/for_them Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān and_to_men_of_their to_say do_not be_afraid from_
_serving the_ones_from_Kasdiy dwell in/on_the_earth and_
_serve ĐØM the_king_of Bāvel so_that_it_may_go_well for_
_you(pl). **10** And_I here_I will_be_dwelling at_Mitspāh to_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ones_from_Kasdiy who they_will_come to_us and_you(pl) gather wine and_summer_
_fruit and_oil and_put_them in_vessels_of_your(pl) and_dwell in_cities_of_your(pl) which you(pl)_have_taken_hold_of.
11 And_also all_of the_Yəhūdī/(Judeans) who were_in_Mō'āv and_among_the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_in_ʼEdōm and_which in_all the_lands they_heard if/because_that the_king_of Bāvel he_had_given a_remnant to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_
_because/when he_had_appointed over_them ĐØM Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān. **12** And_ all_of the_
_Yəhūdī _they_returned from_all the_places where they_had_
_been_driven_away there and_they_came the_land_of Yəhūdāh to Gədal^{yāh} to_(the)_Mitspāh and_they_gathered wine and_
_summer_fruit much exceedingly.
13 And_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_all the_
_commanders_of the_armies which in_the_field they_came to Gədal^{yāh} to_(the)_Mitspāh. **14** And_they_said to_him/it at_all_
_(know)[242] do_you_know if/because_that Baʻ$_a$līṣ the_king_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn he_has_sent ĐØM Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} to_strike_you life and_not he_believed to/for_them Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām. **15** And_Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ he_said to Gədal^{yāh} in_secrecy at_Mitspāh to_say let_me_go please and_let_me_strike_down ĐØM Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} and_anyone not he_
_will_know to/for_what will_he_strike_you life and_ all_of Yəhūdāh who_have_gathered to_you _will_they_be_scattered and_ the_remnant_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _will_it_perish. **16** And_
Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām _he/it_said to Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ do_not do[243] ĐØM the_thing the_this if/because falsehood you are_speaking concerning Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael).
41:1 And_he/it_was in_month the_seventh Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} the_son_of ʼElīshāʻma one_of_the_
_offspring_of the_royalty and_the_chiefs_of the_king and_ten men with_him/it he_came to Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām to_
_(the)_Mitspāh and_they_ate there food together at_Mitspāh.
2 And_he/it_rose_up Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} and_the_ten_of the_men who they_were with_him/it and_
_they_struck_down ĐØM Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām the_son_
_of Shāfān with_sword and_he_killed ĐØM_him/it whom the_
_king_of Bāvel he_had_appointed on_the_earth. **3** And_ĐØM all_

239 LV 40:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **יפוע**: (x-qere) **יָפִיעַ**: lemma_5778 morph_HNp id_24sir **יָפִיעַ**

240 RV 40:13 · Parallel 2 Kgs 25:25-26

241 RV 41:1-3 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:25.

242 LV 40:14 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

243 LV 40:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **שעת**: (x-qere) **הֶשָּׁעַת**: lemma_6213 a n_1.0 morph_HVqj2ms id_249Tk **הֶשָּׁעַת**

Literal Version

_of the_Yəhūdī/(Judeans) who they_were with_him/it with Gədal^{yāh} at_Mitspāh and_ĐOM the_ones_from_Kasdiy who they_ _were_found there ĐOM the_men_of (the)_war Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) he_struck_down. **4** And_he/it_was in_the_ _day the_second of_killing ĐOM Gədal^{yāh} and_anyone not he_ _knew. **5** And_they_came men from_Shəkem from_Shiloh and_ _from_Shomrōn eighty man shaven_of beard and_torn_of clothes and_having_cut_themselves and_an_offering and_ _frankincense was_in_hand_of_their to_bring the_house_of **YHWH**. **6** And_ Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} _he/it_ _went_out to_meet_them from (the)_Mitspāh going going and_ _weeping and_he/it_was just_as_met ĐOM_them and_he/it_said to_them come to Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ’Aḥīqām. **7** And_he/it_was just_as_they_came into the_middle_of the_city and_he_ _slaughtered_them Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} into the_middle_of the_cistern he and_the_men who with_ _him/it. **8** And_ten men they_were_found among_them and_ _they_said to Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) do_not kill_us if/because there_belongs to/for_us hidden_treasures in_the_field wheat(s) and_barley(s) and_oil and_honey and_he_refrained and_not he_ _killed_them in_the_middle relatives_of_their. **9** And_the_ _cistern where he_threw there Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) ĐOM all_of the_corpses_of the_men whom he_had_struck_down by_the_ _hand_of Gədal^{yāh} it was_the_one_which the_king ’Āṣā’ he_had_ _made from_face/in_front_of Ba´shā’ the_king_of Yisrā’^{ēl}/(Israel) ĐOM_him/it Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} he_filled those_slain. **10** And_he_took_captive Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) ĐOM all_of the_rest_of the_people which was_in_Mitspāh ĐOM the_daughters_of the_king and_ĐOM all_of the_people which_remained at_Mitspāh whom Nəvūzar’$_a$dān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_had_appointed ĐOM Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ’Aḥīqām and_he_took_them_captive Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} and_he/it_went to_ _pass_over to the_people_of ´Ammōn. **11** And_ Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_all the_ _commanders_of the_armies who with_him/it _he/it_listened ĐOM all_of the_evil which Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} he_had_done. **12** And_they_took ĐOM all_of the_men and_they_went to_do_battle with Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_ _of Nətan^{yāh} and_they_found ĐOM_him/it to water great which is_in_Giv´ōn. **13** And_he/it_was just_ all_of the_people which was_with Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) _as_saw ĐOM Yōḥānān the_son_ _of Qārēaḥ and_ĐOM all_of the_commanders_of the_armies who with_him/it and_they_rejoiced. **14** And_ all_of the_people which he_had_taken_captive Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) from (the)_ _Mitspāh _they_turned_round and_they_turned_back and_ _they_went to Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ. **15** And_ _Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} he_escaped with_ _eight men from_face/in_front_of Yōḥānān and_he/it_went to the_people_of ´Ammōn. **16** And_ Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_all the_commanders_of the_armies who with_him/it _ _he/it_took ĐOM all_of the_rest_of the_people which he_had_ _brought_back from_with Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} from (the)_Mitspāh after he_had_struck_down ĐOM Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ’Aḥīqām men the_men_of (the)_war and_ _women and_little_one[s] and_court-officials whom he_had_ _brought_back from_Giv´ōn. **17** And_they_went and_they_lived

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4 The next day before anyone found out that Gedalyah had been murdered, **5** eighty men from Shekem, Shiloh, and from Shomron (Samaria) came who had shaved off their beards, torn their clothes, and cut themselves in mourning. They were carrying grain offerings and incense to be offered at Yahweh's residence. **6** Netanyah's son Yishmael went out of Mitspah to meet them, weeping as he went. When he reached them, he told them to come and see what had happened to Ahikam's son Gedalyah. **7** Then as they reached the middle of the town, Yishmael and his men slaughtered them and threw their bodies into a cistern.

8 However, ten of them bargained with Yishmael about some wheat, barley, oil, and honey that they'd left out in the countryside, so he didn't kill them along with the others. **9** The water storage cistern when Yishmael had thrown all the bodies of those he'd killed including Gedalyah, had been dug by King Asa in defence against Yisrael's (Israel's) King Baesha. Now Netanyah's son Yishmael had filled it with dead bodies. **10** Next Yishmael captured the remaining people in Mitspah, including the king's daughters and all the others who the chief bodyguard Nevuzar-Adan had assigned to Ahikam's son Gedalyah. So Netanyah's son Yishmael captured them to hand over to the Amonim.

11 Meanwhile Kareah's son Yohanan and all the army commanders with him, heard about all the evil things that Netanyah's son Yishmael had done, **12** so they took all their men to fight against Yishmael. They came across him at the large pool near Giveon city **13** When all the people who'd been captured by Yishmael saw Yohanan and all the army commanders they were very relieved. **14** So all those people that Yishmael had captured were freed and went back with Kareah's son Yohanan. **15** Unfortunately, Netanyah's son Yishmael escaped from Yohanan, along with eight of his men, and they went to the Amonim.

16 Then Kareah's son Yohanan and all the army commanders with him, took all the people from Mitspah who'd been rescued from Netanyah's son Yishmael after he'd killed Ahikam's son Gedalyah. They took those warriors, and women and children and court-officials that they'd saved at Giveon, **17** and went and stayed at Gerut-Kimham near Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), getting ready to go to Mitsrayim (Egypt) **18** because of the Babylonians. (They worried about their response because Netanyah's son Yishmael had assassinated Ahikam's son Gedalyah who'd been appointed in the region by the Babylonian king.)

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The people ask Yirmiyah to pray · Southern kingdom

42:1 Then all the army commanders, as well as Kareah's son Yohanan, Hoshayah's son Yezanyah, and all the people from the less prominent to the most important officials approached the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) **2** and asked him, "Please listen to our request. Please ask your god Yahweh our on behalf of all of us who are left here, because there's not very many of us left as you can see. **3** Ask your god Yahweh to tell us what we should do and where we should go."

4 "Sure, I've heard your concerns," the prophet Yirmiyah responded. "Listen, Ill pray to your god Yahweh as you've all requested. Whatever Yahweh answers, I'll tell you. I'll keep nothing back from you all."

5 "We promise to do everything that your god Yahweh tells us to do," they told Yirmiyah. "If we don't, then Yahweh can be a true and faithful witness against us. **6** Whether it's good or bad, we'll obey the instructions from our god Yahweh who we're asking you to speak to, so that it may be well with us when we obey his response."

Yahweh's answer to Yirmiyah's prayer · Southern kingdom

7 After ten days, Yahweh's response came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), **8** so he called Kareah's son Yohanan and all the army commanders, as well as all the people from the less prominent to the most important officials, **9** then he told them, "You all sent me to Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh to pass on your requests and here's his reply: **10** If you all stay in this region, then I'll build you up and not tear you down. I'll plant you and not pull you all out, because I'm upset about the harm that I've done to you all. **11** Don't be afraid of the Babylonian king any more. This is Yahweh's declaration: Don't be afraid of him because I'm with you all to save you and to rescue you from his clutches, **12** because I'll give you all mercy. I'll have compassion on you, and I'll restore you all back to your country.

13 However, suppose that you all decide not to listen to the words of your god Yahweh, and decide not to stay in this region, **14** and if you all say that you'll go to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to live there where there's no war, and no trumpets signalling, and no shortage of food, **15** Now you remaining people listen to Yahweh's message: Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that if you all do decide to go and stay down in Mitsrayim,

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at_Gēriūt_of mmm[244] which is_beside Bēyt- leḥem to_go to_go Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **18** From_face/in_front_of the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy if/because they_were_afraid from_their_face/front if/because Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} he_had_ _struck_down ~~ḎǪM~~ Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of 'Aḥīqām whom the_ _king_of Bāvel he_had_appointed on_the_earth.

42:1 And_ all_of the_commanders_of the_armies and_ _Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_ _Yəzan^{yāh}/(Jezaniah) the_son_of Hōsha'$_{a}^{yāh}$ and_all the_people from_the_small and_unto the_great _they_approached. **2** And_ _they_said to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet may_it_fall please supplication_of_our to_your_face and_pray for_us to **YHWH** god_of_your for all_of the_remnant (the)_this if/because we_are_left a_few from_many just_as eyes_of_your are_seeing us. **3** So_that_he_may_declare to/for_us **YHWH** god_ _of_your ~~ḎǪM~~ the_way which we_will_go in_it and_~~ḎǪM~~ the_ _thing which we_will_do. **4** And_he/it_said to_them Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet I_have_heard HERE_I am_about_to_pray to **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) according_to_of_your(pl)_words/messages and_it_was every_of (the)_message which **YHWH** he_will_ _answer you(pl) I_will_tell to/for_you(pl) not I_will_withhold from_you(pl) a_message. **5** And_they they_said to Yirmə^{yāh} may_he_become **YHWH** on_us (into)_a_witness_of truth and_ _faithful if not according_to_every_of (the)_message which he_ _will_send_you **YHWH** god_of_your to_us so we_will_do. **6** Whether good and_if bad to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_our whom we[245] are_sending you to_him/it we_will_listen so_that that it_may_go_well to/for_us if/because we_will_listen to_the_ _voice_of **YHWH** god_of_our.

7 And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity of_ten_of days and_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah). **8** And_he/it_called (to) Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_near/to all_of the_commanders_of the_armies who with_ _him/it and_to/for_all the_people (to)_from_the_small and_ _unto the_great. **9** And_he/it_said to_them thus **YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom you(pl)_sent ~~ḎǪM~~_me to_him/it to_make_fall supplication_of_your(pl) before_him he_says. **10** If returning you(pl)_will_remain on_the_earth (the)_this and_I_ _will_build_up you(pl) and_not I_will_tear_you_down and_I_ _will_plant you(pl) and_not I_will_pluck_you_up if/because I_ _am_grieved concerning the_harm which I_have_done to_ _you(pl). **11** Do_not be_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_king_of Bāvel whom you(pl) are_afraid of_him do_not be_afraid from_ _him/it the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because am_with_you(pl) I to_save you(pl) and_to_deliver you(pl) from_hand_of_his. **12** And_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) compassion(s) and_he_will_ _have_compassion_on you(pl) and_he_will_restore you(pl) to land_of_your(pl). **13** And_if you(pl) are_saying not we_will_ _remain on_the_earth (the)_this to_not to_listen to_the_voice_ _of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **14** To_say no if/because the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) we_will_go where not we_will_see warfare and_the_sound_of a_trumpet not we_will_hear and_for_bread not we_will_be_hungry and_there we_will_dwell. **15** And_now

244 LV 41:17 · Note OSHB variant note: **ומכ/הס**: (x-qere) 'סָּהֻמִּכ': lemma_3643 n_1.1 morph_HNp id_24aMS סָּהֻמִּכ

245 LV 42:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **אנא**: (x-qere) 'וּנְחַנָּא': lemma_587 n_1.0.0.0 morph_HPp1cp id_24JrR וּנְחַנָּא

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for_so/thus/hence hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_remnant_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says if you(pl) really_(set) you(pl)_will_set your(pl)_faces to_go Mitsrayim and_you(pl)_will_go to_sojourn there. **16** And_it_will_be the_drought//sword/knife which you(pl) are_afraid from_her/it there it_will_overtake you(pl) in_land of_Mitsrayim and_the_famine which you(pl) are_ _anxious from_him/it there it_will_pursue_closely behind_ _you(pl) Mitsrayim and_there you(pl)_will_die. **17** And_they_ _will_be all_of the_people who they_have_set ÐǪM faces_of_ _their to_go Mitsrayim to_sojourn there they_will_die by_sword by_famine and_by_pestilence and_not he_will_belong to/for_ _them a_survivor and_an_escapee from_face/in_front_of the_ _calamity which I will_bring on_them. **18** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says just_as anger_of_my and_rage_of_my it_was_poured_out on the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) so rage_of_my it_ _will_pour_out on_you(pl) when_go_you(pl) Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_you(pl)_will_be (into)_an_curse and_(into)_a_horror and_ _(into)_a_curse and_(into)_a_reproach and_not you(pl)_will_see again ÐǪM the_place (the)_this. **19** **YHWH** he_has_spoken to_ _you(pl) Oh_remnant_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) do_not go Mitsrayim assuredly_(know) you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I_have_ _warned (in)_you(pl) the_day. **20** If/because_that mmm[246247] (in)_selves_of_your(pl) if/because you(pl) you(pl)_sent ÐǪM_me to **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) to_say pray for_us to **YHWH** god_of_ _our and_according_to_all that **YHWH** god_of_our he_will_say so tell to/for_us and_we_will_do_it. **21** And_I_have_told to/for_ _you(pl) the_day and_not you(pl)_have_listened to_the_voice_ _of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_to/for_all that he_sent_me to_ _you(pl). **22** And_now assuredly_(know) you(pl)_will_know if/because_that by_sword by_famine and_by_pestilence you(pl)_will_die in_place where you(pl)_desire to_go to_sojourn there.

43:1 And_he/it_was just_ Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) _as_had_finished to_speak to_all_of the_people ÐǪM all_of the_words/messages_ _of **YHWH** god_of_their which he_had_sent_him **YHWH** god_ _of_their to_them ÐǪM all_of the_words/messages the_these. **2** And_ ʹAzaryāh the_son_of Hōshaʹaryāh and_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_all the_people (the)_arrogant _he/it_ _said saying to Yirməyāh falsehood you are_speaking not he_ _has_sent_you **YHWH** god_of_our to_say not you(pl)_must_go Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_sojourn there. **3** If/because Bārūk the_ _son_of Nēriyyāh is_inciting you against_us so_as to_give us in_ _the_hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy to_put_to_death us and_ _to_take_into_exile us Bāvel. **4** And_not Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_all the_commanders_of the_armies and_all the_ _people he_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** to_remain in_land of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **5** And_ Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_ _all the_commanders_of the_armies _he/it_took ÐǪM all_of the_ _remnant_of Yəhūdāh who they_had_come_back from_all the_ _nations where they_had_been_driven_away there to_sojourn

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16 then the war that you all fear will overtake you in Mitsrayim. The famine that you're anxious about will follow you all to Mitsrayim, and then you'll die there, **17** i.e., anyone who decides to go to live as foreigners in Mitsrayim, will die from war, famine, or deadly diseases. There won't be any survivors from the calamities that I'd send onto them.

18 Yes, Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Just as my anger and rage was poured out on Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants, in the same way my anger would be poured out on all of you if you go to Mitsrayim. You'd become an object of cursing and a horror, something to be used as a curse word, and something dishonourable, and you'd never see this place again.

19 Then Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) continued: Yahweh has spoken to you all, the remaining people of Yehudah (Judah). Don't go down to Mitsrayim as you know that I've definitely warned you all against that today. **20** Yes, you made a life and death mistake when you sent me to your god Yahweh, and asked me to ask him for instructions for you and when you all said that you'd do everything that he says, **21** because I've reported all that to you today. However, you haven't listened to your god Yahweh's message, or to anything that he sent me to tell you all about. **22** So now, you should definitely be aware that you'll die from war, famine, and deadly diseases where you all wanted to go and live as foreigners.

Yirmiyah gets taken to Mitsrayim · Southern kingdom

43:1 When Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) had finished passing on Yahweh's messages that their god Yahweh had told him to say, **2** Hoshayah's son Azaryah, Kareah's son Yohanan, and all the arrogant men told Yirmiyah, "You're lying to us. Our god Yahweh didn't send you to tell us not to go and live in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **3** It's because Neriyah's son Baruk is inciting you against us so that we'll stay here and get captured by the Babylonians to be either put to death or be taken as exiles to Bavel (Babylon)."

4 So Kareah's son Yohanan, all the army officers, and all the rest of the people, refused to take notice of Yahweh's instructions to remain living in the Yehudah (Judah) region. **5** Then Yohanan and all the army commanders gathered all those remaining Yehudi (Jew) people together, who'd come from all the other countries that they'd previously been driven away to and returned to live in Yehudah.[248] **6** That included men and women,

246 **LV 42:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתעתה/ם: (x-qere) תֶּתְעֻתְּהֽ: lemma_8582 n_1.3.0 morph_HVhp2mp id_24NKg תֶּתְעֻתְּהֽ

247 **LV 42:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

248 **RV 43:5-7 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:26.

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children, the king's daughters, and all the people that Nevuzar-Adan, the king's chief bodyguard Nevuzar-Adan had left with Gedalyah (son of Ahikam, son of Shafan), and including the prophet Yirmiyah and Neriyah's son Baruk. 7 Then they went to Mitsrayim because they took no notice of Yahweh's instructions and they arrived at Tahfanhes.

8 In Tahfanhes, Yahweh gave Yirmiyah a message: 9 Get some large stones and while the people from Yehudah are watching, push them into the mortar in the pavement at the entrance to Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) palace at Tahfanhes. 10 Then tell the Yehudim (Jews) that Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief says: Listen, I'm about to send messengers to my servant the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), to summon him here. I'll place his throne over the top of those hidden stones, and he'll spread his royal tent over them. 11 He'll come here to attack Mitsrayim and he'll kill those that I've assigned to die, and similarly for those to be taken captive or run through with a sword. 12 Then he'll light a fire in the temples of Mitsrayim's gods. Nevukadnetsar will either burn them or carry them away. He'll clean Mitsrayim out just like shepherds pick lice off their clothes, and then he'll quietly leave 13 after smashing the stone pillars at Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) and burning the temples of Mitsrayim's gods.

Yahweh's message to the Yehudim in Mitsrayim

44:1 Yahweh spoke to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) about all the Yehudim (Jews) who lived in Migdol, Tahfanhes, and Nof (Memphis) in northern/lower Mitsrayim (Egypt), as well as those in Patros in southern/upper Mitsrayim: 2 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that you yourselves have seen all the disasters that I sent to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah's (Judah's) other cities. See, they're just ruins today without anyone living in them. 3 That's because of the wicked things they did to provoke me to anger by going to burn incense and to worship other gods that neither they themselves, nor you, nor your ancestors had ever heard about before. 4 I repeatedly sent all my servants, the prophets, to them to tell the people to stop doing those detestable things that I hate, 5 but they didn't listen. They refused to take any notice of it, or to stop their wicked activities like burning incense to other gods. 6 So my anger and rage was poured out and burnt in Yehudah's cities and Yerushalem's streets like a fire and they're still desolate ruins to this day.

7 So now Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh asks why you all insist on bringing this terrible harm onto yourselves that'll see men and women, children and babies from Yehudah, eliminated without even leaving a remnant. 8 You've provoked

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in_land of_Yəhūdāh. 6 ĐOM the_men and_ĐOM the_women and_ _ĐOM the_little_one[s] and_ĐOM the_daughters_of the_king and_ _ĐOM every_of the_living_creatures whom Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_ _chief_of the_bodyguards he_had_left with Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of 'Aḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān and_ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_ _prophet and_ĐOM Bārūk the_son_of Nēriy^{yāh}. 7 And_they_came the_land_of Mitsrayim if/because not they_had_listened to_ _the_voice_of **YHWH** and_they_came to Taḥpanḥēş. 8 And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh} in_Taḥpanḥēş to_ _say. 9 Take in_hand_of_your stones large and_you_will_hide_ _them in_mortar in_brick-terrace which is_at_the_entrance_of the_house_of Par'oh in_Taḥpanḥēş to_the_eyes_of the_people Yəhūdī/(Judeans). 10 And_you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_send and_I_will_fetch ĐOM Nəvūkadnetstsar the_ _king_of Bāvel servant_of_my and_I_will_set throne_of from_ _above (to)_stones the_these which I_have_hidden and_he_will_ _spread_out ĐOM mmm[249] over_them. 11 And[250] and_he_will_ _attack ĐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) those_who are_for_ _death to_death and_which are_for_captivity to_captivity and_ _which are_for_sword to_sword. 12 And_I_will_kindle fire in_ _the_houses_of the_gods_of Mitsrayim and_he_will_burn_them and_he_will_take_them_captive and_he_will_delouse ĐOM the_ _land_of Mitsrayim just_as the_shepherd he_delouses ĐOM garment_of_his and_he_will_go_out from_there in_peace. 13 And_he_will_break ĐOM the_sacred_pillars_of Bēyt Shemesh which in_land of_Mitsrayim and_ĐOM the_houses_of the_gods_ _of Mitsrayim he_will_burn with_fire.

44:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) concerning all_of the_Yəhūdī/(Judeans) who_were_dwelling in_ _land of_Mitsrayim who_were_dwelling in_Migdōl and_in_ _Taḥpanḥēş and_in_Nof/(Memphis) and_in_the_land_of Patrōş to_say. 2 Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says you(pl) you(pl)_have_seen ĐOM all_of the_calamity which I_brought on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_on all_of the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_THERE_they are_a_ruin the_day the_this and_there_is_not (is)_in_them an_ _inhabitant. 3 From_face/in_front_of wickedness_of_their which they_did to_provoke_me_to_anger to_go to_make_smoke to_serve (to)_gods other which not they_had_known_them they you(pl) and_ancestors_of_your(pl). 4 And_I_sent to_ _you(pl) ĐOM all_of servants_of_my the_prophets rising_early and_sending to_say do_not please do ĐOM the_thing_of (the)_ _abomination (the)_this which I_hate. 5 And_not they_listened and_not they_inclined ĐOM ear_of_their to_turn_away from_ _wickedness_of_their to_not to_make_smoke to_gods other. 6 And_ rage_of_my and_anger_of_my _it_poured_forth and_it_ _burnt in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_became (into)_a_ruin (into)_a_desolation as_day (the)_this. 7 And_now thus **YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_ _says why are_you(pl) doing harm great to selves_of_your(pl) to_cut_off to/for_you(pl) man and_woman child and_sucking_ _child from_the_midst_of Yəhūdāh to_not to_leave to/for_

249 **LV 43:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: וֹ/רורפש: (x-qere) וֹ/רִירְפַּשׁ': lemma_8237 n_0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_24GLo וֹ/רִירְפַּשׁ

250 **LV 43:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: וֹ/אב/ה: (x-qere) וֹ/אָבּ': lemma_c/935 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_24cbW וֹ/אָבּ

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_you(pl) a_remnant. **8** By_provoking_me_to_anger by_the_ _works_of your_two's_hands_of_your(pl) by_making_smoke to_ _gods other in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) where you(pl) have_ _come to_sojourn there so_as to_cut_off to/for_you(pl) and_so_ _as you_to_become (into)_a_curse and_(into)_a_reproach among_all_of the_nations_of the_earth/land. **9** Have_you(pl)_ _forgotten ĐOM the_wicked_deeds_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_ _your(pl) and_ĐOM the_wicked_deeds_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM the_wicked_deeds_of his_wives_of_ _his and_ĐOM deeds_of_your(pl)_wicked and_ĐOM the_wicked_ _deeds_of your(pl)_wives_of_your(pl) which they_did in_land of_Yəhūdāh and_in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **10** Not they_have_been_made_contrite until the_day the_this and_not they_have_feared and_not they_have_walked in_law_ _of_my and_in_decrees_of_my which I_set before_you(pl) and_ _before_of ancestors_of_your(pl). **11** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_set face_of_my on_you(pl) for_harm and_ _to_cut_off ĐOM all_of Yəhūdāh. **12** And_I_will_take_away ĐOM the_remnant_of Yəhūdāh who they_set faces_of_their to_go the_land_of Mitsrayim to_sojourn there and_ everyone _they_ _will_meet_their_end in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) they_will_ _fall by_sword by_famine they_will_meet_their_end from_the_ _small and_unto the_great by_sword and_by_famine they_will_ _die and_they_will_be (into)_an_curse (into)_a_horror and_ _(into)_a_curse and_(into)_a_reproach. **13** And_I_will_visit_ _judgement on those_who_dwell in_land of_Mitsrayim just_as I_ _visited_judgement on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_sword by_ _famine and_by_pestilence. **14** And_not an_escapee and_a_ _survivor he_will_belong to_the_remnant_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_(ones_who)_went to_sojourn there in_land of_Mitsrayim and_to_return the_land_of Yəhūdāh where they are_lifting_up ĐOM desire_of_their to_return to_dwell there if/because not they_will_return if/because (if) fugitives. **15** And_ all_of the_ _men who_knew if/because_that were_making_smoke wives_ _of_their to_gods other and_all the_women who_were_ _standing_by a_company great and_all the_people which_were_ _dwelling in_land of_Mitsrayim in_Patrōş _they_answered ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) to_say. **16** The_message which you_have_ _spoken to_us in/on_name_of **YHWH** not_we are_about_to_ _listen to_you. **17** If/because certainly_(do) we_will_do ĐOM every_of (the)_thing which it_has_gone_out from_mouth_of_ _our to_make_smoke to_the_queen_of the_heavens and_to_ _pour_out to/for_her/it drink_offerings just_as we and_ _ancestors_of_our kings_of_our and_officials_of_our we_have_ _done in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_we_were_satisfied food and_we_ _were good and_distress not we_saw. **18** And_from then we_ _ceased to_make_smoke to_the_queen_of the_heavens and_to_ _pour_out to/for_her/it drink_offerings we_have_lacked everything and_by_sword and_by_famine we_have_met_our_ _end. **19** And_because/when we were_making_smoke to_the_ _queen_of the_heavens and_to_pour_out to/for_her/it drink_ _offerings (from)_without husbands_of_our did_we_make to/for_her/it cakes to_form_her and_to_pour_out to/for_her/it drink_offerings. **20** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_said to all_of the_ _people to the_men and_to the_women and_to all_of the_ _people which_had_answered ĐOM_him/it a_message to_say.

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me to anger by what you've all done with your own two hands, by burning incense to other gods in Mitsrayim where you've all gone to live as foreigners. You've cut yourselves off so as to become a curse word and a reproach among all the nations in the world. **9** Have you all forgotten the wicked things done by your ancestors and also by Yehudah's kings and their wives? Have you forgotten the evil committed by yourselves and your wives in Yehudah and on Yerushalem's streets? **10** To this day, they still haven't humbled themselves. They don't respect the instructions or regulations that I gave them and their ancestors, and so they don't follow them.

11 Therefore Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief says this: Listen, I'm about to start working against you all to bring disaster and destroy all Yehudah. **12** I'll eliminate the small group of Yehudim (Jews) that has made up their minds to go to live as foreigners in Mitsrayim. I'll do that so that they'll all die there Mitsrayim—from either war or famine, and from the least to the very prominent people they'll die and will become a curse word, a horror story, and something to ridicule and mock. **13** I will punish those living in Mitsrayim just like I punished Yerushalem with war, famine, and deadly diseases **14** so that none of the remaining people from Yehudah who've gone to live in Mitsrayim will escape or survive or be able to return to Yehudah when they want to return and live there. None of them will return except a few who escaped from there.

15 Then all the men who knew that their wives were burning incense to other gods, and all the women who were in the great assembly, and all the people who were living in Lower and Upper Mitsrayim, answered Yirmiyah (Jeremiah): **16** Concerning that message that you told us in Yahweh's name, we're not listening to you **17** because we'll certainly do everything that we said we'd do. We'll burn incense to the queen of the skies and pour out drink offerings to her just as we, our ancestors, our kings, and our leaders did in Yehudah's cities and on Yerushalem's streets. Then we'll have plenty of food and will prosper, and won't experience distress. **18** Whenever we didn't do those things—not offering incense to the queen of the skies and not pouring out drink offerings to her—we were all suffering from poverty and dying from by war and famine.

19 The women said, "When we were offering incense to the queen of the skies and pouring out drink offerings to her, and when we were making cakes in her image and pouring out drink offerings to her, did you think we were doing it behind our husbands' backs?"

20 Then Yirmiyah responded to all those who'd answered him including both men and women. He told them all this message: **21** Didn't Yahweh remember the incense that you all burned in Yehudah's cities and on Yerushalem's streets—you and your ancestors, your kings and leaders, and the people of the land, and didn't it come back to his mind? **22** Eventually, he could no longer bear it because of your wicked behaviour, i.e., because of the detestable things that you all did. Then your land became a

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deserted wasteland and a curse, without inhabitants as it is today. **23** Because you all burnt incense to other gods and sinned against Yahweh, and because you wouldn't listen to his voice, his instructions, his regulations, or his promises, this disaster has come against you as you all can see today.

24 Then Yirmiyah told all the people, including all those women, "Listen to Yahweh's message, all of you from Yehudah who are now here in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **25** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that both you and your wives have said out loud and confirmed with your actions that you'll all certainly carry out your vows to worship the queen of the skies and to pour out drink offerings to her. So then, go ahead and do those things to fulfill your wows. **26** So then all of Yehudah who're staying Mitsrayim, listen to Yahweh's message: Yahweh says, listen, I've promised by my powerful name that none of the men from Yehudah who're living here in Mitsrayim will call on my name any more, i.e., you'll all no longer say, 'As our master Yahweh lives.' **27** Listen, I'm watching over them for disaster and not for good. Every Yehudi (Jew) person in Mitsrayim will meet their end through war or famine until they're all eliminated. **28** Then a few survivors from the battles will return from Mitsrayim to Yehudah region—only a small number of them. In that way, all the remaining Yehudim (Jews) who went to live in Mitsrayim will know whose word will stand—mine or theirs. **29** Yahweh declares that this will be the sign for you all: I'm going to punish you all in this place so that you'll know that what I've said will come to pass, resulting in harm for all of you. **30** Yahweh says: Listen, I'm about to hand the Mitsri (Egyptian) king, Par'oh (Pharaoh) Hofra over to his enemies and to those who want to kill him. It'll be the same as when I handed Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) king of Yehudah over to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar)—his enemy who wanted him dead.[251]

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21 Am_not ~~ĐǾM~~ the_incense which you(pl)_made_smoke in_the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl) and_ancestors_of_your(pl) kings_of_your(pl) and_officials_of_your(pl) and_the_people_of the_earth/land ~~ĐǾM~~_them **YHWH** did_he_remember and_did_ _it_come_up on his/its_heart. **22** And_not **YHWH** he_was_able still to_endure from_face/in_front_of the_wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl) from_face/in_front_of the_ _abominations which you(pl)_did and_ land_of_your(pl) _it_ _became (into)_a_desolation and_(into)_a_waste and_(into)_a_ _curse from_not an_inhabitant as_the_day (the)_this. **23** From_ _face/in_front_of that you(pl)_made_smoke and_which you(pl)_ _had_sinned to/for_**YHWH** and_not you(pl)_listened to_the_ _voice_of **YHWH** and_in_law_of_his and_in_decrees_of_his and_ _in_testimonies_of_his not you(pl)_walked therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_calamity (the)_this it_has_happened_ _to you(pl) as_day (the)_this. **24** And_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) _ _he/it_said to all_of the_people and_near/to all_of the_women hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_all_of Yəhūdāh which in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **25** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says to_say you(pl) and_wives_ _of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_have_spoken with_mouth_of_your(pl) and_with_hands_of_your(pl) you(pl)_have_fulfilled to_say certainly_(perform) we_will_perform ~~ĐǾM~~ vows_of_our which we_have_vowed to_make_smoke to_the_queen_of the_heavens and_to_pour_out to/for_her/it drink_offerings indeed_(carry_ _out) you(pl)_will_carry_out ~~ĐǾM~~ vows_of_your(pl) and_indeed_ _(perform) you(pl)_will_perform ~~ĐǾM~~ vows_of_your(pl). **26** For_ _so/thus/hence hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who_are_dwelling in_land of_Mitsrayim HERE_I I_swear by_my_own_of_name (the)_great **YHWH** he_ _says if it_will_be again name_of_my named by_the_mouth_of any_of person_of Yəhūdāh who_says by_the_life my_master **YHWH** in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **27** HERE_I am_keeping_ _watch over_them for_harm and_not for_good and_ every_of person_of Yəhūdāh who in_land_of Mitsrayim _they_will_meet_ _their_end by_sword and_by_famine until they_come_to_an_ _end. **28** And_escapees_of the_sword they_will_return from the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) the_land_of Yəhūdāh men_of number and_ all_of the_remnant_of Yəhūdāh the_(ones_who)_ _went to_the_land_of Mitsrayim to_sojourn there _they_will_ _know the_message_of whom will_it_be_established from_me and_from_them. **29** And_this to/for_you(pl) will_be_the_sign the_utterance_of **YHWH** that/for/because/then/when I am_ _about_to_visit_judgement on_you(pl) in_place the_this so_that you(pl)_may_know if/because_that certainly_(established) words/messages_of_my they_will_be_established on_you(pl) for_harm. **30** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_give ~~ĐǾM~~ Par'oh Ḥofra' the_king_of Mitsrayim in_the_hand_of his_ _enemies_of_his and_in_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_ _of_(of)_his just_as I_gave ~~ĐǾM~~ Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_ _king_of Bāvel enemy_of_his and_one_who_sought life_of_his.

251 RV 44:30 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:1–7.

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45:1 The_message which Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet he_ _spoke to Bārūk the_son_of Nēriy^{yāh} when_wrote_he ~~DOM~~ the_ _words/messages the_these on a_scroll from_the_mouth_of Yirmə^{yāh} in_year (the)_fourth of_Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_ _son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says to_you Oh_Bārūk. **3** You_said woe please to_me if/because **YHWH** he_has_added sorrow to pain_of_my I_am_weary with_groaning_of_my and_ _rest not I_have_found. **4** Thus you_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says HERE that_which I_have_built I am_about_to_ _tear_down and_~~DOM~~ that_which I_have_planted I am_about_ _to_pluck_up and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_earth/land it. **5** And_you(ms) you_are_seeking to/for_yourself(m) great_things do_not seek_ _them if/because HERE_I am_about_to_bring calamity on all_of flesh the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_give to/for_ _yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ life_of_your to_plunder at all_of the_places where you_will_go there.

46:1 That_which the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet on the_nations. **2** Of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on the_ _army_of Par'oh Nəkoh the_king_of Mitsrayim which it_was at the_river_of Pərāt at_Karkəməysh/(Carchemish) which Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel he_defeated in_year (the)_ _fourth of_Yəhōyāqīm the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **3** Set_in_order shield and_body_shield and_ _draw_near for_battle. **4** Harness the_horses and_mount the_ _warhorses and_take_your(pl)_stand with_helmets polish the_ _spears put_on the_armour. **5** Why have_I_seen they will_be_ _filled_with_terror they_will_be_turned_back backwards and_ _their_of_warriors they_will_be_crushed and_flight they_will_ _flee and_not they_will_turn_back terror will_be_from_round_ _about the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **6** Not the_swift_one let_him_ _flee and_not the_warrior let_him_escape northward_in on the_side_of the_river_of Pərāt they_will_stumble and_they_ _will_fall. **7** Who this like_River does_he_rise like_rivers waters_ _of_his they_surge. **8** Mitsrayim like_River it_rises and_like_ _rivers waters they_surge and_he/it_said I_will_rise I_will_ _cover the_earth I_will_destroy a_city and_the_inhabitants_of in_it. **9** Go_up Oh_horses and_drive_madly Oh_chariotry and_ the_warriors Kūsh/(Cush) and_Pūṭ who_wield_of (of)_a_shield and_Lūdī who_wield_of (of)_those_who_bend_of (of)_a_bow _ _let_them_go_forth. **10** And_the_day (the)_that belongs_to_the_ _of_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers a_day_of vengeance to_ _avenge_himself from_foes_of_his and_ the_sword _it_will_ _devour and_it_will_be_satisfied and_it_will_take_its_fill from_ _blood_of_their if/because a_sacrifice will_belong_of_to_the_ _master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_land the_north to the_ _river_of Pərāt. **11** Go_up Gil'ād and_acquire balm Oh_virgin_of the_daughter_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) for_vanity you_have_ _multiplied[254] medications healing there_is_not to/for_you(fs). **12** Nations they_will_hear shame_of_your and_outcry_of_your it_will_be_full the_earth/land if/because warrior over_warrior they_will_stumble together both_of_of_them they_will_fall.

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Yahweh's promise to Baruk

45:1 This is the message that the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) dictated to Neriyah's son Baruk to have it written on a scroll in the fourth year of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim (son of Yoshiyah (Josiah)):[252] **2** Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says this to you Baruk: **3** You've said, 'I'm not doing well because Yahweh has piled sorrow on top of my pain. I'm exhausted from groaning and I can't find any peace.'

4 Yahweh says to tell Baruk, Listen, I'm about to tear down what I've built throughout the world, and to pull out what I've planted. **5** But maybe you're hoping for great things for yourself? Don't hope for that, because listen, disaster is coming for all humanity, but wherever you go, I'm giving you your life as your 'spoil of war'. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Judgement for Mitsrayim

46:1 These are the messages that Yahweh gave the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) about other nations: **2** This is about the army of the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) Nekoh who was at Karkemish by the Perat (Euphrates) river. That was the army that the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) defeated in the fourth year of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim, son of Yoshiyah (Josiah):[253]

3 Get the small shield and the large shields ready,
and go out for battle.
4 Harness on the horses to the chariots
Mount up on the horses and take your stand with your helmets on.
Polish the spears and put on your armour.
5 What am I seeing here?
They're filled with terror and they're retreating,
because their warriors will be crushed.
They're fleeing for safety without looking back.
Terror is all around.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
6 Don't let the swift one flee,
and don't let the warrior escape.
They'll stumble and fall there
in the north by the Perat (Euphrates) River,
7 Who's this coming who rises like the Nile,
whose waters surge up and down like the rivers?
8 Mitsrayim (Egypt) rises like the Nile,
like rivers of water that rise and fall, saying,
'I'll go up and I will cover the earth.
I'll destroy cities and their inhabitants.
9 Go up, you horses.
Be angry, you chariots.
Let the soldiers go out,

252 RV 45:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:1; 2Ch 36:5-7; Dan 1:1-2.

253 RV 46:2-26 · Cross-ref. Isa 19:1-25; Eze 29:1–32:32.

254 LV 46:11 · Note OSHB variant note: יתיברה: (x-qere) 'תְּיַבְּרֶהּ': lemma_7235 a morph_HVhp2fs id_24RTA תְּיַבְּרֶהּ

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Kush (Ethiopia) and Libya,
men skillful with a shield,
and Ludia, men skillful at using bows and arrows.'
10 That day will be the day of vengeance for the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, when he'll avenge himself on his enemies.
The sword will devour and be satisfied—it'll drink its fill of their blood
because there'll be a sacrifice to the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh
in the northern land by the Perat (Euphrates) River.
11 Go up to Gilead and obtain medicine, you virgin daughter of Mitsrayim (Egypt).
It's vain to put that much medicine on yourself—there's no cure for you.
12 The nations have heard about your disgrace.
The world is filled with your wailing,
because warrior stumbles against warrior—
both of them fall together.

Nevukadnetsar's arrival

13 When the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) was coming to attack Mitsrayim (Egypt), Yahweh gave the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) this message:[255]
14 Announce in Mitsrayim, and proclaim it in Migdol, Nof (Memphis), and Tahfanhes:
'Take your station and prepare to defend yourself,
because everyone around you will be killed.'
15 Why are your powerful warriors lying face down on the ground?
They can't stand against the enemy,
because I Yahweh, have pushed them to the ground.
16 He increases the numbers of those who stumble.
Each soldier falls against the next one.
They're saying, 'Get ready.
Let's go back to our own people, to our native land.
Let's leave this oppressive war.
17 There in Mitsrayim (Egypt) they'll call out,
'Our King Par'oh (Pharaoh) is all noise—
he's let his opportunity slip away.
18 The king whose name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares:
'As surely as I live
an invader is coming
who's as tall as Mt. Tavor among the mountains,
and like Mt. Karmel by the sea.
19 You inhabitants of Mitsrayim,
pack your own baggage to carry into exile,
because Nof (Memphis) will become a wasteland—
it will lie in ruins and no one will live there.
20 Mitsrayim is a very beautiful young cow,

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13 The_message which **YHWH** he_spoke to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet of_ of_Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of of_Bāvel _the_ _coming to_attack ~~ðøм~~ the_land_of Mitsrayim. **14** Declare in_ _Mitsrayim and_make_a_proclamation in_Migdōl and_make_a_ _proclamation in_Nof/(Memphis) and_in_Taḥpanḥēṣ say take_ _your_stand and_prepare to/for_you(fs) if/because the_sword it_will_devour around_of_you. **15** Why your_mighty_of_ones will_he_be_prostrated not he_will_stand if/because **YHWH** he_ _will_drive_him_out. **16** He_will_multiply one_who_stumbles also each he_will_fall to his/its_neighbour and_they_said arise and_let_us_return to people_of_our and_near/to the_land_of our_kindred_of_our from_face/in_front_of the_sword_of the_ _oppressor. **17** People_will_call_out there Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim is_a_noise he_has_let_pass_by the_appointed_time. **18** By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of the_king is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name if/because like_Tāvōr among_mountains and_like_Karmel/(Carmel) at_sea he_will_ _come. **19** Baggage(s)_of exile make to/for_you(fs) Oh_ _inhabitant[s]_of (of)_the_daughter_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) if/because Nof (into)_a_waste it_will_become and_it_will_ _become_ruined from_not an_inhabitant. **20** Is_a_heifer very beautiful Mitsrayim a_gadfly from_the_north is_about_to_come is_about_to_come. **21** Also soldiers_of_its_hired in_midst_of_its are_like_calves_of the_stall if/because also they they_will_turn they_will_flee together not they_will_stand_their_ground if/because the_day_of their_disaster_of_their it_will_come on_ _them the_time_of their_punishment_of_their. **22** Sound_of_its is_like_snake which_it_goes if/because in_strength they_will_ _come and_with_axes they_will_come to/for_her/it like_ _cutters_of wood(s). **23** They_will_cut_down forest_of_its the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** if/because not it_will_be_searched if/because they_will_be_many more_than_locust[s] and_there_ _was_not to/for_them number. **24** The_daughter_of Mitsrayim it_will_be_put_to_shame it_will_be_given in_the_hand_of the_ _people the_north. **25** **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of

255 **RV 46:13 · Cross-ref.** Jer 43:10-13.

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_visit_judgement to 'Āmōn from_No'/(Thebes) and_on Par'oh and_on Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_on gods_of_its and_on kings_of_its and_ _on Par'oh and_on those_who_trust in/on/over_him/it.
26 And_I_will_give_them in_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_their and_in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_ _king_of Bāvel and_in_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his and_ _after thus it_will_settle like_days_of antiquity the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**.

27 And_you(ms) do_not fear my_servant_of_my Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_do_not be_dismayed Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because here_I am_about_of_to_save_you from_a_distant_land and_ĐOM your(ms)_seed/fruit from_the_land_of_their_captivity_of_their and_ Ya'aqov _he_will_return and_he_will_be_undisturbed and_ _he_will_be_at_ease and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies.
28 You do_not fear my_servant_of_my Ya'aqov the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because am_with_you I if/because I_will_make complete_destruction in_all the_nations where I_have_driven_ _you_away to_(to) and_you not I_will_make complete_ _destruction and_I_will_discipline_you to_justice and_ _certainly_(leave_unpunished) not I_will_leave_you_ _unpunished.

47:1 That_which the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) the_prophet concerning the_Pəlishtiy before_before Par'oh he_attacked ĐOM 'Azzāh. **2** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE waters are_rising from_the_north and_they_will_ _be (into)_a_torrent overflowing and_they_will_overflow a_land and_what_of_fills_it a_city and_those_who_dwell_of in_it and_ the_humankind _they_will_cry_out and_ every_of (the)_ _inhabitant_of the_earth/land _he_will_wail. **3** From_the_ _sound_of the_stamping_of the_hooves_of its_mighty_horses

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but a stinging insect is coming from the north.
It's on its way.
21 Its hired soldiers are like calves that have been protected and well-fed,
but they'll also turn away and run away.
They won't stand together, because the day of their disaster is coming against them—
it's time for their punishment.
22 Mitsrayim hisses like a snake and crawls away,
because her enemies are coming with a show of strength.
They're coming toward her like woodcutters with axes.
23 Yahweh declares that they'll cut down the forest
so there'll be nowhere to hide
because their soldiers will be more numerous than locusts
and no one will even be able to count them.
24 Mitsrayim's inhabitants will be humiliated—
they'll be handed over to those northern people.
25 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "Listen, I'm about to punish Amon the god of No (Thebes) city, Mitsrayim (Egypt) and her other gods, its kings the Par'ohs (Pharaohs), and all those who trust in them. **26** I'll hand them over to those who want them dead, and over to Bavel's (Babylon's) King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) and his servants. But after that, Mitsrayim will be inhabited as in past times. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yahweh's rescue of Ya'akov's descendants

27 But you, my servant Ya'akov (Jacob) (meaning Yisrael (Israel)), don't be afraid.
Don't be dismayed, Yisrael, because listen,
I'm about to bring you back from far away,
and your descendants from the land of their captivity.
Then Ya'akov will return, find peace, and be secure,
and there'll be no one to terrify him.[256]
28 This is Yahweh's declaration:
You, my servant Ya'akov, don't be afraid,
because I'm with you,
so I'll send complete destruction to all the nations that I drove you into.
But I won't completely destroy you,
although I'll discipline you fairly,
and I certainly won't leave you unpunished."

Yahweh's message to the Pelishtim

47:1 This is Yahweh's message that he gave to the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) concerning the Pelishtim before Par'oh (Pharaoh) attacked Azah (Gaza).[257] **2** Yahweh says this:
Listen, armies are rising in the north like floods of water.
They'll be like an overflowing river.
Then they'll overflow the land and everything in it—
its cities and its inhabitants.

256 RV 46:27-28 · Cross-ref. Jer 30:10-11.

257 RV 47:1-7 · Cross-ref. Isa 14:29-31; Eze 25:15-17; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Zeph 2:4-7; Zech 9:5-7.

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So everyone will shout out for help,
and all the land's inhabitants will wail.
3 At the sound of the stamping of their powerful horses' hooves,
at the clattering of their chariots and the noise of their wheels,
fathers won't help their children because of their own helplessness.
4 The day is coming that will devastate all of the Pelishtim—
to cut every survivor off from Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon) who wants to help them,
because Yahweh is devastating the Pelishtim—
the remnant who originally came from the island of Kaftor.
5 The people of Azah (Gaza) will shave their heads in mourning.
The remnant in Ashkelon's valley will be silenced.
How much longer will you cut yourself in mourning for?
6 Oh no, sword of Yahweh, how long will it be until you stop?
Get back to your scabbard. Stop and be silent.
7 How can it stop when Yahweh has commanded it,
when he has ordered it to attack Ashkelon and the other cities along the coast?

Moav's punishment

48:1 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says to Moav (Moab):
Nevo won't end well because it'll be devastated.
Kiryatayim has been humiliated and captured.
Its fortress has been disgraced and shattered.[258]
2 No one will praise Moav again.
Their enemies in Heshbon plotted disaster against them, saying,
Let's go and destroy it as a nation.
Madmen will be silenced after the sword finishes with you.
3 Listen, a cry of distress is coming from Horonayim,
where there's ruin and terrible destruction.
4 Moav has been destroyed.
Its workers have made their cries heard.
5 They weeps as they climb Luhit hill,
because on the way down to Horonayim,
shouts of distress will heard because of the destruction.
6 Flee, save your lives
so you'll be like a juniper bush in the wilderness.
7 Because of your trust in your practices and your wealth,
you too will be captured.
Then Kemosh will go away into captivity, along with its priests and leaders.
8 The destroyer will come to every city—no city will escape.
The valley will perish and the plain will be devastated, as Yah-

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from_the_rattling_of chariotry_of_its the_din_of its_wheels_of_
_his not fathers they_have_turned_back to children from_
_slackness_of hands. **4** On the_day which_is_about_to_come to_
_devastate ~~DOM~~ all_of the_Pəlishtiy to_cut_off to_Tsor/(Tyre)
and_to_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) every survivor who_helps if/because
YHWH is_about_to_devastate ~~DOM~~ the_Pəlishtiy the_remnant_
_of the_coastland of_Kaftor/(Caphtor). **5** Baldness it_will_come
to ʹAzzāh ʾAshqəlōn Oh_remnant_of their_valley_of_their it_
_will_be_silent until when will_you_cut_yourself. **6** Alas Oh_
sword to/for**YHWH** until when not you_will_be_inactive
gather_yourself not sheath_of_your rest and_be_still. **7** How
will_you_be_inactive and_**YHWH** he_has_commanded to/for_
_her/it against ʾAshqəlōn and_near/to the_coast_of the_sea
there he_has_appointed_it.

48:1 Of_Mō'āv thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says woe to Nəvō if/because it_will_be_
_devastated it_will_be_put_to_shame Qiryātayim it_will_be_
_captured the_stronghold it_will_be_put_to_shame and_it_will_
_be_shattered. **2** Not will_be_again the_praise_of Mō'āv in_
_Ḫeshbōn people_have_planned on/upon_it(f) calamity come
and_let_us_cut_it_off from_a_nation also Oh_Madmen you_will_
_be_silent after_you the_sword it_will_go. **3** The_sound_of a_
_cry_of_distress from_Ḫoronayim devastation and_destruction
great. **4** Mō'āv it_will_be_broken they_will_make_heard a_cry_
_of_distress mmm[259]. **5** If/because the_ascent_of the[260][261]
with_weeping someone_will_ascend weeping if/because on_
_the_descent_of Ḫoronayim the_distresses_of the_cry_of_
_distress_of destruction people_will_hear. **6** Flee save life_of_
_your(pl) so_that_they_may_be like_a_juniper_bush in_
_wilderness. **7** If/because because trust_you in_deeds_of_your
and_in_treasures_of_your also you you_will_be_captured and_
_he_will_go_out Kəmōsh/(Chemosh)[262] in_exile priests_of_his
and_officials_of_his together[263]. **8** And_ a_destroyer _he_will_
_come to every_of city and_a_city not it_will_escape and_ the_
_valley _it_will_be_destroyed and_ the_plain _it_will_be_
_destroyed which **YHWH** he_has_spoken. **9** Give salt to_Mō'āv
if/because flying it_will_go_out and_cities_of_its (into)_a_waste
they_will_become from_not an_inhabitant in_them. **10** one_
_who_does the_work_of **YHWH** slackness is_cursed and_is_
one_who_withholds sword_of_his from_blood _cursed.

258 RV 48:1-47 · Cross-ref. Isa 15:1–16:14; 25:10-12; Eze 25:8-11; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph 2:8-11.
259 LV 48:4 · Note OSHB variant note: **ה/ירועצ**: (x-qere) 'ה/יריעֵצ'; lemma_6810 n_0 morph_HAampc/Sp3fs id_24zaA **ה/יריעֵצ**
260 LV 48:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **תוחלה/**: (x-qere) 'תֵיחוּלֹה/': lemma_d/3872 n_1.1 morph_HTd/Np id_24Khg **תֵיחוּלֹה/**
261 LV 48:5 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.
262 LV 48:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **שימכ**: (x-qere) 'שׂוֹמְכ': lemma_3645 n_0.1.0 morph_HNp id_24snw **שׂוֹמְכ**
263 LV 48:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **דחי**: (x-qere) 'וֵיִדְחַי': lemma_3162 b n_0 morph_HD id_24Ydf **וֵיִדְחַי**

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11 Mō'āv it_has_been_at_ease since_youth(s)_of_its and_ it_ _has_been_undisturbed to lees_of_its and_not it_has_been_ _poured from_vessel to vessel and_in_exile not it_has_gone therefore yes/correct/thus/so taste_of_its it_has_remained in/on/over_him/it and_aroma_of_its not it_has_been_changed. **12** For_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_send to_him/it those_who_tilt and_they_ _will_tilt_it and_vessels_of_its they_will_empty_out and_jars_ _of_their they_will_smash. **13** And_ Mō'āv _it_will_be_ashamed from_Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) just_as the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_ashamed from_Bēyt-'ēl of_confidence_of_their_ _object. **14** How will_you(pl)_say are_warriors we and_men_of strength for_battle. **15** Mō'āv it_will_be_devastated and_cities_ _of_its someone_will_go_up and_the_choicest_of its_young_ _men_of_his they_will_go_down to_slaughter the_utterance_of the_king is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name. **16** Is_ _near the_disaster_of Mō'āv to_coming and_calamity_of_its it_ _will_hasten exceedingly. **17** Show_sympathy to_him/it Oh_all_ _of around_of_it and_all/each/any/every you(pl)_who_know_of his/its_name say how a_staff_of strength a_staff_of splendour it_is_broken. **18** Come_down from_honour and_sit[264] in_thirst Oh_inhabitant[s] of_the_daughter_of of_Diyvōn if/because the_destroyer_of Mō'āv he_will_come_up on_you he_will_ruin strongholds_of_your. **19** To the_road stand and_watch Oh_ _inhabitant[s]_of ʹArōʹēr ask a_man_who_flees and_a_woman_ _who_escapes say what has_it_happened. **20** Mō'āv it_has_ _been_put_to_shame if/because it_has_been_shattered wail[265] and[266] declare at_the_'Arnōn if/because_that Mō'āv it_has_ _been_devastated. **21** And_judgement it_will_come to the_land_ _of the_plain to Ḥolōn and_near/to Yahatsʹ/(Jahaz) and_on Mōfaʹat[267]. **22** And_on Diyvōn and_on Nəvō and_on Bēyt Divlātāyim. **23** And_on Qiryātayim and_on Bēyt Gāmūl and_on Bēyt Məʹōn. **24** And_on Qəriyyōt and_on Botsrāh and_on all_of the_cities_of the_land_of Mō'āv (the)_far and_(the)_near. **25** The_horn_of Mō'āv it_will_be_cut_off and_arm_of_its it_will_ _be_broken the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

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weh has said.

9 Give wings to Moav (Moab), because it must certainly fly away.

Its cities will become a wasteland without anyone living in them.

10 Anyone who's slack doing Yahweh's work should be cursed.

Anyone who's afraid to use his sword to kill should be cursed.

11 Moav (Moab) has felt secure since it was young.

Moav's cities destroyed

It's like its wine that's never been poured from container to container.

It's never gone into captivity.

so it still tastes as good as ever—

its nice aroma hasn't changed.

12 But Yahweh declares that the time is coming

when I'll send along those who'll tip it over

and empty out all its pots and smash its jars.

13 Then Moav will be ashamed of their god Kemosh

just as Yisrael's (Israel's) people were ashamed of the golden calf that they put their trust in at Beyt-El (Bethel).

14 How can you Moav soldiers say, 'We are warriors,

powerful fighting men'?

15 Moav will be devastated and its cities attacked.

Its finest young men have gone down to the place of slaughter.

That is the king's declaration—his name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

16 Moav's disaster is coming soon.

Calamity is rushing towards it.

17 You surrounding nations, wail,

and all you who know Moav's fame, shout

'Oh no, the strong staff, the splendid rod, has been broken.'

18 Come down from your place of honour

and sit on the ground that's dry and thirsty,

you daughter living in Divon city,

because the one who'll destroy Moav will attack you—

the one who'll destroy your fortifications.

19 You people who live in Aroer city,

stand on the road and watch.

Ask the escaping men and women what happened there.

20 Moav has been humiliated because it's been shattered.

Wail and cry out.

Tell the people at the Arnon river that Moav's been devastated.

21 Now punishment has come to Moav's (Moab's) high plateau:

to Holon, Yahats, Mofa'at, **22** Divon, Nevo, Beyt-Divlatayim, **23** Kiryatayim, Beyt-Gamul, Beyt-Me'on, **24** Keriyot, and Bat-serah, and all of Moav's towns, both near and far. **25** Moav's power will be terminated and its dominance will be broken.

264 **LV 48:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יבשי**: (x-qere) 'יֻבַּשׁ/ו': lemma_c/3427 morph_HC/Vqv2fs id_24MLT יֻבַּשׁ/ו

265 **LV 48:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יליליה**: (x-qere) 'וּלְיַלֵּיהּ': lemma_3213 morph_HVhv2mp id_247z2 וּלְיַלֵּיהּ

266 **LV 48:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יקעזו**: (x-qere) 'וְקָעֲזָ֔ו': lemma_c/2199 n_1 morph_HC/Vqv2mp id_24cLh וְקָעֲזָ֔ו

267 **LV 48:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תעפומ**: (x-qere) 'תַּעֲפֻמִּים': lemma_4158 n_0 morph_HNp id_24Hdc תַּעֲפֻמִּים

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Moav's humiliation

26 Make Moav (Moab) drunk, because it acted proudly against Yahweh.
Let Moav wallow in its vomit,
and let it be an object of ridicule.
27 Didn't Moav make Yisrael (Israel) an object of ridicule?
Weren't they thought of as thieves,
such that you shook your head when you spoke about them.
28 Abandon the cities and camp on the cliffs, you inhabitants of Moav,
and become like a dove that's nesting over the mouth of a hole in the rocks.
29 We've heard about Moav's pride,
about its arrogance, haughtiness, pride, boastfulness,
and the conceit in its heart.
30 This is Yahweh's declaration:
I myself know its arrogance
and their hollow boasting about things they haven't even done.
31 So I'll wail for Moav,
and I'll cry out for all of Moav.
I'll lament for the people of Kir-Heres.
32 I'll weep for you more than I did for Yazer, you vine of Sivmah.
Your tendrils passed across the Salt Sea and reached as far as Yazer.
A destroyer has attacked your summer fruit and your grape harvest,
33 so celebration and happiness have been taken away from the fruit trees and from Moav itself.
I've put an end to the wine from their wine-pressing pits.
They won't tread the grapes with happy shouts—
any shouts won't be shouts of celebration.
34 From the shouts at Heshbon as far as El'aleh, their sound is heard at Yahats, from Tsoar to Horonayim and Eglat-Shelishiyah, since even the water at Nimrim has dried up. **35** I will put an end to anyone in Moav who makes sacrifices on the hilltop shrines and burns incense to his gods. That is Yahweh's declaration.
36 Because of all that, I groan inwardly for Moav and Kir-Hareset, like a flute at a funeral, knowing that all the wealth that they acquired will be lost. **37** Yes, every head will be shaved and all their beards will be clipped. They'll all have cuts on their hands and be wearing sackcloth around their waists. **38** There's wailing coming from every flat roof and from all the plazas in Moav because I've destroyed Moav like pottery that no one wants. That is Yahweh's declaration. **39** How it's been shattered.

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26 Make_it_drunk if/because on **YHWH** it_has_magnified_itself and_ Mō'āv _it_will_splash in_vomit_of_its and_it_was (into)_a_ _laughing-stock also it. **27** And_if not the_laughing-stock was_it to/for_yourself(m) Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) or among_thieves was_it_ _found[268] that/for/because/then/when from_sufficiency words/messages_of_your in/on/over_him/it you_shook_ _yourself. **28** Abandon cities and_dwell among_rock[s] Oh_ _inhabitants_of Mō'āv and_be like_a_dove which_it_makes_a_ _nest on_the_sides_of the_mouth_of a_pit. **29** We_have_heard the_pride_of Mō'āv proud very haughtiness_of_its and_pride_ _of_its and_boastfulness_of_its and_the_haughtiness_of his/its_ _heart. **30** I I_know[269] the_utterance_of **YHWH** arrogance_of_its and_not right boasts_of_its_empty not right they_have_ _accomplished. **31** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so on Mō'āv I_ _will_wail and_for_Mō'āv of_it_of_all I_will_cry_out concerning the_people_of Qīr- he_will_groan. **32** More_than_the_weeping_ _of Ya'zēr/(Jazer) I_will_weep for_you Oh_vine of_Səvām tendrils_of_your they_passed_over the_sea to the_sea_of Ya'zēr they_reached on fruit_of_your_summer and_on harvest_of_ _your_grape a_destroyer[270] he_has_fallen. **33** And_ joy and_ _rejoicing _it_has_been_removed from_the_orchard[s] and_ _from_the_land_of Mō'āv and_wine from_wine-vats I_have_ _made_to_cease not anyone_will_tread shouting shouting not will_be_shouting. **34** From_the_cry_of_distress_of Ḥeshbōn to 'El'ālēh to Yahats/(Jahaz) people_will_give_forth voice_of_their from_Tso'ar/(Zoar) to Ḥoronayim 'Eglat Shəlishiy^{yāh} if/because also the_waters_of Nimrīm (into)_wastes they_will_become. **35** And_I_will_put_an_end_to to_Mō'āv the_utterance_of **YHWH** one_who_offers_up a_high_place and_one_who_makes_smoke to_gods_of_his. **36** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so heart_of_my for_Mō'āv like_flutes it_will_moan and_heart_of_my concerning the_people_of Qīr- like_flutes it_will_moan therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_wealth_of (of)_which_he_ _acquired they_will_be_lost. **37** If/because every_of head will_ _be_baldness and_all beard will_be_clipped will_be_on all_of hands cuts and_will_be_on loins sackcloth. **38** On all_of the_ _roofs_of Mō'āv and_in_its_open_of_places of_it_of_all will_be_ _wailing if/because I_will_break ~~DOM~~ Mō'āv like_a_vessel which_there_is_not pleasure in/on/over_him/it the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**. **39** How it_has_been_shattered they_will_wail how Mō'āv it_has_turned a_neck it_will_be_ashamed and_ Mō'āv _ _it_was (into)_a_laughing-stock and_(into)_a_terror to/from_ _all/each/any/every around_of_it. **40** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says THERE like_eagle someone_will_swoop_down and_he_ _will_spread_out wings_of_his against Mō'āv. **41** (The)_Qəriyyōt it_will_be_captured and_the_strongholds it_will_be_seized and_ _it_was the_heart_of the_warriors_of Mō'āv in_the_day (the)_ _that like_the_heart_of a_woman who_is_in_labour. **42** And_ Mō'āv _it_will_be_destroyed from_a_people if/because on **YHWH** it_has_magnified_itself. **43** Terror and_pit and_snare will_be_on_you Oh_inhabitant_of Mō'āv the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **44** The[271][272] from_face/in_front_of the_terror he_will_

268 LV 48:27 · Note OSHB variant note: **הֹאצַמֹנ**: (x-qere) **'אָצְמְנ'**: lemma_4672 n_1 morph_HVNp3ms id_24teg **אָצְמְנ**

269 LV 48:30 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

270 LV 48:32 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

271 LV 48:44 · Note OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as **סינה**

272 LV 48:44 · Note OSHB variant note: **סינה**: (x-qere) **'סָנֵ/ה'**: lemma_d/5127 n_1.2.0.0 morph_HTd/Vqrmsa id_24Rwm **סָנֵ/ה**

Literal Version

_fall into the_pit and_the_one_who_climbs_up from the_pit he_
_will_be_caught in_snare if/because I_will_bring to_her/it to
Mō'āv the_year_of their_punishment_of_their the_utterance_of
YHWH. **45** In_the_shadow_of Ḥeshbōn they_will_stand from_
_strength those_who_flee if/because a_fire it_will_go_forth
from_Ḥeshbōn and_a_flame from_between Ṣīḥōn and_she/it_
_ate the_forehead_of Mō'āv and_the_crown_of_the_head_of
the_sons_of uproar. **46** Woe to/for_yourself(m) Oh_Mō'āv the_
_people_of Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) it_will_perish if/because sons_
_of_your they_will_be_taken in_captivity and_daughters_of_
_your in_captivity. **47** And_I_will_turn_back the_captivity_of
Mō'āv in_end/latter the_days the_utterance_of **YHWH** is_to
here the_judgement_of Mō'āv.

49:1 Of_the_people_of ʿAmmōn thus **YHWH** he_says children
do_there_not_belong to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) or an_heir does_there_
_not_belong to_him/it why king_of_their has_he_dispossessed
~~ĐOM~~ Gād and_people_of_his in_cities_of_its has_it_dwelt. **2** For_
_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of
YHWH and_I_will_sound_aloud against Rabāh of_the_people_of
of_ʿAmmōn a_shout_of battle and_it_will_become (into)_a_
_mound_of desolation and_daughters_of_its with_fire they_
_will_be_kindled and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_will_dispossess ~~ĐOM~~
those_of_who_dispossessed_it **YHWH** he_says. **3** Wail Oh_
_Ḥeshbōn if/because ʿAy it_has_been_devastated cry_out Oh_
_daughters_of Rabāh gird_yourselves sackcloth(s) mourn and_
_run_to_and_fro among_walls if/because king_of_their in_exile
he_will_go priests_of_his and_officials_of_his together. **4** Why
do_you_boast in_valleys valley_of_your is_flowing Oh_daughter
(the)_apostate who_is_trusting in_treasures_of_her who will_
_he_come against_me. **5** Here_I am_about_to_bring on_you
terror the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers from_all around_of_you and_you(pl)_will_
_be_driven_away everyone before_him and_there_is_not one_

Readers' Version

How they keep wailing. Moav turns its back in shame—it will become an object of derision and a terror to all those who are around it **40** because Yahweh says this:

Listen, the enemy will swoop down like an eagle and spread out his wings against Moav.

41 Keriyot has been captured, and its fortresses have been seized,

because on that day, Moav's soldiers will be apprehensive like women in labour.

42 Then Moav will be destroyed and no longer be a people group,

because they thought they were better than Yahweh.

43 Terror, and pits and traps, are coming to you inhabitants of Moav.

That is Yahweh's declaration.

44 Anyone who flees because of terror will fall into a pit,

and anyone who climbs out of the pit will be caught in a trap,

because I will bring this on them in the year when I punish them.

That is Yahweh's declaration. **45** Those who flee will stand in the shadow of Heshbon city without any strength,

because will go out from Heshbon—flame from the middle of Sihon.

It'll devour Moav's forehead and the top of the heads of the rebellious people.

46 You won't end well Moav. You worshippers of Kemosh will be destroyed

because your sons and daughters will be captured and taken away.

47 However, in future years, Moav's judgement will end and I will restore Moav from captivity.

That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yahweh's judgement for the Amonim

49:1 Yahweh says this about the Amonim:

Doesn't Yisrael (Israel) have any children of its own?

Is there no one to inherit anything in Yisrael?

Why does the god Molek occupy Gad,

and its people live in their cities?[273] **2** So listen, Yahweh declares that the time is coming

when I'll sound the signal for battle against Amon's capital city Rabah,

so it'll become a deserted heap and its villages will be set on fire,

because Yahweh says that Yisrael will drive out those who initially drove them out. **3** Wail, Heshbon, because Ay will be devastated.

Cry out and put on sackcloth, you daughters of Rabah.

Mourn and run back and forth trying to figure out what to do

because Molek is going into captivity along with its priests and leaders.

273 **RV 49:1-6 · Cross-ref.** Eze 21:28-32; 25:1-7; Amos 1:13-15; Zeph 2:8-11.

Readers' Version

4 Why do you brag about your fertile valleys, you faithless daughter?
You who trust in your wealth and think that no one would ever attack you.
5 Listen, this is the declaration of my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh:
I'm about to bring terror to you from all those who surround you.
You'll all be driven away ahead of it
and there won't be anyone to gather those running away.
6 However in future years, I'll restore Amon's people from captivity.
That is Amon's captivity.

Yahweh's judgement for Edom

7 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this about Edom:[274]
Isn't there any wisdom left in Teyman district?
Has good advice disappeared from those who have understanding?
Has their wisdom become corrupted?
8 Turn and run away.
Stay in deep caves, you inhabitants of Dedan,
because I'm bringing Esav's (Esau's) disaster onto Edom when I punish it.
9 If grape harvesters came to you, wouldn't they at least leave a little bit behind?
If thieves came in the night, wouldn't they steal only as much as they needed?
10 However, I'll strip Esav (i.e., Edom) bare.
I've uncovered his secret places so he can't hide himself.
His descendants and other relatives and neighbours will be devastated and destroyed.
11 Leave your orphans behind.
I'll take care of their lives,
and your widows can rely on me.
12 Yes, Yahweh says this: Listen, even those who didn't deserve it, must certainly drink some of the cup of suffering. Did you think you yourself would escape being punished? You won't, because you'll certainly be included in it 13 because Yahweh declares that I've solemnly promised that Batserah will become a horror, a disgrace, a devastation, and an object for cursing. All its cities will be forever ruined.
14 I've heard a report from Yahweh,
and a messenger has been sent out to the nations,
'Gather together and attack Edom.
Get ready for battle.' 15 Yes, listen, I've made you minor compared to the other nations,
despised among humankind.
16 As for your fearsomeness, your arrogance has deceived you, inhabitants of places on the cliff—
you who've occupied the highest hills so that you may make

Literal Version

_who_gathers_together for_fugitive[s]. 6 And_after thus I_will_
_turn_back ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_captivity_of the_people_of ʼAmmōn the_
_utterance_of **YHWH**.

7 Of_ʾEdōm thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says is_there_
_not still wisdom in_Tēymān counsel has_it_been_lost from_
_those_who_understand wisdom_of_their has_it_been_
_corrupted. 8 Flee be_turned_back make_deep to_dwell Oh_
_inhabitants_of Dədān if/because the_disaster_of ʼĒsāv I_will_
_bring on/upon/above_him/it a_time when_I_will_visit_it. 9 If
grape_gatherers they_came to/for_you(fs) not will_they_leave
gleanings if thieves in_night they_destroyed sufficiency_of_
_their. 10 If/because I I_will_strip_bare ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ ʼĒsāv I_will_uncover
~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ places_of_its_secret and_it_will_hide_itself not it_will_be_
_able his/its_seed and_relatives_of_its and_neighbours_of_its
it_will_be_devastated and_it_will_not_be. 11 Leave fatherless_
_of_your I I_will_preserve_them_alive and_widows_of_your on_
_me let_them_rely. 12 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says THERE
those_who not sentence_of_their was_to_drink the_cup
certainly_(drink) they_will_drink_it and_you(ms) he
completely_(exempt_from_punishment) will_you_be_exempt_
_from_punishment not you_will_be_exempt_from_punishment
if/because certainly_(drink) you_will_drink_it. 13 If/because
by_myself I_swear the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because_that
(into)_a_waste (into)_a_reproach (into)_a_desolation and_
_(into)_a_curse Bɔtsrāh it_will_become and_all cities_of_its
they_will_become (into)_ruins_of perpetuity. 14 A_report I_
_have_heard from_with **YHWH** and_an_envoy among_nations
has_been_sent gather_together and_come on/upon_it(f) and_
_rise_up for_battle. 15 If/because HERE small I_will_make_you
among_nations despised among_humankind. 16 Horror_of_
_your it_has_deceived you the_presumption_of your_heart_of_
_your Oh_you_who_dwell_of in_the_clefts_of the_rock Oh_you_
_who_occupy_of the_height[s]_of a_hill if/because you_will_
_make_high like_eagle nest_of_your from_there I_will_bring_
_you_down the_utterance_of **YHWH**. 17 And_ ʾEdōm _it_will_
_become (into)_a_horror every_of one_who_passes_by
on/upon_it(f) he_will_be_appalled and_he_will_hiss on all_of
wounds_of_its. 18 Like_the_overthrow_of Ṣədom and_Amorah
and_neighbours_of_its **YHWH** he_says not he_will_dwell there
anyone and_not he_will_sojourn in_it a_child_of humankind.
19 THERE like_a_lion which_it_goes_up from_the_thicket[s]_of
the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to pastureland_of an_ever-flowing_stream
if/because I_will_act_in_a_moment I_will_cause_it_to_run
from_on_it and_whoever is_chosen to_her/it I_will_appoint
if/because who is_like_me and_who will_he_summon_me and_

274 RV 49:7-22 · Cross-ref. Isa 34:5-17; 63:1-6; Eze 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Amos 1:11-12; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

Literal Version

_who this is_a_shepherd who he_will_stand before_me. **20** For_
_so/thus/hence hear the_plan_of **YHWH** which he_has_
_planned against ʾEdōm and_purposes_of_his which he_has_
_purposed against the_inhabitants_of Tēymān if not people_
_will_drag_them_away the_young_ones_of the_flock if not he_
_will_make_appalled on_them pastureland_of_their. **21** From_
_the_sound_of their_falling the_earth/land it_will_shake the_
_calling_out at_the_sea_of reed[s] sound_of_its it_will_be_
_heard. **22** THERE like_eagle someone_will_ascend and_he_will_
_swoop_down and_he_will_spread_out wings_of_his over
Botsrāh and_it_was the_heart_of the_warriors_of ʾEdōm in_the_
_day (the)_that like_the_heart_of a_woman who_is_in_labour.

23 Of_Dammeseq Ḥ$_a$māt and_ʾArpād it_will_be_ashamed
if/because new[s] bad they_have_heard they_will_melt_away
is_in_sea anxiety to_be_quiet not it_will_be_able. **24** Dammeseq
it_will_be_disheartened it_will_turn_back to_flee and_panic it_
_will_take_hold distress and_labour-pains it_will_seize_it like_
_(the)_who]_gives_birth. **25** How not it_has_been_abandoned a_
_city_of praise_of[277] the_town_of my_joy_of_my. **26** For_
_so/thus/hence men_of_its_young they_will_fall in_its_open_
_of_places and_all the_men_of (the)_war they_will_perish in_
_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers. **27** And_I_will_kindle a_fire at_the_wall_of
Dammeseq and_it_will_consume the_fortresses_of Ben.

28 Of_Qēdār and_of_the_kingdoms_of Ḥātsōr which he_attacked
Nəvūkadnetstsar[278] the_king_of Bāvel thus **YHWH** he_says
arise go_up against Qēdār and_devastate ~~DOM~~ the_people_of
the_east. **29** Tents_of_their and_flock[s]_of_their people_will_

Readers' Version

your nest high like an eagle.
I'll bring you down from there.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
17 Edom will become a horror to everyone passing by it.
Those who do will be appalled and hiss about all its disasters.
18 Yahweh says that just like the overthrow of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah) and their neighbours,[275]
no one will live there—no human would want to stay there.
19 Listen, he'll go up like a lion from the forests along the Yarden (Jordan) river to the green pasturelands,
because I'll quickly make Edom flee from it,
and I'll chose someone to be charge of it.
Indeed, no one else is like me, and who can challenge my decision?
What shepherd can stand against me?
20 So listen to the plans that Yahweh has decided against Edom—
the intentions that he's formed against Teyman's inhabitants.
They'll be dragged away, even the smallest flock.
→Their pasturelands will be turned into ruined places.
21 The ground will shake at the sound of their falling.
The sound of distressed shouts will be heard right across at the Red Sea.
22 Listen, someone will ascend like an eagle, and swoop down and spread his wings over Batserah.
Then on that day, Edom's soldiers will be apprehensive like women in labour."

Yahweh's judgement for Damesek

23 Concerning Damesek (Damascus):
Hamat and Arpad will be ashamed, because they've heard bad news.
They'll melt away—
they'll become as troubled as an ocean that cannot stay calm.[276]
24 Damesek will be disheartened.
It turns away to flee in panic.
Distress and pangs of pain seize it like a woman giving birth.
25 How has that widely praised city been abandoned—
the town that gave me happiness.
26 Therefore its young men will fall in its plazas,
and all the fighting men will perish on that day.
That is the declaration of Commander-in-chief Yahweh,
27 because I'll light a fire on the wall around Damesek (Damascus),
and it will burn up Ben-Hadad's fortresses.

Yahweh's judgement for Kidar and Hatsor

28 Concerning Kedar tribe and Hatsor's kingdoms (which were about to be attacked by Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar))

275 **RV 49:18 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24-25.

276 **RV 49:23-27 · Cross-ref.** Isa 17:1-3; Amos 1:3-5; Zech 9:1.

277 **LV 49:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: הלהת: (x-qere) תָּלְהוּת': lemma_8416 n_1 morph_HNcfsc id_249XL תָּלְהוּת

278 **LV 49:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: רוצארדכובנ: (x-qere) רַצְאֶרְדַּכוּבְנ': lemma_5019 morph_HNp id_249Xm רַצְאֶרְדַּכוּבְנ

Readers' Version

Yahweh says this:
Take action and attack Kedar and destroy those eastern people.
29 Their tents and their flocks will be taken,
along with their tent curtains and all of their equipment.
Their camels will be led away from them,
and warriors surrounding them will call out things that terrify them.
30 Yahweh says to you inhabitants of Hatsor:
Quickly, flee, hide in deep caves,
because the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) has made a plan
and plotted out his destiny for you all.
31 Yahweh says to the Babylonians:
Take action and attack that nation at ease—
that lives in safety.
They don't have gates with bars across them,
and its people live by themselves.
32 Their camels will become plunder,
and their many livestock will become war plunder.
Then those who cut the corners of their hair, I'll scatter to every wind
and I'll bring disaster on them from every direction.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
33 Hatsor will become a home for jackals—a permanent wasteland.
No one will live there—no human would want to stay there.

Yahweh's judgement for Eylam

34 At the beginning of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), Yahweh gave this message about Eylam to the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah). **35** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'm about to break the power of Eylam's archers—
their main initial attack force.
36 Then I'll bring four winds against Eylam from four different directions,
and I will scatter them to all of those winds.
There's no nation that those banished from Eylam won't go to.
37 So I'll shatter Eylam in front of their enemies and those who want to see them dead.
In my furious anger, I'll send disaster against them,
and then I'll send war to follow them until I've annihilated them.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
38 Yahweh declares that I'll put my throne in Eylam,
and will destroy its king and leaders from there, **39** however in future years, I'll restore Eylam's people from captivity.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

Literal Version

_take_away curtains_of_their_tent and_all equipment(s)_of_ _their and_camels_of_their they_will_carry_off to/for_them and_people_will_call_out to_them terror is_from_round_about. **30** Flee take_flight exceedingly make_deep to_dwell Oh_ _inhabitants_of Ḥātsōr the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because he_ _has_planned mmm Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel a_plan and_he_has_purposed mmm[279] a_purpose. **31** Arise go_up against a_nation at_ease which_dwells to_security the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** not a_pair_of_gates and_not a_bar to_ _him/it alone they_dwell. **32** And_ camels_of_their _they_will_ _be (into)_spoil and_the_abundance_of their_livestock_of_their (into)_plunder and_I_will_scatter_them to/from_ _all/each/any/every wind those_who_are_cut_off_of the_ _corner and_from_all_of sides_of_its I_will_bring ~~ĐOM~~ disaster_ _of_their the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **33** And_ Ḥātsōr _it_will_ _become (into)_a_habitation_of jackals a_desolation until perpetuity not he_will_dwell there anyone and_not he_will_ _sojourn in_it a_child_of humankind.

34 That_which the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet concerning ʿĒylām in_ _beginning_of_the_reign_of of_Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say. **35** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says HERE_I am_about_to_break ~~ĐOM~~ the_bow_of ʿĒylām the_beginning_of their_strength_of_their. **36** And_I_will_bring against ʿĒylām four winds from_the_four the_ends_of the_heavens and_I_will_scatter_them to_ _all/each/any/every the_winds the_these and_not it_will_be the_nation where not it_will_go there those_who_were_ _banished_of wwww[280]. **37** And_I_will_shatter ~~ĐOM~~ ʿĒylām to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their and_ _before_of those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_their and_I_will_ _bring on_them calamity ~~ĐOM~~ the_burning_of my_anger_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_send after_them ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _drought//sword/knife until I_have_made_an_end_of them. **38** And_I_will_set throne_of_my in_ʿĒylām and_I_will_destroy from_there king and_officials the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **39** And_ _it_was in_end/latter the_days I_will_turn_back[281] ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _captivity_of[282] of_ʿĒylām the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

279 LV 49:30 · Note OSHB variant note: חה/ילע: (x-qere) 'ם֣כ/יִלֶּע': lemma_5921 a n_0.0 morph_HR/Sp2mp id_24e1F ם֣כ/יִלֶּע
280 LV 49:36 · Note OSHB variant note: לוע: (x-qere) 'ם֖לֵיע': lemma_5867 a n_0 morph_HNcmsa id_246gu ם֖לֵיע
281 LV 49:39 · Note OSHB variant note: בושא: (x-qere) 'בְּיֵשָׁא': lemma_7725 n_0.0.0 morph_HVhi1cs id_249Jg בְּיֵשָׁא
282 LV 49:39 · Note OSHB variant note: תיבש: (x-qere) 'תּוּבְשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_241No תּוּבְשׁ

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50:1 The_message which **YHWH** he_spoke concerning Bāvel concerning the_land_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy by_the_hand_of Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) the_prophet. **2** Declare among_nations and_make_a_proclamation and_lift_up a_standard make_a_ _proclamation do_not hide_it say Bāvel it_will_be_captured Bel it_will_be_put_to_shame Marduk it_will_be_shattered images_ _of_its they_will_be_put_to_shame idols_of_its they_will_be_ _shattered. **3** If/because it_will_go_up on/upon_it(f) a_nation from_the_north it it_will_make ~~DOM~~ land_of_its into_a_waste and_not he_will_be an_inhabitant in_it from_humankind and_ _unto animal[s] they_will_take_flight they_will_go.

4 In_the_days (the)_those and_at_time (the)_that the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they and_ _the_sons of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_come together going and_weeping they_will_go and_~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_their they_ _will_seek. **5** Tsiyyōn/(Zion) they_will_ask_for will_be_the_ _direction hither faces_of_their come and_they_will_join_ _themselves to **YHWH** a_covenant_of perpetuity not it_will_be_ _forgotten. **6** sheep lost they_have_become[285] people_of_my shepherds_of_their they_have_caused_them_to_wander mountains they_have_led_them_away[286] from_hill to hill they_ _have_gone they_have_forgotten place_of_their_resting. **7** All_ _of those_of_who_found_them they_devoured_them and_foes_ _of_their they_said not we_are_guilty because that they_have_ _sinned to/for_**YHWH** the_habitation_of righteousness and_ _the_hope_of their_ancestors_of_their **YHWH**. **8** Take_flight from_the_midst_of Bāvel and_from_the_land_of the_ones_ _from_Kasdiy go_forth[287] and_be like_male_goats to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_flock. **9** If/because HERE I am_ _about_to_rouse and_I_am_about_to_bring_up on Bāvel an_ _assembly_of nations great from_a_land_of the_north and_ _they_will_line_up to/for_her/it from_there it_will_be_ _captured arrows_of_its will_be_like_a_warrior who_miscarries not he_returns empty.

10 And_it_will_become Chaldea (into)_plunder all_of those_of_ _who_plunder_it they_will_be_satisfied the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **11** If/because you_are_rejoicing[288] if/because you_are_ _gloating[289][290] Oh_you(pl)_who_plunder_of inheritance_of_ _(of)_my if/because you_are_skipping_about[291] like_a_heifer

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Yahweh's judgement for Bavel

50:1 Yahweh gave the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) this message concerning Bavel (Babylon), the country of the Kasdim (Chaldeans):[283]

2 Make a report to the nations and get them to listen to it.
Raise a signal flag and cause them to listen—don't conceal it.
Tell them that Bavel will be captured and their 'god' Merodak (also called 'Bel') will be humiliated.
Merodak will be completely disgraced—
its replicas will be humiliated as its idols will be shattered.
3 A nation from the north will come against it, and make their land into ruins.
No one will live in it—people and animals will all flee away.

The return of Yisrael and Yehudah · Both kingdoms

4 Yahweh declares that at a future time,
the people of Yisrael (Israel) and the people of Yehudah (Judah),
will join together to go to their god Yahweh with weeping and a desire to worship him. **5** They'll ask the way to Tsiyon (Zion) and will set off toward it
to join themselves to Yahweh with a permanent commitment that will never be forgotten.
6 My people have been a lost flock.
Their shepherds have led them astray in the mountains.
They've gone from hill to hill.
They went—they'd forgotten the place where they'd lived.
7 Everyone who found them devoured them
and their enemies told themselves that they weren't guilty
because the people they attacked had sinned against Yahweh who was their true home—
Yahweh, who their ancestors had placed their hope in.
8 You Yehudim (Jews), leave Bavel (Babylon).
Get out from the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).[284]
Be like male goats that leave ahead of the rest of the flock,
9 because listen, I'm about to set in motion and raise up a group of powerful nations from the north against Bavel.
They'll line up against her—Bavel will be captured from there.
Their arrows will be like a skilled warrior who always returns and never empty-handed.

Bavel's fall

10 The land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) will become plunder.
All those who plunder it will take everything they want.
That is Yahweh's declaration

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283 **RV 50:1–51:64 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:1–14:23; 47:1-15.

284 **RV 50:8 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:4.

285 **LV 50:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **היה**: (x-qere) '**וַיֵּה**': lemma_1961 morph_HVqp3cp id_24K4p **וַיֵּה**

286 **LV 50:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **סיבבוש**: (x-qere) '**ם/וּבְבוֹשׁ**': lemma_7725 n_1 morph_HVop3cp/Sp3mp id_24sjy **ם/וּבְבוֹשׁ**

287 **LV 50:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ואצי**: (x-qere) '**וְאֵצְ**': lemma_3318 n_1 morph_HVqv2mp id_24BBy **וְאֵצְ**

288 **LV 50:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יחמשת**: (x-qere) '**וּחְמִשְׁתְּ**': lemma_8055 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqi2mp id_24Pdb **וּחְמִשְׁתְּ**

289 **LV 50:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יזלעת**: (x-qere) '**וְזִלַּעְתְּ**': lemma_5937 n_1.1 morph_HVqi2mp id_24Tum **וְזִלַּעְתְּ**

290 **LV 50:11 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

291 **LV 50:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ישופת**: (x-qere) '**וּשׁוֹפָתְּ**': lemma_6335 a n_0.1.0 morph_HVqi2mp id_24zT5 **וּשׁוֹפָתְּ**

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11 because you're so happy Bavel (Babylon)—your people celebrate the plundering of my inheritance.
You skip around like a calf stamping in its pasture.
You neigh like a powerful horse.
12 Your mother will be terribly ashamed—
the one who bore you will be embarrassed.
Listen, she'll become the least of nations—
a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.
13 Due to Yahweh's severe anger, Bavel won't remain inhabited, but will become a complete ruin.
Everyone who passes by will be appalled, and will hiss because of all its wounds.
14 You armies, line yourselves up all around Bavel—
everyone who uses a bow and arrows must shoot at it.
Don't hold back any of your arrows, because it has disobeyed Yahweh.
15 Shout together all of you who are around the city.
It has surrendered—its towers have been taken over.
Its walls are torn down, because that is Yahweh's vengeance.
Avenge yourselves on Bavel—
do to it just like what it's done to others.
16 Destroy both the Babylonian farmer who sows seed
and the one who uses a sickle at harvest time.
Instead of the oppressor's sword, let each person return to their own people—
let everyone flee back to their own region.
17 Yisrael (Israel) is like sheep that were scattered and driven away by lions. **Yisrael's return**
Firstly, the Assyrian king devoured its meat,
then after that, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) chomped on its bones.
18 Therefore Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says this:
Listen, I'm about to punish the Babylonian king and his country,
just as I punished the Assyrian king.
19 Then I'll restore Yisrael to its homeland—
it will graze on Mt. Karmel and in the Bashan region.
then it will be satisfied in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim) and Gilead.
20 Yahweh says that at that time,
Yisrael's disobedience won't exist
and no wickedness will be found in Yehudah (Judah)
because I'll forgive those that I leave as a remnant.
21 Go up against the Meratayim region in Bavel (Babylon) **Yahweh's judgement for Bavel**
as well as Pekod's inhabitants.
Attack them and ensure that they're eliminated.
That is Yahweh's declaration—make sure to do everything that

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threshing and[292] like_(the)_horses. **12** Mother_of_your(pl) she_
_will_be_ashamed exceedingly the_one_of_who_bore_you(pl)
she_will_be_abashed THERE the_last_of nations a_wilderness a_
_wilderness and_a_wilderness_plain. **13** From_the_severe_
_anger_of **YHWH** not it_will_remain and_it_will_be a_waste of_
_it_of_all every one_who_passes_by at Bāvel he_will_be_
_appalled and_he_will_hiss on all_of wounds_of_its. **14** Line_up
on Bāvel all_around Oh_all_of those_who_bend_of (of)_a_bow
shoot to_her/it do_not spare (to) an_arrow if/because to/for_
_**YHWH** it_has_sinned. **15** Shout_out on/upon_it(f) all_around
it_will_give hand_of_its they_will_fall mmm[293] walls_of_its
they_will_be_torn_down if/because is_the_vengeance_of
YHWH it avenge_yourselves(pl) on_it just_as it_has_done do
to/for_her/it. **16** Cut_off the_sower from_Bāvel and_one_who_
_wields_of (of)_a_sickle at_a_time_of harvest from_face/in_
_front_of the_sword_of the_oppressor everyone to people_of_
_his_own they_will_turn and_everyone to_his_own_of_land
they_will_flee.

17 Is_sheep scattered Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which_lions they_have_
_driven_away the_first he_devoured_it the_king_of 'Ashshūr
and_this the_last he_gnawed_its_bones Nəvūkadnetstsar the_
_king_of Bāvel. **18** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I
am_about_to_visit_judgement to the_king_of Bāvel and_
_near/to land_of_his just_as I_visited_judgement to the_king_of
'Ashshūr. **19** And_I_will_restore ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to pasture_
_of_its and_it_will_graze (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_(the)_
_Bāshān and_in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_(the)_Gil'ād
appetite_of_its it_will_be_satisfied. **20** In_the_days the_those
and_at_time (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_
_iniquity_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_be_sought and_not_
_existing_he and_~~DOM~~ the_sins_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_not
they_will_be_found if/because I_will_forgive (to)_those_whom
I_will_leave_as_a_remnant.

21 On the_earth/land of_Mərātayim go_up on/upon_it(f) and_
_near/to the_inhabitants_of Pəqōd kill and_totally_destroy
after_them the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_do according_to_all
that I_commanded_you(ms). **22** A_sound_of battle on_the_earth
and_destruction great. **23** How it_has_been_cut_off and_it_has_
_been_broken the_hammer_of all_of the_earth/land how it_

292 LV 50:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **ילהצת/ו**: (x-qere) **'וְיָלֶהֲצָת/וְ'**: lemma_c/6670 a n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqi2mp id_24EJj **וְיָלֶהֲצָת/וְ**
293 LV 50:15 · Note OSHB variant note: **ה/יתיושא**: (x-qere) **'ה/יָתוֹשָׁא'**: lemma_803 n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3fs id_24bRx **ה/יָתוֹשָׁא**

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_has_become (into)_a_horror Bāvel among_nations. **24** I_laid_a_
_trap to/for_you(fs) and_also you_were_caught Oh_Bāvel and_
_you not you_knew you_were_found and_also you_were_caught
if/because with_**YHWH** you_engaged_in_strife. **25** **YHWH** he_
_has_opened ᴅᴏᴍ armoury_of_his and_he_has_brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ
the_weapons_of his_indignation_of_his if/because is_a_work it
of_the_of_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_land of_the_
_ones_from_Kasdiy. **26** Come to/for_her/it from_the_
_end/extremity open granaries_of_its pile_it_up like heaps
and_totally_destroy_it not let_it_belong to/for_her/it a_
_remnant. **27** Kill all_of bulls_of_its_young let_them_go_down
to_slaughter woe on_them if/because day_of_their the_time_of
their_punishment_of_their it_has_come. **28** The_sound_of
those_who_flee and_escapees from_the_land_of Bāvel to_
_announce in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) ᴅᴏᴍ the_vengeance_of **YHWH**
god_of_our the_vengeance_of his_temple_of_his. **29** Summon
against Bāvel archers all_of those_who_bend_of (of)_a_bow
encamp on/upon_it(f) all_around not let_it_belong[297][298] escape
repay to/for_her/it according_to_of_its_deed[s] according_to_
_all that it_has_done do to/for_her/it if/because (to) **YHWH** it_
_has_acted_presumptuously against the_holy_one_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **30** For_so/thus/hence men_of_its_young they_
_will_fall in_its_open_of_places and_all the_men_of its_war_of_
_her they_will_perish in_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of
YHWH. **31** Here_I am_against_you Oh_presumption the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers
if/because day_of_your the_time when_I_will_visit_you it_has_
come. **32** And presumption _it_will_stumble and_it_will_fall
and_there_will_not_be to_him/it one_who_raises_up and_I_
_will_kindle fire in_cities_of_its and_it_will_devour all_of
around_of_it. **33** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says the_
_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_sons of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
are_oppressed together and_all captors_of_their they_have_
_kept_hold on_them they_have_refused to_let_them_go.
34 Redeemer_of_their is_strong is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers
his/its_name certainly_(conduct) he_will_conduct ᴅᴏᴍ case_of_
_their so_as to_give_rest_to ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land and_to_cause_
_disquiet to_the_inhabitants_of Bāvel. **35** A_sword on the_ones_
_from_Kasdiy the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_near/to the_
_inhabitants_of Bāvel and_near/to officials_of_its and_near/to
its_wise_of_people. **36** A_sword against the_empty_talkers and_
_they_will_become_fools a_sword against its_of_warriors and_
_they_will_be_shattered. **37** A_sword against horses_of_its and_
_near/to chariotry_of_its and_near/to every_of (the)_foreigner
who is_in_the_midst_of_of_it and_they_will_be (into)_women a_
_sword against treasuries_of_its and_they_will_be_plundered.
38 A_drought against waters_of_its and_they_will_dry_up
if/because is_a_land_of idols it and_in_terrors they_will_act_
_like_mad_people. **39** For_so/thus/hence wilderness-dwellers
they_will_dwell with hyenas and_they_will_dwell in_it
daughters_of an_ostrich and_not it_will_remain again to_
_perpetuity and_not it_will_settle until a_generation and_a_
_generation. **40** Like_the_overthrow_of god ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣədom and_

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I'm commanding you to do.

22 There's a sound of battle and terrible destruction across the land.

23 How the 'hammer' of all the lands has itself been cut apart and destroyed.

How Bavel has become an object of horror among the nations.

24 I set a trap for you and you were caught, Bavel, and you didn't even know it.

You were found and captured, because you went against Yahweh.

25 Yahweh has opened his armoury and is bringing out the weapons for carrying out his anger.

There's work for the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, in Bavel—the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).

26 Come to it from far away.
Open its store-houses full of grain.
Pile everything up in heaps.
Completely destroy everything—don't leave anyone alive.

27 Kill all its young bulls—send them off for slaughter.

They won't end well because their moment has come—the time for their punishment.

28 There's the sound of those fleeing—escaping from Bavel (Babylon)

to announce in Tsiyon (Zion) that our god Yahweh is taking vengeance—

vengeance for what was done to his temple.

29 Summon the archers against Bavel—all those who use bows and arrows.
Surround it completely and don't let anyone escape.
Repay it for what it's done.
Do to it what it did to others[294]
because it had defied Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one,
30 so their young men will fall in the town squares,
and all their fighting men will be killed on that day.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

31 Listen, Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares:
I'm against you, you proud nation
because your time is up, you proud one—
the time has come for me to punish you.
32 So the proud one will stumble and fall,
and no one will be there to help it up.
I'll light a fire in its cities and it will devour everything around it.

33 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
The Yisrael's (Israel's) people are oppressed,
as are the people from Yehudah (Judah).
All those who captured them have kept hold of them—
they've refused to let them go.

294 **RV 50:29 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:6.

297 **LV 50:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: (x-qere) הֶ֫לְכוּ֥: lemma_l n_1.2.0 morph_HR/Sp3fs id_24CRs הָ֫לְכָ֥

298 **LV 50:29 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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34 The one who paid the price to free them is strong.
His name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
He'll successfully plead their case,
in order to bring peace and stability to the land,
and to cause turmoil for Bavel's (Babylon's) inhabitants.
35 Yahweh declares that war is coming to the Kasdim (Chaldeans)
including its inhabitants, leaders, and wise men.
36 War is coming for empty talkers and they'll become fools.
Battles are coming against its warriors, and they'll be terrified.
37 Attacks are coming against their horses,
their chariots and all of Bavel's foreign mercenaries,
so they'll become like women.
Armed raids are coming against its storerooms,
→and they'll all be looted.
38 A drought is coming on its water supplies so they'll dry up,
because it's a land full of idols,
and the people do mad things trying to appease them.
39 So jackals and other desert animals will live there,
along with ostriches that will breed there.[295]
People will never live there again—
future generations won't live there.
40 Just like the overthrow of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah) and its neighbours,[296]
Yahweh declares that no one will live there—no human would want to stay there.
41 Listen, a people group is coming from the north—
a powerful nation and many kings are being stirred up from the farthest parts of the world.
42 They'll be carrying bows and spears.
They're cruel and will show no mercy.
The sound of them coming will be like the roar of the sea
They'll be riding horses in formation,
organised for battle, against you, daughter of Bavel (Babylon).
43 The Babylonian king will hear their report
and his hands will fall limp in distress—
he'll be in anguish like a woman giving birth.
44 Listen, there'll be one who comes like a lion
from the thickets along the Yarden (Jordan), up to the watered pastureland
because I'll act quickly to cause them to run away from there,
and I'll appoint someone specially chosen for it,
because who is like me, and who can summon me to come?
What shepherd is able to resist me?
45 So listen to the plans that Yahweh has decided against Bavel (Babylon)—
the plans that he has planned against the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).
They'll definitely be dragged away—even the smallest flock.

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_ĐØM ʿAmorāh/(Gomorrah) and_ĐØM neighbours_of_its the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** not he_will_dwell there anyone and_not he_will_sojourn in_it a_child_of humankind. **41** THERE a_people is_about_to_come from_the_north and_a_nation great and_
_kings many they_will_be_roused from_the_remotest_parts_of the_earth. **42** Bow and_javelin they_will_take_hold_of will_be_
_cruel they and_not they_will_have_mercy sound_of_their like_
_sea it_roars and_on horses they_will_ride they_were_arranged like_a_man for_battle on_you Oh_daughter_of Bāvel. **43** The_
_king_of Bāvel he_heard ĐØM report_of_their and_ hands_of_his _they_dropped distress it_took_hold_of_him anguish like_(the)_
_who]_gives_birth. **44** THERE like_a_lion which_it_goes_up from_the_thicket[s]_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to pastureland_of an_ever-flowing_stream if/because I_will_act_in_a_moment will_cause_them_to_run[299] from_on_it and_whoever is_chosen to_her/it I_will_appoint if/because who is_like_me and_who will_he_summon_me and_who this is_a_shepherd who he_will_
_stand before_me. **45** For_so/thus/hence hear the_plan_of **YHWH** which he_has_planned against Bāvel and_purposes_of_
_his which he_has_purposed against the_land_of the_ones_
_from_Kasdiy if not people_will_drag_them_away the_young_
_ones_of the_flock if not he_will_make_appalled on_them the_
_pastureland. **46** From_the_sound Bāvel it_has_been_captured the_earth/land it_will_quake and_a_cry_of_distress among_
_nations it_will_be_heard.

295 RV 50:39 · Cross-ref. Rev 18:2.

296 RV 50:40 · Cross-ref. Gen 19:24-25.

299 LV 50:44 · Note OSHB variant note: **צורא/ם**: (x-qere) **צִיֻּרֵ֣א/ם**ׇ: lemma_7323 n_1.1.0 morph_HVhi1cs/Sp3mp id_24eYS **צִיֻּרֵ֣א/ם**ׇ

Literal Version

51:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_rouse on Bāvel and_near/to the_inhabitants_of Leb- qamai a_wind a_destroyer. **2** And_I_will_send to_Bāvel strangers and_they_will_winnow_it and_they_will_lay_waste ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_its if/because they_will_ _be on/upon_it(f) from_round_about in/on_day calamity. **3** To let_him_bend wwww[304] the_one_who_bends bow_of_his and_ _near/to let_him_lift_himself in_armour_of_his and_do_not spare (to) men_of_its_young totally_destroy all_of army_of_its. **4** And_ slain _they_will_fall in_land of_the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_pierced_through in_streets_of_its. **5** If/because not is_ _abandoned Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) from_ _god_of_its from_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers if/because land_ _of_their it_is_full guilt from_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** Flee from_the_midst_of Bāvel and_save everyone life_of_his do_not perish in_iniquity_of_its if/because is_a_time_of vengeance it to/for_**YHWH** recompense he is_about_to_repay to/for_her/it. **7** Was_a_cup_of gold Bāvel in_the_hand_of **YHWH** it_was_making_drunk all_of the_earth/land some_of_ _its_wine nations they_have_drunk therefore yes/correct/thus/so nations they_are_acting_like_mad_people. **8** Suddenly Bāvel it_will_fall and_it_was_broken wail on/upon_ _it(f) get balm for_pain_of_its perhaps it_will_be_healed. **9** We_ _healed[305] ᴅᴏᴍ Bāvel and_not it_was_healed leave_it and_let_ _us_go everyone to_his_own_of_land if/because it_has_reached to the_heavens judgement_of_its and_it_has_been_lifted_up to the_clouds. **10** **YHWH** he_has_brought_forth ᴅᴏᴍ righteousness(es)_of_our come and_let_us_recount in_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) ᴅᴏᴍ the_work_of **YHWH** god_of_our. **11** Polish the_arrows fill the_shields **YHWH** he_has_roused ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _spirit_of the_kings_of Māday if/because on Bāvel purpose_of_ _his is_to_destroy_it if/because is_the_vengeance_of **YHWH** it the_vengeance_of his_temple_of_his. **12** Against the_walls_of Bāvel lift_up a_standard strengthen the_watch station watchmen prepare the_ambushers if/because both **YHWH** he_ _has_planned as_well_as he_will_do ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_spoke concerning the_inhabitants_of Bāvel. **13** Oh_you_who_dwell_ _of[306] at waters many greatness_of treasures end_of_your the_ _cubit_of your_cutting_off_of_your it_has_come. **14** **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_swears by_self_of_his if/because (if) I_ _will_fill_you person[s] like_locust[s] and_they_will_sing to_you shouting.

Readers' Version

Their pasturelands will be ruined.

46 The sound of Bavel being conquered Bavel will make the earth quake,

and their cry of distress will be heard right across the continent.

51:1 Yahweh says this:

Yahweh says more against Bavel

Listen, I'm about to stir up a destructive wind against Bavel (Babylon)

and against the Babylonian people.

2 I'll send foreigners into Bavel, and they'll shake it down and devastate its land,

because they'll come against it from all sides on that disastrous day.

3 Don't let the archers shoot their arrows

Don't let their soldiers put on their armour.

Don't spare their young men—

Destroy their army completely.

4 Their wounded will fall in the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).

Those who're stabbed will fall in its streets,

5 because Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) haven't been abandoned by their god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh,

even though their[300] own land is filled with offenses committed against Yisrael's holy one.

6 Escape quickly from out of Bavel (Babylon)—each person must save themself.

Don't die there because of their wickedness

because now is the time of Yahweh's vengeance.

He'll repay Bavel for everything they've done.

7 Bavel was like a golden cup in Yahweh's hand that made all the world drunk—

nations drank its wine and went mad.[301]

8 Suddenly Bavel will fall and be destroyed.

Wail for it—give it medicine for its pain—perhaps it can be healed?

9 We tried to heal Bavel, but it never recovered,

so leave it and let everyone go back to their own region,

because its guilt has reached up to the heavens—

it's piled up to the clouds.[302]

10 Yahweh has now decided that we've served our time.

Let's go and tell everyone in Tsiyon (Zion) what our god Yahweh has done.

11 Sharpen your arrows and strap on your shields.

Yahweh is stirring up the spirit of the kings of the Madim (Medes) in his plan to destroy Bavel

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300 **RV 51:5 · Note** This pronoun could refer either to Yisrael and Yehudah, or to Bavel, so other translations might take the alternative rendering here.

301 **RV 51:7 · Cross-ref.** Rev 17:2-4; 18:3.

302 **RV 51:9 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:5.

304 **LV 51:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **דרדי**: (x-qere)

305 **LV 51:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונאפר**: (x-qere) **וְנִיפָּר**: lemma_7495 morph_HVpp1cp id_24snx **וְנִיפָּר**

306 **LV 51:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתנכש**: (x-qere) **תְּנֻכֵּשׁ**: lemma_7931 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqrfsc id_24Xh2 **תְּנֻכֵּשׁ**

Readers' Version

because of Yahweh's vengeance—revenge for their destruction of his temple.
12 Lift up your banner over Bavel's walls.
Reinforce the guards. Assign watchmen.
Prepare your ambushes because Yahweh will do what he has said concerning Bavel's inhabitants.
13 You people who live by many water supplies[303] and who are rich with treasures, your end has come.
The thread of your life is now cut short. **14** Commander-in-chief Yahweh has made an oath by his own life:
'I'll fill you with men, like a swarm of locusts,
and they'll shout out against you.'
15 He has made the earth by his power.
He set the world in place by his wisdom.
By his understanding he stretched out the skies.
16 When he makes thunder, there's the roar of waters in the skies,
because he brings the mist up from the ends of the earth.
He makes lightning to go with the rain
and sends out wind from his storehouses.
17 All people have become ignorant—without knowledge.
Every metalworker is put to shame by his idols.
→because his cast images are lifeless frauds.
18 They are the worthless work of mockers
who'll perish at the time of their punishment.
19 Yisrael's (Israel's) god is not like those,
because he's the one who formed everything.
Yisrael is the tribe of his inheritance.
Commander-in-chief Yahweh is his name.
20 You are my sledge-hammer—my weapon for battle—
→With you I'll smash nations and destroy kingdoms.
21 With you I'll smash horses and their riders.
With you I'll smash chariots and their drivers.
22 With you I'll smash men and women.
With you I'll smash the old and the young.
With you I'll smash the young men and young women.
23 With you I'll smash the shepherds and their flocks.
With you I will smash the plowmen and their teams of cattle.
With you I'll smash the governors and officials.
24 I'll repay Bavel (Babylon) and all the Kasdim (Chaldeans)
for all the evil they did in Tsiyon (Zion) as you watched.[307]
That is Yahweh's declaration.
25 Listen, Yahweh declares that I'm against you,
you mountain of destruction that destroys the whole earth.
I'll stretch my hand out against you, and roll you down from the cliffs,
and turn you into a charred mountain

A song praising Yahweh

Yahweh's hammer

Bavel's punishment

Literal Version

15 He_was_making_of (of)_the_earth by_power_of_his he_was_
_establishing_of the_world by_wisdom_of_his and_by_
_understanding_of_his he_stretched_out the_heavens. **16** To_
_sound/voice of_his_giving_forth a_tumult_of waters is_in_
_heavens and_he/it_ascended clouds from_the_end_of the_
_earth lightning_flashes for_rain he_makes and_he_brought_
_out the_wind from_storehouses_of_his. **17** Every_of person he_
_is_stupid from_knowledge every_of metalsmith he_is_put_to_
_shame from_the_idol if/because is_deception image_of_his_
_molten and_not breath is_in_them. **18** Are_futility they a_
_work_of mockeri(es) at_the_time_of their_punishment_of_
_their they_will_perish. **19** Not is_like_these the_portion_of
Ya'$_{a}$qov/(Jacob) if/because is_the_one_who_formed_of (the)_
_everything he and_the_tribe_of his_inheritance_of_his is_
_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name.

20 Are_a_war-club you to_me weapons_of war and_I_smash in_
_you(ms) nations and_I_destroy in_you(ms) kingdoms. **21** And_
_I_smash in_you(ms) horse and_rider_of_its and_I_smash in_
_you(ms) chariotry and_its_of_rider[s]. **22** And_I_smash in_
_you(ms) man and_woman and_I_smash in_you(ms) old_man
and_young_man and_I_smash in_you(ms) young_man and_
_young_woman. **23** And_I_smash in_you(ms) shepherd and_
_flock_of_his and_I_smash in_you(ms) farmer and_pair_of_his
and_I_smash in_you(ms) governors and_officials.

24 And_I_will_repay to_Bāvel and_to/for_all the_inhabitants_of
Chaldea ~~DOM~~ all_of evil_of_their which they_did in_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) to_eyes_of_your(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
25 Here_I am_against_you Oh_mountain_of (the)_destruction
the_utterance_of **YHWH** which_destroys ~~DOM~~ all_of the_
_earth/land and_I_will_stretch_out ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my on_you
and_I_will_roll_you from the_crags and_I_will_make_you into_
_a_mountain_of burning. **26** And_not people_will_take from_
_you stone for_a_corner and_stone_of for_foundations
if/because wastes_of perpetuity you_will_be the_utterance_of

303 RV 51:13 · Cross-ref. Rev 17:1.

307 RV 51:24 · Note The segment 'as you watch(ed)' could also apply to Bavel getting repaid, so other translations might choose differently here.

Literal Version

YHWH. **27** Lift_up a_standard on_the_earth blow a_trumpet among_nations consecrate on/upon_it(f) nations summon on/upon_it(f) the_kingdoms_of ʾArāraṭ Minniy and_ʾAshkənaz appoint on/upon_it(f) an_official bring_up horse[s] like_ _locust[s] bristly. **28** Consecrate on/upon_it(f) nations ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _kings_of Māday ᴅᴏᴍ governors_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of officials_ _of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_land_of his_dominion_of_his. **29** And_ the_earth/land _it_quaked and_it_writhed if/because it_will_ _be_fulfilled on Bāvel the_plans_of **YHWH** to_make ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _land_of Bāvel into_a_waste from_not an_inhabitant. **30** The_ _warriors_of Bāvel they_will_cease to_fight they_will_remain in_strongholds strength_of_their it_will_be_dry they_will_ _become (into)_women they_will_be_set_on_fire dwellings_of_ _its bars_of_its they_will_be_broken. **31** A_runner to_meet a_ _runner he_will_run and_a_messenger to_meet a_messenger to_announce to_the_king_of Bāvel if/because_that city_of_his it_has_been_captured from_the_end. **32** And_the_fords they_ _have_been_seized and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_reed-pools they_have_burnt with_fire and_the_men_of (the)_war they_are_terrified. **33** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says the_daughter_of Bāvel will_be_like_a_ _threshing_floor a_time when_someone_treads_it_down yet a_ _little and_ the_time_of the_harvest _it_will_come to/for_ _her/it. **34** Mmm[308] mmm[309] Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel mmm[310] a_vessel_of emptiness mmm[311] like_(the)_ _monster he_filled belly_of_his from_delicacies_of_my mmm[312]. **35** Violence_of_my and_flesh_of_my be_on Bāvel the_ _inhabitant[s]_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) she_will_say and_blood_of_my be_to the_inhabitants_of Chaldea Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_ _will_say.

36 For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_ _to_conduct ᴅᴏᴍ case_of_your and_I_will_avenge ᴅᴏᴍ vengeance_of_your and_I_will_dry_up ᴅᴏᴍ sea_of_its and_I_ _will_make_dry ᴅᴏᴍ spring_of_its. **37** And_ Bāvel _it_will_

Readers' Version

26 so they won't quarry any stone from you to construct a building's corner or foundation.
because you'll become a permanent wasteland.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
27 Lift up a banner over the earth.
Blow the trumpet across the nations.
Call the nations to attack it: Ararat, Mini, and Ashkenaz.
Appoint a commander to attack it.
Bring in horses like swarming locusts.
28 Prepare the nations to attack it:
The kings of the Madim (Medes) and their governors,
all of their officials and all the land under their control.
29 The land will shake and writhe in agony,
since Yahweh's plans against Bavel (Babylon) will be fulfilled:
→to make Bavel into a deserted wasteland.
30 The Babylonian soldiers have given up the fight—they stay in their fortresses.
Their strength has run out—they've become like women.
The locking bars across its gates are broken and its homes are on fire.
31 A messenger runs across to pass the news onto another messenger,
and a runner tells another runner to report to the Babylonian king
that his city has been taken over from one end to the other.
32 The fords over the river have been seized
the reed marshes have been burnt off,
and Bavel's (Babylon's) soldiers are terrified
33 Yes, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says this:
The daughter of Bavel is like a threshing floor—it's time to trample it down.
In a little while, the time will come for it to be harvested.
34 The Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) has devoured me.
He's driven me into confusion and made me into an empty pot.
Like a monster, he's swallowed me—filled his stomach with my delicacies,
→and then he spat me out.
35 The one who lives in Tsiyon (Zion) will say,
'May the violence done to me and to my flesh be on Bavel.'
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will say,
'May my blood be on Kasdim's inhabitants.'
36 Therefore Yahweh says this:

Yahweh's assistance to Yisrael

Listen, I'm about to plead your case and bring about vengeance for you

308 **LV 51:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונ/לכא**: (x-qere) ʾיִנְלָכֶא: lemma_398 morph_HVqp3ms/Sp1cs id_24fqc יִנְלָכֶא
309 **LV 51:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונ/ממה**: (x-qere) ʾיִנְמָמֵה: lemma_2000 n_1.3.1 morph_HVqp3ms/Sp1cs id_24QAy יִנְמָמֵה
310 **LV 51:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונ/גיצה**: (x-qere) ʾיִנְגִיצֵה: lemma_3322 n_1.2.0 morph_HVhp3ms/Sp1cs id_24BMJ יִנְגִיצֵה
311 **LV 51:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונ/עלב**: (x-qere) ʾיִנְעָלְבּ: lemma_1104 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqp3ms/Sp1cs id_24GLM יִנְעָלְבּ
312 **LV 51:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונ/חירה**: (x-qere) ʾיִנָּחִירֵה: lemma_1740 n_0 morph_HVhp3ms/Sp1cs id_2464g יִנָּחִירֵה

Readers' Version

because I'll dry up Bavel's (Babylon's) river and make its springs run dry.
37 Bavel will become heaps of rubble without any inhabitants—
a den of jackals, a horror, and something to whistle at.
38 The Babylonians will roar together like young lions.
They will growl like lion cubs.
39 When they become hot with greed, I'll make a feast for them
and I'll get them drunk so they can celebrate.
→Then they'll enter into permanent sleep and not wake up.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
40 I'll send them down to the slaughter,
like lambs, rams, and male goats.

Punishing Bavel and its god

41 Wow, Bavel (Babylon) (Heb. Sheshak) has been captured.
The city praised by the whole world has been seized.
Wow, Bavel has become a horror among the nations.
42 The sea has come up over Bavel.
It's been covered by its violent waves.
43 Its cities have become a wasteland, a dry, wilderness region—
an area that no one lives in, and no human being even passes through.
44 I'll punish Bavel's god Bel
and I'll pull what he swallowed back out of his mouth,
Then the nations will no longer go streaming to him to placate him.
What's more, Bavel's walls will fall.
45 Come out from Bavel, my people.
Each of you should save their own life from Yahweh's furious anger.
46 Don't be discouraged or afraid due to the report that's heard in the land,
as there'll be a report one year and the again the year after.
There'll be violence will in the world—ruler will be against ruler.
47 Therefore, listen, the time is coming when I'll punish the Bavel's carved idols.
People across their country will be ashamed,
and their slaughtered soldiers will all fall right there in their country.
48 Then the heavens and the earth, and everyone in them will celebrate over Bavel's fall[313]
because destroyers from the north will come for it
That is Yahweh's declaration. **49** As Bavel has made Yisrael's (Israel's) slain warriors fall,
so too their slain will fall in Bavel.[314]

Yahweh's message to Israelis in Bavel

50 You all who escaped from being killed in war, go away—don't stay still.
Remember Yahweh even though you're all far away.

Literal Version

_become (into)_heaps_stones a_habitation_of jackals a_horror and_a_hissing from_not an_inhabitant. **38** Together like_(the)_ _lions they_roar they_growl like_cubs_of lions. **39** When_they_ _get_heated I_will_make ĐOM their_drinking/feast and_I_will_ _make_them_drunk so_that they_may_celebrate and_they_will_ _sleep a_sleep_of perpetuity and_not they_will_awake the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **40** I_will_bring_them_down like_lambs for_slaughtering like_rams with goats.

41 How Shēshak it_will_be_captured and_ the_praise_of all_of the_earth/land _it_has_been_seized how it_will_become (into)_ _a_horror Bāvel among_nations. **42** It_will_go_up over Bāvel the_sea with_the_tumult_of its_waves_of_his it_will_be_ _covered. **43** Cities_of_its they_will_become (into)_a_waste a_ _land_of dryness and_a_wilderness_plain a_land where_not he_ _will_dwell in_them any_of person and_not he_will_pass in_ _them a_child_of humankind. **44** And_I_will_visit_judgement on Bel in_Bāvel and_I_will_bring_out ĐOM thing_of_his_swallowed from_mouth_of_his and_not they_will_stream to_him/it again nations also the_wall_of Bāvel it_will_fall. **45** Come_out from_ _the_midst_of_of_it my_people_of_my and_save everyone ĐOM life_of_his from_the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH**. **46** And_ _lest heart_of_your(pl) it_should_be_timid and_you(pl)_should_ _fear at_report which_is_heard on_the_earth and_it_will_come in_year the_report and_after_it in_year the_report and_ _violence on_the_earth and_ruler will_be_on ruler. **47** For_ _so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming and_I_will_visit_ _judgement on the_images_of Bāvel and_all land_of_its it_will_ _be_ashamed and_all its_slain_of_ones they_will_fall in_the_ _midst_of_of_it. **48** And_they_will_cry_out_for_joy on Bāvel heaven and_earth and_all/each/any/every that (is)_in_them if/because from_the_north he_will_come to/for_her/it the_ _destroyers the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **49** Both Bāvel is_to_fall those_slain_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) as_well_as for_Bāvel those_slain_ _of all_of the_earth/land they_have_fallen.

50 Oh_escapees from_the_sword go do_not stand_still remember from_a_distance ĐOM **YHWH** and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) let_it_come_up on heart_of_your(pl). **51** We_are_ashamed if/because we_have_heard scorn ignominy

313 **RV 51:48 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:20.

314 **RV 51:49 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:24.

Literal Version

it_has_covered faces_of_our if/because strangers they_have_ _gone to the_holy_places_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **52** For_ _so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_visit_judgement on images_of_its and_ _on/over_all land_of_its the_fatally_wounded he_will_groan. **53** If/because Bāvel it_will_go_up the_heavens and_ _because/when it_will_fortify the_height_of its_strength_of_ _her from_with_me destroyers they_will_come to/for_her/it the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

54 The_sound_of a_cry_of_distress is_from_Bāvel and_ _destruction great is_from_the_land_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy. **55** If/because **YHWH** is_about_to_destroy ĐOM Bāvel and_he_ _will_destroy from_her/it a_sound great and_ waves_of_their _ _they_will_roar like_waters many the_uproar_of their_voice_of_ _their it_will_be_given_forth. **56** If/because is_about_to_come on/upon_it(f) on Bāvel a_destroyer and_ its_of_warriors _they_ _will_be_captured bows_of_their it_will_be_shattered if/because is_a_god_of recompense(s) **YHWH** fully_(repay) he_ _will_repay. **57** And_I_will_make_drunk officials_of_its and_its_ _wise_of_people governors_of_its and_officials_of_its and_its_ _of_warriors and_they_will_sleep a_sleep_of perpetuity and_ _not they_will_awake the_utterance_of the_king is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name. **58** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says the_walls_of Bāvel (the)_broad utterly_(laid_bare) it_will_be_laid_bare and_gates_of_its (the)_ _high with_fire they_will_be_kindled and_ peoples _they_ _labour for_the_sufficiency_of emptiness and_peoples for_the_ _sufficiency_of fire and_they_grow_weary.

59 The_message which he_commanded Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet ĐOM Sərā^{yāh} the_son_of Nēriy^{yāh} the_son_of Maḥsē^{yāh} when_went_he with Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Bāvel in_year (the)_fourth of_reigning_ _his and_Sərā^{yāh} was_an_official_of a_resting_place. **60** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he_wrote ĐOM all_of the_calamity which it_will_come to Bāvel to a_scroll one ĐOM all_of the_words/messages the_ _these which_were_written concerning Bāvel. **61** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_said to Sərā^{yāh} just_as_you_come Bāvel and_ _you_will_see and_you_will_read_aloud ĐOM all_of the_ _words/messages the_these. **62** And_you_will_say Oh_**YHWH** you you_have_spoken concerning the_place the_this to_cut_it_ _off to_not to_be in/on/over_him/it an_inhabitant (to)_from_ _humankind and_unto animal if/because desolations_of perpetuity it_will_be. **63** And_it_was just_as_you_have_finished to_call ĐOM the_scroll the_this you_will_tie on/upon/above_ _him/it a_stone and_you_will_throw_it into the_middle_of the_

Readers' Version

Start bringing Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to mind.
51 We're ashamed because we've heard insults—
our feeling of being disgraced can be seen on our faces,
because foreigners have entered the sacred places in Yahweh's house.
52 So Yahweh declares:
Listen, the time is coming when I'll punish Bavel's (Babylon's) carved idols,
and their wounded people will groan across that entire region.
53 Yes, even if Bavel built tall towers or fortified their highest fortresses,
destroyers that I've sent would still go there.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

More on Bavel's destruction

54 A cry of distress came from Bavel (Babylon)—
terrible destruction from the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans)
55 because Yahweh is about to destroy Bavel.
He's causing its loud voice to die away.
Their enemies roar like violent ocean waves—
their noise becomes very prominent
56 because a destroyer has come against it, against Bavel,
and their soldiers have been captured.
Their weapons are shattered because Yahweh is a god of vengeance—
he'll definitely repay them fully.
57 I'll make its princes, advisors, officials, and its soldiers drunk,
and they will sleep in a permanent stupor and never wake up.
That is the king's declaration—Commander-in-chief Yahweh is his name.
58 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Bavel's (Babylon's) thick walls will be completely demolished,
and its tall gates will be set on fire.
The peoples coming to their aid will waste their time trying—
everything that the nations try to do for it will be burnt up.

Yirmiyah's message to be read out in Bavel

59 This is the message that the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) commanded Serayah (son of Neriyah, son of Mahseyah)
when he went with Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) to Bavel (Babylon) in the fourth year of his reign.
Now Serayah was a chief officer,
60 and Yirmiyah had written on a scroll about all the disaster that was going to come to Bavel—
all these messages that were written about Bavel.
61 Then Yirmiyah told Serayah, "When you go to Bavel, ensure that you read these messages aloud **62** and then pray, 'Yahweh, you yourself have declared that you would destroy this place, and then that no man or animal will live in it and it'll be desolate forever.' **63** Then when you've finished reading out this scroll, tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Perat

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(Euphrates) River.[315] **64** Say, 'Bavel will sink like that. It won't ever recover from the disaster that I'm sending against it, and they'll become irrelevant'
Yirmiyah's messages end here.

Yerushalem's fall and Tsidkiyah's end · Southern kingdom[316]

52:1 Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) was twenty-one when he began to reign and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eleven years. His mother's name was Hamutal. (She was the daughter of Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) from Livnah.) **2** He did what was evil in Yahweh's sight just as his father Yehoyakim had done. **3** All these events happened in Yerushalem and across the rest of Yehudah (Judah) because of Yahweh's anger, until he drove them out of his sight.

Then Tsidkiyah rebelled against the Babylonian king, **4** so on the 10th of the tenth month of the ninth year of King Tsidkiyah's reign, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) came and surrounded Yerushalem with all his army. They took action to put the city under siege[317] **5** and the it remained under siege until the eleventh year of King Tsidkiyah's reign. **6** By the 9th of the fourth month, the famine was so severe in the city that there was no more food for the residents. **7** Then the city was broken into,[318] and all the fighting men fled out of the city at night by the way of the gate that was between the two walls near the king's garden, even though the Kasdim (Chaldeans) were all around the city. So they went in the direction of the Aravah plain along the Yarden (Jordan) river. **8** But the Chaldean army chased after the king, and overtook Tsidkiyah in the Yarden river plains near Yeriho (Jericho). All his army was then scattered away from him. **9** They captured the king and brought him up to the Babylonian king at Rivlah in Hamat region, where he passed sentence on him. **10** Then the Babylonian king slaughtered Tsidkiyah's sons right there in front of his eyes, and he also slaughtered all of Yehudah's leaders there at Rivlah. **11** Then he had Tsidkiyah's eyes gouged out, shackled him with bronze chains, and took him to Bavel (Babylon) where the Babylonian king put him in prison until he died there.[319]

The Babylonians destroy the temple · Southern kingdom[322]

12 Then on the 10th of the fifth month in the nineteenth year of the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) reign, Nevuzar-Adan came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). He was the commander of the king's bodyguards

Literal Version

_Pərāt. **64** And_you_will_say thus Bāvel it_will_sink and_not it_ _will_rise from_face/in_front_of the_calamity which I am_ _about_to_bring on/upon_it(f) and_they_will_grow_weary are_ _to here the_words/messages_of Yirmᵊyāh/(Jeremiah).
52:1 Was_a_son_of twenty and_one year[s] Tsidqiyʸāh/(Zedekiah) when_he_became_king and_one_plus ten year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_Ḥₐmūṭal[320] the_daughter_of Yirmᵊyāh from_Livnāh. **2** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) he_had_ _done. **3** If/because on the_anger of_**YHWH** it_happened in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) until he_ _threw_out them from_under his/its_faces/face and_ Tsidqiyʸāh _he_rebelled against_the_king_of Bāvel. **4** And_he/it_was in_ _year (the)_ninth of_reigning_his in_month (the)_tenth on_ten of_month Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel he and_all army_ _of_his he_came on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_ _encamped on/upon_it(f) and_they_built on/upon_it(f) a_ _siege-work all_around. **5** And_ the_city _it_came in_(the)_siege until one_plus_of ten year to/for_the_king Tsidqiyʸāh. **6** In_ _month the_fourth on_day_nine of_month and_ the_famine _it_ _was_severe in_city and_not it_belonged food to_the_people_of the_earth/land. **7** And_ the_city _it_was_broken_into and_all the_men_of (the)_war they_fled and_they_went_out from_the_ _city night the_way_of the_gate between the_two_walls which was_at the_garden_of the_king and_the_ones_from_Kasdiy were_on the_city all_around and_they_went the_way_of the_ _ʿArāvāh. **8** And_ the_army_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy _they_ _pursued after the_king and_they_overtook ᴅᴏᴍ Tsidqiyʸāh/(Zedekiah) in_the_plains_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_all army_of_his they_were_scattered from_with_him. **9** And_they_ _seized ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_they_brought_up ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to the_ _king_of Bāvel to_Rivlāh in_land of_Ḥₐmāt and_he/it_spoke with_him/it judgements. **10** And_ the_king_of Bāvel _he_ _slaughtered ᴅᴏᴍ the_sons_of Tsidqiyʸāh to_eyes_of_his and_ _also ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_officials_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_ _slaughtered at_Rivlāh_at. **11** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_eyes_of Tsidqiyʸāh he_made_blind and_he_bound_him with_(the)_fetters and_he_ _brought_him the_king_of Bāvel to_Bāvel and_he_put_him in/on/at/with[321] of_(the)_punishment(s) until the_day_of his_ _death_of_his.

12 And_in_month (the)_fifth on_ten of_month it was_year_of nine- teen year to/for_the_king Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel Nəvūzarₐdān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_stood to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king_of Bāvel he_came in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **13** And_he_burnt ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_ _of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of the_king and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_

315 RV 51:63-64 · Cross-ref. Rev 18:21.
316 RV 52:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 24:18–25:7
317 RV 52:4 · Cross-ref. Eze 24:2.
318 RV 52:7 · Cross-ref. Eze 33:21.
319 RV 52:11 · Cross-ref. Eze 12:13.
320 LV 52:1 · Note OSHB variant note: לטימח: (x-qere) 'לָטוּמָֽח': lemma_2537 morph_HNp id_24v3H לָטוּמָֽח
321 LV 52:11 · Note OSHB variant note: תיב/ב: (x-qere) 'תֵּיבָ': lemma_1004 b morph_HNcmsc id_24JoE תֵּיבָ
322 RV 52:12 · Parallel 2 Kgs 25:8-17

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_houses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ĐƟM every_of (the)_ _house_of (the)_great_person he_burnt with_fire. **14** And_ĐƟM all_of the_walls_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) all_around all_of the_army_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy which was_with the_chief_ _of the_bodyguards they_pulled_down. **15** And_some_of_the_ _poor_people_of the_people and_ĐƟM the_rest_of the_people which_remained in_city and_ĐƟM those_who_had_fallen who they_had_fallen to the_king_of Bāvel and_ĐƟM the_rest_of the_ _craftsman Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_ _took_into_exile. **16** And_some_of_the_poor_people_of the_ _earth/land Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_ _left_behind to_vinedressers and_to_husbandmen. **17** And_ĐƟM the_pillars_of (the)_bronze which belonged_to_the_house_of **YHWH** and_ĐƟM the_stands and_ĐƟM the_sea_of (the)_bronze which in_house_of **YHWH** the_ones_from_Kasdiy they_broke and_they_carried_off ĐƟM all_of bronze_of_their to_Bāvel. **18** And_ĐƟM the_pots and_ĐƟM the_shovels and_ĐƟM the_ _snuffers and_ĐƟM the_bowls and_ĐƟM the_pans and_ĐƟM all_of the_articles_of (the)_bronze which people_served in/among_ _them they_took_away. **19** And_ĐƟM the_basins and_ĐƟM the_ _fire-pans and_ĐƟM the_bowls and_ĐƟM the_pots and_ĐƟM the_ _lampstands and_ĐƟM the_pans and_ĐƟM the_bowls which were_gold gold and_which were_silver silver the_chief_of the_ _bodyguards he_took_away. **20** The_pillars two the_sea one and_the_bull[s] two_plus ten bronze which were_under the_ _stands which the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_made for_the_house_of **YHWH** not it_belonged weight to_bronze_of_ _their all_of the_vessels the_these. **21** And_the_pillars was_ _eight- teen cubit[s] the_height_of[325] of_the_pillar the_one and_a_line_of two_plus ten cubit[s] it_goes_round_it and_ _thickness_of_its was_four fingers hollow. **22** And_a_capital on/upon/above_him/it bronze and_the_height_of the_capital the_one(f) was_five cubits and_a_network and_pomegranates were_on the_capital all_around (the)_everything was_bronze and_like_these belonged_to_pillar the_second and_ _pomegranates. **23** And_ the_pomegranates _they_were ninety and_six side_to_the all_of the_pomegranates were_one_ _hundred on the_network all_around.

24 And_ the_chief_of the_bodyguards _he/it_took ĐƟM Sərāʸᵃʰ the_priest_of the_head and_ĐƟM Tsəfanʸᵃʰ/(Zephaniah) the_ _priest_of the_second_rank and_ĐƟM the_three_of the_keepers_ _of the_threshold. **25** And_from the_city he_took a_ _court-official one who he_was an_officer over the_men_of (the)_war and_seven men from_those_who_saw_of (of)_the_ _face_of the_king who they_were_found in_city and_ĐƟM the_ _scribe_of the_commander_of the_army who_mustered ĐƟM the_people_of the_earth/land and_sixty man from_the_people_ _of the_earth/land who_were_found in_the_middle the_city. **26** And_ Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_chief_of the_bodyguards _he/it_took them and_he_brought them to the_king_of Bāvel to_Rivlāh. **27** And_ the_king_of Bāvel _he_struck_down them and_he_put_ _them_to_death at_Rivlāh in_land of_Ḥₐmāt and_

Readers' Version

and a servant of the Babylonian king. **13** He burnt down Yahweh's house,[323] the king's palace, and all the homes in Yerushalem, as well as every important building in the city. **14** As for the walls all around Yerushalem, they were pulled down by the Babylonian army who were with the commander of the bodyguards. **15** Some of the poorer people and the rest of the people who remained in the city, as well as those who'd defected to the Babylonian king, and the rest of the craftsmen were taken into exile by Nevuzar-Adan, **16** However, Nevuzar-Adan, the commander of the bodyguards, left some of the poorest people to work the vineyards and the fields.

17 As for the bronze pillars that were part of Yahweh's temple, and the large bronze basin called 'The Sea', and the stands that were in it, the Kasdim (Chaldeans) broke them into pieces and carried all the bronze back to Bavel (Babylon).[324] **18** The pots, shovels, lamp trimmers, bowls, and all the bronze utensils that the priests had used when serving in the temple, were all taken away by the Kasdim. **19** Also, the basins and incense burners, the bowls, pots, lampstands, pans, and basins that were made of gold or silver, were taken away by the commander of the king's bodyguards. **20** The two pillars, the large bronze basin known as 'The Sea', and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the stands, things that Shelomoh (Solomon) had made for Yahweh's temple, contained too much bronze to weigh. **21** (Each pillar was eight metres high with a circumference of nearly six metres. Each pillar was hollow with a 8cm thick wall **22** with a bronze capital on the top. Each capital was over two metres high, with bronze latticework and bronze pomegranates all around. **23** There were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides of each capital, and another hundred pomegranates above the surrounding latticework.)

The people of Yehudah are exiled to Bavel · Southern kingdom[326]

24 The commander of the bodyguards took the high priest Serayah prisoner, along with the second-level priest Tsefanyah (Zephaniah), and the three gatekeepers. **25** From the city, he took an army commander prisoner, as well as seven of the king's advisers who were still in the city. He also took prisoner the king's army recruitment officer, along with sixty important men from the country who were in the city. **26** Then Nevuzar-Adan, the commander of the bodyguards, took them to the Babylonian king at Rivlah, **27** and the king put them to death there at Rivlah in the Hamat region.

So Yehudah's (Judah's) people were taken out of their country

323 **RV 52:13 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 9:8.

324 **RV 52:17-23 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 7:15-47.

325 **LV 52:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: הַמָּזֹךְ: (x-qere) 'תַּמָּזֹךְ': lemma_6967 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfsc id_24GkJ תַּמָּזֹךְ

326 **RV 52:24 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 25:18-21, 27-30

Readers' Version

and into exile. **28** These were the people who Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) exiled:

In Nevukadnetsar's seventh year, 3,023 Yehudim (Jews).

29 In his eighteenth year, he took 832 people from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

30 In his twenty-third year, Nevuzar-Adan, the commander of the king's bodyguards, exiled 745 Yehudi (Jew) people.
All those exiles totalled 4,600 people.

31 Some time later on the 25th of the twelfth month of the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakin, Bavel's (Babylon's) King Evil-Merodak (in the first year of his reign) released King Yehoyakin from prison. **32** He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat more honourable than that of the other exiled kings who were with him in Bavel. **33** Evil-Merodak supplied new clothes for Yehoyakin to wear, and he ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life. **34** He was also given a daily allowance by the king for the rest of his life.

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Literal Version

Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_went_into_exile from_under land_of_its. **28** This is_the_people which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_took_into_ _exile in_year seven Yəhūdī/(Judeans) three_of thousand(s) and_twenty and_three. **29** In_year eight- teen of_ _Nəvūkadnetstsar from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) person[s] eight hundred(s) thirty and_two. **30** In_year three and_twenty of_Nəvūkadnetstsar Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_took_into_exile Yəhūdī person[s] seven hundred(s) forty and_five every_of person was_four_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s). **31** And_he/it_was in_thirty and_seven year of_the_ _exile_of of_Yəhōyākīn/(Jehoiachin) the_king_of Yəhūdāh in_ _two_plus ten month on_day_twenty and_five of_month 'Evīl-Mərodak the_king_of Bāvel he_lifted_up in_year his_kingdom_ _of_his ᴅᴏᴍ the_head_of Yəhōyākīn the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_ _he_brought_out him from_the_house_of the[327]. **32** And_he/it_ _spoke with_him/it good_things and_he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ seat_of_ _his from_above (to)_the_seat_of the_kings[328] who with_him/it in_Bāvel. **33** And_he_changed ᴅᴏᴍ the_clothes_of his_ _imprisonment_of_his and_he/it_will_eat bread before_him continually all_of the_days_of his_life_of_his. **34** And_his_food_ _of_allowance a_food_allowance_of continuity it_was_given for_him/it from_with the_king_of Bāvel a_matter_of a_day in_ _its_day until the_day_of his_death_of_his all_of the_days_of his/its_life.

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327 **LV 52:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: אילכ/ה: (x-qere) 'אוּלְכ/ה': lemma_d/3628 n_0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_24Bxf אוּלְכ/ה

328 **LV 52:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: סיכלמ: (x-qere) 'סֵיכָלְמ/ה': lemma_d/4428 n_0.0.0 morph_HTd/Ncmpa id_24chJ סֵיכָלְמ/ה

Sorrows

commonly called
Lamentations

Introduction

The document named *Sorrows* (or in older English *Lamentations*) is this collection of poems or sad songs describing the people's sorrow at the terrible destruction that had happened to Yerushalem, and the capture of its inhabitants 586 years before Yeshua (B.C.). However, despite the sadness displayed by these compositions, it's also possible to see hope shown through trusting Yahweh God and the hope of a better future. These poems were used by Yehudim[1] there in worship at time of fasting and sorrow each year, until today, in order to mourn Yerushalem's destruction. Several of these sorrowful chapters are acrostic poems, i.e., the first verse starts with the first Hebrew letter (alef) and the second with the second Hebrew letter (beyt), etc. We have chosen to display those Hebrew letters to help the English reader understand that there is that acrostic background to the poem.

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1 RV 1:0 · Note The Yehudim were the descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob) who was later named 'Israel'. They were named Yehudim because they had lived in Yehudah (Judea) long ago.

Readers' Version

Yerushalem's sorrows

א (Alef)

1:1 Oh dear, how she sits alone, that city, a mighty people.

Once powerful among the nations, she's become like a widow.

From being a princess among the provinces, she became a slave.

ב (Beyt)

2 She weeps excessively in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks.

Despite having many lovers, no one brings her comfort.

All her friends betrayed her—they've become her enemies instead.

ג (Gimel)

3 Yehudah (Judah) is exiled and made to experience suffering and harsh slavery.

She sits among the nations but finds no rest.

All who pursue her, overtake her in the midst of distress.

ד (Dalet)

4 The roads of Tsiyon (Zion) mourn—no one's coming to the scheduled festivals.

All her gates are desolate. Her priests are groaning.

Her young women are grieving and she makes herself bitter.

ה (He)

5 Her enemies have become her masters—her enemies prosper because Yahweh has made her suffer due to her frequent disobedience.

Her children get taken away as captives by the enemy.

ו (Vav)

6 All her splendour was sent out from the daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion).

Her leaders have become like deer—they can't find a pasture so they have very little strength as they flee from the pursuer.

ז (Zayin)

7 Yerushalem (Jerusalem) remembers the days of her suffering and her homelessness,

all her treasures which were from former days.

When her people fell into the hand of the enemy and there was no one to help her,

her enemies saw her—they laughed over her destruction.

ח (Het)

8 Yerushalem disobeyed terribly, therefore, she became filth.

All her glory is scorned, because they've seen her nakedness.

Again, she groans and turns away.

Literal Version

1:1 How it_sits alone the_city great_of people it_has_become like_a_widow one_great_of[234] among_nations a_princess_of among_provinces it_has_become (into)_forced_labour. **2** Bitterly_(weep) it_weeps in_night and_tear[s]_of_its are_on cheek_of_its there_is_not to/for_her/it a_comforter from_all lovers_of_its all_of friends_of_its they_have_dealt_ _treacherously with_it they_have_become to/for_her/it (into)_ _enemies. **3** Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_has_gone_into_exile from_ _affliction and_from_an_abundance_of servitude it it_dwells among_nations not it_has_found a_resting_place all_of those_ _of_who_pursue_it they_have_overtaken_it between the_ _narrow_places. **4** The_roads_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) are_mourning from_not_of those_who_come_of (of)_an_appointed_feast all_of gates_of_its are_desolate priests_of_its are_groaning virgins_of_ _its are_grieved[56] and_she it_is_bitter to/for_her/it. **5** Foes_of_ _its they_have_become (into)_a_head enemies_of_its they_are_ _at_ease if/because **YHWH** he_has_grieved_it on the_ _multitude_of its_transgressions_of_her children_of_its they_ _have_gone captivity to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_foe. **6** And_he/it_went_out wwww wwww[7] of_Tsiyyōn all_of splendour_of_its princes_of_its they_have_become like_deer which_not they_have_found pasture and_they_have_gone with_ _not strength to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before one_who_ _pursued. **7** Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_has_remembered the_ _days_of its_affliction_of_her and_homelessness(es)_of_its all_ _of things_of_its_precious which they_were from_days_of antiquity when_ people_of_its _fell in_the_hand_of a_foe and_ _there_was_not a_helper to/for_her/it they_saw_it foes they_ _laughed on cessation(s)_of_its. **8** Sin Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_has_sinned therefore yes/correct/thus/so (into)_impurity it_has_become all_of those_of_who_honoured_it they_despise_ _it if/because they_have_seen nakedness_of_its also it it_has_ _groaned and_it_has_turned_away backward. **9** Uncleanness_ _of_its was_the_skirts_of_of_its_robe not it_remembered outcome_of_its and_it_has_come_down wonders there_is_not a_comforter to/for_her/it see Oh_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ affliction_of_my if/because the_enemy it_has_magnified_itself. **10** His/its_hand the_foe he_has_spread_out over all_of things_of_its_desirable if/because it_saw nations which_they_went sanctuary_of_its which you_had_commanded not they_will_come in_assembly to/for_you(fs). **11** All_of people_of_its are_groaning they_are_ _seeking bread they_have_given mmm[89] for_food to_restore life see Oh_**YHWH** and_look if/because I_am worthless. **12** Not to_you(pl) Oh_all_of you(pl)_who_pass_by_of the_road look and_see if there_is pain like_pain_of_my which it_has_been_ _done to_me which **YHWH** he_has_caused_grief in/on_day of_ _the_burning_of his_anger_of_his. **13** From_a_high_place he_ _sent fire in_bones_of_my and_he_mastered_it he_spread_out

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3 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

4 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

5 **LV 1:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

6 **LV 1:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

7 **LV 1:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: תִּבְ֣מ: (x-qere) 'תַּבְ/מ': lemma_m/1323 morph_HR/Ncfsc id_25A74 תַּבְ/מ

8 **LV 1:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: סֶהְ/ידַמְחַמ: (x-qere) 'סֶהְ/ידַמְחַמ': lemma_4261 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3mp id_25SaV סֶהְ/ידַמְחַמ

9 **LV 1:11 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

Literal Version

a_net for_feet_of_my bring_back_made_me_turn_back backward he_made_me desolate all_of the_day faint. **14** The_ _yoke_of my_transgressions_of_my it_has_been_bound_on in_ _his/its_hand they_are_woven_together they_have_come_up on neck_of_my he_has_made_feeble strength_of_my he_has_ _given_me my_master in_the_hands_of those_whom_not I_am_ _able to_stand. **15** He_has_thrown_away all_of my_mighty_of_ _ones my_master in_midst_of_my he_has_proclaimed on_me an_appointed_meeting to_break men_of_my_young a_ _winepress my_master he_has_trodden for_the_virgin_of the_ _daughter_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **16** On these_things I am_ _weeping eye_of_my eye_of_my is_going_down water if/because he_is_far from_me a_comforter who_restores life_ _of_my children_of_my they_are desolate if/because an_enemy he_has_prevailed. **17** Tsiyyōn/(Zion) it_has_spread_out (in)_ _hands_of_its there_is_not a_comforter to/for_her/it **YHWH** he_has_commanded of_Ya′$_a$qov/(Jacob) those_around_of_him be_his_foes_of_will Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_has_become (into)_an_impure_thing between_them. **18** Is_righteous he **YHWH** if/because mouth_of_his I_have_been_rebellious listen please Oh_all_of the_peoples[10] and_see pain_of_my women_of_ _my_young and_my_young_of_men they_have_gone in_ _captivity. **19** I_called to_lovers_of_my they they_betrayed_me priests_of_my and_my_of_elders in_city they_perished if/because they_sought food for_themselves and_they_restored ~~DOM~~ life_of_their. **20** See Oh_**YHWH** if/because distress to_me parts_of_my_inward they_are_in_turmoil heart_of_my it_has_ _been_overturned in_my_inner_of_being if/because extremely_ _(be_rebellious) I_have_been_rebellious from_outside a_sword it_has_bereaved is_in_house like_death. **21** They_heard if/because_that I was_groaning there_is_not a_comforter to_me all_of enemies_of_my they_heard distress_of_my they_rejoiced that/for/because/then/when you you_have_acted you_have_ _brought the_day which_you_proclaimed and_let_them_be like_ _me. **22** All_of wickedness_of_their may_it_come to_your_face and_deal_severely to_them just_as you_have_dealt_severely to_ _me on all_of transgressions_of_my if/because are_many groaning(s)_of_my and_heart_of_my is_faint.

Readers' Version

ט (Tet)

9 Her uncleanness is in her skirt.

She didn't remember her end and her descent was marvellous.

There wasn't any comforter for her.

"Oh, Yahweh, see my suffering, because the enemy is powerful."

י (Yod)

10 The enemy spread his hand over all her treasures.

So, she saw the nations; they entered her sanctuary—

those who you had forbidden to enter into your gathering place.

כ (Kaf)

11 All her people are groaning, searching for bread.

They give their treasures to restore life with food.

"Look and see, Yahweh, because I've become worthless.

ל (Lamed)

12 Is it nothing to you, all those going past on the road?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which has been forced on me,

which Yahweh inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

מ (Mem)

13 He sent fire down from on high into my bones.

He spread a net for my feet and turned me away.

He made me desolate—feeling faint every day.

נ (Nun)

14 The yoke of my disobedience is bound.

With his hand it's assembled together and placed on my neck.

My strength is gone so now I stumble.

My master arranged for me to be captured and I couldn't defend myself.

ס (Samek)

15 My master has rejected all my mighty warriors protecting me.

He has told us exactly when he plans to destroy my young men.

My master has stomped on the grapes for Yehudah's (Judah's) virgin daughter.

ע (Ayin)

16 As a result of those things, I weep.

My eyes, oh dear, my eyes overflow with water

because the comforter is far from me—one who restores my life.

My sons have become desolate, because the enemy is made mighty."

פ (Pe)

17 Tsiyon (Zion) has spread her hands wide—there is no comforter for her.

Yahweh commanded that those surrounding Ya'akov (Jacob) become his enemies.

Yerushalem (Jerusalem) has become filth in the middle of them.

10 LV 1:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **רימע**: (x-qere) 'סִ֣ימְעָ֔ה': lemma_d/5971 a n_0.1.1 morph_HTd/Ncmpa id_25qK3 סִ֣ימְעָ֔ה

Readers' Version

צ (Tsade)
18 "Yahweh is surely righteous, but I disobeyed his command.
Hear, all peoples, and see my sorrow.
My young men and women have been taken into captivity.
ק (Qof)
19 I called to my lovers but they deceived me.
My priests and my elders perished in the city,
while they searched for food to stay alive.
ר (Resh)
20 Look, Yahweh, because I'm engulfed—my stomach churns.
My heart is undone within me, because I've disobeyed grievously.
Out in the street, the sword bereaves.
Inside the house, there's death.
ש (Sin/Shin)
21 Take notice because I'm groaning.
There's no comforter for me.
All my enemies heard my trouble—they rejoiced that you did it.
You brought about the day of punishment that you declared,
yet may those persecutors become like me.
ת (Tav)
22 May all their evil be noticed by you,
and deal with them just as you have dealt with me because of all my disobedience,
because my groans are many and my heart is faint."

Yahweh's punishment of Yerushalem

א (Alef)
2:1 Oh dear, how my master engulfed the daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion) in his anger.
He's thrown Yisrael's (Israel's) splendour down from heaven to earth.
And he hasn't remembered the footstool of his feet on the day of his anger.
ב (Beyt)
2 My master devoured—he didn't show compassion on all the pastures of Ya'akov (Jacob).
In his fury, he knocked down the fortifications of the daughter of Yehudah (Judah).
He struck the earth with disgrace—the kingdom and its leaders.
ג (Gimel)
3 With fierce anger he cut off all of Yisrael's power.
He stopped using his strength to protect her from the enemy.
And he has burnt Ya'akov—it consumed the surroundings like a fire.
ד (Dalet)
4 He's bent his bow like an enemy.

Literal Version

2:1 How he_covers_with_a_cloud in_anger_of_his my_master ~~DOM~~ the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) he_has_thrown from_ _heaven earth the_splendour_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not he_ _has_remembered the_footstool_of his_feet_of_his in/on_day his_anger_of_his. **2** My_master he_has_swallowed_up and_not[11] he_has_spared ~~DOM~~ all_of the_settlements_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) he_has_torn_down in_severe_anger_of_his the_fortifications_of the_daughter_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_has_made_them_touch (to)_ground he_has_profaned the_kingdom princes_of_its. **3** He_has_cut_off in_the_heat_of[12][13][14] of_anger every_of (the)_ _horn_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_turned_back backward hand_ _of_his_right from_face/in_front_of the_enemy and_he_has_ _burnt (in)_Ya'aqov like_a_fire_of flame which_it_has_ _consumed all_around. **4** He_has_bent bow_of_his like_an_ _enemy hand_of_his_right he_has_taken_a_stand like_a_foe and_he_has_killed all_of the_desires_of eye in_the_tent_of the_ _daughter_of Tsiyyōn he_has_poured_out like_fire rage_of_his. **5** My_master he_has_become like_an_enemy he_has_ _swallowed_up Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_swallowed_up all_of palaces_of_its he_has_ruined fortifications_of_its and_he_has_ _multiplied in_the_daughter_of Yəhūdāh mourning and_ _lamentation. **6** And_he_has_treated_violently like_garden booth_of_his he_has_ruined place_of_his_appointed **YHWH** he_ _has_caused_to_be_forgotten in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) appointed_

11 **LV 2:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) וְ/אֵל: lemma_c/3808 morph_HC/Tn id_25rGa וְ/אֵל
12 **LV 2:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
13 **LV 2:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
14 **LV 2:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Literal Version

_feast and_sabbath and_he_has_spurned in_the_indignation_of his_anger_of_his king and_priest. **7** My_master he_has_rejected altar_of_his he_has_repudiated sanctuary_of_his he_has_ _delivered_up in_the_hand_of an_enemy the_walls_of its_ _palaces_of_her voice people_have_given_forth in_house_of **YHWH** like_the_day_of an_appointed_feast. **8** **YHWH** he_has_ _planned to_destroy the_wall_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn he_ _has_stretched_out a_measuring-line not he_has_turned_back his/its_hand from_swallowing_up and_he_has_caused_to_ _mourn rampart and_wall together they_have_languished. **9** They_have_sunk in/on_the_earth gates_of_its he_has_ _destroyed and_he_has_broken bars_of_its king_of_its and_ _princes_of_its are_among_nations there_is_not instruction also prophets_of_its not they_have_found a_vision from_ _**YHWH**. **10** They_sit to_ground the_elders_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn they_are_silent they_have_caused_to_rise dust on head_of_their they_have_girded_on sackcloth(s) they_have_ _brought_down to_ground head_of_their the_virgins_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **11** They_have_failed by_tears eyes_ _of_my parts_of_my_inward they_are_in_turmoil it_has_been_ _poured_out to_ground liver_of_my on the_brokenness_of the_ _daughter_of my_people_of_my because_ child and_sucking_ _child _grow_faint in_the_open_places_of a_town. **12** To_ _mothers_of_their they_say where are_grain and_wine when_ _they_faint_away like_(the)_one_wounded in_the_open_places_ _of a_city when_ life_of_their _pours_itself_out to the_bosom_of their_mothers_of_their. **13** What will_I_testify_for_you what will_I_liken to_you Oh_daughter of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) what will_I_make_equal to_you so_that_I_may_comfort_you Oh_virgin_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) if/because is_ _great like_sea brokenness_of_your who will_he_heal to/for_ _you(fs). **14** Prophets_of_your they_have_seen to/for_you(fs) worthlessness and_sham and_not they_have_made_known on iniquity_of_your to_turn_back mmm[15] and_they_have_seen to/for_you(fs) oracles_of_worthlessness and_enticement(s). **15** They_have_clapped on_you palms all_of those_who_pass_by_ _of the_road they_have_hissed and_they_have_shaken head_of_ _their on the_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) is_this the_ _city which_people_said perfect_of beauty a_joy to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_earth/land. **16** They_have_opened on_ _you mouth_of_their all_of enemies_of_your they_have_hissed and_they_have_gnashed a_tooth they_have_said we_have_ _swallowed_up surely this the_day which_we_have_waited_for_ _it we_have_found we_have_seen. **17** **YHWH** he_has_done what he_planned he_has_fulfilled message_of_his which he_ _commanded from_days_of antiquity he_has_torn_down and_ _not he_has_spared and_he_has_made_rejoice on_you an_ _enemy he_has_lifted_up the_horn_of your(pl)_foes_of_your. **18** Heart_of_their it_has_cried_out to my_master Oh_wall_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) send_down like_river tear[s] by_day and_night do_not give rest to/for_you(fs) not let_it_be_ _still the_daughter_of your_eye_of_your. **19** Arise cry_out in/on/at/with[16] to_the_beginning_of the_night-watches pour_ _out like_water heart_of_your in_front_of the_presence_of my_

Readers' Version

His sword hand is posed like an adversary.

And he has slain all those precious to the eye in the tent of the daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion).

He has poured out his rage like fire.

ה (He)

5 My master has become like an enemy—he's swallowed up Yisrael (Israel).

He has swallowed up all her palaces—he's destroyed its fortifications.

And he has multiplied mourning and lamentation within the daughter of Yehudah (Judah).

ו (Vav)

6 And he was violent with his garden tent—he ruined his appointed place.

Yahweh has caused the appointed festival and Sabbath to be forgotten in Tsiyon (Zion).

And he has despised the king and priest in his indignant anger.

ז (Zayin)

7 My master has rejected his altar—he abandoned his sanctuary.

He has allowed the enemy to enter via the walls of her palaces.

They raised a shout in Yahweh's house, like on an appointed festival day.

ח (Het)

8 Yahweh planned to destroy the wall of the daughter that's Tsiyon.

He stretched out the measuring line.

He didn't withhold his hand from devouring,

and he's brought the ramparts and wall to mourning. Together they wasted away.

י (Yod)

9 Her gates sank into the ground.

He has destroyed and shattered their locking bars.

Her king and her leaders are among the nations. There's no law.

Also, her prophets don't receive any visions from Yahweh.

י (Yod)

10 They sit on the ground.

The elders of the daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion) are silenced.

They have thrown up dust on their heads and put on sackcloth.

Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) young women have bowed their heads to the ground.

כ (Kaf)

11 My eyes have failed with tears.

My stomach churns.

My inner parts are poured out to the ground, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,

when child and infant faint in the streets of the town.

ל (Lamed)

15 **LV 2:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיבש/ך: (x-qere) 'תּוּבְשׁ/דְּ': lemma_7622 n_1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp2fs id_25g5u תּוּבְשׁ/דְּ

16 **LV 2:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: ליל/ב: (x-qere) 'הַלֵּילִ/ב': lemma_b/3915 n_1.2.1 morph_HRd/Ncmsa id_25BYg הַלֵּילִ/ב

Readers' Version

12 They ask their mothers, "Where's our food and drink?"
when they faint like the slain in the streets of the city,
when they die slowly in their mothers' laps.
מ (Mem)
13 What can I testify to you?
To what can I compare you, daughter of Yerushalem (Jerusalem)?
To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you, virgin daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion)?
Because your brokenness is as great as the sea.
Who can heal you?
נ (Nun)
14 Your prophets have 'seen' false and worthless visions for you,
and they didn't expose your disobedience, to restore your fortunes,
but they have 'received' false and enticing messages for you.
ס (Samek)
15 All those passing on the road clap their hands at you.
They hiss and shake their heads at the daughter of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
"Is this the city that they called 'the fullness of beauty that makes the whole world happy'?"
ע (Ayin)
16 All your enemies spoke out against you.
They hiss and grind their teeth.
They say, "We have devoured.
Surely this is the time we'd longed for.
We have found, we have seen."
פ (Pe)
17 Yahweh has done what he planned.
He's fulfilled the message that he commanded in ancient times.
He has overthrown and shown no compassion,
and the enemy rejoiced over you.
He has enabled your enemies to get stronger.
צ (Tsade)
18 Their heart cried out to my master,
"You walls of the daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion)."
Like a tearful river, let your tears flow down day and night.
Don't allow yourself any relief from it.
Don't rest your eyes from the tears.
ק (Qof)
19 Arise, shout in the night at the beginning of the night watches.
Pour out your heart like water in front of my master.
Lift up your hands to him for the life of your children who are fainting with hunger at the end of every street.
ר (Resh)
20 Look, Yahweh, and see those you have dealt with in this way.
Should women eat their own newborn children?
Should priests and prophets be slaughtered in my master's sanctuary?

Literal Version

_master lift_up to_him/it palms_of_your on the_life_of children_of_your the_ones_enfeebled by_hunger at_the_head_ _of all_of the_streets. **20** See Oh_**YHWH** and_look to_whom have_you_dealt_severely thus (if) women will_they_eat descendant[s]_of_their children_of health(s) or will_he_be_ _killed in_the_sanctuary_of my_master priest and_prophet. **21** They_have_lain_down to_ground streets youth and_old_ _person women_of_my_young and_my_young_of_men they_ _have_fallen by_sword you_have_killed in/on_day your_anger_ _of_your you_have_slaughtered not you_have_spared. **22** You_ _have_summoned like_the_day_of an_appointed_feast terrors_ _of_my from_round_about and_not he_was in/on_day of_the_ _anger of_**YHWH** an_escapee and_a_survivor those_whom I_ _had_given_birth and_I_had_reared enemy_of_my he_has_ _made_an_end_of_them.

Literal Version

3:1 I am_the_man who_he_has_seen affliction by_the_rod_of his_fury_of_his. **2** Me he_has_driven and_he_has_made_walk darkness and_not light. **3** Surely on_me he_returned he_turned his/its_hand all_of the_day. **4** He_has_made_to_waste_away flesh_of_my and_skin_of_my he_has_broken bones_of_my. **5** He_ _has_built on_me and_he_has_surrounded_me poison and_ _hardship. **6** In_dark_places he_has_caused_me_to_dwell like_ _dead_people_of antiquity. **7** He_has_walled_up behind_me and_not I_will_go_out he_has_made_heavy fetter[s]_of_my_ _bronze. **8** Also if/because I_will_cry_out and_I_will_cry_for_ _help he_has_shut_out prayer_of_my. **9** He_has_walled_up ways_of_my with_hewn_stone paths_of_my he_has_made_ _crooked. **10** Is_a_bear which_lies_in_wait he to_me a_lion[17] in_ _secret_places. **11** ways_of_my he_has_caused_to_deviate and_ _he_has_torn_me_in_pieces he_has_made_me desolate. **12** He_ _has_bent bow_of_his[18][19][20] and_he_has_set_me_up like_target for_arrow. **13** He_has_brought in_kidneys_of_my the_sons_of his_quiver_of_his. **14** I_have_become a_laughing-stock[21] to/from_all/each/any/every people_of_my song_of_their_ _taunt all_of the_day. **15** He_has_surfeited_me with_(the)_ _things he_has_made_me_drink wormwood. **16** And_he_has_ _broken with_gravel teeth_of_my he_has_made_me_cower in_ _ash[es]. **17** And_it_has_excluded from_peace self_of_my I_ _have_forgotten good. **18** And_I_said endurance_of_my it_has_ _perished and_hope_of_my from_**YHWH**. **19** Remember affliction_of_my and_homelessness_of_my wormwood and_ _poison. **20** Continually_(remember) it_remembers and[22] on_ _me self_of_my. **21** This I_bring_back to heart_of_my therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_wait. **22** The_covenant_loyalti(es)_of **YHWH** if/because not we_have_met_our_end if/because not compassion(s)_of_his they_come_to_an_end. **23** They_are_new to_mornings is_great faithfulness_of_your. **24** Portion_of_is_my **YHWH** self_of_my it_has_said therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_ _will_wait to_him/it. **25** Is_good **YHWH** to_those_of_who_wait_ _for_him[23][24] to_living_creature who_it_will_seek_him. **26** Is_

Readers' Version

ש (Sin/Shin)
21 The young and the old lie down in the dirt in the streets.
My young men and women have fallen by the sword.
You've had them struck down—at the time of your anger you slaughtered.
You showed no compassion.
ת (Tav)
22 You've summoned terrors to surround me like summoning people to a festival day,
and there wasn't anyone who escaped or survived on the day of Yahweh's anger.
Those who I birthed and multiplied, my enemy has ended.
א (Alef)

Yahweh's love

3:1 I am the man made to suffer from the rod of his fury.
2 He led me and took me into darkness—not light.
3 He certainly turned against me—he put the screws on me all day.
ב (Beyt)
4 He made my skin and my flesh waste away.
He shattered my bones.
5 He built a ramp up against me
and besieged me with bitterness and hardship.
6 He makes me live in darkness
like the dead of long ago.
ג (Gimel)
7 He built a wall around me so I can't escape.
He made my chains heavy.
8 Even though I call out and cry for help,
he shuts out my prayer.
9 He made roadblocks with large cut stones.
He made it difficult to get anywhere.
ד (Dalet)
10 He's a bear lying in wait for me—
a lion hiding ready to attack.
11 He obstructed my paths and tore me apart.
He's isolated me.
12 He bent his bow back
and set me up like a target for an arrow.
ה (He)
13 He pierced my kidneys
with the arrows from his quiver.
14 I became a joke to all the people groups—
the one they mocked all day long.

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17 LV 3:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **הירא**: (x-qere) **יְרֵא**: lemma_738 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmsa id_25Gxe יְרֵא

18 LV 3:12 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

19 LV 3:12 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

20 LV 3:12 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

21 LV 3:14 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

22 LV 3:20 · Note OSHB variant note: **חישת/ו**: (x-qere) **חִוְּשָׁתְ/וִ**: lemma_c/7743 morph_HC/Vqi3fs id_253MS חִוְּשָׁתְ/וִ

23 LV 3:25 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

24 LV 3:25 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

Readers' Version

15 He filled me with bitterness.
He stuffed me with bitter herbs.
ו (Vav)
16 He made my teeth grind with gravel.
He made me cower in the dust.
17 Now I can't find any inner peace.
I've forgotten what prosperity is.
18 Then I said, "My endurance has come to an end,
as has my hope in Yahweh."
ז (Zayin)
19 Remember my suffering and my wanderings,
the wormwood and bitterness.
20 It continually remembers
and my insides turn to butter.
21 I bring that to mind,
therefore I have hope.
ח (Het)
22 Yahweh's loyal commitment doesn't cease.
His mercy doesn't end.
23 His loyal commitment and his mercy are new morning by morning.
He is very faithful.
24 "Yahweh is my portion," I told myself,
"therefore, I'll place my hope in him."
ט (Tet)
25 Yahweh is good to those who depend on him—
to anyone sincerely wanting to follow him.
26 It is good to be silent and wait
for Yahweh to rescue us.
27 It's good for people to experience hardship while they're young.
י (Yod)
28 A person should sit alone and stay quiet
when they've been disciplined by Yahweh.
29 Let him put his mouth in the dust—
perhaps there's hope.
30 Let him offer his cheek to the person striking him.
Let him be filled with shame.
כ (Kaf)
31 My master won't reject his people forever.
32 Though he brings grief,
he will be merciful due to the strength of his loyal commitment,
33 because he doesn't enjoy making people suffer
or delight in making humanity grieve.
ל (Lamed)

Literal Version

_good and_waiting and_silence for_the_salvation_of **YHWH**.
27 Is_good for_man that/for/because/then/when he_will_bear a_yoke in_youth(s)_of_his. 28 Let_him_sit alone and_let_him_ _be_silent if/because he_has_laid_it on/upon/above_him/it.
29 Let_him_put in_dust mouth_of_his perhaps there_is hope.
30 Let_him_give to_the_of_one_who_strikes_him a_cheek let_ _him_be_sated with_reproach. 31 If/because not he_will_reject forever_perpetuity my_master. 32 If/because though he_has_ _caused_grief and_he_will_have_compassion according_to_the_ _greatness_of his[25]. 33 If/because not he_has_afflicted from_ _heart_of_his and_he_has_grieved the_children_of a_man.[26][27][28]
34 To_crush under feet_of_his all_of the_prisoners_of the_land.
35 To_turn_aside the_justice_of a_man before the_presence_of the_Most_High. 36 To_subvert anyone in_his_case_of_at_law my_master not he_has_seen. 37 Who this has_he_spoken and_ _it_was my_master not he_commanded_it. 38 From_the_mouth_ _of the_Most_High not the_troubles and_the_good does_it_ _goes_forth. 39 Why a_person living a_man will_he_complain on his[29]. 40 Let_us_examine ways_of_our and_let_us_examine and_let_us_return to **YHWH**. 41 Let_us_lift_up heart_of_our to palms to god in_heavens. 42 We we_have_transgressed and_we_ _have_rebelled you not you_have_forgiven. 43 You_have_ _covered_yourself with_anger and_you_have_pursued_us you_ _have_killed not you_have_spared. 44 You_have_covered with_ _cloud to/for_you(fs) from_ prayer _passing_through.
45 Offscouring and_refuse you_have_made_us in_the_midst_of the_peoples. 46 They_have_opened on_us mouth_of_their all_of enemies_of_our. 47 Terror and_a_pit it_has_happened to/for_us (the)_devastation and_(the)_brokenness. 48 Streams_of water eye_of_my it_goes_down on the_brokenness_of the_daughter_ _of my_people_of_my. 49 Eye_of_my it_has_poured_itself and_ _not it_will_cease from_not stop(s). 50 Until he_will_look_down and_he_will_see **YHWH** from_heaven. 51 Eye_of_my it_has_ _dealt_severely to_self_of_my from_all the_daughters_of my_ _city_of_my. 52 Indeed_(hunt) they_hunted_me like_bird enemies_of_my without_cause. 53 They_destroyed in_pit life_ _of_my and_they_throw_down a_stone on_me. 54 Waters they_ _overflowed over my_head I_said I_have_been_cut_off. 55 I_ _called name_of_your Oh_**YHWH** from_a_pit_of lowest_parts.
56 My_sound/voice you_heard do_not hide ear_of_your to_ _relief_of_my to_my_cry_of_for_help. 57 You_drew_near in/on_ _day when_I_called_on_you you_said do_not fear. 58 You_have_ _conducted my_master the_cases_of my_self_of_my you_have_ _redeemed life_of_my. 59 You_have_seen Oh_**YHWH** oppression_of_my judge judgement_of_my. 60 You_have_seen all_of vengeance_of_their all_of plans_of_their to_me. 61 You_ _have_heard reproach_of_their Oh_**YHWH** all_of plans_of_their on_me. 62 The_lips_of those_who_rise_against_me and_ _muttering_of_their on_me all_of the_day. 63 Down_their_ _sitting and_their_rising_of_up look_at I mocking_song_of_am_ _their. 64 You_will_repay to/for_them recompense Oh_**YHWH**

25 LV 3:32 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/דסח: (x-qere) 'וְיָדָסֶח': lemma_2617 a n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_25941 וְיָדָסֶח

26 LV 3:33 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

27 LV 3:33 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

28 LV 3:33 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

29 LV 3:39 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/אטח: (x-qere) 'וְיָאטָח': lemma_2399 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_25wKF וְיָאטָח

Literal Version

according_to_the_work_of their_hands_of_their. **65** You_will_
_give to/for_them shamelessness_of heart curse_of_your
to/for_them. **66** You_will_pursue_them in_anger and_you_will_
_destroy_them from_under the_heavens_of **YHWH**.

Readers' Version

34 Crushing all the prisoners of the earth under his feet,
35 denying a person justice before the highest one,
36 subverting a person's lawsuit—the master approves none of those.

מ (Mem)

37 Who said that and made it happen, if it wasn't my master?
38 Didn't both trouble and good come from the command of the highest one?
39 How can any living person complain when it's their disobedience that they're getting punished for?

נ (Nun)

40 Let's examine our behaviour
and then strive to return to Yahweh.
41 Let us lift up our hearts
with our hands lifted to God in heaven.
42 We've certainly broken your rules and disobeyed you.
You haven't forgiven us.

ס (Samek)

43 You wrapped yourself with anger and chased after us.
You killed without showing any pity.
44 You enveloped yourself in a cloud,
so that no prayers could get through.
45 You cause us to be considered as outcasts
and as garbage among the nations.

ע (Ayin)

46 All our enemies spoke out against us.
47 Panic and pitfall have come for us—
devastation and destruction.
48 My eyes run with streams of water
because my people have been destroyed.

פ (Pe)

49 My tears flowed continually without any relief,
50 until Yahweh looked down from heaven and saw.
51 What I see grieves my insides,
because of the suffering of the city's daughters.

צ (Tsade)

52 My enemies certainly hunted me without cause—
like hunting a bird.
53 They shut down my life by throwing me into a pit,
and then heaving a rock onto the top.
54 They made water flow over my head.
I said, 'This must be my end!'

ק (Qof)

55 I called out your name, Yahweh, from the depths of the pit.
56 You heard my voice.
'Don't ignore my cry for help
and my need for relief.'
57 You approached me when I called you
and told me not to be afraid.

ר (Resh)

58 My master, you helped with my internal conflict.
You paid out to save my life.
59 Yes, Yahweh, you saw my suffering.

Readers' Version

Judge my case.
60 You've seen all their insults—
all their plots against me.
ש (Sin/Shin)
61 You've heard their scorn, Yahweh—
all their plots against me.
62 Those harassing me spend all day speaking out against me
and singing songs against me.
63 See how, whether they're sitting or rising,
they have their mocking song.
ת (Tav)
64 You, Yahweh, will pay them back for what they've done.
65 Give them over to shamelessness.
May your curse be on them.
66 Chase after them in your anger,
and wipe them off the face of the earth, Yahweh.
א (Alef) **Tsiyon's punishment**
4:1 Wow, how the gold is tarnished—the pure gold has changed.
The holy stones are scattered on the corners of every street.
ב (Beyt)
2 The precious sons of Tsiyon (Zion) were once comparable with fine gold.
Now they're regarded as clay jars—the work of a potter's hands.
ג (Gimel)
3 Even the jackals offer their teats to suckle their cubs,
but my people are fierce like the ostriches in the wilderness.
ד (Dalet)
4 The tongue of the breast-feeding baby sticks to the roof of his mouth with thirst.
The children ask for food from those distributing it, but there's none for them.
ה (He)
5 Those used to eating the finest food are now desolate in the streets.
Those once attended by servants wearing scarlet now embrace piles of rubbish.
ו (Vav)
6 The guilt of my people is greater than Sedom's sin.
That city was overthrown in an instant,[30] but no one shed any tears about it.
ז (Zayin)
7 Her religious leaders were purer than snow—whiter than milk.

Literal Version

4:1 How gold it_is_dimmed the_gold (the)_pure it_is_changed stones_of holiness they_lie_scattered at_the_head_of all_of the_ _streets. 2 The_children_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) (the)_precious who_ _were_weighed with_(the)_gold how they_are_considered to_ _jars_of earthenware the_work_of the_hands_of a_potter. 3 Also jackals[32] they_draw_out a_breast they_suckle cubs_of_their the_daughter_of my_people_of_my has_become_(into)_cruel wwww wwww[33] in_wilderness. 4 The_tongue_of a_sucking_ _child it_has_cleaved to palate_of_its[343536] by_thirst children they_have_asked_for bread one_who_breaks_it there_was_not to/for_them. 5 The_ones_eating (to)_delicacies they_are_ _desolate in_streets those_who_were_brought_up on crimson they_have_embraced ash_heaps. 6 And_ the_iniquity_of the_ _daughter_of my_people_of_my _it_has_become_great more_ _than_the_sin_of Sodom which_was_overthrown like a_moment and_not they_whirled_about on_it hands. 7 Of_high_rank_of_ _its_ones they_were_bright more_than_snow they_were_ _dazzling more_than_milk bone they_were_red more_than_ _corals was_sapphire polishing_of_their. 8 It_is_dark more_ _than_soot appearance_of_their not they_are_recognized in_ _streets skin_of_their it_has_shrivelled on bone_of_their dry it_ _has_become like_wood. 9 Good those_slain_of a_sword they_ _are more_than_those_slain_of hunger who_they they_flow_ _away pierced_through from_the_fruits_of the_field. 10 The_ _hands_of women compassionate they_have_boiled children_ _of_their_own they_have_been for_eating for_them in_the_ _brokenness_of the_daughter_of my_people_of_my. 11 **YHWH** he_has_completed ~~DOM~~ rage_of_his he_has_poured_out the_ _burning_of his_anger_of_his and_he_has_kindled a_fire in_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_she/it_ate foundations_of_its. 12 Not they_believed the_kings_of the_earth and[37] the_inhabitants_of the_world if/because_that foe and_enemy he_will_go in_the_

30 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24.
32 **LV 4:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יונת**: (x-qere) 'תַּנִּים': lemma_8568 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcbpa id_255on תַּנִּים
33 **LV 4:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בינע יכ**: (x-qere) 'כְּיַעֲנִי': lemma_k/3283 n_0.0 morph_HRd/Ncmpa id_25Zzg כְּיַעֲנִי
34 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
35 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
36 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.
37 **LV 4:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לכו**: (x-qere) 'לְכִי': lemma_3605 n_1.0 morph_HNcmsc id_25tkY לְכִי

Literal Version

_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **13** From_the_sins_of its_
_prophets_of_her the_iniquities_of its_priests_of_her who_shed
in_midst_of_its the_blood_of righteous_people. **14** They_
_wandered blind_people in_streets they_were_defiled by_blood
in_not people_were_able people_touched (in)_clothes_of_their.
15 Depart unclean people_called_out to_them depart depart
do_not touch if/because they_fled also they_wandered people_
_said among_nations not they_will_increase to_sojourn.
16 The_presence_of **YHWH** it_has_scattered_them not he_will_
_repeat to_pay_attention_to_them the_face_of priests not they_
_lifted_up and_elders[3839] not they_showed_favour_to.
17 Mmm[40] eyes_of_our they_failed to help_of_our futility in_
_watchtower_of_our we_watched to a_nation which_not it_will_
_save. **18** They_hunted steps_of_our from_walking in_our_open_
_of_places end_of_our it_drew_near days_of_our they_were_
_completed if/because end_of_our it_had_come. **19** Swift those_
_of_who_pursued_us they_were more_than_the_eagles_of
heaven on the_mountains they_hotly_pursued_us in_
_wilderness they_lay_in_wait to/for_us. **20** The_breath_of our_
_nostrils_of_our the_one_anointed_of **YHWH** he_was_captured
in_pits_of_their whom we_had_said in_shadow_of_his we_will_
_live among_nations. **21** Exult and_rejoice Oh_daughter_of
ʾEdōm who_dwells[41] in_land of_ʿŪṣ also to_you a_cup it_will_
_pass_on you_will_become_drunk and_you_will_make_yourself_
_naked. **22** Iniquity_of_your it_will_finish Oh_daughter_of
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) not he_will_increase to_take_you_into_exile he_
_will_punish iniquity_of_your Oh_daughter_of ʾEdōm he_will_
_make_known on sins_of_your.

Readers' Version

Their bones were redder than coral—their parts were sapphire.

ח (Het)

8 Blackness has darkened their form—they're not even recognised in the streets.

Their skin has shrivelled on their bones—it's become as dry and stiff as bark.

ט (Tet)

9 Those slain by the sword were happier than those who died from hunger—

those who slowly wasted away as if they were pierced through by the lack of produce from the countryside.

י (Yod)

10 The hands of compassionate women boiled their children.

They became a meal for them during the destruction of my people.[31]

כ (Kaf)

11 Yahweh brought his rage to completion.

He poured out his fierce anger

and he kindled a fire in Tsiyon (Zion) that consumed its foundations.

ל (Lamed)

12 None of the kings of the earth, and none of the world's inhabitants, ever believed

that the adversary and enemy would get through Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) gates.

מ (Mem)

13 However, the sins of her prophets were even more than the disobedience of her priests.

They had poured the blood of godly people out right there in the middle of the city.

נ (Nun)

14 They stumble blind in the streets.

They're defiled with blood.

No one even dares to touch their clothes.

ס (Samek)

15 "Away! Unclean!" they shouted at them. "Away! Away! Don't touch!"

So they fled Yisrael (Israel), wandering around,

but it was said among the nations, "They can't stay here any longer."

ע (Ayin)

16 Yahweh's presence scattered them—he won't continue to watch over them.

The people no longer honoured the priests.

They showed no favour to the elders.

פ (Pe)

17 Our eyes failed as we waited uselessly for help.

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31 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Deu 28:57; Eze 5:10.

38 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: סינקז: (x-qere) ʾסיֵנָקז/וֹ: lemma_c/2205 n_0.0 morph_HC/Aampa id_25yrH סיֵנָקז/וֹ

39 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

40 **LV 4:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: הני/דוע: (x-qere) ʾוֹנִ/יֹדוֹע: lemma_5750 n_1.1.0 morph_HD/Sp1cp id_25fQG וֹנִ/יֹדוֹע

41 **LV 4:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתבשוי: (x-qere) ʾתֶבֶשׁוֹי: lemma_3427 n_1.0 morph_HVqrfsa id_25q3X תֶבֶשׁוֹי

Readers' Version

From our watchtowers, we expected to see other nations come to rescue us, but no.

צ (Tsade)

18 They tracked our steps,
walking in our paths.
Our end was coming closer.
Our days had been numbered, because our end had come.

ק (Qof)

19 The ones chasing after us were faster than the eagles in the sky.
They chased us over the mountains,
then they ambushed us in the wilderness.

ר (Resh)

20 A breath of our nostrils, Yahweh's anointed one was captured in their pits—
the one we'd spoken about, saying, "We'll live among the nations under his protection."

ש (Sin/Shin)

21 Celebrate and be glad, Edom, living there in the Uts (Uz) region.
The cup of suffering will also pass to you.
You'll get drunk and go around naked.

ת (Tav)

22 People of Tsiyon (Zion), your guilt will finish—he won't extend your exile.
^He'll deal with your guilt, people of Edom—he'll uncover your sins.

5:1 Yahweh, take notice of what's happened to us.

The mercy of Yisrael

Look and see our disgrace.
2 The land that was our inheritance has been turned over to strangers—
our houses to foreigners.
3 We have become orphans, without a father,
and our mothers are like widows.
4 We pay to drink water.
We bring in our firewood for a price.
5 We're driven hard with the yoke on our necks.
We work hard, yet never get any rest.
6 We've made a treaty with Mitsrayim (Egypt),
and with Ashur (Assyria) to get food.
7 Our ancestors sinned but they're gone now.
→We ourselves bear the results of their disobedience.

Literal Version

5:1 Remember Oh_**YHWH** what has_it_happened to/for_us wwww[42] and_see ~~ḎǪM~~ reproach_of_our. **2** Inheritance_of_our it_ _has_been_turned_over to_strangers houses_of_our to_ _foreigners. **3** fatherless_ones we_have_become and_there_is_ _not[43] a_father mothers_of_our are_like_widows. **4** Water_of_ _our for_money we_have_drunk wood(s)_of_our for_a_price they_come. **5** At neck_of_our we_have_been_pursued we_have_ _become_weary and_not[44] it_has_been_given_rest[454647] to/for_ _us. **6** Mitsrayim/(Egypt) we_have_given a_hand 'Ashshūr to_ _be_satisfied bread. **7** Ancestors_of_our they_sinned mmm[48] and_we[49] iniquities_of_their we_have_carried. **8** Slaves they_ _have_ruled over_us one_who_tears_away there_is_not from_ _hand_of_their. **9** With_life_of_our we_bring bread_of_our from_face/in_front_of the_sword_of the_wilderness. **10** Skin_ _of_our like_an_oven they_have_grown_hot from_face/in_ _front_of the_burning_heat(s)_of hunger. **11** Women in_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) men_have_humiliated virgins in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **12** Princes by_hand_of_their they_have_

42 LV 5:1 · Note OSHB variant note: טיבה: (x-qere) 'הָטֵיבַה': lemma_5027 n_0.0 morph_HVhv2ms/Sh id_256uw הָטֵיבַה

43 LV 5:3 · Note OSHB variant note: ויא: (x-qere) 'וְיֵאָיִו': lemma_c/369 morph_HC/Tn id_25vD2 וְיֵאָיִו

44 LV 5:5 · Note OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) 'אֵלָיִו': lemma_c/3808 morph_HC/Tn id_25HUX אֵלָיִו

45 LV 5:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

46 LV 5:5 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

47 LV 5:5 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

48 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB variant note: ם/ניא: (x-qere) 'ם֫נִיאָיִו': lemma_c/369 n_0.1 morph_HC/Tn/Sp3mp id_257ev ם֫נִיאָיִו

49 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB variant note: ונחנא: (x-qere) 'וְנַחֲנָאזו': lemma_c/587 n_0.0 morph_HC/Pp1cp id_25DUZ וְנַחֲנָאזו

Literal Version

_been_hanged the_face_of elders not they_have_been_
_honoured. **13** Young_men a_mill they_have_lifted and_young_
_men with_wood they_have_staggered. **14** Old_men from_the_
_gate they_have_ceased young_men from_music_of_their.
15 The_joy_of our_heart_of_our it_has_ceased it_has_been_
_changed into_mourning dancing_of_our. **16** The_crown_of our_
_head_of_our it_has_fallen woe please to/for_us if/because we_
_have_sinned. **17** On this it_has_become faint heart_of_our on
these_things eyes_of_our they_have_grown_dim. **18** On the_
_mountain_of Tsiyyōn which_is_desolate foxes they_have_
_prowled in_him/it. **19** You Oh_**YHWH** forever_perpetuity you_
_will_sit throne_of_your is_to_a_generation and_a_generation.
20 To/for_what to_perpetuity do_you(pl)_forget_us do_you(pl)_
_abandon_us for_length_of days. **21** Restore_us Oh_**YHWH** to_
_yourself and[50] renew days_of_our like_ancient_time.
22 If/because (if) utterly_(reject) you_have_rejected_us you_
_are_angry towards_us up_to muchness.

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Readers' Version

8 Babylonian slaves rule over us.
There's no one to rescue us from their control.
9 We bring in our food at the cost of our lives,
due to the sword blades out there in the wilderness.
10 Our skin grows as hot as an oven
from the burning heat of hunger.
11 Women are raped in Tsiyon (Zion)—
young women in Yehudah's (Judah's) cities.
12 Princes were hung by their hands.
The city elders were treated with no respect.
13 Young men lift the grind stone
and boys stagger under loads of wood.
14 The elders no longer make decisions at the city gate,
The young men have stopped their music.
15 We're no longer happy and contented.
Our dancing has turned to mourning.
16 The crown has fallen off our head.
We won't end well, because we've sinned.
17 As a result of that, we've become depressed.
On account of those things, our eyes grow dim.
18 On account of Mt. Tsiyon (Zion),
which is desolate with jackals roaming over it.
19 You, Yahweh, exist forever.
You'll sit on your throne throughout the generations.
20 Why do you forget us for so long?
Why do you abandon us for many days?
21 Bring us back to yourself, Yahweh, and we'll be restored.
Renew our life back to what it was before
22 unless you've totally rejected us—
unless you're angry with us beyond measure.

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50 **LV 5:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: בושנ/ו: (x-qere) הָבוּשָׁנָ/וּ': lemma_c/7725 n_0.1 morph_HC/Vqh1cp id_25TZB הָבוּשָׁנָ/וּ

Yonah (Jonah)

Introduction

This account tells about a prophet named Yonah (commonly known as 'Jonah') who lived in northern Yisrael/Israel around 250 years after David became king, i.e., in the eighth century BC, perhaps around 785 BC. This account is not like other prophetic accounts because it tells us about the fate of a prophet who *didn't* obey God when he was commanded by God to go to the city of Nineveh in Ashur/Assyria. He didn't obey because knew that God would be merciful and not carry out his threat of punishing that city if the people decided to turn away from their sins. However, due to a miracle when he was swallowed by a large fish after being tossed overboard from a ship in a storm, Yonah was spat out on the beach and forced to go to Nineveh. His missionary work there was very successful as the king led a movement of turning back towards God. That upset Yonah when God indeed didn't punish the people of Nineveh by destroying their city.

This account also indicates how the author believes that Yahweh is in control of everything he made, including the ocean, fish, the wind, etc. But most of all, we're told here how loving and merciful God is, because even the enemies of his chosen people were forgiven and saved after they turned away from their sins.

Main components of this account

Yonah disobeys Yahweh's command *1:1-17*
Yonah's prayer *2:1-10*
Yonah goes to Nineveh *3:1-10*
Yonah's anger at God's mercy towards Nineveh *4:1-11*

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1:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yōnāh the_son_ _of 'Amittay to_say. **2** Arise go to Nīnəvēh the_city (the)_great and_call_out on/upon_it(f) if/because wickedness_of_their it_ _has_come_up before_me. **3** And_ Yōnāh _he/it_rose_up to_flee to_Tarshiysh from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** and_ _he/it_descended Yāfō/(Joppa) and_he_found a_ship[3] which_ _was_about_to_go Tarshiysh and_he/it_gave fare_of_its and_ _he/it_descended in_it to_go with_them to_Tarshiysh from_ _to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH**. **4** And_**YHWH** he_hurled a_wind great to the_sea and_ a_storm great _he/it_was on_sea and_the ship it_thought to_be_broken. **5** And_ the_mariners _ _they_were_afraid and_they_cried_for_help each to his/its_god and_they_hurled ĐOM the_vessels which were_in_ship into the_ _sea to_lighten from_on_them and_Yōnāh he_had_gone_down into the_innermost_parts_of the_ship and_he_had_lain_down and_he_had_fallen_asleep. **6** And_he_drew_near to_him/it the_ _chief_of the_sailor[s] and_he/it_said to_him/it what is_to_you sleeping arise call to god_of_your perhaps the_'Elohīm he_will_ _give_thought to/for_us and_not we_will_perish. **7** And_they_ _said each to his/its_neighbour come and_let_us_throw lots so_ _that_we_may_know by_which_of_whom the_evil (the)_this to/for_us and_they_throw lots and_ the_lot _it_fell on Yōnāh/(Jonah). **8** And_they_said to_him/it tell please to/for_us because_account_of_that of_whom the_evil (the)_this to/for_us what occupation_of_is_your and_from_where do_you_come what land_of_is_your and_where from_this people are_you. **9** And_he/it_said to_them am_a_Hebrew I and_ĐOM **YHWH** the_ _god_of the_heavens I am_fearing who he_made ĐOM the_sea and_ĐOM the_dry_ground. **10** And_ the_men _they_feared a_fear great and_they_said to_him/it what this have_you_done if/because the_men they_knew if/because_that from_to/for_ _face/front/presence **YHWH** he was_fleeing if/because he_ _had_told to/for_them. **11** And_they_said to_him/it what will_ _we_do to_you so_ the_sea _that_it_will_be_quiet from_on_us if/because the_sea was_going and_storming. **12** And_he/it_said to_them pick_me_up and_hurl_me into the_sea and_ the_sea _ _it_will_be_quiet from_on_you(pl) if/because I am_knowing if/because_that by_which_of_me the_storm (the)_great the_ _this is_on_you(pl). **13** And_ the_men _they_rowed to_bring_ _back to the_dry_ground and_not they_were_able if/because the_sea was_going and_storming on_them. **14** And_they_called_ _out to **YHWH** and_they_said please Oh_**YHWH** do_not please let_us_perish by_the_life_of the_man the_this and_do_not put on_us blood innocent if/because you Oh_**YHWH** just_as you_ _pleased you_have_done. **15** And_they_picked_up ĐOM Yōnāh/(Jonah) and_they_hurled_him into the_sea and_ the_sea _it_stopped from_storming_its. **16** And_ the_men _they_feared a_fear great ĐOM **YHWH** and_they_sacrificed a_sacrifice to/for_ _**YHWH** and_they_vowed vows.
2:1 [4] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_assigned a_fish great to_swallow ĐOM Yōnāh and_he/it_was Yōnāh in_the_inward_parts_of the_fish three days and_three nights.

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Yonah tries to run from God · Northern kingdom

1:1 Now Yahweh told Yonah (Jonah) (Yonah, Amitay's son),[1] **2** "Go now to the major city of Nineveh, and speak out against it because I've noticed how evil they are."

3 But Yonah decided to run away from Yahweh so he went down to Yafo (Joppa) and found a ship about to go to Tarshish. He paid the fare and went aboard to go with them to Tarshish to get away from Yahweh.

4 However Yahweh caused a strong wind on the sea and it became a such big storm that they all thought the ship would disintegrate. **5** The sailors were afraid and they each cried to their own gods for help, and they threw the cargo overboard to make the ship lighter. But Yonah had gone down into the hold where he had laid down and fallen fast asleep.

6 So the ship's captain approached him and said, "Why are you sleeping? Come on, pray to your god and perhaps he will take notice of us so we won't die."

7 Then the sailors said to each other, "Let's draw straws to find out whose fault it is that we are in this predicament." So they drew straws and Yonah was indicated. **8** So they said to him, "Hey, tell us why this disaster is happening to us. What's your occupation? Where are you from? What country? What nationality are you?"

9 And he said to them, "I'm a Ivri (Hebrew) and I fear Yahweh the god of the heavens who made the sea and the land."

10 And the men became really scared and asked him what he had done, because he had told them that he was running from Yahweh.

11 So they asked him what they should do to him so that the sea would calm, because the storm was getting worse.

12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea so that the sea will calm down because I know that this terrible storm came because of me."

13 However, the men tried to row but they were not able to return to the land because the sea was very rough and getting worse. **14** So they called to Yahweh and said, "We beg you Yahweh: please don't let us die because of this man, and don't consider us guilty because you yourself have made this happen." **15** And then they picked up Yonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea became calm. **16** The men felt really scared of Yahweh and they sacrificed to him and made vows.

17 Then Yahweh commanded a huge fish to swallow Yonah (Jonah) and he stayed in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.[2]

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1 RV 1:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 14:25.

2 RV 1:17 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:40.

3 LV 1:3 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

4 LV 2:1 · Note Note: KJB: Yōnāh.1.17

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Yonah's prayer

2:1 And Yonah (Jonah) prayed to Yahweh his god from the belly of the fish. 2 And he said,

"I called to you Yahweh in my distress and you answered me. I cried for help from the valley of death and you heard my voice. 3 You have thrown me right into the deep—the heart of the sea; and a flood surrounds me. All your waves are crashing over me.

4 And I said, 'I have been driven out of your sight however I will look again towards your holy temple.'

5 I was up to my neck in the waters; it was deep all around me. There were reeds wrapped around my head.

6 I went down to the foundations of the mountains; barred from returning to the land. But you saved my life from the grave, Yahweh my god.

7 When my life was draining away from me, I remembered you, Yahweh, and my prayer reached you in your holy temple.

8 Those who worship lifeless gods abandon their allegiance to you.

9 But I'll speak out my gratitude as I sacrifice to you. I've vowed this and I'll do it, because Yahweh is my rescuer."

10 Then Yahweh spoke to the fish and it vomited Yonah (Jonah) up onto the land.

Yonah goes to Nineveh

3:1 And Yahweh spoke to Yonah (Jonah) a second time saying, 2 "Go now to the major city, Nineveh, and announce this declaration which I've told you."

3 So Yonah went directly to Nineveh. It was a large city, taking three days to travel across. 4 Yonah went one day's travel into the city and publicly announced, "Nineveh is going to be destroyed in forty days!"[15]

5 The people of Nineveh believed in God and announced a time of fasting, and from the least to the most important people, they just wore sackcloth as a sign of contrition.

6 The king of Nineveh also heard about it and he got down from his throne, took off his robe and put on sackcloth, then sat in a pile of ashes. 7 And he had a statement written out and publicly read throughout Nineveh, saying, "The king and his advisors declare that people and livestock, be it herds or flocks, are

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2 [5] And_ Yōnāh _he_prayed to **YHWH** his/its_god from_the_ _inward_parts_of the_fish. 3 [6] And_he/it_said I_called from_ _distress to_me to **YHWH** and_he_answered_me from_the_ _belly_of Shə'ōl I_cried_for_help you_heard my_sound/voice. 4 [7] And_you_have_thrown_me the_deep in_the_heart_of the_ _seas and_a_river it_surrounds_me all_of breakers_of_your and_ _waves_of_your over_me they_have_passed. 5 [8] And_I I_said I_ _have_been_driven_away from_before eyes_of_your nevertheless I_will_repeat to_look to the_temple_of your_ _holiness_of_your. 6 [9] They_have_encompassed_me waters to the_neck the_deep it_surrounds_me rush[es] is_wrapped_round to_head_of_my. 7 [10] To_extremities_of mountains I_went_down the_earth/land bars_of_its were_behind_me forever_perpetuity and_you_brought_up from_the_pit life_of_my Oh_**YHWH** god_ _of_my. 8 [11] When_fainted_away on_me life_of_my ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** I_remembered and_it_came to_you prayer_of_my to the_ _temple_of your_holiness_of_your. 9 [12] Those_who_pay_regard vanities_of nothingness loyalty_of_their they_abandon. 10 [13] And_I with_a_voice_of thanksgiving I_will_sacrifice to_you that_which I_have_vowed I_will_fulfill rescue to/for_**YHWH**. 11 [14] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_fish and_it_vomited_up ~~ĐOM~~ Yōnāh to the_dry_ground.

3:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yōnāh a_second_ _time to_say. 2 Arise go to Nīnəvēh the_city (the)_great and_ _call_out[16] to_her/it ~~ĐOM~~ the_proclamation which I am_ _speaking to_you. 3 And_ Yōnāh _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_ _went to Nīnəvēh[17] according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** and_ _Nīnəvēh it_was a_city great to_god a_journey_of three_of days. 4 And_ Yōnāh/(Jonah) _he_began to_go in_city a_journey_of a_ _day one and_he/it_called and_he_said yet forty day[s] and_ _Nīnəvēh is_about_to_be_overturned. 5 And_ the_people_of Nīnəvēh _they_believed in_god and_they_proclaimed a_fast and_they_wore sackcloth(s) from_their_of_great and_unto their_of_insignificant. 6 And_ the_message _it_reached to the_ _king_of[18] of_Nīnəvēh and_he/it_rose_up from_throne_of_his and_he_took_off cloak_of_his from_on_him and_he_covered sackcloth and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived on (the)_ _ash[es]. 7 And_he_had_a_proclamation_made and_he/it_said in_Nīnəvēh from_the_decree_of the_king and_his_great_of_ _people to_say the_humankind and_the_livestock the_cattle

5 **LV 2:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.1
6 **LV 2:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.2
7 **LV 2:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.3
8 **LV 2:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.4
9 **LV 2:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.5
10 **LV 2:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh/(Jonah).2.6
11 **LV 2:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.7
12 **LV 2:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.8
13 **LV 2:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.9
14 **LV 2:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.10
15 **RV 3:4-5 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:41; Luk 11:32.
16 **LV 3:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
17 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
18 **LV 3:6 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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and_the_flock[s] not let_them_taste anything not let_them_
_graze and_water not let_them_drink. **8** And_ the_humankind
and_the_livestock _let_them_cover_themselves sackcloth(s)
and_let_them_call_out to god with_force and_let_them_turn_
_back everyone from_way_of_his (the)_evil and_from the_
_violence which is_in_palms_of_their. **9** Who is_knowing he_
_will_turn and_ the_'Elohīm _he_will_relent and_he_will_turn_
_back from_the_burning_of his_anger_of_his and_not we_will_
perish. **10** And the_'Elohīm _he/it_saw ÐOM deeds_of_their
if/because_that they_turned_back from_way_of_their (the)_evil
and_ the_'Elohīm _he/it_sighed/regretted on the_evil which
he_had_said for_doing to/for_them and_not he_did_it.
4:1 And_it_was_displeasing to Yōnāh/(Jonah) displeasure great
and_it_glowed/burnt to_him/it. **2** And_he_prayed to **YHWH**
and_he_said please Oh_**YHWH** am_not was_this message_of_my
until was_I on land_of_my_own therefore yes/correct/thus/so
I_did_the_first_time to_flee to_Tarshiysh if/because I_knew
if/because_that you are_a_god gracious and_compassionate
long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty and_who_
_relents on (the)_evil. **3** And_now Oh_**YHWH** take please ÐOM
life_of_my from_me if/because is_good death_of_my more_
_than_of_my_life. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said rightly_(do_well)
does_it_burn to/for_you(fs). **5** And_ Yōnāh _he/it_went_out
from the_city and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived from_
_east of_city and_he/it_made to_him/it there a_shelter and_
_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived under_it in_shade until
that he_will_see what will_it_be in_city. **6** And_ **YHWH** god _
_he/it_assigned a_plant and_he/it_ascended from_under (to)_
_Yōnāh to_be shade over his/its_head to_deliver to_him/it
from_distress_of_his and_ Yōnāh _he_rejoiced on the_plant a_
joy great. **7** And the_'Elohīm _he/it_assigned a_worm when_
the_dawn _came_up to_day and_it_attacked ÐOM the_plant and_
_it_withered. **8** And_he/it_was just_ the_sun _as_arose and_ god
_he/it_assigned a_wind_of an_east_wind hot and_ the_sun _it_
_struck on the_head_of Yōnāh/(Jonah) and_he_became_faint
and_he_asked ÐOM life_of_his to_die and_he/it_said is_good
death_of_my more_than_of_my_life. **9** And_ god _he/it_said to
Yōnāh rightly_(do_well) does_it_burn to/for_yourself(m) on
the_plant and_he/it_said rightly_(do_well) it_burns to_me to
death. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said you you_had_compassion on
the_plant which not you_had_toiled in/on/over_him/it and_
_not you_had_made_it_grow which_a_son_of a_night it_was
and_a_son_of a_night it_perished. **11** And_I not will_I_have_
_compassion on Nīnəvēh the_city (the)_great which there_are
in_it many more_than_two_plus ten ten_thousand person[s]
who not he_distinguishes between hand_of_his_right and_left_
_of_his and_livestock much.

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prohibited from grazing or eating anything, and even from drinking water. **8** Both people and livestock should just wear sacks, and they should use their strength to cry out to God and they should turn away from the evil and violent things they have been doing. **9** And maybe God will turn and change his mind and stop his fierce anger, and maybe we won't die."

10 And God saw their actions in turning away from their evil ways and he changed his mind about the destruction which he had said he would send to them and he didn't proceed with it.

Yonah gets upset

4:1 But Yonah (Jonah) was very upset and the situation made him angry. **2** And he said to Yahweh, "Please Yahweh, wasn't this what I said would happen when I was still in my own country? That's why I fled to Tarshish the first time, because I knew that you are a caring forgiving god, who doesn't get angry quickly; full of kindness and not wanting to cause distress.[19] **3** So therefore Yahweh, please kill me because I'd rather die than live like this."[20]

4 But Yahweh said, "Do you think it's right to be angry like that?"

5 And Yonah went outside the city to the east and made himself a shelter and sat there in the shade to see what would happen to the city. **6** And Yahweh God commanded a plant and it grew up over Yonah to shade his head and to relieve him from his distress. Yonah was very pleased about the plant. **7** Then at dawn the next day God commanded a grub and it attacked the plant which then shrivelled up. **8** And when the sun came up, God sent a hot east wind and the sun beat on Yonah's head. He became faint and asked for his life to end and said, "It's better for me to die than to live."

9 And God said to Yonah, "Do you think it's right to be angry about the plant?"

And Yonah replied, "Yes, I'm angry enough to die!"

10 Then Yahweh said, "You felt sorry for the plant which you didn't even plant or work for. It came up in a day and died again in a day **11** so shouldn't I feel sorry for the huge city of Nineveh which has so many people in it who don't know right from wrong—over 120,000 people, not to mention all the livestock!"

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19 **RV 4:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:6.

20 **RV 4:3 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 19:4.

Nahum

Introduction

This document is about the destruction of Nineveh, the capital city of Ashur/Assyria—an ancient enemy of Yisrael/Israel, and was written between 663 and 612 B.C. The prophet Nahum was pleased that Yahweh destroyed Nineveh, because that was a sign that God does indeed punish sinners.
A large portion of the document is poetry, with some narrative portions also included. Unlike English poetry which can often focus on rhyme, Hebrew poetry often includes parallelism where the same thought is repeated or extended using different words. The *OET Readers' Version* tries to assist the reader by starting the second line in a parallel set with the symbol ≈.
It can take a little bit of effort to decipher this message—to see who's being spoken to—because it's often alternating between Yahweh declaring good news to his people, and declaring bad news to Nineveh.

Main components of this document

Yahweh's punishment of Nineveh *1:1-15*
The destruction of Nineveh *2:1–3:19*

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1:1 The_oracle_of Nīnəvēh the_document_of the_vision_of Naḥūm the_'Elqoshiy.

2 Is_a_god jealous and_avenging **YHWH** **YHWH** is_avenging and_a_master_of rage **YHWH** is_avenging to_foes_of_his and_ _is_ he _keeping to_enemies_of_his. **3** **YHWH** is_long_of anger(s) and[4] power and_certainly_(leave_unpunished) not **YHWH** he_will_leave_unpunished is_in_storm-wind in_storm its_road/course and_cloud[s] are_the_dust_of his_feet_of_his. **4** He_is_rebuking (in)_sea and_he_made_it_dry and_all the_ _rivers he_dries_up Bāshān and_Karmel/(Carmel) it_languishes and_the_blossom_of Ləvānōn it_languishes. **5** Mountains they_ _quake from_him/it and_the_hills they_melt and_ the_ _earth/land _it_lifted_up from_before_of_him and_the_world and_all those_who_dwell_of in_it. **6** To_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before indignation_of_his who will_he_stand and_who will_ _he_endure at_the_burning_of his_anger_of_his rage_of_his it_ _is_poured_out like_fire and_the_rocks they_are_pulled_down from_him. **7** Is_good **YHWH** (into)_a_refuge in/on_day trouble and_he_is_knowing those_who_take_refuge_of in_him/it. **8** And_with_a_flood which_passes_over complete_destruction he_will_make place_of_its and_enemies_of_his he_will_pursue darkness. **9** Whatever you(pl)_will_plot against **YHWH** complete_destruction he will_be_making not it_will_arise two_ _times trouble. **10** If/because to thorns entangled and_like_ _drink_of_their drunkards they_will_be_consumed like_stubble dry full. **11** From_you one_who_plots on **YHWH** evil a_ _counsellor_of worthlessness he_has_come_out. **12** Thus **YHWH** he_says though complete and_thus/so/as_follows numerous and_thus/so/as_follows they_will_be_cut_off and_he_will_pass_ _away and_I_have_afflicted_you not I_will_afflict_you again. **13** And_now I_will_break yoke-bar_of_his from_on_you and_ _fetters_of_your I_will_tear_apart. **14** And_he_has_commanded on_you **YHWH** not it_will_be_sown from_name_of_your again from_the_house_of your(pl)_gods_of_your I_will_cut_off idol and_molten_image I_will_make grave_of_your if/because you_ _are_insignificant.
2:1 [5] THERE on the_mountains the_feet_of one_who_bears_ _news one_who_proclaims peace celebrate_a_festival Oh_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) festivals_of_your pay vows_of_your if/because not he_will_repeat again mmm[6] on/over_you(fs) a_ _worthless_person of_him_of_all it_will_be_cut_off.

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1:1 This document is a declaration about Nineveh city[1] which was given to Nahum from Elkosh as a vision.

Yahweh's anger at Nineveh

2 Yahweh is a jealous[2] God who avenges.
Yahweh avenges and is full of anger.
He takes vengeance on his opponents,
and he continues to be angry with his enemies.
3 Yahweh is slow to get angry, but very powerful.
He certainly won't allow guilty people to go unpunished.
He walks among whirlwinds and storms,
and clouds are like dust stirred up by his feet.
4 He scolds the ocean and makes it sand.
He dries up all the rivers.
Bashan and Karmel wither up.
He makes the flowers wilt in Levanon.
5 The mountains shake when he appears,
and the hills melt.
The ground heaves at his presence—
actually the entire world and all its residents.
6 What can withstand his indignation?
Who can resist his fierce anger?
His anger is poured out like fire,
and rocks shatter in front of him.
7 Yahweh is good at sheltering us when trouble comes.
He recognises those go to him for protection.
8 He'll completely destroy his opponents with a rushing flood.
He will chase his enemies into the darkness.
9 Whatever is plotted against Yahweh,
he'll completely destroy it.
Trouble won't return a second time.
10 They'll get tangled up as if in thorns,
and they'll walk like drunks.
They'll be burnt up completely like dry stubble.
11 Someone in Nineveh made a decision,
to plot evil against Yahweh.
Someone with wicked plans.
12 This is what Yahweh says:
Even though the Assyrians are numerous and well equipped.
they'll be destroyed anyway and will be no more.
Although I've afflicted you my people,
I won't afflict you any more.
13 I'll free your neck from their harness.
I'll snap their chains that are holding you.
14 Yahweh has given instructions about you, Nineveh.
You'll have no more descendants to carry on your name.
I'll destroy your idols and images in your temples.
I'll dig your grave because you're despised.

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1 **RV 1:1–3:19 · Cross-ref.** Isa 10:5-34; 14:24-27; Zeph 2:13-15.

2 **RV 1:2 · Note** Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, Yahweh often compares peoples who worship idols (instead of him, the creator) similar to a spouse that has an affair.

4 **LV 1:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: לוּדִנ/ו: (x-qere) 'לָדִנ/ו': lemma_c/1419 a morph_HC/Aamsc id_34W26 לָדִנ/ו

5 **LV 2:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.1.15

6 **LV 2:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: רובע/ל: (x-qere) 'רָבֵע/ל': lemma_l/5674 a morph_HR/Vqc id_34SHw רָבֵע/ל

Readers' Version

1:15 My people, look, a messenger is running across the hills.
He'll be bringing good news—announcing peace.[3]
So celebrate your festivals Yehudah (Judah), and keep your promises,
because that wicked country won't invade you again—it'll be destroyed.

Nineveh's coming destruction

2:1 The ones who'll scatter you are getting ready to attack you.
Guard the city walls.
Watch the roads.
Be dressed for battle.
Gather your troops together.
2 Yahweh is restoring Ya'akov's (Jacob's) greatness,
like Yisrael's (Israel's) greatness before,
even though the invaders took their valuables and destroyed their vineyards.
3 The enemy's powerful warriors hold red shields,
and his soldiers are dressed in scarlet.
The metal on their chariots gleams
as they get them ready that day,
and their cypress spears are held ready.
4 Their chariots drive madly through the streets,
and rush back and forth across the town squares.
They look like flaming torches,
and dart across like lightning.
5 He calls his officers—
They stumble as they march.
They hurry to attack the city wall,
and to set up the movable roof for protection.
6 The river gates are forced open,
and the palace collapses in the flood.
7 She's[7] stripped ready to be taken away.
Her slave girls moan like doves as they beat their chests.
8 In the good days, Nineveh was like a refreshing pool of water.
but now they're fleeing from it.

Literal Version

2 [9] one_who_scatters he_has_come_up on face_of_your guard the_fortification watch the_road strengthen the_loins make_ _strong strength exceedingly. **3** [10] If/because **YHWH** he_will_ _restore ~~DOM~~ the_majesty_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) like_the_majesty_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_have_laid_waste_to_them those_who_lay_waste and_their_vine_of_branches they_have_ _destroyed. **4** [11] The_shield_of his_warriors is_dyed_red men_of strength are_clothed_in_scarlet are_in_fire_of iron(s) the_ _chariotry in/on_day prepares_he and_the_cypresses they_ _have_been_made_to_quiver. **5** [12] In_streets the_chariotry they_ _drive_madly they_rush_around in_places appearance_of_their are_like_torches like_(the)_flashes they_run_around. **6** [13] He_ _remembers his_of_nobles they_stumble their[14] they_hurry wall_of_its and_ the_cover _it_is_prepared. **7** [15] The_gates_of the_rivers they_have_been_opened and_the_palace it_has_ _melted_away. **8** [16] And_it_has_been_fixed it_was_uncovered it_ _was_taken_away and_maidservants_of_its are_moaning like_ _the_sound_of doves they_are_beating on_hearts_of_their. **9** [17] And_Nīnəvēh was_like_a_pool_of water from_the_days_of it and_they are_fleeing stop stop and_there_is_not one_who_ _turns_back. **10** [18] Plunder silver plunder gold and_there_is_not an_end to_supply abundance from_all article_of preciousness. **11** [19] Emptiness and_emptiness and_devastation and_a_heart melting and_tottering_of knees and_anguish in_all loins and_ _the_faces_of all_of_them_of_their they_have_gathered a_glow. **12** [20] Where is_the_dwelling_place_of lions and_is_pasture it for_(the)_lions where lion lion it_walked there cub_of lion and_ _there_was_not one_who_terrified. **13** [21] The_lion was_tearing for_the_sufficiency_of its_cubs_of_his and_it_was_strangling for_lionesses_of_its and_it_filled prey holes_of_its and_dens_of_ _its torn_flesh. **14** [22] HERE_I am_against_you the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_I_will_burn in_smoke chariotry_of_its and_your_young_of_lions the_sword it_will_

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3 **RV 1:15 · Cross-ref.** Isa 52:7.

7 **RV 2:7 · Note** Possibly referring to the city of Nineveh itself, or possibly to its queen.

9 **LV 2:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.1

10 **LV 2:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.2

11 **LV 2:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.3

12 **LV 2:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.4

13 **LV 2:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.5

14 **LV 2:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוכלה/ב/ם: (x-qere) תכילה/ב/ם': lemma_b/1979 n_1 morph_HR/Ncfsc/Sp3mp id_34dAC תכילה/ב/ם

15 **LV 2:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.6

16 **LV 2:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.7

17 **LV 2:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.8

18 **LV 2:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.9

19 **LV 2:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.10

20 **LV 2:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.11

21 **LV 2:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.12

22 **LV 2:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.13

Literal Version

_consume and_I_will_cut_off from_the_earth prey_of_your and_
_not it_will_be_heard again the_voice_of your(pl)_messengers_
_of_your.
3:1 Woe_to the_city_of blood(s) of_it_of_all lying plunder is_full
not prey it_will_depart. **2** The_sound_of a_whip and_the_
_sound_of the_rattling_of a_wheel and_a_horse galloping and_
_a_chariot jolting. **3** A_horseman bringing_up and_the_blade_of
a_sword and_the_lightning_flash_of a_spear and_the_
_multitude_of the_slain and_the_weight_of corpse[s] and_
_there_is_not an_end to_corpse[s] and_people_will_stumble[23]
over_corpse[s]_of_their. **4** From_the_abundance_of the_
_prostitution(s)_of a_prostitute good_of grace a_mistress_of
sorceries who_sells nations by_prostitution(s)_of_her and_clans
by_sorceries_of_her. **5** HERE_I am_against_you the_utterance_of
YHWH soldiers/messengers and_I_will_uncover of_your(pl)_
_robe_of_the_skirts over face_of_your and_I_will_show nations
nakedness_of_your and_kingdoms shame_of_your. **6** And_I_will_
_throw on_you detestable_things and_I_will_treat_you_with_
_contempt and_I_will_make_you like_a_spectacle. **7** And_it_was
all_of those_of_who_see_you he_will_flee from_you and_
_saying(ms) Nīnəvēh it_is_devastated who will_he_show_
_sympathy to/for_her/it from_where will_I_seek comforters
to/for_you(fs). **8** Have_you_been_made_good more_than_
_No'/(Thebes) Amon which_was_dwelling among_canals water
was_all_around to/for_her/it which rampart_of was_the_sea
was_from_sea wall_of_its. **9** Cush might_of_was_its and_
_Mitsrayim and_there_was_not an_end Pūṭ and_the_Lūvī they_
_were (in)_help_of_your. **10** Also it to_exile it_went in_captivity
also children_of_its they_were_dashed_in_pieces at_the_head_
_of all_of the_streets and_on its_honoured_of_people they_
_throw a_lot and_all its_great_of_people they_were_bound
with_fetters. **11** Also you you_will_become_drunk it_will_be
hidden also you you_will_seek a_refuge from_the_enemy.
12 All_of fortifications_of_your are_fig_trees with first-fruits if
they_will_be_shaken and_they_will_fall on the_mouth_of one_
_who_eats. **13** THERE people_of_your are_women in_midst_of_
_your to_enemies_of_your wide_(open) the_gates_of your_land_
_of_your they_will_be_opened fire it_will_consume bars_of_
_your. **14** Water_of siege draw to/for_you(fs) strengthen
fortifications_of_your go in_clay and_trample on_mortar take_
_hold_of a_brick-mould. **15** There it_will_consume_you fire it_
_will_cut_you_off the_sword it_will_consume_you like_locust[s]
make_yourself_numerous like_locust[s] make_yourself_
_numerous like_locust. **16** You_have_increased traders_of_your
more_than_the_stars_of the_heavens a_locust it_strips_off and_
_it_flew_away. **17** Courtiers_of_your are_like_locust and_
_officials_of_your are_like_a_locust_of locust[s] which_encamp
in_walls in/on_day coldness the_sun it_rises and_it_flees and_
_not place_of_its where_are_they it_is_known. **18** Shepherds_
_of_your they_are_slumbering Oh_king_of 'Ashshūr your_of_
_nobles they_settle_down people_of_your they_are_scattered
on the_mountains and_there_is_not one_who_gathers.
19 There_is_not relief for_fracture_of_your wound_of_your is_
_severe all_of those_who_hear_of report_of_(of)_your they_

Readers' Version

"Stop, stop," they say, but no one comes back.
9 "Grab the gold, seize the silver."
There's no end to the treasure.
Plenty of valuable things.
10 Nineveh's all emptiness and desolation,
devastation and hearts melting.
Knees trembling and aching stomachs.
Their faces all gone very pale.
11 What happened to that 'lion's den'—
the place where young cubs were fed?
The place where the lion and lioness walked—
where the cubs were safe with nothing to terrify them.
12 The lion tore apart enough for the cubs,
and strangled prey for his lionesses.
He filled his lairs with prey
and his dens with torn flesh.
13 Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that he's against you.
He'll burn your chariots up in smoke,
and your young men will be killed with swords.
He'll take your prey away from you,
and the voices of your messengers won't be heard anymore.
3:1 The city of bloodshed will have a bad end.
It's full of lies and stolen property.
Always taking plunder—never letting go.
2 The sound of whips and the rattling of wheels.
Horses galloping and chariots jolting.
3 Charging horsemen, flashing swords, glittering spears.
Many slain—heaps of corpses.
Uncountable bodies—people trip over them.
4 That will happen because the beautiful prostitute had so much business.
She's the mistress of witchcraft.
She attracts other countries with her prostitution.
She attracts other peoples with her sorceries.
5 Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that he's against you.
He'll lift your skirt up over your head,
and show your nakedness to the other countries.
Show your shame to the various kingdoms.
6 I throw disgusting filth at you
and treat you with contempt.
I'll make a spectacle of you.
7 Everyone who sees you will run away
and say, 'Nineveh is destroyed.'
Who will weep for her?
Where can I find someone who'll comfort her?
8 Are you better than No city[8] was,
where the Nile surrounded and protected her?
Where the water was one of her secure walls.
9 Kush (Ethiopia) and Mitsrayim (Egypt) were her strength,

8 **RV 3:8 · Note** Ancient No-Amon—modern Luxor in Mitsrayim.

23 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ולשכי**: (x-qere) 'וְלְשָׁכָ֔ו': lemma_c/3782 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqp3cp id_34AXb וְלְשָׁכָ֔ו

Readers' Version

and her strength had no limit.
Put and Libya were her allies.
10 Yet No was taken as an exile—
taken into captivity.
Her young children were dashed to pieces at the top of every street.
Her captors threw dice for her leading citizens.
All her leading men were bound in chains.
11 You, too, will become drunk.
You'll look for places to hide.
You'll try to find somewhere to be safe from your enemies.
12 All your fortresses will be like fig trees
with the early fruit now ready.
When they're shaken
the fruit falls right into the mouth of the eater.
13 See, your troops are like weak women.
Your city gates will be opened wide to your enemies—
their cross-bars will be destroyed by fire.
14 Get water from the wells to store for the siege.
Strengthen your fortifications.
Fetch clay and start working it.
Get the molds ready to make bricks.
15 Even so, fire will devour you.
The sword will cut you down.
They'll chew you up like locusts.
You need to multiply like locusts and grasshoppers.
16 You have so many merchants—
more than the stars in the sky.
Like locusts, they strip valuables and then fly away.
17 Your many guards are like locusts,
and you have a swarm of officials.
On a cold morning they settle on the walls,
but when the sun rises they fly away
to some place that nobody knows about.
18 You, king of Ashur (Assyria),
your shepherds have fallen asleep.
Your leading citizens have settled down for a break.
Your people will be scattered across the hills,
with no one to gather them again.
19 Your pain will get no relief—
your wound is too severe.
Everyone who hears the news about you will do a high-five,
because there's no one who hasn't experienced your cruelty.

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Literal Version

_strike a_palm on_you if/because over whom not evil_of_your has_it_passed continually.

NAH · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

Ovadyah

(Obadiah)

Introduction

This short document was written by the prophet Ovadyah (three syllables, traditionally spelt as ‘Obadiah’) and is about God’s judgement and punishment of Edom—the nation made up of Esav’s descendants. Esav was Ya’akov’s twin-brother—the sons of Yitshak (‘Isaac’), however the two sets of descendants ended up as enemies. So that’s why Edom’s people were very glad when the Babylonian army destroyed Yerushalem in 586 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.), and not just that, they took advantage of the invasion to join in looting the city and help the invaders. Here, God passes on through Ovadyah the declaration that Edom will be punished and defeated and their warriors would be slaughtered without any survivors, thus allowing Yisrael/Israel to recapture their lands.

Main components of this document

The punishment of Edom *1-14*
The day of the Master God *15-21*

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Readers' Version

1:1 This is the vision of Ovadyah (Obadiah) given by the master Yahweh concerning the Edom region:

Coming punishment for Edom

We have heard from Yahweh and a messenger has been sent to the nations,
telling them:
Get everything ready then go into battle against Edom.
2 And Yahweh says to Edom:
Listen,
I will make you into an insignificant nation.
You'll become utterly despised.
3 Your inner pride has deceived you,
you who live on the rocky cliffs,
with your homes up there so high.
You say to yourselves that
no one can bring you down to the ground.
4 If you go up high like an eagle,
even if your nest was up between the stars,
Yahweh declares that his command can bring you down from there.
5 If it was thieves who came to destroy you in the night,
(and yes, you're going to be destroyed)
they would only steal what they wanted.
Or if it was grape-pickers who came to you,
at least they'd leave behind the smaller grapes.
6 How Esav's (Esau's) descendants will be looted.
Their hidden treasures will be found and taken.
7 Those who have treaties with you will force you to the border.
Those who talk about peace will deceive you.
Those who eat meals with you will set a trap for you.
You have no idea what's about to hit you.
8 Yahweh will make a declaration on that day.
The wise people of Edom will be destroyed.
Understanding will disappear from Esav's (Esau's) hill.
9 And you the city of Teyman, your warriors will be shattered,
so that everyone from Esav's hill country will be slaughtered.

The charges against Edom

10 Because of your violence against your brother Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
shame will overcome you,
and you'll be destroyed forever.
11 You just stood and watched on that day when strangers carried away their wealth.
When foreigners entered their gates and took possession of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), you wished it was you doing that.
12 You shouldn't have gloated over your cousins on the day of

Literal Version

1:1 The_vision_of ʿOvadyāh thus my_master **YHWH** he_says of_ _'Edōm a_report we_have_heard from_with **YHWH** and_an_ _envoy among_nations he_has_been_sent arise and_let_us_arise on/upon_it(f)[123] for_battle.

2 HERE small I_will_make_you among_nations you will_be_ _despised exceedingly. **3** The_presumption_of your_heart_of_ _your it_has_deceived_you Oh_you_who_dwell_of in_clefts_of rock the_height_of his_dwelling_of_his he_is_saying in_heart_ _of_his who will_he_bring_me_down the_ground. **4** If you_will_ _make_high like_eagle and_if between the_stars nest_of_your will_be_set from_there I_will_bring_you_down the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**. **5** If thieves they_came to/for_yourself(m) if destroyers_of night how you_will_be_destroyed am_not will_ _they_steal sufficiency_of_their if grape_gatherers they_came to/for_you(fs) am_not will_they_leave gleanings. **6** How Esau they_will_be_plundered treasures_of_its_hidden they_will_be_ _searched_out. **7** To the_border they_will_send_you_away all_of the_men_of your_covenant_of_your they_will_deceive_you they_will_prevail to/for_yourself(m) the_men_of your_peace_ _of_your food_of_your they_will_set a_trap under_you there_is_ _not understanding in/on/over_him/it. **8** Am_not in_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_destroy wise_ _people from_'Edōm and_understanding from_hill of_Esau. **9** And_ your_of_warriors _they_will_be_dismayed Oh_Tēymān so_that everyone he_may_be_cut_off from_hill of_Esau from_ _slaughter.

10 From_the_violence_of your(ms)_brother/kindred Yaʿ$_a$qovʿ/(Jacob) it_will_cover_you shame and_you_will_be_cut_ _off forever_perpetuity. **11** In/on_day stood_you from_before in/on_day strangers took_captive wealth_of_his and_foreigners they_came his[5] and_on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_throw a_ _lot also you like_one of_them. **12** And_do_not look on_the_day_ _of your(ms)_brother/kindred in/on_day his_misfortune_of_his and_do_not rejoice to_the_people_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in/on_ _day perish_they and_do_not make_big mouth_of_your in/on_ _day trouble. **13** Do_not go in_the_gate_of my_people_of_my

1 LV 1:1 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

2 LV 1:1 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

3 LV 1:1 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

5 LV 1:11 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/רעש: (x-qere) וְ/יִרְעָשׁ': lemma_8179 n_0.1.1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_31ewe וְ/יִרְעָשׁ

Literal Version

in/on_day their_disaster_of_their do_not also you look on_ _calamity_of_his in/on_day his_disaster_of_his and_do_not stretch_out on_wealth_of_his in/on_day his_disaster_of_his.
14 And_do_not stand at the_parting_ways to_cut_off ~~ḎǪM~~ fugitives_of_his and_do_not deliver_up survivors_of_his in/on_ _day trouble.

15 If/because is_near the_day_of **YHWH** on all_of the_nations just_as you_have_done it_will_be_done to_you recompense_of_ _your it_will_return on_your_own_of_head. **16** If/because just_ _as you(pl)_have_drunk on the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_ _my all_of the_nations they_will_drink continually and_they_ _will_drink and_they_will_swallow and_they_will_be like_ _those_who_not they_had_been.

17 And_on_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) it_will_be deliverance and_it_was a_holy_place and_ the_house_of Ya′ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) _they_will_take_possession_of ~~ḎǪM~~ possessions_of_their.[7] **18** And_it_was the_house_of Ya′ₐqoⱱ a_ _fire and_the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) will_be_a_flame and_ _the_house_of Esau will_become_(into)_stubble and_they_will_ _burn in/among_them and_they_will_consume_them and_not he_will_belong[89] a_survivor to_the_house_of Esau if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken. **19** And_ the_Negeⱱ _they_will_take_ _possession_of ~~ḎǪM~~ the_mountain_of Esau and_the_Shephelah ~~ḎǪM~~ Pəlishtiy and_they_will_take_possession_of ~~ḎǪM~~ the_ _region_of ʾEfrayim and_~~ḎǪM~~ the_region_of Shomrōn and_ _Binyāmīn ~~ḎǪM~~ (the)_Gil′ād. **20** And_the_exile[s]_of the_fortress the_this of_the_people_of of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) that_which is_of_ _the_Kəna′ₐnī/(Kəna′ₐnī/(Canaanite)s) to Tsₑrəfat/(Zarephath) and_the_exile[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) who are_in_ _Ṣəfārād they_will_take_possession_of ~~ḎǪM~~ the_cities_of the_ _Negeⱱ. **21** And_ deliverers _they_will_go_up on_the_mountain_ _of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) to_rule ~~ḎǪM~~ the_mountain_of Esau and_it_ _will_belong to/for_**YHWH** the_royalty.

Readers' Version

their misfortune.
And you shouldn't have celebrated about the destruction of the people of Yehudah (Judah).
You shouldn't have bragged in their time of distress.
13 You shouldn't have gone into their city at the time of their calamity.
You shouldn't have gloated—yes, you—over their misery in their time of disaster.
And you women shouldn't have grabbed their wealth on the day of their catastrophe.
14 You shouldn't have stood at the crossroads to kill those trying to escape,
And you shouldn't have handed-over any survivors that you'd captured in their time of trouble.[4]

The punishment of nations

15 For all the nations, Yahweh's day is near,
Just as you've done, the same will be done to you.
Your actions will return onto your own head.
16 Because just like how all you Israelis[6] drank suffering on my holy mountain,
all the nations will drink continually.
They will drink and swallow it down.
They'll become as if they'd never even existed.

Yisrael's victory · Both kingdoms

17 But on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion), there'll be deliverance,
and it will be holy,
Yisrael's (Israel's) people will reclaim their possessions.
18 Yisrael's people will be a fire,
and Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants will be a flame.
None of Esav's (Esau's) descendants will survive,
because Yahweh has spoken.
19 The people from the Negev will take ownership of Esav's mountain,
and the people from the Shefelah will take ownership of the Pelishtim' land.
They will recapture the Efrayim (Ephraim) and Shomroni (Samaritan) countrysides,
and the people of Benyamin will recapture Gilead.
20 Yisrael's (Israel's) exiles will take ownership of the Kena'anim' (Canaanites') land as far as Tserefat,
and the exiles from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) (who are in Sefarad) will take ownership of the cities of the Negev.
21 The rescuers will go up Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) to judge Esav's mountain.

4 RV 1:1-14 · Cross-ref. Isa 34:5-17; 63:1-6; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Amos 1:11-12; Mal 1:2-5.

6 RV 1:16 · Note It's not actually clear from the Hebrew who 'you all' refers to, so the addition of 'Israelis' is clearly an interpretive decision and other translations might differ.

7 LV 1:17 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

8 LV 1:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

9 LV 1:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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and Yahweh will be their king.

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Daniyel

(or Daniyel)

Introduction

This document is about *Daniyel* (originally spelt as 'Daniyyel'). He was captured as a young man in Yehudah (Judah) and taken to serve in Bavel (Babylonia). He wrote this at a time when the Jewish people were suffering a lot of mocking and persecution by those who worshipped false gods. Daniyel became one of the highest officials in Bavel and we learn here about his obedience in serving God during the reigns of King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), Belshatsar (Belshazzar), Dareyavesh (Darius), and Koresh (Cyrus). This document also has some brief but important sections telling about his three friends Hananyah, Meyshak, and Azaryah (perhaps better known as Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego).
God's revelations which Daniyel prophesied are also included here, concerning the strengthening or destruction of other nations starting with Bavel. It's also prophesied here about what would happen in the 'end-times'.
One of the themes of this document is about how God determines everything that happens in this world. He's the one who forms nations, and he's the one who determines their end. He also looks after his people.
This document about Daniyel was written with around 44% written in Hebrew (1:1–2:4a; 8:1–12:13) and the middle 56% in Aramaic (2:4b–7:28). (Modern Syria is in the former Aram region. Aramaic is most closely related to Hebrew, Syriac, and Phoenician, and was written in a script derived from the Phoenician alphabet.)

Main components of this account

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The account about Daniyel and his friends[1] · Daniyel and his friends in Bavel

1:1 In the third year of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim's reign, Bavel's (Babylon's) King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and besieged the city.[2] **2** After two years, the master allowed King Yehoyakim to be defeated by Nevukadnetsar who then took some of the items out of the temple and took them to Shin'ar where he placed them in his god's temple storerooms.[3]

3 Some time later, King Nevukadnetsar commanded his chief official Ashpenaz to bring him some of the young Israeli men, from both their royal family and from some of the prominent families. **4** They had to be good-looking young men without obvious defects, wise and well-educated, who would be competent for future work in the palace. They would be taught the language and literature of the Kasdim (Chaldeans), **5** and the king assigned a daily portion of food and wine for them from his own table. They would be trained for three years before entering the king's service. **6** Among the young men from Yehudah who were chosen were Daniyel, Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah, **7** but Ashpenaz named them Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar), Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego respectively.

8 However Daniyel decided that he wouldn't eat the king's fancy food or drink his wine because it wasn't all 'kosher', so he requested permission from Ashpenaz to eat an alternative diet. **9** Now God had caused the chief official to like and respect Daniyel, **10** but he queried, "I'm afraid of my master the king, who's assigned your food and drink—if he saw you guys looking worse than the others of your own age then I'd risk losing my head if the king got angry."

11 So Daniyel asked the steward that Ashpenaz had assigned over the four of them, **12** "Please test your servants for ten days: let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink, **13** then after that, see how we look compared to the other young men who eat the king's choice food. Then you can make the best decision from the evidence."

14 So the steward agreed to that and started the ten-day trial. **15** At the end of the ten days, they looked better and healthier than all the young men who'd been eating the king's fancy food, **16** so after that, the steward just gave them vegetables to eat instead of the choice food and wine.

17 So God gave those four young men knowledge and insight into all literature, and wisdom, and Daniyel was able to interpret any dreams and visions.

18 At the end of the three years[4] when the king ordered them to be brought in, the chief official Ashpenaz brought them in to

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1:1 In_year three of_(the)_reign of_Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Nəvukadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel he_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_laid_siege on_it. **2** And_ my_master _he/it_gave in_his/its_hand ÐOM Yəhōyāqīm the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_from_(the)_sum of_the_vessels_of of_ _the_house_of the_'Elohīm and_he/it_brought_them the_land_ _of Shin'ār the_house_of his/its_god and_ÐOM the_vessels he_ _brought the_house_of the_treasury_of his/its_god. **3** And_ the_ _king _he/it_said to_'Ashpənaz the_chief_of his/its_officials to_ _bring from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from_(the)_seed the_royalty and_from the_nobles. **4** Youths whom there_was_ _not (is)_in_them any_of blemish[5] and_good_of appearance and_having_insight in_all wisdom and_knowing_of (of)_ _knowledge and_understanding_of (of)_knowledge and_which ability (is)_in_them to_stand in_(the)_palace the_king and_to_ _teach_them the_writing and_(the)_tongue of_the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy. **5** And_he/it_assigned to/for_them the_king the_ _matter_of a_day in_its_day from_bit spoil the_king and_from_ _(the)_wine his/its_drinking/feast and_to_bring_them_up years three and_from_their_end they_will_stand to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_king. **6** And_he/it_was in/among_ _them from_(the)_sons of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Dāniyy'ēl Ḥanan^{yāh} Mīshā'ēl and_'Azar^{yāh}. **7** And_he/it_assigned to/for_them the_ _chief_of the_officials names and_he/it_assigned to/for_ _Dāniyy'ēl Bēlətsha'tstsar and_to/for_Hananya Shadrak and_ _to_Mīshā'ēl Mēyshak and_to/for_Azarya 'Avēd- nəgō. **8** And_ Dāniyy'ēl _he/it_assigned on his/its_heart that not he_defiled_ _himself in/with_food the_king and_in/with_wine his/its_ _drinking/feast and_he/it_sought from_(the)_chief the_officials that not he_will_defile_himself. **9** And_ the_'Elohīm _he/it_gave ÐOM Dāniyy'ēl to_favour and_(to)_compassion(s) to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_chief_of the_officials. **10** And_ the_ _chief_of the_officials _he/it_said to/for_Dāniyy'ēl am_fearing I ÐOM my_master the_king who he_has_assigned ÐOM your(pl)_ _food and_ÐOM your(pl)_drink that to/for_what will_he_see ÐOM your(pl)_faces looking_thin more_than the_youths who are_about_age_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_endanger ÐOM my_ _head to_king. **11** And_ Dāniyy'ēl _he/it_said to the_guardian whom the_chief_of the_officials he_had_assigned over Dāniyy'ēl Ḥanan^{yāh} Mīshā'ēl and_'Azar^{yāh}. **12** Put_to_the_test please ÐOM your_servants days ten and_they_give to/for_us some_of the_ _herbs/vegetables and_we_eat and_water so_that_we_may_ _drink. **13** And_they_appear to_your_face our_appearance and_ _appearance the_youths the_ones_eating ÐOM the_delicaci[es]_ _of the_king and_as_which you_will_see deal with servants_of_ _your. **14** And_he/it_listened to/for_them to_the_ _message/thing/matter the_this and_he/it_tested_them days ten. **15** And_from_(the)_sum days ten it_appeared their_ _appearance good and_fat flesh more_than all_of the_youths the_ones_eating ÐOM the_delicaci[es]_of the_king. **16** And_ the_ _guardian _he/it_was taking_away ÐOM their_food/delicacy and_wine their_drinking/feast and_giving to/for_them

1 **RV 1:1 · Parallel** 1:1–6:28

2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:1; 2Ch 36:5-7.

3 **RV 1:2-4 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 20:17-18; 24:10-16; 2Ch 36:10; Isa 39:7-8.

4 **RV 1:18 · Cross-ref.** 1:5.

5 **LV 1:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: מוּאָם: (x-qere) מוּמָ֫ם: lemma_3971 a morph_HNcmsa id_27hh7

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vegetables. **17** And_the_youths the_these them_four he_gave to/for_them the_'Elohīm knowledge and_understanding in_all writing and_wisdom and_Dāniyy'ēl he_understood in_all vision and_dreams. **18** And_to_from_(the)_end the_days which the_ _king he_had_said to_bring_them and_he/it_brought_them the_chief_of the_officials to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Nəvūkadnetstsar. **19** And_he/it_spoke with_them the_king and_ _not he_was_found from_all_them like_Dāniyy'ēl Ḥ$_a$nanyāh Mīshā'ēl and_'Azaryāh and_they_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_king. **20** And_all/each/any/every matter_of wisdom_of understanding which he_sought from_them the_ _king and_he/it_found_them ten hands above all_of the_ _magicians/soothsayers the_conjurers who in_all his/its_ _kingdom. **21** And_ Dāniyy'ēl _he/it_was until year_of one to/for_Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) the_king.

2:1 And_in_year_of two of_(the)_reign of_Nəvūkadnetstsar Nəvūkadnetstsar he_dreamed dreams and_ his/its_ _breath/wind/spirit _it_was_disturbed and_his/its_sleep it_ _happened on/upon/above_him/it. **2** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_call to/for_the_magicians/soothsayers and_(to)_conjurers and_to_the_sorcerers and_to_the_ones_from_Kasdiy to_ _announce to/for_the_king his/its_dreams and_they_came and_they_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **3** And_he/it_said to/for_them the_king a_dream I_have_ _dreamed and_ my_breath/wind/spirit _it_was_disturbed to_ _know ᴅᴏᴍ the_dream. **4** And_ the_ones_from_Kasdiy _they_ _spoke to/for_the_king 'Arāmīt Oh/the_king for_ages live tell the_dream to_your(sg)_servant[7] and_the_interpretation we_ _will_declare. **5** Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) to_ _the_Kasda'e[8] the_matter from_me is_assured if not you(pl)_ _will_make_known_to_me the_dream and_its_interpretation members you(pl)_will_be_made and_your(pl)_houses a_ _refuse-heap they_will_be_made. **6** And_if the_dream and_its_ _interpretation you(pl)_will_declare gifts and_(a)_reward and_ _glory/honour great you(pl)_will_receive from before_me therefore the_dream and_its_interpretation inform_me. **7** They_replied a_second_time and_they_said Oh/the_king the_ _dream let_him_tell to_his/its_servants and_the_interpretation we_will_declare. **8** Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) according_to certain I am_knowing that the_time you(pl) are_ _gaining as_to because that you(pl)_have_seen that is_assured from_me the_matter. **9** That if the_dream not you(pl)_will_ _make_known_to_me is_one it decree_of_your(pl) and_message a_lie and_being_deceitfull you(pl)_came_to_a_decision[9][10] to_ _tell before_me until that the_time it_will_be_changed therefore the_dream tell to_me and_I_will_know that its_ _interpretation you(pl)_will_declare_to_me. **10** They_replied the_Kasdaye[11] before Oh/the_king and_they_said not there is_

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King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar). **19** The king talked with each of them and realised that none of the others were as capable as Daniyel, Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah, so they ended up in the king's service— **20** in every matter of wisdom and understanding which the king asked them about, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers from throughout his entire kingdom. **21** Daniyel continued serving there through to the first year of the reign of King Koresh (Cyrus).

Nevukadnetsar's dream

2:1 Back in the second year of King Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) reign, the king had had some dreams that troubled him—leaving him unable to sleep. **2** He summoned the magicians, fortune-tellers, sorcerers, and astrologers to explain the dreams to him, so they came in and stood in front of the king. **3** "I've had a dream," the king told them, "and my spirit is anxious to understand it." **4** The astrologers spoke to the king in Aramit,[6] "Long live King Nevukadnetsar. Tell us what you dreamt, and then we'll give you the interpretation."

5 "I've already made my decision," the king replied. "If you all can't tell me the dream and then give its interpretation, you'll all be torn limb from limb and your houses made into a rubbish heap. **6** But if you all explain the dream and its interpretation, you'll receive gifts from me, and a reward and great honour. So tell me the dream and its interpretation."

7 "Let the king tell his servants the dream," they insisted, "and we'll give the interpretation."

8 "I know for certain that you're all trying to gain time," the king answered. "However, I've made up my mind **9** that if you all don't tell me what my dream was, then your fate is already clear because you've obviously agreed together to keep feeding me with lies and made-up stories until I give in. So then, tell me what my dream was, and then I'll be confident that you can give me its interpretation."

10 "There's no one in the whole world who could tell the king that," the astrologers answered the king. "No great and powerful king has asked any magician or enchanter or astrologer to do that before! **11** What you're requesting, your majesty, is difficult,

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6 RV 8:1 · Note At this point, the original text switches from Hebrew to Aramaic (right through until the end of chapter 7—around 56% of this document).

7 LV 2:4 · Note OSHB variant note: ל/ידבע/ד: (x-qere) ל/דְּבַעֲ/דְּ': lemma_l/5649 n_0.0 morph_AR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27ExP ל/דְּבַעֲ/דְּ

8 LV 2:5 · Note OSHB variant note: ל/ידשכ/א: (x-qere) ל/אָדְשַׁכְּ/י': lemma_l/3779 n_1.1 morph_AR/Ngmpa/Sp1cs id_27Q2u ל/אָדְשַׁכְּ/י

9 LV 2:9 · Note OSHB variant note: ותנמזה/ו: (x-qere) וְ/תֶנְמְדֵזָה': lemma_2164 n_1.1.0 morph_AVMp3mp id_27vLv וְ/תֶנְמְדֵזָה

10 LV 2:9 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

11 LV 2:10 · Note OSHB variant note: ידשכ/א: (x-qere) אָדְשַׁכְּ/י': lemma_3779 morph_ANgmpc/Sp1cs id_27tc4 אָדְשַׁכְּ/י

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and no human can tell you what you dreamt—only the gods."
12 That angered the king, and he got so furious that he ordered
for all the Babylonian wise men to be executed.
13 When the decree went out that all the wise men were to be
rounded up to be executed, Daniyel and his friends were in-
cluded. **14** Areyok was the captain of the king's guards who'd
been sent to execute the Babylonian wise men, but Daniyel
spoke to him with wise and prudent caution.
15 He asked the king's commander Areyok, "Why did the king
come to that sudden decision?" Areyok explained what had hap-
pened, **16** so Daniyel went to the king and requested some time
so he would be able to give the interpretation to him.
17 Then Daniyel went back to his house and told his compan-
ions Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah **18** so they might beg for
mercy from the god of the heavens concerning the mystery of
the dream, so that all of them might not be executed along with
the rest of the Babylonian wise men. **19** Then the mystery was
revealed to Daniyel in a vision during the night. Afterwards,
Daniyel blessed the god of the heavens **20** saying, "Let God's
name be blessed forever and ever, because all wisdom and power
belong to him. **21** He moves the times and seasons forwards. He
removes some kings and gives power to others. It's him who
gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have un-
derstanding. **22** He reveals the deep and hidden things—he
knows what is in the darkness, and the light lives with him.
23 Oh God of my ancestors, I thank you and praise you for the
wisdom and power you have given to me. Now you've revealed
to me what we asked you about because you've told us what the
king is wanting to know."

Daniyel explains the king's dream

24 So Daniyel went to Areyok, the man
that the king had appointed to execute
Bavel's (Babylon's) wise men, and told him, "Don't hurt the wise
men in Bavel. Take me in to the king and I'll tell him the dream
and its interpretation."
25 Areyok quickly took Daniyel in to the king and told him,
"I've found a man among the exiles from Yehudah (Judah) who
will reveal the interpretation of your dream."
26 "Are you able to tell me the dream that I saw, and its inter-
pretation?" the king asked Daniyel (also called Belteshatsar (Bel-

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_a_person on the_earth who the_matter_of Oh/the_king he_
_will_be_able to_reply as_to because that any_of king great
and_power a_matter like_this not he_has_asked to/from_
_all/each/any/every magician and_astrologer and_Kasday.
11 And_the_matter which the_king is_asking is_difficult and_
_another not there who he/it_would_inform_it before Oh/the_
_king except gods who their_dwelling_place is_with the_flesh
not it_is. **12** As_to because this Oh/the_king he_was_angry and_
_he/it_was_furious exceedingly and_he/it_said to_destroy to_
_all/each/any/every the_wise_men_of Bāvel. **13** And_the_
_decree it_went_out and_the_wise_men were_about_to_be_
_killed and_they_were_sought Dāniyy'ēl and_his/its_friends to_
_be_executed. **14** In_then Dāniyy'ēl he_sent_back counsel and_
discretion to'Arəyōk the_chief_of the_executioners of
Oh/the_king who he_went_out to_execute to_wisemen of_
_Bāvel. **15** He_was_replying and_saying(ms) to_'Arəyōk the_
_captain of Oh/the_king on what the_decree harsh from before
Oh/the_king then the_matter 'Arəyōk he_made_known to/for_
_Dāniyy'ēl. **16** And_Dāniyy'ēl he_went_in and_he/it_asked from
Oh/the_king that time he_will_give to_him/it and_the_
_interpretation to_inform to_the_king. **17** Then Dāniyy'ēl to_
_his/its_house he_went and_to_Hananyah Mīshā'ēl and_'Azar^{yāh}
his/its_friends the_matter he_made_known. **18** And_
_compassion to_seek from before the_god_of the_heavens
concerning the_mystery this that not they_will_destroy
Dāniyy'ēl and_his/its_friends with the_rest_of the_wise_men_of
Bāvel. **19** Then to/for_Dāniyy'ēl in_the_vision of the_night the_
_mystery it_was_revealed then Dāniyy'ēl he_blessed to_god the_
_heavens. **20** Dāniyy'ēl was_replying and_saying(ms) let_it_be
his/its_name of the_god be_blessed from the_ages and_unto
the_ages that the_wisdom and_the_power that to_him/it it.
21 And_he is_changing the_times and_the_seasons he_is_
_removing kings and_appointing/standing_up/setting_up
kings he_is_giving the_wisdom to_(the)_wise_(ones) and_the_
knowledge to(ones)_knowing (of)_discernment. **22** He is_
_revealing the_deep_(things/mysteries) and_the_hidden he_is_
_knowing what in_the_darkness and_the_light[12] with_him/it
is_dwelling. **23** To/for_you(fs) Oh_god_of my_fathers am_
_praising and_praising I that the_wisdom and_the_power you_
_have_given to_me and_now you_have_made_known_to_me
that we_asked from_you(ms) that the_matter_of Oh/the_king
you_made_known_to_us.

24 As_to because this Dāniyy'ēl he_went_in to 'Arəyōk whom
Oh/the_king he_had_appointed to_destroy to_wisemen of_
_Bāvel he_went and_thus/so/as_follows he_said to_him/it to_
_wisemen of_Bāvel not may_you_destroy bring_in/escort_me
before Oh/the_king and_the_interpretation to_the_king I_will_
_declare. **25** Then 'Arəyōk in_haste he_brought_in to/for_
_Dāniyy'ēl before Oh/the_king and_thus/so/as_follows he_said
to_him/it that I_have_found a_man from the_sons_of the_exile
of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who the_interpretation to_the_king he_
_will_make_known. **26** Oh/the_king was_replying and_
_saying(ms) to/for_Dāniyy'ēl who his/its_name was_
_Bēlətəsha'tstsar are_you(ms)_[question][13] able to_make_know_

12 LV 2:22 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/ריהנ/ו**: (x-qere) **'אָ/רוֹהָנְ/וּ'**: lemma_c/5094 a n_0.0 morph_AC/Ncmsd/Td id_279Yh **אָ/רוֹהָנְ/וּ**
13 LV 2:26 · Note OSHB variant note: **ד/יתיא/ה**: (x-qere) **'דְּ/תְיָא/ה'**: lemma_d/383 morph_ATi/Ta/Sp2ms id_27Jdu **דְּ/תְיָא/ה**

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_me the_dream which I_saw and_its_interpretation. **27** Dāniyy'ēl was_replying before Oh/the_king and_saying(ms) the_mystery which Oh/the_king is_asking not wise_men conjurers magicians astrologers are_being_able to_inform to_the_king. **28** Nevertheless there is_a_god in_the_heavens who_reveals secrets and_he/it_has_made_known to_the_king Nəvūkadnetstsar what that it_will_be in_end/latter the_days your(sg)_dream and_visions_of your(ms)_head on your(ms)_ _bed is_this it. **29** You[1415] Oh/the_king your(ms)_thoughts on your(ms)_bed they_came_up what that it_will_be after this and_revealer the_mysteries he/it_informed_you(ms) what that it_will_be. **30** And_I not by_wisdom which there is_in_me more_ _than all_of the_living_people the_secret this it_has_been_ _revealed to_me but on the_cause_of (of)_that the_ _interpretation to_the_king they_will_make_known and_the_ _thoughts_of your_heart you_will_know. **31** You[1617] Oh/the_ _king seeing you_were and_lo an_image one great the_image this was_great and_splendour_of_its was_extraordinary was_ _standing (to)_before_you and_appearance_of_its was_terrible. **32** That the_image head_of_its was_of gold good breast(s)_of_its and_arms_of_its were_of silver belli(es)_of_its and_loins_of_its were_of bronze. **33** Legs_of_its were_of iron feet_of_its mmm[18] were_of iron and[19] were_of clay. **34** Seeing you_were until that a_stone which not was_by_hands it_was_cut_out and_it_struck ~~DOM~~_the_image on feet_of_its of the_iron and_the_clay and_it_ _shattered them. **35** In_then they_were_shattered as_one the_ _iron the_clay the_bronze the_silver and_the_gold and_they_ _were like_chaff from threshing_floors_of summer and_ the_ _wind _it_carried_away them and_all place not it_was_found for_them and_the_stone which it_struck ~~DOM~~_the_image it_ _became (into)_a_mountain great and_it_filled all_of the_earth. **36** This the_dream and_its_interpretation we_will_tell before Oh/the_king. **37** You[2021] Oh/the_king are_the_king_of the_kings whom the_god_of the_heavens the_kingdom the_power and_ _the_strength and_the_honour he_has_given to/for_you(fs). **38** And_on/over_all that they_are_dwelling[22] the_sons_of (the)_ _humankind the_animal[s]_of the_field and_bird the_heavens he_has_given in_hand_of_your and_he_has_made_you_ruler over_all_of_of_them you are_it[2324] the_head of (the)_gold. **39** And_after_of_you it_will_arise a_kingdom another

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teshazzar)).

27 "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers are able to do what the king has demanded," replied Daniyel. **28** "However, there is a god in the heavens who reveals mysteries, and he's the one who's shown you, King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), what will happen in the days to come. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while you were in your bed: **29** Oh king, as you lay there your thoughts turned to what would happen in the future, and the one who reveals mysteries showed you what is going to happen. **30** As for me, this mystery was revealed to me, not because I'm wiser than anyone else, but so that the interpretation could be revealed to the king, and so that you can understand what you saw in your mind.

31 "What you were looking at, your majesty, was an incredible, huge statue. It was heavy and shone brightly as it stood there in front of you—a terrifying sight. **32** The statue's head was made of pure gold, its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze, **33** its legs were made of iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and clay. **34** You continued looking until a stone was supernaturally cut out from a mountain, and it tumbled down and struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and it smashed them to pieces. **35** Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like the small pieces of dry straw at harvest time in the summer. Then the wind carried them away so that no trace of them could be found, but the stone that struck the statue became a huge mountain that then filled the whole world.

36 "That was the dream, and now we'll tell the king its meaning: **37** You, your majesty, are the king of kings who has been given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the splendour by the god of the heavens. **38** Wherever people live, he's placed you in charge of them, and he's even put you over the animals in the countryside and the birds in the skies, so you're the statue's gold head. **39** But another less prominent kingdom will follow yours, then another kingdom of bronze to rule over all the earth after that. **40** Then there'll be a fourth kingdom that's strong as

14 **LV 2:29 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

15 **LV 2:29 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

16 **LV 2:31 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

17 **LV 2:31 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

18 **LV 2:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּמִנְּ/וֹהִ: (x-qere) 'וֶיהֱוֵמִנְּ': lemma_4481 n_0.1.0 morph_AR/Sp3fp id_27FsE וֶיהֱוֵמִנְּ

19 **LV 2:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּמִנְּ/וֹהִ/ו: (x-qere) 'וֶיהֱוֵמִנְּ/ו': lemma_c/4481 n_0.0 morph_AC/R/Sp3fp id_27Pw8 וֶיהֱוֵמִנְּ/ו

20 **LV 2:37 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

21 **LV 2:37 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

22 **LV 2:38 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּיִרְאַד: (x-qere) 'וֶיהֱוֵיִרֵיד': lemma_1753 morph_AVqrmpa id_27T3v וֶיהֱוֵיִרֵיד

23 **LV 2:38 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

24 **LV 2:38 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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iron—because iron crushes and shatters all things. Like an iron sledge-hammer that smashes things into pieces, it will smash all those others into broken pieces. **41** And as you saw the feet and toes, a mixture of iron and potter's clay, it will be a divided kingdom—some of the iron's strength will be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. **42** As the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so that kingdom will be partly strong and partly weak. **43** As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so various peoples will make alliances with each other, but they won't stick together just as iron doesn't integrate with clay. **44** In the days of those kings, the god of the heavens will establish a kingdom that will never be destroyed or taken over by others. It will crush all those kingdoms and put an end to them, but it will stand forever. **45** Just as you saw that a stone was supernaturally cut out of the mountain, and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the powerful God has revealed to the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy."

Daniyel is rewarded by the king

46 Then King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) fell to his knees with his face to the ground to worship Daniyel, and he commanded that a burnt offering and incense be offered up to him. **47** The king said to Daniyel, "It's true that your god is the god of gods and the master of masters, and the one who reveals mysteries, because you've been able to reveal this mystery." **48** Then the king gave Daniyel high honours and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Bavel (Babylon) and chief supervisor over all of Bavel's wise men. **49** Daniyel asked the king to appoint Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego over the administration of the Babylonian province, but Daniyel remained at the king's court.

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mmm[252627] from_you(ms) and_a_kingdom third[28] another of the_bronze which it_will_rule in_all the_earth. **40** And_a_ _kingdom fourth[29] it_will_be strong like_(the)_iron as_to because that the_iron is_shattering and_is_crushing (the)_ _everything and_like_(the)_iron which is_crushing all_of these it_will_shatter and_it_will_crush. **41** And_that you_saw the_feet and_the_toes mmm[3031] were_clay of a_potter and[32] were_iron a_kingdom divided it_will_be and_from the_firmness of the_ _iron it_will_be in_it as_to because that you_saw the_iron mixed with_the_clay_of the_clay. **42** And_the_toes_of the_feet mmm[33] were_iron and[34] were_clay some_of the_part_of the_ _kingdom it_will_be strong some_of_it it_will_be breakable. **43** And_that[35] you_saw the_iron mixed with_the_clay_of the_ _clay mixing they_will_be with_the_offspring_of (the)_ _humankind not they_will_be clinging this with this HERE like (the)_iron not is_mixing with (the)_clay. **44** And_in_days_of_ _their of the_kings those the_god_of the_heavens he_will_set_ _up a_kingdom which for_ages not it_will_be_destroyed and_ _the_kingdom to_a_people another not it_will_be_left it_will_ _shatter and_it_will_put_an_end_to all_of these the_kingdoms and_she it_will_endure for_(the)_ever. **45** As_to because that you_saw that from_(the)_mountain a_stone which not was_by_ _hands it_was_cut_out and_it_shattered the_iron the_bronze the_clay the_silver and_the_gold god great he_has_made_ _known to_the_king what that it_will_be after this and_is_ _certain the_dream and_is_trustworthy interpretation_of_its.

46 In_then Oh/the_king Nəvūkadnetstsar he_fell on face_of_his and_to_Dāniyy'ēl he_paid_homage and_offering and_soothing_ _offerings he_said to_offer_in_sacrifice to_him/it. **47** Oh/the_ _king was_replying to/for_Dāniyy'ēl and_saying(ms) from truth that god_of_your(pl) he is_the_god_of gods and_the_master_of kings and_one_who_reveals_of secrets that you_have_been_able to_reveal the_mystery this. **48** Then Oh/the_king to/for_ _Dāniyy'ēl he_made_great and_gifts great many he_gave to_ _him/it and_he_made_him_ruler over all_of the_province_of Bāvel and_chief_of prefects over all_of the_wise_men_of Bāvel. **49** And_Dāniyy'ēl he_asked from Oh/the_king and_he_appointed over the_administration of the_province_of Bāvel ~~DOM~~_ _Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō and_Dāniyy'ēl was_in_the_gate_ _of Oh/the_king.

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25 **LV 2:39 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אר/ערא**: (x-qere) 'עֲרֵא': lemma_772 morph_ANcfsd id_27Euh עֲרֵא

26 **LV 2:39 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as **אערא**

27 **LV 2:39 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

28 **LV 2:39 · Note** OSHB variant note: **איתילת**: (x-qere) 'הָאֲתִילַת': lemma_8523 b morph_AAofsa id_27zkf הָאֲתִילַת

29 **LV 2:40 · Note** OSHB variant note: **היעיבר**: (x-qere) 'הָאֲעֲיִבַר': lemma_7244 n_1.1 morph_AAofsa id_27Zax הָאֲעֲיִבַר

30 **LV 2:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וזה/נמ**: (x-qere) 'וְזֵ֫ה/נָמּ': lemma_4481 n_1.2.0.0 morph_AR/Sp3fp id_27eHZ וְזֵ֫ה/נָמּ

31 **LV 2:41 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

32 **LV 2:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וזה/נמ/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְיֵה/נָמּ/וּ': lemma_c/4481 morph_AC/R/Sp3fp id_27rKT וְיֵה/נָמּ/וּ

33 **LV 2:42 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וזה/נמ**: (x-qere) 'וְיֵה/נָמּ': lemma_4481 morph_AR/Sp3fp id_27MSY וְיֵה/נָמּ

34 **LV 2:42 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וזה/נמ/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְיֵה/נָמּ/וּ': lemma_c/4481 morph_AC/R/Sp3fp id_27ctR וְיֵה/נָמּ/וּ

35 **LV 2:43 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יד**: (x-qere) 'יְדִ/וֹ': lemma_c/1768 morph_AC/C id_27tkv יְדִ/וֹ

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3:1 Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_made an_image of gold height_of_its was_cubits sixty width_of_its was_cubits six he_ _set_it_up on_the_plain_of Dura in_the_province_of Bāvel.
2 And_Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_sent to_gather ~~DOM~~_ _the_satraps the_prefects and_the_governors the_counsellors the_ministers the_judges the_magistrates and_ _all/each/any/every the_authorities_of the_provinces to_come to_the_dedication_of the_image which Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_had_set_up. **3** In_then were_gathered the_ _satraps the_prefects and_the_governors the_counsellors the_ _ministers the_judges the_magistrates and_all/each/any/every the_authorities_of the_provinces for_the_dedication_of the_ _image which Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_had_set_up and[36] (to)_before the_image which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_had_ _set_up. **4** And_the_herald was_proclaiming with_power to_ _you(pl) they_are_saying Oh_peoples (the)_nations and_(the)_ _languages. **5** At_the_time which you(pl)_will_hear the_sound_ _of the_horn the_flute zither[37] trigon harp pipe and_ _all/each/any/every (the)_kinds_of (the)_music you(pl)_will_ _fall_down and_you(pl)_will_pay_homage to_the_image_of (the)_gold which Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_has_set_up.
6 And_whoever that not he_will_fall_down and_he_will_pay_ _homage at_it the_moment he_will_be_thrown to_the_midst_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning. **7** As_to because this at_ _it the_time as_that all_of the_peoples were_hearing the_ _sound_of the_horn the_flute zither[38] trigon harp and_ _all/each/any/every (the)_kinds_of (the)_music all_of the_ _peoples the_nations and_the_languages were_falling_down they_were_paying_homage to_the_image_of (the)_gold which Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_had_set_up.
8 As_to because this at_it the_time men Chaldean they_ _approached and_they_ate pieces_of_their of the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews). **9** They_replied and_they_said to_ _Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king Oh/the_king for_ages live.
10 You(sg)[39] Oh/the_king you_made a_decree that every_of person who he_will_hear the_sound_of the_horn the_flute zither[40] trigon harp and[41] and_all/each/any/every (the)_ _kinds_of (the)_music he_will_fall_down and_he_will_pay_ _homage to_the_image_of (the)_gold. **11** And_whoever that not he_will_fall_down and_he_will_pay_homage he_will_be_thrown to_the_midst_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning.
12 There are_men Yəhūdī/(Jewish) whom you_have_appointed ~~DOM~~_them over the_administration_of the_province_of Bāvel Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō the_men these not they_have_ _set mmm[42] Oh/the_king discretion mmm[43] not they_are_ _paying_reverence and_to_the_image_of (the)_gold which you_ _have_set_up not they_are_paying_homage. **13** In_then Nəvūkadnetstsar in_rage and_anger he_said to_bring ~~DOM~~_

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The command to worship the statue

3:1 King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had a gold statue made that stood nearly thirty metres high and was almost three metres wide, and it was erected on the Dura plain in the Babylonian province. **2** Then King Nevukadnetsar sent for the various levels of governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the provincial officials, to all come to the dedication of the statue that he'd erected. **3** So all those officials assembled in front of the statue that the king had set up, ready for the dedication. **4** Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "You peoples, nations, and languages are commanded **5** that any time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, harps, pipes, and other instruments, you all must bow down and worship the gold statue that King Nevukadnetsar has erected. **6** Anyone who refuses to bow down and worship it at that time, will be thrown into a blazing furnace." **7** So when all those people who had gathered heard the sounds made by the musical instruments, they all bowed down to worship the gold statue.

Daniyel's three friends get tattled on

8 But some Chaldean astrologers went to the king to make trouble for the Yehudim (Jews). **9** They reported to King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), "Long live the king. **10** Oh king, you've made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the musical instruments, must bow down and worship the gold statue, **11** but anyone who doesn't bow and worship will be thrown into a fiery furnace. **12** Now, there are certain Yehudim who you've appointed over the administration of the province of Bavel (Babylon): Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego. These men, your majesty, don't take any notice of you: they don't serve your gods, or worship the gold statue that you've set up."

13 Then Nevukadnetsar in a furious rage commanded that Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego be arrested. Then they were brought to the king **14** who questioned them, "Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego, is it true that you won't serve my gods

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36 LV 3:3 · Note OSHB variant note: וימאק/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמָּיִק/ו': lemma_c/6966 n_0.1.0 morph_AC/Vqrmpa id_27j2a וְיִמָּיִק/ו
37 LV 3:5 · Note OSHB variant note: סורתיק: (x-qere) 'סַוְּרְתַּק': lemma_7030 morph_ANcmsa id_27sgH סַוְּרְתַּק
38 LV 3:7 · Note OSHB variant note: סרתיק: (x-qere) 'סַוְּרְתַּק': lemma_7030 morph_ANcmsa id_27tkY סַוְּרְתַּק
39 LV 3:10 · Note OSHB variant note: התנא: (x-qere) 'תֶּנָּא': lemma_607 morph_APp2ms id_27D9B תֶּנָּא
40 LV 3:10 · Note OSHB variant note: סרתיק: (x-qere) 'סַוְּרְתַּק': lemma_7030 morph_ANcmsa id_27aZX סַוְּרְתַּק
41 LV 3:10 · Note OSHB variant note: הינפיס/ו: (x-qere) 'הָיְנַפּוּס/ו': lemma_c/5481 n_1.1 morph_AC/Ncfsa id_27sud הָיְנַפּוּס/ו
42 LV 3:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ד/ילע: (x-qere) 'דְּ/לֶלַע': lemma_5922 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27evD דְּ/לֶלַע
43 LV 3:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ד/יהלא/ל: (x-qere) 'דְּ/הָלְאֵל': lemma_l/426 n_0.1.0 morph_AR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27deG דְּ/הָלְאֵל

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or worship the gold statue that I set up? **15** Now if you're ready, as soon as you hear the musical instruments of music, if you all bow down and worship the statue I erected, everything will be okay. But if you don't, you'll immediately be thrown into a blazing hot furnace. Then what god could rescue you from my punishment?"

16 "Oh Nevukadnetsar," the three of them answered the king, "we don't need to answer that last question. **17** If that's what happens to us, the god that we serve is able to rescue us from the blazing fire and from your punishment. He will save us, your majesty. **18** But just so it's clear your majesty, even if he doesn't, we won't serve your gods or worship that gold statue."

Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego thrown into the fire

19 That made Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) absolutely furious and it could be seen in his face. He ordered that the furnace be made seven times hotter than usual **20** and commanded some of his top warriors to tie up Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego and then to throw them into the blazing furnace. **21** So while still fully dressed even with their turbans still on, they were tied up and thrown into the middle of the furnace where the fire was blazing. **22** Unfortunately, because of the king's insistent command, the furnace was extremely hot and the flames killed the men who threw them in, **23** but Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego fell into the roaring flames while still securely tied up.

24 Then King Nevukadnetsar was startled and jumped up and asked his counsellors, "Wasn't it three who were tied up that were thrown there into the middle of the fire?

"Certainly, your majesty," they replied.

25 "Look there, then!" he responded. "I can see *four* men walking in the middle of the fire, and they're not tied up and they're not hurt, and the fourth one looks like a young god."

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_Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō in_then the_men these they_ _were_brought before Oh/the_king. **14** Nəvūkadnetstsar was_ _replying and_saying(ms) to_them purpose Oh_Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō to_gods_of_my not there_you(pl) are_ _paying_reverence and_to_the_image_of (the)_gold which I_ _have_set_up not you(pl)_are_paying_homage. **15** Now if there_ _you(pl) are_ready that at_the_time which you(pl)_will_hear the_sound_of the_horn the_flute zither[4445] trigon harp and_ _pipe and_all/each/any/every (the)_kinds_of (the)_music you(pl)_will_fall_down and_you(pl)_will_pay_homage to_the_ _image which I_have_made and_if not you(pl)_will_pay_ _homage at_it the_moment you(pl)_will_be_thrown to_the_ _midst_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning and_who he is_ _the_god who[46] he_will_deliver_you(pl) from hands_of_my. **16** Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō they_replied and_they_said to_the_king Oh_Nəvūkadnetstsar not we are_needing concerning this affair to_send_back_to_you. **17** If there is_our_ _of_god whom we are_paying_reverence is_being_able to_ _deliver_us from the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning and_ _from hand_of_your Oh/the_king he_will_deliver. **18** And_if not known let_it_be to/for_you(fs) Oh/the_king that mmm[4748] not mmm[49] are_paying_reverence and_to_the_image_of (the)_gold which you_have_set_up not we_will_pay_homage.

19 In_then Nəvūkadnetstsar he_was_filled anger and_the_ _image_of his_face it_was_changed[50] against Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō he_was_replying and_saying(ms) to_heat ~~DOM~~_the_furnace one seven over that was_proper to_heat_it. **20** And_to_men mighty_men_of power who were_in_army_of_ _his he_said to_bind ~~DOM~~_Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō to_ _throw to_the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning. **21** In_then the_men these they_were_bound in_mantles_of_their mmm[5152] and_caps_of_their and_clothes_of_their and_they_were_thrown to_the_midst_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning. **22** As_to because this from that the_message_of Oh/the_king was_harsh and_the_furnace was_heated exceedingly the_men these who they_took_up ~~DOM~~_Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō the_flame of the_fire it_killed them. **23** And_the_men these three_of_of_ _them Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō they_fell to_the_midst_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning bound. **24** Then Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_was_alarmed and_he_arose in_haste he_was_replying and_saying(ms) to_counsellors_of_his not men three did_we_throw to_the_midst_of the_fire bound they_were_replying and_they_said to_the_king certain Oh/the_ _king. **25** He_was_replying and_saying(ms) look I am_seeing men four untied/released walking in_the_midst_of the_fire and_hurt not there is_on_them and_appearance_of_his of

44 LV 3:15 · Note OSHB variant note: סרתיק: (x-qere) 'סָוֹרְתַק': lemma_7030 morph_ANcmsa id_27UhH סָוֹרְתַק

45 LV 3:15 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

46 LV 3:15 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

47 LV 3:18 · Note OSHB variant note: ל/יהלא/ך: (x-qere) 'לְ/הָלְאָ/ךְ': lemma_l/426 n_0.1.0 morph_AR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27TmV לְ/הָלְאָ/ךְ

48 LV 3:18 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

49 LV 3:18 · Note OSHB variant note: אנ/יתיא: (x-qere) 'אָנָ/תְיָא': lemma_383 morph_ATa/Sp1cp id_27qKL אָנָ/תְיָא

50 LV 3:19 · Note OSHB variant note: ונתשא: (x-qere) 'וְנַתְשָׁא': lemma_8133 n_1.1 morph_AVPp3ms id_27RWu וְנַתְשָׁא

51 LV 3:21 · Note OSHB variant note: וה/ישיטפ: (x-qere) 'וָה/יְשִׁטַפ': lemma_6361 n_1.1 morph_ANcmpc/Sp3mp id_27aFY וָה/יְשִׁטַפ

52 LV 3:21 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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mmm[53] is_like ~~DOM~~_a_son_of the_gods. **26** In_then Nəvūkadnetstsar he_approached to_the_door_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning he_was_replying and_saying(ms) Oh_ _Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō servants_of_his of the_god mmm[54] come_out and_come in_then Shadrach Meshach Abed-Nəgō were_coming_out from the_midst_of the_fire. **27** And_ _were_ the_satraps the_prefects and_the_governors and_the_ _counsellors_of Oh/the_king _gathered they_were_seeing ~~DOM~~_ _the_men these that not the_fire it_had_had_power over_body_ _of_their and_the_hair_of their_head not it_was_singed and_ _mantles_of_their not they_were_changed and_the_smell_of fire not it_had_touched on_them. **28** Nəvūkadnetstsar was_ _replying and_saying(ms) be_blessed god_of of Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō who he_has_sent messenger_of_his and_ _he_has_delivered to_his/its_servants who they_trusted on_ _him and_the_message_of Oh/the_king they_violated and_ _they_gave mmm[5556] that not they_will_pay_reverence and_ _not they_will_pay_homage to/from_all/each/any/every god except to_their_own_of_god. **29** And_from_me it_is_made a_ _decree that any_of people nation and_language which it_will_ _say negligence[57] against god_of_their of Shadrach Meshach Abed- nego members he_will_be_made and_house_of_his a_ _refuse-heap it_will_be_made as_to because that not there is_a_ _god another who he_is_able to_rescue like_this. **30** In_then Oh/the_king he_caused_to_prosper ~~DOM~~_Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō in_the_province_of Bāvel.

31 [59] Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_peoples the_nations and_the_ _languages which are_dwelling[60] in_all the_earth peace_of_ _your(pl) may_it_increase. **32** [61] The_signs and_the_wonders which he_has_done with_me the_god mmm[62] it_seemed_good before_me to_reply. **33** [63] Are_his_of_signs how great and_are_ _wonders_of_his how strong kingdom_of_his is_a_kingdom_of perpetuity and_dominion_of_his is_with generation and_ _generation.

4:1 [64] I Nəvūkadnetstsar at_ease I_was in_house_of_my and_ _flourishing in_palace_of_my. **2** [65] A_dream I_saw and_it_made_ _me_afraid and_imaginings on bed_of_my and_visions_of my_ _head they_alarmed_me. **3** [66] And_from_me a_decree it_was_ _made to_bring_in before_me to_all/each/any/every the_wise_ _men_of Bāvel that the_interpretation_of the_dream they_will_

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26 Then Nevukadnetsar went over by the furnace door and called out, "Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come over here!" Then the three men walked out from the middle of the fire. **27** All the king's officials gathered around them and saw that the fire hadn't harmed them—their hair wasn't even singed, their cloaks weren't damaged, and they didn't even smell like smoke.

28 Nevukadnetsar spoke, "Praise the god of Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego. He sent his angel and rescued his servants who had put their trust in him. They took objection to the king's command at the cost of their own lives, rather than serve or worship any god except their god. **29** I hereby make a decree that any people, nation, or language that speaks anything offensive against the god of Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego will have their houses made into rubbish heaps and they'll be torn limb from limb, because there's no other god who's able to save people like that."

30 Then the king gave Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego more important positions in Bavel (Babylon) province than they had before.

Nevukadnetsar's second dream

4:1 King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) sent this message to all people groups, nations, and languages that live all over the world:

May you have peace and prosperity. **2** It seemed good to me to let you all know about the amazing miracles that the supreme God has done for me.

3 The miracles he does are incredible,
and his acts of creation are powerful.
His kingdom will last forever,
and his authority goes from one generation to another.

4 I, Nevukadnetsar, was doing well at home, and prospering at my work in my palace, **5** but one night as I lay in bed, I had a dream that scared me—the images and visions in my head terri-

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53 LV 3:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/יעיבר**: (x-qere) 'הָֽאָעִיבֶר': lemma_7244 n_0.1 morph_AAomsd/Td id_27R15 הָֽאָעִיבֶר

54 LV 3:26 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הָ֣אָלִ֔ע': lemma_5943 n_1.0 morph_AAamsd/Td id_27GWv הָ֣אָלִ֔ע

55 LV 3:28 · Note OSHB variant note: **וה/ימשג**: (x-qere) 'וֹהִ֖מְשָׁגְ': lemma_1655 n_0.1.1 morph_ANcmsc/Sp3mp id_27Dux וֹהִ֖מְשָׁגְ

56 LV 3:28 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

57 LV 3:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **הלש**: (x-qere) 'וּלָ֑שׁ': lemma_7960 n_1.2.2 morph_ANcfsa id_27Hbd וּלָ֑שׁ

59 LV 3:31 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.1

60 LV 3:31 · Note OSHB variant note: **וראד**: (x-qere) 'וָיְרָ֣יד': lemma_1753 morph_AVqrmpa id_27HGZ וָיְרָ֣יד

61 LV 3:32 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.2

62 LV 3:32 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הָ֣אָלִ֔ע': lemma_5943 n_1 morph_AAamsd/Td id_27D85 הָ֣אָלִ֔ע

63 LV 3:33 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.3

64 LV 4:1 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.4

65 LV 4:2 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.5

66 LV 4:3 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.6

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fied me. **6** So I summoned all of Bavel's (Babylon's) wise men to come and tell me the interpretation of the dream. **7** When those magicians, fortune-tellers, sorcerers and astrologers arrived, I told them the dream, but they didn't know the interpretation.

8 Finally, Daniyel came in—he'd been named Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar) after my god's name. The spirit of the holy gods is in him, and I told him the dream: **9** "Oh Belteshatsar, chief of the magicians, since I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, go through the visions of my dream and tell me their interpretation.

10 This is the vision that was in my mind as a lay in bed: I was looking and was surprised to see a very tall tree growing in the middle of a field. **11** The tree kept growing taller and stronger until its top reached the sky and it could be seen from all over the world. **12** It had beautiful leaves were beautiful and lots of fruit on it. It provided food for everything, the animals in the countryside found shade under it, and the birds of the sky lived in its branches. Every living thing benefitted from it.

13 I was looking at the visions in my mind as I lay in bed, and then, wow, a holy sentinel came down from the heavens. **14** He shouted loudly, 'Chop that tree down and cut its branches off, strip off its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Let the animals run away from under it and the birds from its branches. **15** But leave the stump with its roots in the ground, and bind it with a band of iron and bronze. Let it become wet with the dew in the tender grass of the field, accompanied only by those animals that live in the grass. **16** Let his mind[58] be changed from a man to an animal as seven periods pass over him. **17** That sentence is by the decree of the sentinels, and the decision is a command of the holy ones, so that the living may know that the highest one is ruler over human kingdoms and gives them to whoever he wants—even to those who seem unimportant.'

Literal Version

_make_known_to_me. **4** **67** In_then were_going_in[68] the_ _magicians the_conjurers the_Kasdaye[69] and_the_astrologers and_the_dream I was_saying before_them and_its_ _interpretation not they_were_making_known to_me. **5** **70** And_ _unto last he_came_in before_me Dāniyy'ēl who his/its_name is_Bēlətəsha'tstsar like_the_name_of my_god and_who a_spirit_ _of gods holy is_in_him and_the_dream before_him I_said. **6** **71** Oh_Bēlətəsha'tstsar the_chief_of the_magicians whom I I_know that a_spirit_of gods holy on/over_you(fs) and_all secret not is_ _oppressing to/for_you(fs) the_visions_of my_dream which I_ _saw and_its_interpretation tell. **7** **72** And_visions_of my_head on bed_of_my seeing I_was and_lo a_tree in_the_midst_of the_ _land and_height_of_its was_great. **8** **73** The_tree it_grew_great and_it_grew_strong and_height_of_its it_reached to_the_ _heavens and_the_sight_of_of_it was_to_the_end_of all_of the_ _land. **9** **74** Foliage_of_its was_beautiful and_fruit_of_its was_ _plentiful and_food for_all was_on_it under_it it_had_shade the_animal[s]_of the_field and_in_branches_of_its they_ _nested[75] the_birds_of the_heavens and_from_it all_of the_flesh it_fed. **10** **76** Seeing I_was in_the_visions_of my_head on bed_of_ _my and_lo a_watcher and_a_holy_one from the_heavens was_ _coming_down. **11** **77** He_was_proclaiming with_power and_ _thus/so/as_follows he_was_saying cut_down the_tree and_ _cut_off branches_of_its strip_off foliage_of_its and_scatter fruit_of_its the_animal[s] let_it_flee from under_it and_the_ _birds from branches_of_its. **12** **78** Nevertheless the_stump_of its_roots in_the_ground leave and_with_a_fetter of iron and_ _bronze in_the_grass of the_field and_with_the_dew_of the_ _heavens let_it_become_wet and_be_with the_animal[s] portion_of_its in_the_grass_of the_earth. **13** **79** Heart_of_its away_from humankind[80] let_it_be_changed and_the_heart_of an_animal let_it_be_given to_him/it and_seven times let_them_ _pass over_it. **14** **81** Is_by_the_decree_of watchers the_command and_is_by_the_message_of holy_ones the_affair to the_cause_of (of)_that the_living_people they_will_know that is_having_

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58 **RV 4:16 · Note** It seems now that the tree represented a man.

67 **LV 4:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.7

68 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וילל֥ע**: (x-qere) 'וְיִלָּ֣ע': lemma_5954 n_1.1.1 morph_AVqrmpa id_27a5b **וְיִלָּ֣ע**

69 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ידשכ**: (x-qere) 'יְאָדְשַׁכּ': lemma_3779 n_1.0 morph_ANgmsc/Sp1cs id_277ej **יְאָדְשַׁכּ**

70 **LV 4:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.8

71 **LV 4:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.9

72 **LV 4:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.10

73 **LV 4:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.11

74 **LV 4:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.12

75 **LV 4:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וורדי**: (x-qere) 'וְרוּדֵי': lemma_1753 n_0.1.0 morph_AVqi3mp id_27ZMa **וְרוּדֵי**

76 **LV 4:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.13

77 **LV 4:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.14

78 **LV 4:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.15

79 **LV 4:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.16

80 **LV 4:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/שונא**: (x-qere) 'אֱ֝נָשָׁ֗א': lemma_606 morph_ANcmsd/Td id_27pV4 **אֱ֝נָשָׁ֗א**

81 **LV 4:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.17

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_mastery mmm[82] over_the_kingdom_of mmm[8384] and_to_ _whomever whom he_will_be_pleased he and_a_lowly_one_of humankind he_will_set_up mmm[85]. **15** [86] This the_dream I Oh/the_king Nəvūkadnetstsar I_saw and[87] Oh_Bēləṭəsha'tstsar its_interpretation tell as_to because that all_of the_wise_men_ _of my_kingdom not are_able the_interpretation to_make_ _know_me and[88] are_able that a_spirit_of gods holy on/over_ _you(fs).

16 [89] Then Dāniyy'ēl who his/its_name was_Bēləṭəsha'tstsar he_ _was_appalled about_a_moment one and_thoughts_of_his they_ _alarmed_him Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) Oh_ _Bēləṭəsha'tstsar the_dream and_its_interpretation not let_it_ _alarm_you Bēləṭəsha'tstsar was_replying and_saying(ms) my_ _master[90] the_dream mmm[91] and_its_interpretation mmm[92]. **17** [93] The_tree which you_saw which it_grew_great and_it_ _grew_strong and_height_of_its it_reached to_the_heavens and_the_sight_of_of_it to/from_all/each/any/every the_land. **18** [94] And_foliage_of_its was_beautiful and_fruit_of_its was_ _plentiful and_food for_all was_on_it under_it the_animal[s]_of the_field it_dwelt and_in_branches_of_its the_birds_of the_ _heavens they_dwelt. **19** [95] You(sg)[96] it Oh/the_king who you_ _have_grown_great and_you_have_grown_strong and_ _greatness_of_your it_has_grown_great and_it_has_reached to_ _the_heavens and_dominion_of_your is_to_the_end_of the_ _earth. **20** [97] And_that Oh/the_king he_saw a_watcher and_a_ _holy_one coming_down from the_heavens and_saying(ms) cut_down the_tree and_destroy_it nevertheless the_stump_of its_roots in_the_ground leave and_with_a_fetter of iron and_ _bronze in_the_grass of the_field and_with_the_dew_of the_ _heavens let_it_become_wet and_be_with the_animal[s]_of the_ _field portion_of_its until that seven times they_will_pass over_ _it. **21** [98] This the_interpretation Oh/the_king and_is_the_ _decree_of mmm[99] it which it_has_reached to my[100] Oh/the_ _king. **22** [101] And_~~DOM~~_you they_will_be_chasing away_from

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18 I, King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), had this dream. Now you, Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar), tell me the interpretation, because none of the wise men in my kingdom can tell me the interpretation. But you can, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you."

The saving/explaining of Daniyel of dream of King

19 Daniyel (also known as Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar)) was appalled for a while at the meaning of the dream, and worried how to present it. The king saw this and said, Belteshatsar, don't hold back on being honest about the dream its interpretation."

"My master," he answered, "If only the dream was for those who hate you, and its interpretation was for your enemies. **20** You saw that tree that grew and became strong, and whose top reached the sky and was visible all over the world, **21** with its beautiful leaves and plentiful fruit. It provided food for everyone, and the animals from the countryside lived under it, and the birds lived in its branches. **22** That was you, your majesty. You've grown and become strong—your greatness has grown and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the ends of the earth. **23** Then the king saw a holy sentinel coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump and the roots in the ground, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the countryside, and let him be wet with the dew, and let him live with the animals of the fields until seven periods of time pass over him.'

24 "Your majesty, this is the interpretation: It's actually the decree of what the supreme God has declared will happen to you,

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82 **LV 4:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הָ֫אָלְעִ': lemma_5943 n_0.1.1.0 morph_ANcmsd/Td id_27bjL **הָ֫אָלְעִ**

83 **LV 4:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/שונא**: (x-qere) 'אֲ֫שֻׁנָּא': lemma_606 n_0.1.1 morph_ANcmsd/Td id_27xLT **אֲ֫שֻׁנָּא**

84 **LV 4:14 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

85 **LV 4:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הַ֫לְּעִ': lemma_5922 n_0 morph_AR/Sp3fs id_27EHX **הַ֫לְּעִ**

86 **LV 4:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.18

87 **LV 4:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא/ו**: (x-qere) 'תְּנָא֫וְ': lemma_c/607 morph_AC/Pp2ms id_27eoV **תְּנָא֫וְ**

88 **LV 4:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא/ו**: (x-qere) 'תְּנָא֫וְ': lemma_c/607 morph_AC/Pp2ms id_27Frb **תְּנָא֫וְ**

89 **LV 4:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.19

90 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **י/ארמ**: (x-qere) 'יָ֫רְמִ': lemma_4756 n_0.1 morph_ANcmsc/Sp1cs id_27hEY **יָ֫רְמִ**

91 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/יאנש/ל**: (x-qere) 'דְּ֫אֱנָשְׁל': lemma_l/8131 n_0.0 morph_AR/Vqrmpc/Sp2ms id_27NzX **דְּ֫אֱנָשְׁל**

92 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/ירע/ל**: (x-qere) 'דְּ֫רָעְל': lemma_l/6146 n_0 morph_AR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27otL **דְּ֫רָעְל**

93 **LV 4:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.20

94 **LV 4:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.21

95 **LV 4:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.22

96 **LV 4:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא**: (x-qere) 'תְּנָא': lemma_607 morph_APp2ms id_27kDi **תְּנָא**

97 **LV 4:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.23

98 **LV 4:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.24

99 **LV 4:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הָ֫אָלְעִ֑': lemma_5943 n_0.1.0 morph_AAamsd/Td id_272Xh **הָ֫אָלְעִ֑**

100 **LV 4:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **י/ארמ**: (x-qere) 'יָ֫רְמִ֑': lemma_4756 morph_ANcmsc/Sp1cs id_27u2m **יָ֫רְמִ֑**

101 **LV 4:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.25

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my master the king. 25 You will be driven away from society and you'll live with the animals in the countryside. You'll be forced to eat grass like a bull, and you'll sleep on the ground and be wet with dew in the morning for seven years until you acknowledge that the highest one is ruler over humankind and learn that he gives kingdoms to whoever he wants. 26 But just as it was commanded to leave the stump of the tree with its roots, so too your kingdom will be restored to you from the time you recognise that heaven rules over earth. 27 Therefore, your majesty, please consider my advice: stop sinning and do what is right, and stop disobeying God by starting to show mercy to the oppressed, so that perhaps your prosperity might be prolonged."

28 But all of that did happen to King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar). 29 Twelve months later, he was walking on the upper terrace of the royal palace in Bavel (Babylon) 30 when he looked across and said, "Isn't that the great Bavel, which I've built as a royal residence by the strength of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"

31 He'd only just finished saying that when he heard a voice in the sky, "It's now decreed to you, King Nevukadnetsar: you've just lost your kingdom. 32 You'll be driven away from other people, and you'll live will be with the animals out in the countryside where you'll have to eat grass like a cow. Seven years will pass before you acknowledge that the highest one is ruler over mankind and he gives kingdoms to whoever he wants."

33 Immediately what had been said in advance happened to Nevukadnetsar. He was driven away from society. He ate grass like a cow, and his body was wet with dew each morning after sleeping on the ground. Eventually his hair had grown long like eagles' feathers, and his nails were long like birds' claws.

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(the)_humankind and_with the_animal[s]_of the_field it_will_
_be your_dwelling_of_place and_(the)_grass like_oxen to/for_
_you(fs) they_will_feed and_from_the_dew_of the_heavens
to/for_you(fs) they_will_be_making_wet and_seven times they_
_will_pass over_you[102][103] until that you_will_know that is_
_having_mastery the_Most_High[104][105] over_the_kingdom_of
(the)_humankind and_to_whomever whom he_will_be_pleased
he_will_give_it. 23 [106] And_that they_said to_leave the_stump_
_of its_roots of the_tree kingdom_of_your to/for_you(fs) will_
_be_enduring from that you_will_know that are_having_
_mastery the_heavens. 24 [107] Therefore Oh/the_king advice_of_
_my let_it_be_acceptable mmm[108] and[109] by_right_doing
break_off iniquities_of_your by_showing_mercy_to poor_people
whether it_will_be a_prolonging of_prosperity_of_your. 25 [110]
(The)_everything it_came on Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king.
26 [111] To_the_end_of months two_plus_of ten on the_palace_of
the_kingdom of Bāvel walking_about he_was. 27 [112] Oh/the_
_king was_replying and_saying(ms) not is_this it Bāvel (the)_
_great which I I_built_it to_a_house_of a_kingdom by_the_
_strength_of my_power and_for_the_honour_of my_majesty.
28 [113] Still the_matter was_in_the_mouth_of Oh/the_king a_
_voice from the_heavens it_fell to/for_you(fs) they_are_saying
Oh_Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king the_kingdom it_has_passed_
_away from_you(ms). 29 [114] And_from (the)_humankind to/for_
_you(fs) they_are_about_to_chase and_will_be_with the_
_animal[s]_of the_field your_dwelling_of_place (the)_grass like_
_oxen to/for_you(fs) they_will_feed and_seven times they_will_
_pass mmm[115] until that you_will_know that is_having_mastery
the_Most_High[116][117] over_the_kingdom_of (the)_humankind
and_to_whomever whom he_will_be_pleased he_will_give_it.
30 [118] At_it the_moment the_matter it_was_fulfilled on
Nəvūkadnetstsar and_from (the)_humankind he_was_chased
and_(the)_grass like_oxen he_ate and_from_the_dew_of the_
_heavens body_of_his it_became_wet until that hair_of_his like_
_eagles it_grew_long and_nails_of_his were_like_birds.

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102 **LV 4:22 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
103 **LV 4:22 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
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106 **LV 4:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.26
107 **LV 4:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.27
108 **LV 4:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ד/ילע**: (x-qere) 'דְּלֶעִ': lemma_5922 n_1.2 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27gsX דְּלֶעִ
109 **LV 4:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ד/יטח/ו**: (x-qere) 'דְּאָטֵחוֹ': lemma_c/2408 n_1.1.0 morph_AC/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27vE1 דְּאָטֵחוֹ
110 **LV 4:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.28
111 **LV 4:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.29
112 **LV 4:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.30
113 **LV 4:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.31
114 **LV 4:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.32
115 **LV 4:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ד/ילע**: (x-qere) 'דְּלֶעִ': lemma_5922 n_1 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27Vmg דְּלֶעִ
116 **LV 4:29 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
117 **LV 4:29 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
118 **LV 4:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.33

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31 [119] And_to_the_end_of the_days I Nəvūkadnetstsar eyes_of_ _my to_the_heavens I_lifted and_understanding_of_my on_me it_returned and[120] I_blessed and_ĐOM_living_of the_ages I_ _praised and_I_glorified that dominion_of_his is_a_dominion_of perpetuity and_kingdom_of_his is_with generation and_ _generation. **32** [121] And_all the_inhabitants_of[122] of_the_earth are_as_not considered and_as_pleases_he he_is_doing with_ _the_army_of the_heavens and[123] of_the_earth and_not there is_who he_will_strike on_hand_of_his and_he_will_say to_ _him/it what have_you_done. **33** [124] At_it the_time understanding_of_my it_returned to_me and_to_the_honour_of my_kingdom majesty_of_my and_splendour_of_my it_returned to_me and_ĐOM_me counsellors_of_my and_nobles_of_my they_ _sought and_over kingdom_of_my it_was_established and_ _increase/multiply surpassing it_was_added to_me. **34** [125] Now I Nəvūkadnetstsar am_praising and_am_lifting_up and_am_ _glorifying ĐOM_the_king_of the_heavens that all_of deeds_of_ _his are_truth and_ways_of_his are_justice and_those_who are_ _walking in_pride he_is_able to_bring_low.

5:1 Bēləsha'tstsar Oh/the_king he_made a_feast great for_ _nobles_of_his a_thousand and_(to)_before the_thousand (the)_ _wine he_was_drinking. **2** Bēləsha'tstsar he_said in_the_taste_of the_wine to_bring ĐOM_the_vessels_of (the)_gold and_(the)_ _silver which Nəvūkadnetstsar father_of_his he_had_brought_ _out from the_temple which was_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) so_that_they_may_drink with_them Oh/the_king and_nobles_ _of_his wives_of_his and_concubines_of_his. **3** In_then they_ _brought the_vessels_of (the)_gold which they_had_brought_ _out from the_temple which was_the_house_of the_god which was_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_they_drank with_them Oh/the_king and_nobles_of_his wives_of_his and_concubines_ _of_his. **4** They_drank the_wine and_they_praised ĐOM_the_ _gods_of (the)_gold and_(the)_silver (the)_bronze (the)_iron (the)_wood and_(the)_stone. **5** At_it the_moment they_went_ _forth[127] fingers of a_hand_of a_human and_they_were_writing (to)_before the_candlestick on the_plaster of the_wall_of the_ _palace of Oh/the_king and_the_king was_seeing the_palm_of the_hand which was_writing. **6** Then Oh/the_king brightness(es)_of_his they_changed_him and_thoughts_of_ _his[128] they_alarmed_him and_the_joints_of his_loin[s] were_ _loosened and_knees_of_his this_one to_this_one were_ _knocking. **7** Oh/the_king was_calling with_power to_bring_in ĐOM_the_conjurers the_Kasdaye[129] and_the_astrologers Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) to_wisemen of_

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Nevukadnetsar praises God

34 "After the seven years, I, Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) looked up toward heaven and my reason returned to me. Then I praised and honoured the highest one who lives forever, because his authority is everlasting and his kingdom endures through the generations. **35** Compared to him, all the inhabitants of the earth are insignificant like ants—he issues his commands to the heavenly army and to earth's inhabitants. No one can hold back his hand or has any right to ask him, 'What have you done?' "

36 "At that time my sanity returned to me, and I was reestablished in my kingdom. My majesty and my splendour was restored to me as I became again the respected leader of my kingdom. My counsellors and my leading citizens wanted to be in my company, and I became even more powerful than I was before. **37** Now I, Nevukadnetsar, praise, extol, and honour the king of the heavens, because everything he does is, and his methods are just, and he's able to humble those who become proud.

The writing on the wall

5:1 Several years later when Belshatsar (Belshazzar) was king, he put on a feast for a thousand of his leading citizens, and he was drinking wine with them all. **2** As Belshatsar was drinking the wine, he remembered the gold and silver cups that his father Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had taken from the temple in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and ordered that they be brought in so that the king and his leading citizens, and his wives and his concubines, could drink from them. **3** So they brought in the gold cups that had been taken out of God's residence in Yerushalem, then the king and his leading citizens, his wives and his concubines, drank from them. **4** They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

5 Suddenly, the fingers of a human hand appeared and started writing on the plaster on the king's palace wall, opposite the lampstand. When the king saw the back of the hand that was writing, **6** he was very frightened and the colour drained from his face. His legs felt weak and his knees started knocking together, **7** and he called out for the enchanters, the Kasdim (Chaldeans), and the astrologers to be brought in. The king told those Babylonian wise men, "Anyone who can read this writing and tell me its interpretation will be dressed in royal robes and

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119 **LV 4:31 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.34

120 **LV 4:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ילע/ל/ו**: (x-qere) **הָעָלְיָ֔ו**: lemma_c/l/5943 n_1.1.0 morph_AC/To/Aamsd/Td id_27R76 **הָעָלְיָ֔ו**

121 **LV 4:32 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.35

122 **LV 4:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יראד**: (x-qere) **יְרָיְדֵ֣י**: lemma_1753 morph_AVqrmpc id_27YQo **יְרָיְדֵ֣י**

123 **LV 4:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יראד/ו**: (x-qere) **יְרָיְדֵ֣י/ו**: lemma_c/1753 n_1.0 morph_AC/Vqrmpc id_27tAQ **יְרָיְדֵ֣י/ו**

124 **LV 4:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.36

125 **LV 4:34 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.37

127 **LV 5:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וקפנ**: (x-qere) **הָקְקַפְנ֣**: lemma_5312 n_1.3.1 morph_AVqp3fp id_27c3h **הָקְקַפְנ֣**

128 **LV 5:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

129 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ידשכ**: (x-qere) **יְאָדְשַׂכְּ֔**: lemma_3779 n_1.0 morph_ANgmpc/Sp1cs id_27kTA **יְאָדְשַׂכְּ֔**

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will have a chain of gold placed around his neck, and he'll become the third ruler in the kingdom." **8** When all the king's wise men of the king got there, none of them could read the writing or tell the king what it meant. **9** Then King Belshatsar became more afraid, his face went whiter still, and his leading citizens also had no idea what to do.

10 My now the queen[126] had heard about what the king and his leading citizens had been saying, so she came into the banquet house and said, "Long live the king. Don't let this get under your skin. Don't let it drain you. **11** There's a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the days of your father, this man has illumination and insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods. Your father King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) appointed him chief of the magicians, sorcerers, Kasdim, and astrologers, **12** because this Daniyel had an excellent spirit, knowledge, and insight for interpreting dreams, explaining riddles, and solving problems. So summon Daniyel who the king named Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar) and he'll tell you the interpretation."

13 So Daniyel was brought in to the king who said to him, "So, you're that Daniyel—one of the exiles that my father the king brought from Yehudah (Judah). **14** I've heard about you—heard that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that you have illumination and insight and excellent wisdom. **15** Now the wise men and enchanters were brought in here to read this writing on the wall and tell me its interpretation, but they couldn't interpret it. **16** But I've heard about you—that you're able to give interpretations and solve problems. Now, if you're able to read that writing and tell me what it means, you'll be clothed with kingly robes and have a chain of gold placed around your neck, and you'll be made the thirdhighest ruler in the kingdom."

17 "I'm not after your gifts, and your rewards can be given to someone else," Daniyel responded. "But, I'll read the writing to the king and I'll tell you the interpretation.

18 "As for you, your majesty, the highest god gave the kingship, power, honour, and majesty, to your father Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar). **19** Because of that power, all peoples, nations, and

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_Bāvel that any_of person who he_will_read_aloud the_writing this and_its_interpretation he_will_declare_to_me (the)_purple he_will_be_clothed and[130][131] of (the)_gold will_be_on neck_of_ _his and_third in_the_kingdom he_will_rule. **8** Then were_ _going_in[132] all_of the_wise_men_of Oh/the_king and_not they_were_able the_writing to_read_aloud and[133] to_make_ _known to_the_king. **9** Then Oh/the_king Bēləsha'tstsar exceedingly was_alarmed and_brightness(es)_of_his were_ _changing on_him and_nobles_of_his were_dumbfounded. **10** The_queen (to)_before the_words/messages_of Oh/the_king and_nobles_of_his to_the_house_of the_feast she_went_in[134] the_queen she_replied and_she_said Oh/the_king for_ages live not let_them_alarm_you your(ms)_thoughts and_ _brightness(es)_of_your not let_them_be_changed. **11** There is_ _a_man in_kingdom_of_your who a_spirit_of gods holy is_in_ _him and_in_the_days_of your_father illumination and_insight and_wisdom like_the_wisdom_of gods it_was_found in_him and_the_king Nəvūkadnetstsar father_of_your chief_of the_ _magicians conjurers ones_from_Kasdiy astrologers he_ _appointed_him father_of_your Oh/the_king. **12** As_to because that a_spirit extraordinary and_understanding and_insight an_ _interpreter_of dreams and_declaring riddles and_loosening_of knots it_was_found in_him in_Dāniyy'ēl whom Oh/the_king he_ _made his/its_name Bēləṭəsha'tstsar now Dāniyy'ēl let_him_be_ _summoned and_the_interpretation he_will_declare. **13** In_then Dāniyy'ēl he_was_brought before Oh/the_king Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) to/for_Dāniyy'ēl you(sg)[135] he are_Dāniyy'ēl who is_one_of the_sons_of the_exile of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) whom Oh/the_king father_of_my he_brought from Yəhūdāh. **14** And_I_have_heard mmm[136] that a_spirit_of gods on/over_you(fs) and_illumination and_insight and_ _wisdom extraordinary it_was_found on/over_you(fs). **15** And_ _now they_have_been_brought before_me the_wise_men the_ _conjurers that the_writing this they_will_read_aloud and_its_ _interpretation to_make_know_me and_not they_were_able the_interpretation_of the_matter to_reply. **16** And_I I_have_ _heard mmm[137] that you_are_able[138][139] interpretations to_ _interpret and_knots to_loosen now if you_will_be_able[140] the_ _writing to_read_aloud and_its_interpretation to_make_know_ _me (the)_purple you_will_be_clothed and[141][142] of (the)_gold will_be_on neck_of and_third in_the_kingdom you_will_rule.

126 RV 5:10 · Note Possibly 'the previous queen', i.e., the queen mother (as the next verse displays her knowledge of past events).
130 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/כנומה/ו**: (x-qere) '**אָכִינְמָהּ/ו**': lemma_c/2002 morph_AC/Ncmsd/Td id_27TaA **אָכִינְמָהּ/ו**
131 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.
132 LV 5:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **ויללע**: (x-qere) '**וְיִלָּע**': lemma_5954 n_1.1 morph_AVqrmpa id_27tbG **וְיִלָּע**
133 LV 5:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/רשפ/ו**: (x-qere) '**הֵּ/רְשִׁפְ/וּ**': lemma_c/6591 n_0.0 morph_AC/Ncmsd/Sp3ms id_27BK2 **הֵּ/רְשִׁפְ/ו**
134 LV 5:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **תללע**: (x-qere) '**תֲלַּע**': lemma_5954 n_1 morph_AVqp3fs id_27dBb **תֲלַּע**
135 LV 5:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **התנא**: (x-qere) '**תְּנָא**': lemma_607 morph_APp2ms id_27ouG **תְּנָא**
136 LV 5:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ד/ילע**: (x-qere) '**דְּ/לָּע**': lemma_5922 n_1.1 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27z96 **דְּ/לָּע**
137 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **ד/ילע**: (x-qere) '**דְּ/לָּע**': lemma_5922 n_1.1 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27Pym **דְּ/לָּע**
138 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **לכות**: (x-qere) '**לוּכִית**': lemma_3202 morph_AVqi2ms id_27nrb **לוּכִית**
139 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.
140 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **לכות**: (x-qere) '**לוּכְת**': lemma_3202 morph_AVqi2ms id_27Wj8 **לוּכְת**
141 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/כנומה/ו**: (x-qere) '**אָכִינְמָהּ/ו**': lemma_c/2002 morph_AC/Ncmsd/Td id_27r2t **אָכִינְמָהּ/ו**
142 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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17 In_then Dāniyyʾēl was_replying and_saying(ms) before Oh/the_king gifts_of_your to/for_you(fs) let_them_be and_ _rewards_of_your to_another give nevertheless the_writing I_ _will_read_aloud to_the_king and_the_interpretation I_will_ _make_known_to_him. **18** You(sg)[143] Oh/the_king the_god mmm[144] the_kingdom and_the_greatness and_the_honour and_ _the_majesty he_gave to_Nəvʿūkadnetstsar father_of_your. **19** And_from the_greatness which he_gave to_him/it all_of the_ _peoples the_nations and_the_languages they_were trembling[145] and_fearing from before_him whom he_was pleased he_was killing and_whom he_was pleased he_was letting_live and_whom he_was pleased he_was lifting_up and_ _whom he_was pleased he_was bringing_low. **20** And_as_that heart_of_his it_rose_up and_spirit_of_his it_grew_strong to_act_ _presumptuously he_was_deposed from the_throne_of his_ _kingdom and_the_honour they_removed from_him. **21** And_ _from the_sons_of (the)_humankind he_was_chased and_heart_ _of_his with the_animal[s] they_made[146][147] and_was_with the_ _wild_donkeys his_dwelling_of_place (the)_grass like_oxen they_fed_him and_from_the_dew_of the_heavens body_of_his it_became_wet until that he_knew that was_having_mastery the_god mmm[148] over_the_kingdom_of (the)_humankind and_ _to_whomever whom he_will_be_pleased he_will_appoint mmm[149]. **22** And[150] son_of_his Oh_Bēləshaʾtstsar not you_have_ _brought_low heart_of_your as_to because that all_of this you_ _knew. **23** And_against the_master_of the_heavens you_have_ _lifted_yourself_up and_~~DOM~~_the_vessels of house_of_his they_ _have_brought mmm[151] and[152] and[153][154] wives_of_your and_ _concubines_of (the)_wine are_drinking with_them and_~~DOM~~_ _the_gods_of (the)_silver and_(the)_gold (the)_bronze (the)_ _iron (the)_wood and_(the)_stone who not are_seeing and_not are_hearing and_not are_knowing you_have_praised and_~~DOM~~_ _the_god who breath_of_your is_in_hand_of_his and_all ways_ _of_your to_him/it not you_have_glorified. **24** In_then from before_him it_was_sent_out[155] the_palm of the_hand and_the_ _writing this it_was_inscribed. **25** And_this is_the_writing which it_was_inscribed mene mene teqel and_pharsin. **26** This is_the_interpretation_of the_matter mene the_god he_has_ _numbered kingdom_of_your and_he_has_finished_it. **27** Teqel

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ethnic groups trembled and were afraid when his army approached. He killed whoever he wanted, and he kept alive those he wanted. He promoted whoever he wanted, and he humiliated others when he wanted to. **20** But when he became proud and stubborn and started acting presumptuously, he was disqualified from the throne, and his splendid reputation was deflated. **21** He was driven right out of the community, and he started behaving like an animal—he ended up living with wild donkeys and eating grass like a cow. He slept on the ground, and in the morning his body was wet with dew, until he finally recognized that the highest god is ruler over all mankind and that he appoints whoever he wants as leaders over the kingdoms.

22 "Yet you, Belshatsar (Belshazzar), his son, haven't humbled yourself despite already knowing all that. **23** On the contrary, you've proudly promoted yourself as being greater than the master of the heavens. You brought the temple cups in here and you and your leading citizens, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. You praised the gods made from silver and gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which can't see, or hear, or know anything, yet you haven't honoured the god who decides your future and every breath that you take.

24 "So then it's from his presence that the palm of a hand was sent, and this message was written. **25** This is how it reads, 'Numbered, numbered, weighed, and divided,' **26** and this is what it means:

Numbered: God has numbered your days of leadership and brought them to an end,

27 **Weighed**: You've been weighed on the scales and found deficient, and

28 **Divided**: Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Madim (Medes) and the Persians."

29 Then Belshatsar (Belshazzar) gave an order, and they placed a purple robe over Daniyel's shoulders and a gold chain was placed around his neck, and an official announcement was made that he would now be the thirdhighest ruler in the kingdom.

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143 **LV 5:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא**: (x-qere) 'תָּנָא'; lemma_607 n_1.0 morph_APp2ms id_27WGp תָּנָא

144 **LV 5:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הֳלָאְלַע': lemma_5943 n_0.2 morph_AAamsd/Td id_27TtK הֳלָאְלַע

145 **LV 5:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ויעאז**: (x-qere) 'וְיָעֲיָז': lemma_2112 morph_AVqrmsa id_277xd וְיָעֲיָז

146 **LV 5:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יוש**: (x-qere) 'וְיִוַּשׁ': lemma_7739 a n_1.2.1 morph_AVQp3mp id_27BDF וְיִוַּשׁ

147 **LV 5:21 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

148 **LV 5:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הֳלָאְלַע': lemma_5943 n_0.1.0 morph_AAamsd/Td id_27GDR הֳלָאְלַע

149 **LV 5:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הֳלָלַע': lemma_5922 n_0 morph_AR/Sp3cs id_27VX8 הֳלָלַע

150 **LV 5:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא/ו**: (x-qere) 'תָּנָא/ו'; lemma_c/607 morph_AC/Pp2ms id_274wk תָּנָא/ו

151 **LV 5:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/ימדק**: (x-qere) 'דְּמָדֶק': lemma_6925 n_1.1.2 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27nWN דְּמָדֶק

152 **LV 5:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא/ו**: (x-qere) 'תַּנָא/ו'; lemma_c/607 morph_AC/Pp2ms id_27WyJ תַּנָא/ו

153 **LV 5:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/ינברבר/ו**: (x-qere) 'דְּנִבְרְבַר/ו': lemma_c/7261 n_1.1.1.0 morph_AC/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27Kp3 דְּנִבְרְבַר/ו

154 **LV 5:23 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

155 **LV 5:24 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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30 However, the Chaldean King Belshatsar was killed that very night, **31** and Dareyavesh (Darius) the Madi (Mede) became the new ruler at an age of around sixty-two.

Daniyel gets fed to the lions

6:1 The new King Dareyavesh (Darius) decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces with a governor over each one. **2** Over them were three higher officials (Daniyel was one of them) that those governors were accountable to so that the king wouldn't be ripped off, **3** but because Daniyel was exceptionally talented, he became noticed above the other high officials and governors, and the king decided to appoint him over the whole kingdom. **4** That led the high officials and the governors to try to find some fault with Daniyel with regard to his administrative duties. However, they weren't able to find any misdemeanours or corruption that he could be accused of because he was honest, reliable, and diligent. **5** Then these men concluded, "We won't find any grounds for making an accusation against this Daniyel unless we find something against him to do with the laws of his god."

6 So those high officials and governors made a plan and went as a group to the king and made this suggestion, "Long live your majesty, King Dareyavesh. **7** All the high officials of the kingdom, the various leaders, the counsellors, and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish and enforce a law that for thirty days, anyone who makes a request of any god or of any man other than you, your majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den. **8** Now, your majesty, sign the document and establish this law so that it can't then be revoked according to the law of the Madim (Medes) and Persians." **9** So King Dareyavesh signed the document and it became law. **10** However although Daniyel knew that that law had been passed, he still

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you_have_been_weighed in_the_scales and_you_have_been_ _found lacking. **28** Peres kingdom_of_your it_has_been_broken_ _in_two and_it_has_been_given to_Māday and_Pāraṣns. **29** In_ _then Bēləsha'tstsar he_said and_they_clothed to/for_Dāniyy'ēl (the)_purple and[156] of (the)_gold was_on neck_of_his and_they_ _made_proclamation concerning_him that he_will_be a_ruler third in_the_kingdom. **30** On_it on_the_night he_was_killed Bēləsha'tstsar Oh/the_king the_Kasdaye[157].
6:1 [158] And_Dārəyāvesh the_Mede[159][160] he_received the_ _kingdom about_a_son_of years sixty and_two.

2 [161] It_seemed_good before Dārəyāvesh and_he_appointed over the_kingdom ~~DOM~~_the_satraps one_hundred and_twenty who they_will_be in_all the_kingdom. **3** [162] And_above more_ _than_them overseers three whom Dāniyy'ēl was_one of_them whom they_will_be the_satraps these giving to_them the_ _report and_the_king not he_will_be suffering_injury. **4** [163] Then Dāniyy'ēl this he_was distinguishing_himself over the_ _overseers and_the_satraps as_to because that a_spirit extraordinary was_in_him and_the_king was_planning to_ _appoint_him over all_of the_kingdom. **5** [164] Then the_ _overseers and_the_satraps they_were seeking an_occasion to_ _find to/for_Dāniyy'ēl from_the_side_of the_kingdom and_all occasion and_being_deceitfull not they_were_able to_find as_to because that he was_trustworthy and_all negligence and_ _being_deceitfull not it_was_found concerning_him. **6** [165] Then the_men these were_saying that not we_will_find to/for_ _Dāniyy'ēl this any_of occasion except we_have_found concerning in_the_law_of his_god. **7** [166] Then the_overseers and_the_satraps these they_came_as_a_crowd to Oh/the_king and_thus/so/as_follows they_were_saying to_him/it Oh_ _Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king for_ages live. **8** [167] They_took_ _counsel_together all_of the_overseers_of the_kingdom the_ _prefects and_the_satraps the_counsellors and_the_governors to_establish the_regulation_of Oh/the_king and_to_make_ _stringent a_prohibition that every_of one_who he_will_ask a_ _petition from any_of god and_person until days thirty except from_you(ms) Oh/the_king he_will_be_thrown to_the_den_of the_lions. **9** [168] Now Oh/the_king you_will_establish the_ _prohibition and_you_will_sign the_writing that not to_change according_to_the_law_of the_Māday and_the_Pāraṣns which

156 LV 5:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/כנומה/ו**: (x-qere) **'אֳכִינְמָה/ו'**: lemma_c/2002 morph_AC/Ncmsd/Td id_27cjX **אֳכִינְמָה/ו**
157 LV 5:30 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/ידשכ**: (x-qere) **'הֳאָדְשַׁכְּ'**: lemma_3779 n_0 morph_ANgmsd/Td id_27Ade **הֳאָדְשַׁכְּ**
158 LV 6:1 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.5.31
159 LV 6:1 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
160 LV 6:1 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
161 LV 6:2 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.1
162 LV 6:3 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.2
163 LV 6:4 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.3
164 LV 6:5 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.4
165 LV 6:6 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.5
166 LV 6:7 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.6
167 LV 6:8 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.7
168 LV 6:9 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.8

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not it_will_pass_away. **10** [169] As_to because this Oh/the_king Dārəyāvesh he_signed the_writing and_the_prohibition. **11** [170] And_Dāniyy'ēl as_that he_knew that the_writing it_was_signed he_went_in to_his/its_house and_windows were_opened to_ _him/it in_his_upper_of_room facing Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_times three in_the_day he was_kneeling on knees_of_his and_was_praying and_was_praising before god_of_his as_to because that he_was doing from the_former_time_of this. **12** [171] Then the_men these they_came_as_a_crowd and_they_found to/for_Dāniyy'ēl asking and_imploring_favour before god_of_ _his. **13** [172] In_then they_approached and_they_said before Oh/the_king concerning the_prohibition_of Oh/the_king not a_ _prohibition did_you_sign that every_of person who he_will_ _ask from any_of god and_person until days thirty except from_you(ms) Oh/the_king he_will_be_thrown to_the_den_of the_lions Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) is_certain the_matter according_to_the_law_of the_Māday and_the_ _Pāraṣns which not it_will_pass_away. **14** [173] In_then they_ _replied and_they_said before Oh/the_king that Dāniyy'ēl who is_one_of the_sons_of the_exile of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) not he_ _has_set mmm[174] Oh/the_king discretion and_to the_ _prohibition which you_signed and_times three in_the_day he_ _is_asking petition_of_his. **15** [175] Then Oh/the_king as_that the_ _matter he_heard exceedingly it_was_displeasing to_him and_ _concerning Dāniyy'ēl he_set mind to_deliver_him and_unto the_goings_in_of the_sun he_was striving to_rescue_him. **16** [176] In_then the_men these they_came_as_a_crowd to Oh/the_king and_they_said to_the_king know Oh/the_king that the_law of_ _the_Māday and_the_Pāraṣns that any_of prohibition_of and_ _regulation which Oh/the_king he_will_establish not to_ _change. **17** [177] In_then Oh/the_king he_said and_they_brought to/for_Dāniyy'ēl and_they_threw_him to_the_den of the_lions Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) to/for_Dāniyy'ēl god_of_your whom you(sg)[178] are_paying_reverence to_him/it in_(the)_continuance he may_he_deliver_you. **18** [179] And_ a_ _stone one _it_was_brought and_it_was_set over the_mouth_of the_den and_he_sealed_it Oh/the_king with_signet-ring_of_his and_with_the_signet-rings_of his_nobles that not anything it_ _will_change with_Dāniyy'ēl. **19** [180] Then Oh/the_king he_went to_palace_of_his and_he_passed_the_night fasting and_ _diversions not he_brought_in before_him and_sleep_of_his it_ _fled on_him.

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went into his house (with the windows in his upper room open toward Yerushalem (Jerusalem)), and he continued to kneel three times a day to pray and give thanks to God, just as he'd always done.

11 Then those officials went as a group and found Daniyel praying to his god and presenting him with his requests. **12** Then they approached the king and reminded him about the law, "Didn't you introduce a law that within thirty days, any man who makes a petition to any god or man, except to you, your majesty, must be thrown into the lions' den?"

"Yes, that's correct," answered the king. "It can't be revoked now according to the law of the Madim and Persians."

13 Then they informed the king, "Daniyel who was exiled from Yehudah (Judah), pays no attention to you, your majesty, or to the law that you introduced, because he petitions his god three times a day."

14 When the king heard that, was very upset and for that entire day, he actively tried to think of a way to get Daniyel out of it. **15** However, the group of men returned to the king and said, "You know, your majesty, that it's a law of the Madim and Persians, that no rule or law that the king establishes can be changed."

16 So the king gave an order, and Daniyel was brought in and the king responded and told him, "May your god, who you serve continually, save you." Then Daniyel was thrown down into the lions' den. **17** A stone was brought and laid over the opening of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his leading citizens so that no one could sneak Daniyel out. **18** Then the king went to his palace and spent the night without eating. He refused all entertainment, and he couldn't sleep.

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169 LV 6:10 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.9

170 LV 6:11 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.10

171 LV 6:12 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.11

172 LV 6:13 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.12

173 LV 6:14 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.13

174 LV 6:14 · Note OSHB variant note: ד/ילע: (x-qere) 'הֶלְעִ': lemma_5922 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27wpu הֶלְעִ

175 LV 6:15 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.14

176 LV 6:16 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.15

177 LV 6:17 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.16

178 LV 6:17 · Note OSHB variant note: התנא: (x-qere) 'תֱנָא': lemma_607 morph_APp2ms id_27hA6 תֱנָא

179 LV 6:18 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.17

180 LV 6:19 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.18

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Daniyel's saved from the lions

19 Then the king got up at dawn, and hurried out to the lions' den. **20** As he approached the den, he called out in a worried voice, "Daniyel, Daniyel, servant of the living god. Has your god, who you serve continually, been able to save you from the lions?"

21 "Long live the king," Daniyel called back. **22** "My god sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they haven't hurt me, because he saw that I wasn't guilty of anything. Also, your majesty, I haven't wronged you in any way."

23 Then the king was very happy, and ordered that Daniyel be pulled up out of the den. So Daniyel was lifted out of the den, and he didn't even have a scratch on him, because he had trusted in his god. **24** Then the king ordered the arrest of the men who had maliciously accused Daniyel, and had them and their wives and children thrown into the lions' den—they didn't even reach the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and tore them to pieces.

25 Then King Dareyavesh (Darius) wrote to all the peoples, nations, and ethnic groups right across his kingdom: "May you all be enjoying peace and prosperity. **26** I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom is to obey and respect Daniyel's god, because he is the eternal, living God. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will continue forever. **27** He delivers and rescues, and he does all kinds of miracles in the heavens and on earth. He's rescued Daniyel from the strength and power of the lions."

28 So Daniyel prospered during the reign of Dareyavesh and during the reign of Koresh (Cyrus) the Persian.

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20 [181] In_then Oh/the_king at_(the)_dawn he_arose at_the_ _daylight and_in_haste to_the_den of the_lions he_went. **21** [182] And_just_as_he_approached to_the_den to/for_Dāniyy'ēl with_ _a_voice pained he_cried_out Oh/the_king was_replying and_ _saying(ms) to/for_Dāniyy'ēl Oh_Dāniyy'ēl the_servant_of the_ _god (the)_living god_of_your whom you(sg)[183] are_paying_ _reverence to_him/it in_(the)_continuance was_he_able to_ _deliver_you from the_lions. **22** [184] Then Dāniyy'ēl with Oh/the_ _king he_spoke Oh/the_king for_ages live. **23** [185] god_of_my he_ _sent messenger_of_his and_he_closed the_mouth_of the_lions and_not they_harmed_me as_to because that before_him innocence it_was_found to_me and_also mmm[186] Oh/the_king a_hurtful_act not I_have_done. **24** [187] In_then Oh/the_king exceedingly it_was_good to_him and_~~DOM~~_Dāniyy'ēl he_said to_ _take_up from the_den and_ Dāniyy'ēl _he_was_taken_up from the_den and_all hurt not it_was_found on_him that he_had_ _trusted in_god_of_his. **25** [188] And_ Oh/the_king _he/it_said and_they_brought the_men these who they_had_eaten pieces_ _of_his of Dāniyy'ēl and_to_the_den_of the_lions they_threw they sons_of_their and_wives_of_their and_not they_reached to_the_bottom_of the_den until that they_assaulted (in)_them the_lions and_all bones_of_their they_shattered. **26** [189] In_then Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king he_wrote to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_peoples the_nations and_the_ _languages which were_dwelling[190] in_all the_earth peace_of_ _your(pl) may_it_increase. **27** [191] From before_me it_is_made a_ _decree that in_all the_dominion_of my_kingdom they_will_be trembling[192] and_fearing from before god_of_his of Dāniyy'ēl that he the_god (the)_living and_he_is_enduring for_ages and_ _kingdom_of_his is_one_which not it_will_be_destroyed and_ _dominion_of_his is_to the_end. **28** [193] He_is_delivering and_he_ _is_rescuing and_he_is_doing signs and_wonders in_the_ _heavens and_on_the_earth one_who he_has_delivered to/for_ _Dāniyy'ēl from the_hand_of the_lions. **29** [194] And_Dāniyy'ēl this he_prospered in_the_reign_of Dārəyāvesh and_in_the_reign_of Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus)) mmm[195].

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181 **LV 6:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.19

182 **LV 6:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.20

183 **LV 6:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא**: (x-qere) 'תֵּנָא': lemma_607 morph_APp2ms id_2761z תֵּנָא

184 **LV 6:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.21

185 **LV 6:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.22

186 **LV 6:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/ימדק**: (x-qere) 'דְּמָדֶק': lemma_6925 n_0.1.0 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27DaL דְּמָדֶק

187 **LV 6:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.23

188 **LV 6:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.24

189 **LV 6:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.25

190 **LV 6:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וירא**ד: (x-qere) 'וְיִרְיָד': lemma_1753 morph_AVqrmpa id_27JVz וְיִרְיָד

191 **LV 6:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.26

192 **LV 6:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ויעא**ז: (x-qere) 'וְיִעְיָז': lemma_2112 n_1.1.0 morph_AVqrmpa id_27Us4 וְיִעְיָז

193 **LV 6:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.27

194 **LV 6:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.28

195 **LV 6:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/יסרפ**: (x-qere) 'הֲאַסְרָפ': lemma_6543 n_0 morph_ANgmsd/Td id_27xdk הֲאַסְרָפ

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7:1 In_year one of_Bēləsha'tstsar the_king_of Bāvel Dāniyy'ēl a_ _dream he_saw and_visions_of his_head on bed_of_his in_then the_dream he_wrote the_head_of matters he_said. **2** Dāniyy'ēl was_replying and_saying(ms) seeing I_was in_vision_of_my with the_night and_lo the_four the_winds_of the_heavens were_stirring_up ~~DOM~~_the_sea (the)_great. **3** And_four beasts great were_coming_up from the_sea they_were_different this_ _one from this_one. **4** The_first was_like_a_lion and_wings of an_eagle were_to_it seeing I_was until that wings_of_its they_ _were_plucked_off and_it_was_lifted away_from the_earth and_ _on two_feet like_a_human it_was_made_to_stand and_a_heart_ _of a_human it_was_given to_it. **5** And_lo a_beast another a_ _second was_like ~~DOM~~_a_bear and_to_a_side one it_was_raised and_three ribs were_in_mouth_of_its between mmm[207] and_ _thus/so/as_follows they_were_saying to arise devour flesh much. **6** After this seeing I_was and_lo another like_a_leopard and_to_it wings four of a_bird were_on mmm[208] and_four heads were_to_the_beast and_dominion it_was_given mmm. **7** After this seeing I_was the_visions_of the_night and_lo a_ _beast fourth[209] was_terrible and_terrible and_strong exceedingly and_teeth of iron were_to_it great it_was_ _devouring and_it_was_shattering and_the_rest in/on/at/with[210] it_was_trampling and_she was_different from all_of the_beasts which were_before_it and_horns ten were_to_ _it. **8** Considering I_was (in)_the_horns and_lo a_horn another small it_came_up mmm[211] and_three of the_horns (the)_former they_were_uprooted[212] from mmm[213] and_lo eyes like_the_ _eyes_of (the)_humankind were_on_the_horn this and_a_ _mouth speaking great_things. **9** Seeing I_was until that thrones they_were_placed and_one_ancient_of days he_sat clothing_of_his like_snow was_white and_the_hair_of his_head like_wool was_pure throne_of_his was_flames of fire wheels_of_ _its were_fire burning. **10** A_river of fire was_flowing and_ _coming_out from before_him a_thousand_of thousands[214] they_were_ministering_to_him and_a_myriad_of myriads[215] before_him they_were_standing the_court it_sat and_books they_were_opened. **11** Seeing I_was in_then from the_sound_of the_words/messages (the)_great which the_horn was_speaking seeing I_was until that the_beast it_was_killed and_ body_of_its

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Daniyel's visions[196] · Daniyel's vision of four creatures

7:1 Previously, in Babylonian King Belshatsar's (Belshazzar's) first year, Daniyel had seen a dream and visions in his mind while lying on his bed. Then he wrote the dream down and gave a summary of it. **2** He explained:

In my vision at night I was looking, and suddenly, the four winds were stirring up the massive ocean, **3** and four huge creatures, each one different from the other, were coming up out of it.[197]

4 The first one was like a lion[198] but had the wings of an eagle. But as I watched, its wings were torn off, and it was lifted up and made to stand on two feet like a man, and then it was given a human mind.

5 The second creature resembled a bear with one arm raised. It was chomping on three ribs and it was told to go and gorge itself on more meat.

6 Next I saw another creature that resembled a leopard, but with four wings (like birds' wings) attached to its back, and with four heads. It was given the authority to rule people.

7 The final creature that I saw in the vision was dreadful and terrifying. It was extremely strong with large iron teeth and it was devouring things then trampling and crushing the remainder. Another difference from the other creatures was that it had ten horns on its head.[199]

8 While I was considering the horns, suddenly another horn, a little one, came up among the others and three of the first horns that were in its way got pulled completely out. Incredibly, this new had eyes like a person and a mouth that had a lot of incredible things to say.[200]

9 I kept looking in the vision while thrones were set up[201] and the ancient one took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow, and his hair looked like pure wool.[202] His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were burning fire. **10** A river of fire was coming out and flowing along in front of him. Thousands and thousands served him, and myriads upon myriads were standing

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196 **RV 7:1 · Parallel** 7:1–12:13

197 **RV 7:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:1; 17:8.

198 **RV 7:4-6 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:2.

199 **RV 7:7 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:3; 13:1; 17:3.

200 **RV 7:8,11 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:5.

201 **RV 7:9 · Cross-ref.** Rev 20:4.

202 **RV 7:9 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:14.

207 **LV 7:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ינש: (x-qere) 'הַנָּשׁ': lemma_8128 n_1 morph_ANcfsc/Sp3fs id_27KbS הַנָּשׁ

208 **LV 7:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/יבנ: (x-qere) 'הַבַּנּ': lemma_1355 n_1 morph_ANcmsc/Sp3fs id_278Um הַבַּנּ

209 **LV 7:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: היעיבר: (x-qere) 'הָאָעִיבֶר': lemma_7244 n_1.2.1.1 morph_AAofsa id_27MpC הָאָעִיבֶר

210 **LV 7:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ילגר/ב: (x-qere) 'הַלָּגֶר/ב': lemma_b/7271 morph_AR/Ncfsc/Sp3fs id_2786G הַלָּגֶר/ב

211 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: וה/יניב: (x-qere) 'וְהַעֵנִיב': lemma_997 n_1.2 morph_AR/Sp3fp id_27Tmi וְהַעֵנִיב

212 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: ורקעתא: (x-qere) 'הָרִקָּעָתָא': lemma_6132 n_1.0 morph_AVip3mp id_27gBP הָרִקָּעָתָא

213 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ימדק: (x-qere) 'הַמָּדָק': lemma_6925 n_1 morph_AR/Sp3fs id_271kz הַמָּדָק

214 **LV 7:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: סיפלא: (x-qere) 'וְיִפְלָא': lemma_506 n_1.1.0 morph_AAcmpa id_27nt9 וְיִפְלָא

215 **LV 7:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: וובר: (x-qere) 'וְבִבְר': lemma_7240 n_1.0 morph_AAcfpa id_27dSA וְבִבְר

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in front of him.[203] The court sat in session and the documents were opened.[204]

11 Then I continued looking because of the amazing things that the horn was saying. I kept looking until that final creature was killed and its body destroyed in the fire. **12** As for the other creatures, their authority to rule was taken away, but an extension of life was given to them for a season and a time.

13 I was looking in the visions of the night, and suddenly, someone like a human male was coming with the clouds,[205] and he came to the ancient one and was presented to him. **14** He was given authority to rule and splendour and a kingdom, so that all the peoples, nations, and ethnic groups will serve him. His authority will never end, and his kingdom will never be destroyed.[206]

The meaning of the visions

15 As for me, Daniyel, my spirit was distressed inside me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. **16** I approached one of those who were standing there and asked him what was going on, so he told me, and then he revealed the interpretation of those things to me:

17 Those four large creatures, they represent four kingdoms that will come to be in the world, **18** but the dedicated followers of the highest one will receive the kingdom, and they will take possession of the kingdom forever.

19 But I still wanted to know more about the fourth creature that was different from all the others, absolutely dreadful, with its iron teeth and bronze claws, and which devoured, then crushed and trampled down with its feet what was left. **20** I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head, and the other horn that came up later, with three other horns falling. That horn had eyes and a mouth that said amazing things, and it looked stronger than the others. **21** I kept watching, and that horn was waging war with those followers and gaining over them[216] **22** until the ancient one arrived and judged in favour of his followers. Then the time arrived when they took possession of the kingdom.[217]

23 Then he said:

The fourth creature will be a fourth kingdom in the world which will be different from all the other kingdoms. It will de-

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_it_was_destroyed and_it_was_given to_the_burning_of fire. **12** And_the_rest_of the_beasts they_removed dominion_of_ _their and_a_prolonging in_life(s) it_was_given to_them until a_ _time and_a_time. **13** Seeing I_was in_the_visions_of the_night and_lo with the_clouds_of the_heavens like_a_son_of man coming he_was and_unto the_one_ancient_of the_days he_ _reached and_before_him they_brought_him_near. **14** And_to_ _him dominion and_glory/honour and_a_kingdom it_was_ _given and_all/each/any/every the_peoples the_nations and_ _the_languages to_him/it they_will_pay_reverence dominion_ _of_his was_a_dominion_of perpetuity which not it_will_pass_ _away and_kingdom_of_his which not it_will_be_destroyed.

15 My_breath/wind/spirit I Dāniyy'ēl it_was_distressed in_the_ _midst_of the_sheath and_visions_of my_head they_alarmed_ _me. **16** I_approached to one of the_ones_standing and_truth I_ _was_asking from_him concerning all_of this and_he/it_said to_ _me and_the_interpretation_of the_matters he_made_known_ _to_me. **17** These the_beasts (the)_great which they are_four four kings they_will_arise from the_earth. **18** And_ the_holy_ _ones_of the_Most_High _they_will_receive the_kingdom and_ _they_will_take_possession_of the_kingdom until the_ages and_ _unto (the)_perpetuity_of (the)_perpetuities. **19** Then I_desired to_make_certain concerning the_beast (the)_fourth which it_ _was different from mmm[222] it_was_terrible exceedingly mmm[223] were_of iron and_claws_of_its were_of bronze it_was_ _devouring it_was_shattering and_the_rest with_feet_of_its[224] it_was_trampling. **20** And_concerning the_horns ten which were_on_head_of_its and_another_horn which it_came_up and[225] from mmm[226] three_horns and_the_horn this and_eyes were_to_it and_a_mouth was_speaking great_things and_ _appearance_of_its was_great more_than companion_of_its. **21** Seeing I_was and_the_horn this was_making war with the_ _holy_ones and_it_was_prevailing to_them. **22** Until that the_ _one_ancient the_days he_came and_(the)_judgement it_was_ _given for_the_holy_ones_of the_Most_High and_the_ _appointed_time it_arrived and_the_kingdom the_holy_ones they_took_possession_of. **23** As_follows he_said the_beast (the)_ _fourth a_kingdom mmm[227] it_will_be on_the_earth which it_ _will_be_different from all the_kingdoms and_it_will_devour

203 **RV 7:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 5:11.

204 **RV 7:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 20:12.

205 **RV 7:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:30; 26:64; Mrk 13:26; 14:62; Luk 21:27; Rev 1:7,13; 14:14.

206 **RV 7:14 · Cross-ref.** Rev 11:15.

216 **RV 7:21 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:7.

217 **RV 7:22 · Cross-ref.** Rev 20:4.

222 **LV 7:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: וזוה/לכ: (x-qere) 'וְזֶה/לְכ': lemma_3605 n_1 morph_ANcmsc/Sp3fs id_27SNT וְזֶה/לְכ

223 **LV 7:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ינש: (x-qere) 'ה/נָּשׁ': lemma_8128 morph_ANcfsc/Sp3fs id_27oVd ה/נָּשׁ

224 **LV 7:19 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

225 **LV 7:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: ולפנ/ו: (x-qere) 'הָ/לְפָנ/ו': lemma_c/5308 morph_AC/Vqp3fp id_27EcU הָ/לְפָנ/ו

226 **LV 7:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ימדק: (x-qere) 'ה/מְדָּק': lemma_6925 n_1.0 morph_AR/Sp3fs id_27G6t ה/מְדָּק

227 **LV 7:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: א/יעיבר: (x-qere) 'הָא/עִיבְר': lemma_7244 n_1.1.0 morph_AAofsd/Td id_27Jcq הָא/עִיבְר

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all_of the_earth and_it_will_tread_it_down and_it_will_shatter_
_it. **24** And_the_horns ten from_it the_kingdom ten kings they_
_will_arise and_another he_will_arise after_them and_he he_
_will_be_different from the_former_kings and_three kings he_
_will_bring_low. **25** And_words/messages to_the_side_of
mmm[228] he_will_speak and_ᴅᴏᴍ_the_holy_ones_of the_Most_
_High he_will_wear_out and_he_will_think to_change
appointed_times and_law and_they_will_be_given in_hand_of_
_his until a_time and_times and_half_of a_time. **26** And_the_
_court it_will_sit and_dominion_of_his they_will_remove to_
_annihilate and_to_destroy until the_end. **27** And_the_kingdom
and_the_dominion and_the_greatness of kingdoms_of under
all_of the_heavens it_was_given to_the_people_of the_holy_
_ones_of the_Most_High kingdom_of_his will_be_a_kingdom_of
perpetuity and_all/each/any/every the_empires to_him/it
they_will_pay_reverence and_they_will_obey. **28** Is_to here the_
_end of the_matter I Dāniyy'ēl exceedingly thoughts_of_my
they_alarmed_me and_brightness(es)_of_my they_were_
_changed on_me and_the_matter in_heart_of_my I_have_kept.

8:1 In_year three of_(the)_reign of_Bēləsha'tstsar the_king a_
_vision it_appeared to_me I Dāniyy'ēl after the_one_which_it_
_appeared to_me at_beginning. **2** And_I_saw in_vision and_
_he/it_was when_saw_I and_I was_in_Shūshan the_citadel
which is_in_Elam the_province and_I_saw in_vision and_I I_was
at the_canal_of 'Ūlay. **3** And_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ram one was_standing to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_canal and_to/for_him/it two_horns
and_the_two_horns were_high and_the_one was_high more_
_than the_second(fs) and_the_high_one was_growing_up at_
_last. **4** I_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_ram goring westward_to and_northward_
_to and_southward_to and_all living_creatures not they_stood
before_it and_there_was_not one_who_delivered from_hand_
_of_its and_it_did according_to_of_its_pleasure and_it_
_magnified_itself. **5** And_I I_was observing and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_he-goat_of the_goats was_coming from
the_west over the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land and_not it_
_was_touching on_the_earth and_the_he-goat a_horn_of
conspicuousness was_between eyes_of_its. **6** And_it_came to
the_ram the_possessor_of the_two_horns which I_had_seen
standing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_canal and_it_
_ran to_him/it in_the_rage_of its_strength_of_his. **7** And_I_saw_
_it approaching beside the_ram and_it_was_enraged to_him/it
and_it_struck ᴅᴏᴍ the_ram and_it_broke ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of
horns_of_its and_not it_was strength in_ram to_stand before_it
and_it_threw_it towards_land and_it_trampled_it and_not
anyone_was delivering (to)_ram from_hand_of_its. **8** And_the_
_he-goat_of the_goats it_magnified_itself up_to muchness and_
_just_as_it_became_mighty the_horn (the)_great it_was_broken
and_ conspicuousness four _they_grew_up in_its_place to_the_

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vour the whole world, and trample it down and crush it. **24** As for the ten horns, ten kings will become prominent in that kingdom,[218] and then another king will appear. He will be different from the previous kings, and he will overcome three of them. **25** He will speak out against the highest one and will wear out the highest one's followers. He will intend to change the times and the law, and indeed he'll be allowed to for a two times and a half.[219] **26** But the court will sit, and then his authority to rule will be taken away—to perish and be forever destroyed. **27** Then the kingdom and the authority to rule and the greatness of the kingdoms under all the heavens will be given to the people who are the followers of the highest one.[220] His kingdom will continue forever,[221] and all earthly rulers will serve and obey him.

28 That's everything that I saw in my visions. As for me, Daniyel, my thoughts made me very upset and my face turned pale, but I kept the matter to myself.

Daniyel's sheep and goat vision

8:1 In[229] the third year of King Belshatsar's (Belshazzar's) reign, I, Daniyel, had another vision—different from the previous one. **2** In the vision, I saw that I was at the fortress in Shushan (Susa) (often called Shushan, in Eylam province), beside the Ulay Canal. **3** Then I looked up, and to my surprise, there was a ram standing beside the canal. It had two horns and both horns were long, but one was longer than the other, and the longer one had grown last. **4** I saw the ram charging westward, and northward, and southward—no animal could stand against it—there was no one to rescue anything from it. The ram did whatever it wanted, and it became very powerful.

5 As I was observing, suddenly a billy goat was coming from the west, crossing the entire world without touching the ground. The goat had a prominent horn between its eyes. **6** In a powerful rage, it charged at the two-horned ram that I had seen standing in front of the canal. **7** I saw the furious goat reach the ram and strike it, shattering the ram's two horns. The ram wasn't strong enough to stay standing so it was knocked to the ground and trampled on—there was no one who could rescue the ram from the goat's power.

8 Then the billy goat became even more powerful, but at its peak, the large horn was broken, and in its place, four prominent horns came up facing in the four different compass directions. **9** Then a small horn grew out of one of them—it grew very long towards the south, towards the east, and towards the beautiful land of Yisrael (Israel). **10** It grew up to the army in the

218 RV 7:24 · Cross-ref. Rev 17:12.

219 RV 7:25 · Cross-ref. Rev 12:14; 13:5-6.

220 RV 7:27 · Cross-ref. Rev 20:4.

221 RV 7:27 · Cross-ref. Rev 22:5.

228 LV 7:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) הָ/אָלְעָ': lemma_5943 n_1.1.0 morph_AAamsd/Td id_27r2p הָ/אָלְעָ

229 RV 8:1 · Note Now the text has switched back from Aramaic to Hebrew.

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heavens, but it threw some of the army and some of the stars down to the earth and trampled on them.[230] **11** It became as powerful as the general leading the heavenly army. It took the regular burnt offering away from him, and his sanctuary place was overthrown. **12** Because of sinfulness, it will be allowed to take control of the army, along with the regular burnt offering. It will overthrow truth, but it will be active and will prosper.

13 Then I heard a holy one[231] speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "How long until this vision about the regular burnt offering will be fulfilled, and about the transgression that makes desolate, the giving over of the sanctuary and the army to be trampled on?"

14 "For 2,300 evenings and mornings," he said to me, "Then the sanctuary will be restored."

Gavriel explains Daniyel's vision

15 While I, Daniyel, was still trying to make sense of the vision that I'd seen, suddenly someone who looked like a man was standing in front of me. **16** Then I heard a human voice call out from the Ulay canal, "Gavriel (Gabriel),[233] help that man to be able to understand the vision." **17** So he came over near where I stood, but I was frightened and fell to my knees with my face to the ground. However, he said to me, "You, human male, that vision concerns the end of the world."

18 While he was speaking with me, I fell into a trance with my face still on the ground. Then he touched me and made me stand up **19** and he said, "Listen, I'm going to tell you what will happen towards the end of God's indignation, because it refers to the appointed time of the end.

20 The ram that you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Maday (Media) and Paras (Persia), **21** and the shaggy goat is the Yavan's (Greece's) king, and the large horn between his eyes is their first king. **22** The horn that was broken, and the four that grew in its place, represent four kingdoms that will rise from his nation, but not with the same power that he had.

23 At the latter end of their rule, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a defiant king who understands riddles, will come to power. **24** His power will increase, but it won't be his own power. He bring about horrific destruction, and he'll succeed in what he does. He'll destroy powerful men and some of God's people. **25** Using his cunning, he'll prosper by being deceitful. He'll be proud of himself, and will destroy many while they're living peacefully. He will even attack the prince of princes, but it's him who'll be broken, but not by human

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_four the_winds_of the_heavens. **9** And_from the_one(f) from_ _them a_horn one it_came_out from_a_small_thing and_it_ _became_great excess to the_south and_near/to the_east and_ _near/to the_beauty. **10** And_it_became_great to the_ _soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_it_made_fall towards_ _land some_of the_soldier/messenger and_from the_stars and_ _it_trampled_them. **11** And_unto the_commander_of the_ _soldier/messenger it_magnified_itself and_from_him it_was_ _removed[232] the_perpetual_offering and_ the_place_of his_ _sanctuary_of_his _it_was_thrown_down. **12** And_an_army it_ _will_be_set over the_perpetual_offering in_transgression and_ _it_will_throw_down truth towards_land and_it_will_act and_it_ _will_succeed. **13** And_I_heard one holy_one speaking and_ one holy_one _he/it_said to_one who_was_speaking until when will_be_the_vision the_perpetual_offering and_the_ _transgression which_desolates to_give_over and_the_ _sanctuary and_an_army a_trampling_place. **14** And_he/it_said to_me until evening morning two_thousand and_three hundreds and_ the_sanctuary _it_will_be_put_right.

15 And_he/it_was when_saw_I I Dāniyy'ēl ~~DOM~~ the_vision and_I_ _sought understanding and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_standing to_ _before_me like_the_appearance_of a_man. **16** And_I_heard the_ _voice_of a_person between 'Ūlay and_he/it_called and_he_said Oh_Gavrī'ēl explain to_this_one ~~DOM~~ the_vision. **17** And_he_ _came beside place_of_my and_when_came_he I_was_terrified and_I_fell on face_of_my and_he/it_said to_me understand Oh_ _son_of humankind if/because_that is_for_the_time_of the_end the_vision. **18** And_when_spoke_he with_me I_was_dazed on face_of_my ground_to_the and_he_touched (in)_me and_he_ _made_me_stand on place_of_my. **19** And_he/it_said HERE_I am_about_of_to_make_known_to_you ~~DOM~~ that_which it_will_ _be in_end/latter of_the_indignation if/because it_is_for_the_ _appointed_time_of the_end. **20** The_ram which you_saw the_ _possessor_of the_two_horns is_the_kings_of Māday and_Pāraṣ. **21** And_the_he-goat (the)_hairy is_the_king_of Yāvān/(Greece) and_the_horn (the)_great which is_between eyes_of_its it the_ _king (the)_first. **22** And_the_broken_horn and_ four_horns _ _they_arose in_its_place four kingdoms from_a_nation they_ _will_arise and_not with_power_of_its. **23** And_at_the_end_of their_reign_of_their just_ the_rebels _as_are_completed a_king strong_of face and_understanding intrigue(s) he_will_arise. **24** And_ power_of_his _it_will_be_mighty and_not by_his_own_ _of_power and_extraordinary_things he_will_destroy and_he_ _will_succeed and_he_will_act and_he_will_destroy mighty_ _ones and_a_people_of holy_ones. **25** And_on insight_of_his and_he_will_make_successful deceit in_his/its_hand and_in_ _heart_of_his he_will_magnify_himself and_in_security he_will_ _destroy many_people and_on a_prince_of princes he_will_ _stand and_by_not_of a_hand he_will_be_broken. **26** And_ _appearance of_the_evening and_the_morning which it_has_ _been_told is_truth it and_you(ms) keep_secret the_vision if/because it_is_for_days many. **27** And_I Dāniyy'ēl I_was_

230 **RV 8:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:4.

231 **RV 8:13 · Note** Presumably these 'holy ones' are angels in the heavens (not 'saints' like in 7:27)???

232 **LV 8:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: מִירה: (x-qere) 'הָרוּמָ': lemma_7311 a morph_HVHp3ms id_272vK הָרוּמָ

233 **RV 8:16 · Cross-ref.** Luk 1:19,26.

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_exhausted and_I_was_sick days and_I_arose and_I_did ÐOM the_
_work_of the_king and_I_was_appalled on the_vision and_not I_
_was_understanding.

9:1 In_year one of_Dārəyāvesh the_son_of Ahasuerus one_of_
_the_descendant[s]_of Māday who he_had_been_made_king
over the_kingdom_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy. **2** In_year one of_
_reigning_his I Dāniyy'ēl I_observed in_scrolls the_number_of
the_years which it_came the_message_of **YHWH** to
Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) the_prophet to_complete to_the_ruins_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) seventy year[s]. **3** And_I_set ÐOM face_
_of_my to my_master the_'Elohīm to_seek prayer and_
_supplications with_fasting and_sackcloth and_ash[es]. **4** And_
_I_prayed to/for_**YHWH** god_of_my and_I_confessed and_I_said
please my_master (the)_god (the)_great and_(the)_awesome
who_keeps the_covenant and_(the)_covenant_loyalty to_those_
_of_who_love_him and_to_those_who_keep_of commands_of_
_(of)_his. **5** We_have_sinned and_we_have_committed_iniquity
and[235] and_we_have_rebelled and_we_have_turned_aside from_
_commands_of_your and_from_judgements_of_your. **6** And_not
we_have_listened to your_servants the_prophets who they_
_spoke in_name_of_your to kings_of_our leaders_of_our and_
_ancestors_of_our and_near/to all_of the_people_of the_
_earth/land. **7** To/for_yourself(m) my_master (the)_
_righteousness and_belongs_to_us the_shame_of the_faces as_
_day the_this to_everyone_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_the_
_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_to/for_all
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (the)_near and_(the)_far in_all the_lands where
you_have_banished_them there in_unfaithfulness_of_their
which they_acted_unfaithfully against_you. **8** Oh_**YHWH**
to/for_us the_shame_of the_faces to_kings_of_our to_leaders_
_of_our and_to_ancestors_of_our that we_have_sinned to/for_
_you(fs). **9** Belong_to_the_of_master god_of_our (the)_
compassion(s) and(the)_forgiveness(es) if/because we_have_
_rebelled in/on/over_him/it. **10** And_not we_have_listened to_
_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_our to_go in_laws_of_his which
he_set before_us by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his the_
_prophets. **11** And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_transgressed
ÐOM law_of_your and_they_have_turned_aside to_not to_listen
to_voice_of_your and_it_has_poured_forth on_us the_curse
and_the_oath which was_written in_the_law_of Mosheh the_
_servant_of the_'Elohīm if/because we_have_sinned to_him/it.
12 And_he_has_carried_out ÐOM mmm[236] which he_spoke on_us
and_on judges_of_our who they_judged_us to_bring on_us a_
_calamity great which not it_has_been_done under all_of the_
_heavens just_as it_has_been_done on_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **13** Just_as it_is_written in_the_law_
_of Mosheh ÐOM all_of the_calamity (the)_this it_has_come on_
_us and_not we_have_entreated ÐOM the_face_of **YHWH** god_of_
_our by_turning_away from_iniquity_of_our and_by_giving_
_attention to_faithfulness_of_your. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he_kept_

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strength. **26** That vision of the evenings and mornings that has
been told is true. But lock the vision away for now, because it
refers to the distant future."

27 Then I, Daniyel, was overwhelmed and lay sick for days.
Then I got up, and went about the king's business, but I was ap-
palled at the vision and didn't really understand it.

Daniyel prays for his people

9:1 It was when Dareyavesh (Darius)
(Dareyavesh, the son of Ahashverosh
(Ahasuerus), a descendant of the Madim (Medes)) was made king
over the realm of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) (perhaps better known
by Westerners as Babylonians), **2** and during that first year of his
reign that I, Daniyel, understood from the sacred books that
Yahweh had told the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) that
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) city would be destroyed and remain in
ruins for seventy years.[234]

3 Then I turned my focus to the Lord God, to make my requests
known to him, as I fasted, wore sackcloth, and sprinkled myself
with ashes. **4** I prayed to my god Yahweh, and I confessed to him,
"My master, the powerful and awe-inspiring God, who keeps his
agreement and shows loyal commitment to those who love him
and keep his commands. **5** We Israelis have sinned and done
wrong. We have done wicked things and rebelled against you,
not wanting to obey your rules and instructions. **6** We ignored
the challenges from your servants the prophets who spoke to
our kings, our generals, and our ancestors on your behalf, and to
all the people of the land. **7** Perfect goodness can only be found
in you, my master, but we have shame on our faces, as we have
today. Yes, the men of Yehudah (Judah), the inhabitants of
Yerushalem, and all Yisrael (Israel) whether near or far away, in
all the countries where you've driven them because of their
treachery against you. **8** We've sinned against you, Yahweh, and
we deserve the shame that's on our kings, our generals, and our
ancestors.

9 "Yet you, our god and master, continue to show compassion
and forgiveness, even though we've rebelled against you **10** and
haven't obeyed your words, Yahweh our god, by following the
instructions that you gave us through your servants the
prophets. **11** All Yisrael has broken your law and turned
away—not obeying your words. The curse and oath that are
written in the law given through your servant Mosheh (Moses),
have been applied to us, because we have sinned against you.
12 You have confirmed your words, which warned both us and
our rulers about the potential of a great calamity. Yes, what has
happened to Yerushalem hasn't happened anywhere else in the
world. **13** As it's written in the Mosheh's law, we've undergone all
that calamity, yet we haven't tried to earn our god Yahweh'a
favour our god by turning away from our disobedience and giv-
ing attention to your truth. **14** Therefore Yahweh kept pondering

234 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** Jer 25:11; 29:10.

235 **LV 9:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ונעשרה/ו: (x-qere) יְנִעֲשְׂרָה': lemma_7561 morph_HVhp1cp id_271Cu יְנִעֲשְׂרָה

236 **LV 9:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ורבד/ו: (x-qere) רָבְדוּ/נָ': lemma_1697 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_27rYe רָבְדוּ/נָ

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the need for calamity and then eventually brought it on us, because our god Yahweh is always does what is right and yet we haven't obeyed what he said.

15 "Now, my master, our god, who used his amazing power to bring his people out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and have made a reputation for yourself which stands until today, we have sinned against you and been wicked. **16** My master, because you always do what is right, turn your anger from your city Yerushalem—your holy mountain, because Yerushalem and your people have become an object of scorn to all those around us due to our own sins, as well as those of our predecessors. **17** So now, our god, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy. For your sake, my master, show favour to your devastated sanctuary. **18** My god, turn your ear and listen. Open your eyes and see our terrible state here in exile, and the state of the city that is called by your name. We aren't asking all this because we're good enough to deserve it, but because of your extensive mercy. **19** Master, master, listen to us and forgive us. Master, pay attention and take action. Don't delay, my god, for your own sake, because your city and your people are called by your name."

Gavriel explains God's revelation

20 While I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Yisrael (Israel), and presenting my requests to my god Yahweh on behalf of his holy mountain, **21** while I was still speaking in prayer, God's man Gavriel (Gabriel)[238] who I had seen in the earlier vision, came speedily flying to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. **22** He told me, "Daniyel, I've come here now to give you insight and to help you understand. **23** An order was given right at the beginning of your prayer and fasting, and I've come personally to tell you, because you're highly valued, so then consider the message and understand the vision:

24 It's been decreed that there'll be 490 years for your people and your holy city, to stop the transgression, to put an end to sin, to pay the price for disobedience, to bring in righteousness that will then last forever, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. NEEDS MORE WORK **25** Know and understand that from the issuing of the command to restore and build Yerushalem (Jerusalem) until an anointed one (a prince) comes, there will be 49 years and 434 years. It'll be built again with a plaza and a moat, but in distressing times. **26** After those 434 years, the anointed one will be killed and be left with nothing. The followers of that coming prince will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end will come with a flood, and then

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_watch over the_calamity and_he_brought_it on_us if/because has_been_righteous **YHWH** god_of_our on all_of deeds_of_his which he_has_done and_not we_listened to_voice_of_his.
15 And_now my_master god_of_our who you_brought_out ~~DOM~~ people_of_your from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) by_a_hand strong and_you_made to/for_yourself(m) a_name as_day the_ _this we_have_sinned we_have_acted_wickedly. **16** My_master according_to_all_of righteousness(es)_of_your may_it_turn_ _back please anger_of_your and_rage_of_your from_city_of_ _your Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_mountain_of your_ _holiness_of_your if/because by_sins_of_our and_by_the_ _iniquities_of our_ancestors_of_our Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_people_of_your have_become_(into)_a_reproach to/from_ _all/each/any/every around_of_us. **17** And_now listen our_god_ _of_Oh to the_prayer_of your_servant_of_your and_near/to supplications_of_his and_make_shine face_of_your on sanctuary_of_your (the)_desolate for_the_sake_of my_master. **18** Incline my_god_of_my ear_of_your and_listen mmm[237] eyes_ _of_your and_see our_desolate_of_places and_the_city which name_of_your it_is_called on/upon_it(f) if/because not on righteousness(es)_of_our we are_making_fall supplications_of_ _our to_your_face if/because on compassion(s)_of_your (the)_ _great. **19** My_master hear my_master forgive my_master be_ _attentive and_act do_not delay for_your_own_sake my_god_of_ _my if/because name_of_your it_is_called on city_of_your and_ _on people_of_your.

20 And_still I was_speaking and_I_was_praying and_I_was_ _confessing sin_of_my and_the_sin_of my_people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_was_making_fall supplication_of_my to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_my on the_ _mountain_of the_holiness_of my_god_of_my. **21** And_still I was_speaking in_prayer and_the_man Gavrī'ēl whom I_had_ _seen in_vision at_beginning wearied with_weariness was_ _approaching to_me about_the_time_of the_offering_of the_ _evening. **22** And_he_gave_understanding and_he/it_spoke with_me and_he_said Oh_Dāniyy'ēl now I_have_come_forth to_ _give_you_insight understanding. **23** At_the_beginning_of your(pl)_supplications_of_your a_message it_went_forth and_I I_have_come to_announce if/because are_precious you and_ _understand (in)_message and_understand (in)_vision.
24 Sevens seventy it_has_been_decreed on people_of_your and_ _on the_city_of your_holiness_of_your to_put_an_end_to the_ _transgression and[240] sin[241] and_to_atone_for iniquity and_to_ _bring righteousness_of perpetuity and_to_seal_up vision and_ _prophet and_to_anoint a_holy_place_of holy_places. **25** And_ _you_will_know and_you_will_understand from the_going_ _forth_of the_message to_restore and_to_rebuild Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) until an_anointed_one a_prince sevens seven and_sevens sixty and_two it_will_return and_it_ _will_be_built an_open_place and_a_moat and_in_the_distress_ _of the_times. **26** And_after the_sevens sixty and_two an_ _anointed_one he_will_be_cut_off and_there_will_belong_not

237 LV 9:18 · Note OSHB variant note: חקפ/ה: (x-qere) 'חֲקֻפִּ': lemma_6491 morph_HVqv2ms id_27wcG חֲקֻפִּ

238 RV 9:21 · Cross-ref. Luk 1:19,26.

240 LV 9:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ל/סתח: (x-qere) 'וּלְסֵתֶם': lemma_c/l/8552 morph_HC/R/Vhc id_27np9 וּלְסֵתֶם

241 LV 9:24 · Note OSHB variant note: תואטח: (x-qere) 'תְּאָטָּה': lemma_2403 b n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfsa id_27Yj4 תְּאָטָּה

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to_him/it and_the_city and_the_sanctuary the_people_of a_
_prince who_is_coming it_will_destroy and_end_of_his will_by_
_(the)_flood and_unto the_end war desolate_things are_
_determined. **27** And_he_will_make_strong a_covenant to_
_people seven one and_the_middle_of the_seven he_will_cause_
_to_cease sacrifice and_offering and_will_be_on a_wing_of
abomination(s) that_which_desolates and_unto complete_
_destruction and_that_which_has_been_determined it_will_be_
_poured_forth on one_who_is_desolate.

10:1 In_year three to/for_Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) the_king_of
Pāraş a_message it_was_revealed to/for_Dāniyy'ēl whom
his/its_name it_had_been_called Bēləṭəsha'tstsar and_was_
_truth the_message and_a_war great and_he_understood ᴅᴏᴍ
the_message and_understanding to_him/it by_vision. **2** In_the_
_days the_those I Dāniyy'ēl I_was mourning three sevens days.
3 Food_of desirableness(es) not I_ate and_flesh/body and_wine
not it_came into mouth_of_my and_indeed_(anoint) not I_
_anointed_myself until three_of sevens days were_completed.
4 And_on_day_of twenty and_four of_month (the)_first and_I I_
_was on the_side_of the_river (the)_great it is_the_Tigris.
5 And_I_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man one clothed linen(s) and_loins_of_his
were_girded with_(the)_gold_of 'Ūfāz. **6** And_body_of_his was_
_like_chrysolite and_face_of_his was_like_the_appearance_of
lightning and_eyes_of_his were_like_torches_of fire and_arms_
_of_his and_feet_of_his were_like_the_appearance_of bronze
burnished and_the_sound_of his_words/messages_of_his was_
_like_the_sound_of a_multitude. **7** And_ I Dāniyy'ēl _I_saw I_
_alone ᴅᴏᴍ the_vision and_the_men who they_were with_me
not they_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_vision but trembling great it_fell on_
_them and_they_fled in_hiding_themselves. **8** And_I I_was_left_
_behind I_alone and_I_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_vision the_
_big/large/great(fs) (the)_this and_not it_remained in_me
strength and_vigor_of_my it_was_changed on_me into_
_destruction and_not I_retained strength. **9** And_I_heard ᴅᴏᴍ
the_sound_of his_words/messages_of_his and_just_as_I_heard
ᴅᴏᴍ the_sound_of his_words/messages_of_his and_I I_was
dazed on face_of_my and_face_of_my ground_was_to_the.
10 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_hand it_touched (in)_me and_it_
_shook_me on knees_of_my and_the_palms_of my_hands_of_
_my. **11** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_Dāniyy'ēl man_of
preciousness(es) understand (in)_words/messages which I am_
_about_to_speak to_you and_stand on place_of_your if/because
now I_have_been_sent to_you and_when_spoke_he with_me
ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this I_stood_up trembling. **12** And_he/it_
_said to_me do_not fear Oh_Dāniyy'ēl if/because from the_day
(the)_first which you_gave ᴅᴏᴍ heart_of_your to_understand
and_to_humble_yourself to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
god_of_your words/messages_of_your they_were_heard and_I
I_have_come on_words/messages_of_your. **13** And_the_prince_
_of the_kingdom_of Pāraş was_standing to_before_me twenty
and_one day[s] and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Mīkā'ēl one of_the_
_princes (the)_chief he_came to_help_me and_I I_remained_

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there'll be war until the end with much destruction having been decreed. **27** He'll make a firm agreement with many people for seven years. In the middle of that time, he'll put an end to sacrifices and offerings. On the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate,[239] until the complete destruction that is decreed is poured out on the desolator." NEEDS MORE WORK

God's terrifying revelation to Daniyel

10:1 In the third year of the reign of Persian King Koresh (Cyrus), a message was revealed to Daniyel (also named Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar)). The message was true, and it concerned was a large conflict. He understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.

2 At that time, I, Daniyel, had been mourning for three weeks. **3** I hadn't eaten any tasty food or meat, and no wine had been near my lips. I hadn't even put any perfumed oil on my hair or face during those three weeks.

4 Then on that day in late April, I was standing on the bank of the great river, i.e., the Hidekel. **5** When I looked up, to my surprise there was a man there dressed in linen with a belt of pure gold from Ufaz around his waist.[242] **6** His body sparkled like a jewel, his face was brilliant like lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and his feet were like the gleam of polished bronze, and his voice was loud like the sound of a huge crowd.

7 I, Daniyel, alone saw the vision, because the men with me didn't see anything. However, they started trembling and ran away to hide, **8** so I was left alone and saw this incredible vision. My strength deserted me and my face went deathly pale, and I couldn't move. **9** Then I heard the man start speaking, and as he did I fell to my knees then laid with my face to the ground in a deep sleep. **10** Then suddenly, a hand touched me and set me trembling back on my hands and knees.

11 The man spoke to me, "Daniyel, you're a man who's greatly valued. I've been sent to you, so stand up and listen to what I'm about to tell you." When he said that, I stood up trembling **12** and he told me, "Don't be afraid, Daniyel, because your prayer was heard from the very first day that you started investigating these matters. You humbled yourself before your god, so I've come in response to your words. **13** But the protector of the Persian kingdom held me back for twenty-one days. Then wow, Mika'el (Michael), one of God's chief protectors,[243] came to help me, because I'd been stuck there with the kings of Paras (Persia). **14** "Now I've come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the days near the end, because this vision is for the future."

239 **RV 9:27 · Cross-ref.** Dan 11:31; 12:11; Mat 24:15; Mrk 13:14.

242 **RV 10:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:13-15; 2:18; 19:12.

243 **RV 10:13,21 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:7.

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15 While he was telling me all that, I faced the ground and
wasn't able to speak. 16 Then suddenly, someone who resembled
a human touched my lips and I opened my mouth and was able
to speak. I said to the one standing in front of me: "My master,
that vision gave me an anxiety attack and I feel weak. 17 How
can a servant of my master like me be able to talk to someone
like you, my master? As for me, I've got no energy left, and I can
barely breathe."
18 Then the one who looked like a human touched me again
and strengthened me, 19 then he said, "Don't be afraid, you hu-
man who's greatly valued. May peace be to you! Be strong and
be strong!"
While he was speaking to me, I felt stronger and said, "Go
ahead and speak, my master, because you've given me some en-
ergy again."
20 Then he asked, "Do you know why I've come to you? But
now I will return to fight against the protector of Paras (Persia).
When I go out, the protector of Yavan (Greece) will come. 21 But
I'll tell you what's inscribed in the Book of Truth. There's no one
standing strong with me against them, except your protector
Mika'el (Michael)."
11:1 As for me, in the first year of King Dareyavesh (Darius) the
Madi (Mede), I stood up to support and protect him.

The kings of Mitsrayim and Aram

2 Now I'll tell you the truth: Three more
kings will reign in Paras (Persia), then a
fourth one will gain far more riches than all the others. When he
becomes strong through his wealth, he'll stir up everyone
against the kingdom of Yavan (Greece). 3 Then a powerful king
will come to the throne, and he'll rule with great authority and
do whatever he wants. 4 But as soon as he's reached his peak, his
kingdom will be uprooted, then broken and divided into the four
compass directions. But it won't be his descendants reigning but
those kingdoms will be given to others, and they won't rule with
that same authority.
5 Then the southern (Egyptian) king will become strong, but
one of his generals will become stronger than him and will take
over—he will rule a larger region. 6 After some years, they'll
forge an alliance—the daughter of the southern king will come
to the northern (Syrian) king to make an agreement. But she
won't be able to retain her power, and he won't be able to con-
tinue in his strength. She'll be handed over, along with her at-
tendants and her child, and the man who supported her in those
times. 7 But one of her relatives will step up to become the
southern king. He will attack the army of the northern king and
invade his fortress, defeating them. 8 He'll also take their gods
away to Mitsrayim (Egypt) as plunder, along with their cast

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_behind there beside the_kings_of Pāraş. 14 And_I_have_come
to_make_you_understand ᴅᴏᴍ that_which it_will_happen to_
_people_of_your in_end/latter the_days if/because still the_
_vision is_for_days. 15 And_when_spoke_he with_me
according_the_words/messages the_these I_put face_of_my
towards_land and_I_was_dumb. 16 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE like_
_the_likeness_of the_sons_of humankind was_touching (on)
lips_of_my and_I_opened mouth_of_my and_I_spoke and_I_said
to the_one_who_was_standing to_before_me my_master on_
_vision pangs_of_my they_have_turned on_me and_not I_have_
_retained strength. 17 And_how the_servant_of my_master this
is_he_able to_speak with my_master this and_I from_now not
it_remains in_me strength and_breath not it_is_left in_me.
18 And_he_repeated and_he_touched (in)_me like_the_
_appearance_of humankind and_he_strengthened_me. 19 And_
_he/it_said do_not fear Oh_man_of preciousness(es) peace
to/for_you(fs) be_strong and_be_strong and_when_spoke_he[244]
with_me I_strengthened_myself and_I_said my_master let_him_
_speak if/because you_have_strengthened_me. 20 And_he/it_
_said do_you_know to/for_what have_I_come to_you and_now
I_will_return to_engage_in_battle with the_prince_of Pāraş
and_I am_about_to_go_forth and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_prince_
_of Yāvān/(Greece) he_will_come. 21 But I_will_tell to/for_
_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ the_thing_inscribed in_writing_of truth and_
_there_is_not one who_shows_himself_strong with_me on
these if/because (if) Mīkā'ēl prince_of_your(pl).
11:1 And_I in_year one of_Dārəyāvesh the_Mede standing_of_
_my was_to_one_who_strengthens and_to_a_protection to_
_him/it.

2 And_now truth I_will_tell to/for_you(fs) THERE yet three
kings will_arise for_Pāraş and_the_fourth_king he_will_gain_
_wealth wealth great from_all and_according_to_of_his_
_strength by_wealth_of_his he_will_stir_up (the)_everyone with
the_kingdom_of Yāvān. 3 And_ a_king_of mighty _he_will_arise
and_he_will_have_dominion dominion great and_he_will_do
according_to_of_his_pleasure. 4 And_just_as_he_arises his/its_
_kingdom it_will_be_broken_up and_it_will_be_divided to_the_
_four the_winds_of the_heavens and_not to_posterity_of_his
and_not like_dominion_of_his which he_had_dominion
if/because his/its_kingdom it_will_be_plucked_up and_to_
_others (from)_besides_of these. 5 And_ the_king_of the_south _
_he_will_become_strong and_from commanders_of_his and_he_
_will_become_strong on/upon/above_him/it and_he_will_
_have_dominion will_be_a_dominion great dominion_of_his.
6 And_to_the_end_of years they_will_make_an_alliance and_
_the_daughter_of the_king_of the_south she_will_come to the_
_king_of the_north for_doing uprightness(es) and_not she_will_
_retain the_power_of the_arm and_not he_will_stand (and)_
_arm_of_his and_ she and_those_of_who_brought_her and_the_
_one_who_of_fathered_her and_the_one_of_who_
_strengthened_her in_times _she_will_be_given_up. 7 And_
one_of_(the)_shoot[s]_of her_roots_of_her _he_will_arise place_
_of_his and_he_will_come against the_army and_he_will_go in_
_the_stronghold_of the_king_of the_north and_he_will_do
in/among_them and_he_will_prevail. 8 And_also gods_of_their

244 LV 10:19 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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with images_of_their_molten with the_vessels_of their_desire_ _of_their silver and_gold in_captivity he_will_take Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he years he_will_stand away_from_the_ _king_of the_north. **9** And_he_will_go in_the_kingdom of_the_ _king_of of_the_south and_he_will_return to land_of_his_own. **10** His[245] they_will_get_ready_for_war and_they_will_gather a_ _multitude_of armies great it_will_go certainly_(go) and_it_ _will_overflow and_it_will_pass_over and_it_will_return and[246] to mmm[247]. **11** And_ the_king_of the_south _he_will_be_ _enraged and_he_will_go_out and_he_will_engage_in_battle with_him/it with the_king_of the_north and_he_will_raise_up a_multitude great and_ the_multitude _it_will_be_given in_ _his/its_hand. **12** And_ the_multitude _it_will_be_carried_off and_it_will_be_lifted_up[248] heart_of_his and_he_will_make_fall tens_of_thousands and_not he_will_prevail. **13** And_ the_king_ _of the_north _he_will_return and_he_will_raise_up a_ _multitude great more_than the_first and_to_the_end_of the_ _times years he_will_come certainly_(come) with_an_army large and_with_equipment much. **14** And_in_times the_those many_people they_will_arise on the_king_of the_south and_ _the_sons of_the_violent_ones_of your_people_of_your they_ _will_exalt_themselves to_fulfill the_vision and_they_will_ _stumble. **15** And_ the_king_of the_north _he_will_come and_ _he_will_pour_out a_mound and_he_will_capture a_city_of fortifications and_the_forces_of the_south not they_will_stand and_the_people_of his_choicest_ones_of_his and_there_will_ _not_be strength to_stand. **16** And_ the_one_who_comes to_ _him/it _he_will_do according_to_of_his_pleasure and_there_ _will_not_be one_who_stands before_him and_he_will_stand in_land_of (the)_beauty and_complete_destruction will_be_of_ _in_his_hand. **17** And_he_will_set his/its_faces/face to_come with_the_power_of all_of his/its_kingdom and_upright_things with_him/it and_he_will_do and_the_daughter_of the_women he_will_give to_him/it to_destroy_it and_not it_will_stand and_ _not to_him/it it_will_happen. **18** And[249] his/its_faces/face to_ _the_coastlands and_he_will_capture many_people and_ a_ _commander _he_will_put_an_end_to scorn_of_his to_him/it not scorn_of_his he_will_turn_back to_him/it. **19** And_he_will_ _turn his/its_faces/face to_the_strongholds_of his_own_land_ _of_his and_he_will_stumble and_he_will_fall and_not he_will_ _be_found. **20** And_he_will_arise on place_of_his one_who_will_ _send_through an_oppressor the_splendour_of a_kingdom and_ _in_days one(s) he_will_be_broken and_not in_anger(s) and_not in_battle.

21 And_he_will_arise on place_of_his one_who_is_despicable and_not people_had_given on/upon/above_him/it the_ _honour_of royalty and_he_will_come in_security and_he_will_ _take_hold_of royalty by_intrigues. **22** And_the_forces_of the_ _flood they_will_be_swept_away from_before_face_of_him and_ _they_will_be_broken and_also a_prince_of a_covenant. **23** And_ _from made_an_alliance to_him/it he_will_act deceit and_

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metal images and their precious gold and silver utensils. Then he'll stay away from the northern king for several years. **9** Then that northern king will come into the southern king's region, but will return again to his own land.

10 However, his sons will assemble a huge army and wage war. It will keep coming and overflow like a flood and pass through, and will carry the war as far as his fortress again. **11** Then the southern (Mitsri (Egyptian)) king will be furious and go out and fight against the northern (Syrian) king who'll assemble a large army, but that large army will be defeated. **12** Defeating all of them will result in that southern king becoming proud and he'll be responsible for the death of tens of thousands, but he won't triumph.

13 Then the northern (Syrian) king will again assemble a huge army, even larger than previously. After a few years, he'll certainly want to attack with a huge well-equipped army. **14** In those times, many will try to rebel against the southern (Mitsri) king. Men of violence from among your people (Yisrael (Israel)) will also rebel in order to fulfill the vision, but they'll all fail. **15** Then the northern king will come, heap up siege ramps, and capture a fortified city. The forces of the south, not even their best troops, will have enough strength to be able to resist them. **16** So the invader will be able to do whatever he wants—no one will stand against him. The northern king will stand in the beautiful land of Yisrael, ready to destroy it.

17 He'll make the decision to use the strength of his entire kingdom to invade. He'll forge an agreement, yet he'll give him a daughter as a wife in order to ruin it, but it won't work or be to his advantage. **18** After that, he'll focus on the coastlands and will capture many, but a commander will end his insolence against him—in fact he'll cause his insolence to bounce back onto him. **19** Then he'll focus his attention on the fortresses in his own land, but he'll stumble and fall and drop off the scene.

20 Then another man will succeed the northern king and he'll send a tax collector to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) so he can make his kingdom more prosperous, but in a few days he will be broken, although not in anger or in battle.

The evil Arami king

21 In his place, a despicable person without any royal lineage will come to power. He'll come unexpectedly and will seize the northern (Arami (Syrian)) kingdom by intrigue. **22** The overflowing forces will be swept away before him and broken, and also the prince of the agreement. **23** After an alliance is made with him, he'll act deceitfully then he'll go

245 LV 11:10 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/נב: (x-qere) 'ו/עָנָב': lemma_c/1121 a morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_27q7V ו/עָנָב

246 LV 11:10 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ורגתי: (x-qere) 'ו/הֲרָגְתִּי': lemma_c/1624 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vti3ms id_27gS3 ו/הֲרָגְתִּי

247 LV 11:10 · Note OSHB variant note: ה/זעמ: (x-qere) 'ו/זַעְמִ': lemma_4581 n_0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_27JA8 ו/זַעְמִ

248 LV 11:12 · Note OSHB variant note: סורי: (x-qere) 'סָר/וּ': lemma_c/7311 a morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_27oHh סָר/וּ

249 LV 11:18 · Note OSHB variant note: בשי/ו: (x-qere) 'בֻּשָּׁי/וּ': lemma_c/7760 a morph_HC/Vqi3ms id_27cJF בֻּשָּׁי/וּ

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up and become powerful with a small number of people. **24** He'll come into the richest parts of the province in a time of peace, and he'll do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers did. He will distribute plunder, booty, and possessions among them. He'll make plans against fortresses, but only for a time.

25 He'll use his courage and power to raise a large army against the southern (Egyptian) king. The southern king will amass an exceedingly large, powerful army to respond in battle, but he won't be able to make headway because plots will be devised against him. **26** Even those who sit at his table and eat his fine food will work against him. His army will be swept away with large numbers of casualties. **27** The two kings with their evil intentions, will sit at the same table but tell each other lies. However, it won't succeed, because the end won't come until the time appointed by God. **28** Then the northern king will return to his own country with valuable plunder, but his heart will be set against the holy agreement. He'll take action, and then return to his own country.

29 At the appointed time the northern (Arami (Syrian)) king will come back into the south, but he won't be successful like he had been the previous time. **30** Ships will come against him from Kitim, and he'll withdraw in fear. He'll be angry about the holy agreement and will take action. He'll come back and take the advice of those who forsake the holy agreement. **31** Some of his forces will attack and defile the sanctuary fortress. They'll prevent the regular burnt offerings, and they'll set up something revolting that causes people to be appalled.[250] **32** Using flattery, he will corrupt others who oppose the agreement, But the people who know their god will be strong and will take action. **33** Those among the people and have insight will teach others, But they'll be killed in battle or burnt during the attacks, or be plundered for several days or taken captive. **34** When they fall, they'll receive a little help. Many will join themselves with them in hypocrisy. **35** Some of those who have insight will fall but the others will be refined, purified, and cleaned until the time of the end, because it'll continue until the appointed time.

36 The northern (Arami) king will do whatever he wants. He'll boast and claim to be greater than any god,[251] and he'll say terrible things against the god of gods,[252] . He'll be successful until the indignation is accomplished, because everything will happen just as it's already been determined. **37** He won't pay any attention to his ancestors' gods, or to the one desired by women, or for that matter, to any other god, because he'll think he's better than everyone and everything else. **38** Instead of those, he'll honour the god of fortresses—a god his ancestors had never even heard of. He'll honour that god with gold and silver, and with precious stones and treasures. **39** He'll take action against the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. He'll in-

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_he/it_would_go_up and_he_will_become_mighty with_ _fewness_of a_nation. **24** In_security and_in_the_fat_places_of the_province he_will_come and_he_will_do that_which not ancestors_of_his and_the_ancestors_of his_ancestors_of_his they_did plunder and_booty and_property to/for_them he_ _will_scatter and_on strongholds he_will_plan plans_of_his and_unto a_time. **25** And_he_will_stir_up strength_of_his and_ _heart_of_his on the_king_of the_south with_an_army large and_the_king_of the_south he_will_get_ready for_battle with_ _an_army large and_mighty up_to muchness and_not he_will_ _stand if/because people_will_plan on/upon/above_him/it plans. **26** And_those_who_eat_of rations his they_will_break_ _him and_army_of_his it_will_overflow and_ slain_ones many _ _they_will_fall. **27** And_the_two_of_of_them the_kings heart_of_ _their will_be_to_evil and_at a_table one falsehood they_will_ _speak and_not it_will_succeed if/because yet an_end is_to_ _time. **28** And_he_will_return land_of_his_own with_property great and_heart_of_his will_be_on the_covenant_of holiness and_he_will_act and_he_will_return to_his_own_of_land. **29** To_ _time he_will_return and_he_will_come in_south and_not it_ _will_be as_time and_as_time. **30** And_they_will_come in_him/it ships Kittim and_he_will_be_disheartened and_he_will_turn_ _back and_he_will_direct_indignation towards the_covenant_of holiness and_he_will_act and_he_will_turn_back and_he_will_ _pay_attention on those_who_abandon_of (of)_the_covenant_of holiness. **31** And_forces from_him/it they_will_arise and_they_ _will_profane the_sanctuary the_stronghold and_they_will_ _abolish the_perpetual_offering and_they_will_set_up the_ _abomination which_desolates. **32** And_those_who_act_ _wickedly_of the_covenant he_will_pollute with_flattering_ _words/messages and_a_people_of which_know_of his/its_god they_will_display_strength and_they_will_act. **33** And_those_ _who_have_insight_of the_people they_will_give_ _understanding to_people and_they_will_stumble by_sword and_by_flame by_captivity and_by_plunder days. **34** And_ _when_stumble_they they_will_be_helped help a_little and_ _they_will_join_themselves to_them many_people by_intrigues. **35** And_from those_who_have_insight they_will_stumble to_ _refine (is)_in_them and_to_purge_them and_to_purify_them until the_time_of the_end if/because it_is_still to_time. **36** And_ _he_will_do according_to_of_his_pleasure the_king and_he_ _will_exalt_himself and_he_will_magnify_himself above every_ _of god and_on the_god_of gods he_will_speak extraordinary_ _things and_he_will_succeed until indignation it_has_been_ _completed if/because and_that_which_has_been_determined it_will_be_done. **37** And_on the_gods_of his_ancestors_of_his not he_will_pay_attention and_on the_desire_of women and_on any_of god not he_will_pay_attention if/because above all he_ _will_magnify_himself. **38** And_(to)_a_god_of strongholds on place_of_its he_will_honour and_(to)_a_god which not they_ _knew_it ancestors_of_his he_will_honour with_gold and_with_ _silver and_with_stone costly and_with_precious_things. **39** And_he_will_act to_the_fortresses_of strongholds with a_

250 RV 11:31 · Cross-ref. Dan 9:27; 12:11; Mat 24:15; Mrk 13:14.

251 RV 11:36 · Cross-ref. 2Th 2:3-4.

252 RV 11:36 · Cross-ref. Rev 13:5-6.

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_god_of foreignness one_who he_acknowledges[253] he_will_
_increase honour and_he_will_make_them_rule over_people
and_land he_will_divide_up for_a_price. **40** And_at_the_time_of
the_end he_will_wage_war with_him/it the_king_of the_south
and_he_will_storm on/upon/above_him/it the_king_of the_
_north with_chariotry and_with_horsemen and_with_ships
many and_he_will_go in_lands and_he_will_overflow and_he_
_will_pass_through. **41** And_he_will_come in_land of_(the)_
_beauty and_many_people they_will_stumble and_these they_
_will_escape from_hand_of_his ʾEdōm and_Mōʾāv and_the_
_first_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn. **42** And_he_will_stretch_out
his/its_hand on_lands and_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not
it_will_become (into)_an_escaped_remnant. **43** And_he_will_
_rule over_the_treasures_of the_gold and_(the)_silver and_
_over_all_of the_precious_things_of Mitsrayim and_Lūvī and_
_Kūshiy/(Cushite)s will_be_of_in_his_steps. **44** And_reports
they_will_dismay_him from_the_east and_from_the_north and_
_he_will_go_out in_rage great to_destroy and_to_totally_
_destroy many_people. **45** And_he_will_pitch the_tents_of his_
_palace_of_his between the_seas and_the_mountain_of the_
_beauty_of holiness and_he_will_come to end_of_his and_
_there_will_not_be a_helper to_him/it.

12:1 And_at_time (the)_that Mīkāʾēl the_prince (the)_great who_
_stands over the_sons_of your_people_of_your he_will_arise
and_it_will_be a_time_of distress which not it_has_happened
from_when_was a_nation until the_time (the)_that and_at_time
(the)_that people_of_your every_of (the)_one_who_is_found
written in_scroll it_will_escape. **2** And_many_people of_the_
_sleepers_of of_the_ground_of dust they_will_awake these to_
_life_of perpetuity and_these to_reproaches to_abhorrence_of
perpetuity. **3** And_those_who_have_insight they_will_shine
like_the_shining_of the_firmament and_those_who_turn_to_
_righteousness_of (of)_the_many_people like_stars forever_
_perpetuity and_ever. **4** And_you(ms) Oh_Dāniyyʾēl keep_secret
the_words/messages and_seal_up the_scroll until the_time_of
the_end many_people they_will_rove_about and_ (the)_
_knowledge _it_will_increase. **5** And_ I Dāniyyʾēl _I_saw and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE two others were_standing one here was_to_
_the_bank_of the_River and_one here was_to_the_bank_of the_
_River. **6** And_he/it_said to_man (the)_clothed_of (the)_linen(s)
who was_from_above (to)_the_water_of the_River until when
will_be_the_end_of the_wonders. **7** And_I_heard ~~DOM~~ the_man
(the)_clothed_of (the)_linen(s) who was_from_above (to)_the_
_water_of the_River and_he_raised hand_of_his_right and_his_
_left_of_hand to the_heavens and_he_swore by_the_living_one_
_of (the)_perpetuity if/because_that to_a_time times and_a_
_half and_just_as_finish to_smash the_hand_of the_people_of
holiness all_of these_things they_will_be_finished. **8** And_I I_
_heard and_not I_understood and_I_said my_master what will_

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creasingly honour those who acknowledge him and will make them influential leaders, and he'll divide up the land for a price.

40 At the time of the end, the southern (Mitsri (Egyptian)) king will attack the northern king, but that northern (Syrian) king will fight back aggressively with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. He'll invade several countries like how a flood overflows then passes through. **41** He will come into the beautiful land of Yisrael (Israel), killing many, but Edom, Moav (Moab), and the bulk of the Amonim will escape from his power. **42** That northern king will invade other countries, and even Mitsrayim (Egypt) won't miss out. **43** He'll accumulate the treasures of gold and of silver, and everything in Mitsrayim that's valuable, and then the Luvim (Libyans) and the Kushim will be in his footsteps. **44** But reports coming in from the east and the north will terrify him, and he'll go out to fight furiously and kill many. **45** He'll erect his royal tents between the seas and the beautiful holy mountain, but that northern king will come to his end, and no one will help him.

The ending of time

12:1 The one who looked like a human also told me: At that time Mika'el (Michael), the powerful prince who stands guard over your people, will become active.[254] There'll be a time of distress such as never has been since there was a nation until that time,[255] but at that time your people will be rescued—everyone whose name is found written in the book. **2** Many of those who've already been buried will come back to life—some to go on and live forever, and some to endure shame and everlasting contempt.[256] **3** Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the Milky Way, and those who lead many people to righteousness, like the stars shining forever.

4 But you, Daniyel, keep these words secret, and seal up the book until the time of the end.[257] Many will rush back and forth, and knowledge will increase.

5 Then I, Daniyel, looked, and to my surprise, two others were standing there—one on this side of the river and one on the opposite bank. **6** One of them asked the man dressed in linen, who was above the river itself, "How long will it be until the end of those incredible events?"

7 I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the river—he raised both arms and promised in the name of him who lives forever[258] that it would be for a time, times, and half a time.[259] When the destruction of the power of the holy people has come to an end, all those things will have been completed.

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253 LV 11:39 · Note OSHB variant note: **ריכה**: (x-qere) **'רִיְכִי'**: lemma_5234 a n_1.0 morph_HVhi3ms id_275vz **רִיְכִי**

254 RV 12:1 · Cross-ref. Rev 12:7.

255 RV 12:1 · Cross-ref. Mat 24:21; Mrk 13:19; Rev 7:14; 12:7.

256 RV 12:2 · Cross-ref. Isa 26:19; Mat 25:46; Yhn 5:29.

257 RV 12:4 · Cross-ref. Rev 22:10.

258 RV 12:7 · Cross-ref. Rev 10:5.

259 RV 12:7 · Cross-ref. Rev 12:14.

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8 I heard, but I didn't understand, so I asked, "My master, what will be the outcome of all those things?"

9 "Just carry on, Daniyel," he responded, "because those matters are closed and sealed until the time of the end. **10** Many people will be purified, cleaned, and refined, but the wicked will behave wickedly.[260] None of the wicked will understand these things, but those who have insight will understand.

11 From the time that the regular burnt offerings are taken away and the revolting thing that causes people to be appalled is set up,[261] there will be 1,290 days. **12** Blessed is any person who's patient and arrives at the 1,335 days.

13 But as for you, carry on with your life until the end. Then you'll be able to relax and receive your allocated inheritance at the end of the days."

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_be_the_outcome of_these_things. **9** And_he/it_said go Oh_ _Dāniyyʾēl if/because are_kept_secret and_sealed_up the_things until the_time_of the_end. **10** They_will_purge_themselves and_ _they_will_purify_themselves and_they_will_be_refined many_ _people and_ wicked_people _they_will_act_wickedly and_not any_of wicked_people they_will_understand and_those_who_ _have_insight they_will_understand. **11** And_from_the_time the_perpetual_offering when_it_was_abolished and_the_ _setting_up the_abomination which_desolates will_be_days one_thousand two_hundred and_ninety. **12** How_blessed is_the_ _one_who_waits and_he_will_arrive to_days one_thousand three hundreds thirty and_five. **13** And_you(ms) go to_end and_ _you_will_rest and_you_will_arise to_your_allotted_of_portion to_the_end_of the_days.

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260 RV 12:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 22:11.

261 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. Dan 9:27; 11:31; Mat 24:15; Mrk 13:14.

Yehezkel

(Ezekiel)

Introduction

Yehezkel (or more properly ‘Yehezkel’ which means ‘God/El will strengthen’, but called ‘Ezekiel’ in older English translations because Greek has no ‘y’ or ‘h’) was a priest in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). He was one of the many people who were captured by the Babylonian army and marched off to Bavel before Yerushalem was defeated in 586 B.C. So he lived in Bavel and became a prophet five years after he’d been exiled. His message was directed to the people exiled to Bavel as well as those back in Yerushalem. Yehezkel’s account can be divided into six parts: 1. God’s calling Yehezkel as a prophet; 2. warnings to the people there about God’s coming punishment of them, and of the coming destruction of Yerushalem; 3. God’s messages about the punishment of various nations who’d attacked Yisrael; 4. comforting Yisrael when enemies defeated Yerushalem, and a promise of a future, better life; 5. the defeat of all of Yisrael’s enemies; 6. Yehezkel’s description of a restored temple and of a nation that would return to living there. Yehezkel demonstrated a lot of faith, and his messages came as visions—many of which he had to act out. Yehezkel explained the importance of a new heart and spirit, and how it’s necessary for each person to individually repent from their sins. He reveals Yisrael’s hope of a new life. Then as prophet and priest, he greatly looks forward to a new temple with all the rooms that are necessary for the sacred services.

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Yehezkel's calling to be a prophet[1] · Yahweh reveals himself

1:1 When I was thirty years old, on July 5th, as I was living with the other captives by the Kevar Canal, the skies opened[2] and I saw visions from God.

2 That was the fifth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive.[3] **3** Yahweh gave me, the priest Yehezkel (Ezekiel) (son of Buzi), this message in the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) (often known better as Babylonians) by the Kevar Canal, and Yahweh revealed his strength to me there. **4** Then I looked, and there was a windstorm coming from the north—a huge cloud with lightning flashing inside it and brilliant light inside it and surrounding it, and fire inside the cloud made it look amber coloured. **5** In the middle was what seemed to be four living creatures resembling humans,[4] **6** but each of them had four faces and four wings. **7** Their legs were straight, but they had hooves like calves' hooves that gleamed like polished bronze. **8** They had human hands under their wings on each of their four sides. For each of the four of them, **9** their wings were touching the wings of the next creature, and they didn't turn as they went—rather each one went straight forward.

10 Each one's front face was like a human face, then they each had a lion's face on the right, a calf's face on the left, and the fourth face was an eagle's face.[5] **11** Their faces were like that, and their wings were spread out above, so that each creature had a pair of wings that touched another creature's wings, and also a pair that covered their bodies. **12** Each went straight forward, so that wherever the spirit directed them to go, they went without turning.

13 The living creatures resembled burning coals or torches.[6] Bright fire also moved around among the creatures, and there were flashes of lightning. **14** The living creatures moved rapidly swiftly back and forth, and they looked a bit like lightning.

15 Then I looked more closely and saw a wheel on the ground beside each of the living creatures with its four faces.[7] **16** Each of the wheels was the same, and they all shone like chrysolite. Each wheel seemed to have one wheel inside another wheel. **17** When they moved, they didn't have to turn to change direction. **18** The rims of the wheels were awesomely tall, and all four of them were full of eyes around the rim.[8] **19** Whenever the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them. When the living

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1:1 And_he/it_was in_thirty year in_month on_day_five of_ _month and_I was_among_of the_exile[s] at the_river_of Kəvār the_heavens they_were_opened and_I_saw visions_of god. **2** On_ _day_five of_month it was_the_year (the)_fifth of_the_exile_of the_king Yōyākīn/(Jehoiachin). **3** Expressly_(come) the_ _message_of **YHWH** it_came to Yəḥezqʾēl the_son_of Būzī the_ _priest/officer in_land of_the_ones_from_Kasdiy at the_river_of Kəvār and_it_became on/upon/above_him/it there the_hand_ _of **YHWH**. **4** And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_wind_of storm was_coming from the_north a_cloud great and_fire flashing and_brightness to_him/it all_around and_was_from_the_ _middle_of_of_it like_the_appearance_of (the)_shining_ _substance from_the_middle_of the_fire. **5** And_was_from_the_ _middle_of_of_it a_likeness_of four living_creatures and_this appearance_of_was_their a_likeness_of a_human belonged_to_ _them. **6** And_four faces belonged_to_one and_four wings belonged_to_one to/for_them. **7** And_feet_of_their was_a_foot straight and_the_sole_of their_feet_of_their was_like_the_sole_ _of the_foot_of a_calf and_they_were_sparkling like_the_ _appearance_of bronze burnished. **8** And[11] a_human from_ _under wings_of_their on the_four_of sides_of_their and_faces_ _of_their and_wings_of_their belonged_to_the_four_of_of_ _them. **9** Were_touching each (to) sister_of_its wings_of_their not they_turned when_moved_they each to the_side_of his/its_ _faces/face they_moved. **10** And_the_likeness_of their_faces_of_ _their was_the_face_of a_human and_the_face_of a_lion to the_ _right_side belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them and_the_face_of an_ox from_the_left_side belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them and_the_face_of an_eagle belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them. **11** And_faces_of_their and_wings_of_their were_spread_out from_to_above (to)_each two_wings were_touching each and_ _two_wings were_covering ~~DOM~~ bodies_of_their.[12] **12** And_each to the_side_of his/its_faces/face they_moved to where it_was there_(to) the_spirit to_go they_moved not they_turned when_ _moved_they. **13** And_the_likeness_of the_living_creatures their_appearance was_like_coals_of fire burning like_the_ _appearance_of (the)_torches it was_moving_about between the_living_creatures and_brightness belonged_to_fire and_from the_fire lightning was_coming_out. **14** And_the_living_ _creatures they_were_running and_they_were_returning like_ _the_appearance_of (the)_lightning. **15** And_I_saw the_living_ _creatures and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_wheel one on_the_earth beside the_living_creatures for_the_four_of his/its_faces/face. **16** The_appearance_of the_wheels and_construction(s)_of_their was_like_the_appearance_of chrysolite and_a_likeness one

1 RV 1:1 · Parallel 1:1–3:27

2 RV 1:1 · Cross-ref. Rev 19:11.

3 RV 1:2 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:10-16; 2Ch 36:9-10.

4 RV 1:5 · Cross-ref. Rev 4:6.

5 RV 1:10 · Cross-ref. Eze 1:5,10; 10:4; Eze 10:14; Rev 4:7.

6 RV 1:13 · Cross-ref. Rev 4:5.

7 RV 1:15-21 · Cross-ref. Eze 10:9-13.

8 RV 1:18 · Cross-ref. Rev 4:8.

11 LV 1:8 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/דִי/וֹ: (x-qere) וְ/יָדַי/וֹ: lemma_c/3027 morph_HC/Ncbdc id_26NPq וְ/יָדַי/וֹ

12 LV 1:11 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them and_appearance_of_their and_construction(s)_of_their just_as the_wheel it_was in_the_ _middle of_the_wheel. **17** On the_four_of sides_of_their when_ _moved_they they_moved not they_turned when_moved_they. **18** And_rims_of_their and_height to/for_them and_fear to/for_ _them and_rims_of_their were_full eyes all_around to_the_ _four_of_of_them. **19** And_when_ the_living_creatures _moved the_wheels they_moved beside_them and_when_ the_living_ _creatures _were_lifted_up from_under the_earth/land the_ _wheels they_were_lifted_up. **20** To where it_was there the_ _spirit to_go they_moved to_(to) the_spirit to_go and_the_ _wheels they_were_lifted_up close_by_of_them if/because the_ _spirit_of the_living was_in_wheels. **21** When_moved_they they_moved and_when_they_stood_still they_stood_still and_ _when_they_were_lifted_up from_under the_earth/land the_ _wheels they_were_lifted_up close_by_of_them if/because the_ _spirit_of the_living was_in_wheels. **22** And_a_likeness was_ _above the_heads_of the_living an_expanse like_the_ _appearance_of (the)_ice (the)_awesome spread_out above heads_of_their from_to_above. **23** And_under the_firmament wings_of_their were_straight each to sister_of_its belonged_to_ _each two_wings which_covered (to)_them belonged_to_each two_wings which_covered (to)_them ᴅᴏᴍ bodies_of_their. **24** And_I_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_sound_of their_wings_of_their like_ _the_sound_of waters many like_the_sound_of the_almighty when_moved_they the_sound_of a_rainstorm like_the_sound_ _of an_army when_they_stood_still they_let_drop wings_of_ _their. **25** And_ a_sound _he/it_was from_under to_the_ _firmament which was_above head_of_their when_they_stood_ _still they_let_drop wings_of_their.

26 And_was_from_above to_the_firmament which was_above head_of_their like_the_appearance_of a_stone_of sapphire the_ _likeness_of a_throne and_on the_likeness_of the_seat a_ _likeness like_the_appearance_of a_human on/upon/above_ _him/it from_to_above. **27** And_I_saw like_the_appearance_of a_shining_substance like_the_appearance_of fire house_of to/for_her/it was_all_around from_the_appearance_of his_ _hips_of_his and_(to)_upwards and_from_the_appearance_of his_hips_of_his and_(to)_downwards I_saw like_the_ _appearance_of fire and_brightness to_him/it all_around. **28** Like_the_appearance_of (the)_rainbow which it_is in_ _cloud[s] in/on_day of_(the)_rain so the_appearance_of the_ _brightness all_around that was_the_appearance_of the_ _likeness_of the_glory_of **YHWH** and_I_saw_it and_I_fell on face_of_my and_I_heard the_voice one_who_spoke.

2:1 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind stand on feet_ _of_your so_that_I_may_speak with_you. **2** And_it_came in_me a_spirit when he_spoke to_me and_it_made_me_stand_up on feet_of_my and_I_heard ᴅᴏᴍ one_who_spoke to_me. **3** And_ _he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind I am_sending you to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to nations (the)_rebellious which

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creatures went upwards, the wheels also went up. **20** Wherever the spirit would go, they went, and the wheels went up beside them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. **21** Whenever the creatures moved, the wheels also moved, and when the creatures stood still, the wheels stood still. When the creatures went upwards, the wheels went up beside them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

22 Above the living creatures was something like an awesome crystal dome stretched out over their heads.[9] **23** Beneath the dome, each of the creatures' wings stretched out straight and touched another creature's wings. Each one also had a pair to cover their own body with. **24** Then I heard the sound of their wings, which was like the noise of a lot of water. When they moved, it was like the voice of the powerful one—like the sound of a rainstorm or an army. Whenever they stood still, they lowered their wings.[10] **25** Whenever they stopped and lowered their wings, a voice came from under the dome that was above their heads.

God's throne

26 Above the dome over their heads was what looked like a sapphire stone that had been made into a throne, and on the thing like a throne was something that looked like a man.[13] **27** I saw a figure that appeared to have glowing metal with fire in it from his hips upwards, and looking downwards from his hips, I saw the appearance of fire and brightness all around.[14] **28** The bright light surrounding the throne looked like a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day—it was the appearance of the likeness of Yahweh's splendour. When I saw it, I quickly knelt down and bowed my head to the ground, and I heard a voice speaking.

Yehezkel sent as a prophet to Yisrael

2:1 He said to me, "Son of humanity, stand up and then I'll speak to you." **2** Then as he spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and stood me up, and I heard him speaking to me. **3** He told me, "Son of humanity, I'm sending you to Yisrael's (Israel's) people—two rebel-

9 RV 1:22 · Cross-ref. Rev 4:6.

10 RV 1:24 · Cross-ref. Rev 1:4-15; 19:6.

13 RV 1:26 · Cross-ref. Eze 10:1; Rev 4:2-3.

14 RV 1:27 · Cross-ref. Eze 8:2.

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lious nations that have rebelled against me. Both they and their ancestors have been sinning against me right up to this very moment. **4** Their descendants are very stubborn and hard-headed. I'm sending you to them, and you'll tell them that this is what the master Yahweh is saying to them. **5** They might listen or might not. They're a rebellious bunch, but they'll at least know that a prophet's been among them.

6 And you, son of humanity, don't be afraid of them or their words. Don't be afraid, even though you're among briers and thorns, and although you live with scorpions. Don't fear their words or be dismayed by their faces, since they're a rebellious bunch. **7** Pass my messages on to them, whether they listen or not, because they're quite rebellious. **8** But you, son of humanity, listen to what I'm telling you. Don't become rebellious like that rebellious bunch. Open your mouth and eat what I'm about to give you." **9** Then I looked and saw a hand extended out to me, and it was holding a scroll with writing on it.[15] **10** He spread it out in front of me—there was writing on both the front and the back, and it was full of messages about grief, mourning, and sad endings.

3:1 He said to me, "Son of humanity, eat what you've found. Eat this scroll,[16] then go speak to the Israeli people." **2** So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

3 He told me, "Son of humanity, feed your belly and fill your stomach with this scroll that I've given you." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey.

4 Then he told me, "Son of humanity, go to the people of Yisrael (Israel) and pass my messages on to them, **5** because you aren't being sent to a people group who speak a strange or difficult language, but to the Israeli people— **6** not to many people groups who speak strange or difficult languages whose words you wouldn't be able to understand. I'm sure that if it was them that I sent you to, they would've listened to you. **7** But the Israeli people won't be willing to listen to you, because they're not willing to listen to me. All the Israeli people are hardheaded and hardhearted. **8** Listen, I'll enable you to be as stubborn and tough as they are. **9** I'll make you hard like a diamond—harder than flint. Don't be scared by them or discouraged by the looks they give you, because they're rebellious people."

10 He also told me, "Son of humanity, listen very carefully to what I say, and keep thinking about it. **11** Then go to any of your people who were brought here as captives, and tell them, 'This is what the master Yahweh says,' whether they'll listen or not."

12 Then the spirit lifted me up, and I heard rumbling like a large earthquake behind me. (May Yahweh's honour in his place be blessed.) **13** It was the sound of the living creatures' wings as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels that were with them, and the sound of a large earthquake. **14** Then the spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went with bitter-

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they_have_rebelled against_me they and_ancestors_of_their they_have_transgressed against_me until the_substance_of the_day (the)_this. **4** And_the_children are_stern_of face and_ _hard_of heart I am_sending you to_them and_you_will_say to_ _them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says. **5** And_they whether they_will_listen and_if they_will_refrain if/because are_a_ _house_of rebellion they and_they_will_know if/because_that a_prophet he_has_been among_them. **6** And_you(ms) Oh_son_ _of humankind do_not be_afraid from_them and_from_ _words/messages_of_their do_not be_afraid if/because nettles and_briers are_with_you and_near/to scorpions you are_sitting from_words/messages_of_their do_not be_afraid and_from_ _faces_of_their do_not be_dismayed if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. **7** And_you_will_speak ᴅᴏᴍ words/messages_of_ _my to_them whether they_will_listen and_if they_will_refrain if/because are_rebellious they. **8** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind hear ᴅᴏᴍ that_which I am_speaking to_you do_not be rebellious like_the_house_of (the)_rebellion open mouth_of_ _your and_eat ᴅᴏᴍ that_which I am_giving to_you. **9** And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_hand was_stretched_out to_me and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE in_him/it a_scroll_of a_document. **10** And_ _he_spread_out it to/for_my_face/front and_she was_written face and_back and_was_written to_her/it lamentations and_ _moaning and_wailing.

3:1 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind ᴅᴏᴍ that_ _which you_find eat eat ᴅᴏᴍ the_scroll (the)_this and_go speak to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_I_opened ᴅᴏᴍ mouth_ _of_my and_he_caused_me_to_eat ᴅᴏᴍ the_scroll (the)_this. **3** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind belly_of_your may_you_cause_to_eat and_your(pl)_inward_of_parts may_you_ _fill ᴅᴏᴍ the_scroll (the)_this which I am_giving to_you and_I_ _ate_it and_it_became in_mouth_of_my like_honey to_sweet. **4** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind go go to the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_speak with_ _words/messages_of_my to_them. **5** If/because not to a_people deep_of language and_heavy_of language you are_being_sent to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** Not to peoples many deep_of language and_heavy_of language whom not you_will_ _understand words/messages_of_their if not to_them I_had_ _sent_you they they_will_listen to_you. **7** And_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_will_be_willing to_listen to_you if/because not_they are_willing to_listen to_me if/because all_ _of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_hard_of forehead and_ _stern_of heart they. **8** HERE I_make ᴅᴏᴍ face_of_your hard corresponding_to_of faces_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ forehead_of_your hard corresponding_to_of forehead_of_their. **9** Like_diamond hard more_than_flint I_make forehead_of_your not you_must_ _fear them and_not you_must_be_dismayed from_their_ _face/front if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. **10** And_ _he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind ᴅᴏᴍ all_of words/messages_of_my which I_will_speak to_you take in_ _heart_of_your and_with_ears_of_your hear. **11** And_go go to the_exile[s] to the_children_of your_people_of_your and_you_ _will_speak to_them and_you_will_say to_them thus my_master

15 **RV 2:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 5:1.

16 **RV 3:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 10:9-10.

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YHWH he_says whether they_will_listen and_if they_will_
_refrain. **12** And_it_lifted_me_up a_spirit and_I_heard behind_
_me a_sound_of rumbling great the_glory_of **YHWH** be_blessed
from_place_of_its. **13** And_the_sound_of the_wings_of the_
_living_creatures touching_closely each (to) sister_of_its and_
_the_sound_of the_wheels close_by_of_them and_a_sound_of
rumbling great. **14** And_spirit it_lifted_me_up and_it_took_me
and_I_went bitter in_the_rage_of my_breath/wind/spirit and_
_the_hand_of **YHWH** on_me it_was_strong. **15** And_I_came to
the_exile[s] Tēl Abib who_were_dwelling to the_river_of Kəvār
and[18] they were_dwelling there and there seven_of days
appalled among_them. **16** And_he/it_was from_the_end_of
seven_of days and_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me
to_say. **17** Oh_son_of humankind a_watchman I_appoint_you
for_the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_you_will_hear from_
_mouth_of_my a_message and_you_will_warn them from_me.
18 When_say_I to_(the)_person surely_(die) you_will_die and_
_not you_have_warned_him and_not you_have_spoken to_warn
a_wicked_person from_way_of_his (the)_wicked to_preserve_
_him_alive that wicked_person for_iniquity_of_his he_will_die
and_blood_of_his from_hand_of_your I_will_require. **19** And_
_you(ms) if/because you_have_warned a_wicked_person and_
_not he_has_turned_away from_wickedness_of_his and_from_
_way_of_his (the)_wicked he for_iniquity_of_his he_will_die
and_you(ms) ~~ḎOM~~ life_of_your you_have_delivered. **20** And_
when a_righteous_person _turns_away from_righteousness_
_of_his and_he_will_do injustice and_I_will_put a_stumbling_
_block before_him he he_will_die if/because not you_warned_
_him for_sin_of_his he_will_die and_not they_will_be_
_remembered righteousness(es)_of_his[19] which he_did and_
_blood_of_his from_hand_of_your I_will_require. **21** And_
_you(ms) if/because you_have_warned_him a_righteous_person
to_not a_righteous_person to_sin and_he not he_has_sinned
certainly_(live) he_will_live if/because he_has_been_warned
and_you(ms) ~~ḎOM~~ life_of_your you_have_delivered.

22 And_it_became on_me there the_hand_of **YHWH** and_he/it_
_said to_me arise go_out to the_plain and_there I_will_speak
with_you. **23** And_I_arose and_I_went_out to the_plain and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there the_glory_of **YHWH** was_standing like_
_glory which I_had_seen at the_river_of Kəvār and_I_fell on
face_of_my. **24** And_it_came in_me a_spirit and_it_made_me_
_stand_up on feet_of_my and_he/it_spoke ~~ḎOM~~_me and_he/it_
_said to_me go shut_yourself_up in_the_middle your_house_of_
_your. **25** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind THERE people_
_will_put on_you ropes and_they_will_bind_you (is)_in_them
and_not you_will_go_out among_them. **26** And_tongue_of_your
I_will_make_stick to palate_of_your and_you_will_be_dumb
and_not you_will_become to/for_them (into)_a_person who_
_reproves if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. **27** And_
_when_speak_I with_you I_will_open ~~ḎOM~~ mouth_of_your and_
_you_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_
_one_who_hears let_him_hear and_the_person_who_refrains
let_him_refrain if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they.

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ness and rage in my spirit, because Yahweh's hand was pressing down firmly on me. **15** Then I went to the captives at Tel-Aviv who lived along the Kevar Canal, and I stayed among them there for seven days, overwhelmed in amazement.

16 After those seven days were over, Yahweh gave me this message:[17] **17** "Son of humanity, I've made you a guard over the Israeli people, so listen to this message of mine and give them my warning. **18** When I tell the wicked, 'You'll certainly die' and you don't warn them about that or give them a warning about their evil actions so they might live—the wicked will die for their sin, but I'll hold you responsible for their death. **19** But if you do warn the wicked, and they don't turn from their wickedness or from their wicked actions, then they'll die for their sin, but you will have saved your own life.

20 If a godly person turns from their righteousness and behaves unjustly, and I put a stumbling block in front of that person, they'll die. Because you didn't warn them, they'll die in their sin, and I won't consider the righteous things they did, but I'll hold you responsible for their death. **21** But if you warn the godly person to stop sinning so that they no longer sin, that person will surely live, since they were warned, and you will have saved your own life."

Yehezkel's calling

22 Then Yahweh's hand was on me there, and he told me, "Get ready and go out into the plain, and I'll speak with you there."

23 I got up and went out into the plain where Yahweh's glory was staying, like the glory I'd seen beside the Kevar Canal, so I fell to my knees and bowed low to the ground. **24** Then the spirit entered me and stood me up on my feet, and spoke with me, telling me: Go and shut yourself up in your house. **25** Son of humanity, people will tie you up with ropes so that you'll be unable to go outside. **26** Then I'll make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, so you'll become mute, and although they're rebellious people, you won't be able to tell them off. **27** But when I speak to you, I'll open your mouth so you'll be able to tell them, 'This is what the master Yahweh says.' The ones who will hear will hear, but the ones who won't listen won't listen, because they're rebellious people.

17 RV 3:16 · Note This formula occurs around fifty times in Yehezkel's account.

18 LV 3:15 · Note OSHB variant note: רשא/ו: (x-qere) בְּשֶׁאָו: lemma_c/3427 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_26H82 בְּשֶׁאָו

19 LV 3:20 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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Messages about Yerushalem's destruction[20] · Yehezkel models Yerushalem's invasion

4:1 But you, son of humanity, get yourself a brick and place it in front of you and carve Yerushalem (Jerusalem) City on it. **2** Then lay siege against it, and build forts against it. Build an assault ramp up against it and make camps around it. Place battering rams all around it. **3** After that, get yourself an iron pan and use it as an iron wall between yourself and your representation of the city, and keep looking in that direction, because it'll be under siege and you're to put the siege against it. That will be a sign to the Israeli people.

4 Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the Israeli people on it. You'll carry their sin for the number of days you lie down as a sign against them. **5** I myself am assigning to you one day to represent each year of their punishment: 390 days lying on your left side. In that way, you'll carry the Israeli people's sin. **6** When that period is over, then lie down a second time on your right side, because you'll carry the sin of Yehudah's (Judah's) people for forty days. I'm assigning one day to you for each year.

7 Keep looking towards Yerushalem, which is under siege, and with your arm bared like a warrior, prophesy against it. **8** Listen, I'll have you tied with ropes so you won't be able to turn from one side to the other until the days representing the years of your siege are over.

9 Take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt for yourself, and put them into a single container, and make bread for yourself according to the number of days you'll lie on your side—yes, you'll eat it for 390 days. **10** You'll measure 250g by weight to eat each day, and you'll eat it during the day at set times. **11** Then you'll measure out half a litre of water to drink each day, and you'll drink it at set times. **12** You'll cook and eat that bread as barley cakes, but burn sun-dried human excrement to bake it over while they're watching.

13 Yahweh says that that means that the bread that the Israeli people will eat there among the other nations that I'll banish them to will be ceremonially unclean. **14** But I protested, "Oh no, master Yahweh. I've never broken our dietary laws. Ever since I was young, and right up till now, I've never eaten either anything that died or anything killed by animals, and foul meat has never entered my mouth."

15 So Yahweh answered me, "Listen, I'll give you cow manure instead of human excrement, so you can bake your bread over that."

16 Then he told me, "Son of humanity, listen. I'm breaking the cycle of food supply in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and they'll eat bread while anxiously rationing it, and drink water while fearfully rationing it, **17** because they'll lack both food and water,

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4:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take to/for_yourself(m) a_brick and_you(ms)_will_give it to_your_face and_you_will_ _inscribe on/upon_it(f) a_city ᴅᴏᴍ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_you(ms)_will_give on/upon_it(f) a_siege and_you_will_ _build on/upon_it(f) a_siege-work and_you_will_pour_out on/upon_it(f) a_mound and_you(ms)_will_give on/upon_it(f) armies and_set on/upon_it(f) battering-rams all_around. **3** And_you(ms) take to/for_yourself(m) a_baking_tray_of iron and_you(ms)_will_give it a_wall_of iron between_you(ms) and_ _between the_city and_you_will_direct ᴅᴏᴍ face_of_your to_ _her/it and_it_will_be in_(the)_siege and_you_will_lay_siege on/upon_it(f) will_be_a_sign it for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** And_you(ms) lie_down on side_of_your (the)_ _left and_you_will_put ᴅᴏᴍ the_iniquity_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on/upon/above_him/it the_number_of the_ _days which you_will_lie on/upon/above_him/it you_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ iniquity_of_their. **5** And_I I_have_assigned to/for_ _yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ the_years_of their_iniquity_of_their to_the_ _number_of days three hundreds and_ninety day[s] and_you_ _will_bear the_iniquity_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** And_ _you_will_complete ᴅᴏᴍ these and_you_will_lie_down on side_ _of_your the[2122] a_second_time and_you_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _iniquity_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) forty day[s] a_day for_year a_day for_year I_have_assigned_it to/for_you(fs). **7** And_near/to the_siege_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you_will_ _direct face_of_your and_arm_of_your will_be_bared and_you_ _will_prophesy on_it. **8** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_will_put on_you ropes and_not you_will_turn_yourself from_side_of_your to side_of_your until you_have_completed the_days_of your_ _siege_of_your. **9** And_you(ms) take to/for_yourself(m) wheat(s) and_barley(s) and_bean[s] and_lentils and_millet and_ _spelt(s) and_you(ms)_will_give them in_a_vessel one and_you_ _will_make them to/for_yourself(m) into_bread the_number_of the_days which you will_be_lying on side_of_your three hundreds and_ninety day[s] you_will_eat_it. **10** And_food_of_ _your which you_will_eat_it by_weight will_be_twenty shekel[s] to_day from_time to time you_will_eat_it. **11** And_water by_ _measure you_will_drink (the)_sixth of_(the)_hin from_time to time you_will_drink_it. **12** And_a_bread_cake_of barley(s) you(ms)_will_eat_it(f) and_she in_the_dung(s)_of the_ _excrement_of the_humankind you_will_bake_it to_eyes_of_ _their. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said thus the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_eat ᴅᴏᴍ bread_of_their unclean among_nations where I_will_banish_them there. **14** And_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** HERE self_of_my not has_been_made_ _unclean and_a_carcass and_a_torn_animal not I_have_eaten since_youth(s)_of_my and_unto now and_not it_has_gone in_ _mouth_of_my the_flesh_of unclean_meat. **15** And_he/it_said to_me see I_give to/for_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ the_dung(s)_of[23] of_ _(the)_cattle in_place_of the_dung(s)_of the_humankind and_ _you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ bread_of_your on_them. **16** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind HERE_I am_about_to_break the_ _staff_of bread in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_will_eat

20 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** 4:1–24:27

21 **LV 4:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ינימו/ה**: (x-qere) **יָנָמִו֙/ה**: lemma_d/3233 n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_26KvW **יָנָמִו֙/ה**

22 **LV 4:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

23 **LV 4:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יעופצ**: (x-qere) **יֲעִיפְצ֣**: lemma_6832 morph_HNcmpc id_267vQ **יֲעִיפְצ֣**

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bread by_weight and_in_anxiety and_water by_measure and_
_in_horror they_will_drink. **17** So_that they_may_lack bread
and_water and_they_will_be_appalled everyone and_brother_
_of_his and_they_will_rot_away in_iniquity_of_their.

5:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take to/for_yourself(m)
a_sword sharp (the)_razor_of (the)_barbers you_will_take_it
(for)_yourself and_you_will_make_it_pass over head_of_your
and_over beard_of_your and_you_will_take to/for_yourself(m)
balances_of weight and_you_will_divide_them. **2** A_third_part
in_fire you_will_burn in_the_middle the_city just_ the_days_of
the_siege _as_are_completed and_you_will_take ~~DOM~~ (the)_
_third_part you_will_strike_it with_sword around_of_it and_
_(the)_third_part you_will_disperse to_wind and_a_sword I_
_will_draw after_them. **3** And_you_will_take from_there a_few
in_number and_you_will_confine them in_skirts_of_your.
4 And_some_of_them again you_will_take and_you_will_throw
them into the_middle_of the_fire and_you_will_burn ~~DOM~~_them
in_fire from_him/it a_fire it_will_go_out to all_of the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says this is_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_the_middle the_nations I_have_
_set_it and_are_around_of_it lands. **6** And_it_has_rebelled_
_against ~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my to_wickedness more_than the_
nations and~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my more_than the_lands
which are_around_of_it if/because (in)_judgements_of_my
they_have_rejected and_regulations_of_my not they_have_
_walked in_them. **7** For_so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master
YHWH because tumult_of_your(pl) is_more_than the_nations
which are_around_of_you(pl) in_regulations_of_my not
you(pl)_have_walked and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my not you(pl)_
_have_observed and_according_to_the_judgements_of the_
_nations which are_around_of_you(pl) not you(pl)_have_done.
8 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I
am_on_you also I and_I_will_bring_about in_the_midst_of_of_
_you judgements to_the_eyes_of the_nations. **9** And_I_will_
_bring_about in_you ~~DOM~~ that_which not I_have_brought_about
and_~~DOM~~ that_which not I_will_do like_it again because_of all_
_of abominations_of_your. **10** For_so/thus/hence parents they_
_will_eat children in_the_midst_of_of_you and_children they_
_will_eat parents_of_their and_I_will_bring_about on_you
judgements and_I_will_disperse ~~DOM~~ all_of you_of_the_rest
to/from_all/each/any/every wind. **11** For_so/thus/hence by_
_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if not
because ~~DOM~~ sanctuary_of_my you_have_made_unclean in_all
things_of_your_detestable and_on/over_all abominations_of_
_your and_also I I_will_shave_you and_not eye_of_my it_will_
_look_with_compassion and_also I not I_will_show_pity.
12 (The)_third_part_of_of_you by_pestilence they_will_die and_
_by_famine they_will_come_to_an_end in_the_midst_of_of_you
and_(the)_third_part by_sword they_will_fall around_of_you
and_(the)_third_part to/from_all/each/any/every wind I_will_
_disperse and_a_sword I_will_draw after_them. **13** And_ anger_
_of_my _it_will_be_complete and_I_will_give_rest_to rage_of_
_my on_them and_I_will_gain_relief and_they_will_know
if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_spoken in_jealousy_of_my

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and everyone will be appalled by their neighbours' actions, and they'll waste away because they disobeyed God.

Yehezkel's Yerushalem model

5:1 Then you, son of humanity, take a sharp sword as a barber's razor for yourself, and use it to shave your head and beard, then get some scales so you can weigh your hair and divide it equally into three piles. **2** Burn a third of it in the middle of the city when the days representing the siege have finished, and take the second pile of hair and hit it with the sword all around the city. Then scatter the final third to the wind, and I'll draw out a sword to chase after the people. **3** But take a few hairs from them and tie them into the folds of your robe. **4** Then take a bit more of the hair and throw it into the middle of the fire to be burnt up—from there a fire will spread out to all the Israeli people."

5 My master Yahweh says, "That brick model is Yerushalem (Jerusalem) where I've placed her in the middle of the nations, and where I've surrounded her with other countries. **6** But due to her wickedness, she's rejected my decrees more than other nations have, and avoided my regulations more than the countries that surround her. Her people have rejected my judgements and haven't followed my regulations." **7** Therefore my master Yahweh says this, "Because you're more troublesome than the nations that surround you, and haven't followed my statutes or obeyed my regulations, or even acted according to the surrounding nations' regulations," **8** therefore my master Yahweh says this, "Listen, I myself will work against you. I'll execute judgements among you for the other nations to see. **9** Because of your detestable actions, I'll do things to you that I've never done before, and which I'll never do again: **10** Fathers will eat children among you,[24] and sons will eat their fathers, since I'll execute judgement on you and scatter all of you who are left in every direction."

11 This is my master Yahweh's declaration: As surely as I live, it's certainly because you've defiled my sanctuary with all your hateful things, and with all the disgusting things you've done, that I myself will reduce you in number—I won't have pity on you, and I won't spare you. **12** A third of you will die from deadly diseases, plus they'll be consumed by a famine that comes to you. A third will die by violence in the area surrounding you. Then I'll scatter a third in every direction, and draw out a sword to chase after them as well.

13 Then my rage will be over, and I'll end my fury at them. I'll be satisfied, and they'll know that I, Yahweh, have spoken in my rage and I've completed my furious punishment of them. **14** I'll make you into a city of ruins so that those from other nations will mock you as they pass by. **15** So Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will become something for other people to condemn and to mock—a

24 RV 5:10 · Cross-ref. Lam 4:10.

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warning and a horror to the nations that surround you. I'll execute judgements against you in rage and fury, and with an angry rebuke. I, Yahweh have declared that. **16** I'll send out harsh arrows of famine against you that'll become my way of destroying you, because I'll make the famine more severe and destroy your food supply. **17** I'll send a famine and disasters against you so you'll be childless. Plague and bloodshed will pass through you, and I'll bring a sword against you.[25] I, Yahweh, have declared that.

Yahweh's judgement on false gods

6:1 Yahweh gave me this message: **2** "Son of humanity, look towards Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains and prophesy to them. **3** Say, 'Mountains of Yisrael, listen to this message from the master Yahweh. My master Yahweh says this to the mountains and to the hills, to the streambeds, and to the valleys: Listen, I'm bringing a sword against you all, and I'll destroy your hilltop shrines. **4** Then your altars will become desolate and your pillars will be destroyed, and I'll throw your dead people down in front of their idols. **5** I'll lay the dead bodies of Yisrael's people right there in front of their idols, and scatter your bones around your altars. **6** Everywhere you people live, cities will be turned to rubble and the hilltop shrines ruined, so that your altars will be broken down and left idle. Then they'll be broken and disappear, your pillars will be cut down, and everything you people have built will be wiped away. **7** The dead will fall down right there among you, and you'll know that I am Yahweh.

8 " 'But I'll preserve a remnant among you, and there'll be some who escape the sword among the nations, when you're scattered throughout the countries. **9** Then those who escape will think about me among the nations where they'll be held captive. They'll remember that I was grieved by their promiscuous heart that turned away from me, and by their eyes that lusted after their idols. Then the loathing for the wickedness that they've committed with all their disgusting activities will show on their faces, **10** and they'll know that I am Yahweh. It was for a reason that I said I'd bring this evil onto them.' "

Yahweh's punishment of the Israelis

11 My master Yahweh says this: "Clap your hands and stamp your feet. Say, 'Oh dear,' because of all the disgustingly evil things done by the Israeli people, because now they'll fall by sword, famine, and deadly diseases. **12** Those who are far from

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when_complete_I rage_of_my on_them. **14** And_I_will_make_ _you into_a_ruin and_into_a_reproach among_nations which are_around_of_you to_the_eyes_of every_of one_who_passes_ _by. **15** And_it_will_be a_reproach and_a_taunt a_warning and_ _a_horror to_nations which are_around_of_you when_I_bring_ _about on_you judgements in_anger and_in_rage and_with_ _rebukes_of rage I **YHWH** I_have_spoken. **16** When_shoot_I ~~DOM~~ the_arrows_of (the)_famine (the)_harmful (is)_in_them which they_will_be for_destruction which I_will_shoot them to_ _destroy_you(pl) and_famine I_will_increase on_you(pl) and_I_ _will_break to/for_you(pl) staff_of bread. **17** And_I_will_send on_you(pl) famine and_animal[s] wild and_they_will_make_ _you_childless and_pestilence and_blood it_will_pass on/over_ _you(fs) and_sword I_will_bring on_you I **YHWH** I_have_spoken.

6:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_ _son_of humankind set face_of_your against the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_prophesy against_them. **3** And_you_will_ _say Oh_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) hear the_message_of my_master **YHWH** thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_ _mountains and_hills to_ravines and[26] HERE_I I am_about_to_ _bring on_you(pl) a_sword and_I_will_destroy places_of_ _your(pl)_high. **4** And_ altars_of_your(pl) _they_will_be_made_ _desolate and_ altars_of_your(pl)_incense _they_will_be_ _shattered and_I_will_make_fall your_slain_of_ones to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before idols_of_your(pl). **5** And_I_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_corpses_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before idols_of_their and_I_will_disperse ~~DOM~~ bones_of_your(pl) around_of altars_of_your(pl). **6** In_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling the_cities they_will_be_waste and_ _the_high_places they_will_be_desolate so_that they_may_be_ _waste and_they_may_be_held_guilty altars_of_your(pl) and_ _they_will_be_shattered and_they_will_cease idols_of_your(pl) and_ altars_of_your(pl)_incense _they_will_be_cut_down and_ products_of_your(pl) _they_will_be_wiped_out. **7** And_ the_ _slain _he_will_fall among_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **8** And_I_will_leave_over when_ _belong to/for_you(pl) escapees_of the_sword among_nations when_you_are_dispersed among_lands. **9** And_ escapees_of_ _your(pl) _they_will_remember me among_nations where they_ _have_been_taken_captive there which/who I_was_crushed ~~DOM~~ heart_of_their which_plays_the_prostitute which it_has_ _turned_aside from_with_me and_~~DOM~~ eyes_of_their which_ _play_the_prostitute after idols_of_their and_they_will_feel_ _loathing at_faces_of_their because_of the_wicked_things which they_have_done to_all/each/any/every abominations_ _of_their. **10** And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** not to in_vain I_spoke for_doing to/for_them the_calamity (the)_this.

11 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says strike with_palm_of_your and_stamp with_foot_of_your and_say alas because_of all_of the_abominations_of the_wicked_deeds_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who by_sword by_famine and_by_pestilence they_will_fall. **12** The_distant_person by_pestilence he_will_die and_the_near_person by_sword he_will_fall and_the_one_who_

25 RV 5:17 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:8.

26 LV 6:3 · Note OSHB variant note: תיאנ/ל/ו: (x-qere) תוֹיְאֵנ/ל/ְו': lemma_c/l/1516 n_0.1.1 morph_HC/Rd/Ncbpa id_26jJB תוֹיְאֵנ/ל/ְו

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_remains and_the_one_who_is_preserved by_famine he_will_
_die and_I_will_complete rage_of_my on_them. **13** And_you(pl)_
_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_ their_slain_of_
_ones _are in_the_middle idols_of_their around_of altars_of_
_their to every_of hill high on_all_of the_tops_of the_
_mountains and_under every_of tree luxuriant and_under
every_of terebinth leafy the_place_of (of)_where they_gave
there an_odour_of soothing to_all/each/any/every idols_of_
_their. **14** And_I_will_stretch_out ~~ĐØM~~ hand_of_my on_them
and_I_will_make ~~ĐØM~~ the_earth/land a_desolation and_a_waste
more_than_the_wilderness_of (to)_Dəvəlāh in_all_of places_of_
_their_dwelling and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_
_**YHWH**.

7:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind thus my_master **YHWH**
he_says to_the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) an_end the_end it_has_
_come on the_four[27] the_corners_of the_earth/land. **3** Now
the_end is_on_you and_I_will_send_forth anger_of_my
on/over_you(fs) and_I_will_judge_you according_to_of_your_
_ways and_I_will_requite to_you ~~ĐØM~~ all_of abominations_of_
_your. **4** And_not eye_of_my it_will_look_with_compassion on_
_you and_not I_will_show_pity if/because ways_of_your to_you
I_will_requite and_abominations_of_your among_you they_
_will_be and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.
5 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says calamity one calamity
THERE it_is_coming. **6** An_end it_has_come the_end it_has_
_come it_has_awakened against_you THERE it_is_coming.
7 (The)_doom it_has_come to_you Oh_inhabitant_of the_
_earth/land the_time it_has_come is_near the_day confusion
and_not a_shout_of_joy mountains. **8** Now from_near_future I_
_will_pour_out rage_of_my on_you and_I_will_complete anger_
_of_my on/over_you(fs) and_I_will_judge_you according_to_of_
_your_ways and_I_will_requite to_you ~~ĐØM~~ all_of abominations_
_of_your. **9** And_not eye_of_my it_will_look_with_compassion
and_not I_will_show_pity according_to_of_your_ways to_you I_
_will_requite and_abominations_of_your among_you they_will_
_be and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_
_striking. **10** THERE the_day THERE it_is_coming (the)_doom it_
_has_gone_forth the_rod it_has_blossomed (the)_presumption
it_has_budded. **11** (The)_violence it_has_arisen to_a_rod_of
wickedness not from_them and_not any_of_their_multitude
and_not any_of_their_noise and_not distinction is_among_
_them. **12** The_time it_has_come the_day it_has_arrived the_
_one_who_buys not let_him_rejoice and_the_one_who_sells not
let_him_mourn if/because anger is_against all_of multitude_of_
_its. **13** If/because the_one_who_sells to the_thing_sold not he_
_will_return and_still is_in_life life_of_their if/because a_vision
is_concerning all_of multitude_of_its not it_will_turn_back
and_anyone in_iniquity_of_his life_of_his not they_will_
_strengthen_themselves. **14** They_have_given_a_blast on_
_trumpet and_to_prepare (the)_everything and_there_is_not
one_who_goes to_battle if/because anger_of_my is_against all_
_of multitude_of_its. **15** The_drought//sword/knife is_on_
outside and(the)_pestilence and_(the)_famine are_from_
_inside the_one_who in_the_field by_sword he_will_die and_

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Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will die from deadly diseases, and those who are near will fall by the sword. Those who remain and survive will die by famine. That's the way that I'll put my fury against them into action. **13** Then you'll know that I am Yahweh, when their dead lie among their idols, around their altars, on every high hill—on all the mountain peaks, and under every flourishing tree and thick oak—the places where they burnt incense to all their idols. **14** I'll strike the land with my hand and make it bare and deserted from the wilderness to Develah, throughout all the places where they live. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh."

Yisrael's end is coming

7:1 Yahweh gave me this message: **2** "You, son of humanity, the master Yahweh says this to the country of Yisrael (Israel).

" 'An end. An end has come to the four borders of the country.

3 Now your end has come, because I'm sending out my rage onto you, and I'll judge you according to your behaviour,

then I'll bring all your disgusting habits back onto you. **4** I won't pity you, and I won't spare you. Instead, I'll bring your ways back onto you,

and your disgusting actions will come back on you so you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

5 My master Yahweh says this:

"Disaster. A unique disaster. Listen, it's coming. **6** An end of an era is definitely coming. The end has woken up and is starting to work against you—yes it's coming. **7** Your doom is coming to you who inhabit the land. The time has come. The day of destruction is near, and the mountains will no longer be cheerful.

8 "Now before long I'll pour out my fury against you and expend my rage on you when I judge you according to what you do and bring all your disgusting actions back on you, **9** because I won't be compassionate and I won't spare you. Whatever you've done in the past, I'll do to you now, and your disgusting actions will bounce back on you so you'll know that it's me, Yahweh, who's punishing you. **10** Look here, the day—yes, it's coming. Doom has gone out. The wooden stick has blossomed. Arrogance has budded. **11** Violence has grown up into a wooden stick of wickedness, but none of them (even though there's many of them), and none of their wealth, and none of their importance will continue.

12 "The time is coming—the day has come close. Don't let a buyer be happy or a seller be sad, because my anger is directed at the entire large group. **13** No, the seller won't return to the land he sold as long as they both live, because the vision concerning the entire group won't be reversed, and because of their disobedience, none of them will be able to save themselves.

14 They've blown the trumpet and gotten everything ready, but there's no one marching to battle, since my anger is on the en-

27 **LV 7:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תעברא: (x-qere) עָבְרָא: lemma_702 n_0.0 morph_HAcfsa id_262GL עָבְרָא

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tire large group.

15 "The sword is on the outside, and deadly diseases and famine are inside the building. People who are in the countryside will die by the sword, while famine and deadly diseases will consume those in the city. 16 But some survivors will escape from among them, and will go up into the hills. Like the doves that live in the valleys, all of them will moan—each person for their own disobedience. 17 They won't be able to use their trembling hands, and their knees will feel like liquid. 18 They'll wear sackcloth, but will be covered in terror. Their faces will display their shame, and they'll shave their heads as a sign of sorrow. 19 They'll throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be like rubbish. Their silver and gold won't be able to rescue them in the day of Yahweh's rage. Their lives won't be saved, and their hunger won't be satisfied, because their disobedience has become a stumbling block. 20 In their pride they took his beautiful jewelled ornaments and made them into their idolatrous figures and detestable things. Therefore, I'm going to defile those things. 21 I'll hand those things over to strangers and to the earth's wicked people as plunder, and they'll defile them. 22 Then I'll put my hand over my eyes when they defile my cherished place—bandits will enter it and defile it.

23 "Make a chain, because the country is filled with judgement for murder, and now the city is full of violence. 24 I'll bring the most wicked foreigners here, and they'll take over the people's houses, and I'll bring the pride of the powerful people to an end, because their sacred places will be defiled. 25 Anguish will be the order of the day, and they'll wish for peace, but there won't be any. 26 Disaster will follow disaster and there'll be rumour after rumour. Then they'll be wanting a vision from the prophet, but the priest will no longer teach God's instructions, and advice from the elders will be useless. 27 The king will mourn and the prince will be overcome by despair, while the hands of the country's people will tremble in fear. I'll do that to them just like they did to others. I'll judge them by their own standards until they know that I am Yahweh."

Yahweh's second revelation to Yehezkel[29] · Yerushalem's disgusting idol worship

8:1 Then in the middle of the sixth year,[30] as I sat in my house, and Yehudah's (Judah's) elders sat in front of me, my master Yahweh's hands fell on me there again. 2 I looked, and wow—there was something that looked a bit like a man. From his hips downward there appeared to be fire, and from his hips upward there appeared to be something shining like glowing metal.[31] 3 Then he reached out something in the shape of a hand and took me by my hair—the Spirit lifted me up between earth and the heavens, and in visions from God, he took me to Yerushalem

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_which is_in_city famine and_pestilence it_will_consume_him. 16 And_ escapees_of_their _they_will_escape and_they_will_be to the_mountains like_the_doves of the_valleys of_them_of_all will_be_moaning everyone for_his_own_of_iniquity. 17 All_of the_hands they_will_drop and_all knees they_will_go water. 18 And_they_will_gird_themselves sackcloth(s) and_ shuddering _it_will_cover them and_near/to every_of face shame and_on/over_all heads_of_their baldness. 19 Silver_of_ _their in_streets they_will_throw and_gold_of_their (into)_an_ _impure_thing it_will_become silver_of_their and_gold_of_their not it_will_be_able to_deliver_them in/on_day of_the_fury_of of_**YHWH** appetite_of_their not they_will_satisfy and_their_ _inward_of_parts not they_will_fill if/because the_stumbling_ _block_of their_iniquity_of_their it_has_become. 20 And_the_ _beauty_of its_ornament[s]_of_his into_pride he_has_made_it and_the_images_of their_abominations_of_their things_of_ _their_detestable they_have_made in_him/it therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_make_it to/for_them into_an_ _impure_thing. 21 And_I_will_give_him/it in_the_hand_of the_ _strangers to_spoil and_to_the_wicked_people_of the_ _earth/land to_plunder and[28]. 22 And_I_will_turn face_of_my from_them and_they_will_profane ᴅᴏᴍ my_treasured_of_place and_they_will_go in_it robbers and_they_will_profane_it. 23 Make the_chain if/because the_earth/land it_is_full judgement_of blood(s) and_the_city it_is_full violence. 24 And_ _I_will_bring the_evil_of nations and_they_will_take_ _possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ houses_of_their and_I_will_put_an_end_to the_pride_of mighty_ones and_ sanctuaries_of_their _they_ _will_be_profaned. 25 Anguish it_has_come and_they_will_seek peace and_there_will_not_be. 26 Disaster to disaster it_will_ _come and_report to report it_will_be and_they_will_seek a_ _vision from_a_prophet and_instruction it_will_be_lost from_ _the_priest and_counsel from_elders. 27 The_king he_will_ _mourn and_the_prince he_will_wear desolation and_the_ _hands_of the_people_of the_earth/land they_will_be_terrified from_way_of_their I_will_deal with_them and_by_judgements_ _of_their I_will_judge_them and_they_will_know if/because_ _that I am_**YHWH**.

8:1 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_sixth in_month on_day_five of_ _month I was_sitting in_house_of_my and_the_elders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_sitting before_me and_it_fell on_me there the_hand_of my_master **YHWH**. 2 And_I_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_likeness like_the_appearance_of fire was_ _from_the_appearance_of his_hips_of_his and_(to)_downwards fire and_was_from_hips_of_his and_(to)_upwards like_the_ _appearance_of brightness like_the_appearance_of (to)_the_ _shining_substance. 3 And_he_stretched_out the_form_of a_ _hand and_he_took_me by_the_hair_of my_head and_ a_spirit _ _it_carried ᴅᴏᴍ_me between the_earth/land and_between the_ _heavens and_it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_me to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_visions_of god to the_opening_of the_gate_of the_inner_

28 **LV 7:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ללח/ו: (x-qere) 'וה/וְלִלְחָ/ו': lemma_c/2490 c n_0 morph_HC/Vpq3cp/Sp3ms id_26W6k וה/וְלִלְחָ/ו

29 **RV 8:1 · Parallel** 8:1–10:22

30 **RV 8:1 · Note** About fourteen months later—around mid-September 592 B.C.

31 **RV 8:2 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:27.

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_court which_faces northward_to where was_there the_
_location_of the_image_of (the)_jealousy which_provokes_to_
_jealousy. **4** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_there the_glory_of the_
_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_appearance which I_had_seen on_
_plain. **5** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind lift_up
please eyes_of_your the_direction_of northward_to and_I_
_lifted_up eyes_of_my the_direction_of northward_to and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE from_the_north of_the_gate_of of_the_altar
the_image_of (the)_jealousy the_this was_in_entrance. **6** And_
_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind seeing are_you
mmm[33] doing abominations great which the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_doing here to_be_far from_under
sanctuary_of_my and_again you_will_return you_will_see
abominations great. **7** And_he/it_brought ~~DOM~~_me to the_
_entrance_of the_court and_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_hole
one was_in_wall. **8** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind
dig please in_wall and_I_dug in_wall and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE an_
_opening one. **9** And_he/it_said to_me go and_see ~~DOM~~ the_
_abominations (the)_wicked which they are_doing here.
10 And_I_went and_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE every_of form_
_of creeping_thing and_animal detestable_thing and_all the_
_idols_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_carved on the_wall
all_around all_around. **11** And_seventy man of_the_elders_of
of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Jaazaniah the_son_of
Shaphan was_standing among_them were_standing before_
_them and_everyone censer_of_his in_his/its_hand and_the_
_fragrance_of the_cloud_of (the)_incense was_going_up.
12 And_he/it_said to_me have_you_seen Oh_son_of humankind
that_which the_elders_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_
_doing in_darkness everyone in_the_rooms_of his_carved_
_image_of_his if/because they_are_saying not **YHWH** is_seeing
us **YHWH** he_has_abandoned ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land. **13** And_
_he/it_said to_me again you_will_return you_will_see
abominations great which they are_doing. **14** And_he/it_
_brought ~~DOM~~_me to the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_house_of
YHWH which was_to to_the_north and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there
the_women were_sitting they_were_bewailing ~~DOM~~ (the)_
_Tammūz. **15** And_he/it_said to_me have_you_seen Oh_son_of
humankind again you_will_return you_will_see abominations
great from_these. **16** And_he/it_brought ~~DOM~~_me to the_court_
_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_inner and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
were_at_the_entrance_of the_temple_of **YHWH** between the_
_porch and_between the_altar about_twenty and_five person[s]
backs_of_their were_to the_temple_of **YHWH** and_faces_of_
_their were_eastward and_they were_bowing_down eastward_
_toward to_sun. **17** And_he/it_said to_me have_you_seen Oh_
_son_of humankind is_it_too_trifling for_the_house_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) for_doing ~~DOM~~ the_abominations which they_
_have_done here that/for/because/then/when they_have_
_filled ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land violence and_they_have_returned
to_provoke_me_to_anger and_THERE_they are_sending ~~DOM~~
the_vine_branch to_nose_of_their. **18** And_also I I_will_act in_
_rage not eye_of_my it_will_look_with_compassion and_not I_
_will_show_pity and_they_will_call_out in_ears_of_my a_voice

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(Jerusalem), to the entrance of the inner northern gate, where the idol was that made Yahweh very jealous.

4 Then wow, the brilliant light of Yisrael's (Israel's) god was there, just like the vision that I'd seen on the plain.[32] **5** Then he told me, "Son of humanity, look towards the north." So I looked towards the north, and to the north of the gate leading to the altar—there in the entrance—was the idol that caused the jealousy.

6 So he told me, "Son of humanity, do you see what they're doing? Those are horribly disgusting things that the Israeli people are doing here to drive me far from my own sanctuary. But you'll see even more disgusting things soon."

7 Then he took me to the courtyard doorway, and I looked, and there was a hole in the wall. **8** He told me, "Son of humanity, dig into this wall." So I dug into the wall, and discovered a doorway. **9** Then he told me, "Go and see the disgustingly wicked things that they're doing there." **10** So I went through and looked, and oh dear, there were shapes of every creeping thing and detestable creature. Pictures of all the Israeli people's idols were carved into the wall all around. **11** Seventy elders from the Israeli people were there, and Shafan's son Ya'azanyah was standing in the middle of them. They were standing in front of the images, and each man was holding his incense burner so that the smell of the cloud of incense went up. **12** Then he asked me, "Son of humanity, do you see what the Israeli elders are doing in the dark? Each one does this in his idol's hidden room, because they say, 'Yahweh doesn't even notice us. Yahweh's abandoned this country.' "

13 Then he told me, "Turn again and see the other terribly disgusting things that they're doing," **14** and he took me to the gate at the northern entrance of Yahweh's temple, and oh dear—there were some women sitting there mourning for the Babylonian Tamuz deity. **15** Then he said to me, "Son of humanity, do you see that? Turn again, and you'll see even more disgusting things than those."

16 Then he took me into the inner courtyard of Yahweh's house, and oh no—at the entrance of Yahweh's temple between the porch and the altar, there were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple and their faces toward the east where they were worshipping the sun.

17 He asked me, "Son of humanity, do you see that? Is it insignificant that Yehudah's (Judah's) people do those disgusting things that they're doing here? They've filled the land with violence and keep provoking me to anger and mocking me. **18** So I will also do something to them—I won't have compassion and I won't spare them. Even if they cry loudly in my ears, I won't hear them."

32 **RV 8:4 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:28.

33 **LV 8:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מה/מ:** (x-qere) 'הֵמָּ': lemma_4100 morph_HTi id_26vua הֵמָּ 'מֵּה': lemma_1992 morph_HPp3mp id_26v3n מֵּה

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Yehezkel is shown Yerushalem's coming punishment

9:1 Then I heard Yahweh call out with a loud voice, saying, "Guards, come up to the city, and each one is to bring his destructive weapon." **2** Then wow, six men came out from the pathway from the upper gate that faces north, each carrying his weapon of slaughter. There was a man among them dressed in linen with writing equipment at his side. Then they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 Then the bright light representing Yisrael's (Israel's) god went from the winged creature, where it had been, up to the threshold of the temple. Yahweh called to the man dressed in linen who had the writing equipment at his side. **4** Yahweh told him, "Go through the middle of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) City, and make a mark on the foreheads of those who complain and despair about all the disgusting things being done there in the middle of the city."[34]

5 Then he spoke to the others within my hearing, "Go through the city after him and kill. Don't let yourselves have compassion, and don't show any pity. **6** Slaughter all the old men, young adults, little children, and women, but don't approach anyone who has the mark on their head. Begin at my sacred place." So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple.

7 Yahweh told them, "Defile the temple, and fill its courtyards with the corpses. Now go." So they went out and started attacking the city.

8 As they were attacking it, I found myself alone, and I fell to my knees with my head bowed down to the ground, and cried out, and said, "Ah, master Yahweh, will you destroy the entire remnant of Yisrael by pouring out your rage on Yerushalem?"

9 "The disobedience of the people of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah) has been extremely bad," he answered. "The land is full of blood, and the city full of perversions, since they say, 'Yahweh has forgotten this country,' and 'Yahweh won't take any notice.' **10** So then, I won't show compassion, and I won't spare them, rather I'll bring it all on their heads."

11 Then wow, the man dressed in linen who had the writing equipment by his side came back to report, saying, "I've done everything you commanded."

God's splendour leaves the temple

10:1 As I looked toward the dome that was over the heads of the winged crea-

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great and_not I_will_hear them.

9:1 And_he/it_called in_ears_of_my a_voice great to_say the_ _punishments_of the_city they_have_drawn_near and_ _everyone the_weapon_of his_destruction_of_his in_his/its_ _hand. **2** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE six men were_coming from_the_ _direction_of the_gate_of (the)_upper which is_turned northward_to and_everyone the_weapon_of his_shattering_of_ _his in_his/its_hand and_a_man one among_them was_clothed linen(s) and_(the)_writing-case_of (the)_scribe was_at_hips_of_ _his and_they_came and_they_stood beside the_altar_of (the)_ _bronze. **3** And_the_glory_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_was_ _taken_up from_under the_cherub which it_had_been on/upon/above_him/it to the_threshold_of the_house and_ _he/it_called to the_man clothed the_linen(s) whom the_ _writing-case_of (the)_scribe was_at_hips_of_his. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said him[35] pass in_the_middle the_city in_the_middle of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_you_will_mark a_mark on the_foreheads_of the_people who_are_groaning and_who_are_ _groaning on all_of the_abominations which_are_done in_the_ _midst_of_of_it. **5** And_to_these he_said in_ears_of_my pass in_ _city after_him and_strike not[36] let_it_look_with_compassion mmm[37] and_do_not show_pity. **6** Old_man young_man and_ _virgin and_little_one[s] and_women you(pl)_will_kill to_ _destruction and_to any_of person whom on/upon/above_ _him/it the_mark do_not draw_near and_from_sanctuary_of_ _my you(pl)_will_begin and_they_began with_men (the)_old who to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_house. **7** And_ _he/it_said to_them make_unclean ~~DOM~~ the_house and_fill ~~DOM~~ the_courts those_slain go_forth and_they_went_forth and_ _they_struck in_city. **8** And_he/it_was just_as_they_were_ _striking and_was_ I _remaining and_I_fell on face_of_my and_ _I_cried_out and_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** about_ are_you _ _to_destroy ~~DOM~~ all_of the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ _you_pour_out ~~DOM~~ rage_of_your on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **9** And_he/it_said to_me the_iniquity_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) is_great with_ _muchness muchness and_ the_earth/land _she/it_was_filled blood(s) and_the_city it_is_full perverseness if/because they_ _have_said **YHWH** he_has_abandoned ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_ _not **YHWH** is_seeing. **10** And_also I not eye_of_my it_will_look_ _with_compassion and_not I_will_show_pity conduct_of_their on_their_own_of_head I_will_requite. **11** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_man (the)_clothed_of the_linen(s) which/who the_ _writing-case was_at_hips_of_his was_bringing_back a_message to_say I_have_done mmm[3839] you_commanded_me.

10:1 And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_to the_firmament which was_above the_head_of the_cherubims like_a_stone_of sapphire like_the_appearance_of the_likeness_of a_throne it_

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34 **RV 9:4 · Cross-ref.** Rev 7:1-8; 9:4; 14:1.

35 **LV 9:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/לֹא**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יֹלֵא': lemma_413 n_1.2 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_26kPm **וְיֹלֵא**

36 **LV 9:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לע**: (x-qere) 'לַא': lemma_408 morph_HTn id_262XE **לַא**

37 **LV 9:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מכ/יניע**: (x-qere) 'מֶכְ/נֵיעַ': lemma_5869 a n_0.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp2mp id_26hLv **מֶכְנֵיעַ**

38 **LV 9:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רשא/כ**: (x-qere) 'לְכְ/כִ': lemma_k/3605 n_0.0 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_265hm **לְכְכִ** 'רֶשֶׁא': lemma_834 a morph_HTr id_26a8a **רֶשֶׁא**

39 **LV 9:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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_appeared above_them. 2 And_he/it_said to the_man (the)_
_clothed of_the_linen(s) and_he/it_said go to between (to)_
_wheel to under (to)_cherub and_fill of_your_two's_hands_of_
_the_hollow coals_of fire from_between (to)_cherubim and_
_sprinkle_them on the_city and_he_went to_eyes_of_my. 3 And_
_the_cherubim were_standing from_the_right_side_of house
when_went_he the_man and_the_cloud it_filled ᴅᴏᴍ the_court
(the)_inner. 4 And_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_rose from_under
the_cherub to the_threshold_of the_house and_ the_house _it_
_was_filled ᴅᴏᴍ the_cloud and_the_court it_was_full ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_brightness_of the_glory_of **YHWH**. 5 And_the_sound_of the_
_wings_of the_cherubim it_was_heard to the_court (the)_outer
like_the_sound_of god_of almighty when_speaks_he. 6 And_
_he/it_was when_commanded_he ᴅᴏᴍ the_man (the)_clothed_
_of the_linen(s) to_say take fire from_between (to)_wheel from_
_between (to)_cherubim and_he_went and_he_stood beside
the_wheel. 7 And_ the_cherub _he_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_
_hand from_between (to)_cherubim into the_fire which was_
_between the_cherubims and_he_lifted_up_some and_he/it_
_gave into the_hollow_of_the_hands_of the_man_clothed_of
the_linen(s) and_he/it_took and_he/it_went_out. 8 And_it_was_
_seen to_cherubim the_form_of the_hand_of a_human under
wings_of_their. 9 And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE four wheels
were_beside the_cherubim a_wheel one beside the_cherub one
and_a_wheel one beside the_cherub one and_appearance of_
_the_wheels was_like_the_appearance_of a_stone_of chrysolite.
10 And_appearance_of_their a_likeness one belonged_to_the_
_four_of_of_them just_as it_was the_wheel in_the_middle of_
_the_wheel. 11 When_moved_they to the_four_of sides_of_their
they_moved not they_turned when_moved_they if/because
the_place which the_head it_turned after_it they_moved not
they_turned when_moved_they. 12 And_all body_of_their and_
_backs_of_their and_hands_of_their and_wings_of_their and_
_the_wheels were_full eyes all_around belonged_to_the_four_
_of_of_them wheels_of_their. 13 To_wheels to/for_them the_
_wheel it_was_called in_ears_of_my. 14 And_four faces
belonged_to_one the_face_of the_one was_the_face_of the_
_cherub and_the_face_of the_second was_the_face_of a_human
and_the_third_face was_the_face_of a_lion and_the_fourth_face
was_the_face_of an_eagle. 15 And_ the_cherubim _they_rose
that the_living which I_had_seen at_the_river_of Kəvār.
16 And_when_ the_cherubim _moved the_wheels they_moved
beside_them and_when_ the_cherubim _lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ wings_
_of_their to_rise from_under the_earth/land not the_wheels
also they they_turned from_beside_them. 17 When_they_stood_
_still they_stood_still and_when_rose_they they_rose with_
_them if/because the_spirit_of the_living was_in_them. 18 And_
the_glory_of **YHWH** _he/it_went_out from_under the_
_threshold_of the_house and_it_stood_still above the_
cherubim. 19 And the_cherubim _they_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ wings_
_of_their and_they_rose from the_earth/land to_eyes_of_my

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tures, something appeared above them that looked like a sapphire stone that had been made into a throne.[40] 2 Then Yahweh spoke to the man dressed in linen and said, "Go between the wheels underneath the winged creatures, and fill both your hands with fiery coals from between the winged creatures and scatter them over the city."[41]

Then the man went in as I watched. 3 The winged creatures stood on the right side of the temple when the man went in, and a cloud filled the inner courtyard. 4 Yahweh's brilliant light rose up from the winged creature and stood over the threshold of the temple. It filled the temple with the cloud, and the courtyard was full of the brightness of Yahweh's splendour. 5 The sound of the creatures' wings could be heard as far as the outer courtyard, like the voice of the powerful God when he speaks.

6 When Yahweh had commanded the man dressed in linen, "Take fire from between the wheels that are between the winged creatures," the man went in and stood beside a wheel. 7 A winged creature reached out his hand between the winged creatures to the fire that was among them, and lifted it up and placed it into the hands of the one dressed in linen. The man took it and went back out.

8 I noticed that the winged creatures had something like a human hand under their wings, 9 then I looked, and wow, four wheels were beside the winged creatures—one wheel beside each one—and the wheels seemed like shining chrysolite.[42] 10 They all appeared to be the same, like having a wheel within a wheel. 11 When they moved, they went in any of their four directions, without turning as they went, because whatever direction the head faced, they went in that direction without turning as they went. 12 Their whole body (including their backs, their hands, and their wings) was covered with eyes, and there were eyes all around the four wheels, covering them as well.[43] 13 I heard someone call them 'the whirling wheels'.

14 Each one had four faces: the first face was a winged creature's face, the second was a human face, the third was a lion's face, and the fourth was an eagle's face.[44] 15 Then the living creatures (they were the same ones I'd seen by the Kevar Canal) rose up in the air. 16 Whenever the winged creatures moved, the wheels would go beside them, and whenever the winged creatures lifted up their wings to take off from the earth, the wheels didn't turn—they still stayed beside them. 17 When the winged creatures stood still, the wheels stood still, and when they went up, the wheels went up with them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

18 Then Yahweh's brilliant light moved out over the temple threshold and stayed over the winged creatures. 19 The winged

40 **RV 10:1 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:26; Rev 4:2.

41 **RV 10:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 8:5.

42 **RV 10:9-13 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:15-21.

43 **RV 10:12 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:8.

44 **RV 10:14 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:10; Rev 4:7.

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creatures lifted up their wings and rose from the ground in my sight when they travelled, and the wheels did the same beside them. They stood at the eastern entrance to Yahweh's residence, and the brilliant light of Yisrael's (Israel's) god came onto them from above. **20** Those were the living creatures that I'd seen below Yisrael's god by the Kevar Canal, so I knew that they were winged creatures.

21 They each had four faces and four wings, and had something like human hands under their wings, **22** and their faces resembled the faces that I'd seen in the vision at the Kevar Canal, and each of them went straight ahead.

Yahweh's punishment for Yerushalem

11:1 Then the spirit lifted me up and brought me to the eastern gate of Yahweh's temple, facing east, and wow, in the doorway of the gate there were twenty-five men. Among them I saw Azur's son Ya'azanyah and Benayah's son Pelatyah, who were leaders of the people.

2 Yahweh told me, "Son of humanity, these are the men who plan to do evil things and who make wicked plans in this city. **3** They're saying, 'This isn't yet the time to build houses. This city is like a cooking pot, and we're the meat.' **4** So, prophesy against them, son of humanity, start prophesying."

5 Then Yahweh's spirit came on me and told me to say: This is what Yahweh says, "That's what you Israeli people are saying, because I know what goes through your mind. **6** You've killed many people in this city, and filled its streets with them.

7 Therefore the master Yahweh says: The people you've killed, whose bodies you've laid in the middle of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), are the meat, and this city is the pot. But you people are going to be brought out from the centre of this city. **8** You've feared the sword, so I'm bringing the sword against you. That's my master Yahweh's declaration. **9** I'll bring you out from the city, and put you into the hands of foreigners, because I'll bring judgement against you people. **10** You'll be killed by the sword. I'll judge you within Yisrael's (Israel's) borders so that you people will know that I am Yahweh. **11** This city won't be your cooking pot, nor will you be the meat inside it. I'll judge you people within Yisrael's borders. **12** Then you'll know that I am Yahweh, the one whose instructions you haven't obeyed and whose regulations you haven't followed. Instead, you people have imitated the wicked customs of the nations that surround you."

13 Then as I was prophesying, Benayah's son Pelatyah died. So I fell to my knees with my face bowed low to the ground and cried out with a loud voice, "Oh no, my master Yahweh, will you completely eliminate the Israeli people?"

Yahweh's promise to the exiles

14 Then Yahweh gave me this message: **15** "Your brothers, son of humanity, your brothers and all the Israeli people who were exiled—the ones living in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) say about them all, 'They're far away from Yahweh. *This land* was given to us as ours to own.'

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when_they_went_out and_the_wheels were_close_by_of_them and_it_stood_still the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_eastern and_the_glory_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_above_them from_to_above. **20** That the_ _living which I_had_seen under the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_ _the_river_of Kəvār and_I_knew if/because_that were_ _cherubim they. **21** Four four faces belonged_to_one and_four wings belonged_to_one and_the_likeness_of the_hands_of a_ _human were_under wings_of_their. **22** And_the_likeness_of their_faces_of_their they were_the_faces which I_had_seen at the_river_of Kəvār their_appearance and_them each to the_ _side_of his/its_faces/face they_moved.

11:1 And_ a_spirit _it_lifted_up ~~ĐOM~~_me and_it_brought ~~ĐOM~~_me to the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_eastern which_faces eastward_to and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE were_at_the_entrance_of the_gate twenty and_five man and_I_saw among_them ~~ĐOM~~ Jaazaniah the_son_of ʿAzzūr and_~~ĐOM~~ Pəlaṭʸāh the_son_of Bənāʸāh the_leaders_of the_people. **2** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_ _son_of humankind these are_the_people who_plan wickedness and_who_counsel counsel_of evil in_city (the)_this. **3** Who_say not is_in_the_near_future to_build houses it is_the_pot and_we are_the_meat. **4** For_so/thus/hence prophesy on_them prophesy Oh_son_of humankind. **5** And_it_fell on_me the_ _spirit_of **YHWH** and_he/it_said to_me say thus **YHWH** he_says thus you(pl)_have_said Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_ _thoughts_of your_spirit_of_your(pl) I I_know_it. **6** You(pl)_ _have_multiplied your_slain_of_ones in_city (the)_this and_ _you(pl)_have_filled streets_of_its the_slain. **7** For_ _so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says your_slain_of_ _ones which you(pl)_have_put in_the_midst_of_of_it they are_ _the_meat and_she is_the_pot and_you(pl) he_will_bring_out from_the_midst_of_of_it. **8** A_sword you(pl)_have_feared and_a_ _sword I_will_bring on_you(pl) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **9** And_I_will_bring_out you(pl) from_the_midst_of_of_it and_I_will_give you(pl) in_the_hand_of strangers and_I_will_ _bring_about on_you(pl) judgements. **10** By_sword you(pl)_will_ _fall on the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_will_judge you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **11** It not it_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_pot and_you(pl) you(pl)_ _will_become in_the_midst_of_of_it to/for_flesh/body to the_ _border_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_will_judge you(pl). **12** And_you(pl)_ _will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** whom in_regulations_ _of_my not you(pl)_have_walked and_judgements_of_my not you(pl)_have_done and_according_to_the_judgements_of the_ _nations which are_around_of_you(pl) you(pl)_have_done. **13** And_he/it_was just_as_I_prophesied and_Pəlaṭʸāh the_son_of Bənāʸāh he_died and_I_fell on face_of_my and_I_cried_out a_ _voice great and_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** complete_ _destruction you_are making with the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

14 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **15** Oh_ _son_of humankind brothers_of_your brothers_of_your the_ _people_of your_redemption_of_your and_all the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_of_all are_those_whom they_said to/for_ _them the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) be_distant from_under **YHWH** to/for_us it the_earth/land it_has_been_

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_given to_a_possession. **16** For_so/thus/hence say thus my_
_master **YHWH** he_says if/because I_have_removed_them_far_
_away among_nations and_because/when I_have_scattered_
_them among_lands and_I_have_become to/for_them (into)_a_
_sanctuary a_little in_lands where they_have_gone there.
17 For_so/thus/hence say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_
_I_will_gather you(pl) from the_peoples and_I_will_gather
you(pl) from the_lands which you(pl)_have_been_scattered (is)_
_in_them and_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_land_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **18** And_they_will_come to_(to) and_they_will_
_remove ~~DOM~~ all_of things_of_its_detestable and_~~DOM~~ all_of
abominations_of_its from_it. **19** And_I_will_give to/for_them a_
_heart one and_spirit new I_will_put in_your_inner_of_being
and_I_will_remove the_heart_of (the)_stone from_flesh_of_
_their and_I_will_give to/for_them a_heart_of flesh. **20** So_that
in_regulations_of_my they_may_walk and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_
_my they_may_keep and_they_will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_they_
_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become to/for_
_them (into)_god. **21** And_near/to the_heart_of their_
_detestable_things_of_their and_abominations_of_their heart_
_of_their is_going conduct_of_their on_their_own_of_head I_
_will_requite the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

22 And_ the_cherubim _they_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ wings_of_their and_
_the_wheels were_close_by_of_them and_the_glory_of the_god_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_above_them from_to_above. **23** And_
the_glory_of **YHWH** _he/it_ascended from_under the_middle_
_of the_city and_it_stood_still over the_mountain which from_
_east of_city. **24** And_spirit it_lifted_me_up and_it_brought_me
to_Chaldea to the_exile[s] in_vision by_the_spirit_of god and_
_he/it_ascended from_on_me the_vision which I_had_seen.
25 And_I_spoke to the_exile[s] ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_
_of **YHWH** which he_had_shown_me.
12:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind in_the_middle of_the_house_of of_
_(the)_rebellion you are_dwelling whom eyes to/for_them to_
_see and_not they_see ears to/for_them to_hear and_not they_
_hear if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. **3** And_you(ms)
Oh_son_of humankind prepare to/for_yourself(m) baggage(s)_
_of exile and_go_into_exile by_day to_eyes_of_their and_you_
_will_go_into_exile from_place_of_your to a_place another to_
_eyes_of_their perhaps they_will_see if/because are_a_house_of
rebellion they. **4** And_you_will_bring_out baggage(s)_of_your
like_baggage(s)_of exile by_day to_eyes_of_their and_you(ms)
you_will_go_out in_evening to_eyes_of_their like_goings_out_of
exile. **5** To_eyes_of_their dig to/for_yourself(m) in_wall and_
_you_will_bring_out in/on/over_him/it. **6** To_eyes_of_their on
a_shoulder you_will_lift_it_up in_darkness you_will_bring_it_
_out face_of_your you_will_cover and_not you_will_see ~~DOM~~
the_earth/land if/because a_sign I_have_made_you to_the_
_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_I_did so just_as I_was_
_commanded baggage(s)_of_my I_brought_out like_baggage(s)_
_of exile by_day and_in_evening I_dug to_me in_wall by_hand

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16 So tell them, 'My master Yahweh says this: 'Although I've removed them far away to other nations, and though I've scattered them among those lands, I myself have been a place of security for them for a little while in the lands where they were taken.'
17 So explain to them, 'My master Yahweh says this: 'I'll gather you from the people groups, and assemble you from the lands where you were scattered, and I'll give you back the country of Yisrael (Israel).' **18** Then they'll go there and remove every detestable and disgusting thing from there, **19** and I'll give them one heart, and I'll put a new spirit in them. I'll take the rock-hard heart out of them and give them a tender heart,[45] **20** so that they'll follow my instructions and obey my regulations. Then they'll be my people, and I'll be their god. **21** But to those who would rather happily choose their detestable and disgusting ways, I'll make their actions bounce back onto their own heads. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

God's glory leaves Yerushalem

22 Then the winged creatures lifted up their wings and the wheels that were beside them, and the brilliant light of Yisrael's (Israel's) god was up high over them.[46] **23** Then it went up from the centre of the city and sat above the mountain to the east of the city. **24** The spirit lifted me up and brought me into the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) to the exiles, in the vision from God's spirit, and the vision that I'd been seeing left me, **25** and I told the exiles everything Yahweh had shown me.

Portraying the future exile

12:1 Then Yahweh gave me this message: **2** "Son of humanity, you live among a rebellious people group who have eyes to see, yet they don't see, and who have ears to hear, but don't listen,[47] because they're a rebellious people group.
3 "Therefore, son of humanity, pack up your stuff ready to go into exile, and each day while they're watching, start going out somewhere, because while they're watching, I'll exile you from your place to another place. Perhaps they'll begin to see, even though they're such rebellious people. **4** Each day while they're watching, bring out your things for an exile, then as they watch in the evening, go out in the way that people do when going into exile. **5** Dig a hole through the city wall where they'll see you do it, and go out through it. **6** While they're watching, lift your things up onto your shoulder, and bring them out in the darkness. Cover your face, because you mustn't see this land, since I've made you into a sign for the Israeli people."
7 So I did just as I was instructed: I brought my things for an

45 RV 11:19-20 · Cross-ref. Eze 36:26-28.
46 RV 11:22-23 · Cross-ref. Eze 43:2-5.
47 RV 12:2 · Cross-ref. Isa 6:9-10; Jer 5:21; Mrk 8:18.

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exile out in the daytime, and in the evening I dug a hole through the wall by hand. I brought my things out in the dark, and lifted them up onto my shoulder as they watched.

8 The next morning, Yahweh gave me this message: **9** "Son of humanity, haven't those rebellious Israeli people asked you what you're doing? **10** Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'this prophetic action concerns the ruler in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all the other Israeli people who are there.' **11** Tell them that you're a sign to them, and that everything you've done will happen to them—they'll be captured and taken into exile in another country. **12** Their leader will lift his things up onto his shoulder in the dark, and will go out through the wall. They'll dig through the wall and take their things out. He'll cover his face, so he won't see the place he's leaving. **13** I'll spread my net out over him and he'll be caught in my trap, then I'll take him away to Bavel (Babylon) (the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans)), but he won't see it, and he'll die there.[48] **14** I'll also scatter all of his assistants in every direction, and I'll send out a sword after his entire army. **15** When I scatter them among the nations and disperse them throughout the lands, then they'll know that I am Yahweh. **16** But I'll spare a few of them from the sword, famine, and deadly diseases, so they'll be able to record all their hardships and ungodly practices in the countries that I take them to, so they'll know that I am Yahweh."

Portraying the peoples' trembling

17 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **18** "Son of humanity, eat your food while trembling with fear, and drink your water while shaking anxiously, **19** and tell the people in this country, 'My master Yahweh says this about the inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and the country of Yisrael (Israel), "They'll anxiously eat their food and fearfully drink their water, since all the abundance from the land will be devastated because of the violence of all the people who live there. **20** The inhabited cities will become desolate, and the land itself will become a wasteland. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh." ' "

Just because it never came true before...

21 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **22** "Son of humanity, what's that saying that you have in Yisrael (Israel)? It goes, 'The days seem to go on and on, yet no prophecy ever comes true.' **23** So tell them, 'This is what the master Yahweh says: I'm going to prove that what they say isn't correct, then they'll never say it again in Yisrael.' Tell them, 'It'll soon be the time when everything that the prophets have predicted will happen, **24** because there'll no longer be any false visions or people-pleasing prophecies within Yisrael. **25** I speak, and I put the words that I speak into action, because I am Yahweh. The matter

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in_darkness I_brought_it_out on a_shoulder I_lifted_it_up to_ _eyes_of_their. **8** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me in_morning to_say. **9** Oh_son_of humankind not have_they_said to_you the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_house_of (the)_ _rebellion what are_you doing. **10** Say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says is_the_prince the_oracle the_this in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)[49] and_all the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they are_among_of_them. **11** Say I sign_of_ _am_your(pl) just_as I_have_done so it_will_be_done to/for_ _them in_exile in_captivity they_will_go. **12** And_the_prince who is_among_of_them to a_shoulder he_will_lift_up in_ _darkness and_he_will_go_out in_wall they_will_dig to_bring_ _out in_him/it his/its_faces/face he_will_cover because that not he_will_see to_eye[50] he ĐOM the_earth/land. **13** And_I_will_ _spread ĐOM net_of_my on/upon/above_him/it and_he_will_ _be_caught in_my_hunting_of_net and_I_will_bring ĐOM_him/it to_Bāvel the_land_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_it not he_will_ _see and_there he_will_die. **14** And_all/each/any/every those_ _who are_around_of_him mmm[51] and_all troops_of_his I_will_ _disperse to/from_all/each/any/every wind and_a_sword I_ _will_draw after_them. **15** And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_scatter_I them among_nations and_I_will_ _disperse them among_lands. **16** And_I_will_leave_over from_ _them people_of number from_the_sword from_the_famine and_from_the_pestilence so_that they_may_recount ĐOM all_of abominations_of_their among_nations where they_have_gone there and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

17 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **18** Oh_ _son_of humankind food_of_your in_quaking you_will_eat and_ _water_of_your in_trembling and_in_anxiety you_will_drink. **19** And_you_will_say to the_people_of the_earth/land thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says of_the_inhabitants_of of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) concerning the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) food_of_their in_anxiety they_will_eat and_ _water_of_their in_horror they_will_drink so_that land_of_its it_may_be_desolate from_fullness_of_its from_the_violence_of all_of the_inhabitants in_it. **20** And_the_cities (the)_inhabited they_will_be_waste and_the_earth a_desolation it_will_become and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

21 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **22** Oh_ _son_of humankind what is_the_proverb the_this to/for_ _you(pl) on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say the_days they_ _are_long and_ every_of vision _it_perishes. **23** For_ _so/thus/hence say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says I_ _will_make_to_cease ĐOM the_proverb the_this and_not people_ _will_use_as_a_proverb ĐOM_him/it again in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because (if) speak to_them the_days and_the_matter_of every_of vision they_have_drawn_near. **24** If/because not it_ _will_be again any_of vision_of worthlessness and_divination_ _of flattery in_the_middle of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** If/because I **YHWH** I_will_speak ĐOM which I_will_speak message and_it_will_be_done not it_will_be_postponed again

48 **RV 12:13 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:7; Jer 52:11.

49 **LV 12:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

50 **LV 12:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

51 **LV 12:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/רזע: (x-qere) וְ/רֻזֵּי: lemma_5828 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_26MUZ וְ/רֻזֵּי

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if/because in_days_of_your(pl) Oh_house_of (the)_rebellion I_
_will_speak a_message and_I_will_do_it the_utterance_of my_
master **YHWH**. **26** And the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_
_me to_say. **27** Oh_son_of humankind THERE the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_saying the_vision which he is_seeing is_of_
_days many and_of_times distant he is_prophesying. **28** For_
_so/thus/hence say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
not it_will_be_postponed again all_of words/messages_of_my
which I_will_speak a_message and_it_will_be_done the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

13:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind prophesy against the_prophets_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_are_prophesying and_you_will_say to_the_
_prophets_of from_their_own_of_heart hear the_message_of
YHWH. **3** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says woe on the_prophets
the_fools who are_walking after spirit_of_their_own and_to_not
they_have_seen. **4** Like_foxes among_ruins prophets_of_your
Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_been. **5** Not you(pl)_have_gone_
_up in_breaches and_you(pl)_have_walled_up a_wall on the_
_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_stand in_battle in/on_day **YHWH**.
6 Those_who_say the_utterance_of **YHWH** they_have_seen
worthlessness and_divination_of falsehood and_**YHWH** not he_
_has_sent_them and_they_have_waited to_fulfill a_message.
7 Am_not a_vision_of worthlessness have_you(pl)_seen and_
_divination_of falsehood have_you(pl)_said and_you(pl)_were_
_saying the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I not I_have_spoken.
8 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because
you_have_spoken worthlessness and_you(pl)_have_seen
falsehood for_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_against_you(pl) the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **9** And_it_will_be hand_of_my
against the_prophets who_see worthlessness and_who_divine
falsehood in_the_council_of my_people_of_my not they_will_be
and_in_the_register_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_
_will_be_written_down and_near/to the_land_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_will_go and_you(pl)_will_know
if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**. **10** Because and_by_cause
they_have_led_astray ~~DOM~~ people_of_my to_say peace and_
_there_is_not peace and_he is_building a_wall and_there_they
are_plastering ~~DOM~~_him/it whitewash. **11** Say to those_who_
_are_plastering_of whitewash and_it_will_fall it_will_come rain
overflowing and_you(pl) Oh_stones_of hail you(pl)_will_fall
and_spirit tempests it_will_break_through_the_wall. **12** And_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_wall it_has_fallen am_not will_it_be_said
to_you(pl) where is_the_plaster which you(pl)_plastered.
13 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_
_will_make_break_out a_wind_of tempests in_rage_of_my and_
_rain overflowing in_anger_of_my it_will_come and_stones_of
hail in_rage for_complete_destruction. **14** And_I_will_tear_
_down ~~DOM~~ the_wall which you(pl)_plastered whitewash and_I_
_will_make_it_touch (to) the_earth/land and_ foundation[s]_of_
_its _it_will_be_uncovered and_it_will_fall and_you(pl)_will_
_come_to_an_end in_the_midst_of_of_it and_you(pl)_will_know
if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **15** And_I_will_complete ~~DOM~~ rage_
_of_my on_wall and_on_who]_plastered ~~DOM~~_him/it whitewash
and_I_will_say to/for_you(pl) is_not the_wall and_are_not

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will no longer be delayed, because I'll speak this message in your lifetimes, you rebellious people, and then I'll carry it out!' That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

26 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **27** "Listen, son of humanity, the Israeli people have said, 'The vision that the prophet sees is for many years from now, and he prophesies about far-off times,' **28** so tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: 'My words won't be delayed any longer, but the message that I've given will be put into effect. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

Condemning the false prophets

13:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, prophesy against the prophets who are prophesying in Yisrael (Israel), and tell those who are prophesying out of their own imaginations, 'Listen to Yahweh's message. **3** My master Yahweh says this: 'Foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and haven't actually seen any vision won't end well. **4** Yisrael, your prophets have been like jackals in the wastelands. **5** You haven't gone to the breaks in the walls around the Israeli cities and repaired them, in order to be able to defend yourselves well during the battle on Yahweh's chosen day. **6** The people have false visions and make false predictions. Yahweh hasn't sent those who say that they're bringing Yahweh's declaration, but nevertheless they've made people hope that their messages would come true. **7** Haven't you had false visions and made false predictions—all of you who say that you're bringing Yahweh's declaration when I myself haven't spoken?'

8 Therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Because you people have presented false visions and have told lies, this is the master Yahweh's declaration against you: **9** I'll punish the prophets who have lying visions and who make false predictions. They won't be allowed in the assembly of my people, or enrolled in the record of Yisrael's descendants. They mustn't go to the land of Yisrael—that's how you people will know that I am the master Yahweh.

10 Also because they led my people astray and said, "Peace," when there's no peace,[52] it's as if they're building a wall and then whitewashing it.' **11** Tell the ones who are whitewashing the wall that it'll fall down. There'll be a downpour, then I'll send hailstones to make it fall down, and a strong wind to break it down. **12** See, the wall will fall down. Haven't others asked you where the white coating went that you put on it?

13 Therefore my master Yahweh says this: 'In my rage, I'll bring a storm, and in my anger, there'll be heavy rain causing floods. In my rage, hailstones will completely destroy Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **14** I'll tear down the wall that you covered with whitewash, and I'll demolish it to ground level and expose its foundations. So it'll fall, and you'll be annihilated in the middle of it all. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.

15 In my rage I'll annihilate the wall and those who white-

52 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref. Jer 6:14; 8:11.

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washed it. I'll tell you, "The wall doesn't exist anymore, nor do the people who whitewashed it— **16** those Israeli prophets who prophesied about Yerushalem and had visions of peace for it. But there isn't any peace! That's the master Yahweh's declaration." '

17 So, son of humanity, turn your attention to your people's daughters and prophesy against them because they invented prophecies in their own imaginations. **18** Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'The women won't end well who sew magic charms onto every part of their hands, and make headbands for people of every walk of life that are used to deceive people and hunt them down. Do you people really think you can get away with hunting down my people, but then save your own lives? **19** You've profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and crumbs of bread. You people have killed people who shouldn't have died, and saved the lives of those who shouldn't have continued to live, because of your lies to my people who heard you.

20 Therefore my master Yahweh says this: 'I'm against the magic charms that you've used to lure the people in as if they were birds. Indeed, I'll tear them from your arms, and I'll let the people you've trapped like birds go free. **21** I'll tear away your headbands and rescue my people from your control so they'll no longer be trapped in your system. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.

22 Because you've discouraged the righteous people with lies (even though I didn't desire their discouragement), and because you people encouraged the actions of the wicked people instead so they won't change their ways to save their lives, **23** because of that, you'll no longer have false visions or continue to make predictions, because I'll rescue my people out of your control. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

Yahweh's hate for idols

14:1 One day some of the Israeli elders came and sat down to talk, **2** and Yahweh gave me this message: **3** "Son of humanity, these men have taken their idols to be their gods, and their choice to disobey makes it very difficult for them to relate to me. Should I even let them ask me anything?

4 Therefore tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'Every Israeli person who makes their idols their priority, or who allows their disobedience to separate them from me, and who then comes to a prophet, I, Yahweh, will answer them according to how many idols they have. **5** I'll do that so that I can reclaim the Israeli people whose values are now far from mine due to their idols.

6 Therefore tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh says

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those_who_plastered ~~DOM~~_him/it. **16** The_prophets_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_prophesied[53] concerning Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_who_saw to/for_her/it a_vision_ _of peace and_there_was_not peace the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. **17** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your against the_daughters_of your_people_of_your who_prophesy from_their_own_of_heart and_prophesy on_ _them. **18** And_you_will_say thus he_says my_master **YHWH** woe to_women_who_sew bands on all_of the_joints_of my_ _hands_of_my and_women_who_make the_long_veils on the_ _head_of every_of stature to_hunt persons persons will_ _you(pl)_hunt of_people_of_my and_persons of_yourselves will_you(pl)_preserve_alive. **19** And_you(pl)_have_profaned[54] ~~DOM~~_me to people_of_my for_handfuls_of barley(s) and_for_ _fragments_of bread by_putting_to_death persons who not they_will_die and_by_preserving_alive persons who not they_ _will_live when_you_speak_falsehood to_people_of_my who_ _listen_to_of (of)_falsehood. **20** For_so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** HERE_I am_against bands_of_your(pl) which you(pl) are_hunting there ~~DOM~~ the_persons for_birds and_I_ _will_tear_away ~~DOM~~_them from_under arms_of_your(pl) and_I_ _will_set_free ~~DOM~~ the_persons whom you(pl) are_hunting ~~DOM~~ persons for_birds. **21** And_I_will_tear_away ~~DOM~~ veils_of_ _your(pl)_long and_I_will_deliver ~~DOM~~ people_of_my from_ _hand_of_your(pl) and_not they_will_become again in_hand_ _of_your(pl) (into)_prey and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **22** Because made_disheartened the_heart the_ _righteous falsehood and_I not I_caused_him_pain and_ _strengthened the_hands_of the_wicked to_not to_turn_back from_way_of_his (the)_evil to_preserve_him_alive. **23** For_ _so/thus/hence worthlessness not you(pl)_will_see and_ _divination not you(pl)_will_divine again and_I_will_deliver ~~DOM~~ people_of_my from_hand_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

14:1 And_he_came to_me men of_the_elders_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_lived before_me. **2** And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **3** Oh_son_of humankind the_men the_these they_have_brought_up idols_of_ _their on heart_of_their and_the_stumbling_block_of their_ _iniquity_of_their they_have_set in_front_of faces_of_their indeed_(be_consulted) will_I_let_myself_be_consulted to/for_ _them. **4** For_so/thus/hence speak with_them and_you_will_say to_them thus he_says my_master **YHWH** a_person a_person from_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_will_bring_up ~~DOM~~ idols_of_his to his/its_heart and_the_stumbling_block_of his_ _iniquity_of_his he_will_set in_front_of his/its_faces/face and_ _he_will_go to_the_prophet I **YHWH** I_will_let_myself_give_an_ _answer to_him/it in/on/at/with[55] by_the_multitude_of his_ _idols_of_his. **5** So_as to_seize ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_heart_of_their who they_have_become_estranged from_

53 LV 13:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

54 LV 13:19 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

55 LV 14:4 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/ה: (x-qere) 'אָבָיו': lemma_935 n_0.0 morph_HVqp3ms id_26Hme אָבָיו

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_with_me by_idols_of_their of_them_of_all. **6** For_
_so/thus/hence say to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_
_master **YHWH** he_says turn_back and_turn_away from_under
idols_of_your(pl) and_from_with all_of abominations_of_
_your(pl) turn_away faces_of_your(pl). **7** If/because a_person a_
_person from_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from_the_
_sojourner who he_sojourns in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_will_
_separate_himself from_after_me and_he_will_bring_up idols_
_of_his to his/its_heart and_the_stumbling_block_of his_
_iniquity_of_his he_will_set in_front_of his/its_faces/face and_
_he_will_go to the_prophet to_consult to_him/it (in)_me I
YHWH will_let_myself_give_an_answer for_him/it by_myself.
8 And_I_will_set face_of_my on_person (the)_that and_I_will_
_make_him into_a_sign and_into_bywords and_I_will_cut_him_
_off from_among_of people_of_my and_you(pl)_will_know
if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **9** And_the_prophet if/because he_
_will_be_deceived and_he_will_speak a_message I **YHWH** I_
_have_deceived ᴅᴏᴍ the_prophet (the)_that and_I_will_stretch_
_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_my on/upon/above_him/it and_I_will_
_destroy_him from_among_of people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
10 And_they_will_bear iniquity_of_their as_the_iniquity_of the_
_one_who_enquires as_the_iniquity_of the_prophet it_will_be.
11 So_that not they_may_wander again the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_after_me and_not they_will_make_
_themselves_unclean again in_all transgressions_of_their and_
_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become
to/for_them (into)_god the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

12 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **13** Oh_
_son_of humankind a_land if/because it_will_sin to_me by_
_acting_unfaithfully unfaithfulness and_I_will_stretch_out
hand_of_my on/upon_it(f) and_I_will_break to/for_her/it staff_
_of bread and_I_will_send on_it famine and_I_will_cut_off from_
_her/it humankind and_animal[s]. **14** And_ the_three_of the_
_men the_these _they_will_be in_the_midst_of_of_it Noaḥ
Dāniyy'ēl[5758] and_'Iyyōv/(Job) they by_righteousness_of_their
they_will_deliver life_of_their_own the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH**. **15** If animal[s] wild I_will_cause_to_pass on_
_the_earth and_it_will_make_it_childless and_it_will_be a_
_desolation from_not_of one_who_passes_by from_face/in_
_front_of the_living. **16** The_three_of the_men the_these in_
_the_midst_of_of_it by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH** if sons and_if daughters they_will_deliver they
they_alone they_will_be_delivered and_the_earth it_will_be a_
_desolation. **17** Or a_sword I_will_bring on the_earth/land
(the)_that and_I_will_say a_sword let_it_pass on_the_earth and_
_I_will_cut_off from_her/it humankind and_animal[s]. **18** And_
_the_three_of the_men the_these in_the_midst_of_of_it by_the_
_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** not they_will_
_deliver sons and_daughters if/because they they_alone they_
_will_be_delivered. **19** Or pestilence I_will_send against the_
_earth/land (the)_that and_I_will_pour_out rage_of_my
on/upon_it(f) by_blood to_cut_off from_her/it humankind and_

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this: 'Change your behaviour and turn away from your idols. Make a decision to stop disobeying me by doing those evil things.

7 Any Israeli person or any foreigner residing in Yisrael (Israel) who deserts me, who takes idols to be their gods and allows their disobedience to separate them from me, and who then comes to a prophet to request my guidance, I, Yahweh, will answer that person myself. **8** I'll clearly show my disapproval and make that person into a sign for others and into a talking point, and they'll be isolated from the rest of my people, and you people will know that I am Yahweh.

9 If a prophet is deceived and speaks a message, then I, Yahweh, will deceive that prophet. I'll take action against him and destroy him to remove him from among the Israeli people. **10** Both the prophet and the one who asks him for advice will be guilty, and I'll punish both of them for their disobedience. **11** Because of that, the Israeli people will no longer wander away from following me, nor defile themselves any longer through all their disobedience. They'll be my people, and I'll be their god. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

Turning the country into wasteland

12 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **13** "Son of humanity, when a country sins against me by choosing to worship other gods, so that I decide to take action against it, then I'll break the cycle of food production and send a famine out over it. I'll punish both people and animals from that land **14** in such a way that even if Noah, Daniyel, and Iyov (Job) lived in that place, they could only rescue their own lives by being blameless in my sight. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

15 If I send vicious wild animals through the country and make it barren so that it becomes a wasteland where no one can pass through because of those animals, **16** then even if those same three men were in it, as I live, declares the master Yahweh, they wouldn't be able to rescue even their own children—only their own lives would be saved, but the land itself would become a wasteland.

17 Or if I bring a sword against that country and say, 'Sword, go through the land and eliminate both the people and domestic animals from it', **18** then even if those three men were in it, as I live, declares the master Yahweh, they wouldn't be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters—only their own lives would be saved.

57 LV 14:14 · Note OSHB variant note: לאנד: (x-qere) 'לְאֶיָנֵד': lemma_1840 morph_HNp id_26V1j לְאֶיָנֵד

58 LV 14:14 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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19 Or if I send deadly diseases against that country and pour
out my rage against it through bloodshed, in order to eliminate
both the people and the domestic animals, 20 as surely as I live,
even if Noah, Daniyel, and Iyov were in that country, they
wouldn't be able to rescue even their sons and daughters.
They'd save only themselves by being blameless in my sight.
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
21 The master Yahweh says this: 'I'll certainly make things
worse by sending my four punishments against Yerushalem
(Jerusalem) to eliminate both the people and the domestic ani-
mals from it: famine, sword, wild animals, and deadly diseases.[56]
22 But listen! Despite that, a remnant will be left in the city—sur-
vivors who'll go out with sons and daughters. Yes, they'll go out
to you, and you'll see their behaviour and actions and under-
stand why they deserved the punishment that I sent to
Yerushalem, and about everything else that I've sent against the
country. 23 The survivors will relieve you people when you see
their behaviour and their actions, because you'll know that all
those things that I've done against Yerushalem, I didn't do them
without good reason. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

The vine stem is useless as wood

15:1 Then Yahweh gave me another mes-
sage: 2 "Son of humanity, how is a vine
better than any tree with branches in a forest? 3 Do people take
wood from a vine to make anything? Would anyone use vine
wood even to make something to hang a mug on? 4 If it's used as
firewood, and if the fire burns both ends, and even the middle, is
it good wood, or indeed good for anything? 5 Originally, the vine
wood couldn't be used to make anything, so surely, when the
fire's burnt it, it still can't do anything useful.
6 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: 'Unlike the trees in
the forests, I've given the vine as fuel for fires. I'll act in the
same way toward Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants, 7 and
I'll start to take action against them. Even if they get out of the
fire, the fire will still consume them, so you people will know
that I am Yahweh, when I take action against them. 8 Then I'll
make the land into an abandoned wasteland because they chose
to worship other gods. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

Unfaithful Yerushalem's vile practices

16:1 Then Yahweh gave me another mes-
sage: 2 "Son of humanity, inform
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) about their de-
testable behaviour, 3 and declare that the master Yahweh says
this to Yerushalem: Your beginning and your birth took place in
the land of Kena'an (Canaan), your father was an Amori, and
your mother was a Hiti.[61] 4 When you were born, your mother
didn't cut your cord, nor did she clean you with water or rub you

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_animal[s]. 20 And_Noaḥ Dāniyy'ēl[5960] and_'Iyyōv/(Job) in_the_
_midst_of_it by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master
YHWH if a_son if a_daughter they_will_deliver they by_
_righteousness_of_their they_will_deliver life_of_their_own.
21 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says indeed
if/because the_four_of judgements_of_my (the)_harmful sword
and_famine and_animal[s] wild and_pestilence I_will_send
against Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_cut_off from_her/it
humankind and_animal[s]. 22 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_will_be_
_left in_it an_escaped_remnant those_who_are_brought_out
sons and_daughters THERE_they are_about_to_come_out to_
_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_see ~~ÐOM~~ conduct_of_their and_~~ÐOM~~
practices_of_their and_you(pl)_will_be_comforted on the_
_calamity which I_have_brought on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
~~ÐOM~~ all_of that I_have_brought on_it. 23 And_they_will_comfort
you(pl) if/because you(pl)_will_see ~~ÐOM~~ conduct_of_their and_
_~~ÐOM~~ practices_of_their and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that
not without_cause I_have_done ~~ÐOM~~ all_of that I_have_done in_
_it the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

15:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind what is_it the_wood_of the_vine from_
_all tree_of the_vine_branch which it_is among_the_trees_of
the_forest. 3 Is_it_taken from_him/it wood for_doing into_a_
_product or do_people_take from_him/it a_peg to_hang
on/upon/above_him/it any_of vessel. 4 THERE to_fire it_is_
_given for_food ~~ÐOM~~ the_two_of ends_of_its the_fire it_
_consumes and_the_middle_of_of_it it_is_charred is_it_
_successful for_a_product. 5 THERE when_was_it complete not
it_was_made into_a_product indeed if/because a_fire it_has_
_consumed_it and_it_has_been_charred and_will_it_be_made
again into_a_product. 6 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master
YHWH he_says just_as the_wood_of the_vine among_the_
_tree[s]_of the_forest which I_have_given_it to_fire for_food so
I_have_given ~~ÐOM~~ the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
7 And_I_will_set ~~ÐOM~~ face_of_my (is)_in_them from_the_fire
they_have_come_out and_the_fire it_will_consume_them and_
_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_set_I
~~ÐOM~~ face_of_my on_them. 8 And_I_will_make ~~ÐOM~~ the_
_earth/land a_desolation because they_have_acted_unfaithfully
unfaithfulness the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
16:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind make_known_to ~~ÐOM~~
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ~~ÐOM~~ abominations_of_its. 3 And_you_
_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) origins_of_your and_birth(s)_of_
_your were_from_the_land_of the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s]
father_of_your the_'Amorī and_mother_of_your was_a_Ḥittiy.
4 And_birth(s)_of_your in/on_day you were_born not cord_of_
_your_umbilical it_was_cut_off and_with_water not you_were_

56 RV 14:21 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:8.

59 LV 14:20 · Note OSHB variant note: לאנד: (x-qere) לְאֵינֵד': lemma_1840 morph_HNp id_266Tw לְאֵינֵד

60 LV 14:20 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

61 RV 16:3 · Note A bunch of insults to the proud Israelis.

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_washed for_cleansing and_at_all_(be_salted) not you_were_
_rubbed_with_salt and_at_all_(be_wrapped) not you_were_
_wrapped. **5** Not it_looked_with_compassion on_you an_eye
for_doing to/for_you(fs) one from_these for_compassion on_
_you and_you_were_thrown_out to the_surface_of the_field in_
_the_loathing_of your_life_of_your in/on_day you were_born.
6 And_I_passed_by at_you and_I_saw_you kicking_about in_
_blood(s)_of_your and_I_said to/for_you(fs) in_blood(s)_of_your
live and_I_said to/for_you(fs) in_blood(s)_of_your live. **7** Ten_
_thousand like_the_growth_of the_field I_made_you and_you_
_grew and_you_grew_up and_you_came in_an_ornament_of
ornaments breasts they_were_firm and_hair_of_your it_had_
_grown and_you were_nakedness and_bareness. **8** And_I_
_passed_by at_you and_I_saw_you and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE time_
_of_your was_a_time_of love(s) and_I_spread_out of_my_
_garment_of_the_skirt over_you and_I_covered nakedness_of_
_your and_I_swore_an_oath to/for_you(fs) and_I_came in_a_
_covenant with_you the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_
_you_belonged to_me. **9** And_I_washed_you with_water and_I_
_washed_off blood(s)_of_your from_on_you and_I_anointed_you
with_oil. **10** And_I_clothed_you multicoloured_material and_I_
_shod_you leather and_I_wrapped_your_head with_(the)_linen
and_I_covered_you silk. **11** And_I_adorned_you ornament[s]
and_I_put bracelets on hands_of_your and_a_chain on neck_of_
_your. **12** And_I_put a_ring on nose_of_your and_earrings on
ears_of_your and_a_crown_of beauty on_head_of_your. **13** And_
_you_adorned_yourself gold and_silver and_clothing_of_your
was_fine_linen[63] and_silk and_multicoloured_material fine_
_flour and_honey and_oil you_ate[64] and_you_were_beautiful
with_muchness muchness and_you_prospered into_kingship.
14 And_he/it_went_out to/for_you(fs) name among_nations
on_beauty_of_your if/because was_perfect it on_splendour_of_
_my which I_had_put on_you the_utterance_of my_master
YHWH. **15** And_you_trusted in_beauty_of_your and_you_acted_
_as_a_prostitute on name_of_your and_you_poured_out ~~ĐOM~~
prostitution(s)_of_your on every_of one_who_passed_by to_
_him/it let_it_belong. **16** And_you_took some_of_your_clothes
and_you_made to/for_you(fs) high_places multicoloured and_
_you_acted_as_a_prostitute on_them not coming and_not it_
_will_be. **17** And_you_took the_articles_of your_beauty_of_your
some_of_my_gold and_some_of_my_silver which I_had_given
to/for_you(fs) and_you_made to/for_you(fs) images_of a_male
and_you_acted_as_a_prostitute with_them. **18** And_you_took
~~ĐOM~~ the_clothes_of your_multicoloured_material_of_your and_
_you_covered_them and_oil_of_my and_incense_of_my you_
_set[65] before_them. **19** And_food_of_my which I_had_given
to/for_you(fs) fine_flour and_oil and_honey which_I_had_
_given_you_to_eat and_you_set_it before_them to_an_odour_of
soothing and_it_was the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
20 And_you_took ~~ĐOM~~ sons_of_your and_~~ĐOM~~ daughters_of_your
whom you_had_borne to_me and_you_sacrificed_them to/for_

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down with salt, or wrap cloth around you. **5** No one cared
enough about you to do any of these things for you—to be compassionate toward you. Your life was despised and you were
thrown out into the open field on the very day that you were
born.

6 But I went past, and I saw you, Yerushalem, writhing in your
own blood, so I said to you as you lay there in your blood,
"Live!"[62] **7** I made you grow like a plant in the countryside. You
grew up and became tall, and you became the most precious
jewel. Your breasts became firm, and your hair grew thick, even
though you'd been naked and bare.

8 I went past again and saw you. Wow, the time of love came
for you, so I spread my robe out over you and covered your
nakedness. Then I made a promise to you and brought you into a
contract and you became mine. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

9 I washed you, Yerushalem, with water, and rinsed your blood
off you, and I put lotion on your skin. **10** Then I dressed you in
embroidered clothes and put leather sandals on your feet. I
wrapped you in fine linen, then covered you with silk. **11** Next I
adorned you with jewellery, and I put bracelets on your hands
and a chain around your neck. **12** I put a ring in your nose and
earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. **13** So
you were adorned with gold and silver, and you were dressed in
fine linen, silk, and embroidered clothes. You ate good food
made from fine flour, honey, and oil, and you were very beautiful, and you became a queen. **14** Your reputation, Yerushalem,
spread among the nations because of your beauty, because it was
perfect in the majesty I'd given you. That's the master Yahweh's
declaration.

15 But Yerushalem, you trusted in your own beauty, and you
acted like a prostitute because of your reputation. You flirted
with everyone going past, and prostituted yourself, so that your
beauty became theirs. **16** Then you took your clothes and made
hilltop shrines for yourself with them, decorated in various
colours, and there you acted like a prostitute. This shouldn't
have happened, nor should such a thing exist. **17** You took the
fine gold and silver jewellery that I gave you, and you made male
sculptures for yourselves, and you behaved with them like a
prostitute would. **18** You took your embroidered garments and
covered those idols, and you offered my oils and perfumes to
them. **19** The high-quality bread that I gave you (made with fine
flour, oil, and honey), you placed in front of them to be a fragrant aroma, and indeed it was. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

20 Then you took your sons and daughters that you bore for

62 RV 16:6 · Note The last part of the verse is repeated in the Hebrew.

63 LV 16:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **ישש**: (x-qere) 'שֵׁשׁ': lemma_8336 b morph_HAcfsa id_26qg7 שֵׁשׁ

64 LV 16:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתלכא**: (x-qere) 'תְּלָכָא': lemma_398 n_1 morph_HVqp2fs id_2618S תְּלָכָא

65 LV 16:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתתנ**: (x-qere) 'תַּתָּנ': lemma_5414 n_0.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26Sag תַּתָּנ

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me, and you sacrificed them to those idols to be devoured as food. Are your acts of prostitution a small matter? 21 You slaughtered my children for the idols and made them pass through the fire. 22 In all your evil goings on and your acts of prostitution, you never thought back to the days when you were young, when you were naked and bare as you thrashed about in your own blood. 23 After all your wickedness, you won't end well. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Yahweh's anger at Yerushalem

24 You made yourself a mound and built a raised shrine in every public square. 25 You built your raised platform at the top of every street and made your beauty a disgrace, and you spread your legs for anyone who passed by, and you multiplied your acts of prostitution. 26 You've acted like a prostitute with your lusty neighbours the Mitsrim (Egyptians), and you committed many more acts of prostitution, provoking me to anger.

27 Listen, I'll hit you with my hand and cut off your food supply. I'll hand your life over to your enemies, the daughters of the Pelishtim, who were ashamed of your obscene behaviour.

28 You've acted like a prostitute with the Assyrians because you couldn't be satisfied. You acted like a prostitute and still you weren't satisfied. 29 So you performed many more acts of prostitution in Bavel (Babylon) (the country of the Chaldean merchants), and even that didn't satisfy you. 30 Your heart is so sick that you would do things like that—things that only a shameless prostitute would do. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

31 You made your mounds at the top of every street and built your tall shrines in every public square, yet you weren't like a prostitute, in the sense that you scoffed at taking payment. 32 You adulterous woman, you prefer strangers over your husband. 33 It's normal for clients to pay the prostitute, but you do the opposite: you give your wages to all your lovers and bribe them to come to you from all around for your acts of prostitution. 34 Yes, there's a difference between you and other women. No one offers payment for you to act as a prostitute. You're the very opposite—you paid them but nothing was given to you.

Yahweh's punishment of Yerushalem

35 Therefore, Yerushalem (Jerusalem), you prostitute, listen to Yahweh's message. 36 The master Yahweh says this: 'Because you've poured out your lust and uncovered your nakedness through your acts of prostitution with your lovers and with all your detestable idols, and because you gave them your chil-

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_them to_devour little mmm[66]. 21 And_you_slaughtered ÐOM children_of_my and_you_gave_them when_made_pass_through them to/for_them. 22 And_ÐOM all_of abominations_of_your and_prostitution(s)_of_your not you_remembered[67] ÐOM the_ _days_of your_youth(s)_of_your when_were_you nakedness and_bareness kicking_about in_blood_of_your you_were. 23 And_he/it_was after all_of wickedness_of_your woe woe to/for_you(fs) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

24 And_you_built to/for_you(fs) a_mound[68] and_you_made to/for_you(fs) a_high_place in_all open_place. 25 To every_of head_of a_road you_built place_of_your_high and_you_made_ _abominable ÐOM beauty_of_your and_you_opened_wide ÐOM feet_of_your to/from_all/each/any/every one_who_passed_by and_you_increased ÐOM mmm[69]. 26 And_you_acted_as_a_ _prostitute to the_people_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) neighbours_of_ _your who_were_great_of flesh and_you_increased ÐOM prostitution_of_your to_provoke_me_to_anger. 27 And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_stretched_out hand_of_my on_you and_I_ _diminished allotment_of_your and_I_gave_you in_the_will_of those_who_hate_you the_daughters_of the_Pəlishtiy who_ _were_ashamed from_conduct_of_your licentiousness. 28 And_ _you_acted_as_a_prostitute to the_people_of 'Ashshūr from_not satiety_of_your and_you_acted_as_a_prostitute_with_them and_also not you_were_satisfied. 29 And_you_increased ÐOM prostitution_of_your to a_land_of merchant[s] to_Chaldea and_ _also by_this not you_were_satisfied. 30 How anger_of_is_your hot the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** when_do_you ÐOM all_ _of these_things the_deed[s]_of a_woman a_prostitute imperious. 31 When_built_you mound_of_your at_the_head_of every_of road and_your_high_of_place you_made[70] in_all open_ _place and_not you_were[71] like_prostitute to_scorn the_hire. 32 The_woman (the)_adulterous who_in_place_of her/its_ _husband/man she_takes ÐOM strangers. 33 To/from_ _all/each/any/every prostitutes men_give a_gift and_you you_ _have_given ÐOM gifts_of_your to/from_all/each/any/every lovers_of_your and_you_have_bribed them to_come to_you from_round_about by_prostitution(s)_of_your. 34 And_he/it_ _was in_you contrariness from the_women in_prostitution(s)_ _of_your and_after_you not it_was_approached_for_ _prostitution and_because_gave_you the_hire and_the_hire not it_was_given to/for_you(fs) and_it_became (into)_contrariness.

35 For_so/thus/hence Oh_prostitute hear the_message_of **YHWH**. 36 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because lust_of_ _your was_poured_out and_ nakedness_of_your _it_was_ _uncovered in_prostitution(s)_of_your with lovers_of_your and_on all_of the_idols_of your(pl)_abominations_of_your and_ _according_to_the_blood(s)_of your(pl)_children_of_your which you_gave to/for_them. 37 For_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_

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66 **LV 16:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: תנזת/ך: (x-qere) 'יתונזת/מ': lemma_m/8457 n_0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp2fs id_26R79 יתונזת/מ

67 **LV 16:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתרכז: (x-qere) 'תרכזי': lemma_2142 n_1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26khN תרכזי

68 **LV 16:24 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

69 **LV 16:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: תנזת/ך: (x-qere) 'יתונזת': lemma_8457 n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp2fs id_26fn2 יתונזת

70 **LV 16:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתישע: (x-qere) 'תישי': lemma_6213 a n_1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26ibz תישי

71 **LV 16:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתייה: (x-qere) 'תייה': lemma_1961 morph_HVqp2fs id_26KVW תייה

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_about_to_gather ᴅᴏᴍ all_of lovers_of_your whom you_were_ _pleasing to_them and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of those_whom you_loved to all_of those_whom you_hated and_I_will_gather ᴅᴏᴍ_them on_ _you from_round_about and_I_will_uncover nakedness_of_your to_them and_they_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ all_of nakedness_of_your.
38 And_I_will_judge_you judgements_of adulteresses and_ _women_who_shed_of (of)_blood and_I_will_put_on_you blood_ _of rage and_jealousy. **39** And_I_will_give you in_hand_of_their and_they_will_tear_down mound_of_your and_they_will_be_ _broken_down places_of_your_high and_they_will_strip_off you clothes_of_your and_they_will_take the_articles_of your_ _beauty_of_your and_they_will_leave_you nakedness and_ _bareness. **40** And_they_will_bring_up on_you a_company and_ _they_will_stone you with_stone[s] and_they_will_cut_you_to_ _pieces with_swords_of_their. **41** And_they_will_burn houses_ _of_your with_fire and_they_will_bring_about on_you judgements to_the_eyes_of women many and_I_will_cause_ _you_to_cease from_a_prostitute and_also the_hire not you_ _will_give again. **42** And_I_will_give_rest_to rage_of_my on/over_you(fs) and_ jealousy_of_my _it_will_turn_aside from_ _you and_I_will_be_at_peace and_not I_will_be_angry again.
43 Because that not you_remembered[72] ᴅᴏᴍ the_days_of your_ _youth(s)_of_your and_you_were_enraged to_me in_all these_ _things and_also I THERE conduct_of_your on_the_head I_will_ _requite the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_not did_you_ _do[73] ᴅᴏᴍ the_licentiousness to all_of abominations_of_your.

44 THERE every_of (the)_one_who_speaks_a_proverb on_you he_will_speak_a_proverb to_say is_like_mother_of_her daughter_of_her. **45** Are_the_daughter_of your_mother_of_your you who_abhorred her/its_husband/man and_children_of_her and_are_the_sister_of your_sister_of_your you who they_ _abhorred husbands_of_their and_children_of_their mother_of_ _your(pl) was_a_Ḥittiy and_father_of_your(pl) was_an_'Amorī. **46** And_sister_of_your (the)_old was_Shomrōn she and_her/its_ _daughters who_dwelt on north_of_your and_sister_of_your (the)_young more_than_you who_dwelt from_south_of_your was_Ṣədom and_daughters_of_her. **47** And_not in_ways_of_their did_you_walk and_in_abominations_of_their did_you_do[75] like_ _a_little only and_you_behaved_corruptly more_than_them in_ _all ways_of_your. **48** By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** if Ṣədom sister_of_your she and_her/its_ _daughters she_did just_as you and_daughters_of_your you_ _have_done. **49** HERE this it_was the_iniquity_of Ṣədom sister_ _of_your pride surfeit_of food and_security_of quietness it_ _belonged to/for_her/it and_to_daughters_of_her and_the_ _hand_of the_poor and_the_needy not she_strengthened.
50 And_they_were_haughty and_they_did abomination before_ _me and_I_removed them just_as I_saw. **51** And_Shomrōn according_to_(the)_half_of your(pl)_sins_of_your not it_sinned and_you_have_increased ᴅᴏᴍ abominations_of_your more_ _than_them and_you_have_made_appear_righteous ᴅᴏᴍ

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dren's blood, **37** then listen: I'll gather all your lovers that you've met, including the ones you loved and the ones you hated—I'll gather them against you on every side. I'll uncover your nakedness for them so they see all your nakedness. **38** Then I'll punish you for your adultery and the shedding of blood, and I'll bring on you the bloodshed of my anger and passion. **39** I'll allow them to conquer you so they'll tear apart your mounds and break down your tall shrines, and they'll strip your clothes off you and take all your jewellery—leaving you naked and bare.

40 Then they'll bring a crowd up against you and throw heavy stones at you, and they'll cut you apart with their swords. **41** They'll burn down your houses and punish you in several ways in the sight of many women, because I'll put a stop to your prostitution, and you'll no longer pay your lovers. **42** Then I'll calm my rage against you. My anger will leave you, because I'll be satisfied and won't be angry at you any longer.

43 Because you didn't call to mind your younger days, and made me shake with anger because of all those things, therefore, listen: I myself will bring the punishment for what you've done down onto your own head. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Like mother, like daughter

Haven't you added prostitution to all your other detestable practices? **44** Listen, everyone who speaks proverbs about you will say, "Like mother, like daughter." **45** You are the daughter of your mother, who detested her husband and her children, and you are the sister of your sisters, who detested their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hiti, and your father was an Amori.

46 Your older sister was Shomron (Samaria), and her daughters were the ones living in the north, while your younger sister was the one living south of you, that is, Sedom and her daughters. **47** Not only did you follow their customs and copy their behaviour and practices, but in everything you did, you've been *worse* than they were.

48 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, your sister Sedom and her daughters didn't do as much evil as you and your daughters have done. **49** Listen, your sister Sedom's sin was that she was arrogant in her leisure, careless and unconcerned about anything. She didn't assist the poor and needy people. **50** She was arrogant and performed disgusting actions in front of me, so I took them away, just as you've seen.

51 As for Shomron, they didn't commit even half of your sins. No, you've done many more disgusting things than they did, and

72 LV 16:43 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתרכז**: (x-qere) 'תְּתֹרַכְזָ֗': lemma_2142 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26mmj תְּתֹרַכְזָ֗

73 LV 16:43 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתישע**: (x-qere) 'תִּישָׁע': lemma_6213 a n_0.1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26WHq תִּישָׁע

75 LV 16:47 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתישע**: (x-qere) 'תֵּיָשְׁעִ': lemma_6213 a n_1 morph_HVqp2fs id_26z69 תֵּיָשְׁעִ

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you've shown that your sisters were better than you, because of all the disgusting things you do. **52** Also how you display your own shame—you've shown that your sisters were better than you by the sins you committed in all those disgusting ways. Your sisters now seem better than you.

53 From their captivity, I'll restore the fortunes of Sedom and her daughters, and of Shomron and her daughters, and your fortunes will be similar,[74] **54** so that you'll display your shame. You'll be humiliated because of everything you've done, and in that way you'll be a consolation to Sedom and Shomron. **55** Your sister Sedom and her daughters will be restored to their former condition, and Shomron and her daughters will be restored similarly. Then you and your daughters will be restored to your former condition. **56** You never even mentioned your sister Sedom in the period when you were proud, **57** before your wickedness was revealed. But now you're an object of scorn to the daughters of Aram (Syria) and to all the daughters of the Pelishtim around her. People all around despise you. **58** You'll display your shame and your disgusting actions. That's Yahweh's declaration.

59 The master Yahweh says this: 'I'll deal with you as you deserve—you who've despised your oath by breaking our agreement. **60** But I myself will call to mind my agreement with you that was made when you were younger, and I'll establish a never-ending agreement with you. **61** Then you'll call to mind your behaviour and be ashamed when you adopt your older and younger sisters. I'll give them to you as daughters, but not because of your agreement. **62** I myself will establish my agreement with you, and you'll know that I am Yahweh, **63** so that you'll call everything to mind and be ashamed. Then you'll no longer open your mouth to speak, because of your shame, when I've forgiven you for everything you've done. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

The permanent agreement

17:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, present a riddle and tell a parable to the Israeli people. **3** Tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: 'A large eagle, with large wings full of multi-coloured feathers, and long pinions, went to Levanon and

Two eagles and the vine

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mmm[76] in_all abominations_of_your which you_have_done[77]. **52** Also you bear disgrace_of_your that you_have_mediated for_ _sister_of_your by_sins_of_your which you_have_acted_ _abominably more_than_them they_are_righteous more_than_ _you and_also you be_ashamed and_bear disgrace_of_your because_you_have_made_appear_righteous sisters_of_your. **53** And_I_will_turn_back ~~ḎǪM~~ captivity_of_their ~~ḎǪM~~ wwww[78] of_Ṣədom and_her/its_daughters and_~~ḎǪM~~ wwww[79] of_ _Shomrōn and_her/its_daughters and[80] your(pl)_captivities_ _of_your among_them. **54** So_that you_may_bear disgrace_of_ _your and_you_will_be_ashamed[81] from_all that you_have_done when_comfort_you them. **55** And_sisters_of_your Ṣədom and_ _her/its_daughters they_will_return to_their_former_of_state and_Shomrōn and_her/its_daughters they_will_return to_ _their_former_of_state and_you and_daughters_of_your you(pl)_will_return to_your_former_of_state. **56** And_not did_ _she_become Ṣədom sister_of_your (into)_a_mention in_ _mouth_of_your in/on_day your(pl)_pride(s)_of_your. **57** Before_before wickedness_of_your it_was_uncovered like the_time_of the_reproach_of the_daughters_of 'Arām and_all around_of_it the_daughters_of the_Pəlishtiy who_despise you from_round_about. **58** ~~ḎǪM~~ licentiousness_of_your and_~~ḎǪM~~ abominations_of_your you you_will_bear_them the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**.

59 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and[82] with_you just_as you_have_done you_who you_despised an_oath by_ _breaking a_covenant. **60** And_ I _I_will_remember ~~ḎǪM~~ covenant_of_my with_you in_the_days_of your_youth(s)_of_ _your and_I_will_establish to/for_you(fs) a_covenant_of_ perpetuity. **61** And_you_will_remember ~~ḎǪM~~ ways_of_your and_ _you_will_be_ashamed when_receive_you ~~ḎǪM~~ sisters_of_your (the)_old more_than_you to (the)_young more_than_you and_I_ _will_give them to/for_you(fs) to_daughters and_not from_ _covenant_of_your. **62** And_ I _I_will_establish ~~ḎǪM~~ covenant_of_ _my with_you and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **63** So_that you_may_remember and_you_will_be_ashamed and_ _not it_will_belong to_you again an_opening_of mouth from_ _face/in_front_of disgrace_of_your when_I_make_atonement to/for_you(fs) to/from_all/each/any/every that you_have_ _done the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

17:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind ask_a_riddle a_riddle and_speak_a_ _parable a_parable concerning the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_you_will_say thus he_says my_master **YHWH** the_eagle (the)_great (the)_great_of (the)_wings (the)_long_of (the)_wing full (the)_plumage which to_him/it (the)_multicoloured_

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74 **RV 16:53 · Note** i.e., to go into captivity, but then after a time, to be restored.

76 **LV 16:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/תוחא**: (x-qere) 'תּוֹחֵא/ךָ': lemma_269 n_0.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp2fs id_26kjj תּוֹחֵא/ךָ

77 **LV 16:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתישע**: (x-qere) 'תִּישָׁע': lemma_6213 a n_0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26agQ תִּישָׁע

78 **LV 16:53 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תיבש**: (x-qere) 'תָּוּבְשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_26UXx תָּוּבְשׁ

79 **LV 16:53 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תיבש**: (x-qere) 'תּוּבְשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_26PxD תּוּבְשׁ

80 **LV 16:53 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תיבש**: (x-qere) 'תּוּבְשׁ/וּ': lemma_c/7622 morph_HC/Ncfsc id_26LYs תּוּבְשׁ/וּ

81 **LV 16:54 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

82 **LV 16:59 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תישע**: (x-qere) 'יתִישָׁע/וְ': lemma_c/6213 a morph_HC/Vqq1cs id_26iDE יתִישָׁע/וְ

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_plumage it_came to (the)_Ləvānōn and_he/it_took ÐOM the_ _treetop_of the_cedar. **4** ÐOM the_top_of shoots_of_its it_ _plucked_off and_it_brought_it to a_land_of merchant[s] in_a_ _city_of traders it_placed_it. **5** And_he/it_took one_of_the_ _seed_of the_earth/land and_it_put_it in_a_field_of seed a_ _shoot at waters many a_willow it_placed_it. **6** And_it_sprouted and_he/it_was (into)_a_vine overhanging low_of stature to_ branches_of_its _turn to_him/it and_roots_of_its under_it they_ _were and_it_became (into)_a_vine and_it_produced shoots and_it_sent_out boughs. **7** And_he/it_was an_eagle one great great_of wings and_great_of plumage and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_vine (the)_this it_bent roots_of_its on/upon/above_him/it and_branches_of_its it_sent_out for_him/it to_water it from_ _the_beds_of its_planting_of_her. **8** To a_field good to waters many it was_planted for_doing branch[es] and_to_bear fruit to_ _be (into)_a_vine_of splendour. **9** Say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says will_it_prosper am_not ÐOM roots_of_its will_it_pull_up and_ÐOM fruit_of_its will_it_strip_off and_it_will_wither all_of the_fresh_things_of its_growth_of_her it_will_wither and_not by_an_arm great and_by_a_people numerous to_lift_up it from_ _roots_of_its. **10** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_is_planted will_it_ _prosper am_not just_as_touches (in)_it the_wind_of the_east will_it_wither completely_(wither) on the_beds_of its_growth_ _of_her it_will_wither.
11 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **12** Say please to_the_house_of (the)_rebellion not do_you(pl)_know what are_these_things say THERE the_king_of Bāvel he_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_took ÐOM king_of_its and_ _ÐOM princes_of_its and_he/it_brought them to_him/it to_ _Bāvel. **13** And_he/it_took one_of_the_offspring_of the_royalty and_he_made with_him/it a_covenant and_he/it_brought ÐOM_ _him/it in_an_oath and_ÐOM the_leaders_of the_earth/land he_ _took. **14** To_be a_kingdom lowly to_not to_exalt_itself to_ _guard/protect ÐOM covenant_of_his it_to_continue. **15** And_ _he_rebelled in/on/over_him/it by_sending messengers_of_his Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_give to_him/it horses and_a_people numerous will_he_prosper will_ the_one_who_does_of these_ _things _he_escape and_will_he_break a_covenant and_will_he_ _escape. **16** By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if not in_the_place_of the_king who_made_king ÐOM_ _him/it whom he_despised ÐOM oath_of_his and_which he_ _broke ÐOM covenant_of_his with_him/it in_the_midst_of Bāvel he_will_die. **17** And_not with_an_army large and_with_a_ _company great Par'oh he_will_do with_him in_battle when_ _pour_out a_mound and_when_build a_siege-work to_cut_off lives many. **18** And_he_despised the_oath by_breaking the_ _covenant and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_had_given his/its_hand and_all these_things he_did not he_will_escape. **19** For_ _so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says by_the_life of_ _me if not oath_of_my which he_despised and_covenant_of_my which he_broke and_I_will_give_him/it on_his_own_of_head. **20** And_I_will_spread on/upon/above_him/it net_of_my and_ _he_will_be_caught in_my_hunting_of_net and_I_will_bring_ _him to_Bāvel and_I_will_enter_into_judgement with_him/it

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grabbed hold of the top of a cedar tree. **4** He broke off the top shoot of the tree and took it to Kena'an (Canaan) where he placed it in a city full of merchants. **5** He also took some of the land's seed and planted it in fertile soil, beside a large body of water where a willow might grow. **6** Then the seed sprouted and became a spreading vine low to the ground. Its branches turned toward him, and its roots grew down below, so it became a vine and produced branches and sent out shoots.

7 But there was another large eagle with large wings and many feathers. Oh wow, that vine turned its roots toward this eagle, and it spread out its branches toward the eagle from the place it had been planted so it might get watered. **8** It had been planted in good soil beside a large body of water so it would grow branches and produce fruit, to become a magnificent vine.'

9 Ask the people: 'The master Yahweh wants to know if it'll prosper. Won't it be uprooted and stripped of its fruit so that it withers, and all its fresh growth will dry out? You wouldn't have to be very strong or get lots of people to help to pull it out by its roots. **10** So listen. After it had been planted, would it thrive? Wouldn't it wither up when the eastern wind touches it? Yes, it would wither right up in the garden plot where it sprouted.' "

The vine part of the parable explained

11 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **12** "Ask those rebellious people, 'Don't you know what those things mean? Listen, the king of Bavel (Babylon) came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and captured its king and its princes and took them with him to Bavel.[83] **13** Then he took a member of the royal family, made an agreement with him—forcing him to make various commitments. Then he took away the country's former powerful people, **14** so the kingdom would remain subjected and not be able to become powerful again. However, by keeping the agreement, the country would at least survive. **15** But the king of Yerushalem rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to acquire horses and an army. Will he succeed? Will the one doing these things escape? If he breaks the agreement, will he survive? **16** This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, he'll definitely die in the land of the king who made him king, the king whose promises he despised, and whose agreement he broke. He'll die in the middle of Bavel. **17** Mitsrayim's Par'oh (Pharaoh) with his mighty army and huge horde won't help him in battle, when ramps are constructed and siege walls are built up to cut off many lives, **18** because the king despised his promise by breaking the agreement. Wow, he reached out to make a promise, and yet afterwards he did all those things. He won't escape. **19** Therefore the master Yahweh says this: 'As I live, wasn't it my promise that he despised and my agreement that he broke? Therefore I'll cause him to be punished for what he did. **20** I'll spread my net out over him, and he'll be caught in my

83 RV 17:12-15 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:15-20; 2Ch 36:10.

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trap, and I'll take him to Bavel and handle his judgement there for the treason he committed when he betrayed me. **21** All of his refugees in his armies will be killed by the sword, and the ones who remain will be scattered in every direction. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh, because I've declared that that will happen."

The tree-tip part of the parable explained

22 The master Yahweh says this, 'So I myself will take away the highest part of the cedar tree, and I'll plant it away from its tender branches. I'll break it off, and I myself will plant it on a very high mountain. **23** I'll plant it on Yisrael's (Israel's) highest mountain so it'll grow branches and produce fruit, and it'll become a majestic cedar so that every winged bird will live under it. They'll nest in the shade of its branches, **24** then all the trees in the countryside will know that I am Yahweh. I bring down the high trees and I raise up the low trees. I wither the watered tree and I cause the wilted tree to bloom. I am Yahweh. I've declared that that will happen, and I will do it.' "

Individual responsibility

18:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "What do you mean, you people who use this proverb about Yisrael (Israel)? You say, 'Fathers eat sour grapes, but it's the children's teeth that are set on edge'.

3 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: as I live, there'll certainly no longer be any occasion for you to use this proverb in Yisrael. **4** Listen, every life belongs to me: the father's life as well as the son's—they belong to me. The one who disobeys is the one who'll die.

The godly man

5 If there's a godly man who does what's fair and right, **6** who doesn't eat at the hilltop shrines, who doesn't request help from Yisrael's (Israel's) idols, who doesn't mess with someone else's wife or a menstruating woman, **7** who doesn't oppress anyone, who gives back to debtors what they put up as security for loans, who doesn't steal but rather gives his food to the hungry and gives clothes to those without them, **8** who doesn't charge too much interest if he lends money, and doesn't take too much profit for what he sells, who promotes true justice within the community, **9** who follows my instructions and faithfully obeys my regulations, that man will be acquitted and will definitely live.[85] That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

The wayward son of the godly man

10 But suppose that godly man has a violent son who kills and sadly goes against all those things above, **11** not following the example of his godly father, but rather who's eaten at the hilltop shrines and slept with someone else's wife, **12** who oppresses the poor and needy, who steals and robs, who doesn't return something given as a pledge, who requests help from idols and does disgusting things, **13** who lends out money at too high interest, and who makes too much profit on what he sells. Should that man live? He certainly won't! He'll definitely die, and his blood will be on his own head.

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there unfaithfulness_of_his which he_has_acted_unfaithfully against_me. **21** And_ĐØM all_of mmm[84] in_all troops_of_his by_ _sword they_will_fall and_those_who_survive to/from_ _all/each/any/every wind they_will_be_scattered and_you(pl)_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_spoken.

22 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_ I _I_will_take from_ _the_treetop_of the_cedar (the)_high and_I_will_place_it from_ _the_top_of its_young_shoots_of_his a_tender_shoot I_will_ _pluck_off and_ I _I_will_plant_it on a_mountain high and_lofty. **23** On_the_mountain_of the_height_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_will_ _plant_it and_it_will_bear branch[es] and_it_will_produce fruit and_it_was (into)_a_cedar majestic and_they_will_dwell under_ _it every_of bird of_every_of wing in_the_shadow_of its_ _branches_of_his they_will_dwell. **24** And_ all_of the_trees_of the_field _they_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_bring_low a_tree tall I_raise_up a_tree low I_make_dry a_tree moist and_I_ _make_sprout a_tree dry I **YHWH** I_have_spoken and_I_will_act.

18:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** What is_to_you(pl) you(pl) are_speaking_a_proverb ĐØM the_ _proverb the_this on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say parents they_eat sour_grape[s] and_the_teeth_of the_children they_ _are_blunt. **3** By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) again to_speak_a_ _proverb the_proverb the_this in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** HERE all_of (the)_lives to_me they as_the_life_of the_parent and_as_the_ _life_of the_child to_me they the_living_creatures which_sins it it_will_die.

5 And_anyone if/because he_will_be righteous and_he_will_do justice and_righteousness. **6** To the_mountains not he_has_ _eaten and_eyes_of_his not he_has_lifted_up to the_idols_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ĐØM the_wife_of his/its_ _neighbour not he_has_defiled and_near/to a_woman menstruation not he_drew_near. **7** And_anyone not he_ _oppressed pledge_of_his a_debt he_returned robbery not he_ _robbed food_of_his to_the_hungry he_gave and_the_naked he_ _covered clothing. **8** For_interest not he_lent and_usury not he_ _took from_injustice he_turned_back his/its_hand justice_of faithfulness he_did between a_person and_a_person. **9** In_ _regulations_of_my he_walked and_judgements_of_my he_has_ _kept for_doing faithfulness is_righteous he certainly_(live) he_ _will_live the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

10 And_he_will_father a_son violent who_sheds_of (of)_blood and_he_will_do alas any_one from_these. **11** And_he ĐØM all_of these_things not he_did if/because also to the_mountains he_ _has_eaten and_ĐØM the_wife_of his/its_neighbour he_has_ _defiled. **12** The_poor and_the_needy he_has_oppressed robberies he_has_robbed a_pledge not he_returned and_ _near/to the_idols he_has_lifted_up eyes_of_his abomination he_has_done. **13** For_interest he_has_lent and_usury he_has_ _taken and_will_he_live not he_will_live ĐØM all_of the_ _abominations the_these he_has_done certainly_(die) he_will_ _be_put_to_death blood(s)_of_his in/on/over_him/it it_will_be.

84 LV 17:21 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/חרבמ: (x-qere) וְ/יָחָרְבְּמ: lemma_4015 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26yyS וְ/יָחָרְבְּמ

85 RV 18:9 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:5.

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14 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_has_fathered a_child and_he/it_ _saw ~~DOM~~ all_of the_sins_of his/its_father which he_did and_ _he_saw and_not he_did like_them. **15** On the_mountains not he_has_eaten and_eyes_of_his not he_has_lifted_up to the_ _idols_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~DOM~~ the_wife_of his/its_ _neighbour not he_has_defiled. **16** And_anyone not he_has_ _oppressed a_pledge not he_has_taken_as_pledge and_robbery not he_has_robbed food_of_his to_the_hungry he_has_given and_the_naked he_has_covered clothing. **17** From_the_poor he_ _has_turned_back his/its_hand interest and_usury not he_has_ _taken judgements_of_my he_has_done in_regulations_of_my he_has_walked he not he_will_die for_the_iniquity_of his/its_ _father certainly_(live) he_will_live. **18** His/its_father if/because he_has_extorted extortion he_has_robbed robbery_ _of a_brother and_which not was_good he_has_done in_the_ _middle people(s)_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_will_die for_ _iniquity_of_his. **19** And_you(pl)_say why not the_child has_he_ _borne in_the_iniquity_of the_parent and_the_child justice and_righteousness he_has_done ~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_my he_has_kept and_he_has_done ~~DOM~~_them certainly_(live) he_ _will_live. **20** The_living_creatures which_sins it it_will_die a_ _child not he_will_bear in_the_iniquity_of the_parent and_a_ _parent not he_will_bear in_the_iniquity_of the_child the_ _righteousness_of the_righteous_person on/upon/above_ _him/it it_will_be and_the_wickedness_of the_wicked_person[87] on/upon/above_him/it it_will_be.

21 And_the_wicked_person if/because he_will_turn_away from_ _all his[88] which he_has_done and_he_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_my and_he_will_do justice and_righteousness certainly_(live) he_will_live not he_will_die. **22** All_of transgressions_of_his which he_has_done not they_will_be_ _remembered to_him/it for_righteousness_of_his which he_ _has_done he_will_live. **23** Really_(take_pleasure) do_I_take_ _pleasure_in the_death_of the_wicked the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** am_not in_his_turning_back from_ways_of_his and_he_will_live. **24** And_when_ the_righteous _turns_away from_righteousness_of_his and_he_will_do injustice according_ _to_all_of the_abominations which the_wicked_person he_did he_will_do and_will_he_live all_of his[89] which he_did not they_ _will_be_remembered for_unfaithfulness_of_his which he_has_ _acted_unfaithfully and_for_sin_of_his which he_has_sinned for_them he_will_die. **25** And_you(pl)_say not the_way_of my_ _master it_is_correct listen please Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) way_of_my not is_it_correct not ways_of_your(pl) not are_they_ _correct. **26** When_ the_righteous _turns_away from_ _righteousness_of_his and_he_will_do injustice and_he_will_die on_them for_injustice_of_his which he_has_done he_will_die. **27** And_when_ the_wicked _turns_away from_wickedness_of_his which he_has_done and_he/it_made justice and_righteousness he ~~DOM~~ life_of_his he_will_preserve_alive. **28** He_saw and[90] from_all transgressions_of_his which he_had_done certainly_

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The peace/prosperity of child righteous/honest/sensible

14 But listen, suppose he has a son, and his son sees all the sins that his father's committed, and though he sees them, he doesn't do those things. **15** He hasn't eaten at the hilltop shrines, and hasn't requested help from the Israeli people's idols, and hasn't slept with someone else's wife, **16** he doesn't oppress anyone, or keep things given as a pledge, or accept stolen things, but instead gives his food to the hungry and gives clothes to those without them, **17** he's turned his back on crime, and doesn't charge high interest, he follows my instructions and obeys my regulations—he won't die for his father's evil actions, but he'll certainly live. **18** His father, since he oppressed others by extortion and robbed people, and did evil things among his people—listen, he'll die in his sin.

19 But you people ask, 'Why doesn't the son also have to pay the cost for his family's crimes?' Well it's because the son promotes justice and godliness and follows all my instructions. He'll definitely live. **20** The one who sins is the one who'll die. The children won't have to be responsible for their parents' sin, and the parents won't be responsible for their children's sins—the righteousness of those who act rightly will be on themselves, and the wickedness of the wicked will be on themselves.[86]

Turning away from disobedience

21 But if the wicked person turns away from all their disobedience, and follows all my instructions and does what's right and fair, then that person will certainly live and not die. **22** All their acts of disobedience won't be called to mind against them. They'll live by the right things they do. **23** That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Do I celebrate happily about the death of wicked people, and not about them turning away from their evil behaviour so that they can live? **24** But if a righteous person turns away from their righteousness, and disobeys and does disgusting things like the wicked people do, then will they live? All the good things that had been done won't be called to mind when they betray me in their treason, so they'll die in the sins that they committed.

25 But you people complain that the master's way isn't correct. Please listen, you Israeli people: is it my ways that aren't correct, or is it *your* ways? **26** When the righteous person turns away from their righteousness, and commits injustice and dies because of it, then that person will die in the injustice that they've done. **27** But when a wicked person turns away from the wicked things they've done and does what's fair and what's right, then that person will preserve their life— **28** they've become aware of all their disobedient behaviours and turned away from them.

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86 **RV 18:20 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:16.

87 **LV 18:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **עשר**: (x-qere) 'עָשָׂר/ה': lemma_d/7563 n_0.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_26vf3 עָשָׂר/ה

88 **LV 18:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תאטח**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתְאַשַּׁח': lemma_2403 b n_1.2.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26cUS וְ/יִתְאַשַּׁח

89 **LV 18:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תקדצ**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתְקְדַצ': lemma_6666 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26M3A וְ/יִתְקְדַצ

90 **LV 18:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בושי/ו**: (x-qere) 'בָּשְׁיִ/ו': lemma_c/7725 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_268Mb בָּשְׁיִ/ו

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That person certainly won't die, but will live. **29** But the Israeli people insist, 'The master's way isn't fair!' How is my way not fair, you Israeli people? It's *your* ways that aren't fair. **30** Therefore I'll judge each person among you according to their ways, you Israeli people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Change your direction and turn away from all your disobedient behaviours so that they won't be stumbling blocks of evil for you. **31** Throw off all the disobedient things you people have done. Work towards a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, you Israeli people? **32** I take no pleasure in the death of someone who dies. That's the master Yahweh's declaration, so turn away from your evil behaviour and live.

A song of mourning for Yisrael's final kings

19:1 Now sing a mournful song for Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders, **2** saying:

'Who was your mother? A lioness—she lived with a lion's son.

There among the young lions, she reared her cubs.

3 She's the one who raised one of her cubs to become a young lion—

a lion who learned to tear apart his victims,

and then he devoured people.

4 Then the nations heard about him.

He got caught in their trap,

and they took him to Mitsrayim (Egypt) with hooks.

5 The mother lion waited for his return,

but eventually she realised that he wasn't coming back,

so she took another one of her cubs and made him into a young lion.

6 This young lion roamed around amongst the other lions.

He was a young lion and learned to tear his victims—

he devoured people.

7 He seized their fortresses and ruined their cities.

The land and its produce were abandoned

because of the sound of his roaring.

8 But the nations came against him from the surrounding provinces.

They spread their nets over him—

he was caught in their pit.

9 With hooks in him, they put him in a cage,

and then they took him to the Babylonian king.

They took him to the fortresses

so that his voice would no longer be heard in Yisrael's (Israel's) hills.

10 Your mother was like a vine planted in your vineyard beside the water.

It was fruitful and full of branches because there was plenty of water.

11 It had strong branches that were used for making rulers'

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_(live) he_will_live not he_will_die. **29** And_ the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_say not the_way_of my_master it_is_ _correct ways_of_my not are_they_correct[91] Oh_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not ways_of_your(pl) not is_it_correct. **30** For_ _so/thus/hence everyone according_to_of_his_ways I_will_ _judge you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** turn_back and_turn_away from_all transgressions_of_your(pl) and_not it_will_become to/for_ _you(pl) (into)_a_stumbling_block_of iniquity. **31** Throw_away from_with_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ all_of transgressions_of_your(pl) which you(pl)_have_transgressed by_them and_make to/for_you(pl) a_heart new and_spirit new and_for_what will_you(pl)_die Oh_ _house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **32** If/because not I_take_pleasure in_ _the_death_of (the)_one_who_dies the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_turn_away and_live.

19:1 And_you(ms) take_up a_lamentation because_of the_ _princes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **2** And_you_will_say what mother_ _of_was_your a_lioness between lions she_lay_down in_the_ _middle young_lions she_reared cubs_of_her. **3** And_she_ _brought_up one of_cubs_of_her a_young_lion it_was and_it_ _learned to_tear prey human[s] it_devoured. **4** And_they_heard to_him/it nations in_pit_of_their it_was_caught and_they_ _brought_it with_hooks to the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **5** And_she/it_saw if/because_that she_waited hope_of_her it_ _was_lost and_she/it_took one of_cubs_of_her a_young_lion she_made_it. **6** And_he/it_walked/wandered in_the_middle lions a_young_lion it_was and_it_learned to_tear prey human[s] it_devoured. **7** And_he/it_knew widows_of_its and_cities_of_ _their it_laid_waste and_ the_land and_what_of_fills_it _it_was_ _desolate from_the_sound_of its_roaring_of_his. **8** And_they_set on/upon/above_him/it nations all_around from_provinces and_they_spread_out on/upon/above_him/it net_of_their in_ _pit_of_their it_was_caught. **9** And_they_put_it in_cage with_ _hooks and_they_brought_it to the_king_of Bāvel they_ _brought_it in_strongholds so_that not voice_of_its it_may_be_ _heard again to the_mountains_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **10** Mother_ _of_your was_like_vine in_blood_of_your at water planted bearing_fruit and_full_of_branches it_was from_waters many. **11** And_they_were to/for_her/it branches_of strength to scepters_of rulers and_ stature_of_its _it_was_lofty above between branches and_it_was_seen by_height_of_its by_the_ _abundance_of its_branches_of_his. **12** And_it_was_plucked_up in_rage to_ground it_was_thrown_down and_spirit of_the_east it_dried_up fruit_of_its they_were_torn_off and_they_became_ _dry the_branch_of its_strength_of_her a_fire it_consumed_it. **13** And_now it_is_planted in_wilderness in_land dryness and_ _thirst. **14** And_ fire _it_went_out from_the_branch_of its_ _shoots_of_her fruit_of_its it_consumed and_not it_was in_it a_ _branch_of strength a_scepter to_rule is_a_lamentation it and_ _it_became (into)_a_lamentation.

91 LV 18:29 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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20:1 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_seventh in_the_month on_ten of_month men of_the_elders_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_came to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_they_lived before_me. **2** And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **3** Oh_son_of humankind speak with the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_ _will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ_me are_you(pl) coming by_the_life of_me if I_will_let_ _myself_be_consulted to/for_you(pl) the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. **4** Will_you_judge ᴅᴏᴍ_them will_you_judge Oh_son_of humankind ᴅᴏᴍ the_abominations_of their_ _ancestors_of_their make_known_to_them. **5** And_you_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says in/on_day chose_I (in)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_lifted_up hand_of_my to_the_ _offspring_of the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_I_made_ _myself_known to/for_them in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _I_lifted_up hand_of_my to/for_them to_say I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl). **6** In_the_day (the)_that I_lifted_up hand_of_my to/for_them to_bring_them_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim to a_land which I_had_selected to/for_them flowing_of milk and_ _honey is_beauty it to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands. **7** And_I_said to_them everyone the_detestable_things_of his_ _eyes_of_his throw_away and_by_the_idols_of Mitsrayim do_not make_yourselves_unclean I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **8** And_ _they_rebelled against_me and_not they_were_willing to_listen to_me anyone ᴅᴏᴍ the_detestable_things_of their_eyes_of_ _their not they_threw_away and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_idols_of Mitsrayim not they_abandoned and_I_said to_pour_out rage_of_my on_ _them to_complete anger_of_my (is)_in_them in_the_middle of_the_land_of of_Mitsrayim. **9** And_I_acted for_the_sake_of name_of_my to_not to_be_profaned to_the_eyes_of the_nations which they were_among_of_them which I_had_made_myself_ _known to_them to_eyes_of_their by_bringing_them_out from_ _the_land_of Mitsrayim. **10** And_I_brought_them_out from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_brought_them into the_ _wilderness. **11** And_I_gave to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ regulations_of_my and_ᴅᴏᴍ judgements_of_my I_made_known_to them which the_humankind he_will_do them and_he/it_will_live by_them.

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scepters,
and it towered above the branches,
and its height could be seen due to the mass of its foliage.
12 But the vine was uprooted in fury and thrown down onto the ground,
and an eastern wind dried out its fruit.
Its strong branches were broken off and withered,
and then burnt in a fire.
13 So now it's planted in the wilderness—
in a land of drought and thirst.
14 Fire went out from its large branches and consumed its fruit.
There's no strong branches left on it—no scepter for ruling with.'
That's a song for mourning, and should be sung as such."

Israeli rebellion

20:1 Seven years after we'd been taken to Bavel (Babylon), some Israeli elders came to get me to ask Yahweh for advice for them. **2** Then Yahweh gave me this message: **3** "Son of humanity, tell the Israeli elders that the master Yahweh says this: 'Have you people come to get advice from me? As I live, I won't allow you to ask for my advice. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'

4 Will you judge them? Will you judge, son of humanity? Let them know about their ancestors' disgusting behaviour. **5** Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'On the day that I chose Yisrael (Israel) and made myself known to them in Mitsrayim (Egypt), I raised my hand to make a promise to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants. I told them, "I am Yahweh your god"[92]— **6** on that day I raised my hand to make a promise to them that I would bring them out of Mitsrayim into a land that I'd carefully selected for them. It was flowing with milk and honey—it was the most beautiful of all the lands. **7** I told them, "Let each family throw away their Mitsri (Egyptian) idols, plus any other detestable things they have. Don't defile yourselves. I am Yahweh your god." **8** But they rebelled against me and were unwilling to listen to me. They didn't throw away the detestable things they had or abandon their Mitsri idols, so I determined to pour my fury out on them to satisfy my rage among them right there in Mitsrayim. **9** I did that to protect my reputation so it wouldn't be tarnished in the eyes of the nations where they were staying. I made myself clearly known to them[93] by bringing them out of Mitsrayim.

10 So I led them out of Mitsrayim and took them into the wilderness. **11** Then I gave them my instructions and regulations—anyone who follows them will live.[94] **12** I also established rest days as a sign between myself and them—for them to know that I am Yahweh who declares them different from others.[95] **13** But the Israeli people rebelled against me in the wilderness.

92 RV 20:5-6 · Cross-ref. Exo 6:2-8.

93 RV 20:9 · Note them: Probably referring to those countries, but some translations interpret it to refer to the ones being brought out.

94 RV 20:11-13 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:5.

95 RV 20:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 31:13-17.

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They wouldn't follow my instructions, and they rejected my regulations, even though anyone who obeys them will live. They severely disrespected my rest days, so I said I'd pour my fury out on them in the wilderness in order to end them. **14** But I did that to protect my reputation so it wouldn't be tarnished in the eyes of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out of Mitsrayim. **15** So I myself took action by making a promise to them in the wilderness not to bring them into the land that I'd been going to give them—a land flowing with milk and honey, which was the most beautiful out of all the lands.[96] **16** I promised that because they'd rejected my instructions and not followed my regulations, and they disrespected my rest days, because what they really wanted was their idols. **17** But I pitied them, so I didn't wipe them out in the wilderness.

18 I told their children in the wilderness, "Don't follow your parents' habits or behaviour, and don't defile yourselves with their idols. **19** I am Yahweh your god—follow my instructions, obey my regulations, **20** and keep my rest days different from other days so that they'll be a sign between me and you. That way you'll all know that I am Yahweh your god."

21 However, their sons and daughters rebelled against me. They didn't keep my instructions or follow my regulations, even though anyone who obeys them will live. They disrespected my rest days, so I determined to pour my fury out on them to satisfy my rage against them in the wilderness. **22** But I didn't proceed, for the sake of my reputation, so it wouldn't be mocked by the nations who saw me bring the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **23** So I took action in the wilderness, promising that instead I would scatter them among the nations and disperse them into other countries.[97] **24** I decided to do that since they hadn't obeyed my instructions, and since they'd rejected my regulations and disrespected my rest days—they really wanted their ancestors' idols.

25 Then I even gave them instructions that weren't good, and regulations that they couldn't live by. **26** I declared them to be defiled because of the gifts they gave (they sacrificed every woman's firstborn child in the fire) so that I could fill them with horror so they would know that I am Yahweh.'

27 Therefore, son of humanity, speak to the Israeli people and tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'That was also how your ancestors blasphemed me when they were unfaithful to me. **28** When I brought them into the land that I'd promised to give them, then whenever they saw any high hill and leafy tree, they offered their sacrifices. They provoked me with their offerings, and also burnt their fragrant incense there and poured out their drink offerings. **29** Then I asked them, "What's this high place where you present your offerings?" so the place is called Bamah (meaning 'High place') to this day.'

30 Therefore tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh

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12 And_also ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my I_gave to/for_them to_be (into)_a_sign between_me and_between_them to_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** who_sanctifies_of_them. **13** And_ _they_rebelled against_me the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ _wilderness in_regulations_of_my not they_walked and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my they_rejected which the_humankind he_ _will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_he/it_will_live (is)_in_them and_~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my they_profaned exceedingly and_I_said to_ _pour_out rage_of_my on_them in_wilderness to_make_an_ _end_of_them. **14** And_I_acted for_the_sake_of name_of_my to_ _not to_be_profaned to_the_eyes_of the_nations which I_had_ _brought_them_out to_eyes_of_their. **15** And_also I I_lifted_up hand_of_my to/for_them in_wilderness to_not to_bring them into the_earth/land which I_had_given flowing_of milk and_ _honey is_beauty it to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands. **16** Because (in)_judgements_of_my they_had_rejected and_~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my not they_had_walked in/among_them and_ _~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my they_had_profaned if/because after idols_of_their heart_of_their was_walking. **17** And_ eye_of_my _ _it_looked_with_compassion on_them from_destroying_them and_not I_made them complete_destruction in_wilderness. **18** And_I_said to children_of_their in_wilderness in_the_ _regulations_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) do_not walk and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_their do_not keep and_by_idols_of_ _their do_not make_yourselves_unclean. **19** I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) in_regulations_of_my walk and_~~DOM~~ judgements_ _of_my keep and_do them. **20** And_~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my keep_ _holy and_they_will_be (into)_a_sign between_me and_ _between_you(pl) to_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl). **21** And_they_rebelled against_me the_children in_ _regulations_of_my not they_walked and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_ _my not they_kept for_doing them which the_humankind he_ _will_do them and_he/it_will_live (is)_in_them ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_ _of_my they_profaned and_I_said to_pour_out rage_of_my on_ _them to_complete anger_of_my on_them in_wilderness. **22** And_I_turned_back ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my and_I_acted for_the_ _sake_of name_of_my to_not to_be_profaned to_the_eyes_of the_nations which I_brought_out them to_eyes_of_their. **23** Also I I_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my to/for_them in_wilderness to_ _scatter ~~DOM~~_them among_nations and_to_disperse them among_lands. **24** Because judgements_of_my not they_had_ _done and_regulations_of_my they_had_rejected and_~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my they_had_profaned and_after the_idols_of their_parents_of_their eyes_of_their they_had_been. **25** And_ _also I I_gave to/for_them regulations not good and_ _judgements which_not they_will_live by_them. **26** And_I_ _made_unclean them by_gifts_of_their when_made_pass_ _through every_of firstborn_of a_womb so_that I_may_make_ _them_appalled so_that that they_may_know which/who I am_ _**YHWH**. **27** For_so/thus/hence speak to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Oh_son_of humankind and_you_will_say to_ _them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says again this ancestors_of_ _your(pl) they_blasphemed me when_they_acted_unfaithfully against_me unfaithfulness. **28** And_I_brought_them into the_ _earth/land which I_had_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my to_give it

96 RV 20:15 · Cross-ref. Num 14:26-35.

97 RV 20:23 · Cross-ref. Lev 26:33.

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to/for_them and_they_saw every_of hill high and_all tree leafy and_they_sacrificed there ס֗ם sacrifices_of_their and_they_ _presented there the_provocation_of their_offering_of_their and_they_made there the_odour_of their_soothing_of_their and_they_poured_out there ס֗ם offerings_of_their_drink. **29** And_I_said to_them what is_the_high_place where you(pl) the_(ones_who)_went there and_ his/its_name _it_has_been_ _called Bāmāh until the_day (the)_this. **30** For_so/thus/hence say to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says in_the_way_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) are_you(pl) making_yourselves_unclean and_after things_of_their_ _detestable are_you(pl) acting_as_prostitutes. **31** And_when_ _lift_up gifts_of_your(pl) when_make_pass children_of_your(pl) in_fire you(pl) are_making_yourselves_unclean to/from_ _all/each/any/every idols_of_your(pl) until the_day and_I will_ _I_let_myself_be_consulted to/for_you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if I_will_let_myself_be_consulted by_you(pl). **32** And_ _(the)_that_which_comes_up on spirit_of_your(pl) certainly_ _(happen) not it_will_happen that_which you(pl) are_saying we_will_be like_nations like_the_clans_of the_lands to_serve wood and_stone.

33 By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if not by_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched and_with_rage poured_out I_will_reign over_you(pl). **34** And_I_will_bring_out you(pl) from the_peoples and_I_will_gather you(pl) from the_ _lands which you(pl)_have_been_scattered among_them by_a_ _hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched and_with_rage poured_out. **35** And_I_will_bring you(pl) into the_wilderness_of the_peoples and_I_will_enter_into_judgement with_you(pl) there face to face. **36** Just_as I_entered_into_judgement with ancestors_of_your(pl) in_the_wilderness_of the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) so I_will_enter_into_judgement with_ _you(pl) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **37** And_I_will_ _make_pass you(pl) under the_rod and_I_will_bring you(pl) in_ _the_bond_of the_covenant. **38** And_I_will_purge from_you(pl) those_who_rebel and_those_who_transgress against_me from_ _the_land_of their_sojournings_of_their I_will_bring_out them and_near/to the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_will_go and_ _you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **39** And_ _you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus he_says my_master **YHWH** everyone idols_of_his go serve and_after if not_you(pl) will_be_listening to_me and_ס֗ם the_name_of my_holiness_of_ _my not you(pl)_will_profane again by_gifts_of_your(pl) and_ _by_idols_of_your(pl). **40** If/because on_the_mountain_of my_ _holiness_of_my on_the_mountain_of the_height_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** there they_will_serve_me all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_ _of_all on_the_earth there I_will_accept_them and_there I_will_ _seek ס֗ם contributions_of_your(pl) and_ס֗ם the_choicest_of your(pl)_offerings_of_your(pl) in_all things_of_your(pl)_holy. **41** (In)_an_odour_of soothing I_will_accept you(pl) when_I_ _bring_out you(pl) from the_peoples and_I_will_gather you(pl) from the_lands which you(pl)_have_been_scattered among_ _them and_I_will_show_myself_holy among_you(pl) to_the_ _eyes_of the_nations. **42** And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_ _that I am_**YHWH** when_bring_I you(pl) into the_land_of

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asks this: 'Why do you defile yourselves with your ancestors' customs? Why do you act like prostitutes, searching for disgusting things? **31** To this day, when you offer up your gifts (offering your sons as burnt sacrifices), you defile yourselves with all your idols. So why should I let you try to find me, you Israeli people? As I live, I won't allow you people to request my help or advice. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **32** The thought that's forming in your mind will never happen. You people say, "Let's be like the other nations—like the clans in other countries who worship wood and stone."

Punishment and forgiveness

33 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, I'll certainly reign over you people with strict control, and with fury that'll be poured out on you. **34** I'll bring you out from the other people groups and will gather you out of the countries where you've been scattered. I'll do this with power, pouring out fury. **35** Then I'll bring you into the wilderness of the people groups, and there I'll judge you face to face— **36** just like I judged your ancestors in the Mitsri (Egyptian) wilderness, that's how I'll judge you people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

37 I'll cause you people to pass under my staff to be counted, and I'll make you obey the requirements of our agreement. **38** I'll purge the rebels from among you, as well as those who revolt against me. I'll send them out from the land where they're staying as foreigners, but they won't enter Yisrael (Israel). Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.

39 So to you Israeli people, the master Yahweh says this: 'Each of you should go to his own idols. Worship them if you refuse to listen to me, but you must no longer desecrate my sacred name with your gifts and your idols, **40** because this is the master Yahweh's declaration: all the Israeli people will worship me there on my sacred mountain in Yisrael. I'll be happy to accept your offerings there, along with your choice gifts dedicated to me. **41** I'll accept you like a soothing aroma when I bring you out from the people groups and gather you out of the countries where you've been scattered. I'll display my holiness among you for the nations to see. **42** You'll know that I am Yahweh when I bring you back to Yisrael—to the land that I promised to give to your ancestors. **43** There you'll call to mind your conduct and everything you defiled yourselves by doing, and you'll despise yourselves for all the evil things you've done. **44** Then you'll know that I am

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Yahweh, when I do this to you for the sake of my reputation, not because of your evil practices, and not because of your corrupt actions, you Israeli people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

The burnt forest

45 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 46 "Son of humanity, look towards the southern lands, and speak against the south—prophesy against the Negev forest. 47 Tell the forest that this is the master Yahweh's declaration: See, I'll set a fire among you. It'll burn up every tree among you, whether living or dead. The fiery flame won't be able to be put out—every area from the north to the south will be burnt. 48 Then everyone will see that I am Yahweh, when I light the fire, and it can't be extinguished.' "

49 Then I said, "Oh no, my master Yahweh, now they're wondering if I'm just someone who tells cute parables."

Yahweh's piercing sword

21:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, look towards Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and speak against the sacred places and prophesy against Yisrael (Israel). 3 Tell Yisrael that Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you. I'll draw my sword from its sheath to kill both the righteous and the wicked among you. 4 Yes, in order for me to eliminate both the righteous and the wicked from you, my sword will go out from its sheath against everyone from the south to the north, 5 then everyone will know that I, Yahweh, have drawn my sword from its sheath. It will no longer hold back.'

6 As for you, son of humanity, groan as if your pelvis has cracked. Groan bitterly in front of them. 7 That'll get the people asking you, 'What are you groaning about?' Then you'll tell them, 'Because of the news that's coming, because every stomach will go tense and every hand will tremble. Breathing will be-

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) into the_earth/land which I_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my to_give it to_ancestors_of_your(pl). 43 And_ _you(pl)_will_remember there ~~DOM~~ ways_of_your(pl) and_~~DOM~~ all_of practices_of_your(pl) which you_have_made_yourselves_ _unclean by_them and_you(pl)_will_feel_loathing at_faces_of_ _your(pl) in_all deeds_of_your(pl)_wicked which you(pl)_have_ _done. 44 And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_do_I with_you(pl) for_the_sake_of name_of_my not according_to_of_your(pl)_ways (the)_wicked and_according_to_ _of_your(pl)_practices (the)_corrupt Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

21:1 [98] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 2 [99] Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your the_direction_of southward_to and_prophesy against the_south and_prophesy against the_forest_of the_field the_south. 3 [100] And_you_will_ _say to_the_forest_of the_south hear the_message_of **YHWH** thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_kindle in_ _you a_fire and_it_will_consume in_you(ms) every_of tree moist and_all tree dry not the_flame_of flame it_will_be_extinguished and_they_will_be_scorched by_it all_of faces from_the_south north_to_the. 4 [101] And_ all_of flesh _they_will_see if/because_ _that I **YHWH** I_have_kindled_it not it_will_be_extinguished. 5 [102] And_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** they are_saying to_me not is_he making_a_parable parables.

6 [103] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 7 [104] Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your against Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_prophesy against sanctuaries and_prophesy against the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 8 [105] And_ _you_will_say to_the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus **YHWH** he_ _says HERE_I am_against_you and_I_will_bring_out sword_of_ _my from_sheath_of_its and_I_will_cut_off from_you the_ _righteous and_the_wicked. 9 [106] Because that I_have_cut_off from_you the_righteous and_the_wicked for_so/thus/hence sword_of_my it_will_go_forth from_sheath_of_its against all_of flesh from_the_south the_north. 10 [107] And_ all_of flesh _they_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_brought_out sword_of_my from_sheath_of_its not it_will_go_back again. 11 [108] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind groan with_ _breaking_of loins and_with_bitterness you_will_groan to_eyes_ _of_their. 12 [109] And_it_was if/because they_will_say to_you concerning what are_you groaning and_you_will_say because_ _of a_report if/because_that it_is_coming and_ every_of heart _

98 **LV 21:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.45
99 **LV 21:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.46
100 **LV 21:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.47
101 **LV 21:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.48
102 **LV 21:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.49
103 **LV 21:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.1
104 **LV 21:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.2
105 **LV 21:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.3
106 **LV 21:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.4
107 **LV 21:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.5
108 **LV 21:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.6
109 **LV 21:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.7

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_it_will_melt and_ all_of hands _they_will_drop and_ every_of spirit _it_will_grow_faint and_all knees they_will_go water THERE it_is_coming and_it_will_happen the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. **13** [110] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **14** [111] Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_you_ _will_say thus my_master he_says say a_sword a_sword it_has_ _been_sharpened and_also it_is_polished. **15** [112] So_as to_ _slaughter a_slaughter it_has_been_sharpened so_as be to/for_ _her/it lightning it_has_been_polished or we_will_rejoice the_ _scepter_of my_son_of_my it_is_rejecting_of every_of tree. **16** [113] And_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~_her/it to_polish_it to_grasp_it in_ _palm it it_has_been_sharpened a_sword and_she it_has_been_ _polished to_put it in_the_hand_of one_who_slays. **17** [114] Cry_ _out and_wail Oh_son_of humankind if/because it it_has_ _come[115] on_people_of_my it in_all the_princes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thrown_of to the_sword they_have_been with people_of_my for_so/thus/hence slap to a_thigh. **18** [116] If/because it_has_been_tested and_what if also a_scepter it_is_ _rejecting not it_will_be the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **19** [117] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_strike palm to palm and_ a_sword _let_it_be_doubled a_third a_sword_ _of those_slain it is_a_sword_of the_slain (the)_great which_ _surrounds to/for_them. **20** [118] So_as to_ a_heart _melt and_ _may_be_many the_stumblings at all_of gates_of_their I_have_ _set a_slaughter_of a_sword alas it_is_made for_lightning it_is_ _wrapped for_slaughter. **21** [119] Be_sharp go_to_the_right cause_ _to_set go_to_the_left where face_of_is_your set. **22** [120] And_also I I_will_strike palm_of_my to palm_of_my and_I_will_give_rest_ _to rage_of_my I **YHWH** I_have_spoken.

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come difficult, and every knee will turn to jelly. Listen, it's coming, and that's what it'll be like. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

8 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **9** "Son of humanity, prophesy and tell them that the master says this:

"A sword! A sword!
It will be sharpened and polished.
10 It will be sharpened in order to engage in great slaughter!
It will be polished in order to be like lightning!
Should we rejoice in my son's scepter?
The coming sword hates every such rod.
11 So the sword will be given to be polished,
and then to be grasped by the hand.
The sword is sharpened and polished
and will be handed to the one who kills!" ' "
12 Call for help and wail, son of humanity,
because that sword has come against my people.
It's against all of Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders—
they're thrown against the sword along with my people.
Therefore, hammer your fists against the wall,
13 because testing will come,
but what if the scepter doesn't last?
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

14 Now, son of humanity, prophesy and clap your two hands together loudly,
because the sword will attack even a third time.
A sword for the ones to be slaughtered.
It's a sword for the many to be slaughtered,
piercing them wherever they run.
15 In order to melt their hearts and to multiply their fallen,
I've placed the sword for slaughter at all their gates.
Ah, it flashes like lightning.
It's held tightly for slaughter.
16 You, sword, strike to the right.
Strike to the left.
Go in whichever direction you're facing,
17 because I will also clap my two hands together,
and then I'll cease my fury.
I, Yahweh, declare it."

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110 LV 21:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.8

111 LV 21:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.9

112 LV 21:15 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.10

113 LV 21:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.11

114 LV 21:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.12

115 LV 21:17 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

116 LV 21:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.13

117 LV 21:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.14

118 LV 21:20 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.15

119 LV 21:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.16

120 LV 21:22 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.17

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The sword of Bavel's king

18 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 19 "Now, son of humanity, assign two roads for Bavel's (Babylon's) king's sword to come on. The two roads will start in the same land, and a signpost will mark one of them as leading to a city. 20 Markos one road for the Babylonian army to come to Rabah, the Amoni city. Markos the other to lead the army to Yehudah (Judah) and the fortified city of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), 21 because the Babylonian king will stop at the crossroads, at the junction, in order to practice divination. He'll shake some arrows and ask direction from some idols, and he'll examine a liver. 22 With his right hand he'll take the sign for Yerushalem: to set battering rams against it, to open his mouth to order the slaughter, to sound a war cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to build a ramp, and to erect siege towers. 23 From the perspective of those in Yerushalem, it would seem to be a pointless sign, since they'd made a treaty with the Babylonians, but the king will accuse them of violating their treaty so he can besiege them.

24 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: You've caused your guilt to be noticed by revealing your disobedience, so that your sins will be obvious through all your actions. Because you've done that, you'll be taken by force. 25 As for you, Yisrael's (Israel's) profane and wicked ruler, your time of going against me has now ended and your day of punishment has come. 26 The master Yahweh instructs you: Remove the turban and take off the crown. Things will no longer be the same. I'll give power to those who had none, and disgrace those who had power. 27 A ruin. A ruin. Yes, I'll make it a ruin. It won't be restored until the person comes who's assigned to execute judgement.

Yahweh warns the Amonim

28 So you, son of humanity, prophesy and say, 'The master Yahweh says this to the Amonim concerning their coming disgrace: A sword, a sword is drawn. It's sharpened for the slaughter in order to devour, so

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23 [121] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 24 [122] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind make to/for_ _yourself(m) two roads to_ the_sword_of the_king_of Bāvel _ _come from_a_land one both_of_them they_will_go_out and_a_ _monument cut_out at_the_beginning_of the_road_of a_city cut_it_out. 25 [123] A_road you_will_make to_ a_sword _come ~~DOM~~ Rabāh of_the_people_of of_ʹAmmōn and_~~DOM~~ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) fortified. 26 [124] If/because the_ _king_of Bāvel he_has_stopped to the_mother_of the_road at_ _the_beginning_of the_two_of the_roads to_divine divination he_has_shaken (in)_arrows he_has_enquired by_teraphim he_ _has_looked at_liver. 27 [125] In_his_right_of_hand it_was the_ _divination Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_set_up battering-rams to_open a_mouth for_shattering to_raise a_sound with_a_war_ _cry to_set_up battering-rams on the_gates to_pour_out a_ _mound to_build a_siege-work. 28 [126] And_it_was to/for_them mmm[127] falsehood in_eyes_of_their oaths_of oaths to/for_them and_he will_bring_to_remembrance iniquity to_be_seized. 29 [128] For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because you_brought_to_remembrance iniquity_of_your(pl) because_ transgressions_of_your(pl) _were_uncovered to_ sins_ _of_your(pl) _be_seen in_all_of practices_of_your(pl) because you_have_been_remembered by_palm you(pl)_will_be_seized. 30 [129] And_you(ms) Oh_profane_one wicked prince_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) whom day_of_his it_has_come at_a_time_of punishment_of the_end. 31 [130] Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_remove the_turban and_to_lift_off the_crown this not this the_lowly exalt[131] and_the_exalted[132] to_bring_low. 32 [133] A_ _ruin a_ruin a_ruin I_will_make_it also this not it_will_be until the_one_whom to_him/it the_judgement comes and_I_will_ _give_him/it.

33 [135] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_you_ _will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says concerning the_ _people_of ʹAmmōn and_near/to reproach_of_their and_you_ _will_say a_sword a_sword is_drawn for_slaughter it_is_ _polished to_contain on_account_of lightning. 34 [136] When_see

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121 LV 21:23 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.18

122 LV 21:24 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.19

123 LV 21:25 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.20

124 LV 21:26 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.21

125 LV 21:27 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.22

126 LV 21:28 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.23

127 LV 21:28 · Note OSHB variant note: כ/סוסק: (x-qere) כ/סָסָק': lemma_k/7080 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_26MeU כ/סָסָק

128 LV 21:29 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.24

129 LV 21:30 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.25

130 LV 21:31 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.26

131 LV 21:31 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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133 LV 21:32 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.27

135 LV 21:33 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.28

136 LV 21:34 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.29

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to/for_you(fs) falsehood when_divine to/for_you(fs) falsehood to_give you to the_necks_of those_profaned_of wicked_people whom day_of_their it_has_come at_a_time_of punishment_of the_end. **35** **137** Pūṭ_it_back into sheath_of_its in_the_place_of (of)_where you_were_created in_land your(pl)_origins_of_your I_will_judge you. **36** **138** And_I_will_pour_out on_you indignation_of_my with_the_fire_of my_severe_anger_of_my I_ _will_blow on_you and_I_will_give_you in_the_hand_of men brutish craftsmen_of destruction. **37** **139** For_fire you_will_ _become for_food blood_of_your it_will_be in_the_middle the_ _earth/land not you_will_be_remembered if/because I **YHWH** I_have_spoken.

22:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind will_you_judge will_you_ _judge ᴅᴏᴍ the_city_of (the)_blood(s) and_you_will_make_ _known_to_it ᴅᴏᴍ all_of abominations_of_its. **3** And_you_will_ _say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says Oh_city which_sheds blood in_the_midst_of_of_it to_ time_of_its _come and_it_has_ _made idols on/upon_it(f) to_become_unclean. **4** By_blood_of_ _your which you_have_shed you_have_become_guilty and_by_ _idols_of_your which you_have_made you_have_become_ _unclean and_you_have_brought_near days_of_your and_ _you(m)_have_come to years_of_your therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_made_you a_reproach to_nations and_derision to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands. **5** The_ _nations_nearby and_the_nations_far_off from_you they_will_ _deride (in)_you Oh_unclean_of the_name Oh_great_one_of (the)_turmoil. **6** HERE the_princes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) each to_ _strength_of_his they_have_been in_you so_as to_shed blood. **7** father and_mother they_have_treated_with_contempt in_you to_sojourner they_have_acted with_oppression in_the_midst_ _of_of_you fatherless_one and_widow they_have_maltreated in_you. **8** Things_of_my_holy you_have_despised and_ᴅᴏᴍ sabbaths_of_my you_have_profaned. **9** People_of slander they_ _have_been in_you so_as to_shed blood and_near/to the_ _mountains they_have_eaten in_you licentiousness they_have_ _done in_the_midst_of_of_you. **10** The_nakedness_of a_father someone_has_uncovered in_you the_woman_unclean_of the_ _menstruation they_have_humiliated in_you. **11** And_a_man with the_wife_of his/its_neighbour he_has_done abomination and_a_man ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_daughter-in-law he_has_defiled in_ _wickedness and_a_man ᴅᴏᴍ sister_of_his the_daughter_of his/its_father he_has_humiliated in_you. **12** A_bribe they_have_ _taken in_you so_as to_shed blood interest and_usury you_ _have_taken and_you_have_made_unjust_gain neighbour_of_ _your by_oppression and_me you_have_forgotten the_

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it'll be like lightning.[134] **29** While prophets see empty visions for you and perform rituals to come up with lies for you, this sword will lie on the necks of the wicked who are about to be killed, whose day of punishment has come and whose time of disobedience is about to end.

30 Return the sword to its sheath. I'll judge you in the place where you were created. In your native land **31** I'll pour my indignation out on you! I'll fan the fire of my rage against you and hand you over to cruel men—craftsmen of destruction. **32** You'll become fuel for the fire. Your blood will be spilled right there in your own land. You won't be remembered, because I, Yahweh have declared it.' "

Yerushalem's evil ways

22:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Now you, son of humanity, will you judge the city of blood? Will you judge Yerushalem (Jerusalem)? Make it understand all its disgusting behaviour. **3** Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: You're a city that sheds blood right there in your centre, forcing your time of judgement to come—a city that makes idols to defile yourself. **4** You've become guilty because of the blood you've poured out, and you've become defiled by the idols you've made. You've brought your days to a close, and the end of your years has come, so I'll allow the other nations to laugh at you and mock you. **5** You unclean city full of confusion, both people who are near and those who are far away will deride you.

6 Listen, each of Yisrael's (Israel's) rulers has used their own resources to go to you, Yerushalem, to shed blood. **7** They've dishonoured the fathers and mothers within you,[140] and they've oppressed the foreigners there among you. They've mistreated the orphans and the widows within you.[141] **8** You've despised my sacred things and disrespected my rest days.[142] **9** Slanderous men have come into you in order to pour out blood, and they eat at the hilltop shrines. They do wicked things right there in your centre. **10** Within you, men uncover their fathers' nakedness. Within you they've violated women during their 'unclean' menstrual period.[143] **11** Men who sleep with their neighbours' wives, and men who sleep with their own daughters-in-law, even men who abuse their own sisters or half-sisters. All these are done within you. **12** Those men are involved in paid assassinations within you, plus you've taken interest and gained too much profit,[144] you've harmfully oppressed your neighbours, and you've forgotten me. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

134 **RV 21:28-32 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:1-6; Eze 25:1-7; Amos 1:3-15; Zeph 2:8-11; Gen 19:36-38; Jdg 3:12-13; 10:6-11.

137 **LV 21:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.30

138 **LV 21:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.31

139 **LV 21:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.32

140 **RV 22:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.

141 **RV 22:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:21-22; Deu 24:17.

142 **RV 22:8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:30; 26:2.

143 **RV 22:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:7-20.

144 **RV 22:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:8; Deu 16:19; Exo 22:25; Lev 25:36-37; Deu 23:19.

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13 Listen, Yerushalem. I've reached out and taken away the dishonest gain that you've made, and the bloodshed that's done in your centre. 14 Will your heart keep beating when I personally deal with you? Will your hands be able to resist trembling? I, Yahweh, am declaring this, and I will do it. 15 I'll scatter you among the nations and disperse you through the lands—that's how I'll purge your uncleanness from you, 16 and you'll become unclean in the eyes of the nations. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

Yahweh's separating out the rubble

17 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 18 "Son of humanity, the Israeli people have become like dross to me. They're all just the leftovers of bronze, tin, iron, and lead among you—they'll be like the dross from silver in your furnace. 19 Therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Because you people have become like dross, then listen: I'm about to gather you into the centre of Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 20 Just like men gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin, and put it into a furnace to melt it, then blast the fire onto it in order to melt it, that's how I'll gather you in my anger and my rage, and I'll put you in there and melt you. 21 Yes, I'll gather you and blow my fire of fury onto you, and you'll be melted in the middle of it. 22 Just like silver's melted in a furnace, you'll be melted in it, and you'll know that I, Yahweh, have poured my wrath out onto you!' "

The sins of Yisrael's teachers

23 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 24 "Son of humanity, tell the land, 'You're a land that hasn't been cleansed. When you're judged, there won't be any rain. 25 There's a conspiracy among the prophets within the land, like a roaring lion tearing apart a victim. They consume life and take precious wealth—making many widows within it. 26 Its priests do violence to my law, and they profane my sacred things. They don't distinguish between sacred and profane things, and don't teach the difference between what God approved and what he didn't.[146] They ignore my rest days so I end up getting mocked among them. 27 Its leaders within it are like wolves tearing apart their victims. They pour out blood and destroy life, just to make a dishonest profit, 28 but its prophets have painted them over with whitewash. They see false visions and predict falsehoods to them, saying 'The master Yahweh says this' when Yahweh hasn't spoken. 29 The land's people have oppressed others through extortion and robbery, they mistreat the poor and needy, and they oppress foreigners by denying them justice. 30 Then I searched for an advocate from among them who'd build up a wall of righteousness and who'd admit the breaches made by the country and make an ap-

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_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 13 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_ _will_strike palm_of_my concerning gain_of_your_unjust which you_have_made and_on blood_of_your which they_have_been in_the_midst_of_of_you. 14 Will_ heart_of_your _it_stand or hands_of_your will_they_be_strong to_days when I will_be_ _dealing with_you I **YHWH** I_have_spoken and_I_will_act. 15 And_I_will_scatter you among_nations and_I_will_disperse_ _you among_lands and_I_will_make_an_end_of uncleanness_of_ _your from_you. 16 And_you_will_be_profaned on/over_you(fs) to_the_eyes_of nations and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

17 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 18 Oh_ _son_of humankind they_have_become to_me the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[145] of_them_of_all are_copper and_tin and_iron and_lead in_the_middle a_furnace dross(es) silver they_have_become. 19 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because of_you_of_all have_become (into)_ _dross(es) for_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_to_gather you(pl) into the_middle_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 20 The_ _gathering_of silver and_copper and_iron and_lead and_tin into the_middle_of a_furnace to_blow on/upon/above_him/it fire to_melt_it so I_will_gather in_anger_of_my and_in_rage_of_my and_I_will_set_down and_I_will_melt you(pl). 21 And_I_will_ _gather you(pl) and_I_will_blow on_you(pl) with_the_fire_of my_severe_anger_of_my and_you(pl)_will_be_melted in_the_ _midst_of_of_it. 22 Like_the_melting_of silver in_the_middle a_ _furnace so you(pl)_will_be_melted in_the_midst_of_of_it and_ _you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_poured_out rage_of_my on_you(pl).

23 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 24 Oh_ _son_of humankind say to/for_her/it you are_a_land which_not it is_cleansed not rain_of_its in/on_day indignation. 25 (The)_ _conspiracy_of its_prophets_of_her is_in_the_midst_of_of_it like_a_lion roaring which_tears prey person[s] they_have_ _devoured wealth and_glory/honour they_have_been_taking widows_of_its they_have_multiplied in_the_midst_of_of_it. 26 Priests_of_its they_have_treated_violently law_of_my and_ _they_have_profaned things_of_my_holy between a_holy_thing and_a_profane_thing not they_have_made_a_distinction and_ _between (the)_unclean_thing and_a_clean_thing not they_ _have_made_known and_from_sabbaths_of_my they_have_ _hidden eyes_of_their and_I_have_been_profaned among_them. 27 Princes_of_its in_midst_of_its are_like_wolves which_tear_of (of)_prey to_shed blood to_destroy lives so_as to_make_unjust_ _gain unjust_gain. 28 And_prophets_of_its they_have_plastered to/for_them whitewash they_are_seeing falsehood and_they_ _are_divining to/for_them falsehood they_are_saying thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says and_**YHWH** not he_had_spoken. 29 The_people_of the_earth/land they_have_extorted extortion and_they_have_robbed robbery and_the_poor and_the_needy they_have_maltreated and_~~DOM~~ the_sojourner they_have_ _oppressed with_not justice. 30 And_I_sought from_them a_ _person who_will_wall_up a_wall and_who_will_stand in_

145 LV 22:18 · Note OSHB variant note: גוס/ל: (x-qere) גֵּיסְלִי: lemma_l/5509 n_1 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_26xWm גֵּיסְלִי

146 RV 22:26 · Cross-ref. Lev 10:10.

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_breach to/for_my_face/front for the_earth/land to_not to_
_destroy_it and_not I_found_anyone. **31** And_I_have_poured_
_out on_them indignation_of_my with_the_fire_of my_severe_
_anger_of_my I_have_made_an_end_of_them conduct_of_their
on_their_own_of_head I_have_requited the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH**.
23:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind two women daughters_of a_mother
one they_were. **3** And_they_acted_as_prostitutes in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_youth(s)_of_their they_acted_as_
prostitutes there(to) breasts_of_their they_were_touched
and_there people_squeezed the_nipples_of their_virginiti(es)_
_of_their. **4** And_names_of_their was_'Āh$_e$lāh the_old_one and_
was'Āh$_e$līvāh sister_of_her and_they_belonged to_me and_
_they_bore sons and_daughters and_names_of_their was_
_Shomrōn 'Āh$_e$lāh and_was_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
'Āh$_e$līvāh.
5 And_ 'Āh$_e$lāh _she_acted_as_a_prostitute under_me and_she_
_lusted on lovers_of_her to 'Ashshūr were_warriors. **6** Clothed_
_of blue governors and_officials young_men_of desire of_them_
_of_all horsemen who_rode_of horses. **7** And_she/it_gave
prostitution(s)_of_her to_them were_the_choicest_of the_sons_
_of 'Ashshūr of_them_of_all and_by_all those_whom she_
_lusted_after in_all idols_of_their she_made_herself_unclean.
8 And_~~DOM~~ prostitution(s)_of_her from_Mitsrayim not she_
_abandoned if/because with_her people_had_lain in_youth(s)_
_of_her and_they they_had_squeezed the_nipples_of her_
_virginiti(es)_of_her and_they_had_poured_out prostitution_
_of_their on_her. **9** For_so/thus/hence I_gave_her in_the_hand_
_of her_lovers in_the_hand_of the_people_of 'Ashshūr whom
she_had_lusted on_them. **10** They they_uncovered nakedness_
_of_her her/its_sons/descendants and_her/its_daughters they_
_took and_her with_sword they_killed and_it_became a_name
to_women and_judgements they_brought_about on_her.

11 And_ sister_of_her 'Āh$_e$līvāh _she/it_saw and_she_acted_
_corruptly lust_of_her from_her/it and_~~DOM~~ prostitution(s)_of_
_her more_than_the_prostitution(s)_of her_sister_of_her. **12** To
the_sons_of 'Ashshūr she_lusted governors and_officials
warriors clothed_of perfection horsemen who_rode_of horses
were_young_men_of desire of_them_of_all. **13** And_I_saw
if/because_that she_had_made_herself_unclean way one
belonged_to_both_of_of_them. **14** And_she_added to
prostitution(s)_of_her and_she/it_saw men_of a_carved_thing
on the_wall the_images_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy[147] inscribed
with_vermilion. **15** Girded_of a_loincloth on_hips_of_their
overhung_of turbans on_heads_of_their the_appearance_of
officers of_them_of_all the_likeness_of the_sons_of Bāvel
Chaldea was_the_land_of their_kindred_of_their. **16** And[148] on_
_them to_the_sight_of her_eyes_of_her she_sent messengers
to_them to_Chaldea. **17** And_they_came to_her/it the_sons_of
Bāvel to_a_bed_of love(s) and_they_defiled her by_
_prostitution_of_their and_she_became_unclean by_them and_
self_of_her _it_was_alienated from_them. **18** And_she_

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peal on its behalf so I wouldn't destroy it, but I didn't find anyone. **31** So I'll pour my indignation out onto them. I'll finish them off with the fire of my indignation, and their own actions will seal their fate. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

The parable of two prostitutes

23:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, once there was a woman who had two daughters **3** who, as young women, prostituted themselves in Mitsrayim (Egypt). Their breasts were squeezed and their virgin nipples were fondled there. **4** The older one was Oholah (referring to Shomron (Samaria) or Shomron) and her younger sister was Oholivah (referring to Yerushalem (Jerusalem)). Then they became my wives and had sons and daughters.

The sin and punishment of Shomron/Samaria

5 But Oholah prostituted herself even when she was mine. She lusted for her lovers: for the Assyrian warriors, **6** princes and captains dressed in fine clothes. They were attractive young men riding their horses, **7** and she gave them sexual favours. They were all the best of Ashur's (Assyria's) men, and she defiled herself with everyone she lusted for, and with all their idols. **8** She hadn't left her prostitute behaviour behind in Mitsrayim (Egypt), where they'd slept with her when she was young—caressing her virgin nipples and pouring their lust out on her.
9 That's why I handed her over to her lovers—those Assyrians that she lusted for. **10** They uncovered her nakedness, took her sons and daughters, and killed her with the sword. She'd become notorious among women, so they executed judgement on her.

Yerushalem's sin

11 Her sister Oholivah saw that, but she lusted more passionately and prostituted herself even more wildly than her sister. **12** She also lusted for the Assyrians, the governors and the dominating officials who rode horses and dressed impressively. All of them were strong, handsome men. **13** I saw that she'd defiled herself just like her older sister.
14 Then she increased her prostitution even more. She saw men carved on walls, figures of Kasdim (Chaldeans) painted in red, **15** wearing belts around their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads. All of them looked like chariot troop officers, similar to Babylonians (whose native land is the land of the Kasdim). **16** As soon as she saw those pictures, she lusted for those men, so she sent messengers out to them in the land of the Kasdim. **17** The Babylonians came to her and to her bed of lust, and they defiled her with their promiscuity. Yes, she'd defiled herself by what she'd done, so she turned herself away from them in disgust. **18** When she'd exposed her nakedness and openly been

147 LV 23:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **סייחשכ**: (x-qere) **סִיחְשַׁכ'**: lemma_3778 n_0.1 morph_HNgmpa id_261kr **סִיחְשַׁכ**
148 LV 23:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **בנעת/ו**: (x-qere) **ה֫/בְּנְעַת/ו'**: lemma_c/5689 morph_HC/Vqw3fs/Sh id_26qX2 **ה֫/בְּנְעַת/ו**

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involved in prostitution, I turned away from her just like I'd turned away in disgust from her sister. **19** Then she increased her prostitution as she remembered when she was a young prostitute in Mitsrayim (Egypt), **20** and she lusted for her lovers whose private parts were long like those of donkeys, and whose emissions of semen were huge like those of stallions. **21** That's how you did those shameful things when you were young, when the Mitsrim (Egyptians) fondled your nipples and squeezed your young breasts.

Yahweh's judgement of Yerushalem

22 Therefore, Oholivah, the master Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'll turn your lovers against you. I'll bring those that you rejected against you from every side: **23** the Babylonians and all the Kasdim (Chaldeans), Pekod, Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them—strong, handsome men, governors and commanders, all of them officers and famous men, all of them riding on horses. **24** They'll bring many people against you with weapons, as well as chariots and wagons. They'll surround you with units with large shields, small shields, and helmets. I'll get them to punish you, and they'll punish you with their actions. **25** I'll direct my jealous anger at you, and they'll deal with you in fury. They'll cut off your noses and your ears, and even the survivors will be killed by the sword. They'll take away your sons and your daughters, and the remainder will be burnt. **26** They'll strip off your clothes and take away all your jewellery. **27** I'll remove your shameful behaviour from you, including your acts of prostitution with Mitsrayim (Egypt). You'll give up your longing looks towards them, and you won't think about Mitsrayim any more,' **28** because the master Yahweh says this, Listen, I'll hand you over to the ones you hate—back into the control of the ones you'd turned away from. **29** They'll show their hate for you as they take all your possessions and abandon you naked and bare—yes, your nakedness will be uncovered just like when you engaged in promiscuity and prostitution. **30** These things will be done to you because you acted like a prostitute—lusting after nations whose idols defiled you.

31 You followed a similar path to that of your older sister, so I'll give you the same punishment that I gave her.' **32** The master Yahweh says this, 'You'll suffer the same extreme suffering that your sister suffered. You'll become a laughingstock and a subject for derision—there's a lot of pain coming your way. **33** You'll be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, horror and devastation—the same suffering that your sister Shomron (Samaria) was made to drink. **34** You'll drink that cup of suffering and drain it empty, then you'll shatter it and tear your breasts with the pieces. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'

35 So the master Yahweh says this, 'Because you've forgotten me and thrown me away behind your back, you'll bear the consequences of your shameful behaviour and your prostitution.' "

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_uncovered prostitution(s)_of_her and_she_uncovered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ nakedness_of_her and_ self_of_my _it_was_alienated from_ _with_her just_as self_of_my it_had_been_alienated from_under sister_of_her. **19** And_she_increased ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ prostitution(s)_of_her to_remember ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_days_of her_youth(s)_of_her when she_ _acted_as_a_prostitute in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **20** And_ _she_lusted on paramours_of_their whom was_the_flesh_of donkeys flesh_of_their and_was_the_ejaculation_of horses ejaculation_of_their. **21** And_you_sought ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _licentiousness_of your_youth(s)_of_your when_squeezed from_Mitsrayim nipples_of_your on_account_of the_breasts_of your_youth(s)_of_your.
22 For_so/thus/hence Oh_'Āh$_e$līvāh thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_rouse ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ lovers_of_your on_you ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ those_whom self_of_your it_was_alienated from_them and_I_will_bring_them on_you from_round_about. **23** The_ _people_of Bāv̇el and_all the_ones_from_Kasdiy Pəqōd and_ _Shṓa and_Qṓa all_of the_people_of 'Ashshūr with_them young_men_of desire governors and_officials of_them_of_all officers and_those_who_are_called who_rode_of horses of_ _them_of_all. **24** And_they_will_come on_you weapon[s]_of chariot[s] and_wheel[s] and_with_a_company_of peoples body_ _shield and_shield and_helmet they_will_set_up on_you all_ _around and_I_will_set before_them judgement and_they_will_ _judge_you by_judgements_of_their. **25** And_I_will_set jealousy_ _of_my on/over_you(fs) and_they_will_deal with_you in_rage nose_of_your and_ears_of_your they_will_remove and_ _remainder_of_your by_sword it_will_fall they sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your they_will_take and_remainder_of_your it_will_be_consumed by_fire. **26** And_they_will_strip_off_you ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ clothes_of_your and_they_will_take_away the_articles_of your_beauty_of_your. **27** And_I_will_cause_to_cease licentiousness_of_your from_you and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ prostitution_of_your from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_not you_will_lift_up eyes_of_your to_them and_Mitsrayim not you_will_remember again. **28** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_of_to_give_you in_the_hand_of those_whom you_ _hate in_the_hand_of those_whom self_of_your it_has_been_ _alienated from_them. **29** And_they_will_deal with_you in_ _hatred and_they_will_take all_of property_of_your and_they_ _will_leave_you nakedness and_bareness and_ the_nakedness_ _of your(pl)_prostitution(s)_of_your and_licentiousness_of_ _your and_prostitution(s)_of_your _it_will_be_uncovered.
30 They_have_done these_things to/for_you(fs) because_you_ _acted_as_a_prostitute after nations on that you_made_ _yourself_unclean by_idols_of_their. **31** In_the_way_of your_ _sister_of_your you_have_walked and_I_will_put cup_of_her in_ _hand_of_your. **32** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_cup_of your_sister_of_your you_will_drink (the)_deep and_(the)_wide it_will_become (into)_laughter and_(into)_mockery much to_ _contain. **33** Drunkenness and_sorrow you_will_be_filled is_a_ _cup_of horror and_desolation the_cup_of your_sister_of_your Shomrōn. **34** And_you_will_drink it and_you_will_drain_it and_ _~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ fragments_of_its you_will_break and_breasts_of_your you_will_tear_out if/because I I_have_spoken the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **35** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because you_have_forgotten me and_you_have_ _thrown me behind back_of_your and_also you bear

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licentiousness_of_your and_ĐƠM prostitution(s)_of_your.

36 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind will_ _you_judge ĐƠM ʾĀhₑlāh and_ĐƠM ʾĀhₑlīvāh and_declare to_ _them ĐƠM abominations_of_their. **37** If/because they_have_ _committed_adultery and_blood is_on_hands_of_their and_ĐƠM idols_of_their they_have_committed_adultery and_also ĐƠM children_of_their whom they_bore to_me they_made_pass_ _through to/for_them for_food. **38** Again this they_have_done to_me they_have_made_unclean ĐƠM sanctuary_of_my in_the_ _day (the)_that and_ĐƠM sabbaths_of_my they_have_profaned. **39** And_when_they_had_slaughtered ĐƠM children_of_their to_ _idols_of_their and_they_came into sanctuary_of_my in_the_ _day (the)_that to_profane_it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE thus they_ _did in_the_middle my_house_of_my. **40** And_also if/because they_sent for_men who_come from_a_distance whom a_ _messenger was_sent to_them and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_came those_for_whom you_bathed you_painted eyes_of_your and_ _you_adorned_yourself ornament[s]. **41** And_you_sat on a_ _couch glorious and_a_table was_arranged before_it and_ _incense_of_my and_oil_of_my you_put on_it. **42** And_the_ _sound a_multitude at_ease was_in_her and_near/to men of_ _the_multitude_of humankind were_brought Ṣāvā'[149] from_ _the_wilderness and_they_put bracelets to_hands_of_their and_ _a_crown_of beauty on heads_of_their. **43** And_I_said of_worn_ _out adulteri(es) now[150] they_will_act_as_a_prostitutes[151] prostitution(s)_of_her and_she. **44** And_he_went to_her/it as_ _goes into a_woman a_prostitute so they_went into ʾĀhₑlāh and_near/to ʾĀhₑlīvāh the_women_of (the)_licentiousness. **45** And_people righteous they they_will_judge them judgement_of adulteresses and_judgement_of women_who_ _shed_of (of)_blood if/because are_adulteresses they and_blood is_on_hands_of_their. **46** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says bring_up on_them a_company and_make them into_a_ _terror and_to_spoil. **47** And_they_will_stone on_them stone[s] the_company and_they_will_cut_down them with_swords_of_ _their sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their they_will_kill and_ _houses_of_their with_fire they_will_burn. **48** And_I_will_cause_ _to_cease licentiousness from the_earth/land and_ all_of the_ _women _they_will_be_warned and_not they_will_do like_ _licentiousness_of_your(pl). **49** And_people_will_requite licentiousness_of_your(pl) to_you(pl) and_the_sins_of your(pl)_ _idols_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_bear and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**.

24:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me in_year (the)_ninth in_month (the)_tenth on_ten of_month to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind write[153] to/for_yourself(m) ĐƠM the_ _name_of the_day ĐƠM the_substance_of the_day the_this the_ _king_of Bāvel he_has_leaned to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) on_ _the_substance_of the_day (the)_this. **3** And_speak_a_parable to the_house_of (the)_rebellion a_parable and_you_will_say to_

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Revealing the disgusting actions of the sisters

36 Yahweh said to me, "Son of humanity, will you judge Oholah and Oholivah? Present them a list of their disgusting actions, **37** since they've committed adultery, and also have blood on their hands. They've committed adultery by worshipping their idols, and they've even caused their sons to pass through the fire to be considered as food for their idols. **38** Then on top of that, they defile my sanctuary, and at the same time, they disrespect my rest days. **39** When they'd slaughtered their children for their idols, then they came to my sanctuary on the same day to desecrate it. So listen, that's what they've done right there in my residence.

40 You sent messengers to go and bring men from far away. Now look, they indeed came—those who you prepared for by bathing, painting your eyes, and adorning yourself with jewellery. **41** You sat on a lovely couch bed with a table arranged in front of you where you placed my incense and my olive oil. **42** Then the sound of a noisy crowd was around her as all kinds of men, even Sava, were brought in from the wilderness, and they put bracelets on their hands and beautiful crowns on their heads. **43** Then I said about that experienced adulterer, 'Now they'll treat her as a prostitute, and she'll fornicate with them.' **44** They had sex with her like men do with a prostitute. In that way they had sex with the two immoral women, Oholah and Oholivah. **45** But righteous men will judge and punish them as adulteresses, and they'll punish them with the appropriate sentence for those who've shed blood, because they're adulteresses plus they have blood on their hands.

46 So the master Yahweh says this: I'll bring a group to attack Shomron (Samaria) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and give them up to be terrorized and plundered. **47** Then that group will stone them with stones and cut them down with their swords. They'll kill their children and burn down their houses. **48** That's how I'll remove shameful behaviour from the land, and discipline all the women so they'll no longer act like prostitutes. **49** They'll use your shameful behaviour against you. You'll all bear the guilt of the sins you did with your idols, and in that way you'll know that I am the master Yahweh."

The rusty cooking pot

24:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message on the 15th of January of the ninth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive. **2** "Son of humanity, write down the day and month for yourself, because on this exact day, the Babylonian king started his siege of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[152] **3** So tell this parable to the rebellious

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149 **LV 23:42 · Note** OSHB variant note: **סיאבוס**: (x-qere) **סִיאָבָס'**: lemma_5433 b n_1.0 morph_HNcmpa id_26B9g **סִיאָבָס**

150 **LV 23:43 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תע**: (x-qere) **הָתַע'**: lemma_6258 n_0.0.0 morph_HD id_266mk **הָתַע**

151 **LV 23:43 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הנזי**: (x-qere) **וְנָזִי'**: lemma_2181 morph_HVqi3mp id_26CLp **וְנָזִי**

152 **RV 24:2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:1.

153 **LV 24:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בותכ**: (x-qere) **בָתְכ'**: lemma_3789 morph_HVqv2ms id_26MW7 **בָתְכ**

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Israeli people and explain that it comes from the master Yahweh:

Pour water into the cooking pot and place it on the fire.
4 Put in the leg and shoulder of a good sheep,
then fill it up with the best bones.
5 Yes, take the best one from the flock
and pile up the fuel underneath it—
keeping it boiling to make sure the bones in it cook well.

6 Now the master Yahweh says this: The city of blood won't end well—it's like a cooking pot that has rust in it, and that rust won't come out of it. Take piece after piece out of it, but don't be choosy about which pieces, **7** because the blood the city shed is all the way through its centre. It displayed the blood on a flat rock to be easily seen, rather than pouring it out on the ground where it could be covered over with dust, **8** so it makes me angry enough to get revenge: I placed *the city's* blood on the smooth rock, so it couldn't be covered.

9 Therefore, the master Yahweh says this: The city of blood won't end well. I'll also enlarge the pile of firewood to put underneath it. **10** Stack up the wood and kindle the fire. Cook the meat well and mix in the spices and let the bones be charred. **11** Then put the empty pot onto the hot coals in order to heat and scorch its bronze, so the impurities in it will be melted—its corrosion eaten away.' **12** That was a lot of work, but the fire didn't remove the corrosion from it. **13** Your shameful behaviour is in your uncleanness. Because you wouldn't accept it when I tried to cleanse you, you won't be purified anymore until I've satisfied my fury against you. **14** I, Yahweh, have declared it, and I will do it. I won't relent, nor will I rest from it. You'll be judged by your own practices and your own behaviour. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

The death of Yehezkel's wife

15 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **16** "Listen, son of humanity, I'm taking your cherished wife from you with a deadly disease, but you mustn't mourn or weep, or let any tears show. **17** You must groan silently. Don't organise a funeral when she's dead. Put on your turban and your sandals, but don't veil your beard, or eat the bread of men who mourn who've lost their wives."

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and then my wife died in the evening. In the morning I did what I'd been commanded to do. **19** Then the people asked me, "Won't you tell us what these things mean—the way that you're behaving?"

20 "Yahweh gave me a message," I answered them, **21** "to tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh says this to them: Listen, I'll desecrate my sanctuary—the pride of your power, the delight of your eyes, and the yearning of your soul—and also your sons and daughters who you left behind there in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be killed by the sword. **22** When that happens, you people will do exactly as I've done: you won't veil your beards, or eat the bread of mourning men, **23** but instead your turbans will be on your heads, and your sandals on your feet. You won't mourn or weep, because you'll melt away due to

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_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says put_on the_pot put_on and_also pour in/on/over_him/it water. **4** Gather pieces_of_its to_her/it every_of piece good thigh and_shoulder the_choicest_ _of the_bones fill_it. **5** The_choicest_of the_flock take and_also pile_up the_bones under_it make_boil boilings_of_its also they_ _have_cooked bones_of_its in_the_midst_of_of_it. **6** For_ _so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** woe the_city_ _of (the)_blood(s) a_pot which rust_of_its is_in_it and_rust_of_ _its not it_has_gone_out from_her/it to_pieces_of_its to_pieces_ _of_its take_it_out not it_has_fallen on/upon_it(f) a_lot. **7** If/because blood_of_its in_the_midst_of_of_it it_was on bareness_of rock it_put_it not it_poured_it_out on the_ _earth/land to_cover on/upon/above_him/it dust. **8** To_stir_up rage to_avenge vengeance I_put ~~DOM~~ blood_of_its on bareness_ _of rock to_not to_be_covered. **9** For_so/thus/hence thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says woe the_city_of (the)_blood(s) also I I_ _will_make_great the_wood_pile. **10** Increase the_wood(s) kindle the_fire complete the_meat and_mix the_seasoning and_ _the_bones let_them_be_charred. **11** And_set_it on coals_of_its_ _burning empty so_that it_may_grow_warm and_ bronze_of_its _it_will_burn and_it_will_be_melted in_the_midst_of_of_it uncleanness_of_its rust_of_its it_may_be_consumed. **12** Toil(s) it_has_made_weary and_not it_comes_out from_her/it the_ _great_amount_of its_rust_of_her in_a_fire rust_of_its. **13** In_ _uncleanness_of_your licentiousness because I_cleansed_you and_not you_are_clean from_uncleanness_of_your not you_ _will_be_clean again until I_give_rest_to ~~DOM~~ rage_of_my on/over_you(fs). **14** I **YHWH** I_have_spoken it_is_coming and_I_ _will_act not I_will_refrain and_not I_will_have_compassion and_not I_will_have_pity according_to_of_your_ways and_ _according_to_of_your_practices they_have_judged_you the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

15 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **16** Oh_ _son_of humankind HERE_I am_about_to_take from_you ~~DOM~~ the_desire_of your_two's_eyes_of_your with_a_blow and_not you_must_lament and_not you_must_weep and_not tear[s]_of_ _your it_will_come. **17** Groaning be_silent dead_people mourning not you_must_do turban_of_your bind on_you and_ _sandals_of_your you_will_put on_feet_of_your and_not you_ _must_cover over a_moustache and_food_of people not you_ _must_eat. **18** And_I_spoke to the_people in_morning and_ wife_of_my _she_died in_evening and_I_did in_morning just_as I_had_been_commanded. **19** And_they_said to_me the_people not will_you_tell to/for_us what are_these_things to/for_ _ourselves that/for/because/then/when you are_doing_this. **20** And_I_said to_them the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **21** Say to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_profane ~~DOM~~ sanctuary_ _of_my the_pride_of your_strength_of_your(pl) the_desire_of your(pl)_eyes and_the_love_of your_being_of_your(pl) and_ _sons_of_your(pl) and_daughters_of_your(pl) whom you(pl)_ _have_left by_sword they_will_fall. **22** And_you(pl)_will_do just_ _as I_have_done over a_moustache not you(pl)_must_cover and_food_of people not you(pl)_must_eat. **23** And_turbans_of_ _your(pl) will_be_on heads_of_your(pl) and_sandals_of_your(pl) will_be_of_on_your(pl)_feet not you(pl)_must_lament and_not

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you(pl)_must_weep and_you(pl)_will_rot_away in_iniquities_of_
_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_groan each to his/its_brother.
24 And_it_was Yəḥezqᵓēl to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_sign according_
_to_all that he_has_done you(pl)_will_do when_comes_it and_
_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**.
25 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind am_not in/on_day take_
_I from_them ÐOM stronghold_of_their the_joy_of their_
_splendour_of_their ÐOM the_desire_of their_eyes_of_their and_
_ÐOM the_uplifting_of their_being_of_their sons_of_their and_
_daughters_of_their. **26** In_the_day (the)_that the_escapee he_
_will_come to_you for_information_of ears. **27** In_the_day (the)_
_that mouth_of_your it_will_be_opened with the_escapee and_
_you_will_speak and_not you_will_be_dumb again and_you_
_will_become to/for_them (into)_a_sign and_they_will_know
if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

25:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your against the_people_of
ʿAmmōn and_prophesy on_them. **3** And_you_will_say to_the_
_people_of ʿAmmōn hear the_message_of my_master **YHWH**
thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because said_you aha
concerning sanctuary_of_my if/because it_was_profaned and_
_near/to the_land_of Yisrāᵓēl/(Israel) if/because it_was_made_
_desolate and_near/to the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
if/because they_went in_exile. **4** For_so/thus/hence HERE_I
am_about_of_to_give_you to_the_people_of the_east to_a_
_possession and_they_will_set_up encampments_of_their
on/over_you(fs) and_they_will_make among_you dwellings_of_
_their they they_will_eat fruit_of_your and_they they_will_
_drink milk_of_your. **5** And_I_will_make ÐOM Rabāh into_a_
_pasture_of camels and_ÐOM the_people_of ʿAmmōn into_a_
_resting_place_of flock[s] and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_
that I am**YHWH**. **6** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
because clapped_you a_hand and_stamped_you with_a_foot
and_you_rejoiced in_all scorn_of_your in_the_self concerning
the_land_of Yisrāᵓēl/(Israel). **7** For_so/thus/hence HERE_I I_
_have_stretched_out ÐOM hand_of_my on_you and_I_will_give_
_you mmm[157][158] to_nations and_I_will_cut_you_off from the_
_peoples and_I_will_destroy_you from the_lands I_will_destroy_
_you and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

8 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because Mōʾāv and_Sēʿīr said
THERE is_like_all_of the_nations the_house_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **9** For_so/thus/hence here_I am_about_to_
_open ÐOM the_slope_of Mōʾāv from_the_cities from_cities_of_
_its from_border_of_its the_beauty_of the_land Bēyt
Hayshimōt/(Jeshimoth) Baʿal Məʿōn Qiryātayim[160]. **10** To_the_
_people_of the_east with the_people_of ʿAmmōn and_I_will_

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your disobedience, and everyone will groan for their relatives.
24 So Yehezkel (Ezekiel) will be a sign for you, because when that time comes, you'll do exactly the same as he's doing. Then you people will know that I am the master Yahweh.' "

25 "But you, son of humanity, on the day that I capture their temple, (which is their joy, their pride, and what they see and desire), and when I take away their sons and daughters, **26** a refugee will come to you here on that day to give you the news. **27** At that time, your mouth will be opened up to that refugee and you'll speak again—you'll no longer be silent. You'll be a sign for them so that they'll know that I am Yahweh."

Yahweh's judgement of nations[154] · Amon's punishment

25:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, keep looking towards the Amonim[155] and prophesy against them. **3** Tell them to listen to this message because this is what the master Yahweh says: You celebrated my sanctuary being desecrated, and the land of Yisrael (Israel) being desolate, and the kingdom of Yehudah (Judah) going into exile, **4** so because of that, listen: I'm giving you to a people in the east as their possession. They'll set up camp against you and set up their tents among you. They'll eat your fruit and drink your milk. **5** I'll make the Amoni capital city, Rabah,[156] into a camel pasture, and the Amoni people into a resting place for flocks. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.

6 Because the master Yahweh says this: You clapped your hands and stamped your feet and celebrated with all the contempt within you against the Israeli nation, **7** therefore, listen Amon. I'll strike you down and give you as plunder to the other nations. I'll cut you off from the people groups and make you perish from among the countries. I'll destroy you, and you'll know that I am Yahweh.'

Moav's punishment

8 The master Yahweh says this, 'Because Moav (Moab)[159] and Se'ir say that the kingdom of Yehudah (Judah) is just like every other nation, **9** well listen, I'll destroy the border cities protecting Moav, starting with the splendour of Beyt-Hayeshimot, Ba'al-Me'on, and Kiryatayim. **10** I'll hand them over to the people in the east who've already been against the

154 **RV 25:1 · Parallel** 25:1–32:32

155 **RV 25:2 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:1-6; Eze 21:28-32; Amos 1:13-15; Zeph 2:8-11.

156 **RV 25:5 · Note** Now the modern city of Amman (in Jordan) has been built on Rabah's ruins.

157 **LV 25:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: גב/ל: (x-qere) זֻבְּלִי: lemma_l/957 n_1.2.0 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_269n6 זֻבְּלִי

158 **LV 25:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

159 **RV 25:8-11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:36-37; Isa 25:10-12; Jer 48:1-47; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph 2:8-11.

160 **LV 25:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/מתירק/ו: (x-qere) הָֽמְיַתָּירְקִֽוּ: lemma_c/7156 n_0 morph_HC/Np/Sd id_26Zs6 הָֽמְיַתָּירְקִֽוּ

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Amonim—I'll give them up as a possession so that the Amonim won't be remembered among the nations. **11** Yes, I'll execute judgements against Moav, then they'll know that I am Yahweh.'

Edom's punishment

12 The master Yahweh also says, 'Edom has taken vengeance against the kingdom of Yehudah (Judah) and has done wrong by doing that.[161] **13** Therefore, the master Yahweh says: I'll hit Edom with my hand and destroy every person and animal there. I'll make it a ruined, abandoned place, from Teyman all the way to Dedan—they'll be killed by the sword. **14** I'll use my people Yisrael (Israel) to place my vengeance on Edom, and they'll apply my anger and fury to Edom so they'll know my vengeance. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'

Peleshet's punishment

15 The master Yahweh says this, 'The Pelishtim have chosen hateful vengeance and have put much effort into trying to destroy Yehudah (Judah).[162] **16** So this is what the master Yahweh says: Listen, I'll take action against the Pelishtim, and I'll cut off the Kereti and destroy the remnant along the coast. **17** I'll take severe vengeance against them with furious acts to punish them—they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I take my vengeance on them.' "

Tsor's punishment

26:1 At the beginning of the month in the eleventh year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive, Yahweh gave me a message: **2** "Son of humanity, Tsor (Tyre)[163] has said against Yerushalem (Jerusalem), 'Nice one! Yerushalem's gates are broken. It's going my way—I can take advantage because it's been destroyed.'

3 Because of that, the master Yahweh says this: 'Listen, I'm opposed to you, Tsor, and I'll raise up many nations against you, just like the sea raises its waves. **4** They'll destroy Tsor's walls and tear down its towers, then I'll sweep its dust away and make it like a bare rock. **5** It'll become a place in the middle of the sea for people to spread their nets out to dry them, since I've declared it, and it'll become plunder for the nations. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **6** Its young women who are in the countryside will be slaughtered by swords, and then they'll know that I am Yahweh.'

7 Yes, this is what Yahweh says: Listen, I'm bringing the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), king of kings, from the north, against Tsor, with horses and chariots, and with horsemen and a large army. **8** He'll kill your daughters in the countryside. He'll set up a siege program and build a ramp against your walls and lift up shields against you. **9** He'll use his battering rams to smash down your walls, and he'll tear down your towers with his axes. **10** They'll have so many horses that

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_give_it to_a_possession so_that not the_people_of ʼAmmōn it_
_may_be_remembered among_nations. **11** And_on_Mō'āv I_
_will_bring_about judgements and_they_will_know if/because_
that I am**YHWH**.

12 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because ʼEdōm acted by_
_avenging_itself vengeance to_the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_
_they_have_become_guilty exceedingly_(be_guilty) and_they_
_have_avenged_themselves on_them. **13** For_so/thus/hence
thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_stretch_out hand_
_of_my on ʼEdōm and_I_will_cut_off from_her/it humankind
and_animal[s] and_I_will_make_it a_desolation from_Tēymān
and_to_Dədān by_sword they_will_fall. **14** And_I_will_put ĐOM
vengeance_of_my on_ʼEdōm by_the_hand_of my_people_of_my
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_do with_ʼEdōm according_to_of_
_my_anger and_according_to_of_my_rage and_they_will_know
ĐOM vengeance_of_my the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

15 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because the_Pəlishtiy acted
in_vengeance and_they_avenged_themselves vengeance with_
_scorn in_the_self to_destruction enmity_of antiquity. **16** For_
_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_
_about_to_stretch_out hand_of_my on the_Pəlishtiy and_I_will_
_cut_off ĐOM the_Kərētī and_I_will_destroy ĐOM the_remnant_of
the_coast_of the_sea. **17** And_I_will_do on_them vengeance(s)
great with_rebukes_of rage and_they_will_know if/because_
that I am**YHWH** when_I_have_put ĐOM vengeance_of_my on_
_them.

26:1 And_he/it_was in_one_plus_of ten year on_day_one of_
_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **2** Oh_
_son_of humankind because that Tsor/(Tyre) it_said on
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) aha the_doors_of the_peoples it_is_
_broken it_has_been_turned_over to_me I_will_be_filled it_has_
_been_laid_waste. **3** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH**
he_says here_I am_on_you Oh_Tsor/(Tyre) and_I_will_bring_up
on_you nations many as_brings_up the_sea (to)_waves_of_its.
4 And_they_will_destroy the_walls_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_they_
_will_tear_down towers_of_its and_I_will_scrape_away dust_of_
_its from_her/it and_I_will_make it into_bareness_of rock. **5** A_
_spreading_place_of nets it_will_be in_the_middle the_sea
if/because I I_have_spoken the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**
and_it_will_become (into)_spoil for_nations. **6** And_her/its_
_daughters which in_the_field with_sword they_will_be_killed
and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **7** If/because
thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring
against Tsor/(Tyre) Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel from_
_the_north the_king_of kings with_horse[s] and_with_chariotry
and_with_horsemen and_a_company and_a_people numerous.
8 Daughters_of_your in_the_field with_sword he_will_kill and_
_he/it_gave on_you a_siege-work and_he_will_pour_out on_you
a_mound and_he_will_raise_up on_you a_body_shield. **9** And_
_the_blow_of his_battering-ram_of_his he_will_set on_walls_of_
_your and_towers_of_your he_will_break_down with_swords_
_of_his. **10** From_the_abundance_of his_horses_of_his it_will_
_cover_you dust_of_their from_the_sound_of a_horseman and_

161 RV 25:12-14 · Cross-ref. Gen 25:24-34; 36:39; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 35:1-15; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

162 RV 25:15-17 · Cross-ref. Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Jdg 13:1; 1Sam 4:1.

163 RV 26:2 · Cross-ref. Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:9-10.

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_wheel[s] and_chariot[s] walls_of_your they_will_shake when_
_comes_he in_gates_of_your like_the_entering(s)_of a_city
broken_into. **11** With_the_hooves_of his_horses_of_his he_will_
_trample ᴅᴏᴍ all_of streets_of_your people_of_your with_sword
he_will_kill and_the_pillars_of your_strength_of_your to_
_ground it_will_come_down. **12** And_they_will_plunder wealth_
_of_your and_they_will_take_as_spoil merchandise_of_your
and_they_will_tear_down walls_of_your and_the_houses_of
your_desire_of_your they_will_pull_down and_stones_of_your
and_wood(s)_of_your and_dust_of_your in_the_middle the_
_waters they_will_put. **13** And_I_will_put_an_end_to the_noise_
_of your(pl)_songs_of_your and_the_sound_of your(pl)_harps_
_of_your not it_will_be_heard again. **14** And_I_will_make_you
into_bareness_of rock a_spreading_place_of nets you_will_be
not you_will_be_built again if/because I **YHWH** I_have_spoken
the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **15** Thus my_master
YHWH he_says to_Tsor/(Tyre) not from_the_sound_of your_
_downfall_of_your when_ the_fatally_wounded _groan when_
a_slaughter _is_killed in_the_midst_of_of_you the_islands will_
_they_quake. **16** And_they_will_go_down from_under thrones_
_of_their all_of the_princes_of the_sea and_they_will_remove
ᴅᴏᴍ robes_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_clothes_of their_
_multicoloured_material_of_their they_will_strip_off
trembling(s) they_will_be_clothed on the_earth/land they_
_will_sit and_they_will_tremble to_moments and_they_will_be_
_appalled on_you. **17** And_they_will_take_up on_you a_
_lamentation and_they_will_say to/for_you(fs) how you_have_
_perished Oh_city_inhabited from_the_seas the_city which_it_
_was_praised which it_was mighty in_sea it and_inhabitants_
_of_its which they_put terror_of_their to/from_
_all/each/any/every inhabitants_of_its. **18** Now the_islands
they_will_tremble the_day_of your_downfall_of_your and_ the_
_islands which are_in_sea _they_will_be_terrified because_you_
_went_out. **19** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
when_make_I you a_city desolate like_cities which not they_
_are_inhabited when_bring_up over_you ᴅᴏᴍ the_deep and_
_they_will_cover_you the_waters (the)_many. **20** And_I_will_
_send_you_down with those_who_have_gone_down_of the_pit
to a_people_of antiquity and_I_will_cause_you_to_dwell in_land
the_lowest_parts like_waste_places from_long_ago/eternity
with those_who_have_gone_down_of the_pit so_that not you_
_may_remain and_I_will_put splendour in_land the_living.
21 Sudden_terror(s) I_will_give_to_you and_you_will_not_be
and_you_will_be_sought and_not you_will_be_found again
forever_perpetuity the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

27:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take_up on Tsor/(Tyre)
a_lamentation. **3** And_you_will_say to_Tsor/(Tyre) the[168] at
the_entrances_of the_sea the_trader_of the_peoples to islands
many thus my_master **YHWH** he_says Oh_Tsor/(Tyre) you you_
_have_said I am_perfect_of beauty. **4** Were_in_the_heart_of the_
_seas territories_of_your builders_of_your they_perfected
beauty_of_your. **5** Fir_trees from_Sənīr they_built to/for_

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their dust will cover you. Your walls will shake with the noise of their horsemen, wagons, and chariots. When he rides through your gates, he'll pick his way over the stones like men do when entering a city whose walls have been broken down. **11** The hooves of his horses will trample all of your streets. He'll slaughter your people with the sword and your mighty stone pillars will be knocked to the ground. **12** They'll tear down your walls and destroy your nice homes—plundering your riches and looting your merchandise. Then they'll throw your building stones, wood, and rubble into the ocean. **13** I'll stop the sound of your songs, and the music from your harps won't be heard anymore. **14** I'll make you back into a bare rock—you'll become a place where nets are spread out to dry. You'll never be built again, because I, master Yahweh, have spoken. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

15 The master Yahweh says this to Tsor (Tyre), 'Won't the islands shake with the sound of your downfall, and with the groans of the wounded when the terrible slaughter is happening in you? **16** Then all the leaders of the coastal kingdoms will step down from their thrones and remove their robes and take off their embroidered clothes. Instead, they'll clothe themselves in fear, they'll sit on the ground and tremble every moment, and they'll be appalled because of you. **17** Then they'll sing this song of mourning for you and say to you,

How you, who were inhabited by sailors, have been destroyed.
The famous city that was so strong, it's now gone from the sea.
The ones living in her once spread terror around themselves on everyone who lived nearby.

18 Now the coastal kingdoms tremble on the day of your downfall.

The islands in the sea are terrified by your passing.'

19 Yes, the master Yahweh says this: When I make you a desolate city, like the other cities that are uninhabited, when I raise up the deep seas against you, and when the great waters cover you, **20** then I'll take you down to the pit that ancient people went down to, because I'll make you live in the lowest realms of the earth like ancient ruins. Because of that, you won't come back and be splendid in the land of the living. **21** I'll send disaster onto you, and you won't exist anymore. Then people will look for you, but you'll never be found again.[164] That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

The end of the city of Tsor

27:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Now you, son of humanity, begin a funeral song about Tsor (Tyre), **3** and tell Tsor (which is on a coastal island—merchants to people groups on many other islands) that the master Yahweh says this to you:

Tsor, you've said, 'My beauty has reached perfection.'
4 Your borders are surrounded by the ocean.

164 RV 26:21 · Cross-ref. Rev 18:21.

168 LV 27:3 · Note OSHB variant note: יתבשי/ה: (x-qere) תָּבְּשִׁי/ה: lemma_d/3427 n_1.2.0 morph_HTd/Vqrfsa id_26qJg תָּבְּשִׁי/ה

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Your builders have perfected your beauty.[165]

5 They made all your planks with cypress from Mt. Hermon (Senir).

They got a cedar from Levanon to make a mast for you.

6 They made your oars from the oak trees in Bashan.

They made your decks out of cypress wood from Kupros (Cyprus), and overlaid them with ivory.

7 Your sails were made from colourful linen from Mitsrayim (Egypt) that served as your banner.

The colours of blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah are used for the awning on your boat.

8 Those who were living in Tsidon (Sidon) and Arvad were your rowers.

The wise men of Tsor (Tyre) were within you—they were your pilots.

9 Experienced craftsmen from Geval sealed your seams.

All the ships and their sailors among you were carrying your merchandise for trade.

10 Warriors from Paras (Persia), Ludia, and Libya were in your army.

They hung their shields and helmets within you.

They displayed your splendour.

11 The men of Arvad and Helek in your army were on your walls surrounding you,

and the people from Gamadim were in your towers.

They hung up their shields on your walls all around you.

They completed your beauty.

12 "Tarshish was a trading partner with you because of your abundant wealth of goods. They traded silver, iron, tin, and lead for your wares. **13** Yavan (Greece), Tuval, and Meshek traded slaves, as well as bronze items, for your merchandise. **14** Beyt-Togarmah provided horses, stallions, and mules in exchange for your products. **15** People from Dedan were your traders on many coasts. You sent the merchandise and they sent back ivory tusks and ebony wood as payment. **16** Aram (Syria) was a dealer in your many products—they provided emeralds, purple dye, coloured cloth, fine fabric, pearls, and rubies for your merchandise. **17** Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel) were trading with you. They provided wheat from Minit, cakes, honey, oil, and balsam for your merchandise. **18** Damesek (Damascus) was a trader of all your products, of all your enormous wealth, and of the wine from Helbon and the wool from Tsahar.[166] **19** Dan and Yavan from Uzal provided you with merchandise of wrought iron, cinnamon, and fragrant calamus seeds which became your merchandise. **20** Dedan was your dealer in woven saddle blankets. **21** Arav and all of Kedar's leaders were traders with you—they provided you with lambs, rams, and goats. **22** Traders

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_you(fs) ~~ĐƠM~~ all_of planks a_cedar from_Ləvānōn they_took for_doing a_mast on_you. **6** Oaks from_Bāshān they_made oars_ _of_your boards_of_your they_made ivory the_daughter_of 'Ashshūrns from_the_islands_of Kittim[169]. **7** Fine_linen with_ _multicoloured_weaving from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it_was sail_ _of_your to_be to/for_you(fs) (into)_a_sail blue and_purple from_the_islands_of 'Elīshā'h it_was covering_of_your. **8** The_ _inhabitants_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_'Arvad they_were those_ _who_row to/for_you(fs) your_skillful_of_people Oh_ _Tsor/(Tyre) they_were in_you they sailors_of_were_your. **9** The_elders_of Gebal and_its_wise_of_people they_were in_you the_repairers_of your_leak[s]_of_your all_of the_ships_of the_ _sea and_mariners_of_their they_were in_you to_trade merchandise_of_your. **10** Pāraṣ and_Lūd and_Pūṭ they_were in_ _army_of_your men_of your_war_of_your shield and_helmet they_hung_up in_you they they_gave splendour_of_your. **11** The_people_of 'Arvad and_Helech were_on walls_of_your all_ _around and_the_Gammād in_towers_of_your they_were shields_of_their they_hung_up on walls_of_your all_around they they_perfected beauty_of_your. **12** Tarshiysh was_your_of_ _trader from_the_abundance_of all_of wealth for_silver iron tin and_lead they_exchanged wares_of_your. **13** Yāvān/(Javan) Tūv̇al and_Meshek they were_your(pl)_of_traders for_the_life_ _of human[s] and_vessels_of bronze they_exchanged merchandise_of_your. **14** From_the_house_of Tōgarmāh horses and_horsemen and_mules they_exchanged wares_of_your. **15** The_people_of Dədān were_your(pl)_of_traders islands many were_the_merchandise_of your_hand_of_your horns_of ivory and[170] they_brought tribute_of_your. **16** 'Arām was_your_of_ _trader from_the_abundance_of your(pl)_products_of_your for_ _turquoise purple and_multicoloured_material and_fine_linen and_corals and_ruby they_exchanged for_wares_of_your. **17** Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they were_your(pl)_of_traders for_the_wheat(s)_of Minnit and_cake and_honey and_oil and_balm they_exchanged merchandise_of_ _your. **18** Dammeseq was_your_of_trader in_the_abundance_of your(pl)_products_of_your from_the_abundance_of all_of wealth for_the_wine_of Ḥelbōn and_wool_of Tsaḥar/(Zahar). **19** Vədān and_Yāvān/(Javan) from_Uzal for_wares_of_your they_exchanged iron wrought cassia and_calamus for_ _merchandise_of_your it_was. **20** Dədān was_your_of_trader for_clothes_of material for_riding. **21** 'Arāv̇ and_all the_ _princes_of Qēdār they were_the_traders_of your_hand_of_your for_lambs and_rams and_goats for_them traders_of_your. **22** The_traders_of Shəv̇ā' and_Ra'māh they were_your(pl)_of_ _traders for_the_best_of every_of spice and_on/over_all stone precious and_gold they_exchanged wares_of_your. **23** Ḥārān and_Canneh and_'Ēden the_traders_of Shəv̇ā' 'Ashshūr Kilmād/(Chilmad) was_your_of_trader. **24** They were_your(pl)_ _of_traders for_beautiful_garments for_garments_of blue and_ _multicoloured_material and_for_blankets_of variegated_cloth for_ropes bound and_made_firm in_your_market_of_place.

165 RV 27:4 · Note Here, the island city of Tsor is imagined as a ship in the ocean.

166 RV 27:18 · Note Possibly, Tsahar (used only once in the Hebrew scriptures) could refer to the white colour of the wool.

169 LV 27:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **סיתכ**: (x-qere) **'סַיָּיְתִּכְ'**: lemma_3794 n_0 morph_HNgmpa id_26NiH **סַיָּיְתִּכְ**

170 LV 27:15 · Note OSHB variant note: **סינבוה/ו**: (x-qere) **'סֹוֵּנְבָה/ִו'**: lemma_c/1894 n_0.1 morph_HC/Ncmpa id_26R73 **סֹוֵּנְבָה/ִו**

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25 The_ships_of Tarshiysh were_your(pl)_of_travellers merchandise_of_your and_you_were_filled and_you_were_ _honoured exceedingly in_the_heart_of the_seas. **26** On_waters many they_brought_you those_who_row you the_wind_of the_ _east it_broke_you in_the_heart_of the_seas. **27** Wealth_of_your and_wares_of_your merchandise_of_your mariners_of_your and_sailors_of_your the_repairers_of your_leak[s]_of_your[171] and_the_traders_of your_merchandise_of_your and_all the_ _men_of your_war_of_your who on/over_you(fs) and_on/over_ _all company_of_your which was_in_the_midst_of_of_you they_ _will_fall in_the_heart_of the_seas in/on_day your_downfall_of_ _your. **28** To_sound/voice of_the_outcry_of your(pl)_sailors_of_ _your pasturelands they_will_quake. **29** And_they_will_come_ _down from_ships_of_their[172] all_of those_who_wield_of (of)_ _an_oar mariners all_of the_sailors_of the_sea to the_ _earth/land they_will_stand. **30** And_they_will_make_heard on_ _you (in)_voice_of_their and_they_will_cry_out bitter and_ _they_will_bring_up dust on heads_of_their in_ash[es] they_ _will_roll. **31** And_they_will_make_bald because_of_you baldness and_they_will_gird_themselves sackcloth(s) and_they_ _will_weep because_of_you with_bitterness_of emotion wailing bitter. **32** And_they_will_take_up concerning_you in_wailing_of_ _their a_lamentation and_they_will_make_a_lament on_you who is_like_Tsor/(Tyre) like_one_silenced in_the_middle the_ _sea. **33** When_ wares_of_your _went_out from_the_seas you_ _satisfied peoples many by_the_abundance_of your(pl)_ _wealth(s)_of_your and_merchandise(s)_of_your you_made_ _rich the_kings_of the_earth. **34** The_time_of when_being_ _broken from_the_seas in_the_depths_of the_water merchandise_of_your and_all company_of_your in_the_midst_ _of_of_you they_have_fallen. **35** All_of the_inhabitants_of the_ _islands they_have_been_appalled on_you and_kings_of_their they_have_shuddered shuddering faces they_have_been_ _disconcerted. **36** Traders among_peoples they_have_hissed on_ _you sudden_terror(s) you_have_become and_you_will_not_be until perpetuity.

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from Sheva and Ramah came to sell you the best of every spice and all kinds of precious gems—they traded gold for your goods.
23 Haran, Kaneh, and Eden were traders with you, along with Sheva, Ashur (Assyria), and Kilmad. **24** Those were your traders in fancy robes made of violet cloth with woven colours, and in blankets of multicoloured, embroidered, and well-woven cloth in your marketplaces. **25** Tarshish's ships were the transporters of your merchandise.

So you were filled up—heavily laden with cargo there in the heart of the seas.

26 Your rowers have brought you into vast seas.
The east wind has wrecked you in the middle of them.
27 Your wealth, merchandise, and trade goods,
your sailors, pilots, and ship-builders,
your traders of merchandise and all the men of war who are in you, and all your crew—
they will sink into the depths of the sea at the time of your destruction.
28 The surroundings will shake
when they hear your pilot's cry of distress.
29 All the oarsmen will come down off their ships.
Mariners and all the pilots on the sea will stand on the land,
30 then they'll raise their voices towards you and will wail bitterly.

They'll throw dust up onto their heads. They'll roll around to get covered in ashes.
31 They'll shave their heads bald for you and dress in rough sackcloth,[167]
and they'll weep bitterly over you and they will cry out with loud moans.
32 They will wail loudly for you and sing funeral songs about you.

Who is like the city of Tsor (Tyre), which has now been brought to silence in the middle of the sea?
33 When your merchandise went ashore from the sea, it pleased many people groups.
You enriched kings across the world with your great wealth and merchandise.
34 But when you were shattered by the seas, by deep waters,
your merchandise and all your crew sank.
35 All the inhabitants of the coastal kingdoms were appalled at you,
and their kings shuddered in horror—their faces trembled.
36 The merchants of the people hiss at you.
You've become a horror, and you won't exist anymore."

167 **RV 27:30 · Note** All of these (dust, ashes, shaving, sackcloth) are traditional signs of mourning.

171 **LV 27:27 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

172 **LV 27:29 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Against the pride of Tsor's king

28:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, tell Tsor's (Tyre's) ruler that the master Yahweh says this: Your heart is proud and you've said, "I'm a god. I'll sit in the seat of gods in the vital centre of the oceans." Even though you're a man and not a god, you tell yourself that you're a god.

3 Listen, you king of Tsor, are you wiser than Daniyel was? Are there any secrets that you don't already know? **4** You've used your wisdom and skill to make yourself wealthy, and amassed gold and silver in your treasuries. **5** By great wisdom and by your trading, you've multiplied your wealth, but now you've become arrogant because of your wealth.

6 Therefore, the master Yahweh says this: Because you've convinced yourself that you're invincible like a god, **7** I'll bring foreigners against you—terrifying warriors from other nations. They'll bring their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they'll defile your splendour. **8** They'll send you down to the pit, and you'll die violently like those who die at sea. **9** Will you really say, "I'm a god" to the face of one who's about to kill you? You're a man and not God, and you'll be at the mercy of the one who runs you through. **10** You'll die like an ungodly person killed by foreigners, because I've declared it. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

The fall of Tsor's king

11 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **12** "Son of humanity, sing a mourning song for the king of Tsor (Tyre) and tell him that the master Yahweh says this:

You were the model of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
13 You were in Eden—God's garden.
Every precious stone covered you:
ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite,
onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl.
Your settings and mountings were made from gold.
They were prepared on the very day that you were created.
14 I placed you on God's sacred mountain
like the winged creatures that I appointed to guard humanity.
You were among the fiery stones where you walked around.
15 You had integrity in your ways from the day you were created
until injustice was found within you.
16 Through your great trade you were filled with violence, and so you sinned.
Then I threw you out of God's mountain, like someone who was defiled,
and I destroyed you, guardian winged creature,
and drove you from among the fiery stones.
17 Your heart was arrogant due to your beauty.

Literal Version

28:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind say to_the_ruler_of Tsor/(Tyre) thus he_says my_master **YHWH** because heart_of_your it_has_been_ _haughty and_she/it_said am_a_god I the_seat_of gods I_sit in_ _the_heart_of the_seas and_you(ms) are_a_human_being and_ _not a_god and_she/it_gave heart_of_your like_the_heart_of a_ _god. **3** THERE are_wise you mmm[173][174] all_of that_which_is_ _kept_secret not people_hold_dark_from_you. **4** By_wisdom_of_ _your and_by_understanding_of_your you_have_acquired for_ _yourself wealth and_you_have_acquired gold and_silver in_ _treasuries_of_your. **5** By_the_greatness_of your_skill_of_your by_trade_of_your you_have_increased wealth_of_your and_ heart_of_your _it_has_been_haughty in_wealth_of_your. **6** For_ _so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because you_ _have_made ~~DOM~~ heart_of_your like_the_heart_of a_god. **7** For_ _so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_to_bring on_you strangers ruthless_ones_of nations and_they_will_draw swords_of_their on the_beauty_of your_wisdom_of_your and_they_will_profane splendour_of_your. **8** To_pit they_will_bring_you_down and_ _you_will_die the_death(s)_of the_slain in_the_heart_of the_ _seas. **9** Really_(say) will_you_say am_a_god I to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before one_of_who_kills_you and_you(ms) are_ _a_human_being and_not a_god in_the_hand_of those_who_ _pierce_you. **10** The_deaths_of uncircumcised_men you_will_die by_the_hand_of strangers if/because I I_have_spoken the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

11 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **12** Oh_ _son_of humankind take_up a_lamentation on the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_you_will_say for_him/it thus my_master **YHWH** he_says you were_one_who_seals_of an_example you_ _were_full wisdom and_perfect_of beauty. **13** In_ʿĒden the_ _garden_of god you_were was_every_of stone precious covering_of_your ruby topaz and_emerald chrysolite onyx and_ _jasper sapphire turquoise and_beryl and_gold the_ _workmanship_of your(pl)_tambourines_of_your and_settings_ _of_your on/over_you(fs) in/on_day you_were_created they_ _were_prepared. **14** You were_a_cherub_of expansion_of which_ _covers and_I_appointed_you on_the_mountain_of the_holiness god you_were in_the_middle of_stones_of fire you_walked_ _about. **15** Were_blameless you in_ways_of_your from_the_day_ _of you_were_created until unrighteousness it_was_found on/over_you(fs). **16** In_the_abundance_of your_trade_of_your of_you_of_the_middle people_filled violence and_you_sinned and_I_profaned_you from_hill god and_I_destroyed_you Oh_ _cherub which_covers from_the_middle_of the_stones_of fire. **17** Heart_of_your it_was_haughty in_beauty_of_your you_ _perverted wisdom_of_your on splendour_of_your on the_ _ground I_threw_you to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before kings I_put_you to_look on_you. **18** From_the_greatness_of your(pl)_ _iniquities_of_your by_the_unrighteousness_of your_trade_of_ _your you_profaned sanctuaries_of_your and_I_brought_out fire from_the_midst_of_of_you it it_consumed_you and_I_ _made_you into_ash[es] on the_earth/land to_the_eyes_of all_ _of those_of_who_saw_you. **19** All_of those_of_who_knew_you

173 LV 28:3 · Note OSHB variant note: לאנד/מ: (x-qere) 'לאֵינֵד/מ': lemma_m/1840 n_1 morph_HR/Np id_26pwL לאֵינֵד/מ

174 LV 28:3 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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among_peoples they_were_appalled on_you sudden_terror(s) you_became and_you_will_not_be until perpetuity.

20 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **21** Oh_ _son_of humankind set face_of_your against Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_prophesy on_it. **22** And_you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_on_you Oh_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_I_ _will_gain_glory in_the_midst_of_of_you and_people_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_I_bring_about on_it judgements and_I_will_show_myself_holy in_it. **23** And_I_will_ _send on_it a_pestilence and_blood in_streets_of_its and_ the_ _slain _it_will_fall in_the_midst_of_of_it by_the_sword on/upon_it(f) from_round_about and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

24 And_not it_will_belong again to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_brier which_pricks and_thorn which_causes_ _pain from_all around_of_them who_despise them and_they_ _will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**. **25** Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says when_gather_I ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from the_peoples which they_have_been_ _scattered among_them and_I_will_show_myself_holy among_ _them to_the_eyes_of the_nations and_they_will_dwell on land_ _of_their_own which I_gave to_servant_of_my to_ _Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob). **26** And_they_will_dwell on/upon_it(f) to_ _security and_they_will_build houses and_they_will_plant vineyards and_they_will_dwell to_security when_I_bring_about judgements on_all_of those_who_despise ~~DOM~~_them from_ _around_of_them and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_their.

29:1 In_year (the)_tenth in_month on_day_two_plus ten of_ _month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **2** Oh_ _son_of humankind set face_of_your on Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_prophesy on/upon/above_him/it and_ _on Mitsrayim of_it_of_all. **3** Speak and_you_will_say thus he_ _says my_master **YHWH** here_I am_on_you Oh_Par'oh the_ _king_of Mitsrayim the_sea_monster (the)_great which_lies in_ _the_middle canals_of_its which it_has_said to_me River_my and_I I_made_for_myself. **4** And_I_will_put hooks[178] in_jaws_of_ _your and_I_will_make_cling the_fish_of your(pl)_canals_of_ _your to_scales_of_your and_I_will_bring_you_up from_among_ _of canals_of_your and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fish_of your(pl)_canals_ _of_your to_scales_of_your it_will_cling. **5** And_I_will_abandon_ _you to_the_wilderness you and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fish_of

Readers' Version

You ruined your wisdom because of your splendour.
I threw you down to the earth.
I put you in front of kings so they can see you.
18 Because of all your disobedience and your dishonest trade,
you've defiled your sacred places,
so I've made fire come out from you to consume you.
I'll turn you into ashes on the earth
in the sight of everyone who looks at you.
19 Everyone who knew you among the people groups
will shudder to look at you now—
they will be horrified, and you won't exist any longer.' "

Tsidon's punishment

20 Then Yahweh gave me another message:

21 "Son of humanity, look towards Tsidon (Sidon)[175] and prophesy against it. **22** Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'Listen, I'm against you, Tsidon, because I intend to be praised by you, so your people will know that I am Yahweh, when I execute justice within you and demonstrate my holiness to you. **23** I'll send a deadly disease to afflict you, and there'll be blood in your streets, and people will fall dead all around you. When the sword comes against you from all around, then you'll know that I am Yahweh.

The blessing for Yisrael

24 Then there'll no longer be pricking briars and painful thorns for the Israeli people from all those around her who despise her, so then they'll know that I am the master Yahweh.'

25 The master Yahweh says that when I gather the Jewish people from the nations that they were scattered among, and when they properly honour me so the nations may see, then they'll make their homes in the land I gave to my servant Ya'akov (Jacob). **26** Then they'll live securely within the land and build houses, plant vineyards, and live securely. When I execute justice on all the people all around who now despise them, then they'll know that I am their god Yahweh.' "

Mitsrayim's punishment

29:1 At the beginning of January in the twelfth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive, Yahweh gave me a message: **2** "Son of humanity, stand firmly against Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) king Par'oh (Pharaoh).[176] Prophesy against him and against all of Mitsrayim, **3** telling them that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you, Par'oh, king of Mitsrayim—you, the great sea monster that lurks in the middle of the river, who says, "My river is my own. I've made it for myself." **4** I'll put hooks into your jaw, and the fish from your streams will cling to the scales on your side. I'll lift you up from the middle of your river, along with all the river's fish that cling to your scales. **5** I'll fling you into the

175 **RV 28:21 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:4-8; 1Ki 11:4-5; 1Ki 16:30-33.

176 **RV 29:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 19:1-25; Jer 46:2-26.

178 **LV 29:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: מייחח: (x-qere) מִיחַח: lemma_2397 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmpa id_26rpk מִיחַח

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wilderness—you and all the fish from your river. You'll fall on the open countryside—your corpse won't be taken or moved, but rather I'll give you as food to the birds and wild animals. **6** Then all of Mitsrayim's inhabitants will know that I am Yahweh, because they've been like a brittle reed to the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel).[177] **7** When Yisrael grabbed you, you broke and tore open their shoulder, and when they leaned on you, you broke and made their legs unsteady. **8** Therefore the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'll send an army against you that will cut short both people's and animals' lives, **9** and Mitsrayim will become a desolate ruin. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh.

Because the sea monster said, "The river is mine, because I made it," **10** listen: I'm against you and against your river, so I'll give Mitsrayim over to desolation and waste, and you'll become a wasteland from the Migdol to Seveneh and the borders of Kush (Ethiopia). **11** No person or domestic animal will pass through it, and it won't be inhabited for forty years. **12** I'll make Mitsrayim a desolation in the middle of uninhabited lands, and its cities will become a desolation in the middle of wasted cities for forty years, then I'll scatter the Mitsri (Egyptian) people among the nations, and I'll disperse them through the lands.

13 But the master Yahweh says this: At the end of forty years I'll gather Mitsrayim from the people groups they were scattered among, **14** and I'll restore Mitsrayim's fortunes and bring them back to the region of Patros, to their native land. Then they'll become an insignificant kingdom there. **15** It'll be the least significant kingdom, and it won't become prominent again among the nations. I'll diminish them so that they'll no longer dominate other nations. **16** Requesting help from Mitsrayim will no longer be a reason for the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel) to be confident, instead, Mitsrayim will be a reminder of Yisrael's disobedience when they turned to Mitsrayim for help. Then they'll know that I am the master Yahweh."

Nevukadnetsar's defeat of Mitsrayim

17 At the beginning of May in the 27th year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[180] Yahweh gave me a message: **18** "Son of humanity, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) stationed his army to do hard work against the fortified island city of Tsor (Tyre). Every head was rubbed until it was made bald, and every shoulder was made raw. Yet he and his army received no payment from Tsor for the hard work that he carried out against it, **19** therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'm giving Mitsrayim (Egypt) to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar and he'll take away its wealth, plunder its possessions, and carry off everything he finds there—that will be his army's wages. **20** I've

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your(pl)_canals_of_your on the_surface_of the_field you_will_ _fall not you_will_be_gathered and_not you_will_be_gathered to_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land and_to/for_bird the_ _heavens I_will_give_you for_food. **6** And_ all_of the_ _inhabitants_of Mitsrayim _they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** because they_have_been a_staff_of reed for_the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** When_seized_they (in)_you in/on/at/with[179] you_were_crushed and_you_broke to/for_ _them every_of shoulder and_when_leaned_they on_you you_ _were_broken and_you_caused_to_stand to/for_them all_of hips. **8** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring on_you a_sword and_I_will_cut_off from_you humankind and_animal[s]. **9** And_ the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _it_will_become (into)_a_desolation and_a_ _ruin and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** because he_said the_River to_me and_I I_made_it. **10** For_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_against_you and_near/to canals_of_your and_I_will_ _make ÐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim (into)_ruins_of destruction a_desolation from_Migdōl Ṣəvēnēh and_unto the_border_of Kūsh/(Cush). **11** Not it_will_pass in_it the_foot_of human[s] and_the_foot_of animal[s] not it_will_pass in_it and_not it_will_ _remain forty year[s]. **12** And_I_will_make ÐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim a_desolation in_the_middle lands made_desolate and_cities_of_its in_the_middle cities laid_waste they_will_be a_desolation forty year[s] and_I_will_scatter ÐOM Mitsrayim among_nations and_I_will_disperse_them among_lands. **13** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says from_the_ _end/extremity forty year[s] I_will_gather ÐOM Mitsrayim from the_peoples where they_were_scattered to_(to). **14** And_I_will_ _turn_back ÐOM the_captivity_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_bring_ _back ÐOM_them the_land_of Patrōṣ to the_land_of their_ _origin_of_their and_they_will_be there a_kingdom lowly. **15** More_than the_kingdoms it_will_be lowly and_not it_will_ _exalt_itself again over the_nations and_I_will_make_them_ _small to_not to_rule over_nations. **16** And_not it_will_become again for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_object_of_ _confidence which_brings_to_remembrance iniquity when_ _turned_they after_them and_they_will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**.

17 And_he/it_was in_twenty and_seven year in_month on_day_ _one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **18** Oh_son_of humankind Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel he_made_to_labour ÐOM army_of_his labour great against Tsor/(Tyre) every_of head was_made_bald and_all shoulder was_made_bare and_wage[s] not it_belonged to_him/it and_to_ _army_of_his from_Tsor/(Tyre) on the_labour which he_had_ _laboured on_it. **19** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_give to_Nəvūkadnetstsar the_ _king_of Bāvel ÐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_ _will_carry_off wealth_of_its and_he_will_plunder plunder_of_ _its and_he_will_take_as_spoil spoil_of_its and_it_will_be wage[s] for_army_of_his. **20** Wage[s]_of_his which he_served for_it I_have_given to_him/it ÐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim that

177 RV 29:6 · Cross-ref. Isa 36:6.

179 LV 29:7 · Note OSHB variant note: בְּ/פֶּכֶ/ךָ: (x-qere) בְּ/יָדְכָ֔ה: lemma_b/3709 n_1.1.0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_26W3R בְּ/יָדְכָ֔ה

180 RV 29:17 · Note 571 B.C.

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they_acted to_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **21** In_ _the_day (the)_that I_will_make_grow a_horn for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_you I_will_give opening_of_mouth among_them and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

30:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_you_will_say thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says wail alas for_day. **3** If/because is_near a_day and_is_near a_day to/for_**YHWH** a_day_of cloud[s] a_ _time_of nations it_will_be. **4** And_ a_sword _it_will_come on_ _Mitsrayim and_it_will_be anguish on_Kūsh/(Cush) when_ the_ _slain _fall in_Mitsrayim and_people_will_take_away wealth_of_ _its and_ foundations_of_its _they_will_be_torn_down. **5** Kūsh/(Cush) and_Pūṭ and_Lūd and_all (the)_foreigner and_ _Kūv/(Chub) and_the sons of_the_land_of of_the_covenant with_them by_sword they_will_fall. **6** Thus **YHWH** he_says and_ those_who_support_of (of)_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_will_fall and_ the_pride_of its_strength_of_her _it_will_come_down from_Migdōl Şəvēnēh by_sword they_will_fall in_it the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **7** And_they_will_be_desolate in_the_middle lands made_desolate and_cities_of_its in_the_ _middle cities laid_waste they_will_be. **8** And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_put_I fire in_Mitsrayim and_ all_of helpers_of_its _they_will_be_broken. **9** In_the_day (the)_ _that messengers they_will_go_out from_before_face_of_me in_ _ships to_make_tremble ĐǾM Kūsh/(Cush) security and_ anguish _it_will_be in/among_them in/on_day of_Mitsrayim if/because THERE it_is_coming. **10** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says and_I_will_put_an_end_to ĐǾM the_multitude_of Mitsrayim by_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel. **11** He and_people_of_his with_him/it ruthless_ones_of nations will_be_brought to_destroy the_earth/land and_they_will_draw swords_of_their on Mitsrayim and_they_will_fill ĐǾM the_ _earth/land the_slain. **12** And_I_will_make canals dry_ground and_I_will_sell ĐǾM the_earth/land in_the_hand_of wicked_ _people and_I_will_devastate the_land and_what_of_fills_it by_ _the_hand_of strangers I **YHWH** I_have_spoken. **13** Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_destroy idols and_I_will_ _cause_to_cease worthless_idols from_Nof/(Memphis) and_a_ _prince from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not he_will_be again and_I_will_put fear in_land of_Mitsrayim. **14** And_I_will_ _devastate ĐǾM Patrōş and_I_will_put fire in_Tso'an/(Zoan) and_I_will_bring_about judgements on_No'/(Thebes). **15** And_I_ _will_pour_out rage_of_my on Şīn the_stronghold_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_cut_off ĐǾM the_multitude_of No'. **16** And_I_will_put fire in_Mitsrayim surely_(writhe_in_agony) it_will_dance[181] Şīn and_No' it_is about_to_be_broken_into and_Nof foes_of daytime. **17** The_young_men_of wickedness and_Piy- veşet by_ _sword they_will_fall and_they(f) in_captivity they_will_go. **18** And_in_Taḥpanḥēş the_day it_will_withhold when_break_I there ĐǾM the_yoke-bars_of Mitsrayim and_it_will_cease in_it the_pride_of its_strength_of_her it a_cloud it_will_cover_it and_ _her/its_daughters in_captivity they_will_go. **19** And_I_will_ _bring_about judgements on_Mitsrayim and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

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given him the land of Mitsrayim as the wages for the work they did for me. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

21 On that day I'll make power sprout up for the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel), and I'll put you among them to speak out so they'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

Yahweh's punishment of Mitsrayim

30:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message:

2 "Son of humanity, prophesy and say that the master Yahweh says this:

'Wail now because the coming days won't go well.

3 The day is near—the day is near for Yahweh.

It'll be a day of clouds—a time of doom for nations.

4 Then an army will come against Mitsrayim (Egypt),

and there'll be anguish in Kush (Ethiopia) when the people are killed in Mitsrayim—

when they take its wealth,

and when its foundations get torn apart.

5 Kush and Put, Ludia, all Arav, and Libya, together with the people belonging to the agreement—they'll all be killed by the sword. **6** Yahweh says this: The ones who support Mitsrayim militarily will fall, and the pride of Mitsrayim's strength will collapse. From Migdol to Seveneh their combined warriors will be killed by the sword. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **7** Those allies will be appalled there among the abandoned lands, and their cities will be among all the other ruined cities. **8** Then they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I set fire to Mitsrayim, and when all its helpers are destroyed.

9 At that time, messengers will go out from in front of me in ships to terrorise Kush when they think they're secure, and there'll be anguish among them on the day of Mitsrayim's doom. Yes, take notice, it's coming. **10** The master Yahweh says this: I'll use the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) to bring Mitsrayim's multitudes to an end. **11** He and his army with him, the terror of nations, will be brought in to destroy the land. They'll draw out their swords against Mitsrayim and fill the land with those they kill. **12** I'll make the rivers into dry ground, and I'll sell the land into the hands of wicked men. I'll make the land and its abundant produce desolate by the actions of strangers. I, Yahweh, have spoken.

13 The master Yahweh says this: I'll destroy idols, and I'll bring an end to the worthless idols in Nof (Memphis). There won't be a prince in the land of Mitsrayim any longer, and I'll put terror into Mitsrayim. **14** Then I'll make the Patros region desolate and set fire to Tsoan city, and I'll execute judgement against No (Thebes) (the capital of southern Mitsrayim). **15** I'll pour out my fury on Mitsrayim's fortress Sin, and cut off the crowd at No. **16** Then I'll set fire to Mitsrayim: Sin will be in great agony, No will be broken up, and Nof will face enemies every day. **17** The young men of Aven and Pi-Beset cities will be killed by the sword, and their populations will be taken into captivity. **18** In Mitsrayim's Tahfanhes, the day will hold back its light when I

181 LV 30:16 · Note OSHB variant note: לִיחַת: (x-qere) לוֹחָת': lemma_2342 a n_1.1.0 morph_HVqi3fs id_26vPm לוֹחָת

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break Mitsrayim's power and control there, and its pride in its strength will be finished. There'll be a cloud covering it, and its daughters will be taken away into captivity. **19** I'll execute acts of judgement in Mitsrayim, then they'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

Yahweh breaks Mitsrayim's power

20 At the beginning of May in the eleventh year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[182] Yahweh gave me a message: **21** "Son of humanity, I've broken the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) arm. Listen, it hasn't been put in a splint, or set to heal with a bandage, so that it'll become strong enough again to hold a sword. **22** Therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'm against the Mitsri king Par'oh and I'll break both his strong arm and the previously broken one, and I'll make the sword fall from his grip. **23** Then I'll scatter Mitsrayim (Egypt) among the other nations and disperse their people among the lands. **24** I'll strengthen the Babylonian king's arms and place my sword in his hand so that I can destroy Par'oh's arms. He'll groan in front of the Babylonian king with the groans of a dying man. **25** I'll strengthen the arms of the Babylonian king, while Par'oh's arms will fall. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Bavel (Babylon) and he uses it against Mitsrayim. **26** I'll scatter Mitsrayim among the other nations and disperse their people through the lands. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh."

Mitsrayim gets compared to fallen Ashur

31:1 At the end of June in the eleventh year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[183] Yahweh gave me a message: **2** "Son of humanity, ask the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) and his multitudes around him, 'Who else is as powerful as you and your people? **3** Listen, Ashur (Assyria) was like a cedar in Levanon with beautiful branches, giving shade to the forest—extremely tall, and the branches formed its treetop. **4** A deep water supply made it grow tall. Rivers flowed all around its area, because their channels stretched out to all the trees in the countryside. **5** It grew taller than any of the other trees in the countryside, and its branches grew long and thick because of having plenty of water in its shoots. **6** Every kind of bird nested in its branches, while every living thing in the countryside gave birth to its young under the foliage of that tree. All the powerful nations lived under its shade. **7** It was beautiful in its greatness and due to the length of its branches, because its roots had access to many water sources. **8** Cedar trees in God's garden[184] couldn't equal it. None of the cypress trees matched its branches, nor could its branches be equalled by the plane tree. There was no other tree in God's garden that could compare to its beauty. **9** I made it beautiful with its many branches, and all

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20 And_he/it_was in_one_plus ten year in_month on_day_seven of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **21** Oh_ _son_of humankind ~~ÐØM~~ the_arm_of Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_have_broken and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_ _has_been_bound_up to_give healing(s) to_put a_bandage to_ _bind_it_up it_to_be_strong to_wield (on)_sword. **22** For_ _so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** here_I am_ _against Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_break ~~ÐØM~~ arms_of_his ~~ÐØM~~ the_strong_arm and_~~ÐØM~~ the_broken_arm and_I_will_make_fall ~~ÐØM~~ the_drought//sword/knife from_ _hand_of_his. **23** And_I_will_scatter ~~ÐØM~~ Mitsrayim among_ _nations and_I_will_disperse_them among_lands. **24** And_I_will_ _make_strong ~~ÐØM~~ the_arms_of the_king_of Bāvel and_I_will_ _put ~~ÐØM~~ sword_of_my in_his/its_hand and_I_will_break ~~ÐØM~~ the_arms_of Par'oh and_he_will_groan the_groans_of one_ _fatally_wounded before_him. **25** And_I_will_strengthen ~~ÐØM~~ the_arms_of the_king_of Bāvel and_the_arms_of Par'oh they_ _will_fall and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_put_I sword_of_my in_the_hand_of the_king_of Bāvel and_he_will_stretch_out it against the_land_of Mitsrayim. **26** And_I_will_scatter ~~ÐØM~~ Mitsrayim among_nations and_I_ _will_disperse them among_lands and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

31:1 And_he/it_was in_one_plus ten year in_month on_day_one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **2** Oh_ _son_of humankind say to Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_near/to multitude_of_his (to) whom are_you_like in_greatness_of_your. **3** THERE 'Ashshūr was_a_ _cedar in_Lə·vānōn beautiful_of branch[es] and_a_forest which_ _gave_shade and_tall_of height and_between branches it_was treetop_of_its. **4** Waters they_made_it_grow the_deep it_raised_ _it_up ~~ÐØM~~ rivers_of_its was_going around_of place_of_its_ _planting and_~~ÐØM~~ channels_of_its it_sent_out to all_of the_ _trees_of the_field. **5** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so height_of_ _its it_was_tall from_all the_trees_of the_field and_ boughs_of_ _its _they_became_great and_they_became_long mmm[185] from_ _waters many when_it_sent_out. **6** In_boughs_of_its every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens they_made_nests and_under branches_of_its every_of (the)_animal_of the_field they_gave_ _birth and_in_shade_of_its all_of nations great they_dwelt. **7** And_it_was_beautiful in_greatness_of_its in_the_length_of its_ _branches_of_his if/because root_of_its it_was to waters many. **8** Cedars not they_eclipsed_it in_the_garden_of god fir_trees not they_were_like (to) boughs_of_its and_plane_trees not they_were like_branches_of_its every_of tree in_the_garden_of god not it_was_like to_him/it in_beauty_of_its. **9** Beautiful I_ _made_it in_the_abundance_of its_branches_of_his and_they_ _envied_it all_of the_trees_of ʿĒden which were_in_the_garden_

182 **RV 30:20 · Note** (Back in time to) 587 B.C.

183 **RV 31:1 · Note** 587 B.C.

184 **RV 31:8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:9.

185 **LV 31:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תראפ: (x-qere) ו/יתראפ': lemma_6288 a n_0.0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26u4x ו/יתראפ

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of the'Elohīm. **10** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because that you_were_tall in_height and_he/it_gave treetop_of_its to between branches and_ heart_of_its _it_was_ _lifted_up in_height_of_its. **11** And_I_will_give_it in_the_hand_ _of a_leader_of nations certainly_(do) he_will_do to_him/it according_to_of_its_wickedness I_drove_it_out. **12** And_they_ _cut_it_down strangers ruthless_ones_of nations and_they_ _abandoned_it to the_mountains and_on/over_all the_valleys branches_of_its they_fell and_ branches_of_its _they_were_ _broken in_all_of the_ravines_of the_earth/land and_they_ _went_down from_shade_of_its all_of the_peoples_of the_ _earth/land and_they_abandoned_it. **13** On trunk_of_its_fallen every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens they_dwelt and_near/to branches_of_its every_of (the)_animal_of the_field they_were. **14** So_that that not they_may_be_lifted_up in_height_of_their any_of trees_of water and_not they_may_set ᴅᴏᴍ treetop_of_ _their to between branches and_not they_may_stand oaks_of_ _their by_height_of_their any_of drinkers_of water if/because of_them_of_all they_have_been_given to_death to the_earth lowest in_the_middle the_children_of humankind to those_ _who_have_gone_down_of the_pit. **15** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says in/on_day it_went_down Shə'ōl_to I_caused_mourning I_covered on/upon/above_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_deep and_I_ _withheld rivers_of_its and_ waters many _they_were_ _restrained and_I_made_mourn on/upon/above_him/it Ləvānōn and_all the_trees_of the_field on/upon/above_him/it were_wilted. **16** From_the_sound_of its_downfall_of_his I_ _caused_to_tremble nations when_I_brought_down ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it Shə'ōl_to with those_who_go_down_of the_pit and_they_were_ _comforted in_land lowest all_of the_trees_of ʿĒden the_ _choicest_of and_good of_Ləvānōn all_of drinkers_of water. **17** Also they with_him/it they_went_down Shə'ōl_to to those_ _slain_of a_sword and_arm_of_its which_they_dwelt in_shade_ _of_its in_the_middle the_nations. **18** (To) whom are_you_like thus in_splendour and_in_greatness among_the_trees_of ʿĒden and_you_will_be_brought_down[186] with the_trees_of ʿĒden to the_earth lowest in_the_middle uncircumcised_men you_will_ _lie with those_slain_of a_sword that is_Parʿoh and_all multitude_of_his[187] the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

32:1 And_he/it_was in_two_plus_of ten year in_two_plus_of ten month on_day_one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind take_up a_lamentation on Parʿoh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_you_will_say to_ _him/it a_young_lion_of nations you_became_like and_you(ms) were_like_(the)_monster in_the_seas and_you_burst_forth in_ _rivers_of_your and_you_made_turbid waters with_feet_of_ _your and_you_fouled rivers_of_their. **3** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_spread over_you ᴅᴏᴍ net_of_my by_ _a_company_of peoples many and_they_will_bring_you_up in_ _net_of_my. **4** And_I_will_abandon_you in/on_the_earth on the_ _surface_of the_field I_will_hurl_you and_I_will_cause_to_settle

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the trees in God's garden in Eden envied it.

10 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: Because it was so tall, and it set its treetop between its branches, and because it grew proud of its height, **11** I handed it over to a powerful nation to deal with it according to what its wickedness deserves. I've thrown it out, **12** and foreigners who were the terror of all the nations cut it off and left it to die. Its branches fell onto the mountains and all the valleys, and lay broken in all the land's ravines. Then all the nations on earth came out from under its shade and went away from it. **13** All the various kinds of birds rested on the trunk of the fallen tree, and every kind of animal in the countryside came to its branches. **14** That happened so that no other trees that grow by the waters will raise up their foliage to the height of the tallest trees, and that no other trees that grow beside the waters will reach up to that height. They've all been assigned to death, to the earth below, among humanity's children, with those that go down into the pit.

15 The master Yahweh says this: On the day when the cedar went down to the place of the dead, I brought mourning to the earth. I covered the deep waters over it, and I held back the oceans. I held back the great waters, and I brought mourning to Levanon for it. So all the trees in the countryside mourned because of it. **16** I brought shuddering to the nations at the sound of its downfall, when I threw it down to the place of the dead, along with those who went down into the pit. So I comforted all the trees from Eden in the lowest parts of the earth. Those had been the choicest and best trees from Levanon—the trees that drank the waters. **17** They also went down with the big tree to the place of the dead, to the ones who'd been killed by the sword. Those were its strong arm—those nations who'd lived in its shade.

18 Mitsrayim (Egypt), which of the trees in Eden was your equal in glory and greatness? You'll be brought down with Eden's trees to the lowest parts of the earth among the uncircumcised. You'll live there with those who were killed by the sword.'
That's the fate of Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his multitudes. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

Mourning over Mitsrayim and its king

32:1 At the beginning of March in the twelfth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[188] Yahweh gave me a message: **2** "Son of humanity, sing a loud mourning song about the Mitsri (Egyptian) King Par'oh (Pharaoh) and tell him,

'You're like a young lion among the nations,
but you're like the sea monster in the oceans—
you churn up the water—
you stir up the waters with your feet, making them muddy.

3 The master Yahweh says this:

186 **LV 31:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
187 **LV 31:18 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
188 **RV 32:1 · Note** 585 B.C.

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I'll spread my net over you in the assembly of many people groups,
and they'll haul you up in my net.
4 I'll abandon you in the land.
I'll throw you into the countryside
and cause every kind of bird to settle on you,
and animals of every kind of will gorge themselves on you.
5 I'll dump your flesh on the hills,
and fill the valleys with your corpse.
6 Then I'll drench your land with your blood across to the hills,
and the ravines will be filled with your blood.
7 Then when I eliminate you, I'll cover the heavens and darken their stars.
I'll cover the sun with clouds, and the moon won't shine its light.[189]
8 I'll darken all the shining lights in the skies over you,
and I'll put darkness over your land. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
9 I'll disturb the hearts of many people groups in lands that you don't know about
when I bring about your destruction among the nations—among lands you haven't known.
10 I'll shock many people groups with what I'll do to you.
Their kings will shudder in horror concerning you when I swing my sword towards them.
On the day of your downfall they'll be trembling continuously because of you.
11 Yes, the master Yahweh says this to you, Mitsrayim (Egypt):
The Babylonian king's sword will come against you.
12 I'll cause large numbers of you to be killed by warriors' swords—each warrior a terror of nations.
Those warriors will devastate the pride of Mitsrayim and destroy all its many people.
13 I'll destroy all the livestock from beside the plentiful waters.
No human foot will stir the waters up again,
nor will cattle hooves disturb them.
14 Then I'll calm their waters and make their rivers run like oil.
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
15 When I make Mitsrayim's territory into an abandoned place,
when the land is stripped of all its produce,
when I attack all its inhabitants, they'll know that I am Yahweh.
16 There'll be a funeral song—the daughters of the nations will sing mournful songs about it.
They'll sing sadly about Mitsrayim—over all its multitudes they'll sing dirges.
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "
17 In the middle of that same month,[190] Yahweh gave me a message: **18** "Son of hu-

Those in the place of the dead

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on_you every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens and_I_will_satisfy from_you the_animal[s]_of all_of the_earth/land. **5** And_I_will_ _put ~~DOM~~ flesh_of_your on the_mountains and_I_will_fill the_ _valleys height_of_your. **6** And_I_will_make_drink the_land_of outflow_of_your from_blood_of_your to the_mountains and_ _ravines they_will_be_filled from_you. **7** And_I_will_cover when_extinguish_you heavens and_I_will_darken ~~DOM~~ stars_of_ _their the_sun with_cloud I_will_cover_it and_the_moon not it_ _will_give_light light_of_its. **8** All_of the_luminaries_of light in_ _heavens I_will_darken_them over_you and_I_will_put darkness over land_of_your the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **9** And_ _I_will_disturb the_heart_of peoples many when_bring_I breaking_of_your among_nations to lands which not you_have_ _known_them. **10** And_I_will_make_appalled on_you peoples many and_kings_of_their they_will_shudder on_you shuddering when_brandish_I sword_of_my on faces_of_their and_they_will_tremble to_moments everyone for_life_of_his in/on_day your_downfall_of_your. **11** If/because thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says the_sword_of the_king_of Bāvel it_will_ _come_to_you. **12** By_the_swords_of warriors I_will_make_fall multitude_of_your ruthless_ones_of nations of_them_of_all and_they_will_devastate ~~DOM~~ the_pride_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ all_of multitude_of_its _it_will_be_destroyed. **13** And_I_ _will_destroy ~~DOM~~ all_of livestock_of_its from_under waters many and_not it_will_make_them_turbid a_foot_of a_human again and_hooves_of livestock not it_will_make_them_turbid. **14** Then I_will_make_settle waters_of_their and_rivers_of_their like_oil I_will_make_go the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **15** When_make_I ~~DOM~~ the_land_of Mitsrayim a_desolation and_ _is_ the_land _made_desolate from_fullness_of_its when_I_ _strike_down ~~DOM~~ all_of the_inhabitants_of in_it and_they_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **16** Is_a_lamentation it and_ _people_will_take_it_as_a_lament the_daughters_of the_nations they_will_take_as_a_lament it on Mitsrayim and_on all_of multitude_of_its they_will_take_as_a_lament it the_utterance_ _of my_master **YHWH**.

17 And_he/it_was in_two_plus_of ten year on_day_fif- teen of_ _month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **18** Oh_ _son_of humankind wail on the_multitude_of Mitsrayim and_

189 **RV 32:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:29; Rev 6:12-13; 8:12.

190 **RV 32:17 · Note** 585 B.C.

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_bring_it_down it and_the_daughters_of nations mighty to the_
_earth the_lowest_parts with those_who_go_down_of the_pit.
19 More_than_whom are_you_lovely go_down and_be_laid with
uncircumcised_men. **20** In_the_middle those_slain_of a_sword
they_will_fall a_sword it_has_been_appointed they_have_
_drawn_down it and_all multitudes_of_its. **21** They_will_speak
to_him/it the_leaders_of the_mighty_ones from_the_midst_of
Shə'ōl with helpers_of_his they_have_come_down the_
_uncircumcised_men slain_of a_sword they_have_lain_down.
22 Is_there 'Ashshūr and_all company_of_its are_around_of_it
graves_of_its of_them_of_all are_slain those_who_have_fallen
by_sword. **23** Which graves_of_its they_have_been_put in_the_
_remotest_parts_of the_pit and_ company_of_its _he/it_was
around_of grave_of_its of_them_of_all are_slain those_who_
_have_fallen by_sword who they_had_put terror in_land the_
_living. **24** Is_there Elam and_all multitude_of_its around_of
grave_of_its of_them_of_all are_slain those_who_have_fallen
by_sword who they_have_gone_down uncircumcised into the_
_earth the_lowest_parts who they_had_put terror_of_their in_
_land the_living and_they_have_borne disgrace_of_their with
those_who_go_down_of the_pit. **25** In_the_middle those_slain
people_have_made a_bed to/for_her/it in_all multitude_of_its
are_around_of_it graves_of_its of_them_of_all are_
_uncircumcised slain_of a_sword if/because terror_of_their it_
_was_put in_land the_living and_they_have_borne disgrace_of_
_their with those_who_go_down_of the_pit in_the_middle
those_slain it_was_made. **26** Is_there Meshek Tūval and_all
multitude_of_its are_around_of_it graves_of_its of_them_of_all
are_uncircumcised pierced_of a_sword if/because they_had_
_put terror_of_their in_land the_living. **27** And_not they_lie
with warriors who_have_fallen from_uncircumcised_men who
they_went_down Shə'ōl with_the_weapons_of their_war_of_
_their and_people_put ÐØM swords_of_their under heads_of_
their and iniquities_of_their _it_became on bones_of_their
if/because terror_of warriors in_land the_living. **28** And_
_you(ms) in_the_middle uncircumcised_men you_will_be_
_broken and_you_will_lie with those_slain_of a_sword. **29** Is_
_(to)_(to) 'Edōm kings_of_its and_all princes_of_its who they_
_have_been_put in_strength_of_their with those_slain_of a_
_sword they with uncircumcised_men they_will_lie and_ÐØM
those_who_go_down_of the_pit. **30** Are_(to)_(to) princes_of the_
_north of_them_of_all and_all the_Sidonian[s] who they_have_
_gone_down with those_slain in_terror_of_their[192] from_
_strength_of_their they_were_ashamed and_they_lay
uncircumcised with those_slain_of a_sword and_they_have_
_borne disgrace_of_their with those_who_go_down_of the_pit.
31 Them Par'oh he_will_see and_he_will_be_comforted on all_of
mmm[193] slain_of a_sword Par'oh and_all army_of the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **32** If/because I_had_put ÐØM
mmm[194] in_land the_living and_he_will_be_laid in_the_middle
uncircumcised_men with those_slain_of a_sword Par'oh and_all

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manity, weep for the numerous Mitsrim (Egyptians) and bring them down to the lowest parts of the earth. Bring Mitsrayim (Egypt) and the daughters of majestic nations down along with those who've already gone down into the pit. **19** Ask them: Mitsrayim, are you really more beautiful than anyone else? Go down and lie down with the uncircumcised.

20 They'll fall among those who were killed by the sword. The sword has been drawn. Mitsrayim has been handed over to the sword—its enemies will seize it and its multitudes. **21** The strongest of the warriors in the place of the dead will declare about Mitsrayim and its allies, 'They've come down here. They'll lie with the uncircumcised—with those who were killed by the sword.'

22 Ashur (Assyria) is there with all its people, with its graves all around it—all of them were killed by the sword. **23** Those whose graves are set in the pit's recesses[191] are there, along with all its people. Its graves surround all of those who were killed by the sword—those who brought terror onto the land of the living.

24 Eylam is there with all its multitudes, with its graves all around it—all of them were killed. That's the place for those who were killed by the sword, who've gone down uncircumcised to the lowest parts of the earth, who brought their terrors onto the land of the living, and who carry their own shame, together with the ones going down into the pit. **25** They prepared a bed for Eylam and all its multitudes among those who were slain—its graves surround it. All of them are uncircumcised, pierced by the sword, because they brought their terrors onto the land of the living. So they carry their own shame, together with the ones going down into the pit among all those who've been killed, those who are going down into the pit. Eylam is among all those who were killed.

26 Meshek, Tuval, and all their multitudes are there with their graves all around them. All of them are uncircumcised, killed by the sword, because they brought their terrors onto the land of the living. **27** They don't lie with the fallen warriors of the uncircumcised who've gone down to the place of the dead with all their weapons of war, and with their swords placed under their heads and their iniquities over their bones, because they were the terror of warriors in the land of the living.

28 So you, Mitsrayim (Egypt), will be broken amongst the uncircumcised. You'll lie alongside those who were pierced by the sword.

29 Edom is also there with its kings and all its leaders. Despite their strength, they've been placed with those killed by the sword. They lie there along with the uncircumcised—with those who've gone down into the pit.

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191 **RV 32:23 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:15.

192 **LV 32:30 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

193 **LV 32:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/נומה: (x-qere) 'וֹ/נוֹמָהּ': lemma_1995 a n_1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_26ZQ8 וֹ/נוֹמָהּ

194 **LV 32:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תיתח: (x-qere) 'י/תִיתְּחּ': lemma_2851 n_1.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp1cs id_26DaS י/תִיתְּחּ

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30 All the northern leaders are there, along with all the Tsidonim (Sidonians) who went down with the ones who'd been pierced. They were powerful and made others afraid, but now they're there in shame—uncircumcised along with those who were pierced by the sword. They carry their own shame, together with the ones going down into the pit.

31 Par'oh (Pharaoh) will look and be comforted about all his multitudes who were pierced by the sword—Par'oh and all his army. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

32 Yes, I put him there as my agent to terrify those in the land of the living, but Par'oh and all his multitudes will be laid down among the uncircumcised—among those pierced by the sword. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

The promise of God of his people[196] · Yehezkel as Yisrael's watchman[197]

33:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, tell this to your people: 'When I send an army against any country, then the people of that country choose one of their men to become a watchman for them. 3 He looks for any attacker coming onto the land, and then he blows his horn to warn the people. 4 If the people hear the sound of the horn but don't take any notice, and if the attacker comes and kills them, then each one's blood is on their own head. 5 Yes, if someone heard the horn but paid no attention, that person's blood is on them, but if those people do pay attention, they'll save their own lives. 6 However, if the watchman sees the attacker coming, but doesn't blow the horn, that is, if the people weren't warned, and if the attacker approaches and takes anyone's life, then that person dies in their own sin, but I'll require their blood from the watchman.'

7 Now, talking to you, son of humanity: I've made you a watchman for the Israeli people. You'll hear the words from my mouth and then warn them on my behalf. 8 If I say to a wicked person, 'You wicked person, you're certainly about to die,' and if you don't announce it so as to warn that wicked person about their behaviour, then that wicked person will die in their sin, but it'll be you that I hold responsible for their death. 9 But if you warn the wicked person about their behaviour, so that they might turn back from it, and if that person doesn't turn back from their behaviour, then they'll die in their sin, but you yourself will have saved your own life.

Each person is responsible for their own actions

10 So, son of humanity, you tell the Israeli people, 'You're saying this, "Our errors and our disobedience have come back on us and they're hurting us. How can we go on living like this?" ' 11 Tell them that this is the master Yahweh's declaration: 'As I live, I don't delight in the death of wicked people. If they

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multitude_of_his[195] the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

33:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind speak to the_children_of your_people_ _of_your and_you_will_say to_them a_land if/because I_will_ _bring on/upon_it(f) a_sword and_ the_people_of the_ _earth/land _they_will_choose a_man one from_ends_of_their and_they_will_make ~~DOM~~_him/it to/for_them into_a_ _watchman. 3 And_he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_drought//sword/knife coming on the_earth/land and_he_will_give_a_blast on_ _trumpet and_he_will_warn ~~DOM~~ the_people. 4 And_ the_one_ _who_hears _he_will_hear ~~DOM~~ the_sound_of the_trumpet and_ _not he_took_warning and_ the_sword _it_came and_it_took_ _him blood_of_his on_his_own_of_head it_will_be. 5 ~~DOM~~ the_ _sound_of the_trumpet he_heard and_not he_took_warning blood_of_his in/on/over_him/it it_will_be and_he he_had_ _taken_warning life_of_his he_delivered. 6 And_the_watchman if/because he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_drought//sword/knife coming and_not he_will_give_a_blast on_trumpet and_the_people not it_was_warned and_ the_sword _it_came and_she/it_took from_ _them anyone he in_iniquity_of_his he_was_taken and_blood_ _of_his from_the_hand_of the_watchman I_will_require. 7 And_ _you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind a_watchman I_have_ _appointed_you for_the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_you_will_ _hear from_mouth_of_my a_message and_you_will_warn ~~DOM~~_ _them from_me. 8 When_say_I to_person Oh_wicked_person surely_(die) you_will_die and_not you_have_spoken to_warn the_wicked_person from_way_of_his that wicked_person in_ _iniquity_of_his he_will_die and_blood_of_his from_hand_of_ _your I_will_require. 9 And_you(ms) if/because you_have_ _warned the_wicked_person from_way_of_his to_turn_back from_her/it and_not he_has_turned_back from_way_of_his he in_iniquity_of_his he_will_die and_you(ms) life_of_your you_ _have_delivered.

10 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind say to the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) thus you(pl)_have_said to_say if/because transgressions_of_our and_sins_of_our are_on_us and_in_them we are_rotting_away and_how will_we_live. 11 Say to_them by_ _the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if I_take_ _pleasure in_the_death_of the_wicked_person if/because (if) when_ a_wicked_person _turns_back from_way_of_his and_he_

195 **LV 32:32 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

196 **RV 33:1 · Parallel** 33:1–37:27

197 **RV 33:1 · Parallel** Eze. 3:16-21

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_will_live turn_back turn_back from_ways_of_your(pl) (the)_
_evil and_for_what will_you(pl)_die Oh_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **12** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind say to
the_children_of your_people_of_your the_righteousness_of
the_righteous_person not it_will_deliver_him in/on_day his_
_transgression_of_his and_the_wickedness_of the_wicked_
_person not he_will_stumble in_it in/on_day bring_back_turns_
_back from_wickedness_of_his and_a_righteous_person not he_
_will_be_able to_live in_it in/on_day sins_he. **13** When_say_I to_
person certainly(live) he_will_live and_he he_relies on
righteousness_of_his and_he_will_do unrighteousness all_of
his[198] not they_will_be_remembered and_in_unrighteousness_
_of_his which he_has_done in/on/over_him/it he_will_die.
14 And_when_say_I to_person surely_(die) you_will_die and_he_
_will_turn_back from_sin_of_his and_he_will_do justice and_
_righteousness. **15** A_pledge a_wicked_person he_will_return
robbery he_will_repay in_the_regulations_of the_life he_walks
to_not to_do unrighteousness certainly_(live) he_will_live not
he_will_die. **16** All_of his[199] which he_has_sinned not they_will_
_be_remembered to_him/it justice and_righteousness he_has_
done certainly(live) he_will_live. **17** And_ the_children_of
your_people_of_your _they_say not the_way_of my_master it_
_is_correct and_they way_of_their_own not it_is_correct.
18 When_ a_righteous_person _turns_back from_righteousness_
_of_his and_he_will_do unrighteousness and_he_will_die in_
_them. **19** And_when_ a_wicked_person _turns_back from_
_wickedness_of_his and_he_will_do justice and_righteousness
on_them he he_will_live. **20** And_you(pl)_say not the_way_of
my_master it_is_correct everyone according_to_of_his_ways I_
_will_judge you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[200]

21 and_he/it_was in_two_plus_of ten year in_month on_day_
_five of_month of_exile_of_our he_came to_me the_escapee
from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say the_city it_has_been_
_struck_down. **22** And_the_hand_of **YHWH** it_had_been to_me
in_evening to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_escapee
came and_he_had_opened ~~ḏǫm~~ mouth_of_my until came to_me
in_morning and_ mouth_of_my _it_was_opened and_not I_was_
_dumb again.

23 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **24** Oh_
_son_of humankind the_inhabitants_of the_waste_places the_
_these on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_saying to_say one he_
_was 'Avrāhām and_he_possessed ~~ḏǫm~~ the_earth/land and_we
are_many to/for_us the_earth/land it_has_been_given to_a_
_possession. **25** For_so/thus/hence say to_them thus he_says
my_master **YHWH** with the_blood you(pl)_eat and_eyes_of_
_your(pl) you(pl)_lift_up to idols_of_your(pl) and_blood
you(pl)_shed and_the_earth will_you(pl)_possess. **26** You(pl)_
_have_stood on_sword_of_your(pl) you(pl)_have_done
abomination and_everyone ~~ḏǫm~~ the_wife_of his/its_neighbour
you(pl)_have_defiled and_the_earth will_you(pl)_possess.
27 Thus you_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says

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turn away from their wicked behaviour, then they'll live! So turn back, yes turn away from your wicked behaviour. Why should you Israeli people die?'

12 So now, son of humanity, you tell your people, 'Righteous people's righteousness won't save them if they sin. Wicked people's wickedness won't cause them to die if they turn away from their sin. No, the righteous person won't be able to live because of his righteousness if he sins. **13** If I say that a righteous person will surely live, and if they trust in their righteousness and then commit injustice, I won't call to mind any of the good things they did—that person will die for the wickedness they committed. **14** Again, if I say to the wicked, "You will surely die," but if they then turn away from their sins and do what's just and right, **15** like returning loan guarantees that were wickedly demanded, or like making restitution for what they've stolen, and then if they obey the instructions that give life and no longer disobey, then those formerly wicked people will surely live—they won't die. **16** None of the sins that they've committed will be called to mind against them. Those who've acted justly and rightly, will certainly live.

17 But your people say, "The master's way isn't fair!" but it's your ways that aren't fair. **18** When the righteous person turns away from doing what's right and becomes disobedient, then they'll die in their sin. **19** When the wicked person turns away from doing evil and does what's just and right, they'll live because of those things. **20** Yes, you people say, "The master's way isn't fair!" but I'll judge each of you Israeli people according to your behaviour."

The demolition of Yerushalem

21 In mid-January of the twelfth year of our captivity in Bavel (Babylon), someone who'd escaped from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) came to me and told me that the city had been captured.[201] **22** Yahweh had held me in a vision the evening before the fugitive came, but my mouth was opened by the time he came to me at dawn, so by then, I was able to speak again.

More desolation to come

23 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **24** "Son of humanity, the people inhabiting those ruins back in Yisrael (Israel) are saying, 'Avraham was only one person, and he inherited the land, but there's lots of us now. The land has been given to us as an inheritance.'

25 Therefore tell them that the master Yahweh says this: You eat blood, and you pay your respect to your idols, then you pour out people's blood. Should you then inherit that land? **26** You people rely on your swords for protection, and you've done disgusting things—each man defiles his neighbour's wife. Should you really possess that land?'

198 **LV 33:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ותקדצ**/: (x-qere) **יתקדצ**ו/: lemma_6666 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26Aca **יתקדצ**ו/

199 **LV 33:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תאטח**/: (x-qere) **יתאטח**ו/: lemma_2403 b n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26WA2 **יתאטח**ו/

200 **LV 33:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

201 **RV 33:21 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:3-10; Jer 39:2-8; 52:4-14.

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27 Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: As I live, surely the ones in the ruins will be killed by swords, and I'll give those in the countryside to the wild animals as food, and those in fortresses and in caves will die from deadly diseases. 28 Then I'll turn the country into a desolation and a horror, and the pride that came from its power will end, because Yisrael's mountains will be deserted, and there'll be no one to walk through them.' 29 Then they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I make the country a desolation and a wasteland because of all the disgusting things they've done.

Listening but not obeying

30 So now son of humanity, your people are out beside the walls and the gates of their houses talking about you, and they're all telling each other, 'Let's go and listen to the prophet's message that comes from Yahweh.' 31 So my people will come to you, as they often do, and will sit in front of you and listen to your words, but they won't obey them. The right words are on their lips, but their hearts are going after unjust profit. 32 Yes, you're like a lovely song to them, a beautiful sound that's played well on a stringed instrument, so they'll listen to your words, but none of them will obey them. 33 So when all that happens, watch out, because it will indeed happen. Then they'll realise that a prophet's been among them."

The 'shepherds' of Yisrael (Israel)

34:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, prophesy against Yisrael's (Israel's) shepherds. Prophesy and tell them that the master Yahweh says this to the shepherds: Yisrael's shepherds who are shepherding themselves won't end well. Shouldn't shepherds guard the flock? 3 You eat the best sheep meat and dress in woollen clothes. You slaughter the fat lambs. You don't shepherd at all. 4 You haven't taken care of those with diseases, nor do you heal those who are ill. You don't bandage up the ones with broken limbs, and you don't restore the outcasts or search for those who've gone missing. Instead, you use strength and violence to rule over them. 5 Then they were scattered without a shepherd,[202] and after they were scattered, they became food for all the wild animals in the countryside. 6 My flock has strayed across all the mountains and onto every high hill, and it's dispersed over the entire surface of the earth, yet no one is searching for them.

7 Therefore, you shepherds, listen to Yahweh's message to you: 8 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, my flock has become plunder and food for all the wild animals in the countryside, because there wasn't any shepherd and because none of my shepherds tried to find any of my flock that had gotten lost.

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by_the_life of_me if not those_who are_in_places by_sword they_will_fall and_the_one_who is_on the_surface_of the_field to_animal[s] I_will_give_him to_eat_him and_which are_in_ _strongholds and_in_caves by_pestilence they_will_die. 28 And_ _I_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land a_desolation and_a_waste and_ the_pride_of its_strength_of_her _it_will_cease and_ the_ _mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_be_desolate from_not one_who_passes_by. 29 And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_make_I ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land a_desolation and_a_waste on all_of abominations_of_their which they_have_ _done.

30 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind the_children_of your_ _people_of_your who_are_speaking_together in_you beside the_walls and_in_the_doorways_of the_houses and_he_speaks one with one each with his/its_brother to_say come please and_hear what is_the_message which_is_coming_out from_ _with **YHWH**. 31 And_they_come to_you like_the_coming_of a_ _people and_they_sit to_your_face people_of_my and_they_ _hear ~~DOM~~ words/messages_of_your and_them not they_do if/because lustful_desires in_mouth_of_their they are_doing after gain_of_their_unjust heart_of_their is_going. 32 And_ _THERE_you to/for_them are_like_a_song_of lustful_desires one_beautiful_of voice and_one_who_does_well to_play and_ _they_hear ~~DOM~~ words/messages_of_your and_are_doing not_ _they them. 33 And_when_comes_it THERE it_is_coming and_ _they_will_know if/because_that a_prophet he_has_been among_them.

34:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind prophesy on the_shepherds_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) prophesy and_you_will_say to_them to_ _shepherds thus[203] he_says my_master **YHWH** woe_to the_ _shepherds_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_have_been shepherding themselves am_not the_flock the_shepherds will_ _they_shepherd. 3 ~~DOM~~ the_fat you(pl)_eat and_~~DOM~~ the_wool you_clothe_yourselves the_fat_sheep you(pl)_slaughter the_ _flock not you(pl)_shepherd. 4 ~~DOM~~ the_weak_sheep not you(pl)_have_strengthened and_~~DOM~~ the_sick_sheep not you(pl)_have_healed and_(to)_the_sheep not you(pl)_have_ _bound_up and_~~DOM~~ the_strayed_sheep not you(pl)_have_ _brought_back and_~~DOM~~ the_lost_sheep not you(pl)_have_ _sought and_by_force you(pl)_have_ruled ~~DOM~~_them and_with_ _harshness. 5 And_they_have_been_scattered from_not_of a_ _shepherd and_they_have_become for_food to/from_ _all/each/any/every (the)_animal_of the_field and_they_have_ _been_scattered. 6 Flock_of_my they_wander in_all the_ _mountains and_on every_of hill high and_over all_of the_ _surface_of the_earth/land flock_of_my they_have_been_ _scattered and_there_is_not one_who_searches and_there_is_ _not one_who_seeks. 7 For_so/thus/hence Oh_shepherds hear ~~DOM~~ the_message_of **YHWH**. 8 By_the_life of_me the_utterance_ _of my_master **YHWH** if not because flock_of_my has_become (into)_prey and_ flock_of_my _they_have_become for_food

202 **RV 34:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:17; 1Ki 22:17; Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

203 **LV 34:2 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_animal_of the_field because_there_is_not a_shepherd and_not shepherds_of_my they_have_searched_for ĐOM flock_of_my and_ the_shepherds _ _they_have_shepherded themselves and_ĐOM flock_of_my not they_have_shepherded. **9** For_so/thus/hence Oh_shepherds hear the_message_of **YHWH**. **10** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says here_I am_against the_shepherds and_I_will_seek ĐOM flock_of_my from_hand_of_their and_I_will_cause_them_to_ _cease from_shepherding a_flock and_not they_will_shepherd again the_shepherds themselves and_I_will_deliver flock_of_my from_mouth_of_their and_not they_will_become to/for_them for_food.

11 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I_am I and_I_will_search_for ĐOM flock_of_my and_I_will_seek_them. **12** Like_the_seeking_of a_shepherd flock_of_his in/on_day is_he among_midst_of his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats separated so I_ _will_seek ĐOM flock_of_my and_I_will_deliver them from_all the_places where they_were_scattered there in/on_day cloud and_thick_darkness. **13** And_I_will_bring_them_out from the_ _peoples and_I_will_gather_them from the_lands and_I_will_ _bring_them to land_of_their_own and_I_will_shepherd_them to the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ravines and_in_all_of the_habitable_places_of the_earth/land. **14** In_pasture good I_ _will_shepherd ĐOM_them and_on_the_mountains_of the_ _height_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_be pastureland_of_their there they_will_lie_down in_pastureland good and_pasture fertile they_will_graze to the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** I I_ _will_shepherd flock_of_my and_I I_will_make_them_lie_down the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **16** ĐOM the_lost_sheep I_ _will_seek and_ĐOM the_strayed_sheep I_will_bring_back and_ _(to)_the_sheep I_will_bind_up and_ĐOM the_sick_sheep I_will_ _make_strong and_ĐOM the_fat_sheep and_ĐOM the_strong_ _sheep I_will_destroy I_will_shepherd_it with_justice. **17** And_ _you(pl) my_flock_of_my thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_ _I am_about_to_judge between a_sheep and_a_sheep and_rams and_(the)_goats. **18** Too_little for_you(pl) is_the_pasture (the)_ _good which_you(pl)_are_grazing and_the_rest_of your(pl)_ _pasture_of_your(pl) you(pl)_are_trampling with_feet_of_ _your(pl) and_clearness_of waters which_you(pl)_are_drinking and_ĐOM those_which_are_left with_feet_of_your(pl) you(pl)_ _are_fouling. **19** And_flock_of_my the_trampling_place_of your_ _two's_feet_of_your(pl) they_will_graze and_the_befouled_ _thing_of your_two's_feet_of_your(pl) they_will_drink. **20** For_ _so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_them HERE_I_am I and_I_will_judge between a_sheep fat and_ _between a_sheep lean. **21** Because with_side and_with_ _shoulder you(pl)_push and_with_horns_of_your(pl) you(pl)_ _gore all_of the_weak_sheep until that you(pl)_have_scattered them to (to)_the_outside. **22** And_I_will_save (to)_flock_of_my and_not they_will_become again (into)_prey and_I_will_judge between a_sheep and_a_sheep. **23** And_I_will_raise_up over_ _them a_shepherd one and_he_will_shepherd them ĐOM servant_of_my Dāvid he he_will_shepherd ĐOM_them and_he he_will_become for_them (into)_a_shepherd. **24** And_I **YHWH** I_

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Instead it was themselves that the shepherds looked after, and they didn't shepherd my flock. **9** Therefore, you so-called 'shepherds', listen to Yahweh's message: **10** The master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against those shepherds. I'll require compensation from them for my flock, and then I'll dismiss them from shepherding the flock. Those shepherds won't shepherd themselves any longer either, because I'll take my flock away from their mouths, so that my flock won't become food for them any longer.

The evil shepherds

11 So the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I myself will search for those lost from my flock, and I myself will look after them, **12** like a shepherd searches for his sheep when he's among his scattered flock. So I'll look for my flock and I'll rescue them from all the places where they were scattered during the dark times. **13** I'll bring my people out from among the nations. I'll gather them from foreign lands and bring them back to their land. I'll put them in pastures on Yisrael's (Israel's) mountainsides, by the streams, and in every settlement in the land. **14** I'll put them in good pastures—Yisrael's high mountains will be their grazing places. They'll lie down there in places good for grazing, in abundant pastures, and they'll graze on Yisrael's hills. **15** I myself will shepherd my flock, and I myself will give them rest. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

16 I'll search out the lost and restore the outcast. I'll bandage up those who are broken and heal those who are sick, but I'll destroy those who are fat and well. I will shepherd with justice.

17 So now this is what the master Yahweh says, You, my flock, listen, I'll be a judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and billy goats. **18** Isn't it enough to feed on the good pasture? Do you have to trample down any remaining grass? Or drink from clear waters, then muddy the streams with your feet? **19** Must my flock eat what you've trampled and drink what you've muddied with your feet?

20 Therefore the master Yahweh says this to them: Listen, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the thin ones, **21** because you shepherds have pushed them with your sides and shoulders, and you've gored all the weak ones with your horns until you succeeded in scattering them away from the land. **22** I'll save my flock and they'll no longer be taken as plunder, and I'll judge between one sheep and the next. **23** I'll set one shepherd over them—my servant David. He'll look after them, and he'll be their shepherd.[204] **24** Then I, Yahweh, will be their god, and my servant David will be a leader among them.[205] I, Yahweh, have declared that.

25 Then I'll make a peace treaty with them and remove the wild animals from the land, so that they'll be able to live se-

204 **RV 34:23 · Cross-ref.** Rev 7:17.

205 **RV 34:24 · Cross-ref.** Eze 37:24.

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curely in the wilderness and sleep safely in the forests.
26 I'll also bless both them and the places around my hill, and send out showers in the right season—they'll be showers of blessing. **27** Then the trees in the countryside will produce their fruit, the soil will yield its produce, and my sheep will be secure in their land. When I break off the ties holding the yoke onto their necks, and when I rescue them from the control of those who enslaved them, then they'll know that I am Yahweh.
28 They'll no longer be plunder for the other nations, and the wild animals on the land will no longer devour them. Then they'll live securely, and no one will make them afraid. **29** I'll provide a land for them that's known for its crops, so they won't be victims of famine, and they won't be mocked by other nations. **30** Then they'll know that I, Yahweh their god, am with them. The Israeli people are my people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
31 You are my sheep, the flock of my pasture, and my people, and I am your god. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

35:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, look out towards Mt. Se'ir[206] and prophesy against it. **3** Tell it that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you Edom, represented by Mt. Se'ir, and I'll work against you to make you a desolation and a waste. **4** I'll turn your cities into ruins, and you yourself will become desolate. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.

Edom's coming punishment

5 You've always been hostile to the Israeli people, and when they were distressed you decided to attack them with swords—at the time their punishment was coming to an end. **6** Therefore, this is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, I'll prepare you for bloodshed, and bloodshed will chase after you. Since you didn't hate bloodshed, bloodshed will come to you. **7** I'll make Edom completely desolate when I cut it off so that no one will want to pass through it. **8** I'll fill its mountain ranges with people who were killed—those killed by the sword will fall on your high hills and valleys and in all your streams. **9** I'll make your land perpetually desolate. Your cities won't be inhabited, and then you'll know that I am Yahweh.
10 You've said, "These two nations and these two lands will become mine, and we'll possess them," even when Yahweh was there with them. **11** Therefore, this is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, I'll act according to your anger and according to your jealousy that you had in your hatred of Yisrael (Israel), and I'll show myself to them when I judge you— **12** then you'll know

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_will_become to/for_them (into)_god and_servant_of_my Dāvid will_be_prince among_them I **YHWH** I_have_spoken. **25** And_I_ _will_make to/for_them a_covenant_of peace and_I_will_cause_ _to_cease animal[s] wild from the_earth/land and_they_will_ _dwell in_wilderness to_security and_they_will_sleep in_ _forests. **26** And_I_will_make them and_around_of hill_of_my a_ _blessing and_I_will_bring_down the_rain at_its_appropriate_ _of_time rains_of blessing they_will_be. **27** And_ the_tree[s]_of the_field _he/it_gave ĐØM fruit_of_its and_the_earth it_will_ _give produce_of_its and_they_will_be on land_of_their_own to_security and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_break_I ĐØM the_bars_of their_yoke_of_their and_I_will_ _deliver_them from_the_hand_of those_who_laboured by_ _them. **28** And_not they_will_be again spoil for_nations and_ _the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land not it_will_devour_them and_ _they_will_dwell to_security and_there_will_not_be one_who_ _terrifies. **29** And_I_will_establish to/for_them a_planting_place for_name and_not they_will_be again those_who_are_gathered_ _of famine on_the_earth and_not they_will_bear again the_ _insult_of the_nations. **30** And_they_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** god_of_their with_them and_they people_of_are_my the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **31** And_you(pl) flock_of_are_my the_flock_of my_ _pasture_of_my human[s] you(pl) I god_of_am_your(pl) the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

35:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your on the_mountain_of Sē'īr and_prophesy on/upon/above_him/it. **3** And_you_will_say for_him/it thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_against_ _you Oh_mountain_of Sē'īr and_I_will_stretch_out hand_of_my on_you and_I_will_make_you a_desolation and_a_waste. **4** Cities_of_your a_ruin I_will_make and_you(ms) a_desolation you_will_be and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **5** Because belonged to/for_yourself(m) enmity_of antiquity and_you_poured ĐØM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) over the_ _hands_of the_sword at_the_time_of their_disaster_of_their at_ _a_time_of punishment_of the_end. **6** For_so/thus/hence by_ _the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if/because to_blood I_will_appoint_you and_blood it_will_pursue_you if not blood you_have_hated and_blood it_will_pursue_you. **7** And_I_will_make ĐØM the_mountain_of Sē'īr into_a_desolation and_a_desolation and_I_will_cut_off from_him/it one_who_ _passes_through and_one_who_returns. **8** And_I_will_fill ĐØM mountains_of_its its_slain_of_ones hills_of_your and_valleys_ _of_your and_all ravines_of_your those_slain_of a_sword they_ _will_fall in_them. **9** Desolations_of perpetuity I_will_make_you and_cities_of_your not they_will_return[207] and_you(pl)_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **10** Because you_have_said ĐØM the_two_of the_nations and_ĐØM the_two_of the_lands to_ _me they_will_belong and_we_will_take_possession_of_it and_ _**YHWH** there he_was. **11** For_so/thus/hence by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_I_will_act according_ _to_of_your_anger and_according_to_of_your_jealousy which

206 RV 35:2 · Cross-ref. Isa 34:5-17; 63:1-6; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; Amos 1:11-12; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

207 LV 35:9 · Note OSHB variant note: הנבשית: (x-qere) הֲנֶבֶשֶׁת: lemma_7725 n_1 morph_HVqi3fp id_26hWa הֲנֶבֶשֶׁת

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you_did from_hatred(s)_of_your with_them and_I_will_make_
_myself_known among_them just_as I_will_judge_you. **12** And_
_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** I_have_heard ᴅᴏᴍ
all_of blasphemies_of_your which you_have_said on the_
_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say they_have_been_
_desolated[208] to/for_us they_have_been_given for_food.
13 And_you_have_magnified_yourselves on_me with_mouth_of_
_your(pl) and_you(pl)_have_multiplied on_me
words/messages_of_your(pl) I I_have_heard. **14** Thus my_
_master **YHWH** he_says just_ all_of the_earth/land _as_rejoices
desolation I_will_make for_you. **15** According_to_of_your_
_rejoicing to_the_inheritance_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
on that it_had_been_desolated so I_will_do to_you a_desolation
you_will_be Oh_mountain_of Sē'īr and_all 'Edōm of_it_of_all
and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

36:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy to the_
_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say Oh_
_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) hear the_message_of **YHWH**.
2 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because the_enemy he_has_
_said on_you(pl) aha and_the_high_places_of antiquity (into)_a_
_possession it_has_become to/for_ourselves. **3** For_
_so/thus/hence prophesy and_you_will_say thus my_master
YHWH he_says because by_cause to_desolate and_to_trample_
_on you(pl) from_round_about you_to_be a_possession of_the_
_rest_of the_nations and_you(pl)_have_been_taken_up on a_lip_
_of a_tongue and_the_whispering_of the_people. **4** For_
_so/thus/hence Oh_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) hear the_
_message_of my_master **YHWH** thus my_master **YHWH** he_
_says to_mountains and_to_hills to_ravines and_to_valleys and_
_to_places (the)_desolate and_to_cities (the)_abandoned which
they_have_become (into)_spoil and_(into)_mockery to_the_
_rest_of the_nations which are_from_round_about. **5** For_
_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says if not in_the_
_fire_of my_jealousy_of_my I_have_spoken on the_rest_of the_
_nations and_on 'Edōm of_it_of_all which they_made ᴅᴏᴍ land_
_of_my to/for_them into_a_possession with_joy_of every_of
heart with_scorn_of self so_that pastureland_of_its becomes_
_(into)_spoil. **6** For_so/thus/hence prophesy on the_land_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_mountains and_to_hills to_
_ravines and_to_valleys thus he_says my_master **YHWH** here_I
in_jealousy_of_my and_in_rage_of_my I_have_spoken because
the_insult[s]_of nations you(pl)_have_borne. **7** For_
_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says I I_lift_up ᴅᴏᴍ
hand_of_my if not the_nations which to/for_you(pl) are_from_
_round_about they insult[s]_of_their[210] they_will_bear. **8** And_
_you(pl) Oh_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) branch[es]_of_
_your(pl) you(pl)_will_extend and_fruit_of_your(pl) you(pl)_
_will_bear for_people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_
_have_brought_near to_come. **9** If/because HERE_I am_with_
_you(pl) and_I_will_turn to_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be_tilled
and_you(pl)_will_be_sown. **10** And_I_will_multiply on_you(pl)
human[s] all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_of_all and_
the_cities _they_will_be_inhabited and_the_waste_places they_
_will_be_rebuilt. **11** And_I_will_multiply on_you(pl) human[s]

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that I am Yahweh. I've heard all the insults you spoke against Yisrael's hill country, when you said, "They've been destroyed—they've been given over to us to devour." **13** You raised yourselves up against me with what you said, and you multiplied the words you said against me, and I heard all of them.

14 The master Yahweh says this: I'll make you into a desolate place while the rest of the world cheers. **15** Just like you rejoiced over the Israeli people's inheritance when it was made desolate, I'll do the same to you. You'll become a desolation, Mt. Se'ir and all of Edom—all of it. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh."

God's blessing for Yisrael (Israel)

36:1 "Now, son of humanity, prophesy to Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains and say, 'Mountains of Yisrael, listen to Yahweh's message. **2** The master Yahweh says this: The enemy has said, "Aha," when talking about you, and "The ancient hilltop shrines have become ours." '

3 Therefore prophesy and tell them that the master Yahweh says this: Because of your desolation and because of the attacks that came on you from all sides, you've ended up belonging to other nations—you've been the subject of slanderous lips and tongues, and of people's stories. **4** Therefore, mountains of Yisrael, listen to the message from the master Yahweh: The master Yahweh says this to the mountains and the high hills, to the streambeds and valleys, to the places that have been destroyed and are now uninhabited, and to the forsaken cities that have become plunder and a subject of mocking for the other nations that surround them— **5** the master Yahweh says this: I've certainly spoken in the heat of my anger against the other nations, against Edom and everyone who took my land for themselves as a possession—against all those who had both celebration in their heart and disdain in their spirit as they seized my land so they could claim its pasturelands for themselves.'

6 Therefore, prophesy to Yisrael and tell the mountains and the high hills, the streambeds and the valleys, that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, in my fury and in my anger I'm declaring this because you've endured insults from other nations. **7** Therefore, the master Yahweh says this: I myself will take action and promise that the nations that surround you will certainly be made to carry their own shame. **8** But you Israeli mountains, you'll grow branches and bear fruit for my Israeli people, since they'll soon come back to you, **9** because, listen, I'm for you, and I'll treat you favourably—you'll be ploughed and sown with seed. **10** I'll multiply your population—all the Israeli people. The cities will be inhabited again and the ruins rebuilt. **11** I'll increase both people and animals on you mountains so that they'll multiply and be fruitful. Then I'll cause you to be in-

208 LV 35:12 · Note OSHB variant note: הממש: (x-qere) 'וּמֻמָּשׁ': lemma_8074 n_1 morph_HVqp3cp id_26T82 וּמֻמָּשׁ

210 LV 36:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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habited like you were previously, and I'll make you prosper more than you did in the past so that you'll know that I am Yahweh. **12** I'll bring my Israeli people to walk on you. They'll possess you, and you'll be their inheritance, and you'll no longer cause their children to die.

13 The master Yahweh says this: They're telling you, "You mountains devour people, bereaving your nation of children," **14** therefore you won't consume people any longer, and you'll no longer make your nation mourn their deaths. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **15** I won't allow you to hear the insults from the other nations any longer—you'll no longer have to bear the people groups shaming you, and you won't cause your nation to stumble. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

16 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **17** "Son of humanity, when the Israeli people inhabited their land, they defiled it with their customs and their activities. In my eyes, their customs were like the uncleanness of a woman's menstruation, **18** so I poured out my fury against them for the blood that they'd poured out on the land, and for how they'd polluted it with their idols. **19** I scattered them among the nations—they were dispersed through the lands. I judged them according to their customs and their actions. **20** Then they went to those other nations, and wherever they went, they profaned my holy name when people asked about them, 'Are these really Yahweh's people? After all, they've been thrown out of his land.' **21** But I had compassion for my holy name that the Israeli people had defiled among the other nations, when they went there.

22 Therefore tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh says this: I'm not doing this for the sake of you Israeli people, but for my sacred name, which you've profaned among the nations everywhere you've gone. **23** My great name, which you people have profaned among the nations, I'll make holy even among the nations where you profaned it. Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh, when they see you recognise my holiness. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **24** I'll take you back out of those nations and gather you from every land, and I'll bring you into your land. **25** Then I'll sprinkle pure water on you so you'll be cleaned from all of your impurities, and I'll purify you from all your idols. **26** I'll give you people a new heart and a new spirit in your innermost parts, and I'll take the stony heart away from your bodies and replace it with a heart of flesh.[209] **27** I'll put my spirit in you and enable you Israelis to follow my instructions and keep my regulations. **28** Then you'll inhabit the land that I gave to your ancestors—you'll be my people and I'll be your god. **29** I'll save you from all of your uncleanness,

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and_animal[s] and_they_will_increase and_they_will_be_
_fruitful and_I_will_cause_to_be_inhabited you(pl) like_
_your(pl)_former_of_state(s) and_I_will_do_good more_than_
_of_your(pl)_beginnings and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_
that I am**YHWH**. **12** And_I_will_cause_to_walk on_you(pl)
human[s] ~~ᵭᵯ~~ people_of_my Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_will_
_possess_you and_you_will_become to/for_them (into)_an_
_inheritance and_not you_will_repeat again to_bereave_them.
13 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because people_are_saying
to/for_you(pl) are_devouring_of (of)_human[s] you[211] and_
_bereaving_of mmm[212] you_have_been. **14** For_so/thus/hence
human[s] not you_will_devour again and[213] not you_will_
_bereave[214] again the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **15** And_
_not I_will_make_heard to_you again the_insult[s]_of the_
_nations and_the_reproach_of peoples not you_will_bear again
and[215] not you_will_cause_to_stumble again the_utterance_of
my_master **YHWH**. **16** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was
to_me to_say. **17** Oh_son_of humankind the_house_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) were_dwelling on land_of_their_own and_they_
_made_unclean it by_conduct_of_their and_by_practices_of_
_their like_the_uncleanness_of (the)_menstruation it_was
conduct_of_their before_me. **18** And_I_poured_out rage_of_my
on_them on the_blood which they_had_poured_out on the_
_earth/land and_by_idols_of_their they_made_it_unclean.
19 And_I_scattered ~~ᵭᵯ~~_them among_nations and_they_were_
_dispersed among_lands according_to_of_their_conduct and_
_according_to_of_their_practices I_judged_them. **20** And_it_
_came to the_nations where they_went there and_they_
_profaned ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_name_of my_holiness_of_my when_said
to/for_them are_the_people_of **YHWH** these and_from_land_
_of_his they_have_come_out. **21** And_I_showed_pity on the_
_name_of my_holiness_of_my which they_had_profaned_it the_
_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) among_nations where they_had_
gone to(to). **22** For_so/thus/hence say to_the_house_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_says not for_
_your(pl)_sake I am_about_to_act Oh_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
if/because (if) for_the_name_of my_holiness_of_my which
you(pl)_have_profaned among_nations where you(pl)_have_
_gone there. **23** And_I_will_show_holy ~~ᵭᵯ~~ name_of_my (the)_
_great which_has_been_profaned among_nations which
you(pl)_have_profaned among_them and_ the_nations _they_
_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH** when_I_show_myself_holy by_you(pl) to_eyes_
_of_their. **24** And_I_will_take you(pl) from the_nations and_I_
_will_gather you(pl) from_all the_lands and_I_will_bring
you(pl) into land_of_your(pl)_own. **25** And_I_will_sprinkle on_
_you(pl) water pure and_you(pl)_will_be_pure from_all
uncleanness(es)_of_your(pl) and_from_all_of idols_of_your(pl)
I_will_purify you(pl). **26** And_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) a_heart
new and_spirit new I_will_put in_your_inner_of_being and_I_

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209 RV 36:26-28 · Cross-ref. Eze 11:19-20.

211 LV 36:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתא**: (x-qere) **תָּאְ**: lemma_859 b n_1 morph_HPp2fs id_26qfg **תָּאְ**

212 LV 36:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **ך/יוג**: (x-qere) **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ**: lemma_1471 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp2fs id_26Lz9 **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ**

213 LV 36:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ך/יוג/ו**: (x-qere) **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ/ו**: lemma_c/1471 a n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp2fs id_26AKC **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ/ו**

214 LV 36:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ילשכת**: (x-qere) **יְלַכְּשְׁתְ**: lemma_7921 a morph_HVpi2fs id_26d88 **יְלַכְּשְׁתְ**

215 LV 36:15 · Note OSHB variant note: **ך/יוג/ו**: (x-qere) **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ/ו**: lemma_c/1471 a n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp2fs id_26oZZ **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ/ו**

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_will_remove ~~DOM~~ the_heart_of (the)_stone from_flesh_of_ _your(pl) and_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) a_heart_of flesh. **27** And_~~DOM~~ my_breath/wind/spirit I_will_put in_your_inner_ _of_being and_I_will_bring_about ~~DOM~~ which/who in_ _regulations_of_my you(pl)_will_walk and_judgements_of_my you(pl)_will_keep and_you(pl)_will_do_them. **28** And_you(pl)_ _will_dwell on_the_earth which I_gave to_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_god. **29** And_I_will_save you(pl) from_all uncleanness(es)_of_your(pl) and_I_will_summon (to) the_grain and_I_will_increase ~~DOM~~_him/it and_not I_will_give to_you(pl) famine. **30** And_I_will_increase ~~DOM~~ the_fruit_of the_tree and_ _the_produce_of the_field so_that that not you(pl)_may_receive again the_reproach_of famine among_nations. **31** And_you(pl)_ _will_remember ~~DOM~~ ways_of_your(pl) (the)_evil and_deeds_of_ _your(pl) which not were_good and_you(pl)_will_feel_loathing at_faces_of_your(pl) on iniquities_of_your(pl) and_on abominations_of_your(pl). **32** Not for_your(pl)_sake I am_ _about_to_act the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** let_it_be_ _known to/for_you(pl) be_ashamed and_be_humiliated from_ _ways_of_your(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **33** Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says in/on_day cleanse_I you(pl) from_all iniquities_of_your(pl) and_I_will_cause_to_be_inhabited ~~DOM~~ the_cities and_ the_waste_places _they_will_be_rebuilt. **34** And_ _the_earth (the)_desolated it_will_be_tilled in_place_of that it_ _was a_desolation to_the_eyes_of every_of one_who_passes_by. **35** And_people_will_say the_earth/land this (the)_desolated it_ _has_become like_the_garden_of ʿĒden and_the_cities (the)_ _desolate and_(the)_desolated and_(the)_broken_down fortified_cities they_have_remained. **36** And_ the_nations which they_will_be_left around_of_you(pl) _they_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_rebuilt the_broken_down_ _cities I_have_planted the_desolated_place I **YHWH** I_have_ _spoken and_I_will_act. **37** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says again this I_will_let_myself_be_sought by_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_doing to/for_them I_will_increase ~~DOM~~_ _them like_flock human[s]. **38** Like_sheep_of holiness(es) like_ _the_sheep_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) at_its_appointed_of_ _times so they_will_be the_cities (the)_desolate full of_flock[s]_ _of human[s] and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

37:1 It_was on_me the_hand_of **YHWH** and_he_brought_me_out by_the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_he_set_me_down in_the_middle of_the_valley and_she was_full bones. **2** And_he_made_me_ _pass_by at_them all_around all_around and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE many_bones very were_on the_surface_of the_valley and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_were_dry very. **3** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind will_ the_bones the_these _they_live and_I_said my_master **YHWH** you you_know. **4** And_he/it_said to_me prophesy to the_bones the_these and_you_will_say to_ _them Oh_bones (the)_dry hear the_message_of **YHWH**. **5** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_bones the_these HERE I am_ _about_to_bring in_you(pl) breath and_you(pl)_will_live. **6** And_ _I_will_give to_you(pl) tendons and_I_will_bring_up over_ _you(pl) flesh and_I_will_cover over_you(pl) skin and_I_will_put in_you(pl) breath and_you(pl)_will_live and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **7** And_I_prophesied just_as I_was_ _commanded and_he/it_was a_sound just_as_I_prophesied and_

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and then I'll summon the grain and multiply it—I'll no longer assign famine to you. **30** I'll multiply the fruit on the trees and the produce from the soil so that you'll no longer be shamed by other nations seeing you suffering famine. **31** Then you'll think about your wicked customs and your activities that weren't good, and your faces will display your loathing of your own sins and your disgusting habits. **32** But make sure you know this: I'm not doing all that for *your* sake, so you Israeli people should be ashamed and disgraced because of your behaviour. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

33 The master Yahweh says this: When I purify you from all your disobedience, I'll enable you to inhabit the cities again and to rebuild the ruined places, **34** and the idle land will be tilled until it's no longer a wasteland for everyone to see as they go past. **35** Then instead they'll say, "This land was desolate, but it's become like the garden of Eden—the abandoned cities and the uninhabited ruins that were torn down are now fortified and inhabited." **36** Then the other nations around you will know that I am Yahweh, because I built up the ruins and replanted the abandoned places. I, Yahweh, have declared it and I will do it.

37 The master Yahweh also says this: The Israeli people will again ask me to do this for them: to increase their population like sheep. **38** Just like the flock that's kept separate to be used for sacrifices (like the flock in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) at its scheduled feasts), so too the ruined cities will be filled with flocks of people and they will know that I am Yahweh."

The valley with bleached bones

37:1 One day Yahweh gave me another vision, and he took me out by his spirit and put me down in the middle of a valley that was full of bones. **2** Then he led me all around them, and wow, there were so many bones in the valley, and they were totally dried out! **3** "Son of humanity," he asked me, "can these bones become living people again?"

"My master Yahweh," I replied, "only you would know that."

4 Then he told me, "Prophesy over these bones and tell them, 'Dry bones. Listen to Yahweh's message. **5** The master Yahweh says this to these bones: Listen, I'm about to put breath into you, and you'll live. **6** I'll connect sinews to you and put flesh onto you. I'll cover you with skin and put breath into you so you'll live. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

7 So I prophesied as I was instructed, and wow, a sound like

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something rattling started as the bones moved together—bone against bone! **8** I looked and, wow, the bones now had sinews on them, and flesh grew up over that, and then skin covered them! But there was still no breath in them.

9 Then Yahweh told me, "Prophesy to the wind, son of humanity, prophesy and tell the air, 'The master Yahweh commands this: Breath, come from the four compass points, and breathe into these who've been killed, so they'll come to life.' "

10 So I prophesied just like I was commanded. Then breath came into them and they came to life. Then they stood on their feet—a very large army.

11 Then Yahweh informed me, "Son of humanity, these bones are the entire Israeli population. Listen, they're saying, 'Our bones have dried up and our hope is gone. We've been cut off.' **12** Therefore prophesy and tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'll open your graves and lift you, my people, out from them, then I'll bring you back to Yisrael (Israel). **13** Then, my people, when I open your graves and bring you out of them, you'll know that I am Yahweh. **14** I'll place my spirit within you so you'll live, and I'll cause you to rest in your land when you know that I am Yahweh. I declare it, and I will do it. That is Yahweh's declaration.' "

The two sticks indicating unity of Yisrael and Yehudah

15 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **16** "So now, son of humanity, take a stick for yourself and write on it, 'For Yehudah (Judah) and for all their associated people.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Yosef (Joseph), the branch of Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), and for all their associated people.' **17** Then hold both of them together so that they seem like one stick in your hand. **18** When your people ask you and insist, 'Aren't you going to tell us what these props of yours mean?' **19** then tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: Look, I'm taking Yosef's branch that's in Yisrael's hand along with the tribes of Yisrael his companions, and joining it to Yehudah's branch, so that they'll make one branch, and they'll become one in my hand.'

20 Hold the branches in your hand that you wrote on while they watched. **21** Tell the people, 'The master Yahweh says this: Look, I'm about to take the Israeli people out from the nations where they went. I'll gather them from the surrounding lands and bring them back to their land. **22** I'll unite them as a single nation in the land, on the mountains of Yisrael, and there'll be one king as king over all of them, and they'll no longer be two nations—they'll no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

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_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_rattling and_ the_bones _they_drew_near bone to bone_of_its. **8** And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE were_ _on_them tendons and_flesh/body it_came_up and_it_covered over_them skin from_to_above and_spirit there_was_not in_ _them. **9** And_he/it_said to_me prophesy to the_breath prophesy Oh_son_of humankind and_you_will_say[216] to the_ _breath thus he_says my_master **YHWH** from_four winds come Oh_breath and_blow on_who_have_been]_killed the_these so_ _that_they_may_live. **10** And_I_prophesied just_as he_ _commanded_me and_it_came in/among_them the_breath and_they_lived and_they_stood on feet_of_their an_army great very very. **11** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind the_ _bones the_these are_all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they THERE people_are_saying bones_of_our they_have_dried_up and_ hope_of_our _it_has_been_lost we_have_been_cut_off to/for_us. **12** For_so/thus/hence prophesy and_you_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_ _open ÐOM graves_of_your(pl) and_I_will_bring_up you(pl) from_graves_of_your(pl) my_people_of_my and_I_will_bring you(pl) into the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_you(pl)_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_open_I ÐOM graves_ _of_your(pl) and_when_I_bring_up you(pl) from_graves_of_ _your(pl) my_people_of_my. **14** And_I_will_put my_ _breath/wind/spirit in_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_live and_I_ _will_set_down you(pl) on land_of_your(pl)_own and_you(pl)_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_spoken and_I_will_ _act the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

15 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **16** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take to/for_yourself(m) a_piece_of_wood one and_write on/upon/above_him/it for_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[220] and_take a_piece_of_wood one and_write on/upon/above_him/it for_Yōşēf/(Joseph) the_piece_of_wood_ _of 'Efrayim and_all the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[221]. **17** And_bring_near ÐOM_them one to one to/for_yourself(m) into_a_piece_of_wood one and_they_will_be (into)_one(s) in_ _hand_of_your. **18** And_when they_will_say to_you the_ _children_of your_people_of_your to_say am_not will_you_tell to/for_us what are_these_things to_you. **19** Speak to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_take ÐOM the_ _piece_of_wood_of Yōşēf which is_in_the_hand_of 'Efrayim and_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[222] and_I_will_put them on/upon/above_him/it ÐOM the_piece_of_wood_of Yəhūdāh and_I_will_make_them into_a_piece_of_wood one and_they_ _will_be one in_hand_of_my. **20** And_ the_pieces_wood which you_will_write on_them _they_will_be in_hand_of_your to_ _eyes_of_their. **21** And_speak to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_take ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_between the_nations where they_have_ _gone there and_I_will_gather ÐOM_them from_round_about and_I_will_bring them into land_of_their_own. **22** And_I_will_ _make ÐOM_them to_(a)_nation one on_the_earth on_the_

216 LV 37:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
220 LV 37:16 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/רבח: (x-qere) וְיָרֵבֵּחַ': lemma_2270 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26HZ4 וְיָרֵבֵּחַ
221 LV 37:16 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/רבח: (x-qere) וְיָרֵבֵּחַ': lemma_2270 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26uQs וְיָרֵבֵּחַ
222 LV 37:19 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/רבח: (x-qere) וְיָרֵבֵּחַ': lemma_2270 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_263Qd וְיָרֵבֵּחַ

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_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_a_king one he_will_become to/for_all_them (into)_king and_not they_will_become[223] again (into)_two_of nations and_not they_will_be_divided again into_ _two_of kingdoms again. **23** And_not they_will_make_ _themselves_unclean again by_idols_of_their and_by_ _abominations_of_their and_by_all_of transgressions_of_their and_I_will_save ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_all places_of_their_dwelling which they_have_sinned in/among_them and_I_will_cleanse them and_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_ _become to/for_them (into)_god. **24** And_servant_of_my Dāvid will_be_king over_them and_a_shepherd one he_will_belong to/for_all_them and_in_judgements_of_my they_will_walk and_ _regulations_of_my they_will_keep and_they_will_do them. **25** And_they_will_dwell on the_earth/land which I_gave to_ _servant_of_my to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) which they_dwelt in_it ancestors_of_your(pl) and_they_will_dwell on/upon_it(f) they and_children_of_their and_the_sons their_children_of_their until perpetuity and_Dāvid servant_of_my will_be_prince to/for_them forever_perpetuity. **26** And_I_will_make to/for_ _them a_covenant_of peace a_covenant_of perpetuity it_will_be them and_I_will_give_them and_I_will_increase them and_I_ _will_put ᴅᴏᴍ sanctuary_of_my among_them forever_ _perpetuity. **27** And_it_was place_of_my_dwelling with_them and_I_will_be to/for_them (into)_god and_they they_will_ _become to_me (into)_a_people. **28** And_ the_nations _they_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_sanctifying ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ sanctuary_of_my _is among_them forever_perpetuity.

38:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your against Gōg the_land_ _of (the)_Māgōg the_prince_of the_head_of Meshek and_Tūval and_prophesy on/upon/above_him/it. **3** And_you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_against_you Oh_Gōg the_ _prince_of the_head_of Meshek and_Tūval. **4** And_I_will_turn_ _you_around and_I_will_put hooks in_jaws_of_your and_I_will_ _bring_out you[226] and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of army_of_your horses and_ _horsemen are_clothed_of perfection of_them_of_all a_ _company great body_shield and_shield are_wielding_of (of)_ _swords of_them_of_all. **5** Pāraṣ Kūsh/(Cush) and_Pūṭ with_ _them of_them_of_all shield and_helmet. **6** Gomer and_all troops_of_its the_house_of Tōgarmāh the_remotest_parts_of the_north and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of troops_of_its peoples many will_be_ _with_you. **7** Be_prepared and_prepare to/for_yourself(m) you and_all company_of_your which_have_assembled with_you and_you_will_become to/for_them (into)_a_guard. **8** From_days many you_will_be_mustered in_end/latter of_the_years you_ _will_go into a_land restored from_the_sword gathered_

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23 Then they'll no longer defile themselves with their idols, with their disgusting things, or with any of their other sins. I'll save them from all of their faithless actions[217] with which they've sinned, and I'll purify them so they'll be my people and I'll be their god. **24** My servant David will be king over them, so there'll be one shepherd over them all,[218] and they'll follow my instructions and keep my regulations and obey them. **25** They'll live in the land that I've given to my servant Ya'akov (Jacob) (also called Yisrael), where your ancestors had stayed. They'll live in it forever—they, their children, and their grandchildren, and my servant David will be their permanent leader. **26** I'll establish a peace treaty with them—a never-ending agreement with them. I'll establish them and multiply them and put my sacred place among them forever. **27** My residence will be with them—I'll be their god, and they'll be my people.[219] **28** Then the other nations will know that I am Yahweh who sets Yisrael apart, when my sacred place is permanently among them.' "

The defeat of all of Yisrael's opponents[224] · Invasion by Gog and his army

38:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, look toward the land of Magog where King Gog is the main leader of Meshek and Tuval,[225] and prophesy against him. **3** Tell him that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you, Gog, leader of Meshek and Tuval, **4** so I'll turn you around and put hooks into your jaws. Then I'll bring you out with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all of them dressed in full armour—a huge group with large and small shields, all of them holding swords. **5** Paras (Persia), Kush (Ethiopia) (Kush), and Libya are with them, all of them with shields and helmets, **6** as well as Gomer and all its troops, and Beyt-Togarmah, from the far parts of the north, and all its troops. Many people groups are with you. **7** Tell Gog to get ready as commander, and to assemble and prepare his troops. **8** You'll be summoned many days later, then after some years you'll go to a land that's recovered from war and where the people have

217 **RV 37:23 · Note** The Hebrew text has 'living places' rather than 'faithless actions' (from the Septuagint), but it's difficult to make sense of the Hebrew.

218 **RV 37:24 · Cross-ref.** Eze 34:24.

219 **RV 37:27 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 6:16; Rev 21:3.

223 **LV 37:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: **היהי**: (x-qere) 'וְיִהְיֶ': lemma_1961 morph_HVqi3mp id_26Rnv **וְיִהְיֶ**

224 **RV 38:1 · Parallel** 38:1–39:29

225 **RV 38:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 20:8.

226 **LV 38:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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come back from many nations—gathered back to Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains that had continuously been a ruin. But the land's people will indeed be brought out of the nations, and they'll all live there safely again. **9** Then you'll go in like a storm with your large army—you'll all be like a cloud covering the land.

10 The master Yahweh says this: But plans will start to form in your heart on that day and you'll devise wicked schemes. **11** Then you'll think, 'I'll take my army up onto the open ground—we'll attack the people living quietly and peacefully—all of them living where there are no walls or barriers, and no city gates. **12** I'll capture booty and steal plunder and use my forces against those ruins that have been newly inhabited, and against those people who've returned from the nations—people who are gaining livestock and property, and who are living at the centre of the world.' **13** People from Sheva and Dedan, and traders from Tarshish and its villages will ask you, 'Have you come to plunder? Have you assembled your armies to take away spoil, to carry off gold and silver, to take their livestock and property and to haul away plenty of plunder?'

14 Therefore, son of humanity, prophesy and tell Gog that the master Yahweh says this: On that day, when my people Yisrael are living securely—but you won't take notice of that— **15** you'll come from your place far away in the north with a large army—all of them riding on horses, yes, a very numerous force. **16** Then you'll attack my Israeli people like a cloud that covers the land. I'll send you against my land near the end of the era, so that the nations might know me when I show myself through you, Gog—they'll see with their own eyes that I always demand what's right. **17** The master Yahweh says this: Aren't you the one that I spoke about in the past through my servants, the Israeli prophets who prophesied for years in their own times, that I would bring you against them?

Yahweh's punishment of Gog

18 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: When Gog attacks Yisrael (Israel), my fury will mount up into a rage. **19** In my zeal and in the fire of my anger, I declare that on that day there'll be a terrible earthquake in Yisrael, **20** and the fish in the sea and the birds in the skies, the wild animals in the countryside including all the creatures that crawl on the earth, and every person who's on the surface of the land will tremble in front of me. The mountains will be thrown down and the cliffs will fall, until every wall falls to the ground. **21** I'll summon an army against Gog on all my mountains. Every man's sword will be against his brother. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **22** Then I'll punish Gog with deadly diseases and bloodshed, as well as overwhelming rain and hailstones and burning sulfur that I'll rain down on him and his troops and the many nations that joined with him. **23** Yes, I'll display my greatness and purity, and I'll make myself known to those many nations, so they'll know that I am Yahweh.

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_together from_peoples many on the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_had_become (into)_a_desolation continually and_she from_peoples it_had_been_brought_out and_they_will_be_dwelling to_security of_them_of_all. **9** And_ _you_will_go_up like_storm you_will_go like_cloud about_to_ _cover the_earth/land you_are you and_all troops_of_your and_ _peoples many with_you. **10** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_it_was in_the_day (the)_that words/messages they_will_ _come_up on heart_of_your and_you_will_plan a_plan_of evil. **11** And_you_will_say I_will_go_up on a_land_of unwalled_ _villages I_will_go those_who_are_at_peace who_dwell_of to_ _security of_them_of_all are_dwelling with_not a_wall and_ _bar[s] and_gates there_belonged_not to/for_them. **12** To_ _plunder plunder and_to_take_as_spoil spoil to_turn hand_of_ _your on waste_places inhabited and_near/to a_people which_ _has_been_gathered from_nations which_has_acquired livestock and_property who_dwell_of at the_center_of the_ _earth/land. **13** Shəvā' and_Dədān and_the_traders_of Tarshiysh and_all lions_of_its_young they_will_say to/for_ _yourself(m) to_plunder plunder are_you coming to_take_as_ _spoil spoil have_you_assembled company_of_your to_carry_ _away silver and_gold to_take/accept/receive livestock and_ _property to_plunder plunder great. **14** For_so/thus/hence prophesy Oh_son_of humankind and_you_will_say to_Gōg thus my_master **YHWH** he_says am_not in_the_day (the)_that when_ people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _dwell to_security will_ _you_know. **15** And_you_will_come from_place_of_your from_ _the_remotest_parts_of the_north you and_peoples many with_ _you are_riders_of horses of_them_of_all a_company great and_ _an_army great. **16** And_you_will_go_up on people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_cloud to_cover the_earth/land in_ _end/latter the_days it_will_happen and_I_will_bring_you on land_of_my so_as the_nations to_know ~~DOM~~_me when_I_show_ _myself_holy in_you(ms) to_eyes_of_their Oh_Gōg. **17** Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says are_you he whom I_spoke in_days former by_the_hand_of my_servants_of_my the_prophets_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_prophesied in_the_days the_those years to_bring you on_them.

18 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that in/on_day Gōg comes on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** rage_of_my it_will_rise in_anger_of_my. **19** And_in_ _jealousy_of_my in_the_fire_of my_severe_anger_of_my I_have_ _spoken if not in_the_day (the)_that it_will_be an_earthquake great on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **20** And_they_will_shake from_before_of_me the_fish(es)_of the_sea and_bird the_ _heavens and_the_animal[s]_of the_field and_all the_creeping_ _(thing) the_(one)_creeping on the_soil and_ _all/each/any/every the_humankind which is_on the_surface_ _of the_soil and_ the_mountains _they_will_be_thrown_down and_ the_steep_places _they_will_fall and_all wall to_ground it_ _will_fall. **21** And_I_will_summon on/upon/above_him/it to/from_all/each/any/every mountains_of_my a_sword the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH** the_sword_of each on_ _brother_of_his it_will_be. **22** And_I_will_enter_into_judgement with_him/it by_pestilence and_by_blood and_rain overflowing and_stones_of hail fire and_sulfur I_will_rain_down on/upon/above_him/it and_on troops_of_his and_on peoples

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many which with_him/it. **23** And_I_will_show_myself_great and_I_will_show_myself_holy and_I_will_make_myself_known to_the_eyes_of nations many and_they_will_know if/because_ _that I am_**YHWH**.

39:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy on Gōg and_ _you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_ _against_you Oh_Gōg the_prince_of the_head_of Meshek and_ _Tūval. **2** And_I_will_turn_you_around and_I_will_lead_you_on and_I_will_bring_you_up from_the_remotest_parts_of the_ _north and_I_will_bring_you on the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_I_will_strike bow_of_your from_the_ _hand_of your_left_hand_of_your and_arrows_of_your from_ _the_hand_of your_right_side_of_your I_will_make_fall. **4** On the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you and_all troops_of_your and_peoples which are_with_you you_will_fall to_bird[s]_of_ _prey_of bird[s] of_every_of wing and_the_animal[s]_of the_ _field I_will_give_you for_food. **5** On the_surface_of the_field you_will_fall if/because I I_have_spoken the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. **6** And_I_will_send fire on_Māgōg and_on_ _those_who_dwell_of the_islands to_security and_they_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **7** And_ĐOM the_name_of my_holiness_of_my I_will_make_known in_the_middle people_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not I_will_let_be_profaned ĐOM the_name_of my_holiness_of_my again and_ the_nations _they_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_holy in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** THERE it_is_coming and_it_will_occur the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH** it the_day which I_have_ _spoken. **9** And_they_will_go_out the_inhabitants_of the_cities_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_kindle and_they_will_kindle_ _a_fire with_weaponry and_shield and_body_shield with_bow and_with_arrows and_with_staff_of hand and_with_spear and_ _they_will_kindle in/among_them fire seven years. **10** And_not they_will_carry wood(s) from the_field and_not they_will_cut_ _it from the_forests if/because with_weaponry they_will_kindle fire and_they_will_plunder ĐOM those_of_who_plundered_them and_they_will_take_as_spoil ĐOM those_of_who_took_them_as_ _spoil the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

11 And_it_was on_day (the)_that I_will_give to_Gōg a_place_of (of)_there a_burial_site in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_valley_of those_ _who_pass_through the_east_of the_sea and_ it _will_be_ _blocking_the_way_of ĐOM those_who_pass_through and_ _people_will_bury there ĐOM Gōg and_ĐOM all_of multitude_of_ _his[228] and_they_will_call_it the_valley_of_H$_a$mōn- Gōg the_ _valley_of_H$_a$mōn-. **12** And_they_will_bury_them the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_as to_cleanse ĐOM the_earth/land seven months. **13** And_ all_of the_people_of the_earth/land _they_ _will_bury_them and_it_was to/for_them (into)_a_name the_ _day_of my_glorifying_myself the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **14** And_people_of continuity they_will_set_apart who_ _pass on_the_earth who_bury ĐOM those_who_pass_on ĐOM those_who_remain on the_surface_of the_earth/land to_ _cleanse_it from_the_end_of seven months they_will_make_a_ _search. **15** And_ those_who_pass _they_will_pass on_the_earth and_they_will_see a_bone_of a_human and_he_will_build beside_it a_marker until those_who_bury they_have_buried

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The defeat of Gog

39:1 "Now, son of humanity, prophesy against Gog and say that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you, Gog, leader of Meshek and Tuval. **2** I'll turn you around and drag you along—I'll bring you from the far north and take you up to Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains, **3** Then I'll knock your bow out of your left hand and make the arrows fall out of your right hand. **4** You and all your troops and soldiers who are with you will die on Yisrael's mountains. I'll give you to the birds of prey and the wild animals in the countryside for food. **5** You'll die there in the countryside, because I myself declare it. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **6** Then I'll send fire out onto Magog and on those living in safety in the coastal regions, and then they'll know that I am Yahweh. **7** I'll make my holy name known among my people Yisrael, and I'll no longer allow my holy name to be profaned—the nations will know that I am Yahweh, the holy One in Yisrael.

8 Listen, the day is coming, and all that will take place. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **9** The people living in Yisrael's cities will go out and they'll use those weapons to kindle and make fires and burn them—small shields, large shields, bows, arrows, the clubs and spears—they'll make fires with them for seven years. **10** They won't need to gather firewood from the countryside or cut down trees from the forests, since they'll burn the weapons. They'll take from those invaders who wanted to take from them, and plunder those who wanted to plunder them. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

Gog's burial

11 Then at that time, I'll make a grave for Gog there in Yisrael (Israel)—a valley for those who journey to the east of the sea. They'll bury Gog there with all his multitudes, and they'll call it the 'Hamon-Gog' (or, 'Gog's horde') valley. That mass grave will block people who want to cross over. **12** It'll take seven months for the Israelis to bury them to make the area clean— **13** all the land's people will bury them. It'll be a memorable day for them when I'm honoured. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **14** At the end of the seven months, they'll designate men to continually go through the region to find people who were travelling through, but who died and their bodies remained above the ground, so that they can bury them to make the land clean. **15** As those men pass through the land, when they see any human bone, they'll put a marker by it, until gravediggers come and bury it in the Hamon-Gog valley. **16** There'll even be a city there named 'Hamonah' (which means,

228 LV 39:11 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In this we agree with L against BHS.

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'horde' or 'multitude'). In that way, they'll make the land clean again.

17 Now, son of humanity, the master Yahweh says this to you: Tell all the winged birds and all the wild animals in the countryside, 'Gather together and come. Gather from all around to the sacrifice that I myself am making for you—a large sacrifice on Yisrael's mountains, so that you can eat human flesh and drink blood.[227] **18** You'll eat warriors' flesh and drink the blood of the world's leaders as if they were rams, lambs, goats, and bulls that were all fattened in Bashan. **19** Then you'll eat fat until you're full and drink blood until you're drunk—that'll be the sacrifice that I'll slaughter for you birds and animals. **20** You'll be satisfied at my table with horses, chariot drivers, warriors, and every man of war. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'

Yisrael's restoration

21 I'll display my power among the nations, and all the nations will see my judgement that I'll put into process and how I'll put that into action against them. **22** Then from that time onwards, the Israeli people will know that I am their god Yahweh. **23** The nations will know that the Israeli people went into captivity because of how they betrayed me with their disobedience, so I distanced myself from them and handed them over to their adversaries so that they all died in the battle. **24** When I distanced myself from them, I treated them exactly as their defilement and rebellion deserved.

25 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: Now I'll restore Ya'akov's (Jacob's) fortunes, and I'll have compassion on all of Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants, when I act with zeal to protect my pure reputation. **26** Then they'll bear their shame and all the treason in which they betrayed me. They'll forget all that when they rest in their land in safety, with no one to terrify them **27** when I restore them from the people groups and gather them from their enemies' lands, and I show myself in the sight of many nations to always do what's right. **28** Then they'll know that I am Yahweh their god, because I sent them into captivity among the other nations, but then I'll gather them back to their own land. I won't leave any of them among the nations. **29** I'll no longer distance myself from them when I pour out my spirit on the Israeli people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

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ĐØM_him/it to the_valley_of_Hₐmōn- Gōg the_valley_of_ _Hₐmōn-. **16** And_also the_name_of a_city is_Hamonah and_ _they_will_cleanse the_earth/land. **17** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind thus he_says my_master **YHWH** say to_bird[s]_of every_of wing and_to/for_all (the)_animal_of the_field assemble and_come gather_yourselves from_round_about to sacrifice_of_my which I am_sacrificing to/for_you(pl) a_ _sacrifice great on the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _you(pl)_will_eat flesh and_you(pl)_will_drink blood. **18** The_ _flesh_of warriors you(pl)_will_eat and_the_blood_of the_ _princes_of the_earth/land you(pl)_will_drink rams lambs and_ _goats bulls fatlings_of Bāshān of_them_of_all. **19** And_you(pl)_ _will_eat fat to_satiety and_you(pl)_will_drink blood to_ _drunkenness from_sacrifice_of_my which I_have_sacrificed for_you(pl). **20** And_you(pl)_will_be_satisfied at table_of_my horse and_charioteer warrior and_all man_of war the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

21 And_I_will_set ĐØM glory_of_my among_nations and_ all_of the_nations _they_will_see ĐØM judgement_of_my which I_ _have_done and_ĐØM hand_of_my which I_have_put on_them. **22** And_ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_of_their from the_day (the)_ _that and_onwards. **23** And_ the_nations _they_will_know if/because_that for_iniquity_of_their the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_went_into_exile on that they_had_acted_ _unfaithfully against_me and_I_hid face_of_my from_them and_ _I_gave_them in_the_hand_of their_foes_of_their and_they_fell by_sword of_them_of_all. **24** According_to_of_their_ _uncleanness and_according_to_of_their_transgressions I_ _have_dealt ĐØM_them and_I_hid face_of_my from_them. **25** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says now I_ _will_turn_back ĐØM the_captivity_of[229] of_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_I_will_have_compassion_on all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_be_zealous for_the_name_of my_ _holiness_of_my. **26** And_they_will_bear ĐØM disgrace_of_their and_ĐØM all_of unfaithfulness_of_their which they_acted_ _unfaithfully against_me when_dwell_they on land_of_their_ _own to_security and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies. **27** When_I_bring_back them from the_peoples and_I_will_ _gather ĐØM_them from_the_lands_of their_enemies_of_their and_I_will_show_myself_holy by_them to_the_eyes_of the_ _nations many. **28** And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_their because_I_sent_into_exile ĐØM_them to the_nations and_I_will_gather_them to land_of_their_own and_ _not I_will_leave_behind again from_them there. **29** And_not I_ _will_hide again face_of_my from_them I_who I_have_poured_ _out ĐØM my_breath/wind/spirit on the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

227 RV 39:17-20 · Cross-ref. Rev 19:17-18.

229 LV 39:25 · Note OSHB variant note: תיבש: (x-qere) תָּוּבְשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_26taf תָּוּבְשׁ

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40:1 In_twenty and_five year of_exile_of_our at_the_beginning_ _of the_year on_ten of_month in_four- teen year after that the_ _city it_was_struck_down on_the_substance_of the_day the_this it_was on_me the_hand_of **YHWH** and_he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_me to_(to). **2** In_visions_of god he_brought_me to the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_set_me_down to a_mountain high very and_was_on_it like_the_structure_of a_city from_the_south. **3** And_he_brought me to_(to) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man appearance_of_his was_like_the_appearance_of bronze and_a_ _cord_of linen(s) in_his/its_hand and_the_reed_of (the)_ _measurement and_he was_standing in_gate. **4** And_he/it_ _spoke to_me the_man Oh_son_of humankind see with_eyes_ _of_your and_with_ears_of_your hear and_set heart_of_your to_ _all/each/any/every that I am_about_to_show you if/because so_as to_show_you you_have_been_brought hither tell ᴅᴏᴍ all_ _of that you are_about_to_see to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

5 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_wall was_from_the_outside of_house all_around all_around and_in_the_hand_of the_man the_reed_ _of the_measurement was_six cubits by_cubit and_a_hand_ _breadth and_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_breadth_of the_structure a_reed one and_the_height a_reed one. **6** And_he_went to the_ _gate which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of (to)_the_ _east and_he/it_ascended its[234] and_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _threshold_of the_gate a_reed one breadth and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _threshold one a_reed one breadth. **7** And_the_chamber a_reed one length and_a_reed one breadth and_between the_chambers five cubits and_the_threshold_of the_gate from_beside the_ _porch_of the_gate from_the_house a_reed one. **8** And_he_ _measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_porch_of the_gate from_the_house a_reed one. **9** And_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_porch_of the_gate eight cubits its[235] two cubits the_porch_of the_gate was_from_the_ _house. **10** And_the_chambers_of the_gate the_direction_of the_ _east three from_here and_three from_here a_measurement one belonged_to_the_three_of_of_them and_a_measurement one belonged_to_pillars from_here and_from_here. **11** And_he_ _measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_breadth_of the_entrance_of the_gate ten cubits the_length_of the_gate thir- teen cubits. **12** And_a_ _barrier to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_chambers was_a_cubit one and_was_a_cubit one a_barrier from_here and_ _the_chamber was_six cubits from_here and_six cubits from_ _here. **13** And_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate from_the_roof of_ _the_chamber to_roof_its breadth twenty and_five cubits entrance before entrance. **14** And_he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ pillars sixty cubit[s] and_near/to the_pillar_of the_courtyard the_gate all_ _around all_around. **15** And_on the_face_of the_gate the[236] on to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_porch_of the_gate (the)_inner fifty cubit[s]. **16** And_windows closed were_to the_ _chambers and_near/to pillars_of_their to_within to_gate all_ _around all_around and_thus/so/as_follows to_porches and_

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The revelation concerning the coming temple and nation[230] · Yehezkel is taken to Yerushalem

40:1 In mid-April of the twenty-fifth year of our captivity (the fourteenth year after Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was captured), Yahweh used his power to take me there, **2** yes, God took me to Yisrael (Israel) in visions. He put me on a very high mountain where there seemed to be city buildings towards the south,[231] **3** and he took me there. Then wow, there was a man standing in the city gateway who looked like bronze! He was holding a linen cord and a measuring rod.[232]

4 The man told me, "Son of humanity, look with your eyes and listen with your ears, and fix your mind on everything that I'm revealing to you, because you were brought here so I could reveal them to you. Report everything you see here to the Israeli people."

The eastern gateway

5 There was a wall surrounding the temple area. The measuring rod in the man's hand was just over three metres long. (It was six long cubits—each long cubit was a cubit long plus a handbreadth.) So he measured the wall, and it was one measuring rod thick and one high.[233] **6** Then he went to the temple gate that faced east. He went up its steps and measured the gate's threshold—one rod across. **7** The guard chambers were each one rod long and deep, and just under three metres wide. The temple gate threshold by the temple porch was one rod across. **8** He measured the porch inside the gate and it was one rod long, **9** and the porch over the gate was one rod deep. The doorposts were each a metre wide. (This was the porch at the gate facing the temple.) **10** There were three guard chambers on either side of the east gate, and each of them was the same size, and the walls that separated them were the same size.

11 Then the man measured the width of the gateway entrance and it was five metres, and the length of the gateway entrance was almost seven metres. **12** He measured the wall that ran along the front of the chambers at half a metre high. The chambers measured three metres on each side. **13** Then he measured the gateway from the roof of one chamber to that of the next chamber, and it was thirteen metres from the entrance of the first chamber to that of the second. **14** Then he measured the wall that went between the guard chambers, and it was over thirty metres long as far as the gate's porch. **15** The entrance from the front of the gate to the other end of the gate's porch was twenty-seven metres. **16** There were closed windows facing the chambers and toward their pillars within the gates all around,

230 RV 40:1 · Parallel 40:1–48:35

231 RV 40:2 · Cross-ref. Rev 21:10.

232 RV 40:3 · Cross-ref. Rev 11:1; 21:15.

233 RV 40:5–42:20 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 6:1-38; 2Ch 3:1-9.

234 LV 40:6 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תולעמ/ב: (x-qere) 'ו/יְתוֹלְעֵמְ/ב': lemma_b/4609 b n_1 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_26S85 ו/יְתוֹלְעֵמְ/ב

235 LV 40:9 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ליא/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יְלֵיאָ/ו': lemma_c/352 b n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26M6J ו/יְלֵיאָ/ו

236 LV 40:15 · Note OSHB variant note: ווֹתאי/ה: (x-qere) 'וְוֹתֵיאָ/ה': lemma_d/2978 n_1.2 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_26K9x וְוֹתֵיאָ/ה

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and likewise for the porches. There were windows all around the inside, and each of the door jambs was decorated with carvings of palm trees.

The temple courtyard

17 Then the man brought me to the outer courtyard of the temple. Look, there were rooms, and the courtyard was paved, with thirty rooms next to the pavement. **18** The pavement reached to the side of the gates, and its width was the same as the gates' length. That was the lower pavement. **19** Then the man measured the distance from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner gate: it was just over fifty metres on the eastern side, and the same on the northern side.

The northern gateway

20 Then he measured the length and width of the gate that was at the northern end of the outer courtyard. **21** There were three chambers on each side of that gate, and the gate with its porch measured the same as the main gate: twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. **22** Its windows, porch, chambers, and its palm trees matched the eastern gate. Seven steps went up to it and to its porch. **23** There was a gate to the inner courtyard in front of the northern gate, just as there was at the eastern gate. The man measured from one gate to the other gate, and it was fifty-four metres.

The southern gateway

24 Next the man took me to the gateway at the southern entrance, and its walls and porch measured the same as the other outer gates. **25** There were closed windows in the gateway and its porch just like the other gates. The southern gate with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. **26** There were seven steps up to the gate and its porch, and carvings of palm trees on the walls on each side. **27** There was a gate to the inner courtyard on the southern side, and the man measured fifty-four metres from that gate to the gate at the southern entrance.

The gateways to the inner courtyard

28 Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by way of its southern gate,

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_windows were_all_around all_around to_within and_near/to a_pillar palm_trees.

17 And_he_brought_me into the_courtyard the_outer and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE rooms and_a_pavement made for_courtyard all_around all_around thirty rooms to the_pavement. **18** And_ _the_pavement was_to the_side_of the_gates corresponding_to_ _of the_length_of the_gates the_pavement (the)_lower. **19** And_ _he_measured the_breadth from_to/for_face/front/presence the_gate (the)_lower to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before of_ _the_courtyard (the)_inner from_outside a_hundred cubit[s] the_east and_the_north.

20 And_the_gate which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of the_north of_courtyard (the)_outer he_measured length_of_its and_breadth_of_its. **21** And[237] three from_here and_three from_ _here and[238] and[239] it_was like_the_measurement_of the_gate (the)_first was_fifty cubit[s] length_of_its and_the_breadth was_five and_twenty by_cubit. **22** And[240] and[241] and[242] were_ _like_the_measurement_of the_gate which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of the_east and_by_steps seven people_go_ _up in_him/it and[243] were_before_of_them. **23** And_a_gate to_ _courtyard (the)_inner was_before the_gate to_north and_to_ _east and_he_measured from_gate to gate a_hundred cubit[s].

24 And_he_led_me the_direction_of the_south and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_gate_of the_direction_of the_south and_ _he_measured its[244] its[245] according_the_measurements the_ _these. **25** And_windows to_him/it its[246] all_around all_around like_the_windows the_these was_fifty cubit[s] the_length and_ _the_breadth was_five and_twenty cubit[s]. **26** And_were_steps seven mmm[247] its[248] were_before_of_them and_palm_trees to_ _him/it one from_here and_one from_here were_to mmm[249]. **27** And_a_gate belonged_to_courtyard (the)_inner the_ _direction_of the_south and_he_measured from_gate to the_ _gate the_direction_of the_south a_hundred cubits.
28 And_he_brought_me into a_courtyard (the)_inner by_the_ _gate_of the_south and_he_measured ~~DOM~~ the_gate the_south according_the_measurements the_these. **29** And[250] and[251]

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237 LV 40:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/את: (x-qere) ו/אֶתְ: lemma_c/8372 n_1.2.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26iyu וְ/אֶתְ
238 LV 40:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) ו/לֵיאֵ: lemma_c/352 b morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26BpP וְ/לֵיאֵ
239 LV 40:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מלא: (x-qere) ו/יַמְּלֵאֵ: lemma_c/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26QeB וְ/יַמְּלֵאֵ
240 LV 40:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/נולח: (x-qere) ו/נָוֹלַחְ: lemma_c/2474 morph_HC/Ncbpc/Sp3ms id_26ff8 וְ/נָוֹלַחְ
241 LV 40:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מלא: (x-qere) ו/יַמְּלֵאֵ: lemma_c/361 n_1.2.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26Qr5 וְ/יַמְּלֵאֵ
242 LV 40:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/רמת: (x-qere) ו/יְרַמָּתְ: lemma_c/8561 n_1.2 morph_HC/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_266Qc וְ/יְרַמָּתְ
243 LV 40:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מליא: (x-qere) ו/יַמְּלֵיאֵ: lemma_c/361 n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26pEU וְ/יַמְּלֵיאֵ
244 LV 40:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) ו/יֶלֵיאּ: lemma_352 b n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26APL וְ/יֶלֵיאּ
245 LV 40:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מליא: (x-qere) ו/יְמַלֵּיאֵ: lemma_c/361 n_0.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_2615v וְ/יְמַלֵּיאֵ
246 LV 40:25 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מליא/ל/ו: (x-qere) ו/יְמַלֵּיאֵ/ל/ו: lemma_c/l/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26Hoy וְ/יְמַלֵּיאֵ/ל/ו
247 LV 40:26 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תולע: (x-qere) ו/יְתוֹלְעּ: lemma_5930 b n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26QiW וְ/יְתוֹלְעּ
248 LV 40:26 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מלא: (x-qere) ו/יְמַלֵּאֵ: lemma_c/361 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26xLM וְ/יְמַלֵּאֵ
249 LV 40:26 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) ו/יֶלֵיאּ: lemma_352 b n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26mqh וְ/יֶלֵיאּ
250 LV 40:29 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/את: (x-qere) ו/יָּאֶתְ: lemma_c/8372 n_1.1.0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26KCZ וְ/יָּאֶתְ
251 LV 40:29 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) ו/יֶלֵיאּ: lemma_c/352 b morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26pi8 וְ/יֶלֵיאּ

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and[252] were_according_the_measurements the_these and_ _windows to_him/it its[253] all_around all_around was_fifty cubit[s] the_length and_the_breadth was_twenty and_five cubits. 30 And_porches were_all_around all_around the_length was_five and_twenty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_five cubits. 31 And_porches_of_its[254] were_to a_courtyard (the)_outer and_ _palm_trees were_to mmm[255] and_was_steps eight mmm[256].

32 And_he_brought_me into the_courtyard (the)_inner the_ _direction_of the_east and_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate according_the_measurements the_these. 33 And[257] and[258] and[259] were_according_the_measurements the_these and_ _windows to_him/it its[260] all_around all_around the_length was_fifty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_five and_twenty cubit[s]. 34 Its[261] were_to_courtyard (the)_outer palm_trees were_to mmm[262] from_here and_from_here and_eight steps mmm[263].

35 And_he_brought_me into the_gate_of the_north and_he_ _measured according_the_measurements the_these. 36 Mmm[264] mmm[265] its[266] and_windows to_him/it all_around all_around the_length was_fifty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_ _five and_twenty cubit[s]. 37 Its[267] were_to_courtyard (the)_ _outer palm_trees were_to mmm[268] from_here and_from_here and_eight steps mmm[269].

38 And_a_room and_entrance_of_its was_at_pillars the_gates there people_rinse ᴅᴏᴍ the_burnt_offering. 39 And_were_in_ _the_porch_of the_gate two tables from_here and_two tables from_here to_slaughter to_them the_burnt_offering and_the_ _sin_offering and_the_guilt_offering. 40 And_near/to the_side from_(to)_outside for_who]_goes_up to_the_entrance_of the_ _gate (the)_northward_toward two tables and_near/to the_side (the)_other which was_to_the_porch_of the_gate two tables. 41 Four tables from_here and_four tables from_here were_to_

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which had the same measurements as the other gates. 29 Its chambers, walls, and porches measured the same as the other gates—there were windows all around in the porch. The inner gate with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. 30 There were also porches all around the inner wall—they were all thirteen metres long and almost three metres wide. 31 The porch facing the outer courtyard had carved palm trees on its walls, and eight steps going up to it.

The eastern gate to the inner courtyard

32 Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by the eastern side and measured the gate, which had the same measurements as the other gates. 33 Its chambers, walls, and porches measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The inner gate with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. 34 Its porch that faced the outer courtyard had carved palm trees on each side of it, and eight steps going up it.

The northern gate to the inner courtyard

35 Next the man brought me to the northern gate and measured it, and it measured the same as the other gates. 36 Its chambers, walls, and porch measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The gateway with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. 37 Its porch that faced the outer courtyard had carved palm trees on each side of it, and eight steps going up it.

Rooms for preparing sacrifices

38 There was a room with a door by each of the inner gateways which was where they rinsed the burnt offerings. 39 There were two tables on each side of each porch, which were for slaughtering the offerings: the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering. 40 By the wall of the courtyard, going up to the gate to the north, there were two tables. Also on the other side there were two tables at the gate's porch. 41 There were four tables by the gate on

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252 **LV 40:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26cGB וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

253 **LV 40:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ל/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/l/361 n_1.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_2615j וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

254 **LV 40:31 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

255 **LV 40:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵיא': lemma_352 b n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26KVs וְיָלֵיא

256 **LV 40:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לעמ: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵעַמ': lemma_4608 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26Bgt וְיָלֵעַמ

257 **LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/את/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיָאֵתְוֹ': lemma_c/8372 n_1.1.0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26kL5 וְיָאֵתְוֹ

258 **LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵאוֹ': lemma_c/352 b morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26pEE וְיָלֵאוֹ

259 **LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_266kc וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

260 **LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ל/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/l/361 n_1.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26JTd וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

261 **LV 40:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26JSR וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

262 **LV 40:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לא: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵא': lemma_352 b n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26HTu וְיָלֵא

263 **LV 40:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לעמ: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵעַמ': lemma_4608 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26aqk וְיָלֵעַמ

264 **LV 40:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/את: (x-qere) 'וְיָאֵתְ': lemma_8372 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26QQV וְיָאֵתְ

265 **LV 40:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לא: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵא': lemma_352 b morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26Rqg וְיָלֵא

266 **LV 40:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26SXR וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

267 **LV 40:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ליא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵיאוֹ': lemma_c/352 b n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26a4E וְיָלֵיאוֹ

268 **LV 40:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵיא': lemma_352 b n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26tt3 וְיָלֵיא

269 **LV 40:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לעמ: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵעַמ': lemma_4608 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_261gK וְיָלֵעַמ

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each side—they slaughtered animals on those eight tables.
42 There were four cut-stone tables for the burnt offerings, each just under a metre long and wide, and standing half a metre tall. They kept the tools which they used to slaughter the burnt offerings for the sacrifices on those stone tables. 43 Some two-pronged hooks a handbreadth in length were fastened all around in the porch, and the flesh of the offerings would be put on the tables.

The priests' rooms

44 Within the inner courtyard but on the outside of the inner gate were singers' rooms—one on the northern side facing south, and the other on the southern side facing north. 45 Then the man told me, "This room facing south is for the priests who are on duty in the temple. 46 The room facing north is for the priests on duty at the altar, that is, for Tsadok's descendants—they're the only Levites who approach Yahweh to serve him."

The inner courtyard

47 Next he measured the square courtyard at fifty-four metres long and wide, with the altar in front of the temple.

The temple entrance

48 Then the man took me to the temple porch and measured its doorposts—they were each two and a half metres thick. The entryway itself was seven metres wide,[270] and the walls on each side of it were one and a half metres wide.
49 The porch was eleven metres wide and six metres deep, with steps going up to it and pillars standing on each side of it.

Inside the temple

41:1 Then the man took me into the temple's holy place and measured the doorposts at three metres thick on each side. 2 The doorway was five metres wide and the wall on each side was two and a half metres long. Then the man measured the dimensions of the holy place—twenty-one metres long and eleven metres wide. 3 Then the man went into the very sacred inner place and measured the door at one metre wide, and the doorway was three metres wide. The walls on either side were nearly four metres wide. 4 Then he measured the square room's length and width of eleven metres, measuring to the temple hallway. Then he said to me, "This is the most sacred area."

The temple rooms

5 Then the man measured the wall of the house at three metres thick. The width of each side room around the house was two metres. 6 There were side rooms on three levels, one room above another, thirty rooms on each level. There were ledges around the temple wall to support all the side rooms, as the supports weren't built into the temple wall. 7 So the side rooms widened and went around going up, because the

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_the_side_of the_gate eight tables which_to_them people_ _slaughter. 42 And_four tables for_offering were_stones_of hewn_stone the_length was_a_cubit one and_a_half and_the_ _breadth was_a_cubit one and_a_half and_the_height was_a_ _cubit one to_them and_people_set_down ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_vessels which people_slaughtered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_burnt_offering by_them and_the_sacrifice. 43 And_the_hooks a_hand_breadth one were_ _established in_house all_around all_around and_near/to the_ _tables the_flesh_of the_offering.

44 And_from_(to)_the_outside of_gate (the)_inner rooms_of singers were_in_courtyard (the)_inner which was_to the_side_ _of the_gate_of the_north and_fronts_of_their was_the_ _direction_of the_south one was_to the_side_of the_gate_of the_east the_front_of the_direction_of the_north. 45 And_he/it_ _spoke to_me this the_room which front_of_its is_the_ _direction_of the_south is_for_priests who_keep_of (of)_the_ _charge_of the_house. 46 And_the_room which front_of_its is_ _the_direction_of the_north is_for_priests who_keep_of (of)_ _the_charge_of the_altar they are_the_sons_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) (the)_approaching from_(the)_sons of_Lēvī to **YHWH** to_serve_ _him.

47 And_he_measured ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_courtyard the_length was_a_ _hundred cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_a_hundred cubit[s] a_ _square and_the_altar to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _house.

48 And_he_brought_me to the_porch_of the_house and_he_ _measured a_pillar_of a_porch five cubits from_here and_five cubits from_here and_the_breadth_of the_gate was_three cubits from_here and_three cubits from_here. 49 The_length_of the_porch was_twenty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_one_plus_ _of ten cubit[s] and_by_steps which people_go_up to_him/it and_columns to the_pillars one from_here and_one from_here.

41:1 And_he_brought_me to the_temple and_he_measured ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_pillars was_six cubits the_breadth from_here and_was_six cubits the_breadth from_here the_breadth_of the_tent. 2 And_ _the_breadth_of the_entrance was_ten cubits and_the_sides_of the_entrance was_five cubits from_here and_five cubits from_ _here and_he_measured length_of_its forty cubit[s] and_the_ _breadth was_twenty cubit[s]. 3 And_he_went to_within and_ _he_measured the_pillar_of the_entrance two cubits and_the_ _entrance was_six cubits and_the_breadth_of the_entrance was_seven cubits. 4 And_he_measured ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ length_of_its twenty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_twenty cubit[s] to the_face_of the_temple and_he/it_said to_me this is_the_holy_place_of the_ _holy_places.

5 And_he_measured the_wall_of the_house six cubits and_the_ _breadth_of the_rib/plank was_four cubits all_around all_ _around to_house all_around. 6 And_the_side-chambers side-chamber to_side-chamber were_three and_thirty times and_things_which_were_going were_in_wall which belonged_ _to_house for_side-chambers all_around all_around to_be supports and_not they_will_be supports in_the_wall_of the_ _house. 7 And_it_was_broad and_it_surrounded (to)_upwards

270 RV 40:48 · Note Following the LXX, as the 1.5m (three cubits) in the Hebrew appears likely to be a copying mistake.

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(to)_upwards to_side-chambers if/because the_surrounding_of the_house (to)_upwards (to)_upwards all_around all_around to_ _house therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_breadth of_house (to)_upwards and_thus/so/as_follows the_lower_story someone_will_ascend to the_upper_story to_story. **8** And_I_saw to_house a_height all_around all_around the_foundations_of[271] of_the_side-chambers was_the_fullness_of the_reed six cubits a_joint. **9** The_breadth_of the_wall which belonged_to_ _side-chamber to the_outside was_five cubits and_which was_ _free_space between_of the_side-chambers which belonged_to_ _house. **10** And_between the_rooms the_breadth_of was_twenty cubit[s] around (to)_house all_around all_around. **11** And_the_ _entrance_of the_rib/plank was_to_space an_entrance one was_ _the_direction_of the_north and_an_entrance one was_to_ _south and_the_breadth_of the_place_of the_free_space was_ _five cubits all_around all_around.

12 And_the_structure which was_to the_face_of the_separate_ _place the_side_of the_direction_of the_sea the_breadth_of was_seventy cubit[s] and_the_wall_of the_structure was_five cubits breadth all_around all_around and_length_of_its was_ _ninety cubit[s].

13 And_he_measured ~~DOM~~ the_house the_length was_a_hundred cubit[s] and_the_separate_place and_the_structure and_walls_ _of_its the_length was_a_hundred cubit[s]. **14** And_the_ _breadth_of the_front_of the_house and_the_separate_place to_ _east was_a_hundred cubit[s]. **15** And_he_measured the_length_ _of the_structure to the_face_of the_separate_place which was_ _at behind_it and[272] from_here and_from_here a_hundred cubit[s] and_the_temple (the)_inner and_the_porches_of the_ _courtyard. **16** The_thresholds and_the_windows (the)_closed and_the_galleries were_all_around (to)_the_three_of_of_them before the_threshold panelled_of wood all_around all_around and_the_earth to the_windows and_the_windows were_ _covered. **17** Over from_under the_entrance and_unto the_ _house (the)_inner and_to_outside and_near/to every_of (the)_ _wall all_around all_around in_part and_in_part measurements. **18** And_was_ cherubim and_palm_trees _made and_a_palm_tree was_between a_cherub and_a_cherub and_two faces belonged_ _to_cherub. **19** And_the_face_of a_human was_to the_palm_tree from_here and_the_face_of a_young_lion was_to the_palm_tree from_here it_was_done to all_of the_house all_around all_ _around. **20** From_the_ground to from_under the_entrance the_ _cherubim and_the_palm_trees were_made and_the_wall_of the_temple.[273] **21** The_temple a_doorpost_of a_square and_the_ _front_of the_holy_place the_appearance was_like_appearance. **22** The_altar was_wood three cubits high and_length_of_its was_two cubits and_corners_of_its to_him/it and_length_of_its and_sides_of_its were_wood and_he/it_spoke to_me this is_the_ _table which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**.

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house went around higher and higher all around—the rooms widened on each higher level, and a stairway went up through the middle level to the highest level. **8** Then I saw a raised part all around the temple, the foundation for the side rooms. It measured a full rod in height—just over three metres. **9** The width of the wall of the side rooms on the outside was two and a half metres. There was an open space outside those rooms in the temple. **10** On the other side of that open space were the priests' outer side rooms. That space was eleven metres wide all around the temple. **11** There were doors into the side rooms from another open space with one doorway on the north side, and the other on the south. The width of that open area was two and a half metres all around.

The western side

12 The building that faced the courtyard on the western side was thirty-six metres wide. Its wall was two and a half metres thick all around, and it was forty-seven metres long.

The temple building measurements

13 Then the man measured the temple as being fifty-four metres long. The separate building, its wall, and the courtyard combined also measured fifty-four metres across. **14** The width of the front of the courtyard in front of the temple was also fifty-four metres.

15 Then the man measured the length of the building behind the temple, to its west, and including the galleries on either side, it came to fifty-four metres.

The sacred inner place and the porch, **16** the inner walls and the windows, including the narrow windows, and the galleries all around on three levels, were all panelled in wood. **17** Above the entryway to the inner sanctuary and spaced along the walls there was a repeating pattern. **18** It was decorated with winged creatures and palm trees—with a palm tree between each winged creature, and each winged creature had two faces: **19** the human face looked toward a palm tree on one side, and the young lion face looked toward a palm tree on the other side. They were carved all around the entire temple. **20** From the ground to above the doorway, winged creatures and palm trees were carved on the outer wall of the temple. **21** The door posts of the main temple room were square, all with the same appearance. **22** The wooden altar was one metre on each side and stood one and a half metres high. Its corner posts, base, and frame were all made of wood.

Then the man said to me, "This is the table that stands in Yahweh's presence."

271 **LV 41:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: תודסימ: (x-qere) 'תָּוֹדְסוּמ': lemma_4145 morph_HNcfpc id_26vRK תָּוֹדְסוּמ

272 **LV 41:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: אה/יקותא/ו: (x-qere) 'אָהֵ֣יקִיתַּא/וְ': lemma_c/862 b n_1.0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3fs id_26jaX אָהֵ֣יקִיתַּא/וְ

273 **LV 41:20 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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The temple doorways

23 Both the main room and the sacred
place had double doors— 24 each consist-
ing of two parts that swung on hinges. 25 There were carvings of
winged creatures and palm trees on the doors, just like on the
walls, and there was a wooden roof over the front porch.
26 There were narrow windows and palm trees on either side of
the porch, like the side rooms of the temple, and they also had
overhanging roofs.

Two buildings near the temple

42:1 Next the man sent me out to the
outer courtyard on the northern side, and
he brought me to rooms in front of the outer courtyard and the
northern outer wall. 2 That building with a north-facing en-
trance was fifty-four metres long and twenty-seven metres
wide. 3 Some of those rooms faced the inner courtyard and were
eleven metres away from the sanctuary. There were three levels
of rooms, and the ones above looked down on the ones below
and were open to them, having a walkway. Some of the rooms
looked out onto the outer courtyard. 4 A five metre wide passage
ran in front of the rooms and was fifty-four[274] metres long. The
rooms' doors faced north. 5 But the upper halls were smaller, be-
cause the walkways there used more space than they did in the
bottom and middle levels of the building. 6 The third storey halls
had no pillars (unlike the courtyards), so the rooms at the high-
est level were smaller than those on the bottom and middle lev-
els. 7 The outside wall ran along the rooms toward the outer
courtyard that was in front of the rooms, and was twenty-seven
metres long. 8 The row of rooms along the outer courtyard was
twenty-seven metres long, and the row of rooms facing the
sanctuary was fifty-four metres long. 9 There was an entrance to
the lowest rooms from the eastern side, coming from the outer
courtyard. 10 There was also a set of rooms along the outer
courtyard wall on the eastern side of the outer courtyard, in
front of the sanctuary's inner courtyard, 11 with a walkway in
front of them. They looked similar to the rooms on the northern
side and had the same measurements, as well as the same exits
and arrangements and doors. 12 There were also doorways into
rooms on the south side that were similar to what was on the
north side. There was an inside passage with an outer door—the
passage had doors into all the rooms. At the eastern end of the
passage there was a door from the outside.
13 Then the man told me, "The northern rooms and the south-
ern rooms that are in front of the outer courtyard are sacred
rooms where the priests who work nearest to Yahweh may eat
the very sacred food. They'll put the very sacred things
there—the food offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offer-

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23 And_two doors belonged_to_temple and_to_place. 24 And_
_two leaves belonged_to_doors two turning leaves two_leaves
belonged_to_a_door one and_two_of leaves belonged_to_door.
25 And_it_was_done to_them to the_doors_of the_temple
cherubim and_palm_trees just_as they_were_done to_walls
and_a_canopy_of wood was_to the_face_of the_porch from_the_
_outside. 26 And_windows closed and_palm_trees from_here
and_from_here to the_sides_of the_porch and_the_
_side-chambers_of the_house and_the_canopies.

42:1 And_he_brought_me_out to the_courtyard (the)_outer the_
_way the_direction_of the_north and_he_brought_me to the_
_room which was_before the_separate_place and_which was_
_before the_structure to the_north. 2 To the_face_of length
cubits_of the_hundred the_entrance_of the_north and_the_
_breadth was_fifty cubits. 3 Before the_twenty_cubits which
belonged_to_courtyard (the)_inner and_before the_pavement
which belonged_to_courtyard (the)_outer a_gallery was_to the_
_face_of a_gallery in_thirds. 4 And_was_before_of the_rooms a_
_passage_of ten cubits breadth to the_inner_court a_way_of a_
_cubit one and_entrances_of_their were_to_north. 5 And_the_
_rooms (the)_upper were_short if/because galleries they_
_consumed from_them more_than_the_lower_rooms and_
_more_than_the_middle_rooms the_structure. 6 If/because
were_divided_into_three_parts they and_there_belonged_not
to_them columns like_the_columns_of the_courtyards
therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_was_shortened more_than_
_the_lower_rooms and_more_than_the_middle_rooms from_
_the_ground. 7 And_a_wall which was_to_outside was_close_to_
_of the_rooms the_direction_of the_courtyard (the)_outer to
the_face_of the_rooms length_of_its was_fifty cubit[s].
8 If/because the_length_of the_rooms which belonged_to_
_courtyard (the)_outer was_fifty cubit[s] and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
on the_face_of the_temple a_hundred cubit[s]. 9 And_from
wwww[275] the_these the[276] from_the_east when_comes_he to_
_them from_the_courtyard outer. 10 Were_in_the_breadth_of
the_wall_of the_courtyard the_direction_of the_east to the_
_face_of the_separate_place and_near/to the_face_of the_
_structure rooms. 11 And_a_way was_before_of_them like_the_
_appearance_of the_rooms which were_the_direction_of the_
_north like_length_of_their was_so breadth_of_their and_
_all/each/any/every exits_of_their and_like_plans_of_their
and_like_entrances_of_their. 12 And_like_the_entrances_of the_
_rooms which were_the_direction_of the_south an_entrance
was_at_the_head_of a_way a_way in_the_face_of the_wall
corresponding the_direction_of the_east when_come_to_them.
13 And_he/it_said to_me the_rooms_of the_north the_rooms_of
the_south which are_to the_face_of the_separate_place they
are_the_rooms_of (the)_holiness where they_will_eat there
the_priests who are_near to/for_**YHWH** the_holy_things_of
the_holy_things there they_will_set_down the_holy_things_of
the_holy_things and_the_grain_offering and_the_sin_offering

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274 **RV 42:4 · Note** The Hebrew text seemed to be missing a word here (as it didn't make sense), so the word from the (approx. 300 B.C.) Septuagint translation was used.

275 **LV 42:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוכשל ה/תחת/מ/ו: (x-qere) 'תַּחַתִּ/מ/ו': lemma_c/m/8478 n_1.0 morph_HC/R/R id_262Lg
'תַּחַתִּ/מ/ו תַּנָּכְשֶׁל/ה': lemma_d/3957 morph_HTd/Ncfpa id_26CYE

276 **LV 42:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: אובמ/ה: (x-qere) 'אֹיְבֵמ/ה': lemma_d/935 n_0.2.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_26wTv אֹיְבֵמ/ה

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and_the_guilt_offering if/because the_place is_holy. **14** When_
_go_they the_priests and_not they_will_go_out from_the_holy_
_place into the_courtyard (the)_outer and_there they_will_set_
_down clothes_of_their which they_will_serve in_them
if/because are_a_holy_thing they and_they_will_put_on[277]
clothes other and_they_will_draw_near to that_which is_for_
_people.

15 And_he_completed ᴅᴏᴍ the_measurements_of the_house
(the)_inner and_he_brought_me_out the_way_of the_gate
which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of the_east and_
_he_measured_it all_around all_around. **16** He_measured the_
_side_of the_east with_the_reed_of (the)_measurement five
hundred(s)[279] reeds by_the_reed_of (the)_measurement all_
_around. **17** He_measured the_side_of the_north five
hundred(s) reeds by_the_reed_of (the)_measurement all_
_around. **18** ᴅᴏᴍ the_side_of the_south he_measured five
hundred(s) reeds by_the_reed_of (the)_measurement. **19** He_
_turned to the_side_of the_sea he_measured_it five hundred(s)
reeds by_the_reed_of (the)_measurement. **20** To_four sides he_
_measured_it a_wall to_him/it all_around all_around the_
_length was_five hundred_cubits and_the_breadth was_five
hundred_cubits to_separate between (the)_holy_thing and_a_
_profane_thing.

43:1 And_he_led_me to the_gate the_gate which was_facing the_
_direction_of the_east. **2** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_glory_of
the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) was_coming from_the_direction_of
the_east and_sound_of_its was_like_the_sound_of waters many
and_the_earth it_gave_light from_glory_of_his. **3** And_like_the_
_appearance_of the_vision which I_saw was_like_vision which
I_had_seen when_came_I to_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ the_city and_visions
were_like_vision which I_had_seen to the_river_of Kəvār and_I_
_fell to face_of_my. **4** And_the_glory_of **YHWH** it_came into
the_house the_way_of the_gate which his/its_faces/face was_
_the_direction_of the_east. **5** And_it_lifted_me_up a_spirit and_
_it_brought_me into the_courtyard (the)_inner and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_glory_of **YHWH** it_filled the_house.
6 And_I_heard one_who_spoke to_me from_the_house and_a_
_man he_was standing beside_me. **7** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_
_son_of humankind ᴅᴏᴍ the_place_of my_throne_of_my and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ the_place_of the_soles_of my_feet_of_my where I_will_
_dwell there in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
forever_perpetuity and_not they_will_defile again the_house_
_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_name_of my_holiness_of_my they and_
_kings_of_their by_prostitution_of_their and_by_the_corpses_of
their_kings_of_their places_of_their_high. **8** When_put_they
threshold_of_their with threshold_of_my and_doorpost_of_
_their beside doorpost_of_my and_the_wall between_me and_
_between_them and_they_defiled ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of my_
_holiness_of_my by_abominations_of_their which they_did

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ing—because it's a very sacred area. **14** When the priests enter it, they must not go back out of the sacred area to the outer courtyard, without laying aside the clothes in which they served, since those clothes are sacred. So they must dress in other clothes before going back into the public areas."

Measuring outside the temple

15 The man completed measuring the temple interior and then took me out to the eastern gate and measured all the surrounding area there. **16–19** He measured each side of the wall with his measuring rod, and it was 270m[278] long on each of the eastern, northern, southern, and western sides. **20** So the four sides that were measured (and thus the wall around it) was 270m on each side, and the wall separated the sacred area from the public area.

God's powerful splendour of God at the temple

43:1 Then the man took me to the gate that opened to the east. **2** Wow! The splendour of Yisrael's (Israel's) god appeared towards the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing water, and the land shone with his brilliance.[280] **3** What I saw in this vision was like what I'd seen in my earlier visions, first by the Kevar Canal, then later when he[281] came to destroy Yerushalem (Jerusalem). I fell to my knees with my face to the ground. **4** So Yahweh's brightness entered into the temple via the eastern entrance.

5 Then the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and wow, Yahweh's brilliance was filling the temple.
6 Then as the man was standing there beside me, I heard someone speak to me from inside the temple, **7** and the voice told me, "Son of humanity, this is the place where I'll sit on my throne and rest my feet—where I'll live in the middle of the Israeli people forever. Yisrael's descendants and their kings will no longer profane my sacred name with their faithlessness or with the corpses of their kings at their hilltop shrines. **8** They'll no longer profane my sacred name by putting their entrance next to my entrance, and their doorposts next to my doorposts, with nothing but a wall between me and them. They profaned my sacred name with their disgusting actions, so I destroyed them with my

277 **LV 42:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ושבלי: (x-qere) וְשִׁבָּל/וֹ: lemma_c/3847 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_26EEg וְשִׁבָּל/וֹ

278 **RV 42:16 · Note** Following the Septuagint here, which seems more accurate (unless he now has a shorter measuring rod).

279 **LV 42:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: תומא: (x-qere) תְּוֹאֵמָּ: lemma_3967 morph_HAcbpa id_26T6b תְּוֹאֵמ

280 **RV 43:2 · Cross-ref.** Eze 10:3-4,18-19; 11:22-23; Rev 1:15.

281 **RV 43:3 · Note** It's only one letter difference, but the Hebrew has 'I' here which seems wrong and is adjusted in some later manuscripts.

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anger. 9 Now they're to remove their prostitution and their kings' corpses from in front of me, and I'll live among them forever.

10 "Son of humanity, describe that temple to the Israeli people so they'll be ashamed of their disobedience and think about those plans. 11 If they're ashamed of everything they've done, then reveal the design of that temple to them—its details, its entrances and exits, its complete design, and all its decrees and rules. Then right in front of them, write that down so they'll see its complete design and all its rules, and then obey them. 12 This is the regulation for the temple: From the peak of the hill to all the surrounding border around it, it'll be very sacred. Listen, that's the regulation for the temple.

The altar dimensions

13 These are the altar's measurements, using the same kind of measuring rod that was used for the temple area: There's a gutter around the altar that's both half a metre deep and wide. There's a rim around it that's 23cm wide. That'll be the base for the rest of the altar.[285] 14 The lower part of the gutter is one metre high to the lower ledge that surrounds the altar. The lower ledge is half a metre wide. From that ledge to the upper ledge, it's two metres. That ledge is also half a metre wide. 15 The altar body at the top is another two metres high and has a hornlike projection jutting up from each of its corners. 16 The sides of the square body are six metres long. 17 The upper ledge that borders the altar body is also a square, eight metres long on each side, and has a rim all around that's 27cm wide. There's a gutter measuring half a metre at the bottom of the altar. There are steps leading up to the east side of the altar."

The purification of the new altar

18 Then the man told me, "Son of humanity, the master Yahweh says that those are the dimensions for when they make the altar for presenting the burnt offering on, and for sprinkling blood onto.[289] 19 You must give a bull from the cattle as a sin offering for the Levitical priests who are Tsadok's descendants—those who approach me to serve me. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 20 Then you'll take some of the bull's blood and place it on the altar's 'horns' and on the four top edges and the surrounding rim. You'll purify it and make it allowable in my presence. 21 Then take that sin offering bull and burn it in the designated

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and_I_made_an_end_of ~~DOM~~_them in_anger_of_my. 9 Now let_ _them_put_far_away ~~DOM~~ prostitution_of_their and_the_ _corpses_of their_kings_of_their from_me and_I_will_dwell among_them forever_perpetuity. 10 You Oh_son_of humankind declare ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~DOM~~ the_house so_ _that_they_may_be_ashamed from_iniquities_of_their and_ _they_will_measure ~~DOM~~ a_pattern. 11 And_if they_are_ _ashamed from_all that they_have_done the_design_of the_ _house and_arrangement_of_its and_exits_of_its and_ _entrances_of_its and_all designs_of_its[282] and_~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_its and_all mmm[283] and_all mmm[284] make_ _known_to them and_write to_eyes_of_their so_that_they_may_ _keep ~~DOM~~ all_of design_of_its and_~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_its and_they_will_do them. 12 This is_the_law_of the_house on the_top_of the_mountain all_of territory_of_its all_around all_ _around will_be_a_holy_place_of holy_places THERE this is_the_ _law_of the_house.

13 And_these are_the_measurements_of the_altar by_cubits a_ _cubit is_a_cubit and_a_hand_breadth and_a_gutter_of is_the_ _cubit and_is_a_cubit the_breadth and_border_of_its to edge_ _of_its around a_span_of the_one and_this is_the_mound_of the_altar. 14 And_from_the_gutter_of the_earth/land to the_ _ledge (the)_lower is_two cubits and_the_breadth is_a_cubit one and_from_the_ledge (the)_small to the_ledge (the)_large is_ _four cubits and_the_breadth is_the_cubit. 15 And_the_altar_ _hearth is_four cubits and_are_from_the_altar_hearth[286][287] and_(to)_upwards the_horns four. 16 And_the[288] is_two_plus ten_cubits length by_two_plus ten_cubits breadth it_is_square to the_four_of sides_of_its. 17 And_the_ledge is_four- teen_ _cubits length by_four- teen_cubits breadth to the_four_of sides_of_its and_the_border around it is_(the)_half_of (the)_ _cubit and_the_gutter to/for_her/it is_a_cubit all_around and_ _steps_of_its are_to_face east.

18 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says these are_the_regulations_of the_altar in/on_day it_is_made to_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it a_ _burnt_offering and_to_sprinkle on/upon/above_him/it blood. 19 And_you(ms)_will_give to the_priests the_Lēviyyiy who they are_of_the_offspring_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) (the)_near to_me the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH** to_serve_me a_young_bull a_ _young_one_of the_herd to_a_sin_offering. 20 And_you_will_ _take some_of_its_blood and_you(ms)_will_give on the_four horns_of_its and_near/to the_four the_corners_of the_ledge and_to the_border all_around and_you_will_cleanse_from_sin it and_you_will_make_atonement_for_it. 21 And_you_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_young_bull the_sin_offering and_someone_will_burn_

282 LV 43:11 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
283 LV 43:11 · Note OSHB variant note: תרוצ/י: (x-qere) 'וְיִתְּרוֹצִ': lemma_6699 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26eP8 וְיִתְּרוֹצִ
284 LV 43:11 · Note OSHB variant note: תרות/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִתְּרוֹתִ': lemma_8451 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26Ape וְיִתְּרוֹתִ
285 RV 43:13-17 · Cross-ref. Exo 27:1-2; 2Ch 4:1.
286 LV 43:15 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
287 LV 43:15 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
288 LV 43:16 · Note OSHB variant note: ליארא/ה/ו: (x-qere) 'לְאִרְאֶהָוְ': lemma_c/d/741 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Td/Ncmsa id_26d63 לְאִרְאֶהָוְ
289 RV 43:18-27 · Cross-ref. Exo 29:35-37.

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_it in_the_appointed_place_of the_house from_the_outside of_
_sanctuary. **22** And_on_day the_second you_will_bring_near a_
_male_goat_of goats unblemished to_a_sin_offering and_they_
_will_cleanse_from_sin ᵭᵒᵐ the_altar just_as they_cleansed_it_
_from_sin by_bull. **23** When_finish_you from_cleansing_it_
_from_sin you_will_bring_near a_young_bull a_young_one_of
the_herd unblemished and_a_ram from the_flock unblemished.
24 And_you_will_bring_them_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
of/before **YHWH** and the_priests _they_will_throw on_them
salt and_they_will_offer_up them a_burnt_offering to/for_
_**YHWH**. **25** Seven_of days you_will_offer a_male_goat_of a_sin_
_offering for_day and_a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd
and_a_ram from the_flock unblemished they_will_offer.
26 Seven_of days they_will_make_atonement_for ᵭᵒᵐ the_altar
and_they_will_purify ᵭᵒᵐ_him/it and_fill its[290]. **27** And_they_
_will_complete ᵭᵒᵐ the_days and_it_was on_day (the)_eighth
and_onwards the_priests they_will_offer on the_altar ᵭᵒᵐ
offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt and_ᵭᵒᵐ offerings_of_your(pl)_
_peace and_I_will_accept you(pl) the_utterance_of my_master
YHWH.

44:1 And_he_brought_back ᵭᵒᵐ_me the_way_of the_gate_of the_
_sanctuary (the)_outer which_faces east and_he was_shut.
2 And_he/it_said to_me **YHWH** the_gate the_this shut it_will_
_be not it_will_be_opened and_anyone not he_will_go in_him/it
if/because **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_has_gone in_
_him/it and_it_was shut. **3** ᵭᵒᵐ the_prince prince he he_will_sit
in/on/over_him/it to_eat bread[291][292] to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH** from_the_way_of the_porch_of the_
_gate he_will_come and_from_way_of_its he_will_go_out.

4 And_he_brought_me the_way_of the_gate_of the_north to
the_face_of the_house and_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_
_glory_of **YHWH** it_filled ᵭᵒᵐ the_house_of **YHWH** and_I_fell to
face_of_my. **5** And_he/it_said to_me **YHWH** Oh_son_of
humankind set heart_of_your and_see with_eyes_of_your and_
_with_ears_of_your hear ᵭᵒᵐ all_of that I am_speaking you
to/from_all/each/any/every the_regulations_of the_house_of
YHWH and_to/for_all its[293] and_you_will_set heart_of_your to_
_the_entrance_of the_house on_all_of the_exits_of the_
_sanctuary. **6** And_you_will_say to_rebellion to the_house_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_says enough to/for_
_you(pl) from_all abominations_of_your(pl) Oh_house_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **7** When_brought_you(pl) sons_of foreignness
uncircumcised_of heart and_uncircumcised_of flesh to_be in_
_sanctuary_of_my to_profane_it ᵭᵒᵐ house_of_my when_you_
_brought_near ᵭᵒᵐ food_of_my fat and_blood and_they_broke
ᵭᵒᵐ covenant_of_my because_of all_of abominations_of_
_your(pl). **8** And_not you(pl)_kept the_charge_of my_holy_
_things_of_my and_you(pl)_appointed_them to_those_who_
_keep_of charge_of_(of)_my in_sanctuary_of_my for_
_yourselves. **9** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says any_of son_of
foreignness uncircumcised_of heart and_uncircumcised_of

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part of the temple area outside the sanctuary. **22** Then on the second day, you'll get from the goats a male goat without any blemishes, and offer it as a sin offering—the priests will purify the altar just as they purified it with the bull. **23** When you finish that purification, offer an unblemished bull from the cattle and an unblemished ram from the flock, **24** and offer them to me, Yahweh. The priests will throw salt onto them and present them as a burnt offering to Yahweh. **25** Then every day for the next seven days you must bring a billy goat to the priest to be sacrificed for an offering, so I'll accept the altar. You must also sacrifice a young bull and a ram, each without any defect, that the priests will provide. **26** They must atone for the altar for seven days and purify it, and in that way they must consecrate it to me. **27** After doing all that, from the eighth day onward the priests will prepare you people's burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar, and I'll accept you. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

The locked gate

44:1 Then the man took me back to the outer sanctuary gate facing east, but it was shut, **2** and Yahweh told me, "This gate has been sealed shut—it won't be opened. No person will go through it, because Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh entered through it, so it's now closed. **3** Only Yisrael's ruler will sit by it to eat food in front of Yahweh, but he'll enter via the gate's porch, and leave the same way."

Foreigners disallowed in the temple

4 Then he took me to the front of the temple by way of the northern gate, and I looked, and wow, Yahweh's brilliance filled his temple, and I fell to my knees with my face bowed towards the ground. **5** Then Yahweh told me, "Son of humanity, pay attention and look with your eyes and listen with your ears to everything that I'm declaring to you: all the instructions about Yahweh's temple and all its regulations. Take special note of the temple's entrance and exits. **6** Then tell the rebellious Israelis that the master Yahweh says this: Let all your disgusting actions be enough for you Israeli people— **7** that you brought foreigners with uncircumcised hearts and uncircumcised flesh to be in my sanctuary, profaning my temple, while you people were offering me food, fat, and blood. You people have broken my agreement with all your disgusting actions. **8** You haven't carried out your duties regarding my sacred things, but instead, you people appointed others to take up your duties, and you assigned them to care for my sacred place.

9 "The master Yahweh says this: No foreigner, from any of

290 **LV 43:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דִי: (x-qere) ’ו/יָדָי’: lemma_3027 n_0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_266uN ו/יָדָי

291 **LV 44:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

292 **LV 44:3 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

293 **LV 44:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תרות: (x-qere) ’ו/יָתְרוֹתֹ’: lemma_8451 n_1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26uBg ו/יָתְרוֹתֹ

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those who live among the Israeli people, may enter my sacred place if they're not physically circumcised or if they haven't declared themself to be one of my people.

Demotion of the Levites

10 The Levites went far from me—wandering away from me and going after their idols, but they'll be punished. **11** They're still servants in my sanctuary, watching the temple gates and serving inside, and they slaughter the burnt offerings and the people's sacrifices, and they'll stand in front of the people and serve them. **12** However, because they sacrificed to their idols, they became sinful stumbling blocks for the Israeli people, therefore I've promised to take action against them, and they'll pay for their disobedience. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **13** They mustn't come near to me to act as my priests or to approach any of my sacred things, the most sacred things. Instead, they'll bear their shame and their guilt for the disgusting things they've done, **14** but I'll place them as housekeepers in the temple—for all its mundane duties and all the menial work that's done in it.

Tsadok's descendants as priests

15 Then the Levitical priests, those descendants of Tsadok who fulfilled the duties of my sanctuary when the Israeli people were wandering away from me, they'll approach me to worship me. They'll stand in front of me to offer me the fat and the blood. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **16** They'll come to my sanctuary and approach my table to worship me and to fulfill their duties to me. **17** When they come to the gates of the inner courtyard, they'll have to dress in linen clothing,[294] because they mustn't wear wool inside the courtyard gates or in the temple. **18** They must wear linen turbans on their heads and linen underclothes around their waists. They mustn't dress in clothing that makes them sweat. **19** When they go back out to the outer courtyard to go back again to the people, they must take off the clothes they wore when they served—they must take them off and lay them down in a sacred room,[295] so they don't make other people sacred by contact with their special clothing.

20 The priests mustn't shave their heads or allow their hair to hang loosely, but they must keep the hair on their heads neatly trimmed. **21** No priest should drink wine before he comes to the inner court.[296] **22** Also, priests can't marry widows of men who weren't priests, or women who've been divorced—they're permitted to marry only Israeli women who've never been married, or widows of other priests.

23 They must teach the people the difference between things that are sacred and things that are not, and teach them how to

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flesh not he_will_go into sanctuary_of_my to/from_
_all/each/any/every son_of foreignness who in_the_middle
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

10 If/because (if) the_Lēviyyiy who they_became_distant from_
_with_me when_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _went_astray who they_went_
_astray from_with_me after idols_of_their and_they_will_bear
iniquity_of_their. **11** And_they_will_be in_sanctuary_of_my
serving overseers to the_gates_of the_house and_serving ᴅᴏᴍ
the_house they they_will_slaughter ᴅᴏᴍ the_burnt_offering
and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sacrifice for_people and_they they_will_stand
before_them to_serve_them. **12** Because that they_served them
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before idols_of_their and_they_
_will_be for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_stumbling_
_block_of iniquity therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_lift_up
hand_of_my on_them the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_
_they_will_bear iniquity_of_their. **13** And_not they_will_draw_
_near to_me to_serve_as_priests to_me and_to_draw_near to
all_of things_of_my_holy to the_holy_things_of the_holy_things
and_they_will_bear disgrace_of_their and_abominations_of_
_their which they_have_done. **14** And_I_will_make them those_
_who_keep_of (of)_the_charge_of the_house to_
_all/each/any/every service_of_its and_to/for_all that it_will_
_be_done in/on/over_him/it.
15 And_the_priests the_Lēviyyiy the_sons_of Tsādōq/(Zadok)
who they_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_charge_of my_sanctuary_of_my when_
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _went_astray from_with_me they
they_will_draw_near to_me to_serve_me and_they_will_stand
to/for_my_face/front to_bring_near to_me fat and_blood the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **16** They they_will_come into
sanctuary_of_my and_they they_will_draw_near to table_of_my
to_serve_me and_they_will_keep ᴅᴏᴍ charge_of_my. **17** And_it_
_was when_come_they into the_gates_of the_courtyard (the)_
_inner clothes_of linen(s) they_will_be_clothed and_not it_will_
_go_up on_them wool when_serve_they at_the_gates_of the_
_courtyard (the)_inner and_to_the_inside. **18** Turbans_of
linen(s) they_will_be on head_of_their and_undergarments_of
linen(s) they_will_be on loins_of_their not they_will_gird_
_themselves with_sweat. **19** And_when_they_go_out into the_
_courtyard (the)_outer into the_courtyard (the)_outer to the_
_people they_will_strip_off ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_their which they
were_serving in_them and_they_will_set_down them in_the_
_rooms_of (the)_holiness and_they_will_put_on clothes other
and_not they_will_consecrate ᴅᴏᴍ the_people by_clothes_of_
_their. **20** And_head_of_their not they_will_shave and_hair not
they_will_let_untie/release surely_(trim) they_will_trim ᴅᴏᴍ
heads_of_their. **21** And_wine not any_of priest they_will_drink
when_come_they into the_courtyard (the)_inner. **22** And_a_
_widow and_a_divorced_woman not they_will_take to/for_
_them to_wives if/because (if) virgins of_the_offspring_of of_
_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_widow who she_will_
_be a_widow of_a_priest they_will_take. **23** And_ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_
_my they_will_instruct between a_holy_thing and_a_profane_

294 **RV 44:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 28:39-43; Lev 16:4.

295 **RV 44:19 · Cross-ref.** Lev 16:23.

296 **RV 44:21 · Cross-ref.** Lev 10:9.

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_thing and_between an_unclean_thing and_a_clean_thing they_
_will_make_known_to_them. **24** And_on a_dispute they they_
_will_stand mmm[302] by_judgements_of_my and[303][304] and_ĐOM
laws_of_my and_ĐOM regulations_of_my in_all times_of_my_
_appointed they_will_observe and_ĐOM sabbaths_of_my they_
_will_sanctify. **25** And_near/to dead_of (of)_a_person not he_
_will_go to_become_unclean if/because (if) for_a_father and_
_for_a_mother and_for_a_son and_for_a_daughter for_a_
_brother and_for_a_sister who not she_has_belonged to_a_
_husband they_will_make_themselves_unclean. **26** And_after
purification_of_his seven_of days people_will_count to_him/it.
27 And_on_the_day_of goes_he into the_holy_place into the_
_courtyard (the)_inner to_serve in_place he_will_bring_near
offering_of_his_sin the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
28 And_it_will_become to/for_them (into)_an_inheritance I
inheritance_of_am_their and_a_possession not you(pl)_will_
_give to/for_them in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I possession_of_am_their.
29 The_grain_offering and_the_sin_offering and_the_guilt_
_offering they they_will_eat_them and_all devoted_thing in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_them it_will_belong. **30** And_the_best_
_of all_of the_first-fruits_of everything and_all contribution_of
everything from_all contributions_of_your(pl) to_priests it_
_will_belong and_the_first_of your(pl)_dough(s)_of_your(pl)
you(pl)_will_give to_priest to_cause_to_rest blessing to house_
_of_your. **31** Any_of carcass and_a_torn_animal from the_bird[s]
and_from the_cattle/livestock not the_priests they_will_eat.

45:1 And_when_you_make_fall ĐOM the_earth/land (in)_an_
_inheritance you(pl)_will_offer_up a_contribution to/for_
_**YHWH** a_holy_portion from the_earth/land the_length will_
_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits the_length and_the_
_breadth will_be_ten thousand_cubits will_be_a_holy_place it
in_all_of territory_of_its all_around. **2** It_will_be of_this to the_
_holy_place five hundred_cubits by_five hundred_cubits a_
_square all_around and_fifty cubit[s] open_land to_him/it all_
_around. **3** And_from the_measured_area (the)_this you_will_
_measure a_length_of five[306] and_twenty thousand_cubits and_
_a_breadth_of ten_of thousand_cubits and_in_it it_will_be the_
_sanctuary a_holy_place_of holy_places. **4** Will_be_a_holy_
_portion from the_earth/land it to_priests who_serve_of (of)_
_the_sanctuary it_will_belong (the)_approaching to_serve ĐOM
YHWH and_it_was to/for_them a_place for_houses and_a_holy_
_place for_sanctuary. **5** And_five and_twenty thousand_cubits
length and_ten_of thousand_cubits breadth and_it_will_

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know what things are acceptable to me and what things are not.[297] **24** In a dispute they must judge in accordance with my instructions and regulations. They must keep my law and my statutes at every religious celebration, and they must observe my sacred rest days.

25 Priests mustn't defile themselves by going near a person's dead body. However, if the dead person was his father or mother, son or daughter, or brother or unmarried sister, then they can defile themselves, **26** and after they've been purified, they must wait for seven days. **27** Then after that, when he goes into the inner courtyard to serve in the sacred place, he must bring a sin offering for himself. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

28 The priests must not own any land—I am their inheritance and I'll be their property.[298] **29** They'll have the food offerings, the sin offerings, and the guilt offerings to eat, plus everything in Yisrael (Israel) that's devoted to Yahweh will be theirs.[299] **30** The best of the firstfruits from every harvest and every contribution from the people will belong to the priests, and you Israelis will give the first of your bread dough[300] to the priests so that blessing may rest on your home. **31** Priests must not eat the meat of any bird or animal that's found dead or that's been killed by any other animal.[301]

Yahweh's section of land

45:1 When you throw dice to divide up the land as an inheritance for the tribes, you must make an offering of land to Yahweh. That offering will become a sacred part of the land: thirteen kilometres by ten kilometres in size.[305] That entire area will become sacred. **2** Within that area, a 270m wide square area that'll surround the sacred place will be left empty, with a further border around it twenty-seven metres wide. **3** Inside that first, larger area, measure a rectangle thirteen kilometres by five kilometres for the sanctuary—the most sacred place. **4** It'll be a sacred place in the nation for the priests who serve Yahweh, who come near Yahweh to serve him. It'll be a place for their houses and a sacred area for the sacred place. **5** The other half, which is also thirteen kilometres long and five kilometres wide, will be for towns for the Levites who serve in the temple.

297 **RV 44:23 · Cross-ref.** Lev 10:10.

298 **RV 44:28 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:20.

299 **RV 44:29-30 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:8-19.

300 **RV 44:30 · Note** Probably after it's cooked???

301 **RV 44:31 · Cross-ref.** Lev 22:8.

302 **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: טפש/ל: (x-qere) 'טָּפְשְׁמִ/ל': lemma_l/4941 n_1.1 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_26h9i טָּפְשְׁמִ/ל

303 **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: וה/טפש/ו: (x-qere) 'וה/וְטִפְּשִׁי': lemma_8199 n_1 morph_HVqi3mp/Sp3ms id_26992 וה/וְטִפְּשִׁי

304 **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

305 **RV 45:1 · Note** The 'ten kilometres' (twenty thousand cubits) from the Septuagint appears to correct the Hebrew which has half of that, but then v3 and v4 wouldn't make sense.

306 **LV 45:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: שמח: (x-qere) 'הָשְׁמָח': lemma_2568 morph_HAcmsa id_26Qet הָשְׁמָח

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6 You'll designate an area thirteen kilometres long by half a kilometre wide for the city that will be next to the area reserved for the holy place. This city will belong to all the Israeli people.

The leader's section of land

7 The leader's land will be on both sides of the area reserved for the holy place and the city—on the west and the east. Its length will be the same as those portions that it's parallel to. 8 That area will belong to Yisrael's (Israel's) leader so the leaders won't keep oppressing my people, but rather they'll give the rest of the land to be divided among the tribes. 9 The master Yahweh says this: That's plenty for you, leaders of Yisrael! Replace your violence and strife with justice and righteousness. Quit your evictions of my people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Dealing with produce and animals

10 You Israelis must use accurate scales and measuring containers.[308] 11 The baskets for measuring dry things and containers for measuring liquids (called an 'efah' for dry things and a 'bath' for liquids, both a tenth of the large 220 litre 'homer') must be the same volume—each must hold twenty-two litres. 12 For weights, the shekel weight must be ten grams. (Twenty 'gerahs' makes one shekel, then sixty shekels makes one 'mina'.)

13 You Israelis must present to the leader one measure of wheat or barley for every sixty measures that you harvest, 14 one measure of olive oil for every one hundred measures that you produce, 15 plus one sheep or goat from the flock for every two hundred animals from the watered regions of Yisrael (Israel), to be used for any burnt offering or peace offering to make atonement for the people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

16 All the people in the country will give that contribution to Yisrael's leader. 17 It'll be the leader's responsibility to supply the animals for the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the drink offerings at the festivals and the new moon celebrations, and on the rest days—all the Israeli people's scheduled festivals. He'll provide for the sin offerings, the grain offerings, the burnt offerings, and the peace offerings to make the Israeli people right with God.

The festivals[309]

18 The master Yahweh says this: On the first day of the first month of the year, you must take an unblemished bull from the herd and perform a sin offering to pu-

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_belong[307] to_Lēviyyiy who_serve_of (of)_the_house to/for_ _them to_a_possession twenty rooms. 6 And_the_possession_of the_city you(pl)_will_give five_of thousand_cubits breadth and_ _length_of five and_twenty thousand_cubits close_to_of the_ _contribution_of (the)_holiness to/from_all/each/any/every the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_belong.

7 And_will_to_the_prince from_this and_from_this of_the_ _contribution_of of_(the)_holiness and_of_the_possession_of the_city to the_face_of the_contribution_of (the)_holiness and_ _near/to the_face_of the_possession_of the_city from_the_side_ _of the_west westward_to and_from_the_side_of eastward eastward_to and_length corresponding_to_of one of_the_ _portions from_the_border_of the_west to the_border_of eastward_of. 8 To_land it_will_belong for_him/it to_a_ _possession in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_will_oppress again princes_of_my ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my and_the_earth they_will_give to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_tribes_of_their. 9 Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says enough to/for_you(pl) Oh_princes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) injustice and_violence remove and_justice and_ _righteousness do remove eviction(s)_of_your(pl) from_under people_of_my the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

10 Balances_of righteousness and_an_'ēyfāh_of righteousness and_a_bath_of righteousness let_it_belong to_you(pl). 11 The_ _'ēyfāh and_the_bath measurement one it_will_be is_to_ the_ _bath _carry the_tenth_part_of the_homer and_the_tenth_part_ _of the_homer the_'ēyfāh to the_homer it_will_be measurement_of_its. 12 And_the_shekel will_be_twenty gerah[s] twenty shekels five and_twenty shekels ten and_five shekel[s] the_mina it_will_be for_you(pl). 13 This will_be_the_ _contribution which you(pl)_will_offer_up the_sixth_part_of the_'ēyfāh from_the_homer_of the_wheat(s) and_you(pl)_will_ _give_a_sixth_part_of the_'ēyfāh from_the_homer_of the_ _barley(s). 14 And_the_prescribed_portion_of the_oil the_bath the_oil will_be_the_tenth_part_of the_bath from the_cor the_ _ten_of the_baths are_a_homer if/because ten_of the_baths are_a_homer. 15 And_a_sheep one from the_flock from the_ _two_hundred from_the_well-watered_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_a_grain_offering and_to_a_burnt_offering and_to_peace_ _offerings to_make_atonement on_them the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. 16 All_of the_people the_earth/land they_will_ _be to the_contribution (the)_this for_prince in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 17 And_on the_prince it_will_be the_burnt_ _offerings and_the_grain_offering and_the_drink_offering at_ _festivals and_at_moons and_on_sabbaths in_all the_appointed_ _times_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he he_will_provide ᴅᴏᴍ the_sin_offering and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_grain_offering and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _burnt_offering and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_peace_offerings to_make_ _atonement for the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

18 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says in_month on_day_one of_ _month you_will_take a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd unblemished and_you_will_cleanse_from_sin ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _sanctuary. 19 And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_

307 LV 45:5 · Note OSHB variant note: הִיהִי: (x-qere) הָיָה/וְ': lemma_c/1961 n_0.0.0.0 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_26GwM הָיָה/וְ

308 RV 45:10 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:36.

309 RV 45:18 · Parallel Exo. 12:1-20; Lev. 23:33-43

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_of_the_blood_of the_sin_offering and_he/it_gave to the_ _doorpost_of the_house and_near/to the_four the_corners_of the_ledge of_altar and_on the_doorpost_of the_gate_of the_ _courtyard (the)_inner. **20** And_thus/so/as_follows you_will_do on_day_seven in_month from_man who_errs and_from_a_ _simple_person and_you(pl)_will_make_atonement_for ~~DOM~~ the_house. **21** In_month on_four- teen day of_month it_will_be to/for_you(pl) the_passover a_festival weeks_of days unleavened_bread(s) it_will_be_eaten. **22** And_ the_prince _he_ _will_provide in_the_day (the)_that for_himself and_for all_of the_people_of the_earth/land a_young_bull_of a_sin_offering. **23** And_the_seven_of the_days_of the_festival he_will_provide a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** seven_of young_bulls and_ _seven_of rams unblemished to_day the_seven_of the_days and_a_sin_offering a_male_goat_of goats to_day. **24** And_a_ _grain_offering an_'ēyfāh for_bull and_an_'ēyfāh for_ram he_ _will_provide and_oil_of a_hin to_'ēyfāh. **25** In_month on_fif- teen day of_month at_festival he_will_provide like_these_ _things the_seven_of the_days like_offering like_offering and_ _like_offering and_like_oil.

46:1 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_gate_of the_courtyard (the)_inner which_faces east it_will_be shut the_six_of the_ _days_of (the)_work and_on_the_day_of the_sabbath it_will_be_ _opened and_on_the_day_of the_new_moon it_will_be_opened. **2** And_ the_prince _he_will_go the_way_of the_porch_of the_ _gate from_outside and_he_will_stand at the_doorpost_of the_ _gate and_ the_priests _they_will_offer ~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_ _burnt and_~~DOM~~ offerings_of_his_peace and_he_will_bow_down at the_threshold_of the_gate and_he_will_go_out and_the_gate not it_will_be_shut until the_evening. **3** And_ the_people_of the_earth/land _they_will_bow_down the_entrance_of the_gate (the)_that on_sabbaths and_on_moons to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH**. **4** And_the_burnt_offering which the_ _prince he_will_bring_near to/for_**YHWH** in/on_day of_the_ _sabbath will_be_six lambs unblemished and_a_ram unblemished. **5** And_a_grain_offering will_be_an_'ēyfāh for_ _ram and_for_lambs a_grain_offering will_be_the_gift_of his/its_hand and_oil a_hin to_'ēyfāh. **6** And_on_the_day_of the_ _new_moon a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd unblemished and_six_of lambs and_a_ram unblemished they_ _will_be. **7** And_an_'ēyfāh for_bull and_an_'ēyfāh for_ram he_ _will_provide a_grain_offering and_for_lambs just_as his/its_ _hand it_will_reach and_oil a_hin to_'ēyfāh. **8** And_when_ the_ _prince _comes the_way_of the_porch_of the_gate he_will_ _come and_by_way_of_its he_will_go_out. **9** And_when_ the_ _people_of the_earth/land _comes to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** at_times the_one_who_comes the_way_of the_gate_of the_north to_bow_down he_will_go_out the_way_of the_gate_of the_south and_the_one_who_comes the_way_of the_gate_of the_south he_will_go_out the_way_of the_gate_of

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rify the temple. **19** The priest will take some of the blood of that sin offering and place it on the doorposts of the temple and on the four corners of the border of the altar, and on the doorposts of the gate to the inner court. **20** You'll do this again on the seventh day of that month for each person's accidental sin, or sin by ignorance. In that way you'll make the temple pure in God's sight.

21 Then on the fourteenth day of that first month, you Israelis will have a seven-day celebration, when you'll eat bread made without any raising agent.[310] **22** That same day, the leader will prepare a bull as a sin offering for himself and for all the people in the country. **23** For the seven days of the celebration, the leader will prepare a burnt offering for Yahweh: Seven bulls and seven unblemished rams each day for seven days, and a male goat each day as a sin offering. **24** Then the leader will perform a food offering of twenty-two litres of flour with seven litres of olive oil for each bull and each ram.

25 On the fifteenth day of the seventh month of the year, at the 'temporary shelters' celebration, the leader will perform offerings on those seven days: Sin offerings, burnt offerings, food offerings, and offerings of oil.[311]

The leader and the festivals

46:1 The master Yahweh says this: The eastern gate of the inner courtyard will be shut for the six days of work, but it'll be opened on rest days and on the day of the new moon. **2** The leader will enter the outer courtyard by the path to that gate and its outside porch, and he'll stand at the doorposts of the inner gate while the priests perform his burnt offering and peace offering. Then he'll worship right there at the inner gate and then leave again, but the gate won't be shut until evening. **3** The people will also worship in front of Yahweh at the entrance to that gate on rest days and new moons. **4** The burnt offering that the leader offers to Yahweh on the rest day will be six unblemished lambs and an unblemished ram. **5** The grain offering that he gives with the ram is twenty-two litres of flour, and with the lambs it should be as much as he pleases, along with one litre of olive oil for every twenty-two litres of flour. **6** On the day of the new moon he must offer a bull, six lambs, and a ram—all without any defects. **7** He must also provide a grain offering of twenty-two litres of flour with the bull, the same with the ram, and as much as he wants with the lambs, along with a litre of olive oil with every twenty-two litres of flour. **8** The leader enters by the path to the gate and its porch, and he must leave by the same path.

9 But when the land's people come in front of Yahweh at the scheduled festivals, anyone entering through the north gate to worship must leave through the south gate, and anyone entering through the south gate must leave through the north gate. No one is allowed to turn back to the gate through which they

310 **RV 45:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-20; Num 28:16-25.

311 **RV 45:25 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:33-36; Num 29:12-38.

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entered, because everyone must keep going straight ahead until they get out. **10** The leader must be amongst them in their midst—when they go in, he must go in, and when they leave, he must leave. **11** During the festivals that you hold for me, the king must present twenty-two litres of flour along with a bull or a ram, and as much flour as he wants to with the lambs, along with a litre of olive oil with every twenty-two litres of flour.

12 When the leader gives a voluntary offering to Yahweh (either a burnt offering or a peace offering), the eastern gate will be opened for him. He'll offer his burnt offering or his peace offering just like he does on the rest day. Then he must go out, and after he's gone out, the gate will be shut.

The daily sacrifice

13 In addition, every morning someone[314] must provide a one year old lamb with no defects to be completely burnt up as an offering to Yahweh. **14** Also every morning someone must provide an offering of four litres of flour mixed with a litre of olive oil, and that's a permanent requirement. **15** They'll prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, every morning—a permanent daily burnt offering.

The leader and the country

16 The master Yahweh says this: If the leader gives a gift to any of his sons, it becomes his inheritance—that is, it'll become his sons' property because it's an inheritance. **17** But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, then it'll belong to that servant until the year of liberty, and then it'll return to the leader.[316] His inheritance must definitely be for his own sons. **18** The leader mustn't take the people's inheritance away from them, evicting them from their own property—he must provide for his sons from his own property so that my people won't be forced off their own inherited land."

The temple kitchens

19 Next the man brought me through the entrance at the gate to the sacred rooms for the priests which were north-facing, and what's more, there was a place toward the west. **20** He told me, "That's the place where the priests must boil the guilt offering and the sin offering and where they must bake the grain offering. They mustn't bring the offerings into the outer courtyard, because then the people would become sacred (and not be able to leave)."

21 Then he brought me to the outer courtyard and led me past the four corners of that courtyard, and I saw that in every cor-

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northward_to not he_will_return the_way_of the_gate which he_came in_him/it if/because opposite_it wwww[312]. **10** And_ _the_prince will_be_of_among_them when_come_they he_will_ _come and_when_they_go_out they_will_go_out. **11** And_at_ _festivals and_at_times it_will_be the_grain_offering an_'ēyfāh for_bull and_an_'ēyfāh for_ram and_for_lambs the_gift_of his/its_hand and_oil a_hin to_'ēyfāh. **12** And_because/when the_prince he_will_provide a_freewill_offering a_burnt_ _offering or peace_offerings a_freewill_offering to/for_**YHWH** and_someone_will_open to_him/it ~~DOM~~[313] the_gate which_faces east and_he_will_offer ~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_burnt and_~~DOM~~ offerings_of_his_peace just_as he_will_offer in/on_day of_the_ _sabbath and_he_will_go_out and_someone_will_shut ~~DOM~~ the_ _gate after he_has_gone_out.

13 And_a_lamb the_son_of its_year_of_his unblemished you_ _will_offer a_burnt_offering to_day to_**YHWH** in_morning in_ _morning you_will_offer ~~DOM~~_him/it. **14** And_a_grain_offering you_will_offer on/upon/above_him/it in_morning in_morning (the)_sixth_of (the)_'ēyfāh and_oil (the)_third_of (the)_hin to_ _moisten ~~DOM~~ the_fine_flour a_grain_offering to/for_**YHWH** regulations_of perpetuity continually. **15** And[315] ~~DOM~~ the_lamb and_~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_oil in_morning in_ _morning a_burnt_offering_of continuity.

16 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says if/because the_prince he_ _will_give a_gift to_anyone of_sons_of_his be_his_inheritance_ _of_will it to_sons_of_his it_will_belong be_their_possession_of_ _will it (in)_an_inheritance. **17** And_because/when he_will_give a_gift from_inheritance_of_his to_one of_servants_of_his and_ _it_will_belong for_him/it until the_year_of (the)_liberty and_ _it_will_return to_prince surely inheritance_of_his sons_of_his to/for_them it_will_belong. **18** And_not the_prince he_will_ _take_away any_of_the_inheritance_of the_people to_oppress_ _them from_possession_of_their some_of_his_own_possession he_will_cause_to_inherit ~~DOM~~ sons_of_his so_that that not people_of_my they_may_be_scattered anyone from_ _possession_of_his.

19 And_he_brought_me in_entrance which was_at the_side_of the_gate to the_rooms_of (the)_holiness to the_priests which_ _face northward_to and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_there a_place in/on/at/with[317] westward_toward. **20** And_he/it_said to_me this is_the_place where they_will_boil there the_priests ~~DOM~~ the_guilt_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_sin_offering where they_will_ _bake ~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering to_not to_take_them_out into the_courtyard (the)_outer to_make_holy ~~DOM~~ the_people. **21** And_he_brought_me_out into the_courtyard (the)_outer and_he_made_me_pass to the_four_of the_corners_of the_ _courtyard and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_courtyard was_in_the_ _corner_of the_courtyard a_courtyard was_in_the_corner_of

312 LV 46:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **ואצי**: (x-qere) '**אֶצֵּי**': lemma_3318 n_0 morph_HVqi3ms id_26CHT **אֶצֵּי**

313 LV 46:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

314 RV 46:13 · Note Some of the earliest translations (the Septuagint and the Vulgate) have 'he' here, suggesting it must be the leader.

315 LV 46:15 · Note OSHB variant note: **ושע/ו**: (x-qere) '**וְשַׁעֲי**': lemma_6213 a morph_HVqi3mp id_26oWQ **וְשַׁעֲי**

316 RV 46:17 · Cross-ref. Lev 25:10.

317 LV 46:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **ם/תכרי/ב**: (x-qere) '**סַיְתָכְרֵי/ב**': lemma_b/3411 n_0.0 morph_HRd/Ncfda id_26rgN **סַיְתָכְרֵי/ב**

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the_courtyard. **22** Were_in_the_four_of the_corners_of the_ _courtyard courtyards enclosed was_forty_cubits the_length and_thirty the_breadth measurement one belonged_to_the_ _four_of_of_them set_in_corners.[318] **23** And_a_row_of_stones_of was_all_around (is)_in_them around to_the_four_of_of_them and_boiling_places was_made from_under the_rows_stones all_ _around. **24** And_he/it_said to_me these are_the_house_of those_who_boil where they_will_boil there those_who_serve_of (of)_the_house ᴅᴏᴍ the_sacrifice_of the_people.

47:1 And_bring_back_brought_me_back to the_entrance_of the_ _house and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE waters were_going_out from_ _under the_threshold_of the_house eastward_toward if/because the_front_of the_house was_east and_the_waters were_going_down from_under from_the_side_of the_house (the)_south from_the_south of_altar. **2** And_he_brought_me_out the_way_of the_gate northward_to and_he_brought_me_round the_way_of the_outside to the_gate_of the_outside the_way which_faces east and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE waters were_trickling from the_side (the)_south. **3** When_ the_man _went_out east and_a_measuring-line in_his/its_hand and_he_measured_out a_ _thousand by_cubit and_he_made_me_pass in_waters waters_of ankles. **4** And_he_measured_out a_thousand_cubits and_he_ _made_me_pass in_waters waters knees and_he_measured_out a_thousand_cubits and_he_made_me_pass_through waters_of loins. **5** And_he_measured_out a_thousand_cubits a_river which not I_was_able to_pass_through if/because the_waters they_ _had_risen waters_of swimming a_river which not it_was_ _passed_through. **6** And_he/it_said to_me do_you_see Oh_son_ _of humankind and_he_led_me and_bring_back_brought_me_ _back the_bank_of the_river. **7** When_returned_I and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_to the_bank_of the_river tree[s] many very from_this and_from_this. **8** And_he/it_said to_me the_ _waters the_these are_going_out to the_territory (the)_eastern they_will_go_down to the_ʼArāvāh and_they_will_go to_the_sea to (to)_the_sea those_which_were_brought_out and[321] the_ _waters. **9** And_it_was every_of creature living which it_swarms to every_of where it_will_go there two_rivers it_will_live and_ the_fish _it_was many very if/because they_have_gone to_(to) the_waters the_these and_they_will_be_healed and_ every where it_will_go to_(to) the_river _it_will_live. **10** And_it_was they_have_stood[322] on/upon/above_him/it fishermen from_ ʼĒyn- gedī and_unto ʼĒyn- ʼeglayim a_spreading_place for_nets they_will_be to_kind_of_its it_will_be fish_of_their like_the_ _fish_of the_sea (the)_great many very. **11** Its[323] and_marshes_ _of_its and_not they_will_be_healed to_salt they_will_be_given. **12** And_at the_river it_will_grow_up on bank_of_its from_this and_from_this every_of tree_of food not leafage_of_its it_will_ _wither and_not fruit_of_its it_will_be_finished to_months_of_

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ner of the courtyard there was another enclosed area, **22** and each was twenty-two metres long and sixteen metres wide. **23** Around the inside of each of those enclosed areas was a stone ledge, with cooking hearths all around under the ledge. **24** The man told me, "Those are the places where the temple workers will boil the people's sacrifices."

The healing river

47:1 Then the man took me back to the temple entrance, and there was water flowing out from under the front edge of the building toward the east, and the water was flowing down the south side of the temple, to the right of the altar.[319] **2** So he took me out through the northern gate and led me around the outside to the eastern gate, and look, the water was flowing from this gate on its south side. **3** As the man started walking toward the east holding his measuring line in his hand, he measured off five hundred metres and led me through the water, which was ankle-deep. **4** Then he measured another five hundred metres and led me through the water, which was now knee-deep, and then after another five hundred metres it was up to the waist. **5** Finally he measured off another five hundred metres, but the water had become deep enough to swim in and too deep to cross—it was now a river that couldn't be walked through. **6** The man asked me, "Son of humanity, have you taken note of all this?"

Then he led me out and had me return along the riverbank. **7** As I walked back, wow, now the riverbank had many trees on each side. **8** The man told me, "This water flows eastward and down into the Rift Valley. It'll flow into the Dead Sea and will make it into fresh water. **9** As a result, every kind of living creature that swarms will live where that water flows. There'll be lots of fish when that water flows into the Dead Sea as it causes the salty water to become fresh water—everything will live wherever that river goes. **10** Then the fishermen from Eyn-Gedi will stand there by the water, and there'll be a place to dry out the fishing nets near Eyn-Eglayim. There'll be many kinds of fish in the Dead Sea—plentiful just like the fish in the Mediterranean Sea. **11** However, the Dead Sea's swamps and marshes won't be made fresh—they'll be for providing salt. **12** Beside that river on both banks, all kinds of fruit trees will grow. Their leaves will never wilt, and they'll never fail to fruit—in fact they'll bear fruit every month because that water from the temple flows to them. Their fruit will be good to eat, and their leaves will help

318 LV 46:22 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

319 RV 47:1 · Cross-ref. Zech 14:8; Yhn 7:38; Rev 22:1.

321 LV 47:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **ואפרנ/ו**: (x-qere) '**וְפַּרְנֵ/וְ**': lemma_c/7495 morph_HC/VNq3cp id_26NV2 **וְפַּרְנֵ/וְ**

322 LV 47:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **ודמעי**: (x-qere) '**וּדְמָע**': lemma_5975 morph_HVqp3cp id_26v1M **וּדְמָע**

323 LV 47:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/תאצב**: (x-qere) '**ו/יְתאֲצַב**': lemma_1207 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_26aY5 **ו/יְתאֲצַב**

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with healing.[320]

Land boundaries

13 The master Yahweh says that this will be the way that you divide the land up for Yisrael's (Israel's) twelve tribes: Yosef (Joseph) will have a double allocation.
14 You're to equally divide the land that I took action to give to your ancestors—from now on that land will come to you Israelis as an inheritance.
15 These will be the land boundaries: On the north side, it'll extend from the Mediterranean Sea east along the road towards Hetlon, and then on to Tsedad, 16 to Berotah, and then on to Sivrayim, which is on the border between Damesek (Damascus) and Hamat. The boundary will run as far as Hatsar-Hatikon, which is on the border of the Havran region. 17 So the boundary will extend from the Mediterranean Sea to Hatsar-Eynan on the border between Hamat to the north and Damesek to the south. That'll be the northern boundary.
18 On the eastern side, the boundary will extend between Havran and Damesek, south along the Yarden (Jordan) River between the Gilead region and Yisrael's territory, along the Dead Sea as far as Tamar.[325] That'll be the eastern boundary.
19 On the southern side, the boundary will extend from Tamar to the springs near Merivah-Kadesh. Then it'll extend west along the brook of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to the Mediterranean Sea. That'll be the southern boundary.
20 On the western side, the boundary will be the Mediterranean Sea, north to a point near Levo-Hamat.
21 This is how you'll divide this land for yourselves among Yisrael's tribes: 22 You must assign the land as a permanent possession for yourselves and also for any foreigners who are living and raising their children among you. You must consider them to be like native born Israelis, and they must be assigned land among Yisrael's tribes. 23 Wherever foreigners are living, you must give them some land to belong to them permanently. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

Land allocated to Yisrael's tribes

48:1 Here's a list of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes and the territory that each tribe is to receive. The northern boundary of Yisrael will start at the Mediterranean Sea and go east to Hetlon city, then to Levo-Hamat, and farther on to Hatsar-Eynan, which is south of Damesek (Damascus), and it'll continue to Hamat. Each tribe will receive land that will extend from the eastern boundary of Yisrael west to the Mediterranean Sea.
The tribe of Dan will receive land alongside Yisrael's northern border. 2 South of their area will be the territory for the tribe of Asher. 3 South of Asher's land will be territory for the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali). 4 South of Naftali's land will be territory for

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_its it_will_bear_first-fruits if/because waters_of_its from the_ _sanctuary they are_coming_out and[324] fruit_of_its for_food and_leafage_of_its will_be_for_healing.

13 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says this is_the_boundary which you(pl)_will_give_as_possession ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land to_two_ _plus_of ten the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Yōṣēf/(Joseph) measured_portions. 14 And_you(pl)_will_divide_as_possession it each like_brother_of_his which I_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my to_give_it to_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_ the_earth/land (the)_ _this _it_will_fall to/for_you(pl) (in)_an_inheritance. 15 And_ _this is_the_boundary_of the_earth/land to_the_side_of northward_of from the_sea (the)_great the_direction of_Ḥētlon Ləvō' to_Tsədād/(Zedad). 16 Hamath Bērōtāh Ṣivrayim which is_between the_territory_of Dammeseq and_between the_ _territory_of Hamath Ḥatsēr- hattikōn which is_to the_border_ _of Ḥavrān. 17 And_ the_boundary _it_was from the_sea Ḥatsar ʿĒynōn the_border_of Dammeseq and_north northward_to and_ _the_territory_of Hamath and_~~DOM~~ the_side_of the_north. 18 And_will_be_the_side_of the_east from_between Ḥavrān and_from_between Dammeseq and_from_between (the)_Gilʿād and_from_between the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) from_the_border to the_sea (the)_eastern you(pl)_will_measure and_~~DOM~~ the_side_of eastward_on. 19 And_the_side_of the_south southward_on will_be_from_ _Tāmār to the_waters_of Mərīvāh Qādēsh the_wadi to the_sea (the)_great and_~~DOM~~ the_side_of southward_of southward_ _toward. 20 And_the_side_of the_west the_sea (the)_great from_ _the_border to opposite Ləvō' Hamath this is_the_side_of the_ _west. 21 And_you(pl)_will_divide ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land (the)_ _this to/for_you(pl) to_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 22 And_it_ _was you(pl)_will_make_fall it (in)_an_inheritance to/for_ _you(pl) and_for_the_sojourners who_sojourn among_you(pl) who they_have_fathered children among_you(pl) and_they_ _will_be to/for_you(pl) like_the_native-born among_the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_you(pl) they_will_fall (in)_an_ _inheritance in_the_middle the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 23 And_it_was in_tribe which the_sojourner he_has_sojourned with_him/it there you(pl)_will_give_him inheritance_of_his the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

48:1 And_these are_the_names_of the_tribes from_the_end_of northward_of to the_hand_of the_road_of Ḥētlon Ləvō' Hamath Ḥatsar ʿĒynān the_border_of Dammeseq northward_to to the_ _hand_of Hamath and_they_will_be to_him/it the_side_of the_ _east the_sea Dān one_portion. 2 And_at the_border_of Dān from_the_side_of the_east to the_side_of westward_of 'Āshēr one_portion. 3 And_at the_border_of 'Āshēr from_the_side_of eastward_of and_unto the_side_of westward_of Naftālī one_ _portion. 4 And_at the_border_of Naftālī from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of Mənashsheh one_ _portion. 5 And_at the_border_of Mənashsheh from_the_side_ _of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of 'Efrayim one_ _portion. 6 And_at the_border_of 'Efrayim from_the_side_of the_east and_unto the_side_of westward_of Rə'ūvēn one_

320 RV 47:12 · Cross-ref. Rev 22:2.

324 LV 47:12 · Note OSHB variant note: וְיִהְיוּ: (x-qere) וְהָיָה: lemma_c/1961 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_266we

325 RV 47:18 · Note Tamar: the Hebrew has 'the Eastern Sea'.

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_portion. **7** And_at the_border_of Rə'ūvēn from_the_side_of the_east to the_side_of westward_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) one_ _portion.

8 And_at the_border_of Yəhūdāh from_the_side_of the_east to the_side_of westward_of it_will_be the_contribution which you(pl)_will_offer_up will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits the_breadth and_the_length like_one of_the_portions from_ _the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of and_it_ _was the_sanctuary in_the_middle_of_of_it. **9** The_contribution which you(pl)_will_contribute to/for_**YHWH** the_length_of will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits and_the_breadth will_ _be_ten_of thousand_cubits. **10** And_to_these it_will_belong the_contribution_of (the)_holiness to_priests northward_on five and_twenty thousand_cubits and_westward_on the_ _breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits and_eastward_on the_ _breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits and_southward_on the_length_of will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits and_it_ _was the_sanctuary_of **YHWH** in_the_middle_of_of_it. **11** To_ _priests the_one_who_is_consecrated from_(the)_sons of_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) who they_kept charge_of_my who not they_ _went_astray when_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _went_ _astray just_as the_Lēviyyiy they_went_astray. **12** And_it_will_ _belong to/for_them a_contribution from_the_contribution_of the_earth/land a_holy_place_of holy_places to the_border_of the_Lēviyyiy. **13** And_the_Lēviyyiy close_to_of the_border_of the_priests will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits the_ _length and_the_breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits all_of the_length will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits and_the_ _breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits. **14** And_not they_will_ _sell from_him/it and_not anyone_will_exchange and_not Q_ _anyone_will_make_pass_over[326] the_choicest_of the_ _earth/land if/because it_is_a_holy_place to/for_**YHWH**. **15** And_five_of thousand_cubits which_remains in_breadth on the_face_of five and_twenty thousand_cubits will_be_a_ _profane_area it for_city for_dwelling_place and_for_open_land and_it_will_be the_city in/on/at/with[327]. **16** And_these be_its_ _measurements_of_will the_side_of the_north will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits and_the_side_of the_ _south will_be_five wwww[328] hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits and_from_the_side_of the_east will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits and_the_side_of westward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_ _cubits. **17** And_ open_land _it_was to_city northward_on fifty and_two_hundreds and_southward_on fifty and_two_hundred_ _cubits and_eastward_on fifty and_two_hundreds and_ _westward_on fifty and_two_hundred_cubits. **18** And_that_ _which_remains in_length close_to_of the_contribution_of (the)_holiness will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits eastward_to and_ten_of thousand_cubits westward_to and_it_was close_to_ _of the_contribution_of (the)_holiness and_it_will_become

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the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh). **5** South of Menasheh's land will be territory for the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim). **6** South of Efrayim's land will be territory for the tribe of Re'uven. **7** South of Re'uven's land will be territory for the tribe of Yehudah (Judah).

The chosen place

8 South of Yehudah's (Judah's) land will be an area that the entire nation will give to me—you Israelis will set it apart for special use. The temple will be in the middle of the area that's thirteen kilometres wide and as long as the other land allocations.

9 The special area that you Israelis will give to Yahweh will be thirteen kilometres long and five kilometres wide. **10** This special area will be allocated to the priests: you'll assign them an area of land measuring thirteen kilometres on the northern and southern sides, and five kilometres on the western and eastern sides. Yahweh's temple will be in the middle of that special area. **11** The temple area will be for the priests, Tsadok's descendants, who are dedicated to serving me. (They're the ones who served me faithfully and didn't turn away from me like the Levites and the others did.) **12** The priests' allocation will be a portion of that very sacred land, extending to the Levites' border. **13** The land assigned to the Levites will be the same size as the land that the priests will receive. (So together, these two portions of land will be thirteen kilometres long and about ten kilometres wide.) **14** They mustn't sell or barter it—none of this best part of Yisrael's (Israel's) land must ever be used for any other purpose, because it's all sacred to Yahweh.

15 Another strip of land thirteen kilometres long and almost three kilometres wide will be allotted for other people living in the special area to use. They may build homes and have pasturelands there, and there'll be a city in the middle of that area. **16** The city will be square, over two kilometres long on each side, **17** with an open area around it, within the special area, that will be about 130m wide in each direction. **18** Outside the city, there'll be two strips that'll extend five kilometres on each of the east and west sides, and the produce from those strips will be food for the people working in the city. **19** Those who come from the various tribes to work in the city may also work in this farmland. **20** That entire special area, including the land given for Yahweh's use and the city, will be a square that's thirteen kilometres long on each side.

21 The tracts of land to the east and to the west of Yahweh's area and the city will belong to the leader. One area will extend thirteen kilometres east to Yisrael's eastern boundary, and the other will extend thirteen kilometres west to the Mediterranean Sea. Yahweh's area, which contains the temple, will be in the middle. **22** The area that belongs to the leader (that surrounds

326 **LV 48:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: רובעי: (x-qere) 'רִבֻּעַי': lemma_5674 a n_1.0 morph_HVhi3ms id_26pDo רִבֻּעַי

327 **LV 48:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/כות/ב: (x-qere) 'וְ/כוֹת/בְּ': lemma_b/8432 n_0 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_26PV1 וְ/כוֹת/בְּ

328 **LV 48:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: שמח: (x-qere)

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the Levites' property and the city in the middle of it) will be between the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) to the north and the tribe of Benyamin to the south.

23 South of Yahweh's area, each of the other tribes will receive one section of land that extends from the eastern boundary of Yisrael west all the way to the Mediterranean Sea.

Just south of Yahweh's area will be territory for the tribe of Benyamin. **24** South of Benyamin's land will be the land for the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon). **25** South of Shim'on's land will be the land for the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar). **26** South of Yisakar's land will be the land for the tribe of Zevulun. **27** South of Zevulun's land will be the land for the tribe of Gad. **28** Gad's southern boundary will extend from Tamar south to the waters of Merivah-Kadesh, and farther west to the brook of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and then on to the Mediterranean Sea.

29 That describes the territory you'll allocate to Yisrael's tribes to become their permanent inheritance. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

30 These will be the exits from the city: **The city gateways**
On the northern side (which will be just over two kilometres long), **31** there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Re'uven, Yehudah (Judah), and Levi. **32** On the eastern side (the same length) there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Yosef (Joseph), Benyamin, and Dan. **33** On the southern side (the same length) there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Shim'on (Simeon), Yisakar (Issachar), and Zevulun. **34** On the western side (the same length) there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Gad, Asher, and Naftali (Naphtali).[331] **35** The distance around the city will be nine kilometres.

From that time onwards, the city's name will be 'Yahweh is there'.

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mmm[329] (into)_food for_those_who_serve_of the_city. **19** And_ _one_who_serves the_city they_will_serve_it from_all the_ _tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **20** All_of the_contribution will_be_ _five and_twenty thousand_cubits by_five and_twenty thousand_cubits fourth you(pl)_will_offer_up ~~ḎǪM~~ the_ _contribution_of (the)_holiness to the_possession_of the_city. **21** And_that_which_remains will_to_the_prince from_this and_ _from_this of_the_contribution_of of_(the)_holiness and_of_ _the_possession_of the_city to the_face_of the_five and_twenty thousand_cubits a_contribution to the_border_of eastward_of and_westward on the_face_of five and_twenty thousand_cubits on the_border_of westward_of close_to_of the_portions will_to_ _the_prince and_it_will_be the_contribution_of (the)_holiness and_the_sanctuary_of the_house in/on/at/with[330]. **22** And_ _from_the_possession_of the_Lēviyyiy and_from_the_ _possession_of the_city in_the_middle of_that_which to_prince it_will_belong between the_border_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _between the_border_of Binyāmīn to_prince it_will_belong. **23** And_the_remainder_of the_tribes from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of Binyāmīn one_portion. **24** And_at the_border_of Binyāmīn from_the_side_of eastward_ _of to the_side_of westward_of Shim'ōn one_portion. **25** And_at the_border_of Shim'ōn from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_ _side_of westward_of Issachar one_portion. **26** And_at the_ _border_of Issachar from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_ _of westward_of Zəvūlūn one_portion. **27** And_at the_border_of Zəvūlūn from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of Gād one_portion. **28** And_at the_border_of Gād to the_side_of the_south southward_toward and_ the_border _it_ _was from_Tāmār the_waters_of Mərīvāh_of Qādēsh the_wadi on the_sea (the)_great. **29** This the_earth/land which you(pl)_ _will_make_fall from_the_inheritance to_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_these portions_of_are_their the_utterance_ _of my_master **YHWH**.

30 And_these will_be_the_exits_of the_city from_the_side_of the_north will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits the_measurement. **31** And_the_gates_of the_city will_be_on the_names_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) gates three be_ _northward_will the_gate_of Rə'ūvēn one the_gate_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) one the_gate_of Lēvī one. **32** And_near/to the_side_of eastward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits and_gates three and_the_gate_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) one the_gate_of Binyāmīn one the_gate_of Dān one. **33** And_the_side_of southward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits the_measurement and_gates three the_gate_of Shim'ōn one the_gate_of Issachar one the_ _gate_of Zəvūlūn one. **34** The_side_of westward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits gates_of_their three the_gate_of Gād one the_gate_of 'Āshēr one the_gate_of Naftālī one. **35** The_circuit will_be_eight- teen thousand_cubits and_ _name_of the_city from_the_day will_be_**YHWH** is_(to)_(to).

329 LV 48:18 · Note OSHB variant note: תאובת/ה: (x-qere) תָּאוּבֶת/וֹ: lemma_8393 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_26kfc תָּאוּבֶת/וֹ

330 LV 48:21 · Note OSHB variant note: כות/ב: (x-qere) כוֹת/בֵּי/וֹ: lemma_b/8432 n_0 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_26fX4 כוֹת/בֵּי/וֹ

331 RV 48:30-34 · Cross-ref. Rev 21:12-13.

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EZE · OET-RV v0.3.4



Ezra

Introduction

The account of Ezra, is like a continuation of *The Chronicles*—it tells us about the returning home of other Yehudim who had been taken to Bavel as captives, and the restoration of daily life in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and of worshipping at the temple.
It's divided into three main sections: 1. The declaration of King Koresh (Cyrus) of Paras/Persia to allow a group of exiled Yehudim to return to Yerushalem from Bavel. 2. The rebuilding of the temple and its dedication, and the return to worshipping Yahweh there in Yerushalem. 3. The return of a different group of Jewish descendants to Yerushalem under the leadership of Ezra—the one knowledgeable about God's instructions. He assisted the Israelis to return to their beliefs and customs, so that their worshipping of the true God wouldn't be forgotten.

Main components of this account

The first group of exiled Yehudim return home *1:1–2:70*
The rebuilding of the temple and its dedication *3:1–6:22*
Ezra leads other exiles to return to Yehudah (Judah) *7:1–10:44*

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1:1 And_in_year_of one to/for_Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) the_
_king_of Pāraṣ to_fulfill the_message_of **YHWH** from_the_
_mouth_of Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) **YHWH** he_stirred_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_spirit_of Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh) the_king_of Pāraṣ and_he_
_caused_to_pass a_proclamation in_all his/its_kingdom and_
_also in_writing to_say. **2** Thus Kōresh the_king_of Pāraṣ he_
_says all_of the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land he_has_given to_
_me **YHWH** the_god_of the_heavens and_he he_has_appointed
(on)_me to_build to_him/it a_house in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which is_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah).
3 Who is_among_you(pl) from_all people_of_his may_he_be
his/its_god with_him/it and_let_him_go_up to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which is_in_Yəhūdāh and_let_him_
_build ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he
the_ʾElohīm who is_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **4** And_all
(the)_one_who_remains from_all the_places where he is_
_sojourning there let_them_support_him the_people_of his_
_place_of_his with_silver and_with_gold and_with_property
and_with_cattle with the_freewill_offering for_the_house_of
the_ʾElohīm which is_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **5** And_ the_
_heads_of the_fathers of_Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn and_the_
_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy _they_arose to_all/each/any/every
the_ʾElohīm one_whom_he_had_stirred_up ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_
_breath/wind/spirit to_go_up to_build ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of
YHWH which is_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **6** And_all
around_of_them they_strengthened (in)_hands_of_their with_
_vessels_of silver with_gold with_property and_on/over_
_cattle/livestock and_with_(the)_gifts besides_addition_to (on)
all_of offering_of_freewill_offerings. **7** And_the_king
Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus)) he_brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ
the_vessels_of the_house_of **YHWH** which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_
_had_brought_out from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_had_
_put_them in_house_of his/its_god. **8** And_he_brought_them_
_out[34] Kōresh the_king_of Pāraṣ on the_hand_of Mitrədāt the_
_treasurer and_he_counted_them_out to_Shēshəbatstsar the_
_prince of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **9** And_these number_of_were_
_their basins_of gold thirty basins_of silver one_thousand
knives nine and_twenty. **10** Bowls_of gold thirty bowls_of silver
second_order four hundred(s) and_ten vessels other one_
_thousand. **11** All_of vessels of_gold and_of_silver five_of
thousand(s) and_four hundred(s) (the)_everything
Shēshəbatstsar he_brought_up with the_exile[s] were_led_up
from_Bāvel to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

2:1 And_these are_the_children_of the_province who_came_up
from_the_captivity_of the_exile whom he_had_taken_into_exile
Nəvūkadnetstsar[8] the_king_of Bāvel to_Bāvel and_they_
_returned to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) each to_his_own_of_city. **2** Who they_
_came with Zərubāvel Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) Nəḥemʸᵃʰ Sərāʸᵃʰ
Rəʿēlāʸᵃʰ Mordəkay Bilshān Mişpār Bigvay Rəḥūm Baʿₐnāh the_

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Koresh returns some Yehudim

1:1 In the first year that Koresh (Cyrus) was king of Paras (Persia), Yahweh stirred up his spirit in order to fulfil what he'd spoken through the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah).[1] So the king distributed an official written notice throughout his kingdom, saying, **2** "Koresh, king of Paras, declares this: Yahweh, the god of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms in the world, and he's appointed me to build a residence for him in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in Yehudah (Judah).[2] **3** Anyone among you who's one of his followers is free to go to Yerushalem (in Yehudah) to help build a temple there for Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh—the god of Yerushalem. May God go with you. **4** Those who live near these people but who are not going themselves, should donate gold and silver, and goods and livestock, plus cash as a voluntary offering for God's temple in Yerushalem.

5 Then some of the leaders of Benyamin and Yehudah, and some priests and Levites—all of whom had had their spirits stirred up by God—left to go and build Yahweh's residence in Yerushalem. **6** Their neighbours had helped them by donating gold and silver utensils, goods and livestock, and expensive gifts, as well as the voluntary offerings of cash.

7 Then King Koresh brought out the equipment from Yahweh's temple that Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had brought all the way from Yerushalem and had put in the house of his gods. **8** He put the treasurer Mitredat in charge of bringing them out and Sheshebatsar, the ruler of Yehudah, in charge of accepting them and listing them. **9** There were: thirty gold basins, one thousand silver basins, twenty-nine knives, **10** thirty gold bowls, 410 silver bowls, and a thousand other utensils, **11** coming to a total of 5,400 gold and silver utensils. Sheshebatsar took all of that with the group of exiles going from Bavel (Babylon) to Yerushalem.

The list of returning exiles[5]

2:1 Out of the captives that Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had brought as slaves to Bavel (Babylon), these are their descendants who returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in Yehudah (Judah)—each person returning to their own ancestral town. **2** The ones who went with Zerubavel were: Yeshua, Nehemyah (Ne-

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Jer 25:11; 29:10.

2 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 44:28.

3 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

4 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

5 **RV 2:1 · Parallel** Neh. 7:4-73

8 **LV 2:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: רוצנדכובנ: (x-qere) ’רֶצָּנְדַכוּבְנ’: lemma_5020 morph_HNp id_15PGK רֶצָּנְדַכוּבְנ

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hemiah), Serayah, Re'elayah, Mordekai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvay, Rehum, and Ba'anah.

Their numbers were:

3 2,172 descendants of Par'osh,
4 372 descendants of Shefatyah,
5 775 descendants of Arah,
6 2,812 descendants of Pahat-Moav, from the families of Yeshua and Yoav (Joab),
7 1,254 descendants of Eylam,
8 945 descendants of Zatu,
9 760 descendants of Zakay,
10 642 descendants of Bani,
11 623 descendants of Bevay,
12 1,222 descendants of Azgad,
13 666 descendants of Adonikam,
14 2,056 descendants of Bigvay,
15 454 descendants of Adin,
16 98 descendants of Ater, who descended from Hizkiyah (Hezekiah),
17 323 descendants of Betsay,
18 112 descendants of Yorah,
19 223 descendants of Hashum,
20 95 descendants of Givar.
21 And from these towns:
123 from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem),
22 56 from Netofah,
23 128 from Anatot,
24 42 from Azmavet,
25 743 from Kiryat-Yearim, Kefirah, and Be'erot,
26 621 from Ramah and Geva,
27 122 from Mikmas,
28 223 from Beyt-El (Bethel) and Ay,
29 52 from Nevo,
30 156 from Magbish,
31 1,254 from the other Eylam,
32 320 from Harim,
33 725 from Lod, Hadid, and Ono,
34 345 from Yeriho (Jericho),
35 3,630 from Sena'ah.
36 The priests who returned:
973 descendants of Yedayah (descendants of Yeshua),
37 1,052 descendants of Imer,
38 1,247 descendants of Pashhur,
39 1,017 descendants of Harim.
40 The Levites who returned:
74 descendants of Yeshua and Kadmiel, who were from the family of Hodavyah,
41 128 musicians who were descendants of Asaf,
42 139 gatekeepers who were descendants of the gatekeepers Shalum, Ater, Talmon, Akuv, Hatita, and Shovay,

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_number_of the_men_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 3 The_ _descendants_of Par'osh/(Parosh) two_thousand one_hundred seventy and_two. 4 The_descendants_of Shəfaṭyāh three hundred(s) seventy and_two. 5 The_descendants_of 'Āraḥ seven hundred(s) five and_seventy. 6 The_descendants_of Paḥat-Mō'āv of_the_descendants_of of_Yēshū'a Yō'āv/(Joab) two_ _thousand eight hundred(s) and_two_plus ten. 7 The_ _descendants_of 'Ēylām one_thousand two_hundred fifty and_ _four. 8 The_descendants_of Zattū' nine hundred(s) and_forty and_five. 9 The_descendants_of Zakkay seven hundred(s) and_ _sixty. 10 The_descendants_of Bānī six hundred(s) forty and_ _two. 11 The_descendants_of Bēvay six hundred(s) twenty and_ _three. 12 The_descendants_of 'Azgād one_thousand two_ _hundred twenty and_two. 13 The_descendants_of 'Adonīqām six hundred(s) sixty and_six. 14 The_descendants_of Bigvay two_thousand fifty and_six. 15 The_descendants_of 'Ādīn four hundred(s) fifty and_four. 16 The_descendants_of 'Āṭēr of_ _Ḥizqiyyāh ninety and_eight. 17 The_descendants_of Bētsay three hundred(s) twenty and_three. 18 The_descendants_of Yōrāh/(Jorah) one_hundred and_two_plus ten. 19 The_ _descendants_of Ḥāshum two_hundred twenty and_three. 20 The_descendants_of Givar ninety and_five. 21 The_ _descendants_of Bēyt- leḥem one_hundred twenty and_three. 22 The_men_of Nəṭofāh fifty and_six. 23 The_men_of 'Anātōt one_hundred twenty and_eight. 24 The_descendants_of 'Azmāvet forty and_two. 25 The_descendants_of Qiryat Kephirah and_Beeroth seven hundred(s) and_forty and_three. 26 The_descendants_of (the)_Rāmāh and_Geva' six hundred(s) twenty and_one. 27 The_men_of Mikmāş one_hundred twenty and_two. 28 The_men_of Bēyt- 'ēl and_(the)_'Ay two_hundred twenty and_three. 29 The_descendants_of Nəvō fifty and_two. 30 The_descendants_of Magbiysh one_hundred fifty and_six. 31 The_descendants_of 'Ēylām the_other one_thousand two_ _hundred fifty and_four. 32 The_descendants_of Ḥārim three hundred(s) and_twenty. 33 The_descendants_of Lod Ḥādīd and_ _Ono seven hundred(s) twenty and_five. 34 The_descendants_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) three hundred(s) forty and_five. 35 The_ _descendants_of Şənā'āh three_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s) and_thirty. 36 The_priests the_descendants_of Yəda'yāh/(Jedaiah) of_the_house_of of_Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) nine hundred(s) seventy and_three. 37 The_descendants_of 'Immēr one_thousand fifty and_two. 38 The_descendants_of Pashḥūr one_thousand two_hundred forty and_seven. 39 The_ _descendants_of Ḥārim one_thousand and_seven teen. 40 The_ _Lēviyyiy the_descendants_of Yēshū'a and_Qadmī'ēl of_the_ _sons_of of_Hōdavyāh seventy and_four. 41 The_singers the_ _descendants_of 'Āşāf one_hundred twenty and_eight. 42 The_ _descendants_of the_gatekeepers the_descendants_of Shallūm the_descendants_of 'Āṭēr the_descendants_of Ţalmōn the_ _descendants_of 'Aqqūv the_descendants_of Ḥaṭīṭā' the_ _descendants_of Shovāy (the)_everyone was_one_hundred thirty and_nine. 43 The_temple_servants the_descendants_of Tsīḥā'/(Ziha) the_descendants_of Ḥasūfā' the_descendants_of Ţabā'ōt. 44 The_descendants_of Qēyroş the_descendants_of Şī'ā' the_descendants_of Pādōn. 45 The_descendants_of Ləvānā' the_descendants_of Ḥagāvā' the_descendants_of 'Aqqūv.

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46 The_descendants_of Ḥāgāv the_descendants_of Salmay[9]
the_descendants_of Ḥānān. **47** The_descendants_of Giddēl the_
_descendants_of Gaḥar the_descendants_of Rə'āyāh. **48** The_
_descendants_of Rətsīn the_descendants_of Nəqōdā' the_
_descendants_of Gazzām. **49** The_descendants_of ʻUzzā' the_
_descendants_of Pāṣēaḥ the_descendants_of Bēṣay. **50** The_
_descendants_of 'Aṣnāhh the_descendants_of Məʻūnāy[10] the_
_descendants_of Nephussim[11]. **51** The_descendants_of Baqbūq
the_descendants_of Ḥaqūfā' the_descendants_of Ḥarḥūr.
52 The_descendants_of Batslūt the_descendants_of Məḥīdā'
the_descendants_of Ḥarshā'. **53** The_descendants_of Barqōṣ
the_descendants_of Ṣīṣərā' the_descendants_of Temaḥ. **54** The_
_descendants_of Nətsīaḥ the_descendants_of Ḥaṭīfā'. **55** The_
_descendants_of the_servants_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_
_descendants_of Ṣōṭay the_descendants_of Ṣoferet the_
_descendants_of Pərūdā'. **56** The_descendants_of Jaala the_
_descendants_of Darkon the_descendants_of Giddēl. **57** The_
_descendants_of Shəfaṭyāh the_descendants_of Ḥaṭṭil the_
_descendants_of Pokeret- Tsəvāyīm the_descendants_of 'Āmī.
58 All_of the_temple_servants and_the_sons of_the_servants_of
of_Shəlomoh three hundred(s) ninety and_two. **59** And_these
are_the_ones_who_came_up from_Tēl- melaḥ Tēl Harsha Kərūv
Addon 'Immēr and_not they_were_able to_announce the_
_house_of their_ancestors_of_their and_offspring_of_their if
were_from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they. **60** The_descendants_of Dəlāyāh
the_descendants_of Ṭōviyyāh the_descendants_of Nəqōdā' six
hundred(s) fifty and_two. **61** And_of_the_descendants_of the_
_priests the_descendants_of Ḥavayyāh the_descendants_of
Haqqōts the_descendants_of Barzillay who he_had_taken one_
_of_the_daughters_of Barzillay the_Gil'ādite a_wife and_he_
_was_called on their_name. **62** These they_sought document_
_of_their those_who_had_had_themselves_enrolled and_not
they_were_found and_they_were_defiled from the_priesthood.
63 And_ the_governor _he/it_said to/for_them which/who not
they_will_eat any_of_the_holy_thing_of the_holy_things until
a_priest will_arise to_Urim and_to_Thummim. **64** All_of the_
_assembly as_one four ten_thousand two_thousand three
hundred(s) sixty. **65** (From)_besides_of servants_of_their_male
and_their_female_of_servants these were_seven_of thousand(s)
three hundred(s) thirty and_seven and_belonged_to_them
male_singers and_female_singers two_hundred. **66** Horses_of_
_their seven hundred(s) thirty and_six mules_of_their two_
_hundred forty and_five. **67** Camels_of_their four hundred(s)
thirty and_five donkeys six_of thousand(s) seven hundred(s)
and_twenty. **68** And_some_of_the_heads_of the_fathers when_
_came_they to_the_house_of **YHWH** which is_in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_offered_freewill_offerings for_
_the_house_of the_'Elohīm to_erect_it on place_of_its.
69 According_to_of_their_ability they_gave to_the_treasury_of
the_work gold drachmas six ten_thousands and_one_thousand
and_silver minas five_of thousand(s) and_tunics_of priests one_
hundred. **70** And the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_from the_

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43 The temple servants who returned:
The descendants of Tsiha, Hasufa, and Tabaeot,
44 the descendants of Keyros, Siea, and Padon,
45 the descendants of Levana, Hagava, and Akuv,
46 the descendants of Hagav, Shalmay, and Hanan,
47 the descendants of Gidel, Gahar, and Reayah,
48 the descendants of Retsin, Nekoda, and Gazam,
49 the descendants of Uza, Paseah, and Besay,
50 the descendants of Asnah, Meunim, and Nefushesim,
51 the descendants of Bakbuk, Hakufa, and Harhur,
52 the descendants of Batslut, Mehida, and Harsha,
53 the descendants of Barkos, Sisera, and Temah,
54 and the descendants of Netsiah and Hatifa.
55 The descendants of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) servants who returned:
the descendants Sotay, Soferet, Peruda,
56 the descendants of Ya'alah, Darkon, and Gidel,
57 the descendants of Shefatyah, Hatil, Pokeret Tsevayim, and Ami.
58 Altogether there were 392 descendants of temple workers and Shelomoh's servants who returned.
59 Another group went from the towns of Tel-Melah, Tel-Harsha, Keruv, Adan, and Imer, but they didn't know their ancestry from before they were taken as captives.
60 There were 652 people who were descendants of Delayah, Toviyah, and Nekoda, **61** and from the sons of the priests: the descendants of Havayah; the descendants of Hakots; and the descendants of Barzilay, who took a wife from the daughters of Barzilay the Giladi, so he was called by their name. **62** They had searched for their records among the genealogies, but couldn't find their families listed, so they were disqualified to serve as priests. **63** Also the governor told them that they mustn't eat any of the holiest food until a priest could use the Urim and Tumim to determine their status.[6]
64 Altogether in this group, 42,360 people returned to Yehudah (Judah). **65** not counting their 7,337 male and female servants, plus 200 male and female musicians. **66** They also took 736 horses and 245 mules, **67** 435 camels and 6,720 donkeys.
68 When some of the heads of families got to Yahweh's temple in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), they freely donated so that it could be rebuilt. **69** They each donated to the treasury according to their individual resources—a total of sixty-one thousand gold coins, five thousand silver bars, and a hundred sets of clothing for the priests.
70 So the priests and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers and the temple servants returned to live in their ancestral cities, and so all the Israeli cities

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6 **RV 2:63 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:21.

9 **LV 2:46 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ילמש**: (x-qere) **יְמְלֵשׁ**: lemma_8014 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_15Sjh **יְמְלֵשׁ**

10 **LV 2:50 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיניעמ**: (x-qere) **מְעוּנִים**: lemma_4586 n_0.0 morph_HNgmpa id_15Abd **מְעוּנִים**

11 **LV 2:50 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיסיפנ**: (x-qere) **מְסִיפִים**: lemma_5304 n_0 morph_HNgmpa id_15gMU **מְסִיפִים**

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had returnees living in them.[7]

Rebuilding the altar

3:1 In the seventh month, the Israelis from their various cities, gathered together in unity in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **2** Then Yotsadak's son Yeshua and his brothers the priests, and Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and his brothers, and they built the altar to offer up burnt offerings to Yisrael's (Israel's) god on it[12] as is written in the law of Mosheh (Moses), the man of God. **3** They set the altar up on its foundation because they were worried about trouble from some of the other people groups in the region. Then they offered burnt offerings to Yahweh on it as well as the regular morning and evening burnt offerings.[13] **4** Then they observed the Celebration in Shelters as per the written instructions[14] with a burnt offering each day as required. **5** After that was over, they kept up the regular burnt offerings, plus those for the new moons and other times that Yahweh required,[15] as well as any free-will offerings to Yahweh. **6** Even though the temple foundation rebuilding hadn't started yet, the people started sacrificing burnt offerings to Yahweh from the beginning of October.

Rebuilding the temple

7 They donated cash to the stone-workers and carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the workers from Tsidon (Sidon) and Tsor (Tyre) to float cedar logs along the coast from Levanon into Port Yafo (Joppa) with the permission of Persian King Koresh (Cyrus).

8 In the second month of second year since their return to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and Yotsadak's son Yeshua, and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and everyone except who'd returned to Yerushalem from captivity, began work on God's residence, and they appointed the Levites who were twenty and over to act as overseers for the work of rebuilding Yahweh's temple. **9** And Yeshua with his brothers and their sons, Kadmiel and his sons, (all descendants of Yehudah (Judah)) cooperated to act as overseers for those doing the work at the temple together with Henadad's sons and grandsons, and their brothers the Levites.

10 When the builders had laid the foundation of Yahweh's temple, they got the priests to stand there in their robes with their trumpets, and Asaf's descendants (who were Levites) with their

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_people and_the_singers and_the_gatekeepers and_the_temple_ _servants _they_lived in_their_own_of_cities and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_in_their_own_of_cities.

3:1 And_ the_month the_seventh _it_arrived and_the_sons of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_in_cities and_ the_people _they_gathered like_a_man one to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_ Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) the_son_of Yōtsādāq/(Jozadak) and_brothers_ _of_his the_priests and_Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl and_ _brothers_of_his _he/it_rose_up and_they_rebuilt ÐOM the_ _altar_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it burnt_offerings according_what_is_ _written in_the_law_of Mosheh the_man_of the_'Elohīm. **3** They_established the_altar on foundations_of_its if/because (in)_terror was_on_them from_the_peoples_of the_lands and[16][17] on/upon/above_him/it burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** burnt_offerings of_morning and_of_evening. **4** And_they_made ÐOM the_festival_of (the)_booths according_what_is_written and_a_burnt_offering_of a_day in/on_day by_number according_to_the_ordinance_of the_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **5** And_after afterwards[18] a_burnt_offering_of continuity and_ _for_moons and_to/for_all the_appointed_times_of **YHWH** (the)_consecrated and_to/for_all one_who_offered a_freewill_ _offering to/for_**YHWH**. **6** From_day one of_month the_seventh they_began to_offer_up burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** and_ _the_temple_of **YHWH** not it_was_founded.

7 And_people_gave money to_stonemasons and_to_craftsmen and_food and_drink and_oil to_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_to_ _Tsorī/(Tyrians) to_bring wood(s)_of cedar(s) from (the)_ _Ləvānōn to the_sea_of Yāfō/(Joppa) according_to_the_ _permission_of Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus)) the_ _king_of Pāraş to_them. **8** And_in_year the_second(fs) of_ _coming_their to the_house_of the_'Elohīm to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_month the_second they_began Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl and_Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) the_ _son_of Yōtsādāq/(Jozadak) and_the_rest_of their_brothers_of_ _their the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_all the_(ones_who)_ _went from_the_captivity Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_ _appointed ÐOM the_Lēviyyiy from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards to_act_as_overseers over the_work_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **9** And_ Yēshū'a sons_of_his and_brothers_ _of_his Qadmī'ēl and_sons_of_his the_sons_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he_stood as_one to_act_as_overseers over the_doer[s]_of the_ _work in_house_of the_'Elohīm the_sons_of Ḥēnādād sons_of_ _their and_brothers_of_their the_Lēviyyiy. **10** And_ the_builders _they_founded ÐOM the_temple_of **YHWH** and_they_appointed the_priests fully_clothed with_trumpets and_the_Lēviyyiy the_ _sons_of 'Āşāf with_cymbals to_praise ÐOM **YHWH** on the_

7 **RV 2:70 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 9:2; Neh 11:3.

12 **RV 3:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 27:1.

13 **RV 3:3 · Cross-ref.** Num 28:1-8.

14 **RV 3:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 29:12-38.

15 **RV 3:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 28:11–29:39.

16 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לעי/ו**: (x-qere) **וּלְעֵי/ו**: lemma_c/5927 morph_HC/Vhw3mp id_156Tj **וּלְעֵי/ו**

17 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

18 **LV 3:5 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

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_hands_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **11** And_they_sang with_praising and_with_giving_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good if/because forever_perpetuity loyalty_ _of_his_covenant is_towards Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all the_people they_shouted a_shout_of_joy[21] great with_praising to/for_ _**YHWH** because the_house_of **YHWH** it_was_founded. **12** And_ _many of_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_heads_of the_ _fathers (the)_old who they_had_seen ~~DOM~~ the_house (the)_ _first when_founded_it this the_house in_eyes_of_their were_ _weeping with_a_voice great and_many_people with_a_shout_ _of_joy with_gladness to_lift_up a_voice. **13** And_not the_people were_recognizing the_sound_of the_shout_of (the)_joy to_ _sound/voice of_the_weeping_of of_the_people if/because the_ _people were_shouting a_shout_of_joy great and_the_sound it_ _was_heard to (to)_from_a_distance.

4:1 And_ the_foes_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Binyāmīn _they_ _heard if/because_that the_children_of the_exile were_building a_temple to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ _they_approached (to) Zərubāvel and_near/to the_heads_of the_fathers and_they_said to/for_them let_us_build with if/because like we_seek (to)_god_of_your(pl) and[23] we have_ _been_sacrificing since_the_days_of 'Ēşar- ḥaddōn the_king_of 'Ashshūr who_brought_up us here. **3** And_he/it_said to/for_ _them Zərubāvel and_Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) and_the_rest_of the_ _heads_of the_fathers of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not to/for_you(pl) and_for to_build a_house for_god_of if/because we together we_will_build_it to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_ _as he_commanded_us the_king Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus)) the_king_of Pāraş. **4** And_he/it_was the_people_of the_earth/land were_making_ _drop the_hands_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh and[24] them to_ _build. **5** And_they_were_hiring on_them counsellors to_ _frustrate purpose_of_their all_of the_days_of Kōresh the_king_ _of Pāraş and_unto the_reign_of Dārəyāvesh the_king_of Pāraş.

6 And_in_the_reign_of 'Aḥashvērōsh at_the_beginning_of his/its_kingdom they_wrote an_accusation on the_inhabitants_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem). **7** And_in_ _the_days_of 'Artaḥshashtā' he_wrote Bishlām Mitrədāt Ṭeʋə'ēl and_the_rest_of mmm[26] to 'Artaḥshashtā'[27] the_king_of Pāraş and_the_writing_of[28] of_the_letter was_written 'Arāmīt and_it_ _was_translated 'Arāmīt. **8** Rəḥūm master_of command and_ _Shimshay the_scribe they_wrote a_letter one concerning Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) to_'Artaḥshashtā' Oh/the_king as_ _follows. **9** Then Rəḥūm master_of command and_Shimshay

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cymbals, to praise Yahweh using the rhythms composed by David, the former Israeli king.[19] **11** Then they sang in response—praising and thanking Yahweh: "Yes, he is good, because his loyal commitment to Yisrael (Israel) will continue forever."[20]

Then all the people shouted a great shout in praise to Yahweh because the foundation of Yahweh's temple had been laid. **12** Many of the older priests and Levites, and clan leaders who'd seen the first temple, wept loudly when they witnessed the founding of this one, but others were shouting happily with loud voices. **13** So the people couldn't differentiate the happy sounds from the sound of the people weeping, because the people were shouting very loudly and it could be heard from far away.

Opposition to rebuilding the temple

4:1 Now the enemies of Yehudah (Judah) and Benyamin heard that the Israelis who'd come back from exile were building a temple for Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh. **2** so they went to Zerubavel and to the other clan leaders and they said to them, "Let us help you with the building work, because like you, we worship your god and we've been sacrificing to him since the days of the Assyrian king Esar-Hadon—the one who sent us here."[22]

3 But Zerubavel, and Yeshua, and the rest of the Israelis clan leaders said to them, "It's not for you and for us to build a house for our god, but we ourselves together will build for Yisrael's god Yahweh, just as the Persian King Koresh (Cyrus) has commanded us."

4 Those local people had been discouraging the people of Yehudah and trying to stop them from building. **5** They'd also hired influencers to work against them throughout the reigns of the Persian kings Koresh and Dareyavesh (Darius).

The opposition of replacement of Yerushalem

6 Now at the beginning of the reign of Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus), they forwarded an accusation against those who lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and throughout Yehudah (Judah).

7 And in the days of Persian King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes), Bishlam, Mitredat, Teve'el and the rest of their companions wrote to the king. (The letter was written in Aramit (Syrian) and using that alphabet).

8 Rehum the high commissioner and Shimshay the provincial

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19 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 25:1.

20 **RV 3:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13; 7:3; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; Jer 33:11.

21 **LV 3:11 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

22 **RV 4:2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 17:24-41.

23 **LV 4:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אל/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/לְ/וֹ': lemma_c/l n_0.1.2.0 morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_15ozy וְ/לְ/וֹ

24 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיהלבמ/ו**: (x-qere) 'מִ/יְלַהֲבִמְ/וֹ': lemma_c/926 morph_HC/Vprmpa id_15Atm מִ/יְלַהֲבִמְ/וֹ

26 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תונכ**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתְּוֻנְכּ': lemma_3674 n_1.1 morph_HNcmpc/Pp3ms id_15to2 וְ/יִתְּוֻנְכּ

27 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אתששחתרא**: (x-qere) 'תְּשֶׁשְׁחַתְּרַא': lemma_783 a n_1.0 morph_HNp id_15dPn תְּשֶׁשְׁחַתְּרַא

28 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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secretary wrote a letter to King Artahshashta against Yerushalem as follows:

9 From Rehum the high commissioner and Shimshay the provincial secretary, and the our companions, the judges and the rulers, the officials, the Persians, the Erekites, the Babylonians, the Susaites (that is, the Eylamites), **10** and the rest of the nations that the famous and powerful King Asenapar exiled from other nations and forced them to live in the cities of Shomron (Samaria), and the province went of the Perat (Euphrates) river.

And now **11** this is what the letter said that they sent to him:

To Artahshashta the king from your servants on this side of the river.

And now **12** let it be known to the king that the Yehudim (Jews) who left your region have come to us at Yerushalem to rebuild that rebellious and evil city—they're currently finishing the walls and repairing the building foundations. **13** Now let it be known to the king that if that city is built and the walls are completed, those people won't pay taxes, or send tributes, and your royal treasury will lose out. **14** Now, because we've had the favour of the palace, and because we don't want to see the king dishonoured, that's why we've sent this letter to update the king, **15** so that he can search in the official records of the kingdom. You'll discover and learn that that city of Yerushalem is a rebellious city and one that has caused harm to kings and provinces, and has harboured rebellion there for decades past—that's why that city was destroyed. **16** We are letting the king know that if that city is rebuilt and its walls are completed, then you'll lose control of this province on this side of the Perat."

17 The king sent this reply:

"To Rehum the high commissioner and Shimshay the provincial secretary, and the rest of their companions who live in Shomron (Samaria), and the rest of the people in the province west of the Perat: Peace.

And now **18** the letter that you all sent to us has been carefully read aloud to me. **19** I ordered my officials to search the records and discovered that it's true that that city has been rebellious and seditious since ancient times. **20** Powerful kings have reigned from Yerushalem and ruled the entire region that side

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the_scribe and_the_rest_of their_associates the_Dinay[29] and_ _the_officials the_Tarpelites the_Sipparites the_Erechites[30] the_ _Bāvelians the_Susanchites mmm[31] the_ʹĒylāmites. **10** And_ _the_rest_of the_nations which ʾOşnappar (the)_great and_ _(the)_honourable he_took_into_exile and_he_caused_to_dwell them in_the_city of Shomrōn and_the_rest_of the_region_ _beyond the_river and_now. **11** This is_(the)_copy_of the_letter which they_sent to_him to ʾArtaḫshashtā' Oh/the_king servants_of_your[3233] the_man_of the_region_beyond the_river and_now. **12** Known let_it_be to_the_king that the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews) who they_came_up from beside_you to_us they_have_come to_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) the_city (the)_ _rebellious and[3435] they_are_building and[36] they_have_ _finished[37] the_foundations they_are_repairing. **13** Now known let_it_be to_the_king that if the_city this it_will_be_built and_ _the_walls they_will_be_finished tribute tax and_toll not they_ _will_give and_eventually kings it_will_injure. **14** Now as_to because that the_salt_of the_palace we_eat_salt and_the_ _dishonour_of Oh/the_king not is_proper for_us to_see concerning this we_have_sent and_we_have_made_known to_ _the_king. **15** That he_will_search in_the_book_of the_records of fathers_of_your and_you_will_find in_the_book_of the_ _records and_you_will_know that the_city this is_a_city rebellious and_injuring_of (of)_kings and_provinces and_a_ _revolt it_was_making in_midst_of_its from the_days_of the_ _ages on this the_city this it_was_laid_waste. **16** We are_ _making_known to_the_king that if the_city this it_will_be_ _built and_the_walls they_will_be_finished (to)_before this possession in_the_region_beyond the_river not there to/for_ _you(fs). **17** The_message Oh/the_king he_sent to Rəḥūm master_of command and_Shimshay the_scribe and_the_rest_of their_associates who were_dwelling in_Shomrōn and_the_rest_ _of the_region_beyond the_river peace and_now. **18** The_letter which you(pl)_sent to_us was_made_distinct it_was_read_aloud before_me. **19** And_from_me a_decree it_was_made and_they_ _searched and_they_found that the_city this from the_days_of the_ages against kings was_rising_up and_rebellion and_revolt have_been_done by_it. **20** And_kings strong they_were over Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_having_mastery over_all_of the_ _region_beyond the_river and_tribute tax and_toll was_being_ _paid to_them. **21** Now make a_decree[38] to_make_to_cease the_ _men these and_the_city this not it_will_be_built until from_me the_decree it_will_be_made. **22** And_cautious be negligence_of to_do concerning this why the_damage will_it_grow_great to_ _injury_of kings. **23** Then from that the_copy_of the_letter of

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29 **LV 4:9 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as אֱנָ֣יְדֵ֔

30 **LV 4:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יוכרא**: (x-qere) 'א/וְיוֹכַרַ֔א': lemma_756 morph_ANgmpd/Td id_15mQU **א/וְיוֹכַרַ֔א**

31 **LV 4:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אוה/ד**: (x-qere) 'א/וְיָ֣הֲדָ': lemma_1723 n_0.0 morph_ANgmpd/Td id_15QHV **א/וְיָ֣הֲדָ**

32 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

33 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

34 **LV 4:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/תשיאב/ו**: (x-qere) 'א/תְּשִׁיבוּ/ו': lemma_c/873 n_0.2.0 morph_AC/Aafsd/Td id_15DK9 **א/תְּשִׁיבוּ/ו**

35 **LV 4:12 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

36 **LV 4:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/ירוש**: (x-qere) 'א/יְרוּשׁוּ/ו': lemma_c/7792 morph_AC/Ncmpd/Td id_15Zzg **א/יְרוּשׁוּ/ו**

37 **LV 4:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וללכשא**: (x-qere) 'וּלְלַכֵּשׁ': lemma_3635 a n_0.1 morph_AVep3mp id_15Q2N **וּלְלַכֵּשׁ**

38 **LV 4:21 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

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'Artaḫshashtā'[39] Oh/the_king it_was_read_aloud before Rəḥūm and_Shimshay the_scribe and_associates_of_their they_went in_haste to_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) to the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_they_made_to_cease them with_force and_power. **24** In_ _then the_work_of the_house_of the_god which is_in_ _Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) it_ceased and_it_was ceasing until year_of two of_(the)_reign of_Dārəyāvesh the_king_of Pāraṣ.

5:1 And_he_prophesied Ḥaggay mmm[44] and_Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_ _of 'Iddō mmm[45] to the_Yəhūdī who were_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) in_the_name_of the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who_was_over_them. **2** In_then Zərubāvel the_ _son_of Shə'altiy'^{ēl} and_Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) the_son_of Yōtsādāq/(Jozadak) they_arose and_they_began to_build the_ _house_of the_god which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_ _were_with_them mmm[46] of the_god supporting ~~DOM~~_them. **3** At_it the_time he_came to_them Tattənay the_governor_of the_region_beyond the_river Shətar- bōzənay and_associates_ _of_their and_thus/so/as_follows they_were_saying to_them who did_he_make for_you(pl) a_decree the_house this to_build and_the_structure this to_finish. **4** Then as_follows we_said to_ _them what are_they the_names_of the_men who this the_ _building are_building. **5** And_the_eye_of their_god it_was on the_elders_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_not they_made_cease them until the_report to_Dārəyāvesh it_will_go and_then they_ _will_send_back the_letter concerning this. **6** (The)_copy_of the_letter which he_sent Tattənay the_governor_of the_region_ _beyond the_river Shətar- bōzənay and_associates_of_his the_ _officials who were_in_the_region_beyond the_river to Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king. **7** The_message they_sent to_him and_according_to_this it_was_written in_midst_of_its to_ _Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king the_peace (the)_all. **8** Known let_it_ _be to_the_king that we_went to_Judea the_province to_the_ _house_of the_god (the)_great and_he is_being_built stone_of rolling and_timber is_being_set in_the_walls and_the_work this diligently is_being_done and_is_prospering in_hand_of_their. **9** Then we_asked to_the_elders these as_follows we_said to_ _them[47][48] who did_he_make for_you(pl) a_decree the_house this to_build and_the_structure this to_finish. **10** And_also names_of_their we_asked to_them[49][50] to_make_known_to_you that we_will_write the_name_of the_men who are_at_heads_of_

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of the river, and had taxes and tributes paid to them. **21** So command those Yehudim to stop rebuilding the city until such time as I make a decree. **22** Don't be negligent in doing that or the damage to this kingdom might get worse."

23 When King Artahshashta's (Artaxerxes') letter reached Rehum, Shimshay the secretary, and their companions, and was read aloud to them all, they immediately went to Yerushalem and used force to stop the Yehudim (Jews) from their rebuilding.

24 So there was a period when the rebuilding of the temple in Yerushalem stopped, and it remained paused until the second year of King Dareyavesh's (Darius') reign in Paras (Persia).[25]

The temple rebuilding continues

5:1 Then the prophet Hagay and Ido's son Zekaryah (Zechariah)[40] prophesied to the Yehudim (Jews) in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah (Judah) in the name of Yisrael's (Israel's) god who they served. **2** Then Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and Yotsadak's son Yeshua took action and began to rebuild God's temple in Yerushalem, and the prophets who served God were there with them, supporting them.[41]

3 At that time, Tatenay, the governor of the province west of the Perat (Euphrates), and Shetar-Bozenay, and their companions came to them and demanded, "Who gave you all permission to rebuild this temple?" **4** They also asked the Yehudim to tell them the names of the men who were working on the building. **5** However, God was watching over the Jewish leaders, and they weren't actually stopped. A report was sent to King Dareyavesh (Darius), then they waited for a response. **6** Tatenay, the governor of the province west of the river, and Shetar-Bozenay and his companions, the provincial officials, sent the letter to King Dareyavesh— **7** this is what was written in their report:

"To King Dareyavesh. All peace. **8** Let it be known to the king that we went to the province of Yehudah (Judea), to the temple of the great God, and it is being built with large stones, and timber is being placed in the walls. This work is being done to a high standard and they're making good progress.

9 "Then we asked those elders, 'Who gave you all permission to rebuild this temple?' **10** We also asked them their names, so that we could write down the names of their leaders to inform you.

11 "This is the answer they gave us, 'We are servants of the god of the heavens and earth, and we are rebuilding the temple that

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25 **RV 4:24 · Cross-ref.** Hag 1:1; Zech 1:1.

39 **LV 4:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אתששחתרא**: (x-qere) **'תְּשַׁשְׁחַתְּרַא**'; lemma_783 b morph_ANp id_155hr **תְּשַׁשְׁחַתְּרַא**

40 **RV 5:1 · Cross-ref.** Hag 1:1; Zech 1:1.

41 **RV 5:2 · Cross-ref.** Hag 1:12; Zech 4:6-9.

44 **LV 5:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/איבנ**: (x-qere) **'אִיְּבְנ**': lemma_5029 n_1.2.1 morph_ANcmsd/Td id_15KNH **אִיְּבְנ**

45 **LV 5:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/יאיבנ**: (x-qere) **'אִיֵּיבְנ**': lemma_5029 n_1.2 morph_ANcmpd/Td id_15nkE **אִיֵּיבְנ**

46 **LV 5:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/יאיבנ**: (x-qere) **'אִיֵּיבְנ**': lemma_5029 morph_ANcmpd/Td id_15MWU **אִיֵּיבְנ**

47 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

48 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

49 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

50 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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was constructed and finished many years ago by a famous Israeli king. **12** However, because our ancestors made the god of the heavens angry, he let Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) (Nevukadnetsar, the Chaldean) defeat them, and he destroyed that temple and caused the people to be exiled to Bavel (Babylon).[42] **13** But in the first year of the reign of Babylonian King Koresh (Cyrus), he made a decree to rebuild this house of God.[43] **14** What's more, the gold and silver containers that Nevukadnetsar had taken out from that temple that was in Yerushalem and had brought to the temple in Bavel, King Koresh took them out from the temple in Bavel and they were handed over to the man named Sheshebatsar who he'd appointed as governor over Yehudah. **15** Koresh had told him to take those containers and put them back in the temple in Yerushalem, and to ensure that the temple got rebuilt in the same place where it had been before. **16** So Sheshebatsar came here and laid the foundation of God's house in Yerushalem, and since then, it's been being rebuilt but isn't finished yet.'

17 So now, if it pleases the king, let a search be made in the records in the king's treasure house there in Bavel, if it's correct that a decree was set by King Koresh to rebuild this house of God in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). Then let the king send his decision on this matter back to us."

The former approval is found

6:1 So King Dareyavesh (Darius) ordered that a search be conducted in all the archives where treasures had been deposited there in Bavel (Babylon), **2** and one scroll was found in the fortress at Ahmeta in the province of Maday (Media), and this record had been made:

3 "In year one of Koresh (Cyrus) the king, he made a decree about the house of God in Yerushalem (Jerusalem):
'Let the house be built in the same place where sacrifices were made. Establish its foundations and build it 27m high and 27m wide **4** with three layers of large stones and a layer of new timber. That should all be paid for from the royal treasury. **5** Also, the gold and silver containers from the house of God that Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had taken out from the Yerushalem temple and had brought to Bavel, must be returned to their places in the temple in Yerushalem. So you must put them in the house of God.' "

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_their. **11** And_as_follows the_message they_sent_back_to_us to_say we they are_his_of_servants of the_god_of the_heavens and_the_earth and_we_are_building the_house which it_was built from_the_former_time_of this years many and_a_king of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) great he_built_it and_he_finished_it. **12** But from that fathers_of_our they_enraged to_god the_heavens he_ _gave them in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel mmm[51] and_the_house this he_destroyed_it and_the_people he_took_into_exile to_Bāvel. **13** Nevertheless in_year one to/for_Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) Oh/the_king of Bāvel Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh) Oh/the_king he_made a_decree the_ _house_of the_god this to_build. **14** And_also the_vessels of the_ _house_of the_god of (the)_gold and_(the)_silver which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_had_brought_out from the_temple which was_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_he_carried them to_the_ _temple of Bāvel Kōresh Oh/the_king he_brought_out them from the_temple of Bāvel and_they_were_given to_ _Sheshbazzar his/its_name whom governor he_had_made_him. **15** And_he/it_said to_him/it these[52] the_vessels take go deposit them in_the_temple which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_ _the_house_of the_god let_it_be_built on place_of_its. **16** Then Sheshbazzar this he_came he_laid the_foundations of the_ _house_of the_god which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_ _from then and_unto now it_is_being_built and_not it_is_ _finished. **17** And_now if to Oh/the_king it_is_good let_it_be_ _searched in_house_of the_treasures of Oh/the_king there which are_in_Bāvel whether there is_that from Kōresh Oh/the_ _king a_decree it_was_made to_build the_house_of the_god this in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_the_will_of Oh/the_king concerning this let_him_send to_us.

6:1 In_then Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king he_made a_decree and_ _they_searched in_house_of the_books where the_treasures were_deposited there in_Bāvel. **2** And_it_was_found in_ _'Aḥmətā' in_the_citadel which is_in_Māday the_province a_ _scroll one and_thus/so/as_follows it_was_written in_midst_of_ _its (the)_memorandum. **3** In_year one to/for_ _Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) Oh/the_king Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh) Oh/the_king he_made a_decree the_house_of the_god in_ _Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) the_house let_it_be_built a_place which they_were_sacrificing sacrifices and_foundations_of_its be_retained height_of_its cubits sixty width_of_its cubits sixty. **4** Rows of stone_of rolling three and_a_row of timber new and_ _the_expense from the_house_of Oh/the_king let_it_be_given. **5** And_also the_vessels_of the_house_of the_god of (the)_gold and_(the)_silver which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_brought_out from the_temple which was_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_he_ _carried to_Bāvel let_them_send_back and_let_it_go to_the_ _temple which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) to_place_of_its and_you_will_deposit_them in_house_of the_god.

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42 **RV 5:12 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:8-12; 2Ch 36:17-20; Jer 52:12-15.

43 **RV 5:13 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 1:2-11.

51 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ידסכ**: (x-qere) **'הָאֲדַסְּכ'**: lemma_3679 n_1 morph_ANgmsd/Td id_15mxT **הָאֲדַסְּכ**

52 **LV 5:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הלא**: (x-qere) **'לֶא'**: lemma_412 n_1.2.0 morph_ANcmsa id_15vkL **לֶא**

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6 Now Oh_Tattənay the_governor_of the_region_beyond the_
_river Shətar- Bozenai and_associates_of_their[53] the_officials
who are_in_the_region_beyond the_river far be from there.
7 Leave ~~DOM~~_the_work_of the_house_of the_god this the_
_governor_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_(to)_the_elders_of the_
_Yəhūdī the_house_of the_god this let_them_build on place_of_
_its. **8** And_from_me a_decree it_is_made to_whatever that
you(pl)_will_do with the_elders_of the_Yəhūdī these to_build
the_house_of the_god this and_from_the_properti(es)_of
Oh/the_king which is_the_tribute_of the_region_beyond the_
_river diligently the_expense let_it_be given to_the_men these
that not to_make_to_cease. **9** And_whatever things_needed
and_the_sons bulls and_rams and_lambs for_burnt_offerings
to_god the_heavens wheat(s) salt wine and_oil according_to_
_the_message_of the_priests who are_in_
_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) it_will_be given to_them day in/on_
_day that not negligence. **10** That they_will_be offering
soothing_offerings to_god the_heavens and_praying for_the_
_life(s)_of Oh/the_king and_sons_of_his. **11** And_from_of_me a_
_decree that every_of person who he_will_violate the_
_command this a_beam let_it_be_pulled_away from house_of_
_his and_he_will_be_lifted_up let_him_be_impaled on_it and_
_house_of_his a_refuse-heap let_it_be_made on this it_is_made.
12 And_(the)_god who he_has_caused_to_dwell his/its_name
there may_he_overthrow every_of king and_people who he_
_will_stretch_out hand_of_his to_violate to_destroy the_house_
_of the_god this which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) I
Dārəyāvesh I_make a_decree diligently let_it_be_done.

13 Then Tattənay the_governor_of the_region_beyond the_river
Shətar- Bozenai and_associates_of_their (to)_before that
Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king he_had_sent accordingly diligently
they_did. **14** And_the_elders_of were_building and_prospering
by_the_prophesying_of Ḥaggay mmm[56] and_Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_
_of ʿIddō and_they_built and_they_finished according_to the_
_decree_of the_god_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) and_according_to_the_
_decree_of Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus)) and_
_Dārəyāvesh and_ʾArtaḥshashtā' the_king_of Pāraṣ. **15** And_
the_house this _it_was_finished until day three of_the_month_
_of of_Adar which it was_year_of six of_(the)_reign of_
_Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king. **16** And_ the_people_of
Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_rest_of
the_people_of the_exile _they_made the_dedication_of the_
_house_of the_god this with_joy. **17** And_they_offered for_the_
_dedication_of the_house_of the_god this bulls one_hundred
rams two_hundred lambs four hundred and_he-goats_of goats
mmm[57] on all_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) two_plus_of ten the_number_
_of the_tribes_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel). **18** And_they_appointed the_
_priests in_divisions_of_their and_the_Lēviyyiy in_classes_of_
_their over the_service_of the_god which is_in_
_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) according_to_the_writing_of the_
_book_of Mosheh.

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King Dareyavesh orders resumption of work

6 Therefore King Dareyavesh (Darius) wrote: "Now to Governor Tatenay in the province west of the Perat (Euphrates), Shetar-Bozenay, and their companions, the officials who in that province:

Keep away from that place. **7** Leave alone the work on that house of God. Let the Jewish governor and elders build that temple in its place. **8** So here's my decree about what should be done for those Jewish elders to build that house of God: Using the king's treasures that come from the tribute of that west-Euphrates province, let those workers costs be regularly reimbursed so that the work doesn't stop. **9** Whatever is needed (including young bulls, or rams, or lambs for burnt offerings to the god of the heavens, wheat, salt, wine, or oil, according to the command of the priests in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)), let it be given to them day by day (that is, without delay), **10** so that they can be offering sweet-smelling sacrifices to the god of the heavens and praying for the life of the king and his sons. **11** Also I decree that any man who changes this edict should have a beam pulled from his house, and after it's sharpened and set into the ground, then he should be impaled on it. Then his entire house should be made into a rubbish heap because of what he did. **12** May the god who has established his name there overthrow any king or person who makes any attempt to change this decree or to destroy that house of God in Yerushalem. I, Dareyavesh, have made a decree. Let it be done diligently."

The temple dedication

13 Then Tatenay, the governor of the region west of the Perat (Euphrates), Shetar-Bozenay, and their companions worked hard to follow the instructions sent by King Dareyavesh (Darius). **14** So the Jewish elders continued building, and they were encouraged by the prophesying of the prophet Hagay[54] and Ido's son Zekaryah (Zechariah).[55] As a result of the decrees of the Persian kings Koresh (Cyrus) , and Dareyavesh and Artahshashta (Artaxerxes), they were able to fulfil God's decree to rebuild the temple. **15** The rebuilt temple was finished in mid-March in the sixth year of King Dareyavesh's reign.

16 Then the Israeli people, the priests, and the Levites, and the ones that had returned from exile, performed the dedication of this house of God with celebrations. **17** During the dedication, they offered a hundred bulls, two-hundred rams, and four-hundred lambs, as well as twelve male goats for a sin offering for all Yisrael (Israel) (matching the number of the tribes). **18** Then they organised the priests to stand in their divisions and the Levites in their sections to serve the god who resides in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), according to the instructions written by Mosheh (Moses).

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53 **LV 6:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

54 **RV 6:14 · Cross-ref.** Hag 1:1.

55 **RV 6:14 · Cross-ref.** Zech 1:1.

56 **LV 6:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/איבנ**: (x-qere) **'אִיֶּבְנִ'**: lemma_5029 n_1.1 morph_ANcmpd/Td id_15xRq **אִיֶּבְנִ**

57 **LV 6:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: **איטח/ל**: (x-qere) **'הָאָטַּח/לִ'**: lemma_l/2402 morph_AR/Vpc id_15Upn **הָאָטַּח/לִ**

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The Feast of 'pass-over' of Messenger

19 So the people who'd returned from exile celebrated the 'pass-over' in late April.[58] **20** The priests and Levites all had to be individually purified, and they slaughtered the lambs for all the exiles and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves. **21** Then all the Israelis ate the meal—those who'd returned from the exile and every one who'd separated themselves from the uncleanness of the nations of the land in order to search for Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh. **22** Then they happily enjoyed the Flat Bread Celebration for seven days, because Yahweh had made them happy, and had caused the Assyrian king to show favour to them, to assist their work rebuilding the house of God, the god of Yisrael.

Ezra arrives in Yerushalem

7:1 Many years later in the reign of Persian King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes), Ezra (son of Serayah, son of Azaryah, son of Hilkiyah, **2** son of Shalum, son of Tsadok, son of Ahituv, **3** son of Amaryah, son of Azaryah, son of Merayot, **4** son of Zerahyah, son of Uzi, son of Buki, **5** son of Avishua, the son of Pinhas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aharon (Aaron) the head priest) **6** was a skilled expert in the law that Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh had given through Mosheh (Moses). With the favour of his god Yahweh helping Ezra, the king had granted all his requests, and he travelled from Bavel (Babylon) to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **7** Some Israelis, including some priests and Levites, singers and gatekeepers, and some temple servants travelled to Yerushalem in the seventh year of Artahshashta's reign. **8–9** They left Bavel on New Year's Day (in early April) and with God's favour on the journey, arrived in Yerushalem exactly four months later **10** because Ezra had made a firm resolution to study Yahweh's written instructions, and to carefully follow them, and to teach them in Yisrael.

King Artahshashta's letter to Ezra

11 King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) had given a letter for Ezra the priest and scribe and expert in Yahweh's commands and instructions to take with him, saying:

12 Artahshashta, the king of kings, to the priest Ezra, the scribe of the law of the god of heavens: Peace.

Now, **13** I hereby decree that anyone in my kingdom from Yisrael (Israel) (including priests and Levites) who freely offers to go to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with you, may go. **14** You are sent by the king and his seven counsellors to determine whether the people of Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem are following the law of your god which you have a copy of. **15** You are also to take the

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19 And_ the_children_of the_exile _they_made ~~DOM~~ the_ _passover on_day_four- teen of_month the_first. **20** If/because the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy they_had_purified_themselves as_ _one of_them_of_all were_pure and_they_slaughtered the_ _passover to/from_all/each/any/every the_children_of the_ _exile and_for_brothers_of_their the_priests and_for_ _themselves. **21** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_had_ _returned from_the_exile and_all/each/any/every (the)_one_ _who_had_separated_himself from_the_uncleanness_of the_ _nations_of the_earth/land to_them to_seek to/for_**YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ate. **22** And_they_observed the_ _feast_of unleavened_bread(s) seven_of_days with_joy if/because he_had_made_them_rejoice **YHWH** and_he_had_ _turned the_heart_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr towards_them to_ _strengthen hands_of_their in_the_work_of the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

7:1 And_after the_things the_these in_the_reign_of 'Artaḥshashtā' the_king_of Pāraṣ ʿEzrā' the_son_of Sərāʸāʰ the_ _son_of ʿAzarʸāʰ the_son_of Ḥilqiyʸāʰ. **2** The_son_of Shallūm the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of 'Aḥīṭūv. **3** The_son_of 'Amarʸāʰ the_son_of ʿAzarʸāʰ the_son_of Mərāyōt. **4** The_son_of Zəraḥʸāʰ the_son_of ʿUzziy the_son_of Buqqiy. **5** The_son_of 'Avīshūʿa the_son_of Pinḥās the_son_of 'Elʿāzār the_son_of 'Aha_aron the_priest/officer the_head. **6** That ʿEzrā' he_came_up from_Bāvel and_he was_a_scribe skilled in_the_law_of Mosheh which **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_had_given and_he_ _gave to_him/it the_king according_to_the_hand_of **YHWH** his/its_god on/upon/above_him/it all_of request_of_his. **7** And_ from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_ _priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_singers and_the_ _gatekeepers and_the_temple_servants _they_came_up to Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) in_year seven of_'Artaḥshashtā' the_ _king. **8** And_he_came Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) in_month (the)_fifth it was_the_year_of (of)_the_seventh of_king. **9** If/because on_day_one of_month (the)_first it was_the_ _beginning_of the_going_up from_Bāvel and_on_day_one of_ _month (the)_fifth he_came to Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) according_to_the_hand_of his/its_god (the)_good on/upon/above_him/it. **10** If/because ʿEzrā' he_had_directed heart_of_his to_study ~~DOM~~ the_law_of **YHWH** and_to_do_it and_ _to_teach in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) decree and_judgement.

11 And_this is_(the)_copy_of the_letter which the_king 'Artaḥshashtā' he_gave to_ʿEzrā' the_priest/officer the_scribe the_scribe_of the_matters_of the_commands_of **YHWH** and_ _regulations_of_his on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **12** 'Artaḥshashtā' the_ _king_of (the)_kings to_ʿEzrā' the_priest the_scribe_of the_law of the_god_of the_heavens perfect and_now. **13** From_me a_ _decree that every_of one_who_volunteers in_kingdom_of_my from the_people Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_priests_of_its and_the_ _Lēviyyiy to_go to_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) with_you he_will_ _go it_is_made. **14** As_to because that from before Oh/the_king and_seven_of counsellors_of_his you_are_sent to_enquire on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) in_the_law_ _of your_god which is_in_hand_of_your. **15** And_to_carry silver and_gold which Oh/the_king and_counsellors_of_his they_

58 RV 6:19 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:1-20.

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_have_offered_freely to_god of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who is_in_
_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) abode_of_his. **16** And_
_all/each/any/every the_silver and_the_gold which you_will_
_find in_all_of the_province_of Bāvel with the_freewill_
_offering_of the_people and_the_priests who_have_offered_
_freely for_the_house_of their_god which is_in_
_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem). **17** As_to because this diligently you_
_will_buy with_the_silver this bulls rams lambs and_their_
_grain_of_offerings and_their_drink_of_offerings and_you_will_
_offer them on the_altar of the_house_of your(pl)_god which
is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem). **18** And_whatever that mmm[5960]
and_to mmm[6162] it_is_good with_the_rest_of the_silver and_
_the_gold to_do according_to_the_will_of your(pl)_god you(pl)_
_will_do. **19** And_the_vessels which have_been_given to/for_
_you(fs) for_the_worship_of the_house_of your_god make_
_complete before the_god_of Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem). **20** And_
_the_rest_of the_thing[s]_needed_of the_house_of your_god
which it_will_fall to/for_you(fs) to_give you_will_give from the_
_house_of the_treasures_of Oh/the_king. **21** And_from_me I
'Artaḥshashtā' Oh/the_king it_is_made a_decree to_
_all/each/any/every the_treasurers who are_in_the_region_
_beyond the_river that all_of that he_will_ask_you(pl)_for ʿEzrā'
the_priest the_scribe_of the_law of the_god_of the_heavens
diligently let_it_be_done. **22** Up_to silver talents one_hundred
and_unto wheat(s) kor_measures one_hundred and_unto wine
baths one_hundred and_unto baths oil one_hundred and_salt
which not is_writing. **23** All that is_according_to the_decree_of
the_god_of the_heavens let_it_be_done exactly for_the_house_
_of the_god_of the_heavens that why will_it_be anger on the_
_kingdom_of Oh/the_king and_sons_of_his. **24** And_to_you(pl)
we_are_making_known that all_of the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy
the_singers the_gatekeepers the_temple_servants and_the_
_servants_of the_house_of the_god this tribute tax and_toll not
is_authorized to_throw on_them. **25** And_you Oh_ʿEzrā'
according_to_the_wisdom_of your_god which is_in_hand_of_
_your appoint judges and_judges that they_will_be judging[63]
to/from_all/each/any/every the_people which is_in_the_
_region_beyond the_river to/from_all/each/any/every those_
_who_know_of (of)_the_laws_of your_god and_one_who not he_
_is_knowing you(pl)_will_instruct. **26** And_all who not he_will_
_be doing the_law of god_of_your and_the_decree of Oh/the_
_king diligently (the)_judgement let_it_be done from_him
whether to_death or mmm[64] or to_confiscation_of properti(es)
and_to_imprisonment(s).

27 **YHWH** the_god_of our_ancestors_of_our who he_has_put
like_this in_the_heart_of the_king to_beautify ~~DOM~~ the_house_
_of **YHWH** which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) be_blessed.
28 And_towards_me he_has_extended covenant_loyalty to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_counsellors_of_

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gold and silver that the king and his counsellors have freely offered to the god of Yisrael who lives in Yerushalem, **16** along with all the gold and silver that you collect all across Bavel (Babylon), along with the freewill offerings of the people and the priests who freely give towards the house of God in Yerushalem.

17 So then you should diligently use those funds to buy bulls, rams, lambs, and supplies for their grain offerings and drink offerings, and you should offer them on the altar at the your god's house in Yerushalem. **18** With the remaining funds, you can use them for whatever seems good to you and your brothers, according to the will of your god. **19** Also, make sure that you deliver all those gold and silver containers that were handed over to you for use in your god's house in Yerushalem. **20** Anything else that's needed for the house of your god that you need to supply can be provided from the king's treasuries.

21 And I, King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) make a decree for all the treasurers in the province west of the river: that you all diligently help with everything that the priest Ezra (the scribe of the law of the god of the heavens) asks from you all— **22** up to three tonnes of silver, five hundred bushels of wheat, two thousand litres of wine and the same amount of olive oil, and as much salt as he needs. **23** Everything that the god of the heavens decreed to be done should be done exactly as he specified because there's no good reason to make him angry at the kingdom of the king and his sons? **24** Also, it should be made clear that there is no authority to extract taxes or tribute from any priests or Levites, singers or the gatekeepers, the temple servants or the servants of that house of God.

25 As for you, Ezra, use the wisdom that your god has given to you to appoint magistrates and judges who can judge all the people who are in that province beyond the river—everyone who know the laws of your god (plus you should teach those who don't know them). **26** Anyone who refuses to obey your god's laws and the king's laws, should receive swift judgement—whether it's confiscation of goods, or banishment, imprisonment, or the death sentence."

Ezra praises Yahweh

27 Blessed be Yahweh, the god of our fathers who put it into the king's heart to honour Yahweh's house in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **28** and showed me his loyal commitment in dealing with the king and his counsellors, and all the

59 **LV 7:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/ילע**: (x-qere) **ךָלָעְי**: lemma_5921 a morph_AR/Sp2ms id_15cH4 **ךָלָעְ**

60 **LV 7:18 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

61 **LV 7:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/יחא**: (x-qere) **ךָלָחְא**: lemma_252 n_1.0.1.0 morph_ANcmsc/Sp2ms id_15Qs2 **ךָלָחְא**

62 **LV 7:18 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

63 **LV 7:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ון/נאד**: (x-qere) **ונינאדו**: lemma_1778 n_1.1.2 morph_AVqrmpa id_15kMd **וְנִינָאדֹ**

64 **LV 7:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ושרש/ל**: (x-qere) **ושרשל**: lemma_l/8332 n_0.1 morph_AR/Ncfsa id_15jaw **וְשֹׁרֶשׁ/ל**

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powerful officials of the king. And as for me, Yahweh my god blessed me with initiative and the strength to carry it out as I gathered some Israeli leaders to go to Yerushalem with me.

The returning exiles

8:1 Now these are the family heads and their descendants by number who went with me from Bavel (Babylon) to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the reign of King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes):

2 from the descendants of Pinhas: Gereshom,
from the descendants of Itamar: Daniyel,
from the descendants of David: Hatush,

3 from the descendants of Shekanyah and Par'osh: Zekaryah (Zechariah) and a hundred and fifty other men,

4 from the descendants of Pahat-Moav: Zerahyah's son Elyehoeynay and two hundred other men,

5 from the descendants of Shekanyah: Yahaziel's son and three hundred other men,

6 from the descendants of Adin: Yonatan's (Jonathan's) son Eved and fifty other men,

7 from the descendants of Eylam: Atalyah's (Athaliah's) son Yeshayah (Isaiah) and seventy other men,

8 from the descendants of Shefatyah: Mika'el's (Michael's) son Zevadyah and eighty other men;

9 from the descendants of Yoav (Joab): Yehiel's son Ovadyah (Obadiah) and 218 other men,

10 from the descendants of Shelomit: Yosifyah's son and one hundred and sixty other men,

11 from the descendants of Bevay: his son Zekaryah (Zechariah) and twenty-eight other men,

12 from the descendants of Azgad: Hakatan's son Yohanan and one hundred and ten other men,

13 from the later descendants of Adonikam: Elifelet, Yeiel, and Shemayah, and sixty other men,

14 and from the descendants of Bigvay: Utay and Zakur and seventy other men.

Ezra finds some Levites to take

15 Firstly, I gathered them near the river that goes to Ahava, and we camped there for three days. I interviewed the people and the priests and discovered that we didn't have any Levites included in the group. **16** So I summoned the following leaders: Eliezer, Ariel, Shemayah, Elnatan, Yariv, a second Elnatan, Natan (Nathan), Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Meshulam, as well as the wise men: Yoyariv and a third Elnatan. **17** I commanded them to go to Ido, the leader at Kasifya, and I told them to tell Ido and his relatives (temple servants in Kasifya) to send us some Levites who would go to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to serve in our god's temple. **18** Then since we had God's favour, they sent us a talented man

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_his and_to/for_all the_officials_of the_king the_
_powerful/mighty(pl) and_I I_strengthened_myself according_
_to_the_hand_of **YHWH** god_of_my on_me and_I_assembled
from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) leaders to_go_up with_me.

8:1 And_these are_the_heads_of their_fathers_of_their and_
_their_genealogical_enrolment who_came_up with_me in_the_
_reign_of 'Artaḥshashtā' the_king from_Bāvel. **2** From_(the)_
_sons of_Piṇḥāṣ Gērəshom from_(the)_sons of_'Ītāmār Dāniyy'ēl
from_(the)_sons of_Dāvid Ḫaṭṭūsh. **3** From_(the)_sons of_
Shəkanʸāh from(the)_sons of_Par'osh/(Parosh) Zəkarʸāh and_
_with_him a_genealogical_list of_males one_hundred and_fifty.
4 From_(the)_sons of_Paḥat- Mō'āv 'Elyəhō'ēynay the_son_of
Zəraḥʸāh and_with_him were_two_hundred the_males. **5** From_
_(the)_sons of_Shəkanʸāh the_son_of Yaḥₐzī'ēl/(Jahaziel) and_
_with_him were_three hundred(s) the_males. **6** And_of_the_
_descendants_of 'Ādīn 'Eved the_son_of
Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_with_him were_fifty
the_males. **7** And_of_the_descendants_of 'Ēylām
Yəsha'ʸāh/(Jeshaiah) the_son_of 'Atalʸāh and_with_him were_
_seventy the_males. **8** And_of_the_descendants_of Shəfaṭʸāh
Zəvadʸāh the_son_of Mīkā'ēl and_with_him were_eighty the_
males. **9** From(the)_sons of_Yō'āv/(Joab) 'Ovadʸāh the_son_of
Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) and_with_him were_two_hundred and_eight-
teen the_males. **10** And_of_the_descendants_of Shəlomīt the_
_son_of Yōṣifʸāh/(Josiphiah) and_with_him were_one_hundred
and_sixty the_males. **11** And_of_the_descendants_of Bēvay
Zəkarʸāh the_son_of Bēvay and_with_him were_twenty and_
_eight the_males. **12** And_of_the_descendants_of 'Azgād
Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Hakkatan and_with_him were_
_one_hundred and_ten the_males. **13** And_of_the_descendants_
_of 'Adonīqām the_last_ones and_these names_of_are_their
'Elīfeleṭ Yə'ī'ēl/(Jeiel) and_Shəma'ʸāh and_with_them were_sixty
the_males. **14** And_of_the_descendants_of Bigvay 'Ūtay and[65]
with_him were_seventy the_males.

15 And_I_assembled_them to the_river which_goes to 'Ahₐvā'
and_we_encamped there days three and_I_considered (in)_
people and(in)_priests and_any_of_the_descendants_of Lēvī
not I_found there. **16** And_I_sent for_'Elī'ezer for_'Arī'ēl for_
_Shəma'ʸāh and_for_'Elnātān and_for_Yārīv/(Jarib) and_for_
_'Elnātān and_for_Nātān and_for_Zəkarʸāh and_for_Məshullām
leaders and_for_Yōyārīv/(Joiarib) and_for_'Elnātān teachers.
17 And[66] them to 'Iddō the_leader in_Kāṣifyā'/(Casiphia) the_
_place I_put in_mouth_of_their words/messages to_speak to
'Iddō his/its_brother the[67] in_Kāṣifyā'/(Casiphia) the_place to_
_bring to/for_us servants for_the_house_of our_god_of_our.
18 And_they_brought to/for_us according_to_the_hand_of our_
_god_of_our (the)_good on_us a_man_of insight from_(the)_
_sons of_Maḥlī the_son_of Lēvī the_son_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_

65 LV 8:14 · Note OSHB variant note: דובז/ו: (x-qere) 'רִוְכַּז/ו': lemma_c/2139 n_1 morph_HC/Np id_15mUy רִוְכַּז/ו

66 LV 8:17 · Note OSHB variant note: אצוא/ה/ו: (x-qere) 'הֶוָּצְאֻ/ו': lemma_c/6680 morph_HC/Vpw1cs id_15D5E הֶוָּצְאֻ/ו

67 LV 8:17 · Note OSHB variant note: מינותנ/ה: (x-qere) 'מִינִיתְנֻ/ה': lemma_d/5411 n_0.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncmpa id_15x1h מִינִיתְנֻ/ה

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_Shērēvəʸᵃʰ and_sons_of_his and_brothers_of_his eight- teen.
19 And_ĐOM Ḫₐshavʸᵃʰ and_with_him Yəshaʻʸᵃʰ/(Jeshaiah)
from_(the)_sons of_Mərārī brothers_of_his and_sons_of_their
twenty. **20** And_from the_temple_servants whom_ Dāvid and_
_the_officials _he_had_appointed for_the_work_of the_Lēviyyiy
temple_servants two_hundred and_twenty of_them_of_all
they_had_been_designated by_names.
21 And_I_proclaimed there a_fast at the_river ʼAhₐvāʼ to_
_humble_ourselves to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before god_of_
_our to_seek from_him/it a_journey straight to/for_us and_for_
_our_little_of_one[s] and_to/for_all property_of_our.
22 If/because I_was_ashamed to_ask from the_king a_retinue
and_horsemen to_help_us from_an_enemy on_journey
if/because we_had_said to/for_the_king to_say the_hand_of
our_god_of_our is_on all_of those_of_who_seek_him for_good
and_strength_of_his and_anger_of_his are_towards all_of
those_of_who_abandon_him. **23** And_we_fasted and_we_sought
from_god_of_our on this and_he_was_entreated to/for_us.
24 And_I_set_apart of_the_leaders_of of_the_priests two_plus
ten to_Shērēvəʸᵃʰ Ḫₐshavʸᵃʰ and_with_them of_brothers_of_
_their ten. **25** Weighed_out[6869] to/for_them ĐOM the_silver and_
_ĐOM the_gold and_ĐOM the_vessels the_contribution_of the_
_house_of our_god_of_our which_ the_king and_counsellors_of_
_his and_officials_of_his and_all Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) who_were_
_found _they_had_offered. **26** And_I_weighed_out on hand_of_
_their silver talents six hundred(s) and_fifty and_vessels_of
silver one_hundred of_talents gold one_hundred talent[s].
27 And_bowls_of gold twenty of_darics a_thousand and_vessels_
_of bronze gleaming fine two precious_things like_gold.
28 And_I_said to_them you(pl) are_holy_person[s] to/for_
_**YHWH** and_the_vessels are_holy_thing[s] and_the_silver and_
_the_gold are_a_freewill_offering to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of
your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl). **29** Watch and_keep_them until
you(pl)_will_weigh_them_out to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before the_leaders_of the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_
_the_leaders_of the_fathers of_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_rooms_of the_house_of **YHWH**.
30 And_ the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy _they_took the_weight_of
the_silver and_the_gold and_the_vessels to_bring to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_the_house_of our_god_of_our.
31 And_we_set_out from_the_river_of ʼAhₐvāʼ on_day_two_plus
ten of_month (the)_first to_go Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_the_hand_of our_god_of_our it_was on_us and_he_delivered_
_us from_the_palm_of an_enemy and_from_an_ambusher on
the_journey. **32** And_we_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_we_remained there days three. **33** And_on_day the_fourth it_
_was_weighed_out the_silver and_the_gold and_the_vessels in_
_house_of our_god_of_our on the_hand_of Mərēmōt the_son_of
ʼŪriyʸᵃʰ the_priest/officer and_was_with_him ʼElʻāzār the_son_
_of Piṇḥāṣ and_were_with_them Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) the_son_of
Yēshūʻa/(Jeshua) and_Nōʻadʸᵃʰ the_son_of Binnūy the_Lēviyyiy.
34 By_number by_weight for_everything and_ all_of the_weight
_it_was_written_down at_time (the)_that. **35** The_(ones_who)_
_went from_the_captivity the_children_of the_exile they_

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(from the sons of Mahli, son of Levi, son of Yisrael (Israel)) and eighteen of his sons and other relatives. **19** They also sent Hashavyah and Yeshayah (Isaiah) (from Merari's sons), and their relatives and sons—some twenty men— **20** plus two hundred and twenty descendants of Levite temple servants that King David and his officials had appointed for service—all designated by name.

Ezra's fasting and praying

21 Then right there by the river Ahava, I proclaimed a fast to humble ourselves in front of our god to request that he'd smooth the way ahead for us, and for our children, and for all our property, **22** because I was ashamed to request an army and horsemen from the king to help us from possible enemies on the way. Also, you see, we had previously told the king, "Our god does good to all those who honour him, but his might and his anger are against all those who abandon him." **23** So we fasted and asked for wisdom from our god concerning this, and he listened to our requests.

The gift and donations for the temple

24 Then I chose twelve of the leaders of the priests along with Shereveyah and Hashavyah and ten of the other Levites, **25** and as they watched, I weighed out the gold and silver, and the valuable utensils—the offering for the house of our god that the king, and his counsellors and officials, and all the exiled Israelis who could be contacted, had offered. **26** It came to three tonnes of gold, twenty-one tonnes of silver, and another three tonnes of silver containers, **27** as well as twenty gold bowls that weighed another eight kilograms, and two polished bronze containers that were as valuable as gold.

28 "You are sacred to Yahweh," I told them all, "and the containers and utensils are sacred, and the gold and silver are a freewill offering to Yahweh, the god of your ancestors. **29** Look after them all carefully until you weigh them out in front of the leaders of the priests and Levites and the leaders of the Israeli elders in the chambers of Yahweh's house in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)." **30** So the priests and the Levites accepted the receipt of the gold and silver, and the containers, to take them to Yerushalem—to the house of our god.

The return to Yerushalem

31 Then in mid-April, we set out from the river Ahava to go to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and we had God's favour as he kept us safe from any enemies or ambushes on the way. **32** So we arrived at Yerushalem, and rested there for three days. **33** On the fourth day, the gold and silver and the containers and utensils were weighed out in the temple—being handed over to Uriyah's son Meremot, the priest, and with him was Pinhas's son Eleazar (and with them were Yeshua's son Yozavad, and Binuy's son Noadyah, the Levites). **34** They recorded all the items with their weights.

35 The descendants of the former captives who had returned from exile offered burnt offerings to Yisrael's (Israel's) god:

68 LV 8:25 · Note OSHB variant note: ה/לוקשא/ו: (x-qere) ה/לָקְשֶׁא/וְ: lemma_c/8254 morph_HC/Vqw1cs/Sh id_15cZW ה/לָקְשֶׁא/וְ

69 LV 8:25 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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twelve bulls for all Yisrael, 96 rams, 77 lambs, then twelve male goats for a sin offering. The whole was presented as a burnt offering to Yahweh. **36** They relayed the king's orders to the governors and officials of the province beyond the river, and so they honoured the people and God's house.

Ezra's reaction against mixed marriages

9:1 Now as soon as those things were finished, the leaders came to me, saying, "The people of Yisrael (Israel), and the priests and Levites haven't kept themselves separate from the idolatry of the peoples of the lands: the Kena'anim (Canaanites) , Hitim, Perizim, the Yevusim, Amonim, Moavim, Mitsrim (Egyptians) , and the Amorim. **2** Instead, they've taken women from those peoples as wives for themselves and their sons, so they've diluted their sacred heritage with the anti-God customs of those peoples. But the worst is that it's our leaders and officials that have been at the forefront in this unfaithfulness." **3** As soon as I heard that, I tore my clothes and pulled some of the hair out of my head and beard, and I sat down appalled. **4** Any others who respectfully followed Yisrael's god's instructions and who were concerned about the unfaithfulness of the exiles, joined with me and I sat there appalled until the time of the evening sacrifice.

Ezra's prayer

5 So I got up from my position of humiliation with my torn clothes during the evening sacrifice, then I went down on my knees and spread out my palms to my god Yahweh **6** and prayed, "My god, I'm ashamed and humiliated to raise my face to you, my god, because our sins have multiplied and risen above our heads, and our guilt has mounted up as high as the sky. **7** From back in the time of our ancestors until today, we've been very guilty, and in our disobedience, we ourselves, including our kings and our priests, have been killed by the kings of the surrounding countries, or taken captive, or been plundered, or simply put to shame, which is the case right now. **8** But now for a brief moment, favour has come from our god Yahweh and given us remaining survivors a stake in his holy place—yes, our god has cheered us up and given us a little relief from our slavery. **9** Because we are slaves, yet our god hasn't abandoned us in our slavery, but he's used his loyal commitment to us to influence the Persian king to give to us breathing space to rebuild the house of our god from its ruins, and to give to us a 'wall of protection' in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah (Judah).

10 "So now, our god, what can we say after that? We've abandoned your instructions **11** which you gave us via your servants,

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_brought_near burnt_offerings to_the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) bulls two_plus ten on all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) rams ninety and_six lambs seventy and_seven he-goats_of sin_offering two_plus ten (the)_everything was_a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **36** And_ _they_gave ~~DOM~~ the_decrees_of the_king to_the_satraps_of the_ _king and_the_governors of_the_other_side_of the_river and_ _they_supported ~~DOM~~ the_people and_~~DOM~~ the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm.

9:1 And_just_ these_things _as_finished they_drew_near to_me the_leaders to_say not the_people Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_ _priests and_the_Lēviyyiy they_have_separated_themselves from_the_peoples_of the_lands according_to_of_their_ _abominations to_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] the_Ḫittiy[s] the_ _Pərizzī[s] the_Yəvūşī the_'Ammōnī[s] the_Mō'āvite[s] the_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt)ian[s] and_the_'Amorī[s]. **2** If/because they_ _have_taken some_of_their_daughters to/for_them and_for_ _sons_of_their and_ the_offspring_of (the)_holiness _they_ _have_mixed_themselves with_the_peoples_of the_lands and_ _the_hand_of the_leaders and_the_officials it_has_been in_ _unfaithfulness the_this first. **3** And_just_as_I_heard ~~DOM~~ the_ _matter the_this I_tore ~~DOM~~ garment_of_my and_robe_of_my and_I_pulled_out some_of_the_hair_of my_head and_beard_of_ _my and_I_sat_down appalled. **4** And_to_me every person_ _trembling at_the_words/messages_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_gathered on the_unfaithfulness_of the_ _exile[s] and_I was_sitting appalled until (to)_the_offering_of the_evening.

5 And_at_the_offering_of the_evening I_arose from_ _humiliation_of_my and_in_tearing_my my_garment_of_my and_robe_of_my and_I_bowed_down on knees_of_my and_I_ _spread_out palms_of_my to **YHWH** god_of_my. **6** And_I_said my_god_of_my I_am_ashamed and_I_am_ashamed to_lift_up my_god_of_my face_of_my to_you if/because iniquities_of_our they_have_increased (to)_upwards a_head and_guilt_of_our it_ _is_great to (to)_heavens. **7** From_the_days_of our_ancestors_ _of_our we have_been_in_guilt great until the_day the_this and_in_iniquities_of_our we kings_of_our priests_of_our we_ _have_been_given in_the_hand_of the_kings_of the_lands by_ _sword by_captivity and_by_plunder and_by_shame_of face as_ _the_day (the)_this. **8** And_now like_a_little a_moment favour it_has_come from_with **YHWH** god_of_our to_leave to/for_us an_escaped_remnant and_to_give to/for_us a_tent_peg in_the_ _place_of his_holiness_of_his to_ god_of_our _give_light eyes_ _of_our and_to_give_to_us reviving a_little in_servitude_of_our. **9** If/because are_slaves we and_in_servitude_of_our[717273] not he_has_abandoned_us god_of_our and_he_has_extended towards_us covenant_loyalty to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_kings_of Pāraş by_giving to/for_us reviving to_ _raise_up ~~DOM~~ the_house_of our_god_of_our and_to_set_up ~~DOM~~ ruins_of_its and_by_giving to/for_us a_wall in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **10** And_ _now what will_we_say our_god_of_Oh after this if/because we_

71 LV 9:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

72 LV 9:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

73 LV 9:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_have_abandoned commands_of_your. **11** Which you_
_commanded by_the_hand_of your_servants the_prophets to_
_say the_earth/land which you(pl) are_going to_take_
_possession_of_it is_a_land_of impurity it by_the_impurity_of
the_peoples_of the_lands by_abominations_of_their which
they_have_filled_it from_mouth to mouth with_uncleanness_
_of_their. **12** And_now daughters_of_your(pl) do_not give to_
_sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their do_not take for_sons_of_
_your(pl) and_not you(pl)_must_seek peace_of_their and_good_
_of_their until perpetuity so_that you(pl)_may_be_strong and_
_you(pl)_will_eat ᴅᴏᴍ the_good_thing[s]_of the_earth/land
and_you(pl)_will_cause_to_inherit_it (to)_sons_of_your(pl) until
perpetuity. **13** And_after every_of (the)_thing_which_has_come
on_us by_deeds_of_our (the)_evil and_by_guilt_of_our the_
_big/large/great(fs) if/because you our_god_of_Oh you_have_
_withheld (to)_downwards from_iniquity_of_our and_you(ms)_
_will_give to/for_ourselves an_escaped_remnant like_this.
14 Will_we_return to_break commands_of_your and_to_
_intermarry with_the_peoples_of the_abominations the_these
am_not will_you_be_angry with_us until make_an_end to_
_there_will_not_be a_remnant and_an_escaped_remnant.
15 Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_righteous you
if/because we_are_left an_escaped_remnant as_the_day the_
_this here_we to_your_face in_guilt_of_our if/because and_
_there_is_not to_stand to_your_face on this.
10:1 And_just_ ʿEzrā' _as_was_praying and_just_as_he_was_
_confessing[7475] weeping and_prostrating_himself to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before the_house_of the_'Elohīm they_
_gathered to_him/it from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_company great
very men and_women and_children if/because the_people
they_wept great weeping. **2** And_he_answered Shəkanʸāh the_
_son_of Yəḥî'ēl/(Jehiel) from_(the)_sons of_ʿĒylām[76] and_he/it_
_said to_ʿEzrā' we we_have_acted_unfaithfully against_god_of_
_our and_we_have_married women foreign from_the_peoples_
_of the_earth/land and_now there_is hope for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
on this. **3** And_now let_us_make a_covenant to_god_of_our to_
_send_out all_of wives and_those_who_were_born from_them
by_the_counsel_of my_master and_the_people_trembling at_
_the_command_of our_god_of_our and_according_the_law let_
_it_be_done. **4** Arise if/because is_on_you the_matter and_we
will_be_with_you be_strong and_act. **5** And_ ʿEzrā' _he/it_rose_
_up and_he_made_to_swear_an_oath ᴅᴏᴍ the_leaders_of the_
_priests the_Lēviyyiy and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_doing
according_the_manner the_this and_they_swore_the_oath.
6 And_ ʿEzrā' _he/it_rose_up from_to/for_face/front/presence
the_house_of the_'Elohīm and_he/it_went into the_room_of
Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) the_son_of 'Elyāshiyv and_he/it_went
there food not he_ate and_water not he_drank if/because he_
_was_mourning on the_unfaithfulness_of the_exile[s]. **7** And_
_they_caused_to_pass a_proclamation in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_all/each/any/every the_

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the prophets, saying, 'The land that you're all entering to occupy is a land of impurity, due to the impurity of the current inhabitants with their evil practices that have filled it from one end to the other with their filth. **12** So now, don't give your daughters to their sons to marry, or vice versa.[70] And don't try to make long-term peace treaties or contracts with them. Then you all will stay in power, and eat the good things of the land, and be able to pass it on to your children for all their future generations.'

13 "Yet after everything that's happened to us as a result our evil actions and our great guilt (even though you, our god, didn't punish us as harshly as you could have, and you've allowed us to survive as we're here now), **14** should we return to disobeying your instructions and to intermarrying with those people groups with their evil practices? You'd rightfully be angry enough with us as to wipe us out completely without leaving any remnant or survivors? **15** Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel), you always do what is right, because here we are as survivors even to this day. So, yes, here we are standing in front of you in our guilt, because none of us are innocent enough to stand in front of you because of what we've done."

The people's acceptance of their sin

10:1 When Ezra prayed and confessed like that, weeping and bowing down low in front of the temple, an extremely large number of Israeli men and women and children gathered around him to join in and weep aloud. **2** Then Yehiel's son Shekanyah (from the sons of Eylam) answered and admitted to Ezra, "We ourselves have behaved unfaithfully towards our god and have married foreign women from the other people groups in this region. But there's still hope for Yisrael (Israel) concerning this. **3** So now, let's make an agreement with our god to send all those women back, along with their children, following the advice of my master and the ones who strive to obey God's instructions, and as per the law. **4** So take action because this is now in your hands, but we're with you. Lead strongly and make a clear decision."

5 So Ezra took action and made the leaders of the priests and Levites, and all Yisrael, to promise to implement this decision, and they did so. **6** Then Ezra left that place there in front of the temple, and he went to Yehohanan's room (Elyashiv's son) and went in. He didn't eat or drink, but continued mourning because of the unfaithfulness of the exiles.

7 Then the leaders sent an official written notice throughout Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all Yehudah (Judah) to all those

70 RV 9:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:11-16; Deu 7:1-5.

74 LV 10:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

75 LV 10:1 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

76 LV 10:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **מלוע**: (x-qere) 'סָלֵיעַ': lemma_5867 b n_1.2.0 morph_HNp id_15GwE סָלֵיעַ

Readers' Version

Yehudim (Jews) who'd returned from captivity, that their men should assemble in Yerushalem. 8 They were told that it was the decision of the leaders and elders that anyone who didn't arrive within three days would then forfeit all their property and would no longer be considered as an Israeli. 9 So on the third day (in mid-December), all the men of Yehudah and Benyamin gathered in Yerushalem, and all the people sat in the courtyard in front of the temple. They were shivering because of the rain, and because of the seriousness of the matter.

10 Then the priest Ezra stood up and announced, "You yourselves have acted unfaithfully and have married foreign women, thus adding to Yisrael's guilt in God's eyes. 11 Now however, praise Yahweh, the god of your ancestors, and do what he's commanded us and separate yourselves from the other religions of the peoples in this region, including not marrying their women."

12 Then all the gathered Israelis answered, "Yes, we do need to do what you've said. 13 However, it's the rainy season now, and there's so many people who can't stand outside for several days while we try to work all this out, because we've done so much wrong. 14 So let's delegate our leaders to make the decisions for all of us. Then we can arrange to meet together by city with our elders and judges to apply the decisions about our foreign wives, until God's anger towards us about these matters cools down. 15 The only ones who were against this plan were Asahel's on Yonatan (Jonathan) and Tikvah's son Yahzeyah, with the support of Meshulam and the Levite Shabtay.

16 So the exiled Israelis agreed to follow that plan, and the names of the men were written down by each clan leader who then stayed behind with the priest Ezra, and a few days later, they sat down to start working through the lists. 17 Some two months later, they had finished considering all the men who had married foreign women.

The men married to foreigners

18 Some of the priests' descendants had married foreign women, i.e., the descendants of Yotsadak's son Yeshua and his brothers, Ma'aseyah, Eliezer, Yariv, and Gedalyah, 19 and they promised to expel their wives, and because of their guilt, each of them sacrificed a ram from their flock. 20 Then, also:

From Imer's descendants: Hanani and Zevadyah,

21 From Harim's descendants: Ma'aseyah, Eliyah (Elijah), Shemayah, Yehiel, and Uziyah,

22 From Pashhur's descendants: Elyehoeynay, Ma'aseyah, Yishmael (Ishmael), Netanel, Yozavad, and Eleasah,

23 Among the other Levites: Yozavad, and Shimei, and Kelayah

Literal Version

_children_of the_exile to_assemble Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 8 And_all/each/any/every one_who not he_will_come to_the_ _three_of the_days according_to_the_counsel_of the_leaders and_the_elders all_of property_of_his it_will_be_forfeited and_ _he he_will_be_separated from_the_assembly_of the_exile[s]. 9 And_ all_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn _they_ _assembled Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_the_three_of the_days it was_the_month_of (the)_ninth on_day_twenty in_month and_ all_of the_people _they_lived in_the_open_place_of the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm trembling on the_matter and_from the_ _rains. 10 And_ ʻEzrā' the_priest/officer _he/it_rose_up and_ _he/it_said to_them you(pl) you(pl)_have_acted_unfaithfully and_you(pl)_have_married women foreign to_add to the_guilt_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 11 And_now give praise to/for_**YHWH** the_ _god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_do will_of_his and_ _separate_yourselves from_the_peoples_of the_earth/land and_ _from the_women (the)_foreign. 12 And_ all_of the_assembly _ _they_answered and_they_said a_voice great so mmm[77] on_us for_doing. 13 But the_people is_numerous and_the_time is_ _rains and_there_is_not ability to_stand on_outside and_the_ _business not belongs_to_a_day one and_not belongs_to_two_ _days if/because we_have_increased to_transgress in_matter (the)_this. 14 Let_them_stand please leaders_of_our to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_assembly and_all/each/any/every one_who is_in_cities_of_our who_he_has_married women foreign let_him_come to_times appointed and_with_them the_ _elders_of a_city and_a_city and_judges_of_its until (to)_turn_ _back the_burning_of the_anger our_god_of_our from_him/it until to_the_message/thing/matter (the)_this. 15 Only Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of ʻAsāh'ēl and_ _Yaḥzəʸāh/(Jahzeiah) the_son_of Tikvah they_stood on this and_Məshullām and_Shabtay the_Lēviyyiy they_supported_ _them. 16 And_they_made thus the_children_of the_exile and_ ʻEzrā' the_priest/officer men the_heads_of the_fathers _they_ _separated_themselves for_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_ _their and_all_of_of_them by_names and_they_lived in/on_day one of_month (the)_tenth to_investigate the_matter. 17 And_ _they_finished with_everything the_men who_they_had_ _married women foreign until day one of_month (the)_first.

18 And_it_was_found from_(the)_sons of_the_priests who they_ _had_married women foreign from_(the)_sons[78][79] of_ _Yēshūʻa/(Jeshua) the_son_of Yōtsādāq/(Jozadak) and_ _brothers_of_his Maʻaśēʸāh and_'Elīʻezer and_Yārīv/(Jarib) and_ _Gədalʸāh. 19 And_they_gave hand_of_their to_send_out wives_ _of_their and_being_guilty a_ram_of the_flock on guilt_of_their. 20 And_of_the_sons_of 'Immēr Ḥanānī and_Zəvaḏʸāh. 21 And_of_ _the_sons_of Ḥārim Maʻaśēʸāh and_'Ēliyʸāh and_Shəmaʻʸāh and_ _Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) and_ʻUzziyʸāh. 22 And_of_the_sons_of Pashḥūr 'Elyəhōʻēynay Maʻaśēʸāh Ishmael Nətan'ēl Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) and_'Elʻāsāh. 23 And_from the_Lēviyyiy Yōzāvād and_Shimʻī and_Qēlāʸāh it is_Qəlīṭā' Pəṭaḥʸāh Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _'Elīʻezer. 24 And_from the_singers 'Elyāshiyv and_from the_ _gatekeepers Shallūm and_Ṭelem and_'Ūrī. 25 And_of_

77 **LV 10:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: כ/ירבד/ך: (x-qere) כ/רָבָד/הִ'; lemma_k/1697 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_15Kbe כ/רָבָד/הִ,

78 **LV 10:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

79 **LV 10:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from(the)_sons of_Par'osh/(Parosh) Ramʸᵃʰ and_Yizziyʸᵃʰ/(Izziah) and_Malkīyʸᵃʰ and_Miyyāmin and_ _'El'āzār and_Malkīyʸᵃʰ and_Bənāʸᵃʰ. **26** And_of_the_sons_of 'Ēylām Mattanʸᵃʰ Zəkarʸᵃʰ and_Yəḥī'ēl and_'Avdiy and_ _Yərīmōt/(Jeremoth) and_'Ēliyʸᵃʰ. **27** And_of_the_sons_of Zattū' 'Elyəhō'ēynay 'Elyāshiyv Mattanʸᵃʰ and_Yərīmōt and_Zāvād and_'Azīzā'. **28** And_of_the_sons_of Bēvay Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) Ḥₐnanʸᵃʰ Zabay 'Atlay. **29** And_of_the_ _sons_of Bānī Məshullām Mallūk and_'Adāʸᵃʰ Yāshūv/(Jashub) and_Shə'āl and_Ramoth[80]. **30** And_of_the_sons_of Paḥat- Mō'āv 'Adnā' and_Kelal Bənāʸᵃʰ Maʻₐsēʸᵃʰ Mattanʸᵃʰ Bətsal'ēl and_ _Binnūy and_Mənashsheh. **31** And_the_sons of_Ḥārim 'Elī'ezer Yishshiyʸᵃʰ/(Isshiah) Malkīyʸᵃʰ Shəma'yᵃʰ Shim'ōn. **32** Binyāmīn[81] Mallūk Shəmarʸᵃʰ. **33** From_(the)_sons of_ _Ḥāshum Mattənay Mattattah Zāvād 'Elīfeleṭ Yərēmay/(Jeremai) Mənashsheh Shim'ī. **34** From_(the)_sons of_ _Bānī Ma'ₐday 'Amrām and_'Ū'ēl. **35** Bənāʸᵃʰ Bēdəʸᵃʰ Kəlūhayo[82]. **36** Vanʸᵃʰ Mərēmōt 'Elyāshiyv. **37** Mattanʸᵃʰ Mattənay and[83]. **38** And_Bānī and_Binnūy Shim'ī. **39** And_Shelemʸᵃʰ and_Nātān and_'Adāʸᵃʰ. **40** Maknadvay Shāshay Shāray. **41** 'Azar'ēl and_ _Shelemʸᵃʰ Shəmarʸᵃʰ. **42** Shallūm 'Amarʸᵃʰ Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **43** From_(the)_sons of_Nəvō Yə'ī'ēl/(Jeiel) Mattitʸᵃʰ Zāvād Zəvīnā' Yiddō/(Jaddai)[84] and_Yō'ēl/(Joel) Bənāʸᵃʰ. **44** All_of these mmm[858687] women foreign and_there_were from_them wives and_they(m)_had_made children.

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(that is, Kelita), Petahyah, Yehudah (Judah), and Eliezer.

24 Among the singers: Elyashiv.

Among the temple guards: Shalum, Telem, and Uri.

25 From the other Israelis:

From Par'osh's descendants: Rameyah, Yiziyah, Malkiyah, Miyamin, Eleazar, Malkiyah, and Benayah.

26 From Heylam's descendants: Matanyah, Zekaryah (Zechariah), Yehiel, Avdi, Yerimot, and Eliyah (Elijah).

27 From Zatu's descendants: Elyehoeynay, Elyashiv, Matanyah, Yerimot, Zavad, and Aziza.

28 From Bevay's descendants: Yehohanan, Hananyah, Zabay, and Atlay.

29 From Bani's descendants: Meshulam, Maluk, Adayah, Yashuv, and Sheal-Yerimot.

30 From Pahat-Moav's descendants: Adna, Kelal, Benayah, Ma'aseyah, Matanyah, Betsalel, Binuy, and Menasheh (Manasseh).

31 From Harim's descendants: Eliezer, Yishiyah, Malkiyah, Shemayah, Shim'on (Simeon), **32** Benyamin, Maluk, and Shemaryah.

33 From Hashum's descendants: Matenay, Matatah, Zavad, Elifelet, Yeremay, Menasheh, and Shimei.

34 From Bani's descendants: Ma'aday, Amram, Uel, **35** Benayah, Bedeyah, Keluhayo, **36** Vanyah, Meremot, Elyashiv, **37** Matanyah, Matenay, and Ya'asu.

38 From Binuy's descendants: Shimei, **39** Shelemyah, Natan (Nathan), Adayah, **40** Maknadvay, Shashay, Sharay, **41** Azarel, Shelemyah, Shemaryah, **42** Shalum, Amaryah, and Yosef (Joseph).

43 From Nevo's descendants: Yeiel, Matityah, Zavad, Zevina, Yido, Yoel (Joel), and Benayah.

44 All of those had married foreign women and had children from them.

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80 LV 10:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **תומרי**: (x-qere) 'תֻּמָּר֫וּ': lemma_c/3406 n_0 morph_HC/Np id_15SCH תֻּמָּר֫וּ

81 LV 10:32 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

82 LV 10:35 · Note OSHB variant note: **יהלכ**: (x-qere) 'וּהוּלְכ': lemma_3622 n_0 morph_HNp id_15wi3 וּהוּלְכ

83 LV 10:37 · Note OSHB variant note: **ושעי/ו**: (x-qere) 'יֶשַּׁעַ֫י/וְ': lemma_c/3299 n_0 morph_HC/Np id_15ikF יֶשַּׁעַ֫י/וְ

84 LV 10:43 · Note OSHB variant note: **ודי**: (x-qere) 'יְהַדַּי': lemma_3035 morph_HNp id_15Ua5 יְהַדַּי

85 LV 10:44 · Note OSHB variant note: **אשנ/י**: (x-qere) 'וְאֶשְׁנִ': lemma_5375 n_1.0 morph_HVqp3cp id_15wX7 וְאֶשְׁנִ

86 LV 10:44 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHQ.

87 LV 10:44 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

Ester

Introduction

This account tells about the life of a young Jewish woman named Ester. These events happened back when King Ahashverosh (more widely known as King Xerxes) ruled over the kingdom of Paras. After Queen Vashti was banished for refusing to dance in front the king's guests at a drinking party, Ester was chosen as the new queen without revealing her Jewish background. But there was a high official called Haman who was offended by Ester's Jewish guardian and in his anger, determined to annihilate all of the Yehudim from the kingdom. This account reveals how Eter's courage and her love for her Jewish people leads her to help them and eventually helps to save their lives.
The account also reveals the source of a Jewish feast named 'Purim', which to this day is a time when Jewish people celebrate how God saved them from their enemy, Haman.

Main components of this account

Ester becomes Queen of Paras *1:1–2:23*
Haman's threat to the Yehudim *3:1–5:14*
Haman's execution *6:1–7:10*
The Jewish people destroy their enemies *8:1–10:3*

Lighter type marks additions. Underscores join parts of a single source word.
Struck words are untranslated. The ◘ sign marks a verse with no text.
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1:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days_of ’Aḥashvērōsh that ’Aḥashvērōsh who_reigned from_Hoddū/(India) and_unto Kūsh/(Cush) seven and_twenty and_one_hundred province[s]. **2** In_the_days the_those just_as_sat the_king ’Aḥashvērōsh on the_throne_of his/its_kingdom which was_in_Shūshan the_ _citadel. **3** In_year three of_reigning_his he_made a_feast to/from_all/each/any/every officials_of_his and_servants_of_ _his the_army_of Pāraṣ and_Māday the_nobles and_the_ _officials_of the_provinces were_before_of_him. **4** When_ _showed_he ꝺⱺᵯ the_wealth_of the_splendour_of his/its_ _kingdom and_ꝺⱺᵯ the_honour_of the_glory_of his_greatness_ _of_his days many eighty and_one_hundred day[s]. **5** And_ _when_were_completed the_days the_these the_king he_made to/from_all/each/any/every the_people who_were_found in_ _Shūshan the_citadel (to)_from_great and_unto insignificant a_ _feast seven_of days in_the_courtyard_of the_garden_of the_ _palace_of the_king. **6** White_cloth cotton and_violet_material was_held with_cords_of fine_linen and_purple on rods_of silver and_pillars_of marble couches_of gold and_silver were_on a_ _pavement_of porphyry and_marble and_mother-of-pearl and_ _paving_stone. **7** And_they_gave_to_drink in_vessels_of gold and_vessels from_vessels were_differing and_wine royalty was_ _much according_to_the_hand_of the_king. **8** And_the_drinking was_according_the_law there_was_not one_who_compelled if/because thus the_king he_had_appointed on every_of (the)_ _chief_of his_house_of_his for_doing according_to_the_ _pleasure_of man and_man. **9** Also Vashti the_queen she_made a_feast_of women the_house_of (the)_royalty which to/for_ _the_king ’Aḥashvērōsh. **10** In_the_day the_seventh just_ the_ _heart_of the_king _as_was_good by_wine he_said to_Mehuman Biztha Harbona Bigtha and_Abagtha Zethar and_Carcas the_ _seven_of the_officials who_served ꝺⱺᵯ the_presence_of the_ _king ’Aḥashvērōsh. **11** To_bring ꝺⱺᵯ Vashti the_queen to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king with_a_crown_of royalty to_show the_peoples and_the_officials ꝺⱺᵯ beauty_of_ _her if/because was_good_of appearance she. **12** And_ the_ _queen Vashti _she_refused to_come at_the_message_of the_ _king which was_by_the_hand_of the_officials and_ the_king _ _he_was_angry exceedingly and_rage_of_his it_burnt in_him/it. **13** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_men who_knew_of (of)_the_ _times if/because was_thus the_manner_of the_king to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before all_of those_who_knew_of (of)_law and_judgement. **14** And_the_ones_close to_him/it[3] were_ _Carshena Shethar Admatha Tarshiysh Meres Marsena Memucan the_seven_of the_officials_of Pāraṣ and_Māday who_ _saw_of (of)_the_face_of the_king who_sat foremost in_ _kingdom. **15** According_to_the_law what is_to_do with_queen Vashti on that not she_did ꝺⱺᵯ the_command_of the_king ’Aḥashvērōsh by_the_hand_of the_officials. **16** And_he/it_said Memucan[4] to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_ _the_officials not on the_king for_him/it_being_alone Vashti the_queen she_did_wrong if/because on all_of the_officials and_on all_of the_peoples which in_all the_provinces_of the_

Readers’ Version

Empress Vashti refuses Emperor Ahashverosh

1:1 The following events happened during the reign of Emperor Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes).[1] (Also known as King Ahashverosh, he ruled the 127 provinces of Paras (Persia) extending from Hodu to Kush (Ethiopia).) **2** In those days, he ruled his empire from Shushan (Susa),[2] city.

3 In the third year of his reign, he hosted a celebration for all of his officials and for every important person who worked for him, the wealthy landowners, the officials of the provinces, as well as the officers who served in the army of the combined empire of Paras and Maday (Media). He was present in person **4** to host the six-month celebration which, displayed the incredible wealth and prestige of his empire and his personal wealth and power.

5 At the end of that time, the emperor hosted another celebration, but this time for all the people in the royal fort in Shushan, from the leading citizens to the least prestigious. He held this celebration over an entire week in the enclosed garden of the royal palace. **6** There were white and blue curtains hanging from white and purple cords attached to silver rings on marble pillars. The guests reclined on gold and silver couches set on a mosaic floor made of red and white marble, mother-of-pearl and other expensive stones. **7** Drinks were served in golden goblets, and each one was a unique design. The king’s wine seemed limitless as he displayed his generosity, **8** and it was served according to his rule: there was no compulsion to drink, but his servants were to give each guest however much they wanted.

9 Meanwhile, Queen Vashti was hosting a celebration for the women in a different part of the royal palace.

10 On the last day of the celebrations, when the emperor was pleasantly tipsy, he ordered seven of his chief servants (Mehuman, Bizta, Harvona, Bigta, Avagta, Zetar, and Karkas) **11** to bring Queen Vashti to him, wearing her royal crown, in order to show the officials and other people how good-looking she was, because she was very beautiful. **12** The servants told her Ahashverosh’s (Ahasuerus’/Xerxes’) command, but Queen Vashti refused to come. When they reported back to Ahashverosh, he was furious and sat there raging for a while.

13–14 Eventually he discussed it with his close advisors who knew the law and could make good decisions. (These seven officials; Karshena, Shetar, Admata, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena and Memukan; were from various places. They advised the emperor personally, so were the most powerful officials in the empire.) **15** ‘According to our law,’ he asked, ‘what should be done with Empress Vashti, since she refused to obey my command when the servants passed it on to her?’

16 Memukan replied, addressing the whole group, ‘Empress

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1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 4:6.

2 **RV 1:2 · Note** Known as ‘Susa’ in many 20th century translations, even though earlier English translations often got it correct.

3 **LV 1:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHQ.

4 **LV 1:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: וכמומ: (x-qere) ’וְכוּמְמָ֗ן: lemma_4462 n_1.2.1 morph_HNp id_172tG וְכוּמְמָ֗ן

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Vashti has done wrong, and not only against the emperor. She has also done wrong against all the officials and people groups of the empire. **17** Soon women all over the empire will hear about what the empress did and they'll say, "Emperor Ahashverosh commanded his servants to bring Empress Vashti to him, but she didn't go!" Then women will stop respecting their husbands. **18** Even today, the important wives in the empire will hear what the empress did and start doing the same to their husbands; it will result in contempt on her part and anger on his. **19** If it pleases you to do so, your majesty, you should personally issue a royal decree and have it added to the laws of Paras (Persia) and Maday (Media) which cannot be repealed. This decree should say that Vashti can never again come into your presence. Then you should choose a different woman for the royal position – someone who's better than her. **20** Have your decree proclaimed throughout your empire, even though it's so huge, and then all women, whatever their status or position, will respect their husbands.'

21 Memukan's advice seemed like a good idea to the emperor and his officials, so that's what they did. **22** They wrote letters to every province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language. The letters said that men should be the masters over their wives and children, and that a husband should be able to give orders to his wife in his own language and that she should understand and obey him.

Beautiful Ester enters the king's harem

2:1 Some time later when King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) no longer felt so angry, he started to miss Vashti. But when she'd disobeyed his command, he had made a decree that she could never come into his presence again. **2** So some of the young men who served the king suggested to him, "Your majesty, you should get a new wife for yourself. You could tell your servants to look for young virgins who are very beautiful. **3** You could assign officers in each province of your empire to bring every virgin who is very beautiful here to your capital city of Shushan (Susa). They could stay in the harem for virgins under the custody of Hegay, the castrated royal guardian who takes care of the young women who live there and he could arrange for them to receive beauty treatments. **4** Then you could decide which young woman you like best and then make her queen instead of Vashti."

The king liked what they suggested, so he did it.

5 At that time, there was a Jewish man named Mordekai living in the capital city of Shushan. (He was from the tribe of Benyamin: his father was Yair, his grandfather was Shimei, and his great-grandfather was Kish **6** who'd been taken away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and led to Bavel (Babylon) when King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) of Bavel had exiled Yekaneyah, the king of Yehudah (Judah), along with many of his people.)[5] **7** Now Mordekai was taking care of his cousin, who was

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_king 'Aḥashvērōsh. **17** If/because the_matter_of the_queen it_ _will_go_forth to all_of the_women to_make_despicable husbands_of_their in_eyes_of_their because_they_will_say the_ _king 'Aḥashvērōsh he_said to_bring ~~ĐǾM~~ Vashti the_queen before_him and_not she_came. **18** And_the_day the_this they_ _will_say the_noble_ladies_of Pāraṣ and_Māday who they_have_ _heard ~~ĐǾM~~ the_matter_of the_queen to_all/each/any/every the_officials_of the_king and_will_be_as_enough_of contempt and_anger. **19** If is_on the_king good a_message_of royalty let_ _it_go_forth from_before_face_of_him and_let_it_be_written in_ _the_laws_of Pāraṣ and_Māday and_not which/who not Vashti she_will_come to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh and_queenhood_of_her the_king let_him_give to_ _her_fellow_of_woman (the)_good more_than_she it_will_pass_ _away. **20** And_ the_decree_of the_king which he_will_make _it_ _will_be_heard in_all his/its_kingdom if/because is_great it and_all the_women they_will_give honour to_husbands_of_ _their (to)_from_great and_unto insignificant. **21** And_ the_ _message _it_was_good in/on_both_eyes_of the_king and_the_ _officials and_ the_king _he/it_made according_to_the_ _message_of Memucan. **22** And_he_sent_out documents to all_ _of the_provinces_of the_king to province and_province according_to_of_its_writing and_near/to people and_people according_to_of_its_language to_be every_of man ruling over_ _his_own_of_household and_speaking according_to_the_ _language_of his_people_of_his.

2:1 After the_things the_these just_ the_anger_of the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh _as_subsided he_remembered ~~ĐǾM~~ Vashti and_ _~~ĐǾM~~ that_which she_had_done and_~~ĐǾM~~ that_which it_had_ _been_decided on_her. **2** And_ the_young_men_of the_king who_of_were_serving_him _they_said let_people_seek to/for_ _the_king young_women virgins good_of appearance. **3** And_ the_king _let_him_appoint appointees in_all the_provinces_of his/its_kingdom and_let_them_gather ~~ĐǾM~~ every_of girl virgin good_of appearance to Shūshan the_citadel to the_house_of the_women into the_hand_of Hegai the_eunuch_of the_king the_one_who_kept_of the_women and_let_him_give cleansings_ _of_their. **4** And_the_young_woman who she_will_be_good in/on_both_eyes_of the_king she_will_reign in_place_of Vashti and_ the_message _it_was_good in/on_both_eyes_of the_king and_he/it_made thus. **5** A_man a_Jew he_was in_Shūshan the_ _citadel and_his/its_name was_Mordəkay the_son_of Yā'īr/(Jair) the_son_of Shim'ī the_son_of Qīsh a_man a_ _Jaminite. **6** Who he_had_been_taken_into_exile from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with the_exile[s] which it_had_ _been_taken_into_exile with Yəkon^{yāh}/(Jeconiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) whom Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he_had_taken_into_exile. **7** And_he/it_was acting_as_guardian ~~ĐǾM~~ H$_a$daṣṣāh that is_'Eṣtēr the_daughter_of his_uncle_of_his if/because there_was_not to/for_her/it a_father and_a_mother and_the_young_woman was_beautiful_of form and_good_of appearance and_at_the_death_of her_father_of_her and_ _mother_of_her he_took_her Mordəkay to_him/it to_a_ _daughter. **8** And_he/it_was when_ the_edict_of the_king and_

5 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:10-16; 2Ch 36:10.

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_orders_of_his _were_heard and_when_ young_women many _
_were_gathered to Shūshan the_citadel into the_hand_of Hegai
and_ 'Eṣtēr _she_was_taken to the_house_of the_king into the_
_hand_of Hegai the_one_who_kept_of the_women. **9** And_ the_
_young_woman _she_was_good in_eyes_of_his and_she_bore
favour before_him and_he_hastened ÐOM cleansings_of_her
and_ÐOM portions_of_her to_give to/for_her/it and_ÐOM seven
the_servant_girls (the)_chosen to_give to/for_her/it from_the_
_house_of the_king and_he_moved_her and_ÐOM girls_of_her_
_servant to_the_good_place_of the_house_of the_women.
10 Not 'Eṣtēr she_had_told ÐOM people_of_her and_ÐOM
kindred_of_her if/because Mordəkay he_had_commanded
on/upon_it(f) which/who not she_will_tell. **11** And_on/over_all
day and_day Mordəkay was_walking_about to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_courtyard_of the_house_of the_women
to_know ÐOM the_welfare_of 'Eṣtēr and_what was_it_done with_
_her. **12** And_when_ the_turn_of a_young_woman and_a_young_
_woman _arrived to_go to the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh from_the_
_end/extremity of_being to/for_her/it according_to_the_
_regulation_of the_women two_plus ten month[s] if/because
thus the_days_of their_rubbings_of_their six months with_the_
_oil_of (the)_myrrh and_six months with_(the)_oil and_with_
_the_cleansings_of (the)_women they_were_completed. **13** And_
_in_this_way the_young_woman was_going into the_king ÐOM
all that she_said it_was_given to/for_her/it to_go with_her/it
from_the_house_of the_women to the_house_of the_king. **14** In_
_evening she was_going and_in_morning she was_returning to
the_house_of the_women second into the_hand_of Shaashgaz
the_eunuch_of the_king the_one_who_kept_of the_concubines
not she_went again into the_king if/because (if) he_delighted
in_her the_king and_she_was_summoned by_name.

15 And_when_ the_turn_of 'Eṣtēr the_daughter_of 'Avīhayil
the_uncle_of Mordəkay whom he_had_taken to_him/it to_a_
_daughter _arrived to_go to the_king not she_requested
anything if/because (if) ÐOM that_which Hegai the_eunuch_of
the_king the_one_who_kept_of the_women he_said and_ 'Eṣtēr
_it_became bearing_of favour in/on_both_eyes_of all_of those_
_of_who_saw_her. **16** And_ 'Eṣtēr _she_was_taken to the_king
'Aḥashvērōsh into the_house_of his/its_kingdom in_month
(the)_tenth that is_the_month_of Tebeth in_year seven of_
_reign_of_his. **17** And_ the_king _he_loved ÐOM 'Eṣtēr from_all
the_women and_she_bore favour and_favour before_him from_
_all the_virgins and_he/it_assigned a_crown_of royalty on_
_head_of_her and_he_made_her_queen in_place_of Vashti.
18 And_ the_king _he/it_made a_feast great to/from_
_all/each/any/every officials_of_his and_servants_of_his ÐOM
the_feast_of 'Eṣtēr and_a_holiday for_provinces he_made and_
_he/it_gave present[s] according_to_the_hand_of the_king.

19 And_when_ virgins _were_gathered a_second_time and_
_Mordəkay was_sitting at_the_gate_of the_king. **20** Not 'Eṣtēr
was_telling kindred_of_her and_ÐOM people_of_her just_as he_
_had_commanded on/upon_it(f) Mordəkay and_ÐOM the_

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an orphan. When her father and mother had died, Mordekai had adopted her as his own daughter. Her Hebrew name was Hadasah, and her Persian name was Ester. Ester was now a young woman and she was exceptionally attractive.

8 So when the king's command and decree became known, many young women were being brought into the capital city of Shushan and placed under Hegay's charge, and this is what happened to Ester. (Hegay was the overseer of the women.) **9** Hegay was very impressed with Ester, and he treated her favourably. He quickly arranged for Ester to receive her beauty treatments and her allotment of food, as well as choosing seven female servants from the king's palace and assigning them to be her personal attendants. He also moved Ester and her attendants to the best rooms in the harem for virgins. **10** (Ester hadn't revealed her family ties or her Jewishness to anyone, because Mordekai had instructed her not to.)

11 Every day Mordekai would walk around in front of the courtyard of the women's harem to find out from others how Ester was doing and how she was being treated.

12 Each young woman would get twelve months of beauty treatment according to the Persian law for women—there would be six months of applying oil of myrrh, then six months of perfumes and other lotions designed for women. Then their turn would come, one at a time, to be taken to King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes). **13** The young woman was allowed to take whatever she wanted from the harem when she went to the king's house. **14** She'd be taken across in the evening, and in the morning she'd be led out to the other harem which was for the concubines. (That harem was overseen by Sha'ashgaz, another castrated royal guardian.) The women taken there wouldn't go again to the king's house unless he had especially liked them and summoned her back by name.

Ester becomes queen

15 Now Ester was the daughter of Mordekai's uncle, Avihayil, from whom Mordekai had adopted her as his own daughter. When it was her turn to go to the king, she didn't ask for anything other than what Hegay, the king's trusted official in charge of the harem, had advised, and everyone who saw Ester liked her. **16** So Ester was taken to King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) at his royal palace in January, in the seventh year of his reign, **17** and the king loved Ester more than any of the other women. He treated her more kindly and more favourably than any of the other young women who had become his concubines. He put a royal crown on her head and made her the new queen to replace Vashti. **18** Then the king hosted a large celebration and invited all his officials and servants to a feast to celebrate Ester becoming queen. He proclaimed that this would be a time to celebrate for people in all of the provinces of his empire when they wouldn't have to pay taxes, and he gave many generous gifts.

Mordekai and Ester earn the king's favour

19 Later on, King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) had his officers bring more virgins to Shushan (Susa). During

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this time, Mordekai had been given a position by the king so he sat there at the king's gate. **20** Ester had still not told anyone that she was Jewish because Mordekai had warned her not to tell anyone. What's more, she continued to follow all of Mordekai's instructions, just as she had done when she was still under his guardianship.

21 One day when Mordekai was on duty at the king's gate, two of the king's guards who protected the doorway to the king's private rooms became angry with the king and so they planned to assassinate King Ahashverosh. (Their names were Bigtan and Teresh.) **22** But when Mordekai heard what they were planning, he told Queen Ester about it and she told the king, explaining that Mordekai had given her the information. **23** When the matter was investigated and the facts discovered, both conspirators were impaled on sharpened wooden poles, and in the presence of the king, the incident was recorded in the royal record of events.

Haman plans to annihilate the Yehudim

3:1 Some time later, King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) promoted Haman, one of his officials (and the son of Hamedata who was a descendant of Agag). The king gave Haman a very important position—more important than any of his other officials. **2** Then the king commanded that all his other officials had to bow down in front of Haman to honour him, and they were doing this at the king's gate, except for Mordekai who refused to bow down to reverence Haman. **3** "Why are you disobeying the king's command?" asked the other royal servants at the king's gate. **4** Mordekai told them that it was because he was a Yehudi (Jew) (and Yehudim (Jews) only worship Yahweh). He didn't listen to their warnings so they told Haman about it to see if he would tolerate Mordekai in keeping refusing to bow down. **5** When Haman saw that Mordekai would not bow down to him or show him reverence, he was furious. **6** But Haman despised the idea of just punishing Mordekai because he'd been told that Mordekai didn't bow to him because Mordekai was a Yehudi. So Haman decided to annihilate all of Mordekai's people, i.e., all the Yehudim throughout the kingdom of Ahashverosh.

7 In early April of the twelfth year of King Ahashverosh' reign, Haman got his servants to throw dice to select the best month and the best day to kill the Yehudim, and the 13th of March was chosen.

8 Then Haman went to King Ahashverosh and said, "Your Majesty, there is a certain group of people who live among the other peoples in every province of your empire. They have their own set of laws, so they don't obey your laws. It's not good for you to allow them to continue to live in your empire. **9** Your majesty, if you approve of this plan, then write a decree saying that all of the Yehudim must be destroyed. When they're dead, we can take all of their possessions, and from that I will give 300

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_command_of Mordəkay 'Eştēr was_doing just_as she_had_been in_guardianship with_him/it. **21** In_the_days the_those and_ _Mordəkay was_sitting at_the_gate_of the_king Bigthan and_ _Teresh two_of the_eunuchs_of the_king of_the_keepers_of of_ _the_threshold he_was_angry and_they_sought to_stretch_out a_hand on_king 'Aḥashvērōsh. **22** And_ the_matter _it_was_ _made_known to_Mordəkay and_he_told to_'Eştēr the_queen and_ 'Eştēr _she/it_said to/for_the_king in/on_name_of Mordəkay. **23** And_ the_matter _it_was_sought and_it_was_ _found and_ both_of_them _they_were_hanged on a_gallows and_it_was_written in_the_book_of the_matters_of the_days to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king.

3:1 After the_things the_these the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh he_made_ _great ÐOM Haman the_son_of Hammedatha the_Agagite and_ _he_exalted_him and_he/it_assigned ÐOM seat_of_his from_ _under all_of the_officials who with_him/it. **2** And_all the_ _servants_of the_king who were_at_the_gate_of the_king were_ _kneeling and_were_bowing_down to_Haman if/because thus he_had_commanded to_him/it the_king and_Mordəkay not he_ _knelt and_not he_bowed_down. **3** And_ the_servants_of the_ _king who were_at_the_gate_of the_king _they_said to_ _Mordəkay why are_you transgressing ÐOM the_command_of the_king. **4** And_he/it_was they_spoke[7] to_him/it a_day and_a_ _day and_not he_listened to_them and_they_told to_Haman to_ _see will_ the_words/messages_of Mordəkay _they_stand if/because he_had_told to/for_them which/who he was_a_Jew. **5** And_ Haman _he/it_saw if/because_that not Mordəkay was_ _kneeling and_bowing_down to_him/it and_ Haman _he_was_ _filled rage. **6** And_he_despised in_his_own_of_eyes to_stretch_ _out[8] a_hand on_Mordəkay for_him/it_being_alone if/because people_had_told to_him/it ÐOM the_people_of Mordəkay and_ Haman _he/it_sought to_annihilate ÐOM all_of the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews) who in_all the_kingdom_of 'Aḥashvērōsh the_ _people_of Mordəkay. **7** In_month (the)_first that is_the_ _month_of Nisan in_year two_plus ten to/for_the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh someone_throw Pur that is_the_lot to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before Haman from_day to_day and_from_ _month to_month two_plus ten that is_the_month_of Adar. **8** And_ Haman _he/it_said to/for_the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh there_ _it_is a_people one scattered and_separated among the_peoples in_all_of the_provinces_of your_kingdom_of_your and_laws_of_ _their are_differing from_all people and_ÐOM the_laws_of the_ _king not_they are_doing and_for_king not is_appropriate to_ _leave_them. **9** If is_on the_king good let_it_be_written to_ _destroy_them and_ten_of thousand(s) talent[s]_of silver I_will_ _weigh_out on the_hands_of the_doers_of the_work to_bring into the_treasuries_of the_king. **10** And_ the_king _he_removed ÐOM signet-ring_of_his from_under his/its_hand and_he_gave_

7 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ם/רמא/ב**: (x-qere) **'ם/רָמְאִ/כ'**: lemma_k/559 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp3mp id_171go **ם/רָמְאִ/כ**

8 **LV 3:6 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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_it to_Haman the_son_of Hammedatha the_Agagite the_
_harasser_of the_Yəhūdī. **11** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_
_Haman the_silver is_given to/for_you(fs) and_the_people for_
_doing in/on/over_him/it according_the_good in_eyes_of_your.
12 And_ the_scribes_of the_king _they_were_summoned in_
_month (the)_first on_thir- teenth day in/on/over_him/it and_
_it_was_written according_to_all that Haman he_commanded
to the_satraps_of the_king and_near/to the_governors who
were_over province and_province and_near/to the_officials_of
people and_people province and_province according_to_of_its_
_writing and_people and_people according_to_of_its_language
in/on_name_of the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh it_was_written and_it_
_was_sealed with_the_signet-ring_of the_king. **13** And_
documents _they_were_sent by_the_hand_of the_runners to
all_of the_provinces_of the_king to_annihilate to_kill and_to_
_destroy ĐOM all_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) from_young_man and_
_unto old_man little_one[s] and_women in/on_day one on_day_
_thir- teen of_month two_plus ten that is_the_month_of Adar
and_spoil_of_their to_take_as_plunder. **14** (The)_copy_of the_
_writing was_to_ law _be_given in_all province and_province
displayed to/from_all/each/any/every the_peoples to_be ready
for_day (the)_this. **15** The_runners they_went_out hurried at_
_the_message_of the_king and_the_law it_was_given in_
_Shūshan the_citadel and_the_king and_Haman they_sat_down
to_drink and_the_city of_Shūshan it_was_in_confusion.

4:1 And_Mordəkay he_knew ĐOM all that it_had_been_done and_
Mordəkay _he_tore ĐOM clothes_of_his and_he_put_on
sackcloth and_ash[es] and_he/it_went_out in_the_middle the_
_city and_he_cried a_cry loud and_bitter. **2** And_he_went to_to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_gate_of the_king
if/because there_was_not to_go into the_gate_of the_king in_
_clothing_of sackcloth. **3** And_on/over_all province and_
_province the_place_of (of)_where the_message_of the_king
and_law_of_his was_reaching mourning great belonged_to_
_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_fasting and_weeping and_wailing
sackcloth and_ash[es] it_was_spread_as_a_bed by_(the)_people.
4 And_they_came[9][10][11] the_maids_of 'Eṣtēr and_eunuchs_of_her
and_they_told to/for_her/it and_ the_queen _she_agonized
exceedingly and_she_sent garments to_clothe ĐOM Mordəkay
and_to_remove sackcloth_of_his from_on_him and_not he_
_accepted_them. **5** And_ 'Eṣtēr _she/it_called/named (to)_
_Hathach one_of_the_eunuchs_of the_king whom he_had_
_made_stand before_her and_she_commanded_him on
Mordəkay to_know what was_this and_concerning what was_

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tons of silver to your administrators for them to put into your royal treasuries."

10 This seemed sensible to the king so he removed his signet ring from his finger and he gave it[6] to Haman (the son of Hamedata, the Agagi, the adversary of the Yehudim). **11** The king told Haman, "You can keep the money for yourself, and you can do whatever you want to do with those people."

12 On the thirteenth day of that same month, Haman called in the royal scribes, and he dictated a letter to them. He told them to send copies to the royal officials, the governors of each province, and the leaders of each people group within the empire. The scribes translated the letter so it could be sent to each province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language. To show that he was sending the letter under the king's own authority, Haman sealed each copy of the letter with the ring that had the king's official seal on it. **13** Couriers delivered the letters to the officials in every province in the empire. The letters said to completely destroy all the Yehudim, including the children and women, on a single day. That was to be the thirteenth day of March early in the following year. The letters also stated that those who killed the Yehudim could take everything that belonged to them. **14** The letter told the officials to display copies where everyone could see them—that way all the people in every single province would know that the king had commanded this, and they could get ready for when the day came.

15 So couriers hurried off with the letters as the king had commanded. A herald in the capital city of Shushan (Susa) also proclaimed what the letters said. Then the king and Haman relaxed and drank together, but there was total confusion in Shushan about how all of this would work out.

Mordekai asks the queen for help

4:1 When Mordekai found out about what had been done, he tore his clothes and dressed in sackcloth and threw ashes over himself (as a sign of mourning or distress) and went out into the city centre, wailing loudly and bitterly. **2** But no one was wearing mourning garb was allowed inside the king's gate, so when Mordekai reached the gate, he had to stay just outside it. **3** In every province of the empire, the letter that said to destroy the Yehudim (Jews) was publicly displayed and when the Yehudim heard about it, they were incredibly upset. They skipped meals and wailed loudly, and many of them also wore sackcloth and threw ashes on themselves and lay on the ground.

4 When Queen Ester's young female attendants came with her guardians and told her what was going on outside, even the queen became very scared. She sent Mordekai some good clothes to wear instead of the sackcloth, but he wouldn't accept them. **5** The king had assigned some of the royal guardians to Es-

6 **RV 3:10 · Note** Having the king's signet ring enabled Haman to stamp the king's seal (like a signature) onto the newly drafted laws.

9 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

10 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

11 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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ter personally, so Ester called for one of them—a man named Hatak. She told him to go out and speak with Mordekai and find out what he was so distressed about. **6** So Hatak went out to talk to Mordekai who was out in the plaza in front of the king's gate. **7** Mordekai told him everything that Haman was planning to do and even told him how much money Haman had said the king would get for his treasuries if the king commanded people to kill all the Yehudim. **8** Mordekai also gave Hatak a copy of the letter that the announcers had read out loud in Shushan (Susa), that said that people must kill all the Yehudim. He told Hatak to show the letter to Ester so that she would know exactly what it said and also told him to urge her to go to the king personally and to beg him desperately to save her people from destruction. **9** So Hatak returned to the queen and told her what Mordekai had said, **10** and Ester told him to go back to Mordekai with this message: **11** "There's a law about going to the king that applies to everyone in the kingdom, both men and women. If anyone goes into the inner courtyard of the palace, where the king can see them, and the king has not summoned them, that person will be executed. Only if the king holds out his golden scepter to them, then they will live. (Everyone in the whole empire knows this law.) The king hasn't called for me in over a month, and if I go in without being summoned, I could be put to death."

12 So Hatak went back to Mordekai and told him what the queen had said. **13** Mordekai told Hatak to tell this to Ester: "Don't imagine that just because you live there in the king's palace that you'll be safe when they kill all the other Yehudim. **14** If you say nothing at all now, someone from some other place will rescue the Yehudim, but you and your relatives will not survive. Who knows, perhaps it was for a time just like this that God allowed you to become queen?"

15 Then Ester sent this reply to Mordekai: **16** "Go and assemble all the Yehudim who live here in Shushan (Susa), and tell them to fast and pray for my sake—tell them to not eat or drink anything for three days and three nights. My female attendants and I will also fast in the same way. At the end of the three days, I will go in to talk to the king even though it's against the law. I will do that even if it costs me my life."

17 So Mordekai went and did everything that Ester had told him to do.

Ester goes to the king without an invitation

5:1 Three days later, Queen Ester put on her royal robes and went and stood in the inner courtyard of the palace, across from the king's house. He was in the royal palace, sitting on the royal throne and facing the room's entrance. **2** As soon as the king noticed Ester standing there in the courtyard, he was very pleased

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this. **6** And Hathach _he/it_went_out to Mordəkay to the_ _open_place_of the_city which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_gate_of the_king. **7** And_he_told to_him/it Mordəkay ÐOM all that it_had_happened_to_him and_ÐOM the_ _exact_amount_of the_silver which Haman he_had_said to_ _weigh_out to the_treasuries_of the_king in/on/at/with[1213] to_ _destroy_them. **8** And_ÐOM (the)_copy_of the_writing_of the_ _law which it_had_been_given in_Shūshan to_annihilate_them he_gave to_him/it to_show ÐOM 'Eştēr and_to_tell to/for_her/it and_to_command on/upon_it(f) to_go to the_king to_seek_ _favour to_him/it and_to_request from_before_face_of_him on people_of_her. **9** And_ Hathach _he_came and_he_told to_'Eştēr ÐOM the_words/messages_of Mordəkay. **10** And_ 'Eştēr _she/it_ _said to_Hathach and_she_commanded_him to Mordəkay. **11** All_of the_servants_of the_king and_the_people_of the_ _provinces_of the_king are_knowing which/who every_of man and_woman who he_goes to the_king into the_court (the)_ _inner who not he_is_summoned is_one law_of_his to_put_to_ _death apart_except from_that he_holds_out to_him/it the_ _king ÐOM the_scepter_of the_gold and_he_will_live and_I not I_ _have_been_summoned[141516] to_go to the_king this thirty day[s]. **12** And_they_told to_Mordəkay ÐOM the_ _words/messages_of 'Eştēr. **13** And_ Mordəkay _he/it_said to_ _bring_back to 'Eştēr do_not imagine in_self_of_your to_escape the_house_of the_king from_all the_Yəhūdī/(Jews). **14** If/because if indeed_(keep_quiet) you_will_keep_quiet at_ _time (the)_this relief and_deliverance it_will_arise for_Yəhūdī from_a_place another and_you and_the_house_of your_father_ _of_your you(pl)_will_perish and_who is_knowing if for_a_time like_this you_have_reached (to)_queenhood. **15** And_ 'Eştēr _ _she/it_said to_bring_back to Mordəkay. **16** Go gather ÐOM all_of the_Yəhūdī who_are_found in_Shūshan and_fast on_me and_ _do_not eat and_do_not drink three_of days night and_day also I and_maids_of_my I_will_fast thus and_in_such I_will_go to the_king which not is_according_the_law and_as_which I_have_ _perished I_have_perished. **17** And_ Mordəkay _he_passed_on and_he/it_made according_to_all that she_had_commanded on/upon/above_him/it 'Eştēr.

5:1 And_he/it_was in_the_day the_third and_ 'Eştēr _she_put_on royalty and_she_stood in_the_court_of the_house_of the_king (the)_inner in_front_of the_house_of the_king and_the_king was_sitting on the_throne_of his/its_kingdom in_house_of (the)_royalty in_front_of the_entrance_of the_house. **2** And_ _he/it_was just_ the_king _as_saw ÐOM 'Eştēr the_queen standing in_court she_bore favour in_eyes_of_his and_ the_king

12 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB variant note: יהודי/ב: (x-qere) יְהוּדִי/ב': lemma_b/3064 n_0.0 morph_HRd/Ngmpa id_17iqH יְהוּדִי/ב

13 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

14 LV 4:11 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

15 LV 4:11 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

16 LV 4:11 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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_he_held_out to_'Eṣtēr ÐOM the_scepter_of the_gold which in_ _his/its_hand and_ 'Eṣtēr _she_drew_near and_she_touched (in)_the_top_of the_scepter. 3 And_he/it_said to/for_her/it the_ _king what is_to_you Oh_'Eṣtēr the_queen and_what request_ _of_is_your up_to (the)_half_of the_kingdom and_it_will_be_ _given to/for_you(fs). 4 And_ 'Eṣtēr _she/it_said if is_on the_ _king good the_king and_Haman let_him_come the_day to the_ _feast which I_have_made to_him/it. 5 And_ the_king _he/it_ _said bring_quickly ÐOM Haman for_doing ÐOM the_message_of 'Eṣtēr and_ the_king and_Haman _he_came to the_feast which 'Eṣtēr she_had_made. 6 And_ the_king _he/it_said to_'Eṣtēr at_ _the_feast_of (the)_wine what petition_of_is_your and_it_will_ _be_given to/for_you(fs) and_what request_of_is_your up_to (the)_half_of the_kingdom and_it_will_be_done. 7 And_ 'Eṣtēr _ _she_answered and_she/it_said petition_of_my and_request_of_ _my. 8 If I_have_found favour in/on_both_eyes_of the_king and_ _if is_on the_king good to_grant ÐOM petition_of_my and_to_do ÐOM request_of_my the_king and_Haman let_him_come to the_ _feast which I_will_make to/for_them and_tomorrow I_will_do according_to_the_message_of the_king.

9 And_ Haman _he/it_went_out in_the_day (the)_that joyful and_good heart and_just_ Haman _as_saw ÐOM Mordəkay at_ _the_gate_of the_king and_not he_stood_up and_not he_ _trembled from_him/it and_ Haman _he_was_filled towards Mordəkay rage. 10 And_ Haman _he_restrained_himself and_ _he_went to house_of_his and_he_sent and_he/it_brought ÐOM friends_of_his and_ÐOM Zeresh his/its_wife/woman. 11 And_he_ _recounted to/for_them Haman ÐOM the_splendour_of his_ _wealth_of_his and_the_multitude_of his_sons_of_his and_ÐOM all_of how he_had_made_him_great the_king and_ÐOM how he_ _had_exalted_him above the_officials and_the_servants_of the_ _king. 12 And_ Haman _he/it_said also not 'Eṣtēr the_queen she_let_come with the_king to the_feast which she_had_ _prepared if/because (if) me and_also for_tomorrow I have_ _been_invited to/for_her/it with the_king. 13 And_all this not_ _it is_adequate to_me in_all time when I am_seeing ÐOM Mordəkay the_Jew sitting at_the_gate_of the_king. 14 And_ _she/it_said to_him/it Zeresh his/its_wife/woman and_all friends_of_his let_people_make a_gallows high fifty cubit[s] and_in_morning speak to/for_the_king and_people_will_hang ÐOM Mordəkay on/upon/above_him/it and_go with the_king to[17][18][19] the_feast joyful and_ the_message _it_was_good to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Haman and_he/it_made the_ _tree.

6:1 In_night (the)_that the_sleep_of the_king it_fled and_he/it_ _said to_bring ÐOM the_book_of the_memorials the_ _words/messages_of the_days and_they_were being_read_aloud to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. 2 And_it_was_ _found recorded which/who Mordəkay he_had_told on Bigthana and_Teresh two_of the_eunuchs_of the_king of_the_ _keepers_of of_the_threshold who they_had_sought to_stretch_ _out a_hand on_king 'Aḥashvērōsh. 3 And_ the_king _he/it_said

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to see her. So he held out his golden scepter to her and Ester came up to the throne and touched the top of the scepter.
3 "Why have you come here, Queen Ester?" the king asked. "What do you want? Tell me, and I'll give you anything you ask for—even half of the empire."
4 "If it pleases your majesty," Ester replied, "please come with Haman today to the banquet that I've prepared for you."
5 The king said to his servants, "Go and get Haman" the king told his servants, "and bring him quickly so that we can do what the queen has asked us." So the king and Haman went to the banquet that Ester had had prepared for them. 6 While they were drinking wine, the king said to Ester, "Now please tell me what you really want. I'll give you anything you ask for, no matter how much it is. I truly mean what I am saying."
7 "This is what I really want." Ester replied. 8 "Your majesty, if you're pleased with me and if you're happy to give me what I want, please come with Haman to another banquet that I'll prepare for you tomorrow and I'll answer your question then."

Haman's anger with Mordekai and his execution plan

9 Haman was feeling very happy as he left the banquet that day. But then he saw Mordekai sitting at the king's gate and noticed that Mordekai didn't stand up or show fearful reverence to him. This made Haman furious with Mordekai 10 but he restrained himself and went home. Then he sent for his friends and brought in his wife, Zeresh, 11 boasting to them about how rich he was and about how many sons he had, and how the king had promoted him many times and given him a position above all of the other officials and administrators. 12 "And that is not all," Haman added. "I was the only one that Queen Ester invited to go with the king to a banquet that she prepared for us today. And she's also invited only me to go with the king again tomorrow. 13 However, I still can't be happy as long as I keep seeing that Yehudi (Jew), Mordekai, sitting there at the king's gate."
14 Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, "Get them to install 25-metre high pole, and in the morning get permission from the king, and get them to impale Mordekai on it. Then you can go with the king to the banquet and enjoy yourself."
That idea sounded good to Haman, so he got the pole erected.

The king honours Mordekai

6:1 That night the king was unable to sleep so he ordered the royal records to be fetched and to be read to him. 2 The records mentioned that Bigtan and Teresh, two of the royal guardians who protected the doorway to the king's private quarters, had planned to assassinate the king, but that Mordekai had reported it. 3 "What honour or recognition did I give Mordekai for saving my life?" the

17 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

18 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

19 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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king asked.

"Nothing was done for him," replied the young men who were attending him.

4 At that moment, Haman had entered the outer courtyard of the king's house. He had come to tell the king that he wanted to execute Mordekai on the pole that he'd had set up for him.

"Who's out in the courtyard?" the king asked.

5 "Haman's out there standing in the courtyard," replied the young men.

"Bring him in then," the king instructed.

6 When Haman came in, the king asked him, "What should I do for a man that I would really like to honour?"

Haman thought to himself, "Surely it must be me that the king would like to honour more than anyone else?" **7** so he replied to the king, "If you really want to honour someone, **8** tell your servants to bring one of your own royal robes that you have already worn yourself and also bring a horse that you have already ridden yourself and put a royal crown on its head. **9** Then have one of your most noble officials present the man with the robe and the horse. Have your servants put the robe on the man whom you really want to honour and have them seat that man on the horse and then lead the horse through the public square of the city while they shout out to everyone in front of them, 'The king is doing this because he really wants to honour this man!' "

10 The king agreed so he replied to Haman, "Go quickly and take the robe and the horse and do what you've just described for Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew) who sits by the gate to the palace. Make sure that you do absolutely everything that you've said."

11 So Haman got the robe and the horse and put the robe on Mordekai, seated him on the horse, and then led the horse through the public square of the city. As he did, he shouted out to everyone in front of him, "The king is doing this because he really wants to honour this man!"

12 Afterwards, Mordekai returned to the king's gate but Haman hurried to his house, covering his head like a mourner. **13** At home he explained to Zeresh his wife and to all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his advisors and his wife said to him, "Mordekai has begun to defeat you and since he is one of the Jewish people, you won't win against him—instead, he'll certainly defeat you."

14 While they were still talking together, **Haman's execution** some of the royal guardians arrived to bring Haman quickly to the banquet that Ester had had prepared.

7:1 So the king and Haman went to Queen Ester's banquet. **2** While they were drinking wine at that second banquet, the king asked Ester again, "Now please tell me what you really want, Queen Ester. Tell me, and I'll do it for you—I'll give you anything you ask for, no matter what it is."

3 "Your majesty," Queen Ester replied, "if you are pleased with me, I hope you'll be willing to do what I ask. Please allow me to

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what honour and_greatness has_it_been_done for_Mordəkay on this and_ the_young_men_of the_king who_served_of_him _ _they_said not it_was_done with_him/it anything. **4** And_ the_ _king _he/it_said who is_in_court and_Haman he_had_come to_ _the_court_of the_house_of the_king (the)_outer to_say to/for_ _the_king to_hang ÐOM Mordəkay on the_tree which he_had_ _prepared to_him/it. **5** And_ the_servants_of the_king _they_ _said to_him/it THERE Haman is_standing in_court and_ the_ _king _he/it_said let_him_come. **6** And_ Haman _he_came and_ _he/it_said to_him/it the_king what for_doing for_man whom the_king he_delights in_honour_of_his and_ Haman _he/it_said in_heart_of_his to_whom the_king will_he_delight for_doing honour excess more_than_me. **7** And_ Haman _he/it_said to the_king a_man whom the_king he_delights in_honour_of_his. **8** Let_people_bring clothing_of royalty which he_has_worn in/on/over_him/it the_king and_a_horse which he_has_ridden on/upon/above_him/it the_king and_which a_head-dress_of royalty it_has_been_put on_head_of_its. **9** And_let_them_put the_clothing and_the_horse on the_hand_of a_man one_of_the_ _officials_of the_king the_nobles and_they_will_clothe ÐOM the_ _man whom the_king he_delights in_honour_of_his and_they_ _will_make_him_ride on the_horse in_the_open_place_of the_ _city and_they_will_proclaim before_him thus it_will_be_done for_man whom the_king he_delights in_honour_of_his. **10** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_Haman hurry take ÐOM the_clothing and_ÐOM the_horse just_as you_have_said and_do so for_ _Mordəkay the_Jew who_sits at_the_gate_of the_king do_not make_fall a_message from_all that you_have_said. **11** And_ Haman _he/it_took ÐOM the_clothing and_ÐOM the_horse and_ _he_clothed ÐOM Mordəkay and_he_made_him_ride in_the_ _open_place_of the_city and_he/it_called before_him thus it_ _will_be_done for_man whom the_king he_delights in_honour_ _of_his. **12** And_ Mordəkay _he_returned to the_gate_of the_ _king and_Haman he_hurried_himself to house_of_his mourning and_covered_of head. **13** And_ Haman _he_recounted to_Zeresh his/its_wife/woman and_to/for_all friends_of_his ÐOM all_of that it_had_happened_to_him and_they_said[20] to_ _him/it his_wise_of_men and_Zeresh his/its_wife/woman if is_ _one_of_the_offspring_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) Mordəkay whom you_have_begun to_fall before_him not you_will_prevail to_ _him/it if/because certainly_(fall) you_will_fall before_him.

14 Still_they were_speaking with_him/it and_the_eunuchs_of the_king they_arrived and_they_made_haste to_bring ÐOM Haman to the_feast which 'Eştēr she_had_prepared.
7:1 And_ the_king and_Haman _he_went to_drink with 'Eştēr the_queen. **2** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_'Eştēr also in_the_ _day the_second at_the_feast_of (the)_wine what petition_of_ _is_your Oh_'Eştēr the_queen and_it_will_be_given to/for_ _you(fs) and_what request_of_is_your up_to (the)_half_of the_ _kingdom and_it_will_be_done. **3** And_ 'Eştēr the_queen _she_ _answered and_she/it_said if I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_ _your the_king and_if is_on the_king good let_it_be_given to_ _me life_of_my for_petition_of_my and_people_of_my for_

20 LV 6:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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_request_of_my. **4** If/because I and_people_of_my we_have_
_been_sold to_annihilate to_kill and_to_destroy and_if to_male_
_slaves and_to_female_slaves we_had_been_sold I_kept_quiet
if/because not the_distress is_equal for_the_injury_of the_king.
5 And_ the_king ʾAḥashvērōsh _he/it_said and_he/it_said to_
_ʾEṣtēr the_queen who he is_this_one and_where this is_he
whom it_has_filled_him his/its_heart for_doing thus. **6** And_
ʾEṣtēr _she/it_said a_man a_foe and_an_enemy Haman (the)_
_evil the_this and_Haman he_was_terrified from_to/for_
_face/front/presence the_king and_the_queen. **7** And_the_king
he_rose_up in_rage_of_his from_the_feast_of (the)_wine into
the_garden_of the_palace and_Haman he_remained to_seek on
life_of_his from_ʾEṣtēr the_queen if/because he_saw
if/because_that it_was_determined to_him/it (the)_harm from_
_with the_king. **8** And_the_king he_returned from_the_garden_
_of the_palace to the_house_of the_feast_of (the)_wine and_
_Haman was_falling on the_couch which ʾEṣtēr on/upon_it(f)
and_ the_king _he/it_said also to_violate ÐOM the_queen with_
_me in_house the_message it_came_out from_the_mouth_of
the_king and_the_face_of Haman people_covered. **9** And_
Harbona one of the_officials _he/it_said to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_king also THERE the_tree which Haman
he_has_made for_Mordəkay who he_spoke good on the_king is_
_standing in_house_of Haman high fifty cubit[s] and_ the_king
_he/it_said hang_him on/upon/above_him/it. **10** And_they_
_hanged ÐOM Haman on the_tree which he_had_prepared for_
_Mordəkay and_the_rage_of the_king it_subsided.

8:1 In_the_day (the)_that the_king ʾAḥashvērōsh he_gave to_
_ʾEṣtēr the_queen ÐOM the_house_of Haman the_harasser_of
the[22] and_Mordəkay he_came to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before the_king if/because ʾEṣtēr she_had_told what was_
_he to/for_her/it. **2** And_ the_king _he_removed ÐOM
signet-ring_of_his which he_had_taken_away from_Haman
and_he_gave_it to_Mordəkay and_ ʾEṣtēr _she_appointed ÐOM
Mordəkay over the_house_of Haman. **3** And_ ʾEṣtēr _she_
_repeated and_she_spoke to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
the_king and_she_fell to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before feet_
_of_his and_she_wept and_she_sought_favour to_him/it to_
_take_away ÐOM the_evil_of Haman the_Agagite and_ÐOM plan_
_of_his which he_had_planned on the_Yəhūdī/(Jews). **4** And_
the_king _he_held_out to_ʾEṣtēr ÐOM the_scepter_of the_gold
and_ ʾEṣtēr _she/it_arose and_she_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_king. **5** And_she/it_said if is_on the_king
good and_if I_have_found favour before_him and_ the_matter _
_it_is_proper to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_
_am_good I in_eyes_of_his let_it_be_written to_revoke ÐOM the_
_letters the_plan_of Haman the_son_of Hammedatha the_
_Agagite which he_wrote to_destroy ÐOM the_Yəhūdī who in_all
the_provinces_of the_king. **6** If/because how will_I_be_able

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live, and please save my people. That is what I am asking for **4** because someone has turned me and my people over to our enemies and they're going to completely destroy us. If someone had just sold the men and even the women to be slaves, I wouldn't have said anything, because that wouldn't have been important enough to bother your majesty with."

5 "Who has done this?" King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) asked her. "Where is the man who has dared to do such a thing?"

6 "The man who is our bitter enemy is this evil man Haman!" answered Ester.

By this time, Haman was terrified standing there in front of the king and the queen. **7** Now the king became so angry that he got up and abandoned his wine-drinking at the banquet and went outside into the palace garden. But Haman stayed inside to beg his life from Queen Ester because he recognized that the king wanted to execute him. **8** As he was pleading for his life, Haman knelt down very close to Ester as she was reclining on a couch. When the king returned from the palace garden to the room where they had been drinking wine, he saw this and exclaimed, "Now he's even trying to rape the queen in my presence and in my own house!"

As soon as the king said this, some of his servants covered Haman's face (as a sign that he would be executed). **9** Then Harvona, who was one of the guardians who served the king personally, said, "Your majesty, Haman has also set up a pole twenty-five metres high at his house because he wants to hang Mordekai on it. But Mordekai saved your life."

"Execute Haman on it!" the king commanded.

10 So they impaled Haman on the pole that he had set up for Mordekai, and then the king's anger dissipated.

The Yehudim are enabled to defend themselves

8:1 That same day, King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) gave Queen Ester all the property that had belonged to Haman, the enemy of the Yehudim (Jews). Ester told the king that Mordekai was her cousin and that he had been like a father to her, and so the king summoned Mordekai to come to him. **2** Then the king removed his signet ring which he had retrieved from Haman, and gave it to Mordekai. The queen also put Mordekai in charge of all the property that had belonged to Haman.

3 Then Ester came to speak to the king again, and she knelt down and put her face right on top of his feet. She cried as she begged him to stop Haman's terrible plan to destroy the Yehudim. **4** The king held out his golden scepter toward Ester, so she stood up and waited facing the king. **5** "Your majesty," she said, "if you think that it's the right thing to do, and if you're pleased with me, please write a new letter revoking the letters that Haman (the son of Hamedata, the Agagi) sent out instructing the people to destroy all the Yehudim throughout your empire. **6** I couldn't bear to see the terrible thing that is about to

22 LV 8:1 · Note OSHB variant note: יהודי/ה: (x-qere) יְהוּדִי/ה: lemma_d/3064 n_1 morph_HTd/Ngmpa id_173sH

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happen to my people. I certainly couldn't bear to see all my relatives destroyed!"

7 Then king Ahashverosh said to Queen Ester and to Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew), "Listen, I've given the house of Haman to Ester, and they've executed him on the pole because he attempted to destroy the Yehudim. **8** But as you both know, no one can revoke a letter that has my name and my official seal on it. So this is what you should do: write a new letter to help the Yehudim, as you think best and put my name on it and seal the letter with my signet ring."

9 It was now June, and the king sent for his scribes and they wrote a letter to the Yehudim containing everything that Mordekai dictated. It was also addressed to royal officials, and to the governors and leaders in each province. The empire had 127 provinces, extending all the way from Hodu in the east to Kush (Ethiopia) in the west. The scribes wrote to every province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language, and to the Yehudim in their language and using their alphabet. **10** The letters were written in King Ahashverosh' name, and each one was sealed with the king's signet ring. Then the letters were distributed by mounted couriers riding on swift horses bred from the royal mares.

11 The letters stated that the king permitted the Yehudim in each and every city to get together and defend themselves, and what's more to destroy, kill, and annihilate all the forces of any people or province hostile to them, including women and children, and then to plunder their possessions. **12** This was to take place on a certain day in every province throughout the empire: the 13th of March[21] (the same day on which Haman's law was to take effect). **13** A copy of the decree was to be included as law in every province and to be displayed to all the people so that the Yehudim could be prepared to fight back against their enemies on that day. **14** So the couriers on the royal horses rode out quickly under the king's orders to deliver the letters. The new law was also proclaimed throughout the capital city of Shushan (Susa).

15 The king gave Mordekai royal clothing that was blue and white, with a large gold crown, and a purple robe made from fine linen. The people of Shushan cheered happily when Mordekai exited the palace. **16** For the Yehudim, it was a time of light and happiness, and they were honoured by those around them. **17** In every single province and in every single city, wherever the letter announcing the king's decree was brought, the Yehudim were very cheerful and had big celebrations. Many people from other groups in the empire became afraid of the Yehudim, so they converted to Youdaismos themselves.

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and_I_will_look on_evil which it_will_find ~~DOM~~ people_of_my and_how will_I_be able and_I_will_look on_the_destruction_of my_kindred_of_my. **7** And_ the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh _he/it_said to_'Eştēr the_queen and_to_Mordəkay the_Jew HERE the_ _house_of Haman I_have_given to_'Eştēr and_him they_have_ _hanged on the_tree on that he_stretched_out his/its_hand in/on/at/with[23]. **8** And_you(pl) write on the_Yəhūdī according_the_good in_eyes_of_your(pl) in/on_name_of the_ _king and_seal_it with_the_signet-ring_of the_king if/because a_writing which is_written in/on_name_of the_king and_it_is_ _sealed with_the_signet-ring_of the_king there_was_not to_ _revoke. **9** And_ the_scribes_of the_king _they_were_summoned at_time (the)_that in_month the_third that is_the_month_of Sivan on_day_three and_twenty in/on/over_him/it and_it_ _was_written according_to_all_of that Mordəkay he_ _commanded to the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_near/to the_satraps and_the_governors and_the_officials_of the_provinces which were_from_Hoddū/(India) and_unto Kūsh/(Cush) seven and_ _twenty and_a_hundred province[s] province and_province according_to_of_its_writing and_people and_people according_ _to_of_its_language and_near/to the_Yəhūdī according_to_of_ _their_writing and_according_to_of_their_language. **10** And_ _he_wrote in/on_name_of the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh and_he_ _sealed_it with_the_signet-ring_of the_king and_he_sent letters by_the_hand_of (the)_runners on_horses who_rode_of the_ _steed[s] (the)_royal the_sons_of the_mares. **11** Which/who the_king he_had_permitted to_Yəhūdī who in_all city and_city to_assemble and_to_make_a_stand on life_of_their to_ _annihilate and_to_kill and_to_destroy ~~DOM~~ every_of army_of people and_province which_treats_as_a_foe ~~DOM~~_them little_ _one[s] and_women and_spoil_of_their to_take_as_plunder. **12** In/on_day one in_all the_provinces_of the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh on_day_thir- teen of_month two_plus ten that is_ _the_month_of Adar. **13** (The)_copy_of the_writing was_to_ law _be_given in_all province and_province displayed to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_peoples and_to_be the[24] ready[25] for_ _day the_this to_avenge_themselves from_enemies_of_their. **14** The_runners who_rode_of the_steed[s] (the)_royal they_ _went_out hastened and_hurried at_the_message_of the_king and_the_law it_was_given in_Shūshan the_citadel. **15** And_ _Mordəkay he_went_out from_to/for_face/front/presence the_ _king in_clothing_of royalty_of violet_stuff and_white_cloth and_a_crown_of gold great and_a_robe_of fine_linen and_ _purple and_the_city Shūshan it_cried_aloud and_it_rejoiced. **16** To_Yəhūdī/(Jews) it_belonged light and_gladness and_joy and_glory/honour. **17** And_on/over_all province and_province and_on/over_all city and_city the_place_of (of)_where the_ _message_of the_king and_law_of_his was_reaching gladness and_joy belonged_to_Yəhūdī a_feast and_a_day good and_many of_the_peoples_of the_earth/land were_becoming_Yəhūdī if/because dread_of the_Yəhūdī it_had_fallen on_them.

21 **RV 8:12 · Cross-ref.** 3:7.

23 **LV 8:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: יהודי/ב: (x-qere) 'יְהוּדִ֔י/ב': lemma_b/3064 n_0 morph_HRd/Ngmpa id_17spB יְהוּדִ֔י/ב

24 **LV 8:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: יהודי/ה: (x-qere) 'יְהוּדִ֔י/ה': lemma_d/3064 morph_HTd/Ngmpa id_17s9p יְהוּדִ֔י/ה

25 **LV 8:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: ידות/ע: (x-qere) 'יְדִיתֵ֣ע': lemma_6264 n_0.1.0 morph_HAampa id_17wPL יְדִיתֵ֣ע

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9:1 And_in_two_plus ten month that is_the_month_of Adar on_ _thir- teen day in/on/over_him/it when the_message_of the_ _king and_law_of_his it_approached to_be_done in_the_day when the_enemies_of the_Yəhūdī they_had_hoped to_gain_ _power (is)_in_them and_ it _it_was_reversed that the_Yəhūdī they they_gained_power over_those_of_who_hated_them. **2** The_Yəhūdī they_assembled in_cities_of_their in_all the_ _provinces_of the_king ʾAḥashvērōsh to_stretch_out a_hand on_those_who_were_seeking_of harm_of_(of)_their and_anyone not he_stood before_them if/because of_them_of_dread it_had_ _fallen on all_of the_peoples. **3** And_all the_officials_of the_ _provinces and_the_satraps and_the_governors and_the_doers_ _of the_work which to/for_the_king were_supporting ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews) if/because the_dread_of Mordəkay it_had_ _fallen on_them. **4** If/because was_great Mordəkay in_house_of the_king and_the_report_of_of_him was_going in_all the_ _provinces if/because the_man Mordəkay was_going and_ _becoming_great. **5** And_ the_Yəhūdī _they_struck in_all enemies_of_their a_blow_of sword and_slaughter and_ _destruction and_they_did with_those_of_who_hated_them according_to_of_their_pleasure. **6** And_in_Shūshan the_citadel the_Yəhūdī they_killed and_they_destroyed five hundred(s) man. **7** And_ᴅᴏᴍ Parshandatha and_ᴅᴏᴍ Dalphon and_ᴅᴏᴍ Aspatha. **8** And_ᴅᴏᴍ Poratha and_ᴅᴏᴍ Adalia and_ᴅᴏᴍ Aridatha. **9** And_ᴅᴏᴍ Parmashta and_ᴅᴏᴍ Arisai and_ᴅᴏᴍ Aridai and_ᴅᴏᴍ Vaizatha. **10** The_ten_of the_sons_of Haman the_son_of Hammedatha the_harasser_of the_Yəhūdī they_killed and_on_ _plunder not they_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_their. **11** In_the_ _day (the)_that the_number_of those_killed in_Shūshan the_ _citadel it_came to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **12** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_ʾEṣtēr the_queen in_Shūshan the_citadel the_Yəhūdī they_have_killed and_they_have_ _destroyed five hundred(s) man and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ten_of the_sons_ _of Haman in_the_rest_of the_provinces_of the_king what have_they_done and_what petition_of_is_your and_it_will_be_ _given to/for_you(fs) and_what request_of_is_your more and_ _it_will_be_done. **13** And_ ʾEṣtēr _she/it_said if is_on the_king good let_it_be_permitted also tomorrow to_Yəhūdī/(Jews) who are_in_Shūshan for_doing according_to_the_law_of the_day and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ten_of the_sons_of Haman let_them_hang on the_ _tree. **14** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_be_done thus and_ the_ _law _it_was_given in_Shūshan and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ten_of the_sons_of Haman people_hanged. **15** And_they_assembled the[26] who were_in_Shūshan also in/on_day four- teen of_the_month_of of_Adar and_they_killed in_Shūshan three hundred(s) man and_on_plunder not they_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_their. **16** And_the_remainder_of the_Yəhūdī who were_in_the_ _provinces_of the_king they_assembled and_they_made_a_ _stand on life_of_their and_they_had_rest from_enemies_of_ _their and_they_killed among_those_of_who_hated_them five and_seventy thousand and_on_plunder not they_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_their. **17** In/on_day thir- teen of_the_month_of of_ _Adar and_they_rested on_day_four- teen in/on/over_him/it and_they_made ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it a_day_of feast and_joy. **18** And_ _the[27] who were_in_Shūshan they_assembled on_day_thir- teen

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The Yehudim destroy their enemies

9:1 Finally when the 13th of March arrived, it was time for everyone to do what the letters from the king said that he had decreed for them to do. The enemies of the Yehudim (Jews) had expected to destroy the Yehudim on that day but just the opposite happened—instead, it was the Yehudim who destroyed their enemies. **2** Throughout the empire, the Yehudim joined together in their cities to defend themselves against those who wanted to harm them. No one was able to fight back against them because everyone else in the empire had become afraid of them. **3** All the leaders in each province, the royal officials, the governors, and everyone who worked for the king helped the Yehudim because they had become afraid of Mordekai **4** because he was now a very important royal official, and his fame spread throughout the provinces as he became more and more powerful. **5** So the Yehudim took their weapons and fought against all of their enemies and completely destroyed them. They were able to do everything that they wanted to do against their enemies.

6 In the capital city of Shushan (Susa), the Yehudim killed 500 men **7** including Haman's ten sons Parshandata, Dalfon, Aspata, **8** Porata, Adalya, Aridata, **9** Parmashta, Arisay, Ariday, and Vayzata. **10** Those were the ten sons of Haman (son of Hamedata), the enemy of the Yehudim, but the Yehudim didn't take their possessions.

11 At the end of the day, the king received a report about how many people the Yehudim had killed in the capital city of Shushan **12** and he told Queen Ester, "Here in the capital city of Shushan the Yehudim have killed 500 men, including Haman's ten sons. In the rest of my empire, they must have killed many more than that! So tell me what else you want and I'll do it for you. I'll do whatever you ask, so do tell me."

13 "If it seems like a good plan to you, your majesty," Ester replied, "then please allow the Yehudim who live here in Shushan to do again tomorrow what you allowed them to do today. Also, command that the bodies of Haman's ten sons be impaled on the wooden pole." **14** Then the king ordered for this to be done and a decree was made throughout in Shushan, and they publicly impaled the bodies ofHaman's ten sons. **15** So the next day on the 14th, the Yehudim in Shushan gathered together again and killed 300 more men in Shushan. But once again they did not take the things that belonged to those men.

16 The Yehudim in the other parts of the empire, who had gathered together to fight for their lives had defeated their enemies and killed 75,000 of them. But they too did not take the things that had belonged to their enemies. **17** That all happened on the 13th (as the law had said), and then they stopped on the 14th and made it a day of feasting and celebration. **18** But the Yehudim in Shushan had gathered together and fought their enemies on both the 13th and the 14th, so they stopped on the

26 LV 9:15 · Note OSHB variant note: יהודי/ה: (x-qere) יְהוּדִ֔י/ה: lemma_d/3064 morph_HTd/Ngmpa id_17Eoc יְהוּדִ֔י/ה

27 LV 9:18 · Note OSHB variant note: יהודי/ה/ו: (x-qere) יְהוּדִ֔י/ה/ו: lemma_c/d/3064 morph_HC/Td/Ncmpa id_17nrb יְהוּדִ֔י/ה/ו

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15th and made it a day of feasting and celebration. **19** So that's why the Yehudim who live in the rural villages observe this holiday on the 14th rather than the 15th. They celebrate with feasting and by giving gifts to each other.

The celebration named 'Purim'

20 Now Mordekai recorded everything that had happened and sent letters to all the Yehudim (Jews) throughout the empire, in both the near provinces and the far away ones. **21** That decree established an annual holiday on the 14th and 15th of March every year,[29] **22** because those were the days when the Yehudim no longer had to oppose their enemies and that was the month when their sorrow and mourning had changed into a good day. Now they were instructed to make them days of feasting and happiness, and sending of gifts—to each other but also to the needy. **23** The Yehudim had already celebrated those days that way, so they readily agreed to do what Mordekai had written.

24 Yes, Haman (the son of Hamedata, the Agagi), the enemy of all the Yehudim, had plotted to annihilate them, and he had thrown a 'Pur' (which is 'lot' or perhaps 'dice') choose the date to crush them and to destroy them. **25** But instead they would remember how Queen Ester stood in front of the king, and how he had said in the letter, "Let his evil plot that he plotted concerning the Yehudim return on his head, and let them execute him and his sons on the pole." **26** Therefore they called this celebration 'Purim'[30] because of what they had experienced and because of the contents of Mordekai's letter. **27** The Yehudim agreed to establish those two days as holidays and to observe them on those specific days as they'd been instructed. They agreed that they and their descendants and everyone who became part of the Jewish people would celebrate it every year. **28** So that's why every Jewish family in every generation since has celebrated these days as holidays, wherever they live. The Jewish community and its descendants will always faithfully observe this festival of 'Purim'.

29 Then Queen Ester (the daughter of Avihayil), with help from Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew), wrote a second letter about 'Purim'. **30** He sent this second letter to all the Yehudim throughout the empire of King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes), with words of peace and truth **31** to set up the 'Purim' celebration on the given dates according to what Mordekai the Yehudi and Queen Ester

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in/on/over_him/it and_on_day_four- teen in/on/over_him/it and_they_rested on_day_fif- teen in/on/over_him/it and_they_ _made ÐOM_him/it a_day_of feast and_joy. **19** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) the[28] who_are_ _dwelling in_the_cities_of the_open_regions are_observing ÐOM day_of four- teen of_the_month_of Adar joy and_a_feast and_a_ _day good and_the_sending_of portions each to_neighbour_of_ _his.

20 And_ Mordəkay _he_wrote ÐOM the_words/messages the_ _these and_he_sent_out letters to all_of the_Yəhūdī who in_all the_provinces_of the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh (the)_near and_(the)_ _far. **21** To_impose on_them to_be observing ÐOM day_of four- teen of_the_month_of Adar and_ÐOM day_of fif- teen in/on/over_him/it in_all year and_year. **22** Like_days when they_had_rest in/among_them the_Yəhūdī from_enemies_of_ _their and_the_month when it_was_changed to/for_them from_sorrow into_joy and_from_mourning into_a_day good for_doing them days_of feast and_joy and_the_sending_of portions each to_neighbour_of_his and_gifts to_people. **23** And_ the_Yəhūdī _he_accepted ÐOM that_which they_had_begun for_ _doing and_ÐOM that_which Mordəkay he_had_written to_ _them. **24** If/because Haman the_son_of Hammedatha the_ _Agagite the_harasser_of all_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) he_had_ _planned on the_Yəhūdī to_destroy_them and_he_had_throw Pur that is_the_lot to_disturb_them and_to_destroy_them. **25** And_when_came_it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _king he_said with the_letter plan_of_his (the)_evil which he_ _had_planned on the_Yəhūdī let_it_return on his/its_head and_ _people_will_hang ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM sons_of_his on the_ _tree. **26** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_called (to)_ _days the_these Purim on the_name_of the_Pur therefore yes/correct/thus/so on all_of the_words/messages_of the_ _letter (the)_this and_whatever they_had_seen on thus and_ _whatever it_had_happened to_them. **27** They_imposed and[3132] the_Yəhūdī on_themselves and_on offspring_of_their and_on all_of those_who_joined_themselves to_them and_not it_will_ _pass_away to_be observing ÐOM the_two_of the_days the_these according_to_of_their_writing and_according_to_of_their_ _appointed_time in_all year and_year. **28** And_the_days the_ _these were_remembered and_observed in_all generation and_ _generation clan and_clan province and_province and_city and_city and_the_days_of the_Purim the_these not they_will_ _pass_away from_among_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_ _remembrance_of_their not it_will_come_to_an_end from_ _offspring_of_their. **29** And_ 'Eştēr the_queen the_daughter_of 'Avīhayil and_Mordəkay the_Jew _she_wrote with all_of authority to_confirm ÐOM the_letter_of the_Purim (the)_this the_second(fs). **30** And_he_sent letters to all_of the_Yəhūdī to

28 LV 9:19 · Note OSHB variant note: מיזורפ/ה: (x-qere) 'סָיְזְרִפֵ/ה': lemma_d/6521 n_1.2.1 morph_HTd/Ncmpa id_173Nb סָיְזְרִפֵ/ה

29 RV 9:21 · Note The OET-RV gives an approximate time of the year in our calendars, but the Jewish calendar is largely a lunar calendar so the dates of the feast in our calendars moves around a little. In 2024 for example, 'Purim' begins on the evening of March 23 in Yisrael/Israel and concludes at sundown on March 24.

30 RV 9:26 · Note Plural of Hebrew 'Pur' meaning 'lot/dice'.

31 LV 9:27 · Note OSHB variant note: לבק/ו: (x-qere) 'וְלְבְקֵ/ו': lemma_c/6901 morph_HC/Vpp3cp id_17VLE וְלְבְקֵ/ו

32 LV 9:27 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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seven and_twenty and_one_hundred province[s] the_kingdom_
_of ’Aḥashvērōsh words/messages_of peace and_truth. **31** To_
_confirm ~~DOM~~ the_days_of the_Purim the_these at_their_
_appointed_of_times just_as he_had_imposed on_them
Mordəkay the_Jew and_’Eştēr the_queen and_as_which they_
_had_imposed on self_of_their and_on offspring_of_their the_
_words/messages_of the_fasts and_their_cry_of_of_distress.
32 And_the_command_of ’Eştēr it_confirmed the_
_words/messages_of the_Purim the_these and_it_was_written
in_book.
10:1 And_he/it_assigned the_king ’Aḥashvērōsh[33] a_tax on the_
_earth/land and_the_islands_of the_sea. **2** And_all the_
_achievement_of his_power_of_his and_might_of_his and_the_
_full_account_of the_greatness_of Mordəkay whom he_had_
_made_him_great the_king am_not are_they written on the_
_scroll_of the_words/messages_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_
_Māday and_Pāraş. **3** If/because Mordəkay the_Jew was_second
to/for_the_king ’Aḥashvērōsh and_he_was_great to_
_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_he_was_acceptable to_the_multitude_of
his_brothers_of_his he_was_seeking good for_people_of_his
and_he_was_speaking peace to/from_all/each/any/every
his/its_seed.

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had determined for them. They also confirmed that the Yehudim should continue the times of fasting and mourning that they had established for themselves and their future descendants. **32** So Ester’s decree confirmed these regulations about ‘Purim’ and they were written into the official record.

The grandeur of King Ahashverosh and Mordekai

10:1 Then King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) imposed a tax on everyone throughout his empire, including those on the islands of the Mediterranean Sea. **2** Everything he accomplished through his power and strength is written down in the royal records of the kings of Maday (Media) and Paras (Persia), as well as the complete account of the high position to which the king promoted Mordekai. **3** Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew) was second-in-command to the king Ahashverosh, and a leader among the Yehudim (Jews). He was popular with most of his own people, seeking good for them and teaching all his descendants how to live in peace.

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33 LV 10:1 · Note OSHB variant note: שרשחא: (x-qere) ’שָׁוֹרֵ֫וֹשַׁחֲא’: lemma_325 morph_HNp id_17TQ4 שָׁוֹרֵ֫וֹשַׁחֲא

Nehemyah

(Nehemiah)
rebuilds Yerushalem's walls

Introduction

Nehemyah (Nehemiah) was a servant of Persian King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) in the city of Shushan. While he was there, he heard an account from some Israelis who'd been allowed to return back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) about how hard it was to live there. Yahweh's temple had been rebuilt, however the city wall hadn't been fixed yet, so their enemies who surrounded them were easily able to ambush and attack them.
Because of that, Nehemyah requested permission from the king to go personally to Yerushalem to supervise the rebuilding of the city walls.
In this document we read how God helped Nehemyah of organise the rebuild of the city wall in the middle of the opposition from their enemies around them.

Main components of this account

Nehemyah's returning back to Yerushalem *1:1–2:20*
The rebuilding of Yerushalem's city wall *3:1–7:73*
The reading of the law and the renewal of their agreement *8:1–10:39*
Nehemyah's other achievements *11:1–13:31*

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1:1 The_words/messages_of Nəḥem^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥ$_a$kal^{yāh} and_ _he/it_was in_the_month_of Kişlēv[1] year_of twenty and_I I_was in_Shūshan the_citadel.

2 And_ Ḥ$_a$nānī one_of_brothers_of_my he and_people from_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he_came and_I_asked_them on the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews) the_escaped_remnant who they_remained from the_captivity and_on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_ _they_said to_me those_who_remain who they_have_remained from the_captivity there in_province are_in_trouble great and_ _in_disgrace and_the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) is_ _broken_down and_gates_of_its they_have_been_burnt with_ _fire. **4** And_he/it_was just_as_I_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _words/messages the_these I_sat_down and_I_wept and_I_ _mourned days and_I_was fasting and_praying to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_god_of the_heavens. **5** And_I_said please Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of the_heavens the_god (the)_great and_(the)_awesome who_keeps the_covenant and_covenant_ _loyalty to_those_of_who_love_him and_to_those_who_keep_of commands_of_(of)_his. **6** Let_it_be please ear_of_your attentive and_eyes_of_your open[4] to_listen to the_prayer_of your_ _servant_of_your which I am_praying to_your_face the_day by_ _day and_night on the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) your_servants and_I_am_confessing on the_sins_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which we_have_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_I and_the_house_of my_father_of_my we_have_sinned. **7** Exceedingly_(corruptly) we_have_acted_corruptly to/for_ _you(fs) and_not we_have_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_commands and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_regulations and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_judgements which you_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh servant_of_your. **8** Remember please ᴅᴏᴍ the_message which you_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh servant_ _of_your to_say you(pl) you(pl)_will_act_unfaithfully I I_will_ _scatter you(pl) among_peoples. **9** And_you(pl)_will_turn_back to_me and_you(pl)_will_keep commands_of_my you(pl)_will_ _observe ᴅᴏᴍ_them if your_banished_of_one it_will_be at_the_ _end_of the_heavens from_there I_will_gather_them will_ _bring_them[5] to the_place where I_have_chosen to_cause_to_ _dwell ᴅᴏᴍ name_of_my there. **10** And_they your_servants and_ _people_of_your whom you_redeemed by_strength_of_your (the)_great and_by_hand_of_your (the)_mighty. **11** Please my_ _master let_it_be please ear_of_your attentive to the_prayer_of your_servant_of_your and_near/to the_prayer_of your_ _servants (the)_delighting to_fear ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_name and_ _grant_success please to_servant_of_your the_day and_give_ _him (to)_compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_man the_this and_I I_was cup_bearer of_king.

2:1 And_he/it_was in_the_month_of Nisan year_of twenty of_ _'Artaḥshashtā' the_king wine was_before_of_him and_I_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_wine and_I_gave_it to/for_the_king and_not I_had_ _been sad before_him. **2** And_he/it_said to_me the_king why face_of_is_your sad and_you(ms) not_you are_sick is_not this if/because (if) sadness_of heart and_I_was_afraid greatly very.

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1:1 The account by Hakalyah's son Nehemyah (Nehemiah).

Nehemyah's prayer for Yerushalem

In the month of Kislev during the twentieth year of the reign of King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) over the Persian Empire, I was in the capital city of Shushan (Susa). **2** Hanani, one of my brothers, came with some other men from Yehudah (Judah), and I asked them about the Yehudim (Jews) who'd escaped and managed to avoid being exiled, and about Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **3** and he told me, "The ones left behind in the provinces and who avoided the captivity, are in a bad way and feeling depressed. The wall around Yerushalem was torn down, and its gates were burnt."

4 When I heard all that, I sat down and I was upset for days. I fasted and cried and prayed to the god of the heavens, **5** and I said, "Oh Yahweh, God of the heavens, the great and awesome God, who keeps his agreement and is determinedly loyal to those who love him and obey his instructions: **6** Please listen carefully to your servant's prayer that I'm presenting to you today, day and night, on account of your servants the Israelis. On behalf of all Israelis, I'm confessing that we've sinned against you—both my generation and previous generations. **7** We've acted extremely corruptly—disobeying you by not obeying your commands, statutes, and judgements that you instructed through your servant Mosheh (Moses). **8** Please remember that you told your servant Mosheh that if we act unfaithfully, you yourself would scatter us among the nations,[2] **9** but if we'd return to you and obey your instructions, then even if we had been banished to the ends of the earth, you'd gather us back up and bring us back to the place where you've established your name and reputation.[3]

10 "We're your servants and your people that you rescued from slavery with your incredible power. **11** Oh, my master, please listen carefully to your servant's prayer, and to the prayer of your other servants who delight to honour your name. Please cause your servant to succeed today, and give me favour in the king's eyes."

Now as for me, I was the king's cupbearer.

Nehemyah gets sent to Yerushalem

2:1 In the spring of the twentieth year of King Artahshashta's (Artaxerxes') reign, I was serving wine to the king. I'd never looked sad before in his presence, **2** and the king asked me, "Why do you look unhappy? I know that you're not sick so something must be upsetting you."

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1 LV 1:1 · Note OSHB variant note: וּלסכ: (x-qere) וַיֶּלְסְכ֫: lemma_3691 n_0.1.0 morph_HNp id_16LN3 וַיֶּלְסְכ֫

2 RV 1:8 · Cross-ref. Lev 26:33.

3 RV 1:9 · Cross-ref. Deu 30:1-5.

4 LV 1:6 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

5 LV 1:9 · Note OSHB variant note: ם/יתאובה/ו: (x-qere) ם/יתואיבה/ו֫: lemma_c/935 n_0.2.0 morph_HC/Vhq1cs/Sp3mp id_16sKn ם/יתואיבה/ו֫

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I was very scared **3** and I answered the king, "May the king live forever. I can't help but look unhappy when the city containing my ancestors' graves has had its gates burnt down and it's now abandoned."[6] **4** "So what would you like to happen?" the king asked.

Then I prayed to the god of heaven **5** and answered the king, "If I have your favour, and if it seems good to the king, maybe you'd send me to Yehudah (Judah)—to the city of my ancestors' graves so I could rebuild it."

6 Then the king said to me, with the queen sitting beside him, "How long would your journey be? And when would you return?" So I gave him a date and he seemed happy with it, because he released me to go.

7 Then I made another request, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors of the provinces across the Perat (Euphrates) river to ask them to help me in my travel towards Yehudah. **8** Also a letter to Asaf, the keeper of the king's forest, so he'll give me timber for the beams of the gates of the fortress near the temple, and for the city wall, and for the house that I'll live in." Then the king granted those requests, thanks to God's help on what I was doing.

9 Then I went to the governors of the provinces across the Perat, and I gave them the king's letters. The king had sent army officers and horsemen with me. **10** When Sanvalat the Horoni and the servant Toviyah the Amoni heard my plans, they were very angry that someone would come to help the Israelis.

11 So I got to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and was there for three days, **12** One night, I got up and took a few men with me, without having told anyone what I felt that my god had been telling me to do for Yerushalem. We only had the one horse that I was riding, **13** and we went out in the dark through the Valley Gate and past the Dragon Well to the Dung Gate. I was carefully inspecting the city walls—noting where they were broken down and which gates had been burnt out. **14** Then I crossed to the Fountain Gate and the Royal Pool, but there was nowhere that we could get my mount through the rubble. **15** So I went up the creek bed in the dark, carefully inspecting the wall, before turning back and returning quietly through the Valley Gate.

16 None of the city officials knew where I'd gone or what I was doing, and up until this point I hadn't yet told my plans to the Jewish leaders or the priests or leading citizens or city officials, or hired any workers. **17** So now I told them, "You call all see the desperate situation that we're in: Yerushalem is in ruins and its gates have been burnt out. So now, let's rebuild the city wall and then we'll no longer be mocked by others." **18** I told them how God had helped me so far and what the king had given me permission to do.

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3 And_I_said to/for_the_king the_king forever_perpetuity may_
_he_live why not face_of_my will_they_be_sad that the_city
the_house_of the_tombs_of my_ancestors_of_my is_desolate
and_gates_of_its they_have_been_consumed by_fire. **4** And_
_he/it_said to_me the_king on what this are_you requesting
and_I_prayed to the_god_of the_heavens. **5** And_I_said to/for_
_the_king if is_on the_king good and_if servant_of_your he_is_
_good to_your_face which/who you_will_send_me to
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to the_city_of the_tombs_of my_ancestors_
_of_my and_I_will_rebuild_it. **6** And_he/it_said to_me the_king
and_the_queen-consort was_sitting beside_him until when
will_it_be journey_of_your and_when will_you_return and_it_
_was_good to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_
_he_sent_me and_I_gave to_him/it an_appointed_time. **7** And_I_
_said to/for_the_king if is_on the_king good letters let_people_
_give to_me to the_governors_of the_other_side_of the_river
that they_will_allow_me_to_pass_through until that I_will_
_come to Yəhūdāh. **8** And_a_letter to ʾĀṣāf the_one_who_kept_
_of the_forest which to/for_the_king that he_will_give to_me
wood(s) to_make_beams_for ~~DOM~~ the_gates_of the_citadel
which belongs_to_house and_for_the_wall_of the_city and_for_
_house which I_will_go to_him/it and_he_gave_them to_me
the_king according_to_the_hand_of my_god_of_my (the)_good
on_me. **9** And_I_went to the_governors_of[7] of_the_other_side_
_of the_river and_I_gave to/for_them ~~DOM~~ the_letters_of the_
_king and_he_had_sent with_me the_king commanders_of the_
_army and_horsemen. **10** And_ Ṣanvallaṭ the_Horonite and_
_Ṭōviyʸāh the_servant the_ʿAmmōnī _he/it_listened and_it_
_was_displeasing to/for_them displeasure great which/who
someone he_had_come to_seek good for_the_people_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **11** And_I_came to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
and_I_was there days three. **12** And_I_arose night I and_men a_
_few with_me and_not I_had_told to/for_ʾĀdām/humankind
what god_of_was_my putting into heart_of_my for_doing for_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_an_animal there_was_not with_
_me if/because (if) the_cattle/livestock which I was_riding on_
_it. **13** And_I_went_out by_the_gate_of the_valley night and_
_near/to the_face_of the_Well_of the and_near/to the_gate_of
the_dung and_I_was examining (on)_the_walls_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which the[8] and_gates_of_its they_
_had_been_consumed by_fire. **14** And_I_passed_on to the_gate_
_of the_spring and_near/to the_pool_of the_king and_there_
_was_not room for_animal to_pass_through under_me. **15** And_
_I_was going_up in_wadi night and_I_was examining (on)_wall
and_I_turned_back and_I_went in_the_gate_of the_valley and_I_
_returned. **16** And_the_officials not they_knew where had_I_
_gone and_what was_I doing and_to_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_to_
_priests and_to_nobles and_to_officials and_to_the_rest_of the_
_doer[s]_of the_work until thus not I_had_told. **17** And_I_said
to_them you(pl) are_seeing the_trouble which we are_in_it
which/who Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) is_desolate and_gates_of_
_its they_have_been_burnt with_fire come and_let_us_rebuild

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6 **RV 2:3 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:8-10; 2Ch 36:19; Jer 52:12-14.

7 **LV 2:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

8 **LV 2:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: מיצורפמ/ה: (x-qere) ׳הֶָּ׳: lemma_1992 n_0.0 morph_HPp3mp id_16Nq4 ׳הֶָּ ו׳מִיצוּרְפִ׳: lemma_6555 n_0.1 morph_HVqsmpa id_16rZH מִיצוּרְפִ

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ᴅᴏᴍ the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not we_will_be again a_reproach. **18** And_I_told to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_hand_of my_god_of_my which/who it had_been_good on_me and_also the_words/messages_of the_king which he_had_spoken to_me and_they_said let_us_arise and_we_will_rebuild and_they_ _strengthened hands_of_their for_good. **19** And_he/it_listened Ṣanvallaṭ the_Horonite and_Ṭōviy^{yāh} the_servant the_ʿAmmōnī and_Geshem the_ʿArāvī and_they_mocked to/for_us and_they_ _despised (on)_us and_they_said what is_the_thing the_this which you(pl) are_doing on the_king are_you(pl) rebelling. **20** And_I_brought_back them message and_I_said to/for_them the_god of the_heavens he he_will_grant_success to/for_us and_we servants_of_his we_will_arise and_we_will_rebuild and_ _for_you(pl) there_is_not a_share and_a_right and_a_memorial in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

3:1 And_ ʾElyāshiyv the_priest/officer (the)_great and_ _brothers_of_his the_priests _he/it_rose_up and_they_rebuilt ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate_of the_sheep they they_consecrated_it and_they_ _set_up doors_of_its and_unto the_tower_of the_hundred they_ _consecrated_it to the_tower_of Ḥ$_a$nanʾēl. **2** And_on his/its_ _hand the_men_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) they_built and_on his/its_ _hand Zakkūr the_son_of ʾImrī he_built. **3** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate_of the_fish(es) the_sons_of (the)_Senaah they_rebuilt they they_ _made_beams_for_it and_they_set_up doors_of_its bolts_of_its and_bars_of_its. **4** And_on hand_of_their Mərēmōt the_son_of ʾŪriy^{yāh} the_son_of Haqqōts he_repaired and_on hand_of_their Məshullām the_son_of Berek^{yāh} the_son_of Məshēyzavʾēl he_ _repaired and_on hand_of_their Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of Baʿ$_a$nāʾ he_repaired. **5** And_on hand_of_their the_Təqōʿī they_ _repaired and_their_of_nobles not they_brought neck_of_their in_the_work_of their_master(s)_of_their. **6** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the Jeshanah Yōyādāʿ/(Joiada) the_son_of Pāṣēaḥ and_Məshullām the_son_of Bəṣōdə^{yāh} they_repaired they they_made_beams_ _for_it and_they_set_up doors_of_its and_bolts_of_its and_bars_ _of_its. **7** And_on hand_of_their Məlaṭ^{yāh} the_Givʿōnite and_ _Yādōn/(Jadon) the_Mēronotī the_men_of Givʿōn and_(the)_ _Mitspāh to_the_seat_of the_governor_of the_other_side_of the_river he_repaired. **8** On his/its_hand ʿUzziyʾēl the_son_of Ḥarh$_a$^{yāh} goldsmiths he_repaired and_on his/its_hand Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_son_of the_perfumers he_repaired and_they_restored Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to the_wall (the)_broad. **9** And_on hand_of_their Rəfā^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥūr the_official_of (the)_half_ _of the_district_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_repaired. **10** And_on hand_of_their Yədaʿ^{yāh}/(Jedaiah) the_son_of Ḥ$_a$rūmaf he_repaired and_before house_of_his_own and_on his/its_hand Ḥaṭṭūsh the_son_of Ḥ$_a$shavnə^{yāh} he_repaired. **11** A_measured_portion second Malkīy^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥārim and_Ḥashshūv the_son_of Paḥat- Mōʾāv he_repaired and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_tower_of the_ovens. **12** And_on his/its_hand Shallūm the_ _son_of Hallōḥēsh the_official_of (the)_half_of the_district_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he and_daughters_of_his he_repaired. **13** ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate_of the_valley Ḥānūn and_the_inhabitants_of Zānōaḥ he_repaired they they_rebuilt_it and_they_set_up doors_of_its bolts_of_its and_bars_of_its and_one_thousand cubit[s] in_wall to the_gate_of the_dung. **14** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate_ _of the_dung Malkīy^{yāh} the_son_of Rēkāv the_official_of the_ _district_of Bēyt Hakkerem he_repaired he he_rebuilt_it and_ _he_set_up doors_of_its bolts_of_its and_bars_of_its. **15** And_

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"Well, let's get started on the rebuilding," they said, and got ready to work together. **19** But then Sanvalat the Horoni, and the Amoni servant Toviyah, and Geshem the Aravi heard, and they mocked and despised us, saying, "What are you guys all up to? Are you all rebelling against the king?"

20 I answered them by explaining, "The god of the heavens will help us to succeed, and we ourselves, his servants, will do the rebuilding work, but you all will have no part in it, and no rights in Yerushalem."

Rebuilding Yerushalem's wall

3:1 The high priest Elyashiv worked together with his brothers the priests, and they rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They themselves dedicated it and installed the doors on it. In addition, they dedicated the section of the wall as far as the Hundred Tower and beyond that to the Hananel Tower.

2 The men from Yeriho (Jericho) rebuilt the section beside them, and Imri's son Zakur rebuilt the next section again.

3 Hasena'ah's son rebuilt the Fish Gate—laying the beams then installing the doors with their bolts and bars.

4 Uriyah's son Meremot (the son of Hakots's son Uriyah) rebuilt a section, as did Meshulam (son of Mesheyzavel's son Berekyah) and Ba'ana's son Tsadok. **5** The Tekoim worked next to them, but their leaders wouldn't actually help with the work.

6 Paseah's son Yoyada and Besodeyah's son Meshulam rebuilt the Yeshanah Gate—laying the beams then installing the doors with their bolts and bars. **7** Next to them was Melatyah the Givoni, Yadon the Meronoti, and men of Giveon and Mitspah rebuilding the section to the residence of the governor of the regions that side of the Perat (Euphrates).

8 Next again was Harhayah's son Uziel (one of the goldsmiths), then Hananyah (who was a son of the perfumers) rebuilt as far as the Broad Wall. **9** Then it was Hur's son Refayah, the administrator for half of the Yerushalem (Jerusalem) district. **10** Harumaf's son Yedayah repaired the section in front of his house, then Hashavneyah's son Hatush made the next repairs.

11 Harim's son Malkiyah and Pahat-Moav's son Hashuv repaired a section, as well as the Tower of Ovens. **12** Next to them was Halohesh's son Shalum, the administrator for another half of the Yerushalem district, helped by his daughters.

13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah rebuilt the Valley Gate—installing the doors with their bolts and bars, as well as repairing 500m of wall along to the Dung Gate. **14** Rekav's son Malkiyah, the administrator for the Beyt-Hakerem district, rebuilt the Dung Gate—installing the doors with their bolts and bars.

15 Kal-Hozeh's son Shalun, the administrator for the Mitspah district, rebuilt the Fountain Gate—he built and covered it, in-

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stalling the doors with their bolts and bars, and repaired the wall of the Shelah Pool from the king's garden as far as the stairs that come down from the City of David. **16** Next to him was Azbuk's son Nehemyah (Nehemiah), the administrator for half of the Beyt-Tsur district

17 Next to him were some Levites: Bani's son Rehum, then Hashavyah (the administrator for half of the Ke'ilah district) did his district, **18** then Henadad's son Bavay the administrator for the other half of the Ke'ilah district.

19 Then there was Yeshua's son Ezer (the administrator of Mitspah) repaired a section opposite the steps up to the armoury where the wall turned at an angle.

20 Then Zakay's son Baruk enthusiastically repaired another section from that angle to the entrance to the house of the high priest Elyashiv. **21** Next to him was Meremot (son of Hakots' son Uriyah) who repaired another section from the doorway of Elyashiv's house to the end of it.

22 Next to them, some priests from the surrounding area made repairs.

23 After them Benyamin and Hashuv repaired a section in front of their house, then Azaryah (son of Ananyah's son Ma'aseyah) repaired beside his house, **24** Henadad's son Binuy repaired another section from Azaryah's house to the corner, **25** Uzay's son Palal did opposite the corner and the tower above the palace by the guards' courtyard, and then Par'osh's son Pedayah.

26 The temple servants who lived in Ofel repaired as far as the eastern side of the Water Gate and its tower. **27** After them, the men from Tekoa repaired another section from opposite that tall tower to the Ofel wall.

28 The priests repaired the section past the Horse Gate—each of them repairing the section in front of his own house. **29** Next to them, Imer's son Tsadok repaired opposite his house, then Shekanyah's son Shemayah the gatekeeper at the Eastern Gate repaired the next section.

30 After him was Shelemyah's son Hananyah with Tsalaf's sixth son Hanun working on a second section, then Berekyah's sib Meshulam repairing a section in front of his quarters. **31** Next was the goldsmiths' son Malkiyah who repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and the merchants, opposite the Inspection Gate, and up to the upper room in the corner, **32** and the other goldsmiths and some merchants repaired the last section of the wall from the upper room in the corner to the Sheep Gate.

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_ום the_gate_of the_spring Shallūn the_son_of Kol/(Col)-Ḥozeh the_official_of the_district_of (the)_Mitspāh he_repaired he he_rebuilt_it and_he_roofed_over_it and[9] doors_of_its bolts_ _of_its and_bars_of_its and_ום the_wall_of the_pool_of (the)_ _Shēlāh to/for_garden the_king and_unto the_steps which_go_ _down from_the_city_of Dāvid. **16** After_him Nəḥem^{yāh} the_ _son_of ʿAzbūq the_official_of (the)_half_of the_district_of Bēyt Tsūr he_repaired to before the_tombs_of Dāvid and_unto the_ _pool (the)_made and_unto the_house_of the_ _powerful/mighty(pl). **17** After_him the_Lēviyyiy they_repaired Rəḥūm the_son_of Bānī on his/its_hand Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh} the_official_ _of (the)_half_of the_district_of Qəʿīlāh he_repaired for_ _district_of_his. **18** After_him brothers_of_their they_repaired Bavvay the_son_of Ḥēnādād the_official_of (the)_half_of the_ _district_of Qəʿīlāh. **19** And_he_repaired on his/its_hand ʿĒzer the_son_of Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) the_official_of (the)_Mitspāh a_ _measured_portion second from_before the_going_up of_the_ _armoury the_buttress. **20** After_him he_kindled he_repaired Bārūk the_son_of Zaccai[10] a_measured_portion second from the_buttress to the_entrance_of the_house_of ʾElyāshiyv the_ _priest/officer (the)_great. **21** After_him Mərēmōt the_son_of ʾŪriy^{yāh} the_son_of Haqqōts he_repaired a_measured_portion second from_the_entrance_of the_house_of ʾElyāshiyv and_ _unto the_end_of the_house_of ʾElyāshiyv. **22** And_after_him the_priests the_men_of the_surrounding_region they_repaired. **23** After_him Binyāmīn and_Ḥashshūv he_repaired before house_of_their_own after_him ʿAzar^{yāh} the_son_of Maʿ$_a$sē^{yāh} the_son_of ʿAnan^{yāh} he_repaired beside house_of_his_own. **24** After_him Binnūy the_son_of Ḥēnādād he_repaired a_ _measured_portion second from_the_house_of ʿAzar^{yāh} to the_ _buttress and_unto the_corner. **25** Pālāl the_son_of ʾŪzay from_ _before the_buttress and_the_tower which_projects from_the_ _house_of the_king (the)_upper which belongs_to_the_ _courtyard_of the_guard after_him Pədāy^{āh} the_son_of Parʿosh/(Parosh). **26** And_the_temple_servants who_they_were dwelling on_ʿOfel to before the_gate_of the_waters to_east and_ _the_tower which_projects. **27** After_him the_Təqōʿī they_ _repaired a_measured_portion second from_before the_tower (the)_great which_projects and_unto the_wall_of (the)_ʿOfel. **28** From_under the_gate_of the_horses the_priests they_ _repaired each to_before house_of_his_own. **29** After_him Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of ʾImmēr he_repaired before house_ _of_his_own and_after_him Shəmaʿ^{yāh} the_son_of Shəkan^{yāh} the_keeper_of the_gate_of the_east he_repaired. **30** Mmm[11] Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_son_of Shelem^{yāh} and_Ḥānūn the_son_of Tsālāf/(Zalaph) the_sixth he_repaired a_measured_portion second mmm Məshullām the_son_of Berek^{yāh} he_repaired before room_of_his_own. **31** After_him[12] Malkīy^{yāh} the_son_of the_goldsmith[s] he_repaired to the_house_of the_temple_ _servants and_the_traders before the_gate_of the_muster and_ _unto the_roof-chamber_of the_corner. **32** And_between the_ _roof-chamber_of the_corner and_the_gate_of the_sheep the_

9 LV 3:15 · Note OSHB variant note: **ודימעי/ו**: (x-qere) 'דִּימָעִ֖י/ו': lemma_c/5975 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Vhi3ms id_16BYi דִּימָעִ֖י/ו

10 LV 3:20 · Note OSHB variant note: **יבז**: (x-qere) 'יָכִ֥ז': lemma_2140 n_1.0 morph_HNp id_16fZA יָכִ֥ז

11 LV 3:30 · Note OSHB variant note: **רחא/י**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יֶרַ֣חַא': lemma_310 a morph_HR/Sp3ms id_16Y6k וְ/יֶרַ֣חַא

12 LV 3:31 · Note OSHB variant note: **ירחא**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יֶרַ֣חַא': lemma_310 a morph_HR/Sp3ms id_166R1 וְ/יֶרַ֣חַא

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_goldsmiths and_the_traders they_repaired.

33 **13** And_he/it_was just_as Ṣanvallaṭ he_heard if/because_that we were_rebuilding ~~DOM~~ the_wall and_it_glowed/burnt to_ _him/it and_he_was_angry greatly and_he_mocked (on) the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews). **34** **14** And_he/it_said to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before brothers_of_his and_the_army_of Shomrōn and_ _he/it_said what are_the_Yəhūdī (the)_feeble doing will_they_ _restore to/for_them will_they_offer_sacrifices will_they_finish in_day will_they_restore ~~DOM~~ the_stones from_the_heaps_of (the)_debris and_they are_burnt. **35** **15** And_Ṭōvıy^{yāh} the_ _´Ammōnī was_beside_him and_he/it_said also that_which they are_building if a_fox it_will_go_up and_it_will_break_down the_ _wall_of their_stones_of_their. **36** **16** Hear our_god_of_Oh if/because we_are contempt and_return reproach_of_their to head_of_their_own and_give_them to_plunder in_land captivity. **37** **17** And_do_not cover over iniquity_of_their and_ _sin_of_their from_before_face_of_you not let_it_be_wiped_out if/because they_have_provoked_to_anger to_before the_ _builders. **38** **18** And_we_rebuilt ~~DOM~~ the_wall and_ all_of the_ _wall _it_was_joined_together to middle_of_its and_ a_heart to_ _people _he/it_was for_doing.

4:1 **19** And_he/it_was when_when Ṣanvallaṭ and_Ṭōvıy^{yāh} and_ _the_´Arāvī and_the_´Ammōnī and_the_Ashdodites he_heard if/because_that the_repair of_the_walls_of of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_had_gone_up if/because_that the_ _broken_down_parts they_had_begun to_be_stopped_up and_ _it_glowed/burnt to/for_them exceedingly. **2** **20** And_ of_them_ _of_all _they_conspired together to_come to_wage_war against_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_to_make to_him/it confusion. **3** **21** And_we_prayed to god_of_our and_we_stationed a_guard on_them by_day and_night because_of_them. **4** **22** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_said the_strength_of the_ _burden-bearer[s] it_has_failed and_the_debris is_much and_we not we_will_be_able to_rebuild (on)_wall. **5** **23** And_ foes_of_our _they_said not they_will_know and_not they_will_see until that we_will_come into of_them_of_the_midst and_we_will_kill_ _them and_we_will_put_an_end_to ~~DOM~~ the_work. **6** **24** And_ _he/it_was just_as the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) who_were_dwelling beside_them they_came and_they_said to/for_us ten times from_all the_places which/who you(pl)_will_turn to_us. **7** **25** And_I_stationed from_the_lower_parts of_place from_behind

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The opposition to Nehemyah

4:1 When Sanvalat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he got really angry. He mocked the Yehudim (Jews) **2** and he spoke before in front of his brothers and the army of Shomron (Samaria), "What are those feeble Yehudim doing? Do they think they'll be able to rebuild that place themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they get finished one day? Will they form the stones back together from piles of dust, when they've been weakened by the heat of the fires?"

3 Toviyah the Amoni was standing beside him and confirmed, "Yes, even if a fox walked over that stone wall that they're building, it would make it fall down."

4 I prayed, "Our god, listen to how we're mocked and cause their words to return on their own heads and send them away as captives to become the plunder for another country. **5** Don't just cover over their evil, and don't just ignore their sin, because they've repeatedly made the workers get angry."

6 So we kept on at building the wall, and eventually all the segments of wall were joined up together up to about half its full height, and so the people were encouraged to keep persevering.

7 Now when Sanvalat, and Toviyah, and the Aravim, and the Amonim, and the Ashdodim heard that the Yerushalem (Jerusalem) walls were getting repaired and the breaks were beginning to be closed up, it made them extremely angry **8** and they all got together to come to attack Yerushalem and to throw us into confusion. **9** So we prayed to our god, as well as setting up a 24-hour guard to watch out for them.

10 People around Yehudah (Judah) said, "The workers are running out of strength and there's a lot of rubble still to be moved. Maybe we're not up to building this wall."

11 Then those against us said, "We'll rush in among them and kill some of them before they even see us or know that we're coming, then that will bring the work to an end." **12** After that, whenever the Yehudim (Jews) living close to them came, they repeatedly warned us, "They're going to attack us from all directions." **13** So I stationed guards behind the lowest places along the wall and where there were still gaps. I also made sure that

13 **LV 3:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.1
14 **LV 3:34 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.2
15 **LV 3:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.3
16 **LV 3:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.4
17 **LV 3:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.5
18 **LV 3:38 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.6
19 **LV 4:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.7
20 **LV 4:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.8
21 **LV 4:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.9
22 **LV 4:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.10
23 **LV 4:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.11
24 **LV 4:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.12
25 **LV 4:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.13

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the families stood guard with their swords, spears, and bows.
14 I looked then I got organised and told the leading citizens and the prefects, and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of their threats. Remember my powerful and fearsome master, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives, and your houses." **15** After all that, when our enemies realised that we were aware of their intentions and that God had frustrated their surprise attack plan, we all returned to our work on the wall.
16 So from that day onwards, half of my young men would work on the rebuilding, while the other half stood guard with spears, shields, and breastplates, and the officials encouraged them all from behind. **17** Both those who were placing the stones on the wall and those who were carrying the heavy loads to them, always had their weapons with them in case of an attack. **18** The builders had their swords strapped to their sides as they worked, and the man who would sound the trumpet stayed with me. **19** Then I told the leading citizens and prefects, and the rest of the people, "This job is so large and extensive that we're all separated from each other when we work on the wall, **20** so whenever you all hear the trumpet blast, join us at that place. Our god will fight for us." **21** So we continued the work with half of them keeping their hands on their spears from the beginning of the day until the stars came out at night.
22 Also at that time, I told the people, "Every worker including servants should spend the night inside the city, so they double as workers during the day and guards at night." **23** During that period of construction, none of us, not even our servants, stayed undressed or separated from our weapons, even when washing.

The resolution of Nehemyah of problem

5:1 However around then, there was a widespread complaint from the people and their wives against what their fellow Yehudim (Jews) were doing. **2** Some of them complained,

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of_wall in/on/at/with[26] and_I_stationed ~~DOM~~ the_people to_ _clans with swords_of_their spears_of_their and_bows_of_their. **8** **27** And_I_saw and_I_arose and_I_said to the_nobles and_ _near/to the_officials and_near/to the_rest_of the_people do_ _not be_afraid from_their_face/front ~~DOM~~ my_master (the)_ _great and_(the)_awesome remember and_fight on brothers_ _of_your(pl) sons_of_your(pl) and_daughters_of_your(pl) wives_of_your(pl) and_houses_of_your(pl). **9** **28** And_he/it_was when_when enemies_of_our they_heard if/because_that it_ _was_known[29] to/for_us and_ the_'Elohīm _he_had_frustrated ~~DOM~~ purpose_of_their and[30] of_us_of_all to the_wall each to their_property/content. **10** **31** And_he/it_was from the_day (the)_that (the)_half_of my_young_men_of_my were_doing (in)_work and_half_of_of_them were_holding and_the_spears the_shields and_the_bows and_the_body_armour(s) and_the_ _commanders were_behind all_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **11** **32** Who_were_rebuilding (on)_wall and_ _those_who_were_carrying in_burden were_carrying_it with_ _the_one_of his/its_hand he_was_doing (in)_work and_one_ _hand was_holding the_weapon. **12** **33** And_the_builders each sword_of_his were_girded on hips_of_his and_they_were_ _building and_the_one_who_gave_a_blast on_horn was_beside_ _me. **13** **34** And_I_said to the_nobles and_near/to the_officials and_near/to the_rest_of the_people the_work is_much and_ _extensive and_we are_separated on the_wall are_distant each from_brother_of_his. **14** **35** In_the_place_of (of)_where you(pl)_ _will_hear ~~DOM~~ the_sound_of the_ram's_horn to_(to) you(pl)_ _will_assemble to_us god_of_our he_will_fight to/for_us. **15** **36** And_we were_doing (in)_work and_half_of_of_them were_ _keeping_hold on_spears from_ the_dawn _when_came_up until the_stars came_out. **16** **37** Also at_time (the)_that I_said to_ _people each and_servant_of_his let_them_spend_the_night in_ _the_middle of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_will_be to/for_us the_night a_guard and_the_day work. **17** **38** And_not I and_brothers_of_my and_servants_of_my and_the_men_of the_ _guard who were_behind_me not we were_stripping_off clothes_of_our each weapon_of_his the_waters.

5:1 And_it_became (the)_cry_of_distress_of the_people and_ _wives_of_their great against countrymen_of_their the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews). **2** And_there_were those_who were_saying sons_of_our and_daughters_of_our we are_many and_let_us_get grain and_we_eat and_so_that_we_may_live. **3** And_there_were

26 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **מריחחצ/ב**: (x-qere) **'מֵיחִיחָצ/ב'**: lemma_b/6706 n_1 morph_HRd/Ncmpa id_16j2a **מֵיחִיחָצ/ב**
27 LV 4:8 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.14
28 LV 4:9 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.15
29 LV 4:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
30 LV 4:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **בושנ/ו**: (x-qere) **'בָּשָׁנ/ו'**: lemma_c/7725 morph_HC/Vqw1cp id_16V8j **בָּשָׁנ/ו**
31 LV 4:10 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.16
32 LV 4:11 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.17
33 LV 4:12 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.18
34 LV 4:13 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.19
35 LV 4:14 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.20
36 LV 4:15 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.21
37 LV 4:16 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.22
38 LV 4:17 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.23

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those_who were_saying fields_of_our and_vineyards_of_our and_houses_of_our we are_mortgaging and_we_will_get grain in_famine. **4** And_there_were those_who were_saying we_have_ _borrowed money for_the_tribute_of the_king fields_of_our and_vineyards_of_our. **5** And_now is_like_the_flesh_of our_ _countrymen_of_our flesh_of_our are_like_children_of_their children_of_our and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE we are_forcing_into_ _slavery ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_our and_ᴅᴏᴍ daughters_of_our to_slaves and_(there) some_of_our_daughters are_being_forced_into_ _slavery and_there_is_not to_the_power_of our_hand_of_our and_fields_of_our and_vineyards_of_our belong_to_others. **6** And_it_glowed/burnt to_me exceedingly just_as I_heard ᴅᴏᴍ outcry_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages the_these. **7** And_ heart_of_my _it_considered with_me and_I_contended with the_nobles and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_officials and_I_said to/for_them usury[40] each on_brother_of_his you(pl) are_lending[414243] and_ _I_made on_them an_assembly great. **8** And_I_said to/for_them we we_have_bought ᴅᴏᴍ countrymen_of_our the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews) who_had_sold_themselves to_nations according_to_the_sufficiency_of in_us and_also you(pl) you(pl)_ _sold ᴅᴏᴍ countrymen_of_your(pl) and_they_were_sold to/for_ _us and_they_were_silent and_not they_found a_message. **9** And[444546] not is_good the_thing which you(pl) are_doing am_ _not in_the_fear_of our_god_of_our are_you(pl)_walking from_ _the_reproach_of the_nations enemies_of_our. **10** And_also I brothers_of_my and_servants_of_my are_lending (is)_in_them money and_grain let_us_abandon please ᴅᴏᴍ the_usury (the)_ _this. **11** Return please to/for_them as_this_day fields_of_their vineyards_of_their trees_of_their_olive and_houses_of_their and_one_hundred of_the_money and_the_grain the_new_wine and_the_fresh_oil which you(pl) are_lending to_them. **12** And_ _they_said we_will_return_it and_from_them not we_will_ _require_it so we_will_do just_as you are_saying and_I_ _summoned ᴅᴏᴍ the_priests and_I_made_them_swear_an_oath for_doing according_the_manner (the)_this. **13** Also bosom_of_ _my I_shook_out and_I_said thus the_'Elohīm may_he_shake_ _out ᴅᴏᴍ every_of the_man who not he_will_carry_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this from_house_of_his and_from_property_ _of_his and_thus may_he_be shaken_out and_empty and_ all_of the_assembly _they_said amen and_they_praised ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_ the_people _he/it_made according_the_manner (the)_ _this.

14 Also from_the_day when someone_appointed ᴅᴏᴍ_me to_be governor_of_their in_land of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) from_year_of twenty and_unto year_of thirty and_two of_'Artaḥshashtā' the_ _king years two_plus ten I and_brothers_of_my the_food_of the_governor not I_ate. **15** And_the_governors (the)_former

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"There's a lot of us when we include our sons and daughters. We need grain so we can eat and stay alive."

3 Others said, "We are mortgaging our fields and vineyards, and our houses so we can get grain during this famine."

4 Yet others said, "We've borrowed silver to pay the tax on our fields and our vineyards that goes to the tribute to be paid to the foreign king. **5** We're Yehudim just like our countrymen, but we're having to commit our children into bondage as slaves—yes, even our daughters. Now we own nothing at all—not even our fields and vineyards.

6 I got very angry when I heard their complaints and desperation, **7** and I couldn't get it out of my mind. I protested to the leading citizens and the officials, "You guys are charging interest against your own countrymen."[39]

So I called for a gathering of all the people to deal with them, **8** and I told them, "Our brothers, the Yehudim, were sold to other countries as slaves and we've done all we can to bring them back here. But now even you yourselves are buying and selling your own countrymen to make a profit." They couldn't argue against that, so they were just silent.

9 "It's not good what you're doing," I continued. "Shouldn't you all respect and obey our god, because otherwise we'll be despised by the other nations, our enemies. **10** I myself have lent them money and grain, as have my brothers and my young men, but please let's forgo charging interest. **11** Please, even today, return their fields to them, and their vineyards and olive orchards, their houses, and the interest on the money and the grain, the new wine, and the oil that you are charging against them."

12 "Okay, we'll do what you're asking," they responded. "We'll return their property and we won't impose any more charges on them."

So I called the priests to witness those leading citizens and officials making an oath to do what they'd said they would do. **13** Also I shook the folds of my robe and told them, "May God shake you all out of his house like that, and shake every man's business if he doesn't do what he just promised—may he be shaken out like that and lose everything."

Nehemyah's generosity

14 Also, from the day that I was appointed to be their governor in the Yehudah (Judah) region (for the twelve years from the Persian King Artahshashta's (Artaxerxes') 20th year until his 32nd year), I my-

39 **RV 5:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:25; Lev 25:35-37; Deu 23:19-20.

40 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

41 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיאשנ**: (x-qere) **'מְיֻשָּׁנ'**: lemma_5383 n_1 morph_HVqrmpa id_16kWB **מְיֻשָּׁנ**

42 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

43 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

44 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רמאי/ו**: (x-qere) **'וַּמוֹא/ו'**: lemma_c/559 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_16TmV **וַּמוֹא/ו**

45 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

46 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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self didn't accept the governor's food allowance, nor did my relatives. **15** The governors who preceded me had been very hard on the people—demanding bread and wine and forty silver coins. Even their servants oppressed the people. In contrast, I didn't do that due to desire to honour God. **16** Also I remained focused on rebuilding the wall, and we didn't invest in a farm property, and all my servants also contributed to the work. **17** I regularly fed a hundred and fifty Jewish leaders and city officials, as well as visitors from other countries around us, **18** so in one day we needed one bull, six choice sheep, and various kinds of poultry, as well as various types of wines every ten days. I didn't demand any of this from the people because it would have been a heavy burden for them.

19 My god, remember me for the good that I've done for these people.

The plan of killing Nehemyah

6:1 Although we didn't yet have any doors in the gates, when Sanvalat and Toviyah and Geshem the Aravi and the rest of our enemies heard that we'd finished building the wall so it didn't have any gaps left in it, **2** Sanvalat and Geshem invited me, "We'd like to arrange to meet with you in one of the villages on the Ono plain." But they were intending to harm me. **3** So I sent messengers back to them, "This work is important and extensive, so I can't afford to abandon it and have the work stop if I travelled down to you on the plain."

4 They tried four times to get me to go, but I kept refusing them for those same reasons.

5 Then Sanvalat sent his servant to me a fifth time with the same request, but this time in an unsealed, open letter **6** saying, "There's rumours flying around in nearby countries, and Geshem confirms it, that you and the Yehudim (Jews) are building the wall because you're all plotting thinking to rebel. Then you'd become their king, according to what we're hearing. **7** We've also heard that you've set up 'prophets' to speak out in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to say about you, 'There's a king in Yehudah (Judah).' By now, all of that will have been heard by the Persian king. So now, come and let's discuss this together."

8 I sent a message straight back, "None of what you're saying is true. It's simply your own imagination at work."

9 We knew that they were just trying to frighten us so that we'd stop the repairs and it would never get finished.

My god, strengthen my hands.

10 After that, I entered Shemayah's house (the son of Meheytavel's son Delayah) who was confined to his house, and he said, "Let's set a time to meet in the temple—we'll shut the temple doors because they'll be coming to kill you—probably in the night."

11 But I disagreed, "Would a man like me run away? Besides that, who's allowed to live inside the temple? I won't do that."

12 Then I suddenly realised that God hadn't told him to say

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who to/for_my_face/front they_made_heavy on the_people and_they_took from_them (in)_food and_wine after silver shekels forty also servants_of_their they_domineered over the_ _people and_I not I_did thus from_face/in_front_of the_fear_of god. **16** And_also on_the_work_of the_wall (the)_this I_kept_ _hold and_a_field not we_acquired and_all servants_of_my were_assembled there on the_work. **17** And_the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_the_officials one_hundred and_fifty person[s] and_those_ _who_came to_us from the_nations which were_around_of_us were_at table_of_my. **18** And_which it_was made for_a_day one was_an_ox one sheep six chosen and_poultry they_were_made to_me and_between ten_of days in_all wine to_abundance and_ _with this the_food_of the_governor not I_sought if/because the_service it_was_heavy on the_people (the)_this.
19 Remember to/for_me my_god_of_my for_good all that I_ _have_done on the_people (the)_this.
6:1 And_he/it_was when_when it_was_heard by_Ṣanvallaṭ and_ _Ṭōviy^{yāh} and_by_Geshem the_ʿArāvī and_by_the_rest_of our_ _enemies_of_our if/because_that I_had_rebuilt ᴅᴏᴍ the_wall and_not it_was_left in_it a_breach also until the_time (the)_that doors not I_had_set_up in_gates. **2** And_ Ṣanvallaṭ and_Geshem _he_sent to_me to_say come and_let_us_meet together at_ _Kephirim in_the_plain_of ʾŌnō and_they were_planning for_ _doing to_me harm. **3** And_I_sent to_them messengers to_say a_ _work great I am_doing and_not I_am_able to_go_down to/for_ _what the_work will_it_cease just_as I_will_let_it_drop and_I_ _will_go_down to_you(pl). **4** And_they_sent to_me according_ _the_manner the_this four times and_I_sent_back_to them according_the_manner (the)_this. **5** And_he_sent to_me Ṣanvallaṭ according_the_manner the_this a_time fifth ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_his and_a_letter_of open in_his/its_hand. **6** Was_ _written in_it among_nations is_heard and_Gashmu is_saying you and_the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) are_planning to_rebel therefore yes/correct/thus/so you are_rebuilding the_wall and_you(ms) are_about_to_become to/for_them (into)_king according_the_ _words/messages the_these. **7** And_also prophets you_have_ _appointed to_call on_you in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say a_king is_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_now it_will_be_heard to/for_the_king according_the_words/messages the_these and_ _now come and_let_us_take_counsel together. **8** And_I_sent to_ _him/it to_say not it_has_occurred according_the_ _words/messages the_these which you are_saying if/because from_heart_of_your you are_inventing_of_them.[47] **9** If/because of_them_of_all were_making_afraid us to_say hands_of_their they_will_drop from the_work and_not it_will_be_done and_ _now strengthen ᴅᴏᴍ hands_of_my. **10** And_I I_went the_house_ _of Shəmaʿyāh the_son_of Dəlāyāh the_son_of Məhēyṭav^{ʾēl} and_ _he was_shut_up and_he/it_said let_us_meet to the_house_of the_ʾElohīm to the_middle_of the_temple and_let_us_close the_ _doors_of the_temple if/because people_are_coming to_kill_ _you and_night people_are_coming to_kill_you. **11** And_I_said a_man like_me will_he_flee and_who is_like_me who he_will_go into the_temple and_he_will_live not I_will_go. **12** And_I_ _recognized and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not god he_had_sent_him if/because the_prophecy he_had_spoken on_me and_Ṭōviy^{yāh}

47 LV 6:8 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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and_Ṣanvallaṭ he_had_hired_him. **13** So_that he was_hired so_
_that I_may_be_afraid and_I_may_act thus and_I_will_sin and_
_it_was to/for_them (into)_a_name bad so_that they_may_
_reproach_me. **14** Remember my_god_of_my to_Ṭōvíy^{yāh} and_
_to_Ṣanvallaṭ according_to_of_his_works these and_also (to)_
_Nō´ad^{yāh} the_prophetess and_to_the_rest_of the_prophets who
they_were making_afraid me.

15 And_ the_wall _it_was_complete on_day_twenty and_five of_
_'Elūl to_fifty and_two day[s]. **16** And_he/it_was just_as all_of
enemies_of_our they_heard and_ all_of the_nations which
were_around_of_us _they_saw and_they_fell exceedingly in_
_their_own_of_eyes and_they_knew if/because_that from_with
god_of_our the_work (the)_this it_had_been_done. **17** Also in_
_the_days the_those the_nobles_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_
_multiplying letters_of_their which_were_going to Ṭōvíy^{yāh}
and_which belonged_to_Ṭōvíy^{yāh} were_coming to_them.
18 If/because many_people in_Yəhūdāh were_masters_of oath
to_him/it if/because was_a_son-in-law he of_Shəkan^{yāh} the_
_son_of 'Āraḥ and_Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) his/its_son he_
_had_taken ~~ḎOM~~ the_daughter_of Məshullām the_son_of
Berek^{yāh}. **19** Also deeds_of_his_good they_were telling to/for_
_my_face/front and_words/messages_of_my they_were
sending_out to_him/it letters Ṭōvíy^{yāh} he_sent to_make_me_
_afraid.

7:1 And_he/it_was just_as the_wall it_had_been_rebuilt and_I_
_had_set_up the_doors and_ the_gatekeepers and_the_singers
and_the_Lēviyyiy _they_had_been_appointed. **2** And_I_
_appointed ~~ḎOM~~ Ḥ$_a$nānī my_brother/kindred and_~~ḎOM~~ Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh}
the_commander_of the_citadel over Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
if/because he was_like_a_man_of faithfulness and_fearing ~~ḎOM~~
the_'Elohīm more_than_many_people. **3** And[48] to/for_them not
the_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_will_be_opened
until of_the_sun the_heat and_unto they are_standing_guard
let_them_shut the_doors and_bolt_them and_appoint the_
_guards_of the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
someone at_his_guard_of_post and_someone before house_of_
_his.

4 And_the_city was_broad_of both_sides and_large and_the_
_people were_few in_the_midst_of_of_it and_not houses had_
_been_rebuilt. **5** And_ god_of_my _he/it_gave into heart_of_my
and_I_assembled ~~ḎOM~~ the_nobles and_~~ḎOM~~ the_officials and_
_~~ḎOM~~ the_people to_have_themselves_enrolled and_I_found
the_document_of the_genealogy those_who_came_up at_first
and_I_found written in/on/over_him/it. **6** These are_the_
_children_of the_province who_came_up from_the_captivity_of
the_exile whom Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he_had_
_taken_into_exile and_they_returned to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) each to_
_his_own_of_city. **7** The_(ones_who)_went with Zərubāvel
Yēshū´a/(Jeshua) Nəḥem^{yāh} ´Azar^{yāh} Ra´am^{yāh} Naḥ$_a$mānī
Mordəkay Bilshān Miṣperet Bigvay Nəḥūm Ba´$_a$nāh the_
_number_of the_men_of the_people_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **8** The_
_descendants_of Par´osh/(Parosh) two_thousand one_hundred
and_seventy and_two. **9** The_descendants_of Shəfaṭ^{yāh} three

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that, but rather he was working against me because he'd been
paid by Toviyah and Sanvalat. **13** They must have hired him so
that I'd be afraid and take that advice and sin. Then they could
have ruined my reputation and discredited me.

14 My god, remember what Toviyah and Sanvalat have done,
and also the prophetess Noadyah and the other prophets who've
been trying to scare me.

The completion of wall

15 So the rebuilding of the wall was finished on the 25th of September in just
fifty-two days, **16** and when our enemies heard about it, the surrounding countries were afraid and discouraged because they
realised that our god must have helped us.

17 During that time, the Yehudah (Judah) leading citizens were
sending many letters to Toviyah, and letters from Toviyah were
also coming to them, **18** because many people in Yehudah had
ties with him because he was the son-in-law of Arah's son
Shekanyah, plus his son Yehohanan had married Berekyah's
daughter Meshulam. **19** Those leading citizen kept telling me
about the good things he was doing, and they reported my
words back to him. Toviyah also sent letters to try to frighten
me.

7:1 Once the wall had been rebuilt and the doors hung in the
gates, the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites had been
appointed. **2** I put my brother Hanani and the fortress commander Hananyah in charge over Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
(Hananyah was a faithful man and respected God more than
many others do.) **3** I told them, "Don't open Yerushalem's gates
until broad daylight, and then shut and bar them again while
the guards are still on full alert. And assign neighbourhood
watch groups among the inhabitants to keep an eye on their
own areas."

The list of returned exiles[49]

4 Now Yerushalem (Jerusalem) covered a large area but not many people had returned to live there yet, and the houses hadn't yet been rebuilt.

5 So God gave me the idea of gathering the leaders and the
people grouped by their ancestors. I found the register of those
who'd returned from exile to Yerushalem, with this written in it:

6 "These are the descendants of the people exiled by the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) , who returned to
Yehudah (Judah) and to Yerushalem—each family returning to
their own ancestral town. **7** Their leaders were Zerubavel,
Yeshua, Nehemyah (Nehemiah), Azaryah, Ra'amyah, Nahamani,
Mordekai, Bilshan, Misperet, Bigvay, Nehum, and Ba'anah.

The number of Israeli men:

8 2,172 descendants of Par'osh,

9 372 descendants of Shefatyah,

48 **LV 7:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: רמאי/ו: (x-qere) 'רָמְאָו': lemma_c/559 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_16EAA רָמְאָו

49 **RV 7:4 · Parallel** Ezra 2:1-70

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10 652 descendants of Arah,
11 2,818 descendants of Pahat-Moav (descendants of Yeshua and Yoav (Joab)),
12 1,254 descendants of Eylam,
13 845 descendants of Zatu,
14 760 descendants of Zakay,
15 648 descendants of Binuy,
16 628 descendants of Bevay,
17 2,322 descendants of Azgad,
18 667 descendants of Adonikam,
19 2,067 descendants of Bigvay,
20 655 descendants of Adin,
21 98 descendants of Ater (from Hizkiyah (Hezekiah)),
22 328 descendants of Hashum,
23 324 descendants of Betsay,
24 112 descendants of Harif,
25 and 95 descendants of Giveon.
26 Other men from these towns:
188 from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) and Netofah,
27 128 from Anatot,
28 42 from Beyt-Azmavet,
29 743 from Kiryat-Yearim, Kefirah, and Be'erot,
30 621 from Ramah and Geva,
31 122 from Mikmas,
32 123 from Beyt-El (Bethel) and Ay,
33 52 from Nevo,
34 1,254 descendants of the other Eylam,
35 320 descendants of Harim,
36 345 descendants of Yeriho (Jericho),
37 721 descendants of Lod, Hadid, and Ono,
38 and 3,930 descendants of Sena'ah.
39 The priests who returned:
973 descendants of Yedayah (a descendant of Yeshua),
40 1,052 descendants of Imer,
41 1,247 descendants of Pashhur,
42 and 1,017 descendants of Harim.
43 The Levites who returned:
74 descendants of Yeshua and Kadmiel (descendants of Hodevah).
44 The singers:
148 descendants of Asaf.
45 The gatekeepers:
138 descendants of Shalum, Ater, Talmon, Akuv, Hatita, and Shovay.
46 The temple servants:
the descendants of Tsiha, Hasufa, and Tabaeot,
47 the descendants of Keyros, Siea, and Padon,
48 the descendants of Levana, Hagava, and Shalmay,
49 the descendants of Hanan, Gidel, and Gahar,
50 the descendants of Reayah, Retsin, and Nekoda,

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hundred(s) seventy and_two. **10** The_descendants_of 'Āraḥ six hundred(s) fifty and_two. **11** The_descendants_of Paḥat- Mō'āv of_the_descendants_of of_Yēshū'a and_Yō'āv/(Joab) two_ _thousand and_eight hundred(s) eight- teen. **12** The_ _descendants_of 'Ēylām one_thousand two_hundred fifty and_ _four. **13** The_descendants_of Zattū' eight hundred(s) forty and_ _five. **14** The_descendants_of Zakkay seven hundred(s) and_ _sixty. **15** The_descendants_of Binnūy six hundred(s) forty and_ _eight. **16** The_descendants_of Bēvay six hundred(s) twenty and_eight. **17** The_descendants_of 'Azgād two_thousand three hundred(s) twenty and_two. **18** The_descendants_of 'Adonīqām six hundred(s) sixty and_seven. **19** The_descendants_of Bigvay two_thousand sixty and_seven. **20** The_descendants_of 'Ādīn six hundred(s) fifty and_five. **21** The_descendants_of 'Āṭēr of_ _Ḥizqiy^{yāh} ninety and_eight. **22** The_descendants_of Ḥāshum three hundred(s) twenty and_eight. **23** The_descendants_of Bētsay three hundred(s) twenty and_four. **24** The_descendants_ _of Ḥārīf one_hundred two_plus ten. **25** The_descendants_of Giv'ōn[52] ninety and_five. **26** The_men_of Bēyt- leḥem and_ _Nəṭofāh one_hundred eighty and_eight. **27** The_men_of 'Anātōt one_hundred twenty and_eight. **28** The_men_of Bēyt 'Azmāvet forty and_two. **29** The_men_of Qiryat Kəfīrāh and_ _Bə'ērōt seven hundred(s) forty and_three. **30** The_men_of (the)_Rāmāh and_Gev'a' six hundred(s) twenty and_one. **31** The_men_of Mikmāṣ one_hundred and_twenty and_two. **32** The_men_of Bēyt- $^{'ēl}$ and_(the)_'Ay one_hundred twenty and_three. **33** The_men_of Nəv'ō the_other fifty and_two. **34** The_descendants_of 'Ēylām the_other one_thousand two_ _hundred fifty and_four. **35** The_descendants_of Ḥārim three hundred(s) and_twenty. **36** The_descendants_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) three hundred(s) forty and_five. **37** The_ _descendants_of Lod Ḥādīd and_'Ōnō seven hundred(s) and_ _twenty and_one. **38** The_descendants_of Ṣənā'āh three_of thousand(s) nine hundred(s) and_thirty. **39** The_priests the_ _descendants_of Yəda'^{yāh}/(Jedaiah) of_the_house_of of_ _Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) nine hundred(s) seventy and_three. **40** The_ _descendants_of 'Immēr one_thousand fifty and_two. **41** The_ _descendants_of Pashḥūr one_thousand two_hundred forty and_seven. **42** The_descendants_of Ḥārim one_thousand seventeen. **43** The_Lēviyyiy the_descendants_of Yēshū'a of_Qadmī$^{'ēl}$ of_the_descendants_of of_Hodaviah seventy and_four. **44** The_ _singers the_descendants_of 'Āṣāf one_hundred forty and_ _eight. **45** The_gatekeepers the_descendants_of Shallūm the_ _descendants_of 'Āṭēr the_descendants_of Ṭalmōn the_ _descendants_of 'Aqqūv the_descendants_of Ḥ$_a$ṭīṭā' the_ _descendants_of Shov'āy one_hundred thirty and_eight. **46** The_temple_servants the_descendants_of Tsīḥā'/(Ziha) the_ _descendants_of Ḥ$_a$sūfā' the_descendants_of Ṭabā'ōt. **47** The_ _descendants_of Qēyroṣ the_descendants_of Ṣī'ā' the_ _descendants_of Pādōn. **48** The_descendants_of Ləv'ānā' the_ _descendants_of Ḥ$_a$gāv'ā' the_descendants_of Salmay. **49** The_ _descendants_of Ḥānān the_descendants_of Giddēl the_ _descendants_of Gaḥar. **50** The_descendants_of Rə'ā^{yāh} the_ _descendants_of Rətsīn the_descendants_of Nəqōdā'. **51** The_ _descendants_of Gazzām the_descendants_of 'Uzzā' the_ _descendants_of Pāṣēaḥ. **52** The_descendants_of Bēṣay the_

52 LV 7:25 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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_descendants_of Mə´ūnāy the_descendants_of Nephissim[53].
53 The_descendants_of Baqbūq the_descendants_of Ḥaqūfā'
the_descendants_of Ḥarḥūr. **54** The_descendants_of Bazluth
the_descendants_of Məḥīdā' the_descendants_of Ḥarshā'.
55 The_descendants_of Barqōş the_descendants_of Şīşərā' the_
_descendants_of Temaḥ. **56** The_descendants_of Nətsīaḥ the_
_descendants_of Ḥaṭīfā'. **57** The_descendants_of the_servants_of
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_descendants_of Şōṭay the_
_descendants_of Şoferet the_descendants_of Pərīdā'. **58** The_
_descendants_of Ya´alā'/(Jaala) the_descendants_of Darqōn the_
_descendants_of Giddēl. **59** The_descendants_of Shəfaṭyāh the_
_descendants_of Ḥaṭṭil the_descendants_of Pokeret- Tsəvāyīm
the_descendants_of 'Āmōn. **60** All_of the_temple_servants and_
_the_sons of_the_servants_of of_Shəlomoh three hundred(s)
ninety and_two. **61** And_these are_the_ones_who_came_up
from_Tēl- melaḥ Tēl Harsha Kərūv Addon and_'Immēr and_not
they_were_able to_announce the_house_of their_ancestors_of_
_their and_offspring_of_their if were_from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
they. **62** The_descendants_of Dəlāyāh the_descendants_of
Ṭōviyyāh the_descendants_of Nəqōdā' six hundred(s) and_forty
and_two. **63** And_from the_priests the_descendants_of Ḥavayyāh
the_descendants_of Haqqōts the_descendants_of Barzillay who
he_had_taken one_of_the_daughters_of Barzillay the_Gil'ādite
a_wife and_he_was_called on their_name. **64** These they_sought
document_of_their those_who_had_had_themselves_enrolled
and_not it_was_found and_they_were_defiled from the_
priesthood. **65** And the_governor _he/it_said to/for_them
which/who not they_will_eat any_of_the_holy_thing_of the_
_holy_things until the_priest/officer will_arise to_Urim and_
_Thummim. **66** All_of the_assembly as_one four ten_thousand
two_thousand three hundred(s) and_sixty. **67** (From)_besides_of
servants_of_their_male and_their_female_of_servants these
were_seven_of thousand(s) three hundred(s) thirty and_seven
and_belonged_to_them male_singers and_female_singers two_
_hundred and_forty and_five.
No LV counterpart for RV 7:68. **68** **54** Camels four hundred(s) thirty
and_five donkeys six_of thousand(s) seven hundred(s) and_
_twenty. **69** **55** And_from_(the)_sum of_the_heads_of of_the_
_fathers they_gave for_work the_governor he_gave to_treasury
gold drachmas one_thousand bowls fifty garments_of priests
thirty and_five hundred(s). **70** **56** And_some_of_the_heads_of
the_fathers they_gave to_the_treasury_of the_work gold
drachmas two_of ten_thousands and_silver minas two_
_thousand and_two_hundred. **71** **57** And_which the_remainder_
_of the_people they_gave was_gold drachmas two_of ten_
_thousand and_silver minas two_thousand and_tunics_of
priests sixty and_seven. **72** **58** And_ the_priests and_the_

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51 the descendants of Gazam, Uza, and Paseah,
52 the descendants of Besay, Meunim, and Nefisim,
53 the descendants of Bakbuk, Hakufa, and Harhur,
54 the descendants of Batslut, Mehida, and Harsha,
55 the descendants of Barkos, Sisera, and Temah,
56 and the descendants of Netsiah and Hatifa.
57 The descendants of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) servants who returned:
the descendants of Sotay, Soferet, and Perida.
58 the descendants of Ya'ala, Darkon, and Gidel,
59 and the descendants of Shefatyah, Hatil, Pokeret-Hatsvayim, and Amon.
60 Altogether, there were 392 descendants of the temple workers and conscripted labourers.
61 There were also some who returned from Tel-Melah, Tel-Harsha, Keruv, Adan, and Imer, even though they couldn't prove who their ancestors were, or even that they were descendants of Israelis:
62 There were also 642 descendants of Delayah, Toviyah, and Nekoda, **63** plus some priests:
the descendants of Havayah, Hakots, and Barzilay. (Barzilay had married a descendant of a man named Barzilay from Gilead, and had taken his wife's family name.)
64 They had search the genealogical records for their family histories, but didn't find them, so they were ineligible to serve as priests. **65** The governor had disallowed them from eating the priests' food until a recognised priest could consult the Urim and Tumim.[50]
66 Altogether, 42,360 people returned to Yehudah (Judah), **67** not counting their 7,337 male and female servants, and 245 male and female singers. **68** They had 736 horses, 245 mules, **69** 435 camels, and 6,720 donkeys. **70** Some of the leaders of the ancestral clans gave to the work. The governor donated 8kg of gold, 50 bowls, and 530 robes for the priests, **71** and some of the leaders donated 150kg of gold and 1,500kg of silver. **72** The rest of the people donated 150kg of gold, 1,300kg of silver, and 67 robes for the priests.
73 So the priests and the Levites, the gatekeepers and the singers, the temple workers and the rest of the Israelis, all settled in their various ancestral cities.[51]

50 **RV 7:65 · Cross-ref.** Exo 28:30; Deu 33:8.
51 **RV 7:73 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 9:2; Neh 11:3.
53 **LV 7:52 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיסשופנ**: (x-qere) **'מְיָסְּשֻׁיפְּנ'**: lemma_5304 n_0 morph_HNgmpa id_16t2f **מְיָסְּשֻׁיפְּנ**
54 **LV 7:68 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.7.69
55 **LV 7:69 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.7.70
56 **LV 7:70 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.7.71
57 **LV 7:71 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.7.72
58 **LV 7:72 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.7.73

Readers' Version

Ezra reads God's instructions to the people

8:1 All the people gathered together in the plaza near the Water Gate and asked Ezra the scribe to bring the scroll with Yahweh's instructions to Yisrael (Israel) given through Mosheh (Moses). **2** So it was the beginning of October when Ezra the priest brought the scroll to the gathering of men and women and everyone who wanted to understand it, **3** and he read it aloud in the plaza near the Water Gate—reading from dawn until the middle of the day in front of those men and women and interested people, who all listened intently.

4 Ezra the scribe stood on a raised wooden platform that they had made especially for this purpose. Standing on his right were Matityah, Shema, Anayah, Uriyah, Hilkiyah, and Ma'aseyah, and on his left stood Pedayah, Mishael, Malkiyah, Hashum, Hashbadanah, Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Meshulam.

5 Up on the platform, Ezra opened the scroll in front of all the people, and as he did so, all the people stood up. **6** Ezra blessed the great God Yahweh and the people raised their arms and responded, "May it be so." Then they knelt down and bowed to Yahweh with their faces to the ground.

7 Then Yeshua, Bani, Shereveyah, Yamin, Akuv, Shabtay, Hodiyah, Ma'aseyah, Kelita, Azaryah, Yozavad, Hanan, Pelayah, who were all Levites, explained what had been read to the people standing there. **8** They read the scroll containing God's instructions, explaining how it applied so the people could understand it.

9 Then Nehemyah (Nehemiah) the governor and Ezra the priest & scribe, and the Levites who were explaining it, said to all the people, "Today is a sacred day—it belongs to your god Yahweh. Don't mourn or weep." That was because all the people were weeping after they heard Yahweh's instructions to them. **10** Then Nehemyah told them, "Go home and eat some special food with sweet drink, and share some with those who can't afford such things because today is a sacred day that belongs to our master. And don't grieve, because the happiness from Yahweh will make you all strong."

11 The Levites told the people to quieten down, saying, "Don't grieve today because it's a sacred day. Stay quiet." **12** So all the people went to eat and drink and to take plates of food to others, and to have a big celebration because they understood what had been read to them.

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_Lēviyyiy and_the_gatekeepers and_the_singers and_from the_ _people and_the_temple_servants and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_lived in_their_own_of_cities and_ the_month the_ _seventh _it_arrived and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_in_ _cities_of_their.

8:1 And_ all_of the_people _they_gathered like_a_person one to the_open_space which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _gate_of the_waters and_they_said to_ʿEzrā' the_scribe to_bring ÐOM the_scroll_of the_law_of Mosheh which **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ ʿEzrā' the_ _priest/officer _he_brought ÐOM the_law to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_assembly from_man and_unto woman and_all/each/any/every one_who_understood to_listen in/on_ _day one of_month the_seventh. **3** And_he/it_called in_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_open_space which to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_gate_of the_waters from the_light until the_middle_of the_day before the_men and_the_ _women and_those_who_understood and_the_ears_of all_of the_people were_to the_scroll_of the_law. **4** And_ ʿEzrā' the_ _scribe _he_stood on a_high_platform_of wood which people_ _had_made to_the_message/thing/matter and_he_stood beside_him Mattityāh and_Shemaʿ and_ʿAnāyāh and_'Ūriyyāh and_Ḫilqiyyāh and_Maʿaśēyāh on hand_of_his_right and_were_ _from_left_of_his Pədāyāh and_Mīshā'ēl and_Malkīyyāh and_ _Ḫāshum and_Ḫashbaddānāh Zəkaryāh Məshullām. **5** And_ ʿEzrā' _he_opened the_scroll to_the_eyes_of all_of the_people if/because from_under all_of the_people he_was and_just_as_ _he_opened_it all_of the_people they_stood_up. **6** And_ ʿEzrā' _ _he/it_blessed ÐOM **YHWH** the_'Elohīm (the)_great and_ all_of the_people _they_answered amen amen in_the_raising_of their_hands_of_their and_they_bowed_low and_they_bowed_ _down to/for_**YHWH** face ground_to_the. **7** And_ _Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) and_Bānī and_Shērēvə[59]yāh[5960] Yāmīn/(Jamin) ʿAqqūv Shabtay Hōdiyyāh Maʿaśēyāh Qəlīṭā' ʿAzaryāh Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) Ḫānān Pəlāyāh and_the_Lēviyyiy were_ _causing_to_understand ÐOM the_people (to)_law and_the_ _people were_at place_of_their. **8** And_they_read_aloud in_ _scroll in_the_law_of the_'Elohīm making_clear and_they_gave the_sense and_they_understood (in)_reading. **9** And_he/it_said Nəḫemyāh he was_the_governor and_ʿEzrā' the_priest/officer the_scribe and_the_Lēviyyiy who_were_causing_to_understand ÐOM the_people to/from_all/each/any/every the_people the_ _day is_holy it to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) do_not mourn and_do_not weep if/because all_of the_people were_weeping just_as_they_heard ÐOM the_words/messages_of the_law. **10** And_he/it_said to/for_them go eat fat_foods and_drink sweet_things and_send portions to_there_is_not a_thing_ _prepared to_him/it if/because is_holy the_day to_master(s)_ _of_our and_do_not be_grieved if/because the_joy_of **YHWH** it refuge_of_is_your(pl). **11** And_the_Lēviyyiy were_making_quiet to/from_all/each/any/every the_people to_say hush if/because the_day is_holy and_do_not be_grieved. **12** And_ all_ _of the_people _they_went to_eat and_to_drink and_to_send portions and_to_make joy great if/because they_had_

59 **LV 8:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

60 **LV 8:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_understood (in)_words/messages which they_had_made_
_known to/for_them.
13 And_on_day the_second the_heads_of the_fathers to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_people the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy
they_gathered to ʹEzrāʾ the_scribe and_to_gain_insight into
the_words/messages_of the_law. **14** And_they_found written
in_law which **YHWH** he_had_commanded by_the_hand_of
Mosheh which/who the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_will_
_dwell in_booths at_festival in_month the_seventh. **15** And_
_which they_will_make_proclamation and_they_will_cause_to_
_pass a_proclamation in_all cities_of_their and_in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say go_out the_hill_country and_
_bring leaves_of olive and_leaves_of tree[s]_of oil and_leaves_of
myrtle_tree[s] and_leaves_of palm_trees and_leaves_of tree[s]_
_of leafy to_make booths according_what_is_written. **16** And_
the_people _they_went_out and_they_brought_leaves and_
_they_made to/for_them booths each on roof_his_own and_in_
_courtyards_of_their and_in_the_courtyards_of the_house_of
the_ʾElohīm and_in_the_open_space_of the_gate_of the_waters
and_in_the_open_space_of the_gate_of ʾEfrayim. **17** And_ all_of
the_assembly which_had_returned from the_captivity _they_
_made booths and_they_lived in_booths if/because not they_
_had_done since_the_days_of Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) the_son_of Nun
thus the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) until the_day (the)_that
and_it_became joy great very. **18** And_he/it_called in_the_
_scroll_of the_law_of the_ʾElohīm a_day in/on_day from the_
_day (the)_first until the_day (the)_last and_they_observed a_
_festival seven_of days and_was_on_day (the)_eighth an_
_assembly according_the_ordinance.

9:1 And_on_day_of twenty and_four of_month the_this the_
_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_gathered with_fasting and_in_
_sackcloth(s) and_earth was_on_them. **2** And_ the_offspring_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_separated_themselves from_all sons_of
foreignness and_they_stood and_they_confessed on sins_of_
_their and_the_iniquities_of their_ancestors_of_their. **3** And_
_they_stood at place_of_their and_they_read_aloud in_the_
_scroll_of the_law_of **YHWH** god_of_their the_fourth_of the_
_day and_a_fourth they_were_confessing and_they_were_
_bowing_down to/for_**YHWH** god_of_their. **4** And_he/it_rose_
_up on the_platform_of the_Lēviyyiy Yēshūʿa and_Bānī Qadmīʾēl
Shəvanʸāh Bunniy Shērēvəʸāh Bānī Kənānī/(Chenani) and_
_they_cried_out with_a_voice great to **YHWH** god_of_their.
5 And_ the_Lēviyyiy Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) and_Qadmīʾēl Bānī
Ḥashavnəʸāh Shērēvəʸāh Hōdiyʸāh Shəvanʸāh Pətaḥʸāh _they_
_said arise bless ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) from (the)_
_antiquity until (the)_perpetuity and_may_people_bless the_
_name_of your_glory_of_your and_may_it_be_exalted above all_
_of blessing and_praise. **6** You(ms) he are_**YHWH** you_alone
wwww[84] you_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_heavens the_heavens_of the_
_heavens and_all their_group/army/objects the_earth/land
and_all that on/upon_it(f) the_seas and_all that (is)_in_them
and_you(ms) are_preserving_alive ᴅᴏᴍ of_them_of_all and_the_
_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens to/for_yourself(m) are_
_bowing_down. **7** You he are_**YHWH** the_ʾElohīm who you_

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The celebration in shelters

13 The next day, all the clan leaders, and the priests and Levites, met with Ezra the scribe to study the instructions on the scroll. **14** They discovered that it was written in the instructions that Yahweh had given through Mosheh (Moses), that the Israelis should live in temporary shelters during the celebration in their seventh month (our September-October).[61] **15** They should publicly proclaim in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and in all their towns that the people should go into the hills and bring back branches from olive or wild olive trees, myrtle or palm trees, and/or other leafy trees to make shelters as it's written.

16 So the people went out and brought back branches to make shelters for themselves on their roofs or in their courtyards, or in the temple courtyard or in the plazas near the Water Gate and the Efrayim Gate. **17** Then the whole assembly of people who'd come back from captivity made shelters and lived in them for one week. The Israelis hadn't done that since the time of Yehoshua's (Joshua's) leadership, and they did it with a lot of celebration. **18** Ezra read aloud from the scroll of God's instructions each day of the seven days of celebration, then on the eighth day they all gathered together as per the instructions.

The people confess their sins

9:1 On the 24th of that month, the Israelis dressed in sackcloth, put dust on their heads, fasted, and gathered together. **2** Those of Jewish descent stood separately from the descendants of foreigners, and they confessed their own sins, as well as those of their ancestors. **3** They stood and listened to the scroll with Yahweh's instructions being read for three hours, then for another three hours they confessed and bowed down to Yahweh their god. **4** Then Yeshua went up the Levites' stairs with Bani, Kadmiel, Shevanyah, Buni, Shereveyah, another Bani, and Kenani, and they called out loudly to their god Yahweh.

5 Then some Levites (Yeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashavneyah, Shereveyah, Hodiyah, Shevanyah, and Petahyah) said, "Stand up and bless your eternal God Yahweh: May the peoples bless your wonderful reputation which is greater than anything else that we bless or praise. **6** Yahweh, you alone are God. You yourself made the heavens, the galaxies in the heavens and all their stars, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and all the stars bow down to you.

7 "You are Yahweh, the god who chose Avram. Then you brought him out from Ur in the Chaldean region, then you re-

61 RV 8:14-15 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:33-36,39-43; Deu 16:13-15.

84 LV 9:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **תא**: (x-qere) **'הָוָּתַּא'**: lemma_859 a morph_HPp2ms id_1662m הָוָּתַּא

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named him to Avraham (meaning 'father of many'). **8** You discovered that he was sincere and faithful to you, and made an agreement with him—to give the Kena'ani (Canaanite), Hiti, Amori, Perizi, Yevusi, and the Girgashi regions to his descendants,[62] and you have ensured that it's all come to be because you're righteous. **9** You noticed the suffering of our ancestors enslaved in Mitsrayim (Egypt), and then you heard their cry for help at the edge of the Red Sea.

10 "You displayed miracles to Par'oh (Pharaoh), and to all his servants and to all the Mitsri (Egyptian) people, because you knew that they were acting as if you weren't real, so you got yourself a reputation which you still have to this day.[63] **11** Then you split the sea open the sea right in front of their eyes, and they walked through the middle of it on dry land.[64] After that, you drowned their pursuers into the deep sea like a stone in a huge lake.[65] **12** You led them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and during the night with a pillar of fire to illuminate the way that they should go.[66]

13 "Then you came down to Mt. Sinay and spoke with them from the sky, and you gave to them principles of justice and laws of truth—good statutes and instructions.[67] **14** You revealed the concept of a rest day to them, and you gave them rules and instructions and laws via your servant Mosheh (Moses).

15 "You gave them bread from the sky when they were hungry,[68] and you made water come out of a rock when they were thirsty,[69] then eventually you told them to go ahead to possess the land that you had said that you'd give to them.[70]

16 "But our ancestors were proud and stubborn and they refused to obey your instructions.[71] **17** Not only did they refuse to listen, they forgot about all the miracles that you'd done for them and they became stubborn and appointed a leader to take them back to their slavery. But you are a god of forgiveness—gracious and compassionate, slow to get angry and generously showing loyal affection, and you didn't abandon them.[72] **18** Even when they molded a metal calf for themselves and said, 'This is your god who brought you out of Mitsrayim' (Egypt),[73]

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chose (in)'Avrām and_you_brought_him_out from_'Ūr of_ _the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_you_made name_of_his 'Avrāhām. **8** And_you_found ᴅᴏᴍ heart_of_his faithful to_your_face and_ _you_made with_him/it the_covenant to_give ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of the_Kəna'ₐnī the_Ḥittiy[s] the_'Amorī and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_ _the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s] and_the_Girgāshiy[s] to_give to_ _offspring_of_his and_you_fulfilled ᴅᴏᴍ words/messages_of_ _your if/because are_righteous you. **9** And_she/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _affliction_of our_ancestors_of_our in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ outcry_of_their you_heard at the_sea_of reed[s]. **10** And_ _she/it_gave signs and_wonders on_Par'oh and_on/over_all servants_of_his and_on/over_all the_people_of his_land_of_his if/because you_knew if/because_that they_had_acted_ _presumptuously on_them and_you_made to/for_yourself(m) a_name as_the_day (the)_this. **11** And_the_sea you_split_open before_them and_they_passed in_the_middle_of the_sea on_ _ground and_ᴅᴏᴍ pursuers_of_their you_threw in_the_depths like a_stone in_waters mighty. **12** And_in_a_pillar_of cloud you_ _led_them by_day and_in_a_pillar_of fire night to_give_light to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_way which they_walked in_it. **13** And_on the_mountain_of Ṣīnay you_came_down and_you_spoke with_ _them from_heaven and_she/it_gave to/for_them judgements upright and_laws_of faithfulness regulations and_commands good. **14** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sabbath_of your_holiness_of_your you_ _made_known[85] to/for_them and_commands and_regulations and_the_law you_commanded to/for_them by_the_hand_of Mosheh servant_of_your. **15** And_bread from_heaven you_gave to/for_them for_hunger_of_their and_water from_a_rock you_ _brought_forth to/for_them for_thirst_of_their and_she/it_said to/for_them to_go to_take_possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land which you_had_lifted ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_your to_give to/for_them. **16** And_they and_ancestors_of_our they_acted_presumptuously and_they_stiffened ᴅᴏᴍ neck_of_their and_not they_listened to commands_of_your. **17** And_they_refused to_listen and_not they_remembered wonders_of_your which you_had_done with_ _them and_they_stiffened ᴅᴏᴍ neck_of_their and_they_ _appointed a_leader to_return to_servitude_of_their in_ _rebellion_of_their and_you(ms) are_a_god_of forgiveness(es) gracious and_compassionate long_of anger(s) and_great_of and[8687] and_not you_abandoned_them. **18** Even if/because

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62 RV 9:8 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:18-21.

63 RV 9:10 · Cross-ref. Exo 7:8–12:32.

64 RV 9:11 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:21-29.

65 RV 9:11 · Cross-ref. Exo 15:4-5.

66 RV 9:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:21-22.

67 RV 9:13-14 · Cross-ref. Exo 19:18–23:33.

68 RV 9:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:4-15.

69 RV 9:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:1-7.

70 RV 9:15 · Cross-ref. Deu 1:21.

71 RV 9:16-17 · Cross-ref. Num 14:1-4; Deu 1:26-33.

72 RV 9:17 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:6; Num 14:18.

73 RV 9:18 · Cross-ref. Exo 32:1-4.

85 LV 9:14 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

86 LV 9:17 · Note OSHB variant note: דסח/ו: (x-qere) 'דֶּסֶח': lemma_2617 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmsa id_161pu דֶּסֶח

87 LV 9:17 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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they_had_made to/for_them a_calf_of molten_metal and_they_
_said this god_of_is_your who he_brought_you_up from_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_made blasphemies great. **19** And_
_you(ms) in_compassion(s)_of_your (the)_great not you_
_abandoned_them in_wilderness ĐOM the_pillar_of (the)_cloud
not it_departed from_over_them in_daytime to_lead_them in_
_the_way and_ĐOM the_pillar_of (the)_fire at_night to_give_
_light to/for_them and_ĐOM the_way which they_walked in_it.
20 And_spirit_of_your (the)_good you_gave to_instruct_them
and_manna_of_your not you_withheld from_mouth_of_their
and_water you_gave to/for_them for_thirst_of_their. **21** And_
_forty year[s] you_sustained_them in_wilderness not they_
_were_lacking clothes_of_their not they_wore_out and_feet_of_
_their not they_swelled. **22** And_she/it_gave to/for_them
kingdoms and_peoples and_you_apportioned_them to_a_
_corner and_they_took_possession_of ĐOM the_land_of Ṣīḥōn
and_ĐOM the_land_of the_king_of Ḥeshbōn and_ĐOM the_land_
_of ʿŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān. **23** And_children_of_their
you_increased like_the_stars_of the_heavens and_you_brought_
_them into the_earth/land which you_had_said to_ancestors_
_of_their to_go to_take_possession_of. **24** And_ the_children _
_they_came and_they_took_possession_of ĐOM the_earth/land
and_you_subdued before_them ĐOM the_inhabitants_of the_
_earth/land the_Kənaʿanī/(Kənaʿanī/(Canaanite)s) and_you_
_gave_them in_hand_of_their and_ĐOM kings_of_their and_ĐOM
the_peoples_of the_earth/land for_doing (is)_in_them
according_to_of_their_will. **25** And_they_captured cities
fortified and_ground fertile and_they_took_possession_of
houses full every_of good_thing wells dug_out vineyards and_
_olive_trees and_tree food to_increase_in_number and_they_
_ate and_they_were_satisfied and_they_grew_fat and_they_
_luxuriated in_goodness_of_your (the)_great. **26** And_they_
_were_disobedient and_they_rebelled on/over_you(fs) and_
_they_threw ĐOM law_of_your behind back_of_their and_ĐOM
prophets_of_your they_killed who they_had_warned (in)_them
to_bring_them_back to_you and_they_made blasphemies great.
27 And_you_gave_them in_the_hand_of their_foes_of_their
and_they_caused_distress to/for_them and_in_the_time_of
their_distress_of_their they_cried_out to_you and_you(ms)
from_heaven you_heard and_according_to_of_your_
_compassion(s) (the)_great you_gave to/for_them deliverers
and_they_delivered_them from_the_hand_of their_foes_of_
_their. **28** And_just_as_was_rest to/for_them they_returned for_
_doing evil to_your_face and_you_abandoned_them in_the_
_hand_of their_enemies_of_their and_they_ruled in/among_
_them and_they_returned and_they_cried_out_to_you and_
_you(ms) from_heaven you_heard and_you_rescued_them
according_to_of_your_compassion(s) many times. **29** And_you_

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and they badly insulted you, **19** you didn't abandon them in the wilderness because you're so merciful. You didn't remove the pillar of cloud that led them on the way during the day, or remove the pillar of fire that shone at night for them to show them which way they should go.[74] **20** You gave them your good spirit to give them insight. You didn't withhold your manna for them to eat, and you still gave them water to drink, **21** yes, you sustained them in the wilderness for forty years—they had everything they needed—their clothes didn't wear out, and their feet didn't swell.

22 "Then you handed kingdoms and people groups over to them, and you let them settle in even the far corners of the regions. They took possession of the King Sihon's Heshbon region, and King Og's Bashan region.[75] **23** You gave our ancestors lots of children so they were like the many stars in the sky,[76] then you brought them into this land[77] which you'd told their ancestors to enter and take ownership of. **24** Their children went in and took over the land after you went ahead of them and subdued the previous inhabitants, the Kena'anim (Canaanites). You allowed them to defeat them and their kings, and the people groups in the land—letting them do whatever they wanted to do with them.[78] **25** They captured fortified cities and productive land, and they took over houses full of all good things, stone cisterns, vineyards and olive orchards, and lots of fruit trees.[79] They ate and were satisfied, and grew fat and enjoyed themselves as a result of your amazing goodness.

26 "But they disobeyed and rebelled against you, and they turned their backs on your instructions.[80] They killed your prophets who testified against them in order to bring them back to you and they badly insulted you. **27** So you allowed their enemies to harass and conquer them. Then in the time of their distress, they cried out to you, and you yourself heard from heaven. Because you're so merciful, you sent saviours to them who rescued them from their enemies. **28** After they'd returned to an era of peace, they reverted to doing evil again in front of you and you left them to submit to their enemies and the oppression that followed. Then they'd return and cry out to you, and you heard from heaven and delivered them many times because you're merciful. **29** You showed them their errors so they'd return to following your instructions, but instead they ignored you and didn't obey your commands. They ignored your values which would have helped them if they'd lived by them[81] and they turned a stubborn shoulder, stiffened their necks, and re-

74 **RV 9:19-21 · Cross-ref.** Deu 8:2-4.
75 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.
76 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:5; 22:17.
77 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:14-17.
78 **RV 9:24 · Cross-ref.** Josh 11:23.
79 **RV 9:25 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:10-11.
80 **RV 9:26-28 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 2:11-16.
81 **RV 9:29 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:5.

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fused to listen. **30** Yet you put up with them for many years, and you testified against them with your spirit through the messages of your prophets, but they still didn't take any notice, so you allowed the other people groups to conquer them.[82] **31** However, because you're so merciful, you didn't abandon them and you didn't wipe them out completely. Yes, you're a god who's gracious and merciful.

32 "So now God, our amazing, powerful, and awesome God who keeps his agreements due to his loyal commitment, don't just ignore all our current hardships affecting us, our kings and our leaders, our priests and our prophets, and our ancestors and all your people, from the period of the Assyrian kings until today.[83] **33** You are totally fair in allowing all that to happen to us, because you have behaved faithfully, but in contrast, we have behaved wickedly— **34** and our kings, our leaders, our priests, and our ancestors haven't obeyed your instructions and they haven't bothered with following your commands or taking notice of your complaints that you made know to them. **35** They served in their own kingdom and enjoyed the incredible goodness that you poured on them and the wide and prosperous land that you gave them, but they didn't serve you, and they didn't turn away from their evil actions.

36 "Take notice of us today—we're servants, and the land that you gave to our ancestors so we could eat its fruit and its produce, but look at us now—we're servants in our own land. **37** Now its plentiful produce belongs to the kings who you've placed over us due to our sins, and who rule over our bodies and over our livestock just however they want to, so we're terribly distressed.

38 "So now in all of this, we're faithfully making an agreement, and our leaders, our Levites, and our priests will even write it down on a document and sign it."

10:1 The ones who signed the document were:

Signing the agreement

Nehemyah (Nehemiah) the governor, Hakalyah's son, and Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah).

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_warned (is)_in_them to_bring_them_back to law_of_your and_ _they they_acted_presumptuously and_not they_listened to_ _commands_of_your and_in_judgements_of_your they_sinned in_them which anyone he_will_do and_he_will_live in/among_ _them and_they_gave a_shoulder stubborn and_neck_of_their they_stiffened and_not they_listened. **30** And_you_prolonged towards_them years many and_you_warned (in)_them by_ _spirit_of_your by_the_hand_of your(pl)_prophets_of_your and_not they_gave_ear and_you_gave_them in_the_hand_of the_peoples_of the_lands. **31** And_in_compassion(s)_of_your (the)_great not you_made_them complete_destruction and_not you_abandoned_them if/because are_a_god gracious and_ _compassionate you. **32** And_now our_god_of_Oh (the)_god (the)_great (the)_mighty and_(the)_awesome who_keeps the_ _covenant and_(the)_covenant_loyalty not let_it_be_small to_ _your_face ĐOM all_of the_hardship which it_has_come_upon_ _us to_kings_of_our to_leaders_of_our and_to_priests_of_our and_to_prophets_of_our and_to_ancestors_of_our and_to/for_ _all people_of_your since_the_days_of the_kings_of 'Ashshūr until the_day (the)_this. **33** And_you(ms) are_righteous on every_of (the)_thing_which_has_come on_us if/because faithfulness you_have_acted and_we we_have_acted_wickedly. **34** And_ĐOM kings_of_our leaders_of_our priests_of_our and_ _ancestors_of_our not they_did law_of_your and_not they_ _paid_attention to commands_of_your and_to_testimonies_of_ _your which you_admonished (in)_them. **35** And_they in_their_ _own_of_kingdom and_in_goodness_of_your (the)_great which you_had_given to/for_them and_in_the_land_of (the)_broad and_(the)_fertile which you_had_set before_them not they_ _served_you and_not they_turned_back from_deeds_of_their (the)_evil. **36** HERE we the_day are_slaves and_the_earth which you_gave to_ancestors_of_our to_eat ĐOM fruit_of_its and_ĐOM thing[s]_of_its_good HERE we are_slaves on_it. **37** And_produce_ _of_its is_increasing for_kings whom you_have_appointed over_ _us in_sins_of_our and_over bodies_of_our they_are_ruling and_over_cattle_of_our according_to_of_their_will and_are_in_ _distress great we.

10:1 [88] And_on/over_all this we are_making a_trustworthy_ _agreement and_we_are_writing_it and_are_on the_sealed_ _document leaders_of_our Lēviyyiy_of_our priests_of_our.

2 [89] And_were_on the_sealed_documents Nəḥem^{yāh} the_ _governor the_son_of Hacaliah and_Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah). **3** [90] Sərā^{yāh} 'Azar^{yāh} Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah). **4** [91] Pashḥūr 'Amar^{yāh} Malkīy^{yāh}. **5** [92] Ḥaṭṭūsh Shəvan^{yāh} Mallūk. **6** [93] Ḥārim Mərēmōt 'Ovad^{yāh}. **7** [94] Dāniyy'ēl Ginnətōn Bārūk. **8** [95] Məshullām 'Aviy^{yāh}

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82 RV 9:30 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 17:13-18; 2Ch 36:15-16.

83 RV 9:32 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 15:19-29; 17:3-6; Ezr 4:2,10.

88 LV 10:1 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.9.38

89 LV 10:2 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.1

90 LV 10:3 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.2

91 LV 10:4 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.3

92 LV 10:5 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.4

93 LV 10:6 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.5

94 LV 10:7 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.6

95 LV 10:8 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.7

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Miyyāmin. 9 [96] Maaziah Bilgai Shəma´^{yāh} these were_the_ _priests.

10 [97] And_the_Lēviyyiy and_Yēshū´a/(Jeshua) the_son_of Azaniah Binnūy from_(the)_sons of_Ḥēnādād Qadmī^{ʾēl}. 11 [98] And_brothers_of_their Shəvan^{yāh} Hodiah Qəlīṭā' Pəlā^{yāh} Ḥānān. 12 [99] Mīkā' Rəḥov Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh}. 13 [100] Zakkūr Shērēvə^{yāh} Shəvan^{yāh}. 14 [101] Hodiah Bānī Beninu. 15 [102] The_leaders_of the_people Par´osh/(Parosh) Paḥat- Mō'āv ´Ēylām Zattū' Bānī. 16 [103] Bunniy ´Azgād Bēvay. 17 [104] Adonijah Bigvay ´Ādīn. 18 [105] 'Āṭēr Ḥizqiy^{yāh} ´Azzūr. 19 [106] Hodiah Ḥāshum Bētsay. 20 [107] Hariph ´Anātōt Nebai[108]. 21 [109] Magpiash Məshullām Hezir. 22 [110] Məshēyzav^{ʾēl} Tsādōq/(Zadok) Yaddū´a/(Jaddua). 23 [111] Pəlaṭ^{yāh} Ḥānān Anaiah. 24 [112] Hōshē´a Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} Ḥashshūv. 25 [113] Hallohesh Pilha Shobek. 26 [114] Rəḥūm Hashabnah Ma´$_a$sē^{yāh}. 27 [115] And_Ahiah Ḥānān Anan. 28 [116] Mallūk Ḥārim Ba´$_a$nāh.

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2 The priests who signed:
Serayah, Azaryah, and Yirmiyah (Jeremiah),
3 Pashhur, Amaryah, and Malkiyah,
4 Hatush, Shevanyah, and Malkiyah,
5 Harim, Meremot, and Ovadyah (Obadiah),
6 Daniyel, Gineton, and Baruk,
7 Meshulam, Aviyah, and Miyamin,
8 Ma'azyah, Bilgay, and Shemayah. (All priests.)
9 The Levites who signed:

The Levites

Azanyah's son Yeshua, Henadad's son Binuy, and Kadmiel,
10 their brothers Shevanyah, Hodiyah, Kelita, Pelayah, and Hanan,
11 Mika, Rehov, and Hashavyah,
12 Zakur, Shereveyah, and Shevanyah,
13 Hodiyah, Bani, and Beninu,
14 The leaders who signed:
Par'osh, Pahat-Moav, Eylam, Zatu, and Bani,
15 Buni, Azgad, and Bevay,
16 Adoniyah, Bigvay, and Adin,
17 Ater, Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), and Azur,
18 Hodiyah, Hashum, and Betsay,
19 Harif, Anatot, and Novay,
20 Magpiyeash, Meshulam, and Hezir,
21 Mesheyzavel, Tsadok, and Yadua,
22 Pelatyah, Hanan, and Anayah,
23 Hoshea, Hananyah, and Hashuv,
24 Halohesh, Pilha, and Shovek,
25 Rehum, Hashavnah, and Ma'aseyah,
26 Ahiyah, Hanan, and Anan,
27 Maluk, Harim, and Ba'anah.

96 **LV 10:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.8
97 **LV 10:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.9
98 **LV 10:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.10
99 **LV 10:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.11
100 **LV 10:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.12
101 **LV 10:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.13
102 **LV 10:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.14
103 **LV 10:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.15
104 **LV 10:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.16
105 **LV 10:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.17
106 **LV 10:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.18
107 **LV 10:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.19
108 **LV 10:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: יבוּנ: (x-qere) יְבִינֻ֑: lemma_5109 n_0 morph_HNp id_16B4V יְבִינֻ֑
109 **LV 10:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.20
110 **LV 10:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.21
111 **LV 10:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.22
112 **LV 10:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.23
113 **LV 10:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.24
114 **LV 10:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.25
115 **LV 10:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.26
116 **LV 10:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.27

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The agreement

28 The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the gatekeepers, and all the people who were prepared to dedicate themselves to obeying God rather than the customs of the former inhabitants of the land, their wives, their sons and their daughters, and everyone who was old enough to understand, **29** were joining with their brothers, their leading citizens, and were committing to a promise which also had a curse: to obey God's instructions as given by God's servant Mosheh (Moses), and to keep and to do all the commands of Yahweh our master, accepting his judgements and his statutes.

30 They committed to not giving their daughters to the other people groups in the land, and to not taking their daughters for their sons.[117]

31 On the rest day or other holy day, we won't buy goods or grain from the peoples of the land (even if they bring it to sell it to us), and we won't plant or harvest,[118] or reclaim debts,[119] in the seventh year.

32 We will also pledge to each donate a week's wages each year to support the temple functions[120] **33** including the bread displayed in rows, the continual offering and the continual burnt offering, for the rest day offerings and the new moons, for the appointed times and for the holy things, for the sin offerings to cover over Yisrael's (Israel's) guilt, and for all the operation of God's residence.

34 Then we threw dice to choose from among the priests, the Levites, and the people to create the roster for bringing firewood to the temple as an offering to be used at the appointed times each year for burning on the altar of Yahweh our god as written in the scrolls.

35 Every year we will also bring the early produce from our soil and the first harvest from every fruit tree to Yahweh's temple.[121] **36** We will dedicate our eldest male sons at the temple, and bring the eldest offspring of our herds and our flocks to the priests who serve at God's residence.[122]

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29 [125] And_the_rest_of the_people the_priests the_Lēviyyiy the_ _gatekeepers the_singers the_temple_servants and_all (the)_ _one_who_has_separated_himself from_the_peoples_of the_ _lands to the_law_of the_'Elohīm wives_of_their sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their every one_who_knows one_who_ _understands. **30** [126] Are_holding on countrymen_of_their their_noble_of_ones and_they_are_going in_a_curse and_in_an_ _oath to_go in_the_law_of the_'Elohīm which it_was_given by_ _the_hand_of Mosheh the_servant_of the_'Elohīm and_to_take_ _care and_to_do ~~DOM~~ all_of the_commands_of **YHWH** master(s)_ _of_our and_judgements_of_his and_regulations_of_his. **31** [127] And_which not we_will_give daughters_of_our to_the_peoples_ _of the_earth/land and_~~DOM~~ daughters_of_their not we_will_ _take for_sons_of_our. **32** [128] And_the_peoples_of the_ _earth/land who_bring ~~DOM~~ (the)_wares and_all grain in/on_ _day of_the_sabbath to_sell not we_will_take from_them on_ _sabbath and_on_a_day_of holiness and_we_will_leave ~~DOM~~ the_ _year (the)_seventh and_usury_of every_of hand. **33** [129] And_ _we_establish on_ourselves commands to_put on_ourselves the_third_of the_shekel in_year for_the_service_of the_house_ _of our_god_of_our. **34** [130] For_the_bread_of the_row and_the_ _grain_offering_of (the)_regularity and_for_the_burnt_ _offering_of (the)_regularity the_sabbaths the_new_moons for_ _feasts and_for_offerings and_for_offerings to_make_ _atonement on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all/each/any/every the_ _work_of the_house_of our_god_of_our. **35** [131] And_the_lots we_ _have_throw on the_offering_of the_wood(s) the_priests the_ _Lēviyyiy and_the_people to_bring to_the_house_of our_god_ _of_our to_the_house_of our_ancestors_of_our to_times appointed a_year in_year to_burn_it on the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_our according_what_is_written in_law. **36** [132] And_to_ _bring ~~DOM~~ the_first-fruits_of our_ground_of_our and_the_ _first-fruits_of all_of the_fruit_of every_of tree a_year in_year to_the_house_of **YHWH**. **37** [133] And_~~DOM~~ the_firstborn(s)_of our_sons_of_our and_cattle_of_our according_what_is_written in_law and_~~DOM~~ the_firstborn(s)_of our_herds_of_our and_ _flocks_of_our to_bring to_the_house_of our_god_of_our to_ _priests who_serve in_house_of our_god_of_our. **38** [134] And_~~DOM~~ the_first_of our_dough(s)_of_our and_contributions_of_our

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117 RV 10:30 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:16; Deu 7:3.
118 RV 10:31 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:10-11; Lev 25:1-7.
119 RV 10:31 · Cross-ref. Deu 15:1-2.
120 RV 10:32 · Cross-ref. Exo 30:11-16.
121 RV 10:35 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:19; 34:26; Deu 26:2.
122 RV 10:36 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:2.
125 LV 10:29 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.28
126 LV 10:30 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.29
127 LV 10:31 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.30
128 LV 10:32 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.31
129 LV 10:33 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.32
130 LV 10:34 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.33
131 LV 10:35 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.34
132 LV 10:36 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.35
133 LV 10:37 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.36
134 LV 10:38 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.37

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and_the_fruit_of every_of tree new_wine and_fresh_oil we_will_
_bring to_priests to the_store-rooms_of the_house_of our_god_
_of_our and_the_tithe_of our_ground_of_our to_Lēviyyiy and_
_they the_Lēviyyiy are_the_ones_who_receive_the_tithes in_
_all_of the_cities_of our_labour_of_our. **39** **135** And_it_was the_
_priest/officer the_descendant_of ’Ah$_a$ron with the_Lēviyyiy
when_ the_Lēviyyiy _receive_the_tithes and_the_Lēviyyiy they_
_will_bring_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_tenth_of the_tithe to_the_house_of
our_god_of_our into the_store-rooms of_the_house_of of_the_
_treasury. **40** **136** If/because to the_store-rooms the_people_of
Yisrā^{ē}^{l}/(Israel) and_the_sons of_the_Lēviyyiy they_will_bring
ᴅᴏᴍ the_contribution_of (the)_grain the_new_wine and_the_
_fresh_oil and_there the_utensils_of the_sanctuary and_the_
_priests who_serve and_the_gatekeepers and_the_singers and_
_not we_will_neglect ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of our_god_of_our.

11:1 And_ the_leaders_of the_people _they_lived in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_the_rest_of the_people they_
_throw lots to_bring one of the_ten to_dwell in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city_of (the)_holiness and_nine
the_hands were_in_cities. **2** And_ the_people _they_blessed to_
_all/each/any/every the_men who_volunteered to_dwell in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_these are_the_leaders_of the_
_province who they_dwelt in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_
_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_dwelt each on_his_own_
_of_property in_their_own_of_cities Yisrā^{ē}^{l}/(Israel) the_priests
and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_temple_servants and_the_sons of_
_the_servants_of of_Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **4** And_in_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from(the)_sons of_Yəhūdāh and_
_some_of_the_descendants_of Binyāmīn they_dwelt from_
_(the)_sons of_Yəhūdāh ʹAtā^{yāh} the_son_of ʹUzziy^{yāh} the_son_of
Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of ’Amar^{yāh} the_son_of Shəfaṭ^{yāh} the_son_of
Mah$_a$lal’^{ēl} from_(the)_sons of_Perets. **5** And_Ma$ʹ_a$sē^{yāh} the_son_
_of Bārūk the_son_of Kol/(Col)- Ḥozeh the_son_of Ḥ$_a$zā^{yāh} the_
_son_of ʹAdā^{yāh} the_son_of Yōyārīv/(Joiarib) the_son_of
Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of the_Shilonite.[138] **6** All_of the_descendants_
_of Perets who_were_dwelling in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) four
hundred(s) sixty and_eight men_of strength. **7** And_these are_
_the_descendants_of Binyāmīn Şallū the_son_of Məshullām
the_son_of Yōʹēd/(Joed) the_son_of Pədā^{yāh} the_son_of Qōlā^{yāh}
the_son_of Ma$ʹ_a$sē^{yāh} the_son_of ’Ītī^{ēl} the_son_of
Yəsha$ʹ^{yāh}$/(Jeshaiah). **8** And_after_him Gabay Şallū nine
hundred(s) twenty and_eight. **9** And_Yō^{ēl}/(Joel) the_son_of
Zikrī was_overseer over_them and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) the_
_son_of Şənū’āh over the_city was_second_in_command. **10** Of
the_priests Yəda$ʹ^{yāh}$/(Jedaiah) the_son_of Yōyārīv
Yākīn/(Jakin). **11** Sərā^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_son_of
Məshullām the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of Mərāyōt
the_son_of ’Aḥīṭūv the_supervisor_of the_house_of the_
_’Elohīm. **12** And_brothers_of_their who_did_of (of)_the_work
of_house eight hundred(s) twenty and_two and_ʹAdā^{yāh} the_

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37 We will bring our offerings and the first of our flour, and the fruit of every tree, wine, and oil, for the priests, to the temple storerooms, and a tenth of our produce for the Levites.

The Levites will be the ones receiving a tenth of our cash income in all the towns where we work.[123] **38** A priest who’s a descendant of Aharon (Aaron) must be with them when they collect the tenths, then the Levites must take a tenth of that to the temple to be placed in their treasury rooms.[124] **39** The Israelis and the Levites must bring the offerings of grain, wine, and oil to the storerooms. There must also be utensils for the sanctuary and the priests, for the ones who are ministering and the gatekeepers, and for the singers.

We mustn’t neglect our god’s house.

The people living in Yerushalem

11:1 The people’s leaders lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), but the rest of the people drew straws to select one out of ten families to reside in Yerushalem the holy city—the other nine settled in the towns, **2** then the people blessed the ones who’d freely offered to live there in Yerushalem. **3** In the towns in Yehudah (Judah), everyone lived on their own property. That included the Israelis, the priests and Levites, the temple servants, and the descendants of Shelomoh’s (Solomon’s) servants. The provincial officials lived in Yerushalem,[137] **4** as well as some of Yehudah’s and Benyamin’s descendants.

Yehudah’s descendants in Yerushalem included:

Atayah (son of Uziyah, son of Zekaryah (Zechariah), son of Amaryah, son of Shefatyah, son of Mahalalel, a descendant of Perets),

5 Ma’aseyah (son of Baruk, son of Kal-Hozeh, son of Hazayah, son of Adayah, son of Yoyariv, son of Zekaryah, son of Shiloni).

6 Altogether 468 strong men who were Perets’ descendants lived in Yerushalem.

7 Benyamin’s descendants in Yerushalem included:

Salu (son of Meshulam, son of Yoed, son of Pedayah, son of Kolayah, son of Ma’aseyah, son of Itiel, son of Yeshayah (Isaiah)).

8 Gabay and Salu.

A total of 928. **9** Zikri’s son Yoel (Joel) was their overseer in the city, and Senuah’s son Yehudah (Judah) was his second-in-command.

10 The priests in Yerushalem included:

Yoyariv’s son Yedayah and Yakin,

11 Serayah (son of Hilkiyah, son of Meshulam, son of Tsadok, son of Merayot, son of Ahituv) who was the leader in the temple.

12 There were 822 of them when their brothers who work in the

123 **RV 10:37 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:21.

124 **RV 10:38 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:26.

135 **LV 10:39 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.38

136 **LV 10:40 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.39

137 **RV 11:3-4 · Cross-ref.** Neh 7:73.

138 **LV 11:5 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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temple were included.

Adayah (son of Yeroham, son of Pelalyah, son of Amtsi, son of Zekaryah (Zechariah), son of Pashhur, son of Malkiyah). **13** There were 242 of them when their brothers and family heads were included.

Amashsay (son of Azarel, son of Ahzay, son of Meshilemot, son of Imer), **14** and his brothers who were strong warriors, came to a total of 128.

Haggedolim's son Zavdiyel was their overseer.

15 The Levites in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) included:

Shemayah (son of Hashuv, son of Azrikam, son of Hashavyah, son of Buni),

16 Shabtay and Yozavad from the Levite leaders who supervised the work outside the temple,

17 Matanyah (son of Mikah, son of Zavdi, son of Asaf) the leader who offered the thanksgiving prayer,

Bakbukyah who was the assistant leader, and Avda (son of Shamua, son of Galal, the son of Yedutun).

18 The total number of Levites in the sacred city were 284.

19 The gatekeepers in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) included:

Akuv, Talmon, and their brothers.

A total of 172.

20 The rest of Yisrael (Israel) and the other priests and Levites, all lived their ancestral towns across Yehudah (Judah). **21** The temple workers lived on Ofel hill, and Tsiha and Gishpa supervised them.

22 The overseer of the Levites in Yerushalem was Uzi (son of Bani, son of Hashavyah, son of Matanyah, son of Mika)—a descendant of Asaf's sons who were the temple singers **23** because the Persian king had ordered that the singers should have daily provisions supplied.

24 Petahyah (son of Mesheyzavel, from the sons of Zerah, the son of Yehudah) was the intermediary with the king for any matter that the people raised.

The people in other cities and towns

25 Most of Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants settled in the villages with their fields nearby: in Kiryat-Arba and the surrounding villages, in Divon and the surrounding villages, and in Yekavtse'el and the surrounding villages, **26** in Yeshua, in Moladah, and in Beyt-Pelet, **27** in Hatsar-Shual, and in Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) and the surrounding villages, **28** in Tsiklag, and in Mekonah and the surrounding villages, **29** in Eyn-Rimon, in Tsor'ah, and in Yarmut, **30** in Zanoah and Adulam and their villages, in Azekah and its villages. So they settled from Be'er-Sheva all the way to the Hinom valley.

31 Benyamin's descendants settled in Geva, Mikmas, Ayah, and Beyt-El (Bethel) and its villages, **32** in Anatot, Nov, and Anayah, **33** in Hatsor, Ramah, and Gitayim, **34** in Hadid, Tsevoim, and Nevalat, **35** in Lod, Ono, and in the Craftsmen's valley. **36** Also some Levites previously connected with Yehudah (Judah) settled in Benyamin.

Literal Version

_son_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) the_son_of Pəlal^{yāh} the_son_of 'Amtsī the_son_of Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Pashḥūr the_son_of Malkīy^{yāh}. **13** And_brothers_of_his heads of_fathers two_ _hundred forty and_two and_ʿAmashṣay the_son_of ʿAzar'^{ēl} the_ _son_of 'Aḥzay the_son_of Məshillēmōt the_son_of 'Immēr. **14** And_brothers_of_their mighty_men_of strength one_ _hundred twenty and_eight and_was_overseer over_them Zavdiy'^{ēl} the_son_of the_great_ones. **15** And_from the_Lēviyyiy Shəmaʿ^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥashshūv the_son_of ʿAzrīqām the_son_ _of Ḥashav^{yāh} the_son_of Bunniy. **16** And_Shabtay and_ _Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) were_over the_work (the)_external of_the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm of_the_leaders_of of_the_Lēviyyiy. **17** And_Mattan^{yāh} the_son_of Mīkāh the_son_of Zavdiy the_ _son_of 'Āṣāf the_leader_of the_beginning he_gave_thanks to_ _prayer and_Baqbuq^{yāh} the_second of_brothers_of_his and_ _ʿAvdā' the_son_of Shammūʿa the_son_of Gālāl the_son_of Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun)[139]. **18** All_of the_Lēviyyiy in_the_city_of (the)_holiness two_hundred eighty and_four. **19** And_the_ _gatekeepers ʿAqqūv Ṭalmōn and_brothers_of_their who_kept_ _watch at_gates one_hundred seventy and_two. **20** And_the_ _rest_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) the_priests the_Lēviyyiy in_all the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) each on_his_own_of_inheritance. **21** And_the_temple_servants were_dwelling on_ʿOfel and_ _Tsīḥā'/(Ziha) and_Gishpā' were_over the_temple_servants. **22** And_the_overseer_of the_Lēviyyiy in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) was_ʿUzziy the_son_of Bānī the_son_ _of Ḥashav^{yāh} the_son_of Mattan^{yāh} the_son_of Mīkā' from_ _(the)_sons of_'Āṣāf the_singers to_before the_work_of the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm. **23** If/because the_command_of the_ _king was_on_them and_a_fixed_provision was_on the_singers the_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **24** And_Pətaḥ^{yāh} the_son_of Məshēyzav'^{ēl} from_(the)_sons of_Zeraḥ the_son_of Yəhūdāh was_to_the_side_of the_king to/from_all/each/any/every matter of_people.

25 And_near/to the_villages with_fields_of_their from_(the)_ _sons of_Yəhūdāh they_dwelt in_Qiryat- 'arbaʿ and_daughters_ _of_its and_in_Diyvōn and_daughters_of_its and_in_ _Yəqavtsə'^{ēl}/(Jekabzeel) and_villages_of_its. **26** And_in_ _Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) and_in_Mōlādāh and_in_Bēyt- pelet. **27** And_ _in_ Ḥatsar- shūʿāl and_in_Beer- seven and_daughters_of_its. **28** And_in_Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) and_in_Məkonāh and_in_daughters_ _of_its. **29** And_in_ ʿĒyn- rimmōn and_in_Tsorʿāh/(Zorah) and_ _in_Yarmūt/(Jarmuth). **30** Zānōaḥ ʿAdullām and_villages_of_ _their Lākīsh and_fields_of_its ʿAzēqāh and_daughters_of_its and_they_encamped from_Beer- seven to the_valley_of_Ben Hinnom. **31** And_the_sons of_Binyāmīn were_from_Gevaʿ Mikmāṣ and_Aija and_Bēyt- 'ēl and_daughters_of_its. **32** ʿAnātōt Novʿ ʿAnan^{yāh}. **33** Ḥātsōr Rāmāh Gittayim. **34** Ḥādīd Tsəvoʿīm/(Zeboim) Nəvallāṭ. **35** Lod and_'Ōnō Ge Harashim. **36** And_from the_Lēviyyiy the_divisions_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) belonged_to_Binyāmīn.

139 LV 11:17 · Note OSHB variant note: וְיִתְּדִי: (x-qere) וְיִתּוּדִי': lemma_3038 n_0 morph_HNp id_16v9T וְיִתּוּדִי

Literal Version

12:1 And_these are_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy who they_
_came_up with Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl and_Yēshū'a
Sərāyāh Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) 'Ezrā'. **2** 'Amaryāh Mallūk Ḥaṭṭūsh.
3 Shəkanyāh Rəḥūm Mərēmōt. **4** 'Iddō Ginnətōn 'Aviyyāh.
5 Miyyāmin Moadiah Bilgah. **6** Shəma'yāh and_Yōyārīv/(Joiarib)
Yəda'yāh/(Jedaiah). **7** Ṣallū 'Āmōq Ḥilqiyyāh Yəda'yāh these were_
_the_leaders_of the_priests and_brothers_of_their in_the_days_
_of Yēshū'a. **8** And_the_Lēviyyiy Yēshū'a Binnūy Qadmī'ēl
Shērēvəyāh Yəhūdāh Mattanyāh were_over songs_of_
_thanksgiving he and_brothers_of_his. **9** And_Baqbuqyāh and**140**
brothers_of_their were_to_before_them to_duties.

10 And_Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Yōyāqīm/(Joiakim)
and_Yōyāqīm he_fathered ~~DOM~~ 'Elyāshiyv and_'Elyāshiyv ~~DOM~~
Yōyādā'/(Joiada). **11** And_Yōyādā' he_fathered ~~DOM~~
Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan) and_Yəhōnātān he_fathered ~~DOM~~
Yaddū'a/(Jaddua).

12 And_in_the_days_of Yōyāqīm priests the_heads_of the_
_fathers they_were of_Sərāyāh Mərāyāh of_Yirməyāh Ḥ$_a$nanyāh.
13 Of_'Ezrā' Məshullām of_'Amaryāh Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan).
14 Mmm**141** Yəhōnātān Shəvanyāh Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **15** Of_Ḥārim
'Adnā' of_Mərāyōt Ḥelqay. **16** Mmm**142** Zəkaryāh Ginnətōn
Məshullām. **17** Of_'Aviyyāh Zikrī of_Minyāmīn of_Mō'adyāh
Pilṭāy. **18** Of_Bilgah Shammū'a of_Shəma'yāh Yəhōnātān. **19** And_
_of_Yōyārīv Mattənay of_Yəda'yāh 'Uzziy. **20** Of_Ṣallū Qallay of_
_'Āmōq 'Ēvēr. **21** Of_Ḥilqiyyāh Ḥ$_a$shavyāh of_Yəda'yāh Nətan'ēl.

22 The_Lēviyyiy in_the_days_of 'Elyāshiyv Yōyādā' and_
_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) and_Yaddū'a heads_of fathers were_
_recorded and_the_priests on the_reign_of Dārəyāvesh the_
_Persian. **23** The_descendants_of Lēvī the_heads_of the_fathers

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The priests and Levites

12:1 These are the priests and the Levites who came back with Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and with Yeshua:
Serayah, Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), and Ezra,
2 Amaryah, Maluk, and Hatush,
3 Shekanyah, Rehum, and Meremot,
4 Ido, Gineton, and Aviyah,
5 Miyamin, Moeadyah, and Bilgah,
6 Shemayah, Yoyariv, and Yedayah,
7 Salu, Amok, Hilkiyah, and another Yedayah.
Those were the leaders of the priests and their brothers in Yeshua's time.
8 The Levites were:
Yeshua, Binuy, Kadmiel, Shereveyah, Yehudah (Judah), and Matanyah who led the thanksgiving songs along with his brothers,
9 Bakbukyah and Uni—their brothers who stood opposite them in the services.

The high priest Yeshua's descendants

10 Yeshua fathered Yoyakim who then fathered Elyashiv, and Elyashiv fathered Yoyada. **11** Then Yoyada fathered Yonatan (Jonathan) who then fathered Yadua.

Leaders of priestly families

12 In Yoyakim's time, these were the heads of the priestly families:
Merayah was the head of Serayah's family,
Hananyah for Yirmiyah's (Jeremiah's),
13 Meshulam for Ezra's family,
Yehohanan for Amaryah's,
14 Yonatan (Jonathan) for Maluk's family,
Yosef (Joseph) for Shevanyah's,
15 Adna for Harim's family,
Helkay for Merayot's,
16 Zekaryah (Zechariah) for Ido's family,
Meshulam for Gineton's,
17 Zikri for Aviyah's family,
Piltay for Moeadyah's,
18 Shamua for Bilgah's family,
Yonatan (Jonathan) for Shemayah's,
19 Matenay for Yoyariv's family,
Uzi for Yedayah's,
20 Kalay for Salu's family,
Ever for Amok's,
21 Hashavyah for Hilkiyah's family,
and Netanel for Yedayah's.

The records of priests and Levites

22 In the days of Elyashiv, Yoyada, Yohanan, and Yadua, during the reign of Persian King Dareyavesh (Darius), the heads of the families of

140 **LV 12:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: ונע/ו: (x-qere) 'יָנַ֫עְ/וְ': lemma_c/6042 morph_HC/Np id_16ZT8 יָנַ֫עְ/וְ
141 **LV 12:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: יכולמ/ל: (x-qere) 'וּכִלְמַ֫/לְ': lemma_l/4409 b n_0.1.0 morph_HR/Np id_16mHM וּכִלְמַ֫/לְ
142 **LV 12:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: אידע/ל: (x-qere) 'אִוַּדְיָ֫/לְ': lemma_l/5714 morph_HR/Np id_16rRa אִוַּדְיָ֫/לְ

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the Levites and priests were recorded. **23** The names of the descendants of Levi who were heads of families were written in the official history records up till the time of Elyashiv's son Yohanan.

Various helper roles in the temple

24 The Levites' leaders were Hashavyah, Shereveyah, and Kadmiel's son Yeshua with their brothers serving opposite them in each service to praise and give thanks as had been commanded by David, the man of God.

25 Matanyah, Bakbukyah, Ovadyah (Obadiah), Meshulam, Talmon, and Akuv were gatekeepers who stood guard at the storerooms near the temple gates.

26 That was at the time of Yoyakim (son of Yeshua, son of Yotsadak), and at the time of Nehemyah (Nehemiah) the governor and Ezra the priest and scribe.

The dedication of Yerushalem's wall

27 At the dedication of the wall around Yerushalem (Jerusalem), they summoned Levites from all over the region to come to Yerushalem to perform the dedication with rejoicing and thanksgiving, and with musical instruments and singing, **28** plus the next generation of singers came both from Yerushalem and its surrounds, and from the Netofati villages. **29** They also came from Beyt-Hagilgal, and from the fields of Geva and Azmavet, because the singers had built villages near Yerushalem to live in. **30** The priests and Levites held a purification ceremony for themselves, then they purified the people and the gates and the wall.

31 Then I assembled Yehudah's (Judah's) leaders together up on top of the wall, and I assigned them into two large groups who would give thanks as they walked around it.

The first group headed towards the Dung Gate on the right. **32** Hoshayah and half of Yehudah's officials were in that group **33** along with Azaryah, Ezra, and Meshulam, **34** Yehudah, Benyamin, Shemayah, and Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), **35** plus some of the next generation of priests with trumpets: Zekaryah (Zechariah) (son of Yonatan (Jonathan), son of Shemayah, son of Matanyah, son of Mikayah, son of Zakur, son of Asaf) **36** and his brothers Shemayah, Azarel, Milalay, Gilalay, Ma'ay, Netanel, Yehudah, and Hanani. They used the instruments as per the instructions of the late King David, the man of God. Ezra the scribe went in front of them. **37** When they got to the Fountain Gate, they went up the stairs at the City of David, and along the higher portion of the wall by David's palace as far as the Water Gate (on the east side of the city).

38 The other group giving thanks with the other half of the people went in the opposite direction around the top of the wall—going past the Ovens Tower to the wider part of the wall. **39** We passed Efrayim Gate, the Old Gate, Fish Gate, and Hananel Tower, the Hundred Tower, and all the way to the Sheep Gate, and we stopped at the Guard Gate.

Literal Version

were_recorded on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days and_
_unto the_days_of Yōḥānān the_son_of 'Elyāshiyv.

24 And_the_leaders_of the_Lēviyyiy were_Ḥashav^{yāh} Shērēv^{yāh} and_Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) the_son_of Qadmī'^{ēl} and_brothers_of_
_their were_to_before_them to_praise to_give_thanks by_the_
_command_of Dāvid the_man_of the_'Elohīm division corresponding_to_of division. **25** Mattan^{yāh} and_Baqbuq^{yāh} 'Ovad^{yāh} Məshullām Ṭalmōn 'Aqqūv who_kept were_
_gatekeepers guard at_the_storerooms_of the_gates. **26** These were_in_the_days_of Yōyāqīm/(Joiakim) the_son_of Yēshū'a the_son_of Yōtsādāq/(Jozadak) and_in_the_days_of Nəḥem^{yāh} the_governor and_'Ezrā' the_priest/officer the_scribe.

27 And_at_the_dedication_of the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) people_sought ~~DOM~~ the_Lēviyyiy from_all places_of_their to_bring_them to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_observe dedication and_joy and_
_with_thanksgivings and_with_song cymbals lyres and_with_
harps. **28** And the_sons_of the_singers _they_gathered and_
_from the_district around Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_from the_villages_of the_Nəṭofātī[s]. **29** And_from_household gilgal and_from_the_fields_of Gev'a and_'Azmāvet if/because villages they_had_built to/for_them the_singers around Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **30** And_ the_priests and_the_
_Lēviyyiy _they_purified_themselves and_they_purified ~~DOM~~ the_people and_~~DOM~~ the_gates and_~~DOM~~ the_wall. **31** And_I_
_caused_to_go_up ~~DOM~~ the_leaders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) from_
_under to_wall and_I_appointed two_of thanksgiving_choirs large and_processions to_right from_under to_wall to_the_
_gate_of the_dung. **32** And_he/it_went behind_them Hōsha'$_a^{yāh}$ and_(the)_half_of the_leaders_of Yəhūdāh. **33** And_'Azar^{yāh} 'Ezrā' and_Məshullām. **34** Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn and_
_Shəma'^{yāh} and_Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah). **35** And_some_of_the_
_sons_of the_priests with_trumpets Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan) the_son_of Shəma'^{yāh} the_son_of Mattan^{yāh} the_son_of Mīkā^{yāh} the_son_of Zakkūr the_son_of 'Āṣāf. **36** And_brothers_of_his Shəma'^{yāh} and_'Azar'^{ēl} Mil$_a$lay Gil$_a$lay Mā'ay Nətan'^{ēl} and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) Ḥ$_a$nānī with_
_the_instruments_of (the)_song_of Dāvid the_man_of the_
'Elohīm and'Ezrā' the_scribe was_before_of_them. **37** And_
_over the_gate_of the_spring and_before_themselves they_
_went_up on the_steps_of the_city_of Dāvid at_ascent to_wall from_under to_the_house_of Dāvid and_unto the_gate_of the_
_waters east. **38** And_the_thanksgiving_choir the_second(fs) was_the_one_which_was_going to_the_front and_I was_behind_
it and(the)_half_of the_people from_under to_the_wall from_
_under to_the_tower_of the_ovens and_unto the_wall (the)_
_broad. **39** And_from_over to_the_gate_of 'Efrayim and_over Old gate and_over the_gate_of the_fish(es) and_the_tower_of Ḥ$_a$nan'^{ēl} and_the_tower_of the_hundred and_unto the_gate_of the_sheep[143][144] and_they_stopped at_the_gate_of the_guard.

143 **LV 12:39 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

144 **LV 12:39 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

Literal Version

40 And_ the_two_of the_thanksgiving_choirs _they_took_their_ _stand in_house_of the_'Elohīm and_I and_(the)_half_of the_ _officials with_me. 41 And_the_priests 'Elyāqīm Ma'ₐsēʸᵃʰ Minyāmīn Mīkāʸᵃʰ 'Elyəhō'ēynay Zəkarʸᵃʰ Ḥₐnanʸᵃʰ with_ _trumpets. 42 And_Ma'ₐsēʸᵃʰ and_Shəma'ʸᵃʰ and_'El'āzār and_ _'Uzziy and_Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) and_Malkīyʸᵃʰ and_ _'Ēylām and_'Ēzer and_ the_singers _they_caused_to_hear and_ _Izrahiah was_the_overseer. 43 And_they_sacrificed on_day (the)_that sacrifices great and_they_rejoiced if/because the_ _'Elohīm he_had_made_them_rejoice joy great and_also the_ _women and_the_youths they_rejoiced and_ the_rejoicing_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _it_was_heard from_a_distance.

44 And_they_were_appointed on_day (the)_that men over the_ _rooms for_stores for_contributions for_fruit and_for_tithes to_ _gather (is)_in_them to_the_fields_of the_cities the_portions_of the_law for_priests and_for_Lēviyyiy if/because the_joy_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) was_on the_priests and_on the_Lēviyyiy who_were_standing. 45 And_they_kept the_service_of their_ _god_of_their and_the_service_of (the)_purification[147][148] and_ _the_singers and_the_gatekeepers according_to_the_ _command_of Dāvid Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_his.
46 If/because in_the_days_of Dāvid and_'Āṣāf from_east the_ _leaders_of[149] of_the_singers and_the_song_of praise and_ _thanksgiving to_god. 47 And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_days_of Zərubāvel and_in_the_days_of Nəḥemʸᵃʰ were_giving the_ _portions_of the_singers and_the_gatekeepers the_matter_of a_ _day in_its_day and_they_were_setting_apart for_Lēviyyiy and_ _the_Lēviyyiy were_setting_apart for_the_descendants_of 'Ahₐron.

13:1 In_the_day (the)_that it_was_read_aloud in_the_scroll_of Mosheh in_the_ears_of the_people and_it_was_found written in/on/over_him/it which/who not an_'Ammōnī and_a_ _Mō'āvite he_will_come in_the_assembly_of the_'Elohīm until perpetuity. 2 If/because not they_had_met ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_food and_with_water and_he_had_hired on/upon/above_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ Bil'ām to_curse_it and_ god_of_our _he_turned the_curse into_blessing. 3 And_he/it_was just_as_ _they_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_law and_they_separated every_of person_ _of_mixed_ancestry from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
4 And_before_of from_this 'Elyāshiyv the_priest/officer was_ _appointed over_the_store-room_of the_house_of our_god_of_ _our one_near to_Ṭōviyʸᵃʰ. 5 And_he/it_made to_him/it a_ _room large and_there people_were formerly_formerly putting ᴅᴏᴍ the_grain_offering the_frankincense and_the_utensils and_ _the_tithe_of the_grain the_new_wine and_the_fresh_oil the_ _command_of the_Lēviyyiy and_the_singers and_the_ _gatekeepers and_the_contribution_of the_priests. 6 And_

Readers' Version

40 Then both groups ended up at the temple and stood there. I was there with the half of the city officials who'd accompanied me, 41 as well as the priests with their trumpets: Elyakim, Ma'aseyah, Minyamin, Mikayah, Elyehoeynay, Zekaryah, Hananyah, 42 another Ma'aseyah, Shemayah, Eleazar, Uzi, Yehohanan, Malkiyah, Eylam, and Ezer. The singers sang loudly with their leader Yizrahyah.

43 Then that same day they offered many sacrifices, and they celebrated because God had made them very pleased. The women and children also celebrated, in fact the sound of the celebrations in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was so loud that it can be heard far away.

Supporting the temple operation

44 Then still on that same day, men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the tithes and offerings. The percentages for the priests and the Levites were gathered from the fields around the cities as per the written law, because the people of Yehudah (Judah) were happy to have the priests and the Levites serving. 45 They served God with their daily duties and the purification ceremonies, as well as the duties of the singers[145] and gatekeepers[146]—all done according to the instructions left by King David and his son Shelomoh (Solomon), 46 because it was handed down from the original singers who sang songs of praise and thanksgiving to God in the time of David and Asaf. 47 In Zerubavel and Nehemyah's (Nehemiah's) times, all Yisrael (Israel) contributed the daily food allowance for the singers and gatekeepers. They also gave a percentage to the Levites who then gave a percentage of that to the priests (Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants).

Separating out the foreigners

13:1 That day, the Mosheh (Moses) scroll was read out aloud to the people, and it was discovered that it had been written that no Amoni or Moavi is ever allowed to join the congregation[150] 2 because instead of helping the travelling Israelis with food and water, they had hired Bil'am (Balaam) to curse them[151] (even though God had turned that curse into blessing). 3 After hearing that, they separated out all of the foreigners.

Nehemyah's reforms

4 Prior to that time, the high priest Elyashiv (closely related to Toviyah) had been in charge of the temple storerooms 5 and he'd allowed Toviyah to have a large room that had previously been used to store offerings: the frankincense, the utensils, and donated grain, wine, and oil, (the percentage commanded to be given to the Levites, the singers, and the gatekeepers), and the offerings for the priests. 6 During

145 **RV 12:45 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 25:1-8.

146 **RV 12:45 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 26:12.

147 **LV 12:45 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

148 **LV 12:45 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

149 **LV 12:46 · Note** OSHB variant note: שאר: (x-qere) יְשָׁאָר: lemma_7218 a n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmpc id_16EUu יְשָׁאָר

150 **RV 13:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Deu 23:3-5.

151 **RV 13:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 22:1-6.

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all that period, I hadn't been in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) because I'd returned to the Babylonian king in the 32nd year of Artahshashta's (Artaxerxes') reign (Artaxerxes). However, after a while I requested leave again from the king **7** and I came back to Yerushalem. It was then that I discovered how evil Elyashiv had been by making a storeroom for Toviyah in the courtyards of God's residence. **8** It made me very upset and I threw everything of Toviyah's out of the room. **9** Then I ordered the storerooms to be purified by the priests before I returned the temple utensils to the room, along with the grain offerings and the incense.

10 I found out that the Levites and the singers weren't being given their percentage, so they'd left their duties and returned to cultivate their own fields.[152] **11** I made a complaint to the officials asking why the operation of the temple had been neglected, and then I rounded up the Levites and the singers and sent them back to their duties. **12** After that, the people of Yehudah (Judah) started bringing a tenth of their grain and wine and oil to the storerooms.[153] **13** I appointed book-keepers over the storerooms: the priest Shelemyah, the scribe Tsadok, and the Levite Pedayah with Hanan (the son of Zakur, the son of Matanyah) helping. They were all considered trustworthy, and their job included distributing the produce among their colleagues.

14 My god, remember me handling all these issues and don't wipe out my loyal kindness for your temple and its operation that I've shown.

15 In those days I saw people in Yehudah (Judah) working on the rest day—treading wine, bringing in grain, and loading donkeys, yes, even bringing wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads into Yerushalem (Jerusalem) on the rest day. I complained to them when they were selling the goods.[155] **16** Also, people from Tsor (Tyre) were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and were selling it on the rest day to the Israelis, even in Yerushalem. **17** I rebuked the Yehudah business leaders, asking them, "What's this evil thing that you're all doing—profaning the rest day by treating it like a regular day? **18** Wasn't that what your ancestors did—the very reason our god brought all this evil on us and on this city? Now you're all making God angry with Yisrael (Israel) again by profaning the rest day."

19 So after that, when it started to get dark on Friday evenings, I ordered that the city gates be closed, and not to be opened until after the rest day. I also stationed some of my young men to stand at the gates to ensure that no load could enter on the rest day. **20** Some traders and merchants selling various goods

The rest day

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_on/over_all this not I_was in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because in_year thirty and_two of_'Artaḥshashtā' the_king_ _of Bāvel I_had_gone to the_king and_to_the_end_of days I_ _requested_leave_of_absence from the_king. **7** And_I_came to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_I_perceived (in)_the_thing which 'Elyāshiyv he_had_done for_Ṭōviy^{yāh} for_doing to_ _him/it a_room in_the_courtyards_of the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm. **8** And_it_was_displeasing to_me exceedingly and_I_ _threw ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_articles_of the_household_of Ṭōviy^{yāh} the_outside from the_room. **9** And_I_said and_people_purified the_store-rooms and_I_brought_back there the_utensils_of the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm ᴅᴏᴍ the_grain_offering and_the_ _frankincense. **10** And_I_perceived if/because_that the_ _portions_of the_Lēviyyiy not it_had_been_given and_they_ _had_fled each to_his_own_of_field the_Lēviyyiy and_the_ _singers who_did_of (of)_the_work. **11** And_I_contended with the_officials and_I_said why the_house_of the_'Elohīm has_it_ _been_neglected and_I_assembled_them[154] and_I_made_them_ _stand at place_of_their. **12** And_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_ _brought the_tithe_of the_grain and_the_new_wine and_the_ _fresh_oil to_storerooms. **13** And_I_appointed_as_treasurers over the_storerooms Shelem^{yāh} the_priest/officer and_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_scribe and_Pədā^{yāh} one_of the_Lēviyyiy and_was_on hand_of_their Ḥānān the_son_of Zakkūr the_son_ _of Mattan^{yāh} if/because reliable they_were_thought and_was_ _on_them to_distribute to_brothers_of_their. **14** Remember to/for_me my_god_of_my on this and_do_not wipe_out loyalti(es)_of_my which I_have_done in_house_of my_god_of_ _my and_in_services_of_its.

15 In_the_days (the)_those I_saw in_Yəhūdāh those_who_trod winepresses[156] on_sabbath and_those_who_brought (the)_ _heaps and_those_who_loaded_them on (the)_donkeys and_ _also wine grapes and_figs and_all load and_those_who_ _brought_them Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in/on_day of_the_ _sabbath and_I_protested in/on_day sold_they food. **16** And_ _the_Tsorī/(Tyrians) who_they_dwelt in_it were_bringing fish and_all merchandise and_they_were_selling_it on_sabbath to_ _the_people_of Yəhūdāh and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **17** And_I_contended with the_nobles_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _I_said to/for_them what is_the_thing (the)_evil the_this which you(pl) are_doing and_you(pl)_are_profaning ᴅᴏᴍ the_day_of the_sabbath. **18** Am_not thus ancestors_of_your(pl) did_they_do and_ god_of_our _he/it_brought on_us ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_trouble (the)_this and_on the_city (the)_this and_you(pl) are_ _increasing anger toward Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_profaning ᴅᴏᴍ the_sabbath. **19** And_he/it_was just_as the_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_became_shady to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_sabbath and_I_said and_ the_doors _ _they_were_closed and_I_said which/who not people_will_ _open_them until after the_sabbath and_some_of_my_servants I_stationed at the_gates not a_load it_will_come in/on_day of_

152 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 12:19.

153 RV 13:12 · Cross-ref. Mal 3:10.

154 LV 13:11 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

155 RV 13:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:8-10; Deu 5:12-14; Jer 17:21-22.

156 LV 13:15 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

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_the_sabbath. **20** And_ the_traders and_the_sellers_of every_of thing_sold _they_passed_the_night from_the_outside of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_time and_two_times. **21** And_I_ _warned in/among_them and_I_said to_them why are_you(pl) passing_the_night before the_wall if you(pl)_will_do_it_again a_ _hand I_will_stretch_out on_you(pl) from the_time (the)_that not they_came on_sabbath. **22** And_I_said to_Lēviyyiy which/who they_will_be purifying_themselves and_coming guarding the_gates to_keep_holy ~~DOM~~ the_day_of the_sabbath also this remember to/for_me my_god_of_my and_have_mercy on_me according_to_the_greatness_of your_covenant_loyalty_ _of_your.

23 Also in_the_days the_those I_saw ~~DOM~~ the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) who_they_had_married women Ashdodite[158][159] ʼAmmōnī[160][161] Mō'āvites. **24** And_children_of_their half was_speaking Ashdodite and_not_they were_knowing to_speak Yəhūdī/(Judean) and_according_to_the_language_of people and_people. **25** And_I_contended with_them and_I_cursed_ _them and_I_struck from_them men and_I_pulled_out_their_ _beard and_I_made_them_take_an_oath by_god if you(pl)_will_ _give daughters_of_your(pl) to_sons_of_their and_if you(pl)_ _will_take any_of_their_daughters for_sons_of_your(pl) and_ _for_yourselves. **26** Am_not on these Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) did_he_sin and_among_nations (the)_ _many not he_was a_king like_him and_loved by_god_of_his he_ _was and_he_made_him god king over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) also him the_wives (the)_foreign they_caused_to_sin. **27** And_ _to_you(pl) will_we_listen to_do ~~DOM~~ all_of the_evil (the)_great (the)_this to_act_unfaithfully against_god_of_our by_marrying wives foreign. **28** And_one_of_the_sons_of Yōyādāʼ/(Joiada) the_son_of 'Elyāshiyv the_priest/officer (the)_great was_a_ _son-in-law of_Ṣanvallaṭ the_Horonite and_I_drove_him_away from_with_me. **29** Remember to/for_them my_god_of_my on the_defilement(s)_of the_priesthood and_the_covenant_of the_ _priesthood and_the_Lēviyyiy. **30** And_I_purified_them from_all foreignness and_I_assigned duties to_priests and_to_Lēviyyiy each in_his_own_of_work. **31** And_for_the_offering_of the_ _wood(s) at_times appointed and_for_first-fruits[162] remember to/for_me my_god_of_my for_good.

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camped outside the city walls once or twice, **21** but I warned them, "Why are you camping there outside the wall? If you do it again, I'll have you all removed." After that, they no longer came on the rest days. **22** Then I told the Levites that they should purify themselves and then come to the gates to monitor them on the rest day.

My god, remember me having to deal with this, and show your amazing loyal faithfulness towards me.

The scolding of marriage of foreigner

23 During that time, I also saw Yehudim (Jews) who'd married women from Ashdod, Amon, and Moav (Moab), **24** and half of their children spoke a foreign language from those other people groups and couldn't speak Hebrew. **25** So I scolded those men and cursed them and hit some of them and pulled out their hair. Then I forced them to promise in front on God that they wouldn't allow their daughters to marry foreign men, or their sons to take foreign wives. **26** I explained, "Didn't Yisrael's (Israel's) own King Shelomoh (Solomon) sin concerning that same matter? Among all the countries in the world, there wasn't any other king like, and he was loved by his god who'd placed him there as king over all Yisrael. But even then, the foreign women caused him to sin. **27** So do we need to hear about all of you doing this terrible evil of being unfaithful to God by marrying foreign wives?"

28 Also one of Yoyada's sons (grandson of the high priest Elyashiv) was a son-in-law of Sanvalat the Horoni,[157] so I banished him from my sight.

29 My god, remember them for bringing shame to the priesthood and dishonouring the vows made by the priests and the Levites.

30 Then I purified them from everything foreign, established regulations for each part of the work done by the priests and the Levites, **31** and organised the firewood supply at certain times, including for the first-fruits celebrations.

My god, remember me for good.

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157 RV 13:28 · Cross-ref. Neh 4:1.

158 LV 13:23 · Note OSHB variant note: **תוידודשא**: (x-qere) '**תוֹיְדֻדְשַׁא**': lemma_796 n_0.1 morph_HNgfpa id_16TsQ **תוֹיְדֻדְשַׁא**

159 LV 13:23 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

160 LV 13:23 · Note OSHB variant note: **תוינומע**: (x-qere) '**תוֹינֳמַע**': lemma_5984 n_0.0 morph_HNgfpa id_16HAP **תוֹינֳמַע**

161 LV 13:23 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

162 LV 13:31 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

Hagay

Introduction

This document contains a number of messages from Yahweh that the prophet Hagay passed on to the people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). These events happened around 520 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.), after many of God's people had gone back to Yerushalem after being taken into captivity in Bavel. However, even though they'd been back for a considerable time, they hadn't worked on rebuilding the temple. Therefore, these messages from Yahweh encourage the people to change their priorities and obey God and rebuild the temple. God then promised to prosper the people and bless their living situation.

Main components of this account

God's command to rebuild the temple *1:1-15*
Stories of comfort and hope *2:1-23*

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1:1 In_year two of_Dārəyāvesh the_king in_month the_sixth in/on_day one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came by_ _the_hand_of Ḥaggay the_prophet to Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl the_governor_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_near/to Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq/(Jehozadak) the_ _priest/officer (the)_great to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says to_say the_people the_this they_ _have_said not a_time_of to_come the_time_of the_house_of **YHWH** to_be_rebuilt. **3** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was by_the_hand_of Ḥaggay the_prophet to_say. **4** Does_a_time to/for_you(pl) you(pl) to_dwell in_houses_of_your(pl) panelled and_the_house the_this is_desolate. **5** And_now thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says set heart_of_your(pl) on ways_of_ _your(pl). **6** You(pl)_have_sown much and_you_have_brought little you_have_eaten and_not it_was_to_be_satisfied you_have_ _drunk and_not it_was_to_become_drunk you_have_dressed and_not it_was_to_be_warm to_him/it and_the_one_who_ _earns_wages is_earning_wages to a_bag pierced. **7** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says set heart_of_your(pl) on ways_of_ _your(pl). **8** Go_up the_hill_country and_you(pl)_will_bring wood and_rebuild the_house that_I_may_take_pleasure in/on/over_him/it and[2] **YHWH** he_says. **9** You_turned_to_look to much and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE (into)_little and_you(pl)_ _brought_it the_house and_I_blew in_him/it because_of what the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers because_of house_of_my which it is_desolate and_you(pl) are_running each to_his_own_of_house. **10** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so on_you(pl) the_heavens they_have_withheld[345] from_dew and_ _the_earth it_has_withheld produce_of_its. **11** And_I_have_ _summoned a_drought on the_earth/land and_on the_ _mountains and_on the_grain and_on the_new_wine and_on the_fresh_oil and_on that_which the_soil it_will_bring_forth and_on the_humankind and_on the_cattle/livestock and_on all_of the_toil_of hands.

12 And_he/it_listened Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl and_ _Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq/(Jehozadak) the_ _priest/officer (the)_great and_all/each/any/every the_ _remnant_of the_people to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_their and_to the_words/messages_of Ḥaggay the_prophet just_as he_ _had_sent_him **YHWH** god_of_their and_ the_people _they_ _were_afraid from_face/in_front_of **YHWH**. **13** And_ Ḥaggay the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_said by_the_message_of **YHWH** to_people to_say I am_with_you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he_stirred_up ~~DOM~~ the_spirit_of Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl the_governor_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_~~DOM~~ the_spirit_of Yəhōshūʿa the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq the_priest/officer (the)_great and_~~DOM~~ the_spirit_ _of all_of the_remnant_of the_people and_they_came and_ _they_made work in_house_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers god_of_their. **15** In/on_day twenty and_four of_month in_ _month in_year two of_Dārəyāvesh the_king.

Readers' Version

God's command to rebuild the temple

1:1 In Dareyavesh's (Darius') second year as king of Paras (Persia), on the 1st of the sixth month, the prophet Hagay brought Yahweh's message to the governor of Yehudah (Judah), Zerubavel (Shealtiyel's son), and to the high priest, Yehoshua (Joshua) (Yehotsadak's son),[1] telling them that **2** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "These people say that it's not the right time to rebuild Yahweh's residence."

3 Then Yahweh gave this message to the prophet Hagay to tell the people:

4 Is it a time for all of you to live in your panelled houses, while Yahweh's temple lies in ruins? **5** So now Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: "Decide what you're all going to do. **6** You've all planted a lot, but only harvested a little. You've eaten, but it never fills you. You all drink, but never enough to satisfy you. You put on clothes, but never feel warm enough. You earn wages, but your pockets seem to be full of holes."

7 So Commander-in-chief Yahweh says again: "Decide what you're all going to do. **8** Go up into the hills and bring back timber to build the temple. This will please and honour me," says Yahweh.

9 "You expected much, but gained little. Anything you brought home, I blew away again. Why? Commander-in-chief Yahweh says it's because my residence is still in ruins, while you're all busy working on your own houses. **10** That's why the sky withholds the dew and the soil withholds its crops. **11** I've summoned a drought onto the land and into the hills, onto the grain and the new wine, onto the oil and crops from the ground, onto both people and livestock, and onto everything you all do."

The people start rebuilding

12 Then Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and Yehotsadak's son Yehoshua (Joshua), the high priest, and all the rest of the people listened to the voice of their god Yahweh via the words of the prophet Hagay, because Yahweh their god had sent him, and the people respected Yahweh. **13** Then Yahweh's messenger Hagay passed this message from Yahweh onto the people, "Yahweh declares that I'm with you all." **14** Then Yahweh inspired Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel, the governor of Yehudah (Judah), inspired Yehotsadak's son Yehoshua, the high priest, and inspired all the rest of the people, and they came and started work on the temple for their god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, **15** on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month of the second year of Dareyavesh (Darius) the king of Paras (Persia).

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1 RV 1:1 · Cross-ref. Ezr 4:24–5:2; 6:14.

2 LV 1:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **דבכא/ו**: (x-qere) **'וְהָדְבְּכָא/וְ'**: lemma_c/3513 n_0.0 morph_HC/VNh1cs id_37iy2 **וְהָדְבְּכָא/ו**

3 LV 1:10 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

4 LV 1:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

5 LV 1:10 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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The splendour of the new temple

2:1 On the 21st of the seventh month (about a month later), Yahweh spoke again through the prophet Hagay: **2** Please ask Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel, the governor of Yehudah (Judah), and ask Yehotsadak's son Yehoshua (Joshua), the high priest, and ask the rest of the people, **3** "Are there any of you still alive who saw the splendour of the former temple? How does it look to you now? It must now seem pretty much like *nothing* in comparison.[6] **4** Yahweh is telling you now, Zerubavel, to be strong. And be strong, high priest Yehoshua, and be strong all you people of the land. Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that I'm with you as you work. **5** That's what I promised your ancestors when they came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and my spirit remains among you.[7] Don't be afraid, **6** because Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that in a little while, I'll shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land, once more.[8] **7** I'll shake all the nations, and they'll come here bringing their treasure. Then I'll fill this temple with my splendour, says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **8** Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that the gold and silver belong to me. **9** I declare that this temple will be greater in the future than it was in the past, and also that I will give peace and prosperity to this place."

Hagay consults the priests

10 On the 24th of the ninth month in King Dareyavesh's (Darius') second year (about two months later), Yahweh gave a message to the prophet Hagay: **11** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "Ask the priests about Mosheh's (Moses') instructions. **12** 'If a priest took some meat that had been offered to God and carried it wrapped in a piece of clothing, then if the clothing touched some other food, would that other food become holy?' "

"No, it wouldn't," the priests replied.

13 Then Hagay asked, "But if a person became unclean by touching a corpse and then touched any of that food, would it become unclean?"

"Yes, it would become unclean,"[9] the priests answered.

14 "That's what Yahweh declares about you people," Hagay continued. "He says that that's how this country acts towards him. Your actions are dishonourable, and then that same disrespect transfers to your offerings. **15** So now think back to before stones were being laid for Yahweh's temple. **16** During that time, when someone went to get twenty containers of grain, there were only ten there, and when someone went to fill fifty jars of

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2:1 In_month on_day_twenty and_one of_month the_message_ _of **YHWH** it_came by_the_hand_of Ḥaggay the_prophet to_say. **2** Say please to Zərubāvel the_son_of Shəʾaltiyʾēl the_governor_ _of Yəhūdāh and_near/to Yəhōshūʿa the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq the_priest/officer (the)_great and_near/to the_remnant_of the_people to_say. **3** Who among_you(pl) is_the_one_who_ _remains who he_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_house the_this in_splendour_of_ _its (the)_former and_what are_you(pl) seeing ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it now am_not is_as_it as_nothing in_eyes_of_your(pl). **4** And_now be_ _strong Oh_Zərubāvel the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_be_strong Oh_Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq/(Jehozadak) the_priest/officer (the)_great and_be_strong Oh_all_of the_ _people_of the_earth/land the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_work if/because I am_with_you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **5** ᴅᴏᴍ the_message which I_cut with_ _you(pl) when_you_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _spirit_of_my is_standing among_you(pl) do_not be_afraid. **6** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says yet one_ _time is_a_little it and_I am_about_to_shake ᴅᴏᴍ the_heavens and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sea and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_dry_ _ground. **7** And_I_will_shake ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_nations and_ the_ _precious_thing_of all_of the_nations _they_will_come and_I_ _will_fill ᴅᴏᴍ the_house the_this splendour **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. **8** To_me the_silver and_belongs_ _to_me the_gold the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **9** Great it_will_be the_splendour_of the_house the_this (the)_ _latter more_than the_former **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says and_in_place the_this I_will_give peace the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers.

10 On_day_twenty and_four of_month in_year two of_ _Dārəyāvesh the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to Ḥaggay the_ _prophet to_say. **11** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says ask please ᴅᴏᴍ the_priests instruction to_say. **12** THERE someone he_will_carry flesh_of holiness in_the_skirt_of his_ _garment_of_his and_he_will_touch with_skirt_of_his (to) (the)_ _bread and_near/to (the)_cooked_food and_near/to (the)_wine and_near/to oil and_near/to every_of food will_it_become_holy and_ the_priests _they_answered and_they_said no. **13** And_ Ḥaggay _he/it_said if a_person_unclean_of a_corpse he_will_ _touch in_all these_things will_it_become_unclean and_ the_ _priests _they_answered and_they_said it_will_become_ _unclean. **14** And_ Ḥaggay _he_answered and_he/it_said is_thus the_people the_this and_thus/so/as_follows the_nation the_ _this to/for_my_face/front the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ _thus/so/as_follows all_of the_work_of their_hands_of_their and_which they_will_bring_near there is_unclean it. **15** And_ _now set please heart_of_your(pl) from the_day the_this and_ _upwards from_before put a_stone to a_stone in_(the)_palace of_**YHWH**. **16** From_when_they_were someone_came to a_ _heap_of twenty_measures and_it_was ten someone_came to the_wine-vat to_draw fifty_measures a_winepress and_it_was twenty. **17** I_struck you(pl) with_blight and_with_mildew and_

6 **RV 2:3 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 3:12.

7 **RV 2:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 29:45-46.

8 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:26.

9 **RV 2:13 · Cross-ref.** Num 19:11-22.

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_with_hail ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_ _your(pl) and_not you(pl) to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **18** Set please heart_of_your(pl) from the_day the_this and_ _upwards from_day_of twenty and_four of_month (to)_from the_day when the_temple_of **YHWH** it_was_founded set heart_ _of_your(pl). **19** Still is_the_seed in_granary and_unto the_vine and_the_fig_tree and_the_pomegranate and_tree the_olive not it_has_borne_fruit from the_day the_this I_will_bless.

20 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was a_second_time to Ḥaggay on_day_twenty and_four of_month to_say. **21** Say to Zərubāvel the_governor_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say I am_ _about_to_shake ~~ĐOM~~ the_heavens and_~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land. **22** And_I_will_overthrow the_throne_of kingdoms and_I_will_ _destroy the_strength_of the_kingdoms_of the_nations and_I_ _will_overthrow chariotry and_riders_of_its and_ horses and_ _riders_of_their _they_will_go_down each by_the_sword_of his/its_brother. **23** In_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers I_will_take_you Oh_Zərubāvel the_ _son_of Shə'altiy'ēl servant_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_make_you like_signet-ring if/because in_you(ms) I_ _have_chosen the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers.

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wine from the vat, there was only enough for twenty. **17** Yahweh declares that he caused blight and mildew and hail to affect your work, but you still didn't turn to him. **18** Think back to the time from when the foundation of Yahweh's temple was laid, until today (this 24th of the ninth month). Consider that. **19** Is any grain left in the storehouse for seed? What's more, the vines, and the fig trees and pomegranate trees and olive trees, haven't produced fruit. However, Yahweh will bless you from today onwards."

God's promise to Zerubavel

20 Then Yahweh gave a second message to Hagay on the 24th: **21** Tell Zerubavel, the governor of Yehudah (Judah), "I'm about to shake the heavens and the earth. **22** I'll overthrow the thrones of kingdoms, and destroy the strength of the nations. I'll overthrow chariots and riders—horses and their riders will fall and related tribes will kill each other. **23** Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that on that day he will take Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and cause him to place Yahweh's mark on the nation like a signet ring, because he's been chosen."

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Zekaryah

(Zechariah)

Introduction

This document lists the prophecies of Zekaryah (Zechariah) concerning Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and tells about the hoped-for Messiah and the final judgement. It consists of two parts: **1**. *Chapters 1–8*, Zekaryah's prophecy concerning his revelation about saving Yerushalem, the replacement of the temple and its cleaning so that Yahweh's people become holy, and **2**. *Chapters 9–14*, the prophecies concerning the hoped-for Messiah and the final judgement. It's believed that this document was written between 520 and 518 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.)

Main components of this document

Warnings and hope *1:1–8:23*
The punishment of Yisrael's enemies *9:1-8*
The arrival of prosperity and peace *9:9–14:21*

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1:1 In_month (the)_eighth in_year two of_Dārəyāvesh the_ _message_of **YHWH** it_came to Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Berek^{yāh} the_son_of ʼIddō the_prophet to_say. **2** **YHWH** he_was_angry towards ancestors_of_your(pl) anger. **3** And_you_will_say to_ _them thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says return to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_I_will_ _return to_you(pl) **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. **4** Do_ _not be like_ancestors_of_your(pl) whom they_proclaimed to_ _them the_prophets (the)_former to_say thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says turn_back please from_ways_of_ _your(pl) (the)_evil and**23** (the)_evil and_not they_listened and_ _not they_paid_attention to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **5** Ancestors_of_your(pl) where are_they and_the_prophets forever do_they_live. **6** Nevertheless words/messages_of_my and_regulations_of_my which I_commanded ~~DOM~~ servants_of_ _my the_prophets am_not did_they_overtake ancestors_of_ _your(pl) and_they_repented and_they_said just_as **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_planned for_doing to/for_us according_to_of_our_ways and_according_to_of_our_deeds so he_has_done with_us.
7 In/on_day twenty and_four of_one_plus_of ten month it was_ _the_month_of Shebat in_year two of_Dārəyāvesh the_ _message_of **YHWH** it_came to Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Berek^{yāh} the_son_of ʼIddō the_prophet to_say. **8** I_saw the_night and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man was_riding on a_horse red and_he was_standing between the_myrtle_trees which were_in_hollow and_were_behind_him horses red sorrel and_white. **9** And_I_ _said what are_these my_master and_he/it_said to_me the_ _messenger who_was_speaking with_me I I_will_show_you what they are_these. **10** And_ the_man who_was_standing between the_myrtle_trees _he_answered**6** and_he_said these are_those_whom **YHWH** he_has_sent to_go_about on_the_ _earth. **11** And_they_answered ~~DOM~~ the_messenger_of **YHWH** who_was_standing between the_myrtle_trees and_they_said we_have_gone_about in/on_the_earth and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE all_of the_earth/land is_dwelling and_is_undisturbed. **12** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_answered and_he_said Oh_ _**YHWH** soldiers/messengers until when you not will_you_ _have_compassion_on ~~DOM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_~~DOM~~ the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which you_have_been_ _indignant this seventy year[s]. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he_answered ~~DOM~~ the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me words/messages good words/messages comfort(s). **14** And_ _he/it_said to_me the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me proclaim to_say thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says I_ _am_jealous for_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_for_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) jealousy great. **15** And_anger great I am_angry towards the_nations (the)_at_ease that I I_was_angry a_little and_they they_have_helped for_evil. **16** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says I_have_returned to_

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Yisrael urged to turn to Yahweh

1:1 In the eighth month of the second year of the reign of Persian King Dareyavesh (Darius), Yahweh spoke through the prophet Zekaryah (Zechariah) (Zekaryah, son of Ido's son Berekyah)[1] saying, **2** "Yahweh was very angry with your ancestors, **3** so tell this to the people: Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that if you all turn back to me, I'll return to you. **4** Don't be like your ancestors who'd been told by the prophets that Commander-in-chief Yahweh wanted them to abandon all their evil practices, but they wouldn't listen or pay attention. That is Yahweh's declaration.

5 "So where are you ancestors and the prophets now? Do they live forever? **6** But your ancestors didn't obey my words and my decrees that I commanded through my servants the prophets, but they eventually repented and said, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh has done to us just what our ways and actions deserved.' "

Yahweh's compassion for Yerushalem

7 About three months later, Yahweh spoke again through the prophet Zekaryah (Zechariah) (Zekaryah son of Ido's son Berekyah) saying, **8** "I had a vision in the night, and was surprised to see a man riding on a red horse,[4] and then he was standing among the myrtle trees that are in the valley, and behind him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses."[5] **9** I asked, "What are these things, my master?"

Then that heavenly messenger who talked with me told me, "I'll show you what those things are."

10 Then the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "Those are the ones that Yahweh has sent out to roam throughout the world."

11 They answered Yahweh's messenger who stood among the myrtle trees, telling him, "We've been roaming throughout the world, and see, the whole world sits contentedly and is at peace."

12 "Commander-in-chief Yahweh," Yahweh's messenger asked, "how long before you show compassion to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and to the cities of Yehudah (Judah), which you've been angry with for the past seventy years?"

13 Then that messenger who'd talked with me was answered by Yahweh with kind and comforting words, **14** and that messenger told me, "Call out and say, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: I've been very jealous for Yerushalem and for Tsiyon (Zion). **15** I'm very angry with the countries that are at ease—I was only a little angry with them, but they made the disaster worse.

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1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 4:24–5:1; 6:14.

2 **LV 1:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/מכ/ילילעמ: (x-qere) וְ/מֶכְ/יִלְלֶעֱמ': lemma_c/4611 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp2mp id_38fsu וְ/מֶכְ/יִלְלֶעֱמ

3 **LV 1:4 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

4 **RV 1:8a · Cross-ref.** Rev 6:4.

5 **RV 1:8b · Cross-ref.** Rev 6:2.

6 **LV 1:10 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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16 Therefore Yahweh says: I will show mercy Yerushalem again.
My residence will be built within her, and the measuring line
will be stretched out over her. That's what Commander-in-chief
Yahweh declares.
17 "Again, call out and say, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh says
this: My cities will once again overflow with goodness, and I will
again comfort Tsiyon and choose Yerushalem.' "

The vision of the four horns

18 Then I looked up and wow, I saw four horns. 19 I asked the messenger who'd talked with me, "What are those?"
"Those are the horns that have scattered Yehudah (Judah), Yisrael (Israel), and Yerushalem (Jerusalem)." he answered.
20 Then Yahweh showed me four craftsmen 21 and I asked, "What are those people coming to do?"
"Those horns are the nations that scattered Yehudah so that everyone went into hiding," he answered, "But the blacksmiths have come to terrify the horns—to amputate the horns of the nations that attacked Yehudah, scattering the people."

The vision of Yerushalem expanded

2:1 Then I looked up, and wow, I saw a man holding a measuring line[13] 2 and I asked him, "Where are you going?"
"To measure Yerushalem (Jerusalem)," he replied, "and to determine its width and length."
3 Then to my surprise, the messenger who'd talked with me went away and another messenger went out to meet him 4 and told him, "Run and speak to that young man, saying: Yerushalem won't need city walls because there'll be so many people and animals within it. 5 Yahweh declares that he'll become a wall of fire around it and will become the splendour in the middle of it.

Yahweh commands the exiles to go home

6 Yahweh declares: Get up and get moving. Flee from that land in the north, because I had scattered you into the four

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_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_compassion(s) house_of_my it_
_will_be_rebuilt in_it the_utterance_of **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers and[7] it_will_be_stretched_out over
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 17 Again proclaim to_say thus
YHWH soldiers/messengers he_says again cities_of_my they_
_will_overflow from_good and_ **YHWH** _he_will_comfort again
ᵭᵯᵯ Tsiyyōn and_he_will_choose again (in)_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

2:1 [8] And_I_lifted_up ᵭᵯᵯ eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE four horns. 2 [9] And_I_said to the_messenger
who_was_speaking with_me what are_these and_he/it_said to_
_me these are_the_horns which they_scattered ᵭᵯᵯ
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) ᵭᵯᵯ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).[10] 3 [11] And_he_showed_me **YHWH**
four craftsmen. 4 [12] And_I_said what are_these coming to_do
and_he/it_said to_say these are_the_horns which they_
_scattered ᵭᵯᵯ Yəhūdāh according_to_the_mouth_of a_man
not he_lifted_up his/its_head and_ these_craftsmen _they_
_came to_terrify ᵭᵯᵯ_them to_throw_down ᵭᵯᵯ the_horns_of
the_nations which_lifted_up a_horn against the_land_of
Yəhūdāh to_scatter_it.

5 [14] And_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man and_was_in_hand_of_his a_cord_of
measurement. 6 [15] And_I_said where are_you going and_he/it_
_said to_me to_measure ᵭᵯᵯ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_see
how_much breadth_of_is_its and_how_much length_of_is_its.
7 [16] And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_messenger who_was_speaking
with_me was_going_out and_an_messenger another was_
_going_out to_meet_him. 8 [17] And_he/it_said to_him[18][19] run
speak to the_young_man this to_say unwalled_villages
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_will_remain from_the_multitude_
_of person[s] and_livestock in_the_midst_of_of_it. 9 [20] And_I I_
_will_be to_it the_utterance_of **YHWH** a_wall_of fire all_around
and_(into)_glory I_will_become in_the_middle_of_of_it.

10 [21] Alas alas (and)_flee from_the_land_of the_north the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because like_the_four the_winds_of
the_heavens I_have_scattered you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
11 [22] Alas Oh_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) escape Oh_inhabitant[s] of_the_

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7 LV 1:16 · Note OSHB variant note: הוק/ו: (x-qere) וְקִ/וֹ; lemma_c/6957 b morph_HC/Ncmsa id_38wA4 וְקִ/וֹ

8 LV 2:1 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.1.18

9 LV 2:2 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.1.19

10 LV 2:2 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

11 LV 2:3 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.1.20

12 LV 2:4 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.1.21

13 RV 2:1 · Note The modern equivalent would be a tape measure.

14 LV 2:5 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.1

15 LV 2:6 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.2

16 LV 2:7 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.3

17 LV 2:8 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.4

18 LV 2:8 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

19 LV 2:8 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

20 LV 2:9 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.5

21 LV 2:10 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.6

22 LV 2:11 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.7

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_daughter_of of_Bāvel. **12** [23] If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says after honour he_has_sent_me to the_nations which_have_plundered you(pl) if/because_that the_one_who_touches (in)_you(pl) is_touching (in)_the_pupil_ _of his_eye_of_his. **13** [24] If/because HERE_I am_about_to_ _brandish ~~ĐƠM~~ hand_of_my on_them[25] and_they_will_be plunder for_their_own_of_slaves and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_sent_me. **14** [26] Shout_for_joy and_rejoice Oh_daughter_of Tsiyyōn if/because HERE_I am_about_to_come and_I_will_dwell among_ _you the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **15** [27] And_ nations many _they_ _will_join_themselves to **YHWH** in_the_day (the)_that and_ _they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I_will_dwell among_ _you and_you_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_sent_me to_you. **16** [28] And_ **YHWH** _he_will_inherit ~~ĐƠM~~ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) portion_of_his on the_ _land_of (the)_holiness and_he_will_choose again (in)_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **17** [29] Hush Oh_all_of flesh from_ _face/in_front_of **YHWH** if/because he_has_roused_himself from_the_dwelling_place_of his_holiness_of_his.

3:1 And_he_showed_me ~~ĐƠM~~ Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) the_ _priest/officer (the)_great standing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_messenger_of **YHWH** and_the_accuser was_ _standing at hand_of_his_right to_accuse_him. **2** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to the_accuser **YHWH** may_he_rebuke (in)_you Oh_ _accuser and_may_he_rebuke **YHWH** (in)_you who_has_chosen (in)_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) am_not is_this a_piece_of_ _firewood plucked_out from_a_fire. **3** And_Yəhōshūʹa he_was clothed garments filthy and_he_was_standing to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_messenger. **4** And_he_answered and_he/it_said to those_who_were_standing[35] before_him to_ _say remove the_garments (the)_filthy from_on_him and_ _he/it_said to_him/it see I_have_taken_away from_on_you iniquity_of_your and_I_will_clothe you fine_robes. **5** And_I_said let_them_put a_turban clean on his/its_head and_they_put the_ _turban (the)_clean on his/its_head and_they_clothed_him garments and_the_messenger_of **YHWH** was_standing. **6** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_admonished (in)_Yəhōshūʹa to_ _say. **7** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says if in_ways_of_ _my you_will_walk and_if ~~ĐƠM~~ charge_of_my you_will_keep and_also you you_will_govern ~~ĐƠM~~ house_of_my and_also you_ _will_guard ~~ĐƠM~~ courts_of_my and_I_will_give to/for_ _yourself(m) goings between those_who_are_standing the_

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winds. **7** Now run you people who live in Bavel (Babylon)—escape to Tsiyon (Zion). **8** Commander-in-chief Yahweh said that, after he honoured and sent me against the nations that plundered you—

because anyone who touches you, is messing with God's favourite.

9 He said, "I myself will punish them, and they'll be looted by their own slaves."

When you see that, then you'll know that Commander-in-chief Yahweh sent me.

10 Yahweh declares: "Sing and be glad, daughter of Tsiyon, because I myself will come and settle among you."

11 Then powerful nations will join Yahweh at that time, and they will become his people. He will settle among you, and you will know that Commander-in-chief Yahweh has sent me to you. **12** Then Yahweh will inherit Yehudah (Judah) as his rightful possession in that sacred region, and will once again choose Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

13 All people everywhere, be silent before Yahweh, because from his sacred place, he's been driven into action.

Yehoshua and Satan

3:1 Then Yahweh showed me the high priest Yehoshua (Joshua)[30] standing in front of Yahweh's messenger, and Satan was standing at his right to accuse him.[31] **2** But Yahweh told Satan, "May Yahweh rebuke you, Satan[32]—may Yahweh who's chosen Yerushalem (Jerusalem), rebuke you. Isn't he energetic like a burning stick taken out of the fire?"

3 Now Yehoshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood in front of the messenger **4** who told those standing in front of him, "Take off his filthy clothes."

Then he said to Yehoshua, "Listen, I've taken away the guilt of your disobedience, and I'll dress you in nice clothes."

5 "Let them put a clean headband on his head," I said, so they placed a clean headband on Yehoshua's head and dressed him with new clothes, while Yahweh's messenger was standing there watching.

6 Then he told Yehoshua, **7** "Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: If you'll follow my instructions and obey my rules, then you can govern my temple and guard my courtyards, because I'll allow you to walk among these who are standing here. **8** Please listen, Yehoshua the high priest, as well as your companions sitting in

23 **LV 2:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.8

24 **LV 2:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.9

25 **LV 2:13 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as הֻּדִי/לַּע

26 **LV 2:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.10

27 **LV 2:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.11

28 **LV 2:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.12

29 **LV 2:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.13

30 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 5:2.

31 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:10.

32 **RV 3:2 · Cross-ref.** Jude 9.

35 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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front of you. Those these men are a sign, because I myself will bring out my servant 'the branch'.[33] 9 Now look at the stone that I've placed in front of Yehoshua—a single stone with seven faces cut on it. Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that I will engrave an inscription on it, and I will remove the sin from this land in one day. 10 Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that in that day, each man will invite his neighbour to sit under his grapevine or under his fig tree."[34]

The container of lamp and the two olives

4:1 Then the messenger who was talking with me turned and woke me as if waking someone from their sleep. 2 "What do you see?" he asked me.

"Wow," I said, "I see a lampstand made entirely of gold, with a bowl on top of it. It has seven lamps on the top with a tube feeding each one, 3 and two olive trees by it—one on each side of it."[36] 4 Then I asked the messenger who was talking with me, "What are those, my master?"

5 "Don't you know what those things mean?" he asked me.

"No, my master," I replied.

6 So he told me, "This is Yahweh's message to Zerubavel:[37] Commander-in-chief Yahweh says it won't be my strength or my power, but with my spirit. 7 What are you, big mountain? Before Zerubavel you will become a plain. Then he will bring out the top stone to shouts of 'Grace, grace to it.' "

8 Then Yahweh's message came to me, saying, 9 "Zerubavel's hands have laid the foundation of this temple and his hands will bring it to completion." Then you will have confirmation that Commander-in-chief Yahweh has sent me to you. 10 Because who has mocked those who make a small difference? They will rejoice and will see Zerubavel holding a plumb line.

Those seven lamps are Yahweh's eyes that roam over the whole world.

11 "What are these two olive trees on the right and left of the lampstand?" I asked the messenger.[38] 12 "And what are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that have golden oil pouring out of them?"

13 Then he answered, "Don't you know what those are?"

"No, my master," I replied.

14 Then he said, "Those are the two anointed men[39] who stand

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_these. 8 Hear please Oh_Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) the_priest/officer (the)_great you and_companions_of_your who_sit to_your_face if/because are_men_of sign they if/because HERE_I am_about_ _to_bring ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_my branch. 9 If/because THERE the_ _stone which I_have_set to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yəhōshūʻa are_on a_stone one seven eyes here_I am_about_to_ _engrave engraving_of_its the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_I_will_remove ᴅᴏᴍ the_iniquity_of the_earth/land (the)_that in/on_day one. 10 In_the_day (the)_ _that the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers you(pl)_ _will_invite each (to)_neighbour_of_his to under a_vine and_ _near/to under a_fig_tree.

4:1 And_ the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me _he_ _returned and_he_roused_me like_a_person who he_is_roused from_sleep_of_his. 2 And_he/it_said to_me what are_you seeing and[40] I_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_lampstand_of gold of_it_of_ _all and_a_bowl[41] is_on top_of_its and_seven lamps_of_its on/upon_it(f) seven and_seven pipes belong_to_lamps which are_on top_of_its. 3 And_two olive_trees on/upon_it(f) one was_ _from_the_right_side_of the_bowl and_one was_at side_of_its_ _left. 4 And_I_answered and_I_said to the_messenger who_was_ _speaking with_me to_say what are_these my_master. 5 And_ the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me _he_answered and_ _he/it_said to_me am_not do_you_know what they are_these and_I_said no my_master. 6 And_he_answered and_he/it_said to_me to_say this is_the_message_of **YHWH** to Zərubāvel to_ _say not by_strength and_not by_power if/because (if) by_ _spirit_of_my **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. 7 Who are_ _you Oh_mountain_of (the)_great to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Zərubāvel (into)_level_ground and_he_will_bring_ _forth ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone (the)_top shouting(s) grace grace to/for_ _her/it. 8 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_ _say. 9 The_hands_of Zərubāvel they_have_founded the_house the_this and_hands_of_his they_will_finish_it and_you_will_ _know if/because_that **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_ _sent_me to_you(pl). 10 If/because who has_he_despised (to)_a_ _day_of small_things and_they_will_rejoice and_they_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone (the)_tin in_the_hand_of Zərubāvel seven these are_the_eyes_of **YHWH** they are_roving_about in_all the_ _earth/land. 11 And_I_answered and_I_said to_him/it what are_ _the_two_of the_olive_trees (the)_these at the_right_side_of the_lampstand and_at side_of_its_left. 12 And_I_answered a_ _second_time and_I_said to_him/it what are_the_two_of the_ _clusters_of the_olive_trees which are_at_the_hand_of the_two_ _of the_pipes_of the_gold which_are_pouring_out from_on_ _them the_gold. 13 And_he/it_said to_me to_say am_not do_ _you_know what are_these and_I_said no my_master. 14 And_

33 **RV 3:8 · Cross-ref.** Jer 23:5; 33:15; Zech 6:12.

34 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** Mic 4:4.

36 **RV 4:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 11:4.

37 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 5:2.

38 **RV 4:11 · Cross-ref.** Rev 11:4.

39 **RV 4:14 · Note** It's not clear who this is referring to.

40 **LV 4:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וּרְמַאי/**: (x-qere) 'וּלְמַאָן': lemma_c/559 n_0.2.1.2 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_38CVM וּלְמַאָן

41 **LV 4:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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_he/it_said these are_the_two_of the_sons_of the_fresh_oil who_stand at the_master_of all_of the_earth/land.

5:1 And_I_returned and_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_scroll flying. **2** And_he/it_said to_me what are_you seeing and_I_said I am_seeing a_scroll flying length_of_ _its is_twenty by_cubit and_breadth_of_its is_ten by_cubit. **3** And_he/it_said to_me this is_the_curse which_is_about_to_ _go_forth over the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land if/because every_of (the)_one_who_steals from_this according_to_it he_ _will_be_purged and_all (the)_one_who_swears_an_oath from_ _this according_to_it he_will_be_purged. **4** I_will_send_it_forth the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_it_will_go into the_house_of the_thief and_near/to the_house_of the_ _one_who_swears_an_oath by_name_of_my to_falsehood and_ _it_will_lodge in_the_middle his_house_of_his and_it_will_ _destroy_it and_ĐOM wood(s)_of_its and_ĐOM stone(s)_of_its.

5 And_ the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me _he/it_ _went_out and_he/it_said to_me lift_up please eyes_of_your and_see what is_the_thing_which_is_going_forth (the)_this. **6** And_I_said what is_it and_he/it_said this is_the_'ēyfāh which_ _is_going_forth and_he/it_said this eye_of_is_their in_all the_ _earth/land. **7** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_round_cover_of lead was_raised and_this was_a_woman one who_was_sitting in_the_ _middle of_the_'ēyfāh. **8** And_he/it_said this_woman is_(the)_ _wickedness and_he_threw ĐOM_her/it into the_midst_of the_ _'ēyfāh and_he_threw ĐOM the_weight_of (the)_lead into her/its_mouth. **9** And_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE two women were_going_forth and_spirit was_in_wings_of_their and_belonged_to_them wings like_the_ _wings_of (the)_stork and_they_lifted_up ĐOM the_'ēyfāh between the_earth/land and_between the_heavens. **10** And_I_ _said to the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me where are_ _they taking ĐOM the_'ēyfāh. **11** And_he/it_said to_me to_build for_it a_house in_land of_Shin'ār and_it_will_be_prepared and_ _it_will_be_placed there on its_own_stand_of_on.

6:1 And_I_returned and_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE four chariots were_coming_forth from_ _between the_two_of the_mountains and_the_mountains were_ _mountains_of bronze. **2** Were_with_chariot (the)_first horses red and_were_with_chariot the_second(fs) horses black. **3** And_ _were_with_chariot (the)_third horses white and_were_with_ _chariot (the)_fourth horses dappled strong. **4** And_I_answered and_I_said to the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me what are_these my_master. **5** And_ the_messenger _he_answered and_he/it_said to_me these are_the_four the_winds_of the_ _heavens which_go_forth from_when_presented_themselves on the_master_of all_of the_earth/land. **6** Which with_it the_ _horses (the)_black they_are_going_out to the_land_of the_ _north and_the_white_horses they_have_gone_out to after_

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before the master of the whole world."

The flying scroll vision

5:1 Then I turned around and looked up, and wow, I saw a flying scroll, **2** and the messenger asked me, "What do you see?"

"I see a flying scroll," I answered, "that's nine metres long and half that wide."

3 Then he told me, "That's the curse that goes out over the surface of the whole land. Every thief will be removed according to what it says on the one side, and everyone who testifies falsely will be removed according to what it says on the other side. **4** Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares: I will send it out so it will enter into the house of any thief and into the house of anyone who testified falsely using my name, and it will remain in that house and eat away at its timber and its stones."

The woman in a basket vision

5 Then the messenger who'd been talking with me came over and said to me, "Look up and see what's coming now."

6 "What is it?" I asked.

And he said, "That's the measuring bin that's coming." Then he continued, "That's their eye[42] across the whole land."

7 Then, wow, a lead covering was lifted off and there was a woman sitting inside the measuring bin. **8** He said, "This woman is 'wickedness'." Then he pushed her back inside the measuring bin, then quickly pressed the heavy lead cover back over its opening.

9 Then I looked up again and wow, I saw two women with wings like stork's wings, flying on the wind towards us, and they lifted the measuring bin up into the sky.

10 "Where are they taking the measuring bin?" I asked the messenger who'd been talking with me.

11 "To build a temple for it in Bavel (Babylon)," he replied. "And when it's ready, it'll be set on a base there."

The four chariots vision

6:1 Then I turned and looked up and wow, I saw four chariots coming out from between two bronze mountains. **2** The first chariot was being pulled by red horses,[43] the second by black horses,[44] **3** the third by white horses,[45] and the fourth by spotted grey horses.

4 I asked the messenger who had talked with me, "What are those, my master?" **5** "Those are four winds of the heavens[46] that go out from where they were, ahead of the master of the whole world," he answered. **6** "The chariot pulled by black horses will go north, the one pulled by white horses will go west, and the one pulled by spotted grey horses will go south." **7** The strong horses went out and wanted to go and roam over

42 RV 5:6 · Note Some ancient translations have 'iniquity' here, but we've stayed with the Hebrew.

43 RV 6:2 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:4.

44 RV 6:2 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:5.

45 RV 6:3 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:2.

46 RV 6:5 · Cross-ref. Rev 7:1.

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the earth, and he said, "Go and roam over the earth." and they went to roam over the earth. 8 Then the messenger called out and told me, "Look at the ones that are going out to the north country. They will appease my spirit in the north country."

The crowning of Yehoshua

9 Then Yahweh's message came to me, saying, 10 "Take the offering from the exiles that Helday, Toviyah, and Yedayah are bringing, and go this same day and take it into Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) house (Tsefanyah's (Zephaniah's) son, who has come from Bavel (Babylon)). 11 Then take the gold and silver, and make a crown and place it on the head of the high priest, Yehoshua (Joshua) (Yehotsadak's son) 12 and tell him, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:
Look, a man whose name is 'Branch'[48] will grow from his place, and he will build Yahweh's temple. 13 Yes, he will build Yahweh's temple, and he will radiate splendour and will sit and rule on his throne. He'll be a priest on his throne, and peace will emanate from the interaction of both of those roles. 14 Then the crown will be given to Helday, to Toviyah, to Yedayah, and to Tsefanyah's son Hen as a memorial in Yahweh's temple.
15 Then those live far away will come and build Yahweh's temple, so you will know that Commander-in-chief Yahweh has sent me to you. All this will happen if you truly listen to the voice of your god Yahweh.' "

Fasting with wrong motivation

7:1 On the 4th of the ninth month (named 'Kislev') in the fourth year of the reign of Persian King Dareyavesh (Darius), Yahweh's message came to Zekaryah (Zechariah).
2 The people of Beyt-El (Bethel) had sent Sharetser and Regem-Melek and their men to request prayers for Yahweh's favour. 3 They asked the priests who were at Commander-in-chief Yahweh's temple, along with the prophets, "Should I fast in the fifth month to show that I'm mourning, as I've been doing for many years?"
4 So Commander-in-chief Yahweh's message came to me:
5 "Ask the priests and the people all over the country, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for the past seventy years, were you truly fasting for me? 6 When you ate and drank together, weren't you yourselves just enjoying the food and drink? 7 Weren't those the same words that Yahweh

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_them and_the_dappled_horses they_have_gone_out to the_ _land_of the_south. 7 And_the_strong_horses they_have_gone_ _out and_they_have_sought to_go to_go_about[47] on_the_earth and_he/it_said go go_about in/on_the_earth and_they_went_ _about on_the_earth. 8 And_he_called_out_to ᴅᴏᴍ_me and_ _he/it_spoke to_me to_say see those_which_are_going_out to the_land_of the_north they_have_caused_to_rest ᴅᴏᴍ my_ _breath/wind/spirit in_land the_north.

9 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 10 Take from_with the_exile[s] from_Ḥelday and_from_with Ṭōvᵛiyʸāh and_from_with Yəda'ʸāh/(Jedaiah) and_ you _you_will_go in_ _the_day (the)_that and_you_will_go the_house_of Yo'shiyʸāh/(Josiah) the_son_of Tsəfanʸāh/(Zephaniah) who they_have_come from_Bāvel. 11 And_you_will_take silver and_ _gold and_you_will_make a_crown(s) and_you_will_put_it on_ _the_head_of Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq/(Jehozadak) the_priest/officer (the)_great. 12 And_ _you_will_say to_him/it to_say thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says to_say THERE a_man is_Branch his/its_name and_from_under_him he_will_sprout and_he_ _will_build ᴅᴏᴍ the_temple_of **YHWH**.[495051] 13 And_he he_will_ _build ᴅᴏᴍ the_temple_of **YHWH** and_he he_will_bear majesty and_he_will_sit and_he_will_rule on throne_of_his and_it_was a_priest on throne_of_his and_a_counsel_of peace it_will_be between the_two_of_of_them. 14 And_the_crown(s) it_will_be to_Helem and_to_Ṭōvᵛiyʸāh and_to_Yəda'ʸāh and_to_Ḥēn the_ _son_of Tsəfanʸāh to_a_memorial in_(the)_palace of_**YHWH**. 15 And_distant_ones they_will_come and_they_will_build in_ _(the)_palace of_**YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_sent_me to_you(pl) and_it_ _was if carefully_(listen) you(pl)_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl).

7:1 And_he/it_was in_year four of_Dārəyāvesh the_king the_ _message_of **YHWH** it_came to Zəkarʸāh on_day_four of_month (the)_ninth in_Kişlēv. 2 And_ Bēyt-ᵓēl _it_had_sent Sar-'etser and_Regem- king and_men_of_his to_entreat ᴅᴏᴍ the_face_of **YHWH**. 3 To_say to the_priests who belonged_to_the_house_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_near/to the_prophets to_say will_I_weep in_month (the)_fifth will_I_separate_myself just_as I_have_done this how_many years. 4 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers _he/it_was to_me to_say. 5 Say to all_of the_people_of the_earth/land and_near/to the_priests to_say if/because you(pl)_fasted and_you_mourned in_month and_in_month and_this seventy year[s] really_(fast) did_you_ _fast_for_me me. 6 And_because/when you(pl)_eat and_ _because/when you(pl)_drink am_not are_you(pl) the_ones_ _eating and_are_you(pl) the_ones_who_drink. 7 Am_not are_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages which **YHWH** he_proclaimed by_ _the_hand_of the_prophets (the)_former when_was Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) dwelling and_at_ease and_cities_of_

47 **LV 6:7 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

48 **RV 6:12 · Cross-ref.** Jer 23:5; 33:15; Zech 3:8.

49 **LV 6:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

50 **LV 6:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

51 **LV 6:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_its were_around_of_it and_the_Negev and_the_Shephelah was_inhabited.

8 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Zəkar^{yāh} to_say. **9** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says to_say justice_of faithfulness judge and_loyalty and_compassion(s) do each with his/its_brother. **10** And_the_widow and_the_fatherless the_ _sojourner and_the_poor do_not oppress and_the_harm_of each his/its_brother do_not plan in_heart_of_your(pl). **11** And_ _they_refused to_pay_attention and_they_gave a_shoulder stubborn and_ears_of_their they_made_heavy from_hearing. **12** And_heart_of_their they_made diamond from_hearing ~~ĐOM~~ the_law and_~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages which **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_had_sent by_spirit_of_his by_the_ _hand_of the_prophets (the)_former and_ severe_anger great _ _he/it_was from_with **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **13** And_ _he/it_was just_as he_called and_not they_listened so they_ _called and_not I_listened **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. **14** And_I_will_storm_them_away to all_of the_nations which not they_have_known_them and_the_earth it_was_desolate behind_them from_one_who_passes_through and_from_one_ _who_returns and_they_made a_land_of desire into_a_waste.

8:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers _he/it_ _was to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says I_am_ _jealous for_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) jealousy great and_rage great I_ _am_jealous to/for_her/it. **3** Thus **YHWH** he_says I_have_ _returned to Tsiyyōn and_I_will_dwell in_the_middle of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _it_ _will_be_called the_city_of (the)_faithfulness and_the_ _mountain_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_mountain_of (the)_holiness. **4** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says again old_men and_old_women they_will_sit in_the_open_ _places_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_each staff_of_his in_ _his/its_hand from_abundance_of days. **5** And_the_open_ _places_of the_city they_will_be_filled boys and_girls playing in_its_open_of_places. **6** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says if/because it_will_be_difficult in/on_both_eyes_of the_ _remnant_of the_people the_this in_the_days the_those also in_ _eyes_of_my will_it_be_difficult the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **7** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says HERE_I am_about_to_save ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_my from_the_ _land_of the_east and_from_the_land of the_setting_of the_sun. **8** And_I_will_bring ~~ĐOM~~_them and_they_will_dwell in_the_ _middle of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become to/for_them (into)_god in_ _faithfulness and_in_righteousness. **9** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says hands_of_your(pl) let_them_be_ _strong Oh_you(pl)_who_hear in_the_days the_these ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _words/messages the_these from_the_mouth_of the_prophets who in/on_day the_house_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_

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proclaimed through the former prophets, when you still inhabited Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the surrounding cities in prosperity and were settled in the Negev, and the western foothills?' "

Exile follows disobedience

8 Then Yahweh's message came to Zekaryah (Zechariah): **9** "Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, 'Judge with true justice, loyal commitment, and mercy. Let everyone do that for their neighbour. **10** Don't oppress widows or orphans, foreigners or poor people, and none of you should plot any harm against another person, even in your mind.'

11 But they refused to pay attention, turning away stubbornly and blocking their ears so they couldn't hear. **12** They made their hearts as hard as rock so they couldn't hear the written law or Commander-in-chief Yahweh's contemporary messages. He'd sent those messages to the people by his spirit in earlier times through the words of the prophets, but the people refused to listen, so Commander-in-chief Yahweh was very angry with them. **13** And so it was that when he called, they didn't listen. In the same way," said Commander-in-chief Yahweh, "they'll call out to me for help, but I won't listen. **14** I'll use a whirlwind to scatter them to other nations that they've never been to before. Then the land here will become desolate after they've gone because no one will pass through this land or return to it since the people have made their pleasant country into a wasteland."

The promise to bless Yerushalem

8:1 Then Commander-in-chief Yahweh's message came to me, saying: **2** "Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: I'm passionate for Tsiyon (Zion) with dedicated zeal and I am passionate for her with fierce anger. **3** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: I will return to Tsiyon and will live in the middle of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), because Yerushalem will be called 'The city of truth' and Commander-in-chief Yahweh's mountain will be called 'The sacred mountain'. **4** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:

Old men and old women will appear around Yerushalem's streets once again,

and the people will need staffs in their hands because they've grown so old. **5** The city streets will be full of children playing in them.

6 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:

If something seems impossible in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days,

Yahweh's declaration is: 'It doesn't mean that it's impossible for me.' **7** Army command Yahweh says:

Listen, I'm about to rescue my people from the lands to the east and to the west,[52] **8** and I'll bring them back. Then they'll live in the middle of Yerushalem, so they will be my people again and I'll be their god in truth and in righteousness.

9 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:

"Let your hands be strong, all you who now hear these words

52 **RV 8:7 · Note** including Bavel in the east, and Mitsrayim (Mitsrayim) in the west.

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spoken by the prophets who were present when the foundations were laid to rebuild the temple—Commander-in-chief Yahweh's residence. **10** Because before those days, no crops were gathered in by anyone. There was no profit for either man or animal, and there was no peace from enemies for anyone going or coming. I had caused every person to be against their neighbours. **11** But now it won't be like it was in times past. Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that I'll be with the remnant of this people. **12** Because seeds of peace will be sown. The grapevine will produce its fruit and the soil will give its produce. The skies will give their dew, because I'll give all those things to those people as an inheritance. **13** House of Yehudah (Judah) and house of Yisrael (Israel), you were made into an example of a curse for the other nations to see. So I will rescue you and you'll be a blessing. Don't be afraid—work hard to finish building the temple.

14 Because Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: Just as I didn't relent when I'd planned to do harm to you all when your ancestors provoked my anger, **15** so also at this time I'll plan to do good again to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the house of Yehudah. Don't be afraid. **16** These are the things that you all must do: Always tell the truth to those around you.[53] Judge with truth, justice, and peace in your community courts. **17** Yahweh declares: Don't inwardly plan to do evil things to others around you all, and don't encourage false testimonies because those are the things I hate."

18 Then Commander-in-chief Yahweh's message came to me, saying, **19** "Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: The fasts of the fourth month, the fifth month, the seventh month, and the tenth month will become times of joy, gladness, and happy festivals for the house of Yehudah. Therefore appreciate and strive for truth and peace.

20 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: People will come again, even those who are currently living in various different cities. **21** The inhabitants of one city will go to another city and say, 'Let's go quickly to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to make our requests to Yahweh—to ask for the favour of Commander-in-chief Yahweh. We ourselves are also going.' **22** Many people and powerful nations will come to seek Commander-in-chief Yahweh there in Yerushalem, and to beg for Yahweh's favour. **23** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: In those days, ten men from every language and nation will grasp the hem of your robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we've heard that God helps you.' "

9:1 This is a declaration of Yahweh's message concerning the Arami (Syrian)

The punishment of Yisrael's enemies

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_temple when_it_was_founded to_be_rebuilt. **10** If/because to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_days the_those the_ _wage[s]_of the_humankind not it_happened and_the_wage[s]_ _of the_cattle/livestock it_was_not and_for_who]_went_out and_for_who]_came there_was_not peace from the_foe and_I_ _sent ÐOM every_of the_humankind each on_neighbour_of_his. **11** And_now not like_days (the)_former I will_be_to_the_ _remnant_of the_people the_this the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **12** If/because the_seed_of (the)_peace the_vine it_will_give fruit_of_its and_the_earth it_will_give ÐOM produce_of_its and_the_heavens they_will_give dew_of_their and_I_will_give_as_an_inheritance ÐOM the_remnant_of the_ _people the_this ÐOM all_of these_things. **13** And_it_was just_as you(pl)_were a_curse among_nations Oh_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so I_will_ _save you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be a_blessing do_not be_afraid hands_of_your(pl) let_them_be_strong. **14** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says just_as I_planned[54] to_do_ _harm to/for_you(pl) when_ ancestors_of_your(pl) _provoked_ _to_anger ÐOM_me **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_ _not I_relented. **15** So I_have_returned I_have_planned in_the_ _days the_these to_do_good_to ÐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ÐOM the_house_of Yəhūdāh do_not be_afraid. **16** These are_ _the_things which you(pl)_will_do speak truth each with his/its_neighbour faithfulness and_justice_of peace judge in_ _gates_of_your(pl). **17** And_each ÐOM the_harm_of his/its_ _neighbour do_not plan in_heart_of_your(pl) and_an_oath_of falsehood do_not love if/because ÐOM all_of these are_things_ _which I_hate the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **18** And_ the_message_ _of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers _he/it_was to_me to_say. **19** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says the_fast_of the_ _fourth and_the_fast_of the_fifth_month and_the_fast_of the_ _seventh and_the_fast_of the_tenth_month it_will_become for_ _the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) (into)_joy and_(into)_gladness and_(into)_appointed_feasts good and_(the)_truth and_(the)_ _peace love. **20** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says yet which/who peoples and_the_inhabitants_of cities many they_ _will_come. **21** And_ the_inhabitants_of one_city _they_will_go to one_city to_say let_us_go indeed_(go) to_entreat ÐOM the_ _face_of **YHWH** and_to_seek ÐOM **YHWH** soldiers/messengers also I I_will_go. **22** And_ peoples many and_nations mighty _ _they_will_come to_seek ÐOM **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_to_entreat ÐOM the_face_of **YHWH**. **23** Thus[55] **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says in_the_ _days (the)_those which/who ten people from_all the_ _languages_of the_nations they_will_take_hold and_they_will_ _take_hold on_the_skirt_of a_person a_Jew to_say we_want_to_ _go with_you(pl) if/because we_have_heard god is_with_ _you(pl).

9:1 The_oracle_of the_message_of **YHWH** in_land of_Ḥadrāk and_Dammeseq resting_place_of_is_its if/because to/for_ _**YHWH** the_eye_of humankind and_all/each/any/every the_

53 RV 8:16 · Cross-ref. Eph 4:25.

54 LV 8:14 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

55 LV 8:23 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_also Hamath which_it_borders on_it Tsor/(Tyre) and_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) if/because it_is_wise exceedingly. **3** And_ Tsor/(Tyre) _it_built a_fortification to/for_ _her/it and_it_heaped_up silver like_dust and_gold like_the_ _mud_of the_streets. **4** THERE my_master he_will_impoverish_it and_he_will_strike in_sea rampart_of_its and_she by_fire it_ _will_be_consumed. **5** 'Ashqəlōn it_will_see and_it_will_be_ _afraid and_ʹAzzāh and_it_will_be_in_anguish exceedingly and_ _ʹEqrōn if/because of_confidence_of_its_object it_will_be_ _ashamed and_ a_king _he_will_perish from_ʹAzzāh and_ _'Ashqəlōn not it_will_remain. **6** And_ a_mixed_population _it_ _will_dwell in_'Ashdōd and_I_will_cut_off the_pride_of the_ _Pəlishtiy. **7** And_I_will_remove blood(s)_of_its from_mouth_of_ _its and_its_detestable_of_things from_between teeth_of_its and_ also it _it_will_be_left to_god_of_our and_it_was like_a_ _chief in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ʹEqrōn will_be_like_a_ _Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite). **8** And_I_will_encamp for_house_of_my a_ _guard from_one_who_passes_through and_from_one_who_ _returns and_not he_will_pass over_them again an_oppressor if/because now I_have_seen with_my_own_of_eyes.

9 Rejoice exceedingly Oh_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) shout_ _for_joy Oh_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) THERE king_ _of_your he_will_come to/for_you(fs) is_righteous and_ _victorious he poor and_riding on a_donkey and_on a_male_ _donkey a_young_one_of female_donkeys. **10** And_I_will_cut_off chariotry from_'Efrayim and_horse[s] from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ bow_of war _it_will_be_cut_off and_he_will_speak peace to_nations and_dominion_of_his will_ _be_from_sea to sea and_from_the_river to the_ends_of the_ _earth.

11 Also you by_the_blood_of your_covenant_of_your I_will_set_ _free prisoners_of_your[61] from_a_pit which_there_is_not water in/on/over_him/it. **12** Return to_the_stronghold Oh_prisoners_ _of hope also the_day I_am_declaring double I_will_restore to/for_you(fs). **13** If/because I_will_bend to_me Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_bow I_will_fill 'Efrayim and_I_will_rouse sons_of_your Oh_Tsiyyōn on sons_of_your Oh_Yāvān/(Greece) and_I_will_make_you like_the_sword_of a_warrior. **14** And_ _**YHWH** over_them he_will_appear and_it_will_go_forth like_ _lightning arrow_of_his and_the_of_master **YHWH** on_horn he_ _will_give_a_blast and_he_will_go in_the_storm_winds_of the_ _south. **15** **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_will_defend (on)_ _them and_they_will_eat and_they_will_subdue stones_of a_ _sling and_they_will_drink they_will_be_in_an_uproar like wine and_they_will_be_full like_bowl like_the_corners the_altar. **16** And_he_will_deliver_them **YHWH** god_of_their in_the_day

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Hadrak region and focusing on Damesek (Damascus) city,[56] because the eyes of all humanity, including all of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes, are toward Yahweh. **2** It's also about the Hamat region which borders on Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon) which is very wise. **3** Tsor has built herself a fortress and heaped up silver like dust and refined gold like mud in the streets. **4** Listen, my master will dispossess her and throw her wealth into the sea, and she'll be consumed by fire.

5 Ashkelon city will see and be afraid. Azah (Gaza) city (Azah) will also squirm in pain. Ekron city will have her hopes dashed. Azah's king will die, and Ashkelon will no longer be inhabited.[57]
6 Strangers will move into Ashdod, and I'll end the Pelishtim' pride. **7** I will remove the meat with blood still in it from their mouths and their foods offered to idols from between their teeth. Then they'll become a remnant for our god like a clan in Yehudah (Judah), and Ekron will end up like the Yevusim did.
8 I'll camp around my house as a guard to prevent anyone from passing through or returning so no oppressor can overrun them, because I've now looked with my own eyes.

Tsiyon's coming king

9 Shout with a huge celebration, daughter of Tsiyon (Zion).
Shout with happiness, Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) daughter.
Look! Your king is coming to you bringing justice and victory.
He's humble and is riding on a donkey, i.e., a donkey's foal.[58]
10 Then I'll neutralise the chariots heading to Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim),
and the horses heading to Yerushalem,
and the bows won't make it into battle.
He'll speak peace to the nations,
and his dominion will be from sea to sea,
and from the Perat (Euphrates) to the ends of the earth.[59]

The rescue of God's people

11 You people of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), because of the blood of my agreement with you,[60]
I'll set your prisoners free from that pit without water in it.
12 You prisoners with hope, return back inside the walls.
Even today I'm declaring that I will return double to you,
13 because I've bent Yehudah (Judah) as my bow.
I have filled my quiver with Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim).
Tsiyon (Zion), I've roused your sons, against your sons, Yavan (Greece),
and Tsiyon, I've made you like a warrior's sword."
14 Then Yahweh will appear to them,
and his arrow will shoot out like lightning,
because my master Yahweh will sound the trumpet

56 **RV 9:1 · Cross-ref.** Isa 17:1-3; Jer 49:23-27; Amos 1:3-5.

57 **RV 9:5-7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:29-31; Jer 47:1-7; Eze 25:15-17; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Zeph 2:4-7.

58 **RV 9:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 21:5; Yhn 12:15.

59 **RV 9:10 · Cross-ref.** Psa 72:8.

60 **RV 9:11 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:8.

61 **LV 9:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHQ.

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and will advance with the storms from the south.
15 Commander-in-chief Yahweh will defend them,
and they will devour them and deflect the stones from the slings.
Then they'll drink and shout like men drunk on wine,
and they'll be filled with wine like bowls,
drenched like the corners of the altar.
16 Then on that day, their god Yahweh will rescue them,
as the flock of his people.
They're the jewels of a crown that will sparkle over his land.
17 How good and how beautiful they'll be.
The young men will flourish on grain
and the young women on new wine!

Yehudah and Yisrael will be rescued

10:1 Ask Yahweh for rain in the spring-time—
Yahweh who makes thunderstorms and gives rain showers to everyone
including the vegetation in the countryside.
2 Diviners tell deceitful dreams and give empty comfort
because household idols speak falsely and so those diviners envision something that's a lie.
Therefore the people wander like sheep and suffer because there's no shepherd.[62]
3 "I'm angry with the shepherds—it's the leaders that I'll punish.
Commander-in-chief Yahweh will also attend to his flock—the house of Yehudah (Judah),
and make them like his warhorse in battle.
4 The building's cornerstone will come from Yehudah.
From him will come the tent peg,
from him will come the war bow,
from him will come every one of their strong leaders.
5 They'll be like warriors in battle
who trample their enemies into the mud of the streets.
They'll go to war, because Yahweh is with them,
and they'll shame those riding warhorses.
6 I'll strengthen the house of Yehudah (Judah)
and save the house of Yosef (Joseph)
because I'll bring them back and have compassion on them.
They'll be as though I hadn't driven them off,
because I'm their god Yahweh,
and I'll respond to them.
7 Then Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) will be like a warrior,
and their hearts will rejoice as with wine;
Their children will see and rejoice.
Their hearts will rejoice in me!
8 I'll whistle to call them and gather them,
because I'll rescue them,
and they'll become as numerous as they were previously.
9 I scattered them among the nations,

Literal Version

(the)_that like_the_flock_of his_people_of_his if/because stones_of a_crown will_display_themselves on land_of_his. **17** If/because how be_its_goodness_of_will and_how be_its_ _beauty_of_will grain young_men and_new_wine it_will_cause_ _to_thrive young_women.

10:1 Ask from_**YHWH** rain at_the_time_of spring_rain **YHWH** is_ _making thunder-clouds and_rain_of rain he_gives to/for_them to_everyone vegetation in_field. **2** If/because the_teraphim they_speak wickedness and_the_diviners they_see falsehood and_the_dreams_of (the)_worthlessness[63] they_speak futility they_comfort therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_have_set_out like sheep they_are_afflicted if/because there_is_not a_ _shepherd. **3** Towards the_shepherds anger_of_my it_has_burnt and_on the_leaders I_will_visit_judgement if/because **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_visits ~~ᵭᵯ~~ flock_of_his ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_house_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_will_make them like_the_horse_of his_majesty_of_his in_battle. **4** From_him/it a_corner from_ _him/it a_peg from_him/it a_bow_of war from_him/it every_of ruler he_will_come_forth together. **5** And_they_will_be like_ _warriors who_tread_down in_the_mud_of the_streets in_battle and_they_will_fight if/because **YHWH** will_be_with_them and_ _they_will_put_to_shame riders_of horses. **6** And_I_will_make_ _strong ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) I_will_save and_I_will_restore_them if/because I_have_compassion_on_them and_they_will_be just_as not I_ _had_rejected_them if/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_their and_ _I_will_answer_them. **7** And_they_will_be like_a_warrior_of 'Efrayim and_ heart_of_their _it_will_rejoice like wine and_ _children_of_their they_will_see and_they_will_rejoice heart_ _of_their it_will_rejoice in_**YHWH**. **8** I_will_whistle to/for_them and_I_will_gather_them if/because I_have_redeemed_them and_they_will_multiply as they_multiplied. **9** And_I_will_sow_ _them among_peoples and_in_places they_will_remember_me and_they_will_live with children_of_their and_they_will_ _return. **10** And_I_will_bring_them_back from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from_'Ashshūr I_will_gather_them and_ _near/to the_land_of Gil'ād and_Lə'ānōn I_will_bring_them and_not it_will_be_found to/for_them. **11** And_he_will_pass in_ _sea trouble and_he_will_strike in_sea waves and_they_will_ _dry_up all_of the_depths_of the_River and_ the_pride_of 'Ashshūr _it_will_be_brought_down and_the_scepter_of Mitsrayim it_will_depart. **12** And_I_will_make_them_strong by_ _**YHWH** and_in_name_of_his they_will_go_about the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**.

62 **RV 10:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

63 **LV 10:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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11:1 Open Oh_Lə֯vānōn doors_of_your so_ fire _that_it_may_ _consume (in)_cedars_of_your. **2** Wail Oh_cypress if/because a_ _cedar it_has_fallen that majestic_trees they_have_been_ _devastated wail Oh_oaks_of Bāshān if/because it_has_come_ _down the_forest_of the[64]. **3** The_sound_of the_wailing_of the_ _shepherds if/because splendour_of_their it_has_been_ _devastated the_sound_of the_roaring_of young_lions if/because the_thicket[s]_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) it_has_been_ _devastated.

4 Thus **YHWH** god_of_my he_says shepherd ~~DOM~~ the_flock_of (the)_slaughter. **5** Which those_of_who_buy_them they_will_ _kill_them and_not they_will_be_held_guilty and_those_of_ _who_sell_them he_will_say **YHWH** be_blessed and_I_will_gain_ _riches and_shepherds_of_their not he_will_have_compassion on_them. **6** If/because not I_will_have_compassion again on the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I am_about_to_deliver ~~DOM~~ the_ _humankind each in_the_hand_of his/its_neighbour and_in_ _the_hand_of his_king_of_his and_they_will_crush ~~DOM~~ the_ _earth/land and_not I_will_deliver_it from_hand_of_their. **7** And_I_shepherded ~~DOM~~ the_flock_of (the)_slaughter for_ _so/thus/hence the_afflicted_ones_of the_flock and_I_took to_ _me two_of staffs (to)_one I_called Favor and_(to)_one I_called Union and_I_shepherded ~~DOM~~ the_flock. **8** And_I_annihilated ~~DOM~~ the_three_of the_shepherds in_a_month one and_ self_of_ _my _it_was_short (is)_in_them and_also self_of_their it_ _loathed (in)_me. **9** And_I_said not I_will_shepherd you(pl) the_ _one(f)_which_dies let_it(f)_die and_the_one(f)_which_is_ _being_destroyed let_it(f)_be_destroyed and_those(f)_which_ _survive let_them(f)_devour each(f) ~~DOM~~ the_flesh_of its_ _neighbour(f)_of_her. **10** And_I_took ~~DOM~~ staff_of_my ~~DOM~~ Favor and_I_cut_up ~~DOM~~_him/it to_break ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my which I_had_made with all_of the_peoples. **11** And_it_was_broken in_ _the_day (the)_that and_they_knew thus the_afflicted_ones_of the_flock who_were_watching ~~DOM~~_me if/because_that was_ _the_message_of **YHWH** it. **12** And_I_said to_them if it_is_good

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but they'll remember me in distant countries,
so they and their children will live and return,
10 because I'll bring them back from the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt)
and gather them from Ashur (Assyria).
I'll bring them to the land of Gilead and Levanon
until the region is filled with them.
11 Yahweh will lead them through their sufferings.
He will strike the waves of that sea
and will dry up all the depths of the Nile.
The Ashur's greatness will come to an end,
and Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) power will be removed.
12 I will strengthen them in myself,
and they will obey what I've instructed them.
That is Yahweh's declaration."

The punishment of Levanon and Bashan

11:1 Open your doors, Levanon,
so that fire can devour your cedar trees.
2 Wail, cypress trees, because the cedar trees have fallen.
What was majestic has been devastated.
Wail, you Bashan oaks, because the strong forest has come down.
3 Listen to the shepherds wail,
because their pride and joy has been destroyed.
Listen to the young lions roaring,
because the pride of the Yarden (Jordan) river has been devastated.

The two shepherds

4 My god Yahweh says: "Be like a shepherd who's watching over the flock that have been marked to be slaughtered. **5** The ones who buy them, slaughter them and aren't punished, and the ones who sell them say, 'Blessed be Yahweh. I've become rich.' because the shepherds working for the flocks' owners have no pity on them.
6 This is Yahweh's declaration: I will no longer feel sorry for the people of this country. Listen, I'm about to allow everyone to be taken over by their neighbours and by their king and allow them to destroy the land, and I won't rescue anyone from them."
7 So I became the shepherd of the flock that had been marked for slaughter—the ones who were suffering the most. I took two shepherd's staffs—I named one 'Favour', and the other I named 'Unity', and then I shepherded the flock. **8** Then I destroyed the three shepherds—in one month I became impatient with them, and they also hated me. **9** So I said to the owners, "I won't work for you any longer as a shepherd. The sheep that are dying—let them die. The sheep that are being destroyed—let them be destroyed. Let the sheep that remain start eating each other."
10 Then I took my staff named 'Favour' and broke it to break the agreement that I'd made with all of my tribes. **11** So the agreement was broken on that day, and the ones in the flock who were suffering the most and who were watching me, knew that Yahweh had spoken. **12** Then I told them, "If it seems good

64 **LV 11:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: רוצב/ה: (x-qere) ריְצָב/ה': lemma_d/1219 n_0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_38ckH ריְצָב/ה

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to you, give me my wages, but if not, don't bother." So they paid me thirty silver coins.[65]

13 Then Yahweh told me, "Give the money to the potter[66]—the pathetic amount that they valued you at." So I took the thirty silver coins and tossed them to the potter in Yahweh's temple.
14 Then I broke my second staff named 'Unity' to break the brotherhood between Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel).

15 After that, Yahweh told me, "Again, take the equipment of a simple shepherd for yourself, **16** because listen, I'm about to set a shepherd in place in the land who won't care for those who are dying. He won't seek out the sheep gone missing, nor will he heal the crippled sheep. He won't feed the sheep that are healthy, but he'll tear off the hooves of the fattened sheep and eat them for meat.

17 The worthless shepherd who abandons the flock won't end well.

May the sword come against his arm and his right eye.
May his arm wither away and may his right eye become blind."

Yerushalem's protection

12:1 This is a declaration of Yahweh's message concerning Yisrael (Israel)—a declaration of Yahweh, who stretched out the skies and laid the foundation of the earth, who forms the human spirit that's inside people, **2** "Listen, I'm about to make Yerushalem (Jerusalem) into a cup causing all the nations surrounding her to stagger around. It will also be like that for Yehudah (Judah) during the siege against Yerushalem. **3** At that time, I'll make Yerushalem into a heavy stone for all the peoples. Anyone trying to lift that stone will hurt himself very much, and all the nations in the world will gather against that city. **4** This is Yahweh's declaration: At that time, I will strike every horse with confusion and its rider with madness. I'll open my eyes over the Yehudah region, but I'll strike every horse from other countries with blindness. **5** Then the leaders of Yehudah will say to themselves, 'The inhabitants of Yerushalem are our strength because of their god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh.'

6 At that time, I will make the leaders of Yehudah like firepots among wood and like a flaming torch among standing grain, because they'll devour all the surrounding peoples on their right and on their left. Yerushalem will again live in her own place."

Saving Yerushalem's inhabitants

7 Yahweh will save Yehudah's (Judah's) tents first, so that the honour of David's descendants and the honour of Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants won't be greater than the rest of Yehudah. **8** At that time, Yahweh will be the defender of the inhabitants of Yerushalem. Those among them who are weak will become

Literal Version

in_eyes_of_your(pl) give wage[s]_of_my and_if not refrain and_
_they_weighed_out ÐOM wage[s]_of_my thirty silver. **13** And_
YHWH _he/it_said to_me throw_it to the_potter the_
_magnificence_of the_value which I_was_valued from_with_
_them and_I_took thirty the_silver and_I_threw ÐOM_him/it
the_house_of **YHWH** to the_potter. **14** And_I_cut_up ÐOM staff_
_of_my the_second ÐOM (the)_Union to_break ÐOM the_
_brotherhood between Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_between
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me again take
to/for_yourself(m) the_equipment_of a_shepherd foolish.
16 If/because HERE I am_about_to_raise_up a_shepherd on_the_
_earth those_which_are_being_destroyed not he_will_visit the_
_young_man not he_will_seek and_the_one_which_is_maimed
not he_will_heal the_one_which_stands_firm not he_will_
_sustain and_the_flesh_of the_fat_sheep he_will_eat and_
_hooves_of_their he_will_tear_off. **17** Woe_to the_shepherd_of
(the)_worthlessness who_abandons_of (of)_the_flock a_sword
will_be_on arm_of_his and_on the_eye_of his_right_side_of_his
arm_of_his totally_(wither) it_will_wither and_the_eye_of his_
_right_side_of_his totally_(dim) it_will_grow_dim.

12:1 The_oracle of_the_message_of of_**YHWH** on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
the_utterance_of **YHWH** who_stretched_out heaven and_who_
_founded earth and_who_formed the_spirit_of a_human in_his_
_inner_of_being. **2** HERE I am_about_to_make ÐOM
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_basin_of reeling to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_peoples all_around and_also on
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_be in_siege on
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_it_was on_day (the)_that I_
_will_make ÐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_stone_of burden
to/from_all/each/any/every the_peoples all_of those_of_who_
_carry_it severely_(injure) they_will_injure_themselves and_
_they_will_gather on/upon_it(f) all_of the_nations_of the_
_earth/land. **4** In_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_
_will_strike every_of horse with_bewilderment and_rider_of_its
with_madness and_over the_house_of Yəhūdāh I_will_open
ÐOM eyes_of_my and_all/each/any/every (the)_horse_of the_
_peoples I_will_strike with_blindness. **5** And_ the_chiefs_of
Yəhūdāh _they_will_say in_heart_of_their are_strength to_me
the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_**YHWH**
soldiers/messengers god_of_their. **6** In_the_day (the)_that I_
_will_make ÐOM the_chiefs_of Yəhūdāh like_a_pot_of fire
among_wood(s) and_like_a_torch_of fire among_cut_grain and_
_they_will_consume on the_right_side and_on the_left_side ÐOM
all_of the_peoples all_around and_ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _
_it_will_remain again in_its_place in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

7 And_ **YHWH** _he_will_save ÐOM the_tents_of Yəhūdāh at_first
so_that not the_splendour_of the_house_of Dāvid and_the_
_splendour_of the_inhabitant[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
it_may_be_great above Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **8** In_the_day (the)_
_that **YHWH** he_will_defend for the_inhabitant[s]_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_it_was the_one_who_stumbles
(is)_in_them in_the_day (the)_that like_Dāvid and_the_house_of

65 **RV 11:12-13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:9-10.

66 **RV 11:13 · Note** potter (following the Hebrew): in the ancient Syriac translation, they used 'treasury' (2x) in this verse, so some other English translations might differ.

Literal Version

Dāvid like_'Elohīm like_the_messenger_of **YHWH** before_them.
9 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that I_will_seek to_destroy ~~DOM~~
all_of the_nations the_(ones_who)_went on
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **10** And_I_will_pour_out on the_
_house_of Dāvid and_on the_inhabitant[s]_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_spirit_of favour and_supplications
and_they_will_look to_me ~~DOM~~ the_one_whom they_have_
_pierced_through and_they_will_mourn on/upon/above_
_him/it like_mourning on (the)_only_son and_they_will_show_
_bitterness on/upon/above_him/it as_shows_bitterness on
(the)_firstborn. **11** In_the_day (the)_that the_mourning it_will_
_be_great in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) like_the_mourning_of
Hadad- Rimmōn in_the_plain_of Məgiddōn. **12** And_ the_
_earth/land _it_will_mourn clans clans alone_itself the_clan_of
the_house_of Dāvid alone_itself and_wives_of_their alone_
_themselves the_clan_of the_house_of Nātān alone_itself and_
_wives_of_their alone_themselves. **13** The_clan_of the_house_of
Levi alone_itself and_wives_of_their alone_themselves the_
_clan_of the_Shim'īte[s] alone_itself and_wives_of_their alone_
_themselves. **14** All_of the_clans which_remain clans clans
alone_itself and_wives_of_their alone_themselves.

13:1 In_the_day (the)_that it_will_be a_fountain opened for_the_
_house_of Dāvid and_for_the_inhabitants_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_sin_of and_for_impurity. **2** And_
_it_was on_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers I_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~ the_names_of the_idols
from the_earth/land and_not they_will_be_remembered again
and_also ~~DOM~~ the_prophets and_~~DOM~~ the_spirit_of (the)_
_uncleanness I_will_cause_to_pass_away from the_earth/land.
3 And_it_was if/because anyone he_will_prophesy still and_
_they_will_say to_him/it his/its_father and_mother_of_his
who_begot_of_him not you_will_live if/because falsehood you_
_have_spoken in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_they_will_pierce_
_him_through father_of_his and_mother_of_his who_begot_of_
_him when_prophecies_he. **4** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that
the_prophets they_will_be_ashamed each_one from_vision_of_
_his when_prophecies_he and_not they_will_wear a_cloak_of
hair so_as to_deceive. **5** And_saying(ms) not am_a_prophet I
am_a_man who_tills ground I if/because someone he_sold_me
since_youth(s)_of_my. **6** And_saying(ms) to_him/it what are_
_the_wounds the_these between hands_of_your and_saying(ms)
those_which I_was_wounded the_house_of my_friends.
7 Oh_sword awake on shepherd_of_my and_on the_man_of
fellow_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers
strike ~~DOM~~ the_shepherd and_ the_sheep _they_will_be_
_scattered and_I_will_turn hand_of_my on those_who_are_
_insignificant. **8** And_it_was in_all_of the_earth/land the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** a_mouth_of two in_it they_will_be_cut_
_off they_will_perish and_the_third_part it_will_be_left in_it.
9 And_I_will_bring ~~DOM~~ the_third_part in_fire and_I_will_refine_
_them as_refines ~~DOM~~ (the)_silver and_I_will_test_them as_tests
~~DOM~~ the_gold it it_will_call on_name_of_my and_I I_will_answer
~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_say people_of_is_my it and_he it_will_say
YHWH god_of_is_my.

67 **RV 12:10 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 19:37; Rev 1:7.

68 **RV 13:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:31; Mrk 14:27.

Readers' Version

strong like David, while the David's descendants will be like God, like Yahweh's messenger going ahead of them. **9** "On that day I will begin to destroy all the nations that fight against Yerushalem."

10 But I will pour out a spirit of compassion and pleading on David's descendants and the inhabitants of Yerushalem, so they will look on me—the one they've pierced.[67] They'll mourn for me, as one mourns for an only son—they will wail bitterly for him like those who wail after the death of a firstborn son. **11** On that day the wailing in Yerushalem will be like the wailing at Hadad-Rimon in the Megidon plain. **12** The land will mourn, each clan separate from other clans. The clan of David's descendants will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men. The clan of Natan's (Nathan's) descendants will be separate and their wives will also be separate from the men. **13** The clan of Levi's descendants will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men. The clan of the Shim'im will be separate and their wives will also be separate from the men. **14** Each of the remaining clans will be separate and the wives will be separate from the men."

The cleaning of sins from Yisrael

13:1 "On that day a spring will be opened for David's descendants and the other inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), to clean them from their sin and impurity.

2 This is the declaration of Commander-in-chief Yahweh: That same day, I will eliminate the names of the idols from the country and then no one will be able to remember them. I'll remove the false prophets and the spirit of impurity from the land. **3** If anyone continues to prophesy, his father and mother will tell him, 'You can't be allowed to live because you speak lies using Yahweh's name' Then the very father and mother who gave birth to him will run him through when he prophesies. **4** At that time, each prophet will become ashamed of his vision when he is about to prophesy, so in order to deceive the people, these prophets won't put on a hairy cloak any more, **5** and they'll each say, 'I'm not a prophet. I'm a man who works the soil—I've been doing that since I was young.' **6** But someone will ask him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' and he'll answer, 'I got accidentally wounded in my friends' house.' "

The shepherd gets attacked

7 Army command Yahweh declares:

Wake up, sword, and work against the one who's my shepherd and the man who stands close to me.

Strike the shepherd and the flock will scatter[68]

because I'll turn my hand against the lowly ones.

8 Yahweh declares: Then it'll come about that throughout all the land,

that two-thirds of it will be cut off.

Those people will die—only one-third will remain there.

9 I'll bring that third through the fire and refine them like silver is refined.

Readers' Version

I'll test them like gold is tested.
They will call out to me for help,
and I'll answer them saying, 'This is my people.'
and they'll say, 'Yahweh is my god.' "

God appears and reigns

14:1 Listen, a day is coming for Yahweh,
when your plunder will be divided right in
front of you, **2** because I will assemble every country to battle
against Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the city will be captured.
The houses will be plundered and the women raped. Half of the
city will be led away into captivity, but the remainder of the
people won't be evicted from the city. **3** Then Yahweh will go out
and fight against those nations like when he fights on the day of
battle. **4** On that day, his feet will stand on the Mt. of Olives,
which is just east of Yerushalem. The Mt. of Olives will be split in
half between the east and the west by a very great valley, and
half of the mountain will go back toward the north and half to-
ward the south. **5** Then you all will flee down the valley between
Yahweh's mountains, because the valley between those moun-
tains will reach to Atsel. You will flee just like you fled from the
earthquake in the days of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Uziyah. Then
my god Yahweh will come and all the holy ones will be with him.
6 On that day, there'll be no light—precious things will freeze to-
gether. **7** On that day (known only to Yahweh), there'll no longer
be day or night, because it'll stay light at 'night'.

8 On that day, living waters will flow out of Yerushalem.[69] Half
of them will flow to the eastern sea and half to the western sea,
both in summer and in winter. **9** Yahweh will be king over all the
world. On that day there will only be Yahweh, the one God—no
other gods.

10 All the land will be like the plain from Geva to Rimon south
of Yerushalem. Yerushalem will continue to be in the hills and
remain in its own place, from the Benyamin Gate to the place
where the first gate was, to the Corner Gate, and from the
Hananel Tower to the king's wine-pressing pits. **11** It'll be inhab-
ited and never completely destroyed again—Yerushalem will live
in security.[70]

12 The deadly disease that Yahweh will use to attack all the na-
tions that fought against Yerushalem will be that their flesh will
rot away even while they're still standing on their feet. Their
eyes will rot in their sockets and their tongues will rot in their
mouths.

13 On that day, Yahweh will cause them to panic—they'll grab
hold of each other, and then they'll start attacking each other.

Literal Version

14:1 THERE a_day is_coming to/for_**YHWH** and_ plunder_of_
_your _it_will_be_divided in_midst_of_your. **2** And_I_will_gather
~~DOM~~ all_of the_nations to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_battle
and_ the_city _it_will_be_captured and_ the_houses _they_will_
_be_plundered and_the_women they_will_be_lain_with[72] and_
(the)_half_of the_city _it_will_go_out in_exile and_the_rest_of
the_people not it_will_be_cut_off from the_city. **3** And_ **YHWH** _
_he_will_go_forth and_he_will_fight against_nations the_those
like_the_day_of fought_he[737475] in/on_day battle. **4** And_ feet_
_of_his _they_will_stand in_the_day (the)_that on the_
_mountain_of (the)_Olives[76] which is_on the_face_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_east and_ the_mountain_of
(the)_Olives _it_will_be_split_open from_middle_of_its
eastward_from and_westward_to a_valley_of great very and_
(the)_half_of the_mountain _it_will_depart northward_toward
and_half_of_of_it southward_toward. **5** And_you(pl)_will_flee
the_valley_of my_mountains_of_my if/because the_valley_of
mountains it_will_reach to 'Ātsal and_you(pl)_will_flee just_as
you(pl)_fled from_face/in_front_of the_earthquake in_the_
_days_of Uzziah the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ **YHWH**
god_of_my _he_will_come all_of holy_ones will_be_with_you.
6 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that not it_will_be light
splendid_ones mmm[77]. **7** And_it_was a_day one it it_will_be_
known to/for**YHWH** not day and_not night and_it_was to_
_the_time_of evening light it_will_be. **8** And_it_was in_the_day
(the)_that waters living they_will_go_out from_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) of_them_of_half to the_sea (the)_
_eastern and_half_of_of_them to the_sea (the)_western in_
_summer and_in_winter it_will_be. **9** And_it_was **YHWH** (into)_
_king over all_of the_earth/land in_the_day (the)_that he_will_
_be **YHWH** one and_his/its_name will_be_one. **10** All_of the_
_earth/land it_will_change like_ʹArāvāh from_Gevaʹ to_
_Rimmōn the_south_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_it_will_
_rise and_it_will_remain in_its_place (to)_from_the_gate_of
Binyāmīn to the_place_of the_gate_of (the)_first to the_gate_of
the_corners and_the_tower_of Ḥ$_a$nan'ēl to the_winepresses_of
the_king. **11** And_people_will_dwell in_it and_total_destruction
not it_will_be again and_ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _it_will_
_remain to_security. **12** And_this it_will_be the_plague which
YHWH he_will_strike ~~DOM~~ all_of the_peoples which they_have_
_gone_to_war on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_will_cause_to_
_rot flesh_of_its and_he is_standing on feet_of_its and_eyes_of_
_its they_will_rot in_sockets_of_their and_tongue_of_its it_will_
_rot in_mouth_of_their. **13** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that a_

69 RV 14:8 · Cross-ref. Eze 47:1; Yhn 7:38; Rev 22:1.

70 RV 14:11 · Cross-ref. Rev 22:3.

72 LV 14:2 · Note OSHB variant note: הנלגשת: (x-qere) 'הָנֶבְכָּשֶׁת': lemma_7901 n_1 morph_HVNi3fp id_38Uz3 הָנֶבְכָּשֶׁת

73 LV 14:3 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

74 LV 14:3 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

75 LV 14:3 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

76 LV 14:4 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

77 LV 14:6 · Note OSHB variant note: ן/ואפקי: (x-qere) 'וְוֹאָפְקִוֹ': lemma_c/7087 b n_0 morph_HC/Ncmsa id_38eb2 וְוֹאָפְקִוֹ

Literal Version

_panic_of **YHWH** it_will_be great (is)_in_them and_they_will_
_take_hold_of each the_hand_of his/its_neighbour and_ his/its_
_hand _it_will_go_up on the_hand_of his/its_neighbour.
14 And_also Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_fight at_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and the_wealth_of all_of the_
_nations all_around gold and_silver and_garments to_increase_
_in_number very_great _it_will_be_gathered. **15** And_
_thus/so/as_follows the_plague_of the_horse the_mule the_
_camel and_the_donkey and_all the_cattle/livestock which it_
_will_be in_camps (the)_those it_will_be like_plague (the)_this.
16 And_it_was every_of (the)_one_who_remains from_all the_
nations the(ones_who)_went on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
and_they_will_go_up from_sufficiency a_year in_year to_bow_
_down to_the_king **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_to_
_celebrate_a_festival ~~ĐǪM~~ the_festival_of (the)_tents. **17** And_it_
_was one_who not he_will_go_up from_with the_clans_of the_
_earth/land to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_bow_down to_the_
_king **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_not on_them (the)_rain
it_will_be. **18** And_if the_clan_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not it_will_
_go_up and_not it_is_going and_not on_them it_will_be the_
_plague which **YHWH** he_will_strike ~~ĐǪM~~ the_nations which
not they_will_go_up to_celebrate_a_festival ~~ĐǪM~~ the_festival_of
(the)_tents. **19** This it_will_be the_punishment_for_sin_of
Mitsrayim and_the_punishment_for_sin_of all_of the_nations
which not they_will_go_up to_celebrate_a_festival ~~ĐǪM~~ the_
_festival_of (the)_tents. **20** In_the_day (the)_that it_will_be on
the_bells_of the_horse[s] holiness to/for_**YHWH** and_it_was
the_pots in_house_of **YHWH** will_like_the_bowls to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_altar. **21** And_it_was every_of pot in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_holy_
thing to/for**YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_ all_of those_
_who_sacrifice _they_will_come and_they_will_take from_them
and_they_will_boil in/among_them and_not a_merchant he_
_will_be again in_house_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_the_
_day (the)_that.

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Readers' Version

14 Yehudah (Judah) will also fight against Yerushalem, and the wealth (gold, silver, and clothing) from all the surrounding countries will be collected together.

15 That deadly disease will also affect the horses and mules, the camels and donkeys, and all the other animals in those camps.

16 After that, all who remain in those nations that came against Yerushalem will instead go up from year to year to worship the king (Commander-in-chief Yahweh), and to observe the celebration in shelters.[71] **17** It will happen that if anyone from all the countries in the world doesn't go to Yerushalem to worship the king (Commander-in-chief Yahweh) then Yahweh won't send them any rain. **18** If Mitsrayim (Egypt) doesn't go, then they won't get any rain. A deadly disease from Yahweh will attack the nations that do not go to Yerushalem to observe the celebration in shelters. **19** That will be the punishment for Mitsrayim and the punishment for every country that doesn't go to observe that celebration in shelters.

20 On that day, the horses' bells will say, "Dedicated to Yahweh," and the basins in Yahweh's residence will be like the bowls in front of the altar, **21** because every pot in Yerushalem and Yehudah (Judah) will be dedicated to Commander-in-chief Yahweh and everyone who brings a sacrifice will eat from them and boil in them. On that day, there will no longer be any traders in Commander-in-chief Yahweh's residence.

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71 RV 14:16 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:39-43.

Malaki

(Malachi)

Introduction

This document records some of God's messages that were given to the prophet Malaki (more accurately 'Mal'ākī', although traditionally spelt as 'Malachi') to pass on to the Israeli people. It was written around 500 years before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) once the replacement temple was finished in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). The main purpose of the messages is to encourage the priests and the people to turn back to God and obey him from their hearts. It's apparent that many of them were no longer obeying and worshipping God. The priests and the people were short-changing God by offering second-class animals for the sacrifices and none of them were following God's desires. But God intervened in order to judge and restore his people, and he will send a teacher to precede him to prepare the path and to restore his agreement.

Main components of this account

The sins of the Israelis *1:1–2:16*
God's judgement and mercy *2:17–4:6*

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Literal Version

1:1 The_oracle of_the_message_of of_**YHWH** to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_the_hand_of Mal'ākī.

2 I_have_loved you(pl) **YHWH** he_says and_you(pl)_say how have_you(pl)_loved_us am_not did_a_brother ʼĒsāv belong_to_ _Ya'aqovʼ/(Jacob) the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_loved ᴅᴏᴍ Ya'aqovʼ. **3** And_ᴅᴏᴍ ʼĒsāv I_hated and_I_have_made ᴅᴏᴍ mountains_of_his a_waste and_ᴅᴏᴍ inheritance_of_his for_ _female_jackals_of the_wilderness. **4** If/because ʾEdōm it_will_ _say we_have_been_shattered and_we_will_return and_we_will_ _rebuild the_ruins thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says they they_will_build and_I I_will_tear_down and_people_will_ _call to/for_them a_territory_of wickedness and_the_people which **YHWH** he_was_indignant until perpetuity. **5** And_your_ _two's_own_of_eyes they_will_see and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_say **YHWH** he_is_great from_under (to)_the_border_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

6 A_son he_honours a_father and_a_servant master(s)_of_his and_if am_a_father I where honour_of_is_my and_if am_a_ _master(s) I where fear_of_is_my he_says **YHWH** soldiers/messengers to/for_you(pl) Oh_priests who_despise_of name_of_(of)_my and_you(pl)_say how have_we_despised ᴅᴏᴍ name_of_your. **7** You(pl)_are_bringing_near on altar_of_my food defiled and_you(pl)_say how have_we_defiled_you by_ _saying_your(pl) the_table_of **YHWH** it is_despicable. **8** And_ _because/when you(pl)_bring_near a_blind_animal to_sacrifice is_it_not evil and_because/when you(pl)_bring_near a_lame_ _animal and_a_sick_animal is_it_not evil bring_it_near please to_governor_of_your will_he_be_pleased_with_you[345] or will_ _he_lift_up face_of_your **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. **9** And_now entreat please the_face_of god so_that_he_may_ _show_favour_to_us[6] from_hand_of_your(pl) this it_was will_ _he_lift_up any_of_you(pl) face **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says. **10** Who also is_among_you(pl) and_he_will_shut the_ _doors and_not you(pl)_will_set_light_to altar_of_my in_vain there_is_not to_me pleasure in_you(pl) **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_an_offering not I_will_accept from_hand_of_your(pl). **11** If/because from_the_rising_of the_ _sun and_unto setting_of_its is_great name_of_my among_ _nations and_on/over_all place incense is_being_brought_near to_name_of_my and_an_offering a_pure if/because is_great name_of_my among_nations **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says. **12** And_you(pl) are_profaning it by_saying_your(pl) the_ _table_of my_master it is_defiled and_fruit_of_its is_despicable food_of_its. **13** And_you(pl)_say THERE what_hardship and_ _you(pl)_sniff_at it **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_ _you(pl)_bring a_stolen_animal and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_lame_animal and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_sick_animal and_you(pl)_bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_offering will_ _I_accept it from_hand_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_says. **14** And_be_ one_who_deals_deceptively _cursed and_there_is among_flock_

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1:1 This is a message that Yahweh gave to Malaki (Malachi) for the Israelis:

Yahweh's love for the Israelis

2 "I have loved you all," says Yahweh, but you say, "How have you shown your love for us?"

"Wasn't Esav (Esau) Ya'akov's (Jacob's) brother?" declares Yahweh. "Yet I've loved Ya'akov[1] **3** and rejected Esav. I've turned the hills where Esav lived into a wasteland and given his inheritance to the wild jackals."

4 If Esav's descendants in Edom say, "We've been crushed, but we'll return and rebuild what was destroyed," then Commander-in-chief Yahweh will say, "They might build, but I will tear down. Others will call them 'The country of wickedness' and 'The people who Yahweh is forever angry with.'

5 Your own eyes will see it, and you'll say, 'Yahweh is great even outside Yisrael's (Israel's) borders.' "

Second-class sacrifices

6 "A son honours his father, and a servant honours his master, so if I'm a father, where is my honour? If I am a master, where is my respect?" says Commander-in-chief Yahweh to all you priests who despise my name.

"But you say, 'How have we despised your name?' **7** By offering polluted food on my altar. But you say, 'How have we polluted you?' By saying that Yahweh's table can just be disrespected. **8** Don't you think it's wrong when you sacrifice blind animals? Isn't it evil when you offer lame or sick animals?[2] Try presenting them to your governor! Will he welcome you or would he be offended?" says Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

9 So now bring you requests to God and hope to be showered by his grace. Ha, Commander-in-chief Yahweh asks how he could treat you all favourably when you're bringing second-class offerings?

10 "Yeah, if only there was one person among you who would shut the temple gates so that you all couldn't just continue to light worthless fires on my altar. I get no pleasure from you all," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh, "and I won't accept any offering that you all bring me. **11** People in other countries from the east all the way to the west will honour me, and incense and genuine sacrifices will be offered to me, because my reputation in those countries will be praised," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **12** "But you all are dishonouring my name when you say that the master's table is polluted, and that its fruit, its food, can be treated with contempt. **13** You all also say, 'How tiresome this is,' and you snort at it," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. "You all bring animals for your offering that were killed by a

1 **RV 1:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Rom 9:13.

2 **RV 1:8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 15:21.

3 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

4 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

5 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

6 **LV 1:9 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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wild animal or is lame or sick. Should I accept those from you?" says Yahweh. **14** "May the cheats be cursed who have male animals in their flocks and vow to give them, but instead sacrifices a second-class animal to the master! Yes, I'm a powerful king," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh, "and my name will be carefully respected among the nations."

A warning for the priests

2:1 Now you priests, this command is for all of you: **2** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "If you all won't listen and won't decide in your minds to honour to my reputation, then I'll send a curse on you all—in fact I'll curse your blessings. Indeed, I've already cursed them, because you all are not internalising my instructions. **3** Listen, I'm about to rebuke your descendants, and I'll spread the offal from your festivals on your faces, and you all will be taken away with it. **4** That's so you'll all know that it's me who sent this command to you: so that my agreement with the Levites can continue,"[7] says Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

5 "My agreement with your ancestor Levi was to give life and peace,[8] and I gave them to them. It was an agreement based on respect, and they respected me and honoured my name. **6** They taught the people what was right and true—they didn't tell lies. They worked for me peacefully and loyally, and they encouraged many people to stop disobeying. **7** Yes, priests should pass on knowledge and people should look to them for good teaching, because they are Commander-in-chief Yahweh's messengers.

8 But you all have turned away from that path and have caused many people to stumble because of what you've taught—you all have corrupted the agreement with Levi," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **9** "So that's why I've caused you all to be despised by all the people and humiliated—because you all haven't followed me, but rather you've been biased in matters of the law."

The people have been unfaithful

10 Don't we all have one father? Didn't the one God create us all? So why do we cheat each other, thus disrespecting the agreement with our ancestors? **11** Our nation of Yehudah (Judah) has been unfaithful to Yahweh and done detestable things in Yisrael (Israel) and in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). Our men have defiled the temple that Yahweh loves by marrying foreign women who worship pagan gods. **12** May Yahweh, the one who is awake and the one who answers, banish the men who do this from Yisrael, even if they are bringing an offering to Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

13 Secondly, you cover Yahweh's altar with tears from all your weeping and groaning because he still ignores your offerings and won't accept what you all bring to him. **14** So you ask, "Why not?" Well, it's because Yahweh can testify that you've been unfaithful to the wife that you married when you were young, even though she was your companion, and despite your vows.
15 Didn't Yahweh make you and your wife one and give you some

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_of_his a_male and_one_who_makes_a_vow and_one_who_
_sacrifices a_blemished_animal to_the_of_master if/because
am_a_king great I **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_
_name_of_my is_to_be_feared among_nations.

2:1 And_now is_to_you(pl) the_command (the)_this Oh_priests.
2 If not you(pl)_will_listen and_if not you(pl)_will_set on heart
to_give honour to_name_of_my **YHWH** soldiers/messengers
he_says and_I_will_send on_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_curse and_I_will_
_curse ~~DOM~~ blessings_of_your(pl) and_also I_have_cursed_it
if/because not_you(pl) are_setting on heart. **3** Here_I am_
_about_to_rebuke to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_offspring and_I_will_
_spread dung on your(pl)_faces the_dung_of your(pl)_festival_
_sacrifices_of_your(pl) and_someone_will_carry_away you(pl)
to_him/it. **4** And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I_have_
_sent to_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_command (the)_this to_ covenant_of_
_my _be with Lēvī **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says.
5 Covenant_of_my it_was with_him/it the_life and_(the)_
_well-being and_I_gave_them to_him/it fear and_he_feared_me
and_of name_of_my he he_was_in_awe. **6** Instruction_of truth
it_was in_mouth_of_his and_unrighteousness not it_was_found
on_lips_of_his in_peace and_in_uprightness he_walked with_me
and_many_people he_turned_away from_iniquity. **7** If/because
the_lips_of a_priest they_will_preserve knowledge and_
_instruction people_will_seek from_mouth_of_his if/because is_
_the_messenger_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he. **8** And_
_you(pl) you(pl)_have_turned_aside from the_way you(pl)_
_have_caused_to_stumble many_people by_instruction you(pl)_
_have_corrupted the_covenant_of (the)_Lēvī **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers he_says. **9** And_also I I_have_made you(pl)
despised and_lowly to/from_all/each/any/every the_people
according_to_the_mouth_of that not_you(pl) are_keeping ~~DOM~~
ways_of_my and_you(pl)_are_lifting_up faces in_instruction.

10 Am_not does_a_father one belong_to_all_of_of_us am_not
god one did_he_create_us why do_we_deal_treacherously each
with_brother_of_his to_profane the_covenant_of our_
_ancestors_of_our. **11** Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_has_acted_
_treacherously and_an_abomination it_has_been_done in_
_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because
Yəhūdāh it_has_profaned the_sanctuary_of **YHWH** which he_
_loves and_it_has_married a_daughter_of a_god_of foreignness.
12 **YHWH** may_he_cut_off (to)_person who he_does_it a_
_protector and_one_who_answers from_the_tents_of
Yaʼaqovʼ/(Jacob) and_one_who_brings_near an_offering to/for_
_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **13** And_this second_thing
you(pl)_do to_cover tear[s] ~~DOM~~ the_altar_of **YHWH** weeping
and_groaning from_there_is_not still turning to the_offering
and_taking pleasure from_hand_of_your(pl). **14** And_you(pl)_
_say concerning what on if/because **YHWH** he_has_testified
between_you(ms) and_between the_wife_of your_youth(s)_of_
_your whom you you_have_dealt_treacherously with_her and_
_she companion_of_was_your and_the_wife_of your_covenant_

7 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 3:11-13.

8 **RV 2:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 25:12.

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_of_your. **15** And_not one he_made and_a_remnant_of spirit to_
_him/it and_what the_one seeking offspring_of god and_
_you(pl)_will_take_heed in_spirit_of_your(pl) and_with_the_
_wife_of your_youth(s)_of_your not let_anyone_deal_
_treacherously. **16** If/because he_hates sending_away **YHWH**
the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says and_he_will_cover violence
over clothing_of_his **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_
_you(pl)_will_take_heed in_spirit_of_your(pl) and_not you(pl)_
_must_act_treacherously.

17 You(pl)_have_wearied **YHWH** with_words/messages_of_
_your(pl) and_you(pl)_say how did_we_weary_him by_saying_
_your(pl) every_of one_who_does_of (of)_evil is_good in/on_
_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_in_them he he_delights or where is_
_the_god_of (the)_justice.
3:1 Here_I am_about_to_send messenger_of_my and_he_will_
_make_clear a_way before_me and_suddenly he_will_come to
temple_of_his the_master whom you(pl) are_seeking and_the_
_messenger_of the_covenant whom you(pl) are_delighting
THERE he_is_about_to_come **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_
_says. **2** And_who will_endure ᴅᴏᴍ the_day_of his_coming and_
_who is_the_one_who_will_stand when_appears_he if/because
he is_like_the_fire a_refiner and_like_the_soap washers. **3** And_
_he_will_sit one_who_refines and_one_who_purifies silver and_
_he_will_purify ᴅᴏᴍ the_descendants_of Lēvī and_he_will_
_refine ᴅᴏᴍ_them like_gold and_like_silver and_they_will_be
to/for_**YHWH** bringing_near_of (of)_an_offering in_
_righteousness. **4** And_it_will_be_pleasing to/for_**YHWH** the_
_offering_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
like_the_days_of antiquity and_like_years former. **5** And_I_will_
_draw_near to_you(pl) for_judgement and_I_will_be a_witness
who_hastens on_sorcerers and_on_adulterers and_on_who]_
_swear_an_oath to_falsehood and_on_those_who_defraud_of
(of)_the_hire_of a_hired_labourer a_widow and_a_fatherless_
_one and_those_who_thrust_aside_of (of)_a_sojourner and_not
they_fear_me **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says.

6 If/because I **YHWH** not I_change and_you(pl) the_
_descendants_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) not you(pl)_have_come_to_
_an_end. **7** (To)_from_the_days_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_
_your(pl) you(pl)_have_turned_aside from_regulations_of_my
and_not you(pl)_have_kept_them return to_me and_I_will_
_return to_you(pl) **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_
_you(pl)_say how will_we_return. **8** Will_ someone _he_rob god
if/because you(pl) are_robbing ᴅᴏᴍ_me and_you(pl)_say how
have_we_robbed_you the_tithe and_the_contribution. **9** With_
_curse you(pl) are_cursed and_me you(pl) the_nation of_it_of_
_all are_robbing. **10** Bring ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_tithe into the_house_
_of the_store and_ food _let_it_be in_house_of_my and_test_me
please by_this **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says if not I_
_will_open to/for_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_windows_of the_heavens
and_I_will_pour_out to/for_you(pl) blessing until not
sufficiency. **11** And_I_will_rebuke to/for_you(pl) (in)_the_

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of his spirit because he wanted godly children to come from your marriage? So guard yourselves in your spirit, and don't be unfaithful to the woman you married when you were young.
16 "Indeed, I hate divorce," says Yahweh, the god of Yisrael, "and so-called 'good people' who are actually cruel," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. "So listen to your consciences and don't be unfaithful."

Judgement day is coming

17 You've all wearied Yahweh with your words, and yet you ask, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "Yahweh is pleased even with those who do evil, and he's happy with all of them," or "Where is the god of justice?"
3:1 "Listen, I'm about to send my messenger and he'll prepare the path ahead of me.[9] Then the master who you're all looking for will suddenly come to his temple, yes, the messenger who you are all happy about—the party to the agreement—he'll come," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **2** But who could survive it when he comes? Who can stand when he appears,[10] because he'll be like the refiner's fire and like the cleaners' powerful soap? **3** Yahweh will act as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify Levi's descendants the priests—yes, he'll refine you all with fire like gold and silver, and you'll bring offerings to him that are acceptable. **4** After that, the offerings of the people of Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be pleasing to Yahweh, as in ancient times, and as in previous years.
5 This is what Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "At that time, I'll come to you all to judge you. I'll quickly testify against all those who practice sorcery, against adulterers, against those who lie in court, against those who don't pay their workers fairly, against those who mistreat widows and orphans, against those who don't treat the foreigners among you decently, and against those who refuse to honour me.

Giving a tenth

6 "I am Yahweh and I don't change—that's the only reason why you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob) haven't been destroyed. **7** Ever since the time when your ancestors were alive, you all have ignored my commands and refused to obey them. Now return to me—if you all do so, I'll return to you. That's what I, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, say. But you all ask, 'How can we return to you?' **8** Can a human rob God? Yes, you're all robbing me, but you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' By failing to give a tenth plus offerings. **9** You're all cursed because you're robbing me—the whole nation of you. **10** Bring the full tenth into the temple storeroom, so that there'll be food in my house for the temple workers,"[11] says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. "In fact, you all can test me by doing that and see if I don't open the windows of heaven for you all and

9 RV 3:1 · Cross-ref. Mat 11:10; Mrk 1:2; Luk 1:76; 7:27.

10 RV 3:2 · Cross-ref. Yoel 2:11; Rev 6:17.

11 RV 3:10 · Cross-ref. Lev 27:30; Num 18:21-24; Deu 12:6; 14:22-29; Neh 13:12.

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pour out an overflowing blessing for you. **11** I'll rebuke the devourer[12] for you all, so that it won't destroy your crops, and the fruit off your vines in the countryside won't be lost," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **12** "Then all the other countries would say that you've all been blessed, because your land would be prosperous," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

God promises mercy for some

13 "Your words against me have been harsh," says Yahweh. "But you all say, 'What have we said among ourselves against you?' **14** You've all said, 'It's a waste of time serving God. What did we gain by keeping his requirements, or by being sorrowful in front of Commander-in-chief Yahweh? **15** It seems that arrogant people are happier. Evil people not only prosper, but they even challenge God yet nothing happens to them.' "

16 Then those who still respected Yahweh spoke with one another. Yahweh paid attention and listened, and while he watched, a book of remembrance was written about those who respected Yahweh and honoured his name. **17** "They'll be mine," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. "On the day when I assemble my treasured possession, I won't punish those people, just like a father doesn't punish his son who obeys him. **18** Then once again you'll all be able to see the difference between righteous people and wicked people—between those who serve God and those who don't.

Be ready for future judgement

4:1 "Yes, listen, the day that burns like a furnace is coming, when all the arrogant people and all the evildoers will become useless pieces of dry stalks in a field. The day that is coming will burn them up," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh, "so they'll be gone without leaving any roots or branches. **2** But for you who respect my name, the sun of righteousness will rise and bring healing. You'll all go out, jumping around like calves let out of their stall, **3** and you'll all trample down the wicked people, because they'll just be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I act," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

4 "Be sure to obey the law that I gave my servant Mosheh (Moses) at Mt. Sinay for all Yisrael (Israel)—the statutes and the rulings.

5 Listen, I'll send the prophet Eliyah (Elijah) to you all,[13] ahead of the coming of the great but fearful day of my judgement. **6** He'll restore harmony between fathers and their children, so that I don't have to come and strike the earth with complete de-

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_which]_devours and_not it_will_destroy to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_fruit_of the_soil and_not it_will_prove_barren to/for_ _you(pl) the_vine in_the_field **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says. **12** And_ all_of the_nations _they_will_call_blessed you(pl) if/because you(pl)_will_be you(pl) a_land_of delight **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says.

13 They_have_been_strong on_me words/messages_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_says and_you(pl)_say what have_we_spoken_ _together on_you. **14** You(pl)_have_said is_futility to_serve god and_what is_the_profit that/for/because/then/when we_have_ _kept charge_of_his and_because/when we_have_walked mournfully from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **15** And_now we are_calling_blessed arrogant_people both those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness they_have_been_built_up as_ _well_as they_have_tested god and_they_have_escaped. **16** Then those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** they_spoke_together each with his/its_neighbour and_ **YHWH** _he_paid_attention and_he_ _listened and_ a_document_of remembrance _it_was_written before_him of_those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** and_of_those_who_ _esteemed_of his/its_name. **17** And_they_will_be to_me **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says to_day when I will_be_making a_ _possession and_I_will_have_compassion on_them just_as everyone he_has_compassion on his/its_son who_serves ~~DOM~~_ _him/it. **18** And_you(pl)_will_return and_you(pl)_will_see between a_righteous_person and_a_wicked_person between one_who_serves_of (of)_god and_one_who not he_serves_him. **19** **14** If/because HERE the_day is_coming it_is_burning like_ _oven and_they_will_be all_of arrogant_people and_all one_ _who_does_of (of)_wickedness stubble and_ the_day which_is_ _coming _it_will_set_ablaze ~~DOM~~_them **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says that not it_will_leave to/for_them root and_branch. **20** **15** And_it_will_rise to/for_you(pl) those_ _fearing_of name_of_(of)_my a_sun_of righteousness and_ _healing will_be_of_in_its_wings and_you(pl)_will_go_out and_ _you(pl)_will_skip_about like_calves_of the_stall. **21** **16** And_ _you(pl)_will_tread_down wicked_people if/because they_will_ _be ash[es] under the_soles_of your_two's_feet_of_your(pl) in_ _the_day when I will_be_acting **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. **22** **17** Remember the_instruction_of Mosheh servant_ _of_my which I_commanded him at_Ḥorēv on all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) regulations and_judgements. **23** **18** HERE I am_ _about_to_send to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ 'Ēliy^{yāh} the_prophet to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_day_of **YHWH** (the)_ _great and_(the)_awesome comes. **24** **19** And_he_will_turn_back the_heart_of fathers to sons and_the_heart_of sons to fathers_ _of_their lest I_should_come and_I_will_strike ~~DOM~~ the_

12 RV 3:11 · Note This is literally the 'eater' which could refer to some kind of insect (and hence '*it* won't destroy' in the next clause) or it could refer to some spiritual power (then you'd get '*he* won't destroy').

13 RV 4:5 · Cross-ref. Mat 11:14; 17:10-13; Mrk 9:11-13; Luk 1:17; Yhn 1:21.

14 LV 3:19 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.1

15 LV 3:20 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.2

16 LV 3:21 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.3

17 LV 3:22 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.4

18 LV 3:23 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.5

19 LV 3:24 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.6

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_earth/land total_destruction.

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struction."

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Psalm 151

Introduction

Psalm 151 is a short additional song presented in David's voice. He remembers being the youngest of his brothers, caring for his father's sheep, and making music. Although his brothers were impressive in appearance, God chose him. The song ends by recalling his victory over Galyat (Goliath), the Pelishti (Philistine) who had challenged him. The song brings together events also found in 1 Samuel 16–17. Its emphasis is on God's choice of an overlooked shepherd and the rescue accomplished through him. The title identifies it as a song beyond the usual collection of one hundred and fifty.
Psalm 151 is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox Churches.

Main components of this song

David's humble work and music *1:1-3*
God chooses David *1:4-5*
David defeats the Pelishti *1:6-7*

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151:1 this/he/she/it the/this/who psalm separately_written toward Dawid, and outside of_the number, when ⟦ἐμονομάχησε⟧ the/this/who Goliad. small to_be in/on/among the/this/who brother I/we, and new in/on/among the/this/who house of_the father I/we, ⟦ἐποίμαινον⟧ the/this/who sheep of_the father I/we. **2** the/this/who/which hand I/we to_do/make an_instrument, and the/this/who ⟦δάκτυλοί⟧ I/we ⟦ἥρμοσαν⟧ a_psaltery. **3** and one/which? to_ _report the/this/who lord I/we? he/she/it/self lord, he/she/it/self ⟦εἰσακούει⟧. **4** he/she/it/self to_send_out/away the/this/who angel he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_take_up I/we out_from the/this/who sheep of_the father I/we, and to_anoint I/we in/on/among the/this/who olive_oil the/this/who ⟦χρίσεως⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **5** the/this/who brother I/we good and great, and no to_delight in/on/among he/she/it/self lord. **6** to_go_out toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ the/this/who foreigner, and ⟦ἐπικατηράσατό⟧ I/we in/on/among the/this/who ⟦εἰδώλοις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **7** I/we but/and to_ _draw the/this/who from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there sword, to_behead he/she/it/self, and ⟦ᾗρα⟧ disgrace out_from son Israaʸl.

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God chooses David and gives him victory

This Psalm is a genuine one of David, though extra,[1] composed when he fought in single combat with Galyat.

151:1 I was small among my brothers,
and the youngest in my father's family.
I tended my father's sheep.
2 My hands made a musical instrument,
and my fingers tuned a lyre.
3 Who'll tell my master?
The master himself hears.
4 He sent his messenger and took me from my father's sheep,
and he anointed me with his anointing oil.
5 My brothers were handsome and tall;
but the master didn't take pleasure in them.
6 I went out to meet the Pelishti,
and he cursed me by his idols.
7 But I drew his own sword and beheaded him,
and removed the disgrace from the Israeli people (Israel).

PS2 · OET-RV v0.4.0

1 **RV 1:0 · Note** or, supernumerary

The Wisdom of Shelomoh

Introduction

The *Wisdom of Shelomoh* (Solomon) urges its readers, especially rulers, to seek wisdom and do what's right. It begins by comparing people who trust God with those who think that life is short and that they should take whatever pleasure and power they can get. The apparent success of wicked people and the suffering of good people don't tell the whole story: the book looks beyond death to God's judgement and the lasting life of those who belong to him.
The middle chapters describe a king's desire for wisdom and his prayer for God's help. Wisdom is pictured as a woman who can be loved and welcomed as a lifelong companion. She is worth more than wealth, power, beauty, or health, and enables people to understand what pleases God.
The final part looks back over the experiences of Yisrael (Israel), especially the escape from slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt). It contrasts God's care for his people with the punishment of their oppressors, considers his patience with wrongdoers, and exposes the foolishness of worshipping created things. The book connects wise living with knowing the Creator and recognising his work in the world.
The *Wisdom of Shelomoh* is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Romaios Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Russian Orthodox Churches.

Main components of this document

The lives and destinies of the righteous and the wicked *1:1–5:23*
The search for wisdom and a prayer to receive it *6:1–9:18*
Wisdom's protection of God's people *10:1–11:14*
God's power, patience, and mercy *11:15–12:27*
The foolishness and harm of idol worship *13:1–15:19*
God rescues his people and judges their oppressors *16:1–19:22*

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1:1 to_love righteousness the/this/who to_judge
the/this/who earth, ⟦φρονήσατε⟧ about of_the lord
in/on/among ⟦ἀγαθότητι⟧, and in/on/among openness heart
⟦ζητήσατε⟧ he/she/it/self. **2** that/since ⟦εὑρίσκεται⟧
the/this/who not ⟦πειράζουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐμφανίζεται⟧
but/and the/this/who not to_disbelieve he/she/it/self.
3 ⟦Σκολιοὶ⟧ for ⟦λογισμοὶ⟧ ⟦χωρίζουσιν⟧ away_from God,
⟦δοκιμαζομένη⟧ and/both the/this/who power to_rebuke
the/this/who ⟦ἄφρονας⟧. **4** that/since toward ⟦κακότεχνον⟧
soul no to_enter wisdom, and_not ⟦κατοικήσει⟧ in/on/among
body ⟦κατάχρεῳ⟧ sin. **5** holy for spirit/breath discipline to_flee
deceit, and ⟦ἀπαναστήσεται⟧ away_from thought ⟦ἀσυνέτων⟧,
and ⟦ἐλεγχθήσεται⟧ ⟦ἐπελθούσης⟧ unrighteousness.
6 ⟦Φιλάνθρωπον⟧ for spirit/breath wisdom, and no ⟦ἀθῳώσει⟧
blasphemous away_from lip
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that/since
the/this/who ⟦νεφρῶν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there witness the/this/who
God, and the/this/who heart
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there overseer true, and
the/this/who tongue ⟦ἀκουστής⟧; **7** that/since spirit/breath
lord to_fulfill the/this/who world, and the/this/who
⟦συνέχον⟧ the/this/who all knowledge/to_know to_have/be
voice/sound. **8** through/because_of this/he/she/it
⟦φθεγγόμενος⟧ ⟦ἄδικα⟧ none not ⟦λάθῃ⟧, and_not
certainly/month ⟦παροδεύσῃ⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐλέγχουσα⟧
the/this/who condemnation. **9** in/on/among for ⟦διαβουλίοις⟧
⟦ἀσεβοῦς⟧ ⟦ἐξέτασις⟧ to_be, word but/and
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there hearing to/with lord
to_come/be_present toward rebuke ⟦ἀνομημάτων⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **10** that/since ear
⟦ζηλώσεως⟧ hearer the/this/who all, and ⟦θροῦς⟧ murmuring
no ⟦ἀποκρύπτεται⟧. **11** ⟦Φυλάξασθε⟧ then ⟦γογγυσμὸν⟧
⟦ἀνωφελῆ⟧, and away_from slander ⟦φείσασθε⟧ tongue;
that/since an_utterance ⟦λαθραῖον⟧ empty no to_travel, mouth
but/and ⟦καταψευδόμενον⟧ to_do_away_with soul. **12** not be_
_eager death in/on/among error life you, nor ⟦ἐπισπᾶσθε⟧
destructive work hand you; **13** that/since the/this/who God
death no to_do/make, and_not ⟦τέρπεται⟧ upon/to/against
destruction to_live. **14** to_create for toward the/this/who to_be
the/this/who all, and ⟦σωτήριοι⟧ the/this/who/which
⟦γενέσεις⟧ of_the world, and no to_be in/on/among
he/she/it/self a_potion ⟦ὀλέθρου⟧, neither Hades kingly
upon/to/against earth. **15** righteousness for ⟦ἀθάνατός⟧ to_be;
16 ungodly but/and the/this/who hand and the/this/who
word ⟦προσεκαλέσαντο⟧ he/she/it/self, friendly/friend
⟦ἡγησάμεμοι⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐτάκησαν⟧, and ⟦συνθήκην⟧ to_
_place to/with he/she/it/self, that/since worthy to_be
the/this/who that part to_be.

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Seek God and do what's right

1:1 Love righteousness, all you who are judges of the earth.
Think of the master[1] with a good mind.
Seek him in singleness of heart,
2 because he's found by those who don't put him to the test,
and is manifested to those who trust him.
3 for crooked thoughts separate from God.
His Power convicts when it's tested,
and exposes the foolish;
4 because wisdom won't enter into a soul that devises evil,
nor live in a body that's enslaved by sin.
5 Because a holy spirit of discipline will flee deceit,
and will depart from thoughts that are without understanding,
and will be ashamed when unrighteousness has come in.
6 Because[2] wisdom is a spirit who loves man,
and she won't hold a[3] blasphemer guiltless for his lips,
because God is witness of his inmost self,
and is a true overseer of his heart,
and a hearer of his tongue.
7 Because the master's spirit has filled[4] the world,
and that which holds all things together knows what's said.
8 Therefore no one who utters unrighteous things will be unseen;
neither will Justice, when it convicts, pass him by.
9 Because in his counsels the ungodly will be searched out,
and the sound of his words will come to the master to bring his lawless activities to conviction;
10 because a jealous ear listens to all things,
and the noise of murmurings isn't hidden.
11 Beware then of unprofitable murmuring,
and keep your tongue from slander;
because no secret utterance will go on its way void,
and a lying mouth destroys a soul.

Don't invite death by doing evil

12 Don't court death in the error of your life.
Don't draw destruction on yourselves by the works of your hands;
13 because God didn't make death,
neither does he delight when the living perish.
14 Because he created all things that they might have being.
The generative powers of the world are wholesome,
and there's no poison of destruction in them,
nor has Haidais[5] royal dominion on earth;
15 for righteousness is immortal,
16 but ungodly men by their hands and their words summon death;

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1 **RV 1:1 · Note** Grk. in goodness.

2 **RV 1:6 · Note** Some authorities read the spirit of wisdom is loving to man.

3 **RV 1:6 · Note** Or, reviler

4 **RV 1:7 · Note** Grk. the inhabited earth.

5 **RV 1:14 · Note** Or, a royal house

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deeming him a friend they[6] pined away.
They made a covenant with him,
because they're worthy to belong with him.

The wicked plan to enjoy life and oppress the innocent

2:1 Because they said[7] within themselves, with unsound reasoning,
"Our life is short and sorrowful.
There's no healing when a man comes to his end,
and no one was ever known who[8] was released from Haidais.
2 Because we were born by mere chance,
and in the future we'll be as though we'd never been,
because the breath in our nostrils is smoke,
and reason is a spark kindled by the beating of our heart,
3 which being extinguished, the body will be turned into ashes,
and the spirit will be dispersed as thin air.
4 Our name will be forgotten in time.
No one will remember our works.
Our life will pass away as the traces of a cloud,
and will be scattered as is a mist,
when it's chased by the rays of the sun,
and[9] overcome by its heat.
5 Because our allotted time is the passing of a shadow,
and our end doesn't retreat,
because it's securely sealed, and no one[10] turns it back.
6 "Come therefore and let's enjoy the good things that exist.
Let's use the creation earnestly as in our youth.
7 Let's fill ourselves with costly wine and perfumes,
and let no spring flower pass us by.
8 Let's crown ourselves with rosebuds before they wither.
9 Let none of us go without his share in our proud revelry.
Let's leave tokens of mirth everywhere,
because this is our portion, and this is our lot.
10 Let's oppress the righteous poor.
Let's not spare the widow,
nor regard the grey hair of the old man.
11 But let our strength be a law of righteousness;
for that which is weak is proven useless.
12 But let's lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he annoys us,
is contrary to our works,
reproaches us with sins against the law,
and charges us with sins against our training.
13 He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the master.
14 He became to us a reproof of our thoughts.
15 He's grievous to us even to look at,

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2:1 to_say for my/your/him-self ⟦λογισάμενοι⟧ no correctly, little/few he_is and distressing the/this/who life I/we, and no to_be healing in/on/among death a_human, and no to_know the/this/who ⟦ἀναλύσας⟧ out_from Hades. **2** that/since ⟦αὐτοσχεδίως⟧ to_beget, and with/after this/he/she/it to_be which/how no ⟦ὑπάρξαντες⟧, that/since smoke the/this/who wind/breath in/on/among ⟦ῥισὶν⟧ I/we, and the/this/who word a_spark in/on/among ⟦κινήσει⟧ heart I/we, **3** which/whither ⟦σβεσθέντος⟧ ⟦τέφρα⟧ to_get_out the/this/who body, and the/this/who spirit/breath ⟦διαχυθήσεται⟧ which/how ⟦χαῦνος⟧ air. **4** and the/this/who name I/we ⟦ἐπιλησθήσεται⟧ in/on/among time, and none ⟦μνημονεύσει⟧ the/this/who work I/we; and to_pass_by the/this/who life I/we which/how ⟦ἴχνη⟧ cloud, and which/how fog ⟦διασκεδασθήσεται⟧ ⟦διωχθεῖσα⟧ by/under ⟦ἀκτίνων⟧ sun, and by/under ⟦θερμότητος⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦βαρυνθεῖσα⟧. **5** ⟦Σκιᾶς⟧ for passing_by the/this/who life I/we, and no to_be recall the/this/who death I/we, that/since ⟦κατεσφραγίσθη⟧, and none ⟦ἀναστρέφει⟧. **6** come therefore/then and ⟦ἀπολαύσωμεν⟧ the/this/who to_be good-doer, and ⟦χρησώμεθα⟧ the/this/who creation which/how ⟦νεότητι⟧ diligently. **7** wine valuable and ⟦μύρων⟧ ⟦πλησθῶμεν⟧, and not ⟦παροδευσάτω⟧ I/we flower air. **8** ⟦Στεψώμεθα⟧ ⟦ῥόδων⟧ ⟦κάλυξι⟧ ⟦πρινὴ⟧ ⟦μαρανθῆναι⟧. **9** nothing I/we ⟦ἄμοιρος⟧ to_be the/this/who our ⟦ἀγερωχίας⟧, everywhere ⟦καταλίπωμεν⟧ ⟦σύμβολα⟧ the/this/who joy, that/since this/he/she/it the/this/who part I/we and the/this/who lot this/he/she/it. **10** ⟦Καταδυναστεύσωμεν⟧ ⟦πένητα⟧ just, not ⟦φεισώμεθα⟧ widow, nor ⟦πρεσβύτου⟧ ⟦ἐντραπῶμεν⟧ ⟦πολιὰς⟧ ⟦πολυχρονίους⟧. **11** to_be but/and I/we the/this/who strength law the/this/who righteousness, the/this/who for weak useless to_rebuke. **12** ⟦Ἐνεδρεύσωμεν⟧ but/and the/this/who just, that/since inconvenient I/we he_is and ⟦ἐναντιοῦται⟧ the/this/who work I/we, and ⟦ὀνειδίζει⟧ I/we sin law, and ⟦ἐπιφημίζει⟧ I/we sin discipline I/we. **13** ⟦Ἐπαγγέλλεται⟧ knowledge/to_know to_have/be God, and child lord my/your/him-self ⟦ὀνομάζει⟧. **14** to_be I/we toward rebuke thought/purpose I/we. **15** weighty to_be I/we and ⟦βλεπόμενος⟧, that/since ⟦ἀνόμοιος⟧ the/this/who another the/this/who life he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐξηλλαγμέναι⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦τρίβοι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **16** toward ⟦κίβδηλον⟧ to_count he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀπέχεται⟧ the/this/who road I/we which/how away_from ⟦ἀκαθαρσιῶν⟧; ⟦μακαρίζει⟧ last/least just, and ⟦ἀλαζονεύεται⟧ father God. **17** to_perceive if the/this/who word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there true, and ⟦πειράσωμεν⟧ the/this/who in/on/among ⟦ἐκβάσει⟧

6 **RV 1:16 · Note** Or, were consumed with love of him
7 **RV 2:1 · Note** Or, amongst
8 **RV 2:1 · Note** Or, returned out of Hades
9 **RV 2:4 · Note** Grk. weighed down.
10 **RV 2:5 · Note** Or, comes again

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **18** if for to_be
the/this/who just son God, ⟦ἀντιλήμψεται⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_deliver
he/she/it/self out_from hand ⟦ἀνθεστηκότων⟧. **19** ⟦Ὕβρει⟧
and ⟦βασάνῳ⟧ ⟦ἐτάσωμεν⟧ he/she/it/self, in_order_that/to
⟦γνῶμεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐπιείκειαν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦δοκιμάσωμεν⟧
the/this/who ⟦ἀνεξικακίαν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **20** death ⟦ἀσχήμονι⟧
⟦καταδικάσωμεν⟧ he/she/it/self; to_be for
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there oversight out_from
word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
21 this/he/she/it ⟦ἐλογίσαντο⟧, and to_lead_astray;
⟦ἀπετύφλωσε⟧ for he/she/it/self the/this/who evil
he/she/it/self, and no to_know mystery **22** God, and_not wage
⟦ἤλπισαν⟧ ⟦ὁσιότητος⟧, and_not ⟦ἔκριναν⟧ an_honour soul
⟦ἀμώμων⟧. **23** that/since the/this/who God to_create
the/this/who a_human ⟦ἐπ⟧ incorruptibility, and image
the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦ἰδιότητος⟧ to_do/make
⟦ἀτόν⟧. **24** envy but/and devilish/the_Devil death to_enter
toward the/this/who world; ⟦πειράζουσι⟧ but/and
he/she/it/self the/this/who the/this/who that part to_be.

3:1 just/to_justify but/and soul in/on/among hand God, and
no not to_kindle he/she/it/self torment. **2** to_think
in/on/among eye foolish ⟦τεθνάναι⟧, **3** and to_count
oppression the/this/who departure he/she/it/self, and
the/this/who away_from I/we journey ruin; the/this/who
but/and to_be in/on/among peace; **4** and for in/on/among to_
_see a_human if ⟦κολασθῶσιν⟧, the/this/who hope
he/she/it/self ⟦ἀθανασίας⟧ full. **5** and little/few
⟦παιδευθέντες⟧ great ⟦εὐεργετηθήσονται⟧, that/since
the/this/who God to_test/tempt he/she/it/self, and to_
_find/meet he/she/it/self worthy my/your/him-self.
6 which/how gold in/on/among ⟦χωνευτηρίῳ⟧ ⟦ἐδοκίμασεν⟧
he/she/it/self, and which/how a_whole_offering sacrifice
⟦προσεδέξατο⟧ he/she/it/self. **7** and in/on/among time/right_
_time oversight he/she/it/self ⟦ἀναλάμψουσι⟧, and
which/how ⟦σπινθῆρες⟧ in/on/among straw/stubble
⟦διαδραμοῦνται⟧. **8** to_judge Gentile_nation and ⟦κρατήσουσι⟧
a_people, and to_reign he/she/it/self lord toward
the/this/who an_age. **9** the/this/who to_persuade
upon/to/against he/she/it/self to_understand truth, and
the/this/who faithful in/on/among love to_remain/persist
he/she/it/self, that/since grace and mercy the/this/who
select he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
10 the/this/who but/and ungodly as/just_as ⟦ἐλογίσαντο⟧ to_
_have/be ⟦ἐπιτιμίαν⟧, the/this/who to_neglect of_the just and
of_the lord ⟦ἀποστάντες⟧. **11** wisdom for and discipline
the/this/who ⟦ἐξουθενῶν⟧ wretched, and empty the/this/who
hope he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦κόποι⟧ ⟦ἀνόνητοι⟧,
and ⟦ἄχρηστα⟧ the/this/who work he/she/it/self.
12 the/this/who/which woman he/she/it/self foolish, and

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because his life is unlike other men's,
and his paths are strange.
16 We were regarded by him as something worthless,
and he abstains from our ways as from uncleanness.
He calls the latter end of the righteous happy.
He boasts that God is his father.
17 Let's see if his words are true.
Let's test what'll happen at the end of his life.
18 Because if the righteous man is God's son, he'll uphold him,
and he'll deliver him out of the hand of his adversaries.
19 Let's test him with insult and torture,
that we may find out how gentle he is,
and test his patience.
20 Let's condemn him to a shameful death,
for he'll be protected, according to his words."

The wicked misunderstand God's purposes

21 Thus they reasoned, and they were led astray;
for their wickedness blinded them,
22 and they didn't know the mysteries of God,
neither did they hope for wages of holiness,
nor did they discern that there's a prize for blameless souls.
23 Because God created man for incorruption,
and made him an image of his own everlastingness;
24 but death entered into the world by the envy of the devil,
and those who belong to him experience it.

The righteous are safe in God's care

3:1 But the souls of the righteous are in God's hand,
and no torment will touch them.
2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died.
Their departure was considered a disaster,
3 and their travel away from us ruin,
but they're in peace.
4 Because even if in the sight of men they're punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
5 Having borne a little chastening, they'll receive great good;
because God tested them, and found them worthy of himself.
6 He tested them like gold in the furnace,
and he accepted them as a whole burnt offering.
7 In the time of their visitation they'll shine.
They'll run back and forth like sparks among stubble.
8 They'll judge nations and have dominion over peoples.
The master will reign over them forever.
9 Those who trust him will understand truth.
The faithful will live with him in love,
because grace and mercy are with his chosen ones.

Goodness matters more than having children

10 But the ungodly will be punished even as their reasoning deserves,
those who neglected righteousness and revolted from the master;
11 for he who despises wisdom and discipline is miserable.
Their hope is void and their toils unprofitable.
Their works are useless.

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12 Their wives are foolish and their children are wicked.
13 Their descendants are cursed.
Because the barren woman who's undefiled is happy,
she who hasn't conceived in transgression.
She'll have fruit when God examines souls.
14 So is the eunuch which has done no lawless deed with his hands,
nor imagined wicked things against the master;
for a precious gift will be given to him for his faithfulness,
and a delightful inheritance in the master's sanctuary.
15 Because good labours have fruit of great renown.
The root of understanding can't fail.
16 But children of adulterers won't come to maturity.
The seed of an unlawful union will vanish away.
17 Because if they live long, they won't be esteemed,
and in the end, their old age will be without honour.
18 If they die young, they'll have no hope,
nor consolation in the day of judgement.
19 Because the end of an unrighteous generation is always grievous.
4:1 It's better to be childless with virtue,
for immortality is in the memory of virtue,
because it's recognised both before God and before men.
2 When it's present, people imitate it.
They long after it when it's departed.
Throughout all time it marches, crowned in triumph,
victorious in the competition for the prizes that are undefiled.
3 But the multiplying brood of the ungodly will be of no profit,
and their illegitimate offshoots won't take deep root,
nor will they establish a sure hold.
4 Because even if they grow branches and flourish for a season,
standing unsure, they'll be shaken by the wind.
They'll be uprooted by the violence of winds.
5 Their branches will be broken off before they come to maturity.
Their fruit will be useless,
never ripe to eat, and fit for nothing.
6 Because unlawfully conceived children are witnesses of wickedness
against parents when they're investigated.
7 But a righteous man, even if he dies before his time, will be at rest.

A good life matters more than a long life

8 Because honourable old age isn't that which stands in length of time,
nor is its measure given by number of years,
9 but understanding is grey hair to men,
and an unspotted life is ripe old age.
10 Being found well-pleasing to God, someone was loved.
While living among sinners he was transported.
11 He was caught away, so that evil wouldn't change his understanding,

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evil/bad the/this/who child he/she/it/self. 13 cursed
the/this/who origin he/she/it/self, that/since blessed
infertility the/this/who pure, who/which no to_know ⟦κοίτης⟧
in/on/among trespass, to_have/be fruit in/on/among
oversight soul. 14 and eunuch the/this/who not ⟦ἐργασάμενος⟧
in/on/among hand a_violation_of_law, nor ⟦ἐνθυμηθεὶς⟧
according_to of_the lord evil/bad; to_give for he/she/it/self
the/this/who faith grace select, and lot in/on/among temple
lord ⟦θυμηρέστερος⟧; 15 good-doer for travail fruit renowned,
and ⟦ἀδιάπτωτος⟧ the/this/who root the/this/who
⟦φρονήσεως⟧. 16 child but/and ⟦μοιχῶν⟧ ⟦ἀτέλεστα⟧ to_be,
and out_from ⟦παρανόμου⟧ ⟦κοίτης⟧ seed ⟦ἀφανισθήσεται⟧.
17 if and/both for ⟦μακρόβιοι⟧ to_be, toward none
⟦λογισθήσονται⟧, and ⟦ἄτιμον⟧ upon/to/against last/least
the/this/who old_age he/she/it/self. 18 if and/both swiftly
⟦τελευτήσωσιν⟧, no to_have/be hope, and_not in/on/among
day ⟦διαγνώσεως⟧ comfort; 19 generation for ⟦ἀδίκου⟧
⟦χαλεπὰ⟧ the/this/who goal/tax.

4:1 greater childlessness with/after ⟦ἀρετῆς⟧, immortality for
to_be in/on/among remembrance he/she/it/self, that/since
and from_with God to_know and from_with a_human;
2 ⟦παροῦσάν⟧ and/both ⟦μιμοῦνται⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦ποθοῦσιν⟧
⟦ἀπελθοῦσαν⟧ and in/on/among the/this/who an_age
⟦στεφανηφοροῦσα⟧ ⟦πομπεύει⟧, the/this/who the/this/who
⟦ἀμιάντων⟧ ⟦ἆθλων⟧ fight to_conquer. 3 ⟦Πολύγονον⟧ but/and
ungodly multitude no ⟦χρησιμεύσει⟧, and out_from ⟦νόθων⟧
⟦μοσχευμάτων⟧ no to_give root toward depth, and_not secure
⟦βάσιν⟧ ⟦ἐδράσει⟧. 4 and/even_if/if for in/on/among branch
to/with time/right_time ⟦ἀναθάλῃ⟧, ⟦ἐπισφαλῶς⟧ ⟦βεβηκότα⟧
by/under wind ⟦σαλευθήσεται⟧, and by/under force wind to_
_uproot. 5 ⟦Περικλασθήσονται⟧ ⟦κλῶνες⟧ ⟦ἀτέλεστοι⟧, and
the/this/who fruit he/she/it/self useless, unseasonable toward
eating, and toward none necessary. 6 out_from for lawless
⟦ὕπνων⟧ child ⟦γεννώμενα⟧ witness to_be evil according_to
parent in/on/among ⟦ἐξετασμῷ⟧ he/she/it/self. 7 just but/and
if ⟦φθάσῃ⟧ ⟦τελευτῆσαι⟧, in/on/among ⟦ἀναπαύσει⟧ to_be.
8 old_age for precious no the/this/who ⟦πολυχρόνιον⟧, and_
_not number year ⟦μεμέτρηται⟧. 9 greyness_of_hair but/and to_
_be understanding a_human, and age/height ⟦γήρως⟧ life
spotless. 10 well-pleasing the/this/who God to_be ⟦ἠγαπήθη⟧,
and to_live between/meanwhile sinful to_transport. 11 to_seize
not evil ⟦ἀλλάξῃ⟧ understanding
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, or/than deceit
⟦ἀπατήσῃ⟧ soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
12 jealousy for ⟦φαυλότητος⟧ ⟦ἀμαυροῖ⟧ the/this/who good,
and ⟦ῥεμβασμὸς⟧ desire ⟦μεταλλεύει⟧ mind ⟦ἄκακον⟧. 13 to_
_perfect in/on/among little/few to_fulfill time ⟦μακρούς⟧.
14 ⟦Ἀρεστὴ⟧ for to_be lord the/this/who soul
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; through/because_of
this/he/she/it ⟦ἔσπευσεν⟧ out_from midst evil.
15 the/this/who but/and a_people to_perceive and not
⟦νοήσαντες⟧, nor to_place upon/to/against mind the/this/who
such_as_this, that/since grace and mercy in/on/among

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the/this/who select he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and oversight in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὁσίοις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **16** to_condemn but/and just ⟦καμὼν⟧ the/this/who to_live ungodly, and youth ⟦τελεσθεῖσα⟧ quickly ⟦πολυετὲς⟧ old_age ⟦ἀδίκου⟧. **17** to_see for ⟦τελευτὴν⟧ ⟦σοφοῦ⟧, and no ⟦νοήσουσι⟧ one/which? ⟦ἐβουλεύσατο⟧ about he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and toward one/which? to_secure he/she/it/self the/this/who lord. **18** to_see and ⟦ἐξουθενήσουσιν⟧, he/she/it/self but/and the/this/who lord ⟦ἐκγελάσεται⟧; and to_be with/after this/he/she/it toward corpse ⟦ἄτιμον⟧, and toward mistreatment in/on/among dead through/because_of an_age. **19** that/since to_throw_violently he/she/it/self ⟦ἀφώνους⟧ ⟦πρηνεῖς⟧, and ⟦σαλεύσει⟧ he/she/it/self out_from ⟦θεμελίων⟧, and until last/least ⟦χερσωθήσονται⟧, and to_be in/on/among anguish, and the/this/who remembrance he/she/it/self to_destroy. **20** to_come/go in/on/among ⟦συλλογισμῷ⟧ sin he/she/it/self timid, and to_rebuke he/she/it/self right_opposite the/this/who ⟦ἀνομήματα⟧ he/she/it/self.

5:1 then ⟦στήσεται⟧ in/on/among boldness much the/this/who just according_to face the/this/who ⟦θλιψάντων⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦ἀθετούντων⟧ the/this/who ⟦πόνους⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **2** to_perceive ⟦ταραχθήσονται⟧ fear ⟦δεινῷ⟧ and ⟦ἐκστήσονται⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦παραδόξῳ⟧ the/this/who salvation. **3** to_say my/your/him-self ⟦μετανοοῦντες⟧, and through/because_of ⟦στενοχωρίαν⟧ spirit/breath to_groan, this/he/she/it to_be which to_have/be once/when toward ⟦γέλωτα⟧ and toward parable ⟦ὀνειδισμοῦ⟧. **4** the/this/who foolish the/this/who life he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐλογισάμεθα⟧ insanity, and the/this/who ⟦τελευτὴν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἄτιμον⟧. **5** how?/how?! ⟦κατελογίσθη⟧ in/on/among son God, and in/on/among holy the/this/who lot he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_be? **6** therefore ⟦ἐπλανήθημεν⟧ away_from road truth, and the/this/who the/this/who righteousness light no to_shine I/we, and the/this/who sun no to_rise I/we. **7** lawlessness ⟦ἐνεπλήσθημεν⟧ ⟦τρίβοις⟧ and destruction, and ⟦διωδεύσαμεν⟧ deserted ⟦ἀβάτους⟧, the/this/who but/and road lord no

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or guile deceive his soul.
12 Because the fascination of wickedness obscures the things which are good,
and the whirl of desire perverts an innocent mind.
13 Being made perfect quickly,
he filled a long time;
14 for his soul was pleasing to the master.
Therefore he hurried away from wickedness.
15 But the peoples saw and didn't understand,
not considering this, that grace and mercy are with his chosen,
and that he visits his holy ones;
16 but a righteous man who's dead will condemn the ungodly who are living,
and youth who's quickly perfected will condemn the many years of an unrighteous man's old age.
17 Because the ungodly will see a wise man's end,
and won't understand what the master planned for him,
and why he safely kept him.
18 They'll see, and they'll despise;
but the master will laugh them to scorn.
After this, they'll become a dishonoured carcass
and a reproach among the dead forever;
19 because he'll dash them speechless to the ground,
and will shake them from the foundations.
They'll lie utterly waste.
They'll be in anguish
and their memory will perish.
20 They'll come with coward fear when their sins are counted.
Their lawless activities will convict them to their face.

The wicked regret rejecting the righteous

5:1 Then the righteous man will stand in great boldness
before the face of those who afflicted him,
and those who make his labours of no account.
2 When they see him, they'll be troubled with terrible fear,
and will be amazed at the marvel of salvation.
3 They'll speak among themselves repenting,
and for distress of spirit they'll groan,
"This was he whom we used to hold in derision,
as a parable of reproach.
4 We fools considered his life madness,
and his end without honour.
5 How was he counted among sons of God?
How is his lot among saints?
6 Truly we went astray from the way of truth.
The light of righteousness didn't shine for us.
The sun didn't rise for us.
7 We[11] took our fill of the paths of lawlessness and destruction.
We travelled through trackless deserts,

11 **RV 5:7 · Note** See Proverbs 14:14.

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but we didn't know the master's way.
8 What did our arrogance profit us?
What good have riches and boasting brought us?
9 Those things all passed away as a shadow,
like a rumour that runs by,
10 like a ship passing through the billowy water,
which, when it's gone by, there's no trace to be found,
no pathway of its keel in the waves.
11 Or it's like when a bird flies through the air,
no evidence of its passage is found,
but the light wind, lashed with the stroke of its pinions,
and torn apart with the violent rush of the moving wings, is passed through.
Afterwards no sign of its coming remains.
12 Or it's like when an arrow is shot at a mark,
the air it divided closes up again immediately,
so that men don't know where it passed through.
13 So we also, as soon as we were born, ceased to be;
and we had no sign of virtue to show,
but we were utterly consumed in our wickedness."
14 Because the hope of the ungodly man is like chaff carried by the wind,
and[12] as[13] foam vanishing before a tempest;
and is scattered like smoke by the wind,
and passes by as the remembrance of a guest who stays just a day.

God rewards the righteous and judges the world

15 But the righteous live forever.
Their reward is in the master,
and the care for them with the Most High.
16 Therefore they'll receive the crown of royal dignity
and the diadem of beauty from the master's hand,
because he'll cover them with his right hand,
and he'll shield them with his arm.
17 He'll take his zeal as complete armour,
and will make the whole creation his weapons to punish his enemies:
18 He'll put on righteousness as a breastplate,
and will wear impartial judgement as a helmet.
19 He'll take holiness as an invincible shield.
20 He'll sharpen stern anger for a sword.
The universe will go with him to fight against his frenzied foes.
21 Shafts of lightning will fly with true aim.
They'll leap to the mark from the clouds, as from a well-drawn bow.
22 Hailstones full of anger will be hurled as from a catapult.
The water of the sea will be angered against them.
Rivers will sternly overwhelm them.
23 A mighty wind will encounter them.

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⟦ἔγνωμεν⟧. 8 one/which? to_help I/we the/this/who pride? and one/which? riches with/after ⟦ἀλαζονείας⟧ ⟦συμβέβληται⟧ I/we? 9 to_pass_by that all which/how shadow, and which/how message ⟦παρατρέχουσα⟧; 10 which/how ship ⟦δειρχομενη⟧ ⟦κυμαινόμενον⟧ water, which ⟦διαβάσης⟧ no to_be track to_ _find/meet, and_not ⟦ἀτραπὸν⟧ ⟦τρόπιος⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among ⟦κύμασιν⟧; 11 or/than which/how bird ⟦διϊπτάντος⟧ air, none ⟦εὑρίσκεται⟧ clear_proof ⟦πορείας⟧, plague/blow/wound but/and ⟦ταρσῶν⟧ ⟦μαστιζόμενον⟧ spirit/breath ⟦κοῦφον⟧ and ⟦σχιζόμενον⟧ force ⟦ῥοιζου⟧, ⟦κινουμένων⟧ wing ⟦διωδεύθη⟧, and with/after this/he/she/it no to_find/meet sign ⟦ἐπιβάσεως⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self; 12 or/than which/how ⟦βέλους⟧ ⟦βληθέντος⟧ upon/to/against goal, ⟦τμηθεὶς⟧ the/this/who air immediately toward my/your/him-self ⟦ἀνελύθη⟧, which/how ⟦ἀγνοῆσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦δίοδον⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; 13 thus(-ly) and I/we ⟦γεννηθέντες⟧ ⟦ἐξελίπομεν⟧; and ⟦ἀρετῆς⟧ on_one_hand sign none to_have/be to_show, in/on/among but/and the/this/who evil I/we ⟦κατεδαπανήθημεν⟧. 14 that/since hope ⟦ἀσεβοῦς⟧ which/how ⟦φερόμενος⟧ a_coos/dust by/under wind, and which/how frost by/under storm ⟦διωχθεῖσα⟧ ⟦λεπτὴ⟧, and which/how smoke by/under wind ⟦διεχύθη⟧, and which/how remembrance ⟦καταλύτου⟧ ⟦μονοημέρου⟧ ⟦παρώδευσε⟧.
15 just but/and toward the/this/who an_age to_live, and in/on/among lord the/this/who wage he/she/it/self, and the/this/who bewilderment he/she/it/self from_with ⟦ὑψίστῳ⟧. 16 through/because_of this/he/she/it to_take the/this/who kingly the/this/who ⟦εὐπρεπείας⟧, and the/this/who diadem of_the ⟦κάλλους⟧ out_from hand lord, that/since the/this/who right ⟦σκεπάσει⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who arm ⟦ὑπερασπιεῖ⟧ he/she/it/self. 17 to_take complete_armour the/this/who zeal
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ὁπλοποιήσει⟧ the/this/who ⟦κτίσιν⟧ toward ⟦ἄμυναν⟧ enemy.
18 ⟦Ἐνδύσεται⟧ breastplate righteousness, and ⟦περιθήσεται⟧ ⟦κόρυθα⟧ judgement genuine. 19 to_take ⟦ἀσπίδα⟧ ⟦ἀκαταμάχητον⟧ ⟦ὁσιότητα⟧, 20 ⟦ὀξυνεῖ⟧ but/and ⟦ἀπότομον⟧ wrath toward sword, ⟦συνεκπολεμήσει⟧ but/and he/she/it/self the/this/who world upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦παράφρονας⟧. 21 to_travel ⟦εὔστοχοι⟧ ⟦βολίδες⟧ ⟦ἀστραπῶν⟧, and which/how away_from ⟦εὐκύκλου⟧ ⟦τόξου⟧ the/this/who ⟦νεφῶν⟧ upon/to/against goal ⟦ἁλοῦνται⟧. 22 and out_from ⟦πετροβόλου⟧ wrath full ⟦ῥιφήσονται⟧ ⟦χάλαζαι⟧; ⟦ἀγανακτήσει⟧ according_to he/she/it/self water sea, river but/and ⟦συγκλύσουσιν⟧ severely. 23 ⟦Ἀντιστήσεται⟧ he/she/it/self spirit/breath power, and which/how storm ⟦ἐκλικμήσει⟧ he/she/it/self; and ⟦ἐρημώσει⟧ all the/this/who earth lawlessness, and the/this/who misdeeds ⟦περιτρέψει⟧ throne ⟦δυναστῶν⟧.

12 **RV 5:14 · Note** Grk. like foam chased to thinness: or, as thin foam chased.

13 **RV 5:14 · Note** Most Greek authorities read hoar frost: some authorities, perhaps rightly, a spider's web.

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6:1 to_hear therefore/then king and to_understand, to_learn ⟦δικασταὶ⟧ end earth. **2** to_listen_to the/this/who to_
_grasp/seize multitude, and ⟦γεγαυρομένοι⟧ upon/to/against crowd Gentile_nation. **3** that/since to_give from_with of_the lord the/this/who holding_firm,_steadying you, and the/this/who command from_with highest, which ⟦ἐξετάσει⟧ you the/this/who work, and the/this/who plan ⟦διερευνήσει⟧. **4** that/since servant to_be the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there kingdom no ⟦ἐκρίνατε⟧ correctly, and_not to_keep/guard law, and_not according_to the/this/who plan of_the God ⟦ἐπορεύθητε⟧; **5** ⟦φρικτῶς⟧ and quickly ⟦ἐπιστήσεται⟧ you, that/since judgement precisely in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὑπερέχουσιν⟧ to_be. **6** the/this/who for least ⟦συγγνωστός⟧ to_be mercy, able but/and mightily ⟦ἐτασθήσονται⟧; **7** no for ⟦ὑποστελεῖται⟧ face the/this/who all master, and_not ⟦ἐντραπήσεται⟧ greatness; that/since small and great he/she/it/self to_do/make, similarly and/both to_care_for about all. **8** the/this/who but/and ⟦κραταιοῖς⟧ strong to_
_approach to_look_for/into. **9** to/with you therefore/then oh!/to_be tyrants the/this/who word I/we, in_order_that/to to_learn wisdom and not ⟦παραπέσητε⟧. **10** the/this/who for ⟦φυλάξαντες⟧ devoutly the/this/who sacred ⟦ὁσιωθήσονται⟧, and the/this/who ⟦διδαχθέντες⟧ he/she/it/self to_find/meet defence. **11** ⟦Ἐπιθυμήσατε⟧ therefore/then the/this/who word I/we, ⟦ποθήσατε⟧ and ⟦παιδευθήσεσθε⟧. **12** shining and unfading to_be the/this/who wisdom, and easily ⟦θεωρεῖται⟧ by/under the/this/who to_love he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦εὑρίσκεται⟧ by/under the/this/who to_seek he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **13** ⟦Φθάνει⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐπιθυμοῦντας⟧ ⟦προγνωσθῆναι⟧. **14** the/this/who ⟦ὀρθρίσας⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self no ⟦κοπιάσει⟧, ⟦πάρεδρον⟧ for to_find/meet the/this/who gate he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **15** the/this/who for ⟦ἐνθυμηθῆναι⟧ about he/she/it/self ⟦φρονήσεως⟧ perfection, and the/this/who ⟦ἀγρυπνήσας⟧ through/because_of he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self quickly untroubled to_be. **16** that/since the/this/who worthy he/she/it/self this/he/she/it ⟦περιέρχεται⟧ ⟦ζητοῦσα⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦τρίβοις⟧ ⟦φαντάζεται⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦εὐμενῶς⟧, and in/on/among all thought ⟦ὑπαντᾷ⟧ he/she/it/self. **17** beginning for he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ἀληθεστάτη⟧ discipline desire, bewilderment but/and discipline love, **18** love but/and jail/keeping ⟦νόμων⟧ he/she/it/self, putting_to_land but/and ⟦νόμων⟧ confirmation ⟦ἀφθαρσίας⟧, **19** incorruptibility but/and near to_be to_
_do/make God. **20** desire therefore wisdom ⟦ἀνάγει⟧ upon/to/against kingdom. **21** if therefore/then ⟦ἥδεσθε⟧ upon/to/against ⟦θρόνοις⟧ and ⟦σκήπτροις⟧ tyrants a_people, to_honour wisdom, in_order_that/to toward the/this/who an_
_age ⟦βασιλεύσητε⟧; **22** one/which? but/and he_is wisdom and how?/how?! to_be, to_announce, and no ⟦ἀποκρύψω⟧ you

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It'll winnow them away like a tempest.
So lawlessness will make all the land desolate.
Their evil-doing will overturn the thrones of princes.

Rulers must answer to God

6:1 Hear therefore, you kings, and understand.
Learn, you judges of the ends of the earth.
2 Give ear, you rulers who have dominion over many people,
and make your boast[14] in multitudes of nations,
3 because your dominion was given to you from the master,
and your sovereignty from the Most High.
He'll search out your works,
and will enquire about your plans,
4 because being officers of his kingdom, you didn't judge rightly,
nor did you keep the law,
nor did you walk according to God's counsel.
5 He'll come on you awfully and swiftly,
because a stern judgement comes on those who are in high places.
6 Because the man of low estate may be pardoned in mercy,
but mighty men will be mightily tested.
7 Because the Sovereign master of all won't be impressed with anyone,
neither will he show deference to greatness;
because it's he who made both small and great,
and cares about them all;
8 but the scrutiny that comes on the powerful is strict.
9 Therefore, my words are to you, Oh princes,
that you may learn wisdom and not fall away.
10 Because those who've kept the things that are holy in holiness will be made holy.
Those who've been taught them will find what to say in defence.
11 Therefore set your desire on my words.
Long for them, and you princes will be instructed.

Wisdom welcomes those who seek her

12 Wisdom is radiant and doesn't fade away;
and is easily seen by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her.
13 She anticipates those who desire her, making herself known.
14 He who rises up early to seek her won't have difficulty,
for he'll find her sitting at his gates.
15 Because to think on her is perfection of understanding,
and he who watches for her will quickly be free from care;
16 because she herself goes around, seeking those who are worthy of her,
and in their paths she appears to them graciously,
and in every purpose she meets them.
17 Because her true beginning is desire for instruction;
and desire for instruction is love.

14 **RV 6:2 · Note** Or, in the multitudes of your nations

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18 And love is observance of her laws.
To give heed to her laws confirms immortality.
19 Immortality brings closeness to God.
20 So then desire for wisdom promotes to a kingdom.
21 If therefore you delight in thrones and sceptres, you princes of peoples,
honour wisdom, that you may reign forever.
22 But what wisdom is, and how she came into being, I'll declare.
I won't hide mysteries from you;
but I'll explore from her first beginning,
bring the knowledge of her into clear light,
and I won't pass by the truth.
23 Indeed, I won't travel with consuming envy,
because envy will have no fellowship with wisdom.
24 But a multitude of wise men is salvation to the world,
and an understanding king is stability for his people.
25 Therefore be instructed by my words, and you'll profit.

A king's search for wisdom

7:1 I myself am also[15] mortal, like everyone else,
and am a descendant of one formed first and born of the earth.
2 I moulded into flesh in the time of ten months in my mother's womb,
being compacted in blood from the seed of man and pleasure of marriage.
3 I also, when I was born, drew in the common air,
and fell onto the kindred earth,
uttering, like all, for my first voice, the same cry.
4 I was nursed with care in swaddling clothes.
5 Because no king had a different beginning,
6 but all men have one entrance into life, and a common departure.
7 Because this cause I prayed, and understanding was given to me.
I asked, and a spirit of wisdom came to me.
8 I preferred her before sceptres and thrones.
I considered riches nothing in comparison to her.
9 Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,
because all gold in her presence is a little sand,
and silver will be considered as clay before her.
10 I loved her more than health and beauty,
and I chose to have her rather than light,
because her bright shining is never laid to sleep.
11 All good things came to me with her,
and innumerable riches are in her hands.
12 And I rejoiced over them all because wisdom leads them;
although I didn't know that she was their mother.
13 As I learnt without guile, I impart without grudging.
I don't hide her riches.

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mystery, but away_from beginning origin ⟦ἐξιχνιάσω⟧, and to_
_place toward the/this/who ⟦ἐμφανὲς⟧ the/this/who knowledge/to_know he/she/it/self, and no not ⟦παροδεύσω⟧ the/this/who truth; 23 neither certainly/month envy ⟦τετηκότι⟧ ⟦συνοδεύσω⟧, that/since this/he/she/it no ⟦κοινωνήσει⟧ wisdom. 24 multitude but/and wise salvation world, and king thoughtful ⟦εὐστάθεια⟧ ⟦δήμου⟧. 25 so ⟦παιδεύεσθε⟧ the/this/who declaration I/we, and ⟦ὠφεληθήσεσθε⟧.

7:1 to_be on_one_hand I/we/and_I mortal a_human, equal ⟦ἅπασι⟧, and ⟦γηγενοῦς⟧ a_descendant ⟦πρωτοπλάστου⟧. 2 and in/on/among belly/womb/stomach mother ⟦ἐγλύφην⟧ flesh ⟦δεκαμηνιαίῳ⟧ time, ⟦παγεὶς⟧ in/on/among blood out_from seed man and ⟦ἡδονῆς⟧ sleep ⟦συνελθούσης⟧. 3 and I/we but/and to_be ⟦ἔσπασα⟧ the/this/who common air, and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ὁμοιοπαθῆ⟧ ⟦κατέπεσον⟧ earth, first voice/sound the/this/who ⟦ὁμοίαν⟧ all equal to_
_weep. 4 in/on/among ⟦σπαργάνοις⟧ ⟦ἀνετράφην⟧, and in/on/among ⟦φροντίσιν⟧. 5 none for king other to_have/be origin beginning. 6 one but/and all entry toward the/this/who life, departure and/both equal. 7 through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦ηὐξάμην⟧, and understanding to_give I/we, ⟦ἐπεκαλεσάμην⟧, and to_come/go I/we spirit/breath wisdom. 8 ⟦Προέκρινα⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦σκήπτρων⟧ and throne, and riches none to_govern in/on/among ⟦συγκρίσει⟧ he/she/it/self. 9 and_not ⟦ὁμοίωσα⟧ he/she/it/self stone ⟦ἀτίμητον⟧, that/since the/this/who all gold in/on/among to_see he/she/it/self sabulum. ⟦ὀλίγη⟧, and which/how clay to_count silver against/in_front_of he/she/it/self. 10 above/for ⟦ὑγίειαν⟧ and ⟦εὐμορφίαν⟧ to_
_love he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦προειλόμην⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self for light to_have/be, that/since ⟦ἀκοίμητον⟧ the/this/who out_from this/he/she/it brightness. 11 to_come/go but/and I/we the/this/who good-doer together all with/after he/she/it/self, and countless riches in/on/among hand he/she/it/self. 12 ⟦Εὐφράνθην⟧ but/and upon/to/against all, that/since he/she/it/self ⟦ἡγεῖται⟧ wisdom, be_ignorant but/and he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦γενέτιν⟧ to_be this/he/she/it. 13 ⟦Ἀδόλως⟧ and/both to_learn, ⟦ἀφθόνως⟧ and/both to_share, the/this/who riches he/she/it/self no ⟦ἀποκρύπτομαι⟧. 14 incessant for treasure to_be a_human, which the/this/who ⟦χρησάμενοι⟧ to/with God ⟦ἐστείλαντο⟧ ⟦φιλίαν⟧, through/because_of the/this/who out_from discipline free_gift ⟦συσταθέντες⟧. 15 I/we/my but/and to_give

15 **RV 7:1 · Note** Many authorities read a mortal man.

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the/this/who God to_say according_to resolution, and ⟦ἐνθυμηθῆναι⟧ appropriately the/this/who ⟦δεδομένων⟧, that/since he/she/it/self and the/this/who wisdom guide/leader he_is, and the/this/who wise of_books,_editor,_ _reviser. **16** in/on/among for hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and I/we and the/this/who word I/we, all and/both understanding and ⟦ἐργατειῶν⟧ higher_knowledge. **17** he/she/it/self for I/we to_ _give the/this/who to_be knowledge/to_know ⟦ἀψευδῆ⟧, to_ _perceive ⟦σύστασιν⟧ world and active_energy principle, **18** beginning and goal/tax and ⟦μεσότητα⟧ time, ⟦τροπῶν⟧ ⟦ἀλλαγὰς⟧ and ⟦μεταβολὰς⟧ time/right_time, **19** ⟦ἐνιαυτῶν⟧ ⟦κύκλους⟧ and star ⟦θέσεις⟧, **20** ⟦φύσεις⟧ living_thing and ⟦θυμοὺς⟧ wild_animal, spirit/breath force and reasoning a_ _human, ⟦διαφορὰς⟧ ⟦φυτῶν⟧ and power root, **21** just_as/how_ _much and/both he_is hidden and revealed to_know. **22** the/this/who for all courtesan to_teach I/we wisdom; he_is for in/on/among he/she/it/self spirit/breath ⟦νοερὸν⟧, holy, ⟦μονογενὲς⟧, ⟦πολυμερὲς⟧, coin, ⟦εὐκίνητον⟧, ⟦τρανὸν⟧, ⟦ἀμόλυντον⟧, ⟦σαφὲς⟧, ⟦ἀπήμαντον⟧, lover_of_good, sharp/swift, ⟦ἀκώλυτον⟧, ⟦εὐεργετικὸν⟧, **23** ⟦φιλάνθρωπον⟧, ⟦βέβαιον⟧, secure, ⟦ἀμέριμνον⟧, ⟦παντοδύναμον⟧, ⟦πανεπίσκοπον⟧, and through/because_of all ⟦χωροῦν⟧ spirit/breath ⟦νοερῶν⟧, ⟦καθαρῶν⟧, ⟦λεπτοτάτων⟧. **24** all for ⟦κινήσεως⟧ ⟦κινητικώτερον⟧ wisdom, ⟦διήκει⟧ but/and and to_ _make_room_for through/because_of all through/because_of the/this/who cleanness. **25** vapour for he_is the/this/who of_ _the God power. and ⟦ἀπόῤῥοια⟧ the/this/who of_the almighty glory pure; through/because_of this/he/she/it none ⟦μεμιαμμένον⟧ toward he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦παρεμπίπτει⟧. **26** radiance for he_is light ⟦ἀϊδίου⟧, and mirror ⟦ἀκηλίδωτον⟧ the/this/who of_the God active_energy, and image the/this/who ⟦ἀγαθότητος⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **27** one but/and to_be all be_able, and ⟦μένουσα⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self/this/he/she/it the/this/who all ⟦καινίζει⟧, and according_to generation toward soul ⟦ὁσίας⟧ ⟦μεταβαίνουσα⟧, friendly/friend God and prophet ⟦κατασκευάζει⟧. **28** none for to_love the/this/who God, if not the/this/who wisdom ⟦συνοικοῦντα⟧. **29** he_is for this/he/she/it ⟦εὐπρεπεστέρα⟧ sun, and above/for all star ⟦θέσιν⟧, light ⟦συγκρινομένη⟧ ⟦εὑρίσκεται⟧ ⟦προτέρα⟧. **30** this/he/she/it on_one_hand for ⟦διαδέχεται⟧ night, wisdom but/and no ⟦ἀντισχύει⟧ evil.

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14 Because she's a treasure for men that doesn't fail,
and those who use it obtain friendship with God,
commended by the gifts which they present through discipline.

Wisdom's knowledge and power

15 But may God grant that I may speak his judgement,
and to conceive thoughts worthy of what's been given me;
because he's one who guides even wisdom and who corrects the wise.
16 Because both we and our words are in his hand,
with all understanding and skill in various crafts.
17 Because he himself gave me an unerring knowledge of the things that are,
to know the structure of the universe and the operation of the elements;
18 the beginning, end, and middle of times;
the alternations of the solstices and the changes of seasons;
19 the circuits of years and the positions of stars;
20 the natures of living creatures and the raging of wild animals;
the violence of[16] winds and the thoughts of men;
the diversities of plants and the virtues of roots.
21 All things that are either secret or manifest I learnt,
22 for wisdom, that's the architect of all things, taught me.
Because there's in her a spirit that's quick to understand, holy,
unique, manifold, subtle, freely moving, clear in utterance, unpolluted,
distinct, invulnerable, loving what's good, keen, unhindered,
23 beneficent, loving towards man, steadfast, sure, free from care, all-powerful, all-surveying,
and penetrating through all spirits that are quick to understand, pure, most subtle.
24 Because wisdom is more mobile than any motion.
Yes, she pervades and penetrates all things because of her purity.
25 Because she's a breath of God's power,
and a pure emanation of the Almighty's glory.
Therefore nothing defiled can find entrance into her.
26 Because she's a reflection of eternal light,
an unspotted mirror of the working of God,
and an image of his goodness.
27 Although she's one, she has power to do all things.
Remaining in herself, she renews all things.
Throughout the generations passing into holy souls,
she makes friends of God and prophets.
28 Because God loves nothing as much as one who lives with wisdom.
29 Because she's fairer than the sun,
and above all the constellations of the stars.
She's better than light.

16 **RV 7:20 · Note** Or, spirits

Readers' Version

30 Because daylight yields to night,
but evil doesn't prevail against wisdom.
8:1 But she reaches from one end to the other with full strength,
and orders all things well.

Choosing wisdom as a lifelong companion

2 I loved her and wanted her from my youth.
I tried to take her for my bride.
I became enamoured by her beauty.
3 She glorifies her noble birth by living with God.
The Sovereign master of all loves her.
4 Because she's initiated into the knowledge of God,
and she chooses his works.
5 But if riches are a desired possession in life,
what's richer than wisdom, which makes all things?
6 And if understanding is effective,
who more than[17] wisdom is an architect of the things that exist?
7 If a man loves righteousness,
the fruits of wisdom's labour[18] are virtues,
for she teaches soberness, understanding, righteousness, and courage.
There's nothing in life more profitable for people than these.
8 And if anyone longs for wide experience,
she knows the things of old, and infers the things to come.
She understands subtleties of speeches and interpretations of dark sayings.
She foresees signs and wonders, and the issues of seasons and times.
9 Therefore I determined to take her to live with me,
knowing that she's one who'd give me good counsel,
and encourage me in cares and grief.
10 Because of her, I'll have glory among multitudes,
and honour in the sight of elders, though I'm young.
11 I'll be found keen when I give judgement.
I'll be admired in the presence of rulers.
12 When I'm silent, they'll wait for me.
When I open my lips, they'll heed what I say.
If I continue speaking, they'll put their hands on their mouths.
13 Because of her, I'll have immortality,
and leave behind an eternal memory to those who come after me.
14 I'll govern peoples.
Nations will be subjected to me.
15 Dreaded monarchs will fear me when they hear of me.
Among the people, I'll show myself to be good, and courageous in war.
16 When I come into my house, I'll find rest with her.

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8:1 ⟦Διατείνει⟧ but/and away_from ⟦πέρατος⟧ toward end ⟦εὐρώστως⟧, and ⟦διοικεῖ⟧ the/this/who all ⟦χρηστῶς⟧. 2 this/he/she/it ⟦ἐφίλησα⟧ and ⟦ἐξεζήτησα⟧ out_from youth I/we, and ⟦ἐζήτησα⟧ bride ⟦ἀγαγέσθαι⟧ myself, and a_lover to_be of_the ⟦κάλλους⟧ he/she/it/self. 3 ⟦Εὐγένειαν⟧ ⟦δοξάζει⟧ ⟦συμβίωσιν⟧ God to_have/be, and the/this/who all master to_love he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 4 initiator for he_is the/this/who of_the God ⟦ἐπιστήμης⟧, and one_who_chooses the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 5 if but/and riches to_be ⟦ἐπιθυμητὸν⟧ possession in/on/among ⟦βίῳ⟧, one/which? wisdom ⟦πλουσιώτερον⟧ the/this/who the/this/who all ⟦ἐργαζομένης⟧? 6 if but/and understanding to_work, one/which? he/she/it/self the/this/who to_be more he_is craftsman? 7 and if righteousness to_love one, the/this/who ⟦πόνοι⟧ this/he/she/it to_be ⟦ἀρεταί⟧; ⟦σωφροσύνην⟧ for and ⟦φρόνησιν⟧ ⟦ἐκδιδάσκει⟧, righteousness and ⟦ἀνδρίαν⟧, which ⟦χρησιμώτερον⟧ none to_be in/on/among ⟦βίῳ⟧ a_human. 8 if but/and and ⟦πολυπειρίαν⟧ ⟦ποθεῖ⟧ one, to_perceive the/this/who ancient and the/this/who to_ensue ⟦εἰκάζειν⟧, to_approach/to_know/understand ⟦στροφὰς⟧ word and ⟦λύσεις⟧ ⟦αἰνιγμάτων⟧, sign and wonders ⟦προγινώσκει⟧, and ⟦ἐκβάσεις⟧ time/right_time and time. 9 to_judge then this/he/she/it ⟦ἀγαγέσθαι⟧ to/with ⟦συμβίωσιν⟧, to_perceive that/since to_be I/we counsellor good-doer, and ⟦παραίνεσις⟧ ⟦φροντίδων⟧ and grief. 10 out/outside(r) through/because_of he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self glory in/on/among crowd, and honour from_with elder the/this/who new. 11 sharp/swift ⟦εὑρεθήσομαι⟧ in/on/among judgement, and in/on/among to_see ⟦δυναστῶν⟧ ⟦θαυμασθήσομαι⟧. 12 ⟦Σιγῶντά⟧ I/we ⟦περιμενοῦσι⟧, and ⟦φθεγγομένῳ⟧ ⟦προσέξουσι⟧, and to_speak ⟦ἐπιπλεῖον⟧, hand to_put/lay_on upon/to/against mouth he/she/it/self. 13 out/outside(r) through/because_of he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self immortality, and remembrance eternal the/this/who ⟦μετ⟧ I/we ⟦ἀπολείψω⟧. 14 ⟦Διοικήσω⟧ ⟦λαοὺς⟧, and Gentile_nation to_subject I/we. 15 ⟦Φοβηθήσονταί⟧ I/we to_hear tyrants ⟦φρικτοὶ⟧, in/on/among multitude ⟦φανοῦμαι⟧ good-doer, and in/on/among war vigorous. 16 to_enter toward the/this/who house I/we ⟦προσαναπαύσομαι⟧ he/she/it/self; no for to_have/be ⟦πικρίαν⟧ the/this/who living_with,_intercourse he/she/it/self, and_not ⟦ὀδύνην⟧ the/this/who club,_society he/she/it/self, but ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧ and joy. 17 this/he/she/it to_count in/on/among myself, and ⟦φροντίσας⟧ in/on/among heart I/we, that/since to_be immortality in/on/among kindred wisdom, 18 and in/on/among friendship he/she/it/self delight good-doer, and in/on/among ⟦πόνοις⟧ hand he/she/it/self riches incessant, and in/on/among experience,_training ⟦ὁμιλίας⟧ he/she/it/self understanding, and ⟦εὔκλεια⟧ in/on/among participation word he/she/it/self, ⟦περιήειν⟧ to_seek that to_take he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self toward myself. 19 child but/and to_be ⟦εὐφυὴς⟧, soul and/both ⟦ἔλαχον⟧ good-doer, 20 more but/and good-doer to_be to_

17 **RV 8:6 · Note** Grk. she.

18 **RV 8:7 · Note** Grk. her labours

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_come/go toward body pure. **21** to_know but/and that/since no otherwise to_be self-controlled, if not the/this/who God to_ _give, and this/he/she/it but/and to_be ⟦φρονήσεως⟧ the/this/who to_perceive which? the/this/who grace, to_call_ _on the/this/who lord, and to_pray he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_say out_from all the/this/who heart I/we,

9:1 God father and lord of_the mercy you, the/this/who to_ _do/make the/this/who all in/on/among word you, **2** and the/this/who wisdom you ⟦κατεσκεύασας⟧ a_human, in_order_ _that/to ⟦δεσπόζῃ⟧ the/this/who by/under you to_be creature, **3** and ⟦διέπῃ⟧ the/this/who world in/on/among holiness and righteousness, and in/on/among ⟦εὐθύτητι⟧ soul judgement to_judge; **4** to_give I/we the/this/who the/this/who ⟦σῶν⟧ throne ⟦πάρεδρον⟧ wisdom, and not I/we ⟦ἀποδοκιμάσῃς⟧ out_ _from child you. **5** that/since I/we slave your and son the/this/who maidservant you, a_human weak and ⟦ὀλιγοχρόνιος⟧ and lesser in/on/among understanding judgement and ⟦νόμων⟧. **6** and/even_if/if for one to_be perfect in/on/among son a_human, the/this/who away_from you wisdom ⟦ἀπούσης⟧, toward none to_count. **7** you I/we ⟦προείλω⟧ king a_people you, and magistrate son you and daughter. **8** to_say to_build temple in/on/among mountain holy you, and in/on/among city ⟦κατασκηνώσεώς⟧ you altar, ⟦μίμημα⟧ tent holy which ⟦προητοίμασας⟧ away_from beginning. **9** and with/after you the/this/who wisdom the/this/who to_perceive the/this/who work you, and ⟦παροῦσα⟧ when ⟦ἐποίεις⟧ the/this/who world, and ⟦ἐπισταμένη⟧ one/which? pleasing in/on/among eye you, and one/which? ⟦εὐθὲς⟧ in/on/among commandment you. **10** ⟦Ἐξαπόστειλον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self out_from holy heaven, and away_from throne glory you to_send he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, in_order_that/to ⟦συμπαροῦσά⟧ I/we ⟦κοπιάσῃ⟧, and to_know one/which? well-pleasing he_is from_with you/your. **11** to_perceive for that all and ⟦συνιεῖ⟧, and to_guide I/we in/on/among the/this/who action I/we in_self-control, and to_keep/guard I/we in/on/among the/this/who glory/to_think he/she/it/self. **12** and to_be ⟦προσδεκτὰ⟧ the/this/who work I/we, and to_ _judge/doubt the/this/who a_people you rightly, and to_be worthy throne father I/we. **13** one/which? for a_human to_ _know plan God? or/than one/which? ⟦ἐνθυμηθήσεται⟧

Readers' Version

Because conversation with her has no bitterness,
and living with her has no pain, but gladness and joy.
17 When I considered these things in myself,
and thought in my heart how immortality is in kinship to wisdom,
18 and in her friendship is good delight,
and in the labours of her hands is wealth that doesn't fail,
and understanding is in her companionship,
and great renown in having fellowship with her words,
I went about seeking how to take her to myself.
19 Now I was a clever child, and received a good soul.
20 Or rather, being good, I came into an undefiled body.
21 But perceiving that I couldn't otherwise possess wisdom unless God gave her to me—
yes, and to know and understand by whom the grace is given—
I pleaded with the master and implored him, and with my whole heart I said:

A prayer for wisdom

9:1 "O God of my ancestors and master of mercy,
who made all things by your word;
2 and by your wisdom you formed man,
that he should have dominion over the creatures that were made by you,
3 and rule the world in holiness and righteousness,
and execute judgement in uprightness of soul,
4 give me wisdom, her who sits by you on your thrones.
Don't reject me from among your[19] servants,
5 because I'm your servant and the son of your handmaid,
a weak and short-lived man,
with little power to understand judgement and laws.
6 Because even if a man is perfect among the sons of men,
if the wisdom that comes from you isn't with him, he'll count for nothing.
7 You chose me to be king of your people,
and a judge for your sons and daughters.
8 You gave a command to build a sanctuary on your holy mountain,
and[20] an altar in the city where you live,
a copy of the holy tent which you prepared from the beginning.
9 Wisdom is with you and knows your works,
and was present when you were making the world,
and understands what's pleasing in your eyes,
and what's right according to your commandments.
10 Send her from the holy heavens,
and ask her to come from the throne of your glory,
that being present with me she may work,
and I may learn what pleases you well.

19 **RV 9:4 · Note** Or, children

20 **RV 9:8 · Note** Or, a place of sacrifice

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11 Because she knows all things and understands,
and she'll guide me prudently in my actions.
She'll guard me in her glory.
12 So my works will be acceptable.
I'll judge your people righteously,
and I'll be worthy of my father's[21] throne.
13 Because what man will know God's counsel?
Or who'll conceive what the master wills?
14 Because the thoughts of mortals are unstable,
and our plans are prone to fail.
15 Because a corruptible body weighs down the soul.
The earthy tent burdens a mind that's full of cares.
16 We can hardly guess the things that are on earth,
and we find the things that are close at hand with labour;
but who's traced out the things that are in the heavens?
17 Who gained knowledge of your counsel, unless you gave wisdom,
and sent your holy spirit from on high?
18 It was thus that the ways of those who are on earth were corrected,
and men were taught the things that are pleasing to you.
They were saved through wisdom."

Wisdom protects and rescues the faithful

10:1 Wisdom[22] guarded to the end the first formed father of the world, who was created alone,
and delivered him out of his own transgression,
2 and gave him strength to rule over all things.
3 But when an unrighteous man fell away from her in his anger,
he perished himself in the rage with which he killed his brother.
4 When for his cause the earth was drowning with a flood,
wisdom again saved it,
guiding the righteous man's course by a paltry piece of wood.
5 Moreover, when nations consenting together in wickedness had been confounded,
wisdom[23] knew the righteous man, and preserved him blameless to God,
and kept him strong when his heart yearned towards his child.
6 While the ungodly were perishing, wisdom[24] delivered a righteous man,
when he fled from the fire that descended out of heaven on the five cities.
7 To whose wickedness a smoking waste still witnesses,
and plants bearing fair fruit that doesn't ripen,
a disbelieving soul has a memorial: a standing pillar of salt.

Literal Version

one/which? to_will/desire the/this/who lord? 14 ⟦Λογισμοὶ⟧ for ⟦θνητῶν⟧ timid, and ⟦ἐπισφαλεῖς⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦ἐπίνοιαι⟧ I/we. 15 perishable for body ⟦βαρύνει⟧ soul, and ⟦βρίθει⟧ the/this/who ⟦γεῶδες⟧ tent mind ⟦πολυφροντίδα⟧. 16 and hardly ⟦εἰκάζομεν⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against earth, and the/this/who in/on/among hand to_find/meet with/after travail; the/this/who but/and in/on/among heaven one/which? ⟦ἐξιχνίασε⟧? 17 plan but/and you one/which? to_ _know, if not you to_give wisdom, and ⟦ἔπεμψας⟧ the/this/who holy you spirit/breath away_from ⟦ὑψίστων⟧? 18 and thus(-ly) ⟦διωρθώθησαν⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦τρίβοι⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against earth, and the/this/who pleasing you to_ _teach a_human, and the/this/who wisdom ⟦ἐσώθησαν⟧.

10:1 this/he/she/it ⟦πρωτόπλαστον⟧ father world alone/only to_create ⟦διεφύλαξε⟧, and to_take_out/select he/she/it/self out_from trespass one's_own/private, 2 to_give and/both he/she/it/self strength to_grasp/seize all. 3 to_leave but/and away_from he/she/it/self unjust in/on/among wrath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἀδελφοκτόνοις⟧ to_ _die/destroy_with ⟦θυμοῖς⟧, 4 through/because_of which ⟦κατακλυζομένην⟧ earth again ⟦διέσωσε⟧ wisdom, through/because_of ⟦εὐτελοῦς⟧ wood the/this/who just ⟦κυβερνήσασα⟧. 5 this/he/she/it and in/on/among concord evil Gentile_nation ⟦συγχυθέντων⟧ to_find/meet the/this/who just, and ⟦ἐτήρησεν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἄμεμπτον⟧ God, and upon/to/against child affection/entrails strong to_keep/guard. 6 this/he/she/it just, ⟦ἐξαπολλυμένων⟧ ungodly, to_deliver ⟦φυγόντα⟧ fire ⟦καταβάσιον⟧ ⟦Πενταπόλεως⟧; 7 which still testimony the/this/who evil ⟦καπνιζομένη⟧ ⟦καθέστηκε⟧ uncultivated, and ⟦ἀτελέσιν⟧ ⟦ὥραις⟧ ⟦καρποφοροῦντα⟧ ⟦φυτά⟧; ⟦ἀπιστοῦσης⟧ soul grave ⟦ἑστηκυῖα⟧ a_monument ⟦ἁλός⟧. 8 wisdom for ⟦παροδεύσαντες⟧ no alone/only ⟦ἐβλάβησαν⟧ of_the not to_know the/this/who good, but and the/this/who foolishness to_leave the/this/who ⟦βίῳ⟧ memorial, in_order_that/to in/on/among which ⟦ἐσφάλησαν⟧ nor be_hidden ⟦δυνηθῶσι⟧. 9 wisdom but/and the/this/who ⟦θεραπεύσαντας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self out_from travail to_deliver. 10 this/he/she/it ⟦φυγάδα⟧ wrath brother just ⟦ὡδήγησεν⟧ in/on/among ⟦τρίβοις⟧ ⟦εὐθείαις⟧, to_show he/she/it/self kingdom God, and to_give he/she/it/self knowledge/to_know holy, ⟦εὐπόρησεν⟧ he/she/it/self

21 **RV 9:12 · Note** Grk. thrones.
22 **RV 10:1 · Note** Grk. She.
23 **RV 10:5 · Note** Grk. she
24 **RV 10:6 · Note** Grk. she

Literal Version

in/on/among ⟦μόχθοις⟧, and ⟦ἐπλήθυνε⟧ the/this/who ⟦πόνους⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
11 in/on/among greediness ⟦κατισχύοντων⟧ he/she/it/self to_ _stand_by, and ⟦ἐπλούτισεν⟧ he/she/it/self. **12** ⟦Διεφύλαξεν⟧ he/she/it/self away_from enemy, and away_from ⟦ἐνεδρευόντων⟧ to_secure, and fight strong ⟦ἐβράβευσεν⟧ he/she/it/self, in_order_that/to to_know, that/since all ⟦δυνατωτέρα⟧ to_be piety. **13** this/he/she/it ⟦πραθέντα⟧ just no to_leave_behind, but out_from sin to_deliver he/she/it/self; **14** ⟦συγκατέβη⟧ he/she/it/self toward ⟦λάκκον⟧, and in/on/among chain no to_release he/she/it/self, until to_ _bear/lead he/she/it/self ⟦σκῆπτρα⟧ kingdom and authority ⟦τυραννούντων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; false and/both to_show the/this/who ⟦μωμησαμένους⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_give he/she/it/self glory eternal.
15 this/he/she/it a_people sacred and seed ⟦ἄμεμπτον⟧ to_ _deliver out_from Gentile_nation ⟦θλιβόντων⟧. **16** to_enter toward soul ⟦θεράποντος⟧ lord, and to_oppose king ⟦φοβεροῖς⟧ in/on/among wonders and sign. **17** to_pay ⟦ὁσίοις⟧ wage labour he/she/it/self, ⟦ὡδήγησεν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among road marvellous, and to_be he/she/it/self toward ⟦σκέπην⟧ day, and toward flame star the/this/who night. **18** ⟦Διεβίβασεν⟧ he/she/it/self sea red, and ⟦διήγαγεν⟧ he/she/it/self through/because_of water much.
19 the/this/who but/and enemy he/she/it/self ⟦κατέκλυσε⟧, and out_from depth abyss ⟦ἀνέβρασεν⟧ he/she/it/self.
20 through/because_of this/he/she/it just ⟦ἐσκύλευσαν⟧ ungodly, and ⟦ὕμνησαν⟧ lord the/this/who name the/this/who holy you, the/this/who and/both ⟦ὑπέρμαχόν⟧ you hand ⟦ἤνεσαν⟧ united. **21** that/since the/this/who wisdom to_open mouth ⟦κωφῶν⟧, and tongue child to_place ⟦τρανάς⟧.

Readers' Version

8 Because having passed wisdom by,
not only were they disabled from recognising the things which are good,
but they also left behind them for their life a monument of their folly,
to the end that where they stumbled, they might fail even to be unseen;
9 but wisdom delivered those who waited on her out of troubles.
10 When a righteous man was a fugitive from a brother's anger,[25] wisdom guided him in straight paths.
She showed him God's kingdom, and gave him knowledge of holy things.
She prospered him in his toils, and multiplied the fruits of his labour.
11 When in their covetousness men dealt harshly with him,
she stood by him and made him rich.
12 She guarded him from enemies,
and she kept him safe from those who lay in wait.
Over his severe conflict, she watched as judge,
that he might know that godliness is more powerful than every one.
13 When a righteous man was sold,[26] wisdom didn't forsake him,
but she delivered him from sin.
She went down with him into a dungeon,
14 and in bonds she didn't depart from him,
until she brought him the sceptre of a kingdom,
and authority over those that dealt like a tyrant with him.
She also showed those who'd mockingly accused him to be false,
and gave him eternal glory.

Wisdom leads God's people out of slavery

15 Wisdom[27] delivered a holy people and a blameless seed from a nation of oppressors.
16 She entered into the soul of a servant of the master,
and withstood terrible kings in wonders and signs.
17 She rendered to holy men a reward of their toils.
She guided them along a marvellous way,
and became to them a covering in the day-time,
and a starry flame through the night.
18 She brought them over the Red sea,
and led them through much water;
19 but she drowned their enemies,
and she threw them up from the bottom of the deep.
20 Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly,
and they sang praise to your holy name, Oh master,
and extolled with one accord your hand that fought for them,

25 **RV 10:10 · Note** Grk. she.
26 **RV 10:13 · Note** Grk. she.
27 **RV 10:15 · Note** Grk. she.

Readers' Version

21 because wisdom opened the mouth of the mute,
and made the tongues of babes to speak clearly.
11:1 Wisdom prospered their works in the hand of a holy prophet.
2 They travelled through a desert without inhabitant,
and they pitched their tents in trackless regions.
3 They withstood enemies and repelled foes.
4 They thirsted, and they called on you,
and water was given to them out of the[28] flinty rock,
and healing of their thirst out of the hard stone.[29]

Water for God's people and punishment for their enemies

5 Because by what things their foes were punished,
by these they in their need were benefitted.
6 When enemies were troubled with clotted blood
instead of a river's ever-flowing fountain,[30]
7 to rebuke the decree for the slaying of babies,[31]
you gave them abundant water beyond all hope,
8 having shown by the thirst which they'd suffered
how you punished the adversaries.
9 Because when they were tried, although chastened in mercy,
they learnt how the ungodly were tormented, being judged with anger.
10 Because you tested these as a father admonishing them;
but you searched out those as a stern king condemning them.
11 Yes and whether they were far off or near,
they were equally distressed;
12 for a double grief seized them,
and a groaning at the memory of things past.
13 Because when they heard that through their own punishments the others benefitted,
they recognised the master.
14 Because him who long before was thrown out and exposed they stopped mocking.
In the end of what happened, they marvelled,
having thirsted in another manner than the righteous.

God's power and patience

15 But in return for the senseless imaginings of their unrighteousness,
wherein they were led astray to worship irrational reptiles and wretched vermin,
you sent on them a multitude of irrational creatures to punish them,
16 that they might learn that by what things a man sins, by these he's punished.
17 Because your all-powerful hand
that created the world out of formless matter
didn't lack means to send on them a multitude of bears,

Literal Version

11:1 ⟦Εὐωδώσε⟧ the/this/who work he/she/it/self in/on/among hand prophet holy. 2 ⟦Διώδευσαν⟧ deserted ⟦ἀοίκητον⟧, and in/on/among ⟦ἀβάτοις⟧ ⟦ἔπηξαν⟧ tent. 3 to_ _oppose ⟦πολεμίοις⟧, and ⟦ἠμύναντο⟧ enemy. 4 ⟦Ἐδίψησαν⟧ and ⟦ἐπεκαλέσαντό⟧ you, and to_give he/she/it/self out_from rock ⟦ἀκροτόμου⟧ water, and healing ⟦δίψης⟧ out_from stone ⟦σκληροῦ⟧. 5 through/because_of which for ⟦ἐκολάσθησαν⟧ the/this/who enemy he/she/it/self, through/because_of this/he/she/it he/she/it/self ⟦ἀποροῦντες⟧ ⟦εὐεργετήθησαν⟧. 6 for on_one_hand flow ⟦ἀεννάου⟧ river blood ⟦λυθρώδει⟧ ⟦ταραχθέντες⟧ 7 toward rebuke ⟦νηπιοκτόνου⟧ ⟦διατάγματος⟧, to_give he/she/it/self ⟦δαψιλὲς⟧ water ⟦ἀνελπίστως⟧; 8 ⟦δείξας⟧ through/because_of of_the then ⟦δίψους⟧ how?/how?! the/this/who opposed ⟦ἐκόλασας⟧. 9 when for to_ _test/tempt, although in/on/among mercy to_instruct, to_ _know how?/how?! in/on/among wrath to_judge ungodly ⟦ἐβασανίζοντο⟧. 10 this/he/she/it on_one_hand for which/how father ⟦νουθεντῶν⟧ ⟦ἐδοκίμασας⟧, that but/and which/how precisely king ⟦καταδικάζων⟧ ⟦ἐξήτασας⟧. 11 and be_away but/and and be_present similarly ⟦ἐτρύχοντο⟧. 12 ⟦Διπλῆ⟧ for he/she/it/self to_take grief, and groan ⟦μνημῶν⟧ the/this/who ⟦παρελθουσῶν⟧. 13 when for to_hear through/because_of the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦κολάσεων⟧ ⟦εὐεργετουμένους⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦ᾔσθοντο⟧ of_ _the lord. 14 the/this/who for in/on/among ⟦ἐκθέσει⟧ of_old ⟦ῥιφέντα⟧ to_renounce ⟦χλευάζοντες⟧, upon/to/against to_ _finish the/this/who ⟦ἐκβάσεων⟧ to_marvel, no like just ⟦διψήσαντες⟧. 15 for but/and thought ⟦ἀσυνέτων⟧ unrighteousness he/she/it/self, in/on/among which ⟦πλανηθέντες⟧ ⟦ἐθρήσκευον⟧ unreasonable reptile and ⟦κνώδαλα⟧ ⟦εὐτελῆ⟧, ⟦ἐπαπέστειλας⟧ he/she/it/self multitude ⟦ἀλόγων⟧ living_thing toward vengeance, 16 in_order_that/to knowledge/to_know that/since through/because_of which one to_sin, through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦κολάζεται⟧. 17 no for be_perplexed the/this/who all-powerful you hand ⟦κτίσασα⟧ the/this/who world out_from ⟦ἀμόρφου⟧ ⟦ὕλης⟧, ⟦ἐπιπέμψαι⟧ he/she/it/self multitude ⟦ἄρκων⟧, or/than ⟦θρασεῖς⟧ ⟦λέοντας⟧, 18 or/than ⟦νεοκτίστους⟧ wrath full ⟦θῆρας⟧ ⟦ἀγνώστους⟧, whether ⟦πυρπνόον⟧ ⟦φυσῶντας⟧ ⟦ἄσθμα⟧, or/than ⟦βρόμους⟧ ⟦λικμωμένους⟧ smoke, or/than ⟦δεινοὺς⟧ away_from eye ⟦σπινθῆρας⟧ ⟦ἀστράπτοντας⟧; 19 which no alone/only the/this/who ⟦βλάβη⟧ be_able ⟦συνεκτρίψαι⟧ he/she/it/self, but and the/this/who face ⟦ἐκφοβήσασα⟧ ⟦διολέσαι⟧. 20 and without but/and this/he/she/it, one spirit/breath to_collapse ⟦ἐδύναντο⟧ by/under the/this/who ⟦δίκης⟧ ⟦διωχθέντες⟧, and ⟦λικμηθέντες⟧ by/under spirit/breath power you; but all measure and number and ⟦σταθμῷ⟧ ⟦διέταξας⟧. 21 the/this/who for greatly be_strong ⟦πάρεστί⟧ you always, and power/to_grasp/seize arm you one ⟦ἀντιστήσεται⟧?

28 **RV 11:4 · Note** See Deuteronomy 8:15; Psalms 114:8.

29 **RV 11:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:1-6; Num 20:7-11.

30 **RV 11:6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 7:19-21.

31 **RV 11:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 1:22.

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22 that/since which/how crux out_from ⟦πλαστίγγων⟧ all the/this/who world against/in_front_of you, and which/how drop,_spot ⟦δρόσον⟧ ⟦ὀρθρινὴ⟧ ⟦κατελθοῦσα⟧ upon/to/against earth. **23** ⟦Ἐλεεῖς⟧ but/and all, that/since all be_able, and ⟦παροράς⟧ sin a_human toward repentance. **24** to_love for the/this/who to_be all, and none ⟦βδελύσσῃ⟧ which to_ _do/make, and_not for if to_hate one ⟦κατεσκεύασας⟧. **25** how?/how?! but/and to_stay if one if not you ⟦ἐθέλησας⟧? or/than the/this/who not to_call by/under you ⟦διετηρήθη⟧? **26** ⟦Φείδῃ⟧ but/and all, that/since your he_is, master ⟦φιλόψυχε⟧.

12:1 the/this/who for incorruptible you spirit/breath to_be in/on/among all. **2** for the/this/who ⟦παραπίπτοντας⟧ according_to little/few ⟦ἐλέγχεις⟧, and in/on/among which to_ _sin ⟦ὑπομιμνήσκων⟧ ⟦νουθετεῖς⟧, in_order_that/to ⟦ἀπαλλαγέντες⟧ the/this/who evil to_trust_(in) upon/to/against you lord. **3** and for the/this/who old ⟦οἰκήτορας⟧ the/this/who holy you earth **4** ⟦μισήσας⟧, upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἔχθιστα⟧ to_do/require work ⟦φαρμακειῶν⟧, and ⟦τελετὰς⟧ ⟦ἀνοσίους⟧, **5** child and/both ⟦φονέας⟧ merciless, and ⟦σπλαγχνοφάγων⟧ human flesh ⟦θοῖναν⟧, **6** and blood out_from midst ⟦μυσταθείας⟧ you, and ⟦αὐθέντας⟧ parent soul ⟦ἀβοηθήτων⟧, ⟦ἐβουλήθης⟧ to_destroy through/because_of hand father I/we; **7** in_order_that/to ⟦ἀξίαν⟧ ⟦ἀποικίαν⟧ to_receive God child the/this/who from_ _with you/your all ⟦τιμιωτάτη⟧ earth. **8** but and this/he/she/it which/how a_human ⟦ἐφείσω⟧, to_send and/both ⟦προδρόμους⟧ of_the ⟦στρατοπέδου⟧ you ⟦σφῆκας⟧, in_order_ _that/to he/she/it/self ⟦καταβραχὺ⟧ ⟦ἐξολοθρεύσωσιν⟧. **9** no unable in/on/among ⟦παρατάξει⟧ ungodly just ⟦ὑποχειρίους⟧ to_give, or/than ⟦θηρίοις⟧ ⟦δεινοῖς⟧, or/than word ⟦ἀποτόμῳ⟧

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fierce lions,

18 or newly-created and unknown wild animals, full of rage,
either breathing out a blast of fiery breath,
or belching out smoke,
or flashing dreadful sparks from their eyes;
19 which had power not only to consume them by their violence,
but to destroy them even by the terror of their sight.
20 Yes and without these they might have fallen by a single breath,
being pursued by Justice, and scattered abroad by the breath of your power;
but you arranged all things by measure, number, and weight.
21 Because to be greatly strong is yours at all times.
Who could withstand the might of your arm?
22 Because the whole world before you is as a grain in a balance,
and as a drop of dew that comes down on the earth in the morning.
23 But you have mercy on all men, because you have power to do all things,
and you overlook the sins of men to the end that they may repent.
24 Because you love all things that are,
and abhor none of the things which you made;
Because you never would have formed anything if you hated it.
25 How would anything have endured unless you'd willed it?
Or that which wasn't called by you, how would it have been preserved?
26 But you spare all things, because they're yours,
Oh Sovereign master, you who love the living.
12:1 Because your incorruptible spirit is in all things.
2 Therefore you convict little by little those who fall from the right way,
and, putting them in remembrance by the things wherein they sin, you admonish them,
that escaping from their wickedness they may believe in you, Oh master.

God gives the wicked time to change

3 Because truly the old inhabitants of your holy land,
4 hating them because they practised detestable works of enchantments and unholy rites—
5 merciless slaughters of children
and sacrificial banquets of men's flesh and of blood—
6 allies in an impious fellowship,
and murderers of their own helpless babes,
it was your counsel to destroy by the hands of our fathers;
7 that the land which in your sight is most precious of all
might receive a worthy colony of God's servants.[32]

32 RV 12:7 · Note Or, children

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8 Nevertheless you even spared these as men,
and you sent hornets[33] as forerunners of your army,
to cause them to perish little by little.
9 Not that you were unable to subdue the ungodly under the hand of the righteous in battle,
or by terrible wild animals or by a stern word to make away with them at once,
10 but judging them little by little you gave them a chance to repent,
not being ignorant that their nature by birth was evil,
their wickedness inborn,
and that their manner of thought would never be changed.
11 Because they were a cursed seed from the beginning.
It wasn't through fear of any that you left them unpunished for their sins.
12 Because who'll say, "What have you done?"
Or "Who'll withstand your judgement?"
Who'll accuse you for the perishing of nations which you caused?
Or who'll come and stand before you as an avenger for unrighteous men?
13 Because there isn't any God beside you that cares for all,
that you might show that you didn't judge unrighteously.
14 No king or prince will be able to confront you
about those whom you've punished.
15 But being righteous, you rule all things righteously,
deeming it a thing alien from your power
to condemn one who doesn't deserve to be punished.
16 Because your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all makes you to forbear all.
17 Because when men don't believe that you're perfect in power, you show your strength,
and in dealing with those who think this, you confuse their boldness.
18 But you, being sovereign in strength, judge in gentleness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for the power is yours whenever you desire it.

Learning kindness from God's mercy

19 But you taught your people by such works as these,
how the righteous must be kind.
You made your sons to have good hope,
because you give repentance when men have sinned.
20 Because if on those who were enemies of your servants[34] and deserving of death,
you took vengeance with so great deliberation and indulgence,
giving them times and opportunities when they might escape from their wickedness,
21 with how great care you judged your sons,

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by/under in/on/among/one ⟦ἐκτρίψαι⟧; **10** to_judge but/and ⟦καταβραχὺ⟧ ⟦ἐδίδους⟧ place repentance, no be_ignorant, that/since evil/bad the/this/who origin he/she/it/self, and implanted/ingrafted the/this/who evil he/she/it/self, and that/since no not ⟦ἀλλαγῇ⟧ the/this/who thought he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age; **11** seed for to_be ⟦κατηραμένον⟧ away_from beginning; and_not ⟦εὐλαβούμενός⟧ one, upon/to/against which ⟦ἡμάρτανον⟧ ⟦ἄδειαν⟧ ⟦ἐδίδους⟧. **12** one/which? for to_say, one/which? to_ _do/make? or/than one/which? ⟦ἀντιστήσεται⟧ the/this/who judgement you? one/which? but/and to_accuse you according_ _to Gentile_nation ⟦ἀπολωλότων⟧, which you to_do/make? or/than one/which? toward ⟦κατάστασίν⟧ you to_come/go avenging according_to unjust a_human? **13** neither for God he_ _is but/however you, which to_concern about all, in_order_ _that/to ⟦δείξῃς⟧ that/since no unjustly to_judge. **14** neither king or/than tyrant ⟦ἀντοφθαλμῆσαι⟧ be_able you about which ⟦ἀπώλεσας⟧. **15** just but/and to_be rightly the/this/who all ⟦διέπεις⟧, he/she/it/self the/this/who not ⟦ὀφείλοντα⟧ ⟦κολασθῆναι⟧ ⟦καταδικάσαι⟧ another's to_govern the/this/who your power. **16** the/this/who for strength you righteousness beginning, and the/this/who all you ⟦δεσπόζειν⟧, all ⟦φείδεσθαι⟧ to_do/make. **17** strength for ⟦ἐνδείκνυσαι⟧ ⟦ἀπιστούμενος⟧ upon/to/against power ⟦τελειότητι⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦εἰδόσι⟧ the/this/who boldness ⟦ἐξελέγχεις⟧. **18** you but/and ⟦δεσπόζεν⟧ strength in/on/among gentleness to_judge and with/after much ⟦φειδοῦς⟧ ⟦διοικεῖς⟧ I/we; ⟦πάρεστι⟧ for you when(-ever) to_will/desire the/this/who be_able. **19** to_teach but/and you the/this/who a_people through/because_of the/this/who such_as_this work, that/since be_necessary the/this/who just to_be ⟦φιλάνθρωπον⟧; and ⟦εὐέλπιδας⟧ to_ _do/make the/this/who son you, that/since ⟦δίδως⟧ upon/to/against ⟦ἁμαρτήμασι⟧ repentance. **20** if for enemy child you and ⟦ὀφειλομένους⟧ death with/after ⟦τοσαύτης⟧ ⟦ἐτιμώρησας⟧ ⟦προσοχῆς⟧ and petition, to_give time and place through/because_of which ⟦ἀπαλλαγῶσι⟧ the/this/who evil; **21** with/after ⟦πόσης⟧ ⟦ἀκριβείας⟧ to_judge the/this/who son you which the/this/who father oath and ⟦συνθήκας⟧ to_give good-doer ⟦ὑποσχέσεων⟧? **22** I/we therefore/then ⟦παιδεύων⟧, the/this/who enemy I/we in/on/among ⟦μυριότητι⟧ ⟦μαστιγοῖς⟧, in_order_that/to you the/this/who ⟦ἀγαθότητα⟧ ⟦μεριμνῶμεν⟧ to_judge, to_judge but/and ⟦προσδοκῶμει⟧ mercy. **23** whence and the/this/who in/on/among foolishness life ⟦βιώσαντας⟧ unjust, through/because_of the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦ἐβασάνισας⟧ abomination. **24** and for the/this/who error road ⟦μακρότερον⟧ to_lead_astray, God ⟦ὑπολαμβάνοντες⟧ the/this/who and in/on/among ⟦ζώοις⟧ the/this/who enemy ⟦ἄτιμα⟧, child condemnation foolish ⟦ψευσθέντες⟧. **25** through/because_of this/he/she/it which/how child ⟦ἀλογίστοις⟧ the/this/who judgement toward ⟦ἐμπαιγμὸν⟧ ⟦ἔπεμψας⟧. **26** the/this/who but/and ⟦παιγνίοις⟧ ⟦ἐπιτιμήσεως⟧ not ⟦νουθετηθέντες⟧, ⟦ἀξίαν⟧ God judgement ⟦πειράσουσιν⟧. **27** upon/to/against which for he/she/it/self to_suffer ⟦ἠγανάκτουν⟧, upon/to/against

33 **RV 12:8 · Note** Or, wasps

34 **RV 12:20 · Note** Or, children

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this/he/she/it which to_think God, in/on/among he/she/it/self ⟦κολαζόμενοι⟧, to_perceive which of_old ⟦ἠρνοῦντο⟧ to_perceive, God to_come_to_know true; for and the/this/who goal the/this/who ⟦καταδίκης⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπῆλθε⟧.

13:1 futile on_one_hand for all a_human nature, which ⟦παρῆν⟧ God ignorance, and out_from the/this/who ⟦ὁρομένων⟧ good-doer no be_strong to_perceive the/this/who to_be, neither the/this/who work ⟦προσχόντες⟧ to_come_to_know the/this/who ⟦τεχνίτην⟧. **2** but or/than fire, or/than spirit/breath, or/than ⟦ταχινὸν⟧ air, or/than ⟦κύκλον⟧ star, or/than ⟦βίαιον⟧ water, or/than ⟦φωστῆρας⟧ heaven, ⟦πρυτάνεις⟧ world God to_think. **3** which if on_one_hand the/this/who beauty ⟦τερπόμενοι⟧, God ⟦ὑπελάμβανον⟧, ⟦γνώτωσαν⟧ how_much/many this/he/she/it the/this/who master he_is better; the/this/who for of_the ⟦κάλλους⟧ creator to_create he/she/it/self. **4** if but/and power and active_energy ⟦ἐκπλαγέντες⟧, ⟦νοησάτωσαν⟧ away_from he/she/it/self how_much/many the/this/who to_prepare he/she/it/self ⟦δυνατώτερός⟧ to_be. **5** out_from for ⟦μεγέθους⟧ ⟦καλλονῆς⟧ creature ⟦ἀναλόγως⟧ the/this/who fashioner,_creator he/she/it/self ⟦θεωρεῖται⟧. **6** but just_as upon/to/against this/he/she/it he_is complaint ⟦ὀλίγη⟧, and for he/she/it/self perhaps to_lead_astray God to_seek, and to_will/desire to_find/meet. **7** in/on/among for the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀναστρεφόμενοι⟧ ⟦διερευνῶσι⟧, and ⟦πείθονται⟧ the/this/who to_see, that/since good the/this/who to_see. **8** again but/and and_not he/she/it/self ⟦συγγνωστοί⟧. **9** if for so_great be_strong to_perceive, in_order_that/to be_able ⟦στοχάσασθαι⟧ the/this/who an_age, the/this/who this/he/she/it master how?/how?! more_quickly no to_find/meet? **10** ⟦Ταλαίπωροι⟧ but/and and in/on/among dead the/this/who/which

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to whose fathers you gave oaths and covenants of good promises!

22 Therefore while you chasten us, you scourge our enemies ten thousand times more,
to the intent that we may ponder your goodness when we judge,
and when we're judged may look for mercy.

23 Therefore also the unrighteous that lived in a life of folly,
you tormented through their own abominations.

24 Because truly they went astray very far in the ways of error,
Taking as gods those animals[35] which even among their enemies were held in dishonour,
deceived like foolish babes.

25 Therefore, as to unreasoning children, you sent your judgement to mock them.

26 But those who wouldn't be admonished by mild correction
will experience the deserved judgement of God.

27 Because through the sufferings they were indignant of,
being punished in these creatures which they supposed to be gods,
they saw and recognised as the true God him whom they previously refused to know.
Therefore also the result of extreme condemnation came on them.

Recognising the Creator through creation

13:1 Because truly all men who had no perception of God were foolish by nature,
and didn't gain power to know him who exists from the good things that are seen.
They didn't recognise the architect from his works.

2 But they thought that either fire, or wind, or swift air,
or circling stars, or raging water, or luminaries of heaven
were gods that rule the world.

3 If it was through delight in their beauty that they took them to be gods,
let them know how much better their Sovereign master is than these,
for the first author of beauty created them.

4 But if it was through astonishment at their power and influence,
then let them understand from them how much more powerful he who formed them is.

5 Because from the greatness of the beauty of created things,
mankind forms the corresponding perception of their Maker.[36]

6 But yet for these men there's but small blame,
for they too perhaps go astray
while they're seeking God and desiring to find him.

7 Because they diligently search while living among his works,
and they trust their sight that the things that they look at

35 **RV 12:24 · Note** Grk. living creatures: and so elsewhere in this book.

36 **RV 13:5 · Note** Grk. is the first maker of them seen.

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are beautiful.
8 But again even they aren't to be excused.
9 Because if they had power to know so much,
that they should be able to explore the world,
how is it that they didn't find the Sovereign master sooner?
10 But they were miserable, and their hopes were in dead things,

The foolishness of worshipping idols

who called them gods which are works of men's hands,
gold and silver, skilfully made, and likenesses of animals,
or a useless stone, the work of an ancient hand.
11 Yes and some[37] woodcutter might saw down a tree that's easily moved,
skilfully strip away all its bark,
and fashion it in attractive form, make a useful vessel to serve his life's needs.
12 Burning the scraps from his handiwork to cook his food,
he eats his fill.
13 Taking a discarded scrap which served no purpose,
a crooked piece of wood and full of knots,
he carves it with the diligence of his idleness,
and shapes it by the skill of his idleness.
He shapes it in the image of a man,
14 or makes it like some worthless animal,
smearing it with something red, painting it red,
and smearing over every stain in it.
15 Having made a worthy chamber for it,
he sets it in a wall, securing it with iron.
16 He plans for it that it may not fall down,
knowing that it's unable to help itself
(for truly it's an image, and needs help).
17 When he makes his prayer about goods and his marriage and children,
he isn't ashamed to speak to that which has no life.
18 Yes, for health, he calls on that which is weak.
Because life, he implores that which is dead.
Because aid, he supplicates that which has no experience.
Because a good journey, he asks that which can't so much as move a step.
19 And for profit in business and good success of his hands,
he asks ability from that which has hands with no ability.
14:1 Again, one preparing to sail, and about to journey over raging waves,
calls on a piece of wood more fragile than the vessel that carries him.
2 Because the hunger for profit planned it,
and wisdom was the craftsman who built it.
3 Your providence, Oh Father, guides it along,
because even in the sea you gave a way,
and in the waves a sure path,
4 showing that you can save out of every danger,

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⟦ἐλπίδες⟧ he/she/it/self, who/which ⟦ἐκάλεσαν⟧ God work hand a_human, gold and silver skill instrument_for_practice, and ⟦ἀπεικάσματα⟧ living_thing, or/than stone useless hand work ⟦ἀρχαίας⟧. **11** if but/and and one ⟦ὑλοτῦμος⟧ craftsman ⟦εὐκίνητον⟧ a_plant ⟦ἐκπρίσας⟧, ⟦περιέξυσεν⟧ ⟦εὐμαθῶς⟧ all the/this/who ⟦φλοιὸν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦τεχνησέμενος⟧ ⟦εὐπρεπῶς⟧ to_prepare profitable vessel toward ⟦ὑπηρεσίαν⟧ life, **12** the/this/who but/and ⟦ἀποβλήματα⟧ the/this/who work toward ⟦ἑτοιμασίαν⟧ food ⟦ἀναλώσας⟧ ⟦ἐνεπλήσθη⟧, **13** the/this/who but/and out_from he/she/it/self anything_ _cast_away toward none helpful, wood ⟦σκολιὸν⟧, and ⟦ὄζοις⟧ ⟦συμπεφυκὸς⟧, to_take ⟦ἔγλυψεν⟧ in/on/among care ⟦ἀργίας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐμπειρίᾳ⟧ understanding ⟦ἐτύπωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦ἀπείκασεν⟧ he/she/it/self image a_human, **14** or/than ⟦ζώῳ⟧ one ⟦εὐτελεῖ⟧ ⟦ὡμοίωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦καταχρίσας⟧ ⟦μίλτῳ⟧, and ⟦φύκει⟧ ⟦ἐρυθήνας⟧ ⟦χρόαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all ⟦κηλίδα⟧ the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self ⟦καταχρίσας⟧. **15** and to_do/make he/she/it/self he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there worthy cell, in/on/among ⟦τοίχῳ⟧ to_place he/she/it/self ⟦ἀσφαλισάμενος⟧ ⟦σιδήρῳ⟧; **16** in_order_that/to on_one_hand therefore/then not ⟦καταπέσῃ⟧, ⟦προενόησεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_perceive that/since ⟦ἀδυνατεῖ⟧ my/your/him-self to_help, and for to_be image, and need to_have/be ⟦βοηθείας⟧. **17** about but/and ⟦κτημάτων⟧ and wedding he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and child to_pray, no ⟦αἰσχύνεται⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀψύχῳ⟧ ⟦προσλαλῶν⟧. **18** and about on_one_hand ⟦ὑγείας⟧ the/this/who weak to_call_ _(on)/name, about but/and life the/this/who dead worthy, about but/and help the/this/who ⟦ἀπειρότατον⟧ ⟦ἱκετεύει⟧, about but/and journey the/this/who nor ⟦βάσει⟧ ⟦χρῆσθαι⟧ be_able, **19** about but/and ⟦πορισμοῦ⟧ and work and hand ⟦ἐπιτυχίας⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀδρανέστατον⟧ the/this/who hand ⟦εὐδράνειαν⟧ ⟦αἰτεῖται⟧.

14:1 voyage one again ⟦στελλόμενος⟧, and wild to_ensue ⟦διοδεύειν⟧ a_wave, of_the ⟦φέροντος⟧ he/she/it/self boat ⟦σαθρότερον⟧ wood ⟦ἐπιβοᾶται⟧. **2** that on_one_hand for lust ⟦πορισμῶν⟧ ⟦ἐπενόησε⟧, craftsman but/and wisdom to_ _prepare; **3** the/this/who but/and your, father, ⟦διακυβερνᾷ⟧ foresight, that/since to_give and in/on/among sea road and in/on/among ⟦κύμασι⟧ ⟦τρίβον⟧ secure; **4** ⟦δεικνὺς⟧ that/since be_able out_from all to_save, in_order_that/to and/even_if/if without skill one ⟦ἐπιβῇ⟧. **5** to_will/desire but/and not ⟦ἀργὰ⟧ to_be the/this/who the/this/who wisdom you work, through/because_of this/he/she/it and least wood to_trust_ _(in) a_human soul, and to_pass_through ⟦κλύδωνα⟧ a_barge

37 RV 13:11 · Note Grk. carpenter who is a woodcutter.

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to_save. **6** and beginning for ⟦ἀπολλυμένων⟧ ⟦ὑπερηφάνων⟧ ⟦γιγάντων⟧, the/this/who hope of_the world upon/to/against ⟦σχεδίας⟧ ⟦καταφυγοῦσα⟧, ⟦ἀπέλιπεν⟧ an_age seed origin the/this/who your ⟦κυβερνηθεῖσα⟧ hand. **7** ⟦Εὐλόγηται⟧ for wood through/because_of which/whither to_be righteousness. **8** the/this/who hand-made but/and ⟦ἐπικατάρατον⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who to_do/make he/she/it/self, that/since the/this/who on_one_hand to_work, the/this/who but/and perishable God to_name. **9** in/on/among ⟦ἴσῳ⟧ for ⟦μισητὰ⟧ God and the/this/who ungodly and the/this/who ungodlinessness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **10** and for the/this/who ⟦πραχθὲν⟧ with the/this/who ⟦δράσαντι⟧ ⟦κολασθησεται⟧. **11** through/because_of this/he/she/it and in/on/among ⟦εἰδώλοις⟧ Gentile_nation oversight to_be, that/since in/on/among ⟦κτίσματι⟧ God toward abomination to_be, and toward stumbling_block soul a_ _human, and toward trap ⟦ποσὶνἀφρόνων⟧. **12** beginning for sexual_sin thought idol, ⟦εὕρεσις⟧ but/and he/she/it/self corruption life. **13** neither for to_be away_from beginning, neither toward the/this/who an_age to_be. **14** empty_conceit for a_human to_enter toward world, and through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦σύντομον⟧ he/she/it/self goal/tax ⟦ἐπενοήθη⟧. **15** ⟦Ἀώρῳ⟧ for ⟦πένθει⟧ ⟦τρυχόμενος⟧ father, of_ _the quickly ⟦ἀφαιρεθέντος⟧ child image to_do/make, the/this/who then dead a_human, now which/how God ⟦ἐτίμησεν⟧, and to_deliver the/this/who ⟦ὑποχειρίοις⟧ mystery and ⟦τελετάς⟧. **16** then in/on/among time ⟦κρατυνθὲν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀσεβὲς⟧ custom which/how law ⟦ἐφυλάχθη⟧, **17** and tyrants ⟦ἐπιταγαῖς⟧ ⟦ἐθρησκεύετο⟧ the/this/who ⟦γλυπτά⟧; which in/on/among to_see not be_able ⟦τιμᾷν⟧ a_ _human through/because_of the/this/who long/distant to_ _dwell, the/this/who afar_off face ⟦ἀνατυπωσάμενοι⟧, revealed image of_the ⟦τιμωμένου⟧ king to_do/make, in_order_that/to the/this/who ⟦ἀπόντα⟧ which/how ⟦παρόντα⟧ ⟦κολακεύωσι⟧ through/because_of the/this/who diligence. **18** toward ⟦ἐπίτασιν⟧ but/and religion and the/this/who ⟦ἀγνοοῦντας⟧ the/this/who of_the ⟦τεχνίτου⟧ ⟦προετρέψατο⟧ ⟦φιλοτιμία⟧. **19** the/this/who on_one_hand for perhaps the/this/who ⟦κρατοῦντι⟧ to_plan to_please, ⟦ἐξεβιάσατο⟧ the/this/who skill the/this/who likeness upon/to/against the/this/who good. **20** the/this/who but/and multitude ⟦ἐφελκόμενον⟧ through/because_of the/this/who ⟦εὖχαρι⟧ the/this/who work, the/this/who before little/few ⟦τιμηθέντα⟧ a_human, now object_of_worship ⟦ἐλογίσαντο⟧. **21** and this/he/she/it to_ _be the/this/who ⟦βίῳ⟧ toward hinderance, that/since or/than ⟦συμφορᾷ⟧ or/than ⟦τυραννίδι⟧ ⟦δουλεύσαντες⟧ a_human, the/this/who ⟦ἀκοινώνητον⟧ name stone and ⟦ξύλοις⟧ ⟦περιέθεσαν⟧. **22** ⟦Εἶτ᾽⟧ no ⟦ἤρκεσε⟧ the/this/who ⟦πλανᾶσθαι⟧ about the/this/who of_the God knowledge/to_know, but and great to_live ignorance war, the/this/who so_great evil/harm peace ⟦προσαγορεύουσιν⟧. **23** or/than for ⟦τεκνοφόνους⟧ ⟦τελετὰς⟧, or/than ⟦κρύφια⟧ mystery, or/than ⟦ἐμμανεῖς⟧ out_ _from another ⟦θεσμῶν⟧ ⟦κώμους⟧ to_bring, **24** neither ⟦βίους⟧ neither wedding ⟦καθαροὺς⟧ still to_keep/guard, other but/and other or/than ⟦λοχῶν⟧ to_do_away_with, or/than

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that even a man without skill may put to sea.

5 It's your will that the works of your wisdom shouldn't be ineffective.

Therefore men also entrust their lives to a little piece of wood,

and passing through the surge on a raft come safely to land.

6 Because[38] in the old time also, when proud giants were perishing,

the hope of the world, taking refuge on a raft,

your hand guided the seed of generations of the race of men.

7 Because blessed is wood through which comes righteousness;

8 but the idol made with hands is accursed, itself and he that made it;

because his was the working, and the corruptible thing was called a god.

9 Because both the ungodly and his ungodliness are alike hateful to God;

10 for truly the deed will be punished together with him who committed it.

11 Therefore also there'll be a visitation among the idols of the nation,

because, though formed of things which God created, they were made an abomination,

stumbling blocks to men's souls,

and a snare to the feet of the foolish.

The origin and harm of idol worship

12 Because the devising of idols was the beginning of fornication,

and the invention of them the corruption of life.

13 Because they didn't exist from the beginning, and they won't exist forever.

14 Because by the boastfulness of men they entered into the world,

and therefore a speedy end was planned for them.

15 Because a father worn with untimely grief,

making an image of the child quickly taken away,

now honoured him as a god which was then a dead human being,

and delivered to those that were under him mysteries and solemn rites.

16 Afterward the ungodly custom, in process of time grown strong, was kept as a law,

and the engraved images received worship by the commandments of princes.

17 And when men couldn't honour them in presence because they lived far off,

imagining the likeness from afar,

they made a visible image of the king whom they honoured,

that by their zeal they might flatter the absent as if present.

18 But worship was raised to a yet higher pitch, even by those who didn't know him,

38 **RV 14:6 · Note** The Greek text here may be corrupt.

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urged forward by the ambition of the architect;
19 for he, wishing perhaps to please his ruler,
used his art to force the likeness towards a greater beauty.
20 So the multitude, allured because of the grace of his handiwork,
now consider an object of devotion him that a little before was honoured as a man.
21 And this became an ambush,
because men, in bondage either to calamity or to tyranny,
invested stones and stocks with the Name that shouldn't be shared.
22 Afterward it wasn't enough for them to go astray about the knowledge of God,
but also, while they live in a great war of ignorance, they call a multitude of evils peace.
23 Because either slaughtering children in solemn rites, or celebrating secret mysteries,
or holding frenzied revels of strange customs,
24 no longer do they guard either life or purity of marriage,
but one brings on another either death by treachery, or anguish by adultery.
25 And all things confusedly are filled with blood and murder, theft and deceit,
corruption, faithlessness, tumult, perjury,
26 confusion about what's good, forgetfulness of favours,
ingratitude for benefits,
defiling of souls, confusion of sex,
disorder in marriage, adultery and wantonness.
27 Because the worship of idols that may not be named[39]
is a beginning and cause and end of every evil.
28 Because their worshippers either make merry to madness, or prophesy lies,
or live unrighteously, or lightly commit perjury.
29 Because putting their trust in lifeless idols,
when they've sworn a wicked oath, they expect not to suffer harm.
30 But on both counts, the just doom will pursue them,
because they had evil thoughts of God by giving heed to idols,
and swore unrighteously in deceit through contempt for holiness.
31 Because it isn't the power of things by which men swear,
but it's the just penalty for those who sin
that always visits the transgression of the unrighteous.

Knowing the true God

15:1 But you, our god, are gracious and true,
patient, and in mercy ordering all things.
2 Because even if we sin, we're yours, knowing your dominion;
but we won't sin, knowing that we've been accounted yours.

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⟦νοθεύων⟧ ⟦ὀδυνᾷ⟧. **25** all but/and respect_of_persons to_ _have/be blood and murder, theft and deceit, corruption, unbelief, disturbance, ⟦ἐπιορκία⟧, **26** commotion good-doer, grace decree_of_amnesty, soul defilement, origin ⟦ἐναλλαγὴ⟧, wedding ⟦ἀταξία⟧, adultery, and debauchery. **27** the/this/who for the/this/who ⟦ἀνωνύμων⟧ idol religion all beginning evil/harm and cause/charge and end to_be. **28** or/than for ⟦εὐφραινόμενοι⟧ ⟦μεμήνασιν⟧, or/than ⟦προφητεύουσι⟧ ⟦ψευδῆ⟧, or/than to_live unjustly, or/than ⟦ἐπιορκοῦσι⟧ quickly. **29** ⟦Ἀψύχοις⟧ for to_persuade ⟦εἰδώλοις⟧, badly ⟦ὀμόσαντες⟧, ⟦ἀδικηθῆναι⟧ no to_wait_for/welcome. **30** both but/and he/she/it/self ⟦μετελεύσεται⟧ the/this/who just, that/since badly ⟦ἐφρόνησαν⟧ about God ⟦προσχόντες⟧ ⟦εἰδώλοις⟧, and unjustly ⟦ὤμοσαν⟧ in/on/among deceit ⟦καταφρονήσαντες⟧ ⟦ὁσιότητος⟧. **31** no for the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ὀμνυομένων⟧ power, but the/this/who the/this/who to_sin condemnation ⟦ἐπεξέρχεται⟧ always the/this/who the/this/who unjust ⟦παράβασιν⟧.

15:1 you but/and the/this/who God I/we good/kind and true, lenient and in/on/among mercy ⟦διοικῶν⟧ the/this/who all. **2** and for if ⟦ἁμάρτωμεν⟧, you/your to_be, to_perceive you the/this/who power; no ⟦ἁμαρτησόμεθα⟧ but/and, to_perceive that/since you/your ⟦λελογίσμεθα⟧. **3** the/this/who for ⟦ἐπίστασθαί⟧ you whole righteousness, and to_perceive

39 RV 14:27 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:13; Psa 16:4; Hos 2:17; Wis 14:21.

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the/this/who power you root ⟦ἀθανασίας⟧. 4 neither for to_
_lead_astray I/we a_human ⟦κακότεχνος⟧ thought, and_not
⟦σκιαγράφων⟧ travail unfruitful, appearance ⟦σπιλωθὲν⟧
⟦χρώμασι⟧ ⟦διηλλαγμένοις⟧. 5 which face ⟦ἄφροσιν⟧ toward
disgrace to_come/go, ⟦ποθεῖ⟧, and/both ⟦νεκρᾶς⟧ image
appearance ⟦ἄπνουν⟧. 6 evil/harm ⟦ἐρασταὶ⟧ worthy and/both
such_as_this ⟦ἐλπίδων⟧, and the/this/who ⟦δρῶντες⟧, and
the/this/who ⟦ποθοῦντες⟧, and the/this/who ⟦σεβόμενοι⟧.
7 and for potter ⟦ἁπαλὴν⟧ earth ⟦θλίβων⟧ ⟦ἐπίμοχθον⟧,
⟦πλάσσει⟧ to/with ⟦ὑπηρεσίαν⟧ I/we each. but out_from of_the
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there clay ⟦ἀνεπλάσατο⟧
the/this/who and/both the/this/who ⟦καθαρῶν⟧ work slave
vessel, the/this/who and/both against, ⟦πάνθ'⟧ similarly;
this/he/she/it but/and ⟦ἑκατέρου⟧ one/which? each to_be
the/this/who use, judge the/this/who working_in_clay. 8 and
perversely God ⟦μάταιον⟧ out_from of_the
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦πλάσσει⟧ clay, which
before small out_from earth to_beget with/after little/few to_
_travel out_from which ⟦ἐλήφθη⟧, the/this/who the/this/who
soul ⟦ἀπαιτηθεὶς⟧ a_debt. 9 but to_be he/she/it/self
bewilderment no that/since to_ensue ⟦κάμνειν⟧, and_not
that/since ⟦βραχυτελῆ⟧ life to_have/be, but ⟦ἀντερείδεται⟧ on_
_one_hand ⟦χρυσουργοῖς⟧ and ⟦ἀργυροχόοις⟧, ⟦χαλκοπλάστας⟧
and/both ⟦μιμεῖται⟧, and glory ⟦ἡγεῖται⟧ that/since ⟦κίβδηλα⟧
⟦πλάσσει⟧. 10 ashes the/this/who heart
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and earth
⟦εὐτελεστέρα⟧ the/this/who hope
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦πηδοῦ⟧ and/both
⟦ἀτιμότερος⟧ the/this/who life
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; 11 that/since ⟦ἠγνόησε⟧
the/this/who ⟦πλάσαντα⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who
⟦ἐμπνεύσαντα⟧ he/she/it/self soul ⟦ἐνεργοῦσαν⟧, and
⟦ἐμφυσήσαντα⟧ spirit/breath ⟦ζωτίκον⟧. 12 but ⟦ἐλογίσαντο⟧
a_plaything to_be the/this/who life I/we, and the/this/who
life ⟦πανεγυρισμὸν⟧ ⟦ἐπικερδῆ⟧; be_necessary for to_say
whence so and/even_if/if out_from evil/harm ⟦πορίζειν⟧.
13 this/he/she/it for from_with all to_perceive that/since to_
_sin, ⟦ὕλης⟧ ⟦γεώδους⟧ ⟦εὔθραυστα⟧ vessel and ⟦γλυπτὰ⟧
⟦δημιουργῶν⟧. 14 all but/and ⟦ἀφρονέστατοι⟧ and ⟦τάλανες⟧
above/for soul child, the/this/who enemy of_the a_people you
⟦καταδυναστεύσαντες⟧ he/she/it/self. 15 that/since and all
idol the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦ἐλογίσαντο⟧ God, which
neither eye use toward ⟦ὅρασιν⟧, neither ⟦ῥῖνες⟧ toward
⟦συνολκὴν⟧ air, neither ear to_hear, neither ⟦δάκτυλοι⟧ hand
toward ⟦ψηλάφησιν⟧, and the/this/who foot he/she/it/self
idle to/with ⟦ἐπίβασιν⟧. 16 a_human for to_do/make
he/she/it/self, and the/this/who spirit/breath
⟦δεδανεισμένος⟧ ⟦ἔπλασεν⟧ he/she/it/self; none for

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3 Because to be acquainted with you is[40] perfect righteousness,
and to know your dominion is the root of immortality.
4 Because we weren't led astray by any evil plan of men's,
nor yet by painters' fruitless labour,
a form stained with varied colours,
5 the sight of which leads fools into[41] lust.
Their desire is for the breathless form of a dead image.
6 Lovers of evil things, and worthy of such hopes,
are those who make, desire, and worship them.

The potter who makes a god

7 Because a potter, kneading soft earth,
laboriously moulds each article for our service.
He fashions out of the same clay
both the vessels that minister to clean uses, and those of a contrary sort,
all in the same way.
What'll be the use of each article of either sort,
the potter is the judge.
8 Also, labouring to an evil end, he moulds a vain god out of the same clay,
he who, having but a little before been made of earth,
after a short space goes his way to the earth out of which he was taken,
when he's required to render back the[42] soul which was lent him.
9 However he has anxious care,
not because his powers must fail,
nor because his span of life is short;
But he compares himself with goldsmiths and silversmiths,
and he imitates moulders in[43] brass,
and considers it great that he moulds counterfeit gods.
10 His heart is ashes.
His hope is of less value than earth.
His life is of less honour than clay,
11 because he was ignorant of him who moulded him,
and of him that inspired into him[44] an active[45] soul,
and breathed into him a vital spirit.
12 But[46] he accounted our life to be a game,
and our[47] lifetime a festival for profit;
for, he says, one must get gain however one can, even if it's by evil.
13 Because this man, beyond all others, knows that he sins,
out of earthy matter making brittle vessels and engraved im-

40 RV 15:3 · Note Grk. entire.

41 RV 15:5 · Note Some authorities read reproach.

42 RV 15:8 · Note Or, life

43 RV 15:9 · Note Or, copper

44 RV 15:11 · Note Grk. a soul that moves to activity.

45 RV 15:11 · Note Or, life

46 RV 15:12 · Note Some authorities read they accounted.

47 RV 15:12 · Note Or, way of life

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ages.
14 But most foolish and more miserable than a baby,
are your people's enemies, who oppressed them;
15 because they even considered all the idols of the nations to be gods,
which have neither the use of eyes for seeing,
nor nostrils for drawing breath,
nor ears to hear,
nor fingers for handling,
and their feet are helpless for walking.
16 Because a man made them,
and one whose own spirit is borrowed moulded them;
for no one has power as a man to mould a god like himself.
17 But, being mortal, he makes a dead thing by the work of lawless hands;
for he's better than the objects of his worship,
since he indeed had life, but they never did.
18 Yes, and they worship the creatures that are most hateful,
for, being compared as to lack of sense, these are worse than all others;
19 Neither, as seen beside other creatures, are they beautiful, so that one should desire them,
but they've escaped both the praise of God and his blessing.

Animals bring punishment and rescue

16:1 Because this cause, they were deservedly punished through creatures like those which they worship,
and tormented through a multitude of vermin.
2 Instead of this punishment, you, giving benefits to your people,
prepared quails for food,
a delicacy to satisfy the desire of their appetite,
3 to the end that your enemies, desiring food,
might for the hideousness of the creatures sent among them,
loathe even the necessary appetite;
but these, your people, having for a short time suffered lack,
might even partake of delicacies.
4 Because it was necessary that inescapable lack should come on those oppressors,
but that to these it should only be showed how their enemies were tormented.
5 Because even when terrible raging of wild animals came on your people,
and they were perishing by the bites of crooked serpents,
your anger didn't continue to the uttermost;
6 but for admonition were they troubled for a short time,
having a token of salvation
to put them in remembrance of the commandment of your law;
7 for he who turned towards it wasn't saved because of that which was seen,
but because of you, the Saviour of all.
8 Yes, and in this you persuaded our enemies

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he/she/it/self like a_human be_strong ⟦πλάσαι⟧ God; **17** mortal but/and to_be dead to_work hand lawless; greater for he_is the/this/who ⟦σεβασμάτων⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which he/she/it/self on_one_hand to_live, that but/and never. **18** and the/this/who living_thing but/and the/this/who ⟦ἔχθιστα⟧ be_devout, folly for ⟦συγκρινόμενα⟧ the/this/who another he_is worse_than. **19** and_not just_as/how_much ⟦ἐπιποθῆσαι⟧ which/how in/on/among living_thing to_see good ⟦τυγχάνει⟧, ⟦ἐκπέφευγε⟧ but/and and the/this/who of_the God praise and the/this/who praise he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

16:1 through/because_of this/he/she/it through/because_of ⟦ὁμοίων⟧ ⟦ἐκολάσθησαν⟧ appropriately, and through/because_of multitude ⟦κνωδάλον⟧ ⟦ἐβασανίσθησαν⟧. **2** for which ⟦κολάσεως⟧ ⟦εὐεργετήσας⟧ the/this/who a_people you, toward desire ⟦ὀρέξεως⟧ ⟦ξένην⟧ ⟦γεῦσιν⟧, food to_make_ready ⟦ὀρτυγομήτραν⟧, **3** in_order_that/to that on_one_hand ⟦ἐπιθυμοῦντες⟧ food, through/because_of the/this/who ⟦εἰδέχθειαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐπαπεσταλμένων⟧ and the/this/who ⟦ἀναγκαίαν⟧ ⟦ὄρεξιν⟧ ⟦ἀποστρέφωνται⟧, he/she/it/self but/and upon/to/against little/few ⟦ἐνδεεῖς⟧ to_be and ⟦ξένης⟧ ⟦μετάσχωσι⟧ ⟦γεύσεως⟧. **4** be_necessary for that on_one_hand ⟦ἀπαραίτητον⟧ ⟦ἔνδειαν⟧ ⟦ἐπελθεῖν⟧ ⟦τυραννοῦσι⟧, this/he/she/it but/and alone/only ⟦δειχθῆναι⟧ how?/how?! the/this/who enemy he/she/it/self ⟦ἐβασανίζοντο⟧. **5** and for when he/she/it/self awful ⟦ἐπῆλθε⟧ wild_animal wrath, ⟦δήγμασί⟧ and/both ⟦σκολιῶν⟧ ⟦διεφθείροντο⟧ snake, no until goal/tax to_stay the/this/who wrath you. **6** toward admonition but/and to/with little/few to_trouble, a_symbol to_have/be salvation, toward remembrance commandment law you. **7** the/this/who for to_turn no through/because_of the/this/who ⟦θεωρούμενον⟧ ⟦ἐσώζετο⟧, but through/because_of you the/this/who all saviour. **8** and in/on/among this/he/she/it but/and ⟦ἔπεισας⟧ the/this/who enemy I/we, that/since you to_be the/this/who to_deliver out_from all evil/harm. **9** which on_one_hand for locust and ⟦μυιῶν⟧ to_kill ⟦δήγματα⟧, and no to_find/meet healing the/this/who soul he/she/it/self, that/since worthy to_be by/under such_as_this ⟦κολασθῆναι⟧. **10** the/this/who but/and son you and_not ⟦ἰοβόλων⟧ ⟦δρακόντων⟧ to_conquer tooth, the/this/who mercy for you to_pass and to_heal he/she/it/self. **11** toward for remembrance the/this/who oracles you ⟦ἐνεκεντρίζοντο⟧, and swiftly ⟦διεσώζοντο⟧, in_order_that/to not toward ⟦βαθεῖαν⟧ ⟦ἐμπεσόντες⟧

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forgetfulness, ⟦ἀπερίσπαστοι⟧ to_be the/this/who your good_
_deed. **12** and for neither crop neither a_dressing to_serve/heal
he/she/it/self, but the/this/who your lord word the/this/who
all to_heal. **13** you for life and death authority to_have/be, and
⟦κατάγεις⟧ toward gate Hades and ⟦ἀνάγεις⟧. **14** a_human
but/and to_kill on_one_hand the/this/who evil
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἐξελθὸν⟧ but/and
spirit/breath no ⟦ἀναστρέφει⟧, and_not ⟦ἀναλύει⟧ soul
⟦παραληφθεῖσαν⟧. **15** the/this/who but/and your hand to_flee
unable to_be. **16** to_deny for you to_perceive ungodly,
in/on/among strength arm you ⟦ἐμαστιγώθησαν⟧, foreign
⟦ὑετοῖς⟧ and ⟦χαλάζαις⟧ and ⟦ὄμβροις⟧ to_pursue
⟦ἀπαραιτήτοις⟧, and fire ⟦καταναλισκόμενοι⟧. **17** the/this/who
for ⟦παραδοξότατον⟧, in/on/among the/this/who all
⟦σβεννῦντι⟧ water greater ⟦ἐνήργει⟧ the/this/who fire;
champion,_defender for the/this/who world he_is just.
18 once/when on_one_hand for ⟦ἡμεροῦτο⟧ flame, in_order_
_that/to not ⟦καταφλέξῃ⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against
ungodly to_send living_thing, but he/she/it/self to_see to_
_perceive, that/since God judgement ⟦ἐλαύνονται⟧.
19 once/when but/and and between/meanwhile water
above/for the/this/who fire power ⟦φλέγει⟧, in_order_that/to
⟦ἀδίκου⟧ earth offspring ⟦διαφθείρῃ⟧. **20** for which angel food
⟦ἐψώμισας⟧ the/this/who a_people you, and ready bread
he/she/it/self away_from heaven ⟦ἔπεμψας⟧ ⟦ἀκοπιάτως⟧, all
pleasure ⟦ἰσχύοντα⟧ and to/with all ⟦ἁρμόνιον⟧ ⟦γεῦσιν⟧.
21 the/this/who on_one_hand for confidence/essence you
the/this/who your ⟦γλυκύτητα⟧ to/with child ⟦ἐνεφάνισε⟧,
the/this/who but/and of_the ⟦προσφερομένου⟧ desire servant,
to/with the/this/who/which one to_plan ⟦μετεκιρνᾶτο⟧.
22 snow but/and and crystal to_remain/endure fire, and no
⟦ἐτήκετο⟧, in_order_that/to knowledge/to_know that/since
the/this/who the/this/who enemy fruit ⟦κατέφθειρε⟧ fire
⟦φλεγομένον⟧, in/on/among the/this/who hail and
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὑετοῖς⟧ ⟦διαστράπτον⟧.
23 this/he/she/it again but/and in_order_that/to ⟦τραφῶσι⟧
just, and the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦ἐπιλελῆσθαι⟧
power. **24** the/this/who for creation you the/this/who to_
_do/make ⟦ὑπηρετοῦσα⟧, ⟦ἐπιτείνεται⟧ toward punishment
according_to the/this/who unjust, and ⟦ἀνίεται⟧ toward
⟦εὐεργεσίαν⟧ above/for the/this/who toward you
⟦πεποιθότων⟧. **25** through/because_of this/he/she/it and then
toward all ⟦μεταλλευομένη⟧, the/this/who ⟦παντοτρόφῳ⟧ you
free_gift ⟦ὑπηρετεῖ⟧, to/with the/this/who the/this/who
⟦δεομένων⟧ will; **26** in_order_that/to ⟦μάθωσιν⟧ the/this/who
son you, which to_love, lord, that/since no
the/this/who/which ⟦γενέσεις⟧ the/this/who fruit
⟦τρέφουσιν⟧ a_human, but the/this/who declaration you
the/this/who you to_trust_(in) ⟦διατηρεῖ⟧. **27** the/this/who for
by/under fire not to_corrupt, without_reserve by/under
⟦βραχείας⟧ ⟦ἀκτῖνος⟧ sun to_warm ⟦ἐτήκετο⟧; **28** that
acquainted_with to_be, that/since be_necessary ⟦φθάνειν⟧
the/this/who sun upon/to/against thankfulness you, and
to/with ⟦ἀνατολὴν⟧ light to_call_on you. **29** ⟦Ἀχαρίστου⟧ for
hope which/how ⟦χειμέριος⟧ frost ⟦τακήσεται⟧, and ⟦ῥυήσεται⟧
which/how water useless.

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that you're he who delivers out of every evil.
9 Because the bites of locusts and flies truly killed them.
No healing for their life was found,
because they were worthy to be punished by such things.
10 But your children weren't overcome by the very fangs of venomous dragons,
for your mercy passed by where they were and healed them.
11 Because they were bitten to put them in remembrance of your oracles,
and were quickly saved, so that they wouldn't fall into deep forgetfulness
and become unable to respond to your kindness.
12 Because truly it was neither herb nor poultice that cured them,
but your word, Oh master, which heals all people.
13 Because you have authority over life and death,
and you lead down to Haidais' gates, and lead up again.
14 But though a man kills by his wickedness,
he can't retrieve the spirit that's departed
or release the imprisoned soul.

Hail for Mitsrayim and food for God's people

15 But it isn't possible to escape your hand;
16 for ungodly men, refusing to know you, were scourged in the strength of your arm,
pursued with strange rains and hails and relentless storms,
and utterly consumed with fire.
17 Because, what was most marvellous,
in the water which quenches all things, the fire burnt hotter;
for the world fights for the righteous.
18 Because at one time the flame was restrained,
that it might not burn up the creatures sent against the ungodly,
but that these themselves as they looked might see that they were chased by God's judgement.
19 At another time even surrounded by water it burns more intensely than fire,
that it may destroy the produce of an unrighteous land.
20 Instead of these things, you gave your people angels' food to eat,
and you provided ready-to-eat bread for them from heaven without toil,
having the virtue of every pleasant flavour,
and agreeable to every taste.
21 Because your nature showed your sweetness towards your children,
while that bread, serving the desire of the eater,
changed itself according to every man's choice.
22 But snow and ice endured fire, and didn't melt,
that people might know that fire was destroying the fruits of the enemies,
burning in the hail and flashing in the rains;
23 and that this fire, again, so that righteous people may be nourished,

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has even forgotten its own power.
24 Because the creation, ministering to you, its maker,
strains its force against the unrighteous for punishment
and in kindness, slackens it on behalf of those who trust in you.
25 Therefore at that time also, converting itself into all forms,
it ministered to your all-nourishing bounty,
according to the desire of those who had need,
26 that your children, whom you loved, Oh master, might learn
that it isn't the growth of crops that nourishes a man,
but that your word preserves those who trust you.
27 Because that which wasn't destroyed by fire,
melted away when it was simply warmed by a faint sunbeam,
28 that it might be known that we must rise before the sun to give you thanks,
and must pray to you at the dawning of the light;
29 for the hope of the unthankful will melt as the winter's hoar frost,
and will flow away as water that has no use.

Mitsrayim's darkness and fear

17:1 Because your judgements are great, and hard to interpret;
therefore undisciplined souls went astray.
2 Because when lawless men had supposed that they held a holy nation in their power,
they, prisoners of darkness, and bound in the fetters of a long night,
kept close beneath their roofs,
lay exiled from the eternal providence.
3 Because while they thought that they were unseen in their secret sins,
they were divided from one another by a dark curtain of forgetfulness,
stricken with terrible awe, and very troubled by apparitions.
4 Because neither did the dark recesses that held them guard them from fears,
but terrifying sounds rang around them,
and dismal phantoms appeared with unsmiling faces.
5 And no power of fire prevailed to give light,
neither were the brightest flames of the stars strong enough to illuminate that gloomy night;
6 but only the glimmering of a self-kindled fire appeared to them, full of fear.
In terror, they considered the things which they saw
to be worse than that sight, on which they couldn't gaze.
7 The mockeries of their magic arts were powerless, now,
and a shameful rebuke of their boasted understanding:
8 Because those who promised to drive away terrors and disorders from a sick soul,
these were sick with a ludicrous fearfulness.
9 Because even if no troubling thing frighted them,
yet, scared with the creeping of vermin and hissing of serpents,

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17:1 great for you the/this/who/which judgement and ⟦δυσδιήγητοι⟧; through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦ἀπαίδευτοι⟧ soul to_lead_astray. **2** ⟦Ὑπειληφότες⟧ for ⟦καταδυναστεύειν⟧ Gentile_nation holy ⟦ἄνομοι⟧, prisoner darkness and ⟦μακρᾶς⟧ ⟦πεδῆται⟧ night, ⟦κατακλεισθέντες⟧ ⟦ὀρόφοις⟧, ⟦φυγάδες⟧ the/this/who eternal foresight ⟦ἔκειντο⟧. **3** be_hidden for to_think upon/to/against ⟦κρυφαίοις⟧ ⟦ἁμαρτήμασιν⟧, ⟦ἀφεγγεῖ⟧ ⟦λήθης⟧ ⟦παρακαλύμματι⟧ ⟦ἐσκορπίσθησαν⟧, ⟦θαμβούμενοι⟧ terribly and ⟦ἰνδάλμασιν⟧ ⟦ἐκταρασσόμενοι⟧. **4** and_not for the/this/who to_hold_back/fast he/she/it/self ⟦μυχὸς⟧ fearlessly ⟦διεφύλασσεν⟧, ⟦ἦχοι⟧ but/and ⟦καταράσσοντες⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦περιεκόμπουν⟧, and ⟦φάσματα⟧ ⟦ἀμειδήτοις⟧ ⟦κατηφῆ⟧ ⟦προσώποις⟧ ⟦ἐνεφανίζετο⟧. **5** and fire on_one_hand none force ⟦κατίσχυε⟧ ⟦φωτίζειν⟧, neither star ⟦ἔκλαμπροι⟧ ⟦φλόγες⟧ ⟦καταυγάζειν⟧ ⟦ὑπέμενον⟧ the/this/who ⟦στυγνὴν⟧ that night. **6** ⟦Διεφαίνετο⟧ but/and he/she/it/self alone/only by_itself fire fear full, ⟦ἐκδειματούμενοι⟧ but/and the/this/who not ⟦θεωρουμένης⟧ that ⟦ὄψεως⟧, ⟦ἡγοῦντο⟧ ⟦χείρω⟧ the/this/who to_see. **7** ⟦Μαγικῆς⟧ but/and ⟦ἐμπαίγματα⟧ to_recline skill, and the/this/who upon/to/against understanding ⟦ἀλαζονείας⟧ rebuke contemptible. **8** the/this/who for ⟦ὑπισχνούμενοι⟧ ⟦δείματα⟧ and ⟦ταραχὰς⟧ ⟦ἀπελαύνειν⟧ soul ⟦νοσούσης⟧, this/he/she/it ⟦καταγέλαστον⟧ ⟦εὐλάβειαν⟧ ⟦ἐνόσουν⟧. **9** and for if nothing he/she/it/self ⟦ταραχῶδες⟧ ⟦ἐφόβει⟧, ⟦κνωδάλων⟧ ⟦παρόδοις⟧ and reptile ⟦συριγμοῖς⟧ ⟦ἐκσεσοβημένοι⟧, **10** ⟦διώλλυντο⟧ ⟦ἔντρομοι⟧ and the/this/who ⟦μηδαμόθεν⟧ ⟦φευκτὸν⟧ air ⟦προσιδεῖν⟧ to_deny. **11** ⟦Δειλὸν⟧ for ⟦ἰδίως⟧ evil to_testify ⟦καταδικαζομένη⟧, always but/and ⟦προσείληφε⟧ the/this/who ⟦χαλεπὰ⟧ to_hold/oppress the/this/who conscience. **12** none for he_is fear, if not ⟦προδοσία⟧ the/this/who away_from ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧ ⟦βοηθημάτων⟧. **13** within but/and to_be ⟦ἥττων⟧ the/this/who expectation, greater to_count the/this/who ignorance the/this/who ⟦παρεχούσης⟧ the/this/who ⟦βάσανον⟧ cause/charge. **14** the/this/who but/and the/this/who unable really night and out_from

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⟦ἀδυνάτου⟧ Hades ⟦μυχῶν⟧ ⟦ἐπελθοῦσαν⟧, the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦ὕπνον⟧ ⟦κοιμώμενοι⟧, **15** the/this/who on_ _one_hand wonders ⟦ἠλαύνοντο⟧ ⟦φαντασμάτων⟧, the/this/who but/and the/this/who soul ⟦παρελύοντο⟧ ⟦προδοσίᾳ⟧; sudden for he/she/it/self and ⟦ἀπροσδόκητος⟧ fear ⟦ἐπῆλθεν⟧. **16** ⟦Εἶθ'⟧ thus(-ly), which ⟦δήποτ'⟧ therefore/then to_be there ⟦καταπίπτων⟧, ⟦ἐφρουρεῖτο⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦ἀσίδηρον⟧ ⟦εἱρκτὴν⟧ ⟦κατακλεισθείς⟧. **17** whether for farmer to_be one, or/than shepherd, or/than the/this/who according_to ⟦ἐρημίαν⟧ worker ⟦μόχθων⟧, ⟦προληφθεὶς⟧ the/this/who ⟦δυσάλυκτον⟧ to_stay necessity; one for chain darkness all ⟦ἐδέθησαν⟧. **18** whether spirit/breath ⟦συρίζον⟧, or/than about ⟦ἀμφιλαφεῖς⟧ branch ⟦ὀρνέων⟧ sound ⟦εὐμελὴς⟧, or/than a_proportion water to_ _travel force, or/than ⟦κτύπος⟧ ⟦ἀπηνῆς⟧ ⟦καταῤῥιπτομένων⟧ ⟦πετρῶν⟧, **19** or/than ⟦σκιρτώντων⟧ living_thing racecourse ⟦ἀθεώρητος⟧, or/than ⟦ὠρυομένων⟧ ⟦ἀπηνεστάτων⟧ wild_ _animal voice/sound, or/than ⟦ἀντανακλωμένη⟧ out_from ⟦κοιλοτάτων⟧ mountain an_echo, ⟦παρέλυσεν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκφοβοῦντα⟧. **20** all for the/this/who world ⟦λαμπρῷ⟧ ⟦κατελάμπετο⟧ light, and ⟦ἀνεμποδίστοις⟧ to_hold/oppress work. **21** alone but/and that ⟦ἐπετέτατο⟧ ⟦βαρεῖα⟧ night, image of_the to_ensue he/she/it/self ⟦διαδέχεσθαι⟧ darkness, my/your/him-self but/and to_be ⟦βαρύτεροι⟧ darkness.

18:1 the/this/who but/and ⟦ὁσίοις⟧ you ⟦μέγιστον⟧ to_be light, which voice/sound on_one_hand to_hear, form but/and no to_see, that/since on_one_hand therefore/then and_that_ _one ⟦ἐπεπόνθεισαν⟧, ⟦ἐμακάριζον⟧, **2** that/since but/and no ⟦βλάπτουσι⟧ ⟦προηδικημένοι⟧, ⟦εὐχαριστοῦσι⟧, and of_the ⟦διενεχθῆναι⟧ because_of/grace ⟦ἐδέοντο⟧. **3** for which ⟦πυριφλεγῆ⟧ pillar, guide/leader on_one_hand ⟦ἀγνώστου⟧ journey, sun but/and ⟦ἀβλαβῆ⟧ ⟦φιλοτίμου⟧ ⟦ξενιτείας⟧ ⟦παρέσχες⟧. **4** worthy on_one_hand for that ⟦στερηθῆναι⟧ light, and ⟦φυλακισθῆναι⟧ in/on/among darkness, the/this/who ⟦κατακλείστους⟧ ⟦φυλάξαντες⟧ the/this/who son you, through/because_of which to_ensue the/this/who incorruptible law light the/this/who an_age ⟦δίδοσθαι⟧. **5** ⟦Βουλευσαμένους⟧ but/and he/she/it/self the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ὁσιῶν⟧ to_kill ⟦νήπια⟧, and one to_ _explain/expose child, and ⟦σωθέντος⟧, toward rebuke

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10 they perished trembling in fear,
refusing even to look at the air, which couldn't be escaped on any side.
11 Because wickedness, condemned by a witness within, is a coward thing,
and, being pressed hard by conscience, always has added forecasts of the worst.
12 Because fear is nothing else but a surrender of the help which reason offers;
13 and from within, the expectation of being less
prefers ignorance of the cause that brings the torment.
14 But they, all through the night which was powerless indeed,
and which came on them out of the recesses of powerless Haidais,
sleeping the same sleep,
15 now were haunted by monstrous apparitions,
and now were paralysed by their soul's surrendering;
for sudden and unexpected fear came on them.
16 So then whoever it might be, sinking down in his place,
was kept captive, shut up in that prison which wasn't barred with iron;
17 for whether he was a farmer, or a shepherd,
or a labourer whose toils were in the wilderness,
he was overtaken, and endured that inescapable sentence;
for they were all bound with one chain of darkness.
18 Whether there was a whistling wind,
or a melodious sound of birds among the spreading branches,
or a measured fall of water running violently,
19 or a harsh crashing of rocks hurled down,
or the swift course of animals bounding along unseen,
or the voice of wild animals harshly roaring,
or an echo rebounding from the hollows of the mountains,
all these things paralysed them with terror.
20 Because the whole world was illuminated with clear light,
and was occupied with unhindered works,
21 while over them alone was spread a heavy night,
an image of the darkness that should afterward receive them;
but to themselves, they were heavier than darkness.

Light for God's people

18:1 But for your holy ones there was great light.
Their enemies, hearing their voice but not seeing their form,
counted it a happy thing that they too had suffered,
2 yet for that they don't hurt them, though wronged by them before, they're thankful;
and because they'd been at variance with them, they begged for pardon.
3 Therefore you provided a burning pillar of fire,
to be a guide for your people's unknown journey,
and a harmless sun for their glorious exile.
4 Because the Mitsrim (Egyptians) well deserved to be deprived of light and imprisoned by darkness,
they who'd imprisoned your children,

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through whom the incorruptible light of the law was to be given to the race of men.

The death of Mitsrayim's firstborn

5 After they'd taken counsel to kill the babes of the holy ones,
and when a single child had been abandoned and saved to convict them of their sin,
you took away from them their multitude of children,
and destroyed all their army together in a mighty flood.
6 Our fathers were made aware of that night beforehand,
that, having sure knowledge, they might be cheered by the oaths which they'd trusted.
7 Salvation of the righteous and destruction of the enemies was expected by your people.
8 Because as you took vengeance on the adversaries,
by the same means, calling us to yourself, you glorified us.
9 Because holy children of good men offered sacrifice in secret,
and with one consent they agreed to the covenant of the divine law,
that they'd partake alike in the same good things and the same perils,
the fathers already leading the sacred songs of praise.
10 But the discordant cry of the enemies echoed back,
and a pitiful voice of lamentation for children was spread abroad.
11 Both servant and master were punished with the same just doom,
and the commoner suffering the same as king;
12 Yes, they all together, under one form of death,
had corpses without number.
Because the living weren't sufficient even to bury them,
Since at a single stroke, their most cherished offspring was consumed.
13 Because while they were disbelieving all things because of the enchantments,
on the destruction of the firstborn they confessed the people to be God's children.
14 Because while peaceful silence wrapped all things,
and night in her own swiftness was half spent,
15 your all-powerful word leapt from heaven, from the royal throne,
a stern warrior, into the middle of the doomed land,
16 bearing as a sharp sword your authentic commandment,
and standing, it filled all things with death,
and while it touched the heaven it stood on the earth.
17 Then immediately apparitions in dreams terribly troubled them,
and unexpected fears came on them.
18 And each, one thrown here half dead, another there,
made known why he was dying;
19 for the dreams, disturbing them, forewarned them of this,
that they might not perish without knowing why they were afflicted.

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the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦ἀφείλω⟧ multitude child, and united ⟦ἀπώλεσας⟧ in/on/among water ⟦σφοδρῷ⟧. 6 that the/this/who night ⟦προεγνώσθη⟧ father I/we, in_order_ _that/to securely to_perceive which to_trust_(in) ⟦ὅρκοις⟧, ⟦ἐπευθυμήσωσι⟧. 7 ⟦Προσεδέχθη⟧ but/and by/under a_people you salvation on_one_hand just, enemy but/and destruction. 8 which/how for ⟦ἐτιμωρήσω⟧ the/this/who opposed, this/he/she/it I/we to_call_to/summon ⟦ἐδόξασας⟧. 9 in_secret for ⟦ἐθυσιαζον⟧ ⟦ὅσιοι⟧ ⟦παῖδες⟧ good-doer, and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦θειότητος⟧ law in/on/among concord ⟦διέθεντο⟧, the/this/who he/she/it/self similarly and good-doer and ⟦κινδύνων⟧ ⟦μεταλήψεσθαι⟧ the/this/who holy, father already ⟦προαναμελπόντων⟧ ⟦αἴνους⟧. 10 ⟦Ἀντήχει⟧ but/and discordant enemy outcry, and ⟦οἰκτρὰ⟧ to_ _spread/surpass ⟦θρηνουμένων⟧ child. 11 like but/and condemnation slave together master ⟦κολασθεὶς⟧, and ⟦δημότης⟧ king the/this/who he/she/it/self to_suffer. 12 united but/and all in/on/among one name death dead to_ _have/be ⟦ἀναριθμήτους⟧, and_not for to/with the/this/who to_bury the/this/who to_live to_be sufficient, since to/with one ⟦ῥοπὴν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐντιμοτέρα⟧ origin he/she/it/self ⟦διεφθάρη⟧. 13 all for ⟦ἀπιστοῦντες⟧ through/because_of the/this/who ⟦φαρμακίας⟧, upon/to/against the/this/who the/this/who firstborn ⟦ὀλέθρῳ⟧, ⟦ὡμολόγησαν⟧ God son a_ _people to_be. 14 ⟦Ἡσύχου⟧ for silence ⟦περιεχούσης⟧ the/this/who all, and night in/on/among one's_own/private quickness ⟦μεσαζούσης⟧, 15 the/this/who all-powerful you word away_from heaven out_from throne ⟦βασιλειῶν⟧, precisely a_warrior, toward midst the/this/who ⟦ὀλεθρίας⟧ to_ _spring earth, a_knife-blade sharp/swift the/this/who genuine command your to_bear/lead, 16 and to_stand to_fulfill the/this/who all death; and heaven on_one_hand ⟦ἥπτετο⟧, ⟦βεβήκει⟧ but/and upon/to/against earth. 17 then instantly ⟦φαντασίαι⟧ on_one_hand ⟦ὀνείρων⟧ terribly ⟦ἐξετάραξαν⟧ he/she/it/self, fear but/and to_approach ⟦ἀδόκητοι⟧ 18 and another ⟦ἀλλαχῆ⟧ ⟦ῥιφεὶς⟧ half-dead, through/because_of which ⟦ἔθνησκεν⟧ cause/charge ⟦ἐνεφάνιζεν⟧. 19 the/this/who for ⟦ὄνειροι⟧ ⟦θορυβήσαντες⟧ he/she/it/self, this/he/she/it ⟦προεμήνυσαν⟧, in_order_that/to not be_ _ignorant through/because_of the/this/who/which badly ⟦πάσχουσιν⟧, to_destroy. 20 to_kindle but/and and just test death, and a_devastation in/on/among deserted to_be multitude; but no upon/to/against much to_stay the/this/who wrath. 21 to_hasten for man blameless ⟦προεμάχησε⟧; the/this/who the/this/who one's_own/private ministry weapon, prayer and incense ⟦ἐξιλασμὸν⟧ ⟦κομίσας⟧, to_oppose the/this/who ⟦θυμῷ⟧, and end to_put/lay_on the/this/who ⟦συμφορᾷ⟧, ⟦δεικνὺς⟧ that/since your he_is servant. 22 to_ _conquer but/and the/this/who crowd no strength of_the body, no weapon active_energy, but word the/this/who ⟦κολάζοντα⟧ to_subject, oath father and ⟦διαθήκας⟧ ⟦ὑπομνήσας⟧. 23 in_arithmetical_progression for already ⟦πεπτωκότων⟧ upon/to/against one_another dead, between/meanwhile to_stand, ⟦ἀνέκοψε⟧ the/this/who wrath, and ⟦διέσχισε⟧ the/this/who to/with the/this/who to_live road. 24 upon/to/against for ⟦ποδήρους⟧ clothing to_be all the/this/who world, and father ⟦δόξαι⟧ upon/to/against ⟦τετραστίχου⟧ stone ⟦γλυφῆς⟧, and majesty you

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upon/to/against ⟦διαδήματος⟧ head
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **25** this/he/she/it
⟦εἶξεν⟧ the/this/who to_destroy, this/he/she/it but/and to_
_fear; to_be for abode the/this/who test the/this/who wrath
⟦ἱκανή⟧.

19:1 the/this/who but/and ungodly until goal/tax merciless
wrath to_approach; ⟦προῄδει⟧ for he/she/it/self and
the/this/who to_ensue, **2** that/since he/she/it/self to_turn of_
_the ⟦ἀπεῖναι⟧, and with/after diligence ⟦προπέμψαντες⟧
he/she/it/self, to_pursue ⟦μεταμεληθέντες⟧. **3** still for
in/on/among hand to_have/be the/this/who ⟦πὲνθη⟧, and
⟦προσοδυρόμενοι⟧ grave dead, other ⟦ἐπεσπάσαντο⟧
⟦λογισμὸν⟧ folly, and which ⟦ἱκετεύοντες⟧ to_expel,
this/he/she/it which/how ⟦φυγάδας⟧ to_pursue. **4** ⟦Εἶλκε⟧ for
he/she/it/self the/this/who worthy upon/to/against
this/he/she/it the/this/who end necessity, and the/this/who
to_happen ⟦ἀμνηστίαν⟧ ⟦ἐνέβαλεν⟧, in_order_that/to
the/this/who ⟦λείπουσαν⟧ the/this/who torment
⟦προαναπληρώσωσιν⟧ punishment; **5** and the/this/who on_
_one_hand a_people you ⟦παράδοξον⟧ ⟦ὁδοιπορίαν⟧ ⟦περάσῃ⟧,
that but/and foreign to_find/meet death. **6** all for
the/this/who creation in/on/among one's_own/private family
again from_above/again ⟦διετυποῦτο⟧, ⟦ὑπηρετοῦσα⟧
the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦ἐπιταγαῖς⟧, in_order_that/to
the/this/who you/your ⟦παῖδες⟧ ⟦φυλαχθῶσιν⟧ ⟦ἀβλαβεῖς⟧.
7 the/this/who the/this/who barracks ⟦σκιάζουσα⟧ cloud, out_
_from but/and ⟦προϋφεστῶτος⟧ water dried_up/withered
emergence earth ⟦ἐθεωρήθη⟧, out_from ⟦ἐρυθρᾶς⟧ sea road
⟦ἀνεμπόδιστος⟧, and ⟦χλοηφόρον⟧ a_plain out_from
⟦κλύδωνος⟧ ⟦βιαίου⟧, **8** through/because_of which/whither
⟦πανεθνὶ⟧ to_pass_through the/this/who the/this/who your
⟦σκεπαζόμενοι⟧ hand, to_see/experience marvellous wonders.
9 which/how for ⟦ἵπποι⟧ ⟦ἐνεμήθησαν⟧, and which/how
⟦ἀμνοὶ⟧ ⟦διεσκίρτησαν⟧, to_praise you, lord, the/this/who to_
_deliver he/she/it/self. **10** ⟦Ἐμέμνητο⟧ for still the/this/who
in/on/among the/this/who sojourning he/she/it/self,
how?/how?! for on_one_hand origin living_thing to_lead_out

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A priest pleads for the people

20 The experience of death also touched the righteous,
and a multitude were destroyed in the wilderness,
but the anger didn't last long.
21 Because a blameless man hurried to be their champion,
bringing the weapon of his own ministry,
prayer, and the atoning sacrifice of incense.
He withstood the indignation and set an end to the calamity,
showing that he was your servant.
22 And he overcame the anger,
not by strength of body, not by force of weapons,
but by his word, he subdued the avenger
by bringing to remembrance oaths and covenants made with the fathers.
23 Because when the dead had already fallen in heaps one on another,
he intervened and stopped the anger,
and cut off its way to the living.
24 Because the whole world was pictured on his long robe,
and the glories of the fathers were on the engraving of the four rows of precious stones,
and your majesty was on the diadem on his head.
25 The destroyer yielded to these, and they feared;
for it was enough only to test the anger.

The sea destroys the pursuing army

19:1 But indignation without mercy came on the ungodly to the end;
for God also foreknew their future,
2 how, having changed their minds to let your people go,
and having sped them eagerly on their way,
they'd change their minds and pursue them.
3 Because while they were still mourning,
and lamenting at the graves of the dead,
they made another foolish decision,
and pursued as fugitives those whom they'd begged to leave and driven out.
4 Because the doom which they deserved was drawing them to this end,
and it made them forget the things that'd happened to them,
that they might fill up the punishment which was yet lacking from their torments,
5 and that your people might journey on by a marvellous road,
but they themselves might find a strange death.

Creation serves God's people

6 Because the whole creation, each part in its diverse kind, was made new again,
complying with your commandments,
that your servants might be kept unharmed.
7 Then the cloud that overshadowed the camp was seen,
and dry land rising up out of what had been water,
out of the Red sea an unhindered highway,
and a grassy plain out of the violent surge,
8 by which they passed over with all their army,

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these who were covered with your hand,
having seen strange marvels.
9 Because like horses they roamed at large,
and they skipped about like lambs,
praising you, Oh master, who was their deliverer.
10 Because they still remembered the things that happened in the time of their sojourning,
how instead of bearing cattle, the land brought forth lice,
and instead of fish, the river spewed out a multitude of frogs.
11 But afterwards, they also saw a new kind of birds,
when, led on by desire, they asked for luxurious dainties;
12 for, to comfort them, quails came up for them from the sea.

Punishment for mistreating strangers

13 Punishments came on the sinners,
not without the signs that were given beforehand by the violence of the thunder,
for they justly suffered through their own wickednesses,
for the hatred which they practised towards guests was grievous indeed.
14 Because while the others didn't receive the strangers when they came to them,
the Mitsrim (Egyptians) made slaves of guests who were their benefactors.
15 And not only so, but while punishment of some sort will come on the former,
since they received as enemies those who were aliens;
16 because these first welcomed with feastings,
and then afflicted with dreadful toils,
those who'd already shared with them in the same rights.
17 And moreover they were stricken with loss of sight
(even as were those others at the righteous man's doors),
when, being surrounded with yawning darkness,
they each looked for the passage through his own door.
18 Because as the notes of a lute vary the character of the rhythm,
even so the elements, changing their order one with another,
continuing always in its sound,
as may clearly be conjectured from the sight of the things that have happened.
19 Because creatures of the dry land were turned into creatures of the waters,
and creatures that swim moved on the land.
20 Fire kept the mastery of its own power in water,
and water forgot its quenching nature.
21 On the contrary, flames didn't consume flesh of perishable creatures that walked among them,
neither did they melt the crystalline grains of ambrosial food that were melted easily.
22 Because in all things, Oh master, you magnified your people,
and you glorified them and didn't lightly regard them,

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the/this/who earth ⟦σκνῖπα⟧, for but/and ⟦ἐνύδρων⟧ ⟦ἐξηρεύξατο⟧ the/this/who river multitude ⟦βατράχων⟧. **11** upon/to/against to_lack but/and to_perceive and new ⟦γένεσιν⟧ ⟦ὀρνέων⟧, that/since desire ⟦προαχθέντες⟧ to_ask ⟦ἐδέσματα⟧ ⟦τρυφῆς⟧. **12** toward for comfort to_ascend he/she/it/self away_from sea a_mother-quail, **13** and the/this/who/which ⟦τιμωρίαι⟧ the/this/who sinful to_ _arrive/invade, no without the/this/who ⟦γεγονότων⟧ ⟦τεκμήριων⟧ the/this/who force the/this/who ⟦κεραυνῶν⟧; rightly for ⟦ἔπασχον⟧ the/this/who one's_own/private he/she/it/self ⟦πονηρίαις⟧; and for ⟦χαλεπωτέραν⟧ ⟦μισοξενίαν⟧ ⟦ἐπετήδευσαν⟧. **14** the/this/who on_one_hand for the/this/who ⟦ἀγνοοῦντας⟧ no ⟦ἐδέχοντο⟧ ⟦παρόντας⟧, this/he/she/it but/and ⟦εὐεργέτας⟧ foreign ⟦ἐδουλοῦντο⟧. **15** and no alone/only, but who/which oversight to_be he/she/it/self, since ⟦ἀπεχθῶς⟧ ⟦προσεδέχοντο⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀλλοτρίους⟧; **16** the/this/who but/and with/after ⟦ἑορτασμάτων⟧ ⟦εἰσδεξάμενοι⟧ the/this/who already the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦μετεσχηκότας⟧ just ⟦δεινοῖς⟧ to_ _harm ⟦πόνοις⟧. **17** ⟦Ἐπλήγησαν⟧ but/and and inability_to_see, just_as that upon/to/against the/this/who of_the just door, when ⟦ἀχανεῖ⟧ ⟦περιβληθέντες⟧ darkness, each the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there door the/this/who ⟦δίοδον⟧ to_seek. **18** through/because_of my/your/him-self for the/this/who principle ⟦μεθαρμοζόμενα⟧, just_as in/on/among ⟦ψαλτηρίῳ⟧ ⟦φθόγγοι⟧ of_the ⟦ῥυθμοῦ⟧ the/this/who name ⟦διαλλάσσουσι⟧, always to_stay sound, ⟦ὅπερ⟧ to_be ⟦εἰκάσαι⟧ out_from the/this/who the/this/who ⟦γεγονότων⟧ ⟦ὄψεως⟧ exactly. **19** ⟦Χερσαῖα⟧ for toward ⟦ἔνυδρα⟧ ⟦μετεβάλλετο⟧, and ⟦νηκτὰ⟧ ⟦μετέβαινεν⟧ upon/to/against earth. **20** fire be_strong in/on/among water the/this/who one's_own/private power, and water the/this/who ⟦σβεστικῆς⟧ power ⟦ἐπελανθάνετο⟧. **21** ⟦Φλόγες⟧ ⟦ἀνάπαλιν⟧ ⟦εὐφθάρτων⟧ living_thing no ⟦ἐμάραναν⟧ flesh ⟦ἐμπεριπατούντων⟧, and_not ⟦τηκτὸν⟧ ⟦εὔτηκτον⟧ ⟦κρυσταλλοειδὲς⟧ family ⟦ἀμβροσίας⟧ food. **22** according_to all for, lord, ⟦ἐμεγάλυνας⟧ the/this/who a_people you, and ⟦ἐδόξασας⟧, and no ⟦ὑπερεῖδες⟧, in/on/among all time/right_ _time and place ⟦παριστάμενος⟧.

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Tovi

Introduction

The account of *Tovi* (Tobit) follows two Jewish families living far from their ancestral land. Tovi has been taken from Yisrael/Israel to Nineveh, where he continues to obey God, share his food with the poor, and bury people who've been killed. But after losing his sight, he becomes so discouraged that he asks God to let him die. Meanwhile, Sarah, a young woman living in Maday (Media), is also desperate: a demon has killed all seven of the men she'd married. God hears their prayers, and their stories come together when Tovi sends his son Toviyah (Tobias) to collect some money that he'd left with a relative. Toviyah's travelling companion, Refael (Raphael), turns out to be a messenger sent by God. The journey leads to marriage, healing, and a new future for both families.

This account encourages its readers to remain faithful to God in difficult circumstances. It gives particular attention to prayer, generosity, care for parents, and faithfulness within a family. God's help isn't always recognised immediately, but the characters eventually look back and see how he has been guiding them.

Tovi is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Russian Orthodox Churches.

Main components of this account

Tovi's troubles and Sarah's prayer *1:1–3:17*
Tovi's advice and Toviyah's journey *4:1–6:17*
Toviyah marries Sarah *7:1–10:12*
The return home, Tovi's healing, and Refael's identity *11:1–12:22*
Tovi's praise, final advice, and the family's later life *13:1–14:15*

The DC editions are placed side by side by chapter only. Their verse numbering and textual contents differ; corresponding lines are not established equivalents.

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1:1 book word Tōbit, of_the Tōbiaʸl, of_the Aniaʸl, of_the Adouaʸl, of_the Gabaaʸl, out_from of_the seed Asiaʸl, out_from the/this/who tribe Nefthali, **2** which ⟦ἠχμαλωτεύθη⟧ in/on/among day Enemessarou of_the king Assuriōn out_from ⟦Θίσβης⟧, the/this/who/which to_be out_from right ⟦κυδίως⟧ the/this/who Nefthali in/on/among the/this/who Galilaia above Asaʸr. **3** I/we Tōbit road truth to_travel and righteousness all the/this/who day the/this/who life I/we; and charity much to_do/make the/this/who brother ⟦μου⟧, and the/this/who Gentile_nation, the/this/who ⟦προπορευθεῖσι⟧ with/after I/we/my toward country Assuriōn toward Nineuaʸ. **4** and that/since to_be in/on/among the/this/who country I/we in/on/among the/this/who earth Israaʸl, ⟦νεωτέρου⟧ I/we to_be, all tribe of_the Nefthali of_the father I/we to_leave away_from of_the house Yerosolumōn, the/this/who ⟦ἐκλεγείσης⟧ away_from all the/this/who tribe Israaʸl, toward the/this/who ⟦θυσιάζειν⟧ all the/this/who tribe; and to_ _sanctify the/this/who temple the/this/who ⟦κατασκηνώσεως⟧ of_the highest, and to_build toward all the/this/who generation of_the an_age. **5** and all the/this/who/which tribe the/this/who/which ⟦συναποστᾶσαι⟧ to_sacrifice the/this/who Baal the/this/who ⟦δαμάλει⟧, and the/this/who house Nefthali of_the father I/we. **6** I/we/and_I alone to_travel many_times toward Hierosoluma in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἑορταῖς⟧, as/just_as to_write all the/this/who Israaʸl, in/on/among ⟦προστάγματι⟧ ⟦αἰωνίῳ⟧, the/this/who ⟦ἀπαρχὰς⟧, and the/this/who tenth the/this/who ⟦γεννημάτων⟧, and the/this/who ⟦πρωτοκουρίας⟧ to_have/be, and to_give he/she/it/self the/this/who priest the/this/who son ⟦Ἀαρὼν⟧ to/with the/this/who altar all the/this/who ⟦γεννημάτων⟧. **7** the/this/who tenth to_give the/this/who son Leui the/this/who ⟦θεραπεύουσιν⟧ toward Hierousalaʸm, and the/this/who secondly tenth ⟦ἀπεπρατιζόμην⟧, and to_travel and ⟦ἐδαπάνων⟧; he/she/it/self in/on/among Hierosolumois according_to each year, **8** and the/this/who third to_give which ⟦καθήκει⟧, as/just_as to_order Debbōra the/this/who mother of_the father I/we, because orphan ⟦κατελείφθην⟧ by/under of_the father I/we. **9** and when to_be man, to_take Annan woman out_from of_the seed the/this/who family_line I/we; and to_beget out_from he/she/it/self Tōbian. **10** and when ⟦ἠχμαλωτίσθημεν⟧ toward Nineuaʸ, all the/this/who brother I/we, and the/this/who out_from of_the family I/we to_eat out_from the/this/who bread the/this/who Gentile_nation; **11** I/we but/and ⟦συνετήρησα⟧ the/this/who soul I/we not to_ _eat, **12** as/just_as ⟦ἐμεμνήμην⟧ of_the God in/on/among all the/this/who soul I/we. **13** and to_give the/this/who highest because_of/grace and form before Enemessarou, and to_be he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀγοραστής⟧. **14** and to_travel toward the/this/who Maʸdian, and ⟦παρεθέμην⟧ Gabaaʸlōi the/this/who brother ⟦Γαβρία⟧ in/on/among ⟦Ῥάγοις⟧ the/this/who Maʸdias, money talent ten. **15** and when to_die ⟦Ἐνεμεσσὰρ⟧, to_reign Sennakaʸrim the/this/who

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Tovi remains faithful to God in exile

1:1 The book of the words of Tovi (Tobit), the son of Toviel, the son of Hananiel, the son of Adiel, the son of Gabael, of the seed of Asiyel, of the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali); **2** who in the days of the Assyrian King Shalmaneser[1] was carried away captive out of Thisbe, which is on the right hand of Kedesh Naftali in Galil above Asher.

3 I, Tovi walked in the ways of truth and righteousness all the days of my life, and I gave to the poor many times to my kindred and my nation, who went with me into the land of the Assyrians, to Nineveh. **4** When I was in my own country, in the land of Yisrael (Israel), while I was yet young, all the tribe of Naftali my father fell away from the house of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), which was chosen out of all the tribes of Yisrael, that all the tribes should sacrifice there, and the temple of the habitation of the Most High was hallowed and built there for all ages. **5** All the tribes which fell away together sacrificed to the heifer Ba'al, and so did the house of Naftali my father. **6** I alone went often to Yerushalem at the feasts, as it's been ordained to all Yisrael by an eternal decree, having the first fruits and the tenths of my increase, and that which was first shorn; and I gave them at the altar to the priests the sons of Aharon (Aaron). **7** I gave a tenth part of all my increase to the sons of Levi, who ministered at Yerushalem. A second tenth part I sold away, and went, and spent it each year at Yerushalem. **8** A third tenth I gave to them to whom it was appropriate, as Deborah my father's mother had commanded me, because I was left an orphan by my father. **9** When I became a man, I took as wife Hanah of the seed of our own family. With her, I became the father of Toviyah (Tobias). **10** When I was carried away captive to Nineveh, all my kindred and my relatives ate of the bread of the Gentiles; **11** but I kept myself from eating, **12** because I remembered God with all my soul. **13** So the Most High gave me grace and favour[2] in the sight of Shalmaneser, and I was his purchasing agent. **14** And I went into Maday (Media), and left ten talents of silver in trust with Gabael, the brother of Gabrias, at Rages of Maday.

Tovi risks his life to bury the dead

15 And when Shalmaneser was dead, his son Sanheriv (Sennacherib) reigned in his place. In his time, the highways were troubled,[3] and I could no longer go into Maday. **16** In the days of Shalmaneser, I gave to the poor many times to my kindred: I gave my bread to the hungry, **17** and my clothes to the naked. If I saw any of my race dead, and thrown out on[4] Nineveh's wall, I buried him. **18** If Sanheriv the king killed any, when he came fleeing from Yehudah (Judea), I buried them privately; for in his anger he killed many; and the bodies were searched for by the king, and weren't found. **19** But one of the Nineuitais went and showed to the king about me, how I buried them, and hid myself; and when I knew that I was

1 **RV 1:2 · Note** That is, Shalmaneser. Compare 2 Kings 17:3,23.

2 **RV 1:13 · Note** Grk. beauty.

3 **RV 1:15 · Note** Grk. his highways were troubled.

4 **RV 1:17 · Note** Some ancient authorities read behind.

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being searched for to be put to death, I withdrew myself for fear.
20 And all my goods were forcibly taken away, and there was nothing left to me, save my wife Hanah and my son Toviyah.
21 No more than fifty five days passed before two of his sons killed him, and they fled into the Ararat mountains. And Esar-Hadon[5] his son reigned in his place; and he appointed Ahikar my brother Hanael's son over all the accounts of his kingdom, and over all his affairs. **22** Ahikar requested me, and I came to Nineveh. Now Ahikar was cupbearer, keeper of the signet, steward, and overseer of the accounts. Esar-Hadon appointed him next to himself, but he was my brother's son.

2:1 Now when I'd come home again, and **Tovi loses his sight** my wife Hanah was restored to me, and my son Toviyah (Tobias), in the feast of Pentecost, which is the holy feast of the seven weeks, there was a good dinner prepared for me, and I sat down to eat. **2** I saw abundance of meat, and I said to my son, "Go and bring whatever poor man you find of our kindred, who's mindful of the master. Listen, I wait for you."

3 Then he came, and said, "Father, one of our fellow-citizens has been strangled, and his body has been thrown onto the street in the marketplace." **4** Before I'd tasted anything, I sprang up, and took him up into a chamber until the sun had set. **5** Then I returned, washed myself, ate my bread in heaviness, **6** and remembered the prophecy of Amos, as he said,

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son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀντ'⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and
the/this/who/which road
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἠκαταστάθησαν⟧,
and no still ⟦ἠδυνάσθην⟧ to_travel toward the/this/who
Maʸdian. **16** and in/on/among the/this/who day Enemessarou
charity much to_do/make the/this/who brother I/we;
17 the/this/who bread I/we to_give the/this/who ⟦πεινῶσι⟧,
and clothing the/this/who ⟦γυμνοῖς⟧; and if one out_from of_
_the family I/we to_see/experience to_die/be_dead and
⟦ἐῤῥιμμένον⟧ after of_the wall Nineuaʸ, ⟦ἔθαπτον⟧
he/she/it/self. **18** and if one ⟦ἀπέκτεννε⟧ Sennakaʸrim
the/this/who king, when to_come/go ⟦φεύγων⟧ out_from
the/this/who ⟦Ἰιυδαίας⟧, ⟦ἔθαψα⟧ he/she/it/self to_steal;
much for to_kill in/on/among the/this/who ⟦θυμῷ⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and ⟦ἐζητήθη⟧
by/under of_the king the/this/who body, and no to_find/meet.
19 to_travel but/and one the/this/who in/on/among Nineuaʸ,
to_show the/this/who king about I/we/my that/since to_bury
he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐκρύβην⟧; to_come_to_know but/and
that/since ⟦ζητοῦμαι⟧ to_die, to_fear ⟦ἀνεχώρησα⟧. **20** and
⟦διηρπάγη⟧ all the/this/who to_be I/we, and no to_leave_
_behind I/we none, but/however Annas the/this/who woman
I/we, and Tōbiou of_the son I/we. **21** and no to_pass_through
day fifty, until which/whither to_kill he/she/it/self
the/this/who two son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_flee toward
the/this/who mountain ⟦Ἀραράθ⟧; and to_reign Saḳerdonos
son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀντ'⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἔταξεν⟧
Aḳiaḳaron the/this/who Anaaʸl son of_the brother I/we
upon/to/against all the/this/who ⟦ἐκλογιστίαν⟧ the/this/who
kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and
upon/to/against all the/this/who ⟦διοίκησιν⟧. **22** and
⟦ἠξίωσεν⟧ Aḳiaḳaros about I/we/my, and to_come/go toward
Nineuaʸ. Aḳiaḳaros but/and to_be the/this/who a_male_wine_
_server, and upon/to/against of_the ⟦δακτυλίου⟧, and an_
_administrator, and accountant, and to_appoint/conduct
he/she/it/self the/this/who Saḳerdonos; out_from secondly,
to_be but/and nephew I/we.

2:1 when but/and to_descend toward the/this/who house
I/we, and ⟦ἀπεδόθη⟧ I/we Anna the/this/who woman I/we,
and Tōbias the/this/who son I/we, in/on/among the/this/who
Pentecost festival, which to_be holy seven ⟦ἑβδομάδων⟧, to_be
early_meal good I/we, and ⟦ἀνέπεσα⟧ of_the to_eat. **2** and
⟦ἐθεασάμην⟧ ⟦ὄψα⟧ much, and to_say the/this/who son I/we,
⟦βάδισον⟧ and ⟦ἄγαγε⟧ which if ⟦εὕρῃς⟧ the/this/who brother
I/we ⟦ἐνδεῆ⟧, which ⟦μέμνηται⟧ of_the lord, and look! to_stay
you. **3** and to_come/go to_say, father, one out_from of_the
family I/we ⟦ἐστραγγαλωμένος⟧ to_throw/lay_down
in/on/among the/this/who marketplace. **4** I/we/and_I ⟦πρινὴ⟧
to_taste I/we, to_jump_up ⟦ἀνειλόμην⟧ he/she/it/self toward
one cell until which/whither to_set the/this/who sun. **5** and
to_turn ⟦ἐλουσάμην⟧, and to_eat the/this/who bread I/we
in/on/among grief. **6** and to_remember the/this/who

5 **RV 1:21 · Note** That is, Esar-haddon, and so in verse 22.

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prophecy Amōs, as/just_as to_say, ⟦στραφήσονται⟧
the/this/who/which ⟦ἑορταὶ⟧ you toward grief, and all
the/this/who/which ⟦εὐφροσύναι⟧ you toward ⟦θρῆνον⟧.
7 and ⟦ἔκλαυσα⟧; and when to_set the/this/who sun,
⟦ᾠχόμην⟧, and ⟦ὀρύξας⟧ ⟦ἔθαψα⟧ he/she/it/self. **8** and
the/this/who near/neighbour ⟦ἐπεγέλων⟧, to_speak, no still
⟦φοβεῖται⟧ ⟦φονευθῆναι⟧ about of_the thing this/he/she/it,
and ⟦ἀπέδρα⟧, and look! again ⟦θάπτει⟧ the/this/who dead.
9 and in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who night
⟦ἀνέλυσα⟧ ⟦θάψας⟧, and ⟦ἐκοιμήθην⟧ ⟦μεμιαμμένος⟧ from_
_with the/this/who ⟦τοῖχον⟧ the/this/who palace/courtyard,
and the/this/who face I/we ⟦ἀκάλυπτον⟧ to_be. **10** and no to_
_perceive that/since sparrow in/on/among the/this/who
⟦τοίχῳ⟧ he_is; and the/this/who eye I/we ⟦ἀνεῳγότων⟧,
⟦ἀφώδευσαν⟧ the/this/who sparrow ⟦θερμὸν⟧ toward
the/this/who eye I/we, and to_be ⟦λευκώματα⟧ in/on/among
the/this/who eye I/we, and ⟦ἐπορεύθην⟧ to/with ⟦ἰατροὺς⟧,
and no ⟦ὠφέλησάν⟧ I/we; Aḳiaḳaros but/and ⟦ἔτρεφέ⟧ I/we
until which/whither ⟦ἐπορεύθην⟧ toward the/this/who
Elumaida. **11** and the/this/who woman I/we Anna ⟦ἠριθεύετο⟧
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦γυναικείοις⟧, and ⟦ἀπέστελλε⟧
the/this/who lord. **12** and ⟦ἀπέδωκαν⟧ he/she/it/self and
he/she/it/self the/this/who wage, ⟦προσδόντες⟧ and a_goat.
13 when but/and to_come/go to/with I/we, be_first to_cry; and
to_say he/she/it/self, whence/how the/this/who a_goat? not
⟦κλεψιμαῖόν⟧ to_be? to_pay he/she/it/self the/this/who lord;
no for ⟦θεμιτόν⟧ he_is to_eat ⟦κλεψιμαῖον⟧. **14** the/this/who
but/and to_say, gift to_give I/we upon/to/against
the/this/who ⟦μισθῷ⟧; and no to_trust_(in) he/she/it/self; and
to_speak to_pay he/she/it/self the/this/who lord, and
⟦ἠρυθρίων⟧ to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self;
the/this/who but/and to_answer to_say I/we, where? to_be
the/this/who/which charity you, and the/this/who/which
⟦δικαιοσύναι⟧ you? look! acquainted_with all with/after you.

3:1 and to_grieve ⟦ἔκλαυσα⟧, and ⟦προσευξάμην⟧ with/after
⟦ὀδύνης⟧, to_speak, just to_be lord, **2** and all the/this/who
work you, and all the/this/who/which road you charity and
truth, and judgement ⟦ἀληθινὴν⟧ and just you to_judge toward
the/this/who an_age. **3** to_remember I/we, and ⟦ἐπίβλεψον⟧
upon/to/against I/we; not I/we ⟦ἐκδικῇς⟧ the/this/who sin
I/we and the/this/who ⟦ἀγνοήμασί⟧ I/we, and the/this/who
father I/we, which to_sin before you. **4** ⟦Παρήκουσαν⟧ for
the/this/who commandment you, and to_give I/we toward
⟦διαρπαγὴν⟧ and captivity and death and parable ⟦ὀνειδισμοῦ⟧
all the/this/who Gentile_nation in/on/among which
⟦ἐσκορπίσμεθα⟧. **5** and now much the/this/who/which
judgement you ⟦εἰσὶ⟧ and true, out_from I/we/my to_do/make
about the/this/who sin I/we and the/this/who father I/we,
that/since no to_do/make the/this/who commandment you,
no for ⟦ἐπορεύθημεν⟧ in/on/among truth before you. **6** and
now according_to the/this/who pleasing before you to_
_do/make with/after I/we/my; ⟦ἐπίταξον⟧ ⟦ἀναλαβεῖν⟧

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"Your feasts will be turned into mourning,
and all your mirth into lamentation."[6]

7 So I wept: and when the sun had set, I went and dug a grave, and buried him. **8** My neighbours mocked me, and said, "He's no longer afraid to be put to death for this matter; and yet he fled away. Listen, he buries the dead again." **9** The same night I returned from burying him, and slept by the wall of my courtyard, being polluted; and my face was uncovered. **10** I didn't know that there were sparrows in the wall. My eyes were open and the sparrows dropped warm dung into my eyes, and white films came over my eyes. I went to the physicians, and they didn't help me; but Ahikar nourished me, until I went[7] into Elymais.

11 My wife Hanah wove cloth in the women's chambers, **12** and sent the work back to the owners. They on their part paid her wages, and also gave her a kid. **13** But when it came to my house, it began to cry, and I said to her, "Where did this kid come from? Is it stolen? Give it back to the owners; for it isn't lawful to eat anything that's stolen." **14** But she said, "It's been given to me for a gift more than the wages."

I didn't believe her, and I asked her to return it to the owners; and I was ashamed of her.

But she replied to me, "What about your gifts to the poor and your righteous actions? Listen, you and all your works are known."[8]

Tovi prays for death

3:1 I was grieved and wept, and prayed in sorrow, saying,

2 "O master, you're righteous, and all your works and all your ways are mercy and truth, and you judge true and righteous judgement forever. **3** Remember me, and look at me. Don't take vengeance on me for my sins and my ignorances, and the sins of my fathers who sinned before you. **4** Because they disobeyed your commandments. You gave us as plunder, for captivity, for death, and for a proverb of reproach to all the nations among whom we're dispersed. **5** Now your judgements are many and true, that you should deal with me according to my sins and the sins of my fathers, because we didn't keep your commandments, for we didn't walk in truth before you. **6** Now deal with me according to that which is pleasing in your sight. Command my spirit to be taken from me, that I may be released, and become earth. Because it's more profitable for me to die rather than to

6 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** Amos 8:10.

7 **RV 2:10 · Note** Some authorities read until he went.

8 **RV 2:14 · Note** Grk. all things are known with you.

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live, because I've heard false reproaches, and there's much sorrow in me. Command that I be released from my distress, now, and go to the eternal place. Don't turn your face away from me."

Sarah's prayer and God's answer

7 The same day it happened to Sarah the daughter of Re'uel in Ahmeta of Maday (Media), that she also was reproached by her father's female servants; **8** because that she'd been given to seven husbands, and Ashmedai the evil spirit[9] killed them, before they'd lain with her. And they said to her, "Don't you know that you strangle your husbands? You've already had seven husbands, and you haven't borne the name of any one of them. **9** Why do you scourge us? If they're dead, go your ways with them. Let us never see either son or daughter from you." **10** When she heard these things, she was deeply distressed, so that she thought about hanging herself. Then she said, "I'm my father's only daughter. If I do this, it'll be a reproach to him, and I'll bring down his old age with sorrow to the grave."[10] **11** Then she prayed by the window, and said, "Blessed are you, Oh master my god, and blessed is your holy and honourable name forever! Let all your works praise you forever! **12** And now, master, I've set my eyes and my face towards you. **13** Command that I be released from the earth, and that I no longer hear reproach. **14** You know, master, that I'm pure from all sin with man, **15** and that I never polluted my name or my father's name in the land of my captivity. I'm the only daughter of my father, and he has no child that'll be his heir, nor brother near him, nor son belonging to him, that I should keep myself for a wife to him. Seven husbands of mine are dead already. Why should I live? If it doesn't please you to kill me, command some regard to be had of me, and pity taken of me, and that I hear no more reproach."

16 The prayer of both was heard before the glory of the great God. **17** Refael (Raphael) also was sent to heal them both, to scale away the white films from Tovi's eyes, and to give Sarah the daughter of Re'uel for a wife to Toviyah (Tobias) the son of Tovi; and to bind the evil spirit[11] Ashmedai; because it belonged to Toviyah that he should inherit her. At that very time, Tovi returned and entered into his house, and Sarah the daughter of Re'uel came down from her upstairs room.

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the/this/who spirit/breath I/we, that ⟦ἀπολυθῶ⟧, and to_be earth, because to_profit I/we to_die, or/than to_live; that/since ⟦ὀνειδισμοὺς⟧ false to_hear, and grief he_is much in/on/among I/we/my; ⟦ἐπίταξον⟧ ⟦ἀπολυθῆναί⟧ I/we the/this/who necessity already toward the/this/who eternal place, not ⟦ἀποστρέψῃς⟧ the/this/who face you away_from I/we/my. **7** in/on/among the/this/who he/she/it/self day to_happen the/this/who daughter Reuel Saῤῥa in/on/among ⟦Ἐκβατάνοις⟧ the/this/who Maʸdias, and this/he/she/it ⟦ὀνειδισθῆναι⟧ by/under maidservant father he/she/it/self, **8** that/since to_be ⟦δεδομένη⟧ man seven, and Asmodaios the/this/who evil/bad demon to_kill he/she/it/self, ⟦πρινὴ⟧ to_be he/she/it/self with/after he/she/it/self which/how in/on/among ⟦γυναιξί⟧; and to_say he/she/it/self, no to_ _understand ⟦ἀποπνίγουσά⟧ you the/this/who man? already seven to_have/be, and one he/she/it/self no ⟦ὠνομάσθης⟧. **9** one/which? I/we ⟦μαστιγοῖς⟧? if ⟦ἀπέθαναν⟧, ⟦βάδιζε⟧ with/after he/she/it/self, not ⟦ἴδοιμέν⟧ you son or/than daughter toward the/this/who an_age. **10** this/he/she/it to_ _hear to_grieve very, so ⟦ἀπάγξασθαι⟧; and to_say, one on_one_ _hand to_be the/this/who father I/we; if to_do/make this/he/she/it, disgrace he/she/it/self to_be, and the/this/who old_age he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατάξω⟧ with/after ⟦ὀδύνης⟧ toward Hades. **11** and to_pray to/with the/this/who ⟦θυρίδι⟧, and to_say, praiseworthy to_be lord the/this/who God I/we, and ⟦εὐλογητὸν⟧ the/this/who name you the/this/who holy and valued/honoured toward the/this/who an_age; ⟦εὐλογήσαισάν⟧ you all the/this/who work you toward the/this/who an_age. **12** and now, lord, the/this/who eye I/we and the/this/who face I/we toward you to_give. **13** to_say, to_release I/we away_from the/this/who earth, and not to_hear I/we never_again reproach. **14** you to_ _know, lord, that/since clean to_be away_from all sin man, **15** and no ⟦ἐμόλυνα⟧ the/this/who name I/we and_not the/this/who name of_the father I/we in/on/among the/this/who earth the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ I/we; unique to_be the/this/who father I/we, and no to_be he/she/it/self child the/this/who/which to_inherit he/she/it/self, and_not brother near, and_not to_be he/she/it/self son, in_order_ _that/to ⟦συντηρήσω⟧ ⟦ἐμαυτὴν⟧ he/she/it/self woman, already to_destroy I/we seven; why? I/we to_live? and if not to_think you to_kill I/we, ⟦ἐπίταξον⟧ to_look_upon/at upon/to/against I/we, and never_again to_have_mercy I/we, and to_hear I/we reproach. **16** and to_listen_to prayer both before the/this/who glory of_the great, **17** ʁafaaʸl and to_send to_heal the/this/who two, of_the Tōbit ⟦λεπίσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦λευκώματα⟧, and Saῤῥan the/this/who of_the Reuel to_give Tōbia the/this/who son Tōbit woman, and to_bind Asmodaion the/this/who evil/bad demon, because Tōbia to_put_on/seize to_inherit he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who time/right_time to_turn Tōbit to_ _enter toward the/this/who house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and Saῤῥa the/this/who of_the Reuel to_come/go_down out_from of_the

9 **RV 3:8 · Note** Grk. demon.

10 **RV 3:10 · Note** Grk. Hades.

11 **RV 3:17 · Note** Grk. demon.

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⟦ὑπερῴου⟧ he/she/it/self.

4:1 in/on/among the/this/who day that to_remember Tōbit about of_the money, which/whither ⟦παρέθετο⟧ Gabaaʸl in/on/among ⟦Ῥάγοις⟧ the/this/who Maʸdias. **2** and to_say in/on/among my/your/him-self, I/we ⟦ᾐτησάμην⟧ death, one/which? no good Tōbian the/this/who son I/we, in_order_ _that/to he/she/it/self to_show, before to_die I/we? **3** and to_ _call he/she/it/self, to_say, child, if ⟦ἀποθάνω⟧, ⟦θάψον⟧ I/we, and not ⟦ὑπερίδῃς⟧ the/this/who mother you; to_honour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self all the/this/who day the/this/who life you, and to_do/make the/this/who pleasing he/she/it/self, and not ⟦λυπήσῃς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **4** to_remember, child, that/since much ⟦κινδύνους⟧ to_see upon/to/against you/your in/on/among the/this/who belly/womb/stomach; when(-ever) to_die, ⟦θάψον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self from_with I/we/my in/on/among one ⟦τάφῳ⟧. **5** all the/this/who day, child, lord of_the God I/we to_remember, and not ⟦θελήσῃς⟧ to_sin and ⟦παραβῆναι⟧ the/this/who commandment he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; righteousness to_do/make all the/this/who day the/this/who life you, and not ⟦πορευθῇς⟧ the/this/who road the/this/who unrighteousness. **6** because to_do/make you the/this/who truth, ⟦εὐοδίαι⟧ to_be in/on/among the/this/who work you, and all the/this/who to_do/make the/this/who righteousness. **7** out_from the/this/who to_be you to_do/make charity, and not ⟦φθονεσάτω⟧ you the/this/who eye in/on/among the/this/who to_do/make you charity; not ⟦ἀποστρέψῃς⟧ the/this/who face you away_from all ⟦πτωχοῦ⟧, and away_ _from you no not ⟦ἀποστραφῇ⟧ the/this/who face of_the God. **7a** which/how you/your ⟦ὑπάρχοι⟧ according_to the/this/who multitude, to_do/make out_from he/she/it/self charity; if little/few you ⟦ὑπάρχῃ⟧, according_to the/this/who little/few not to_fear to_do/make charity. **7b** in_place for good-doer to_ _store_up yourself toward day necessity. **7c** because charity out_from death ⟦ῥύεται⟧, and no ha!/aha! to_enter toward the/this/who darkness. **7d** gift for good-doer to_be charity all the/this/who to_do/make he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self before of_the highest. **7e** to_watch_out yourself, child, away_ _from all sexual_sin, and woman first to_take away_from of_the seed the/this/who father you; not ⟦λάβῃς⟧ woman another's, the/this/who/which no to_be out_from the/this/who tribe of_ _the ⟦πατέρος⟧ you, because son prophet to_be, Nōe, Habra'am, Isa'ak, Yakōb. the/this/who father I/we away_from of_the an_ _age, to_remember, child, that/since he/she/it/self all to_take woman out_from the/this/who brother he/she/it/self, and ⟦εὐλογήθησαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who child he/she/it/self, and the/this/who seed he/she/it/self to_ _inherit earth. **7f** and now, child, to_love the/this/who brother you, and not ⟦ὑπερηφανεύου⟧ the/this/who heart you away_ _from the/this/who brother you, and the/this/who son and daughter of_the a_people you, to_take yourself out_from he/she/it/self woman; because in/on/among the/this/who pride destruction and disorder much, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀχρειότητι⟧ ⟦ἐλάττωσις⟧ and a_lack great;

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Tovi's advice to Toviyah

4:1 In that day Tovi (Tobit) remembered the money which he'd left in trust with Gabael in Rages of Maday (Media), **2** and he said to himself, I've asked for death; why don't I call my son Toviyah, that I may explain to him about the money before I die? **3** And he called him, and said,

"My child, if I die, bury me. Don't despise your mother. Honour her all the days of your life, and do that which is pleasing to her, and don't grieve her. **4** Remember, my child, that she's seen many dangers for you, when you were in her womb. When she's dead, bury her by me in one grave. **5** My child, be mindful of the master our god all your days, and don't let your will be set to sin and to transgress his commandments: do righteousness all the days of your life, and don't follow the ways of unrighteousness. **6** Because if you do what is true, your activities will prosperously succeed for you, and for all those who do righteousness. **7** Give to the poor from your possessions. When you give to the poor, don't let your eye be envious. Don't turn away your face from any poor man, and God's face won't be turned away from you. **8** Give to the poor in proportion to what you have. If you have little, don't be afraid to give from that little; **9** for you lay up a good treasure for yourself against the day of necessity; **10** because giving to the poor delivers from death, and doesn't allow you to come into darkness. **11** Giving to the poor is a good gift in the sight of the Most High for all that give it. **12** Beware, my child, of all fornication, and take first a wife from your own extended family. Don't take a strange wife, who isn't of your father's tribe; for we're the descendants of the prophets. Remember, my child, that Noah, Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob), our fathers of old time, all took wives of their kindred, and were blessed in their children, and their seed will inherit the land. **13** And now, my child, love your kindred, and don't scorn your kindred and the sons and the daughters of your people in your heart, to take a wife of them; for in scornfulness is destruction and much trouble, and in idleness is decay and great lack; for idleness is the mother of famine. **14** Don't let the wages of any man who works for you wait with you, but give it to him out of hand. If you serve God, you'll be rewarded. Take heed to yourself, my child, in all your works, and be discreet in all your behaviour. **15** And what you yourself hate, do to no man. Don't drink wine to drunkenness, and don't let drunkenness go with you on your way. **16** Give of your bread to the hungry, and of your clothes to those who are naked. Give to the poor from all your abundance. Don't let your eye be envious when you give to the poor. **17** Pour out your bread on the burial[12] of the just, and give nothing to sinners. **18** Ask counsel of every man who's wise, and don't despise any counsel that's profitable. **19** Bless the master your god at all times, and ask of him that your ways may be

12 RV 4:17 · Note Or, tomb.

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made straight, and that all your paths and counsels may prosper; for every nation has no counsel; but the master himself gives all good things, and he humbles whom he will, as he will. And now, my child, remember my commandments, and let them not be blotted out of your mind. **20** And now I explain to you about the ten talents of silver, which I left in trust with Gabael the son of Gabrias at Rages of Maday (Media). **21** And fear not, my child, because we're made poor. You have much wealth, if you fear God, and depart from all sin, and do that which is pleasing in his sight."

Refael joins Toviyah on his journey

5:1 Then Toviyah (Tobias) replied to him, "Father, I'll do everything that you've commanded me. **2** But how could I receive the money, since I don't know him?"

3 He gave him the handwriting, and said to him, "Seek a man who'll go with you, and I'll give him wages, while I still live; and go and receive the money."

4 He went to seek a man, and found Refael (Raphael) who was an messenger from God **5** but he didn't know it. He said to him, "Can I go with you to Rages in Maday (Media)? Do you know those places well?"

6 The messenger said to him, "I'll go with you. I know the way well. I've lodged with our brother Gabael."

7 Toviyah (Tobias) said to him, "Wait for me, and I'll tell my father."

8 He said to him, "Go, and don't wait. And he went in and said to his father, "Listen, I've found someone who'll go with me."

But he said, "Call him to me, that I may know of what tribe he

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the/this/who for unprofitableness,_worthlessness mother he_ _is of_the ⟦λιμοῦ⟧. **7g** wage all a_human which if ⟦ἐργάσηται⟧, from_with you/your not ⟦αὐλισθήτω⟧, but to_pay he/she/it/self from_with ⟦αὐτίκα⟧; if ⟦δουλεύσῃς⟧ the/this/who God, ⟦ἀποδοθήσεταί⟧ you; to_watch_out yourself, child, in/on/among all the/this/who work you, and to_be to_ _instruct in/on/among all behaviour you. **7h** and the/this/who/which to_hate, nothing to_do/make; wine toward ⟦μέθην⟧ not ⟦πίῃς⟧, and not ⟦πορευθήτω⟧ with/after you drunkenness in/on/among the/this/who road you. **7i** out_ _from of_the bread you to_give ⟦πεινῶντι⟧, and out_from the/this/who clothing you the/this/who ⟦γυμνοῖς⟧; all the/this/who/which if to_abound/exceed you, to_do/make charity, and not ⟦φθονεσάτω⟧ you the/this/who eye in/on/among the/this/who to_do/make you charity. **7k** ⟦Εκχεον⟧ the/this/who bread you upon/to/against the/this/who grave the/this/who just, and not to_give the/this/who sinful. **7l** ⟦Συμβουλίαν⟧ from_with all ⟦φρονίμου⟧ to_seek, and not ⟦καταφρονήσῃς⟧ upon/to/against all ⟦συμβουλίας⟧ ⟦χρησίμης⟧. **19** and in/on/among all time/right_time ⟦εὐλόγει⟧ lord the/this/who God, and from_ _with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ask, that the/this/who/which road you ⟦εὐθεῖαι⟧ to_be, and all the/this/who/which ⟦τρίβοι⟧ and ⟦βουλαὶ⟧ you ⟦εὐοδωθῶσι⟧; because all Gentile_nation no to_have/be plan, but he/she/it/self the/this/who lord to_give all the/this/who good-doer, and which if to_will/desire, ⟦ταπεινοῖ⟧ as/just_as to_plan; and now, child, to_remember the/this/who commandment I/we, and not ⟦ἐξαλειφθήτωσαν⟧ out_from the/this/who heart you. **20** and now ⟦ὑποδεικνύω⟧ you the/this/who ten talent of_the money, which ⟦παρεθέμην⟧ Gabaaʸlōi the/this/who of_the ⟦Γαβρία⟧ in/on/among ⟦Ῥάγοις⟧ the/this/who Maʸdias. **21** and not to_fear, child, that/since ⟦ἐπτωχεύσαμεν⟧; to_be you much, if to_fear the/this/who God, and ⟦ἀποστῇς⟧ away_from all sin, and to_ _do/make the/this/who pleasing before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

5:1 and to_answer Tōbias to_say he/she/it/self, father, to_ _do/make all just_as/how_much ⟦ἐντέταλσαί⟧ I/we. **2** but how?/how?! ⟦δυνήσομαι⟧ to_take the/this/who money, and no to_know he/she/it/self? **3** and to_give he/she/it/self the/this/who writen_record, and to_say he/she/it/self, to_seek yourself a_human which ⟦συμπορεύσεταί⟧ you, and to_give he/she/it/self wage until to_live, and to_take to_travel the/this/who money. **4** and to_travel to_seek a_human, and to_ _find/meet ʁafaaʸl, which to_be angel, and no to_perceive; **5** and to_say he/she/it/self, if be_able to_travel with/after you in/on/among ⟦Ῥάγοις⟧ the/this/who Maʸdias, and if ⟦ἔμπειρος⟧ to_be the/this/who place. **6** and to_say he/she/it/self the/this/who angel, to_travel with/after you, and the/this/who road ⟦ἐμπειρῶ⟧, and from_with Gabaaʸl the/this/who brother I/we ⟦ηὐλίσθην⟧. **7** and to_say he/she/it/self Tōbias ⟦ὑπόμεινόν⟧ I/we, and to_say the/this/who father. **8** and to_say he/she/it/self, to_travel, and not ⟦χρονίσῃς⟧; and to_enter, to_say the/this/who father, look! to_find/meet which ⟦συμπορεύσεταί⟧ I/we; the/this/who but/and to_say, to_call he/she/it/self to/with I/we, in_order_

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_that/to to_come_to_know what? tribe he_is, and if faithful of_
_the to_travel with/after you. **9** and to_call he/she/it/self; and
to_enter, and ⟦ἠσπάσαντο⟧ one_another. **10** and to_say
he/she/it/self Tōbit, brother, out_from what? tribe and out_
_from what? family_line to_be you? ⟦ὑπόδειξόν⟧ I/we. **11** and
to_say he/she/it/self, tribe and ⟦πατριὰν⟧ you to_seek?
or/than ⟦μίσθιον⟧, which ⟦συμπορεύσεται⟧ with/after of_the
son you? and to_say he/she/it/self Tōbit, to_plan, brother, to_
_come_to_know the/this/who family you, and the/this/who
name. **12** which but/and to_say, I/we Azarias Hananiou of_the
great, the/this/who brother you. **13** and to_say he/she/it/self,
⟦ὑγιαίνων⟧ ⟦ἔλθοις⟧, brother; and not I/we ⟦ὀργισθῇς⟧,
that/since ⟦ἐζήτησα⟧ the/this/who tribe you, and
the/this/who ⟦πατριάν⟧ you to_come_to_know; and you
⟦τυγχάνεις⟧ brother I/we out_from the/this/who good and
good-doer generation; to_come_to_know for I/we Ananian and
Yōnathan the/this/who son Semei of_the great, which/how to_
_travel ⟦κοινῶς⟧ toward Hierosoluma to_worship,
⟦ἀναφέροντες⟧ the/this/who firstborn, and the/this/who
tenth the/this/who ⟦γενυημάτων⟧, and no to_lead_astray
in/on/among the/this/who error the/this/who brother I/we;
out_from root good to_be, brother. **14** but to_say I/we which?
you to_be wage to_give? drachma the/this/who day, and
the/this/who be_necessary you which/how and the/this/who
son I/we, **15** and still ⟦προσθήσω⟧ you upon/to/against
the/this/who wage, if be_healthy ⟦ἐπιστρέψητε⟧. **16** and to_
_delight thus(-ly); and to_say to/with Tōbian, ready to_be
to/with the/this/who road, and ⟦εὐοδωθείητε⟧; and to_make_
_ready the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who to/with
the/this/who road; and to_say he/she/it/self the/this/who
father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_travel
with/after of_the a_human this/he/she/it, the/this/who
but/and in/on/among the/this/who heaven to_dwell God
⟦εὐοδώσει⟧ the/this/who road you, and the/this/who angel
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συμπορευθήτω⟧ you;
and to_go_out both to_go_away, and the/this/who dog of_the
⟦παιδαρίου⟧ with/after he/she/it/self. **17** to_weep but/and
Anna the/this/who mother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_say to/with
Tōbit, one/which? ⟦ἐξαπέστειλας⟧ the/this/who child I/we?
or/than not the/this/who rod the/this/who hand I/we to_be
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦εἰσπορεύεσθαι⟧ he/she/it/self
and to_depart before I/we? **18** money the/this/who money not
⟦φθάσαι⟧, but scum of_the child I/we to_be. **19** which/how for
to_give I/we to_live from_with of_the lord, this/he/she/it
sufficient I/we to_be. **20** and to_say he/she/it/self Tōbit, not
word to_have/be sister, ⟦ὑγιαίνων⟧ to_come/go, and
the/this/who eye you to_see he/she/it/self. **21** angel for
good-doer ⟦συμπορεύσεται⟧ he/she/it/self, and
⟦εὐοδωθήσεται⟧ the/this/who road
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ὑποστρέψει⟧
⟦ὑγιαίνων⟧. **22** and to_cease to_weep.

6:1 the/this/who but/and to_travel the/this/who road, to_
_come/go evening upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦Τίγριν⟧
river, and ⟦ηὐλίζοντο⟧ there. **2** the/this/who but/and boy to_
_come/go_down ⟦περικλύσασθαι⟧, and ⟦ἀνεπήδησεν⟧ fish
away_from of_the river, and to_plan to_swallow the/this/who

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is, and whether he be a trustworthy man to go with you."

9 So he called him, and he came in, and they saluted one another. **10** And Tovi (Tobit) said to him, "Brother, of what tribe and of what family are you? Tell me."

11 He said to him, "Do you seek a tribe and a family, or a hired man which will go with your son?"

And Tovi said to him, "I want to know, brother, your kindred and your name."

12 And he said, "I'm Azaryah, the son of Hananyah the great, of your kindred."

13 And he said to him, "Welcome, brother. Don't be angry with me, because I tried to get to know your tribe and family. You're my brother, of an honest and good lineage; for I knew Hananyah and Jathan, the sons of Shemayah the great, when we went together to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to worship, and offered the firstborn, and the tenths of our increase; and they didn't go astray in the error of our kindred. My brother, you're of a great stock. **14** But tell me, what wages should I give you? A drachma a day, and whatever else you need, as to my son? **15** And moreover, if you both return safe and sound, I'll add something to your wages."

16 And so they agreed. And he said to Toviyah (Tobias), "Prepare yourself for the journey. May God prosper you." So his son prepared what was needful for the journey, and his father said to him, "Go with this man; but God, who lives in heaven, will prosper your journey. May his messenger go with you."

Then they both departed, and the young man's dog went with them. **17** But Hanah his mother wept, and said to Tovi, "Why have you sent away our child? Isn't he the staff of our hand, in going in and out before us? **18** Don't be greedy to add money to money; but let it be as refuse compared to our child. **19** Because what the master has given us to live is enough for us."

20 Tovi (Tobit) said to her, "Don't worry, my sister. He'll return safe and sound, and your eyes will see him. **21** Because a good messenger will go with him. His journey will be prospered, and he'll return safe and sound."

22 So she stopped weeping.

Toviyah catches a fish

6:1 Now as they went on their journey, they came at evening to the river Hidekel, and they lodged there. **2** But the young man went down to wash himself, and a fish leapt out of the river, and would have swal-

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lowed up the young man. 3 But the messenger said to him, "Grab the fish!"

So the young man grabbed the fish, and hauled it up onto the land.

4 And the messenger said to him, "Cut the fish open, and take the heart, the liver, and the bile, and keep them with you." 5 And the young man did as the messenger commanded him; but they roasted the fish, and ate it. And they both went on their way, till they drew near to Ahmeta.

6 The young man said to the messenger, "Brother Azaryah, of what use is the heart, the liver, and the bile of the fish?"

7 He said to him, "About the heart and the liver: If a demon or an evil spirit troubles anyone, we must burn those and make smoke of them before the man or the woman, and the affliction will flee. 8 But as for the bile, it's good to anoint a man that has white films in his eyes, and he'll be healed."

Refael encourages Toviyah to marry Sarah

9 But when they drew near to Rages, 10 the messenger said to the young man, "Brother, today we'll lodge with Re'uel. He's your kinsman. He has an only daughter named Sarah. I'll speak about her, that she should be given to you for a wife. 11 Because her inheritance belongs to you, and you only are of her kindred. 12 The maid is fair and wise. And now hear me, and I'll speak to her father. When we return from Rages we'll celebrate the marriage; for I know that Re'uel may in no way marry her to another according to Mosheh's (Moses') law, or else he'd be liable to death, because it belongs to you to take the inheritance, rather than any other."

13 Then the young man said to the messenger, "Brother Azaryah, I've heard that this maid has been given to seven men, and that they all perished in the bridal room. 14 Now I'm my father's only son, and I'm afraid that I might go in and die, just like those before me. Because a demon loves her, which harms no man, but those which come to her. Now I fear that I might die, and bring my father's and my mother's life to the grave with sorrow because of me. They have no other son to bury them."

15 But the messenger said to him, "Don't you remember the words which your father commanded you, that you should take a wife of your own kindred? Now hear me, brother; for she'll be your wife. Don't worry about the demon; for this night she'll be given you as wife. 16 And when[13] you come into the bridal room, take the ashes of incense, and put on them some of the heart and liver of the fish, and make smoke with them. 17 The demon will smell it, and flee away, and never come again any more. But when you go near to her, both of you rise up, and cry to God who's merciful. He'll save you, and have mercy on you. Don't be afraid, for she was prepared for you from the beginning; and you'll save her, and she'll go with you. And I suppose that you'll have children with her."

When Toviyah (Tobias) heard these things, he loved her, and

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boy. 3 the/this/who but/and angel to_say he/she/it/self, to_ _catch of_the fish; and to_grasp/seize the/this/who fish the/this/who boy, and ⟦ἀνέβαλεν⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who earth. 4 and to_say he/she/it/self the/this/who angel, ⟦ἀνάτεμε⟧ the/this/who fish, and to_take the/this/who heart and the/this/who the_ _liver and the/this/who gall, ⟦θὲς⟧ securely. 5 and to_do/make the/this/who boy which/how to_say he/she/it/self the/this/who angel; the/this/who but/and fish ⟦ὀπτήσαντες⟧, to_eat; and ⟦ὥδευον⟧ both, until which/whither to_come_near in/on/among ⟦Ἐκβατάνοις⟧. 6 and to_say the/this/who boy the/this/who angel, Azaria brother, one/which? to_be the/this/who heart and the/this/who the_liver and the/this/who gall of_the fish? 7 and to_say he/she/it/self, the/this/who heart and the/this/who the_liver, if one ⟦ὀχλῇ⟧ demon or/than spirit/breath evil/bad, this/he/she/it be_ _necessary ⟦καπνίσαι⟧ before a_human, or/than woman, and never_again ⟦ὀχληθῇ⟧. 8 the/this/who but/and gall, to_rub_on a_human which to_have/be ⟦λευκώματα⟧ in/on/among the/this/who eye, and to_heal. 9 which/how but/and ⟦προσήγγισαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦Ῥάγῃ⟧, 10 to_say the/this/who angel the/this/who ⟦παιδαρίῳ⟧, brother, today ⟦αὐλισθησόμεθα⟧ from_with Reuel, and he/she/it/self kindred you he_is, and to_be he/she/it/self daughter name Saῤῥa; to_ _speak about he/she/it/self, of_the to_give you he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self toward woman, 11 and that/since you to_put_on/seize the/this/who inheritance he/she/it/self, and you alone to_be out_from of_the family he/she/it/self; 12 and the/this/who girl good and ⟦φρόνιμόν⟧ he_is; and now ⟦ἄκουσόν⟧ I/we, and to_speak the/this/who father he/she/it/self, and when(-ever) ⟦ὑποστρέψομεν⟧ out_ _from ⟦Ῥαγῶν⟧, to_do/make the/this/who wedding; because to_know/understand Reuel that/since no not to_give he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self man other according_to the/this/who law Mōusaʸ, or/than ⟦ὀφειλήσει⟧ death, that/since the/this/who inheritance you ⟦καθήκει⟧ to_take, or/than all a_human. 13 then to_say the/this/who boy the/this/who angel, Azaria brother, ⟦ἀκήκοα⟧ I/we the/this/who girl ⟦δεδόσθαι⟧ seven man, and all in/on/among the/this/who ⟦νυμφῶνι⟧ ⟦ἀπολωλότας⟧; 14 and now I/we alone to_be the/this/who father, and to_fear not to_enter ⟦ἀποθάνω⟧ as/just_as and the/this/who ⟦πρότεροι⟧, that/since demon to_love he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, the/this/who/which no ⟦ἀδικεῖ⟧ none but/however the/this/who ⟦προσαγόντων⟧ he/she/it/self; and now I/we to_ _fear not ⟦ἀποθάνω⟧, and ⟦κατάξω⟧ the/this/who life of_the father I/we and the/this/who mother I/we with/after ⟦ὀδύνης⟧ upon/to/against I/we/my toward the/this/who grave he/she/it/self, and son other no to_be he/she/it/self which ⟦θάψει⟧ he/she/it/self. 15 to_say but/and he/she/it/self the/this/who angel, no ⟦μέμνησαι⟧ the/this/who word which to_order you the/this/who father you, above/for of_the to_ _take you woman out_from of_the family you? and now ⟦ἄκουσόν⟧ I/we, brother, because you to_be toward woman, and of_the demon nothing word to_have/be, that/since

13 **RV 6:16 · Note** Grk. if.

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the/this/who night this/he/she/it to_give you this/he/she/it toward woman. **16** and if to_enter toward the/this/who ⟦νυμφῶνα⟧, ⟦λήψῃ⟧ ⟦τέφραν⟧ incense, **17** and ⟦καπνίσεις⟧, and ⟦ὀσφρανθήσεται⟧ the/this/who demon, and to_flee, and no ⟦ἐπανελεύσεται⟧ toward the/this/who an_age of_the an_age. when(-ever) but/and ⟦προσπορεύῃ⟧ he/she/it/self, to_arise both, and ⟦βοήσατε⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦ἐλεήμονα⟧ God, and to_save you, and ⟦ἐλεήσει⟧; not to_fear, that/since you/your this/he/she/it ⟦ἡτοιμασμένη⟧ to_be away_from of_ _the an_age, and you he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self to_ _save, and to_travel with/after you, and to_take_up/suppose that/since you/your to_be out_from he/she/it/self child; and which/how to_hear Tōbias this/he/she/it, ⟦ἐφίλησεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_join very he/she/it/self; and to_come/go toward Ekbatana.

7:1 and to_come toward the/this/who home Reuel; and Saῤῥa but/and to_go_meet he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐχαιρέτισεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and he/she/it/self he/she/it/self; and to_ _bring_in he/she/it/self toward the/this/who home. **2** and to_ _say Reuel a_dowry the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which/how like the/this/who young_man Tōbit the/this/who ⟦ἀνεψιῷ⟧ I/we? **3** and to_ask he/she/it/self Reuel, whence/how to_be, brother? and to_say he/she/it/self, out_from the/this/who son Nefthali the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλώτων⟧ in/on/among Nineua^{y}. **4** and to_ _say he/she/it/self, to_know Tōbit the/this/who brother I/we? **5** the/this/who but/and to_say, and to_live, and ⟦ὑγιαίνει⟧; and to_say Tōbias, father I/we he_is. **6** and ⟦ἀνεπήδησε⟧ Reuel, and to_kiss he/she/it/self, and to_weep, **7** and to_praise/bless he/she/it/self, and to_say he/she/it/self, the/this/who of_the good and good-doer a_human son; and to_hear that/since Tōbit to_destroy the/this/who eye my/your/him-self, to_ _grieve and to_weep. **8** and a_dowry the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and Saῤῥa the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἔκλαυσαν⟧, and ⟦ὑπεδέξαντο⟧ he/she/it/self eagerly; and ⟦ἔθυσαν⟧ ⟦κριὸν⟧ sheep, and to_set_before ⟦ὄψα⟧ greater; to_say but/and Tōbias the/this/who Ῥafaa^{y}l, Azaria brother, ⟦λάλησον⟧ above/for which ⟦ἔλεγες⟧ in/on/among the/this/who journey, and ⟦τελεσθήτω⟧ the/this/who thing. **9** and ⟦μετέδωκε⟧ the/this/who word the/this/who Reuel; **10** and to_say Reuel to/with Tōbian, to_eat, to_drink, and gladly to_be, you/your for ⟦καθήκει⟧ the/this/who child I/we to_take; but/however to_show you the/this/who truth. **11** to_give the/this/who child I/we seven man, and when(-ever) if ⟦εἰσεπορεύοντο⟧ to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, ⟦ἀπέθνησκον⟧ by/under the/this/who night; but the/this/who now to_have/be. gladly to_be; and to_say Tōbias, no ⟦γεύομαι⟧ none here, until if to_ _stand and to_stand to/with I/we. **12** and to_say Reuel, ⟦κομίζου⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self away_from of_the now according_to the/this/who judgement; you but/and brother to_be he/she/it/self, and he/she/it/self you to_be; the/this/who but/and merciful God ⟦εὐοδώσει⟧ you the/this/who ⟦κάλλιστα⟧. **13** and to_call Saῤῥan the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_take the/this/who hand he/she/it/self, to_deliver

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his soul was strongly joined to her.

Toviyah marries Sarah

7:1 They came to Ahmeta, and arrived at Re'uel's house. But Sarah met them; and she greeted them, and they her. Then she brought them into the house. **2** Re'uel said to Edna his wife, "This young man really resembles Tovi (Tobit) my cousin!" **3** And Re'uel asked them, "Where are you two from, kindred?"

They said to him, "We're of the sons of Naftali (Naphtali), who are captives in Nineveh."

4 He said to them, "Do you know Tovi our brother?"

They said, "We know him."

Then he said to them, "Is he in good health?"

5 They said, "He's both alive, and in good health." Toviyah (Tobias) said, "He's my father."

6 And Re'uel sprang up, and kissed him, wept, **7** blessed him, and said to him, "You're the son of an honest and good man." When he'd heard that Tovi had lost his sight, he was grieved, and wept; **8** and Edna his wife and Sarah his daughter wept. They received them gladly; and they killed a ram of the flock, and served them meat.

But Toviyah said to Refael (Raphael), "Brother Azaryah, speak of those things of which you talked about in the way, and let the matter be finished."

9 So he communicated the thing to Re'uel. Re'uel said to Toviyah, "Eat, drink, and make merry: **10** for it belongs to you to take my child. However I'll tell you the truth. **11** I've given my child to seven men of our relatives, and whenever they came in to her, they died in the night. But for the present be merry."

And Toviyah said, "I won't eat anything here, until you all make an agreement and enter into that covenant with me."

12 Re'uel said, "Take her to yourself from now on according to custom. You're her relative, and she's yours. The merciful God will give all good success to you." **13** And he called his daughter Sarah, and took her by the hand, and gave her to be wife of Toviyah, and said, "Listen, take her to yourself after Mosheh's (Moses') law, and lead her away to your father." And he blessed them. **14** He called Edna his wife, then took a book, wrote a contract, and sealed it. **15** Then they began to eat.

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16 And Re'uel called his wife Edna, and said to her, "Sister, prepare the other chamber, and bring her in there." 17 She did as he asked her, and brought her in there. She wept, and she received the tears of her daughter, and said to her, 18 "Be comforted, my child. May the master of heaven and earth give you favour[14] for this your sorrow. Be comforted, my daughter."

Sarah is freed from the demon

8:1 When they'd finished their supper, they brought Toviyah in to her. 2 But as he went, he remembered Refael's (Raphael's) words, and took the ashes of the incense, and put the heart and the liver of the fish on them, and made smoke with them. 3 When the demon smelled that smell, it fled into the uppermost parts of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and the messenger bound him. 4 But after they were both shut in together, Toviyah rose up from the bed, and said, "Sister, arise, and let's pray that the master may have mercy on us." 5 And Toviyah began to say, "Blessed are you, Oh God of our fathers, and blessed is your holy and glorious name forever. Let the heavens bless you, and all your creatures. 6 You made Adam, and gave him Havah (Eve) his wife for a helper and support. From them came the seed of men. You said, it isn't good that the man should be alone. Let's make him a helper like him. 7 And now, Oh master, I take not this my sister for lust, but in truth. Command that I may find mercy and grow old with her."

8 She said with him, "Amen." And they both slept that night.

Re'uel celebrates Toviyah's survival

9 Re'uel arose, and went and dug a grave, 10 saying, "In case he should also die." 11 And Re'uel came into his house, 12 and said to Edna his wife, "Send one of the female servants, and let them see if he's alive. If not, we'll bury him, and no man will know it."

13 So the maidservant opened the door, and went in, and found them both sleeping, 14 and came out, and told them that he was alive.

15 Then Re'uel blessed God, saying, "Blessed are you, Oh God, with all pure and holy blessing! Let your saints bless you, and all your creatures! Let all your messengers and your elect bless you forever! 16 Blessed are you, because you've made me glad; and it hasn't happened to me as I suspected; but you have dealt with us according to your great mercy. 17 Blessed are you, because you've had mercy on two that were the only begotten children

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self Tōbia woman, and to_say, look! according_to the/this/who law Mōuseōs ⟦κομίζου⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦ἄπαγε⟧ to/with the/this/who father you; and to_praise/bless he/she/it/self. 14 and to_call Ednan the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_take scroll, to_ _write ⟦συγγραφὴν⟧, and ⟦ἐσφραγίσατο⟧. 15 and be_first to_eat. 16 and to_call Reuel Ednan the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_say he/she/it/self, sister to_make_ready the/this/who other inner_room, and to_bring_in he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 17 and to_do/make which/how to_say; and to_bring_in he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self there, and to_weep; and to_ _receive the/this/who ⟦δάκρυα⟧ the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self, and to_say he/she/it/self, 18 take_heart child, the/this/who lord of_the heaven and the/this/who earth to_ _give you because_of/grace for the/this/who grief you this/he/she/it, take_heart daughter.

8:1 when but/and ⟦συνετέλεσαν⟧ ⟦δειπνοῦντες⟧, to_bring_in Tōbian to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 2 the/this/who but/and to_travel to_remember the/this/who word ʁafaaʸl, and to_take the/this/who ⟦τέφραν⟧ the/this/who incense, and to_put/lay_on the/this/who heart of_the fish and the/this/who the_liver, and ⟦ἐκάπνισεν⟧. 3 when but/and ⟦ὠσφράνθη⟧ the/this/who demon the/this/who aroma, to_flee toward the/this/who ⟦ἀνώτατα⟧ Aiguptou, and to_bind he/she/it/self the/this/who angel. 4 which/how but/and ⟦συνεκλείσθησαν⟧ both, to_arise Tōbias away_from the/this/who bed, and to_say, to_arise sister, and to_pray in_order_that/to to_have_mercy I/we the/this/who lord. 5 and be_first Tōbias to_speak, praiseworthy to_be the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we, and ⟦εὐλογητὸν⟧ the/this/who name you the/this/who holy and honoured toward the/this/who an_age; ⟦εὐλογησάτωσάν⟧ you the/this/who heaven, and all the/this/who/which ⟦κτίσεις⟧ you. 6 you to_do/make Adam, and to_give he/she/it/self ⟦βοηθὸν⟧ Euan a_reliance the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; out_from this/he/she/it to_be the/this/who a_human seed; you to_say, no good to_be the/this/who a_human alone/only, to_do/make he/she/it/self ⟦βοηθὸν⟧ like he/she/it/self. 7 and now, lord, no through/because_of sexual_sin I/we to_take the/this/who sister I/we this/he/she/it, but upon/to/against truth ⟦ἐπίταξον⟧ to_have_mercy I/we, and he/she/it/self ⟦συγκαταγηρᾶσαι⟧. 8 and to_say with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, amen. 9 and to_sleep both the/this/who night; and to_arise Reuel to_travel, and to_ _dig grave, 10 to_speak, not and this/he/she/it to_die? 11 and to_come/go Reuel toward the/this/who home my/your/him-self, 12 and to_say a_dowry the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_send one the/this/who maidservant, and ⟦ἰδέτωσαν⟧ if to_live; if but/and not, in_order_that/to ⟦θάψωμεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and nothing to_know. 13 and to_enter the/this/who maidservant ⟦ἀνοίξασα⟧ the/this/who door, and to_find/meet

14 **RV 7:18 · Note** Many ancient authorities read joy.

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the/this/who two to_sleep, **14** and to_go_out to_announce he/she/it/self, that/since to_live. **15** and to_praise/bless Reuel the/this/who God, to_speak, praiseworthy to_be you the/this/who God in/on/among all praise clean and holy; and ⟦εὐλογείτωσάν⟧ you the/this/who holy you, and all the/this/who/which ⟦κτίσεις⟧ you, and all the/this/who angel you, and the/this/who select you; ⟦εὐλογείτωσάν⟧ you toward the/this/who an_age. **16** praiseworthy to_be, that/since ⟦ηὔφρανάς⟧ I/we, and no to_be I/we as/just_as to_suppose, but according_to the/this/who much mercy you to_do/make with/after I/we. **17** praiseworthy to_be, that/since ⟦ἠλέησας⟧ two ⟦μονογενεῖς⟧; to_do/make he/she/it/self, master, mercy, ⟦συντέλεσον⟧ the/this/who life he/she/it/self in/on/among health with/after joy and mercy. **18** to_order but/and the/this/who ⟦οἰκέταις⟧ ⟦χῶσαι⟧ the/this/who grave. **19** and to_do/make he/she/it/self wedding day fourteen. **20** and to_ _say he/she/it/self Reuel, ⟦πρινὴ⟧ ⟦συντελεσθῆναι⟧ the/this/who day of_the wedding, ⟦ἐνόρκως⟧, not to_go_out he/she/it/self if not to_fulfill the/this/who/which fourteen day of_the wedding, **21** and then to_take the/this/who half the/this/who to_be he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_travel with/after ⟦ὑγείας⟧ to/with the/this/who father, and the/this/who remaining when(-ever) ⟦ἀποθάνω⟧, and the/this/who woman I/we.

9:1 and to_call Tōbias the/this/who ʁafaaʸl, and to_say he/she/it/self, **2** Azaria brother, to_take with/after yourself child and two ⟦καμήλους⟧, and to_travel in/on/among ⟦Ῥάγοις⟧ the/this/who Maʸdias from_with Gabaaʸl, and ⟦κόμισαί⟧ I/we the/this/who money, and he/she/it/self to_ _bring I/we toward the/this/who wedding, **3** because ⟦ὁμώμοκε⟧ Reuel, not to_go_out I/we. **4** and the/this/who father I/we ⟦ἀριθμεῖ⟧ the/this/who day, and if ⟦χρονίσω⟧ great, ⟦ὀδυνηθήσεται⟧ greatly. **5** and to_travel ʁafaaʸl, and to_ _spend_the_night from_with Gabaaʸl, and to_give he/she/it/self the/this/who writen_record; which but/and ⟦προήνεγκε⟧ the/this/who ⟦θυλάκια⟧ in/on/among the/this/who seal, and to_give he/she/it/self. **6** and ⟦ὤρθρευσαν⟧ ⟦κοινῶς⟧, and to_come/go toward the/this/who wedding; and to_praise/bless Tōbias the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

10:1 and Tōbit the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐλογίσατο⟧ ⟦ἑκάστης⟧ day; and which/how ⟦ἐπληρώθησαν⟧ the/this/who/which day the/this/who ⟦πορείας⟧, and no to_ _come/go, **2** to_say lest ⟦κατῄσχυνται⟧? or/than lest to_die Gabaaʸl, and none he/she/it/self to_give the/this/who money? **3** and ⟦ἐλυπεῖτο⟧ greatly. **4** to_say but/and he/she/it/self the/this/who woman, to_destroy the/this/who child, because ⟦κεχρόνικε⟧; and be_first ⟦θρηνεῖν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_say, **5** no to_concern I/we, child, that/since to_release you the/this/who light the/this/who eye I/we. **6** and Tōbit to_ _speak he/she/it/self, quiet, not word to_have/be, ⟦ὑγιαίνει⟧. **7** and to_say he/she/it/self, quiet, not to_lead_astray I/we, to_ _destroy the/this/who child I/we; and to_travel according_to

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of their parents. Show them mercy, Oh master. Fulfil their life in health with gladness and mercy.

18 He commanded his servants to fill the grave. **19** He kept the wedding feast for them fourteen days. **20** Before the days of the wedding feast were finished, Re'uel sware to him, that he shouldn't depart till the fourteen days of the wedding feast were fulfilled; **21** and that then he should take half of his goods, and go in safety to his father; and the rest, he said, when my wife and I die.

Refael collects Tovi's money

9:1 And Toviyah (Tobias) called Refael (Raphael), and said to him, **2** "Brother Azaryah, take with you a servant and two camels, and go to Rages of Maday (Media) to Gabael, and receive the money for me, and bring him to the wedding feast, **3** because Re'uel has sworn that I mustn't depart. **4** My father counts the days; and if I wait long, he'll be very grieved. **5** So Refael went on his way, and lodged with Gabael, and gave him the handwriting; so he brought forth the bags with their seals, and gave them to him. **6** Then they rose up early in the morning together, and came to the wedding feast. Toviyah blessed his wife.

Toviyah's parents worry about him

10:1 Tovi (Tobit) his father counted every day. When the days of the journey were expired, and they didn't come, **2** he said, "Could he have been delayed?[15] Or could Gabael have died, and there's no one to give him the money?" **3** He was very grieved.

4 But his wife said to him, "The child has perished, seeing he waits long." She began to bewail him, and said, **5** "I care about nothing,[16] my child, since I've let you go, the light of my eyes." **6** Tovi said to her, "Relax and stay calm. Don't worry. He's in good health."

7 And she said to him, "Relax and stay calm! Don't deceive me. My child has perished." And she went out every day into the way

15 **RV 10:2 · Note** Many ancient authorities read "Are they perchance put to shame?"

16 **RV 10:5 · Note** Some authorities read "Woe is me."

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by which they went, and ate no bread in the day-time, and didn't stop bewailing her son Toviyah (Tobias) for whole nights, until the fourteen days of the wedding feast were expired, which Re'uel had sworn that he should spend there.

Then Toviyah said to Re'uel, "Send me away, for my father and my mother look no more to see me." 8 But his father-in-law said to him, "Stay with me, and I'll send to your father, and they'll declare to him how things go with you." 9 Toviyah said, "No. Send me away to my father."

Toviyah and Sarah leave for Nineveh

10 Re'uel arose, and gave him Sarah his wife, and half his goods, servants and cattle and money; 11 and he blessed them, and sent them away, saying, "The god of heaven will prosper you, my children, before I die." 12 And he said to his daughter, "Honour your father-in-law and your mother-in-law. They're now your parents. Let me hear a good report of you." Then he kissed her.

Edna said to Toviyah, "May the master of heaven restore you, dear brother, and grant to me that I may see your children of my daughter Sarah, that I may rejoice before the master. Listen, I commit my daughter to you in special trust. Don't cause her grief.

Toviyah returns home

11:1 After these things Toviyah also went his way, blessing God because he'd prospered his journey; and he blessed Re'uel and his wife Edna. Then he went on his way until they drew near to Nineveh. 2 Refael (Raphael) said to Toviyah, "Don't you know, brother, how you left your father? 3 Let's run forward before your wife, and prepare the house. 4 But bring the fish's gallbladder with you." So they went their way, and the dog went after them.

5 Hanah sat looking around towards the path for her son. 6 She saw him coming, and said to his father, "Listen, your son is coming with the man that went with him!"

7 Refael said, "I know, Toviyah, that your father will open his eyes. 8 Therefore anoint his eyes with the bile, and being pricked with it, he'll rub, and will make the white films fall away. Then he'll see you."

9 Hanah ran to him, and fell onto the neck of her son, and said to him, "I've seen you, my child! I'm ready to die." They both wept.

Tovi regains his sight

10 Tovi (Tobit) went towards the door and stumbled; but his son ran to him, 11 and took hold of his father. He rubbed the bile on his father's eyes, saying, "Cheer up, my father." 12 When his eyes began to hurt, he rubbed them. 13 Then the white films peeled away from the corners of his

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day toward the/this/who road out/outside(r), ⟦οἴας⟧ to_go_ _away; day and/both bread no ⟦ἤσθιε⟧, the/this/who but/and night no ⟦διελίμπανε⟧ ⟦θρηνοῦσα⟧ Tōbian the/this/who son he/she/it/self, until which/whither ⟦συνετελέσθησαν⟧ the/this/who/which fourteen day of_the wedding, which to_ _swear Reuel to_do/make he/she/it/self there; 8 to_say but/and Tōbias the/this/who Reuel, ⟦ἐξαπόστειλόν⟧ I/we, that/since the/this/who father I/we and the/this/who mother I/we not_any_more ⟦ἐλπίζουσιν⟧ ⟦ὄψεσθαί⟧ I/we. 9 to_say but/and he/she/it/self the/this/who father-in-law, to_stay from_with I/we/my, I/we/and_I to_send_out/away to/with the/this/who father you, and ⟦δηλώσουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who according_to you. 10 and Tōbias to_speak, ⟦ἐξαπόστειλόν⟧ I/we to/with the/this/who father I/we. 11 to_ _arise but/and Reuel, to_give he/she/it/self Saῤῥan the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who half the/this/who to_be, body and animal and money, 12 and to_praise/bless he/she/it/self to_send_ _out/away, to_speak, ⟦εὐοδώσει⟧ you child the/this/who God of_the heaven before of_the I/we to_die. 13 and to_say the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_honour the/this/who ⟦πενθερούς⟧ you, he/she/it/self now parent you to_be, ⟦ἀκούσαιμί⟧ you hearing good; and ⟦ἐφίλησεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; and a_dowry to_say to/with Tōbian, brother beloved, ⟦ἀποκαταστήσαι⟧ you the/this/who lord of_the heaven, and to_give I/we to_perceive you child out_ _from Saῤῥas the/this/who daughter I/we, in_order_that/to to_ _celebrate before of_the lord; and look! to_set_before you the/this/who daughter I/we in/on/among deposit, and not ⟦λυπήσῃς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self.

11:1 with/after this/he/she/it to_travel and Tōbias to_ _praise/bless the/this/who God, that/since ⟦εὐώδωσε⟧ the/this/who road he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_bless Reuel, and Ednan the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_travel until which/whither to_come_near he/she/it/self toward Nineuaʸ. 2 and to_say ʁafaaʸl to/with Tōbian, no to_know, brother, how?/how?! to_release the/this/who father you? 3 ⟦Προδράμωμεν⟧ before the/this/who woman you, and to_ _make_ready the/this/who home; 4 to_take but/and from_with hand the/this/who gall of_the fish; and to_travel, and to_ _assemble the/this/who dog after he/she/it/self. 5 and Anna to_sit ⟦περιβλεπομένη⟧ toward the/this/who road the/this/who child he/she/it/self. 6 and ⟦προσενόησεν⟧ he/she/it/self to_come/go, and to_say the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, look! the/this/who son I/we to_come/go, and the/this/who a_human the/this/who to_travel with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 7 and ʁafaaʸl to_say, to_know/understand I/we, that/since opening the/this/who eye the/this/who father you. 8 you ⟦ἔγχρισον⟧ the/this/who gall toward the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦δηχθεὶς⟧ ⟦διατρίψει⟧, and ⟦ἀποβαλεῖται⟧ the/this/who ⟦λευκώματα⟧, and to_see you. 9 and ⟦προσδραμοῦσα⟧ Anna to_fall/press_ _upon upon/to/against the/this/who neck of_the son

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he/she/it/self, and to_say he/she/it/self, to_perceive you child, away_from of_the now ⟦ἀποθανοῦμαι⟧; and ⟦ἔκλαυσαν⟧ both. **10** and Tōbit to_go_out to/with the/this/who door, and ⟦προσέκοπτεν⟧; the/this/who but/and son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦προσέδραμεν⟧ he/she/it/self, **11** and to_catch of_the father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦προσέπασε⟧ the/this/who gall upon/to/against the/this/who eye of_the father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_speak, take_ _heart father. **12** which/how but/and ⟦συνεδήχθησαν⟧, ⟦διέτριψε⟧ the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **13** and ⟦ἐλεπίσθη⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦κάνθων⟧ the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦λευκώματα⟧; and to_perceive the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_fall/press_upon upon/to/against the/this/who neck he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **14** and to_weep, and to_say, praiseworthy to_be the/this/who God, and ⟦εὐλογητὸν⟧ the/this/who name you toward the/this/who an_age, and to_ _praise/bless all the/this/who holy you angel, **15** that/since ⟦ἐμαστίγωσας⟧ and ⟦ἠλέησάς⟧ I/we; look! to_see Tōbian the/this/who son I/we; and to_enter the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_rejoice, and to_ _announce the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who mighty the/this/who to_be he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who Maʸdia. **16** and to_go_out Tōbit toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ the/this/who bride he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_rejoice and to_praise/bless the/this/who God to/with the/this/who gate Nineuaʸ; and to_marvel the/this/who to_ _see/experience he/she/it/self to_travel, that/since ⟦ἔβλεψε⟧. **17** and Tōbit ⟦ἐξωμολογεῖτο⟧ before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that/since to_have_ _mercy he/she/it/self the/this/who God; and which/how to_ _come_near Tōbit Saῤῥa the/this/who bride he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦κατευλόγησεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, to_speak, ⟦Ἔλθοις⟧ ⟦ὑγιαίνουσα⟧ daughter; praiseworthy the/this/who God, which to_bring you to/with I/we, and the/this/who father you and the/this/who mother you; and to_be joy all the/this/who in/on/among Nineuaʸ brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **18** and to_come Aḳiaḳaros, and Nasbas the/this/who nephew he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **19** and to_bring the/this/who wedding Tōbia with/after joy day seven.

12:1 and to_call Tōbit Tōbian the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_say he/she/it/self; to_see, child, wage the/this/who a_human the/this/who ⟦συνελθόντι⟧ you; and to_add_(to) he/she/it/self be_necessary. **2** and to_say, father, no ⟦βλάπτομαι⟧ to_give he/she/it/self the/this/who half which ⟦ἐνήνοχα⟧, **3** that/since I/we ⟦ἀγήοχέ⟧ you healthy, and the/this/who woman I/we to_serve/heal, and the/this/who money I/we to_ _bear/lead, and you similarly to_serve/heal. **4** and to_say the/this/who old_man, to_justify he/she/it/self. **5** and to_call the/this/who angel, and to_say he/she/it/self, to_take the/this/who half all which ⟦ἐνηνόχατε⟧, and to_go

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eyes; and he saw his son, and fell onto his neck.

14 He wept, and said, "Blessed are you, Oh God, and blessed is your name forever! Blessed are all your holy messengers! **15** Because you scourged, and had mercy on me. Listen, I see my son Toviyah (Tobias)." And his son went in rejoicing, and told his father the great things that'd happened to him in Maday (Media).

16 Tovi went out to meet his daughter-in-law at Nineveh's gate, rejoicing and blessing God. Those who saw him go marvelled, because he'd received his sight. **17** Tovi gave thanks before them, because God had shown mercy on him. When Tovi came near to Sarah his daughter-in-law, he blessed her, saying, "Welcome, daughter! Blessed is God who's brought you to us, and blessed are your father and your mother." And there was joy among all his kindred who were at Nineveh. **18** Ahikar and Nasbas his brother's son came. **19** Toviyah' wedding feast was kept seven days with great gladness.

Refael reveals who he is

12:1 And Tovi called his son Toviyah, and said to him, "See, my child, that the man which went with you have his wages, and you must give him more."

2 And he said to him, "Father, it's no harm to me to give him the half of those things which I've brought; **3** for he's led me for you in safety, and he cured my wife, and brought my money, and likewise cured you."

4 The old man said, "It's due to him."

5 And he called the messenger, and said to him, "Take half of

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all that you've brought."

6 Then he called them both privately, and said to them, "Bless God, and give him thanks, and magnify him, and give him thanks in the sight of all that live, for the things which he's done with you. It's good to bless God and exalt his name, showing forth with honour God's works. Don't be slack to give him thanks. **7** It's good to conceal a king's secret, but to reveal gloriously God's works. Do good, and evil won't find you. **8** Good is prayer with fasting, giving to the poor, and righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than much with unrighteousness. It's better to give to the poor than to lay up gold. **9** Giving to the poor delivers from death, and it purges away all sin. Those who give to the poor and do righteousness will be filled with life; **10** but those who sin are enemies to their own life. **11** Surely I'll conceal nothing from you. I've said, 'It's good to conceal a king's secret, but to reveal gloriously God's works.' **12** And now, when you prayed, and Sarah your daughter-in-law, I brought the memorial of your prayer before the Holy One. When you buried the dead, I was with you likewise. **13** And when you didn't delay to rise up, and leave your dinner, that you might go and cover the dead, your good deed wasn't hidden from me. I was with you. **14** And now God sent me to heal you and Sarah your daughter-in-law. **15** I'm Refael (Raphael), one of the seven holy messengers which present the prayers of the saints and go in before the glory of the Holy One."

16 And they were both troubled, and fell onto their faces; for they were afraid. **17** And he said to them, "Don't be afraid. You'll all have peace; but bless God forever. **18** Because I came not of any favour of my own, but by your god's will. Therefore bless him forever. **19** All these days I appeared to you. I didn't eat or drink, but you all saw a vision. **20** Now give God thanks, because I ascend to him who sent me. Write in a book all the things which have been done." **21** Then they rose up, and saw him no more. **22** They confessed the great and wonderful works of God, and how the master's messenger had appeared to them.

Tovi praises God

13:1 And Tovi (Tobit) wrote a prayer for rejoicing, and said,

"Blessed is God who lives forever!
Blessed is his kingdom!

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⟦ὑγιαίνων⟧. **6** then to_call the/this/who two ⟦κρυπτῶς⟧, to_say he/she/it/self, to_praise/bless the/this/who God, and he/she/it/self to_agree, and ⟦μεγαλωσύνην⟧ to_give he/she/it/self, and to_agree he/she/it/self before all the/this/who to_live about which to_do/make with/after you; good-doer the/this/who to_praise/bless the/this/who God, and ⟦ὑψοῦν⟧ the/this/who name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who word the/this/who work of_the God highly_valued ⟦ὑποδεικνύοντες⟧; and not ⟦ὀκνεῖτε⟧ ⟦ἐξομολογεῖσθαι⟧ he/she/it/self. **7** mystery king good ⟦κρύψαι⟧, the/this/who but/and work of_the God ⟦ἀνακαλύπτειν⟧ gloriously; good-doer to_do/make, and evil/harm no to_find/meet you. **8** good-doer prayer with/after ⟦νηστείας⟧ and ⟦ἐλεημοσύνης⟧ and righteousness; good-doer the/this/who little/few with/after righteousness, or/than much with/after unrighteousness; good to_do/make charity or/than ⟦θησαυρίσαι⟧ gold. **9** charity for out_from death ⟦ῥύεται⟧, and this/he/she/it ⟦ἀποκαθαριεῖ⟧ all sin; the/this/who to_ _do/make charity and ⟦δικαιοσύνας⟧ ⟦πλησθήσονται⟧ life. **10** the/this/who but/and to_sin ⟦πολέμιοί⟧ to_be the/this/who my/your/him-self life. **11** no not ⟦κρύψω⟧ away_from you all declaration; to_say so, mystery king ⟦κρύψαι⟧ good, the/this/who but/and work of_the God ⟦ἀνακαλύπτειν⟧ gloriously. **12** and now when ⟦προσηύξω⟧ you and the/this/who bride you Saῤῥa, I/we ⟦προσήγαγον⟧ the/this/who memorial the/this/who prayer you before of_the holy; and when ⟦ἔθαπτες⟧ the/this/who dead, likewise ⟦συμπαρήγμην⟧ you. **13** and when no ⟦ὤκνησας⟧ to_arise and ⟦καταλιπεῖν⟧ the/this/who early_meal you, that to_go_away ⟦περιστείλῃς⟧ the/this/who dead, no ⟦ἔλαθές⟧ I/we doing_ _good/to_do_good, but with you/your to_be. **14** and now to_ _send I/we the/this/who God to_heal you and the/this/who bride you Saῤῥan. **15** I/we to_be ʁafaaʸl, one out_from the/this/who seven holy angel the/this/who/which ⟦προσαναφέρουσι⟧ the/this/who prayer the/this/who holy, and to_enter before the/this/who glory of_the holy. **16** and to_ _trouble the/this/who two, and to_collapse upon/to/against face, that/since to_fear. **17** and to_say he/she/it/self, not to_ _fear, peace you to_be; the/this/who but/and God to_ _praise/bless toward the/this/who an_age, **18** that/since no the/this/who myself grace, but the/this/who ⟦θελήσει⟧ of_the God I/we to_come/go, whence to_praise/bless he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **19** all the/this/who day ⟦ὠπτανόμην⟧ you, and no to_eat and_not to_drink, but ⟦ὅρασιν⟧ you ⟦ἐθεωρεῖτε⟧. **20** and now to_agree the/this/who God, because to_ascend to/with the/this/who to_send I/we, and ⟦γράψατε⟧ all the/this/who ⟦συντελεσθέντα⟧ toward scroll. **21** and to_arise, and no still to_perceive he/she/it/self. **22** and ⟦ἐξωμολογοῦντο⟧ the/this/who work the/this/who great and marvellous he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which/how to_see he/she/it/self the/this/who angel lord.

13:1 and Tōbit to_write prayer toward ⟦ἀγαλλίασιν⟧, and to_ _say, praiseworthy the/this/who God the/this/who to_live toward the/this/who an_age, and the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **2** that/since he/she/it/self to_whip and to_have_mercy, ⟦κατάγει⟧ toward

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Hades and ⟦ἀνάγει⟧, and no to_be which ⟦ἐκφεύξεται⟧
the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
3 to_agree he/she/it/self the/this/who son Israaʸl before
the/this/who Gentile_nation, that/since he/she/it/self
⟦διέσπειρεν⟧ I/we in/on/among he/she/it/self. **4** there
⟦ὑποδείξατε⟧ the/this/who ⟦μεγαλωσύνην⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ὑψοῦτε⟧
he/she/it/self before all to_live, as/just_as he/she/it/self lord
I/we, and God he/she/it/self father I/we toward all
the/this/who an_age. **5** and ⟦μαστιγώσει⟧ I/we in/on/among
the/this/who unrighteousness I/we, and again ⟦ἐλεήσει⟧, and
to_assemble I/we out_from all the/this/who Gentile_nation,
which/whither if to_scatter in/on/among he/she/it/self. **6** if
⟦ἐπιστρέψητε⟧ to/with he/she/it/self in/on/among all
the/this/who heart you, and in/on/among all the/this/who
soul you, to_do/make before
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there truth, then to_turn
to/with you, and no not ⟦κρύψει⟧ the/this/who face
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from you; and
to_look_at which to_do/make with/after you, and
⟦ἐξομολογήσασθε⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among all
the/this/who mouth you, and ⟦εὐλογήσατε⟧ the/this/who lord
the/this/who righteousness, and ⟦ὑψώσατε⟧ the/this/who
king the/this/who an_age; I/we in/on/among the/this/who
earth the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ I/we to_agree
he/she/it/self, and to_show the/this/who strength and
the/this/who ⟦μεγαλωσύνην⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Gentile_nation sinful;
to_turn sinful, and to_do/make righteousness before
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; one/which? to_know
if ⟦θελήσει⟧ you, and to_do/make charity you? **7** the/this/who
God I/we ⟦ὑψῶ⟧, and the/this/who ⟦φυχή⟧ I/we the/this/who
king of_the heaven, and ⟦ἀγαλλιάσεται⟧ the/this/who
⟦μεγαλωσύνην⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
7a ⟦Λεγέτωσαν⟧ all, and ⟦ἐξομολογείσθωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self
in/on/among Hierosolumois. **7b** Hierosoluma city holy,
⟦μαστιγώσει⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who work
the/this/who son you, and again ⟦ἐλεήσει⟧ the/this/who son
the/this/who just. **7c** ⟦Ἐξομολογοῦ⟧ the/this/who lord fine,
and ⟦εὐλόγει⟧ the/this/who king the/this/who an_age, in_
_order_that/to again the/this/who tent
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_build in/on/among
you/your with/after joy; and ⟦εὐφράναι⟧ in/on/among
you/your the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλώτους⟧, and ⟦ἀγαπήσαι⟧
in/on/among you/your the/this/who ⟦ταλαιπώρους⟧, toward
all the/this/who generation of_the an_age. **11** Gentile_nation
much from_afar to_come/be_present to/with the/this/who
name lord of_the God, gift in/on/among hand to_have/be, and
gift the/this/who king of_the heaven; generation generation
to_give you a_leap_for_joy. **12** ⟦Ἐπικατάρατοι⟧ all the/this/who
to_hate you, to_praise/bless to_be all the/this/who
⟦ἀγαπῶντές⟧ you toward the/this/who an_age. **13** ⟦Χάρηθι⟧
and ⟦ἀγαλλίασαι⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who son
the/this/who just, that/since to_assemble and ⟦εὐλογήσουσι⟧
the/this/who lord the/this/who just. **14** Omega/oh!/to_be

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2 Because he scourges, and shows mercy.
He leads down to the grave,[17] and brings up again.
There's no one who'll escape his hand.
3 Give thanks to him before the Gentiles, all you Israeli people (Israel)!
Because he's scattered us among them.
4 Declare his greatness, there.
Extol him before all the living,
because he's our master,
and God is our Father forever.
5 He'll scourge us for our iniquities, and will again show mercy,
and will gather us out of all the nations among whom you're all scattered.
6 If you turn to him with your whole heart and with your whole soul,
to do truth before him,
then he'll turn to you,
and won't hide his face from you.
See what he'll do with you.
Give him thanks with your whole mouth.
Bless the master of righteousness.
Exalt the eternal King.
I give him thanks in the land of my captivity,
and show his strength and majesty to a nation of sinners.
Turn, you sinners, and do righteousness before him.
Who can tell if he'll accept you and have mercy on you?
7 I exalt my god.
My soul exalts the King of heaven,
and rejoices in his greatness.
8 Let all men speak,
and let them give him thanks in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
9 Oh Yerushalem, the holy city,
he'll scourge you for your sons' works,
and will again have mercy on the sons of the righteous.

Hope for Yerushalem

10 Give thanks to the master with goodness,
and bless the eternal King,
that his tabernacle may be built in you again with joy,
and that he may make glad in you those who are captives,
and love in you forever those who are miserable.
11 Many nations will come from afar to the name of the master God
with gifts in their hands, even gifts to the King of heaven.
Generations of generations will praise you,
and sing songs of rejoicing.
12 All those who hate you're cursed.
All those who love you forever will be blessed.
13 Rejoice and be extremely glad for the sons of the righteous;
for they'll be gathered together and will bless the master of the righteous.
14 Oh blessed are those who love you.

17 RV 13:2 · Note Grk. Hades.

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They'll rejoice for your peace.
Blessed are all those who mourned for all your scourges;
because they'll rejoice for you when they've seen all your glory.
They'll be made glad forever.
15 Let my soul bless God the great King.
16 Because Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be built with sapphires, emeralds, and precious stones;
your walls and towers and battlements with pure gold.
17 Yerushalem's streets will be paved with beryl, carbuncle, and stones of Ofir.
18 All her streets will say, "Hallelujah!"
and give praise, saying, "Blessed be God, who's exalted you forever!"

Tovi's final advice

14:1 Then Tovi (Tobit) finished giving thanks. 2 He was fifty-eight years old when he lost his sight. After eight years, he received it again. He gave to the poor and he feared the master God more and more, and gave thanks to him.
3 Now he grew very old; and he called his son with the six sons of his son, and said to him, "My child, take your sons. Listen, I've grown old, and am ready to depart out of this life. 4 Go into Maday (Media), my child, for I surely believe all the things which Yonah (Jonah) the prophet spoke of Nineveh, that it'll be overthrown, but in Maday there'll rather be peace for a season. Our kindred will be scattered in the earth from the good land. Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be desolate, and God's house in it'll be burnt up, and will be desolate for a time. 5 God will again have mercy on them, and bring them back into the land, and they'll build the house, but not like to the former house, until the times of that age are fulfilled. Afterward they'll return from the places of their captivity, and build up Yerushalem with honour. God's house will be built in it forever with a glorious building, even as the prophets spoke about it. 6 And all the nations will turn to fear the master God truly, and will bury their idols. 7 All the nations will bless the master, and his people will give thanks to God, and the master will exalt his people; and all those who love the master God in truth and righteousness will rejoice, showing mercy to our kindred. 8 And now, my child, depart from Nineveh, because those things which the prophet Yonah spoke will surely happen. 9 But you must keep the law and the ordinances, and show yourself merciful and righteous, that it may be well with you. 10 Bury me decently, and your mother with me. Don't stay at Nineveh. See, my child, what Aman did to Ahikar who nourished him, how out of light he brought him into darkness, and all the recompense that he made him. Ahikar was saved, but the other had his recompense, and he went down into darkness. Menasheh (Manasseh) gave to the poor, and escaped the snare of death which he set for him; but Aman fell into the snare, and perished. 11 And now, my children, consider what giving to the poor does, and how righteousness delivers."

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blessed the/this/who ⟦ἀγαπῶντές⟧ you, to_rejoice upon/to/against the/this/who peace you; blessed just_ _as/how_much to_grieve upon/to/against all the/this/who ⟦μάστιξί⟧ you, that/since upon/to/against you/your to_rejoice to_look_at all the/this/who glory you, and ⟦εὐφρανθήσονται⟧ toward the/this/who an_age. 15 the/this/who soul I/we ⟦εὐλογεῖτω⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who king the/this/who great, 16 that/since to_build Hierousalaʸm ⟦σαπφείρῳ⟧ and ⟦σμαράγδῳ⟧, and stone ⟦ἐντίμῳ⟧ the/this/who wall you, and the/this/who ⟦πύργοι⟧, and the/this/who ⟦προμαχῶνες⟧ in/on/among gold clean, 17 and the/this/who/which ⟦πλατεῖαι⟧ Hierousalaʸm in/on/among ⟦βηρύλλῳ⟧, and ⟦ἄνθρακι⟧, and stone out_from ⟦Σουφεὶρ⟧ ⟦ψηφολογηθήσονται⟧. 18 and to_say all the/this/who/which ⟦ῥύμαι⟧ he/she/it/self hallelujah and ⟦αἴνεσιν⟧, to_speak, praiseworthy the/this/who God, which to_lift_up all the/this/who an_age.

14:1 and to_cease ⟦ἐξομολογούμενος⟧ Tōbit. and to_be year ⟦πεντηκονταοκτὼ⟧, 2 when to_destroy the/this/who ⟦ὄψεις⟧, and with/after year eight to_look_up/see_again; and to_ _do/make charity; and to_add_(to) to_fear lord the/this/who God, and ⟦ἐξωμολογεῖτο⟧ he/she/it/self. 3 greatly but/and ⟦ἐγήρασε⟧; and to_call the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_say he/she/it/self, child, to_take the/this/who son you, look! ⟦γεγήρακα⟧, and to/with the/this/who ⟦ἀποτρέχειν⟧ out_from of_the to_live to_be. 4 ⟦Ἄπελθε⟧ toward the/this/who Maʸdian, child, that/since to_persuade just_as/how_much to_speak Yōnas the/this/who prophet about Nineuaʸ, that/since ⟦καταστραφήσεται⟧; in/on/among but/and the/this/who Maʸdia to_be peace more until time/right_time; and that/since the/this/who brother I/we in/on/among the/this/who earth ⟦σκορπισθήσονται⟧ away_from the/this/who good-doer earth; and Hierosoluma to_be deserted, and the/this/who house of_ _the God in/on/among he/she/it/self to_burn, and deserted to_be until time. 5 and again ⟦ἐλεήσει⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who God, and to_turn he/she/it/self toward the/this/who earth, and ⟦οἰκοδομήσουσι⟧ the/this/who house, no such_as the/this/who before, until to_fulfill time/right_ _time of_the an_age; and with/after this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπιστρέψουσιν⟧ out_from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσιῶν⟧, and ⟦οἰκοδομήσουσιν⟧ Hierousalaʸm highly_valued; and the/this/who house of_the God in/on/among he/she/it/self to_build gloriously, as/just_as to_speak about he/she/it/self the/this/who prophet. 6 and all the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦ἐπιστρέψουσιν⟧ ⟦ἀληθινῶς⟧ to_fear lord the/this/who God, and ⟦κατορύξουσι⟧ the/this/who idol he/she/it/self, 7 and ⟦εὐλογήσουσι⟧ all the/this/who Gentile_nation lord; and the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_agree the/this/who God; and to_lift_up lord the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_rejoice all the/this/who ⟦ἀγαπῶντες⟧ lord the/this/who God in/on/among truth and righteousness, to_do/make mercy the/this/who brother I/we. 8 and now, child, ⟦ἄπελθε⟧ away_ _from Nineuaʸ, that/since surely to_be which to_speak

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the/this/who prophet Yōnas. **9** you but/and to_keep
the/this/who law and the/this/who ⟦προστάγματα⟧, and
⟦γενοῦ⟧ compassionate and just, in_order_that/to you well to_
_be. **10** and ⟦θάψον⟧ I/we well, and the/this/who mother you
with/after I/we/my, and never_again ⟦αὐλισθῆτε⟧ toward
Nineuaʸ; child, look!/to_perceive one/which? to_do/make
Aman Aḳiaḳarōi the/this/who ⟦θρέψαντι⟧ he/she/it/self,
which/how out_from of_the light to_bring he/she/it/self
toward the/this/who darkness, and just_as/how_much
⟦ἀνταπέδωκεν⟧ he/she/it/self; and Aḳiaḳaron on_one_hand
to_save, that but/and the/this/who repayment ⟦ἀπεδόθη⟧, and
he/she/it/self to_come/go_down toward the/this/who
darkness. Manassaʸs to_do/make charity, and to_save out_from
trap death which to_set_up he/she/it/self; Aman but/and
⟦ἐνέπεσεν⟧ toward the/this/who trap, and to_destroy. **11** and
now, child, to_perceive one/which? charity to_do/make, and
righteousness ⟦ῥύεται⟧; and this/he/she/it
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_speak, ⟦ἐξέλιπεν⟧
the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
upon/to/against the/this/who bed; to_be but/and year
hundred ⟦πεντηκονταοκτώ⟧; and to_bury he/she/it/self
gloriously. **12** and when to_die Anna, ⟦ἔθαψεν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self with/after of_the father
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. to_go_away but/and
Tōbias with/after the/this/who woman
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward Ekbatana
to/with Reuel the/this/who ⟦πενθερὸν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **13** and ⟦ἐγήρασεν⟧
highly_valued; and ⟦ἔθαψε⟧ the/this/who ⟦πενθεροὺς⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there gloriously, and
⟦ἐκληρονόμησε⟧ the/this/who estate, and Tōbit of_the father
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **14** and to_die year
hundred twenty-seven in/on/among ⟦Ἐκβατάνοις⟧
the/this/who Maʸdias. **15** and to_hear ⟦πρὶνὴ⟧ to_die
he/she/it/self, the/this/who destruction Nineuaʸ, which
⟦ᾐχμαλώτισεν⟧ Nabouḳodonosor, and ⟦Ἀσύηρος⟧, and to_
_rejoice before of_the to_die upon/to/against Nineuaʸ.

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Readers' Version

While he was saying these things, he gave up the ghost in the bed; but he was one hundred and fifty eight years old. Toviyah (Tobias) buried him magnificently.

Toviyah leaves Nineveh

12 When Hanah died, he buried her with his father. But Toviyah departed with his wife and his sons to Ahmeta to Re'uel his father-in-law, **13** and he grew old in honour, and he buried his father-in-law and mother-in-law magnificently, and he inherited their possessions, and his father Tovi's (Tobit's). **14** He died at Ahmeta of Maday (Media), being one hundred and twenty seven years old. **15** Before he died, he heard of the destruction of Nineveh, which Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) and Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus) took captive. Before his death, he rejoiced over Nineveh.

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The Prayer of Menasheh

King of Yehudah,
When He Was Held Captive in Bavel

Introduction

This short *Prayer of Menasheh* (Manasseh) is presented as the prayer of Yehudah's (Judah's) king while he was held captive in Bavel (Babylon). The account in 2 Chronicles 33:10-20 tells how Menasheh humbled himself, prayed, and was restored to his kingdom, but doesn't give the words of his prayer. This document gives a prayer in his voice. The prayer moves from acknowledging God's power and mercy to a direct confession of wrongdoing. Menasheh admits that he doesn't deserve rescue, asks for forgiveness, and promises to praise God. Its central hope is that God's compassion can reach even someone who has sinned greatly.
The Prayer of Menasheh is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox Churches. It is included in an appendix to the Latin Vulgate Bible.

Main components of this prayer

God's power, patience, and mercy *1:1-8*
Confession and a plea for forgiveness *1:9-13*
Confidence in God's mercy and a promise of praise *1:14-15*

The DC editions are placed side by side by chapter only. Their verse numbering and textual contents differ; corresponding lines are not established equivalents.

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1:1 lord ⟦παντοκράτωπ⟧, the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we ⟦τοῦ'⟧ Abra'am and Isa'ak and Yakōb and of_the seed he/she/it/self of_the just. **2** the/this/who to_do/make the/this/who heaven and the/this/who earth with all the/this/who world he/she/it/self. **3** the/this/who ⟦πεδήσας⟧ the/this/who sea the/this/who word of_the ⟦προστάγματός⟧ you, the/this/who to_shut the/this/who abyss and to_seal he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who ⟦φοβερῷ⟧ and honoured name you; **4** which all ⟦φρίσσει⟧ and ⟦τρέμει⟧ away_ _from face power you, **5** that/since ⟦ἄστεκτος⟧ the/this/who majesty the/this/who glory you, and unsubdued the/this/who wrath the/this/who upon/to/against sinful threat you; **6** ⟦ἀμέτρητόν⟧ and/both and unsearchable the/this/who mercy the/this/who promise you; **7** you for to_be lord highest, compassionate, lenient and full_of_mercy, ⟦μετανοῶν⟧ upon/to/against ⟦κακίαις⟧ a_human. you, lord, according_to the/this/who multitude the/this/who kindness you ⟦ἐπηγγείλω⟧ repentance and forgiveness the/this/who ⟦ἡμαρτηκόσιν⟧ you, and the/this/who multitude the/this/who compassion you ⟦ὥρισας⟧ repentance sinful toward salvation. **8** you therefore/then, lord, the/this/who God the/this/who just, no to_place repentance just, the/this/who Abra'am and Isa'ak and Yakōb, the/this/who no ⟦ἡμαρτηκόσιν⟧ you, **9** ⟦Ἐπλήθυναν⟧ the/this/who/which lawlessness I/we, lord, ⟦ἐπλήθυναν⟧, and no to_be worthy to_gaze and to_perceive the/this/who height of_the heaven away_from multitude the/this/who ⟦ἀδικιῶν⟧ I/we, **10** ⟦κατακαμπτόμενος⟧ much ⟦δεσμῷ⟧ ⟦σιδηρῷ⟧ toward the/this/who not ⟦ἀνανεῦσαι⟧ the/this/who head I/we, and no to_be I/we rest, because ⟦παρώργισα⟧ the/this/who wrath you, and the/this/who evil/bad before you to_do/make, not to_do/make the/this/who will/desire you and not ⟦φυλάξας⟧ the/this/who ⟦προστάγματά⟧ you, ⟦στήσας⟧ ⟦βδελύγματα⟧ and ⟦πληθύνας⟧ ⟦προσοχθίσματα⟧. **11** and now to_bow/lay_down a_knee heart I/we to_pray the/this/who ⟦παθὰ⟧ you kindness; ⟦ἡμάρτηκα⟧, **12** lord, ⟦ἡμάρτηκα⟧, and the/this/who lawlessness I/we I/we to_know. but to_ask to_pray you; ⟦ἄνες⟧ I/we, **13** lord, ⟦ἄνες⟧ I/we, and not ⟦συναπολέσῃς⟧ I/we the/this/who ⟦ἀνομίαις⟧ I/we, nor toward the/this/who an_age ⟦μηνίσας⟧ to_keep the/this/who evil/harm ⟦μαι⟧, nor ⟦καταδικάσῃς⟧ I/we in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κατωτάτοις⟧ the/this/who earth, because you to_be God, to_place the/this/who ⟦μετανοούντων⟧. **14** and in/on/among I/we/my ⟦δείξεις⟧ all the/this/who ⟦ἀγαθωσύνην⟧ you, that/since ⟦ἀνάξιον⟧ to_be to_save I/we according_to the/this/who much mercy you. **15** and ⟦αἰνέσω⟧ you through/because_of all in/on/among the/this/who day the/this/who life I/we, that/since you ⟦ὑμνεῖ⟧ all the/this/who power the/this/who heaven, and you to_be the/this/who glory toward the/this/who ⟦αἰῶναι⟧.

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Menasheh asks God for forgiveness

1:1 Oh LORD Almighty in heaven, God of our fathers Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob), and of their righteous descendants, **2** you who've made heaven and earth, with all their order, **3** who've bound the sea by the word of your commandment, who've shut up the deep, and sealed it by your terrible and glorious name, **4** whom all things fear, yes, tremble before your power, **5** for the majesty of your glory can't be borne, and the anger of your threatening towards sinners is unbearable. **6** Your merciful promise is immeasurable and unsearchable, **7** for you're the master Most High, of great compassion, patient and abundant in mercy, and relent at human suffering. **8** You,[1] Oh master, according to your great goodness have promised repentance and forgiveness to those who've sinned against you. Of your infinite mercies, you've appointed repentance to sinners, that they may be saved. You therefore, Oh master, who are the god of the just, haven't appointed repentance to the just, to Avraham, Yitshak, and Ya'akov, which haven't sinned against you, but you've appointed repentance to me, a sinner. **9** Because I've sinned more times than there are grains of sand in the sea. My transgressions are multiplied,[2] Oh master, my transgressions are multiplied, and I'm not worthy to look up and see the height of heaven for the multitude of my iniquities. **10** I'm bowed down with many iron bands, so that I can't lift up my head because of my sins,[3] and I have no relief; for I've provoked your anger, and done that which is evil before you:[4] I didn't do your will, and I didn't keep your commandments. I've set up abominations, and have multiplied detestable things. **11** Now therefore I bow the knee of my heart, asking you for grace. **12** I've sinned, Oh master, I've sinned, and I acknowledge my iniquities; **13** but, I humbly ask you, forgive me, Oh master, forgive me, and please don't destroy me with my iniquities. Don't be angry with me forever, by reserving evil for me. Don't condemn me into the lower parts of the earth. Because you, Oh master, are the god of those who repent. **14** In me you'll show all your goodness, for you'll save me, even though I'm unworthy, according to your great mercy. **15** Then I'll praise you forever all the days of my life; for all the army of heaven sings your praise, and yours is the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 **RV 1:8 · Note** The Alex. MS. omits You... saved.

2 **RV 1:9 · Note** The Alex. MS. omits Oh master... multiplied.

3 **RV 1:10 · Note** Some authorities omit by reason of my sins.

4 **RV 1:10 · Note** The Alex. MS. omits I did... commandments.

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MAN · OET-LV v0.2.0 (DC set)

Baruk

Introduction

The book of *Baruk* is set among the people taken into exile in Bavel (Babylon) after Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was captured. It opens with Baruk reading to the exiles, who weep, pray, and send money and a message to the people still in Yerushalem. The prayer that follows openly acknowledges their disobedience and asks God to show mercy and bring his people home.

The book then calls Yisrael (Israel) to seek wisdom in God's instructions. Yerushalem is pictured as a grieving mother whose children have been taken away, but who can look forward to their return. These sections move from confession and sorrow to renewed hope in God's faithfulness.

The final chapter contains *The Letter of Yirmiyah* (Jeremiah), addressed to people facing exile. It warns them not to be impressed or frightened by the idols they will see in Bavel. Again and again, it points out that these objects can't speak, protect themselves, or help their worshippers.

The book of *Baruk* is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Romaios Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Russian Orthodox Churches. In some Bibles, Baruk chapter 6 is listed as a separate book called *The Letter of Yirmiyah/Jeremiah*, reflecting its separation from Baruk in some copies of the Greek Septuagint.

Main components of this document

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Yirmiyah's letter warning against idols *6:1-73*

The DC editions are placed side by side by chapter only. Their verse numbering and textual contents differ; corresponding lines are not established equivalents.

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Struck words are untranslated. The ◘ sign marks a verse with no text.

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The exiles send gifts and a message to Yerushalem

1:1 These are the words of the book which Baruk the son of Neriyah, the son of Mahseyah, the son of Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), the son of Hasadyah, the son of Hilkiyah, wrote in Bavel (Babylon), **2** in the fifth year, in the seventh day of the month, at the time when the Kasdim (Chaldeans) took Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and burnt it with fire. **3** Baruk read the words of this book in the hearing of Yekonias the son of Yehoyakim king of Yehudah (Judah), and in the hearing of all the people who came to hear the book, **4** and in the hearing of the mighty men, and of the kings' sons, and in the hearing of the elders, and in the hearing of all the people, from the least to the greatest, even of all those who lived at Bavel by the river Sud. **5** Then they wept, fasted,[1] and prayed before the master. **6** They also made a collection of money according to every man's ability; **7** and they sent it to Yerushalem to Yehoyakim the high priest, the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Shalum, and to the priests and to all the people who were found with him at Yerushalem, **8** at the same time when he took the vessels of the master's house, that'd been carried out of the temple, to return them into the land of Yehudah, the tenth day of Sivan—silver vessels which Tsidkiyah the son of Yoshiyah (Josiah) king of Yehudah had made, **9** after Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) king of Bavel had carried away Yekonias, the princes, the captives, the mighty men, and the people of the land from Yerushalem, and brought them to Bavel.

10 And they said: Listen, we've sent you money; therefore buy with the money burnt offerings, sin offerings, and incense, and prepare an oblation, and offer on the altar of the master our god; **11** and pray for the life of Nevukadnetsar king of Bavel, and for the life of Belshatsar (Belshazzar) his son, that their days may be[2] as the days of heaven above the earth. **12** The master will give us strength and light to our eyes. We'll live under the shadow of Nevukadnetsar king of Bavel and under the shadow of Belshatsar his son, and we'll serve them many days, and find favour in their sight. **13** Pray for us also to the master our god, for we've sinned against the master our god. To this day the anger of the master and his indignation isn't turned from us. **14** Read this book which we've sent to you, to make confession in the master's house on the day of the feast and on the days of the solemn assembly.

The people confess their disobedience

15 Say: To the master our god belongs righteousness, but to us confusion of face, as at this day—to the men of Yehudah, to the inhabitants of Yerushalem, **16** to our kings, to our princes, to our priests, to our prophets, and to our fathers, **17** because we've sinned before the master. **18** We've disobeyed him and haven't listened to the voice of the master our god, to walk in the master's commandments that he's set before us. **19** Since the day that the master brought

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1:1 and this/he/she/it the/this/who word of_the scroll, which to_write Barouḳ son Naʸriou, son Ma'asaiou, son Sedekiou, son Asadiou, son Ḳelkiou in/on/among Babulōni, **2** in/on/among the/this/who year the/this/who ⟦πέμπτῳ⟧, in/on/among seventh of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧, in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time which to_take the/this/who Ḳaldaioi the/this/who Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦ἐνέπρησαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self in/on/among fire. **3** and ⟦ἀνέγνω⟧ Barouḳ the/this/who word of_the scroll this/he/she/it in/on/among ear Yeḳoniou son ⟦Ἰωακεὶμ⟧ king Youda, and in/on/among ear all of_the a_people the/this/who to_come/go to/with the/this/who ⟦βίβλον⟧, **4** and in/on/among ear the/this/who ⟦δυνατῶν⟧, and son the/this/who king, and in/on/among ear the/this/who elder, and in/on/among ear all of_the a_people, away_from small until great, all the/this/who to_dwell in/on/among Babulōni upon/to/against river Soud. **5** and to_weep, and ⟦ἐνήστευον⟧, and to_pray/wish_for against/in_front_of lord. **6** and to_ _assemble money, insofar_as each be_able the/this/who hand, **7** and to_send toward Hierousalaʸm to/with ⟦Ἰωακεὶμ⟧ son Ḳelkiou, son Salōm, the/this/who priest, and to/with the/this/who priest, and to/with all the/this/who a_people, the/this/who ⟦εὑρεθέντας⟧ with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, **8** in/on/among the/this/who to_take he/she/it/self the/this/who vessel house lord, the/this/who ⟦ἐξενεχθέντα⟧ out_from of_the temple, ⟦ἀποστρέψαι⟧ toward earth Youda, the/this/who tenth of_the ⟦Σειουὰλ⟧, vessel silver, which to_do/make Sedekias son Yōsia king Youda, **9** with/after the/this/who ⟦ἀποικίσαι⟧ Nabouḳodonosor king Babulōnos the/this/who Yeḳonian, and the/this/who ruler, and the/this/who prisoner, and the/this/who ⟦δυνατοὺς⟧, and the/this/who a_people the/this/who earth away_from Hierousalaʸm, and to_bring he/she/it/self toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧. **10** and to_say, look! ⟦ἀπεστείλαμεν⟧ to/with you money, and to_buy of_the money burnt_offering, and about sin, and frankincense, and to_do/make manna, and ⟦ἀνοίσατε⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who altar lord of_the God I/we, **11** and ⟦προσεύξασθε⟧ about the/this/who life Nabouḳodonosor king Babulōnos, and toward life Baltasar son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in_order_that/to to_ _be the/this/who/which day he/she/it/self which/how the/this/who/which day of_the heaven upon/to/against the/this/who earth. **12** and to_give lord strength I/we, and to_ _illuminate the/this/who eye I/we, and ⟦ζησόμεθα⟧ by/under the/this/who shadow Nabouḳodonosor king Babulōnos, and by/under the/this/who shadow Baltasar son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦δουλεύσομεν⟧ he/she/it/self day much, and to_find/meet because_of/grace against/in_front_of he/she/it/self. **13** and ⟦προσεύξασθε⟧ about I/we to/with lord the/this/who God I/we, that/since ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧ the/this/who lord God I/we, and no ⟦ἀπέστρεψεν⟧ the/this/who wrath lord and the/this/who wrath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from I/we, until the/this/who day this/he/she/it. **14** and

1 **RV 1:5 · Note** Another reading is, and vowed vows.

2 **RV 1:11 · Note** See Deuteronomy 11:21.

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⟦ἀναγνώσεσθε⟧ the/this/who scroll this/he/she/it
the/this/who/which ⟦ἀπεστείλαμεν⟧ to/with you,
⟦ἐξαγορεῦσαι⟧ in/on/among house lord, in/on/among day
festival, and in/on/among day time/right_time, **15** and to_say,
the/this/who lord God I/we the/this/who righteousness, I/we
but/and shame the/this/who face, which/how the/this/who
day this/he/she/it, a_human Youda, and the/this/who to_
_dwell Hierousalaʸm, **16** and the/this/who king I/we, and
the/this/who ruler I/we, and the/this/who priest I/we, and
the/this/who prophet I/we, and the/this/who father I/we,
17 which ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧ before lord, **18** and ⟦ἠπειθήσαμεν⟧
he/she/it/self, and no to_hear the/this/who voice/sound lord
God I/we, to_travel the/this/who ⟦προστάγμασι⟧ lord, which
to_give according_to face I/we, **19** away_from the/this/who
day which to_lead_out lord the/this/who father I/we out_from
earth Aiguptou; and until the/this/who day this/he/she/it to_
_be to_disobey to/with lord God I/we, and ⟦ἐσχεδιάζομεν⟧
to/with the/this/who not to_hear the/this/who voice/sound
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **20** and to_join toward
I/we the/this/who evil/harm, and the/this/who curse which
to_direct lord the/this/who Mōusaʸ ⟦παιδὶ⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among day
which to_lead_out the/this/who father I/we out_from earth
Aiguptou, to_give I/we earth ⟦ῥέουσαν⟧ milk and honey,
which/how the/this/who day he/she/it/self/this/he/she/it.
21 and no to_hear the/this/who voice/sound lord of_the God
I/we, according_to all the/this/who word the/this/who
prophet, which to_send to/with I/we. **22** and ⟦ᾠχόμεθα⟧ each
in/on/among mind heart
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who
evil/bad, to_work God other to_do/make the/this/who
evil/harm according_to eye lord God I/we.

2:1 and to_stand lord the/this/who word
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which to_speak
upon/to/against I/we, and upon/to/against the/this/who
⟦δικαστὰς⟧ I/we, the/this/who ⟦δικάσαντας⟧ the/this/who
Israaʸl, and upon/to/against the/this/who king I/we, and
upon/to/against the/this/who ruler I/we, **2** and
upon/to/against a_human Israaʸl and Youda, of_the to_bring
upon/to/against I/we evil/harm great, which no ⟦ἐποιήθη⟧
under all of_the heaven, as/just_as to_do/make in/on/among
Hierousalaʸm, according_to the/this/who to_write
in/on/among the/this/who law Mōusaʸ, **3** of_the to_eat I/we,
a_human flesh son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
and a_human flesh daughter
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **4** and to_give
he/she/it/self ⟦ὑποχειρίους⟧ all the/this/who ⟦βασιλείαις⟧
the/this/who surrounding I/we, toward reproach, and
⟦ἄβατον⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who a_people
the/this/who surrounding, which/whither ⟦διέσπειρεν⟧
he/she/it/self lord there. **5** and to_be under and no above,
that/since ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧ lord God I/we, to/with the/this/who
not to_hear the/this/who voice/sound
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **6** the/this/who lord
God I/we the/this/who righteousness, I/we but/and and

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our fathers out of the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to this present day, we've been disobedient to the master our god, and we've been negligent in not listening to his voice. **20** Therefore the deadly diseases have clung to us, along with the curse which the master declared through Mosheh (Moses) his servant in the day that he brought our fathers out of the land of Mitsrayim to give us a land that flows with milk and honey, as at this day. **21** Nevertheless we didn't listen to the voice of the master our god, according to all the words of the prophets whom he sent to us, **22** but we each walked in the imagination of his own wicked heart, to serve strange gods and to do what is evil in the sight of the master our god.

2:1 Therefore the master has made good his word which he pronounced against us, and against our judges who judged Yisrael (Israel), and against our kings, and against our princes, and against the men of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah), **2** to bring terrible deadly diseases onto us such as never happened before under the whole heaven,[3] as it happened in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), according to the things that are written in Mosheh's law, **3** that we should each eat the flesh of our own son, and each eat the flesh of our own daughter. **4** Moreover he's given them to be in subjection to all the kingdoms that are around us, to be a reproach and a desolation among all the people around us, where the master has scattered them. **5** Thus they were thrown down and not exalted, because we sinned against the master our god in not listening to his voice. **6** To the master our god belongs righteousness, but to us and to our fathers confusion of face, as at this day. **7** All these deadly diseases have come onto us which the master has pronounced against us. **8** Yet we haven't asked for the favour of the master by everyone turning from the thoughts of his wicked heart. **9** Therefore the master has kept watch over the deadly diseases. The master has

3 RV 2:2 · Note Another reading is, even as he has done.

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brought them onto us, because the master is righteous in all his works which he's commanded us. **10** Yet we haven't listened to his voice, to walk in the master's commandments that he's set before us.

A prayer for mercy

11 And now, Oh master, you God of Yisrael (Israel) who've brought your people out of the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt) with a mighty hand, with signs, with wonders, with great power, and with a high arm, and have gotten yourself a name, as at this day: **12** Oh master our god, we've sinned. We've been ungodly. We've done wrong in all your ordinances. **13** Let your anger turn from us, for we're but a few left among the heathen where you've scattered us. **14** Hear our prayer, Oh master, and our petition, and deliver us for your own sake. Give us favour in the sight of those who've led us away captive, **15** that all the earth may know that you're the master our god, because Yisrael and his posterity is called by your name. **16** Oh master, look down from your holy house and consider us. Incline your ear, Oh master, and hear. **17** Open your eyes, and see; for the dead that are in Haidais, whose breath is taken from their bodies, will give to the master neither glory nor righteousness; **18** but the soul who's greatly vexed, who goes stooping and feeble, and the eyes that fail, and the hungry soul, will declare your glory and righteousness, Oh master.

19 Because we don't present our supplication before you, Oh master our god, for the righteousness of our fathers and of our kings. **20** Because you've sent your anger and your indignation onto us, as you've spoken by your servants the prophets, saying, **21** "The master says, 'Bow your shoulders to serve the king of Bavel (Babylon), and remain in the land that I gave to your fathers. **22** But if you won't hear the master's voice to serve the king of Bavel, **23** I'll cause to cease out of the cities of Yehudah (Judah) and from the region near Yerushalem (Jerusalem) the voice of mirth, the voice of gladness, voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. The whole land will be desolate without inhabitant.' " **24** But we wouldn't listen to your voice, to serve the king of Bavel. Therefore you've made good your words that you spoke by your servants the prophets, that the bones of our kings and the bones of our fathers would be taken out of their places. **25** Listen, they're thrown out to the heat by day and to the frost by night. They died in great miseries by famine, by sword, and by[4] pestilence. **26** You've made the house that's called by your name as it's today because of the wickedness of the house of Yisrael (Israel) and the house of Yehudah.

God's promise to bring his people home

27 Yet, Oh master our god, you have dealt with us after all your kindness and according to all your great mercy, **28** as you spoke by your servant Mosheh (Moses) in the day when you commanded him to write your law in the presence of the Israeli people, saying, **29** "If you won't hear my voice, surely this very great multitude will be turned into a small number among the nations

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the/this/who father I/we the/this/who shame the/this/who face, which/how the/this/who day this/he/she/it. **7** which to_ _speak lord upon/to/against I/we, all the/this/who evil/harm this/he/she/it which to_come/go upon/to/against I/we, **8** and no ⟦ἐδεήθημεν⟧ of_the face lord, of_the ⟦ἀποστρέψαι⟧ each away_from the/this/who ⟦νοημάτων⟧ the/this/who heart he/she/it/self the/this/who evil/bad. **9** and to_keep_watch lord upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κακοῖς⟧, and ⟦ἐπήγαγε⟧ lord upon/to/against I/we, that/since just the/this/who lord upon/to/against all the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which to_order I/we. **10** and no to_hear the/this/who voice/sound he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_travel the/this/who ⟦προστάγμασι⟧ lord, which to_give according_to face I/we; **11** and now lord the/this/who God Israaʸl, which ⟦ἐξήγαγες⟧ the/this/who a_people you out_from earth Aiguptou, in/on/among hand ⟦κραταιᾷ⟧, and in/on/among sign, and in/on/among wonders, and in/on/among power great, and in/on/among arm ⟦ὑψηλῷ⟧, and to_do/make yourself name, which/how the/this/who day this/he/she/it, **12** ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧, ⟦ἠσεβήσαμεν⟧, to_harm, lord the/this/who God I/we, upon/to/against all the/this/who righteous_act you. **13** ⟦Ἀποστραφήτω⟧ the/this/who wrath you away_from I/we, that/since ⟦κατελείφθημεν⟧ little/few in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation which/whither ⟦διέσπειρας⟧ I/we there. **14** ⟦Εἰσάκουσον⟧ lord the/this/who prayer I/we and the/this/who petition I/we, and ⟦ἐξελοῦ⟧ I/we because_of you, and to_give I/we because_of/grace according_to face the/this/who ⟦ἀποικισάντων⟧ I/we, **15** in_order_that/to to_ _know all the/this/who earth, that/since you lord the/this/who God I/we, that/since the/this/who name you to_ _call_(on)/name upon/to/against Israaʸl, and upon/to/against the/this/who family he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **16** lord ⟦κάτιδε⟧ out_from of_the house of_the holy you, and ⟦ἐννόησον⟧ toward I/we, and ⟦κλῖνον⟧ lord the/this/who ear you, and ⟦ἄκουσον⟧. **17** to_open eye you, and look!/to_perceive, that/since no the/this/who ⟦τεθνηκότες⟧ in/on/among the/this/who Hades, which ⟦ἐλήφθη⟧ the/this/who spirit/breath he/she/it/self away_from the/this/who ⟦σπλάγχνων⟧ he/she/it/self, to_give glory and righteous_act the/this/who lord; **18** but the/this/who soul the/this/who ⟦λυπουμένη⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who greatness, the/this/who/which ⟦βαδίζει⟧ ⟦κύπτον⟧ and ⟦ἀσθενοῦν⟧, and the/this/who eye the/this/who ⟦ἐκλείποντες⟧, and the/this/who soul the/this/who ⟦πεινῶσα⟧, to_give you glory, and righteousness, lord. **19** that/since no upon/to/against the/this/who righteous_act the/this/who father I/we and the/this/who king I/we I/we ⟦καταβάλλομεν⟧ the/this/who mercy according_to face you, lord the/this/who God I/we; **20** that/since ⟦ἐνῆκας⟧ the/this/who wrath you and the/this/who wrath you toward I/we, just_as ⟦ἐλάλησας⟧ in/on/among hand the/this/who child you the/this/who prophet; **21** thus(-ly) to_say lord, ⟦κλίνατε⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὦμον⟧ you, and ⟦ἐργάσασθε⟧ the/this/who king Babulōnos, and to_seat upon/to/against the/this/who earth, which to_

4 **RV 2:25 · Note** See Yirmeyah/Jeremiah 32:36.

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_give the/this/who father you. **22** and if not to_hear
the/this/who voice/sound lord, ⟦ἐργάσασθαι⟧ the/this/who
king Babulōnos, **23** ⟦ἐκλείψειν⟧ to_do/make out_from city
Youda and outside Hierousalaʸm voice/sound joy, and
voice/sound ⟦χαρμοσύνης⟧, voice/sound bridegroom, and
voice/sound bride, and to_be all the/this/who earth toward
⟦ἄβατον⟧ away_from ⟦ἐνοικούντων⟧. **24** and no to_hear
the/this/who voice/sound you, ⟦ἐργάσασθαι⟧ the/this/who
king Babulōnos; and ⟦ἔστησας⟧ the/this/who word you, which
⟦ἐλάλησας⟧ in/on/among hand the/this/who child you
the/this/who prophet, of_the ⟦ἐξενεχθῆναι⟧ the/this/who
⟦ὀστᾶ⟧ king I/we and the/this/who ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧ the/this/who
father I/we out_from of_the place he/she/it/self. **25** and look!
to_be ⟦ἐξερῥιμμένα⟧ the/this/who ⟦καύματι⟧ the/this/who
day, and the/this/who ⟦παγετῷ⟧ the/this/who night; and
⟦ἀπεθάνοσαν⟧ in/on/among ⟦πόνοις⟧ evil/bad, in/on/among
hunger, and in/on/among sword, and in/on/among
apostleship. **26** and to_place the/this/who house,
which/whither to_call_(on)/name the/this/who name you
upon/to/against he/she/it/self, which/how the/this/who day
this/he/she/it, through/because_of evil house Israaʸl and
house Youda. **27** and to_do/make toward I/we, lord
the/this/who God I/we, according_to all ⟦ἐπιείκειάν⟧ you, and
according_to all ⟦οἰκτιρμόν⟧ you the/this/who great,
28 as/just_as ⟦ἐλάλησας⟧ in/on/among hand child you Mōusaʸ,
in/on/among day ⟦ἐντειλαμένου⟧ you he/she/it/self to_write
the/this/who law you against/in_front_of son Israaʸl, to_speak.
29 if not to_hear the/this/who voice/sound I/we, surely
certainly/month the/this/who buzzing the/this/who great
the/this/who much this/he/she/it to_turn_away toward small
in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation, which/whither
⟦διασπερῶ⟧ he/she/it/self there; **30** that/since to_know
that/since no not to_hear I/we, that/since a_people
stiff-necked he_is; and ⟦ἐπιστρέψουσιν⟧ upon/to/against heart
he/she/it/self in/on/among earth ⟦ἀποικισμοῦ⟧
he/she/it/self, **31** and to_know that/since I/we lord
the/this/who God he/she/it/self; and to_give he/she/it/self
heart and ear to_hear, **32** and ⟦αἰνέσουσί⟧ I/we in/on/among
earth ⟦ἀποικισμοῦ⟧ he/she/it/self; and ⟦μνησθήσονται⟧ of_the
name I/we, **33** and to_turn_away away_from of_the ⟦νώτου⟧
he/she/it/self of_the ⟦σκληροῦ⟧, and away_from evil/bad
⟦προσταγμάτων⟧ he/she/it/self, that/since ⟦μνησθήσονται⟧
the/this/who road father he/she/it/self the/this/who
⟦ἁμαρτόντων⟧ before lord. **34** and ⟦ἀποστρέψω⟧ he/she/it/self
toward the/this/who earth, which to_swear the/this/who
father he/she/it/self, the/this/who Habra'am, and
the/this/who Isa'ak, and the/this/who Yakōb, and
⟦κυριεύσουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self; and to_multiply he/she/it/self,
and no not ⟦σμικρυνθῶσι⟧. **35** and ⟦στήσω⟧ he/she/it/self
covenant eternal, of_the to_be I/we he/she/it/self toward God,
and he/she/it/self to_be I/we toward a_people; and no to_
_move still the/this/who a_people I/we Israaʸl away_from
the/this/who earth, which to_give he/she/it/self.

3:1 lord almighty the/this/who God Israaʸl, soul
in/on/among ⟦στενοῖς⟧ and spirit/breath ⟦ἀκηδιῶν⟧ to_cry
to/with you. **2** ⟦Ἄκουσον⟧, lord, and to_have_mercy, that/since
⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧ against/in_front_of you; **3** that/since you to_sit
the/this/who an_age, and I/we to_destroy the/this/who an_

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where I'll scatter them. **30** Because I know that they won't listen
to me, because they're a stiff-necked people; but in the land of
their captivity they'll take it to heart, **31** and will know that I'm
the master their god. I'll give them a heart and ears to hear.
32 Then they'll praise me in the land of their captivity, and think
about my name, **33** and will return from their stiff neck and from
their wicked actions; because they'll remember the way of their
fathers who sinned before the master. **34** I'll bring them again
into the land which I promised to their fathers, to Avraham, to
Yitshak (Isaac), and to Ya'akov (Jacob), and they'll rule over it.
I'll increase them, and they won't be diminished. **35** And I'll make
an eternal covenant with them to be their god, and they'll be my
people. I'll no more remove my people Yisrael out of the land
that I've given them."

3:1 Oh master Almighty, you God of Yisrael, the soul in anguish
and the troubled spirit cries to you. **2** Hear, Oh master, and have
mercy; for you're a merciful God. Yes, have mercy on us, because
we've sinned before you. **3** Because you're enthroned forever,

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and we keep perishing. 4 Oh master Almighty, you God of Yisrael, hear now the prayer of the dead Israelis, and of the children of those who were sinners before you, who didn't listen to the voice of you their god; because of this, these deadly diseases cling to us. 5 Don't remember the iniquities of our fathers, but remember your power and your name at this time. 6 Because you're the master our god, and we'll praise you, Oh master. 7 Because this cause, you've put your fear in our hearts, to the intent that we should call on your name. We'll praise you in our captivity, for we've called to mind all the iniquity of our fathers who sinned before you. 8 Listen, we're yet this day in our captivity where you've scattered us, for a reproach and a curse, and to be subject to penalty according to all the iniquities of our fathers who departed from the master our god.

Finding the way to wisdom

9 Hear, Oh Yisrael, the commandments of life! Give ear to understand wisdom! 10 How is it, Oh Yisrael, that you're in your enemies' land, that you've become old in a strange country, that you're defiled with the dead, 11 that you're counted with those who are in Haidais? 12 You've forsaken the fountain of wisdom. 13 If you'd walked in the way of God, you'd have dwelled in peace forever. 14 Learn where there's wisdom, where there's strength, and where there's understanding, that you may also know where there's length of days and life, where there's the light of the eyes and peace. 15 Who's found out her place? Who's come into her treasuries? 16 Where are the princes of the heathen, and those who ruled the wild animals that are on the earth, 17 those who had their pastime with the fowls of the air, and those who hoarded up silver and gold, in which people trust, and of their getting there's no end? 18 Because those who diligently strived to gain silver, and were so anxious, and whose works are past finding out, 19 they've vanished and gone down to Haidais, and others have come up in their place.

20 Younger men have seen the light and lived on the earth, but they haven't known the way of knowledge, 21 nor understood its paths. Their children haven't embraced it. They're far off from their way. 22 It hasn't been heard of in Kena'an (Canaan), neither has it been seen in Teyman. 23 The sons also of Hagar who seek understanding, which are in the land, the merchants of Merran and Teyman, and the authors of fables, and the searchers out of understanding—none of these have known the way of wisdom or remembered her paths.

24 Oh Yisrael (Israel), how great is God's house! How large is the place of his possession! 25 It's great and has no end. It's high and unmeasurable. 26 Giants were born that were famous of old, great of stature, and expert in war. 27 God didn't choose these, nor did he give the way of knowledge to them, 28 so they perished, because they had no wisdom. They perished through their own foolishness. 29 Who's gone up into heaven, taken her, and brought her down from the clouds? 30 Who's gone over the sea, found her, and will bring her for choice gold? 31 There's no one who knows her way, nor any who comprehend her path.

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_age. 4 lord almighty the/this/who God Israaʸl, ⟦ἄκουσον⟧ so the/this/who prayer the/this/who ⟦τεθνηκότων⟧ Israaʸl, and son the/this/who to_sin against/in_front_of you, the/this/who/which no to_hear the/this/who voice/sound you God he/she/it/self, and to_join I/we the/this/who evil/harm. 5 not to_remember ⟦ἀδικιῶν⟧ father I/we, but to_ _remember hand you and name you in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time this/he/she/it; 6 that/since you lord the/this/who God I/we, and ⟦αἰνέσομέν⟧ you lord; 7 that/since through/because_of this/he/she/it to_give the/this/who fear you upon/to/against heart I/we, and to_ _call_(on)/name the/this/who name you; and ⟦αἰνέσομέν⟧ you in/on/among the/this/who resettlement I/we, that/since ⟦ἀπεστρέψαμεν⟧ away_from heart I/we all unrighteousness father I/we, the/this/who ⟦ἡμαρτηκότων⟧ against/in_front_of you. 8 look! I/we today in/on/among the/this/who resettlement I/we, which/whither ⟦διέσπειρας⟧ I/we there toward reproach, and toward ⟦ἀρὰν⟧, and toward ⟦ὀφλησιν⟧ according_to all the/this/who unrighteousness father I/we, the/this/who/which to_leave away_from lord God I/we. 9 to_ _hear Israaʸl commandment life, to_listen_to to_know ⟦φρόνησιν⟧. 10 one/which? to_be Israaʸl? one/which? that/since in/on/among earth the/this/who enemy to_be? ⟦ἐπαλαιώθης⟧ in/on/among earth another's, ⟦συνεμιάνθης⟧ the/this/who dead, 11 ⟦προσελογίσθης⟧ with/after the/this/who toward Hades, 12 to_leave_behind the/this/who ⟦πηγὴν⟧ the/this/who wisdom. 13 the/this/who road of_the God if ⟦ἐπορεύθης⟧, ⟦κατῴκεις⟧ if in/on/among peace the/this/who an_age. 14 ⟦Μάθε⟧ where? he_is understanding, where? to_be strength, where? to_be understanding, of_the to_ _know together where? he_is long_living and life, where? he_is light eye and peace. 15 one/which? to_find/meet the/this/who place he/she/it/self, and one/which? to_enter toward the/this/who treasure he/she/it/self? 16 where? to_be the/this/who ruler the/this/who Gentile_nation, and the/this/who ⟦κυριεύοντες⟧ the/this/who wild_animal the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who earth, 17 the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who bird of_the heaven to_mock, and the/this/who money ⟦θησαυρίζοντες⟧, and the/this/who gold which ⟦ἐπεποίθεισαν⟧ a_human, and no he_is goal/tax the/this/who ⟦κτήσεως⟧ he/she/it/self? 18 that/since the/this/who the/this/who money ⟦τεκταίνοντες⟧ and ⟦μεριμνῶντες⟧, and no to_be a_finding_out the/this/who work he/she/it/self. 19 ⟦Ἠφανίσθησαν⟧, and toward Hades to_come/go_down, and another to_arise ⟦ἀντ'⟧ he/she/it/self. 20 new to_perceive light, and ⟦κατῴκησαν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who earth, road but/and ⟦ἐπιστήμης⟧ no to_know, 21 and_not to_understand path he/she/it/self, and_not ⟦ἀντελάβοντο⟧ he/she/it/self; the/this/who son he/she/it/self away_from the/this/who road he/she/it/self far_(away) to_be. 22 and_not to_hear in/on/among Kana'an, and_not to_see in/on/among Thaiman. 23 ⟦Οἵτε⟧ son Agar the/this/who ⟦ἐκζητοῦντες⟧ the/this/who understanding the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who earth, the/this/who trader/merchant the/this/who Merran, and Thaiman, and the/this/who ⟦μυθολόγοι⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἐκζητηταὶ⟧ the/this/who understanding, road but/and wisdom no to_know, and_not to_remember

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the/this/who path he/she/it/self. **24** Omega/oh!/to_be Israaʸl, which/how great the/this/who house of_the God? and extending the/this/who place the/this/who ⟦κτήσεως⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? **25** great, and no to_ _have/be ⟦τελευτὴν⟧, high and unmeasured. **26** there to_beget the/this/who ⟦γίγαντες⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὀνομαστοὶ⟧, away_ _from beginning to_be ⟦εὐμεγέθεις⟧, ⟦ἐπιστάμενοι⟧ war. **27** no this/he/she/it to_select the/this/who God, and_not road ⟦ἐπιστήμης⟧ to_give he/she/it/self. **28** and to_destroy from_ _with the/this/who not to_have/be ⟦φρόνησιν⟧, to_destroy through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ἀβουλίαν⟧ he/she/it/self. **29** one/which? to_ascend toward the/this/who heaven, and to_ _take he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦κατεβίβασεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self out_from the/this/who cloud? **30** one/which? ⟦διέβη⟧ other_side the/this/who sea, and to_find/meet he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_ _bear/lead he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self gold ⟦ἐκλεκτοῦ⟧? **31** no to_be the/this/who to_know the/this/who road he/she/it/self, and_not the/this/who ⟦ἐνθυμούμενος⟧ the/this/who ⟦τρίβον⟧ he/she/it/self. **32** but the/this/who to_ _perceive the/this/who all to_know he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, ⟦ἐξεῦρεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who understanding he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; the/this/who to_ _prepare the/this/who earth toward the/this/who an_age time, to_fill_up he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self animal four-footed. **33** the/this/who ⟦ἀποστέλλων⟧ the/this/who light and to_travel, to_call he/she/it/self, and to_obey he/she/it/self trembling; **34** the/this/who but/and star ⟦ἔλαμψαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who prison/watch he/she/it/self, and ⟦εὐφράνθησαν⟧; to_call he/she/it/self, and to_say, be_present; ⟦ἔλαμψαν⟧ with/after joy the/this/who to_ _do/make he/she/it/self. **35** this/he/she/it the/this/who God I/we, no to_count other to/with he/she/it/self. **36** ⟦Ἐξεῦρε⟧ all road ⟦ἐπιστήμης⟧, and to_give he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self Yakōb the/this/who ⟦παιδὶ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and Israaʸl the/this/who to_love by/under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **37** with/after this/he/she/it upon/to/against the/this/who earth to_see, and in/on/among the/this/who a_human ⟦συνανεστράφη⟧.

4:1 he/she/it/self/this/he/she/it the/this/who book the/this/who ⟦προσταγμάτων⟧ of_the God, and the/this/who law the/this/who to_be toward the/this/who an_age; all the/this/who to_grasp/seize he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, toward life; the/this/who but/and to_leave_behind he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, ⟦ἀποθανοῦνται⟧. **2** ⟦Ἐπιστρέφου⟧ Hiakōb, and to_catch he/she/it/self, ⟦διόδευσον⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦λάμψιν⟧ before of_the light he/she/it/self. **3** not to_give other the/this/who glory you, and the/this/who ⟦συμφέροντά⟧ you Gentile_nation another's. **4** blessed to_be Israaʸl, that/since the/this/who pleasing of_the God I/we acquainted_with he_is. **5** take_heart a_people I/we, memorial Israaʸl. **6** ⟦Ἐπράθητε⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation no toward destruction, through/because_of the/this/who ⟦παροργίσαι⟧ you the/this/who God; to_deliver the/this/who ⟦ὑπεναντίοις⟧.

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32 But he that knows all things knows her, he found her out with his understanding. He who prepared the earth for all time has filled it with four-footed animals. **33** It's he who sends forth the light, and it goes. He called it, and it obeyed him with fear. **34** The stars shone in their watches, and were glad. When he called them, they said, "Here we are." They shone with gladness to him who made them. **35** This is our god. No other can be compared to him. **36** He's found out all the way of knowledge, and has given it to Ya'akov (Jacob) his servant and to Yisrael (Israel) who's loved by him. **37** Afterward she appeared on earth, and lived with men.

4:1 This is the book of God's commandments and the law that endures forever. All those who hold it fast will live, but those who leave it'll die. **2** Turn, Oh Ya'akov, and take hold of it. Walk towards the shining of its light. **3** Don't give your glory to another, nor the things that are to your advantage to a foreign nation. **4** Oh Yisrael, we're happy; for the things that are pleasing to God are made known to us.

Yerushalem mourns for her children

5 Be of good cheer, my people, the memorial of Yisrael. **6** You weren't sold to the nations for destruction, but because you moved God to anger, you were delivered to your adversaries. **7** Because you provoked him who made you by sacrificing to demons and not to God. **8** You forgot the eternal God who brought you up. You also grieved Yerushalem (Jerusalem), who nursed you. **9** Because

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she saw the anger that came on you from God, and said, "Listen, you who live near Tsiyon (Zion); for God has brought on me great mourning. 10 Because I've seen the captivity of my sons and daughters, which the Eternal has brought on them. 11 Because with joy I nourished them, but sent them away with weeping and mourning. 12 Let no man rejoice over me, a widow and forsaken by many. Because the sins of my children, I'm left desolate, because they turned away from God's law 13 and had no regard for his statutes. They didn't walk in the ways of God's commandments or tread in the paths of discipline in his righteousness. 14 Let those who live near Tsiyon come and remember the captivity of my sons and daughters, which the Eternal has brought on them. 15 Because he's brought a nation on them from afar, a shameless nation with a strange language, who didn't respect old men or pity children. 16 They've carried away the dear beloved sons of the widow, and left her who was alone desolate of her daughters."

17 But I—how can I help you? 18 Because he who brought these calamities on you'll deliver you from your enemies' hand. 19 Go your way, Oh my children. Go your way, for I'm left desolate. 20 I've put off the garment of peace, and put on the sackcloth of my petition. I'll cry to the Eternal as long as I live.

God will bring the exiles back

21 Take courage, my children. Cry to God, and he'll deliver you from the power and hand of the enemies. 22 Because I've trusted in the Eternal, that he'll save you; and joy has come to me from the Holy One, because of the mercy that'll soon come to you from your Eternal Saviour. 23 Because I sent you out with mourning and weeping, but God will give you to me again with joy and gladness forever. 24 Because as now those who live near Tsiyon (Zion) have seen your captivity, so they'll shortly see your salvation from our god which will come on you with great glory and brightness of the Eternal. 25 My children, suffer patiently the anger that's come on you from God, for your enemy has persecuted you; but shortly you'll see his destruction and will tread on their necks. 26 My delicate ones have travelled rough roads. They were taken away like a flock carried off by enemies.

27 Take courage, my children, and cry to God; for you'll be remembered by him who's brought this on you. 28 Because as it was your decision to go astray from God, return and seek him ten times more. 29 Because he who brought these calamities on you'll bring you eternal joy again with your salvation. 30 Take courage, Oh Yerushalem, for he who called you by name will comfort you. 31 Miserable are those who afflicted you and rejoiced at your fall. 32 Miserable are the cities which your children served. Miserable is she who received your sons. 33 Because as she rejoiced at your fall and was glad of your ruin, so she'll be grieved at her own desolation. 34 And I'll take away her pride in her great multitude and her boasting will be turned into mourning. 35 Because fire will come on her from the Eternal for many days; and she'll be inhabited by demons for a long time.

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7 ⟦Παρωξύνατε⟧ for the/this/who ⟦ποιήσαντα⟧ you, ⟦θύσαντες⟧ demon, and no God. 8 ⟦Ἐπελάθεσθε⟧ the/this/who ⟦τροφεύσαντα⟧ you God eternal, ⟦ἐλυπήσατε⟧ but/and and the/this/who ⟦ἐκθρέψασαν⟧ I/we Hierousalaʸm. 9 to_perceive for the/this/who ⟦ἐπελθοῦσαν⟧ you wrath from_with of_the God, and to_say, to_hear the/this/who/which foreigner Siōn, ⟦ἐπήγαγέ⟧ I/we the/this/who God grief great. 10 to_perceive for the/this/who captivity the/this/who son I/we and the/this/who daughter, which ⟦ἐπήγαγεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who eternal. 11 ⟦Ἔθρεψα⟧ for he/she/it/self with/after joy, ⟦ἐξαπέστειλα⟧ but/and with/after ⟦κλαυθμοῦ⟧ and ⟦πένθους⟧. 12 nothing ⟦ἐπιχαιρέτω⟧ I/we the/this/who widow and ⟦καταλειφθήσῃ⟧ by/under much, ⟦ἠρημώθην⟧ through/because_of the/this/who sin the/this/who child I/we, because to_turn_from out_from law God, 13 and righteous_act he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no to_know, and_not to_travel road commandment God, and_not path discipline in/on/among righteousness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐπέβησαν⟧. 14 ⟦Ἐλθέτωσαν⟧ the/this/who/which foreigner Siōn, and to_ _remember the/this/who captivity the/this/who son I/we and daughter, which ⟦ἐπήγαγεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who eternal. 15 ⟦Ἐπήγαγε⟧ for upon/to/against he/she/it/self Gentile_nation from_afar, Gentile_nation ⟦ἀναιδὲς⟧ and ⟦ἀλλόγλωσσον⟧; that/since no ⟦ᾐσχύνθησαν⟧ ⟦πρεσβύτην⟧, and_not child ⟦ἠλέησαν⟧, 16 and to_lead_away the/this/who ⟦ἀγαπητοὺς⟧ the/this/who widow, and away_from the/this/who daughter the/this/who alone ⟦ἠρήμωσαν⟧. 17 I/we but/and one/which? ⟦δυνατὴ⟧ to_help you? the/this/who for ⟦ἐπαγαγὼν⟧ the/this/who evil/harm, ⟦ἐξελεῖται⟧ you out_from hand enemy you. 18 ⟦Βαδίζετε⟧ child, ⟦βαδίζετε⟧, I/we for ⟦κατελείφθην⟧ deserted. 19 ⟦Ἐξεδυσάμην⟧ the/this/who robe the/this/who peace, 20 ⟦ἐνεδυσάμην⟧ but/and ⟦σάκκον⟧ the/this/who petition I/we; ⟦κεκράξομαι⟧ to/with the/this/who eternal in/on/among the/this/who day I/we. 21 ⟦Θαῤῥεῖτε⟧ child, ⟦βοήσατε⟧ to/with the/this/who God, and ⟦ἐξελεῖται⟧ you out_from ⟦δυναστείας⟧, out_from hand enemy. 22 I/we for ⟦ἤλπισα⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦αἰωνίῳ⟧ the/this/who salvation you; and to_ _come/go I/we joy from_with of_the holy upon/to/against the/this/who charity, the/this/who/which to_come/be_ _present you in/on/among quickness from_with of_the eternal saviour you. 23 ⟦Ἐξέπεμψα⟧ for you with/after ⟦κλαυθμοῦ⟧ and ⟦πένθους⟧, to_pay but/and I/we the/this/who God you with/after ⟦χαρμοσύνης⟧ and joy toward the/this/who an_age. 24 just_as for now to_see the/this/who/which foreigner Siōn the/this/who your captivity, thus(-ly) to_see in/on/among quickness the/this/who from_with of_the God you salvation, the/this/who/which to_arrive/invade you with/after glory great and ⟦λαμπρότητος⟧ of_the eternal. 25 child to_have_ _patience the/this/who from_with of_the God ⟦ἐπελθοῦσαν⟧ you wrath, to_seek you the/this/who enemy, and to_see he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who destruction in/on/among quickness, and upon/to/against ⟦τραχήλους⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπιβήσῃ⟧. 26 the/this/who ⟦τρυφεροί⟧ I/we to_travel road ⟦τραχείας⟧, ⟦ἦρθησαν⟧ which/how flock ⟦ἡρπασμένον⟧ by/under enemy.

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27 ⟦Θαρσήσατε⟧ child and ⟦βοήσατε⟧ to/with the/this/who God, to_be for you by/under of_the ⟦ἐπάγοντος⟧ remembrance. **28** just_as for to_be the/this/who mind you toward the/this/who ⟦πλανηθῆναι⟧ away_from of_the God, ⟦δεκαπλασιάσατε⟧ ⟦ἐπιστραφέντες⟧ to_seek he/she/it/self. **29** the/this/who for ⟦ἐπαγαγὼν⟧ you the/this/who evil/harm, ⟦ἐπάξει⟧ you the/this/who eternal ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧ with/after the/this/who salvation you. **30** take_heart Hierousalaʸm, ⟦παρακαλέσει⟧ you the/this/who ⟦ὀνομάσας⟧ you. **31** ⟦Δείλαιοι⟧ the/this/who you ⟦κακώσαντες⟧, and ⟦ἐπιχαρέντες⟧ the/this/who your ⟦πτώσει⟧; **32** ⟦Δείλαιαι⟧ the/this/who/which city which ⟦ἐδούλευσαν⟧ the/this/who child you, ⟦δειλαία⟧ the/this/who to_receive the/this/who son you. **33** just_as for to_rejoice upon/to/against the/this/who your ⟦πτώσει⟧, and to_celebrate upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦πτώματί⟧ you, thus(-ly) ⟦λυπηθήσεται⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who my/your/him-self desert. **34** and ⟦περιελῶ⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who a_leap_for_joy the/this/who ⟦πολυοχλίας⟧ and the/this/who prancing he/she/it/self toward grief. **35** fire for to_arrive/invade he/she/it/self from_ _with of_the eternal toward day ⟦μακρὰς⟧, and ⟦κατοικηθήσεται⟧ by/under demon the/this/who greater time. **36** ⟦Περίβλεψον⟧ to/with eastwards Hierousalaʸm, and look!/to_perceive the/this/who ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧ the/this/who from_with of_the God you to_come/go. **37** look! to_come/go the/this/who son you which ⟦ἐξαπέστειλας⟧, to_come/go to_ _assemble away_from east until west the/this/who declaration of_the holy, to_rejoice the/this/who of_the God glory/to_think.

5:1 ⟦Ἔκδυσαι⟧ Hierousalaʸm, the/this/who robe of_the ⟦πένθους⟧ and the/this/who ⟦κακώσεώς⟧ you, and ⟦ἔνδυσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦εὐπρέπειαν⟧ the/this/who from_with of_the God glory toward the/this/who an_age. **2** to_clothe the/this/who ⟦διπλοΐδα⟧ the/this/who from_with of_the God righteousness, ⟦ἐπίθου⟧ the/this/who ⟦μίτραν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who head you the/this/who glory of_the eternal. **3** the/this/who for God to_show the/this/who by/under heaven all the/this/who your brightness. **4** to_call for you the/this/who name from_with of_the God toward the/this/who an_age, peace righteousness, and glory ⟦θεοσεβείας⟧. **5** to_arise Hierousalaʸm, and to_stand upon/to/against of_the high, and ⟦περίβλεψαι⟧ to/with eastwards, and look!/to_perceive to_assemble the/this/who child you away_from sun west until east the/this/who declaration of_the holy, ⟦χαίροντας⟧ the/this/who of_the God remembrance. **6** to_go_out for from_with you ⟦πεζοὶ⟧ ⟦ἀγόμενοι⟧ by/under enemy, ⟦εἰσάγει⟧ but/and he/she/it/self the/this/who God to/with you ⟦αἰρομένους⟧ with/after glory which/how throne kingdom. **7** to_direct for the/this/who God to_humble all mountain high, and ⟦θῖνας⟧ ⟦ἀεννάους⟧, and ⟦φάραγγας⟧ ⟦πληροῦσθαι⟧ toward ⟦ὁμαλισμὸν⟧ the/this/who earth, in_order_that/to ⟦βαδίσῃ⟧ Israaʸl securely the/this/who of_the God glory/to_think. **8** ⟦Ἐσκίασαν⟧ but/and and the/this/who ⟦δρυμοὶ⟧ and all wood aroma the/this/who Israaʸl ⟦προστάγματι⟧ of_the God. **9** ⟦Ἡγήσεται⟧ for the/this/who God Israaʸl with/after joy the/this/who light the/this/who glory he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, with charity and righteousness the/this/who from_with

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Yerushalem's sorrow will turn to joy

36 Oh Yerushalem (Jerusalem), look around you towards the east, and see the joy that comes to you from God. **37** Listen, your sons come, whom you sent away. They come gathered together from the east to the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in God's glory.

5:1 Take off the garment of your mourning and affliction, Oh Yerushalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. **2** Put on the robe of the righteousness from God. Set on your head a diadem of the glory of the Eternal. **3** Because God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. **4** Because your name will be called by God forever "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory".

5 Arise, Oh Yerushalem, and stand on the height. Look around you towards the east and see your children gathered from the going down of the sun to its rising at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. **6** Because they went from you on foot, being led away by their enemies, but God brings them in to you carried on high with glory, on a royal throne. **7** Because God has appointed that every high mountain and the eternal hills should be made low, and the valleys filled up to make the ground level, that Yisrael (Israel) may go safely in God's glory. **8** Moreover the woods and every sweet smelling tree have shaded Yisrael by God's commandment. **9** Because God will lead Yisrael with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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The Letter of Yirmiyah (Yirmeyah/Jeremiah)

6:1 A copy of a letter that Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) sent to those who were to be led captives into Bavel (Babylon) by the king of the Babylonians, to give them the message that God commanded him.

2 Because of the sins which you've committed before God, you'll be led away captives to Bavel by Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) king of the Babylonians. **3** So when you come to Bavel, you'll remain there many years, and for a long season, even for seven generations. After that, I'll bring you out peacefully from there. **4** But now you'll see in Bavel gods of silver, gold, wood carried on shoulders, which cause the nations to fear. **5** Beware therefore that you in no way become like these foreigners. Don't let fear take hold of you because of them when you see the multitude before them and behind them, worshipping them. **6** But say in your hearts, "O master, we must worship you." **7** Because my angel is with you, and I myself care for your souls.

Lifeless idols dressed like kings

8 Because their tongue is polished by the workman, and they themselves are overlaid with gold and with silver; yet they're only fake, and can't speak. **9** And taking gold, as if it were for a virgin who loves to be happy, they make crowns for the heads of their gods. **10** Sometimes also the priests take gold and silver from their gods, and spend it on themselves. **11** They'll even give some of it to the common prostitutes. They dress them like men with clothes, even the gods of silver, gods of gold, and gods of wood. **12** Yet these gods can't save themselves from rust and moths, even though they're covered with purple clothes. **13** They wipe their faces because of the dust of the temple, which is thick on them. **14** And he who can't put to death one who offends against him holds a sceptre, as though he were judge of a country. **15** He has also a dagger in his right hand, and an axe, but can't deliver himself from war and robbers. **16** By this they're known not to be gods. Therefore don't fear them. **17** Because like a vessel that a man uses is worth nothing when it's broken, even so it's with their gods. When they're set up in the temples, their eyes are full of dust through the feet of those who come in. **18** As the courtyards are secured on every side on him who offends the king, as being committed to suffer death, even so the priests secure their temples with doors, with locks, and bars, so that robbers won't carry them off. **19** They light candles for them, yes, more than for themselves, even though they can't see one. **20** They're like one of the beams of the temple. Men say their hearts are eaten out when things creeping out of the earth devour both them and their clothing. They don't feel it **21** when their faces are blackened through the smoke that comes out of the temple. **22** Bats, swallows, and birds land on their bodies and heads. So do the cats. **23** By this you may know that they're no gods. Therefore don't fear them. **24** Notwithstanding the gold with which they're covered to make them beautiful, unless someone wipes off the tarnish, they won't shine; for they didn't

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

6:1 a_transcript epistle which to_send Hieremias to/with the/this/who ⟦ἀχθησομένους⟧ ⟦αἰχμαλώτους⟧ toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧ by/under of_the king the/this/who Babulōniōn, to_report he/she/it/self as/just_as ⟦ἐπετάγη⟧ he/she/it/self by/under of_the God. **2** through/because_of the/this/who sin which ⟦ἡμαρτήκατε⟧ against/in_front_of of_the God, to_bring toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧ ⟦αἰχμάλωτοι⟧ by/under Nabouḳodonosor king the/this/who Babulōniōn. **3** to_enter therefore/then toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧, to_be there year greater and time ⟦μακρὸν⟧, until generation seven; with/after this/he/she/it but/and ⟦ἐξάξω⟧ you from_there with/after peace. **4** now but/and to_see in/on/among Babulōni God silver and golden and ⟦ξυλίνους⟧ upon/to/against ⟦ὤμοις⟧ ⟦αἰρομένους⟧, ⟦δεικνύντας⟧ fear the/this/who Gentile_nation. **5** ⟦Εὐλαβήθητε⟧ therefore/then not and you ⟦ἀφομοιωθέντες⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀλλοφύλοις⟧ ⟦ἀφομοιωθῆτε⟧, and fear you to_ _take upon/to/against he/she/it/self, ⟦ἰδόντας⟧ crowd before and after he/she/it/self to_worship he/she/it/self. **6** to_say but/and the/this/who mind, you/your be_necessary to_ _worship, master. **7** the/this/who for angel I/we with/after you to_be, he/she/it/self and/both to_seek_out the/this/who soul you. **8** tongue for he/she/it/self he_is ⟦κατεξυσμένη⟧ by/under craftsman, he/she/it/self and/both ⟦περίχρυσα⟧ and ⟦περιάργυρα⟧, ⟦ψευδῆ⟧ but/and he_is, and no be_able to_speak. **9** and just_as ⟦παρθένῳ⟧ ⟦φιλοκόσμῳ⟧ to_take gold, ⟦κατασκευάζουσι⟧ crown upon/to/against the/this/who head the/this/who ⟦θεῶν⟧ he/she/it/self. **10** he_is but/and and when ⟦ὑφαιρούμενοι⟧ the/this/who priest away_from the/this/who ⟦θεῶν⟧ he/she/it/self gold and money toward my/your/him-self ⟦καταναλοῦσι⟧. **11** to_give but/and away_ _from he/she/it/self and the/this/who upon/to/against of_the ⟦στέγους⟧ ⟦πόρναις⟧; ⟦κοσμοῦσί⟧ and/both he/she/it/self, which/how a_human, the/this/who clothing, God silver, and God golden, and ⟦ξυλίνους⟧. **12** this/he/she/it but/and no ⟦διασώζονται⟧ away_from poison/rust and food, ⟦περιβεβλημένων⟧ he/she/it/self clothing purple. **13** ⟦Ἐκμάσσονται⟧ the/this/who face he/she/it/self through/because_of the/this/who out_from the/this/who home dust, which he_is greater upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **14** and a_chiefdom to_have/be which/how a_ _human judge country, which the/this/who toward he/she/it/self to_sin no to_do_away_with. **15** to_have/be but/and ⟦ἐγχειρίδιον⟧ right, and ⟦πέλεκυν⟧; my/your/him-self but/and out_from war and robber/rebel no ⟦ἐξελεῖται⟧. **16** whence ⟦γνώριμοί⟧ to_be no to_be God; not therefore/then to_fear he/she/it/self. **17** just_as for vessel a_human ⟦συντριβὲν⟧ worthless to_be, such_as_this to_be the/this/who God he/she/it/self, ⟦καθιδρυμένων⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who house; the/this/who eye he/she/it/self full to_be ⟦κονιορτοῦ⟧ away_from the/this/who foot the/this/who to_enter. **18** and just_as one ⟦ἠδικηκότι⟧ king, ⟦περιπεφραγμέναι⟧ to_be the/this/who/which ⟦αὐλαὶ⟧, which/how upon/to/against death ⟦ἀπηγμένῳ⟧; the/this/who house he/she/it/self ⟦ὀχυροῦσιν⟧ the/this/who priest ⟦θυρώμασί⟧ and/both and ⟦κλείθροις⟧ and ⟦μοχλοῖς⟧, that by/under the/this/who robber/rebel not ⟦συληθῶσι⟧. **19** ⟦Λύχνους⟧ to_kindle/burn, and greater/much or/than

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my/your/him-self, which none be_able to_perceive. **20** he_is on_one_hand just_as plank the/this/who out_from the/this/who home, the/this/who but/and heart he/she/it/self to_say ⟦ἐκλείχεσθαι⟧ the/this/who away_from the/this/who earth reptile, ⟦κατεσθόντων⟧ he/she/it/self and/both and the/this/who clothing he/she/it/self no ⟦αἰσθάνονται⟧; **21** ⟦Μεμελανωμένοι⟧ the/this/who face he/she/it/self away_from of_the smoke of_the out_from the/this/who home. **22** upon/to/against the/this/who body he/she/it/self and upon/to/against the/this/who head he/she/it/self ⟦ἐφίπτανται⟧ ⟦νυκτερίδες⟧, ⟦χελιδόνες⟧, and the/this/who bird, likewise but/and and the/this/who ⟦αἴλουροι⟧. **23** whence to_know that/since no to_be God; not therefore/then to_fear he/she/it/self. **24** the/this/who for gold the/this/who/which ⟦περίκεινται⟧ toward beauty, if not one ⟦ἐκμάξῃ⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἰὸν⟧, no not ⟦στίλψωσιν⟧, and_not for when ⟦ἐχωνεύοντο⟧, ⟦ἠσθάνοντο⟧. **25** out_from all honour ⟦ἠγορασμένα⟧ to_be, in/on/among which no he_is spirit/breath. **26** without foot upon/to/against ⟦ὤμοις⟧ ⟦φέρονται⟧, to_show the/this/who my/your/him-self dishonour the/this/who a_human. **27** ⟦Αἰσχύνονταί⟧ and/both and the/this/who to_serve/heal he/she/it/self, through/because_of the/this/who, ⟦εἴποτε⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who earth to_collapse, not through/because_of he/she/it/self to_arise, neither if one he/she/it/self ⟦ὀρθὸν⟧ to_stand, through/because_of my/your/him-self ⟦κινηθήσεται⟧, neither if ⟦κλιθῇ⟧, no not ⟦ὀρθωθῇ⟧, but just_as dead the/this/who gift he/she/it/self ⟦παρατίθεται⟧. **28** the/this/who but/and sacrifice he/she/it/self ⟦ἀποδόμενοι⟧ the/this/who priest he/she/it/self ⟦καταχρῶνται⟧; likewise but/and and the/this/who/which woman away_from he/she/it/self ⟦ταριχεύουσαι⟧, neither poor neither ⟦ἀδυνάτῳ⟧ not ⟦μεταδῶσι⟧. **29** the/this/who sacrifice he/she/it/self ⟦ἀποκαθημένη⟧ and ⟦λεχὼ⟧ ⟦ἅπτονται⟧; to_know therefore/then away_from this/he/she/it that/since no to_be God, not to_fear he/she/it/self. **30** whence/how for ⟦κληθείησαν⟧ God? that/since woman ⟦παρατιθέασι⟧ God ⟦ἀργυροῖς⟧ and ⟦χρυσοῖς⟧ and ⟦ξυλίνοις⟧. **31** and in/on/among the/this/who house he/she/it/self the/this/who priest ⟦διφρεύουσιν⟧, to_have/be the/this/who tunic ⟦διερῥωγότας⟧, and the/this/who head and the/this/who ⟦πώγωνας⟧ ⟦ἐξυρημένους⟧, which the/this/who/which head ⟦ἀκάλυπτοί⟧ to_be. **32** ⟦Ὠρύονται⟧ but/and to_cry_out against/in_front_of the/this/who ⟦θεῶν⟧ he/she/it/self, just_as one in/on/among ⟦περιδείπνῳ⟧ dead. **33** away_from of_the clothing he/she/it/self ⟦ἀφελόμενοι⟧ the/this/who priest, ⟦ἐνδύσουσι⟧ the/this/who woman he/she/it/self and the/this/who child. **34** neither if evil/harm ⟦πάθωσιν⟧ by/under one, neither if good-doer, be_able to_repay; neither ⟦καταστῆσαι⟧ king be_ _able, neither ⟦ἀφελέσθαι⟧. **35** likewise neither riches neither copper/bronze/coin no not be_able to_give; if one a_ _vow/prayer he/she/it/self ⟦εὐξάμενος⟧ not to_pay, no not ⟦ἐπιζητήσωσιν⟧. **36** out_from death a_human no not ⟦ῥύσωνται⟧, neither ⟦ἥττονα⟧ away_from strong not ⟦ἐξέλωνται⟧. **37** a_human blind toward ⟦ὅρασιν⟧ no not ⟦περιστήσωσιν⟧, in/on/among necessity a_human to_be no not ⟦ἐξέλωνται⟧. **38** widow no not ⟦ἐλεήσωσιν⟧, neither ⟦ὀρφανὸν⟧ well/well_done! to_do/make. **39** the/this/who away_from of_

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even feel it when they were molten. **25** Things in which there's no breath are bought at any cost. **26** Having no feet, they're carried on shoulders. By this, they declare to men that they're worth nothing. **27** Those who serve them are also ashamed, for if they fall to the ground at any time, they can't rise up again by themselves. If they're bowed down, they can't make themselves straight; but the offerings are set before them, as if they were dead men. **28** And the things that are sacrificed to them, their priests sell and spend. In the same way, their wives also lay up part of it in salt; but to the poor and to the impotent they give none of it. **29** The menstruous woman and the woman in childbed touch their sacrifices, knowing therefore by these things that they're no gods. Don't fear them. **30** Because how can they be called gods? Because women set food before the gods of silver, gold, and wood. **31** And in their temples the priests sit on seats, having their clothes torn and their heads and beards shaven, and nothing on their heads. **32** They roar and cry before their gods, as men do at the feast when one is dead. **33** The priests also take off clothes from them and clothe their wives and children with them. **34** Whether it's evil or good what one does to them, they aren't able to repay it. They can't set up a king or put him down. **35** In the same way, they can neither give riches nor money. Though a man make a vow to them and doesn't keep it, they'll never exact it. **36** They can save no man from death. They can't deliver the weak from the mighty. **37** They can't restore a blind man to his sight, or deliver anyone who's in distress. **38** They can show no mercy to the widow, or do good to the fatherless. **39** They're like the stones that are cut out of the mountain, these gods of wood that are overlaid with gold and with silver. Those who minister to them will be confounded.

Why idols aren't gods

40 How could a man then think or say that they're gods, when even the Kasdim (Chaldeans) themselves dishonour them? **41** If they see one mute who can't speak, they bring him and ask him to call on Bel, as though he were able to understand. **42** Yet they can't perceive this themselves, and forsake them; for they have no understanding. **43** The women also with cords around them sit in the ways, burning bran for incense; but if any of them, drawn by someone who passes by, lies with him, she reproaches her fellow, that she wasn't thought as worthy as herself and her cord wasn't broken. **44** Whatever is done among them is false. How could a man then think or say that they're gods? **45** They're fashioned by carpenters and goldsmiths. They can be nothing else than what the workmen make them to be. **46** And they themselves who fashioned them can never continue long. How then should the things that are fashioned by them? **47** Because they've left lies and reproaches to those who come after. **48** Because when there comes any war or deadly disease onto them, the priests consult with themselves, where they may be hidden with them. **49** How then can't men understand that they're no gods, which can't save themselves from war or from deadly diseases? **50** Because seeing they're only wood and overlaid with gold and silver, it'll

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be known in the future that they're false. 51 It'll be manifest to all nations and kings that they're no gods, but the works of men's hands, and that there's no work of God in them. 52 Who then may not know that they aren't gods?

53 Because they can't set up a king in a land or give rain to men. 54 They can't judge their own cause, or redress a wrong, being unable; for they're like crows between heaven and earth. 55 Because even when fire falls on the house of gods of wood overlaid with gold or with silver, their priests will flee away, and escape, but they themselves will be burnt apart like beams. 56 Moreover they can't withstand any king or enemies. How could a man then admit or think that they're gods? 57 Those gods of wood overlaid with silver or with gold aren't able to escape from thieves or robbers. 58 The gold, silver, and clothes with which they're clothed—those who are strong will take from them, and go away with them. They won't be able to help themselves. 59 Therefore it's better to be a king who shows his manhood, or else a vessel in a house profitable for whatever the owner needs, than such false gods—or even a door in a house, to keep the things safe that are in it, than such false gods; or better to be a pillar of wood in a palace than such false gods.

60 Because sun, moon, and stars, being bright and sent to do their jobs, are obedient. 61 Likewise also the lightning when it flashes is beautiful to see. In the same way, the wind also blows in every country. 62 And when God commands the clouds to go over the whole world, they do as they're told. 63 And the fire sent from above to consume mountains and woods does as it's commanded; but these are to be compared to them neither in show nor power. 64 Therefore a man shouldn't think or say that they're gods, seeing they aren't able to judge causes or to do good to men. 65 Knowing therefore that they're no gods, don't fear them. 66 Because they can neither curse nor bless kings. 67 They can't show signs in the heavens among the nations, or shine as the sun, or give light as the moon. 68 The wild animals are better than they; for they can get under a covert, and help themselves. 69 In no way then is it manifest to us that they're gods. Therefore don't fear them. 70 Because as a scarecrow in a garden of cucumbers that keeps nothing, so are their gods of wood overlaid with gold and silver. 71 Likewise also their gods of wood overlaid with gold and with silver, are like a white thorn in an orchard that every bird sits on. They're also like a dead body that's thrown out into the dark. 72 You'll know them to be no gods by the bright purple that rots on them. They themselves will be consumed afterwards, and will be a reproach in the country. 73 Better therefore is the just man who has no idols; for he'll be far from reproach.

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_the mountain stone ⟦ὡμοιωμὲνοι⟧ to_be the/this/who wooden, and the/this/who ⟦περίχρυσα⟧, and the/this/who ⟦περιάργυρα⟧, the/this/who but/and to_serve/heal he/she/it/self ⟦καταισχυνθήσονται⟧. 40 how?/how?! therefore/then ⟦νομιστέον⟧ or/than ⟦κλητέον⟧ to_be he/she/it/self God, still but/and and he/she/it/self the/this/who Kaldaiōn ⟦ἀτιμαζόντων⟧ he/she/it/self? 41 the/this/who/which when(-ever) to_perceive ⟦ἐνεὸν⟧ not be_able to_speak, ⟦προσενεγκάμενοι⟧ the/this/who Baʸlon, ⟦ἀξιοῦσι⟧ to_call, which/how ⟦δυνατοῦ⟧ to_be he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦αἰσθὲσθαι⟧. 42 and no be_able he/she/it/self ⟦νοήσαντες⟧ ⟦καταλιπεῖν⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦αἴσθησιν⟧ for no to_have/be. 43 the/this/who/which but/and woman ⟦περιθέμεναι⟧ rope, in/on/among the/this/who road ⟦ἐγκάθηνται⟧, ⟦θυμιῶσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦πίτυρα⟧; ⟦ὅτας⟧ but/and one he/she/it/self ⟦ἐφελκυσθεῖσα⟧ by/under one the/this/who ⟦παραπορευομένων⟧ to_sleep, the/this/who near/neighbour ⟦ὀνειδίζει⟧, that/since no to_deem_worthy just_as and he/she/it/self, neither the/this/who rope he/she/it/self ⟦διεῤῥάγη⟧. 44 all the/this/who to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self he_is ⟦ψευδῆ⟧; how?/how?! therefore/then ⟦νομιστέον⟧ or/than ⟦κλητέον⟧ which/how God he/she/it/self to_be? 45 by/under ⟦τεκτόνων⟧ and ⟦χρυσοχόων⟧ ⟦κατεσκευασμένα⟧ to_be; none another not to_be, or/than the/this/who/which ⟦βούλονται⟧ the/this/who craftsman he/she/it/self to_be. 46 he/she/it/self and/both the/this/who ⟦κατασκευάζοντες⟧ he/she/it/self no not to_be ⟦πολυχρόνιοι⟧; how?/how?! and/both so to_ensue the/this/who by/under he/she/it/self ⟦κατασκευασθέντα⟧? 47 to_leave_behind for ⟦ψεύδη⟧ and disgrace the/this/who ⟦ἐπιγινομένοις⟧. 48 when(-ever) for to_arrive/invade upon/to/against he/she/it/self war and evil/harm, ⟦βουλεύονται⟧ to/with my/your/him-self the/this/who priest, where? ⟦συναποκρυβῶσι⟧ with/after he/she/it/self. 49 how?/how?! therefore/then no to_be ⟦αἰσθέσθαι⟧ that/since no to_be God, the/this/who/which neither ⟦σώζουσιν⟧ my/your/him-self out_from ⟦πολέμου⟧, neither out_from evil/harm? 50 to_be for wooden and ⟦περίχρυσα⟧ and ⟦περιάργυρα⟧, to_know with/after this/he/she/it that/since he_is ⟦ψευδῆ⟧. 51 the/this/who Gentile_nation all the/this/who and/both king manifest to_be that/since no to_be God, but work hand a_ _human, and none God work in/on/among he/she/it/self he_ _is. 52 which? therefore/then ⟦γνωστέον⟧ to_be that/since no to_be God? 53 king for country no not ⟦ἀναστήσωσιν⟧, neither rain a_human no not to_give. 54 judgement and/both no not ⟦διακρίνωσιν⟧ my/your/him-self, and_not not ⟦ῥύσωνται⟧ crime, ⟦ἀδὺνατοι⟧ to_be; just_as for ⟦κορῶναι⟧ ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ of_ _the heaven and the/this/who earth. 55 and for when(-ever) to_fall_into toward home ⟦θεῶν⟧ ⟦ξυλίνων⟧ the/this/who ⟦περιχρύσων⟧ or/than ⟦περιαργύρων⟧ fire, the/this/who on_ _one_hand ⟦ἱερεῖν⟧ to_flee and ⟦διασωθήσονται⟧, he/she/it/self but/and just_as ⟦δοκοὶ⟧ ⟦μέσοι⟧ ⟦κατακαυθήσονται⟧. 56 king but/and and ⟦πολεμίοις⟧ no not ⟦ἀντιστῶσι⟧; how?/how?! therefore/then ⟦ἐκδεκτέον⟧ or/than ⟦νομιστέον⟧ that/since to_be God? 57 neither away_from to_ _steal, neither away_from robber/rebel no not ⟦διασωθῶσι⟧ God ⟦ξύλινον⟧, and ⟦περιάργυροι⟧, and ⟦περίχρυσοι⟧; 58 which

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the/this/who be_strong ⟦περιελοῦνται⟧ the/this/who gold and the/this/who money, and the/this/who clothing the/this/who to_surround he/she/it/self to_go_away to_have/be, neither my/your/him-self no not ⟦βοηθήσωσιν⟧. **59** so greater to_be king ⟦ἐπιδεικνύμενον⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self ⟦ἀνδρείαν⟧, or/than vessel in/on/among home profitable upon/to/against which ⟦κεχρήσεται⟧ the/this/who ⟦κεκτημένος⟧, or/than the/this/who false God; or/than and door in/on/among home ⟦διασώζουσα⟧ the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self to_be, or/than the/this/who false God; and wooden pillar in/on/among palace, or/than the/this/who false God. **60** sun on_one_hand for and moon and star to_be shining, and to_send upon/to/against need, ⟦εὐήκοά⟧ to_be. **61** likewise and lightning when(-ever) glorious, well-cooked he_is; the/this/who but/and he/she/it/self and spirit/breath in/on/among all country to_blow. **62** and cloud when(-ever) command by/under of_the God ⟦ἐπιπορεύεσθαι⟧ ⟦ἐπιπορεύεσθαι⟧ upon/to/against all the/this/who world, ⟦συντελοῦσι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ταχθέν⟧. **63** the/this/who, and/both fire ⟦ἐξαποσταλὲν⟧ from_above/again ⟦ἐξαναλῶσαι⟧ mountain and ⟦δρυμοὺς⟧, to_do/make the/this/who ⟦συνταχθὲν⟧; this/he/she/it but/and neither the/this/who ⟦εἰδέαις⟧ neither the/this/who power he/she/it/self ⟦ἀφωμοιωμένα⟧ to_be. **64** whence neither ⟦νομιστέον⟧ neither ⟦κλητέον⟧ to_be he/she/it/self God, no ⟦δυνατῶν⟧ to_be he/she/it/self neither ⟦κλητέον⟧ to_judge, neither well/well_ _done! to_do/make a_human. **65** to_know therefore/then that/since no to_be God, not to_fear he/she/it/self; **66** neither for king no not ⟦καταράσωνται⟧, neither not ⟦εὐλογήσωσι⟧. **67** sign and/both in/on/among Gentile_nation in/on/among heaven no not ⟦δείξωσιν⟧, and_not which/how the/this/who sun ⟦λάμψουσιν⟧, neither ⟦φωτιοῦσιν⟧ which/how the/this/who moon. **68** the/this/who wild_animal he/she/it/self he_is ⟦κρείττω⟧, which be_able ⟦ἐκφυγόντα⟧ toward ⟦σκέπην⟧ my/your/him-self ⟦ὠφελῆσαι⟧. **69** according_ _to none therefore/then way I/we he_is manifest that/since to_be God; for not to_fear he/she/it/self. **70** ⟦Ὥσοερ⟧ for in/on/among ⟦σικυηράτῳ⟧ muttonium none ⟦φυλάσσον⟧, thus(-ly) the/this/who God he/she/it/self to_be ⟦ξύλινοι⟧ and ⟦περίχρυσον⟧ and ⟦περιάργυροι⟧. **71** the/this/who he/she/it/self way and the/this/who. in/on/among garden ⟦ῥάμνῳ⟧, upon/to/against which all bird ⟦ἐπικάθηται⟧, likewise but/and and ⟦νεκρῷ⟧ ⟦ἐῤῥιμμένῳ⟧ in/on/among darkness ⟦ἀφωμοίωνται⟧ the/this/who God he/she/it/self ⟦ξύλινοι⟧ and ⟦περίχρυσοι⟧ and ⟦περιάργυροι⟧. **72** away_from and/both the/this/who purple_cloth and the/this/who marble the/this/who upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦σηπομένης⟧ ⟦γνωσθήσονται⟧ that/since no to_be God; he/she/it/self and/both out_from ⟦ὑστέρου⟧ ⟦βρωθήσονται⟧, and to_be disgrace in/on/among the/this/who country. **73** greater which a_human just no to_have/be idol, to_be for long/distant away_ _from ⟦ὀνειδισμοῦ⟧.

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The Book of
Daniyel

with Greek Portions

Introduction

This account of *Daniyel with Greek portions* contains the familiar accounts and visions from *Daniyel*, together with additional passages preserved in Greek. Daniyel and his friends are taken from Yehudah (Judah) to Bavel (Babylon), where they must decide how to remain faithful to God while serving foreign rulers. The accounts of dreams, royal demands, a blazing furnace, and a den of lions show God's power to humble kings and protect those who trust him. The additional material includes Azaryah's prayer and the three friends' song of praise while they are in the furnace. It also includes the account of Shoshanah (Susanna), whom Daniyel rescues from false accusations, and the accounts of Bel and the dragon, in which he exposes false worship and is again delivered from lions. These passages share the wider book's concerns with faithful worship, God's justice, and rescue from powerful opponents.
This edition keeps the extra prayer and song within chapter 3, where they belong in the account. They occupy verses 24–90, and the earlier narrative resumes at verse 91, so the numbering differs from the other OET account of Daniyel. Shoshanah's account is in chapter 13, and Bel and the dragon are in chapter 14.

Main components of this account

Daniyel and his friends serve in Bavel *1:1–2:49*
The three friends in the furnace, including their prayer and song *3:1-97*
God humbles kings and rescues Daniyel *4:1–6:28*
Daniyel's visions and their explanations *7:1–12:13*
Daniyel exposes the false accusations against Shoshanah *13:1-64*
Bel, the dragon, and Daniyel's rescue from lions *14:1-42*

The DC editions are placed side by side by chapter only. Their verse numbering and textual contents differ; corresponding lines are not established equivalents.

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1:1 in/on/among year ⟦τρίτῳ⟧ the/this/who kingdom ⟦'Ιωακεὶμ⟧ king Youda, to_come/go Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who king Babulōnos toward Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦ἐπολιόρκει⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **2** and to_give lord in/on/among hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦'Ιωακεὶμ⟧ king Youda, and away_from part the/this/who ⟦σκευῶν⟧ house of_the God; and to_bear/lead he/she/it/self toward earth Senna'ar house of_the God he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who vessel ⟦εἰσήνεγκεν⟧ toward the/this/who house treasure of_ _the God he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **3** and to_say the/this/who king the/this/who Asfanez the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιευνούχῳ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_ _bring_in away_from the/this/who son the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ Israaʸl, and away_from of_the seed the/this/who kingdom, and away_from the/this/who nobles, **4** ⟦νεανίσκους⟧, which no to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self blemish, and good the/this/who to_see, and ⟦συνιέντας⟧ in/on/among all wisdom, and ⟦γινώσκοντας⟧ knowledge/to_ _know, and ⟦διανοουμένους⟧ ⟦φρόνησιν⟧, and which to_be strength in/on/among he/she/it/self to_stand in/on/among the/this/who house before of_the king, and to_teach he/she/it/self something_written and tongue Ḳaldaiōn. **5** and to_direct he/she/it/self the/this/who king the/this/who the/this/who day according_to day, away_from the/this/who table of_the king, and away_from of_the wine of_the ⟦ποτοῦ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦θρέψαι⟧ he/she/it/self year three, and with/after this/he/she/it to_ _stand before of_the king. **6** and to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self out_from the/this/who son Youda, Daniaʸl, and Ananias, and Azarias, and Misaaʸl. **7** and to_put/lay_on he/she/it/self the/this/who chief_eunuch name; the/this/who Daniaʸl Baltasar, and the/this/who Anania Sedraḳ, and the/this/who Misaaʸl Misaḳ, and the/this/who Azaria Abdenagō. **8** and to_place Daniaʸl toward the/this/who heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which/how no not ⟦ἁλισγηθῇ⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦τραπέζῃ⟧ of_the king, and in/on/among the/this/who wine away_from of_the ⟦ποτοῦ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and ⟦ἠξίωσε⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιευνοῦχον⟧, which/how no not ⟦ἁλισγηθῇ⟧. **9** and to_give the/this/who God the/this/who Daniaʸl toward mercy and ⟦οἰκτιρμὸν⟧ before of_the ⟦ἀρχιευνούχου⟧. **10** and to_say the/this/who chief_eunuch the/this/who Daniaʸl, to_fear I/we the/this/who lord I/we the/this/who king, the/this/who ⟦ἐκτάξαντα⟧ the/this/who eating you and the/this/who foot you, lest to_perceive the/this/who face you ⟦σκυθρωπὰ⟧ from_with the/this/who ⟦παιδάρια⟧ the/this/who ⟦συνήλικα⟧ you, and ⟦καταδικάσητε⟧ the/this/who head I/we the/this/who king. **11** and to_say Daniaʸl to/with Amelsad, which to_appoint/conduct the/this/who chief_eunuch upon/to/against Daniaʸl, Ananian, Misaaʸl, Azarian, **12** ⟦πείρασον⟧ so the/this/who child you day ten, and ⟦δότωσαν⟧ I/we away_from the/this/who seed, and

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Daniyel and his friends in Bavel

1:1 In the third year of the reign of Yehoyakim king of Yehudah (Judah), Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) king of Bavel (Babylon) came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and besieged it. **2** The master[1] gave Yehoyakim king of Yehudah into his hand, with part of the vessels of God's house;[2] and he carried them into the land of Shin'ar to his god's house. He brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 The king spoke to Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring in some of the Israeli people (Israel), even of the royal offspring[3] and of the leading citizens— **4** youths in whom was no defect, but well-favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and endowed with knowledge, and understanding science, and who had the ability to serve in the king's palace; and that he should teach them the learning and the language of the Kasdim (Chaldeans). **5** The king appointed for them a daily portion of the king's delicacies, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at its end they should serve the king.

6 Now among these were of the children of Yehudah: Daniyel, Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah. **7** The prince of the eunuchs gave names to them: to Daniyel he gave the name Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar); to Hananyah, Shadrak; to Mishael, Meyshak; and to Azaryah, Aved-Nego.

8 But Daniyel purposed in his heart that he wouldn't defile himself with the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank. Therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. **9** Now God made Daniyel find kindness and compassion in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs. **10** The prince of the eunuchs said to Daniyel, "I fear my lord the king, who's appointed your food and your drink. Because why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths who are of your own age? Then you'd endanger my head with the king."

11 Then Daniyel said to the steward whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniyel, Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah: **12** "Test your servants, I beg you, ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. **13** Then let our faces be examined before you, and the face of the youths who eat of the king's delicacies; and as you see, deal with your servants." **14** So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days.

15 At the end of ten days, their faces appeared fairer, and they were fatter in flesh, than all the youths who ate of the king's delicacies. **16** So the steward took away their delicacies, and the wine that they'd drink, and gave them vegetables.

17 Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniyel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

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1 **RV 1:2 · Note** The word translated "master" is "Adonai."

2 **RV 1:2 · Note** The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "אֱלֹהִים" (Elohim).

3 **RV 1:3 · Note** or, seed

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18 At the end of the days which the king had appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar). 19 The king talked with them; and among them all was found no one like Daniyel, Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah. Therefore they served the king. 20 In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters who were in all his realm.

21 Daniyel continued serving even to the first year of King Koresh (Cyrus).

Nevukadnetsar's dream

2:1 In the second year of Nevukadnetsar's reign, Nevukadnetsar dreamt dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him. 2 Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Kasdim be called to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. 3 The king said to them, "I have dreamt a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream."

4 Then the Kasdim (Chaldeans) spoke to the king in the Arami (Syrian) language, "Oh king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we'll show the interpretation."

5 The king answered the Kasdim, "The thing has gone from me. If you don't make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you'll be cut in pieces, and your houses will be made a dunghill. 6 But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you'll receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honour. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation."

7 They answered the second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we'll show the interpretation."

8 The king answered, "I know of a certainty that you're trying

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⟦φαγώμεθα⟧, and water ⟦πιώμεθα⟧, 13 and ⟦ὀφθήτωσαν⟧ before you the/this/who/which ⟦ἰδέαι⟧ I/we, and the/this/who/which ⟦ἰδέαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦παιδαρίων⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐσθόντων⟧ the/this/who table of_the king, and as/just_as if to_perceive, to_do/make with/after the/this/who child you. 14 and ⟦εἰσήκουσεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_ _test/tempt he/she/it/self day ten. 15 and with/after the/this/who goal/tax the/this/who ten day, ⟦ὡράθησαν⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦ἰδέαι⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἀγαθαὶ⟧ and strong the/this/who ⟦σαρξὶν⟧ above/for the/this/who ⟦παιδάρια⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἔσθοντα⟧ the/this/who table of_the king. 16 and to_be Amelsad ⟦ἀναιρούμενος⟧ the/this/who dinner he/she/it/self, and the/this/who wine of_the ⟦πόματος⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_give he/she/it/self ⟦σπέρματα⟧. 17 and the/this/who ⟦παιδάρια⟧ this/he/she/it the/this/who four he/she/it/self, to_give he/she/it/self the/this/who God understanding and ⟦φρόνησιν⟧ in/on/among all ⟦γραμματικῇ⟧ and wisdom; and Dania^{y}l ⟦συνῆκεν⟧ in/on/among all appearance/vision and dream. 18 and with/after the/this/who goal/tax the/this/who day, which to_say the/this/who king to_bring_in he/she/it/self, and to_bring_in he/she/it/self the/this/who chief_eunuch against/in_front_of Nabouḳodonosor. 19 and to_speak with/after he/she/it/self the/this/who king; and no to_ _find/meet out_from all he/she/it/self like Dania^{y}l, and Anania, and Misaa^{y}l, and Azaria; and to_stand before of_the king. 20 and in/on/among all declaration wisdom and ⟦ἐπιστήμης⟧ which to_seek from_with he/she/it/self the/this/who king, to_find/meet he/she/it/self ⟦δεκαπλασίονας⟧ from_with all the/this/who ⟦ἐπαοιδοὺς⟧ and the/this/who sage the/this/who to_be in/on/among all the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 21 and to_be Dania^{y}l until ⟦ἔτους⟧ one Kurou of_the king.

2:1 in/on/among the/this/who year the/this/who secondly the/this/who kingdom, ⟦ἐνυπνιάσθη⟧ Nabouḳodonosor dream, and to_amaze the/this/who spirit/breath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who sleep he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_be away_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 2 and to_say the/this/who king to_call the/this/who ⟦ἐπαοιδοὺς⟧, and the/this/who sage, and the/this/who ⟦φαρμακοὺς⟧, and the/this/who Ḳaldaious, of_the to_report the/this/who king the/this/who ⟦ἐνύπνια⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_come/go, and to_stand before of_the king. 3 and to_say he/she/it/self the/this/who king, ⟦ἐνυπνιάσθην⟧, and to_amaze the/this/who spirit/breath I/we, of_the to_know the/this/who dream. 4 and to_speak the/this/who Ḳaldaioi the/this/who king ⟦Συριστὶ⟧, king, toward the/this/who an_age ⟦ζῆθι⟧; you to_say the/this/who dream the/this/who child you, and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ ⟦ἀναγγελοῦμεν⟧. 5 to_answer the/this/who king the/this/who Ḳaldaiois, the/this/who word away_from I/we/my to_leave; if not ⟦γνωρίσητέ⟧ I/we the/this/who dream and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧, toward destruction to_be, and the/this/who ⟦οἶκοι⟧ you ⟦διαρπαγήσονται⟧. 6 if but/and the/this/who dream and

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the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦γνωρίσητέ⟧ I/we, gift and free_gift and honour much to_take from_with I/we/my; but/however the/this/who dream and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ _announce I/we. **7** to_answer secondly, and to_say, the/this/who king to_say the/this/who dream the/this/who child he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ ⟦ἀναγγελοῦμεν⟧. **8** and to_answer the/this/who king, and to_say, upon/to/against truth to_ _perceive I/we, that/since time/right_time you ⟦ἐξαγοράζετε⟧; as/just_as to_perceive, that/since to_leave away_from I/we/my the/this/who declaration. **9** if therefore/then the/this/who dream not ⟦ἀναγγείλητέ⟧ I/we, to_perceive that/since declaration ⟦ψευδὲς⟧ and ⟦διεφθαρμένον⟧ ⟦συνέθεσθε⟧ to_say before I/we, until which/whither the/this/who time/right_ _time to_pass_by; the/this/who dream I/we to_say I/we, and to_know that/since and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀναγγελεῖτέ⟧ I/we. **10** to_answer the/this/who Ḳaldaioi before of_the king, and to_ _speak, no to_be a_human upon/to/against the/this/who dried_up/withered, who/which the/this/who declaration of_ _the king be_able to_make_known, as/just_as all king great and ruler declaration such_as_this no ⟦ἐπερωτᾷ⟧ ⟦ἐπαοιδὸν⟧ sage and Ḳaldaion; **11** that/since the/this/who word which the/this/who king ⟦ἐπερωτᾷ⟧, weighty, and other no to_be which to_report he/she/it/self before of_the king, but the/this/who God, which no to_be the/this/who dwelling with/after all flesh. **12** then the/this/who king in/on/among ⟦θυμῷ⟧ and wrath to_say to_destroy all the/this/who wise Babulōnos. **13** and the/this/who decree to_go_out, and the/this/who wise ⟦ἀπεκτέννοντο⟧; and to_seek Dania^{y}l and the/this/who friendly/friend
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_do_away_with. **14** then Dania^{y}l to_answer plan and resolution the/this/who Ariōḳ the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιμαγείρῳ⟧ of_the king, which to_go_ _out to_do_away_with the/this/who wise Babulōnos, **15** ruler of_the king, about which? to_go_out the/this/who resolution the/this/who impudent out_from face of_the king? to_make_ _known but/and the/this/who Ariōḳ the/this/who declaration the/this/who Dania^{y}l. **16** and Dania^{y}l ⟦ἠξίωσε⟧ the/this/who king that time to_give he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀναγγελῇ⟧ the/this/who king. **17** and to_enter Dania^{y}l toward the/this/who house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who Anania and the/this/who Misaa^{y}l and the/this/who Azaria the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who declaration to_make_known. **18** and ⟦οἰκτιρμοὺς⟧ to_seek from_ _with of_the God of_the heaven above/for of_the mystery this/he/she/it, that if not to_destroy Dania^{y}l and the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there with/after the/this/who ⟦ἐπιλοίπων⟧ wise Babulōnos. **19** then the/this/who Dania^{y}l in/on/among vision the/this/who night the/this/who mystery to_reveal; and to_praise/bless the/this/who God of_the heaven Dania^{y}l, and to_say, **20** to_be the/this/who name of_the God ⟦εὐλογημένον⟧ away_from of_

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to gain time, because you see the thing has gone from me. **9** But if you don't make known to me the dream, there's but one law for you; for you've prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, until the situation changes. Therefore tell me the dream, and I'll know that you can show me its interpretation."

10 The Kasdim answered before the king, and said, "There isn't a man on the earth who can show the king's matter, because no king, lord, or ruler, has asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or Chaldean. **11** It's a rare thing that the king requires, and there's no other who can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling isn't with flesh."

12 Because of this, the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Bavel (Babylon) be destroyed. **13** So the decree went out, and the wise men were to be slain. They searched for Daniyel and his companions to be slain.

God reveals the dream to Daniyel

14 Then Daniyel returned answer with counsel and prudence to Areyok the captain of the king's guard, who'd gone out to kill the wise men of Bavel. **15** He answered Areyok the king's captain, "Why is the decree so urgent from the king?" Then Areyok made the thing known to Daniyel. **16** Daniyel went in, and desired of the king that he'd appoint him a time, and he'd show the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniyel went to his house and made the thing known to Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah, his companions, **18** that they'd desire mercies of the god of heaven about this secret, and that Daniyel and his companions wouldn't perish with the rest of the wise men of Bavel. **19** Then the secret was revealed to Daniyel in a vision of the night. Then Daniyel blessed the god of heaven. **20** Daniyel answered,

"Blessed be God's name forever and ever;
for wisdom and might are his.
21 He changes the times and the seasons.
He removes kings and sets up kings.
He gives wisdom to the wise,
and knowledge to those who have understanding.
22 He reveals the deep and secret things.
He knows what's in the darkness,
and the light lives with him.
23 I thank you and praise you,
Oh God of my fathers,
who've given me wisdom and might,
and have now made known to me what we desired of you;
for you've made known to us the king's matter."

Daniyel explains the king's dream

24 Therefore Daniyel went in to Areyok, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Bavel (Babylon). He went and said this to him: "Don't destroy the wise men of Bavel. Bring me in before the king, and I'll show to the king the interpretation."

25 Then Areyok brought in Daniyel before the king in haste, and said this to him: "I've found a man of the children of the captivity of Yehudah (Judah) who'll make known to the king the

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interpretation."

26 The king answered Daniyel, whose name was Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar), "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I've seen, and its interpretation?"

27 Daniyel answered before the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded can't be shown to the king by wise men, enchanters, magicians, or soothsayers; **28** but there's a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he's made known to King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) what'll be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head on your bed, are these:

29 "As for you, Oh king, your thoughts came on your bed, what should happen in the future; and he who reveals secrets has made known to you what'll happen. **30** But as for me, this secret isn't revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but to the intent that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart.

31 "You, Oh king, saw, and[4] a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and its appearance was terrifying. **32** As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its chest and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, **33** its legs of iron, its feet part of iron, and part of clay. **34** You saw until a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. **35** Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. The wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them. The stone that struck the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 "This is the dream; and we'll tell its interpretation before the king. **37** You, Oh king, are king of kings, to whom the god of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory. **38** Wherever the children of men live, he's given the animals of the field and the birds of the sky into your hand, and has made you rule over them all. You're the head of gold.

39 "After you, another kingdom will arise that's inferior to you; and a third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth. **40** The fourth kingdom will be strong as iron, because iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things; and as iron that crushes all these, it'll break in pieces and crush. **41** Whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it'll be a divided kingdom; but there'll be in it of the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. **42** As the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom will be partly strong, and partly brittle. **43** Whereas you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they'll mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they won't cling to one another, even as iron doesn't mix with clay.

44 "In the days of those kings the god of heaven will set up a

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_the an_age and until of_the an_age, that/since the/this/who wisdom and the/this/who understanding he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there he_is. **21** and he/she/it/self ⟦ἀλλοιοῖ⟧ time/right_time and time, ⟦καθιστᾷ⟧ king, and ⟦μεθιστᾷ⟧, to_give wisdom the/this/who wise, and ⟦φρόνησιν⟧ the/this/who ⟦εἰδόσι⟧ understanding, **22** he/she/it/self ⟦ἀποκαλύπτει⟧ deep and ⟦ἀπόκρυφα⟧, to_ _know the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who darkness, and the/this/who light with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there he_is; **23** you/your the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we to_agree and ⟦αἰνῶ⟧, that/since wisdom and power to_give I/we, and to_ _make_known I/we which ⟦ἠξιώσαμεν⟧ from_with you, and the/this/who vision of_the king to_make_known I/we. **24** and to_come/go Dania^{y}l to/with Ariōḵ, which to_appoint/conduct the/this/who king to_destroy the/this/who wise Babulōnos, and to_say he/she/it/self, the/this/who wise Babulōnos not ⟦ἀπολέσῃς⟧, to_bring_in but/and I/we before of_the king, and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ the/this/who king ⟦ἀναγγελῶ⟧. **25** then Ariōḵ in/on/among diligence to_bring_in the/this/who Dania^{y}l before of_the king, and to_say he/she/it/self, to_ _find/meet man out_from the/this/who son the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ the/this/who Jewish/Judea, who/which the/this/who interpretation the/this/who king to_report. **26** and to_answer the/this/who king, and to_say the/this/who Dania^{y}l, which/whither the/this/who name Baltasar, if be_able I/we to_report the/this/who dream the/this/who/which ⟦ἴδον⟧, and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? **27** and to_answer Dania^{y}l before of_the king, and to_say, the/this/who mystery the/this/who/which the/this/who king ⟦ἐπερωτᾷ⟧, no he_is wise, sage, ⟦ἐπαοιδῶν⟧, ⟦γαζαρηνῶν⟧ to_report the/this/who king; **28** but or/than he_is God in/on/among heaven ⟦ἀποκαλύπτων⟧ mystery, and to_make_known the/this/who king Nabouḵodonosor, which be_necessary to_be upon/to/against last/least the/this/who day; the/this/who dream you and the/this/who/which appearance/vision the/this/who head you upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κοίτης⟧ you, this/he/she/it he_is, **29** king; the/this/who reasoning you upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κοίτης⟧ you to_ _ascend one/which? be_necessary to_be with/after this/he/she/it; and the/this/who ⟦ἀποκαλύπτων⟧ mystery to_ _make_known you which be_necessary to_be. **30** and I/we/my but/and no in/on/among wisdom the/this/who to_be in/on/among I/we/my from_with all the/this/who to_live the/this/who mystery this/he/she/it to_reveal, but because_of of_the the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ the/this/who king to_make_ _known, in_order_that/to the/this/who reasoning the/this/who heart you to_know. **31** you king ⟦ἐθεώρεις⟧, and look! image one, great the/this/who image that, and the/this/who aspect he/she/it/self overwhelming, to_stand before face you, and the/this/who appearance/vision he/she/it/self fearful. **32** image, which the/this/who head gold ⟦χρηστοῦ⟧, the/this/who/which hand and the/this/who chest and the/this/who ⟦βραχίονες⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἀργυροῖ⟧, the/this/who belly/womb/stomach and the/this/who ⟦μηροὶ⟧

4 RV 2:31 · Note "Listen", from "הֵגַּה", means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

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⟦χαλκοῖ⟧, 33 the/this/who/which ⟦κνῆμαι⟧ ⟦σιδηραῖ⟧,
the/this/who foot part on_one_hand one ⟦σιδηροῦν⟧, and part
but/and one ⟦ὀστράκινον⟧. 34 ⟦Ἐθεώρεις⟧ until ⟦ἀπεσχίσθη⟧
stone out_from mountain without hand, and to_strike
the/this/who image upon/to/against the/this/who foot
the/this/who iron and ⟦ὀστρακίνους⟧, and ⟦ἐλέπτυνεν⟧
he/she/it/self toward goal/tax. 35 then ⟦ἐλεπτύνθησαν⟧ at_
_once the/this/who a_potsherd, the/this/who iron,
the/this/who copper/bronze/coin, the/this/who silver,
the/this/who gold; and to_be like/as/about dust away_from
⟦ἅλωνος⟧ ⟦θερινῆς⟧; and ⟦ἐξῆρεν⟧ he/she/it/self
the/this/who multitude of_the spirit/breath, and place no to_
_find/meet he/she/it/self; and the/this/who stone
the/this/who to_strike the/this/who image, to_be mountain
great, and to_fulfill all the/this/who earth. 36 this/he/she/it
he_is the/this/who dream, and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_say before of_the
king. 37 you king king king, which the/this/who God of_the
heaven kingdom strong and mighty and valued/honoured to_
_give 38 in/on/among all place, where(-ever) to_dwell
the/this/who son the/this/who a_human; wild_animal
and/both field, and bird heaven, and fish the/this/who sea to_
give in/on/among the/this/who hand you, and to
_appoint/conduct you lord all; you to_be the/this/who head
the/this/who golden. 39 and after you to_arise kingdom other
⟦ἥττων⟧ you, and kingdom third, who/which to_be
the/this/who copper/bronze/coin, the/this/who/which to_
_lord_over all the/this/who earth, 40 and kingdom fourth,
who/which to_be strong which/how iron; which way
the/this/who iron ⟦λεπτύνει⟧ and ⟦δαμάζει⟧ all, thus(-ly) all
⟦λεπτυνεῖ⟧ and ⟦δαμάσει⟧. 41 and that/since to_perceive
the/this/who foot, and the/this/who finger, part on_one_hand
one ⟦ὀστράκινον⟧, part but/and one ⟦σιδηροῦν⟧, kingdom
⟦διῃρημένη⟧ to_be, and away_from the/this/who root
the/this/who ⟦σιδηρᾶς⟧ to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self,
which way to_perceive the/this/who ⟦σίδηρον⟧
⟦ἀναμεμιγμένον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὀστράκῳ⟧. 42 and
the/this/who ⟦δάκτυλοι⟧ the/this/who foot part on_one_hand
one ⟦σιδηροῦν⟧, part but/and one ⟦ὀστράκινον⟧, part one
the/this/who kingdom to_be strong, and away_from
he/she/it/self to_be ⟦συντριβόμενον⟧. 43 that/since to_
_perceive the/this/who ⟦σίδηρον⟧ ⟦ἀναμεμιγμένον⟧
the/this/who ⟦ὀστράκῳ⟧, ⟦συμμιγεῖς⟧ to_be in/on/among seed
a_human, and no to_be ⟦προσκολλώμενοι⟧ this/he/she/it
with/after this/he/she/it, as/just_as the/this/who iron no
⟦ἀναμίγνυται⟧ with/after of_the ⟦ὀστράκου⟧. 44 and
in/on/among the/this/who day the/this/who king that, to_
_arise the/this/who God of_the heaven kingdom, who/which
toward the/this/who an_age no ⟦διαφθαρήσεται⟧, and
the/this/who kingdom
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there a_people other no
⟦ὑπολειφθήσεται⟧, ⟦λεπτυνεῖ⟧ and to_crush all the/this/who
kingdom, and this/he/she/it to_arise toward the/this/who an_
_age; 45 which way to_perceive, that/since away_from
mountain ⟦ἐτμήθη⟧ stone without hand, and ⟦ἐλέπτυνε⟧
the/this/who a_potsherd, the/this/who ⟦σίδηρον⟧,
the/this/who copper/bronze/coin, the/this/who silver,
the/this/who gold; the/this/who God the/this/who great to_

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kingdom which will never be destroyed, nor will its sovereignty be left to another people; but it'll break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it'll stand forever. 45 Because you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. The great God has made known to the king what'll happen in the future. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

The king rewards Daniyel

46 Then King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) fell on his face, worshipped Daniyel, and commanded that they should offer an offering and sweet odours to him. 47 The king answered to Daniyel, and said, "Of a truth your god is the god of gods, and the master of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you've been able to reveal this secret."

48 Then the king made Daniyel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him rule over the whole province of Bavel (Babylon), and to be chief governor over all the wise men of Bavel. 49 Daniyel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego over the affairs of the province of Bavel; but Daniyel was in the king's gate.

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The command to worship the statue

3:1 Nevukadnetsar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits,[5] and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Bavel. **2** Then Nevukadnetsar the king sent to gather together the local governors, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nevukadnetsar the king had set up. **3** Then the local governors, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nevukadnetsar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nevukadnetsar had set up.

4 Then the herald cried aloud, "To you it's commanded, peoples, nations, and languages, **5** that whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nevukadnetsar the king has set up. **6** Anyone who doesn't fall down and worship will be thrown into the middle of a burning fiery furnace the same hour."

7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nevukadnetsar the king had set up.

Daniyel's friends refuse to worship the statue

8 Therefore at that time certain Kasdim (Chaldeans) came near, and brought accusation against the Yehudim (Jews). **9** They answered Nevukadnetsar the king, "Oh king, live forever! **10** You, Oh king, have made a decree that every man who hears the

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_make_known the/this/who king which be_necessary to_be with/after this/he/she/it; and true the/this/who dream, and faithful the/this/who amalgamation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **46** then the/this/who king Nabouḳodonosor to_collapse upon/to/against face, and the/this/who Dania^{y}l to_worship, and a_gift and aroma to_say ⟦σπεῖσαι⟧ he/she/it/self. **47** and to_answer the/this/who king, to_say the/this/who Dania^{y}l, upon/to/against truth the/this/who God you, he/she/it/self he_is God ⟦θεῶν⟧, and lord the/this/who king, the/this/who ⟦ἀποκαλύπτων⟧ mystery, that/since ⟦ἠδυνάσθης⟧ to_reveal the/this/who mystery this/he/she/it. **48** and to_magnify the/this/who king the/this/who Dania^{y}l, and gift great and much to_give he/she/it/self, and to_appoint/conduct he/she/it/self upon/to/against all country Babulōnos, and ruler ⟦σατραπῶν⟧ upon/to/against all the/this/who wise Babulōnos. **49** and Dania^{y}l to_ask from_with of_the king, and to_appoint/conduct upon/to/against the/this/who work the/this/who country Babulōnos the/this/who Sedraḳ, Misaḳ, and Abdenagō; and Dania^{y}l to_be in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard of_ _the king.

3:1 ⟦Ἔτους⟧ ⟦ὀκτωκαιδεκάτου⟧ Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who king to_do/make image golden, height he/she/it/self ⟦πήχεων⟧ sixty, breadth he/she/it/self ⟦πήχεων⟧ six; and to_stand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self in/on/among ⟦πεδίῳ⟧ ⟦Δειρᾷ⟧, in/on/among country Babulōnos. **2** and to_send to_assemble the/this/who ⟦ὑπάτους⟧, and the/this/who officer/magistrate, and the/this/who ⟦τοπάρχας⟧, to_govern, and tyrants, and the/this/who upon/to/against authority, and all the/this/who ruler the/this/who ⟦χωρῶν⟧, to_come/go toward the/this/who Feast_of_Dedication the/this/who image; **3** and to_assemble the/this/who ⟦τοπάρχαι⟧, ⟦ὕπατοι⟧, officer/magistrate, to_govern, tyrants great, the/this/who upon/to/against authority, and all the/this/who ruler the/this/who ⟦χωρῶν⟧, toward the/this/who ⟦ἐγκαινισμὸν⟧ the/this/who image, which to_stand Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who king; and to_stand before the/this/who image. **4** and the/this/who preacher ⟦ἐβόα⟧ in/on/among strength, you to_speak a_people, tribe, tongue, **5** which if hour to_hear voice/sound trumpet, ⟦σύριγγός⟧ and/both, and harp, ⟦σαμβύκης⟧ and/both, and ⟦ψαλτηρίου⟧, and all family musician, to_collapse to_worship the/this/who image the/this/who golden which to_stand Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who king. **6** and which if not to_collapse ⟦προσκυνήσῃ⟧, he/she/it/self the/this/who hour ⟦ἐμβληθήσεται⟧ toward the/this/who furnace/oven of_the fire the/this/who ⟦καιομένην⟧. **7** and to_be when(-ever) to_hear the/this/who a_people the/this/who voice/sound the/this/who trumpet, ⟦σύριγγός⟧ and/both, and harp, ⟦σαμβύκης⟧ and/both, and ⟦ψαλτηρίου⟧, and all family musician, to_collapse all the/this/who a_people, tribe, tongue, to_worship the/this/who image the/this/who golden which to_stand Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who king. **8** then ⟦προσήλθοσαν⟧ man Ḳaldaioi, and ⟦διέβαλον⟧ the/this/who

5 RV 3:1 · Note A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimetres.

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Youdaious the/this/who king; **9** king, toward the/this/who an_
_age ⟦ζῆθι⟧. **10** you king to_place decree, all a_human which if
to_hear the/this/who voice/sound the/this/who trumpet,
⟦σύριγγός⟧ and/both, and harp, ⟦σαμβύκης⟧, and ⟦ψαλτηρίου⟧,
and all family musician, **11** and not to_collapse ⟦προσκυνήσῃ⟧
the/this/who image the/this/who golden, ⟦ἐμβληθήσηται⟧
toward the/this/who furnace/oven of_the fire the/this/who
⟦καιομένην⟧. **12** to_be man Jewish, which to_appoint/conduct
upon/to/against the/this/who work the/this/who country
Babulōnos, Sedrak, Misak, Abdenagō, the/this/who/which no
to_obey king the/this/who ⟦δόγματί⟧ you, the/this/who God
you no to_minister, and the/this/who image the/this/who
golden the/this/who ⟦ἔστησας⟧ no ⟦προσκυνοῦσι⟧. **13** then
Nabouḳodonosor in/on/among ⟦θυμῷ⟧ and wrath to_say to_
_bring the/this/who Sedrak, Misak, and Abdenagō; and
⟦ἤχθησαν⟧ before of_the king. **14** and to_answer
Nabouḳodonosor, and to_say he/she/it/self, to_be truly Sedrak,
Misak, Abdenagō, the/this/who God I/we no ⟦λατρεύετε⟧, and
the/this/who image the/this/who golden which ⟦ἔστησα⟧ no
to_worship? **15** now therefore/then if to_have/be readily, in_
_order_that/to which/how if to_hear the/this/who
voice/sound the/this/who trumpet, ⟦σύριγγός⟧ and/both, and
harp, ⟦σαμβύκης⟧ and/both, and ⟦ψαλτηρίου⟧, and music, and
all family musician, to_collapse ⟦προσκυνήσητε⟧ the/this/who
image the/this/who golden which to_do/make; if but/and not
⟦προσκυνήσητε⟧, he/she/it/self the/this/who hour
⟦ἐμβληθήσεσθε⟧ toward the/this/who furnace/oven of_the fire
the/this/who ⟦καιομένην⟧; and one/which? he_is God which
⟦ἐξελεῖται⟧ you out_from hand I/we? **16** and to_answer Sedrak,
Misak, Abdenagō, to_speak the/this/who king
Nabouḳodonosor, no need to_have/be I/we about of_the
declaration this/he/she/it to_answer you. **17** he_is for God I/we
in/on/among heaven, which I/we ⟦λατρεύομεν⟧, able to_take_
_out/select I/we out_from the/this/who furnace/oven of_the
fire the/this/who to_kindle/burn, and out_from the/this/who
hand you king to_deliver I/we. **18** and if not, acquainted_with
to_be you, king, that/since the/this/who God you no
⟦λατρεύομεν⟧, and the/this/who image which ⟦ἔστησας⟧ no
to_worship. **19** then Nabouḳodonosor to_fill wrath, and
the/this/who face of_the face
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἠλλοιώθη⟧
upon/to/against Sedrak, Misak, and Abdenagō, and to_say
⟦ἐκκαῦσαι⟧ the/this/who furnace/oven seven-fold, until
which/whither toward goal/tax ⟦ἐκκαῇ⟧. **20** and man
⟦ἰσχυροὺς⟧ strength to_say, ⟦πεδήσαντας⟧ the/this/who
Sedrak, Misak, and Abdenagō, to_throw_in toward
the/this/who furnace/oven of_the fire the/this/who
⟦καιομένην⟧. **21** then the/this/who man that ⟦ἐπεδήθησαν⟧
with the/this/who ⟦σαραβάροις⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦τιάραις⟧,
and ⟦περικνημίσι⟧, and to_throw toward the/this/who midst
the/this/who furnace/oven of_the fire the/this/who to_
_kindle/burn, **22** since the/this/who declaration of_the king

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sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the golden image; **11** and anyone who doesn't fall down and worship will be thrown into the middle of a burning fiery furnace. **12** There are certain Yehudim whom you've appointed over the affairs of the province of Bavel (Babylon): Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego. These men, Oh king, haven't respected you. They don't serve your gods, and don't worship the golden image which you've set up."

13 Then Nevukadnetsar in rage and fury commanded that Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego be brought. Then these men were brought before the king. **14** Nevukadnetsar answered them, "Is it on purpose, Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego, that you don't serve my god, nor worship the golden image which I've set up? **15** Now if you're ready whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music to fall down and worship the image which I've made, good; but if you don't worship, you'll be thrown the same hour into the middle of a burning fiery furnace. Who's that god who'll deliver you out of my hands?"

16 Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego answered the king, "Nevukadnetsar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. **17** If it happens, our god whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he'll deliver us out of your hand, Oh king. **18** But if not, let it be known to you, Oh king, that we won't serve your gods or worship the golden image which you've set up."

The three friends are thrown into the fire

19 Then Nevukadnetsar was full of fury, and the form of his appearance was changed against Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego. He spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. **20** He commanded certain mighty men who were in his army to bind Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego, and to throw them into the burning fiery furnace. **21** Then these men were bound in their pants, their tunics, their mantles, and their other clothes, and were thrown into the middle of the burning fiery furnace. **22** Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace extremely hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego. **23** These three men, Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego, fell down bound into the middle of the burning fiery furnace.

THE SONG OF THE THREE HOLY CHILDREN[6]

24 They walked in the middle of the fire, praising God, and blessing the master. **25** Then Azaryah stood, and prayed like this. Opening his mouth in the middle of the fire he said, **26** "Blessed are you, Oh master, you God of our fathers! Your name is worthy to be praised and glorified forever; **27** for you're

6 RV 3:24 · Note *The Song of the Three Holy Children* is an addition to *Daniel* found in the Greek Septuagint but not found in the traditional Hebrew text of *Daniel*. This portion is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Russian Orthodox Churches. It is found inserted between Daniel 3:23 and Daniel 3:24 of the traditional Hebrew Bible. Here, the verses after 23 from the Hebrew Bible are numbered starting at 91 to make room for these verses.

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righteous in all the things that you've done. Yes, all your works are true. Your ways are right, and all your judgements are truth. 28 In all the things that you've brought onto us, and onto the holy city of our fathers, Yerushalem (Jerusalem), you've executed true judgements. Because according to truth and justice you've brought all these things onto us because of our sins. 29 Because we've sinned and committed iniquity in departing from you. 30 In all things we've trespassed, and not obeyed your commandments or kept them. We haven't done as you've commanded us, that it might go well with us. 31 Therefore all that you've brought onto us, and everything that you've done to us, you've done in true judgement. 32 You delivered us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hateful rebels, and to an unjust king who's the most wicked in all the world. 33 And now we can't open our mouth. Shame and reproach have come on your servants and those who worship you. 34 Don't utterly deliver us up, for your name's sake. Don't annul your covenant. 35 Don't cause your mercy to depart from us, for the sake of Avraham who's loved by you, and for the sake of Yitshak (Isaac) your servant, and Yisrael (Israel) your holy one, 36 to whom you promised that you'd multiply their offspring as the stars of the sky, and as the sand that's on the sea shore. 37 Because we, Oh master, have become less than any nation, and are brought low this day in all the world because of our sins. 38 There isn't at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, or place to offer before you, and to find mercy. 39 Nevertheless in a contrite heart and a humble spirit let us be accepted, 40 like the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks, and like ten thousands of fat lambs. So let our sacrifice be in your sight this day, that we may wholly go after you, for they won't be ashamed who put their trust in you. 41 And now we follow you with all our heart. We fear you, and seek your face. 42 Put us not to shame; but deal with us after your kindness, and according to the multitude of your mercy. 43 Deliver us also according to your marvellous works, and give glory to your name, Oh master. Let all those who harm your servants be confounded. 44 Let them be ashamed of all their power and might, and let their strength be broken. 45 Let them know that you're the master, the only God, and glorious over the whole world."

God protects the three friends in the fire

46 The king's servants who put them in didn't stop making the furnace hot with naphtha, pitch, tinder, and small wood, 47 so that the flame streamed out forty nine cubits above the furnace. 48 It spread and burnt those Kasdim (Chaldeans) whom it found around the furnace. 49 But the angel of the master came down into the furnace together with Azaryah and his fellows, and he struck the flame of the fire out of the furnace, 50 and made the middle of the furnace as it'd been a moist whistling wind, so that the fire didn't touch them at all. It neither hurt nor troubled them.

The three friends praise God

51 Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified, and blessed God in the

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⟦ὑπερίσχυε⟧; and the/this/who furnace/oven ⟦ἐξεκαύθη⟧ out_ _from excessive/abundant. 23 and the/this/who three this/he/she/it Sedrak, Misak, and Abdenagō, to_collapse toward midst the/this/who furnace/oven the/this/who to_ _kindle/burn ⟦πεπεδημένοι⟧, 24 and to_walk in/on/among midst the/this/who ⟦φλογὸς⟧, ⟦ὑμνοῦντες⟧ the/this/who God, and to_praise/bless the/this/who lord. 25 and ⟦συστὰς⟧ Azarias to_pray thus(-ly); and to_open the/this/who mouth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among midst of_the fire, to_say, 26 praiseworthy to_be lord the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we, and praiseworthy, and to_ _glorify the/this/who name you toward the/this/who an_age. 27 that/since just to_be upon/to/against all which to_do/make, and all the/this/who work you ⟦ἀληθινὰ⟧, and ⟦εὐθεῖαι⟧ the/this/who/which road you, and all the/this/who/which judgement you truth. 28 and judgement truth to_do/make according_to all which ⟦ἐπήγαγες⟧ I/we, and upon/to/against the/this/who city the/this/who holy the/this/who the/this/who father I/we Hierousalaʸm; that/since in/on/among truth and judgement ⟦ἐπήγαγες⟧ this/he/she/it all through/because_of the/this/who sin I/we. 29 that/since ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧ and ⟦ἠνομήσαμεν⟧ to_leave away_from you, and ⟦ἐξημάρτομεν⟧ in/on/among all, and the/this/who commandment you no to_hear, 30 and_not ⟦συνετηρήσαμεν⟧, and_not to_do/make as/just_as ⟦ἐνετείλω⟧ I/we, in_order_ _that/to well/well_done! I/we to_be. 31 and all just_as/how_ _much ⟦ἐπήγαγες⟧ I/we, and all just_as/how_much to_do/make I/we, in/on/among true judgement to_do/make. 32 and to_ _deliver I/we toward hand enemy lawless, and ⟦ἐχθίστων⟧ ⟦ἀποστατῶν⟧, and king unjust and ⟦πονηροτάτῳ⟧ from_with all the/this/who earth. 33 and now no to_be I/we to_open the/this/who mouth I/we; shame and disgrace to_be the/this/who slave you, and the/this/who be_devout you. 34 not so ⟦παραδῴης⟧ I/we toward goal/tax through/because_ _of the/this/who name you, and not ⟦διασκεδάσῃς⟧ the/this/who covenant you, 35 and not ⟦ἀποστήσῃς⟧ the/this/who mercy you away_from I/we, through/because_of Habra'am the/this/who ⟦ἠγαπημένον⟧ by/under you, and through/because_of Isa'ak the/this/who slave you, and Israaʸl the/this/who holy you, 36 which ⟦ἐλάλησας⟧ ⟦πληθῦναι⟧ the/this/who seed he/she/it/self, which/how the/this/who star of_the heaven, and which/how the/this/who sand the/this/who from_with the/this/who lip the/this/who sea. 37 that/since, master, ⟦ἐσμικρύνθημεν⟧ from_with all the/this/who Gentile_nation, and to_be ⟦ταπεενοὶ⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who earth today, through/because_ _of the/this/who sin I/we. 38 and no to_be in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time this/he/she/it ruler and prophet and to_govern, and_not bringing_of_a_whole_ _burnt-offering, and_not sacrifice, and_not offering, and_not incense, and_not place of_the ⟦καρπῶσαι⟧ against/in_front_of you, and to_find/meet mercy. 39 but in/on/among soul ⟦συντετριμμένῃ⟧, and spirit/breath lowliness ⟦προσδεχθείημεν⟧, which/how in/on/among ⟦ὁλοκαυτώσει⟧ ⟦κριῶν⟧ and bull, and in/on/among myriad Arnon ⟦πιόνων⟧, 40 thus(-ly) to_be the/this/who sacrifice I/we before you today, and to_finish_up after you; that/since no to_be shame the/this/who ⟦πεποιθόσιν⟧ upon/to/against you/your. 41 and

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now ⟦ἐξακολουθοῦμεν⟧ in/on/among all heart, and to_fear you, and ⟦ζητοῦμεν⟧ the/this/who face you. not ⟦καταισχύνῃς⟧ I/we, **42** but to_do/make with/after I/we according_to the/this/who ⟦ἐπιείκειάν⟧ you, and according_to the/this/who multitude of_the mercy you. **43** and ⟦ἐξελοῦ⟧ I/we according_ _to the/this/who marvellous you, and to_give glory the/this/who name you, lord; **44** and ⟦ἐντραπείησαν⟧ all the/this/who to_show the/this/who slave you evil/harm, and ⟦καταισχυνθείησαν⟧ away_from all the/this/who ⟦δυναστείας⟧, and the/this/who strength he/she/it/self ⟦συντριβείη⟧, **45** and ⟦γνώτωσαν⟧ that/since you to_be lord, God alone, and honoured upon/to/against all the/this/who world. **46** and no ⟦διέλιπον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐμβάλλοντες⟧ he/she/it/self servant of_the king, ⟦καίοντες⟧ the/this/who furnace/oven ⟦νάφθαν⟧ and ⟦πίσσαν⟧ and hemp and ⟦κληματίδα⟧. **47** and ⟦διεχεῖτο⟧ the/this/who flame above the/this/who furnace/oven upon/to/against ⟦πήχεις⟧ ⟦τεσσαρακονταεννέα⟧. **48** and ⟦διώδευσε⟧, and ⟦ἐνεπύρισεν⟧ which to_find/meet about the/this/who furnace/oven the/this/who Ḳaldaiōn. **49** the/this/who but/and angel lord ⟦συγκατέβη⟧ together the/this/who about the/this/who Azarian toward the/this/who furnace/oven, and ⟦ἐξετίναξε⟧ the/this/who flame of_the fire out_from the/this/who furnace/oven, **50** and to_do/make the/this/who midst the/this/who furnace/oven, which/how spirit/breath ⟦δρόσου⟧ ⟦διασυρίζον⟧; and no to_ _kindle he/she/it/self the/this/who at_all the/this/who fire? and no to_grieve, and_not ⟦παρηνώχλησεν⟧ he/she/it/self. **51** then the/this/who three which/how out_from one mouth to_praise, and to_glorify, and ⟦ηὐλόγουν⟧ the/this/who God in/on/among the/this/who furnace/oven, to_speak, **52** praiseworthy to_be lord the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we, and praiseworthy, and ⟦ὑπερυψούμενος⟧ toward the/this/who an_age. and ⟦εὐλογημένον⟧ the/this/who name the/this/who glory you the/this/who holy, and ⟦ὑπεραινετὸν⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψούμενον⟧ toward all the/this/who an_age. **53** to_ _praise/bless to_be in/on/among the/this/who temple the/this/who holy glory you, and highly_extolled and exceedingly_glorious toward the/this/who an_age. **54** to_ _praise/bless to_be the/this/who ⟦ἐπιβλέπων⟧ ⟦ἀβύσσους⟧, to_ _sit upon/to/against Cherub, and praiseworthy and ⟦ὑπερυψούμενος⟧ toward the/this/who an_age. **55** to_ _praise/bless to_be upon/to/against throne the/this/who kingdom you, and highly_extolled and ⟦ὑπερυμνούμενος⟧ toward the/this/who an_age. **56** praiseworthy to_be in/on/among the/this/who ⟦στερεώματι⟧ of_the heaven, and sung_of,_praised,_lauded and ⟦δεδοξασμένος⟧ toward the/this/who an_age. **57** to_praise/bless all the/this/who work lord the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **58** to_praise/bless heaven the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **59** to_praise/bless angel lord the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **60** to_praise/bless water and all the/this/who above of_the heaven the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward

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furnace, saying, **52** "Blessed are you, Oh master, you God of our fathers, to be praised and exalted above all forever! **53** Blessed is your glorious and holy name, to be praised and exalted above all forever! **54** Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, to be praised and glorified above all forever! **55** Blessed are you who see the depths and sit on the cherubim, to be praised and exalted above all forever. **56** Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, to be praised and extolled above all forever! **57** Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, to be praised and glorified forever!

58 Oh all you works of the master, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **59** Oh you heavens, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **60** Oh you angels of the master, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **61** Oh all you waters that are above the sky, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **62** Oh all you powers of the master, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **63** Oh you sun and moon, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **64** Oh you stars of heaven, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **65** Oh every shower and dew, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **66** Oh all you winds, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **67** Oh you fire and heat, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **68** Oh you dews and storms of snow, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **69** Oh you nights and days, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **70** Oh you light and darkness, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **71** Oh you cold and heat, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **72** Oh you frost and snow, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **73** Oh you lightnings and clouds, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **74** Oh let the earth bless the master! Let it praise and exalt him above all forever! **75** Oh you mountains and hills, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **76** Oh all you things that grow on the earth, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **77** Oh[7] sea and rivers, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **78** Oh you springs, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **79** Oh you whales and all that move in the waters, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **80** Oh all you birds of the air, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **81** Oh all you wild animals and cattle, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **82** Oh you children of men, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **83** Oh let Yisrael (Israel) bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever. **84** Oh you priests of the master, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **85** Oh you servants of the master, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! **86** Oh you spirits and souls of the righteous, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all for-

7 **RV 3:77 · Note** Some authorities transpose this verse and the next one.

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ever! 87 Oh you who are holy and humble of heart, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever! 88 Oh Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah, bless the master! Praise and exalt him above all forever; for he's rescued us from Haidais, and saved us from the hand of death! He's delivered us out of the middle of the furnace and burning flame. He's delivered us out of the middle of the fire. 89 Oh give thanks to the master, for he's good; for his mercy is forever. 90 Oh all you who worship the master, bless the god of gods, praise him, and give him thanks; for his mercy is forever!"

Deliverance from the Furnace

91 Then Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) the king was astonished and rose up in haste. He spoke and said to his counsellors, "Didn't we throw three men bound into the middle of the fire?"[8]

They answered the king, "True, Oh king."

92 He answered, "Look, I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and they're unharmed. The appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

93 Then Nevukadnetsar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace. He spoke and said, "Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego, you servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!"

Then Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego came out of the middle of the fire. 94 The local governors, the deputies, and the governors, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power on their bodies. The hair of their head wasn't singed. Their pants weren't changed. The smell of fire wasn't even on them.

95 Nevukadnetsar spoke and said, "Blessed be the god of Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego, who's sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. 96 Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, who speak anything evil against the god of Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego, will be cut in pieces, and their houses will be made a dunghill, because there's no other god who's able to deliver like this."

97 Then the king promoted Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego in the province of Bavel (Babylon).[9]

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the/this/who an_age. 61 ⟦Εὐλογείτω⟧ all the/this/who power lord the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 62 to_praise/bless sun and moon the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 63 to_praise/bless star of_the heaven the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 64 ⟦Εὐλογείτω⟧ all rainstorm and dew the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 65 to_praise/bless all the/this/who spirit/breath the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 66 to_praise/bless fire and heat the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 71 to_praise/bless ⟦νύκτες⟧ and day the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧, and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 72 to_praise/bless light and darkness the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 72a to_praise/bless cold and heat the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 72b to_praise/bless ⟦πάχναι⟧ and ⟦χιόνες⟧ the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 73 to_praise/bless lightning and cloud the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 74 ⟦Εὐλογείτω⟧ the/this/who earth the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνείτω⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψούτω⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 75 to_praise/bless mountain and ⟦βουνοὶ⟧ the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 76 to_praise/bless all the/this/who ⟦φυόμενα⟧ in/on/among the/this/who earth the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 77 to_praise/bless sea and river the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 78 to_praise/bless the/this/who/which flow the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑμερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 79 to_praise/bless ⟦κήτη⟧ and all the/this/who ⟦κινούμενα⟧ in/on/among the/this/who water the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 80 to_praise/bless all the/this/who bird of_the heaven the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 81 to_praise/bless all the/this/who wild_animal and the/this/who animal the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 82 to_praise/bless son the/this/who a_human the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 83 to_praise/bless Israaʸl the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 84 to_praise/bless priest the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 85 to_praise/bless slave the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. 86 to_praise/bless spirit/breath and soul just the/this/who

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lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward
the/this/who an_age. **87** to_praise/bless ⟦ὅσιοι⟧ and ⟦ταπεινοὶ⟧
the/this/who heart the/this/who lord, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and
⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age.
88 to_praise/bless Anania, Azaria, Misaaᵞl the/this/who lord,
⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward
the/this/who an_age; that/since to_take_out/select I/we out_
_from Hades, and out_from hand death to_save I/we; and to_
_deliver I/we out_from midst furnace/oven to_kindle/burn
⟦φλογὸς⟧, and out_from midst fire to_deliver I/we. **89** to_agree
the/this/who lord that/since good/kind, that/since toward
the/this/who an_age the/this/who mercy
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **90** to_praise/bless all
the/this/who ⟦σεβόμενοι⟧ the/this/who lord the/this/who
God the/this/who ⟦θεῶν⟧, ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and to_agree, that/since
toward the/this/who an_age the/this/who mercy
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **91** and
Nabouḳodonosor to_hear ⟦ὑμνούντων⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_
_marvel, and ⟦ἐξανέστη⟧ in/on/among diligence, and to_say
the/this/who great_man
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, not man three
⟦ἐβάλομεν⟧ toward the/this/who midst of_the fire
⟦πεπεδημένους⟧? and to_say the/this/who king, truly king.
92 and to_say the/this/who king, the/this/who but/and I/we
to_see man four ⟦λελυμένους⟧, and to_walk in/on/among
midst of_the fire, and decay no to_be in/on/among
he/she/it/self, and the/this/who appearance/vision of_the
fourth like son God. **93** then to_come_near/agree
Nabouḳodonosor to/with the/this/who door the/this/who
furnace/oven of_the fire the/this/who to_kindle/burn, and to_
_say, Sedraḳ, Misaḳ, Abdenagō, the/this/who slave of_the God
of_the highest, to_go_out and come; and to_go_out Sedraḳ,
Misaḳ, Abdenagō, out_from midst of_the fire. **94** and to_
_assemble the/this/who ⟦σατράπαι⟧, and the/this/who
officer/magistrate, and the/this/who ⟦τοπάρχαι⟧, and
the/this/who ⟦δυνάσται⟧ of_the king, and to_see/experience
the/this/who man, that/since no ⟦ἐκυρίευσε⟧ the/this/who
fire of_the body he/she/it/self, and the/this/who hair
the/this/who head he/she/it/self no ⟦ἐφλογίσθη⟧, and
the/this/who pantaloons he/she/it/self no ⟦ἠλλοιώθη⟧, and
aroma fire no to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self. **95** and to_
_answer Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who king, and to_say,
praiseworthy the/this/who God of_the Sedraḳ, Misaḳ,
⟦Ἀβδεσαγὼ⟧, which to_send the/this/who angel
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_take_
_out/select the/this/who child
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that/since
⟦ἐπεποίθεισαν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self; and
the/this/who declaration of_the king ⟦ἠλλοίωσαν⟧, and to_
_deliver the/this/who body he/she/it/self toward fire, that not
⟦λατρεύσωσι⟧ nor to_worship all God, but or/than
the/this/who God he/she/it/self. **96** and I/we ⟦ἐκτίθεμαι⟧
the/this/who decree; all a_people, tribe, tongue,
the/this/who/which if to_say blasphemy according_to of_the
God Sedraḳ, Misaḳ, Abdenagō, toward destruction to_be, and
the/this/who ⟦οἶκοι⟧ he/she/it/self toward ⟦διαρπαγὴν⟧,
as/just_as no he_is God other who/which be_able ⟦ῥύσασθαι⟧
thus(-ly). **97** then the/this/who king ⟦κατεύθυνε⟧

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Nevukadnetsar's second dream

4:1 Nevukadnetsar the king,
to all the peoples, nations, and languages, who live in all the earth:
Peace be multiplied to you.
2 It's seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked towards me.
3 How great are his signs!
How mighty are his wonders!
His kingdom is an eternal kingdom.
His dominion lasts throughout the generations.
4 I, Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. **5** I saw a dream which made me afraid; and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. **6** Therefore I made a decree to bring in all the wise men of Bavel (Babylon) before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. **7** Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Kasdim (Chaldeans), and the soothsayers came in; and I told the dream before them; but they didn't make known to me its interpretation. **8** But at the last Daniyel came in before me, whose name was Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar), according to my god's name, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. I told the dream before him, saying,
9 "Belteshatsar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I've seen, and its interpretation. **10** These were the visions of my head on my bed: I saw a tree in the middle of the earth; and its height was great. **11** The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached to the sky, and its sight to the end of all the earth. **12** Its leaves were beautiful, and it had much fruit, and in it was food for all. The animals of the field had shade under it, and the birds of the sky lived in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.
13 "I saw in the visions of my head on my bed, and a watcher and a holy one came down from the sky. **14** He cried aloud, and said this, 'Cut down the tree and cut off its branches! Shake off its leaves and scatter its fruit! Let the animals get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches. **15** Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of the sky. Let his portion be with the animals in the grass of the earth. **16** Let his heart be changed from man's, and let an animal's heart be given to him. Then let seven times pass over him.
17 " 'The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones, to the intent that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and

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the/this/who Sedraḳ, Misaḳ, Abdenagō, in/on/among the/this/who country Babulōnos, and to_grow he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἠξίωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self to_govern all the/this/who Jewish, the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

4:1 Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who king all the/this/who a_ _people, tribe, and tongue, the/this/who ⟦οἰκοῦσιν⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who earth, ⟦ἐρήνη⟧ you to_multiply. **2** the/this/who sign and the/this/who wonders which to_ _do/make with/after I/we/my the/this/who God the/this/who highest, **3** to_please against/in_front_of I/we/my to_report you, which/how great and strong, the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there kingdom eternal, and the/this/who authority he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward generation and generation. **4** I/we Nabouḳodonosor ⟦εὐθηνῶν⟧ to_be in/on/among the/this/who house I/we, and ⟦εὐθαλῶν⟧. **5** dream ⟦ἴδον⟧, and ⟦ἐφοβέρισέ⟧ I/we, and ⟦ἐταράχθην⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κοίτης⟧ I/we, and the/this/who/which appearance/vision the/this/who head I/we to_trouble I/we. **6** and through/because_of I/we/my to_ _place decree of_the to_bring_in before I/we all the/this/who wise Babulōnos, that the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ of_the ⟦ἐνυπνίου⟧ ⟦γνωρίσωσί⟧ I/we. **7** and ⟦εἰσπορεύοντο⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐπαοιδοὶ⟧, sage, ⟦γαζαρηνοὶ⟧, Ḳaldaioi; and the/this/who dream I/we to_say before he/she/it/self; and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no to_make_known I/we, **8** until to_come/go Dania^{y}l, which/whither the/this/who name Baltasar according_to the/this/who name of_the God I/we, which spirit/breath God holy in/on/among my/your/him-self to_have/be. which to_say, **9** Baltasar the/this/who ruler the/this/who ⟦ἐπαοιδῶν⟧, which I/we to_ _know that/since spirit/breath God holy in/on/among you/your, and all mystery no ⟦ἀδυνατεῖ⟧ you, ⟦ἄκουσον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὅρασιν⟧ of_the ⟦ἐνυπνίου⟧ I/we, which/whither ⟦ἴδον⟧, and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_say I/we. **10** upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κοίτης⟧ I/we to_ _see/experience, and look! tree in/on/among midst the/this/who earth, and the/this/who height he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there much. **11** ⟦Ἐμεγαλύνθη⟧ the/this/who tree and be_strong, and the/this/who height he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_precede/arrive until of_the heaven, and the/this/who extent he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who end ⟦ἁπάσης⟧ the/this/who earth, **12** the/this/who leaf he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there beautiful/timely, and the/this/who fruit he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there much, and food all in/on/among he/she/it/self, and under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατεσκήνουν⟧ the/this/who wild_animal the/this/who wild, and in/on/among the/this/who branch he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατῴκουν⟧ the/this/who bird of_the heaven, and out_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐτρέφετο⟧ all flesh.

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13 to_see/experience in/on/among vision the/this/who night upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κοίτης⟧ I/we, and look! a_ _sentinel, and holy away_from heaven to_come/go_down, **14** and to_call in/on/among strength, and thus(-ly) to_say, ⟦ἐκκόψατε⟧ the/this/who tree, and ⟦ἐκτίλατε⟧ the/this/who branch he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_shake_ _out/off the/this/who leaf he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦διασκορπίσατε⟧ the/this/who fruit he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; ⟦σαλευθήτωσαν⟧ the/this/who wild_animal from_beneath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who bird away_from the/this/who branch he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **15** but/however the/this/who ⟦φυὴν⟧ the/this/who root he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among the/this/who earth ⟦ἐάσατε⟧, and in/on/among ⟦δεσμῷ⟧ ⟦σιδηρῷ⟧ and ⟦χαλκῷ⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who Chloe/tender_shoot the/this/who out/outside(r), and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦δρόσῳ⟧ of_the heaven ⟦κοιτασθήσεται⟧, and with/after the/this/who wild_animal the/this/who part he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among the/this/who grass the/this/who earth. **16** the/this/who heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from the/this/who a_human ⟦ἀλλοιωθήσεται⟧, and heart wild_animal to_give he/she/it/self, and seven time/right_time to_change upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **17** through/because_of ⟦συνκρίματος⟧ a_sentinel the/this/who word, and declaration holy the/this/who pledge, in_order_ _that/to knowledge/to_know the/this/who to_live, that/since lord to_be the/this/who highest the/this/who kingdom the/this/who a_human, and which if glory/to_think to_give he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and contempt a_human to_ _arise upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **18** this/he/she/it the/this/who dream the/this/who/which ⟦ἴδον⟧ I/we Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who king, and you Baltasar the/this/who interpretation to_say, that/since all the/this/who wise the/this/who kingdom I/we no be_able the/this/who interpretation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦δηλῶσαί⟧ I/we; you but/and Dania^{y}l be_able, that/since spirit/breath God holy in/on/among you/your. **19** then Dania^{y}l, which/whither the/this/who name Baltasar, ⟦ἀπηνεώθη⟧ like/as/about hour one, and the/this/who reasoning he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συνετάρασσον⟧ he/she/it/self; and to_answer Baltasar, and to_say, lord, the/this/who dream to_be the/this/who ⟦μισοῦσί⟧ you, and the/this/who amalgamation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦ἐχθροῖς⟧ you. **20** the/this/who tree the/this/who/which to_ _perceive the/this/who ⟦μεγαλυνθὲν⟧ and the/this/who ⟦ἰσχυκὸς⟧, which/whither the/this/who height ⟦ἔφθανεν⟧ toward the/this/who heaven, and the/this/who extent he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward all the/this/who earth, **21** and the/this/who leaf he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦εὐθαλῆ⟧, and the/this/who fruit he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there much, and food all in/on/among he/she/it/self, under

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gives it to whomever he will, and sets up over it the lowest of men.'

18 "This dream I, King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), have seen; and you, Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar), declare the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom aren't able to make known to me the interpretation; but you're able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in you."

Daniyel explains the dream's warning

19 Then Daniyel, whose name was Belteshatsar, was stricken mute for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered, "Belteshatsar, don't let the dream, or the interpretation, trouble you."

Belteshatsar answered, "My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you, and its interpretation to your adversaries. **20** The tree that you saw, which grew and was strong, whose height reached to the sky, and its sight to all the earth; **21** whose leaves were beautiful, and its fruit plentiful, and in it was food for all; under which the animals of the field lived, and on whose branches the birds of the sky had their habitation— **22** it's you, Oh king, who've grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown, and reaches to the sky, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

23 "Whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from the sky, and saying, 'Cut down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of the sky. Let his portion be with the animals of the field, until seven times pass over him.'

24 "This is the interpretation, Oh king, and it's the Most High's decree, which has come on my lord the king: **25** that you'll be driven from men, and your dwelling will be with the animals of the field. You'll be made to eat grass as oxen, and will be wet with the dew of the sky, and seven times will pass over you; until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will. **26** Their command to leave the stump of the roots of the tree means your kingdom will be sure to you, after you'll have known that the heavens do rule. **27** Therefore, Oh king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your tranquillity."

Nevukadnetsar is humbled and restored

28 All this came on the King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar). **29** At the end of twelve months he was walking in the royal palace of Bavel (Babylon). **30** The king spoke and said, "Isn't this great Bavel, which I've built for the royal dwelling place, by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"

31 While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from the sky, saying, "Oh King Nevukadnetsar, to you it's spoken: 'The kingdom has departed from you. **32** You'll be driven from men, and your dwelling will be with the animals of the field. You'll be made to eat grass as oxen. Seven times will pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and

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gives it to whomever he will.' "
33 This was fulfilled the same hour on Nevukadnetsar. He was
driven from men, and ate grass as oxen, and his body was wet
with the dew of the sky, until his hair had grown like eagles'
feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.
34 At the end of the days I, Nevukadnetsar, lifted up my eyes to
heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the
Most High, and I praised and honoured him who lives forever.
Because his dominion is an eternal dominion,
and his kingdom lasts throughout the generations.
35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing;
and he does according to his will in the army of heaven,
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and no one can stop his hand,
or ask him, "What are you doing?"
36 At the same time my understanding returned to me; and for
the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned
to me. My counsellors and my lords looked for me; and I was es-
tablished in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added to
me. 37 Now I, Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), praise and extol
and honour the King of heaven; for all his works are right and
his ways just; and those who walk in pride he's able to humble.

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατῴκουν⟧
the/this/who wild_animal the/this/who wild, and
in/on/among the/this/who branch
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατεσκήνουν⟧
the/this/who bird of_the heaven, 22 you to_be, king, that/since
⟦ἐμεγαλύνθης⟧ and be_strong, and the/this/who majesty you
⟦ἐμεγαλύνθη⟧, and to_precede/arrive toward the/this/who
heaven, and the/this/who command you toward the/this/who
end the/this/who earth. 23 and that/since to_perceive
the/this/who king a_sentinel, and holy to_come/go_down
away_from of_the heaven, and to_say, ⟦ἐκτίλατε⟧ the/this/who
tree, and ⟦διαφθείρατε⟧ he/she/it/self, but/however
the/this/who ⟦φυὴν⟧ the/this/who root
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among
the/this/who earth ⟦ἐάσατε⟧, and in/on/among ⟦δεσμῷ⟧
⟦σιδηρῷ⟧ and in/on/among ⟦χαλκῷ⟧, and in/on/among
the/this/who Chloe/tender_shoot the/this/who
out/outside(r), and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦δρόσῳ⟧ of_
_the heaven ⟦αὐλισθήσεται⟧, and with/after wild_animal
⟦ἀγρίων⟧ the/this/who part
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, until which/whither
seven time/right_time ⟦ἀλλοιωθῶσιν⟧ upon/to/against
he/she/it/self; 24 this/he/she/it the/this/who amalgamation
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there king, and
interpretation highest to_be, the/this/who/which to_
_precede/arrive upon/to/against the/this/who lord I/we
the/this/who king, 25 and you ⟦ἐκδιώξουσιν⟧ away_from
the/this/who a_human, and with/after wild_animal ⟦ἀγρίων⟧
to_be the/this/who dwelling you, and grass which/how ox
⟦ψωμιοῦσί⟧ you, and away_from the/this/who ⟦δρόσου⟧ of_the
heaven ⟦αὐλισθήσῃ⟧, and seven time/right_time to_change
upon/to/against you, until which/whither to_know that/since
to_lord_over the/this/who highest the/this/who kingdom
the/this/who a_human, and which if glory/to_think to_give
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 26 and that/since to_say,
⟦ἐάσατε⟧ the/this/who ⟦φυὴν⟧ the/this/who root of_the
⟦δένδρου⟧; the/this/who kingdom you you/your to_stay, away_
_from which if to_know the/this/who authority the/this/who
⟦οὐράνιον⟧. 27 ⟦Διατοῦτο⟧, king, the/this/who plan I/we
⟦ἀρεσάτω⟧ you, and the/this/who sin you in/on/among
⟦ἐλεημοσύναις⟧ ⟦λύτρωσαι⟧, and the/this/who
unrighteousness, in/on/among ⟦οἰκτιρμοῖς⟧ ⟦πενήτων⟧;
perhaps to_be lenient the/this/who trespass you the/this/who
God. 28 this/he/she/it all to_precede/arrive upon/to/against
Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who king. 29 with/after
⟦δωδεκάμηνον⟧, upon/to/against the/this/who temple
the/this/who kingdom
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among
Babulōni to_walk, 30 to_answer the/this/who king, and to_say,
no this/he/she/it he_is Babulōn the/this/who great, which
I/we ⟦ᾠκοδόμησα⟧ toward house kingdom, in/on/among
the/this/who power/to_grasp/seize the/this/who strength
I/we, toward honour the/this/who glory I/we? 31 still of_the
word in/on/among the/this/who mouth of_the king to_be,
voice/sound away_from heaven to_be, you/your to_speak
Nabouḳodonosor king, the/this/who kingdom to_pass_by
away_from you, 32 and away_from the/this/who a_human you
⟦ἐκδιώκουσι⟧, and with/after wild_animal ⟦ἀγρίων⟧

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the/this/who dwelling you, and grass which/how ox
[[ψωμιοῦσί]] you, and seven time/right_time to_change
upon/to/against you, until to_know that/since to_lord_over
the/this/who highest the/this/who kingdom the/this/who a_
_human, and which if glory/to_think to_give
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **33** he/she/it/self
the/this/who hour the/this/who word [[συνετελέσθη]]
upon/to/against Nabouḳodonosor, and away_from
the/this/who a_human [[ἐξεδιώχθη]], and grass which/how ox
[[ἤσθιε]], and away_from the/this/who [[δρόσου]] of_the heaven
the/this/who body he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
[[ἐβάφη]], until the/this/who/which hair
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which/how lion
[[ἐμεγαλύνθησαν]], and the/this/who [[ὄνυχες]]
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which/how [[ὀρνέων]].
34 and with/after the/this/who goal/tax the/this/who day
I/we Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who eye I/we toward
the/this/who heaven [[ἀνέλαβον]], and the/this/who/which
[[φρένες]] I/we upon/to/against I/we [[ἐπεστράφησαν]], and
the/this/who [[ὑψίστῳ]] [[ηὐλόγησα]], and the/this/who to_live
toward the/this/who an_age [[ᾔνεσα]], and to_glorify,
that/since the/this/who authority
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there authority eternal, and
the/this/who kingdom
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward generation
and generation, **35** and all the/this/who to_dwell the/this/who
earth which/how none [[ἐλογίσθησαν]]; and according_to
the/this/who will/desire
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_do/make
in/on/among the/this/who power of_the heaven, and
in/on/among the/this/who dwelling the/this/who earth; and
no to_be which [[ἀντιποιήσεται]] the/this/who hand
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_say
he/she/it/self, one/which? to_do/make? **36** he/she/it/self
the/this/who time/right_time the/this/who/which [[φρένες]]
I/we [[ἐπεστράφησαν]] upon/to/against I/we, and toward
the/this/who honour the/this/who kingdom I/we to_
_come/go; and the/this/who form I/we to_turn
upon/to/against I/we, and the/this/who tyrants I/we, and
the/this/who great_man I/we to_seek I/we, and
upon/to/against the/this/who kingdom I/we [[ἐκραταιώθην]],
and majesty more-abundant to_add_(to) I/we. **37** now
therefore/then I/we Nabouḳodonosor [[αἰνῶ]] and [[ὑπερυψῶ]]
and to_glorify the/this/who king of_the heaven, that/since all
the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
[[ἀληθινὰ]], and the/this/who/which [[τρίβοι]]
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there judgement, and all
the/this/who to_travel in/on/among pride be_able
[[ταπεινῶσαι]].

5:1 Baltasar the/this/who king to_do/make dinner great
the/this/who great_man
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there [[χιλίοις]], and before
the/this/who thousand the/this/who wine, **2** and to_drink
Baltasar to_say in/on/among the/this/who [[γεύσει]] of_the
wine, of_the [[ἐνεγκεῖν]] the/this/who vessel the/this/who
golden and the/this/who silver, which to_bring/carry_out
Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who father

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The writing on the wall

5:1 Belshatsar (Belshazzar) the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. **2** Belshatsar, while he tasted the wine, commanded that the golden and silver vessels which Nevukadnetsar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) be brought to him, that the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, might drink

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from them. 3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of God's house which was at Yerushalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank from them. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour, the fingers of a man's hand came out and wrote near the lamp stand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace. The king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's face was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him; and the joints of his thighs were loosened, and his knees struck one against another.

7 The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Kasdim (Chaldeans), and the soothsayers. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Bavel (Babylon), "The one who reads this writing and shows me its interpretation will be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and will be the third ruler in the kingdom."

8 Then all the king's wise men came in; but they couldn't read the writing and couldn't make known to the king the interpretation. 9 Then King Belshatsar (Belshazzar) was greatly troubled. His face was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed.

10 The queen because of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house. The queen spoke and said, "Oh king, live forever; don't let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your face be changed. 11 There's a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light, understanding, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. The king, Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), your father—yes, the king, your father—made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Kasdim, and soothsayers 12 because an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting of dreams, showing of dark sentences, and dissolving of doubts were found in the same Daniyel, whom the king named Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar). Now let Daniyel be called, and he'll show the interpretation."

Daniyel explains the writing

13 Then Daniyel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniyel, "Are you that Daniyel of the children of the captivity of Yehudah (Judah), whom the king my father brought out of Yehudah? 14 I've heard of you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light, understanding, and excellent wisdom are found in you. 15 Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing, and make known to me its interpretation; but they couldn't show the interpretation of the thing. 16 But I've heard of you, that you can give interpretations and dissolve doubts. Now if you can read the writing, and make known to me its interpretation, you'll be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold around your neck, and will be the third ruler in the kingdom."

17 Then Daniyel answered the king, "Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I'll read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there out_from of_the temple of_the in/on/among Yerousalaʸm, and ⟦πιέτωσαν⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who king, and the/this/who great_man
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who/which ⟦παλλακαὶ⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who/which ⟦παράκοιτοι⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 3 and ⟦ἠνέχθησαν⟧ the/this/who vessel the/this/who golden and the/this/who silver, which to_bring/carry_out out_from of_the temple of_the God of_the in/on/among Yerousalaʸm, and to_drink in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who king, and the/this/who great_man
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who/which ⟦παλλακαὶ⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who/which ⟦παράκοιτοι⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 4 to_drink wine; and ⟦ᾔνεσαν⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who golden, and silver, and (made)_of_brass, and iron, and ⟦ξυλίνους⟧, and ⟦λιθίνους⟧. 5 in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who hour to_go_out ⟦δάκτυλοι⟧ hand a_human, and ⟦ἔγραφον⟧ before the/this/who ⟦λαμπάδος⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who whitewash of_the ⟦τοίχου⟧ of_the house of_the king, and the/this/who king to_see/experience the/this/who ⟦ἀστραγάλους⟧ the/this/who hand the/this/who ⟦γραφούσης⟧. 6 then of_the king the/this/who form ⟦ἠλλοιώθη⟧, and the/this/who reasoning he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συνετάρασσον⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦σύνδεσμοι⟧ the/this/who loins he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦διελύοντο⟧, and the/this/who a_knee he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συνεκροτοῦντο⟧. 7 and to_cry_out the/this/who king in/on/among strength, of_the to_bring_in sage, Ḳaldaious, ⟦γαζαρηνούς⟧; and to_say the/this/who wise Babulōnos, which if ⟦ἀναγνῷ⟧ the/this/who a_writing this/he/she/it, and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ to_make_known I/we, purple_cloth ⟦ἐνδύσεται⟧, and the/this/who a_golden_necklace the/this/who golden upon/to/against the/this/who neck he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and third in/on/among the/this/who kingdom I/we ⟦ἄρξει⟧. 8 and ⟦εἰσεπορεύοντο⟧ all the/this/who wise of_the king, and no be_ _able the/this/who a_writing to_read, and_not the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ to_make_known the/this/who king. 9 and the/this/who king Baltasar to_trouble, and the/this/who form he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἠλλοιώθη⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self, and the/this/who great_man he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συνεταράσσοντο⟧. 10 and to_enter the/this/who queen toward the/this/who house of_the ⟦πότου⟧, and to_say, king, toward the/this/who an_age ⟦ζῆθι⟧; not ⟦ταρασσέτωσάν⟧ you the/this/who reasoning you, and the/this/who form you not ⟦ἀλλοιούσθω⟧. 11 to_be man in/on/among the/this/who kingdom you, in/on/among which spirit/breath ⟦Θωοῦ⟧; and in/on/among the/this/who day of_the father you, vigilance and understanding to_find/meet in/on/among he/she/it/self, and the/this/who king Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who father you

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ruler ⟦ἐπαοιδῶν⟧, sage, Ḳaldaiōn, ⟦γαζαρηνῶν⟧, to_
_appoint/conduct he/she/it/self, **12** that/since spirit/breath
excessive/abundant in/on/among he/she/it/self, and
understanding and understanding in/on/among
he/she/it/self, ⟦συγκρίνων⟧ ⟦ἐνύπνια⟧, and to_report
⟦κρατούμενα⟧, and ⟦λύων⟧ ⟦συνδέσμους⟧, Dania^{y}l; and
the/this/who king to_put/lay_on name he/she/it/self,
Baltasar; now therefore/then ⟦κληθήτω⟧, and the/this/who
⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_report
you. **13** then Dania^{y}l ⟦εἰσήχθη⟧ before of_the king; and to_say
the/this/who king the/this/who Dania^{y}l, you to_be Dania^{y}l,
the/this/who away_from the/this/who son the/this/who
⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ the/this/who Jewish/Judea, which to_bring
the/this/who king the/this/who father I/we? **14** to_hear about
you that/since spirit/breath God in/on/among you/your, and
vigilance, and understanding, and wisdom ⟦περισσὴ⟧ to_
_find/meet in/on/among you/your. **15** and now to_enter
before I/we the/this/who wise, sage, ⟦γαζαρηνοὶ⟧, in_order_
_that/to the/this/who a_writing this/he/she/it ⟦ἀναγνῶσι⟧,
and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ ⟦γνωρίσωσί⟧ I/we, and no be_
_able to_report I/we. **16** and I/we to_hear about you, that/since
be_able judgement to_compare; now therefore/then if
⟦δυνηθῇς⟧ the/this/who a_writing to_read, and the/this/who
⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ he/she/it/self to_make_known I/we, purple_cloth
⟦ἐνδύσῃ⟧, and the/this/who a_golden_necklace the/this/who
golden to_be upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦τραχήλῳ⟧ you,
and third in/on/among the/this/who kingdom I/we ⟦ἄρξεις⟧.
17 and to_say Dania^{y}l before of_the king, the/this/who gift you
you/your to_be, and the/this/who free_gift/freely
the/this/who home you other to_give, I/we but/and
the/this/who a_writing ⟦ἀναγνώσομαι⟧, and the/this/who
⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ he/she/it/self to_make_known you, **18** king;
the/this/who God the/this/who highest the/this/who
kingdom, and the/this/who ⟦μεγαλωσύνην⟧, and
the/this/who honour, and the/this/who glory to_give
Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who father you; **19** and away_from
the/this/who majesty which to_give he/she/it/self all
the/this/who a_people, tribe, tongue to_be ⟦τρέμοντες⟧ and
to_fear away_from face
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; which ⟦ἠβούλετο⟧
he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνῄρει⟧, and which ⟦ἠβούλετο⟧ he/she/it/self
to_strike, and which ⟦ἠβούλετο⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ὕψου⟧, and
which ⟦ἠβούλετο⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐταπείνου⟧. **20** and when
⟦ὑψώθη⟧ the/this/who heart
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
spirit/breath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
⟦ἐκραταιώθη⟧ of_the ⟦ὑπερηφανεύσασθαι⟧, ⟦κατηνέχθη⟧ away_
_from of_the throne the/this/who kingdom, and the/this/who
honour ⟦ἀφῃρέθη⟧ away_from
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **21** and away_from
the/this/who a_human ⟦ἐξεδιώχθη⟧, and the/this/who heart
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there with/after
the/this/who wild_animal to_give, and with/after
the/this/who ⟦ὀνάγρων⟧ the/this/who dwelling
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and grass which/how
ox ⟦ἐψώμιζον⟧ he/she/it/self, and away_from the/this/who
⟦δρόσου⟧ of_the heaven the/this/who body
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐβάφη⟧, until

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18 "To you, king, the Most High God gave Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) your father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty. **19** Because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed whom he wanted to, and he kept alive whom he wanted to. He raised up whom he wanted to, and he put down whom he wanted to. **20** But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. **21** He was driven from the sons of men and his heart was made like the animals', and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the sky, until he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and that he sets up over it whomever he will.

22 "You, his son, Belshatsar (Belshazzar), haven't humbled your heart, though you knew all this, **23** but have lifted up yourself against the master of heaven; and they've brought the vessels of his house before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. You've praised the gods of silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which don't see, hear, or know; and you haven't glorified the god in whose hand is your breath and whose are all your ways. **24** Then the part of the hand was sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed.

25 "This is the writing that was inscribed: 'MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.'

26 "This is the interpretation of the thing:
MENE: God has counted your kingdom, and brought it to an end.
27 TEKEL: you're weighed in the balances, and are found wanting.
28 PERES: your kingdom is divided, and given to the Madim (Medes) and Persians."

29 Then Belshatsar (Belshazzar) commanded, and they clothed Daniyel with purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and proclaimed that he should be the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

30 In that night Belshatsar the Chaldean King was slain.
31 Dareyavesh (Darius) the Madi (Mede) received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

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A plot to stop Daniyel praying

6:1 It pleased Dareyavesh to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty local governors, who should be throughout the whole kingdom; **2** and over them three presidents, of whom Daniyel was one; that these local governors might give account to them, and that the king should suffer no loss. **3** Then this Daniyel was distinguished above the presidents and the local governors, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 Then the presidents and the local governors tried to find occasion against Daniyel as touching the kingdom; but they could find no occasion or fault, because he was faithful. There wasn't any error or fault found in him. **5** Then these men said, "We won't find any occasion against this Daniyel, unless we find it against him about his god's law."

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which/whither to_know that/since to_lord_over the/this/who God highest the/this/who kingdom the/this/who a_human, and which if glory/to_think to_give he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **22** and you therefore/then the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Baltasar no ⟦ἐταπείνωσας⟧ the/this/who heart you before of_ _the God; no all this/he/she/it to_know? **23** and upon/to/against the/this/who lord God of_the heaven ⟦ὑψώθης⟧, and the/this/who vessel of_the house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_bear/lead before you, and you and the/this/who great_man you, and the/this/who/which ⟦παλλακαί⟧ you, and the/this/who/which ⟦παράκοιτοί⟧ you wine ⟦ἐπίνετε⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self; and the/this/who God the/this/who golden, and silver, and (made)_of_brass, and iron, and ⟦ξυλίνους⟧, and ⟦λιθίνους⟧, the/this/who/which no to_ _see, and the/this/who/which no to_hear, and no to_know, ⟦ᾔνεσας⟧, and the/this/who God which/whither the/this/who wind/breath you in/on/among hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and all the/this/who/which road you, he/she/it/self no ⟦ἐδόξασας⟧. **24** ⟦Διατοῦτο⟧ out_from face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_send a_vertebrae hand, and the/this/who a_writing this/he/she/it ⟦ἐνέταξε⟧. **25** and this/he/she/it the/this/who a_writing ⟦ἐντεταγμένη⟧, mane, thekel, Fares. **26** this/he/she/it the/this/who interpretation of_the declaration; mane, to_measure the/this/who God the/this/who kingdom you, and to_fulfill he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **27** thekel, to_stand in/on/among yoke/scales, and to_find/meet ⟦ὑστεροῦσα⟧. **28** Fares, ⟦διήρηται⟧ the/this/who kingdom you, and to_give Maʸdois and Persais. **29** and to_say Baltasar, and to_put_on the/this/who Daniaʸl purple_cloth, and the/this/who ⟦μανιάκην⟧ the/this/who golden to_put_on about the/this/who neck he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_preach about he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_be he/she/it/self ruler third in/on/among the/this/who kingdom. **30** in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who night to_do_away_with Baltasar the/this/who king the/this/who Ḳaldaios,

6:1 and Dareios the/this/who Maʸdos to_take the/this/who kingdom, to_be year sixty two. **2** and to_please before Dareiou, and to_appoint/conduct upon/to/against the/this/who kingdom ⟦σατράπας⟧ hundred twenty, of_the to_be he/she/it/self in/on/among all the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **3** and above he/she/it/self ⟦τακτικοὺς⟧ three, which to_be Daniaʸl one out_ _from he/she/it/self, of_the to_pay he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦σατράπας⟧ word, that the/this/who king not ⟦ἐνοχλῆται⟧. **4** and to_be Daniaʸl above/for he/she/it/self, that/since spirit/breath excessive/abundant in/on/among he/she/it/self, and the/this/who king to_appoint/conduct he/she/it/self upon/to/against all the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **5** and the/this/who ⟦τακτικοὶ⟧ and the/this/who ⟦σατράπαι⟧ to_seek pretense to_ _find/meet according_to Daniaʸl; and all pretense and trespass and an_error no to_find/meet according_to

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that/since faithful to_
_be. **6** and to_say the/this/who ⟦τακτικοὶ⟧, no to_find/meet
according_to Dania^{y}l pretense, if not in/on/among ⟦νομίμοις⟧
God he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **7** then
the/this/who ⟦τακτικοὶ⟧ and the/this/who ⟦σατράπαι⟧ to_
_stand_by the/this/who king, and to_say he/she/it/self, Dareie
king, toward the/this/who an_age ⟦ζῆθι⟧. **8** to_consult all
the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who kingdom you
officer/magistrate and ⟦σατράπαι⟧, ⟦ὕπατοι⟧ and ⟦τοπάρχαι⟧,
of_the to_stand uprising ⟦βασιλικῇ⟧, and ⟦ἐνισχῦσαι⟧
⟦ὁρισμόν⟧, that which if to_ask request from_with all God and
a_human, until day thirty, but or/than from_with you king,
⟦ἐμβληθήσεται⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦λάκκον⟧ the/this/who
lion. **9** now therefore/then king ⟦στῆσον⟧ the/this/who
⟦ὁρισμὸν⟧, and ⟦ἔκθες⟧ a_writing, that not ⟦ἀλλοιωθῇ⟧
the/this/who decree Persōn and Ma^{y}dōn. **10** then
the/this/who king Dareios to_command ⟦γραφῆναι⟧
the/this/who decree. **11** and Dania^{y}l when to_know that/since
⟦ἐνετάγη⟧ the/this/who decree, to_enter toward the/this/who
house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and
the/this/who/which ⟦θυρίδες⟧ ⟦ἀνεῳγμέναι⟧ he/she/it/self
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὑπερῴοις⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there before Hierousala^{y}m,
and time/right_time three the/this/who day to_be ⟦κάμπτων⟧
upon/to/against the/this/who a_knee
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_pray and
⟦ἐξομολογούμενος⟧ against/in_front_of of_the God
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, as/just_as to_be to_
_do/make before. **12** then the/this/who man that
⟦παρετήρησαν⟧, and to_find/meet the/this/who Dania^{y}l
⟦ἀξιοῦντα⟧ and ⟦δεόμενον⟧ of_the God
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **13** and to_come_
_near/agree to_speak the/this/who king, king, no ⟦ὁρισμὸν⟧
⟦ἔταξας⟧, that all a_human which if to_ask from_with all God
and a_human request, until day thirty, but or/than from_with
you king, ⟦ἐμβληθήσεται⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦λάκκον⟧
the/this/who lion? and to_say the/this/who king, true
the/this/who word, and the/this/who decree Ma^{y}dōn and
Persōn no to_pass_by. **14** then to_answer and to_speak before
of_the king, Dania^{y}l, the/this/who away_from the/this/who
son the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ the/this/who Jewish/Judea,
no to_subject the/this/who ⟦δόγματί⟧ you; and time/right_
_time three the/this/who day ⟦αἰτεῖ⟧ from_with of_the God
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who request
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **15** then the/this/who
king, which/how the/this/who declaration to_hear, much to_
_grieve upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and about of_the
Dania^{y}l ⟦ἠγωνίσατο⟧ of_the to_take_out/select he/she/it/self,
and until evening to_be to_struggle of_the to_take_out/select
he/she/it/self. **16** then the/this/who man that to_speak
the/this/who king, to_know king, that/since the/this/who
decree Ma^{y}dois and Persais, of_the all ⟦ὁρισμὸν⟧ and uprising
which if the/this/who king to_stand, no be_necessary
⟦παραλλάξαι⟧. **17** then the/this/who king to_say; and to_bring
the/this/who Dania^{y}l, and ⟦ἐνέβαλον⟧ he/she/it/self toward
the/this/who ⟦λάκκον⟧ the/this/who lion; and to_say
the/this/who king the/this/who Dania^{y}l, the/this/who God
you, which you ⟦λατρεύεις⟧ continually, he/she/it/self

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6 Then these presidents and local governors assembled together to the king, and said this to him, "King Dareyavesh, live forever! **7** All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the local governors, the counsellors and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong decree, that anyone who asks a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except of you, Oh king, he'll be thrown into the den of lions. **8** Now, Oh king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it not be changed, according to the law of the Madim (Medes) and Persians, which doesn't alter." **9** Therefore King Dareyavesh signed the writing and the decree.

10 When Daniyel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his room towards Yerushalem (Jerusalem)) and he knelt on his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his god, as he did before. **11** Then these men assembled together, and found Daniyel making petition and supplication before his god. **12** Then they came near, and spoke before the king about the king's decree: "Haven't you signed a decree that every man who makes a petition to any god or man within thirty days, except to you, Oh king, will be thrown into the den of lions?"

The king answered, "This thing is true, according to the law of the Madim and Persians, which doesn't alter."

13 Then they replied before the king, "That Daniyel, who's of the children of the captivity of Yehudah (Judah), doesn't respect you, Oh king, nor the decree that you've signed, but makes his petition three times a day." **14** Then the king, when he heard these words, was very displeased, and set his heart on Daniyel to deliver him; and he laboured until the going down of the sun to rescue him.

15 Then these men assembled together to the king, and said to the king, "Know, Oh king, that it's a law of the Madim and Persians, that no decree nor statute which the king establishes may be changed."

Daniyel is thrown to the lions

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniyel, and threw him into the den of lions. The king spoke and said to Daniyel, "Your god whom you serve continually, he'll deliver you."

17 A stone was brought, and laid on the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed about Daniyel. **18** Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting. No musical instruments were brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.

God rescues Daniyel

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions. **20** When he came near to the den to Daniyel, he cried with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniyel, "Daniyel, servant of the living god, is your god, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?"

21 Then Daniyel said to the king, "Oh king, live forever! **22** My god has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, and they

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haven't hurt me; because I'm innocent in his sight. Also before you, Oh king, I've done no harm."

23 Then the king was extremely glad, and commanded that they should take Daniyel up out of the den. So Daniyel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he'd trusted in his god.

24 The king commanded, and they brought those men who'd accused Daniyel, and they threw them into the den of lions—them, their children, and their wives; and the lions mauled them and broke all their bones in pieces before they came to the bottom of the den.

25 Then King Dareyavesh (Darius) wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages, who live in all the earth:

"Peace be multiplied to you.

26 "I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the god of Daniyel;

"for he's the living god,
and steadfast forever.
His kingdom is that which won't be destroyed.
His dominion will be even to the end.

27 He delivers and rescues.
He works signs and wonders in heaven and in earth,
who's delivered Daniyel from the power of the lions."

28 So this Daniyel prospered in the reign of Dareyavesh (Darius), and in the reign of Koresh (Cyrus) the Persian.

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⟦ἐξελεῖταί⟧ you. **18** and to_bear/lead stone, and to_put/lay_on upon/to/against the/this/who mouth of_the ⟦λάκκου⟧, and ⟦ἐσφραγίσατο⟧ the/this/who king in/on/among the/this/who ⟦δακτυλίῳ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦δακτυλίῳ⟧ the/this/who ⟦μεγιστάνων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that not ⟦ἀλλοιωθῇ⟧ thing in/on/among the/this/who Dania^{y}l. **19** and to_go_away the/this/who king toward the/this/who house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_sleep supperless, and ⟦ἐδέσματα⟧ no ⟦εἰσήνεγκαν⟧ he/she/it/self; and the/this/who sleep to_leave away_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_shut the/this/who God the/this/who mouth the/this/who lion, and no ⟦παρηνώχλησαν⟧ the/this/who Dania^{y}l. **20** then the/this/who king to_arise the/this/who early in/on/among the/this/who light, and in/on/among diligence to_come/go upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦λάκκον⟧ the/this/who lion. **21** and in/on/among the/this/who to_come_near he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦λάκκῳ⟧, to_cry_out voice/sound strong, Dania^{y}l, the/this/who slave of_the God of_the to_live, the/this/who God you which you ⟦λατρεύεις⟧ continually, if be_able to_take_out/select you out_from mouth the/this/who lion? **22** and to_say Dania^{y}l the/this/who king, king, toward the/this/who an_age ⟦ζῇθι⟧. **23** the/this/who God I/we to_send the/this/who angel he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐνέφραξε⟧ the/this/who mouth the/this/who lion, and no ⟦ἐλυμήναντό⟧ I/we, that/since before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there righteousness to_ _find/meet I/we/my, and before but/and you king trespass no to_do/make. **24** then the/this/who king much ⟦ἠγαθύνθη⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and the/this/who Dania^{y}l to_ _say to_carry_up out_from of_the ⟦λάκκου⟧; and ⟦ἀνηνέχθη⟧ Dania^{y}l out_from of_the ⟦λάκκου⟧; and all decay no to_ _find/meet in/on/among he/she/it/self, that/since to_trust_ _(in) in/on/among the/this/who God he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **25** and to_say the/this/who king, and ⟦ἠγάγοσαν⟧ the/this/who man the/this/who ⟦διαβαλόντας⟧ the/this/who Dania^{y}l, and toward the/this/who ⟦λάκκον⟧ the/this/who lion ⟦ἐνεβλήθησαν⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who son he/she/it/self, and the/this/who/which woman he/she/it/self; and no ⟦ἔφθασαν⟧ toward the/this/who ground of_the ⟦λάκκου⟧, until which/whither ⟦ἐκυρίευσαν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦λέοντες⟧, and all the/this/who ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐλέπτυναν⟧. **26** then Dareios the/this/who king to_write all the/this/who a_people, tribe, tongue, the/this/who ⟦οἰκοῦσιν⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who earth; peace you to_multiply. **27** out_from face I/we to_place decree this/he/she/it in/on/among all beginning the/this/who kingdom I/we, to_be ⟦τρέμοντας⟧ and ⟦φοβουμένους⟧ away_from face of_the God Dania^{y}l, that/since he/she/it/self he_is God to_live, and to_stay toward the/this/who an_age, and the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no ⟦διαφθαρήσεται⟧, and the/this/who command he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there until goal/tax; **28** ⟦Ἀντιλαμβάνεται⟧ and ⟦ῥύεται⟧, and to_do/make sign and wonders in/on/among the/this/who heaven and upon/to/against the/this/who earth, who/which to_take_

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_out/select the/this/who Dania^{y}l out_from hand the/this/who lion. **29** and Dania^{y}l ⟦κατηύθυνεν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who kingdom Dareiou, and in/on/among the/this/who kingdom Kurou of_the Persou.

7:1 in/on/among year ⟦τρώτῳ⟧ the/this/who Baltasar king Ḳaldaiōn, Dania^{y}l dream to_perceive, and the/this/who/which appearance/vision the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κοίτης⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and the/this/who dream he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_write. **2** I/we Dania^{y}l to_see/experience; and look! the/this/who four wind of_the heaven ⟦προσέβαλον⟧ toward the/this/who sea the/this/who great; **3** and four wild_animal great to_ascend out_from the/this/who sea, to_spread/surpass one_another. **4** the/this/who first like/as/about lioness, and ⟦πτερὰ⟧ he/she/it/self which/how eagle; to_see/experience until which/whither ⟦ἐξετίλη⟧ the/this/who ⟦πτερὰ⟧ he/she/it/self; and ⟦ἐξήρθη⟧ away_from the/this/who earth, and upon/to/against foot a_human to_stand, and heart a_human to_give he/she/it/self. **5** and look! wild_animal secondly like ⟦ἄρκτῳ⟧, and toward part in/on/among/one to_stand, and three ⟦πλευραὶ⟧ in/on/among the/this/who mouth he/she/it/self, ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ the/this/who tooth he/she/it/self; and thus(-ly) to_speak he/she/it/self, to_arise, to_eat flesh much. **6** after this/he/she/it to_see/experience, and look! wild_animal other like/as/about leopard; and he/she/it/self ⟦πτερὰ⟧ four ⟦πετεινοῦ⟧ above he/she/it/self, and four head the/this/who wild_animal, and authority to_give he/she/it/self. **7** after this/he/she/it to_see/experience, and look! wild_animal fourth fearful and ⟦ἔκθαμβον⟧, and strong abundantly/excess/superabundantly, and the/this/who tooth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦σιδηροῖ⟧, ⟦ἐσθίον⟧, and ⟦λεπτύνον⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπίλοιπα⟧ the/this/who foot he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συνεπάτει⟧, and he/she/it/self ⟦διάφορον⟧ abundantly/excess/superabundantly from_with all the/this/who wild_animal the/this/who before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and horn ten he/she/it/self. **8** ⟦Προσενόουν⟧ the/this/who ⟦κέρασιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and look! horn other small to_ascend in/on/among midst he/she/it/self, and three horn the/this/who before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐξερῥιζώθη⟧ away_from face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and look! eye, like/as/about eye a_human in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κέρατι⟧ this/he/she/it, and mouth to_speak great. **9** to_see/experience until who/which the/this/who throne to_place, and old day to_sit, and the/this/who clothing he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there white like/as/about snow, and the/this/who hair the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there like/as/about wool clean, the/this/who throne he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there flame fire, the/this/who ⟦τροχοὶ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there fire ⟦φλέγον⟧. **10** river fire ⟦εἶλκεν⟧ before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there;

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Daniyel's vision of four creatures

7:1 In the first year of Belshatsar (Belshazzar) king of Bavel (Babylon), Daniyel had a dream and visions of his head on his bed. Then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters.

2 Daniyel spoke and said, "I saw in my vision by night and the four winds of the sky broke out on the great sea. **3** Four great animals came up from the sea, different from one another.

4 "The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand on two feet as a man. A man's heart was given to it.

5 "Listen, there was another animal, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth. They said this to it: 'Arise! Devour much flesh!'

6 "After this I saw another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The animal also had four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and there was a fourth animal, awesome and powerful, and extremely strong. It had great iron teeth. It devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet. It was different from all the animals that were before it. It had ten horns.

8 "I considered the horns, and another horn came up among them, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and in this horn were eyes like a man's eyes, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 "I watched until thrones were placed,
and one who was Ancient of Days sat.
His clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool.
His throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels burning fire.
10 A fiery stream issued and came out from before him.
Thousands of thousands ministered to him.
Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The judgement was set.
The books were opened.

11 "I watched at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke. I watched even until the animal was slain, its body destroyed, and it was given to be burnt with fire. **12** As for the rest of the animals, their dominion was taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

13 "I saw in the night visions, and one like a son of man came with the clouds, and he came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. **14** Dominion was given him, with glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an eternal dominion,

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which won't pass away, and his kingdom won't be destroyed.

The meaning of the vision

15 "As for me, Daniyel, my spirit was grieved within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. **16** I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth about all this.

"So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. **17** 'These great animals, which are four, are four kings, who'll arise out of the earth. **18** But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

19 "Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth animal, which was different from all of them, extremely terrible, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of bronze; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; **20** and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke great things, whose look was more stout than its fellows. **21** I saw, and the same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them **22** until the Ancient of Days came, and judgement was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 "So he said, 'The fourth animal will be a fourth kingdom on earth, which will be different from all the kingdoms, and will devour the whole earth, and will tread it down, and break it in pieces. **24** As for the ten horns, ten kings will arise out of this kingdom. Another will arise after them; and he'll be different from the former, and he'll put down three kings. **25** He'll speak words against the Most High, and will wear out the saints of the Most High. He'll plan to change the times and the law; and they'll be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time.

26 " 'But the judgement will be set, and they'll take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it to the end. **27** The kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole sky, will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an eternal kingdom, and all dominions will serve and obey him.'

28 "Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniyel, my thoughts troubled me greatly, and my face was changed in me; but I kept the matter in my heart."

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⟦χίλιαι⟧ thousand ⟦ἐλειτούργουν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦μύριαι⟧ myriad to_stand_by he/she/it/self; court/lawsuit to_seat, and ⟦βίβλοι⟧ to_open. **11** to_see/experience then away_from voice/sound the/this/who word the/this/who great, which the/this/who horn that to_speak, until to_do_away_with the/this/who wild_animal, and to_destroy, and the/this/who body he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_give toward burning fire. **12** and the/this/who remaining wild_animal ⟦μετεστάθη⟧ the/this/who beginning, and duration life to_give he/she/it/self until time/right_time and time/right_time. **13** to_see/experience in/on/among vision the/this/who night, and look! with/after the/this/who cloud of_the heaven, which/how son a_human to_come/go, and until of_the old the/this/who day to_precede/arrive, and to_bring_to he/she/it/self. **14** and he/she/it/self to_give the/this/who beginning and the/this/who honour and the/this/who kingdom, and all the/this/who a_people, tribe, and tongue he/she/it/self be_a_slave; the/this/who authority he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, authority eternal, who/which no to_pass_by, and the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no ⟦διαφθαρήσεται⟧. **15** ⟦Ἔφριξε⟧ the/this/who spirit/breath I/we in/on/among the/this/who to_have/be I/we, I/we Dania^{y}l, and the/this/who/which appearance/vision the/this/who head I/we ⟦ἐτάρασσόν⟧ I/we. **16** and to_come_near/agree one the/this/who to_stand, and the/this/who strictness to_seek from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_learn about all this/he/she/it; and to_say I/we the/this/who strictness, and the/this/who ⟦σύγκρισιν⟧ the/this/who word to_make_known I/we. **17** this/he/she/it the/this/who wild_animal the/this/who four, four ⟦βασιλεῖαι⟧ to_arise upon/to/against the/this/who earth, the/this/who/which ⟦ἀρθήσονται⟧; **18** and ⟦παραλήψονται⟧ the/this/who kingdom holy highest, and ⟦καθέξουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self until an_age the/this/who an_age. **19** and to_seek exactly about of_the ⟦θηοίου⟧ of_the fourth; that/since to_be ⟦διαφέρον⟧ from_with all wild_animal, fearful abundantly/excess/superabundantly, the/this/who tooth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦σιδηροῖ⟧, and ⟦ὄνυχες⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦χαλκοῖ⟧, ⟦ἐσθίον⟧, and ⟦λεπτῦνον⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπίλοιπα⟧ the/this/who foot he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συνεπάτει⟧; **20** and about the/this/who horn he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ten the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and of_the other of_ _the ⟦ἀναβάντος⟧, and ⟦ἐκτινάξαντος⟧ the/this/who first, which the/this/who eye and mouth to_speak great, and the/this/who appearance/vision he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there great the/this/who remaining. **21** to_see/experience, and the/this/who horn that to_do/make war with/after the/this/who holy, and be_strong to/with he/she/it/self, **22** until which/whither to_come/go the/this/who old day, and the/this/who judgement to_give holy highest; and the/this/who time/right_time to_ _precede/arrive, and the/this/who kingdom ⟦κατέσχον⟧ the/this/who holy. **23** and to_say, the/this/who wild_animal

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the/this/who fourth, kingdom fourth to_be in/on/among the/this/who earth, who/which ⟦ὑπερέξει⟧ all the/this/who kingdom, and to_devour all the/this/who earth, and ⟦συμπατήσει⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self and ⟦κατακόψει⟧. **24** and the/this/who ten horn he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ten king to_arise, and after he/she/it/self to_arise other, which ⟦ὑπεροίσει⟧ ⟦κακοῖς⟧ all the/this/who before, and three king lowliness/to_humble, **25** and word to/with the/this/who ⟦ὕψιστον⟧ to_speak, and the/this/who holy highest ⟦παλαιώσει⟧, and ⟦ὑπονοήσει⟧ of_ _the ⟦ἀλλοιῶσαι⟧ time/right_time and law, and to_give in/on/among hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there until time/right_time and time/right_time and indeed half time/right_time. **26** and the/this/who court/lawsuit to_seat, and the/this/who beginning ⟦μεταστήσουσι⟧ of_the ⟦ἀφανίσαι⟧, and of_the to_destroy until goal/tax. **27** and the/this/who kingdom and the/this/who authority and the/this/who majesty the/this/who king the/this/who under all of_the heaven, to_give holy highest; and the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, kingdom eternal, and all the/this/who/which beginning he/she/it/self be_a_slave and ⟦ὑπακούσονται⟧. until here the/this/who end of_the word; **28** I/we Dania^{y}l, the/this/who reasoning I/we upon/to/against much ⟦συνετάρασσόν⟧ I/we, and the/this/who form I/we ⟦ἠλλοιώθη⟧, and the/this/who declaration in/on/among the/this/who heart I/we ⟦διετήρησα⟧.

8:1 in/on/among year ⟦τρίτῳ⟧ the/this/who kingdom Baltasar of_the king appearance/vision to_see to/with I/we; I/we Dania^{y}l with/after the/this/who ⟦ὀφθεῖσάν⟧ I/we the/this/who beginning, **2** and to_be in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧ the/this/who ⟦βάρει⟧, the/this/who/which to_be in/on/among country Eylam/porch; and to_be upon/to/against of_the Oubal. **3** and ⟦ἦρα⟧ the/this/who eye I/we, and ⟦ἴδον⟧; and look! a_ram one to_stand before of_the Oubal; and he/she/it/self horn high; and the/this/who in/on/among/one ⟦ὑψηλότερον⟧ of_the other, and the/this/who high ⟦ἀνέβαινεν⟧ upon/to/against last/least. **4** and ⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who ⟦κριὸν⟧ ⟦κερατίζοντα⟧ according_to sea, and ⟦Βοῤῥᾶν⟧, and south; and all the/this/who wild_ _animal no ⟦στήσεται⟧ before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and no to_be the/this/who to_take_out/select out_from hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_do/make according_to the/this/who will/desire he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and ⟦ἐμεγαλύνθη⟧. **5** and I/we to_be to_understand, and look! he-goat ⟦αἰγῶν⟧ to_ _come/go away_from ⟦Λιβὸς⟧ upon/to/against face all the/this/who earth, and no to_be ⟦ἁπτόμενος⟧ the/this/who earth; and the/this/who ⟦τράγῳ⟧ horn midst the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **6** and to_come/go until of_the ⟦κριοῦ⟧ of_the the/this/who horn to_have/be, which/whither ⟦ἴδον⟧ to_stand before of_the Oubal, and to_run to/with he/she/it/self in/on/among impulse the/this/who strength he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **7** and ⟦ἴδον⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦φθάνοντα⟧ until of_the ⟦κριοῦ⟧, and ⟦ἐξηγριάνθη⟧ to/with he/she/it/self, and to_strike

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Daniyel's sheep and goat vision

8:1 In the third year of the reign of King Belshatsar (Belshazzar), a vision appeared to me, even to me, Daniyel, after that which appeared to me at the first. **2** I saw the vision. Now it was so, that when I saw, I was in the citadel of Shushan (Susa), which is in the province of Eylam. I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulay. **3** Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw a ram which had two horns stood before the river. The two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. **4** I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward. No animals could stand before him. There wasn't anyone who could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and magnified himself.

5 As I was considering, look, a male goat came from the west over the surface of the whole earth, and didn't touch the ground. The goat had a notable horn between his eyes. **6** He came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and ran on him in the fury of his power. **7** I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to stand before him; but he threw him down to the ground, and trampled on him. There was no one who could deliver the ram out of his hand. **8** The male goat magnified himself greatly. When he was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead of it there came up four notable horns towards the four winds of the sky.

9 Out of one of them came out a little horn, which grew very great, towards the south, and towards the east, and towards the

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glorious land. **10** It grew great, even to the army of the sky; and it threw down some of the army and of the stars to the ground, and trampled on them. **11** Yes, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the army; and it took away from him the continual burnt offering, and the place of his sanctuary was thrown down. **12** The army was given over to it together with the continual burnt offering through disobedience. It threw down truth to the ground, and it did its pleasure and prospered.

13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who spoke, "How long will the vision about the continual burnt offering, and the disobedience that makes desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the army to be trodden under foot be?"

14 He said to me, "To two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary will be cleansed."

Gavriel explains Daniyel's vision

15 When I, even I Daniyel, had seen the vision, I tried to understand it. Then someone who looked like a man stood in front of me. **16** I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulay, which called, and said, "Gavriel (Gabriel), make this man understand the vision."

17 So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was frightened, and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man; for the vision belongs to the time of the end."

18 Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face towards the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright.

19 He said, "Listen, I'll make you know what'll be in the latter time of the indignation; for it belongs to the appointed time of the end. **20** The ram which you saw, that had the two horns, they're the kings of Maday (Media) and Paras (Persia). **21** The rough male goat is the king of Yavan (Greece). The great horn that's between his eyes is the first king. **22** As for that which was broken, in the place where four stood up, four kingdoms will stand up out of the nation, but not with his power.

23 "In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king of fierce face, and understanding dark sentences, will stand up. **24** His power will be mighty, but not by his own power. He'll destroy awesomely, and will prosper in what he does. He'll destroy the mighty ones and the holy people. **25** Through his policy he'll cause deceit to prosper in his hand. He'll magnify himself in his heart, and he'll destroy many in their security. He'll also stand up against the prince of princes; but he'll be broken without human power.

26 "The vision of the evenings and mornings which has been told is true; but seal up the vision, for it belongs to many days to come."

27 I, Daniyel, fainted, and was sick for some days. Then I rose up, and did the king's business. I wondered at the vision, but no one understood it.

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the/this/who ⟦κριὸν⟧, and ⟦συνέτριψεν⟧ both the/this/who horn he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and no to_be strength the/this/who ⟦κριῷ⟧, of_the to_stand before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and ⟦ἔῤῥιψεν⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who earth, and ⟦συνεπάτησεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and no to_be the/this/who to_ _take_out/select the/this/who ⟦κριὸν⟧ out_from hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **8** and the/this/who he-goat the/this/who ⟦αἰγῶν⟧ ⟦ἐμεγαλύνθη⟧ until very; and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἰσχῦσαι⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ the/this/who horn he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who great; and to_ascend other four under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who four wind of_the heaven. **9** and out_from of_the one he/she/it/self to_go_out horn in/on/among/one strong, and ⟦ἐμεγαλύνθη⟧ abundantly/excess/superabundantly to/with the/this/who south, and to/with the/this/who power, **10** and ⟦ἐμεγαλύνθη⟧ until the/this/who power of_the heaven; and to_ _collapse upon/to/against the/this/who earth away_from the/this/who power of_the heaven and away_from the/this/who star, and ⟦συνεπάτησαν⟧ he/she/it/self. **11** and until which/whither the/this/who commander-in-chief ⟦ῥύσηται⟧ the/this/who captivity, and through/because_of he/she/it/self sacrifice to_trouble, and ⟦κατευωδώθη⟧ he/she/it/self; and the/this/who holy ⟦ἐρημωθήσεται⟧. **12** and to_give upon/to/against the/this/who sacrifice sin, and ⟦ἐῤῥίφη⟧ on_the_ground the/this/who righteousness; and to_ _do/make, and ⟦εὐωδώθη⟧. **13** and to_hear one holy to_speak; and to_say one holy the/this/who ⟦φελμουνὶ⟧ the/this/who to_speak, until when? the/this/who appearance/vision ⟦στήσεται⟧, the/this/who sacrifice the/this/who ⟦ἀρθεῖσα⟧, and the/this/who sin devastation the/this/who to_give, and the/this/who holy and the/this/who power ⟦συμπατηθήσεται⟧? **14** and to_say he/she/it/self, until evening and early day ⟦δισχίλιαι⟧ and ⟦τετρακόσιαι⟧, and ⟦καθαρισθήσεται⟧ the/this/who holy. **15** and to_be in/on/among the/this/who to_perceive I/we, I/we Dania^{y}l, the/this/who ⟦ὅρασιν⟧, and to_seek understanding, and look! to_stand before I/we/my which/how appearance/vision man. **16** and to_hear voice/sound man ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ of_the Oubal, and to_call, and to_say, Gabria^{y}l ⟦συνέτισον⟧ that the/this/who ⟦ὅρασιν⟧. **17** and to_come/go, and to_stand ⟦ἐχόμενος⟧ the/this/who uprising I/we; and in/on/among the/this/who to_come/go he/she/it/self ⟦ἐθαμβήθην⟧, and to_collapse upon/to/against face I/we; and to_say to/with I/we, ⟦σύνες⟧ son a_human; still for toward time/right_time end the/this/who appearance/vision; **18** and in/on/among the/this/who to_speak he/she/it/self with/after I/we/my, to_ _collapse upon/to/against face I/we upon/to/against the/this/who earth, and to_kindle I/we, and to_stand I/we upon/to/against foot, **19** and to_say, look! I/we to_make_known you the/this/who ⟦ἐσόμενα⟧ upon/to/against last/least the/this/who wrath; still for toward time/right_time end the/this/who appearance/vision. **20** the/this/who a_ram which to_perceive, the/this/who to_have/be the/this/who horn, king Ma^{y}dōn and Persōn. **21** the/this/who he-goat the/this/who ⟦αἰγῶν⟧, king Hella^{y}nōn; and the/this/who horn

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the/this/who great the/this/who/which to_be ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, he/she/it/self to_be the/this/who king the/this/who first. **22** and of_the ⟦συντριβέντος⟧ which/whither to_stand four horn under, four king out_from of_the Gentile_nation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_arise, and no in/on/among the/this/who strength he/she/it/self. **23** and upon/to/against last/least the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self, ⟦πληρουμένων⟧ the/this/who sin he/she/it/self, to_arise king impudent face, and to_understand ⟦προβλήματα⟧; **24** and ⟦κραταιὰ⟧ the/this/who strength he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and marvellous ⟦διαφθερεῖ⟧, and ⟦κατευθυνεῖ⟧, and to_do/make, and ⟦διαφθερεῖ⟧ ⟦ἰσχυροὺς⟧, and a_people holy. **25** and yoke/scales of_the ⟦κλοιοῦ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατευθυνεῖ⟧, deceit in/on/among the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_magnify, and deceit ⟦διαφθερεῖ⟧ much, and upon/to/against destruction much ⟦στήσεται⟧; and which/how an_edge hand to_break. **26** and the/this/who appearance/vision the/this/who evening and the/this/who early_morning the/this/who ⟦ῥηθείσης⟧ truly he_is; and you to_seal the/this/who ⟦ὅρασιν⟧, that/since toward day much. **27** and I/we Dania^{y}l ⟦ἐκοιμήθην⟧, and ⟦ἐμαλακίσθην⟧, and ⟦ἀνέστην⟧, and to_do/make the/this/who work of_the king, and to_marvel the/this/who ⟦ὅρασιν⟧, and no to_be the/this/who to_understand.

9:1 in/on/among the/this/who first year Dareiou of_the son Asoua^{y}rou, away_from of_the seed the/this/who Ma^{y}dōn, which to_reign upon/to/against kingdom Ḳaldaiōn, **2** I/we Dania^{y}l ⟦συνῆκα⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦βίβλοις⟧ the/this/who number the/this/who year, which to_be word lord to/with Hieremian the/this/who prophet, toward ⟦συμπλήρωσιν⟧ devastation Hierousala^{y}m seventy year. **3** and to_give the/this/who face I/we to/with lord the/this/who God, of_the ⟦ἐκζητῆσαι⟧ prayer and petition in/on/among fasting and sackcloth. **4** and ⟦προσευξάμην⟧ to/with lord the/this/who God I/we, and ⟦ἐξωμολογησάμην⟧, and to_say, lord the/this/who God the/this/who great and marvellous, the/this/who to_keep/guard the/this/who covenant you, and the/this/who mercy the/this/who to_love you you and the/this/who to_keep/guard, the/this/who commandment you, **5** ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧, to_harm, ⟦ἠνομήσαμεν⟧, and ⟦ἀπέστημεν⟧ and ⟦ἐξεκλίναμεν⟧ away_from the/this/who commandment you, and away_from the/this/who ⟦κριμάτων⟧ you, **6** and no ⟦εἰσηκούσαμεν⟧ the/this/who slave you the/this/who prophet the/this/who/which to_speak in/on/among the/this/who name you to/with the/this/who king I/we, and ruler I/we, and father I/we, and to/with all the/this/who a_people the/this/who earth. **7** you/your lord the/this/who righteousness and I/we the/this/who shame of_the face, which/how the/this/who day this/he/she/it, man Youda, and the/this/who ⟦ἐνοικοῦσιν⟧ in/on/among Hierousala^{y}m, and all Israa^{y}l, the/this/who near and the/this/who long/distant

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Daniyel prays for his people

9:1 In the first year of Dareyavesh (Darius) the son of Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus), of the offspring of the Madim (Medes), who was made king over the realm of the Kasdim (Chaldeans), **2** in the first year of his reign I, Daniyel, understood by the books the number of the years about which the LORD's[10] word came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) the prophet, for the accomplishing of the desolations of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), even seventy years. **3** I set my face to the master God, to seek by prayer and petitions, with fasting in sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to the LORD my god, and made confession, and said,

"Oh, master, the great and dreadful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments, **5** we've sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from your precepts and from your ordinances. **6** We haven't listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 "Master, righteousness belongs to you, but to us confusion of face, as it's today—to the men of Yehudah (Judah), and to the inhabitants of Yerushalem, and to all Yisrael (Israel), who are near, and who are far off, through all the countries where you've driven them, because of their trespass that they've trespassed

10 RV 9:2 · Note When rendered in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS, "LORD" or "GOD" is the translation of God's Proper Name (Hebrew "יהוה", usually pronounced Yahweh).

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against you. 8 Master, to us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we've sinned against you. 9 To the master our god belong mercies and forgiveness; for we've rebelled against him. 10 We haven't obeyed the LORD our god's voice, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 11 Yes, all Yisrael have transgressed your law, turning aside, that they wouldn't obey your voice.

"Therefore the curse and the oath written in the law of Mosheh (Moses) the servant of God has been poured out on us; for we've sinned against him. 12 He's confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing on us a great evil; for under the whole sky, such hasn't been done as has been done to Yerushalem. 13 As it's written in Mosheh's law, all this evil has come on us. Yet we haven't entreated the favour of the LORD our god, that we should turn from our iniquities and have discernment in your truth. 14 Therefore the LORD has watched over the evil, and brought it on us; for the LORD our god is righteous in all his works which he does, and we haven't obeyed his voice.

15 "Now, master our god, who's brought your people out of the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt) with a mighty hand, and have gotten yourself renown, as it's today, we've sinned. We've done wickedly. 16 Master, according to all your righteousness, please let your anger and your anger be turned away from your city Yerushalem, your holy mountain, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Yerushalem and your people have become a reproach to all who are around us.

17 "Now therefore, our god, listen to the prayer of your servant, and to his petitions, and cause your face to shine on your sanctuary that's desolate, for the master's sake. 18 My god, turn your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by your name; for we don't present our petitions before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercies' sake. 19 Master, hear. Master, forgive. Master, listen and do. Don't defer, for your own sake, my god, because your city and your people are called by your name."

Gavriel explains the seventy weeks

20 While I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Yisrael (Israel), and presenting my supplication before the LORD my god for the holy mountain of my god— 21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gavriel (Gabriel), whom I'd seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening offering. 22 He instructed me and talked with me, and said, "Daniyel, I've now come to give you wisdom and understanding. 23 At the beginning of your petitions the commandment went out and I've come to tell you, for you're greatly beloved. Therefore consider the matter and understand the vision.

24 "Seventy weeks are decreed on your people and on your holy city, to finish disobedience, to put an end to sin, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in eternal righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy.

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in/on/among all the/this/who earth, which/whither ⟦διέσπειρας⟧ he/she/it/self there, in/on/among rebellion he/she/it/self which to_reject. 8 in/on/among you/your lord to_be I/we the/this/who righteousness, and I/we the/this/who shame of_the face, and the/this/who king I/we, and the/this/who ruler I/we, and the/this/who father I/we, who/which ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧. 9 you/your ⟦Κυρί⟧ the/this/who God I/we the/this/who compassion and the/this/who ⟦ἱλασμοὶ⟧, that/since ⟦ἀπέστημεν⟧, 10 and no ⟦εἰσηκούσαμεν⟧ the/this/who voice/sound lord of_the God I/we, to_travel in/on/among the/this/who ⟦νόμοις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which to_give according_to face I/we in/on/among hand the/this/who slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who prophet. 11 and all Israa^{y}l ⟦παρέβησαν⟧ the/this/who law you, and to_turn_from of_the not to_hear the/this/who voice/sound you; and ⟦ἐπῆλθεν⟧ upon/to/against I/we the/this/who curse, and the/this/who oath the/this/who to_ _write in/on/among law Mōuseōs slave of_the God, that/since ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧ he/she/it/self. 12 and to_stand the/this/who word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which to_speak upon/to/against I/we, and upon/to/against the/this/who judge I/we, the/this/who/which ⟦ἔκρινον⟧ I/we, to_bring_ _upon upon/to/against I/we evil/harm great, such_as no to_be under all of_the heaven, according_to the/this/who to_be in/on/among Hierousala^{y}m, 13 as/just_as to_write in/on/among the/this/who law Mōusa^{y}; all the/this/who evil/harm ⟦τοῦτα⟧ to_come/go upon/to/against I/we; and no ⟦ἐδεήθημεν⟧ of_the face lord of_the God I/we, ⟦ἀποστρέψαι⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦ἀδικιῶν⟧ I/we, and of_the to_ _understand in/on/among all truth you. 14 and to_keep_watch lord, and ⟦ἐπήγαγεν⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against I/we, that/since just lord the/this/who God I/we upon/to/against all the/this/who ⟦ποίησιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which to_do/make, and no ⟦εἰσηκούσαμεν⟧ the/this/who voice/sound he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 15 and now lord the/this/who God I/we, which ⟦ἐξήγαγες⟧ the/this/who a_ _people you out_from earth Aiguptou in/on/among hand ⟦κραταιᾷ⟧, and to_do/make yourself name which/how the/this/who day this/he/she/it, ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧, ⟦ἠνομήσαμεν⟧. 16 lord in/on/among all charity you, ⟦ἀποστραφήτω⟧ so the/this/who wrath you, and the/this/who wrath you away_ _from the/this/who city you Hierousala^{y}m mountain holy you, that/since ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who unrighteousness I/we, and the/this/who father I/we, Hierousala^{y}m, and the/this/who a_people you toward reproach to_be in/on/among all the/this/who surrounding I/we. 17 and now ⟦εἰσάκουσον⟧ lord the/this/who God I/we the/this/who prayer of_the slave you and the/this/who ⟦δεήσεων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐπίφανον⟧ the/this/who face you upon/to/against the/this/who sanctification you the/this/who deserted, because_of you lord, 18 ⟦κλῖνον⟧ the/this/who God I/we the/this/who ear you, and ⟦ἄκουσον⟧; to_open the/this/who eye you, and look!/to_ _perceive the/this/who ⟦ἀφανισμὸν⟧ I/we, and the/this/who city you upon/to/against which to_call_(on)/name the/this/who name you upon/to/against he/she/it/self;

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that/since no upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦δικαιοσύναις⟧ I/we ⟦ῥιπτοῦμεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦οἰκτιρμὸν⟧ I/we before you, but upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦οἰκτιρμούς⟧ you the/this/who much lord. **19** ⟦Εἰσάκουσον⟧ lord, to_propitiate lord, ⟦πρόσχες⟧ lord; not ⟦χρονίσῃς⟧ because_of you the/this/who God I/we, that/since the/this/who name you to_ _call_(on)/name upon/to/against the/this/who city you, and upon/to/against the/this/who a_people you. **20** and still I/we/my to_speak, and to_pray, and ⟦ἐξαγορεύοντος⟧ the/this/who sin I/we, and the/this/who sin of_the a_people I/we Israa^{y}l, and ⟦ῥιπτοῦντος⟧ the/this/who mercy I/we against/in_front_of of_the lord of_the God I/we about of_the mountain of_the holy, **21** and still I/we/my to_speak in/on/among the/this/who prayer, and look! man Gabria^{y}l, which ⟦ἴδον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who appearance/vision in/on/among the/this/who beginning, ⟦πετόμενος⟧, and to_ _kindle I/we, like/as/about hour sacrifice ⟦ἐσπερινῆς⟧. **22** and ⟦συνέτισέ⟧ I/we, and to_speak with/after I/we/my, and to_say, Dania^{y}l, now to_go_out ⟦συμβιβάσαι⟧ you understanding **23** in/on/among beginning the/this/who petition you, to_go_ _out word, and I/we to_come/go of_the to_report you, that/since man desire to_be you, and ⟦ἐννοήθητι⟧ in/on/among the/this/who declaration, and ⟦σύνες⟧ in/on/among the/this/who vision. **24** seventy ⟦ἑβδομάδες⟧ ⟦συνετμήθησαν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who a_people you, and upon/to/against the/this/who city the/this/who holy, of_ _the ⟦συντελεσθῆναι⟧ sin, and of_the ⟦σφραγίσαι⟧ sin, and ⟦ἀπαλεῖψαι⟧ the/this/who unrighteousness, and of_the ⟦ἐξιλάσασθαι⟧ unrighteousness, and of_the to_bring righteousness eternal, and of_the ⟦σφραγίσαι⟧ ⟦ὅρασιν⟧ and prophet, and of_the ⟦χρίσαι⟧ holy holy. **25** and to_know and ⟦συνήσεις⟧ away_from departure word of_the to_answer, and of_the to_build Hierousala^{y}m, until Christ ⟦ἡγουμένου⟧ ⟦ἑβδομάδες⟧ seven, and ⟦ἑβδομάδες⟧ sixty-two; and to_turn, and to_build wide, and wall, and ⟦ἐκκενωθήσονται⟧ the/this/who time/right_time. **26** and with/after the/this/who ⟦ἑβδομάδας⟧ the/this/who sixty-two, ⟦ἐξολοθρενθήσεται⟧ anointing, and judgement no to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self; and the/this/who city, and the/this/who holy ⟦διαφθερεῖ⟧ with the/this/who ⟦ἡγουμένῳ⟧ the/this/who to_ _come/go, ⟦ἐκκοπήσονται⟧ in/on/among ⟦κατακλυσμῷ⟧, and until goal/tax ⟦πολέμου⟧ ⟦συντετμημένου⟧ order, ⟦ἀφανισμοίς⟧. **27** and ⟦δυναμώσει⟧ covenant much a_period_ _of_seven one; and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἡμίσει⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἑβδομάδος⟧ to_take_up I/we sacrifice and a_ _libation, and upon/to/against the/this/who temple abomination the/this/who ⟦ἐρημώσεων⟧, and until the/this/who consummation time/right_time consummation to_give upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἐρήμωσιν⟧.

10:1 in/on/among year ⟦τρίτῳ⟧ Kurou king Persōn word to_ _reveal the/this/who Dania^{y}l, which/whither the/this/who name to_call_(on)/name Baltasar; and true the/this/who word, and power great and understanding to_give he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who vision. **2** in/on/among

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25 "Know therefore and discern that from the going out of the commandment to restore and to build Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to the Anointed One,[11] the prince, will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It'll be built again with street and moat, even in troubled times. **26** After the sixty-two weeks the Anointed One[12] will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the prince who come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end will be with a flood, and war will be even to the end. Desolations are determined. **27** He'll make a firm covenant with many for one week. In the middle of the week he'll cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease. On the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate. Even to the full end that's decreed, anger will be poured out on the desolate."

A heavenly messenger appears to Daniyel

10:1 In the third year of Koresh (Cyrus) king of Paras (Persia) a revelation was revealed to Daniyel, whose name was called Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar). The revelation was true, even a

11 RV 9:25 · Note "Anointed One" can also be translated "Messiah" (same as "Christ").

12 RV 9:26 · Note "Anointed One" can also be translated "Messiah" (same as "Christ").

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great warfare. He understood the revelation, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I, Daniyel, was mourning three whole weeks. **3** I ate no pleasant bread. No meat or wine came into my mouth. I didn't anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 In the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hidekel, **5** I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there was a man clothed in linen, whose thighs were adorned with pure gold of Ufaz. **6** His body also was like beryl, and his face like the appearance of lightning, and his eyes like flaming torches. His arms and his feet were like burnished bronze. The voice of his words was like the voice of a multitude.

7 I, Daniyel, alone saw the vision; for the men who were with me didn't see the vision; but a great quaking fell on them, and they fled to hide themselves. **8** So I was left alone, and saw this great vision. No strength remained in me; for my face grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength. **9** Yet I heard the voice of his words. When I heard the voice of his words, then I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face towards the ground.

10 Listen, a hand touched me, which set me on my knees and on the palms of my hands. **11** He said to me, "Daniyel, you greatly beloved man, understand the words that I speak to you. Stand upright, for I've been sent to you, now." When he'd spoken this word to me, I stood trembling.

12 Then he said to me, "Don't be afraid, Daniyel; for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your god, your words were heard. I've come for your words' sake. **13** But the prince of Paras' (Persia's) kingdom withstood me twenty-one days; but Mika'el (Michael), one of the chief princes, came to help me because I remained there with Paras' kings. **14** Now I've come to make you understand what'll happen to your people in the latter days; for the vision is yet for many days."

15 When he'd spoken these words to me, I set my face towards the ground, and was mute. **16** Listen, one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth, and spoke and said to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overtaken me, and I retain no strength. **17** Because how can my lord's servant talk with my lord? Because as for me, immediately there remained no strength in me. There was no breath left in me."

18 Then one like the appearance of a man touched me again, and he strengthened me. **19** He said, "Greatly beloved man, don't be afraid. Peace be to you. Be strong. Yes, be strong."

When he spoke to me, I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak; for you've strengthened me."

20 Then he said, "Do you know why I've come to you? Now I'll return to fight with the prince of Paras (Persia). When I go out, look, the prince of Yavan (Greece) will come. **21** But I'll tell you what's inscribed in the writing of truth. There's no one who supports me against these except Mika'el (Michael), your prince.

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the/this/who day that I/we Dania^{y}l to_be ⟦πενθῶν⟧ three ⟦ἑβδομάδας⟧ day, **3** bread desire no to_eat, and meat and wine no to_enter toward the/this/who mouth I/we, and an_ _anointing no ⟦ἠλειψάμην⟧, until ⟦πληρώσεως⟧ three ⟦ἑβδομάδων⟧ day. **4** in/on/among day ⟦εἰκοστῇ⟧ fourth of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧ of_the first, and I/we to_be to_have/be of_the river of_ _the great, he/she/it/self he_is Tigris Eddekel. **5** and ⟦ᾖρα⟧ the/this/who eye I/we, and ⟦ἴδον⟧, and look! man one to_put_ _on linen_clothes, and the/this/who loins,_waist he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦περιεζωσμένη⟧ in/on/among gold Ōfaz, **6** and the/this/who body he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there like/as/about Tharsis, and the/this/who face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which/how the/this/who appearance/vision ⟦ἀστραπῆς⟧, and the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there like/as/about window fire, and the/this/who ⟦βραχίονες⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who leg which/how appearance/vision copper/bronze/coin ⟦στίλβοντος⟧, and the/this/who voice/sound the/this/who word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which/how voice/sound crowd. **7** and ⟦ἴδον⟧ I/we Dania^{y}l alone the/this/who vision, and the/this/who man the/this/who with/after I/we/my no ⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who vision, but or/than amazement great to_fall/press_upon upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and to_flee in/on/among fear. **8** and I/we to_ _leave alone, and ⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who vision the/this/who great this/he/she/it, and no ⟦ὑπελείφθη⟧ in/on/among I/we/my strength, and the/this/who glory I/we ⟦μετεστράφη⟧ toward decay; and no ⟦ἐκράτησα⟧ strength. **9** and to_hear the/this/who voice/sound the/this/who word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and in/on/among the/this/who to_hear I/we he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_be ⟦κατανενυγμένος⟧, and the/this/who face I/we upon/to/against the/this/who earth. **10** and look! hand ⟦ἁπτομένη⟧ I/we, and to_arise I/we upon/to/against the/this/who a_knee I/we. **11** and to_say to/with I/we, Dania^{y}l man desire, ⟦σύνες⟧ in/on/among the/this/who word which I/we to_speak to/with you, and to_stand upon/to/against the/this/who uprising you, that/since now to_send to/with you; and in/on/among the/this/who to_speak he/she/it/self to/with I/we the/this/who word this/he/she/it, ⟦ἀνέστην⟧ trembling. **12** and to_say to/with I/we, not to_fear Dania^{y}l, that/since away_from the/this/who first day which to_give the/this/who heart you of_the ⟦συνεῖναι⟧, and ⟦κακωθῆναι⟧ against/in_front_of lord of_the God you, ⟦ἠκούσθησαν⟧ the/this/who word you, and I/we to_come/go in/on/among the/this/who word you. **13** and the/this/who ruler kingdom Persōn to_stand right_opposite I/we twenty and one day; and look! Mikaa^{y}l one the/this/who ruler to_come/go to_help I/we, and he/she/it/self to_leave_behind there with/after of_the ruler kingdom Persōn, **14** and to_come/go ⟦συνετίσαι⟧ you just_as/how_much ⟦ἀπαντήσεται⟧ the/this/who a_people you upon/to/against last/least the/this/who day, that/since still the/this/who appearance/vision toward day. **15** and in/on/among the/this/who to_speak he/she/it/self with/after I/we/my according_to the/this/who word this/he/she/it, to_

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_give the/this/who face I/we upon/to/against the/this/who earth, and ⟦κατενύγην⟧. **16** and look! which/how likeness son a_human to_kindle the/this/who lip I/we; and ⟦ἤνοιξα⟧ the/this/who mouth I/we, and to_speak, and to_say to/with the/this/who to_stand against/in_front_of I/we, lord, in/on/among the/this/who vision you to_turn the/this/who inside I/we in/on/among I/we/my, and no to_have/be strength. **17** and how?/how?! be_able the/this/who child you lord to_speak with/after of_the lord I/we this/he/she/it? and I/we, away_from of_the now no ⟦στήσεται⟧ in/on/among I/we/my strength, and spirit/breath no ⟦ὑπελείφθη⟧ in/on/among I/we/my. **18** and to_add_(to), and to_kindle I/we which/how appearance/vision a_human, and to_strengthen I/we, **19** and to_say I/we, not to_fear man desire, peace you; ⟦ἀνδρίζου⟧ and be_strong; and in/on/among the/this/who to_ _speak he/she/it/self with/after I/we/my, ⟦ἴσχυσα⟧, and to_ _say to_speak the/this/who lord I/we, that/since ⟦ἐνίσχυσάς⟧ I/we. **20** and to_say, if to_perceive, why? to_come/go to/with you? and now to_turn of_the to_fight with/after of_the ruler Persōn; and I/we ⟦εἰσεπορευόμην⟧, and the/this/who ruler the/this/who Hellaʸnōn to_come/go. **21** but or/than ⟦ἀναγγελῶ⟧ you the/this/who ⟦ἐντεταγμένον⟧ in/on/among a_writing truth, and no to_be one ⟦ἀντεχόμενος⟧ with/after I/we/my about this/he/she/it, but or/than Miḵaaʸl the/this/who ruler you.

11:1 and I/we in/on/among year first Kurou ⟦ἔστην⟧ toward power and strength. **2** and now truth ⟦ἀναγγελῶ⟧ you; look! still three king to_arise in/on/among the/this/who ⟦Περσίδι⟧, and the/this/who fourth ⟦πλουτήσει⟧ riches great from_with all; and with/after the/this/who to_grasp/seize he/she/it/self of_the riches he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἐπαναστήσεται⟧ all ⟦βασιλείαις⟧ Hellaʸnōn. **3** and to_arise king able, and to_lord_over ⟦κυρείας⟧ much, and to_do/make according_to the/this/who will/desire he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **4** and which/how if ⟦στῇ⟧ the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_break, and ⟦διαιρεθήσεται⟧ toward the/this/who four wind of_the heaven, and no toward the/this/who last/least he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and_not according_to the/this/who ⟦κυρείαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which ⟦ἐκυρίευσεν⟧, that/since ⟦ἐκτιλήσεται⟧ the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and other outside/except this/he/she/it. **5** and ⟦ἐνισχύσει⟧ the/this/who king of_the south; and one the/this/who ruler he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνισχύσει⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and to_lord_over ⟦κυρίαν⟧ much. **6** and with/after the/this/who year he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συμμιγήσονται⟧, and daughter king of_the south to_enter to/with king of_the the_ _north, of_the to_do/make ⟦συνθήκας⟧ with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no to_grasp/seize strength arm, and no ⟦στήσεται⟧ the/this/who seed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_deliver this/he/she/it, and the/this/who to_bear/lead he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and the/this/who a_young_ _woman, and the/this/who ⟦κατισχύων⟧

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11:1 "As for me, in the first year of Dareyavesh (Darius) the Madi (Mede), I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.

The coming conflicts between kingdoms

2 "Now I'll show you the truth. Listen, three more kings will stand up in Paras. The fourth will be far richer than all of them. When he's grown strong through his riches, he'll stir up all against the realm of Yavan. **3** A mighty king will stand up who'll rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. **4** When he stands up, his kingdom will be broken, and will be divided towards the four winds of the sky, but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom will be plucked up, even for others besides these.

5 "The king of the south will be strong. One of his princes will become stronger than him and have dominion. His dominion will be a great dominion. **6** At the end of years they'll join themselves together. The daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north to make an agreement, but she won't retain the strength of her arm. He'll also not stand, nor will his arm; but she'll be given up, with those who brought her and he who became her father, and he who strengthened her in those times.

7 "But out of a shoot from her roots one will stand up in his place who'll come to the army and will enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and will deal against them and will prevail. **8** He'll also carry their gods, with their molten images and their precious vessels of silver and of gold, captive into Mitsrayim (Egypt). He'll refrain some years from the king of the north. **9** He'll come into the realm of the king of the south, but

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he'll return into his own land. 10 His sons will wage war and will assemble a multitude of great forces which will keep coming and overflow and pass through. They'll return and wage war, even to his fortress.

11 "The king of the south will be moved with anger and will come out and fight with him, even with the king of the north. He'll send out a great multitude, and the multitude will be given into his hand. 12 The multitude will be lifted up, and his heart will be exalted. He'll throw down tens of thousands, but he won't prevail. 13 The king of the north will return, and will send out a multitude greater than the former. He'll come on at the end of the times, even of years, with a great army and with abundant supplies.

14 "In those times many will stand up against the king of the south. Also the children of the violent among your people will lift themselves up to establish the vision; but they'll fall. 15 So the king of the north will come and build up a mound, and take a well-fortified city. The forces of the south won't stand, neither will his chosen people, neither will there be any strength to stand. 16 But he who comes against him will do according to his own will, and no one will stand before him. He'll stand in the glorious land, and destruction will be in his hand. 17 He'll set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with him equitable conditions. He'll perform them. He'll give him the daughter of women to corrupt her; but she won't stand, and won't be for him. 18 After this he'll turn his face to the islands, and will take many; but a prince will cause the reproach offered by him to cease. Yes, moreover, he'll cause his reproach to turn on him. 19 Then he'll turn his face towards the fortresses of his own land; but he'll stumble and fall, and won't be found.

20 "Then one who'll cause a tax collector to pass through the kingdom to maintain its glory will stand up in his place; but within few days he'll be destroyed, not in anger, and not in battle.

A cruel king rises to power

21 "In his place, a contemptible person will stand up, to whom they hadn't given the honour of the kingdom; but he'll come in time of security, and will obtain the kingdom by flatteries. 22 The overwhelming forces will be overwhelmed from before him, and will be broken. Yes, also the prince of the covenant. 23 After the treaty is made with him, he'll work deceitfully; for he'll come up, and will become strong with a small people. 24 In time of security, he'll come even on the fattest places of the province. He'll do that which his fathers haven't done, nor his fathers' fathers. He'll scatter among them prey, plunder, and substance. Yes, he'll devise his plans against the fortresses, even for a time.

25 "He'll stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south will wage war in battle with a very great and mighty army; but he won't stand, for they'll devise plans against him. 26 Yes, those who eat of his delicacies will destroy him, and his army will be swept away. Many will fall down slain. 27 As for both these kings, their

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time. 7 to_arise out_from of_the ⟦ἄνθους⟧ the/this/who root he/she/it/self, the/this/who ⟦ἑτοιμασίας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_come/be_ _present to/with the/this/who power, and to_enter toward the/this/who ⟦ὑποστηρίγματα⟧ of_the king of_the the_north, and to_do/make in/on/among he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατισχύσει⟧. 8 and indeed the/this/who God he/she/it/self with/after the/this/who ⟦χωνευτῶν⟧ he/she/it/self, all vessel ⟦ἐπιθυμητὸν⟧ he/she/it/self, money and gold, with/after ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ to_bear/lead toward Aigupton, and he/she/it/self ⟦στήσεται⟧ above/for king of_the the_north. 9 and to_enter toward the/this/who kingdom of_the king of_ _the south, and ⟦ἀναστρέψει⟧ toward the/this/who earth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 10 and the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συνάξουσιν⟧ crowd ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ much; and to_come/go to_come/go and ⟦κατακλύζων⟧, and to_pass_by, and ⟦καθίεται⟧, and ⟦συμπροσπλακήσεται⟧ until the/this/who strength he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 11 and ⟦ἀγριανθήσεται⟧ king of_the south, and to_go_out, and ⟦πολεμήσει⟧ with/after of_the king of_the the_north, and to_ _stand crowd much, and to_deliver the/this/who crowd in/on/among hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, 12 and to_take the/this/who crowd, and to_lift_up the/this/who heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦καταβαλεῖ⟧ myriad, and no ⟦κατισχύσει⟧. 13 and to_turn the/this/who king of_the the_north, and to_bring crowd much above/for the/this/who before/previously; and toward the/this/who goal/tax the/this/who time/right_time ⟦ἐνιαυτῶν⟧ to_arrive/invade ⟦εἰσόδια⟧ in/on/among power great, and in/on/among ⟦ὑπάρξει⟧ much. 14 and in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time that much to_rebel_against upon/to/against king of_the south, and the/this/who son the/this/who ⟦λοιμῶν⟧ of_the a_people you ⟦ἐπαρθήσονται⟧, of_the to_stand ⟦ὅρασιν⟧, and ⟦ἀσθενήσουσι⟧. 15 and to_enter king of_the the_north, and ⟦ἐκχεεῖ⟧ a_mound, and ⟦συλλήψεται⟧ city ⟦ὀχυρὰς⟧, and the/this/who ⟦βραχίονες⟧ of_ _the king of_the south to_stand, and to_arise the/this/who select he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no to_be strength of_the to_stand. 16 and to_do/make the/this/who to_ _enter to/with he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who will/desire he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no to_ _be to_stand according_to face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and ⟦στήσεται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who earth of_the glory, and to_finish in/on/among the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 17 and order the/this/who face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ _enter in/on/among strength all the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and straight/upright all with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ _do/make; and daughter the/this/who woman to_give he/she/it/self to_destroy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and no not ⟦παραμείνῃ⟧, and no he/she/it/self to_be. 18 and to_turn the/this/who face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who

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⟦νήσους⟧, and ⟦συλλήψεται⟧ much, and ⟦καταπαύσει⟧ ruler ⟦ὀνειδισμοῦ⟧ he/she/it/self, but/however reproach he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_turn he/she/it/self. **19** and to_turn the/this/who face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who strength the/this/who earth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἀσθενήσει⟧, and to_collapse, and no to_find/meet. **20** and to_arise out_from the/this/who root he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there a_ _plant the/this/who kingdom upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἑτοιμασίαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦παραβιβάζων⟧, to_do/require glory kingdom; and in/on/among the/this/who day that still to_break, and no in/on/among ⟦προσώποις⟧, and_not in/on/among war. **21** ⟦Στήσεται⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἑτοιμασίαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, be_rejected, and no to_give upon/to/against he/she/it/self glory kingdom; and to_ _come/be_present in/on/among prosperity, and ⟦κατισχύσει⟧ kingdom in/on/among ⟦ὀλισθήμασι⟧, **22** and ⟦βραχίονες⟧ of_ _the ⟦κατακλύζοντος⟧ ⟦κατακλυσθήσονται⟧ away_from face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦συντριβήσονται⟧, and to_govern covenant; **23** and away_from the/this/who ⟦συναναμίξεων⟧ to/with he/she/it/self to_ _do/make deceit, and to_ascend, and ⟦ὑπερισχύσει⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among little/few Gentile_nation. **24** and in/on/among prosperity, and in/on/among ⟦πίοσι⟧ country to_ _come/be_present, and to_do/make which no to_do/make the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and ⟦τατέρες⟧ the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; ⟦προνομὴν⟧ and plunder and property he/she/it/self ⟦διασκορπιεῖ⟧, and upon/to/against Aigupton ⟦λογιεῖται⟧ ⟦λογισμοὺς⟧ and until time/right_time. **25** and ⟦ἐξεγερθήσεται⟧ the/this/who strength he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against king of_the south in/on/among power great; and the/this/who king of_the south ⟦συνάψει⟧ war in/on/among power great and strong very, and no to_stand, that/since ⟦λογιοῦνται⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦λογισμοὺς⟧, **26** and to_eat the/this/who be_necessary he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦συντρίψουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self, and power ⟦κατακλύσει⟧, and to_collapse ⟦τραυματίαι⟧ much. **27** and both the/this/who king, the/this/who/which heart he/she/it/self toward evil, and upon/to/against ⟦τραπέζῃ⟧ one ⟦ψευδῆ⟧ to_speak, and no ⟦κατευθυνεῖ⟧, that/since still end toward time/right_time. **28** and to_turn toward the/this/who earth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among ⟦ὑπάρξει⟧ much, and the/this/who heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against covenant holy, and to_do/make, and to_turn toward the/this/who earth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **29** toward the/this/who time/right_time to_turn, and to_ _come/be_present in/on/among the/this/who ⟦Νότῳ⟧, and no to_be which/how the/this/who first and the/this/who last/least. **30** and to_enter in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who to_depart Kitioi, and to_humble, and to_turn, and ⟦θυμωθήσεται⟧ upon/to/against covenant holy; and to_

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hearts will be to do mischief, and they'll speak lies at one table; but it won't prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time. **28** Then he'll return into his land with great wealth. His heart will be against the holy covenant. He'll take action and return to his own land.

29 "He'll return at the appointed time and come into the south; but it won't be in the latter time as it was in the former. **30** Because ships of Kitim will come against him. Therefore he'll be grieved, and will return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and will take action. He'll even return, and have regard to those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 "Forces will stand on his part and they'll profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and will take away the continual burnt offering. Then they'll set up the abomination that makes desolate. **32** He'll corrupt those who do wickedly against the covenant by flatteries; but the people who know their god will be strong and take action.

33 "Those who are wise among the people will instruct many; yet they'll fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, many days. **34** Now when they fall, they'll be helped with a little help; but many will join themselves to them with flatteries. **35** Some of those who are wise will fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end; because it's yet for the appointed time.

The king who exalts himself

36 "The king will do according to his will. He'll exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and will speak marvellous things against the god of gods. He'll prosper until the indignation is accomplished; for what's determined will be done. **37** He won't regard the gods of his fathers, or the desire of women, or regard any god; for he'll magnify himself above all. **38** But in his place he'll honour the god of fortresses. He'll honour a god whom his fathers didn't know with gold, silver, precious stones, and pleasant things. **39** He'll deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god. He'll increase with glory anyone who acknowledges him. He'll cause them to rule over many, and will divide the land for a price.

40 "At the time of the end, the king of the south will contend with him; and the king of the north will come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, with horsemen, and with many ships. He'll enter into the countries, and will overflow and pass through. **41** He'll enter also into the glorious land, and many countries will be overthrown; but these will be delivered out of his hand: Edom, Moav (Moab), and the chief of the children of Amon. **42** He'll also stretch out his hand against the countries. The land of Mitsrayim (Egypt) won't escape. **43** But he'll have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Mitsrayim. The Luvim (Libyans) and the Kushim (Ethiopians) will be at his steps. **44** But news out of the east and out of the north will trouble him; and he'll go out with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many. **45** He'll plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious

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holy mountain; yet he'll come to his end, and no one will help him.

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_do/make, and to_turn, and ⟦συνήσει⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦καταλιπόντας⟧ covenant holy. **31** and ⟦σπέρματα⟧ out_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_arise, and ⟦βεβηλώσουσι⟧ the/this/who sanctification the/this/who ⟦δυναστείας⟧, and ⟦μεταστήσουσι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐνδελεχισμὸν⟧, and to_give abomination ⟦ἠφανισμένον⟧. **32** and the/this/who ⟦ἀνομοῦντες⟧ covenant ⟦ἐπάξουσιν⟧ in/on/among ⟦ὀλισθήμασι⟧; and a_people to_know God he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_prevail, and to_ _do/make, **33** and the/this/who ⟦συνετοὶ⟧ of_the a_people to_ _understand toward much, and ⟦ἀσθενήσουσιν⟧ in/on/among sword, and in/on/among flame, and in/on/among captivity, and in/on/among ravaging day. **34** and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀσθενῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦βοηθήσονται⟧ help small, and ⟦προστεθήσονται⟧ to/with he/she/it/self much in/on/among ⟦ὀλισθήμασι⟧. **35** and away_from the/this/who ⟦συνιέντων⟧ ⟦ἀσθενήσουσι⟧, of_the ⟦πυρῶσαι⟧ he/she/it/self, and of_the ⟦ἐκλέξασθαι⟧, and of_the to_reveal until time/right_ _time end, that/since still toward time/right_time. **36** and to_ _do/make according_to the/this/who will/desire he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and the/this/who king to_lift_up and to_magnify upon/to/against all God, and to_speak boastful, and ⟦κατευθυνεῖ⟧ until which/whither ⟦συντελεσθῇ⟧ the/this/who wrath, toward for ⟦συντέλειαν⟧ to_be. **37** and upon/to/against all God the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no ⟦συνήσει⟧, and desire woman, and upon/to/against all God no ⟦συνήσει⟧, that/since upon/to/against all to_magnify. **38** and God ⟦Μαωζειὶμ⟧ upon/to/against place he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_glorify, and God which no to_know the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_glorify in/on/among gold and silver and stone precious, and in/on/among ⟦ἐπιθυμήμασι⟧. **39** and to_do/make the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώμασι⟧ the/this/who ⟦καταφυγῶν⟧ with/after God ⟦ἀλλοτρίου⟧, and to_multiply glory, and ⟦ὑποτάξει⟧ he/she/it/self much, and earth ⟦διελεῖ⟧ in/on/among gift. **40** and in/on/among time/right_time ⟦πέρατι⟧ ⟦συγκερατισθήσεται⟧ with/after of_the king of_the south; and ⟦συναχθήσεται⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self king of_the the_north in/on/among ⟦ἅρμασι⟧ and in/on/among ⟦ἱππεῦσι⟧ and in/on/among ⟦ναυσὶ⟧ much, and to_enter toward the/this/who earth, and to_break, and to_pass_by, **41** and to_ _enter toward the/this/who earth of_the ⟦Σαβαειὶμ⟧, and much ⟦ἀσθενήσουσι⟧; and this/he/she/it ⟦διασωθήσονται⟧ out_from hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, Edōm, and Mōab, and beginning son Ammōn. **42** and ⟦ἐκτενεῖ⟧ the/this/who hand upon/to/against the/this/who earth, and earth Aiguptou no to_be toward salvation. **43** and to_lord_over in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀποκρύφοις⟧ of_the gold/golden and of_the silver, and in/on/among all ⟦ἐπιθυμητοῖς⟧ Aiguptou, and ⟦Λιβύων⟧, and Aithiopōn, in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώμασιν⟧ he/she/it/self. **44** and hearing and ⟦σπουδαὶ⟧ ⟦ταράξουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self out_from east and away_from the_north; and to_come/be_present in/on/among ⟦θυμῷ⟧ much, of_the ⟦ἀφανίσαι⟧ much. **45** and ⟦πήξει⟧ the/this/who tent he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there a_ _royal_pavilion, ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ the/this/who ⟦θαλασσῶν⟧ toward

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mountain ⟦Σαβαεὶν⟧ holy, to_come/be_present until part
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no to_be
the/this/who to_deliver he/she/it/self.

12:1 and in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time that to_
_arise Mikaaʸl the/this/who ruler the/this/who great,
the/this/who to_stand upon/to/against the/this/who son of_
_the a_people you; and to_be time/right_time pressure,
pressure such_as no to_be away_from which/whither
⟦γεγένηται⟧ Gentile_nation in/on/among the/this/who earth,
until of_the time/right_time that; in/on/among the/this/who
time/right_time that to_save the/this/who a_people you all
the/this/who to_write in/on/among the/this/who book. **2** and
much the/this/who ⟦καθευδόντων⟧ in/on/among earth
⟦χώματι⟧ ⟦ἐξεγερθήσονται⟧, this/he/she/it toward life eternal,
and this/he/she/it toward reproach and toward ⟦αἰσχύνην⟧
eternal. **3** and the/this/who ⟦συνιέντες⟧ ⟦λάμψουσιν⟧
which/how the/this/who brightness of_the ⟦στερεώματος⟧,
and away_from the/this/who just the/this/who much
which/how the/this/who star toward the/this/who an_age,
and still. **4** and you Daniaʸl ⟦ἔμφραξον⟧ the/this/who word,
and to_seal the/this/who scroll until time/right_time
consummation, until ⟦διδαχθῶσι⟧ much and ⟦πληθυνθῇ⟧
the/this/who knowledge. **5** and ⟦ἴδον⟧ I/we Daniaʸl, and look!
two other to_stand, one from_here of_the ⟦χειλους⟧ of_the
river, and one from_here of_the ⟦χείλους⟧ of_the river. **6** and
to_say the/this/who man the/this/who ⟦ἐνδεδυμένῳ⟧
the/this/who linen_clothes, which to_be above of_the water
of_the river, until when? the/this/who end which to_say
the/this/who ⟦θαυμασίων⟧? **7** and to_hear of_the man of_the
to_put_on the/this/who linen_clothes, which to_be above of_
_the water of_the river; and to_lift_up the/this/who right
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who
⟦ἀριστερὰν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward
the/this/who heaven, and to_swear in/on/among
the/this/who to_live toward the/this/who an_age, that/since
toward time/right_time time/right_time and half time/right_
_time, in/on/among the/this/who ⟦συντελεσθῆναι⟧
⟦διασκορπισμὸν⟧ to_know all this/he/she/it. **8** and I/we to_
_hear, and no ⟦συνῆκα⟧; and to_say, lord, one/which?
the/this/who last/least this/he/she/it? **9** and to_say, come
Daniaʸl, that/since ⟦ἐμπεφραγμένοι⟧ and to_seal the/this/who
word until time/right_time end. **10** ⟦Ἐκλεγῶσι⟧, and
⟦ἐκλευκανθῶσι⟧, and ⟦πυρωθῶσι⟧, and ⟦ἁγιασθῶσι⟧ ⟦πολλό⟧;
and ⟦ἀνομήσωσιν⟧ ⟦ἄνομοι⟧, and no to_understand all
⟦ἄνομοι⟧, and the/this/who ⟦νοήμονες⟧ to_understand. **11** and
away_from time/right_time ⟦παραλλάξεως⟧ of_the
⟦ἐνδελεχισμοῦ⟧, and to_give the/this/who abomination
devastation, day ⟦χίλιαι⟧ two_hundred ninety. **12** blessed
the/this/who ⟦ὑπομένων⟧ and ⟦φθάσας⟧ toward day thousand
⟦τριακοσίας⟧ thirty-five. **13** and you come, and to_give_rest;
still for day and hour toward ⟦ἀναπλήρωσιν⟧ consummation,
and ⟦ἀναστήσῃ⟧ toward the/this/who lot you toward
⟦συντέλειαν⟧ day.

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12:1 "At that time Mika'el (Michael) will stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people. There'll be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time. At that time, your people will be delivered—everyone who's found written in the book. **2** Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to eternal life, and some to shame and eternal contempt. **3** Those who are wise will shine as the brightness of the expanse. Those who turn many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever. **4** But you, Daniyel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many will run back and forth, and knowledge will be increased."

The time of the end

5 Then I, Daniyel, looked, and two others stood, one on the river bank on this side, and the other on the river bank on that side. **6** One said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be to the end of these wonders?"

7 I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives forever that it'll be for a time, times, and a half; and when they've finished breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things will be finished.

8 I heard, but I didn't understand. Then I said, "My lord, what'll be the outcome of these things?"

9 He said, "Go your way, Daniyel; for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. **10** Many will purify themselves, make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked will do wickedly. None of the wicked will understand; but those who are wise will understand.

11 "From the time that the continual burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there'll be one thousand and two hundred and ninety days. **12** Blessed is he who waits and comes to the one thousand and three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 "But go your way until the end; for you'll rest and will stand in your inheritance at the end of the days."

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13:1 A[13] man lived in Bavel (Babylon), and his name was Yehoyakim. **2** He took a wife, whose name was Shoshanah (Susanna), the daughter of Hilkiyah, a very fair woman, and one who feared the master. **3** Her parents were also righteous, and taught their daughter according to Mosheh's (Moses') law. **4** Now Yehoyakim was a great rich man, and had a beautiful garden next to his house. The Yehudim (Jews) used to come to him, because he was more honourable than all others. **5** The same year, two of the people's elders were appointed to be judges, such as the master spoke of, that wickedness came from Bavel from elders who were judges, who were supposed to govern the people. **6** These were often at Yehoyakim's house. All that had any lawsuits came to them.

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7 When the people departed away at noon, Shoshanah went into her husband's garden to walk. **8** The two elders saw her going in every day and walking; and they were inflamed with lust for her. **9** They perverted their own mind and turned away their eyes, that they might not look to heaven, nor remember just judgements. **10** And although they both were wounded with lust for her, yet dared not show the other his grief. **11** Because they were ashamed to declare their lust, what they desired to do with her. **12** Yet they watched eagerly from day to day to see her. **13** The one said to the other, "Let's go home, now; for it's dinner time." **14** So when they'd gone out, they parted company, and turning back again, they came to the same place. After they'd asked one another the cause, they acknowledged their lust. Then they appointed a time both together, when they might find her alone.

15 It happened, as they watched on an opportune day, she went in as before with only two maids, and she desired to wash herself in the garden; for it was hot. **16** There was nobody there except the two elders who had hid themselves and watched her. **17** Then she said to her maids, "Bring me olive oil and ointment, and shut the garden doors, that I may wash myself." **18** They did as she asked them and shut the garden doors, and went out themselves at the side doors to fetch the things that she'd commanded them. They didn't see the elders, because they were hidden.

Two elders threaten Shoshanah

19 Now when the maids had gone out, the two elders rose up and ran to her, saying, **20** "Listen, the garden doors are shut, that no man can see us, and we're in love with you. Therefore consent to us, and lie with us. **21** If you won't, we'll testify against you, that a young man was with you; therefore you sent your maids away from you."

22 Then Shoshanah (Susanna) sighed, and said, "I'm trapped; for if I do this thing, it's death to me. If I don't do it, I can't escape your hands. **23** It's better for me to fall into your hands, and not do it, than to sin in the sight of the master." **24** With that

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13:1 and to_be man to_dwell in/on/among Babulōni, and name he/she/it/self ⟦Ἰωακείμ⟧. **2** and to_take woman which name Sōsanna, daughter Ḳelkeiou, good very, and ⟦φοβουμένη⟧ the/this/who lord. **3** and the/this/who parent he/she/it/self just, and to_teach the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who law Mōusa[y]. **4** and to_be ⟦Ἰωακεὶμ⟧ rich very, and to_be he/she/it/self paradise ⟦γειτνιῶν⟧ the/this/who house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to/with he/she/it/self ⟦προσήγοντο⟧ the/this/who Jewish, through/because_of the/this/who to_be he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνδοξότερον⟧ all. **5** and ⟦ἀπεδείχθησαν⟧ two elder out_from of_the a_people judge in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐνιαυτῷ⟧ that, about which to_speak the/this/who master, that/since to_go_out lawlessness out_from Babulōnos out_from elder ⟦κριτῶν⟧, the/this/who/which to_think ⟦κυβερνᾷν⟧ the/this/who a_people. **6** this/he/she/it ⟦προσεκαρτέρουν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who home ⟦Ἰωακεὶμ⟧, and to_come/go to/with he/she/it/self all the/this/who to_judge. **7** and to_be when ⟦ἀπέτρεχεν⟧ the/this/who a_people midst day, to_enter Sōsanna, and to_walk in/on/among the/this/who paradise of_ _the man he/she/it/self. **8** and to_see/experience he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who two elder according_to day ⟦εἰσπορευομένην⟧, and ⟦περιπατοῦσαν⟧, and to_be in/on/among desire he/she/it/self, **9** and ⟦διέστρεψαν⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self mind, and to_turn_from the/this/who eye he/she/it/self, of_the not to_see toward the/this/who heaven, nor to_remember ⟦κριμάτων⟧ just. **10** and to_be both ⟦κατανενυγμένοι⟧ about he/she/it/self, and no to_report one_another the/this/who ⟦ὀδύνην⟧ my/your/him-self; **11** that/since ⟦ᾐσχύνοντο⟧ to_report the/this/who desire he/she/it/self, that/since to_will/desire ⟦συγγενέσθαι⟧ he/she/it/self. **12** and ⟦παρετηροῦσαν⟧ ⟦φιλοτίμως⟧ according_to day ⟦ὁρᾷν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **13** and to_say other the/this/who other, ⟦πορευθῶμεν⟧ so toward house, that/since early_meal hour he_is. **14** and to_go_out ⟦διεχωρίσθησαν⟧ away_from one_another, and ⟦ἀνακάμφαντες⟧ to_come/go together, and ⟦ἀνετάζοντες⟧ one_ _another the/this/who cause/charge, ⟦ὡμολόγησαν⟧ the/this/who desire he/she/it/self; and then ⟦κοινῇ⟧ ⟦συνετάξαντο⟧ time/right_time, when he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self be_able to_find/meet alone. **15** and to_be in/on/among the/this/who ⟦παρατηρεῖν⟧ he/she/it/self day suitable, to_enter once/when as/just_as yesterday and third day with/after two ⟦μόνων⟧ ⟦κορασίων⟧, and ⟦ἐπεθύμησε⟧ ⟦λούσασθαι⟧ in/on/among the/this/who paradise, that/since heat to_be. **16** and no to_be/which none there but/however the/this/who two elder ⟦κεκρυμμένοι⟧, and ⟦παρατηροῦντες⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **17** and to_say the/this/who ⟦κορασίοις⟧, to_bear/lead so I/we olive_oil and ⟦σμήγματα⟧, and the/this/who door of_the ⟦παραδείσου⟧ ⟦κλείσατε⟧, that ⟦λούσωμαι⟧. **18** and to_do/make as/just_as to_say, and ⟦ἀπέκλεισαν⟧ the/this/who door of_the ⟦παραδείσου⟧, and to_go_out according_to the/this/who

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⟦πλαγίας⟧ door, to_bear/lead the/this/who to_order he/she/it/self, and no ⟦εἴδοσαν⟧ the/this/who elder that/since to_be ⟦κεκρυμμένοι⟧. **19** and to_be which/how ⟦ἐξήλθοσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦κοράσια⟧, and to_arise the/this/who two ⟦πρεσβύται⟧, and ⟦ἐπέδραμον⟧ he/she/it/self, **20** and to_say, look! the/this/who/which door of_the ⟦παραδείσου⟧ ⟦κέκλεινται⟧, and none to_see/experience I/we, and in/on/among desire you to_be; for ⟦συγκατάθου⟧ I/we, and ⟦γενοῦ⟧ with/after I/we. **21** if but/and not, ⟦καταμαρτυρήσομέν⟧ you, that/since to_be with/after you young_man, and through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦ἐξαπέστειλας⟧ the/this/who ⟦κοράσια⟧ away_from you. **22** and ⟦ἀνεστέναξε⟧ Sōsanna, and to_say, ⟦στενά⟧ I/we from_all_sides; if and/both for this/he/she/it ⟦πράξω⟧, death I/we to_be; if and/both not ⟦πράξω⟧, no ⟦ἐκφεύξομαι⟧ the/this/who hand you. **23** ⟦Αἱρετώτερόν⟧ I/we he_is not ⟦πράξασαν⟧ to_fall_into toward the/this/who hand you, or/than ⟦ἁμαρτεῖν⟧ before lord. **24** and to_cry_out voice/sound great Sōsanna; ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ but/and and the/this/who two ⟦πρεσβύται⟧ before he/she/it/self. **25** and to_run the/this/who one, to_open the/this/who door of_the ⟦παραδείσου⟧. **26** which/how but/and to_hear the/this/who ⟦κραυγὴν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who paradise the/this/who out_from the/this/who home, ⟦εἰσεπήδησαν⟧ through/because_of the/this/who ⟦πλαγίας⟧ door to_perceive the/this/who ⟦συμβεβηκὸς⟧ he/she/it/self. **27** when but/and to_say the/this/who ⟦πρεσβύται⟧ the/this/who word he/she/it/self, ⟦κατῃσχύνθησαν⟧ the/this/who slave very, that/since ever no to_say word such_as_this about ⟦Σωσάννης⟧. **28** and to_be the/this/who the_next_day, which/how to_assemble the/this/who a_people to/with the/this/who man he/she/it/self ⟦Ἰωακεὶμ⟧, to_come/go the/this/who two ⟦πρεσβύται⟧ full the/this/who ⟦ἀνόμου⟧ ⟦ἐννοίας⟧ according_ _to ⟦Σωσάννης⟧, of_the to_kill he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, **29** and to_say before of_the a_people, ⟦ἀποστείλατε⟧ upon/to/against Sōsannan daughter Ḳelkiou, the/this/who/which he_is woman ⟦Ἰωακείμ⟧; the/this/who but/and to_send. **30** and to_come/go he/she/it/self, and the/this/who parent he/she/it/self, and the/this/who child he/she/it/self, and all the/this/who kindred he/she/it/self. **31** the/this/who but/and Sōsanna to_ _be ⟦τρυφερὰ⟧ very, and good the/this/who appearance. **32** the/this/who but/and ⟦παράνομοι⟧ ⟦ἐκέλευσαν⟧ to_reveal he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, to_be for ⟦κατακεκαλυμμένη⟧, that ⟦ἐμπλησθῶσι⟧ of_the ⟦κάλλους⟧ he/she/it/self. **33** to_weep but/and the/this/who from_with he/she/it/self, and all the/this/who to_perceive he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **34** to_arise but/and the/this/who two ⟦πρεσβύται⟧ in/on/among midst the/this/who a_people, to_place the/this/who hand upon/to/against the/this/who head he/she/it/self. **35** the/this/who but/and to_weep to_look_up/see_again toward the/this/who heaven, that/since to_be the/this/who heart he/she/it/self ⟦πεποιθυῖα⟧ upon/to/against lord. **36** to_ _say but/and the/this/who ⟦πρεσβύται⟧, ⟦περιπατούντων⟧ I/we in/on/among the/this/who paradise ⟦μόνων⟧, to_enter this/he/she/it with/after two maidservant, and ⟦ἀπέκλεισε⟧ the/this/who door of_the ⟦παραδείσου⟧, and to_release

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Shoshanah cried with a loud voice; and the two elders cried out against her. **25** Then one of them ran and opened the garden doors.

26 So when the servants of the house heard the cry in the garden, they rushed in at the side door to see what had happened to her. **27** But when the elders had told their tale, the servants were greatly ashamed; for there was never such a report made of Shoshanah.

Shoshanah is falsely accused

28 The next day, when the people assembled to her husband Yehoyakim, the two elders came full of their wicked intent against Shoshanah to put her to death, **29** and said before the people, "Send for Shoshanah, the daughter of Hilkiyah, Yehoyakim's wife." So they sent; **30** and she came with her father and mother, her children, and all her kindred. **31** Now Shoshanah was a very delicate woman, and beautiful to look at. **32** These wicked men commanded her to be unveiled, for she was veiled, that they might be filled with her beauty. **33** Therefore her friends and all who saw her wept. **34** Then the two elders stood up in the middle of the people and laid their hands on her head. **35** She, weeping, looked up towards heaven; for her heart trusted in the master.

36 The elders said, "As we walked in the garden alone, this woman came in with two maids, shut the garden doors, and sent the maids away. **37** Then a young man who was hidden there came to her and lay with her. **38** And we, being in a corner of the garden, saw this wickedness and ran to them. **39** And when we saw them together, we couldn't hold the man; for he was stronger than we, and opened the doors, and leapt out. **40** But having taken this woman, we asked who the young man was, but she wouldn't tell us. We testify these things.

41 Then the assembly believed them, as those who were elders of the people and judges; so they condemned her to death.

42 Then Shoshanah (Susanna) cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Oh eternal God, you know the secrets, and know all things before they happen. **43** You know that they've testified falsely against me. Listen, I must die, even though I never did such things as these men have maliciously invented against me."

Daniyel exposes the elders' lies

44 The master heard her voice. **45** Therefore when she was led away to be put to death, God raised up the holy spirit of a young youth, whose name was Daniyel. **46** He cried with a loud voice, "I'm clear from the blood of this woman!"

47 Then all the people turned them towards him, and said, "What do these words that you've spoken mean?"

48 So he, standing in the middle of them, said, "Are you all such fools, you Israeli men, that without examination or knowledge of the truth you've condemned a daughter of Yisrael (Israel)? **49** Return again to the place of judgement; for these have testified falsely against her."

50 Therefore all the people turned again in haste, and the elders said to him, "Come, sit down among us, and show it to us, seeing God has given you the honour of an elder."

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51 Then Daniyel said to them, "Put them far apart from each another, and I'll examine them." 52 So when they were put apart one from another, he called one of them, and said to him, "Oh you who've become old in wickedness, now your sins have returned which you've committed before, 53 in pronouncing unjust judgement, condemning the innocent, and letting the guilty go free; although the master says, 'You mustn't kill the innocent and righteous.' 54 Now then, if you saw her, tell me, under which tree did you see them companying together?"

He answered, "Under a mastick tree."

55 And Daniyel said, "You've certainly lied against your own head; for even now the angel of God has received the sentence of God and will cut you in two." 56 So he put him aside, and commanded to bring the other, and said to him, "Oh you seed of Kena'an (Canaan), and not of Yehudah (Judah), beauty has deceived you, and lust has perverted your heart. 57 Thus you have dealt with the daughters of Yisrael (Israel), and they for fear were intimate with you; but the daughter of Yehudah wouldn't tolerate your wickedness. 58 Now therefore tell me, under which tree did you take them being intimate together?"

He answered, "Under an evergreen oak tree."

59 Then Daniyel said to him, "You've also certainly lied against your own head; for the angel of God waits with the sword to cut you in two, that he may destroy you."

60 With that, all the assembly cried out with a loud voice, and blessed God, who saves those who hope in him. 61 Then they arose against the two elders, for Daniyel had convicted them of false testimony out of their own mouth. 62 According to Mosheh's (Moses') law they did to them what they maliciously intended to do to their neighbour. They put them to death, and the innocent blood was saved the same day. 63 Therefore Hilkiyah and his wife praised God for their daughter Shoshanah (Susanna), with Yehoyakim her husband, and all the kindred, because there was no dishonesty found in her. 64 And from that day forth, Daniyel had a great reputation in the sight of the people.

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the/this/who maidservant. 37 and to_come/go to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self young_man which to_be to_ _hide, and to_recline with/after he/she/it/self. 38 I/we but/and to_be in/on/among the/this/who corner of_the ⟦παραδείσου⟧, to_perceive the/this/who lawlessness, ⟦ἐδράμομεν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self. 39 and to_ _perceive ⟦συγγινομένους⟧ he/she/it/self, that on_one_hand no be_able ⟦ἐγκρατεῖς⟧ to_be, through/because_of the/this/who be_strong he/she/it/self above/for I/we, and ⟦ἀνοίξαντα⟧ the/this/who door ⟦ἐκπεπηδηκέναι⟧, 40 this/he/she/it but/and to_catch, ⟦ἐπηρωτῶμεν⟧, one/which? to_be the/this/who young_man; and no to_ _will/desire ⟦ἀγγεῖλαι⟧ I/we; this/he/she/it to_testify. 41 and to_trust_(in) he/she/it/self the/this/who synagogue which/how elder of_the a_people and ⟦κριταῖς⟧; and to_ _condemn he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self to_die. 42 to_cry_ _out but/and voice/sound great Sōsanna, and to_say, the/this/who God the/this/who eternal, the/this/who the/this/who ⟦κρυπτῶν⟧ expert_in, the/this/who to_perceive the/this/who all before origin he/she/it/self, 43 you ⟦ἐπίστασαι⟧ that/since ⟦ψευδῆ⟧ I/we ⟦κατεμαρτύρησαν⟧; and look! to_die not ⟦ποιήσασα⟧ nothing which this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπονηρεύσαντο⟧ according_to I/we/my. 44 and ⟦εἰσήκουσε⟧ lord the/this/who voice/sound he/she/it/self. 45 and ⟦ἀπαγομένης⟧ he/she/it/self to_destroy, the/this/who God ⟦ἐξήγειρε⟧ the/this/who spirit/breath the/this/who holy ⟦παιδαρίου⟧ ⟦νεωτέρου⟧ which name Dania^{y}l. 46 and to_cry_ _out voice/sound great, innocent I/we away_from of_the blood this/he/she/it. 47 to_turn but/and all the/this/who a_people to/with he/she/it/self, and to_say, one/which? the/this/who word this/he/she/it, which you ⟦λελάληκας⟧? 48 the/this/who but/and to_stand in/on/among midst he/she/it/self, to_say, thus(-ly) foolish the/this/who son Israa^{y}l? no to_investigate, and_not the/this/who ⟦σαφὲς⟧ to_come_to_know, ⟦κατεκρίνατε⟧ daughter Israa^{y}l? 49 ⟦Ἀναστρέψατε⟧ toward the/this/who court/lawsuit, ⟦ψευδῆ⟧ for this/he/she/it ⟦κατεμαρτύρησαν⟧ he/she/it/self. 50 and ⟦ἀνέστρεψε⟧ all the/this/who a_people with/after diligence; and to_say he/she/it/self the/this/who elder, come ⟦κάθισον⟧ in/on/among midst I/we, and ⟦ἀνάγγειλον⟧ I/we, that/since you/your to_give the/this/who God the/this/who senior. 51 and to_say to/with he/she/it/self Dania^{y}l, ⟦διαχωρίσατε⟧ he/she/it/self away_from one_another long/distant, and to_ _investigate he/she/it/self. 52 which/how but/and ⟦διεχωρίσθησαν⟧ one away_from of_the one, to_call the/this/who one he/she/it/self, and to_say to/with he/she/it/self, ⟦πεπαλαιωμένε⟧ day evil/harm, now to_ _come/be_present the/this/who/which sin you, which ⟦ἐποίεις⟧ the/this/who before/previously, 53 to_judge judgement unjust; and the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦ἀθώους⟧ to_condemn, to_release but/and the/this/who ⟦αἰτίους⟧, to_ _speak of_the God, innocent and just no ⟦ἀποκτενεῖς⟧. 54 now therefore/then this/he/she/it if_so/since to_perceive, to_say, by/under one/which? tree to_perceive he/she/it/self ⟦ὁμιλοῦντας⟧ one_another? the/this/who but/and to_say, by/under ⟦σχῖνον⟧. 55 to_say but/and Dania^{y}l, correctly ⟦ἔψευσαι⟧ toward the/this/who yourself head; already for

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angel to_say God to_take from_with of_the God, to_split you midst. **56** and to_move he/she/it/self, to_order ⟦προσαγαγεῖν⟧ the/this/who other, and to_say he/she/it/self, seed Ḳana'an, and no Youda, the/this/who beauty to_deceive you, and desire ⟦διέστρεψε⟧ the/this/who heart you. **57** thus(-ly) to_do/make ⟦θυγατράσιν⟧ Israa^{y}l, and that to_fear to_talk you; but no daughter Youda to_remain/endure the/this/who lawlessness you. **58** now therefore/then to_speak I/we, by/under one/which? tree ⟦κατέλαβες⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ὁμιλοῦντας⟧ one_another? the/this/who but/and to_say, by/under ⟦πρίνον⟧. **59** to_say but/and he/she/it/self Dania^{y}l, correctly ⟦ἔψευσαι⟧ and you toward the/this/who yourself head; to_stay for the/this/who angel of_the God, the/this/who sword to_ _have/be ⟦πρίσαι⟧ you midst, that ⟦ἐξολοθρεύσῃ⟧ you. **60** and to_cry_out all the/this/who synagogue voice/sound great, and ⟦εὐλόγησαν⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who ⟦σώζοντι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐλπίζοντας⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **61** and to_arise upon/to/against the/this/who two old_man, that/since ⟦συνέστησεν⟧ he/she/it/self Dania^{y}l out_from of_ _the mouth he/she/it/self ⟦ψευδομαρτυρήσαντας⟧. **62** and to_ _do/make he/she/it/self which way ⟦ἐπονηρεύσαντο⟧ the/this/who near/neighbour; to_do/make according_to the/this/who law Mōusa^{y}; and to_kill he/she/it/self, and to_ _save blood ⟦ἀναίτιον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who day that. **63** Ḳelkias but/and and the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἦνεσαν⟧ about the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self with/after ⟦Ἰωακεὶμ⟧ of_the man he/she/it/self and the/this/who kindred he/she/it/self, that/since no to_find/meet in/on/among he/she/it/self ⟦ἄσχημον⟧ thing. **64** and Dania^{y}l to_be great before of_the a_people away_from the/this/who day that, and beyond.

14:1 and the/this/who king Astuaga^{y}s to_add_(to) to/with the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_take supreme_power the/this/who Persa^{y}s the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **2** and to_be Dania^{y}l confidants of_the king, and honoured above/for all the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **3** and to_be idol the/this/who Babulōniois which name Ba^{y}l, and ⟦ἐδαπανῶντο⟧ toward he/she/it/self ⟦ἑκάστης⟧ day ⟦σεμιδάλεως⟧ ⟦ἀρτάβαι⟧ twelve, and sheep forty, and wine ⟦μετρηταὶ⟧ six. **4** and the/this/who king ⟦ἐσέβετο⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_travel according_to each day to_worship he/she/it/self. Dania^{y}l but/and to_worship the/this/who God he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_say he/she/it/self the/this/who king, why? no ⟦προσκυνεῖς⟧ the/this/who Ba^{y}l? **5** the/this/who but/and to_say, that/since no be_devout idol hand-made, but the/this/who to_live God, the/this/who to_create the/this/who heaven and the/this/who earth and to_have/be all flesh ⟦κυρείαν⟧. **6** and to_say he/she/it/self the/this/who king, no to_think you Ba^{y}l to_be to_live God? or/than no ⟦ὁρᾷς⟧ just_as/how_much to_eat

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Bel and the Dragon

14:1 King[14] Astuages was gathered to his fathers, and Koresh (Cyrus) the Persian received his kingdom. **2** Daniyel lived with the king, and was honoured above all his friends.

3 Now the Babylonians had an idol called Bel, and every day twelve great measures of fine flour, forty sheep, and six firkins[15] of wine were spent on it. **4** The king honoured it and went daily to worship it; but Daniyel worshipped his own God. The king said to him, "Why don't you worship Bel?"

5 He said, "Because I may not honour idols made with hands, but only the living god, who's created the sky and the earth, and has sovereignty over all flesh."

6 Then the king said to him, "Don't you think that Bel is a living god? Don't you see how much he eats and drinks every day?"

7 Then Daniyel laughed, and said, "Oh king, don't be deceived; for this is just clay inside, and brass outside, and never ate or drank anything."

8 So the king was angry, and called for his priests, and said to them, "If you don't tell me who this is who devours these ex-

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15 RV 14:3 · Note a firkin is about 41 litres or 11 gallons.

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penses, you'll die. **9** But if you can show me that Bel devours them, then Daniyel will die; for he's spoken blasphemy against Bel."

Daniyel said to the king, "Let it be according to your word."

10 Now there were seventy priests of Bel, besides their wives and children. The king went with Daniyel into Bel's temple. **11** So Bel's priests said, "Listen, we'll leave; but you, Oh king, set out the food, and mix the wine and set it out, shut the door securely, and seal it with your own signet. **12** When you come in the morning, if you don't find that Bel has eaten everything, we'll suffer death, or else Daniyel, who speaks falsely against us."

13 They weren't concerned, for under the table they'd made a secret entrance, by which they entered in continually, and consumed those things. **14** It happened, when they'd gone out, the king set the food before Bel. Now Daniyel had commanded his servants to bring ashes, and they scattered them all over the temple in the presence of the king alone. Then they went out, shut the door, sealed it with the king's signet, and so departed.

15 Now in the night, the priests came with their wives and children, as they usually did, and ate and drank it all. **16** In the morning, the king arose, and Daniyel with him. **17** The king said, "Daniyel, are the seals whole?"

He said, "Yes, Oh king, they're whole."

18 And as soon as he'd opened the door, the king looked at the table, and cried with a loud voice, "You're great, Oh Bel, and with you is no deceit at all!"

19 Then Daniyel laughed, and held the king that he shouldn't go in, and said, "Listen now the pavement, and mark well whose footsteps these are."

20 The king said, "I see the footsteps of men, women, and children." Then the king was angry, **21** and took the priests with their wives and children, who showed him the secret doors, where they came in and consumed the things that were on the table. **22** Therefore the king killed them, and delivered Bel into Daniyel's power, who overthrew it and its temple.

Daniyel destroys the dragon

23 In that same place there was a great dragon which Bavel's (Babylon's) people worshipped. **24** The king said to Daniyel, "Will you also say that this is of brass? Listen, he lives, eats and drinks. You can't say that he's no living god. Therefore worship him."

25 Then Daniyel said, "I'll worship the master my god; for he's a living god. **26** But allow me, Oh king, and I'll kill this dragon without sword or staff."

The king said, "I allow you."

27 Then Daniyel took pitch, fat, and hair, and melted them together, and made lumps of them. He put these in the dragon's mouth, so the dragon ate and burst apart. Daniyel said, "Listen, these are the gods you all worship."

Daniyel is thrown to the lions again

28 When Bavel's people heard that, they took great indignation, and conspired against the king, saying, "The king has become a Yehudi (Jew). He's pulled down Bel, slain the dragon, and put the priests to the

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and to_drink according_to each day? **7** and to_say Dania^{y}l ⟦γελάσας⟧, not ⟦πλανῶ⟧, king, this/he/she/it for inwardly on_ _one_hand he_is clay, outside but/and copper/bronze/coin, and no ⟦βέβρωκεν⟧ never. **8** ⟦Θυμωθεὶς⟧ but/and the/this/who king to_call the/this/who priest he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_say he/she/it/self if not ⟦εἴποτέ⟧ I/we one/which? the/this/who ⟦κατέσθων⟧ the/this/who cost this/he/she/it, to_die. **9** if but/and ⟦δείξητε⟧ that/since Ba^{y}l to_devour he/she/it/self, the/this/who Dania^{y}l to_die, that/since to_blaspheme toward the/this/who Ba^{y}l; and to_say Dania^{y}l the/this/who king, to_be according_to the/this/who declaration you. **10** and to_be priest of_the Ba^{y}l seventy outside/except woman and child; and to_ _come/go the/this/who king with/after Dania^{y}l toward the/this/who house of_the Ba^{y}l. **11** and to_say the/this/who priest of_the Ba^{y}l, look! I/we ⟦ἀποτρέχομεν⟧ out/outside(r), you but/and, king, ⟦παράθες⟧ the/this/who food, and the/this/who wine ⟦κεράσας⟧ ⟦θὲς⟧, and ⟦ἀπόκλεισον⟧ the/this/who door, and to_seal the/this/who ⟦δακτυλίῳ⟧ you. **12** and to_come/go early, if not ⟦εὕρῃς⟧ all ⟦βεβρωμένα⟧ by/under of_the Ba^{y}l, ⟦ἀποθανούμεθα⟧; or/than Dania^{y}l the/this/who ⟦ψευδόμενος⟧ according_to I/we. **13** he/she/it/self but/and ⟦κατεφρόνουν⟧, that/since to_ _do/make by/under the/this/who table ⟦κεκρυμμένην⟧ entry, and through/because_of he/she/it/self ⟦εἰσεπορεύοντο⟧ wholly, and ⟦ἀνήλουν⟧ he/she/it/self. **14** and to_be which/how ⟦ἐξήλθοσαν⟧ that, and the/this/who king to_set_before the/this/who food the/this/who Ba^{y}l; and to_command Dania^{y}l the/this/who ⟦παιδαρίοις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_bear/lead ⟦τέφραν⟧; and ⟦κατέσεισαν⟧ all the/this/who temple before of_ _the king alone; and to_go_out ⟦ἔκλεισαν⟧ the/this/who door, and ⟦ἐσφραγίσαντο⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦δακτυλίῳ⟧ of_the king, and to_go_away. **15** the/this/who but/and priest to_come/go the/this/who night according_to the/this/who custom he/she/it/self, and the/this/who/which woman he/she/it/self, and the/this/who child he/she/it/self, and to_ _devour all, and ⟦ἐξέπιον⟧. **16** and ⟦ὤρθρισεν⟧ the/this/who king the/this/who early, and Dania^{y}l with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **17** and to_say, ⟦σῶοι⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦σφραγίδες⟧ Dania^{y}l? the/this/who but/and to_say, ⟦σῶοι⟧, king. **18** and to_be together the/this/who to_open the/this/who door, ⟦ἐπιβλέψας⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who table the/this/who king, to_ _cry_out voice/sound great, great to_be Ba^{y}l, and no he_is from_with you/your deceit and_not one. **19** and ⟦ἐγέλασε⟧ Dania^{y}l, and to_grasp/seize the/this/who king, of_the not to_ _enter he/she/it/self in/inner/inwardly; and to_say, look!/to_ _perceive so the/this/who ground, and to_know which? the/this/who ⟦ἴχνη⟧ this/he/she/it. **20** and to_say the/this/who king, to_see the/this/who ⟦ἴχνη⟧ man, and woman, and child; and to_anger the/this/who king then to_ _seize/conceive/help the/this/who priest, and the/this/who woman, **21** and the/this/who child he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἔδειξαν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦κρυπτὰς⟧ door, through/because_of which ⟦εἰσεπορεύοντο⟧, and ⟦ἐδαπάνων⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who table. **22** and to_

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_kill he/she/it/self the/this/who king, and to_give the/this/who Ba^{y}l handed_over the/this/who Dania^{y}l; and to_ _overturn he/she/it/self and the/this/who temple he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **23** and to_be dragon great, and ⟦ἐσέβοντο⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who Babulōnioi. **24** and to_say the/this/who king the/this/who Dania^{y}l, not and this/he/she/it to_say that/since (made)_of_brass to_be? look! to_live, and to_eat, and to_drink; no be_able to_say, that/since no to_be this/he/she/it God to_live; and to_worship he/she/it/self. **25** and to_say Dania^{y}l, lord the/this/who God I/we to_worship, that/since this/he/she/it he_is God to_live. **26** you but/and, king, to_give I/we authority, and to_kill the/this/who dragon without sword and rod; and to_say the/this/who king to_give you. **27** and to_take the/this/who Dania^{y}l ⟦πίσσαν⟧ and fat and hair, and ⟦ἥψησεν⟧ together; and to_do/make ⟦μάζας⟧, and to_give toward the/this/who mouth of_the dragon, and ⟦φαγὼν⟧ ⟦διεῤῥάγη⟧ the/this/who dragon; and to_say, to_perceive the/this/who object_of_worship you. **28** and to_be, which/how to_hear the/this/who Babulōnioi, be_ _indignant greatly, and ⟦συνεστράφησαν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who king, and to_say, Jewish to_be the/this/who king, the/this/who Ba^{y}l ⟦κατέσπασε⟧, and the/this/who dragon to_ _kill, and the/this/who priest ⟦κατέσφαξε⟧. **29** and to_say to_ _come/go to/with the/this/who king, ⟦παράδος⟧ I/we the/this/who Dania^{y}l; if but/and not, ⟦ἀποκτενοῦμέν⟧ you, and the/this/who house you. **30** and to_perceive the/this/who king that/since ⟦ἐπείγουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self very, and ⟦ἀναγκασθεὶς⟧ the/this/who king to_deliver he/she/it/self the/this/who Dania^{y}l. **31** the/this/who but/and to_throw he/she/it/self toward the/this/who ⟦λάκκον⟧ the/this/who lion, and to_be there day six. **32** to_be but/and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦λάκκῳ⟧ seven ⟦λέοντες⟧, and ⟦ἐδίδοτο⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who day two body and two sheep; then but/and no to_give he/she/it/self, in_order_that/to ⟦καταφάγωσι⟧ the/this/who Dania^{y}l. **33** and to_be Ambakoum the/this/who prophet in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia, and he/she/it/self ⟦ἥψησεν⟧ a_stew, and ⟦ἐνέθρυψεν⟧ bread toward lifeboat, and to_travel toward the/this/who a_plain ⟦ἀπενέγκαι⟧ the/this/who reaper. **34** and to_say the/this/who angel lord the/this/who Ambakoum, ⟦ἀπένεγκε⟧ the/this/who early_meal the/this/who/which to_have/be toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧ the/this/who Dania^{y}l toward the/this/who ⟦λάκκον⟧ the/this/who lion. **35** and to_say Ambakoum, lord, ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧ no to_see, and the/this/who ⟦λάκκον⟧ no to_ _know. **36** and to_catch the/this/who angel lord the/this/who ⟦κορυφῆς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦βαστάσας⟧ the/this/who ⟦κόμης⟧ the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_place he/she/it/self toward ⟦Βαβυῶνα⟧ above of_the ⟦λάκκου⟧, in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ῥοίζῳ⟧ of_the spirit/breath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **37** and to_cry_out Ambakoum, to_speak, Dania^{y}l, Dania^{y}l, to_take the/this/who early_meal the/this/who/which to_send you the/this/who God. **38** and to_say Dania^{y}l, ⟦ἐμνήσθης⟧ for I/we the/this/who God, and no to_leave_behind the/this/who to_love you. **39** and to_arise Daniel, to_eat; the/this/who but/and angel of_the

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sword." **29** So they came to the king, and said, "Deliver Daniyel to us, or else we'll destroy you and your house."

30 Now when the king saw that they trapped him, being constrained, the king delivered Daniyel to them. **31** They threw him into the lion's den, where he was six days. **32** There were seven lions in the den, and they'd been giving them two carcasses and two sheep every day, which then weren't given to them, intending that they'd devour Daniyel.

33 Now there was in Yehudah (Judea) the prophet Havakuk (Habakkuk),[16] who'd made stew, and had broken bread into a bowl. He was going into the field to bring it to the harvesters. **34** But the angel of the master said to Havakuk, "Go carry the dinner that you have into Bavel to Daniyel, in the lions' den."

35 Havakuk said, "master, I never saw Bavel. I don't know where the den is."

36 Then the angel of the master took him by the crown, and lifted him up by the hair of his head, and with the blast of his breath set him in Bavel over the den.

37 Havakuk cried, saying, "Oh Daniyel, Daniyel, take the dinner which God has sent you."

38 Daniyel said, "You've remembered me, Oh God! You haven't forsaken those who love you!" **39** So Daniyel arose and ate; and the angel of God set Havakuk in his own place again immediately. **40** On the seventh day, the king came to mourn for Daniyel. When he came to the den, he looked in, and Daniyel was sitting. **41** Then the king cried with a loud voice, saying, "Great are you, Oh master, you God of Daniyel, and there's none other beside you!" **42** So he drew him out, and threw those that were the cause of his destruction into the den; and they were devoured in a moment before his face.

16 RV 14:33 · Note Grk. Ambakoum.

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⟦ἀπεκατέστησε⟧ the/this/who Ambakoum instantly toward the/this/who place he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **40** the/this/who but/and king to_come/go the/this/who seventh ⟦πενθῆσαι⟧ the/this/who Dania^{y}l, and to_come/go upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦λάκκον⟧, and to_look_ _into/upon, and look!, Dania^{y}l to_sit. **41** and ⟦ἀναβοήσας⟧ voice/sound great, to_say, great if, lord the/this/who God of_ _the Dania^{y}l, and no to_be another but/however you. **42** and ⟦ἀνέσπασεν⟧ he/she/it/self; the/this/who but/and ⟦αἰτίους⟧ the/this/who destruction he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐνέβαλεν⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦λάκκον⟧; and ⟦κατεβρώθησαν⟧ instantly before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

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The First Book of Ezra

Introduction

The First Book of Ezra, also known as *1 Esdras*, recounts the fall of Yehudah (Judah) and the return of exiles to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). It begins with King Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) Passover celebration, follows the disasters that lead to exile in Bavel (Babylon), and then describes the return, the rebuilding of the temple, and the work of Ezra. Much of this will be familiar to readers of *The Chronicles*, *Ezra*, and *Nehemyah*, although the material is arranged differently.

A distinctive part of this account is the debate between three of King Dareyavesh's (Darius') guards about what is strongest. One argues for wine, another for the king, and Zorobabel argues for women before declaring that truth is stronger than everything. His success leads to royal support for the return to Yerushalem and the rebuilding of the temple.

The account emphasises restored worship, support for the temple, and the need to live according to God's instructions. It ends with Ezra reading and explaining the law to the assembled people, who respond with worship and celebration.

The First Book of Ezra is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox Churches. It is not recognised by the Romaios Catholic Church, but 1 Ezra is placed as an appendix to the Latin Vulgate Bible.

Main components of this account

Yoshiyah's Passover and the fall of Yehudah *1:1-58*
Permission to return and opposition to rebuilding *2:1-30*
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The DC editions are placed side by side by chapter only. Their verse numbering and textual contents differ; corresponding lines are not established equivalents.

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Yoshiyah celebrates the Passover

1:1 Yoshiyah (Josiah) held the Passover in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to his master, and offered the Passover the fourteenth day of the first month,[1] **2** having set the priests according to their daily courses, being arrayed in their vestments, in the master's temple. **3** He spoke to the Levites, Yisrael's (Israel's) temple servants,[2] that they should make themselves holy to the master, to set the holy ark of the master in the house that King Shelomoh (Solomon) the son of David had built. **4** He said, "You no longer need to carry it on your shoulders. Now therefore serve the master your god, and minister to his people Yisrael, and prepare yourselves by your fathers' houses and kindred, **5** according to the writing of King David of Yisrael, and according to the magnificence of Shelomoh his son. Stand in the holy place according to the divisions of your Levite families who minister in the presence of your kindred the descendants of Yisrael. **6** Offer the Passover in order, prepare the sacrifices for your kindred, and keep the Passover according to the master's commandment, which was given to Mosheh (Moses).

7 To the people which were present, Yoshiyah gave thirty thousand lambs and kids, and three thousand calves. These things were given from the king's possessions, as he promised, to the people and to the priests and Levites. **8** Hilkiyah, Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Yehiel,[3] the rulers of the temple, gave to the priests for the Passover two thousand and six hundred sheep, and three hundred calves. **9** Konaniyah, Shemayah, Netanel his brother, Hashavyah, Yeiel, and Yoram (Joram), captains over thousands, gave to the Levites for the Passover five thousand sheep and seven hundred calves.

10 When these things were done, the priests and Levites, having the unleavened bread, stood in proper order according to the kindred, **11** and according to the several divisions by fathers' houses, before the people, to offer to the master as it's written in the book of Mosheh. They did this in the morning. **12** They roasted the Passover lamb with fire, as required. They boiled the sacrifices in the brazen vessels and cauldrons with a pleasing smell, **13** and set them before all the people. Afterward they prepared for themselves and for their kindred the priests, the sons of Aharon (Aaron). **14** Because the priests offered the fat until night. The Levites prepared for themselves and for their kindred the priests, the sons of Aharon. **15** The holy singers also, the sons of Asaf, were in their order, according to the appointment of David: Asaf, Zekaryah, and Yedutun, who represented the king. **16** Moreover the gatekeepers were at every gate. No one needed to depart from his daily duties, for their kindred the Levites prepared for them.

17 So the things that belonged to the master's sacrifices were accomplished in that day, in holding the Passover, **18** and offer-

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1:1 and to_bring Yōsias the/this/who Passover in/on/among Hierousalaʸm the/this/who lord he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_sacrifice the/this/who Passover the/this/who fourteenth day of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧ of_the first; **2** ⟦στήσας⟧ the/this/who priest according_to division ⟦ἐστολισμένους⟧ in/on/among the/this/who temple of_the lord. **3** and to_say the/this/who Leuitais ⟦ἱεροδούλοις⟧ of_the Israaʸl, to_sanctify my/your/him-self the/this/who lord in/on/among the/this/who ⟦θέσει⟧ the/this/who holy ark of_the lord in/on/among the/this/who house which to_build Salōmōn the/this/who of_the Dawid the/this/who king; **4** no to_be you to_take_up upon/to/against ⟦ὤμων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; and now ⟦λατρεύετε⟧ the/this/who lord God you, and to_serve/heal the/this/who Gentile_nation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Israaʸl, and to_make_ready according_to the/this/who family_line and the/this/who tribe you, **5** according_to the/this/who a_writing Dawid king Israaʸl, and according_to the/this/who ⟦μεγαλειότητα⟧ Salōmōn of_the son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and ⟦στάντες⟧ in/on/among the/this/who holy according_to the/this/who ⟦μεριδαρχίαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πατρικὴν⟧ you the/this/who Leuitōn, the/this/who before the/this/who brother you son Israaʸl, **6** in/on/among order to_sacrifice the/this/who Passover, and the/this/who sacrifice to_make_ready the/this/who brother you, and to_do/make the/this/who Passover according_to the/this/who an_order of_the lord the/this/who ⟦δοθὲν⟧ the/this/who Mōusaʸ. **7** and to_give Yōsias the/this/who a_people the/this/who ⟦εὑρεθέντι⟧ Arnon and a_goat thirty ⟦χιλιάδας⟧, ⟦μόσχους⟧ ⟦τρισχιλίους⟧; this/he/she/it out_from the/this/who ⟦βασιλικῶν⟧ to_give according_to promise the/this/who a_people, and the/this/who priest, and Leuitais. **8** and to_give Ḳelkias, and Zaḳarias, and ⟦Συῆλος⟧ the/this/who to_approach/to_ _know/understand of_the temple the/this/who priest toward Passover sheep ⟦δισχίλια⟧ six_hundred, ⟦μόσχους⟧ ⟦τριακοσίους⟧. **9** and Yeḳonias, and Samaias, and Nathanaaʸl the/this/who brother, and Asabias, and Oḳiaʸlos, and Yōram military_officer to_give the/this/who Leuitais toward Passover sheep ⟦πεντακισχίλια⟧, ⟦μόσχους⟧ ⟦ἑπτακοσίους⟧. **10** and this/he/she/it the/this/who to_be, ⟦εὐπρεπῶς⟧ to_stand the/this/who priest and the/this/who Leuitai, **11** to_have/be the/this/who unleavened according_to the/this/who tribe and according_to the/this/who ⟦μεριδαρχίας⟧ the/this/who father before of_the a_people, ⟦προσενεγκεῖν⟧ the/this/who lord according_to the/this/who to_write in/on/among scroll Mōusaʸ; and thus(-ly) the/this/who morning. **12** and ⟦ὤπτησαν⟧ the/this/who Passover fire which/how ⟦καθήκει⟧, and the/this/who sacrifice ⟦ἤψησαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦χαλκείοις⟧ and ⟦λέβησι⟧ with/after aroma, and to_carry_off all the/this/who out_from of_the a_people; **13** with/after but/and this/he/she/it to_make_ready my/your/him-self and/both and the/this/who priest brother

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:21; 2Ch 35:1.

2 **RV 1:3 · Cross-ref.** Num 3:9.

3 **RV 1:8 · Note** Jehiel, 2 Chronicles 35:8.

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he/she/it/self son A'arōn; 14 the/this/who for priest
⟦ἀνέφερον⟧ the/this/who ⟦στέατα⟧ until ⟦ἀωρίας⟧; and
the/this/who Leuitai to_make_ready my/your/him-self and
the/this/who priest brother he/she/it/self son A'arōn. 15 and
the/this/who ⟦ἱεροψάλται⟧ son Asaf to_be upon/to/against
the/this/who ⟦τάξεως⟧ he/she/it/self, according_to
the/this/who by/under Dawid ⟦τεταγμένα⟧, and Asaf, and
Zaḳarias, and Eddinous the/this/who from_with of_the king.
16 and the/this/who ⟦θυρωροὶ⟧ upon/to/against each gate; no
he_is ⟦παραβῆναι⟧ each the/this/who my/your/him-self
⟦ἐφημερίαν⟧; the/this/who for brother he/she/it/self
the/this/who Leuitai to_make_ready he/she/it/self, 17 and
⟦συνετελέσθη⟧ the/this/who the/this/who sacrifice of_the
lord in/on/among that the/this/who day to_bring
the/this/who Passover, 18 and ⟦προσαχθῆναι⟧ the/this/who
sacrifice upon/to/against the/this/who of_the lord altar,
according_to the/this/who command of_the king Yōsiou.
19 and ⟦ἠγάγοσαν⟧ the/this/who son Israaʸl the/this/who
⟦εὑρεθέντες⟧ in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time
this/he/she/it the/this/who Passover and the/this/who
festival the/this/who unleavened day seven. 20 and no to_
_bring the/this/who Passover such_as_this in/on/among
the/this/who Israaʸl away_from the/this/who time Samouaʸl
of_the prophet. 21 and all the/this/who king of_the Israaʸl no
⟦ἠγάγοσαν⟧ Passover such_as_this, such_as to_bring Yōsias,
and the/this/who priest, and the/this/who Leuitai, and
the/this/who Jewish, and all Israaʸl the/this/who ⟦εὑρεθεὶς⟧
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κατοικήσει⟧ he/she/it/self
in/on/among Hierousalaʸm. 22 ⟦Ὀκτωκαιδεκάτῳ⟧ year
⟦βασιλεύοντος⟧ Yōsiou to_bring the/this/who Passover
this/he/she/it. 23 and ⟦ὠρθώθη⟧ the/this/who work Yōsiou
before of_the lord he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
in/on/among heart ⟦πλήρει⟧ piety. 24 and the/this/who
according_to he/she/it/self but/and ⟦ἀναγέγραπται⟧
in/on/among the/this/who before time, about the/this/who
⟦ἡμαρτηκότων⟧ and ⟦ἠσεβηκότων⟧ toward the/this/who lord
from_with all Gentile_nation and kingdom, and which
⟦ἐλύπησαν⟧ he/she/it/self, he_is, and the/this/who word of_
_the lord to_arise upon/to/against Israaʸl. 25 and with/after all
the/this/who action this/he/she/it Yōsiou, to_happen Faraō
king Aiguptou to_come/go war to_arise in/on/among
Ḳarkamus upon/to/against of_the Eufratou; and to_go_out
toward meeting he/she/it/self Yōsias. 26 and ⟦διεπέμψατο⟧
to/with he/she/it/self king Aiguptou, to_speak, one/which?
I/we/my and you/your he_is, king the/this/who Jewish/Judea?
27 not to/with you ⟦ἐξαπέσταλμαι⟧ by/under lord of_the God;
upon/to/against for of_the Eufratou the/this/who war I/we
he_is; and now lord with/after I/we/my he_is, and lord
with/after ⟦ἐνοῦ⟧ ⟦ἐπισπεύδων⟧ to_be; ⟦ἀπόστηθι⟧, and not
⟦ἐναντιοῦ⟧ the/this/who lord. 28 and no ⟦ἀπέστρεψεν⟧
my/your/him-self Yōsias upon/to/against the/this/who
chariot he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, but
⟦πολεμεῖν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπεχείρει⟧, no ⟦προσέχων⟧

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ing sacrifices on the altar of the master, according to King Yoshiyah's commandment. 19 So the Israeli people (Israel) which were present at that time held the Passover and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. 20 Such a Passover hadn't been held in Yisrael since the time of the prophet Shmuel (Samuel). 21 Indeed, none of Yisrael's kings held such a Passover as Yoshiyah with the priests, the Levites, and the Yehudim (Jews), held with all Yisrael that were present in their dwelling place at Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 22 This Passover was held in the eighteenth year of Yoshiyah's reign. 23 Yoshiyah's works were upright before his master with a heart full of godliness. 24 Moreover the things that happened in his days have been written in times past, about those who sinned and did wickedly against the master more than any other people or kingdom, and how they grieved him greatly,[4] so that the master's words were confirmed against Yisrael.

Yoshiyah is killed in battle

25 Now after all these acts of Yoshiyah (Josiah), it happened that Par'oh (Pharaoh) the king of Mitsrayim (Egypt) came to make war at Karkemish on the Perat (Euphrates); and Yoshiyah went out against him.[5] 26 But the king of Mitsrayim sent to him, saying, "What do I have to do with you, Oh king of Yehudah (Judea)? 27 I wasn't sent out from the master God against you, for my war is against the Perat. Now the master is with me, yes, the master is with me hastening me forward. Depart from me, and don't be against the master."

28 However, Yoshiyah didn't turn back to his chariot, but tried to fight with him, not regarding the words of the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) from the master's mouth, 29 but joined battle with him in the plain of Megidon, and the commanders came down against King Yoshiyah. 30 Then the king said to his servants, "Carry me away out of the battle, for I'm very weak!" Immediately his servants carried him away out of the army. 31 Then he got into his second chariot. After he was brought back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) he died, and was buried in the tomb of his ancestors. 32 All Yehudah mourned for Yoshiyah. Yirmiyah the prophet lamented for Yoshiyah, and the chief men with the women made lamentation for him to this day. This was given out for an ordinance to be done continually in all the nation of Yisrael (Israel). 33 These things are written in the book of the histories of Yehudah's kings, and every one of the acts that Yoshiyah did, and his glory, and his understanding in the master's law, and the things that he'd done before, and the things now told, are reported in the book of the kings of Yisrael and Yehudah.

Yehudah's last kings and the fall of Yerushalem

34 The people took Yehoahaz[6] the son of Yoshiyah, and made him king instead of Yoshiyah his father, when he was

4 **RV 1:24 · Note** Or, sensibly Judges 16:17.

5 **RV 1:25 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 35:20.

6 **RV 1:34 · Note** Another reading is, Jeconias.

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twenty-three years old.[7] 35 He reigned in Yehudah and Yerushalem for three months. Then the king of Mitsrayim (Egypt) deposed him from reigning in Yerushalem. 36 He set a tax on the people of one hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold. 37 The king of Mitsrayim also made King Yehoyakim his brother king of Yehudah and Yerushalem. 38 And Yehoyakim imprisoned the leading citizens and apprehended his brother Zarakes, and brought him up out of Mitsrayim.

39 Yehoyakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign in Yehudah and Yerushalem. He did that which was evil in the sight of the master.[8] 40 King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) of Bavel (Babylon) came up against him, bound him with a chain of brass, and carried him to Bavel. 41 Nevukadnetsar also took some of the master's holy vessels, carried them away, and stored them in his own temple at Bavel. 42 But those things that are reported of him, and of his uncleanness and impiety, are written in the records of the kings. 43 Then Yehoyakin his son reigned in his place. When he was made king, he was eighteen years old. 44 He reigned three months and ten days in Yerushalem. He did that which was evil before the master.

45 So after a year Nevukadnetsar sent and caused him to be brought to Bavel with the holy vessels of the master, 46 and made Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) king of Yehudah and Yerushalem when he was twenty-one years old. He reigned eleven years. 47 He also did that which was evil in the sight of the master, and didn't heed the words that were spoken by Yirmiyah the prophet from the master's mouth. 48 After King Nevukadnetsar had made him to swear by the master's name, he broke his oath and rebelled. Hardening his neck and his heart, he transgressed the laws of the master, the god of Yisrael (Israel). 49 Moreover the governors of the people and of the priests did many things wickedly, exceeding all the defilements of all nations, and defiled the master's temple, which was sanctified in Yerushalem. 50 Their ancestors' god sent by his messenger to call them back, because he had compassion on them and on his dwelling place. 51 But they mocked his messengers. In the day when the master spoke, they scoffed at his prophets 52 until he, being angry with his people for their great ungodliness, commanded to bring up the kings of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) against them. 53 They killed their young men with the sword around their holy temple, and spared neither young man or young woman, old man or child; but he delivered all of them into their hands. 54 They took all the holy vessels of the master, both great and small, with the treasure chests of the master's ark and the king's treasures, and carried them away to Bavel. 55 They burnt the master's house, broke down Yerushalem's walls, and burnt its towers with fire. 56 As for her glorious things, they didn't stop until they'd brought them all to nothing. He carried the people who weren't slain with the sword to Bavel. 57 They were servants to him and

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declaration Yeremiou prophet out_from mouth lord. 29 but ⟦συνεστήσατο⟧ to/with he/she/it/self war in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πεδίῳ⟧ Mageddō; and to_come/go_down the/this/who ruler to/with the/this/who king Yōsian. 30 and to_say the/this/who king the/this/who child my/your/him-self, ⟦ἀποστήσατέ⟧ I/we away_from the/this/who ⟦μάχης⟧, be_weak for greatly; and immediately to_leave he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦παῖδες⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from the/this/who ⟦παρατάξεως⟧. 31 and to_ascend upon/to/against the/this/who chariot the/this/who ⟦δευτέριον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἀποκατασταθεὶς⟧, toward Yerousalaʸm, ⟦μετήλλαξε⟧ the/this/who life he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_bury in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πατρικῷ⟧ ⟦τάφῳ⟧. 32 and in/on/among all the/this/who Youdaia ⟦ἐπένθησαν⟧ the/this/who Yōsian, and ⟦ἐθρήνησεν⟧ Hieremias the/this/who prophet above/for ⟦Ἰωσίον⟧, ⟦ὑαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦προκαθήμενοι⟧ with woman ⟦ἐθρηνοῦσαν⟧ he/she/it/self until the/this/who day this/he/she/it; and ⟦ἐξεδόθη⟧ this/he/she/it to_be always toward all the/this/who family Israaʸl. 33 this/he/she/it but/and ⟦ἀναγέγραπται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who book the/this/who ⟦ἱστορουμένων⟧ about the/this/who king the/this/who Jewish/Judea, and the/this/who according_to in/on/among/one ⟦πραχθὲν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πράξεως⟧ Yōsiou, and the/this/who glory he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who understanding he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among the/this/who law lord; the/this/who and/both ⟦προπραχθέντα⟧ by/under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who now, ⟦ἱστόρηται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who scroll the/this/who king Israaʸl and Youda. 34 and to_take_up the/this/who out_from of_the Gentile_nation the/this/who Yeḵonian son Yōsiou, ⟦ἀνέδειξαν⟧ king for Yōseiou of_the father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_be year twenty three. 35 and to_reign in/on/among Israaʸl and Hierousalaʸm month three; and to_leave he/she/it/self king Aiguptou of_the not to_reign in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, 36 and ⟦ἐζημίωσε⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation money ⟦ταλάντοις⟧ hundred and gold ⟦ταλάντῳ⟧ one. 37 and to_ _appoint king Aiguptou king Yōakim the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there king the/this/who Jewish/Judea and Hierousalaʸm. 38 and to_bind Yōakim the/this/who ⟦μεγιστᾶνας⟧, ⟦Ζαράκην⟧ but/and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συλλαβὼν⟧ ⟦ἀνήγαγεν⟧ out_from Aiguptou. 39 year but/and to_be twenty-five Yōakim when to_reign the/this/who Jewish/Judea and Hierousalaʸm; and to_do/make the/this/who evil/bad before lord. 40 with/after he/she/it/self but/and to_ascend Nabouḵodonosor the/this/who king Babulōnos, and to_bind he/she/it/self in/on/among ⟦χαλκείῳ⟧ ⟦δεσμῷ⟧, and ⟦ἀπήγαγεν⟧ toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧. 41 and away_from the/this/who ⟦ἱερῶν⟧ ⟦σκευῶν⟧ of_the lord to_take

7 **RV 1:34 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:30; 2Ch 36:1.

8 **RV 1:39 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 36:4-5.

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Nabouḳodonosor and ⟦ἀπενέγκας⟧, ⟦ἀπηρείσατο⟧
in/on/among the/this/who temple
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among
Babulōni. 42 the/this/who but/and ⟦ἱστορηθέντα⟧ about
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
impurity he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and
⟦δυσσεβείας⟧, ⟦ἀναγέγραπται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who
book the/this/who time the/this/who king. 43 and to_reign
⟦ἀντ'⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Yōakim
the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there;
when for ⟦ἀνεδείχθη⟧, to_be year eight. 44 to_reign but/and
month three and day ten in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, and to_
_do/make the/this/who evil/bad before lord. 45 and with/after
year to_send Nabouḳodonosor ⟦μετήγαγεν⟧ he/she/it/self
toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧, together the/this/who ⟦ἱεροῖς⟧ vessel of_
_the lord, 46 and to_appoint Sedekian king the/this/who
Jewish/Judea and Hierousalaʸm, to_be year twenty one; to_
_reign but/and year eleven, 47 and to_do/make the/this/who
evil/bad before lord, and no ⟦ἐνετράπη⟧ away_from
the/this/who ⟦ῥηθέντων⟧ word by/under Hieremiou of_the
prophet out_from mouth of_the lord. 48 and ⟦ὁρκισθεὶς⟧ away_
_from of_the king Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who name lord,
⟦ἐπιορκήσας⟧ to_leave; and ⟦σκληρύνας⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who neck
and the/this/who heart
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_transgress
the/this/who ⟦νόμιμα⟧ lord God Israaʸl. 49 and the/this/who
to_govern but/and of_the a_people and the/this/who priest
much be_ungodly and above/for all the/this/who impurity all
the/this/who Gentile_nation, and ⟦ἐμίαναν⟧ the/this/who
temple of_the lord the/this/who ⟦ἁγιαζόμενον⟧ in/on/among
Hierousalaʸm. 50 and to_send the/this/who ⟦Θεὸς⟧
the/this/who father he/she/it/self through/because_of of_the
angel he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_summon
he/she/it/self, as/just_as ⟦ἐφείδετο⟧ he/she/it/self and of_the
tent he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 51 he/she/it/self
but/and ⟦ἐμυκτήρισαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who angel
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; 52 and which day to_
_speak lord, to_be ⟦ἐκπαίζοντες⟧ the/this/who prophet
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, until which/whither
⟦θυμῶντα⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who
Gentile_nation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
through/because_of the/this/who ⟦δυσσεβήματα⟧,
⟦προστάξαι⟧ ⟦ἀναβιβάσαι⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self
the/this/who king the/this/who Ḳaldaiōn. 53 this/he/she/it
to_kill the/this/who ⟦νεανίσκους⟧ he/she/it/self
in/on/among sword, surrounding of_the holy he/she/it/self
temple; and no ⟦ἐφείσαντο⟧ ⟦νεανίσκου⟧ and virgin, and
⟦πρεσβύτου⟧ and ⟦νεωτέρου⟧, but all to_deliver toward
the/this/who hand he/she/it/self. 54 and all the/this/who
sacred vessel of_the lord the/this/who great and the/this/who
small, and the/this/who ⟦κιβωτοὺς⟧ of_the lord, and
the/this/who ⟦βασιλικὰς⟧ storehouse to_take_up to_carry_off
toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧. 55 and ⟦ἐνεπύρισαν⟧ the/this/who house
of_the lord, and ⟦ἔλυσαν⟧ the/this/who wall Hierousalaʸm, and
the/this/who ⟦πύργους⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνεπύρισαν⟧
in/on/among fire, 56 and ⟦συνετέλεσαν⟧ all the/this/who

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to his children until the Persians reigned, to fulfil the master's word by Yirmiyah's mouth: 58 "Until the land has enjoyed its Sabbaths, the whole time of her desolation will she keep Sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.

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Koresh allows the exiles to return

2:1 In the first year of King Koresh (Cyrus) of the Persians, that the master's word by Yirmiyah's (Jeremiah's) mouth might be accomplished,[9] **2** the master stirred up the spirit of King Koresh of the Persians, and he made an official announcement throughout all his kingdom, and also by writing, **3** saying, "Koresh king of the Persians says: The master of Yisrael (Israel), the Most High master, has made me king of the whole world, **4** and commanded me to build him a house at Yerushalem that's in Yehudah. **5** If therefore there are any of you that are of his people, let the master, even his master, be with him, and let him go up to Yerushalem that's in Yehudah, and build the house of the master of Yisrael. He's the master who lives in Yerushalem. **6** Therefore, of those who live in various places, let those who are in his own place help each one with gold, with silver, **7** with gifts, with horses, and cattle, beside the other things which have been added by vow for the master's temple which is in Yerushalem.

8 Then the chief of the families of Yehudah (Judah) and of the tribe of Benyamin stood up, with the priests, the Levites, and all whose spirit the master had stirred to go up, to build the house for the master which is in Yerushalem. **9** Those who lived around them helped them in all things with silver and gold, with horses and cattle, and with very many gifts that were vowed by a great number whose minds were so moved.

10 King Koresh also brought out the holy vessels of the master, which Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had carried away from Yerushalem and had stored in his temple of idols. **11** Now when King Koresh of the Persians had brought them out, he delivered them to Mitredat his treasurer, **12** and by him they were delivered to Sheshebatsar[10] Yehudah's governor. **13** This was the number of them: one thousand gold cups, one thousand silver cups, twenty-nine silver censers, thirty gold bowls, two thousand and four hundred and ten silver bowls, and one thousand other vessels. **14** So all the vessels of gold and of silver were brought up, even five thousand and four hundred and seventy-nine, **15** and were carried back by Sheshebatsar, together with the returning exiles, from Bavel (Babylon) to Yerushalem.

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⟦ἔνδοξα⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἀχρειῶσαι⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπιλοίπους⟧ to_lead_away with/after ⟦ῥομφαίας⟧ toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧. **57** and to_be ⟦παῖδες⟧ he/she/it/self and the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, until which/whither to_reign Persas, toward ⟦ἀναπλήρωσιν⟧ declaration of_the lord in/on/among mouth Hieremiou; **58** until of_the ⟦εὐδοκῆσαι⟧ the/this/who earth the/this/who Sabbath he/she/it/self, all the/this/who time the/this/who devastation he/she/it/self, ⟦σαββατιεῖ⟧ toward ⟦συμπλήρωσιν⟧ year seventy.

2:1 ⟦Βασιλεύοντος⟧ Kurou Persōn ⟦ἔτους⟧ first, toward ⟦συντέλειαν⟧ declaration lord in/on/among mouth Hieremiou, **2** to_arise lord the/this/who spirit/breath Kurou king Persōn, and to_preach in/on/among all the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and together through/because_of ⟦γραπτῶν⟧, to_speak, **3** this to_speak the/this/who king Persōn supreme_power, I/we to_appoint king the/this/who world the/this/who lord of_the Israaʸl, lord the/this/who highest. **4** and ⟦ἐσήμηνέ⟧ I/we to_build he/she/it/self house in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia. **5** if one to_be therefore/then you out_from of_the Gentile_nation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_be the/this/who lord he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_ascend toward the/this/who Hierousalaʸm the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia, ⟦οἰκοδομείτω⟧ the/this/who house of_the lord of_the Israaʸl; which/whither the/this/who lord, the/this/who ⟦κατασκηνώσας⟧ in/on/among Hierousalaʸm. **6** just_as/how_much therefore/then according_to the/this/who place ⟦οἰκοῦσι⟧, ⟦βοηθείτωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who place he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among gold and in/on/among money, in/on/among ⟦δόσεσι⟧, **7** with/after horse and animal, with the/this/who another the/this/who according_to ⟦εὐχὰς⟧ ⟦προστεθειμένοις⟧ toward the/this/who temple of_the lord the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm. **8** and ⟦καταστήσαντες⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀρχίφυλοι⟧ the/this/who ⟦πατριῶν⟧ the/this/who Youda and Beniamin tribe, and the/this/who priest and the/this/who Leuitai, and all which to_arise lord the/this/who spirit/breath, ⟦ἀναβῆναι⟧ to_build house the/this/who lord the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm; **9** and the/this/who surrounding he/she/it/self ⟦ἐβοήθησαν⟧ in/on/among all, in/on/among money and gold, horse, ⟦κτήνεσι⟧, and ⟦εὐχαῖς⟧ which/how ⟦πλείσταις⟧ much, which the/this/who mind to_arise. **10** and the/this/who king supreme_power to_bring/carry_out the/this/who sacred vessel of_the lord, which ⟦μετήνεγκε⟧ Nabouḳodonosor out_from Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦ἀπηρείσατο⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who idol's_temple he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **11** ⟦Ἐξενέγκας⟧ but/and he/she/it/self supreme_power the/this/who king

9 **RV 2:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 36:22,23; Ezr 1:1.

10 **RV 2:12 · Note** Another reading is, Simanassar.

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Persōn to_deliver he/she/it/self ⟦Μιθρδάτῃ⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self ⟦γαζοφύλακι⟧; 12 through/because_of but/and this/he/she/it ⟦παρεδόθησαν⟧ ⟦Σαμανασσάρῳ⟧ ⟦προστάτῃ⟧ the/this/who Jewish/Judea. 13 the/this/who but/and this/he/she/it number to_be, ⟦σπονδεῖα⟧ golden thousand, ⟦σπονδεῖα⟧ silver thousand, ⟦θυΐσκαι⟧ ⟦ἀργυραῖ⟧ twenty-nine, ⟦φιάλαι⟧ ⟦χρυσαῖ⟧ thirty, ⟦ἀργυραῖ⟧ ⟦διοχίλιαι⟧ ⟦τετρακόσιαι⟧ ten, and another vessel thousand. 14 the/this/who but/and all vessel ⟦ἐκομίσθη⟧, golden and silver, ⟦πεντακισχίλια⟧ four_hundred ⟦ἑξηκονταεννέα⟧. 15 ⟦Ἀνηνέχθη⟧ but/and by/under ⟦Σαμανασσάρον⟧ together the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ out_from Babulōnos toward Yerousalaʸm. 16 in/on/among but/and the/this/who upon/to/against Artaxerxou the/this/who Persōn king time ⟦κατέγραψαν⟧ he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who to_dwell in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia and Hierousalaʸm, ⟦Βήλεμος⟧, and Mithradataʸs, and Tabellios, and ⟦Ῥάθυμος⟧, and Be'eltethmos, and ⟦Σαμέλλιος⟧ the/this/who scribe, and the/this/who remaining the/this/who this/he/she/it ⟦συντασσόμενοι⟧, ⟦οἰκοῦντες⟧ but/and in/on/among Samareia and the/this/who another place, the/this/who ⟦ὑπογεγραμμένην⟧ epistle; 17 king Artaxerxaʸ lord the/this/who ⟦παῖδές⟧ you, ⟦Ῥάθυμος⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦προσπίπτοντα⟧, and ⟦Σαμέλλιος⟧ the/this/who scribe, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπίλοιποι⟧ the/this/who plan he/she/it/self, and judge the/this/who in/on/among a_ship's_hold Suria and Foinikaʸ. 18 and now acquainted_with to_be the/this/who lord king, that/since the/this/who Jewish to_ascend from_with you to/with I/we to_come/go toward Hierousalaʸm, the/this/who city the/this/who ⟦ἀποστάτιν⟧ and ⟦πονηρὰν⟧, ⟦οἰκοδομοῦσι⟧ the/this/who and/both marketplace he/she/it/self, and the/this/who wall ⟦θεραπεύουσι⟧, and temple ⟦ὑποβάλλονται⟧. 19 if therefore/then the/this/who city this/he/she/it to_build, and the/this/who wall ⟦συντελεσθῇ⟧, ⟦φορολογίαν⟧ no not ⟦ὑπομείνωσι⟧ to_give, but and king ⟦ἀντιστήσονται⟧. 20 and since be_active the/this/who according_to the/this/who temple, well to_have/be ⟦ὑπολαμβάνομεν⟧ not ⟦ὑπεριδεῖν⟧ the/this/who such_as_this, 21 but ⟦προσφωνῆσαι⟧ the/this/who lord king, that if ⟦φαίνηταί⟧ you, ⟦ἐπισκεφθῇ⟧ in/on/among the/this/who away_from the/this/who father you scroll. 22 and to_find/meet in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὑπομνηματισμοῖς⟧ to_write about this/he/she/it, and to_know that/since the/this/who city that to_be a_defecting, 23 and king and city ⟦ἐνοχλοῦσα⟧, and the/this/who Jewish ⟦ἀποστάται⟧ and ⟦πολιορκίας⟧ ⟦συνιστάμενοι⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self still out_from an_ _age, through/because_of which cause/charge and the/this/who city this/he/she/it to_lay_waste. 24 now therefore/then ⟦ὑποδεικνύομέν⟧ you, lord king, that/since if the/this/who city this/he/she/it to_build, and the/this/who this/he/she/it wall ⟦ἀνασταθῇ⟧, a_return no still you to_be toward ⟦κοίλην⟧ Surian and Foinikaʸn. 25 then ⟦ἀντέγραψεν⟧

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Opposition stops the rebuilding of Yerushalem

16 In the time of King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) of the Persians, Bishlam, Mitredat, Teve'el, Rehum,[11] Rehum, and Shimshay[12] the scribe, with their other associates, dwelling in Shomron (Samaria) and other places, wrote to him against those who lived in Yehudah and Yerushalem the following letter:[13]

17 "To King Artahshashta our master, from your servants, Rehum the recorder, Shimshay the scribe, and the rest of their council, and the judges who are in Coele-Syria and Foinikai:
18 Let it now be known to our lord the king, that the Yehudim (Jews) that have come up from you to us, having come to Yerushalem, are building that rebellious and wicked city, and are repairing its marketplaces and walls, and are laying the foundation of a temple. 19 Now if this city is built and its walls are finished, they won't only refuse to give tribute, but will even stand up against kings. 20 Since the things pertaining to the temple are now in hand, we think it appropriate not to neglect such a matter, 21 but to speak to our lord the king, to the intent that, if it's your pleasure, search may be made in the books of your ancestors. 22 You'll find in the records what's written about these things, and will understand that that city was rebellious, troubling both kings and cities, 23 and that the Yehudim were rebellious, and kept starting wars there in the past. Because this cause, this city was laid waste. 24 Therefore now we do declare to you, Oh lord the king, that if this city is built again, and its walls set up again, you'll from then on have no passage into Coele-Syria and Foinikai."

25 Then the king wrote back again to Rehum the recorder, Rehum, Shimshay the scribe, and to the rest that of their associates who lived in Shomron (Samaria), Aram (Syria), and Foinikai, as follows:

26 "I've read the letter which you've sent to me. Therefore I commanded to make search, and it's been found that that city of old time has fought against kings, 27 and the men were given to rebellion and war in it, and that mighty and fierce kings were in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), who reigned and exacted tribute in Coele-Syria and Foinikai. 28 Now therefore I've commanded to prevent those men from building the city, and heed to be taken that there be nothing done contrary to this order, 29 and that those wicked doings proceed no further to the annoyance of kings." 30 Then King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes), his letters being read, Rehum, and Shimshay the scribe, and the rest of their associates, went in haste to Yerushalem with cavalry and a multitude of people in battle array, and began to hinder the builders. So the building of the temple in Yerushalem ceased until the second year of the reign of King Dareyavesh (Darius) of the Persians.

11 **RV 2:16 · Note** Rehum,

12 **RV 2:16 · Note** Shimshai.

13 **RV 2:16 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 4:7.

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Three guards debate what is strongest

3:1 Now King Dareyavesh made a great feast for all his subjects, for all who were born in his house, for all the princes of Maday (Media) and of Paras (Persia), **2** and for all the local governors and captains and governors who were under him, from Hodu to Kush (Ethiopia), in the one hundred and twenty seven provinces. **3** They ate and drank, and when they were satisfied went home. Then King Dareyavesh went into his bedchamber slept, but awakened out of his sleep.

4 Then the three young men of the bodyguard, who guarded the king, spoke one to another: **5** "Let every one of us state what one thing is strongest. King Dareyavesh will give he whose statement seems wiser than the others great gifts and great honours in token of victory. **6** He'll be clothed in purple, drink from gold cups, sleep on a gold bed, and have a chariot with bridles of gold, a fine linen turban, and a chain around his neck. **7** He'll sit next to Dareyavesh because of his wisdom, and will be called cousin of Dareyavesh."

8 Then they each wrote his sentence, sealed them, and laid them under King Dareyavesh' pillow, **9** and said, "When the king wakes up, someone will give him the writing. The one who the king and the three princes of Paras (Persia) judge that his sentence is the wisest, to him will the victory be given, as it's written." **10** The first wrote, "Wine is the strongest." **11** The second wrote, "The king is strongest." **12** The third wrote, "Women are strongest, but above all things Truth is the victor."

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the/this/who king ⟦Ῥαθύμῳ⟧ the/this/who ⟦γράφοντι⟧ the/this/who ⟦προσπίπτοντα⟧, and Be'eltethmōi, and ⟦Σαμελλίῳ⟧ ⟦γραμματεῖ⟧, and the/this/who remaining the/this/who ⟦συντασσομένοις⟧ and ⟦οἰκοῦσιν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who Samareia, and Suria, and Foinikaʸ, the/this/who ⟦ὑπογεγραμμένα⟧. **26** ⟦Ἀνέγνων⟧ the/this/who epistle which ⟦πεπόμφατε⟧ to/with I/we; ⟦ἐπέταξα⟧ therefore/then to_ _visit/care_for; and to_find/meet that/since the/this/who city that to_be out_from an_age king ⟦ἀντιπαρατάσσουσα⟧, **27** and the/this/who a_human ⟦ἀποστάσεις⟧ and war in/on/among he/she/it/self ⟦συντελοῦντες⟧, and king strong and ⟦σκληροὶ⟧ to_be in/on/among Hierousalaʸm ⟦κυριεύοντες⟧ and ⟦φορολογοῦντες⟧ ⟦κοίλην⟧ Surian and Foinikaʸn. **28** now therefore/then ⟦ἐπέταξα⟧ ⟦ἀποκωλῦσαι⟧ the/this/who a_ _human that of_the to_build the/this/who city, and ⟦προνοηθῆναι⟧ that nothing from_with this/he/she/it to_be. **29** and not ⟦προβῇ⟧ upon/to/against greater the/this/who the/this/who evil toward the/this/who king ⟦ἐνοχλῆσαι⟧. **30** then ⟦ἀναγνωσθέντων⟧ the/this/who from_with of_the king Artaxerxou ⟦γραφέντων⟧, ⟦Ῥάθυμος⟧, and ⟦Σαμέλλιος⟧ the/this/who scribe, and the/this/who this/he/she/it ⟦συντασσόμενοι⟧, ⟦ἀναζεύξαντες⟧ toward Hierousalaʸm according_to diligence with/after horse and crowd ⟦παρατάξεως⟧, be_first to_prevent the/this/who ⟦οἰκοδομοῦντας⟧, and ⟦ἤργει⟧ the/this/who building of_the temple of_the in/on/among Hierousalaʸm until of_the secondly ⟦ἔτους⟧ the/this/who kingdom Dareiou of_the Persōn king.

3:1 and king Dareios to_do/make banquet great all the/this/who by/under he/she/it/self, and all the/this/who ⟦οἰκογενέσιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all the/this/who great_man the/this/who Maʸdias and the/this/who ⟦Περσίδος⟧, **2** and all the/this/who ⟦σατράπαις⟧ and officer/magistrate and ⟦τοπάρχαις⟧ the/this/who by/under he/she/it/self, away_from the/this/who ⟦Ἰνδικῆς⟧ until Aithiopias, in/on/among the/this/who hundred twenty-seven ⟦σατραπείαις⟧. **3** and ⟦ἐφάγοσαν⟧ and ⟦ἐπίοσαν⟧, and ⟦ἐμπλησθέντες⟧ ⟦ἀνέλυσαν⟧; the/this/who but/and Dareios the/this/who king ⟦ἀνέλυσεν⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦κοιτῶνα⟧ my/your/him-self, and to_sleep, and awake to_be. **4** then the/this/who three young_man the/this/who ⟦σωματοφύλακες⟧ the/this/who to_keep/guard the/this/who body of_the king, **5** to_say other to/with the/this/who other, to_say each I/we one word, which ⟦ὑπερισχύσει⟧; and which/whither if to_shine/appear the/this/who declaration he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there wise of_the other, to_ _give he/she/it/self Dareios the/this/who king free_gift great, and ⟦ἐπινίκια⟧ great, **6** and purple_cloth ⟦περιβαλέσθαι⟧, and in/on/among ⟦χρυσώμασι⟧ to_drink, and upon/to/against gold to_sleep, and chariot ⟦χρυσοχάλινον⟧, and ⟦κίδαριν⟧ ⟦βυσσίνην⟧, and ⟦μανιάκην⟧ about the/this/who neck, **7** and secondly ⟦καθιεῖται⟧ Dareiou through/because_of the/this/who wisdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and kindred Dareiou to_call. **8** and then to_write each the/this/who my/your/him-self word, ⟦ἐσφαγίσαντο⟧ and to_place by/under the/this/who cushion Dareiou of_the king, **9** and to_say,

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when(-ever) to_arise the/this/who king, to_give he/she/it/self the/this/who something_written, and which if to_judge the/this/who king and the/this/who three great_man the/this/who ⟦Περσίδος⟧, that/since which/whither the/this/who word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦σοφώτερος⟧, he/she/it/self to_give the/this/who victory as/just_as to_write. **10** the/this/who one to_write, ⟦ὑπερισχύει⟧ the/this/who wine. **11** the/this/who other to_write, ⟦ὑπερισχύει⟧ the/this/who king. **12** the/this/who third to_ _write, ⟦ὑπερισχύουσιν⟧ the/this/who/which woman, above/for but/and all to_conquer the/this/who truth. **13** and when ⟦ἐξηγέρθη⟧ the/this/who king, to_take the/this/who something_written to_give he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀνέγνω⟧. **14** and ⟦ἐξαποστείλας⟧ to_call all the/this/who ⟦μεγιστᾶνας⟧ the/this/who ⟦Περσίδος⟧ and the/this/who Maʸdeias, and the/this/who ⟦σατράπας⟧ and officer/magistrate, and ⟦τοπάρχας⟧ and ⟦ὑπάτους⟧, **15** and to_seat in/on/among the/this/who ⟦χρηματιστηρίῳ⟧, and ⟦ἀνεγνώσθη⟧ the/this/who something_written before he/she/it/self. **16** and to_say, to_call the/this/who ⟦νεανίσκους⟧, and he/she/it/self ⟦δηλώσουσι⟧ the/this/who word my/your/him-self; and ⟦ἐκλήθησαν⟧, and ⟦εἰσήλθοσαν⟧. **17** and to_say he/she/it/self, to_announce I/we about the/this/who to_write. **18** and be_first the/this/who first the/this/who to_say about the/this/who strength of_the wine, and to_say thus(-ly), man, **19** how?/how?! ⟦ὑπερισχύει⟧ the/this/who wine? all the/this/who a_human the/this/who ⟦πιόντας⟧ he/she/it/self to_lead_astray, the/this/who mind of_the and/both king and of_the ⟦ὀρφανοῦ⟧ to_do/make the/this/who mind one, the/this/who and/both of_the slave and the/this/who of_the ⟦ἐλευθέρου⟧, the/this/who and/both of_the ⟦πένητος⟧ and the/this/who of_ _the rich; **20** and all mind ⟦μεταστρέφει⟧ toward ⟦εὐωχίαν⟧ and ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧, and no ⟦μέμνηται⟧ all grief and all debt; **21** and all heart to_do/make ⟦πλουσιας⟧, and no ⟦μέμνηται⟧ king and_ _not ⟦σατράπην⟧; and all through/because_of talent to_ _do/make to_speak. **22** and no ⟦μέμνηνται⟧, when(-ever) ⟦πίνωσι⟧, ⟦φιλιάζειν⟧ friendly/friend and brother, and with/after no much ⟦σπῶνται⟧ the/this/who sword. **23** and when(-ever) away_from of_the wine ⟦ἐγερθῶσιν⟧, no ⟦μέμνηνται⟧ which to_do/require. **24** Omega/oh!/to_be man, no ⟦ὑπερισχύει⟧ the/this/who wine, that/since thus(-ly) ⟦ἀναγκάζει⟧ to_do/make? and be_silent thus(-ly) to_say.

4:1 and be_first the/this/who secondly to_speak, the/this/who to_say about the/this/who strength of_the king. **2** Omega/oh!/to_be man, no ⟦ὑπερισχύουσιν⟧ the/this/who a_ _human, the/this/who earth and the/this/who sea ⟦κατακρατοῦντες⟧ and all the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self? **3** the/this/who but/and king ⟦ὑπερισχύει⟧, and to_lord_over he/she/it/self and ⟦δεσπόζει⟧ he/she/it/self, and all the/this/who/which if to_say he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐνακούουσιν⟧. **4** if to_say he/she/it/self to_do/make war other to/with the/this/who other, to_do/make; if but/and ⟦ἐξαποστείλῃ⟧ he/she/it/self to/with the/this/who ⟦πολεμίους⟧, ⟦βαδίζουσι⟧ and ⟦κατεργάζονται⟧ the/this/who mountain and the/this/who wall and the/this/who ⟦πύργους⟧, **5** ⟦φονεύουσι⟧ and ⟦φονεύονται⟧, and the/this/who word of_ _the king no to_transgress; if but/and ⟦νικήσωσι⟧, the/this/who king ⟦κομίζουσι⟧ all, and if ⟦προνομεύσωσι⟧, and

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13 Now when the king woke up, they took the writing and gave it to him, so he read it. **14** Sending out, he called all the princes of Paras and of Maday (Media), the local governors, the captains, the governors, and the chief officers **15** and sat himself down in the royal seat of judgement; and the writing was read before them. **16** He said, "Call the young men, and they'll explain their own sentences. So they were called and came in.

The first guard argues for wine

17 They said to them, "Explain what you've written."

Then the first, who'd spoken of the strength of wine, began **18** and said this: "Oh sirs, how extremely strong wine is! It causes all men who drink it to go astray. **19** It makes the mind of the king and of the fatherless child to be the same, likewise of the bondman and of the freeman, of the poor man and of the rich. **20** It also turns every thought into cheer and mirth, so that a man remembers neither sorrow nor debt. **21** It makes every heart rich, so that a man remembers neither king nor local governor. It makes people say things in large amounts. **22** When they're in their cups, they forget their love both to friends and kindred, and before long draw their swords. **23** But when they awake from their wine, they don't remember what they've done. **24** Oh sirs, isn't wine the strongest, seeing that it forces people to do this?" And when he'd said this, he stopped speaking.

The second guard argues for the king

4:1 Then the second, who'd spoken of the king's strength, began to say, **2** "Oh sirs, don't men excel in strength who rule over the sea and land, and all things in them? **3** But yet the king is stronger. He's their lord and has dominion over them. In whatever he commands them, they obey him. **4** If he tells them to make war the one against the other, they do it. If he sends them out against the enemies, they go, and conquer mountains, walls, and towers. **5** They kill and are killed, and don't disobey the king's commandment. If they win the victory, they bring everything to the king—all the plunder and everything else. **6** Likewise for those who aren't soldiers, and don't have anything to do with wars, but farm, when they've again harvested what they'd sown, they bring some to the king and compel one another to pay tribute to the king.

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7 He's just one man! If he commands people to kill, they kill. If he commands them to spare, they spare. 8 If he commands them to strike, they strike. If he commands them to make desolate, they make desolate. If he commands to build, they build. 9 If he commands them to cut down, they cut down. If he commands them to plant, they plant. 10 So all his people and his armies obey him. Furthermore, he lies down, he eats and drinks, and takes his rest; 11 and these keep watch around him. None of them may depart and do his own business. They don't disobey him in anything. 12 Oh sirs, how could the king not be the strongest, seeing that he's obeyed like this?" Then he stopped talking.

Zorobabel argues for women

13 Then the third, who'd spoken of women, and of truth, (this was Zorobabel) began to speak: 14 "Oh sirs, isn't the king great, and men are many, and isn't wine strong? Who's it then who rules them, or has the lordship over them? Aren't they women? 15 Women have given birth to the king and all the people who rule over sea and land. 16 They came from women. Women nourished up those who planted the vineyards, from where the wine comes. 17 Women also make clothes for men. These bring glory to men. Without women, men can't exist. 18 Yes, and if men have gathered together gold and silver and any other beautiful thing, and see a woman who's lovely in appearance and beauty, 19 they let all those things go and gape at her, and with open mouth stare at her. They all have more desire for her than for gold, or silver, or any other beautiful thing. 20 A man leaves his own father who brought him up, leaves his own country, and joins with his wife. 21 With his wife he ends his days, with no thought for his father, mother, or country. 22 By this also you must know that women have dominion over you. Don't you labour and toil, and bring it all to give to women? 23 Yes, a man takes his sword and goes out to travel, to rob, to steal, and to sail on the sea and on rivers. 24 He sees a lion and walks in the darkness. When he's stolen, plundered, and robbed, he brings it to the woman he loves. 25 Therefore a man loves his wife better than father or mother. 26 Yes, there are many who've lost their minds for women, and become slaves for their sakes. 27 Many also have perished, have stumbled, and sinned, for women. 28 Now don't you believe me? Isn't the king great in his power? Don't all regions fear to touch him? 29 Yet I saw him and Apame the king's concubine, the daughter of the illustrious Barticus, sitting at the right hand of the king, 30 and taking the crown from the king's head, and setting it onto her own head. Yes, she struck the king with her left hand. 31 At this, the king gaped and gazed at her with open mouth. If she smiles at him, he laughs. But if she takes any displeasure at him, he flatters her, that she might be reconciled to him again. 32 Oh sirs, how can it not be that women are strong, seeing they do this?"

Truth is stronger than everything

33 Then the king and the leading citizens looked at one another. So he began to speak about truth. 34 "Oh sirs, aren't women strong? The earth is

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the/this/who another all. 6 and just_as/how_much no to_battle and_not ⟦πολεμοῦσιν⟧, but ⟦γεωργοῦσι⟧ the/this/who earth, again when(-ever) ⟦σπείρωσι⟧ ⟦θερίσαντε⟧, ⟦ἀναφέρουσι⟧ the/this/who king; and other the/this/who other ⟦ἀναγκάζοντες⟧, ⟦ἀναφέρουσι⟧ the/this/who tax the/this/who king. 7 and he/she/it/self one alone to_be; if to_say to_kill, ⟦ἀποκτέννουσιν⟧; if to_say to_release, to_release; 8 to_say to_strike, ⟦τύπτουσιν⟧; to_say ⟦ἐρημῶσαι⟧, ⟦ἐρημοῦσιν⟧; to_say to_build, ⟦οἰκοδομοῦσιν⟧; 9 to_say ⟦ἐκκόψαι⟧, ⟦ἐκκόπτουσιν⟧; to_say ⟦φυτεῦσαι⟧, ⟦φυτεύουσι⟧. 10 and all the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who/which power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐνακούουσι⟧; to/with but/and this/he/she/it he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνάκειται⟧, to_eat and to_drink and to_sleep, 11 he/she/it/self but/and ⟦τηροῦσι⟧ surrounding about he/she/it/self; and no be_able each to_go_away, and to_do/make the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and_not ⟦παρακούουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 12 Omega/oh!/to_be man, how?/how?! no ⟦ὑπερισχύει⟧ the/this/who king, that/since thus(-ly) be_obeyed he_is? and be_silent. 13 the/this/who but/and third the/this/who to_say about the/this/who woman and the/this/who truth, this/he/she/it he_is Zorobabel, be_first to_speak; 14 man, no great the/this/who king, and much the/this/who a_human, and the/this/who wine be_strong? one/which? therefore/then the/this/who ⟦δεσπόζων⟧ he/she/it/self, or/than one/which? the/this/who ⟦κυριεύων⟧ he/she/it/self? no the/this/who/which woman? 15 the/this/who/which woman to_beget the/this/who king and all the/this/who a_people which to_lord_over the/this/who sea and the/this/who earth, 16 and out_from he/she/it/self to_be; and this/he/she/it ⟦ἐξέθρεψαν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦φυτεύσαντας⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀμπελῶνας⟧ out_from which the/this/who wine to_be. 17 and this/he/she/it to_do/make the/this/who robe the/this/who a_human, and this/he/she/it to_do/make glory the/this/who a_human, and no be_able the/this/who a_human without the/this/who woman to_be. 18 if but/and ⟦συναγάγωσι⟧ gold and money and all thing ⟦ὡραῖον⟧, and to_perceive woman one good the/this/who appearance and the/this/who ⟦κάλλει⟧, 19 this/he/she/it all to_release, toward he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦ἐκκέχῃναν⟧, and ⟦χάσκοντες⟧ the/this/who mouth to_see/experience he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and all he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦αἱρετίζουσι⟧ more or/than the/this/who gold and the/this/who money and all thing ⟦ὡραῖον⟧. 20 a_human the/this/who my/your/him-self father ⟦ἐγκαταλείπει⟧ which ⟦ἐξέθρεψεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who one's_own/private country, and to/with the/this/who one's_own/private woman ⟦κολλᾶται⟧, 21 and with/after the/this/who woman to_release the/this/who soul, and neither the/this/who father ⟦μέμνηται⟧, neither the/this/who mother, neither the/this/who country. 22 and from_here be_necessary you to_know that/since the/this/who/which woman to_lord_over you; not ⟦πονεῖτε⟧, and ⟦μοχθεῖτε⟧, and all the/this/who ⟦γυναιξὶ⟧ to_give, and to_bear/lead? 23 and to_take the/this/who a_human the/this/who sword he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,

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and to_depart ⟦ἐξοδεύειν⟧ and ⟦λῃστεύειν⟧ and to_steal, and toward the/this/who sea to_sail, and river, 24 and the/this/who ⟦λέοντα⟧ to_see/experience, and in/on/among darkness ⟦βαδίζει⟧; and when(-ever) to_steal and ⟦ἁρπάσῃ⟧ and ⟦λωποδυτήσῃ⟧, the/this/who ⟦ἐρωμένῃ⟧ ⟦ἀποφέρει⟧. 25 and greater to_love a_human the/this/who one's_own/private woman more or/than the/this/who father and the/this/who mother. 26 and much ⟦ἀπενοήθησαν⟧ the/this/who one's_ _own/private ⟦διανοίαις⟧ through/because_of the/this/who woman, and slave to_be through/because_of he/she/it/self; 27 and much to_destroy and ⟦ἐσφάλησαν⟧ and ⟦ἡμάρτοσαν⟧ through/because_of the/this/who woman. 28 and now no to_ _trust_(in) I/we? not great the/this/who king the/this/who authority he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? not all the/this/who/which ⟦χῶραι⟧ ⟦εὐλαβοῦνται⟧ ⟦ἅψασθαι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? 29 to_see/experience he/she/it/self, and ⟦Ἀπάμην⟧ the/this/who daughter Bartakou of_the ⟦θαυμαστοῦ⟧, the/this/who ⟦παλλακὴν⟧ of_the king, to_ _sit in/on/among right of_the king, 30 and ⟦ἁφαιροῦσαν⟧ the/this/who diadem away_from the/this/who head of_the king, and ⟦ἐπιτιθοῦσαν⟧ my/your/him-self; and ⟦ἐῤῥάπιζε⟧ the/this/who king the/this/who left. 31 and to/with this/he/she/it the/this/who king ⟦χάσκων⟧ the/this/who mouth to_see/experience he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; and if ⟦προσγελάσῃ⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦γελᾷ⟧; if but/and ⟦πικρανθῇ⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, ⟦κολακεύει⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, that ⟦διαλλαγῇ⟧ he/she/it/self. 32 Omega/oh!/to_be man, how?/how?! not strong the/this/who/which woman, that/since thus(-ly) to_ _do/require? 33 and then the/this/who king and the/this/who great_man to_see one the/this/who other; and be_first to_ _speak about the/this/who truth; 34 man, not strong the/this/who/which woman? great the/this/who earth, and high the/this/who heaven, and quick the/this/who ⟦δρόμῳ⟧ the/this/who sun, that/since ⟦στρέφεται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who surrounding of_the heaven, and again ⟦ἀποτρέχει⟧ toward the/this/who my/your/him-self place in/on/among one day. 35 not great which this/he/she/it to_ _do/make? and the/this/who truth great and ⟦ἰσχυροτέρα⟧ from_with all. 36 all the/this/who earth the/this/who truth to_ _call, and the/this/who heaven he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦εὐλογεῖ⟧, and all the/this/who work ⟦σείεται⟧ and ⟦τρέμει⟧, and no he_is with/after he/she/it/self ⟦ἄδικον⟧ none. 37 unjust the/this/who wine, unjust the/this/who king, unjust the/this/who/which woman, unjust all the/this/who son the/this/who a_human, and ⟦ἄδικα⟧ all the/this/who work he/she/it/self the/this/who such_as_this, and no to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self truth, and in/on/among the/this/who unrighteousness he/she/it/self to_destroy. 38 and the/this/who truth to_stay and be_strong toward the/this/who an_age, and to_live and power/to_grasp/seize toward the/this/who an_age of_the an_age. 39 and no he_is from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self to_take face, and_ _not different, but the/this/who just to_do/make away_from all the/this/who unjust and evil/bad; and all ⟦εὐδοκοῦσι⟧ the/this/who work he/she/it/self, 40 and no to_be in/on/among the/this/who judgement he/she/it/self none

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great. The sky is high. The sun is swift in its course, for it circles around the sky, and returns on its course again in one day. 35 Isn't he who makes these things great? Therefore the truth is great, and stronger than all things. 36 All the earth calls on truth, and the sky blesses truth. All works shake and tremble, but with truth there's no unrighteous thing. 37 Wine is unrighteous. The king is unrighteous. Women are unrighteous. All the children of men are unrighteous, and all their works are unrighteous. There's no truth in them. They'll also perish in their unrighteousness. 38 But truth remains, and is strong forever. Truth lives and conquers forevermore. 39 With truth there's no partiality towards persons or rewards, but truth does the things that are just, instead of any unrighteous or wicked things. All men approve truth's works. 40 In truth's judgement isn't any unrighteousness. Truth is the strength, the kingdom, the power, and the majesty of all ages. Blessed be the god of truth!"

41 With that, he stopped speaking. Then all the people shouted and said, "Great is truth, and strong above all things!"

Zorobabel asks to rebuild Yerushalem

42 Then the king said to him, "Ask what you wish, even more than is appointed in writing, and we'll give it to you, because you're found wisest. You'll sit next me, and will be called my cousin."

43 Then he said to the king, "Remember your vow, which you vowed to build Yerushalem (Jerusalem), in the day when you came to your kingdom, 44 and to send back all the vessels that were taken out of Yerushalem, which Koresh (Cyrus) set apart when he vowed to destroy Bavel (Babylon), and vowed to send them back there. 45 You also vowed to build the temple which the Edomim burnt when Yehudah (Judea) was made desolate by the Kasdim (Chaldeans). 46 Now, Oh lord the king, this is what I request, and what I desire of you, and this is the princely generosity that may proceed from you: I ask therefore that you make good the vow, the performance of which you've vowed to the King of Heaven with your own mouth."

47 Then King Dareyavesh (Darius) stood up, kissed him, and wrote letters for him to all the treasurers and governors and captains and local governors, that they should safely bring on their way both him, and all those who'd go up with him to build Yerushalem. 48 He wrote letters also to all the governors who were in Coele-Syria and Foinikai, and to them in Levanon, that they should bring cedar wood from Levanon to Yerushalem, and that they should help him build the city. 49 Moreover he wrote for all the Yehudim (Jews) who'd go out of his realm up into Yehudah about their freedom, that no officer, no governor, no local governor, nor treasurer, should forcibly enter into their doors, 50 and that all the country which they occupied should be free to them without tribute, and that the Edomim should give up the villages of the Yehudim which they held at that time, 51 and that there should be given twenty talents yearly towards the building of the temple, until the time that it was built, 52 and another ten talents yearly for burnt offerings to be presented on the altar every day, as they had a commandment to make seven-

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teen offerings, 53 and that all those who'd come from Bavel (Babylon) to build the city should have their freedom—they and their descendants, and all the priests that came. 54 He wrote also to give them their support and the priests' vestments in which they minister. 55 Because the Levites he wrote that their support should be given them until the day that the house was finished and Yerushalem built up. 56 He commanded that land and wages should be given to all who guarded the city. 57 He also sent away all the vessels from Bavel that Koresh (Cyrus) had set apart, and all that Koresh had given in commandment, he commanded also to be done and to be sent to Yerushalem.

58 Now when this young man had gone out, he lifted up his face to heaven towards Yerushalem, and praised the King of heaven, 59 and said, "From you comes victory. From you comes wisdom. Yours is the glory, and I'm your servant. 60 Blessed are you, who've given me wisdom. I give thanks to you, Oh master of our fathers. 61 So he took the letters, went out, came to Bavel, and told it all his kindred. 62 They praised the god of their ancestors, because he'd given them freedom and liberty 63 to go up and to build Yerushalem and the temple which is called by his name. They feasted with instruments of music and gladness seven days.

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⟦ἄδικον⟧; and this/he/she/it, the/this/who strength, and the/this/who kingly, and the/this/who authority, and the/this/who majesty the/this/who all an_age; praiseworthy the/this/who God the/this/who truth. 41 and ⟦ἐσιώπησε⟧ of_ _the to_speak; and all the/this/who a_people then to_call; and then to_say, great the/this/who truth, and ⟦ὑπερισχύει⟧; 42 then the/this/who king to_say he/she/it/self, to_ask the/this/who/which to_will/desire much the/this/who to_ _write, and to_give you which way ⟦εὑρέθης⟧ ⟦σοφώτερος⟧, and ⟦ἐχόμενός⟧ I/we ⟦καθήσῃ⟧, and kindred I/we ⟦κληθήθῃ⟧. 43 then to_say the/this/who king, to_remember the/this/who a_vow/prayer, which ⟦ηὔξω⟧, to_build the/this/who Hierousalaʸm in/on/among the/this/who day which the/this/who kingly you to_take, 44 and all the/this/who vessel the/this/who ⟦ληφθέντα⟧ out_from Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦ἐκπέμψαι⟧ which ⟦ἐχώρισε⟧ supreme_power, when ⟦ηὔξατο⟧ ⟦ἐκκόψαι⟧ ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧, and ⟦ηὔξατο⟧ ⟦ἐξαποστεῖλαι⟧ there. 45 and you ⟦ηὔξω⟧ to_build the/this/who temple which ⟦ἐνεπύρισαν⟧ the/this/who Idoumaioi, when to_lay_waste the/this/who Youdaia by/under the/this/who Ḳaldaiōn. 46 and now this/he/she/it to_be the/this/who/which you ⟦ἀξιῶ⟧, lord king, and the/this/who/which to_ask you, and this/he/she/it to_be, the/this/who majesty the/this/who from_with you; to_pray therefore/then in_order_that/to to_ _do/make the/this/who a_vow/prayer, which ⟦ηὔξω⟧ the/this/who king of_the heaven, to_do/make out_from mouth you. 47 then to_arise Dareios the/this/who king to_kiss he/she/it/self, and to_write he/she/it/self the/this/who epistle to/with all the/this/who manager, and ⟦τοπάρχας⟧, and officer/magistrate, and ⟦σατράπας⟧, in_order_that/to ⟦προπέμψωσιν⟧ he/she/it/self and the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there all to_ascend to_build the/this/who Hierousalaʸm. 48 and all the/this/who ⟦τοπάρχαις⟧ in/on/among a_ship's_hold Suria, and Foinikaʸ, and the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Libanō to_write epistle, ⟦μεταφέρειν⟧ wood ⟦κέδρινα⟧ away_from of_the Libanou toward Hierousalaʸm, and that ⟦οἰκοδομήσωσι⟧ with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who city. 49 and to_write all the/this/who Youdaiois the/this/who to_ascend away_from the/this/who kingdom toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea above/for the/this/who freedom, all able, and ⟦τοπάρχην⟧, and ⟦σατράπην⟧, and manager not ⟦ἐπελεύσεσθαι⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who door he/she/it/self, 50 and all the/this/who country which to_ _grasp/seize, ⟦ἀφορολόγητον⟧ he/she/it/self to_be; and in_ _order_that/to the/this/who Idoumaioi ⟦ἀφίωσι⟧ the/this/who village which ⟦διακρατοῦσι⟧ the/this/who Jewish; 51 and toward the/this/who building of_the temple to_ _give according_to year talent twenty, until of_the ⟦οἰκοδομηθήναι⟧; 52 and upon/to/against the/this/who altar burnt_offering ⟦καρποῦσθαι⟧ according_to day, as/just_as to_ _have/be commandment, seventeen to_bring_to another talent, ten according_to year. 53 and all the/this/who ⟦προσβαίνουσιν⟧ away_from the/this/who Babulōnias ⟦κτίσαι⟧ the/this/who city, to_be the/this/who freedom he/she/it/self and/both and the/this/who ⟦ἐκγόνοις⟧ he/she/it/self, and all the/this/who priest the/this/who ⟦προσβαίνουσιν⟧. 54 to_

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write but/and and the/this/who ⟦χορηγίαν⟧ and the/this/who ⟦ἱερατικὴν⟧ robe in/on/among which? to _minister in/on/among he/she/it/self. **55** and the/this/who Leuitais to_write to_give the/this/who ⟦χορηγίαν⟧, until the/this/who day to_be/which ⟦ἐπιτελεσθῇ⟧ the/this/who house and Hierousalaʸm ⟦οἰκοδομηθῆναι⟧. **56** and all the/this/who ⟦φρουροῦσι⟧ the/this/who city to_write to_give he/she/it/self lot and compensation. **57** and to_send_out/away all the/this/who vessel which ⟦ἐχώρισε⟧ supreme_power away_from Babulōnos; and all just_as/how_much to_say supreme_power to_do/make, and he/she/it/self to_command to_do/make, and ⟦ἐξαποστεῖλαι⟧ toward Hierousalaʸm. **58** and when to_go_out the/this/who young_man, to_take_up the/this/who face toward the/this/who heaven against/in_ _front_of Hierousalaʸm, to_praise/bless the/this/who king of_ _the heaven, to_speak, **59** from_with you victory, and from_with you the/this/who wisdom, and your the/this/who glory, and I/we your slave. **60** praiseworthy to_be, which to_give I/we wisdom, and you/your to_confess/profess, master the/this/who father. **61** and to_take the/this/who epistle, and to_go_out, and to_come/go toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧, and to_ _announce the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there all. **62** and ⟦εὐλόγησαν⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who father he/she/it/self, that/since to_give he/she/it/self rest and forgiveness, **63** ⟦ἀναβῆναι⟧ and to_build the/this/who Hierousalaʸm and the/this/who temple, which/whither to_ _name the/this/who name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against he/she/it/self; and ⟦ἐκωθωνίζοντο⟧ with/after musician and joy day seven.

5:1 with/after but/and this/he/she/it ⟦ἐξελέγησαν⟧ ⟦ἀναβῆναι⟧ ⟦ἀρχηγοὶ⟧ house ⟦πατριῶν⟧ according_to tribe he/she/it/self, and the/this/who/which woman he/she/it/self, and the/this/who son he/she/it/self, and the/this/who/which daughter, and the/this/who ⟦παῖδες⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who/which ⟦παιδίσκαι⟧, and the/this/who animal he/she/it/self. **2** and Dareios ⟦συναπέστειλε⟧ with/after he/she/it/self horseman ⟦χιλίους⟧, until of_the ⟦ἀποκαταστῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self toward Hierousalaʸm with/after peace, and with/after musician, ⟦τυμπάνων⟧, and a_canyon. **3** and all the/this/who brother he/she/it/self ⟦παίζοντες⟧, and to_do/make he/she/it/self ⟦συναναβῆναι⟧ with/after that. **4** and this/he/she/it the/this/who name the/this/who man the/this/who to_ _ascend according_to family_line he/she/it/self toward the/this/who tribe, upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦μεριδαρχίαν⟧ he/she/it/self. **5** the/this/who priest son Finees, son A'arōn, Yaʸsous the/this/who of_the Yōsedek of_ _the Saraiou, and Yōakim the/this/who of_the Zorobabel of_ _the Salathiaʸl out_from of_the house of_the Dawid, out_from the/this/who generation peres, tribe but/and Youda, **6** which to_speak upon/to/against Dareiou of_the king Persōn word wise in/on/among the/this/who secondly year the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, month Nisan of_the first ⟦μηνός⟧. **7** to_be but/and this/he/she/it

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5:1 After this, the chiefs of fathers' houses were chosen to go up according to their tribes, with their wives, sons, and daughters, with their male servants and female servants, and their livestock. **2** Dareyavesh (Darius) sent with them one thousand cavalry to bring them back to Yerushalem with peace, with musical instruments, drums, and flutes. **3** All their kindred were making merry, and he made them go up together with them.

4 These are the names of the men who went up, according to their families among their tribes, after their several divisions. **5** The priests, the sons of Pinhas, the sons of Aharon (Aaron): Yeshua (Jesus) the son of Yotsadak, the son of Serayah, and Yoyakim the son of Zorobabel, the son of Salathiail, of the house of David, of the lineage of Perets, of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah), **6** who spoke wise words before Dareyavesh the king of Paras (Persia) in the second year of his reign, in the month Nisan, which is the first month.

7 These are the of Yehudim (Jews) who came up from the captivity, where they lived as foreigners, whom Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) the king of Bavel (Babylon) had carried away to Bavel.[14] **8** They returned to Yerushalem and to the other parts of Yehudah, every man to his own city, who came with Zoroba-

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bel, with Yeshua, Nehemyah (Nehemiah), Serayah,[15] Resaias, Eneneus,[16] Mordekai, Bilshan, Mispar,[17] Re'elayah,[18] Roimus, and Ba'ana, their leaders.

9 The number of them of the nation and their leaders: the sons of Par'osh, two thousand and one hundred and seventy two; the sons of[19] Saphat, four hundred and seventy two; **10** the sons of[20] Arah, seven hundred and fifty six; **11** the sons of[21] Pahat-Moav, of the sons of Yeshua and Yoav (Joab), two thousand and eight hundred and twelve; **12** the sons of Eylam, one thousand and two hundred and fifty four; the sons of[22] Zatu, nine hundred and forty five; the sons of[23] Zakay, seven hundred and five; the sons of Bani, six hundred and forty eight; **13** the sons of Bevay, six hundred and twenty three; the sons of[24] Azgad,[25] one thousand and three hundred and twenty two; **14** the sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty seven; the sons of[26] Bigvay, two thousand and sixty six; the sons of[27] Adin, four hundred and fifty four; **15** the sons of[28] Ater, of Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), ninety two; the sons of Kilan and Azetas, sixty seven; the sons of[29] Azaru, four hundred and thirty two; **16** the sons of[30] Annis, one hundred and one; the sons of Arom, the sons of[31] Betsay, three hundred and twenty three; the sons of Arsiphurith, one hundred and twelve; **17** the sons of Baiterus, three thousand and five; the sons of[32] Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), one hundred and twenty three; **18** those from Netofah, fifty five; those from Anatot, one hundred and fifty eight; those from[33] Azmavet, forty two; **19** those from Kiryat-Yearim,[34] twenty five: those from Kefirah and Be'erot, seven hundred and forty three; **20** the Chadiasai and Ammidioi, four hundred and twenty two; those from Ramah[35] and Geva,[36] six hundred and twenty one; **21** those from Mik-

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the/this/who out_from the/this/who earth Jewish/Judea to_ _ascend out_from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ the/this/who sojourning, which to_deport Nabouḳodonosor king Babulōnos toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧. **8** and to_turn toward Hierousalaʸm and the/this/who ⟦λοιπὴν⟧ Jewish/Judea each toward the/this/who one's_own/private city, the/this/who to_ _come/go with/after Zorobabel, and Yaʸsou, Ne'emiou, Zaraiou, ʁaʸsaiou, ⟦'Ενηνέος⟧, Mardoḳaiou, Be'elsarou, Asfarasou, ʁe'eliou, ⟦Ῥοΐμου⟧, Ba'ana, the/this/who ⟦προηγουμένων⟧ he/she/it/self. **9** number the/this/who away_from of_the Gentile_nation and the/this/who to_prefer he/she/it/self; son tax, two thousand and hundred seventy-two; son Safat, four_hundred seventy-two. **10** son Ares, seven_hundred fifty-six. **11** son ⟦Φαὰθ⟧ Mōab toward the/this/who son Yaʸsou and Yōab, two_thousand eight_ _hundred twelve. **12** son Aʸlam, thousand two_hundred fifty-four; son ⟦Ζαθουΐ⟧, nine_hundred seventy-five; son Ḳorbe, seven_hundred five; son Bani, six_hundred forty-eight. **13** son Baʸbai, six_hundred thirty-three; son idle, thousand three_ _hundred twenty-two. **14** son ⟦'Αδωνικὰν⟧, six_hundred thirty-seven. son Bagoi, two_thousand six_hundred six; son ⟦'Αδινοὺ⟧, four_hundred fifty-four; **15** son Ataʸr Ezekiou, ninety-two; son Kilan, and ⟦'Αζηνὰν⟧, sixty-seven; son ⟦'Αζαροὺ⟧, four_hundred thirty-two. **16** son ⟦'Αννὶς⟧, hundred one; son Arom, thirty-two; son Bassai, three_hundred twenty-three; son ⟦'Αρσιφουρὶθ⟧, hundred two. **17** son Baitaʸrous, three_thousand five; son out_from Baithlōmōn, hundred twenty-three. **18** the/this/who out_from Netōfas, fifty-five; the/this/who out_from Anathōth, hundred ⟦πεντηκονταοκτώ⟧; the/this/who out_from ⟦Βαιθασμὼν⟧, forty-two. **19** the/this/who out_from ⟦Καριαθιρὶ⟧, twenty-five; the/this/who out_from ⟦Καφείρας⟧, and ⟦Βηρὼγ⟧, seven_

15 **RV 5:8 · Note** Seralah.
16 **RV 5:8 · Note** Or, Enenis.
17 **RV 5:8 · Note** Mispar.
18 **RV 5:8 · Note** Reclaiah
19 **RV 5:9 · Note** Shephatiah.
20 **RV 5:10 · Note** Arah.
21 **RV 5:11 · Note** Pahath-moab.
22 **RV 5:12 · Note** Zattu.
23 **RV 5:12 · Note** Zaccai.
24 **RV 5:13 · Note** Asgad.
25 **RV 5:13 · Note** According to other readings, 3622, or 3222.
26 **RV 5:14 · Note** Bigvai.
27 **RV 5:14 · Note** Adin.
28 **RV 5:15 · Note** Ater of Hezekiah.
29 **RV 5:15 · Note** Another reading is, Azuru.
30 **RV 5:16 · Note** Another reading is, Annias.
31 **RV 5:16 · Note** Bezai.
32 **RV 5:17 · Note** Bethlehem.
33 **RV 5:18 · Note** Azmaveth.
34 **RV 5:19 · Note** Kiryat-Arim or Kiryat-Yearim.
35 **RV 5:20 · Note** Rumah.
36 **RV 5:20 · Note** Geba.

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_hundred forty-three. 20 the/this/who Ḳadiasai and ⟦Ἀμμίδιοι⟧, four_hundred twenty-two; the/this/who/which out_from Kiramas and Gabbaʸs, six_hundred twenty one. 21 the/this/who out_from Makalōn, hundred twenty-two; the/this/who out_from ⟦Βετολίῳ⟧, fifty-two; son Nifis, hundred fifty-six. 22 son ⟦Καλαμωλάλου⟧, and Ōnous, seven_ _hundred twenty-five; son Hiereḳou, two_hundred forty-five. 23 son Sanaas, three_thousand three_hundred one. 24 the/this/who priest the/this/who son Yeddou of_the Yaʸsou toward the/this/who son ⟦Σανασὶβ⟧, eight_hundred seventy-two; son Emmaʸrouth, two_hundred fifty-two. 25 son ⟦Φασσούρου⟧, thousand forty-seven; son Ḳarmi, two_hundred seventeen. 26 the/this/who Leuitai the/this/who son Yaʸsou, and ⟦Καδοήλου⟧, and Bannou, and Soudiou, seventy-four; 27 the/this/who ⟦ἱεροψάλται⟧ son Asar, hundred twenty-eight. 28 the/this/who ⟦θυρωροὶ⟧ son Saloum, son nevertheless, son be_bold, son ⟦Δακοὺβ⟧, Ataʸta, son ⟦Τωβὶς⟧, all hundred thirty-nine. 29 the/this/who ⟦ἱερόδουλοι⟧, son Haʸsau, son Asifa, son Tabaōth, son Kaʸras, son ⟦Σουδὰ⟧, son ⟦Φαλαίου⟧, son Labana, son ⟦Ἀγραβὰ⟧, 30 son Akoud, son Outa, son Kaʸtab, son ⟦Ἀκκαβὰ⟧, son Subai, son Anan, son Kathoua, son a_troop, 31 son Yairou, son Daisan, son Noeba, son Ḳaseba, son ⟦Καζηρὰ⟧, son Oziou, son Finoe, son Asara, son Basthai, son

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mas,[37] one hundred and twenty two; those from Beyt-El (Bethel),[38] fifty two; the sons of Magbish,[39] one hundred and fifty six; 22 the sons of Calamolalus[40] and Ono,[41] seven hundred and twenty five; the sons of Yeriho (Jericho),[42] three[43] hundred and forty five; 23 and the sons of Sena'ah,[44] three thousand and three hundred and thirty.

24 The priests: the sons of Yedayah,[45] the son of Yeshua (Jesus), among the sons of Sanasib, nine hundred and seventy two; the sons of Imer,[46] one thousand and fifty two; 25 the sons of Pashhur,[47] one thousand and two hundred and forty seven; and the sons of Harim,[48] one thousand and seventeen. 26 The Levites: the sons of Yeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, and Hodavyah, seventy four. 27 The holy singers: the sons of Asaf, one hundred and twenty eight. 28 The gatekeepers: the sons of[49] Shalum, the sons of[50] Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of[51] Akuv, the sons of[52] Hatita, the sons of[53] Shovay, in all one hundred and thirty nine.

29 The temple servants: the sons of[54] Esav (Esau), the sons of[55] Hasufa, the sons of Tabaeot, the sons of[56] Keyros, the sons of[57] Siea, the sons of[58] Padon, the sons of Levana, the sons of[59] Hagava. 30 the sons of[60] Akuv, the sons of Uta, the sons of Ketab, the sons of[61] Hagav, the sons of[62] Shamlay, the sons of[63] Anan, the

37 **RV 5:21 · Note** Michmas.
38 **RV 5:21 · Note** Bethel.
39 **RV 5:21 · Note** Magbish
40 **RV 5:22 · Note** Lod, Hadid.
41 **RV 5:22 · Note** Ono.
42 **RV 5:22 · Note** Yeriho/Jericho.
43 **RV 5:22 · Note** Another reading is, two
44 **RV 5:23 · Note** Senaah.
45 **RV 5:24 · Note** Jedaiah.
46 **RV 5:24 · Note** Immer.
47 **RV 5:25 · Note** Pashhur.
48 **RV 5:25 · Note** Harim.
49 **RV 5:28 · Note** Shallum.
50 **RV 5:28 · Note** Ater.
51 **RV 5:28 · Note** Akkub.
52 **RV 5:28 · Note** Hatita.
53 **RV 5:28 · Note** Shobai.
54 **RV 5:29 · Note** Ziha.
55 **RV 5:29 · Note** Hasupha.
56 **RV 5:29 · Note** Keros.
57 **RV 5:29 · Note** Siaha.
58 **RV 5:29 · Note** Padon.
59 **RV 5:29 · Note** Hagaba.
60 **RV 5:30 · Note** Akkub.
61 **RV 5:30 · Note** Hagab.
62 **RV 5:30 · Note** Shamlai.
63 **RV 5:30 · Note** Hanan.

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sons of[64] Gidel, the sons of[65] Gahar, 31 the sons of[66] Yair, the sons of[67] Retsin, the sons of[68] Nekoda, the sons of Chaseba, the sons of[69] Gazam, the sons of[70] Ozias, the sons of[71] Paseah, the sons of Asara, the sons of[72] Besay, the sons of[73] Asnah, the sons of[74] Meunim, the sons of[75] Nafish, the sons of[76] Bakbuk, the sons of[77] Hakufa, the sons of[78] Harhur, the sons of Pharakim, the sons of[79] Batslut, 32 the sons of[80] Mehida, the sons of Cutha, the sons of[81] Harsha, the sons of[82] Barkos, the sons of[83] Sisera, the sons of[84] Temah, the sons of[85] Netsiah, the sons of Hatifa.

33 The sons of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) servants: the sons of[86] Soferet, the sons of[87] Perida, the sons of[88] Ya'alah, the sons of[89] Darkon, the sons of[90] Isdael, the sons of[91] Shefatyah, 34 the sons of[92] Hatil, the sons of[93] Pokeret-Hatsvayim, the sons of Sabie, the sons of Sarothie, the sons of[94] Masias, the sons of Gas, the sons of Addus, the sons of Subas, the sons of Apherra, the sons of Barodis, the sons of Saphat, the sons of Alon.

35 All the temple-servants and the sons of Shelomoh's servants were three hundred and seventy two. 36 These came up from[95]

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⟦Ἀσσανὰ⟧, son Mani, son Nafisi, son Akouf, son Aḳiba, son Asoub, son ⟦Φαρακὲμ⟧, son ⟦Βασαλὲμ⟧, 32 son Me'edda, son Koutha, son Ḳarea, son ⟦Βαρχουὲ⟧, son Serar, son Thomoi, son Nasi, son ⟦Ἀτεφά⟧; 33 son child Salōmōn, son ⟦Ἀσσαπφιὼθ⟧, son ⟦Φαριρὰ⟧, son ⟦Ἰειηλὶ⟧, son Lozōn, son Isdaaʸl, son ⟦Σαφυΐ⟧, 34 son holy, son ⟦Φακαρὲθ⟧, son ⟦Σαβιὴ⟧, son ⟦Σαρωθὶ⟧, son ⟦Μισαίας⟧, son Gas, son Addous, son Souba, son Afeʧa, son Barōdis, son ⟦Σαφὰγ⟧, son ⟦Ἀλλώμ⟧; 35 all the/this/who ⟦ἱερόδουλοι⟧, and the/this/who son the/this/who child Salōmōn three_hundred seventy-two. 36 this/he/she/it to_ascend away_from Thermeleth, and Thelersas, to_govern he/she/it/self ⟦Χαραααθαλὰν⟧, and ⟦Ἀλάρ⟧. 37 and no be_able to_announce the/this/who family_ _line he/she/it/self and generation, which/how out_from of_ _the Israaʸl to_be; son Dalan of_the son of_the ⟦Βαενὰν⟧, son Nekōdan, six_hundred ⟦πεντη⟧; ⟦κονταδύο⟧. 38 and out_from the/this/who priest the/this/who ⟦ἐμποιούμενοι⟧ priesthood, and no to_find/meet, son Obdia, son ⟦Ἀκβὼς⟧, son ⟦Ἰαδδοὺ⟧ of_the ⟦λαβόντος⟧ Augian woman the/this/who daughter ⟦Φαηζελδαίου⟧, and to_call upon/to/against the/this/who

64 **RV 5:30 · Note** Giddel.
65 **RV 5:30 · Note** Gahar
66 **RV 5:31 · Note** Reaiah.
67 **RV 5:31 · Note** Rezin.
68 **RV 5:31 · Note** Nekoda.
69 **RV 5:31 · Note** Gazzam.
70 **RV 5:31 · Note** Uzza.
71 **RV 5:31 · Note** Paseah.
72 **RV 5:31 · Note** Besai.
73 **RV 5:31 · Note** Asnah.
74 **RV 5:31 · Note** Meunim.
75 **RV 5:31 · Note** Nephisim.
76 **RV 5:31 · Note** Bakbuk. According to other readings, Acum, or Acuph.
77 **RV 5:31 · Note** Hakupha.
78 **RV 5:31 · Note** Harhur.
79 **RV 5:31 · Note** Bazluth.
80 **RV 5:32 · Note** Mehida.
81 **RV 5:32 · Note** Harsha
82 **RV 5:32 · Note** Barkos.
83 **RV 5:32 · Note** Sisera.
84 **RV 5:32 · Note** Temah
85 **RV 5:32 · Note** Neziah. Another reading is, Nasith.
86 **RV 5:33 · Note** Hussophereth.
87 **RV 5:33 · Note** Peruda.
88 **RV 5:33 · Note** Jaalah.
89 **RV 5:33 · Note** Darkon.
90 **RV 5:33 · Note** Giddel.
91 **RV 5:33 · Note** Shephatia.
92 **RV 5:34 · Note** Hattil.
93 **RV 5:34 · Note** Pochereth-haz-zebaim, Ezra 2:57.
94 **RV 5:34 · Note** Another reading is, Misaias.
95 **RV 5:36 · Note** Telmelah.

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name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **39** and this/he/she/it ⟦ζητηθείσης⟧ the/this/who ⟦γενικῆς⟧ a_writing in/on/among the/this/who ⟦καταλοχισμῷ⟧ and not ⟦εὑρεθείσης⟧, ⟦ἐχωρίσθησαν⟧ of_the to_serve_as_priest. **40** and to_say he/she/it/self Ne'emias and Attharias, not to_share the/this/who holy until to_arise high-priest to_put_on the/this/who ⟦δήλωσιν⟧ and the/this/who truth. **41** the/this/who but/and all Israaʸl to_be away_from ⟦δωδεκαετοῦς⟧ and above without child and maidservant, myriad four two_thousand three_hundred sixty. **42** ⟦Παῖδες⟧ this/he/she/it and ⟦παιδίσκαι⟧, seven_thousand three_ _hundred thirty-seven. ⟦ψάλται⟧ and ⟦ψαλτῳδοὶ⟧, two_ _hundred forty-five; **43** ⟦Κάμηλοι⟧ four_hundred thirty-five, and ⟦ἵπποι⟧ seven_thousand thirty-six, ⟦ἡμίονοι⟧ two_hundred forty five, ⟦ὑποζύλια⟧ ⟦πεντακισχίλια⟧ five_hundred twenty-five. **44** and out_from the/this/who to_govern according_to the/this/who family_line in/on/among the/this/who ⟦παραγίνεσθαι⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who temple of_the God the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, ⟦ηὔξαντο⟧ to_arise the/this/who house upon/to/against he/she/it/self/the/this/who of_the place he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there according_to the/this/who he/she/it/self power, **45** and to_give toward the/this/who temple treasury the/this/who work, gold mina thousand and money mina ⟦πεντακισχιλίας⟧, and robe ⟦ἱερατικὰς⟧ hundred. **46** and ⟦κατῳκίσθησαν⟧ the/this/who priest, and the/this/who ⟦Λευεῖται⟧, and the/this/who out_ _from of_the a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among Hierousalaʸm and the/this/who country, the/this/who/which and/both ⟦ἱεροψάλται⟧, and the/this/who ⟦θυρωροὶ⟧, and all Israaʸl in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κώμαις⟧ he/she/it/self. **47** ⟦Ἐνστάντος⟧ but/and of_the ⟦ἑβδόμον⟧ ⟦μηνὸς⟧, and to_be the/this/who son Israaʸl each in/on/among the/this/who one's_ _own/private, to_assemble united toward the/this/who ⟦εὐρύχωρον⟧ of_the first gate of_the to/with the/this/who east. **48** and ⟦καταστὰς⟧ Yaʸsous the/this/who of_the Yōsedek and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who priest, and Zorobabel the/this/who of_the Salathiaʸl and the/this/who this/he/she/it brother, to_make_ready the/this/who altar of_the God Israaʸl, **49** to_bring_to upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ὁλοκαυτώσεις⟧, ⟦ἀκολούθως⟧ the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Mōseōs book of_the a_human of_the God ⟦διηγορευμένοις⟧. **50** and ⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧ he/she/it/self out_

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Tel-Melah, and[96] Tel-Harsha,[97] Charaathalan leading them, and Allar; **37** and they couldn't show their families, nor their stock, how they were of Yisrael (Israel): the sons of[98] Delayah the son of[99] Ban, the sons of[100] Nekoda, six hundred and fifty two.

38 Of the priests, those who usurped the office of the priesthood and weren't found: the sons of[101] Havayah, the sons of[102] Hakots, the sons of Jaddus, who married Augia one of the daughters of[103] Barzilay, and was called after his name. **39** When the description of the kindred of these men was searched for in the register and wasn't found, they were removed from executing the office of the priesthood; **40** for Nehemyah (Nehemiah) and Attharias told them that they shouldn't be partakers of the holy things until a high priest wearing[104] Urim and Tumim should arise.

41 So all those of Yisrael, from twelve years old and upward, beside male servants and women servants, were in number forty two thousand and three hundred and sixty. **42** Their male servants and handmaids were seven thousand and three hundred and thirty and seven; the minstrels and singers, two hundred and forty five; **43** four hundred and thirty and five camels, seven thousand and thirty six horses, two hundred and forty five mules, and five thousand and five hundred and twenty five animals of burden.

44 And some of the chief men of their families, when they came to God's temple that's in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), vowed to set up the house again in its own place according to their ability, **45** and to give into the holy treasury of the works one thousand minas[105] of gold, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly vestments.

46 The priests and the Levites and some of the people lived in Yerushalem and the country. The holy singers also and the gatekeepers and all Yisrael lived in their villages.

Worship resumes at the rebuilt altar

47 But when the seventh month was at hand, and when the Israeli people were each in their own place, they all came together with one purpose into the broad place before the first porch which is towards the east. **48** Then Yeshua the son of Yotsadak, his kindred the priests, Zorobabel the son of Salathiail, and his kindred stood up and made the altar of the god of Yisrael ready **49** to offer burnt sacrifices on it, in accordance with the express commands in the book of Mosheh (Moses) the man of God. **50** Some people joined

96 **RV 5:36 · Note** Telharsha.

97 **RV 5:36 · Note** Cherub. Addan.

98 **RV 5:37 · Note** Delaiah. Another reading is, Asan.

99 **RV 5:37 · Note** Tobiah Another reading is, Baenan.

100 **RV 5:37 · Note** Nekoda.

101 **RV 5:38 · Note** Habaiah, or Hobaiah.

102 **RV 5:38 · Note** Hakkoz.

103 **RV 5:38 · Note** Barzillai. Another reading is, Phaezeldaeus.

104 **RV 5:40 · Note** Grk. the manifestation and truth.

105 **RV 5:45 · Note** A mina is about 570 grams or 1.25 pounds.

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them out of the other nations of the land, and they erected the altar onto its own place, because all the nations of the land were hostile to them and oppressed them; and they offered sacrifices at the proper times and burnt offerings to the master both morning and evening. **51** They also held the feast of tabernacles, as it's commanded in the law, and offered sacrifices daily, as appropriate. **52** After that, they offered the continual oblations and the sacrifices of the Sabbaths, of the new moons, and of all the consecrated feasts. **53** All those who'd made any vow to God began to offer sacrifices to God from the new moon of the seventh month, although God's temple wasn't yet built. **54** They gave money, food, and drink to the masons and carpenters. **55** They also gave carts to the people of Tsidon (Sidon) and Tsor (Tyre), that they should bring cedar trees from Levanon, and convey them in rafts to the harbour of Yafo (Joppa), according to the commandment which was written for them by Koresh (Cyrus) king of the Persians.

The temple foundations are laid

56 In the second year after his coming to God's temple at Yerushalem (Jerusalem), in the second month, Zorobabel the son of Salathiail, Yeshua (Jesus) the son of Yotsadak, their kindred, the Levitical priests, and all those who'd come to Yerushalem out of the captivity began work. **57** They laid the foundation of God's temple on the new moon of the second month, in the second year after they'd come to Yehudah (Judea) and Yerushalem. **58** They appointed the Levites who were at least twenty years old over the master's works. Then Yeshua, with his sons and kindred, Kadmiel his brother, the sons of Yeshua, Emadabun, and the sons of Yoda the son of Henadad, and their sons and kindred, all the Levites, with one accord stood up and started the business, labouring to advance the works in God's house. So the builders built the master's temple.[106]

59 The priests stood arrayed in their vestments with musical instruments and trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaf with their cymbals, **60** singing songs of thanksgiving and praising the master, according to the directions of King David of Yisrael (Israel). **61** They sang aloud, praising the master in songs of thanksgiving, because his goodness and his glory are forever in all Yisrael. **62** All the people sounded trumpets and shouted with a loud voice, singing songs of thanksgiving to the master for the raising up of the master's house. **63** Some of the Levitical priests and of the heads of their families, the elderly who'd seen the former house came to the building of this one with lamentation and great weeping.[107] **64** But many with trumpets and joy shouted with a loud voice, **65** so that the people couldn't hear the trumpets for the weeping of the people, for the multitude sounded loudly, so that it was heard far away.

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_from the/this/who another Gentile_nation the/this/who earth, and ⟦κατώρθωσαν⟧ the/this/who altar upon/to/against of_the place he/she/it/self, that/since in/on/among hostility to_be he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατίσχυσαν⟧ he/she/it/self all the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who earth; and ⟦ἀνέφερον⟧ sacrifice according_to the/this/who time/right_time, and burnt_offering lord the/this/who morning and the/this/who ⟦δειλινόν⟧. **51** and ⟦ἐγάγοσαν⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦σκηνοπηγίας⟧ festival, which/how ⟦ἐπιτέτακται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who law, and sacrifice according_to day, which/how ⟦προσῆκον⟧ to_ _be; **52** and with/after this/he/she/it offering ⟦ἐνδελεχισμοῦ⟧, and sacrifice Sabbath and ⟦νουμηνιῶν⟧ and ⟦ἑορτῶν⟧ all ⟦ἡγιασμένων⟧. **53** and just_as/how_much ⟦ηὔξαντο⟧ a_ _vow/prayer the/this/who God away_from the/this/who New_ _Moon of_the seventh ⟦μηνὸς⟧, be_first to_bring_to sacrifice the/this/who God, and the/this/who temple of_the God not_ _yet to_build. **54** and to_give money the/this/who ⟦λατόμοις⟧ and ⟦τέκτοσι⟧, and ⟦ποτὰ⟧ and ⟦βρωτὰ⟧, **55** and ⟦χάῤῥα⟧ the/this/who Sidōniois and Turiois toward the/this/who ⟦παράγειν⟧ he/she/it/self out_from of_the Libanou wood ⟦κέδρινα⟧, ⟦διαφέρειν⟧ ⟦σχεδίας⟧ toward the/this/who Yoppaʸs harbour, according_to the/this/who an_order the/this/who ⟦γραφὲν⟧ he/she/it/self from_with Kurou of_the Persōn king. **56** and the/this/who secondly year to_come toward the/this/who temple of_the God toward ⟦Ἱερονσαλὴμ⟧ ⟦μηνὸς⟧ secondly, be_first Zorobabel the/this/who of_the Salathiaʸl, and Yaʸsous the/this/who of_the Yōsedek, and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self, and the/this/who priest the/this/who Leuitai, and all the/this/who to_come out_from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ toward Hierousalaʸm, **57** and ⟦ἐθεμελίωσαν⟧ the/this/who temple of_the God the/this/who New_Moon of_the secondly ⟦μηνὸς⟧ of_the secondly ⟦ἔτους⟧, in/on/among the/this/who to_come/go toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea and Hierousalaʸm. **58** and to_stand the/this/who Leuitas away_from ⟦εἰκοσαετοῦς⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who work of_the lord; and to_stand Yaʸsous, and the/this/who son, and the/this/who brother, and Kadmiaʸl the/this/who brother, and the/this/who son Aʸmadaboun, and the/this/who son Yōda of_the ⟦Ἡλιαδοὺδ⟧ with the/this/who son and brother, all the/this/who Leuitai united ⟦ἐργοδιῶκται⟧, to_do/make toward the/this/who work in/on/among the/this/who house of_the lord; and ⟦ᾠκοδόμησαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦οἰκοδόμοι⟧ the/this/who temple of_the lord. **59** and to_stand the/this/who priest ⟦ἑστολισμενοι⟧ with/after musician and ⟦σαλπίγγων⟧, **60** and the/this/who Leuitai son Asaf to_have/be the/this/who ⟦κύμβαλα⟧ ⟦ὑμνοῦντες⟧ the/this/who lord, and to_ _praise/bless according_to Dawid king of_the Israaʸl. **61** and to_ _call through/because_of ⟦ὕμνων⟧ to_praise/bless the/this/who lord, that/since the/this/who kindness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who

106 **RV 5:58 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 3:8-9.

107 **RV 5:63 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 3:12-13.

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glory toward the/this/who an_age in/on/among all Israaʸl.
62 and all the/this/who a_people ⟦ἐσάλπισαν⟧ and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧
voice/sound great, ⟦ὑμνοῦντες⟧ the/this/who lord
upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἐγέρσει⟧ of_the house lord.
63 and ⟦ἦλθοσαν⟧ out_from the/this/who priest the/this/who
Leuitōn and the/this/who ⟦προκαθημένων⟧ according_to
the/this/who family_line he/she/it/self, the/this/who elder
the/this/who to_see the/this/who before this/he/she/it
house, to/with the/this/who this/he/she/it building
with/after ⟦κλαυθμοῦ⟧ and shouting great, **64** and much
through/because_of ⟦σαλπιγγων⟧ and joy great the/this/who
voice/sound, **65** so the/this/who a_people not to_hear
the/this/who ⟦σαλπίγγων⟧ through/because_of the/this/who
⟦κλαυθμὸν⟧ of_the a_people; the/this/who for crowd to_be
the/this/who ⟦σαλπίζων⟧ greatly, so from_afar ⟦ἀκούεσθαι⟧.
66 and to_hear the/this/who enemy the/this/who tribe Youda
and Beniamin, ⟦ἦλθοσαν⟧ to_come_to_know one/which?
the/this/who voice/sound the/this/who ⟦σαλπίγγων⟧. **67** and
to_come_to_know that/since the/this/who out_from
the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ ⟦οἰκοδομοῦσι⟧ the/this/who
temple the/this/who lord God Israaʸl. **68** and to_come_
_near/agree the/this/who Zorobabel, and Yaʸsou, and
the/this/who to_govern the/this/who ⟦πατριῶν⟧, to_speak
he/she/it/self, ⟦συνοικοδομήσωμεν⟧ you. **69** similarly for you
to_hear of_the lord you, and he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπιθύομεν⟧ away_
_from day ⟦Ἀσβακαφὰς⟧ king Assuriōn, which ⟦μετήγαγεν⟧
I/we here. **70** and to_say he/she/it/self Zorobabel and Yaʸsous
and the/this/who to_govern the/this/who ⟦πατριῶν⟧ of_the
Israaʸl, no I/we and you of_the to_build the/this/who house
lord God I/we. **71** I/we for alone ⟦οἰκοδομήσωμεν⟧
the/this/who lord of_the Israaʸl, ⟦ἀκολούθως⟧ which to_order
I/we supreme_power the/this/who king Persōn.
72 the/this/who but/and Gentile_nation the/this/who earth
⟦ἐπικοιμώμενα⟧ the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who
Youdaia and ⟦πολιορκοῦντες⟧, ⟦εἶργον⟧ of_the to_build, **73** and
plan ⟦δημαγωγοῦντες⟧, and ⟦συστάσεις⟧ to_do/make,
⟦ἀπεκώλυσαν⟧ of_the ⟦ἀποτελεσθῆναι⟧ the/this/who building
all the/this/who time the/this/who life of_the king Kurou; and
⟦εἴρχθησαν⟧ the/this/who building year two until
the/this/who Dareiou kingdom.

6:1 in/on/among but/and the/this/who secondly year
the/this/who Dareiou kingdom, to_prophesy Angaios and
Zaḵarias the/this/who of_the Addō the/this/who prophet
upon/to/against the/this/who the/this/who Youdaious
the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia and
Hierousalaʸm, upon/to/against the/this/who name lord God
Israaʸl upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **2** then to_stand
Zorobabel the/this/who of_the Salathiaʸl and Yaʸsous
the/this/who of_the Yōsedek, be_first to_build the/this/who
house of_the lord, the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm,

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Opposition to rebuilding the temple

66 Therefore when the enemies of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) and Benyamin heard it, they came to know what that noise of trumpets meant.[108] **67** They learnt that those who returned from captivity built the temple for the master, the god of Yisrael. **68** So they went to Zorobabel and Yeshua, and to the chief men of the families, and said to them, "We'll build together with you. **69** Because we, just like you, obey your master, and sacrifice to him from the days of King Esar-Hadon[109] of the Assyrians, who brought us here."

70 Then Zorobabel, Yeshua (Jesus) and the chief men of the families of Yisrael said to them, "It isn't for you to build the house for the master our god. **71** We ourselves alone will build for the master of Yisrael, as King Koresh (Cyrus) of the Persians has commanded us." **72** But the heathen of the land pressed hard on the inhabitants of Yehudah, cut off their supplies, and hindered their building. **73** By their secret plots, and popular persuasions and commotions, they hindered the finishing of the building all the time that King Koresh lived. So they were hindered from building for two years, until Dareyavesh's reign.

The rebuilding resumes

6:1 Now in the second year of Dareyavesh's (Darius') reign, Hagay and Zekaryah (Zechariah) the son of[110] Ido, the prophets, prophesied to the Yehudim (Jews) in Yehudah and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the name of the master, the god of Yisrael.[111] **2** Then Zorobabel the son of Salathiail and Yeshua the son of Yotsadak stood up and began to build the master's house at Yerushalem, the master's prophets being with them and helping them.

3 At the same time Tatenay[112] the governor of Aram (Syria) and

108 **RV 5:66 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 4:1.

109 **RV 5:69 · Note** Another reading is, Asbacaphath.

110 **RV 6:1 · Note** Iddo. Another reading is, Eddin

111 **RV 6:1 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 4:24; 5:1.

112 **RV 6:3 · Note** Tattenai.

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Foinikai came to them, with Shetar-Bozenay[113] and his companions, and said to them,[114] 4 "By whose authority do you build this house and this roof, and perform all the other things? Who are the builders who do these things?" 5 Nevertheless, the elders of the Yehudim obtained favour, because the master had visited the captives; 6 and they weren't hindered from building until such time as communication was made to Dareyavesh about them, and his answer received.

The officials ask Dareyavesh to investigate

7 A copy of the letter which Tatenay, governor of Aram and Foinikai, and Shetar-Bozenay, with their companions, the rulers in Aram and Foinikai, wrote and sent to Dareyavesh:

8 "To King Dareyavesh, greetings. Let it be fully known to our lord the king, that having come into the country of Yehudah (Judea), and entered into the city of Yerushalem, we found in the city of Yerushalem the elders of the Yehudim that were of the captivity 9 building a great new house for the master of hewn and costly stones, with timber laid in the walls. 10 Those works are being done with great speed. The work goes on prosperously in their hands, and it's being accomplished with all glory and diligence. 11 Then asked we these elders, saying, 'By whose authority are you building this house and laying the foundations of these works?' 12 Therefore, to the intent that we might give knowledge to you by writing who were the leaders, we questioned them, and we required of them the names in writing of their principal men. 13 So they gave us this answer, 'We're the servants of the master who made heaven and earth. 14 As for this house, it was built many years ago by a great and strong king of Yisrael (Israel), and was finished. 15 But when our fathers sinned against the master of Yisrael who's in heaven, and provoked him to anger, he gave them over into the hands of King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) of Bavel, king of the Kasdim (Chaldeans). 16 They pulled down the house, burnt it, and carried away the people captive to Bavel. 17 But in the first year that Koresh (Cyrus) reigned over the country of Bavel, King Koresh wrote that this house should be rebuilt. 18 The holy vessels of gold and of silver that Nevukadnetsar had carried away out of the house at Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and had set up in his own temple, those King Koresh brought out of the temple in Bavel, and they were delivered to Zorobabel and to Sheshebatsar[115] the governor, 19 with commandment that he should carry away all these vessels, and put them in the temple at Yerushalem, and that the master's temple should be built on its site. 20 Then Sheshebatsar, having come here, laid the foundations of the master's house which is in Yerushalem. From that time to this we're still building. It isn't yet fully completed.' 21 Now therefore, if it seems good, Oh king, let a search be made among the royal archives of our lord the king that are in Bavel. 22 If it's

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be_with the/this/who prophet of_the lord, ⟦βοηθούντων⟧ he/she/it/self. 3 in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who time ⟦παρῆν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self Sisinnaʸs the/this/who a_ _chief_ruler Surias and Foinikaʸs, and Sathrabouzanaʸs and the/this/who ⟦συνεταῖροι⟧, 4 and to_say he/she/it/self, which? you ⟦συντάξαντος⟧ the/this/who house this/he/she/it to_build, and the/this/who roof this/he/she/it and the/this/who another all ⟦ἐπιτελεῖτε⟧? and which? to_be ⟦οἰκοδόμοι⟧ the/this/who this/he/she/it to_complete? 5 and ⟦ἔσχοσαν⟧ because_of/grace, oversight to_be upon/to/against the/this/who captivity, from_with of_the lord the/this/who elder the/this/who Jewish, 6 and no ⟦ἐκωλύθησαν⟧ the/this/who building, until which/whither ⟦ἀποσημανθῆναι⟧ Dareiōi about he/she/it/self, and ⟦προσφωνηθῆναι⟧. 7 a_ _transcript epistle which ⟦ʸΕΓΡΑΨΕΔΑΡΕΙΩ⟧, and to_send. Sisinnaʸs the/this/who a_chief_ruler Surias and Foinikaʸs, and Sathrabouzanaʸs, and the/this/who ⟦συνεταῖροι⟧ the/this/who in/on/among Suria and Foinikaʸ ⟦ἡγεμόνες⟧, king Dareiōi to_ _rejoice. 8 all acquainted_with to_be the/this/who lord I/we the/this/who king, that/since to_come toward the/this/who country the/this/who Jewish/Judea, and to_come/go toward Hierousalaʸm the/this/who city, ⟦κατελάβομεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ the/this/who elder the/this/who Jewish in/on/among Hierousalaʸm the/this/who city ⟦οἰκοδομοῦντας⟧ house the/this/who lord great, 9 new through/because_of stone ⟦ξυστῶν⟧ ⟦πολυτελῶν⟧, wood ⟦τιθεμένων⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦τοίχοις⟧, 10 and the/this/who work that upon/to/against diligence to_be, and ⟦εὐοδούμενον⟧ the/this/who work in/on/among the/this/who hand he/she/it/self, and in/on/among all glory/to_think and care ⟦συντελούμενον⟧. 11 then ⟦ἐπυνθανόμεθα⟧ the/this/who elder this/he/she/it, to_speak, which? you ⟦προστάξαντος⟧ to_build the/this/who house this/he/she/it, and the/this/who work this/he/she/it ⟦θεμελιοῦτε⟧? 12 ⟦Ἐπηρωτήσαμεν⟧ therefore/then he/she/it/self, because_of of_the to_make_known you, and to_ _write you the/this/who a_human the/this/who ⟦ἀφηγουμένους⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ὀνοματογραφίαν⟧ ⟦ᾐτοῦμεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦προκαθηγουμένων⟧. 13 the/this/who but/and to_answer I/we, to_speak, to_be ⟦παῖδες⟧ of_the lord of_the to_create the/this/who heaven and the/this/who earth; 14 and to_build house before year greater through/because_of king of_the Israaʸl great and strong, and ⟦ἐπετελέσθη⟧. 15 and since the/this/who father I/we ⟦παραπικράναντες⟧ to_sin toward the/this/who lord of_the Israaʸl the/this/who ⟦οὐράνιον⟧, to_deliver he/she/it/self toward hand Nabouḳodonosor king Babulōnos king the/this/who Ḳaldaiōn. 16 the/this/who and/both house to_ _take_down ⟦ἐνεπύρισαν⟧, and the/this/who a_people ⟦ᾐχμαλώτευσαν⟧ toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧. 17 in/on/among but/and the/this/who first year ⟦βασιλεύοντος⟧ Kurou country Babulōnias, to_write the/this/who king supreme_ _power the/this/who house this/he/she/it to_build; 18 and the/this/who sacred vessel the/this/who golden and

113 **RV 6:3 · Note** Shetharbozenai

114 **RV 6:3 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 5:3.

115 **RV 6:18 · Note** Another reading is, Sabunassarus.

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the/this/who silver, which to_bring/carry_out
Nabouḳodonosor out_from of_the house of_the in/on/among
Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦ἀπηρείσατο⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among
the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there temple,
again to_bring/carry_out he/she/it/self supreme_power
the/this/who king out_from of_the temple of_the
in/on/among Babulōnia, and to_deliver ⟦Σαβανασσάρῳ⟧
Zorobabel the/this/who ⟦ἐπάρχῳ⟧, **19** and ⟦ἐπετάγη⟧
he/she/it/self, and to_carry_off all the/this/who vessel
this/he/she/it ⟦ἀποθεῖναι⟧ in/on/among the/this/who temple
the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, and the/this/who
temple of_the lord ⟦οἰκοδομηθῆναι⟧ upon/to/against of_the
place. **20** then the/this/who ⟦Σαβανάσσαρος⟧ to_come
⟦ἐνεβάλετο⟧ the/this/who foundation of_the house lord of_the
in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, and away_from that until of_the
now ⟦οἰκοδομούμενος⟧ no to_take ⟦συντέλειαν⟧. **21** now
therefore/then if to_judge, king, ⟦ἐπισκεπήτω⟧ in/on/among
the/this/who ⟦βασιλικοῖς⟧ ⟦βιβλιοφυλακίοις⟧ of_the Kurou,
22 and if ⟦εὑρίσκητε⟧? with/after the/this/who resolution
Kurou of_the king to_be the/this/who building of_the house
lord of_the in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦κρίνηται⟧
the/this/who lord king I/we, ⟦προσφωνησάτω⟧ I/we about
this/he/she/it. **23** then the/this/who king Dareios to_order to_
_visit/care_for in/on/among the/this/who ⟦βιβλιοφυλακίοις⟧
the/this/who ⟦κειμένοις⟧ in/on/among Babulōni; and to_
_find/meet in/on/among ⟦Ἐκβατάνοις⟧ the/this/who ⟦βάρει⟧
the/this/who in/on/among Maʸdia country place one,
in/on/among oh!/to_be/which ⟦ὑπομνημάτιστο⟧ this.
24 ⟦Ἔτους⟧ first ⟦βασιλεύοντος⟧ Kurou, king supreme_power
to_order the/this/who house of_the lord the/this/who
in/on/among Hierousalaʸm to_build, where(-ever) ⟦ἐπιθύουσι⟧
through/because_of fire ⟦ἐνδελεχοῦς⟧, which/whither
the/this/who height cubit/hour sixty, **25** width cubit/hour
sixty through/because_of ⟦δόμων⟧ ⟦λιθίνων⟧ ⟦ξυστῶν⟧ three,
and ⟦δόμου⟧ ⟦ξυλίνου⟧ ⟦ἐγχωρίου⟧ new one, and the/this/who
⟦δαπάνημα⟧ to_give out_from of_the house Kurou of_the king.
26 and the/this/who sacred vessel of_the house lord
the/this/who and/both golden and silver, which to_
_bring/carry_out Nabouḳodonosor out_from of_the house of_
_the in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, and to_carry_off toward
⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧, ⟦ἀποκατασταθῆναι⟧ toward the/this/who house
the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, which/whither to_
_be to_lay/be_appointed, that to_place there. **27** to_order
but/and ⟦ἐπιμεληθῆναι⟧ Sisinnaʸ ⟦ἐπάρχῳ⟧ Surias and
Foinikaʸs, and Sathrabouzanaʸ, and the/this/who
⟦συνεταίροις⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἀποτεταγμένοις⟧
in/on/among Suria and Foinikaʸ ruler to_have_in_full of_the
place, ⟦ἐᾶσαι⟧ but/and the/this/who child lord Zorobabel,
⟦ἔπαρχον⟧ but/and the/this/who Jewish/Judea, and
the/this/who elder the/this/who Jewish, the/this/who house
of_the lord that to_build upon/to/against of_the place. **28** and
I/we but/and ⟦ἐπέταξα⟧ soundly to_build, and to_gaze in_
_order_that/to ⟦συμποιῶσι⟧ the/this/who out_from
the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ the/this/who Jewish/Judea, until
of_the ⟦ἐπιτελεσθῆναι⟧ the/this/who house of_the lord; **29** and

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found that the building of the master's house which is in Yerushalem has been done with the consent of King Koresh, and it seems good to our lord the king, let him send us directions about these things."

Dareyavesh orders support for the rebuilding

23 Then King Dareyavesh (Darius) commanded that a search be made among the archives that were laid up at Bavel (Babylon). So at Ahmeta the palace, which is in the country of Maday (Media), a scroll was found where these things were recorded:[116] **24** "In the first year of Koresh's reign, King Koresh commanded to build up the master's house which is in Yerushalem, where they sacrifice with continual fire. **25** Its height will be sixty cubits, and the breadth sixty cubits, with three rows of hewn stones, and one row of new wood from that country. Its expenses are to be given out of King Koresh's house. **26** The holy vessels of the master's house, both gold and silver, that Nevukadnetsar took out of the house at Yerushalem and carried away to Bavel, should be restored to the house at Yerushalem, and be set in the place where they were before." **27** Also he commanded that Tatenay the governor of Aram (Syria) and Foinikai, and Shetar-Bozenay, and their companions, and those who were appointed rulers in Aram and Foinikai, should be careful not to meddle with the place, but allow Zorobabel, the master's servant, and governor of Yehudah (Judea), and the elders of the Yehudim (Jews), to build that house of the master in its place. **28** "I also command to have it built up whole again; and that they look diligently to help those who are of the captivity of Yehudah, until the master's house is finished, **29** and that out of the tribute of Coele-Syria and Foinikai a portion will be carefully given to these men for the sacrifices of the master, that is, to Zorobabel the governor for bulls, rams, and lambs, **30** and also corn, salt, wine and oil, and that continually every year without further question, according as the priests who are in Yerushalem may direct to be daily spent, **31** that drink offerings may be made to the Most High God for the king and for his children, and that they may pray for their lives." **32** He commanded that whoever should transgress, yes, or neglect anything written here, a beam will be taken out of his own house, and he'll be hanged on it, and all his goods seized for the king. **33** "Therefore may the master, whose name is called on there, utterly destroy every king and nation that stretches out his hand to hinder or damage that house of the master in Yerushalem. **34** I, King Dareyavesh have ordained that these things be done with diligence."

116 RV 6:23 · Cross-ref. Ezr 6:1.

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away_from the/this/who ⟦φορολογίας⟧ ⟦κοίλης⟧ Surias and Foinikaʸs carefully ⟦σύνταξιν⟧ ⟦δίδοσθαι⟧ this/he/she/it the/this/who a_human toward sacrifice the/this/who lord, Zorobabel ⟦ἐπάρεχῳ⟧ toward bull, and ⟦κριοὺς⟧, and lamb, **30** similarly but/and and ⟦πυρὸν⟧, and salt, and wine, and olive_oil continually according_to year, as/just_as if the/this/who priest the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm ⟦ὑπαγορεύσωσιν⟧ ⟦ἀναλίσκεσθαι⟧ according_to day, ⟦ἀναμφισβητήτως⟧, **31** that ⟦προσφέρωνται⟧ ⟦σπονδαὶ⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who ⟦ὑψίστῳ⟧ above/for of_the king and the/this/who child, and ⟦προσεύχωνται⟧ about the/this/who he/she/it/self life; **32** and ⟦προστάξαι⟧ in_order_ _that/to just_as/how_much if ⟦παραβῶσί⟧ one/which? the/this/who to_write and ⟦ἀκυρώσωσι⟧, ⟦ληφθῆναι⟧ wood out_from the/this/who one's_own/private he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κρεμασθῆναι⟧, and the/this/who to_be he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_be ⟦βασιλικά⟧. **33** through/because_of this/he/she/it and the/this/who lord, which/whither the/this/who name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_call_(on)/name there, ⟦ἀφανίσαι⟧ all king and Gentile_nation, which ⟦ἐκτενεῖ⟧ the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_prevent or/than to_do_evil/harm the/this/who house lord that the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm. **34** I/we king Dareios ⟦δεδογμάτικα⟧ carefully according_to this/he/she/it to_be.

The completed temple is dedicated

7:1 Then Tatenay the governor of Coele-Syria and Foinikai, and Shetar-Bozenay, with their companions, following King Dareyavesh's (Darius') commandments,[117] **2** very carefully supervised the holy work, assisting the elders of the Yehudim (Jews) and rulers of the temple. **3** So the holy work prospered, while Hagay and Zekaryah (Zechariah) the prophets prophesied. **4** They finished these things by the commandment of the master, the god of Yisrael, and with the consent of Koresh (Cyrus), Dareyavesh, and Artahshashta (Artaxerxes), kings of the Persians. **5** So the holy house was finished by the twenty-third day of the month Adar, in the sixth year of King Dareyavesh. **6** The Israeli people, the priests, the Levites, and the others who returned from captivity who joined them did what was written in the book of Mosheh (Moses). **7** Because the dedication of the master's temple, they offered one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, **8** and twelve male goats for the sin of all Yisrael, according to the number of the twelve princes of the tribes of Yisrael. **9** The priests and the Levites stood arrayed in their vestments, according to their kindred, for the services of the master, the god of Yisrael, according to the book of Mosheh. The gatekeepers were at every gate.

The returned exiles celebrate the Passover

10 The Israeli people (Israel) who came out of captivity held the Passover the fourteenth day of the first month, when

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7:1 then Sisinnaʸs a_chief_ruler ⟦κοίλης⟧ Surias and Foinikaʸs, and Sathrabouzanaʸs, and the/this/who ⟦συνεταῖροι⟧ ⟦κατακολουθήσαντες⟧ the/this/who by/under of_the king Dareiou ⟦προσταγεῖσιν⟧, **2** ⟦ἐπεστάτουν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἱερῶν⟧ work ⟦ἐπιμελέστερον⟧ to_work_with the/this/who elder the/this/who Jewish and ⟦ἱεροστάταις⟧. **3** and ⟦εὔοδα⟧ to_be the/this/who sacred work, ⟦προφητευόντων⟧ Angaiou and Zakariou the/this/who prophet. **4** and ⟦συνετέλεσαν⟧ this/he/she/it through/because_of ⟦προστάγματος⟧ lord God Israaʸl; and with/after the/this/who resolution of_the Kurou and Dareiou and Artaxerxou king Persōn, **5** ⟦συνετελέσθη⟧ the/this/who house the/this/who holy until third and ⟦εἰκάδος⟧ ⟦μηνὸς⟧ Adar, of_the ⟦ἕκτου⟧ ⟦ἔτους⟧ king Dareiou. **6** and to_do/make the/this/who son Israaʸl, and the/this/who priest and the/this/who Leuitai and the/this/who remaining the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ the/this/who ⟦προστεθέντες⟧, ⟦ἀκολούθως⟧ the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Mōuseōs book. **7** and to_bring_to toward the/this/who ⟦ἐγκαινισμὸν⟧ of_the temple of_the lord bull hundred, ⟦κριοὺς⟧ two_hundred, lamb ⟦τετρακοσίους⟧, **8** ⟦χιμάρους⟧ above/for sin all of_the Israaʸl twelve to/with number, out_from the/this/who ⟦φυλάρχων⟧ of_the Israaʸl twelve. **9** and to_stand the/this/who priest and the/this/who ⟦Λενῖται⟧ according_to tribe ⟦ἐστολισμένοι⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who work lord God Israaʸl ⟦ἀκολούθως⟧ the/this/who Mōuseōs book, and the/this/who ⟦θυρωροὶ⟧ upon/to/against each gate. **10** and ⟦ἠγάγοσαν⟧ the/this/who son Israaʸl the/this/who out_from the/this/who

117 RV 7:1 · Cross-ref. Ezr 6:13.

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⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ the/this/who Passover in/on/among the/this/who fourteenth of_the first ⟦μηνὸς⟧, when ⟦ἡγνίσθησαν⟧ the/this/who priest and the/this/who Leuitai, **11** together and all the/this/who son the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧, that/since ⟦ἡγνίσθησαν⟧; that/since the/this/who Leuitai together all ⟦ἡγνίσθησαν⟧. **12** and ⟦ἔθυσαν⟧ the/this/who Passover all the/this/who son the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧, and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self the/this/who priest, and my/your/him-self. **13** and ⟦ἐφάγοσαν⟧ the/this/who son Israaʸl the/this/who out_ _from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧, all the/this/who ⟦χωρισθέντες⟧ away_from the/this/who abomination the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who earth, to_seek the/this/who lord; **14** and ⟦ἠγάγοσαν⟧ the/this/who festival the/this/who unleavened seven day ⟦εὐφραινόμενοι⟧ before lord, **15** that/since ⟦μετέστρεψε⟧ the/this/who plan of_the king Assuriōn upon/to/against he/she/it/self, ⟦κατισχῦσαι⟧ the/this/who hand he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who work lord God Israaʸl.

8:1 and ⟦μεταγενέστερος⟧ this/he/she/it he_is, ⟦βασιλεύοντος⟧ Artaxerxou of_the Persōn king, ⟦προσέβη⟧ Esdras ⟦Ἀζαραίου⟧, of_the ⟦Ζεχρίου⟧, of_the Ḳelkiou, of_the Salaʸmou, **2** of_the Saddoukou, of_the Aḳitōb, of_the Amariou, of_the Oziou, of_the Bokka, of_the ⟦Ἀβισαΐ⟧, of_the Finees, of_ _the Eleazar, of_the A'arōn, of_the ⟦ἱερέως⟧ of_the first; **3** this/he/she/it Esdras to_ascend out_from Babulōnos which/how scribe ⟦εὐφυὴς⟧ to_be in/on/among the/this/who Mōuseōs law the/this/who ⟦ἐκδεδομένῳ⟧ by/under of_the God of_the Israaʸl. **4** and to_give he/she/it/self the/this/who king glory, ⟦εὐρόντος⟧ because_of/grace before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against all the/this/who ⟦ἀξιώματα⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **5** and ⟦συνανέβησαν⟧ out_from the/this/who son Israaʸl, and the/this/who priest, and Leuitōn, and ⟦ἱεροψαλτῶν⟧, and ⟦θυρωρῶν⟧, and ⟦ἱεροδούλων⟧ toward Hierousalaʸm, **6** ⟦ἔτους⟧ seventh ⟦βασιλεύοντος⟧ Artaxerxou in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πέμπτῳ⟧ month; this/he/she/it year seventh the/this/who king; to_go_out for out_from Babulōnos the/this/who New_ _Moon of_the first ⟦μηνὸς⟧, to_come toward Hierousalaʸm according_to the/this/who to_give he/she/it/self Euodia from_ _with of_the lord upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **7** the/this/who for Esdras much ⟦ἐπιστήμην⟧ ⟦περιεῖχεν⟧ toward the/this/who nothing ⟦παραλιπεῖν⟧ the/this/who out_ _from of_the law lord and out_from the/this/who commandment, to_teach all the/this/who Israaʸl righteous_act and judgement. **8** ⟦Προσπεσόντος⟧ but/and of_the ⟦γραφέντος⟧ ⟦προστάγματος⟧ from_with Artaxerxou king to/with Esdran the/this/who priest and ⟦ἀναγνώστην⟧ of_the law lord, which/whither to_be a_transcript the/this/who ⟦ὑποκείμενον⟧; **9** king Artaxerxaʸs Esdra the/this/who priest and ⟦ἀναγνώστῃ⟧ of_the law lord to_rejoice. **10** and the/this/who ⟦φιλάνθρωπα⟧ I/we to_judge ⟦προσέταξα⟧

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the priests and the Levites were sanctified together, **11** with all those who returned from captivity; for they were sanctified. Because the Levites were all sanctified together, **12** and they offered the Passover for all who returned from captivity, for their kindred the priests, and for themselves. **13** The Israeli people who came out of the captivity ate, even all those who'd separated themselves from the abominations of the heathen of the land, and followed after the master. **14** They kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days, rejoicing before the master, **15** because he'd turned the counsel of the king of Ashur (Assyria) towards them, to strengthen their hands in the works of the master, the god of Yisrael.

Ezra comes to Yerushalem

8:1 After these things, when Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) the king of the Persians reigned, Ezra came, who was the son of Azaryah, the son of Zekaryah (Zechariah), the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Shalem,[118] **2** the son of Tsadok, the son of Ahituv, the son of Amaryah, the son of Ozias,[119] the son of Merayot, the son of Zerahyah, the son of Zerahyah, the son of Buki, the son of Avishua, the son of Pinhas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aharon (Aaron), the chief priest. **3** This Ezra went up from Bavel (Babylon) as a skilled scribe in Mosheh's (Moses') law, which was given by the god of Yisrael. **4** The king honoured him, for he found favour in his sight in all his requests. **5** There went up with him also some of the Israeli people, and of the priests, Levites, holy singers, gatekeepers, and temple servants to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) **6** in the seventh year of Artahshashta's reign, in the fifth month (this was the king's seventh year); for they left Bavel on the new moon of the first month and came to Yerushalem, by the prosperous journey which the master gave them[120] for his sake. **7** Because Ezra had very great skill, so that he omitted nothing of the law and commandments of the master, but taught all Yisrael the ordinances and judgements.

The king's letter authorising Ezra's work

8 Now the commission, which was written from King Artahshashta, came to Ezra the priest and reader of the master's law, was as follows:

9 "King Artahshashta to Ezra the priest and reader of the master's law, greetings. **10** Having determined to deal graciously, I've given orders that those of the nation of the Yehudim (Jews), and of the priests and Levites, and of those within our realm who are willing and freely choose to, should go with you to Yerushalem.

118 **RV 8:1 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 7:1.

119 **RV 8:2 · Note** The Vatican MS. omits the son of Memeroth, the son of Zaraias, the son of Savias.

120 **RV 8:6 · Note** Some MSS. omit for his sake.

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11 As many therefore as are so disposed, let them depart with you, as it's seemed good both to me and my seven friends the counsellors, **12** that they may look to the affairs of Yehudah (Judea) and Yerushalem, in accordance with what's in the master's law, **13** and carry the gifts to the master of Yisrael to Yerushalem, which I and my friends have vowed, and that all the gold and silver that can be found in the country of Bavel for the master in Yerushalem, **14** with that also which is given of the people for the temple of the master their god that's at Yerushalem, be collected: even the gold and silver for bulls, rams, and lambs, and what goes with them, **15** to the end that they may offer sacrifices to the master on the altar of the master their god, which is in Yerushalem. **16** Whatever you and your kindred decide to do with gold and silver, do that according to your god's will. **17** The holy vessels of the master, which are given you for the use of your god's temple, which is in Yerushalem, **18** and whatever else you remember for the use of your god's temple, give it out of the king's treasury. **19** I, King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes), have also commanded the keepers of the treasures in Aram (Syria) and Foinikai, that whatever Ezra the priest and reader of the Most High God's law sends for, they should give it to him with all diligence, **20** to the sum of one hundred talents of silver, likewise also of wheat even to one hundred cors,[121] and one hundred firkins[122] of wine, and[123] salt in abundance. **21** Let all things be performed after God's law diligently to the most high God, that anger come not onto the kingdom of the king and his sons. **22** I command you also that no tax, nor any other imposition, be laid on any of the priests, or Levites, or holy singers, or gatekeepers, or temple servants, or any that have employment in this temple, and that no man has authority to impose any tax on them. **23** You, Ezra, according to God's wisdom, ordain judges and justices that they may judge in all Aram and Foinikai all those who know your god's law; and those who don't know it, you must teach. **24** Anyone who transgresses the law of your god and of the king will be punished diligently, whether it be by death, or other punishment, by penalty of money, or by imprisonment."

25 Then Ezra the scribe said, "Blessed be the only master, the god of my fathers, who's put these things into the king's heart, to glorify his house that's in Yerushalem, **26** and has honoured me in the sight of the king, his counsellors, and all his friends and leading citizens. **27** Therefore I was encouraged by the help of the master my god, and gathered together out of Yisrael (Israel) men to go up with me.

The families travelling with Ezra

28 These are the chief according to their families and their several divisions, who went up with me from Bavel (Babylon) in King Artahshashta's (Artaxerxes') reign: **29** of the sons of Pinhas, Gereshom; of the

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the/this/who to_plan out_from of_the Gentile_nation the/this/who Jewish ⟦αἱρετίζοντας⟧, and the/this/who priest and the/this/who Leuitōn, and ⟦τῶνδε⟧ in/on/among the/this/who our kingdom, ⟦συμπορεύεσθαί⟧ you toward Hierousalaʸm. **11** just_as/how_much therefore/then ⟦ἐνθυμοῦνται⟧, ⟦συνεξορμάσθωσαν⟧ just_as ⟦δέδοκται⟧ I/we/my and/both, and the/this/who seven friendly/friend ⟦συμβουλευταῖς⟧, **12** that ⟦ἐπισκέψωνται⟧ the/this/who according_to the/this/who Jewish/Judea and Hierousalaʸm ⟦ἀκολούθως⟧ which to_have/be in/on/among the/this/who law lord, **13** and to_carry_off gift the/this/who lord of_the Israaʸl, which ⟦ηὐξάμην⟧ I/we and/both and the/this/who friendly/friend, toward Hierousalaʸm; and all gold and money the/this/who/which if to_find/meet in/on/among the/this/who country the/this/who Babulōnias the/this/who lord toward Hierousalaʸm **14** with the/this/who ⟦δεδωρημένῳ⟧ by/under of_the Gentile_nation toward the/this/who temple of_the lord God he/she/it/self the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, to_assemble the/this/who, and/both gold and the/this/who money toward bull and ⟦κριοὺς⟧ and lamb, and the/this/who this/he/she/it ⟦ἀκόλουθα⟧, **15** so ⟦προσενεγκεῖν⟧ sacrifice the/this/who lord upon/to/against the/this/who altar of_the lord God he/she/it/self the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm. **16** and all just_ _as/how_much if plan with/after the/this/who brother you to_ _do/make gold and money, ⟦ἐπιτέλει⟧ according_to the/this/who will/desire of_the God you. **17** and the/this/who sacred vessel of_the lord the/this/who ⟦διδόμενά⟧ you toward the/this/who need of_the temple of_the God you, **18** to_give out_from of_the ⟦βασιλικοῦ⟧ treasury. **19** I/we/and_I look! Artaxerxaʸs king ⟦προσέταξα⟧ the/this/who ⟦γαζοφύλαξι⟧ Surias and Foinikaʸs, in_order_that/to just_as/how_much if to_ _send Esdras the/this/who priest and ⟦ἀναγνώστης⟧ of_the law of_the God of_the highest, carefully to_give he/she/it/self until money talent hundred, **20** similarly but/and and until ⟦πυροῦ⟧ ⟦κόρων⟧ hundred, and wine ⟦μετρητῶν⟧ hundred; **21** and another out_from multitude all according_to the/this/who of_ _the God law ⟦ἐπιτελεσθήτω⟧ carefully the/this/who God the/this/who ⟦ὑψίστῳ⟧, because_of of_the not to_be wrath toward the/this/who kingdom of_the king and the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **22** and you but/and to_speak that all the/this/who priest, and the/this/who Leuitais, and ⟦ἱεροψάλταις⟧, and ⟦θυρωροῖς⟧, and ⟦ἱεροδούλοις⟧, and ⟦πραγματικοῖς⟧ of_the temple this/he/she/it nor one tribute, nor another plot ⟦γίνηται⟧, and nothing to_have/be authority to_put_on/seize one this/he/she/it. **23** and you, Esdra, according_to the/this/who wisdom of_the God, to_appoint judge and ⟦δικαστὰς⟧, that ⟦δικάζωσιν⟧ in/on/among all Suria and Foinikaʸ all the/this/who ⟦ἐπισταμένους⟧ the/this/who law of_the God you, and the/this/who not ⟦ἐπισταμένους⟧ ⟦διδάξεις⟧. **24** and all just_as/how_much if ⟦παραβαίνωσι⟧ the/this/who law of_ _the God you and ⟦τὸς⟧ royal, carefully ⟦κολασθήσονται⟧, if

121 **RV 8:20 · Note** a cor is about 230 litres, so 100 cors is about 23 kilolitres or 652 bushels

122 **RV 8:20 · Note** a firkin is about 41 litres or 11 gallons.

123 **RV 8:20 · Note** So some authorities. See Ezra 7:22. The common reading is, other things.

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and/both and death, if and/both and punishment, or/than ⟦ἀργυρικῇ⟧ damage/loss, or/than enslavement. **25** and to_say Esdras the/this/who scribe, praiseworthy alone lord the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we, the/this/who to_ _give this/he/she/it toward the/this/who heart of_the king, to_glorify the/this/who house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, **26** and I/we ⟦ἐτίμησεν⟧ against/in_front_of he/she/it/self/the/this/who king, and the/this/who ⟦συμβουλευόντων⟧, and all the/this/who friendly/friend, and ⟦μεγιστάνων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **27** and I/we ⟦εὐθαρσὴς⟧ to_be according_to the/this/who ⟦ἀντίλμψιν⟧ lord of_the God I/we, and to_assemble man out_from of_the Israaʸl so ⟦συναναβῆναί⟧ I/we. **28** and this/he/she/it the/this/who to_prefer according_to the/this/who family_line he/she/it/self and the/this/who ⟦μεριδαρχίας⟧, the/this/who to_ascend with/after I/we/my out_from Babulōnos in/on/among the/this/who kingdom Artaxerxou of_the king. **29** out_from the/this/who son Finees, Gaʸrsōn; out_from the/this/who son ⟦Ἰαθαμάρου⟧, Gamaliaʸl; out_from the/this/who son ⟦Λαυὶδ⟧, ⟦Λαττοὺς⟧ the/this/who Seḵeniou; **30** out_from the/this/who son tax, Zaḵarias, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀπεγράφησαν⟧ man hundred fifty; **31** out_from the/this/who son ⟦Φαὰθ⟧ Mōab, Eliaōnias Zaraiou, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man two_hundred; **32** out_from the/this/who son Zathoaʸs, ⟦Ζεχενίας⟧ Yezaʸlou, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man three_hundred; out_from the/this/who son Adin, Ōbaʸth Yōnathou, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man two_hundred fifty; **33** out_from the/this/who son Aʸlam, Yesian Gotholiou, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man seventy; **34** out_from the/this/who son Safatiou, Zaraias ⟦Μιχαήλου⟧, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man seventy; **35** out_ _from the/this/who son Yōab, Abadias Yezaʸlou, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man two_ _hundred twelve; **36** out_from the/this/who son ⟦Βανίας⟧, ⟦Σαλιμὼθ⟧ Yōsafiou, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man sixty and hundred; **37** out_from the/this/who son Babi, Zaḵarias Baʸbai, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man twenty-eight; **38** out_from the/this/who son ⟦Ἀστὰθ⟧, Yōannaʸs Akatan, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man hundred ten; **39** out_from the/this/who son Adōnikam, the/this/who

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sons of Itamar, Daniyel; of the sons of David,[124] Hatush[125] the son of Shekanyah; **30** of the sons of Par'osh, Zekaryah (Zechariah); and with him were counted one hundred and fifty men; **31** of the sons of Pahat-Moav, Elyehoeynay the son of[126] Zerahyah, and with him two hundred men; **32** of[127] the sons of Zatu, Shekanyah the son of Yahaziel, and with him three hundred men; of the sons of Adin, Ovadyah (Obadiah) the son of Yonatan (Jonathan), and with him two hundred and fifty men; **33** of the sons of Eylam, Yeshaeyah son of Atalyah (Athaliah), and with him seventy men; **34** of the sons of Shefatyah, Zevadyah son of Mika'el (Michael), and with him seventy men; **35** of the sons of Yoav (Joab), Ovadyah son of Yehiel. Yehiel, and with him two hundred and twelve men; **36** of the sons of Bani, Shelomit son of Yosifyah,[128] and with him one hundred and sixty men; **37** of the sons of Bevay, Zekaryah son of Bevay, and with him twenty-eight men; **38** of the sons of Azgad: Azgad, Yohan (John) son of Hakatan Hakatan, and with him one hundred and ten men; **39** of the sons of Adonikam, the last, and these are the names of them, Elifelet, Ye'uel, and Shemayah, and with them seventy men; **40** of the sons of Bigvay, Utay the son of Zabud, and with him seventy men.

Ezra prepares the group for the journey

41 I gathered them together to the river called Ahava. There we pitched our tents three days, and I inspected them. **42** When I'd found there none of the priests and Levites, **43** then sent I to Eleazar, Ariel, Shemayah, **44** Elnatan, Shemayah, Yoyariv, Natan (Nathan), Elnatan, Zekaryah, and Meshulam, principal men and men of understanding. **45** I asked them to go to Ido the captain, who was in the place of the treasury, **46** and commanded them that they should speak to Ido, to his kindred, and to the treasurers in that place, to send us such men as might execute the priests' office in our master's house. **47** By the mighty hand of our master, they brought to us men of understanding of the sons of[129] Mahli the son of Levi, the son of Yisrael (Israel),[130] Shereveyah, and his sons, and his kindred, who were eighteen, **48** and[131] Hashavyah, Annuus, and Osaias his brother, of the sons of Chanuneus, and their sons were twenty men; **49** and of the temple servants whom David and the principal men had appointed for the servants of the Levites, two hundred and twenty temple servants. The list of all their names was reported.

Prayer and preparations for a safe journey

50 There I vowed a fast for the young men before our master, to seek from him a prosperous journey both for us and for

124 **RV 8:29 · Note** Hattush.

125 **RV 8:29 · Note** Ezra 8:3, of the sons of Shecaniah; of the sons of Parosh.

126 **RV 8:31 · Note** Zerehiah.

127 **RV 8:32 · Note** Ezra 8:5, of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel.

128 **RV 8:36 · Note** Ezra 8:10, of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah.

129 **RV 8:47 · Note** Mahli.

130 **RV 8:47 · Note** Sherebiah.

131 **RV 8:48 · Note** Hashabiah.

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our children and livestock that were with us; 51 for I was ashamed to ask of the king infantry, cavalry, and an escort for protection against our adversaries. 52 Because we'd said to the king that our master's power would be with those who seek him, to support them in all ways. 53 Again we prayed to our lord about these things, and found him to be merciful.

54 Then I set apart twelve men of the chiefs of the priests,[132] Shereveyah, Hashavyah, and ten men of their kindred with them. 55 I weighed out to them the silver, the gold, and the holy vessels of our master's house, which the king, his counsellors, the leading citizens, and all Yisrael (Israel) had given. 56 When I'd weighed it, I delivered to them six hundred and fifty talents of silver, silver vessels weighing one hundred talents, one hundred talents of gold, 57 twenty golden vessels, and twelve vessels of brass, even of fine brass, glittering like gold. 58 I said to them, "You're holy to the master, the vessels are holy, and the gold and the silver are a vow to the master, the master of our fathers. 59 Watch and keep them until you deliver them to the chiefs of the priests and Levites, and to the principal men of the families of Yisrael in Yerushalem, in the chambers of our master's house. 60 So the priests and the Levites who received the silver, the gold, and the vessels which were in Yerushalem, brought them into the master's temple.

The group arrives in Yerushalem

61 We left the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month. We came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) by the mighty hand of our master which was on us. The master delivered us from every enemy on the way, and so we came to Yerushalem. 62 When we'd been there three days, the silver and gold was weighed and delivered in our master's house on the fourth day to[133] Meremot the priest the son of[134] Uriyah. 63 With him was Eleazar the son of Pinhas, and with them were Yozavad the son of Yeshua (Jesus) and[135] Noadyah the son of Binuy, the Levites. All was delivered to them by number and weight. 64 All the weight of them was recorded at the same hour. 65 Moreover those who'd come out of captivity offered sacrifices to the master, the god of Yisrael, even twelve bulls for all Yisrael, ninety-six rams, 66 seventy-two lambs, and twelve goats for a peace offering—all of them a sacrifice to the master. 67 They delivered the king's commandments to the king's stewards and to the governors of Coele-Syria and Foinikai; and they honoured the people and the master's temple.

Ezra learns about marriages to foreigners

68 Now when these things were done, the principal men came to me and said, 69 "The nation of Yisrael, the princes, the priests, and the Levites haven't put away from themselves the foreign people of the land nor the uncleannesses of the Gentiles—the Kena'anim (Canaanites), Hitim, Perizi, Yevusim,

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last/least; and this/he/she/it the/this/who name he/she/it/self; ⟦Ἐλιφαλὰ⟧ of_the ⟦Γεουὴλ⟧, and Samaias, and with/after he/she/it/self man seventy; 40 out_from the/this/who son ⟦Βαγὼ⟧, Outhi the/this/who of_the Histalkourou, and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man seventy. 41 and to_assemble he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who to_ _speak Theran river, and ⟦παρενεβάλομεν⟧ day three at_that_ _time, and ⟦κατέμαθον⟧ he/she/it/self. 42 and out_from the/this/who priest and out_from the/this/who Leuitōn no to_ _find/meet there, 43 to_send to/with Eleazaron, and Hidouaʸlon, and a_midwife, and Masman, and ⟦Ἀλναθὰν⟧, and Samaian, and Iōribon, Nathan, 44 Ennatan, Zakarian, and Mosollamon the/this/who to_govern and ⟦ἐπιστήμονας⟧, 45 and to_say he/she/it/self to_come/go to/with ⟦Λοδδαῖον⟧ the/this/who to_govern the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who place of_the treasury, 46 to_order he/she/it/self ⟦διαλεχθῆναι⟧ ⟦Λοδδαίῳ⟧, and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who place ⟦γαζοφύλαξιν⟧, to_send I/we ⟦τοὺν⟧ ⟦ἱερατεύσοντας⟧ in/on/among the/this/who house of_ _the lord I/we; 47 and to_bring I/we according_to the/this/who mighty hand of_the lord I/we man ⟦ἐπιστήμονας⟧ the/this/who son Mooli of_the Leui of_the Israaʸl, Asebaʸbian, and the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who brother, to_be ten and eight; 48 and Asebian, and ⟦Ἄννουον⟧, and Ōsaian brother out_from the/this/who son Kanounaiou, and the/this/who son he/she/it/self twenty man; 49 and out_ _from the/this/who ⟦ἱεροδούλων⟧ which to_give Dawid, and the/this/who to_govern toward the/this/who work the/this/who Leuitōn, ⟦ἱεροδούλους⟧ two_hundred and twenty; all ⟦ἐσημάνθη⟧ the/this/who writing_of_names. 50 and ⟦ηὐξάμην⟧ there fasting the/this/who ⟦νεανίσκοις⟧ before lord I/we, to_seek from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Euodia I/we and/both and the/this/who ⟦συνοῦσιν⟧ I/we, child I/we, and ⟦κτήνεσιν⟧. 51 ⟦Ἐνετράπην⟧ for to_ask the/this/who king, ⟦πεζούς⟧ and/both and horseman, and ⟦προπομπὴν⟧ because_of ⟦ἀσφαλείας⟧ the/this/who to/with the/this/who ⟦ἐναντιουμένους⟧ I/we. 52 ⟦Εἴπαμεν⟧ for the/this/who king, that/since the/this/who strength of_the lord I/we to_be with/after the/this/who ⟦ἐπιζητούντων⟧ he/she/it/self toward all correcting. 53 and again ⟦ἐδεήθημεν⟧ of_the lord I/we all this/he/she/it, and ⟦ἐτύχομεν⟧ ⟦εὐιλάτου⟧. 54 and ⟦ἐχώρισα⟧ the/this/who ⟦φυλάρχων⟧ the/this/who priest man twelve, and ⟦Ἐσερεβίαν⟧ and Samian, and with/after he/she/it/self out_from the/this/who brother he/she/it/self man twelve. 55 and ⟦ἔστησα⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who money, and the/this/who gold, and the/this/who sacred vessel of_the house of_the lord I/we, which to_give the/this/who king, and the/this/who ⟦σύμβουλοι⟧

132 **RV 8:54 · Note** Sherebiah, Hashabiah.

133 **RV 8:62 · Note** Meremoth.

134 **RV 8:62 · Note** Uriah.

135 **RV 8:63 · Note** Noadiah the son of Binnui.

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who great_man, and all Israaʸl. **56** and ⟦στήσας⟧ to_deliver my/your/him-self money talent six_hundred fifty, and vessel silver talent hundred, and gold talent hundred, **57** and ⟦χρυσώματα⟧ twenty, and vessel ⟦χάλκεα⟧ away_from ⟦χρηστοῦ⟧ copper/bronze/coin to_dazzle ⟦χρυσοειδῆ⟧ vessel twelve. **58** and to_say he/she/it/self and you holy to_be the/this/who lord, and the/this/who vessel the/this/who holy, and the/this/who gold, and the/this/who money, a_ _vow/prayer the/this/who lord, lord the/this/who father I/we. **59** be_watchful, and ⟦φυλάσσετε⟧ until of_the to_deliver you he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦φυλάρχοις⟧ the/this/who priest and the/this/who Leuitōn, and the/this/who to_govern the/this/who ⟦πατριῶν⟧ of_the Israaʸl in/on/among Yerousalaʸm, in/on/among the/this/who ⟦παστοφορίοις⟧ of_ _the house of_the God I/we. **60** and the/this/who to_take the/this/who priest and the/this/who Leuitai the/this/who money, and the/this/who gold, and the/this/who vessel the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, ⟦εἰσήνεγκαν⟧ toward the/this/who temple of_the lord. **61** and ⟦ἀναζεύξαντες⟧ away_from of_the river Thera the/this/who ⟦δωδεκάτῃ⟧ of_the first ⟦μηνὸς⟧, until to_enter toward Hierousalaʸm according_to the/this/who mighty hand of_the lord I/we the/this/who upon/to/against I/we; and to_deliver I/we away_from the/this/who entry away_from all enemy, and to_come/go toward Hierousalaʸm. **62** and to_be at_that_time day third, the/this/who day the/this/who fourth ⟦σταθὲν⟧ the/this/who money and the/this/who gold to_deliver in/on/among the/this/who house lord I/we Marmōthi Ouria priest. **63** and with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Eleazar the/this/who of_the Finees, and to_be with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Yōsabdos Yaʸsou, and Mōeth Sabannou; the/this/who but/and Leuitai, to/with number and ⟦ὁλκὴν⟧ all. **64** and to_write all the/this/who a_ _scale-weight he/she/it/self he/she/it/self the/this/who hour. **65** the/this/who but/and to_come out_from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ to_bring_to sacrifice the/this/who God of_the Israaʸl lord, bull twelve above/for all Israaʸl, **66** ⟦κριοὺς⟧ ⟦ἐνενηκονταὲξ⟧, lamb seventy-two, ⟦τράγους⟧ above/for saving twelve, all sacrifice the/this/who lord. **67** and ⟦ἀπέδωκαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦προστάγματα⟧ of_the king the/this/who ⟦βασιλικοῖς⟧ manager and the/this/who ⟦ἐπάρχοις⟧ ⟦κοίλης⟧ Surias and Foinikaʸs, and to_glorify the/this/who Gentile_nation, and the/this/who temple of_the lord. **68** and this/he/she/it ⟦τελεσθέντων⟧, ⟦προσήλθοσάν⟧ I/we the/this/who to_govern, to_speak, **69** no ⟦ἐχώρισαν⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation of_the Israaʸl and the/this/who ruler and the/this/who priest and the/this/who Leuitai the/this/who ⟦ἀλλογενῆ⟧ Gentile_nation the/this/who earth and the/this/who impurity he/she/it/self, away_from the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who Ḳananaiōn, and Ḳettaiōn, and Ferezaiōn, and Yebousaiōn, and Mōabitōn, and Egyptian, and Idoumaiōn. **70** ⟦Συνῴκησαν⟧ for with/after the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self and he/she/it/self and the/this/who son he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπεμίγη⟧ the/this/who seed the/this/who holy toward the/this/who ⟦ἀλλογενῆ⟧ Gentile_nation the/this/who earth, and ⟦μετεῖχον⟧

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Moavim, Mitsrim (Egyptians), and Edomim. **70** Because both they and their sons have married with their daughters, and the holy seed is mixed with the foreign people of the land. From the beginning of this matter the rulers and the leading citizens have been partakers of this iniquity."

Ezra confesses the people's sins

71 And as soon as I'd heard these things, I tore my clothes and my holy garment, and plucked the hair from off my head and beard, and sat down sad and full of heaviness. **72** So all those who were moved at the word of the master, the god of Yisrael, assembled to me while I mourned for the iniquity, but I sat still full of heaviness until the evening sacrifice. **73** Then rising up from the fast with my clothes and my holy garment torn, and bowing my knees and stretching out my hands to the master, **74** I said, "Oh master, I'm ashamed and confounded before your face, **75** for our sins are multiplied above our heads, and our errors have reached up to heaven **76** ever since the time of our fathers. We're in great sin, even to this day. **77** Because our sins and our fathers' we with our kindred, our kings, and our priests were given up to the kings of the earth, to the sword, and to captivity, and for a prey with shame, to this day. **78** Now in some measure mercy has been shown to us from you, Oh master, that there should be left us a root and a name in the place of your sanctuary, **79** and to uncover a light in the house of the master our god, and to give us food in the time of our servitude. **80** Yes, when we were in bondage, we weren't forsaken by our master, but he gave us favour before Paras' (Persia's) kings, so that they gave us food, **81** glorified our master's temple, and raised up the desolate Tsiyon (Zion), to give us a sure dwelling in Yehudah (Judea) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

82 "Now, Oh master, what can we say, having these things? Because we've transgressed your commandments which you gave by the hand of your servants the prophets, saying, **83** 'The land, which you enter into to possess as an inheritance, is a land polluted with the pollutions of the foreigners of the land, and they've filled it with their uncleanness. **84** Therefore now you mustn't marry your daughters to their sons, and you mustn't take their daughters for your sons. **85** You must never seek to have peace with them, that you may be strong, and eat the good things of the land, and that you may leave it for an inheritance to your children forever.' **86** All that's happened is done to us for our wicked works and great sins, for you, Oh master, made our sins light, **87** and gave to us such a root; but we've turned back again to transgress your law in mingling ourselves with the uncleanness of the heathen of the land. **88** You weren't angry with us to destroy us until you'd left us neither root, seed, nor name. **89** Oh master of Yisrael (Israel), you're true, for we're left a root this day. **90** Listen, now we're before you in our iniquities, for we can't stand any longer before you because of these things."

The people agree to act

91 As Ezra in his prayer made his confession, weeping, and lying flat on the ground before the temple, a very great throng of men, women,

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and children gathered to him from Yerushalem (Jerusalem); for there was great weeping among the multitude.[136] **92** Then Yekonias the son of Yehiel, one of the sons of Yisrael, called out, and said, "Oh Ezra, we've sinned against the master God, we've married foreign women of the heathen of the land, but there's still hope for Yisrael. **93** Let's make an oath to the master about this, that we'll put away all our foreign wives with their children, **94** as seems good to you, and to as many as obey the master's Law. **95** Arise, and take action, for this is your task, and we'll be with you to do valiantly." **96** So Ezra arose, and took an oath from the chief of the priests and Levites of all Yisrael to do these things; and they swore to it.

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the/this/who to_prefer and the/this/who great_man
the/this/who lawlessness this/he/she/it away_from
the/this/who beginning of_the thing. **71** and together
the/this/who to_hear I/we this/he/she/it, ⟦διέῤῥηξα⟧
the/this/who clothing and the/this/who ⟦ἱερὰν⟧ clothing, and
⟦κατέτιλα⟧ of_the ⟦τριχώματος⟧ the/this/who head and of_the
⟦πώγωνος⟧, and to_seat ⟦σύννους⟧ and sorrowful. **72** and
⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧ to/with I/we just_as/how_much once/when
⟦ἐπεκινοῦντο⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who declaration lord
God of_the Israaʸl, I/we/my ⟦πενθοῦντος⟧ upon/to/against
the/this/who lawlessness; and ⟦ἐκαθήμην⟧ sorrowful until
the/this/who ⟦δειλινῆς⟧ sacrifice. **73** and ⟦ἐξεγερθεὶς⟧ out_
_from the/this/who ⟦νηστείας⟧ ⟦διεῤῥηγμένα⟧ to_have/be
the/this/who clothing and the/this/who ⟦ἱερὰν⟧ clothing,
⟦κάμψας⟧ the/this/who a_knee, and to_stretch_out
the/this/who hand to/with the/this/who lord; **74** to_speak,
lord, ⟦ἤσχυμμαι⟧ and ⟦ἐντέτραμμαι⟧ according_to face you.
75 the/this/who/which for sin I/we ⟦ἐπλεόνασαν⟧ above/for
the/this/who head I/we, and the/this/who/which ⟦ἄγνοιαι⟧
I/we ⟦ὑπερήνεγκαν⟧ until of_the heaven, **76** still away_from
the/this/who time the/this/who father I/we, and to_be
in/on/among great sin until the/this/who day this/he/she/it.
77 and through/because_of the/this/who sin I/we and
the/this/who father I/we ⟦παρεδόθημεν⟧ with the/this/who
brother I/we, and with the/this/who king I/we, and with
the/this/who priest I/we, the/this/who king the/this/who
earth toward sword and captivity and ⟦προνομὴν⟧ with/after
shame until the/this/who today day. **78** and now according_to
how_much/many one to_be I/we mercy from_with of_the lord
lord, to_leave_behind I/we root and name in/on/among
the/this/who place ⟦ἁγιάσματός⟧ you, **79** and of_the
⟦ἀνακαλύψαι⟧ ⟦φωστῆρα⟧ I/we in/on/among the/this/who
house lord of_the God I/we, to_give I/we food in/on/among
the/this/who time/right_time the/this/who slavery I/we?
80 and in/on/among the/this/who be_a_slave I/we no
⟦ἐγκατελείφθημεν⟧ by/under of_the lord I/we, but to_do/make
I/we in/on/among grace before the/this/who king Persōn,
81 to_give I/we food, and to_glorify the/this/who temple of_
_the lord I/we, and to_arise the/this/who deserted Siōn, to_
_give I/we firmness in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia and
Hierousalaʸm. **82** and now one/which? to_say, lord, to_have/be
this/he/she/it? ⟦παρέβημεν⟧ for the/this/who ⟦προστάγματά⟧
you, which to_give in/on/among hand the/this/who child you
the/this/who prophet, **83** to_speak, that/since the/this/who
earth, toward which to_enter to_inherit, he_is earth
⟦μεμολυσμένη⟧ ⟦μολυσμῷ⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀλλογενῶν⟧
the/this/who earth, and the/this/who impurity he/she/it/self
⟦ἐνέπλησαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **84** and now
the/this/who daughter you not ⟦συνοικήσητε⟧ the/this/who
son he/she/it/self, and the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self
not to_take the/this/who son you, **85** and no to_seek
⟦εἰρηνεῦσαι⟧ the/this/who to/with he/she/it/self
the/this/who all time, in_order_that/to ⟦ἰσχύσαντες⟧ to_eat
the/this/who good-doer the/this/who earth, and
⟦κατακληρονομήσητε⟧ the/this/who child you until an_age.

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86 and the/this/who ⟦συμβαίνοντα⟧ all I/we to_be through/because_of the/this/who work I/we the/this/who evil/bad, and the/this/who great sin I/we; **87** you for lord the/this/who ⟦κουφίσας⟧ the/this/who sin I/we, to_give I/we such_as_this root; again ⟦ἀνεκάμψαμεν⟧ ⟦παραβῆναι⟧ the/this/who law you toward the/this/who ⟦ἐπιμιγῆναι⟧ the/this/who impurity the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who earth. **88** not ⟦ὠργίσθης⟧ I/we to_destroy I/we, until of_the not ⟦καταλιπεῖν⟧ root and seed and name I/we? **89** lord of_the Israaʸl, true to_be; ⟦κατελείφθημεν⟧ for root in/on/among the/this/who today. **90** look! now to_be before you in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀνομίαις⟧ I/we; no for he_is to_stand still before you upon/to/against this/he/she/it. **91** and when to_pray Esdras to_praise to_weep ⟦χαμαιπετὴς⟧ before of_the temple, ⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self away_from Hierousalaʸm crowd much very, man, and woman, and ⟦νεανίαι⟧; weeping for to_be great in/on/among the/this/who multitude. **92** and to_call Yeḵonias Yeaʸlou the/this/who son Israaʸl, to_say, Esdra, I/we ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧ toward the/this/who lord; ⟦συνῳκίσαμεν⟧ woman ⟦ἀλλογενεῖς⟧ out_from the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who earth; and now to_be above all Israaʸl. **93** in/on/among this/he/she/it to_be I/we oath to/with the/this/who lord, to_expel all the/this/who woman I/we the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦ἀλλογενῶν⟧ with the/this/who child he/she/it/self, **94** which/how to_judge you, and just_as/how_much ⟦πειθαρχοῦσι⟧ of_the law lord. **95** to_ _arise ⟦ἐπιτέλει⟧; to/with you for the/this/who thing, and I/we with/after you strength to_do/make. **96** and to_arise Esdras ⟦ὥρκισε⟧ the/this/who ⟦φυλάρχους⟧ the/this/who priest and Leuitōn all of_the Israaʸl, to_do/make according_to this/he/she/it; and ⟦ὤμοσαν⟧.

9:1 and to_arise ⟦Ἔσρας⟧ away_from the/this/who palace/courtyard of_the temple, to_travel toward the/this/who a_chamber Yōnan of_the Eliasibou. **2** and ⟦αὐλισθεὶς⟧ there, bread no to_taste and_not water to_drink, ⟦πενθῶν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who lawlessness the/this/who great of_the multitude. **3** and to_be preaching in/on/among all the/this/who Youdaia and Hierousalaʸm all the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧, to_ _assemble toward Hierousalaʸm. **4** and just_as/how_much if not ⟦ἀπαντήσωσιν⟧ in/on/among two or/than three day, according_to the/this/who judgement the/this/who ⟦προκαθημένων⟧ elder, ⟦ἀνιερωθήσονται⟧ the/this/who animal he/she/it/self, and he/she/it/self ⟦ἀλλοτριωθήσεται⟧ away_from of_the multitude the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧. **5** and ⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧ all the/this/who out_from the/this/who tribe Youda and Beniamein in/on/among three day toward Hierousalaʸm; this/he/she/it the/this/who certainly/month ninth_(hour), the/this/who ⟦εἰκάδι⟧ of_the ⟦μηνός⟧. **6** and ⟦συνεκάθισαν⟧ all the/this/who multitude in/on/among the/this/who ⟦εὐρυχώρῳ⟧ of_the temple, ⟦τρέμοντες⟧ through/because_of the/this/who be_present ⟦χειμῶνα⟧. **7** and to_arise Esdras to_say he/she/it/self, you ⟦ἠνομήσατε⟧ and ⟦συνῳκίσατε⟧ woman ⟦ἀλλογενέσι⟧, of_the to_add_(to) sin the/this/who Israaʸl. **8** and now to_give

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The people deal with marriages to foreigners

9:1 Then Ezra rose up from the temple courtyard and went to the chamber of Yonah (Jonah) the son of Elyashiv,[137] **2** and lodged there, and ate no bread and drank no water, mourning for the great iniquities of the multitude. **3** An official announcement was made in all Yehudah and Yerushalem to all those who returned from captivity, that they should be gathered together at Yerushalem, **4** and that anyone who didn't meet there within two or three days, in accordance with the ruling of the elders, that their livestock would be seized for the use of the temple, and they'd be expelled from the multitude of those who returned from captivity.

5 Within three days, all those of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) and Benyamin gathered together at Yerushalem (Jerusalem). This was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month. **6** All the multitude sat together shivering in the broad place before the temple because of the present foul weather. **7** So Ezra arose up and said to them, "You've transgressed the law and married foreign wives, increasing the sins of Yisrael (Israel). **8** Now make confession and give glory to the master, the god of our fathers, **9** and do his will, and separate yourselves from the

137 RV 9:1 · Cross-ref. Ezr 10:6.

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heathen of the land, and from the foreign women."

10 Then the whole multitude cried out, and said with a loud voice, "Just as you've spoken, so we'll do. **11** But because the multitude is great, and it's foul weather, so that we can't stand outside, and this isn't a work of one day or two, seeing our sin in these things has spread far, **12** therefore let the rulers of the multitude stay, and let all those of our settlements that have foreign wives come at the time appointed, **13** and with them the rulers and judges of every place, until we turn away the master's anger from us for this matter."

14 So Yonatan (Jonathan) the son of Asahel and Yahzeyah[138] the son of Tikvah took the matter on themselves. Meshulam and Levi and Shabtay were judges with them. **15** Those who returned from captivity did according to all these things.

16 Ezra the priest chose for himself principal men of their families, all by name. On the new moon of the tenth month they met together to examine the matter. **17** So their cases of men who had foreign wives was brought to an end by the new moon of the first month.

Those who had married foreign women

18 Of the priests who'd come together and had foreign wives, there were found **19** of the sons of Yeshua (Jesus) the son of Yotsadak, and his kindred, Ma'aseyah,[139] Eleazar, and Yariv,[140] and Gedalyah.[141] **20** They gave their hands to put away their wives, and to offer rams to make reconciliation for their error. **21** Of the sons of Imer: Hananyah, Zevadyah, Harim,[142] Ma'aseyah,[143] Yehiel,[144] and Uziyah.[145] **22** Of the sons of Pashhur:[146] Elyehoeynay, Ma'aseyah, Yishmael (Ishmael), Netanel, Yozavad,[147] and Eleasah.[148]

23 Of the Levites: Yozavad, Shimei, Kelayah[149] who was called Kelita,[150] Petahyah,[151] Yehudah (Judas), and Yonah (Jonah). **24** Of the holy singers: Elyashiv[152] and Bakurus. **25** Of the gatekeepers: Shalum and[153] Telem.

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confession glory the/this/who lord God the/this/who father I/we, **9** and to_do/make the/this/who will/desire he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦χωρίσθητε⟧ away_from the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who earth, and away_from the/this/who woman the/this/who ⟦ἀλλογενῶν⟧. **10** and to_call all the/this/who multitude, and to_say great the/this/who voice/sound, thus(-ly) which/how to_say, to_do/make. **11** but the/this/who multitude much and hour ⟦χειμερινὴ⟧, and no ⟦ἰσχύομεν⟧ to_stand ⟦αὔθριοι⟧; and the/this/who work no to_be I/we day one and_not two, upon/to/against greater for ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧ in/on/among this/he/she/it. **12** ⟦Στήτωσαν⟧ but/and the/this/who to_prefer of_the multitude, and all the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦κατοικιῶν⟧ I/we just_as/how_much to_have/be woman ⟦ἀλλογενεῖς⟧, ⟦παραγενηθήτωσαν⟧ to_take time, **13** each but/and place the/this/who elder and the/this/who judge, until of_the to_loose the/this/who wrath lord away_from I/we of_the thing this/he/she/it. **14** Yōnathas Azaaʸlou, and Ezekias ⟦Θεωκανοῦ⟧ ⟦ἐπεδέξαντο⟧ according_to this/he/she/it; and Mosollamos, and Leuis, and Sabbataios ⟦συνεβράβευσαν⟧ he/she/it/self. **15** and to_do/make according_to all this/he/she/it the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧; **16** and ⟦ἐπελέξατο⟧ he/she/it/self Esdras the/this/who priest man to_govern the/this/who ⟦πατριῶν⟧ he/she/it/self all according_to name, and ⟦συνεκλείσθησαν⟧ the/this/who New_Moon of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧ of_the ⟦δεκάτου⟧, ⟦ἐτάσαι⟧ the/this/who thing. **17** and to_bring upon/to/against end the/this/who according_to the/this/who man the/this/who ⟦ἐπισυνέχοντας⟧ woman ⟦ἀλλογενεῖς⟧, until the/this/who New_Moon of_the first ⟦μηνός⟧. **18** and to_ _find/meet the/this/who priest the/this/who ⟦ἐπισυναχθέντες⟧ ⟦ἀλλογενεῖς⟧ woman to_have/be, **19** out_ _from the/this/who son Yaʸsou of_the Yōsedek, and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦Μαθήλας⟧, and Eleazaros, and Iōribos, and ⟦Ἰωαδάνος⟧. **20** and to_put_on/seize the/this/who hand to_expel

138 **RV 9:14 · Note** Another reading is, Ezias.
139 **RV 9:19 · Note** Maaseiah.
140 **RV 9:19 · Note** Jarib.
141 **RV 9:19 · Note** Gedaliah
142 **RV 9:21 · Note** Harim
143 **RV 9:21 · Note** Maaseiah.
144 **RV 9:21 · Note** Jehiel.
145 **RV 9:21 · Note** Uzziah.
146 **RV 9:22 · Note** Pashhur.
147 **RV 9:22 · Note** Jozabad.
148 **RV 9:22 · Note** Elasah.
149 **RV 9:23 · Note** Kelaiah.
150 **RV 9:23 · Note** Kelita.
151 **RV 9:23 · Note** Pethahiah.
152 **RV 9:24 · Note** Eliashib.
153 **RV 9:25 · Note** Telem.

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the/this/who woman he/she/it/self; and toward ⟦ἐξιλασμὸν⟧ ⟦κριοὺς⟧ above/for the/this/who ignorance he/she/it/self. **21** and out_from the/this/who son Emmaʸr, Ananias, and Zabdaios, and Manaʸs, and Samaios, and ⟦Ἰερεὴλ⟧, and Azarias; **22** and out_from the/this/who son Faisour, Eliōnais, Massias, Ismaaʸlos, and Nathanaaʸlos, and ⟦Ὠκόδηλος⟧, and ⟦Σαλόας⟧. **23** and out_from the/this/who Leuitōn, ⟦Ἰωζαβάδος⟧, and Semeis, and ⟦Κώϊος⟧ (this/he/she/it he_is Kalitas), and Pathaios, and Youdas, and Yōnas. **24** out_from the/this/who ⟦ἱεροψαλτῶν⟧, ⟦Ἐλιάσαβος⟧, Bakḳouros. **25** out_from the/this/who ⟦θυρωρῶν⟧, ⟦Σαλοῦμος⟧, and Tolbanaʸs. **26** out_ _from of_the Israaʸl out_from the/this/who son tax, Hiermas, and Yezias, and Melḳias, and ⟦Μαῆλος⟧, and Eleazaros, and Asebias, and Banaias. **27** out_from the/this/who son Aʸla, ⟦Ματθανίας⟧, Zaḳarias, and Yezriaʸlos, and ⟦Ἰωαβδίος⟧, and Hieremōth, and ⟦Ἀϊδίας⟧. **28** and out_from the/this/who son ⟦Ζαμὼθ⟧, Eliadas, Eliasimos, Othonias, Yarimōth, and Sabathos, and ⟦Ζεραλίας⟧. **29** and out_from the/this/who son Baʸbai, Yōannaʸs, and Ananias, and Yōzabdos, and ⟦Ἀμαθίας⟧. **30** out_ _from the/this/who son Mani, Ōlamos, Mamouḳos, Yedaios, Yasoubos, and ⟦Ἰασαῆλος⟧, and Hieremōth. **31** and out_from son Addi, Naathos, and ⟦Μοοσίας⟧, Lakkounos, and Naidos, ⟦Ματθανίας⟧, and Sesthaʸl, and Balnouos, and ⟦Μανασσίας⟧. **32** and out_from the/this/who son Anan, Eliōnas, and Asaias, and Melḳias, and ⟦Σαββαῖος⟧, and Simōn Ḳosamaios. **33** and out_from the/this/who son Asom, ⟦Ἀλταναῖος⟧, and Mattathias, and ⟦Σαβανναῖος⟧, and Elifalat, and Manassaʸs, and Semei. **34** and out_from the/this/who son Ba'ani, Hieremias, Momdios, ⟦Ἰσμαῆρος⟧, Youaʸl, ⟦Μαβδαΐ⟧, and Pedias, and Anōs, ⟦Ῥαβασίων⟧, and ⟦Ἐνάσιβος⟧, and Mamnitanaimos, Eliasis,

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26 Of Yisrael (Israel), of the sons of Par'osh:[154] Rameyah,[155] Yiziyah,[156] Malkiyah, Miyamin,[157] Eleazar, Asibas, and Benayah.[158] **27** Of the sons of Elah: Matanyah, Zekaryah (Zechariah), Yehiel,[159] Ovadyah (Obadiah), Yerimot, and[160] Avdi. **28** Of the sons of Zatu:[161] Elyehoeynay,[162] Elyashiv,[163] Matanyah,[164] Yerimot, Zavad,[165] and[166] Aziza. **29** Of the sons of Bevay: Yohan (John), Hananyah, Zabay,[167] and Atlay.[168] **30** Of the sons of Bani:[169] Meshulam,[170] Maluk,[171] Adayah,[172] Yashuv, Sheal,[173] and Yerimot. **31** Of the sons of Addi: Naathus, Moossias, Laccunus, Naidus, Matanyah, Sheal, Balnuus, and Menasheh (Manasseh). **32** Of the sons of Hanan: Elyehoeynay, Aseas, Malkiyah, Sabbeus, and Shim'on (Simon) Chosameus. **33** Of the sons of Hashum: Matenay,[174] Matityah (Mattathias),[175] Zavad,[176] Elifelet, Menasheh, and Shimei. **34** Of the sons of Bani: Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), Momdis, Ismaerus, Yoel (Joel), Amram, Pedias, Anos, Carabasion, Enasibus, Mamnitamenus, Eliasis, Bannus, Eliali, Someis, Shelemyah, and Netanyah. Of the sons of Ezora: Sesis, Ezril, Azarel, Samatus, Zimri, and Yosef (Joseph). **35** Of the sons of Nooma: Mazitias, Zavad, Edos, Yoel, and Benayah. **36** All these had taken foreign wives, and they put them away with their children.

Ezra reads God's law to the people

37 The priests and Levites, and those who were of Yisrael (Israel), lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and in the country, on the new moon of the seventh month, and the Israeli people in their settlements.

38 The whole multitude gathered together with one accord into the broad place before the porch of the temple towards the

154 **RV 9:26 · Note** Parosh.
155 **RV 9:26 · Note** Ramiah
156 **RV 9:26 · Note** Izziah. Another reading is, Iezias
157 **RV 9:26 · Note** Mijamin.
158 **RV 9:26 · Note** Malchijah.
159 **RV 9:27 · Note** Jehiel.
160 **RV 9:27 · Note** Abdi.
161 **RV 9:28 · Note** Zattu.
162 **RV 9:28 · Note** Elioenai.
163 **RV 9:28 · Note** Eliashib.
164 **RV 9:28 · Note** Mattaniah.
165 **RV 9:28 · Note** Zabad.
166 **RV 9:28 · Note** Aziza.
167 **RV 9:29 · Note** Zabbai.
168 **RV 9:29 · Note** Athlai.
169 **RV 9:30 · Note** Bani.
170 **RV 9:30 · Note** Meshullam.
171 **RV 9:30 · Note** Malluch.
172 **RV 9:30 · Note** Adaiah.
173 **RV 9:30 · Note** Sheal.
174 **RV 9:33 · Note** Mattenai.
175 **RV 9:33 · Note** Mattattah.
176 **RV 9:33 · Note** Zabad.

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east.[177] 39 They said to Ezra the priest and reader, "Bring Mosheh's (Moses') law that was given by the master, the god of Yisrael."

40 So Ezra the chief priest brought the law to the whole multitude both of men and women, and to all the priests, to hear the law on the new moon of the seventh month. 41 He read in the broad place before the porch of the temple from morning until midday, before both men and women; and all the multitude gave attention to the law. 42 Ezra the priest and reader of the law stood up on the wooden pulpit which had been prepared. 43 Beside him stood Matityah (Mattathias), Shema, Hananyah, Azaryah, Uriyah, Hilkiyah,[178] and Baalsamus on the right hand, 44 and on his left hand, Pedayah,[179] Mishael, Malkiyah, Hashum,[180] Nabarias, and Zekaryah (Zechariah). 45 Then Ezra took the book of the law before the multitude, and sat honourably in the first place before all. 46 When he opened the law, they all stood straight up. So Ezra blessed the master God Most High, the god of armies, the Almighty. 47 All the people answered, "Amen." Lifting up their hands, they fell to the ground and worshipped the master. 48 Also Yeshua (Jesus), Annus, Shereveyah, Yamin, Akuv, Shabtay, Hodiyah,[181] Maiannas, Kelita, Azaryah, Yozavad, Hananyah, and Pelayah, the Levites, taught the master's law, and[182] read to the multitude the master's law, explaining what was read.

49 Then Attharates said to Ezra the chief priest and reader, and to the Levites who taught the multitude, even to all, 50 "This day is holy to the master—now they all wept when they heard the law— 51 go then, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those who have nothing; 52 for the day is holy to the master. Don't be sorrowful, for the master will bring you to honour." 53 So the Levites commanded all things to the people, saying, "This day is holy. Don't be sorrowful." 54 Then they went their way, every one to eat, drink, enjoy themselves, to give portions to those who had nothing, and to rejoice greatly, 55 because they understood[183] the words they were instructed with, and for which they'd been assembled.

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Bannous, ⟦Ἐλιαλὶ⟧, Someis, Selemias, Nathanias; and out_from the/this/who son Ezōra, ⟦Σεσὶς⟧, ⟦Ἐσρὶλ⟧, Azaaʸlos, Samatos, Zambri, ⟦Ἰώσηφος⟧. 35 and out_from the/this/who son ⟦Ἐθμὰ⟧, Mazitias, Zabadaias, Aʸdais, Youaʸl, Banaias. 36 all this/he/she/it ⟦συνῴκισαν⟧ woman ⟦ἀλλογενεῖς⟧, and to_ _release he/she/it/self with child. 37 and ⟦κατῴκησαν⟧ the/this/who priest, and the/this/who Leuitai, and the/this/who out_from of_the Israaʸl in/on/among Hierousalaʸm and in/on/among the/this/who country the/this/who New_Moon of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧ of_the seventh, and the/this/who son Israaʸl in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κατοικίαις⟧ he/she/it/self. 38 and to_assemble all the/this/who multitude united upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦εὐρύχωρον⟧ of_the to/with eastwards of_the temple gate, 39 and to_say Esdra the/this/who priest and ⟦ἀναγνώστῃ⟧, ⟦κόμισαι⟧ the/this/who law Mōusaʸ, the/this/who ⟦παραδοθέντα⟧ by/under lord God Israaʸl. 40 and ⟦ἐκόμισεν⟧ Esdras the/this/who high-priest the/this/who law all the/this/who multitude away_from a_human until woman, and all the/this/who priest, to_hear of_the law New_Moon of_the seventh ⟦μηνός⟧. 41 and to_read in/on/among the/this/who before of_the temple gate ⟦εὐρυχώρῳ⟧, out_from dawn until midst day, before man and/both and woman; and to_ _give/deliver all the/this/who multitude the/this/who mind toward the/this/who law. 42 and to_stand Esdras the/this/who priest and ⟦ἀναγνώστης⟧ of_the law upon/to/against of_the ⟦ξυλίνου⟧ judgement_seat of_the ⟦κατασκευασθέντος⟧. 43 and to_stand from_with he/she/it/self Mattathias, Sammous, Ananias, Azarias, Ourias, Ezekias, Ba'alsamos, out_from right; 44 and out_from left/south ⟦Φαλδαῖος⟧, and Misaaʸl, Melḳias, Lōthasoubos, Nabarias, Zaḳarias. 45 and to_take_up Esdras the/this/who scroll before of_the multitude, ⟦προεκάθητο⟧ ⟦ἐπιδόξως⟧ before all. 46 and in/on/among the/this/who to_ _loose the/this/who law, all ⟦ὀρθοὶ⟧ to_stand; and to_ _praise/bless Esdras the/this/who lord God ⟦ὑψίστῳ⟧ God of_ _Hosts ⟦παντοκράτορι⟧. 47 and ⟦ἐπεφώνησε⟧ all the/this/who multitude, amen; and to_take_up above the/this/who hand, ⟦προσπεσόντες⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who earth, to_ _worship the/this/who lord. 48 Yaʸsous, and Anniouth, and Sarabias, and Yadinos, and Yakoubos, ⟦Σαβαταῖος⟧, Autaias, Maiannas, and Kalitas, Azarias, and Iōzabdos, and Ananias, Falias, the/this/who Leuitai, to_teach the/this/who law of_the lord, and to/with the/this/who multitude ⟦ἀνεγίνωσκον⟧ the/this/who law of_the lord, ⟦ἐμφυσιοῦντες⟧ together the/this/who reading. 49 and to_say ⟦Ἀτθαράτης⟧ Esdra the/this/who high-priest and ⟦ἀναγνώστῃ⟧, and the/this/who Leuitais the/this/who ⟦διδάσκουσι⟧ the/this/who multitude upon/to/against all, 50 the/this/who day this/he/she/it to_be holy the/this/who lord; and all to_weep in/on/among

177 **RV 9:38 · Cross-ref.** Neh 8:1.

178 **RV 9:43 · Note** Hilkiah.

179 **RV 9:44 · Note** Pedaiah.

180 **RV 9:44 · Note** Hashuin.

181 **RV 9:48 · Note** Hodiah.

182 **RV 9:48 · Note** Some authorities omit and read...master.

183 **RV 9:55 · Note** Or, were inspired by

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the/this/who to_hear of_the law; **51** ⟦βαδίσαντες⟧ therefore/then to_eat ⟦λιπάσματα⟧, and to_drink ⟦γλυκάσματα⟧, and ⟦ἀποστείλατε⟧ ⟦ἀποστολὰς⟧ the/this/who not to_have/be; **52** holy for the/this/who day the/this/who lord; and not ⟦λυπεῖσθε⟧, the/this/who for lord to_glorify you. **53** and the/this/who Leuitai to_order all the/this/who people, to_speak the/this/who day this/he/she/it holy, not ⟦λυπεῖσθε⟧. **54** and ⟦ᾤχοντο⟧ all to_eat and to_drink and to_ _celebrate, and to_give ⟦ἀποστολὰς⟧ the/this/who not to_ _have/be, and to_celebrate greatly, **55** that/since for ⟦ἐνεφυσιώθησαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who declaration which to_teach, and ⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧.

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The Second Book of Ezra

Introduction

The Second Book of Ezra, also known as *2 Esdras*, presents prayers, conversations, and visions in the name of Ezra. The central account places him in Bavel (Babylon), grieving over the destruction of Yerushalem (Jerusalem). He asks why God's people suffer, why nations that do worse things seem to prosper, and why so many human lives end in failure and judgement.

The messenger Uriel responds with questions and comparisons that expose the limits of Ezra's understanding. Their conversations consider human wrongdoing, God's timing, life after death, and the world to come. Ezra continues to plead for his people and for humanity, while the answers call him to trust God's justice and recognise that the present world isn't the whole of God's purpose.

The later visions include a grieving woman who becomes a city, an eagle confronted by a lion, and a man who rises from the sea. The explanations within the account connect these images with Yerushalem, oppressive kingdoms, and God's promised rescue. Ezra is then commissioned to restore the sacred writings. The opening and closing chapters add messages of warning, hope, and encouragement to remain faithful. As with Daniyel's visions and *Yohan's Revelation*, the imagery needs to be read alongside the explanations the document itself provides.

The Second Book of Ezra is included in the Slavonic Bible as *3 Ezra*, but is not found in the Greek Septuagint. It is included in the Appendix to the Latin Vulgate Bible as *4 Ezra*. It is considered to be Apocrypha by most church traditions. It is preserved here for its supplementary historical value.

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Ezra is sent to confront Yisrael's disobedience

1:1 The second book of the prophet Ezra, the son of Serayah, the son of Azaryah, the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Shalum, the son of Tsadok, the son of Ahituv, **2** the son of Ahiyah, the son of Pinhas, the son of Eli, the son of Amaryah, the son of Uzi, the son of Merayot, the son of Arna, the son of Ozias, the son of Buki, the son of Avishua, the son of Pinhas, the son of Eleazar, **3** the son of Aharon (Aaron), of the tribe of Levi, who was captive in the land of the Madim (Medes), in the reign of Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) king of the Persians.

4 The master's word came to me, saying, **5** "Go your way and show my people their sinful actions, and their children their wickedness which they've done against me, that they may tell their children's children, **6** because the sins of their fathers have increased in them, for they've forgotten me, and have offered sacrifices to foreign gods. **7** Didn't I bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt), out of the house of bondage? But they've provoked me to anger and have despised my counsels. **8** So pull out the hair of your head and throw all evils on them, for they haven't been obedient to my law, but they're a rebellious people. **9** How long must I put up with them, to whom I've done so much good? **10** I have overthrown many kings for their sakes. I've struck down Par'oh (Pharaoh) with his servants and all his army. **11** I've destroyed all the nations before them. In the east, I've scattered the people of two provinces, even of Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon), and have slain all their adversaries. **12** Speak therefore to them, saying:

13 "The master says, truly I brought you through the sea, and where there was no path I made highways for you. I gave you Mosheh (Moses) for a leader and Aharon (Aaron) for a priest. **14** I gave you light in a pillar of fire. I've done great wonders among you, yet you've forgotten me, says the master.

15 "The master Almighty says: The quails were for a token to you. I gave you a camp for your protection, but you complained there. **16** You didn't celebrate in my name for the destruction of your enemies, but even to this day you still complain. **17** Where are the benefits that I've given you? When you were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness, didn't you cry to me, **18** saying, 'Why have you brought us into this wilderness to kill us? It'd have been better for us to have served the Mitsrim (Egyptians) than to die in this wilderness.' **19** I had pity on your mourning and gave you manna for food. You ate angels' bread. **20** When you were thirsty, didn't I split the rock, and water flowed out in abundance? Because of the heat, I covered you with the leaves of the trees. **21** I divided fruitful lands among you. I drove out the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Perizi, and the Pelishtim before you. What more can I do for you?" says the master.

22 The master Almighty says, "When you were in the wilderness, at the bitter stream, being thirsty and blaspheming my name, **23** I gave you not fire for your blasphemies, but threw a tree in the water, and made the river sweet. **24** What should I do to you, Oh Ya'akov (Jacob)? You, Yehudah (Judah), wouldn't obey me. I'll turn myself to other nations, and I'll give my name to

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them, that they may keep my statutes. 25 Since you've forsaken me, I also will forsake you. When you ask me to be merciful to you, I'll have no mercy on you. 26 Whenever you call on me, I won't hear you, for you've defiled your hands with blood, and your feet are swift to commit murder. 27 It isn't as though you've forsaken me, but your own selves," says the master.

God turns to people who will listen

28 The master Almighty says, "Haven't I asked you as a father his sons, as a mother her daughters, and a nurse her young babies, 29 that you'd be my people, and I'd be your god, that you'd be my children, and I'd be your father? 30 I gathered you together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But now, what should I do to you? I'll throw you out from my presence. 31 When you offer burnt sacrifices to me, I'll turn my face from you, for I've rejected your solemn feast days, your new moons, and your circumcisions of the flesh. 32 I sent to you my servants the prophets, whom you've taken and slain, and torn their bodies in pieces, whose blood I'll require from you," says the master.

33 The master Almighty says, "Your house is desolate. I'll throw you out as the wind blows stubble. 34 Your children won't be fruitful, for they've neglected my commandment to you, and done that which is evil before me. 35 I'll give your houses to a people that'll come, which not having heard of me yet believe me. Those to whom I've shown no signs will do what I've commanded. 36 They've seen no prophets, yet they'll remember their former condition. 37 I call to witness the gratitude of the people who'll come, whose little ones rejoice with gladness. Although they see me not with bodily eyes, yet in spirit they'll believe what I say."

38 And now, father, look in glory and see the people that come from the east: 39 to whom I'll give for leaders, Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob), Hoshea (Hosea), Amos, and Mikah, Yoel (Joel), Ovadyah (Obadiah), and Yonah (Jonah), 40 Nahum, and Havakuk (Habakkuk), Tsefanyah (Zephaniah), Hagay, Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Malaki (Malachi), who's also called the master's messenger.

Judgement on those who rejected God

2:1 The master says, "I brought this people out of bondage. I gave them my commandments by my servants the prophets, whom they wouldn't listen to, but made my counsels void. 2 The mother who bore them says to them, 'Go your way, my children, for I'm a widow and forsaken. 3 I brought you up with gladness, and I've lost you with sorrow and heaviness, for you've sinned before the master God, and done that which is evil before me. 4 But now what can I do for you? Because I'm a widow and forsaken. Go your way, my children, and ask for mercy from the master.' 5 As for me, Oh father, I call on you for a witness in addition to the mother of these children, because they wouldn't keep my covenant, 6 that you may bring them to confusion, and their mother to ruin, that they may have no offspring. 7 Let them be scattered abroad among the heathen. Let their names be blotted out of the earth, for they've despised my covenant. 8 Woe to you, Ashur (Assyria), you who hide the unrighteous with you! You wicked nation, re-

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member what I did to Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah), 9 whose land lies in lumps of pitch and heaps of ashes. That's what I'll also do to those who haven't listened to me," says the master Almighty.

God promises to gather and care for his people

10 The master says to Ezra, "Tell my people that I'll give them Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) kingdom, which I'd have given to Yisrael (Israel). 11 I'll also take their glory back to myself, and give these the eternal tabernacles which I'd prepared for them. 12 They'll have the tree of life for fragrant perfume. They'll neither labour nor be weary. 13 Ask, and you'll receive. Pray that your days may be few, that they may be shortened. The kingdom is already prepared for you. Watch! 14 Call heaven and earth to witness. Call them to witness, for I've left out evil, and created the good, for I live, says the master.

15 "Mother, embrace your children. I'll bring them out with gladness like a dove does. Establish their feet, for I've chosen you, says the master. 16 I'll raise those who are dead up again from their places, and bring them out from their tombs, for I recognise my name in them. 17 Don't be afraid, you mother of children, for I've chosen you, says the master. 18 Because your help, I'll send my servants Yeshayah (Isaiah) and Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), after whose counsel I've sanctified and prepared for you twelve trees laden with various fruits, 19 and as many springs flowing with milk and honey, and seven mighty mountains, on which roses and lilies grow, with which I'll fill your children with joy. 20 Do right to the widow. Secure justice for the fatherless. Give to the poor. Defend the orphan. Clothe the naked. 21 Heal the broken and the weak. Don't laugh a lame man to scorn. Defend the maimed. Let the blind man have a vision of my glory. 22 Protect the old and young within your walls. 23 Wherever you find the dead, set a sign on them and commit them to the grave, and I'll give you the first place in my resurrection. 24 Stay still, my people, and take your rest, for your rest will come. 25 Nourish your children, good nurse, and establish their feet. 26 As for the servants whom I've given you, not one of them will perish, for I'll require them from among your number. 27 Don't be anxious, for when the day of suffering and anguish comes, others will weep and be sorrowful, but you'll rejoice and have abundance. 28 The nations will envy you, but they'll be able to do nothing against you, says the master. 29 My hands will cover you, so that your children don't see geenna.[1] 30 Be joyful, mother, with your children, for I'll deliver you, says the master. 31 Remember your children who sleep, for I'll bring them out of the secret places of the earth and show mercy to them, for I'm merciful, says the master Almighty. 32 Embrace your children until I come, and proclaim mercy to them, for my wells run over, and my grace won't fail."

A call to receive God's promised peace

33 I, Ezra, received a command from the master on Mt. Horev to go to Yisrael (Israel), but when I came to them, they re-

1 **RV 2:29 · Note** or, Hell.

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jected me and rejected the master's commandment. 34 Therefore
I say to you, Oh nations that hear and understand, "Look for
your shepherd. He'll give you eternal peace and security, for he's
near at hand who'll come at the end of the age. 35 Be ready for
the rewards of the kingdom, for the eternal light will shine on
you forevermore. 36 Flee the shadow of this world, receive the
joy of your glory. I call to witness my saviour openly. 37 Receive
that which is given to you by the master, and be joyful, giving
thanks to him who's called you to heavenly kingdoms. 38 Arise
and stand up, and see the number of those who've been sealed
at the master's feast. 39 Those who withdrew themselves from
the shadow of the world have received glorious clothes from the
master. 40 Take again your full number, Oh Tsiyon (Zion), and
make up the reckoning of those of yours who are clothed in
white, which have fulfilled the master's law. 41 The number of
your children, whom you long for, is fulfilled. Ask the master's
power, that your people, which have been called from the begin-
ning, may be made holy."

Ezra sees God's people being crowned

42 I, Ezra, saw on Mt. Tsiyon a great mul-
titude, whom I couldn't number, and they
all praised the master with songs.
43 Among them, there was a young man of a high stature, taller
than all the rest, and on every one of their heads he set crowns,
and he was more exalted than they were. I marvelled greatly at
this. 44 So I asked the angel, and said, "What are these, my mas-
ter?"

45 He replied to me, "These are those who've put off the mortal
clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed God's
name. Now are they crowned, and receive palms."

46 Then I said to the angel, "Who's the young man who sets
crowns on them, and gives them palms in their hands?"

47 So he replied to me, "He's the Son of God, whom they've
confessed in the world."

Then I began to praise those who stood so valiantly for the
master's name.

48 Then the angel said to me, "Go your way, and tell my people
what kind of things, and how great wonders of the master God
you've seen."

Ezra asks why Yisrael suffers

3:1 In the thirtieth year after the ruin of
the city, I Salathiail, also called Ezra, was
in Bavel (Babylon), and lay troubled on my bed, and my
thoughts came up over my heart, 2 for I saw the desolation of
Tsiyon (Zion) and the wealth of those who lived at Bavel. 3 My
spirit was very agitated, so that I began to speak words full of
fear to the Most High, and said, 4 "O sovereign master, didn't you
speak at the beginning when you formed the earth—and that
yourself alone—and commanded the dust 5 and it gave you
Adam, a body without a soul? Yet it was the workmanship of
your hands, and you breathed into him the breath of life, and he
was made alive in your presence. 6 You led him into the garden
which your right hand planted before the earth appeared. 7 You
gave him your one commandment, which he transgressed, and
immediately you appointed death for him and his descendants.

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From him were born nations, tribes, peoples, and kindred without number. 8 Every nation walked after their own will, did ungodly things in your sight, and despised your commandments, and you didn't hinder them. 9 Nevertheless, again in process of time, you brought the flood on those who lived in the world and destroyed them. 10 It happened that the same thing happened to them. Just as death came to Adam, so was the flood to these. 11 Nevertheless, you left one of them, Noah with his household, and all the righteous men who descended from him.

12 "When those who lived on the earth began to multiply, they also multiplied children, peoples, and many nations, and began again to be more ungodly than their ancestors. 13 When they did wickedly before you, you chose one from among them, whose name was Avraham. 14 You loved, and to him only you showed the end of the times secretly by night, 15 and made an eternal covenant with him, promising him that you'd never forsake his descendants. To him, you gave Yitshak (Isaac), and to Yitshak you gave Ya'akov (Jacob) and Esav (Esau). 16 You set apart Ya'akov for yourself, but rejected Esav. Ya'akov became a great multitude. 17 When you led his descendants out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), you brought them up to Mt. Sinay. 18 You bowed the heavens also, shook the earth, moved the whole world, made the depths tremble, and troubled the age. 19 Your glory went through four gates, of fire, of earthquake, of wind, and of ice, that you might give the law to the descendants of Ya'akov, and the commandment to the descendants of Yisrael (Israel).

20 "Yet you didn't take away from them their wicked heart, that your law might produce fruit in them. 21 Because the first Adam, burdened with a wicked heart transgressed and was overcome, as were all who are descended from him. 22 Thus disease was made permanent. The law was in the people's heart along with the wickedness of the root. So the good departed away and that which was wicked remained. 23 So the times passed away, and the years were brought to an end. Then you raised up a servant, called David, 24 whom you commanded to build a city to your name, and to offer burnt offerings to you in it from what's yours. 25 When this was done many years, then those who inhabited the city did evil, 26 in all things doing as Adam and all his generations had done, for they also had a wicked heart. 27 So you gave your city over into your enemies' hands.

Why does Bavel prosper?

28 "Then I said in my heart, 'Is what those who inhabit Bavel (Babylon) do any better? Is that why it gained dominion over Tsiyon (Zion)?' 29 Because when I came here, I also saw impieties without number, and my soul saw many sinners in this thirtieth year, so that my heart failed me. 30 Because I've seen how you endure them sinning, and have spared those who act ungodly, and have destroyed your people, and have preserved your enemies; 31 and you haven't shown how your way may be comprehended. Are Bavel's actions better than those of Tsiyon? 32 Or is there any other nation that knows you beside Yisrael (Israel)? Or what tribes have so believed your covenants as these tribes of Ya'akov (Jacob)? 33 Yet their reward doesn't appear, and their labour has

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no fruit, for I've gone here and there through the nations, and I
see that they abound in wealth, and don't think about your com-
mandments. 34 Weigh therefore our iniquities now in the bal-
ance, and theirs also who live in the world, and so will it be
found which way the scale inclines. 35 Or when was it that they
who live on the earth haven't sinned in your sight? Or what na-
tion has kept your commandments so well? 36 You'll find some
men by name who've kept your precepts, but you won't find na-
tions."

Uriel challenges Ezra's understanding

4:1 The angel who was sent to me, whose
name was Uriel, gave me an answer, 2 and
said to me, "Your understanding has utterly failed you regarding
this world. Do you think you can comprehend the way of the
Most High?"

3 Then I said, "Yes, my master."

He answered me, "I've been sent to show you three ways, and
to set before you three problems. 4 If you can solve one for me, I
also will show you the way that you desire to see, and I'll teach
you why the heart is wicked."

5 I said, "Say on, my master."

Then he said to me, "Go, weigh for me the weight of fire, or
measure for me blast of wind, or call back for me the day that's
past."

6 Then I replied, "Who of the sons of men is able to do this,
that you should ask me about such things?"

7 He said to me, "If I'd asked you, 'How many dwellings are
there in the heart of the sea? Or how many springs are there at
the fountain head of the deep? Or how many streams are above
the firmament? Or which are the exits of hell?[2] Or which are the
entrances of paradise?' 8 perhaps you'd say to me, 'I never went
down into the deep, or as yet into hell, neither did I ever climb
up into heaven.' 9 Nevertheless now I've only asked you about
the fire, wind, and the day, things which you've experienced,
and from which you can't be separated, and yet have you given
me no answer about them."

10 He said moreover to me, "You can't understand your own
things that you grew up with. 11 How then can your mind com-
prehend the way of the Most High? How can he who's already
worn out with the corrupted world understand incorruption?"

When I heard these things, I fell on my face[3] 12 and said to him,
"It'd have been better if we weren't here at all, than that we
should come here and live surrounded by ungodliness, and suf-
fer, and not know why."

13 He answered me, and said, "A forest of the trees of the field
went out, and took counsel together,[4] 14 and said, 'Come! Let's go
and make war against the sea, that it may depart away before us,
and that we may make ourselves more forests.' 15 The waves of
the sea also in the same way took counsel together, and said,
'Come! Let's go up and subdue the forest of the plain, that there

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No LV source text for chapter 4.

2 **RV 4:7 · Note** So the Syriac. The Latin omits of hell? or which are the paths.

3 **RV 4:11 · Note** So the Syriac and Aethiopic. The Latin is corrupt.

4 **RV 4:13 · Note** So the Oriental versions. The Latin is corrupt. See Judges 9:8.

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also we may gain more territory.' 16 The counsel of the wood was in vain, for the fire came and consumed it. 17 Likewise also the counsel of the waves of the sea, for the sand stood up and stopped them. 18 If you were judge now between these two, which would you justify, or which would you condemn?"

19 I replied, "It's a foolish counsel that they both have taken, for the ground is given to the wood, and the place of the sea is given to bear its waves."

20 Then he answered me, "You've given a right judgement. Why don't you judge your own case? 21 Because just as the ground is given to the wood, and the sea to its waves, even so those who live on the earth may understand nothing but what's on the earth. Only he who lives above the heavens understands the things that are above the height of the heavens."

When will evil come to an end?

22 Then I replied, "I beg you, Oh master, why has the power of understanding been given to me? 23 Because it wasn't in my mind to be curious of the ways above, but of such things as pass by us daily, because Yisrael (Israel) is given up as a reproach to the heathen. The people whom you've loved have been given over to ungodly nations. The law of our forefathers is made of no effect, and the written covenants are nowhere regarded. 24 We pass away out of the world like locusts. Our life is like a vapour, and we aren't worthy to obtain mercy. 25 What'll he then do for his name by which we're called? I've asked about these things."

26 Then he answered me, and said, "If you're alive you'll see, and if you live long, you'll marvel, for the world hastens quickly to pass away. 27 Because it isn't able to bear the things that are promised to the righteous in the times to come; for this world is full of sadness and infirmities. 28 Because the evil[5] about which you asked me has been sown, but its harvest hasn't yet come. 29 If therefore that which is sown isn't harvested, and if the place where the evil is sown doesn't pass away, the field where the good is sown won't come. 30 Because a grain of evil seed was sown in Adam's heart from the beginning, and how much wickedness it's produced to this time! How much more it'll yet produce until the time of threshing comes! 31 Ponder now by yourself, how much fruit of wickedness a grain of evil seed has produced. 32 When the grains which are without number are sown, how great a threshing floor they'll fill!"

33 Then I replied, "How long? When will these things happen? Why are our years few and evil?"[6]

34 He answered me, and said, "Don't hurry faster than the Most High; for your haste is[7] for your own self, but he who's above hurries on behalf of many. 35 Didn't the souls of the righteous ask question of these things in their chambers, saying, 'How long will[8] we be here? When does the fruit of the threshing floor come?' 36 To them, Yeremiel the archangel answered, 'When the

5 **RV 4:28 · Note** so the Syriac and Aethiopic.

6 **RV 4:33 · Note** So the chief oriental versions.

7 **RV 4:34 · Note** So the Syriac. The Latin is corrupt.

8 **RV 4:35 · Note** So the Syriac. The Latin has shall I hope on this fashion?

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number is fulfilled of those who are like you. Because he's weighed the world in the balance. 37 By measure, he's measured the times. By number, he's counted the seasons. He won't move[9] or stir them until that measure is fulfilled.' "

38 Then I answered, "O sovereign master, all of us are full of ungodliness. 39 Perhaps it's for our sakes that the threshing time of the righteous is kept back—because of the sins of those who live on the earth."

40 So he answered me, "Go your way to a woman with child, and ask of her when she's fulfilled her nine months, if her womb may keep the baby any longer within her."

41 Then I said, "No, master, it can't."

He said to me, "In Haidais, the chambers of souls are like the womb. 42 Because just like a woman in labour hurries to escape the anguish of the labour pains, even so these places hurry to deliver those things that are committed to them from the beginning. 43 Then you'll be shown those things which you desire to see."

How much time remains?

44 Then I answered, "If I've found favour in your sight, and if it's possible, and if I'm worthy, 45 show me this also, whether there's more to come than is past, or whether the greater part has gone over us. 46 Because what's gone I know, but I don't know what's to come."

47 He said to me, "Stand up on my right side, and I'll explain the parable to you."

48 So I stood, looked, and saw a hot burning oven passed by before me. It happened that when the flame had gone by I looked, and saw that the smoke remained. 49 After this, a watery cloud passed in front of me, and sent down much rain with a storm. When the stormy rain was past, the drops still remained in it."

50 Then he said to me, "Consider with yourself; as the rain is more than the drops, and the fire is greater than the smoke, so the quantity which is past was far greater; but the drops and the smoke still remained."

51 Then I prayed, and said, "Do you think that I'll live until that time? Or who'll be alive in those days?"

52 He answered me, "As for the signs you asked me about, I may tell you of them in part; but I wasn't sent to tell you about your life, for I don't know.

Signs of the coming end

5:1 "Nevertheless, about the signs, look, the days will come when those who live on earth will be taken with[10] great amazement, and the way of truth will be hidden, and the land will be barren of faith. 2 Iniquity will be increased above what now you see, and beyond what you've heard long ago. 3 The land that you now see ruling will be a trackless waste, and men will see it desolate. 4 But if the Most High grants you to live, you'll see what's after the third period will be troubled. The sun will suddenly shine in the night, and the moon in the day. 5 Blood will drop out of wood, and the stone will utter its voice. The peoples will be troubled, and the

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No LV source text for chapter 5.

9 **RV 4:37 · Note** Syr. rest.

10 **RV 5:1 · Note** So the syriac.

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stars will fall. 6 He'll rule whom those who live on the earth
don't expect, and the birds will fly away together. 7 The
Sodomite sea will throw out fish, and make a noise in the night,
which many haven't known; but all will hear its voice. 8 There'll
also be chaos in many places. Fires will break out often, and the
wild animals will change their places, and women will bring
forth monsters. 9 Salt waters will be found in the sweet, and all
friends will destroy one another. Then reason will hide itself,
and understanding withdraw itself into its chamber. 10 It'll be
searched for by many, and won't be found. Unrighteousness and
lack of restraint will be multiplied on earth. 11 One country will
ask another, 'Has righteousness, or a man that does righteous-
ness, gone through you?' And it'll say, 'No.' 12 It'll happen at that
time that men will hope, but won't obtain. They'll labour, but
their ways won't prosper. 13 I'm permitted to show you such
signs. If you'll pray again, and weep as now, and fast seven days,
you'll hear yet greater things than these."

14 Then I woke up, and an extreme trembling went through my
body, and my mind was so troubled that it fainted. 15 So the an-
gel who'd come to talk with me held me, comforted me, and set
me on my feet.

16 On the second night, Paltiel[11] the people's captain came to
me, saying, "Where have you been? Why is your face sad? 17 Or
don't you know that Yisrael (Israel) is committed to you in the
land of their captivity? 18 Get up then, and eat some bread, and
don't forsake us, like a shepherd who leaves the flock in the
power of cruel wolves."

19 Then I said to him, "Go away from me and don't come near
me for seven days, and then come to me." He heard what I said
and left me.

Ezra asks why God has abandoned Yisrael

20 So I fasted seven days, mourning and
weeping, like Uriel the angel had com-
manded me. 21 After seven days, the
thoughts of my heart were very grievous to me again, 22 and my
soul recovered the spirit of understanding, and I began to speak
words before the Most High again. 23 I said, "O sovereign master
of all the woods of the earth, and of all their trees, you've chosen
one vine for yourself. 24 Of all the lands of the world you've cho-
sen one country[12] for yourself. Of all the flowers of the world,
you've chosen one lily for yourself. 25 Of all the depths of the
sea, you've filled one river for yourself. Of all built cities, you've
consecrated Tsiyon (Zion) for yourself. 26 Of all the birds that are
created you've named for yourself one dove. Of all the livestock
that have been made, you've provided for yourself one sheep.
27 Among all the multitudes of peoples you have gotten yourself
one people. To this people, whom you loved, you gave a law
that's approved by all. 28 Now, Oh master, why have you given
this one people over to many, and have[13] dishonoured the one
root above others, and have scattered your only one among

11 **RV 5:16 · Note** The Syriac has Psaltiel.

12 **RV 5:24 · Note** After the Oriental versions. The Latin has pit.

13 **RV 5:28 · Note** After the Oriental versions. The Latin reads have prepared.

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many? 29 Those who opposed your promises have trampled down those who believed your covenants. 30 If you really do hate your people so much, they should be punished with your own hands."

God's plans are beyond Ezra's understanding

31 Now when I'd spoken these words, the angel that came to me the night before was sent to me, 32 and said to me, "Hear me, and I'll instruct you. Listen to me, and I'll tell you more."

33 I said, "Speak on, my master."

Then he said to me, "You're very troubled in mind for Yisrael's (Israel's) sake. Do you love that people more than he who made them?"

34 I said, "No, master; but I've spoken out of grief; for my heart is in agony every hour while I labour to comprehend the way of the Most High, and to seek out part of his judgement."

35 He said to me, "You can't."

And I said, "Why, master? Why was I born? Why wasn't my mother's womb my grave, that I might not have seen the travail of Ya'akov (Jacob), and the wearisome toil of Yisrael's people?"

36 He said to me, "Count for me those who haven't yet come. Gather together for me the drops that are scattered abroad, and make the withered flowers green again for me. 37 Open for me the chambers that are closed, and bring out the winds for me that are shut up in them. Or show me the image of a voice. Then I'll declare to you the travail that you asked to see."

38 And I said, "O sovereign master, who may know these things except he who doesn't have his dwelling with men? 39 As for me, I lack wisdom. How can I then speak of these things you asked me about?"

40 Then he said to me, "Just as you can do none of these things that I've spoken of, even so you can't find out my judgement, or the end of the love that I've promised to my people."

41 I said, "But Oh master, you've made the promise to those who are alive at the end. What should they do who have been before us, or we ourselves, or those who'll come after us?"

42 He said to me, "I'll compare my judgement to a ring. Just as there's no slowness of those who are last, even so there's no swiftness of those who be first."

43 So I answered, "Couldn't you make them all at once that have been made, and that are now, and that are yet to come, that you might show your judgement sooner?"

44 Then he answered me, "The creature may not move faster than the creator, nor can the world hold them at once who'll be created in it."

45 And I said, "How have you said to your servant, that you[14] will surely make alive at once the creature that you've created? If[15] therefore they'll be alive at once, and the creation will sustain them, even so it might now also support them to be present at once."

46 And he said to me, "Ask the womb of a woman, and say to

Literal Version

14 **RV 5:45 · Note** So the Syriac.

15 **RV 5:45 · Note** The Latin omits If...alive at once.

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No LV source text for chapter 6.

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her, 'If you bear ten children, why do you it at different times? Ask her therefore to give birth to ten children at once."

47 I said, "She can't, but must do it each in their own time."

48 Then he said to me, "Even so, I've given the womb of the earth to those who are sown in it in their own times. 49 Because just as a young child may not give birth, neither she who's grown old any more, even so have I organised the world which I created."

50 I asked, "Seeing that you've now shown me the way, I'll speak before you. Is our mother, of whom you've told me, still young? Or does she now draw near to old age?"

51 He answered me, "Ask a woman who bears children, and she'll tell you. 52 Say to her, 'Why aren't they whom you've now brought forth like those who were before, but smaller in stature?' 53 She also will answer you, 'Those who are born in the strength of youth are different from those who are born in the time of old age, when the womb fails.' 54 Consider therefore you also, how you're shorter than those who were before you. 55 So are those who come after you smaller than you, as born of the creature which now begins to be old, and is past the strength of youth."

56 Then I said, "master, I implore you, if I've found favour in your sight, show your servant by whom you visit your creation."

6:1 He said to me, "In the beginning, when the earth was made, before the portals of the world were fixed and before the gatherings of the winds blew, 2 before the voices of the thunder sounded and before the flashes of the lightning shone, before the foundations of paradise were laid, 3 before the fair flowers were seen, before the powers of the earthquake were established, before the innumerable army of angels were gathered together, 4 before the heights of the air were lifted up, before the measures of the firmament were named, before the footstool of Tsiyon (Zion) was[16] established, 5 before the present years were reckoned, before the imaginations of those who now sin were estranged, and before they were sealed who've gathered faith for a treasure— 6 then I considered these things, and they all were made through me alone, and not through another; just as by me also they'll be ended, and not by another."

The end of this age and the beginning of the next

7 Then I answered, "What'll be the dividing of the times? Or when will be the end of the first and the beginning of the age that follows?"

8 He said to me, "From Avraham to Yitshak (Isaac), because Ya'akov (Jacob) and Esav (Esau) were born to him, for Ya'akov's hand held Esav's heel from the beginning. 9 Because Esav is the end of this age, and Ya'akov is the beginning of the one that follows. 10 The[17] beginning of a man is his hand, and the end of a man is his heel. Seek nothing else between the heel and the hand, Ezra!"

11 Then I answered, "O sovereign master, if I've found favour in

16 **RV 6:4 · Note** So the Syriac.

17 **RV 6:10 · Note** So the Syriac, etc. The Latin is defective.

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your sight, 12 I beg you, show your servant the end of your signs which you showed me part on a previous night."

13 So he answered, "Stand up on your feet, and you'll hear a mighty sounding voice. 14 If the place you stand on is greatly moved 15 when it speaks don't be afraid, for the word is of the end, and the foundations of the earth will understand 16 that the speech is about them. They'll tremble and be moved, for they know that their end must be changed."

17 It happened that when I'd heard it, I stood up on my feet, and listened, and there was a voice that spoke, and its sound was like the sound of many waters. 18 It said, "Listen, the days come when I draw near to visit those who live on the earth, 19 and when I investigate those who've caused harm unjustly with their unrighteousness, and when the affliction of Tsiyon (Zion) is complete, 20 and when the seal will be set on the age that's to pass away, then I'll show these signs: the books will be opened before the firmament, and all will see together. 21 The children a year old will speak with their voices. The women with child will deliver premature children at three or four months, and they'll live and dance. 22 Suddenly the sown places will appear unsown. The full storehouses will suddenly be found empty. 23 The trumpet will give a sound which when every man hears, they'll suddenly be afraid. 24 At that time friends will make war against one another like enemies. The earth will stand in fear with those who live in it. The springs of the fountains will stand still, so that for three hours they won't flow.

25 "It'll be that anyone who remains after all these things that I've told you of, he'll be saved and will see my salvation, and the end of my world. 26 They'll see the men who've been taken up, who haven't tasted death from their birth. The heart of the inhabitants will be changed and turned into a different spirit. 27 Because evil will be blotted out and deceit will be quenched. 28 Faith will flourish. Corruption will be overcome, and the truth, which has been so long without fruit, will be declared."

29 When he talked with me, look, little by little, the place I stood on rocked[18] back and forth. 30 He said to me, "I came to show you these things tonight.[19] 31 If therefore you'll pray yet again, and fast seven more days, I'll again[20] tell you greater things than these. 32 Because your voice has surely been heard before the Most High. Because the Mighty has seen your righteousness. He's also seen your purity, which you've maintained ever since your youth. 33 Therefore he's sent me to show you all these things, and to say to you, 'Believe, and don't be afraid! 34 Don't be hasty to think vain things about the former times, that you may not hasten in the latter times.' "

Ezra recalls creation and pleads for Yisrael

35 After this, I wept again, and fasted seven days in the same way, that I might fulfil the three weeks which he told me. 36 On the eighth night, my heart was troubled within me again,

Literal Version

18 **RV 6:29 · Note** After the Oriental versions. The Latin is corrupt.

19 **RV 6:30 · Note** So the Syriac. The Latin is corrupt.

20 **RV 6:31 · Note** The Latin has tell you by day.

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and I began to speak in the presence of the Most High. 37 Because my spirit was greatly aroused, and my soul was in distress. 38 I said, "O master, truly you spoke at the beginning of the creation, on the first day, and said this: 'Let heaven and earth be made,' and your word perfected the work. 39 Then the spirit was hovering, and darkness and silence were on every side. The sound of man's voice wasn't yet there.[21] 40 Then you commanded a ray of light to be brought out of your treasuries, that your works might then appear.

41 "On the second day, again you made the spirit of the firmament and commanded it to divide and to separate the waters, that the one part might go up, and the other remain beneath.

42 "On the third day, you commanded that the waters should be gathered together in the seventh part of the earth. You dried up six parts and kept them, to the intent that of these some being both planted and tilled might serve before you. 43 Because as soon as your word went out, the work was done. 44 Immediately, great and innumerable fruit grew, with many pleasant tastes, and flowers of inimitable colour, and fragrances of most exquisite smell. This was done the third day.

45 "On the fourth day, you commanded that the sun should shine, the moon give its light, and the stars should be in their order; 46 and gave them a command to serve mankind, who was to be made.

47 "On the fifth day, you said to the seventh part, where the water was gathered together, that it should produce living creatures, fowls and fishes; and so it happened 48 that the mute and lifeless water produced living things as it was told, that the nations might therefore praise your wondrous works.

49 "Then you preserved two living creatures. The one you called Behemot, and the other you called Livyatan. 50 You separated the one from the other; for the seventh part, namely, where the water was gathered together, might not hold them both. 51 To Behemot, you gave one part, which was dried up on the third day, that he should live in it, in which are a thousand hills; 52 but to Livyatan you gave the seventh part, namely, the watery part. You've kept them to be devoured by whom you wish, when you wish.

53 "But on the sixth day, you commanded the earth to produce before you cattle, animals, and creeping things. 54 Over these, you ordained Adam as ruler over all the works that you've made. Of him came all of us, the people whom you've chosen.

55 "All this have I spoken before you, Oh master, because you've said that for our sakes you made this[22] world. 56 As for the other nations, which also come from Adam, you've said that they're nothing, and are like spittle. You've likened the abundance of them to a drop that falls from a bucket. 57 Now, Oh master, look at these nations, which are reputed as nothing, being rulers over us and devouring us. 58 But we your people, whom you've called your firstborn, your only children, and your fervent lover, are

21 **RV 6:39 · Note** The Latin adds from you.

22 **RV 6:55 · Note** So the Syriac. The Latin has the firstbord world.

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given into their hands. 59 Now if the world is made for our sakes, why don't we possess our world for an inheritance? How long will this endure?"

The difficult path to the world to come

7:1 When I'd finished speaking these words, the angel which had been sent to me the nights before was sent to me. 2 He said to me, "Rise, Ezra, and hear the words that I've come to tell you."

3 I said, "Speak on, my master."

Then he said to me, "There's a sea set in a wide place, that it might be broad[23] and vast, 4 but its entrance is set in a narrow place so as to be like a river. 5 Anyone who desires to go into the sea to look at it, or to rule it, if he didn't go through the narrow entrance, how could he come into the broad part? 6 Another thing also: There's a city built and set in a plain country, and full of all good things, 7 but its entrance is narrow, and is set in a dangerous place to fall, having fire on the right hand, and deep water on the left. 8 There's one only path between them both, even between the fire and the water, so that only one person can go there at once. 9 If this city is now given to a man for an inheritance, if the heir doesn't pass the danger before him, how will he receive his inheritance?"

10 I said, "That's so, master."

Then he said to me, "Even so also is Yisrael's (Israel's) portion. 11 I made the world for their sakes. What's now done was decreed when Adam transgressed my statutes. 12 Then the entrances of this world were made narrow, sorrowful, and toilsome. They're but few and evil, full of perils, and involved in great toils. 13 Because the entrances of the greater world are wide and safe, and produce fruit of immortality. 14 So if those who live don't enter these difficult and vain things, they can never receive those that are reserved for them. 15 Now therefore why are you disturbed, seeing you're but a corruptible man? Why are you moved, since you're mortal? 16 Why haven't you considered in your mind that which is to come, rather than that which is present?"

17 Then I replied, "O sovereign master, look, you've ordained in your law that the righteous will inherit these things, but that the ungodly will perish. 18 The righteous therefore will suffer difficult things, and hope for easier things, but those who've done wickedly have suffered the difficult things, and yet won't see the easier things."

19 He said to me, "You aren't a judge above God, neither do you have more understanding than the Most High. 20 Yes, let many perish who now live, rather than that God's law which is set before them be despised. 21 Because God strictly commanded those who came, even as they came, what they should do to live, and what they should observe to avoid punishment. 22 Nevertheless, they weren't obedient to him, but spoke against him and imagined for themselves vain things. 23 They made cunning plans of wickedness, and said moreover of the Most High that he doesn't exist, and they didn't know his ways. 24 They despised his law

23 **RV 7:3 · Note** So the chief Oriental versions. The Latin MSS. have deep.

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and denied his covenants. They haven't been faithful to his statutes, and haven't performed his works. 25 Therefore, Ezra, for the empty are empty things, and for the full are the full things.

The messiah's coming and the final judgement

26 Because listen, the time will come, and it'll be, when these signs of which I told you before will happen, that the bride will appear, even the city coming forth, and she'll be seen who now is withdrawn from the earth. 27 Anyone who's delivered from the foretold evils will see my wonders. 28 Because my son Yeshua (Jesus) will be revealed with those who are with him, and those who remain will rejoice four hundred years. 29 After these years my son Christ[24] will die, along with all of those who have the breath of life.[25] 30 Then the world will be turned into the old silence seven days, like as in the first beginning, so that no human will remain. 31 After seven days the world that isn't yet awake will be raised up, and what's corruptible will die. 32 The earth will restore those who are asleep in it, and the dust those who live in it in silence, and the secret[26] places will deliver those souls that were committed to them. 33 The Most High will be revealed on the judgement seat,[27] and compassion will pass away, and patience will be withdrawn. 34 Only judgement will remain. Truth will stand. Faith will grow strong. 35 Recompense will follow. The reward will be shown. Good actions will awake, and wicked actions won't sleep.[28] 36 The pit[29] of torment will appear, and near it'll be the place of rest. The furnace of hell[30] will be shown, and near it the paradise of delight. 37 Then the Most High will say to the nations that are raised from the dead, 'Look and understand whom you've denied, whom you haven't served, whose commandments you've despised. 38 Look on this side and on that. Here is delight and rest, and there fire and torments.' Thus he[31] will speak to them in the day of judgement. 39 This is a day that has neither sun, nor moon, nor stars, 40 neither cloud, nor thunder, nor lightning, neither wind, nor water, nor air, neither darkness, nor evening, nor morning, 41 neither summer, nor spring, nor heat, nor[32] winter, neither frost, nor cold, nor hail, nor rain, nor dew, 42 neither noon, nor night, nor dawn, neither shining, nor brightness, nor light, except only the splendour of the Most High's glory, by which all will see the things that are set before them. 43 It'll endure as though it were a week of years. 44 This is my judgement and its prescribed order; but I've only shown these things to you."

24 **RV 7:29 · Note** "Christ" means "Anointed One".

25 **RV 7:29 · Note** Lat. man

26 **RV 7:32 · Note** Or, chambers See 2 Esdras 4:35.

27 **RV 7:33 · Note** The Syriac adds and the end will come.

28 **RV 7:35 · Note** The passage from verse [36] to verse [105], formerly missing, has been restored to the text. See Preface, page ix.

29 **RV 7:36 · Note** So the chief Oriental versions. The Latin MSS. have place.

30 **RV 7:36 · Note** Lat. Gehenna.

31 **RV 7:38 · Note** So the chief Oriental versions. The Latin has will you speak.

32 **RV 7:41 · Note** Or, storm

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Why are so few saved?

45 I answered, "I said then, Oh master,
and I say now: Blessed are those who are
now alive and keep your commandments! 46 But what about
those for whom I prayed? Because who's there of those who are
alive who hasn't sinned, and who of the children of men hasn't
transgressed your covenant? 47 Now I see that the world to come
will bring delight to few, but torments to many. 48 Because an
evil heart has grown up in us, which has led us astray from these
commandments and has brought us into corruption and into the
ways of death. It's shown us the paths of perdition and removed
us far from life—and that, not a few only, but nearly all who've
been created."

49 He answered me, "Listen to me, and I'll instruct you. I'll ad-
monish you yet again. 50 Because this reason, the Most High
hasn't made one world, but two. 51 Because you've said that the
just aren't many, but few, and the ungodly abound, hear the ex-
planation. 52 If you have just a few precious stones, will you add
them to lead and clay?"

53 I said, "master, how could that be?"

54 He said to me, "Not only that, but ask the earth, and she'll
tell you. Defer to her, and she'll declare it to you. 55 Say to her,
'You produce gold, silver, and brass, and also iron, lead, and clay;
56 but silver is more abundant than gold, and brass than silver,
and iron than brass, and lead than iron, and clay than lead.'
57 Judge therefore which things are precious and to be desired,
what's abundant or what's rare?"

58 I said, "O sovereign master, that which is plentiful is of less
worth, for that which is more rare is more precious."

59 He answered me, "Weigh within yourself the things that
you've thought, for he who has what's hard to get rejoices over
him who has what's plentiful. 60 So also is the judgement which
I've promised; for I'll rejoice over the few that'll be saved, be-
cause these are those who've made my glory to prevail now, and
through them, my name is now honoured. 61 I won't grieve over
the multitude of those who perish; for these are those who are
now like mist, and have become like flame and smoke; they're
set on fire and burn hotly, and are extinguished."

62 I answered, "O earth, why have you produced, if the mind is
made out of dust, like all other created things? 63 Because it'd
have been better that the dust itself had been unborn, so that
the mind might not have been made from it. 64 But now the
mind grows with us, and because of this we're tormented, be-
cause we perish and we know it. 65 Let the race of men lament
and the animals of the field be glad. Let all who are born lament,
but let the four-footed animals and the livestock rejoice. 66 Be-
cause it's far better with them than with us; for they don't look
forward to judgement, neither do they know of torments or of
salvation promised to them after death. 67 Because what does it
profit us, that we'll be preserved alive, but yet be afflicted with
torment? 68 Because all who are born are defiled with iniquities,
and are full of sins and laden with transgressions. 69 If after
death we weren't to come into judgement, perhaps it'd have
been better for us."

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70 He answered me, "When the Most High made the world and Adam and all those who came from him, he first prepared the judgement and the things that pertain to the judgement. 71 Now understand from your own words, for you've said that the mind grows with us. 72 They therefore who live on the earth will be tormented for this reason, that having understanding they've committed iniquity, and receiving commandments haven't kept them, and having obtained a law they dealt unfaithfully with that which they received. 73 What then will they have to say in the judgement, or how will they answer in the last times? 74 Because how long a time has the Most High been patient with those who inhabit the world, and not for their sakes, but because of the times which he's foreordained!"

What happens to people after death?

75 I answered, "If I've found grace in your sight, Oh master, show this also to your servant, whether after death, even now when every one of us gives up his soul, we'll be kept in rest until those times come, in which you renew the creation, or whether we'll be tormented immediately."

76 He answered me, "I'll show you this also; but don't join yourself with those who are scorners, nor count yourself with those who are tormented. 77 Because you have a treasure of works laid up with the Most High, but it won't be shown you until the last times. 78 Because about death the teaching is: When the decisive sentence has gone out from the Most High that a man will die, as the spirit leaves the body to return again to him who gave it, it adores the Most High's glory first of all. 79 And if it's one of those who've been scorners and haven't kept the way of the Most High, and that have despised his law, and who hate those who fear God, 80 these spirits won't enter into habitations, but will wander and be in torments immediately, ever grieving and sad, in seven ways. 81 The first way, because they've despised the Most High's law. 82 The second way, because they can't now make a good repentance that they may live. 83 The third way, they'll see the reward laid up for those who've believed the Most High's covenants. 84 The fourth way, they'll consider the torment laid up for themselves in the last days. 85 The fifth way, they'll see the dwelling places of the others guarded by angels, with great quietness. 86 The sixth way, they'll see how immediately some of them will pass into torment. 87 The seventh way, which is more grievous than all the aforesaid ways, because they'll pine away in confusion and be consumed with shame, and will be withered up by fears, seeing the Most High's glory before whom they've sinned while living, and before whom they'll be judged in the last times.

88 "Now this is the order of those who've kept the ways of the Most High, when they'll be separated from their mortal body. 89 In the time that they lived in it, they painfully served the Most High, and were in jeopardy every hour, that they might keep the law of the lawgiver perfectly. 90 Therefore this is the teaching about them: 91 First of all they'll see with great joy the glory of him who takes them up, for they'll have rest in seven orders. 92 The first order, because they've laboured with great

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effort to overcome the evil thought which was fashioned together with them, that it might not lead them astray from life into death. **93** The second order, because they see the perplexity in which the souls of the ungodly wander, and the punishment that awaits them. **94** The third order, they see the testimony which he who fashioned them gives about them, that while they lived they kept the law which was given them in trust. **95** The fourth order, they understand the rest which, being gathered in their chambers, they now enjoy with great quietness, guarded by angels, and the glory that awaits them in the last days. **96** The fifth order, they rejoice that they've now escaped from that which is corruptible, and that they'll inherit that which is to come, while they see in addition the difficulty and the pain from which they've been delivered, and the spacious liberty which they'll receive with joy and immortality. **97** The sixth order, when it's shown to them how their face will shine like the sun, and how they'll be made like the light of the stars, being incorruptible from then on. **98** The seventh order, which is greater than all the previously mentioned orders, because they'll rejoice with confidence, and because they'll be bold without confusion, and will be glad without fear, for they hurry to see the face of him whom in their lifetime they served, and from whom they'll receive their reward in glory. **99** This is the order of the souls of the just, as from now on is announced to them. Previously mentioned are the ways of torture which those who wouldn't give heed will suffer from after this."

100 I answered, "Will time therefore be given to the souls after they're separated from the bodies, that they may see what you've described to me?"

101 He said, "Their freedom will be for seven days, that for seven days they may see the things you've been told, and afterwards they'll be gathered together in their habitations."

Can anyone plead for others at the judgement?

102 I answered, "If I've found favour in your sight, show further to me your servant whether in the day of judgement the just will be able to intercede for the ungodly or to entreat the Most High for them, **103** whether fathers for children, or children for parents, or kindred for kindred, or kinsfolk for their next of kin, or friends for those who are most dear."

104 He answered me, "Since you've found favour in my sight, I'll show you this also. The day of judgement is[33] a day of decision, and displays to all the seal of truth. Even as now a father doesn't send his son, or a son his father, or a master his slave, or a friend him that's most dear, that in his place he may understand, or sleep, or eat, or be healed, **105** so no one will ever pray for another in that day, neither will one lay a burden on another, for then everyone will each bear his own righteousness or unrighteousness."

106 I answered, "How do we now find that first Avraham prayed for Sedom's people, and Mosheh (Moses) for the ancestors who sinned in the wilderness, **107** and Yeshua (Jesus) after him for

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33 RV 7:104 · Note The Latin has a bold day

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Yisrael (Israel) in the days of Akan,[34] 108 and Shmuel (Samuel) in[35] the days of Sha'ul (Saul), and David for the deadly disease, and Shelomoh (Solomon) for those who'd worship in the sanctuary, 109 and Eliyah (Elijah) for those that received rain, and for the dead, that he might live, 110 and Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) for the people in the days of Sanheriv (Sennacherib), and many others prayed for many? 111 If therefore now, when corruption has grown and unrighteousness increased, the righteous have prayed for the ungodly, why won't it be so then also?"

112 He answered me, "This present world isn't the end. The full glory doesn't remain in it. Therefore those who were able prayed for the weak. 113 But the day of judgement will be the end of this age, and the beginning of the immortality to come, in which corruption has passed away, 114 intemperance is at an end, infidelity is cut off, but righteousness has grown, and truth has sprung up. 115 Then no one will be able to have mercy on him who's condemned in judgement, nor to harm someone who's victorious."

Ezra mourns over humanity's sin

116 I answered then, "This is my first and last saying, that it'd have been better if the earth hadn't produced Adam, or else, when it'd produced him, to have restrained him from sinning. 117 Because what profit is it for all who are in this present time to live in heaviness, and after death to look for punishment? 118 Oh Adam, what have you done? Because though it was you who sinned, the evil hasn't fallen on you alone, but on all of us who come from you. 119 Because what profit is it to us, if an immortal time is promised to us, but we've done things that bring death? 120 And that there's promised us an eternal hope, but we have most miserably failed? 121 And that there are reserved habitations of health and safety, but we've lived wickedly? 122 And that the Most High's glory will defend those who've led a pure life, but we've walked in the most wicked ways of all? 123 And that a paradise will be revealed, whose fruit endures without decay, in which is abundance and healing, but we won't enter into it, 124 for we've lived in perverse ways? 125 And that the faces of those who've practised self-control will shine more than the stars, but our faces will be blacker than darkness? 126 Because while we lived and committed iniquity, we didn't consider what we'd have to suffer after death."

127 Then he answered, "This is the significance of the battle which humans born on the earth will fight: 128 if they're overcome, they'll suffer as you've said, but if they get the victory, they'll receive the thing that I say. 129 Because this is the way that Mosheh (Moses) spoke to the people while he lived, saying, 'Choose life, that you may live!' 130 Nevertheless they didn't believe him or the prophets after him, not even me, who've spoken to them. 131 Therefore there won't be such heaviness in their destruction, as there'll be joy over those who are assured of salvation."

34 **RV 7:107 · Cross-ref.** Josh 7:1.

35 **RV 7:108 · Note** So the Syriac and other versions. The Latin omits in the days of Saul.

Readers' Version

132 Then I answered, "I know, master, that the Most High is now called merciful, in that he has mercy on those who haven't yet come into the world; **133** and compassionate, in that he has compassion on those who turn to his law; **134** and patient, in that he's patient with those who've sinned, since they're his creatures; **135** and bountiful, in that he's ready to give rather than to take away; **136** and very merciful, in that he multiplies more and more mercies to those who are present, and who are past, and also to those who are to come— **137** for if he wasn't merciful, the world wouldn't continue with those who live in it— **138** and one who forgives, for if he didn't forgive out of his goodness, that those who've committed iniquities might be relieved of them, not even one ten thousandth part of mankind would remain living; **139** and a judge, for if he didn't pardon those who were created by his word, and blot out the multitude of sins, **140** there'd perhaps be very few left of an innumerable multitude."

8:1 He answered me, "The Most High has made this world for many, but the world to come for few. **2** Now I'll tell you a parable, Ezra. Just as when you ask the earth, it'll say to you that it gives very much clay from which earthen vessels are made, but little dust that gold comes from. Even so is the course of the present world. **3** Many have been created, but few will be saved."

Ezra prays for God's mercy

4 I answered, "Drink your fill of understanding then, Oh my soul, and let my heart devour wisdom. **5** Because you have[36] come here apart from your will, and depart against your will, for you've only been given a short time to live. **6** Oh master over us, grant to your servant that we may pray before you, and give us seed for our heart and cultivation for our understanding, that fruit may grow from it, by which everyone who's corrupt, who bears the likeness[37] of a man, may live. **7** Because you alone exist, and we all one workmanship of your hands, just as you've said. **8** Because you give life to the body that's now fashioned in the womb, and give it members, your creature is preserved in fire and water, and your workmanship endures nine months as your creation which is created in it. **9** But that which keeps and that which is kept will both be kept by[38] your keeping. When the womb gives up again what's grown in it, **10** you've commanded that out of the parts of the body, that's to say, out of the breasts, be given milk, which is the fruit of the breasts, **11** that the body that's fashioned may be nourished for a time, and afterwards you guide it in your mercy. **12** Yes, you've brought it up in your righteousness, nurtured it in your law, and corrected it with your judgement. **13** You put it to death as your creation, and make it live as your work. **14** If therefore you lightly[39] and suddenly destroy him which with so great labour was fashioned by your commandment, to what purpose was he made? **15** Now therefore I'll speak. About man in general, you know best, but

Literal Version

No LV source text for chapter 8.

36 RV 8:5 · Note So the Syriac. The Latin is incorrect.

37 RV 8:6 · Note So the Syriac. The Latin has place.

38 RV 8:9 · Note So the Syriac. The Latin is imperfect.

39 RV 8:14 · Note So the Syriac. The Latin is incorrect.

Literal Version

Readers' Version

about your people for whose sake I'm sorry, 16 and for your inheritance, for whose cause I mourn, for Yisrael (Israel), for whom I'm heavy, and for the seed of Ya'akov (Jacob), for whose sake I'm troubled, 17 therefore I'll begin to pray before you for myself and for them; for I see the failings of us who live in the land; 18 but I've heard the swiftness of the judgement which is to come. 19 Therefore hear my voice, and understand my saying, and I'll speak before you."

The beginning of Ezra's words, before he was taken up. He said, 20 "O master, you who remain forever, whose eyes are exalted, and whose chambers are in the air, 21 whose throne is beyond measure, whose glory is beyond comprehension, before whom the army of angels stand with trembling, 22 at whose bidding they're changed to[40] wind and fire, whose word is sure, and sayings constant, whose ordinance is strong, and commandment fearful, 23 whose look dries up the depths, and whose indignation makes the mountains to melt away, and whose truth bears witness— 24 hear, Oh master, the prayer of your servant, and give ear to the petition of your handiwork. 25 Attend to my words, for as long as I live, I'll speak, and as long as I have understanding, I'll answer. 26 Don't look at the sins of your people, but on those who've served you in truth. 27 Don't regard the doings of those who act wickedly, but of those who've kept your covenants in affliction. 28 Don't think about those who've lived wickedly before you, but remember those who've willingly known your fear. 29 Let it not be your will to destroy those who've lived like cattle, but look at those who have clearly[41] taught your law. 30 Don't be indignant at those who are deemed worse than animals, but love those who've always put their trust in your glory. 31 Because we and our fathers have passed[42] our lives in ways[43] that bring death, but you're called merciful because of us sinners. 32 Because if you have a desire to have mercy on us who have no works of righteousness, then you'll be called merciful. 33 Because the just, which have many good works laid up with you, will be rewarded for their own actions. 34 Because what's man, that you should take displeasure at him? Or what's a corruptible race, that you should be so bitter towards it? 35 Because in truth, there's no man among those who are born who hasn't done wickedly, and among those who've lived, there's none which haven't done wrong. 36 Because in this, Oh master, your righteousness and your goodness will be declared, if you're merciful to those who have no store of good works."

God's answer about judgement and salvation

37 Then he answered me, "Some things you've spoken rightly, and it'll happen according to your words. 38 Because indeed I won't think about the fashioning of those who've sinned, or about their death, their judgement, or their destruction; 39 but I'll rejoice over the creation of the righteous and their pilgrim-

40 **RV 8:22 · Note** According to the chief Oriental versions. The Latin has, even they whose service takes the form of wind etc.

41 **RV 8:29 · Note** The Syriac has received the brightness of your law.

42 **RV 8:31 · Note** So the Syriac and Aethiopic versions.

43 **RV 8:31 · Note** Lat. manners.

Readers' Version

age, their salvation, and the reward that they'll have. 40 Therefore as I've spoken, so it'll be. 41 Because as the farmer sows many seeds in the ground, and plants many trees, and yet not all that's sown will come[44] up in due season, neither will all that's planted take root, even so those who are sown in the world won't all be saved."

42 Then I answered, "If I've found favour, let me speak before you. 43 If the farmer's seed doesn't come up because it hasn't received your rain in due season, or if it's ruined by too much rain and perishes, 44 likewise man, who's formed with your hands and is called your own image, because he's made like you, for whose sake you've formed all things, even him have you made like the farmer's seed. 45 Don't be angry with us, but spare your people and have mercy on your inheritance, for you have mercy on your own creation."

46 Then he answered me, "Things present are for those who live now, and things to come for those who'll live in the future. 47 Because you come far short of being able to love my creature more than I. But you've compared yourself to the unrighteous. Don't do that! 48 Yet in this will you be admirable to the Most High, 49 in that you've humbled yourself, as it becomes you, and haven't judged yourself among the righteous, so as to be much glorified. 50 Because many grievous miseries will fall on those who live in the world in the last times, because they've walked in great pride. 51 But understand for yourself, and for those who enquire about the glory of those like you, 52 because paradise is opened to you. The tree of life is planted. The time to come is prepared. Plenteousness is made ready. A city is built. Rest is allowed.[45] Goodness is perfected, and wisdom is perfected beforehand. 53 The root of evil is sealed up from you. Weakness is done away from you, and death[46] is hidden. Hell and corruption have fled into forgetfulness. 54 Sorrows have passed away, and in the end, the treasure of immortality is shown. 55 Therefore ask no more questions about the multitude of those who perish. 56 Because when they'd received liberty, they despised the Most High, scorned his law, and forsook his ways. 57 Moreover they have trodden down his righteous, 58 and said in their heart that there's no god—even knowing that they must die. 59 Because as the things I've said will welcome you, so thirst and pain which are prepared for them. Because the Most High didn't intend that men should be destroyed, 60 but those who are created have themselves defiled the name of him who made them, and were unthankful to him who prepared life for them. 61 Therefore my judgement is now at hand, 62 which I haven't shown to all men, but to you, and a few like you."

Then I answered, 63 "Listen, Oh master, now you've shown me the multitude of the wonders which you'll do in the last times, but you haven't shown me when."

Literal Version

44 **RV 8:41 · Note** Lat. be saved.

45 **RV 8:52 · Note** The Syriac has established.

46 **RV 8:53 · Note** After the chief Oriental versions.

Literal Version

No LV source text for chapter 9.

Readers' Version

Recognising the signs of the end

9:1 He answered me, "Measure diligently within yourself. When you see that a certain part of the signs are past, which have been told you beforehand, **2** then will you understand that it's the very time in which the Most High will visit the world which was made by him. **3** When earthquakes, tumult of peoples, plans of nations, wavering of leaders, and confusion of princes are seen in the world, **4** then will you understand that the Most High spoke of these things from the days that were of old, from the beginning. **5** Because just as with everything that's made in the world, the beginning is[47] evident and the end manifest, **6** so also are the times of the Most High: the beginnings are manifest in wonders and mighty works, and the end in effects and signs. **7** Everyone who'll be saved, and will be able to escape by his works, or by faith by which they've believed, **8** will be preserved from the said perils, and will see my salvation in my land and within my borders, which I've sanctified for myself from the beginning. **9** Then those who now have abused my ways will be amazed. Those who've thrown them away despitefully will live in torments. **10** Because as many as in their life have received benefits, and yet haven't known me, **11** and as many as have scorned my law, while they still had liberty and when an opportunity to repent was open to them, didn't understand, but despised it,[48] **12** must know it[49] in torment after death. **13** Therefore don't be curious any longer how the ungodly will be punished, but enquire how the righteous will be saved, those[50] who the world belongs to, and for whom the world was created."

14 I answered, **15** "I've said before, and now speak, and will say it again in the future, that there are more of those who perish than of those who'll be saved, **16** like a wave is greater than a drop."

17 He answered me, "Just as the field is, so also the seed. As the flowers are, so are the colours. As the work is, so also is the judgement[51] on it. As is the farmer, so also is his threshing floor. Because there was a time in the world **18** when I was preparing for those who now live, before the world was made for them to live in. Then no one spoke against me, **19** because no[52] one existed. But now those who are created in this world that's prepared, both with[53] a table that doesn't fail and a law which is unsearchable, are corrupted in their ways. **20** So I considered my world, and it was destroyed, and my earth, and it was in peril, because of the plans that'd come into it. **21** I saw and spared them, but not greatly, and saved myself a grape out of a cluster, and a plant out of a[54] great forest. **22** Let the multitude perish

47 RV 9:5 · Note So the Syriac. The Latin is corrupt.

48 RV 9:11 · Note Or, me.

49 RV 9:12 · Note Or, me

50 RV 9:13 · Note So the Syriac and other versions. The Latin has and whose... created, and when.

51 RV 9:17 · Note So the Aethiopic and Arabic. The Latin has creation.

52 RV 9:19 · Note So the Syriac.

53 RV 9:19 · Note So the Syriac.

54 RV 9:21 · Note So the Syriac and other versions. The Latin has great tribes.

Readers' Version

then, which were born in vain. Let my grape be saved, and my plant, for I've made them perfect with great labour. 23 Nevertheless, if you'll wait seven more days—however don't fast in them, 24 but go into a field of flowers, where no house is built, and eat only of the flowers of the field, and don't eat any meat or drink any wine, but eat only flowers— 25 and pray to the Most High continually, then I'll come and talk with you."

God's law endures despite the people's failure

26 So I went my way, just as he commanded me, into the field which is called Ardat.[55] There I sat among the flowers, and ate of the herbs of the field, and this food satisfied me. 27 After seven days, I lay on the grass, and my heart was troubled again, like before. 28 My mouth was opened, and I began to speak before the master Most High, and said, 29 "O master, you showed yourself among us, to our fathers in the wilderness, when they went out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and when they came into the wilderness, where no man treads and that bears no fruit. 30 You said, 'Hear me, Oh Yisrael (Israel). Heed my words, Oh seed of Ya'akov (Jacob). 31 Because listen, I sow my law in you, and it'll bring forth fruit in you, and you'll be glorified in it forever.' 32 But our fathers, who received the law, didn't keep it, and didn't observe the statutes. The fruit of the law didn't perish, for it couldn't, because it was yours. 33 Yet those who received it perished, because they didn't keep the thing that was sown in them. 34 Listen, it's a custom that when the ground has received seed, or the sea a ship, or any vessel food or drink, and when it comes to pass that that which is sown, or that which is launched, 35 or the things which have been received, should come to an end, these come to an end, but the receptacles remain. Yet with us, it doesn't happen that way. 36 Because we who've received the law will perish by sin, along with our heart which received it. 37 Notwithstanding the law doesn't perish, but remains in its honour."

Ezra meets a grieving woman

38 When I spoke these things in my heart, I looked around me with my eyes, and on my right side I saw a woman, and she mourned and wept with a loud voice, and was much grieved in mind. Her clothes were torn, and she had ashes on her head. 39 Then let I my thoughts go in which I was occupied, and turned myself to her, 40 and said to her, "Why are you weeping? Why are you grieved in your mind?"

41 She said to me, "Leave me alone, my master, that I may weep for myself and add to my sorrow, for I'm very troubled in my mind, and brought very low."

42 I said to her, "What ails you? Tell me."

43 She said to me, "I, your servant, was barren and had no child, though I had a husband thirty years. 44 Every hour and every day these thirty years I made my prayer to the Most High day and night. 45 After thirty years, God heard me, your handmaid, and saw my low estate, and considered my trouble, and gave me a son. I rejoiced in him greatly, I and my husband, and

Literal Version

55 **RV 9:26 · Note** The Syriac and Aethiopic have Arphad.

Literal Version

No LV source text for chapter 10.

Readers' Version

all my neighbours.[56] We gave great honour to the Mighty One.
46 I nourished him with great care. 47 So when he grew up, and I came to take him a wife, I made him a feast day.

10:1 "So when my son was entered into his wedding chamber, he fell down and died. 2 Then we all put out the lamps, and all my neighbours[57] rose up to comfort me. I remained quiet until the second day at night. 3 When they had all stopped consoling me, encouraging me to be quiet, then I got up at night, and fled, and came here into this field, as you see. 4 Now I don't intend to return into the city, but to stay here, and not eat or drink, but to continually mourn and fast until I die."

Ezra urges the woman to consider Tsiyon's sorrow

5 Then I left the reflections I was engaged in, and answered her in anger,
6 "You most foolish woman, don't you see our mourning, and what's happened to us? 7 Because Tsiyon (Zion) the mother of us all is full of sorrow, and much humbled.
8 It[58] is right now to mourn deeply, since we all mourn, and to be sorrowful, since we're all in sorrow, but you're mourning for one son. 9 Ask the earth, and she'll tell you that it's she which ought to mourn for so many that grow on her. 10 Because out of her, all had their beginnings, and others will come; and almost all of them walk into destruction, and the multitude of them is utterly doomed. 11 Who then should mourn more, she[59] who's lost so great a multitude, or you, who are grieved but for one? 12 But if you say to me, 'My lamentation isn't like the earth's, for I've lost the fruit of my womb, which I brought forth with pains, and bare with sorrows;' 13 but it's with the earth after the manner of the earth. The multitude present in it's gone as it came. 14 Then say I to you, 'Just as you've brought forth with sorrow, even so the earth also has given her fruit, namely, people, ever since the beginning to him who made her.' 15 Now therefore keep your sorrow to yourself, and bear with a good courage the adversities which have happened to you. 16 Because if you'll acknowledge God's decree to be just, you'll both receive your son in time, and will be praised among women. 17 Go your way then into the city to your husband."

18 She said to me, "I won't do that. I won't go into the city, but I'll die here."

19 So I proceeded to speak further to her, and said, 20 "Don't do so, but allow yourself to be persuaded because of the adversities of Tsiyon (Zion); and be comforted because of the sorrow of Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 21 Because you see that our sanctuary has been laid waste, our altar broken down, our temple destroyed, 22 our lute has been brought low, our song is put to silence, our rejoicing is at an end, the light of our candlestick is put out, the ark of our covenant is plundered, our holy things are defiled, and the name that we're called is profaned. Our free men are despitefully treated, our priests are burnt, our Levites

56 **RV 9:45 · Note** Lat. townsmen.

57 **RV 10:2 · Note** Lat. townsmen.

58 **RV 10:8 · Note** See the Oriental versions. The Latin is corrupt.

59 **RV 10:11 · Note** So the Syriac.

Readers' Version

have gone into captivity, our virgins are defiled and our wives ravished, our righteous men carried away, our little ones betrayed, our young men are brought into bondage, and our strong men have become weak. 23 What's more than all, the seal of Tsiyon has now lost the seal of her honour, and is delivered into the hands of those who hate us. 24 Therefore shake off your great heaviness, and put away from yourself the multitude of sorrows, that the Mighty One may be merciful to you again, and the Most High may give you peace and security, even ease from your troubles."

The woman becomes a glorious city

25 While I was talking with her, her face suddenly began to shine brightly and flashed like lightning, so that I was very afraid of her, and wondered what this meant. 26 Listen, suddenly she made a great and very fearful cry, so that the earth shook at the noise. 27 I looked and saw that the woman appeared to me no more, but there was a city built, and a place shown itself from large foundations. Then I was afraid, and cried with a loud voice, 28 "Where is Uriel the angel, who came to me at the first? Because he's caused me to fall into this great trance, and my end has turned into corruption, and my prayer a reproach!"

29 As I was speaking these words, look, the angel who'd come to me at first came to me, and he looked at me. 30 Listen, I lay as one who'd been dead, and my understanding was taken from me. He took me by the right hand, and comforted me, and set me on my feet, and said to me, 31 "What ails you? Why are you so troubled? Why is your understanding and the thoughts of your heart troubled?"

32 I said, "Because you've forsaken me; yet I did according to your words, and went into the field, and I've seen, and still see, that which I'm not able to explain."

33 He said to me, "Stand up like a man, and I'll instruct you."

34 Then I said, "Speak on, my master; only don't forsake me, or I might die before my time. 35 Because I've seen what I didn't know, and hear what I don't know. 36 Or is my sense deceived, or my soul in a dream? 37 Now therefore I beg you to explain to your servant what this vision means."

Uriel explains the vision of Tsiyon

38 He answered me, "Listen to me, and I'll inform you, and tell you about the things you're afraid of, for the Most High has revealed many secret things to you. 39 He's seen that your way is righteous, because you're continually sorry for your people, and make great lamentation for Tsiyon (Zion). 40 This therefore is the meaning of the vision. 41 The woman who appeared to you a little while ago, whom you saw mourning, and began to comfort her, 42 but now you no longer see the likeness of the woman, but a city under construction appeared to you, 43 and she told you of the death of her son, this is the interpretation: 44 This woman, whom you saw, is Tsiyon,[60] whom you now see as a city being built. 45 She told you that she'd been barren for thirty years because there were three thousand years in the world in which

Literal Version

60 **RV 10:44 · Note** So the Syriac and other versions. The Latin is incorrect.

Literal Version

No LV source text for chapter 11.

Readers' Version

there was no offering as yet offered in her. 46 After three thousand years, Shelomoh (Solomon) built the city and offered offerings. It was then that the barren bore a son. 47 She told you that she nourished him with great care. That was the dwelling in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 48 When she said to you, 'My son died when he entered into his marriage chamber, and that misfortune befell her,' this was the destruction that came to Yerushalem. 49 Listen, you saw her likeness, how she mourned for her son, and you began to comfort her for what's happened to her. These were the things to be opened to you. 50 Because now the Most High, seeing that you're sincerely grieved and suffer from your whole heart for her, has shown you the brightness of her glory and the attractiveness of her beauty. 51 Therefore I asked you to remain in the field where no house was built, 52 for I knew that the Most High would show this to you. 53 Therefore I commanded you to come into the field, where no foundation of any building was. 54 Because no human construction could stand in the place in which the city of the Most High was to be shown. 55 Therefore don't be afraid nor let your heart be terrified, but go your way in and see the beauty and greatness of the building, as much as your eyes are able to see. 56 Then will you hear as much as your ears may comprehend. 57 Because you're more blessed than many, and are called by name to be with the Most High, like only a few. 58 But stay here tomorrow night, 59 and so the Most High will show you those visions in dreams of what the Most High will do to those who live on the earth in the last days."

So I slept that night and another, as he commanded me.

Ezra's vision of the eagle

11:1 On the second night, I had a dream, and an eagle which had twelve feathered wings and three heads came up from the sea. 2 I saw that she spread her wings over all the earth, and all the winds of heaven blew on her, and[61] the clouds were gathered together against her. 3 I saw, and out of her wings there grew other wings near them; and they became little, tiny wings. 4 But her heads were at rest. The head in the middle was larger than the other heads, yet rested it with them. 5 Moreover I saw that the eagle flew with her wings to reign over the earth and over those who live there. 6 I saw how all things under heaven were subject to her, and no one spoke against her—no, not one creature on earth. 7 I saw that the eagle rose on her talons, and uttered her voice to her wings, saying, 8 "Don't all watch at the same time. Let each one sleep in his own place and watch in turn; 9 but let the heads be preserved for the last."

10 I saw that the voice didn't come out of her heads, but from the middle of her body. 11 I counted her[62] wings that were near the others, and there were eight of them. 12 I saw that on the right side one wing arose and reigned over all the earth. 13 When it reigned, the end of it came, and it disappeared, so that its place appeared no more. The next wing rose up and

61 **RV 11:2 · Note** So the chief Oriental versions. The Latin has only and were gathered together.

62 **RV 11:11 · Note** The Syriac has her little wings, and, etc.

Readers' Version

reigned, and it ruled a long time. 14 It happened that when it
reigned, its end came also, so that it disappeared, like the first.
15 Listen, a voice came to it, and said, 16 "Listen, you who've
ruled over the earth all this time! I proclaim this to you, before
you disappear, 17 none after you'll rule as long as you, not even
half as long."

18 Then the third arose, and ruled as the others before, and it
also disappeared. 19 So it went with all the wings one after an-
other, as every one ruled, and then disappeared. 20 I saw that in
process of time the wings[63] that followed were set up on the
right[64] side, that they might rule also. Some of them ruled, but
in a while they disappeared. 21 Some of them also were set up,
but didn't rule.

22 After this I saw that the twelve wings disappeared, along
with two of the little wings. 23 There was no more left on the ea-
gle's body, except the three heads that rested, and six little
wings. 24 I saw that two little wings divided themselves from the
six and remained under the head that was on the right side; but
four remained in their place. 25 I saw that these under[65] wings
planned to set themselves up and to rule. 26 I saw that there was
one set up, but in a while it disappeared. 27 A second also did so,
and it disappeared faster than the first. 28 I saw that the two that
remained also planned between themselves to reign. 29 While
they thought about it, look, one of the heads that were at rest
awakened, the one that was in the middle, for that was greater
than the two other heads. 30 I saw how it joined the two other
heads with it. 31 Listen, the head turned with those who were
with it, and ate the two under[66] wings that planned to reign.
32 But this head held the whole earth in possession, and ruled
over those who live in it with much oppression. It had stronger
governance over the world than all the wings that'd gone before.

33 After this I saw that the head also that was in the middle
suddenly disappeared, like the wings. 34 But the two heads re-
mained, which also reigned the same way over the earth and
over those who live in it. 35 I saw that the head on the right side
devoured the one that was on the left side.

The lion condemns the eagle

36 Then I heard a voice, which said to
me, "Look in front of you, and consider
the thing that you see."

37 I saw that something like a lion roused out of the woods
roaring. I heard how he sent out a man's voice to the eagle, and
spoke, saying, 38 "Listen and I'll talk with you. The Most High
will say to you, 39 'Aren't you the one that remains of the four
animals whom I made to reign in my world, that the end of my
times might come through them? 40 The fourth came and over-
came all the animals that were past, and ruled the world with
great trembling, and the whole extent of the earth with grievous
oppression. He lived on the earth such a long time with deceit.

Literal Version

63 **RV 11:20 · Note** The Syriac has little wings.

64 **RV 11:20 · Note** The Aethiopic has left.

65 **RV 11:25 · Note** The Syriac has little wings.

66 **RV 11:31 · Note** The Syriac has little wings.

Literal Version

No LV source text for chapter 12.

Readers' Version

41 You've judged the earth, but not with truth. 42 Because you've afflicted the meek, you've hurt the peaceful, you've hated those who speak truth, you've loved liars, destroyed the dwellings of those who produced fruit, and thrown down the walls of those who did you no harm. 43 Your insolence has come up to the Most High, and your pride to the Mighty. 44 The Most High also has looked at his times, and they're ended, and his ages are fulfilled. 45 Therefore appear no more, you eagle, nor your horrible wings, nor your evil little wings, nor your cruel heads, nor your hurtful talons, nor all your worthless body, 46 that all the earth may be refreshed and relieved, being delivered from your violence, and that she may hope for the judgement and mercy of him who made her.' "

12:1 While the lion spoke these words to the eagle, I saw, 2 and the head that remained disappeared, and the[67] two wings which went over to it arose and set themselves up to reign; and their kingdom was brief and full of uproar. 3 I saw that they disappeared, and the whole body of the eagle was burnt, so that the earth was in great fear.

Then I woke up because of great perplexity of mind and great fear, and said to my spirit, 4 "Listen, you've done this to me, because you search out the ways of the Most High. 5 Listen, I'm still weary in my mind, and very weak in my spirit. There isn't even a little strength in me, because of the great fear with which I was frightened tonight. 6 Therefore I'll now ask the Most High that he'd strengthen me to the end."

The meaning of the eagle and the lion

7 Then I said, "O sovereign master, if I've found favour in your sight, and if I'm justified with you more than many others, and if my prayer has indeed come up before your face, 8 strengthen me then, and show me, your servant, the interpretation and plain meaning of this fearful vision, that you may fully comfort my soul. 9 Because you've judged me worthy to show me the end of time and the last events of the times."

10 He said to me, "This is the interpretation of this vision which you saw: 11 The eagle, whom you saw come up from the sea, is the fourth kingdom which appeared in a vision to your brother Daniyel. 12 But it wasn't explained to him, as I now explain it to you or have explained it. 13 Listen, the days come that a kingdom will rise up on earth, and it'll be feared more than all the kingdoms that were before it. 14 Twelve kings will reign in it, one after another. 15 Of those, the second will begin to reign, and will reign a longer time than others of the twelve. 16 This is the interpretation of the twelve wings which you saw. 17 As for when you heard a voice which spoke, not going out from the heads, but from the middle of its body, this is the interpretation: 18 That after[68] the time of that kingdom, there'll arise no small contentions, and it'll stand in peril of falling. Nevertheless, it won't fall then, but will be restored again to its former power. 19 You saw the eight under wings sticking to her wings. This is

67 **RV 12:2 · Note** So the chief Oriental versions.

68 **RV 12:18 · Note** The Oriental versions have in the midst of.

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the interpretation: 20 That in it eight kings will arise, whose
times will be short and their years swift. 21 Two of them will
perish when the middle time approaches. Four will be kept for a
while until the time of the ending of it'll approach; but two will
be kept to the end. 22 You saw three heads resting. This is the in-
terpretation: 23 In its last days, the Most High will raise up three
kingdoms[69] and renew many things in them. They'll rule over
the earth, 24 and over those who live in it, with much oppres-
sion, more than all those who were before them. Therefore
they're called the heads of the eagle. 25 Because these are those
who'll accomplish her wickedness, and who'll finish her last ac-
tions. 26 You saw that the great head disappeared. It signifies
that one of them will die on his bed, and yet with pain. 27 But for
the two that remained, the sword will devour them. 28 Because
the sword of the one will devour him that was with him, but
he'll also fall by the sword in the last days. 29 You saw two under
wings passing over[70] to the head that's on the right side. 30 This
is the interpretation: These are they whom the Most High has
kept to his end. This is the brief reign that was full of trouble, as
you saw.

31 "The lion, whom you saw rising up out of the forest, roaring,
speaking to the eagle, and rebuking her for her unrighteousness,
and all her words which you've heard, 32 this is the anointed
one, whom the Most High has kept to the end [of days, who'll
spring up out of the seed of David, and he'll come and speak][71] to
them and reprove them for their wickedness and unrighteous-
ness, and will heap up[72] before them their contemptuous deal-
ings. 33 Because at first he'll set them alive in his judgement, and
when he's reproved them, he'll destroy them. 34 Because he'll
deliver the rest of my people with mercy, those who've been
preserved throughout my borders, and he'll make them joyful
until the coming of the end, even the day of judgement, about
which I've spoken to you from the beginning. 35 This is the
dream that you saw, and this is its interpretation. 36 Only you've
been worthy to know the Most High's secret. 37 Therefore write
all these things that you've seen in a book, and put it in a secret
place. 38 Teach them to the wise of your people, whose hearts
you know are able to comprehend and keep these secrets. 39 But
wait here yourself seven more days, that you may be shown
whatever it pleases the Most High to show you." Then he de-
parted from me.

Ezra reassures the people

40 When all the people saw[73] that the
seven days were past, and I hadn't come
again into the city, they all gathered together, from the least to
the greatest, and came to me, and spoke to me, saying, 41 "How
have we offended you? What evil have we done against you, that
you've utterly forsaken us, and sit in this place? 42 Because of all

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69 **RV 12:23 · Note** The Oriental versions have kings

70 **RV 12:29 · Note** So the Syriac. The Latin has over the head.

71 **RV 12:32 · Note** The words in brackets are added from the Syriac.

72 **RV 12:32 · Note** The Syriac has set in order.

73 **RV 12:40 · Note** So the Syriac. The Latin has heard.

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the prophets, only you're left to us, like a cluster of the vintage, and like a lamp in a dark place, and like a harbour for a ship saved from the tempest. 43 Aren't the evils which have come to us sufficient? 44 If you'll forsake us, how much better had it been for us if we also had been consumed in the burning of Tsiyon (Zion)! 45 Because we aren't better than those who died there." Then they wept with a loud voice. I answered them, 46 "Take courage, Oh Yisrael (Israel)! Don't be sorrowful, you house of Ya'akov (Jacob); 47 for the Most High remembers you. The Mighty hasn't forgotten you forever.[74] 48 As for me, I haven't forsaken you. I haven't departed from you; but I've come into this place to pray for the desolation of Tsiyon, and that I might seek mercy for the humiliation of your sanctuary. 49 Now go your way, every man to his own house, and after these days I'll come to you."

50 So the people went their way into the city, as I told them to do. 51 But I sat in the field seven days, as the angel commanded me. In those days, I ate only of the flowers of the field, and my food was from plants.

Ezra's vision of the man from the sea

13:1 After seven days, I had a dream at night. 2 Listen, a wind arose from the sea that moved all its waves. 3 I saw [this wind caused to come up from the middle of the sea something like the appearance of a man. I saw][75] that man flew[76] with the clouds of heaven. When he turned his face to look, everything that he saw trembled. 4 Whenever the voice went out of his mouth, all who heard his voice melted, like the wax[77] melts when it feels the fire.

5 After this I saw that an innumerable multitude of people was gathered together from the four winds of heaven to make war against the man who came out of the sea. 6 I saw that he carved himself a great mountain, and flew up onto it. 7 I tried to see the region or place from which the mountain was carved, and I couldn't.

8 After this I saw that all those who were gathered together to fight against him were very afraid, and yet they dared to fight. 9 Listen, as he saw the assault of the multitude that came, he didn't lift up his hand, or hold a spear or any weapon of war; 10 but I saw only how he sent out of his mouth something like a flood of fire, and out of his lips a flaming breath, and out of his tongue he shot out a storm of sparks.[78] 11 These were all mixed together: the flood of fire, the flaming breath, and the great storm, and fell onto the assault of the multitude which was prepared to fight, and burnt up every one of them, so that all of a sudden an innumerable multitude was seen to be nothing but dust of ashes and smell of smoke. When I saw this, I was amazed.

12 Afterward, I saw the same man come down from the mountain, and call to himself another multitude which was peaceful.

74 **RV 12:47 · Note** So the Syriac.

75 **RV 13:3 · Note** The words in brackets are added from the Syriac.

76 **RV 13:3 · Note** So the Syriac. The Latin has grew strong

77 **RV 13:4 · Note** So the Syriac and other Oriental versions.

78 **RV 13:10 · Note** So the Syriac and Arabic.

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13 Many people came to him. Some of them were glad. Some were sorry. Some of them were bound, and some others brought some of those as offerings. Then through great fear I woke up and prayed to the Most High, and said, 14 "You've shown your servant these wonders from the beginning, and have counted me worthy that you should receive my prayer. 15 Now show me also the interpretation of this dream. 16 Because as I conceive in my understanding, woe to those who'll be left in those days! Much more woe to those who aren't left! 17 Because those who weren't left will be in heaviness, 18 understanding the things that are laid up in the latter days, but not attaining to them. 19 But woe to them also who are left, because they'll see great perils and much distress, like these dreams declare. 20 Yet is it better[79] for one to be in peril and to come into these[80] things, than to pass away as a cloud out of the world, and not to see the things that will[81] happen in the last days."

The meaning of the man from the sea

He answered me, 21 "I'll tell you the interpretation of the vision, and I'll also open to you the things about which you mentioned. 22 You've spoken of those who are left behind. This is the interpretation: 23 He that'll endure[82] the peril in that time will protect those who fall into danger, even those who have works and faith towards the Almighty. 24 Know therefore that those who are left behind are more blessed than those who are dead. 25 These are the interpretations of the vision: Whereas you saw a man coming up from the middle of the sea, 26 this is he whom the Most High has been keeping for many ages, who by his own self will deliver his creation. He'll direct those who are left behind. 27 Whereas you saw that out of his mouth came wind, fire, and storm, 28 and whereas he held neither spear, nor any weapon of war, but destroyed the assault of that multitude which came to fight against him, this is the interpretation: 29 Listen, the days come when the Most High will begin to deliver those who are on the earth. 30 Astonishment of mind will come on those who live on the earth. 31 One will plan to make war against another, city against city, place against place, people against people, and kingdom against kingdom. 32 It'll be, when these things happen, and the signs happen which I showed you before, then my Son will be revealed, whom you saw as a man ascending. 33 It'll be, when all the nations hear his voice, every man will leave his own land and the battle they have against one another. 34 An innumerable multitude will be gathered together, as you saw, desiring to come and to fight against him. 35 But he'll stand on the top of Mt. Tsiyon (Zion). 36 Tsiyon will come, and will be shown to all men, being prepared and built, like you saw the mountain carved without hands. 37 My Son will rebuke the nations which have come for their wickedness, with deadly diseases that are like a storm, 38 and will rebuke them to their face with their evil

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79 **RV 13:20 · Note** Lat. easier.

80 **RV 13:20 · Note** So the Syriac.

81 **RV 13:20 · Note** So the Syriac.

82 **RV 13:23 · Note** So the Syriac.

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thoughts, and the torments with which they'll be tormented, which are like a flame. He'll destroy them without labour by the law, which is like fire. 39 Whereas you saw that he gathered to himself another multitude that was peaceful, 40 these are the ten tribes which were led away out of their own land in the time of Hoshea (Hosea) the king, whom Shalmaneser the king of the Assyrians led away captive, and he carried them beyond the River, and they were taken into another land. 41 But they made this plan among themselves, that they'd leave the multitude of the heathen, and go out into a more distant region, where mankind had never lived, 42 that there they might keep their statutes which they hadn't kept in their own land. 43 They entered by the narrow passages of the river Perat (Euphrates). 44 Because the Most High then did signs for them, and stopped the springs of the River until they'd passed over. 45 Because through that country there was a long way to go, namely, of a year and a half. The same region is called Arzareth.[83] 46 Then they lived there until the latter time. Now when they begin to come again, 47 the Most High stops the springs of the River again, that they may go through. Therefore you saw the multitude gathered together with peace. 48 But those who are left behind of your people are those who are found within my holy border. 49 It'll be therefore when he'll destroy the multitude of the nations that are gathered together, he'll defend the people who remain. 50 Then will he show them very many wonders."

51 Then I said, "O sovereign master, explain this to me: Why have I seen the man coming up from the middle of the sea?"

52 He said to me, as no one can explore or know what's in the depths of the sea, even so no man on earth can see my Son, or those who are with him, except in the time of his[84] day. 53 This is the interpretation of the dream which you saw, and for this only you're enlightened about this, 54 for you've forsaken your own ways, and applied your diligence to mine, and have searched out my law. 55 You've ordered your life in wisdom, and have called understanding your mother. 56 Therefore I've shown you this, for there's a reward laid up with the Most High. It'll be, after another three days I'll speak other things to you, and declare to you mighty and wondrous things."

57 Then I went out and passed into the field, giving praise and thanks greatly to the Most High because of his wonders, which he did from time to time, 58 and because he governs the time, and such things as happen in their seasons. So I sat there three days.

God gives Ezra his final instructions

14:1 On the third day, I sat under an oak, and a voice came out of a bush near me, and said, "Ezra, Ezra!"

2 I said, "Here I am, master," and I stood up on my feet.

3 Then he said to me, "I revealed myself in a bush and talked with Mosheh (Moses) when my people were in bondage in Mit-

83 **RV 13:45 · Note** That is, another land. See Deuteronomy 29:28.

84 **RV 13:52 · Note** So the Oriental versions. The Latin omits his.

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srayim (Egypt). 4 I sent him, and he[85] led my people out of Mitsrayim. I brought him up to Mt. Sinay, where I kept him with me for many days. 5 I told him many wondrous things, and showed him the secrets of the times and the end of the seasons. I commanded him, saying, 6 'Publish these openly, and keep these secret.' 7 Now I say to you: 8 Lay up in your heart the signs that I've shown, the dreams that you've seen, and the interpretations which you've heard; 9 for you'll be taken away from men, and from now on you'll live with my Son and with those who are like you, until the times have ended. 10 Because the world has lost its youth, and the times begin to grow old. 11 Because[86] the age is divided into twelve parts, and ten parts of it are already gone, even[87] the half of the tenth part. 12 There remain of it two parts after the middle of the tenth part. 13 Now therefore set your house in order, reprove your people, comfort the lowly among them, and instruct those of them who are wise,[88] and now renounce the life that's corruptible, 14 and let go of the mortal thoughts, throw away from you the burdens of man, put off now your weak nature, 15 lay aside the thoughts that are most grievous to you, and hurry to escape from these times. 16 Because worse evils than those which you've seen happen will be done after this. 17 Because look how much the world will be weaker through age, so much that more evils will increase on those who live in it. 18 Because the truth will withdraw itself further off, and falsehood will be near. Because now the[89] eagle which you saw in vision hurries to come."

Ezra asks to restore the scriptures

19 Then I replied, "Let me speak[90] in your presence, Oh master. 20 Listen, I'll go, as you've commanded me, and reprove the people who now live, but who'll warn those who'll be born afterward? Because the world is set in darkness, and those who live in it are without light. 21 Because your law has been burnt, therefore no one knows the things that are done by you, or the works that'll be done. 22 But if I've found favour before you, send the Holy Spirit to me, and I'll write all that's been done in the world since the beginning, even the things that were written in your law, that men may be able to find the path, and that those who'd live in the latter days may live."

23 He answered me and said, "Go your way, gather the people together, and tell them not to seek you for forty days. 24 But prepare for yourself many tablets, and take with you Serayah, Dabria, Shelemyah, Eytan, and Asiyel, these five, which are ready to write swiftly; 25 and come here, and I'll light a lamp of understanding in your heart which won't be put out until the things have ended about which you'll write. 26 When you're done, pub-

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85 **RV 14:4 · Note** Another reading is. I.

86 **RV 14:11 · Note** Verses 11, 12 are omitted in the Syriac. The Aethiopic has Because the age is divided into ten parts, and is come to the tenth: and half of the tenth remains. Now etc.

87 **RV 14:11 · Note** Lat. and.

88 **RV 14:13 · Note** The Latin alone omits and...wise.

89 **RV 14:18 · Note** So the Oriental versions.

90 **RV 14:19 · Note** The Latin omits Let me speak.

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lish some things openly, and give some things privately to the wise. Tomorrow at this hour you'll begin to write."

Ezra's final appeal to the people

27 Then went I out, as he commanded me, and gathered all the people together, and said, 28 "Hear these words, Oh Yisrael (Israel)! 29 Our fathers at the beginning were foreigners in Mitsrayim (Egypt), and they were delivered from there, 30 and received the law of life, which they didn't keep, which you also have transgressed after them. 31 Then the land of Tsiyon (Zion) was given to you for a possession; but you yourselves and your ancestors have done unrighteousness, and haven't kept the ways which the Most High commanded you. 32 Because he's a righteous judge, in due time, he took from you what he'd given you. 33 Now you're here, and your kindred are among you. 34 Therefore if you'll rule over your own understanding and instruct your hearts, you'll be kept alive, and after death you'll obtain mercy. 35 Because after death the judgement will come, when we'll live again. Then the names of the righteous will become manifest, and the works of the ungodly will be declared. 36 Let no one therefore come to me now, nor seek me for forty days."

Ezra dictates the sacred books

37 So I took the five men, as he commanded me, and we went out into the field, and remained there. 38 The next day, a voice called me, saying, "Ezra, open your mouth, and drink what I give you to drink."

39 Then I opened my mouth, and a full cup was handed to me. It was full of something like water, but its colour was like fire. 40 I took it, and drank. When I'd drunk it, my heart uttered understanding, and wisdom grew in my chest, for my spirit retained its memory. 41 My mouth was opened, and shut no more. 42 The Most High gave understanding to the five men, and they wrote by course the things that were told them, in characters[91] which they didn't know, and they sat forty days. Now they wrote in the day-time, and at night they ate bread. 43 As for me, I spoke in the day, and by night I didn't hold my tongue. 44 So in forty days, ninety-four books were written.

45 When the forty days were fulfilled, that the Most High spoke to me, saying, "The first books that you've written, publish openly, and let the worthy and unworthy read them; 46 but keep the last seventy, that you may deliver them to those who are wise among your people; 47 for in them is the spring of understanding, the fountain of wisdom, and the stream of knowledge."

48 I did so.

Warnings of war, famine, and destruction

15:1 "Listen, speak in the ears of my people the words of prophecy which I'll put in your mouth," says the master. 2 "Cause them to be written on paper, for they're faithful and true. 3 Don't be afraid of their plots against you. Don't let the unbelief of those who speak against you trouble you. 4 Because all the unbelievers will die in their unbelief.

5 "Listen," says the master, "I bring evils on the whole earth:

91 **RV 14:42 · Note** So the Oriental versions.

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sword, famine, death, and destruction. 6 Because wickedness has prevailed over every land, and their hurtful works have reached their limit. 7 Therefore," says the master, 8 "I'll hold my peace no more about their wickedness which they profanely commit, neither will I tolerate them in these things, which they wickedly practise. Listen, the innocent and righteous blood cries to me, and the souls of the righteous cry out continually. 9 I'll surely avenge them," says the master, "and will receive to me all the innocent blood from among them. 10 Listen, my people is led like a flock to the slaughter. I won't allow them now to live in the land of Mitsrayim, 11 but I'll bring them out with a mighty hand and with a high arm, and will strike Mitsrayim with deadly diseases, as before, and will destroy all its land."

12 Let Mitsrayim (Egypt) and its foundations mourn, because of the deadly diseases due to the chastisement and the punishment that God will bring on it. 13 Let the farmers that till the ground mourn, for their seeds will fail and their trees will be ruined through the blight and hail, and a terrible tempest. 14 Woe to the world and those who live in it! 15 Because the sword and their destruction draws near, and nation will rise up against nation to battle with weapons in their hands. 16 Because there'll be sedition among men, and growing strong against one another. In their might, they won't respect their king or the chief of their great ones. 17 Because a man will desire to go into a city, and won't be able. 18 Because of their pride the cities will be troubled, the houses will be destroyed, and men will be afraid. 19 A man will have no pity on his neighbours, but will assault their houses with the sword and plunder their goods, because of the lack of bread, and for great suffering.

20 "Listen," says God, "I call together all the kings of the earth to stir up those who are from the rising of the sun, from the south, from the east, and Levanon, to turn themselves one against another, and repay the things that they've done to them. 21 Just as they do yet this day to my chosen, so I'll do also, and repay into their bosom." The master God says: 22 "My right hand won't spare the sinners, and my sword won't cease over those who shed innocent blood on the earth. 23 A fire has gone out from his anger and has consumed the foundations of the earth and the sinners, like burnt straw. 24 Woe to those who sin and don't keep my commandments!" says the master. 25 "I won't spare them. Go your way, you rebellious children! Don't defile my sanctuary!" 26 Because the master knows all those who trespass against him, therefore he'll deliver them to death and destruction. 27 Because now evils have come on the whole earth, and you'll remain in them; for God won't deliver you, because you've sinned against him.

A vision of warring nations

28 Listen, a horrible sight appearing from the east! 29 The nations of the dragons of Arav will come out with many chariots. From the day that they set out, their hissing is carried over the earth, so that all those who'll hear them may also fear and tremble. 30 Also the Carmonians, raging in anger, will go out like the wild boars of the forest. They'll come with great power and join battle with

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them, and will devastate a portion of the land of the Assyrians with their teeth. 31 Then the dragons will have the upper hand, remembering their nature. If they'll turn themselves, conspiring together in great power to persecute them, 32 then these will be troubled, and keep silence through their power, and will turn and flee. 33 From the land of the Assyrians, an enemy in ambush will attack them and destroy one of them. On their army will be fear and trembling, and indecision on their kings.

34 Listen, clouds from the east, and from the north to the south! They're very horrible to look at, full of anger and storm. 35 They'll clash against one another. They'll pour out a heavy storm on the earth, even their own storm. There'll be blood from the sword to the horse's belly, 36 and to the thigh of man, and to the camel's hock. 37 There'll be fearfulness and great trembling on earth. They who see that anger will be afraid, and trembling will seize them. 38 After this, great storms will be stirred up from the south, from the north, and another part from the west. 39 Strong winds will arise from the east, and will shut it up, even the cloud which he raised up in anger; and the storm that was to cause destruction by the east wind will be violently driven towards the south and west. 40 Great and mighty clouds, full of anger, will be lifted up with the storm, that they may destroy all the earth and those who live in it. They'll pour out over every high and lofty one a terrible storm, 41 fire, hail, flying swords, and many waters, that all plains may be full, and all rivers, with the abundance of those waters. 42 They'll break down the cities and walls, mountains and hills, trees of the forest, and grass of the meadows, and their grain. 43 They'll go on steadily to Bavel and destroy her. 44 They'll come to it and surround it. They'll pour out the storm and all anger on her. Then the dust and smoke will go up to the sky, and all those who are around it'll mourn for it. 45 Those who remain will serve those who've destroyed it.

Judgement against Asia

46 You, Asia, who are partaker in the beauty of Bavel (Babylon), and in the glory of her person— 47 woe to you, you wretch, because you've made yourself like her. You've decked out your daughters for prostitution, that they might please and glory in your lovers, which have always lusted after you! 48 You've followed her who's hateful in all her works and inventions. Therefore God says, 49 "I'll send evils on you: widowhood, poverty, famine, sword, and pestilence, to lay waste your houses and bring you to destruction and death. 50 The glory of your power will be dried up like a flower when the heat rises that's sent over you. 51 You'll be weakened like a poor woman who's beaten and wounded, so that you won't be able to receive your mighty ones and your lovers. 52 Would I have dealt with you with such jealousy," says the master, 53 "if you hadn't always slain my chosen, exalting and clapping of your hands, and saying over their dead, when you were drunk?

54 "Beautify your face! 55 The reward of a prostitute will be in your bosom, therefore you'll be repaid. 56 Just as you'll do to my chosen," says the master, "even so God will do to you, and will deliver you to your adversaries. 57 Your children will die of

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hunger. You'll fall by the sword. Your cities will be broken down, and all your people in the field will perish by the sword. 58 Those who are in the mountains will die of hunger, eat their own flesh, and drink their own blood, because of hunger for bread and thirst for water. 59 You, unhappy above all others, will come and will again receive evils. 60 In the passage, they'll rush on the hateful city and will destroy some portion of your land, and mar part of your glory, and will return again to Bavel that was destroyed. 61 You'll be thrown down by them as stubble, and they'll be to you as fire. 62 They'll devour you, your cities, your land, and your mountains. They'll burn all your forests and your fruitful trees with fire. 63 They'll carry your children away captive, and will plunder your wealth, and mar the glory of your face."

No escape from the coming disasters

16:1 Woe to you, Bavel (Babylon), and Asia! Woe to you, Mitsrayim (Egypt) and Aram (Syria)! 2 Put on sackcloth and clothes of goats' hair, wail for your children and lament; for your destruction is at hand. 3 A sword has been sent on you, and who's there to turn it back? 4 A fire has been sent on you, and who's there to quench it? 5 Calamities are sent on you, and who's there to drive them away? 6 Can one drive away a hungry lion in the forest? Can one quench a fire in stubble, once it's begun to burn? 7 Can one turn back an arrow that's shot by a strong archer? 8 The master God sends the calamities, and who'll drive them away? 9 A fire will go out from his anger, and who may quench it? 10 He'll flash lightning, and who won't fear? He'll thunder, and who wouldn't tremble? 11 The master will threaten, and who won't be utterly broken in pieces at his presence? 12 The earth and its foundations quake. The sea rises up with waves from the deep, and its waves will be troubled, along with the fish in them, at the presence of the master, and before the glory of his power. 13 Because his right hand that uses the bow is strong—his arrows that he shoots are sharp, and won't miss when they begin to be shot into the ends of the world. 14 Listen, the calamities are sent out, and won't return again until they come on the earth. 15 The fire is kindled and won't be put out until it consumes the foundations of the earth. 16 Just as an arrow which is shot by a mighty archer doesn't return backward, even so the calamities that are sent out on earth won't return again. 17 Woe is me! Woe is me! Who'll deliver me in those days?

18 The beginning of sorrows, when there'll be great mourning; the beginning of famine, and many will perish; the beginning of wars, and the powers will stand in fear; the beginning of calamities, and all will tremble! What'll they do when the calamities come? 19 Listen, famine and deadly diseases, suffering and anguish! They're sent as scourges for correction. 20 But for all these things they won't turn them from their wickedness, nor be always mindful of the scourges. 21 Listen, food will be so cheap on earth that they'll think themselves to be in good condition, and even then calamities will grow on earth: sword, famine, and great confusion. 22 Because many of those who live on earth will perish of famine; and others who escape the famine, the sword will destroy. 23 The dead will be thrown out like dung, and

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there'll be no one to comfort them; for the earth will be left desolate, and its cities will be thrown down. 24 There'll be no farmer left to cultivate the earth or to sow it. 25 The trees will give fruit, but who'll gather it? 26 The grapes will ripen, but who'll tread them? Because in all places there'll be a great solitude; 27 for one man will desire to see another, or to hear his voice. 28 Because of a city there'll be ten left, and two of the field, who've hidden themselves in the thick groves, and in the crevices in the rocks. 29 As in an orchard of olives on every tree there may be left three or four olives, 30 or as when a vineyard is gathered, there are some clusters left by those who diligently search through the vineyard, 31 even so in those days, there'll be three or four left by those who search their houses with the sword. 32 The earth will be left desolate, and its fields will be for briers, and its roads and all her paths will grow thorns, because no sheep will pass along them. 33 The virgins will mourn, having no bridegrooms. The women will mourn, having no husbands. Their daughters will mourn, having no helpers. 34 Their bridegrooms will be destroyed in the wars, and their husbands will perish of famine.

God's people must prepare and remain faithful

35 Hear now these things, and understand them, you servants of the master. 36 Listen, the master's word: receive it. Don't doubt the things about which the master speaks. 37 Listen, the calamities draw near, and aren't delayed. 38 Just as a woman with child in the ninth month, when the hour of her delivery draws near, within two or three hours great pains surround her womb, and when the child comes out from the womb, there'll be no waiting for a moment, 39 even so the calamities won't delay coming on the earth. The world will groan, and sorrows will seize it on every side.

40 "O my people, hear my word: prepare for battle, and in those calamities be like strangers on the earth. 41 He who sells, let him be as he who flees away, and he who buys, as one who'll lose. 42 Let he who does business be as he who has no profit by it, and he who builds, as he who won't live in it, 43 and he who sows, as if he wouldn't harvest, so also he who prunes the vines, as he who won't gather the grapes, 44 those who marry, as those who'll have no children, and those who don't marry, as the widowed. 45 Because of this, those who labour, labour in vain; 46 because foreigners will harvest their fruits, plunder their goods, overthrow their houses, and take their children captive, for in captivity and famine they'll conceive their children. 47 Those who conduct business, do so only to be plundered. The more they adorn their cities, their houses, their possessions, and their own persons, 48 the more I'll hate them for their sins," says the master. 49 Just as a respectable and virtuous woman hates a prostitute, 50 so will righteousness hate iniquity, when she adorns herself, and will accuse her to her face, when he comes who'll defend him who diligently searches out every sin on earth.

51 Therefore don't be like her or her works. 52 Because yet a little while, and iniquity will be taken away out of the earth, and

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righteousness will reign over us.

God knows everyone's actions

53 Don't let the sinner say that he hasn't sinned; for God will burn coals of fire on the head of one who says "I haven't sinned before God and his glory." 54 Listen, the master knows all the works of men, their imaginations, their thoughts, and their hearts. 55 He said, "Let the earth be made," and it was made, "Let the sky be made," and it was made. 56 At his word, the stars were established, and he knows the number of the stars. 57 He searches the deep and its treasures. He's measured the sea and what it contains. 58 He's shut the sea in the middle of the waters, and with his word, he hung the earth over the waters. 59 He has spread out the sky like a vault. He's founded it over the waters. 60 He's made springs of water in the desert and pools on the tops of the mountains to send out rivers from the heights to water the earth. 61 He formed man, and put a heart in the middle of the body, and gave him breath, life, and understanding, 62 yes, God Almighty's spirit. He who made all things and searches out hidden things in hidden places, 63 surely he knows your imagination, and what you think in your hearts. Woe to those who sin, and try to hide their sin! 64 Because the master will exactly investigate all your works, and he'll put you all to shame. 65 When your sins are brought out before men, you'll be ashamed, and your own iniquities will stand as your accusers in that day. 66 What'll you do? Or how will you hide your sins before God and his angels? 67 Listen, God is the judge. Fear him! Stop sinning, and forget your iniquities, to never again commit them. So will God lead you out, and deliver you from all suffering.

Encouragement for those facing persecution

68 Because the burning anger of a great multitude is kindled over you, and they'll take away some of you, and feed you with that which is sacrificed to idols. 69 Those who consent to them will be held in derision and in contempt, and be trodden under foot. 70 Because there'll be in various places, and in the next cities, a great insurrection against those who fear the master. 71 They'll be like mad men, sparing none, but spoiling and destroying those who still fear the master. 72 Because they'll destroy and plunder their goods, and throw them out of their houses. 73 Then the trial of my elect will be made known, even as the gold that's tried in the fire. 74 Hear, my elect ones, says the master: "Listen, the days of suffering are at hand, and I'll deliver you from them. 75 Don't be afraid, and don't doubt, for God is your guide. 76 You who keep my commandments and precepts," says the master God, "don't let your sins weigh you down, and don't let your iniquities lift themselves up." 77 Woe to those who are choked with their sins and covered with their iniquities, like a field is choked with bushes, and its path covered with thorns, that no one may travel through! 78 It's shut off and

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given up to be consumed by fire.

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Ester

translated from the Greek Septuagint

Introduction

This Greek account of *Ester* follows a young Jewish woman who becomes queen in the empire of Paras (Persia). Her guardian Mordekai refuses to bow to the powerful official Haman, who responds by planning to destroy all the Yehudim (Jews) in the empire. Ester must decide whether to risk her own life by approaching the king and identifying herself with her threatened people.

Readers of the other OET account of Ester will recognise the main events, but this version also includes Mordekai's dream, prayers for rescue, royal letters, and further details about Ester's approach to the king. These passages explicitly describe the characters' dependence on God and his part in their rescue. The account also explains the celebration called 'Purim', when the people remember how their sorrow was turned into joy.

The book of Ester in the Greek Septuagint contains five additions that the traditional Hebrew text doesn't have. These additions are recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Romaios Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Russian Orthodox Churches. Those additions are enclosed in [square brackets]. Because the additions by themselves make little sense without the broader context of the book, we present here a translation of the whole book of Ester from the Greek.

We have chosen not to distract the reader with confusing out-of-order chapter numbers that would result from using the KJB versification, but rather merge these 5 additions as extensions at the beginning of 1:1 and after 3:13, 4:17, 8:12, and 10:3. This makes some verses (1:1, 5:1, and 8:12) really long, but it also makes the verses line up with the same verse numbers in Ester as translated from the traditional Hebrew text. Some of the proper names in this book have been changed to the more familiar Hebrew form instead of the direct transliteration from the Greek.

Main components of this account

Mordekai's dream and Ester's rise to become queen *1:1–2:23*
Haman's threat and the prayers of Mordekai and Ester *3:1–4:47*
Ester appeals to the king and Haman is executed *5:1–7:10*
The Yehudim defend themselves and establish Purim *8:1–9:32*
Mordekai's position and the explanation of his dream *10:1-14*

The DC editions are placed side by side by chapter only. Their verse numbering and textual contents differ; corresponding lines are not established equivalents.

Lighter type marks additions. Underscores join parts of a single source word.
Struck words are untranslated. The ◘ sign marks a verse with no text.
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1:1 "⟦Ἔτους⟧ secondly ⟦βασιλεύοντος⟧ Artaxerxou of_the great king the/this/who one of_the Nisan, dream to_perceive Mardokaios the/this/who of_the Yairou, of_the Semeiou, of_ _the Kisaiou, out_from tribe Beniamin, **1b** a_human Jewish to_ _dwell in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧ the/this/who city, a_human great, to_serve/heal in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard of_the king. **1c** to_be but/and out_from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧, to_be to_take_captive Nabouk₀donosor king Babulōnos out_from Yerousalaʸm, with/after Yek₀oniou of_the king the/this/who Jewish/Judea. **1d** "and this/he/she/it he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who dream; and look! voice/sound and commotion, thunder and ⟦σεισμὺς⟧, disturbance upon/to/against the/this/who earth. **1e** and look! two ⟦δράκοντες⟧ great, ⟦ἕτομοι⟧ to_go_before both ⟦παλαίειν⟧; and to_be he/she/it/self voice/sound great, **1f** and the/this/who voice/sound he/she/it/self ⟦ἡτοιμάσθη⟧ all Gentile_nation toward war, so to_fight just Gentile_nation. **1g** and look! day darkness and ⟦γνόφου⟧, pressure and hardship, oppression and disturbance great upon/to/against the/this/who earth. **1h** and to_trouble all Gentile_nation just to_fear the/this/who my/your/him-self evil/harm, and ⟦ἡτοιμάσθησαν⟧ to_destroy, and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ to/with the/this/who God; **1i** away_from but/and the/this/who ⟦βοῆς⟧ he/she/it/self to_be ⟦ὡσανεὶ⟧ away_from ⟦μικρᾶς⟧ flow river great, water much. **1k** and light and the/this/who sun to_rise, and the/this/who ⟦ταπεινοὶ⟧ ⟦ὑψώθησαν⟧, and to_devour the/this/who ⟦ἐνδόξους⟧. **1l** "and to_arouse Mardok₀aios the/this/who to_see the/this/who dream this/he/she/it, and one/which? the/this/who God ⟦βεβούλευται⟧ to_do/make, to_ _have/be he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who heart, and in/on/among all word to_will/desire to_come_to_know he/she/it/self until the/this/who night. **1m** and ⟦ἡσύχασε⟧ Mardok₀aios in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard. with/after Gabatha and Thaῤῥa the/this/who two ⟦εὐνούχων⟧ of_the king, the/this/who ⟦φυλασσόντων⟧ the/this/who palace/courtyard. **1n** to_hear and/both he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦λογισμοὺς⟧, and the/this/who to_worry he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξηρεύνησεν⟧; and to_learn, that/since ⟦ἑτοιμάζουσι⟧ the/this/who hand to_put_on/seize Artaxerxaʸ the/this/who king; and to_show the/this/who king about he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **1o** and ⟦ἐξήτασεν⟧ the/this/who king the/this/who two ⟦εὐνούχους⟧, and to_ _confess/profess ⟦σαντες⟧ ⟦ἀπήχθησαν⟧. **1p** and to_write the/this/who king the/this/who word this/he/she/it toward memorial, and Mardok₀aios to_write about the/this/who word this/he/she/it. **1q** and to_command the/this/who king Mardok₀aiōi to_serve/heal in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard, and ⟦ἔδωκεων⟧ he/she/it/self gift about this/he/she/it. **1r** and to_be Aman Amadathou bully honoured before of_the king, and to_seek ⟦κακποιῆσαι⟧ the/this/who Mardok₀aion and the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, above/for the/this/who two ⟦εὐνούχων⟧ of_the king." **1s** and to_be with/after the/this/who word this/he/she/it in/on/among

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Mordekai's dream and the plot against the king

1:1 [In the second year of the reign of Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus) the great king, on the first day of Nisan, Mordekai the son of Yair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, of the tribe of Benyamin, a Yehudi (Jew) dwelling in the city Shushan (Susa), a great man, serving in the king's palace, saw a vision. Now he was one of the captives whom Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) king of Bavel (Babylon) had carried captive from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with Yekaneyah the king of Yehudah (Judea). This was his dream: Listen, voices and a noise, thunders and earthquake, tumult on the earth. And two great serpents came out, both ready for conflict. A great voice came from them. Every nation was prepared for battle by their voice, even to fight against the nation of the just. Listen, a day of darkness and blackness, suffering and anguish, affection and tumult on the earth. And all the righteous nation was troubled, fearing their own afflictions. They prepared to die, and cried to God. Something like a great river from a little spring with much water, came from their cry. Light and the sun arose, and the lowly were exalted, and devoured the honourable.

Mordekai, who'd seen this vision and what God desired to do, having arisen, kept it in his heart, and desired by all means to interpret it, even until night.

Mordekai rested quietly in the palace with Gabatha and Teresh the king's two chamberlains, eunuchs who guarded the palace. He heard their conversation and searched out their plans. He learnt that they were preparing to lay hands on King Ahashverosh; and he informed the king about them. The king examined the two chamberlains. They confessed, and were led away and executed. The king wrote these things for a record. Mordekai also wrote about these matters. The king commanded Mordekai to serve in the palace, and gave gifts for this service. But Haman the son of Hamedata the Bugaean was honoured in the sight of the king, and he endeavoured to harm Mordekai and his people, because of the king's two chamberlains.][1]

King Ahashverosh's lavish feasts

And it happened after these things[2] in the days of Ahashverosh, —(this Ahashverosh ruled over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces from Hodu)— **2** in those days, when King Ahashverosh was on the throne in the city of Shushan, **3** in the third year of his reign, he made a feast for his friends, for people from the rest of the nations, for the leading citizens of the Persians and Madim (Medes), and for the chief of the local governors. **4** After this—after he'd shown them the wealth of his kingdom and the abundant glory of his wealth during one hundred and eighty days— **5** when the days of the wedding feast were completed, the king made a banquet lasting six days for the people of the nations who were present in the city, in the courtyard of the king's house, **6** which was adorned with fine linen and flax on cords of

1 **RV 1:1 · Note** Note: The Hebrew and some copies of LXX, don't have these first few lines.

2 **RV 1:1 · Note** Greek words.

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fine linen and purple, fastened to golden and silver studs on pillars of white marble and stone. There were golden and silver couches on a pavement of emerald stone, and of mother-of-pearl, and of white marble, with transparent coverings variously flowered, having roses arranged around it. **7** There were gold and silver cups, and a small cup of carbuncle set out, of the value of thirty thousand talents, with abundant and sweet wine, which the king himself drank. **8** This banquet wasn't according to the appointed law, but as the king desired to have it. He charged the stewards to perform his will and that of the company.

Queen Vashti refuses the king's command

9 Also Vashti the queen made a banquet for the women in the palace where King Ahashverosh lived. **10** Now on the seventh day, the king, being merry, told Haman, Bazan, Teresh, Baraze, Zatholtha, Abataza, and Tharaba, the seven chamberlains, servants of King Ahashverosh, **11** to bring in the queen to him, to[3] enthrone her, and crown her with the diadem, and to show her to the princes, and her beauty to the nations, for she was beautiful. **12** But queen Vashti refused to come with the chamberlains; so the king was grieved and angered. **13** And he said to his friends, "This is what Vashti said. Therefore pronounce your legal judgement on this case."

14 So Arkesaeus, Sarsathaeus, and Malisear, the princes of the Persians and Madim (Medes), who were near the king, who sat chief in rank by the king, drew near to him, **15** and reported to him according to the laws what it was proper to do to queen Vashti, because she hadn't done the things commanded by the king through the chamberlains. **16** And Memukan said to the king and to the princes, "Queen Vashti hasn't wronged the king only, but also all the king's rulers and princes; **17** for he's told them the queen's words, and how she[4] disobeyed the king. As she then refused to obey King Ahashverosh, **18** so this day the other wives of the chiefs of the Persians and Madim, having heard what she said to the king, will dare in the same way to dishonour their husbands. **19** If then it seems good to the king, let him make a royal decree, and let it be written according to the laws of the Madim and Persians, and let him not alter it: 'Don't allow the queen to come in to him any more. Let the king give her royalty to a woman better than she.' **20** Let the king's law which he'll have made be widely proclaimed in his kingdom. Then all the women will give honour to their husbands, from the poor even to the rich." **21** This advice pleased the king and the princes; and the king did as Memukan had said, **22** and sent into all his kingdom through the several provinces, according to their language, so that men might be feared in their own houses.

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the/this/who day Artaxerxou; this/he/she/it the/this/who Artaxerxaʸs away_from the/this/who ⟦Ἰνδικῆς⟧ hundred twenty-seven ⟦χωρῶν⟧ to_grasp/seize; **2** in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who day when ⟦ἐθρονίσθη⟧ king Artaxerxaʸs in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧ the/this/who city, **3** in/on/among the/this/who ⟦τρίτῳ⟧ year ⟦βασιλεύοντος⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, banquet to_do/make the/this/who friendly/friend and the/this/who remaining Gentile_nation, and the/this/who Persōn and Maʸdōn honoured, and the/this/who ruler the/this/who ⟦σατραπῶν⟧. **4** and with/after this/he/she/it with/after the/this/who to_ _show he/she/it/self the/this/who riches the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who glory the/this/who joy of_the riches he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among day hundred eighty. **5** when but/and ⟦ἀνεπληρώθησαν⟧ the/this/who/which day of_the wedding, to_do/make the/this/who king ⟦πότον⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who ⟦εὑρεθεῖσιν⟧ toward the/this/who city upon/to/against day six, in/on/among palace/courtyard house of_the king **6** ⟦κεκοσμημένῃ⟧ ⟦βυσσίνοις⟧ and ⟦καρπασίνοις⟧ ⟦τεταμένοις⟧ upon/to/against ⟦σχοινίοις⟧ ⟦βυσσίνοις⟧ and ⟦πορφυροῖς⟧, upon/to/against ⟦κύβοις⟧ ⟦χρυσοῖς⟧ and ⟦ἀργυροῖς⟧, upon/to/against ⟦στύλοις⟧ Parian and ⟦λιθίνοις⟧; ⟦κλίναι⟧ ⟦χρυσαῖ⟧ and ⟦ἀργυραῖ⟧ upon/to/against ⟦λιθοστρώτου⟧ ⟦σμαραγδίτου⟧ stone, and ⟦πιννίνου⟧, and ⟦Παρίνου⟧ stone; and ⟦στρωμναὶ⟧ ⟦διαφανεῖς⟧ variously ⟦διηνθισμέναι⟧, surrounding ⟦ῥόδα⟧ ⟦πεπασμένα⟧; **7** ⟦Ποτήρια⟧ golden and silver, and ⟦ἀνθράκινον⟧ small_cup to_ _set_before away_from talent ⟦τρισμυρίων⟧; wine much and agreeable, which he/she/it/self the/this/who king ⟦ἔπινεν⟧. **8** the/this/who but/and carousing this/he/she/it no according_to to_set_before law to_be; thus(-ly) but/and to_ _will/desire the/this/who king, and to_command the/this/who manager to_do/make the/this/who will/desire he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who a_ _human. **9** and Astin the/this/who queen to_do/make ⟦πότον⟧ the/this/who woman in/on/among the/this/who palace, where(-ever) the/this/who king Artaxerxaʸs. **10** in/on/among but/and the/this/who day the/this/who seventh gladly to_be the/this/who king, to_say the/this/who Aman, and Bazan, and Thaⲣⲣa, and ⟦Βωραζὶ⟧, and Zatholtha, and Abataza, and Tharaba, the/this/who seven ⟦εὐνούχοις⟧ the/this/who servant of_the king Artaxerxou, **11** to_bring_in the/this/who ⟦βασίλισσαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self, to_reign he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦περιθεῖναι⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who diadem, and to_show he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who ruler, and the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who beauty he/she/it/self, that/since good to_be. **12** and no ⟦εἰσήκουσεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Astin the/this/who queen to_come/go with/after the/this/who ⟦εὐνούχων⟧; and to_grieve the/this/who king and to_anger, **13** and to_say the/this/who friendly/friend

3 **RV 1:11 · Note** Greek to make her queen.

4 **RV 1:17 · Note** Greek contradicted.

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, according_to this/he/she/it to_speak Astin, to_do/make therefore/then about this/he/she/it law and judgement. **14** and to_come_ _near/agree he/she/it/self Arkesaios, and Sarsathaios, and ⟦Μαλισεὰρ⟧, the/this/who ruler Persōn and Maʸdōn, the/this/who near of_the king, the/this/who first ⟦παρακαθήμενοι⟧ the/this/who king, **15** and to_announce he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who law, which/how be_ _necessary to_do/make Astin the/this/who ⟦βασιλίσσῃ⟧, that/since no to_do/make the/this/who by/under of_the king ⟦προσταχθέντα⟧ through/because_of the/this/who ⟦εὐνούχων⟧. **16** and to_say the/this/who Mouķaios to/with the/this/who king and the/this/who ruler, no the/this/who king alone/only to_harm Astin the/this/who queen, but and all the/this/who ruler and the/this/who to_govern of_the king; **17** and for to_relate_fully he/she/it/self the/this/who declaration the/this/who queen, and which/how ⟦ἀντεῖπε⟧ the/this/who king; which/how therefore/then ⟦ἀντεῖπε⟧ the/this/who king Artaxerxaʸ, **18** thus(-ly) today the/this/who/which ⟦τυραννίδες⟧ the/this/who/which remaining the/this/who ruler Persōn and Maʸdōn ⟦ἀκούσασαι⟧ the/this/who the/this/who king ⟦λεχθέντα⟧ by/under he/she/it/self, ⟦τολμήσουσιν⟧ similarly ⟦ἀτιμάσαι⟧ the/this/who man he/she/it/self. **19** to_be therefore/then to_ _think the/this/who king, ⟦προσταξάτω⟧ royal, and ⟦γραφήτω⟧ according_to the/this/who law Maʸdōn and Persōn, and not otherwise ⟦χρησάσθω⟧, nor to_enter still the/this/who queen to/with he/she/it/self, and the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self to_give the/this/who king woman ⟦κρείττονι⟧ he/she/it/self. **20** and ⟦ἀκουσθήτω⟧ the/this/who law the/this/who by/under of_the king, which if to_do/make in/on/among the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and thus(-ly) all the/this/who/which woman ⟦περιθήσουσι⟧ honour the/this/who man my/your/him-self, away_from ⟦πτωχοῦ⟧ until rich. **21** and to_please the/this/who word the/this/who king and the/this/who ruler; and to_do/make the/this/who king as/just_as to_speak the/this/who Mouķaios, **22** and to_ _send toward all the/this/who kingdom according_to country, according_to the/this/who ⟦λέξιν⟧ he/she/it/self, so to_be fear he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who ⟦οἰκίαις⟧ he/she/it/self.

2:1 and with/after the/this/who word this/he/she/it to_ _abate the/this/who king of_the wrath, and no still to_ _remember the/this/who Astin, ⟦μνημονεύων⟧ such_as to_ _speak, and which/how to_condemn he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **2** and to_say the/this/who servant of_the king, ⟦ζητηθήτω⟧ the/this/who king ⟦κοράσια⟧ ⟦ἄφθορα⟧ good the/this/who appearance; **3** and to_ _appoint/conduct the/this/who king ⟦κωμάρχας⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who country the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and ⟦ἐπιλεξάτωσαν⟧ ⟦κοράσια⟧ ⟦παρθενικὰ⟧ good the/this/who appearance toward Sousan the/this/who city toward the/this/who ⟦γυναικῶνα⟧; and ⟦παραδοθήτωσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦εὐνούχῳ⟧ of_the king the/this/who ⟦φύλακι⟧ the/this/who woman; and ⟦δοθήτω⟧ beauty_treatment, and the/this/who ⟦λοιπὴ⟧ care. **4** and the/this/who woman the/this/who/which if to_please

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The search for a new queen

2:1 After this, the king's anger was pacified, and he no more mentioned Vashti, bearing in mind what she'd said, and how he'd condemned her. **2** Then the king's servants said, "Let chaste, beautiful young virgins be searched for for the king. **3** Let the king appoint local governors in all the provinces of his kingdom, and let them select beautiful, chaste young ladies and bring them to the city Shushan (Susa), into the women's apartment. Let them be consigned to the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women. Then let things for purification and other needs be given to them. **4** Let the woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti."

This thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 Now there was a Yehudi (Jew) in the city Shushan, and his

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name was Mordekai, the son of Yair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, of the tribe of Benyamin. 6 He'd been brought as a prisoner from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), whom Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) king of Bavel (Babylon) had carried into captivity. 7 He had a foster child, daughter of Aminadav his father's brother. Her name was Ester. When her parents died, he brought her up to womanhood as his own. This lady was beautiful. 8 And because the king's ordinance was published, many ladies were gathered to the city of Shushan under Hegay's hand; and Ester was brought to Hegay, the keeper of the women. 9 The lady pleased him, and she found favour in his sight. He hurried to give her the things for purification, her portion, and the seven maidens appointed her out of the palace. He treated her and her maidens well in the women's apartment. 10 But Ester didn't reveal her family or her kindred, for Mordekai had charged her not to tell. 11 But Mordekai used to walk every day by the women's courtyard, to see what'd become of Ester.

12 Now this was the time for a virgin to go into the king, when she'd completed twelve months; for so are the days of purification fulfilled, six months while they're anointing themselves with oil of myrrh, and six months with spices and women's purifications. 13 And then the lady goes in to the king. The officer that he commands to do so will bring her to come in with him from the women's apartment to the king's chamber. 14 She enters in the evening, and in the morning she departs to the second women's apartment, where Hegay the king's chamberlain is keeper of the women. She doesn't go in to the king again, unless she's called by name.

Ester becomes queen

15 And when the time was fulfilled for Ester the daughter of Aminadav the brother of Mordekai's father to go in to the king, she neglected nothing which the chamberlain, the women's keeper, commanded; for Ester found grace in the sight of all who looked at her. 16 So Ester went in to King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus) in the twelfth month, which is Adar, in the seventh year of his reign. 17 The king loved Ester, and she found favour beyond all the other virgins. He put the queen's crown on her. 18 The king made a banquet for all his friends and great men for seven days, and he highly celebrated the marriage of Ester; and he granted a remission of taxes to those who were under his dominion.

Mordekai uncovers a plot against the king

19 Meanwhile, Mordekai served in the courtyard. 20 Now Ester hadn't revealed her country, for so Mordekai commanded her, to fear God, and perform his commandments, as when she was with him. Ester didn't change her manner of life.

21 Two chamberlains of the king, the chiefs of the body-guard, were grieved, because Mordekai was promoted; and they tried to kill King Ahashverosh. 22 And the matter was discovered by Mordekai, and he made it known to Ester, and she declared to the king the matter of the conspiracy. 23 And the king examined the two chamberlains and hanged them. Then the king gave orders to make a note for a memorial in the royal library of the

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the/this/who king, to_reign for Astin; and to_please the/this/who king the/this/who thing, and to_do/make thus(-ly). 5 and a_human to_be Jewish in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧ the/this/who city, and name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Mardokaios the/this/who of_the Yairou, of_the Semeiou, of_the Kisaiou, out_from tribe Beniamin, 6 which to_be captive out_from Hierousalaʸm, which to_take_captive Nabouḳodonosor king Babulōnos. 7 and to_be this/he/she/it child ⟦θρεπτή⟧, daughter Aminadab brother father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and name he/she/it/self Esthaʸr; in/on/among but/and the/this/who ⟦μεταλλάξαι⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who parent, ⟦ἐπαίδευσεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self my/your/him-self toward woman; and to_be the/this/who girl good the/this/who appearance. 8 and when to_hear the/this/who of_the king an_order, to_assemble much ⟦κοράσια⟧ toward Sousan the/this/who city by/under hand Gai, and to_bring Esthaʸr to/with Gai the/this/who ⟦φύλακα⟧ the/this/who woman. 9 and to_please he/she/it/self the/this/who girl, and to_find/meet because_of/grace before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and ⟦ἔσπευσε⟧ to_ _give he/she/it/self the/this/who beauty_treatment, and the/this/who part, and the/this/who seven ⟦κοράσια⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὑποδεδειγμένα⟧ he/she/it/self out_from ⟦βασιλικοῦ⟧; and ⟦ἐχρήσατο⟧ he/she/it/self well and the/this/who ⟦ἅβραις⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who ⟦γυναικῶνι⟧; 10 and no to_show Esthaʸr the/this/who family he/she/it/self and_not the/this/who fatherland; the/this/who for Mardokaios to_order he/she/it/self not to_announce. 11 according_to each but/and day to_walk the/this/who Mardokaios according_to the/this/who palace/courtyard the/this/who ⟦γυναικείαν⟧, ⟦ἐπισκοπῶν⟧ one/which? Esthaʸr ⟦συμβήσεται⟧. 12 this/he/she/it but/and to_be time/right_time ⟦κορασίου⟧ to_enter to/with the/this/who king, when(-ever) to_fulfil month twelve; thus(-ly) for ⟦ἀναπληροῦνται⟧ the/this/who/which day the/this/who service, month six ⟦ἀλειφομέναις⟧ in/on/among ⟦σμυρνίνῳ⟧ olive_oil, and month six in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀρώμασι⟧ and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦σμήγμασι⟧ the/this/who woman, 13 and then to_enter to/with the/this/who king; and which if to_say, to_deliver he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦συνεισέρχεσθαι⟧ he/she/it/self away_from of_the ⟦γυναικῶνος⟧ until the/this/who ⟦βασιλείων⟧; 14 ⟦Δείλης⟧ to_ _enter, and to/with day ⟦ἀποτρέχει⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦γυναικῶνα⟧ the/this/who secondly, which/whither Gai the/this/who eunuch of_the king the/this/who a_guard the/this/who woman, and no still to_enter to/with the/this/who king, if not ⟦κληθῇ⟧ name. 15 in/on/among but/and the/this/who ⟦ἀναπληροῦσθαι⟧ the/this/who time Esthaʸr the/this/who daughter Aminadab brother father Mardokaiou to_enter to/with the/this/who king, none ⟦ἠθέτησεν⟧ which to_order the/this/who eunuch the/this/who a_guard the/this/who woman; to_be for Esthaʸr ⟦εὑρίσκουσα⟧ because_of/grace from_with all the/this/who to_ _see he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 16 and to_enter Esthaʸr to/with Artaxerxaʸn the/this/who king the/this/who

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⟦δωδεκάτῳ⟧ month, which to_be Adar, the/this/who ⟦ἐβδόμῳ⟧ year the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **17** and ⟦ἠράσθη⟧ the/this/who king Esthaʸr, and to_find/meet because_of/grace from_with all the/this/who ⟦παρθένους⟧, and to_put/lay_on he/she/it/self the/this/who diadem the/this/who ⟦γυναικεῖον⟧. **18** and to_do/make the/this/who king ⟦πότον⟧ all the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who power upon/to/against day seven, and to_lift_up the/this/who wedding Esthaʸr, and forgiveness to_do/make the/this/who by/under the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **19** the/this/who but/and Mardokaios to_serve/heal in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard. **20** the/this/who but/and Esthaʸr no to_show the/this/who fatherland he/she/it/self; thus(-ly) for to_order he/she/it/self Mardokaios, to_fear the/this/who God, and to_ _do/make the/this/who ⟦προστάγματα⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, as/just_as to_be with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and Esthaʸr no ⟦μετήλλαξε⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀγωγὴν⟧ he/she/it/self. **21** and to_grieve the/this/who two eunuch of_ _the king the/this/who ⟦ἀρχισωματοφύλακες⟧, that/since ⟦προήχθη⟧ Mardokaios, and to_seek to_kill Artaxerxaʸn the/this/who king. **22** and to_make_clear Mardokaiōi the/this/who word, and to_signify Esthaʸr, and he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνεφάνησε⟧ the/this/who king the/this/who the/this/who plot. **23** the/this/who but/and king ⟦ἤτασε⟧ the/this/who two ⟦εὐνούχους⟧, and ⟦ἐκρέμασεν⟧ he/she/it/self; and to_order the/this/who king ⟦καταχωρίσαι⟧ toward memorial in/on/among the/this/who ⟦βασιλικῇ⟧ a_library above/for the/this/who enthusiasm Mardokaiou, in/on/among ⟦ἐγκωμίῳ⟧.

3:1 with/after but/and this/he/she/it to_glorify the/this/who king Artaxerxaʸs Aman Amadathou Bougaion, and to_lift_up he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπρωτοβάθρει⟧ all the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **2** and all the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard to_worship he/she/it/self; thus(-ly) for to_order the/this/who king to_do/make; the/this/who but/and Mardokaios no to_ _worship he/she/it/self. **3** and to_speak the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard of_the king the/this/who Mardokaiōi, Mardokaie, one/which? ⟦παρακούεις⟧ the/this/who by/under of_the king to_speak? **4** according_to each day to_speak he/she/it/self, and no ⟦ὑπήκουεν⟧ he/she/it/self; and ⟦ὑπέδειξαν⟧ the/this/who Aman, Mardokaion the/this/who of_the king word ⟦ἀντιτασσόμενον⟧, and to_show he/she/it/self the/this/who Mardokaios that/since Youdaios he_is. **5** and to_come_to_know Aman that/since no to_worship he/she/it/self Mardokaios, to_ _anger very, **6** and ⟦ἐβουλεύσατο⟧ ⟦ἀφανίσαι⟧ all the/this/who by/under the/this/who Artaxerxou kingdom Youdaious. **7** and to_do/make a_referendum in/on/among year ⟦δωδεκάτῳ⟧ the/this/who kingdom Artaxerxou, and to_throw lot day out_ _from day, and month out_from ⟦μηνὸς⟧, so to_destroy in/on/among one day the/this/who family Mardokaiou; and

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goodwill shown by Mordekai, as a commendation.

Haman plans to annihilate the Yehudim

3:1 After this, King Ahashverosh highly honoured Haman the son of Hamedata, the Bugaean. He exalted him and set his seat above all his friends. **2** All in the palace bowed down to him, for so the king had given orders to do; but Mordekai didn't bow down to him. **3** And they in the king's palace said to Mordekai, "Mordekai, why do you transgress the king's commands?" **4** They questioned him daily, but he didn't listen to them; so they reported to Haman that Mordekai resisted the king's commands; and Mordekai had shown to them that he was a Yehudi (Jew). **5** When Haman understood that Mordekai didn't bow down to him, he was greatly enraged, **6** and plotted to utterly destroy all the Yehudim (Jews) who were under the rule of Ahashverosh.

7 In the twelfth year of Ahashverosh's reign, Haman made a decision by casting lots by day and month, to kill the race of Mordekai in one day. The lot fell on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar. **8** So he spoke to King Ahashverosh, saying, "There's a nation scattered among the nations in all your kingdom, and their laws differ from all the other nations. They disobey the king's laws. It isn't expedient for the king to tolerate them. **9** If it seem good to the king, let him make a decree to de-

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stroy them, and I'll remit into the king's treasury ten thousand talents of silver."

10 So the king took off his ring, and gave it into Haman's hands to seal the decrees against the Yehudim. **11** The king said to Haman, "Keep the silver, and treat the nation as you will." **12** So the king's recorders were called in the first month, on the thirteenth day, and they wrote as Haman commanded to the captains and governors in every province, from Hodu even to Kush (Ethiopia), to one hundred and twenty-seven provinces; and to the rulers of the nations according to their languages, in King Ahashverosh's name. **13** The message was sent by couriers throughout Ahashverosh's kingdom, to utterly destroy the race of the Yehudim on the first day of the twelfth month, which is Adar, and to plunder their goods.[5] [The following is the copy of the letter. "From the great King Ahashverosh to the rulers and the governors under them of one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, from Hodu even to Kush, who hold authority under him:

"Ruling over many nations and having obtained dominion over the whole world, I was determined (not elated by the confidence of power, but ever conducting myself with great moderation and gentleness) to make the lives of my subjects continually tranquil, desiring both to maintain the kingdom quiet and orderly to its utmost limits, and to restore the peace desired by all men. When I'd asked my counsellors how this should be brought to pass, Haman, who excels in soundness of judgement among us, and has been manifestly well inclined without wavering and with unshaken fidelity, and had obtained the second post in the kingdom, informed us that a certain ill-disposed people is scattered among all the tribes throughout the world, opposed in their law to every other nation, and continually neglecting the king's commands, so that the united government blamelessly administered by us isn't quietly established. Having then conceived that this nation is continually set in opposition to every man, introducing as a change a foreign code of laws, and injuriously plotting to accomplish the worst of evils against our interests, and against the happy establishment of the monarchy, we instruct you in the letter written by Haman, who's set over the public affairs and is our second governor, to destroy them all utterly with their wives and children by the swords of the enemies, without pitying or sparing any, on the fourteenth day of the twelfth month Adar, of the present year; that the people formerly and now ill-disposed to us having been violently consigned to death in one day, may in the future secure to us continually a well constituted and quiet state of affairs."] **14** Copies of the letters were published in every province; and an order was given to all the nations to be ready for that day. **15** This business was hastened also in Shushan (Susa). The king and Haman began to drink, but the city was confused.

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to_collapse the/this/who lot toward the/this/who fourteenth of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧ which to_be Adar. **8** and to_speak to/with the/this/who king Artaxerxaʸn, to_speak, to_be Gentile_nation ⟦διεσπαρμένον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation in/on/among all the/this/who kingdom you, the/this/who but/and ⟦νόμοι⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἔξαλλοι⟧ from_with all the/this/who Gentile_nation, the/this/who but/and ⟦νόμων⟧ of_the king ⟦παρακούουσι⟧, and no to_be_profitable the/this/who king ⟦ἐᾶσαι⟧ he/she/it/self. **9** if to_think the/this/who king, ⟦δογματισάτω⟧ to_destroy he/she/it/self, I/we/and_I ⟦διαγράψω⟧ toward the/this/who treasury of_the king money talent ⟦μύρια⟧. **10** and ⟦περιελόμενος⟧ the/this/who king the/this/who ring, to_give toward hand the/this/who Aman, ⟦σφραγίσαι⟧ according_to the/this/who to_write according_to the/this/who Jewish. **11** and to_say the/this/who king the/this/who Aman, the/this/who on_one_ _hand money to_have/be, the/this/who but/and Gentile_ _nation to_use which/how to_plan. **12** and ⟦ἐκλήθησαν⟧ the/this/who scribe of_the king month first the/this/who ⟦τρισκαιδεκάτῃ⟧, and to_write which/how to_command Aman the/this/who officer/magistrate and the/this/who ruler according_to all country away_from ⟦Ἰνδικῆς⟧ until the/this/who Aithiopias, the/this/who hundred twenty-seven country, the/this/who and/both ruler the/this/who Gentile_ _nation according_to the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦λέξιν⟧, through/because_of Artaxerxou of_the king. **13** and to_send through/because_of ⟦βιβλιοφόρων⟧ toward the/this/who Artaxerxou kingdom, ⟦ἀφανίσαι⟧ the/this/who family the/this/who Jewish in/on/among day one ⟦μηνὸς⟧ ⟦δωδεκάτου⟧, which to_be Adar, and to_rob the/this/who to_be he/she/it/self. **13a** "the/this/who but/and epistle he_is the/this/who a_transcript ⟦τόδε⟧. king great Artaxerxaʸs the/this/who away_from the/this/who ⟦Ἰνδικῆς⟧ until the/this/who Aithiopias hundred twenty-seven ⟦χωρῶν⟧ ruler and ⟦τοπάρχαις⟧ ⟦ὑποτεταγμένοις⟧ this to_write. **13b** much ⟦ἐπάρξας⟧ Gentile_nation, and all ⟦ἐπικρατήσας⟧ world, to_ _plan, not the/this/who ⟦θράσει⟧ the/this/who authority ⟦ἐπαιρόμενος⟧, ⟦ἐπιεικέστερον⟧ but/and and with/after ⟦ἠπιότητος⟧ always ⟦διεξάγων⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ὑποτεταγμένων⟧ ⟦ἀκυμάντους⟧ always ⟦καταστῆσαι⟧ ⟦βίους⟧, the/this/who and/both kingdom ⟦ἥμερον⟧ and ⟦πορευτὴν⟧ until end ⟦παρεξόμενος⟧, ⟦ἀνανεώσασθαί⟧ and/both the/this/who ⟦ποθουμένην⟧ the/this/who all a_human peace. **13c** ⟦Πυθομένου⟧ but/and I/we the/this/who ⟦συμβούλων⟧, how?/how?! if ⟦ἀχθείη⟧ this/he/she/it upon/to/against end, the/this/who mental_soundness from_with I/we ⟦διενέγκας⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who enthusiasm ⟦ἀπαραλλάκτως⟧ and firm faith ⟦ἀποδεδειγμένος⟧, and secondly the/this/who ⟦βασιλειῶν⟧ an_honour ⟦ἀπενηνεγμένος⟧ Aman, **13d** ⟦ἐπέδειξεν⟧ I/we in/on/among all the/this/who according_to the/this/who world tribe ⟦ἀναμεμίχθαι⟧ ⟦δυσμενῆ⟧ a_people one, the/this/who ⟦νόμοις⟧ ⟦ἀντίθετον⟧ to/with all Gentile_nation, the/this/who and/both the/this/who king ⟦παραπέμποντας⟧ ⟦διηνεκῶς⟧ ⟦διατάγματα⟧, to/with the/this/who not ⟦κατατίθεσθαι⟧

5 **RV 3:13 · Note** Note: The part in brackets is not in Hebrew

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the/this/who by/under I/we ⟦κατευθυνομένην⟧ blamelessly ⟦συναρχίαν⟧. **13e** ⟦Διειληφότες⟧ therefore/then ⟦τόδε⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦μονώτατον⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἀντιπαραγωγῆ⟧ all always a_human to_lay/be_appointed, ⟦διαγωγὴν⟧ ⟦νόμων⟧ ⟦ξενίζουσαν⟧ ⟦παραλλάσσον⟧, and ⟦δυσνοοῦν⟧ the/this/who our ⟦πράγμασι⟧ the/this/who ⟦χείριστα⟧ ⟦συντελοῦν⟧ evil/harm, and to/with the/this/who not the/this/who kingdom ⟦εὐσταθείας⟧ ⟦τυγχάνειν⟧; **13f** ⟦προστετάχαμεν⟧ therefore/then the/this/who ⟦σημαινομένους⟧ you in/on/among the/this/who to_write by/under Aman of_the ⟦τεταγμένου⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who thing, and secondly father I/we, all with ⟦γυναιξὶ⟧ and child to_destroy ⟦ὀλοριζὶ⟧, the/this/who the/this/who enemy ⟦μαχαίραις⟧, without all ⟦οἴκτου⟧ and ⟦φειδοῦς⟧, the/this/who fourteenth of_the ⟦δωδεκάτου⟧ ⟦μηνὸς⟧ Adar, of_the be_present ⟦ἔτους⟧, **13g** that the/this/who of_old and now ⟦δυσμενεῖς⟧ in/on/among day one forcibly toward the/this/who Hades to_descend, toward the/this/who afterward time ⟦εὐσταθῇ⟧ and ⟦ἀτάραχα⟧ ⟦παρέχωσιν⟧ I/we through/because_of goal/tax the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧." **14** the/this/who but/and ⟦ἀντίγραφα⟧ the/this/who epistle to_explain/expose according_to country; and ⟦προσετάγη⟧ all the/this/who Gentile_nation ready to_be toward the/this/who day this/he/she/it. **15** ⟦Ἐσπεύδετο⟧ but/and the/this/who thing, and toward Sousan; the/this/who but/and king and Aman ⟦ἐκωθωνίζοντο⟧; ⟦ἐταράσσετο⟧ but/and the/this/who city.

4:1 the/this/who but/and Mardokaios to_come_to_know the/this/who ⟦συντελούμενον⟧, to_tear the/this/who clothing my/your/him-self, and to_put_on ⟦σάκκον⟧, and ⟦κατεπάσατο⟧ ⟦σποδόν⟧; and ⟦ἐκπηδήσας⟧ through/because_of the/this/who wide the/this/who city, ⟦ἐβόα⟧ voice/sound great, to_take_up Gentile_nation nothing ⟦ἠδικηκός⟧. **2** and to_come/go until the/this/who gate of_the king, and to_stand; no for to_be he/she/it/self it_is_permitted to_enter toward the/this/who palace/courtyard, ⟦σάκκον⟧ to_have/be and ⟦σποδόν⟧. **3** and in/on/among all country which/whither to_explain/expose the/this/who something_written, shouting and lamentation and grief great the/this/who Youdaiois, ⟦σάκκον⟧ and ⟦σποδὸν⟧ to_spread my/your/him-self. **4** and to_enter the/this/who/which ⟦ἅβραι⟧ and the/this/who eunuch the/this/who queen, and to_report he/she/it/self; and to_ _trouble to_hear the/this/who to_be; and to_send ⟦στολίσαι⟧ the/this/who Mardokaion, and ⟦ἀφελέσθαι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦σάκκον⟧; the/this/who but/and no ⟦ἐπείσθη⟧. **5** the/this/who but/and Esthaʸr to_call_to/summon Akrathaion the/this/who ⟦εὐνοῦχον⟧ he/she/it/self, which ⟦παρειστήκει⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_send to_learn this/he/she/it from_with of_the Mardokaiou the/this/who ⟦ἀκριβές⟧. **7** the/this/who but/and Mardokaios to_show he/she/it/self the/this/who to_ _be, and the/this/who promise which to_profess Aman the/this/who king toward the/this/who Gazah talent myriad, in_order_that/to to_destroy the/this/who Youdaious. **8** and the/this/who a_transcript the/this/who in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧ ⟦ἐκτεθὲν⟧ above/for of_the to_destroy he/she/it/self, to_give he/she/it/self to_show the/this/who

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Mordekai asks Ester to help her people

4:1 But Mordekai, having perceived what was done, tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, and sprinkled dust on himself. Having rushed forth through the open street of the city, he cried with a loud voice, "A nation that's done no wrong is going to be destroyed!" **2** He came to the king's gate, and stood; for it wasn't lawful for him to enter into the palace wearing sackcloth and ashes. **3** And in every province where the letters were published, there was crying, lamentation, and great mourning on the part of the Yehudim. They wore sackcloth and ashes. **4** The queen's maids and chamberlains went in and told her; and when she'd heard what was done, she was deeply troubled. She sent clothes to Mordekai to replace his sackcloth, but he refused. **5** So Ester called for her chamberlain Hatak, who waited on her; and she sent to learn the truth from Mordekai. **7** Mordekai showed him what was done, and the promise which Haman had made the king of ten thousand talents to be paid into the treasury, that he might destroy the Yehudim. **8** And he gave him the copy of what was published in Shushan about their destruction to show to Ester; and told him to charge her to go in and entreat the king, and to beg him for the people. "Remember, he said, the days of your humble condition, how you were nursed by my hand; because Haman, who holds the next place to the king, has spoken against us to cause our death. Call on the master, and speak to the king about us, to deliver us from death."

9 So Hatak went in and told her all these words. **10** Ester said to Hatak, "Go to Mordekai, and say, **11** 'All the nations of the empire

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know that any man or woman who goes in to the king into the inner courtyard without being called, that person must die, unless the king stretches out his golden sceptre; then he'll live. I haven't been called to go into the king for thirty days.' "

12 So Hatak reported to Mordekai all Ester's words. **13** Then Mordekai said to Hatak, "Go, and say to her, 'Ester, don't say to yourself that you alone will escape in the kingdom, more than all the other Yehudim. **14** Because if you keep quiet on this occasion, help and protection will come to the Yehudim from another place; but you and your father's house will perish. Who knows if you've been made queen for this occasion?' "

15 And Ester sent the messenger who came to her to Mordekai, saying, **16** "Go and assemble the Yehudim that are in Shushan (Susa), and all of you fast for me. Don't eat or drink for three days, night and day. My maidens and I'll also fast. Then I'll go in to the king contrary to the law, even if I must die."

17 So Mordekai went and did all that Ester commanded him.[6]

Mordekai prays for his people

18 [He prayed to the master, making mention of all the master's works. **19** He said, "master God, you're king ruling over all, for all things are in your power, and there's no one who can oppose you in your purpose to save Yisrael (Israel); **20** for you've made the heaven and the earth and every wonderful thing under heaven. **21** You're master of all, and there's no one who can resist you, master. **22** You know all things. You know, master, that it isn't in insolence, nor arrogance, nor love of glory, that I've done this, to refuse to bow down to the arrogant Haman. **23** Because I'd gladly have kissed the soles of his feet for the safety of Yisrael. **24** But I've done this that I might not set the glory of man above God's glory. I won't worship anyone except you, my master, and I won't do these things in arrogance. **25** And now, Oh master God, the King, the god of Avraham, spare your people, for our enemies are planning our destruction, and they've desired to destroy your ancient inheritance. **26** Don't overlook your people, whom you've redeemed for yourself out of the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **27** Listen to my prayer. Have mercy on your inheritance and turn our mourning into gladness, that we may live and sing praise to your name, Oh master. Don't utterly destroy the mouth of those who praise you, Oh master."

28 All Yisrael cried with all their might, for death was before their eyes.

Ester prays for courage and help

29 And queen Ester took refuge in the master, being taken as it were in the agony of death. **30** Having taken off her glorious clothing, she put on clothes of distress and mourning. Instead of grand perfumes she filled her head with ashes and dung. She greatly humbled her body, and she filled every place of her glad adorning with her tangled hair. **31** She implored the master God of Yisrael, and said, "Oh my master, you alone are our king. Help me. I'm destitute,

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Esthaʸr; and to_say he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐντείλασθαι⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦εἰσελθούσῃ⟧ ⟦παραιτήσασθαι⟧ the/this/who king, and ⟦ἀξιῶσαι⟧ he/she/it/self about of_the a_people, ⟦μνησθεῖσα⟧ day lowliness you, which/how ⟦ἐτράφης⟧ in/on/among hand I/we, because Aman the/this/who ⟦δευτερεύων⟧ the/this/who king to_speak according_to I/we toward death; ⟦ἐπικάλεσαι⟧ the/this/who lord, and ⟦λάλησον⟧ the/this/who king about I/we, to_deliver I/we out_from death. **9** to_enter but/and the/this/who Akṛathaios ⟦ἐλάλσεν⟧ he/she/it/self all the/this/who word this/he/she/it. **10** to_say but/and Esthaʸr to/with Akṛathaion, to_travel to/with Mardokaion, and to_say, **11** that/since the/this/who Gentile_ _nation all the/this/who kingdom to_know that/since all a_ _human or/than woman which to_enter to/with the/this/who king toward the/this/who palace/courtyard the/this/who inner uncalled, no to_be he/she/it/self salvation; but/however which ⟦ἐκτείνῃ⟧ the/this/who king the/this/who golden rod, this/he/she/it to_save; I/we/and_I no ⟦κέκλημαι⟧ to_enter to/with the/this/who king, to_be this/he/she/it day thirty. **12** and to_announce Akṛathaios Mardokaiōi all the/this/who word Esthaʸr. **13** and to_say Mardokaios to/with Akṛathaion, to_travel, and to_say he/she/it/self, Esthaʸr, not to_say ⟦σεαυτῇ⟧, that/since to_save abode in/on/among the/this/who kingdom from_with all the/this/who Youdaious; **14** which/how that/since if ⟦παρακούσῃς⟧ in/on/among this/he/she/it the/this/who time/right_time, ⟦ἄλλοθεν⟧ help and a_shelter to_be the/this/who Youdaiois; you but/and and the/this/who house of_the father you to_destroy; and one/which? to_perceive, if toward the/this/who time/right_ _time this/he/she/it to_reign? **15** and to_send_out/away Esthaʸr the/this/who ⟦ἥκοντα⟧ to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, to/with Mardokaion, to_ _speak, **16** ⟦βαδίσας⟧ ⟦ἐκκλησίασον⟧ the/this/who Youdaious the/this/who in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧, and ⟦νηστεύσατε⟧ upon/to/against I/we/my, and not to_eat nor to_drink upon/to/against day three night and day; I/we/and_I but/and and the/this/who/which ⟦ἄβραι⟧ I/we ⟦ἀσιτήσομεν⟧; and then to_enter to/with the/this/who king from_with the/this/who law, if and to_destroy I/we be_necessary. **17** and ⟦βαδίσας⟧ Mardokaios to_do/make just_as/how_much to_order he/she/it/self Esthaʸr; **17a** "and to_pray lord, ⟦μνημονεύων⟧ all the/this/who work lord, and to_say, **17b** lord lord king all to_ _grasp/seize, that/since in/on/among authority you the/this/who all he_is, and no to_be the/this/who ⟦ἀντιδοξῶν⟧ you in/on/among the/this/who to_will/desire you to_save the/this/who Israaʸl. **17c** that/since you to_ _do/make the/this/who heaven and the/this/who earth, and all ⟦θαυμαζόμενον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who by/under heaven. and lord to_be all, and no to_be which ⟦ἀντιτάξεταί⟧ you the/this/who lord. **17d** you all to_know; you to_perceive, lord, that/since no in/on/among ⟦ὕβρει⟧, and_not in/on/among ⟦ὑπερηφανείᾳ⟧, and_not in/on/among ⟦φιλοδοξίᾳ⟧ to_do/make this/he/she/it, the/this/who not to_ _worship the/this/who ⟦ὑπερήφανον⟧ Aman. that/since ⟦ηὐδόκουν⟧ ⟦φιλεῖν⟧ ⟦πέλματα⟧ foot

6 **RV 4:17 · Note** Note: The part between brackets, i.e. to the end of chapter 5 is not in the Hebrew

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to/with salvation Israaʸl. **17e** but to_do/make this/he/she/it, in_order_that/to not to_place glory a_human above glory God; and no to_ _worship none, but/however you of_the lord I/we, and no to_ _do/make he/she/it/self in/on/among ⟦ὑπερηφανείᾳ⟧. **17f** and now, lord the/this/who God the/this/who king the/this/who God Abra'am, ⟦φεῖσαι⟧ of_the a_people you, that/since ⟦ἐπιβλέπουσιν⟧ I/we toward ⟦καταφθορὰν⟧, and to_long_for to_destroy the/this/who out_from beginning inheritance you. **17g** not ⟦ὑπερίδῃς⟧ the/this/who part you, which yourself ⟦ἐλυτρώσω⟧ out_from earth Aiguptou. **17h** ⟦Ἐπάκουσον⟧ the/this/who petition I/we, and to_propitiate the/this/who ⟦κλήρῳ⟧ you, and to_turn the/this/who grief I/we toward ⟦εὐωχίαν⟧, in_order_that/to to_live ⟦ὑμνῶμέν⟧ you the/this/who name lord, and not ⟦ἀφανίσῃς⟧ mouth to_praise you lord. **17i** "and all Israaʸl ⟦ἐκέκραξεν⟧ out_from strength he/she/it/self, that/since death he/she/it/self in/on/among eye he/she/it/self. **17k** and Esthaʸr the/this/who queen ⟦κατέφυγεν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who lord in/on/among fight death ⟦κατειλημμένη⟧, and ⟦ἀφελομένη⟧ the/this/who clothing the/this/who glory he/she/it/self, to_put_on clothing ⟦στενοχωρίας⟧ and ⟦πένθους⟧, and for the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφάνων⟧ ⟦ἡδυσμάτων⟧, ⟦σποδοῦ⟧ and ⟦κοπριῶν⟧ to_fill_ _up the/this/who head he/she/it/self; and the/this/who body he/she/it/self to_humble very, and all place world ⟦ἀγαλλιάματος⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἔπλησε⟧ ⟦στρεπτῶν⟧ hair he/she/it/self. "and to_pray lord God Israaʸl, and to_say, **17l** lord I/we king I/we you to_be alone, to_help I/we the/this/who abode, and not to_have/be ⟦βοηθὸν⟧ if not you, that/since danger I/we in/on/among hand I/we. **17m** I/we to_ _hear out_from birth I/we in/on/among tribe family_line I/we, that/since you lord to_take the/this/who Israaʸl out_from all the/this/who Gentile_nation, and the/this/who father I/we out_from all the/this/who parent/ancestor he/she/it/self toward inheritance eternal, and to_do/make he/she/it/self just_as/how_much ⟦ἐλάλησας⟧. **17n** and now ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧ before you, and to_deliver I/we toward hand the/this/who enemy I/we, for which ⟦ἐδοξάσαμεν⟧ the/this/who God he/she/it/self; just to_be lord. **17o** and now no ⟦ἰκανώθησαν⟧ in/on/among ⟦πικρασμῷ⟧ slavery I/we, but to_place the/this/who hand he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who hand the/this/who idol he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ ⟦ὁρισμὸν⟧ mouth you, and ⟦ἀφανίσαι⟧ inheritance you, and ⟦ἐμφράξαι⟧ mouth to_praise you and to_extinguish glory house you and altar you, **17p** and to_open mouth Gentile_nation toward virtue futile, and to_marvel king ⟦σάρκινον⟧ toward an_ _age. **17q** "⟦Μὴπαραδῷς⟧ lord the/this/who ⟦σκῆπτρόνσουτοῖς⟧ ⟦μὴοὖσι⟧, and not ⟦καταγελασάτωσαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πτώσει⟧ I/we, but to_turn the/this/who plan he/she/it/self upon/to/against he/she/it/self; the/this/who but/and ⟦ἀρξάμενον⟧ upon/to/against I/we ⟦παραδειγμάτισον⟧. **17r** to_remember lord, ⟦γνώσθητι⟧

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and have no helper but you, **32** for my danger is near at hand.[7] **33** I've heard from my birth in the tribe of my kindred that you, master, took Yisrael out of all the nations, and our fathers out of all their kindred for a perpetual inheritance, and have done for them all that you've said. **34** And now we've sinned before you, and you've delivered us into our enemies' hands, **35** because we honoured their gods. You're righteous, Oh master. **36** But now they haven't been content with the bitterness of our slavery, but have laid their hands on the hands of their idols **37** to abolish the decree of your mouth, and utterly to destroy your inheritance, and to stop the mouth of those who praise you, and to extinguish the glory of your house and your altar, **38** and to open the mouth of the Gentiles to speak the[8] praises of vanities, and that a mortal king should be admired forever. **39** Oh master, don't surrender your sceptre to those who don't exist, and don't let them laugh at our fall, but turn their counsel against themselves, and make an example of him who's begun to injure us. **40** Remember us, Oh master! Manifest yourself in the time of our affliction. Encourage me, Oh King of gods, and ruler of all dominion! **41** Put harmonious speech into my mouth before the lion, and turn his heart to hate him who fights against us, to the utter destruction of those who agree with him. **42** But deliver us by your hand, and help me who am alone and have no one but you, Oh master. **43** You know all things, and know that I hate the glory of transgressors,[9] and that I abhor the bed of the uncircumcised and of every stranger. **44** You know my necessity, for I abhor the symbol of my proud station, which is on my head in the days of my[10] splendour. I abhor it as a menstruous cloth, and I don't wear it in the days of my tranquillity. **45** Your handmaid hasn't eaten at Haman's table, and I haven't honoured the banquet of the king, neither have I drunk wine of libations. **46** Neither has your handmaid rejoiced since the day of my promotion until now, except in you, Oh master God of Avraham. **47** Oh god, who has power over all, listen to the voice of the desperate, and deliver us from the hand of those who devise mischief. Deliver me from my fear.]

7 **RV 4:32 · Note** Greek in my hand.

8 **RV 4:38 · Note** Greek virtues.

9 **RV 4:43 · Note** Or, opinion.

10 **RV 4:44 · Note** Greek vision.

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Ester approaches the king

5:1 On the third day, when she'd finished praying, she took off her servant's dress and put on her glorious clothing. Being splendidly dressed and having called on God the Overseer and Preserver of all things, she took her two maids, and she leaned on one, as a delicate female, and the other followed bearing her train. She was blooming in the perfection of her beauty. Her face was cheerful and looked lovely, but her heart was filled with fear. Having passed through all the doors, she stood before the king. He was sitting on his royal throne. He'd put on all his glorious clothing, covered all over with gold and precious stones, and was very terrifying. And having raised his face resplendent with glory, he looked with intense anger. The queen fell, and changed her colour as she fainted. She bowed herself on the head of the maid who went before her. But God changed the king's spirit to gentleness, and in intense feeling, he sprang from off his throne, and took her into his arms, until she recovered. He comforted her with peaceful words, and said to her, "What's the matter, Ester? I'm your relative. Cheer up! You won't die, for our command is openly declared to you: 'Draw near.' "[11]

2 And having raised the golden sceptre, he laid it on her neck, and embraced her. He said, "Speak to me."

So she said to him, "I saw you, my lord, as an angel of God, and my heart was troubled for fear of your glory; for you, my lord,

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in/on/among time/right_time pressure I/we, and I/we ⟦θάρσυνον⟧, king the/this/who ⟦θεῶν⟧, and all beginning ⟦ἐπικρατῶν⟧. **17s** to_give word ⟦εὔρυθμον⟧ toward the/this/who mouth I/we before of_the lion, and ⟦μετάθες⟧ the/this/who heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward hatred of_the ⟦πολεμοῦντος⟧ I/we, toward ⟦συντέλειαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who ⟦ὁμονοούντων⟧ he/she/it/self. **17t** I/we but/and to_deliver in/on/among hand you, and to_help I/we the/this/who abode, and not to_have/be if not you lord; **17u** all knowledge/to_know to_have/be, and to_perceive that/since to_hate glory lawless, and to_abhor bed ⟦ἀπεριτμήτων⟧, and all ⟦ἀλλοτρίου⟧. **17w** you to_perceive the/this/who necessity I/we, that/since to_abhor the/this/who sign the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφανίας⟧ I/we, the/this/who/which to_be upon/to/against the/this/who head I/we in/on/among day vision I/we; to_abhor he/she/it/self which/how a_cloth ⟦καταμηνίων⟧, and no ⟦φορῶ⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among day quietness I/we. **17x** and no to_eat the/this/who female_ _slave you table Aman, and no to_glorify common_meal king, and_not to_drink wine ⟦σπονδῶν⟧. **17y** and no to_celebrate the/this/who female_slave you away_from day ⟦μεταβολῆς⟧ I/we until now, but/however upon/to/against you/your, lord the/this/who God Habra'am. **17z** the/this/who God the/this/who ⟦ἰσχύων⟧ upon/to/against all, ⟦εἰσάκουσον⟧ voice/sound ⟦ἀπηλπισμένων⟧, and to_deliver I/we out_from hand the/this/who ⟦πονηρευομένων⟧, and to_deliver I/we out_from of_the fear I/we.

5:1 "and to_be in/on/among the/this/who day the/this/who third which/how to_cease to_pray, ⟦ἐξεδύσατο⟧ the/this/who clothing the/this/who service, and ⟦περιεβάλλετο⟧ the/this/who glory he/she/it/self. **1a** and ⟦γενηθεῖσα⟧ glorious, ⟦ἐπικαλεσαμένη⟧ the/this/who all ⟦ἐπόπτην⟧ God and saviour, to_take the/this/who two ⟦ἅβρας⟧, and the/this/who on_one_hand one ⟦ἐπηρείδετο⟧ which/how ⟦τρυφερευομένη⟧, the/this/who but/and other ⟦ἐπηκολούθει⟧ ⟦κουφίζουσα⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἔνδυσιν⟧ he/she/it/self. **1b** and he/she/it/self ⟦ἐρυθριῶσα⟧ at_this_moment ⟦κάλλους⟧ he/she/it/self; and the/this/who face he/she/it/self cheerful, which/how ⟦προσφιλές⟧; the/this/who but/and heart he/she/it/self ⟦ἀπεστενωμένη⟧ away_from of_the fear. **1c** and to_enter all the/this/who door, ⟦κατέστη⟧ before of_the king; and he/she/it/self to_sit upon/to/against of_the throne the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all robe the/this/who appearing he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐνδεδύκει⟧, all through/because_of gold/golden and stone ⟦πολυτελῶν⟧, and to_be fearful very. **1d** and to_take_up the/this/who face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_burn glory/to_ _think, in/on/among at_this_moment wrath ⟦ἔβλεψεν⟧; and to_collapse the/this/who queen, and ⟦μετέβαλε⟧ the/this/who the_skin he/she/it/self in/on/among ⟦ἐκλύσει⟧; and ⟦κατεπέκυψεν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who head the/this/who ⟦ἅβρας⟧ the/this/who ⟦προπορευομένης⟧. **1e** and

11 RV 5:1 · Note From the first verse to the third, the Greek widely differs from the Hebrew

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⟦μετέβαλεν⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who spirit/breath of_
_the king toward gentleness, and ⟦ἀγωνιάσας⟧ ⟦ἀνεπήδησεν⟧
away_from of_the throne
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἀνέλαβεν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self upon/to/against
the/this/who arm he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
until which/whither ⟦κατέστη⟧; and to_plead/comfort
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self word ⟦εἰρηνικοῖς⟧, and to_
_say he/she/it/self, **1f** one/which? to_be, Esthaʸr? I/we
the/this/who brother you, take_heart, no not ⟦ἀποθάνῃς⟧;
that/since common the/this/who an_order I/we to_be, to_
_come_near/agree. **2** "and to_take_up the/this/who golden
rod, to_put/lay_on upon/to/against the/this/who neck
he/she/it/self, and to_pay_respects_to
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_say, ⟦λάλησόν⟧ I/we.
2a and to_say he/she/it/self, to_perceive you lord which/how
angel God, and to_trouble the/this/who heart I/we away_from
fear the/this/who glory you, that/since marvellous to_be lord,
and the/this/who face you ⟦χαρίτων⟧ full. **2b** in/on/among
but/and the/this/who ⟦διαλέγεσθαι⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, to_collapse away_from
⟦ἐκλύσεως⟧. and the/this/who king ⟦ἐταράσσετο⟧, and all
the/this/who service he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
to_plead/comfort he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self." **3** and to_
_say the/this/who king, one/which? to_will/desire, Esthaʸr?
and one/which? you he_is the/this/who a_petition? until of_
_the half the/this/who kingdom I/we, and to_be you. **4** to_say
but/and Esthaʸr, day I/we notable today to_be; if
therefore/then to_think the/this/who king, to_come/go and
he/she/it/self and Aman toward the/this/who banquet, which
to_do/make today. **5** and to_say the/this/who king,
⟦κατασπεύσατε⟧ Aman, that to_do/make the/this/who word
Esthaʸr; and ⟦παραγίνονται⟧ both toward the/this/who
banquet, which to_say Esthaʸr. **6** in/on/among but/and
the/this/who ⟦πότῳ⟧ to_say the/this/who king to/with
Esthaʸr, one/which? he_is queen Esthaʸr? and to_be just_
_as/how_much ⟦ἀξιοῖς⟧. **7** and to_say, the/this/who request
I/we, and the/this/who a_petition; **8** if to_find/meet because_
_of/grace before of_the king, to_come/go the/this/who king
and Aman still the/this/who tomorrow toward the/this/who
banquet, which to_do/make he/she/it/self, and tomorrow to_
_do/make the/this/who he/she/it/self. **9** and to_go_out
the/this/who Aman away_from of_the king overjoyed to_
_celebrate; in/on/among but/and the/this/who to_perceive
Aman Mardoḳaion the/this/who Jewish in/on/among
the/this/who palace/courtyard, to_anger very. **10** and to_enter
toward the/this/who one's_own/private, to_call the/this/who
friendly/friend, and Zōsaran the/this/who woman
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **11** and to_show
he/she/it/self the/this/who riches
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
glory which the/this/who king he/she/it/self to_put_on, and
which/how to_do/make he/she/it/self ⟦πρωτεύειν⟧ and to_
_govern the/this/who kingdom. **12** and to_say Aman, no to_call
the/this/who queen with/after of_the king none toward

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are to be wondered at, and your face is full of grace." While she was speaking, she fainted and fell.

Then the king was troubled, and all his servants comforted her.
3 The king said, "What do you desire, Ester? What's your request? Ask even to the half of my kingdom, and it'll be yours."[12]

4 Ester said, "Today is a special day. So if it seems good to the king, let both him and Haman come to the feast which I'll prepare this day."

5 The king said, "Hurry and bring Haman here, that we may do as Ester said." So they both came to the feast about which Ester had spoken. **6** At the banquet, the king said to Ester, "What's your request, queen Ester? You'll have all that you require."

7 She said, "My request and my petition is: **8** if I've found favour in the king's sight, let the king and Haman come again tomorrow to the feast which I'll prepare for them, and tomorrow I'll do as I've done today."

Haman plans to hang Mordekai

9 So Haman went out from the king very glad and merry; but when Haman saw Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew) in the courtyard, he was greatly enraged. **10** Having gone into his own house, he called his friends, and his wife Zeresh. **11** He showed them his wealth and the glory with which the king had invested him, and how he'd promoted him to be chief ruler in the kingdom. **12** Haman said, "The queen has called no one to the feast with the king but me, and I'm invited tomorrow. **13** But these things don't please me while I see Mordekai the Yehudi in the courtyard.

14 Then Zeresh his wife and his friends said to him, "Let a fifty cubit tall[13] gallows be made for you. In the morning you speak to the king, and let Mordekai be hanged on the gallows; but you go in to the feast with the king, and be merry."

The saying pleased Haman, and the gallows was prepared.

12 **RV 5:3 · Note** From the first verse to the third, the Greek widely differs from the Hebrew

13 **RV 5:14 · Note** Greek a tree cut.

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The king honours Mordekai

6:1 The master removed sleep from the king that night; so he told his servant to bring in the[14] books, the registers of daily events, to read to him. **2** And he found the[15] records written about Mordekai, how he'd told the king about the king's two chamberlains, when they were keeping guard, and tried to lay hands on Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus). **3** The king said, "What honour or favour have we done for Mordekai?"

The king's servants said, "You haven't done anything for him."

4 And while the king was enquiring about Mordekai's kindness, look, Haman was in the courtyard. The king said, "Who's in the courtyard? Now Haman had come in to speak to the king about hanging Mordekai on the gallows which he'd prepared. **5** The king's servants said, "Listen, Haman stands in the courtyard."

And the king said, "Call him!"

6 The king said to Haman, "What should I do for the man whom I wish to honour?"

Haman said within himself, "Whom would the king honour but myself?" **7** He said to the king, "As for the man whom the king wishes to honour, **8** let the king's servants bring the robe of fine linen which the king puts on, and the horse on which the king rides, **9** and let him give it to one of the king's noble friends, and let him dress the man whom the king loves. Let him mount him on the horse, and proclaim through the[16] streets of the city, saying, "This is what'll be done for every man whom the king honours!"

10 Then the king said to Haman, "You've spoken well. Do so for Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew), who waits in the palace, and let not a word of what you've spoken be neglected!"

11 So Haman took the robe and the horse, dressed Mordekai, mounted him on the horse, and went through the streets of the city, proclaiming, "This is what'll be done for every man whom the king wishes to honour." **12** Then Mordekai returned to the palace; but Haman went home mourning, with his head covered.

13 Haman related the events that'd happened to him to Zeresh

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the/this/who banquet, but or/than I/we, and toward the/this/who tomorrow ⟦κέκλημαι⟧. **13** and this/he/she/it I/we no ⟦ἀρέσκει⟧, when(-ever) to_perceive Mardoḳaion the/this/who Jewish in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard. **14** and to_say to/with he/she/it/self Zōsara the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who friendly/friend, ⟦κοπήτω⟧ you wood cubit/hour fifty, dawn but/and to_say the/this/who king, and ⟦κρεμασθήτω⟧ Mardoḳaios upon/to/against of_the wood; you but/and to_enter toward the/this/who banquet with the/this/who king, and to_celebrate; and to_please the/this/who declaration the/this/who Aman, and ⟦ἡτοιμάσθη⟧ the/this/who wood.

6:1 the/this/who but/and lord to_leave the/this/who ⟦ὕπνον⟧ away_from he/she/it/self/the/this/who king the/this/who night that; and to_say the/this/who ⟦διακόνῳ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦εἰσφέρειν⟧ something_written ⟦μνημόσυνα⟧ the/this/who day ⟦ἀναγινώσκειν⟧ he/she/it/self. **2** to_find/meet but/and the/this/who something_written the/this/who ⟦γραφέντα⟧ about Mardoḳaiou, which/how to_announce the/this/who king about the/this/who two ⟦εὐνούχων⟧ of_the king in/on/among the/this/who to_keep/guard he/she/it/self, and to_seek to_put_on/seize the/this/who hand Artaxerxa^{y}. **3** to_ _say but/and the/this/who king, which? glory or/than because_of/grace to_do/make the/this/who Mardoḳaiōi? and to_say the/this/who servant of_the king, no to_do/make he/she/it/self none. **4** in/on/among but/and the/this/who to_ _inquire the/this/who king about the/this/who enthusiasm Mardoḳaiou, look! Aman in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard; ⟦εἶπν⟧ but/and the/this/who king, one/which? in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard? the/this/who but/and Aman to_enter to_say the/this/who king, ⟦κρεμάσαι⟧ the/this/who Mardoḳaion upon/to/against the/this/who wood, which to_make_ready. **5** and to_say the/this/who servant of_the king, look! Aman to_stand in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard; and to_say the/this/who king, to_call he/she/it/self. **6** to_say but/and the/this/who king the/this/who Aman, one/which? to_ _do/make the/this/who a_human, which I/we to_will/desire to_glorify? to_say but/and in/on/among my/your/him-self Aman, which? to_will/desire the/this/who king to_glorify if not I/we? **7** to_say but/and to/with the/this/who king, a_ _human which the/this/who king to_will/desire to_glorify, **8** ⟦ἐνεγκάτωσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦παῖδες⟧ of_the king robe ⟦βυσσίνην⟧ which the/this/who king ⟦περιβάλλεται⟧, and ⟦ἵππον⟧ upon/to/against which the/this/who king ⟦ἐπιβαίνει⟧, **9** and to_give one the/this/who friendly/friend of_the king the/this/who ⟦ἐνδόξων⟧, and ⟦στολισάτω⟧ the/this/who a_ _human, which the/this/who king to_love; and ⟦ἀναβιβασάτω⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἵππον⟧, and ⟦κηρυσσέτω⟧ through/because_of the/this/who wide

14 **RV 6:1 · Note** Greek letters.

15 **RV 6:2 · Note** Greek letters.

16 **RV 6:9 · Note** Or, wide space.

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the/this/who city, to_speak, thus(-ly) to_be all a_human which the/this/who king ⟦δοξάζει⟧. **10** to_say but/and the/this/who king the/this/who Aman, well ⟦ἐλάλησας⟧; thus(-ly) to_ _do/make the/this/who Mardoḳaiōi the/this/who Jewish, the/this/who ⟦θεραπεύοντι⟧ in/on/among the/this/who palace/courtyard, and not ⟦παραπεσάτω⟧ you word which ⟦ἐλάλησας⟧. **11** to_take but/and Aman the/this/who robe and the/this/who ⟦ἵππον⟧, and ⟦ἐστόλισε⟧ the/this/who Mardoḳaion, and ⟦ἀνεβίβασεν⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἵππον⟧, and to_pass_through through/because_ _of the/this/who wide the/this/who city, and to_preach to_ _speak, thus(-ly) to_be all a_human which the/this/who king to_will/desire to_glorify. **12** to_turn but/and the/this/who Mardoḳaios toward the/this/who palace/courtyard; Haman but/and to_return toward the/this/who one's_own/private to_ _grieve according_to head. **13** and to_relate_fully Aman the/this/who ⟦συμβεβηκότα⟧ he/she/it/self Zōsara the/this/who woman he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who friendly/friend; and to_say to/with he/she/it/self the/this/who friendly/friend, and the/this/who woman if out_from family Jewish Mardoḳaios, ⟦ἦρξαι⟧ to_ _humble before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_ _collapse to_collapse; and no not be_able he/she/it/self ⟦ἀμύνασθαι⟧, that/since God to_live with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **14** still he/she/it/self to_speak, ⟦παραγίνονται⟧ the/this/who eunuch, ⟦ἐπισπεύδοντες⟧ the/this/who Aman upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦πότον⟧ which to_make_ready Esthaʸr.

7:1 to_enter but/and the/this/who king and Aman, ⟦συμπιεῖν⟧ the/this/who ⟦βασιλίσσῃ⟧. **2** to_say but/and the/this/who king Esthaʸr the/this/who secondly day in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πότῳ⟧, one/which? to_be, Esthaʸr queen, and one/which? the/this/who request you? and one/which? the/this/who a_petition you? and to_be you until half the/this/who kingdom I/we. **3** and to_answer, to_say, if to_ _find/meet because_of/grace before of_the king, ⟦δοθήτω⟧ the/this/who soul the/this/who ⟦αἰτήματί⟧ I/we, and the/this/who a_people I/we the/this/who ⟦ἀξιώματί⟧ I/we. **4** ⟦Ἐπράθημεν⟧ for I/we and/both and the/this/who a_people I/we toward destruction and ⟦διαρπαγὴν⟧ and slavery, I/we and the/this/who child I/we toward child and maidservant, and ⟦παρήκουσα⟧; no for worthy the/this/who devilish/the_ _Devil the/this/who palace/courtyard of_the king. **5** to_say but/and the/this/who king, one/which? this/he/she/it, who/which be_bold to_do/make the/this/who thing this/he/she/it? **6** to_say but/and Esthaʸr, a_human enemy Aman, the/this/who evil/bad this/he/she/it. Aman but/and to_trouble away_from of_the king and the/this/who queen. **7** the/this/who but/and king ⟦ἐξανέστη⟧ away_from of_the ⟦συμποσίου⟧ toward the/this/who garden; the/this/who but/and Aman ⟦παρῃτεῖτο⟧ the/this/who ⟦βασίλισσαν⟧; ⟦ἑώρα⟧ for my/your/him-self in/on/among ⟦κακοῖς⟧ to_be. **8** to_turn but/and the/this/who king out_from of_the ⟦κήπου⟧. Aman but/and ⟦ἐπιπεπτώκει⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who bed, ⟦ἀξιῶν⟧ the/this/who ⟦βασίλισσαν⟧; ⟦εἶπν⟧ but/and

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his wife and to his friends. His friends and his wife said to him, "If Mordekai is of the race of the Yehudim (Jews), and you've begun to be humbled before him, you'll assuredly fall; and you won't be able to withstand him, for the living god is with him." **14** While they were still speaking, the chamberlains arrived to rush Haman to the banquet which Ester had prepared.

Ester exposes Haman's plan

7:1 So the king and Haman went in to drink with the queen. **2** The king said to Ester at the banquet on the second day, "What's it, queen Ester? What's your request? What's your petition? It'll be done for you, up to half of my kingdom."

3 She replied, "If I've found favour in the sight of the king, let my life be granted as my petition, and my people as my request. **4** Because both I and my people are sold for destruction, pillage, and genocide. If both we and our children were sold for male and female slaves, I wouldn't have bothered you, for this[17] isn't worthy of the king's palace."

5 The king said, "Who's dared to do this thing?"

6 Ester said, "The enemy is Haman, this wicked man!"

Then Haman was terrified in the presence of the king and the queen. **7** The king rose up from the banquet to go into the garden. Haman began to beg the queen for mercy, for he saw that he was in serious trouble. **8** The king returned from the garden; and Haman had fallen on the couch, begging the queen for mercy. The king said, "Will you even assault my wife in my house?"

And when Haman heard it, his expression changed. **9** And Bigtan, one of the chamberlains, said to the king, "Listen, Haman has also prepared a gallows for Mordekai, who spoke about the king, and a fifty cubit high gallows has been set up on Haman's

17 **RV 7:4 · Note** see Hebrew: slanderer

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property."

The king said, "Let him be[18] hanged on it!" **10** So Haman was hanged on the gallows that'd been prepared for Mordekai. Then the king's anger was abated.

The Yehudim are allowed to defend themselves

8:1 On that day, King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus) gave to Ester all that belonged to Haman the slanderer. The king called Mordekai, for Ester had told that he was related to her. **2** The king took the ring which he'd taken away from Haman and gave it to Mordekai. Ester appointed Mordekai over all that'd been Haman's. **3** She spoke yet again to the king, and fell at his feet, and implored him to undo Haman's mischief and all that he'd done against the Yehudim. **4** Then the king extended the golden sceptre to Ester; and Ester arose to stand near the king. **5** Ester said, "If it seems good to you, and I've found favour in your sight, let an order be sent that the letters sent by Haman may be reversed—letters that were written for the destruction of the Yehudim who are in your kingdom. **6** Because how could I see the affliction of my people, and how could I survive the destruction of my[19] kindred?"

7 Then the king said to Ester, "If I've given and freely granted you all that was Haman's, and hanged him on a gallows because he laid his hands on the Yehudim (Jews), what more do you seek? **8** Write in my name whatever seems good to you, and seal it with my ring; for whatever is written at the king's command, and sealed with my ring, can't be countermanded. **9** So the scribes were called in the first month, which is Nisan, on the twenty-third day of the same year; and orders were written to the Yehudim, whatever the king had commanded to the[20] local governors and chiefs of the local governors, from Hodu even to Kush—one hundred and twenty-seven local governors, according to the several provinces, in their own languages. **10** They were written by order of the king, sealed with his ring, and the letters were sent by the couriers. **11** In them, he charged them to use their own laws in every city, to help each other, and to treat their adversaries and those who attacked them as they pleased, **12** on one day in all Ahashverosh's kingdom, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is Adar.

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the/this/who king, so and the/this/who woman ⟦βιάζῃ⟧ in/on/among the/this/who home I/we? Aman but/and to_ _hear ⟦διετράπη⟧ the/this/who face. **9** to_say but/and Bougathan one the/this/who ⟦εὐνούχων⟧ to/with the/this/who king, look! and wood to_make_ready Aman Mardoḳaiōi the/this/who ⟦λαλήσαντι⟧ about of_the king, and ⟦ὥρθωται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who Aman wood cubit/hour fifty; to_say but/and the/this/who king, to_crucify upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **10** and ⟦ἐκρεμάσθη⟧ Aman upon/to/against of_the wood the/this/who/which ⟦ἡτοιμάσθη⟧ Mardoḳaiōi; and then the/this/who king to_abate of_the wrath.

8:1 and in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who day the/this/who king Artaxerxaʸs to_give Esthaʸr just_as/how_ _much to_be Aman the/this/who devilish/the_Devil; and Mardoḳaios ⟦προσεκλήθη⟧ by/under of_the king; to_show for Esthaʸr, that/since ⟦ἐνοικείωται⟧ he/she/it/self. **2** to_take but/and the/this/who king the/this/who ring which ⟦ἀφείλατο⟧ Aman, and to_give he/she/it/self Mardoḳaiōi; and to_appoint/conduct Esthaʸr Mardoḳaion upon/to/against all the/this/who Aman. **3** and ⟦προσθεῖσα⟧ to_speak to/with the/this/who king, and to_fall/beat to/with the/this/who foot he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_deem_worthy to_remove the/this/who Aman evil, and just_as/how_much to_ _do/make the/this/who Youdaiois. **4** to_stretch_out but/and the/this/who king Esthaʸr the/this/who rod the/this/who golden; ⟦ἐξηγέρθη⟧ but/and Esthaʸr ⟦παρεστηκέναι⟧ the/this/who king, **5** and to_say Esthaʸr, if to_think you, and to_find/meet because_of/grace, ⟦πεμφθήτω⟧ ⟦ἀποστραφῆναι⟧ the/this/who something_written the/this/who to_send by/under Aman, the/this/who ⟦γραφέντα⟧ to_destroy the/this/who Youdaious, the/this/who/which to_be in/on/among the/this/who kingdom you. **6** how?/how?! for ⟦δυνήσομαι⟧ to_perceive the/this/who oppression of_the a_ _people I/we, and how?/how?! ⟦δυνήσομαι⟧ to_save in/on/among the/this/who destruction the/this/who ⟦πατρίδος⟧ I/we? **7** and to_say the/this/who king to/with Esthaʸr, if all the/this/who to_be Aman to_give and ⟦ἐχαρισάμην⟧ you, and he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκρέμασα⟧ upon/to/against wood, that/since the/this/who hand ⟦ἐπήνεγκε⟧ the/this/who Youdaiois, one/which? still ⟦ἐπιζητεῖς⟧? **8** ⟦Γράψατε⟧ and you out_from of_the name I/we, which/how to_think you, and ⟦σφραγίσατε⟧ the/this/who ⟦δακτυλίῳ⟧ I/we; just_as/how_much for ⟦γράφεται⟧ of_the king ⟦ἐπιτάξαντος⟧, and ⟦σφραγισθῇ⟧ the/this/who ⟦δακτυλίῳ⟧ I/we, no to_be he/she/it/self to_contradict. **9** ⟦Ἐκλήθησαν⟧ but/and the/this/who scribe in/on/among the/this/who first month, which he_is Nisan, third and ⟦εἰκάδι⟧ of_the he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἔτους⟧, and to_write the/this/who Youdaiois, just_as/how_

18 **RV 7:9 · Note** Or, impaled.

19 **RV 8:6 · Note** Greek country.

20 **RV 8:9 · Note** Greek stewards.

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_much to_order the/this/who manager and the/this/who ruler the/this/who ⟦σατραπῶν⟧, away_from the/this/who ⟦Ἰνδικῆς⟧ until the/this/who Aithiopias, hundred twenty-seven ⟦σατράπαις⟧ according_to country and country, according_to the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦λέξιν⟧. **10** to_write but/and through/because_of of_the king, and ⟦ἐσφραγίσθη⟧ the/this/who ⟦δακτυλίῳ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_send_ _out/away the/this/who something_written through/because_ _of ⟦βιβλιοφόρων⟧, **11** which/how to_command he/she/it/self ⟦χρῆσθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦νόμοις⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among all city, to_help and/both my/your/him-self, and ⟦χρῆσθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀντιδίκοις⟧ he/she/it/self and the/this/who ⟦ἀντικειμένοις⟧ he/she/it/self, which/how ⟦βούλονται⟧, **12** in/on/among day one in/on/among all the/this/who kingdom Artaxerxou, the/this/who ⟦τρισκαιδεκάτῃ⟧ of_the ⟦δωδεκάτου⟧ ⟦μηνὸς⟧, which to_be Adar. **12a** which to_be a_ _transcript the/this/who epistle the/this/who ⟦ὑπογεγραμμένα⟧; **12b** "king great Artaxerxaʸs the/this/who away_from the/this/who ⟦Ἰνδικῆς⟧ until the/this/who Aithiopias hundred twenty-seven ⟦σατραπείαις⟧ ⟦χωρῶν⟧ ruler, and the/this/who the/this/who our to_reason, to_ _rejoice. **12c** much the/this/who ⟦πλείστῃ⟧ the/this/who ⟦εὐεργετούντων⟧ kindness often ⟦τιμώμενοι⟧, great ⟦ἐφρόνησαν⟧, and no alone/only the/this/who ⟦ὑποτεταγμένους⟧ I/we to_seek ⟦κακοποιεῖν⟧, the/this/who and/both ⟦κόρον⟧ no be_able to_bear/lead, and the/this/who my/your/him-self ⟦εὐεργέταις⟧ ⟦ἐπιχειροῦσι⟧ ⟦μηχανᾶσθαι⟧; **12d** and the/this/who thankfulness no alone/only out_from the/this/who a_human ⟦ἀνταναιροῦντες⟧, but and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀπειραγάθων⟧ ⟦κόμποις⟧ ⟦ἐπαρθέντες⟧, of_the the/this/who all ⟦κατοπτεύοντος⟧ always God ⟦μισοπόνηρον⟧ ⟦ὑπολαμβάνουσιν⟧ ⟦ἐκφεύξεσθαι⟧ condemnation. **12e** often but/and and much the/this/who upon/to/against authority ⟦τεταγμένεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πιστευθέντων⟧ ⟦χειρίζειν⟧ friendly/friend the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧, comfort partaker blood ⟦ἀθώων⟧ ⟦καταστήσασα⟧ ⟦περιέβαλε⟧ ⟦συμφοραῖς⟧ ⟦ἀνηκέστοις⟧, **12f** the/this/who the/this/who malice lie ⟦παραλογισμῷ⟧ ⟦παραλογισαμένων⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἐπικρατούντων⟧ ⟦ἀκέραιον⟧ ⟦εὐγνωμοσύνην⟧. **12g** to_watch_out but/and it_is_permitted, no so_great out_from the/this/who ⟦παλαιοτέρων⟧ which/how to_deliver ⟦ἱστοριῶν⟧, just_as/how_much he_is from_with foot you ⟦ἐκζητοῦντας⟧ ⟦ἀνοσίως⟧ ⟦συντετελεσμένα⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀναξίᾳ⟧ ⟦δυναστευόντων⟧ ⟦λοιμότητι⟧; **12h** and to_watch_out toward the/this/who with/after this/he/she/it, toward the/this/who the/this/who kingdom ⟦ἀτάραχον⟧ the/this/who all a_human with/after peace ⟦παρεξόμεθα⟧ **12i** to_use the/this/who ⟦μεταβολαῖς⟧, the/this/who but/and by/under the/this/who face to_come/go ⟦διακρίνοντες⟧ always with/after ⟦ἐπιεικεστέρας⟧ ⟦ἀπαντήσεως⟧.

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The king's letter protecting the Yehudim

13 Let the copies be posted in conspicuous places throughout the kingdom. Let all the Yehudim be ready against this day, to fight against their enemies. The following is a copy of the letter containing orders:

[The great King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus) sends greetings to the rulers of provinces in one hundred and twenty-seven local governance regions, from Hodu to Kush (Ethiopia), even to those who are faithful to our interests. Many who've been frequently honoured by the most abundant kindness of their[21] benefactors have conceived ambitious designs, and not only endeavour to hurt our subjects, but moreover, not being able to bear prosperity, they also endeavour to plot against their own benefactors. They not only would utterly abolish gratitude from among men, but also, elated by the boastings of men who are strangers to all that's good, they supposed that they'd escape the sin-hating vengeance of the ever-seeing God. And often evil exhortation has made partakers of the guilt of shedding innocent blood, and has involved in irremediable calamities many of those who'd been appointed to offices of authority, who'd been entrusted with the management of their friends' affairs; while men, by the false sophistry of an evil disposition, have deceived the simple goodwill of the ruling powers. And it's possible to see this, not so much from more ancient traditional accounts, as it's immediately in your power to see it by examining what things have been wickedly[22] perpetrated by the baseness of men unworthily holding power. It's right to take heed with regard to the future, that we may maintain the government in undisturbed peace for all men, adopting needful changes, and ever judging those cases which come under our notice with truly equitable decisions. Because whereas Haman, a person from Makedonia, the son of Hamedata, in reality an alien from the blood of the Persians, and differing widely from our mild course of government, having been hospitably entertained by us, obtained so large a share of our universal kindness as to be called our father, and to continue the person next to the royal throne, reverenced of all; he however, overcome by[23] pride, endeavoured to deprive us of our dominion, and our life;[24] having by various and subtle artifices demanded for destruction both Mordekai our deliverer and perpetual benefactor, and Ester the blameless consort of our kingdom, along with their whole nation. Because by these methods he thought, having surprised us in a defenceless state, to transfer the dominion of the Persians to the people from Makedonia. But we find that the Yehudim, who've been consigned to destruction by the[25] most abominable of men, aren't malefactors, but living according to the most just laws, and being the sons of

21 **RV 8:13 · Note** perhaps rulers, see Luke 22. 25.

22 **RV 8:13 · Note** Greek contrived.

23 **RV 8:13 · Note** Greek not having borne.

24 **RV 8:13 · Note** Greek spirit.

25 **RV 8:13 · Note** Greek thrice guilty.

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the living god, the most high and[26] mighty, who maintains the kingdom, to us as well as to our forefathers, in the most excellent order. You'll therefore do well in refusing to obey the letter sent by Haman the son of Hamedata, because he who's done these things has been hanged with his whole family at Shushan's (Susa's) gates, Almighty God having swiftly returned to him a worthy punishment. We enjoin you then, having openly published a copy of this letter in every place, to give the Yehudim permission to use their own lawful customs and to strengthen them, that on the thirteenth of the twelfth month Adar, on the self-same day, they may defend themselves against those who attack them in a time of affliction. Because in the place of the destruction of the chosen race, Almighty God has granted them this time of gladness. Therefore you also, among your notable feasts, must keep a distinct day with all festivity, that both now and in the future it may be a day of deliverance to us and who are well disposed towards the Persians, but to those that plotted against us a memorial of destruction. And every city and province collectively, which won't do accordingly, will be consumed with vengeance by spear and fire. It'll be made not only inaccessible to men, but most hateful to wild animals and birds forever.][27] Let the copies be posted in conspicuous places throughout the kingdom and let all the Yehudim be ready against this day, to fight against their enemies. **14** So the horsemen went forth quickly to perform the king's commands. The ordinance was also published in Shushan.

15 Mordekai went out robed in royal clothing, wearing a golden crown and a diadem of fine purple linen. The people in Shushan saw it and rejoiced. **16** The Yehudim had light and gladness **17** in every city and province where the ordinance was published. Wherever the official announcement took place, the Yehudim had joy and gladness, feasting and mirth. Many of the Gentiles were circumcised and became Yehudim for fear of the Yehudim.

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12k "which/how for Aman Amadathou Makedōn the/this/who ⟦ἀληθείαις⟧ another's of_the the/this/who Persōn blood, and much ⟦διεστηκὼς⟧ the/this/who our kindness ⟦ἐπιξενωθεὶς⟧ I/we, **12l** ⟦ἔτυχεν⟧ which to_have/be to/with all Gentile_nation ⟦φιλανθρωπίας⟧ upon/to/against so_great, so ⟦ἀναγορεύεσθαι⟧ I/we father, and ⟦προσκυνούμενον⟧ by/under all the/this/who secondly of_the ⟦βασιλικοῦ⟧ throne face ⟦διατελεῖν⟧. **12m** no to_bear/lead but/and the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφανίαν⟧, ⟦ἐπετήδευσε⟧ the/this/who beginning ⟦στερῆσαι⟧ I/we, and of_the spirit/breath, **12n** the/this/who and/both our saviour and always ⟦εὐεργέτην⟧ Mardokaion, and the/this/who ⟦ἄμεμπτον⟧ the/this/who kingdom participant Esthaʸr with all the/this/who this/he/she/it Gentile_nation, ⟦πολυπλόκοις⟧ ⟦μεθόδων⟧ ⟦παραλογισμοῖς⟧ ⟦αἰτησάμενος⟧ toward destruction. **12o** through/because_of for the/this/who ⟦τρόπων⟧ this/he/she/it ⟦ᾠήθη⟧ to_take I/we deserted, the/this/who the/this/who Persōn ⟦ἐπικράτησιν⟧ toward the/this/who Makedonas ⟦μετάξαι⟧. **12p** I/we but/and the/this/who by/under of_the ⟦τρισαλιτηρίου⟧ ⟦παραδεδομένους⟧ toward ⟦ἀφανισμὸν⟧ Youdaious, to_ _find/meet no criminal to_be ⟦δικαιοτάτοις⟧ but/and ⟦πολιτευομένους⟧ ⟦νόμοις⟧, **12q** to_be but/and son of_the highest ⟦μεγίστου⟧ to_live God, of_the ⟦κατευθύνοντος⟧ I/we and/both and the/this/who parent/ancestor I/we the/this/who kingdom in/on/among the/this/who ⟦καλλίστῃ⟧ ⟦διαθέσει⟧. **12r** "well therefore/then to_do/make not ⟦προσχρησάμενοι⟧ the/this/who by/under Aman Amadathou ⟦ἀποσταλεῖσι⟧ something_written, through/because_of the/this/who he/she/it/self the/this/who this/he/she/it ⟦ἐξεργασάμενον⟧ to/with the/this/who Sousōn ⟦πύλαις⟧ ⟦ἐσταυρῶσθαι⟧ with the/this/who whole_family, the/this/who ⟦καταξίαν⟧ of_the the/this/who all ⟦ἐπικρατοῦντος⟧ God ⟦διατάχους⟧ ⟦ἀποδόντος⟧ he/she/it/self judgement. **12s** the/this/who but/and a_transcript the/this/who epistle this/he/she/it ⟦ἐκθέντες⟧ in/on/among all place with/after boldness, if the/this/who Youdaious ⟦χρῆσθαι⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self ⟦νομίμοις⟧, and ⟦συνεπισχύειν⟧ he/she/it/self, that the/this/who in/on/among time/right_ _time pressure ⟦ἐπιθεμένους⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦ἀμύνωνται⟧ the/this/who ⟦τρισκαιδεκάτῃ⟧ of_the ⟦δωδεκάτου⟧ ⟦μηνὸς⟧ Adar the/this/who he/she/it/self day; **12t** this/he/she/it for the/this/who the/this/who all ⟦δυναστεύων⟧ God ⟦ἀντ'⟧ ⟦ὀλεθρίας⟧ of_the ⟦ἐκλεκτοῦ⟧ family, to_do/make he/she/it/self ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧. **12u** "and you therefore/then in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐπωνύμοις⟧ you ⟦ἑορταῖς⟧, notable day with/after all ⟦εὐωχίας⟧ ⟦ἄγετε⟧, that and now and with/after this/he/she/it salvation to_be I/we, and the/this/who ⟦εὐνοοῦσι⟧ Persais, the/this/who but/and I/we ⟦ἐπιβουλεύουσι⟧, memorial the/this/who destruction. **12x** all but/and city or/than country the/this/who ⟦σύνολον⟧, who/which according_to this/he/she/it not to_do/make, ⟦δόρατι⟧ and fire ⟦καταναλωθήσεται⟧ with/after wrath; no alone/only a_human impassable, but and ⟦θηρίοις⟧ and ⟦πετεινοῖς⟧ toward the/this/who all time ⟦ἔχθιστος⟧

26 **RV 8:13 · Note** Greek greatest.

27 **RV 8:13 · Note** the passages in brackets are not in the Hebrew.

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⟦καταστα θήσεται⟧." **13** the/this/who but/and ⟦ἀντίγραφα⟧ ⟦ἐκτιθέσθωσαν⟧ clear_to_the_eyes in/on/among all the/this/who kingdom, ready and/both to_be all the/this/who Youdaious toward this/he/she/it the/this/who day, to_fight he/she/it/self the/this/who opposed. **14** the/this/who on_ _one_hand therefore/then horseman to_go_out ⟦σπεύδοντες⟧ the/this/who by/under of_the king to_speak to_complete; ⟦ἐξετέθη⟧ but/and the/this/who an_order and in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧. **15** the/this/who but/and Mardoḳaios ⟦ἐξῆλθεγ⟧ ⟦ἐστολισμένος⟧ the/this/who royal robe, and crown to_ _have/be golden, and diadem fine_linen purple; to_perceive but/and the/this/who in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧ to_rejoice. **16** the/this/who but/and Youdaiois to_be light and joy **17** according_to city and country, which/whither if ⟦ἐξετέθη⟧ the/this/who an_order; which/whither if ⟦ἐξετέθη⟧ the/this/who public_notice, joy and joy the/this/who Youdaiois, toasting and joy; and much the/this/who Gentile_ _nation ⟦περιετέμοντο⟧, and ⟦Ἰουδάϊζον⟧ through/because_of the/this/who fear the/this/who Jewish.

9:1 in/on/among for the/this/who ⟦δωδεκάτῳ⟧ month ⟦τρισκαιδεκάτῃ⟧ of_the ⟦μηνός⟧, which to_be Adar, ⟦παρῆν⟧ the/this/who something_written the/this/who ⟦γραφέντα⟧ by/under of_the king. **2** in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who day to_destroy the/this/who be_an_opponent the/this/who Youdaiois; none for to_oppose, to_fear he/she/it/self. **3** the/this/who for ruler the/this/who ⟦σατραπῶν⟧, and the/this/who tyrants, and the/this/who ⟦βασιλικοὶ⟧ scribe ⟦ἐτίμων⟧ the/this/who Youdaious; the/this/who for fear Mardoḳaiou ⟦ἐνέκειτο⟧ he/she/it/self. **4** to_fall/beat for the/this/who an_order of_the king ⟦ὀνομασθῆναι⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who kingdom. **6** and in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧ the/this/who city to_kill the/this/who Jewish man ⟦πεντακοσίους⟧, **7** the/this/who and/both ⟦Φαρσαννὲς⟧, and ⟦Δελτφὼν⟧, and Fasga, and ⟦Φαραδαθὰ⟧, **8** and weighty, and ⟦Σαρβακὰ⟧, **9** and Marmasima, and ⟦Ῥουφαῖον⟧, and Arsaion, and ⟦Ζαβουθαῖον⟧, **10** the/this/who ten son Aman Amadathou Bougean of_the enemy the/this/who Jewish, and ⟦διήρπασαν⟧ **11** in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who day; to_give/deliver and/both the/this/who number the/this/who king the/this/who ⟦ἀπολωλότων⟧ in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧. **12** to_say but/and the/this/who king to/with Esthaʸr, ⟦ἀπώλεσαν⟧ the/this/who Jewish in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧ the/this/who city man ⟦πεντακοσίους⟧, in/on/among but/and the/this/who surrounding_region how?/how?! ⟦οἴει⟧ ⟦ἐχρήσαντο⟧? one/which? therefore/then ⟦ἀξιοῖς⟧ still, and to_be you? **13** and to_say Esthaʸr the/this/who king, ⟦δοθήτω⟧ the/this/who Youdaiois ⟦χρῆσθαι⟧ likewise the/this/who tomorrow, so the/this/who ten son Aman ⟦κρεμάσαι⟧. **14** and to_permit thus(-ly) to_be, and ⟦ἐξέθηκε⟧ the/this/who Youdaiois the/this/who city the/this/who body the/this/who son Aman ⟦κρεμάσαι⟧; **15** and to_assemble the/this/who Jewish in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧ the/this/who fourteenth of_the Adar, and to_kill man ⟦τριακοσίους⟧, and none ⟦διήρπασαν⟧. **16** the/this/who but/and remaining the/this/who Jewish the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who kingdom to_ _assemble, and my/your/him-self ⟦ἐβοήθουν⟧, and

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The Yehudim defeat their enemies

9:1 Now in the twelfth month, on the thirteenth day of the month, which is Adar, the letters written by the king arrived. **2** In that day, the adversaries of the Yehudim perished; for no one resisted, through fear of them. **3** Because the chiefs of the local governors, and the princes and the royal scribes, honoured the Yehudim; for the fear of Mordekai was on them. **4** Because the order of the king was in force, that he should be celebrated in all the kingdom. **6** In the city Shushan the Yehudim killed five hundred men, **7** including Pharsannes, Delphon, Phasga, **8** Pharadatha, Barea, Sarbaca, **9** Marmasima, Ruphaeus, Arsaeus, and Zabuthaeus, **10** the ten sons of Haman the son of Hamedata the Bugaean, the enemy of the Yehudim; and they plundered their property on the same day. **11** The number of those who perished in Shushan was reported to the king.

12 Then the king said to Ester, "The Yehudim have slain five hundred men in the city Shushan. What do you think they've done in the rest of the country? What more do you ask, that it may be done for you?"

13 Ester said to the king, "Let it be granted to the Yehudim to do the same to them tomorrow. Also, hang the bodies of the ten sons of Haman."

14 He permitted it to be done; and he gave up to the Yehudim of the city the bodies of the sons of Haman to hang. **15** The Yehudim assembled in Shushan on the fourteenth day of Adar and killed three hundred men, but plundered no property.

16 The rest of the Yehudim who were in the kingdom assembled, and helped one another, and obtained peace and security from their enemies; for they destroyed fifteen thousand of them on the thirteenth day of Adar, but took no spoil. **17** They rested on the fourteenth of the same month, and kept it as a Rest Day with joy and gladness.

18 The Yehudim in the city of Shushan assembled also on the fourteenth day and rested; and they also observed the fifteenth

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with joy and gladness. **19** On this account then, the Yehudim dispersed in every foreign land keep the fourteenth of Adar as a[28] holy day with joy, each sending gifts of food to his neighbour.

The celebration named 'Purim'

20 Mordekai wrote these things in a book and sent them to the Yehudim, as many as were in Ahashverosh's (Ahasuerus') kingdom, both those who were near and those who were far away, **21** to establish these as joyful days and to keep the fourteenth and fifteenth of Adar; **22** for on these days the Yehudim obtained rest from their enemies; and in that month, which was Adar, in which a change was made for them from mourning to joy, and from sorrow to a holiday, to spend the whole of it in good days of[29] feasting and gladness, sending portions to their friends and to the poor. **23** And the Yehudim consented to this as Mordekai wrote to them, **24** showing how Haman the son of Hamedata the person from Makedonia fought against them, how he made a decree and threw[30] lots to destroy them utterly; **25** also how he went in to the king, telling him to hang Mordekai; but all the calamities he tried to bring on the Yehudim came on himself, and he was hanged, along with his children. **26** Therefore these days were called Purim, because of the lots (for in their language they're called Purim) because of the words of this letter, and because of all they suffered on this account, and all that happened to them. **27** Mordekai established it, and the Yehudim took on themselves, on their offspring, and on those who were joined to them to observe it, neither would they on any account behave differently; but these days were to be a memorial kept in every generation, city, family, and province. **28** These days of Purim must be kept forever, and their memorial must never be forgotten in any generation.

29 Queen Ester the daughter of Aminadav and Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew) wrote all that they'd done, and gave the confirmation of the letter about Purim. **31** Mordekai and Ester the queen established this decision on their own, pledging their own well-being to their plan. **32** And Ester established it by a command forever, and it was written for a memorial.

Literal Version

⟦ἀνεπαύσαντο⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦πολεμίων⟧; ⟦ἀπώλεσαν⟧ for he/she/it/self myriad five_thousand the/this/who ⟦τρισκαιδεκάτῃ⟧ of_the Adar, and none ⟦διήρπασαν⟧. **17** and ⟦ἀνεπαύσαντο⟧ the/this/who fourteenth of_the he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦μηνός⟧, and ⟦ἦγον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self day ⟦ἀναπαύσεως⟧ with/after joy and joy. **18** the/this/who but/and Jewish in/on/among ⟦Σούσοις⟧ the/this/who city to_assemble and the/this/who fourteenth, and ⟦ἀνεπαύσαντο⟧; ⟦ἦγον⟧ but/and and the/this/who ⟦πεντεκαιδεκάτην⟧ with/after joy and joy. **19** through/because_of this/he/she/it therefore/then the/this/who Jewish the/this/who ⟦διεσπαρμένοι⟧ in/on/among all country the/this/who out/outside(r), to_ _bring the/this/who fourteenth of_the Adar day good-doer with/after joy, ⟦ἀποστέλλοντες⟧ ⟦μερίδας⟧ each the/this/who near/neighbour. **20** to_write but/and Mardokaios the/this/who word this/he/she/it toward scroll, and to_send_out/away the/this/who Youdaiois, just_as/how_much to_be in/on/among the/this/who Artaxerxou kingdom the/this/who near and the/this/who long/distant, **21** to_stand the/this/who day this/he/she/it good-doer, to_bring and/both the/this/who fourteenth and the/this/who ⟦πεντεκαιδεκάτην⟧ of_the Adar. **22** in/on/among for this/he/she/it the/this/who day ⟦ἀνεπαύσαντο⟧ the/this/who Jewish away_from the/this/who enemy he/she/it/self; and the/this/who month in/on/among which to_turn he/she/it/self, which to_be Adar, away_from ⟦πένθους⟧ toward joy, and away_from ⟦ὀδύνης⟧ toward good-doer day, to_bring all good-doer day wedding and joy, ⟦ἐξαποστέλλοντας⟧ ⟦μερίδας⟧ the/this/who friendly/friend, and the/this/who poor. **23** and ⟦προσεδέξαντο⟧ the/this/who Jewish, as/just_as to_write he/she/it/self the/this/who Mardokaios; **24** how?/how?! Aman Amadathou the/this/who Makedōn ⟦ἐπολέμει⟧ he/she/it/self, as/just_as to_place a_referendum and lot ⟦ἀφανίσαι⟧ he/she/it/self, **25** and which/how to_enter to/with the/this/who king, to_ _speak, ⟦κρεμάσαι⟧ the/this/who Mardokaion; just_as/how_ _much but/and ⟦ἐπεχείρησεν⟧ ⟦ἐπάξαι⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who Youdaious evil/harm, upon/to/against he/she/it/self to_be, and ⟦ἐκρεμάσθη⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who child he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **26** through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπεκλήθησαν⟧ the/this/who/which day this/he/she/it lots through/because_ _of the/this/who lot, that/since the/this/who language he/she/it/self to_call lots; through/because_of the/this/who word the/this/who epistle this/he/she/it, and just_as/how_ _much to_suffer through/because_of this/he/she/it, and just_ _as/how_much he/she/it/self to_be, **27** and to_stand; and ⟦προσεδέχοντο⟧ the/this/who Jewish upon/to/against my/your/him-self and upon/to/against the/this/who seed he/she/it/self and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦προστεθειμένοις⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and_not certainly/month otherwise ⟦χρήσονται⟧. the/this/who/which but/and day this/he/she/it memorial ⟦ἐπιτελούμενον⟧ according_to generation and generation, and city, and

28 **RV 9:19 · Note** Greek good day.

29 **RV 9:22 · Note** Greek weddings.

30 **RV 9:24 · Note** Greek lot.

Literal Version

⟦πατριὰν⟧, and country. **28** the/this/who/which but/and day this/he/she/it the/this/who lots ⟦ἀχθήσονται⟧ toward the/this/who all time, and the/this/who memorial he/she/it/self no not to_fail out_from the/this/who generation. **29** and to_write Esthaʸr the/this/who queen daughter Aminadab, and Mardoḳaios the/this/who Jewish, just_as/how_much to_do/make, the/this/who, and/both firmness the/this/who epistle the/this/who lots. **31** and Mardoḳaios and Esthaʸr the/this/who queen to_stand my/your/him-self according_to my/your/him-self, and then to_stand according_to the/this/who ⟦ὑγιείας⟧ my/your/him-self, and the/this/who plan he/she/it/self. **32** and Esthaʸr word to_stand toward the/this/who an_age, and to_write toward memorial.

10:1 to_write but/and the/this/who king upon/to/against the/this/who kingdom the/this/who and/both earth and the/this/who sea. **2** and the/this/who strength he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and ⟦ἀνδραγαθίαν⟧, riches and/both and glory the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, look! to_write in/on/among scroll king Persōn and Maʸdōn, toward memorial. **3** the/this/who but/and Mardoḳaios ⟦διεδέχετο⟧ the/this/who king Artaxerxaʸn, and great to_be in/on/among the/this/who kingdom, and ⟦δεδοξασμένος⟧ by/under the/this/who Jewish; and ⟦φιλούμενος⟧ ⟦διηγεῖτο⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀγωγὴν⟧ all the/this/who Gentile_nation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **3a** "and to_say Mardoḳaios, from_with of_the God to_be this/he/she/it. **3b** to_ _remember for about of_the ⟦ἐνυπνίου⟧ which/whither to_ _perceive about the/this/who word this/he/she/it; and_not for to_pass_by away_from he/she/it/self word; **3c** the/this/who small flow the/this/who/which to_be river, and to_be light and sun and water much. Esthaʸr to_be the/this/who river, which to_marry the/this/who king, and to_do/make ⟦βασίλισσαν⟧. **3d** the/this/who but/and two ⟦δράκοντες⟧, I/we to_be and Aman. **3e** the/this/who but/and Gentile_nation, the/this/who ⟦ἐπισυναχθέντα⟧ to_destroy the/this/who name the/this/who Jewish. **3f** the/this/who but/and Gentile_nation the/this/who my, this/he/she/it to_be Israaʸl, the/this/who ⟦βοήσαντες⟧ to/with the/this/who God, and ⟦σωθέντες⟧; and to_save lord the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_deliver lord I/we out_from all the/this/who evil/harm this/he/she/it; and to_do/make the/this/who God the/this/who sign, and the/this/who wonders the/this/who great, which no to_be in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation. **3g** through/because_of this/he/she/it to_do/make lot two, one the/this/who a_people of_the God, and one all the/this/who Gentile_nation. **3h** and to_come/go the/this/who two ⟦κλῆροι⟧ this/he/she/it toward hour and time/right_time, and toward day judgement, before of_the God and all the/this/who Gentile_nation. **3i** and to_remember the/this/who God of_the a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_

31 **RV 10:3 · Note** Greek succeeded to Or, came into the place of.

32 **RV 10:3 · Note** the passages in brackets are not in the Hebrew.

Readers' Version

Mordekai's greatness

10:1 The king levied a tax on his kingdom both by land and sea. **2** As for his strength and valour, and the wealth and glory of his kingdom, look, they're written in the book of the Persians and Madim (Medes) for a memorial.

3 Mordekai[31] was viceroy to King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus), and was a great man in the kingdom, honoured by the Yehudim (Jews), and lived his life loved by all his nation.[32]

Mordekai explains his dream

4 [Mordekai said, "These things have come from God. **5** Because I remember the dream which I had about these matters; for not one detail of them has failed. **6** There was the little spring which became a river, and there was light, and the sun and much water. The river is Ester, whom the king married and made queen. **7** The two serpents are Haman and me. **8** The nations are those which combined to destroy the name of the Yehudim. **9** But as for my nation, this is Yisrael (Israel), even those who cried to God and were delivered; for the master delivered his people. The master rescued us out of all these calamities; and God worked such signs and great wonders as haven't been done among the nations. **10** Therefore he ordained two lots. One for God's people, and one for all the other nations. **11** And these two lots came for an appointed season, and for a day of judgement, before God, and for all the nations. **12** God remembered his people and vindicated his inheritance. **13** They must observe these days in the month Adar, on the fourteenth and on the fifteenth day of the month, with an assembly, joy, and gladness before God, throughout the generations forever among his people Yisrael. **14** In the fourth year of the reign of Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) and Kleopatra (Cleopatra), Dositheos, who said he was a priest and Levite, and Ptolemaios his son brought this letter of Purim, which they said was authentic, and that Lusimakos the son of Ptolemaios, who was in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), had interpreted.]

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_justify the/this/who inheritance
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **3k** and to_be he/she/it/self
the/this/who/which day this/he/she/it, in/on/among month
Adar, the/this/who fourteenth and the/this/who
⟦πεντεκαιδεκάτῃ⟧ of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧, with/after synagogue and
joy and joy before of_the God, according_to generation toward
the/this/who an_age in/on/among the/this/who a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Israaʸl. **3l** "⟦Ἔτους⟧
fourth ⟦βασιλεύοντος⟧ Ptolemaiou and Kleopatras, ⟦εἰσήνεγκε⟧
Dositheos, which to_say to_be priest and Leuitaʸs, and
Ptolemaios the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who
⟦προκειμένην⟧ epistle the/this/who lots, which ⟦ἔφασαν⟧ to_
_be, and ⟦ἡρμηνευκέναι⟧ Lusimaḳon Ptolemaiou, the/this/who
in/on/among Hierousalaʸm."

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Yehudit

Introduction

Yehudit (Judith) tells how a Jewish widow helps to rescue her people from an invading army. The story opens with the conquests of King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), who is presented here as ruling the Assyrians from Nineveh. His commander Holofernes demands submission from the surrounding nations, but the people of Yisrael (Israel) prepare to resist and ask God to protect them and their temple.

When Holofernes surrounds Betulia and cuts off its water supply, the people begin to lose hope. Their leaders agree to surrender unless help comes within five days. Yehudit challenges them for setting a deadline for God, then prays and carries out a dangerous plan of her own. She enters the enemy camp and uses Holofernes' confidence in her to bring about his downfall.

The account emphasises trusting God when the odds seem overwhelming, and shows how courage and wisdom can overturn military power. Yehudit's prayers and the final song of thanks direct the credit for the rescue to God.

Yehudit is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Romaios Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Russian Orthodox Churches.

Main components of this account

Nevukadnetsar's conquests and Holofernes' campaign *1:1–3:10*
Yisrael prepares to resist and Betulia is besieged *4:1–7:32*
Yehudit challenges the leaders and prays for help *8:1–9:14*
Yehudit enters the enemy camp and kills Holofernes *10:1–13:20*
The enemy's defeat and the people's celebration *14:1–16:25*

The DC editions are placed side by side by chapter only. Their verse numbering and textual contents differ; corresponding lines are not established equivalents.

Lighter type marks additions. Underscores join parts of a single source word.

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Nevukadnetsar defeats Arpakshad

1:1 In the twelfth year of Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) reign, who reigned over the Assyrians in Nineveh, the great city, in the days of Arpakshad, who reigned over the Madim (Medes) in Ahmeta, **2** and built around Ahmeta walls of hewn stones three cubits broad and six cubits long, and made the height of the wall seventy cubits, and its breadth fifty cubits, **3** and set its towers at its gates one hundred cubits high, and its breadth in the foundation was sixty cubits, **4** and made its gates, even gates that were raised to the height of seventy cubits, and their breadth forty cubits, for his mighty army to go out of, and the setting in array of his footmen— **5** in those days King Nevukadnetsar made war with King Arpakshad in the great plain. This plain is on the borders of Ragau. **6** There came to meet him all that lived in the hill country, and all that lived by Perat (Euphrates), Hidekel, and Hudaspes, and in the plain of Areyok the king of the Elymaeans. Many nations of the sons of Chelod assembled themselves to the battle.

7 And Nevukadnetsar king of the Assyrians sent to all who lived in Paras (Persia), and to all who lived westward, to those who lived in Kilikia, Damesek (Damascus), Levanon, Anti-Lebanon, and to all who lived along the sea coast, **8** and to those among the nations that were of Karmel and Gilead, and to the higher Galil and the great plain of Yizre'el (Jezreel), **9** and to all who were in Shomron (Samaria) and its cities, and beyond Yarden (Jordan) to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Betane, Chellus, Kadesh, the river of Mitsrayim (Egypt), Tahfanhes, Ra'meses, and all the land of Goshen, **10** until you come above Tsoan and Nof (Memphis), and to all that lived in Mitsrayim, until you come to the borders of Kush (Ethiopia). **11** All those who lived in all the land made light of the commandment of Nevukadnetsar king of the Assyrians, and didn't go with him to the war; for they weren't afraid of him, but he was before them as one man. They turned away his messengers from their presence without effect, and with disgrace.

12 And Nevukadnetsar was extremely angry with all this land, and he swore by his throne and kingdom that he'd surely be avenged on all the coasts of Kilikia, Damesek, and Aram (Syria), that he'd kill with his sword all the inhabitants of the land of Moav (Moab), the children of Amon, all Yehudah (Judea), and all who were in Mitsrayim, until you come to the borders of the two seas. **13** And he set the battle in array with his army against King Arpakshad in the seventeenth year; and he prevailed in his battle, and turned to flight all Arpakshad's army, with all his horses and all his chariots. **14** He took possession of his cities. He came to Ahmeta and took the towers, plundered its streets, and turned its beauty into shame. **15** He took Arpakshad in the mountains of Ragau, struck him through with his darts, and utterly destroyed him to this day. **16** He returned with them to Nineveh, he and all his company of sundry nations—a very great multitude of men of war. There he took his ease and banqueted, he and his army, for one hundred and twenty days.

Literal Version

1:1 ⟦Ἔτους⟧ ⟦δωδεκάτου⟧ the/this/who kingdom Nabouḳodonosor, which to_reign Assuriōn in/on/among Nineua^{y} the/this/who city the/this/who great, in/on/among the/this/who day Arfaxad, **2** which to_reign Ma^{y}dōn in/on/among ⟦Ἐκβατάνοις⟧, and to_build upon/to/against Ekbatanōn, and surrounding wall out_from stone ⟦λελαξευμένων⟧, toward width cubit/hour three, and toward length cubit/hour six, and to_do/make the/this/who height of_the wall cubit/hour seventy, and the/this/who width he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there cubit/hour fifty, **3** and the/this/who ⟦πύργους⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_stand upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦πύλαις⟧ he/she/it/self cubit/hour hundred, and the/this/who width he/she/it/self ⟦ἐθεμελίωσεν⟧ toward ⟦πήχεις⟧ sixty. **4** and to_do/make the/this/who gate he/she/it/self gate ⟦διεγειρομένας⟧ toward height cubit/hour seventy, and the/this/who width he/she/it/self ⟦πήχεις⟧ ⟦τεσσράκοντα⟧ toward ⟦ἐξόδους⟧ power ⟦δυνατῶν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦διατάξεις⟧ the/this/who ⟦πεζῶν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **5** and to_do/make war in/on/among the/this/who day that the/this/who king Nabouḳodonosor to/with king Arfaxad in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πεδίῳ⟧ the/this/who great, this/he/she/it to_be in/on/among the/this/who region Reu. **6** and ⟦συνήντησαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self all the/this/who to_dwell the/this/who hilly, and all the/this/who to_dwell the/this/who Eufrata^{y}n, and the/this/who ⟦Τίγριν⟧, and the/this/who Hudaspa^{y}n, and ⟦πεδίῳ⟧ ⟦Εἰριὼχ⟧ the/this/who king Elumaiōn; and to_assemble Gentile_nation much very toward ⟦παράταξιν⟧ son ⟦Χελεούλ⟧. **7** and to_send Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who king Assuriōn upon/to/against all the/this/who to_dwell the/this/who Persida, and upon/to/against all the/this/who to_dwell to/with ⟦δυσμαῖς⟧, the/this/who to_dwell Kilikian and Damaskon, the/this/who frankincense and Antilibanon, and all the/this/who to_dwell according_to face ⟦παραλίας⟧, **8** and the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation of_the Karma^{y}lou, and Gala'ad, and the/this/who above Galilaian, and the/this/who great a_plain ⟦Ἐσδρηλὼμ⟧, **9** and all the/this/who in/on/among Samareia and the/this/who city he/she/it/self, and other_side of_the Yordanou until Hierousala^{y}m, and ⟦Βετὰνη⟧, and ⟦Χελλοὺς⟧, and Kada^{y}s, and of_the river Aiguptou, and Tafnas, and ʁamessa^{y}, **10** and all earth Gesem until of_the to_come/go above ⟦Τάνεως⟧ and ⟦Μέμφεως⟧, and all the/this/who to_dwell the/this/who Aigupton until of_the to_come/go upon/to/against the/this/who region the/this/who Aithiopias. **11** and ⟦ἐφαύλισαν⟧ all the/this/who to_dwell all the/this/who earth the/this/who declaration Nabouḳodonosor of_the king Assuriōn, and no to_assemble he/she/it/self toward the/this/who war, that/since no to_fear he/she/it/self, ⟦ἀλλ⟧ to_be against/in_front_of he/she/it/self which/how man equal; and ⟦ἀνέστρεψαν⟧ the/this/who angel he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there empty in/on/among dishonour before face he/she/it/self. **12** and to_anger Nabouḳodonosor upon/to/against all the/this/who earth this/he/she/it very, and to_swear according_to of_the throne

Literal Version

and the/this/who kingdom
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, if certainly/month
[[ἐκδικήσειν]] all the/this/who region the/this/who Kilikias
and [[Δαμασκηνῆς]] and Surias, to_do_away_with the/this/who
sword he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and all
the/this/who to_dwell in/on/among earth Mōab, and
the/this/who son Ammōn, and all the/this/who Jewish/Judea,
and all the/this/who in/on/among Aiguptōi until of_the to_
_come/go upon/to/against the/this/who region the/this/who
two [[θαλασσῶν]]. **13** and [[παρετάξατο]] in/on/among
the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
to/with Arfaxad king in/on/among the/this/who year
the/this/who [[ἑπτακαιδεκάτῳ]], and [[ἐκραταιώθη]]
in/on/among the/this/who war
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and [[ἀνέστρεψε]] all
the/this/who power Arfaxad, and all the/this/who [[ἵππον]]
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all the/this/who
[[ἅρματα]] he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **14** and
[[ἐκυρίευσε]] the/this/who city
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_reach until
Ekbatanōn, and to_grasp/seize the/this/who [[πύργων]], and
[[ἐπρονόμευσε]] the/this/who wide he/she/it/self, and
the/this/who world he/she/it/self to_place toward disgrace
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; **15** and to_take the/this/who
Arfaxad in/on/among the/this/who mountain Reu, and
[[κατηκόντισεν]] he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who
[[ζιβύναις]] he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and
[[ἐξωλόθρευσεν]] he/she/it/self until the/this/who day that.
16 and [[ἀνέστρεψε]] with/after he/she/it/self he/she/it/self
and all the/this/who consolidation
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, multitude man
[[πολεμιστῶν]] much very; and to_be there [[ῥαθυμῶν]] and
[[εὐωχούμενος]] he/she/it/self and the/this/who power
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against day
hundred twenty.

2:1 and in/on/among the/this/who year the/this/who
[[ὀκτωκαιδεκάτῳ]], secondly and [[εἰκάδι]] of_the first [[μηνὸς]],
to_be word in/on/among house Nabouḳodonosor king
Assuriōn, to_avenge all the/this/who earth as/just_as to_speak.
2 and [[συνεκάλεσε]] all the/this/who [[θεράποντας]]
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all the/this/who
[[μεγιστᾶνας]] he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_
_place with/after he/she/it/self the/this/who mystery
the/this/who plan he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there;
and [[συνετέλεσε]] all the/this/who evil the/this/who earth
out_from of_the mouth
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **3** and he/she/it/self
[[ἔκριναν]] [[ὀλοθρεῦσαι]] all flesh, the/this/who/which no to_
_follow the/this/who word of_the mouth
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **4** and to_be
which/how [[συνετέλεσε]] the/this/who plan
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_call
Nabouḳodonosor king Assuriōn the/this/who Oloferna^{y}n
[[ἀρχιστράτηγον]] the/this/who power
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, secondly to_be
with/after he/she/it/self, and to_say to/with he/she/it/self,
5 this to_speak the/this/who king the/this/who great,
the/this/who lord all the/this/who earth, look! you

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Nevukadnetsar plans revenge on the nations

2:1 In the eighteenth year, the twenty-second day of the first month, there was talk in the house of Nevukadnetsar king of the Assyrians that he should be avenged on all the land, even as he spoke. **2** He called together all his servants and all his great men, and communicated with them his secret counsel, and with his own mouth, recounted the wickedness of all the land. **3** They decreed to destroy all flesh which didn't follow the word of his mouth.

4 When he'd ended his counsel, Nevukadnetsar king of the Assyrians called Holofernes the chief captain of his army, who was second to himself, and said to him, **5** "The great king, the lord of all the earth, says: 'Listen, go out from my presence, and take with you men who trust in their strength, to one hundred and twenty thousand footmen and twelve thousand horses with their riders. **6** And go out against all the west country, because they disobeyed the commandment of my mouth. **7** Tell to them that they should prepare earth and water, because I'll go out in my anger against them, and will cover the whole face of the earth with the feet of my army, who'll plunder them. **8** Their

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slain will fill their valleys and brooks, and the river will be filled with their dead until it overflows. 9 I'll lead them as captives to the utmost parts of all the earth. 10 But go out, and take all their coasts for me first. If they'll yield themselves to you,[1] then you must reserve them for me until the day of their reproof. 11 As for those who resist, show no mercy; but hand them over to be slain and to be plundered in all your land. 12 Because as I live, and by the power of my kingdom, I've spoken, and I'll do this with my hand. 13 Moreover, don't disobey any of your lord's commands, but you must carry them out, as I've commanded you. Don't delay carrying them out.' "

Holofernes sets out to conquer the west

14 So Holofernes went out from the presence of his lord, and called all the governors, the captains, and officers of Ashur's (Assyria's) army. 15 He counted chosen men for the battle, as his lord had commanded him, to one hundred and twenty thousand, with twelve thousand archers on horseback. 16 He arranged them as a great multitude is ordered for the war. 17 He took camels, donkeys, and mules for their baggage, a very great multitude, and sheep, oxen, and goats without number for their provision, 18 and a large supply of rations for every man, and a huge amount of gold and silver out of the king's house. 19 He went out, he and all his army, on their journey, to go before King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), and to cover all the face of the earth westward with their chariots, horsemen, and chosen footmen. 20 A great company of various nations went out with them like locusts and like the sand of the earth. Because they couldn't be counted because of their multitude.

21 And they departed out of Nineveh three days' journey towards the plain of Bectileth, and encamped from Bectileth near the mountain which is at the left hand of the Upper Kilikia. 22 And he took all his army, his footmen, horsemen, and chariots, and went away from there into the hill country, 23 and destroyed Put and Lud, and plundered all the children of Rasses and the children of Yishmael (Ishmael), which were along the wilderness to the south of the land of the Chellians. 24 And he went over Perat (Euphrates), and went through Mesopotamia, and broke down all the high cities that were on the river Arbonai, until you come to the sea. 25 And he took possession of the borders of Kilikia, and killed all who resisted him, and came to the borders of Yefet (Japheth), which were towards the south, opposite Arav. 26 He surrounded all the children of Midyan, and set their tents on fire, and plundered their sheepfolds. 27 He went down into the plain of Damesek (Damascus) in the days of wheat harvest, and set all their fields on fire, and utterly destroyed their flocks and herds, plundered their cities, laid their plains waste, and struck all their young men with the edge of the sword.

28 And the fear and the dread of him fell onto those who lived on the sea coast, on those who were in Tsidon (Sidon) and Tsor

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⟦ἐξελεύσῃ⟧ out_from of_the face I/we, and ⟦λήψῃ⟧ with/after yourself man to_persuade in/on/among strength he/she/it/self, ⟦πεζῶν⟧ toward ⟦χιλιάδας⟧ hundred twenty, and multitude horse with ⟦ἀναβάταις⟧ myriad twelve, 6 and ⟦ἐξελεύσῃ⟧ toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ all the/this/who earth upon/to/against ⟦δυσμὰς⟧, that/since to_disobey the/this/who declaration of_the mouth I/we; 7 and ⟦ἀπαγγελεῖς⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἑτοιμάζειν⟧ earth and water, that/since ⟦ἐξελεύσομαι⟧ in/on/among ⟦θυμῷ⟧ I/we upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and ⟦καλύψω⟧ all the/this/who face the/this/who earth in/on/among the/this/who foot the/this/who power I/we; and to_give he/she/it/self toward ⟦διαρπαγὴν⟧ he/she/it/self, 8 and the/this/who ⟦τραυματίαι⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦πληρώσουσι⟧ the/this/who ⟦φάραγγας⟧ and the/this/who ravine he/she/it/self, and river ⟦ἐπικλύζων⟧ the/this/who dead he/she/it/self to_fulfill; 9 and ⟦ἄξω⟧ the/this/who captivity he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who Akra/tip all the/this/who earth. 10 you but/and to_go_out ⟦προκαταλήψῃ⟧ I/we all region he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐκδώσουσί⟧ you my/your/him-self, and ⟦διατηρήσεις⟧ I/we/my he/she/it/self toward day ⟦ἐλεγμοῦ⟧ he/she/it/self. 11 upon/to/against but/and the/this/who ⟦ἀπειθοῦντας⟧ no to_spare the/this/who eye you, to_give he/she/it/self toward murder and plunder in/on/among all the/this/who earth you. 12 that/since to_live I/we, and the/this/who power the/this/who kingdom I/we, to_speak, and to_do/make this/he/she/it in/on/among hand I/we. 13 and you but/and no ⟦παραβήσῃ⟧ in/on/among/one one the/this/who declaration of_the lord you, but ⟦ἐπιτελῶν⟧ ⟦ἐπιτελέσεις⟧, as/just_as ⟦προστέταχά⟧ you, and no ⟦μακρυνεῖς⟧ of_the to_do/make he/she/it/self. 14 and to_go_out Oloferna^{y}s away_from face of_ _the lord he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_call all the/this/who ruler, and the/this/who officer/magistrate, and ⟦ἐπιστάτας⟧ the/this/who power Assour, 15 and ⟦ἠρίθμησεν⟧ select man toward ⟦παράταξιν⟧, as/just_as to_ _order he/she/it/self the/this/who lord he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, toward myriad twelve, and horseman ⟦τοξότας⟧ myriad ⟦δισχιλίους⟧, 16 and to_direct he/she/it/self which way ⟦πολέμου⟧ multitude ⟦συντάσσεται⟧. 17 and to_take ⟦καμήλους⟧ and ⟦ὄνους⟧ and ⟦ἡμιόνους⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦ἀπαρτίαν⟧ he/she/it/self, multitude much very, and sheep and ox and ⟦αἶγας⟧ toward the/this/who Preparation_Day he/she/it/self, which no to_be number, 18 and food all man toward multitude, and gold and money out_from house king much very. 19 and to_go_out he/she/it/self and all the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward journey of_the ⟦προελθεῖν⟧ king Nabouḳodonosor, and ⟦καλύψαι⟧ all the/this/who face the/this/who earth to/with ⟦δυσμαῖς⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἅρμασι⟧ and ⟦ἱππεῦσι⟧ and ⟦πεζοῖς⟧ ⟦ἐπιλέκτοις⟧ he/she/it/self. 20 and much the/this/who intermixed which/how locust ⟦τυνεξῆλθον⟧ he/she/it/self, and which/how the/this/who sand the/this/who earth; no for to_be number away_from multitude he/she/it/self. 21 and to_

1 **RV 2:10 · Note** Grk. they will yield...and you shall reserve.

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_go_away out_from Nineuaʸ road three day upon/to/against face of_the ⟦πεδίου⟧ ⟦Βαικτιλαὶθ⟧, and ⟦ἐπεστρατοπέδευσεν⟧ away_from ⟦Βαικτιλαὶθ⟧ near/neighbour of_the mountain of_ _the upon/to/against left the/this/who above Kilikias. **22** and to_take all the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who ⟦πεζοὺς⟧, and the/this/who horseman, and the/this/who ⟦ἅρματα⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_go_ _away from_there toward the/this/who hilly. **23** and ⟦διέκοψε⟧ the/this/who Foud and Loud, and ⟦ἐπρονόμευσαν⟧ all son ʁassis, and son Ismaaʸl the/this/who according_to face the/this/who deserted to/with south the/this/who ⟦Χελλαίων⟧. **24** and to_pass_by the/this/who Eufrataʸn, and to_pass_through the/this/who Mesopotamian, and ⟦διέσκαψε⟧ all the/this/who city the/this/who ⟦ὑψηλὰς⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against of_the brook Abrōna until of_the to_come/go upon/to/against sea. **25** and ⟦κατελάβετο⟧ the/this/who region the/this/who Kilikias, and ⟦κατέκοψε⟧ all the/this/who ⟦ἀντιστάντας⟧ he/she/it/self; and to_come/go until region Yafeth, the/this/who to/with south according_to face the/this/who Arabias. **26** and ⟦ἐκύκλωσε⟧ all the/this/who son Madian, and to_burn the/this/who ⟦σκηνώματα⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπρονόμευσε⟧ the/this/who ⟦μάνδρας⟧ he/she/it/self. **27** and to_come/go_down toward a_plain Damaskou in/on/among day harvest ⟦πυρῶν⟧, and to_burn all the/this/who field he/she/it/self; and the/this/who ⟦ποίμνια⟧ and the/this/who ⟦βουκόλια⟧ to_give toward ⟦ἀφανισμὸν⟧, and the/this/who city he/she/it/self ⟦ἐσκύλευσε⟧, and the/this/who ⟦πεδία⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξελίκμησε⟧, and to_ _strike all the/this/who ⟦νεανίσκους⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among mouth ⟦ῥομφαίας⟧. **28** and to_fall/press_upon the/this/who fear and the/this/who trembling he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against the/this/who to_dwell the/this/who coastal, the/this/who to_ _be in/on/among Sidōni and Turōi, and the/this/who to_dwell Sour, and Okina, and all the/this/who to_dwell Hiemna'an; and the/this/who to_dwell in/on/among Azōtōi and ⟦Ἀσκάλωνι⟧ to_fear he/she/it/self very.

3:1 and to_send to/with he/she/it/self angel word ⟦εἰρηνικοῖς⟧, to_speak, **2** look! I/we the/this/who ⟦παῖδες⟧ Nabouḳodonosor king great ⟦παρακείμεθα⟧ before you, to_use I/we as/just_as pleasing he_is the/this/who face you. **3** look! the/this/who/which ⟦ἐπαύλεις⟧ I/we, and all a_plain ⟦πυρῶν⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ποίμνια⟧ and the/this/who ⟦βουκόλια⟧, and all the/this/who/which ⟦μάνδραι⟧ the/this/who ⟦σκηνῶν⟧ I/we ⟦παράκεινται⟧ before face you; to_use according_to the/this/who/which if ⟦ἀρέσκῃ⟧ you. **4** look! and the/this/who/which city I/we, and the/this/who to_dwell in/on/among he/she/it/self slave you to_be; to_come/go ⟦ἀπάντησον⟧ he/she/it/self which/how to_be good-doer in/on/among eye you. **5** and to_come the/this/who man to/with Oloferna ʸn, and to_announce he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who declaration this/he/she/it. **6** and to_come/go_down upon/to/against the/this/who coastal he/she/it/self and the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐφρούρησε⟧ the/this/who city the/this/who ⟦ὑψηλάς⟧; and to_take out_

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(Tyre), those who lived in Sur and Ocina, and all who lived in Yavneh. Those who lived in Azotos and Ashkelon feared him greatly.

The coastal nations surrender

3:1 And they sent to him messengers with words of peace, saying, **2** "Listen, we the servants of Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) the great king lie before you. Use us as it's pleasing in your sight. **3** Listen, our dwellings, and all our country, and all our fields of wheat, and our flocks and herds, and all the sheepfolds of our tents, lie before your face. Use them as it may please you. **4** Listen, even our cities and those who live in them are your servants. Come and deal with them as it's good in your eyes."

5 So the men came to Holofernes, and declared to him according to these words.

6 He came down towards the sea coast, he and his army, and set garrisons in the high cities, and took out of them chosen men for allies. **7** They received him, they and all the country round about them, with garlands and dances and timbrels. **8** He threw down all their borders, and cut down their sacred groves. It'd been given to him to destroy all the gods of the land, that all

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the nations would worship Nevukadnetsar only, and that all their tongues and their tribes would call on him as a god.

9 Then he came towards Yizre'el (Jezreel) near to Dotan, which is opposite the great ridge of Yehudah (Judea). **10** He encamped between Geva and Beyt-Shean. He was there a whole month, that he might gather together all the baggage of his army.

Yisrael prepares to resist

4:1 The Israeli people (Israel) who lived in Yehudah heard all that Holofernes the chief captain of Nevukadnetsar king of the Assyrians had done to the nations, and how he'd plundered all their temples and destroyed them utterly. **2** They were extremely afraid at his approach, and were troubled for Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and for the temple of the master their god; **3** because they'd newly come up from the captivity, and all Yehudah's people were recently gathered together; and the vessels, the altar, and the house were sanctified after being profaned.

4 And they sent into every coast of Shomron (Samaria), to Konae, to Beyt-Horon, Belmaim, Yeriho (Jericho), to Choba, Aesora, and to the valley of Shalem; **5** and they occupied beforehand all the tops of the high mountains, fortified the villages that were in them, and stored supplies for the provision of war, because their fields were newly harvested. **6** Yehoyakim the high priest, who was in those days at Yerushalem, wrote to those who lived in Betulia and Betomesthaim, which is opposite Yizre'el (Jezreel) towards the plain that's near to Dotan, **7** charging them to seize on the ascents of the hill country; because by them was the entrance into Yehudah, and it was easy to stop them from approaching, since the approach was narrow, with space for two men at the most. **8** And the Israeli people did as Yehoyakim the high priest had commanded them, as did the senate of all Yisrael's people, which was in session at Yerushalem.

The people plead with God for help

9 And every man of Yisrael cried to God with great earnestness, and with great earnestness they humbled their souls. **10** They, their wives, their children, their cattle, and every sojourner, hireling, and servant bought with their money put sackcloth on their loins. **11** Every man and woman of Yisrael, including the little children and the inhabitants of Yerushalem, fell prostrate before the temple, threw ashes on their heads, and spread out their sackcloth before the master. They put sackcloth around the altar. **12** They

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_from he/she/it/self toward ⟦συμμαχίαν⟧ man ⟦ἐπιλέκτους⟧. **7** and to_receive he/she/it/self he/she/it/self, and all the/this/who surrounding_region he/she/it/self with/after ⟦στεφάνων⟧ and a_dance and ⟦τυμπάνων⟧. **8** and ⟦κατέσκαψε⟧ all the/this/who region he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦ἅλση⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξέκοψε⟧; and to_be ⟦δεδογμένον⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξολοθρεῦσαι⟧ all the/this/who God the/this/who earth, that he/she/it/self alone the/this/who Nabouḳodonosor ⟦λατρεύσωσι⟧ all the/this/who Gentile_ _nation, and all the/this/who/which tongue and all the/this/who/which tribe he/she/it/self to_call_(on)/name he/she/it/self toward God. **9** and to_come/go according_to face Esdraʸlōn near/neighbour the/this/who Dōtaias, the/this/who/which to_be opposite of_the ⟦πρίονος⟧ of_the great the/this/who Jewish/Judea. **10** and ⟦κατεστρατοπέδευσεν⟧ ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ Gaibai and Skuthōn city, and to_be there month day toward the/this/who ⟦συλλέξαι⟧ all the/this/who ⟦ἀπαρτίαν⟧ the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

4:1 and to_hear the/this/who son Israaʸl the/this/who to_ _dwell in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia all just_as/how_ _much to_do/make Oloferna ʸs the/this/who Gentile_nation, the/this/who commander-in-chief Nabouḳodonosor king Assuriōn, and which way ⟦ἐσκύλευσε⟧ all the/this/who sacred he/she/it/self, and to_give he/she/it/self toward ⟦ἀφανισμὸν⟧, **2** and to_fear very very away_from face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and about Hierousalaʸm and of_the temple lord God he/she/it/self to_ _trouble; **3** that/since recently to_be ⟦ἀναβεβηκότες⟧ out_from the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧, and ⟦νεωστὶ⟧ all the/this/who a_ _people ⟦συνελέλεκτο⟧ the/this/who Jewish/Judea, and the/this/who vessel, and the/this/who altar, and the/this/who house, out_from the/this/who ⟦βεβηλώσεως⟧ ⟦ἡγιασμένα⟧ to_ _be, **4** and to_send toward all region Samareias, and Kōnas, and Baithōrōn, and ⟦Βελμὲν⟧, and Hieriḳō, and toward Ḳōba, and Aisōra, and the/this/who ⟦αὐλῶνα⟧ Salaʸm, **5** and ⟦προκατελάβοντο⟧ all the/this/who ⟦κορυφὰς⟧ the/this/who mountain the/this/who ⟦ὑψηλῶν⟧, and ⟦ἐτειχίσαντο⟧ the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self village, and to_set_ _before toward food toward Preparation_Day ⟦πολέμου⟧, that/since recently to_be the/this/who ⟦πεδία⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦τεθερισμένα⟧. **6** and to_write Yōakim the/this/who priest the/this/who great, which to_be in/on/among the/this/who day that in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, the/this/who ⟦κατοικοῦσι⟧ Betuloua, and ⟦Βετομεσθαὶμ⟧, the/this/who/which to_be opposite Esdraʸlōn, according_to face of_the ⟦πεδίου⟧ of_the near/neighbour Dōthaim, **7** to_ _speak, ⟦διακατασχεῖν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀναβάσεις⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὀρεινῆς⟧, that/since through/because_of he/she/it/self to_be the/this/who entry toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea; and to_be easily ⟦διακωλύσαι⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦προσβαίνοντας⟧, narrow the/this/who ⟦προσβάσεως⟧ to_be, upon/to/against man the/this/who all two. **8** and to_do/make the/this/who son Israaʸl as/just_as to_direct he/she/it/self Yōakim the/this/who priest the/this/who great, and the/this/who council_of_elders all ⟦δήμου⟧ Israaʸl, the/this/who/which ⟦ἐκάθηντο⟧ in/on/among Hierousalaʸm.

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9 and ⟦ἀνεβόησαν⟧ all man Israaʸl to/with the/this/who God in/on/among ⟦ἐκτενίᾳ⟧ great, and ⟦ἐταπεινοῦσαν⟧ the/this/who soul he/she/it/self in/on/among ⟦ἐκτενίᾳ⟧ great, **10** he/she/it/self and the/this/who/which woman he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦νήπια⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who animal he/she/it/self; and all foreigner or/than hired_worker, and bought_with_silver he/she/it/self, to_ _put/lay_on sackcloth upon/to/against the/this/who loins he/she/it/self. **11** and all man Israaʸl and woman, the/this/who child, and the/this/who to_dwell in/on/among Hierousalaʸm to_collapse according_to face of_the temple, and ⟦ἐσποδώσαντο⟧ the/this/who head he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐξέτειναν⟧ the/this/who sackcloth he/she/it/self according_ _to face lord; and the/this/who altar sackcloth to_clothe, **12** and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ to/with the/this/who God Israaʸl united fervently, of_the not to_give toward ⟦διαρπαγὴν⟧ the/this/who ⟦νήπια⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who woman toward ⟦προνομὴν⟧, and the/this/who city the/this/who inheritance he/she/it/self toward ⟦ἀφανισμὸν⟧, and the/this/who holy toward ⟦βεβήλωσιν⟧ and reproach, derision the/this/who Gentile_nation. **13** and ⟦εἰσήκουσε⟧ lord the/this/who voice/sound he/she/it/self, and ⟦εἰσεῖδε⟧ the/this/who pressure he/she/it/self; and to_be the/this/who a_people to_ _fast day greater/much in/on/among all the/this/who Youdaia and Hierousalaʸm, according_to face the/this/who holy lord almighty. **14** and Yōakim the/this/who priest the/this/who great, and all the/this/who ⟦παρεστηκότες⟧ before lord, priest and the/this/who ⟦λειτουργοῦντες⟧ lord, sackcloth to_gird the/this/who loins he/she/it/self, to_bring_to the/this/who ⟦ὁλοκαύτωσιν⟧ of_the ⟦ἐνδελεχισμοῦ⟧, and the/this/who ⟦εὐχὰς⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἑκουσία⟧ gift of_the a_people, **15** and to_be ashes upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κιδάρεις⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐβόων⟧ to/with lord out_from all power toward good-doer to_visit/care_for all house Israaʸl.

5:1 and ⟦ἀνηγγέλλη⟧ Oloferna ʸ ⟦ἀρχιστρατήγῳ⟧ power Assour, because the/this/who son Israaʸl ⟦παρεσκευάσαντο⟧ toward war, and the/this/who ⟦διόδους⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὀρεινῆς⟧ to_confine, and ⟦ἐτείχισαν⟧ all ⟦κορυφὴν⟧ mountain high, and to_place in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πεδίοις⟧ stumbling_block. **2** and to_anger ⟦θυμῷ⟧ very, and to_call all the/this/who ruler Mōab, and the/this/who officer/magistrate Ammōn, and all ⟦σατράπας⟧ the/this/who ⟦παραλίας⟧, **3** and to_say he/she/it/self, ⟦ἀναγγείλατε⟧ so I/we, son Ḳana'an, one/which? the/this/who a_people this/he/she/it the/this/who to_sit in/on/among the/this/who hilly, and which? which ⟦κατοικοῦσι⟧ city? and the/this/who multitude the/this/who power he/she/it/self, and in/on/among which? the/this/who power he/she/it/self, and the/this/who strength he/she/it/self, and one/which? ⟦ἀνέστηκεν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self king to_govern ⟦στρατηγίας⟧ he/she/it/self? **4** and through/because_of one/which? ⟦κατενωτίσαντο⟧ of_the not to_come/go toward meeting I/we from_with all the/this/who to_dwell in/on/among ⟦δυσμαῖς⟧? **5** and to_say to/with he/she/it/self Aḳiōr the/this/who to_ _govern all son Ammōn, to_hear so the/this/who lord I/we word out_from mouth of_the slave you, and ⟦ἀναγγελῶ⟧ you the/this/who truth about of_the a_people, which to_dwell the/this/who hilly this/he/she/it, near/neighbour you

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cried to the god of Yisrael earnestly with one consent, that he wouldn't give their children as prey, their wives as plunder, the cities of their inheritance to destruction, and the sanctuary to being profaned and being made a reproach, for the nations to rejoice at. **13** The master heard their voice, and looked at their affliction. The people continued fasting many days in all Yehudah and Yerushalem before the sanctuary of the master Almighty. **14** And Yehoyakim the high priest, and all the priests who stood before the master, and those who ministered to the master, had their loins dressed in sackcloth and offered the continual burnt offering, the vows, and the free gifts of the people. **15** They had ashes on their turbans. They cried to the master with all their power, that he'd look on all the house of Yisrael for good.

Ahior warns Holofernes about Yisrael's God

5:1 Holofernes, the chief captain of Ashur's (Assyria's) army, was told that the Israeli people had prepared for war, had shut up the passages of the hill country, had fortified all the tops of the high hills, and had set up barricades in the plains. **2** Then he was extremely angry, and he called all the princes of Moav (Moab), Amon's captains, and all the governors of the sea coast, **3** and he said to them, "Tell me now, you sons of Kena'an (Canaan), who are these people who live in the hill country? What are the cities that they inhabit? How large is their army? Where is their power and their strength? What king is set over them, to be the leader of their army? **4** Why have they turned their backs, that they shouldn't come and meet me, more than all who live in the west?"

5 Then Ahior, the leader of all the children of Amon, said to him, "Let my lord now hear a word from your servant's mouth, and I'll tell you the truth about these people who live in this hill country, near to the place where you live. No lie will come out of your servant's mouth. **6** These people are descended from the Kasdim (Chaldeans). **7** They sojourned before this in Mesopotamia, because they didn't want to follow the gods of

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their fathers, which were in the land of the Kasdim. **8** They departed from the way of their parents, and worshipped the god of heaven, the god whom they knew. Their parents threw them out from the face of their gods, and they fled into Mesopotamia and sojourned there many days. **9** Then their god commanded them to depart from the place where they sojourned, and to go into the land of Kena'an. They lived there, and prospered with gold and silver, and with very large herds of cattle. **10** Then they went down into Mitsrayim (Egypt), for a famine covered all the land of Kena'an. They sojourned there until they'd grown up. They became a great multitude there, so that one couldn't count the population of their nation. **11** Then the king of Mitsrayim rose up against them, and dealt subtly with them, and brought them low, making them labour in brick,[2] and made them slaves. **12** They cried to their god, and he struck all the land of Mitsrayim with incurable plagues; so the Mitsrim (Egyptians) threw them out of their sight. **13** God dried up the Red sea before them, **14** and brought them into the way of Sinay Kadesh-Barnea and they threw out all that lived in the wilderness. **15** They lived in the land of the Amorim, and they destroyed by their strength everyone in Heshbon. Passing over Yarden (Jordan), they possessed all the hill country. **16** They threw out before them the Kena'ani (Canaanite), the Perizi, the Yevusi, the Shechemite, and all the Girgashim, and they lived in that country many days.

17 And while they didn't sin before their god, they prospered, because God who hates iniquity was with them. **18** But when they departed from the way which he appointed them, they were destroyed in many severe battles, and were led captives into a land that wasn't theirs. Their god's temple was razed to the ground, and their cities were taken by their adversaries. **19** And now they've returned to their god, and have come up from the dispersion where they were dispersed, and have possessed Yerushalem (Jerusalem), where their sanctuary is, and are settled in the hill country; for it was desolate.

20 And now, my lord and master, if there's any error in this people, and they sin against their god, we'll find out what this thing is in which they stumble, and we'll go up and overcome them. **21** But if there's no lawlessness in their nation, let my lord now pass by, otherwise their master might defend them and their god might take their side, and we'd be disgraced before the whole world."

22 When Ahior had finished speaking these words, all the people standing around the tent complained. The great men of Holofernes, and all who lived by the sea side and in Moav (Moab), said that he should be cut to pieces. **23** Because, they said, "We won't be afraid of the Israeli people (Israel), because they're a people that has no power nor might to make the battle strong. **24** Therefore now we'll go up, and they'll be a prey to be devoured by all your army, master Holofernes."

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⟦οἰκοῦντος⟧, and no to_go_out lie out_from of_the mouth of_ _the slave you. **6** the/this/who a_people this/he/she/it to_be ⟦ἀπογόνοι⟧ Ⱪaldaiōn, **7** and ⟦παρῴκησαν⟧ the/this/who before/previously in/on/among the/this/who Mesopotamia, that/since no ⟦ἐβουλήθησαν⟧ to_follow the/this/who God the/this/who father he/she/it/self, the/this/who/which to_be in/on/among earth Ⱪaldaiōn; **8** and to_step_out out_from road the/this/who parent he/she/it/self, and to_worship the/this/who God of_the heaven, God which to_come_to_know; and to_expel he/she/it/self away_from face the/this/who ⟦θεῶν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_flee toward Mesopotamian, and ⟦παρῴκησαν⟧ there day much. **9** and to_say the/this/who God he/she/it/self to_go_out out_from the/this/who sojourning he/she/it/self, and to_travel toward earth Ⱪana'an; and ⟦κατῴκησαν⟧ there, and ⟦ἐπληθύνθησαν⟧ gold and money and in/on/among ⟦κτήνεσι⟧ much very. **10** and to_come/go_down toward Aigupton, ⟦ἐκάλυψε⟧ for the/this/who face the/this/who earth Ⱪana'an hunger, and ⟦παρῴκησαν⟧ there until which/whither ⟦διετράφησαν⟧; and to_be there toward multitude much, and no to_be number of_the family he/she/it/self. **11** and ⟦ἐπανέστη⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who king Aiguptou, and ⟦κατεσοφίσαντο⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among ⟦πόνῳ⟧ and in/on/among ⟦πλίνθῳ⟧, and ⟦ἐταπείνωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_place he/she/it/self toward slave. **12** and ⟦ἀνεβόησαν⟧ to/with the/this/who God he/she/it/self, and to_strike all the/this/who earth Aiguptou plague/blow/wound, in/on/among which no to_be healing; and to_expel he/she/it/self the/this/who Egyptian away_from face he/she/it/self. **13** and ⟦κατεξήρανεν⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who red sea before he/she/it/self, **14** and to_bring he/she/it/self toward road of_the Sina, and Kadaʸs Barnaʸ, and to_expel all the/this/who to_dwell in/on/among the/this/who deserted. **15** and ⟦ᾤκησαν⟧ in/on/among earth Amoɣɣaiōn, and all the/this/who ⟦Εσεβωνίτας⟧ ⟦ἐξωλόθρευσαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who strength he/she/it/self; and ⟦διαβάντες⟧ the/this/who Yordanaʸn ⟦ἐκληρονόμησαν⟧ all the/this/who hilly. **16** and to_expel out_from face he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦Χανανῖον⟧, and the/this/who Ferezaion, and the/this/who Yebousaion. and the/this/who Suⱪem, and all the/this/who Gergesaious, and ⟦κατῴκησαν⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self day much. **17** and until no to_sin before of_the God he/she/it/self, to_be the/this/who good-doer with/after he/she/it/self, that/since God to_hate unrighteousness with/after he/she/it/self to_be. **18** when but/and to_leave away_from the/this/who road which to_make_a_covenant he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐξωλοθρεύθησαν⟧ in/on/among much ⟦πολέμοις⟧ upon/to/against much very, and ⟦ᾐχμαλωτεύθησαν⟧ toward earth no one's_own/private, and the/this/who temple of_the God he/she/it/self to_be toward ground, and the/this/who/which city he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκρατήθησαν⟧ by/under the/this/who ⟦ὑπεναντίων⟧. **19** and now to_turn upon/to/against the/this/who God he/she/it/self, to_ascend out_from the/this/who dispersion which/whither to_scatter there, and ⟦κατέσχον⟧ the/this/who Hierousalaʸm, which/whither the/this/who sanctification

2 RV 5:11 · Note Some authorities read and he brought them low with clay and brick, etc.

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he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατωκίσθησαν⟧ in/on/among
the/this/who hilly, that/since to_be deserted, **20** and now,
master lord, if on_one_hand to_be error in/on/among
the/this/who a_people this/he/she/it, and to_sin toward
the/this/who God he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπισκεψόμεθα⟧
the/this/who/which, one to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self
stumbling_block this/he/she/it, and ⟦ἀναβησόμεθα⟧, and
⟦ἐκπολεμήσομεν⟧ he/she/it/self. **21** if but/and no to_be
lawlessness in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation
he/she/it/self, to_pass_by so the/this/who lord I/we, lest
⟦ὑπερασπίσῃ⟧ the/this/who lord he/she/it/self and
the/this/who God he/she/it/self above/for he/she/it/self, and
to_be toward reproach against/in_front_of all the/this/who
earth. **22** and to_be which/how to_cease Akiōr to_speak
the/this/who word this/he/she/it, and ⟦ἐγόγγυσε⟧ all
the/this/who a_people the/this/who ⟦κυκλῶν⟧ the/this/who
tent and ⟦περιεστώς⟧; and to_say the/this/who great_man
Olofernou, and all the/this/who to_dwell the/this/who coastal
and the/this/who Mōab, ⟦συγκόψαι⟧ he/she/it/self, **23** no for
⟦φοβηθησόμεθα⟧ away_from son Israaʸl; look! for a_people
in/on/among which no he_is power, and_not power toward
⟦παράταξιν⟧ strong. **24** for so ⟦ἀναβησόμεθα⟧, and to_be toward
a_thing_devoured all the/this/who army you, master
Oloferna ʸ.

6:1 and which/how to_keep_from the/this/who commotion
the/this/who man the/this/who surrounding the/this/who
⟦συνεδρείας⟧, and to_say Olofernaʸs the/this/who
commander-in-chief power Assour to/with Akiōr against/in_
_front_of all of_the ⟦δήμου⟧ ⟦ἀλλοφύλων⟧, and to/with all son
Mōab, **2** and one/which? to_be you, Akiōr, and the/this/who
⟦μισθωτοὶ⟧ of_the Efraim, that/since ⟦προεφήτευσας⟧
in/on/among I/we as/just_as today, and to_say the/this/who
family Israaʸl not to_fight, that/since the/this/who God
he/she/it/self ⟦ὑπερασπιεῖ⟧ he/she/it/self? and one/which?
the/this/who God if not Nabouḳodonosor? **3** this/he/she/it to_
_send the/this/who power
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐξολοθρεύσει⟧
he/she/it/self away_from face the/this/who earth, and no to_
_deliver he/she/it/self the/this/who God he/she/it/self; but
I/we the/this/who slave
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_strike
he/she/it/self which/how a_human one, and no
⟦ὑποστήσονται⟧ the/this/who power the/this/who horse I/we.
4 ⟦Κατακαύσομεν⟧ for he/she/it/self in/on/among
he/she/it/self, and the/this/who mountain he/she/it/self
⟦μεθυσθήσεται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who blood
he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦πεδία⟧ he/she/it/self to_
_fulfill dead he/she/it/self; and no ⟦ἀντιστήσεται⟧
the/this/who track the/this/who foot he/she/it/self
according_to face I/we, but destruction to_destroy, to_speak
the/this/who king Nabouḳodonosor the/this/who lord all
the/this/who earth; to_say for, no ⟦ματαιωθήσεται⟧
the/this/who declaration the/this/who word

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Holofernes sends Ahior to Betulia

6:1 And when the disturbance of the men that were around the council had ceased, Holofernes the chief captain of Ashur's (Assyria's) army said to Ahior and to all the children of Moav[3] before all the people of the foreigners:

2 "And who are you, Ahior, and the mercenaries of Efrayim (Ephraim),[4] that you've prophesied among us as today, and have said that we shouldn't make war with the race of Yisrael, because their god will defend them? And who's God but Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar)? **3** He'll send forth his might, and will destroy them from the face of the earth, and their god won't deliver them; but we his servants will strike them as one man. They won't sustain the might of our cavalry. **4** Because with them we'll burn them up. Their mountains will be drunken with their blood. Their plains will be filled with their dead bodies. Their footsteps won't stand before us, but they'll surely perish, says King Nevukadnetsar, lord of all the earth; for he said, 'The words that I've spoken[5] won't be in vain.'

5 But you, Ahior, hireling of Amon, who've spoken these words in the day of your iniquity, will see my face no more from this day, until I'm avenged of the race of those that came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **6** And then the sword of my army, and the multitude of those who serve me, will pass through your sides, and you'll fall among their slain when I return. **7** Then my servants will bring you back into the hill country, and will set you in one of the cities by the passes. **8** You won't perish until you're de-

3 **RV 6:1 · Note** Some authorities read Ammon. Compare ver. 5.

4 **RV 6:2 · Note** Some authorities read Ammon. Compare ver. 5.

5 **RV 6:4 · Note** Grk. he has spoken.

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stroyed with them. 9 And if you hope in your heart that they won't be taken, don't let your face fall. I've spoken it, and none of my words will fall to the ground."

10 Then Holofernes commanded his servants who waited in his tent to take Ahior, and bring him back to Betulia, and deliver him into the hands of the Israeli people (Israel). 11 So his servants took him, and brought him out of the camp into the plain, and they moved from the middle of the plains into the hill country, and came to the springs that were under Betulia. 12 When the men of the city saw them on the top of the hill, they took up their weapons, and went out of the city against them to the top of the hill. Every man that used a sling kept them from coming up, and threw stones at them. 13 They took cover under the hill, bound Ahior, threw him down, left him at the foot of the hill, and went away to their lord.

14 But the Israeli people descended from their city, and came to him, untied him, led him away into Betulia, and presented him to the rulers of their city, 15 which were in those days Ozias the son of Mikah, of the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon), and Chabris the son of Otniel, and Charmis the son of Malkiel. 16 Then they called together all the elders of the city; and all their young men ran together, with their women, to the assembly. They set Ahior among all their people. Then Ozias asked him what had happened. 17 He answered and declared to them the words of the council of Holofernes, and all the words that he'd spoken among the princes of the children of Ashur (Assyria), and all the great words that Holofernes had spoken against the house of Yisrael. 18 Then the people fell down and worshipped God, and cried, saying, 19 "Oh master God of heaven, look at their arrogance, and pity the low estate of our race. Look on the face of those who are sanctified to you this day." 20 They comforted Ahior, and praised him highly. 21 Then Ozias took him out of the assembly into his house, and made a feast for the elders. They called on the god of Yisrael for help all that night.

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 5 you but/and Aḳiōr ⟦μισθωτὲ⟧ of_the Ammōn, which ⟦ἐλάλησας⟧ the/this/who word this/he/she/it in/on/among day unrighteousness you, no to_see still the/this/who face I/we away_from the/this/who day this/he/she/it, until which/whither to_avenge the/this/who family the/this/who out_from Aiguptou. 6 and then to_pass_through the/this/who iron the/this/who army I/we, and the/this/who a_people the/this/who ⟦θεραπόντων⟧ I/we the/this/who ⟦πλευράς⟧ you, and to_collapse in/on/among the/this/who ⟦τραυματίαις⟧ he/she/it/self, when(-ever) to_turn. 7 and ⟦ἀποκαταστήσουσί⟧ you the/this/who slave I/we toward the/this/who hilly, and ⟦θήσουσί⟧ you in/on/among one the/this/who city the/this/who ⟦ἀναβάσεων⟧, 8 and no ⟦ἀπολῇ⟧ until which/whither ⟦ἐξολοθρευθῇς⟧ with/after he/she/it/self. 9 and if_so/since ⟦ἐλπίζεις⟧ the/this/who heart your that/since no ⟦λημφθήσονται⟧, not ⟦συμπεσέτω⟧ you the/this/who face; to_speak, and none ⟦διαπεσεῖται⟧ the/this/who declaration I/we. 10 and to_order Oloferna^{y}s the/this/who slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who/which to_be ⟦παρεστηκότες⟧ in/on/among the/this/who tent he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_ _seize/conceive/help the/this/who Aḳiōr, and ⟦ἀποκαταστῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self toward Betuloua, and to_ _deliver toward hand son Israa^{y}l. 11 and to_ _seize/conceive/help he/she/it/self the/this/who slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_bring he/she/it/self out/outside(r) the/this/who barracks toward the/this/who a_plain, and ⟦ἀπῆραν⟧ out_from midst the/this/who ⟦πεδινῆς⟧ toward the/this/who hilly, and to_ _come upon/to/against the/this/who flow the/this/who/which to_be under Betuloua. 12 and which/how to_perceive he/she/it/self the/this/who man the/this/who city upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κορυφὴν⟧ of_the mountain, ⟦ἀνέλαβον⟧ the/this/who weapon he/she/it/self, and to_go_away out/outside(r) the/this/who city upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κορυφὴν⟧ of_the mountain; and all man a_slinger ⟦διεκράτησαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀνάβασιν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_throw in/on/among stone upon/to/against he/she/it/self. 13 and ⟦ὑποδύσαντες⟧ under of_the mountain, to_bind the/this/who Aḳiōr, and to_release ⟦ἐῤῥιμμένον⟧ by/under the/this/who root of_the mountain, and ⟦ἀπῴχοντο⟧ to/with the/this/who lord he/she/it/self. 14 to_come/go_down but/and son Israa^{y}l out_from the/this/who city he/she/it/self to_approach he/she/it/self, and to_loose he/she/it/self to_lead_away toward the/this/who Betuloua, and ⟦κατέστησαν⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who ruler the/this/who city he/she/it/self, 15 the/this/who/which to_be in/on/among the/this/who day that, Ozias the/this/who of_the Miḳa out_from the/this/who tribe Sumeōn, and ⟦Ἀβρὶς⟧ the/this/who of_the Gothonia^{y}l, and Ḳarmis son Melḳia^{y}l. 16 and to_call_together all the/this/who elder the/this/who city; and to_flock all young_ _man he/she/it/self and the/this/who/which woman toward the/this/who assembly; and to_stand the/this/who Aḳiōr in/on/among midst all of_the a_people he/she/it/self; and to_ _question he/she/it/self Ozias the/this/who ⟦συμβεβηκός⟧. 17 and to_answer to_announce he/she/it/self the/this/who

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declaration the/this/who ⟦συνεδρίας⟧ Olofernou, and all the/this/who declaration just_as/how_much to_speak in/on/among midst the/this/who ruler son Assour, and just_ _as/how_much ⟦ἐμεγαλορῥημόνησεν⟧ Oloferna^{y}s toward the/this/who house Israa^{y}l. **18** and to_collapse the/this/who a_ _people to_worship the/this/who God, and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ to_ _speak, **19** lord the/this/who God of_the heaven, ⟦κάτιδε⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφανείας⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_have_mercy the/this/who lowliness of_the family I/we, and ⟦ἐπίβλεψον⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who face the/this/who ⟦ἡγιασμένων⟧ you in/on/among the/this/who day this/he/she/it. **20** and to_plead/comfort the/this/who Akiōr, and ⟦ἐπήνεσαν⟧ he/she/it/self very. **21** and to_take he/she/it/self Ozias out_from the/this/who assembly toward house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_ _do/make ⟦πότον⟧ the/this/who elder; and ⟦ἐπεκαλέσαντο⟧ the/this/who God Israa^{y}l toward help all the/this/who night that.

7:1 the/this/who but/and the_next_day to_order Oloferna^{y}s all the/this/who army he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who/which to_come upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦συμμαχίαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἀναζευγνύειν⟧ upon/to/against Betuloua, and the/this/who ⟦ἀναβάσεις⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὀρεινῆς⟧ ⟦προκαταλαμβάνεσθαι⟧, and to_do/make war to/with the/this/who son Israa^{y}l. **2** and ⟦ἀνέζευξεν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who day that all man able he/she/it/self; and the/this/who power he/she/it/self man ⟦πολεμιστῶν⟧, thousand man ⟦πεζῶν⟧ hundred seventy, and ⟦ἱππέων⟧ thousand twelve, without the/this/who ⟦ἀποσκευῆς⟧, and the/this/who man the/this/who/which to_ _be ⟦πεζοὶ⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self, multitude much very. **3** and ⟦παρενέβαλον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦αὐλῶνι⟧ near/neighbour Betuloua upon/to/against the/this/who flow, and ⟦παρέτειναν⟧ toward breadth upon/to/against Dōthaim and until ⟦Βελθὲμ⟧, and toward length away_from Betuloua until ⟦Κυαμῶνος⟧, the/this/who/which to_be opposite ⟦Ἐσδρηλώμ⟧. **4** the/this/who but/and son Israa^{y}l, which/how to_perceive he/she/it/self the/this/who multitude, to_trouble very; and to_say each to/with the/this/who near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, now ⟦ἐκλείξουσιν⟧ this/he/she/it the/this/who face the/this/who earth all, and neither the/this/who mountain the/this/who high, neither the/this/who/which ⟦φάραγγες⟧, neither the/this/who ⟦βουνοὶ⟧ ⟦ὑποστήσονται⟧ the/this/who burden he/she/it/self. **5** and to_take_up each the/this/who vessel the/this/who ⟦πολεμικὰ⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀνακαύσαντες⟧ ⟦πυρὰς⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦πύργους⟧ he/she/it/self, to_ _stay to_keep/guard all the/this/who night that. **6** the/this/who but/and day the/this/who secondly to_lead_ _out Oloferna^{y}s all the/this/who ⟦ἵππον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there according_to face the/this/who son Israa^{y}l the/this/who/which to_be in/on/among Betuloua, **7** and to_visit/care_for the/this/who ⟦ἀναβάσεις⟧ the/this/who city he/she/it/self, and the/this/who flow the/this/who water he/she/it/self

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Holofernes surrounds Betulia

7:1 The next day Holofernes commanded all his army and all the people who'd come to be his allies, that they should move their camp towards Betulia, seize the passes of the hill country, and make war against the Israeli people. **2** Every mighty man of them moved that day. The army of their men of war was one hundred and seventy thousand footmen, plus twelve thousand horsemen, besides the baggage and the men who were on foot among them—a very great multitude. **3** They encamped in the valley near Betulia, by the fountain. They spread themselves in breadth over Dotan even to Belmaim, and in length from Betulia to Kuamon, which is near Yizre'el (Jezreel).

4 But the Israeli people, when they saw the multitude of them, were terrified, and everyone said to his neighbour, "Now these men will lick up the face of all the earth. Neither the high mountains, nor the valleys, nor the hills will be able to bear their weight. **5** Every man took up his weapons of war, and when they'd kindled fires on their towers, they remained and watched all that night.

6 But on the second day Holofernes led out all his cavalry in the sight of the Israeli people which were in Betulia, **7** viewed the ascents to their city, and searched out the springs of the waters, seized on them, and set garrisons of men of war over them. Then he departed back to his people.

8 All the rulers of the children of Esav (Esau), all the leaders of the people of Moav (Moab), and the captains of the sea coast came to him and said, **9** "Let our lord now hear a word, that there not be losses in your army. **10** Because this people of the Israeli people don't trust in their spears, but in the height of the mountains wherein they live, for it isn't easy to come up to the tops of their mountains. **11** And now, my lord, don't fight against them as men fight who join battle, and there won't so much as one man of your people perish. **12** Remain in your camp, and keep every man of your army safe. Let your servants get possession of the water spring, which flows from the foot of the moun-

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tain, 13 because all the inhabitants of Betulia get their water from there. Then thirst will kill them, and they'll give up their city. Then we and our people will go up to the tops of the mountains that are near, and will camp on them, to watch that not one man gets out of the city. 14 They'll be consumed with famine—they, their wives, and their children. Before the sword comes against them they'll be laid low in the streets where they live. 15 And you'll pay them back with evil, because they rebelled, and didn't meet your face in peace."

16 Their words were pleasing in the sight of Holofernes and in the sight of all his servants; and he ordered them to do as they'd spoken. 17 And the army of the children of Amon moved, and with them five thousand of the children of Ashur (Assyria), and they encamped in the valley. They seized the waters and the springs of the waters of the Israeli people. 18 The children of Esav (Esau) went up with the children of Amon, and encamped in the hill country near Dotan. They sent some of them towards the south, and towards the east, near Ekrebel, which is near Chusi, that's on the brook Mochmur. The rest of the army of the Assyrians encamped in the plain, and covered all the face of the land. Their tents and baggage were pitched on it in a great crowd. They were a very great multitude.

The thirsty people demand surrender

19 The Israeli people cried to the master their god, for their spirit fainted; for all their enemies had surrounded them. There was no way to escape out from among them. 20 All Ashur's army remained around them, their footmen and their chariots and their horsemen, for thirty-four days. All their vessels of water ran dry for all the inhabitants of Betulia. 21 The cisterns were emptied, and they had no water to drink their fill for one day; for they rationed drink by measure. 22 Their young children were discouraged. The women and the young men fainted for thirst. They fell down in the streets of the city, and in the passages of the gates. There was no longer any strength in them.

23 All the people, including the young men, the women, and the children, were gathered together against Ozias, and against the rulers of the city. They cried with a loud voice, and said before all the elders, 24 "God be judge between all of you and us, because you've done us great wrong, in that you haven't spoken words of peace with the children of Ashur. 25 Now we have no helper; but God has sold us into their hands, that we should be laid low before them with thirst and great destruction. 26 And now summon them, and deliver up the whole city as prey to Holofernes' people, and to all his army. 27 Because it's better for us to be captured by them. Because we'll be servants, and our souls will live, and we won't see the death of our babies before our eyes, and our wives and our children fainting in death. 28 We take to witness against you the heaven and the earth, and our god and the master of our fathers, who punishes us according to our sins and the sins of our fathers. Do what we've said today!"

29 And there was great weeping of all with one consent in the assembly; and they cried to the master God with a loud voice.

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⟦ἐφώδευσε⟧, and ⟦προκατελάβετο⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπέστησεν⟧ he/she/it/self barracks man ⟦πολεμιστῶν⟧, and he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνέζευξεν⟧ toward the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 8 and to_come_ _near/agree he/she/it/self all the/this/who ruler the/this/who son Haʸsau, and all the/this/who to_govern of_ _the a_people Mōab, and the/this/who officer/magistrate the/this/who ⟦παραλίας⟧, to_say, 9 to_hear so word the/this/who master I/we, in_order_that/to not to_be outbreak in/on/among the/this/who power you. 10 the/this/who for a_people this/he/she/it the/this/who son Israaʸl no ⟦πέποιθαν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦δόρασιν⟧ he/she/it/self, but upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ὕψεσι⟧ the/this/who mountain he/she/it/self, in/on/among which he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνοικοῦσιν⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self; no for to_be ⟦εὐχερὲς⟧ ⟦προσβῆναι⟧ the/this/who ⟦κορυφαῖς⟧ the/this/who mountain he/she/it/self. 11 and now, master, not to_fight to/with he/she/it/self, as/just_as to_be war ⟦παρατάξεως⟧, and no to_ _collapse out_from of_the a_people you man one. 12 ⟦Ἀνάμεινον⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who barracks you, ⟦διαφυλάσσων⟧ all man out_from the/this/who power you, and ⟦ἐπικρατησάτωσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦παῖδές⟧ you the/this/who flow of_the water, the/this/who/which to_ _depart out_from the/this/who root of_the mountain, 13 because from_there ⟦ὑδρεύονται⟧ all the/this/who to_dwell Betuloua, and to_do_away_with he/she/it/self the/this/who thirst, and ⟦ἐκδώσουσι⟧ the/this/who city my/your/him-self; and I/we and the/this/who a_people I/we ⟦ἀναβησόμεθα⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who near/neighbour ⟦κορυφὰς⟧ the/this/who mountain, and ⟦παρεμβαλοῦμεν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self toward ⟦προφυλακὴν⟧, of_the not to_go_out out_from the/this/who city man one. 14 and ⟦τακήσονται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who hunger he/she/it/self, and the/this/who/which woman he/she/it/self, and the/this/who child he/she/it/self; and before to_come/go the/this/who sword upon/to/against he/she/it/self, ⟦καταστρωθήσονται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who wide the/this/who ⟦οἰκήσεως⟧ he/she/it/self, 15 and ⟦ἀνταποδώσεις⟧ he/she/it/self repayment evil/bad, for which ⟦ἐστασίασαν⟧, and no to_meet the/this/who face you in/on/among peace. 16 and ⟦ἤρεσαν⟧ the/this/who word he/she/it/self before Olofernou, and before all the/this/who ⟦θεραπόντων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦συνέταξαν⟧ to_do/make as/just_as to_speak. 17 and ⟦ἀπῆρε⟧ barracks son Ammōn, and with/after he/she/it/self thousand five son Assour; and ⟦παρενέβαλον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦αὐλῶνι⟧, and ⟦προκατελάβοντο⟧ the/this/who water, and the/this/who flow the/this/who water the/this/who son Israaʸl. 18 and to_ascend son Haʸsau, and the/this/who son Ammōn, and ⟦παρενέβαλον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who hilly opposite Dōthaim, and to_send out_from he/she/it/self to/with south and ⟦ἀπηλιώτην⟧ opposite ⟦Ἐκρεβὴλ⟧, the/this/who/which he_is near/neighbour Kush/a_coos/dust, the/this/who/which to_be upon/to/against of_the brook Moḳmour; and the/this/who ⟦λοιπὴ⟧ army the/this/who Assuriōn ⟦παρενέβαλον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πεδίῳ⟧, and ⟦ἐκάλυψαν⟧ all the/this/who face

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the/this/who earth; and the/this/who/which ⟦σκηναὶ⟧ and
the/this/who/which ⟦ἁπαρτίαι⟧ he/she/it/self
⟦κατεστρατοπέδευσαν⟧ in/on/among crowd much, and to_be
toward multitude much very. **19** and the/this/who son Israaʸl
⟦ἀνεβόησαν⟧ to/with lord God he/she/it/self, that/since
⟦ὠλιγοψύχησε⟧ the/this/who spirit/breath he/she/it/self,
that/since to_surround all the/this/who enemy he/she/it/self,
and no to_be ⟦διαφυγεῖν⟧ out_from midst he/she/it/self.
20 and to_stay surrounding he/she/it/self all barracks Assour,
the/this/who ⟦πεζοὶ⟧ and the/this/who ⟦ἅρματα⟧ and
the/this/who horseman he/she/it/self, day
⟦τριακοντατέσσαρας⟧; and ⟦ἐξέλιπε⟧ all the/this/who to_dwell
Betuloua all the/this/who ⟦ἀγγεῖα⟧ he/she/it/self
the/this/who water. **21** and the/this/who ⟦λάκκοι⟧
⟦ἐξεκενοῦντο⟧, and no to_have/be to_drink toward
gratification water day one, that/since in/on/among measure
to_give he/she/it/self to_drink. **22** and ⟦ἠθύμησαν⟧
the/this/who ⟦νήπια⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who/which
woman he/she/it/self and the/this/who young_man
⟦ἐξέλιπον⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦δίψης⟧; and ⟦ἔπιπτον⟧
in/on/among the/this/who wide the/this/who city, and
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦διόδοις⟧ the/this/who gate, and
no to_be fortification still in/on/among he/she/it/self. **23** and
⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧ all the/this/who a_people upon/to/against
Ozian and the/this/who ruler the/this/who city, the/this/who
young_man and the/this/who/which woman and
the/this/who child, and ⟦ἀνεβόησαν⟧ voice/sound great, and
to_say against/in_front_of all the/this/who elder, **24** to_judge
the/this/who God ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ I/we and you, that/since to_
do/make in/on/among I/we unrighteousness; great, no to
_speak ⟦εἰρηνικὰ⟧ with/after the/this/who son Assour. **25** and
now no he_is a_helper I/we, but to_sell I/we the/this/who God
toward the/this/who hand he/she/it/self, of_the
⟦καταστρωθῆναι⟧ against/in_front_of he/she/it/self
in/on/among ⟦δίψῃ⟧ and destruction great. **26** and now
⟦ἐπικαλέσασθε⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἔκδοσθε⟧ the/this/who
city all toward ⟦προνομὴν⟧ the/this/who a_people Olofernou,
and all the/this/who power
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **27** greater for I/we
to_be he/she/it/self toward ⟦διαρπαγήν⟧; to_be for toward
slave, and to_live the/this/who soul I/we, and no to_see
the/this/who death the/this/who child I/we in/on/among eye
I/we, and the/this/who woman and the/this/who child I/we
⟦ἐκλειπούσας⟧ the/this/who soul he/she/it/self.
28 ⟦Μαρτυρόμεθα⟧ you the/this/who heaven and the/this/who
earth and the/this/who God I/we, and lord the/this/who
father I/we, which ⟦ἐκδικεῖ⟧ I/we according_to the/this/who
sin I/we, and according_to the/this/who sin the/this/who
father I/we, in_order_that/to not to_do/make according_to
the/this/who declaration this/he/she/it in/on/among
the/this/who day the/this/who today; **29** and to_be weeping
great in/on/among midst the/this/who assembly all united,
and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ to/with lord the/this/who God voice/sound
great. **30** and to_say to/with he/she/it/self Ozias, take_heart
brother, ⟦διακαρτερήσωμεν⟧ still five day, in/on/among which
to_turn lord the/this/who God I/we the/this/who mercy
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against I/we;
no for ⟦ἐγκαταλείψει⟧ I/we toward goal/tax. **31** if but/and

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30 And Ozias said to them, "Brethren, be of good courage! Let us endure five more days, during which the master our god will turn his mercy towards us; for he won't forsake us utterly. **31** But if these days pass, and no help comes to us, I'll do what you say." **32** Then he dispersed the people, every man to his own camp; and they went away to the walls and towers of their city. He sent the women and children into their houses. They were brought very low in the city.

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Yehudit challenges the leaders to trust God

8:1 In those days Yehudit (Judith) heard about this. She was the daughter of Merari, the son of Ox, the son of Yosef (Joseph), the son of Uziel, the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Hananyah, the son of Gid'on, the son of Raphaim, the son of Ahituv, the son of Elihu, the son of Eliav, the son of Netanel, the son of Shelumiel, the son of Salasadai, the son of Yisrael (Israel). **2** Her husband was Menasheh (Manasseh), of her tribe and of her family. He died in the days of barley harvest. **3** Because he stood over those who bound sheaves in the field, and was overcome by the burning heat, and he fell on his bed, and died in his city Betulia. So they buried him with his fathers in the field which is between Dotan and Ba'al-Hamon. **4** Yehudit was a widow in her house three years and four months. **5** She made herself a tent on the roof of her house, and put on sackcloth on her loins. The clothes of her widowhood were on her. **6** And she fasted all the days of her widowhood, except the eves of the Sabbaths, the Sabbaths, the eves of the new moons, the new moons, and the feasts and joyful days of the house of Yisrael. **7** She was beautiful in appearance, and lovely to look at. Her husband Menasheh had left her gold, silver, male servants, female servants, cattle, and lands. She remained on those lands. **8** No one said anything evil about her, for she feared God greatly.

9 She heard the evil words of the people against the governor, because they fainted for lack of water; and Yehudit heard all the words that Ozias spoke to them, how he swore to them that he'd deliver the city to the Assyrians after five days. **10** So she sent her maid, who was over all things that she had, to summon Ozias, Chabris, and Charmis, the elders of her city. **11** They came to her, and she said to them, "Hear me now, Oh you rulers of the inhabitants of Betulia! Because your word that you've spoken before the people this day isn't right. You've set the oath which you've pronounced between God and you, and have promised to deliver the city to our enemies, unless within these days the master turns to help you. **12** Now who are you that you've tested God this day, and stand in the place of God among the children of men? **13** Now try the master Almighty, and you'll never know anything. **14** Because you won't find the depth of the heart of man, and you won't perceive the things that he thinks. How will you search out God, who's made all these things, and know his mind, and comprehend his purpose? No, my kindred, don't provoke the master our god to anger! **15** Because if he hasn't de-

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⟦διέλθωσιν⟧ this/he/she/it, and not to_come/go upon/to/against I/we help, to_do/make according_to the/this/who declaration you. **32** and to_scatter the/this/who a_people toward the/this/who my/your/him-self barracks; and upon/to/against the/this/who wall and the/this/who ⟦πύργους⟧ the/this/who city he/she/it/self to_go_away, and the/this/who woman and the/this/who child toward the/this/who house he/she/it/self to_send_out/away; and to_ _be in/on/among lowliness/to_humble much in/on/among the/this/who city.

8:1 and to_hear in/on/among that the/this/who day Youdith, daughter Merari, son Ōx, son Yōsa^{y}f, son Ozia^{y}l, son Helkia, son Elijah/sun, son Ḳelkiou, son Eliab, son Nathanaa^{y}l, son Salamia^{y}l, son Sarasadai, son Israa^{y}l. **2** and the/this/who man he/she/it/self Manassa^{y}s, the/this/who tribe he/she/it/self, and the/this/who family_line he/she/it/self, and to_die in/on/among day harvest barley; **3** to_approach for upon/to/against of_the ⟦δεσμεύοντος⟧ the/this/who a_sheaf in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πεδίῳ⟧, and the/this/who heat to_come/go upon/to/against the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_collapse upon/to/against the/this/who bed, and to_decease in/on/among Betuloua the/this/who city he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_bury he/she/it/self with/after the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among the/this/who field the/this/who ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ Dōthaim and ⟦Βελαμών⟧. **4** and to_be Youdith in/on/among the/this/who house he/she/it/self ⟦χηρεύουσα⟧ year three and month four. **5** and to_do/make my/your/him-self tent upon/to/against of_ _the housetop of_the house he/she/it/self, and to_put/lay_on upon/to/against the/this/who loins he/she/it/self ⟦σάκκον⟧; and to_be upon/to/against he/she/it/self the/this/who clothing the/this/who ⟦χηρεύσεως⟧ he/she/it/self. **6** and ⟦ἐνήστευε⟧ all the/this/who day ⟦χηρεύσεως⟧ he/she/it/self without ⟦προσαββάτων⟧, and Sabbath, and ⟦προνουμηνιῶν⟧, and ⟦νουμηνιῶν⟧, and ⟦ἑορτῶν⟧, and ⟦χαρμοσυνῶν⟧ house Israa^{y}l. **7** and to_be good the/this/who appearance, and beautiful/timely the/this/who to_see very; and ⟦ὑπελείπετο⟧ he/she/it/self Manassa^{y}s the/this/who man he/she/it/self gold and money, and child and maidservant, and animal and field, and to_stay upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **8** and no to_ _be which ⟦ἐπήνεγκεν⟧ he/she/it/self declaration evil/bad, that/since to_fear the/this/who God very. **9** and to_hear the/this/who declaration of_the a_people the/this/who evil/bad upon/to/against the/this/who ruler, that/since ⟦ὠλιγοψύχησαν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦σπάνει⟧ the/this/who water; and to_hear all the/this/who word Youdith which to_speak to/with he/she/it/self Ozias, which/how to_swear he/she/it/self ⟦παραδώσειν⟧ the/this/who city with/after day five the/this/who Assuriois. **10** and ⟦ἀποστείλασα⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἄβραν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ἐφεστῶσαν⟧ all the/this/who to_be he/she/it/self, to_call Ozian and Ḳabrin and Ḳarmin the/this/who elder the/this/who city he/she/it/self. **11** and to_come/go to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_ _say to/with he/she/it/self, to_hear so I/we ruler

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the/this/who to_dwell in/on/among Betuloua; that/since no right the/this/who word you which to_speak against/in_front_ _of of_the a_people in/on/among the/this/who day this/he/she/it, and ⟦ἐστήσατε⟧ the/this/who oath which to_ _speak ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ of_the God and you, and to_say ⟦ἐκδώσειν⟧ the/this/who city the/this/who ⟦ἐχθροῖς⟧ you, if not in/on/among he/she/it/self to_turn the/this/who lord to_help I/we. **12** and now which? to_be you the/this/who/which ⟦ἐπειράσατε⟧ the/this/who God in/on/among the/this/who day the/this/who today, and ⟦ἵστασθε⟧ above/for of_the God in/on/among midst son a_human? **13** and now lord ⟦παντοκράτορα⟧ ⟦ἐξετάζετε⟧, and none to_come_to_know until of_the an_age; **14** that/since depth heart a_human no to_ _find/meet, and word the/this/who mind he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no to_take, and how?/how?! the/this/who God which to_do/make the/this/who all this/he/she/it, ⟦ἐρευνήσετε⟧, and the/this/who mind he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_come_to_know, and the/this/who ⟦λογισμὸν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατανοήσετε⟧? surely_not, brother, not to_anger lord the/this/who God I/we, **15** that/since if not to_plan in/on/among the/this/who five day to_help I/we, he/she/it/self to_have/be the/this/who authority in/on/among which to_will/desire ⟦σκεπάσαι⟧ day, or/than and ⟦ὀλοθρεῦσαι⟧ I/we before face the/this/who enemy I/we. **16** you but/and not ⟦ἐνεχυράζετε⟧ the/this/who plan lord of_the God I/we, that/since no which/how a_human the/this/who God ⟦ἀπειληθῆναι⟧, and_not which/how son a_ _human ⟦διαιτηθῆναι⟧. **17** therefore ⟦ἀναμένοντες⟧ the/this/who from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there salvation, ⟦ἐπικαλεσώμεθα⟧ he/she/it/self toward help I/we, and ⟦εἰσακούσεται⟧ the/this/who voice/sound I/we, if to_be he/she/it/self pleasing. **18** that/since no to_arise in/on/among the/this/who generation I/we, and_not to_be in/on/among the/this/who day the/this/who today neither tribe, neither family_line, neither people, neither city out_from I/we, the/this/who/which ⟦προσκυνοῦσι⟧ God hand-made, just_as to_be in/on/among the/this/who before/previously day, **19** which because_of/grace to_give toward sword and toward ⟦διαρπαγὴν⟧ the/this/who father I/we, and to_collapse corpse great before the/this/who enemy I/we. **20** I/we but/and other God no to_come_to_know but/however he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; whence to_ _hope/expect that/since no ⟦ὑπερόψεται⟧ I/we, and_not away_ _from of_the family I/we. **21** that/since in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ληφθῆναι⟧ I/we, thus(-ly) ⟦καθήσεται⟧ all the/this/who Youdaia, and ⟦προνομευθήσεται⟧ the/this/who holy I/we, and ⟦ζητήσει⟧ the/this/who ⟦βεβήλωσιν⟧ he/she/it/self out_from of_the mouth I/we, **22** and the/this/who murder the/this/who brother I/we, and the/this/who captivity the/this/who earth, and the/this/who ⟦ἐρήμωσιν⟧ the/this/who inheritance I/we to_turn toward head I/we in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation, which/whither if ⟦δουλεύσωμεν⟧ there, and to_be toward stumbling_block and toward disgrace against/in_front_of the/this/who ⟦κτωμένων⟧ I/we; **23** that/since no ⟦κατευθυνθήσεται⟧ the/this/who slavery I/we toward

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cided to help us within these five days, he has power to defend us in such time as he will, or to destroy us before our enemies' face. **16** But don't you pledge the counsels of the master our god! Because God isn't like a human being, that he should be threatened, neither is he like a son of man, that he should be won over by pleading. **17** Therefore let's wait for the salvation that comes from him, and call on him to help us. He'll hear our voice, if it pleases him. **18** Because there arose none in our age, neither is there any of us today, tribe, or kindred, or family, or city, which worship gods made with hands, as it was in the former days; **19** for which cause our fathers were given to the sword, and for plunder, and fell with a great destruction before our enemies. **20** But we know no other god beside him. Therefore we hope that he won't despise us, nor any of our race. **21** Because if we're captured, all Yehudah (Judea) will be captured and our sanctuary will be plundered; and he'll require our blood for profaning it. **22** The slaughter of our kindred, the captivity of the land, and the desolation of our inheritance, he'll bring on our heads among the Gentiles, wherever we'll be in bondage. We'll be an offence and a reproach to those who take us for a possession. **23** Because our bondage won't be ordered to favour; but the master our god will turn it to dishonour. **24** And now, kindred, let's show an example to our kindred, because their soul depends on us, and the sanctuary, the house, and the altar depend on us. **25** Besides all this let's give thanks to the master our god, who tries us, even as he did our fathers also. **26** Remember all the things which he did to Avraham, and all the things in which he tried Yitshak (Isaac), and all the things which happened to Ya'akov (Jacob) in Mesopotamia of Aram (Syria), when he kept the sheep of Lavan (Laban) his mother's brother. **27** Because he hasn't tried us in the fire, as he did them, to search out their hearts, neither has he taken vengeance on us; but the master scourges those who come near to him, to admonish them."

28 And Ozias said to her, "All that you've spoken, you've spoken with a good heart. There's no one who'll deny your words. **29** Because this isn't the first day wherein your wisdom is manifested; but from the beginning of your days all the people have known your understanding, because the disposition of your heart is good. **30** But the people were extremely thirsty, and compelled us to do as we spoke to them, and to bring an oath on ourselves, which we won't break. **31** And now pray for us, because you're a godly woman, and the master will send us rain to fill our cisterns, and we'll faint no more."

Yehudit announces her plan

32 Then Yehudit (Judith) said to them, "Hear me, and I'll do a thing, which will go down to all generations among the children of our race. **33** All of you must stand at the gate tonight. I'll go out with my maid. Within the days after which you said that you'd deliver the city to our enemies, the master will deliver Yisrael (Israel) by my hand. **34** But don't ask what I'm going to do; for I won't tell you until the things are finished that I'll do."

35 Then Ozias and the rulers said to her, "Go in peace. May the

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master God be before you, to take vengeance on our enemies."
36 So they returned from the tent, and went to their stations.

Yehudit prays for help

9:1 But Yehudit fell onto her face, and put ashes on her head, and uncovered the sackcloth with which she was clothed. The incense of that evening was now being offered at Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in God's house, and Yehudit cried to the master with a loud voice, and said, **2** "Oh master God of my father Shim'on (Simeon), into

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because_of/grace. but toward dishonour to_place
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self lord the/this/who God I/we.
24 and now brother ⟦ἐπιδειξώμεθα⟧ the/this/who brother
I/we, that/since out_from I/we to_hang the/this/who soul
he/she/it/self, and the/this/who holy and the/this/who house
and the/this/who altar ⟦ἐπεστήρικται⟧ upon/to/against I/we.
25 from_with this/he/she/it all ⟦εὐχαριστήσωμεν⟧ lord
the/this/who God I/we, which to_test/tempt I/we as/just_as
and the/this/who father I/we. **26** to_remember just_as/how_
_much to_do/make with/after Habra'am, and just_as/how_
_much to_test/tempt the/this/who Isa'ak, and just_as/how_
_much to_be the/this/who Yakōb in/on/among Mesopotamia
the/this/who Surias ⟦ποιμαίνοντι⟧ the/this/who sheep Laban
of_the brother the/this/who mother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **27** that/since no
as/just_as that ⟦ἐπύρωσεν⟧ toward ⟦ἐτασμὸν⟧ the/this/who
heart he/she/it/self, and I/we no to_avenge, but toward
⟦νουθέτησιν⟧ to_whip lord the/this/who ⟦ἐγγίζοντας⟧
he/she/it/self. **28** and to_say to/with
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self Ozias, all just_as/how_much
to_say, good-doer heart ⟦ἐλάλησας⟧, and no to_be which
⟦ἀντιστήσεται⟧ the/this/who word you. **29** that/since no
in/on/among the/this/who today the/this/who wisdom you
obvious to_be, but away_from beginning day you to_know all
the/this/who a_people the/this/who understanding you,
as/just_as good-doer he_is the/this/who formed_thing
the/this/who heart you. **30** but the/this/who a_people
⟦ἐδίψησε⟧ very, and ⟦ἠνάγκασαν⟧ to_do/make I/we as/just_as
to_speak he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀπαγαγεῖν⟧ oath
upon/to/against I/we, which no ⟦παραβησόμεθα⟧. **31** and now
to_pray about I/we, that/since woman pious to_be, and to_send
lord the/this/who rain toward ⟦πλήρωσιν⟧ the/this/who
⟦λάκκων⟧ I/we, and no ⟦ἐκλείψομεν⟧ still. **32** and to_say
to/with he/she/it/self Youdith, to_hear I/we, and to_do/make
thing the/this/who/which ⟦ἀφίξεται⟧ toward generation
generation son of_the family I/we. **33** you ⟦στήσεσθε⟧
upon/to/against the/this/who gate the/this/who night
this/he/she/it, and ⟦ἐξελεύσομαι⟧ I/we with/after
the/this/who ⟦ἅβρας⟧ I/we, and in/on/among the/this/who
day with/after which to_say ⟦παραδώσειν⟧ the/this/who city
the/this/who ⟦ἐχθροῖς⟧ I/we, to_visit/care_for lord
the/this/who Israaʸl in/on/among hand I/we. **34** you but/and
no ⟦ἐξερευνήσετε⟧ the/this/who action I/we, no for to_say
you, until of_the to_finish which I/we to_do/make. **35** and to_
_say Ozias and the/this/who ruler to/with
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, to_travel toward peace, and
lord the/this/who God before your toward vengeance
the/this/who enemy I/we. **36** and ⟦ἀποστρέψαντες⟧ out_from
the/this/who tent, to_travel upon/to/against the/this/who
⟦διατάξεις⟧ he/she/it/self.

9:1 Youdith but/and to_collapse upon/to/against face, and
⟦ἐπέθετο⟧ ⟦σποδὸν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who head
he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐγύμνωσεν⟧ which to_dress ⟦σάκκον⟧; and
to_be now ⟦προσφερόμενον⟧ in/on/among Hierousalaʸm
toward the/this/who house of_the God the/this/who incense
the/this/who evening that; and to_cry_out voice/sound great
Youdith to/with lord, and to_say, **2** lord the/this/who God of_

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_the father I/we Sumeōn, which to_give in/on/among hand sword toward vengeance ⟦ἀλλογενῶν⟧, the/this/who/which ⟦ἔλυσαν⟧ womb virgin toward defilement, and ⟦ἐγύμνωσαν⟧ thigh toward ⟦αἰσχύνην⟧, and ⟦ἐβεβήλωσαν⟧ womb toward disgrace; to_say for, no thus(-ly) to_be, and to_do/make; **3** for which to_give ruler he/she/it/self toward murder, and the/this/who ⟦στρωμνὴν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who/which ⟦ᾐδέσατο⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀπάτην⟧ he/she/it/self, toward blood, and ⟦ἐπάταξας⟧ slave upon/to/against ⟦δυνάσταις⟧, and ruler upon/to/against throne he/she/it/self; **4** and to_give woman he/she/it/self toward ⟦προνομὴν⟧, and daughter toward captivity, and all the/this/who plunder toward ⟦διαίρεσιν⟧ son ⟦ἠγαπημένων⟧ by/under you, the/this/who/which and ⟦ἐζήλωσαν⟧ the/this/who zeal you, and ⟦ἐβδελύξαντο⟧ defilement blood he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπεκαλέσαντό⟧ you toward ⟦βοηθόν⟧; the/this/who God the/this/who God the/this/who my, and ⟦εἰσάκουσον⟧ I/we/my the/this/who widow. **5** you for to_do/make the/this/who ⟦πρότερα⟧ that, and that, and the/this/who afterward, and the/this/who now, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπερχόμενα⟧ ⟦διενοήθης⟧, and to_be which ⟦ἐνενοήθης⟧, **6** and to_stand_by which ⟦ἐβουλεύσω⟧, and to_say, look! be_ _present; all for the/this/who/which road you ready, and the/this/who judgement you in/on/among foreknowledge. **7** look! for Assurioi ⟦ἐπληθύνθησαν⟧ in/on/among power he/she/it/self, ⟦ὑψώθησαν⟧ upon/to/against ⟦ἵππῳ⟧ and ⟦ἀναβάτῃ⟧, ⟦ἐγανρίασαν⟧ in/on/among arm ⟦πεζῶν⟧, ⟦ἤλπισαν⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἀσπίδι⟧ and in/on/among ⟦γαισῷ⟧ and ⟦τόξῳ⟧ and a_sling, and no to_know that/since you to_be lord ⟦συντρίβων⟧ war; lord name you. **8** you ⟦ῥάξον⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who strength in/on/among power you, and ⟦κάταξον⟧ the/this/who power he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who ⟦θυμῷ⟧ you; to_plan for to_ _profane the/this/who holy you, ⟦μιᾶναι⟧ the/this/who tent the/this/who rest of_the name the/this/who glory you, and ⟦καταβαλεῖν⟧ ⟦σιδήρῳ⟧ horn altar you. **9** to_see toward ⟦ὑπερηφανίαν⟧ he/she/it/self, to_send the/this/who wrath you toward head he/she/it/self; to_give in/on/among hand I/we the/this/who widow the/this/who/which ⟦διενοήθην⟧ power, **10** ⟦πάταξον⟧ slave out_from lip deceit I/we upon/to/against ruler, and ruler upon/to/against ⟦θεράποντι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦θραῦσον⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ἀνάστεμα⟧ in/on/among hand female. **11** no for in/on/among multitude the/this/who power you, and_not the/this/who command you in/on/among ⟦ἰσχύουσιν⟧, but to_humble to_be God, ⟦ἐλαττόνων⟧ to_be a_ _helper, a_shielder be_weak, ⟦ἀπεγνωσμένων⟧ a_shelterer, ⟦ἀπηλπισμένων⟧ saviour. **12** yes yes the/this/who God of_the father I/we, and God inheritance Israaʸl, master the/this/who heaven and the/this/who earth, ⟦κτίστα⟧ the/this/who water, king all creation you, you ⟦εἰσάκουσον⟧ the/this/who petition I/we, **13** and to_give word I/we and ⟦ἀπάτην⟧ toward wound and ⟦μώλωπα⟧ he/she/it/self, the/this/who/which according_ _to the/this/who covenant you, and house ⟦ἡγιασμένου⟧ you, and ⟦κορυφῆς⟧ Siōn, and house ⟦κατασχέσεως⟧ son you to_plan ⟦σκληρά⟧. **14** and to_do/make upon/to/against all

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whose hand you gave a sword to take vengeance on the strangers who loosened the belt of a virgin to defile her, uncovered her thigh to her shame, and profaned her womb to her reproach; for you said, 'This mustn't happen;' and they did so. **3** Therefore you gave their rulers to be slain, and their bed, which was ashamed for her who was deceived,[6] to be dyed in blood, and struck the servants with their masters, and the masters on their thrones; **4** and gave their wives for a prey, and their daughters to be captives, and all their spoils to be divided among your dear children; which were moved with zeal for you, and abhorred the pollution of their blood, and called on you for aid. Oh God, Oh my god, hear me also who am a widow. **5** Because you did the things that were before those things, and those things, and such as come after; and you planned the things which are now, and the things which are to come. The things which you planned happened. **6** Yes, the things which you determined stood before you, and said, 'Listen, we're here; for all your ways are prepared, and your judgement is with foreknowledge.' **7** Because the Assyrians are multiplied in their power. They're exalted with horse and rider. They were proud of the strength of their footmen. They've trusted in shield, spear, bow, and sling. They don't know that you're the master who breaks the battles. 'The master' is your name. **8** Break their strength in your power, and bring down their force in your anger; for they intend to profane your sanctuary, and to defile the tabernacle where your glorious name rests, and to destroy the horn of your altar with the sword. **9** Look at their pride, and send your anger on their heads. Give into my hand, which am a widow, the might that I've conceived. **10** Strike by the deceit of my lips the servant with the prince, and the prince with his servant. Break down their arrogance by a woman's hand. **11** Because your power stands not in numbers, nor your might in strong men, but you're a God of the afflicted. You're a helper of the oppressed, a helper of the weak, a protector of the forsaken, a saviour of those who are without hope. **12** Please, please, God of my father, and God of the inheritance of Yisrael, master of the heavens and of the earth, Creator of the waters, King of all your creation, hear my prayer. **13** Make my speech and deceit to be their wound and bruise, who intend hard things against your covenant, your holy house, the top of Tsiyon (Zion), and the house of the possession of your children. **14** Make every nation and tribe of yours to know that you're God, the god of all power and might, and that there's no other who protects the race of Yisrael but you."

6 RV 9:3 · Note Some authorities read which was ashamed for their deceit that they practised.

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Yehudit enters the enemy camp

10:1 When she'd ceased to cry to the god of Yisrael (Israel), and had finished saying all these words, **2** that she rose up where she'd fallen down, called her maid, and went down into the house that she lived on the Sabbath days and on her feast days. **3** She pulled off the sackcloth which she'd put on, took off the clothes of her widowhood, washed her body all over with water, anointed herself with rich ointment, braided the hair of her head, and put a tiara on it. She put on her clothes of gladness, which she used to wear in the days of the life of Menasheh (Manasseh) her husband. **4** She took sandals for her feet, and put on her anklet, bracelets, rings, earrings, and all her jewellery. She made herself very beautiful to deceive the eyes of all men who'd see her. **5** She gave her maid a leather container of wine and a flask of oil, and filled a bag with roasted grain, lumps of figs, and fine bread. She packed all her vessels together, and laid them on her.

6 They went out to the gate of the city of Betulia, and found Ozias and the elders of the city, Chabris and Charmis standing by it. **7** But when they saw her, that her face was altered and her clothing was changed, they were greatly astonished by her beauty and said to her, **8** "May the god of our fathers give you favour, and accomplish your purposes to the glory of the Israeli people, and to the exaltation of Yerushalem (Jerusalem)."

Then she worshipped God, **9** and said to them, "Command that they open the gate of the city for me, and I'll go out to accomplish the things you spoke with me about."

And they commanded the young men to open to her, as she'd spoken; **10** and they did so.

Then Yehudit (Judith) went out, she, and her handmaid with her. The men of the city watched her until she'd gone down the mountain, until she'd passed the valley, and they could see her no more. **11** They went straight onward in the valley. The watch of the Assyrians met her; **12** and they took her, and asked her, "Of what people are you? Where are you coming from? Where are you going?"

She said, "I'm a daughter of the Ivrim (Hebrews). I'm fleeing away from their presence, because they're about to be given you to be consumed. **13** I'm coming into the presence of Holofernes the chief captain of your army, to declare words of truth. I'll show him a way that he can go and win all the hill country, and there won't be lacking of his men one person, nor one life."

14 Now when the men heard her words, and looked at her face, they were astonished by her beauty. They said to her, **15** "You've saved your life, in that you've hurried to come down to the presence of our master. Now come to his tent. Some of us will guide

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the/this/who Gentile_nation you, and all tribe knowledge, of_ _the ⟦εἰδῆσαι⟧ that/since you to_be the/this/who God all power and power, and no to_be another ⟦ὑπερασπίζων⟧ of_the family Israaʸl, if not you.

10:1 and to_be which/how to_cease ⟦βοῶσα⟧ to/with the/this/who God Israaʸl, and ⟦συνετέλεσε⟧ all the/this/who declaration this/he/she/it, **2** and to_arise away_from the/this/who ⟦πτώσεως⟧ and to_call the/this/who ⟦ἄβραν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_come/go_down toward the/this/who house in/on/among which to_remain in/on/among he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who day the/this/who Sabbath, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἑορταῖς⟧ he/she/it/self, **3** and ⟦περιείλατο⟧ the/this/who ⟦σάκκον⟧ which ⟦ἐνεδεδύκει⟧, and ⟦ἐξεδύσατο⟧ the/this/who clothing the/this/who ⟦χηρεύσεως⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦περιεκλύσατο⟧ the/this/who body water, and ⟦ἐχρίσατο⟧ ointment ⟦παχεῖ⟧, and to_direct the/this/who hair the/this/who head he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπέθετο⟧ ⟦μίτραν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and to_put_on the/this/who clothing the/this/who joy he/she/it/self, in/on/among which ⟦ἐστολίζετο⟧ in/on/among the/this/who day the/this/who life of_the man he/she/it/self Manassaʸ; **4** and to_take sandal toward the/this/who foot he/she/it/self, and ⟦περιέθετο⟧ the/this/who ⟦χλιδῶνας⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ψέλλια⟧, and the/this/who ⟦δακτυλίους⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἐνώτια⟧, and all the/this/who world he/she/it/self; and ⟦ἐκαλλωπίσατο⟧ very toward ⟦ἀπάτησιν⟧ eye man, just_as/how_much if to_ _perceive he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **5** and to_give the/this/who handmaiden he/she/it/self ⟦ἀσκοπυτίνην⟧ wine, and ⟦καμψάκην⟧ olive_oil, and bag to_fulfill ⟦ἀλφίτων⟧ and ⟦παλάθης⟧ and bread ⟦καθαρῶν⟧, and ⟦περιεδίπλωσε⟧ all the/this/who ⟦ἀγγεῖα⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_put/lay_on upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **6** and ⟦ἐξήλθοσαν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who gate the/this/who city Betuloua, and ⟦εὗροσαν⟧ ⟦ἐφεστῶτας⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self Ozian, and the/this/who elder the/this/who city Ḳabrin and Ḳarmin. **7** which/how but/and to_perceive he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_ _be ⟦ἠλλοιωμένον⟧ the/this/who face he/she/it/self, and the/this/who robe ⟦μεταβεβληκυῖαν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_ _marvel upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κάλλει⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against much very, and to_say he/she/it/self, **8** the/this/who God the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we to_give you toward because_ _of/grace, and to_perfect the/this/who ⟦ἐπιτηδεύματά⟧ you toward prancing son Hisraaʸl and height Yerousalaʸm; and to_ _worship the/this/who God, **9** and to_say to/with he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐπιτάξατε⟧ to_open I/we the/this/who gate the/this/who city, and ⟦ἐξελεύσομαι⟧ toward ⟦τελείωσιν⟧ the/this/who word, which to_speak with/after I/we/my; and ⟦συνέταξαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦νεανίσκοις⟧ to_open he/she/it/self as/just_as to_speak. **10** and to_do/make thus(-ly); and to_go_out Youdith, he/she/it/self and the/this/who maidservant he/she/it/self with/after

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he/she/it/self; ⟦ἀπεσκόπευον⟧ but/and
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who man
the/this/who city until which/whither to_come/go_down
the/this/who mountain, until to_pass_through the/this/who
⟦αὐλῶνα⟧, and no still to_see/experience
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **11** and to_travel
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦αὐλῶνι⟧ toward straight/upright,
and to_meet he/she/it/self an_advance_guard the/this/who
Assuriōn. **12** and to_seize/conceive/help
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_question, which? to_
_be? and whence/how to_come/go? and where? ⟦πορεύῃ⟧? and
to_say, daughter to_be the/this/who Hebraiōn, and to_run_
_away away_from face he/she/it/self, that/since to_ensue
⟦δίδοσθαι⟧ you toward a_thing_devoured. **13** I/we/and_I to_
_come/go toward the/this/who face Olofernou
⟦ἀρχιστρατήγου⟧ power you, of_the to_report declaration
truth, and to_show before face
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there road according_to
which to_travel, and to_lord_over all the/this/who ⟦ὀρεινῆς⟧,
and no ⟦διαφωνήσει⟧ the/this/who man
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there flesh one, and_not
spirit/breath life. **14** which/how but/and to_hear the/this/who
man the/this/who declaration he/she/it/self, and
⟦κατενόησαν⟧ the/this/who face he/she/it/self, and to_be
against/in_front_of he/she/it/self ⟦θαυμάσιον⟧ the/this/who
⟦κάλλει⟧ very, and to_say to/with
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, **15** ⟦σέσωκας⟧ the/this/who
soul you, ⟦σπεύσασα⟧ to_come/go_down toward face of_the
lord I/we; and now to_come_near/agree upon/to/against
the/this/who tent he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
and away_from I/we ⟦προπέμψουσί⟧ you until to_deliver you
toward the/this/who hand
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **16** if but/and ⟦στῇς⟧
against/in_front_of he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
not to_fear the/this/who heart you, but ⟦ἀνάγγειλον⟧
according_to the/this/who declaration you, and well/well_
_done! you to_do/make. **17** and ⟦ἐπέλεξαν⟧ out_from
he/she/it/self man hundred, and ⟦παρέζευξαν⟧ he/she/it/self
and the/this/who handmaiden he/she/it/self, and to_bring
he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who tent Olofernou.
18 and to_be swarming in/on/among all the/this/who
barracks; ⟦διεβοήθη⟧ for toward the/this/who ⟦σκηνώματα⟧
the/this/who coming he/she/it/self; and to_come/go
⟦ἐκύκλουν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self which/how to_
_stand out/outside(r) the/this/who tent Olofernou, until
⟦προσήγγειλαν⟧ he/she/it/self about he/she/it/self. **19** and to_
_marvel upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κάλλει⟧
he/she/it/self, and to_marvel the/this/who son Israaʸl away_
_from he/she/it/self; and to_say each to/with the/this/who
near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
one/which? to_despise of_the a_people this/he/she/it,
to_have/be in/on/among my/your/him-self woman such_as_
_this? that/since no good to_be ⟦ὑπολείπεσθαι⟧ out_from
he/she/it/self man one, the/this/who/which ⟦ἀφεθέντες⟧ be_
_able ⟦κατασοφίσασθαι⟧ all the/this/who earth; **20** and to_go_
_out the/this/who ⟦παρακαθεύδοντες⟧ Oloferna^{y}, and all

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you until they deliver you into his hands. **16** But when[7] you stand before him, don't be afraid in your heart, but declare to him what you just said, and he'll treat you well." **17** They chose out of them a hundred men, and appointed them to accompany her and her maid; and they brought them to Holofernes' tent.

18 And there was great excitement throughout all the camp, for her coming was reported among the tents. They came and surrounded her as she stood outside Holofernes' tent, until they told him about her. **19** They marvelled at her beauty, and marvelled at the Israeli people (Israel) because of her. Each one said to his neighbour, "Who'd despise these people, who have among them such women? Because it isn't good that one man of them be left, seeing that, if they're let go, they'll be able to deceive the whole earth.

20 Then the guards of Holofernes and all his servants came out and brought her into the tent. **21** And Holofernes was resting on his bed under the canopy, which was woven with purple, gold, emeralds, and precious stones. **22** And they told him about her; and he came out into the space before his tent, with silver lamps going before him. **23** But when Yehudit (Judith) had come before him and his servants, they all marvelled at the beauty of her face. She fell down on her face and bowed down to him, but his servants raised her up.

7 RV 10:16 · Note Grk. if.

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Yehudit wins Holofernes' confidence

11:1 Holofernes said to her, "Woman, take courage. Don't be afraid in your heart; for I never hurt anyone who's chosen to serve Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), the king of all the earth. **2** And now, if your people who live in the hill country hadn't slighted me, I wouldn't have lifted up my spear against them; but they've done these things to themselves. **3** And now tell me why you fled from them and came to us; for you've come to save yourself. Take courage! You'll live tonight, and in the future; **4** for there's no one that'll wrong you, but all will treat you well, as is done to the servants of King Nevukadnetsar my lord."

5 And Yehudit said to him, "Receive your servant's words, and let your handmaid speak in your presence, and I won't lie to my lord tonight. **6** If you'll follow the words of your handmaid, God will bring the thing to pass perfectly with you; and my lord won't fail to accomplish his purposes. **7** As Nevukadnetsar king of all the earth lives, and as his power lives, who's sent you for the preservation of every living thing, not only do men serve him by you, but also the wild animals in the countryside, the cattle, and the birds of the sky will live through your strength, in the time of Nevukadnetsar and of all his house. **8** Because we've heard of your wisdom and the subtle plans of your soul. It's been reported in all the earth that you only are brave in all the kingdom, mighty in knowledge, and wonderful in feats of war. **9** And now as about the matter which Ahior spoke in your council, we've heard his words; for the men of Betulia saved him, and he declared to them all that he'd spoken before you. **10** Therefore, Oh lord and master, don't neglect his word, but lay it up in your heart, for it's true; for our race won't be punished, neither will the sword prevail against them, unless they sin against their god. **11** And now, that my lord may not be defeated and frustrated in his purpose, and that death may fall onto them, their

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the/this/who ⟦θεράποντες⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_bring_in
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self toward the/this/who tent.
21 and to_be Oloferna^{y}s ⟦ἀναπαυόμενος⟧ upon/to/against
the/this/who bed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κωνωπείῳ⟧, the/this/who/which
to_be out_from purple_cloth and gold and ⟦σμαράγδου⟧ and
stone ⟦πολυτελῶν⟧ ⟦καθυφασμένων⟧. **22** and to_report
he/she/it/self about he/she/it/self, and to_go_out toward
the/this/who painted_scenery_at_the_back_of_the_stage, and
window ⟦ἀργυραῖ⟧ to_go/bring_before
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **23** which/how
but/and to_come/go according_to face
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Youdith, and
the/this/who ⟦θεραπόντων⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_marvel all
upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κάλλει⟧ of_the face
he/she/it/self; and ⟦πεσοῦσα⟧ upon/to/against face to_
_worship he/she/it/self, and to_arise
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who slave
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

11:1 and to_say to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self
Oloferna^{y}s, ⟦θάρσησον⟧ woman, not to_fear the/this/who
heart you, that/since I/we no ⟦ἐκάκωσα⟧ a_human who/which
⟦ἠρέτικε⟧ be_a_slave king Nabouḳodonosor all the/this/who
earth. **2** and now the/this/who a_people you the/this/who to_
_dwell the/this/who hilly, if not ⟦ἐφαύλισάν⟧ I/we, no if ⟦ἦρα⟧
the/this/who a_wooden_spear I/we upon/to/against
he/she/it/self, but he/she/it/self my/your/him-self to_
_do/make this/he/she/it. **3** and now to_speak I/we, which?
because_of ⟦ἀπέδρας⟧ away_from he/she/it/self, and to_
come/go to/with I/we? ⟦ἥκεις⟧ for toward salvation; take
heart, in/on/among the/this/who night this/he/she/it to
_live, and toward the/this/who henceforth. **4** no for to_be
which ⟦ἀδικήσει⟧ you, but well/well_done! you to_do/make,
as/just_as to_be the/this/who slave of_the lord I/we king
Nabouḳodonosor. **5** and to_say to/with he/she/it/self Youdith,
to_receive the/this/who declaration the/this/who female_
_slave you, and ⟦λαλησάτω⟧ the/this/who maidservant you
according_to face you, and no ⟦ἀναγγελῶ⟧ lie the/this/who
lord I/we in/on/among the/this/who night this/he/she/it.
6 and if ⟦κατακολουθήσῃς⟧ the/this/who word the/this/who
maidservant you, completely thing to_do/make with/after you
the/this/who God, and no ⟦ἀποπεσεῖται⟧ the/this/who lord
I/we the/this/who ⟦ἐπιτηδευμάτων⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **7** to_live for king
Nabouḳodonosor all the/this/who earth, and to_live
the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
which to_send you toward ⟦κατόρθωσιν⟧ all soul, that/since no
alone/only a_human through/because_of you be_a_slave
he/she/it/self, but and the/this/who wild_animal of_the field,
and the/this/who animal, and the/this/who bird of_the
heaven through/because_of the/this/who strength you
⟦ζήσονται⟧ upon/to/against Nabouḳodonosor, and all
the/this/who house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
8 to_hear for the/this/who wisdom you, and the/this/who
⟦πανουργεύματα⟧ the/this/who soul you, and to_report all

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the/this/who earth, that/since you alone good-doer
in/on/among all kingdom, and able in/on/among higher_
_knowledge, and marvellous in/on/among troops ⟦πολέμου⟧.
9 and now the/this/who word which to_speak Akiōr
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦συνεδρείᾳ⟧ you, to_hear
the/this/who declaration
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that/since
⟦περιεποιήσαντο⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who man Betuloua,
and to_report he/she/it/self all just_as/how_much
⟦ἐξελάλησε⟧ from_with you/your. **10** for, master lord, not
⟦παρέλθῃς⟧ the/this/who word
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, but ⟦κατάθου⟧
he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who heart you,
that/since true to_be; no for ⟦ἐκδικᾶται⟧ the/this/who family
I/we, no ⟦κατισχύει⟧ sword upon/to/against he/she/it/self, if
not ⟦ἁμάρτωσιν⟧ toward the/this/who God he/she/it/self.
11 and now in_order_that/to not to_be the/this/who lord I/we
has_broken_in_upon and ⟦ἄπρακτος⟧, and ⟦ἐπιπεσεῖται⟧ death
upon/to/against face he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατελάβετο⟧
he/she/it/self sin in/on/among which ⟦παροργιοῦσι⟧
the/this/who God he/she/it/self, when_once if to_do/make
⟦ἀτοπίαν⟧. **12** since for ⟦ἐξέλιπεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who
food, and ⟦ἐσπανίσθη⟧ all water, to_plan to_put_on/seize
the/this/who ⟦κτήνεσιν⟧ he/she/it/self, and all just_as/how_
_much to_give_orders he/she/it/self the/this/who God
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦νόμοις⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there not to_eat,
⟦διέγνωσαν⟧ ⟦δαπανῆσαι⟧. **13** and the/this/who ⟦ἀπαρχὰς⟧ of_
_the grain, and the/this/who tenth of_the wine and of_the
olive_oil, which ⟦διεφύλαξαν⟧ ⟦ἁγιάσαντες⟧ the/this/who
priest the/this/who to_stand_by in/on/among Hierousalaʸm
opposite of_the face of_the God I/we, ⟦κεκρίκασιν⟧
⟦ἐξαναλῶσαι⟧, which and_not the/this/who hand be_fit
⟦ἅψασθαι⟧ none the/this/who out_from of_the a_people.
14 and to_send toward Hierousalaʸm, that/since and
the/this/who there to_dwell to_do/make this/he/she/it,
the/this/who ⟦μετοικίσαντας⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who
forgiveness from_with the/this/who ⟦γερουσίας⟧. **15** and to_be
which/how if ⟦ἀναγγείλῃ⟧ he/she/it/self and to_do/make,
⟦δοθήσονταί⟧ you toward destructive in/on/among
the/this/who day that. **16** whence I/we the/this/who female_
_slave you to_come_to_know this/he/she/it all, ⟦ἀπέδρων⟧
away_from face he/she/it/self; and to_send I/we the/this/who
God to_do/make with/after you ⟦πράγματα⟧, upon/to/against
which ⟦ἐκστήσεται⟧ all the/this/who earth just_as/how_much
if to_hear he/she/it/self. **17** that/since the/this/who female_
_slave you godly he_is, and ⟦θεραπεύουσα⟧ night and day
the/this/who God of_the heaven; and now to_stay from_with
you/your, lord I/we, and to_go_out the/this/who female_slave
you according_to night toward the/this/who ⟦φάραγγα⟧, and
to_pray to/with the/this/who God; and to_say I/we when? to_
_do/make the/this/who sin he/she/it/self; **18** and to_come/go
⟦προσανοίσω⟧ you; ⟦ἐξελεύσῃ⟧ with all the/this/who power
you, and no to_be which ⟦ἀντιστήσεταί⟧ you out_from
he/she/it/self. **19** and ⟦ἄξω⟧ you through/because_of midst
the/this/who Jewish/Judea, until of_the to_come/go opposite
Hierousalaʸm; and to_place the/this/who ⟦δίφρον⟧ you
in/on/among midst he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἄξεις⟧ he/she/it/self

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sin has overtaken them, wherewith they'll provoke their god to anger, whenever they do wickedness. **12** Since their food failed them, and all their water was scant, they took counsel to kill their livestock, and determined to consume all those things which God charged them by his laws that they shouldn't eat. **13** They're resolved to spend the first fruits of the grain and the tithes of the wine and the oil, which they'd sanctified and reserved for the priests who stand before our god's face in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), which it isn't fitting for any of the people so much as to touch with their hands. **14** They've sent some to Yerushalem, because they also that live there have done this thing, to bring them permission from the council of elders. **15** When these instructions come to them and they do it, they'll be given to you to be destroyed the same day. **16** Therefore I your servant, knowing all this, fled away from their presence. God sent me to work things with you, at which all the earth will be astonished, even as many as hear it. **17** Because your servant is religious, and serves the god of heaven day and night. Now, my lord, I'll stay with you; and your servant will go out by night into the valley. I'll pray to God, and he'll tell me when they've committed their sins. **18** Then I'll come and tell you. Then you can go out with all your army, and there'll be none of them that'll resist you. **19** And I'll lead you through the middle of Yehudah (Judea), until you come to Yerushalem. I'll set your throne in its centre. You'll drive them as sheep that have no shepherd, and a dog won't so much as open his mouth before you; for these things were told me according to my foreknowledge, and were declared to me, and I was sent to tell you."

20 Her words were pleasing in the sight of Holofernes and of all his servants. They marvelled at her wisdom, and said, **21** "There isn't such a woman from one end of the earth to the other, for beauty of face and wisdom of words."

22 Holofernes said to her, "God did well to send you before the people, that might would be in our hands, and destruction among those who slighted my lord. **23** And now you're beautiful in your face, and wise in your words. If you'll do as you've spoken, your god will be my god, and you'll live in King Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) palace, and will be renowned through the whole earth."

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Yehudit stays in the camp

12:1 He commanded that she should be brought in where his silver vessels were set, and asked that his servants should prepare some of his own delicacies for her, and that she should drink from his own wine.
2 And Yehudit (Judith) said, "I can't eat it, because that could cause me to sin. I'll eat from the supplies I brought with me."
3 And Holofernes said to her, "But if the things that are with you should run out, from where will we be able to give you more like it? Because there's none of your race with us."
4 And Yehudit said to him, "As your soul lives, my lord, your servant won't use up those things that are with me until the master works by my hand the things that he's determined."
5 Then Holofernes' servants brought her into the tent, and she slept until midnight. Then she rose up towards the morning watch, **6** and sent to Holofernes, saying, "Let my lord now command that they allow your servant to go out to pray."
7 Holofernes commanded his guards that they shouldn't stop her. She stayed in the camp three days, and went out every night into the valley of Betulia and washed herself at the fountain of water in the camp. **8** And when she came up, she implored the master God of Yisrael (Israel) to direct her way to the triumph of the children of his people. **9** She came in clean and remained in the tent until she ate her food towards evening.

Holofernes invites Yehudit to a feast

10 On the fourth day, Holofernes made a feast for his own servants only, and called none of the officers to the banquet. **11** And he said to Bagoas the eunuch, who had charge over all that he had, "Go now, and persuade this Ivri (Hebrew) woman who's with you that she come to us, and eat and drink with us. **12** Because listen, it'd be a disgrace if we let such a woman go, not having had her company;

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which/how sheep which no he_is shepherd; and no ⟦γρύξει⟧ dog the/this/who tongue
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there opposite you;
that/since this/he/she/it to_speak I/we according_to
foreknowledge I/we, and to_announce I/we, and to_send to_
_report you. **20** and ⟦ἤρεσαν⟧ the/this/who word
he/she/it/self against/in_front_of Olofernou, and against/in_
_front_of all the/this/who ⟦θεραπόντων⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_marvel
upon/to/against the/this/who wisdom he/she/it/self, and to_
_say, **21** no he_is such_as_this woman away_from end until end
the/this/who earth, good face and understanding word. **22** and
to_say to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self Oloferna^{y}s,
well/well_done! to_do/make the/this/who God to_send you
before of_the a_people, of_the to_be in/on/among hand I/we
power; in/on/among but/and the/this/who ⟦φαυλίσασι⟧
the/this/who lord I/we, destruction. **23** and now ⟦ἀστεῖα⟧ to_
_be you in/on/among the/this/who appearance you, and
good-doer in/on/among the/this/who word you; that/since if
to_do/make as/just_as ⟦ἐλάλησας⟧, the/this/who God you to_
_be I/we God, and you in/on/among house king
Nabouḳodonosor ⟦καθήσῃ⟧, and to_be ⟦ὀνομαστὴ⟧ from_with
all the/this/who earth.

12:1 and to_order to_bring_in
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self which/whither ⟦ἐτίθετο⟧
the/this/who ⟦ἀργυρώματα⟧, and
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_direct
⟦καταστρῶσαι⟧ he/she/it/self away_from the/this/who
⟦ὀψοποιημάτων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and
of_the wine he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_drink.
2 and to_say Youdith, no ⟦φάγομαι⟧ out_from he/she/it/self,
in_order_that/to not to_be stumbling_block, but out_from
the/this/who ⟦ἠκολουθηκότων⟧ I/we ⟦χορηγηθήσεται⟧. **3** and
to_say to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self Oloferna^{y}s, if
but/and to_fail the/this/who to_be with/after you,
whence/how ⟦ἐξοίσομέν⟧ you to_give like he/she/it/self? no
for he_is with/after I/we out_from of_the Gentile_nation you.
4 and to_say Youdith to/with he/she/it/self, to_live
the/this/who soul you, lord I/we, that/since no ⟦δαπανήσι⟧
the/this/who female_slave you the/this/who to_be with/after
I/we/my, until if to_do/make lord in/on/among hand I/we
which ⟦ἐβουλεύσατο⟧. **5** and ⟦ἠγάγοσαν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who ⟦θεράποντες⟧
Olofernou toward the/this/who tent, and ⟦ὕπνωσε⟧ until be_
_in_the_middle the/this/who night; and to_arise to/with
the/this/who ⟦ἑωθινὴν⟧ prison/watch, **6** and to_send to/with
Oloferna^{y}n, to_speak, ⟦ἐπιταξάτω⟧ so the/this/who lord I/we,
⟦ἐᾶσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦δούλην⟧ you upon/to/against prayer
to_go_out. **7** and to_order Oloferna^{y}s the/this/who
⟦σωματοφύλαξι⟧ not ⟦διακωλύειν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; and ⟦παρέμεινεν⟧
in/on/among the/this/who barracks day three, and to_depart
according_to night toward the/this/who ⟦φάραγγα⟧ Betuloua,
and ⟦ἐβαπτίζετο⟧ in/on/among the/this/who barracks
upon/to/against the/this/who flow of_the water. **8** and
which/how to_ascend, ⟦ἐδέετο⟧ of_the lord God Israa^{y}l to_
_guide the/this/who road he/she/it/self toward ⟦ἀνάστεμα⟧

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the/this/who son of_the a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **9** and
⟦εἰσπορευομένη⟧ clean ⟦παρέμενε⟧ the/this/who tent, until
which/whither ⟦προσηνέγκατο⟧ the/this/who food
he/she/it/self to/with evening. **10** and to_be in/on/among
the/this/who day the/this/who fourth, to_do/make Oloferna^{y}s
⟦πότον⟧ the/this/who slave
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there alone, and no to_call
toward the/this/who relations none the/this/who to/with
the/this/who need. **11** and to_say Bagōa the/this/who
⟦εὐνούχῳ⟧, which to_be ⟦ἀφεστηκὼς⟧ upon/to/against all
the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
⟦πεῖσον⟧ so to_travel the/this/who woman the/this/who
Hebraian the/this/who/which he_is from_with you/your, of_
_the to_come/go to/with I/we, and to_eat and to_drink
with/after I/we. **12** look! for shameful the/this/who face I/we,
if woman such_as_this ⟦παρήσομεν⟧ no ⟦ὁμιλήσαντες⟧
he/she/it/self, that/since if this/he/she/it not
⟦ἐπισπασώμεθα⟧, ⟦καταγελάσεται⟧ I/we. **13** and to_go_out
Bagōas away_from face Olofernou, and to_enter to/with
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_say, not ⟦ὀκνησάτω⟧
so the/this/who maidservant the/this/who good
this/he/she/it to_come/go to/with the/this/who lord I/we,
⟦δοξασθῆναι⟧ according_to face
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_drink
with/after I/we toward ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧ wine, and to_be
in/on/among the/this/who day this/he/she/it which/how
daughter one the/this/who son Assour, the/this/who/which
⟦παρεστήκασιν⟧ in/on/among house Nabouḳodonosor. **14** and
to_say to/with he/she/it/self Youdith, and one/which? to_be
I/we ⟦ἀντεροῦσα⟧ the/this/who lord I/we? that/since all
the/this/who/which to_be in/on/among the/this/who eye
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there pleasing, ⟦σπεύσασα⟧
to_do/make, and to_be this/he/she/it a_leap_for_joy until day
death I/we. **15** and ⟦διαναστᾶσα⟧ ⟦ἐκοσμήθη⟧ the/this/who
clothing and all the/this/who world the/this/who feminine;
and to_come_near/agree the/this/who female_slave
he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἔστρωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self before
Olofernou on_the_ground the/this/who ⟦κώδια⟧, which to_
_take from_with Bagōou toward the/this/who ⟦καθημερινὴν⟧
⟦δίαιταν⟧ he/she/it/self, toward the/this/who to_eat
⟦κατακλινομένην⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **16** and to_
_enter to_recline Youdith, and to_amaze the/this/who heart
Olofernou upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self,
and to_shake the/this/who soul
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_be very_eager
very of_the ⟦συγγενέσθαι⟧ with/after he/she/it/self; and
⟦ἐτήρει⟧ time/right_time of_the ⟦ἀπατῆσαι⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, away_from which day to_
_perceive he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **17** and to_say
to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self Oloferna^{y}s, to_drink
so, and ⟦γενήθητι⟧ with/after I/we toward ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧.
18 and to_say Youdith, ⟦πίομαι⟧ so, lord, that/since
⟦ἐμεγαλύνθη⟧ the/this/who to_live I/we in/on/among
I/we/my today from_with all the/this/who day the/this/who
origin I/we. **19** and to_take to_eat and to_drink before
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which to_make_ready
the/this/who female_slave he/she/it/self. **20** and to_celebrate

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for if we don't draw her to ourselves, she'll laugh us to scorn."

13 Bagoas went from the presence of Holofernes, and came in to her, and said, "Let this fair lady not fear to come to my lord, and to be honoured in his presence, and to drink wine and be merry with us, and to be made this day as one of the daughters of the children of Ashur (Assyria) who serve in Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) palace."

14 Yehudit (Judith) said to him, "Who am I, that I should contradict my lord? Because whatever would be pleasing in his eyes, I'll do speedily, and this will be my joy to the day of my death." **15** She arose, and decked herself with her clothing and all her woman's attire; and her servant went and laid fleeces on the ground for her next to Holofernes, which she'd received from Bagoas for her daily use, that she might sit and eat on them.

16 Yehudit came in and sat down, and Holofernes' heart was ravished with her. His passion was aroused, and he greatly desired her company. He was watching for a time to deceive her from the day that he'd seen her. **17** Holofernes said to her, "Drink now, and be merry with us."

18 Yehudit said, "I'll drink now, my lord, because my life is magnified in me this day more than all the days since I was born." **19** Then she took and ate and drank before him what her servant had prepared. **20** Holofernes took great delight in her, and drank a great deal of wine, more than he'd drunk at any time in one day since he was born.

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Yehudit kills Holofernes

13:1 But when the evening had come, his servants hurried to depart. Bagoas shut the tent outside, and dismissed those who waited from the presence of his lord. They went away to their beds; for they were all weary, because the feast had been long. **2** But Yehudit was left alone in the tent, with Holofernes lying along on his bed; for he was drunk with wine. **3** Yehudit had said to her servant that she should stand outside her bedchamber, and wait for her to come out, as she did daily; for she said she'd go out to her prayer. She spoke to Bagoas according to the same words. **4** All went away from her presence, and none was left in the bedchamber, small or great. Yehudit, standing by his bed, said in her heart, Oh master God of all power, look in this hour on the works of my hands for the exaltation of Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **5** Because now is the time to help your inheritance, and to do the thing that I've purposed to the destruction of the enemies which have risen up against us. **6** She came to the bedpost which was at Holofernes' head, and took down his sword from there. **7** She drew near to the bed, took hold of the hair of his head, and said, "Strengthen me, Oh master God of Yisrael, this day." **8** She struck twice on his neck with all her might and cut off his head, **9** tumbled his body down from the bed, and took down the canopy from the posts. After a little while she went out, and gave Holofernes' head to her maid; **10** and she put it in her bag of food. They both went out together to prayer, according to their custom. They passed through the camp, circled around that valley, and went up to the mountain of Betulia, and came to its gates.

Yehudit returns with Holofernes' head

11 Yehudit said afar off to the watchmen at the gates, "Open, open the gate, now. God is with us, even our god, to show his power yet in Yisrael (Israel), and his might against the enemy, as he's done even this day."

12 When the men of her city heard her voice, they hurried to go down to the gate of their city, and they called together the elders of the city. **13** They all ran together, both small and great, for it seemed unbelievable to them that she'd come. They opened the gate and received them, making a fire to give light, and surrounded them. **14** She said to them with a loud voice, "Praise God! Praise him! Praise God, who hasn't taken away his mercy from the house of Yisrael, but has destroyed our enemies by my hand tonight!"

15 Then she took the head out of the bag and showed it, and said to them, "Listen, the head of Holofernes, the chief captain of Ashur's (Assyria's) army, and the canopy under which he laid in his drunkenness. The master struck him by a woman's hand. **16** And as the master lives, who preserved me in my way that I went, my face deceived him to his destruction, and he didn't commit sin with me, to defile and shame me."

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Oloferna^{y}s away_from he/she/it/self, and to_drink wine much very just_as/how_much no to_drink ever in/on/among day one away_from which/whither to_beget.

13:1 which/how but/and evening to_be, ⟦ἐσπούδασαν⟧ the/this/who slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀναλύειν⟧; and Bagōas to_confine the/this/who tent outside, and ⟦ἀπέκλεισε⟧ the/this/who ⟦παρεστῶτας⟧ out_from face of_ _the lord he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἀπῴχοντο⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦κοίτας⟧ he/she/it/self; to_ _be for all ⟦κεκοπωμένοι⟧, through/because_of the/this/who upon/to/against greater to_be the/this/who ⟦πότον⟧. **2** ⟦Ὑπελείφθη⟧ but/and Youdith abode in/on/among the/this/who tent, and Oloferna^{y}s ⟦προπεπτωκὼς⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who bed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; to_be for ⟦περικεχυμένος⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who wine. **3** and to_ _say Ioudith the/this/who female_slave he/she/it/self to_ _stand out/outside(r) of_the bedroom/chamberlain he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπιτηρεῖν⟧ the/this/who departure he/she/it/self just_as according_to day, ⟦ἐξελεύσεσθαι⟧ for to_ _say upon/to/against the/this/who prayer he/she/it/self; and the/this/who Bagōa to_speak according_to the/this/who declaration this/he/she/it. **4** and ⟦ἀπήλθοσαν⟧ all out_from face, and none to_leave_behind in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κοιτῶνι⟧ away_from small until great; and to_stand Youdith from_with the/this/who bed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_say in/on/among the/this/who heart he/she/it/self, lord the/this/who God all power, ⟦ἐπίβλεψον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who hour this/he/she/it upon/to/against the/this/who work the/this/who hand I/we, toward height Hierousala^{y}m; **5** that/since now time/right_time ⟦ἀντιλαβέσθαι⟧ the/this/who inheritance you, and to_do/make the/this/who a_practice I/we, toward destruction enemy the/this/who/which ⟦ἐπανέστησαν⟧ I/we. **6** and to_come_ _near/agree the/this/who rule the/this/who bed which to_be to/with head Olofernou, to_take_down the/this/who ⟦ἀκινάνην⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_ _from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **7** and ⟦ἐγγίσασα⟧ the/this/who bed, ⟦ἐδράξατο⟧ the/this/who ⟦κόμης⟧ the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_say, ⟦κραταίωσόν⟧ I/we, the/this/who God Israa^{y}l, in/on/among the/this/who day this/he/she/it; **8** and to_strike toward the/this/who neck he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there twice in/on/among the/this/who strength he/she/it/self, and to_remove the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **9** and to_roll_away the/this/who body he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from the/this/who ⟦στρωμνῆς⟧, and to_remove the/this/who ⟦κωνωπεῖον⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦στύλων⟧; and with/after little/few to_go_out, and to_deliver the/this/who handmaiden he/she/it/self the/this/who head Olofernou. **10** and ⟦ἐνέβαλεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self toward the/this/who bag the/this/who food he/she/it/self, and to_go_out

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the/this/who/which two together according_to the/this/who ⟦ἐθισμὸν⟧ he/she/it/self; and ⟦διελθοῦσαι⟧ the/this/who barracks, to_surround the/this/who ⟦φάραγγα⟧ that, and ⟦προσανέβησαν⟧ the/this/who mountain Betuloua, and ⟦ἦλθοσαν⟧ to/with the/this/who gate he/she/it/self. **11** and to_say Youdith from_afar the/this/who to_keep/guard upon/to/against the/this/who gate, ⟦ἀνοίξατε⟧, ⟦ἀνοίξατε⟧ so the/this/who gate, with/after I/we the/this/who God the/this/who God I/we, to_do/make still strength in/on/among Israaʸl and power according_to the/this/who enemy, as/just_as and today to_do/make. **12** and to_be which/how to_hear the/this/who man the/this/who city he/she/it/self the/this/who voice/sound he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐσπούδασαν⟧ of_the to_come/go_down toward the/this/who gate the/this/who city he/she/it/self; and to_call_together the/this/who elder the/this/who city. **13** and to_flock all away_ _from small until great, that/since ⟦παράδοξον⟧ to_be he/she/it/self the/this/who to_come/go he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦ἤνοιξαν⟧, the/this/who gate, and ⟦ὑπεδέξαντο⟧ he/she/it/self; and to_ _kindle fire toward ⟦φαῦσιν⟧, ⟦περιεκύκλωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self. **14** the/this/who but/and to_say to/with he/she/it/self voice/sound great, to_praise the/this/who God, to_praise; to_ _praise the/this/who God which no to_leave the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from of_ _the house Israaʸl, but ⟦ἔθραυσε⟧ the/this/who enemy I/we through/because_of hand I/we in/on/among the/this/who night this/he/she/it. **15** and ⟦προελοῦσα⟧ the/this/who head out_from the/this/who bag, to_show, and to_say he/she/it/self, look! the/this/who head Olofernou ⟦ἀρχιστρατήγου⟧ power Assour, and look! the/this/who ⟦κωνωπεῖον⟧ in/on/among which to_recline in/on/among the/this/who drunkenness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_strike he/she/it/self the/this/who lord in/on/among hand female. **16** and to_live lord which ⟦διεφύλαξέ⟧ I/we in/on/among the/this/who road I/we which ⟦ἐπορεύθην⟧, that/since ⟦ἠπάτησεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who face I/we toward destruction he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no to_do/make sin with/after I/we/my toward defilement and ⟦αἰσχύνην⟧. **17** and to_amaze all the/this/who a_people very, and ⟦κύψαντες⟧ to_worship the/this/who God and to_say united, praiseworthy to_be the/this/who God I/we, the/this/who ⟦ἐξουδενώσας⟧ in/on/among the/this/who day the/this/who today the/this/who enemy of_the a_people you. **18** and to_say he/she/it/self Ozias, ⟦εὐλογητὴ⟧ you, daughter the/this/who God the/this/who ⟦ὑψίστῳ⟧ from_with all the/this/who woman the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who earth, and to_praise/bless lord the/this/who God, which to_create the/this/who heaven and the/this/who earth, which ⟦κατεύθυνέ⟧ you toward wound head ruler enemy I/we, **19** that/since no ⟦ἀποστήσεται⟧ the/this/who hope you away_from heart a_human ⟦μνημονευόντων⟧ strength God until an_age. **20** and to_do/make you he/she/it/self the/this/who God toward height eternal, of_the to_visit/care_ _for you in/on/among good-doer, for which no ⟦ἐφείσω⟧ the/this/who soul you through/because_of the/this/who lowliness of_the family I/we, but ⟦ἐπεξῆλθες⟧ ⟦πτώματι⟧ I/we,

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17 All the people were extremely amazed, and bowed themselves, and worshipped God, and said with one accord, "Blessed are you, Oh our god, who have this day humiliated your people's enemies."

18 Ozias said to her, "Blessed are you, daughter, in the sight of the Most High God, above all the women on the earth; and blessed is the master God, who created the heavens and the earth, who directed you to cut off the head of the prince of our enemies. **19** Because your hope won't depart from the hearts of people who remember God's strength forever. **20** May God turn these things to you for a perpetual praise, to visit you with good things, because you didn't spare your life because of the affliction of our race, but prevented our ruin, walking a straight way before our god."

And all the people said, "Amen! Amen!"

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Yehudit prepares the people to attack

14:1 Yehudit (Judith) said to them, "Hear me now, my kindred, and take this head, and hang it on the battlement of your wall. **2** As soon as morning comes and the sun rises over the earth, each of you must pick up your weapons, and every brave man must go out of the city. Put a captain in charge of them, as though you'd go down to the plain towards the watch of the children of Ashur (Assyria); but you men mustn't go down. **3** These will take up their full armour, and will go into their camp and rouse up the captains of Ashur's army. They'll run together to Holofernes' tent. They won't find him. Fear will fall onto them, and they'll flee before your face. **4** You men, and all that inhabit every border of Yisrael (Israel), must pursue them and overthrow them as they go. **5** But before you do these things, summon Ahior the Amoni to me, that he may see and know him that despised the house of Yisrael, and that sent him to us, as it were to death.

Ahior believes in Yisrael's God

6 And they called Ahior out of Ozias' house; but when he came, and saw Holofernes' head in a man's hand in the assembly of the people, he fell onto his face, and his spirit failed. **7** But when they'd recovered him,[8] he fell at Yehudit's feet, bowed down to her, and said, "Blessed are you in every tent of Yehudah (Judah)! In every nation, those who hear your name will be troubled. **8** Now tell me all the things that you've done in these days."

And Yehudit declared to him among the people all the things that she'd done, from the day that she went out until the time that she spoke to them. **9** But when she finished speaking, the people shouted with a loud voice, and made a joyful noise in their city. **10** But when Ahior saw all the things that the god of Yisrael had done, he put deep trust in God, and circumcised the flesh of his foreskin, and was joined to the house of Yisrael, to this day.

The enemy discovers Holofernes' death

11 But as soon as the morning arose, they hanged Holofernes' head on the wall, and every man took up his weapons, and they went forth by bands to the ascents of the mountain. **12** But when the children of Ashur (Assyria) saw them, they sent word to their leaders, and they went to their captains and tribunes, and to every one of their rulers. **13** They came to Holofernes' tent, and said to him that was over all that he had, "Wake our lord up, now, for the slaves have been bold to come down against us to battle, that they may be utterly destroyed."

14 Bagoas went in, and knocked at the outer door of the tent; for he supposed that Holofernes was sleeping with Yehudit. **15** But when no one answered, he opened it, went into the bedchamber, and found him thrown on the threshold dead; and his head had been taken from him. **16** He cried with a loud voice,

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upon/to/against straight/upright to_travel before of_the God I/we; and to_say all the/this/who a_people, to_be, to_be.

14:1 and to_say to/with he/she/it/self Youdith, to_hear so I/we, brother, and to_take the/this/who head this/he/she/it, ⟦κρεμάσατε⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἐπάλξεως⟧ of_the wall you. **2** and to_be when if ⟦διαφαύσῃ⟧ the/this/who dawn, and to_ _go_out the/this/who sun upon/to/against the/this/who earth, ⟦ἀναλήψεσθε⟧ each the/this/who vessel the/this/who ⟦πολεμικὰ⟧ you, and ⟦ἐξελεύσεσθε⟧ all man ⟦ἰσχύων⟧ out/outside(r) the/this/who city, and ⟦δώσετε⟧ founder toward he/she/it/self, which/how to_come/go_down upon/to/against the/this/who a_plain toward the/this/who ⟦προφυλακὴν⟧ son Assour, and no ⟦καταβήσεσθε⟧. **3** and to_ _take_up this/he/she/it the/this/who ⟦πανοπλίας⟧ he/she/it/self, to_travel toward the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐγεροῦσι⟧ the/this/who officer/magistrate the/this/who power Assour, and ⟦συνδραμοῦνται⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who tent Olofernou, and no to_find/meet he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπιπεσεῖται⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self fear, and to_flee away_from face you. **4** and ⟦ἐπακολουθήσαντες⟧ you, and all the/this/who to_dwell all region Israaʸl, ⟦καταστρώσατε⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who road he/she/it/self. **5** before but/and of_the to_do/make this/he/she/it, to_call I/we Aḳiōr the/this/who Ammanitaʸn, in_order_that/to to_ _perceive to_come_to_know the/this/who ⟦ἐκφαυλίσαντα⟧ the/this/who house of_the Israaʸl, and he/she/it/self which/how toward death to_send toward I/we. **6** and ⟦ἐκάλεσαν⟧ the/this/who Aḳiōr out_from of_the house Ozia; which/how but/and to_come/go, and to_perceive the/this/who head Olofernou in/on/among hand man one in/on/among the/this/who assembly of_the a_people, to_ _collapse upon/to/against face, and ⟦ἐξελύθη⟧ the/this/who spirit/breath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **7** which/how but/and ⟦ἀνέλαβον⟧ he/she/it/self, to_fall/beat the/this/who foot Youdith, and to_worship the/this/who ⟦προσώτῳ⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_say, to_praise/bless you in/on/among all tent Youda, and in/on/among all Gentile_ _nation, who/which to_hear the/this/who name you ⟦ταραχθήσονται⟧. **8** and now ⟦ἀνάγγειλόν⟧ I/we just_as/how_ _much to_do/make in/on/among the/this/who day this/he/she/it; and to_announce he/she/it/self Youdith in/on/among midst of_the a_people all just_as/how_much to_ _be ⟦πεποιηκυῖα⟧, away_from which day to_go_out until which/whither to_speak he/she/it/self. **9** which/how but/and to_cease ⟦λαλοῦσα⟧, ⟦ἠλάλαξεν⟧ the/this/who a_people voice/sound great, and to_give voice/sound ⟦εὐφρόσυνον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who city he/she/it/self. **10** to_perceive but/and Aḳiōr all just_as/how_much to_do/make the/this/who God of_the Israaʸl, to_trust_(in) the/this/who God very, and ⟦περιετέμετο⟧ the/this/who flesh the/this/who uncircumcision he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_add_(to) to/with the/this/who house Israaʸl until the/this/who day this/he/she/it. **11** when but/and

8 **RV 14:7 · Note** Many authorities read he had recovered himself.

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the/this/who dawn to_ascend, and ⟦ἐκρέμασαν⟧ the/this/who head Olofernou out_from of_the wall, and ⟦ἀνέλαβε⟧ all man Israaʸl the/this/who weapon he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐξήλθοσαν⟧ according_to to_sow upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἀναβάσεις⟧ of_the mountain. **12** the/this/who but/and son Assour, which/how to_perceive he/she/it/self, ⟦διέπεμψαν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who to_govern he/she/it/self; the/this/who but/and to_come/go upon/to/against officer/magistrate and ⟦χιλιάρχους⟧ and upon/to/against all ruler he/she/it/self; **13** and to_come upon/to/against the/this/who tent Olofernou, and to_say the/this/who to_be upon/to/against all the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἔγειρον⟧ so the/this/who lord I/we, that/since ⟦ἐτόλμησαν⟧ the/this/who slave to_come/go_down upon/to/against I/we toward war, in_order_that/to ⟦ἐξολοθρευθῶσιν⟧ toward goal/tax. **14** and to_enter Bagōas, and ⟦ἔκρουσε⟧ the/this/who ⟦αὐλαίαν⟧ the/this/who tent; ⟦ὑπενοεῖτο⟧ for to_sleep he/she/it/self with/after Youdith. **15** which/how but/and none ⟦ἐπήκουσε⟧, ⟦διαστείλας⟧ to_enter toward the/this/who ⟦κοιτῶνα⟧, and to_find/meet he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦χελωνίδος⟧ ⟦ἐῤῥιμεμένον⟧ dead, and the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀφῄρητο⟧ away_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **16** and to_cry_out voice/sound great with/after ⟦κλαυθμοῦ⟧ and groan and ⟦βοῆς⟧ strong, and to_tear the/this/who clothing he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **17** and to_enter toward the/this/who tent which/whither to_be Youdith ⟦καταλύουσα⟧, and no to_find/meet he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; and ⟦ἐξεπήδησεν⟧ toward the/this/who a_people, to_cry, **18** to_reject the/this/who slave, to_do/make ⟦αἰσχύνην⟧ one woman the/this/who Hebraiōn toward the/this/who house of_the king Nabouḳodonosor, that/since look! Oloferna ʸs on_the_ground, and the/this/who head no to_be upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **19** which/how but/and to_hear this/he/she/it the/this/who declaration the/this/who ruler the/this/who power Assour, the/this/who tunic he/she/it/self ⟦διέῤῥηξαν⟧, and to_trouble the/this/who soul he/she/it/self very, and to_be he/she/it/self shouting and outcry great very in/on/among midst the/this/who barracks.

15:1 and which/how to_hear the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who ⟦σκηνώμασιν⟧ to_be, to_amaze upon/to/against the/this/who to_be; **2** and to_fall/press_upon upon/to/against he/she/it/self fear and trembling, and no to_be a_human to_stay according_to face of_the near/neighbour still, but ⟦ἐκχυθέντες⟧ united ⟦ἔφευγον⟧ upon/to/against all road of_the ⟦πεδίου⟧ and the/this/who ⟦ὀρεινῆς⟧. **3** and the/this/who ⟦παρεμβεβληκότες⟧ in/on/among the/this/who hilly surrounding Betuloua and ⟦ἐτράπησαν⟧ toward ⟦φυγήν⟧; and then the/this/who son Israaʸl all man a_warrior out_from he/she/it/self to_pour_out upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **4** and to_send Ozias toward Baitomasthaim, and Ḳōbai, and ⟦Χωλά⟧, and toward all region Israaʸl, the/this/who to_announce above/for the/this/who ⟦συντετελεσμένων⟧, and in_order_that/to all ⟦ἐπεκχυθῶσι⟧ the/this/who ⟦πολεμίοις⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦ἀναίρεσιν⟧ he/she/it/self. **5** which/how

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with weeping, groaning, and shouting, and tore his clothes. **17** He entered into the tent where Yehudit lodged, and he didn't find her. He leapt out to the people, and cried aloud, **18** "The slaves have dealt treacherously! One woman of the Ivrim (Hebrews) has brought shame on King Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) house; for Holofernes lies on the ground, and his head isn't on him!"

19 But when the rulers of Ashur's army heard this, they tore their tunics, and they were deeply troubled. There were cries and a very great noise in the camp.

Yisrael pursues the fleeing army

15:1 When those who were in the tents heard, they were amazed at what happened. **2** Trembling and fear fell onto them, and no man dared stay any more in the sight of his neighbour, but rushing out with one accord, they fled into every way of the plain and of the hill country. **3** Those who'd encamped in the hill country round about Betulia fled away. And then the Israeli people, every one who was a warrior among them, rushed out on them. **4** Ozias sent to Betomesthaim, Bevay, Choba, and Chola, and to every border of Yisrael, to tell about the things that'd been accomplished, and that all should rush on their enemies to destroy them. **5** But when the Israeli people heard this, they all fell onto them with one accord, and struck them to Choba. Yes, and in the same way also, people from Yerushalem and from all the hill

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country came (for men had told them about what happened in their enemies' camp), and those who were in Gilead and in Galil fell onto their flank with a great slaughter, until they were past Damesek (Damascus) and its borders. **6** The rest of the people who lived at Betulia fell onto the camp of Ashur, and plundered them, and were enriched greatly. **7** The Israeli people returned from the slaughter, and got possession of that which remained. The villages and the cities that were in the hill country and in the plain country took many spoils; for there was a very great supply.

The people honour Yehudit

8 Yehoyakim the high priest, and the elders of the Israeli people (Israel) who lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), came to see the good things which the master had showed to Yisrael, and to see Yehudit (Judith) and to greet her. **9** When they came to her, they all blessed her with one accord, and said to her, "You're the exaltation of Yerushalem! You're the great glory of Yisrael! You're the great rejoicing of our race! **10** You've done all these things by your hand. You've done with Yisrael the things that are good, and God is pleased with it. May you be blessed by the Almighty master forever!"

And all the people said, "Amen!"

11 And the people plundered the camp for thirty days; and they gave Holofernes' tent to Yehudit, along with all his silver cups, his beds, his bowls, and all his furniture. She took them, placed them on her mule, prepared her wagons, and piled them on it.

12 And all the women of Yisrael ran together to see her; and they blessed her, and made a dance among them for her. She took branches in her hand, and distributed them to the women who were with her.[9] **13** Then they made themselves garlands of olive, she and those who were with her, and she went before all the people in the dance, leading all the women. All the men of Yisrael followed in their armour with garlands, and with songs in their mouths.

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but/and to_hear the/this/who son Israaʸl, all united ⟦ἐπέπεσον⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and to_cut/mourn he/she/it/self until Ḳōba. likewise but/and and the/this/who out_from Hierousalaʸm ⟦παρεγενήθησαν⟧ and out_from all the/this/who ⟦ὀρεινῆς⟧; to_report for he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦γεγονότα⟧ the/this/who barracks the/this/who enemy he/she/it/self; and the/this/who in/on/among Gala'ad and the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Galilaia ⟦ὑπερεκέρασαν⟧ he/she/it/self plague/blow/wound great, until which/whither to_pass_by Damaskon, and the/this/who region he/she/it/self. **6** the/this/who but/and remaining the/this/who to_dwell Betuloua, to_fall/press_upon the/this/who barracks Assour, and ⟦ἐπρονόμευσαν⟧ he/she/it/self, and be_rich very. **7** the/this/who but/and son Israaʸl to_live/return away_from the/this/who slaughter, ⟦ἐκυρίευσαν⟧ the/this/who remaining, and the/this/who/which ⟦κῶμαι⟧ and ⟦ἐπαύλεις⟧ in/on/among the/this/who hilly and ⟦πεδινῇ⟧ to_grasp/seize much ⟦λαφύρων⟧; to_be for multitude much very. **8** and Yōakim the/this/who priest the/this/who great and the/this/who council_of_elders the/this/who son Israaʸl the/this/who to_ _dwell in/on/among Hierousalaʸm to_come/go of_the to_look_ _at the/this/who good-doer which to_do/make lord the/this/who Israaʸl, and of_the to_perceive the/this/who Youdith, and to_speak with/after he/she/it/self peace. **9** which/how but/and to_enter to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, ⟦εὐλόγησαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self all united, and to_say to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, you height Israaʸl, you prancing great of_the Israaʸl, you pride great of_the family I/we. **10** to_do/make all this/he/she/it in/on/among hand you, to_do/make the/this/who good-doer with/after Israaʸl; and ⟦εὐδοκήσαι⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self the/this/who God; to_praise/bless to_be from_with the/this/who ⟦παντοκράτορι⟧ lord toward the/this/who an_age time; and to_ _say all the/this/who a_people, to_be. **11** and ⟦ἐλαφύρευσε⟧ all the/this/who a_people the/this/who barracks upon/to/against day thirty, and to_give the/this/who Youdith the/this/who tent Olofernou, and all the/this/who ⟦ἀργυρώματα⟧, and the/this/who to_bow/lay_down and the/this/who ⟦ὅλκια⟧; and all the/this/who ⟦σκευάσματα⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_take this/he/she/it to_put/lay_on upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἡμίονον⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἔζευξε⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἁμάξας⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐσώρευσεν⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **12** and to_flock all woman Israaʸl of_the to_perceive he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦εὐλόγησαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; and to_ _do/make he/she/it/self ⟦χορὸν⟧ out_from he/she/it/self; and to_take ⟦θύρσους⟧ in/on/among the/this/who hand he/she/it/self, and to_give the/this/who ⟦γυναιξὶ⟧ the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self, **13** and ⟦ἐστεφανώσαντο⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐλαίαν⟧ this/he/she/it and the/this/who/which with/after he/she/it/self; and ⟦προῆλθε⟧ all of_the a_people in/on/among ⟦χορείᾳ⟧ ⟦ἡγουμένη⟧ all the/this/who woman, and to_follow all man Israaʸl

9 **RV 15:12 · Note** Compare 2 Maccabees 10:7.

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⟦ἐνωπλισμένοι⟧ with/after ⟦στεφάνων⟧ and ⟦ὕμνων⟧ in/on/among the/this/who mouth he/she/it/self.

16:1 and ⟦ἐξῆρχεν⟧ Youdith the/this/who ⟦ἐξομολόγησιν⟧ this/he/she/it in/on/among all Israa^{y}l, and ⟦ὑπεφώνει⟧ all the/this/who a_people the/this/who ⟦αἴνεσιν⟧ this/he/she/it; **2** and to_say Youdith, ⟦Ἐξάρχετε⟧ the/this/who God I/we in/on/among ⟦τυμπάνοις⟧, ⟦ᾄσατε⟧ the/this/who lord I/we in/on/among ⟦κυμβάλοις⟧, ⟦ἐναρμόσασθε⟧ he/she/it/self psalm new, ⟦ὑψοῦτε⟧ and ⟦ἐπικαλέσασθε⟧ the/this/who name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **3** that/since God ⟦συντρίβων⟧ war lord, that/since toward barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among midst a_ _people to_take_out/select I/we out_from hand the/this/who ⟦καταδιωκόντων⟧ I/we. **4** to_come/go Assour out_from mountain away_from the_north, to_come/go in/on/among myriad power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which the/this/who multitude he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνέφραξε⟧ ravine, and the/this/who horse he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκάλυψε⟧ ⟦βουνούς⟧. **5** to_ _say ⟦ἐμπρήσειν⟧ the/this/who region I/we, and the/this/who ⟦νεανίσκους⟧ I/we to_do_away_with in/on/among sword, and the/this/who ⟦θηλάζοντά⟧ I/we ⟦θήσειν⟧ toward ground, and the/this/who ⟦νήπιά⟧ I/we ⟦δώσειν⟧ toward ⟦προνομὴν⟧, and the/this/who ⟦παρθένους⟧ I/we ⟦σκυλεῦσαι⟧. **6** lord almighty ⟦ἠθέτησεν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among hand female. **7** no for ⟦ὑπέπεσεν⟧ the/this/who able he/she/it/self by/under ⟦νεανίσκων⟧, and_not son ⟦Τιτάνων⟧ ⟦ἐπάταξαν⟧ he/she/it/self, and_not ⟦ὑψηλοὶ⟧ ⟦γίγαντες⟧ to_put/lay_on he/she/it/self, but Youdith daughter ⟦Μεραρεὶ⟧ in/on/among ⟦κάλλει⟧ face he/she/it/self ⟦παρέλυσεν⟧ he/she/it/self. **8** ⟦Ἐξεδύσατο⟧ for robe ⟦χηρεύσεως⟧ he/she/it/self toward height the/this/who ⟦πονούντων⟧ in/on/among Israa^{y}l, ⟦ἠλείψατο⟧ the/this/who face he/she/it/self in/on/among ⟦μυρισμῷ⟧, and ⟦ἐδήσατο⟧ the/this/who hair he/she/it/self in/on/among Mitra/a_mitre, and to_take robe ⟦λινῆν⟧ toward ⟦ἀπάτην⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **9** the/this/who sandal he/she/it/self to_seize eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who beauty he/she/it/self ⟦ᾐχμαλώτισε⟧ soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; to_pass_through the/this/who ⟦ἀκινάκης⟧ the/this/who neck he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **10** ⟦Ἔφριξαν⟧ Persai the/this/who be_bold he/she/it/self, and Ma^{y}doi the/this/who boldness he/she/it/self ⟦ἐῤῥάχθησαν⟧. **11** then ⟦ἠλάλαξαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ταπεινοί⟧ I/we, and to_fear the/this/who ⟦ἀσθενοῦντές⟧ I/we, and ⟦ἐπτοήθησαν⟧; ⟦ὕψωσαν⟧ the/this/who voice/sound he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀνετράπησαν⟧. **12** son ⟦κορασίων⟧ ⟦κατεκέντησαν⟧ he/she/it/self, and which/how child ⟦αὐτομολούντων⟧ ⟦ἐτίτρωσκον⟧ he/she/it/self; to_destroy out_from ⟦παρατάξεως⟧ lord I/we. **13** to_praise the/this/who God I/we ⟦ὕμνον⟧ new; lord, great to_be, and honoured, marvellous in/on/among strength, ⟦ἀνυπέρβλητος⟧. **14** you/your ⟦δουλευσάτω⟧ all the/this/who creation you, that/since to_ _say, and to_be; to_send the/this/who spirit/breath you, and to_build; and no to_be which ⟦ἀντιστήσεται⟧ the/this/who voice/sound you. **15** mountain for out_from ⟦θεμελίων⟧ with water ⟦σαλευθήσεται⟧, rock but/and away_from face you

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Yehudit's song of thanks

16:1 And Yehudit began to sing this song of thanksgiving in all Yisrael, and all the people sang with loud voices this song of praise. **2** Yehudit said,

"Begin a song to my god with timbrels.
Sing to my master with cymbals.
Make melody to him with psalm and praise.
Exalt him, and call on his name.
3 Because the master is the god that crushes battles.
Because in his armies among the people,
he delivered me out of the hand of those who persecuted me.
4 Ashur (Assyria) came out of the mountains from the north.
He came with ten thousands of his army.
Its multitude stopped the torrents.
Their horsemen covered the hills.
5 He said that he'd burn up my borders,
kill my young men with the sword,
throw my nursing children to the ground,
give my infants up as prey,
and make my virgins a plunder.
6 "The Almighty master brought them to nothing by a woman's hand.
7 Because their mighty one didn't fall by young men,
neither did sons of the Titans strike him.
Tall giants didn't attack him,
but Yehudit (Judith) the daughter of Merari made him weak with the beauty of her face.
8 "Because she put off the clothing of her widowhood
for the exaltation of those who were distressed in Yisrael (Israel).
She anointed her face with ointment,
bound her hair in a tiara,
and took a linen garment to deceive him.
9 Her sandal ravished his eye.
Her beauty took his soul prisoner.
The sword passed through his neck.
10 "The Persians quaked at her daring.
The Madim (Medes) were daunted at her boldness.
11 "Then my lowly ones shouted aloud.
My oppressed people were terrified and trembled for fear.
They lifted up their voices and the enemy fled.
12 The children of slave-girls pierced them through,
and wounded them as fugitives' children.
They perished by my master's army.
13 "I'll sing to my god a new song:
Oh master, you're great and glorious,
marvellous in strength, invincible.
14 Let all your creation serve you;
for you spoke, and they were made.
You sent out your spirit, and it built them.

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There's no one who can resist your voice.
15 Because the mountains will be moved from their foundations with the waters,
and the rocks will melt as wax at your presence:
But you're yet merciful to those who fear you.
16 Because all sacrifice is little for a sweet savour,
and all the fat is very little for a whole burnt offering to you;
but he who fears the master is great continually.
17 "Woe to the nations who rise up against my race!
The master Almighty will take vengeance on them in the day of judgement
and put fire and worms in their flesh;
and they'll weep and feel their pain forever."

The celebration and Yehudit's later life

18 Now when they came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), they worshipped God. When the people were purified, they offered their whole burnt offerings, their free will offerings, and their gifts. 19 Yehudit dedicated all Holofernes' stuff, which the people had given her, and gave the canopy, which she'd taken for herself out of his bedchamber, for a gift to the master.
20 And the people continued feasting in Yerushalem before the sanctuary for three months, and Yehudit (Judith) remained with them.
21 After these days, everyone departed to his own inheritance. Yehudit went away to Betulia, and remained in her own possession, and was honourable in her time in all the land. 22 Many desired her, but no man knew her all the days of her life from the day that Menasheh (Manasseh) her husband died and was gathered to his people. 23 She became very highly respected; and she grew old in her husband's house, to one hundred and five years. She let her maid go free. Then she died in Betulia. They buried her in the cave of her husband Menasheh. 24 The house of Yisrael (Israel) mourned for her seven days. She distributed her goods before she died to all those who were nearest of kin to Menasheh her husband, and to those who were nearest of her own kindred. 25 There was no one who made the Israeli people afraid any more in the days of Yehudit, nor for a long time after her death.

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which/how beeswax ⟦τακήσονται⟧, upon/to/against but/and the/this/who to_fear you, you ⟦εὐιλατεύεις⟧ he/she/it/self.
16 that/since small all sacrifice toward aroma aroma, and least all fat toward burnt_offering you; the/this/who but/and to_ _fear the/this/who lord, great always. 17 woe! Gentile_nation ⟦ἐπανισταμένοις⟧ the/this/who family I/we; lord almighty ⟦ἐκδικήσει⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among day judgement, to_ _give fire and ⟦σκώληκας⟧ toward flesh he/she/it/self, and ⟦κλαύσονται⟧ in/on/among insight until an_age.
18 which/how but/and ⟦ἦλθοσαν⟧ toward Hierousalaʸm, to_ _worship the/this/who God; and when to_clean the/this/who a_people, ⟦ἀνήνεγκαν⟧ the/this/who burnt_offering he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦ἐκουσία⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who gift. 19 and ⟦ἀνέθηκεν⟧ Youdith all the/this/who vessel Olofernou just_as/how_much to_give the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦κωνωπεῖον⟧ the/this/who/which to_take ⟦αὕτς⟧ out_from of_ _the bedroom/chamberlain he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, toward a_vow_ _offering the/this/who God to_give. 20 and to_be the/this/who a_people to_celebrate in/on/among Hierousalaʸm according_to face the/this/who holy upon/to/against month three, and Youdith with/after he/she/it/self ⟦κατέμεινε⟧. 21 with/after but/and the/this/who day this/he/she/it ⟦ἀνέζευξεν⟧ each toward the/this/who inheritance he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and Youdith to_go_ _away toward Betuloua, and ⟦κατέμεινεν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ὑπάρξεως⟧ he/she/it/self; and to_be according_ _to the/this/who time/right_time he/she/it/self honoured in/on/among all the/this/who earth. 22 and much to_long_for he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and no to_know man he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self all the/this/who day the/this/who life he/she/it/self, away_from which day to_die Manassaʸs the/this/who man he/she/it/self, and to_add_(to) to/with the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 23 and to_be ⟦προβαίνουσα⟧ great very; and ⟦ἐγήρασεν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who house of_the man he/she/it/self year hundred five, and to_release the/this/who ⟦ἄβραν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐλευθέραν⟧, and to_die toward Betuloua, and to_bury he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self in/on/among the/this/who ⟦σπηλαίῳ⟧ of_the man he/she/it/self Manassaʸ. 24 and ⟦ἐπένθησεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self house Israaʸl day seven; and to_distribute the/this/who to_be he/she/it/self before of_the to_die he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, all the/this/who ⟦ἔγγιστα⟧ Manassaʸ of_the man he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦ἔγγιστα⟧ of_the family he/she/it/self.
25 and no to_be still the/this/who ⟦ἐκφοβῶν⟧ the/this/who son Israaʸl in/on/among the/this/who day Youdith, and with/after the/this/who to_die he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, day much.

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The third document about
the Maccabees

Introduction

The Third Document about the Maccabees tells about the threatened destruction of the Yehudim (Jews) living in Mitsrayim (Egypt) under King Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) Filopator. The central characters are this king and the Jewish community, rather than the family whose battles are described in the first two Maccabees books. It shares their concern with remaining faithful to God under persecution.

After a military victory, the king visits Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and insists on entering the temple's inner sanctuary. God prevents him from doing so after the high priest Shim'on (Simon) prays. The king's anger then turns against the Yehudim in his own kingdom. They are rounded up and imprisoned, and he plans to have them trampled by elephants.

The account repeatedly contrasts the king's power and changing decisions with God's care for his people. Their prayers are answered, the intended massacre is overturned, and the survivors celebrate their rescue and return home. Prayer, perseverance, and public thanksgiving are central to the story.

The Third Document about the Maccabees is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox Churches. It is considered to be apocrypha by most other church traditions.

Makabi (from which the term Maccabee is derived) is an acronym formed from the first letters of Exodus 15:11: "Mi kamokha ba'elim YHWH" — "Who is like you among the gods, Yahweh?"

Main components of this account

The king's victory and his attempt to enter the temple *1:1–2:24*
The persecution and imprisonment of the Yehudim *2:25–4:21*
The plan to kill the prisoners is repeatedly delayed *5:1-51*
Eleazar's prayer, God's rescue, and the celebration *6:1-41*
The king's letter and the people's return home *7:1-23*

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Filopator wins the battle against Antiokos

1:1 Now Filopator, on learning from those who came back that Antiokos (Antiochus) had made himself master of the places which belonged to himself, sent orders to all his infantry and cavalry, took with him his sister Arsinoe, and marched out as far as the parts of Rafiah, where Antiokos and his forces encamped. **2** And one Theodotos, intending to carry out his design, took with him the bravest of the armed men who'd been before committed to his trust by Ptolemaios (Ptolemy), and got through at night to Ptolemaios' tent, to kill him on his own responsibility, and so to end the war. **3** But Dositheos, called the son of Drimulos, by birth a Yehudi (Jew), afterward a renegade from the laws and observances of his country, conveyed Ptolemaios away, and made an obscure person lie down in his stead in the tent. It turned out that this man received the fate which was meant for the other. **4** A fierce battle then took place. The men of Antiokos were prevailing. Arsinoe continually went up and down the ranks, and with dishevelled hair, with tears and entreaties, begged the soldiers to fight bravely for themselves, their children, and wives, and promised that if they proved conquerors, she'd give them each two minas of gold. **5** It thus fell out that their enemies were defeated in hand-to-hand encounter, and that many of them were taken prisoners. **6** Having vanquished this attempt, the king then decided to proceed to the neighbouring cities, and encourage them. **7** By doing this, and by making donations to their temples, he inspired his subjects with confidence.

Filopator tries to enter the temple

8 The Yehudim (Jews) sent some of their council and of their elders to him. The greetings, welcoming gifts, and congratulations of the past, given by them, filled him with the greater eagerness to visit their city. **9** Having arrived at Yerushalem (Jerusalem), sacrificed, and offered thank offerings to the Greatest God, and done whatever else was suitable to the sanctity of the place, and entered the inner courtyard, **10** he was so impressed with the magnificence of the place, and so wondered at the orderly arrangements of the temple, that he considered entering the sanctuary itself. **11** When they told him that this wasn't permissible, none of the nation, not even the priests in general, but only the supreme high priest of all, and he only once in a year, was allowed to go in, he'd by no means give way. **12** Then they read the law to him, but he persisted in intruding, exclaiming that he ought to be allowed. He said, "Even if they were deprived of this honour, I shouldn't be." **13** He asked why, when he entered all the other temples, did none of the priests who were present forbid him. **14** He was thoroughly answered by someone, that he did wrong to boast of this. **15** "Well, since I've done this," he said, "be the cause what it may, won't I enter with or without your consent?"

16 When the priests fell down in their sacred vestments imploring the Greatest God to come and help in time of need, and to avert the violence of the fierce aggressor, and when they

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1:1 the/this/who but/and Filopatōr to_learn from_with the/this/who ⟦ἀνακομισθέντων⟧ the/this/who to_be the/this/who upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κρατουμένων⟧ place ⟦ἀφαίρεσιν⟧ by/under Antiokou, to_order the/this/who all power ⟦πεζικαῖς⟧ and/both and ⟦ἱππικαῖς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who sister ⟦Ἀρσινόην⟧ to_take_along_with, ⟦ἐξώρμησε⟧ until the/this/who according_to ⟦Ῥαφίαν⟧ place, where(-ever) ⟦παρεμβεβλήκεισαν⟧ the/this/who about Antiokon. **2** Theodotos but/and one ⟦ἐκπληρῶσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐπιβουλὴν⟧ ⟦διανοηθεὶς⟧, to_take the/this/who ⟦προϋποτεταγμένων⟧ he/she/it/self weapon ⟦Πτολεμαϊκῶν⟧ the/this/who ⟦κράτιστα⟧, ⟦διεκομίσθη⟧ ⟦νύκτωρ⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who of_the Ptolemaiou tent, which/how alone ⟦κτεῖναι⟧ he/she/it/self, and in/on/among this/he/she/it ⟦διαλῦσαι⟧ the/this/who war. **3** this/he/she/it but/and ⟦διαγαγὼν⟧ Dōsitheos the/this/who Drimulou to_ _speak, the/this/who family Jewish, later but/and ⟦μεταβαλὼν⟧ the/this/who ⟦νόμιμα⟧, and the/this/who ⟦πατρίων⟧ decree ⟦ἀπηλλοτριωμένος⟧, ⟦ἄσημόν⟧ one ⟦κατέκλινεν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who tent, which to_ _happen ⟦κομίσασθαι⟧ the/this/who that punishment. **4** to_be but/and ⟦καρτερᾶς⟧ ⟦μάχης⟧, and the/this/who thing more ⟦ἐῤῥωμένων⟧ the/this/who Antiokōi, fittingly the/this/who Arsinoa^{y} ⟦ἐπιπορευσαμένη⟧ the/this/who power to_ _plead/comfort, with/after ⟦οἴκτου⟧ and teardrop, the/this/who ⟦πλοκάμους⟧ ⟦λελυμένη⟧, ⟦βοηθεῖν⟧ my/your/him-self and/both and the/this/who child and ⟦γυναιξὶ⟧ ⟦θαῤῥαλέως⟧, ⟦ἐπαγγελλομένη⟧ ⟦δώσειν⟧ ⟦νικήσασιν⟧ each two mina gold. **5** and thus(-ly) to_happen the/this/who ⟦ἀντιπάλους⟧ in/on/among ⟦χειρονομίαις⟧ ⟦διαφθαρῆναι⟧, much but/and and ⟦δορυαλώτους⟧ to_ _seize/conceive/help **6** ⟦Κατακρατήσας⟧ but/and the/this/who plot to_judge the/this/who near/neighbour city to_ _arrive/invade to_plead/comfort. **7** to_do/make but/and this/he/she/it, and the/this/who ⟦τεμένεσι⟧ free_gift ⟦ἀπονείμας⟧, ⟦εὐθαρσεῖς⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὑποτεταγμένους⟧ to_ _appoint/conduct. **8** the/this/who but/and Jewish ⟦διαπεμψαμένων⟧ to/with he/she/it/self away_from the/this/who ⟦γερουσίας⟧ and the/this/who elder the/this/who ⟦ἀσπασομένους⟧ he/she/it/self. and lodging ⟦κομιοῦντας⟧, and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦συμβεβηκόσι⟧ ⟦συγχαρησομένους⟧, to_happen more he/she/it/self ⟦προθυμηθῆναι⟧ which/how quick to/with he/she/it/self ⟦παραγενέσθαι⟧. **9** ⟦Διακομισθεὶς⟧ but/and toward Hierosoluma, and ⟦θύσας⟧ the/this/who ⟦μεγίστῳ⟧ God, and ⟦χάριτας⟧ ⟦ἀποδιδοὺς⟧, and the/this/who next/afterward one the/this/who place to_do/make, and so to_ _come toward the/this/who place, and the/this/who ⟦σπουδαιότητι⟧ and beauty ⟦καταπλαγείς⟧, **10** ⟦θαυμάσας⟧ but/and and the/this/who of_the temple ⟦εὐταξίαν⟧, ⟦ἐνεθυμήθη⟧ ⟦βουλεύσασθαι⟧ to_enter toward the/this/who temple. **11** the/this/who but/and ⟦εἰπόντων⟧ not ⟦καθήκειν⟧ to_be this/he/she/it, through/because_of the/this/who nor the/this/who out_from of_the Gentile_nation ⟦ἐξεῖναι⟧ to_ _enter, nor all the/this/who priest, but or/than alone the/this/who ⟦προηγουμένῳ⟧ all high-priest, and

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this/he/she/it once according_to year, by_no_means ⟦ἠβούλετο⟧ to_persuade. **12** of_the and/both law ⟦παραναγνωσθέντος⟧, by_no_means ⟦ἀπέλιπε⟧ ⟦προφερόμενος⟧ my/your/him-self, be_necessary to_enter, to_ _speak, and if that ⟦ἐστέρηνται⟧ this/he/she/it the/this/who honour, I/we no/which/whither be_necessary. **13** and to_ _inquire, through/because_of which? cause/charge to_enter he/she/it/self toward all a_sacred_precinct, none ⟦ἐλώλυσε⟧ the/this/who ⟦παρόντων⟧. **14** and one ⟦ἀπρονοήτως⟧ to_say badly he/she/it/self this/he/she/it ⟦τερατεύεσθαι⟧. **15** to_be but/and to_say this/he/she/it through/because_of one cause/charge, not surely to_enter and to_will/desire he/she/it/self and not? **16** the/this/who but/and priest in/on/among the/this/who holy clothing ⟦προπεσόντων⟧, and ⟦δεομένων⟧ of_the ⟦μεγίστου⟧ God ⟦βοηθεῖν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐνεστώσῃ⟧ necessity, and the/this/who ⟦ὁρμὴν⟧ of_the badly ⟦ἐπιβαλλομένου⟧ ⟦μεταθεῖναι⟧, shouting and/both with/after teardrop the/this/who temple ⟦ἐμπλησάνων⟧, **17** the/this/who according_to the/this/who city ⟦ἀπολιπόμενοι⟧, ⟦ταραχθέντες⟧ to_rush_out, unclear ⟦τιθέμενοι⟧ the/this/who to_be. **18** the/this/who/which and/both ⟦κατάκλειστοι⟧ virgin in/on/among ⟦θαλάμοις⟧ with the/this/who ⟦τεκούσαις⟧ ⟦ἐξώρμησαν⟧; and ashes and ⟦κόνει⟧ the/this/who head ⟦πασάμεναι⟧, ⟦γόων⟧ and/both and ⟦στεναγμῶν⟧ the/this/who wide ⟦ἐνεπίμπλων⟧. **19** the/this/who/which but/and and lately ⟦ἐσταλμέναι⟧, the/this/who to/with meeting ⟦διατεταγμένους⟧ ⟦παστοὺς⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἁρμόζουσαν⟧ ⟦αἰδὼ⟧ ⟦παραλείπουσαι⟧, racecourse ⟦ἄτακτον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who city ⟦συνίσταντο⟧. **20** the/this/who but/and ⟦νεογνὰ⟧ the/this/who child, the/this/who/which and/both to/with this/he/she/it ⟦μητέρες⟧ and ⟦τιθηνοὶ⟧ ⟦παραλιποῦσαι⟧ otherwise and otherwise, the/this/who/which on_one_hand according_to house, the/this/who/which but/and according_ _to the/this/who ⟦ἀγυιὰς⟧ without_permission toward the/this/who ⟦πανυπέρτατον⟧ temple ⟦ἠθροίζοντο⟧. **21** ⟦Ποικίλη⟧ but/and to_be the/this/who toward this/he/she/it ⟦συλλεγομένων⟧ the/this/who petition upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἀνοσίως⟧ by/under that ⟦κατεγχειρουμένοις⟧. **22** with and/both this/he/she/it the/this/who the/this/who citizen ⟦θρασυνθέντες⟧ no ⟦ἠνείχοντο⟧ ⟦τέλεον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_lay_on, and the/this/who the/this/who purpose he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐκπληροῦν⟧ ⟦διανοουμένου⟧. **23** ⟦Θωνήσαντες⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦ὁρμὴν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who weapon to_do/make, and ⟦θαῤῥαλέως⟧ above/for of_the ancestral law to_decease, ⟦ἱκανὴν⟧ to_do/make in/on/among the/this/who place ⟦τραχύτητα⟧, hardly and/both by/under and/both the/this/who ⟦γεραιῶν⟧ and the/this/who elder ⟦ἀποτραπέντες⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who petition to_ _stand uprising. **24** and the/this/who on_one_hand multitude, which/how before, in/on/among this/he/she/it ⟦ἀνεστρέφετο⟧ ⟦δεόμενον⟧. **25** the/this/who but/and about the/this/who king elder in_many_ways to_try the/this/who ⟦ἀγέρωχον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there mind ⟦ἐξιστάνειν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐντεθυμημένης⟧ plan.

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filled the temple with lamentations and tears, **17** then those who'd been left behind in the city were scared, and rushed out, uncertain of the event. **18** Virgins, who'd been shut up within their chambers, came out with their mothers, scattering dust and ashes on their heads, and filling the streets with outcries. **19** Women who'd recently been arrayed for marriage left their bridal chambers, left the reserve that befitted them, and ran around the city in a disorderly manner. **20** New-born babes were deserted by the mothers or nurses who waited on them—some here, some there, in houses, or in fields; these now, with an ardour which couldn't be checked, swarmed into the Most High temple. **21** Various prayers were offered up by those who assembled in this place because of the unholy attempt of the king. **22** Along with these there were some of the citizens who took courage and wouldn't submit to his obstinacy and his intention of carrying out his purpose. **23** Calling out to arms, and to die bravely in defence of the law of their fathers, they created a great uproar in the place, and were with difficulty brought back by the aged and the elders to the station of prayer which they'd occupied before. **24** During this time, the multitude kept on praying. **25** The elders who surrounded the king tried in many ways to divert his arrogant mind from the design which he'd formed. **26** He, in his hardened mood, insensible to all persuasion, was going onward with the view of carrying out this design. **27** Yet even his own officers, when they saw this, joined the Yehudim (Jews) in an appeal to Him who has all power to aid in the present crisis, and not wink at such haughty lawlessness. **28** Such was the frequency and the vehemence of the cry of the assembled crowd, that an indescribable noise ensued. **29** Not the men only, but the very walls and floor seemed to sound out, all things preferring death rather than to see the place defiled.

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Shim'on prays for the temple's protection

2:1 Now it was that the high priest Shim'on (Simon) bowed his knees near the holy place, spread out his hands in reverent form, and uttered the following prayer: **2** "O master, master, King of the heavens, and Ruler of the whole creation, Holy among the holy, sole Governor, Almighty, give ear to us who are oppressed by a wicked and profane one, who celebrates in his confidence and strength. **3** It's you, the Creator of all, the master of the universe, who are a righteous Governor, and judge all who act with pride and insolence. **4** It was you who destroyed the former workers of unrighteousness, among whom were the giants, who trusted in their strength and daring, by covering them with a measureless flood. **5** It was you who made the Sodomites, those workers of great wickedness, men notorious for their vices, an example to later generations, when you covered them with fire and brimstone.[1] **6** You made known your power when you caused the bold Par'oh (Pharaoh), the enslaver of your people, to pass through the ordeal of many and diverse inflictions. **7** You rolled the depths of the sea over him when he pursued with chariots and with a multitude of followers, and gave a safe passage to those who put their trust in you, the master of the whole creation. **8** These saw and felt the works of your hands, and praised you, the Almighty. **9** You, Oh King, when you created the immeasurable and measureless earth, chose this city. You made this place sacred to your name, even though you need nothing. You glorified it with your illustrious presence, after constructing it to the glory of your great and honourable name. **10** You promised, out of love for Yisrael's (Israel's) people, that if we fall away from you, become afflicted, and then come to this house and pray, you'd hear our prayer. **11** Truly you're faithful and true. **12** When you often aided our fathers when hard pressed and humiliated, and delivered them out of great dangers, **13** see now, holy King, how through our many and great sins we're crushed and made subject to our enemies, and have become weak and powerless. **14** In our low condition, this bold and profane man seeks to dishonour this your holy place, consecrated out of the

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26 ⟦Θρασυνθεὶς⟧ but/and and all ⟦παραπέμψας⟧, already and ⟦πρόσβασιν⟧ ⟦ἀποιεῖτο⟧, goal/tax ⟦ἐπιθήσειν⟧ to_think the/this/who ⟦προειρημένῳ⟧. **27** ⟦Ταῦτ'⟧ therefore/then and the/this/who about he/she/it/self to_be to_see/experience, ⟦ἐτράπησαν⟧ toward the/this/who with the/this/who our to_ _call_(on)/name the/this/who all power to_have/be, the/this/who be_present ⟦ἐπαμῦναι⟧, not ⟦περιδόντα⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἄνομον⟧ and ⟦ὑπερήφανον⟧ action. **28** out_from but/and the/this/who ⟦πυκνοτάτης⟧ and/both and ⟦ἐμπόνου⟧ the/this/who crowd ⟦συναγομένης⟧ shouting, incapable_of_ _artistic_representation one to_be outcry. **29** to_think for to_be not alone/only the/this/who a_human, but and the/this/who wall and the/this/who all ground ⟦ἠχεῖν⟧, ⟦ἅτε⟧ so the/this/who all then death ⟦ἀλλασσομένων⟧ for the/this/who of_the place ⟦βεβηλώσεως⟧.

2:1 the/this/who on_one_hand therefore/then high-priest Simōn right_opposite of_the temple ⟦κάμψας⟧ the/this/who a_ _knee, and the/this/who hand ⟦προτείνας⟧ orderly, ⟦ἐποιήσατο⟧ the/this/who petition such_as_this; **2** lord lord king the/this/who heaven, and master all creation, holy in/on/among holy, ⟦μόναρχε⟧, almighty, ⟦πρόσχες⟧ I/we ⟦καταπονουμένοις⟧ by/under ⟦ἀνοσίου⟧ and ⟦βεβήλου⟧ ⟦θράσει⟧ and ⟦σθένει⟧ ⟦πεφρυαγμένου⟧. **3** you for the/this/who to_create the/this/who all and the/this/who ⟦ὅλων⟧ ⟦ἐπικρατῶν⟧ ruler just to_be, and the/this/who ⟦ὕβρει⟧ and feats_of_mastery to_do/require one to_judge. **4** you the/this/who before unrighteousness ⟦ποιήσαντας⟧, in/on/among which and ⟦γίγαντες⟧ to_be Rome and ⟦θράσει⟧ to_persuade, ⟦διέφθειρας⟧, ⟦ἐπαγαγὼν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἀμέτρητον⟧ water. **5** you the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφανίαν⟧ to_ _work Sodomitas, ⟦αιαδήλους⟧ the/this/who ⟦κακίαις⟧ ⟦γενομένους⟧, fire and sulfur ⟦κατέφλεξας⟧, a_model the/this/who ⟦ἐπιγινομένοις⟧ ⟦καταστήσας⟧. **6** you the/this/who ⟦θρασὺν⟧ Faraō ⟦καταδουλωσάμενον⟧ the/this/who a_people you the/this/who holy Israaʸl, various and much ⟦δοκιμάσας⟧ ⟦τιμωρίαις⟧, to_make_known the/this/who your ⟦δυναστείαν⟧; upon/to/against which to_ _make_known the/this/who great you power. **7** and ⟦ἐπιδιώξαντα⟧ he/she/it/self with ⟦ἅρμασι⟧ and crowd multitude, ⟦ἐπέκλυσας⟧ deep sea, the/this/who but/and ⟦ἐνπιστεύσαντας⟧ upon/to/against you/your the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἁπάσης⟧ creation ⟦δυναστεύοντι⟧, ⟦σώους⟧ ⟦διεκόμισας⟧. **8** the/this/who/which and ⟦συνειδότες⟧ work your hand, ⟦ἦνεσάν⟧ you the/this/who ⟦παντοκράτορα⟧. **9** you, king, to_create the/this/who ⟦ἀπέραντον⟧ and ⟦ἀμέτρητον⟧ earth, to_select the/this/who city this/he/she/it, and to_ _sanctify the/this/who place this/he/she/it toward name you the/this/who the/this/who all ⟦ἀπροσδεεῖ⟧, and ⟦παρεδόξασας⟧ in/on/among appearing ⟦μεγαλοπρεπεῖ⟧, ⟦σύστασιν⟧ to_do/make he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to/with glory of_the great and ⟦ἐντίμου⟧ name you. **10** and to_love the/this/who house of_the Israaʸl, ⟦ἐπηγγείλω⟧ so that/since if to_be I/we rejection, and to_grasp I/we hardship, and to_come/go toward the/this/who place of_this_one ⟦δεηθῶμεν⟧, ⟦εἰσακούσῃ⟧

1 **RV 2:5 · Note** or, sulfur

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the/this/who petition I/we. **11** and so faithful to_be and true. **12** since but/and many_times ⟦θλιβέντων⟧ the/this/who father I/we ⟦ἐβοήθησας⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who lowliness/to_humble, and ⟦ἐῤῥύσω⟧ he/she/it/self out_from great ⟦κινδύνων⟧, **13** look! so now, holy king, through/because_of the/this/who much and great I/we sin ⟦καταπονούμεθα⟧, and ⟦ὑπετάγημεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐχθροῖς⟧ I/we, and ⟦παρείμεθα⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἀδυναμίαις⟧. **14** in/on/among but/and the/this/who our ⟦καταπτώσει⟧ the/this/who bold and profane this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπιτηδεύει⟧ ⟦καθυβρίσαι⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who earth ⟦ἀναδεδειγμένον⟧ the/this/who name the/this/who glory you holy place. **15** the/this/who on_one_hand for dwelling you heaven of_the heaven ⟦ἀνέφικτος⟧ a_human to_ _be. **16** ⟦Ἀλλα'⟧ since to_delight the/this/who glory you in/on/among the/this/who a_people you Israa^{y}l, ⟦ἡγίασας⟧ the/this/who place this/he/she/it. **17** not ⟦ἐκδικήσῃς⟧ I/we in/on/among the/this/who this/he/she/it impurity, nor ⟦εὐθύνῃς⟧ I/we in/on/among ⟦βεβηλώσει⟧; in_order_that/to not to_boast the/this/who ⟦παράνομοι⟧ in/on/among ⟦θυμῷ⟧ he/she/it/self, nor ⟦ἀγαλλιάσωνται⟧ in/on/among pride tongue he/she/it/self, to_speak, **18** I/we ⟦κατεπατήσαμεν⟧ the/this/who house of_the ⟦ἁγιασμοῦ⟧, which/how ⟦καταπατοῦνται⟧ the/this/who ⟦οἶκοι⟧ the/this/who ⟦προσοχθισμάτων⟧. **19** ⟦Ἀπάλειψον⟧ the/this/who sin I/we, and ⟦διασκέδασον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀμπλακίας⟧ I/we, and ⟦ἐπίφανον⟧ the/this/who mercy you according_to the/this/who hour this/he/she/it. **20** quick/quickly ⟦προκαταλαβέτωσαν⟧ I/we the/this/who compassion you; and to_give ⟦αἰνέσεις⟧ in/on/among mouth the/this/who ⟦καταπεπτωκότων⟧ and ⟦συντετριμμένων⟧ the/this/who soul, to_do/make I/we peace. **21** here the/this/who all eyewitness God, and before ⟦πάντωρ⟧ holy in/on/among holy, ⟦εἰσακούσας⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐνθέσμου⟧ ⟦λιτανείας⟧, the/this/who ⟦ὕβρει⟧ and ⟦θράσει⟧ greatly ⟦ἐπηρμένον⟧ ⟦ἐμάστιξεν⟧ he/she/it/self, **22** hence and hence ⟦κραδάνας⟧ he/she/it/self which/how reed/stick/pen by/under wind, so according_to ⟦ἐδάφους⟧ ⟦ἄπρακτον⟧ still and the/this/who member ⟦παραλελυμένον⟧, nor to_call be_able just ⟦περιπεπλεγμένον⟧ judgement. **23** whence the/this/who/which and/both friendly/friend and the/this/who ⟦σωματοφύλακες⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ταχεῖαν⟧ and sharp/swift to_perceive the/this/who ⟦καταλαβοῦσαν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦εὐθύναν⟧, to_fear not and the/this/who to_live ⟦ἐκλείπῃ⟧, quickly he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξείλκυσαν⟧ ⟦ὑπερβάλλοντι⟧ ⟦καταπεπληγμένοι⟧ fear. **24** in/on/among time but/and later ⟦ἀναλεξάμενος⟧ my/your/him-self, by_no_ _means toward ⟦μετάμελον⟧ to_come/go ⟦ἐπιτιμηθεὶς⟧, with/after threat but/and ⟦πικρᾶς⟧ ⟦ἀνέλυσε⟧. **25** ⟦Διακομισθεὶς⟧ but/and toward the/this/who Aigupton, and the/this/who the/this/who evil ⟦ἐπαύξων⟧, through/because_ _of but/and the/this/who ⟦προαποδεδιγμένων⟧ ⟦συμποτῶν⟧ and ⟦ἑταίρων⟧ of_the all just ⟦κεχωρισμένων⟧, **26** no alone/only the/this/who ⟦ἀναριθμήτοις⟧ debauchery ⟦διηρκέσθη⟧, but and upon/to/against so_great ⟦θράσους⟧ ⟦προῆλθεν⟧, so slander in/on/among the/this/who place to_ _commend, and much the/this/who friendly/friend

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earth to the name of your Majesty. **15** Your dwelling place, the heaven of heavens, is indeed unapproachable to men. **16** But since it seemed good to you to exhibit your glory among your people Yisrael, you sanctified this place. **17** Don't punish us by means of the uncleanness of their men, and don't chastise us by means of their profanity, or those lawless people might boast in their rage, speak with excessive pride, and say, **18** 'We've trampled on the holy house, as idolatrous houses are trampled on.' **19** Blot out our iniquities, do away with our errors, and show your compassion in this hour. **20** Let your mercies quickly go before us. Grant us peace, that the downcast and broken hearted may praise you with their mouth."

God stops Filopator entering the temple

21 At that time God, who sees all things, who's beyond all Holy among the holy, heard that prayer, so suitable, and scourged the man who was greatly uplifted with scorn and insolence. **22** Shaking him back and forth as a reed is shaken with the wind, he threw him down on the pavement, powerless, with limbs paralysed, and by a righteous judgement deprived of the ability to speak. **23** His friends and bodyguards, seeing the swift recompense which had suddenly overtaken him, struck with exceeding terror, and fearing that he'd die, speedily removed him. **24** When in course of time he'd come to himself, this severe punishment caused no repentance within him, but he departed with bitter threatenings.

Filopator turns against the Yehudim in Mitsrayim

25 He proceeded to Mitsrayim (Egypt), grew worse in wickedness through his previously mentioned companions in wine, who were lost to all goodness, **26** and not satisfied with countless acts of impiety, his audacity so increased that he raised evil reports there, and many of his friends, watching his purpose attentively, joined in furthering his will. **27** His purpose was to inflict a public stigma on our race. Therefore he erected a stone pillar in the courtyard, and caused the following inscription to be engraved on it: **28** "Entrance to this temple is to be refused to all those who wouldn't sacrifice. All the Yehudim (Jews) were to be registered among the slaves. Those who resisted are to be forcibly seized and put to death. **29** Those who are thus registered are to be marked on their persons by the ivy-leaf symbol of Dionusos, and to be reduced to these limited rights." **30** To do away with the appearance of hating them all, he had it written underneath, that if any of them should elect to enter the community of those initiated in the rites, these should have equal rights with the Alexandrians.

31 Some of those who were over the city, therefore, abhorring any approach to the city of piety, unhesitatingly gave in to the king, and expected to derive some great honour from a future connection with him. **32** A nobler spirit, however, prompted the majority to cling to their religious observances, and by paying money that they might live unmolested, these tried to escape the registration, **33** cheerfully looking forward to future aid, they abhorred their own apostates, considering them to be national foes, and depriving them of common fellowship and mutual

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help.

The king orders the arrest of the Yehudim

3:1 On discovering this, so incensed was the wicked king, that he no longer confined his rage to the Yehudim in Alexandria. Laying his hand more heavily on those who lived in the country, he gave orders that they should be quickly collected into one place, and most cruelly deprived of their lives. 2 While this was going on, a hostile rumour was uttered abroad by men who'd banded together to injure the Jewish race. The pretext of their charge was that the Yehudim kept them away from the ordinances of the law. 3 Now the Yehudim always maintained a feeling of unwavering loyalty towards the kings, 4 yet, as they worshipped God and observed his law, they made certain distinctions, and avoided certain things. Hence they appeared hateful to some people, 5 although, as they adorned their conversation with works of righteousness, they'd established themselves in the good opinion of the world. 6 What all the rest of mankind said was, however, disregarded by the foreigners, 7 who said much of the exclusiveness of the Yehudim with regard to their worship and meats. They alleged that they were unsociable men, hostile to the king's interests, refusing to associate with him or

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⟦ἀτενίζοντας⟧ toward the/this/who of_the king purpose and he/she/it/self ⟦ἔπεσθαι⟧ the/this/who that ⟦θελήσει⟧. 27 to_ _plan/present but/and public according_to of_the Gentile_ _nation ⟦διαδοῦναι⟧ ⟦ψόγον⟧; and upon/to/against of_the according_to the/this/who palace/courtyard ⟦πύργου⟧ ⟦στήλην⟧ to_arise, ⟦ἐξεκόλαψε⟧ a_writing, 28 nothing the/this/who not ⟦θυόντων⟧ toward the/this/who sacred he/she/it/self to_enter, all but/and the/this/who Youdaious toward ⟦λαογραφίαν⟧ and ⟦οἰκετικὴν⟧ ⟦διάθεσιν⟧ to_bring, the/this/who but/and to_dispute force ⟦φερομένους⟧ of_the to_live ⟦μεταστῆσαι⟧, 29 this/he/she/it and/both ⟦ἀπογραφομένους⟧ ⟦χαράσσεσθαι⟧ and through/because_of fire toward the/this/who body figurehead Dionusou ⟦κισσοφύλλῳ⟧, which and ⟦καταχωρίσαι⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦προσυνεσταλμένην⟧ ⟦αὐθεντίαν⟧. 30 in_order_that/to but/and not the/this/who all ⟦ἀπεχθόμενος⟧ ⟦φαίνηται⟧, ⟦ὑπέγραψεν⟧, if but/and one out_from he/she/it/self ⟦προαιρῶνται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who according_to the/this/who ⟦τελετὰς⟧ ⟦μεμυημένοις⟧ to_live/return, this/he/she/it ⟦ἰσοπολίτας⟧ ⟦Ἀλεξανδρεῦσιν⟧ to_be. 31 ⟦Ἔνιοι⟧ on_one_hand therefore/then upon/to/against city the/this/who the/this/who city piety ⟦ἐπιβάθρας⟧ ⟦στυγοῦντες⟧, easily my/your/him-self to_give, which/how great one ⟦κοινωνήσοντες⟧ ⟦εὐκλείας⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦ἐσομένης⟧ the/this/who king ⟦συναναστροφῆς⟧. 32 the/this/who but/and ⟦πλεῖστοι⟧ ⟦γενναίᾳ⟧ soul ⟦ἐνίσχυσαν⟧ and no ⟦διέστησαν⟧ the/this/who piety; the/this/who and/both money about of_the to_live ⟦ἀντικαταλλασσομενοι⟧, ⟦ἀδεῶς⟧ to_try my/your/him-self ⟦ῥύσασθαι⟧ out_from the/this/who ⟦ἀπογραφῶν⟧. 33 ⟦Εὐέλπιδές⟧ but/and ⟦καθειστήκεισαν⟧ ⟦ἀντιλήμψεως⟧ ⟦τεύξεασθαι⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἀποχωροῦντας⟧ out_from he/she/it/self ⟦ἐβδελύσσοντο⟧, and which/how ⟦πολεμίους⟧ of_the Gentile_nation ⟦ἔκρινον⟧, and the/this/who common ⟦συναναστροφῆς⟧ and ⟦εὐχρηστίας⟧ ⟦ἐστέρουν⟧.

3:1 which and ⟦μεταλαμβάνων⟧ the/this/who ⟦δυσσεβὴς⟧ upon/to/against so_great ⟦ἐχόλησεν⟧, so no alone/only the/this/who according_to Alexandreian ⟦διοργίζεσθαι⟧, but and the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who country ⟦βαρυτέρως⟧ ⟦ἐναντιωθῆναι⟧, and ⟦προστάξαι⟧ ⟦σπεύσαντας⟧ to_assemble all together, and ⟦χειρίστῳ⟧ ⟦μόρῳ⟧ of_the to_live ⟦μεταστῆσαι⟧. 2 this/he/she/it but/and ⟦οἰκονομουμένων⟧, news ⟦δυσμενὴς⟧ ⟦ἐξηχεῖτο⟧ according_to of_the family a_ _human ⟦συμφρονοῦσιν⟧ toward ⟦κακοποίησιν⟧, ⟦ἀφορμῆς⟧ ⟦διδομένης⟧ toward ⟦διάθεσιν⟧, which/how if away_from the/this/who ⟦νομίμων⟧ he/she/it/self to_prevent. 3 the/this/who but/and Jewish the/this/who on_one_hand to/with the/this/who king enthusiasm and faith ⟦ἀδιάστροφον⟧ to_be ⟦διαφυλάσσοντες⟧; 4 ⟦σεβόμενοι⟧ but/and the/this/who God and the/this/who this/he/she/it law ⟦πολιτευόμενοι⟧, ⟦χωρισμὸν⟧ to_do/make upon/to/against one and ⟦καταστροφάς⟧ through/because_of which cause/charge ⟦ἔνιος⟧ ⟦ἀπεχθεῖς⟧ ⟦ἐφαίνοντο⟧; 5 the/this/who but/and the/this/who just ⟦εὐπραξίᾳ⟧ ⟦κοσμοῦντες⟧ the/this/who ⟦συναναστροφήν⟧, ⟦ἅπασιν⟧ a_human ⟦εὐδόκιμοι⟧ ⟦καθειστήκεισαν⟧. 6 the/this/who on_one_hand therefore/then about of_the family in/on/among all ⟦θρυλλουμένην⟧ ⟦εὐπραξίαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀλλόφυλοι⟧ by_

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_no_means ⟦διηριθμήσαντο⟧. 7 the/this/who but/and about the/this/who ⟦προσκυνήσεων⟧ and ⟦τροφῶν⟧ ⟦διάστασιν⟧ ⟦ἐθρύλλουν⟧, to_claim neither the/this/who king neither the/this/who power ⟦ὁμοσπόνδους⟧ the/this/who a_human to_be, ⟦δυσμενεῖς⟧ but/and to_be and great one the/this/who ⟦πράγμασιν⟧ ⟦ἐναντιουμένους⟧; and no the/this/who ⟦τυχόντι⟧ ⟦περιήψαν⟧ ⟦ψόγῳ⟧. 8 the/this/who but/and according_to the/this/who city Hellaʸnes none ⟦ἠδικημένοι⟧, disturbance ⟦ἀπροσδόκητον⟧ about the/this/who a_human to_ _see/experience, and ⟦συνδρομὰς⟧ ⟦ἀπροσκόπους⟧ to_be ⟦βοηθεῖν⟧ on_one_hand no ⟦ἔσθενον⟧; ⟦τυραννικὴ⟧ for to_be the/this/who a_disposition; to_plead/comfort but/and and ⟦δυσφόρως⟧ to_have/be, and ⟦μεταπεσεῖσθαι⟧ this/he/she/it ⟦ὑπελάμβανον⟧; 9 not for thus(-ly) ⟦παροραθήσεται⟧ ⟦τηλικοῦτο⟧ ⟦σύστεημα⟧ nothing ⟦ἠγνοηκώς⟧. 10 already but/and and one neighbour and/both and friendly/friend and ⟦συμπραγματευόμενοι⟧, ⟦μυστικῶς⟧ one ⟦ἐπισπώμενοι⟧, ⟦πίστεις⟧ to_give ⟦συνασπιεῖν⟧, and all ⟦ἐκτενὲς⟧ ⟦προσοίσεσθαι⟧ to/with ⟦ἀντίληψιν⟧. 11 that on_one_hand therefore/then the/this/who according_to the/this/who be_ _present ⟦εὐημερίᾳ⟧ ⟦γεγαυρωμένος⟧, and no ⟦καθορῶν⟧ the/this/who of_the ⟦μεγίστου⟧ God power, ⟦ὑπολαμβάνων⟧ but/and ⟦διηνεκῶς⟧ in/on/among the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦διαμένειν⟧ plan, to_write according_to he/she/it/self epistle this 12 king Ptolemaios Filopatōr the/this/who according_to Aigupton, and according_to place officer/magistrate and soldier, to_rejoice and ⟦ἐῤῥῶσθαι⟧. 13 ⟦Ἔῤῥωμαι⟧ but/and and I/we he/she/it/self and the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧ I/we. 14 out_from the/this/who toward the/this/who Asian to_be I/we ⟦ἐπιστρατίας⟧, which to_perceive and he/she/it/self, the/this/who the/this/who ⟦θεῶν⟧ to/with I/we ⟦ἀπροπτώτῳ⟧ an_alliance_in_war and the/this/who our but/and Rome according_to word upon/to/against early_meal goal/tax ⟦ἀχθείσης⟧, 15 ⟦ἡγησάμεθα⟧ not force ⟦δόρατος⟧, gentleness but/and and much benevolence ⟦τιθηνήσασθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦κατοικοῦντα⟧ ⟦κοίλην⟧ Surian and Foinikaʸn Gentile_nation, well/well_done! to_do/make and/both gladly. 16 and the/this/who according_to city ⟦ἱεροῖς⟧ ⟦ἀπονείμαντες⟧ ⟦προσόδους⟧ ⟦πλείστας⟧, ⟦προήχθημεν⟧ and toward the/this/who Yerosoluma, to_ascend ⟦τιμῆσαι⟧ the/this/who temple the/this/who ⟦ἁλιτηρίων⟧ and never ⟦ληγόντων⟧ the/this/who folly. 17 the/this/who but/and word on_one_ _hand the/this/who our to_receive coming, the/this/who but/and thing ⟦νόθως⟧, ⟦προθυμηθέντων⟧ I/we to_enter toward the/this/who temple he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦ἐκπρεπέσιν⟧ and ⟦καλλίστοις⟧ devoted ⟦τιμῆσαι⟧, 18 ⟦τύφοις⟧ to_bear/lead ⟦παλαιοτέροις⟧ ⟦εἶρξαν⟧ I/we the/this/who entry, ⟦ἀπολειπόμενοι⟧ the/this/who our ⟦ἀλκῆς⟧, through/because_of which to_have/be to/with all a_human benevolence. 19 the/this/who but/and he/she/it/self toward I/we ⟦δυσμενειαν⟧ ⟦ἔκδηλον⟧ ⟦καθιστάντες⟧, which/how ⟦μονώτατοι⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation king and the/this/who my/your/him-self ⟦εὐεργέταις⟧ ⟦ὑψαυχενοῦντες⟧ none genuine ⟦βούλονται⟧ to_bear/lead. 20 I/we but/and the/this/who this/he/she/it folly ⟦συμπεριενεχθέντες⟧, and with/after ⟦νίκης⟧

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his troops. By this way of speaking, they brought much hatred on them. 8 This unexpected uproar and sudden gathering of people was observed by the Hellains (Greeks) who lived in the city, about men who'd never harmed them. Yet to aid them wasn't in their power, since all was oppression around, but they encouraged them in their troubles, and expected a favourable turn of affairs. 9 He who knows all things won't, they said, disregard so great a people. 10 Some of the neighbours, friends, and business associates of the Yehudim even called them secretly to an interview, pledged them their assistance, and promised to do their very utmost for them.

The king's letter condemning the Yehudim

11 Now the king, elated with his prosperous fortune, and not regarding the superior power of God, but thinking to persevere in his present purpose, wrote the following letter to the prejudice of the Yehudim: 12 "King Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) Filopator, to the commanders and soldiers in Mitsrayim (Egypt), and in all places, health and happiness! 13 I'm doing well, and so, too, are my affairs. 14 Since our Asiatic campaign, the particulars of which you know, and which by the aid of the gods, not lightly given, and by our own vigour, has been brought to a successful conclusion according to our expectation, 15 we resolved, not with strength of spear, but with gentleness and much humanity, as it were to nurse the inhabitants of Coele-Syria and Foinikai, and to be their willing benefactors. 16 So, having bestowed considerable sums of money on the temples of the several cities, we proceeded even as far as Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and went up to honour the temple of these wretched beings who never cease from their folly. 17 To outward appearance they received us willingly, but belied that appearance by their actions. When we were eager to enter their temple, and to honour it with the most beautiful and exquisite gifts, 18 they were so carried away by their old arrogance as to forbid us the entrance, while we, out of our forbearance towards all men, refrained from exercising our power on them. 19 Thus, exhibiting their enmity against us, they alone among the nations lift up their heads against kings and benefactors, as men unwilling to submit to any reasonable thing. 20 We then, having endeavoured to make allowance for the madness of these people, and on our victorious return treating all people in Mitsrayim courteously, acted in a manner which was befitting. 21 Accordingly, bearing no ill will against their kinsmen, but rather remembering our connection with them, and the numerous matters with sincere heart from a remote period entrusted to them, we wished to venture a total alteration of their state, by giving them the rights of citizens of Alexandria, and to admit them to the eternal rites of our solemnities. 22 All this, however, they've taken in a very different spirit. With their innate malignity, they've spurned the fair offer, and constantly inclining to evil, 23 have rejected the inestimable rights. Not only so, but by using speech, and by refraining from speech, they abhor the few among them who are heartily disposed towards us, ever deeming that their infamous way of life

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will force us to do away with our reform. **24** Having then received certain proofs that these Yehudim (Jews) bear us every sort of ill will, we must look forward to the possibility of some sudden tumult among ourselves when these impious men may turn traitors and barbarous enemies. **25** Therefore, as soon as the contents of this letter become known to you, in that same hour we order those Yehudim who live among you, with wives and children, to be sent to us, vilified and abused, in chains of iron, to undergo a cruel and shameful death, suitable to enemies. **26** Because by the punishment of them in one body we perceive that we've found the only means of establishing our affairs for the future on a firm and satisfactory basis. **27** Anyone who protects a Yehudi (Jew), whether it be old man, child, or nursing baby, will with his whole house be tortured to death. **28** Anyone who informs against the Yehudim, besides receiving the property of the person charged, will be presented with two thousand drachmas[2] from the royal treasury, will be made free, and will be crowned. **29** Whatever place shelters a Yehudi will be made unapproachable and will be put under the ban of fire, and be forever rendered useless to every living being for all time to come." **30** The king's letter was written in the above form.

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⟦διακομισθέντες⟧, and toward the/this/who Aigupton the/this/who all Gentile_nation benevolently ⟦ἀπαντήσαντες⟧, as/just_as be_proper to_do/make. **21** in/on/among but/and this/he/she/it to/with the/this/who ⟦ὁμοφύλους⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἀμνησικακίαν⟧ ⟦ἅπασιν⟧ ⟦γνωρίζοντες⟧, through/because_of and/both the/this/who ⟦συμμαχίαν⟧ and the/this/who ⟦πεπιστευμένα⟧ with/after openness he/she/it/self ⟦ἀρχῆθεν⟧ ⟦μύρια⟧ ⟦πράγματα⟧, ⟦ἐξαλλοιῶσαι⟧, ⟦ἐβουλήθημεν⟧ and citizenship he/she/it/self Alexandreōn ⟦καταξιῶσαι⟧, and partaker the/this/who always priest ⟦καταστῆσαι⟧. **22** the/this/who but/and instead ⟦ἐκδεχόμενοι⟧, and the/this/who ⟦συμφύτῳ⟧ malice the/this/who good to_ _reject, ⟦διηνεκῶς⟧ but/and toward the/this/who evil ⟦ἐκνεύοντες⟧, **23** no alone/only ⟦ἀπεστρέψαντο⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀτίμητον⟧ citizenship, but and ⟦βδελύσσονται⟧ word and/both and silence the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self ⟦ὀλίγους⟧ to/with I/we genuinely ⟦διακειμένους⟧, ⟦παρέκαστα⟧ ⟦ὑφορώμενοι⟧ through/because_ _of the/this/who ⟦δυσκλεεστάτης⟧ ⟦ἐμβιώσεως⟧ through/because_of ⟦τάχους⟧ I/we ⟦καταστρέψαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦κατορθώματα⟧. **24** for and clear_proof well ⟦πεπεισμένοι⟧ this/he/she/it according_to all ⟦δυσνοεῖν⟧ I/we way, and to_care_for lest ⟦αἰφνιδίου⟧ afterward ⟦ταραχῆς⟧ ⟦ἐνστάσης⟧ I/we, the/this/who ⟦δυσσεβεῖς⟧ this/he/she/it according_to ⟦νώτου⟧ ⟦προδότας⟧ and ⟦βαρβάρους⟧ to_have/be ⟦πολεμίους⟧. **25** ⟦Προστετάχαμεν⟧ together the/this/who ⟦προσπεσεῖν⟧ the/this/who epistle this, ⟦αὐθωρὶ⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐννεμομένους⟧ with ⟦γυναιξὶ⟧ and child with/after ⟦ὕβρεων⟧ and ⟦σκυλμῶν⟧ to_send to/with I/we ⟦ἐνδεσμοῖς⟧ ⟦σιδηροῖς⟧ from_all_sides ⟦κατακεκλεισμένους⟧, toward ⟦ἀνήκεστον⟧ and ⟦δυσκλεῆ⟧ ⟦πρέποντα⟧ ⟦δυσμενέσι⟧ murder. **26** this/he/she/it for together ⟦κολασθέντων⟧, ⟦διειλήφαμεν⟧ toward the/this/who remaining time completely I/we the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧ in/on/among ⟦εὐσταθείᾳ⟧ and ⟦βελτίστῃ⟧ ⟦διαθέσει⟧ ⟦κατασταθήσεσθαι⟧. **27** which but/and if ⟦σκεπάσῃ⟧ one the/this/who Jewish away_ _from ⟦γεραιοῦ⟧ until child until the/this/who ⟦ὑπομασθίων⟧, ⟦αἰσχίστοις⟧ torment ⟦ἀποτυμπανισθήσεται⟧ with_all_the_ _house. **28** ⟦Μηνύειν⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦βουλόμενον⟧, upon/to/against which the/this/who estate of_the ⟦ἐμπίπτοντος⟧ by/under the/this/who ⟦εὐθύναν⟧ to_take, and out_from of_the ⟦βασιλικοῦ⟧ money drachma number_of_ _twenty_thousand, and the/this/who freedom ⟦τεύξεται⟧ and ⟦στεφανωθήσεται⟧. **29** all but/and place which/whither if ⟦φωραθῇ⟧ the/this/who ⟦σύνοκον⟧ ⟦σκεπαζόμενος⟧ Jewish, impassable and ⟦πυριφλεγὴς⟧ to_be, and all mortal nature according_to all useless to_shine/appear toward the/this/who always time. **30** and the/this/who on_one_hand the/this/who epistle mark/example thus(-ly) ⟦ἐγέγραπτο⟧.

The Yehudim are rounded up and imprisoned

4:1 Wherever this decree was received, the people kept up a revelry of joy and shouting, as if their long-pent-up, hardened hatred would now show itself openly. **2** The Yehudim suffered great throes of sorrow and wept much, while their hearts,

4:1 always but/and where(-ever) ⟦προσέπιπτε⟧ this/he/she/it the/this/who an_order, ⟦δημοτελὴς⟧ ⟦συνίστατο⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦εὐωχία⟧ with/after ⟦ἀλαλαγμῶν⟧ and joy, which/how if the/this/who ⟦προκατεσκιῤῥωμένης⟧ he/she/it/self of_old according_to mind, with/after boldness ⟦συνεκφαινομένης⟧ ⟦ἀπεχθείας⟧.

2 **RV 3:28 · Note** a drachma was about a day's pay for an agricultural labourer

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2 the/this/who but/and Youdaiois ⟦ἀνήκεστον⟧ grief to_be and most_lamentable with/after teardrop outcry, groan to_burn the/this/who he/she/it/self from_all_sides heart, ⟦ὀλοφυρομένων⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀπροσδόκητον⟧ suddenly ⟦ἐπικριθεῖσαν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ὀλεθρίαν⟧. **3** one/which? abode or/than city, or/than one/which? the/this/who ⟦σύνολον⟧ inhabited place, or/than which? ⟦ἀγυιαὶ⟧ ⟦κοπετοῦ⟧ and ⟦γόων⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self no ⟦ἐμπιπλῶντο⟧? **4** thus(-ly) for with/after ⟦πικρᾶς⟧ and ⟦ἀνοίκτου⟧ soul by/under the/this/who according_to city ⟦στρατηγῶν⟧ united ⟦ἐξαπεστέλλοντο⟧, so upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἐξάλλοις⟧ ⟦τιμωρίαις⟧ and one the/this/who enemy, ⟦λαμβάνοντας⟧ before the/this/who eye the/this/who common mercy, and to_count the/this/who unclear of_the life ⟦καταστροφὴν⟧, ⟦δακρύειν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦τρισάθλιον⟧ ⟦ἐξαποστολήν⟧. **5** to_bring for ⟦γεραιῶν⟧ multitude greyness_ _of_hair ⟦πεπυκασμένων⟧, the/this/who out_from of_the ⟦γήρως⟧ ⟦νωθρότητα⟧ foot ⟦ἐπικύφων⟧, ⟦ἀνατροπῆς⟧ impulse strong, ⟦ἀπάσης⟧ modesty without to/with sharp/swift ⟦καταχρωμένων⟧ journey. **6** the/this/who/which but/and now to/with life participation ⟦γαμικὸν⟧ ⟦ὑπεληλυθυῖαι⟧ ⟦παστὸν⟧ ⟦νεάνιδες⟧, for ⟦τέρψεως⟧ ⟦μεταλαβοῦσαι⟧ ⟦γόους⟧, and ⟦κόνει⟧ the/this/who ⟦μυροβραχῆ⟧ ⟦πεφυρμέναι⟧ ⟦κόμην⟧, ⟦ἀκαλύπτως⟧ but/and ⟦ἀγόμεναι⟧, ⟦θρῆνον⟧ for ⟦ὑμεναίων⟧ united ⟦ἐξῆρχον⟧, which/how ⟦ἐσπαραγμέναι⟧ ⟦σκυλμοῖς⟧ ⟦ἀλλοεθνέσι⟧. **7** ⟦Δέσμιαι⟧ but/and ⟦δημόσιαι⟧ until the/this/who toward the/this/who boat ⟦ἐμβολῆς⟧ ⟦εἵλκοντο⟧ with/after force. **8** the/this/who/which and/both this/he/she/it ⟦συζυγεῖς⟧ ⟦βρόχοις⟧ for ⟦στεφέων⟧ the/this/who ⟦αὐχένας⟧ ⟦περιπεπλεγμένοι⟧ with/after ⟦ἀκμαίας⟧ and ⟦νεανικῆς⟧ age/height, for ⟦εὐωχίας⟧ and ⟦νεωτερικῆς⟧ ⟦ῥαθυμίας⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐπιλοίπους⟧ the/this/who wedding day in/on/among ⟦θρήνοις⟧ ⟦διῆγον⟧, from_with foot already the/this/who Hades to_see to_lay/be_ _appointed. **9** ⟦Κατήχθησαν⟧ but/and wild_animal way ⟦ἀγόμενοι⟧ ⟦σιδηροδέσμοις⟧ necessity; the/this/who on_one_ _hand the/this/who ⟦ζυγοῖς⟧ the/this/who boat ⟦προσηλωμένοι⟧ the/this/who ⟦τραχήλους⟧, the/this/who but/and the/this/who foot ⟦ἀῤῥήκτοις⟧ ⟦κατησθφαλισμένοι⟧ fetter, **10** still and the/this/who ⟦καθύπερθε⟧ ⟦πυκνῷ⟧ ⟦σανιδώματι⟧ ⟦διακειμένῳ⟧ the/this/who brightness ⟦ἀποκλειόμενοι⟧, that from_all_sides ⟦ἐσκοτισμένοι⟧ the/this/who eye, ⟦ἀγωγὴν⟧ ⟦ἐπιβούλων⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who ⟦κατάπλῳ⟧ ⟦λαμβάνωσι⟧. **11** this/he/she/it but/and upon/to/against the/this/who to_speak Skedian ⟦ἀχθέντων⟧, and of_the ⟦παράπλου⟧ ⟦περανθέντος⟧, as/just_as to_be ⟦δεδογματισμένον⟧ the/this/who king, to_order he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who before the/this/who city ⟦ἱπποδρόμῳ⟧ ⟦παρεμβαλεῖν⟧ ⟦ἁπλέτῳ⟧ ⟦καθεστῶτι⟧ ⟦περιμέτρῳ⟧, and to/with ⟦παραδειγματισμὸν⟧ ⟦ἄγαν⟧ ⟦εὐκαιροτάτῳ⟧ ⟦καθεστῶτι⟧ all the/this/who ⟦καταπορευομένοις⟧ toward the/this/who city, and the/this/who out_from this/he/she/it toward the/this/who country ⟦στελλομένοις⟧ to/with ⟦ἐκδημίαν⟧; to/with the/this/who nor the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κοινωνεῖν⟧, nor the/this/who ⟦σύνολον⟧ ⟦καταξιῶσαι⟧ ⟦περιβόλων⟧. **12** which/how but/and this/he/she/it to_be, to_hear

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all things around being lamentable, were set on fire as they bewailed the sudden destruction which was decreed against them. **3** What home, or city, or any inhabited place, or what streets were there, which their condition didn't fill with wailing and lamentation? **4** They were sent out unanimously by the generals in various cities, with such stern and pitiless feeling that the exceptional nature of the infliction moved even some of their enemies. These, influenced by sentiments of common humanity, and reflecting on the uncertain issue of life, shed tears at their miserable expulsion. **5** A multitude of aged hoary-haired old men were driven along with halting bending feet, urged onward by the impulse of a violent, shameless force to quick speed. **6** Girls who'd entered the bridal chamber quite lately, to enjoy the partnership of marriage, exchanged pleasure for misery; and with dust scattered on their myrrh-anointed heads, were hurried along unveiled; and, in the middle of outlandish insults, set up with one accord a lamentable cry instead of the marriage hymn. **7** Bound and exposed to public gaze, they were hurried violently on board ship. **8** The husbands of these, in the prime of their youthful vigour, instead of crowns, wore ropes round their necks. Instead of feasting and youthful celebration, they spent the rest of their nuptial days in wailing, and saw only the grave at hand. **9** They were dragged along by unyielding chains, like wild animals. Of these, some had their necks thrust into the benches of the rowers, while the feet of others were enclosed in hard fetters. **10** The planks of the deck above them blocked out the light and shut out the day on every side, so that they might be treated like traitors during the whole voyage.

11 They were carried like this in this vessel, and at the end of it arrived at Schedia. The king had ordered them to be thrown into the vast hippodrome, which was built in front of the city. This place was well adapted by its situation to expose them to the gaze of all comers into the city, and of those who went from the city into the country. Thus they could hold no communication with his forces. They weren't deemed worthy of any civilized accommodation. **12** When this was done, the king, hearing that their kindred in the city often went out and lamented the melancholy distress of these victims, **13** was full of rage, and commanded that they should be carefully subjected to the same—and not one bit milder—treatment. **14** The whole nation was now to be registered. Every individual was to be specified by name, not for that hard servitude of labour which we have a little before mentioned, but that he might expose them to the before-mentioned tortures; and finally, in the short space of a day, might exterminate them by his cruelties. **15** The registering of these men was carried on cruelly, zealously, assiduously, from the rising of the sun to its going down, and wasn't brought to an end in forty days. **16** The king was filled with great and constant joy, and celebrated banquets before the temple idols. His erring heart, far from the truth, and his profane mouth gave glory to idols, deaf and incapable of speaking or aiding, and uttered unworthy speech against the Greatest God. **17** At the end of the

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above-mentioned interval of time, the registrars brought word to the king that the multitude of the Yehudim (Jews) was too great for registration, **18** since there were many still left in the land, of whom some were in inhabited houses, and others were scattered about in various places, so that all the commanders in Mitsrayim (Egypt) were insufficient for the work. **19** The king threatened them, and charged them with taking bribes, in order to contrive the escape of the Yehudim, but was clearly convinced of the truth of what had been said. **20** They said, and proved, that paper and pens had failed them for the carrying out of their purpose. **21** Now this was an active interference of the unconquerable Providence which assisted the Yehudim from heaven.

The king orders elephants to crush the prisoners

5:1 Then he called Hermon, who had charge of the elephants. Full of rage, altogether fixed in his furious design, **2** he commanded him, with a quantity of unmixed wine with handfuls of incense infused, to drug the elephants early on the following day. These five hundred elephants were, when infuriated by the copious drinks of frankincense, to be led up to the execution of death on the Yehudim. **3** The king, after issuing these orders, went to his feasting, and gathered together all those of his friends and of the army who hated the Yehudim the most. **4** The master of the elephants, Hermon, fulfilled his commission punctually. **5** The servants appointed for the purpose went out about evening and bound the hands of the miserable victims, and took

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the/this/who out_from the/this/who city ⟦ὁμοεθνεῖς⟧ secretly ⟦ἐκπορευομένους⟧ often ⟦ἀποδύρεσθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀκλεᾶ⟧ the/this/who brother ⟦ταλαιπωρίαν⟧, **13** ⟦διοργισθεὶς⟧ to_ _order and this/he/she/it together the/this/who he/she/it/self way carefully which/how that to_do/make, not ⟦λειπομένοις⟧ according_to nothing way the/this/who that punishment, ⟦Ἀπογραφῆναι⟧ but/and all the/this/who ⟦φῦλον⟧ out_from name; **14** no for the/this/who ⟦ἔμπροσθε⟧ ⟦βραχεῖ⟧ ⟦προδεδηλωμένην⟧ the/this/who work ⟦κατὰπονον⟧ ministry, ⟦στρεβλωθέντας⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦παρηγγελμέναις⟧ ⟦αἰκίαις⟧ the/this/who goal/tax ⟦ἀφανίσαι⟧ one by/under time/right_time day. **15** to_be on_one_hand therefore/then the/this/who this/he/she/it census with/after ⟦πικρᾶς⟧ diligence and ⟦φιλοτίμου⟧ ⟦προσεδρίας⟧ away_from east sun until west, ⟦ἀνήνυτον⟧ ⟦λαμβάνουσα⟧ the/this/who goal/tax upon/to/against day forty. **16** greatly but/and and ⟦διηνεκῶς⟧ the/this/who king joy ⟦πεπληρωμένος⟧, common_ _meal upon/to/against all the/this/who idol ⟦συνιστάμενος⟧, ⟦πεπλανημένῃ⟧, far_(away) the/this/who truth ⟦φρενὶ⟧ and ⟦βεβήλῳ⟧ mouth, the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦κωφὰ⟧ and not be_able he/she/it/self to_speak or/than ⟦ἀρήγειν⟧, to_praise, toward but/and the/this/who ⟦μέγιστον⟧ God the/this/who not be_fit to_speak. **17** with/after but/and the/this/who ⟦προειρημένον⟧ of_the time interval ⟦προσηνέγκαντο⟧ the/this/who scribe the/this/who king, never_again be_strong the/this/who the/this/who Jewish ⟦ἀπογραφὴν⟧ to_do/make through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ἀμέτρητον⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦πληθὺν⟧, and indeed to_be according_to the/this/who country still the/this/who greater, **18** the/this/who on_one_ _hand according_to the/this/who home still ⟦συνεστηκότων⟧, the/this/who but/and and according_to place, which/how ⟦ἀδυνάτου⟧ ⟦καθεστῶτος⟧ all the/this/who upon/to/against Aigupton officer/magistrate, **19** ⟦ἀπειλήσαντος⟧ but/and he/she/it/self ⟦σκληρότερον⟧ which/how ⟦δεδωροκοπημένοις⟧ toward ⟦μηχανὴν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐκφυγῆς⟧, to_happen clearly he/she/it/self about this/he/she/it ⟦πεισθῆναι⟧, **20** to_speak with/after ⟦ἀποδείξεως⟧, and the/this/who ⟦χαρτηρίαν⟧ already and the/this/who ⟦γραφικοὺς⟧ ⟦καλάμους⟧ in/on/among which to_use ⟦ἐκλελοιπέναι⟧. **21** this/he/she/it but/and to_be active_ _energy the/this/who of_the ⟦βοηθοῦντος⟧ the/this/who Youdaiois out_from heaven foresight ⟦ἀνικήτου⟧.

5:1 then to_call_to/summon ⟦Ἕρμωνα⟧ the/this/who to/with the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἐλεφάντων⟧ care, ⟦βαρείᾳ⟧ ⟦μεμεστωμένος⟧ wrath and ⟦χόλῳ⟧ according_to all unchangeable, **2** to_order by/under the/this/who ⟦ἐπερχομένην⟧ day ⟦δαψιλέσι⟧ ⟦δράκεσι⟧ ⟦λιβανωτοῦ⟧ and wine ⟦πλείονι⟧ ⟦ἀκράτῳ⟧ all the/this/who ⟦ἐλέφαντας⟧ ⟦ποτίσαι⟧, to_be the/this/who number ⟦πεντακοσίους⟧, and ⟦ἀγριωθέντας⟧ the/this/who of_the ⟦πόματος⟧ ⟦ἀφθόνῳ⟧ a_ _bestowing_of_expenses, to_bring_in to/with ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ of_ _the ⟦μόρου⟧ the/this/who Jewish. **3** the/this/who on_one_ _hand this ⟦προστάσσων⟧, ⟦ἐτρέπετο⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦εὐωχίαν⟧, to_assemble the/this/who especially the/this/who friendly/friend and the/this/who army ⟦ἀπεχθῶς⟧ to_have/be to/with the/this/who Youdaious. **4** the/this/who but/and commander_of_a_squadron_of_sixteen_elephants

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the/this/who ⟦προσταγὲν⟧ ⟦ἀραρότως⟧ Hermōn ⟦συνετέλει⟧.
5 the/this/who/which and/both to/with this/he/she/it
minister according_to the/this/who evening ⟦ἐξιόντες⟧
the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ταλαιπώρων⟧ ⟦ἐδέσμευον⟧ hand,
the/this/who and/both ⟦λοιπὴν⟧ ⟦ἐμηχανῶντο⟧ about
he/she/it/self security, at_night to_think together ⟦λήψεσθαι⟧
the/this/who ⟦φῦλον⟧ end the/this/who ⟦ὀλεθρίας⟧.
6 the/this/who but/and all a_shelter ⟦ἔρημοι⟧ to_think to_be
the/this/who Gentile_nation Jewish, through/because_of
the/this/who from_all_sides ⟦περιέχουσαν⟧ he/she/it/self
with/after chain necessity, **7** the/this/who ⟦παντοκράτορα⟧
lord and all power ⟦δυναστεύοντα⟧, ⟦ἐλεήμονα⟧ God
he/she/it/self and father, ⟦δυσκαταπαύστῳ⟧ outcry all
with/after teardrop ⟦ἐπεκαλέσαντο⟧ to_pray, **8** the/this/who
according_to he/she/it/self to_change plan ⟦ἀνοσίαν⟧, and
⟦ῥύσασθαι⟧ he/she/it/self with/after ⟦μεγαλομεροῦς⟧
appearing out_from of_the from_with foot in/on/among ready
⟦μόρου⟧. **9** this/he/she/it on_one_hand therefore/then
fervently the/this/who entreaty ⟦ἀνέβαινεν⟧ toward heaven.
10 the/this/who but/and Hermōn the/this/who ⟦ἀνηλεεῖς⟧
⟦ἐλέφαντας⟧ ⟦ποτίσας⟧ to_fulfill the/this/who of_the wine
much ⟦χορηγίας⟧, and of_the ⟦λιβάνου⟧ ⟦μεμεστωμένους⟧,
morning upon/to/against the/this/who palace/courtyard
⟦παρῆν⟧ about this/he/she/it ⟦προσαγγεῖλαι⟧ the/this/who
king. **11** this/he/she/it but/and away_from an_age time
creature good in/on/among night and day ⟦ἐπιβαλλόμενον⟧
by/under of_the ⟦χαριζομένου⟧ all which if he/she/it/self to_
_will/desire, sleep part to_send to/with the/this/who king.
12 and ⟦ἡδίστῳ⟧ and deep ⟦κατεσχέθη⟧ the/this/who active_
_energy of_the ⟦Δεσπότου⟧, the/this/who ⟦ἀθέσμου⟧ on_one_
_hand purpose much ⟦διεσφαλμένος⟧, of_the but/and
⟦ἀμεταθέτου⟧ ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧ ⟦μεγάως⟧ ⟦διεψευσμένος⟧.
13 the/this/who but/and Jewish the/this/who
⟦προσημανθεῖσαν⟧ hour ⟦διαφυγόντες⟧, the/this/who holy
⟦ἧνουν⟧ God he/she/it/self; and again ⟦ἠξίουν⟧ the/this/who
⟦εὐκατάλλακτον⟧, to_show ⟦μεγαλοσθενοῦς⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there hand power Gentile_
_nation arrogant. **14** be_in_the_middle but/and already
the/this/who ⟦δεκάτης⟧ hour nearly, the/this/who to/with
the/this/who ⟦κλήσεσι⟧ ⟦τεταγμένος⟧, ⟦ἀθρόους⟧
the/this/who ⟦κλητοὺς⟧ to_perceive, to_pierce to_come_
near/agree the/this/who king. **15** and hardly ⟦διεγείρας⟧, to
show the/this/who the/this/who ⟦συμποσίας⟧ time/right
_time already ⟦παρατρέχοντα⟧, the/this/who about
this/he/she/it word to_do/make. **16** which the/this/who king
to_count, and ⟦τραπεὶς⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦πότον⟧, to_
_order the/this/who ⟦παραγεγονότας⟧ toward the/this/who
⟦συμποσίαν⟧ opposite to_recline
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **17** which/whither
and to_be, to_urge toward ⟦εὐωχίαν⟧ ⟦δόντας⟧
my/your/him-self, the/this/who be_present the/this/who
⟦συμποσίας⟧ ⟦ἐπιπολὺ⟧ ⟦γεραιρομένους⟧ toward ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧
to_attain part. **18** ⟦Ἐπιπλεῖον⟧ but/and ⟦προβαινούσης⟧
the/this/who ⟦ὁμιλίας⟧, the/this/who ⟦Ἕρμωνα⟧ to_summon
the/this/who king, with/after ⟦πικρὰς⟧ threat to_inquire,
which? because_of cause/charge ⟦εἰάθησαν⟧ the/this/who
Jewish the/this/who ⟦περοῦσαν⟧ day ⟦περιβεβιωκότες⟧. **19** of_
_the but/and ⟦ὑποδείξαντος⟧ night the/this/who ⟦προσταγὲν⟧

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other precautions for their security at night, thinking that the whole race would perish together. **6** The heathen believed the Yehudim to be destitute of all protection, for chains bound them. **7** They invoked the Almighty master, and ceaselessly implored with tears their merciful God and Father, Ruler of all, master of every power, **8** to overthrow the evil purpose which had gone out against them, and to deliver them by extraordinary manifestation from that death which was in store for them. **9** Their earnest entreaty went up to heaven.

God delays the planned massacre

10 Then Hermon, who'd filled his merciless elephants with copious drinks of mixed wine and frankincense, came early to the palace to report on these preparations. **11** He, however, who's sent his good creature sleep from all time by night or by day thus gratifying whom he wills, diffused a portion of it now on the king. **12** By this sweet and profound influence of the master, he was held fast, and thus his unjust purpose was quite frustrated, and his unflinching resolve greatly falsified. **13** But the Yehudim, having escaped the hour which had been fixed, praised their holy God, and again prayed him who's easily reconciled to display the power of his powerful hand to the arrogant Gentiles. **14** The middle of the tenth hour had nearly arrived, when the person who sent invitations, seeing the guests who were invited present, came and shook the king. **15** He gained his attention with difficulty, and hinting that the mealtime was getting past, talked the matter over with him. **16** The king listened to this, and then turning aside to his drinking, commanded the guests to sit down before him. **17** This done, he asked them to enjoy themselves, and to indulge in mirth at this somewhat late hour of the banquet. **18** Conversation grew on, and the king sent for Hermon, and enquired of him, with fierce denunciations, why the Yehudim had been allowed to outlive that day. **19** Hermon explained that he'd done his bidding over night; and in this he was confirmed by his friends. **20** The king, then, with a barbarity exceeding that of Falaris, said, "They might thank his sleep of that day. Lose no time, and get ready the elephants against tomorrow, as you did before, for the destruction of these accursed Yehudim." **21** When the king said this, the company present were glad, and approved. Then each man went to his own home. **22** They didn't employ the night in sleep, but in contriving cruel mockeries for those deemed miserable. **23** The morning cock had just crowed, and Hermon, having harnessed the brutes, was stimulating them in the great colonnade. **24** The city crowds were collected together to see the hideous spectacle, and waited impatiently for the dawn. **25** The Yehudim, breathless with momentary suspense, stretched out their hands and prayed the Greatest God, in mournful strains, again to help them speedily. **26** The sun's rays weren't yet shining and the king was waiting for his friends when Hermon came to him, calling him out, and saying that his desires could now be realised. **27** The king, receiving him, was astonished at his unusual invitation. Overwhelmed with a spirit of oblivion about everything, enquired about the object of this

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earnest preparation. 28 But this was the working of that Almighty God who'd made him forget all his purpose. 29 Hermon and all his friends pointed out the preparation of the animals. They're ready, Oh king, according to your own strict injunction. 30 The king was filled with fierce anger at these words, for, by the Providence of God regarding these things, his mind had become entirely confused. He looked hard at Hermon, and threatened him as follows: 31 "Your parents, or your children, were they here, would have given a large meal to these wild animals, not these innocent Yehudim, who've loyally served me and my forefathers. 32 Had it not been for familiar friendship, and the claims of your office, your life should have gone for theirs."

33 Hermon, being threatened in this unexpected and alarming manner, was troubled in his eyes, and his face fell. 34 The friends, too, stole out one by one, and dismissed the assembled multitudes to their respective occupations. 35 The Yehudim, having heard of these events, praised the glorious God and King of kings, because they'd obtained this help, too, from him.

The king renews his order to kill the Yehudim

36 Now the king arranged another banquet in the same way, and proclaimed an invitation to mirth. 37 He summoned Hermon to his presence, and said, with threats, "How often, Oh wretch, must I repeat my orders to you about these same persons? 38 Once more, arm the elephants for the extermination of the Yehudim tomorrow!" 39 His kinsmen, who were reclining with him, wondered at his instability, and thus expressed themselves: 40 "O king, how long do you test us, as of men bereft of reason? This is the third time that you've ordered their destruction. When the thing is to be done, you change your mind, and recall your instructions. 41 Because of this, the feeling of expectation causes tumult in the city. It swarms with factions, and is continually on the point of being plundered."

42 The king, just like another Falaris, a prey to thoughtlessness, made no account of the changes which his own mind had undergone, issuing in the deliverance of the Yehudim. He swore a fruitless oath, and determined immediately to send them to hades, crushed by the knees and feet of the elephants. 43 He'd also invade Yehudah (Judea), level its towns with fire and the sword, destroy that temple which the heathen might not enter, and prevent sacrifices ever after being offered up there. 44 Joyfully his friends broke up, together with his kinsmen; and, trusting in his determination, arranged their forces in guard at the most convenient places of the city. 45 The master of the elephants urged the animals into an almost maniacal state, drenched them with incense and wine, and decked them with frightful devices. 46 About early morning, when the city was filled with an immense number of people at the hippodrome, he entered the palace and called the king to the business in hand. 47 The king's heart teemed with impious rage; and he rushed forth with the mass, along with the elephants. With unsoftened feelings and pitiless eyes, he longed to gaze at the hard and wretched doom of the previously mentioned Yehudim. 48 But

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upon/to/against goal/tax ⟦ἡγηοχέναι⟧, and the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self ⟦προσμαρτυρησάντων⟧, 20 the/this/who ⟦ὠμότητα⟧ worse_than ⟦Φαλάριδος⟧ ⟦ἐσχηκὼς⟧ to_say, the/this/who the/this/who today sleep because_of/grace to_have/be he/she/it/self; ⟦ἀνυπερθέτως⟧ but/and toward the/this/who ⟦ἐπιτέλλουσαν⟧ day according_ _to the/this/who like to_make_ready the/this/who ⟦ἐλέφαντας⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀθεμίτων⟧ Jewish ⟦ἀφανισμόν⟧. 21 to_say but/and of_the king, gladly all with/after joy the/this/who be_present together ⟦συναινέσαντες⟧, toward the/this/who one's_ _own/private house each ⟦ἀνέλυσε⟧. 22 and no thus(-ly) toward ⟦ὕπνον⟧ ⟦κατεχρήσαντο⟧ the/this/who time the/this/who night, which/how toward the/this/who ⟦παντοίους⟧ ⟦μηχανᾶσθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ταλαιπώροις⟧ to_think ⟦ἐμπαιγμούς⟧. 23 now but/and ⟦ἀλεκτρυὼν⟧ ⟦ἐκεκράγει⟧ morning, and the/this/who wild_animal ⟦καθωπλικὼς⟧ the/this/who Hermōn in/on/among the/this/who great ⟦περιστύλῳ⟧ ⟦διεκίνει⟧. 24 the/this/who but/and according_to the/this/who city multitude ⟦συνήθροιστο⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦οἰκτροτάτην⟧ sight, ⟦προσδοκῶντα⟧ the/this/who ⟦πρωίαν⟧ with/after diligence. 25 the/this/who but/and Jewish according_to the/this/who ⟦ἀμερῆ⟧ ⟦ψυχουλκούμενοι⟧ time, ⟦πολυδάκρυον⟧ ⟦ἱκετίαν⟧ in/on/among member ⟦γοεροῖς⟧ ⟦τείνοντες⟧ the/this/who hand toward the/this/who heaven, ⟦ἐδέοντο⟧ of_the ⟦μεγίστου⟧ God, again he/she/it/self to_help concisely. 26 not_ _yet but/and sun ⟦βολαὶ⟧ ⟦κατεσπείροντο⟧, and of_the king the/this/who friendly/friend to_wait_for, the/this/who Hermōn ⟦παραστὰς⟧, ⟦ἐκάλει⟧ to/with the/this/who departure, ⟦ὑποδεικνύων⟧ the/this/who eager of_the king in/on/among ready ⟦κεῖσθαι⟧. 27 of_the but/and ⟦ἀποδεξαμένου⟧ and ⟦καταπλαγέντος⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦παρανόμῳ⟧ ⟦ἐξόδῳ⟧, according_to all ignorance ⟦κεκρατημένος⟧ to_inquire, one/which? the/this/who thing upon/to/against which/whither this/he/she/it he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self with/after diligence to_ _finish. 28 this/he/she/it but/and to_be the/this/who active_ _energy of_the all ⟦δεσποτεύοντος⟧ God, the/this/who before he/she/it/self ⟦μεμηχανημένων⟧ forgetfulness according_to mind ⟦ἐντεθεικότος⟧. 29 the/this/who but/and Hermōn ⟦ὑπεδείκνυε⟧ and all the/this/who friendly/friend, the/this/who wild_animal and the/this/who power ⟦ἡτοιμάσθαι⟧, king, according_to the/this/who your fervent purpose. 30 the/this/who but/and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ῥηθεῖσι⟧ ⟦πληρωθεὶς⟧ ⟦βαρεῖ⟧ ⟦χόλῳ⟧, through/because_of the/this/who about this/he/she/it foresight God ⟦διεσκεδᾶσθαι⟧ all he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who mind/thought, ⟦ἐνατενίσας⟧ with/after threat to_say, 31 if ⟦σαι⟧ parent be_present or/than child ⟦γοναὶ⟧, this ⟦θηρσὶν⟧ ⟦ἀγρίοις⟧ ⟦ἐσκεύασαν⟧ ⟦δαψιλῆ⟧ ⟦θοῖναν⟧, for the/this/who ⟦ἀνεγκλήτων⟧ I/we/my and parent/ancestor my ⟦ἀποδεδειγμένων⟧ ⟦ὁλοσχερῆ⟧ firm faith ⟦ἐξόχως⟧, Jewish. 32 and indeed if not through/because_of the/this/who the/this/who ⟦συστροφίας⟧ ⟦στοργὴν⟧ and the/this/who need, the/this/who to_live for this/he/she/it ⟦ἐστερήθης⟧.

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33 thus(-ly) the/this/who Hermōn ⟦ἀπροσδόκητον⟧ ⟦ἐπικίνδυνον⟧ ⟦ὑπήνεγκεν⟧ threat, and the/this/who appearance/vision and the/this/who face ⟦συνεστάλη⟧. **34** the/this/who one_by_one,_one_after_anther but/and the/this/who friendly/friend ⟦σκυθρωπῶς⟧ ⟦ὑπεκρέων⟧, the/this/who ⟦συνηθροισμένους⟧ to_release each upon/to/against the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦ἀσχολίαν⟧. **35** the/this/who/which and/both Jewish the/this/who from_ _with of_the king to_hear, the/this/who glorious God and king the/this/who king ⟦ᾔνουν⟧, and ⟦τῆσδε⟧ the/this/who ⟦βοηθείας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦τετευχότες⟧. **36** according_to but/and this/he/she/it the/this/who law the/this/who king ⟦συστησάμενος⟧ again the/this/who common_meal, toward ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧ ⟦τραπῆναι⟧ to_plead/comfort. **37** the/this/who but/and ⟦Ἅρμωνα⟧ to_call_to/summon with/after threat to_say, how_ _often! you but/and about this/he/she/it he/she/it/self ⟦προστάττειν⟧, ⟦ἀθλιώτατε⟧? **38** the/this/who ⟦ἐλέφαντας⟧ still and now ⟦καθόπλισον⟧ toward the/this/who tomorrow upon/to/against the/this/who the/this/who Jewish ⟦ἀφανισμόν⟧. **39** the/this/who but/and to_dine_with kindred the/this/who ⟦ἄστατον⟧ mind he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_marvel, ⟦προεφέροντο⟧ this **40** king, until which? which/how ⟦ἀλόγους⟧ I/we ⟦διαπειράζεις⟧, ⟦προστάσσων⟧ already third he/she/it/self ⟦ἀφανίσαι⟧, and again upon/to/against the/this/who thing out_from ⟦μεταβολῆς⟧ ⟦ἀναλύων⟧ the/this/who you/your ⟦δεδογμένα⟧? **41** which because_ _of/grace the/this/who city through/because_of the/this/who ⟦προσδοκίαν⟧ ⟦ὀχλεῖ⟧; and ⟦πληθύουσα⟧ ⟦συστροφαῖς⟧, already and be_in_danger often ⟦διαρπασθῆναι⟧. **42** whence the/this/who according_to all Falaris king ⟦ἐμπληθυνθεὶς⟧ ⟦ἀλογιστίας⟧, and the/this/who to_be to/with oversight the/this/who Jewish in/on/among he/she/it/self ⟦μεταβολὰς⟧ the/this/who soul from_with none to_govern, ⟦ἀτελέστατον⟧ ⟦ἐβεβαίωσεν⟧ oath, ⟦ὁρισάμενος⟧ this/he/she/it on_one_hand ⟦ἀνυπερθέτως⟧ ⟦πέμψειν⟧ toward Hades, in/on/among a_knee and foot wild_animal ⟦ᾐκισμένους⟧, **43** ⟦ἐπιστρατεύσαντα⟧ but/and upon/to/against the/this/who Jewish/Judea, ⟦ἰσόπεδον⟧ fire and ⟦δόρατι⟧ ⟦θήσεσθαι⟧ ⟦διατάχους⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἄβατον⟧ he/she/it/self I/we temple fire ⟦πρηνέα⟧ in/on/among quickness, and the/this/who ⟦συντελούντων⟧ there sacrifice deserted the/this/who all time ⟦καταστήσειν⟧. **44** then ⟦περιχαρεῖς⟧ ⟦ἀναλύσαντες⟧ the/this/who friendly/friend and kindred, with/after faith ⟦διέτασσον⟧ the/this/who power upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦εὐκαιροτάτους⟧ place the/this/who city to/with jail/keeping. **45** the/this/who but/and commander_of_ _a_squadron_of_sixteen_elephants, the/this/who wild_animal nearly to_say toward behavior ⟦μανιῶδες⟧ ⟦ἀγηοχὼς⟧, ⟦εὐωδεστάτοις⟧ drink wine ⟦λελιβανωμένου⟧ ⟦φοβεραῖς⟧ ⟦κατεσκευασμένα⟧ ⟦σκευαῖς⟧. **46** about the/this/who ⟦ἕω⟧, the/this/who city already ⟦πλήθεσιν⟧ ⟦ἀναριθμήτοις⟧ according_to of_the ⟦ἱπποδρόμου⟧ ⟦καταμεμεστωμένης⟧, to_ _enter toward the/this/who palace/courtyard, upon/to/against the/this/who to_set_before ⟦ὤτρυνε⟧ the/this/who king. **47** the/this/who but/and wrath ⟦βαρείᾳ⟧ to_fill ⟦δυσσεβῆ⟧ ⟦φρένα⟧, all the/this/who ⟦βάρει⟧ with

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the Yehudim, when the elephants went out at the gate, followed by the armed force. When they saw the dust raised by the throng, and heard the loud cries of the crowd, **49** thought that they'd come to the last moment of their lives, to the end of what they'd tremblingly expected. They gave way, therefore, to lamentations and moans. They kissed each other. Those nearest of kin to each other hung around one another's necks—fathers hugging their sons and mothers their daughters. Other women held their infants to their breasts, which drew what seemed their last milk. **50** Nevertheless, when they reflected on the help previously granted them from heaven, they prostrated themselves with one accord, removed even the sucking children from the breasts, and **51** sent up a very great cry asking the master of all power to reveal himself, and have mercy on those who now lay at the gates of hades.

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Eleazar prays for rescue

6:1 Then Eleazar, an illustrious priest of the country, who'd attained to length of days, and whose life had been adorned with virtue, caused the elders who were around him to cease to cry out to the holy God, and prayed this: **2** "O king, mighty in power, most high, Almighty God, who regulates the whole creation with your tender mercy, **3** look at the seed of Avraham, at the children of the sanctified Ya'akov (Jacob), your sanctified inheritance, Oh Father, now being wrongfully destroyed as foreigners in a foreign land. **4** You destroyed Par'oh (Pharaoh) with his army of chariots when that lord of this same Mitsrayim (Egypt) was uplifted with lawless daring and loud-sounding tongue. Shedding the beams of your mercy on the race of Yisrael (Israel), you overwhelmed him and his proud army. **5** When Sanheriv (Sennacherib), the grievous king of the Assyrians, exulting in his countless army, had subdued the whole land with his spear and was lifting himself against your holy city with boastings grievous to be endured, you, Oh master, demolished him and displayed your might to many nations. **6** When the three friends in the land of Bavel (Babylon) of their own will exposed their lives to the fire rather than serve vain things, you sent a moist coolness through the fiery furnace, and brought the fire on all their adversaries. **7** It was you who, when Daniyel was hurled, through slander and envy, as a prey to lions down below, brought him back again unharmed to light. **8** When Yonah (Jonah) was pining away in the belly of the sea-born monster, you looked at him, Oh Father, and recovered him to the sight of his own. **9** Now, you who hate insolence, you who abound in mercy, you who are the protector of all things, appear quickly to those of the race of Yisrael, who are insulted by abhorred, lawless gentiles. **10** If our life during our exile has been stained with iniquity, deliver us from the hand of

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the/this/who ⟦θηρίοις⟧ ⟦ἐξώρμησε⟧, to_plan ⟦ἀτρώτῳ⟧ heart and ⟦κόραις⟧ eye to_look_at the/this/who ⟦ἐπίπονον⟧ and ⟦ταλαίπωρον⟧ the/this/who ⟦προσεσημαμμένων⟧ ⟦καταστροφήν⟧. **48** which/how but/and the/this/who ⟦ἐλεφάντων⟧ to_go_out/away about gate, and the/this/who ⟦συνεπομένης⟧ ⟦ἐνόπλου⟧ power, the/this/who and/both of_ _the multitude ⟦πορείας⟧ dust to_perceive, and ⟦βαρυηχῆ⟧ commotion to_hear the/this/who Jewish, **49** ⟦ὑστάτην⟧ life ⟦ῥοπὴν⟧ he/she/it/self that to_think to_be the/this/who goal/tax the/this/who ⟦ἀθλιωτάτης⟧ expectation, toward ⟦οἶκτον⟧ and ⟦γόους⟧ ⟦τραπέντες⟧, to_kiss one_another ⟦περιπλεκόμενοι⟧ the/this/who kindred upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦τραχήλους⟧ ⟦ἐπιπίπτοντες⟧, parent child and ⟦μητέρες⟧ ⟦νεάνισιν⟧, other but/and ⟦νεογνὰ⟧ to/with ⟦μαστοὺς⟧ to_have/be infant ⟦τελευταῖον⟧ ⟦ἔλκοντα⟧ milk. **50** no certainly/month but/and but and the/this/who before he/she/it/self ⟦γεγενημένας⟧ help out_from heaven be_aware, ⟦πρηνεῖς⟧ united to_throw/lay_down my/your/him-self and the/this/who ⟦νήπια⟧ ⟦χωρίσαντες⟧ the/this/who ⟦μαστῶν⟧, **51** ⟦ἀνεβόησαν⟧ voice/sound great very, the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἁπάσης⟧ ⟦δυνάστην⟧ ⟦ἱκετεύοντες⟧, ⟦οἰκτεῖραι⟧ with/after appearing he/she/it/self already to/with ⟦πύλαις⟧ Hades ⟦καθεστῶτας⟧.

6:1 Eleazaros but/and one man notable the/this/who away_ _from the/this/who country priest, in/on/among ⟦πρεσβείῳ⟧ the/this/who age/height already ⟦λελογχὼς⟧, and all the/this/who according_to the/this/who life virtue ⟦κεκοσμημένος⟧, the/this/who about he/she/it/self to_quiet elder to_call_(on)/name the/this/who holy God to_pray this; **2** king long-ruling, ⟦ὕψιστε⟧, almighty God, the/this/who all ⟦διακυβερνῶν⟧ in/on/among ⟦οἰκτιρμοῖς⟧ ⟦κτίσιν⟧, **3** to_look_ _upon upon/to/against Abra'am seed, upon/to/against ⟦ἡγιασμένου⟧ child Yakōb, part ⟦ἡγιασμένης⟧ you a_people in/on/among ⟦ξένῃ⟧ earth foreign unjustly ⟦ἀπολλύμενον⟧, father. **4** you Faraō ⟦πληθύνοντα⟧ ⟦ἅρμασι⟧, the/this/who before Aiguptou this/he/she/it ⟦δυνάστην⟧, ⟦ἐπαρθέντα⟧ ⟦ἀνόμῳ⟧ ⟦θράσει⟧ and tongue ⟦μεγαλοῤῥήμονι⟧, with the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφάνῳ⟧ army ⟦ποντοβρόχους⟧ ⟦ἀπώλεσας⟧, brightness ⟦ἐπιφάνας⟧ mercy Israa^{y}l family. **5** you the/this/who ⟦ἀναριθμήτοις⟧ power ⟦γαυρωθέντα⟧ ⟦Σενναχηρεὶμ⟧ ⟦βαρὺν⟧ Assuriōn king, ⟦δόρατι⟧ the/this/who all ⟦ὑποχείριον⟧ already to_take earth, and ⟦μετεωρισθέντα⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who holy you city, weighty to_speak ⟦κόμπῳ⟧ and ⟦θράσει⟧, master, ⟦ἔθραυσας⟧, ⟦ἔκδηλον⟧ ⟦δεικνὺς⟧ Gentile_nation much the/this/who your power. **6** you the/this/who according_to the/this/who Babulōnian three ⟦ἑταίρους⟧ fire the/this/who soul ⟦αὐθαιρέτως⟧ ⟦δεδωκότας⟧ toward the/this/who not ⟦λατρεῦσαι⟧ the/this/who empty, ⟦διάπυρον⟧ ⟦δροσίσας⟧ furnace/oven, ⟦ἐῤῥύσω⟧ until ⟦τριχὸς⟧ ⟦ἀπημάντους⟧, flame all ⟦ἐπιπέμψας⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὑπεναντίοις⟧. **7** you the/this/who ⟦διαβολαῖς⟧ envy ⟦λέουσι⟧ according_to earth ⟦ῥιφέντα⟧ ⟦θηρσὶν⟧ ⟦βορὰν⟧ Dania^{y}l toward light ⟦ἀνήγαγες⟧ ⟦ἀσινῆ⟧; **8** the/this/who and/both ⟦βυθοτρεφοῦς⟧ in/on/among belly sea_monster Yōnan ⟦τηκόμενον⟧ ⟦ἀφιδῶς⟧, ⟦ἀπήμαντον⟧ all ⟦οἰκείοις⟧ ⟦ἀναδειξας⟧, father. **9** and now ⟦μισούβρι⟧, ⟦πολυέλεε⟧, the/this/who ⟦ὅλων⟧ ⟦σκεπαστά⟧, the/this/who speed ⟦ἐπιφάνηθι⟧ the/this/who away_from Israa^{y}l family, by/under

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but/and ⟦ἐβδελυγμένων⟧ lawless Gentile_nation ⟦ὑβριζομένοις⟧. **10** if but/and ⟦ἀσεβείαις⟧ according_to the/this/who ⟦ἀποικίαν⟧ the/this/who life I/we ⟦ἐνέσχηται⟧, ⟦ῥυσάμενος⟧ I/we away_from enemy hand, which/how ⟦προαιρῇ⟧, master, ⟦ἀπόλεσον⟧ I/we ⟦μόρῳ⟧. **11** not the/this/who ⟦ματαίοις⟧ the/this/who ⟦ματαιόφρονες⟧ ⟦εὐλογησάτωσαν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἠγαπημένων⟧ you destruction, to_speak, and_ _not the/this/who God he/she/it/self to_deliver he/she/it/self. **12** you but/and the/this/who all ⟦ἀλκὴν⟧ and ⟦δυναστείαν⟧ to_have/be all, ⟦αἰώνιε⟧, now to_look_upon; to_ _have_mercy I/we the/this/who according_to mistreatment lawless ⟦ἀλόγιστον⟧ out_from of_the to_live ⟦μεθισταμένους⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἐπιβούλων⟧ way. **13** ⟦Πτηξάτω⟧ but/and Gentile_nation your power ⟦ἀνίκητον⟧ today, ⟦ἔντιμε⟧, power to_have/be, upon/to/against salvation Yakōb family. **14** ⟦Ἱκετεύει⟧ you the/this/who all multitude the/this/who child and the/this/who this/he/she/it parent with/after teardrop. **15** ⟦Δειχθήτω⟧ all Gentile_nation, that/since with/after I/we to_be lord, and no ⟦ἀπέστρεψας⟧ the/this/who face you away_from I/we; but as/just_as to_say, that/since and_ _not in/on/among the/this/who earth the/this/who enemy he/she/it/self to_be ⟦ὑπέριδον⟧ he/she/it/self, thus(-ly) ⟦ἐπιτέλεσον⟧, lord. **16** of_the but/and Eleazarou ⟦λήγοντος⟧ now the/this/who prayer, the/this/who king with the/this/who ⟦θηρίοις⟧ and all the/this/who the/this/who power ⟦φρυάγματι⟧ according_to the/this/who ⟦ἱππόδρομον⟧ to_pass. **17** and to_see/experience the/this/who Jewish, great toward heaven to_yell, so and the/this/who ⟦παρακειμένους⟧ ⟦αὐλῶνας⟧ ⟦συνηχήσαντας⟧, ⟦ἀκατάσχετον⟧ ⟦οἰμωγὴν⟧ to_ _do/make all the/this/who ⟦στρατοπέδῳ⟧. **18** then the/this/who very_glorious almighty and true God, ⟦ἐπιφάνας⟧ the/this/who holy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there face, to_open the/this/who ⟦οὐρανίους⟧ gate, out_from which ⟦δεδοξασμένοι⟧ two ⟦φοβεροειδεῖς⟧ angel to_come/go_down manifest all but/however the/this/who Youdaiois, **19** and to_ _oppose, and the/this/who power the/this/who ⟦ὑπεναντίων⟧ to_fulfill ⟦ταραχῆς⟧ and timidity, and ⟦ἀκινήτοις⟧ to_bind fetter. **20** and ⟦ὑπόφρικον⟧ and the/this/who of_the king body to_be, and forgetfulness the/this/who boldness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦βαρύθυμον⟧ to_take. **21** and ⟦ἀπέστρεψαν⟧ the/this/who wild_ _animal upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦συνεπομένας⟧ ⟦ἐνόπλους⟧ power, and ⟦κατεπάτουν⟧ he/she/it/self and ⟦ὠλόθρευον⟧. **22** and ⟦μετεστράφη⟧ of_the king the/this/who wrath toward ⟦οἶκτον⟧ and ⟦δάκρυα⟧ above/for the/this/who before he/she/it/self ⟦μεμηχανευμένων⟧. **23** to_hear for the/this/who shouting, and be_aware ⟦πρηνεῖς⟧ all toward the/this/who destruction, ⟦δακρύσας⟧ with/after wrath the/this/who friendly/friend ⟦διηπειλεῖτο⟧, to_speak, **24** ⟦Παραβασιλεύετε⟧, and tyrants ⟦ὑπερβεβήκατε⟧ ⟦ὠμότητι⟧; and I/we he/she/it/self the/this/who you ⟦εὐεργέτην⟧ ⟦ἐπιχειρεῖτε⟧ the/this/who beginning already and of_the spirit/breath ⟦μεθιστᾶν⟧, quietly ⟦μηχανώμενοι⟧ the/this/who not ⟦συμφέροντα⟧ the/this/who kingdom. **25** one/which? the/this/who ⟦κρατήσαντας⟧ I/we in/on/among faith the/this/who the/this/who country ⟦ὀχυρώματα⟧, the/this/who home ⟦ἀποστήσας⟧ each ⟦ἀλόγως⟧ ⟦ἤθροισεν⟧

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the enemy, and destroy us, Oh master, by the death which you prefer. **11** Don't let the vain-minded congratulate vain idols at the destruction of your beloved, saying, 'Their god didn't deliver them.' **12** You who are All-powerful and Almighty, Oh Eternal One, look! Have mercy on us who are being withdrawn from life, like traitors, by the unreasoning insolence of lawless men. **13** Let the heathen cower before your invincible might today, Oh glorious One, who have all power to save the race of Ya'akov (Jacob). **14** The whole band of infants and their parents ask you with tears. **15** Let it be shown to all the nations that you're with us, Oh master, and haven't turned your face away from us, but as you said that you wouldn't forget them even in the land of their enemies, so fulfil this saying, Oh master."

God rescues the Yehudim

16 Now, at the time that Eleazar had ended his prayer, the king came along to the hippodrome with the wild animals, and with his tumultuous power. **17** When the Yehudim saw this, they uttered a loud cry to heaven so that the adjacent valleys resounded and caused an irrepressible lamentation throughout the army. **18** Then the all-glorious, all-powerful, and true God, displayed his holy face, and opened the gates of heaven, from which two angels, dreadful of form, came down and were visible to all but the Yehudim. **19** They stood opposite, and filled the enemies' army with confusion and cowardice, and bound them with immoveable shackles. **20** A cold shudder came over the person of the king, and oblivion paralysed the vehemence of his spirit. **21** They turned back the animals on the armed forces who followed them; and the animals trampled them and destroyed them. **22** The king's anger was converted into compassion; and he wept at the things he'd devised. **23** Because when he heard the cry, and saw them all on the verge of destruction, with tears he angrily threatened his friends, saying, **24** "You've governed badly, and have exceeded tyrants in cruelty. You've laboured to deprive me, your benefactor, at once of my dominion and my life, by secretly devising measures injurious to the kingdom. **25** Who's gathered here, unreasonably removing each from his home, those who, in fidelity to us, had held the fortresses of the country? **26** Who's consigned to unmerited punishments those who in good will towards us from the beginning have in all things surpassed all nations, and who often have engaged in the most dangerous undertakings? **27** Loose, loose the unjust bonds! Send them to their homes in peace, begging pardon for what's been done. **28** Release the sons of the almighty living god of heaven, who from our ancestors' times until now has granted a glorious and uninterrupted prosperity to our affairs." **29** He said these things, and they, released the same moment, having now escaped death, praised God their holy Saviour.

A feast celebrates their rescue

30 The king then departed to the city, and called his financier to himself, and asked him provide a seven days' quantity of wine and other materials for feasting for the Yehudim (Jews). He decided that they should keep a cheerful festival of deliverance in the very place in

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which they expected to meet with their destruction. 31 Then they who were before despised and near to hades, yes, rather advanced into it, partook of the cup of salvation, instead of a grievous and lamentable death. Full of exultation, they apportioned the place intended for their fall and burial into banqueting booths. 32 Ceasing their miserable strain of woe, they took up the subject of their fatherland, singing in praise to God their wonder-working Saviour. All groans and all wailing were laid aside. They formed dances as a sign of peaceful joy. 33 So the king also collected a number of guests for the occasion, and returned unceasing thanks with much magnificence for the unexpected deliverance afforded him. 34 Those who'd marked them out as for death and for carrion, and had registered them with joy, howled aloud, and were clothed with shame, and had the fire of their rage ingloriously put out. 35 But the Yehudim, as we just said, instituted a dance, and then gave themselves up to feasting, glad thanksgiving, and psalms. 36 They made a public ordinance to commemorate these things for generations to come, as long as they should be sojourners. They thus established these days as days of mirth, not for the purpose of drinking or luxury, but because God had saved them. 37 They requested the king to send them back to their homes. 38 They were being enrolled from the twenty-fifth of Pachon to the fourth of Epifi, a period of forty days. The measures taken for their destruction lasted from the fifth of Epifi till the seventh, that is, three days. 39 The Ruler over all during this time manifested his mercy gloriously, and delivered them all together unharmed. 40 They feasted on the king's provision up to the fourteenth day, then asked to be sent away. 41 The king commended them, and wrote the following letter, of magnanimous import for them, to the commanders of every city:

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in/to_this_place? 26 one/which? the/this/who ⟦ἐξαρχῆς⟧ enthusiasm to/with I/we according_to all ⟦διαφέροντας⟧ all Gentile_nation, and the/this/who ⟦χειρίστους⟧ many_times a_ _human ⟦ἐπιδεδεγμένους⟧ ⟦κινδύνους⟧, thus(-ly) ⟦ἀθέσμοις⟧ ⟦περιέβαλεν⟧ ⟦αἰκίαις⟧? 27 to_loose, ⟦ἐκλύσατε⟧ ⟦ἄδικα⟧ chain; toward the/this/who one's_own/private with/after peace ⟦ἐξαποστείλατε⟧, the/this/who ⟦προπεπραγμένα⟧ to_ _refuse/excuse. 28 ⟦Ἀπολύσατε⟧ the/this/who son of_the almighty heavenly God to_live, which away_from our until of_ _the now parent/ancestor ⟦ἀπαραπόδιστον⟧ with/after glory ⟦εὐστάθειαν⟧ ⟦παρέχει⟧ the/this/who our ⟦πράγμασιν⟧. 29 the/this/who on_one_hand therefore/then this/he/she/it ⟦ἔλεξεν⟧; the/this/who but/and in/on/among ⟦ἀμερεῖ⟧ time ⟦λυθέντες⟧, the/this/who holy saviour God he/she/it/self ⟦εὐλόγουν⟧, now the/this/who death ⟦ἐκπεφευγότες⟧. 30 then the/this/who king toward the/this/who city ⟦ἀπαλλαγεὶς⟧, the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦προσόδων⟧ to_ _call_to/summon, to_order ⟦οἴνους⟧ and/both and the/this/who remaining to/with ⟦εὐωχίαν⟧ necessary the/this/who Youdaiois ⟦χορηγεῖν⟧ upon/to/against day seven, to_judge he/she/it/self in/on/among which place to_ _think the/this/who destructive to_take_up, in/on/among this/he/she/it in/on/among joy all salvation to_bring. 31 then the/this/who before ⟦ἐπονείδιστοι⟧ and near/neighbour of_ _the Hades, more but/and upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦βεβηκότες⟧, for ⟦πικροῦ⟧ and ⟦δυσαιάκτου⟧ ⟦μόρου⟧, ⟦κώθωνα⟧ saving ⟦συστησάμενοι⟧, the/this/who toward fall he/she/it/self and grave to_make_ready place ⟦κλισίαις⟧ ⟦κατεμέρισαν⟧ full ⟦χαρμονῆς⟧. 32 ⟦Καταλήξαντες⟧ but/and ⟦θρήνου⟧ ⟦πανόδυρτον⟧ member, ⟦ἀνέλαβον⟧ song ⟦πάτριον⟧, the/this/who saviour and ⟦τερατοποιὸν⟧ to_praise God; ⟦οἰμωγήν⟧ and/both all and ⟦κωκυτὸν⟧ to_reject, ⟦χοροὺς⟧ ⟦συνίσταντο⟧ joy ⟦εἰρηνικῆς⟧ sign. 33 likewise but/and and the/this/who king about this/he/she/it common_meal ⟦βαρὺ⟧ to_assemble, unceasingly toward heaven to_praise ⟦μεγαλομερῶς⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦παραδόξῳ⟧ ⟦γενηθείῃ⟧ he/she/it/self salvation. 34 the/this/who/which and/both before toward destructive and ⟦οἰωνοβρώτους⟧ he/she/it/self to_be ⟦τιθέμενοι⟧, with/after joy ⟦ἀπογραψάμενοι⟧, ⟦κατεστέναξαν⟧, ⟦αἰσχύνην⟧ upon/to/against my/your/him-self ⟦περιβαλλόμενοι⟧, and the/this/who ⟦πυρίπνουν⟧ be_bold ⟦ἀκλεῶς⟧ ⟦ἐσβεσμένοι⟧. 35 the/this/who/which and/both Jewish, as/just_as to_predict, ⟦συστησάμενοι⟧ the/this/who ⟦προειρημένον⟧ ⟦χορὸν⟧, with/after ⟦εὐωχίας⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἐξομολογήσεσιν⟧ ⟦ἱλαραῖς⟧ and psalm ⟦διῆγον⟧. 36 and common ⟦ὁρισάμενοι⟧ about this/he/she/it ⟦θεσμὸν⟧ upon/to/against all the/this/who ⟦παροικίαν⟧ he/she/it/self toward generation, the/this/who ⟦προειρημένας⟧ day to_bring to_stand ⟦εὐφροσύνους⟧, no ⟦πότου⟧ because_of/grace and ⟦λιχνείας⟧, salvation but/and the/this/who through/because_of God to_be he/she/it/self. 37 to_call_on but/and the/this/who king, the/this/who ⟦ἀπόλυσιν⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who one's_own/private to_ask. 38 ⟦Ἀπογράφονται⟧ but/and he/she/it/self away_from ⟦πέμπτης⟧ and ⟦εἰκάδος⟧ of_the Paḵōn until the/this/who fourth of_the Epifi, upon/to/against day forty; ⟦συνίστανται⟧ but/and he/she/it/self the/this/who

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destruction away_from ⟦πέμπτης⟧ of_the Epifi until seventh, day three. **39** in/on/among which and ⟦μεγαλοδόξως⟧ ⟦ἐπιφάνας⟧ the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ὅλων⟧ ruler, without_falling he/she/it/self to_ _deliver united. **40** ⟦Εὐωχοῦντο⟧ but/and ⟦πάνθ'⟧ by/under of_ _the king ⟦χορηγούμενοι⟧ until the/this/who ⟦τεσσαρεσκαιδεκάτης⟧, in/on/among which and the/this/who ⟦ἐντυχίαν⟧ ⟦ἐποιήσαντο⟧ about the/this/who ⟦ἀπολύσεως⟧ he/she/it/self. **41** ⟦Συναινέσας⟧ and/both he/she/it/self the/this/who king, to_write he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ὑπογεγραμμένην⟧ epistle to/with the/this/who according_to city officer/magistrate ⟦μεγαλοψύχως⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐκτενίαν⟧ to_have/be.

7:1 king Ptolemaios the/this/who Filopatōr the/this/who according_to Aigupton officer/magistrate and all the/this/who ⟦τεταγμένοις⟧ upon/to/against thing, to_rejoice and ⟦ἐῤῥῶσθαι⟧. **2** ⟦Ἐῤῥώμεθα⟧ but/and and he/she/it/self and the/this/who child I/we, ⟦κατευθύναντος⟧ I/we of_the great God the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧ as/just_as ⟦προαιρούμεθα⟧. **3** the/this/who friendly/friend one malice often I/we ⟦παρακείμενοι⟧, ⟦συνέπεισαν⟧ I/we toward the/this/who the/this/who by/under the/this/who kingdom Youdaious, ⟦συναθροίσαντας⟧ machine,_apparatus, ⟦κολάσασθαι⟧ ⟦ξενιζούσαις⟧ ⟦ἀποστατῶν⟧ ⟦τιμωρίαις⟧, **4** ⟦προσφερόμενοι⟧ lest ⟦εὐσταθήσειν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧ I/we, through/because_of which to_have/be this/he/she/it to/with all the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦δυσμένειαν⟧, until if ⟦συντελεσθῇ⟧ this/he/she/it. **5** the/this/who/which and prisoner to_bring_down he/she/it/self with/after ⟦σκυλμῶν⟧ which/how ⟦ἀνδράποδα⟧, more but/and which/how ⟦ἐπιβούλους⟧, without all investigation and ⟦ἐξετάσεως⟧ to_ _attempt to_do_away_with, law Skuthōn ⟦ἀγριωτέραν⟧ ⟦ἐμπεπορπημένοι⟧ ⟦ὠμότητα⟧. **6** I/we but/and upon/to/against this/he/she/it ⟦σκληρότερον⟧ ⟦διαπειλησάμενοι⟧, according_to which to_have/be to/with all a_human ⟦ἐπιείκειαν⟧, hardly the/this/who to_live he/she/it/self ⟦χαρισάμενοι⟧, and the/this/who heavenly God to_know securely ⟦ὑπερησπικότα⟧ the/this/who Jewish, which/how father above/for son always ⟦ὑπερμαχοῦντα⟧, **7** the/this/who and/both of_the ⟦φίλου⟧ which to_have/be to/with I/we firm and the/this/who ⟦προγόνους⟧ I/we enthusiasm ⟦ἀναλογισάμενοι⟧, rightly ⟦ἀπολελύκαμεν⟧ all according_to ⟦ὁντινοῦν⟧ cause/charge way; **8** and ⟦προστετάχαμεν⟧ each all toward the/this/who one's_ _own/private to_turn, in/on/among all place ⟦μηθενὸς⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦σύνολον⟧ ⟦καταβλάπτοντος⟧, neither to_revile about the/this/who ⟦γεγενημένων⟧ from_ _with word. **9** to_know for that/since according_to this/he/she/it if one ⟦κακοτεχνήσωμεν⟧ evil/bad, or/than ⟦ἐπιλυπήσωμεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦σύνολον⟧, no a_ _human, but the/this/who all ⟦δεσπόζοντα⟧ power God ⟦ὕψιστον⟧ ⟦ἀντικείμενον⟧ I/we upon/to/against ⟦ἐκδικήσει⟧ the/this/who thing according_to all ⟦ἀφεύκτως⟧ through/because_of all ⟦ἕξομεν⟧; farewell. **10** to_take but/and the/this/who epistle this/he/she/it, no ⟦ἐσπούδασαν⟧ immediately to_be about the/this/who ⟦ἄφοδον⟧, but the/this/who king ⟦προσηξίωσαν⟧ the/this/who out_from of_

Readers' Version

The king's letter protecting the Yehudim

7:1 "King Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) Filopator to the commanders throughout Mitsrayim (Egypt), and to all who are set over affairs, joy and strength. **2** We, too, and our children are well. God has directed our affairs as we wish. **3** Certain of our friends out of malice vehemently urged us to punish the Yehudim (Jews) of our realm in a body, with the infliction of a monstrous punishment. **4** They pretended that our affairs would never be in a good state till this took place. Such, they said, was the hatred borne by the Yehudim to all other people. **5** They brought them fettered in grievous chains as slaves, no, as traitors. Without enquiry or examination they endeavoured to annihilate them. They buckled themselves with a savage cruelty, worse than Skuthais custom. **6** Because this cause we severely threatened them; yet, with the clemency which we usually extend to all men, we at length permitted them to live. Finding that the god of heaven threw a shield of protection over the Yehudim so as to preserve them, and that he fought for them as a father always fights for his sons, **7** and taking into consideration their constancy and fidelity towards us and towards our ancestors, we have, as we ought, acquitted them of every sort of charge. **8** We've dismissed them to their several homes, telling all men everywhere to do them no wrong, or unrighteously revile them about the past. **9** Because know this, that should we conceive any evil design, or in any way aggrieve them, we'll ever have as our adversary, not man, but the highest God, the ruler of all might. From Him there'll be no escape, as the avenger of such actions. Farewell."

Punishment for those who abandoned their faith

10 When they'd received this letter, they didn't hurry to depart immediately. They petitioned the king to be allowed to inflict fitting punishment on those of their race who'd willingly transgressed the holy god, and God's law. **11** They alleged that men who had for their bellies' sake transgressed the ordinances of God, would never be faithful to the interests of the king. **12** The king admitted the truth of this reasoning, and commended them. Full power was given them, without warrant or special commission, to destroy those who'd transgressed God's law boldly in every part of the king's dominions.

Readers' Version

13 Their priests, then, as it was appropriate, saluted him with good wishes, and all the people echoed with the "Hallelujah!" Then they joyfully departed. 14 Then they punished and shamefully destroyed every polluted Yehudi (Jew) that fell in their way, 15 slaying this way, in that day, more than three hundred men, and esteeming this destruction of the wicked a season of joy.

The Yehudim return home in peace

16 They themselves having held closely to their god to death, and having enjoyed a full deliverance, departed from the city garlanded with sweet-flowered wreaths of every kind. Uttering exclamations of joy, with songs of praise, and melodious hymns, they thanked the god of their fathers, the eternal Saviour of Yisrael (Israel). 17 Having arrived at Ptolemais, called from the specialty of that district "Rose-bearing", where the fleet, in accordance with the general wish, waited for them seven days, 18 they partook of a banquet of deliverance, for the king generously granted them all the means of securing a return home. 19 They were accordingly brought back in peace, while they gave utterance to appropriate thanks; and they determined to observe these days during their sojourn as days of joyfulness. 20 These they registered as sacred on a pillar, when they'd dedicated the place of their festivity to be one of prayer. They departed unharmed, free, abundant in joy, preserved by the king's command, by land, by sea, and by river, each to his own home. 21 They had more weight than before among their enemies, and were honoured and feared. No one in any way robbed them of their goods. 22 Every man received back his own, according to inventory, those who'd obtained their goods, giving them up with the greatest terror. Because the greatest God made perfect wonders for their salvation. 23 Blessed be the Redeemer of Yisrael forever! Amen.

Literal Version

_the family the/this/who Jewish the/this/who holy God ⟦αὐθαιρέτως⟧ ⟦παραβεβηκότας⟧ and of_the God the/this/who law, to_obtain/happen through/because_of he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ὀφειλομένης⟧ ⟦κολάσεως⟧, 11 ⟦προφερόμενοι⟧ the/this/who ⟦γαστρὸς⟧ because_of the/this/who ⟦θεῖα⟧ ⟦παραβεβηκότας⟧ ⟦προστάγματα⟧, never ⟦εὐνοήσειν⟧ nor the/this/who of_the king ⟦πράγμασιν⟧. 12 the/this/who but/and ⟦τἀληθὲς⟧ he/she/it/self to_speak ⟦παραδεξάμενος⟧ and ⟦συναινέσας⟧, to_give he/she/it/self ⟦ἄδειαν⟧ all, that the/this/who ⟦παραβεβηκότας⟧ of_the God the/this/who law ⟦ἐξολοθρεύσωσι⟧ according_to all the/this/who by/under the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there place with/after boldness without all royal authority or/than ⟦ἐπισκέψεως⟧. 13 then ⟦κατευφημήσαντες⟧ he/she/it/self, which/how be_ _proper to_be, the/this/who this/he/she/it priest, and all the/this/who multitude ⟦ἐπιφωνήσαντες⟧ the/this/who hallelujah, with/after joy ⟦ἀνέλυσαν⟧. 14 then the/this/who ⟦ἐμπεσόντα⟧ the/this/who ⟦μεμιασμένων⟧ ⟦ὁμοεθνῆ⟧ according_to the/this/who road ⟦ἐκολάζοντο⟧, and with/after ⟦παραδειγματισμῶν⟧ ⟦ἀνῄρουν⟧. 15 that but/and the/this/who day to_do_away_with above/for the/this/who ⟦τριακοσίους⟧ man, and to_bring ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧ with/after joy the/this/who profane ⟦χειρωσάμενοι⟧. 16 he/she/it/self but/and the/this/who until death the/this/who God ⟦ἐσχηκότες⟧, ⟦παντελῆ⟧ salvation enjoyment ⟦εἰληφότες⟧? ⟦ἀνέζευξαν⟧ out_ _from the/this/who city ⟦παντοίοις⟧ ⟦εὐωδεστάτοις⟧ ⟦ἄνθεσι⟧ ⟦κατεστεμμένοι⟧ with/after joy and ⟦βοῆς⟧, in/on/among ⟦αἴνοις⟧ and ⟦παμμέλεσιν⟧ hymn to_thank the/this/who God the/this/who father he/she/it/self ⟦αἰωνίῳ⟧ saviour of_the Israa^{y}l. 17 ⟦Παραγενηθέντες⟧ but/and toward Ptolemaida the/this/who ⟦ὀνομαζομένην⟧ through/because_of the/this/who of_the place ⟦ἰδιότητα⟧ ⟦ῥοδοφόρον⟧, in/on/among which ⟦προσέμεινεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦στόλος⟧ according_to common he/she/it/self plan day seven, 18 there to_do/make ⟦πότον⟧ saving, of_the king ⟦χορηγήσαντος⟧ he/she/it/self confidently the/this/who to/with the/this/who departure all each until toward the/this/who one's_own/private home. 19 to_bring_down but/and with/after peace in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πρεπούσαις⟧ ⟦ἐξομολογήσεσιν⟧, likewise and_there/there to_ _stand and this/he/she/it to_bring the/this/who day upon/to/against the/this/who the/this/who sojourning he/she/it/self time ⟦εὐφροσύνους⟧. 20 which and ⟦ἀνιερώσαντες⟧ in/on/among a_monument according_to the/this/who the/this/who ⟦συμποσίας⟧ place prayer ⟦καθιδρύσαντες⟧, ⟦ἀνέλυσαν⟧ ⟦ἀσινεῖς⟧, free/freedom, ⟦ὑπερχαρεῖς⟧, through/because_of and/both earth and sea and river ⟦ἀνασωζόμενοι⟧ the/this/who of_the king command, each toward the/this/who one's_own/private. 21 and ⟦πλείστην⟧ or/than before in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐχθροῖς⟧ authority ⟦ἐσχηκότες⟧ with/after ⟦δόκης⟧ and fear, the/this/who ⟦σύνολον⟧ by/under nothing ⟦διασεισθέντες⟧ the/this/who to_be. 22 and all the/this/who my/your/him-self all to_bring/be_repaid out_from census, so the/this/who to_ _have/be one, with/after fear ⟦μεγίστου⟧ to_pay he/she/it/self, the/this/who mighty of_the ⟦μεγίστου⟧ God ⟦ποιήσαντος⟧ completely upon/to/against salvation

Literal Version

he/she/it/self. **23** praiseworthy the/this/who a_rescuer Israa^{y}l
toward the/this/who always time. amen.

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The Wisdom of Yeshua the Son of Sira,

or

Ecclesiaticus

Introduction

The *Wisdom of Yeshua the son of Sira*, also known as *Sirach* or *Ecclesiasticus*, is a collection of teaching about how to live wisely. The writer identifies himself as a teacher from Yerushalem (Jerusalem). In the prologue preserved below, his grandson explains that he translated his grandfather's work from Hebrew into Greek so that more people could benefit from its instruction.

Like *Proverbs*, this book connects wisdom with respecting God and obeying his instructions. Its advice reaches into everyday life: choosing friends, caring for parents, using money, controlling what we say, bringing up children, eating and drinking, dealing with illness, and grieving for the dead. Its topics often return in different settings, so the opening forty-two chapters are best read as a collection of related teachings rather than as one continuous argument.

The later chapters praise God's wisdom in creation and remember earlier generations of Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders, priests, and prophets. This leads to a description of the high priest Shim'on (Simon) and the worship at the temple. The book ends with a prayer of thanks and a personal account of seeking wisdom, inviting readers to become learners themselves.

The Wisdom of Yeshua the Son of Sira, also called *Ecclesiasticus*, is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Romaios Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Russian Orthodox Churches.

Main components of this collection

Wisdom, devotion to God, and everyday conduct *1:1–23:28*
Wisdom speaks about her home among God's people *24:1-34*
Further teaching about wise living *25:1–42:14*
God's wisdom and greatness in creation *42:15–43:33*
Remembering the ancestors and the temple's worship *44:1–50:29*
Thanksgiving and an invitation to seek wisdom *51:1-30*

The Prologue of the Wisdom of Yeshua the Son of Sira.

WHEREAS many and great things have been delivered to us by the law and the prophets, and by the others that have followed in their steps, for which we must give Yisrael the praise for instruction and wisdom; and since not only the readers need to become skilful themselves, but also those who love learning must be able to profit those who are outside, both by speaking and writing; my grandfather Yeshua, having much given himself to the reading of the law, and the prophets, and the other books of our fathers, and having gained great familiarity with them, was also drawn on himself to write somewhat pertaining to instruction and wisdom, in order that those who love learning, and are devoted to these things, might make progress much more by living according to the law. You are entreated therefore to read with favour and attention, and to pardon us, if in any parts of what we have laboured to interpret, we may seem to fail in some of the phrases. Because things originally spoken in Hebrew don't have the same force in them when they are translated into another language. Not only these, but the law itself, and the prophecies, and the rest of the books, have no small difference, when they are spoken in their original language. Because having come into Mitsrayim in the thirty-eighth year of Energetes the king, and having continued there some time, I found a copy giving no small instruction. I thought it therefore most necessary for me to apply some diligence and travail to translate this book, applying indeed much watchfulness and skill in that space of time to bring the book to an end and publish for them also, who in the land of their travels are desiring to learn, preparing

their character in advance, so as to live according to the law.
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Readers' Version

All wisdom comes from God

1:1 All wisdom comes from the master,
and is with him forever.
2 Who can count the sand of the seas,
the drops of rain,
and the days of eternity?
3 Who'll search out the height of the sky,
the breadth of the earth, the deep,
and wisdom?
4 Wisdom has been created before all things,
and the understanding of prudence from eternal. **5** [1]
6 To whom has the root of wisdom been revealed?
Who's known her shrewd counsels? **7** [2]
8 There's one wise, greatly to be feared,
sitting on his throne: the master.
9 He created her.
He saw and measured her.
He poured her out on all his works.
10 She's with all flesh according to his gift.
He gave her freely to those who love him.

Honouring God is the beginning of wisdom

11 The fear of the master is glory, exultation,
gladness, and a crown of rejoicing.
12 The fear of the master will delight the heart,
and will give gladness, joy, and length of days.
13 All those who fear the master, it'll go well with him at the last.
He'll be blessed in the day of his death.
14 To fear the master is the beginning of wisdom.
It was created together with the faithful in the womb.
15 She[3] laid an eternal foundation with men.
She'll be trusted among their offspring.
16 To fear the master is the fullness of wisdom.
She inebriates men with her fruits.
17 She'll fill all her house with desirable things,
and her storehouses with her produce.
18 The fear of the master is the crown of wisdom,
making peace and[4] perfect health to flourish.[5]
19 He both saw and measured her.
He rained down skill and knowledge of understanding,
and exalted the honour of those who hold her fast.
20 To fear the master is the root of wisdom.
Her branches are length of days. **21** [6]

Literal Version

1:1 all wisdom from_with lord, and with/after
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_be toward
the/this/who an_age. **2** sand ⟦θαλασσῶν⟧ and ⟦σταγόνας⟧
⟦ὑετοῦ⟧ and day an_age one/which? ⟦ἐξαριθμήσει⟧? **3** height
heaven and width earth and abyss and wisdom one/which?
⟦ἐξιχνιάσει⟧? **4** ⟦Προτέρα⟧ all to_create wisdom, and
understanding ⟦φρονήσεως⟧ out_from an_age. **6** root wisdom
which? to_reveal? and the/this/who ⟦πανουργεύματα⟧
he/she/it/self one/which? to_know? **8** one he_is wise fearful
very to_sit upon/to/against of_the throne
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **9** lord he/she/it/self
to_create he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_perceive
and ⟦ἐξηρίθμησεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_
_pour_out he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self upon/to/against
all the/this/who work
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **10** with/after all flesh
according_to the/this/who ⟦δόσιν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐχορήγησεν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who to_love
he/she/it/self; **11** fear lord glory and pride and joy and crown
⟦ἀγαλλιάματος⟧. **12** fear lord ⟦τέρψει⟧ heart, and to_give
⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧ and joy and ⟦μακροημέρευσιν⟧. **13** the/this/who
⟦φοβουμένῳ⟧ the/this/who lord well/well_done! to_be
upon/to/against last/least, and in/on/among day death
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_find/meet
because_of/grace. **14** beginning wisdom to_fear the/this/who
God, and with/after faithful in/on/among womb ⟦συνεκτίσθη⟧
he/she/it/self. **15** and with/after a_human foundation an_age
⟦ἐνόσσευσε⟧, and with/after of_the seed he/she/it/self
⟦ἐμπιστευθήσεται⟧. **16** gratification wisdom to_fear
the/this/who lord, and ⟦μεθύσκει⟧ he/she/it/self away_from
the/this/who fruit he/she/it/self. **17** all the/this/who house
he/she/it/self ⟦ἐμπλήσει⟧ ⟦ἐπιθυμημάτων⟧, and the/this/who
⟦ἀποδοχεῖα⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦γεννημάτων⟧
he/she/it/self. **18** Stephen/crown wisdom fear lord,
⟦ἀναθάλλων⟧ peace and ⟦ὑγίειαν⟧ healing; **19** ⟦ἐπιστήμην⟧ and
knowledge/to_know understanding ⟦ἐξώμβρησε⟧, and glory
⟦κρατούντων⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνύψωσε⟧. **20** root wisdom to_
_fear the/this/who lord, and the/this/who branch
he/she/it/self length_of_days. **22** no be_able wrath unjust to_
_justify; the/this/who for crux of_the wrath
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there fall he/she/it/self.
23 until time/right_time to_cling_to lenient, and later
he/she/it/self ⟦ἀναδώσει⟧ joy. **24** until time/right_time
⟦κρύψει⟧ the/this/who word
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and lip faithful
⟦ἐκδιηγήσεται⟧ understanding

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1 **RV 1:5 · Note** Verse 5 is omitted by the best authorities: The source of wisdom is God's word in the highest heaven, and her ways are the eternal commandments.

2 **RV 1:7 · Note** Verse 7 is omitted by the best authorities: To whom was the knowledge of wisdom manifested? Who has understood her abundant experience?

3 **RV 1:15 · Note** Grk. nested.

4 **RV 1:18 · Note** Grk. health of cure.

5 **RV 1:18 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities: Both are gifts of God for peace; glory opens out for those who love him. He saw her and took her measure.

6 **RV 1:21 · Note** Verse 21 is omitted by the best authorities: The fear of the master drives away sins. Where it resides, it will turn away all anger.

Literal Version

he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **25** in/on/among
⟦θησαυροῖς⟧ wisdom parable ⟦ἐπιστήμης⟧, abomination
but/and sinful reverence_for_God. **26** ⟦Ἐπεθύμησας⟧ wisdom,
⟦διατήρησον⟧ commandment, and lord to_provide you
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **27** wisdom for and discipline
fear lord, and the/this/who goodwill
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there faith and gentleness.
28 not ⟦ἀπειθήσῃς⟧ fear lord, and not ⟦προσέλθῃς⟧
he/she/it/self in/on/among heart ⟦δισσῇ⟧. **29** not ⟦ὑποκριθῇς⟧
in/on/among ⟦στόμασιν⟧ a_human, and in/on/among
the/this/who lip you to_watch_out. **30** not ⟦ἐξύψου⟧ yourself,
in_order_that/to not ⟦πέσῃς⟧, and ⟦ἐπαγάγῃς⟧ the/this/who
soul you dishonour; and revelation/to_reveal lord
the/this/who hidden you, and in/on/among midst synagogue
⟦καταβελεῖ⟧ you; that/since no ⟦προσῆλθες⟧ fear lord, and
the/this/who heart you full deceit.

2:1 child if ⟦προσέρχῃ⟧ be_a_slave lord God, to_make_ready
the/this/who soul you toward temptation/testing.
2 ⟦Εὔθυνον⟧ the/this/who heart you and ⟦καρτέρησον⟧, and
not ⟦σπεύσῃς⟧ in/on/among time/right_time ⟦ἐπαγωγῆς⟧.
3 to_join he/she/it/self and not ⟦ἀποστῇς⟧, in_order_that/to
⟦αὐξηθῇς⟧ upon/to/against last/least you. **4** all
the/this/who/which if ⟦ἐπαχθῇ⟧ you, to_receive, and
in/on/among ⟦ἀλλάγμασι⟧ lowliness you to_have_patience.
5 that/since in/on/among fire ⟦δοκιμάζεται⟧ gold, and a_
human ⟦δεκτοὶ⟧ in/on/among furnace/oven lowliness. **6** to
trust(in) he/she/it/self and ⟦ἀντιλήψεταί⟧ you, ⟦εὔθυνον⟧
the/this/who road you and ⟦ἔλπισον⟧ upon/to/against
he/she/it/self. **7** the/this/who to_fear the/this/who lord,
⟦ἀναμείνατε⟧ the/this/who mercy
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and not ⟦ἐκκλίνητε⟧
in_order_that/to not to_collapse. **8** the/this/who to_fear lord
⟦πιστεύσατε⟧ he/she/it/self, and no not to_stumble
the/this/who wage you. **9** the/this/who to_fear lord to_
_hope/expect toward good-doer, and toward ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧
an_age and mercy. **10** to_look_into/upon toward ⟦ἀρχαίας⟧
generation and to_perceive, one/which? ⟦ἐνεπίστευσε⟧ lord
and ⟦κατῃσχύνθη⟧? or/than one/which? to_abide_in/by
the/this/who fear he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and
to_leave_behind? or/than one/which? ⟦ἐπεκαλέσατο⟧
he/she/it/self, and ⟦ὑπερεῖδεν⟧ he/she/it/self? **11** because
compassionate and merciful the/this/who lord, and to_release
sin, and to_save in/on/among time/right_time pressure.
12 woe! heart ⟦δειλαῖς⟧, and hand ⟦παρειμέναις⟧, and sinful
⟦ἐπιβαίνοντι⟧ upon/to/against two path. **13** woe! heart
⟦παρειμένῃ⟧, that/since no to_trust_(in), through/because_of
this/he/she/it no ⟦σκεπασθήσεται⟧. **14** woe! you the/this/who
⟦ἀπολωλεκόσι⟧ the/this/who perseverance, and one/which?
to_do/make when(-ever) ⟦ἐπισκέπτηται⟧ the/this/who lord?

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Patience and sincere devotion

22 Unjust anger can never be justified,
for his anger tips the scale to his downfall.
23 A man that's patient will resist for a season,
and afterward gladness will spring up to him.
24 He'll hide his words until the right moment,
and the lips of many will tell of his understanding.
25 A wise saying is in the treasures of wisdom;
but godliness is an abomination to a sinner.
26 If you desire wisdom, keep the commandments
and the master will give her to you freely;
27 for the fear of the master is wisdom and instruction.
Faith and humility are his good pleasure.
28 Don't disobey the fear of the master.
Don't come to him with a double heart.
29 Don't be a hypocrite in men's sight.
Keep watch over your lips.
30 Don't exalt yourself,
or you might fall and bring dishonour on your soul.
The master will reveal your secrets
and will throw you down among the congregation,
because you didn't come to the fear of the master
and your heart was full of deceit.

Trust God through difficult times

2:1 My son, if you come to serve the master,
prepare your soul for temptation.
2 Set your heart aright, constantly endure,
and don't hurry in time of calamity.
3 Cling to him, and don't depart,
that you may be increased at your latter end.
4 Accept whatever is brought on you,
and be patient when you suffer humiliation.
5 Because gold is tried in the fire,
and acceptable men in the furnace of humiliation.
6 Put your trust in him, and he'll help you.
Make your ways straight, and set your hope on him.
7 All you who fear the master, wait for his mercy.
Don't turn aside, or you might fall.
8 All you who fear the master, put your trust in him,
and your reward won't fail.
9 All you who fear the master, hope for good things,
and for eternal gladness and mercy.
10 Look at the generations of old, and see:
Who ever put his trust in the master, and was ashamed?
Or who remained in his fear, and was forsaken?
Or who called on him, and he neglected him?
11 Because the master is full of compassion and mercy.
He forgives sins and saves in time of affliction.
12 Woe to fearful hearts, to faint hands,
and to the sinner who goes two ways!
13 Woe to the faint heart! Because it doesn't believe.
Therefore it won't be defended.

Readers' Version

14 Woe to you who've lost your patience!
And what'll you all do when the master visits you?
15 Those who fear the master won't disobey his words.
Those who love him will keep his ways.
16 Those who fear the master will seek his good pleasure.
Those who love him will be filled with the law.
17 Those who fear the master will prepare their hearts,
and will humble their souls in his sight.
18 We'll fall into the master's hands,
and not into men's hands;
for as his majesty is,
so also is his mercy.

Honour and care for your parents

3:1 Hear me, your father, Oh my children,
and do what you hear, that you all may be safe.
2 Because the master honours the father over the children,
and has confirmed the mother's judgement over her sons.
3 He who honours his father will make atonement for sins.
4 He who gives glory to his mother is as one who lays up treasure.
5 Anyone who honours his father will have joy in his own children.
He'll be heard in the day of his prayer.
6 He who gives glory to his father will have length of days.
He who listens to the master will bring rest to his mother,
7 and[7] will serve under his parents, as to masters.
8 Honour your father in deed and word,
that a blessing may come on you from him.
9 Because the blessing of the father establishes children's houses,
but the curse of the mother roots out the foundations.
10 Don't glorify yourself in the dishonour of your father,
for your father's dishonour is no glory to you.
11 Because a man's glory is from the honour of his father,
and a mother in dishonour is a reproach to her children.
12 My son, help your father in his old age,
and don't grieve him as long as he lives.
13 If he fails in understanding, have patience with him.
Don't dishonour him in your full strength.
14 Because the kindness to your father won't be forgotten.
Instead of sins it'll be added to build you up.
15 In the day of your affliction it'll be remembered for you,
as fair weather on ice,
so your sins will also melt away.
16 He who forsakes his father is as a blasphemer.
He who provokes his mother is cursed by the master.

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15 the/this/who to_fear lord no ⟦ἀπειθήσουσι⟧ declaration
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
⟦ἀγαπῶντες⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦συντηπήσουσι⟧ the/this/who
road he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 16 the/this/who
to_fear lord to_seek goodwill
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
⟦ἀγαπῶντες⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐμπλησθήσονται⟧ of_the law.
17 the/this/who to_fear lord ⟦ἑτοιμάσουσι⟧ heart
he/she/it/self, and before
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦παπεινώσουσι⟧
the/this/who soul he/she/it/self. 18 ⟦Ἐμπεσούμεθα⟧ toward
hand lord, and no toward hand a_human; which/how for
the/this/who majesty
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, thus(-ly) and
the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

3:1 I/we/my of_the father to_hear child, and thus(-ly) to_
_do/make, in_order_that/to to_save. 2 the/this/who for lord
to_glorify father upon/to/against child, and judgement mother
to_strengthen upon/to/against son. 3 the/this/who to_honour
father ⟦ἐξιλάσεται⟧ sin. 4 and which/how the/this/who
⟦ἀποθησαυρίζων⟧, the/this/who to_glorify mother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 5 the/this/who to_
_honour father ⟦εὐφρανθήσεται⟧ by/under child, and
in/on/among day prayer
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦εἰσακουσθήσεται⟧.
6 the/this/who to_glorify father ⟦μακροημερεύσει⟧, and
the/this/who ⟦εἰσακούων⟧ lord ⟦ἀναπαύσει⟧ mother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, 7 and which/how
master be_a_slave in/on/among the/this/who ⟦γεννήσασιν⟧
he/she/it/self. 8 in/on/among work and word to_honour
the/this/who father you, in_order_that/to to_arrive/invade
you praise from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
9 praise for father ⟦στηρίζει⟧ house child, curse but/and
mother ⟦ἐκριζοῖ⟧ foundation. 10 not ⟦δοξάζου⟧ in/on/among
dishonour father you, no for he_is you glory father dishonour.
11 the/this/who for glory a_human out_from honour father
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and disgrace child
mother in/on/among ⟦ἀδοξίᾳ⟧. 12 child, ⟦ἀντιλαβοῦ⟧
in/on/among old_age father you, and not ⟦λυπήσῃς⟧
he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who life
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 13 and/even_if/if
⟦ἀπολείπῃ⟧ understanding, concession to_have/be, and not
⟦ἀτιμάσῃς⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among all strength you.
14 charity for father no ⟦ἐπιλησθήσεται⟧, and for sin
⟦προσανοικοδομηθήσεταί⟧ you. 15 in/on/among day pressure
you ⟦ἀναμνησθήσεταί⟧ you; which/how fair_weather
upon/to/against ⟦παγετῷ⟧, thus(-ly) ⟦ἀναλυθήσονταί⟧ you
the/this/who/which sin. 16 which/how blasphemous
the/this/who ⟦ἐγκαταλιπὼν⟧ father, and ⟦κεκατηραμένος⟧
by/under lord the/this/who ⟦παροργίζων⟧ mother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 17 child,
in/on/among gentleness the/this/who work you ⟦διέξαγε⟧,
and by/under a_human ⟦δεκτοῦ⟧ ⟦ἀγαπηθήσῃ⟧. 18 just_

7 **RV 3:7 · Note** Some manuscripts add those who fear the master honour their father,

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_as/how_much great to_be, so_great ⟦ταπεινοῦ⟧ yourself, and before lord to_find/meet because_of/grace. **20** that/since great the/this/who command of_the lord, and by/under the/this/who to_humble to_glorify. **21** ⟦Χαλέπωτερά⟧ you not to_seek, and ⟦ἰσχυρότερά⟧ you not ⟦ἐξέταζε⟧, **22** which ⟦προσετάγη⟧ you, this/he/she/it ⟦διανοοῦ⟧; no for he_is you need the/this/who ⟦κρυπτῶν⟧. **23** in/on/among the/this/who ⟦περισσοῖς⟧ the/this/who work you not ⟦περιεργάζου⟧; greater for understanding a_human ⟦ὑπεδείχθη⟧ you. **24** much for to_ _lead_astray the/this/who payment_in_advance he/she/it/self, and suspicion evil/bad ⟦ὠλίσθησε⟧ mind he/she/it/self. **26** and the/this/who to_love ⟦κίνδυνον⟧, in/on/among he/she/it/self ⟦ἐμπεσεῖται⟧; heart ⟦σκληρὰ⟧ ⟦κακωθήσεται⟧ upon/to/against last/least. **27** heart ⟦σκληρὰ⟧ ⟦βαρυνθήσεται⟧ ⟦πόνοις⟧, and the/this/who sinful ⟦προσθήσει⟧ sin upon/to/against sin. **28** an_invasion ⟦ὑπερηφάνου⟧ no to_be healing, a_plant for evil ⟦ἐῤῥίζωκεν⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self; **29** heart ⟦συνετοῦ⟧ ⟦διανοηθήσεται⟧ parable, and ear ⟦ἀκροατοῦ⟧ desire ⟦σοφοῦ⟧. **30** fire ⟦φλογιζόμενον⟧ ⟦ἀποσβέσει⟧ water, and charity ⟦ἐξιλάσεται⟧ sin. **31** the/this/who ⟦ἀνταποδιδοὺς⟧ ⟦χάριτας⟧ ⟦μέμνηται⟧ toward the/this/who with/after this/he/she/it, and in/on/among time/right_time ⟦πτώσεως⟧ to_find/meet a_ _reliance.

4:1 child, the/this/who life of_the ⟦πτωχοῦ⟧ not to_defraud, and not ⟦παρελκύσῃς⟧ eye ⟦ἐπιδεεῖς⟧. **2** soul ⟦πεινῶσαν⟧ not ⟦λυπήσῃς⟧, and not ⟦παροργίσῃς⟧ man in/on/among perplexity he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **3** heart ⟦παροργισμένην⟧ not ⟦προσταράξῃς⟧, and not ⟦παρελκύσῃς⟧ ⟦δόσιν⟧ ⟦προσδεομένου⟧. **4** ⟦Ἱκέτην⟧ ⟦θλιβόμενον⟧ not ⟦ἀπαναίνου⟧, and not ⟦ἀποστρέψῃς⟧ the/this/who face you away_from ⟦πτωχοῦ⟧. **5** away_from ⟦δεομένου⟧ not ⟦ἀποστρέψῃς⟧ eye, and not to_give place a_human ⟦καταράσασθαί⟧ you. **6** ⟦Καταρωμένου⟧ for you in/on/among bitterness soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who petition he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐπακούσεται⟧ the/this/who to_do/make he/she/it/self. **7** lovely synagogue yourself to_do/make, and ⟦μεγιστᾶνι⟧ ⟦ταπεινοῦ⟧ the/this/who head you. **8** ⟦Κλῖνον⟧ poor the/this/who ear you, and ⟦ἀποκρίθητι⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦εἰρηνικὰ⟧ in/on/among gentleness. **9** ⟦Ἐξελοῦ⟧ to_harm out_ _from hand ⟦ἀδικοῦντος⟧, and not ⟦ὀλιγοψυχήσῃς⟧ in/on/among the/this/who to_judge you. **10** to_be ⟦ὀρφανοῖς⟧ which/how father, and for man the/this/who mother he/she/it/self; and to_be which/how son highest, and to_love you more the/this/who mother you. **11** the/this/who wisdom

Readers' Version

17 My son, go on with your business in humility;
so you'll be loved by an acceptable man.
18 The greater you are, humble yourself the more,
and you'll find favour before the master. **19** [8]
20 Because the master's power is great,
and he's glorified by those who are lowly.
21 Don't seek things that are too hard for you,
and don't search out things that are above your strength.
22 Think about the things that have been commanded you,
for you have no need of the things that are secret.
23 Don't be overly busy in tasks that are beyond you,
for more things are shown to you than men can understand.
24 Because the conceit of many has led them astray.
Evil opinion has caused their judgement to slip.
25 There[9] is no light without eyes.
There's no wisdom without knowledge.
26 A stubborn heart will do badly at the end.
He who loves danger will perish in it.
27 A stubborn heart will be burdened with troubles.
The sinner will heap sin on sins.
28 The calamity of the proud has no healing,
for a weed of wickedness has taken root in him.
29 The heart of the prudent will understand a proverb.
A wise man desires the ear of a listener.
30 Water will quench a flaming fire;
almsgiving will make atonement for sins.
31 He who repays good turns is mindful of that which comes afterward.
In the time of his falling he'll find a support.

Be humble and willing to learn

Help people in need

4:1 My son, don't deprive the poor of his living.
Don't make the needy eyes wait long.
2 Don't make a hungry soul sorrowful,
or provoke a man in his distress.
3 Don't add more trouble to a heart that's provoked.
Don't put off giving to him who's in need.
4 Don't reject a suppliant in his affliction.
Don't turn your face away from a poor man.
5 Don't turn your eye away from one who asks.
Give no occasion to a man to curse you.
6 Because if he curses you in the bitterness of his soul,
he who made him will hear his supplication.
7 Endear yourself to the assembly.
Bow your head to a great man.
8 Incline your ear to a poor man.
Answer him with peaceful words in humility.
9 Deliver him who's wronged from the hand of him who wrongs him;
Don't be hesitant in giving judgement.

8 **RV 3:19 · Note** Some manuscripts add Many are lofty and renowned, but he reveals his secrets to the humble.

9 **RV 3:25 · Note** Some manuscripts omit verse 25.

Readers' Version

10 Be as a father to the fatherless,
and like a husband to their mother.
So you'll be as a son of the Most High,
and he'll love you more than your mother does.
11 Wisdom exalts her sons,
and takes hold of those who seek her.
Wisdom guides those who seek her
12 He who loves her loves life.
Those who seek her early will be filled with gladness.
13 He who holds her fast will inherit glory.
Where[10] he enters, the master will bless.
14 Those who serve her minister to the Holy One.
The master loves those who love her.
15 He who listens to her will judge the nations.
He who heeds her will live securely.
16 If he trusts her, he'll inherit her,
and his generations will possess her.
17 Because at the first she'll walk with him in crooked ways,
and will bring fear and dread on him,
and torment him with her discipline,
until she may trust his soul, and try him by her judgements.
18 Then she'll return him again to the straight way,
and will gladden him, and reveal to him her secrets.
19 If he goes astray, she'll forsake him,
and hand him over to his fall.
20 Watch for the opportunity, and beware of evil.
Stand up for what's right
Don't be ashamed of your soul.
21 Because there's a shame that brings sin,
and there's a shame that's glory and grace.
22 Don't show partiality, discrediting your soul.
Don't revere any man to your falling.
23 Don't refrain from speaking when it's for safety.
Don't hide your wisdom for the sake of seeming fair.[11]
24 Because wisdom will be known by speech,
and instruction by the word of the tongue.
25 Don't speak against the truth
and be shamed for your ignorance.
26 Don't be ashamed to confess your sins.
Don't fight the river's current.
27 Don't lay yourself down for a fool to tread on.
Don't be partial to one who's mighty.
28 Strive for the truth to death,
and the master God will fight for you.
29 Don't be hasty with your tongue,
or slack and negligent in your actions.
30 Don't be like a lion in your house,
or suspicious of your servants.
31 Don't let your hand be stretched out to receive,
and closed when you should repay.

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son my/your/him-self ⟦ἀνύψωσε⟧, and to_catch the/this/who to_seek he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; 12 the/this/who to_love he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self to_love life, and the/this/who ⟦ὀρθρίζοντες⟧ to/with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦ἐμπλησθήσονται⟧ joy. 13 the/this/who to_grasp/seize he/she/it/self to_inherit glory, and which/whither to_enter ⟦εὐλογήσει⟧ lord. 14 the/this/who to_minister he/she/it/self ⟦λειτουργήσουσιν⟧ holy, and the/this/who to_love he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self to_love the/this/who lord. 15 the/this/who ⟦ὑπακούων⟧ he/she/it/self to_judge Gentile_nation, and the/this/who to_come_near/agree he/she/it/self to_dwell to_persuade. 16 if ⟦ἐμπιστεύσῃς⟧, ⟦κατακληρονομήσεις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and in/on/among possession to_be the/this/who/which generation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 17 that/since distortedly to_travel with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among first; fear but/and and ⟦δειλίαν⟧ ⟦ἐπάξει⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and ⟦βασανίσει⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among child he/she/it/self, until which/whither ⟦ἐμπιστεύσῃ⟧ the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦πειράσῃ⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who righteous_act he/she/it/self. 18 and again ⟦ἐπανήξει⟧ according_to straight/upright to/with he/she/it/self, and ⟦εὐφρανεῖ⟧ he/she/it/self, and revelation/to_reveal he/she/it/self the/this/who hidden he/she/it/self. 19 if ⟦ἀποπλανηθῇς⟧, ⟦ἐγκαταλείψει⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_deliver he/she/it/self toward hand ⟦πτώσεως⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 20 ⟦Συντήρησον⟧ time/right_time and to_keep/guard away_from evil/bad, and about the/this/who soul you not ⟦αἰσχυνθῇς⟧. 21 he_is for shame ⟦ἐπάγουσα⟧ sin, and to_be shame glory and grace. 22 not ⟦λάβῃς⟧ face according_to the/this/who soul you, and not ⟦ἐντραπῇς⟧ toward fall you. 23 not to_prevent word in/on/among time/right_time salvation, 24 in/on/among for word to_know wisdom, and discipline in/on/among declaration tongue. 25 not ⟦ἀντίλεγε⟧ the/this/who truth, and about the/this/who ⟦ἀπαιδευσίας⟧ you ⟦ἐντράπηθι⟧. 26 not ⟦αἰσχυνθῇς⟧ ⟦ὁμολογῆσαι⟧ upon/to/against sin you, and not ⟦βιάζου⟧ ⟦ῥοῦν⟧ river. 27 and not ⟦ὑποστρώσῃς⟧ yourself a_human foolish, and not ⟦λάβῃς⟧ face ⟦δυνάστου⟧. 28 until of_the death ⟦ἀγώνισαι⟧ about the/this/who truth, and lord the/this/who God ⟦πολεμήσει⟧ above/for you. 29 not to_be rough in/on/among tongue you, and dull and ⟦παρειμένος⟧ in/on/among the/this/who work you. 30 not to_be which/how lion in/on/among the/this/who house you, and ⟦φαντασιοκοπῶν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦οἰκέταις⟧ you. 31 not to_be the/this/who hand you ⟦ἐκτεταμένη⟧ toward the/this/who to_take, and in/on/among the/this/who to_pay ⟦συνεσταλμένη⟧.

10 **RV 4:13 · Note** Or, she

11 **RV 4:23 · Note** Some manuscripts omit this line.

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5:1 not to_hold_fast/out upon/to/against the/this/who money you, and not to_say, ⟦αὐτάρκη⟧ I/we he_is. **2** not ⟦ἐξακολούθει⟧ the/this/who soul you and the/this/who strength you, of_the to_travel in/on/among desire heart you. **3** and not to_say, one/which? I/we ⟦δυναστεύσει⟧? the/this/who for lord ⟦ἐκδικῶν⟧ ⟦ἐκδικήσει⟧ you. **4** not to_say, to_sin, and one/which? I/we to_be? the/this/who for lord he_ _is lenient. **5** about ⟦ἐξιλασμοῦ⟧ not fearless to_be to_add_(to) sin upon/to/against sin. **6** and not to_say, the/this/who compassion he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there much, the/this/who multitude the/this/who sin I/we ⟦ἐξιλάσεται⟧; mercy for and wrath from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and upon/to/against sinful ⟦καταπαύσει⟧ the/this/who wrath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **7** not ⟦ἀνάμενε⟧ to_ _turn to/with lord, and not ⟦ὑπερβάλλου⟧ day out_from day; suddenly for to_go_out wrath lord, and in/on/among time/right_time vengeance ⟦ἐξολῇ⟧. **8** not to_hold_fast/out upon/to/against money ⟦ἀδίκοις⟧, none for ⟦ὠφελήσεις⟧ in/on/among day ⟦ἐπαγωγῆς⟧. **9** not ⟦λίκμα⟧ in/on/among all wind, and not to_travel in/on/among all ⟦ἀτραπῷ⟧; thus(-ly) the/this/who sinful the/this/who double-tongued. **10** to_be ⟦ἐστηριγμένος⟧ in/on/among understanding you, and one to_ _be you the/this/who word. **11** to_be quick in/on/among ⟦ἀκροάσει⟧ you, and in/on/among patience ⟦φθέγγου⟧ answer. **12** if he_is you understanding, ⟦ἀποκρίθητι⟧ the/this/who near/neighbour; if but/and not, the/this/who hand you to_be upon/to/against mouth you. **13** glory and dishonour in/on/among speech, and tongue a_human fall he/she/it/self. **14** not to_call twittering, and the/this/who tongue you not ⟦ἐνέδρευε⟧; upon/to/against for the/this/who ⟦κλέπτῃ⟧ to_be shame, and ⟦κατάγνωσις⟧ evil/bad upon/to/against ⟦διγλώσσου⟧. **15** in/on/among great and in/on/among small not be_ignorant.

6:2a and for ⟦φίλου⟧ not to_be enemy; name for evil/bad ⟦αἰσχύνην⟧ and disgrace to_inherit; thus(-ly) the/this/who sinful the/this/who double-tongued. **2b** not ⟦ἐπάρῃς⟧ yourself in/on/among plan soul you, in_order_that/to not ravaging which/how bull the/this/who soul you. **3** the/this/who leaf you ⟦καταφάγεσαι⟧, and the/this/who fruit you ⟦ἀπολέσεις⟧, and to_release yourself which/how wood ⟦ξηρόν⟧. **4** soul evil/bad ⟦ἀπολεῖ⟧ the/this/who ⟦κτησάμενον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and derision enemy to_ _do/make he/she/it/self. **5** throat sweet to_multiply friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and tongue well-spoken to_multiply ⟦εὐπροσήγορα⟧. **6** the/this/who be_at_peace you to_be much, the/this/who but/and ⟦σύμβουλοί⟧ you one away_from thousand. **7** if ⟦κτᾶσαι⟧ friendly/friend, in/on/among temptation/testing ⟦κτῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self, and not quick/quickly ⟦ἐμπιστεύσῃς⟧

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Don't rely on wealth or take forgiveness for granted

5:1 Don't set your heart on your goods.
Don't say, "They're sufficient for me."
2 Don't follow your own mind and your strength
to walk in the desires of your heart.
3 Don't say, "Who'll have dominion over me?"
for the master will surely take vengeance on you.
4 Don't say, "I sinned, and what happened to me?"
for the master is patient.
5 Don't be so confident of atonement
that you add sin on sins.
6 Don't say, "His compassion is great.
He'll be pacified for the multitude of my sins,"
for mercy and anger are with him,
and his indignation will rest on sinners.
7 Don't wait to turn to the master.
Don't put off from day to day;
for suddenly the master's anger will come on you,
and you'll perish in the time of vengeance.
8 Don't set your heart on unrighteous gains,
for you'll profit nothing in the day of calamity.

Careful speech and self-control

9 Don't winnow with every wind.
Don't walk in every path.
This is what the sinner who has a double tongue does.
10 Be steadfast in your understanding.
Let your speech be consistent.
11 Be swift to hear
and answer with patience.
12 If you have understanding, answer your neighbour;
but if not, put your hand over your mouth.
13 Glory and dishonour is in talk.
A man's tongue may be his downfall.
14 Don't be called a whisperer.
Don't lie in wait with your tongue;
for shame is on the thief,
and an evil condemnation is on him who has a double tongue.
15 Don't be ignorant in a great or small matter.
6:1 Don't become an enemy instead of a friend;
for an evil name will inherit shame and reproach.
So it's with the sinner who has a double tongue.
2 Don't exalt yourself in the counsel of your soul,
that your soul not be torn in pieces like a bull.
3 You'll eat up your leaves, destroy your fruit,
and leave yourself like a dry tree.
4 A wicked soul will destroy him who has it,
and will make him a laughing stock to his enemies.

Choosing faithful friends

5 Sweet words will multiply a man's friends.
A gracious tongue will multiply courtesies.
6 Let those that are at peace with you be many,
but your advisers one of a thousand.

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7 If you want to gain a friend, get him in a time of testing,
and don't be in a hurry to trust him.
8 Because there's a friend just for an occasion.
He won't continue in the day of your affliction.
9 And there's a friend who turns into an enemy.
He'll discover strife to your reproach.
10 And there's a friend who's a companion at the table,
but he won't continue in the day of your affliction.
11 In your prosperity he'll be as yourself,
and will be bold over your servants.
12 If you're brought low, he'll be against you,
and will hide himself from your face.
13 Separate yourself from your enemies,
and beware of your friends.
14 A faithful friend is a strong defence.
He who's found him has found a treasure.
15 There's nothing that can be taken in exchange for a faithful friend.
His excellency is beyond price.
16 A faithful friend is a life-saving medicine.
Those who fear the master will find him.
17 He who fears the master directs his friendship properly;
for as he is, so is his neighbour also.

Work at gaining wisdom

18 My son, gather instruction from your youth up.
Even when you have grey hair you'll find wisdom.
19 Come to her as one who ploughs and sows
and wait for her good fruit;
for your toil will be little in her cultivation,
and you'll soon eat of her fruit.
20 How extremely harsh she's to the unlearned!
He who's without understanding won't remain in her.
21 She'll rest on him as a mighty stone of trial.
He won't hesitate to throw her from him.
22 Because wisdom is according to her name.
She isn't manifest to many.
23 Give ear, my son, and accept my judgement.
Don't refuse my counsel.
24 Bring your feet into her fetters,
and your neck into her chain.
25 Put your shoulder under her and bear her.
Don't be grieved with her bonds.
26 Come to her with all your soul.
Keep her ways with your whole power.
27 Search and seek, and she'll be made known to you.
When you get hold of her, don't let her go.
28 Because at the last you'll find her rest;
and she'll be turned for you into gladness.
29 Her fetters will be to you for a covering of strength,
and her chains for a robe of glory.
30 Because there's a golden ornament on her,

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he/she/it/self. 8 he_is for friendly/friend in/on/among time/right_time he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no not ⟦παραμείνῃ⟧ in/on/among day pressure you. 9 and he_ _is friendly/friend ⟦μετατιθέμενος⟧ toward hostility, and ⟦μάχην⟧ ⟦ὀνειδισμοῦ⟧ you revelation/to_reveal. 10 and he_is friendly/friend participant ⟦τραπεζῶν⟧, and no not ⟦παραμείνῃ⟧ in/on/among day pressure you. 11 and in/on/among the/this/who good-doer you to_be which/how you, and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦οἰκέτας⟧ you ⟦παῤῥησιάσεται⟧. 12 if ⟦ταπεινωθῇς⟧, to_be according_to you, and away_from of_the face you ⟦κρυβήσεται⟧. 13 away_from the/this/who enemy you ⟦διαχωρίσθητι⟧, and away_from the/this/who friendly/friend you to_watch_out.
14 friendly/friend faithful a_shelter ⟦κραταιὰ⟧, the/this/who but/and to_find/meet he/she/it/self to_find/meet treasure.
15 ⟦Φίλου⟧ faithful no to_be in_exchange, and no he_is a_ _doorpost the/this/who ⟦καλλονῆς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 16 friendly/friend faithful a_potion life, and the/this/who to_fear lord to_ _find/meet he/she/it/self. 17 the/this/who to_fear lord ⟦εὐθύνει⟧ ⟦φιλίαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that/since according_to he/she/it/self thus(-ly) and the/this/who near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 18 child, out_from youth you ⟦ἐπίλεξαι⟧ discipline, and until ⟦πολιῶν⟧ to_ _find/meet wisdom. 19 which/how the/this/who to_plow and the/this/who to_sow to_come_near/agree he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀνάμενε⟧ the/this/who good-doer fruit he/she/it/self; in/on/among for the/this/who work he/she/it/self little/few ⟦κοπιάσεις⟧, and quick/quickly to_eat ⟦γεννημάτων⟧ he/she/it/self. 20 which/how ⟦τραχεῖά⟧ he_is very the/this/who ⟦ἀπαιδεύτοις⟧, and no to_abide_in/by in/on/among he/she/it/self heartless. 21 which/how stone ⟦δοκιμασίας⟧ strong to_be upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and no to_delay ⟦ἀποῤῥίψαι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self.
22 wisdom for according_to the/this/who name he/she/it/self he_is, and no much he_is manifest. 23 ⟦Ἄκουσον⟧, child, and to_receive resolution I/we, and not ⟦ἀπαναίνου⟧ the/this/who ⟦συμβουλίαν⟧ I/we. 24 and ⟦εἰσένεγκον⟧ the/this/who foot you toward the/this/who fetter he/she/it/self, and toward the/this/who ⟦κλοίον⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who neck you.
25 ⟦Ὑπόθες⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὦμόν⟧ you, and ⟦βάσταξον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and not ⟦προσοχθίσῃς⟧ the/this/who chain he/she/it/self. 26 in/on/among all soul you to_come_near/agree he/she/it/self, and in/on/among all power you ⟦συντήρησον⟧ the/this/who road he/she/it/self.
27 ⟦Ἐξίχνευσον⟧ and to_seek, and to_know you, and self-controlled to_be not joint he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 28 upon/to/against last/least for to_find/meet the/this/who rest he/she/it/self, and ⟦στραφήσεταί⟧ you toward ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧. 29 and to_be you the/this/who/which ⟦πέδαι⟧ toward ⟦σκέπην⟧ strength, and the/this/who ⟦κλοιοὶ⟧ he/she/it/self toward robe glory.
30 world for golden to_be upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦δεσμοὶ⟧ he/she/it/self yarn ⟦ὑακίνθινον⟧.
31 robe glory ⟦ἐνδύσῃ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and crown ⟦ἀγαλλιάματος⟧ ⟦περιθήσεις⟧ yourself. 32 if to_

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_will/desire, child, ⟦παιδευθήσῃ⟧, and if to_give the/this/who soul you, crafty to_be. **33** if ⟦ἀγαπήσῃς⟧ to_hear ⟦ἐκδέξῃ⟧, and if bed the/this/who ear you wise to_be. **34** in/on/among multitude elder to_stand, and, one/which? wise? he/she/it/self ⟦προσκολλήθητι⟧. **35** all narrative ⟦θείαν⟧ ⟦θέλε⟧ to_hear, and ⟦παροιμίαι⟧ understanding not ⟦ἐκφευγέτωσάν⟧ you. **36** if to_perceive ⟦συνετὸν⟧, ⟦ὄρθριζε⟧ to/with he/she/it/self, and ⟦βαθμοὺς⟧ door he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐκτριβέτω⟧ the/this/who foot you. **37** ⟦Διανοοῦ⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦προστάγμασιν⟧ lord, and in/on/among the/this/who commandment he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_meditate/plot always; he/she/it/self ⟦στηριεῖ⟧ the/this/who heart you, and the/this/who desire the/this/who wisdom you to_give you.

7:1 not to_do/make evil/harm, and no not you to_grasp evil/harm. **2** ⟦Ἀπόστηθι⟧ away_from ⟦ἀδίκου⟧, and ⟦ἐκκλινεῖ⟧ away_from you. **3** son not ⟦σπεῖρε⟧ upon/to/against ⟦αὔλακας⟧ unrighteousness, and no not ⟦θερίσῃς⟧ he/she/it/self seven-fold. **4** not to_seek from_with lord ⟦ἡγεμονίαν⟧, nor from_with king ⟦καθέδραν⟧ glory. **5** not just before lord, and from_with king not ⟦σοφίζου⟧; **6** not to_seek to_be judge, not no ⟦ἐξισχύσεις⟧ ⟦ἐξάραι⟧ unrighteousness. lest ⟦εὐλαβηθῇς⟧ away_from face ⟦δυνάστου⟧, and to_place stumbling_block in/on/among ⟦εὐθύτητί⟧ you. **7** not to_sin toward multitude city, and not ⟦καταβάλῃς⟧ yourself in/on/among crowd. **8** not ⟦καταδεσμεύσῃς⟧ twice sin, in/on/among for the/this/who one no innocent to_be. **9** not to_say, the/this/who multitude the/this/who ⟦δώρων⟧ I/we ⟦ἐπόψεται⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who to_bring_to I/we God ⟦ὑψίστῳ⟧ ⟦προσδέξεται⟧. **10** not ⟦ὀλιγοψυχήσῃς⟧ in/on/among the/this/who prayer you, and charity to_do/make not ⟦παρίδῃς⟧. **11** not ⟦καταγέλα⟧ a_human to_be in/on/among bitterness soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, he_is for the/this/who to_humble and ⟦ἀνυψῶν⟧. **12** not ⟦ἀροτρία⟧ lie upon/to/against brother you, nor to_love the/this/who like to_ _do/make. **13** not ⟦θέλε⟧ ⟦ψεύδεσθαι⟧ all lie, the/this/who for in_perpetuity he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no toward good-doer. **14** not ⟦ἀδολέσχει⟧ in/on/among multitude elder, and not ⟦δευτερώσῃς⟧ word in/on/among prayer you. **15** not ⟦μισήσῃς⟧ ⟦ἐπίπονον⟧ work, and ⟦γεωργίαν⟧ by/under highest ⟦ἐκτισμένην⟧. **16** not ⟦προσλογίζου⟧ yourself in/on/among multitude sinful; **17** ⟦Ταπείνωσον⟧ very the/this/who soul you. **17a** to_remember that/since wrath no to_delay, **17b** that/since vengeance ⟦ἀσεβοῦς⟧ fire and worm. **18** not ⟦ἀλλάξῃς⟧ friendly/friend because_of ⟦ἀδιαφόρου⟧, nor brother genuine in/on/among gold ⟦Σουφείρ⟧. **19** not ⟦ἀστόχει⟧ woman ⟦σοφῆς⟧ and good-doer, and for grace he/she/it/self above/for the/this/who gold. **20** not ⟦κακώσῃς⟧ slave ⟦ἐργαζόμενον⟧ in/on/among truth, nor ⟦μίσθιον⟧ to_give soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **21** slave

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and her bands are a purple cord.[12]
31 You'll put her on as a robe of glory,
and will put her on as a crown of rejoicing.
32 My son, if you're willing, you'll be instructed.
If you'll yield your soul, you'll be prudent.
33 If you love to hear, you'll receive.
If you incline your ear, you'll be wise.
34 Stand in the multitude of the elders.
Attach yourself to whomever is wise.
35 Be willing to listen to every godly discourse.
Don't let the proverbs of understanding escape you.
36 If you see a man of understanding, get to him early.
Let your foot wear out the steps of his doors.
37 Let your mind live on the ordinances of the master
and meditate continually on his commandments.
He'll establish your heart
and your desire for wisdom will be given to you.

Avoid wrongdoing and arrogance

7:1 Do no evil,
so no evil will overtake you.
2 Depart from wrong,
and it'll turn away from you.
3 My son, don't sow on the furrows of unrighteousness,
and you won't harvest them sevenfold.
4 Don't seek preeminence from the master,
nor the seat of honour from the king.
5 Don't justify yourself in the presence of the master,
and don't display your wisdom before the king.
6 Don't seek to be a judge,
in case you can't put an end to wrongdoing,
in case you're intimidated by a powerful person,
and lay a stumbling block in the way of your uprightness.
7 Don't sin against the multitude of the city.
Don't disgrace yourself in the crowd.
8 Don't commit a sin twice,
for even in one you won't be unpunished.
9 Don't say, "He'll look on the multitude of my gifts.
When I make an offering to the Most High God, he'll accept it."
10 Don't be faint-hearted in your prayer.
Don't neglect to give to the poor.
11 Don't laugh a man to scorn when he's in the bitterness of his soul,
for there's one who humbles and exalts.
12 Don't devise[13] a lie against your brother,
or do the same to a friend.
13 Refuse to utter a lie,
for that habit results in no good.
14 Don't babble in the assembly of elders.
Don't repeat your words in your prayer.

12 **RV 6:30 · Cross-ref.** Num 15:38.

13 **RV 7:12 · Note** Grk. Don't plough

Readers' Version

15 Don't hate hard labour
or farm work, which the Most High has created.
16 Don't number yourself among the multitude of sinners.
Remember that anger won't wait.
17 Humble your soul greatly,
for the punishment of the ungodly man is fire and the worm.

Care for your family, friends, and servants

18 Don't exchange a friend for something,
neither a true brother for the gold of Ofir.
19 Don't deprive yourself of a wise and good wife,
for her grace is worth more than gold.
20 Don't abuse a servant who works faithfully,
or a hireling who gives you his life.
21 Let your soul love a wise servant.
Don't defraud him of liberty.
22 Do you have cattle? Look after them.
If they're profitable to you, let them stay by you.
23 Do you have children? Correct them,
and make them obedient from their youth.
24 Do you have daughters? Take care of their bodies,
and don't be overly indulgent towards them.
25 Give your daughter in marriage, and you'll have accomplished a great matter.
Give her to a man of understanding.
26 Do you have a wife who pleases you? Don't throw her out.
But don't trust yourself to one who's hateful.[14]
27 Honour your father with your whole heart,
and don't forget the birth pangs of your mother.
28 Remember that you were born of them.
What'll you repay them for the things that they've done for you?

Honour God and care for others

29 Fear the master with all your soul;
and revere his priests.
30 With all your strength love him who made you.
Don't forsake his ministers.
31 Fear the master and honour the priest.
Give him his portion, even as it's commanded you:
the first fruits, the trespass offering, the gift of the shoulders,
the sacrifice of sanctification, and the first fruits of holy things.
32 Also stretch out your hand to the poor man,
that your blessing may be complete.
33 A gift has grace in the sight of every living man.
Don't withhold grace for a dead man.
34 Don't avoid those who weep,
and mourn with those who mourn.
35 Don't be slow to visit a sick man,
for by such things you'll gain love.
36 In all your words, remember eternity,
and you'll never sin.

14 **RV 7:26 · Note** Many authorities omit this line

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⟦συνετὸν⟧ to_love you the/this/who soul, not ⟦στερήσῃς⟧ he/she/it/self freedom. 22 animal you/your to_be? ⟦ἐπισκέπτου⟧ he/she/it/self; and if he_is you ⟦χρήσιμα⟧, ⟦ἐμμενέτω⟧ you. 23 child you/your he_is, ⟦παίδευσον⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦κάμψον⟧ out_from youth the/this/who neck he/she/it/self. 24 daughter you/your to_be? to_watch_out the/this/who body he/she/it/self, and not ⟦ἱλαρώσῃς⟧ to/with he/she/it/self the/this/who face you. 25 ⟦Ἔκδου⟧ daughter, and to_be ⟦τετελεκὼς⟧ work great, and man intelligent ⟦δώρησαι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 26 woman you he_is according_to soul? not ⟦ἐκβάλῃς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 27 in/on/among all heart to_glorify the/this/who father you, and mother labour not ⟦ἐπιλάθῃ⟧. 28 to_remember that/since through/because_of he/she/it/self ⟦ἐγενήθης⟧, and one/which? ⟦ἀνταποδώσεις⟧ he/she/it/self as/just_as he/she/it/self you/your? 29 in/on/among all soul you ⟦εὐλαβοῦ⟧ the/this/who lord, and the/this/who priest he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦θαύμαζε⟧. 30 in/on/among all power ⟦ἀγάπησον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ποιήσαντά⟧ you, and the/this/who minister he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there not ⟦ἐγκαταλίπῃς⟧. 31 to_fear the/this/who lord, and to_glorify priest, and to_give the/this/who part he/she/it/self, as/just_as to_order you, firstfruits, and about ⟦πλημμελείας⟧, and ⟦δόσιν⟧ ⟦βραχιόνων⟧, and sacrifice ⟦ἁγιασμοῦ⟧, and firstfruits holy. 32 and poor to_ _stretch_out the/this/who hand you, in_order_that/to to_ _perfect the/this/who praise you. 33 grace ⟦δόματος⟧ before all to_live, and upon/to/against ⟦νεκρῷ⟧ not ⟦ἀποκωλύσῃς⟧ because_of/grace. 34 not to_lack away_from to_weep, and with/after ⟦πενθούντων⟧ ⟦πένθησον⟧. 35 not ⟦ὄκνει⟧ to_ _visit/care_for ⟦ἄῤῥωστον⟧, out_from for the/this/who such_ _as_this ⟦ἀγαπηθήσῃ⟧. 36 in/on/among all the/this/who word you ⟦μιμνήσκου⟧ the/this/who last/least you, and toward the/this/who an_age no ⟦ἁμαρτήσεις⟧.

Literal Version

8:1 not ⟦διαμάχου⟧ with/after a_human ⟦δυνάστου⟧, lest ⟦ἐμπέσῃς⟧ toward the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **2** not ⟦ἔριζε⟧ with/after a_human rich, lest ⟦ἀντιστήσῃ⟧ you the/this/who ⟦ὁλκήν⟧; much for to_destroy the/this/who gold, and heart king ⟦ἐξέκλινε⟧. **3** not ⟦διαμάχου⟧ with/after a_human ⟦γλωσσώδους⟧, and not ⟦ἐπιστοιβάσῃς⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who fire he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there wood. **4** not ⟦πρόσπαιζε⟧ ⟦ἀπαιδεύτῳ⟧, in_order_that/to not ⟦ἀτιμάζωνται⟧ the/this/who ⟦πρόγονοί⟧ you. **5** not ⟦ὀνείδιζε⟧ a_human to_turn_away away_from sin, to_remember that/since all to_be in/on/among ⟦ἐπιτιμίοις⟧. **6** not ⟦ἀτιμάσῃς⟧ a_human in/on/among old_age he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and for out_from I/we ⟦γηράσκουσι⟧. **7** not ⟦ἐπίχαιρε⟧ upon/to/against ⟦νεκρῷ⟧, to_remember that/since all ⟦τελευτῶμεν⟧. **8** not ⟦παρίδῃς⟧ a_ _tale wise, and in/on/among the/this/who proverb he/she/it/self ⟦ἀναστρέφου⟧, that/since from_with he/she/it/self ⟦μαθήσῃ⟧ discipline, and to_minister great_man. **9** not ⟦ἀστόχει⟧ ⟦διηγήματος⟧ ⟦γερόντων⟧, and for he/she/it/self to_learn from_with the/this/who father he/she/it/self; that/since from_with he/she/it/self ⟦μαθήσῃ⟧ understanding, and in/on/among time/right_time need to_ _give answer. **10** not ⟦ἔκκαιε⟧ charcoal ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧, not ⟦ἐμπυρισθῇς⟧ in/on/among fire ⟦φλογὸς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **11** not ⟦ἐξαναστῇς⟧ away_from face ⟦ὑβριστοῦ⟧, in_order_that/to not ⟦ἐγκαθίσῃ⟧ which/how hinderance the/this/who mouth you. **12** not ⟦δανείσῃς⟧ a_human ⟦ἰσχυροτέρῳ⟧ you, and if ⟦δανείσῃς⟧, which/how ⟦ἀπολωλεκὼς⟧ to_be; **13** not ⟦ἐγγυήσῃ⟧ above/for power you, and if ⟦ἐγγυήσῃ⟧, which/how ⟦ἀποτίσων⟧ ⟦φρόντιζε⟧. **14** not ⟦δικάζου⟧ with/after ⟦κριτοῦ⟧, according_to for the/this/who glory he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_judge he/she/it/self. **15** with/after ⟦τολμηροῦ⟧ not to_travel in/on/among road, in_order_that/to not ⟦βαρύνηται⟧ according_to you; he/she/it/self for according_to the/this/who will/desire he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_do/make, and the/this/who foolishness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συναπολῇ⟧. **16** with/after ⟦θυμώδους⟧ not to_do/make ⟦μάχην⟧, and not ⟦διαπορεύου⟧ with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who deserted, that/since which/how none in/on/among eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there blood, and where(-ever) no he_is help, ⟦καταβαλεῖ⟧ you. **17** with/after ⟦μωροῦ⟧ not ⟦συμβουλεύου⟧, no for be_able word ⟦στέξαι⟧. **18** before ⟦ἀλλοτρίου⟧ not to_do/make hidden, no for to_know one/which? to_give_birth_to. **19** all a_human not ⟦ἔκφαινε⟧ your heart, and not ⟦ἀναφερέτω⟧ you because_of/grace.

9:1 not zeal woman of_the ⟦κόλπου⟧ you, nor ⟦διδάξῃς⟧ upon/to/against yourself discipline ⟦πονηράν⟧. **2** not to_give woman the/this/who soul you, ⟦ἐπιβῆναι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self upon/to/against the/this/who strength you. **3** not ⟦ὑπάντα⟧ woman

Readers' Version

Use good judgement in dealing with others

8:1 Don't contend with a mighty man,
or you might fall into his hands.
2 Don't strive with a rich man, or he might overpower you;
for gold has destroyed many,
and turned away the hearts of kings.
3 Don't argue with a loudmouthed man.
Don't heap wood on his fire.
4 Don't make fun of a rude man,
or your ancestors might be dishonoured.
5 Don't reproach a man when he turns from sin.
Remember that we're all worthy of punishment.
6 Don't dishonour a man in his old age,
for some of us are also growing old.
7 Don't rejoice over anyone's death.
Remember that we all die.
8 Don't neglect the discourse of the wise.
Be conversant with their proverbs;
for from them you'll learn discipline
and how to serve great men.
9 Don't miss the discourse of the aged,
for they also learnt from their parents,
because from them you'll learn understanding,
and to give an answer in time of need.

Avoid needless risks

10 Don't kindle the coals of a sinner,
or you might be burnt with the flame of his fire.
11 Don't rise up from the presence of an insolent man,
or he might lie in wait to trap you by what you say.
12 Don't lend to a man who's stronger than you;
and if you lend, count it as a loss.
13 Don't be surety beyond your means.
If you give surety, think as one who'll have to pay.
14 Don't go to law with a judge;
for according to his honour they'll give judgement for him.
15 Don't travel with a reckless man,
or he might become a burden to you;
for he'll do as he pleases,
and you'll perish with his folly.
16 Don't fight with a wrathful man.
Don't travel with him through the desert,
for blood is as nothing in his sight.
Where there's no help, he'll overthrow you.
17 Don't consult with a fool,
for he won't be able to keep a secret.
18 Do no secret thing before a stranger,
for you don't know what it'll cause.
19 Don't open your heart to every man.
Don't let him return you a favour.

Avoid sexual temptation

9:1 Don't be jealous over the wife of your bosom,
and don't teach her an evil lesson against yourself.
2 Don't give your soul to a woman

Readers' Version

and let her trample down your strength.
3 Don't go to meet a woman who plays the prostitute,
or you might fall into her traps.
4 Don't associate with a woman who's a singer,
or you might be caught by her tricks.
5 Don't gaze at a virgin,
or you might stumble and be punished because of her.
6 Don't give your soul to prostitutes,
that you not lose your inheritance.
7 Don't look around in the streets of the city.
Don't wander in its deserted places.
8 Turn your eye away from a beautiful woman,
and don't gaze at another's beauty.
Many have been led astray by the beauty of a woman;
and with this, passion is kindled like a fire.
9 Don't dine at all with a woman who has a husband,
or revel with her at wine,[15]
or your heart might turn towards her,
and with your spirit you slide into destruction.
10 Don't forsake an old friend;
for a new one isn't comparable to him.

Choose your friends and advisers wisely

A new friend is like new wine:
if it becomes old, you'll drink it with gladness.
11 Don't envy the success of a sinner;
for you don't know what his end will be.
12 Don't delight in the delights of the ungodly.
Remember they won't go unpunished to[16] the grave.
13 Keep yourself far from the man who has[17] power to kill,
and you won't be troubled by the fear of death.
If you come to him, commit no fault,
or he might take your life.
Know surely that you go about among traps,
and walk on the battlements of a city.
14 As well as you can, aim to know your neighbours,
and take counsel with the wise.
15 Let your conversation be with men of understanding.
Let all your discourse be in the Most High's law.
16 Let righteous people be companions at your table.
Let your glorying be in the fear of the master.
17 A work is commended because of the skill of the artisan;
so he who rules the people will be considered wise for his speech.
18 A loudmouthed man is dangerous in his city.
He who's reckless in his speech will be hated.

Good and bad rulers

10:1 A wise judge will instruct his people.
The government of a man of understanding will be well ordered.
2 As is the judge of his people, so are his officials.

Literal Version

⟦ἑταιριζομένῃ⟧, lest ⟦ἐμπέσῃς⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦παγίδας⟧ he/she/it/self. 4 with/after ⟦ψαλλούσης⟧ not ⟦ἐνδελέχιζε⟧, lest ⟦ἁλῷς⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐπιχειρήμασιν⟧ he/she/it/self. 5 virgin not ⟦καταμάνθανε⟧, lest ⟦σκανδαλισθῇς⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐπιτιμίοις⟧ he/she/it/self. 6 not to_give ⟦πόρναις⟧ the/this/who soul you, in_order_that/to not ⟦ἀπολέσῃς⟧ the/this/who inheritance you. 7 not ⟦περιβλέπου⟧ in/on/among lane city, and in/on/among the/this/who deserted he/she/it/self not ⟦πλανῶ⟧. 8 to_turn_away eye away_from woman ⟦εὐμόρφου⟧, and not ⟦καταμάνθανε⟧ beauty another's; in/on/among ⟦κάλλει⟧ woman much to_lead_astray, and out_from this/he/she/it friendship which/how fire ⟦ἀνακαίεται⟧. 9 with/after ⟦ὑπάνδρου⟧ woman not to_sit the/this/who ⟦σύνολον⟧, and not ⟦συμβολοκοπήσῃς⟧ with/after he/she/it/self in/on/among wine, lest ⟦ἐκκλίνῃ⟧ the/this/who soul you upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and the/this/who spirit/breath you ⟦ὀλισθήσῃς⟧ toward destruction. 10 not ⟦ἐγκαταλίπῃς⟧ friendly/friend ⟦ἀρχαῖον⟧, the/this/who for new no to_be ⟦ἔφισος⟧ he/she/it/self; wine new, friendly/friend new, if ⟦παλαιωθῇ⟧, with/after joy to_drink he/she/it/self. 11 not ⟦ζηλώσῃς⟧ glory ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧, no for to_perceive one/which? to_be the/this/who ruin he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 12 not ⟦εὐδοκήσῃς⟧ in/on/among goodwill ungodly, to_remember that/since until Hades no not ⟦δικαιωθῶσι⟧. 13 long/distant ⟦ἄπεχε⟧ away_ _from a_human which to_have/be authority of_the ⟦φονεύειν⟧, and no not ⟦ὑποπτεύσῃς⟧ fear death; and/even_if/if ⟦προσέλθῃς⟧, not ⟦πλημμελήσῃς⟧, in_order_that/to not ⟦ἀφέληται⟧ the/this/who life you; ⟦ἐπίγνωθι⟧ that/since in/on/among midst ⟦παγίδων⟧ ⟦διαβαίνεις⟧, and upon/to/against ⟦ἐπάλξεων⟧ city to_walk. 14 according_to the/this/who strength you ⟦στόχασαι⟧ the/this/who near/neighbour, and with/after wise ⟦συμβουλεύου⟧. 15 and with/after intelligent to_be the/this/who reasoning you, and all narrative you in/on/among law highest. 16 man just to_be ⟦σύνδειπνοί⟧ you, and in/on/among fear lord to_be the/this/who pride you. 17 in/on/among hand ⟦τεχνιτῶν⟧ work ⟦ἐπαινεθήσεται⟧, and the/this/who to_govern a_people wise in/on/among word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 18 fearful in/on/among city he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man talkative, and the/this/who reckless in/on/among word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦μισηθήσεται⟧.

10:1 judge wise ⟦παιδεύσει⟧ the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and reign ⟦συνετοῦ⟧ ⟦τεταγμένη⟧ to_be. 2 according_to the/this/who judge of_the a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there thus(-ly) and the/this/who minister

15 **RV 9:9 · Note** The preceding line of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.
16 **RV 9:12 · Note** Grk. Hades.
17 **RV 9:13 · Note** Or, authority

Literal Version

he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and according_to
the/this/who to_govern the/this/who city all the/this/who
to_dwell he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **3** king uninstructed
⟦ἀπολεῖ⟧ the/this/who a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and city
⟦οἰκισθήσεται⟧ in/on/among understanding ⟦δυναστῶν⟧.
4 in/on/among hand lord authority the/this/who earth, and
the/this/who profitable to_arise toward time/right_time
upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **5** in/on/among hand lord
Euodia man, and face ⟦γραμματέως⟧ to_put/lay_on glory
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **6** upon/to/against all
⟦ἀδικήματι⟧ not ⟦μηνιάσῃς⟧ the/this/who near/neighbour,
and not ⟦πράσσε⟧ nothing in/on/among work mistreatment.
7 ⟦Μισητὴ⟧ before lord and a_human pride, and out_from both
⟦πλημμελήσει⟧ ⟦ἄδικα⟧. **8** kingdom away_from Gentile_nation
toward Gentile_nation to_turn, through/because_of
unrighteousness and ⟦ὕβρεις⟧ and money. **9** one/which?
⟦ὑπερηφανεύεται⟧ earth and ashes? that/since in/on/among
life ⟦ἐῤῥιψα⟧ the/this/who entrails
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **10** ⟦Μακρὸν⟧
⟦ἀῤῥώστημα⟧ ⟦σκώπτει⟧ physician, and king today, and
tomorrow ⟦τελευτήσει⟧. **11** in/on/among for the/this/who to_
_die a_human, to_inherit reptile and wild_animal and
⟦σκώληκας⟧. **12** beginning ⟦ὑπερηφανίας⟧, a_human
⟦ἀφισταμένου⟧ away_from lord, and away_from of_the
⟦ποιήσαντος⟧ he/she/it/self to_leave the/this/who heart
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **13** that/since
beginning ⟦ὑπερηφανίας⟧ sin, and the/this/who to_
_grasp/seize he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξομβρήσει⟧ abomination;
through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦παρεδόξασε⟧ lord
the/this/who ⟦ἐπαγωγὰς⟧, and to_overturn toward goal/tax
he/she/it/self. **14** throne ruler to_take_down the/this/who
lord, and to_seat gentle ⟦ἀντ'⟧ he/she/it/self. **15** ⟦Ῥίζας⟧
Gentile_nation ⟦ἐξέτιλεν⟧ the/this/who lord, and to_plant
lowly ⟦ἀντ'⟧ he/she/it/self. **16** country Gentile_nation to_
_overturn the/this/who lord, and to_destroy he/she/it/self
until ⟦θεμελίων⟧ earth. **17** to_dry out_from he/she/it/self and
to_destroy he/she/it/self, and to_keep_from away_from earth
the/this/who memorial he/she/it/self. **18** no to_create a_
_human pride, and_not wrath wrath ⟦γεννήμασιν⟧ woman.
19 seed valued/honoured what?? seed a_human; seed
valued/honoured what?? the/this/who to_fear the/this/who
lord; seed ⟦ἄτιμον⟧ what?? seed a_human; seed ⟦ἄτιμον⟧
what?? the/this/who ⟦παραβαίνοντες⟧ commandment.
20 in/on/among midst brother the/this/who to_govern
he/she/it/self valued/honoured, and the/this/who to_fear
lord in/on/among eye
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **22** rich and honoured
and poor, the/this/who pride he/she/it/self fear lord. **23** no
just ⟦ἀτιμάσαι⟧ poor ⟦συνετὸν⟧, and no ⟦καθήκει⟧ to_glorify
man sinful. **24** great_man and judge and ruler ⟦δοξασθήσεται⟧,
and no to_be he/she/it/self one great of_the ⟦φοβουμένου⟧
the/this/who lord. **25** ⟦Οἰκέτῃ⟧ wise free/freedom

Readers' Version

As the city's ruler is, so are all those who live in it.
3 An undisciplined king will destroy his people.
A city will be established through the understanding of the powerful.
4 The government of the earth is in the master's hand.
In due time, he'll raise up over it the right person at the right time.
5 A man's prosperity is in the master's hand.
He'll lay his honour on the person of the scribe.

The downfall of pride

6 Don't be angry with your neighbour for every wrong.
Do nothing by works of violence.
7 Pride is hateful before the master and men.
Arrogance is abhorrent in the judgement of both.
8 Sovereignty is transferred from nation to nation
because of injustice, violence, and greed for money.
9 Why are dirt and ashes proud?[18]
Because in life, my body decays.
10 A long disease mocks the physician.
The king of today will die tomorrow.
11 Because when a man is dead,
he'll inherit maggots, vermin, and worms.
12 It's the beginning of pride when a man departs from the master.
His heart has departed from him who made him.
13 Because the beginning of pride is sin.
He who keeps it'll pour out abomination.
Because this cause the master brought on them strange calamities
and utterly overthrew them.
14 The master threw down the thrones of rulers
and set the lowly in their place.
15 The master plucked up the roots of nations
and planted the lowly in their place.
16 The master overthrew the lands of nations
and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth.
17 He took some of them away and destroyed them,
and made their memory to cease from the earth.
18 Pride hasn't been created for men,
nor wrathful anger for the offspring of women.

What makes someone worthy of honour?

19 Whose offspring has honour?
Human offspring who fear the master.
Whose offspring has no honour?
Human offspring who break the commandments.
20 Among relatives he who rules them has honour.
Those who fear the master have honour in his eyes. **21** [19]
22 The rich man, the honourable, and the poor
all glory in the fear of the master.

18 **RV 10:9 · Note** Two lines of this verse are here omitted by the best authorities.

19 **RV 10:21 · Note** Verse 21 is omitted by the best authorities: Fear of the master is the beginning of acceptance, but obstinance and pride are the beginning of rejection.

Readers' Version

23 It isn't right to dishonour a poor man who has understanding.
It isn't fitting to glorify a man who's a sinner.
24 The prince, the judge, and the mighty man will be honoured.
There isn't one of them greater than he who fears the master.
25 Free men will minister to a wise servant.
A man who has knowledge won't complain.
26 Don't flaunt your wisdom in doing your work.
Don't boast in the time of your distress.
27 Better is he who labours and abounds in all things,
than he who boasts and lacks bread.
28 My son, glorify your soul in humility,
and ascribe to yourself honour according to your worthiness.
29 Who'll justify him who sins against his own soul?
Who'll honour him who dishonours his own life?
30 A poor man is honoured for his knowledge.
A rich man is honoured for his riches.
31 But he who's honoured in poverty, how much more in riches?
He who's dishonoured in riches, how much more in poverty?

Don't judge by appearances

11:1 The wisdom of the lowly will lift up his head,
and make him sit among great men.
2 Don't commend a man for his good looks.
Don't abhor a man for his outward appearance.
3 The bee is little among flying creatures,
but what it produces is the best of confections.
4 Don't boast about the clothes you wear,
and don't exalt yourself in the day of honour;
for the master's works are wonderful,
and his works are hidden among men.
5 Many[20] kings have sat down on the ground,
but one who was never thought of has worn a crown.
6 Many mighty men have been greatly disgraced.
Men of renown have been delivered into other men's hands.
7 Don't blame before you investigate.
Understand first, and then rebuke.
8 Don't answer before you've heard.
Don't interrupt while someone else is speaking.
9 Don't argue about a matter that doesn't concern you.
Don't sit with sinners when they judge.

Work, wealth, and trusting God

10 My son, don't be busy about many matters;
for if you meddle much, you won't be unpunished.
If you pursue, you won't overtake,
and you won't escape by fleeing.
11 There's one who toils, labours, and hurries,
and is even more behind.

Literal Version

⟦λειτουργήσουσι⟧, and man knowing no ⟦γογγύσει⟧. 26 not ⟦σοφίζου⟧ to_do/make the/this/who work you, and not ⟦δοξάζου⟧ in/on/among time/right_time ⟦στενοχωρίας⟧ you. 27 greater to_work in/on/among all, or/than to_walk, or/than to_glorify and ⟦ἀπορῶν⟧ bread. 28 child, in/on/among gentleness to_glorify the/this/who soul you, and to_give he/she/it/self honour according_to the/this/who ⟦ἀξίαν⟧ he/she/it/self. 29 the/this/who to_sin toward the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there one/which? to_ _justify? and one/which? to_glorify the/this/who ⟦ἀτιμάζοντα⟧ the/this/who life he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? 30 poor to_glorify through/because_of ⟦ἐπιστήμην⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and rich to_glorify through/because_of the/this/who riches he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 31 the/this/who but/and to_glorify in/on/among poverty, and in/on/among ⟦πλούτῳ⟧ ⟦ποσαχῶς⟧? and the/this/who ⟦ἄδοξος⟧ in/on/among ⟦πλούτῳ⟧, and in/on/among poverty ⟦ποσαχῶς⟧?

11:1 wisdom ⟦ταπεινοῦ⟧ ⟦ἀνύψωσε⟧ head, and in/on/among midst ⟦μεγιστάνων⟧ to_seat he/she/it/self. 2 not ⟦αἰνέσεις⟧ man in/on/among ⟦κάλλει⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and not ⟦βδελύξῃ⟧ a_ _human in/on/among appearance/vision he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 3 small in/on/among ⟦πετεινοῖς⟧ bee, and beginning ⟦γλυκασμάτων⟧ the/this/who fruit he/she/it/self. 4 in/on/among a_wrap-around clothing not ⟦καυχήσῃ⟧, and in/on/among day glory not ⟦ἐπαίρου⟧, that/since marvellous the/this/who work lord, and hidden the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among a_human. 5 much tyrants to_seat upon/to/against ⟦ἐδάφους⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦ἀνυπονόητος⟧ ⟦ἐφόρεσε⟧ diadem. 6 much ⟦δυνάσται⟧ ⟦ἠτιμάσθησαν⟧ very, and honoured ⟦παρεδόθησαν⟧ toward hand other. 7 before ⟦ἐξετάσῃς⟧ not ⟦μέμψῃ⟧; ⟦νόησον⟧ first and then ⟦ἐπιτιμα⟧. 8 before or/than to_hear not ⟦ἀποκρίνου⟧, and in/on/among midst word not ⟦παρεμβάλλου⟧. 9 about thing which/whither no he_is you need, not ⟦ἔριζε⟧, and in/on/among judgement sinful not ⟦συνέδρευε⟧. 10 child, not about much to_be the/this/who/which action you; if ⟦πληθυνῇς⟧, no ⟦ἀθωωθήσῃ⟧; and if ⟦διώκῃς⟧, no not ⟦καταλάβῃς⟧, and no not ⟦ἐκφύγῃς⟧ ⟦διαδράς⟧. 11 he_is ⟦κοπιῶν⟧ and travail and ⟦σπεύδων⟧, and ⟦τόσῳ⟧ more ⟦ὑστερεῖται⟧. 12 he_is dull and to_need ⟦ἀντιλήψεως⟧, to_lack strength, and poverty to_abound/exceed, and the/this/who eye lord ⟦ἐπέβλεψαν⟧ he/she/it/self toward good-doer, and ⟦ἀνώρθωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self out_from lowliness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; 13 and ⟦ἀνύψωσε⟧ head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἀπεθαύμασαν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self much. 14 good-doer and evil/harm, life and death, poverty and riches

20 **RV 11:5 · Note** Grk. tyrants

Literal Version

from_with lord he_is. **17** gift lord ⟦παραμένει⟧ ⟦εὐσεβέσι⟧, and the/this/who goodwill
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who an_age ⟦εὐοδωθήσεται⟧. **18** he_is be_rich away_from ⟦προσοχῆς⟧ and ⟦σφιγγίας⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and this/he/she/it the/this/who part of_the wage
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **19** in/on/among the/this/who to_say he/she/it/self, to_find/meet rest, and now ⟦φάγωμαι⟧ out_from the/this/who good-doer I/we, and no to_perceive one/which? time/right_time to_pass_by, and to_ _leave_behind he/she/it/self other, and to_die. **20** to_stand in/on/among covenant you and ⟦ὁμίλει⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self, and in/on/among the/this/who work you ⟦παλαιώθητι⟧. **21** not ⟦θαύμαζε⟧ in/on/among work ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧, to_trust_(in) the/this/who lord and ⟦ἔμμενε⟧ the/this/who ⟦πόνῳ⟧ you; that/since ⟦κοῦφον⟧ in/on/among eye lord through/because_of ⟦τάχους⟧ suddenly ⟦πλουτίσαι⟧ ⟦πένητα⟧. **22** praise lord in/on/among ⟦μισθῷ⟧ ⟦εὐσεβοῦς⟧, and in/on/among hour quick ⟦ἀναθάλλει⟧ praise
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **23** not to_say, one/which? he_is I/we need? and which? away_from of_the now to_be I/we the/this/who good-doer? **24** not to_say, ⟦αὐτάρκη⟧ I/we he_is, and one/which? away_from of_the now ⟦κακωθήσομαι⟧? **25** in/on/among day good-doer decree_of_ _amnesty evil/harm, and in/on/among day evil/harm no ⟦μνησθήσεται⟧ good-doer; **26** that/since ⟦κοῦφον⟧ before lord in/on/among day death to_pay a_human according_to the/this/who road he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **27** oppression hour ⟦ἐπιλησμονὴν⟧ to_do/make ⟦τρυφῆς⟧, and in/on/among consummation a_human revelation work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **28** before death not ⟦μακάριζε⟧ nothing, and in/on/among child ⟦αὐτῶυ⟧ to_know man. **29** not all a_human ⟦εἴσαγε⟧ toward the/this/who house you, much for the/this/who plot/ambush of_the ⟦δολίου⟧. **30** partridge a_hunter in/on/among ⟦καρτάλλῳ⟧, thus(-ly) heart ⟦ὑπερηφάνου⟧, and which/how the/this/who spy ⟦ἐπιβλέπει⟧ fall. **31** the/this/who for good-doer toward evil/harm ⟦μεταστρέφων⟧ ⟦ἐνεδρεύει⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦αἱρετοῖς⟧ to_put/lay_on ⟦μῶμον⟧. **32** away_from ⟦σπινθῆρος⟧ fire ⟦πληθύνεται⟧ charcoal_fire, and a_human sinful toward blood ⟦ἐνεδρεύει⟧. **33** to_watch_out away_from ⟦κακούργου⟧, evil/bad for ⟦τεκταίνει⟧, lest ⟦μῶμον⟧ toward the/this/who an_age to_give you. **34** ⟦Ἐνοίκισον⟧ another's, and ⟦διαστρέψει⟧ you in/on/among ⟦ταραχαῖς⟧, and ⟦ἀπαλλοτριώσει⟧ you the/this/who one's_own/private you.

Readers' Version

12 There's one who's sluggish, and needs help,
lacking in strength, and who abounds in poverty,
but the master's eyes looked on him for good,
and he raised him up from his low condition,
13 and lifted up his head
so that many marvelled at him.
14 Good things and bad, life and death,
poverty and riches, are from the master. **15-16** [21]
17 The master's gift remains with the godly.
His good pleasure will prosper forever.
18 One grows rich by his diligence and self-denial,
and this is the portion of his reward:
19 when he says, "I've found rest,
and now I'll eat of my goods!"
he doesn't know how much time will pass
until he leaves them to others and dies.
20 Be steadfast in your covenant and be doing it,
and grow old in your work.
21 Don't marvel at a sinner's works,
but trust the master and stay in your labour;
for it's an easy thing in the sight of the master
to swiftly and suddenly make a poor man rich.
22 The master's blessing is in the reward of the godly.
He makes his blessing flourish in an hour that comes swiftly.
23 Don't say, "What use is there of me?
What further good things can be mine?"
24 Don't say, "I have enough.
What harm could happen to me now?"
25 In the day of good things, bad things are forgotten.
In the day of bad things, a man won't remember things that are good.
26 Because it's an easy thing in the sight of the master
to reward a man in the day of death according to his ways.
27 The affliction of an hour causes delights to be forgotten.
In the end, a person's actions are revealed.
28 Don't call anyone happy before their death.
A man will be known in his children.

Be careful whom you welcome into your home

29 Don't bring every man into your house,
for many are the tricks of a deceitful man.
30 Like a decoy partridge in a cage, so is the heart of a proud man.
Like a spy, he looks for your weakness.
31 Because he lies in wait to turn things that are good into evil,
and assigns blame in things that are praiseworthy.
32 From a spark of fire, a heap of many coals is kindled,
and a sinful man lies in wait to shed blood.
33 Take heed of an evil-doer, for he plans wicked things,
or he might ruin your reputation forever.
34 Receive a stranger into your house, and he'll distract you

21 RV 11:15-16 · Note Verses 15 and 16 are omitted by the best authorities.

Readers' Version

with arguments
and estrange you from your own family.

Be careful whom you help

12:1 If you do good, know to whom you do it,
and your good actions will have thanks.
2 Do good to a godly man, and you'll find a reward—
if not from him, then from the Most High.
3 No good will come to him who continues to do evil,
nor to him who gives nothing to the poor.
4 Give to the godly man,
and don't help the sinner.
5 Do good to one who's lowly.
Don't give to an ungodly man.
Keep back his bread, and don't give it to him,
or he might use it to overpower you;
for you'd receive twice as much evil
for all the good you'd have done to him.
6 Because the Most High also hates sinners,
and will repay vengeance to the ungodly.[22]
7 Give to the good man,
and don't help the sinner.

Recognising false friends and hidden enemies

8 A man's friend won't be[23] fully tried in prosperity.
His enemy won't be hidden in adversity.
9 In a man's prosperity, his enemies are grieved.
In his adversity, even his friend leaves.
10 Never trust your enemy,
for his wickedness is like corrosion in copper.
11 Though he humbles himself and walks bowed down,
still be careful and beware of him.
You'll be to him as one who's wiped a mirror,
to be sure it doesn't completely tarnish.
12 Don't set him next to you,
or he might overthrow you and take your place.
Don't let him sit on your right hand,
or he might try to take your seat,
and at the last you acknowledge my words,
and be pricked with my sayings.
13 Who'll pity a charmer that's bitten by a snake,
or any who come near wild animals?
14 Even so, who'll pity him who goes to a sinner,
and is associated with him in his sins?
15 Because a while he'll stay with you,
and if you falter, he won't stay.
16 The enemy will speak sweetly with his lips,
and in his heart plan to throw you into a pit.
The enemy may weep with his eyes,
but if he finds opportunity, he'll want more blood.

Literal Version

12:1 if well/well_done! to_do/make, to_know which? to_
_do/make, and to_be grace the/this/who good-doer you.
2 ⟦Εὐποίησον⟧ ⟦εὐσεβεῖ⟧, and to_find/meet repayment, and if
not from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, but
from_with highest. **3** no to_be good-doer the/this/who
⟦ἐνελεχίζοντι⟧ toward evil/harm, and the/this/who charity
not ⟦χαριζομένῳ⟧. **4** to_give the/this/who ⟦εὐσεβεῖ⟧, and not
⟦ἀντιλάβῃ⟧ of_the ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧. **5** ⟦Εὐποίησον⟧ the/this/who
⟦ταπεινῷ⟧, and not to_give ⟦ἀσεβεῖ⟧; ⟦ἐμπόδισον⟧
the/this/who bread he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
and not to_give he/she/it/self in_order_that/to not
in/on/among he/she/it/self you ⟦δυναστεύσῃ⟧; ⟦διπλάσια⟧ for
evil/harm to_find/meet in/on/among all good-doer which if
to_do/make he/she/it/self. **6** that/since and the/this/who
highest to_hate sinful, and the/this/who ungodly to_pay
vengeance. **7** to_give the/this/who good-doer, and not
⟦ἀντιλάβῃ⟧ of_the ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧. **8** no ⟦ἐκδικηθησεται⟧
in/on/among good-doer the/this/who friendly/friend, and no
⟦κρυβήσεται⟧ in/on/among ⟦κακοῖς⟧ the/this/who enemy.
9 in/on/among good-doer man the/this/who enemy
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among grief,
and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κακοῖς⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who
friendly/friend ⟦διαχωρισθήσεται⟧. **10** not to_trust_(in)
the/this/who ⟦ἐχθρῷ⟧ you toward the/this/who an_age;
which/how for the/this/who copper/bronze/coin ⟦ἰοῦται⟧,
thus(-ly) the/this/who evil
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **11** and if ⟦ταπεινωθῇ⟧
and ⟦πορεύηται⟧ ⟦συγκεκυφὼς⟧, ⟦ἐπίστησον⟧ the/this/who
soul you and to_keep/guard away_from
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_be
he/she/it/self which/how ⟦ἐκμεμαχὼς⟧ mirror, and to_know
that/since no toward goal/tax ⟦κατίωσε⟧. **12** not to_stand
he/she/it/self from_with yourself, not ⟦ἀνατρέψας⟧ you ⟦στῇ⟧
upon/to/against the/this/who place you; not ⟦καθίσης⟧
he/she/it/self out_from right you, lest to_seek the/this/who
⟦καθέδραν⟧ you, and upon/to/against last/least ⟦ἐπιγνώσῃ⟧
the/this/who word I/we, and upon/to/against the/this/who
declaration I/we ⟦κατανυγήσῃ⟧. **13** one/which? ⟦ἐλεήσει⟧
⟦ἐπαοιδὸν⟧ ⟦ὀφιόδηκτον⟧, and all the/this/who
⟦προσάγοντας⟧ ⟦θηρίοις⟧? **14** thus(-ly) the/this/who
⟦προσπορεύομενον⟧ man sinful and ⟦συμφυρόμενον⟧
in/on/among the/this/who sin
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **15** hour with/after
you to_remain, and if ⟦ἐκκλίνῃς⟧, no not ⟦καρτερήσῃ⟧. **16** and
in/on/among the/this/who lip
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦γλυκανεῖ⟧
the/this/who enemy, and in/on/among the/this/who heart
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_plan ⟦ἀνατρέψαι⟧
you toward ⟦βόθρον⟧; in/on/among eye
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦δακρύσει⟧
the/this/who enemy, and if to_find/meet time/right_time, no
⟦ἐμπλησθήσεται⟧ away_from blood. **17** evil/harm if ⟦ὑπαντήσῃ⟧

22 **RV 12:6 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

23 **RV 12:8 · Note** Or, punished

Literal Version

you, to_find/meet he/she/it/self there before/previously you, and which/how ⟦βοηθῶν⟧ ⟦ὑποσχάσει⟧ heel you. **18** ⟦Κινήσει⟧ the/this/who ⟦κεφαλὴναὐτοῦ⟧, and ⟦ἐπικροτήσει⟧ the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and much ⟦διαψιθυρίσει⟧, and ⟦ἀλλοιώσει⟧ the/this/who face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

13:1 the/this/who ⟦ἅπτομενος⟧ ⟦πίσσης⟧ ⟦μολυνθήσεται⟧, and the/this/who ⟦κοινωνῶν⟧ ⟦ὑπερηφάνῳ⟧ to_liken he/she/it/self. **2** burden above/for you not to_take_up, and ⟦ἰσχυροτέρῳ⟧ you and ⟦πλουσιωτέρῳ⟧ not to_participate; one/which? ⟦κοινωνήσει⟧ an_earthen_pot to/with ⟦λέβητα⟧? this/he/she/it ⟦προσκρούσει⟧, and this/he/she/it to_break. **3** rich to_harm, and he/she/it/self ⟦προσενεβριμήσατο⟧; poor ⟦ἠδίκηται⟧, and he/she/it/self ⟦προσδεηθήσεται⟧. **4** if ⟦χρησιμεύσῃς⟧, worker in/on/among you/your; and if ⟦ὑστερήσῃς⟧, to_leave_behind you. **5** if ⟦ἔχῃς⟧, ⟦συμβιώσεταί⟧ you, and ⟦ἀποκενώσει⟧ you, and he/she/it/self no ⟦πονέσει⟧. **6** need to_have/be you, and ⟦ἀποπλανήσει⟧ you, and ⟦προσγελάσεταί⟧ you, and to_give you hope; to_speak you good, and to_say, one/which? the/this/who need you? **7** and ⟦αἰσχυνεῖ⟧ you in/on/among the/this/who food he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, until which/whither ⟦ἀποκενώσῃ⟧ you twice or/than three_times, and upon/to/against last/least ⟦καταμωκήσεταί⟧ you; with/after this/he/she/it to_see you, and to_leave_behind you, and the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κινήσει⟧ upon/to/against you/your. **8** to_watch_out not ⟦ἀποπλανηθῇς⟧, and not ⟦ταπεινωθῇς⟧ in/on/among joy you. **9** ⟦Προσκαλεσαμένου⟧ you ⟦δυνάστου⟧, to_withdraw to_be, and ⟦τόσῳ⟧ more ⟦προσκαλέσεταί⟧ you. **10** not ⟦ἔμπιπτε⟧ in_order_ _that/to not ⟦ἀπωσθῇς⟧, and not long/distant ⟦ἀφιστῶ⟧ in_ _order_that/to not ⟦ἐπιλησθῇς⟧. **11** not to_hold_fast/out ⟦εἰσηγορεῖσθαι⟧ with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and not to_trust_(in) the/this/who greater word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; out_from much for ⟦λαλιᾶς⟧ ⟦πειράσει⟧ you, and which/how ⟦προσγελῶν⟧ ⟦ἐξετάσει⟧. **12** merciless the/this/who not ⟦συντηρῶν⟧ word, and no not ⟦φείσηται⟧ about ⟦κακώσεως⟧ and chain. **13** ⟦Συντήρησον⟧ and to_watch_out violently, that/since with/after the/this/who ⟦πτώσεώς⟧ you to_walk. **15** all living_ _thing to_love the/this/who like he/she/it/self, and all a_ _human the/this/who near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **16** all flesh according_ _to family to_assemble, and the/this/who ⟦ὁμοίῳ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_join man. **17** one/which? ⟦κοινωνήσει⟧ wolf ⟦ἀμνῷ⟧? thus(-ly) sinful to/with pious. **18** one/which? peace ⟦ὑαίνῃ⟧ to/with ⟦κύνα⟧? and one/which? peace ⟦πλουσίῳ⟧ to/with ⟦πένητα⟧? **19** ⟦Κυνήγια⟧ lion ⟦ὄναγροι⟧ in/on/among deserted, thus(-ly) ⟦νομαὶ⟧ ⟦πλουσίων⟧ poor. **20** abomination ⟦ὑπερηφάνῳ⟧ meanness, thus(-ly) abomination ⟦πλουσίῳ⟧ poor. **21** rich ⟦σαλευόμενος⟧ ⟦στηρίζεται⟧ by/under friendly/friend, lowly

Readers' Version

17 If adversity meets you, you'll find him there before you.
Pretending to help you, he'll trip you.
18 He'll shake his head, clap his hands,
whisper much, and change his expression.

13:1 He who touches pitch will be defiled.
He who has fellowship with a proud man will become like him.

The dangers of depending on the rich

2 Don't take up a burden above your strength.
Have no fellowship with one who's mightier and richer than yourself.
What fellowship would the earthen pot have with the kettle?
The kettle will strike, and the pot will be dashed in pieces.
3 The rich man does a wrong and threatens.
The poor is wronged and apologises.
4 If you're profitable, he'll exploit you.
If you're in need, he'll forsake you.
5 If you own something, he'll live with you.
He'll drain your resources and won't be sorry.
6 Does he need you? Then he'll deceive you,
smile at you, and give you hope.
He'll speak kindly to you and say, "What do you need?"
7 He'll shame you by his delicacies
until he's made you bare twice or thrice,
and in the end he'll laugh you to scorn.
Afterward he'll see you, will forsake you,
and shake his head at you.
8 Beware that you aren't deceived
and brought low in your enjoyment.
9 If a mighty man invites you, be reserved,
and he'll invite you more.
10 Don't press him, or you might be pushed away.
Don't stand far off, or you might be forgotten.
11 Don't try to speak with him as an equal,
and don't believe his many words;
for he'll test you with much talk,
and will examine you in a smiling manner.
12 He who doesn't keep secrets to himself is unmerciful.
He won't hesitate to harm and to bind.
13 Keep them to yourself and be careful,
for you walk[24] in danger of falling. **14** [25]

15 Every living creature loves its own kind,
and every man loves his neighbour.

How the rich and the poor are treated

16 All flesh associates with their own kind.
A man will stick to people like himself.
17 What fellowship would the wolf have with the lamb?

24 **RV 13:13 · Note** Grk. along with.

25 **RV 13:14 · Note** The remainder of verse 13, and verse 14, are omitted by the best authorities.

Readers' Version

So is the sinner to the godly.
18 What peace is there between a hyena and a dog?
What peace is there between a rich man and the poor?
19 Wild donkeys are the prey of lions in the wilderness;
likewise poor men are feeding grounds for the rich.
20 Lowliness is an abomination to a proud man;
likewise a poor man is an abomination to the rich.
21 When a rich man is shaken, he's supported by his friends,
but when the humble is down, he's pushed away even by his friends.
22 When a rich man falls, there are many helpers.
He speaks things not to be spoken, and men justify him.
A humble man falls, and men rebuke him.
He utters wisdom, and isn't listened to.
23 A rich man speaks, and all keep silence.
They extol what he says to the clouds.
A poor man speaks, and they say, "Who's this?"
If he stumbles, they'll help to overthrow him.
24 Riches are good if they have no sin.
Poverty is evil only in the opinion of the ungodly.
25 A man's heart changes his face,
whether it's for good or for evil.[26]
26 A cheerful face is a sign of a prosperous heart.
Devising proverbs takes strenuous thinking.

A clear conscience and generous living

14:1 Blessed is the man who hasn't slipped with his mouth,
and doesn't suffer from sorrow for sins.
2 Blessed is he whose soul doesn't condemn him,
and who hasn't given up hope.
3 Riches aren't appropriate for a stingy person.
What'd a miser do with money?
4 He who gathers by denying himself gathers for others.
Others will revel in his goods.
5 If one is mean to himself, to whom will he be good?
He won't enjoy his possessions.
6 There's none more evil than he who's grudging to himself.
This is a punishment for his wickedness.
7 Even if he does good, he does it in forgetfulness.
In the end, he reveals his wickedness.
8 A miser is evil.
He turns away and disregards souls.
9 A covetous man's eye isn't satisfied with his portion.
Wicked injustice dries up his soul.
10 A miser begrudges bread,
and it's lacking at his table.
11 My son, according to what you have, treat yourself well,
and bring worthy offerings to the master.
12 Remember that death won't wait,
and that Haidais' covenant hasn't been shown to you.
13 Do good to your friends before you die.

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but/and to_collapse ⟦προσαπωθεῖται⟧ by/under friendly/friend. 22 rich ⟦σφαλέντος⟧ much ⟦ἀντιλήμπτορες⟧, to_speak ⟦ἀπόῤῥητα⟧ and to_justify he/she/it/self; lowly ⟦ἔσφαλε⟧ and ⟦προσεπετίμησαν⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐφθέγξατο⟧ understanding and no to_give he/she/it/self place. 23 rich to_ _speak and all be_silent, and the/this/who word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀνύψωσαν⟧ until the/this/who cloud; poor to_speak, and to_say, one/which? this/he/she/it? and/even_if/if ⟦προσκόψῃ⟧, ⟦προσανατρέψουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self. 24 good-doer the/this/who riches which not to_be sin, and evil/bad the/this/who poverty in/on/among ⟦στόμασιν⟧ ⟦ἀσεβοῦς⟧. 25 heart a_human ⟦ἀλλοιοῖ⟧ the/this/who face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, if toward good-doer if and/both toward evil/harm. 26 track heart in/on/among good-doer face cheerful, and ⟦εὕρεσις⟧ ⟦παραβολῶν⟧ reasoning with/after labour.

14:1 blessed man which no ⟦ὠλίσθησεν⟧ in/on/among mouth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no ⟦κατενύγη⟧ in/on/among grief sin. 2 blessed which/whither no ⟦κατέγνω⟧ the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and which no to_collapse away_from the/this/who hope he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 3 man ⟦μικρολόγῳ⟧ no good the/this/who riches, and a_human ⟦βασκάνῳ⟧ why? money? 4 the/this/who to_assemble away_from the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_assemble another, and in/on/among the/this/who good-doer he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦τρυφήσουσιν⟧ other. 5 the/this/who evil/bad my/your/him-self, which? good-doer to_be? and no not ⟦εὐφρανθήσεται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who money he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 6 of_the ⟦βασκαίνοντος⟧ my/your/him-self no he_is more_evil, and this/he/she/it repayment the/this/who evil he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; 7 and/even_if/if ⟦εὐποιῇ⟧, in/on/among forgetfulness to_do/make, and upon/to/against last/least ⟦ἐκφαίνει⟧ the/this/who evil he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 8 evil/bad the/this/who ⟦βασκαίνων⟧ eye, ⟦ἀποστρέφων⟧ face and the/this/who ⟦ὑπερορῶν⟧ soul. 9 ⟦Πλεονέκτου⟧ eye no ⟦ἐμπίπλαται⟧ ⟦μερίδι⟧, and unrighteousness evil/bad ⟦ἀναξηρανει⟧ soul. 10 eye evil/bad ⟦φθονερὸς⟧ upon/to/against bread, and ⟦ἐλλιπὴς⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who table he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 11 child, as/just_as if to_have/be ⟦εὐποίει⟧ yourself, and offering lord appropriately ⟦πρόσαγε⟧. 12 to_remember that/since death no to_delay, and covenant Hades no

26 **RV 13:25 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

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⟦ὑπεδείχθη⟧ you. 13 before you ⟦τελευτῆσαι⟧ ⟦εὐποίει⟧ to_love, and according_to the/this/who strength you to_stretch_out and to_give he/she/it/self. 14 not ⟦ἀφυστερήσῃς⟧ away_from good-doer day, and part desire good-doer not you to_pass_by. 15 not other ⟦καταλείψεις⟧ the/this/who ⟦πόνους⟧ you, and the/this/who labour you toward ⟦διαίρεσιν⟧ lot? 16 to_give and to_take, and ⟦ἀπάτησον⟧ the/this/who soul you, that/since no to_be in/on/among Hades to_seek self-indulgence. 17 all flesh which/how clothing ⟦παλαιοῦται⟧, the/this/who for covenant away_from an_age death to_die. 18 which/how leaf ⟦θάλλον⟧ upon/to/against ⟦δένδρου⟧ ⟦δασέος⟧, the/this/who on_one_ _hand ⟦καταβάλλει⟧, another/but but/and ⟦φύει⟧; thus(-ly) generation flesh and blood, the/this/who on_one_hand to_ _decease, other but/and to_beget. 19 all work ⟦σηπόμενον⟧ ⟦ἐκλείπει⟧, and the/this/who to_work he/she/it/self with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀπελεύσεται⟧. 20 blessed man which in/on/among wisdom ⟦τελευτήσει⟧, and which in/on/among understanding he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦διαλεχθήσεται⟧; 21 oh!/to_be/which ⟦διανοούμενος⟧ the/this/who road he/she/it/self in/on/among heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀποκρύφοις⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦νοηθήσεται⟧. 22 to_go_out after he/she/it/self which/how ⟦ἰχνευτὴς⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦εἰσόδοις⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνέδρευε⟧. 23 the/this/who ⟦παρακύπτων⟧ through/because_ _of the/this/who ⟦θυρίδων⟧ he/she/it/self, and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦θυρωμάτων⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἀκροάσεται⟧; 24 the/this/who to_destroy/lodge in_the_ _vicinity of_the house he/she/it/self, and ⟦πήξει⟧ ⟦πάσσαλον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦τοίχοις⟧ he/she/it/self. 25 to_ _stand the/this/who tent he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there according_to hand he/she/it/self, and to_destroy/lodge in/on/among guest_ _room/inn good-doer. 26 to_place the/this/who child he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among the/this/who a_shelter he/she/it/self, and by/under the/this/who branch he/she/it/self ⟦αὐλισθήσεται⟧. 27 ⟦Σκεπασθήσεται⟧ by/under he/she/it/self away_from ⟦καύματος⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who glory/to_think he/she/it/self to_destroy/lodge.

15:1 the/this/who to_fear lord to_do/make he/she/it/self, and the/this/who self-controlled of_the law ⟦καταλήψεται⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; 2 and ⟦ὑπαντήσεται⟧ he/she/it/self which/how mother, and which/how woman virginity ⟦προσδέξεται⟧ he/she/it/self; 3 ⟦ψωμιεῖ⟧ he/she/it/self bread understanding, and water wisdom ⟦ποτίσει⟧ he/she/it/self. 4 ⟦Στηριχθήσεται⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self and no not ⟦κλιθῇ⟧, and upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦ἐφέξει⟧ and no not to_ _dishonour. 5 and to_lift_up he/she/it/self from_with the/this/who near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among midst assembly opening mouth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 6 ⟦Εὐφροσύνην⟧ and crown ⟦ἀγαλλιάματος⟧ and name eternal ⟦κατακληρονομήσει⟧. 7 no not ⟦καταλήψονται⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self a_ _human senseless, and man sinful no not to_perceive

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According to your ability, reach out and give to them.
14 Don't deprive yourself of a good day.
Don't let your share of a desired good pass you by.
15 won't you leave your labours to another,
and your toils be divided by lot?
16 Give, take, and treat yourself well,
because there's no seeking of luxury in Haidais.
17 All flesh grows old like a garment,
for the covenant from the beginning is, "You must die!"
18 Like the leaves flourishing on a thick tree,
some it sheds, and some grow,
so also are the generations of flesh and blood:
one comes to an end and another is born.
19 Every work rots and falls away,
and its builder will depart with it.

The rewards of seeking wisdom

20 Blessed is the man who meditates on wisdom,
and who reasons by his understanding.
21 He who considers her ways in his heart
will also have knowledge of her secrets.
22 Go after her like a hunter,
and lie in wait in her paths.
23 He who peers in at her windows
will also listen at her doors.
24 He who lodges close to her house
will also fasten a nail in her walls.
25 He'll pitch his tent near at hand to her,
and will lodge in a lodging where good things are.
26 He'll set his children under her shelter,
and will rest under her branches.
27 By her he'll be covered from heat,
and will lodge in her glory.

15:1 He who fears the master will do this.
He who has possession of the law will obtain her.
2 She'll meet him like a mother,
and receive him like a wife married in her virginity.
3 She'll feed him with bread of understanding
and give him water of wisdom to drink.
4 He'll be stayed on her, and won't be moved.
He'll rely on her, and won't be confounded.
5 She'll exalt him above his neighbours.
She'll open his mouth among the congregation.
6 He'll inherit joy, a crown of gladness,
and an eternal name.
7 Foolish men won't obtain her.
Sinners won't see her.
8 She's far from pride.

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Liars won't remember her.
9 Praise isn't attractive in a sinner's mouth;
for it wasn't sent to him from the master.
10 Because praise will be spoken in wisdom;
The master will prosper it.

Don't blame God for your sins

11 Don't say, "It's through the master that I fell away;"
for you mustn't do the things that he hates.
12 Don't say, "It's he that caused me to err;"
for he has no need of a sinful man.
13 The master hates every abomination;
and those who fear him don't love them.
14 He himself made man from the beginning
and left him in the hand of his own counsel.
15 If you choose, you can keep the commandments.
To be faithful is a matter of your choice.
16 He's set fire and water before you.
You'll stretch forth your hand to whichever you desire.
17 Before man is life and death.
Whichever he likes, it'll be given to him.
18 Because the master's wisdom is great.
He's mighty in power, and sees all things.
19 His eyes are on those who fear him.
He knows every act of man.
20 He hasn't commanded any man to be ungodly.
He hasn't given any man license to sin.

Ungodly children and God's judgement

16:1 Don't desire a multitude of unprofitable children,
neither delight in ungodly sons.
2 If they multiply, don't delight in them
unless the fear of the master is in them.
3 Don't trust in their life.
Don't rely on their numbers;
for one can be better than a thousand,
and to die childless than to have ungodly children.
4 Because from one who has understanding, a city will be populated,
but a race of wicked men will be made desolate.
5 I've seen many such things with my eyes.
My ear has heard mightier things than these.
6 In a congregation of sinners, a fire will be kindled.
In a disobedient nation, anger is kindled.
7 He wasn't pacified towards the giants of old time,
who revolted in their strength.
8 He didn't spare Lot's neighbours,
whom he abhorred for their pride.
9 He didn't pity the people of perdition
who were taken away in their sins,
10 or in the same way, the six hundred thousand footmen
who were gathered together in the hardness of their hearts.
11 Even if there's one stiff-necked person,
it's a marvel if he'll be unpunished;

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 8 long/distant to_be ⟦ὑπερηφανίας⟧, and man liar no not ⟦μνησθήσονται⟧ he/she/it/self. 9 no Beautiful praise in/on/among mouth ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧, that/since no from_with lord to_send. 10 in/on/among for wisdom ⟦ῥηθήσεται⟧ praise, and the/this/who lord ⟦εὐοδώσει⟧ he/she/it/self. 11 not to_say, that/since through/because_of lord ⟦ἀπέστην⟧; which for to_ _hate, no to_do/make. 12 not to_say, that/since he/she/it/self I/we to_lead_astray; no for need to_have/be man ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧. 13 all abomination to_hate lord, and no to_be beloved the/this/who to_fear he/she/it/self. 14 he/she/it/self out_from beginning to_do/make a_human, and to_release he/she/it/self in/on/among hand ⟦διαβουλίου⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 15 if to_will/desire, ⟦συντηρήσεις⟧ commandment, and faith to_do/make goodwill. 16 to_set_before you fire and water, which/whither if to_ _will/desire to_stretch_out the/this/who hand you. 17 before a_human the/this/who life and the/this/who death, and the/this/who/which if ⟦εὐδοκήσῃ⟧ to_give he/she/it/self. 18 that/since much wisdom of_the lord, strong in/on/among command and to_see the/this/who all. 19 and the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦φοβουμένους⟧ he/she/it/self, and he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπιγνώσεται⟧ all work a_human. 20 and no to_ _order none ⟦ἀσεβεῖν⟧, and no to_give rest none to_sin.

16:1 not to_long_for child multitude ⟦ἀχρήστων⟧, not to_ _celebrate upon/to/against son ungodly. 2 if ⟦πληθύνωσι⟧, not to_celebrate upon/to/against he/she/it/self, if not he_is fear lord with/after he/she/it/self. 3 not ⟦ἐμπιστεύσῃς⟧ the/this/who life he/she/it/self, and not to_hold_fast/out upon/to/against the/this/who place he/she/it/self; greater for one or/than thousand, and to_die ⟦ἄτεκνον⟧ or/than to_ _have/be child ungodly; 4 away_from for one ⟦συνετοῦ⟧ ⟦συνοικισθήσεται⟧ city, tribe but/and lawless ⟦ἐρημωθήσεται⟧. 5 much such_as_this to_see in/on/among eye I/we, and ⟦ἰσχυρότερα⟧ this/he/she/it ⟦ἀκήκοε⟧ the/this/who ear I/we. 6 in/on/among synagogue sinful ⟦ἐκκαυθήσεται⟧ fire, and in/on/among Gentile_nation ⟦ἀπειθεῖ⟧ ⟦ἐξεκαύθη⟧ wrath. 7 no ⟦ἐξιλάσατο⟧ about the/this/who ancient ⟦γιγάντων⟧, the/this/who/which to_leave the/this/who strength he/she/it/self. 8 no to_spare about the/this/who sojourning Lōt, which ⟦ἐβδελύξατο⟧ through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφανίαν⟧ he/she/it/self. 9 no to_have_mercy Gentile_ _nation destruction, the/this/who ⟦ἐξῃρμένους⟧ in/on/among sin he/she/it/self; 10 and thus(-ly) ⟦ἑξακοσίας⟧ ⟦χιλιάδας⟧ ⟦πεζῶν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐπισυναχθέντας⟧ in/on/among hardness_of_heart he/she/it/self. 11 and/even_if/if to_be one stiff-necked, marvellous, this/he/she/it if ⟦ἀθωωθήσεται⟧, mercy for and wrath from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; ruler ⟦ἐξιλασμῶν⟧; and ⟦ἐκχέων⟧ wrath. 12 according_to the/this/who much mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, thus(-ly) and much the/this/who rebuke he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; man according_to

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the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_judge. **13** no ⟦ἐκφεύξεται⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἁρπάγμασιν⟧ sinful, and no not ⟦καθυστερήσει⟧ perseverance ⟦εὐσεβοῦς⟧. **14** all charity to_do/make place, each according_to the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_find/meet. **17** not to_say, that/since away_from lord ⟦κρυβήσομαι⟧, not out_from height one/which? I/we ⟦μνησθήσεται⟧? in/on/among a_people ⟦πλείονι⟧ no not to_ _remember, one/which? for the/this/who soul I/we in/on/among ⟦ἀμετρήτῳ⟧ creation? **18** look! the/this/who heaven and the/this/who heaven of_the heaven of_the God, abyss and earth to_shake in/on/among the/this/who oversight he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **19** together the/this/who mountain and the/this/who foundation the/this/who earth, in/on/among the/this/who to_look_ _upon/at toward he/she/it/self, trembling ⟦συσσείονται⟧, **20** and upon/to/against he/she/it/self no ⟦διανοηθήσεται⟧ heart; and the/this/who road he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there one/which? ⟦ἐνθυμηθήσεται⟧? **21** and a_blast, which no to_see a_human, the/this/who but/and greater the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among ⟦ἀποκρύφοις⟧. **22** work righteousness one/which? to_report, or/than one/which? to_remain/endure? long/distant for the/this/who covenant. **23** ⟦Ἐλαττούμενος⟧ heart ⟦διανοεῖται⟧ this/he/she/it, and man foolish and ⟦πλανώμενος⟧ ⟦διανοεῖται⟧ foolish. **24** ⟦Ἄκουσόν⟧ I/we, child, and ⟦μάθε⟧ ⟦ἐπιστήμην⟧, and upon/to/against the/this/who word I/we to_ _watch_out the/this/who heart you. **25** ⟦Ἐκφαίνω⟧ in/on/among ⟦σταθμῷ⟧ discipline, and in/on/among strictness to_announce ⟦ἐπιστήμην⟧. **26** in/on/among judgement lord the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from beginning, and away_from ⟦ποιήσεως⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦διέστειλε⟧ ⟦μερίδας⟧ he/she/it/self. **27** ⟦Ἐκόσμησεν⟧ toward an_age the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who beginning he/she/it/self toward generation he/she/it/self; neither to_hunger, neither ⟦ἐκοπίασαν⟧, and no ⟦ἐξέλιπον⟧ away_from the/this/who work he/she/it/self. **28** each the/this/who near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no ⟦ἔθλιψε⟧, and until an_age no ⟦ἀπειθήσουσι⟧ of_the declaration he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **29** and with/after this/he/she/it lord toward the/this/who earth to_look_ _upon/at, and to_fill_up he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who good-doer he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **30** soul all living_ _thing ⟦ἐκάλυψε⟧ the/this/who face he/she/it/self, and toward he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who rejection he/she/it/self.

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for mercy and anger are both with him who's mighty to forgive,
and he pours out anger.
12 As his mercy is great, so is his correction also.
He judges a man according to his works.
13 The sinner won't escape with plunder.
The perseverance of the godly won't be frustrated.
14 He'll make room for every work of mercy.
Each man will receive according to his works. **15-16** [27]

No one can hide from God

17 Don't say, "I'll be hidden from the master,"
and "Who'll remember me from on high?"
I won't be known among so many people,
for what's my soul in a boundless creation?
18 Listen, the heaven, the heaven of heavens,
the deep, and the earth, will be moved when he visits.
19 The mountains and the foundations of the earth together
are shaken with trembling when he looks at them.
20 No heart will think about these things.
Who could comprehend his ways?
21 Like a tempest which no man can see,
so, the majority of his works are[28] hidden.
22 Who'll declare his works of righteousness?
Who'll wait for them?
Because his covenant is afar off.[29]
23 He who's lacking in[30] understanding thinks about these things.
An unwise and erring man thinks foolishly.

The order of God's creation

24 My son, listen to me, learn knowledge,
and heed my words with your heart.
25 I'll impart instruction with precision,
and declare knowledge exactly.
26 In the master's judgement are his works from the beginning.
From the making of them he determined their boundaries.
27 He arranged his works for all time,
and their beginnings to their generations.
They aren't hungry or weary,
and they don't cease from their works.
28 No one pushes aside his neighbour.
They'll never disobey his word.
29 After this also the master looked at the earth
and filled it with his blessings.
30 All manner of living things covered its surface,
and they return into it.

27 RV 16:15-16 · Note Verses 15 and 16 are omitted by the best authorities.

28 RV 16:21 · Note Grk. amongst hidden things.

29 RV 16:22 · Note The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

30 RV 16:23 · Note Grk. heart.

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17:1 The master created mankind out of earth,[31]
and turned them back to it again.[32]

God's gifts and instructions to humanity

2 He gave them days by number, and a set time,
and gave them authority over the things that are on it.
3 He endowed them with strength proper to them,
and made them according to his own image.[33]
4 He put the fear of man on all flesh,
and gave him dominion over animals and birds. **5** [34]
6 He gave them counsel, tongue, eyes,
ears, and heart to have understanding.
7 He filled them with the knowledge of wisdom,
and showed them good and evil.
8 He set his eye on their hearts,
to show them the majesty of his works. **9** [35]
10 And they'll praise his holy name,
that they may declare the majesty of his works.[36]
11 He added to them knowledge,
and gave them a law of life for a heritage.
12 He made an eternal covenant with them,
and showed them his decrees.
13 Their eyes saw the majesty of his glory.
Their ears heard the glory of his voice.
14 He said to them, "Beware of all unrighteousness."
So he gave them commandment, each man about his neighbour.

God sees and judges everyone's actions

15 Their ways are ever before him.
They won't be hidden from his eyes.
16 [37]
17 Because[38] every nation he appointed a ruler,
but Yisrael (Israel) is the master's portion. **18** [39]
19 All their works are as clear as the sun before him.
His eyes are continually on their ways.
20 Their iniquities aren't hidden from him.
All their sins are before the master. **21** [40]
22 With him a person's giving to the poor is as a signet.
He'll keep a man's kindness as the pupil of the eye.[41]
23 Afterwards he'll rise up and repay them,
and render their repayment on their head.
24 However to those who repent he grants a return.

Literal Version

17:1 lord to_create out_from earth a_human, and again ⟦ἀπέστρεψεν⟧ he/she/it/self toward he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **2** day number and time/right_time to_give he/she/it/self, and to_give he/she/it/self authority the/this/who upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **3** according_to my/your/him-self ⟦ἐνέδυσεν⟧ he/she/it/self strength, and according_to image he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_do/make he/she/it/self. **4** and to_place the/this/who fear he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against all flesh, and ⟦κατακυριεύειν⟧ wild_animal and bird. **6** deliberation and tongue and eye, ear and heart to_give ⟦διανοεῖσθαι⟧ he/she/it/self. **7** ⟦Ἐπιστήμην⟧ understanding to_fill_up he/she/it/self, and good-doer and evil/harm to_show he/she/it/self. **8** to_place the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against the/this/who heart he/she/it/self, to_show he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦μεγαλεῖον⟧ the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **10** and name ⟦ἁγιασμοῦ⟧ ⟦αἰνέσουσιν⟧, in_order_that/to ⟦διηγῶνται⟧ the/this/who mighty the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **11** to_add_(to) he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπιστήμην⟧, and law life ⟦ἐκληροδότησεν⟧ he/she/it/self. **12** covenant an_age to_stand with/after he/she/it/self, and the/this/who judgement he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_show he/she/it/self. **13** ⟦Μεγαλεῖον⟧ glory to_perceive the/this/who eye he/she/it/self, and glory voice/sound he/she/it/self to_ _hear the/this/who ear he/she/it/self. **14** and to_say he/she/it/self, to_watch_out away_from all ⟦ἀδίκου⟧; and to_ _order he/she/it/self each about of_the near/neighbour. **15** the/this/who/which road he/she/it/self against/in_front_ _of he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there always, no ⟦κρυβήσονται⟧ away_from the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **17** each Gentile_ _nation to_appoint/conduct to_govern, and part lord Israaʸl to_ _be. **19** all the/this/who work he/she/it/self which/how the/this/who sun against/in_front_of he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐνδελεχεῖς⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who road he/she/it/self. **20** no ⟦ἐκρύβησαν⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦ἀδικίαι⟧ he/she/it/self away_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all the/this/who/which sin he/she/it/self before lord. **22** charity man which/how seal with/after

31 **RV 17:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:7.
32 **RV 17:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 3:19.
33 **RV 17:3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:26-27.
34 **RV 17:5 · Note** Verse 5 is omitted by the best authorities.
35 **RV 17:9 · Note** Verse 9 is omitted by the best authorities.
36 **RV 17:10 · Note** This line is added by the best authorities.
37 **RV 17:16 · Note** Verses 16, 18, and 21 are omitted by the best authorities.
38 **RV 17:17 · Note** The preceding part of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.
39 **RV 17:18 · Note** Verses 16, 18, and 21 are omitted by the best authorities.
40 **RV 17:21 · Note** Verses 16, 18, and 21 are omitted by the best authorities.
41 **RV 17:22 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

Literal Version

he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and because_of/grace a_human which/how ⟦κόρην⟧ ⟦συντηρήσει⟧. **23** with/after this/he/she/it ⟦ἐξαναστήσεται⟧ and ⟦ἀνταποδώσει⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who repayment he/she/it/self toward head he/she/it/self to_pay. **24** but/however ⟦μετανοοῦσιν⟧ to_give ⟦ἐπάνοδον⟧, and to_plead/comfort ⟦ἐκλείποντας⟧ perseverance. **25** ⟦Ἐπίστρεφε⟧ upon/to/against lord and ⟦ἀπόλειπε⟧ sin, to_pray according_to face and ⟦σμίκρυνον⟧ stumbling_block. **26** ⟦Ἐπάναγε⟧ upon/to/against ⟦ὕψιστον⟧, and ⟦ἀπόστρεφε⟧ away_from unrighteousness, and very ⟦μίσησον⟧ abomination. **27** ⟦Ὑψίστῳ⟧ one/which? ⟦αἰνέσει⟧ in/on/among Hades? for to_live and to_live and ⟦διδόντων⟧ ⟦ἀνθομολόγησιν⟧. **28** away_from dead which/how nor to_be to_destroy acknowledgment; to_live and healthy ⟦αἰνέσει⟧ the/this/who lord. **29** which/how great the/this/who charity of_the lord, and a_making_an_atonement the/this/who to_turn upon/to/against he/she/it/self; **30** no for be_able all to_be in/on/among a_human, that/since no ⟦ἀθάνατος⟧ son a_ _human. **31** one/which? ⟦φωτεινότερον⟧ sun? and this/he/she/it ⟦ἐκλείπει⟧, and evil/bad ⟦ἐνθυμηθήσεται⟧ flesh and blood. **32** power height heaven he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπισκέπτεται⟧, and the/this/who a_human all earth and ashes.

18:1 the/this/who to_live toward the/this/who an_age to_ _create the/this/who all ⟦κοινῇ⟧. **2** lord alone to_justify. **4** ⟦Οὐθενὶ⟧ ⟦ἐξεποίησεν⟧ ⟦ἐξαγγεῖλαι⟧ the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and one/which? ⟦ἐξιχνιάσει⟧ the/this/who mighty he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? **5** power majesty he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there one/which? ⟦ἐξαριθμήσεται⟧? and one/which? ⟦προσθήσει⟧ ⟦ἐκδιηγήσασθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐλέη⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? **6** no to_be ⟦ἐλαττῶσαι⟧ and_not to_add_(to), and no to_be ⟦ἐξιχνιάσαι⟧ the/this/who marvellous of_the lord. **7** when(-ever) ⟦συντελέσῃ⟧ a_human then ⟦ἄρχεται⟧, and when(-ever) ⟦παύσηται⟧ then ⟦ἀπορηθήσεται⟧. **8** one/which? a_human, and one/which? the/this/who use he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? one/which? the/this/who good-doer he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and one/which? the/this/who evil/harm he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? **9** number day a_ _human much year hundred. **10** which/how a_drop_(liquid) water away_from sea and stone/stone:_vote ⟦ἄμμου⟧, thus(-ly) little/few year in/on/among day an_age. **11** through/because_ _of this/he/she/it ⟦ἐμακροθύμησε⟧ lord upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and to_pour_out upon/to/against he/she/it/self the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **12** to_perceive and ⟦ἐπέγνω⟧ the/this/who ⟦καταστροφὴν⟧ he/she/it/self that/since evil/bad, through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπλήθυνε⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐξιλασμὸν⟧

Readers' Version

He comforts those who are losing hope.

Turn back to God while you can

25 Return to the master, and forsake sins.
Make your prayer before his face offend less.
26 Turn again to the Most High, and turn away from iniquity.[42]
Greatly hate the abominable thing.
27 Who'll give praise to the Most High in Haidais,
in place of the living who return thanks?
28 Thanksgiving perishes from the dead, as from one who doesn't exist.
He who's in life and health will praise the master.
29 How great is the master's mercy,
and his forgiveness to those who turn to him!
30 Because humans aren't capable of everything,
because the son of man isn't immortal.
31 What's brighter than the sun? Yet even this can be eclipsed.
So flesh and blood devise evil.
32 He looks on the power of the height of heaven,
while all men are earth and ashes.

God's greatness and human frailty

18:1 He who lives forever created the whole universe.
2 The master alone is just. **3** [43]
4 He's given power to declare his works to no one.
Who could trace out his mighty actions?
5 Who could measure the strength of his majesty?
Who could also proclaim his mercies?
6 As for the wondrous works of the master, it isn't possible to take from them nor add to them,
neither is it possible to explore them.
7 When a man has finished, then he's just at the beginning.
When he stops, then he'll be perplexed.
8 What's mankind, and what purpose do they serve?
What's their good, and what's their evil?
9 The number of man's days at the most are a hundred years.
10 As a drop of water from the sea, and a pebble from the sand,
so are a few years in the day of eternity.
11 Because this cause the master was patient over them,
and poured out his mercy on them.
12 He saw and perceived their end, that it's evil.
Therefore he multiplied his forgiveness.
13 A man's mercy is on his neighbour;
but the master's mercy is on all flesh:
reproving, chastening, teaching,
and bringing back, as a shepherd does his flock.
14 He has mercy on those who accept chastening,
and that diligently seek after his judgements.

42 RV 17:26 · Note A line is here omitted by the best authorities.

43 RV 18:3 · Note The remainder of verse 2, and verse 3, are omitted by the best authorities.

Readers' Version

15 My son, don't add reproach to your good actions,
and no harsh words in any of your giving.

Give without insulting the receiver

16 Doesn't the dew relieve the scorching heat?
So a word is better than a gift.
17 Listen, isn't a word better than a gift?
Both are with a gracious person.
18 A fool is ungracious and abusive.
The gift of an grudging person consumes the eyes.

Think ahead and prepare

19 Learn before you speak.
Take care of your health before you get sick.
20 Before judgement, examine yourself,
and in the hour of scrutiny you'll find forgiveness.
21 Humble yourself before you get sick.
In the time of sins, repent.
22 Let nothing hinder you to pay your vow in due time.
Don't wait until death to be released.
23 Before you make a vow, prepare yourself.
Don't be like a man who tests the master.
24 Think about the anger coming in the days of the end,
and the time of vengeance, when he turns away his face.
25 In the days of fullness remember the time of hunger.
Remember poverty and lack in the days of wealth.
26 From morning until evening, the time changes.
All things are speedy before the master.
27 A wise man is cautious in everything.
In days of sinning, he'll beware of offence.[44]
28 Every man of understanding knows wisdom.
He'll give thanks to him who found her.
29 They who were of understanding in sayings also became wise themselves,
and poured out apt proverbs.

Control your appetites

30 Don't go after your lusts.
Restrain your appetites.
31 If you give fully to your soul the delight of her desire,
she'll make you the laughing stock of[45] your enemies.
32 Don't make merry in much luxury,
and don't be tied to its expense.
33 Don't be made a beggar by banqueting with borrowed money
when you have nothing in your purse.[46]

19:1 A worker who's a drunkard won't become rich.
He who despises small things will fall little by little.
2 Wine and women will make men of understanding go astray.
He who joins with prostitutes is reckless.
3 Decay and worms will have him as their heritage.

Literal Version

he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 13 mercy a_human upon/to/against the/this/who near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, mercy but/and lord upon/to/against all flesh, ⟦ἐλέγχων⟧ and ⟦παιδεύων⟧ and to_ _teach and ⟦ἐπιστρέφων⟧ which/how shepherd the/this/who flock he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 14 the/this/who ⟦ἐκδεχομένους⟧ discipline to_have_mercy, and the/this/who ⟦κατασπεύδοντας⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who judgement he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 15 child, in/on/among good-doer not to_give ⟦μῶμον⟧, and in/on/among all ⟦δόσει⟧ grief word. 16 not heat ⟦ἀναπαύσει⟧ dew? thus(-ly) greater word or/than gift. 17 no look! word above/for gift good-doer? and both from_with man ⟦κεχαριτωμένῳ⟧. 18 foolish ⟦ἀχαρίστως⟧ ⟦ὀνειδιεῖ⟧, and gift ⟦βασκάνου⟧ ⟦ἐκτήκει⟧ eye. 19 ⟦Πρινὴ⟧ to_speak ⟦μάνθανε⟧, and before ⟦ἀῤῥωστίας⟧ ⟦θεραπεύου⟧. 20 before judgement ⟦ἐξέταζε⟧ yourself, and in/on/among hour oversight to_ _find/meet ⟦ἐξιλασμόν⟧. 21 before ⟦ἀῤῥωστῆσαί⟧ you ⟦ταπεινώθητι⟧, and in/on/among time/right_time sin to_show conversion. 22 not ⟦ἐμποδισθῇς⟧ of_the to_pay a_vow/prayer well_timed, and not ⟦μείνῃς⟧ until death to_justify. 23 before ⟦εὔξασθαι⟧ to_make_ready yourself, and not to_be which/how a_human to_test/tempt the/this/who lord. 24 to_remember wrath in/on/among day death, and time/right_time vengeance in/on/among rejection face. 25 to_remember time/right_time ⟦λιμοῦ⟧ in/on/among time/right_time ⟦πλησμονῆς⟧, poverty and ⟦ἔνδειαν⟧ in/on/among day riches. 26 away_from from_ _morning until evening ⟦μεταβάλλει⟧ time/right_time, and all he_is ⟦ταχινὰ⟧ before lord. 27 a_human wise in/on/among all ⟦εὐλαβηθήσεται⟧, and in/on/among day sin ⟦προσέξει⟧ away_ _from ⟦πλημμελείας⟧; 28 all intelligent to_know wisdom, and the/this/who ⟦εὑρόντι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self to_ _give ⟦ἐξομολόγησιν⟧. 29 ⟦Συνετοὶ⟧ in/on/among word and he/she/it/self ⟦ἐσοφίσαντο⟧, and ⟦ἀνώμβρησαν⟧ proverb ⟦ἀκριβεῖς⟧. self-control soul. 30 after the/this/who desire you not to_travel, and away_from the/this/who ⟦ὀρέξεών⟧ you ⟦κωλύου⟧. 31 if ⟦χορηγήσῃς⟧ the/this/who soul you goodwill desire, to_do/make you derision the/this/who enemy you. 32 not to_celebrate upon/to/against much self-indulgence, nor ⟦προσδεθῇς⟧ a_compact he/she/it/self. 33 not to_be poor ⟦συμβολοκοπῶν⟧ out_from ⟦δανεισμοῦ⟧, and none you to_be in/on/among ⟦μαρσυπείῳ⟧.

19:1 worker drunkard no ⟦πλουτισθήσεται⟧, the/this/who ⟦ἐξουθενῶν⟧ the/this/who little/few according_to small to_ _collapse. 2 wine and woman ⟦ἀποστήσουσι⟧ ⟦συνετοὺς⟧, and the/this/who to_join ⟦πόρναις⟧ ⟦τολμηρότερος⟧ to_be. 3 ⟦Σήτες⟧ and ⟦σκώληκες⟧ to_inherit he/she/it/self, and soul ⟦τολμηρὰ⟧ ⟦ἐξαρθήσεται⟧. 4 the/this/who quick/quickly

44 **RV 18:27 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

45 **RV 18:31 · Note** Or, a rejoicing to

46 **RV 18:33 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

Literal Version

⟦ἐμπιστεύων⟧, light_(in_weight) heart, and the/this/who to_
_sin toward soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
⟦πλημμελήσει⟧. **5** the/this/who to_celebrate heart
⟦καταγνωσθήσεται⟧, **6** and the/this/who to_hate speech
⟦ἐλαττονοῦται⟧ evil. **7** never ⟦δευτερώσῃς⟧ word, and none you
no not ⟦ἐλαττονωθῇ⟧. **8** in/on/among to_love and
in/among ⟦ἐχθρῷ⟧ not to_relate_fully, and if not he_is you
sin, not ⟦ἀποκάλυπτε⟧. **9** ⟦Ἀκήκοε⟧ for you and ⟦ἐφυλάξατό⟧
you, and in/on/among time/right_time to_hate you.
10 ⟦Ἀκήκοας⟧ word? ⟦συναποθανέτω⟧ you, take_heart, no not
you to_throw_violently. **11** away_from face word ⟦ὠδινήσει⟧
foolish, which/how away_from face infant the/this/who to_
_give_birth_to. **12** arrow ⟦πεπηγὸς⟧ in/on/among ⟦μηρῷ⟧ flesh,
thus(-ly) word in/on/among belly/womb/stomach ⟦μωροῦ⟧.
13 to_rebuke friendly/friend, lest no to_do/make, and if one to_
_do/make, lest ⟦προσθῇ⟧. **14** to_rebuke the/this/who
friendly/friend, lest no to_say, and if to_say, in_order_that/to
not ⟦δευτερώσῃ⟧. **15** to_rebuke friendly/friend, often for to_be
distraction, and not all word to_trust_(in). **16** to_be
⟦ὀλισθαίνων⟧ and no away_from soul; and one/which? no
⟦ἡμάρτησεν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who tongue
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? **17** to_rebuke
the/this/who near/neighbour you ⟦πρινη⟧ ⟦ἀπειλῆσαι⟧, and
to_give place law highest. **20** all wisdom fear lord, and
in/on/among all wisdom he_did law. **22** and no he_is wisdom
evil higher_knowledge, and no to_be, where(-ever) plan sinful,
understanding. **23** he_is evil and this/he/she/it abomination,
and to_be foolish ⟦ἐλαττούμενος⟧ wisdom. **24** greater
⟦ἡττώμενος⟧ in/on/among understanding afraid, or/than
⟦περισσεύων⟧ in/on/among understanding and ⟦παραβαίνων⟧
law. **25** he_is craftiness ⟦ἀκριβὴς⟧ and this/he/she/it unjust,
and he_is to_pervert because_of/grace of_the ⟦ἐκφᾶναι⟧
judgement. **26** he_is ⟦πονηρευόμενος⟧ ⟦συγκεκυφὼς⟧
⟦μελανίᾳ⟧, and the/this/who inside
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there full deceit.
27 ⟦Συγκύφων⟧ face and ⟦ἑτεροκωφῶν⟧, where(-ever) no
⟦ἐπεγνώσθη⟧, ⟦προφθάσει⟧ you. **28** and if by/under
⟦ἐλαττώματος⟧ strength ⟦κωλυθῇ⟧ ⟦ἁμαρτεῖν⟧, if to_find/meet
time/right_time, ⟦κακοποιήσει⟧. **29** away_from ⟦ὁράσεως⟧
⟦ἐπιγνωσθήσεται⟧ man, and away_from ⟦ἀπαντήσεως⟧ face
⟦ἐπιγνωσθήσεται⟧ intelligent. **30** a_uniform man and laughter
tooth and ⟦βήματα⟧ a_human ⟦ἀναγγέλλει⟧ the/this/who
about he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

Readers' Version

A reckless soul will be taken away.

Don't spread rumours

4 He who's hasty to trust is shallow-hearted.
He who sins offends against his own soul.
5 He who rejoices in wickedness will be condemned.[47]
6 He who hates gossip has less wickedness.[48]
7 Never repeat what's told you,
and you won't lose anything.
8 Whether it's of friend or foe, don't tell it.
Unless it's a sin to you, don't reveal it.
9 Because if he's heard you and observed you,
when the time comes, he'll hate you.
10 Have you heard something? Let it die with you.
Be brave: it won't make you burst!
11 A fool will travail in pain with a word,
as a woman in labour with a child.
12 As an arrow that sticks in the flesh of the thigh,
so is gossip in a fool.

Check the facts before blaming someone

13 Question a friend; it may be he didn't do it.
If he did something, it may be that he may do it no more.
14 Question your neighbour; it may be he didn't say it.
If he's said it, it may be that he may not say it again.
15 Question a friend; for many times there's slander.
Don't trust every word.
16 There's one who slips, and not from the heart.
Who's he who hasn't sinned with his tongue?
17 Reprove your neighbour before you threaten him;
and give place to the Most High's law. **18–19**[49]

True wisdom and deceptive cleverness

20 All wisdom is the fear of the master.
In all wisdom is the doing of the law. **21**[50]
22 The knowledge of wickedness isn't wisdom.
The prudence of sinners isn't counsel.
23 There's a wickedness, and it's an abomination.
There's a fool lacking in wisdom.
24 Better is one who has little understanding, and fears God,
than one who has much intelligence and transgresses the law.
25 There's an exquisite subtlety, and it's unjust.
And there's one who perverts favour to gain a judgement.[51]
26 There's one who does wickedly, who hangs down his head with mourning;
but inwardly he's full of deceit,
27 bowing down his face, and pretending to be deaf in one ear.

47 RV 19:5 · Note The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

48 RV 19:6 · Note The preceding part of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

49 RV 19:18-19 · Note Verses 18 and 19 are omitted by the best authorities.

50 RV 19:21 · Note The remainder of verse 20 and verse 21 are omitted by the best authorities.

51 RV 19:25 · Note The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

Readers' Version

Where he isn't known, he'll take advantage of you.
28 And if for lack of power he's hindered from sinning,
if he finds opportunity, he'll do mischief.
29 A man will be known by his appearance.
One who has understanding will be known by his face when you meet him.
30 A man's attire, grinning laughter,
and the way he walks show what he is.

Knowing when to speak and when to be silent

20:1 There's a reproof that isn't timely;
and there's a person who's wise enough to keep silent.
2 How good is it to reprove, rather than to be angry.
He who confesses will be kept back from harm. 3 [52]
4 As is the lust of a eunuch to deflower a virgin,
so is he who executes judgements with violence.
5 There's one who keeps silent and is found wise;
and there's one who's hated for his much talk.
6 There's one who keeps silent, for he has no answer to make;
And there's one who keeps silent, knowing when to speak.
7 A wise man will be silent until his time has come,
but the braggart and fool will miss his time.
8 He who uses many words will be abhorred.
He who takes authority for himself will be hated in it.

Gifts and gains that bring trouble

9 There's a prosperity that a man finds in misfortunes;
and there's a gain that turns to loss.
10 There's a gift that won't profit you;
and there's a gift that pays back double.
11 There are losses because of glory;
and there's one who's lifted up his head from a low estate.
12 There's one who buys much for a little,
and pays for it again sevenfold.
13 He who's wise in words will make himself beloved;
but the pleasantries of fools will be wasted.
14 The gift of a fool won't profit you,[53]
for he looks for repayment many times instead of one.
15 He'll give little and insult much.
He'll open his mouth like a crier.
Today he'll lend, and tomorrow he'll ask for it back.
Such a one is a hateful man.
16 The fool will say, "I have no friend,
and I have no thanks for my good actions.
Those who eat my bread have an evil tongue."
17 How often, and of how many, will he be laughed to scorn![54]

Careless words, lies, and hidden wisdom

18 A slip on a pavement is better than a slip with the tongue.
So the fall of the wicked will come speedily.
19 A man without grace is a tale out of season.

Literal Version

20:1 to_be rebuke which no to_be Beautiful, and he_is be_
quiet and he/she/it/self thoughtful. 2 which/how good to
_rebuke or/than ⟦θυμοῦσθαι⟧, 3 and the/this/who
⟦ἀνθομολογούμενος⟧ away_from ⟦ἐλαττώσεως⟧
⟦κωλυθήσεται⟧. 4 desire ⟦εὐνούχου⟧ ⟦ἀποπαρθενῶσαι⟧
⟦νεανίδα⟧, thus(-ly) the/this/who to_do/make in/on/among
force judgement. 5 he_is be_quiet ⟦εὑρισκόμενος⟧ wise, and he_
_is detested away_from much ⟦λαλιᾶς⟧. 6 he_is be_quiet, no for
to_have/be answer, and he_is be_quiet to_perceive time/right_
_time. 7 a_human wise ⟦σιγήσει⟧ until time/right_time,
the/this/who but/and swaggerer and foolish ⟦ὑπερβήσεται⟧
time/right_time. 8 the/this/who ⟦πλεονάζων⟧ word
⟦βδελυχθήσεται⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἐνεξουσιαζόμενος⟧
⟦μισηθήσεται⟧. 9 to_be Euodia in/on/among ⟦κακοῖς⟧ man, and
to_be ⟦εὕρεμα⟧ toward ⟦ἐλάττωσιν⟧. 10 he_is gift
the/this/who/which no ⟦λυσιτελήσει⟧ you, and he_is gift
which the/this/who repayment double. 11 to_be ⟦ἐλάττωσις⟧
because_of glory, and to_be which away_from lowliness to_
_take_up head. 12 to_be ⟦ἀγοράζων⟧ much little/few, and
⟦ἀποτιννύων⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπταπλάσιον⟧. 13 the/this/who
wise in/on/among word my/your/him-self lovely to_do/make,
⟦χάριτες⟧ but/and ⟦μωρῶν⟧ ⟦ἐκχυθήσονται⟧. 14 gift ⟦ἄφρονος⟧
no ⟦λυσιτελήσει⟧ you, the/this/who for eye
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there for one much.
15 little/few to_give and much ⟦ὀνειδίσει⟧, and opening
the/this/who mouth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
which/how preacher; today ⟦δανειεῖ⟧ and tomorrow
⟦ἀπαιτήσει⟧; detested a_human the/this/who such_as_this.
16 foolish to_say, no to_be I/we friendly/friend, and no he_is
grace the/this/who good-doer I/we; the/this/who to_eat
the/this/who bread I/we, ⟦φαῦλοι⟧ tongue. 17 how_often!, and
just_as/how_much ⟦καταγελάσονται⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? 18 a_slip away_from
⟦ἐδάφους⟧ more or/than away_from tongue, thus(-ly) fall
evil/harm according_to diligence to_come/be_present. 19 a_
_human ⟦ἄχαρις⟧, myth ⟦ἄκαιρος⟧, in/on/among mouth
⟦ἀπαιδεύτων⟧ ⟦ἐνδελεχισθήσεται⟧. 20 away_from mouth
⟦μωροῦ⟧ ⟦ἀποδοκιμασθήσεται⟧ parable, no for not to_say
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self in/on/among time/right_
_time he/she/it/self. 21 he_is ⟦κωλυόμενος⟧ to_sin away_from
⟦ἐνδείας⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀναπαύσει⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no ⟦κατανυγήσεται⟧.
22 to_be Apollyon the/this/who soul
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there through/because_of
⟦αἰσχύνην⟧, and away_from ⟦ἄφρονος⟧ face ⟦ἀπολεῖ⟧

52 **RV 20:3 · Note** Verse 3 is omitted by the best authorities.

53 **RV 20:14 · Note** A line of this verse is here omitted by the best authorities.

54 **RV 20:17 · Note** The latter part of verse 17 is omitted by the best authorities.

Literal Version

he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **23** he_is because_of/grace shame ⟦ἐπαγγελλόμενος⟧ to_love, and to_posses he/she/it/self enemy free_gift/freely. **24** blemish evil/bad in/on/among a_ _human lie, in/on/among mouth ⟦ἀπαιδεύτων⟧ ⟦ἐνδελεχισθήσεται⟧. **25** ⟦Αἱρετὸν⟧ thief, or/than the/this/who ⟦ἐνδελεχίζων⟧ lie, both but/and destruction to_inherit. **26** moral a_human lie dishonour, and the/this/who shame he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there continually. **27** Waw wise in/on/among word ⟦προάξει⟧ my/your/him-self, and a_ _human thoughtful ⟦ἀρέσει⟧ great_man. **28** the/this/who to_ _work earth ⟦ἀνυψώσει⟧ ⟦θημωνίαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who ⟦ἀρέσκων⟧ great_man ⟦ἐξιλάσεται⟧ unrighteousness. **29** lodging and gift ⟦ἀποτυφλοῖ⟧ eye wise, and which/how a_ _rein in/on/among mouth ⟦ἀποτρέπει⟧ ⟦ἐλεγμούς⟧. **30** wisdom ⟦κεκρυμμένη⟧ and treasure hidden, one/which? advantage in/on/among both? **31** greater a_human ⟦ἀποκρύπτων⟧ the/this/who foolishness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, or/than a_human ⟦ἀποκρύπτων⟧ the/this/who wisdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

21:1 child, to_sin? not ⟦προσθῇς⟧ never_again, and about the/this/who ⟦προτέρων⟧ you to_pray. **2** which/how away_ _from face snake, to_flee away_from sin, if for ⟦προσέλθῃς⟧, ⟦δήξεταί⟧ you; tooth lion the/this/who tooth he/she/it/self, ⟦ἀναιροῦντες⟧ soul ⟦ἀνθρώπεν⟧. **3** which/how sword double-edged all lawlessness, the/this/who plague/blow/wound he/she/it/self no to_be healing. **4** ⟦Καταπληγμὸς⟧ and mistreatment ⟦ἐρημώσουσι⟧ riches, thus(-ly) house ⟦ὑπερηφάνου⟧ ⟦ἐρημωθήσεται⟧. **5** petition ⟦πτωχοῦ⟧ out_from mouth until ⟦ὠτίων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who judgement he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there according_ _to diligence to_come/go. **6** to_hate rebuke, in/on/among ⟦ἴχνει⟧ ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧, and the/this/who to_fear lord to_turn in/on/among heart. **7** acquainted_with from_afar the/this/who able in/on/among tongue, the/this/who but/and intelligent to_perceive in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὀλισθαίνειν⟧ he/she/it/self. **8** the/this/who to_build the/this/who home he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among money another's, which/how the/this/who to_ _assemble he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who stone toward ⟦χειμῶνα⟧. **9** ⟦Στυππεῖον⟧ ⟦συνηγμένον⟧ synagogue lawless, and the/this/who consummation he/she/it/self flame fire. **10** road sinful ⟦ὡμαλισμένη⟧ out_from stone, and upon/to/against last/least he/she/it/self a_cesspool Hades. **11** the/this/who to_

Readers' Version

It'll be continually in the mouth of the ignorant.
20 A parable from a fool's mouth will be rejected;
for he won't tell it at the proper time.
21 There's one who's hindered from sinning through lack.
When he rests, he won't be troubled.
22 There's one who destroys his soul through bashfulness.
By a foolish face, he'll destroy it.
23 There's one who for bashfulness makes promises to his friend;
and he makes him his enemy for nothing.
24 A lie is an ugly blot on a person.
It'll be continually in the mouth of the ignorant.
25 A thief is better than a man who's continually lying,
but they both will inherit destruction.
26 The destination of a liar is dishonour.
His shame is with him continually.
27 He who's wise in words will advance himself.
And one who's prudent will please great men.
28 He who tills his land will raise his harvest high.
He who pleases great men will get pardon for iniquity.
29 Favours and gifts blind the eyes of the wise,
and as a muzzle on the mouth, turn away reproofs.
30 Wisdom that's hidden, and treasure that's out of sight—
what profit is in either of them?
31 Better is a man who hides his folly
than a man who hides his wisdom. **32** [55]

21:1 My son, have you sinned? **Turn away from sin**
Do it no more;
and ask forgiveness for your past sins.
2 Flee from sin as from the face of a snake;
for if you go near, it'll bite you.
Its teeth are like lion's teeth,
slaying people's souls.
3 All iniquity is as a two-edged sword.
Its stroke has no healing.
4 Terror and violence will waste away riches.
So an arrogant man's house will be laid waste.
5 Supplication from a poor man's mouth reaches to the ears of[56] God,
and his judgement comes speedily.
6 One who hates reproof is in the path of the sinner.
He who fears the master will repent in his heart.
7 He who's mighty in tongue is known far away;
but the man of understanding knows when he slips.
8 He who builds his house with other men's money
is like one who gathers stones for his own tomb.
9 The congregation of wicked men is as a bundle of tow
with a flame of fire at the end of them.
10 The way of sinners is paved with stones;

55 **RV 20:32 · Note** Verse 32 is omitted by the best authorities.

56 **RV 21:5 · Note** Grk. him.

Readers' Version

and at the end of it's the pit of Haidais.

The behaviour of wise and foolish people

11 He who keeps the law becomes master of its intent.

The fulfilment of the fear of the master is wisdom.

12 He who isn't clever won't be instructed.

There's a cleverness which makes bitterness abound.

13 The knowledge of a wise man will be made to abound as a flood,

and his counsel as a fountain of life.

14 The inward parts of a fool are like a broken vessel.

He'll hold no knowledge.

15 If a man of knowledge hears a wise word,

he'll commend it and add to it.

The wanton man hears it, and it displeases him,

so he throws it away behind his back.

16 The chatter of a fool is like a burden in the way,

but grace will be found on the lips of the wise.

17 The utterance of the prudent man will be desired by the congregation.

They'll ponder his words in their heart.

18 As a house that's destroyed, so is wisdom to a fool.

The knowledge of an unwise man is talk without sense.[57]

19 Instruction is as fetters on the feet of an unwise man,

and as manacles on the right hand.

20 A fool lifts up his voice with laughter,

but a clever man smiles quietly.

21 Instruction is to a prudent man as an ornament of gold,

and as a bracelet on his right arm.

22 A fool's foot rushes into a house,

but a man of experience will be ashamed of entering.

23 A foolish man peers into the door of a house,

but a man who's instructed will stand outside.

24 It's rude for someone to listen at a door,

but a prudent person will be grieved with the disgrace.

25 The lips of strangers will be grieved at these things,

but the words of prudent men will be weighed in the balance.

26 The heart of fools is in their mouth,

but the mouth of wise men is their heart.

27 When the ungodly curses an adversary,

he curses his own soul.

28 A whisperer defiles his own soul,

and will be hated wherever he travels.

Laziness and undisciplined children

22:1 A slothful man is compared to a stone that's defiled.

Everyone will hiss at him in his disgrace.

2 A slothful man is compared to the filth of a dunghill.

Anyone who picks it up will shake it out of his hand.

3 An undisciplined child is a disgrace to his father,

Literal Version

_keep/guard law ⟦κατακρατεῖ⟧ of_the ⟦ἐννοήματος⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and consummation of_the fear lord wisdom. **12** no ⟦παιδευθήσεται⟧ which no he_is crafty; he_is craftiness ⟦πληθύνουσα⟧ ⟦πικρίαν⟧. **13** knowledge ⟦σοφοῦ⟧ which/how flood ⟦πληθυνθήσεται⟧, and the/this/who plan he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which/how flow life. **14** insides ⟦μωροῦ⟧ which/how jar to_break, and all knowledge/to_know no to_grasp/seize. **15** word ⟦σοφὸν⟧ if to_ _hear knowing, ⟦αἰνέσει⟧ he/she/it/self, and upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦προσθήσει⟧; to_hear the/this/who ⟦σπαταλῶν⟧ and ⟦ἀπήρεσεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀπέστρεψεν⟧ he/she/it/self after of_the ⟦νώτου⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **16** description ⟦μωροῦ⟧ which/how in/on/among road burden, upon/to/against but/and ⟦χείλους⟧ ⟦συνετοῦ⟧ to_find/meet grace. **17** mouth ⟦φρονίμου⟧ to_seek in/on/among assembly, and the/this/who word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦διανοηθήσεται⟧ in/on/among heart. **18** which/how house ⟦ἠφανισμένος⟧ thus(-ly) foolish wisdom; and knowledge ⟦ἀσυνέτου⟧, ⟦ἀδιεξέταστοι⟧ word. **19** ⟦Πέδαι⟧ in/on/among foot foolish discipline, and which/how manacles upon/to/against hand right. **20** foolish in/on/among ⟦γέλωτι⟧ ⟦ἀνυψοῖ⟧ voice/sound he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, man but/and crafty hardly tranquilly ⟦μειδιάσει⟧. **21** which/how world gold/golden thoughtful discipline, and which/how an_armlet upon/to/against arm ⟦δεξιῷ⟧. **22** foot ⟦μωροῦ⟧ quick toward home, a_human but/and much-experienced ⟦αἰσχυνθήσεται⟧ away_from face. **23** foolish away_from door ⟦παρακύπτει⟧ toward home, man but/and to_instruct out/outside(r) ⟦στήσεται⟧. **24** stupidity a_human ⟦ἀκροᾶσθαι⟧ from_with door, the/this/who but/and thoughtful ⟦βαρυνθήσεται⟧ dishonour. **25** lip another's in/on/among this/he/she/it ⟦βαρυνθήσεται⟧, word but/and ⟦φρονίμων⟧ in/on/among yoke/scales ⟦σταθήσονται⟧. **26** in/on/among mouth ⟦μωρῶν⟧ the/this/who heart he/she/it/self, heart but/and wise mouth he/she/it/self. **27** in/on/among the/this/who ⟦καταρᾶσθαι⟧ ungodly the/this/who Satanan, he/she/it/self ⟦καταρᾶται⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self soul. **28** ⟦Μολύνει⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self soul the/this/who ⟦ψιθυρίζων⟧, and in/on/among ⟦παροικήσει⟧ ⟦μισηθήσεται⟧.

22:1 stone ⟦ἠρδαλωμένῳ⟧ ⟦συνεβλήθη⟧ lazy, and all ⟦ἐκσυριεῖ⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who dishonour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **2** ⟦Βολβίτῳ⟧ ⟦κοπρίων⟧ ⟦συνεβλήθη⟧ lazy, all the/this/who ⟦ἀναιρούμενος⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκτινάξει⟧ hand. **3** shame father in/on/among to_beget ⟦ἀπαιδεύτου⟧, daughter but/and upon/to/against ⟦ἐλαττώσει⟧ to_be. **4** daughter ⟦φρονίμη⟧ to_inherit man he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦καταισχύνουσα⟧, toward

57 **RV 21:18 · Note** Grk. unexamined words.

Literal Version

grief ⟦γεννήσαντος⟧. 5 father and man to_dishonour
the/this/who ⟦θρασεῖα⟧, and by/under both ⟦ἀμιμασθήσεται⟧.
6 ⟦Μουσικὰ⟧ in/on/among ⟦πένθει⟧ ⟦ἄκαιρος⟧ narrative,
⟦μάστιγες⟧ and discipline in/on/among all time/right_time
wisdom. 9 ⟦Συγκολλῶν⟧ a_potsherd the/this/who to_teach
foolish, ⟦ἐξεγείρων⟧ ⟦καθεύδοντα⟧ out_from deep sleep.
10 ⟦Διηγούμενος⟧ ⟦νυστάζοντι⟧ the/this/who ⟦διηγούμενος⟧
foolish, and upon/to/against consummation to_say,
one/which? to_be? 11 upon/to/against ⟦νεκρῷ⟧ ⟦κλαῦσον⟧,
⟦ἐξέλιπε⟧ for light; and upon/to/against foolish ⟦κλαῦσον⟧,
⟦ἐξέλιπε⟧ for understanding; ⟦ἧδιον⟧ ⟦κλαῦσον⟧
upon/to/against ⟦νεκρῷ⟧, that/since ⟦ἀνεπαύσατο⟧, of_the
but/and ⟦μωροῦ⟧ above/for death the/this/who life evil/bad.
12 grief dead seven day, ⟦μωροῦ⟧ but/and and ⟦ἀσεβοῦς⟧ all
the/this/who/which day the/this/who life
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 13 with/after
⟦ἄφρονος⟧ not ⟦πληθύνῃς⟧ word, and to/with ⟦ἀσύνετον⟧ not
to_travel; to_keep/guard away_from
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in_order_that/to not
labour ⟦ἔχῃς⟧, and no not ⟦μολυνθῇς⟧ in/on/among
the/this/who ⟦ἐντιναγμῷ⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; ⟦ἔκκλινον⟧ away_
from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and to
_find/meet rest, and no not ⟦ἀκηδιάσῃς⟧ in/on/among
the/this/who ⟦ἀπονοίᾳ⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 14 above/for
⟦μόλυβδον⟧ one/which? ⟦βαρυνθήσεται⟧? and one/which?
he/she/it/self name, but or/than foolish? 15 sand and salt and
⟦βῶλον⟧ iron ⟦εὔκοπον⟧ to_endure, or/than a_human
⟦ἀσύνετον⟧. 16 piece_of_timber_used_instead_of_a_bond-stone
⟦ξυλίνη⟧ ⟦ἐνδεδεμένη⟧ toward building in/on/among
⟦συσσεισμῷ⟧ no ⟦διαλυθήσεται⟧, thus(-ly) heart ⟦ἐστηριγμένη⟧
upon/to/against ⟦διανοήματος⟧ plan in/on/among
time/right_time no ⟦δειλιάσει⟧. 17 heart ⟦ἡδρασμένη⟧
upon/to/against mind understanding, which/how world
stucco ⟦τοίχου⟧ ⟦ξυστοῦ⟧. 18 ⟦Χάρακες⟧ upon/to/against
⟦μετεώρου⟧ ⟦κείμενοι⟧ before wind no not ⟦ὑπομείνωσιν⟧,
thus(-ly) heart afternoon upon/to/against ⟦διανοήματος⟧
⟦μωροῦ⟧ before all fear no not ⟦ὑπομείνῃ⟧. 19 the/this/who
⟦νύσσων⟧ eye ⟦κατάξει⟧ ⟦δάκρυα⟧, and the/this/who
⟦νύσσων⟧ heart ⟦ἐκφαίνει⟧ ⟦αἴσθησιν⟧. 20 throwing stone
upon/to/against bird ⟦ἀποσοβεῖ⟧ he/she/it/self, and
the/this/who ⟦ὀνειδίζων⟧ friendly/friend ⟦διαλύσει⟧ ⟦φιλίαν⟧.
21 upon/to/against friendly/friend if ⟦σπάσῃς⟧ sword, not
⟦ἀπελπίσῃς⟧, he_is for fuller_statement. 22 upon/to/against
friendly/friend if ⟦ἀνοίξῃς⟧ mouth, not ⟦εὐλαβηθῇς⟧, he_is for
⟦διαλλαγή⟧; but/however ⟦ὀνειδισμοῦ⟧, and ⟦ὑπερηφανίας⟧,
and mystery revelation, and plague/blow/wound ⟦δολίας⟧,
in/on/among this/he/she/it ⟦ἀποφεύξεται⟧ all
friendly/friend. 23 faith ⟦κτῆσαι⟧ in/on/among poverty
with/after of_the near/neighbour, in_order_that/to
in/on/among the/this/who good-doer
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there together to_fill;
in/on/among time/right_time pressure ⟦διάμενε⟧
he/she/it/self, in_order_that/to in/on/among the/this/who
inheritance he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there

Readers' Version

and a foolish daughter is born to his loss.
4 A prudent daughter will inherit a husband of her own.
She who brings shame is the grief of her father.
5 She who's arrogant brings shame on father and husband.
She'll be despised by both of them.
6 Ill-timed conversation is like music in mourning,
but stripes and correction are wisdom in every season.
7 He who teaches a fool is like one who glues potsherds together,
even like one who wakes a sleeper out of a deep sleep.
8 He who teaches a fool is as one who teaches a man who slumbers.
In the end he'll say, "What's it?" 9-10 [58]
11 Weep for the dead, for he lacks light.
Weep for a fool, for he lacks understanding.
Weep more sweetly for the dead, because he's found rest,
but the life of the fool is worse than death.
12 Mourning for the dead lasts seven days,
but for a fool and an ungodly man, it lasts all the days of his life.
13 Don't talk much with a foolish man,
and don't go to one who has no understanding.
Beware of him, or his attack might bring you trouble and defile you.
Turn away from him, and you'll find rest,
and you won't be wearied in his madness.
14 What'd be heavier than lead?
What's its name, but "Fool"?
15 Sand, salt, and a mass of iron is easier to bear
than a man without understanding.
16 Timber girded and bound into a building won't be released with shaking.
So a heart established in due season on well advised counsel won't be afraid.
17 A heart settled on a thoughtful understanding
is as an ornament of plaster on a polished wall.
18 Fences set on a high place won't stand against the wind;
so a fearful heart in the imagination of a fool won't stand against any fear.

Dealing with fools

19 He who pricks the eye will make tears fall.
He who pricks the heart makes it show feeling.
20 The person who throws a stone at birds, scares them away.
He who insults a friend will dissolve friendship.
21 If you've drawn a sword against a friend, don't despair,
for there may be a way back.
22 If you've opened your mouth against a friend, don't be afraid,
for there may be reconciliation,
unless it's for insulting, arrogance, disclosing of a secret, or a

Protect your friendships

58 **RV 22:9-10 · Note** Verses 9 and 10 are omitted by the best authorities.

Readers' Version

treacherous blow—
for these things any friend will flee.
23 Gain trust with your neighbour in his poverty,
that in his prosperity you may have gladness.
Stay steadfast to him in the time of his affliction,
that you may be heir with him in his inheritance.[59]
24 Before fire is the vapour and smoke of a furnace,
so insults precede bloodshed.
25 I won't be ashamed to shelter a friend.
I won't hide myself from his face.
26 If any evil happens to me because of him,
everyone who hears it'll beware of him.
27 Who'll set a watch over my mouth,
and a seal of shrewdness on my lips,
A prayer for self-control
that I may not fall from it, and that my tongue may not destroy me?
23:1 Oh master, Father and Master of my life,
don't abandon me to their counsel.
Don't let me fall because of them.
2 Who'll set scourges over my thought,
and a discipline of wisdom over my heart,
that they spare me not for my errors,
and not overlook their sins?
3 Otherwise my errors might be multiplied,
and my sins abound,
I fall before my adversaries,
and my enemy rejoice over me.[60]
4 Oh master, Father and God of my life,
don't give me a haughty eyes,[61]
5 and turn away evil desire from me.[62]
6 Let neither gluttony nor lust overtake me.
Don't give me over to a shameless mind.
7 Listen, my children, to the discipline of the mouth.
Avoid careless oaths and offensive speech
He who keeps it won't be caught.
8 The sinner will be overpowered through his lips.
By them, the insulter and the arrogant will stumble.
9 Don't accustom your mouth to an oath,
and don't be accustomed to naming the Holy One,
10 for as a servant who's continually scourged won't lack bruises,
so he also who swears and continually utters the Name won't be cleansed from sin.
11 A man of many oaths will be filled with iniquity.
The scourge won't depart from his house.
If he offends, his sin will be on him.
If he disregards it, he's sinned doubly.

Literal Version

⟦συνκληρονομήσῃς⟧. **24** before fire vapour furnace/oven and smoke, thus(-ly) before blood ⟦λοιδορίαι⟧. **25** friendly/friend ⟦σκεπάσαι⟧ no be_ashamed, and away_from face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no not ⟦κρυβῶ⟧, **26** and if evil/harm I/we ⟦συμβῇ⟧ through/because_of he/she/it/self, all the/this/who to_hear ⟦φυλάξεται⟧ away_ _from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **27** one/which? to_give I/we upon/to/against mouth I/we prison/watch, and upon/to/against the/this/who lip I/we seal ⟦πανοῦργον⟧, in_ _order_that/to not ⟦πέσω⟧ away_from he/she/it/self, and the/this/who tongue I/we to_destroy I/we?

23:1 lord father and master life I/we, not ⟦ἐγκαταλίπῃς⟧ I/we in/on/among plan he/she/it/self, not joint I/we to_collapse in/on/among he/she/it/self. **2** one/which? ⟦ἐπιστήσει⟧ upon/to/against of_the ⟦διανοήματός⟧ I/we whip, and upon/to/against the/this/who heart I/we discipline wisdom? in_order_that/to upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἀγνοήμασί⟧ I/we not ⟦φείσωνται⟧, and no not ⟦παρῇ⟧ the/this/who sin he/she/it/self, **3** that not ⟦πληθύνωσιν⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦ἄγνοιαί⟧ I/we, and the/this/who/which sin I/we ⟦πλεονάσωσιν⟧, and ⟦πεσοῦμαι⟧ before the/this/who ⟦ὑπεναντίων⟧, and ⟦ἐπιχαρεῖταί⟧ I/we the/this/who enemy I/we. **4** lord father and God life I/we, ⟦μετεωρισμὸν⟧ eye not to_give I/we, **5** and desire to_turn_away away_from I/we/my. **6** belly/womb/stomach lust and licentiousness not ⟦καταλαβέτωσάν⟧ I/we, and soul ⟦ἀναιδεῖ⟧ not ⟦παραδῷς⟧ I/we. **7** discipline mouth to_hear child, and the/this/who to_ _keep/guard no not ⟦ἁλῷ⟧ in/on/among the/this/who lip he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **8** ⟦Καταλειφθήσεται⟧ sinful, and reviler and arrogant to_cause_to_stumble in/on/among he/she/it/self. **9** oath not ⟦ἐθίσῃς⟧ the/this/who mouth you, and ⟦ὀνομασίᾳ⟧ of_the holy not ⟦συνεθισθῇς⟧. **10** just_as for slave ⟦ἐξεταζόμενος⟧ continually away_from ⟦μώλωπος⟧ no ⟦ἐλαττωθήσεται⟧, thus(-ly) the/this/who and ⟦ὀμνύων⟧ and to_name always away_from sin no not ⟦καθαρισθῇ⟧. **11** man swearing_much to_fill lawlessness, and no ⟦ἀποστήσεται⟧ away_from of_the house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there whip; if ⟦πλημμελήσῃ⟧, sin he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and/even_if/if ⟦ὑπερίδῃ⟧, to_ _sin ⟦δισσῶς⟧; and if ineffectual to_swear, no to_justify, to_fill for ⟦ἐπαγωγῶν⟧ the/this/who house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **12** he_is form_of_ _speech ⟦ἀντιπεριβεβλημένη⟧ death, not ⟦εὑρεθήτω⟧ in/on/among inheritance Yakōb; away_from for ⟦εὐσεβῶν⟧ this/he/she/it all ⟦ἀποστήσεται⟧, and in/on/among sin no

59 **RV 22:23 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.
60 **RV 23:3 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.
61 **RV 23:4 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.
62 **RV 23:5 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

Literal Version

⟦ἐγκυλισθήσονται⟧. **13** ⟦Ἀπαιδευσίαν⟧ ⟦ἀσυρῇ⟧ not ⟦συνεθίσῃς⟧ the/this/who mouth you, he_is for in/on/among he/she/it/self word sin. **14** to_remember father and mother you, ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ for ⟦μεγιστάνων⟧ ⟦συνεδρεύεις⟧; ⟦μήποτ᾽⟧ ⟦ἐπιλάθῃ⟧ before he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦ἐθισμῷ⟧ you ⟦μωρανθῇς⟧, and ⟦θελήσεις⟧ if not to_beget, and the/this/who day of_the ⟦τοκετοῦ⟧ you ⟦καταράσῃ⟧. **15** a_ _human ⟦συνεθιζόμενος⟧ word ⟦ὀνειδισμοῦ⟧, in/on/among all the/this/who day he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no not ⟦παιδευθῇ⟧. **16** two ⟦εἴδη⟧ ⟦πληθύνουσιν⟧ sin, and the/this/who third ⟦ἐπάξει⟧ wrath; soul heat which/how fire to_kindle/burn, no not ⟦σβεσθῇ⟧ until if to_swallow; a_human sexual_sinner in/on/among body flesh he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, no not ⟦παύσηται⟧ until if ⟦ἐκκαύσῃ⟧ fire. **17** a_human ⟦πόρνῳ⟧ all bread agreeable, no not ⟦κοπάσῃ⟧ until if ⟦τελευτήσῃ⟧. **18** a_human ⟦παραβαίνων⟧ away_from the/this/who bed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_speak in/on/among the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, one/which? I/we to_ _see? darkness surrounding I/we, and the/this/who ⟦τοῖχοί⟧ I/we ⟦καλύπτουσι⟧, and none I/we to_see, one/which? ⟦εὐλαβοῦμαι⟧? the/this/who sin I/we no not ⟦μνησθήσεται⟧ the/this/who highest; **19** and eye a_human the/this/who fear he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and no to_know that/since eye lord ⟦μυριοπλασίως⟧ sun ⟦φωτεινότεροι⟧, ⟦ἐπιβλέποντες⟧ all road a_human, and ⟦κατανοοῦντες⟧ toward ⟦ἀπόκρυφα⟧ part. **20** ⟦Πρινὴ⟧ ⟦κτισθῆναι⟧ the/this/who all to_ _know he/she/it/self, thus(-ly) and with/after the/this/who ⟦συντελεσθῆναι⟧. **21** this/he/she/it in/on/among wide city ⟦ἐκδικηθήσεται⟧, and which/whither no ⟦ὑπενόησε⟧ ⟦πιασθήσεται⟧. **22** thus(-ly) and woman ⟦καταλιποῦσα⟧ the/this/who man, and ⟦παριστῶσα⟧ heir out_from ⟦ἀλλοτρίου⟧. **23** first on_one_hand for in/on/among law highest ⟦ἠπείθησε⟧, and secondly toward man my/your/him-self ⟦ἐπλημμέλησε⟧, and the/this/who third in/on/among sexual_sin ⟦ἐμοιχεύθη⟧, out_from ⟦ἀλλοτρίου⟧ man child to_stand_by. **24** this/he/she/it toward assembly ⟦ἐξαχθήσεται⟧, and upon/to/against the/this/who child he/she/it/self oversight to_be. **25** no ⟦διαδώσουσι⟧ the/this/who child he/she/it/self toward root, and the/this/who branch he/she/it/self no to_give fruit. **26** to_ _leave_behind toward curse the/this/who memorial he/she/it/self, and the/this/who disgrace he/she/it/self no ⟦ἐξαλειφθήσεται⟧. **27** and ⟦ἐπιγνώσονται⟧ the/this/who ⟦καταλειφθέντες⟧, that/since none greater fear lord, and none ⟦γλυκύτερον⟧ of_the to_watch_out commandment lord.

Readers' Version

If he's sworn falsely, he won't be justified,
for his house will be filled with calamities.
12 There's a manner of speech that's clothed with death.
Let it not be found in the heritage of Ya'akov (Jacob),
for all these things will be far from the godly,
and they won't wallow in sins.
13 Don't accustom your mouth to gross rudeness,
for it involves sinful speech.
14 Remember your father and your mother,
for you sit among great men,
that you be not forgetful before them,
and become a fool by your bad habit;
so you may wish that you hadn't been born,
and curse the day of your birth.
15 A man who's accustomed to abusive language
won't be corrected all the days of his life.

Sexual sin and its consequences

16 Two sorts of people multiply sins,
and the third will bring anger:
a hot passion, like a burning fire, won't be quenched until it's consumed;
a fornicator in the body of his flesh will never cease until he has burnt out the fire.
17 All bread is sweet to a fornicator.
He won't cease until he dies.
18 A man who goes astray from his own marriage bed
says in his heart, "Who sees me?
Darkness is around me, and the walls hide me.
No one sees me. Of whom am I afraid?
The Most High won't remember my sins."
19 Men's eyes are his terror.
He doesn't know that the master's eyes are ten thousand times brighter than the sun,
seeing all the ways of men,
and looking into secret places.
20 All things were known to him before they were created,
and also after they were completed.
21 This man will be punished in the streets of the city.
He'll be seized where he least expects it.
22 So also is a wife who leaves her husband,
and produces an heir by another man.
23 Because first, she was disobedient in the Most High's law.
Second, she trespassed against her own husband.
Third, she played the adulteress in fornication,
and had children by another man.
24 She'll be brought out into the congregation.
Her punishment will extend to her children.
25 Her children won't take root.
Her branches will bear no fruit.
26 She'll leave her memory for a curse.
Her reproach won't be blotted out.
27 And those who are left behind will know that there's nothing better than the fear of the master,
and nothing sweeter than to heed the master's command-

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Wisdom makes her home among God's people

24:1 Wisdom will praise her own soul,
and will proclaim her glory among her people.
2 She'll open her mouth in the congregation of the Most High,
and proclaim her glory in the presence of his power.
3 "I came out of the Most High's mouth,
and covered the earth as a mist.
4 I lived in high places,
and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud.
5 Alone I surrounded the circuit of heaven,
and walked in the depth of the abyss.
6 In the waves of the sea, and in all the earth,
and in every people and nation, I obtained a possession.
7 With all these I tried to find rest.
In whose inheritance will I stay?
8 Then the Creator of all things gave me a command.
He who created me made my tent to rest,
and said, 'Let your dwelling be in Ya'akov (Jacob),
and your inheritance in Yisrael (Israel).'
9 He created me from the beginning, before the ages.
Because all ages, I won't cease to exist.
10 In the holy tabernacle, I ministered before him.
So I was established in Tsiyon (Zion).
11 In the beloved city, likewise he gave me rest.
In Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was my domain.
12 I took root in a people that was honoured,
even in the portion of the master's own inheritance.
13 I was exalted like a cedar in Levanon,
And like a cypress tree on the mountains of Hermon.
14 I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore,
like rose bushes in Yeriho (Jericho),
and like a fair olive tree in the plain.
I was exalted like a plane tree.
15 Like cinnamon and aspalathus, I've given a scent to perfumes.
Like choice myrrh, I spread abroad a pleasant fragrance,
like[64] galbanum, onycha, stacte,
and as the smell of frankincense in the tabernacle.
16 Like the terebinth, I stretched out my branches.
My branches are glorious and graceful.
17 Like the vine, I put forth grace.
My flowers are the fruit of glory and riches. 18 [65]
19 "Come to me, all you who desire me,
and be filled with my fruits.
20 Because my memory is sweeter than honey,
and my inheritance than the honeycomb.
21 Those who eat me will be hungry for more.

Literal Version

24:1 the/this/who wisdom ⟦αἰνέσει⟧ soul he/she/it/self, and in/on/among midst a_people he/she/it/self ⟦καυχήσεται⟧. 2 in/on/among assembly highest mouth he/she/it/self opening, and before power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦καυχήσεται⟧. 3 I/we away_from mouth highest to_go_out, and which/how fog ⟦κατεκάλυψα⟧ earth. 4 I/we in/on/among high ⟦κατεσκήνωσα⟧, and the/this/who throne I/we in/on/among ⟦στύλῳ⟧ cloud. 5 ⟦Γῦρον⟧ heaven ⟦ἐκύκλωσα⟧ abode, and in/on/among deep ⟦ἀβύσσων⟧ ⟦περιεπάτησα⟧. 6 in/on/among ⟦κύμασι⟧ sea and in/on/among all the/this/who earth, and in/on/among all a_people and Gentile_nation to_posses. 7 with/after this/he/she/it all rest ⟦ἐζήτησα⟧, and in/on/among inheritance which? ⟦αὐλισθήσομαι⟧. 8 then to_order I/we the/this/who creator all, and the/this/who to_create I/we to_keep_from the/this/who tent I/we, and to_say, in/on/among Yakōb ⟦κατασκήνωσον⟧, and in/on/among Israaʸl ⟦κατακληρονομήθητι⟧. 9 before of_the an_age away_from beginning to_create I/we, and until an_age no not ⟦ἐκλίπω⟧. 10 in/on/among tent holy before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐλειτούργησα⟧, and thus(-ly) in/on/among Siōn ⟦ἐστηρίχθην⟧. 11 in/on/among city ⟦ἠγαπημένῃ⟧ similarly I/we to_keep_from, and in/on/among Yerousalaʸm the/this/who authority I/we. 12 and ⟦ἐῤῥίζωσα⟧ in/on/among a_people ⟦δεδοξασμένῳ⟧, in/on/among ⟦μερίδι⟧ lord inheritance he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 13 which/how Kidron ⟦ἀνυψώθην⟧ in/on/among Libanōi, and which/how cypress in/on/among mountain Aermōn. 14 which/how palm ⟦ἀνυψώθην⟧ in/on/among ⟦αἰγιαλοῖς⟧, and which/how ⟦φυτὰ⟧ ⟦ῥόδου⟧ in/on/among Hierikῡ̃; which/how olive_tree beautiful in/on/among ⟦πεδίῳ⟧, and ⟦ἀνυψώθην⟧ which/how plane_tree. 15 which/how cinnamon and ⟦ἀσπάλαθος⟧ spices to_give aroma, and which/how myrrh select ⟦διέδωκα⟧ Euodia; which/how galbanum and a_claw and balsam, and which/how ⟦λιβάνου⟧ vapour in/on/among tent. 16 I/we which/how ⟦τερέμινθος⟧ ⟦ἐξέτεινα⟧ branch I/we, and the/this/who branch I/we branch glory and grace. 17 I/we which/how vine to_sprout because_of/grace, and the/this/who ⟦ἄνθη⟧ I/we fruit glory and riches. 19 ⟦Προσέλθετε⟧ to/with I/we the/this/who ⟦ἐπιθυμοῦντές⟧ I/we, and away_from the/this/who ⟦γεννημάτων⟧ I/we ⟦ἐμπλήσθητε⟧. 20 the/this/who for memorial I/we above/for honey sweet, and the/this/who inheritance I/we above/for ⟦μέλιτος⟧ ⟦κηροῦ⟧. 21 the/this/who to_eat I/we still to_hunger, and the/this/who to_drink I/we still to_thirst. 22 the/this/who ⟦ὑπακούων⟧ I/we no ⟦αἰσχυνθήσεται⟧, and the/this/who to_work in/on/among I/we/my no ⟦ἁμαρτήσουσι⟧. 23 this/he/she/it all book covenant God highest, law which to_order Mōusaʸs, inheritance synagogue Yakōb. 25 the/this/who ⟦πιμπλῶν⟧ which/how Feisōn wisdom, and which/how Tigris in/on/among day ⟦νέων⟧; 26 the/this/who to_fulfil which/how Eufrataʸs understanding, and which/how

63 RV 23:28 · Note Verse 28 is omitted by the best authorities.

64 RV 24:15 · Note See Exodus 30:34.

65 RV 24:18 · Note Verse 18 is omitted by the best authorities.

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Yordanaʸs in/on/among day harvest; **27** the/this/who ⟦ἐκφαίνων⟧ which/how light discipline, which/how Gaʸōn in/on/among day ⟦τρυγητοῦ⟧. **28** no ⟦συνετέλεσεν⟧ the/this/who first to_know he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and thus(-ly) the/this/who last/least no ⟦ἐξιχνίασεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; **29** away_from for sea to_ _multiply thought he/she/it/self, and the/this/who plan he/she/it/self away_from abyss great. **30** I/we/and_I which/how an_aqueduct away_from river, and which/how an_ _aqueduct to_go_out toward paradise. **31** to_say, ⟦ποτιῶ⟧ I/we the/this/who garden, and ⟦μεθύσω⟧ I/we the/this/who ⟦πρασιάν⟧; and look! to_be I/we the/this/who an_aqueduct toward river, and the/this/who river I/we to_be toward sea. **32** still discipline which/how dawn ⟦φωτιῶ⟧, and ⟦ἐκφανῶ⟧ he/she/it/self until toward long/distant. **33** still teaching which/how prophecy to_pour_out, and ⟦καταλείψω⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self toward generation an_age. **34** to_perceive that/since no I/we/my alone to_labour, but all the/this/who to_seek_out he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self.

25:1 in/on/among three ⟦ὡραΐσθην⟧, and ⟦ἀνέστην⟧ beautiful/timely before lord and a_human; concord brother, and friendship the/this/who near/neighbour, and woman and man my/your/him-self ⟦συπεριφερόμενοι⟧. **2** three but/and ⟦εἴδη⟧ to_hate the/this/who soul I/we, and be_angry very the/this/who life he/she/it/self; poor ⟦ὑπερήφανον⟧, and rich liar, ⟦γέροντα⟧ ⟦μοιχὸν⟧ ⟦ἐλαττούμενον⟧ understanding. **3** in/on/among ⟦νεότητι⟧ no ⟦συναγήοχας⟧, and how?/how?! if ⟦εὕροις⟧ in/on/among the/this/who old_age you? **4** which/how ⟦ὡραῖον⟧ ⟦πολιαῖς⟧ judgement, and elder to_ _come_to_know plan? **5** which/how beautiful/timely ⟦γερόντων⟧ wisdom, and ⟦δεδοξασμένοις⟧ thought and plan. **6** Stephen/crown ⟦γερόντων⟧ great_experience, and the/this/who pride he/she/it/self fear lord. **7** nine ⟦ὑπονοήματα⟧ ⟦ἐμακάρισα⟧ in/on/among heart, and the/this/who tenth to_say upon/to/against tongue; a_human to_celebrate upon/to/against child, to_live and to_see upon/to/against ⟦πτώσει⟧ enemy. **8** blessed the/this/who ⟦συνοικῶν⟧ woman ⟦συνετῇ⟧, and which in/on/among tongue no ⟦ὠλίσθησε⟧, and which no be_a_slave ⟦ἀναξίῳ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **9** blessed which to_ _find/meet ⟦φρόνησιν⟧, and the/this/who ⟦διηγούμενος⟧ toward ear to_hear. **10** which/how great the/this/who to_

Readers' Version

Those who drink me will be thirsty for more.
22 He who obeys me won't be ashamed.
Those who work with me won't sin."

Wisdom in God's law

23 All these things are the book of the Most High God's covenant,
the law which Mosheh (Moses) commanded us for an inheritance for the assemblies of Ya'akov (Jacob). **24** [66]
25 It's he who makes wisdom abundant, as Pishon,
and as Hidekel in the days of first fruits.
26 He makes understanding full as the Perat (Euphrates),
and as the Yarden (Jordan) in the days of harvest,
27 who makes instruction shine forth as the light,
as Gihon in the days of vintage.
28 The first man didn't know her perfectly.
In the same way, the last hasn't explored her.
29 Because her thoughts are filled from the sea,
and her counsels from the great deep.

Passing wisdom on to others

30 I came out as a canal stream from a river,
and as an irrigation ditch into a garden.
31 I said, "I'll water my garden,
and will drench my garden bed."
Listen, my stream became a river,
and my river became a sea.
32 I'll yet bring instruction to light as the morning,
and will make these things clear from far away.
33 I'll continue to pour out teaching like prophecy,
and leave it to all generations.
34 See that I haven't laboured for myself only,
but for all those who diligently seek wisdom.

Things that bring happiness and honour

25:1 I enjoy three things,
and they're beautiful before the master and men:
the agreement of kindred,
the friendship of neighbours,
and a woman and her husband who walk together in agreement.
2 But my soul hates three sorts of people,
and I'm greatly offended at their life:
a poor man who's arrogant,
a rich man who's a liar,
and an old fool who's an adulterer.
3 If you gathered nothing in your youth,
how could you find anything in your old age?
4 How beautiful a thing is judgement in the grey-haired,
and for elders to know good counsel!
5 How beautiful is the wisdom of old men,
and understanding and counsel to men who are in honour!
6 Much experience is the crown of the aged.
Their glory is the fear of the master.

66 RV 24:24 · Note Verse 24 is omitted by the best authorities.

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7 There are nine things that I've thought of, and in my heart counted happy,
and the tenth I'll utter with my tongue:
a man who has joy with his children,
and a man who lives and sees the fall of his enemies.
8 Happy is he who lives with a wife of understanding,
he who hasn't slipped with his tongue,
and he who hasn't served a man who's unworthy of him.
9 Happy is he who's found prudence,
and he who speaks in the ears of those who listen.
10 How great is he who's found wisdom!
Yet is there none above him who fears the master.
11 The fear of the master surpasses all things.
Who can someone who holds it be compared to? 12 [67]
13 Any wound but a wound of the heart!
Any wickedness but the wickedness of a woman!
14 Any calamity but a calamity from those who hate me!
Any vengeance but the vengeance of enemies!
15 There's no venom worse than a snake's venom.
There's no anger worse than an enemy's anger.
16 I'd rather live with a lion and a dragon
than keep house with a wicked woman.
17 The wickedness of a woman changes her appearance,
and darkens her face like that of a bear.
18 Her husband will sit among his neighbours,
and when he hears it, he sighs bitterly.
19 All malice is small compared to the malice of a woman.
Let the portion of a sinner fall on her.
20 As walking up a sandy hill is to the feet of the aged,
so is a wife full of words to a quiet man.
21 Don't be ensnared by a woman's beauty.
Don't desire a woman for her beauty.
22 There's anger, impudence, and great reproach
if a woman supports her husband.
23 A wicked woman is abasement of heart,
a sad expression, and a wounded heart.
A woman who won't make her husband happy
is like hands that hang down, and weak knees.
24 The beginning of sin came from a woman.
Because of her, we all die.
25 Don't give water an outlet,
and don't give a wicked woman freedom of speech.
26 If she doesn't go as you direct,
cut her away from your flesh.[68]
26:1 Happy is the husband of a good wife.
The number of his days will be doubled.
2 A faithful wife gives joy to her husband.
He'll fulfil his years in peace.
3 A good wife is a great gift.

Good and bad wives

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_find/meet wisdom, but no to_be above/for the/this/who ⟦φοβούμενον⟧ the/this/who lord. 11 fear lord above/for all ⟦ὑπερέβαλεν⟧, the/this/who to_grasp/seize he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which? to_liken? 13 all plague/blow/wound and not plague/blow/wound heart, and all evil and not evil woman; 14 all ⟦ἐπαγωγήν⟧ and not ⟦ἐπαγωγὴν⟧ to_hate, and all vengeance and not vengeance enemy. 15 no he_is head above/for head snake, and no he_is wrath above/for wrath enemy. 16 ⟦Συνοικῆσαι⟧ lion and dragon ⟦εὐδοκήσω⟧, or/than ⟦ἐνοικῆσαι⟧ with/after woman evil/bad. 17 evil woman ⟦ἀλλοιοῖ⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὅρασιν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦σκοτοῖ⟧ the/this/who face he/she/it/self which/how ⟦σάκκον⟧. 18 ⟦Ἀναμέσον⟧ of_the near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀναπεσεῖται⟧ the/this/who man he/she/it/self, and to_hear ⟦ἀνεστέναξε⟧ ⟦πικρά⟧. 19 small all evil to/with evil woman; lot ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧ ⟦ἐπιπέσοι⟧ he/she/it/self. 20 ascending ⟦ἀμμώδης⟧ in/on/among foot elder; thus(-ly) woman talkative man ⟦ἡσύχῳ⟧. 21 not ⟦προσπέσῃς⟧ upon/to/against beauty woman, and woman not ⟦ἐπιποθήσῃς⟧. 22 wrath and shamelessnes and shame great, woman if ⟦ἐπιχορηγῇ⟧ the/this/who man he/she/it/self. 23 heart ⟦ταπεινὴ⟧ and face ⟦σκυθρωπὸν⟧ and plague/blow/wound heart woman evil/bad; hand ⟦παρειμέναι⟧ and a_knee to_paralyse, who/which no ⟦μακαριεῖ⟧ the/this/who man he/she/it/self. 24 away_from woman beginning sin, and through/because_of he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self to_die all. 25 not to_give water ⟦διέξοδον⟧, nor woman ⟦πωνηρᾷ⟧ authority. 26 if not to_ _travel according_to hand you, away_from the/this/who flesh you ⟦ἀπότεμε⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self.

26:1 woman good-doer blessed the/this/who man, and number the/this/who day he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦διπλάσιος⟧. 2 woman courage ⟦εὐφραίνει⟧ the/this/who man he/she/it/self, and the/this/who year he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ _fulfill in/on/among peace. 3 woman good-doer part

67 **RV 25:12 · Note** Verse 12 is omitted by the best authorities.

68 **RV 25:26 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

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good-doer, in/on/among ⟦μερίδι⟧ ⟦φοβουμένων⟧ lord to_give.
4 rich but/and and ⟦πτωχοῦ⟧ heart good-doer, in/on/among all time/right_time face cheerful. **5** away_from three ⟦εὐλαβήθη⟧ the/this/who heart I/we, and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦τετάρτῳ⟧ face to_pray; ⟦διαβολὴν⟧ city, and assembly crowd, and ⟦καταψευσμὸν⟧ above/for death, all ⟦μοχθηρά⟧. **6** pain heart and grief woman a_rival upon/to/against woman, and whip tongue all ⟦ἐπικοινωνοῦσα⟧. **7** ox-yoke to_shake woman evil/bad, the/this/who to_grasp/seize he/she/it/self which/how the/this/who to_catch scorpion. **8** wrath great woman drunkard, and indecency he/she/it/self no ⟦συγκαλύψει⟧. **9** sexual_sin woman in/on/among ⟦μετεωρισμοῖς⟧ eye, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦βλεφάροις⟧ he/she/it/self to_know. **10** upon/to/against daughter ⟦ἀδιατρέπτῳ⟧ ⟦στερέωσον⟧ prison/watch, in_order_ _that/to not to_find/meet rest my/your/him-self ⟦χρήσηται⟧.
11 after ⟦ἀναιδοῦς⟧ eye to_keep/guard, and not to_marvel if toward you ⟦πλημμελήσῃ⟧; **12** which/how to_thirst a_traveller the/this/who mouth to_open, and away_from all water of_the in_the_vicinity to_drink, before all ⟦πασσάλου⟧ ⟦καθήσεται⟧, and before ⟦βέλους⟧ opening ⟦φαρέτραν⟧. **13** grace woman ⟦τέρψει⟧ the/this/who man he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦πιανεῖ⟧ the/this/who higher_knowledge he/she/it/self. **14** gift lord woman ⟦σιγηρὰ⟧, and no to_be in_exchange ⟦πεπαιδευμένης⟧ soul. **15** grace upon/to/against grace woman ⟦αἰσχυντηρὰ⟧, and no he_is a_doorpost all worthy ⟦ἐγκρατοῦς⟧ soul. **16** sun ⟦ἀνατέλλων⟧ in/on/among highest lord, and beauty good-doer woman in/on/among world home
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **17** lamp ⟦ἐκλάμπων⟧ upon/to/against lampstand holy, and beauty face upon/to/against age/height ⟦στασίμῃ⟧. **18** pillar ⟦χρύσεοι⟧ upon/to/against ⟦βάσεως⟧ ⟦ἀργυρᾶς⟧, and foot beautiful/timely upon/to/against ⟦στέρνοις⟧ ⟦εὐσταθοῦς⟧.
28 upon/to/against two ⟦λελύπηται⟧ the/this/who heart I/we, and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦τρίτῳ⟧ wrath I/we ⟦ἐπῆλθεν⟧; man a_warrior to_lack through/because_of ⟦ἔνδειαν⟧, and man ⟦συνετοὶ⟧ if ⟦σκυβαλισθῶσιν⟧; to_put_ _up/back/off away_from righteousness upon/to/against sin, the/this/who lord ⟦ἑτοιμάσει⟧ toward sword he/she/it/self.
29 hardly ⟦ἐξελεῖται⟧ trader/merchant away_from ⟦πλημμελείας⟧, and no to_justify a_peddler away_from sin.

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She'll be given to those who fear the master.
4 Whether a man is rich or poor,
a good heart makes a cheerful face at all times.
5 Of three things my heart was afraid,
and about the fourth[69] kind I made supplication:
The slander of a city, the assembly of a mob, and a false accusation.
All these are more grievous than death.
6 A grief of heart and sorrow is a woman who's jealous of another woman.
Her tongue-lashing makes it known to all.
7 A wicked woman is like a chafing yoke.
He who takes hold of her is like one who grasps a scorpion.
8 A drunken woman causes great anger.
She won't cover her own shame.
9 The fornication of a woman is in the lifting up of her eyes;
it'll be known by her eyelids.
10 Keep strict watch on a headstrong daughter,
or she might find an opportunity and take it.
11 Watch out for an impudent eye,
and don't be surprised if it sins against you.
12 She'll open her mouth like a thirsty traveller,
and drink from every water that's near.
She'll sit down at every post,
and open her quiver to any arrow.
13 The grace of a wife will delight her husband.
Her knowledge will strengthen[70] his bones.
14 A silent woman is a gift of the master.
There's nothing worth so much as a well-instructed soul.
15 A modest woman is grace on grace.
There are no scales that can weigh the value of a self-controlled soul.
16 As the sun when it arises in the highest places of the master,
so is the beauty of a good wife in her well-organised home.
17 As the lamp that shines on the holy lampstand,
so is the beauty of the face on a well-proportioned body.
18 As the golden pillars are on a base of silver,
so are beautiful feet with the breasts of one who's steadfast.
19–27 [71]

Honour, hardship, and honest business

28 Because two things my heart is grieved,
and for the third anger comes on me:
a warrior who suffers for poverty,
men of understanding who are counted as garbage,
and one who turns back from righteousness to sin—
the master will prepare him for the sword!
29 It's difficult for a merchant to keep himself from wrong doing,
and for a retailer to be acquitted of sin.

69 **RV 26:5 · Note** Grk. countenance.

70 **RV 26:13 · Note** or, fatten

71 **RV 26:19-27 · Note** Verses 19-27 are omitted by the best authorities.

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27:1 Many have sinned for profit.
He who seeks to multiply wealth will turn his eye away.
2 As a nail will stick fast between the joinings of stones,
so sin will thrust itself in between buying and selling.
3 Unless a person holds on diligently to the fear of the master,
his house will be overthrown quickly.
4 In the shaking of a sieve, the refuse remains,
so does the filth of man in his thoughts.

Words reveal a person's character

5 The furnace tests the potter's vessels;
so the test of a person is in his thoughts.
6 The fruit of a tree discloses its cultivation,
so is the utterance of the thought of a person's heart.
7 Praise no man before you hear his thoughts,
for this is how people are tested.
8 If you follow righteousness, you'll obtain it,
and put it on like a long robe of glory.
9 Birds will return to their own kind,
so truth will return to those who practise it.
10 The lion lies in wait for prey.
So does sin for those who do evil.
11 The discourse of a godly man is always wise,
but the fool changes like the moon.
12 Limit your time among people void of understanding,
but persevere among the thoughtful.
13 The talk of fools is offensive.
Their laughter is wantonly sinful.
14 Their talk with much swearing makes hair stand upright.
Their strife makes others plug their ears.
15 The strife of the proud leads to bloodshed.
Their abuse of each other is a grievous thing to hear.

Keep your friends' secrets

16 He who reveals secrets destroys trust,
and won't find a close friend.
17 Love a friend, and keep faith with him;
but if you reveal his secrets,
you won't catch him;
18 for as a man has destroyed his enemy,
so you've destroyed the friendship of your neighbour.
19 As a bird which you've released out of your hand,
so you've let your neighbour go, and you won't catch him again.
20 Don't pursue him, for he's gone far away,
and has escaped like a gazelle out of the snare.
21 Because a wound may be bound up, and after abuse there may be reconciliation;
but he who reveals secrets is without hope.

Deceit and wrongdoing bring their own punishment

22 One who winks the eye contrives evil things;
and those who know him will keep their distance.
23 When you're present, he'll speak sweetly,
and will admire your words;

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27:1 because_of/grace ⟦ἀδιαφόρου⟧ much to_sin, and the/this/who to_seek ⟦πληθύναι⟧ to_turn_away eye. 2 ⟦Ἀναμέσον⟧ joint stone ⟦παγήσεται⟧ a_peg, and ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ ⟦πράσεως⟧ and ⟦ἀγορασμοῦ⟧ to_break sin. 3 if not in/on/among fear lord ⟦κρατήσῃ⟧ according_to diligence, in/on/among quickness ⟦καταστραφήσεται⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who house. 4 in/on/among ⟦σείσματι⟧ ⟦κοσκίνου⟧ to_remain manure, thus(-ly) garbage a_human in/on/among ⟦λογισμῷ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 5 vessel potter to_test furnace/oven, and temptation/testing a_human in/on/among ⟦διαλογισμῷ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 6 farm_ _field wood ⟦ἐκφαίνει⟧ the/this/who fruit he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, thus(-ly) word ⟦ἐνθυμήματος⟧ heart a_human. 7 before ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧ not ⟦ἐπαινέσῃς⟧ man, this/he/she/it for temptation/testing a_ _human. 8 if ⟦διώκῃς⟧ the/this/who just, ⟦καταλήψῃ⟧, and ⟦ἐνδύσῃ⟧ he/she/it/self which/how floorlength glory. 9 bird to/with the/this/who like he/she/it/self to_destroy/lodge, and truth to/with the/this/who to_work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦ἐπανήξει⟧. 10 lion trap ⟦ἐνεδρεύει⟧, thus(-ly) sin to_work ⟦ἄδικα⟧. 11 narrative ⟦εὐσεβοῦς⟧ always wisdom, the/this/who but/and foolish which/how moon ⟦ἀλλοιοῦται⟧. 12 toward midst ⟦ἀσυνέτων⟧ ⟦συντήρησον⟧ time/right_time, toward midst but/and ⟦διανοουμένων⟧ ⟦ἐνδελέχιζε⟧. 13 narrative ⟦μωρῶν⟧ a_ _loathsome_thing, and the/this/who laughter he/she/it/self in/on/among bracelet sin. 14 speech ⟦πολυόρκου⟧ ⟦ὀρθώσει⟧ hair, and the/this/who quarrel he/she/it/self an_obstruction ⟦ὠτίων⟧. 15 an_outpouring blood quarrel ⟦ὑπερηφάνων⟧, and the/this/who railing,_abuse he/she/it/self hearing ⟦μοχθηρά⟧. 16 the/this/who ⟦ἀποκαλύπτων⟧ mystery to_destroy faith, and no not to_find/meet friendly/friend to/with the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 17 ⟦Στέρξον⟧ friendly/friend, and ⟦πιστώθητι⟧ with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; if but/and ⟦ἀποκαλύψῃς⟧ the/this/who mystery he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, no not ⟦καταδιώξῃς⟧ after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 18 as/just_as for to_destroy a_human the/this/who enemy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, thus(-ly) ⟦ἀπώλεσας⟧ the/this/who ⟦φιλίαν⟧ of_the ⟦πλησίου⟧; 19 and which/how a_ _bird out_from hand you ⟦ἀπελύσας⟧, thus(-ly) to_release the/this/who near/neighbour, and no ⟦θηρεύσεις⟧ he/she/it/self. 20 not he/she/it/self ⟦διώξῃς⟧, that/since long/distant to_leave, and ⟦ἐξέφυγεν⟧ which/how Dorcas out_ _from trap. 21 that/since outbreak he_is ⟦καταδῆσαι⟧, and reviling he_is ⟦διαλλαγή⟧; the/this/who but/and ⟦ἀποκαλύψας⟧ mystery ⟦ἀπήλπισε⟧. 22 to_signify eye ⟦τεκταίνει⟧ evil/harm, and none he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦ἀποστήσει⟧ away_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 23 opposite the/this/who eye you ⟦γλυκανεῖ⟧ mouth you, and upon/to/against the/this/who word you ⟦ἐκθαυμάσει⟧, later but/and ⟦διαστρέψει⟧ the/this/who mouth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among the/this/who word you to_give stumbling_block. 24 much to_ _hate and no ⟦ὡμοίωσα⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who lord

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to_hate he/she/it/self. **25** the/this/who throwing stone toward height upon/to/against head
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_throw, and plague/blow/wound ⟦δολία⟧ ⟦διελεῖ⟧ wound. **26** the/this/who ⟦ὀρύσσων⟧ ⟦βόθρον⟧ toward he/she/it/self ⟦ἐμπεσεῖται⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἱστῶν⟧ trap in/on/among he/she/it/self ⟦ἁλώσεται⟧. **27** the/this/who to_do/make evil/bad toward he/she/it/self ⟦κυλισθήσεται⟧, and no not to_come_to_know whence/how to_come/be_present he/she/it/self. **28** jeering and reproach ⟦ὑπερηφάνων⟧, and the/this/who vengeance which/how lion ⟦ἐνεδρεύσει⟧ he/she/it/self. **29** ⟦Παγίδι⟧ ⟦ἁλώσονται⟧ the/this/who ⟦εὐφραινόμενοι⟧ ⟦πτώσει⟧ ⟦εὐσεβῶν⟧, and anguish ⟦καταναλώσει⟧ he/she/it/self before of_the death he/she/it/self. **30** vehement_anger and wrath, and this/he/she/it he_is ⟦βδελύγματα⟧, and man sinful self-controlled to_be he/she/it/self.

28:1 the/this/who ⟦ἐκδίκων⟧ from_with lord to_find/meet vengeance, and the/this/who sin
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦διατηρῶν⟧ ⟦διατηρήσει⟧. **2** to_release crime the/this/who near/neighbour you, and then ⟦δεηθέντος⟧ you the/this/who/which sin you to_loose. **3** a_human a_human ⟦συντηρεῖ⟧ wrath, and from_ _with lord to_seek healing. **4** upon/to/against a_human like he/she/it/self no to_have/be mercy, and about the/this/who sin he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦δεῖται⟧. **5** he/she/it/self flesh to_be ⟦διατηρεῖ⟧ ⟦μῆνιν⟧, one/which? ⟦ἐξιλάσεται⟧ the/this/who sin
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? **6** to_remember the/this/who last/least, and ⟦παῦσαι⟧ ⟦ἔχθραίνων⟧; ⟦καταφθορὰν⟧ and death, and ⟦ἔμμενε⟧ commandment. **7** to_ _remember commandment, and not ⟦μηνίσῃς⟧ the/this/who near/neighbour; and covenant highest, and ⟦πάριδε⟧ ignorance. **8** ⟦Ἀπόσχου⟧ away_from ⟦μάχης⟧, and ⟦ἐλαττώσεις⟧ sin; a_human for inclined_to_rage ⟦ἐκκαύσει⟧ ⟦μάχην⟧. **9** and man sinful ⟦ταράξει⟧ friendly/friend, and ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ ⟦εἰρηνευόντων⟧ ⟦ἐμβάλλει⟧ ⟦διαβολήν⟧. **10** according_to the/this/who forest fire thus(-ly) ⟦ἐκκαυθήσεται⟧, according_ _to the/this/who strength of_the a_human the/this/who wrath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_be, and according_to the/this/who riches ⟦ἀνυψώσει⟧ wrath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and according_to the/this/who ⟦στερέωσιν⟧ the/this/who ⟦μάχης⟧ ⟦ἐκκαυθήσεται⟧. **11** quarrel ⟦κατασπευδομένη⟧ ⟦ἐκκαίει⟧ fire, and quarrel ⟦κατασπεύδουσα⟧ ⟦ἐκχέει⟧ blood. **12** if ⟦φυσήσῃς⟧ ⟦σπινθῆρα⟧ ⟦ἐκκαήσεται⟧, and if ⟦πτύσῃς⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦σβεσθήσεται⟧; and both out_from of_the mouth you to_depart. **13** ⟦Ψίθυρον⟧ and ⟦δίγλωσσον⟧ ⟦καταρᾶσθαι⟧, much for ⟦εἰρηνεύοντας⟧ ⟦ἀπώλεσαν⟧. **14** tongue third much to_shake, and ⟦διέστησεν⟧ he/she/it/self away_from Gentile_ _nation toward Gentile_nation, and city ⟦ὀχυρὰς⟧ to_take_ _down, and home ⟦μεγιστάνων⟧ to_overturn. **15** tongue third woman ⟦ἀνδρείας⟧ to_expel, and ⟦ἐστέρησεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who travail he/she/it/self. **16** the/this/who ⟦προσέχων⟧ he/she/it/self no not to_find/meet rest, and_not

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but afterward he'll twist his speech
and set a trap in your words.
24 I've hated many things, but nothing like him.
The master will hate him.
25 One who casts a stone straight up casts it on his own head.
A deceitful blow opens wounds.
26 He who digs a pit will fall into it.
He who sets a snare will be caught in it.
27 He who does evil things, they'll roll back on him,
and he won't know where they came from.
28 Mockery and reproach are from the arrogant.
Vengeance lies in wait for them like a lion.
29 Those who rejoice at the fall of the godly will be caught in a snare.
Anguish will consume them before they die.

Forgive others and let go of anger

30 Anger and anger, these also are abominations.
A sinner will possess them.
28:1 He who takes vengeance will find vengeance from the master,
and he'll surely make his sins firm.
2 Forgive your neighbour the hurt that he's done,
and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.
3 Does anyone harbour anger against another
and expect healing from the master?
4 On a man like himself he has no mercy,
and does he make supplication for his own sins?
5 He himself, being flesh, nourishes anger.
Who'll make atonement for his sins?
6 Remember your last end, and stop enmity.
Remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments.
7 Remember the commandments, and don't be angry with your neighbour.
Remember the covenant of the Highest, and overlook ignorance.

Quarrels and the damage caused by slander

8 Abstain from strife, and you'll diminish your sins,
for a passionate man will kindle strife.
9 A man who's a sinner will trouble friends
and sow discord among those who are at peace.
10 As is the fuel of the fire, so it'll burn;
and as the stoutness of the strife is, so it'll burn.
As is the man's strength, so will be his anger;
and as is his wealth, so he'll exalt his anger.
11 A contention begun in haste kindles a fire;
and hasty fighting sheds blood.
12 If you blow on a spark, it'll burn;
and if you spit on it, it'll be quenched.
Both of these come out of your mouth.
13 Curse the whisperer and double-tongued,
for he's destroyed many who were at peace.

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14 A slanderer has shaken many,
and dispersed them from nation to nation.
It's pulled down strong cities
and overthrown great men's houses.
15 A slanderer has thrown out brave women
and deprived them of their labours.
16 He who listens to it won't find rest,
nor will he live quietly.
17 The stroke of a whip makes a mark in the flesh,
but the stroke of a tongue will break bones.
18 Many have fallen by the edge of the sword,
yet not so many as those who've fallen because of the tongue.
19 Happy is he who's sheltered from it,
who hasn't passed through its anger,
who hasn't drawn its yoke,
and hasn't been bound with its bands.
20 Because its yoke is a yoke of iron,
and its bands are bands of brass.
21 Its death is an evil death,
and Haidais is better than it.
22 It won't have rule over godly men.
They won't be burnt in its flame.
23 Those who forsake the master will fall into it.
It'll burn among them, and won't be quenched.
It'll be sent against them like a lion.
It'll destroy them like a leopard.
24 As you hedge your possession about with thorns,
and secure your silver and your gold,
25 so make a balance and a weight for your words,
and make a door and a bar for your mouth.
26 Be careful not to slip with it,
or you might fall before someone lying in wait.

Loans, generosity, and helping the poor

29:1 He who shows mercy will lend to his neighbour.
He who strengthens him with his hand keeps the commandments.
2 Lend to your neighbour in time of his need.
Repay your neighbour on time.
3 Confirm your word, and keep faith with him;
and at all seasons you'll find what you need.
4 Many have considered a loan to be a windfall,
and have given trouble to those who helped them.
5 Until he's received, he'll kiss a man's hands.
Because his neighbour's money he'll speak submissively.
Then when payment is due, he'll prolong the time,
return excuses, and complain about the season.
6 If he prevails, the creditor will hardly receive half;
and he'll count it as a windfall.
If not, he's deprived him of his money,
and he has gotten him for an enemy without cause.
He'll pay him with cursing and railing.

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to_dwell with/after quietness. 17 plague/blow/wound whip to_
_do/make ⟦μώλωπας⟧, plague/blow/wound but/and tongue
⟦συγκλάσει⟧ ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧. 18 much to_collapse in/on/among mouth
sword, and no which/how the/this/who ⟦πεπτωκότες⟧
through/because_of tongue. 19 blessed the/this/who
⟦σκεπασθεὶς⟧ away_from he/she/it/self, which no to_pass_
_through in/on/among the/this/who ⟦θυμῷ⟧ he/she/it/self,
which no to_draw/persuade the/this/who yoke/scales
he/she/it/self, and in/on/among the/this/who chain
he/she/it/self no ⟦ἐδέθη⟧. 20 the/this/who for yoke/scales
he/she/it/self yoke/scales iron, and the/this/who ⟦δεσμοὶ⟧
he/she/it/self ⟦δεσμοὶ⟧ ⟦χάλκεοι⟧. 21 death evil/bad
the/this/who death he/she/it/self, and ⟦λυσιτελὴς⟧ more
the/this/who Hades he/she/it/self. 22 no not ⟦κρατήσῃ⟧
⟦εὐσεβῶν⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who flame
he/she/it/self no ⟦καήσονται⟧. 23 the/this/who to_leave_
_behind lord to_fall_into toward
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and in/on/among
he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκκαήσεται⟧, and no not ⟦σβεσθῇ⟧;
⟦ἐξαποσταλήσεται⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self which/how
lion, and which/how leopard ⟦λυμανεῖται⟧ he/she/it/self.
24 look!/to_perceive ⟦περίφραξον⟧ the/this/who possession
you ⟦ἀκάνθαις⟧, the/this/who money you and the/this/who
gold ⟦κατάδησον⟧; 25 and the/this/who word you to_do/make
yoke/scales and ⟦σταθμὸν⟧, and the/this/who mouth you to_
_do/make door and ⟦μοχλόν⟧. 26 to_watch_out how
⟦ὀλισθήσῃς⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self, not ⟦πέσῃς⟧ before
⟦ἐνεδρεύοντος⟧.

29:1 the/this/who to_do/make mercy ⟦δανειεῖ⟧ the/this/who
near/neighbour, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπισχύων⟧ the/this/who
hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_keep
commandment. 2 ⟦Δάνεισον⟧ the/this/who near/neighbour
in/on/among time/right_time need
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and again to_pay
the/this/who near/neighbour toward the/this/who
time/right_time. 3 ⟦Στερέωσον⟧ word, and ⟦πιστώθητι⟧
with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and
in/on/among all time/right_time to_find/meet the/this/who
need you. 4 much which/how ⟦εὕρεμα⟧ to_think ⟦δάνος⟧, and
to_furnish_occasion travail the/this/who ⟦βοηθήσασιν⟧
he/she/it/self. 5 until which/whither to_take, ⟦καταφιλήσει⟧
hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and
upon/to/against the/this/who money of_the near/neighbour
lowliness/to_humble voice/sound; and in/on/among
time/right_time ⟦ἀποδόσεως⟧ ⟦παρελκύσει⟧ time, and to_pay
word ⟦ἀκηδίας⟧, and the/this/who time/right_time
⟦αἰτιάσεται⟧. 6 if ⟦ἰσχύσῃ⟧, hardly to_bring/be_repaid
the/this/who half, and ⟦λογιεῖται⟧ he/she/it/self which/how
⟦εὕρεμα⟧; if but/and not, ⟦ἀπεστέρησεν⟧ he/she/it/self
the/this/who money he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,

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and to_posses he/she/it/self enemy free_gift/freely; curse and reviling to_pay he/she/it/self, and for glory to_pay he/she/it/self dishonour. **7** much because_of/grace evil ⟦ἀπέστρεψαν⟧, ⟦ἀποστερηθῆναι⟧ free_gift/freely ⟦εὐλαβήθησαν⟧. **8** but/however upon/to/against ⟦ταπεινῷ⟧ to_ _have_patience, and upon/to/against charity not ⟦παρελκύσῃς⟧ he/she/it/self; **9** because_of/grace commandment ⟦ἀντιλαβοῦ⟧ ⟦πένητος⟧, and according_to the/this/who ⟦ἔνδειαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there not ⟦ἀποστρέψῃς⟧ he/she/it/self empty. **10** ⟦Ἀπόλεσον⟧ money through/because_ _of brother and friendly/friend, and not ⟦ἰωθήτω⟧ by/under the/this/who stone toward destruction. **11** ⟦Θὲς⟧ the/this/who treasure you according_to commandment highest, and ⟦λυσιτελήσει⟧ you more or/than the/this/who gold. **12** ⟦Σύγκλεισον⟧ charity in/on/among the/this/who inner_ _room you, and this/he/she/it ⟦ἐξελεῖταί⟧ you out_from all ⟦κακώσεως⟧. **13** above/for ⟦ἀσπίδα⟧ power, and above/for a_ _wooden_spear ⟦ἀλκῆς⟧ before enemy ⟦πολεμήσει⟧ above/for you. **14** man good-doer ⟦ἐγγυήσεται⟧ the/this/who near/neighbour, and the/this/who ⟦ἀπολωλεκὼς⟧ ⟦αἰσχύνην⟧ to_leave_behind he/she/it/self. **15** ⟦Χάριτας⟧ ⟦ἐγγύου⟧ not ⟦ἐπιλάθῃ⟧, to_give for the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there above/for you. **16** good-doer ⟦ἐγγύου⟧ ⟦ἀνατρέψει⟧ sinful, **17** and ungrateful in/on/among mind ⟦ἐγκαταλείψει⟧ ⟦ῥυσάμενον⟧. **18** surety much to_destroy ⟦κατευθύνοντας⟧, and to_shake he/she/it/self which/how a_wave sea; man ⟦δυνατοὺς⟧ ⟦ἀπώκισε⟧, and to_lead_astray in/on/among Gentile_nation another's. **19** sinful ⟦ἐμπεσὼν⟧ toward ⟦ἐγγύην⟧, and to_pursue ⟦ἐργολαβείας⟧ ⟦ἐμπεσεῖται⟧ toward judgement. **20** ⟦Ἀντιλαβοῦ⟧ of_the near/neighbour according_to power you, and to_watch_ _out yourself not ⟦ἐμπέσῃς⟧. **21** beginning life water, and bread, and clothing, and house ⟦καλύπτων⟧ indecency. **22** greater life ⟦πτωχοῦ⟧ by/under ⟦σκέπην⟧ to_think, or/than ⟦ἐδέσματα⟧ shining in/on/among another's. **23** upon/to/against small and great goodwill to_have/be. **24** life evil/bad out_from home toward home, and which/whither ⟦παροικήσει⟧, no opening mouth. **25** ⟦Ξενιεῖς⟧ and ⟦ποτιεῖς⟧ toward ⟦ἀχάριστα⟧, and to/with upon/to/against this/he/she/it ⟦πικρὰ⟧ to_hear; **26** ⟦πάρελθε⟧ ⟦πάροικε⟧, ⟦κόσμησον⟧ table, and ⟦εἴτι⟧ in/on/among the/this/who hand you ⟦ψώμισόν⟧ I/we; **27** to_ _go_out ⟦πάροικε⟧ away_from face glory, ⟦ἐπεξένωταί⟧ I/we the/this/who brother, need the/this/who home. **28** weighty this/he/she/it a_human to_have/be ⟦φρόνησιν⟧, reproach home and reproach ⟦δανειστοῦ⟧.

30:1 the/this/who to_love the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἐνδελεχήσει⟧ whip he/she/it/self, in_order_that/to to_celebrate upon/to/against last/least he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

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Instead of honour, he'll pay him disgrace.
7 Many on account of fraud have turned away.
They're afraid of being defrauded for nothing.
8 However be patient with a man in poor estate.
Don't keep him waiting for your gift.
9 Help a poor man for the commandment's sake.
According to his need don't send him empty away.
10 Lose your money for a brother and a friend.
Don't let it rust under a stone and be lost.
11 Allocate your treasure according to the Most High's commandments
and it'll profit you more than gold.
12 Store up almsgiving in your store-chambers
and it'll deliver you out of all affliction.
13 It'll fight for you against your enemy
better than a mighty shield and a ponderous spear.

The risks of guaranteeing someone else's debt

14 A good man will be surety for his neighbour.
He who's lost shame will fail him.
15 Don't forget the kindness of your guarantor,
for he's given his life for you.
16 A sinner will waste the property of his guarantor.
17 He who's thankless will fail him who delivered him.
18 Being surety has undone many who were prospering
and shaken them as a wave of the sea.
It's driven mighty men from their homes.
They wandered among foreign nations.
19 A sinner who falls into suretiship and undertakes contracts for work
will fall into lawsuits.
20 Help your neighbour according to your power,
and be careful not to fall yourself.

The value of a home of your own

21 The essentials of life are water, bread,
a garment, and a house for privacy.
22 Better is the life of a poor man under a shelter of logs
than sumptuous fare in another man's house.
23 With little or with much, be well satisfied.[72]
24 It's a miserable life to go from house to house.
Where you're a guest, you dare not open your mouth.
25 You'll entertain, serve drinks, and have no thanks.
In addition to this, you'll hear bitter words.
26 "Come here, you sojourner, set a table,
and if you have anything in your hand, feed me with it."
27 "Leave, you sojourner, for an honoured guest is here.
My brother has come to be my guest. I need my house."
28 These things are grievous to a man of understanding:
The scolding about lodging and the insults of creditors.

Discipline your children

30:1 He who loves his son will continue to lay stripes on him,
that he may have joy from him in the end.

72 RV 29:23 · Note The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

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2 He who chastises his son will have profit from him,
and will brag about him among his acquaintances.
3 He who teaches his son will provoke his enemy to jealousy.
Before friends, he'll rejoice in him.
4 His father dies, and is as though he hadn't died;
for he's left one behind him like himself.
5 In his life, he saw his son and rejoiced.
When he died, it was without regret.
6 He left behind him an avenger against his enemies,
and one to repay kindness to his friends.
7 He who makes too much of his son will bind up his wounds.
His heart will be troubled at every cry.
8 An unbroken horse becomes stubborn.
An unrestrained son becomes headstrong.
9 Pamper your child, and he'll make you afraid.
Play with him, and he'll grieve you.
10 Don't laugh with him, or you might end up grieving with him,
and end up grinding your teeth.
11 Give him no liberty in his youth,
and don't ignore his follies.[73]
12 Bow[74] down his neck in his youth,
and beat him on the sides while he's a child,
or he might become stubborn and disobey you,
and there be sorrow to your soul.[75]
13 Chastise your son, and give him work,
or his shameless behaviour might offend you.

Health and happiness are better than wealth

14 Better is a poor man who's healthy and fit,
than a rich man who's afflicted in his body.
15 Health and fitness are better than all gold,
and a strong body better than wealth without measure.
16 There's no wealth better than health of body.
There's no gladness above the joy of the heart.
17 Death is better than a bitter life,
and eternal rest than a continual sickness.
18 Good things poured out on a mouth that's closed
are like food offerings laid on a grave.
19 What does an offering profit an idol?
Because it can't eat or smell.
So is he who's punished by the master,
20 seeing with his eyes and groaning,
like a eunuch embracing a virgin and groaning.
21 Don't give your soul to sorrow.
Don't afflict yourself deliberately.
22 Gladness of heart is a man's life.
Cheerfulness of a man lengthens his days.

Literal Version

2 the/this/who ⟦παιδεύων⟧ the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ὀνήσεται⟧
upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ ⟦γνωρίμων⟧
upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦καυχήσεται⟧. 3 the/this/who
to_teach the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦παραζηλώσει⟧
the/this/who enemy, and before friendly/friend
upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦ἀγαλλιάσεται⟧. 4 to_decease
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who father,
and which/how no to_die, like for he/she/it/self to_leave_
_behind with/after he/she/it/self. 5 in/on/among
the/this/who life he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_
_perceive and to_celebrate, and in/on/among the/this/who
death he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no to_grieve.
6 against/in_front_of enemy to_leave_behind ⟦ἔκδικον⟧, and
the/this/who friendly/friend ⟦ἀνταποδιδόντα⟧ because_
_of/grace. 7 ⟦Περιψύχων⟧ son ⟦καταδεσμεύσει⟧ wound
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and upon/to/against
all outcry ⟦ταραχθήσεται⟧ affection/entrails
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 8 horse ⟦ἀδάμαστος⟧
⟦ἀποβαίνει⟧ hard, and son ⟦ἀνειμένος⟧ ⟦ἐκβαίνει⟧ rather_
_rashly. 9 ⟦Τιθήνησον⟧ child and ⟦ἐκθαμβήσει⟧ you,
⟦σύμπαιζον⟧ he/she/it/self and ⟦λυπήσει⟧ you. 10 not
⟦συγγελάσῃς⟧ he/she/it/self in_order_that/to not
⟦συνοδυνηθῇς⟧, and upon/to/against last/least ⟦γομφιάσεις⟧
the/this/who tooth you. 11 not to_give he/she/it/self
authority in/on/among ⟦νεότητι⟧. 12 ⟦Θλάσον⟧ the/this/who
⟦πλευρὰς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
which/how he_is child, lest ⟦σκληρυνθεὶς⟧ ⟦ἀπειθήσῃ⟧ you.
13 ⟦Παίδευσον⟧ the/this/who son you, and ⟦ἔργασαι⟧
⟦ἐναὐτῷ⟧, in_order_that/to not in/on/among the/this/who
indecency you ⟦προσκόψῃ⟧. 13a and not ⟦παρίδῃς⟧
the/this/who ignorance
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 13b ⟦Κάμψον⟧
the/this/who neck he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
in/on/among ⟦νεότητι⟧. 14 greater poor healthy and ⟦ἰσχύων⟧
the/this/who to_have/be, or/than rich ⟦μεμαστιγωμένος⟧
toward body he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
15 health and ⟦εὐεξία⟧ better all gold, and body ⟦εὔρωστον⟧
or/than olg[uglide]ā unmeasured. 16 no he_is riches better
⟦ὑγιείας⟧ body, and no to_be joy above/for joy heart. 17 greater
death above/for life Bitterness, or/than ⟦ἀῤῥώστημα⟧
⟦ἔμμονον⟧. 18 good-doer ⟦ἐκκεχυμένα⟧ upon/to/against
mouth ⟦κεκλεισμένῳ⟧, ⟦θέματα⟧ food ⟦παρακείμενα⟧
upon/to/against ⟦τάφῳ⟧. 19 one/which? to_be_profitable a_
_yield idol? neither for ⟦ἔδεται⟧ neither not ⟦ὀσφρανθῇ⟧;
thus(-ly) the/this/who ⟦ἐκδιωκόμενος⟧ by/under lord. 20 to_
_see in/on/among in/on/among eye and ⟦στενάζων⟧, just_as
eunuch ⟦περιλαμβάνων⟧ virgin and ⟦στενάζων⟧. 21 not to_give
toward grief the/this/who soul you, and not ⟦θλίψῃς⟧ yourself
in/on/among plan you. 22 joy heart life a_human, and a_leap_
_for_joy man length_of_days. 23 to_love the/this/who soul you,
and to_plead/comfort the/this/who heart you, and grief

73 **RV 30:11 · Note** This line and the previous two lines are absent from some older MSS.

74 **RV 30:12 · Note** These three lines are absent from the oldest MSS.

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long/distant ⟦ἀπόστησον⟧ away_from you; much for to_kill the/this/who grief, and no to_be advantage in/on/among he/she/it/self. **24** zeal and wrath ⟦ἐλαττοῦσιν⟧ day, and before time/right_time old_age to_bring concern. **25** which/how ⟦καλαμώμενος⟧ after ⟦τρυγητῶν⟧, in/on/among praise lord ⟦ἔφθασα⟧, **26** and which/how dove ⟦ἐπλήρωσα⟧ winepress. to_ _observe that/since no I/we/my alone to_labour, but all the/this/who to_seek discipline. **27** to_hear I/we great_man a_ _people, and the/this/who to_govern assembly to_listen_to. **28** son and woman, brother and to_love not to_give authority upon/to/against you in/on/among life you, and not to_give other the/this/who money you, in_order_that/to not to_repent be_necessary about he/she/it/self. **29** until still to_live and wind/breath in/on/among you/your, not ⟦ἀλλάξῃς⟧ yourself all flesh; **30** greater for he_is the/this/who child ⟦δεηθῆναί⟧ you, or/than you ⟦ἐμβλέπειν⟧ toward hand son you. **31** in/on/among all the/this/who work you to_be ⟦ὑπεράγων⟧; not to_give ⟦μῶμον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who glory/to_ _think you. **32** in/on/among day consummation day life you and in/on/among time/right_time death to_distribute inheritance. **33** food and rod and burden ⟦ὄνῳ⟧, bread and discipline and work ⟦οἰκέτῃ⟧. **34** ⟦Ἔργασαι⟧ in/on/among ⟦παιδὶ⟧ and to_find/meet rest, ⟦ἄνες⟧ hand he/she/it/self and ⟦ζητήσει⟧ freedom. **35** yoke/scales and leather_strap ⟦κάμψουσι⟧ neck, and ⟦οἰκέτῃ⟧ ⟦κακούργῳ⟧ ⟦στρέβλαι⟧ and ⟦βάσανοι⟧. **36** ⟦Ἔμβαλε⟧ he/she/it/self toward work, in_order_ _that/to not idle, much for evil to_teach the/this/who idleness. **37** toward work ⟦κατάστησον⟧ as/just_as be_proper he/she/it/self, and/even_if/if not ⟦πειθαρχῇ⟧, ⟦βάρυνον⟧ the/this/who fetter he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **38** and not ⟦περισσεύσῃς⟧ in/on/among all flesh, and without judgement not to_do/make nothing. **39** if he_is you slave, to_be which/how you, that/since in/on/among blood ⟦ἐκτήσω⟧ he/she/it/self. **40** if he_is you slave, to_bring he/she/it/self which/how yourself, that/since which/how the/this/who soul you ⟦ἐπιδεήσεις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; if ⟦κακώσῃς⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀπάρας⟧ ⟦ἀποδρᾷ⟧, in/on/among what? road controversy he/she/it/self?

31:1 ⟦Κέναι⟧ ⟦ἐλπίδες⟧ and false senseless man, and ⟦ἐνύπνια⟧ ⟦ἀναπτεροῦσιν⟧ ⟦ἄφρονας⟧. **2** which/how to_catch ⟦σκιᾶς⟧ and to_pursue wind, thus(-ly) the/this/who to_hold_ _fast/out dream. **3** this/he/she/it according_to this/he/she/it appearance/vision ⟦ἐνυπνίων⟧, before ⟦πρωσώπου⟧ likeness face. **4** away_from unclean one/which? ⟦καθαρισθήσεται⟧? and away_from lie one/which? ⟦ἀληθεύσει⟧? **5** ⟦Μαντεῖαι⟧ and ⟦οἰωνισμοὶ⟧ and ⟦ἐνύπνια⟧, futile he_is, and which/how ⟦ὠδινούσης⟧ ⟦φαντάζεται⟧ heart. **6** if not from_with highest ⟦ἀποσταλῇ⟧ in/on/among oversight, not to_give toward he/she/it/self the/this/who heart you. **7** much to_lead_astray the/this/who ⟦ἐνύπνια⟧, and to_fall_out ⟦ἐλπίζοντες⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **8** without lie ⟦συντελεσθήσεται⟧ law, and wisdom mouth faithful perfection. **9** man to_instruct to_know much, and the/this/who much-experienced ⟦ἐκδιηγήσεται⟧ understanding. **10** which no ⟦ἐπειράθη⟧ little/few to_perceive, the/this/who but/and ⟦πεπλανημένος⟧ to_multiply craftiness. **11** much to_see in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀποπλανήσει⟧ I/we, and greater

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23 Love your own soul, and comfort your heart.
Remove sorrow far from you,
for sorrow has destroyed many,
and there's no profit in it.
24 Envy and anger shorten life.
Anxiety brings old age before its time.
25 Those who are cheerful and merry
will benefit from their food.

Wealth and the temptation to do wrong

31:1 Wakefulness that comes from riches consumes the flesh,
and anxiety about it takes away sleep.
2 Wakeful anxiety will crave slumber.
In a severe disease, sleep will be broken.
3 A rich man toils in gathering money together.
When he rests, he's filled with his good things.
4 A poor man toils in lack of substance.
When he rests, he becomes needy.
5 He who loves gold won't be justified.
He who follows destruction will himself have his fill of it.
6 Many have been given over to ruin for the sake of gold.
Their destruction meets them face to face.
7 It's a stumbling block to those who sacrifice to it.
Every fool will be taken by it.
8 Blessed is the rich person who's found blameless,
and who doesn't go after gold.

Readers' Version

9 Who's he, that we may call him blessed?
Because he's done wonderful things among his people.
10 Who's been tried by it, and found perfect?
Then let him boast.
Who's had the power to transgress, and hasn't transgressed?
And to do evil, and hasn't done it?
11 His prosperity will be made sure.
The congregation will tell of his gifts to the poor.

Good manners at meals

12 Do you sit at a great table? Don't be greedy there.
Don't say, "There's a lot of food on it!"
13 Remember that a greedy eye is a wicked thing.
What's been created more greedy than an eye?
Therefore it sheds tears from every face.
14 Don't stretch your hand wherever it looks.
Don't thrust yourself with it into the dish.
15 Consider your neighbour's feelings by your own.
Be discreet in every point.
16 Eat like a human being those things which are set before you.
Don't eat greedily, or you might be hated.
17 Be first to stop for manners' sake.
Don't be insatiable, or you might cause offence.
18 And if you sit among many,
Don't reach out your hand before them.
19 How sufficient to a well-mannered man is a very little.
He doesn't breathe heavily in his bed.
20 Healthy sleep comes from moderate eating.
He rises early, and his wits are with him.
The pain of wakefulness, colic,
and griping are with an insatiable man.
21 And if you've been forced to eat,
rise up in the middle of it, and you'll have rest.
22 Hear me, my son, and don't despise me,
and in the end you'll appreciate my words.
In all your works be skilful,
and no disease will come to you.
23 People bless him who's liberal with his food.
The testimony of his excellence will be believed.
24 The city will murmur at him who's a stingy with his food.
The testimony of his stinginess will be accurate.

Be careful with wine

25 Don't show yourself valiant in wine,
for wine has destroyed many.
26 The furnace tests the temper of steel by dipping;
so does wine test hearts in the quarrelling of the proud.
27 Wine is as good as life to men,
if you drink it in moderation.
What life is there to a man who's without wine?
It's been created to make men glad.
28 Wine drunk in season and in moderation
is joy of heart and gladness of soul:
29 Wine drunk excessively is bitterness of soul,
with provocation and conflict.

Literal Version

the/this/who word I/we, understanding I/we. 12 many_times until death ⟦ἐκινδύνευσα⟧, and ⟦διεσώθην⟧ this/he/she/it because_of/grace. 13 spirit/breath ⟦φοβουμένων⟧ lord to_live, the/this/who for hope he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦σώζοντα⟧ he/she/it/self. 14 the/this/who to_ _fear lord no not ⟦εὐλαβηθήσεται⟧, and no not ⟦δειλιάσῃ⟧, that/since he/she/it/self hope he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 15 ⟦Φοβουμένου⟧ the/this/who lord blessed the/this/who soul; which? ⟦ἐπέχει⟧, and one/which? a_support he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? 16 the/this/who eye lord upon/to/against the/this/who to_love he/she/it/self, shielding ⟦δυναστείας⟧ and a_reliance strength, a_shelter away_from ⟦καύσωνος⟧ and a_shelter away_from ⟦μεσημβρίας⟧, prison/watch away_from stumbling_block and help away_from ⟦πτώματος⟧, ⟦ἀνυψῶν⟧ soul and ⟦φωτίζων⟧ eye. 17 healing to_give, life and praise. 18 ⟦Θυσιάζων⟧ out_from ⟦ἀδίκου⟧, offering ⟦μεμωκημένη⟧, and no toward goodwill ⟦μωκήματα⟧ lawless. 19 no to_delight the/this/who highest in/on/among ⟦προσφοραῖς⟧ ungodly, and_not ⟦ἐγ⟧ multitude sacrifice ⟦ἐξιλάσκεται⟧ sin. 20 ⟦Θύων⟧ son before of_the father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who ⟦προσάγων⟧ sacrifice out_from money ⟦πενήτων⟧. 21 bread ⟦ἐπιδεομένων⟧, life poor, the/this/who ⟦ἀποστερῶν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self a_human blood. 22 ⟦Φὸνεύων⟧ the/this/who near/neighbour the/this/who ⟦ἀφαιρούμενος⟧ ⟦συμβίωσιν⟧, and ⟦ἐκχέων⟧ blood the/this/who ⟦ἀποστερῶν⟧ wage ⟦μισθίου⟧. 23 one to_build, and one ⟦καθαιρῶν⟧, one/which? ⟦ὠφέλησαν⟧ greater or/than labour? 24 one ⟦εὐχόμενος⟧, and one ⟦καταρώμενος⟧, which? voice/sound ⟦εἰσακούσεται⟧ the/this/who ⟦δεστότης⟧? 25 ⟦Βαπτιζόμενος⟧ away_from dead, and again ⟦ἁπτόμενος⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, one/which? to_help the/this/who washing he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? 26 thus(-ly) a_human to_fast upon/to/against the/this/who sin he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and again to_travel, and the/this/who he/she/it/self to_do/make; the/this/who prayer he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there one/which? ⟦εἰσακούσεται⟧? and one/which? to_help in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ταπεινωθῆναι⟧ he/she/it/self?

Literal Version

32:1 the/this/who ⟦συντήρων⟧ law to_increase offering;
⟦θυσιάζων⟧ saving the/this/who ⟦προσέχων⟧ commandment.
2 ⟦Ἀνταποδιδοὺς⟧ because_of/grace to_bring_to fine_flour, and
the/this/who to_do/make charity ⟦θυσιάζων⟧ praise.
3 goodwill lord to_leave away_from evil, and a_making_an_
_atonement to_leave away_from unrighteousness. **4** not
⟦ὀφθῇς⟧ in/on/among face lord empty, **5** all for this/he/she/it
because_of/grace commandment. **6** offering just ⟦λιπαίνει⟧
altar, and the/this/who aroma he/she/it/self before highest.
7 sacrifice man just ⟦δεκτὴ⟧, and the/this/who memorial
he/she/it/self no ⟦ἐπιλησθήσεται⟧. **8** in/on/among good-doer
eye to_glorify the/this/who lord, and not ⟦σμικρύνῃς⟧
firstfruits hand you. **9** in/on/among all ⟦δόσει⟧ ⟦ἱλάρωσον⟧
the/this/who face you, and in/on/among joy to_sanctify tenth.
10 to_give ⟦ὑψίστῳ⟧ according_to the/this/who ⟦δόσιν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among
good-doer eye invention hand. **11** that/since lord
⟦ἀνταποδιδούς⟧ he_is, and ⟦ἑπταπλάσια⟧ ⟦ἀνταποδώσει⟧ you.
12 not ⟦δωροκόπει⟧, no for ⟦προσδέξεται⟧; and not to_hold_
_fast/out sacrifice unjust, that/since lord judge he_is, and no
he_is from_with he/she/it/self glory face. **13** no to_take face
upon/to/against ⟦πτωχοῦ⟧, and petition ⟦ἠδικημένου⟧
⟦εἰσακούσεται⟧. **14** no not ⟦ὑπερίδῃ⟧ ⟦ἱκετείαν⟧ ⟦ὀρφανοῦ⟧,
and widow if ⟦ἐκχέῃ⟧ speech. **15** not ⟦δάκρυα⟧ widow
upon/to/against cheek to_come/go_down, and the/this/who
⟦καταβόησις⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦καταγαγόντι⟧
he/she/it/self? **16** to_serve/heal in/on/among goodwill
⟦δεχθήσεται⟧, and the/this/who petition
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there until cloud ⟦συνάψει⟧.
17 prayer ⟦ταπεινοῦ⟧ ⟦νεφέλας⟧ to_pass_through, and until
⟦συνεγγίσῃ⟧ no not ⟦παρακληθῇ⟧, and no not to_leave until
⟦ἐπισκέψηται⟧ the/this/who highest; and to_judge rightly, and
to_do/make judgement. **18** and the/this/who lord no not
⟦βραδύνῃ⟧, and_not not ⟦μακροθυμήσει⟧ upon/to/against
he/she/it/self until if ⟦συντρίψῃ⟧ loins ⟦ἀνελεημόνων⟧; and
the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦ἀνταποδώσει⟧ vengeance, until
⟦ἐξάρῃ⟧ multitude ⟦ὑβριστῶν⟧, and ⟦σκῆπτρα⟧ unjust
⟦συντρίψῃ⟧, **19** until ⟦ἀνταποδῷ⟧ a_human according_to
the/this/who action he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
and the/this/who work the/this/who a_human according_to
the/this/who ⟦ἐνθυμήματα⟧ he/she/it/self, until to_judge
the/this/who judgement of_the a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦εὐφρανεῖ⟧
he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who mercy
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **20** ⟦Ὡραῖον⟧ mercy
in/on/among time/right_time pressure
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which/how cloud
⟦ὑετοῦ⟧ in/on/among time/right_time ⟦ἀβροχίας⟧.

Readers' Version

30 Drunkenness increases the rage of a fool to his hurt.
It diminishes strength and adds wounds.
31 Don't rebuke your neighbour at a banquet of wine.
Don't despise him in his mirth.
Don't speak a word of reproach to him.
Don't distress him by making demands of him.

How to behave at a feast

32:1 Have they made you ruler of a feast?
Don't be lifted up.
Be among them as one of them.
Take care of them first, and then sit down.
2 And when you've done all your duties, take your place,
that you may be gladdened on their account,
and receive a wreath for your good service.
3 Speak, you who are older, for it's your right, but with sound knowledge;
and don't interrupt the music.
4 Don't pour out talk where there's a performance of music.
Don't display your wisdom at the wrong time.
5 As a ruby signet in a setting of gold,
so is a music concert at a wine banquet.
6 As an emerald signet in a work of gold,
so is musical melody with pleasant wine.
7 Speak, young man, if you're obliged to,
but no more than twice, and only if asked.
8 Sum up your speech, many things in few words.
Be as one who knows and yet holds his tongue.
9 When among great men, don't behave as their equal.
When another is speaking, don't babble.
10 Lightning speeds before thunder.
Approval goes before one who's modest.
11 Rise up in good time, and don't be last.
Go home quickly and don't loiter
12 Amuse yourself there and do what is in your heart.
Don't sin by proud speech.
13 Because these things bless your Maker,
who gives you to drink freely of his good things.

Accept instruction and think before acting

14 He who fears the master will receive discipline.
Those who seek him early will find favour.
15 He who seeks the law will be filled with it,
but the hypocrite will stumble at it.
16 Those who fear the master will find true judgement,
and will kindle righteous acts like a light.
17 A sinful man shuns reproof,
and will find a judgement according to his will.
18 A sensible person won't neglect a thought.
An insolent and proud man won't crouch in fear,
even after he's done a thing by himself without counsel.
19 Do nothing without counsel,
but when you've acted, don't regret it.
20 Don't go in a way of conflict.
Don't stumble in stony places.

Readers' Version

21 Don't be overconfident on a smooth road.
22 Beware of your own children.
23 In every work guard your own soul,
for this is the keeping of the commandments.
24 He who believes the law gives heed to the commandment.
He who trusts in the master will suffer no loss.
33:1 No evil will happen to him who fears the master,
but in trials once and again he'll deliver him.
2 A wise man won't hate the law,
but he who's a hypocrite about it's like a boat in a storm.
3 A man of understanding will put his trust in the law.
And the law is faithful to him, as when one asks a divine oracle.
4 Prepare your speech, and so you'll be heard.
Bind up instruction, and make your answer.
5 A fool's heart is like a cartwheel.
His thoughts are like a rolling axle.
6 A stallion horse is like a mocking friend.
He neighs under every one who sits on him.

God gives different roles to days and people

7 Why does one day excel another,
when all the light of every day in the year is from the sun?
8 They were distinguished by the master's knowledge,
and he varied seasons and feasts.
9 Some of them he exalted and hallowed,
and some of them he's made ordinary days.
10 And all men are from the ground.
Adam was created from dust.
11 In the abundance of his knowledge the master distinguished them,
and made their ways different.
12 Some of them he blessed and exalted,
and some of them he made holy and brought near to himself.
Some of them he cursed and brought low,
and overthrew them from their place.
13 As the clay of the potter in his hand,
all his ways are according to his good pleasure,
so men are in the hand of him who made them,
to render to them according to his judgement.
14 Good is the opposite of evil,
and life is the opposite of death;
so[76] the sinner is the opposite of the godly.
15 Look on all the Most High's works like this,
they come in pairs, one against another.

The teacher shares what he has learnt

16 I was the last on watch,
like one who gleans after the grape gatherers.
17 By the master's blessing I arrived before them,
and filled my wine-pressing pit like one who gathers grapes.
18 Consider that I laboured not for myself alone,
but for all those who seek instruction.

76 **RV 33:14 · Note** A line of this verse is here omitted by the best authorities.

Literal Version

33:1 to_have_mercy I/we, master the/this/who God all, and ⟦ἐπίβλεψον⟧; 2 and ⟦ἐπίβαλε⟧ the/this/who fear you upon/to/against all the/this/who Gentile_nation. 3 ⟦Ἔπαρον⟧ the/this/who hand you upon/to/against Gentile_nation another's, and ⟦ἰδέτωσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦δυναστείαν⟧ you. 4 just_as before he/she/it/self ⟦ἡγιάσθης⟧ in/on/among I/we, thus(-ly) before I/we ⟦μεγαλυνθείης⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self; 5 and ⟦ἐπιγνώτωσάν⟧ you just_as and I/we to_ _come_to_know, that/since no he_is God but/however you lord. 6 ⟦Ἐγκαίνισον⟧ sign, and ⟦ἀλλοίωσον⟧ marvellous; 7 to_glorify hand and ⟦βραχίονα⟧ right; ⟦ἔγειρον⟧ wrath, and ⟦ἔκχεον⟧ wrath; ⟦ἔξαρον⟧ ⟦ἀντίδικον⟧, and ⟦ἔκτριψον⟧ enemy. 8 to_ _hasten time/right_time, and to_remember ⟦ὁρκισμοῦ⟧, and ⟦ἐκδιηγησάσθωσαν⟧ the/this/who mighty you. 9 in/on/among wrath fire ⟦καταβρωθήτω⟧ the/this/who ⟦σωζόμενος⟧, and the/this/who ⟦κακοῦντες⟧ the/this/who a_people you ⟦εὕροισαν⟧ destruction. 10 ⟦Σύντριψον⟧ head ruler enemy to_ _speak, no he_is but/however I/we. 11 ⟦Σύναγε⟧ all tribe Yakōb. 12 shining heart and good-doer upon/to/against ⟦ἐδέσμασιν⟧ the/this/who food he/she/it/self to_care.

Literal Version

34:1 sleeplessness riches ⟦ἐκτήκει⟧ flesh, and the/this/who concern he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀφιστᾷ⟧ ⟦ὕπνον⟧. **2** concern ⟦ἀγρυπνίας⟧ ⟦ἀπαιτήσει⟧ ⟦νυσταγμὸν⟧, and ⟦ἀῤῥώστημα⟧ ⟦βαρὺ⟧ ⟦ἐκνήψει⟧ sleep. **3** to_labour rich in/on/among synagogue money, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀναπαύσει⟧ ⟦ἐμπίπλαται⟧ the/this/who ⟦τρυφημάτων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **4** to_ _labour poor in/on/among ⟦ἐλαττώσει⟧ life, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀναπαύσει⟧ ⟦ἐπιδεὴς⟧ to_be. **5** the/this/who to_ _love gold no to_justify, and the/this/who to_pursue decay, he/she/it/self to_fill. **6** much to_give toward corpse because_ _of/grace gold, and to_be destruction he/she/it/self according_to face he/she/it/self. **7** wood stumbling_block he_is the/this/who ⟦ἐνθυσιάζουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self, and all foolish ⟦ἁλώσεται⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self. **8** blessed rich which to_find/meet blameless, and which after gold no to_travel. **9** one/which? he_is and ⟦μακαριοῦμεν⟧ he/she/it/self? to_ _do/make for marvellous in/on/among a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **10** one/which?

Readers' Version

19 Hear me, you great men of the people,
and listen with your ears, you rulers of the congregation.

Keep control of your own affairs

20 To son and wife, to brother and friend,
don't give power over yourself while you live,
and don't give your goods to another,
or you might regret it and have to ask for them back.
21 While you still live and breath is in you,
don't give yourself over to anybody.
22 Because it's better that your children should ask from you
than that you should look to your children's hand.
23 Excel in all your works.
Don't bring a stain on your honour.
24 In the day that you end the days of your life,
in the time of death, distribute your inheritance.

Responsibilities towards servants

25 Fodder, a stick, and burdens are for a donkey.
Bread, discipline, and work are for a servant.
26 Set your slave to work, and you'll find rest.
Leave his hands idle, and he'll seek liberty.
27 Yoke and whip will bow the neck.
Because an evil slave there are racks and tortures.
28 Send him to labour, that he not be idle,
for idleness teaches much mischief.
29 Set him to work, as is fit for him.
If he doesn't obey, make his fetters heavy.
30 Don't be excessive towards any.
Do nothing unjust.
31 If you have a slave, treat him like yourself,
because you've bought him with blood.
32 If you have a slave, treat him like yourself.
Because like your own soul, you'll need him.
If you treat him ill, and he departs and runs away,
33 which way will you go to seek him?

Don't put your trust in dreams

34:1 Vain and false hopes are for a man void of understanding.
Dreams give wings to fools.
2 As one who grasps at a shadow and follows after the wind,
so is he who sets his mind on dreams.
3 The vision of dreams is a reflection,
the likeness of a face near a face.
4 From an unclean thing what can be cleansed?
From that which is false what can be true?
5 Divinations, and soothsayings, and dreams, are vain.
The heart has fantasies like a woman in labour.
6 If they aren't sent in a visitation from the Most High,
don't give your heart to them.
7 Because dreams have led many astray.
They've failed by putting their hope in them.
8 Without lying the law will be fulfilled.
Wisdom is complete in a faithful mouth.

Readers' Version

Experience and trusting God

9 A well-instructed man knows many things.
He who has much experience will declare understanding.
10 He who has no experience knows few things.
But he who's travelled increases cleverness.
11 I've seen many things in my travels.
My understanding is more than my words.
12 I was often in danger even to death.
I was preserved because of these experiences.
13 The spirit of those who fear the master will live,
for their hope is in him who saves them.
14 Anyone who fears the master won't be afraid, and won't be a coward,
because he's his hope.
15 Blessed is the soul of him who fears the master.
To whom does he give heed? Who's his support?
16 The master's eyes are on those who love him,
a mighty protection and strong support,
a cover from the hot blast, a shade from the noonday sun,
a guard from stumbling, and a help from falling.
17 He raises up the soul, and enlightens the eyes.
He gives health, life, and blessing.

Worship that pleases God

18 He who sacrifices a thing wrongfully gotten, his offering is made in mockery.
The mockeries of wicked men aren't acceptable.
19 The Most High has no pleasure in the offerings of the ungodly,
Neither is he pacified for sins by the multitude of sacrifices.
20 Like one who kills a son before his father's eyes
is he who brings a sacrifice from the goods of the poor.
21 The bread of the needy is the life of the poor.
He who deprives him of it's a man of blood.
22 Like one who murders his neighbour is he who takes away his living.
Like a shedder of blood is he who deprives a hireling of his hire.
23 When one builds, and another pulls down,
what profit do they have but toil?
24 When one prays, and another curses,
whose voice will the master listen to?
25 He who washes himself after touching a dead body, and touches it again,
what does he gain by his washing?
26 Even so a man fasting for his sins,
and going again, and doing the same,
who'll listen to his prayer?
What profit does he have in his humiliation?

Literal Version

⟦ἐδοκιμάσθη⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self and to_perfect, and to_be toward pride? one/which? be_able ⟦παραβῆναι⟧, and no to_transgress, and to_do/make evil/harm, and no to_do/make? **11** ⟦Στερεωθήσεται⟧ the/this/who good-doer he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who charity he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐκδιηγήσεται⟧ assembly. **12** upon/to/against table great ⟦ἐκάθισας⟧? not ⟦ἀνοίξῃς⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦φάρυγγά⟧ you; and not to_say, much indeed the/this/who upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **13** to_remember that/since evil/harm eye evil/bad, ⟦πονηρότερον⟧ eye one/which? to_ _create? through/because_of this/he/she/it away_from all face ⟦δακρύει⟧. **14** which/whither if ⟦ἐπιβλέψῃ⟧, not ⟦ἐκτείνῃς⟧ hand, and not ⟦συνθλίβου⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among bowl. **15** to_understand the/this/who of_the near/neighbour out_ _from yourself, and upon/to/against all thing ⟦διανοοῦ⟧. **16** to_ _eat which/how a_human the/this/who ⟦παρακείμενά⟧ you, and not ⟦διαμασῷ⟧, not ⟦μισηθῇς⟧. **17** ⟦Παῦσαι⟧ first because_ _of/grace discipline, and not ⟦ἀπληστεύου⟧, lest to_strike. **18** and if ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ greater ⟦ἐκάθισας⟧, before he/she/it/self not ⟦ἐκτείνῃς⟧ the/this/who hand you. **19** which/how sufficient a_human ⟦πεπαιδευμένῳ⟧ the/this/who little/few, and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦κοίτης⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no ⟦ἀσθμαίνει⟧. **20** sleep ⟦ὑγείας⟧ upon/to/against ⟦ἐντέρῳ⟧ ⟦μετρίῳ⟧, to_arise early, and the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; travail ⟦ἀγρυπνίας⟧ and ⟦χολέρας⟧ and ⟦στρόφος⟧ with/after man ⟦ἀπλήστου⟧. **21** and if ⟦ἐβιάσθης⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἐδέσμασιν⟧, to_arise ⟦μεσοπωρῶν⟧ and ⟦ἀναπαύσῃ⟧. **22** ⟦Ἄκουσόν⟧ I/we child and not ⟦ἐξουδενώσῃς⟧ I/we, and upon/to/against last/least to_ _find/meet the/this/who word I/we; in/on/among all the/this/who work you to_be ⟦ἐντρεχὴς⟧, and all ⟦ἀρρώστημα⟧ no not you ⟦ἀπαντήσῃ⟧. **23** shining upon/to/against bread ⟦εὐλογήσει⟧ lip, and testimony the/this/who ⟦καλλονῆς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there faithful. **24** evil/bad upon/to/against bread ⟦διαγογγύσει⟧ city, and the/this/who testimony the/this/who evil he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐκριβής⟧. **25** in/on/among wine not ⟦ἀνδρίζου⟧, much for to_destroy the/this/who wine; **26** furnace/oven to_test a_scale_which_ _flies_from_hammered_iron in/on/among ⟦βαφῇ⟧, thus(-ly) wine heart in/on/among quarrel ⟦ὑπερηφάνων⟧. **27** ⟦Ἐπίσον⟧ life wine a_human, if ⟦πίνῃς⟧ he/she/it/self measure he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; one/which? life ⟦ἐλασσουμένῳ⟧ wine? and he/she/it/self to_create toward ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧ a_human. **28** a_leap_for_joy heart and joy soul wine ⟦πινόμενος⟧ in/on/among time/right_time self-sufficient; **29** bitterness soul wine ⟦πινόμενος⟧ much, in/on/among ⟦ὀρεθισμῷ⟧ and ⟦ἀντιπτώματι⟧. **30** to_multiply drunkenness wrath ⟦ἄφρονος⟧ toward stumbling_block, ⟦ἐλαττῶν⟧ strength and ⟦προσποιῶν⟧ wound. **31** in/on/among ⟦συμποσίῳ⟧ wine not ⟦ἐλέγξῃς⟧ the/this/who near/neighbour, and not ⟦ἐξουδενώσῃς⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among joy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; word ⟦ὀνειδισμοῦ⟧ not to_say he/she/it/self, and not he/she/it/self ⟦θλίψῃς⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἀπαιτήσει⟧.

Literal Version

35:1 to_govern you ⟦κατέστησαν⟧? not ⟦ἐπαίρου⟧, to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self which/how one out_from he/she/it/self; ⟦φρόντισον⟧ he/she/it/self, and thus(-ly) ⟦κάθισον⟧, **2** and all the/this/who need you to_do/make to_ _recline, in_order_that/to ⟦εὐφρανθῇς⟧ through/because_of he/she/it/self, and ⟦εὐκοσμίας⟧ because_of/grace ⟦λάβῃς⟧ crown. **3** ⟦Λάλησον⟧ ⟦πρεσβύτερε⟧, be_proper for you, in/on/among ⟦ἀκριβεῖ⟧ higher_knowledge, and not ⟦ἐμποδίσῃς⟧ ⟦μουσικά⟧. **4** where(-ever) ⟦ἀκρόαμα⟧, not ⟦ἐκχέῃς⟧ speech, and unseasonably not ⟦σοφίζου⟧. **5** seal ⟦ἄνθρακος⟧ upon/to/against world gold, interpretation musician in/on/among ⟦συμποσίῳ⟧ wine. **6** in/on/among ⟦κατασκευάσματι⟧ gold seal ⟦σμαράγδου⟧ member musician upon/to/against to_perceive wine. **7** ⟦Λάλησον⟧ young_man if need you, hardly twice if ⟦ἐπερωτηθῇς⟧. **8** ⟦Κεφαλαίωσον⟧ word, in/on/among little/few much, to_be which/how to_ _know and together be_quiet. **9** in/on/among midst ⟦μεγιστάνων⟧ not ⟦ἐξισάζου⟧, and other to_speak not much ⟦ἀδολέσχει⟧. **10** before thunder ⟦κατασπεύδει⟧ lightning, and before ⟦αἰσχυντηροῦ⟧ to_go_before grace. **11** in/on/among hour ⟦ἐξεγείρου⟧ and not ⟦οὐράγει⟧, ⟦ἀπότρεχε⟧ toward house and not ⟦ῥαθύμει⟧. **12** there ⟦παῖζε⟧ and to_do/make the/this/who ⟦ἐνθυμήματά⟧ you, and not ⟦ἁμάρτῃς⟧ word ⟦ὑπερηφάνῳ⟧. **13** and upon/to/against this/he/she/it ⟦εὐλόγησον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ποιήσαντά⟧ you, and ⟦μεθύσκοντά⟧ you away_from the/this/who good-doer he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **14** the/this/who to_ _fear lord ⟦ἐκδέξεται⟧ discipline, and the/this/who ⟦ὀρθρίζοντες⟧ to_find/meet goodwill. **15** the/this/who to_seek law ⟦ἐμπλησθήσεται⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who ⟦ὑποκρινόμενος⟧ ⟦σκανδαλισθήσεται⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self. **16** the/this/who to_fear lord to_ _find/meet judgement, and righteous_act which/how light ⟦ἐξάψουσιν⟧. **17** a_human sinful ⟦ἐκκλίνει⟧ rebuke, and according_to the/this/who will/desire he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_find/meet interpretation. **18** man plan no not ⟦παρίδῃ⟧ thought, another's and arrogant no ⟦καταπτήξει⟧ fear, and with/after the/this/who to_do/make with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there without plan. **19** without plan nothing to_do/make, and in/on/among the/this/who to_do/make you not ⟦μεταμελοῦ⟧. **20** in/on/among road ⟦ἀντιπτώματος⟧ not to_travel, and not to_strike in/on/among ⟦λιθώδεσι⟧. **21** not to_trust_(in) in/on/among road ⟦ἀπροσκόπῳ⟧, **22** and away_from the/this/who child you to_keep/guard. **23** in/on/among all work to_trust_(in) the/this/who soul you, and for this/he/she/it he_is jail/keeping commandment. **24** the/this/who to_trust_(in) law ⟦προσέχει⟧ commandment, and the/this/who to_persuade lord no ⟦ἐλαττωθήσεται⟧.

Readers' Version

35:1 He who keeps the law multiplies offerings.
He who heeds the commandments sacrifices a peace offering.
2 He who returns a kindness offers fine flour.
He who gives to the poor sacrifices a thank offering.
3 To depart from wickedness pleases the master.
To depart from unrighteousness is an atoning sacrifice.
4 See that you don't appear in the presence of the master empty.
5 Because all these things are done because of the commandment.
6 The offering of the righteous enriches the altar.
The sweet fragrance of it's before the Most High.
7 The sacrifice of a righteous man is acceptable.
It won't be forgotten.
8 Glorify the master with generosity.
Don't reduce the first fruits of your hands.
9 In every gift show a cheerful face,
And dedicate your tithe with gladness.
10 Give to the Most High according as he's given.
As your hand has found, give generously.
11 Because the master repays,
and he'll repay you sevenfold.

God hears the prayers of the oppressed

12 Don't plan to bribe him with gifts, for he won't receive them.
Don't set your mind on an unrighteous sacrifice,
Because the master is the judge,
and with him is no respect of persons.
13 He won't accept any person against a poor man.
He'll listen to the prayer of him who's wronged.
14 He'll in no way despise the supplication of the fatherless
or the widow, when she pours out her tale.
15 Don't the tears of the widow run down her cheek?
Isn't her cry against him who's caused them to fall?
16 He who serves God according to his good pleasure will be accepted.
His supplication will reach to the clouds.
17 The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.
until it comes near, he won't be comforted.
He won't depart until the Most High visits
and he judges righteously and executes judgement.
18 And the master won't be slack, neither will he be patient towards them,
until he's crushed the loins of the unmerciful.
He'll repay vengeance to the heathen
until he's taken away the multitude of the arrogant
and broken in pieces the sceptres of the unrighteous,
19 until he's rendered to every man according to his actions,
and repaid men's works according to their plans,
until he's judged the cause of his people,
and he'll make them rejoice in his mercy.
20 Mercy is as welcome in the time of his affliction,
as clouds of rain in the time of drought.

Readers' Version

A prayer for Yisrael's restoration

36:1 Have mercy on us, Oh master the god of all, and look at us with favour;
2 and send your fear on all the nations.[77]
3 Lift up your hand against the foreign nations
and let them see your mighty power.
4 As you showed your holiness in us before them,
so be magnified in them before us.
5 Let them know you, as we also have known you,
that there's no god but only you, Oh God.
6 Show new signs, and work various wonders.
Glorify your hand and your right arm.[78]
7 Raise up indignation and pour out anger.
Take away the adversary and destroy the enemy.
8 Hasten the time and remember your oath.
Let them declare your mighty works.
9 Let him who escapes be devoured by raging fire.
May those who harm your people find destruction.
10 Crush the heads of the rulers of the enemies
who say, "There's no one but ourselves."
11 Gather all the tribes of Ya'akov (Jacob) together,
and[79] take them for your inheritance, as from the beginning.
12 Oh master, have mercy on the people that's called by your name,
and on Yisrael (Israel), whom you likened to a firstborn.
13 Have compassion on the city of your sanctuary,
Yerushalem (Jerusalem), the place of your rest.
14 Fill Tsiyon (Zion). Exalt your oracles
and fill your people with your glory.
15 Give testimony to those who were your creatures in the beginning,
and fulfil the prophecies that have been spoken in your name.
16 Reward those who wait for you,
and men will put their trust in your prophets.
17 Listen, Oh master, to the prayer of your servants,
according to the blessing of Aharon (Aaron) about your people;
and all those who are on the earth will know
that you're the master, the[80] eternal God.

Discernment and choosing a wife

18 The belly will eat any food,
but one food is better than another.
19 The mouth tastes meats taken in hunting,
so does an understanding heart detect false speech.
20 A contrary heart will cause heaviness.
A man of experience will pay him back.
21 A woman will receive any man,
but one daughter is better than another.

Literal Version

36:1 the/this/who ⟦φοβουμένῳ⟧ lord no to_meet evil/harm, but in/on/among temptation/testing and again ⟦ἐξελεῖται⟧. **2** man wise no to_hate law, the/this/who but/and ⟦ὑποκρινόμενος⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self, which/how in/on/among ⟦καταιγίδι⟧ boat. **3** a_human intelligent ⟦ἐμπιστεύσει⟧ law, and the/this/who law he/she/it/self faithful which/how ⟦ἐρώτημα⟧ just. **4** to_make_ready word, and thus(-ly) ⟦ἀκουθήσῃ⟧, ⟦σύνδησον⟧ discipline and ⟦ἀποκρίθητι⟧. **5** course/wheel ⟦ἁμάξης⟧ affection/entrails ⟦μωροῦ⟧, and which/how to_bring ⟦στρεφόμενος⟧ the/this/who reasoning he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **6** horse toward ⟦ὀχείαν⟧ which/how friendly/friend mocker, under all ⟦ἐπικαθημένου⟧ ⟦χρεμετίζει⟧. **7** why? day day ⟦ὑπερέχει⟧, and all light day year away_from sun? **8** in/on/among knowledge lord ⟦διεχωρίσθησαν⟧, and ⟦ἠλλοίωσε⟧ time/right_time and ⟦ἑορτάς⟧; **9** away_from he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνύψωσε⟧ and to_ _sanctify, and out_from he/she/it/self to_place toward number day. **10** and a_human all away_from ⟦ἐδάφους⟧, and out_from earth to_create Adam. **11** in/on/among multitude ⟦ἐπιστήμης⟧ lord ⟦διεχώρισεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἠλλοίωσε⟧ the/this/who road he/she/it/self. **12** out_from he/she/it/self to_praise/bless and ⟦ἀνύψωσε⟧, and out_from he/she/it/self to_sanctify, and to/with he/she/it/self to_come_near; away_ _from he/she/it/self ⟦κατηράσατο⟧, and to_humble, and ⟦ἀνέστρεψεν⟧ he/she/it/self away_from uprising he/she/it/self. **13** which/how clay potter in/on/among hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, all the/this/who/which road he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there according_to the/this/who goodwill he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; thus(-ly) a_human in/on/among hand of_the ⟦ποιήσαντος⟧ he/she/it/self, to_pay he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who judgement he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **14** opposite of_the evil/harm the/this/who good-doer, and opposite of_the death the/this/who life, thus(-ly) opposite ⟦εὐσεβοῦς⟧ sinful. **15** and thus(-ly) ⟦ἔμβλεψον⟧ toward all the/this/who work of_the highest, two two in/on/among/one before of_the one. **16** I/we/and_I last/least ⟦ἠγρύπνησα⟧, and ⟦κατεκληρονόμησα⟧ he/she/it/self as/just_as away_from beginning. **17** to_have_ _mercy a_people, lord, ⟦κεκλημένον⟧ upon/to/against name you, and Israaʸl which ⟦πρωτογόνῳ⟧ ⟦ὡμοίωσας⟧. **18** ⟦Οἰκτείρησον⟧ city ⟦ἁγιάσματός⟧ you Hierousalaʸm, city ⟦καταπαύματός⟧ you. **19** ⟦Πλῆσον⟧ Siōn to_take_up the/this/who oracles you, and away_from the/this/who glory you the/this/who a_people you. **20** to_give testimony the/this/who in/on/among beginning ⟦κτίσμασί⟧ you, and ⟦ἔγειρον⟧ prophecy the/this/who upon/to/against name you; **21** to_give wage the/this/who ⟦ὑπομένουσί⟧ you, and the/this/who prophet you ⟦ἐμπιστευθήτωσαν⟧. **22** ⟦Εἰσάκουσον⟧, lord, petition the/this/who ⟦ἱκετῶν⟧ you, according_to the/this/who praise A'arōn about of_the a_people

77 **RV 36:2 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.
78 **RV 36:6 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.
79 **RV 36:11 · Note** The ancient authorities read I took them for my inheritance: but the Greek text is here very confused.
80 **RV 36:17 · Note** Grk. God of the ages.

Literal Version

you, and to_know all the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who earth, that/since you lord to_be the/this/who God the/this/who an_age. **23** all food to_eat belly/womb/stomach, he_is but/and food food good. **24** a_ _throat ⟦γεύεται⟧ food ⟦θήρας⟧, thus(-ly) heart ⟦συνετὴ⟧ word false. **25** heart torture to_give grief, and a_human much-experienced ⟦ἀνταποδώσει⟧ he/she/it/self. **26** all male ⟦ἐπιδέξεται⟧ woman, he_is but/and daughter daughter greater. **27** beauty woman ⟦ἱλαρύνει⟧ face, and above/for all desire a_ _human ⟦ὑπεράγει⟧. **28** if to_be upon/to/against tongue he/she/it/self mercy and gentleness, no to_be the/this/who man he/she/it/self according_to son a_human. **29** the/this/who ⟦κτώμενος⟧ woman ⟦ἐνάρχεται⟧ ⟦κτήσεως⟧, ⟦βοηθὸν⟧ according_to he/she/it/self and pillar ⟦ἀναπαύσεων⟧. **30** which/whither no he_is fence, ⟦διαρπαγήσεται⟧ possession, and which/whither no he_is woman, ⟦στενάξει⟧ ⟦πλανώμενος⟧. **31** one/which? for to_trust_ _(in) ⟦εὐζώνῳ⟧ ⟦ληστῇ⟧ ⟦σφαλλομένῳ⟧ out_from city toward city? thus(-ly) a_human not to_have/be chick and ⟦καταλύοντι⟧ which/whither if ⟦ὀψισῇ⟧.

37:1 all friendly/friend to_say, ⟦ἐφιλίασα⟧ he/she/it/self I/we/and_I; but he_is friendly/friend name alone/only friendly/friend. **2** not grief there_is until death, friend and friendly/friend ⟦τρεπόμενος⟧ toward hostility? **3** Omega/oh!/to_be evil/bad a_thought, whence/how ⟦ἐνεκυλίσθης⟧ ⟦καλύψαι⟧ the/this/who dried_up/withered in/on/among ⟦δολιότητι⟧? **4** friend ⟦φίλου⟧ in/on/among joy ⟦ἥδεται⟧, and in/on/among time/right_time pressure to_be opposite; **5** friend to_love ⟦συμπονεῖ⟧ because_of/grace ⟦γαστρὸς⟧, before ⟦πολέμου⟧ to_take ⟦ἀσπίδα⟧. **6** not ⟦ἐπιλάθῃ⟧ ⟦φίλου⟧ in/on/among the/this/who soul you, and not ⟦ἀμνημονήσῃς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among money you. **7** all counsellor ⟦ἐξαίρει⟧ plan, but he_is ⟦συμβουλεύων⟧ toward my/your/him-self. **8** away_from ⟦συμβούλου⟧ to_keep/guard the/this/who soul you, and to_ _know before/previously one/which? he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there need; and for he/she/it/self my/your/him-self to_plan; lest to_throw upon/to/against you/your lot, **9** and to_say you, good the/this/who road you; and ⟦στήσεται⟧ out_from against to_ _perceive the/this/who ⟦συμβησόμενόν⟧ you. **10** not ⟦βουλεύου⟧ with/after of_the ⟦ὑποβλεπομένου⟧ you, and away_from the/this/who ⟦ζηλούντων⟧ you ⟦κρύψον⟧ plan. **11** with/after woman about ⟦ἀντιζήλου⟧ he/she/it/self, and with/after ⟦δειλοῦ⟧ about ⟦πολέμου⟧; with/after ⟦ἐμπόρου⟧ about ⟦μεταβολίας⟧, and with/after ⟦ἀγοράζοντος⟧ about ⟦πράσεως⟧; with/after ⟦βασκάνου⟧ about thankfulness, and with/after ⟦ἀνελεήμονος⟧ about ⟦χρηστοηθείας⟧; with/after ⟦ὀκνηροῦ⟧ about all work, and with/after ⟦μισθίου⟧ ⟦ἐφεστίου⟧ about consummation, ⟦οἰκέτῃ⟧ ⟦ἀργῷ⟧ about much work; not to_hold_fast/out upon/to/against this/he/she/it about all ⟦συμβουλίας⟧. **12** but or/than with/after man ⟦εὐσεβοῦς⟧ ⟦ἐνδελέχιζε⟧, which if to_come_to_know ⟦συντηροῦντα⟧ commandment; which in/on/among the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there according_to the/this/who soul you, and if ⟦πταίσῃς⟧, ⟦συναλγήσει⟧ you. **13** and plan heart ⟦στῆσον⟧, no for he_is you

Readers' Version

22 The beauty of a woman cheers the face.
A man desires nothing more.
23 If kindness and humility are on her tongue,
her husband isn't like other sons of men.
24 He who gets a wife gets his richest treasure,
a help meet for him and a pillar of support.
25 Where no hedge is, the property will be plundered.
He who has no wife will mourn as he wanders.
26 Because who'd trust a nimble robber who skips from city to city?
Even so, who'd trust a man who has no nest, and lodges wherever he finds himself at nightfall?

Recognising a true friend

37:1 Every friend will say, "I also am his friend";
but there's a friend which is only a friend in name.
2 Isn't there a grief in it even to death
when a companion and friend is turned into an enemy?
3 Oh wicked imagination, why were you formed
to cover the dry land with deceit?
4 There's a companion who rejoices in the gladness of a friend,
but in time of affliction will be against him.
5 There's a companion who for the belly's sake labours with his friend,
yet in the face of battle will carry his buckler.
6 Don't forget a friend in your soul.
Don't be unmindful of him in your riches.

Choose your advisers carefully

7 Every counsellor extols counsel,
but some give counsel in their own interest.
8 Let your soul beware of a counsellor,
and know in advance what's his interest
(for he'll take counsel for himself),
in case he casts the lot against you,
9 and say to you, "Your way is good."
Then he'll stand near you, to see what'll happen to you.
10 Don't take counsel with one who looks askance at you.
Hide your counsel from those who are jealous of you.
11 Don't consult with a woman about her rival,
with a coward about war,
with a merchant about business,
with a buyer about selling,
with an envious man about thankfulness,
with an unmerciful man about kindliness,
with a sluggard about any kind of work,
with a hireling in your house about finishing his work,

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or with an idle servant about much business.
Pay no attention to these in any matter of counsel.
12 But rather be continually with a godly man,
whom you know to be a keeper of the commandments,
who in his soul is as your own soul,
and who'll grieve with you, if you fail.
13 Make the counsel of your heart stand,
for there's no one more faithful to you than it.
14 Because a man's soul is sometimes inclined to inform him
better than seven watchmen who sit on high on a watch-tower.
15 Above all this ask the Most High
that he may direct your way in truth.
16 Let reason be the beginning of every work.

Wisdom that benefits others

Let counsel go before every action.
17 As a token of the changing of the heart,
18 four kinds of things rise up:
good and evil, life and death.
That which rules over them continually is the tongue.
19 There's one who's clever and the instructor of many,
and yet is unprofitable to his own soul.
20 There's one who's subtle in words, and is hated.
He'll be destitute of all food.
21 Because grace wasn't given to him from the master,
because he's deprived of all wisdom.
22 There's one who's wise to his own soul;
and the fruits of his understanding are trustworthy in the mouth.
23 A wise man will instruct his own people.
The fruits of his understanding are trustworthy.
24 A wise man will be filled with blessing.
All those who see him will call him happy.
25 A man's life is counted by days.
The days of Yisrael (Israel) are innumerable.
26 The wise man will inherit confidence among his people.
His name will live forever.
27 My son, test your soul in your life.

Know your limits with food

See what's evil for it, and don't give in to it.
28 Because not all things are profitable for all men.
Not every soul has pleasure in everything.
29 Don't be insatiable in any luxury.
Don't be greedy in the things that you eat.
30 Because overeating brings disease,
and gluttony causes nausea.
31 Because of gluttony, many have perished,
but he who takes heed will prolong his life.
38:1 Honour a physician according to your need with the honours due to him,

Doctors, medicines, and prayer

for truly the master has created him.
2 Because healing comes from the Most High,

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⟦πιστότερος⟧ he/she/it/self; 14 soul for man ⟦ἀπαγγέλλειν⟧ ⟦ἐνίοτε⟧ ⟦εἴωθεν⟧, or/than seven ⟦σκοποὶ⟧ upon/to/against ⟦μετεώρου⟧ to_sit upon/to/against ⟦σκοπῆς⟧. 15 and upon/to/against all this/he/she/it to_pray highest, in_order_ _that/to ⟦εὐθύνῃ⟧ in/on/among truth the/this/who road you. 16 beginning all work word, and before all ⟦πράξεως⟧ plan. 17 track ⟦ἀλλοιώσεως⟧ heart. 18 four part to_rise, good-doer and evil/harm, life and death, and ⟦κυριεύουσα⟧ continually he/she/it/self tongue to_be. 19 to_be man crafty and much instructor, and the/this/who one's_own/private soul useless to_be. 20 he_is ⟦σοφιζόμενος⟧ in/on/among word detested, this/he/she/it all food ⟦καθυστερήσει⟧, 21 no for to_give he/she/it/self from_with lord grace, that/since all wisdom ⟦ἐστερήθη⟧. 22 he_is wise the/this/who one's_own/private soul, and the/this/who ⟦καρποὶ⟧ the/this/who understanding he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against mouth faithful. 23 man wise the/this/who my/your/him-self a_people ⟦παιδεύσει⟧, and the/this/who ⟦καρποὶ⟧ the/this/who understanding he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there faithful. 24 man wise to_fill praise, and to_bless he/she/it/self all the/this/who to_ _see. 25 life man in/on/among number day, and the/this/who/which day of_the Israaʸl ⟦ἀναρίθμητοι⟧. 26 the/this/who wise in/on/among the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_inherit faith, and the/this/who name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_live toward the/this/who an_age. 27 child, in/on/among the/this/who life you ⟦πείρασον⟧ the/this/who soul you, and look!/to_perceive one/which? evil/bad he/she/it/self, and not to_give he/she/it/self. 28 no for all all to_be_profitable, and no all soul in/on/among all to_delight. 29 not ⟦ἀπληστεύου⟧ in/on/among all self-indulgence, and not ⟦ἐκχυθῇς⟧ upon/to/against ⟦ἐδεσμάτων⟧; 30 in/on/among much for food to_be travail, and the/this/who ⟦ἀπληστία⟧ to_come_near until ⟦χολέρας⟧. 31 through/because_of ⟦ἀπληστίαν⟧ much ⟦ἐτελεύτησαν⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦προσέχων⟧ ⟦προσθήσει⟧ life.

38:1 to_honour ⟦ἰατρὸν⟧ to/with the/this/who need honour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and for he/she/it/self to_create lord. 2 from_with for highest to_be healing, and from_with king to_take gift. 3 higher_knowledge physician ⟦ἀνυψώσει⟧ head

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and before
[[μεγιστάνων]] [[θαυμασθήσεται]]. **4** lord to_create out_from
earth [[φάρμακα]], and man thoughtful no [[προσοχθιεῖ]]
he/she/it/self. **5** no away_from wood [[ἐγλυκάνθη]] water,
toward the/this/who [[γνωσθῆναι]] the/this/who strength
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? **6** and he/she/it/self
to_give a_human [[ἐπιστήμην]] [[ἐνδοξάζεσθαι]] in/on/among
the/this/who [[θαυμασίοις]]
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **7** in/on/among
he/she/it/self to_serve/heal, and to_take_up the/this/who
travail he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **8** a_perfumer
in/on/among this/he/she/it to_do/make mixture, and no not
[[συντελέσῃ]] work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
and peace from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
to_be upon/to/against face the/this/who earth. **9** child,
in/on/among [[ἀῤῥωστήματί]] you not [[παράβλεπε]], but
[[εὖξαι]] lord, and he/she/it/self [[ἰάσεταί]] you. **10** [[Ἀπόστησον]]
[[πλημμέλειαν]], and [[εὔθυνον]] hand, and away_from all sin to_
_clean heart. **11** to_give Euodia, and memorial [[σεμιδάλεως]],
and [[λίπανον]] offering, which/how not to_be. **12** and [[ἰατρῷ]]
to_give place, and for he/she/it/self to_create lord; and not to_
_leave you, and for he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
need. **13** he_is time/right_time when and in/on/among hand
he/she/it/self aroma. **14** and for he/she/it/self lord
[[δεηθήσονται]], in_order_that/to [[εὐοδώσῃ]] he/she/it/self rest
and healing because_of/grace [[ἐμβιώσεως]]. **15** the/this/who
to_sin before of_the [[ποιήσαντος]] he/she/it/self, [[ἐμπέσοι]]
toward hand physician. **16** child, upon/to/against [[νεκρῷ]]
[[κατάγαγε]] [[δάκρυα]], and which/how a_certain_one to_suffer
[[ἔναρξε]] [[θρήνου]]; according_to but/and the/this/who
judgement he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
[[περίστειλον]] the/this/who body
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and not [[ὑπερίδῃς]]
the/this/who burial_(place)
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **17** [[Πίκρανον]]
[[κλαυθμὸν]], and [[θέρμανον]] lamentation, and to_do/make
the/this/who grief according_to the/this/who [[ἀξίαν]]
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there day one and two
because_of/grace [[διαβολῆς]], and [[παρακλήθητι]] grief
because_of; **18** away_from grief for [[ἐκβαίνει]] death, and grief
heart to_bend/bow strength. **19** in/on/among enslavement
[[παραβαίνει]] and grief, and life [[πτωχοῦ]] according_to heart.
20 not to_give toward grief the/this/who heart you,
[[ἀπόστησον]] he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self [[μνησθεὶς]]
the/this/who last/least. **21** not [[ἐπιλαθῇ]], no for to_be fuller_
_statement, and this/he/she/it no [[ὠφελήσεις]], and yourself
[[κακώσεις]]. **22** to_remember the/this/who judgement
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that/since thus(-ly)
which/how and the/this/who your; I/we/my yesterday, and
you/your today. **23** in/on/among [[ἀναπαύσει]] dead
[[κατάπαυσον]] the/this/who memorial
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and [[παρακλήθητι]]
in/on/among he/she/it/self in/on/among [[ἐξόδῳ]]
spirit/breath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
24 wisdom [[γραμματέως]] in/on/among opportunity [[σχολῆς]],
and the/this/who [[ἐλασσούμενος]] action
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there [[σοφισθήσεται]].

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and he'll receive a gift from the king.
3 The skill of the physician will lift up his head.
He'll be admired in the sight of great men.
4 The master created medicines out of the earth.
A prudent man won't despise them.
5 Wasn't water made sweet with wood,
that its power might be known?
6 He gave men skill
that he might be glorified in his marvellous works.
7 With them he heals
and takes away pain.
8 With these, the pharmacist makes a mixture.
God's works won't be brought to an end.
From him, peace is on the face of the earth.
9 My son, in your sickness don't be negligent,
but pray to the master, and he'll heal you.
10 Put away wrong doing, and direct your hands in righteousness.
Cleanse your heart from all sin.
11 Give a sweet savour and a memorial of fine flour,
and pour oil on your offering, according to your means.
12 Then give place to the physician, for truly the master has created him.
Don't let him leave you, for you need him.
13 There's a time when in recovery is in their hands.
14 Because they also will ask the master
to prosper them in diagnosis and in healing for the maintenance of life.
15 He who sins before his Maker,
let him fall into the hands of the physician.
16 My son, let your tears fall over the dead,

Grieving for the dead

and as one who suffers grievously, begin lamentation.
Wind up his body with due honour.
Don't neglect his burial.
17 Make bitter weeping and make passionate wailing.
Let your mourning be according to his merit,
for one day or two, so that people won't speak badly of you;
and so be comforted for your sorrow.
18 Because from sorrow comes death.
Sorrow of heart saps one's strength.
19 In calamity, sorrow also remains.
A poor man's life is grievous to the heart.
20 Don't give your heart to sorrow.
Put it away, remembering the end.
21 Don't forget it, for there's no returning again.
You do him no good, and you'd harm yourself.
22 Remember his end, for so also will yours be:
yesterday for me, and today for you.
23 When the dead is at rest, let his remembrance rest.
Be comforted for him when his spirit departs from him.

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The work of farmers and skilled workers

24 The wisdom of the scribe comes by the opportunity of leisure.
He who has little business can become wise.
25 How could he become wise who holds the plough,
who glories in the shaft of the goad,
who drives oxen and is occupied in their labours,
and who mostly talks about bulls?
26 He'll set his heart on turning his furrows.
His lack of sleep is to give his heifers their fodder.
27 So is every craftsman and master artisan
who passes his time by night as by day,
those who cut engravings of signets.
His diligence is to make great variety.
He sets his heart to preserve likeness in his portraiture,
and is careful to finish his work.
28 So too is the smith sitting by the anvil
and considering the unwrought iron.
The smoke of the fire will waste his flesh.
He toils in the heat of the furnace.
The noise of the hammer deafens his ear.
His eyes are on the pattern of the object.
He'll set his heart on perfecting his works.
He'll be careful to adorn them perfectly.
29 So is the potter sitting at his work
and turning the wheel around with his feet,
who's always anxiously set at his work.
He produces his handiwork in quantity.
30 He'll fashion the clay with his arm
and will bend its strength in front of his feet.
He'll apply his heart to finish the glazing.
He'll be careful to clean the kiln.
31 All these put their trust in their hands.
Each becomes skilful in his own work.
32 Without these no city would be inhabited.
Men wouldn't reside as foreigners or walk up and down there.
33 They won't be searched for among the council of the people.
They won't mount on high in the assembly.
They won't sit on the seat of the judge.
They won't understand the covenant of judgement.
Neither will they declare instruction and judgement.
They won't be found where parables are.
34 But they'll maintain the fabric of the age.
Their prayer is in the handiwork of their craft.

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25 one/which? ⟦σοφισθήσεται⟧ the/this/who to_grasp/seize ⟦ἀροτροῦ⟧, and to_boast in/on/among ⟦δόρατι⟧ ⟦κέντρου⟧, ox ⟦ἐλαύνων⟧ and ⟦ἀναστρεφόμενος⟧ in/on/among work he/she/it/self, and the/this/who narrative he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among son bull? 26 heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_give ⟦ἐκδοῦναι⟧ ⟦αὔλακας⟧, and the/this/who sleeplessness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward food ⟦δαμάλεων⟧. 27 thus(-ly) all craftsman and master-builder, who/which ⟦νύκτωρ⟧ which/how day ⟦διάγει⟧; the/this/who ⟦γλύφοντες⟧ ⟦γλύμματα⟧ seal, and the/this/who perseverance he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀλλοιῶσαι⟧ ⟦ποικιλίαν⟧; heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ _give toward the/this/who ⟦ὁμοιῶσαι⟧ ⟦ζωγραφίαν⟧, and the/this/who sleeplessness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦τελέσαι⟧ work. 28 thus(-ly) coppersmith to_sit near ⟦ἄκμονος⟧, and ⟦καταμανθάνων⟧ ⟦ἀργῷ⟧ ⟦σιδήρῳ⟧; vapour fire ⟦πήξει⟧ flesh he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among heat furnace/oven ⟦διαμαχήσεται⟧; voice/sound ⟦σφύρης⟧ ⟦καινιεῖ⟧ the/this/who ear he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and before ⟦ὁμοιώματος⟧ ⟦σκεύους⟧ the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_give toward ⟦συντέλειαν⟧ work, and the/this/who sleeplessness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κοσμῆσαι⟧ upon/to/against consummation. 29 thus(-ly) potter to_sit in/on/among work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦συστρέφων⟧ in/on/among foot he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there course/wheel, which in/on/among ⟦μεριμνῃ⟧ to_lay/be_appointed always upon/to/against the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐναρίθμιος⟧ all the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 30 in/on/among arm he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦τυπώσει⟧ clay, and before foot to_bend/bow strength he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; heart to_give/deliver ⟦συντελέσαι⟧ the/this/who anointing, and the/this/who sleeplessness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_clean furnace/oven. 31 all this/he/she/it toward hand he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνεπίστευσαν⟧, and each in/on/among the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦σοφίζεται⟧. 32 without he/she/it/self no ⟦οἰκισθήσεται⟧ city, and no ⟦παροικήσουσιν⟧, and_not to_walk; 33 and in/on/among assembly no ⟦ὑπεραλοῦνται⟧; upon/to/against ⟦δίφρον⟧ ⟦δικαστοῦ⟧ no ⟦καθιοῦνται⟧, and covenant judgement no ⟦διανοηθήσονται⟧, and_not not ⟦ἐκφανῶσι⟧ righteousness and judgement; and in/on/among parable no ⟦εὑρεθήσονται⟧. 34 but creature an_age ⟦στηρίσουσι⟧; and the/this/who petition he/she/it/self in/on/among work skill. but/however of_the ⟦ἐπιδόντος⟧ the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦διανοουμένου⟧ in/on/among law highest,

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39:1 wisdom all ancient ⟦ἐκζητήσει⟧, and in/on/among ⟦προφητείαις⟧ ⟦ἀσχοληθήσεται⟧. **2** ⟦Διηγήσεις⟧ man ⟦ὀνομαστῶν⟧ ⟦συντηρήσει⟧, and in/on/among ⟦στροφαῖς⟧ ⟦παραβολῶν⟧ ⟦συνεισελεύσεται⟧. **3** ⟦Ἀπόκρυφα⟧ ⟦παροιμιῶν⟧ ⟦ἐκζητήσει⟧, and in/on/among ⟦αἰνίγμασι⟧ ⟦παραβολῶν⟧ ⟦ἀναστραφήσεται⟧. **4** ⟦Ἀναμέσον⟧ ⟦μεγιστάνων⟧ ⟦ὑπηρετήσει⟧, and before ⟦ἡγουμένου⟧ to_see; in/on/among earth another's Gentile_nation to_pass_through, good-doer for and evil/harm in/on/among a_human to_test/tempt. **5** the/this/who heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_give/deliver ⟦ὀρθρίσαι⟧ to/with lord the/this/who ⟦ποιήσαντα⟧ he/she/it/self, and before highest ⟦δεηθήσεται⟧; and opening the/this/who mouth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among prayer, and about the/this/who sin he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦δεηθήσεται⟧. **6** if lord the/this/who great to_will/desire, spirit/breath understanding ⟦ἐμπλησθήσεται⟧; he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνομβρήσει⟧ declaration wisdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among prayer to_agree lord. **7** he/she/it/self ⟦κατευθύνει⟧ plan he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and ⟦ἐπιστήμην⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀποκρύφοις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦διανοηθήσεται⟧. **8** he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκφανεῖ⟧ discipline teaching he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among law covenant lord ⟦καυχήσεται⟧. **9** ⟦Αἰνέσουσι⟧ the/this/who understanding he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there much, until of_the an_ _age no ⟦ἐξαλειφθήσεται⟧; no ⟦ἀποστήσεται⟧ the/this/who memorial he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_live toward generation generation. **10** the/this/who wisdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦διηγήσονται⟧ Gentile_nation, and the/this/who praise he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐξαγγελεῖ⟧ assembly. **11** if ⟦ἐμμείνῃ⟧ name to_leave_behind or/than thousand, and if ⟦ἀναπαύσηται⟧ ⟦ἐμποιεῖ⟧ he/she/it/self. **12** still ⟦διανοηθεὶς⟧ ⟦ἐκδιηγήσομαι⟧, and which/how mid-menstrual_period ⟦ἐπληρώθην⟧. **13** ⟦Εἰσακούσετέ⟧ I/we son ⟦ὅσιοι⟧, and ⟦βλαστήσατε⟧ which/how Rhodes ⟦φυόμενον⟧ upon/to/against ⟦ῥεύματος⟧ field; **14** and which/how frankincense ⟦εὐωδιάσατε⟧ aroma, and ⟦ἀνθήσατε⟧ flower which/how lily; ⟦διάδοτε⟧ aroma and ⟦αἰνέσατε⟧ a_song; ⟦εὐλογήσατε⟧ lord upon/to/against all the/this/who work. **15** to_give the/this/who name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦μεγαλωσύνην⟧, and ⟦ἐξομολογήσασθε⟧ in/on/among ⟦αἰνέσει⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among song lip and in/on/among ⟦κινύραις⟧, and thus(-ly) to_say in/on/among ⟦ἐξομολογήσει⟧, **16** the/this/who work lord all that/since good very, and all an_order in/on/among time/right_time he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ _be. **17** all for in/on/among time/right_time he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_seek; in/on/among word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_stand which/how a_heap water, and in/on/among declaration mouth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀποδοχεῖα⟧ water. **18** in/on/among ⟦προστάγματι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there all the/this/who

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The work of someone who studies God's law

39:1 Not so he who's applied his soul
and meditates in the Most High's law.
He'll seek out the wisdom of all the ancients
and will be occupied with prophecies.
2 He'll keep the sayings of the men of renown
and will enter in amidst the subtleties of parables.
3 He'll seek out the hidden meaning of proverbs
and be conversant in the dark sayings of parables.
4 He'll serve among great men
and appear before him who rules.
He'll travel through the land of foreign nations,
for he's learnt what's good and evil among men.
5 He'll apply his heart to return early to the master who made him,
and will make supplication before the Most High,
and will open his mouth in prayer,
and will ask for pardon for his sins.
6 If the great master wills,
he'll be filled with the spirit of understanding;
he'll pour forth the words of his wisdom
and in prayer give thanks to the master.
7 He'll direct his counsel and knowledge,
and he'll meditate in his secrets.
8 He'll show the instruction which he's been taught
and will glory in the law of the master's covenant.
9 Many will commend his understanding.
So long as the world endures, it won't be blotted out.
His memory won't depart.
His name will live throughout the generations.
10 Nations will declare his wisdom.
The congregation will proclaim his praise.
11 If he continues, he'll leave a greater name than a thousand.
If he finally rests, it's enough for him.

Praise God for the goodness of creation

12 Yet more I'll utter, which I've thought about.
I'm filled like the full moon.
13 Listen to me, you holy children,
and bud forth like a rose growing by a brook of water.
14 Give a sweet fragrance like frankincense.
Put forth flowers like a lily.
Scatter a sweet smell and sing a song of praise.
Bless the master for all his works!
15 Magnify his name
and give utterance to his praise
with the songs on your lips and with harps!
Say this when you utter his praise:
16 All the master's works are extremely good,
and every command will be done in its time.
17 No one can say, "What's this?" "Why is that?"
because they'll all be discovered at the proper time.
At his word, the waters stood as a heap,

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as did the reservoirs of water at the word of his mouth.
18 At his command all his good pleasure is fulfilled.
There's no one who can hinder his salvation.
19 The works of all flesh are before him.
It's impossible to be hidden from his eyes.
20 He sees from eternal to eternal.
There's nothing too wonderful for him.
21 No one can say, "What's this?" "Why is that?"
for all things are created for their own uses.
22 His blessing covered the dry land as a river
and saturated it as a flood.
23 As he's made the waters salty,
so the heathen will inherit his anger.
24 His ways are plain to the holy.
They're stumbling blocks to the wicked.
25 Good things are created from the beginning for the good.
So are evil things for sinners.
26 The main things necessary for the life of man
are water, fire, iron, salt,
wheat flour, and honey, milk,
the blood of the grape, oil, and clothing.
27 All these things are for good to the godly,
but for sinners, they'll be turned into evils.
28 There are winds that are created for vengeance,
and in their fury they lay on their scourges heavily.
In the time of reckoning, they pour out their strength,
and will appease the anger of him who made them.
29 Fire, hail, famine, and death—
all these are created for vengeance—
30 wild animals' teeth, scorpions, adders,
and a sword punishing the ungodly to destruction.
31 They'll rejoice in his commandment,
and will be made ready on earth when needed.
In their seasons, they won't disobey his command.
32 Therefore from the beginning I was convinced,
and I thought it through and left it in writing:
33 All the master's works are good.
He'll supply every need in its time.
34 No one can say, "This is worse than that,"
for they'll all be well approved in their time.
35 Now with all your hearts and voices, sing praises
and bless the master's name!

The burdens of human life

40:1 Great travail is created for every man.
A heavy yoke is on the sons of Adam,
from the day of their coming forth from their mother's womb,
until the day for their burial in the mother of all things.
2 The expectation of things to come, and the day of death,
trouble their thoughts, and cause fear in their hearts.

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goodwill, and no to_be which ⟦ἐλαττώσει⟧ the/this/who saving he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 19 work all flesh before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no he_is to_hide away_from the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 20 away_from of_the an_age toward the/this/who an_age to_look_upon/at, and none he_is ⟦θαυμάσιον⟧ against/in_front_of he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 21 no to_be to_say, one/which? this/he/she/it? toward one/which? this/he/she/it? all for toward need he/she/it/self to_create. 22 the/this/who praise he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which/how river ⟦ἐπεκάλυψε⟧, and which/how flood dried_up/withered ⟦ἐμέθυσεν⟧. 23 thus(-ly) wrath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Gentile_nation to_ _inherit, which/how ⟦μετέστρεψεν⟧ water toward ⟦ἅλμην⟧. 24 the/this/who/which road he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦ὁσίοις⟧ ⟦εὐθεῖαι⟧, thus(-ly) the/this/who lawless ⟦προσκόμματα⟧. 25 good-doer the/this/who good-doer to_create away_from beginning, thus(-ly) the/this/who sinful evil/harm. 26 beginning all need toward life a_human, water, fire, and iron, and salt, and fine_flour ⟦πυροῦ⟧, and honey, and milk, blood ⟦σταφυλῆς⟧, and olive_oil, and clothing. 27 this/he/she/it all the/this/who ⟦εὐσεβέσιν⟧ toward good-doer, thus(-ly) the/this/who sinful ⟦τραπήσεται⟧ toward evil/harm. 28 he_is spirit/breath which toward vengeance to_ _create, and in/on/among ⟦θυμῷ⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐστερέωσαν⟧ whip he/she/it/self; and in/on/among time/right_time consummation strength ⟦ἐκχέουσι⟧, and the/this/who wrath of_the ⟦ποιήσαντος⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦κοπάσουσι⟧. 29 fire and hail and hunger and death, all this/he/she/it toward vengeance to_create. 30 wild_animal tooth and scorpion and to_have/be and sword ⟦ἐκδικοῦσα⟧ toward destructive ungodly, 31 in/on/among the/this/who commandment he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦εὐφρανθήσονται⟧, and upon/to/against the/this/who earth toward need ⟦ἑτοιμασθήσονται⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time he/she/it/self no ⟦παραβήσονται⟧ word. 32 through/because_of this/he/she/it out_from beginning ⟦ἐστηρίχθην⟧, and ⟦διενοήθην⟧, and in/on/among a_writing to_release. 33 the/this/who work lord all good-doer, and all need in/on/among hour he/she/it/self to_provide. 34 and no to_be to_say, this/he/she/it this/he/she/it ⟦πονηρότερον⟧, all for in/on/among time/right_time ⟦εὐδοκιμηθήσεται⟧. 35 and now in/on/among all heart and mouth ⟦ὑμνήσατε⟧, and ⟦εὐλογήσατε⟧ the/this/who name lord.

40:1 ⟦Ἀσχολιὰ⟧ great to_create all a_human, and yoke/scales weighty upon/to/against son Adam, away_from day departure out_from ⟦γαστρὸς⟧ mother he/she/it/self until day upon/to/against burial_(place) toward mother all. 2 the/this/who reasoning he/she/it/self and fear heart, thought expectation, day death; 3 away_from to_sit upon/to/against throne in/on/among glory/to_think, and until ⟦τεταπεινωμένου⟧ in/on/among earth and ashes; 4 away_ _from ⟦φοροῦντος⟧ ⟦ὑάκινθον⟧ and crown, and until

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⟦περιβαλλουμένου⟧ ⟦ὠμόλινον⟧; **5** wrath and zeal and disturbance and tossing and fear death and wrath and quarrel, and in/on/among time/right_time ⟦ἀναπαύσεως⟧ upon/to/against ⟦κοίτης⟧ sleep night ⟦ἀλλοιοῖ⟧ knowledge/to_know he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **6** little/few which/how none in/on/among ⟦ἀναπαύσει⟧, and away_from that in/on/among ⟦ὕπνοις⟧ which/how in/on/among day ⟦σκοπιᾶς⟧, ⟦τεθορυβημένος⟧ in/on/among appearance/vision heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which/how ⟦ἐκπέφευγὼς⟧ away_from face ⟦πολέμου⟧. **7** in/on/among time/right_time salvation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐξηγέρθη⟧, and ⟦ἀποθαυμάζων⟧ toward none fear. **8** with/after all flesh away_ _from a_human until ⟦κτήνους⟧, and upon/to/against sinful ⟦ἑπταπλάσια⟧ to/with this/he/she/it. **9** death and blood and quarrel and sword,. ⟦ἐπαγωγαὶ⟧, hunger and ruin and whip, **10** upon/to/against the/this/who lawless to_create this/he/she/it all, and through/because_of he/she/it/self to_ _be the/this/who flood. **11** all just_as/how_much away_from earth toward earth ⟦ἀναστρέφει⟧, and away_from water toward sea ⟦ἀνακάμπτει⟧. **12** all gift and unrighteousness ⟦ἐξαλειφθήσεται⟧, and faith toward the/this/who an_age ⟦στήσεται⟧. **13** money unjust which/how river ⟦ξηρανθήσεται⟧, and which/how thunder great in/on/among ⟦ὑετῷ⟧ ⟦ἐξηχήσει⟧. **14** in/on/among the/this/who to_open he/she/it/self hand, ⟦εὐφρανθήσεται⟧, thus(-ly) the/this/who ⟦παραβαίνοντες⟧ toward ⟦συντέλειαν⟧ to_fail. **15** descendant ungodly no to_multiply branch, and ⟦ῥίζαι⟧ ⟦ἀκάθαρτοι⟧ upon/to/against ⟦ἀκροτόμου⟧ rock. **16** reed-grass upon/to/against all water and ⟦χείλους⟧ river before all grass ⟦ἐκτιλήσεται⟧. **17** grace which/how paradise in/on/among praise, and charity toward the/this/who an_age to_remain. **18** life ⟦αὐτάρκους⟧ ⟦ἐργάτου⟧ ⟦γλυκανθήσεται⟧, and above/for both the/this/who ⟦εὑρίσκων⟧ treasure. **19** child and building city ⟦στηρίζουσιν⟧ name, and above/for both woman blameless to_count. **20** wine and ⟦μουσικὰ⟧ ⟦εὐφραίνουσι⟧ heart, and above/for both affection wisdom. **21** flute and a_psaltery ⟦ἡδύνουσι⟧ honey, and above/for both tongue ⟦ἡδεῖα⟧. **22** because_of/grace and beauty ⟦ἐπιθυμήσει⟧ the/this/who eye you, and above/for both ⟦χλόην⟧ ⟦σπόρου⟧. **23** friendly/friend and friend toward time/right_time ⟦ἁπαντῶντες⟧, and above/for both woman with/after man. **24** brother and help toward time/right_time pressure, and above/for both charity to_deliver. **25** gold and money ⟦ἐπιστήσουσι⟧ foot, and above/for ⟦ἀπφότερα⟧ plan ⟦εὐδοκιμεῖται⟧. **26** money and strength ⟦ἀνυψώσουσι⟧ heart, and above/for both fear lord; no he_is fear lord ⟦ἐλάττωσις⟧, and no to_be ⟦ἐπιζητῆσαι⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self help. **27** fear lord which/how paradise praise, and above/for all glory ⟦ἐκάλυψαν⟧ he/she/it/self. **28** child, life ⟦ἐπαιτήσεως⟧ not ⟦βιώσῃς⟧, greater to_die or/than to_ask/beg. **29** man to_see toward table another's, no to_be he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who life in/on/among ⟦λογισμῷ⟧ life, ⟦ἀλισγήσει⟧ the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among ⟦ἐδέσμασιν⟧ another's; man but/and knowing and to_instruct ⟦φυλάξεται⟧. **30** in/on/among mouth ⟦ἀναιδοῦς⟧

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3 From him who sits on a throne of glory,
even to him who's humbled in earth and ashes,
4 from him who wears purple and a crown,
even to him who's clothed in burlap,
5 there's anger, jealousy, trouble, unrest,
fear of death, anger, and strife.
In the time of rest on his bed,
his night sleep changes his knowledge.
6 He gets little or no rest,
and afterward in his sleep, as in a day of keeping watch,
he's troubled in the vision of his heart,
as one who's escaped from the front of battle.
7 In the very time of his deliverance, he awakens,
and marvels that the fear is nothing.
8 To all creatures, human and animal,
and on sinners sevenfold more,
9 come death, bloodshed, strife, sword,
calamities, famine, suffering, and deadly diseases.
10 All these things were created for the wicked,
and because of them the flood came.
11 All things that are of the earth turn to the earth again.
All things that are of the waters return into the sea.
12 All bribery and injustice will be blotted out.
Good faith will stand forever.

Honesty, generosity, and life's good things

13 The goods of the unjust will be dried up like a river,
and like a great thunder in rain will go off in noise.
14 In opening his hands, a man will be made glad;
so lawbreakers will utterly fail.
15 The children of the ungodly won't grow many branches,
and are as unhealthy roots on a sheer rock.
16 The reeds by every water or river bank
will be plucked up before all grass.
17 Kindness is like a garden of blessings.
Almsgiving endures forever.
18 The life of one who labours and is content will be made sweet.
He who finds a treasure is better than both.
19 Children and the building of a city establish a name.
A blameless wife is better than both.
20 Wine and music rejoice the heart.
The love of wisdom is better than both.
21 The pipe and the lute make pleasant melody.
A pleasant tongue is better than both.
22 Your eye desires grace and beauty,
but the green shoots of grain more than both.
23 A friend and a companion is always welcome,
and a wife with her husband is better than both.
24 Relatives and helpers are for a time of affliction,
but almsgiving rescues better than both.
25 Gold and silver will make the foot stand sure,
and counsel is esteemed better than both.

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26 Riches and strength will lift up the heart.
The fear of the master is better than both.
There's nothing lacking in the fear of the master.
In it, there's no need to seek help.
27 The fear of the master is like a garden of blessing
and covers a man more than any glory.

The hardship of depending on others

28 My son, don't lead a beggar's life.
It's better to die than to beg.
29 A man who looks to the table of another,
his life isn't to be considered a life.
He'll pollute his soul with another person's food,
but a wise and well-instructed person will beware of that.
30 Begging will be sweet in the mouth of the shameless,
but it kindles a fire in his belly.

Facing death

41:1 Oh death, how bitter is the memory of you to a man who's at peace in his possessions,
to the man who has nothing to distract him and has prosperity in all things,
and who still has strength to enjoy food!
2 Oh death, your sentence is acceptable to a man who's needy and who fails in strength,
who's in extreme old age, is distracted about all things,
is perverse, and has lost patience!
3 Don't be afraid of the sentence of death.
Remember those who've been before you and who come after.
This is the sentence from the master over all flesh.
4 And why do you refuse when it's the good pleasure of the Most High?
Whether life lasts ten, or a hundred, or a thousand years,
there's no enquiry about life in Haidais.[81]

The lasting value of a good name

5 The children of sinners are abominable children
and they frequent the dwellings of the ungodly.
6 The inheritance of sinners' children will perish
and with their posterity will be a perpetual disgrace.
7 Children will complain of an ungodly father,
because they suffer disgrace because of him.
8 Woe to you, ungodly men,
who've forsaken the Most High God's law![82]
9 If you're born, you'll be born to a curse.
If you die, a curse will be your portion.
10 All things that are of the earth will go back to the earth;
so the ungodly will go from a curse to perdition.
11 The mourning of men is about their bodies;
but the evil name of sinners will be blotted out.
12 Have regard for your name,
for it continues with you longer than a thousand great treasures of gold.

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⟦γλυκανθήσεται⟧ ⟦ἐπαίτησις⟧, and in/on/among belly/womb/stomach he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there fire ⟦καήσεται⟧.

41:1 Omega/oh!/to_be death, which/how bitter you the/this/who memorial to_be a_human ⟦εἰρηνεύοντι⟧ in/on/among the/this/who to_be he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, man ⟦ἀπερισπάστῳ⟧, and ⟦εὐοδουμένῳ⟧ in/on/among all, and still ⟦ἰσχύοντι⟧ ⟦ἐπιδέξασθαι⟧ food? **2** Omega/oh!/to_be death, good you the/this/who judgement to_be a_human ⟦ἐπιδεομένῳ⟧ and ⟦ἐλασσουμένῳ⟧ strength, ⟦ἐσχατογήρῳ⟧, and ⟦περισπωμένῳ⟧ about all, and ⟦ἀπειθοῦντι⟧, and ⟦ἀπολωλεκότι⟧ perseverance. **3** not ⟦εὐλαβοῦ⟧ judgement death; to_remember ⟦προτέρων⟧ you and last/least, this/he/she/it the/this/who judgement from_with lord all flesh. **4** and one/which? ⟦ἀπαναίνῃ⟧ in/on/among goodwill highest? whether ten, whether hundred, whether thousand year; no to_be in/on/among Hades rebuke life. **5** child ⟦βδελυκτὰ⟧ to_be child sinful, and ⟦συναναστρεφόμενα⟧ ⟦παροικίαις⟧ ungodly. **6** child sinful to_ _destroy inheritance, and with/after of_the seed he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνδελεχιεῖ⟧ disgrace. **7** father ⟦ἀσεβεῖ⟧ ⟦μέμψεται⟧ child, that/since through/because_of he/she/it/self ⟦ὀνειδισθήσονται⟧. **8** woe! you man ungodly, who/which ⟦ἐγκατελίπετε⟧ law God highest. **9** and if ⟦γεννηθῆτε⟧, toward curse ⟦γεννηθήσεσθε⟧; and if ⟦ἀποθάνητε⟧, toward curse ⟦μερισθήσεσθε⟧. **10** all just_as/how_much out_from earth, toward earth ⟦ἀπελεύσεται⟧; thus(-ly) ungodly away_from curse toward destruction. **11** grief a_human in/on/among ⟦σώμασιν⟧ he/she/it/self, name but/and sinful no good-doer, ⟦ἐξαλειφθήσεται⟧. **12** ⟦Φρόντισον⟧ about name, he/she/it/self for you to_remain, or/than thousand great treasure gold. **13** good-doer life number day, and good-doer name toward an_ _age to_remain. **14** discipline in/on/among peace ⟦συντηρήσατε⟧ child, wisdom but/and ⟦κεκρυμμένη⟧ and treasure hidden, one/which? advantage in/on/among both? **15** greater a_human ⟦ἀποκρύπτων⟧ the/this/who foolishness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, or/than a_human ⟦ἀποκρύπτων⟧ the/this/who wisdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **16** therefore ⟦ἐντράπητε⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who declaration I/we; no for he_is all ⟦αἰσχύνην⟧ to_protect good, and no all all in/on/among faith ⟦εὐδοκιμεῖται⟧. **17** ⟦Αἰσχύνεσθε⟧ away_from

81 **RV 41:4 · Note** or, the place of the dead or, Sheol

82 **RV 41:8 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

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father and mother about sexual_sin, and away_from
⟦ἡγουμένου⟧ and ⟦δυνάστου⟧ about lie; **18** away_from ⟦κριτοῦ⟧
and ruler about ⟦πλημμελείας⟧, away_from synagogue and a_
_people about lawlessness; away_from ⟦κοινωνοῦ⟧ and ⟦φίλου⟧
about unrighteousness, and away_from place which/whither
be_a_stranger about ⟦κλοπῆς⟧; **19** and away_from truth God
and covenant, and away_from ⟦πήξεως⟧ ⟦ἀγκῶνος⟧
upon/to/against bread; away_from ⟦σκορακισμοῦ⟧ receiving
and gift, **20** and away_from ⟦ἀσπαζομένων⟧ about ⟦σιωπῆς⟧;
away_from ⟦ὁράσεως⟧ woman ⟦ἑταίρας⟧, **21** and away_from
⟦ἀποστροφῆς⟧ face ⟦συγγενοῦς⟧; away_from ⟦ἀφαιρέσεως⟧ part
and gift, and away_from ⟦κατανοήσεως⟧ woman ⟦ὑπάνδρου⟧,
22 away_from ⟦περιεργείας⟧ maidservant
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and not ⟦ἐπιστῆς⟧
upon/to/against the/this/who bed he/she/it/self, away_from
friendly/friend about word ⟦ὀνειδισμοῦ⟧, and with/after
the/this/who to_give, not ⟦ὀνείδιζε⟧. **23** away_from
⟦δευτερώσεως⟧ and word hearing, and away_from revelation
word ⟦κρυφίων⟧; **24** and to_be ⟦αἰσχυντηρὸς⟧ ⟦ἀληθινῶς⟧, and
⟦εὑρίσκων⟧ because_of/grace before all a_human;

42:1 not about this/he/she/it ⟦αἰσχυνθῇς⟧, and not ⟦λάβῃς⟧
face of_the to_sin; **2** about law highest and covenant, and about
judgement to_justify the/this/who ungodly; **3** about word
⟦κοινωνοῦ⟧ and ⟦ὁδοιπόρων⟧, and about gift inheritance
⟦ἑταίρων⟧; **4** about ⟦ἀκριβείας⟧ ⟦ζυγοῦ⟧ and ⟦σταθμιῶν⟧, about
⟦κτήσεως⟧ much and little/few; **5** about ⟦ἀδιαφόρου⟧
⟦πράσεως⟧, and ⟦ἐμπόρων⟧, and about discipline child much,
and ⟦οἰκέτῃ⟧ evil/bad side ⟦αἱμάξαι⟧. **6** upon/to/against
woman evil/bad good seal; and where(-ever) hand much,
⟦κλεῖσον⟧. **7** the/this/who/which if to_deliver, in/on/among
number and ⟦σταθμῷ⟧, and gift and receiving all in/on/among
a_writing. **8** about discipline ⟦ἀνοήτου⟧ and ⟦μωροῦ⟧ and
⟦ἐσχατογήρου⟧ ⟦κρινομένου⟧ to/with ⟦νέους⟧, and to_be to_
_instruct ⟦ἀληθινῶς⟧, and ⟦δεδοκιμασμένος⟧ before all to_live.
9 daughter father concealed sleeplessness, and the/this/who
concern he/she/it/self ⟦ἀφιστᾷ⟧ ⟦ὕπνον⟧; in/on/among
⟦νεότητι⟧ he/she/it/self lest ⟦παρακμάσῃ⟧, and ⟦συνῳκηκυῖα⟧
lest ⟦μισηθῇ⟧. **10** in/on/among marks_of_virginity/virginity
lest ⟦βεβηλωθῇ⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πατρικοῖς⟧
he/she/it/self pregnant to_be; with/after man to_be lest
⟦παραβῇ⟧, and ⟦συνῳκηκυῖα⟧ lest ⟦στειρώσῃ⟧.
11 upon/to/against daughter ⟦ἀδιατρέπτῳ⟧ ⟦στερέωσον⟧

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13 A good life has its number of days,
but a good name continues forever.
14 My children, follow instruction in peace.

Things to be ashamed of

But wisdom that's hidden and a treasure that isn't seen,
what benefit is in them both?
15 Better is a man who hides his foolishness
than a man who hides his wisdom.
16 Therefore show respect for my words;
for it isn't good to retain every kind of shame.
Not everything is approved by all in good faith.
17 Be ashamed of sexual immorality before father and mother,
of a lie before a prince and a mighty man,
18 of an offence before a judge and ruler,
of iniquity before the congregation and the people,
of unjust dealing before a partner and friend,
19 and of theft in the place where you sojourn.
Be ashamed in regard of the truth of God and his covenant,
of leaning on your elbow at dinner,
of contemptuous behaviour in the matter of giving and taking,
20 of silence before those who greet you,
of looking at a woman who's a prostitute,
21 of turning away your face from a kinsman,
of taking away a portion or a gift,
of gazing at a woman who has a husband,
22 of meddling with his maid—and don't come near her bed,
of abusive speech to friends—and after you've given, don't insult,
23 of repeating and speaking what you've heard,
and of revealing of secrets.
24 So you'll be ashamed of the right things
and find favour in the sight of every man.
42:1 Don't be ashamed of these things,
and don't sin to save face:

Things not to be ashamed of

2 of the law of the Most High and his covenant,
of judgement to do justice to the ungodly,
3 of reckoning with a partner and with travellers,
of a gift from the inheritance of friends,
4 of exactness of scales and weights,
of getting much or little,
5 of bargaining dealing with merchants,
of frequent correction of children,
and of making the back of an evil slave to bleed.
6 A seal is good where an evil wife is.
Where there are many hands, lock things up.
7 Whatever you hand over, let it be by number and weight.
In giving and receiving, let all be in writing.
8 Don't be ashamed to instruct the unwise and foolish,
and one of extreme old age who contends with those who are young.
So you'll be well instructed indeed

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and approved in the sight of every living man.

A father's concerns about his daughter

9 A daughter is a secret cause of wakefulness to a father.
He loses sleep worrying about her—
in her youth, that she might pass the prime of her life;
when she's married, that she might be hated;
10 in her virginity, that she might be defiled and become pregnant in her father's house;
when she has a husband, that she might do wrong;
and when she's married, that she might be unable to have children.
11 Keep a strict watch over a headstrong daughter,
or she might make you a laughingstock to your enemies,
a byword in the city and notorious among the people,
and shame you in public.
12 Don't gaze at every beautiful body.
Don't sit among women.
13 Because from clothes comes a moth,
and from a woman comes a woman's wickedness.
14 Better is the wickedness of a man than a pleasant woman,
a woman who puts you to shame and disgrace.

God's wisdom displayed in creation

15 I'll make mention now of the master's works,
and will declare the things that I've seen.
The master's works are in his words.
16 The sun that gives light looks at all things.
The master's work is full of his glory.
17 The master hasn't given power to the saints to declare all his marvellous works,
which the Almighty master firmly settled,
that the universe might be established in his glory.
18 He searches out the deep and the heart.
He has understanding of their secrets.
Because the Most High knows all knowledge.
He sees the signs of the world.
19 He declares the things that are past and the things that'll be,
and reveals the traces of hidden things.
20 No thought escapes him.
There isn't a word hidden from him.
21 He's ordered the mighty works of his wisdom.
He's from eternal to eternal.
Nothing has been added to them, nor diminished from them.
He had no need of any counsellor.
22 How desirable are all his works!
One may see this even in a spark.
23 All these things live and remain forever in all manner of uses.
They're all obedient.
24 All things are in pairs, one opposite the other.
He's made nothing imperfect.
25 One thing establishes the good things of another.
Who could ever see enough of his glory?

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prison/watch, lest to_do/make you derision ⟦ἐχθροῖς⟧, speech in/on/among city, and ⟦ἔκκλητον⟧ a_people, and to_dishonour you in/on/among multitude much. 12 all a_human not ⟦ἔμβλεπε⟧ in/on/among ⟦κάλλει⟧, and in/on/among midst woman not ⟦συνέδρευε⟧; 13 away_from for clothing to_depart moth, and away_from woman evil woman. 14 greater evil man or/than doing_good woman, and woman ⟦καταισχύνουσα⟧ toward reproach. 15 to_remember so the/this/who work lord, and which to_see ⟦ἐκδιηγήσομαι⟧; in/on/among word lord the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 16 sun ⟦φωτίζων⟧ according_to all to_look_upon/at, and the/this/who glory he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦πλῆρες⟧ the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 17 no ⟦ἐνεποίησε⟧ the/this/who holy lord ⟦ἐκδιηγήσασθαι⟧ all the/this/who marvellous he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which to_ _strengthen lord the/this/who almighty, to_establish in/on/among glory/to_think he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who all. 18 abyss and heart ⟦ἐξίχνευσε⟧, and in/on/among ⟦πανουργεύμασιν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦διενοήθη⟧; to_know for the/this/who lord all ⟦εἴδησιν⟧, and to_look_into/upon toward sign an_age; 19 to_announce the/this/who ⟦παρεληλυθότα⟧ and ⟦ἐπεσόμενα⟧, and ⟦ἀποκαλύπτων⟧ ⟦ἴχνη⟧ ⟦ἀποκρύφων⟧. 20 no to_pass_by he/she/it/self all thought, no to_hide away_ _from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and_not one word. 21 the/this/who mighty the/this/who wisdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐκόσμησε⟧, and until he_is before of_the an_age and toward the/this/who an_age, neither to_add_(to) neither ⟦ἠλαττώθη⟧, and and_not ⟦προσεδεήθη⟧ none ⟦συμβούλου⟧. 22 which/how all the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐπιθυμητὰ⟧, and which/how ⟦σπινθῆρός⟧ he_is to_ _see/experience. 23 all this/he/she/it to_live and to_stay toward the/this/who an_age in/on/among all need, and all to_ _obey. 24 all ⟦δισσὰ⟧ in/on/among/one before of_the one, and no to_do/make none ⟦ἐκλεῖπον⟧. 25 in/on/among/one of_the one to_strengthen the/this/who good-doer, and one/which? to_fill to_see glory he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there?

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43:1 prancing height, firmness ⟦καθαριότητος⟧, appearance heaven in/on/among vision glory. **2** sun in/on/among vision to_proclaim in/on/among ⟦ἐξόδῳ⟧, vessel marvellous, work highest. **3** in/on/among noon/south he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀναξηραίνει⟧ country, and against/in_front_of ⟦καύματος⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there one/which? ⟦ὑποστήσεται⟧? **4** furnace/oven ⟦φυσῶν⟧ in/on/among work ⟦καύματος⟧, ⟦τριπλασίως⟧ sun ⟦ἐκκαίων⟧ mountain; ⟦ἀτμίδας⟧ ⟦πυρώδεις⟧ ⟦ἐμφυσῶν⟧, and ⟦ἐκλάμπων⟧ ⟦ἀκτίνας⟧ ⟦ἀμαυροῖ⟧ eye. **5** great lord the/this/who to_do/make he/she/it/self, and in/on/among word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατέσπευσε⟧ journey. **6** and the/this/who moon in/on/among all toward time/right_time he/she/it/self, ⟦ἀνάδειξιν⟧ time, and sign an_age. **7** away_from moon sign festival, light ⟦μειούμενος⟧ upon/to/against consummation. **8** certainly/month according_to the/this/who name he/she/it/self to_be, ⟦αὐξανομένη⟧ wonderfully in/on/among ⟦ἀλλοιώσει⟧; vessel ⟦παρεμβολῶν⟧ in/on/among height, in/on/among ⟦στερεώματι⟧ heaven ⟦ἐκλάμπων⟧; **9** beauty heaven, glory star, world ⟦φωτίζων⟧, in/on/among highest lord. **10** in/on/among word holy to_stand according_to judgement, and no not to_faint in/on/among prison/watch he/she/it/self. **11** look!/to_perceive bow, and ⟦εὐλόγησον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ποιήσαντα⟧ he/she/it/self, very ⟦ὡραῖον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦αὐγάσματι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **12** ⟦Ἐγύρωσεν⟧ heaven in/on/among ⟦κυκλώσει⟧ glory, hand highest ⟦ἐτάννυσαν⟧ he/she/it/self. **13** ⟦Προστάγματι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατέσπευσε⟧ snow, and ⟦ταχύνει⟧ ⟦ἀστραπὰς⟧ judgement he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **14** through/because_ _of this/he/she/it to_open treasure, and ⟦ἐξέπτησαν⟧ cloud which/how bird. **15** in/on/among ⟦μεγαλείῳ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there be_strong ⟦νεφέλας⟧, and ⟦διεθρύβησαν⟧ stone hail. **16** and in/on/among ⟦ὀπτασίαις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦σαλευθήσεται⟧ mountain, in/on/among will/desire ⟦πνεύσεται⟧ (Queen_of)_the_South/south. **17** voice/sound thunder he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ὠδίνησε⟧ earth, and a_blast ⟦Βορέου⟧ and commotion/plot spirit/breath; which/how bird ⟦καθιπτάμενα⟧ ⟦πάσσει⟧ snow, and which/how locust ⟦καταλύουσα⟧ the/this/who descent he/she/it/self. **18** beauty ⟦λευκότητος⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκθαυμάσει⟧ eye, and upon/to/against of_the ⟦ὑετοῦ⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκστήσεται⟧ heart. **19** and ⟦πάχνην⟧ which/how salt upon/to/against earth ⟦χέει⟧, and ⟦παγεῖσα⟧ to_be ⟦σκολόπων⟧ Akra/tip. **20** cold wind ⟦Βορέης⟧ ⟦πνεύσει⟧, and ⟦παγήσεται⟧ crystal away_from water; upon/to/against all synagogue water to_destroy/lodge, and which/how breastplate ⟦ἐνδύσεται⟧ the/this/who water. **21** to_devour mountain, and deserted ⟦ἐκκαύσει⟧, and ⟦ἀποσβέσει⟧ ⟦χλόην⟧ which/how fire. **22** healing all according_to diligence fog, dew ⟦ἀπαντῶσα⟧ away_from ⟦καύσωνος⟧ ⟦ἱλαρώσει⟧. **23** ⟦Λογισμῷ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_abate abyss, and to_plant he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self Yaʸsous. **24** the/this/who ⟦πλέοντες⟧ the/this/who sea ⟦διηγοῦνται⟧ the/this/who ⟦κίνδυνον⟧ he/she/it/self, and hearing ⟦ὠτίῳν⟧

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43:1 The pride of the heavenly heights is the clear sky,
the appearance of heaven, in the spectacle of its glory.

The glory of the sky and the changing seasons

2 The sun, when it appears, bringing tidings as it rises,
is a marvellous instrument, the Most High's work.
3 At noon, it dries up the land.
Who can stand against its burning heat?
4 A man tending a furnace is in burning heat,
but the sun three times more, burning up the mountains,
breathing out fiery vapours,
and sending out bright beams, it blinds the eyes.
5 Great is the master who made it.
At his word, he hastens on its course.
6 The moon marks the changing seasons,
declares times, and is a sign for the world.
7 From the moon is the sign of feast days,
a light that wanes when it completes its course.
8 The month is called after its name,
increasing wonderfully in its changing—
an instrument of the army on high,
shining in the structure of heaven,
9 the beauty of heaven, the glory of the stars,
an ornament giving light in the highest places of the master.
10 At the word of the Holy One, they'll stand in due order.
They won't faint in their watches.
11 Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it.
It's extremely beautiful in its brightness.
12 It encircles the sky with its glorious circle.
The Most High's hands have stretched it out.
13 By his commandment, he makes the snow fall

God's power in the weather and the sea

and swiftly sends the lightnings of his judgement.
14 Therefore the storehouses are opened,
and clouds fly out like birds.
15 By his mighty power, he makes the clouds strong
and the hailstones are broken in pieces.
16 At his appearing, the mountains will be shaken.
At his will, the south wind will blow.
17 The voice of his thunder rebukes the earth.
So does the northern storm and the whirlwind.
Like birds flying down, he sprinkles the snow.
It falls down like the lighting of locusts.
18 The eye is dazzled at the beauty of its whiteness.
The heart is amazed as it falls.
19 He also pours out frost on the earth like salt.
When it's freezes, it has points like thorns.
20 The cold north wind blows
and ice freezes on the water.
It settles on every pool of water.
The water puts it on like it was a breastplate.
21 It'll devour the mountains, burn up the wilderness,

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and consume the green grass like fire.
22 A mist coming speedily heals all things.
A dew coming after heat brings cheerfulness.
23 By his counsel, he's calmed the deep
and planted islands in it.
24 Those who sail on the sea tell of its dangers.
We marvel when we hear it with our ears.
25 There are also those strange and wondrous works in it—
variety of all that has life and the huge creatures of the sea.
26 Because of him, his messengers succeed.
By his word, all things hold together.

God is greater than all our praise

27 We may say many things, but couldn't say enough.
The summary of our words is, "He's everything!"
28 How could we have strength to glorify him?
Because he's himself the greater than all his works.
29 The master is awesome and very great!
His power is marvellous!
30 Glorify the master and exalt him as much as you can!
Because even yet, he'll surpass that.
When you exalt him, summon your full strength.
Don't be weary, because you can't praise him enough.
31 Who's seen him, that he may describe him?
Who can magnify him as he is?
32 Many things greater than these are hidden,
for we've seen just a few of his works.
33 Because the master made all things.
He gave wisdom to the godly.

Remembering the faithful ancestors

44:1 Let us now praise famous men,
our ancestors in their generations.
2 The master created great glory in them—
his mighty power from the beginning.
3 Some ruled in their kingdoms
and were men renowned for their power,
giving counsel by their understanding.
Some have spoken in prophecies,
4 leaders of the people by their counsels,
and by their understanding, giving instruction for the people.
Their words in their instruction were wise.
5 Some composed musical tunes,
and set forth verses in writing,
6 rich men endowed with ability,
living peaceably in their homes.
7 All these were honoured in their generations,
and were outstanding in their days.
8 Some of them have left a name behind them,
so that others declare their praises.
9 But of others, there's no memory.
They perished as though they hadn't been.
They become as though they hadn't been born,
they and their children after them.

Literal Version

I/we ⟦θαυμάζομεν⟧. 25 and there the/this/who remarkable and marvellous work, embroidery all living_thing, creation ⟦κητῶν⟧. 26 through/because_of he/she/it/self Euodia goal/tax he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦σύγκειται⟧ all. 27 much to_say and no not ⟦ἐφικώμεθα⟧, and consummation word the/this/who all to_be he/she/it/self. 28 to_glorify where? ⟦ἰσχύσωμεν⟧? he/she/it/self for the/this/who great from_with all the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 29 fearful lord and very great, and marvellous the/this/who command he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 30 to_glorify lord ⟦ὑψώσατε⟧ ⟦καθόσον⟧ if ⟦δύνησθε⟧, ⟦ὑπερέξει⟧ for and still; and ⟦ὑψοῦντες⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦πληθύνατε⟧ in/on/among strength, not ⟦κοπιᾶτε⟧, no for not ⟦ἐφίκησθε⟧. 31 one/which? to_see he/she/it/self and ⟦ἐκδιηγήσεται⟧? and one/which? to_magnify he/she/it/self as/just_as he_is? 32 much ⟦ἀπόκρυφά⟧ he_is great this/he/she/it, little/few for to_see the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 33 all for to_do/make the/this/who lord, and the/this/who ⟦εὐσεβέσιν⟧ to_give wisdom.

44:1 ⟦Αἰνέσωμεν⟧ so man ⟦ἐνδόξους⟧, and the/this/who father I/we the/this/who origin. 2 much glory to_create the/this/who lord, the/this/who ⟦μεγαλωσύνην⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from an_age. 3 ⟦Κυριεύοντες⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦βασιλείαις⟧ he/she/it/self, and man ⟦ὀνομαστοὶ⟧ in/on/among power; ⟦βουλεύσονται⟧ in/on/among understanding he/she/it/self, ⟦ἀπηγγελκότες⟧ in/on/among ⟦προφητείαις⟧; 4 to_govern a_people in/on/among ⟦διαβουλίοις⟧, and understanding ⟦γραμματείας⟧ a_people; wise word in/on/among discipline he/she/it/self; 5 ⟦ἐκζητοῦντες⟧ member musician, ⟦διηγούμενοι⟧ ⟦ἔπη⟧ in/on/among a_writing; 6 man rich ⟦κεχορηγημένοι⟧ strength, be_at_peace in/on/among ⟦παροικίαις⟧ he/she/it/self; 7 all this/he/she/it in/on/among generation ⟦ἐδοξάσθησαν⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who day he/she/it/self pride. 8 to_be he/she/it/self the/this/who/which to_leave_behind name of_the ⟦ἐκδιηγήσασθαι⟧ ⟦ἐπαίνους⟧; 9 and to_be which no he_is memorial, and to_destroy which/how no ⟦ὑπάρξαντες⟧, and to_be which/how no to_be, and the/this/who child he/she/it/self with/after he/she/it/self. 10 but or/than this/he/she/it man mercy, which the/this/who/which ⟦δικαιοσύναι⟧ no ⟦ἐπελήσθησαν⟧. 11 with/after of_the seed he/she/it/self to_remain good-doer inheritance, descendant he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who ⟦διαθήκαις⟧. 12 to_stand seed he/she/it/self and child he/she/it/self through/because_of he/she/it/self; 13 until an_age to_stay

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seed he/she/it/self, and the/this/who glory he/she/it/self no. ⟦ἐξαλειφθήσεται⟧. **14** the/this/who body he/she/it/self in/on/among peace to_bury, and the/this/who name he/she/it/self to_live toward generation. **15** wisdom he/she/it/self ⟦διηγήσονται⟧ a_people, and the/this/who praise ⟦ἐξαγγέλλει⟧ assembly. **16** Enōḵ ⟦εὐηρέστησε⟧ lord, and to_transport example repentance the/this/who generation. **17** Nōe to_find/meet perfect just, in/on/among time/right_ _time wrath to_be in_exchange; through/because_of this/he/she/it to_be remnant the/this/who earth, through/because_of this/he/she/it to_be flood. **18** covenant an_age to_place to/with he/she/it/self, in_order_that/to not ⟦ἐξαλειφθῇ⟧ ⟦κατακλυσμῷ⟧ all flesh. **19** Habra'am great father multitude Gentile_nation, and no to_find/meet like in/on/among the/this/who glory/to_think, **20** which ⟦συνετήρησε⟧ law highest, and to_be in/on/among covenant with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and in/on/among flesh he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_stand covenant, and in/on/among temptation/testing to_ _find/meet faithful. **21** through/because_of this/he/she/it in/on/among oath to_stand he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐνευλογηθῆναι⟧ Gentile_nation in/on/among the/this/who seed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦πληθύναι⟧ he/she/it/self which/how dust the/this/who earth, and which/how star ⟦ἀνυψῶσαι⟧ the/this/who seed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦κατακληρονομῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self away_from sea until sea, and away_from river until end earth. **22** and in/on/among the/this/who Isa'ak to_stand thus(-ly) through/because_of Habra'am the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, praise all a_human and covenant. **23** and to_keep_from upon/to/against head Yakōb; ⟦ἐπέγνω⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among praise he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_give he/she/it/self in/on/among inheritance; and ⟦διέστειλε⟧ ⟦μερίδας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among tribe to_divide twelve.

45:1 and to_lead_out out_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there man mercy, ⟦εὑρίσκοντα⟧ because_of/grace in/on/among eye all flesh; ⟦ἠγαπημένον⟧ by/under God and a_human Mōusaʸn, which/whither the/this/who memorial in/on/among praise. **2** ⟦Ὡμοίωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self glory/to_think holy, and to_ _magnify he/she/it/self in/on/among ⟦φόβοις⟧ enemy. **3** in/on/among word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there sign to_keep_from, to_glorify he/she/it/self according_to face king; to_order he/she/it/self to/with a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_show he/she/it/self the/this/who glory

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10 But these were men of mercy,
whose righteous actions haven't been forgotten.
11 A good inheritance remains with their offspring.
Their children are within the covenant.
12 Their offspring stand fast,
with their children, for their sakes.
13 Their offspring will remain forever.
Their glory won't be blotted out.
14 Their bodies were buried in peace.
Their name lives to all generations.
15 People will declare their wisdom.
The congregation proclaims their praise.

Hanok, Noah, and Avraham's family

16 Hanok (Enoch) pleased the master, and was taken up,
an example of repentance to all generations.
17 Noah was found perfect and righteous.
In the season of anger, he kept the race alive.
Therefore a remnant was left on the earth
when the flood came.
18 Eternal covenants were made with him,
that all flesh should no more be blotted out by a flood.
19 Avraham was a great father of a multitude of nations.
There was none found like him in glory,
20 who kept the Most High's law,
and was taken into covenant with him.
In his flesh he established the covenant.
When he was tested, he was found faithful.
21 Therefore he assured him by an oath
that the nations would be blessed through his offspring,
that he'd multiply him like the dust of the earth,
exalt his offspring like the stars,
and cause them to inherit from sea to sea,
and from the Perat (Euphrates) River to the utmost parts of the earth.
22 In Yitshak (Isaac) also, he established the same assurance for Avraham his father's sake,
the blessing of all men, and the covenant.
23 He made it rest on Ya'akov's (Jacob's) head.
He acknowledged him in his blessings,
gave to him by inheritance,
and divided his portions.
He distributed them among twelve tribes.

Mosheh leads God's people

45:1 He brought out of him a man of mercy,
who found favour in the sight of all people,
a man loved by God and men, even Mosheh,
whose memory is blessed.
2 He made him equal to the glory of the saints,
and magnified him in the fears of his enemies.
3 By his words he caused the wonders to cease.
God glorified him in the sight of kings.
He gave him commandments for his people

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and showed him part of his glory.
4 He sanctified him in his faithfulness and meekness.
He chose him out of all people.
5 He made him to hear his voice,
led him into the thick darkness,
and gave him commandments face to face,
even the law of life and knowledge,
that he might teach Ya'akov (Jacob) the covenant,
and Yisrael (Israel) his judgements.

Aharon and the priesthood

6 He exalted Aharon (Aaron), a holy man like Mosheh (Moses),
even his brother, of the tribe of Levi.
7 He established an eternal covenant with him,
and gave him the priesthood of the people.
He blessed him with stateliness,
and dressed him in a glorious robe.
8 He clothed him in perfect splendour,
and strengthened him with symbols of authority:
the linen trousers, the long robe, and the ephod.
9 He encircled him with pomegranates;
with many golden bells around him,
to make a sound as he went,
to make a sound that might be heard in the temple,
for a reminder for the children of his people;
10 with a holy garment, with gold, blue, and purple, the work of the embroiderer;
with an oracle of judgement—Urim and Tumim;
11 with twisted scarlet, the work of the craftsman;
with precious stones engraved like a signet, in a setting of gold, the work of the jeweller,
for a reminder engraved in writing, after the number of the tribes of Yisrael (Israel);
12 with a crown of gold on the mitre, having engraved on it, as on a signet, "HOLINESS",
an ornament of honour, the work of an expert,
the desires of the eyes, goodly and beautiful.
13 Before him there never have been anything like it.
No stranger put them on, but only his sons and his offspring perpetually.
14 His sacrifices will be wholly burnt,
twice every day continually.
15 Mosheh (Moses) consecrated him,
and anointed him with holy oil.
It was an eternal covenant with him
and to his offspring, all the days of heaven,
to minister to the master, to serve as a priest,
and to bless his people in his name.
16 He chose him out of all living
to offer sacrifice to the master—
incense, and a sweet fragrance, for a memorial,
to make atonement for your people.
17 He gave to him in his commandments,

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 4 in/on/among faith and gentleness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ _sanctify, to_select he/she/it/self out_from all flesh. 5 [[Ἠκούτισεν]] he/she/it/self the/this/who voice/sound he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_bring_in he/she/it/self toward the/this/who [[γνόφον]]; and to_give he/she/it/self according_to face commandment, law life and [[ἐπιστημης]], to_teach the/this/who Yakōb covenant, and judgement he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who Israaʸl. 6 A'arōn to_lift_up holy like he/she/it/self, brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, out_from tribe Leui. 7 to_stand he/she/it/self covenant an_age, and to_give he/she/it/self priesthood a_people; [[ἐμακάρισεν]] he/she/it/self in/on/among [[εὐκοσμίᾳ]], and [[περιέζωσεν]] he/she/it/self robe glory. 8 [[Ἐνέδυσεν]] he/she/it/self [[συντέλειαν]] pride, and to_strengthen he/she/it/self vessel strength, [[περισκελῆ]] and floorlength and [[ἐπωμίδα]], 9 and [[ἐκύκλωσεν]] he/she/it/self [[ῥοΐσκοις]] [[χρυσοῖς]], [[κώδωσι]] [[πλείστοις]] around, [[ἠχῆσαι]] voice/sound in/on/among [[βήμασιν]] he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, [[ἀκουστὸν]] to_do/make [[ἦχον]] in/on/among temple toward memorial son a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, 10 robe holy, gold, and [[ὑακίνθῳ]], and purple_cloth, work [[ποικιλτοῦ]], [[λογείῳ]] judgement, [[δήλοις]] truth, 11 [[κεκλωσμένῃ]] seed, work [[τεχνίτου]], stone [[πολυτελέσι]] [[γλύμματος]] [[σφραγίδος]], in/on/among [[δέσει]] gold, work [[λιθουργοῦ]], toward memorial in/on/among a_writing [[κεκολαμμένῃ]] according_ _to number tribe Israaʸl; 12 crown golden above [[κιδάρεως]], an_impression [[σφραγίδος]] [[ἁγιάσματος]], pride honour, work strength, [[ἐπιθυμήματα]] eye [[κοσμούμενα]] beautiful/timely. 13 before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no to_be such_as_this until an_age, no to_put_on foreign, but/however the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there alone/only, and the/this/who descendant he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there always. 14 sacrifice he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there [[ὁλοκαρπωθήσονται]] [[καθημέραν]] continually twice. 15 to_fulfill Mōusaʸs the/this/who hand, and to_anoint he/she/it/self in/on/among olive_oil holy; to_be he/she/it/self toward covenant eternal, and in/on/among the/this/who seed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among day heaven, [[λειτουργεῖν]] he/she/it/self together and to_serve_as_ _priest, and to_praise/bless the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among the/this/who name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 16 to_select he/she/it/self away_from all to_live, [[προσαγαγεῖν]] [[κάρπωσιν]] lord, incense and Euodia toward memorial, [[ἐξιλάσκεσθαι]] about of_the a_people you. 17 to_ _give he/she/it/self in/on/among commandment he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, authority in/on/among [[διαθήκαις]] [[κριμάτων]], to_teach the/this/who Yakōb the/this/who testimony, and in/on/among law he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_illuminate Israaʸl. 18 [[Ἐπισυνέστησαν]] he/she/it/self [[ἀλλότριοι]], and [[ἐζήλωσαν]] he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who

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deserted, man the/this/who about Dathan and ⟦Ἀβειρὼν⟧, and
the/this/who synagogue Kore in/on/among ⟦θυμῷ⟧ and
wrath. **19** to_perceive lord and no to_delight, and
⟦συνετελέσθησαν⟧ in/on/among ⟦θυμῷ⟧ wrath; to_do/make
he/she/it/self wonders, ⟦καταναλῶσαι⟧ in/on/among fire
⟦φλογὸς⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **20** and to_
add(to) A'arōn glory, and to_give he/she/it/self inheritance;
⟦ἀπαρχὰς⟧ ⟦πρωτογενημάτων⟧ to_divide he/she/it/self; bread
in/on/among first to_make_ready gratification. **21** and for
sacrifice lord to_eat, which to_give he/she/it/self and/both
and the/this/who seed
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **22** but/however
in/on/among earth a_people no to_inherit, and part no to_be
he/she/it/self in/on/among a_people, he/she/it/self for part
you, inheritance. **23** and Finees son Eleazar third toward glory,
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ζηλῶσαι⟧ he/she/it/self
in/on/among fear lord, and to_stand he/she/it/self
in/on/among turning a_people, in/on/among ⟦ἀγαθότητι⟧
eagerness soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and
⟦ἐξιλάσατο⟧ about of_the Israaʸl. **24** through/because_of
this/he/she/it to_stand he/she/it/self covenant peace,
⟦προστάτην⟧ holy and a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in_order_that/to
he/she/it/self to_be and the/this/who seed
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there priesthood
⟦μεγαλεῖον⟧ toward the/this/who an_age; **25** and covenant
the/this/who Dawid son out_from tribe Youda, inheritance
king son out_from son alone, inheritance A'arōn and
the/this/who seed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
26 to_give you wisdom in/on/among heart you, to_judge
the/this/who a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among
righteousness, in_order_that/to not ⟦ἀφανισθῇ⟧ the/this/who
good-doer he/she/it/self, and the/this/who glory
he/she/it/self toward generation he/she/it/self.

46:1 mighty in/on/among ⟦πολέμοις⟧ Yaʸsous Nauaʸ, and
successor Mōusaʸ in/on/among ⟦προφητείαις⟧; which to_be
according_to the/this/who name
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there great upon/to/against
salvation select he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_
_avenge ⟦ἐπεγειρομένους⟧ enemy, that ⟦κληρονομήσῃ⟧
the/this/who Israaʸl. **2** which/how to_glorify in/on/among
the/this/who to_lift_up hand
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
⟦ἐκκλῖναι⟧ sword upon/to/against city? **3** one/which?
before/previously he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
thus(-ly) to_stand? the/this/who for ⟦πολεμίους⟧ lord
he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπήγαγεν⟧. **4** not in/on/among hand
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀνεπόδισεν⟧
the/this/who sun, and one day to_be to/with two?

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authority in the covenants of judgements,
to teach Ya'akov (Jacob) the testimonies,
and to enlighten Yisrael (Israel) in his law.
18 Strangers conspired against him
and envied him in the wilderness:
Datan and Aviram with their company,
and the congregation of Korah, with anger and anger.
19 The master saw it, and it displeased him.
In the anger of his anger, they were destroyed.
He did wonders on them,
to consume them with flaming fire.
20 He added glory to Aharon (Aaron),
and gave him a heritage.
He divided to him the first fruits of the increase,
and prepared bread of first fruits in abundance.
21 Because they eat the sacrifices of the master,
which he gave to him and to his offspring.
22 However, in the land of the people, he has no inheritance,
and he has no portion among the people,
for the master himself is your portion and inheritance.

Pinhas' faithfulness and God's promise

23 Pinhas the son of Eleazar is the third in glory,
in that he was zealous in the fear of the master,
and stood fast when the people turned away,
and he made atonement for Yisrael (Israel).
24 Therefore, a covenant of peace was established for him,
that he should be leader of the sanctuary and of his people,
that he and his offspring should have the dignity of the priesthood forever.
25 Also he made a covenant with David the son of Yishay (Jesse), of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah).
The inheritance of the king is his alone from son to son.
So the inheritance of Aharon (Aaron) is also to his seed.
26 May God give you wisdom in your heart
to judge his people in righteousness,
that their good things may not be abolished,
and that their glory may endure for all their generations.

Yeshua and Kalev remain faithful

46:1 Yeshua (Jesus) the son of Nun was valiant in war,
and was the successor of Mosheh (Moses) in prophecies.
He was made great according to his name
for the saving of[83] God's elect,
to take vengeance on the enemies that rose up against them,
that he might give Yisrael (Israel) their inheritance.
2 How was he glorified in the lifting up his hands,
and in stretching out his sword against the cities!
3 Who before him stood so firm?
Because the master himself brought his enemies to him.
4 Didn't the sun go back by his hand?
Didn't one day become as two?

83 **RV 46:1 · Note** Grk. his.

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5 He called on the Most High, the Mighty One,
when his foes pressed in all around him,
and the great master heard him.
6 With hailstones of mighty power,
he caused war to break violently on the nation,
and[84] on the slope he destroyed those who resisted,
so that the nations might know his armour,
how he fought in the sight of the master;
for he followed the Mighty One.
7 Also in the time of Mosheh (Moses), he did a work of mercy—
he and Kalev (Caleb) the son of Yefuneh—
in that they withstood the adversary,
hindered the people from sin,
and stilled their wicked complaining.
8 And of six hundred thousand people on foot, they two alone were preserved
to bring them into their inheritance,
into a land flowing with milk and honey.
9 The master gave strength to Kalev,
and it remained with him to his old age,
so that he entered the hill country,
and his offspring obtained it for an inheritance,
10 that all the Israeli people (Israel) might see that it's good to follow the master.

The judges and Shmuel

11 Also the judges, every one by his name,
all whose hearts didn't engage in immorality,
and who didn't turn away from the master—
may their memory be blessed!
12 May their bones flourish again out of their place.
May the name of those who've been honoured be renewed in their children.
13 Shmuel (Samuel), the master's prophet, loved by his master,
established a kingdom and anointed princes over his people.
14 By the master's law he judged the congregation,
and the master watched over Ya'akov (Jacob).
15 By his faithfulness he was proved to be a prophet.
By his words he was known to be faithful in vision.
16 When his enemies pressed on him on every side,
he called on the master, the Mighty One,
with the offering of the suckling lamb.
17 Then the master thundered from heaven.
He made his voice heard with a mighty sound.
18 He utterly destroyed the rulers of the Tsorim (Tyrians)
and all the princes of the Pelishtim.
19 Before the time of his age-long sleep,
he testified in the sight of the lord and his anointed,
"I haven't taken any man's goods, so much as a sandal;"
and no one accused him.
20 Even after he fell asleep, he prophesied,

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5 ⟦Ἐπεκαλέσατο⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὕψιστον⟧ ⟦δυνάστην⟧, in/on/among the/this/who ⟦θλίψαι⟧ he/she/it/self enemy around; and ⟦ἐπήκουσεν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦μέγος⟧ lord. **6** in/on/among stone hail power ⟦κραταιᾶς⟧; ⟦κατέῤῥαξεν⟧ upon/to/against Gentile_nation war, and in/on/among descent to_destroy ⟦ἀνθεστηκότας⟧; in_order_that/to knowledge/to_ _know Gentile_nation complete_armour he/she/it/self, that/since against/in_front_of lord the/this/who war he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and for to_follow_ _after after ⟦δυνάστου⟧. **7** and in/on/among day Mōuseōs to_ _do/make mercy, he/she/it/self and Ḳaleb son Yefonnaʸ, to_ _oppose before enemy, to_prevent a_people away_from sin, and ⟦κοπάσαι⟧ ⟦γογγυσμὸν⟧ evil. **8** and he/she/it/self two to_be to_ _save away_from six_hundred thousand ⟦πεζῶν⟧, to_bring_in he/she/it/self toward inheritance, toward earth ⟦ῥέουσαν⟧ milk and honey. **9** and to_give the/this/who lord the/this/who Ḳaleb strength, and until ⟦γήρους⟧ ⟦διέμεινεν⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐπιβῆναι⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against height the/this/who earth, and the/this/who seed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατέσχε⟧ inheritance; **10** that to_perceive all the/this/who son Israaʸl, that/since good the/this/who to_travel after lord. **11** and the/this/who judge each the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there name, just_as/how_ _much no ⟦ἐξεπόρνευσεν⟧ the/this/who heart, and just_ _as/how_much no to_turn_away away_from lord, to_be the/this/who memorial he/she/it/self in/on/among praise; **12** the/this/who ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἀναθάλοι⟧ out_from of_the place he/she/it/self, and the/this/who name he/she/it/self ⟦ἀντικαταλλασσόμένον⟧ ⟦ἐφ⟧ son ⟦δεδοξασμένων⟧ he/she/it/self. **13** ⟦Ἠγαπημένος⟧ by/under lord he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Samouaʸl prophet lord to_appoint/conduct kingdom, and to_anoint ruler upon/to/against the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **14** in/on/among law lord to_judge synagogue, and to_visit/care_for lord the/this/who Yakōb. **15** in/on/among faith he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἠκριβάσθη⟧ prophet, and to_know in/on/among faith he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there faithful ⟦ὁράσεως⟧. **16** and ⟦ἐπεκαλέσατο⟧ the/this/who lord ⟦δυνάστην⟧, in/on/among the/this/who ⟦θλίψαι⟧ enemy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there around, in/on/among offering ⟦ἀρνὸς⟧ ⟦γαλαθηνοῦ⟧. **17** and ⟦ἐβρόντησεν⟧ away_ _from heaven lord, and in/on/among sound great ⟦ἀκουστὴν⟧ to_do/make the/this/who voice/sound he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **18** and ⟦ἐξέτριψεν⟧ to_govern Turiōn, and all ruler ⟦Φυλιστιείμ⟧. **19** and before time/right_time sleep an_age ⟦ἐπεμαρτύρατο⟧ before lord and Christ, money and until sandal away_from all flesh no ⟦εἴληφα⟧; and no ⟦ἐνεκάλεσεν⟧ he/she/it/self a_human. **20** and with/after the/this/who ⟦ὑπνῶσαι⟧ he/she/it/self to_ _prophesy, and to_show king the/this/who ⟦τελευτὴν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἀνύψωσεν⟧ out_ _from earth the/this/who voice/sound

84 **RV 46:6 · Note** See Joshua 10:11

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among prophecy ⟦ἐξαλεῖψαι⟧ lawlessness a_people.

47:1 and with/after this/he/she/it to_arise Nathan to_ _prophesy in/on/among day Dawid. **2** just_as fat ⟦ἀφωρισμένον⟧ away_from saving, thus(-ly) Dawid away_from the/this/who son Israaʸl. **3** in/on/among ⟦λέουσιν⟧ to_strike which/how in/on/among ⟦ἐρίφοις⟧, and in/on/among ⟦ἄρκοις⟧ which/how in/on/among ⟦ἄρνασι⟧ sheep. **4** in/on/among ⟦νεότητι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there not to_kill ⟦γίγαντα⟧, and ⟦ἐξῆρεν⟧ reproach out_from a_people, in/on/among the/this/who to_lift_up hand in/on/among stone ⟦σφενδόνης⟧, and ⟦καταβαλεῖν⟧ prancing of_the Goliath? **5** ⟦Ἐπεκαλέσατο⟧ for lord the/this/who ⟦ὕψιστον⟧, and to_give in/on/among the/this/who right he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there power ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ a_ _human able in/on/among war, ⟦ἀνυψῶσαι⟧ horn a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **6** thus(-ly) in/on/among myriad to_glorify he/she/it/self, and ⟦ᾔνεσεν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among praise lord, in/on/among the/this/who to_bear/lead he/she/it/self diadem glory. **7** ⟦Ἐξέτριψε⟧ for enemy around, and ⟦ἐξουδένωσε⟧ ⟦Φυλιστιεὶμ⟧ the/this/who opposed; until today ⟦συνετριψεν⟧ he/she/it/self horn. **8** in/on/among all work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_give ⟦ἐξομολόγησιν⟧; holy ⟦ὑψίστῳ⟧ declaration glory in/on/among all heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ὕμνησε⟧, and to_love the/this/who ⟦ποιήσαντα⟧ he/she/it/self. **9** and to_stand ⟦ψαλτῳδοὺς⟧ before of_the altar, and out_from ⟦ἦχου⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦γλυκαίνει⟧ member. **10** to_give in/on/among ⟦ἑορταῖς⟧ ⟦εὐπρέπειαν⟧, and ⟦ἐκόσμησε⟧ time/right_time until consummation; in/on/among the/this/who to_praise he/she/it/self the/this/who holy name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and away_from early ⟦ἠχεῖν⟧ the/this/who sanctification. **11** lord to_remove the/this/who sin he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἀνύψωσεν⟧ toward an_age the/this/who horn he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_give he/she/it/self covenant king and throne glory in/on/among the/this/who Israaʸl. **12** with/after this/he/she/it to_arise son knowing, and through/because_of he/she/it/self ⟦κατέλυσεν⟧ in/on/among ⟦πλατυσμῷ⟧. **13** Salōmōn to_reign in/on/among day peace, which the/this/who God to_keep_from around, in_ _order_that/to to_stand house upon/to/against name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἑτοιμάσῃ⟧ sanctification toward the/this/who an_age. **14** which/how ⟦ἐσοφίσθης⟧ in/on/among ⟦νεότητί⟧ you, and ⟦ἐνεπλήσθης⟧ which/how river understanding. **15** earth ⟦ἐπεκάλυψεν⟧ the/this/who soul you, and ⟦ἐνέπλησας⟧ in/on/among parable ⟦αἰνιγμάτων⟧. **16** toward ⟦νήσους⟧ far_(away) to_reach the/this/who name you, and ⟦ἠγαπήθης⟧ in/on/among the/this/who peace you. **17** in/on/among song and proverb and parable, and in/on/among ⟦ἑρμηνείαις⟧ ⟦ἀπεθαύμασάν⟧ you ⟦χῶραι⟧. **18** in/on/among name lord of_the God of_the

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and showed the king his end,
and lifted up his voice from the earth in prophecy,
to blot out the wickedness of the people.

David's victories and worship

47:1 After him, Natan (Nathan) rose up
to prophesy in the days of David.
2 As is the fat when it's separated from the peace offering,
so was David separated from the Israeli people (Israel).
3 He played with lions as with kids,
and with bears as with lambs of the flock.
4 In his youth didn't he kill a giant,
and take away reproach from the people
when he lifted up his hand with a sling stone,
and beat down the boasting Galyat (Goliath)?
5 Because he called on the Most High master,
and he gave him strength in his right hand
to kill a man mighty in war,
to exalt the horn of his people.
6 So they glorified him for his tens of thousands,
and praised him for the blessings of the master,
in that a glorious diadem was given to him.
7 Because he destroyed the enemies on every side,
and defeated the Pelishtim his adversaries.
He broke their horn in pieces to this day.
8 In every work of his he gave thanks to the Holy One Most High with words of glory.
He sang praise with his whole heart,
and loved him who made him.
9 He set singers before the altar,
to make sweet melody by their music.[85]
10 He gave beauty to the feasts,
and set in order the seasons to completion
while they praised his holy name,
and the sanctuary resounded from early morning.
11 The master took away his sins,
and exalted his horn forever.
He gave him a covenant of kings,
and a glorious throne in Yisrael (Israel).

From Shelomoh's wisdom to a divided kingdom

12 After him a wise son rose up,
who because of him lived in security.
13 Shelomoh (Solomon) reigned in days of peace.
God gave him rest all around,
that he might set up a house for his name,
and prepare a sanctuary forever.
14 How wise you were made in your youth,
and filled as a river with understanding!
15 Your influence covered the earth,
and you filled it with parables and riddles.
16 Your name reached to the far away islands,
and you were loved for your peace.

85 RV 47:9 · Note The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

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17 Because your songs, proverbs, parables,
and interpretations, the countries marvelled at you.
18 By the name of the master God,
who's called the god of Yisrael (Israel),
you gathered gold like tin,
and multiplied silver like lead.
19 You bowed your loins to women,
and in your body you were brought into subjection.
20 You blemished your honour,
and defiled your offspring,
to bring anger on your children.
I was grieved for your folly,
21 because the sovereignty was divided,
and a disobedient kingdom ruled out of Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim).
22 But the master will never forsake his mercy.
He won't destroy any of his works,
nor blot out the posterity of his elect.
He won't take away the offspring him who loved him.
He gave a remnant to Ya'akov (Jacob),
and to David a root from his own family.
23 So Shelomoh (Solomon) rested with his fathers.
Of his offspring, he left behind him Rehav'am (Rehoboam),
the foolishness of the people, and one who lacked understanding,
who made the people revolt by his counsel.
Also Yarov'am (Jeroboam) the son of Nevat,
who made Yisrael (Israel) to sin,
and gave a way of sin to Yisrael.
24 Their sins were multiplied greatly,
until they were removed from their land.
25 Because they strived for all manner of wickedness,
until vengeance came on them.

Eliyah's powerful ministry

48:1 Then Eliyah (Elijah) arose, the prophet like fire.
His word burnt like a torch.
2 He brought a famine on them,
and by his zeal made them few in number.
3 By the master's word he shut up the heavens.
He brought down fire three times.
4 How you were glorified, Oh Eliyah, in your wondrous actions!
Whose glory is like yours?
5 You raised up a dead man from death,
from Haidais, by the Most High's word.
6 You brought down kings to destruction,
and honourable men from their sickbeds.
7 You heard rebuke in Sinay,
and judgements of vengeance in Horev.
8 You anointed kings for retribution,
and prophets to succeed after you.
9 You were taken up in a tempest of fire,
in a chariot of fiery horses.

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⟦ἐπικεκλημένου⟧ God Israa^{y}l, ⟦συνήγαγες⟧ which/how ⟦κασσίτερον⟧ the/this/who gold, and which/how ⟦μόλιβδον⟧ ⟦ἐπλήθυνας⟧ money. 19 ⟦Παρενέκλινας⟧ the/this/who ⟦λαγόνας⟧ you ⟦γυναιξὶ⟧, and ⟦ἐνεξουσιάσθης⟧ in/on/among the/this/who body you. 20 to_give ⟦μῶμον⟧ in/on/among the/this/who glory/to_think you, and ⟦ἐβεβήλωσας⟧ the/this/who seed you, to_bring_upon wrath upon/to/against the/this/who child you, and ⟦κατενύγην⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who foolishness you, 21 to_be ⟦δίχα⟧ ⟦τυραννίδα⟧, and out_from Efraim ⟦ἄρξαι⟧ kingdom ⟦ἀπειθῆ⟧.
22 the/this/who but/and lord no not to_leave_behind the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no not ⟦διαφθαρῇ⟧ away_from the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and_not not ⟦ἐξαλείψῃ⟧ ⟦ἐκλεκτοῦ⟧ descendant, and seed of_the to_love he/she/it/self no not ⟦ἐξάρῃ⟧; and the/this/who Yakōb to_give remnant, and the/this/who Dawid out_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there root. 23 and ⟦ἀνεπαύσατο⟧ Salōmōn with/after the/this/who father; and to_leave_behind with/after he/she/it/self out_from of_the seed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, a_people ⟦ἀφροσύνην⟧ and ⟦ἐλασσούμενον⟧ understanding, ʁoboam, which to_leave a_people out_from plan he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and Hieroboam son Nabat, which ⟦ἐξήμαρτε⟧ the/this/who Israa^{y}l, and to_give the/this/who Efraim road sin. 24 and ⟦ἐπληθύνθησαν⟧ the/this/who/which sin he/she/it/self very, ⟦ἀποστῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self away_from the/this/who earth he/she/it/self. 25 and all evil to_seek_out, until vengeance to_come/go upon/to/against he/she/it/self.

48:1 and to_arise A^{y}lias prophet which/how fire, and the/this/who word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which/how window ⟦ἐκαίετο⟧; 2 which ⟦ἐπήγαγεν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self hunger, and the/this/who zeal he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ὠλιγοποίησεν⟧ he/she/it/self. 3 in/on/among word lord ⟦ἀνέσχεν⟧ heaven, ⟦κατήγαγεν⟧ thus(-ly) three_times fire. 4 which/how ⟦ἐδοξάσθης⟧ A^{y}lia in/on/among the/this/who ⟦θαυμασίοις⟧ you? and one/which? like you to_boast? 5 the/this/who to_ _arise dead out_from ⟦θυνάτου⟧ and out_from Hades in/on/among word highest; 6 the/this/who to_bring_down king toward destruction, and ⟦δεδοξασμένους⟧ away_from bed he/she/it/self; 7 the/this/who to_hear in/on/among Sina rebuke, and in/on/among Ḳōra^{y}b judgement vengeance; 8 the/this/who ⟦χρίων⟧ king toward repayment, and prophet ⟦διαδόχους⟧ with/after he/she/it/self; 9 the/this/who to_take_ _up in/on/among ⟦λαίλαπι⟧ fire in/on/among chariot horse ⟦πυρίνων⟧; 10 the/this/who ⟦καταγραφεὶς⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἐλεγμοῖς⟧ toward time/right_time, ⟦κοπάσαι⟧ wrath before wrath, and to_turn heart father to/with son, and ⟦καταστῆσαι⟧ tribe Yakōb. 11 blessed the/this/who to_perceive you, and the/this/who in/on/among to_love to_arrange; and for I/we

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life ⟦ζησόμεθα⟧. **12** Aʸlias, which in/on/among ⟦λαίλαπι⟧ ⟦ἐσκεπάσθη⟧; and Elisaie ⟦ἐνεπλήσθη⟧ spirit/breath he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and in/on/among day he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no to_shake by/under ruler, and no ⟦κατεδυνάστευσεν⟧ he/she/it/self none. **13** all word no ⟦ὑπερῇρεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and in/on/among ⟦κοιμήσει⟧ to_prophesy the/this/who body he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **14** and in/on/among life he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_do/make wonders. and in/on/among death marvellous the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **15** in/on/among all this/he/she/it no ⟦μετενόησεν⟧ the/this/who a_people, and no to_leave away_from the/this/who sin, until ⟦ἐπρονομεύθησαν⟧ away_from the/this/who earth he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐσκορπίσθησαν⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who earth; and to_leave_behind the/this/who a_ _people very_few, and ruler the/this/who house Dawid. **16** one on_one_hand he/she/it/self to_do/make the/this/who pleasing, one but/and ⟦ἐπλήθυναν⟧ sin. **17** Ezekias ⟦ὠχύρωσε⟧ the/this/who city he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_bring_in toward midst he/she/it/self the/this/who Gōg; to_dig ⟦σιδήρῳ⟧ ⟦ἀκρότομον⟧, and to_build ⟦κρήνας⟧ toward water. **18** in/on/among day he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ascend Sennakaʸrim, and to_send ⟦Ῥαψάκην⟧, and ⟦ἀπῆρε⟧; and to_ _lift_up the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against Siōn, and ⟦ἐμεγαλαύχησεν⟧ pride he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **19** then ⟦ἐσαλεύθησαν⟧ heart and hand he/she/it/self, and ⟦ὠδίνησαν⟧ which/how the/this/who/which ⟦τίκτουσαι⟧. **20** and ⟦ἐπεκαλέσαντο⟧ the/this/who lord the/this/who ⟦ἐλεήμονα⟧, ⟦ἐκπετάσαντες⟧ the/this/who hand he/she/it/self to/with he/she/it/self; and the/this/who holy out_from heaven quick/quickly ⟦ἐπήκουσεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐλυτρώσατο⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among hand Haʸsaiou. **21** to_strike the/this/who barracks the/this/who Assuriōn, and ⟦ἐξέτριψεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who angel he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **22** to_do/make for Ezekias the/this/who pleasing lord, and to_strengthen in/on/among road Dawid of_the father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which to_order Haʸsaias the/this/who prophet the/this/who great, and faithful in/on/among appearance/vision he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **23** in/on/among the/this/who day he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀνεπόδισεν⟧ the/this/who sun, and to_add_(to) life king; **24** spirit/breath great to_perceive the/this/who last/least, and to_plead/comfort the/this/who ⟦πενθοῦντας⟧ in/on/among Siōn. **25** until of_the an_age to_show the/this/who ⟦ἐσόμενα⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἀπόκρυφα⟧ ⟦πρινὴ⟧ ⟦παραγενέσθαι⟧ he/she/it/self.

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10 You were recorded for reproofs in their seasons,
to pacify anger, before it broke out into anger,
to turn the father's heart to the son,
and to restore the tribes of Ya'akov (Jacob).
11 Blessed are those who saw you,
and those who've been beautified with love;
for we also will surely live.

Elisha continues Eliyah's work

12 Eliyah (Elijah) was wrapped in a whirlwind.
Elisha was filled with his spirit.
In his days he wasn't moved by the fear of any ruler,
and no one brought him into subjection.
13 Nothing was too hard for him.
When he was buried, his body prophesied.
14 As in his life he did wonders,
so his works were also marvellous in death.
15 Because all this the people didn't repent.
They didn't depart from their sins,
until they were carried away as a plunder from their land,
and were scattered through all the earth.
The people were left very few in number,
but with a ruler from the house of David.
16 Some of them did that which was right,
but some multiplied sins.

Hizkiyah trusts God during the siege

17 Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) fortified his city,
and brought water into its midst.
He tunnelled through rock with iron,
and built cisterns for water.
18 In his days Sanheriv (Sennacherib) invaded,
and sent Rabshakeh, and departed.
He lifted up his hand against Tsiyon (Zion),
and boasted great things in his arrogance.
19 Then their hearts and their hands were shaken,
and they were in pain, as women in labour.
20 But they called on the master who's merciful,
spreading out their hands to him.
The Holy One quickly heard them out of Heaven,
and delivered them by Yeshayah's (Isaiah's) hand.
21 He struck the camp of the Assyrians,
and his angel utterly destroyed them.
22 Because Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) did that which was pleasing to the master,
and was strong in the ways of his ancestor David,
which Yeshayah the prophet commanded,
who was great and faithful in his vision.
23 In his days the sun went backward.
He prolonged the king's life.
24 He saw by an excellent spirit what'd happen in the future;
and he comforted those who mourned in Tsiyon (Zion).
25 He showed the things that'd happen through the end of time,
and the hidden things before they came.

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Yoshiyah, the prophets, and other faithful leaders

49:1 The memory of Yoshiyah (Josiah) is like the composition of incense
prepared by the work of the perfumer.
It'll be sweet as honey in every mouth,
and like music at a banquet of wine.
2 He did what was right in the reforming of the people,
and took away the abominations of iniquity.
3 He set his heart right towards the master.
In lawless days, he made godliness prevail.
4 Except David, Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), and Yoshiyah (Josiah),
all were wicked,
because they abandoned the Most High's law.
Yehudah's (Judah's) kings came to an end.
5 They gave their power to others,
and their glory to a foreign nation.
6 They set the chosen city of the sanctuary on fire
and made her streets desolate, as it was written by Yirmiyah's (Jeremiah's) hand.
7 Because they mistreated him;
yet he was sanctified in the womb to be a prophet,
to root out, to afflict, to destroy
and likewise to build and to plant.
8 Yehezkel (Ezekiel) saw the vision of glory,
which God showed him on the chariot of the cherubim.
9 Because truly he remembered the enemies in rainstorm,
and to do good to those who directed their ways aright.
10 Also of the twelve prophets,[86]
may their bones flourish again out of their place.
He comforted Ya'akov's (Jacob's) people,
and delivered them by confident hope.
11 How can we praise Zerubavel?
He was like a signet ring on the right hand.
12 So was Yeshua (Jesus) the son of Yotsadak,
who in their days built the house,
and exalted a[87] people holy to the master,
prepared for eternal glory.
13 Also of Nehemyah (Nehemiah) the memory is great.
He raised up for us fallen walls,
set up the gates and bars,
and rebuilt our houses.
14 No man was created on the earth like Hanok (Enoch),
for he was taken up from the earth.
15 Nor was there a man born like Yosef (Joseph),
a leader of his kindred, a supporter of the people.
Even his bones were cared for.
16 Shem and Shet (Seth) were honoured among men,
but above every living thing in the creation was Adam.

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49:1 memorial Yōsiou toward ⟦σύνθεσιν⟧ incense, ⟦ἐσκευασμένον⟧ work ⟦μυρεψοῦ⟧, in/on/among all mouth which/how honey ⟦γλυκανθήσεται⟧, and which/how ⟦μουσικὰ⟧ in/on/among ⟦συμποσίῳ⟧ wine. **2** he/she/it/self ⟦κατευθύνθη⟧ in/on/among conversion a_people, and ⟦ἐξῆρε⟧ ⟦βδελύγματα⟧ lawlessness. **3** ⟦Κατεύθυνε⟧ to/with lord the/this/who heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among day lawless ⟦κατίσχυσε⟧ the/this/who piety. **4** besides Dawid, and Ezekiou, and Yōsiou, all ⟦πλημμέλειαν⟧ ⟦ἐπλημμέλησαν⟧; to_leave_behind for the/this/who law of_the highest, the/this/who king Youda ⟦ἐξέλιπον⟧. **5** to_give for the/this/who horn he/she/it/self other, and the/this/who glory he/she/it/self Gentile_nation another's. **6** ⟦Ἐνεπύρισαν⟧ ⟦ἐκλεκτὴν⟧ city ⟦ἁγιάσματος⟧, and ⟦ἠρήμωσαν⟧ the/this/who road he/she/it/self in/on/among hand Hieremiou. **7** to_harm for he/she/it/self, and he/she/it/self in/on/among womb to_sanctify prophet ⟦ἐκριζοῦν⟧ and ⟦κακοῦν⟧ and ⟦ἀπολλύειν⟧, likewise to_build and ⟦καταφυτεύειν⟧. **8** Yezekiaʸl which to_perceive ⟦ὅρασιν⟧ glory, which to_show he/she/it/self upon/to/against chariot Cherub. **9** and for to_remember the/this/who enemy in/on/among ⟦ὄμβρῳ⟧, and ⟦ἀγαθῶσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦εὐθύνοντας⟧ road. **10** and the/this/who twelve prophet the/this/who ⟦ὁστᾶ⟧ ⟦ἀναθάλοι⟧ out_from of_the place he/she/it/self; to_plead/comfort but/and the/this/who Yakōb, and ⟦ἐλυτρώσατο⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among faith hope. **11** how?/how?! ⟦μεγαλύνωμεν⟧ the/this/who Zorobabel? and he/she/it/self which/how seal upon/to/against right hand. **12** thus(-ly) Yaʸsous son Yōsedek; the/this/who/which in/on/among day he/she/it/self ⟦ᾠκοδόμησαν⟧ house, and ⟦ἀνύψωσαν⟧ a_people holy lord to_make_ready toward glory an_age. **13** and Ne'emiou upon/to/against much the/this/who memorial, of_the to_arise I/we wall to_collapse, and ⟦στήσαντος⟧ gate and ⟦μοχλοὺς⟧, and ⟦ἀνεγείραντος⟧ the/this/who ⟦οἰκόπεδα⟧ I/we. **14** and_not one to_create such_as Enōḵ such_as_this upon/to/against the/this/who earth, and for he/she/it/self to_take_up away_from the/this/who earth. **15** and_not which/how Yōsaʸf to_beget man, to_govern brother, a_reliance a_people, and the/this/who ⟦ὁστᾶ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐπεσκέπησαν⟧. **16** Saʸm and Saʸth in/on/among a_human ⟦ἐδοξάσθησαν⟧, and above/for all living_thing in/on/among the/this/who creation Adam.

86 **RV 49:10 · Note** The remainder of this line is omitted by the best authorities.

87 **RV 49:12 · Note** Some ancient authorities read temple.

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50:1 Simōn Oniou son priest the/this/who great, which in/on/among life he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ὑπέῤῥαψεν⟧ house, and in/on/among day he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_strengthen the/this/who temple; **2** and by/under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐθεμελιώθη⟧ height double an_elevation high ⟦περιβόλου⟧ temple. **3** in/on/among day he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἠλαττώθη⟧ cistern water, copper/bronze/coin like/as/about sea the/this/who perimeter; **4** the/this/who ⟦φροντίζων⟧ of_the a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from ⟦πτώσεως⟧, and ⟦ἐνισχύσας⟧ city ⟦ἐμπολιορκῆσαι⟧, **5** which/how to_glorify in/on/among whorls a_people, in/on/among ⟦ἐξόδῳ⟧ house curtain; **6** which/how star early_ _morning in/on/among midst cloud, which/how moon full in/on/among day; **7** which/how sun ⟦ἐκλάμπων⟧ upon/to/against temple highest, and which/how bow ⟦φωτίζον⟧ in/on/among cloud glory; **8** which/how flower ⟦ῥόδων⟧ in/on/among day ⟦νέων⟧, which/how lily upon/to/against ⟦ἐξόδων⟧ water; which/how offspring Libanou in/on/among day ⟦θέρους⟧, **9** which/how fire and frankincense upon/to/against ⟦πυρείου⟧; which/how vessel gold ⟦ὁλοσφύρητον⟧ to_arrange all stone valuable; **10** which/how olive_tree ⟦ἀναθάλλουσα⟧ fruit, and which/how cypress ⟦ὑψουμένη⟧ in/on/among cloud. **11** in/on/among the/this/who to_take_up he/she/it/self robe glory, and ⟦ἐνδιδύσκεσθαι⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦συντέλειαν⟧ pride, in/on/among ⟦ἀναβάσει⟧ altar holy to_glorify ⟦περιβολὴν⟧ ⟦ἁγιάσματος⟧. **12** in/on/among but/and the/this/who ⟦δέχεσθαι⟧ member out_from hand priest, and he/she/it/self to_stand from_with a_grate ⟦βωμοῦ⟧, around he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there crown brother, which/how ⟦βλάστημα⟧ ⟦κέδρου⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦λιβάνῳ⟧; and to_surround he/she/it/self which/how ⟦στελέχη⟧ palm, **13** and all the/this/who son A'arōn in/on/among glory/to_think he/she/it/self; and offering lord in/on/among hand he/she/it/self before all assembly Israaʸl. **14** and ⟦συντέλειαν⟧ to_minister upon/to/against ⟦βωμῶν⟧, ⟦κοσμῆσαι⟧ offering highest almighty, **15** to_stretch_out upon/to/against ⟦σπονδείου⟧ hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἔσπεισεν⟧ out_ _from blood ⟦σταφυλῆς⟧; to_pour_out toward foundation altar aroma aroma ⟦ὑψίστῳ⟧ ⟦παμβασιλεῖ⟧. **16** then to_yell son A'arōn, in/on/among ⟦σάλπιγξιν⟧ ⟦ἐλαταῖς⟧ ⟦ἤχησαν⟧; ⟦ἀκουστὴν⟧ to_do/make voice/sound great toward memorial before highest. **17** then all the/this/who a_people ⟦κοινῇ⟧ ⟦κατέσπευσε⟧, and to_collapse upon/to/against face upon/to/against the/this/who earth, to_worship the/this/who lord he/she/it/self ⟦παντοκράτορι⟧ God the/this/who ⟦ὑψίστῳ⟧. **18** and ⟦ᾖνεσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ψαλμῳδοὶ⟧ in/on/among voice/sound he/she/it/self, in/on/among ⟦πλείστῳ⟧ house ⟦ἐγλυκάνθη⟧ member. **19** and to_pray the/this/who a_people lord highest in/on/among prayer before ⟦ἐλεήμονος⟧, until ⟦συντελεσθῇ⟧ world lord, and the/this/who ⟦λειτουργίαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐτελείωσαν⟧. **20** then to_come/go_down to_lift_up hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against all

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The high priest Shim'on leads the people's worship

50:1 It was Shim'on (Simon), the son of Honyo (Onias), the high priest,
who in his life repaired the house,
and in his days strengthened the temple.
2 The foundation was built by him to the height of the double walls,
the lofty retaining walls of the temple enclosure.
3 In his days, a water cistern was dug,
the brazen vessel like the sea in circumference.
4 He planned to save his people from ruin,
and fortified the city against siege.
5 How glorious he was when the people gathered around him
as he came out of the house of the veil!
6 He was like the morning star among clouds,
like the full moon,
7 like the sun shining on the Most High's temple,
like the rainbow shining in clouds of glory,
8 like roses in the days of first fruits,
like lilies by a water spring,
like the shoot of the frankincense tree in summer time,
9 like fire and incense in the censer,
like a vessel of beaten gold adorned with all kinds of precious stones,
10 like an olive tree loaded with fruit,
and like a cypress growing high among the clouds.
11 When he put on his glorious robe,
and clothed himself in perfect splendour,
ascending to the holy altar,
he made the courtyard of the sanctuary glorious.
12 When he received the portions out of the priests' hands,
as he stood by the hearth of the altar,
with his kindred like a garland around him,
he was like a young cedar in Levanon
surrounded by the trunks of palm trees.
13 All the sons of Aharon (Aaron) in their glory,
held the master's offering in their hands before all the congregation of Yisrael (Israel).
14 Finishing the service at the altars,
that he might arrange the offering of the Most High, the Almighty,
15 he stretched out his hand to the cup of libation,
and poured out the cup of the grape.
He poured it out at the foot of the altar,
a sweet smelling fragrance to the Most High, the King of all.
16 Then the sons of Aharon (Aaron) shouted.
They sounded the trumpets of beaten work.
They made a great fanfare to be heard,
for a reminder before the Most High.
17 Then all the people together hurried,
and fell down to the ground on their faces
to worship their master, the Almighty, God Most High.
18 The singers also praised him with their voices.

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There was a sweet melody in the whole house.
19 And the people implored the master Most High,
in prayer before him who's merciful,
until the worship of the master was finished,
and so they accomplished his service.
20 Then he went down, and lifted up his hands
over the whole congregation of the Israeli people (Israel),
to give blessing to the master with his lips,
and to glory in his name.
21 He bowed himself down in worship the second time,
to declare the blessing from the Most High.

A blessing and the writer's closing words

22 Now bless the god of all,
who everywhere does great things,
who exalts our days from the womb,
and deals with us according to his mercy.
23 May he grant us joyfulness of heart,
and that peace may be in our days in Yisrael (Israel) for the days of eternity,
24 to entrust his mercy with us,
and let him deliver us in his time!
25 With two nations my soul is vexed,
and the third is no nation:
26 Those who sit on the mountain of[88] Shomron (Samaria), the Pelishtim,
and the foolish people who live in Shekem.
27 I've written in this book the instruction of understanding and knowledge,
I Yeshua (Jesus), the son of Sira (Sirach) Eleazar, of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
who out of his heart poured forth wisdom.
28 Blessed is he who'll exercise these things.
He who lays them up in his heart will become wise.
29 Because if he does them, he'll be strong in all things,
for the light of the master is his guide.[89]

A prayer of Yeshua the son of Sira. (Changed from /p to /s1)

51:1 I'll give thanks to you, Oh master, Oh King,
and will praise you, Oh God my Saviour.
I give thanks to your name,
2 for you've been my protector and helper,
and delivered my body out of destruction,
and out of the snare of a slanderous tongue,
from lips that fabricate lies.
You were my helper before those who stood by,
3 and delivered me, according to the abundance of your mercy and of your name,
from the gnashings of teeth ready to devour,
out of the hand of those seeking my life,
out of the many afflictions I endured,

Literal Version

assembly son Israa^{y}l, to_give praise lord in/on/among lip he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_boast. 21 and ⟦ἐδευτέρωσεν⟧ in/on/among to_worship ⟦ἐπιδείξασθαι⟧ the/this/who praise from_with highest. 22 and now ⟦εὐλογήσατε⟧ the/this/who God all the/this/who ⟦μεγαλοποιοῦντι⟧ always, the/this/who ⟦ὑψοῦντα⟧ day I/we out_from womb, and to_do/make with/after I/we according_to the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 23 to_give I/we ⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧ heart, and to_be peace in/on/among day I/we in/on/among Israa^{y}l according_to the/this/who day of_the an_age, 24 ⟦ἐμπιστεῦσαι⟧ with/after I/we the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among the/this/who day he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦λυτρωσάσθω⟧ I/we. 25 in/on/among two Gentile_nation be_ _angry the/this/who soul I/we, and the/this/who third no to_ _be Gentile_nation. 26 the/this/who to_sit in/on/among mountain Samareias, ⟦Φυλιστιεὶμ⟧ and the/this/who a_people foolish the/this/who to_dwell in/on/among Sikimois. 27 discipline understanding and ⟦ἐπιστήμης⟧ ⟦ἐχάραξε⟧ in/on/among the/this/who scroll, this/he/she/it, Ya^{y}sous son ⟦Σειρὰχ⟧ Hierosolumita^{y}s, which ⟦ἀνώμβρησε⟧ wisdom away_ _from heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 28 blessed which in/on/among this/he/she/it ⟦ἀναστραφήσεται⟧, and the/this/who to_place he/she/it/self upon/to/against heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦σοφισθήσεται⟧. 29 if for he/she/it/self to_do/make, to/with all ⟦ἰσχύσει⟧, that/since light lord the/this/who track he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

51:1 to_agree you lord king, and ⟦αἰνέσω⟧ you God the/this/who saviour I/we; to_agree the/this/who name you, 2 that/since a_shelterer and a_helper to_be I/we, and ⟦ἐλυτρώσω⟧ the/this/who body I/we out_from destruction, and out_from trap ⟦διαβολῆς⟧ tongue; away_from lip ⟦ἐργαζομένων⟧ lie, and before the/this/who to_stand_by to_be I/we a_helper, 3 and ⟦ἐλυτρώσω⟧ I/we, according_to the/this/who multitude mercy and name you, out_from ⟦βρυγμῶν⟧ ⟦ἑτοίμων⟧ toward food, out_from hand to_seek the/this/who soul I/we, out_from greater pressure which to_ _have/be, 4 away_from ⟦πνιγμοῦ⟧ fire around, and out_from midst fire which/whither no ⟦ἐξέκαυσα⟧, 5 out_from depth belly/womb/stomach Hades, and away_from tongue unclean, and word lie. 6 king distraction tongue ⟦ἀδίκου⟧; to_come_near until death the/this/who soul I/we, and the/this/who life I/we to_be in_the_vicinity Hades under. 7 ⟦Περιέσχον⟧ I/we from_ _all_sides, and no to_be the/this/who ⟦βοηθῶν⟧; ⟦ἐμβλέπων⟧

88 **RV 50:26 · Note** According to some ancient versions, Seir.

89 **RV 50:29 · Note** The remainder of this verse is omitted by the best authorities.

Literal Version

toward ⟦ἀντίληψιν⟧ a_human, and no to_be. **8** and to_
_remember of_the mercy you lord, and the/this/who work you
the/this/who away_from an_age; that/since ⟦ἐξελῇ⟧
the/this/who ⟦ὑπομένοντάς⟧ you, and ⟦σώζεις⟧ he/she/it/self
out_from hand Gentile_nation. **9** and ⟦ἀνύψωσα⟧
upon/to/against earth ⟦ἱκετείαν⟧ I/we, and above/for death
⟦ῥύσεως⟧ to_pray. **10** ⟦Ἐπεκαλεσάμην⟧ lord father lord I/we,
not I/we ⟦ἐγκαταλιπεῖν⟧ in/on/among day pressure,
in/on/among time/right_time ⟦ὑπερηφάνων⟧ ⟦ἀβοηθησίας⟧.
11 ⟦Αἰνέσω⟧ the/this/who name you continually, and to_praise
in/on/among ⟦ἐξομολογήσει⟧; and to_listen_to the/this/who
petition I/we. **12** ⟦Ἔσωσας⟧ for I/we out_from destruction, and
⟦ἐξείλου⟧ I/we out_from time/right_time evil/bad;
through/because_of this/he/she/it to_agree and ⟦αἰνέσω⟧ you,
and to_praise/bless the/this/who name lord; **13** still to_be new,
⟦πρινὴ⟧ ⟦πλανηθῆναί⟧ I/we, ⟦ἐζήτησα⟧ wisdom ⟦προφανῶς⟧
in/on/among prayer I/we. **14** before temple ⟦ἠξίουν⟧ about
he/she/it/self, and until last/least ⟦ἐκζητήσω⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, **15** out_from ⟦ἄνθους⟧
which/how ⟦περκαζούσης⟧ ⟦σταφυλῆς⟧; to_celebrate
the/this/who heart I/we in/on/among he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐπέβη⟧
the/this/who foot I/we in/on/among ⟦εὐθύτητι⟧, out_from
youth I/we ⟦ἴχνευσα⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self.
16 ⟦Ἔκλινα⟧ little/few the/this/who ear I/we, and ⟦ἐδεξάμην⟧,
and much to_find/meet myself discipline. **17** progress to_be
I/we in/on/among he/she/it/self; the/this/who to_give I/we
wisdom, to_give glory. **18** ⟦Διενοήθην⟧ for of_the to_do/make
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦ἐζήλωσα⟧
the/this/who good-doer, and no not ⟦αἰσχυνθῶ⟧.
19 ⟦Διαμεμάχηται⟧ the/this/who soul I/we in/on/among
he/she/it/self, and in/on/among to_do/make ⟦λιμοῦ⟧
⟦διηκριβωσάμην⟧; the/this/who hand I/we to_extend to/with
height, and the/this/who ⟦ἀγνοήματα⟧ he/she/it/self
⟦ἐπένθησα⟧, **20** the/this/who soul I/we ⟦κατεύθυνα⟧ toward
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, heart to_posses with/after
he/she/it/self away_from beginning, and in/on/among
⟦καθαρισμῷ⟧ to_find/meet he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self;
through/because_of this/he/she/it no not ⟦ἐγκαταλειφθῶ⟧.
21 and the/this/who belly/womb/stomach I/we to_trouble
⟦ἐκζητῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self;
through/because_of this/he/she/it to_posses good-doer
possession. **22** to_give lord tongue I/we wage I/we, and
in/on/among he/she/it/self ⟦αἰνέσω⟧ he/she/it/self. **23** to_
_come_near to/with I/we ⟦ἀπαίδευτοι⟧, and ⟦αὐλίσθητε⟧
in/on/among house discipline. **24** because ⟦ὑστερεῖτε⟧
in/on/among this/he/she/it, and the/this/who/which soul
you ⟦διψῶσι⟧ very? **25** ⟦Ἤνοιξα⟧ the/this/who mouth I/we,
and to_speak, to_posses my/your/him-self without money.
26 the/this/who neck you ⟦ὑπόθετε⟧ by/under yoke/scales,
and ⟦ἐπιδεξάσθω⟧ the/this/who soul you discipline, near to_be
to_find/meet he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **27** to_perceive
in/on/among eye you that/since little/few to_labour, and to_
_find/meet myself much rest. **28** ⟦Μετάσχετε⟧ discipline
in/on/among much number money, and much gold to_posses
in/on/among he/she/it/self. **29** ⟦Εὐφρανθείη⟧ the/this/who
soul you in/on/among the/this/who mercy
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and not
⟦αἰσχυνθείητε⟧ in/on/among ⟦αἰνέσει⟧

Readers' Version

4 from the choking of a fire on every side,
and out of the fire that I hadn't kindled,
5 out of the depth of the belly of Haidais,
from an unclean tongue,
and from lying words—
6 the slander of an unrighteous tongue to the king.
My soul drew near to death.
My life was near to Haidais.
7 They surrounded me on every side.
There was no one to help me.
I was looking for human help,
and there was none.
8 Then I remembered your mercy, Oh master,
and your working which has been from eternal,
how you deliver those who wait for you,
and save them out of their enemies' hand.
9 I lifted up my prayer from the earth,
and prayed for deliverance from death.
10 I called on the master, the Father of my master,
that he wouldn't forsake me in the days of affliction,
in the time when there was no help against the proud.
11 I'll praise your name continually.
I'll sing praise with thanksgiving.
My prayer was heard.
12 You saved me from destruction
and delivered me from the evil time.
Therefore I'll give thanks and praise to you,
and bless the master's name.

The writer's search for wisdom

13 When I was yet young,
before I went abroad,
I tried to gain wisdom openly in my prayer.
14 Before the temple I asked for her.
I'll seek her out even to the end.
15 From the first flower to the ripening grape my heart delighted in her.
My foot walked in uprightness.
From my youth I followed her steps.
16 I inclined my ear a little, and received her,
and found for myself much instruction.
17 I profited in her.
I'll give glory to him who gives me wisdom.
18 Because I determined to practise her.
I was zealous for that which is good.
I'll never be put to shame.
19 My soul has wrestled with her.
In my conduct I was exact.
I spread out my hands to the heaven above,
and bewailed my ignorances of her.
20 I directed my soul to her.
In purity I found her.
I got myself a heart joined with her from the beginning.
Therefore I won't be forsaken.

Readers' Version

21 My belly also was troubled to seek her.
Therefore I've gained a good possession.
22 The master gave me a tongue for my reward.
I'll praise him with it.
23 Draw near to me, all you who are uneducated,
and live in the house of instruction.

An invitation to learn

24 Why therefore are you all lacking in these things,
and your souls are very thirsty?
25 I opened my mouth and spoke,
"Get her for yourselves without money."
26 Put your neck under the yoke,
and let your soul receive instruction.
She's near to find.
27 See with your eyes
how that I laboured just a little
and found for myself much rest.
28 Get instruction with a great sum of silver,
and gain much gold by her.
29 May your soul rejoice in his mercy,
and may you all not be put to shame in praising him.
30 Work your work before the time comes,
and in his time he'll give you your reward.

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Literal Version

he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **30** to_work
the/this/who work you before time/right_time, and to_give
the/this/who wage you in/on/among time/right_time
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

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The first document about
the Maccabees

Introduction

The First Document about the Maccabees tells how a Jewish family leads resistance to foreign rule and attempts to destroy their way of life. After briefly describing Alexandros' (Alexander's) conquests and the division of his empire, it turns to King Antiokos (Antiochus), who plunders the temple in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and forbids the people to follow God's instructions. The priest Matityah (Mattathias) refuses to submit and calls others to join him. Most of the account follows three of Matityah's sons. Yehudah (Judas), called Makabi (Maccabaeus), leads the early battles and the cleansing and rededication of the temple. After his death, Yonatan (Jonathan) takes over, using both military resistance and negotiations with rival kings. Shim'on (Simon) then leads the people into a period of independence and greater security.

This account pays close attention to battles, agreements, letters, and changes of leadership. Its central concerns are faithfulness to God's instructions, freedom to worship at the temple, and the survival of the Jewish people. The victories are costly, and the closing account of betrayal shows that the family's achievements haven't removed every danger.

The First Document about the Maccabees is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Romaios Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Russian Orthodox Churches.

Makabi (from which the term Maccabee is derived) is an acronym formed from the first letters of Exodus 15:11: "Mi kamokha ba'elim YHWH" — "Who is like you among the gods, Yahweh?"

Main components of this account

Foreign domination and Matityah's resistance *1:1–2:70*
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Alexandros' conquests and divided kingdom

1:1 After Alexandros (Alexander) the person from Makedonia, the son of Filippos (Philip), who came out of the land of Kitim, and struck Dareyavesh (Darius) king of the Persians and Madim (Medes), it happened, after he'd struck him, that he reigned in his place, in former time, over[1] Yavan (Greece). **2** He fought many battles, won many fortresses, killed the kings of the earth, **3** went through to the ends of the earth, and took spoils of a multitude of nations. The earth was quiet before him. He was exalted. His heart was lifted up. **4** He gathered together an extremely strong army and ruled over countries, nations, and principalities, and they paid him tribute.

5 After these things he fell sick, and perceived that he was going to die. **6** He called his honourable servants, which had been brought up with him from his youth, and he divided to them his kingdom while he was still alive. **7** Alexandros reigned twelve years, then he died. **8** Then his servants ruled, each one in his place. **9** They all put crowns on themselves after he was dead, and so did their sons after them many years; and they multiplied evils in the earth.

Antiokos and the spread of Greek customs

10 There came out of them a sinful root, Antiokos (Antiochus) Epifanes (Epiphanes), son of Antiokos the king, who'd been a hostage at Romai, and he reigned in[2] the one hundred and thirty seventh year of the kingdom of the Hellains (Greeks).

11 In those days transgressors of the law came out of Yisrael (Israel) and persuaded many, saying, "Let's go make a covenant with the[3] Gentiles around us; for since we were separated from them many evils have befallen us." **12** That proposal was good in their eyes. **13** Some of the people eagerly went to the king, and he authorised them to observe the ordinances of the[4] Gentiles. **14** So[5] they built a gymnasium in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) according to the laws of the[6] Gentiles. **15** They made themselves uncircumcised, forsook the holy covenant, joined themselves to the[7] Gentiles, and sold themselves to do evil.

16 The kingdom was established in the sight of Antiokos, and he planned to reign over Mitsrayim (Egypt), that he might reign over both kingdoms. **17** He entered into Mitsrayim with a[8] great multitude, with chariots, with elephants, with cavalry, and with a great[9] navy. **18** He made war against Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) king of Mitsrayim. Ptolemaios was put to shame before him, and fled;

Literal Version

1:1 and to_be with/after the/this/who to_strike Alexandron the/this/who Filippou the/this/who ⟦Μακεδόνα⟧, which to_ _go_out out_from the/this/who earth ⟦Χεττειὶμ⟧, and to_ _strike the/this/who Dareion king Persōn and Maʸdōn, and to_ _reign ⟦ἀντ'⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there before upon/to/against the/this/who Hellada. **2** and ⟦συνεστήσατο⟧ war much, and to_grasp/seize stronghold much, and to_ _slaughter king the/this/who earth. **3** and to_pass_through until end the/this/who earth, and to_take plunder multitude Gentile_nation; and ⟦ἡσύχασεν⟧ the/this/who earth before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and ⟦ὑψώθη⟧, and to_ _lift_up the/this/who heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **4** and to_assemble power strong very, and ⟦ἦρξε⟧ ⟦χωρῶν⟧, and Gentile_nation, and tyrants, and to_be he/she/it/self toward tax. **5** and with/after this/he/she/it to_collapse upon/to/against the/this/who bed, and to_know that/since to_die. **6** and to_call the/this/who child he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦ἐνδόξους⟧ the/this/who ⟦συντρόφους⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from youth, and to_distribute he/she/it/self the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there still to_live he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **7** and to_reign Alexandros year twelve, and to_die. **8** and ⟦ἐπεκράτησαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦παῖδες⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there each in/on/among the/this/who place he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **9** and to_put/lay_on all diadem with/after the/this/who to_die he/she/it/self, and the/this/who son he/she/it/self after he/she/it/self year much, and ⟦ἐπλήθυναν⟧ evil/harm in/on/among the/this/who earth. **10** and to_go_out out_from he/she/it/self root sinful Antiokos glorious, son Antiokou king, which to_be ⟦ὅμηρα⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ʁōmaʸ; and to_reign in/on/among year ⟦ἑκατοστῷ⟧ and ⟦τριακοστῷ⟧ and ⟦ἑβδόμῳ⟧ kingdom Hellaʸnōn. **11** in/on/among the/this/who day that to_go_out out_from Israaʸl son ⟦παράνομοι⟧, and ⟦ἀνέπεισαν⟧ much, to_speak, ⟦πορευθῶμεν⟧, and ⟦διαθώμεθα⟧ covenant with/after the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who surrounding I/we, that/since away_from which ⟦ἐχωρίσθημεν⟧ away_from he/she/it/self, to_find/meet I/we evil/harm much. **12** and ⟦ἠγαθύνθη⟧ the/this/who word in/on/among eye he/she/it/self. **13** and ⟦προεθυμήθησάν⟧ one away_from of_the a_people, and to_travel to/with the/this/who king; and to_give he/she/it/self authority to_ _do/make the/this/who righteous_act the/this/who Gentile_ _nation. **14** and ⟦ᾠκοδόμησαν⟧ ⟦γυμνάσιον⟧ in/on/among Hierosolumois according_to the/this/who ⟦νόμιμα⟧

1 RV 1:1 · Note That is, the Greek Empire. Compare 1 Maccabees 1:10 and 1 Maccabees 6:2.

2 RV 1:10 · Note circa B.C. 176.

3 RV 1:11 · Note Or, nations: and so throughout this book.

4 RV 1:13 · Note Or, nations: and so throughout this book.

5 RV 1:14 · Note See 2 Maccabees 4:9, 12.

6 RV 1:14 · Note Or, nations: and so throughout this book.

7 RV 1:15 · Note Or, nations: and so throughout this book

8 RV 1:17 · Note Grk. heavy.

9 RV 1:17 · Note Or, armament

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the/this/who Gentile_nation. **15** and to_do/make my/your/him-self uncircumcision, and to_leave away_from covenant holy; and ⟦ἐζεύχθησαν⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation, and ⟦ἐπράθησαν⟧ of_the to_do/make the/this/who evil/bad. **16** and ⟦ἡτοιμάσθη⟧ the/this/who kingdom against/in_front_of Antiokou; and to_take_up/suppose to_reign the/this/who Aiguptou, that to_reign upon/to/against the/this/who two kingdom. **17** and to_enter toward Aigupton in/on/among crowd ⟦βαρεῖ⟧, in/on/among ⟦ἅρμασι⟧, and in/on/among ⟦ἐλέφασι⟧, and in/on/among ⟦ἱππεῦσι⟧, and in/on/among ⟦στόλῳ⟧ great. **18** and ⟦συνεστήσατο⟧ war to/with Ptolemaion king Aiguptou; and ⟦ἐνετράπη⟧ Ptolemaios away_from face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_flee; and to_ _collapse ⟦τραυματίαι⟧ much. **19** and ⟦κατελάβοντο⟧ the/this/who city the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρὰς⟧ in/on/among earth Aiguptōi; and to_take the/this/who plunder earth Aiguptou. **20** and to_turn Antiokos with/after the/this/who to_strike Aigupton in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἑκατοστῷ⟧ and ⟦τεσσαρακοστῷ⟧ and ⟦τρίτῳ⟧ year; and to_ascend upon/to/against Israaʸl, and to_ascend toward Hierousalaʸm in/on/among crowd ⟦βαρεῖ⟧. **21** and to_enter toward the/this/who sanctification in/on/among ⟦ὑπερηφανείᾳ⟧, and to_take the/this/who altar the/this/who golden, and the/this/who lampstand of_the light, and all the/this/who vessel he/she/it/self, **22** and the/this/who table the/this/who purpose, and the/this/who ⟦σπονδεῖα⟧, and the/this/who bowl, and the/this/who ⟦θυΐσκας⟧ the/this/who golden, and the/this/who curtain, and the/this/who crown, and the/this/who world the/this/who golden the/this/who according_to face of_the temple, and ⟦ἐλέπισε⟧ all. **23** and to_ _take the/this/who money, and the/this/who gold, and the/this/who vessel the/this/who ⟦ἐπιθυμητά⟧; and to_take the/this/who treasure the/this/who ⟦ἀποκρύφους⟧ which to_ _find/meet. **24** and to_take all to_go_away toward the/this/who earth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_ _do/make ⟦φονοκτονίαν⟧, and to_speak ⟦ὑπερηφανείαν⟧ great. **25** and to_be grief great upon/to/against Israaʸl in/on/among all place he/she/it/self. **26** and ⟦ἐστέναξαν⟧ ruler and elder, virgin and young_man ⟦ἠσθένησαν⟧, and the/this/who beauty the/this/who woman ⟦ἠλλοιώθη⟧. **27** all bridegroom ⟦ἀνέλαβε⟧ ⟦θρῆνον⟧, and ⟦καθημένη⟧ in/on/among ⟦παστῷ⟧ to_be in/on/among ⟦πένθει⟧. **28** and to_shake the/this/who earth upon/to/against the/this/who to_dwell he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; and all the/this/who house Yakōb to_put_on ⟦αἰσχύνην⟧. **29** and with/after two year day to_send the/this/who king ruler ⟦φορολογίας⟧ toward the/this/who city Youda; and to_come/go toward Hierousalaʸm in/on/among crowd ⟦βαρεῖ⟧. **30** and to_speak he/she/it/self word ⟦εἰρηνικοὺς⟧ in/on/among deceit; and ⟦ἐνεπίστευσαν⟧ he/she/it/self; and to_fall/press_upon upon/to/against the/this/who city suddenly, and to_strike

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and many fell wounded to death. **19** They took possession of the strong cities in the land of Mitsrayim, and he took the spoils of Mitsrayim.

Antiokos plunders the temple

20 Antiokos, after he'd defeated Mitsrayim, returned in[10] the one hundred and forty third year, and went up against Yisrael (Israel) and Yerushalem with a[11] great multitude, **21** and entered presumptuously into the sanctuary, and took the golden altar, the lampstand for the light, and all its utensils. **22** He took the table of the show bread, the cups for the drink offerings, the bowls, the golden censers, the veil, the crowns, and the gold decoration on the front of the temple. He peeled it all off. **23** He took the silver, the gold, and the precious vessels. He took the hidden treasures which he found. **24** When he'd taken all of these, he went away into his own land. He made a great slaughter, and spoke very arrogantly. **25** Great mourning came on Yisrael, in every place where they were. **26** The rulers and elders groaned. The virgins and young men were made feeble. The beauty of the women was changed. **27** Every bridegroom took up lamentation. She who sat in the marriage chamber was mourning. **28** The land was moved for its inhabitants, and all the house of Ya'akov (Jacob) was clothed with shame.

29 After[12] two full years, the king sent a chief collector of tribute to the cities of Yehudah (Judah), and he came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with a[13] great multitude. **30** He spoke words of peace to them in subtlety, and they believed him. Then he fell onto the city suddenly, struck it very severely, and destroyed many people of Yisrael. **31** He took the spoils of the city, set it on fire, and pulled down its houses and its walls on every side. **32** They led captive the women and the children, and seized the livestock. **33** Then they fortified the city of David with a large, strong wall and with strong towers, and it became their citadel. **34** They put a sinful nation, transgressors of the law, there, and they strengthened themselves in it. **35** They stored up weapons and food, and gathering together the spoils of Yerushalem, they stored them there, and they became a great menace. **36** It became a place to lie in wait against the sanctuary, and an evil adversary to Yisrael continually. **37** They shed innocent blood on every side of the sanctuary, and defiled the sanctuary. **38** The inhabitants of Yerushalem fled because of them. She became a habitation of foreigners. She became foreign to those who were born in her, and her children forsook her. **39** Her sanctuary was laid waste like a wilderness,[14] her feasts were turned into mourning, her Sabbaths into reproach, and her honour into contempt. **40** According to her glory, so was her dishonour multiplied, and her exaltation was turned into mourning.

10 **RV 1:20 · Note** circa B.C. 170. See 2 Maccabees 5:11-16.

11 **RV 1:20 · Note** Grk. heavy.

12 **RV 1:29 · Note** See 2 Maccabees 5:24.

13 **RV 1:29 · Note** Grk. heavy.

14 **RV 1:39 · Note** See 2 Maccabees 6:6.

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The king outlaws Yisrael's worship

41 King Antiokos (Antiochus) wrote to his whole kingdom that all should be one people, **42** and that each should forsake his own laws. All the nations agreed according to the king's word. **43** Many of Yisrael consented to his worship, sacrificed to the idols, and profaned the Sabbath. **44** The king sent letters by the hand of messengers to Yerushalem and the cities of Yehudah, that they should follow laws strange to the land, **45** and should forbid whole burnt offerings and sacrifice and drink offerings in the sanctuary; and should profane the Sabbaths and feasts, **46** and pollute the sanctuary and those who were holy; **47** that they should build altars, and temples, and shrines for idols, and should sacrifice swine's flesh and unclean animals; **48** and that they should leave their sons uncircumcised, that they should make their souls abominable with all manner of uncleanness and profanation; **49** so that they might forget the law, and change all the ordinances. **50** Anyone who doesn't do according to the king's word, he'll die. **51** According to all these words wrote he to his whole kingdom. He appointed overseers over all the people, and he commanded the cities of Yehudah to sacrifice, city by city. **52** From the people were gathered together to them many, everyone who'd forsaken the law; and they did evil things in the land. **53** They made Yisrael (Israel) to hide themselves in every place of refuge which they had.

54 On the fifteenth day of Kislev, in[15] the one hundred and forty fifth year, they built an abomination of desolation on the altar,[16] and in the cities of Yehudah (Judah) on every side they built idol altars.[17] **55** At the doors of the houses and in the streets they burnt incense. **56** They tore the books of the law which they found in pieces and set them on fire. **57** Anyone who was found with any a book of the covenant, and if any consented to the law, the king's sentence delivered him to death. **58** Thus did they in their might to Yisrael, to those who were found month by month in the cities. **59** On the twenty-fifth day of the month they sacrificed on the idol altar that was on top of the altar of burnt offering. **60** They[18] put to death women who'd circumcised their children, according to the commandment. **61** They hung their babies around their necks, and their houses, and those who'd circumcised them. **62** Many in Yisrael were fully resolved and confirmed in themselves not to eat unclean things. **63** They[19] chose to die, that they might not be defiled with the food, and that they might not profane the holy covenant; and they died. **64** Very great anger came on Yisrael.

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self plague/blow/wound great, and to_destroy a_people much out_from Israaʸl. **31** and to_take the/this/who plunder the/this/who city, and ⟦ἐνεπύρισεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self fire, and to_take_down the/this/who house he/she/it/self and the/this/who wall he/she/it/self surrounding. **32** and ⟦ᾐχμαλώτευσαν⟧ the/this/who woman and the/this/who child, and the/this/who animal ⟦ἐκληρονόμησαν⟧. **33** and ⟦ᾠκοδόμησαν⟧ the/this/who city Dawid ⟦τείχει⟧ great and ⟦ἰσχυρῷ⟧, ⟦πύργοις⟧ ⟦ὀχυροῖς⟧, and to_be he/she/it/self toward ⟦ἄκραν⟧. **34** and to_place there Gentile_nation sinful, man ⟦παρανόμους⟧, and ⟦ἐνίσχυσαν⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self. **35** and to_set_before weapon and food, and to_assemble the/this/who plunder Hierousalaʸm to_put_aside there; and to_be toward great trap. **36** and to_be toward hinderance the/this/who ⟦ἁγιάσματι⟧, and toward devilish/the_Devil evil/bad the/this/who Israaʸl always. **37** and to_pour_out blood innocent surrounding of_the ⟦ἁγιάσματος⟧, and to_defile the/this/who sanctification. **38** and to_flee the/this/who ⟦κάτοικοι⟧ Hierousalaʸm through/because_of he/she/it/self, and to_be dwelling another's; and to_be another's the/this/who ⟦γεννήμασιν⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who child he/she/it/self to_leave_behind he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **39** the/this/who sanctification he/she/it/self to_lay_waste which/how deserted, the/this/who/which ⟦ἑορταὶ⟧ he/she/it/self to_turn toward grief, the/this/who Sabbath he/she/it/self toward reproach, the/this/who honour he/she/it/self one/toward ⟦ἐξουδένωσιν⟧. **40** according_to the/this/who glory he/she/it/self to_multiply the/this/who dishonour he/she/it/self, and the/this/who height he/she/it/self to_turn toward grief. **41** and to_write the/this/who king Antiokos all the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_be all a_people one, **42** and ⟦ἐγκαταλιπεῖν⟧ each the/this/who ⟦νόμιμα⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and ⟦ἐπεδέξατο⟧ all the/this/who Gentile_nation according_to the/this/who word of_the king. **43** and much away_from Israaʸl to_delight the/this/who ministry he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἔθυσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦εἰδώλοις⟧, and ⟦ἐβεβήλωσαν⟧ the/this/who Sabbath. **44** and to_send the/this/who king scroll in/on/among hand angel toward Hierousalaʸm and the/this/who city Youda, to_travel after ⟦νομίμων⟧ another's the/this/who earth, **45** and to_prevent burnt_offering and sacrifice and ⟦σπονδὴν⟧ out_ _from of_the ⟦ἁγιάσματος⟧, and to_profane Sabbath and ⟦ἑορτὰς⟧, **46** and ⟦μιᾶναι⟧ sanctification and holy; **47** to_build ⟦βωμοὺς⟧, and ⟦τεμένη⟧, and ⟦εἰδωλεῖα⟧, and to_sacrifice ⟦ὕεια⟧, and animal common, **48** and to_release the/this/who son he/she/it/self ⟦ἀπεριτμήτους⟧, ⟦βδελύξαι⟧ the/this/who soul he/she/it/self in/on/among all unclean and ⟦βεβηλώσει⟧,

15 **RV 1:54 · Note** circa B.C. 168. See 2 Maccabees 5:11.

16 **RV 1:54 · Note** The two words rendered altar are different in the Greek: and so in 1 Maccabees 1:59.

17 **RV 1:54 · Note** The two words rendered altar are different in the Greek: and so in 1 Maccabees 1:59.

18 **RV 1:60 · Note** See 2 Maccabees 6:10.

19 **RV 1:63 · Note** See 2 Maccabees 6:19 and 7:1, etc.

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49 so to_forget of_the law, and to_change all the/this/who
righteous_act. **50** and which if not to_do/make according_to
the/this/who declaration of_the king, to_die. **51** according_to
all the/this/who word this/he/she/it to_write all
the/this/who kingdom
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_do/make
overseer upon/to/against all the/this/who a_people; and to_
_order the/this/who city Youda ⟦θυσιάζειν⟧ according_to city
and city. **52** and ⟦συνηθροίσθησαν⟧ away_from of_the a_people
to/with he/she/it/self much, all the/this/who ⟦ἐγκαταλιπὼν⟧
the/this/who law; and to_do/make evil/harm in/on/among
the/this/who earth. **53** and to_place the/this/who Israaʸl
in/on/among ⟦κρύφοις⟧ in/on/among all ⟦φυγαδευτηρίῳ⟧
he/she/it/self. **54** and the/this/who ⟦πεντεκαιδεκάτῃ⟧ day
Ḳaseleu, the/this/who ⟦πέμπτῳ⟧ and ⟦τεσσαρακοστῷ⟧ and
⟦ἑκατοστῷ⟧ year, ⟦ᾠκοδόμησαν⟧ abomination devastation
upon/to/against the/this/who altar, and in/on/among city
Youda surrounding ⟦ᾠκοδόμησαν⟧ ⟦βωμούς⟧. **55** and
upon/to/against the/this/who door the/this/who home, and
in/on/among the/this/who wide ⟦ἐθυμίων⟧. **56** and
the/this/who scroll of_the law which to_find/meet,
⟦ἐνεπύρισαν⟧ fire ⟦κατασχίσαντες⟧. **57** and where(-ever) to_
_find/meet from_with one scroll covenant, and if one to_agree_
_to the/this/who law, the/this/who interpretation of_the king
⟦ἐθανάτου⟧ he/she/it/self. **58** in/on/among strength
he/she/it/self to_do/make thus(-ly) the/this/who Israaʸl
the/this/who ⟦εὑρισκομένοις⟧ in/on/among all month and
month in/on/among the/this/who city. **59** and the/this/who
⟦πέμπτῃ⟧ and ⟦εἰκάδι⟧ of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧ ⟦θυσιάζοντες⟧
upon/to/against the/this/who altar which to_be
upon/to/against of_the altar. **60** and the/this/who woman
the/this/who ⟦περιτετμηκυίας⟧ the/this/who child
he/she/it/self ⟦ἐθανάτωσαν⟧, according_to the/this/who an_
_order. **61** and ⟦ἐκρέμασαν⟧ the/this/who infant out_from
the/this/who ⟦τραχήλων⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who
house he/she/it/self ⟦προενόμευσαν⟧, and the/this/who
⟦περιτετμηκότας⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐθανάτωσαν⟧. **62** and much
in/on/among Israaʸl ⟦ἐκραταιώθησαν⟧, and ⟦ὠχυρώθησαν⟧
in/on/among my/your/him-self of_the not to_eat common.
63 and ⟦ἐπελέξαντο⟧ to_die, in_order_that/to not to_stain
the/this/who food, and not ⟦βεβηλώσωσι⟧ covenant holy; and
to_die. **64** and to_be wrath great upon/to/against Israaʸl very.

2:1 in/on/among the/this/who day that to_arise Mattathias
Yōannou of_the Sumeōn, priest the/this/who son Yōarib
away_from Hierousalaʸm, and to_seat in/on/among Mōdein.
2 and he/she/it/self son five, Yōannan the/this/who to_call_
_(on)/name ⟦Καδδὶς⟧, **3** Simōn the/this/who to_call Thassi,
4 Youdas the/this/who to_call_(on)/name Makkabaios,
5 Eleazar the/this/who to_call_(on)/name Auaran, Yōnathan
the/this/who to_call_(on)/name Apfous. **6** and to_perceive
the/this/who blasphemy the/this/who to_be in/on/among
Youda and in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, **7** and to_say, alas!,
why? this/he/she/it ⟦ἐγεννήθην⟧ to_perceive the/this/who
ruin of_the a_people I/we, and the/this/who ruin
the/this/who city the/this/who holy, and to_seat there
in/on/among the/this/who to_give

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Matityah mourns for his people

2:1 In those days Matityah (Mattathias) the son of Yohan (John), the son of Shim'on (Simeon), a priest of the sons of Yoyariv, from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) rose up; and he lived at Modi'in. **2** And he had five sons:[20] Yohan, who was surnamed Gadi; **3** Shim'on, who was called Thasi; **4** Yehudah, who was called Makabi (Maccabaeus); **5** Eleazar, who was called Avaran; and Yonatan (Jonathan), who was called Apfus.

6 He saw the blasphemies that were committed in Yehudah (Judah) and in Yerushalem, **7** and he said, "Woe is me! Why was I born to see the destruction of my people and the destruction of the holy city, and to live there when it was given into the hand

20 RV 2:2 · Note Grk. Joannes.

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of the enemy, the sanctuary into the hand of foreigners? 8 Her temple has become like a man who was glorious. 9 Her vessels of glory are carried away into captivity. Her infants are slain in her streets. Her young men are slain with the enemy's sword. 10 What nation hasn't inherited her palaces and taken possession of her spoils? 11 Her adornment has all been taken away. Instead of a free woman, she's become a slave. 12 Listen, our holy things, our beauty, and our glory are laid waste. The Gentiles have profaned them. 13 Why should we live any longer?"

14 Matityah (Mattathias) and his sons tore their clothes, put on sackcloth, and mourned greatly.

Matityah refuses to obey the king

15 And the king's officers who were enforcing the apostasy came into the city Modi'in to sacrifice. 16 Many of Yisrael (Israel) came to them, and Matityah and his sons were gathered together. 17 The king's officers answered and spoke to Matityah, saying, "You're a ruler and an honourable and great man in this city, and strengthened with sons and kindred. 18 Now therefore come first and do the king's commandment, as all the nations have done, including the men of Yehudah (Judah) and those who remain in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). You and your house will be numbered among the king's[21] friends, and you and your sons will be honoured with silver and gold and many gifts."

19 And Matityah replied with a loud voice, "If all the nations that are in the house of the king's dominion listen to him, to fall away each one from the worship of his fathers, and have made choice to follow his commandments, 20 yet I and my sons and my kindred will walk in the covenant of our fathers. 21 Far be it from us that we should forsake the law and the ordinances. 22 We won't listen to the king's words, to turn aside from our worship, to the right hand, or to the left."

23 When he'd finished speaking these words, a Yehudi (Jew) came in the sight of all to sacrifice on the altar which was at Modi'in, according to the king's commandment. 24 Matityah saw it, so his zeal was kindled, and his guts trembled, and he vented his anger according to judgement, and ran and killed him on the altar. 25 He killed the king's officer, who compelled men to sacrifice, at the same time, and pulled down the altar. 26 He was zealous for the law, even as Pinhas did to Zimri the son of Salu.

27 Matityah cried out in the city with a loud voice, saying, "Anyone who's zealous for the law and maintains the covenant, let him follow me!" 28 He and his sons fled into the mountains, and left all that they had in the city.

The decision to fight on the Sabbath

29 Then many who strived for justice and judgement went down into the wilderness to live there— 30 they, their children, their wives, and their livestock—because evils were multiplied on them. 31 It was told the king's officers and the forces that were in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), the city of David, that certain men who'd broken the king's commandment had gone down into the secret places

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self in/on/among hand enemy, and the/this/who sanctification in/on/among hand another's? 8 to_be the/this/who temple he/she/it/self which/how man ⟦ἄδοξος⟧, 9 the/this/who vessel the/this/who glory he/she/it/self ⟦αἰχμάλωτα⟧ ⟦ἀπήχθη⟧, to_kill the/this/who ⟦νήπια⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who wide, the/this/who young_man he/she/it/self in/on/among sword enemy. 10 what? Gentile_nation no ⟦ἐκληρονόμησε⟧ kingdom he/she/it/self, and no to_grasp/seize the/this/who ⟦σκύλων⟧ he/she/it/self? 11 all the/this/who world he/she/it/self ⟦ἀφῃρέθη⟧, for ⟦ἐλευθήρας⟧ to_be toward ⟦δούλην⟧. 12 and look! the/this/who holy I/we and the/this/who beauty I/we and the/this/who glory I/we to_lay_waste, and ⟦ἐβεβήλωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who Gentile_nation. 13 why? I/we still to_live? 14 and to_tear Mattathias and son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who clothing he/she/it/self, and ⟦περιεβάλοντο⟧ sackcloth, and ⟦ἐπένθησαν⟧ very. 15 and to_come/go the/this/who from_with of_the king the/this/who ⟦καταναγκάζοντες⟧ the/this/who apostasy toward Mōdein the/this/who city, in_order_that/to ⟦θυσιάσωσι⟧. 16 and much away_from Israaʸl to/with he/she/it/self to_come_near/agree; and Mattathias and the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ _assemble. 17 and to_answer the/this/who from_with of_the king, and to_say the/this/who Mattathia, to_speak, ruler and honoured and great to_be in/on/among the/this/who city this/he/she/it, and ⟦ἐστηριγμένος⟧ in/on/among son and brother. 18 now therefore/then to_come_near/agree first, and to_do/make the/this/who an_order of_the king, which/how to_do/make all the/this/who Gentile_nation, and the/this/who man Youda, and the/this/who ⟦καταλειφθέντες⟧ in/on/among Hierousalaʸm; and to_be you and the/this/who house you the/this/who friendly/friend of_the king, and you and the/this/who son you ⟦δοξασθήσεσθε⟧ money, and gold, and ⟦ἀποστολαῖς⟧ much. 19 and to_answer Mattathias, and to_ _say voice/sound great, if all the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who in/on/among house the/this/who kingdom of_ _the king to_hear he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_ _leave each away_from ministry father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ᾑρετίσαντο⟧ in/on/among the/this/who commandment he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, 20 but I/we and the/this/who son I/we and the/this/who brother I/we to_ _travel in/on/among covenant father I/we. 21 propitious/gracious I/we ⟦καταλιπεῖν⟧ law and righteous_ _act. 22 the/this/who word of_the king no to_hear, of_the to_ _pass_by the/this/who ministry I/we, right or/than ⟦ἀριστεράν⟧. 23 and which/how to_cease to_speak the/this/who word this/he/she/it, to_come_near/agree man Jewish in/on/among eye all, ⟦θυσιᾶσαι⟧ upon/to/against of_ _the ⟦βωμοῦ⟧ of_the in/on/among Mōdein according_to the/this/who an_order of_the king. 24 and to_perceive Mattathias and ⟦ἐζήλωσε⟧, and ⟦ἐτρόμησαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦νεφροὶ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_ _carry_up wrath according_to the/this/who judgement, and

21 **RV 2:18 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 3:38; 10:10, etc.; Compare 1 Maccabees 10:65; 11:27; 2 Maccabees 8:9.

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to_run to_slaughter he/she/it/self upon/to/against
the/this/who altar. **25** and the/this/who man of_the king
the/this/who ⟦ἀναγκάζοντα⟧ to_sacrifice, to_kill in/on/among
the/this/who time/right_time that, and the/this/who altar to_
_take_down. **26** and ⟦ἐζήλωσε⟧ the/this/who law as/just_as to_
do/make Finees the/this/who Zambri son Salōm. **27** and to
_yell Mattathias in/on/among the/this/who city voice/sound
great, to_speak, all the/this/who ⟦ζηλῶν⟧ the/this/who law
and ⟦ἱστῶν⟧ covenant, ⟦ἐξελθέτω⟧ after I/we. **28** and to_flee
he/she/it/self and the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who
mountain, and to_leave_behind just_as/how_much to_have/be
in/on/among the/this/who city. **29** then to_come/go_down
much to_seek righteousness and judgement, toward
the/this/who deserted, to_seat there, **30** he/she/it/self and
the/this/who son he/she/it/self and the/this/who/which
woman he/she/it/self and the/this/who animal
he/she/it/self, that/since to_multiply upon/to/against
he/she/it/self the/this/who evil/harm. **31** and to_report
the/this/who man of_the king and the/this/who power
the/this/who/which to_be in/on/among Hierousalaʸm city
Dawid, that/since to_come/go_down man, who/which
⟦διεσκέδασαν⟧ the/this/who commandment of_the king,
toward the/this/who ⟦κρύφους⟧ in/on/among the/this/who
deserted. **32** and to_run after he/she/it/self much; and
⟦καταλαβόντες⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦παρενέβαλον⟧
upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and ⟦συνεστήσαντο⟧ to/with
he/she/it/self war in/on/among the/this/who day
the/this/who Sabbath, **33** and to_say to/with he/she/it/self,
until of_the now sufficient; to_go_out and to_do/make
according_to the/this/who word of_the king, and to_live.
34 and to_say, no ⟦ἐξελευσόμεθα⟧, and_not to_do/make
the/this/who word of_the king, of_the to_profane
the/this/who day the/this/who Sabbath. **35** and ⟦ἐτάχυναν⟧
upon/to/against he/she/it/self war. **36** and no to_answer
he/she/it/self, and_not stone ⟦ἐνετίναξαν⟧ he/she/it/self,
and_not ⟦ἐνέφραξαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦κρύφους⟧, **37** to_speak,
to_die all in/on/among the/this/who openness I/we; to_testify
upon/to/against I/we the/this/who heaven and the/this/who
earth, that/since ⟦ἀκρίτως⟧ ⟦ἀπόλλυτε⟧ I/we. **38** and to_arise
upon/to/against he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who
war the/this/who Sabbath, and to_die he/she/it/self and
the/this/who/which woman he/she/it/self, and the/this/who
child he/she/it/self, and the/this/who animal he/she/it/self,
until thousand soul a_human. **39** and to_know Mattathias and
the/this/who friendly/friend
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐπένθησαν⟧
upon/to/against he/she/it/self until very. **40** and to_say man
the/this/who near/neighbour
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, if all to_do/make
which/how the/this/who brother I/we to_do/make, and not

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in the wilderness; **32** and many pursued after them, and having overtaken them, they encamped against them and set the battle in array against them on the Sabbath day. **33** They said to them, "Enough of this! Come out and do according to the king's word, and you'll all live!"

34 They said, "We won't come out. We won't do the king's word, to profane the Sabbath day."

35 Then the enemy hurried to attack them.

36 They didn't answer them. They didn't throw a stone at them, or block their secret places, **37** saying, "Let's all die in our innocence. Heaven and earth testify for us, that you put us to death unjustly."

38 So they attacked them on the Sabbath, and they died—they, their wives, their children, and their livestock—in number a thousand souls of men.

39 When Matityah (Mattathias) and his friends found out about it, and they mourned over them greatly. **40** One said to another, "If we all do as our kindred have done, and don't fight against the Gentiles for our lives and our ordinances, they'll quickly destroy us from off the earth." **41** So they decided that day, saying, "Anyone who comes against us to battle on the Sabbath day, let's fight against him, and we'll in no way all die, as our kindred died in the secret places."

42 Then a company of the Hasidim,[22] mighty men of Yisrael (Israel), everyone who offered himself willingly for the law, were gathered together to them. **43** All those who fled from the evils were added to them, and supported them. **44** They mustered an army, and struck sinners in their anger, and lawless men in their anger. The rest fled to the Gentiles for safety. **45** And Matityah and his friends went around and pulled down the altars. **46** They forcibly circumcised the boys who were uncircumcised, as many as they found in the coasts of Yisrael. **47** They pursued the arrogant, and the work prospered in their hand. **48** They rescued the law out of the hand of the Gentiles and out of the hand of the kings. They never allowed the sinner to triumph.

Matityah's final advice to his sons

49 The days of Matityah drew near that he should die, and he said to his sons, "Now pride and scorn have gained strength. It's a season of overthrow and indignant anger. **50** Now, my children, be zealous for the law, and give your lives for the covenant of your fathers. **51** Call to remembrance the actions of our fathers which they did in their generations; and receive great glory and an eternal name. **52** Wasn't Avraham found faithful in temptation,[23] and it was reckoned to him for righteousness?[24] **53** Yosef (Joseph) in the time of his distress kept the commandment,[25] and became lord of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[26] **54** Pinhas our father, because he was

22 RV 2:42 · Note That is, Chasidim.

23 RV 2:52 · Cross-ref. Gen 22:1-12.

24 RV 2:52 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:6.

25 RV 2:53 · Cross-ref. Gen 39:7-9.

26 RV 2:53 · Cross-ref. Gen 41:39-43.

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extremely zealous, obtained the covenant of an eternal priesthood.[27] **55** Yeshua (Jesus) became a judge in Yisrael (Israel)[28] for fulfilling the word. **56** Kalev (Caleb) obtained a heritage in the land for testifying in the congregation.[29] **57** David inherited the throne of a kingdom forever and ever[30] for being merciful. **58** Eliyah (Elijah) was taken up into heaven[31] because he was extremely zealous for the law. **59** Hananyah, Azaryah, and Mishael[32] believed, and were saved out of the flame.[33] **60** Daniyel was delivered from the mouth of lions for his innocence.[34]

61 "Thus consider throughout the generations that no one who put their trust in him will lack for strength. **62** Don't be afraid of the words of a sinful man; for his glory will be dung and worms. **63** Today he'll be lifted up, and tomorrow he'll in no way be found, because he's returned to dust, and his thought has perished. **64** You, my children, be strong, and show yourselves men on behalf of the law; for in it you'll obtain glory. **65** Listen, Shim'on (Simon) your brother, whom I know to be a man of counsel. Always listen to him. He'll be a father to you. **66** Yehudah (Judas) Makabi (Maccabaeus) has been strong and mighty from his youth. He'll be your captain and will fight[35] the battle of the people. **67** Rally around all the doers of the law, and avenge the wrong done to your people. **68** Repay the Gentiles, and obey the commandments of the law."

69 He blessed them, and was gathered to his ancestors. **70** He died in[36] the one hundred and forty sixth year, and his sons buried him in the tombs of his ancestors at Modi'in. All Yisrael (Israel) made great lamentation for him.

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⟦πολεμήσωμεν⟧ to/with the/this/who Gentile_nation above/for the/this/who soul I/we and the/this/who ⟦δικαιωμάτων⟧ I/we, now more_quickly I/we ⟦ἐξολοθρεύσουσιν⟧ away_from the/this/who earth. **41** and to_ _plan the/this/who day that, to_speak, all a_human which if to_come/go to/with I/we toward war the/this/who day the/this/who Sabbath, ⟦πολεμήσωμεν⟧ before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no not to_die all as/just_as to_die the/this/who brother I/we in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κρύφοις⟧. **42** then to_assemble to/with he/she/it/self synagogue Jewish, strong power away_from Israaʸl, all the/this/who ⟦ἐκουσιαζόμενος⟧ the/this/who law. **43** and all the/this/who ⟦φυγαδεύοντες⟧ away_from the/this/who evil/harm to_add_(to) he/she/it/self, and to_be he/she/it/self toward a_reliance. **44** and ⟦συνεστήσαντο⟧ power, and ⟦ἐπάταξαν⟧ sinful in/on/among wrath he/she/it/self, and man lawless in/on/among ⟦θυμῷ⟧ he/she/it/self; and the/this/who remaining to_flee toward the/this/who Gentile_nation to_save. **45** and ⟦ἐκύκλωσε⟧ Mattathias and the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦καθεῖλον⟧ the/this/who ⟦βωμοὺς⟧. **46** and ⟦περιέτεμον⟧ the/this/who ⟦παιδάρια⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀπερίτμητα⟧ just_as/how_much to_ _find/meet in/on/among region Israaʸl in/on/among strength. **47** and to_pursue the/this/who son the/this/who ⟦ὑπεπηφανίας⟧, and ⟦κατευωδώθη⟧ the/this/who work in/on/among hand he/she/it/self. **48** and ⟦ἀντελάβοντο⟧ of_ _the law out_from hand the/this/who Gentile_nation and out_ _from hand the/this/who king; and no to_give horn the/this/who sinful. **49** and to_come_near the/this/who/which day of_the Mattathiou to_die, and to_say the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, now ⟦ἐστηρίχθη⟧ pride and rebuke and time/right_time ⟦καταστροφῆς⟧ and wrath wrath. **50** and now, child, ⟦ζηλώσατε⟧ the/this/who law, and to_give the/this/who soul you above/for covenant father I/we. **51** to_remember the/this/who father I/we the/this/who work which to_do/make in/on/among the/this/who generation he/she/it/self, and to_receive glory great and name eternal. **52** Habra'am not in/on/among temptation/testing to_ _find/meet faithful, and to_count he/she/it/self toward righteousness? **53** Yōsaʸf in/on/among time/right_time ⟦στενοχωρίας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ _keep/guard commandment, and to_be lord Aiguptou. **54** Finees the/this/who father I/we in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ζηλῶσαι⟧ zeal, to_take covenant priesthood ⟦αἰωνίας⟧. **55** Yaʸsous in/on/among the/this/who to_fulfill

27 **RV 2:54 · Cross-ref.** Num 25:10-13.
28 **RV 2:55 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:18-23.
29 **RV 2:56 · Cross-ref.** Josh 14:6-14.
30 **RV 2:57 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12-16.
31 **RV 2:58 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 2:11.
32 **RV 2:59 · Cross-ref.** Dan 1:6-7.
33 **RV 2:59 · Cross-ref.** Dan 3:26-27.
34 **RV 2:60 · Cross-ref.** Dan 6:21-23.
35 **RV 2:66 · Note** Some ancient authorities read you shall fight.
36 **RV 2:70 · Note** circa B.C. 167.

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word, to_be judge in/on/among Israaʸl. **56** Ḳaleb in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐπιμαρτύρασθαι⟧ in/on/among the/this/who assembly, to_take earth inheritance. **57** Dawid in/on/among the/this/who to_have_mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἐκληρονόμησε⟧ throne kingdom toward an_age an_age. **58** Haʸlias in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ζηλῶσαι⟧ zeal law, to_take_up until toward the/this/who heaven. **59** Ananias, Azarias, Misaaʸl, to_trust_(in) ⟦ἐσώθησαν⟧ out_from ⟦φλογός⟧. **60** Daniaʸl in/on/among the/this/who openness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐῤῥύσθη⟧ out_from mouth lion. **61** and thus(-ly) ⟦ἐννοήθητε⟧ according_to generation and generation, that/since all the/this/who ⟦ἐλπίζοντες⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self no ⟦ἀσθενήσουσι⟧. **62** and away_from word man ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧ not to_fear, that/since the/this/who glory he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward manure and toward ⟦σκώληκας⟧. **63** today ⟦ἐπαρθήσεται⟧, and tomorrow no not to_find/meet, that/since to_turn toward the/this/who dust he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who reasoning he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_destroy. **64** and you, child, be_strong and to_act_like_a_man in/on/among the/this/who law, that/since in/on/among he/she/it/self ⟦δοξασθήσεσθε⟧. **65** and look! Sumeōn the/this/who brother you, to_perceive that/since man plan to_ _be, he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_hear all the/this/who day, he/she/it/self you to_be toward father. **66** and Youdas Makkabaios strong power out_from youth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, this/he/she/it you to_be ruler army, and ⟦πολεμήσει⟧ war a_people. **67** and you ⟦προσάξατε⟧ to/with you all the/this/who ⟦ποιητὰς⟧ of_the law, and ⟦ἐκδικήσατε⟧ vengeance of_the a_people you. **68** ⟦Ἀνταπόδοτε⟧ repayment the/this/who Gentile_nation, and to_watch_out toward the/this/who ⟦προστάγματα⟧ of_the law. **69** and to_praise/bless he/she/it/self; and to_add_(to) to/with the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **70** and to_die in/on/among the/this/who sixth and ⟦τεσσαρακοστῷ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστῷ⟧ year; and to_bury he/she/it/self the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among grave father he/she/it/self in/on/among Mōdein, and ⟦ἐκόψαντο⟧ he/she/it/self all Israaʸl lamentation great.

3:1 and to_arise Youdas the/this/who to_call Makkabaios son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀντ᾽⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **2** and ⟦ἐβοήθουν⟧ he/she/it/self all the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all just_as/how_ _much to_join the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐπολέμουν⟧ the/this/who war Israaʸl with/after joy. **3** and ⟦ἐπλάτυνε⟧ glory the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_put_on breastplate which/how a_giant, and ⟦συνεζώσατο⟧ the/this/who vessel he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦πολεμικά⟧; and ⟦συνεστήσατο⟧ war ⟦σκεπάζων⟧ barracks in/on/among sword. **4** and to_liken lion in/on/among the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,

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Yehudah Makabi leads the resistance

3:1 His son Yehudah, who was called Makabi, rose up in his place. **2** All his kindred helped him, and so did all those who joined with his father, and they fought with gladness the battle of Yisrael. **3** He got his people great glory, and put on a breastplate like a giant, and bound his warlike harness around him, and set battles in array, protecting the army with his sword. **4** He was like a lion in his actions, and like a lion's cub roaring for prey. **5** He hunted and pursued the lawless, and he burnt up those who troubled his people. **6** The lawless shrunk back for fear of him, and all the workers of lawlessness were very troubled, and deliverance prospered in his hand. **7** He angered many kings and made Ya'akov (Jacob) glad with his acts. His memory is blessed forever.

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8 He went through the cities of Yehudah, destroyed the ungodly[37] out of the land, and turned away anger from Yisrael.
9 He was renowned to the utmost part of the earth. He gathered together those who were ready to perish.

Yehudah's first victories

10 Apolonios gathered the Gentiles together with a great army from Shomron (Samaria) to fight against Yisrael. 11 Yehudah learnt of it, and he went out to meet him, struck him, and killed him. Many fell wounded to death, and the rest fled. 12 They took their spoils, and Yehudah took Apolonios' sword, and he fought with it all his days.

13 Seron, the commander of Aram's (Syria's) army, heard that Yehudah had gathered a large company, including a body of faithful men who stayed with him, went out to war. 14 He said, "I'll make myself a name and get myself glory in the kingdom. I'll fight against Yehudah and those who are with him, who despise the king's command. 15 A mighty army of the ungodly went up with him to help him, to take vengeance on the Israeli people.

16 He came near to the ascent of Beyt-Horon, and Yehudah went out to meet him with a small company. 17 But when they saw the army coming to meet them, they said to Yehudah, "How can our small group fight against such a large, strong army? We're exhausted, and we haven't eaten anything today."

18 Yehudah said, "It's an easy thing for many to be hemmed in by the hands of a few. With[38] heaven it's all one, to save by many or by few; 19 for victory in battle stands not in the multitude of an army, but strength is from heaven. 20 They come to us in fullness of insolence and lawlessness, to destroy us and our wives and our children, and to plunder us, 21 but we fight for our lives and our laws. 22 He himself will crush them before our face; but as for you, don't be afraid of them.

23 Now when he'd finished speaking, he rushed suddenly against Seron and his army, and they were defeated before him. 24 They pursued them down the descent of Beyt-Horon to the plain, and about eight hundred men of them fell; but the rest fled into the land of the Pelishtim.

25 The fear of Yehudah and his kindred, and the dread of them, began to fall on the nations around them. 26 His fame reached the king, and every nation told of the battles of Yehudah.

The king sends an army against Yehudah

27 But when King Antiokos (Antiochus) heard these words, he was full of indignation; and he sent and gathered together all the forces of his realm, an extremely strong army. 28 He opened his treasury and gave his forces pay for a year, and commanded them to be ready for every need. 29 He saw that the money was gone from his treasures, and that the tributes of the country were small, because of the dissension and disaster which he'd brought on the land, to the end that he might take

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and which/how a_cub ⟦ἐρευγόμενος⟧ toward trap. 5 and to_
_pursue lawless ⟦ἐξερευνῶν⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ταράσσοντας⟧
the/this/who a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐφλόγισε⟧; 6 and
⟦συνεστάλησαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἄνομοι⟧ away_from of_the fear
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all the/this/who
worker the/this/who lawlessness ⟦συνεταράχθησαν⟧, and
⟦εὐοδώθη⟧ salvation in/on/among hand
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 7 and ⟦ἐπίκρανε⟧ king
much, and ⟦εὔφρανε⟧ the/this/who Yakōb in/on/among
the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
and until of_the an_age the/this/who memorial
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward praise. 8 and
to_pass_through in/on/among city Youda, and
⟦ἐξωλόθρευσεν⟧ ungodly out_from he/she/it/self, and
⟦ἀπέστρεψεν⟧ wrath away_from Israaʸl. 9 and to_name until
last/least the/this/who earth, and to_assemble
⟦ἀπολλυμένους⟧. 10 and to_assemble Apollōnios Gentile_
_nation, and away_from Samareias power great, of_the to_fight
to/with Israaʸl. 11 and to_know Youdas, and to_go_out toward
⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_strike he/she/it/self, and
to_kill he/she/it/self; and to_collapse ⟦τραυματίαι⟧ much, and
the/this/who ⟦ἐπίλοιποι⟧ to_flee. 12 and to_take the/this/who
plunder he/she/it/self, and the/this/who sword Apollōniou
to_take Youdas, and to_be war in/on/among he/she/it/self all
the/this/who day. 13 and to_hear Saʸrōn, the/this/who ruler
the/this/who power Surias, that/since ⟦ἤθροισεν⟧ Youdas
gathering, and assembly faithful with/after
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_depart toward war;
14 and to_say, to_do/make myself name and ⟦δοξασθήσομαι⟧
in/on/among the/this/who kingdom, and to_fight
the/this/who Youdan and the/this/who with he/she/it/self,
the/this/who ⟦ἐξουδενοῦντας⟧ the/this/who word of_the king.
15 and to_add_(to) of_the ⟦ἀναβῆναι⟧; and to_ascend
with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there barracks
ungodly strong to_help he/she/it/self, and to_do/make
the/this/who vengeance in/on/among son Israaʸl. 16 and to_
_come_near until ⟦ἀναβάσεως⟧ Baithōrōn; and to_go_out
Youdas toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self very_few.
17 which/how but/and ⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who barracks to_
_come/go toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self, to_say
the/this/who Youda, how?/how?! be_able ⟦ὀλιγοστοὶ⟧ to_be
to_fight to/with multitude so_great strong? and I/we
⟦ἐκλελύμεθα⟧ ⟦ἀσιτοῦντες⟧ today. 18 and to_say Youdas,
⟦εὔκοπόν⟧ he_is ⟦συγκλεισθῆναι⟧ much in/on/among hand
little/few; and no he_is different against/in_front_of of_the
God of_the heaven to_save in/on/among much or/than
in/on/among little/few. 19 that/since no in/on/among
multitude power victory ⟦πολέμου⟧ to_be, but or/than out_
_from of_the heaven the/this/who strength. 20 he/she/it/self
to_come/go to/with I/we in/on/among multitude
mistreatment and lawlessness, of_the ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ I/we and
the/this/who woman I/we, and the/this/who child I/we, of_
_the ⟦σκυλεῦσαι⟧ I/we. 21 I/we but/and ⟦πολεμοῦμεν⟧ about

37 **RV 3:8 · Note** Grk. out of it.

38 **RV 3:18 · Note** Some ancient authorities read the god of heaven.

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the/this/who soul I/we and the/this/who ⟦νομίμων⟧ I/we.
22 and he/she/it/self to_break he/she/it/self before face I/we;
you but/and not to_fear away_from he/she/it/self.
23 which/how but/and to_cease to_speak, ⟦ἐνήλατο⟧ toward
he/she/it/self suddenly, and ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ Saʸrōn and
the/this/who barracks
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there before
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **24** and to_pursue
he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who descent Baithōrōn
until of_the ⟦πεδίου⟧; and to_collapse away_from
he/she/it/self toward man ⟦ὀκτακοσίους⟧; the/this/who
but/and remaining to_flee toward earth ⟦Φυλιστιείμ⟧. **25** and
be_first the/this/who fear Youda and the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who fear
to_fall/press_upon upon/to/against the/this/who Gentile_
nation the/this/who surrounding he/she/it/self. **26** and to
_come_near until of_the king the/this/who name
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and above/for
the/this/who ⟦παρατάξεων⟧ Youda to_tell all Gentile_nation.
27 which/how but/and to_hear Antiokos the/this/who king
the/this/who word this/he/she/it, to_anger ⟦θυμῷ⟧; and to_
_send and to_assemble the/this/who power all the/this/who
kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, barracks
strong very. **28** and to_open the/this/who treasury
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_give
compensation the/this/who power
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward year; and to_
_order to_be he/she/it/self ready toward all need. **29** and to_
perceive that/since ⟦ἐξέλιπε⟧ the/this/who money away
_from the/this/who treasure, and the/this/who ⟦φορολόγοι⟧
the/this/who country little/few, because_of/grace
the/this/who dissension and plague/blow/wound which to_
_prepare in/on/among the/this/who earth, of_the to_take_up
the/this/who ⟦νόμιμα⟧ which to_be away_from day
the/this/who first. **30** and ⟦εὐλαβήθη⟧ not no to_have/be
which/how once and twice toward the/this/who ⟦δαπάνας⟧
and the/this/who gift which to_give before ⟦δαψιλεῖ⟧ hand,
and to_abound/exceed above/for the/this/who king
the/this/who before. **31** and ⟦ἠπορεῖτο⟧ the/this/who soul
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there very, and
⟦ἐβουλεύσατο⟧ of_the to_travel toward the/this/who Persida,
and to_take the/this/who tax the/this/who ⟦χωρῶν⟧, and to_
_assemble money much. **32** and to_leave_behind Lusian a_
_human honoured and away_from family the/this/who
kingdom, upon/to/against the/this/who thing of_the king
away_from of_the river Eufratou until the/this/who region
Aiguptou, **33** and ⟦τρέφειν⟧ Antiokon the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there until of_the to_turn
he/she/it/self. **34** and to_deliver he/she/it/self the/this/who
⟦ἡμίσεις⟧ the/this/who power and the/this/who ⟦ἐλέφαντας⟧;
and to_order he/she/it/self about all which to_plan, and about
the/this/who to_dwell the/this/who Jewish/Judea and
Hierousalaʸm, **35** to_send upon/to/against he/she/it/self

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away the laws which had been from the first days. **30** He was afraid that he wouldn't have enough as at other times for the charges and the gifts which he used to give with a liberal hand, more abundantly than the kings who were before him. **31** And he was extremely perplexed in his mind, and he determined to go into Paras (Persia), and to take the tributes of those countries, and to gather much money. **32** He left Lusias, an honourable man, and one of royal lineage, to be over the affairs of the king from the river Perat (Euphrates) to the borders of Mitsrayim (Egypt), **33** and to bring up his son Antiokos, until he came again. **34** He delivered to Lusias half of his forces and the elephants, and gave him charge of all the things that he'd have done, and about those who lived in Yehudah and in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **35** that he should send an army against them to root out and destroy the strength of Yisrael (Israel) and the remnant of Yerushalem, and to take away their memory from the place, **36** and that he should make foreigners live in all their territory, and should divide their land to them by lot. **37** The king took the half that remained of the forces, and left Antiokeia, his royal city, in the one hundred and forty seventh year;[39] and he passed over the river Perat, and went through the upper countries.

38 Lusias chose Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) the son of Dorumenes, Nikanor, and Gorgias, mighty men of the king's friends;[40] **39** and with them, he sent forty thousand infantry and seven thousand cavalry to go into the land of Yehudah and to destroy it, according to the king's word. **40** They set out with all their army, and came and encamped near Emmaous in the plain country. **41** The merchants of the country heard of their fame, and took silver and gold in large quantities, and fetters,[41] and came into the camp to take the Israeli people for slaves. Forces of Aram (Syria) and of the land of the Pelishtim[42] joined with them.

The people pray and prepare for battle

42 Yehudah and his kindred saw that evils were multiplied, and that the forces were encamping in their borders. They learnt about the king's words which he'd commanded, to destroy the people and make an end of them. **43** Then they each said to his neighbour, "Let's repair the ruins of our people. Let's fight for our people and the holy place." **44** The congregation was gathered together, that they might be ready for battle, and that they might pray and ask for mercy and compassion. **45** Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was without inhabitant like a wilderness. There was none of her offspring who went in or went out. The sanctuary was trampled down. Children of foreigners were in the citadel. The Gentiles lived there. Joy was taken away from Ya'akov (Jacob), and the pipe and the harp ceased. **46** They gathered themselves together, and came to Mitspah, near Yerushalem; for in Mitspah there used to be a place of prayer for Yisrael. **47** They fasted that day, put on

39 **RV 3:37 · Note** circa B.C. 166.

40 **RV 3:38 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

41 **RV 3:41 · Note** Most of the authorities read servants.

42 **RV 3:41 · Note** Grk. foreigners.

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sackcloth, put ashes on their heads, tore their clothes, **48** and opened the book of the law, to learn about the things for which the Gentiles consulted the images of their idols. **49** They brought the priests' clothes, the first fruits, and the tithes. They stirred up the Nazarites, who'd accomplished their days. **50** They cried aloud towards heaven, saying, "What should we do with these men? Where should we carry them away? **51** Your holy place is trampled down and profaned. Your priests mourn in humiliation. **52** Listen, the Gentiles are assembled together against us to destroy us. You know what things they imagine against us. **53** How will we be able to stand against them, unless you help us?" **54** They sounded with the trumpets, and gave a loud shout.

55 And after this Yehudah (Judas) appointed leaders of the people: captains of thousands, captains of hundreds, captains of fifties, and captains of tens. **56** He said to those who were building houses, were betrothing wives, were planting vineyards, and were fearful, that they should return, each man to his own house, according to the law. **57** The army marched out and encamped on the south side of Emmaous. **58** Yehudah said, "Arm yourselves and be valiant men! Be ready in the morning to fight with these Gentiles who are assembled together against us to destroy us and our holy place. **59** Because it's better for us to die in battle than to see the calamities of our nation and the holy place. **60** Nevertheless, as may be the will in heaven, so will he do.

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power, of_the ⟦ἐκτρίψαι⟧ and ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ the/this/who strength Israaʸl, and the/this/who remnant Hierousalaʸm, and to_take_up the/this/who memorial he/she/it/self away_from of_the place, **36** and to_dwell son ⟦ἀλλογενεῖς⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who region he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατακληροδοτῆσαι⟧ the/this/who earth he/she/it/self. **37** and the/this/who king to_take the/this/who ⟦ἡμίσεις⟧ the/this/who power the/this/who ⟦καταλειφθείσας⟧, and ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ away_from Antiokeias away_from city kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἔτους⟧ seventh and ⟦τεσσαρακοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧; and to_cross the/this/who Eufrataʸn river, and to_travel_through the/this/who above country. **38** and ⟦ἐπέλεξε⟧ Lusias Ptolemaion the/this/who ⟦Δορυμένους⟧, and Nikanora, and Gorgian, man ⟦δυνατοὺς⟧ the/this/who friendly/friend of_the king. **39** and to_send with/after he/she/it/self forty ⟦χιλιάδας⟧ man and ⟦ἑπτακισχιλίαν⟧ ⟦ἵππον⟧, of_the to_come/go toward earth Youda, and ⟦καταφθεῖραι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, according_to the/this/who word of_the king. **40** and ⟦ἀπῆραν⟧ with all the/this/who power he/she/it/self, and to_come/go, and ⟦παρενέβαλον⟧ near/neighbour ⟦Ἐμμαοὺμ⟧ in/on/among the/this/who earth the/this/who ⟦πεδινῇ⟧. **41** and to_hear the/this/who trader/merchant the/this/who country the/this/who name he/she/it/self, and to_take money and gold much very and child, and to_come/go toward the/this/who barracks of_the to_take the/this/who son Israaʸl toward child; and to_add_(to) to/with he/she/it/self power Surias and earth ⟦ἀλλοφύλων⟧. **42** and to_perceive Youdas and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there that/since to_multiply the/this/who evil/harm, and the/this/who/which power ⟦παρεμβάλλουσιν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who region he/she/it/self; and to_come_to_know the/this/who word of_the king which to_order to_do/make the/this/who a_people toward destruction and ⟦συντέλειαν⟧; **43** and to_say each to/with the/this/who near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἀναστήσωμεν⟧ the/this/who destruction of_the a_people I/we, and ⟦πολεμήσωμεν⟧ about of_the a_people I/we and the/this/who holy. **44** and ⟦συνηθροίσθη⟧ the/this/who synagogue of_the to_be ready toward war, and of_the to_pray, and to_ask mercy and ⟦οἰκτιρμούς⟧. **45** and Hierousalaʸm to_be uninhabited which/how deserted, no to_be the/this/who to_enter and to_depart out_from the/this/who ⟦γεννημάτων⟧ he/she/it/self; and the/this/who sanctification ⟦καταπατούμενον⟧, and son ⟦ἀλλογενῶν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who Akra/tip, guest_room/inn the/this/who Gentile_nation; and ⟦ἐξῄρθη⟧ delight out_from Yakōb, and ⟦ἐξέλιπεν⟧ flute and a_lute. **46** and to_assemble, and ⟦ἤλθοσαν⟧ toward Massaʸfa before Hierousalaʸm, that/since place prayer toward Massaʸfa the/this/who before/previously the/this/who Israaʸl. **47** and ⟦ἐνήστευσαν⟧ the/this/who day that, and ⟦περιεβάλοντο⟧ sackcloth and ⟦σποδὸν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who head he/she/it/self, and ⟦διέῤῥηξαν⟧ the/this/who clothing he/she/it/self. **48** and ⟦ἐξεπέτασαν⟧ the/this/who scroll of_the law, about which ⟦ἐξηρεύνων⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who likeness the/this/who idol he/she/it/self. **49** and to_bear/lead the/this/who clothing the/this/who priesthood,

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and the/this/who ⟦πρωτογεννήματα⟧, and the/this/who tenth; and to_arise the/this/who ⟦Ναζαραίους⟧, the/this/who/which to_fulfill the/this/who day. **50** and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ voice/sound toward the/this/who heaven, to_ _speak, one/which? to_do/make this/he/she/it, and where? he/she/it/self ⟦ἀπαγάγωμεν⟧? **51** and the/this/who holy you ⟦καταπεπάτηται⟧, and ⟦βεβήλωται⟧; and the/this/who priest you in/on/among ⟦πένθει⟧ and lowliness/to_humble. **52** and look! the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦συνῆκται⟧ upon/to/against I/we of_the ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ I/we; you to_perceive which ⟦λογίζονται⟧ upon/to/against I/we. **53** how?/how?! be_ _able ⟦ὑποστῆναι⟧ according_to face he/she/it/self, if not you ⟦βοηθήσῃς⟧ I/we? **54** and ⟦ἐσάλπισαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦σάλπιγξι⟧, and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ voice/sound great. **55** and with/after this/he/she/it to_appoint/conduct Youdas to_ _govern of_the a_people, ⟦χιλιάρχους⟧, and centurion, and ⟦πεντηκοντάρχους⟧, and ⟦δεκάρχους⟧. **56** and to_say the/this/who ⟦οἰκοδομοῦσιν⟧ home, and ⟦μνηστευομένους⟧ woman, and ⟦φυτεύουσιν⟧ ⟦ἀμπελῶνας⟧, and timid, to_turn_ _away each toward the/this/who house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, according_to the/this/who law. **57** and ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ the/this/who barracks, and ⟦παρενέβαλε⟧ according_to south ⟦Ἐμμαούμ⟧. **58** and to_say Youdas, ⟦περιζώσασθε⟧, and to_be toward son ⟦δυνατοὺς⟧, and to_be ready toward ⟦τοπρωΐ⟧ of_the to_fight in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation this/he/she/it, the/this/who ⟦ἐπισυνηγμένοις⟧ upon/to/against I/we ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ I/we and the/this/who holy I/we. **59** that/since greater I/we to_die in/on/among the/this/who war, or/than ⟦ἐπιδεῖν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who evil/harm of_the Gentile_ _nation I/we and the/this/who holy; **60** which/how but/and if to_be will/desire in/on/among heaven, thus(-ly) to_do/make.

4:1 and to_take Gorgias five_thousand man and ⟦χιλίαν⟧ ⟦ἵππον⟧ ⟦ἐκλεκτὴν⟧, and ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ the/this/who barracks night, **2** so to_put_on/seize upon/to/against the/this/who barracks the/this/who Jewish, and to_strike he/she/it/self suddenly; and the/this/who son the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧ to_be he/she/it/self guide/leader. **3** and to_hear Youdas, and ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ he/she/it/self and the/this/who able to_strike the/this/who power of_the king the/this/who in/on/among ⟦Ἐμμαοὺμ⟧, **4** until still the/this/who/which power ⟦ἐσκορπισμέναι⟧ to_be away_from the/this/who barracks. **5** and to_come/go Gorgias toward the/this/who barracks Youda night, and none to_find/meet; and to_seek he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who mountain, that/since to_say, ⟦φεύγουσιν⟧ this/he/she/it away_from I/we. **6** and together the/this/who day, to_see Youdas in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πεδίῳ⟧ in/on/among ⟦τρισχιλίοις⟧ man; but/however ⟦καλύμματα⟧ and sword no to_have/be as/just_as ⟦ἠβούλοντο⟧. **7** and to_perceive barracks Gentile_nation strong, ⟦τεθωρακισμένην⟧, and ⟦ἵππον⟧ ⟦κυκλοῦσαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and this/he/she/it taught ⟦πολέμου⟧. **8** and to_say Youdas the/this/who man the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, not to_fear the/this/who multitude he/she/it/self, and the/this/who sudden_violence he/she/it/self not ⟦δειλωθῆτε⟧. **9** to_ _remember how?/how?! ⟦ἐσώθησαν⟧ the/this/who father I/we

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Yehudah defeats Gorgias' army

4:1 Gorgias took five thousand infantry, a thousand chosen cavalry, and the army moved out at night, **2** that it might fall onto the army of the Yehudim (Jews) and strike them suddenly. The men of the citadel were his guides. **3** Yehudah heard of this, and he and the valiant men moved, that he might strike the king's army which was at Emmaous **4** while the forces were still dispersed from the camp. **5** Gorgias came into the camp of Yehudah at night and found no man. He searched for them in the mountains; for he said, "These men are running away from us."

6 As soon as it was day, Yehudah appeared in the plain with three thousand men. However they didn't have the armour and swords they desired. **7** They saw the camp of the Gentiles strong and fortified, with cavalry all around it; and these were expert in war. **8** Yehudah said to the men who were with him, "Don't be afraid of their numbers, or when they charge. **9** Remember how our fathers were saved in the Red sea, when Par'oh (Pharaoh) pursued them with an army. **10** Now let's cry to heaven, if he'll have us, and will remember the covenant of our fathers, and destroy this army before our face today. **11** Then all the Gentiles will know that there's one who redeems and saves Yisrael (Israel).

12 The foreigners lifted up their eyes, and saw them coming

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near them. 13 They went out of the camp to battle. Those who were with Yehudah sounded their trumpets 14 and joined battle. The Gentiles were defeated, and fled into the plain. 15 But all those in the rear fell by the sword. They pursued them to[43] Gezer, and to the plains of Edom, Azotos, and Yavneh. About three thousand of those men fell. 16 Then Yehudah and his army returned from pursuing them; 17 and he said to the people, "Don't be greedy for the spoils, because there's a battle before us. 18 Gorgias and his army are near us on the mountain. But stand now against our enemies and fight against them, and afterwards take the spoils with boldness." 19 While Yehudah was finishing this speech, a part of them appeared looking out from the mountain. 20 They saw that their army had been put to flight, and that the Yehudim (Jews) were burning the camp; for the smoke that was seen declared what was done. 21 But when they perceived these things, they were very afraid. Perceiving also Yehudah's army in the plain ready for battle, 22 they all fled into the land of the[44] Pelishtim. 23 Yehudah returned to plunder the camp, and they took much gold, silver, blue, sea purple, and great riches. 24 Then they returned home, and sang a song of thanksgiving, and gave praise to heaven, because he's good, because his mercy endures forever. 25 Yisrael (Israel) had a great deliverance that day.

Yehudah defeats Lusias

26 The foreigners who'd escaped came and told Lusias all the things that'd happened. 27 When he heard of it, he was confounded and discouraged, because the things he desired hadn't been done to Yisrael, nor had such things happened as the king commanded him.

28 In the next year, he gathered together sixty thousand chosen infantry and five thousand cavalry, that he might subdue them. 29 They came into Edom and encamped at Beyt-Tsur. Yehudah met them with ten thousand men. 30 He saw that the army was strong, and he prayed and said, "Blessed are you, Oh Saviour of Yisrael, who defeated the attack of the mighty warrior by the hand of your servant David, and delivered the army of the[45] Pelishtim into the hands of Yonatan (Jonathan) the son of Sha'ul (Saul), and of his armour bearer. 31 Hem in this army in the hand of your people Yisrael, and let them be ashamed for their army and their cavalry. 32 Give them faintness of heart. Cause the boldness of their strength to melt away, and let them quake at their destruction. 33 Strike them down with the sword of those who love you, and let all who know your name praise you with thanksgiving."

34 They joined in battle; and about five thousand men of Lusias' army fell. They fell down near them. 35 But when Lusias saw that his troops were put to flight, and the boldness that'd come on those who were with Yehudah, and how they were ready either to live or to die nobly, he withdrew to Antiokeia, and gath-

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in/on/among sea red, when to_pursue he/she/it/self Faraō in/on/among power. 10 and now ⟦βοήσωμεν⟧ toward the/this/who heaven, if_somehow ⟦ἐλεήσει⟧ I/we, and ⟦μνησθήσεται⟧ covenant father I/we, and to_break the/this/who barracks this/he/she/it according_to face I/we today. 11 and to_know all the/this/who Gentile_nation, that/since to_be the/this/who ⟦λυτρούμενος⟧ and ⟦σώζων⟧ the/this/who Israaʸl. 12 and to_take_up the/this/who ⟦ἀλλόφυλοι⟧ the/this/who eye he/she/it/self. and ⟦ἴδον⟧ he/she/it/self to_come/go right_opposite, 13 and to_go_out out_from the/this/who barracks toward war; and ⟦ἐσάλπισαν⟧ the/this/who with/after Youda. 14 and ⟦συνῆψαν⟧, and ⟦συνετρίβησαν⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation, and to_flee toward the/this/who a_plain. 15 the/this/who but/and last/least all to_collapse in/on/among sword; and to_pursue he/she/it/self until Gazaʸrōn and until the/this/who ⟦πεδίων⟧ the/this/who Idoumaias and Azōtou and ⟦Ἰαμνίας⟧, and to_ _collapse out_from he/she/it/self toward man ⟦τρισχιλίους⟧. 16 and to_turn Youdas and the/this/who power away_from of_ _the ⟦διώκειν⟧ after he/she/it/self, 17 and to_say to/with the/this/who a_people, not ⟦ἐπιθυμήσητε⟧ the/this/who ⟦σκύλων⟧, that/since war right_opposite I/we, 18 and Gorgias and the/this/who power in/on/among the/this/who mountain near I/we; but to_stand now against/in_front_of the/this/who enemy I/we, and ⟦πολεμήσατε⟧ he/she/it/self, and with/after this/he/she/it ⟦λήψετε⟧ the/this/who plunder with/after boldness. 19 still to_speak Youda this/he/she/it, to_ _see part one ⟦ἐκκύπτον⟧ out_from of_the mountain. 20 and to_ _perceive that/since ⟦τετρόπωνται⟧, and ⟦ἐμπυρίζουσι⟧ the/this/who barracks, the/this/who for smoke ⟦θεωρούμενος⟧ ⟦ἐνεφάνιζε⟧ the/this/who to_be. 21 the/this/who but/and this/he/she/it be_aware ⟦ἐδειλώθησαν⟧ very; be_aware but/and and the/this/who Youda barracks in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πεδίῳ⟧ ready toward ⟦παράταξιν⟧, 22 to_flee all toward earth ⟦ἀλλοφύλων⟧. 23 and ⟦ἀνέστρεψεν⟧ Youdas upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦σκυλείαν⟧ the/this/who barracks; and to_take gold much and money and ⟦ὑάκινθον⟧ and purple_cloth ⟦θαλασσίαν⟧ and riches great. 24 and ⟦ἐπιστραφέντες⟧ to_praise and ⟦εὐλόγουν⟧ toward heaven the/this/who lord, that/since good, that/since toward the/this/who an_age the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 25 and to_be salvation great the/this/who Israaʸl in/on/among the/this/who day that. 26 just_as/how_much but/and the/this/who ⟦ἀλλοφύλων⟧ to_save, ⟦παραγενηθέντες⟧ to_announce the/this/who Lusia all the/this/who ⟦συμβεβηκότα⟧. 27 the/this/who but/and to_hear to_confound and ⟦ἠθύμει⟧, that/since no such_as to_will/desire, such_as_this to_be the/this/who Israaʸl, and no such_as to_order he/she/it/self the/this/who king, such_as_this ⟦ἐξέβη⟧. 28 and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐχομένῳ⟧ ⟦ἐνιαυτῷ⟧ ⟦συνελόχησεν⟧ the/this/who Lusias man ⟦ἐπιλέκτων⟧ sixty ⟦χιλιάδας⟧ and ⟦πεντακισχιλίαν⟧ ⟦ἵππον⟧, so ⟦ἐκπολεμῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self.

43 **RV 4:15 · Note** Grk. Gazera.

44 **RV 4:22 · Note** Grk. foreigners.

45 **RV 4:30 · Note** Grk. foreigners.

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29 and to_come/go toward the/this/who Idoumaian, and
⟦παρενέβαλον⟧ in/on/among ⟦Βαιθσούροις⟧, and to_meet
he/she/it/self Youdas in/on/among ten thousand man. 30 and
to_perceive the/this/who barracks strong, and to_pray, and to_
_say, praiseworthy to_be, the/this/who saviour of_the Israa^{y}l,
the/this/who ⟦συντρίψας⟧ the/this/who sudden_violence of_
_the ⟦δυνατοῦ⟧ in/on/among hand of_the slave you Dawid, and
to_deliver the/this/who barracks the/this/who ⟦ἀλλοφύλων⟧
toward hand Yōnathan son Sa'oul, and of_the to_take_up
the/this/who vessel he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
31 ⟦Σύγκλεισον⟧ the/this/who barracks this/he/she/it
in/on/among hand a_people you Israa^{y}l, and ⟦αἰσχυνθήτωσαν⟧
upon/to/against the/this/who power and the/this/who
⟦ἵππῳ⟧ he/she/it/self. 32 to_give he/she/it/self ⟦δειλίαν⟧, and
⟦τῆξον⟧ boldness strength he/she/it/self, and
⟦σαλευθήτωσαν⟧ the/this/who a_breaking he/she/it/self.
33 ⟦Κατάβαλε⟧ he/she/it/self sword to_love you, and
⟦αἰνεσάτωσάν⟧ you all the/this/who to_perceive the/this/who
name you in/on/among hymn. 34 and ⟦συνέβαλον⟧ one_
_another, and to_collapse out_from the/this/who barracks
Lusiou toward five_thousand man, and to_collapse out_from
against he/she/it/self. 35 to_perceive but/and Lusias
the/this/who to_be ⟦τροπὴν⟧, the/this/who
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦συντάξεως⟧,
the/this/who but/and Youda the/this/who to_be
courage/confidence, and which/how ready to_be or/than to_
_live or/than ⟦τεθνάναι⟧ ⟦γενναίως⟧, ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ toward
Antiokeian, and ⟦ἐξενολόγει⟧; and ⟦πλεονάσας⟧ the/this/who
⟦γενηθέντα⟧ ⟦στρατὸν⟧, ⟦ἐλογίζετο⟧ again ⟦παραγενέσθαι⟧
toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea. 36 to_say but/and Youdas
and the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, look! ⟦συνετρίβησαν⟧
the/this/who enemy I/we, ⟦ἀναβῶμεν⟧ to_clean the/this/who
holy and ⟦ἐγκαινίσαι⟧. 37 and to_assemble the/this/who
barracks all, and to_ascend toward mountain Siōn. 38 and
⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who sanctification ⟦ἠρημωμένον⟧, and
the/this/who altar ⟦βεβηλωμένον⟧, and the/this/who gate
⟦κατακεκαυμένας⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦αὐλαῖς⟧
⟦φυτὰ⟧ ⟦πεφυκότα⟧ which/how in/on/among ⟦δρυμῷ⟧
or/than which/how in/on/among one the/this/who
mountain, and the/this/who ⟦παστοφόρια⟧ ⟦καθηρημένα⟧.
39 and ⟦διέῤῥηξαν⟧ the/this/who clothing he/she/it/self, and
⟦ἐκόψαντο⟧ lamentation great, and to_put/lay_on ⟦σποδὸν⟧
upon/to/against the/this/who head he/she/it/self. 40 and to_
_collapse upon/to/against face upon/to/against the/this/who
earth, and ⟦ἐσάλπισαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦σάλπιγξι⟧ the/this/who
⟦σημασιῶν⟧, and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ toward the/this/who heaven.
41 then to_command Youdas man ⟦πολεμεῖν⟧ the/this/who
in/on/among the/this/who Akra/tip, until if to_clean
the/this/who holy. 42 and ⟦ἐπέλεξεν⟧ priest blameless,
⟦θελητὰς⟧ law. 43 and ⟦ἐκαθάρισαν⟧ the/this/who holy, and to_
_take_up the/this/who stone of_the defilement toward place
unclean. 44 and to_plan about of_the altar the/this/who
⟦ὁλοκαυτώσεως⟧ of_the ⟦βεβηλωμένου⟧, one/which?

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ered together hired soldiers, that he might come again into Yehudah with an even greater army.

The temple is cleansed and rededicated

36 But Yehudah and his kindred said, "Listen, our enemies are defeated. Let's go up to cleanse the holy place and to rededicate it." 37 All the army was gathered together, and they went up to Mt. Tsiyon (Zion). 38 They saw the sanctuary laid desolate, the altar profaned, the gates burnt up, shrubs growing in the courtyards as in a forest or as on one of the mountains, and the priests' chambers pulled down; 39 and they tore their clothes, made great lamentation, put ashes on their heads, 40 fell on their faces to the ground,[46] blew with the solemn trumpets,[47] and cried towards heaven. 41 Then Yehudah appointed certain men to fight against those who were in the citadel until he'd cleansed the holy place.

42 He chose blameless priests who were devoted to the law; 43 and they cleansed the holy place and carried the defiled stones out to an unclean place. 44 They deliberated what to do with the altar of burnt offerings, which had been profaned. 45 A good plan came into their mind, that they should pull it down, so that it wouldn't bring disgrace on them, because the Gentiles had defiled it. So they pulled down the altar 46 and laid up the stones on the temple hill in a convenient place, until a prophet would come to give an answer about them. 47 They took whole stones according to the law, and built a new altar like the former. 48 They built the holy place and the inner parts of the house; and they consecrated the courtyards. 49 They made new holy vessels, and they brought the lampstand, the altar of incense, and the table into the temple. 50 They burnt incense on the altar, and they lit the lamps that were on the lampstand, and they gave light in the temple. 51 They set loaves on the table, hung up the curtains, and finished all the work which they'd done.

52 They rose up early in the morning, on the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month, which is the month Kislev, in[48] the one hundred and forty eighth year, 53 and offered sacrifice according to the law on the new altar of burnt offerings which they'd made. 54 At the time and day the Gentiles had profaned it, even then it was dedicated with songs, harps, lutes, and with cymbals. 55 All the people fell on their faces, worshipped, and gave praise towards heaven, which had given them good success. 56 They celebrated the dedication of the altar eight days, and offered burnt offerings with gladness, and sacrificed a sacrifice of deliverance and praise. 57 They decorated the front of the temple with crowns of gold and small shields. They dedicated the gates and the priests' chambers, and made doors for them. 58 There was very great gladness among the people, and the reproach of the Gentiles was turned away.

46 **RV 4:40 · Note** Compare Numbers 31:6.

47 **RV 4:40 · Note** Grk. trumpets of signals.

48 **RV 4:52 · Note** circa B.C. 165.

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59 Yehudah (Judas) and his kindred and the whole congregation of Yisrael (Israel) ordained that the days of the dedication of the altar should be kept in their seasons from year to year for eight days, from the twenty-fifth day of the month Kislev, with gladness and joy.

60 At that time, they fortified Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) with high walls and strong towers around it, so that the Gentiles wouldn't come and trample them down, as they'd done before. 61 Yehudah stationed a garrison to guard it. They fortified Beyt-Tsur to keep it, that the people might have a fortress near Edom.

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he/she/it/self to_do/make. 45 and to_fall/press_upon
he/she/it/self plan good-doer, to_take_down he/she/it/self,
lest to_be he/she/it/self toward disgrace, that/since ⟦ἐμίαναν⟧
the/this/who Gentile_nation he/she/it/self; and ⟦καθεῖλον⟧
the/this/who altar, 46 and to_put_aside the/this/who stone
in/on/among the/this/who mountain of_the house,
in/on/among place ⟦ἐπιτηδείῳ⟧, until of_the ⟦παραγενηθῆναι⟧
prophet of_the to_answer about he/she/it/self. 47 and to_take
stone ⟦ὁλοκλήρους⟧ according_to the/this/who law, and
⟦ᾠκοδόμησαν⟧ the/this/who altar new according_to
the/this/who before/previously. 48 and ⟦ᾠκοδόμησαν⟧
the/this/who holy and the/this/who inside of_the house, and
the/this/who ⟦αὐλὰς⟧ ⟦ἡγίασαν⟧. 49 and to_do/make vessel
holy new, and ⟦εἰσήνεγκαν⟧ the/this/who lampstand and
the/this/who altar the/this/who incense and the/this/who
table toward the/this/who temple. 50 and ⟦ἐθυμίασαν⟧
upon/to/against the/this/who altar, and ⟦ἐξῆψαν⟧
the/this/who ⟦λύχνους⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against
the/this/who lampstand, and ⟦ἐφαίνοσαν⟧ in/on/among
the/this/who temple. 51 and to_put/lay_on upon/to/against
the/this/who table bread, and ⟦ἐξεπέτασαν⟧ the/this/who
⟦καταπετάσματα⟧; and to_finish all the/this/who work which
to_do/make. 52 and ⟦ὥρθρισαν⟧ ⟦τοπρωΐ⟧ the/this/who
⟦πέμπτῃ⟧ and ⟦εἰκάδι⟧ of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧ of_the ⟦ἐννάτου⟧;
this/he/she/it the/this/who certainly/month Ḳaseleu of_the
⟦ὀγδόου⟧ and ⟦τεσσαρακοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ ⟦ἔτους⟧.
53 and ⟦ἀνήνεγκαν⟧ sacrifice according_to the/this/who law
upon/to/against the/this/who altar the/this/who burnt_
_offering the/this/who new the/this/who/which to_do/make.
54 according_to the/this/who time/right_time and according_
_to the/this/who day in/on/among which ⟦ἐβεβήλωσαν⟧
he/she/it/self the/this/who Gentile_nation, in/on/among that
⟦ἐνεκαινίσθη⟧ in/on/among song and harp and ⟦κινύραις⟧,
and in/on/among ⟦κυμβάλοις⟧. 55 and to_collapse all
the/this/who a_people upon/to/against face, and to_worship,
and ⟦εὐλόγησαν⟧ toward heaven the/this/who ⟦εὐοδώσαντα⟧
he/she/it/self. 56 and to_do/make the/this/who
⟦ἐγκαινισμὸν⟧ of_the altar day eight, and to_bring_to burnt_
_offering with/after joy, and ⟦ἔθυσαν⟧ sacrifice saving and
praise. 57 and ⟦κατεκόσμησαν⟧ the/this/who according_to face
of_the temple ⟦στεφάνοις⟧ ⟦χρυσοῖς⟧ and ⟦ἀσπιδίσκαις⟧, and
⟦ἐνεκαίνισν⟧ the/this/who gate and the/this/who
⟦παστοφόρια⟧, and ⟦ἐθύρωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self. 58 and to_be
joy great in/on/among the/this/who a_people very, and
⟦ἀπεστράφη⟧ disgrace Gentile_nation. 59 and to_stand Youdas
and the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and all the/this/who
assembly Israaʸl, in_order_that/to ⟦ἄγωνται⟧
the/this/who/which day ⟦ἐγκαινισμοῦ⟧ of_the altar
in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time he/she/it/self
year according_to year day eight, away_from the/this/who
⟦πέμπτης⟧ and ⟦εἰκάδος⟧ of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧ Ḳaseleu, with/after
joy and joy. 60 and ⟦ᾠκοδόμησαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who
time/right_time that the/this/who mountain Siōn, around wall
high and ⟦πύργους⟧ ⟦ὀχυροὺς⟧, lest ⟦παραγενηθέντα⟧
the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦καταπατήσωσιν⟧ he/she/it/self,
which/how to_do/make ⟦τοπρότερον⟧. 61 and to_command

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there power to_keep he/she/it/self, and ⟦ὠχύρωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self to_keep the/this/who Baithsouran, of_the to_ _have/be the/this/who a_people stronghold according_to face the/this/who Idoumaias.

5:1 and to_be when to_hear the/this/who Gentile_nation around that/since to_build the/this/who altar, and ⟦ἐνεκαινίσθη⟧ the/this/who sanctification which/how ⟦τοπρότερον⟧, and to_anger very. **2** and to_plan of_the to_take_ _up the/this/who family Yakōb the/this/who to_be in/on/among midst he/she/it/self, and be_first of_the ⟦θανατοῦν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who a_people and ⟦ἐξαίρειν⟧. **3** and ⟦ἐπολέμει⟧ Youdas to/with the/this/who son Haʸsau in/on/among the/this/who Idoumaia the/this/who ⟦Ἀκραβαττίνην⟧, that/since ⟦περιεκάθηντο⟧ the/this/who Israaʸl, and to_strike he/she/it/self plague/blow/wound great, and ⟦συνέστειλεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_take the/this/who plunder he/she/it/self. **4** and to_remember the/this/who evil son Baian, the/this/who/which to_be the/this/who a_people toward trap and toward stumbling_block in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐνεδρεύειν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who road. **5** and ⟦συνεκλείσθησαν⟧ by/under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πύργοις⟧, and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀνεθεμάτισεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐνεπύρισε⟧ the/this/who ⟦πύργους⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among fire with all the/this/who ⟦ἐνοῦσι⟧. **6** and to_ _cross upon/to/against the/this/who son Ammōn, and to_ _find/meet hand mighty and a_people much, and Timotheon to_govern he/she/it/self. **7** and ⟦συνῆψε⟧ to/with he/she/it/self war much, and ⟦συνετρίβησαν⟧ before face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_strike he/she/it/self. **8** and ⟦προκατελάβετο⟧ the/this/who Yazaʸr and the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀνέστρεψεν⟧ toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea. **9** and ⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Gala'ad upon/to/against the/this/who Israaʸl the/this/who to_be upon/to/against the/this/who region he/she/it/self of_the ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ he/she/it/self; and to_flee toward Dathema the/this/who stronghold. **10** and to_send something_written to/with Youdan and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_speak, ⟦ἐπισυνηγμένα⟧ to_be upon/to/against I/we the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who surrounding I/we of_the ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ I/we. **11** and ⟦ἑτοιμάζονται⟧ to_come/go and ⟦προκαταλαβέσθαι⟧ the/this/who stronghold toward the/this/who/which ⟦κατεφύγομεν⟧, and Timotheos ⟦ἡγεῖται⟧ the/this/who power he/she/it/self. **12** now therefore/then to_ _come/go ⟦ἐξελοῦ⟧ I/we out_from hand he/she/it/self, that/since ⟦πέπτωκεν⟧ out_from I/we multitude. **13** and all the/this/who brother I/we the/this/who to_be in/on/among the/this/who Tōbiou ⟦τεθανάτωνται⟧, and ⟦ᾐχμαλωτίκασι⟧ the/this/who woman he/she/it/self and the/this/who child

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The surrounding nations attack Yisrael

5:1 When the Gentiles all around heard that the altar had been rebuilt and the sanctuary dedicated as before, they were extremely angry. **2** They took counsel to destroy the race of Ya'akov (Jacob) that was among them, and they began to kill and destroy among the people. **3** Yehudah fought against the children of Esav (Esau) in Edom at Akrabattine, because they besieged Yisrael. He struck them with a great slaughter, humbled them, and took their spoils. **4** He remembered the wickedness of the children of[49] Baean, who were a snare and a stumbling block to the people, lying in wait for them on the highways. **5** They were shut up by him in the towers. He encamped against them, and destroyed them utterly, and burnt with fire the towers of the place with all who were in them. **6** He passed over to the children of Amon, and found a mighty band and many people, with Timotheos for their leader. **7** He fought many battles with them, and they were defeated before his face. He struck them, **8** and took possession of Yazer and its villages,[50] and returned again into Yehudah.

Calls for help from Gilead and Galil

9 The Gentiles who were in Gilead gathered themselves together against the Israelis who were on their borders, to destroy them. They fled to the fortress of Dathema, **10** and sent letters to Yehudah and his kindred, saying, "The Gentiles who are around us are gathered together against us to destroy us. **11** They're preparing to come and get possession of the fortress where we fled for refuge, and Timotheos is the leader of their army. **12** Now therefore come and deliver us from their hand, for many of us have fallen. **13** All our kindred who were in the land of Toviyah (Tobias)[51] have been put to death. They've carried their wives, their children, and their stuff into captivity. They destroyed about a thousand men there."

14 While the letters were still being read, look, other messengers came from Galil with their clothes torn, bringing a similar report, **15** saying, "People of Ptolemais, of Tsor (Tyre), of Tsidon (Sidon), and all Galil of the[52] Gentiles have gathered together to destroy us."

16 Now when Yehudah and the people heard these words, a great congregation assembled together to determine what they should do for their kindred who were in distress and under attack. **17** Yehudah said to Shim'on his brother, "Choose men and go deliver your kindred who are in Galil, but Yonatan (Jonathan) my brother and I'll go into the land of Gilead." **18** He left Yosef

49 **RV 5:4 · Note** Compare 2 Maccabees 10:18-23.

50 **RV 5:8 · Note** Grk. daughters. Compare Numbers 21:25.

51 **RV 5:13 · Note** Compare 2 Maccabees 12:17.

52 **RV 5:15 · Note** Grk. foreigners.

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(Joseph) the son of Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Azaryah, as leaders of the people, with the remnant of the army, in Yehudah, to guard it. **19** He commanded them, saying, "Take charge of this people, and fight no battle with the Gentiles until we return." **20** Then three thousand men were assigned to go into Galil with Shim'on, but eight thousand men were assigned to Yehudah to go into the land of Gilead.

Shim'on rescues the people in Galil

21 Shim'on (Simon) went into Galil and fought many battles with the Gentiles, and the Gentiles were defeated before him. **22** He pursued them to Ptolemais' gate. About three thousand men of the Gentiles fell, and he took their spoils. **23** They took to them those who were in Galil and in Arbatta, with their wives, their children, and all that they had, and brought them into Yehudah with great gladness.

Yehudah rescues the people in Gilead

24 Yehudah Makabi (Maccabaeus) and his brother Yonatan passed over the Yarden (Jordan), and went three days' journey in the wilderness. **25** They met with the Nabataeans, and these met them in a peaceful manner and told them all things that'd happened to their kindred in the land of Gilead, **26** and how many of them were shut up in Bosora, Bosor, Alema,[53] Kasfor, Maked, and[54] Karnayim—all these cities are strong and large— **27** and how they were shut up in the rest of the cities of the land of Gilead, and that tomorrow they planned to encamp against the fortresses, and to take them, and to destroy all these men in one day.

28 Yehudah and his army turned suddenly by the way of the wilderness to Bosora; and he took the city, and killed all the males with the edge of the sword, took all their spoils, and burnt the city with fire. **29** He left there at night, and went until he came to the fortress. **30** When the morning came, they lifted up their eyes and saw many people who couldn't be counted, bearing ladders and engines of war, to take the fortress; and they were fighting against them. **31** Yehudah saw that the battle had begun, and that the cry of the city went up to heaven, with trumpets and a great sound, **32** and he said to the men of his army, "Fight today for your kindred!" **33** Then he went out behind them in three companies. They sounded with their trumpets and cried out in prayer. **34** And Timotheos' army perceived that it was Makabi (Maccabaeus), and they fled from before him. He struck them with a great slaughter. About eight thousand men of them fell on that day.

35 He turned away to Mitspah and fought against it, took it, killed all its males, took its spoils, and burnt it with fire. **36** From there he marched and took[55] Kasfor, Maked, Bosor, and the other cities of the land of Gilead.

37 Now after these things, Timotheos gathered another army and encamped near Rafon beyond the brook. **38** Yehudah sent men to spy on the army; and they brought him word, saying,

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he/she/it/self and the/this/who ⟦ἀποσκευὴν⟧, and ⟦ἀπώλεσαν⟧ there which/how one ⟦χιλιαρχίαν⟧ man. **14** still the/this/who/which epistle ⟦ἀνεγινώσκοντο⟧, and look! angel other to_come out_from the/this/who Galilaias ⟦διεῤῥηχότες⟧ the/this/who clothing, to_announce according_to the/this/who declaration this/he/she/it, **15** to_speak ⟦ἐπισυνῆχθαι⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self out_from ⟦Πτολεμαΐδος⟧ and Turou and Sidōnos and all Galilaias ⟦ἀλλοφύλων⟧, of_the ⟦ἐξαναλῶσαι⟧ I/we. **16** which/how but/and to_hear Youdas and the/this/who a_people the/this/who word this/he/she/it, ⟦ἐπισυνήχθη⟧ assembly great, ⟦βουλεύσασθαι⟧ one/which? to_do/make the/this/who brother he/she/it/self the/this/who to_be in/on/among pressure, and ⟦πολεμουμένοις⟧ by/under he/she/it/self. **17** and to_say Youdas Simōni the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἐπίλεξον⟧ yourself man, and to_travel and to_deliver the/this/who brother you the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Galilaia; I/we but/and and Yōnathan the/this/who brother I/we to_travel toward the/this/who Gala'aditin. **18** and to_leave_behind ⟦Ἰώσηφον⟧ the/this/who of_the Zaḳariou, and Azarian, to_ _govern of_the a_people, with/after the/this/who ⟦ἐπιλοίπων⟧ the/this/who power, in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia toward jail/keeping. **19** and to_order he/she/it/self, to_speak, ⟦πρόστητε⟧ of_the a_people this/he/she/it, and not ⟦συνάψητε⟧ war to/with the/this/who Gentile_nation until of_ _the to_turn I/we. **20** and ⟦ἐμερίσθησαν⟧ Simōni man three_ _thousand of_the to_travel toward the/this/who Galilaian, Youda but/and man eight_thousand toward the/this/who Gala'aditin. **21** and to_travel Simōn toward the/this/who Galilaian, and ⟦συνῆψε⟧ war much to/with the/this/who Gentile_nation, and ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation away_from face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **22** and to_pursue he/she/it/self until the/this/who gate ⟦Πτολεμαΐδος⟧; and to_collapse out_from the/this/who Gentile_nation toward ⟦τρισχιλίους⟧ man, and to_take the/this/who plunder he/she/it/self. **23** and to_take the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Galilaia and in/on/among Arbattois with the/this/who ⟦γυναιξὶ⟧ and the/this/who child, and all just_as/how_much to_be he/she/it/self, and to_bring toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea with/after joy great. **24** and Youdas the/this/who Makkabaios and Yōnathan the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_cross the/this/who Yordanaʸn, and to_travel road three day in/on/among the/this/who deserted. **25** and ⟦συνήντησαν⟧ the/this/who Nabataiois, and to_meet he/she/it/self ⟦εἰρηνικῶς⟧, and to_ _relate_fully he/she/it/self all the/this/who ⟦συμβάντα⟧ the/this/who brother he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who ⟦Γαλααδίτιδι⟧. **26** and that/since much out_from he/she/it/self ⟦συνειλημμένοι⟧ to_be toward ⟦Βόσσορα⟧, and Bosor, in/on/among ⟦Ἀλέμοις⟧, ⟦Χασφὼρ⟧, Maked, and Karnain; all the/this/who/which city this/he/she/it ⟦ὀχυραὶ⟧ and great; **27** and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦λοιπαῖς⟧ city

53 **RV 5:26 · Note** Compare 2 Maccabees 12:13.

54 **RV 5:26 · Note** compare 2 Maccabees 12:21.

55 **RV 5:36 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 5:26

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the/this/who Gala'aditidos to_be ⟦συνειλημμένοι⟧, and toward tomorrow ⟦τάσσονται⟧ ⟦παρεμβάλλειν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώματα⟧, and to_grasp, and ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ all this/he/she/it in/on/among day one. **28** and ⟦ἀπέστρεψεν⟧ Youdas and the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there road toward the/this/who deserted toward Bosor, suddenly; and ⟦κατελάβετο⟧ the/this/who city, and to_kill all ⟦ἀρσενικὸν⟧ in/on/among mouth ⟦ῥομφαίας⟧, and to_take all the/this/who plunder he/she/it/self, and to_burn he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self fire. **29** and ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ from_ _there night, and to_travel until upon/to/against the/this/who stronghold. **30** and to_be ⟦ἑωθινὴ⟧, and to_take_up the/this/who eye he/she/it/self, and look! a_people much which/whither no to_be number, ⟦αἴροντες⟧ ⟦κλίμακας⟧ and ⟦μηχανὰς⟧ to_grasp the/this/who stronghold, and ⟦ἐπολέμουν⟧ he/she/it/self. **31** and to_perceive Youdas that/since ⟦ἦρκται⟧ the/this/who war, and the/this/who shouting the/this/who city to_ascend toward the/this/who heaven ⟦σάλπιγξι⟧ and voice/sound great. **32** and to_say the/this/who man the/this/who power, ⟦πολεμήσατε⟧ today above/for the/this/who brother you. **33** and to_go_out in/on/among three beginning out_from after he/she/it/self; and ⟦ἐσάλπισαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦σάλπιγξι⟧, and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ in/on/among prayer. **34** and ⟦ἐπέγνω⟧ the/this/who barracks Timotheou that/since Makkabaios he_is, and to_flee away_from face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_strike he/she/it/self plague/blow/wound great, and to_collapse out_ _from he/she/it/self in/on/among that the/this/who day toward ⟦ὀκτακισχιλίους⟧ man. **35** and ⟦ἀπέκλινεν⟧ toward Masfa, and to_fight he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦προκατελάβετο⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_kill all ⟦ἀρσενικὸν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_take the/this/who plunder he/she/it/self, and to_burn he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self fire. **36** from_there ⟦ἀπῆρε⟧, and ⟦προκατελάβετο⟧ the/this/who ⟦Χασφὼν⟧, Maked, Bosor, and the/this/who remaining city the/this/who Gala'aditidos. **37** with/after but/and the/this/who declaration this/he/she/it to_assemble Timotheos barracks another, and ⟦παρενέβαλε⟧ according_to face Rafōn out_from other_side of_the brook. **38** and to_send Youdas ⟦κατασκοπεῦσαι⟧ the/this/who barracks, and to_announce he/she/it/self, to_speak, ⟦ἐπισυνηγμένα⟧ to_be to/with he/she/it/self all the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who surrounding I/we, power much very. **39** and Arabas ⟦μεμίσθωται⟧ toward help he/she/it/self, and ⟦παρενέβαλον⟧ other_side of_the brook ready of_the to_ _come/go upon/to/against you toward war; and to_travel Youdas toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self. **40** and to_say Timotheos the/this/who ruler the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among the/this/who to_come_near Youdan and the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦χειμάῤῥουν⟧ of_the water, if ⟦διαβῇ⟧ to/with I/we before, no be_able ⟦ὑποστῆναι⟧ he/she/it/self, that/since be_able be_able to/with I/we. **41** if

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"All the Gentiles who are around us are gathered together to them, a very great army. **39** They've hired Aravim to help them, and are encamped beyond the brook, ready to come against you to battle." So Yehudah went to meet them.

40 Timotheos said to the captains of his army when Yehudah and his army drew near to the brook of water, "If he crosses over to us first, we won't be able to withstand him, for he'll certainly defeat us; **41** but if he's afraid, and encamps beyond the river, we'll cross over to him, and defeat him." **42** Now when Yehudah came near to the water brook, he caused the scribes of the people to remain by the brook, and commanded them, saying, "Allow no man to encamp, but let all come to the battle." **43** Then he crossed over the first against them, and all the people after him; and all the Gentiles were defeated before his face, and threw away their weapons, and fled to the temple at Karnayim.[56] **44** They took the city and burnt the temple with fire, together with all who were in it. Karnayim was subdued. They couldn't stand any longer before Yehudah's face.

Yehudah brings the people home

45 Yehudah gathered together all Yisrael (Israel), those who were in the land of Gilead, from the least to the greatest, with their wives, their children, and their stuff, a very great army, that they might come into the land of Yehudah. **46** They came as far as Efron, and this same city was large and very strong. It was on the road where they were going. They couldn't turn away from it on the right hand or on the left, but needed to pass through the middle of it. **47** The people of the city shut them out and blocked the gates with stones. **48** Yehudah sent to them with words of peace, saying, "We'll pass through your land to go into our own land, and no one will harm you. We'll only pass by on our feet." But they wouldn't open to him. **49** Then Yehudah commanded an announcement to be made in the army, that each man should encamp in the place where he was. **50** So the men of the army encamped, and fought against the city all that day and all that night, and the city was delivered into his hands. **51** He destroyed all the males with the edge of the sword, razed the city, took its plunder, and passed through the city over those who were slain. **52** They went over the Yarden (Jordan) into the great plain near Beyt-Shean. **53** And Yehudah gathered together those who lagged behind and encouraged the people all the way through, until he came into the land of Yehudah. **54** They went up to Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) with gladness and joy, and offered whole burnt offerings, because not so much as one of them was slain until they returned in peace.

Yosef and Azaryah's failed attack

55 In the days when Yehudah and Yonatan (Jonathan) were in the land of Gilead, and Shim'on (Simon) his brother in Galil before Ptolemais, **56** Yosef (Joseph) the son of Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Azaryah, rulers of the army, heard of their exploits and of the war, and what things they'd done. **57** They said, "Let's also get us

56 RV 5:43 · Note See 1 Maccabees 5:26.

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a name, and let's go fight against the Gentiles who are around us." **58** So they gave orders to the men of the army that was with them, and went towards Yavneh. **59** Gorgias and his men came out of the city to meet them in battle. **60** Yosef and Azaryah were put to flight, and were pursued to the borders of Yehudah. About two thousand men of Yisrael fell on that day. **61** There was a great overthrow among the people, because they didn't listen to Yehudah and his kindred, thinking to do some exploit. **62** But they weren't of the family of those men by whose hand deliverance was given to Yisrael.

63 The man Yehudah and his kindred were glorified greatly in the sight of all Yisrael (Israel), and of all the Gentiles, wherever their name was heard of. **64** Men gathered together to them, acclaiming them.

Yehudah's victories in the south

65 Yehudah and his kindred went out and fought against the children of Esav (Esau) in the land towards the south. He struck Hevron and its villages,[57] pulled down its fortresses, and burnt its towers all around. **66** He marched to go into the land of the[58] Pelishtim, and he went through[59] Shomron (Samaria). **67** In that day certain priests, desiring to do exploits there, were slain in battle, when they went out to battle unadvisedly. **68** But Yehudah turned towards Azotos, to the land of the[60] Pelishtim, pulled down their altars, burnt the carved images of their gods with fire, took the plunder of their cities, and returned into the land of Yehudah.

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but/and ⟦δειλωθῇ⟧, and ⟦παρεμβάλῃ⟧ other_side of_the river, ⟦διαπεράσομεν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self, and be_able to/with he/she/it/self. **42** which/how but/and to_come_near Youdas upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦χειμάῤῥουν⟧ of_the water, to_ _stand the/this/who scribe of_the a_people upon/to/against of_the brook, and to_order he/she/it/self, to_speak, not to_ _release all a_human ⟦παρεμβαλεῖν⟧, but ⟦ἐρχέσθωσαν⟧ all toward the/this/who war. **43** and to_cross upon/to/against he/she/it/self before, and all the/this/who a_people after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and ⟦συνετρίβησαν⟧ before face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there all the/this/who Gentile_nation, and to_throw/lay_down the/this/who weapon he/she/it/self, and to_flee toward the/this/who a_sacred_precinct in/on/among Karnain. **44** and ⟦προκατελάβοντο⟧ the/this/who city, and the/this/who a_ _sacred_precinct ⟦ἐνεπύρισαν⟧ in/on/among fire with all the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self; and ⟦ἐτροπώθη⟧ the/this/who Karnain, and no ⟦ἐδύναντο⟧ still ⟦ὑποστῆναι⟧ according_to face Youda. **45** and to_assemble Youdas all Israaʸl the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who ⟦Γαλααδίτιδι⟧ away_ _from small until great, and the/this/who woman he/she/it/self, and the/this/who child he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦ἀποσκευὴν⟧, barracks great very, to_come/go toward earth Youda. **46** and to_come/go until Efrōn; and this/he/she/it the/this/who city great upon/to/against the/this/who entry ⟦ὀχυρὰ⟧ very; no to_be ⟦ἐκκλῖναι⟧ away_ _from he/she/it/self right or/than ⟦ἀριστερὰν⟧, but or/than through/because_of midst he/she/it/self to_travel. **47** and ⟦ἀπέκλεισαν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who out_from the/this/who city, and ⟦ἐνέφραξαν⟧ the/this/who gate stone. **48** and to_send to/with he/she/it/self Youdas word ⟦εἰρηνικοῖς⟧, to_speak, ⟦διελευσόμεθα⟧ through/because_of the/this/who earth you of_the to_go_away toward the/this/who earth I/we, and none ⟦κακοποιήσει⟧ you, but/however the/this/who foot ⟦παρελευσόμεθα⟧; and no ⟦ἠβούλοντο⟧ to_open he/she/it/self. **49** and to_command Youdas to_preach in/on/among the/this/who barracks, of_the ⟦παρεμβαλεῖν⟧ each in/on/among which he_is place. **50** and ⟦παρενέβαλον⟧ the/this/who man the/this/who power, and ⟦ἐπολέμησαν⟧ the/this/who city all the/this/who day that and all the/this/who night, and to_deliver the/this/who city in/on/among hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **51** and to_destroy all ⟦ἀρσενικὸν⟧ in/on/among mouth ⟦ῥομφαίας⟧, and ⟦ἐξεῤῥίζωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_take the/this/who plunder he/she/it/self, and to_pass_through through/because_ _of the/this/who city above the/this/who ⟦ἀπεκταμμένων⟧. **52** and to_cross the/this/who Yordanaʸn toward the/this/who a_plain the/this/who great according_to face Baithsan. **53** and to_be Youdas ⟦ἐπισυνάγων⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐσχατίζοντας⟧, and to_plead/comfort the/this/who a_people according_to all the/this/who road, until which/whither to_come/go toward

57 **RV 5:65 · Note** Grk. daughters. Compare Numbers 21:25.

58 **RV 5:66 · Note** Grk. foreigners.

59 **RV 5:66 · Note** Or, Marisa See Josephus, Antiquities 12:8. 6, and 2 Maccabees 12:35.

60 **RV 5:68 · Note** Grk. foreigners.

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earth Youda. **54** and to_ascend toward the/this/who mountain Siōn in/on/among joy and joy; and ⟦προσήγαγον⟧ burnt_ _offering, that/since no to_collapse out_from he/she/it/self none until of_the to_turn in/on/among peace. **55** and in/on/among the/this/who day which to_be Youdas and Yōnathan in/on/among the/this/who Gala'ad, and Simōn the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among the/this/who Galilaia according_to face ⟦Πτολεμαΐδος⟧, **56** to_hear Yōsa^{y}f the/this/who of_the Zaḳariou, and Azarias, ruler the/this/who power, the/this/who ⟦ἀνδραγαθιῶν⟧ and of_the ⟦πολέμου⟧ such_as to_do/make, **57** and to_say, to_do/make and he/she/it/self my/your/him-self name, and ⟦πορευθῶμεν⟧ to_fight to/with the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who surrounding I/we. **58** and to_order the/this/who away_from the/this/who power the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self, and to_travel upon/to/against Yamneian. **59** and to_go_out Gorgias out_from the/this/who city, and the/this/who man he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self toward war. **60** and ⟦ἐτροπώθη⟧ ⟦Ἰώσηφος⟧ and Azarias, and ⟦ἐδιώχθησαν⟧ until the/this/who region the/this/who Jewish/Judea; and to_collapse in/on/among the/this/who day that out_from of_the a_people of_the Israa^{y}l toward ⟦δισχιλίους⟧ man. **61** and to_be turning great in/on/among the/this/who a_people Israa^{y}l, that/since no to_ _hear Youda and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦οἰόμενοι⟧ ⟦ἀνδραγαθῆσαι⟧. **62** he/she/it/self but/and no to_be out_from of_the seed the/this/who man that, which to_give salvation Israa^{y}l through/because_of hand he/she/it/self. **63** and the/this/who man Youdas and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐδοξάσθησαν⟧ very against/in_front_of all Israa^{y}l, and the/this/who Gentile_ _nation all, which/whither ⟦ἠκούετο⟧ the/this/who name he/she/it/self. **64** and ⟦ἐπισυνήγοντο⟧ to/with he/she/it/self ⟦εὐφημοῦντες⟧. **65** and to_go_out Youdas and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐπολέμουν⟧ the/this/who son Ha^{y}sau in/on/among the/this/who earth to/with south, and to_strike the/this/who Ḳebrōn and the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self, and to_ _take_down the/this/who stronghold he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦πύργους⟧ he/she/it/self to_burn around. **66** and ⟦ἀπῆρε⟧ of_the to_travel toward earth ⟦ἀλλοφύλων⟧, and to_ _travel_through the/this/who Samareian. **67** in/on/among the/this/who day that to_collapse priest in/on/among war to_ _plan ⟦ἀνδραγαθῆσαι⟧, in/on/among the/this/who he/she/it/self to_go_out toward war ⟦ἀβουλεύτως⟧. **68** and ⟦ἐξέκλινεν⟧ Youdas toward Azōton earth ⟦ἀλλοφύλων⟧, and to_take_down the/this/who ⟦βωμοὺς⟧ he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦γλυπτὰ⟧ the/this/who ⟦θεῶν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦κατέκαυσε⟧ fire, and ⟦ἐσκύλευσε⟧ the/this/who plunder the/this/who city, and to_turn toward the/this/who earth Youda.

6:1 and the/this/who king Antioḳos to_travel_through the/this/who ⟦ἐνάνω⟧ country, and to_hear that/since to_be Elumais in/on/among the/this/who ⟦Περσίδι⟧ city honoured ⟦πλούτῳ⟧, money and/both and gold, **2** and the/this/who temple the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self rich very,

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The death of King Antiokos

6:1 King Antiokos (Antiochus) was travelling through the upper countries; and he heard that in Elymais in Paras (Persia) there was a city renowned for riches, for silver and gold, **2** and that the temple

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which was in it was extremely rich, and that in it were golden shields, breastplates, and weapons which Alexandros (Alexander), son of Filippos (Philip), the Makedonian king, who reigned first among the Hellains (Greeks), left behind there. **3** So he came and tried to take the city and to pillage it; and he wasn't able, because his plan was known to them of the city, **4** and they rose up against him in battle. He fled and returned to Bavel (Babylon) with great disappointment.

5 Then someone came into Paras bringing him news that the armies which went against the land of Yehudah had been put to flight, **6** and that Lusias went first with a strong army and was put to shame before them, and that they'd grown strong because of weapons, power, and a supply of plunder which they took from the armies that they'd cut off, **7** and that they'd pulled down the abomination which he'd built on the altar that was in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and that they'd surrounded the sanctuary with high walls, as before, and also Beyt-Tsur, his city.

8 When the king heard these words, he was astonished and moved greatly. He laid himself down on his bed, and fell sick for grief, because it hadn't turned out for him as he'd planned. **9** He was there many days, because great grief continually gripped him, and he realised that he'd die. **10** He called for all his[61] friends, and said to them, "Sleep departs from my eyes, and my heart fails because of worry. **11** I said in my heart, 'To what suffering I've come! How great a flood it's that I'm in, now! Because I was gracious and loved in my power.' **12** But now I remember the evils which I did at Yerushalem, and that I took all the vessels of silver and gold that were in it, and sent out to destroy the inhabitants of Yehudah without a cause. **13** I perceive that it's because of this that these evils have come on me. Listen, I'm perishing through great grief in a strange land."

14 Then he called for Filippos (Philip), one of his[62] friends, and set him over all his kingdom. **15** He gave him his crown, his robe, and his signet ring, so that he could guide Antiokos (Antiochus) his son, and nourish him up that he might be king. **16** Then King Antiokos died there in the one hundred and forty-ninth year.[63] **17** When Lusias learnt that the king was dead, he set up Antiokos his son to reign, whom he'd nourished up being young, and he called his name Eupator.

The siege of the citadel brings another invasion

18 Those who were in the citadel kept hemming Yisrael (Israel) in around the sanctuary, and always tried to harm them and to strengthen the Gentiles. **19** Yehudah planned to destroy them, and called all the people together to besiege them. **20** They were gathered together, and besieged them in[64] the one hundred fiftieth year, and he made mounds to shoot from, and engines of war. **21** Some of those who were hemmed in came out,

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and there ⟦καλύμματα⟧ golden, and ⟦θώρακες⟧, and weapon which to_leave_behind there Alexandros the/this/who Filippou, king the/this/who Makedōn, which to_reign first in/on/among the/this/who a_Greek. **3** and to_come/go and to_ _seek to_grasp the/this/who city, and ⟦προνομεῦσαι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and no be_able, that/since to_know the/this/who word the/this/who out_from the/this/who city. **4** and to_arise he/she/it/self toward war, and to_flee and ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ from_there with/after grief great, ⟦ἀποστρέψαι⟧ toward ⟦Βαβυλῶνα⟧. **5** and to_come/go to_ _announce one he/she/it/self toward the/this/who Persida, that/since ⟦τετρόπωνται⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦παρεμβολαὶ⟧ the/this/who/which to_travel toward earth Youda. **6** and to_ _travel Lusias power strong in/on/among first, and ⟦ἀνετράπη⟧ away_from face he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπίσχυσαν⟧ ⟦ὅπλοις⟧ and power and ⟦σκύλοις⟧ much which to_take away_from the/this/who ⟦παρεμβολῶν⟧ which ⟦ἐξέκοψαν⟧. **7** and ⟦καθεῖλον⟧ the/this/who abomination the/this/who/which to_build upon/to/against the/this/who altar the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, and the/this/who sanctification as/just_as the/this/who before/previously to_surround ⟦τείχεσιν⟧ high, and the/this/who Baithsouran city he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **8** and to_be which/how to_hear the/this/who king the/this/who word this/he/she/it, ⟦ἐθαμβήθη⟧ and to_shake very; and to_collapse upon/to/against the/this/who bed, and ⟦ἐνέπεσεν⟧ toward ⟦ἀῤῥωστίαν⟧ away_from the/this/who grief, that/since no to_ _be he/she/it/self as/just_as ⟦ἐνεθυμεῖτο⟧. **9** and to_be there day greater/much, that/since ⟦ἀνεκαινίσθη⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self grief great, and ⟦ἐλογίσατο⟧ that/since to_die. **10** and to_call all the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_say to/with he/she/it/self, ⟦ἀφίσταται⟧ the/this/who sleep away_from the/this/who eye I/we, and ⟦συμπέπτωκα⟧ the/this/who heart away_from the/this/who ⟦μερίμνης⟧. **11** and to_say the/this/who heart I/we, until which? pressure to_come/go and ⟦κλύδωνος⟧ great, in/on/among which now to_be? that/since good/kind and ⟦ἀγαπώμενος⟧ to_be in/on/among the/this/who authority I/we. **12** now but/and ⟦μιμνήσκομαι⟧ the/this/who evil/harm which to_do/make in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, and to_take all the/this/who vessel the/this/who golden and the/this/who ⟦ἀργυγᾶ⟧ the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐξαπέστειλα⟧ ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ the/this/who to_dwell Youda ineffectual. **13** to_know therefore/then that/since because_of/grace this/he/she/it to_ _find/meet I/we the/this/who evil/harm this/he/she/it; and look! to_destroy grief great in/on/among earth another's. **14** and to_call Filippon one the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_ _appoint/conduct he/she/it/self upon/to/against all the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **15** and to_give

61 **RV 6:10 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

62 **RV 6:14 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

63 **RV 6:16 · Note** Circa B.C. 164.

64 **RV 6:20 · Note** circa B.C. 163.

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he/she/it/self the/this/who diadem and the/this/who robe
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who
ring, of_the to_bring Antiokon the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐκθρέψαι⟧
he/she/it/self of_the to_reign. **16** and to_die there Antiokos
the/this/who king ⟦ἔτους⟧ ⟦ἐννάτου⟧ and ⟦τεσσαρακοστοῦ⟧
and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧. **17** and ⟦ἐπέγνω⟧ Lusias that/since to_die/be_
_dead the/this/who king, and to_appoint/conduct to_reign
Antiokon the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἀντ'⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which ⟦ἐξέθρεψε⟧
⟦νεώτερον⟧, and to_call the/this/who name
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Eupatora. **18** and
the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧ to_be
⟦συγκλείοντες⟧ the/this/who Israaʸl surrounding
the/this/who holy, and to_seek the/this/who evil/harm
through/because_of all, and a_reliance the/this/who Gentile_
_nation **19** and ⟦ἐλογίσατο⟧ Youdas ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ he/she/it/self;
and ⟦ἐξεκκλησίασε⟧ all the/this/who a_people of_the
⟦περικαθίσαι⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **20** and to_
_assemble together, and ⟦περιεκάθισαν⟧ upon/to/against
he/she/it/self ⟦ἔτους⟧ ⟦πεντηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧, and
to_do/make upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦βελοστάσεις⟧ and
⟦μηχανάς⟧. **21** and to_go_out out_from he/she/it/self out_from
of_the ⟦συγκλεισμοῦ⟧, and to_join he/she/it/self one
the/this/who ungodly out_from Israaʸl, **22** and to_travel
to/with the/this/who king, and to_say, until when? no to_
_do/make judgement, and ⟦ἐκδικήσεις⟧ the/this/who brother
I/we? **23** I/we to_delight be_a_slave the/this/who father you,
and to_travel the/this/who by/under
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_speak, and
⟦κατακολουθεῖν⟧ the/this/who ⟦προστάγμασιν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **24** and
⟦περικάθηνται⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦ἄκραν⟧ son of_the a_
_people I/we, because_of/grace this/he/she/it and
⟦ἀλλοτριοῦνται⟧ away_from I/we; but/however just_as/how_
_much ⟦εὑρίσκοντο⟧ away_from I/we ⟦ἐθανατοῦντο⟧, and
the/this/who/which ⟦κληρονομίαι⟧ I/we ⟦διηρπάζοντο⟧.
25 and no upon/to/against I/we alone/only ⟦ἐξέτειναν⟧ hand,
but and upon/to/against all the/this/who region
he/she/it/self. **26** and look! ⟦παρεμβεβλήκασι⟧ today
upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἄκραν⟧ in/on/among
Hierousalaʸm, of_the to_grasp
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and the/this/who
sanctification, and the/this/who Baithsouran ⟦ὠχύρωσαν⟧.
27 and if not ⟦προκαταλάβῃ⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦διατάχους⟧, great
this/he/she/it to_do/make, and no be_able of_the ⟦κατασχεῖν⟧
he/she/it/self. **28** and to_anger the/this/who king when to_
_hear, and to_assemble all the/this/who friendly/friend
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
ruler the/this/who power
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἡνιῶν⟧. **29** and away_from

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and some of the ungodly men of Yisrael were joined to them.
22 They went to the king, and said, "How much longer will you
wait to bring justice, and avenge our kindred? **23** We were willing
to serve your father and to live by his words, and to follow his
commandments. **24** Because of this, the children of our people
besieged the citadel[65] and were alienated from us; but as many
of us as they could catch, they killed, and plundered our inheri-
tances. **25** Not against us only did they stretch out their hand,
but also against all their borders. **26** Listen, they're encamped
this day against the citadel at Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to take it.
They've fortified the sanctuary and Beyt-Tsur. **27** If you don't
quickly prevent them, they'll do greater things than these, and
you won't be able to control them.

28 When the king heard this, he was angry, and gathered to-
gether all his[66] friends, the rulers of his army, and those who
were over the cavalry. **29** Bands of hired soldiers came to him
from other kingdoms and from islands of the sea. **30** The number
of his forces was one hundred thousand infantry, and twenty
thousand cavalry, and thirty-two elephants trained for war.
31 They went through Edom, and encamped against Beyt-Tsur,
and fought against it many days, and made engines of war. The
Yehudim (Jews) came out and burnt them with fire, and fought
valiantly.

The battle at Beyt-Zekaryah

32 Yehudah (Judas) marched away from
the citadel and encamped at
Beyt-Zekaryah, near the king's camp. **33** The king rose early in
the morning, and marched his army[67] at full speed along the
road to Beyt-Zekaryah. His forces made themselves ready to bat-
tle and sounded their trumpets. **34** They offered the elephants
the juice of grapes and mulberries, that they might prepare
them for the battle. **35** They distributed the animals among the
phalanxes. They set by each elephant a thousand men armed
with coats of mail and helmets of brass on their heads. Five hun-
dred chosen cavalry were appointed for each elephant. **36** These
were ready beforehand, wherever the elephant was. Wherever
the elephant went, they went with it. They didn't leave it.
37 Strong, covered wooden towers were on them, one on each
elephant, fastened on it with secure harnesses. On each were
four valiant men who fought on them, beside his Indian driver.
38 The rest of the cavalry he set on this side and that side on the
two flanks of the army, striking terror into the enemy, and pro-
tected by the phalanxes. **39** Now when the sun shone on the
shields of gold and brass, the mountains lit up, and blazed like
flaming torches.

40 A part of the king's army was spread on the high hills and
some on the low ground, and they went on firmly and in order.
41 All who heard the noise of their multitude, the marching of
the multitude, and the rattling of the weapons trembled; for the

65 **RV 6:24 · Note** Grk. it.

66 **RV 6:28 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

67 **RV 6:33 · Note** Or, itself eager for the fight

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army was very great and strong. 42 Yehudah and his army drew near for battle, and six hundred men of the king's army fell. 43 Eleazar, who was called Avaran, saw one of the animals armed with royal breastplates, and it was taller than all the animals, and the king seemed to be on it. 44 He gave his life to deliver his people, and to get himself an eternal name. 45 He ran on him courageously into the middle of the phalanx, and killed on the right hand and on the left, and they parted away from him on this side and on that. 46 He crept under the elephant, and stabbed it from beneath, and killed it. The elephant fell to the earth on him, and he died there. 47 They saw the strength of the kingdom and the fierce attack of the army, and turned away from them.

The temple is besieged

48 But the soldiers of the king's army went up to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to meet them, and the king encamped towards Yehudah (Judea) and towards Mt. Tsiyon (Zion). 49 He made peace with the people of Beyt-Tsur. He came out of the city because they had no food there to endure the siege, because it was a Sabbath to the land. 50 The king took Beyt-Tsur, and appointed a garrison there to keep it. 51 He encamped against the sanctuary many days; and set there mounds to shoot from, and engines of war, and machines for throwing fire and stones, and weapons to throw darts, and slings. 52 The Yehudim (Jews) also made engines of war against their engines, and fought for many days. 53 But there was no food in the sanctuary, because it was the seventh year, and those who fled for safety into Yehudah from among the Gentiles had eaten up the rest of the stores. 54 There were only a few people left in the sanctuary, because the famine prevailed against them, and they were scattered, each man to his own place.

The king agrees to peace

55 Lusias heard that Filippos (Philip), whom Antiokos (Antiochus) the king, while he was yet alive, appointed to raise his son Antiokos to be king, 56 had returned from Paras (Persia) and Maday (Media), and with him the forces that went with the king, and that he was seeking to take control of the government. 57 He hurried, and gave orders to depart. He said to the king and the leaders of the army and to the men, "We get weaker daily, our food is scant, the place where we encamp is strong, and the affairs of the kingdom lie on us. 58 Now therefore let's negotiate with these men, and make peace with them and with all their nation, 59 and covenant with them, that they may walk after their own laws, as before; for because of their laws which we abolished they were angered, and did all these things."

60 The speech pleased the king and the princes, and he sent to them to make peace; and they accepted it. 61 The king and the princes swore to them. On these conditions, they came out from the fortress. 62 Then the king entered into Mt. Tsiyon (Zion). He saw the strength of the place, and broke the oath which he'd sworn, and gave orders to pull down the wall all around. 63 Then he left in haste and returned to Antiokeia, and found Filippos

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⟦βασιλειῶν⟧ other and away_from ⟦νήσων⟧ ⟦θαλασσῶν⟧ to_ _come/go to/with he/she/it/self power ⟦μισθωταί⟧. 30 and to_ _be the/this/who number the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there hundred thousand the/this/who ⟦πεζῶν⟧, and twenty thousand horse, and ⟦ἐλέφαντες⟧ two and thirty to_perceive war. 31 and ⟦ἦλθοσαν⟧ through/because_of the/this/who Idoumaias, and ⟦παρενεβάλοσαν⟧ upon/to/against Baithsouran, and ⟦ἐπολέμησαν⟧ day much, and to_do/make ⟦μηχανάς⟧; and to_ _go_out, and ⟦ἐνεπύρισαν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among fire, and ⟦ἐπολέμησαν⟧ ⟦ἀνδρωδῶς⟧. 32 and ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ Youdas away_ _from the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧, and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ toward Baithzakaria opposite the/this/who barracks of_the king. 33 and ⟦ὥρθρισεν⟧ the/this/who king ⟦τοπρωΐ⟧, and ⟦ἀπῆρε⟧ the/this/who barracks in/on/among sudden_violence he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who road Baithzakaria, and ⟦διεσκευάσθησαν⟧ the/this/who/which power toward the/this/who war, and ⟦ἐσάλπισαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦σάλπιγξι⟧. 34 and the/this/who ⟦ἐλέφασιν⟧ ⟦ἔδειξαν⟧ blood ⟦σταφυλῆς⟧ and ⟦μόρων⟧, of_the to_stand_by he/she/it/self toward the/this/who war. 35 and ⟦διεῖλον⟧ the/this/who wild_animal toward the/this/who ⟦φάλαγγας⟧, and to_stand_by each ⟦ἐλέφαντι⟧ ⟦χιλίους⟧ man ⟦τεθωρακισμένους⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἁλυσιδωτοῖς⟧, and ⟦περικεφαλαῖαι⟧ ⟦χαλκαῖ⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who head he/she/it/self, and five_ _hundred ⟦ἵπποι⟧ ⟦διατεταγμένοι⟧ each wild_animal ⟦ἐκλελεγμένοι⟧. 36 this/he/she/it before time/right_time, which/whither if to_be the/this/who wild_animal, to_be, and which/whither if to_travel, to_travel together, no ⟦ἀφίσταντο⟧ away_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 37 and ⟦πύργοι⟧ ⟦ξύλινοι⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦ὀχυροὶ⟧ ⟦σκεπαζόμενοι⟧ upon/to/against each wild_animal, ⟦ἐζωσμένοι⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦μηχαναῖς⟧; and upon/to/against each man power two and thirty the/this/who ⟦πολεμοῦντες⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and the/this/who Indos he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 38 and the/this/who remaining ⟦ἵππον⟧ hence and hence to_ _stand upon/to/against the/this/who two part the/this/who barracks, ⟦κατασείοντες⟧ and ⟦καταφρασσόμενοι⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦φάραγξιν⟧. 39 which/how but/and ⟦ἔστιλβεν⟧ the/this/who sun upon/to/against the/this/who golden and ⟦χαλκᾶς⟧ ⟦ἀσπίδας⟧, ⟦ἔστιλβε⟧ the/this/who mountain away_from he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατηύγαζεν⟧ which/how window fire. 40 and ⟦ἐξετάθη⟧ part one the/this/who barracks of_the king upon/to/against the/this/who high mountain, and one upon/to/against ⟦ταπεινά⟧; and to_come/go securely and ⟦τεταγμένως⟧. 41 and ⟦ἐσαλεύοντο⟧ all the/this/who to_hear voice/sound multitude he/she/it/self, and ⟦ὀδοιπαρίας⟧ of_the multitude, and ⟦συγκρουσμοῦ⟧ the/this/who weapon; to_be for the/this/who barracks great very and strong. 42 and to_come_near Youdas and the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward ⟦παράταξιν⟧; and to_collapse away_from the/this/who barracks of_the king six_hundred man. 43 and to_perceive Eleazar the/this/who ⟦Σαυαρὰν⟧ in/on/among/one the/this/who wild_animal ⟦τεθωρακισμένον⟧ ⟦θώρακι⟧ ⟦βασιλικῷ⟧, and to_be

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⟦ὑπεράγον⟧ all the/this/who wild_animal, and to_see that/since in/on/among he/she/it/self to_be the/this/who king. **44** and to_give my/your/him-self of_the to_save the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦περιποιῆσαι⟧ my/your/him-self name eternal. **45** and ⟦ἐπέδραμεν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦θράσει⟧ toward midst the/this/who ⟦φάλαγγος⟧, and ⟦ἐθανάτου⟧ right and ⟦εὐώνυμα⟧ and ⟦ἐσχίζοντο⟧ away_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἔνθα⟧ and ⟦ἔνθα⟧. **46** and ⟦εἰσέδυ⟧ by/under the/this/who ⟦ἐλέφαντα⟧, and ⟦ὑπέθηκεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_do_away_with he/she/it/self, and to_collapse upon/to/against the/this/who earth above he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_ _die there. **47** and ⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who strength the/this/who kingdom and the/this/who sudden_violence the/this/who power, and to_turn_from away_from he/she/it/self. **48** the/this/who but/and out_from the/this/who barracks of_ _the king to_ascend toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self toward Hierousalaʸm; and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ the/this/who king toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea and toward the/this/who mountain Siōn, **49** and to_do/make peace with/after the/this/who out_from Baithsourōn; and to_go_out out_from the/this/who city, that/since no to_be he/she/it/self there food of_the ⟦συγκεκλεῖσθαι⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self, that/since Sabbath to_be the/this/who earth. **50** and ⟦κατελάβετο⟧ king the/this/who Baithsouran, and ⟦ἀπέταξεν⟧ there ⟦φρουρὰν⟧ to_keep he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, **51** and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who sanctification day much, and to_stand there ⟦βελοστάσεις⟧ and ⟦μηχανὰς⟧ and ⟦πυρόβολα⟧ and ⟦λιθόβολα⟧ and ⟦σκορπίδια⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦βάλλεσθαι⟧ arrow, and ⟦σφενδόνας⟧. **52** and to_do/make and he/she/it/self ⟦μηχανὰς⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦μηχανὰς⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπολέμησαν⟧ day much. **53** food but/and no to_be in/on/among the/this/who jar, through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ἕβδομον⟧ year to_be, and the/this/who ⟦ἀνασωζόμενοι⟧ toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea away_from the/this/who Gentile_ _nation to_devour the/this/who vestige the/this/who ⟦παραθέσεως⟧. **54** and ⟦ὑπελείφθησαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who holy man little/few, that/since ⟦κατεκράτησεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who hunger; and ⟦ἐσκορπίσθησαν⟧ each toward the/this/who place he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **55** and to_hear Lusias, that/since Filippos, which to_appoint/conduct the/this/who king Antiokos still to_live, ⟦ἐκθρέψαι⟧ Antiokon the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who to_reign he/she/it/self, **56** ⟦ἀπέστρεψεν⟧ away_ _from the/this/who ⟦Περσίδος⟧ and Maʸdeias, and the/this/who/which power the/this/who/which to_travel of_ _the king with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and that/since to_seek to_take the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧. **57** and ⟦κατέσπευσε⟧ of_the to_go_away, and to_say to/with the/this/who king and the/this/who ruler the/this/who power and the/this/who man, ⟦ἐκλείπομεν⟧ according_to day, and the/this/who food I/we ⟦ὀλίγη⟧, and the/this/who place which/whither ⟦παρεμβάλλομεν⟧ to_be fortified, and to_lay_ _on I/we the/this/who the/this/who kingdom. **58** now

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master of the city. He fought against him, and took the city by force.

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therefore/then to_give right the/this/who a_human this/he/she/it, and to_do/make with/after he/she/it/self peace and with/after all Gentile_nation he/she/it/self, **59** and ⟦στήσωμεν⟧ he/she/it/self of_the to_travel the/this/who ⟦νομίμοις⟧ he/she/it/self, which/how ⟦τοπρότερον⟧; because_ _of/grace for the/this/who ⟦νομίμων⟧ he/she/it/self which ⟦διεσκεδάσαμεν⟧, to_anger, and to_do/make this/he/she/it all. **60** and to_please the/this/who word against/in_front_of of_the king and the/this/who ruler, and to_send to/with he/she/it/self ⟦εἰρηνεῦσαι⟧, and ⟦ἐπεδέξαντο⟧. **61** and to_ _swear he/she/it/self the/this/who king and the/this/who ruler; upon/to/against this/he/she/it to_go_out out_from of_ _the ⟦ὀχυρώματος⟧. **62** and to_enter the/this/who king toward the/this/who mountain Siōn, and to_perceive the/this/who stronghold of_the place; and ⟦ἠθέτησε⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὁρκισμὸν⟧ which to_swear, and to_order to_take_down the/this/who wall around. **63** and ⟦ἀπῆρε⟧ according_to diligence, and ⟦ἀπέστρεψεν⟧ toward Antiokeian, and to_ _find/meet Filippon ⟦κυριεύοντα⟧ the/this/who city, and to_ _fight to/with he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατελάβετο⟧ the/this/who city force.

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Demetrios sends Bakides and Alkimos

7:1 In the one hundred and fifty first year,[68] Demetrios the son of Seleukos (Seleucus) came out of Romai, and went up with a few men to a city by the sea, and reigned there. **2** When he'd go into the house of the kingdom of his fathers, that the army laid hands on Antiokos (Antiochus) and Lusias, to bring them to him. **3** The thing became known to him, and he said, "Don't show me their faces!" **4** So the army killed them. Then Demetrios sat on the throne of his kingdom.

5 All the lawless and ungodly men of Yisrael (Israel) came to him. Alkimos was their leader, desiring to be high priest. **6** They accused the people to the king, saying, "Yehudah and his kindred have destroyed all your friends, and have scattered us from our own land. **7** Now therefore send a man whom you trust, and let him go and see all the destruction which he's brought on us and the king's country, and how he's punished them and all who helped them." **8** So the king chose Bakides, one of the king's[69] friends, who was ruler in the country beyond the river, and was a great man in the kingdom, and faithful to the king. **9** He sent him and that ungodly Alkimos, whom he made the high priest; and he commanded him to take vengeance on the Israeli people.

10 They marched away and came with a great army into the land of Yehudah (Judah). He sent messengers to Yehudah and his kindred with words of peace deceitfully. **11** They paid no attention to their words; for they saw that they'd come with a great army. **12** A group of scribes gathered together to Alkimos and Bakides to seek just terms. **13** The[70] Hasidim were the first among the Israeli people who strived for peace from them, **14** for

7:1 ⟦Ἔτους⟧ one and ⟦πεντηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ to_go_ _out Daʸmaʸtrios the/this/who of_the Seleukou out_from Ⱪōmaʸs, and to_ascend with man little/few toward city seaside, and to_reign there. **2** and to_be which/how to_enter toward house kingdom father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_ _seize/conceive/help the/this/who/which power the/this/who Antiokon and the/this/who Lusian to_bring he/she/it/self he/she/it/self. **3** and to_know he/she/it/self the/this/who thing, and to_say, not I/we ⟦δείξητε⟧ the/this/who face he/she/it/self. **4** and to_kill he/she/it/self the/this/who/which power, and to_seat Daʸmaʸtrios upon/to/against throne kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **5** and to_come/go to/with he/she/it/self all man ⟦ἄνομοι⟧ and ungodly out_from Israaʸl, and Alkimos ⟦ἡγεῖτο⟧ he/she/it/self, to_plan to_serve_ _as_priest. **6** and ⟦κατηγόρησαν⟧ of_the a_people to/with the/this/who king, to_speak, to_destroy Youdas and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who friendly/friend you, and I/we ⟦ἐσκόρπισαν⟧ away_from the/this/who earth I/we. **7** now therefore/then to_ _send man which to_trust_(in), and to_travel ⟦ἰδέτω⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐξολόθρευσιν⟧ all which to_do/make I/we and the/this/who country of_the king, and ⟦κολασάτω⟧ he/she/it/self and all the/this/who ⟦ἐπιβοηθοῦντας⟧ he/she/it/self. **8** and ⟦ἐπέλεξεν⟧ the/this/who king the/this/who Bakkidaʸn the/this/who friendly/friend of_the king, ⟦κυριεύοντα⟧ in/on/among the/this/who other_side of_ _the river, and great in/on/among the/this/who kingdom, and faithful the/this/who king. **9** and to_send he/she/it/self and Alkimon the/this/who ungodly, and to_stand he/she/it/self the/this/who priesthood, and to_order he/she/it/self to_

68 RV 7:1 · Note circa B.C. 162.

69 RV 7:8 · Note See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

70 RV 7:13 · Note That is, Chasidim.

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_do/make the/this/who vengeance in/on/among
the/this/who son Israaʸl. **10** and ⟦ἀπῆραν⟧, and to_come/go
with/after power much toward earth Youda; and to_send angel
to/with Youdan, and the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, word ⟦εἰρηνικοῖς⟧
with/after deceit. **11** and no ⟦προσέσχον⟧ the/this/who word
he/she/it/self, ⟦ἴδον⟧ for that/since to_come/go with/after
power much. **12** and ⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧ to/with Alkimon and
Bakḳidaʸn synagogue scribe ⟦ἐκζητῆσαι⟧ just. **13** and first
the/this/who ⟦Ἀσιδαῖοι⟧ to_be in/on/among son Israaʸl, and
to_seek_after from_with he/she/it/self peace; **14** to_say for, a_
_human priest out_from of_the seed A'arōn to_come/go
in/on/among the/this/who power, and no ⟦ἀδικήσει⟧ I/we.
15 and to_speak with/after he/she/it/self word ⟦εἰρηνικοὺς⟧,
and to_swear he/she/it/self, to_speak, no ⟦ἐκζητήσομεν⟧ you
evil/harm, and of_the friendly/friend you. **16** and
⟦ἐνεπίστευσαν⟧ he/she/it/self; and to_seize/conceive/help
out_from he/she/it/self sixty man, and to_kill he/she/it/self
in/on/among day one, according_to the/this/who word which
to_write, **17** flesh ⟦ὁσίων⟧ you and ⟦αἵματα⟧ he/she/it/self to_
_pour_out surrounding Hierousalaʸm, and no to_be
he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦θάπτων⟧. **18** and to_fall/press_
_upon he/she/it/self the/this/who fear and the/this/who
trembling upon/to/against all the/this/who a_people,
that/since to_say, no to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self truth
and judgement; ⟦παρέβησαν⟧ for the/this/who uprising and
the/this/who oath which ⟦ὤμοσαν⟧. **19** and ⟦ἀπῆρε⟧ Bakḳidaʸs
away_from Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ in/on/among
⟦Βηζὲθ⟧, and to_send and to_seize/conceive/help much away_
_from the/this/who away_from
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦αὐτομολησάντων⟧
man, and one of_the a_people, and to_sacrifice he/she/it/self
toward the/this/who well/abyss the/this/who great. **20** and
to_appoint/conduct the/this/who country the/this/who
Alkimōi, and to_release with/after
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there power of_the
⟦βοηθεῖν⟧ he/she/it/self; and to_go_away Bakḳidaʸs to/with
the/this/who king. **21** and ⟦ἠγωνίσατο⟧ Alkimos about
the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνης⟧. **22** and to_assemble to/with
he/she/it/self all the/this/who to_trouble the/this/who a_
_people he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατεκράτησαν⟧ earth Youda, and
to_do/make plague/blow/wound great in/on/among Israaʸl.
23 and to_perceive Youdas all the/this/who evil which to_
_do/make Alkimos and the/this/who with/after
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among son
Israaʸl above/for the/this/who Gentile_nation; **24** and to_go_
_out toward all the/this/who region the/this/who
Jewish/Judea around, and to_do/make vengeance
in/on/among the/this/who man the/this/who
⟦αὐτομολήσασι⟧, and ⟦ἀνεστάλησαν⟧ of_the to_travel toward
the/this/who country. **25** which/how but/and to_perceive
Alkimos that/since to_strengthen Youdas and the/this/who
with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_

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they said, "One who's a priest of the seed of Aharon (Aaron) has come with the army, and he'll do us no wrong." **15** He spoke with them words of peace, and swore to them, saying, "We won't seek to harm you or your friends." **16** They trusted him. Then he seized sixty men of them, and killed them in one day, according to the word which was written,

17 The flesh of your saints[71]
and their blood was shed all around Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
and there was no one to bury them.

18 The fear and the dread of them fell onto all the people, for they said, "There's neither truth nor justice in them; for they've broken the covenant and the oath which they swore." **19** Bakides withdrew from Yerushalem, and encamped in Bezeth. He sent and seized many of the deserters who were with him, and some of the people, and he killed them, throwing them into a large pit. **20** He placed Alkimos in charge of the country and left with him a force to aid him. Then Bakides went away to the king.

21 Alkimos struggled to maintain his high priesthood. **22** All those who troubled their people joined him, and they took control of the land of Yehudah (Judah), and did great damage in Yisrael. **23** Yehudah saw all the wrongs that Alkimos and his company had done among the Israeli people, even more than the Gentiles. **24** He went out into all the borders of Yehudah and took vengeance on the men who'd deserted from him, and they were restrained from going out into the country. **25** But when Alkimos saw that Yehudah and his company had grown strong, and knew that he wasn't able to withstand them, he returned to the king, and brought evil accusations against them.

Nikanor attacks Yehudah

26 Then[72] the king sent Nikanor, one of his honourable princes, a man who hated Yisrael (Israel) and was their enemy, and commanded him to destroy the people. **27** Nikanor came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with a great army. He sent to Yehudah and his kindred deceitfully with words of peace, saying, **28** "Let there be no battle between me and you; I'll come with a few men, that I may see your faces in peace." **29** He came to Yehudah, and they saluted one another peaceably. The enemies were ready to seize Yehudah by violence. **30** This was known to Yehudah, that he came to him with deceit, and he was very afraid of him, and would see his face no more. **31** Nikanor found out that his plan was disclosed; and he went out to meet Yehudah in battle beside Kefar-Shalama. **32** About five hundred men of Nikanor's army fell, and the rest fled into the city of David.

Nikanor threatens the temple

33 After these things, Nikanor went up to Mt. Tsiyon (Zion). Some of the priests came out of the sanctuary, with some of the people's elders, to salute him peaceably, and to show him the whole burnt sacrifice that was being offered for the king. **34** He mocked them, laughed

71 **RV 7:17 · Note** Psalms 79:2, 3.

72 **RV 7:26 · Note** See 2 Maccabees 14:12.

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at them, derided them shamefully,[73] spoke arrogantly, 35 and swore in a rage, saying, "Unless Yehudah and his army are now delivered into my hands, it'll be that, if I return safely, I'll burn up this house!" And he went out in a great rage. 36 The priests entered in, and stood before the altar and the temple; and they wept, and said, 37 "You chose this house to be called by your name, to be a house of prayer and supplication for your people. 38 Take vengeance on this man and his army, and let them fall by the sword. Remember their blasphemies, and don't allow them to live any longer."

Yehudah defeats Nikanor

39 Then Nikanor went out from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and encamped in Beyt-Horon, and there the Arami (Syrian) army met him. 40 Yehudah encamped in Adasa with three thousand men. Yehudah prayed and said, 41 "When those who came from the king blasphemed, your angel went out, and struck among them one hundred and eighty-five thousand. 42 Even so, crush this army before us today, and let all the rest know that he's spoken wickedly against your sanctuary. Judge him according to his wickedness." 43 On the thirteenth day of the month Adar, the armies met in battle. Nikanor's army was defeated, and he himself was the first to fall in the battle. 44 Now when his army saw that Nikanor had fallen, they threw away their weapons and fled. 45 They pursued them a day's journey from Adasa until you come to[74] Gezer, and they sounded an alarm after them with the signal trumpets. 46 Men came out of all the surrounding villages of Yehudah, and outflanked them. These turned them back on those, and they all fell by the sword. There wasn't one of them left. 47 The Yehudim (Jews) took the spoils and the booty, and they cut off Nikanor's head and his right hand, which he'd stretched out so arrogantly, and brought them, and hung them up beside Yerushalem. 48 The people were extremely glad, and they kept that day as a day of great gladness. 49 They[75] ordained to keep this day year by year on the thirteenth day of Adar. 50 So the land of Yehudah had rest a few days.

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_know that/since no be_able ⟦ὑποστῆναι⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_turn to/with the/this/who king, and ⟦κατηγόρησεν⟧ he/she/it/self evil/bad. 26 and to_send the/this/who king Nikanora, one the/this/who ruler he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦ἐνδόξων⟧, and ⟦μισοῦντα⟧ and ⟦ἐχθραίνοντα⟧ the/this/who Israaʸl, and to_order he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ the/this/who a_ _people. 27 and to_come/go Nikanōr toward Yerousalaʸm power much, and to_send to/with Youdan and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there with/after deceit word ⟦εἰρηνικοῖς⟧, to_speak, 28 not to_be quarrel ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ I/we/my and you; to_come/be_present in/on/among man little/few, in_order_that/to you to_perceive the/this/who face with/after peace. 29 and to_come/go to/with Youdan, and ⟦ἠσπάσαντο⟧ one_another ⟦εἰρηνικῶς⟧; and the/this/who ⟦πολέμιοι⟧ to_be ready ⟦ἐξαρπάσαι⟧ the/this/who Youdan. 30 and to_know the/this/who word the/this/who Youda, that/since with/after deceit to_come/go upon/to/against he/she/it/self; and ⟦ἐπτοήθη⟧ away_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no to_plan still to_perceive the/this/who face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 31 and to_know Nikanōr that/since to_reveal the/this/who plan he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_go_out toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ the/this/who Youda in/on/among war according_to Ⱪafarsalama. 32 and to_collapse the/this/who from_with ⟦Νικάνορος⟧ like/as/about five_thousand man, and to_flee toward the/this/who city Dawid. 33 and with/after the/this/who word this/he/she/it to_ascend Nikanōr toward the/this/who mountain Siōn; and to_go_out away_from the/this/who priest out_from the/this/who holy and away_ _from the/this/who elder of_the a_people ⟦ἀσπάσασθαι⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦εἰρηνικῶς⟧, and to_show he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ὁλοκαύτωσιν⟧ the/this/who ⟦προσφερομένην⟧ above/for of_the king. 34 and ⟦ἐμυκτήρισεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατεγέλασεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐμίανεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_speak ⟦ὑπερηφάνως⟧. 35 and to_swear with/after wrath, to_speak, if not ⟦παραδοθῇ⟧ Youdas and the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward hand I/we the/this/who now, and to_be if to_turn in/on/among peace, ⟦ἐμπυριῶ⟧ the/this/who house this/he/she/it; and to_go_out with/after wrath great. 36 and to_enter the/this/who priest, and to_stand according_to face of_the altar and of_the temple, and ⟦ἔκλαυσαν⟧, and to_say, 37 you, lord, to_select the/this/who house this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπικληθῆναι⟧ the/this/who name you upon/to/against he/she/it/self, to_be house prayer and petition the/this/who a_people you. 38 to_ _do/make vengeance in/on/among the/this/who a_human this/he/she/it and in/on/among the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦πεσέτωσαν⟧ in/on/among sword; to_remember the/this/who ⟦δυσφημιῶν⟧ he/she/it/self, and not to_give he/she/it/self abode. 39 and to_

73 RV 7:34 · Note Grk. polluted them.

74 RV 7:45 · Note Grk. Gazera.

75 RV 7:49 · Note See 2 Maccabees 15:36.

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_go_out Nikanōr out_from Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ in/on/among Baithōrōn, and to_meet he/she/it/self power Surias. **40** and Youdas ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ in/on/among Adasa in/on/among ⟦τρισχιλίοις⟧ man; and to_pray Youdas, and to_ _say, **41** the/this/who from_with of_the king Assuriōn when ⟦ἐδυσφήμησαν⟧, to_go_out the/this/who angel you, lord, and to_strike in/on/among he/she/it/self hundred eighty-five ⟦χιλιάδας⟧. **42** thus(-ly) ⟦σύντριψον⟧ the/this/who barracks this/he/she/it before I/we today, and ⟦γνώτωσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐπίλοιποι⟧, that/since badly to_speak upon/to/against the/this/who holy you, and lily he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who evil he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **43** and ⟦συνῆψαν⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦παρεμβολαὶ⟧ toward war the/this/who ⟦τρισκαιδεκάτῃ⟧ of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧ Adar, and ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ the/this/who barracks ⟦Νικάνορος⟧, and to_collapse he/she/it/self first in/on/among the/this/who war. **44** which/how but/and to_perceive the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there that/since to_collapse Nikanōr, to_throw/lay_down the/this/who weapon he/she/it/self to_flee. **45** and ⟦κατεδίωκον⟧ he/she/it/self road day one away_from Adasa until of_the to_come/go toward Gazaʸra, and ⟦ἐσάλπισαν⟧ after he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦σάλπιγξι⟧ the/this/who ⟦σημασιῶν⟧. **46** and to_go_out out_ _from all the/this/who ⟦κωμῶν⟧ the/this/who Jewish/Judea around, and ⟦ὑπερεκέρων⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀνέστρεφον⟧ this/he/she/it to/with this/he/she/it; and to_collapse all sword, and no to_leave_behind out_from he/she/it/self and_ _not one. **47** and to_take the/this/who plunder and the/this/who ⟦προνομὴν⟧, and the/this/who head ⟦Νικάνορος⟧ ⟦ἀφεῖλον⟧, and the/this/who right he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which to_stretch_out ⟦ὑπερηφάνως⟧, and to_bear/lead, and ⟦ἐξέτειναν⟧ from_with the/this/who Hierousalaʸm. **48** and to_celebrate Daleth a_ _people very, and to_bring the/this/who day that day joy great. **49** and to_stand of_the to_bring according_to year the/this/who day this/he/she/it the/this/who ⟦τρισκαιδεκάτην⟧ of_the Adar. **50** and ⟦ἡσύχασεν⟧ the/this/who earth Youda day little/few.

8:1 and to_hear Youdas the/this/who name the/this/who Roman, that/since to_be able strength; and he/she/it/self ⟦εὐδοκοῦσιν⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who ⟦προστιθεμένοις⟧ he/she/it/self, and just_as/how_much if ⟦προσέλθωσιν⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦ἱστῶσιν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦φιλίαν⟧, and that/since to_be able strength; **2** and to_relate_fully he/she/it/self the/this/who war he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦ἀνδραγαθίας⟧ which to_do/make in/on/among the/this/who Galatais, and that/since ⟦κατεκράτησαν⟧ he/she/it/self and to_bring he/she/it/self by/under tax, **3** and just_as/how_much to_do/make in/on/among country ⟦Ἱσπανιας⟧, he/she/it/self/the/this/who ⟦κατακρατῆσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦μετάλλων⟧ of_the money and of_the gold of_the there; **4** and ⟦κατεκράτησαν⟧ of_the place all the/this/who plan he/she/it/self and the/this/who patience, and the/this/who place to_be long/distant ⟦ἀπέχων⟧ away_from he/she/it/self very; and the/this/who king the/this/who ⟦ἐπελθόντων⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self away_from end

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Yehudah hears about the Romaios

8:1 Yehudah heard of the fame of the Romaios, that they're valiant men, and have pleasure in all who join themselves to them, and make friends with all who come to them, **2** and that they're valiant men. They told him of their wars and exploits which they do among the Gauls, and how they conquered them, and forced them to pay tribute; **3** and what things they did in the land of Spania, that they might take control of the silver and gold mines which were there; **4** and how by their policy and persistence they conquered all the place (and the place was extremely far from them), and the kings who came against them from the uttermost part of the earth, until they'd defeated them, and struck them severely; and how the rest give them tribute year by year. **5** Filippos (Philip), and Perseus, king of Kitim, and those who lifted up themselves against them, they defeated in battle, and conquered them. **6** Antiokos (Antiochus) also, the great king of Asia, came against

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them to battle, having one hundred and twenty elephants, with cavalry, chariots, and a very great army, and he was defeated by them. 7 They took him alive, and decreed that both he and those who reigned after him should give them a great tribute, and should give hostages, and a parcel of land from the best of their provinces: 8 the countries of Hodu, Maday (Media), and Ludia. They took them from him, and gave them to King Eumenes. 9 Yehudah heard how the Hellains (Greeks) planned to come and destroy them, 10 but this became known to them, and they sent against them a general who fought against them, and many of them fell down wounded to death, and they made captive their wives and their children, and plundered them, and conquered their land, and pulled down their fortresses, and plundered them, and brought them into bondage to this day. 11 The remaining kingdoms and islands, as many as rose up against them at any time, they destroyed and made them to be their servants; 12 but with their friends and those who relied on them they stayed friends. They conquered the kingdoms that were near and those that were far off, and all that heard of their fame were afraid of them. 13 What's more, whoever they desired to help and to make kings, these they make kings; and whoever they desired, they depose. They're exalted greatly. 14 Because all this, none of them ever put on a crown, neither did they clothe themselves with purple, as a display of grandeur. 15 Yehudah heard how they'd made for themselves a senate house, and day by day, three hundred and twenty men sat in council, consulting always for the people, to the end they might be well governed, 16 and how they commit their government to one man year by year, that he should rule over them, and control all their country, and all are obedient to that one, and there's neither envy nor emulation among them.

An alliance with Romai

17 So Yehudah chose Eupolemos the son of Yohan (John), the son of Hakots, and Yason the son of Eleazar, and sent them to Romai, to establish friendship and alliance with them, 18 and that they should free the yoke from themselves; for they saw that the kingdom of the Hellains (Greeks) kept Yisrael (Israel) in bondage. 19 Then they went to Romai, a very long journey, and they entered into the senate house, and said, 20 "Yehudah, who's also called Makabi (Maccabaeus), and his kindred, and the people of the Yehudim (Jews), have sent us to you, to make an alliance and peace with you, and that we might be registered as your allies and friends."

21 This thing was pleasing to them. 22 This is the copy of the writing which they wrote back again on tables of brass, and sent to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), that it might be with them there for a memorial of peace and alliance:

23 "Good success be to the Romaios, and to the nation of the Yehudim, by sea and by land forever. May the sword and the enemy be far from them. 24 But if war arises for Romai first, or any of their allies in all their dominion, 25 the nation of the Yehudim must help them as allies, as the occasion will indicate to them, with all their heart. 26 To those who make war on them, they

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the/this/who earth until ⟦συνέτριψαν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπάταξαν⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self plague/blow/wound great, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπίλοιποι⟧ to_give he/she/it/self tax according_to year; 5 and the/this/who Filippon and the/this/who Persea ⟦Κιτιέων⟧ king, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπηρμένους⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, ⟦συνέτριψαν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among war, and ⟦κατεκράτησαν⟧ he/she/it/self; 6 and Antiokon the/this/who great king the/this/who Asias, the/this/who ⟦πορευθέντα⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self toward war to_have/be hundred twenty ⟦ἐλέφαντας⟧ and ⟦ἵππον⟧ and ⟦ἅρματα⟧ and power much very, and ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ away_from he/she/it/self; 7 and to_take he/she/it/self to_live, and to_stand he/she/it/self to_give he/she/it/self and/both and the/this/who ⟦βασιλεύοντας⟧ with/after he/she/it/self tax great, to_give ⟦ὅμηρα⟧ and distinction, 8 and country the/this/who ⟦Ἰνδικὴν⟧, and Maʸdeian, and ⟦Αυδίαν⟧, and away_from the/this/who ⟦καλλίστων⟧ ⟦χωρῶν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_take he/she/it/self from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_give he/she/it/self ⟦Εὐμένει⟧ the/this/who king. 9 and that/since the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦Ἑλλάδος⟧ to_plan to_come/go and ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ he/she/it/self, 10 and to_know the/this/who word he/she/it/self, and to_send upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧ one, and ⟦ἐπολέμησαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self, and to_collapse out_from he/she/it/self ⟦τραυματίαι⟧ much, and ⟦ἠχμαλώτευσαν⟧ the/this/who woman he/she/it/self and the/this/who child he/she/it/self, and ⟦προενόμευσαν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατεκράτησαν⟧ the/this/who earth he/she/it/self, and ⟦καθεῖλον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώματα⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦κατεδουλώσαντο⟧ he/she/it/self until the/this/who day this/he/she/it. 11 and the/this/who ⟦ἐπιλοίπους⟧ kingdom, and the/this/who ⟦νήσους⟧, just_ _as/how_much once/when to_oppose he/she/it/self, ⟦κατέφθειραν⟧, and ⟦ἐδούλωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self; with/after but/and the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self and the/this/who ⟦ἐπαναπαυομένων⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦συνετήρησαν⟧ ⟦φιλίαν⟧, 12 and ⟦κατεκράτησαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦βασιλειῶν⟧ the/this/who near and the/this/who long/distant, and just_as/how_much to_hear the/this/who name he/she/it/self to_fear away_from he/she/it/self; 13 ⟦ὅσοις⟧ but/and if ⟦βούλωνται⟧ ⟦βοηθεῖν⟧ and to_reign, ⟦βασιλεύουσιν⟧; which but/and if ⟦βούλωνται⟧, ⟦μεθιστῶσι⟧, and ⟦ὑψώθησαν⟧ very; 14 and in/on/among all this/he/she/it no ⟦ἐπέθετο⟧ none he/she/it/self diadem, and no ⟦περιεβάλοντο⟧ purple_cloth, so ⟦ἀδρυνθῆναι⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self. 15 and ⟦βουλευτήριον⟧ to_do/make my/your/him-self, and according_to day to_plan three_ _hundred and twenty ⟦βουλευόμενοι⟧ always about of_the multitude, of_the ⟦εὐκοσμεῖν⟧ he/she/it/self; 16 and to_trust_ _(in) one a_human the/this/who beginning he/she/it/self according_to year, and ⟦κυριεύειν⟧ all the/this/who earth he/she/it/self, and all to_hear of_the one, and no he_is envy and_not zeal in/on/among he/she/it/self; 17 and ⟦ἐπέλεξεν⟧ Youdas the/this/who Eupolemon son Yōannou of_the Akkōs, and Yasona son Eleazarou, and to_send he/she/it/self toward Ɽōmaʸn, to_stand he/she/it/self ⟦φιλίαν⟧ and ⟦συμμαχίαν⟧, 18 and of_the to_take_up the/this/who yoke/scales away_from

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he/she/it/self, that/since ⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who kingdom
the/this/who Hellaʸnōn ⟦καταδουλουμένους⟧ the/this/who
Israaʸl slavery. **19** and to_travel toward ʁōmaʸn, and
the/this/who road much very, and to_enter toward
the/this/who ⟦βουλευτήριον⟧, and to_answer and to_say,
20 Youdas the/this/who Makkabaios and the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who
multitude the/this/who Jewish to_send I/we to/with you, to_
_stand with/after you ⟦συμμαχίαν⟧ and peace, and ⟦γραφῆναι⟧
I/we ⟦συμμάχους⟧ and friendly/friend you. **21** and to_please
the/this/who word before he/she/it/self. **22** and
this/he/she/it the/this/who a_transcript the/this/who epistle
which ⟦ἀντέγραψεν⟧ upon/to/against ⟦δέλτοῖς⟧ ⟦χαλκαῖς⟧,
and to_send toward Hierousalaʸm to_be from_with
he/she/it/self there memorial peace and ⟦συμμαχίας⟧; **23** well
to_be Roman and the/this/who Gentile_nation Jewish
in/on/among the/this/who sea and upon/to/against
the/this/who dried_up/withered toward the/this/who an_age,
and sword and enemy ⟦μακρυνθείη⟧ away_from he/she/it/self.
24 if but/and ⟦ἐνστῇ⟧ war in/on/among ʁōmaʸ ⟦προτέρᾳ⟧
or/than all the/this/who ⟦συμμάχοις⟧ he/she/it/self
in/on/among all command he/she/it/self, **25** ⟦συμμαχήσει⟧
the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who Jewish, which/how
if the/this/who time/right_time ⟦ὑπογραφῇ⟧ he/she/it/self,
heart ⟦πλήρει⟧. **26** and the/this/who ⟦πολεμοῦσιν⟧ no to_give
and_not ⟦ἐπαρκέσουσι⟧ grain, weapon, money, boat,
which/how to_think Roman; and ⟦φυλάξονται⟧ the/this/who
⟦φυλάγματα⟧ he/she/it/self none to_take; **27** according_to
the/this/who he/she/it/self but/and if Gentile_nation Jewish
⟦συμβῇ⟧ ⟦προτέροις⟧ war, ⟦συμμαχήσουσιν⟧ the/this/who
Roman out_from soul, which/how if he/she/it/self
the/this/who time/right_time ⟦ὑπογραφῇ⟧. **28** and
the/this/who ⟦συμμαχοῦσιν⟧ no to_give grain, weapon, money,
boat, which/how to_think ʁōmaʸ; and ⟦φυλάξονται⟧
the/this/who ⟦φυλάγματα⟧ he/she/it/self, and no with/after
deceit. **29** according_to the/this/who word this/he/she/it to_
_stand Roman the/this/who people the/this/who Jewish. **30** if
but/and with/after the/this/who word this/he/she/it
⟦βουλεύσωνται⟧ this/he/she/it and this/he/she/it to_add_(to)
or/than to_remove, ⟦ποιήσονται⟧ out_from sect he/she/it/self,
and the/this/who/which if ⟦προσθῶσιν⟧ or/than ⟦ἀφέλωσιν⟧,
to_be lady. **31** and about the/this/who evil/harm which
the/this/who king Daʸmaʸtrios ⟦συντελεῖται⟧ toward
he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐγράψαμεν⟧ he/she/it/self, to_speak, why?
⟦ἐβάρυνας⟧ the/this/who yoke/scales you upon/to/against
the/this/who friendly/friend I/we the/this/who ⟦συμμάχους⟧
Youdaious? **32** if therefore/then still ⟦ἐντύχωσιν⟧ according_to
you, to_do/make he/she/it/self the/this/who judgement, and
⟦πολεμήσομέν⟧ you through/because_of the/this/who sea and
through/because_of the/this/who dried_up/withered.

9:1 and to_hear Daʸmaʸtrios that/since to_collapse Nikanōr
and the/this/who/which power
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among war,
and to_add_(to) the/this/who Bakkidaʸn and the/this/who
Alkimon out_from secondly to_send toward earth Youda, and
the/this/who right horn with/after he/she/it/self. **2** and to_
_travel road the/this/who toward Galgala, and ⟦παρενέβαλον⟧

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mustn't give supplies, food, weapons, money, or ships, as it's seemed good to Romai, and they must keep their ordinances without taking anything in return. **27** In the same way, moreover, if war comes first on the nation of the Yehudim, the Romaios must willingly help them as allies, as the occasion will indicate to them; **28** and to those who are fighting with them, there mustn't be given food, weapons, money, or ships, as it's seemed good to Romai. They must keep these ordinances, and that without deceit. **29** According to these terms, the Romaios made a treaty with the Jewish people. **30** But if in the future the one party and the other decide to add or diminish anything, they may do so by mutual agreement, and whatever they add or take away will be ratified.

31 About the evils which King Demetrios is doing to them, we've written to him, saying, 'Why have you made your yoke heavy on our friends and allies the Yehudim? **32** If therefore they plead any more against you, we'll do them justice, and fight with you on sea and on land.' "

Yehudah's last battle

9:1 Demetrios heard that Nikanor had fallen with his forces in battle, and he sent Bakides and Alkimos again into the land of Yehudah (Judah) a second time, and the right wing of his army with them. **2** They went by the way that leads to Gilgal, and encamped against Mesaloth, which is in Arbela, and took possession of it, and killed many people. **3** The

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first month of the one hundred and fifty-second year,[76] they encamped against Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 4 Then they marched away and went to Beroia with twenty thousand infantry and two thousand cavalry. 5 Yehudah was encamped at Elasa with three thousand chosen men. 6 They saw the multitude of the forces, that they were many, and they were terrified. Many slipped away out of the army. There weren't left of them more than eight hundred men.

7 Yehudah saw that his army slipped away and that the battle pressed on him, and he was very troubled in spirit, because he had no time to gather them together, and he became faint. 8 He said to those who were left, "Let's arise and go up against our adversaries, if perhaps we may be able to fight with them."

9 They tried to dissuade him, saying, "There's no way we're able; but let's rather save our lives now. Let's return again with our kindred, and fight against them; but we're too few."

10 Yehudah said, "Let it not be so that I should do this thing, to flee from them. If our time has come, let's die in a manly way for our kindred's sake, and not leave a cause of reproach against our honour."

11 The army marched out from the camp, and stood to encounter them. The cavalry was divided into two companies, and the slingers and the archers went before the army, and all the mighty men that fought in the front of the battle. 12 Bakides was in the right wing. The phalanx advanced on the two parts, and they blew with their trumpets. 13 The men by Yehudah' side sounded with their trumpets, and the earth shook with the shout of the armies, and the battle was joined, and continued from morning until evening.

14 Yehudah saw that Bakides and the strength of his army were on the right side, and all that were brave in heart went with him, 15 and the right wing was defeated by them, and he pursued after them to the mount Azotos. 16 Those who were on the left wing saw that the right wing was defeated, and they turned and followed in the footsteps of Yehudah and of those who were with him. 17 The battle became desperate, and many on both sides fell wounded to death. 18 Yehudah fell, and the rest fled.

19 Yonatan (Jonathan) and Shim'on (Simon) took Yehudah their brother, and buried him in the tomb of his ancestors at Modi'in. 20 They wept for him. All Yisrael made great lamentation for him, and mourned many days, and said, 21 "How is the mighty fallen, the saviour of Yisrael!" 22 The rest of the acts of Yehudah, and his wars, and the valiant actions which he did, and his greatness, aren't written; for they were very many.

Yonatan takes over the leadership

23 After Yehudah's death, the lawless emerged within all the borders of Yisrael (Israel). All those who did iniquity rose up. 24 In those days there was a very great famine, and the country went over to their side. 25 Bakides chose the ungodly men and made them rulers of the country. 26 They enquired and searched for Yehudah's friends,

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upon/to/against Maisalōth the/this/who in/on/among Arbaʸlois, and ⟦προκατελάβοντο⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦ἀπώλεσαν⟧ soul a_ _human much. 3 and of_the ⟦μηνὸς⟧ of_the first ⟦ἔτους⟧ of_the secondly and ⟦πεντηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ ⟦παρενέβαλον⟧ upon/to/against Hierousalaʸm. 4 and ⟦ἀπῆραν⟧ and to_travel toward Berean in/on/among twenty thousand man and ⟦δισχιλίᾳ⟧ ⟦ἵππῳ⟧. 5 and Youdas to_be ⟦παρεμβεβληκὼς⟧ in/on/among Eleasa, and three_thousand man select with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 6 and ⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who multitude the/this/who power that/since much to_be, and to_fear very; and ⟦ἐξεῤῥήησαν⟧ much away_ _from the/this/who barracks, no ⟦κατελείφθησαν⟧ out_from he/she/it/self but or/than eight_hundred man. 7 and to_ _perceive Youdas that/since ⟦ἀπεῤῥύη⟧ the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who war ⟦ἔθλιβεν⟧ he/she/it/self; and ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ the/this/who heart, that/since no to_have/be time/right_time to_assemble he/she/it/self. 8 and ⟦ἐξελύθη⟧, and to_say the/this/who ⟦καταλειφθεῖσιν⟧, ⟦ἀναστῶμεν⟧ and ⟦ἀναβῶμεν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who opposed I/we, if therefore ⟦δυνώμεθα⟧ to_fight he/she/it/self. 9 and ⟦ἀπέστρεψαν⟧ he/she/it/self, to_speak, no not ⟦δυνώμεθα⟧, but or/than ⟦σώζωμεν⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self soul the/this/who now, and ⟦ἐπιστρέψωμεν⟧ with/after the/this/who brother I/we, and ⟦πολεμήσωμεν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self, I/we but/and little/few. 10 and to_say Youdas, not I/we to_be to_ _do/make the/this/who thing this/he/she/it, to_flee away_ _from he/she/it/self, and if to_come_near the/this/who time/right_time I/we, and to_die in/on/among courage because_of/grace the/this/who brother I/we, and not ⟦καταλίπωμεν⟧ cause/charge the/this/who glory/to_think I/we. 11 and ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ the/this/who power away_from the/this/who barracks, and to_stand toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_divide the/this/who horse toward two part, and the/this/who ⟦σφενδονηταὶ⟧ and the/this/who ⟦τοξόται⟧ ⟦προεπορεύοντο⟧ the/this/who power, and the/this/who ⟦πρωταγωνισταὶ⟧ all the/this/who able. 12 Bakḳidaʸs but/and to_be in/on/among the/this/who ⟦δεξιῷ⟧ ⟦κέρατι⟧, and to_come_near the/this/who ⟦φάλαγξ⟧ out_from the/this/who two ⟦μερῶν⟧, and ⟦ἐφώνουν⟧ the/this/who ⟦σάλπιγξι⟧. and ⟦ἐσάλπισαν⟧ the/this/who from_with Youda and he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦σάλπιγξι⟧, 13 and to_shake the/this/who earth away_from the/this/who voice/sound the/this/who ⟦παρεμβολῶν⟧; and to_be the/this/who war ⟦συνημένος⟧ away_from from_morning until evening. 14 and; to_perceive Youdas that/since Bakḳidaʸs and the/this/who firmness the/this/who barracks in/on/among the/this/who right, and to_assemble he/she/it/self all the/this/who ⟦εὔψυχοι⟧ the/this/who heart. 15 and ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ the/this/who right horn away_from he/she/it/self, and to_pursue after he/she/it/self until Azōtou mountain. 16 and the/this/who toward the/this/who ⟦ἀριστερὸν⟧ horn ⟦ἴδον⟧ that/since ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ the/this/who right horn, and to_turn according_to foot Youda and the/this/who with/after

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there out_from
the/this/who after. **17** and ⟦ἐβαρύνθη⟧ the/this/who war, and
to_collapse ⟦τραυματίαι⟧ much out_from this/he/she/it and
out_from this/he/she/it. **18** and Youdas to_collapse, and
the/this/who remaining to_flee. **19** and to_take_up Yōnathan
and Simōn Youdan the/this/who brother he/she/it/self, and
to_bury he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who ⟦τάφῳ⟧
the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
in/on/among ⟦Μωδεεΐμ⟧. **20** and ⟦ἔκλαυσαν⟧ he/she/it/self,
and ⟦ἐκόψαντο⟧ he/she/it/self all Israaʸl lamentation great,
and ⟦ἐπένθουν⟧ day much, and to_say, **21** how?/how?! to_
_collapse able, ⟦σώζων⟧ the/this/who Israaʸl? **22** and
the/this/who ⟦περισσὰ⟧ the/this/who word Youda, and
the/this/who war, and the/this/who ⟦ἀνδραγαθιῶν⟧ which to_
_do/make, and the/this/who majesty he/she/it/self, no
⟦κατεγράφη⟧, much for to_be very. **23** and to_be with/after
the/this/who ⟦τελευτὴν⟧ Youda, ⟦ἐξέκυψαν⟧ the/this/who
⟦ἄνομοι⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who region Israaʸl, and
⟦ἀνέτειλαν⟧ all the/this/who to_work the/this/who
unrighteousness. **24** in/on/among the/this/who day that to_be
hunger great very, and ⟦ηὐτομόλησεν⟧ the/this/who country
with/after he/she/it/self. **25** and ⟦ἐξέλεξε⟧ Bakḳidaʸs
the/this/who ungodly man, and to_appoint/conduct
he/she/it/self ⟦κυρίους⟧ the/this/who country. **26** and
⟦ἐξεζήτουν⟧ and ⟦ἐξηρεύνων⟧ the/this/who friendly/friend
Youda, and ⟦ἦγον⟧ he/she/it/self to/with Bakḳidaʸn; and
⟦ἐξεδίκει⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐνέπαιζεν⟧
he/she/it/self. **27** and to_be pressure great in/on/among
the/this/who Israaʸl, who/which no to_be away_from which
day no to_see prophet in/on/among he/she/it/self. **28** and
⟦ἠθροίσθησαν⟧ all the/this/who friendly/friend Hiouda, and
to_say the/this/who Yōnathan, **29** away_from which/whither
the/this/who brother you Youdas ⟦τετελεύτηκε⟧, and man like
he/she/it/self no to_be to_go_out to/with the/this/who
enemy and Bakḳidaʸn, and in/on/among the/this/who
⟦ἐχθραίνουσι⟧ of_the Gentile_nation I/we. **30** now
therefore/then you ⟦ἡρετισάμεθα⟧ today, of_the to_be ⟦ἀντ'⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there I/we toward ruler and
to_govern, of_the to_fight the/this/who war I/we. **31** and
⟦ἐπεδέξατο⟧ Yōnathan in/on/among the/this/who time/right_
_time that the/this/who ⟦ἤγησιν⟧, and to_arise for Youda of_
_the brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **32** and
to_know Bakḳidaʸs, and to_seek he/she/it/self to_kill. **33** and
to_know Yōnathan, and Simōn the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all the/this/who
with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_
_flee toward the/this/who deserted Thekōe, and
⟦παρενέβαλον⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who water ⟦λάκκου⟧
Asfar. **34** and to_know Bakḳidaʸs the/this/who day
the/this/who Sabbath, and to_come/go he/she/it/self and all
the/this/who troops he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
other_side of_the Yordanou. **35** and to_send Yōnathan
the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
to_govern of_the crowd, and to_plead/comfort the/this/who
⟦Ναυαταίους⟧ friendly/friend
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦παραθέσθαι⟧
he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ἀποσκευὴν⟧ he/she/it/self

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and brought them to Bakides, and he took vengeance on them and used them despitefully. **27** There was great suffering in Yisrael, such as wasn't since the time prophets stopped appearing to them.

28 All Yehudah's friends were gathered together, and they said to Yonatan (Jonathan), **29** "Since your brother Yehudah has died, we have no man like him to go out against our enemies and Bakides, and among those of our nation who hate us. **30** Now therefore we've chosen you this day to be our prince and leader in his place, that you may fight our battles." **31** So Yonatan took the governance on him at that time, and rose up in the place of his brother Yehudah.

32 When Bakides found out, he tried to kill him. **33** Yonatan, and Shim'on (Simon) his brother, and all who were with him, knew it; and they fled into the wilderness of Tekoa, and encamped by the water of the pool of Asphar. **34** Bakides found this out on the Sabbath day, and came—he and all his army—over the Yarden (Jordan).

Yonatan and Shim'on avenge their brother

35 Yonatan sent his brother, a leader of the multitude, and implored his friends the Nabataeans, that they might store their baggage, which was much, with them. **36** The children of Jambri came out of Meydeva, and seized Yohan (John) and all that he had, and went their way with it.

37 But after these things, they brought word to Yonatan and Shim'on his brother that the children of Jambri were celebrating a great wedding, and were bringing the bride, a daughter of one of the important leading citizens of Kena'an (Canaan), from Nadabath with a large escort. **38** They remembered Yohan their brother, and went up, and hid themselves under the cover of the mountain. **39** They lifted up their eyes and looked, and saw a great procession with much baggage. The bridegroom came out with his friends and his kindred to meet them with timbrels, musicians, and many weapons. **40** They rose up against them from their ambush and killed them, and many fell wounded to death. The remnant fled into the mountain, and the Yehudim (Jews) took all their spoils. **41** So the wedding was turned into mourning, and the voice of their musicians into lamentation. **42** They avenged fully their brother's blood, and turned back to the marshes of the Yarden.

Yonatan escapes across the Yarden

43 Bakides heard it, and he came on the Sabbath day to the banks of Yarden (Jordan) with a great army. **44** Yonatan said to his company, "Let's stand up now and fight for our lives, for things are different today than they were yesterday and the day before. **45** Because the battle is before us and behind us. Moreover the water of the Yarden is on this side and on that side, and marsh and thicket. There's no place to escape. **46** Now therefore cry to heaven, that you may be delivered out of your enemies' hand." **47** So the battle was joined, and Yonatan stretched out his hand to strike Bakides, and he turned away back from him. **48** Yonatan and those who were with him leapt into the Yarden, and swam over

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to the other side. The enemy didn't pass over the Yarden against them. 49 About a thousand men of Bakides' company fell that day; 50 and he returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). They built strong cities in Yehudah (Judea), the fortress that was in Yeriho (Jericho), and Emmaous, Beyt-Horon, Beyt-El (Bethel), Timnah, Pireaton, and Tephon, with high walls and gates and bars. 51 He set garrisons in them to harass Yisrael (Israel). 52 He fortified the city Beyt-Tsur, Gezer, and the citadel, and put troops and stores of food in them. 53 He took the sons of the chief men of the country for hostages, and put them under guard in the citadel at Yerushalem.

The death of Alkimos

54 And in the one hundred and fifty-third year,[77] in the second month, Alkimos gave orders to pull down the wall of the inner courtyard of the sanctuary. He also pulled down the works of the prophets. 55 He began to pull down. At that time was Alkimos stricken, and his works were hindered; and his mouth was stopped, and he was taken with a palsy, and he could no more speak anything and give orders about his house. 56 Alkimos died at that time with great torment. 57 Bakides saw that Alkimos was dead, and he returned to the king. Then the land of Yehudah had rest for two years.

Yonatan defeats Bakides and makes peace

58 Then all the lawless men took counsel, saying, "Listen, Yonatan (Jonathan) and his men are dwelling at ease and in security. Now therefore we'll bring Bakides, and he'll capture them all in one night. 59 They went and consulted with him. 60 He marched out and came with a great army, and sent letters secretly to all his allies who were in Yehudah, that they should seize Yonatan and those who were with him; but they couldn't, because their plan was known to them. 61 Yonatan's men seized about fifty of the men of the country who were authors of the wickedness, and he killed them. 62 Yonatan, Shim'on, and those who were with him, went away to Beyt-Basi, which is in the wilderness, and he built up that which had been pulled down, and they made it strong. 63 Bakides found out about it, and he gathered together all his multitude, and sent orders to those who were of Yehudah. 64 He went and encamped against Beyt-Basi and fought against it many days, and made engines of war.

65 Yonatan left his brother Shim'on (Simon) in the city, and went out into the country, and he went with a few men. 66 He struck Odomera and his kindred, and the children of Phasiron in their tents. 67 They began to strike them, and to go up with their forces. Then Shim'on and those who were with him went out of the city, and set the engines of war on fire, 68 and fought against Bakides, and he was defeated by them. They afflicted him severely; for his counsel and expedition was in vain. 69 They were very angry with the lawless men who gave him counsel to come into the country, and they killed many of them. Then he

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the/this/who much. 36 and to_go_out son Yambri out_from Ma^{y}daba, and to_seize/conceive/help Yōanna^{y}n, and all just_ _as/how_much to_have/be, and to_go_away to_have/be. 37 with/after but/and the/this/who word this/he/she/it to_ _announce the/this/who Yōnathan and Simōni the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that/since the/this/who son Yambri to_do/make wedding great, and to_ _bring the/this/who bride away_from Nadabath, daughter one the/this/who ⟦μεγιστάνων⟧ great the/this/who Ḳana'an, with/after ⟦παραπομπῆς⟧ great. 38 and to_remember Yōannou of_the brother he/she/it/self, and to_ascend, and ⟦ἐκρύβησαν⟧ by/under the/this/who ⟦σκέπην⟧ of_the mountain. 39 and to_ _take_up the/this/who eye he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἴδον⟧, and look! ⟦θροῦς⟧, and accoutrements much, and the/this/who bridegroom to_go_out and the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self with/after ⟦τυμπάνων⟧, and musician, and weapon much. 40 and to_raise_up upon/to/against he/she/it/self away_from of_the ⟦ἐνέδρου⟧ the/this/who about the/this/who Yōnathan, and to_kill he/she/it/self, and to_collapse ⟦τραυματίαι⟧ much, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπίλοιποι⟧ to_flee toward the/this/who mountain; and to_take all the/this/who plunder he/she/it/self. 41 and ⟦μετεστράφη⟧ the/this/who wedding toward grief, and the/this/who voice/sound musician he/she/it/self toward ⟦θρῆνον⟧. 42 and ⟦ἐξεδίκησαν⟧ the/this/who vengeance blood brother he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀπέστρεψαν⟧ toward the/this/who a_marsh of_the Yordanou. 43 and to_hear Bakḳida^{y}s, and to_come/go the/this/who day the/this/who Sabbath until the/this/who ⟦κρηπίδων⟧ of_the Yordanou in/on/among power much. 44 and to_say Yōnathan the/this/who from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἀναστῶμεν⟧ now and ⟦πολεμήσωμεν⟧ above/for the/this/who soul I/we, no for he_is today which/how yesterday and third day. 45 look! for the/this/who war right_opposite I/we and following I/we; the/this/who but/and water of_the Yordanou hence and hence, and a_marsh and a_grove, no he_is place of_the ⟦ἐκκλῖναι⟧. 46 now therefore/then ⟦κεκράξατε⟧ toward heaven, that ⟦διασωθῆτε⟧ out_from hand enemy you. 47 and ⟦συνῆψεν⟧ the/this/who war; and to_stretch_out Yōnathan the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_strike the/this/who Bakḳida^{y}n, and ⟦ἐξέκλινεν⟧ away_from he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who after. 48 and ⟦ἐνεπήδησεν⟧ Yōnathan and the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who Yordana^{y}n, and ⟦διεκολύμβησαν⟧ toward the/this/who other_side; and no to_cross upon/to/against he/she/it/self the/this/who Yordana^{y}n. 49 and ⟦διέπεσον⟧ from_with Bakḳidou the/this/who day that toward ⟦χιλίους⟧ man. 50 and to_turn toward Hierousala^{y}m, and to_build city ⟦ὀχυρὰς⟧ in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia, the/this/who stronghold the/this/who in/on/among Hierikō, and the/this/who ⟦Ἐμμαοὺμ⟧, and the/this/who Baithōrōn, and the/this/who Baitha^{y}l, and the/this/who Thamnatha,

77 **RV 9:54 · Note** circa B.C. 160.

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Farathōni, and the/this/who Tefōn in/on/among ⟦τείχεσιν⟧ high and ⟦πύλαις⟧ and ⟦μοχλοῖς⟧. **51** and to_place ⟦φρουρὰν⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self of_the ⟦ἐχθραίνειν⟧ the/this/who Israaʸl. **52** and ⟦ὠχύρωσε⟧ the/this/who city the/this/who in/on/among Baithsoura, and the/this/who Gazara, and the/this/who ⟦ἄκραν⟧, and to_place in/on/among he/she/it/self power and ⟦παραθέσεις⟧ food. **53** and to_take the/this/who son the/this/who to_govern the/this/who country ⟦ὅμηρα⟧, and to_place he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who Akra/tip in/on/among Hierousalaʸm in/on/among prison/watch. **54** and in/on/among year ⟦τρίτῳ⟧ and ⟦πεντηκοστῷ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστῷ⟧, month the/this/who secondly, to_command Alkimos ⟦καθαιρεῖν⟧ the/this/who wall the/this/who palace/courtyard the/this/who holy the/this/who ⟦ἐσωτέρας⟧, and to_take_down the/this/who work the/this/who prophet, and ⟦ἐνήρξατο⟧ of_the ⟦καθαιρεῖν⟧. **55** in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time that to_strike Alkimos, and ⟦ἐνεποδίσθη⟧ the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἀπεφράγη⟧ the/this/who mouth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦παρελύθη⟧, and no be_able still to_speak word and ⟦ἐντείλασθαι⟧ about of_the house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **56** and to_die Alkimos in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time that with/after torment great. **57** and to_perceive Bakḵidaʸs that/since to_die Alkimos, and ⟦ἀπέστρεψε⟧ to/with the/this/who king; and ⟦ἡσύχασεν⟧ the/this/who earth Youda year two. **58** and to_plan all the/this/who ⟦ἄνομοι⟧, to_speak, look! Yōnathan and the/this/who from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among quietness ⟦κατοικοῦσι⟧ to_persuade; now therefore/then ⟦ἄξομεν⟧ the/this/who Bakḵidaʸn, and ⟦συλλήμψεται⟧ he/she/it/self all in/on/among night one. **59** and to_travel to_ _consult he/she/it/self. **60** and ⟦ἀπῆρε⟧ of_the to_come/go with/after power much, and to_send epistle quietly all the/this/who ⟦συμμάχοις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia, that ⟦συλλάβωσι⟧ the/this/who Yōnathan, and the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and no ⟦ἐδύναντο⟧, that/since to_know he/she/it/self the/this/who plan he/she/it/self. **61** and ⟦συνελάβοντο⟧ away_from the/this/who man the/this/who country the/this/who ⟦ἀρχηγῶν⟧ the/this/who evil toward fifty man, and to_kill he/she/it/self. **62** and ⟦ἐξεχώρησεν⟧ Yōnathan, and Simōn, and the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward Baithbasi the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who deserted, and to_build the/this/who ⟦καθῃρημένα⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐστερέωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **63** and to_ _know Bakḵidaʸs, and to_assemble all the/this/who multitude he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who out_from the/this/who Jewish/Judea to_order. **64** and to_ _come/go ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ upon/to/against Baithbasi, and to_ _fight he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self day much, and to_ _do/make ⟦μηχανάς⟧. **65** and ⟦ἀπέλιπεν⟧ Yōnathan Simōna the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among the/this/who city, and to_go_out toward the/this/who country, and to_go_out in/on/among number.

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decided to depart into his own land.

70 Yonatan learnt of this and sent ambassadors to him, to the end that they should make peace with him, and that he should restore to them the captives. **71** He accepted the thing, and did according to his words, and swore to him that he wouldn't seek his harm all the days of his life. **72** He restored to him the captives which he'd taken before out of the land of Yehudah (Judah), and he returned and departed into his own land, and didn't come any more into their borders. **73** Thus the sword ceased from Yisrael (Israel). Yonatan lived at Mikmas. Yonatan began to judge the people; and he destroyed the ungodly out of Yisrael.

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66 and to_strike ⟦Ὀδοαῤῥήν⟧, and the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
son Fasirōn in/on/among the/this/who tent he/she/it/self,
and ⟦ἐξήρξατο⟧ to_strike, and to_ascend in/on/among power;
67 and Simōn, and the/this/who with/after
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_go_out out_from
the/this/who city, and ⟦ἐνεπύρισαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦μηχανάς⟧.
68 and ⟦ἐπολέμησαν⟧ to/with the/this/who Bakḵidaʸn, and
⟦συνετρίβη⟧ by/under he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἔθλιβον⟧
he/she/it/self very, that/since to_be the/this/who plan
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who
⟦ἔφοδος⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there empty.
69 and ⟦ὠργίσθηθυμῷ⟧ the/this/who man the/this/who
lawless the/this/who ⟦συμβουλεύσασιν⟧ he/she/it/self to_
_come/go toward the/this/who country, and to_kill out_from
he/she/it/self much, and ⟦ἐβουλεύσατο⟧ of_the to_go_away
toward the/this/who earth
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **70** and ⟦ἐπέγνω⟧
Yōnathan, and to_send to/with he/she/it/self ⟦πρέσβεις⟧, of_
_the ⟦συνθέσθαι⟧ to/with he/she/it/self peace, and to_pay
he/she/it/self the/this/who captivity. **71** and to_receive, and
to_do/make according_to the/this/who word
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_swear
he/she/it/self not ⟦ἐκζητῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self evil/harm all
the/this/who day the/this/who life
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **72** and to_pay
he/she/it/self the/this/who captivity which to_take_captive
⟦τοπρότερον⟧ out_from earth Youda; and ⟦ἀποστρέψας⟧ to_go_
_away toward the/this/who earth
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no to_add_(to)
still to_come/go toward the/this/who region he/she/it/self.
73 and to_keep_from sword out_from Israaʸl; and ⟦ᾤκησεν⟧
Yōnathan in/on/among Maḵmas; and be_first Yōnathan to_
_judge the/this/who a_people and ⟦ἠφάνισε⟧ the/this/who
ungodly out_from Israaʸl.

Rival kings seek Yonatan's support

10:1 In the one hundred sixtieth year,[78] Alexandros (Alexander) Epifanes (Epiphanes), the son of Antiokos (Antiochus), went up and took possession of Ptolemais. They received him, and he reigned there. **2** King Demetrios heard about this, and he gathered together very great forces, and went out to meet him in battle.

3 Demetrios sent a letter to Yonatan with words of peace, so as to honour him. **4** Because he said, "Let's go beforehand to make peace with them, before he makes peace with Alexandros against us; **5** for he'll remember all the evils that we've done against him, and to his kindred and to his nation." **6** So he gave him authority to gather together forces, and to provide weapons, and that he should be his ally. He also commanded that they should release the hostages that were in the citadel to him.

7 Yonatan came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and read the letter in the hearing of all the people, and of those who were in the

10:1 and in/on/among year ⟦ἑξηκοστῷ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστῷ⟧ to_
_ascend Alexandros the/this/who of_the Antioḵou
the/this/who glorious, and ⟦κατελάβετο⟧ Ptolemaida, and
⟦ἐπεδέξαντο⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_reign there. **2** and to_hear
Daʸmaʸtrios the/this/who king, and to_assemble power much
very, and to_go_out toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self
toward war. **3** and to_send Daʸmaʸtrios to/with Yōnathan
epistle word ⟦εἰρηνικοῖς⟧ so ⟦μεγαλῦναι⟧ he/she/it/self. **4** to_
_say for, ⟦προφθάσωμεν⟧ of_the peace to_place with/after
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦πρινὴ⟧ to_place
he/she/it/self with/after Alexandrou according_to I/we.
5 ⟦Μνησθήσεται⟧ for all the/this/who evil/harm which
⟦συνετελέσαμεν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self, and toward
the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
and toward the/this/who Gentile_nation
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **6** and to_give
he/she/it/self authority to_assemble power, and
⟦κατασκευάζειν⟧ weapon, and to_be he/she/it/self ⟦σύμμαχον⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who

78 RV 10:1 · Note circa B.C. 153.

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⟦ὅμηρα⟧ the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Akra/tip to_say to_deliver he/she/it/self. **7** and to_come/go Yōnathan toward Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦ἀνέγνω⟧ the/this/who epistle toward the/this/who ear all of_the a_people, and the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧. **8** and ⟦ἐφοβήθησα⟧ fear great when to_hear that/since to_give he/she/it/self the/this/who king authority to_assemble power. **9** and to_deliver the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧ Yōnathan the/this/who ⟦ὅμηρα⟧, and to_pay he/she/it/self the/this/who parent he/she/it/self. **10** and ⟦ᾤκησεν⟧ Yōnathan in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, and be_first to_build and ⟦καινίζειν⟧ the/this/who city. **11** and to_say to/with the/this/who to_do/make the/this/who work, to_build the/this/who wall, and the/this/who mountain Siōn around out_from stone ⟦τετραγώνων⟧ toward ⟦ὀχύρωσιν⟧; and to_ _do/make thus(-ly). **12** and to_flee the/this/who ⟦ἀλλογενεῖς⟧ the/this/who to_be in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώμασιν⟧ which to_build Bakḳidaʸs. **13** and to_leave_behind each the/this/who place he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_go_away toward the/this/who earth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **14** but/however in/on/among Baithsoura ⟦ὑπελείφθησάν⟧ one the/this/who ⟦καταλιπόντων⟧ the/this/who law and the/this/who ⟦προστάγματα⟧, to_be for he/she/it/self a_place_of_refuge. **15** and to_hear Alexandros the/this/who king the/this/who promise ⟦ὅσας⟧ to_send Daʸmaʸtrios the/this/who Yōnathan, and to_relate_fully he/she/it/self the/this/who war and the/this/who ⟦ἀνδραγαθίας⟧ which to_do/make he/she/it/self and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who labour which to_have/be, **16** and to_say, not to_find/meet man such_as_this one? and now to_do/make he/she/it/self friendly/friend, and ⟦σύμμαχον⟧ I/we. **17** and to_write epistle, and to_send he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who word this/he/she/it, to_speak, **18** king Alexandros the/this/who brother Yōnathan to_rejoice. **19** to_hear about you, that/since man able strength, and necessary to_be of_the to_be I/we friendly/friend. **20** and now ⟦καθεστάκαμέν⟧ you today high-priest of_the Gentile_nation you, and friendly/friend king to_call; and to_send he/she/it/self purple_cloth and crown golden; and to_reason the/this/who I/we, and ⟦συντηρεῖν⟧ ⟦φιλίαν⟧ to/with I/we. **21** and to_put_on Yōnathan the/this/who holy robe the/this/who ⟦ἑβδόμῳ⟧ month ⟦ἔτους⟧ ⟦ἑξηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ in/on/among festival ⟦σκηνοπηγίας⟧, and to_assemble power, and to_prepare weapon much. **22** and to_hear Daʸmaʸtrios the/this/who word this/he/she/it. and to_grieve, and to_say, **23** one/which? this/he/she/it to_do/make, that/since ⟦προέφθακεν⟧ I/we the/this/who Alexandros of_the ⟦φιλίαν⟧ to_attain the/this/who Youdaiois toward a_reliance? **24** to_write he/she/it/self I/we/and_I word encouragement, and height,

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citadel. **8** They were very afraid when they heard that the king had given him authority to gather together an army. **9** Those in the citadel released the hostages to Yonatan, and he restored them to their parents.

10 Yonatan lived in Yerushalem and began to build and renew the city. **11** He commanded those who did the work to build the walls and encircle Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) with[79] square stones for defence; and they did so. **12** The foreigners who were in the fortresses which Bakides had built fled away. **13** Each man left his place and departed into his own land. **14** Only at Beyt-Tsur, there were left some of those who'd forsaken the law and the commandments, for it was a place of refuge to them.

Alexandros appoints Yonatan as high priest

15 King Alexandros (Alexander) heard all the promises which Demetrios had sent to Yonatan. They told him of the battles and the valiant actions which he and his kindred had done, and of the troubles which they'd endured. **16** So he said, "Could we find another man like him? Now we'll make him our[80] friend and ally." **17** He wrote a letter and sent it to him, in these words, saying, **18** "King Alexandros to his brother Yonatan, greetings. **19** We've heard of you, that you're a mighty man of valour, and worthy to be our[81] friend. **20** Now we've appointed you this day to be high priest of your nation, and to be called the king's[82] friend, and to take our side, and to keep friendship with us." He also sent to him a purple robe and a golden crown.

21 And Yonatan put on the holy clothes in the seventh month of the one hundred sixtieth year,[83] at the feast of tabernacles; and he gathered together forces and provided weapons in abundance.

Demetrios offers more concessions

22 When Demetrios heard these things, he was grieved and said, **23** "What's this that we've done, that Alexandros has gotten ahead of us in establishing friendship with the Yehudim to strengthen himself? **24** I also will write to them words of encouragement and of honour and of gifts, that they may be with me to aid me." **25** So he sent to them this message:

"King Demetrios to the nation of the Yehudim (Jews), greetings. **26** Since as you've kept your covenants with us, and continued in our friendship, and haven't joined yourselves to our enemies, we've heard of this, and are glad. **27** Now continue still to keep faith with us, and we'll repay you with good in return for your dealings with us. **28** We'll grant you many immunities and give you gifts.

29 "Now I free you and release all the Yehudim from the tributes, from the salt tax, and from the crown levies. **30** Instead of the third part of the seed, and instead of half of the fruit of the

79 **RV 10:11 · Note** So the versions and Josephus. Grk. four-foot stones.

80 **RV 10:16 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18. Compare 1 Maccabees 10:65.

81 **RV 10:19 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18. Compare 1 Maccabees 10:65.

82 **RV 10:20 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18. Compare 1 Maccabees 10:65.

83 **RV 10:21 · Note** circa B.C. 153.

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trees, which falls to me to receive, I release it from this day and from now on, so that I won't take it from the land of Yehudah (Judah), and from the three districts which are added to it from the country of Shomron (Samaria) and Galil, from this day forth and for all time. 31 Let Yerushalem (Jerusalem) be holy and free, with her borders, tithes, and taxes. 32 I yield up also my authority over the citadel which is at Yerushalem, and give it to the high priest, that he may appoint in it men whom he chooses to keep it. 33 Every soul of the Yehudim who's been carried captive from the land of Yehudah into any part of my kingdom, I set at liberty without payment. Let all officials also cancel the taxes on their livestock.

34 "All the feasts, the Sabbaths, new moons, appointed days, three days before a feast, and three days after a feast, let them all be days of immunity and release for all the Yehudim who are in my kingdom. 35 No one has authority to exact anything from any of them, or to trouble them about any matter.

36 "Let there be enrolled among the king's forces about thirty thousand men of the Yehudim, and pay will be given to them, as is due to all the king's forces. 37 Of them, some will be placed in the king's great fortresses, and some of them will be placed over the affairs of the kingdom, which are positions of trust. Let those who are over them and their rulers be of themselves, and let them walk after their own laws, even as the king has commanded in the land of Yehudah.

38 "The three districts that have been added to Yehudah from the country of Shomron (Samaria), let them be annexed to Yehudah, that they may be reckoned to be under one ruler, that they may not obey any other authority than the high priest's. 39 As for Ptolemais and its land, I've given it as a gift to the sanctuary that's at Yerushalem (Jerusalem), for the expenses of the sanctuary. 40 I also give every year fifteen thousand shekels of silver from the king's revenues from the places that are appropriate. 41 And all the additional funds which those who manage the king's affairs didn't pay as in the first years, they'll give from now on towards the works of the temple. 42 Besides this, the five thousand shekels of silver which they received from the uses of the sanctuary from the revenue year by year is also released, because it belongs to the priests who minister there. 43 Anyone who flees to the temple that's at Yerushalem, and within all of its borders, whether one owe money to the king, or any other matter, let them go free, along with all that they have in my kingdom. 44 Because the building and renewing of the structures of the sanctuary, the expense will also be given out of the king's revenue. 45 Because the building of the walls of Yerushalem and fortifying it all around, the expense will also be given out of the king's revenue, also for the building of the walls in Yehudah."

46 Now when Yonatan (Jonathan) and the people heard these words, they gave no credence to them, and didn't accept them, because they remembered the great evil which he'd done in Yisrael (Israel), and that he'd afflicted them very severely. 47 They were well pleased with Alexandros, because he was the first who

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and ⟦δομάτων⟧, that to_be with I/we/my toward help. 25 and to_send he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who word this/he/she/it; king Daʸmaʸtrios the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who Jewish to_rejoice. 26 since ⟦συνετηρήσατε⟧ the/this/who to/with I/we ⟦συνθήκας⟧, and ⟦ἐνεμείνατε⟧ the/this/who friendship I/we, and no ⟦προσεχωρήσατε⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐχθροῖς⟧ I/we, to_hear, and to_rejoice. 27 and now ⟦ἐμμείνατε⟧ still of_the ⟦συντηρῆσαι⟧ to/with I/we faith, and ⟦ἀνταποδώσομεν⟧ you good-doer, for which to_do/make with/after I/we. 28 and ⟦ἀφήσομεν⟧ you ⟦ἀφέματα⟧ much, and to_give you gift. 29 and now to_release:_divorce/to_release:_ _release you, and to_release all the/this/who Youdaious away_ _from the/this/who to_wear, and the/this/who honour of_the ⟦ἁλὸς⟧, and away_from the/this/who ⟦στεφάνων⟧, 30 and for of_the third the/this/who seed, and for of_the half of_the fruit of_the ⟦ξυλίνου⟧ of_the ⟦ἐπιβάλλοντός⟧ I/we to_take to_ _release away_from the/this/who today and beyond of_the to_ _take away_from the/this/who earth Youda, and away_from the/this/who three ⟦νομῶν⟧ the/this/who ⟦προστιθεμένων⟧ he/she/it/self away_from the/this/who Samareitidos and Galilaias, and away_from the/this/who today day and toward the/this/who an_age time. 31 and Hierousalaʸm to_be holy and ⟦ἀφειμένη⟧, and the/this/who region he/she/it/self, the/this/who/which ⟦δεκάται⟧ and the/this/who goal/tax. 32 to_release and the/this/who authority the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧ the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, and to_give the/this/who high-priest, that if ⟦καταστήσῃ⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self man which if ⟦ἐκλέξηται⟧ he/she/it/self of_the to_keep/guard he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 33 and all ⟦φυχὴν⟧ Jewish the/this/who ⟦αἰχμαλωτισθεῖσαν⟧ away_from earth Youda toward all kingdom I/we to_release ⟦ἐλευθέραν⟧ free_gift/freely; and all ⟦ἀφιέτωσαν⟧ the/this/who tax and the/this/who animal he/she/it/self. 34 and all the/this/who/which ⟦ἑορταὶ⟧ and the/this/who Sabbath and ⟦νουμηνίαι⟧, and day ⟦ἀποδεδειγμέναι⟧, and three day before festival and three day with/after festival, to_be all the/this/who/which day ⟦ἀτελείας⟧ and ⟦ἀφέσεως⟧ all the/this/who Youdaiois the/this/who to_be in/on/among the/this/who kingdom I/we. 35 and no to_have/be authority none to_do/require and to_trouble one he/she/it/self about all thing. 36 and ⟦προγραφήτωσαν⟧ the/this/who Jewish toward the/this/who power of_the king toward thirty ⟦χιλιάδας⟧ man, and to_give he/she/it/self lodging which/how ⟦καθήκει⟧ all the/this/who power of_the king. 37 and ⟦κατασταθήσεται⟧ out_ _from he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώμασι⟧ of_the king the/this/who ⟦μεγάλοις⟧, and out_from this/he/she/it ⟦κατασταθήσεται⟧ upon/to/against ⟦χρειῶν⟧ the/this/who kingdom the/this/who to_be toward faith; and the/this/who upon/to/against he/she/it/self and the/this/who ruler to_be out_from he/she/it/self; and ⟦πορευέσθωσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦νόμοις⟧ he/she/it/self, as/just_as and to_order the/this/who king in/on/among earth Youda. 38 and the/this/who three law the/this/who ⟦προστεθέντας⟧ the/this/who Youdaia away_from the/this/who country Samareias, ⟦προστεθήτω⟧ the/this/who Youdaia to/with the/this/who to_count of_the to_be by/under one, of_the not to_obey another authority but or/than of_the high-priest. 39 Ptolemaida and the/this/who ⟦προσκυροῦσαν⟧

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he/she/it/self to_give gift the/this/who holy the/this/who in/on/among Yerousalaʸm toward the/this/who ⟦προσήκουσαν⟧ cost the/this/who holy. **40** I/we/and_I to_give according_to year fifteen ⟦χιλιάδας⟧ ⟦σίκλων⟧ money away_ _from the/this/who word of_the king, away_from the/this/who place the/this/who ⟦ἀνηκόντων⟧. **41** and all the/this/who ⟦πλεονάζον⟧ the/this/who/which no ⟦ἀπεδίδοσαν⟧ the/this/who away_from the/this/who ⟦χρειῶν⟧, which/how in/on/among the/this/who first year, away_from of_the now to_give toward the/this/who work of_ _the house. **42** and upon/to/against this/he/she/it, five_ _thousand ⟦σίκλους⟧ money, which to_take away_from the/this/who ⟦χρειῶν⟧ of_the holy away_from of_the word according_to year, and this/he/she/it to_release through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ἀνήκειν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who priest the/this/who ⟦λειτουργοῦσι⟧. **43** and just_ _as/how_much if ⟦φύγωσιν⟧ toward the/this/who temple the/this/who in/on/among Hierosolumois and in/on/among all the/this/who region
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_owe ⟦βασιλικὰ⟧ and all thing, ⟦ἀπολελύσθωσαν⟧, and all just_as/how_much to_ _be he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who kingdom I/we. **44** and of_the ⟦οἰκοδομηθῆναι⟧ and of_the ⟦ἐπικαινισθῆναι⟧ the/this/who work the/this/who holy, and the/this/who cost to_give out_from of_the word of_the king. **45** and of_the ⟦οἰκοδομηθῆναι⟧ the/this/who wall Hierousalaʸm and ⟦ὀχυρῶσαι⟧ around, and the/this/who cost to_give out_from of_the word of_the king, and of_the ⟦οἰκοδομηθῆναι⟧ the/this/who wall the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia. **46** which/how but/and to_hear Yōnathan and the/this/who a_people the/this/who word this/he/she/it, no to_trust_(in) he/she/it/self and_not ⟦ἐπεδέξαντο⟧, that/since ⟦ἐπεμνήσθησαν⟧ the/this/who evil the/this/who great which to_do/make in/on/among Israaʸl, and ⟦ἔθλιψεν⟧ he/she/it/self very. **47** and to_delight in/on/among Alexandrōi, that/since he/she/it/self to_be he/she/it/self founder word ⟦εἰρηνικῶν⟧, and ⟦συνεμάχουν⟧ he/she/it/self all the/this/who day. **48** and to_assemble Alexandros the/this/who king power great, and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ right_ _opposite Daʸmaʸtriou. **49** and ⟦συνῆψαν⟧ war the/this/who two king, and to_flee the/this/who barracks Daʸmaʸtriou, and to_pursue he/she/it/self the/this/who Alexandros, and be_ _strong upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **50** and to_strengthen the/this/who war very until to_set the/this/who sun, and to_ _collapse the/this/who Daʸmaʸtrios in/on/among the/this/who day that. **51** and to_send Alexandros to/with Ptolemaion king Aiguptou ⟦πρέσβεις⟧ according_to the/this/who word this/he/she/it, to_speak, **52** since ⟦ἀνέστρεψα⟧ toward earth kingdom I/we, and to_seat upon/to/against throne father I/we, and ⟦ἐκράτησα⟧ the/this/who beginning, and ⟦συνέτριψα⟧ the/this/who

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spoke words of peace to them, and they were allies with him always.

Alexandros becomes king and honours Yonatan

48 King Alexandros (Alexander) gathered together great forces and encamped near Demetrios. **49** The two kings joined battle, and Alexandros' army fled; and Demetrios followed after him, and prevailed against them. **50** He strengthened the battle greatly until the sun went down; and Demetrios fell that day.

51 Alexandros sent ambassadors to Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) with this message: **52** "Since I've returned to my kingdom, and am seated on the throne of my fathers, and have established my dominion, and have overthrown Demetrios, and have taken possession of our country— **53** yes, I joined the battle with him, and he and his army were defeated by us, and we sat on the throne of his kingdom— **54** now also let's make friends with one another. Give me now your daughter as my wife. I'll be joined with you, and will give both you and her gifts worthy of you."

55 King Ptolemaios answered, saying, "Happy is the day you returned to the land of your ancestors and sat on the throne of their kingdom. **56** Now I'll do to you as you've written, but meet me at Ptolemais, that we may see one another; and I'll join with you, even as you've said." **57** So Ptolemaios went out of Mitsrayim, himself and Kleopatra (Cleopatra) his daughter, and came to Ptolemais in the one hundred and sixty-second year.[84] **58** King Alexandros met him, and he gave him his daughter Kleopatra, and celebrated her wedding at Ptolemais with great pomp, as kings do.

59 King Alexandros wrote to Yonatan (Jonathan), that he should come to meet him. **60** He went with pomp to Ptolemais, and met the two kings. He gave them and their friends[85] silver and gold, and many gifts, and found favour in their sight. **61** Some malcontents out of Yisrael (Israel), men who were transgressors of the law, gathered together against him to complain against him, but the king didn't pay any attention to them. **62** The king commanded that they take off Yonatan's clothes and clothe him in purple, and they did so. **63** The king made him sit with him, and said to his princes, "Go out with him into the middle of the city, and proclaim that no man may complain against him of any matter, and let no man trouble him for any reason." **64** When those who complained against him saw his honour according to the proclamation, and saw him clothed in purple, they all fled away. **65** The king gave him honour, and enrolled him among his chief friends,[86] and made him a captain and governor of a province. **66** Then Yonatan returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with peace and gladness.

84 **RV 10:57 · Note** circa B.C. 151.

85 **RV 10:60 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18. Compare 1 Maccabees 10:65.

86 **RV 10:65 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 11:27; 2 Maccabees 8:9. Compare 1 Maccabees 2:18; 10:16, etc.

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Yonatan defeats Apolonios

67 In the one hundred and sixty-fifth year,[87] Demetrios, son of Demetrios, came out of Kraitai (Crete) into the land of his ancestors. 68 When King Alexandros (Alexander) heard of it, he grieved greatly and returned to Antiokeia. 69 Demetrios appointed Apolonios, who was over Coele-Syria, and he gathered together a great army, and encamped against Yavneh, and sent to Yonatan the high priest, saying,

70 "You alone lift up yourself against us, but I'm ridiculed and in reproach because of you. Why do you assume authority against us in the mountains? 71 Now therefore, if you trust in your forces, come down to us into the plain, and let's match strength with each other there; for the power of the cities is with me. 72 Ask and learn who I am, and the rest who help us. They say, 'Your foot can't stand before our face; for your ancestors have been put to flight twice in their own land.' 73 Now you won't be able to withstand the cavalry and such an army as this in the plain, where is there's no stone or pebble, or place to flee."

74 Now when Yonatan heard Apolonios' words, he was moved in his mind, and he chose ten thousand men, and went out from Yerushalem (Jerusalem); and Shim'on (Simon) his brother met him to help him. 75 Then he encamped against Yafo (Joppa). The people of the city shut him out, because Apolonios had a garrison in Yafo. 76 So they fought against it. The people of the city were afraid, and opened to him; and Yonatan became master of Yafo.

77 Apolonios heard about that, and he gathered an army of three thousand cavalry, and a great army, and went to Azotos as though he were on a journey, and at the same time advanced onward into the plain, because he had a multitude of cavalry which he trusted. 78 He pursued him to Azotos, and the armies joined battle.[88] 79 Apolonios had secretly left a thousand cavalry behind them. 80 Yonatan learnt that there was an ambush behind him. They surrounded his army, and shot their arrows at the people, from morning until evening; 81 but the people stood fast, as Yonatan commanded them; and the enemy's horses grew tired.

82 Then Shim'on (Simon) brought forward his army and joined battle with the phalanx (for the cavalry were exhausted), and they were defeated by him and fled. 83 The cavalry were scattered in the plain. They fled to Azotos and entered into Beyt-Dagon, their idol's temple, to save themselves. 84 Yonatan burnt Azotos and the cities around it and took their spoils. He burnt the temple of Dagon and those who fled into it with fire. 85 Those who'd fallen by the sword plus those who were burnt were about eight thousand men.

86 From there, Yonatan left and encamped against Ashkelon. The people of the city came out to meet him with great pomp. 87 Yonatan, with those who were on his side, returned to

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Daʸmaʸtrion, and ⟦ἐπεκράτησα⟧ the/this/who country I/we; 53 and ⟦συνῆψα⟧ to/with he/she/it/self ⟦μάχην⟧, and ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ he/she/it/self and the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there by/under I/we, and ⟦ἐκαθίσαμεν⟧ upon/to/against throne kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; 54 and now ⟦στήσωμεν⟧ to/with my/your/him-self ⟦φιλίαν⟧, and now to_ _give I/we the/this/who daughter you toward woman, and ⟦ἐπιγαμβρεύσω⟧ you, and to_give you gift, and he/she/it/self. worthy you. 55 and to_answer Ptolemaios the/this/who king, to_speak, good-doer day in/on/among which ⟦ἀνέστρεψας⟧ toward earth father you, and ⟦ἐκάθισας⟧ upon/to/against throne kingdom he/she/it/self. 56 and now to_do/make you which ⟦ἔγραψας⟧, but ⟦ἀπάντησον⟧ toward Ptolemaida, that to_perceive one_another, and ⟦ἐπιγαμβρεύσω⟧ you as/just_as to_say. 57 and to_go_out Ptolemaios out_from Aiguptou he/she/it/self and Kleopatra the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_enter toward Ptolemaida ⟦ἔτους⟧ secondly and ⟦ἑξηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧. 58 and ⟦ἀπήντησεν⟧ he/she/it/self Alexandros the/this/who king, and to_lease he/she/it/self Kleopatran the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_do/make the/this/who wedding he/she/it/self in/on/among ⟦Πτολεμαΐδι⟧, as/just_as the/this/who king, in/on/among glory/to_think great. 59 and to_write Alexandros the/this/who king the/this/who Yōnathan to_come/go toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self. 60 and to_travel with/after glory toward Ptolemaida, and ⟦ἀπήντησε⟧ the/this/who two king; and to_ _give he/she/it/self money and gold, and the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self, and gift much, and to_ _find/meet because_of/grace against/in_front_of he/she/it/self. 61 and ⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self man pestilence out_from Israaʸl, man ⟦παράνομοι⟧, ⟦ἐντυχεῖν⟧ according_to he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no ⟦προσέσχεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who king. 62 and to_order the/this/who king, and to_strip Yōnathan the/this/who clothing he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_put_ _on he/she/it/self purple_cloth, and to_do/make thus(-ly). 63 and to_seat he/she/it/self the/this/who king with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_say the/this/who ruler he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_go_out with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward midst the/this/who city, and to_preach of_the nothing to_call_on according_to he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there about nothing thing, and nothing he/she/it/self ⟦παρενοχλείτω⟧ about all word. 64 and to_be which/how ⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐντυγχάνοντες⟧ the/this/who glory he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there as/just_as to_preach, and to_clothe he/she/it/self purple_ _cloth, and to_flee all. 65 and to_glorify he/she/it/self the/this/who king, and to_write he/she/it/self the/this/who first friendly/friend, and to_place he/she/it/self ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧ and ⟦μεριδάρχην⟧. 66 and to_turn Yōnathan toward Hierousalaʸm with/after peace and joy. 67 and in/on/among

87 **RV 10:67 · Note** circa B.C. 148.

88 **RV 10:78 · Note** Most of the authorities here repeat after him.

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year ⟦πέμπτῳ⟧ and ⟦ἑξηκοστῷ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστῷ⟧ to_come/go Daʸmaʸtrios son Daʸmaʸtriou out_from Kraʸtaʸs toward the/this/who earth the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **68** and to_hear Alexandros the/this/who king, and to_grieve very, and ⟦ἀπέστρεψεν⟧ toward Antiokeian. **69** and to_appoint/conduct Daʸmaʸtrios Apollōnion the/this/who to_be upon/to/against ⟦κοίλης⟧ Surias, and to_assemble power great, and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ in/on/among Yamneia; **70** and to_send to/with Yōnathan the/this/who high-priest, to_speak, you ⟦μονώτατος⟧ ⟦ἐπαίρῃ⟧ upon/to/against I/we, I/we but/and to_ _be toward ⟦καταγέλωτα⟧ and reproach through/because_of you; and why? you ⟦ἐξουσιάζῃ⟧ upon/to/against I/we in/on/among the/this/who mountain? **71** now therefore/then if to_persuade upon/to/against the/this/who power you, to_ _come/go_down to/with I/we toward the/this/who a_plain, and ⟦συγκριθῶμεν⟧ my/your/him-self there, that/since with/after I/we/my he_is power the/this/who city. **72** to_ask and ⟦μάθε⟧ one/which? to_be and the/this/who remaining the/this/who ⟦βοηθοῦντες⟧ I/we, and to_speak, no to_be you uprising foot according_to face I/we? that/since twice ⟦ἐτροπώθησαν⟧ the/this/who father you in/on/among the/this/who earth he/she/it/self. **73** and now no be_able ⟦ὑποστῆναι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἵππον⟧ and power such_as_this in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πεδίῳ⟧, where(-ever) no he_is stone and_not a_pebble and_not place of_the to_flee. **74** which/how but/and to_hear Yōnathan the/this/who word Apollōniou, to_move the/this/who mind, and ⟦ἐπέλεξε⟧ ten ⟦χιλιάδας⟧ man, and to_go_out out_from Hierousalaʸm, and to_ _meet he/she/it/self Simōn the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against help he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **75** and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ upon/to/against Yoppaʸn, and ⟦ἀπέκλεισαν⟧ he/she/it/self out_from the/this/who city, that/since a_ _detachment_of_soldiers Apollōniou in/on/among Yoppaʸ, and ⟦ἐπολέμησαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **76** and to_ _fear ⟦ἤνοιξαν⟧ the/this/who out_from the/this/who city, and ⟦ἐκυρίευσεν⟧ Yōnathan Yoppaʸs. **77** and to_hear Apollōnios, and ⟦παρενέβαλε⟧ ⟦τρισχιλίαν⟧ ⟦ἵππον⟧, and power much; and to_travel toward Azōton which/how ⟦διοδεύων⟧, and together to_go/bring_before toward the/this/who a_plain, through/because_of the/this/who to_have/be he/she/it/self multitude horse and to_persuade upon/to/against he/she/it/self. **78** and to_seek Yōnathan after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward Azōton, and ⟦συνῆψαν⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦παρεμβολαὶ⟧ toward war. **79** and ⟦ἀπέλιπεν⟧ Apollōnios ⟦χιλίαν⟧ ⟦ἵππον⟧ in/on/among hidden after he/she/it/self. **80** and to_know Yōnathan that/since to_be hinderance after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_surround he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who barracks, and ⟦ἐξετίναξαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦σχίζας⟧ toward the/this/who a_people out_from from_morning until evening. **81** the/this/who but/and a_people to_stand, as/just_as to_ _command Yōnathan, and ⟦ἐκοπίασαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἵπποι⟧ he/she/it/self. **82** and to_draw/persuade Simōn the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦συνῆψε⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦φάραγγα⟧; the/this/who for horse

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Yerushalem (Jerusalem), having many spoils. **88** When King Alexandros heard these things, he honoured Yonatan even more. **89** He sent him a gold buckle, as the custom is to give to the king's kindred. He gave him Ekron and all its land for a possession.

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Ptolemaios turns against Alexandros

11:1 Then the king of Mitsrayim (Egypt) gathered together great forces, as the sand which is by the sea shore, and many ships, and tried to make himself master of Alexandros's (Alexander's) kingdom by deceit, and to add it to his own kingdom. **2** He went out into Aram (Syria) with words of peace, and the people of the cities opened their gates to him and met him; for King Alexandros's command was that they should meet him, because he was his father-in-law. **3** Now as he entered into the cities of Ptolemais, he set his forces for a garrison in each city.

4 But when he came near to Azotos, they showed him Dagon's temple burnt with fire, and Azotos and its pasture lands destroyed, and the bodies thrown out, and those who'd been burnt, whom he burnt in the war, for they'd made heaps of them in his way. **5** They told the king what Yonatan had done, that they might throw blame on him; but the king kept silent. **6** Yonatan met the king with pomp at Yafo (Joppa), and they greeted one another, and they slept there. **7** Yonatan went with the king as far as the river that's called Eleutherus, then returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

8 But King Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) took control of the cities along the sea coast, to Seleukeia which is by the sea, and he devised evil plans about Alexandros. **9** He sent ambassadors to King Demetrios, saying, "Come! Let's make a covenant with one another, and I'll give you my daughter whom Alexandros has, and you'll reign over your father's kingdom; **10** for I regret that I gave my daughter to him, for he tried to kill me. **11** He accused him,

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⟦ἐξελύθη⟧; and ⟦συνετρίβησαν⟧ by/under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_flee. **83** and the/this/who horse ⟦ἐσκορπίσθη⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πεδίῳ⟧, and to_flee toward Azōton, and to_enter toward Baʸthdagōn the/this/who idol's_temple he/she/it/self, of_the to_save **84** and ⟦ἐνεπύρισεν⟧ Yōnathan the/this/who Azōton and the/this/who city the/this/who surrounding he/she/it/self, and to_take the/this/who plunder he/she/it/self, and the/this/who temple Dagōn and the/this/who ⟦συμφυγόντας⟧ toward he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνεπύρισε⟧ fire. **85** and to_be the/this/who ⟦πεπτωκότες⟧ sword with the/this/who ⟦ἐμπυρισθεῖσιν⟧ toward man ⟦ὀκτακισχιλίους⟧. **86** and ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ from_there Yōnathan, and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ upon/to/against ⟦Ἀσκάλωνα⟧, and to_go_out the/this/who out_from the/this/who city toward ⟦συνάντησιν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among glory/to_think great. **87** and to_turn Yōnathan toward Hierousalaʸm with the/this/who from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_have/be plunder much. **88** and to_be which/how to_hear Alexandros the/this/who king the/this/who word this/he/she/it, and to_ _add_(to) to_glorify the/this/who Yōnathan. **89** and to_send he/she/it/self ⟦πόρπην⟧ golden, which/how custom he_is ⟦δίδοσθαι⟧ the/this/who kindred the/this/who king; and to_ _give he/she/it/self the/this/who Akkarōn and all the/this/who region he/she/it/self toward ⟦κληροδοσίαν⟧.

11:1 and the/this/who king Aiguptou ⟦ἤθροισε⟧ power much, which/how the/this/who sand the/this/who about the/this/who lip the/this/who sea, and boat much; and to_ _seek ⟦κατακρατῆσαι⟧ the/this/who kingdom Alexandrou deceit, and to_add_(to) he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **2** and to_go_out toward Surian word ⟦εἰρηνικοῖς⟧, and ⟦ἤνοιγον⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who away_from the/this/who city, and ⟦συνήντων⟧ he/she/it/self, that/since commandment to_be Alexandrou of_the king ⟦συναντᾷν⟧ he/she/it/self, through/because_of the/this/who ⟦πενθερὸν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_be, **3** which/how but/and to_enter toward the/this/who city Ptolemaios, ⟦ἀπέτασσε⟧ the/this/who power ⟦φρουρὰν⟧ in/on/among each city. **4** which/how but/and to_come_near Azōtou, ⟦ἔδειξαν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who temple Dagōn ⟦ἐμπεπυρισμένον⟧, and Azōton, and the/this/who ⟦περιπόλια⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦καθῃρημένα⟧, and the/this/who body ⟦ἐῤῥιμμένα⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἐμπεπυρισμένους⟧ which ⟦ἐνεπύρισεν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who war; to_do/make for ⟦θημωνίας⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who road he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **5** and to_relate_fully the/this/who king which to_do/make Yōnathan, toward the/this/who ⟦ψογῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self; and be_silent the/this/who king. **6** and to_meet Yōnathan the/this/who king toward Yoppaʸn with/after glory, and ⟦ἠσπάσαντο⟧ one_ _another, and to_sleep there. **7** and to_travel Yōnathan with/after of_the king until of_the river of_the to_call Eleutherou, and to_turn toward Hierousalaʸm. **8** the/this/who but/and king Ptolemaios ⟦ἐκυρίευσε⟧ the/this/who city

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the/this/who ⟦παραλίας⟧ until ⟦Σελευκίας⟧ the/this/who ⟦παραθαλασσίας⟧, and to_reason about Alexandrou ⟦λογισμοὺς⟧ evil/bad. **9** and to_send ⟦πρέσβεις⟧ to/with Daʸmaʸtrion the/this/who king, to_speak, come ⟦συνθώμεθα⟧ to/with my/your/him-self covenant, and to_give you the/this/who daughter I/we which to_have/be Alexandros, and ⟦βασιλεύσεις⟧ the/this/who kingdom of_the father you. **10** ⟦Μεταμεμέλημαι⟧ for to_give he/she/it/self the/this/who daughter I/we, to_seek for to_kill I/we. **11** and ⟦ἐψόγησεν⟧ he/she/it/self because_of/grace of_the to_long_for he/she/it/self the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **12** and ⟦ἀφελόμενος⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who daughter, to_give he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who Daʸmaʸtriōi, and ⟦ἠλλοιώθη⟧ of_the Alexandrou, and to_shine/appear the/this/who hostility he/she/it/self. **13** and to_enter Ptolemaios toward Antiokeian, and ⟦περιέθετο⟧ two diadem about the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who the/this/who Asias and Aiguptou. **14** Alexandros but/and the/this/who king to_be in/on/among Kilikia according_to the/this/who time/right_time that, that/since ⟦ἀπεστάτουν⟧ the/this/who away_from the/this/who place that. **15** and to_ _hear Alexandros, and to_come/go upon/to/against he/she/it/self war; and to_lead_out Ptolemaios the/this/who power, and ⟦ἀπήντησεν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among hand strong, and ⟦ἐτροπώσατο⟧ he/she/it/self. **16** and to_flee Alexandros toward the/this/who Arabian, of_the ⟦σκεπασθῆναι⟧ he/she/it/self there; the/this/who but/and king Ptolemaios ⟦ὑψώθη⟧. **17** and to_remove Zabdiaʸl the/this/who Araps the/this/who head Alexandrou, and to_ _send the/this/who Ptolemaiōi. **18** and the/this/who king Ptolemaios to_die in/on/among the/this/who day the/this/who third, and the/this/who to_be in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώμασιν⟧ to_destroy by/under the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώμασι⟧. **19** and to_reign Daʸmaʸtrios ⟦ἔτους⟧ seventh and ⟦ἑξηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧. **20** in/on/among the/this/who day that to_ _assemble Yōnathan the/this/who out_from the/this/who Jewish/Judea, of_the ⟦ἐκπολεμῆσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἄκραν⟧ the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, and to_do/make upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦μηχανὰς⟧ much. **21** and to_travel one to_hate the/this/who Gentile_ _nation he/she/it/self, man ⟦παράνομοι⟧, to/with the/this/who king, and to_announce he/she/it/self that/since Yōnathan ⟦περικάθηται⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἄκραν⟧. **22** and to_hear to_anger; which/how but/and to_hear, immediately ⟦ἀναζεύξας⟧ to_come/go toward Ptolemaida, and to_write Yōnathan, of_the not ⟦περικαθῆσθαι⟧ the/this/who Akra/tip, and of_the ⟦ἀπαντῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self he/she/it/self ⟦συνμίσγειν⟧ toward Ptolemaida the/this/who ⟦ταχίστην⟧. **23** which/how but/and to_hear Yōnathan, to_order ⟦περικαθῆσθαι⟧, and ⟦ἐπέλεξε⟧ the/this/who elder Israaʸl and

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because he coveted his kingdom. **12** Taking his daughter from him, he gave her to Demetrios, and was estranged from Alexandros, and their enmity was openly seen.

13 Ptolemaios entered into Antiokeia, and put on himself Asia's crown. He put two crowns on his head, the crown of Mitsrayim (Egypt) and that of Asia. **14** But King Alexandros was in Kilikia at that time, because the people of that region were in revolt. **15** When Alexandros heard of it, he came against him in war. Ptolemaios marched out and met him with a strong force, and put him to flight. **16** Alexandros fled into Arav, that he might be sheltered there; but King Ptolemaios was triumphant. **17** Zavdiyel the Aravi took off Alexandros's head, and sent it to Ptolemaios. **18** King Ptolemaios died the third day after, and those who were in his fortresses were slain by the inhabitants of the fortresses. **19** Demetrios became king in the one hundred and sixty-seventh year.[89]

Yonatan negotiates with Demetrios

20 In those days Yonatan (Jonathan) gathered together the Yehudim (Jews) to take the citadel that was at Yerushalem (Jerusalem). He made many engines of war to use against it. **21** Some lawless men who hated their own nation went to the king and reported to him that Yonatan was besieging the citadel. **22** He heard, and was angry, but when he heard it, he set out immediately, and came to Ptolemais, and wrote to Yonatan, that he shouldn't besiege it, and that he should meet him and speak with him at Ptolemais with all speed.

23 But when Yonatan heard this, he gave orders to continue the siege. He chose some of the elders of Yisrael (Israel) and of the priests, and put himself in peril **24** by taking silver, gold, clothing, and various other presents, and went to Ptolemais to the king. Then he found favour in his sight. **25** Some lawless men of those who were of the nation made complaints against him, **26** and the king did to him even as his predecessors had done to him, and exalted him in the sight of all his[90] friends, **27** and confirmed to him the high priesthood, and all the other honours that he had before, and gave him preeminence among his[91] chief friends. **28** And Yonatan requested of the king that he'd make Yehudah (Judea) free from tribute, along with the three[92] provinces and the country of Shomron (Samaria), and promised him three hundred talents. **29** The king consented, and wrote letters to Yonatan about all these things as follows:

30 "King Demetrios to his brother Yonatan, and to the nation of the Yehudim (Jews), greetings. **31** The copy of the letter which we wrote to Lasthenes our kinsman about you, we've written also to you, that you may see it. **32** 'King Demetrios to Lasthenes his father, greetings. **33** We've determined to do good to the nation of the Yehudim, who are our friends, and observe what's

89 **RV 11:19 · Note** circa B.C. 146.

90 **RV 11:26 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

91 **RV 11:27 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 10:65.

92 **RV 11:28 · Note** Grk. toparchies

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just towards us, because of their good will towards us. 34 We've confirmed therefore to them the borders of Yehudah, and also the three governments of Aphaerema, Lod, and Ramatayim (these were added to Yehudah from the country of Shomron), and all their territory to them, for all who do sacrifice in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), instead of the king's dues which the king received of them yearly before from the produce of the earth and the fruits of trees. 35 As for the other payments to us from now on, of the tithes and the taxes that pertain to us, and the salt pits, and the crown taxes due to us, all these we'll give back to them. 36 Not one of these grants will be annulled from this time forth and forever. 37 Now therefore be careful to make a copy of these things, and let it be given to Yonatan, and let it be set up on the holy mountain in a suitable and conspicuous place.' "

Yonatan's troops rescue Demetrios

38 When King Demetrios saw that the land was quiet before him, and that no resistance was made to him, he sent away all his troops, each man to his own place, except the foreign troops, which he'd raised from the islands of the Gentiles. So all the troops of his fathers hated him. 39 Now Trufon was one of those who previously had been on Alexandros's (Alexander's) side, and he saw that all the forces murmured against Demetrios. So he went to Imalcue the Aravi, who was raising up Antiokos (Antiochus) the young child of Alexandros, 40 and urgently insisted to him that he should deliver him to him, that he might reign in his father's place. He told him all that Demetrios had done, and the hatred with which his forces hated him; and he stayed there many days.

41 Now Yonatan sent to King Demetrios, that he should remove the troops of the citadel from Yerushalem, and the troops who were in the fortresses; for they fought against Yisrael (Israel) continually. 42 Demetrios sent to Yonatan, saying, "I won't only do this for you and your nation, but I'll greatly honour you and your nation, if I find an opportunity. 43 Now therefore you'll do well if you send me men who'll fight for me; for all my forces have revolted." 44 So Yonatan sent him three thousand valiant men to Antiokeia. They came to the king, and the king was glad at their coming.

45 The people of the city gathered themselves together into the middle of the city, to the number of one hundred and twenty thousand men, and they wanted to kill the king. 46 The king fled into the palace courtyard, and the people of the city seized the main streets of the city and began to fight. 47 The king called the Yehudim (Jews) to help him, and they were gathered together to him all at once, and they dispersed themselves in the city, and killed that day about one hundred thousand. 48 They set the city on fire, and seized many spoils that day, and saved the king. 49 The people of the city saw that the Yehudim had taken control of the city as they pleased, and they became faint in their hearts, and they cried out to the king with supplication, saying, 50 "Give us your right hand, and let the Yehudim cease from fighting against us and the city." 51 They threw away their

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the/this/who priest, and to_give my/your/him-self the/this/who ⟦κινδύνῳ⟧. 24 and to_take money, and gold, and clothing, and other lodging greater, to_travel to/with the/this/who king toward Ptolemaida, and to_find/meet because_of/grace a_ring he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 25 and ⟦ἐνετύγχανον⟧ according_to he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there one ⟦ἄνομοι⟧ the/this/who out_from of_the Gentile_nation. 26 and to_do/make he/she/it/self the/this/who king as/just_as to_ _do/make he/she/it/self the/this/who before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_lift_up he/she/it/self against/in_front_of all the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 27 and to_stand he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνην⟧, and just_as/how_much another to_have/be precious ⟦τοπρότερον⟧, and to_do/make he/she/it/self the/this/who first friendly/friend to_govern. 28 and ⟦ἠξίωσεν⟧ Yōnathan the/this/who king to_do/make the/this/who Jewish/Judea ⟦ἀφορολόγητον⟧, and the/this/who three ⟦τοπαρχίας⟧, and the/this/who ⟦Σαμαρεῖτιν⟧, and to_profess he/she/it/self talent ⟦τριακόσια⟧. 29 and to_delight the/this/who king, and to_write the/this/who Yōnathan epistle about all this/he/she/it ⟦ἐχούσας⟧ the/this/who way this/he/she/it; 30 king Daʸmaʸtrios Yōnathan the/this/who brother to_rejoice, and Gentile_nation Jewish. 31 the/this/who a_transcript the/this/who epistle which ⟦ἐγράψαμεν⟧ ⟦Λασθένει⟧ the/this/who ⟦συγγενεῖ⟧ I/we about you, ⟦γεγράφαμεν⟧ and to/with you. that to_perceive. 32 king Daʸmaʸtrios ⟦Λασθένει⟧ the/this/who father to_rejoice. 33 the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who Jewish friendly/friend I/we and ⟦συντηροῦσι⟧ the/this/who to/with I/we just ⟦ἐκρίναμεν⟧ to_do_good/to_ _do/make, because_of/grace the/this/who out_from/six he/she/it/self enthusiasm to/with I/we. 34 ⟦Ἐστάκαμεν⟧ therefore/then he/she/it/self the/this/who and/both region the/this/who Jewish/Judea, and the/this/who three law, choice_portion, and Luddan, and ⟦Ῥαμαθὲμ⟧, who/which to_ _add_(to) the/this/who Youdaia away_from the/this/who Samareitidos, and all the/this/who ⟦συγκυροῦντα⟧ he/she/it/self all the/this/who ⟦θυσιάζουσιν⟧ toward Hierosoluma, for the/this/who ⟦βασιλικῶν⟧ which ⟦ἐλάμβανεν⟧ the/this/who king from_with he/she/it/self ⟦τοπρότερον⟧ according_to year away_from the/this/who ⟦γεννημάτων⟧ the/this/who earth, and away_from the/this/who ⟦ἀκροδρύων⟧. 35 and the/this/who another the/this/who ⟦ἀνήκοντα⟧ I/we away_from of_the now the/this/who ⟦δεκατῶν⟧, and the/this/who ⟦τελῶν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀνηκόντων⟧ I/we, and the/this/who of_the ⟦ἀλὸς⟧ ⟦λίμνας⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἀνήκοντας⟧ I/we crown, all ⟦ἐπαρκῶς⟧ ⟦παρίεμεν⟧ he/she/it/self. 36 and no ⟦ἀθετηθήσεται⟧ and_not in/on/among/one this/he/she/it away_from of_the now and toward the/this/who all time. 37 now therefore/then ⟦ἐπιμέλεσθε⟧ of_the to_do/make this/he/she/it a_transcript; and ⟦δοθήτω⟧ Yōnathan, and ⟦τεθήτω⟧ in/on/among the/this/who mountain the/this/who holy in/on/among place ⟦ἐπισήμῳ⟧. 38 and to_perceive Daʸmaʸtrios the/this/who king that/since ⟦ἠσύχασεν⟧ the/this/who earth before

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and none
he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνθειστήκει⟧, and to_release all the/this/who
power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there each toward
the/this/who one's_own/private place, but/however
the/this/who foreign power which ⟦ἐξενολόγησεν⟧ away_from
the/this/who ⟦νήσων⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation; and
⟦ἤχθραναν⟧ he/she/it/self all the/this/who/which power
the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
39 Trufōn but/and to_be the/this/who from_with Alexandrou
⟦τοπρότερον⟧, and to_perceive that/since all
the/this/who/which power ⟦καταγογγύζουσι⟧ of_the
Da^{y}ma^{y}triou, and to_travel to/with ⟦Εἰμαλκουαὶ⟧ the/this/who
Araba, which ⟦ἔτρεφε⟧ the/this/who Antiokon the/this/who
boy the/this/who of_the Alexandrou; **40** and ⟦προσήδρευεν⟧
he/she/it/self, that to_deliver he/she/it/self he/she/it/self,
that to_reign for of_the father
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_announce
he/she/it/self just_as/how_much ⟦συνετέλεσε⟧ Da^{y}ma^{y}trios,
and the/this/who hostility which ⟦ἐχθραίνουσιν⟧
he/she/it/self the/this/who/which power
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_stay there day
much. **41** and to_send Yōnathan to/with Da^{y}ma^{y}trion
the/this/who king, in_order_that/to to_expel the/this/who
out_from the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧ out_from Hierousala^{y}m, and
the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώμασιν⟧, to_be
for ⟦πολεμοῦντες⟧ the/this/who Israa^{y}l. **42** and to_send
Da^{y}ma^{y}trios to/with Yōnathan, to_speak, no alone/only
this/he/she/it to_do/make you and the/this/who Gentile_
_nation you, but glory/to_think to_glorify you and
the/this/who Gentile_nation you, if ⟦εὐκαιρίας⟧ ⟦τύχω⟧.
43 now therefore/then correctly to_do/make to_send I/we man
the/this/who/which ⟦συμμαχήσουσιν⟧, that/since to_leave all
the/this/who/which power I/we. **44** and to_send Yōnathan
man ⟦τρισχιλίους⟧ ⟦δυνατοὺς⟧ strength he/she/it/self toward
Antiokeian, and ⟦ἦλθοσαν⟧ to/with the/this/who king, and to_
_celebrate the/this/who king upon/to/against the/this/who
⟦ἐφόδῳ⟧ he/she/it/self. **45** and ⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧
the/this/who out_from the/this/who city toward midst
the/this/who city toward man twelve myriad, and
⟦ἠβούλοντο⟧ to_do_away_with the/this/who king. **46** and to_
_flee the/this/who king toward the/this/who
palace/courtyard, and ⟦κατελάβοντο⟧ the/this/who out_from
the/this/who city the/this/who ⟦διόδους⟧ the/this/who city,
and be_first ⟦πολεμεῖν⟧. **47** and to_call the/this/who king
the/this/who Youdaious upon/to/against help, and
⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self all together; and to_
scatter in/on/among the/this/who city all together; and to
_kill in/on/among the/this/who city the/this/who day that
toward myriad ten. **48** and ⟦ἐνεπύρισαν⟧ the/this/who city, and
⟦ἐλάβοσαν⟧ plunder much in/on/among that the/this/who
day, and ⟦ἔσωσαν⟧ the/this/who king. **49** and ⟦ἴδον⟧
the/this/who away_from the/this/who city that/since
⟦κατεκράτησαν⟧ the/this/who Jewish the/this/who city,
which/how ⟦ἠβούλοντο⟧, and ⟦ἠσθένησαν⟧ the/this/who
⟦διανοίαις⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐκέκραξαν⟧ to/with
the/this/who king with/after petition, to_speak, **50** to_give

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weapons and made peace. The Yehudim were glorified in the sight of the king, and before all who were in his kingdom. Then they returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), having much plunder. **52** So King Demetrios sat on the throne of his kingdom, and the land was quiet before him. **53** He lied in all that he spoke, and estranged himself from Yonatan (Jonathan), and didn't repay him according to the benefits with which he had repaid him, and treated him very harshly.

Yonatan supports the young Antiokos

54 Now after this, Trufon returned, and with him the young child Antiokos (Antiochus), who reigned and put on a crown. **55** All the forces which Demetrios had sent away with disgrace were gathered to him, and they fought against him, and he fled and was routed. **56** Trufon took the elephants, and took control of Antiokeia. **57** The young Antiokos wrote to Yonatan, saying, "I confirm to you the high priesthood, and appoint you over the four districts, and to be one of the king's[93] friends." **58** He sent to him golden vessels and furniture for the table, and gave him permission to drink in golden vessels, and to be clothed in purple, and to have a golden buckle. **59** He made his brother Shim'on (Simon) governor from the Ladder of Tsor (Tyre) to the borders of Mitsrayim (Egypt).

60 Yonatan went out and took his journey beyond the river and through the cities. All the forces of Aram (Syria) gathered themselves to him to be his allies. He came to Ashkelon, and the people of the city met him honourably. **61** He departed from there to Azah (Gaza), and Azah's people shut him out. So he besieged it and burnt its pasture lands with fire, and plundered them. **62** Azah's people pleaded with Yonatan, and he gave them his right hand, and took the sons of their princes for hostages, and sent them away to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). Then he passed through the country as far as Damesek (Damascus).

Yonatan defeats Demetrios' army

63 Then Yonatan heard that Demetrios' princes had come to Kedesh, which is in Galil, with a great army, intending to remove him from his office. **64** He went to meet them, but he left Shim'on his brother in the country. **65** Shim'on encamped against Beyt-Tsur, and fought against it many days, and hemmed it in. **66** They asked him to give them his right hand, and he gave it to them. He removed them from there, took possession of the city, and set a garrison over it.

67 Yonatan and his army encamped at the water of Gennaisaret, and early in the morning they marched to the plain of Hatsor. **68** Listen, an army of foreigners met him in the plain. They laid an ambush for him in the mountains, but they themselves met him face to face. **69** But those who lay in ambush rose out of their places and joined battle. All those who were on Yonatan's side fled. **70** Not one of them was left, except Matityah (Mattathias) the son of Avshalom (Absalom), and Yehudah (Judas) the son of Chalphi, captains of the forces. **71** Yonatan tore his clothes, put dirt on his head, and prayed. **72** He turned again to

93 RV 11:57 · Note See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

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them in battle, and routed them, and they fled. 73 When the men on his side who'd fled saw this, they returned to him and pursued with him to Kedesh to their camp, and they encamped there. 74 About three thousand men of the foreigners fell on that day. Then Yonatan returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

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I/we right, and ⟦παυσάσθωσαν⟧ the/this/who Jewish ⟦πολεμοῦντες⟧ I/we and the/this/who city. 51 and to_ _throw/lay_down the/this/who weapon, and to_do/make peace; and ⟦ἐδοξάσθησαν⟧ the/this/who Jewish against/in_ _front_of of_the king, and before all the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_turn toward Hierousalaʸm to_have/be plunder much. 52 and to_seat Daʸmaʸtrios the/this/who king upon/to/against throne the/this/who kingdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἡσύχασεν⟧ the/this/who earth before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 53 and ⟦ἐψεύσατο⟧ all just_as/how_much to_say, and ⟦ἠλλοτριώθη⟧ the/this/who Yōnathan, and no ⟦ἀνταπέδωκε⟧ according_to the/this/who enthusiasm which ⟦ἀνταπέδωκεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἔθλιβεν⟧ he/she/it/self very. 54 with/after but/and this/he/she/it ⟦ἀπέστρεψε⟧ Trufōn and Antiokos with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there boy ⟦νεώτερον⟧; and to_reign and ⟦ἐπέθετο⟧ diadem. 55 and ⟦ἐπισυνήχθησαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self all the/this/who/which power which ⟦ἀπεσκόρπισε⟧ Daʸmaʸtrios, and ⟦ἐπολέμησαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self, and to_flee and ⟦ἐτροπώθη⟧. 56 and to_take Trufōn the/this/who wild_animal, and ⟦κατεκράτησεν⟧ Antiokeias 57 and to_write Antiokos the/this/who new the/this/who Yōnathan, to_speak. to_stand you the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνην⟧, and to_appoint/conduct you upon/to/against the/this/who four ⟦νομῶν⟧, and to_be you the/this/who friendly/friend of_the king. 58 and to_send he/she/it/self ⟦χρυσώματα⟧ and service, and to_give he/she/it/self authority to_drink in/on/among ⟦χρυσώμασι⟧, and to_be in/on/among purple_cloth, and to_have/be ⟦πόρπην⟧ golden. 59 and Simōna the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_appoint/conduct ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦κλίμακος⟧ Turou until the/this/who region Aiguptou. 60 and to_go_out Yōnathan, and to_travel_through other_side of_the river, and in/on/among the/this/who city, and ⟦ἠθροίσθησαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self all the/this/who/which power Surias toward ⟦συμμαχίαν⟧, and to_come/go toward ⟦Ἀσκάλωνα⟧, and to_meet he/she/it/self the/this/who out_from the/this/who city gloriously. 61 and to_go_away from_there toward Gazan, and ⟦ἀπέκλεισαν⟧ the/this/who away_from treasury, and ⟦περιεκάθισε⟧ about he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦ἐνεπύρισε⟧ the/this/who ⟦περιπόλια⟧ he/she/it/self fire, and ⟦ἐσκύλευσεν⟧ he/she/it/self. 62 and ⟦ἠξίωσαν⟧ the/this/who away_from treasury the/this/who Yōnathan, and to_give he/she/it/self right, and to_take the/this/who son ruler he/she/it/self toward ⟦ὅμηρα⟧, and to_send_out/away he/she/it/self toward Hierousalaʸm, and to_pass_through the/this/who country until Damaskou. 63 and to_hear Yōnathan that/since be_present the/this/who ruler Daʸmaʸtriou toward Kadaʸs the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Galilaia, with/after power much, to_plan ⟦μεταστῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who need. 64 and to_ _meet he/she/it/self, the/this/who but/and brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Simōna to_leave_ _behind in/on/among the/this/who country. 65 and

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[[παρενέβαλε]] Simōn upon/to/against Baithsoura, and [[ἐπολέμει]] he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self day much, and to_confine he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **66** and [[ἠξίωσαν]] he/she/it/self of_the right to_take, and to_give he/she/it/self, and to_expel he/she/it/self from_there, and [[κατελάβετο]] the/this/who city, and to_place upon/to/against he/she/it/self [[φρουράν]]. **67** and Yōnathan and the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there [[παρενέβαλον]] upon/to/against the/this/who water Gennaʸsar, and [[ὤρθρισαν]] [[τοπρωΐ]] toward the/this/who a_ _plain [[Νασώρ]]. **68** and look! barracks [[ἀλλοφύλων]] [[ἀπήντα]] he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who [[πεδίῳ]], and to_ _expel hinderance upon/to/against he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who mountain, he/she/it/self but/and to_meet right_opposite. **69** the/this/who but/and plot/ambush to_raise_up out_from the/this/who place he/she/it/self, and [[συνῆψαν]] war; and to_flee the/this/who from_with Yōnathan all, **70** and_not one to_leave_behind away_from he/she/it/self, but/however Mattathias the/this/who of_the [[Ἀβεσσαλώμου]], and Youdas the/this/who of_the Ḳalfi, ruler the/this/who army the/this/who power. **71** and to_tear Yōnathan the/this/who clothing he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_put/lay_on earth upon/to/against the/this/who head he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_pray. **72** and to_return to/with he/she/it/self war, and [[ἐτροπώσατο]] he/she/it/self, and to_flee. **73** and [[ἴδον]] the/this/who [[φεύγοντες]] the/this/who from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_turn to/with he/she/it/self, and to_pursue with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there until Kadaʸs until the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self, and [[παρενέβαλον]] there. **74** and to_collapse out_from the/this/who [[ἀλλοφύλων]] in/on/among the/this/who day that toward man [[τρισχιλίους]]; and to_turn Yōnathan toward Hierousalaʸm.

12:1 and to_perceive Yōnathan that/since the/this/who time/right_time he/she/it/self to_work_with, and [[ἐπέλεξεν]] man, and to_send toward ʁōmaʸn, to_stand and [[ἀνανεώσασθαι]] the/this/who to/with he/she/it/self [[φιλίαν]]. **2** and to/with [[Σπαρτιάτας]], and place other to_send epistle according_to the/this/who he/she/it/self. **3** and to_ _travel toward ʁōmaʸn, and to_enter toward the/this/who [[βουλευτήριον]], and to_say, Yōnathan the/this/who high-priest and the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who Jewish to_send I/we [[ἀνανεώσασθαι]] the/this/who [[φιλίαν]] he/she/it/self, and the/this/who [[συμμαχίαν]] according_to the/this/who before/previously. **4** and to_give epistle he/she/it/self to/with he/she/it/self according_to place, that [[προπέμπωσιν]] he/she/it/self toward earth Youda with/after peace. **5** and this/he/she/it the/this/who a_transcript the/this/who epistle which to_write Yōnathan the/this/who [[Σπαρτιάταις]]; **6** Yōnathan high-priest, and the/this/who council_of_elders of_the Gentile_nation, and the/this/who priest, and the/this/who remaining people the/this/who

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Yonatan renews alliances with Romai and Sparta

12:1 Yonatan saw that the time was favourable for him, so he chose men and sent them to Romai to confirm and renew the friendship that they had with them. **2** He also sent similar letters to the Spartans, and to other places. **3** They went to Romai, entered into the senate house, and said, "Yonatan the high priest and the nation of the Yehudim have sent us to renew for them the friendship and the alliance, as in former time." **4** They gave them letters to the men in every place, that they should provide safe conduct for them on their way to the land of Yehudah (Judah). **5** This is the copy of the letters which Yonatan wrote to the Spartans:

6 "Yonatan the high priest, and the senate of the nation, and the priests, and the rest of the people of the Yehudim (Jews), to their kindred the Spartans, greetings. **7** Even before this time letters were sent to Honyo (Onias) the high priest from Arius,[94] who was reigning among you, to signify that you're our kindred,

94 RV 12:7 · Note So the old Latin versions and Josephus: compare also ver. 20. All the other authorities read Darius in this place.

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as the copy written below shows. 8 Honyo welcomed honourably the man who was sent and received the letters, wherein declaration was made of alliance and friendship. 9 Therefore we also, even though we need none of these things, having for our encouragement the holy books which are in our hands, 10 have undertaken to send that we might renew our brotherhood and friendship with you, to the end that we shouldn't become estranged from you altogether; for a long time has passed since you sent your letter to us. 11 We therefore at all times without ceasing, both in our feasts, and on the other convenient days, remember you in the sacrifices which we offer, and in our prayers, as it's right and proper to be mindful of kindred. 12 Moreover, we're glad for your glory. 13 But as for ourselves, many afflictions and many wars have encompassed us, and the kings who are around us have fought against us. 14 We were unwilling to be troublesome to you, and to the rest of our allies and friends, in these wars; 15 for we have the help which is from heaven to help us, and we've been delivered from our enemies, and our enemies have been humbled. 16 We chose therefore Numenios the son of Antiokos (Antiochus) and Antipater the son of Yason, and have sent them to the Romaios, to renew the friendship that we had with them, and the former alliance. 17 We commanded them therefore to go also to you, and to salute you, and to deliver you our letters about the renewing of friendship and our brotherhood. 18 And now you'll do well if you give us a reply."

19 And this is the copy of the letters which they sent to Honyo (Onias):

20 "Arius king of the Spartans to Honyo the chief priest, greetings. 21 It's been found in writing, about the Spartans and the Yehudim (Jews), that they're kindred, and that they're of the descendants of Avraham. 22 Now, since this has come to our knowledge, you'll do well to write to us of your[95] prosperity. 23 We moreover write on our part to you, that your livestock and goods are ours, and ours are yours. We do command therefore that they make report to you accordingly."

Yonatan and Shim'on strengthen the country

24 Now Yonatan (Jonathan) heard that Demetrios' princes had returned to fight against him with a greater army than before, 25 so he marched away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and met them in the country of Hamat; for he gave them no opportunity to set foot in his country. 26 He sent spies into his camp, and they came again, and reported to him that they were preparing to attack them at night. 27 But as soon as the sun was down, Yonatan commanded his men to watch, and to be armed, that all the night long they might be ready for battle. He stationed sentinels around the camp. 28 The adversaries heard that Yonatan and his men were ready for battle, and they feared, and trembled in their hearts, and they kindled fires in their camp then withdrew. 29 But Yonatan and his men didn't know it until

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Jewish, ⟦Σπαρτιάταις⟧ the/this/who brother to_rejoice. 7 still before/previously ⟦ἀπεστάλησαν⟧ epistle to/with Onian the/this/who high-priest from_with Dareiou of_the ⟦βασιλεύοντος⟧ in/on/among you, that/since to_be brother I/we, which/how the/this/who a_transcript ⟦ὑπόκειται⟧. 8 and ⟦ἐπεδέξατο⟧ Onias the/this/who man the/this/who ⟦ἀπεσταλμένον⟧ gloriously, and to_take the/this/who epistle in/on/among which ⟦διεσαφεῖτο⟧ about ⟦συμμαχίας⟧ and ⟦φιλίας⟧. 9 and I/we therefore/then ⟦ἀπροσδεεῖς⟧ this/he/she/it to_be, encouragement to_have/be the/this/who scroll the/this/who holy the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who hand I/we, 10 ⟦ἐπειράθημεν⟧ to_send the/this/who to/with you brotherhood and ⟦φιλίαν⟧ ⟦ἀνανεώσασθαι⟧, to/with the/this/who not ⟦ἐξαλλοτριωθῆναι⟧ you; much for time/right_time to_pass_ _through away_from which/whither ⟦ἀπεστείλατε⟧ to/with I/we. 11 I/we therefore/then in/on/among all time/right_time unceasingly in/on/among and/both the/this/who ⟦ἑορταῖς⟧ and the/this/who ⟦λοιπαῖς⟧ ⟦καθηκούσαις⟧ day ⟦μιμνησκόμεθα⟧ you, upon/to/against which ⟦προσφέρομεν⟧ sacrifice, and in/on/among the/this/who prayer, which/how be_necessary he_is and be_proper to_remember brother. 12 ⟦Εὐφραινόμεθα⟧ but/and upon/to/against the/this/who glory/to_think you. 13 I/we but/and to_surround much pressure, and war much, and ⟦ἐπολέμησαν⟧ I/we the/this/who king the/this/who surrounding I/we. 14 and no ⟦ἠβουλόμεθα⟧ therefore/then to_trouble you, and the/this/who remaining ⟦συμμάχοις⟧, and friendly/friend I/we, in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πολέμοις⟧ this/he/she/it. 15 to_have/be for the/this/who out_from heaven help ⟦βοηθοῦσαν⟧ I/we, and ⟦ἐῤῥύσθημεν⟧ away_from the/this/who enemy I/we, and ⟦ἐταπεινώθησαν⟧ the/this/who enemy I/we. 16 ⟦Ἐπελέξαμεν⟧ therefore/then Nouma^{y}nion Antioḳou and Antipatron ⟦Ἰάσωνος⟧, and to_send to/with Roman ⟦ἀνενεώσασθαι⟧ the/this/who to/with he/she/it/self ⟦φιλίαν⟧ and ⟦συμμαχίαν⟧ the/this/who before. 17 ⟦Ἐνετειλάμεθα⟧ therefore/then he/she/it/self and to/with you to_travel, and ⟦ἀσπάσασθαι⟧ you, and to_pay you the/this/who from_with I/we epistle about the/this/who ⟦ἀνανεώσεως⟧ and the/this/who ⟦ἀδελφότητος⟧ I/we. 18 and now well to_ _do/make ⟦ἀντιφωνήσαντες⟧ I/we to/with this/he/she/it. 19 and this/he/she/it the/this/who a_transcript the/this/who epistle which to_send. ⟦Ὀνιάρης⟧ 20 king ⟦Σπαρτιατῶν⟧ Onia priest great to_rejoice. 21 to_find/meet in/on/among a_writing about and/both the/this/who ⟦Σπαρτιατῶν⟧ and Jewish that/since to_be brother, and that/since to_be out_from family Habra'am. 22 and now away_from which/whither ⟦ἔγνωμεν⟧ this/he/she/it, well to_do/make ⟦γράφοντες⟧ I/we about the/this/who peace you. 23 and I/we but/and ⟦ἀντιγράφομεν⟧ you, the/this/who animal you and the/this/who property you I/we he_is, and the/this/who I/we you to_be; ⟦ἐντελλόμεθα⟧ therefore/then that ⟦ἀπαγγείλωσιν⟧ you according_to this/he/she/it. 24 and to_hear Yōnathan that/since to_turn the/this/who ruler Da^{y}ma^{y}triou with/after power much above/for the/this/who before/previously of_the to_fight to/with he/she/it/self. 25 and ⟦ἀπῆρεν⟧ out_from

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Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦ἀπήντησεν⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who ⟦Ἀμαθῖτιν⟧ country; no for to_give he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνοχὴν⟧ ⟦ἐμβατεῦσαι⟧ toward the/this/who country he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **26** and to_ _send spy toward the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀπέστρεψαν⟧, and to_announce he/she/it/self, that/since thus(-ly) ⟦τάσσονται⟧ ⟦ἐπιπεσεῖν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self the/this/who night. **27** which/how but/and to_ _set the/this/who sun, ⟦ἐπέταζεν⟧ Yōnathan the/this/who from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦γρηγορεῖν⟧, and to_be upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ὅπλοις⟧, and ⟦ἑτοιμάζεσθαι⟧ toward war through/because_of all the/this/who night, and to_expel ⟦προφύλακας⟧ surrounding the/this/who barracks. **28** and to_hear the/this/who ⟦ὑπεναντίοι⟧ that/since to_make_ready Yōnathan and the/this/who from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward war, and to_ _fear and ⟦ἔπτηξαν⟧ the/this/who heart he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀνέκαυσαν⟧ ⟦πυρὰς⟧ in/on/among the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self. **29** Yōnathan but/and and the/this/who from_ _with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no to_know until early, to_see for the/this/who light ⟦καιόμενα⟧. **30** and to_seek Yōnathan after he/she/it/self, and no to_grasp he/she/it/self, to_cross for the/this/who Eleutheron river. **31** and ⟦ἐξέκλινεν⟧ Yōnathan upon/to/against the/this/who Arabas the/this/who ⟦καλουμένους⟧ ⟦Ζαβεδαίους⟧, and to_ _strike he/she/it/self, and to_take the/this/who plunder he/she/it/self. **32** and ⟦ἀναζεύξας⟧ to_come/go toward Damaskon, and ⟦διώδευσεν⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who country. **33** and Simōn to_go_out, and ⟦διώδευσεν⟧ until ⟦Ἀσκάλωνος⟧, and the/this/who ⟦πλησίων⟧ stronghold, and ⟦ἐξέκλινεν⟧ toward Yoppaʸn, and ⟦προκατελάβετο⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **34** to_hear for that/since ⟦βούλονται⟧ the/this/who stronghold to_deliver the/this/who from_with Daʸmaʸtriou, and to_place there ⟦φρουρὰν⟧, that ⟦φυλάσσωσιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **35** and to_ _turn Yōnathan, and ⟦ἐξεκκλησίασε⟧ the/this/who elder of_ _the a_people, and ⟦ἐβουλεύσατο⟧ with/after he/she/it/self of_ _the to_build ⟦ὀξυρώματα⟧ in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia, **36** and ⟦προσυψῶσαι⟧ the/this/who wall Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦ὑψῶσαι⟧ height great ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧ and the/this/who city, toward the/this/who ⟦διαχωρίζειν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who city, in_order_that/to to_be this/he/she/it according_to alone, that neither ⟦ἀγοράζωσι⟧ neither ⟦πωλῶσι⟧. **37** and to_assemble of_the to_build the/this/who city, and to_come_near of_the wall of_the brook of_the out_ _from ⟦ἀπηλιώτου⟧, and ⟦ἐπεσκεύασαν⟧ the/this/who to_call Ḳafenatha. **38** and Simōn to_build the/this/who Adida in/on/among the/this/who Sefaʸla, and ⟦ὠχύρωσε⟧ door and ⟦μοχλούς⟧. **39** and to_seek Trufōn to_reign the/this/who Asias, and ⟦περιθέσθαι⟧ the/this/who diadem, and ⟦ἐκτεῖναι⟧ hand upon/to/against Antiokon the/this/who king. **40** and to_fear lest no ⟦ἐάσῃ⟧ he/she/it/self Yōnathan, and lest ⟦πολεμήσῃ⟧

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the morning; for they saw the fires burning. **30** Yonatan pursued after them, but didn't overtake them; for they'd gone over the river Eleutherus. **31** Then Yonatan turned towards the Aravim, who are called Zabadaeans, and struck them, and took their spoils. **32** He came out from there, and came to Damesek (Damascus), and took his journey through all the country.

33 Shim'on (Simon) went out, and took his journey as far as Ashkelon, and the fortresses that were near it. Then he turned towards Yafo (Joppa) and took possession of it; **34** for he'd heard that they were planning to hand over the fortress to Demetrios' men. He set a garrison there to guard it.

35 Then Yonatan returned and called the people's elders together. He planned with them to build fortresses in Yehudah (Judea), **36** and to make Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) walls higher, and to raise a great mound between the citadel and the city, to separate it from the city, that so it might be isolated, that its garrison might neither buy nor sell. **37** They were gathered together to build the city. Part of the wall of the brook that's on the east side fell down, and he repaired the section called Kafenata. **38** Shim'on also built Hadid in the[96] plain country, made it strong, and set up gates and bars.

Trufon captures Yonatan by deceit

39 And Trufon strived to reign over Asia and to crown himself, and to stretch out his hand against Antiokos (Antiochus) the king. **40** He was afraid that Yonatan wouldn't allow him, and that he'd fight against him; and he looked for a way to seize him, that he might destroy him. So he marched out and came to Beyt-Shean. **41** Yonatan came out to meet him with forty thousand men chosen for battle, and came to Beyt-Shean. **42** Trufon saw that he came with a great army, and he was afraid to stretch out his hand against him. **43** He received him honourably, and commended him to all his[97] friends, and gave him gifts, and commanded his forces to be obedient to him, as to himself. **44** He said to Yonatan, "Why have you put all this people to so much trouble, seeing there's no war between us? **45** Now send them away to their homes, but choose for yourself a few men who'll be with you, and come with me to Ptolemais, and I'll give it to you, and the rest of the fortresses and the rest of the forces, and all the king's officers. Then I'll turn around and depart; for this is why I came."

46 He put his trust in him, and did even as he said, and sent away his forces, and they departed into the land of Yehudah (Judah). **47** But he reserved to himself three thousand men, of whom he left two thousand in Galil, but one thousand went with him. **48** Now as soon as Yonatan entered into Ptolemais, Ptolemais' people shut the gates and seized him. They killed all those who came in with him with the sword.

49 Trufon sent troops and cavalry into Galil, and into the Great Plain, to destroy all Yonatan's men. **50** They perceived that he'd been seized and had perished, along with those who were with

96 RV 12:38 · Note Grk. Sephela.

97 RV 12:43 · Note See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

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him. They encouraged one another and went on their way close together, prepared to fight. 51 Those who followed them saw that they were ready to fight for their lives, and turned back again. 52 They all came in peace into the land of Yehudah, and they mourned for Yonatan and those who were with him, and they were very afraid. All Yisrael (Israel) mourned with a great mourning. 53 And all the Gentiles who were around them tried to completely destroy them, saying, "They have no ruler nor anyone to help them. Now therefore let's fight against them, and take away their memory from among men."

Shim'on takes over the leadership

13:1 Shim'on (Simon) heard that Trufon had gathered together a mighty army to come into the land of Yehudah and destroy it utterly. 2 He saw

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to/with he/she/it/self, and to_seek ⟦πόρον⟧ of_the to_ _seize/conceive/help the/this/who Yōnathan of_the to_release he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀπάρας⟧ to_come/go toward Baithsan. 41 and to_go_out Yōnathan toward meeting he/she/it/self in/on/among forty thousand man ⟦ἐπιλελεγμέναις⟧ toward ⟦παράταξιν⟧, and to_come/go toward Baithsan. 42 and to_ _perceive Trufōn that/since be_present Yōnathan with/after power much, and ⟦ἐκτεῖναι⟧ hand upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦εὐλαβήθη⟧. 43 and ⟦ἐπεδέξατο⟧ he/she/it/self gloriously, and ⟦συνέστησεν⟧ he/she/it/self all the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_give he/she/it/self gift, and to_command the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_obey he/she/it/self which/how my/your/him-self. 44 and to_say the/this/who Yōnathan, why? ⟦ἔκοψας⟧ all the/this/who a_ _people this/he/she/it, ⟦πολέμου⟧ not ⟦ἐνεστηκότος⟧ I/we? 45 and now to_send he/she/it/self toward the/this/who house he/she/it/self, ⟦ἐπίλεξαι⟧ but/and yourself man ⟦ὀλίγους⟧ who/which to_be with/after you, and come with/after I/we/my toward Ptolemaida, and to_deliver you he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self and the/this/who remaining ⟦ὀχυρώματα⟧ and the/this/who power the/this/who remaining and all the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who hand, and to_turn to_go_away, this/he/she/it for because_ _of/grace be_present. 46 and ⟦ἐμπιστεύσας⟧ he/she/it/self to_ _do/make as/just_as to_say, and to_send_out/away the/this/who power, and to_go_away toward earth Youda. 47 to_leave_behind but/and with/after my/your/him-self man ⟦τρισχιλίους⟧, which ⟦δισχιλίους⟧ to_release in/on/among the/this/who Galilaia, thousand but/and to_assemble he/she/it/self. 48 which/how but/and to_enter Yōnathan toward Ptolemaida, ⟦ἀπέκλεισαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦Πτολεμαεῖς⟧ the/this/who gate, and to_seize/conceive/help he/she/it/self, and all the/this/who ⟦εἰσελθόντας⟧ with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_kill in/on/among sword. 49 and to_send Trufōn power, and ⟦ἵππον⟧ toward the/this/who Galilaian, and the/this/who a_plain the/this/who great, of_the to_destroy all the/this/who from_ _with Yōnathan. 50 and to_come_to_know that/since ⟦συνελήφθη⟧ Yōnathan and ⟦ἀπόλωλε⟧, and the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_ _plead/comfort my/your/him-self, and to_travel ⟦συνεστραμμένοι⟧ ready toward war. 51 and ⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who to_pursue that/since about soul he/she/it/self he_is, and to_turn. 52 and to_come/go all with/after peace toward earth Youda, and ⟦ἐπένθησαν⟧ the/this/who Yōnathan, and the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_fear very, and ⟦ἐπένθησε⟧ the/this/who Israaʸl grief great. 53 and to_seek all the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who surrounding he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκτρίψαι⟧ he/she/it/self; to_say for, no to_ _have/be ruler and ⟦βοηθοῦντα⟧; now therefore/then ⟦πολεμήσωμεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐξάρωμεν⟧ out_from a_ _human the/this/who memorial he/she/it/self.

13:1 and to_hear Simōn that/since to_assemble Trufōn power much of_the to_come/go toward earth Youda, and out_from ⟦ρίψαι⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. 2 and to_perceive the/this/who a_people that/since to_be trembling, and afraid,

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and to_ascend toward Hierousalaʸm, and ⟦ἤθροισε⟧
the/this/who a_people. 3 and to_plead/comfort he/she/it/self,
and to_say he/she/it/self, he/she/it/self to_perceive just_
_as/how_much I/we, and the/this/who brother I/we,
the/this/who and house of_the father I/we, to_do/make about
the/this/who ⟦νόμων⟧, and the/this/who holy, and
the/this/who war, and the/this/who ⟦στενοχωρίας⟧ which to_
_perceive. 4 this/he/she/it because_of/grace to_destroy
the/this/who brother I/we all because_of/grace of_the Israaʸl,
and ⟦κατελείφθην⟧ I/we alone. 5 and now not I/we to_be
⟦φείσασθαί⟧ I/we the/this/who soul in/on/among all
time/right_time pressure, no for to_be greater the/this/who
brother I/we. 6 but/however to_avenge about of_the Gentile_
_nation I/we, and about the/this/who holy, and about
the/this/who woman and the/this/who child I/we, that/since
to_assemble all the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦ἐκτρίψαι⟧ I/we
⟦ἔχθρας⟧ because_of/grace. 7 and ⟦ἀνεζωοπύρησε⟧
the/this/who spirit/breath of_the a_people together
the/this/who to_hear the/this/who word this/he/she/it, 8 and
to_answer voice/sound great, to_speak, you to_be I/we to_
_govern for Youda, and Yōnathan of_the brother you.
9 ⟦Πολέμησον⟧ the/this/who war I/we, and all just_as/how_
_much if to_say I/we, to_do/make. 10 and to_assemble all
the/this/who man the/this/who ⟦πολεμιστὰς⟧, and ⟦ἐτάχυνε⟧
of_the ⟦τελέσαι⟧ the/this/who wall Hierousalaʸm, and
⟦ὠχύρωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self around. 11 and
to_send Yōnathan the/this/who of_the ⟦Ἀβεσσαλώμου⟧ and
with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there power
⟦ἱκανὴν⟧ toward Yoppaʸn, and to_expel the/this/who to_be
in/on/among he/she/it/self, and to_stay there in/on/among
he/she/it/self. 12 and ⟦ἀπῆρε⟧ Trufōn away_from
⟦Πτολεμαΐδος⟧ with/after power much to_enter toward earth
Youda, and Yōnathan with/after
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among
prison/watch. 13 Simōn but/and ⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ in/on/among
Adida according_to face of_the ⟦πεδίου⟧. 14 and ⟦ἐπέγνω⟧
Trufōn that/since to_arise Simōn for Yōnathou of_the brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and that/since
⟦συνάπτειν⟧ he/she/it/self to_ensue war, and to_send to/with
he/she/it/self ⟦πρέσβεις⟧, to_speak, 15 about money
which/whither to_owe Yōnathan the/this/who brother you
toward the/this/who royal through/because_of which to_
_have/be need ⟦συνέχομεν⟧ he/she/it/self. 16 and now to_send
money talent hundred, and two the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ὅμηρα⟧, that not
⟦ἀφεθεὶς⟧ ⟦ἀποστατήσῃ⟧ away_from I/we, and ⟦ἀφήσομεν⟧
he/she/it/self. 17 and to_know Simōn that/since deceit to_
_speak to/with he/she/it/self, and to_send the/this/who
money, and the/this/who ⟦παιδάρια⟧, lest hostility to_take_up
great to/with the/this/who a_people, 18 to_speak, that/since
no to_send he/she/it/self the/this/who money and
the/this/who ⟦παιδάρια⟧, and to_destroy. 19 and to_send
the/this/who ⟦παιδάρια⟧, and the/this/who hundred talent;
and ⟦διεψεύσατο⟧, and no to_release the/this/who Yōnathan.
20 and with/after this/he/she/it to_come/go Trufōn of_the
⟦ἐμβατεῦσαι⟧ toward the/this/who country, and ⟦ἐκτρίψαι⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and ⟦ἐκύκλωσεν⟧ road
the/this/who toward Adōra; and Simōn and the/this/who

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that the people were trembling in great fear. So he went up to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and gathered the people together. 3 He encouraged them, and said to them, "You yourselves know all the things that I, my kindred, and my father's house have done for the laws and the sanctuary, and the battles and the distresses which we've seen. 4 Because of this, all my brothers have perished for Yisrael's sake, and I'm left alone. 5 Now be it far from me, that I should spare my own life in any time of affliction, for I'm not better than my kindred. 6 However, I'll take vengeance for my nation, for the sanctuary, and for our wives and children, because all the Gentiles have gathered out of hatred to destroy us."

7 The people's spirit revived as soon as they heard these words. 8 They answered with a loud voice, saying, "You're our leader in the place of Yehudah and Yonatan (Jonathan) your brothers. 9 Fight our battles, and we'll do all that you tell us to do."

10 He gathered together all the men of war, and hurried to finish Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) walls. He fortified it all around. 11 He sent Yonatan the son of Avshalom (Absalom), and with him a great army, to Yafo (Joppa). He threw out those who were in it, and lived there.

Trufon demands a ransom for Yonatan

12 Trufon left Ptolemais with a mighty army to enter into the land of Yehudah, and Yonatan was with him under guard. 13 But Shim'on encamped at Hadid, near the plain. 14 Trufon knew that Shim'on had risen up in the place of his brother Yonatan, and meant to join battle with him, so he sent ambassadors to him, saying, 15 "It's for money which Yonatan your brother owed to the king's treasury, because of the offices which he had, that we're detaining him. 16 Now send one hundred talents of silver and two of his sons for hostages, so that when he's released he may not revolt against us, and we'll release him."

17 Shim'on (Simon) knew that they spoke to him deceitfully, but he sent to get the money and the children, to avoid arousing great hostility among the people, 18 who might say, "Because I didn't send him the money and the children, he perished." 19 So he sent the children and the hundred talents, but Trufon lied, and didn't release Yonatan.

20 After this, Trufon came to invade the land and destroy it, and he went around by the way that leads to Adorayim. Shim'on and his army marched near him to every place, wherever he went. 21 Now the people of the citadel sent to Trufon ambassadors, urging him to come to them through the wilderness, and to send them food. 22 So Trufon prepared all his cavalry to come, but on that night a very heavy snow fell, and he didn't come because of the snow. He marched off and went into the land of Gilead. 23 When he came near to Bascama, he killed Yonatan, and he was buried there. 24 Then Trufon turned back, and went away into his own land.

Shim'on buries Yonatan

25 Shim'on sent, and took the bones of Yonatan his brother, and buried him at Modi'in, the city of his fathers. 26 All Yisrael (Israel) made great

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lamentation over him, and mourned for him many days.
27 Shim'on built a monument on the tomb of his father and his kindred, and raised it high so that it could be seen, with polished stone on the front and back. **28** He also set up seven pyramids, one near another, for his father, his mother, and his four brothers. **29** Because these, he made an elaborate setting, erecting great pillars around them, and on the pillars he made suits of armour for a perpetual memorial, and beside the suits of armour, he carved ships, so that they could be seen by all who sail on the sea. **30** This is the tomb which he made at Modi'in. It remains to this day.

Yisrael gains independence

31 Now Trufon deceived the young King Antiokos (Antiochus) and killed him, **32** and reigned in his place. He put on himself the crown of Asia and brought a great calamity on the land. **33** Shim'on built up the fortresses of Yehudah (Judea), and walled them all around with high towers, great walls, gates, and bars; and he stored food in the fortresses. **34** Shim'on chose men, and sent to King Demetrios with a request that he grant the country an immunity, because all that Trufon did was to plunder. **35** King Demetrios sent to him according to these words, and answered him, and wrote a letter to him, as follows:

36 "King Demetrios to Shim'on the high priest and friend[98] of kings, and to the elders and nation of the Yehudim (Jews), greetings. **37** The golden crown and the palm branch, which you sent, we've received. We're ready to make a steadfast peace with you, yes, and to write to our officers to release you from tribute. **38** Whatever things we confirmed to you, they're confirmed. The fortresses, which you've built, let them be your own. **39** As for any oversights and faults committed to this day, we forgive them, and the crown tax which you owed us. If there were any other tax collected in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), let it be collected no longer. **40** If any among you're qualified to be enrolled in our court, let them be enrolled, and let there be peace between us."

41 In the one hundred seventieth year,[99] the yoke of the Gentiles was taken away from Yisrael (Israel). **42** The people began to write in their instruments and contracts, "In the first year of Shim'on, the great high priest and captain and leader of the Yehudim."

Shim'on captures Gezer

43 In those days Shim'on encamped against[100] Gezer, and surrounded it with troops. He made a siege engine, and brought it up to the city, and struck a tower, and captured it. **44** Those who were in the engine leapt out into the city; and there was a great uproar in the city. **45** The people of the city tore their clothes, and went up on the walls with their wives and children, and cried with a loud

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barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
⟦ἀντιπαρῆγεν⟧ he/she/it/self toward all place which/whither
if to_travel. **21** the/this/who but/and out_from the/this/who
⟦ἄκρας⟧ ⟦ἀπέστελλον⟧ to/with ⟦Τρύφωνα⟧ ⟦πρεσβευτὰς⟧
⟦κατασπεύδοντας⟧ he/she/it/self of_the to_come/go ⟦προὺς⟧
he/she/it/self through/because_of the/this/who deserted,
and; to_send he/she/it/self food. **22** and to_make_ready Trufōn
all the/this/who ⟦ἵππον⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_come/go
in/on/among the/this/who night that; and to_be snow much
very, and no to_come/go through/because_of the/this/who
snow, and ⟦ἀπῆρε⟧, and to_come/go toward the/this/who
Gala'aditin. **23** which/how but/and to_come_near
the/this/who Baskama, to_kill the/this/who Yōnathan, and to_
_bury there. **24** and to_turn Trufōn, and to_go_away toward
the/this/who earth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
25 and to_send Simōn, and to_take the/this/who ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧
Yōnathan of_the brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἔθαψεν⟧
he/she/it/self in/on/among Mōdein city the/this/who father
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **26** and ⟦ἐκόψαντο⟧
he/she/it/self all Israa^{y}l lamentation great, and ⟦ἐπένθησαν⟧
he/she/it/self day much. **27** and to_build Simōn
upon/to/against the/this/who grave of_the father
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who
brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_lift_up
he/she/it/self the/this/who appearance/vision stone ⟦ξεστῷ⟧
out_from the/this/who after and out_from the/this/who
before. **28** and to_stand upon/to/against he/she/it/self seven
⟦πυραμίδας⟧, one before the/this/who one, the/this/who
father and the/this/who mother and the/this/who mother and
the/this/who four brother. **29** and this/he/she/it to_do/make
⟦μηχανήματα⟧, to_put_on ⟦στύλους⟧ great, and to_do/make
upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦στύλοις⟧ ⟦πανοπλίας⟧ toward
name eternal, and from_with the/this/who ⟦πανοπλίαις⟧ boat
⟦ἐπιγεγλυμμένα⟧, toward the/this/who ⟦θεωρεῖσθαι⟧
by/under all the/this/who to_sail the/this/who sea.
30 this/he/she/it the/this/who grave which to_do/make
in/on/among Mōdein, until the/this/who day this/he/she/it.
31 the/this/who but/and Trufōn to_travel deceit with/after
Antiokou of_the king of_the ⟦νεωτέρου⟧, and to_kill
he/she/it/self, **32** and to_reign ⟦ἀντ'⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦περιέθετο⟧
diadem the/this/who Asias, and to_do/make
plague/blow/wound great upon/to/against the/this/who
earth. **33** and to_build Simōn the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώματα⟧
the/this/who Jewish/Judea, and ⟦περιετείχισε⟧ ⟦πύργοις⟧ high,
and ⟦τείχεσι⟧ ⟦μεγάλοις⟧, and ⟦πύλαις⟧, and ⟦μοχλοῖς⟧, and to_
_place food in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώμασι⟧. **34** and
⟦ἐπέλεξε⟧ Simōn man, and to_send to/with Da^{y}ma^{y}trion
the/this/who king of_the to_do/make forgiveness

98 **RV 13:36 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

99 **RV 13:41 · Note** circa B.C. 143.

100 **RV 13:43 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 13:53 (compare 1 Maccabees 13:48); 1 Maccabees 14:7, 34; 15:28; 16:1: also Josephus. All the authorities read Gaza in this verse.

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the/this/who country, that/since all the/this/who/which action ⟦Τρύφωνος⟧ to_be ⟦ἁρπαγαί⟧. **35** and to_send he/she/it/self Da^{y}ma^{y}trios the/this/who king according_to the/this/who word this/he/she/it; and to_answer he/she/it/self, and to_write he/she/it/self epistle such_as_ _this; **36** king Da^{y}ma^{y}trios ⟦Σίμονι⟧ high-priest and to_love king, and elder, and Gentile_nation Jewish to_rejoice. **37** the/this/who crown the/this/who golden, and the/this/who ⟦βαΐνην⟧ which ⟦ἀπεστείλατε⟧, ⟦κεκομίσμεθα⟧, and ready to_be of_the to_do/make you peace great, and to_ _write the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦χρειῶν⟧ of_the to_release you ⟦ἀφέματα⟧. **38** and just_as/how_much to_ _stand to/with you to_stand, and the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώματα⟧ which ⟦ᾠκοδομήκατε⟧ ⟦ὑπαρχέτω⟧ you. **39** to_release but/and ⟦ἀγνοήματα⟧ and the/this/who sin until the/this/who today day, and the/this/who crown which to_owe, and if one another ⟦ἐτελωνεῖτο⟧ in/on/among Hierousala^{y}m, never_again ⟦τελωνείσθω⟧. **40** and if one ⟦ἐπιτήδειοι⟧ you ⟦γραφῆναι⟧ toward the/this/who about I/we, ⟦ἐγγραφέσθωσαν⟧, and to_be ⟦ἀναμέσον⟧ I/we peace. **41** ⟦Ἔτους⟧ ⟦ἑβδομηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ to_take_up the/this/who yoke/scales the/this/who Gentile_nation away_from of_the Israa^{y}l. **42** and be_first the/this/who a_people Israa^{y}l to_write in/on/among the/this/who ⟦συγγραφαῖς⟧ and ⟦συναλλάγμασιν⟧, ⟦ἔτους⟧ first upon/to/against Simōnos high-priest great and ⟦στρατηγοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἡγουμένου⟧ Jewish. **43** in/on/among the/this/who day that ⟦παρενέβαλε⟧ Simōn upon/to/against Gazan, and ⟦ἐκύκλωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦παρεμβολαῖς⟧, and to_do/make ⟦ἑλεπόλεις⟧ and ⟦προσήγαγε⟧ the/this/who city, and to_strike tower one and ⟦κατελάβετο⟧. **44** and ⟦ἐξήλλοντο⟧ the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἑλεπόλει⟧ toward the/this/who city, and to_be moving_things great in/on/among the/this/who city. **45** and to_ascend the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who city with the/this/who ⟦γυναιξὶ⟧ and the/this/who child upon/to/against the/this/who wall ⟦διεῤῥηχότες⟧ the/this/who clothing he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ voice/sound great ⟦ἀξιοῦντες⟧ Simōna right he/she/it/self to_ _give, **46** and to_say, not I/we ⟦χρήσῃ⟧ according_to the/this/who evil I/we, but according_to the/this/who mercy you. **47** and ⟦συνελύθη⟧ Simōn he/she/it/self, and no to_fight he/she/it/self; and to_expel he/she/it/self out_from the/this/who city, and to_clean the/this/who home in/on/among which to_be the/this/who idol, and thus(-ly) to_ _enter toward he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦ὑμνῶν⟧ and to_praise/bless. **48** and to_expel out_from he/she/it/self all impurity, and to_settle there man who/which the/this/who law to_do/make, and ⟦προσωχύρωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, and to_build my/your/him-self in/on/among/one he/she/it/self ⟦οἴκησιν⟧. **49** the/this/who but/and out_from the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧ in/on/among Hierousala^{y}m ⟦ἐκωλύοντο⟧ to_depart and ⟦εἰσπορεύεσθαι⟧ toward the/this/who country, and ⟦ἀγοράζειν⟧ and ⟦πωλεῖν⟧, and to_hunger very, and to_destroy

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voice, asking Shim'on to give them[101] his right hand. **46** They said, "Don't deal with us according to our wickednesses, but according to your mercy." **47** So Shim'on was reconciled to them, and didn't fight against them; but he expelled them from the city and cleansed the houses where the idols were, and then entered into it with singing and giving praise. **48** He removed all uncleanness out of it, and placed in it men who'd keep the law, and made it stronger than it was before, and built a dwelling place for himself in it.

The citadel in Yerushalem surrenders

49 But the people of the citadel in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) were hindered from going out and from going into the country, and from buying and selling. So they were very hungry, and a great number of them perished from famine. **50** Then they cried out to Shim'on, that he should give them his right hand; and he gave it to them; but he expelled them from there, and he cleansed the citadel from its pollutions. **51** He entered into it on the twenty-third day of the second month, in the one hundred and seventy-first year,[102] with praise and palm branches, with harps, with cymbals, and with stringed instruments, with hymns, and with songs, because a great enemy had been destroyed out of Yisrael (Israel). **52** Shim'on ordained that they should keep that day every year with gladness. He made the hill of the temple that was by the citadel stronger than before, and he lived there with his men. **53** Shim'on saw that his son Yohan (John) was a man, so he made him leader of all his forces; and he lived in Gezer.

101 **RV 13:45 · Note** Grk. right hands.

102 **RV 13:51 · Note** circa B.C. 142.

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14:1 In the one hundred and seventy-second year,[103] King Demetrios gathered his forces together, and went into Maday (Media) to get help, that he might fight against Trufon. **2** When Arsakes, the king of Paras (Persia) and Maday, heard that Demetrios had come into his borders, he sent one of his princes to take him alive. **3** He went and struck Demetrios' army, and seized him and brought him to Arsakes, who put him under guard.

Demetrios is captured

4 The land had rest all the days of Shim'on. He strived for the good of his nation. His authority and his honour was pleasing to them all his days. **5** Amid all his honours, he took Yafo (Joppa) for a harbour, and made it an entrance for the islands of the sea. **6** He enlarged the borders of his nation and took possession of the country. **7** He gathered together a great number of captives, and took control of Gezer, Beyt-Tsur, and the citadel, and he removed its uncleannesses from it. There was no one who resisted him. **8** They tilled their land in peace, and the land gave her increase, and the trees of the plains gave their fruit. **9** The old men sat in the streets; they all conversed together about good things. The young men put on glorious and warlike clothing. **10** He provided food for the cities and furnished them with means of defence, until the glory of his name was known to the end of the earth. **11** He made peace in the land, and Yisrael (Israel) rejoiced with great joy. **12** Each man sat under his vine and his fig tree, and there was no one to make them afraid. **13** No one was left in the land who fought against them. The kings were defeated in those days. **14** He strengthened all those of his people who were humble. He searched out the law, and every lawless and wicked person he took away. **15** He glorified the

Peace and prosperity under Shim'on

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out_from he/she/it/self sufficient the/this/who hunger. **50** and ⟦ἐβόησαν⟧ to/with Simōna right to_take, and to_give he/she/it/self, and to_expel he/she/it/self from_there, and to_ _clean the/this/who ⟦ἄκραν⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦μιασμάτων⟧. **51** and to_enter toward he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who third and ⟦εἰκάδι⟧ of_the secondly ⟦μηνὸς⟧ ⟦ἔτους⟧ one and ⟦ἑβδομηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ with/after praise and ⟦βαΐων⟧, and in/on/among ⟦κινύραις⟧, and in/on/among ⟦κυμβάλοις⟧, and in/on/among ⟦νάβλαις⟧, and in/on/among hymn, and in/on/among song, that/since ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ enemy great out_from Israaʸl. **52** and to_stand according_to year of_ _the to_bring the/this/who day this/he/she/it with/after joy; and ⟦προσωχύρωσε⟧ the/this/who mountain of_the temple the/this/who from_with the/this/who ⟦ἄκραν⟧, and ⟦ᾠκει⟧ there he/she/it/self and the/this/who from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **53** and to_perceive Simōn the/this/who Yōannaʸn son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that/since man he_is, and to_place he/she/it/self to_govern the/this/who power all, and ⟦ᾠκει⟧ in/on/among ⟦Γαζάροις⟧.

14:1 and in/on/among year secondly and ⟦ἑβδομηκοστῷ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστῷ⟧ to_assemble Daʸmaʸtrios the/this/who king the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_travel toward Maʸdeian of_the ⟦ἐπισπάσασθαι⟧ help he/she/it/self, that ⟦πολεμήσῃ⟧ the/this/who ⟦Τρύφωνα⟧. **2** and to_hear Arsakaʸs the/this/who king the/this/who ⟦Περσίδος⟧ and Maʸdeias that/since to_come/go Daʸmaʸtrios toward the/this/who region he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_send one the/this/who ruler he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_seize/conceive/help he/she/it/self to_live. **3** and to_travel and to_strike the/this/who barracks Daʸmaʸtriou, and to_ _seize/conceive/help he/she/it/self, and to_bring he/she/it/self to/with Arsakaʸn, and to_place he/she/it/self in/on/among prison/watch. **4** and ⟦ἡσύχασεν⟧ the/this/who earth Youda all the/this/who day Simōnos; and to_seek good-doer the/this/who Gentile_nation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_please he/she/it/self the/this/who authority he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who glory he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there all the/this/who day. **5** and with/after all the/this/who glory he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_take the/this/who Yoppaʸn toward harbour, and to_do/make entry the/this/who ⟦νήσοις⟧ the/this/who sea. **6** and ⟦ἐπλάτυνε⟧ the/this/who region the/this/who Gentile_nation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_grasp/seize the/this/who country. **7** and to_assemble captivity much, and ⟦ἐκυρίευσε⟧ Gazarōn and Baithsourōn and the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧; and ⟦ἐξῆρε⟧ the/this/who impurity out_from he/she/it/self, and no to_be the/this/who be_an_opponent he/she/it/self. **8** and to_be ⟦γεωργοῦντες⟧ the/this/who earth he/she/it/self with/after peace, and the/this/who earth to_ _give the/this/who offspring he/she/it/self, and the/this/who

103 RV 14:1 · Note circa B.C. 141.

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wood the/this/who ⟦πεδίων⟧ the/this/who fruit
he/she/it/self. **9** elder in/on/among the/this/who wide
⟦ἐκάθηντο⟧, all about good-doer ⟦ἐκοινολογοῦντο⟧, and
the/this/who young_man ⟦ἐνεδύσαντο⟧ glory and robe
⟦πολέμου⟧. **10** the/this/who city ⟦ἐχορήγησε⟧ food, and
⟦ἔταξεν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among vessel ⟦ὀχυρώσεως⟧,
until who/which to_name the/this/who name the/this/who
glory he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there until end
the/this/who earth. **11** to_do/make the/this/who peace
upon/to/against the/this/who earth, and to_celebrate Israaʸl
⟦εὐφροσύνην⟧ great. **12** and to_seat each by/under
the/this/who vine he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
and the/this/who fig_tree
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no to_be
the/this/who ⟦ἐκφοβῶν⟧ he/she/it/self. **13** and ⟦ἐξέλιπεν⟧
the/this/who war he/she/it/self upon/to/against
the/this/who earth, and the/this/who king ⟦συνετρίβησαν⟧
in/on/among the/this/who day that. **14** and to_establish all
the/this/who lowly of_the a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; the/this/who law
⟦ἐξεζήτησε⟧, and ⟦ἐξῆρε⟧ all ⟦ἄνομον⟧ and evil/bad.
15 the/this/who holy to_glorify, and ⟦ἐπλήθυνε⟧ the/this/who
vessel the/this/who holy. **16** and to_hear in/on/among ʁōmaʸ
that/since to_die Yōnathan, and until ⟦Σπάρτης⟧, and to_grieve
very. **17** which/how but/and to_hear that/since Simōn
the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
to_be ⟦ἀντ'⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
high-priest, and ⟦ἐπικρατεῖ⟧ the/this/who country and
the/this/who city the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self.
18 to_write to/with he/she/it/self ⟦δέλτοις⟧ ⟦χαλκαῖς⟧, of_the
⟦ἀνανεώσασθαι⟧ to/with he/she/it/self ⟦φιλίαν⟧ and
the/this/who ⟦συμμαχίαν⟧ which to_stand to/with Youdan
and Yōnathan the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **19** and
⟦ἀνεγνώσθησαν⟧ before the/this/who assembly in/on/among
Hierousalaʸm. **20** and this/he/she/it the/this/who a_transcript
the/this/who epistle which to_send the/this/who Spartiatai;
⟦Σπαρτιατῶν⟧ ruler and the/this/who city Simōni priest great,
and the/this/who elder, and the/this/who priest, and
the/this/who ⟦λοιπῷ⟧ people the/this/who Jewish brother to_
_rejoice. **21** the/this/who ⟦πρεσβεύται⟧ the/this/who
⟦ἀποσταλέντες⟧ to/with the/this/who people I/we to_
_announce I/we about the/this/who glory you and honour, and
⟦εὐφράνθημεν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἐφόδῳ⟧
he/she/it/self. **22** and ⟦ἀνεγράψαμεν⟧ the/this/who by/under
he/she/it/self ⟦εἰρημένα⟧ in/on/among the/this/who
⟦βουλαῖς⟧ of_the ⟦δήμου⟧ thus(-ly), Noumaʸnios Antiokou and
Antipatros ⟦Ἰάσωνος⟧ ⟦πρεσβευταὶ⟧ Jewish ⟦ἦλθοσαν⟧ to/with
I/we ⟦ἀνανεούμενοι⟧ the/this/who to/with I/we ⟦φιλίαν⟧.
23 and to_please the/this/who people ⟦ἐπιδέξασθαι⟧

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sanctuary, and added to the vessels of the temple.

Romai and Sparta renew their friendship

16 It was heard at Romai that Yonatan (Jonathan) was dead, and even in Sparta, and they were extremely grieved. **17** But as soon as they heard that his brother Shim'on (Simon) was made high priest in his place, and ruled the country and the cities in it, **18** they wrote to him on brass tablets to renew with him the friendship and the alliance which they'd confirmed with his brothers Yehudah (Judas) and Yonatan. **19** These were read before the congregation at Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

20 This is the copy of the letters which the Spartans sent:

"The rulers and the city of the Spartans, to Shim'on the high priest, to the elders, the priests, and the rest of the people of the Yehudim (Jews), our kindred, greetings. **21** The ambassadors who were sent to our people reported to us about your glory and honour. We were glad for their coming, **22** and we registered the things that were spoken by them in the public records[104] as follows: 'Numenios son of Antiokos (Antiochus), and Antipater son of Yason, the Yehudim' ambassadors, came to us to renew the friendship they had with us. **23** It pleased the people to entertain the men honourably, and to put the copy of their words in the public records,[105] to the end that the people of the Spartans might have a record of them. Moreover they wrote a copy of these things to Shim'on the high priest.' "

24 After this, Shim'on sent Numenios to Romai with a great shield of gold of weighing one thousand minas,[106] in order to confirm the alliance with them.

The people honour Shim'on as their leader

25 But when the people heard these things, they said, "How can we thank Shim'on and his sons? **26** Because he and his brothers and his father's house have made themselves strong, and have fought and chased away Yisrael's (Israel's) enemies, and confirmed liberty to Yisrael."[107] **27** So they wrote on tablets of brass, and set them on pillars on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion). This is the copy of the writing:

"On the eighteenth day of Elul, in the one hundred and seventy-second year,[108] which is the third year of Shim'on the high priest, **28** in Asaramel, in a great congregation of priests and people and princes of the nation, and of the elders of the country, it was proclaimed to us:[109] **29** 'Since wars often occurred in the country, Shim'on the son of Matityah (Mattathias), the son of the sons of Yoyariv, and his brothers, put themselves in jeopardy and withstood the enemies of their nation, that their sanctuary and the law might be established, and glorified their nation with great glory. **30** Yonatan (Jonathan) rallied the nation, became

104 **RV 14:22 · Note** Grk. counsels of the people.

105 **RV 14:23 · Note** Grk. books that are appointed for the people.

106 **RV 14:24 · Note** 1,000 minas is about 499 kg or 1,098 pounds.

107 **RV 14:26 · Note** Grk. him.

108 **RV 14:27 · Note** circa B.C. 141.

109 **RV 14:28 · Note** Grk. he made known.

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their high priest, and was gathered to his people. **31** Their enemies planned to invade their country, that they might destroy their country utterly, and stretch out their hands against their sanctuary. **32** Then Shim'on rose up and fought for his nation. He spent much of his own money to arm the valiant men of his nation and give them wages. **33** He fortified the cities of Yehudah (Judea) and Beyt-Tsur that lies on the borders of Yehudah, where the weapons of the enemies were had been stored, and there he placed a garrison of Yehudim (Jews). **34** He fortified Yafo (Joppa) which is on the sea, and Gezer which is on the borders of Azotos, where the enemies used to live, and placed Yehudim there, and set in there all things necessary for their restoration. **35** The people saw Shim'on's faith,[110] and the glory which he resolved to bring to his nation, and they made him their leader and high priest, because he'd done all these things, and for the justice and the faith which he kept to his nation, and because he tried to exalt his people in every way that he could. **36** In his days, things prospered in his hands, so that the Gentiles were taken away out of their country, and they also who were in the city of David, those who were in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), who'd made themselves a citadel, out of which they used to go, and polluted everything around the sanctuary, and did great damage to its purity. **37** He placed Yehudim in it and fortified it for the safety of the country and the city, and made high Yerushalem's walls. **38** King Demetrios confirmed to him the high priesthood according to these things, **39** and made him one of his friends,[111] and honoured him with great honour; **40** for he'd heard that the Yehudim had been called by the Romaios friends, allies, and kindred, and that they'd met the ambassadors of Shim'on honourably; **41** and that the Yehudim and the priests were well pleased that Shim'on should be their leader and high priest forever, until there should arise a faithful prophet; **42** and that he should be governor over them, and should take charge of the sanctuary, to set them over their works, and over the country, and over the weapons, and over the fortresses; and that he should take charge of the sanctuary, **43** and that he should be obeyed by all, and that all contracts in the country should be written in his name, and that he should be clothed in purple, and wear gold; **44** and that it shouldn't be lawful for any of the people or of the priests to nullify any of these things, or to oppose the words that he should speak, or to gather an assembly in the country without him, or to be clothed in purple, or wear a buckle of gold; **45** but anyone who should do otherwise, or nullify any of these things, he'll be liable to punishment.' " **46** All the people consented to ordain for Shim'on that he should do according to these words. **47** So Shim'on accepted this, and consented to be high priest, and to be captain and governor[112] of the Yehudim and of the priests, and to be protector of all.

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the/this/who man gloriously, and of_the ⟦θέσθαι⟧
the/this/who a_transcript the/this/who word he/she/it/self
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀποδεδειγμένοις⟧ of_the ⟦δήμου⟧
scroll, of_the to_have/be memorial the/this/who people
the/this/who ⟦Σπαρτιατῶν⟧; the/this/who but/and a_
_transcript this/he/she/it ⟦ἐγράψαμεν⟧ Simōni the/this/who
high-priest. **24** with/after this/he/she/it to_send Simōn
the/this/who Noumaʸnion toward ʁōmaʸn to_have/be
⟦ἀσπίδα⟧ golden great ⟦ὁλκῆς⟧ ⟦μνῶν⟧ thousand, toward
the/this/who to_stand to/with he/she/it/self the/this/who
⟦συμμαχίαν⟧. **25** which/how but/and to_hear the/this/who
people the/this/who word this/he/she/it, to_say, which?
because_of/grace ⟦ἀποδώσομεν⟧ Simōni and the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? **26** to_establish for
he/she/it/self and the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
house of_the father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
and ⟦ἐπολέμησαν⟧ the/this/who enemy Israaʸl away_from
he/she/it/self, and to_stand he/she/it/self freedom. **27** and
⟦κατέγραψαν⟧ in/on/among ⟦δέλτοις⟧ ⟦χαλκαῖς⟧, and to_place
in/on/among ⟦στήλαις⟧ in/on/among mountain Siōn; and
this/he/she/it the/this/who a_transcript the/this/who a_
_writing; ⟦ὀκτωκαιδεκάτῃ⟧ Eloul, ⟦ἔτους⟧ secondly and
⟦ἑβδομηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧; and this/he/she/it third
year upon/to/against Simōnos high-priest; **28** in/on/among
⟦Σαραμὲλ⟧, upon/to/against synagogue great priest, and a_
_people, and ruler Gentile_nation, and the/this/who elder
the/this/who country to_make_known I/we. **29** since often to_
_be war in/on/among the/this/who country; Simōn but/and
the/this/who son Mattathiou the/this/who son the/this/who
son Yarib and the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_give
my/your/him-self the/this/who ⟦κινδύνῳ⟧, and to_oppose
the/this/who ⟦ὑπεναντίοις⟧ of_the Gentile_nation
he/she/it/self, that to_stand the/this/who holy he/she/it/self
and the/this/who law, and glory/to_think great to_glorify
the/this/who Gentile_nation he/she/it/self; **30** and ⟦ἤθροισεν⟧
Yōnathan the/this/who Gentile_nation he/she/it/self, and to_
_be he/she/it/self high-priest, and to_add_(to) to/with
the/this/who a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **31** and
⟦ἐβουλήθησαν⟧ the/this/who enemy he/she/it/self
⟦ἐμβατεῦσαι⟧ toward the/this/who country he/she/it/self, of_
_the ⟦ἐκτρίψαι⟧ the/this/who country he/she/it/self, and
⟦ἐκτεῖναι⟧ hand upon/to/against the/this/who holy
he/she/it/self; **32** then to_arise Simōn, and to_fight about of_
_the Gentile_nation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
and ⟦ἐδαπάνησε⟧ money much the/this/who
my/your/him-self, and ⟦ὡπλοδότησε⟧ the/this/who man
the/this/who power of_the Gentile_nation
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_give
he/she/it/self compensation, **33** and ⟦ὠχύρωσε⟧ the/this/who
city the/this/who Jewish/Judea, and the/this/who

110 **RV 14:35 · Note** Some authorities read acts.

111 **RV 14:39 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

112 **RV 14:47 · Note** Grk. ethnarch.

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Baithsouran the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who region the/this/who Jewish/Judea, which/whither to_be the/this/who weapon the/this/who ⟦πολεμίων⟧ ⟦τοπρότερον⟧, and to_place there ⟦φρουρὰν⟧ man Youdaious. **34** and Yoppaʸn ⟦ὠχύρωσε⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who sea, and the/this/who Gazara the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who region Azōtou, in/on/among which ⟦ᾤκουν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πολέμιοι⟧ ⟦τοπρότερον⟧ there, and to_settle there Youdaious, and just_as/how_much necessary to_be to/with the/this/who this/he/she/it correcting to_place in/on/among he/she/it/self. **35** and to_ _perceive the/this/who a_people the/this/who action of_the Simōnos, and the/this/who glory which ⟦ἐβουλεύσατο⟧ to_ _do/make the/this/who Gentile_nation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_place he/she/it/self to_govern he/she/it/self and high-priest, through/because_of the/this/who he/she/it/self to_do/make all this/he/she/it, and the/this/who righteousness, and the/this/who faith which ⟦συνετήρησε⟧ the/this/who Gentile_ _nation he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_seek all way ⟦ὑψῶσαι⟧ the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **36** and in/on/among the/this/who day he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦εὐωδώθη⟧ in/on/among the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, of_the ⟦ἐξαρθῆναι⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation out_from the/this/who country he/she/it/self, and the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who city Dawid the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, the/this/who/which to_do/make my/your/him-self ⟦ἄκραν⟧, out_from which to_depart and ⟦ἐμίαινον⟧ surrounding the/this/who holy, and to_do/make plague/blow/wound great in/on/among the/this/who purity. **37** and to_settle in/on/among he/she/it/self man Youdaious, and ⟦ὠχύρωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self to/with security the/this/who country and the/this/who city, and to_lift_up the/this/who wall Hierousalaʸm. **38** and the/this/who king Daʸmaʸtrios to_stand he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνην⟧ according_to this/he/she/it, **39** and to_ _do/make he/she/it/self the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_glorify he/she/it/self glory/to_think great. **40** to_hear for that/since ⟦προσηγόρευνται⟧ the/this/who Jewish by/under Roman friendly/friend and ⟦σύμμαχοι⟧ and brother, and that/since to_ _meet the/this/who ⟦πρεσβευταῖς⟧ Simōnos gloriously; **41** and that/since to_delight the/this/who Jewish, and the/this/who priest, of_the to_be Simōna to_govern and high-priest toward the/this/who an_age, until of_the to_arise prophet faithful; **42** and of_the to_be upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦στρατηγόν⟧, and that ⟦μέλοι⟧ he/she/it/self about the/this/who holy ⟦καθιστάναι⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who work he/she/it/self and upon/to/against the/this/who country, and upon/to/against the/this/who weapon, and upon/to/against the/this/who stronghold; **43** and that ⟦μέλοι⟧ he/she/it/self about the/this/who holy, and that ⟦ἀκούηται⟧ by/under all, and that ⟦γράφωνται⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there all ⟦συγγραφαὶ⟧ in/on/among the/this/who country, and that to_clothe

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48 They commanded to put this writing on tablets of brass, and to set them up within the precinct of the sanctuary in a conspicuous place, **49** and moreover to put copies of them in the treasury, so that Shim'on and his sons might have them.

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Antiokos seeks Shim'on's support

15:1 Antiokos (Antiochus) son of Demetrios the king sent a letter from the islands of the sea to Shim'on the priest and[113] governor of the Yehudim, and to all the nation. **2** Its contents follow:

"King Antiokos to Shim'on the chief priest and[114] governor, and to the nation of the Yehudim, greetings. **3** Whereas certain troublemakers have made themselves masters of the kingdom of our fathers, but my purpose is to claim the kingdom, that I may restore it as it was before; and moreover I've raised a multitude of foreign soldiers, and have prepared warships; **4** moreover I plan to land in the country, that I may punish those who've destroyed our country, and those who've made many cities in the kingdom desolate; **5** now therefore I confirm to you all the tax remissions which the kings who were before me remitted to you, and whatever gifts besides they remitted to you, **6** and I permit you to coin money for your country with your own stamp, **7** but that Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the sanctuary should be free. All the weapons that you've prepared, and the fortresses that you've built, which you have in your possession, let them remain yours. **8** Every debt owed to the king, and the things that'll be owed to the king from now on and forever, let them be remitted to you. **9** Moreover, when we've established our kingdom, we'll glorify you and your nation and the temple with great glory, so that your glory will be made manifest in all the earth.

10 In the one hundred and seventy-fourth year,[115] Antiokos went into the land of his fathers; and all the forces came together to him, so that there were few men with Trufon. **11** King Antiokos pursued him, and he came, as he fled, to Dor, which is

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purple_cloth, and ⟦χρυσοφορῆ⟧. **44** and no ⟦ἐξέσται⟧ none of_
_the a_people and the/this/who priest to_reject one
this/he/she/it, and to_contradict the/this/who by/under
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ῥηθησομένοις⟧, and
⟦ἐπισυστρέψαι⟧ commotion/plot in/on/among the/this/who
country without he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and
⟦περιβάλλεσθαι⟧ purple_cloth, and ⟦ἐμπορποῦσθαι⟧ ⟦πόρπην⟧
golden; **45** which but/and if from_with this/he/she/it to_
_do/make or/than ⟦ἀθετήσῃ⟧ one this/he/she/it, liable_for to_
_be. **46** and to_delight all the/this/who a_people ⟦θέσθαι⟧
Simōni, and to_do/make according_to the/this/who word
this/he/she/it. **47** and ⟦ἐπεδέξατο⟧ Simōn, and to_delight
⟦ἀρχιερατεύειν⟧, and to_be officer/magistrate and governor
the/this/who Jewish, and priest, and of_the ⟦προστατῆσαι⟧ all.
48 and the/this/who a_writing this/he/she/it to_say ⟦θέσθαι⟧
in/on/among ⟦δέλτοις⟧ ⟦χαλκαῖς⟧, and to_stand he/she/it/self
in/on/among ⟦περιβόλῳ⟧ the/this/who holy in/on/among
place ⟦ἐπισήμῳ⟧, **49** the/this/who but/and ⟦ἀντίγραφα⟧
he/she/it/self ⟦θέσθαι⟧ in/on/among the/this/who treasury,
that to_have/be Simōn, and the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

15:1 and to_send the/this/who Antiokos son Da^{y}ma^{y}triou of_
_the king epistle away_from the/this/who ⟦νήσων⟧
the/this/who sea Simōni priest and ⟦ἐθνάρχῃ⟧ the/this/who
Jewish, and all the/this/who Gentile_nation. **2** and to_be
⟦περιέχουσαι⟧ the/this/who way this/he/she/it; king Antiokos
Simōni priest great, and ⟦ἐθνάρχῃ⟧, and Gentile_nation Jewish
to_rejoice. **3** since man pestilence ⟦κατεκράτησαν⟧
the/this/who kingdom the/this/who father I/we, to_plan
but/and ⟦ἀντιποιήσασθαι⟧ the/this/who kingdom, that
⟦ἀποκαταστήσω⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self
which/how to_be before/previously, ⟦ἐξενολόγησα⟧ but/and
multitude power, and ⟦κατεσκεύασα⟧ boat ⟦πολεμικά⟧, **4** to_
_plan but/and ⟦ἐκβῆναι⟧ according_to the/this/who country,
that ⟦μετέλθω⟧ the/this/who ⟦κατεφθαρκότας⟧ the/this/who
country I/we, and the/this/who ⟦ἠρημωκότας⟧ city much
in/on/among the/this/who kingdom; **5** now therefore/then
to_stand you all the/this/who ⟦ἀφαιρέματα⟧ which to_release
you the/this/who before I/we/my king, and just_as/how_much
another gift to_release you. **6** and ⟦ἐπέτρεψά⟧ you to_do/make
⟦κόμμα⟧ one's_own/private coin the/this/who country you,
7 Hierousala^{y}m but/and and the/this/who holy to_be
free/freedom; and all the/this/who weapon just_as/how_much
⟦κατεσκεύασας⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώματα⟧ which
⟦ᾠκοδόμησας⟧, which to_grasp/seize, to_stay you. **8** and all
debt royal, and the/this/who ⟦ἐσόμενα⟧ ⟦βασιλικὰ⟧, away_
_from of_the now and toward the/this/who all time ⟦ἀφιέσθω⟧
you; **9** which/how but/and if ⟦κρατήσωμεν⟧ the/this/who
kingdom I/we, ⟦δοξάσομέν⟧ you, and the/this/who Gentile_
_nation you, and the/this/who temple glory/to_think great, so
⟦φανερὰν⟧ to_be the/this/who glory you in/on/among all
the/this/who earth. **10** ⟦Ἔτους⟧ fourth and ⟦ἑβδομηκοστοῦ⟧
and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ to_go_out Antiokos toward the/this/who

113 **RV 15:1 · Note** Grk. ethnarch.

114 **RV 15:2 · Note** Grk. ethnarch.

115 **RV 15:10 · Note** circa B.C. 139

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earth father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_
_assemble to/with he/she/it/self all the/this/who/which
⟦δυνάσεις⟧, so ⟦ὀλίγους⟧ to_be ⟦τσὺς⟧ ⟦καταλειφθέντας⟧ with
⟦Τρύφωνι⟧. 11 and to_pursue he/she/it/self Antiokos
the/this/who king, and to_come/go ⟦φεύγων⟧ toward gift
the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who sea. 12 to_
_perceive for that/since ⟦συνῆκται⟧ upon/to/against
he/she/it/self the/this/who evil/harm, and to_release
he/she/it/self the/this/who/which power. 13 and
⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ Antiokos upon/to/against gift, and with
he/she/it/self twelve myriad man ⟦πολεμιστῶν⟧, and
⟦ὀκτακισχιλία⟧ horse. 14 and ⟦ἐκύκλωσεν⟧ the/this/who city,
and the/this/who boat away_from sea ⟦συνῆψαν⟧, and
⟦ἔθλιβε⟧ the/this/who city away_from the/this/who earth,
and the/this/who sea, and no to_allow none to_depart and
⟦εἰσπορεύεσθαι⟧. 15 and to_come/go Noumaʸnios, and
the/this/who from_with
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, out_from ʁōmaʸs, to_
_have/be epistle the/this/who king, and the/this/who country
in/on/among which ⟦ἐγέγραπτο⟧ this; 16 Leukios supreme
Roman Ptolemaiōi king to_rejoice. 17 the/this/who
⟦πρεσβευταὶ⟧ the/this/who Jewish to_come/go to/with I/we
friendly/friend I/we, and ⟦σύμμαχοι⟧, ⟦ἀνανεούμενοι⟧
the/this/who out_from beginning ⟦φιλίαν⟧ and ⟦συμμαχίαν⟧,
to_send away_from Simōnos of_the high-priest, and of_the
⟦δήμου⟧ the/this/who Jewish. 18 to_bear/lead but/and
⟦ἀσπίδα⟧ golden away_from ⟦μνῶν⟧ thousand. 19 to_please
therefore/then I/we to_write the/this/who king, and
the/this/who country, that not to_seek_out he/she/it/self,
evil/harm and not ⟦πολεμήσωσιν⟧ he/she/it/self, and
the/this/who city he/she/it/self, and the/this/who country
he/she/it/self, and in_order_that/to not ⟦συμμαχήσωσι⟧
the/this/who ⟦πολεμοῦσιν⟧ he/she/it/self. 20 to_think
but/and I/we to_receive the/this/who ⟦ἀσπίδα⟧ from_with
he/she/it/self. 21 if one therefore/then pestilence
⟦διαπεφεύγασιν⟧ out_from the/this/who country
he/she/it/self to/with you, ⟦παράδοτε⟧ he/she/it/self Simōni
the/this/who high-priest, that ⟦ἐκδικήσῃ⟧ in/on/among
he/she/it/self according_to the/this/who law he/she/it/self.
22 and the/this/who he/she/it/self to_write Daʸmaʸtriōi
the/this/who king, and Attalōi, Ariarathaʸ, and Arsakaʸ. 23 and
toward all the/this/who country, and ⟦Σαμψάκῃ⟧, and
⟦Σπαρτιάταις⟧, and toward clear, and toward Mundon, and
toward ⟦Σικυῶνα⟧, and toward the/this/who Karian, and
toward Samon, and toward the/this/who Pamfulian, and
toward the/this/who Lukian, and toward Alikarnasson, and
toward ʁodon, and toward ⟦Φασηλίδα⟧, and toward Kō, and
toward ⟦Σίδην⟧, and toward Aradon, and toward Gortunan, and
Knidon, and Kupron, and Kuraʸnaʸn. 24 the/this/who but/and
a_transcript he/she/it/self to_write Simōni the/this/who
high-priest. 25 Antiokos but/and the/this/who king
⟦παρενέβαλεν⟧ upon/to/against gift in/on/among
the/this/who secondly, ⟦προσάγων⟧ always he/she/it/self

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by the sea; 12 for he knew that troubles had come on him all at once, and that his forces had deserted him. 13 Antiokos encamped against Dor, and with him one hundred and twenty thousand men of war and eight thousand cavalry. 14 He surrounded the city, and the ships joined in the attack from the sea. He harassed the city by land and sea, and permitted no one to go out or in.

Romai confirms its support for the Yehudim

15 Numenios and his company came from Romai, having letters to the kings and to the countries, in which were written these things:

16 "Lukios, consul of the Romaios, to King Ptolemaios (Ptolemy), greetings. 17 The Yehudim' (Jews') ambassadors came to us as our friends and allies, to renew the old friendship and alliance, being sent from Shim'on (Simon) the high priest, and from the people of the Yehudim. 18 Moreover they brought a shield of gold weighing one thousand minas.[116] 19 It pleased us therefore to write to the kings and to the countries, that they shouldn't seek their harm or fight against them, their cities, and their country, or be allies with those who fight against them. 20 Moreover, it seemed good to us to receive the shield from them. 21 If therefore any troublemakers have fled from their country to you, deliver them to Shim'on the high priest, that he may take vengeance on them according to their law."

22 He wrote the same things to King Demetrios, to Atalos, to Ariarathes, to Arsakes, 23 to all the countries, to[117] Sampsames, to the Spartans, to Delos, to Mundos, to Sikuon, to Karia, to Samos, to Pamfulia, to Lukia, to Halikarnasos, to Rodos, to Faselis, to Kos, to Side, to Arvad, Gortuna, Knidos, Kupros (Cyprus), and Kurainai (Cyrene). 24 They also wrote this copy to Shim'on the high priest.

Antiokos turns against Shim'on

25 But King Antiokos (Antiochus) encamped against Dor the second day, bringing his forces up to it continually, and making engines of war; and he shut up Trufon from going in or out. 26 Shim'on sent him two thousand chosen men to fight on his side, with silver, gold, and instruments of war in abundance. 27 He wouldn't receive them, but nullified all the covenants which he'd made with him before, and was estranged from him. 28 He sent to him Athenobios, one of his friends,[118] to confer with him, saying, "You hold possession of Yafo (Joppa), Gezer, and the citadel that's in Yerushalem, cities of my kingdom. 29 You've devastated their territory, and done great harm in the land, and control of many places in my kingdom. 30 Now therefore hand over the cities which you've taken, and the tributes of the places which you've taken control of outside of the borders of Yehudah (Judea); 31 or else give me for them five hundred talents of silver; and for the harm that you've done, and the tributes of the cities, another

116 RV 15:18 · Note 1,000 minas is about 499 kg. or about 1,098 pounds.

117 RV 15:23 · Note Some authorities read Sampsaces: the Latin versions have Lampsacus.

118 RV 15:28 · Note See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

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five hundred talents. Otherwise we'll come and subdue you."

32 Athenobios, the king's friend,[119] came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). When he saw the glory of Shim'on, the cupboard of gold and silver vessels, and his great attendance, he was amazed. He reported to him the king's words. **33** Shim'on answered, and said to him, "We haven't taken other men's land nor do we have possession of that which belongs to others, but of the inheritance of our fathers. However, it'd been in possession of our enemies wrongfully for a while. **34** But we, having opportunity, firmly hold the inheritance of our fathers. **35** As for Yafo and Gezer, which you demand, they did great harm among the people throughout our country. We'll give one hundred talents for them."

Athenobios didn't answer even one word, **36** but returned in a rage to the king, and reported to him these words, and Shim'on's glory, and all that he'd seen; and the king was extremely angry. **37** Meanwhile, Trufon embarked on board a ship, and fled to Orthosia.

Kendebaios attacks Yehudah

38 The king appointed Kendebaios chief captain of the sea coast, and gave him troops of infantry and cavalry. **39** He commanded him to encamp against Yehudah (Judea), and he commanded him to build up Kidron, and to fortify the gates, and that he should fight against the people; but the king pursued Trufon. **40** So Kendebaios came to Yavneh and began to provoke the people, and to invade Yehudah, and to take the people captive and kill them. **41** He built Kidron and stationed cavalry and infantry there, to the end that going out they might make raids on the highways of Yehudah, as the king had commanded him.

Literal Version

the/this/who hand, and ⟦μηχανὰς⟧ to_do/make, and to_ _confine the/this/who ⟦Τρύφωνα⟧ of_the not ⟦εἰσπορεύεσθαι⟧ and to_depart. **26** and to_send he/she/it/self Simōn ⟦δισχιλίους⟧ man select ⟦συμμαχῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self, and money and gold, and vessel sufficient. **27** and no ⟦ἠβούλετο⟧ he/she/it/self to_receive, but ⟦ἠθέτησε⟧ all just_as/how_much ⟦συνέθετο⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦τοπρότερον⟧, and ⟦ἠλλοτριοῦτο⟧ he/she/it/self. **28** and to_send to/with he/she/it/self Athaʸnobion one the/this/who friendly/friend he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κοινολογησόμενον⟧ he/she/it/self to_speak, you ⟦κατακρατεῖτε⟧ the/this/who Yoppaʸs and Gazarōn and the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧ the/this/who in/on/among Hierousalaʸm, city the/this/who kingdom I/we. **29** the/this/who region he/she/it/self ⟦ἠρημώσατε⟧, and to_ _do/make plague/blow/wound great upon/to/against the/this/who earth, and ⟦ἐκυριεύσατε⟧ place much in/on/among the/this/who kingdom I/we. **30** now therefore/then ⟦παράδοτε⟧ the/this/who city which ⟦κατελάβεσθε⟧, and the/this/who tax the/this/who place which ⟦κατεκυριεύσατε⟧ outside/except the/this/who region the/this/who Jewish/Judea. **31** if but/and not, to_give ⟦ἀντ'⟧ he/she/it/self five_hundred talent money, and the/this/who ⟦καταφθορᾶς⟧ which ⟦κατεφθάρκατε⟧, and the/this/who to_ _wear the/this/who city another talent five_hundred; if but/and so, to_come ⟦ἐκπολεμήσομεν⟧ you. **32** and to_come/go Athaʸnobios friendly/friend of_the king toward Hierousalaʸm, and to_perceive the/this/who glory Simōnos, and ⟦κυλικεῖον⟧ with/after ⟦χρυσωμάτων⟧, and ⟦ἀργυρωμάτων⟧, and ⟦παράστασιν⟧ ⟦ἱκανὴν⟧, and to_amaze, and to_announce he/she/it/self the/this/who word of_the king. **33** and to_ _answer Simōn to_say he/she/it/self, neither earth another's ⟦εἰλήφαμεν⟧, neither another's ⟦κεκρατήκαμεν⟧, but the/this/who inheritance the/this/who father I/we, by/under but/and enemy I/we in/on/among one time/right_time ⟦ἀκρίτως⟧ ⟦κατεκρατήθη⟧. **34** I/we but/and time/right_time to_have/be ⟦ἀντεχόμεθα⟧ the/this/who inheritance the/this/who father I/we. **35** about but/and Yoppaʸs and Gazarōn which to_ask, this/he/she/it to_do/make in/on/among the/this/who a_people plague/blow/wound great according_to the/this/who country I/we, this/he/she/it to_give talent hundred; **36** and no to_answer he/she/it/self Athaʸnobios word. ⟦Ἀπέστρεψε⟧ but/and with/after wrath to/with the/this/who king, and to_announce he/she/it/self the/this/who word this/he/she/it, and the/this/who glory Simōnos, and all just_as/how_much to_perceive; and to_anger the/this/who king wrath great. **37** Trufōn but/and to_get_into toward boat to_flee toward ⟦Ὀρθωσιάδα⟧. **38** and to_ _appoint/conduct the/this/who king the/this/who Kendebaion ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧ the/this/who ⟦παραλίας⟧, and power ⟦πεζικὰς⟧ and ⟦ἱππικὰς⟧ to_give he/she/it/self. **39** and to_order he/she/it/self ⟦παρεμβαλεῖν⟧ according_to face the/this/who Jewish/Judea; and to_order he/she/it/self to_build the/this/who Kidron, and ⟦ὀχυρῶσαι⟧ the/this/who gate, and that ⟦πολεμήσῃ⟧ the/this/who a_people; the/this/who but/and king to_pursue the/this/who ⟦Τρύφωνα⟧. **40** and

119 RV 15:32 · Note See 1 Maccabees 2:18.

Literal Version

[[παρεγενήθη]] Kendebaios toward Yamneian, and be_first of_ _the [[ἐρεθίζειν]] the/this/who a_people, and [[ἐμβατεύειν]] toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea, and [[αἰχμαλωτίζειν]] the/this/who a_people and [[φονεύειν]]. **41** and to_build the/this/who Kidron; and [[ἔταξεν]] there horseman and power, that to_depart [[ἐξοδεύωσι]] the/this/who road the/this/who Jewish/Judea, as/just_as to_direct he/she/it/self the/this/who king.

16:1 and to_ascend Yōannaʸs out_from Gazarōn, and to_ _announce Simōni the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which [[συνετέλει]] Kendebaios. **2** and to_call Simōn the/this/who two son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who elder Youdan and Yōannaʸn, and to_say he/she/it/self, I/we and the/this/who brother I/we, and the/this/who house of_the father I/we, [[ἐπολεμήσαμεν]] the/this/who [[πολεμίους]] Israaʸl away_from youth until the/this/who today day, and [[εὐωδώθη]] in/on/among the/this/who hand I/we [[ῥύσασθαι]] the/this/who Israaʸl many_times. **3** now but/and [[γεγήρακα]], and you but/and in/on/among the/this/who mercy sufficient to_be in/on/among the/this/who year; to_be [[ἀντ']] I/we/my, and of_the brother I/we, and to_go_out [[ὑπερμαχεῖτε]] above/for of_the Gentile_nation I/we, the/this/who but/and out_from of_the heaven help to_be with/after you. **4** and [[ἐπέλεξεν]] out_from the/this/who country twenty [[χιλιάδας]] man [[πολεμιστῶν]], and horseman, and [[ἐπορεύθωσαν]] upon/to/against the/this/who Kendebaion, and to_sleep in/on/among Mōdein. **5** and to_arise [[τοπρωΐ]] to_travel toward the/this/who a_plain, and look! power much toward [[συνάντησιν]] he/she/it/self [[πεζικὴ]], and horseman, and to_ _be ravine [[ἀναμέσον]] he/she/it/self. **6** and [[παρενέβαλε]] according_to face he/she/it/self he/she/it/self and the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_perceive the/this/who a_people [[δειλούμενον]] [[διαπερᾶσαι]] the/this/who [[χειμάῤῥουν]], and to_cross first, and [[ἴδον]] he/she/it/self the/this/who man, and [[διεπέρασαν]] after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **7** and to_distribute the/this/who a_people, and the/this/who horseman in/on/among midst the/this/who [[πέζῶν]]; the/this/who but/and horse the/this/who [[ὑπεναντίων]] much very. **8** and [[ἐσάλπισαν]] the/this/who [[ἱεραῖς]] [[σάλπιγξι]], and [[ἐτροπώθη]] Kendebaios and the/this/who barracks he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_collapse out_ _from he/she/it/self [[τραυματίαι]] much; the/this/who but/and [[καταλειφθέντες]] to_flee toward the/this/who stronghold. **9** then [[ἐτραυματίσθη]] Youdas the/this/who brother Yōannou; Yōannaʸs but/and to_seek he/she/it/self until to_come/go toward Kidron, which to_build **10** and to_flee until toward the/this/who [[πύργους]] the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who [[ἀγροῖς]] Azōtou, and [[ἐνεπύρισεν]] he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self in/on/among fire, and to_ _collapse out_from he/she/it/self toward man [[δισχιλίους]]; and [[ἀπέστρεψεν]] toward earth Youda with/after peace. **11** and Ptolemaios the/this/who of_the Aboubou to_be

Readers' Version

Shim'on's sons defeat Kendebaios

16:1 Yohan (John) went up from Gezer and told Shim'on his father what Kendebaios was doing. **2** Shim'on called his two oldest sons, Yehudah and Yohan, and said to them, "I and my brothers and my father's house have fought the battles of Yisrael (Israel) from our youth, even to this day; and things have prospered in our hands, that we've often delivered Yisrael. **3** But now I'm old, and you moreover, by his mercy, are of a sufficient age. Take the place of me and my brother, and go out and fight for our nation; and let the help which is from heaven be with you.

4 He chose out of the country twenty thousand men of war and cavalry, and they went against Kendebaios, and slept at Modi'in. **5** Rising up in the morning, they went into the plain, and a great army of infantry and cavalry came to meet them. There was a brook between them. **6** He encamped near them, he and his people. He saw that the people were afraid to pass over the brook, and he passed over first. When the men saw him, they passed over after him. **7** He divided the people, and placed the cavalry in the middle of the infantry; but the enemies' cavalry were very many. **8** They sounded the trumpets; and Kendebaios and his army were put to flight, and many of them fell wounded to death, but those who were left fled to the fortress. **9** At that time Yehudah, Yohan's brother, was wounded; but Yohan pursued after them until he came to Kidron, which Kendebaios had built. **10** They fled to the towers that are in Azotos' fields; and he burnt it with fire. About two thousand men of them fell. Then he returned into Yehudah in peace.

Shim'on and two of his sons are murdered

11 Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) the son of Abubus had been appointed governor over the plain of Yeriho (Jericho), and he had much silver and gold; **12** for he was the high priest's son-in-law. **13** His heart was lifted up, and he planned to make himself master of the country, and he made deceitful plans against Shim'on (Simon) and his sons, to do away with them. **14** Now Shim'on was visiting the cities that were in the country, and attending to their needs. He went down to Yeriho—himself with Matityah (Mattathias) and Yehudah his sons—in the one hundred and seventy-seventh year,[120] in the eleventh month, which is the month Shevat. **15** The son of Abubus received them deceitfully into the little fortress that's called Dok, which he'd built, and made them a great banquet, and hid men there. **16** When Shim'on and his sons had drunk freely, Ptolemaios and his men rose up, took

120 RV 16:14 · Note circa B.C. 136.

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their weapons, rushed in against Shim'on in the banqueting place, and killed him, his two sons, and some of his servants. **17** He committed a great iniquity, and repaid evil for good.

18 Ptolemaios wrote these things and sent to the king, that he should send him forces to aid him, and should deliver him their country and the cities. **19** He sent others to Gezer to do away with Yohan. To the captains of thousands, he sent letters to come to him, that he might give them silver, gold, and gifts. **20** He sent others to take possession of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the temple hill. **21** One ran before to Gezer, and told Yohan that his father and kindred had perished, and he's sent to kill you also. **22** When he heard, he was greatly shocked. He seized the men who came to destroy him and killed them; for he perceived that they were seeking to destroy him.

23 And the rest of the acts of Yohan (John) and of his wars and of his valiant actions, and of the walls which he built, and of his achievements, **24** look, they're written in the records[121] of his high priesthood, from the time that he was made high priest after his father.

Literal Version

⟦καθεσταμένος⟧ officer/magistrate toward the/this/who a_
_plain Hierikō, and to_have/be money and gold much; **12** to_be
for an_in-law of_the high-priest. **13** and ⟦ὑψώθη⟧ the/this/who
heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and
⟦ἠβουλήθη⟧ ⟦κατακρατῆσαι⟧ the/this/who country, and
⟦ἐβουλεύετο⟧ deceit according_to Simōnos, and the/this/who
son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_take_up
he/she/it/self. **14** Simōn but/and to_be ⟦ἐφοδεύων⟧
the/this/who city the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who
country, and ⟦φροντίζων⟧ the/this/who care he/she/it/self,
and to_come/go_down toward Hierikō he/she/it/self, and
Mattathias and Youdas the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἔτους⟧ seventh and
⟦ἑβδομηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧, in/on/among month
⟦ἑνδεκάτῳ⟧, this/he/she/it the/this/who certainly/month
Sabat. **15** and to_receive he/she/it/self the/this/who of_the
Aboubou toward the/this/who small_fort the/this/who to_call
Dōk, with/after deceit, the/this/who/which to_build, and to_
_do/make he/she/it/self ⟦πότον⟧ great, and to_mix there man.
16 and when ⟦ἐμεθύσθη⟧ Simōn and the/this/who son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἐξανέστη⟧
Ptolemaios and the/this/who from_with
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐλάβοσαν⟧
the/this/who weapon he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπεισήλθοσαν⟧
the/this/who Simōni toward the/this/who common_meal, and
to_kill he/she/it/self and the/this/who two son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and one
the/this/who ⟦παιδαρίων⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **17** and to_do/make
⟦ἀθεσίαν⟧ great, and to_pay according_to for good-doer; **18** and
to_write this/he/she/it Ptolemaios, and to_send the/this/who
king that to_send he/she/it/self power toward help, and to_
_deliver he/she/it/self the/this/who country he/she/it/self,
and the/this/who city. **19** and to_send other toward Gazara to_
_take_up the/this/who Yōannaʸn, and the/this/who military_
_officer to_send epistle ⟦παραγενέσθαι⟧ to/with he/she/it/self,
that to_give he/she/it/self money and gold and gift. **20** and
other to_send to_grasp the/this/who Hierousalaʸm, and
the/this/who mountain of_the temple. **21** and to_outrun one
to_announce Yōannaʸ toward Gazara, that/since to_destroy
the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
and the/this/who brother
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and that/since to_
_send and you to_kill. **22** and to_hear to_amaze very; and to_
seize/conceive/help the/this/who man the/this/who to
_come/go to_destroy he/she/it/self, and to_kill he/she/it/self,
⟦ἐπέγνω⟧ for that/since to_seek he/she/it/self to_destroy.
23 and the/this/who remaining the/this/who word Yōannou,
and the/this/who war
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who
⟦ἀνδραγαθιῶν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which
⟦ἠνδραγάθησε⟧, and the/this/who building the/this/who
⟦τειχέων⟧ which to_build, and the/this/who ⟦πράξεων⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **24** look!
this/he/she/it to_write upon/to/against scroll day
⟦ἀρχιερωσύνης⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,

121 RV 16:24 · Note Grk. book of days.

Literal Version

away_from which/whither to_be high-priest with/after
the/this/who father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

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The second document about
the Maccabees

Introduction

The Second Document about the Maccabees gives another account of the struggle to preserve Jewish worship and the temple in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). Its main account overlaps the earlier part of *The First Document about the Maccabees*, concentrating on events leading up to and during the leadership of Yehudah (Judas) Makabi. The writer explains that this is a shortened version of a history written in five books by Yason of Kurainai (Cyrene).

The book opens with letters encouraging the celebration of the temple's rededication. It then describes conflict over the high priesthood, the plundering of the temple, and attempts to force the people to abandon God's instructions. Particular attention is given to Eleazar and to seven brothers and their mother, who choose death rather than disobedience and express their hope that God will raise them to life again.

The later chapters follow Yehudah's victories and the recovery of the temple. Throughout the account, prayer, God's discipline and mercy, and help from heaven are closely connected with what happens on the battlefield. The writer wants readers to honour the temple, remember those who remained faithful under suffering, and recognise God as the one who rescues his people.

The Second Document about the Maccabees is recognised as Deuterocanonical Scripture by the Romaios Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Russian Orthodox Churches.

Makabi (from which the term Maccabee is derived) is an acronym formed from the first letters of Exodus 15:11: "Mi kamokha ba'elim YHWH" — "Who is like you among the gods, Yahweh?"

Main components of this account

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1:1 the/this/who brother the/this/who according_to Aigupton Youdaiois to_rejoice; the/this/who brother the/this/who in/on/among Hierosolumois Jewish, and the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who country the/this/who Jewish/Judea, peace good-doer. **2** and to_do_ _good/to_do/make you the/this/who God, and ⟦μνησθείη⟧ the/this/who covenant he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who to/with Habra'am, and Isa'ak, and Yakōb the/this/who slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who faithful. **3** and to_give you heart all toward the/this/who be_devout he/she/it/self, and to_do/make he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who will/desire heart great, and soul ⟦βουλομένῃ⟧; **4** and ⟦διανοίξαι⟧ the/this/who heart you in/on/among the/this/who law he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦προστάγμασι⟧, and peace to_ _do/make, **5** and ⟦ἐπακούσαι⟧ you the/this/who ⟦δεήσεων⟧, and ⟦καταλλαγείη⟧ you, and not you ⟦ἐγκαταλίποι⟧ in/on/among time/right_time evil/bad. **6** and now here to_be to_pray about you. **7** ⟦Βασιλεύοντος⟧ Da^{y}ma^{y}triou ⟦ἔτους⟧ ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ ⟦ἑξηκοστοῦ⟧ ⟦ἐννατου⟧, I/we the/this/who Jewish ⟦γεγραφήκαμεν⟧ you in/on/among the/this/who pressure, and in/on/among the/this/who at_this_moment the/this/who ⟦ἐπελθούσῃ⟧ I/we in/on/among the/this/who year this/he/she/it, away_from which/whither to_leave Yasōn and the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from the/this/who holy earth, and the/this/who kingdom; **8** and ⟦ἐνεπύρισαν⟧ the/this/who gate, and to_pour_out blood innocent; and ⟦ἐδεήθημεν⟧ of_the lord, and ⟦εἰσηκούσθημεν⟧, and ⟦προσηνέγκαμεν⟧ sacrifice, and fine_flour, and ⟦ἐξήψαμεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦λύχνους⟧, and ⟦προεθήκαμεν⟧ the/this/who bread. **9** and now in_order_that/to ⟦ἄγητε⟧ the/this/who day the/this/who ⟦σκηνοπηγίας⟧ of_the Kaseleu ⟦μηνός⟧. **10** ⟦Ἔτους⟧ ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ ⟦ὀγδοηκοστοῦ⟧ and ⟦ὀγδόου⟧ the/this/who in/on/among Hierosolumois, and the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Youdaia, and the/this/who council_of_elders, and Youdas Aristoboulōi ⟦διδασκάλῳ⟧ Ptolemaiou of_the king, to_be but/and away_from of_the the/this/who ⟦χριστῶν⟧ priest family, and the/this/who in/on/among Aiguptōi Youdaiois, to_rejoice and be_healthy. **11** out_from great ⟦κινδύνων⟧ by/under of_the God to_save, greatly to_thank he/she/it/self, which/how if to/with king ⟦παρατασσόμενοι⟧. **12** he/she/it/self for ⟦ἐξέβρασε⟧ the/this/who ⟦παραταξαμένους⟧ in/on/among the/this/who holy city. **13** toward for the/this/who Persida to_be the/this/who ruler, and the/this/who about he/she/it/self unsubdued to_think to_be power, ⟦κατεκόπησαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who the/this/who Nanaias temple, ⟦παραλογισμῷ⟧ ⟦χρησαμένων⟧ the/this/who about the/this/who Nanaian priest. **14** which/how for ⟦συνοικήσων⟧ he/she/it/self to_come toward the/this/who place the/this/who/which, and/both Antiokos, and the/this/who with he/she/it/self friendly/friend, because_of/grace of_the to_take the/this/who money toward ⟦φερνῆς⟧ word; **15** and ⟦προθέντων⟧

Readers' Version

An invitation to celebrate the temple's rededication

1:1 The kindred, the Yehudim (Jews) who are in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and those who are in the country of Yehudah (Judea), send greetings and good peace to the kindred, the Yehudim who are throughout Mitsrayim (Egypt). **2** May God do good to you, and remember his covenant with Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob), his faithful servants, **3** and give you all a heart to worship him and do his will with a strong heart and a willing soul. **4** May God open your heart to his law and his statutes, and make peace, **5** and listen to your requests, and be reconciled with you, and not forsake you in an evil time. **6** Now we're praying for you here.

7 In Demetrios' reign, in the one hundred and sixty-ninth year, we the Yehudim have already written to you in the suffering and in the distress that's come on us in these years, from the time that Yason and his company revolted from the holy land and the kingdom, **8** and set the gate on fire, and shed innocent blood. We prayed to the master, and were heard. We offered sacrifices and meal offerings. We lit the lamps. We set out the show bread.[1] **9** Now see that you keep the days of the feast of tabernacles in the month Kislev in the one hundred and eighty-eighth year.

A second letter to the Yehudim in Mitsrayim

10 The people of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and those who are in Yehudah (Judea), with the senate and Yehudah, to Aristobulos, King Ptolemaios's (Ptolemy's) teacher, who's also of the stock of the anointed priests, and to the Yehudim who are in Mitsrayim (Egypt), we send greetings and health.

11 Having been saved by God out of great perils, as men arrayed against a king, we thank him greatly. **12** Because he threw out into Paras (Persia) those who fought against us in the holy city. **13** Because when the prince had come there, with an army that seemed irresistible, they were cut to pieces in Nanaia's temple by the treachery of Nanaia's priests. **14** Because Antiokos (Antiochus), on the pretence that he'd marry her, came into the place, he and his friends who were with him, that they might take a large part of the treasures as a dowry. **15** And when the priests of Nanaia's temple had set the treasures out, and he'd come there with a small company within the wall of the sacred precinct, they locked the temple when Antiokos had come in. **16** Opening the secret door of the panelled ceiling, they threw stones and struck down the prince. They cut him and his company in pieces, and cut off their heads, and threw them to the people who were outside. **17** Blessed be our god in all things, who handed over those who'd committed impiety.

The recovery of the altar's sacred fire

18 Since we're now about to celebrate the purification of the temple in the month Kislev, on the twenty-fifth day, we thought it necessary to notify you, so that you may also keep a feast of tabernacles, and remember the fire which was given when Nehemyah (Nehemiah) offered sacrifices, after he'd built both the temple and

1 **RV 1:8 · Note** Grk. loaves

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the altar.

19 Because indeed when our fathers were about to be led into
the land of Paras, the godly priests of that time took some of the
fire of the altar, and hid it secretly in the hollow of a well that
was without water, where they made sure that the place was un-
known to anyone. 20 Now after many years, when it pleased God,
Nehemyah, having received a charge from the king of Paras,
sent in quest of the fire the descendants of the priests who hid
it. When they declared to us that they'd found no fire, but thick
liquid, 21 he commanded them to draw some of it out and bring
it to him. When the sacrifices had been offered, Nehemyah com-
manded the priests to sprinkle with that liquid both the wood
and the things laid on it. 22 When that was done and some time
had passed, and the sun shone out, which before was hidden
with clouds, a great blaze was kindled, so that all men marvelled.
23 The priests made a prayer while the sacrifice was being con-
sumed—both the priests and all the others. Yonatan (Jonathan)
led and the rest responded, as Nehemyah did.

24 The prayer was like this: "O master, master God, the Creator
of all things, who are awesome, strong, righteous, and merciful,
who alone are King and gracious, 25 who alone supply every
need, who alone are righteous, almighty, and eternal, you who
save Yisrael (Israel) out of all evil, who chose the ancestors and
sanctified them, 26 accept the sacrifice for all your people Yis-
rael, and preserve your own portion, and consecrate it. 27 Gather
together our scattered people, set at liberty those who are in
bondage among the heathen, look on those who are despised
and abhorred, and let the heathen know that you're our god.
28 Punish those who oppress us and in arrogance shamefully en-
treat us. 29 Plant your people in your holy place, even as Mosheh
(Moses) said."

30 Then the priests sang the hymns. 31 As soon as the sacrifice
was consumed, then Nehemyah (Nehemiah) commanded that
the rest of the liquid be poured on large stones. 32 When this
was done, a flame was kindled; but when the light from the altar
shone back, it went out. 33 When the matter became known, and
it was told the king of the Persians that, in the place where the
priests who were led away had hid the fire, the liquid appeared
which Nehemyah and those who were with him purified the sac-
rifice, 34 then the king enclosed the place and made it sacred af-
ter he'd investigated the matter. 35 When the king would show
favour to any, he'd exchange many presents and give them some
of this liquid. 36 Nehemyah and those who were with him called
this thing "Nephthar", which is by interpretation, "Cleansing";
but most men call it Nephthai.

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he/she/it/self the/this/who priest the/this/who Nanaios,
⟦κἀκείνου⟧ ⟦προσελθόντος⟧ with/after little/few toward
the/this/who ⟦περίβολον⟧ of_the ⟦τεμένους⟧, ⟦συγκλείσαντες⟧
the/this/who temple, which/how to_enter Antiokos, 16 to_
_open the/this/who of_the ⟦φατνώματος⟧ cellar door, to_
_throw ⟦πέτρους⟧ ⟦συνεκεραύνωσαν⟧ the/this/who ruler, and
member to_do/make, and the/this/who head ⟦ἀφελόντες⟧,
the/this/who out/outside(r) ⟦παρέῤῥιψαν⟧. 17 according_to all
praiseworthy I/we the/this/who God, which to_deliver
the/this/who ⟦ἀσεβήσαντας⟧. 18 to_ensue therefore/then to_
_bring in/on/among the/this/who Kaseleu ⟦πέμπτῃ⟧ and
⟦εἰκάδι⟧ the/this/who cleansing of_the temple, be_necessary
⟦ἡγησάμεθα⟧ ⟦διασαφῆσαι⟧ you, in_order_that/to and
he/she/it/self ⟦ἄγητε⟧ the/this/who ⟦σκηνοπηγίας⟧ and of_
_the fire, when Ne'emias ⟦οἰκοδομήσας⟧ the/this/who,
and/both temple and the/this/who altar, to_carry_up sacrifice.
19 and for when toward the/this/who ⟦Περσικὴν⟧ to_bring
the/this/who father I/we, the/this/who/which then pious
priest to_take away_from of_the fire of_the altar clandestinely,
⟦κατέκρυψαν⟧ in/on/among ⟦κοιλώματι⟧ well/abyss order to_
_have/be ⟦ἀνύδρον⟧, in/on/among which ⟦κατησφαλίσαντο⟧,
so all ⟦ἄγνωστον⟧ to_be the/this/who place. 20 ⟦Διελθόντων⟧
but/and year sufficient, when to_think the/this/who God,
⟦ἀποσταλεὶς⟧ Ne'emias by/under of_the king the/this/who
⟦Περσίδος⟧, the/this/who ⟦ἐκγόνους⟧ the/this/who priest
the/this/who ⟦ἀποκρυψάντων⟧ to_send upon/to/against
the/this/who fire; 21 which/how but/and to_explain I/we not
to_find/meet fire, but water ⟦παχύ⟧, to_order he/she/it/self
⟦ἀποβάψαντας⟧ to_bear/lead; which/how but/and ⟦ἀνηνέχθη⟧
the/this/who the/this/who sacrifice, to_order the/this/who
priest Ne'emias ⟦ἐπιῤῥᾶναι⟧ the/this/who water the/this/who
and/both wood, and the/this/who to_lay_on. 22 which/how
but/and to_be this/he/she/it, and time to_pass_through when
sun ⟦ἀνέλαμψε⟧ before/previously ⟦ἐπινεφὴς⟧ to_be, to_kindle
fire great, so to_marvel all. 23 prayer but/and ⟦ἐποιήσαντο⟧
the/this/who priest ⟦δαπανωμένης⟧ the/this/who sacrifice,
the/this/who/which and/both priest, and all, ⟦καταρχομένου⟧
Yōnathou, the/this/who but/and remaining ⟦ἐπιφωνούντων⟧,
which/how Ne'emiou. 24 to_be but/and the/this/who prayer
the/this/who way to_have/be this/he/she/it; lord lord
the/this/who God the/this/who all creator, the/this/who
fearful, and strong, and just, and merciful, the/this/who alone
king and good/kind, 25 the/this/who alone ⟦χορηγός⟧,
the/this/who alone just, and almighty, and eternal,
the/this/who ⟦διασώζων⟧ the/this/who Israaʸl out_from all
evil/harm, the/this/who to_do/make the/this/who father
select, and to_sanctify he/she/it/self, 26 ⟦πρόσδεξαι⟧
the/this/who sacrifice above/for all of_the a_people you
Israaʸl, and ⟦διαφύλαξον⟧ the/this/who part you and
⟦καθαγίασον⟧. 27 ⟦Ἐπισυνάγαγε⟧ the/this/who dispersion
I/we, ⟦ἐλευθέρωσον⟧ the/this/who ⟦δουλεύοντας⟧
in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation, the/this/who to_
_reject and ⟦βδελυκτοὺς⟧ to_look_upon, and ⟦γνώτωσαν⟧
the/this/who Gentile_nation that/since you to_be
the/this/who God I/we. 28 ⟦Βασάνισον⟧ the/this/who
⟦καταδυναστεύοντας⟧, and ⟦ἐξυβρίζοντας⟧ in/on/among pride;
29 ⟦Καταφύτευσον⟧ the/this/who a_people you toward
the/this/who place the/this/who holy you, as/just_as to_say

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Mōusaʸs. 30 the/this/who but/and priest ⟦ἐπέψαλλον⟧
the/this/who ⟦ὕμνους⟧. 31 as/just_as but/and ⟦ἀνηλώθη⟧
the/this/who the/this/who sacrifice, and the/this/who
⟦περιλειπόμενον⟧ water, the/this/who Ne'emias to_order
stone great ⟦καταχεῖν⟧. 32 which/how but/and this/he/she/it
to_be, flame to_kindle; of_the but/and away_from of_the altar
⟦ἀντιλάμψαντος⟧ light ⟦ἐδαπανήθη⟧. 33 which/how but/and
manifest to_be the/this/who thing, and ⟦διηγγέλη⟧
the/this/who king the/this/who Persōn, that/since toward
the/this/who place which/whither the/this/who fire
⟦ἀπέκρυψαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦μεταχθέντες⟧ priest,
the/this/who water to_shine/appear, away_from
which/whither and the/this/who about the/this/who
Ne'emian ⟦ἤγνισαν⟧ the/this/who the/this/who sacrifice.
34 ⟦Περιφράξας⟧ but/and the/this/who king temple to_
_do/make, ⟦δοκιμάσας⟧ the/this/who thing. 35 and which
⟦ἐχαρίζετο⟧ the/this/who king much different ⟦ἐλάμβανε⟧ and
⟦μετεδίδου⟧. 36 ⟦Προσηγόρευσαν⟧ but/and the/this/who about
the/this/who Ne'emian this/he/she/it ⟦Νέφθαρ⟧,
the/this/who/which ⟦διερμηνεύεται⟧ cleansing; to_call
but/and from_with the/this/who much ⟦Νεφθαεί⟧.

2:1 ⟦Εὑρίσκεται⟧ but/and in/on/among the/this/who
⟦ἀπογραφαῖς⟧ Hieremias the/this/who prophet, that/since to_
_order of_the fire to_take the/this/who ⟦μεταγινομένους⟧,
which/how ⟦σεσήμανται⟧, 2 and which/how to_order
the/this/who ⟦μεταγενομένοις⟧ the/this/who prophet, to_give
he/she/it/self the/this/who law, in_order_that/to not
⟦ἐπιλάθωνται⟧ the/this/who ⟦προσταγμάτων⟧ of_the lord, and
in_order_that/to not ⟦ἀποπλανηθῶσι⟧ the/this/who
⟦διανοίαις⟧, to_see ⟦ἀγάλματα⟧ golden and silver, and
the/this/who about he/she/it/self world. 3 and other such_as_
_this to_speak, to_plead/comfort not to_leave the/this/who
law away_from the/this/who heart he/she/it/self. 4 to_be
but/and in/on/among the/this/who a_writing, which/how
the/this/who tent and the/this/who ark to_order
the/this/who prophet, ⟦χρηματισμοῦ⟧ ⟦γενηθέντος⟧,
he/she/it/self ⟦συνακολουθεῖν⟧, which/how but/and to_go_
_out toward the/this/who mountain which/whither
the/this/who Mōusaʸs to_ascend to_look_at the/this/who of_
_the God inheritance. 5 and to_come/go the/this/who
Hieremias to_find/meet house ⟦ἀντρώδη⟧, and the/this/who
tent, and the/this/who ark, and the/this/who altar of_the
incense ⟦εἰσήνεγκεν⟧ there, and the/this/who door
⟦ἐνέφραξε⟧. 6 and to_come_near/agree one the/this/who
⟦συνακολουθούντων⟧ so ⟦ἐπισημήνασθαι⟧ the/this/who road,
and no be_able to_find/meet. 7 which/how but/and
the/this/who Hieremias to_know, ⟦μεμψάμενος⟧
he/she/it/self to_say, that/since and unknown the/this/who
place to_be until if to_assemble the/this/who God gathering
of_the a_people, and propitious/gracious to_be. 8 and then
the/this/who lord ⟦ἀναδείξει⟧ this/he/she/it, and to_see
the/this/who glory of_the lord and the/this/who cloud,
which/how and upon/to/against Mōusaʸ ⟦ἐδηλοῦτο⟧,
which/how and the/this/who Salōmōn ⟦ἠξίωσεν⟧ in_order_

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Yirmiyah hides the sacred tent and chest

2:1 It's also found in the records that the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) commanded those who were carried away to take some of the fire, as has been mentioned, 2 and how that the prophet charged those who were carried away, having given them the law, that they shouldn't forget the statutes of the master or be led astray in their minds when they saw images of gold and silver, and their adornment. 3 With other such words exhorted he them, that the law shouldn't depart from their hearts.

4 It was in the writing that the prophet, being warned by God, commanded that the tabernacle and the ark should follow with him,[2] when he went out to the mountain where Mosheh (Moses) had gone up and saw God's inheritance. 5 Yirmiyah came and found a cave, he brought the tabernacle, the ark, and the altar of incense into it; then he sealed the entrance. 6 Some of those who followed with him came there that they might mark the way, and couldn't find it. 7 But when Yirmiyah learnt about that, he rebuked them, saying, "The place will be unknown until God gathers the people together again and shows mercy. 8 Then the master will disclose these things, and the master's glory will be seen with the cloud, as it was also shown to Mosheh, also as Shelomoh (Solomon) implored that the place might be consecrated greatly, 9 and it was also declared that he, having wisdom, offered a sacrifice of dedication, and of the finishing of the temple. 10 As Mosheh prayed to the master and fire came down out of heaven and consumed the sacrifice, even so Shelomoh also prayed, and the fire came down and consumed the burnt offerings. 11 Mosheh[3] said, 'Because the sin offering hadn't been eaten, it was consumed in the same way.' 12 Likewise Shelomoh

2 **RV 2:4 · Note** Grk. and when. The Greek text here is probably corrupt.

3 **RV 2:11 · Note** See Leviticus 10:16 and 9:24.

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kept the eight days."

13 The same things were reported both in the public archives and in Nehemyah's (Nehemiah's) records, and also how he, founding a library, gathered together the books about the kings and prophets, and the writings of David, and letters of kings about sacred gifts. 14 In the same way Yehudah (Judas) also gathered together for us all those books that'd been scattered because of the war, and they're still with us. 15 If therefore you have need of them, send some people to bring them to you.

16 Seeing then that we're about to celebrate the purification, we write to you. You'll therefore do well if you celebrate the days. 17 Now God, who saved all his people, and restored the heritage to all, with the kingdom, the priesthood, and the consecration, 18 even as he promised through the law—in God have we hope, that he'll soon have mercy on us, and gather us together out of everywhere under heaven into his holy place; for he delivered us out of great evils, and purified the place.

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The writer explains the purpose of this history

19 Now the things about Yehudah (Judas) Makabi (Maccabaeus) and his brothers, the purification of the greatest temple, the dedication of the altar, 20 and further the wars against Antiokos (Antiochus) Epifanes (Epiphanes) and Eupator his son, 21 and the manifestations that came from heaven to those who fought with one another in brave actions for the religion of the Yehudim (Jews); so that, being but a few, they seized the whole country, chased the barbarous multitudes, 22 recovered again the temple renowned all the world over, freed the city, and restored the laws which were about to be overthrown, seeing the master became gracious to them with all kindness. 23 These things which have been declared by Yason of Kurainai (Cyrene) in five books, we'll attempt to abridge in one book. 24 Because having in view the confused mass of the numbers, and the[4] difficulty which awaits those who'd enter into the narratives of the history, because of the abundance of the matter, 25 we were careful that those who choose to read may be attracted, and that those who wish us well may find it easy to recall, and that all readers may benefit. 26 Although to us, who've taken on ourselves the painful labour of the abridgement, the task isn't easy, but a matter of sweat and sleeplessness, 27 even as it's no light thing to him who prepares a banquet, and seeks the benefit of others. Nevertheless, for the sake of the gratitude of the many we'll gladly endure the painful labour, 28 leaving to the historian the exact handling of every particular, and again having no strength to fill in the outlines of our abridgement. 29 Because as the master-builder of a new house must care for the whole structure, and again he who undertakes to decorate and paint it must seek out the things fit for its adorning; even so I think it's also with us. 30 To occupy the ground, and to indulge in long discussions, and to be curious in particulars, is fitting for the first

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_that/to the/this/who place ⟦καθαγιασθῇ⟧ greatly.
9 ⟦Διεσαφεῖτο⟧ but/and and which/how wisdom to_have/be to_carry_up sacrifice ⟦ἐγκαινισμοῦ⟧, and the/this/who ⟦τελειώσεως⟧ of_the temple. 10 as/just_as and Mōusaʸs to_pray to/with lord, and to_come/go_down fire out_from of_the heaven, and the/this/who the/this/who sacrifice ⟦ἐδαπάνησεν⟧; thus(-ly) and Salōmōn to_pray, and to_ _come/go_down the/this/who fire ⟦ἀνήλωσε⟧ the/this/who burnt_offering. 11 and to_say Mōusaʸs, through/because_of the/this/who not ⟦βεβρῶσθαι⟧ the/this/who about the/this/who sin, ⟦ἀνηλώθη⟧. 12 likewise and the/this/who Salōmōn the/this/who eight day to_bring. 13 to_tell but/and and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀναγραφαῖς⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὑπομνηματισμοῖς⟧ the/this/who according_to the/this/who Ne'emian the/this/who he/she/it/self, and which/how ⟦καταβαλλόμενος⟧ ⟦βιβλιοθήκην⟧, ⟦ἐπισυνήγαγε⟧ the/this/who about the/this/who king and prophet, and the/this/who of_the Daueid, and epistle king about ⟦ἀναθημάτων⟧. 14 likewise but/and and Youdas, the/this/who ⟦διαπεπτωκότα⟧ through/because_of the/this/who war the/this/who ⟦γεγονότα⟧ I/we ⟦ἐπισυνήγαγε⟧ all, and he_is from_with I/we. 15 which therefore/then if need to_have/be, the/this/who ⟦ἀποκομιοῦντας⟧ you ⟦ἀποστέλλετε⟧. 16 to_ensue therefore/then to_bring the/this/who cleansing, ⟦ἐγράψαμεν⟧ you; well therefore/then to_do/make to_bring the/this/who day. 17 the/this/who but/and God the/this/who to_save the/this/who all a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_pay the/this/who inheritance all, and the/this/who kingly, and the/this/who priesthood, and the/this/who holiness. 18 as/just_as to_profess through/because_of of_the law to_ _hope/expect for upon/to/against the/this/who God, that/since quickly I/we ⟦ἐλεήσει⟧, and to_gather out_from the/this/who by/under the/this/who heaven toward the/this/who holy place; to_take_out/select for I/we out_from great evil/harm, and the/this/who place to_clean. 19 the/this/who but/and according_to the/this/who Youdan the/this/who Makkabaion, and the/this/who this/he/she/it brother, and the/this/who of_the temple of_the great cleansing, and the/this/who of_the ⟦βωμοῦ⟧ ⟦ἐγκαινισμὸν⟧, 20 still and/both the/this/who to/with Antiokon the/this/who glorious, and the/this/who this/he/she/it son Eupatora war, 21 and the/this/who out_from heaven ⟦γενομένας⟧ appearing the/this/who above/for of_the Youdaismou ⟦φιλοτίμως⟧ ⟦ἀνδραγαθήσασιν⟧, so the/this/who all country ⟦ὀλίγους⟧ to_ _be ⟦λεηλατεῖν⟧, and the/this/who ⟦βάρβαρα⟧ multitude ⟦διώκειν⟧. 22 and the/this/who ⟦περιβόητον⟧ according_to all the/this/who world temple ⟦ἀνακομίσασθαι⟧, and the/this/who city ⟦ἐλευθερῶσαι⟧, and the/this/who to_ensue ⟦καταλύεσθαι⟧ law ⟦ἐπανορθῶσαι⟧, of_the lord with/after all gentleness ⟦ἵλεω⟧ to_be he/she/it/self, 23 the/this/who by/under ⟦Ἰάσωνος⟧ of_the Kuraʸnaiou ⟦δεδηλωμένα⟧ through/because_of five ⟦βιβλίων⟧, ⟦πειρασόμεθα⟧ through/because_of one ⟦συντάγματος⟧ ⟦ἐπιτεμεῖν⟧.

4 **RV 2:24 · Note** Or, weariness

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24 ⟦Συνορῶντες⟧ for the/this/who an_increase the/this/who ⟦ἀριθμῶν⟧, and the/this/who to_be ⟦δυσχέρειαν⟧ the/this/who to_will/desire ⟦εἰσκυκλεῖσθαι⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἱστορίας⟧ ⟦διηγήμασι⟧ through/because_of the/this/who multitude the/this/who ⟦ὕλης⟧, **25** ⟦ἐφροντίσαμεν⟧ the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦βουλομένοις⟧ ⟦ἀναγινώσκειν⟧ ⟦ψυχαγωγίαν⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦φιλοφρονοῦσιν⟧ toward the/this/who through/because_of ⟦μνήμης⟧ ⟦ἀναλαβεῖν⟧ ⟦εὐκοπίαν⟧, all but/and the/this/who ⟦ἐντυγχάνουσιν⟧ ⟦ὠφέλειαν⟧. **26** and I/we on_one_hand the/this/who the/this/who ⟦κακοπάθειαν⟧ ⟦ἐπιδεδεγμένοις⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐπιτομῆς⟧ no ⟦ῥᾴδιον⟧, ⟦ἱδρῶτος⟧ but/and and ⟦ἀγρυπνίας⟧ the/this/who thing; **27** just_as the/this/who ⟦παρασκευάζοντι⟧ common_meal, and to_seek the/this/who other ⟦λυσιτέλειαν⟧ no ⟦εὐχερές⟧ on_one_hand, just_as through/because_of the/this/who the/this/who much thankfulness, gladly the/this/who ⟦κακοπάθειαν⟧ ⟦ὑποίσομεν⟧, **28** the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦διακριβοῦν⟧ about ⟦ἑκάστων⟧ the/this/who ⟦συγγραφεῖ⟧ ⟦παραχωρήσαντες⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦ἐπιπορεύεσθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὑπογραμμοῖς⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐπιτομῆς⟧ ⟦διαπονοῦντες⟧. **29** just_as for the/this/who new home ⟦ἀρχιτέκτονι⟧ the/this/who all beginning ⟦φροντιστέον⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦ἐγκαίειν⟧ and ⟦ζωγραφεῖν⟧ ⟦ἐπιχειροῦντι⟧, the/this/who necessary to/with ⟦διακόσμησιν⟧ ⟦ἐξεταστέον⟧; thus(-ly) to_think and upon/to/against I/we. **30** the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦ἐμβατεύειν⟧, and about all to_ _do/make word and ⟦πολυπραγμονεῖν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦καταμέρος⟧, the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἱστορίας⟧ ⟦ἀρχηγέτῃ⟧ ⟦καθήκει⟧; **31** the/this/who but/and ⟦σύντομον⟧ the/this/who ⟦λέξεως⟧ ⟦μεταδιώκειν⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἐξεργαστικὸν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πραγματείας⟧ to_ _refuse/excuse, the/this/who the/this/who ⟦μετάφρασιν⟧ ⟦ποιουμένῳ⟧ ⟦συγχωρητέον⟧. **32** from_here therefore/then ⟦ἀρξώμεθα⟧ the/this/who ⟦διηγήσεως⟧, the/this/who ⟦προειρημένοις⟧ so_great ⟦ἐπιζεύξαντες⟧; ⟦εὔηθες⟧ for the/this/who on_one_hand before the/this/who ⟦ἱστορίας⟧ ⟦πλεονάζειν⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦ἱστορίαν⟧ ⟦ἐπιτεμεῖν⟧.

3:1 the/this/who holy then city ⟦κατοικουμένης⟧ with/after all peace, and the/this/who ⟦νόμων⟧ still ⟦κάλλιστα⟧ ⟦συντηρουμένων⟧ through/because_of the/this/who Oniou of_ _the high-priest piety and/both and ⟦μισοπονηρίαν⟧, **2** to_ _happen and he/she/it/self the/this/who king ⟦τιμᾷν⟧ the/this/who place, and the/this/who temple ⟦ἀποστολαῖς⟧ the/this/who ⟦κρατίσταις⟧ to_glorify, **3** so and Seleukon the/this/who the/this/who Asias king ⟦χορηγεῖν⟧ out_from the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦προσόδων⟧ all the/this/who to/with the/this/who ministry the/this/who sacrifice ⟦ἐπιβάλλοντα⟧ ⟦δαπανήματα⟧. **4** Simōn but/and one out_from the/this/who Beniamin tribe a_superintendent of_the temple ⟦καθεσταμένος⟧, ⟦διηνέχθη⟧ the/this/who high-priest about the/this/who according_to the/this/who city lawlessness; **5** and to_conquer the/this/who Onian not be_able, to_come/go to/with Apollōnion ⟦Θρασαίου⟧, the/this/who according_to that the/this/who time/right_time ⟦κοιλῆς⟧ Surias and

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author of the history; **31** but to strive after brevity of expression, and to avoid a laboured fullness in the treatment, is to be granted to him who'd bring a writing into a new form. **32** Here then let's begin the narration, only adding this much to that which has already been said; for it's a foolish thing to make a long prologue to the history, and to abridge the history itself.

Heliodoros tries to seize the temple's money

3:1 When the holy city was inhabited with unbroken peace and the laws were kept very well because of the godliness of Honyo (Onias) the high priest and his hatred of wickedness, **2** it happened that even the kings themselves honoured the place and glorified the temple with the noblest presents, **3** so that even King Seleukos (Seleucus) of Asia bore all the costs belonging to the services of the sacrifices out of his own revenues. **4** But a man named Shim'on (Simon) of the tribe of Benyamin, having been made guardian of the temple, disagreed with the high priest about the ruling of the market in the city. **5** When he couldn't overcome Honyo, he went to Apolonios of Tarsos,[5] who at that time was governor of Coele-Syria and Foinikai. **6** He brought him word how that the treasury in Yerushalem was full of untold sums of money, so that the multitude of the funds was

5 **RV 3:5 · Note** Greek Thraseas

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innumerable, and that they didn't pertain to the account of the sacrifices, but that it was possible that these should fall under the king's power. 7 When Apolonios met the king, he informed him of the money about which he'd been told. So the king appointed Heliodoros, who was his chancellor, and sent him with a command to accomplish the removal of the reported money. 8 So Heliodoros set out on his journey at once, ostensibly to visit the cities of Coele-Syria and Foinikai, but in fact to execute the king's purpose.

9 When he'd come to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and had been courteously received by the high priest of the city, he told him about the information which had been given, and declared why he'd come; and he enquired if in truth these things were so. 10 The high priest explained to him that there were in the treasury deposits of widows and orphans, 11 and moreover some money belonging to Hurkanos the son of Toviyah (Tobias), a man in very high place, not as that impious Shim'on falsely alleged; and that in all there were four hundred talents of silver and two hundred of gold, 12 and that it was altogether impossible that wrong should be done to those who'd put trust in the holiness of the place, and in the majesty and inviolable sanctity of the temple, honoured over all the world. 13 But Heliodoros, because of the king's command given him, said that in any case this money must be confiscated for the king's treasury.

14 So having appointed a day, he entered in to direct the enquiry about these matters; and there was no small distress throughout the whole city. 15 The priests, prostrating themselves before the altar in their priestly clothes, and called towards heaven on him who gave the law about deposits, that he should preserve these treasures safe for those who'd deposited them. 16 Anyone who saw the appearance of the high priest was wounded in mind; for his face and the change of his colour betrayed the distress of his soul. 17 Because a terror and a shuddering of the body had come over the man, by which the pain that was in his heart was plainly shown to those who looked at him. 18 Those who were in the houses rushed out in crowds to make a universal supplication, because the place was about to come into dishonour. 19 The women, girded with sackcloth under their breasts, thronged the streets. The virgins who were kept indoors ran together, some to the gates, others to the walls, and some looked out through the windows. 20 All, stretching out their hands towards heaven, made their solemn supplication. 21 Then it was pitiful to see the multitude prostrating themselves all mixed together, and the anxiety of the high priest in his great distress.

God protects the temple treasury

22 While therefore they called on the Almighty master to keep the things entrusted to them safe and secure[6] for those who'd entrusted them, 23 Heliodoros went on to execute that which had been decreed. 24 But when he was already present there with his guards

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Foinikaʸs ⟦στρατηγόν⟧. 6 and ⟦προσήγγειλε⟧ about of_the money ⟦ἀμυθήτων⟧ ⟦γέμειν⟧ the/this/who in/on/among Hierosolumois treasury, so the/this/who multitude the/this/who ⟦διαφόρων⟧ ⟦ἐναρίθμητον⟧ to_be, and not ⟦προσήκειν⟧ he/she/it/self to/with the/this/who the/this/who sacrifice word, to_be but/and able by/under the/this/who of_the king authority to_collapse all this/he/she/it. 7 ⟦Συμμίξας⟧ but/and the/this/who Apollōnios the/this/who king, about the/this/who ⟦μηνυθέντων⟧ he/she/it/self money ⟦ἐνεφάνισεν⟧; the/this/who but/and ⟦προχειρισάμενος⟧ Haʸliodōron the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who thing, to_send to_give commandment, the/this/who the/this/who to_predict money ⟦ἐκκομιδὴν⟧ to_ _do/make. 8 immediately but/and the/this/who Haʸliodōros ⟦ἐποιεῖτο⟧ the/this/who ⟦παρείαν⟧, the/this/who on_one_ _hand ⟦ἐμφάσει⟧ which/how the/this/who according_to ⟦κοίλην⟧ Surian and Foinikaʸn city ⟦ἐφοδεύσων⟧, the/this/who thing but/and the/this/who of_the king purpose ⟦ἐπιτελέσων⟧. 9 ⟦Παραγενηθεὶς⟧ but/and toward Hierosoluma, and hospitably by/under of_the high-priest the/this/who city ⟦ἀποδεχθείς⟧, to_set_before about of_the ⟦γεγονότος⟧ ⟦ἐμφανισμοῦ⟧, and which? because_of ⟦πάρεστι⟧ ⟦διεσάφήσεν⟧; to_inquire but/and if the/this/who ⟦ἀληθείαις⟧ this/he/she/it thus(-ly) to_have/be ⟦τυγχάνει⟧. 10 of_the but/and high-priest ⟦ὑποδείξαντος⟧ ⟦παραθήκας⟧ to_be widow and/both and ⟦ὀρφανῶν⟧, 11 one but/and and Hurkanou of_the Tōbiou very man in/on/among authority ⟦κειμένου⟧, no just_as to_be ⟦διαβάλλων⟧ the/this/who ⟦δυσσεβὴς⟧ Simōn, the/this/who but/and all money four_hundred talent, gold but/and ⟦διακόσια⟧; 12 ⟦ἀδικηθῆναι⟧ but/and the/this/who to_trust_ _(in) the/this/who of_the place holiness, and the/this/who of_ _the to_honour according_to the/this/who ⟦σύμπαντα⟧ world temple dignity and ⟦ἀσυλίᾳ⟧, ⟦παντελῶς⟧ ⟦ἀμήχανον⟧ to_be. 13 the/this/who but/and Haʸliodōros through/because_of which to_have/be ⟦βασιλικὰς⟧ commandment, surely to_speak toward the/this/who royal ⟦ἀναληπτέα⟧ this/he/she/it to_be. 14 ⟦Ταξάμενος⟧ but/and day to_enter the/this/who about this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπίσκεψιν⟧ ⟦οἰκονομήσων⟧; to_be but/and no small according_to all the/this/who city a_struggle. 15 the/this/who but/and priest before of_the altar in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἱερατικαῖς⟧ robe to_throw/lay_ _down my/your/him-self, ⟦ἐπεκαλοῦντο⟧ toward heaven the/this/who about ⟦παραθήκης⟧ ⟦νομοθετήσαντα⟧ the/this/who ⟦παρακαταθεμένοις⟧ this/he/she/it ⟦σῶα⟧ to_ _protect. 16 to_be but/and ⟦ὁρῶντα⟧ the/this/who of_the high-priest ⟦ἰδέαν⟧, ⟦τιτρώσκεσθαι⟧ the/this/who mind; the/this/who for face and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦χρόας⟧ ⟦παρηλλαγμένον⟧ ⟦ἐνέφαινε⟧ the/this/who according_to soul ⟦ἀγωνίαν⟧. 17 ⟦Περιεκέχυτο⟧ for about the/this/who man fear one and shuddering,_shivering body, through/because_of which obvious to_be the/this/who to_see/experience the/this/who according_to heart ⟦ἐνεστὸς⟧ pain. 18 the/this/who but/and out_from the/this/who home ⟦ἀγεληδὸν⟧ ⟦ἐξεπήδων⟧ upon/to/against ⟦πάνδημον⟧ ⟦ἱκετείαν⟧, through/because_of the/this/who to_ensue toward ⟦καταφρόνησιν⟧ to_come/go the/this/who place.

6 **RV 3:22 · Note** Grk. safe with all security.

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19 ⟦Ὑπεζωσμέναι⟧ but/and by/under the/this/who ⟦μαστοὺς⟧ the/this/who/which woman sackcloth according_to the/this/who road ⟦ἐπλήθυον⟧; the/this/who/which but/and ⟦κατάκλειστοι⟧ the/this/who virgin, the/this/who/which on_ _one_hand ⟦συνέτρεχον⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who gate, the/this/who/which but/and upon/to/against the/this/who wall, one but/and through/because_of the/this/who ⟦θυρίδων⟧ ⟦διεξέκυπτον⟧. 20 all but/and ⟦προτείνουσαι⟧ the/this/who hand toward the/this/who heaven, to_do/make the/this/who ⟦λιτανείαν⟧; 21 ⟦Ἐλεεῖν⟧ but/and to_be the/this/who of_the multitude ⟦παμμιγῆ⟧ ⟦πρόπτωσιν⟧, the/this/who and/both of_the greatly ⟦διαγωνιῶντος⟧ high-priest ⟦προσδοκίαν⟧. 22 the/this/who on_one_hand therefore/then ⟦ἐπεκαλοῦντο⟧ the/this/who ⟦παντοκράτορα⟧ God the/this/who ⟦πεπιστευμένα⟧ the/this/who ⟦πεπιστευκόσι⟧ ⟦σῶα⟧ ⟦διαφυλάγγειν⟧ with/after all ⟦ἀσφαλείας⟧. 23 the/this/who but/and Ha^{y}liodōros the/this/who ⟦διεγνωσμένον⟧ ⟦ἐπετέλει⟧. 24 at_that_time but/and he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there with the/this/who ⟦δορυφόροις⟧ according_to the/this/who treasury already be_present, the/this/who the/this/who father lord and all authority ruler appearing great to_do/make, so all the/this/who ⟦κατατολμήσαντας⟧ to_assemble, ⟦καταπλαγέντας⟧ the/this/who of_the God power, toward ⟦ἔκλυσιν⟧ and ⟦δειλίαν⟧ ⟦τραπῆναι⟧. 25 to_see for one horse he/she/it/self fearful to_have/be the/this/who ⟦ἐπιβάτην⟧, and ⟦καλλίστῃ⟧ padding ⟦διακεκοσμημένος⟧, ⟦φερόμενος⟧ but/and ⟦ῥύδην⟧ ⟦ἐνέσεισε⟧ the/this/who Ha^{y}liodōrōi the/this/who ⟦ἐμπροσθίους⟧ ⟦ὁπλάς⟧; the/this/who but/and ⟦ἐπικαθήμενος⟧ ⟦ἐφαίνετο⟧ golden complete_armour to_ _have/be. 26 other but/and two ⟦προεφάνησαν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦νεανίαι⟧, the/this/who Rome on_one_hand ⟦ἐκπρεπεῖς⟧, ⟦κάλλιστοι⟧ but/and the/this/who glory/to_think, ⟦διαπρεπεῖς⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦περιβολήν⟧; the/this/who/which and ⟦παρασταντες⟧ out_from ⟦ἑκατέρου⟧ part, ⟦ἐμαστίγουν⟧ he/she/it/self unceasingly, much ⟦ἐπιῤῥιπτοῦντες⟧ he/she/it/self plague/blow/wound. 27 suddenly but/and to_collapse to/with the/this/who earth, and much darkness ⟦περιχυθέντα⟧, to_seize, and toward a_ _carriage ⟦ἐνθέντες⟧, 28 the/this/who now with/after much ⟦παραδρομῆς⟧ and all ⟦δορυφορίας⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦προειρημένον⟧ to_enter treasury, to_bear/lead ⟦ἀβοήθητον⟧ my/your/him-self ⟦καθεστῶτα⟧, plainly the/this/who of_the God ⟦δυναστείαν⟧ ⟦ἐπεγνωκότες⟧. 29 and the/this/who on_ _one_hand through/because_of the/this/who ⟦θείαν⟧ active_ _energy mute and all ⟦ἐστερημένος⟧ hope and salvation ⟦ἔῤῥιπτο⟧. 30 the/this/who but/and the/this/who lord ⟦εὐλόγουν⟧ the/this/who ⟦παραδοξάζοντα⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self place; and the/this/who small before/previously fear and ⟦ταραχῆς⟧ be_full temple, of_the almighty ⟦ἐπιφανέντος⟧ lord, joy and joy ⟦ἐπεπλήρωτο⟧. 31 quick/quickly but/and one the/this/who of_the Ha^{y}liodōrou ⟦συνήθων⟧ ⟦ἠξίουν⟧ the/this/who Onian to_call_(on)/name the/this/who ⟦ὕψιστον⟧, and the/this/who to_live ⟦χαρίσασθι⟧ the/this/who ⟦παντελῶς⟧ in/on/among last/least

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near the treasury, the Sovereign of spirits and of all authority caused a great manifestation, so that all who'd presumed to come with him, stricken with dismay at God's power, fainted in terror. 25 Because they saw a horse with a frightening rider, adorned with beautiful trappings, and he rushed fiercely and struck at Heliodoros with his forefeet. It seemed like he who sat on the horse had complete armour of gold. 26 Two others also appeared to him, young men notable in their strength, and beautiful in their glory, and splendid in their clothing, who stood by him on either side, and scourged him unceasingly, inflicting on him many sore stripes. 27 When he'd fallen suddenly to the ground, and great darkness had come over him, his guards picked him up and put him on a stretcher, 28 and carried him—this man who'd just now entered with a great retinue and all his guard into the aforesaid treasury, himself now brought to utter helplessness, manifestly made to recognise the sovereignty of God. 29 So, while he, through the working of God, speechless and bereft of all hope and deliverance, lay prostrate, 30 they blessed the master who acted marvellously for his own place. The temple, which a little before was full of terror and alarm, was filled with joy and gladness after the Almighty master appeared.

31 But quickly some of Heliodoros's familiar friends implored Honyo (Onias) to call on the Most High to grant life to him who lay quite at the last gasp. 32 The high priest, secretly afraid that the king might think that some treachery towards Heliodoros had been perpetrated by the Yehudim (Jews), brought a sacrifice for the recovery of the man. 33 But as the high priest was making the atoning sacrifice, the same young men appeared again to Heliodoros, arrayed in the same clothes. They stood and said, "Give Honyo the high priest great thanks, for his sake the master has granted you life. 34 See that you, since you've been scourged from heaven, proclaim to all men the sovereign majesty of God." When they'd spoken these words, they vanished out of sight. 35 So Heliodoros, having offered a sacrifice to the master and vowed great[7] vows to him who'd saved his life, and having bidden Honyo farewell, returned with his army to the king. 36 He testified to all men the works of the greatest God, which he'd seen with his eyes.

37 When the king asked Heliodoros what sort of man was fit to be sent yet once again to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he said, 38 "If you have any enemy or conspirator against the state, send him there, and you'll receive him back well scourged, if he even escapes with his life; because truly there's some power of God in that place. 39 Because he who has his dwelling in heaven himself has his eyes on that place and helps it. Those who come to hurt it, he strikes and destroys."

40 This was the history of Heliodoros and the keeping of the treasury.

7 **RV 3:35 · Note** Grk. greatest.

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Conflict over the high priesthood

4:1 The previously mentioned Shim'on (Simon), who'd given information about the money against his country, slandered Honyo (Onias), saying that it was he who'd incited Heliodoros and had been the real cause of these evils. **2** He dared to call him a conspirator against the state who was actually the benefactor of the city, the guardian of his fellow countrymen, and a zealot for the laws. **3** When his hatred grew so great that even murders were perpetrated through one of Shim'on's approved agents, **4** Honyo, seeing the danger of the contention, and that Apolonios[8] the son of Menestheus, the governor of Coele-Syria and Foinikai, was increasing Shim'on's malice, **5** appealed to the king, not to be an accuser of his fellow-citizens, but looking to the good of all the[9] people, both public and private; **6** for he saw that without the king's involvement it was impossible for the state to obtain

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wind/breath ⟦κειμένῳ⟧. **32** ⟦Ὕποπτος⟧ but/and to_be the/this/who high-priest, lest ⟦διάληψιν⟧ the/this/who king ⟦σχῇ⟧, ⟦κακουργίαν⟧ one about the/this/who Haʸliodōron by/under the/this/who Jewish ⟦συντετελέσθαι⟧, ⟦προσήγαγε⟧ sacrifice above/for the/this/who of_the man salvation. **33** ⟦Ποιουμένου⟧ but/and of_the high-priest the/this/who propitiation, the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦νεανίαι⟧ again to_shine/appear the/this/who Haʸliodōrōi in/on/among the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦ἐσθήσεσιν⟧ ⟦ἐστολισμένοι⟧, and ⟦στάντες⟧ to_say, much the/this/who Onia the/this/who high-priest ⟦χάριτας⟧ to_have/be, through/because_of for he/she/it/self you to_give_grace the/this/who to_live the/this/who lord. **34** you but/and by/under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦μεμαστιγωμένος⟧ ⟦διάγγελε⟧ all the/this/who ⟦μεγαλεῖον⟧ of_the God power; this/he/she/it but/and to_say ⟦ἀφανεῖς⟧ to_be. **35** the/this/who but/and Haʸliodōros sacrifice to_carry_up the/this/who lord, and ⟦εὐχὰς⟧ ⟦μείστας⟧ ⟦εὐξάμενος⟧ the/this/who the/this/who to_live ⟦περιποιήσαντι⟧, and the/this/who Onian to_receive, ⟦ἀνεστρατοπέδευσε⟧ to/with the/this/who king. **36** ⟦Ἐξεμαρτύρει⟧ but/and all ⟦ἅπερ⟧ to_be by/under face ⟦τεθεαμένος⟧ work of_the ⟦μείστου⟧ God. **37** of_the but/and king ⟦ἐπερωτήσαντος⟧ the/this/who Haʸliodōron, what? one to_be necessary still once ⟦διαπεμφθῆναι⟧ toward Hierosoluma, ⟦ἔφησεν⟧, **38** if one to_have/be ⟦πολέμιον⟧ or/than thing ⟦ἐπίβουλον⟧, to_send he/she/it/self there, and ⟦μεμαστιγωμένον⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦προσδέξῃ⟧, if_indeed and ⟦διασωθείη⟧, through/because_of the/this/who about the/this/who place truly to_be one God power. **39** he/she/it/self for the/this/who the/this/who ⟦κατοικίαν⟧ heavenly to_have/be, eyewitness he_is and a_helper that of_the place, and the/this/who ⟦παραγινομένους⟧ upon/to/against ⟦κακώσει⟧, ⟦τύπτων⟧ ⟦ἀπόλλυσι⟧. **40** and the/this/who on_one_hand according_to Haʸliodōron, and the/this/who of_the treasury jail/keeping thus(-ly) ⟦ἐχώρησεν⟧.

4:1 the/this/who but/and ⟦προειρημένος⟧ Simōn the/this/who the/this/who money and the/this/who ⟦πατρίδος⟧ informer,_complainant to_be, ⟦ἐκακολόγει⟧ the/this/who Onian, which/how he/she/it/self and/both to_be the/this/who Haʸliodōron ⟦ἐπισεσεικὼς⟧, and the/this/who evil/harm builder ⟦καθεστηκώς⟧. **2** and the/this/who ⟦εὐεργέτην⟧ the/this/who city, and the/this/who ⟦κηδεμόνα⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὁμοεθνῶν⟧, and zealot the/this/who ⟦νόμων⟧, ⟦ἐπίβουλον⟧ the/this/who thing be_bold to_speak. **3** the/this/who but/and ⟦ἔχθρας⟧ upon/to/against so_great ⟦προβαινούσης⟧, so and through/because_of one the/this/who by/under of_the Simōnos ⟦δεδοκιμασμένων⟧ ⟦φόνους⟧ to_complete, **4** ⟦συνορῶν⟧ the/this/who Onias the/this/who ⟦χαλεπὸν⟧ the/this/who ⟦φιλονεικίας⟧, and Apollōnion ⟦μαίνεσθαι⟧, which/how the/this/who ⟦κοίλης⟧ Surias and Foinikaʸs ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧, ⟦συναύξοντα⟧ the/this/who evil of_the Simōnos,

8 **RV 4:4 · Note** Compare 2 Maccabees 4:21. See also 2 Maccabees 3:5. The Greek as commonly read means Apollonius, as being the governor...Phoenicia, did rage, and increase etc.

9 **RV 4:5 · Note** Grk. multitude.

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5 which/how the/this/who king ⟦διεκομίσθη⟧, no ⟦γινόμενος⟧ the/this/who citizen accuser, the/this/who but/and to_be_ _profitable ⟦κοινῇ⟧ according_to one's_own/private all the/this/who multitude to_watch_out. 6 ⟦Ἑώρα⟧ for without royal foresight unable to_be to_obtain/happen peace still the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧, and the/this/who Simōna ⟦παῦλαν⟧ no ⟦ληψόμενον⟧ the/this/who folly.
7 ⟦Μεταλλάξαντος⟧ but/and the/this/who life Seleukou, and ⟦παραλαβόντος⟧ the/this/who kingdom Antiokou of_the ⟦προσαγορευθέντος⟧ ⟦Ἐπιφανοῦς⟧, ⟦ὑπενόθευσεν⟧ Yasōn the/this/who brother Oniou the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνην⟧, 8 to_profess the/this/who king through/because_of intercession ⟦ἀργυοίου⟧ talent sixty to/with the/this/who ⟦τριακοσίοις⟧, and ⟦προσόδου⟧ one another talent eighty, 9 to/with but/and this/he/she/it ⟦ὑπισχνεῖτο⟧ and other ⟦διαγράψαι⟧ fifty to/with the/this/who hundred, if ⟦συγχωρηθῇ⟧ through/because_of the/this/who authority he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦γυμνάσιον⟧ and ⟦ἐφηβίαν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦συστήσασθαι⟧, and the/this/who in/on/among Yerosolumois ⟦Ἀντιοχεῖς⟧ ⟦ἀναγράψαι⟧.
10 ⟦Ἐπινεύσαντος⟧ but/and of_the king, and the/this/who beginning to_grasp/seize, immediately upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦Ἑλληνικὸν⟧ ⟦χαρακτῆρα⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὁμοφύλους⟧ ⟦μετῆγε⟧. 11 and the/this/who to_lay/be_ _appointed the/this/who Youdaiois ⟦φιλάνθρωπα⟧ ⟦βασιλικὰ⟧ through/because_of Yōannou of_the father Eupolemou, of_the ⟦ποιησαμένου⟧ the/this/who delegation above/for ⟦φιλίας⟧ and ⟦συμμαχίας⟧ to/with the/this/who Roman, ⟦παρώσατο⟧; and the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦νομίμους⟧ to_destroy/lodge citizenship, ⟦παρανόμους⟧ ⟦ἐθισμοὺς⟧ ⟦ἐκαίνιζεν⟧. 12 gladly for by/under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who ⟦ἀκρόπολιν⟧ ⟦γυμνάσιον⟧ ⟦καθίδρυσε⟧, and the/this/who ⟦κρατίστους⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐφήβων⟧ ⟦ὑποτάσσων⟧, by/under ⟦πέτασον⟧ to_bring. 13 to_be but/and thus(-ly) at_this_moment one Hellaʸnismou, and ⟦πρόσβασις⟧ ⟦ἀλλοφυλισμοῦ⟧ through/because_of the/this/who of_the ⟦ἀσεβοῦς⟧ and no high-priest ⟦Ἰάσωνος⟧ to_surpass ⟦ἀναγνείαν⟧, 14 so never_ _again about the/this/who of_the altar ministry ⟦προθύμους⟧ to_be the/this/who priest, but of_the on_one_hand temple ⟦καταφρονοῦντες⟧, and the/this/who sacrifice ⟦ἀμελοῦντες⟧ ⟦ἔσπευδον⟧ to_share the/this/who in/on/among ⟦παλαίστρᾳ⟧ ⟦παρανόμου⟧ ⟦χορηγίας⟧, with/after the/this/who of_the ⟦δίσκου⟧ ⟦πρόκλησιν⟧. 15 and the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦πατρῴους⟧ honour in/on/among none ⟦τιθέμενοι⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦Ἑλληνικὰς⟧ glory ⟦καλλίστας⟧ to_ _govern. 16 which because_of/grace to_contain he/she/it/self ⟦χαλεπὴ⟧ a_surrounding_space, and which ⟦ἐζήλουν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀγωγὰς⟧, and on_the_whole to_will/desire ⟦ἐξομοιοῦσθαι⟧, this/he/she/it ⟦πολεμίους⟧ and ⟦τιμωρητὰς⟧ to_have/be. 17 ⟦Ἀσεβεῖν⟧ for toward the/this/who ⟦θείους⟧ law no ⟦ῥᾴδιον⟧, but this/he/she/it the/this/who ⟦ἀκόλουθος⟧ time/right_time to_make_clear. 18 ⟦Ἀγομένου⟧ but/and

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peace any more, and that Shim'on wouldn't cease from his madness.

Yason introduces Greek customs

7 When Seleukos (Seleucus) was deceased, and Antiokos (Antiochus), who was called Epifanes (Epiphanes), succeeded to the kingdom, Yason the brother of Honyo supplanted his brother in the high priesthood, 8 having promised to the king at an audience three hundred and sixty talents of silver, and out of another fund eighty talents. 9 In addition to this, he undertook to assign one hundred and fifty more, if it might be allowed him through[10] the king's authority to set him up a gymnasium and a body of youths to be trained in it, and to register the inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) as citizens of Antiokeia. 10 When the king had assented, and Yason had taken possession of the office, he immediately shifted those of his own race to the Greek way of life. 11 Setting aside the royal ordinances of special favour to the Yehudim (Jews), granted by the means of Yohan (John) the father of Eupolemos, who went on the mission to the Romaios to establish friendship and alliance, and seeking to overthrow the lawful ways of living, he brought in new customs forbidden by the law. 12 Because he eagerly established a gymnasium under the citadel itself, and caused the noblest of the young men to wear the Greek hat. 13 Thus there was an extreme of hellenisation, and an advance of a foreign religion, because of the exceeding profaneness of Yason, who was an ungodly man and not a high priest; 14 so that the priests had no more any zeal for the services of the altar; but despising the sanctuary and neglecting the sacrifices, they hastened to enjoy that which was unlawfully provided in the wrestling arena, after the summons to the discus-throwing. 15 They despised the honours of their fathers, and valued the prestige of the Hellains (Greeks) best of all. 16 Because this reason, severe calamity overtook them. The men whose ways of living they earnestly followed, and to whom they desired to be made like in all things, these became their enemies and punished them. 17 Because it isn't a light thing to show irreverence to God's laws, but later events will make this clear.

18 Now when certain games that came every fifth year were kept at Tsor (Tyre), and the king was present, 19 the vile Yason sent sacred envoys,[11] as being Antiochians of Yerushalem, bearing three hundred drachmas of silver to the sacrifice of Herakles, which even those carrying it didn't think was right to use for any sacrifice, because it wasn't fit, but to spend it for another purpose. 20 Although the intended purpose of the sender this money was for the sacrifice of Herakles, yet on account of present[12] circumstances it went to the construction of trireme warships.

21 Now when Apolonios the son of Menestheus was sent into

10 **RV 4:9 · Note** Grk. through his.

11 **RV 4:19 · Note** See ver. 9.

12 **RV 4:20 · Note** Some authorities read the bearers.

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Mitsrayim (Egypt) for the enthronement[13] of Filometor as king, Antiokos (Antiochus), learning that Filometor had shown himself hostile towards the government, took precautions for the security of his realm. Therefore, going to Yafo (Joppa), he travelled on to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 22 Being magnificently received by Yason and the city, he was brought in with torches and shouting. Then he led his army down into Foinikai.

Menelaos buys the high priesthood

23 Now after a space of three years, Yason sent Menelaos, the previously mentioned Shim'on's (Simon's) brother, to carry the money to the king, and to make reports about some necessary matters. 24 But he being commended to the king, and having been glorified by the display of his authority, secured the high priesthood for himself, outbidding Yason by three hundred talents of silver. 25 After receiving the royal mandates, he returned bringing nothing worthy of the high priesthood, but having the passion of a cruel tyrant and the rage of a savage animal. 26 So Yason, who'd supplanted his own brother, was supplanted by another and driven as a fugitive into the country of the Amonim, 27 Menelaos had possession of the office; but of the money that'd been promised to the king nothing was regularly paid, even though Sostratos the governor of the citadel demanded it— 28 for his job was the gathering of the revenues—so they were both called by the king to his presence. 29 Menelaos left his own brother Lusimakos for his[14] deputy in the high priesthood; and Sostratos left Krates, who was over the Cyprians.

The murder of Honyo

30 Now while this was the state of things, it happened that the people of Tarsos and Malos revolted because they were to be given as a present to Antiokis, the king's concubine. 31 The king therefore quickly came to settle matters, leaving for his deputy[15] Andronikos, a man of high rank. 32 Then Menelaos, supposing that he had gotten a favourable opportunity, presented to Andronikos certain vessels of gold belonging to the temple, which he'd stolen. He'd already sold others into Tsor (Tyre) and the neighbouring cities. 33 When Honyo (Onias) had sure knowledge of this, he sharply reproved him, having withdrawn himself into a sanctuary at Dafne, that lies by Antiokeia. 34 Therefore Menelaos, taking Andronikos aside, asked him to kill Honyo. Coming to Honyo, and being persuaded to use treachery, and being received as a friend, Andronikos gave him his right hand with oaths and, though he was suspicious, persuaded him to come out of the sanctuary. Then, with no regard for justice, he immediately put him to death. 35 Because this reason not only Yehudim (Jews), but many also of the other nations, had indignation and displeasure at the unjust murder of the man. 36 And when the king had come back from the places in Kilikia, the Yehudim who were in the city appealed to him against Andronikos (the Hellains (Greeks) also

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⟦πενταετηρικοῦ⟧ ⟦ἀγῶνος⟧ in/on/among Turōi, and of_the king be_present, 19 to_send Yasōn the/this/who ⟦μιαρὸς⟧ ⟦θεωροὺς⟧ away_from Hierosolumōn ⟦Ἀντιοχεῖς⟧ to_be, ⟦παρακομίζοντας⟧ money drachma ⟦τριακοσίας⟧ toward the/this/who of_the ⟦Ἡρακλέους⟧ sacrifice; which and ⟦ἠξίωσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦παρακομίσαντες⟧ not ⟦χρῆσθαι⟧ to/with sacrifice through/because_of the/this/who not ⟦καθήκειν⟧, toward other but/and to_attain cost. 20 to_send therefore/then this/he/she/it, through/because_of on_one_hand the/this/who to_send toward the/this/who of_the ⟦Ἡρακλέους⟧ sacrifice, because_of but/and the/this/who ⟦παρακομιζόντων⟧, toward the/this/who the/this/who ⟦τριήρων⟧ ⟦κατασκευάς⟧. 21 ⟦Ἀποσταλέντος⟧ but/and toward Aigupton Apollōniou of_the ⟦Μενεσθέως⟧ through/because_of the/this/who place_of_honour Ptolemaiou of_the ⟦Φιλομήτορος⟧ king, to_partake Antiokos another's he/she/it/self ⟦τῶυ⟧ he/she/it/self to_be thing, the/this/who according_to he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦ἀσφαλείας⟧ ⟦ἐφρόντιζεν⟧; whence toward Yoppaʸn to_come, to_come_to toward Yerosoluma. 22 ⟦Μεγαλοπρεπῶς⟧ but/and by/under of_the ⟦Ἰάσωνος⟧ and the/this/who city ⟦παραδεχθεὶς⟧, with/after ⟦δᾳδουχίας⟧ and ox ⟦εἰσπεπόρευται⟧ ⟦εἶθ'⟧ thus(-ly) toward the/this/who Foinikaʸn ⟦κατεστρατοπέδευσε⟧. 23 with/after but/and ⟦τριετῆ⟧ time to_send Yasōn Menelaon the/this/who of_the ⟦προσημαινομένου⟧ Simōnos brother, ⟦παρακομίζοντα⟧ the/this/who money the/this/who king, and about thing ⟦ἀναγκαίων⟧ ⟦ὑπομνηματισμοὺς⟧ ⟦τελέσοντα⟧. 24 the/this/who but/and ⟦συσταθεὶς⟧ the/this/who king, and ⟦δοξάσας⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who face the/this/who authority, toward my/your/him-self to_come_to the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνην⟧, ⟦ὑπερβαλὼν⟧ the/this/who ⟦Ἰάσωνα⟧ talent money ⟦τριακόσια⟧. 25 to_take but/and the/this/who ⟦βασιλικὰς⟧ commandment to_come, the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνης⟧ none worthy to_bear/lead, ⟦θυμοὺς⟧ but/and ⟦ὠμοῦ⟧ tyrant, and ⟦θηρὸς⟧ ⟦βαρβάρου⟧ ⟦ὀργὰς⟧ to_have/be. 26 and the/this/who on_one_hand Yasōn the/this/who the/this/who one's_own/private brother ⟦ὑπονοθεύσας⟧, ⟦ὑπονοθευθεὶς⟧ by/under other an_exile toward the/this/who ⟦Ἀμμανῖτιν⟧ country ⟦συνήλαστο⟧. 27 the/this/who but/and Menelaos the/this/who on_one_hand beginning ⟦ἐκράτει⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦ἐπηγγελμένων⟧ the/this/who king money none ⟦εὐτάκτει⟧, 28 ⟦ποιουμένου⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦ἀπαίτησιν⟧ Sōstratou of_the the/this/who ⟦ἀκροπόλεως⟧ ⟦ἐπάρχου⟧; to/with this/he/she/it for to_be the/this/who the/this/who to_wear action; through/because_of which cause/charge the/this/who two by/under of_the king ⟦προσεκλήθησαν⟧. 29 and the/this/who on_one_hand Menelaos ⟦ἀπέλιπε⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνης⟧ successor Lusimakon the/this/who my/your/him-self brother, Sōstratos but/and, ⟦Κράτητα⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who Kupriōn. 30 such_as_this but/and ⟦συνεστηκότων⟧, to_happen Tarseis, and ⟦Μαλλώτας⟧ ⟦στασιάζειν⟧, through/because_of the/this/who ⟦Ἀντιοχίδι⟧ the/this/who a_concubine of_the king

13 **RV 4:21 · Note** The exact meaning of the Greek word is uncertain.

14 **RV 4:29 · Note** Grk. successor.

15 **RV 4:31 · Note** Grk. successor.

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in/on/among free_gift [[δεδόσθαι]]. 31 [[Θᾶττον]] therefore/then the/this/who king [[ἦκε]] [[καταστεῖλαι]] the/this/who [[πράγματα]], to_leave_behind the/this/who [[διαδεχόμενον]] Andronikon, the/this/who in/on/among [[ἀξιώματι]] [[κειμένων]]. 32 [[Νομίσας]] but/and the/this/who Menelaos [[εἰληφέναι]] time/right_time [[εὐφυῆ]], [[χρυσώματά]] one the/this/who of_the temple [[νοσφισάμενος]] to_give_grace the/this/who Andronikōi, and other [[ἐτύγχανε]] [[πεπρακὼς]] toward and/both Turon and the/this/who surrounding city. 33 which and clearly [[ἐπεγνωκὼς]] the/this/who Onias, [[παρήλεγχεν]] [[ἀποκεχωρηκὼς]] toward [[ἄσυλον]] place, upon/to/against [[Δάφνης]] the/this/who to/with Antiokeian [[κειμένης]]. 34 whence the/this/who Menelaos to_take one's_ _own/private the/this/who Andronikon, to_plead/comfort [[χειρώσασθαι]] the/this/who Onian; the/this/who but/and to_ _come upon/to/against the/this/who Onian, and [[πεισθεὶς]] upon/to/against deceit, and right with/after [[ὅρκων]] to_give, although in/on/among [[ὑποψίᾳ]] to_lay/be_appointed [[ἔπεισεν]] out_from of_the [[ἀσύλου]] [[προελθεῖν]], which and instantly [[παρέκλεισεν]], no [[αἰδεσθεὶς]] the/this/who just. 35 through/because_of which cause/charge no alone/only Jewish, much but/and and the/this/who another Gentile_ _nation [[ἐδείναζον]], and [[ἐδυσφόρουν]] upon/to/against the/this/who of_the man unjust murder. 36 of_the but/and king [[ἐπανελθόντος]] away_from the/this/who according_to Kilikian place, [[ἐνετύγχανον]] the/this/who according_to city Jewish [[συμισοπονηρούντων]] and the/this/who Hellaʸnōn, above/for of_the from_with word the/this/who Onian [[ἀπεκτάνθαι]]. 37 [[Ψυχικῶς]] therefore/then the/this/who Antiokos [[ἐπιλυπηθεὶς]], and [[τραπεὶς]] toward mercy, and [[δακρύσας]] through/because_of the/this/who of_the [[μετηλλαχότος]] [[σωφροσύνην]], and much [[εὐταξίαν]], 38 and [[πυρωθεὶς]] the/this/who [[θυμοῖς]], instantly the/this/who of_ _the Andronikou purple_cloth [[περιελόμενος]], and the/this/who tunic [[περιῤῥήξας]], [[περιαγαγὼν]] according_to all the/this/who city, upon/to/against he/she/it/self the/this/who place [[οὗπερ]] toward the/this/who Onian [[ἠσέβησεν]], there the/this/who [[μιαιφόνον]] [[ἀπεκόσμησε]], of_the lord the/this/who [[ἀξίαν]] he/she/it/self punishment [[ἀποδόντος]]. 39 to_be but/and much [[ἱεροσυλημάτων]] according_to the/this/who city by/under of_the Lusimakou with/after the/this/who Menelaou resolution, and [[διαδοθείσης]] out/outside(r) the/this/who [[φήμης]], [[ἐπισυνήχθη]] the/this/who multitude upon/to/against the/this/who Lusimakon, [[χρυσωμάτων]] already much [[διενηνεγμένων]]. 40 [[Ἐπεγειρομένων]] but/and the/this/who crowd, and the/this/who [[ὀργαῖς]] [[διεμπιπλαμένων]], [[καθοπλίσας]] the/this/who Lusimakos to/with [[τρισχιλίους]], [[κατήρξατο]] hand unjust, [[προηγησαμένου]] one tyrant [[προβεβηκότος]] the/this/who age/height, none but/and worse,_less and the/this/who [[ἄνοιαν]]. 41 [[Συνιδότες]] but/and and the/this/who [[ἐπίθεσιν]] of_the Lusimakou, to_ _seize the/this/who on_one_hand [[πέτρους]], the/this/who but/and wood [[πάχη]], one but/and out_from the/this/who [[παρακειμένης]] [[σποδοῦ]] [[δρασσόμενοι]], [[φύρδην]] [[ἐνετίνασσον]] toward the/this/who about the/this/who Lusimakon. 42 through/because_of which cause/charge much

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joining with them in hatred of the wickedness), urging that Honyo had been wrongfully slain. 37 Antiokos (Antiochus) therefore was heartily sorry, and was moved to pity, and wept, because of the sober and well ordered life of him who was dead. 38 Being inflamed with anger, he immediately stripped off Andronikos's purple robe, and tore off his under clothes, and when he'd led him round through the whole city to that very place where he'd committed the outrage against Honyo, there he put the murderer out of the way, the master rendering to him the punishment he'd deserved.

The people protest against temple theft

39 Now when many sacrileges had been committed in the city by Lusimakos with the consent of Menelaos, and when the report of them had spread abroad outside, the people gathered themselves together against Lusimakos, after many vessels of gold had already been stolen. 40 When the multitudes were rising against him and were filled with anger, Lusimakos armed about three thousand men, and with unrighteous violence began the attack under the leadership of Havran, a man far gone in years and no less also in folly. 41 But when they perceived the assault of Lusimakos, some caught up stones, others logs of wood, and some took handfuls of the ashes that lay near, and they flung them all in wild confusion at Lusimakos and those who were with him. 42 As a result, they wounded many of them, they killed some, and they forced the rest of them to flee, but the author of the sacrilege himself they killed beside the treasury.

43 But about these matters, there was an accusation laid against Menelaos. 44 When the king had come to Tsor (Tyre), the three men who were sent by the senate pleaded the cause before him. 45 But Menelaos, seeing himself now defeated, promised much money to Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) the son of Dorumenes, that he might win over the king. 46 Therefore Ptolemaios taking the king aside into a cloister, as if to get some fresh air, convinced him to change his mind. 47 He who was the cause of all the evil, Menelaos, he discharged from the accusations; but these hapless men, who, if they'd pleaded even before Scythians, would have been discharged uncondemned, them he sentenced to death. 48 Those who were spokesmen for the city and the families of Yisrael (Israel) and the holy vessels soon suffered that unrighteous penalty. 49 Therefore even certain Tsorim (Tyrians), moved with hatred of the wickedness, provided magnificently for their burial. 50 But Menelaos, through the covetous dealings of those who were in power, remained still in his office, growing in wickedness, established as a great conspirator against his fellow-citizens.

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Yason attacks Yerushalem

5:1 Now about this time Antiokos (Antiochus) made his second invasion into Mitsrayim (Egypt). 2 It happened that throughout all the city, for almost forty days, cavalry appeared in the middle of the sky in swift motion, wearing robes woven with gold and carrying spears, equipped with troops for battle— 3 drawing swords, squadrons of cavalry in array, encounters and pursuits of both armies, shaking shields, multitudes of lances, throwing of missiles, flashing of golden trappings, and putting on all sorts of armour. 4 Therefore everyone prayed that the manifestation might have been given for good.

5 When a false rumour had arisen that Antiokos was dead, Yason took not less than a thousand men, and suddenly made an assault on the city. When those who were on the wall were being routed, and the city was at length nearly taken, Menelaos took refuge in the citadel. 6 But Yason slaughtered his own citizens without mercy, not considering that good success against kinsmen is the greatest misfortune, but supposing himself to be setting up trophies over enemies, and not over fellow-countrymen. 7 He didn't win control of the government, but receiving shame as the result of his conspiracy, he fled again as a fugitive into the country of the Amonim. 8 At last therefore he met with a miserable end. Having been imprisoned at the court of Aretas the prince of the Aravim, fleeing from city to city, pursued by all

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on_one_hand he/she/it/self slain to_do/make, one but/and and ⟦κατέβαλον⟧, all but/and toward ⟦φυγὴν⟧ ⟦συνήλασαν⟧, he/she/it/self but/and the/this/who ⟦ἱερόσυλον⟧ from_with the/this/who treasury ⟦ἐχειρώσαντο⟧. 43 about but/and this/he/she/it ⟦ἐνέστη⟧ judgement to/with the/this/who Menelaon. 44 ⟦Καταντήσαντος⟧ but/and of_the king toward Turon, upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦δικαιολογίαν⟧ ⟦ἐποιήσαντο⟧ the/this/who to_send man three by/under the/this/who ⟦γερουσίας⟧. 45 already but/and ⟦λελειμμένος⟧ the/this/who Menelaos to_profess money sufficient the/this/who Ptolemaiōi the/this/who ⟦Δορυμένους⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦πεῖσαι⟧ the/this/who king. 46 whence ⟦ἀπολαβὼν⟧ the/this/who Ptolemaios toward one ⟦περίστυλον⟧ which/how ⟦ἀναψύξοντα⟧ the/this/who king, to_transport. 47 and the/this/who on_one_hand the/this/who all evil causer Menelaon to_release the/this/who ⟦κατηγορημάτων⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦ταλαιπώροις⟧, who/which if and upon/to/against Skuthōn to_speak, to_ _release if ⟦ἀκατάγνωστοι⟧, this/he/she/it death to_decide. 48 quickly therefore/then the/this/who ⟦ἄδικον⟧ damage/loss ⟦ὑπέσχον⟧ the/this/who above/for city and ⟦δήμων⟧ and the/this/who ⟦ἱερῶν⟧ ⟦σκευῶν⟧ ⟦προαγορεύσαντες⟧. 49 through/because_of which cause/charge and Turioi ⟦μισοπονηρήσαντες⟧ the/this/who to/with the/this/who ⟦κηδείαν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦μεγαλοπρεπῶς⟧ ⟦ἐχορήγησαν⟧. 50 the/this/who but/and Menelaos through/because_of the/this/who the/this/who ⟦κρατούντων⟧ greediness, to_stay upon/to/against the/this/who beginning, ⟦ἐπιφυόμενος⟧ the/this/who evil, great the/this/who citizen a_plotter ⟦καθεστώς⟧.

5:1 about but/and the/this/who time/right_time this/he/she/it the/this/who secondly ⟦ἔφοδον⟧ the/this/who Antiokos toward Aigupton ⟦ἐστείλατο⟧. 2 to_happen but/and according_to all the/this/who city nearly upon/to/against day forty ⟦φαίνεσθαι⟧ through/because_of of_the air ⟦τρέχοντας⟧ horseman ⟦διαχρύσους⟧ robe to_have/be, and ⟦λόγχας⟧ in_ _maniples,_manipulatim ⟦ἐξωπλισμένους⟧, 3 and ⟦ἵλας⟧ horse ⟦διατεταγμένας⟧, and ⟦προσβολὰς⟧ to_be, and ⟦καταδρομὰς⟧ ⟦ἑκατέρων⟧, and asp ⟦κινήσεις⟧, and ⟦καμάκων⟧ multitude, and sword ⟦σπασμούς⟧, and ⟦βελῶν⟧ ⟦βολὰς⟧, and golden ⟦κόσμων⟧ ⟦ἐκλάμψεις⟧, and ⟦παντοίους⟧ ⟦θωρακισμούς⟧. 4 for all ⟦ἠξίουν⟧ upon/to/against good-doer the/this/who appearing to_be. 5 to_be but/and ⟦λαλιᾶς⟧ lie, which/how ⟦μετηλλαχότος⟧ the/this/who life Antiokou, to_take the/this/who Yasōn no ⟦ἐλάττους⟧ the/this/who thousand, ⟦αἰφνιδίως⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who city ⟦συνετελέσατο⟧ ⟦ἐπίθεσιν⟧; the/this/who but/and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦τείχει⟧ ⟦συνελασθέντων⟧, and goal/tax already ⟦καταλαμβανομένης⟧ the/this/who city, the/this/who Menelaos toward the/this/who ⟦ἀκρόπολιν⟧ ⟦ἐφυγάδευσεν⟧. 6 the/this/who but/and Yasōn ⟦ἐποιεῖτο⟧ ⟦σφαγὰς⟧ the/this/who citizen the/this/who one's_ _own/private unsparingly, no ⟦συννοῶν⟧ the/this/who toward the/this/who kindred ⟦εὐημερίαν⟧, ⟦δυσημερίαν⟧ to_be the/this/who ⟦μεγίστην⟧; to_think but/and ⟦πολεμίων⟧ and no ⟦ὁμοεθνῶν⟧ ⟦τρόπαια⟧ ⟦καταβάλλεσθαι⟧, 7 the/this/who on_one_hand beginning no to_grasp/seize, the/this/who

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but/and goal/tax the/this/who plot ⟦αἰσχύνην⟧ to_take, an_
_exile again toward the/this/who ⟦Ἀμμανίτιν⟧ to_go_away.
8 end therefore/then ⟦κακῆς⟧ behaviour ⟦ἔτυχεν⟧
⟦ἐγκλεισθεὶς⟧ to/with Aretan the/this/who the/this/who
Arabōn tyrant, city out_from city ⟦φεύγων⟧, ⟦διωκόμενος⟧
by/under all, and ⟦στυγούμενος⟧ which/how the/this/who
⟦νόμων⟧ a_defector, and to_abhor which/how ⟦πατρίδος⟧ and
citizen ⟦δήμιος⟧, toward Aigupton ⟦συνεβράσθη⟧. **9** and
the/this/who ⟦συχνοὺς⟧ the/this/who ⟦πατρίδος⟧
⟦ἀποξενώσας⟧, upon/to/against ⟦ξένης⟧ to_destroy to/with
⟦Λακεδαιμονίους⟧ ⟦ἀναχθείς⟧, which/how through/because_of
the/this/who kindred ⟦τευξόμενος⟧ a_shelter. **10** and
the/this/who multitude ⟦ἀτάφων⟧ ⟦ἐκρίψας⟧ unlamented to_
_be, and ⟦κηδείας⟧ and_not ⟦ἠστινοσοῦν⟧ neither ancestral
grave to_share. **11** ⟦Προσπεσόντων⟧ but/and the/this/who king
about the/this/who ⟦γεγονότων⟧, ⟦διέλαβεν⟧ ⟦ἀποστατεῖν⟧
the/this/who Jewish/Judea; whence ⟦ἀναζεύξας⟧ out_from
Aiguptou ⟦τεθηριωμένος⟧ the/this/who soul, to_take
the/this/who on_one_hand city ⟦δορυάλωτον⟧. **12** and to_
_order the/this/who soldier ⟦κόπτειν⟧ unsparingly
the/this/who ⟦ἐμπίπτοντας⟧, and the/this/who toward
the/this/who home to_ascend ⟦κατασφάζειν⟧. **13** ⟦Ἐγίνοντο⟧
but/and ⟦νέων⟧ and elder ⟦ἀναιρέσιες⟧, man and/both and
woman and child disappearance, virgin and/both and child
⟦σφαγαί⟧. **14** eight but/and myriad in/on/among the/this/who
all day three ⟦κατεφθάρησαν⟧, four on_one_hand in/on/among
hand ⟦νομαῖς⟧, no worse,_less but/and the/this/who to_
_slaughter ⟦ἐπράθησαν⟧. **15** and no ⟦ἀρκεσθεὶς⟧ but/and
this/he/she/it, ⟦κατετόλμησεν⟧ toward the/this/who all
the/this/who earth ⟦ἁγιώτατον⟧ temple to_enter, guide/leader
to_have/be the/this/who Menelaon, the/this/who and
the/this/who ⟦νόμων⟧ and the/this/who ⟦πατρίδος⟧
⟦προδότην⟧ ⟦γεγονότα⟧. **16** and the/this/who ⟦μιαραῖς⟧ hand
the/this/who sacred vessel to_take, and the/this/who
by/under another king ⟦ἀνατεθέντα⟧ to/with growth and
glory of_the place and honour, the/this/who profane hand
⟦συσσύρων⟧ to_give/deliver. **17** and ⟦ἐμετεωρίζετο⟧
the/this/who mind the/this/who Antiokos, no ⟦συνορῶν⟧
that/since through/because_of the/this/who sin the/this/who
the/this/who city ⟦οἰκούντων⟧ ⟦ἀπώργισται⟧ ⟦βραχέως⟧
the/this/who master, for to_be about the/this/who place
overlooking. **18** if but/and not to_happen ⟦προενέχεσθαι⟧ much
⟦ἁμαρτήμασι⟧, just_as the/this/who Haʸliodōros the/this/who
⟦πεμφθεὶς⟧ by/under Seleukou of_the king upon/to/against
the/this/who ⟦ἐπίσκεψιν⟧ of_the treasury, this/he/she/it
⟦προαχθεὶς⟧ instantly ⟦μαστιγωθεὶς⟧ ⟦ἀνετράπη⟧ of_the
⟦θράσους⟧. **19** but no through/because_of the/this/who place
the/this/who Gentile_nation, but through/because_of
the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who place the/this/who
lord to_select. **20** therefore and he/she/it/self the/this/who
place ⟦συμμετασχὼν⟧ the/this/who of_the Gentile_nation
⟦δυσπετημάτων⟧ to_be, later ⟦εὐεργετημάτων⟧ by/under of_
_the lord to_participate; and the/this/who ⟦καταλειφθεὶς⟧

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men, hated as an rebel against the laws, and abhorred as the executioner of his country and his fellow citizens, he was thrown ashore in Mitsrayim. **9** He who'd driven many from their own country into exile perished in exile, having crossed the sea to the Spartans, hoping to find shelter there because they were[16] near of kin. **10** He who'd thrown out a multitude unburied had none to mourn for him. He didn't have any funeral at all and no place in the tomb of his ancestors.

Antiokos plunders Yerushalem and the temple

11 Now when news came to the king about that which was done, he thought that Yehudah (Judea) was in revolt. So, setting out from Mitsrayim in a rage, he took the city by force of weapons, **12** and commanded his soldiers to cut down without mercy those who came in their way, and to kill those who went into their houses. **13** Then there was killing of young and old, destruction of boys, women, and children, and slaying of virgins and infants. **14** In a total of three days, eighty thousand were destroyed, of which forty thousand were slain in close combat, and no fewer were sold into slavery than slain.

15 Not content with this, he presumed to enter into the most holy temple of all the earth, having Menelaos for his guide (who'd proved himself a traitor both to the laws and to his country), **16** even taking the sacred vessels with his polluted hands, and dragging down with his profane hands the offerings that'd been dedicated by other kings to enhance the glory and honour of the place. **17** Antiokos was lifted up in mind, not seeing that because of the sins of those who lived in the city the Sovereign master had been provoked to anger a little while, and therefore his eye was turned away from the place. **18** But had it not been so that they were already bound by many sins, this man, even as Heliodoros who was sent by King Seleukos (Seleucus) to view the treasury, would, as soon as he came forward, have been scourged and turned back from his daring deed. **19** However the master didn't choose the nation for the place's sake, but the place for the nation's sake. **20** Therefore also the place itself, having shared in the calamities that happened to the nation, did afterward share in its benefits; and the place which was forsaken in the Almighty's anger was, at the reconciliation of the great Sovereign, restored again with all glory.

21 As for Antiokos (Antiochus), when he'd carried away out of the temple one thousand and eight hundred talents, he hurried away to Antiokeia, thinking in his arrogance that he could sail on land and walk on the sea, because his heart was lifted up. **22** Moreover he left governors to afflict the race: at Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Filippos (Philip), by race a Phrygian, and in character more barbarous than him who set him there; **23** and at Gerizim, Andronikos; and besides these, Menelaos, who worse than all the rest, exalted himself against his fellow-citizens. Having a

16 **RV 5:9 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 12:7.

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malicious mind[17] towards the Yehudim[18] whom he'd made his citizens, 24 he sent that[19] lord of pollutions Apolonios with an army of twenty-two thousand, commanding him to kill all those who were of full age, and to sell the women and the boys as slaves. 25 He came to Yerushalem, and pretending to be a man of peace, waited till the holy day of the Sabbath, and finding the Yehudim at rest from work, he commanded his men to parade fully armed. 26 He put to the sword all those who came out to the spectacle. Running into the city with the armed men, he killed great multitudes. 27 But Yehudah (Judas), who's also called Makabi (Maccabaeus), with about nine others, withdrew himself, and with his company kept himself alive in the mountains like wild animals do. They continued feeding on what grew wild, that they might not be partakers of the defilement.

The king forbids obedience to God's law

6:1 Not long after this, the king sent out an[20] old man of Athainai to compel the Yehudim (Jews) to depart from the laws of their fathers and not to live by God's laws, 2 and also to pollute the sanctuary in Yerushalem and to call it by the name of Olympian Zeus, and to call the sanctuary in Gerizim by the name of Zeus the Protector of foreigners, even as the people who lived in that place did.

3 The visitation of this evil was harsh and utterly grievous. 4 Because the temple was filled with debauchery and revelling by the heathen, who dallied with prostitutes,[21] and had inter-

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in/on/among the/this/who of_the almighty wrath, again in/on/among the/this/who of_the great ⟦Δεσπότου⟧ reconciliation with/after all glory ⟦ἐπανωρθώθη⟧. 21 the/this/who ⟦γοῦν⟧ Antiokos ⟦ὀκτακόσια⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦χιλίοις⟧ ⟦ἀπενεγκάμενος⟧ out_from of_the temple talent, ⟦θᾶττον⟧ toward Antiokeian to_separate/leave, ⟦οἰόμενος⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφανίας⟧ the/this/who on_one_hand earth ⟦πλωτὴν⟧, and the/this/who sea ⟦πορευτὸν⟧ ⟦θέσθαι⟧ through/because_of the/this/who ⟦μετεωρισμὸν⟧ the/this/who heart. 22 to_leave_behind but/and and ⟦ἐπιστάτας⟧ of_the ⟦κακοῦν⟧ the/this/who family, in/on/among on_one_hand Hierosolumois Filippon, the/this/who on_one_hand family ⟦Φρύγα⟧, the/this/who but/and way ⟦βαρβαρώτερον⟧ to_have/be of_the ⟦καταστήσαντος⟧; 23 in/on/among but/and Garizin Andronikon, to/with but/and this/he/she/it Menelaon, which ⟦χείριστα⟧ the/this/who another ⟦ὑπερῄρετο⟧ the/this/who ⟦πολίταις⟧, ⟦ἀπεχθῆ⟧ but/and to/with the/this/who ⟦πολίτας⟧ Youdaious to_have/be ⟦διάθεσιν⟧. 24 to_send but/and the/this/who ⟦μυσάρχην⟧ Apollōnion with/after troops ⟦δισμυρίων⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦δισχιλίοις⟧, ⟦προστάξας⟧ the/this/who in/on/among age/height all ⟦κατασφάξαι⟧, the/this/who but/and woman and new ⟦πωλεῖν⟧. 25 this/he/she/it but/and to_come toward Hierosoluma, and the/this/who peaceful ⟦ὑποκριθείς⟧, to_hold_fast/out until the/this/who holy day of_the Sabbath; and to_take ⟦ἀργοῦντας⟧ the/this/who Youdaious, the/this/who by/under my/your/him-self ⟦ἐξοπλησίαν⟧ to_order. 26 and the/this/who ⟦ἐξελθόντας⟧ all upon/to/against the/this/who sight ⟦συνεξεκέντησε⟧, and toward the/this/who city with the/this/who ⟦ὅπλοις⟧ ⟦εἰσδραμὼν⟧ sufficient ⟦κατέστρωσε⟧ multitude. 27 Youdas but/and the/this/who Makkabaios tenth how/somewhere ⟦γενηθεὶς⟧, and to_leave toward the/this/who deserted, wild_animal way in/on/among the/this/who mountain ⟦διέζη⟧ with the/this/who with/after he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who ⟦χορτώδη⟧ food ⟦σιτούμενοι⟧ ⟦διατέλουν⟧, to/with the/this/who not ⟦μετασχεῖν⟧ of_the defilement

6:1 with/after no much but/and time to_send_out/away the/this/who king ⟦γέροντα⟧ Athaʸnaion, ⟦ἀναγκάζειν⟧ the/this/who Youdaious ⟦μεταβαίνειν⟧ out_from the/this/who ⟦πατρῴων⟧ ⟦νόμων⟧, and the/this/who of_the God ⟦νόμοις⟧ not ⟦πολιτεύεσθαι⟧, 2 ⟦μολῦναι⟧ but/and and the/this/who in/on/among Hierosolumois ⟦νεὼν⟧, and ⟦προσονομάσαι⟧ Dios Olumpiou, and the/this/who in/on/among Garizin, as/just_as ⟦ἐτύγχανον⟧ the/this/who the/this/who place ⟦οἰκοῦντες⟧, Dios Xeniou. 3 ⟦Χαλεπὴ⟧ but/and and the/this/who crowd to_ _be and ⟦δυσχερὴς⟧ the/this/who insurrection/stoppage the/this/who evil. 4 the/this/who on_one_hand for temple debauchery and ⟦κώμων⟧ ⟦ἐπεπλήρωτο⟧ by/under the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦ῥαθυμούντων⟧ with/after

17 **RV 5:23 · Note** Some authorities read towards the Jews, he sent. The Greek text of this sentence is uncertain.

18 **RV 5:23 · Note** Compare 2 Maccabees 4:9, 19; 9:19.

19 **RV 5:24 · Note** Grk. Μυσάρχην, which also may mean ruler of the Mysians.

20 **RV 6:1 · Note** Or, Geron an Athenian

21 **RV 6:4 · Note** Or, idled with their fellows

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⟦ἑταιρῶν⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἱεροῖς⟧ ⟦περιβόλοις⟧ ⟦γυναιξὶ⟧ ⟦πλησιαζόντων⟧, still but/and the/this/who not be_fit inside ⟦φερόντων⟧. **5** the/this/who but/and altar the/this/who ⟦ἀποδιεσταλμένοις⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦νόμων⟧ unlawful ⟦ἐπεπλήρωτο⟧. **6** to_be but/and neither ⟦σαββατίζειν⟧, neither ⟦πατρῴους⟧ ⟦ἑορτὰς⟧ ⟦διαφυλάττειν⟧, neither without_reserve Jewish ⟦ὁμολογεῖν⟧ to_be. **7** to_bring but/and with/after ⟦πικρᾶς⟧ necessity toward the/this/who according_to month of_the king ⟦γενέθλιον⟧ day upon/to/against ⟦σπλαγχνισμόν⟧; to_be but/and Dionusiōn festival, ⟦ἠναγκάζοντο⟧ the/this/who Jewish ⟦κισσοὺς⟧ to_ _have/be ⟦πομπεύειν⟧ the/this/who Dionusōi. **8** a_referendum but/and to_fall_out toward the/this/who ⟦ἀστυγείτονας⟧ city ⟦Ἑλληνίδας⟧, Ptolemaiōn ⟦ὑποτιθεμένων⟧ the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦ἀγωγὴν⟧ according_to the/this/who Jewish, to_bring and ⟦σπλαγχνίζειν⟧; **9** the/this/who but/and not ⟦προαιρουμένους⟧ ⟦μεταβαίνειν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦Ἑλληνικὰ⟧, ⟦κατασφάζειν⟧; ⟦παρῆν⟧ therefore/then ⟦ὁρᾷν⟧ the/this/who be_present ⟦ταλαιπωρίαν⟧. **10** two for woman ⟦ἀνηνέγθησαν⟧ ⟦περιτετμηκυῖαι⟧ the/this/who child he/she/it/self; this/he/she/it but/and out_from the/this/who ⟦μαστῶν⟧ to_ _hang the/this/who infant, and public ⟦περιαγαγόντες⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who city, according_to of_the wall ⟦ἐκρήμνισαν⟧. **11** other but/and near/neighbour ⟦συνδραμόντες⟧ toward the/this/who cave, secretly to_bring the/this/who ⟦ἑβδομάδα⟧, ⟦μηνυθέντες⟧ the/this/who Filippōi ⟦συνεφλογίσθησαν⟧, through/because_of the/this/who ⟦εὐλαβῶς⟧ to_have/be to_help my/your/him-self according_to the/this/who glory the/this/who ⟦σεμνοτάτης⟧ day. **12** to_ _plead/comfort therefore/then the/this/who ⟦ἐντυγχάνοντας⟧ this the/this/who book, not ⟦συστέλλεσθαι⟧ through/because_ _of the/this/who ⟦συμφορὰς⟧, to_count but/and the/this/who punishment not to/with destructive, but to/with discipline of_ _the family I/we ⟦εὖναι⟧. **13** and the/this/who not much time ⟦ἐᾶσθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦δυσσεβοῦντας⟧, but immediately ⟦περιπίπτειν⟧ ⟦ἐπιτιμίοις⟧, great good_deed sign to_be. **14** no for, just_as and upon/to/against the/this/who another Gentile_nation ⟦ἀναμένει⟧ to_have_patience the/this/who master, until of_the ⟦καταντήσαντας⟧ he/she/it/self to/with fulfillment sin, ⟦κολάσαι⟧, thus(-ly) and upon/to/against I/we to_judge **15** to_be, in_order_that/to not to/with goal/tax ⟦ἀφικομένων⟧ I/we the/this/who sin, later I/we ⟦ἐκδικᾷ⟧. **16** therefore and_not once/when on_one_hand the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from I/we ⟦ἀφίστησι⟧; ⟦παιδεύων⟧ but/and with/after ⟦συμφορᾶς⟧, no ⟦ἐγκαταλείπει⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self a_people. **17** but/however until ⟦ὑπομνήσεως⟧ ⟦ταῦθ'⟧ I/we ⟦εἰρήσθω⟧; through/because_of little/few but/and one_must_come upon/to/against the/this/who narrative. **18** Eleazaros one the/this/who ⟦πρωτευόντων⟧ scribe, man already ⟦προβεβηκὼς⟧ the/this/who age/height, and the/this/who ⟦πρόσοψιν⟧ of_the face ⟦κάλλιστος⟧ ⟦τυγχάνων⟧, ⟦ἀναχανὼν⟧ ⟦ἠναγκάζετο⟧ to_eat ⟦ὕειον⟧ meat. **19** the/this/who but/and

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course with women within the sacred precincts, and moreover brought inside things that weren't appropriate. **5** The altar was filled with those abominable things which had been prohibited by the laws. **6** A man could neither keep the Sabbath, nor observe the feasts of their ancestors, nor so much as confess himself to be a Yehudi (Jew).

7 On the day of the king's birth every month, they were led along with bitter constraint to eat of the sacrifices. When the feast of Dionusia came, they were compelled to go in procession in honour of Dionusos, wearing wreaths of ivy. **8** A decree went out to the neighbouring Greek cities, by the suggestion of Ptolemaios (Ptolemy), that they should observe the same conduct against the Yehudim, and should make them eat of the sacrifices, **9** and that they should kill those who didn't choose to go over to the Greek rites. So the present misery was for all to see. **10** Because example, two women were brought in for having circumcised their children. These, when they'd led them publicly around the city with the babes hung from their breasts, they threw down headlong from the wall. **11** Others who'd run together into the caves nearby to keep the seventh day secretly, were betrayed to Filippos (Philip) and were all burnt together, because their piety kept them from defending themselves, in view of the honour of that most solemn day.

God's discipline and mercy

12 I urge those who read this book to not be discouraged because of the calamities, but recognise that these punishments weren't for the destruction, but for the chastening of our race. **13** Because indeed it's a sign of great kindness that those who act impiously aren't let alone for a long time, but immediately meet with retribution. **14** Because in the case of the other nations, the Sovereign master waits patiently to punish them until they've attained to the full measure of their sins; but not with us, **15** that he may not take vengeance on us afterward,[22] when we've come to the[23] height of our sins. **16** Therefore he never withdraws his mercy from us; but though he chastens with calamity, he doesn't forsake his own people. **17** However let this that we've spoken suffice to remind you; but after a few words, we must come to the narrative.

Eleazar chooses death over disobedience

18 Eleazar, one of the principal scribes, a man already well advanced in years, and of a noble face, was compelled to open his mouth to eat swine's flesh. **19** But he, welcoming death with honour rather than life with defilement, advanced of his own accord to the instrument of torture, but first spat out the flesh, **20** as men ought to come who are resolute to repel such things as not even for the natural love of life is it lawful to taste.

21 But those who had the charge of that forbidden sacrificial feast took the man aside, for the acquaintance which of old times they had with him, and privately implored him to bring flesh of his own providing, such as was proper for him to use,

22 RV 6:15 · Note Or, when our sins have come to their height

23 RV 6:15 · Note Grk. end.

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and to make as if he did eat of the flesh from the sacrifice, as had been commanded by the king; **22** that by so doing he might be delivered from death, and so his ancient friendship with them might be treated kindly. **23** But he, having formed a high resolve, and one that became his years, the dignity of old age, and the grey hairs[24] which he'd reached with honour, and his excellent[25] education from a child, or rather the holy laws[26] of God's ordaining, declared his mind accordingly, bidding them to quickly send him to Haidais.

24 "Because it doesn't become our years to dissemble," he said, "that many of the young should suppose that Eleazar, the man of ninety years, had gone over to an alien religion; **25** and so they, because of my deception, and for the sake of this brief and momentary life, would be led astray because of me, and I defile and disgrace myself in my old age. **26** Because even if for the present time I'd remove from me the punishment of men, yet whether I live or die, I wouldn't escape the Almighty's hands. **27** Therefore, by bravely parting with my life now, I'll show myself worthy of my old age, **28** and leave[27] behind a noble example to the young to die willingly and nobly a glorious death for the revered and holy laws."

When he'd said these words, he went immediately to the instrument of torture. **29** When they changed the good will they bore towards him a little before into ill will because these words of his were, as they thought, sheer madness,[28] **30** and when he was at the point to die with the[29] blows, he groaned aloud and said, "To the master, who has the holy knowledge, it's manifest that, while I might have been delivered from death, I endure severe pains in my body by being scourged; but in soul I gladly suffer these things because of my fear of him."

31 So this man also died like this, leaving his death for an example of nobleness and a memorial of virtue, not only to the young but also to the great body of his nation.

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the/this/who with/after ⟦εὐκλείας⟧ death more or/than the/this/who with/after ⟦μύσους⟧ life to_receive, ⟦αὐθαιρέτως⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who a_tambourine ⟦προσῆγε⟧; **20** ⟦προπτύσας⟧ but/and, according_to which be_ _necessary way to_come_near/agree the/this/who ⟦ὑπομένοντας⟧ ⟦ἀμύνεσθαι⟧, which no ⟦θέμις⟧ to_taste through/because_of the/this/who to/with the/this/who to_ _live ⟦φιλοστοργίαν⟧. **21** the/this/who but/and to/with the/this/who ⟦παρανόμῳ⟧ ⟦σπλαγχνισμῷ⟧ to_appoint, through/because_of the/this/who out_from the/this/who ⟦παλαιῶν⟧ time to/with the/this/who man knowledge/to_ _know, ⟦ἀπολαβόντες⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦κατιδίαν⟧ to_ _plead/comfort, ⟦ἐνέγκαντα⟧ meat which ⟦καθῆκον⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦χρήσασθαι⟧ through/because_of he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦παρασκευασθέντα⟧, ⟦ὑποκριθῆναι⟧ but/and which/how to_eat the/this/who by/under of_the king to_order the/this/who away_from the/this/who sacrifice ⟦κρεῶν⟧, **22** in_order_that/to this/he/she/it to_do/require ⟦ἀπολυθῇ⟧ of_the death, and through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ἀρχαίαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self ⟦φιλίαν⟧ good_luck ⟦φιλανθρωπίας⟧. **23** the/this/who but/and ⟦λογισμὸν⟧ beautiful to_take_up and worthy the/this/who age/height, and the/this/who of_the ⟦γήρως⟧ ⟦ὑπεροχῆς⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπικτήτου⟧ and ⟦ἐπιφανοῦς⟧ ⟦πολιᾶς⟧, and the/this/who out_from child ⟦καλλίστης⟧ ⟦ἀνατροφῆς⟧, more but/and the/this/who holy and ⟦θεοκτίστου⟧ ⟦νομοθεσίας⟧, ⟦ἀκολούθως⟧ ⟦ἀπεφήνατο⟧, quickly to_speak ⟦προπέμπειν⟧ toward the/this/who Hades. **24** no for the/this/who our age/height worthy to_be ⟦ὑποκριθῆναι⟧, in_order_that/to much the/this/who ⟦νέων⟧ ⟦ὑπολαβόντες⟧ Eleazaron the/this/who ⟦ἐννενηκονταετῆ⟧ ⟦μεταβεβηκέναι⟧ toward ⟦ἀλλοφυλισμόν⟧, **25** and he/she/it/self through/because_of the/this/who my hypocrisy, and through/because_of the/this/who small and ⟦ἀκαριαῖον⟧ to_live ⟦πλανηθῶσι⟧ through/because_of I/we, and ⟦μῦσος⟧ and ⟦κηλίδα⟧ of_the ⟦γήρως⟧ ⟦κατακτήσομαι⟧. **26** if for and upon/to/against of_the be_present ⟦ἐξελοῦμαι⟧ the/this/who out_from a_human ⟦τιμωρίαν⟧, but the/this/who of_the almighty hand neither to_live neither to_ _die ⟦ἐκφεύξομαι⟧. **27** therefore ⟦ἀνδρείως⟧ on_one_hand now ⟦διαλλάξας⟧ the/this/who life, of_the on_one_hand ⟦γήρως⟧ worthy ⟦φανήσομαι⟧, **28** the/this/who but/and ⟦νέοις⟧ example ⟦γενναῖον⟧ ⟦καταλελοιπὼς⟧, toward the/this/who eagerly and ⟦γενναίως⟧ above/for the/this/who ⟦σεμνῶν⟧ and holy ⟦νόμων⟧ ⟦ἀπευθανατίζειν⟧; so_great but/and to_say. upon/to/against the/this/who a_tambourine immediately to_ _come/go. **29** the/this/who but/and ⟦ἀγόντων⟧ the/this/who small before/previously ⟦εὐμένειαν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self toward ⟦δυσμένειαν⟧ ⟦μεταβαλόντων⟧ through/because_of the/this/who the/this/who ⟦προειρημένους⟧ word,

24 **RV 6:23 · Note** The Greek text appears to be corrupt.

25 **RV 6:23 · Note** Some authorities read manner of life.

26 **RV 6:23 · Note** Grk. legislation.

27 **RV 6:28 · Note** Grk. one that has left behind.

28 **RV 6:29 · Note** The Greek text of this verse is uncertain.

29 **RV 6:30 · Note** Or, blows

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which/how he/she/it/self [[διελάμβανον]], [[ἀπόνοιαν]] to_be; **30** to_ensue but/and the/this/who plague/blow/wound to_ _decease, to_sigh_deeply to_say, the/this/who lord the/this/who the/this/who holy knowledge/to_know to_ _have/be manifest to_be, that/since be_able [[ἀπολυθῆναι]] of_ _the death, [[σκληρὰς]] to_endure according_to the/this/who body [[ἀλγηδόνας]] [[μαστιγούμενος]], according_to soul but/and gladly through/because_of the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there fear this/he/she/it to_suffer. **31** and this/he/she/it therefore/then this/he/she/it the/this/who way [[μετήλλαξεν]], no alone/only the/this/who [[νέοις]], but and the/this/who [[πλείστοις]] of_the Gentile_ _nation the/this/who my/your/him-self death example [[γενναιότητος]] and memorial [[ἀρετῆς]] to_leave_behind.

7:1 to_happen but/and and seven brother with/after the/this/who [[μητρὸν]] [[συλληφθέντας]] [[ἀναγκάζεσθαι]] by/under of_the king away_from the/this/who [[ἀθεμίτων]] [[ὑείων]] [[κρεῶν]] [[ἐφάπτεσθαι]], [[μάστιξι]] and [[νευραῖς]] [[αἰκιζομένους]]. **2** one but/and he/she/it/self to_be defender,_ _advocate, thus(-ly) to_say, one/which? to_ensue to_ask, and [[μανθάνειν]] from_with I/we? ready for to_die to_be or/than [[παραβαίνειν]] the/this/who [[πατρίους]] law. **3** [[Ἔκθυμος]] but/and to_be the/this/who king, to_order [[τήγανα]], and [[λέβητας]] [[ἐκπυροῦν]]. **4** the/this/who but/and [[ἐκπυρωθέντων]], instantly the/this/who to_be he/she/it/self [[προήγορον]] to_order [[γλωσσοτομεῖν]], and [[περισκυθίσαντας]] [[ἀκρωτηριάζειν]], the/this/who remaining brother, and the/this/who [[μετρὸς]], [[συνορώντων]]. **5** useless but/and he/she/it/self the/this/who [[ὅλοις]] to_be, to_order the/this/who fire to_bring_near [[ἔμπνουν]], and [[τηγανίζειν]]; the/this/who but/and [[ἀτμίδος]] upon/to/against sufficient [[διαδιδούσης]] of_the [[τηγάνου]], one_another to_ _plead/comfort with the/this/who mother [[γενναίως]] to_ _decease, to_speak thus(-ly). **6** the/this/who lord the/this/who God [[ἐφορᾷ]], and the/this/who [[ἀληθείαις]] upon/to/against I/we to_plead/comfort, just_as through/because_of the/this/who according_to face [[ἀντιμαρτυρούσης]] [[ᾠδῆς]] [[διεσάφησε]] Mōusaʸs, to_speak, and upon/to/against the/this/who slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there [[παρακληθήσεται]]. **7** [[Μεταλλάξαντος]] but/and of_the first the/this/who way this/he/she/it, the/this/who secondly [[ἦγον]] upon/to/against the/this/who [[ἐμπαιγμόν]]; and the/this/who the/this/who head leather with the/this/who [[θριξὶ]] [[περισύραντες]], to_question, if to_eat before of_the [[τιμωρηθῆναι]] the/this/who body according_to member? **8** the/this/who but/and to_answer the/this/who [[πατρίῳ]] voice/sound to_say, not; therefore and **9** this/he/she/it the/this/who next/afterward to_take [[βάσανον]], which/how the/this/who first. in/on/among last/least but/and wind/breath to_be, to_say, you on_one_hand [[ἀλάστωρ]] out_ _from of_the be_present I/we to_live to_release, the/this/who but/and of_the world king [[ἀποθανόντας]] I/we above/for the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there

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Seven brothers die for God's law

7:1 It happened that seven brothers and their mother were at the king's command taken and shamefully handled with scourges and cords, to compel them to taste of the abominable swine's flesh. **2** One of them made himself the spokesman and said, "What'd you ask and learn from us? Because we're ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors."

3 The king fell into a rage, and commanded that pans and cauldrons be heated. **4** When these were immediately heated, he gave orders to cut out the tongue of him who'd been their spokesman, and to scalp him, and to cut off his extremities, with the rest of his brothers and his mother looking on. **5** And when he was utterly[30] maimed, the king gave orders to bring him to the fire, being yet alive, and to fry him in the pan. And as the smoke from the pan spread far, they and their mother also exhorted one another to die nobly, saying this: **6** "The master God sees, and in truth is[31] entreated for us, as Mosheh (Moses) declared in his[32] song, which witnesses against the people to their faces, saying, 'And he'll have compassion on his servants.' "

7 And when the first had died like this, they brought the second to the mocking; and they pulled off the skin of his head with the hair and asked him, "Will you eat, before your body is punished in every limb?"

8 But he answered in the language of his ancestors and said to them, "No." Therefore he also underwent the next torture in succession, as the first had done. **9** When he was at the last gasp, he said, "You, miscreant, release us out of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us who've died for his laws up to an eternal renewal of life."

10 After him, the third was made a victim of their mocking. When he was required, he quickly put out his tongue, and stretched out his hands courageously, **11** and nobly said, "I got these from heaven. Because his laws' sake I treat these with contempt. From him, I hope to receive these back again." **12** As a result, the king himself and those who were with him were aston-

30 **RV 7:5 · Note** Grk. useless.

31 **RV 7:6 · Note** Or, comforted in

32 **RV 7:6 · Note** See Deuteronomy 31:21 and 32:36.

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ished at the young man's soul, for he regarded the pains as nothing.

13 When he too was dead, they shamefully handled and tortured the fourth in the same way. 14 Being near to death he said this: "It's good to die at the hands of men and look for the hope which is given by God, that we'll be raised up again by him. Because as for you, you'll have no resurrection to life."

15 Next after him, they brought the fifth and shamefully handled him. 16 But he looked towards the[33] king and said, "Because you have authority among men, though you're corruptible, you do what you please. But don't think that our race has been forsaken by God. 17 But hold on to your ways, and see how his sovereign majesty will torture you and your descendants!"

18 After him they brought the sixth. When he was about to die, he said, "Don't be vainly deceived, for we suffer these things for our own doings, as sinning against our own God. Astounding things have happen; 19 but don't think you that you'll be unpunished, having tried to fight against God!"

A mother encourages her sons to remain faithful

20 But above all, the mother was marvellous and worthy of honourable memory; for when she watched seven sons perishing within the space of one day, she bore the sight with a good courage because of her hope in the master. 21 She exhorted each one of them in the language of their fathers, filled with a noble spirit and stirring up her woman's thoughts with manly courage, saying to them, 22 "I don't know how you came into my womb. It wasn't I who gave you your spirit[34] and your life. It wasn't I who brought into order the first elements of each one of you. 23 Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the first origin of man and devised the first origin of all things, in mercy gives back to you again both your spirit[35] and your life, as you now treat yourselves with contempt for his laws' sake."

24 But Antiokos (Antiochus), thinking himself to be despised, and suspecting the reproachful voice, while the youngest was yet alive didn't only make his appeal to him by words, but also at the same time promised with oaths that he'd enrich him and[36] raise him to high honour if he'd turn from the ways of his ancestors, and that he'd take him for his friend[37] and entrust him with public affairs. 25 But when the young man would in no way listen, the king called to him his mother, and urged her to advise the youth to save himself. 26 When he'd urged her with many words, she undertook to persuade her son. 27 But bending towards him, laughing the cruel tyrant to scorn, she spoke this in the language of her fathers: "My son, have pity on me who carried you nine months in my womb, and nursed you three years, and nourished and brought you up to this age, and sustained

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⟦νόμων⟧ toward eternal ⟦ἀναβίωσιν⟧ life I/we to_arise.
10 with/after but/and this/he/she/it the/this/who third ⟦ἐνεπαίζετο⟧, and the/this/who tongue ⟦αἰτηθεὶς⟧ quickly ⟦προέβαλε⟧, and the/this/who hand ⟦εὐθαρσῶς⟧ ⟦προέτεινε⟧, 11 and ⟦γενναίως⟧ to_say, out_from heaven this/he/she/it ⟦κέκτημαι⟧, and through/because_of the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there law ⟦ὑπερορῶ⟧ this/he/she/it, and from_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there this/he/she/it again to_hope/expect ⟦κομίσασθαι⟧. 12 so he/she/it/self the/this/who king and the/this/who with he/she/it/self be_ _astonished the/this/who of_the ⟦νεανίσκου⟧ soul, which/how in/on/among none the/this/who ⟦ἀλγηδόνας⟧ ⟦ἐτίθετο⟧.
13 and this/he/she/it but/and ⟦μεταλλάξαντος⟧, the/this/who fourth likewise ⟦ἐβασάνιζον⟧ ⟦αἰκιζόμενοι⟧. 14 and ⟦γεννόμενος⟧ to/with the/this/who to_decease, thus(-ly) to_ _say, ⟦αἱρετὸν⟧ ⟦μεταλλάσσοντας⟧ by/under a_human the/this/who by/under of_the God ⟦προσδοκᾷν⟧ ⟦ἐλπίδας⟧, again ⟦ἀναστήσεσθαι⟧ by/under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; you/your on_one_ _hand for resurrection toward life no to_be. 15 ⟦Ἐχομένως⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦πέμπτον⟧ ⟦προσάγοντες⟧ ⟦ἠκίζοντο⟧.
16 the/this/who but/and to/with he/she/it/self to_perceive, to_say, authority in/on/among a_human to_have/be perishable to_be, the/this/who/which to_will/desire to_do/make; not to_ _think but/and the/this/who family I/we by/under of_the God ⟦καταλελεῖφθαι⟧. 17 you but/and ⟦καρτέρει⟧, and to_ _see/experience the/this/who ⟦μεγαλεῖον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there power, which/how you and the/this/who seed you ⟦βασανίσει⟧. 18 with/after but/and this/he/she/it ⟦ἦγον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἕκτον⟧, and to_ _ensue to_die, to_say, not ⟦πλανῶ⟧ in_vain, I/we for through/because_of my/your/him-self this/he/she/it to_ _suffer to_sin toward the/this/who my/your/him-self God, for worthy ⟦θαυμασμοῦ⟧ to_be. 19 you but/and not ⟦νομίσῃς⟧ innocent to_be, ⟦θεομαχεῖν⟧ ⟦ἐπιχειρήσας⟧. 20 exceedingly but/and the/this/who mother marvellous and ⟦μνήμης⟧ good-doer worthy, who/which ⟦ἀπολλυμένους⟧ son seven ⟦συνορῶσα⟧ one by/under time/right_time day, confidently to_bear/lead through/because_of the/this/who upon/to/against lord ⟦ἐλπίδας⟧. 21 each but/and he/she/it/self to_plead/comfort the/this/who ⟦πατρίῳ⟧ voice/sound, ⟦γενναίῳ⟧ to_fulfill ⟦φρονήματι⟧, and the/this/who ⟦θῆλυν⟧ ⟦λογισμὸν⟧ ⟦ἄρσενι⟧ ⟦θυμῷ⟧ ⟦διεγείρασα⟧, to_speak to/with he/she/it/self, 22 and_not ⟦οἶδ'⟧ that toward the/this/who my ⟦ἐφάνητε⟧ belly/womb/stomach, and_not I/we the/this/who spirit/breath and the/this/who life you ⟦ἐχαρισάμην⟧, and the/this/who each ⟦στοιχείωσιν⟧ no I/we ⟦διερύθμισα⟧.
23 therefore the/this/who of_the world creator the/this/who ⟦πλάσας⟧ a_human ⟦γένεσιν⟧, and all ⟦ἐξευρὼν⟧ ⟦γένεσιν⟧, and

33 **RV 7:16 · Note** Grk. him.
34 **RV 7:22 · Note** Or, breath
35 **RV 7:23 · Note** Or, breath
36 **RV 7:24 · Note** Grk. make him one that is counted happy.
37 **RV 7:24 · Note** See 2 Maccabees 8:9.

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the/this/who spirit/breath and the/this/who life you again to_
_pay with/after mercy, which/how now ⟦ὑπερορᾶτε⟧
my/your/him-self through/because_of the/this/who
⟦αὐτοῦνόμους⟧. **24** the/this/who but/and Antiokos ⟦οἰόμενος⟧
⟦καταφρονεῖσθαι⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ὀνειδίζουσαν⟧
⟦ὑφορώμενος⟧ voice/sound, still of_the ⟦νεωτέρου⟧
⟦περιόντος⟧, no alone/only through/because_of word
⟦ἐποιεῖτο⟧ the/this/who encouragement, but and
through/because_of ⟦ὅρκων⟧ ⟦ἐπίστου⟧, together ⟦πλουτιεῖν⟧
and ⟦μακαριστὸν⟧ ⟦ποιήσειν⟧ ⟦μεταθέμενον⟧ away_from
the/this/who ⟦πατρίων⟧ ⟦νόμων⟧, and friendly/friend ⟦ἔξειν⟧,
and need ⟦ἐμπιστεύσειν⟧. **25** of_the but/and young_man surely_
_not ⟦προσέχοντος⟧, to_call_to/summon the/this/who king
the/this/who mother, to_urge of_the ⟦μειρακίου⟧ to_be
⟦σύμβουλον⟧ upon/to/against salvation. **26** much but/and
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦παραινέσαντος⟧,
⟦ἐπεδέξατο⟧ ⟦πείσειν⟧ the/this/who son. **27** ⟦Προσκύψασα⟧
but/and he/she/it/self, ⟦χλευάσασα⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὠμὸν⟧
tyrant, thus(-ly) ⟦ἔφησε⟧ the/this/who ⟦πατρῴᾳ⟧ voice/sound,
son, to_have_mercy I/we the/this/who in/on/among belly
⟦περιενέγκασάν⟧ you month nine, and ⟦θηλάσασάν⟧ you year
three, and ⟦ἐκθρέψασάν⟧ you and ⟦ἀγαγοῦσαν⟧ toward
the/this/who age/height this/he/she/it, and
⟦τροφοφορήσασαν⟧. **28** ⟦Ἀξιῶ⟧ you, child, ⟦ἀναβλέψαντα⟧
toward the/this/who heaven and the/this/who earth, and
the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self all ⟦ἰδόντα⟧, to_
_know that/since out_from no to_be to_do/make
he/she/it/self the/this/who God, and the/this/who
the/this/who a_human family thus(-ly) ⟦γεγένηται⟧, **29** not to_
_fear the/this/who ⟦δήμιον⟧ this/he/she/it, but the/this/who
brother worthy to_be, ⟦ἐπίδεξαι⟧ the/this/who death, in_
_order_that/to in/on/among the/this/who mercy with
the/this/who brother you ⟦κομίσωμαί⟧ you. **30** still but/and
this/he/she/it ⟦καταλεγούσης⟧ the/this/who young_man to_
_say, which? to_stay? no to_obey of_the ⟦προστάγματος⟧ of_the
king; of_the but/and ⟦προστάγματος⟧ to_hear of_the law of_the
to_give the/this/who father I/we through/because_of
Mōuseōs. **31** you but/and all evil an_inventor to_be toward
the/this/who Hebraious, no not ⟦διαφύγῃς⟧ the/this/who
hand of_the God. **32** I/we for through/because_of the/this/who
my/your/him-self sin to_suffer. **33** if but/and because_of/grace
⟦ἐπιπλήξεως⟧ and discipline the/this/who to_live lord I/we
⟦βραχέως⟧ ⟦ἐπώργισται⟧, and again ⟦καταλλαγήσεται⟧
the/this/who my/your/him-self slave. **34** you but/and oh!/to_
_be ⟦ἀνόσιε⟧, and all a_human ⟦μιαρώτατε⟧, not in_vain
⟦μετεωρίζου⟧ ⟦φρυαττόμενος⟧ ⟦ἀδήλοις⟧ ⟦ἐλπίσιν⟧,
upon/to/against the/this/who slave
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐπαιρόμενος⟧ hand.
35 not_yet for the/this/who of_the almighty ⟦ἐπόπτου⟧ God
judgement ⟦ἐκπέφευγας⟧. **36** the/this/who on_one_hand for
now our brother ⟦βραχὺν⟧ ⟦ὑπενέγκαντες⟧ travail, ⟦ἀεννάου⟧
life by/under covenant God ⟦πεπτώκασι⟧; you but/and

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you. **28** I beg you, my child, to lift your eyes to the sky and the earth, and to see all things that are in it, and thus to recognise that God made them not of things that were, and that the race of men in this way comes into being. **29** Don't be afraid of this butcher, but, proving yourself worthy of your brothers, accept your death, that in God's mercy I may receive you again with your brothers."

30 But before she'd finished speaking, the young man said, "What are you all waiting for? I don't obey the king's commandment, but I listen to the commandment of the law that was given to our fathers through Mosheh (Moses). **31** But you, who've devised all kinds of evil against the Ivrim (Hebrews), will in no way escape God's hands. **32** Because we're suffering because of our own sins. **33** If for rebuke and chastening, our living master has been angered a little while, yet he'll again be reconciled with his own servants. **34** But you, Oh unholy man and of all most vile, don't be vainly lifted up in your wild pride with uncertain hopes, raising your hand against the heavenly children. **35** Because you haven't yet escaped the judgement of the Almighty God who sees all things. **36** Because these our brothers, having endured a short pain that brings eternal life,[38] have now died under God's covenant.[39] But you, through God's judgement, will receive in just measure the penalties of your arrogance. **37** But I, as my brothers, give up both body and soul for the laws of our fathers, calling on God that he may speedily become gracious[40] to the nation, and that you, amidst trials and deadly diseases, may confess that he alone is God, **38** and that in me and my brothers you may bring to an end[41] the Almighty's anger which has been justly brought on our whole race."

39 But the king, falling into a rage, handled him worse than all the rest, being exasperated at his mocking. **40** So he also died pure, putting his whole trust in the master.

41 Last of all, after her sons, the mother died.

42 Let it then suffice to have said thus much about the sacrificial feasts and the extreme tortures.

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38 **RV 7:36 · Note** Grk. short pain of ever-flowing life.

39 **RV 7:36 · Note** Grk. died. By the omission of one Greek letter the words would signify having endured a short pain, have now drunk of ever-flowing life under God's covenant.

40 **RV 7:37 · Note** Grk. propitious.

41 **RV 7:38 · Note** Some authorities read may be stayed.

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Yehudah Makabi gathers a resistance force

8:1 But Yehudah (Judas), who's also called Makabi (Maccabaeus), and those who were with him, making their way secretly into the villages, called to them their kindred. Taking to them those who'd continued in the Yehudim' (Jews') religion, gathered together about six thousand. **2** They called on the master to look at the people who were oppressed by all, and to have compassion on the sanctuary that'd been profaned by the ungodly men, **3** and to have pity on the city that was suffering ruin and ready to be levelled to the ground, and to listen to the blood that cried out to him, **4** and to remember the lawless destruction of the innocent infants, and about the blasphemies that'd been committed against his name, and to show his hatred of wickedness.

5 When Makabi had trained his men for service, the heathen at once found him irresistible, for the master's anger was turned into mercy. **6** Coming[42] without warning, he set fire to cities and villages. And in winning back the most important positions, putting to flight no small number of the enemies, **7** he especially took advantage of the nights for such assaults. His courage was loudly talked of everywhere.

Yehudah defeats Nikanor's army

8 But when Filippos (Philip) saw the man gaining ground little by little, and increasing more and more in his success, he wrote to Ptolemaios (Ptolemy), the governor of Coele-Syria and Foinikai, that he should support the king's cause. **9** Ptolemaios quickly appointed Nikanor the son of Patroklos, one of the king's chief friends,[43] and sent him, in command of no fewer than twenty thousand of all nations, to destroy the whole race of Yehudah. With him he joined Gorgias also, a captain and one who had experience in

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the/this/who of_the God judgement just the/this/who ⟦πρόστιμα⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὑπετηφανίας⟧ ⟦ἀποίσῃ⟧. **37** I/we but/and just_as the/this/who brother I/we, and body and soul to_give_in_advance about the/this/who ⟦πατρίων⟧ ⟦νόμων⟧, to_call_(on)/name the/this/who God ⟦ἵλεων⟧ quick/quickly the/this/who Gentile_nation to_be, and you with/after ⟦ἐτασμῶν⟧ and whip ⟦ἐξομολογήσασθαι⟧, because alone he/she/it/self God to_be, **38** in/on/among I/we/my but/and and the/this/who brother I/we to_stand the/this/who of_the almighty wrath the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦σύμπαν⟧ I/we family rightly ⟦ἐπηγμένην⟧. **39** ⟦Ἔκθυμος⟧ but/and to_be the/this/who king, this/he/she/it from_with the/this/who another ⟦χειρίστως⟧ ⟦ἀπήντησε⟧, bitterly to_ _bear/lead upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦μυκτηρισμῷ⟧. **40** and this/he/she/it therefore/then clean the/this/who life ⟦μετήλλαξε⟧, ⟦παντελῶς⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who lord to_persuade. **41** last/least but/and the/this/who son the/this/who mother to_decease. **42** the/this/who on_one_ _hand therefore/then about ⟦σπλαγχνισμοὺς⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ὑπερβαλλούσας⟧ ⟦αἰκίας⟧ upon/to/against so_ _great ⟦δεδηλώσθω⟧.

8:1 Youdas but/and the/this/who Makkabaios and the/this/who with he/she/it/self, ⟦παρεισπορευόμενοι⟧ secretly toward the/this/who village, ⟦προσεκαλοῦντο⟧ the/this/who kindred, and the/this/who ⟦μεμενηκότας⟧ in/on/among the/this/who Youdaismōi to_take, to_assemble toward ⟦ἑξακισχιλίους⟧. **2** and ⟦ἐπεκαλοῦντο⟧ the/this/who lord ⟦ἐπιδεῖν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who by/under all ⟦καταπατούμενον⟧ a_people, ⟦οἰκτεῖραι⟧ but/and and the/this/who temple, the/this/who by/under the/this/who ungodly a_human ⟦βεβηλωθέντα⟧, **3** to_have_mercy but/and and the/this/who ⟦καταφθειρομένην⟧ city and to_ensue ⟦ἰσόπεδον⟧ to_be, and the/this/who ⟦καταβοώντων⟧ to/with he/she/it/self blood ⟦εἰσακοῦσαι⟧, **4** to_remember but/and and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀναμαρτήτων⟧ child ⟦παρανόμου⟧ destruction, and about the/this/who to_be toward the/this/who name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦βλασφημιῶν⟧, and ⟦μισοπονηρῆσαι⟧. **5** to_be but/and in/on/among ⟦συστήματι⟧ the/this/who Makkabaios, unsubdued already the/this/who Gentile_nation to_be, the/this/who wrath of_the lord toward mercy ⟦τραπείσης⟧. **6** city but/and and village ⟦ἀπροσδοκήτως⟧ to_come/go ⟦ἐνεπίμπρα⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἐπικαίρους⟧ place ⟦ἀπολαμβάνων⟧, no ⟦ὀλίγους⟧ the/this/who ⟦πολεμίων⟧ ⟦ἐνίκα⟧ ⟦τροπούμενος⟧. **7** especially the/this/who night to/with the/this/who such_as_this ⟦ἐπιβουλὰς⟧ co-worker ⟦ἐλάμβανε⟧; and speech one the/this/who ⟦εὐανδρίας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦διεχεῖτο⟧ everywhere. **8** ⟦Συνορῶν⟧ but/and the/this/who Filippos according_to small toward progress to_come/go the/this/who man often but/and in/on/among the/this/who ⟦εὐημερίαις⟧ ⟦προβαίνοντα⟧, to/with Ptolemaion the/this/who ⟦κοίλης⟧ Surias and Foinikaʸs ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧ to_write ⟦ἐπιβοηθεῖν⟧ the/this/who of_the king ⟦πράγμασιν⟧. **9** the/this/who

42 **RV 8:6 · Note** The Greek text of verses 6 and 7 is uncertain.

43 **RV 8:9 · Note** See 1 Maccabees 10:65. Compare 2 Maccabees 1:14; 7:24; 10:13; 14:11; 1 Maccabees 2:18.

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but/and quickly ⟦προχειρισάμενος⟧, Nikanora the/this/who of_
_the Patroklou, the/this/who first ⟦φίλως⟧, to_send,
⟦ὑποτάξας⟧ ⟦παμφύλων⟧ Gentile_nation no ⟦ἐλάττους⟧
the/this/who ⟦δισμυρίων⟧, the/this/who ⟦σύμπαν⟧
the/this/who ⟦Ἰουδαίως⟧ ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ family; ⟦συνέστησε⟧
but/and he/she/it/self and Gorgian man ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧, and
in/on/among ⟦πολεμικαῖς⟧ need test to_have/be.
10 ⟦Διεστήσατο⟧ but/and the/this/who Nikanōr the/this/who
tax the/this/who king the/this/who Roman to_be talent
⟦δισχιλίων⟧ out_from the/this/who the/this/who Jewish
⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ ⟦ἐκπληρώσειν⟧. **11** immediately but/and
toward the/this/who ⟦παραθαλασσίους⟧ city to_send
⟦προσκαλούμενος⟧ upon/to/against ⟦ἀγορασμὸν⟧
⟦Ἰουδαϊκῶν⟧ body, ⟦ὑπισχνούμενον⟧ ninety body ⟦ταλάντου⟧
⟦παραχωρήσειν⟧; no to_wait_for/welcome the/this/who from_
_with of_the almighty to_ensue ⟦παρακολουθήσειν⟧
upon/to/against he/she/it/self condemnation.
12 the/this/who but/and ⟦Ἰούδᾳ⟧ to_fall/beat about
the/this/who of_the ⟦Νικάνορος⟧ ⟦ἐφόδου⟧; and ⟦μεταδόντος⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there with he/she/it/self
the/this/who coming of_the ⟦στρατοπέδου⟧, **13** the/this/who
be_necessary ⟦λανδροῦντες⟧ and ⟦ἀπιστοῦντες⟧ the/this/who
of_the God condemnation, ⟦διεδίδρασκον⟧, and ⟦ἐξετόπιζον⟧
my/your/him-self. **14** the/this/who but/and the/this/who
⟦περιλελειμμένα⟧ all to_sell, together but/and the/this/who
lord ⟦ἠξίουν⟧ ⟦ῥύσασθαι⟧ the/this/who by/under of_the
⟦δυσσεβοῦς⟧ ⟦Νικάνορος⟧ before to_meet_with ⟦πεπραμένους⟧.
15 and if not through/because_of he/she/it/self, but
through/because_of the/this/who to/with the/this/who
father he/she/it/self ⟦διαθήκας⟧, and because_of the/this/who
upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπικλήσεως⟧ of_the ⟦σεμνοῦ⟧
and majestic name he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
16 to_assemble but/and the/this/who Makkabaios
the/this/who about he/she/it/self to_be the/this/who number
⟦ἑξακισχιλίους⟧, to_plead/comfort not ⟦καταπλαγῆναι⟧
the/this/who ⟦πολεμίους⟧, nor ⟦εὐλαβεῖσθαι⟧ the/this/who
the/this/who unjustly ⟦παραγινομένων⟧ upon/to/against
he/she/it/self Gentile_nation ⟦πολυπληθίαν⟧, ⟦ἀγωνίσασθαι⟧
but/and ⟦γενναίως⟧, **17** before eye to_take the/this/who
without_law toward the/this/who holy place
⟦συντετελεσμένην⟧ by/under he/she/it/self mistreatment,
and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἐμπεπαιγμένης⟧ city
⟦αἰκισμόν⟧, still but/and the/this/who the/this/who
⟦προγονικῆς⟧ citizenship ⟦κατάλυσιν⟧. **18** the/this/who on_
_one_hand for ⟦ὅπλοις⟧ ⟦πεποίθασιν⟧ together and ⟦τόλμαις⟧,
⟦ἔφησεν⟧, I/we but/and upon/to/against the/this/who
⟦παντοκράτορι⟧ God be_able and the/this/who to_come/go
upon/to/against I/we, and the/this/who all world
in/on/among one ⟦νεύματι⟧ ⟦καταβαλεῖν⟧, to_persuade.
19 ⟦Προσαναλεξάμενος⟧ but/and he/she/it/self and
the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who parent/ancestor

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matters of war. **10** Nikanor resolved by the sale of the captive Yehudim (Jews) to make up for the king the tribute of two thousand talents which he was to pay to the Romaios. **11** Immediately he sent to the cities on the sea coast, inviting them to buy Jewish slaves,[44] promising to deliver seventy slaves[45] for a talent, not expecting the judgement that was to overtake him from the Almighty.

12 News came to Yehudah (Judas) about Nikanor's invasion. When he communicated to those who were with him the presence of the army, **13** those who were cowardly and distrustful of God's judgement ran[46] away and left the country. **14** Others sold all that they'd left, and at the same time implored the master to deliver those who'd been sold as slaves by the impious Nikanor before he ever met them, **15** if not for their own sakes, then for the covenants made with their ancestors, and because he'd called them by his holy and glorious name. **16** So Makabi (Maccabaeus) gathered his men together, six thousand in number, and exhorted them not to be frightened by the enemy, nor to fear the great multitude of the heathen who came wrongfully against them, but to fight nobly, **17** setting before their eyes the outrage that'd been lawlessly perpetrated on the holy place, and the torture of the city that'd been turned to mockery, and further the overthrow of the way of life received from their ancestors. **18** "Because they," he said, "trust their weapons and daring actions, but we trust in the almighty God, since he's able at a nod to throw down those who are coming against us, and even the whole world." **19** Moreover, he recounted to them the help given from time to time in the days of their ancestors, both in the days of Sanheriv (Sennacherib), when one hundred and eighty-five thousand perished, **20** and in the land of Bavel (Babylon), in the battle that was fought against the[47] Gauls, how they came to the battle with eight thousand in all, with four thousand people from Makedonia, and how, the people from Makedonia being hard pressed, the six[48] thousand destroyed the hundred and twenty thousand because of the help which they had from heaven, and took a great deal of plunder.

21 And when he had with these words filled them with courage and made them ready to die for the laws and their country, he divided his army into four parts. **22** He appointed his brothers, Shim'on (Simon), Yosef (Joseph), and Yonatan (Jonathan), to be leaders of the divisions with him, giving each the command of one thousand and five hundred men. **23** Moreover Eleazar also, having read aloud the sacred book, and having given as watchword, "THE HELP OF GOD", leading the first band himself, joined battle with Nikanor.

24 Since the Almighty fought on their side, they killed more

44 **RV 8:11 · Note** Grk. bodies.

45 **RV 8:11 · Note** Grk. bodies.

46 **RV 8:13 · Note** The Greek text here is uncertain.

47 **RV 8:20 · Note** Grk. Galatians.

48 **RV 8:20 · Note** Some authorities read eight.

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than nine thousand of the enemy, and wounded and[49] disabled most of Nikanor's army, and compelled them all to flee. 25 They took the money of those who'd come there to buy them as slaves. After they'd pursued them for some distance,[50] they returned, being constrained by the time of the day; 26 for it was the day before the Sabbath, and for this reason they made no effort to chase them far. 27 When they'd gathered the weapons of the enemy[51] together,[52] and had stripped off their spoils, they kept the Sabbath, greatly blessing and thanking the master who'd saved them to this day, because he'd begun to show mercy to them. 28 After the Sabbath, when they'd given some of the spoils to the maimed,[53] and to the widows and orphans, they distributed the rest among themselves and their children. 29 When they'd accomplished these things and had made a common supplication, they implored the merciful master to be wholly reconciled with his servants.

Further victories and Nikanor's escape

30 Having had an encounter with the forces of Timotheos and Bakides, they killed more than twenty thousand of them, and made themselves masters of extremely high fortresses, and divided very much plunder, giving the maimed,[54] orphans, widows, and the aged an equal share with themselves. 31 When they'd gathered the weapons of the enemy[55] together,[56] they stored them all up carefully in the most strategic positions, and they carried the rest of the spoils to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 32 They killed the phylarch[57] of Timotheos's forces, a most unholy man, and one who'd done the Yehudim much harm. 33 As they celebrated the feast of victory in the city[58] of their fathers, they burnt those who'd set the sacred gates[59] on fire, including Kalisthenes, who'd fled into a[60] little house. So they received the proper reward for their impiety.[61]

34 The thrice-accursed Nikanor, who'd brought the thousand merchants to buy the Yehudim (Jews) as slaves, 35 being through the help of the master humbled by them who in his eyes were held to be of least account, took off his glorious clothing, and passing through the country, shunning[62] all company like a fugitive slave, arrived at Antiokeia, having, as he thought, had the

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⟦γενομένας⟧ help, and the/this/who upon/to/against ⟦Σενναχηρεὶμ⟧ the/this/who hundred eighty five thousand which/how to_destroy. 20 and the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who Babulōnia the/this/who to/with he/she/it/self Galatas ⟦παράταξιν⟧ to_be, which/how the/this/who all upon/to/against the/this/who need to_come/go eight_ _thousand with Macedonian ⟦τετρακισχιλίοις⟧, the/this/who ⟦Μακεδόνων⟧ ⟦ἀπορουμένων⟧, the/this/who eight_thousand the/this/who twelve myriad ⟦ἀπώλεσαν⟧ through/because_of the/this/who to_be he/she/it/self away_from heaven help, and ⟦ὠφέλειαν⟧ much to_take. 21 upon/to/against which ⟦εὐθαρσεῖς⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦παραστήσας⟧, and ready above/for the/this/who ⟦νόμων⟧ and the/this/who ⟦πατρίδος⟧ to_die, ⟦τετραμερές⟧ one the/this/who troops to_do/make; 22 ⟦τάξας⟧ and the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦προηγουμένους⟧ ⟦ἑκατέρας⟧ ⟦τάξεως⟧, Simōna and ⟦Ἰώσηφον⟧ and Yōnathan, ⟦ὑποτάξας⟧ each ⟦χιλίους⟧ to/with the/this/who five_ _hundred, 23 still but/and and Eleazaron, ⟦παραγνοὺς⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἱερὰν⟧ ⟦βίβλον⟧, and to_give ⟦σύνθημα⟧ God ⟦βοηθείας⟧, the/this/who first to_sow he/she/it/self ⟦προηγούμενος⟧, ⟦συνέβαλε⟧ the/this/who ⟦Νικάνορι⟧. 24 to_ _be but/and he/she/it/self of_the almighty ⟦συμμάχου⟧, ⟦κατέσφαξαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πολεμίων⟧ above/for the/this/who ⟦ἐννακισχιλίους⟧, slain but/and and the/this/who member crippled the/this/who most part the/this/who of_the ⟦Νικάνορος⟧ army to_do/make, all but/and to_flee ⟦ἠνάγκασαν⟧. 25 the/this/who but/and money the/this/who ⟦παραγεγονότων⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἀγορασμὸν⟧ he/she/it/self to_take; ⟦συνδιώξαντες⟧ but/and he/she/it/self upon/to/against sufficient, ⟦ἀνέλυσαν⟧ by/under the/this/who hour to_ _confine. 26 to_be for the/this/who before of_the Sabbath, through/because_of which cause/charge no ⟦ἐμακροθύμησαν⟧ ⟦κατατρέχοντες⟧ he/she/it/self. 27 ⟦Ὁπλολογήσαντες⟧ but/and he/she/it/self, and the/this/who plunder to_strip the/this/who ⟦πολεμίων⟧, about the/this/who Sabbath ⟦ἐγίνοντο⟧, abundantly/excess/superabundantly to_ _praise/bless, and to_agree the/this/who lord the/this/who ⟦διασώσαντι⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who day this/he/she/it, beginning mercy ⟦τάξαντος⟧ he/she/it/self.

49 **RV 8:24 · Note** Grk. disabled in their limbs.
50 **RV 8:25 · Note** Or, while
51 **RV 8:27 · Note** Grk. their weapons...the spoils of the enemy.
52 **RV 8:27 · Note** The exact meaning of this clause is uncertain.
53 **RV 8:28 · Note** Or, wounded Grk. shamefully handled.
54 **RV 8:30 · Note** Or, wounded Grk. shamefully handled.
55 **RV 8:31 · Note** Grk. of them.
56 **RV 8:31 · Note** The exact meaning of this clause is uncertain.
57 **RV 8:32 · Note** That is, probably, the captain of an irregular auxiliary force. Some write Phylarches, as a proper name.
58 **RV 8:33 · Note** Or, country
59 **RV 8:33 · Note** Or, porches
60 **RV 8:33 · Note** Or, a solitary hut
61 **RV 8:33 · Note** The Greek text here is perhaps corrupt.
62 **RV 8:35 · Note** Grk. having made himself solitary.

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28 with/after but/and the/this/who Sabbath the/this/who ⟦ἠκισμένοις⟧, and the/this/who widow, and ⟦ὀρφανοῖς⟧, ⟦μερίσαντες⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦σκύλων⟧, the/this/who remaining he/she/it/self and the/this/who child ⟦ἐμερίσαντο⟧. 29 this/he/she/it but/and ⟦διαπραξάμενοι⟧, and common ⟦ἱκετείαν⟧ to_do/make, the/this/who ⟦ἐλεήμονα⟧ lord ⟦ἠξίουν⟧ toward goal/tax, ⟦καταλλαγῆναι⟧ the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there slave. 30 and the/this/who about Timotheon and Bakkidaʸn ⟦συνεριζοντων⟧, above/for the/this/who ⟦δισμυρίους⟧ he/she/it/self to_do_away_with, and stronghold ⟦ὑψηλῶν⟧ well/well_done! by_all_means ⟦ἐγκρατεῖς⟧ to_be; and bounty ⟦πλεῖστα⟧ ⟦ἐμερίσαντο⟧, ⟦ἰσομοίρους⟧ my/your/him-self and the/this/who ⟦ἠκισμένοις⟧, and ⟦ὀρφανοῖς⟧, and widow, still but/and and elder to_do/make. 31 ⟦Ὁπλολογήσαντες⟧ but/and he/she/it/self, carefully all ⟦συνέθηκαν⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦ἐπικαίρους⟧ place, the/this/who but/and remaining the/this/who ⟦σκύλων⟧ to_bear/lead toward Hierosoluma. 32 the/this/who but/and ⟦φυλάρχην⟧ the/this/who about Timotheon to_do_away_with, ⟦ἀνοσιώτατον⟧ man and much the/this/who Youdaious ⟦ἐπιλελυπηκότα⟧. 33 ⟦Ἐπινίκια⟧ but/and to_bring in/on/among the/this/who fatherland, the/this/who ⟦ἐμπρήσαντας⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἱεροὺς⟧ gate, Kallisthenaʸn, and one another ⟦ὑφῆψαν⟧ toward in/on/among/one ⟦οἰκίδιον⟧ ⟦πεφευγότας⟧, the/this/who/which one worthy the/this/who ⟦δυσσεβείας⟧ ⟦ἐκομίσαντομισθόν⟧. 34 the/this/who but/and thrice-sinful Nikanōr, the/this/who the/this/who ⟦χιλίους⟧ ⟦ἐμπόρους⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦πράσιν⟧ the/this/who Jewish ⟦ἀγαγὼν⟧, 35 ⟦ταπεινωθεὶς⟧ by/under the/this/who according_to he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦νομιζομένων⟧ least to_be, the/this/who of_the lord help, the/this/who ⟦δοξικὴν⟧ ⟦ἀποθέμενος⟧ clothing, through/because_of the/this/who ⟦μεσογείου⟧, ⟦δραπέτου⟧ way deserted my/your/him-self to_do/make, ⟦ἦκεν⟧ toward Antiokeian, ⟦ὑπεράγαν⟧ ⟦δυσημερήσας⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who of_ _the ⟦στρατοῦ⟧ decay. 36 and the/this/who the/this/who Roman to_receive tax away_from the/this/who the/this/who in/on/among Hierosolumois ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧ ⟦κατορθώσασθαι⟧, ⟦κατήγγελλεν⟧ ⟦ὑπέρμαχον⟧ to_have/be the/this/who God the/this/who Youdaious, and through/because_of the/this/who way this/he/she/it ⟦ἀτρώτους⟧ to_be the/this/who Youdaious, through/because_of the/this/who to_follow the/this/who by/under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦προτεταγμένοις⟧ ⟦νόμοις⟧.

9:1 about but/and the/this/who time/right_time that ⟦ἐτύγχανεν⟧ Antiokos ⟦ἀναλελυκὼς⟧ ⟦ἀκόσμως⟧ out_from the/this/who according_to the/this/who Persida place. 2 ⟦Εἰσεληλύθει⟧ for toward the/this/who to_speak ⟦Περσέπολιν⟧, and ⟦ἐπεχείρησεν⟧ ⟦ἱεροσυλεῖν⟧, and the/this/who city ⟦συνέχειν⟧; for so the/this/who ⟦πληθῶν⟧

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greatest possible good fortune, though his army was destroyed.[63] 36 He who'd taken on himself to make tribute sure for the Romaios by the captivity of the men of Yerushalem published abroad that the Yehudim had One who fought for them, and that because[64] this was so, the Yehudim were invulnerable, because they followed the laws ordained by him.

Antiokos' suffering and death

9:1 Now about that time, Antiokos (Antiochus) retreated in[65] disorder from the region of Paras (Persia). 2 Because he'd entered into the city called Persepolis, and he attempted to rob a[66] temple and to control the city. Therefore the multitudes rushed in and the people of

63 **RV 8:35 · Note** Or, having won the greatest possible favour by reason of the destruction of his army

64 **RV 8:36 · Note** Or, because of this their way of life Grk. because of this manner.

65 **RV 9:1 · Note** Or, with dishonour

66 **RV 9:2 · Note** Or, temples

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the country turned to defend themselves with weapons; and it happened that Antiokos was put to flight by the people of the country and broke his camp with disgrace. 3 While he was at Ahmeta, news was brought to him about what had happened to Nikanor and the forces of Timotheos. 4 Being overcome by his anger, he planned to make the Yehudim suffer for the evil activities of those who'd put him to flight. Therefore, with judgement from heaven even now accompanying him, he ordered his charioteer to drive without ceasing until he completed the journey; for he arrogantly said this: "I'll make Yerushalem a common graveyard of Yehudim when I come there."

5 But the All-seeing master, the god of Yisrael (Israel), struck him with a fatal[67] and invisible stroke. As soon as he'd finished speaking this word, an incurable pain of the bowels seized him, with bitter torments of the inner parts— 6 and that most justly, for he'd tormented other men's bowels with many and strange sufferings. 7 But he in no way ceased from his rude insolence. No, he was filled with even more arrogance, breathing fire in his passion against the Yehudim, and giving orders to hasten the journey. But it happened moreover that he fell from his chariot as it rushed along, and having a grievous fall was tortured in all of the members of his body. 8 He who'd just supposed himself to have the waves of the sea at his bidding because he was so superhumanly arrogant, and who thought to weigh the heights of the mountains in a balance, was now brought to the ground and carried in a litter, showing[68] to all that the power was obviously God's, 9 so that worms swarmed out of the impious man's body, and while he was still living in anguish and pains, his flesh fell off, and because of the stench all the army turned with loathing from his decay. 10 The man who a little before supposed himself to touch the stars of heaven, no one could endure to carry because of his intolerable stench. 11 Therefore he began in great part to cease from his arrogance, being broken in spirit, and to come to knowledge under the scourge of God, his pains increasing every moment. 12 When he himself couldn't stand his own smell, he said these words: "It's right to be subject to God, and that one who's mortal shouldn't think they're equal to God."

13 The vile man vowed to the sovereign master, who now no more would have pity on him, saying 14 that the holy city, to which he was going in haste to lay it even with the ground and to make[69] it a common graveyard, he'd declare free. 15 About the Yehudim, whom he'd decided not even to count worthy of burial, but to throw them out to the animals with their infants for the birds to devour, he'd make them all equal to citizens of Athainai. 16 The holy sanctuary, which before he'd plundered, he'd adorn with best offerings, and would restore all the sacred vessels many times multiplied, and out of his own revenues would defray the charges that were required for the sacrifices.

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⟦ὁρμησάντων⟧, upon/to/against the/this/who the/this/who weapon help ⟦ἐτράπησαν⟧; and to_happen ⟦τροπωθέντα⟧ the/this/who Antiokon by/under the/this/who ⟦ἐγχωρίων⟧, indecent the/this/who ⟦ἀναζυγὴν⟧ to_do/make. 3 to_be but/and he/she/it/self according_to Ekbatana, to_fall/beat the/this/who according_to Nikanora, and the/this/who about Timotheon, ⟦γεγονότα⟧. 4 ⟦Ἐπαρθεὶς⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦θυμῷ⟧, ⟦ᾤετο⟧ and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦πεφυγαδευκότων⟧ he/she/it/self evil toward the/this/who Youdaious ⟦ἐναπερείσασθαι⟧; for to_direct the/this/who ⟦ἁρματηλάτην⟧ unceasingly ⟦ἐλαύνοντα⟧ ⟦κατανύειν⟧ the/this/who journey, the/this/who out_from heaven so judgement ⟦συνούσης⟧ he/she/it/self; thus(-ly) for ⟦ὑπερηφάνως⟧ to_say, a_cemetery Jewish Hierosoluma to_ _do/make to_come there. 5 the/this/who but/and all-observing lord the/this/who God of_the Israaʸl to_strike he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνιάτῳ⟧ and invisible plague/blow/wound; now but/and he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦καταλήξαντος⟧ the/this/who word, to_take he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνήκεστος⟧ the/this/who ⟦σπλάγχνων⟧ suffering, and ⟦πικραὶ⟧ the/this/who inside ⟦βάσανοι⟧, 6 ⟦πάνυ⟧ rightly, the/this/who much and ⟦ξενιζούσαις⟧ ⟦συμφοραῖς⟧ other affection/entrails ⟦βασανίσαντα⟧. 7 the/this/who but/and by_ _no_means the/this/who ⟦ἀγερωχίας⟧ ⟦ἔληγεν⟧; still but/and and the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφανίας⟧ ⟦ἐπεπλήρωτο⟧, fire ⟦πνέων⟧ the/this/who ⟦θυμοῖς⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who Youdaious, and ⟦κελεύων⟧ ⟦ἐποξύνειν⟧ the/this/who journey; to_happen but/and and to_collapse he/she/it/self away_from of_the chariot ⟦φερομένου⟧ ⟦ῥοίζῳ⟧, and ⟦δυσχερεῖ⟧ ⟦πτώματι⟧ ⟦περιπεσόντα⟧, all the/this/who member of_the body ⟦ἀποστρεβλοῦσθαι⟧. 8 the/this/who but/and now to_think the/this/who the/this/who sea ⟦κύμασιν⟧ to_command, through/because_of the/this/who above/for a_human ⟦ἀλαζονείαν⟧, and ⟦πλάστιγγι⟧ the/this/who the/this/who mountain ⟦οἰόμενος⟧ ⟦ὕψη⟧ ⟦στήσειν⟧, according_to earth to_ _be, in/on/among ⟦φορείῳ⟧ ⟦παρεκομίζετο⟧, ⟦φανερὰν⟧ of_the God all the/this/who power ⟦ἐνδεικνύμενος⟧; 9 so and out_ _from of_the body of_the ⟦δυσσεβοῦς⟧ ⟦σκώληκας⟧ ⟦ἀναζεῖν⟧, and to_live in/on/among anguish and ⟦ἀλγηδόσι⟧ the/this/who flesh he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦διαπίπτειν⟧, by/under but/and the/this/who aroma he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there all the/this/who army_camp ⟦βαρύνεσθαι⟧ the/this/who rottenness. 10 and the/this/who small before/previously the/this/who ⟦οὐρανίων⟧ star to_kindle to_think, ⟦παρακομίζειν⟧ none be_ _able, through/because_of the/this/who the/this/who aroma ⟦ἀφόρητον⟧ burden. 11 here therefore/then be_first the/this/who much the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφανίας⟧ ⟦λήγειν⟧ ⟦ὑποτεθραυσμένος⟧, and toward knowledge to_come/go ⟦θείᾳ⟧ ⟦μάστιγι⟧ according_to ⟦στιγμὴν⟧ ⟦ἐπιτεινόμενος⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀλγηδόσι⟧. 12 and nor the/this/who aroma he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there be_able ⟦ἀνέχεσθαι⟧, ⟦ταῦτ'⟧ to_say, just to_subject the/this/who God, and not

67 **RV 9:5 · Note** Grk. remediless.

68 **RV 9:8 · Note** Or, showing manifestly to all the power of God

69 **RV 9:14 · Note** Grk. build.

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mortal to_be ⟦ἰσόθεα⟧ to_reason ⟦ὑπερηφανῶς⟧. 13 ⟦Ἤχετο⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦μιαρὸς⟧ to/with the/this/who not_ _any_more he/she/it/self ⟦ἐλεήσοντα⟧ master, thus(-ly) to_ _speak, 14 the/this/who on_one_hand holy city which ⟦σπεύδων⟧ ⟦παρεγίνετο⟧ ⟦ἰσόπεδον⟧ to_do/make, and a_ _cemetery to_build, ⟦ἐλευθέραν⟧ ⟦ἀναδεῖξαι⟧; 15 the/this/who but/and Youdaious, which ⟦διεγνώκει⟧ nor ⟦ταφῆς⟧ ⟦ἀξιῶσαι⟧, ⟦οἰωνοβρώτους⟧ but/and with the/this/who child ⟦ἐκρίψειν⟧ ⟦θηρίοις⟧, all he/she/it/self equal Athaʸnaiois ⟦ποιήσειν⟧; 16 which but/and before/previously ⟦ἐσκύλευσεν⟧ holy ⟦νεὼν⟧, ⟦καλλίστοις⟧ devoted ⟦κοσμήσειν⟧, and the/this/who sacred vessel ⟦πολυπλάσια⟧ all ⟦ἀποδώσειν⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦ἐπιβαλλούσας⟧ to/with the/this/who sacrifice ⟦συντάξεις⟧ out_from the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦προσόδων⟧ ⟦χορηγήσειν⟧; 17 to/with but/and this/he/she/it, and ⟦Ἰουδαῖο⟧ to_be, and all place ⟦οἰκητὸν⟧ ⟦ἐπελεύσεσθαι⟧ ⟦καταγγέλλοντα⟧ the/this/who of_the God power. 18 by_no_ _means but/and ⟦ληγόντων⟧ the/this/who travail, ⟦ἐπεληλύθει⟧ for upon/to/against he/she/it/self just the/this/who of_the God judgement, the/this/who according_ _to he/she/it/self ⟦ἀπελπίσας⟧, to_write to/with the/this/who Youdaious the/this/who ⟦ὑπογεγραμμένην⟧ epistle, supplication order to_have/be, ⟦περιέχουσαν⟧ but/and thus(-ly); 19 the/this/who ⟦χρηστοῖς⟧ Youdaiois the/this/who ⟦πολίταις⟧ much to_rejoice, and be_healthy, and well/well_ _done! to_do/require, king and officer/magistrate Antiokos. 20 if farewell, and the/this/who child and the/this/who one's_ _own/private according_to resolution to_be you, to_pray/wish_ _for on_one_hand the/this/who God the/this/who ⟦μεγίστην⟧ because_of/grace, toward heaven the/this/who hope to_ _have/be. 21 I/we/and_I but/and ⟦ἀσθενῶς⟧ ⟦διεκείμην⟧, you the/this/who honour and the/this/who enthusiasm if to_ _remember ⟦φιλοστόργως⟧; to_put_up/back/off out_from the/this/who about the/this/who Persida place, and ⟦περιπεσὼν⟧ weakness ⟦δυσχέρειαν⟧ to_have/be, necessary to_ _govern ⟦φροντίσαι⟧ the/this/who common all ⟦ἀσφαλείας⟧; 22 no ⟦ἀπογινώσκων⟧ the/this/who according_to myself, but to_have/be much hope ⟦ἐκφεύξεσθαι⟧ the/this/who weakness, 23 to_see/experience but/and that/since and the/this/who father according_to which time/right_time toward the/this/who above place ⟦ἐστρατοπέδευσεν⟧, to_appoint the/this/who ⟦διαδεξόμενον⟧, 24 that if one ⟦παράδοξον⟧ ⟦ἀποβαίνῃ⟧, or/than and ⟦προσαγγελθῇ⟧ one ⟦δυοχερὲς⟧, to_ _perceive the/this/who according_to the/this/who country which ⟦καταλέλειπται⟧ the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧, not ⟦ἐπιταράσσωνται⟧; 25 to/with but/and this/he/she/it ⟦κατανοῶν⟧ the/this/who ⟦παρακειμένους⟧ ruler, and ⟦γειτνιῶντας⟧ the/this/who kingdom the/this/who time/right_time ⟦ἐπέχοντας⟧, ⟦προσδεχομένους⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀποβησόμενον⟧, ⟦ἀναδέδειχα⟧ the/this/who son I/we Antiokon king, which often ⟦ἀνατρέχων⟧ toward the/this/who above ⟦σατραπείας⟧ the/this/who ⟦πλείστοις⟧ you ⟦παρακατετιθέμην⟧ and to_commend; to_write but/and to/with he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ὑπογεγραμμένα⟧. 26 to_ _plead/comfort therefore/then you and ⟦ἀξιῶ⟧, ⟦μεμνημένους⟧ the/this/who ⟦εὐεργεσιῶν⟧ ⟦κοινῇ⟧ and ⟦κατιδίαν⟧, each ⟦συντηρεῖν⟧ the/this/who to_be enthusiasm toward I/we and the/this/who son I/we. 27 to_persuade for

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17 Beside all this, he said that he'd become a Yehudi (Jew) and would visit every inhabited place, proclaiming God's power. 18 But when his sufferings did in no way cease, for God's judgement had come on him in righteousness, having given up all hope for himself, he wrote to the Yehudim the letter written below, having the nature of a supplication, to this effect:

19 "To the worthy Jewish citizens, Antiokos (Antiochus), king and general, wishes much joy and health and prosperity. 20 May you and your children fare well, and may your affairs be as you wish. Having my hope in heaven, 21 I remembered with affection your honour and good will. Returning out of the region of Paras (Persia), and being taken with an annoying sickness, I deemed it necessary to take thought for the common safety of all, 22 not despairing of myself, but having great hope to escape from the sickness. 23 But considering that my father also, at the time he led an army into the upper country, appointed his successor, 24 to the end that, if anything fell out contrary to expectation, or if any unwelcome tidings were brought, the people in the country, knowing to whom the state had been left, might not be troubled, 25 and, moreover, observing how the princes who are along the borders and neighbours to my kingdom watch for opportunities and look for the future event, I've appointed my son Antiokos to be king, whom I often entrusted and commended to most of you when I was hurrying to the upper provinces. I've written to him what's written below. 26 I therefore urge you and beg you, having in your remembrance the benefits done to you in common and severally, to preserve your present good will, each of you, towards me and my son. 27 Because I'm persuaded that he in gentleness and kindness will follow my purpose and treat you with moderation and kindness.

28 So the murderer and blasphemer, having endured the most intense sufferings, even as he had dealt with other men, ended his life among the mountains by a most piteous fate in a strange land. 29 Filippos (Philip) his foster brother took the body home and then, fearing the son of Antiokos, he withdrew himself to Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) Filometor in Mitsrayim (Egypt).

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The temple is cleansed and rededicated

10:1 Then Makabi (Maccabaeus) and those who were with him, the master leading them on, recovered the temple and the city. **2** They pulled down the altars that'd been built in the marketplace by the foreigners, and also the sacred enclosures. **3** Having cleansed the sanctuary, they made another altar of sacrifice. Striking[70] flint and starting a fire, they offered sacrifices after they'd ceased for two years, burnt incense, lit lamps, and set out the show bread. **4** When they'd done these things, they fell prostrate and implored the master that they might fall no more into such evils; but that, if they ever did sin, they might be chastened by him with forbearance, and not be delivered to blaspheming and barbarous heathen. **5** Now on the same day that the sanctuary was profaned by foreigners, on that very day it happened that the sanctuary was cleansed, even on the twenty-fifth day of the same month, which is Kislev. **6** They observed eight days with gladness in the manner of the feast of tabernacles, remembering how not[71] long before, during the feast of tabernacles, they were wandering in the mountains and in the caves like wild animals. **7** Therefore carrying wands wreathed with leaves, and beautiful branches, and palm fronds also, they offered up hymns of thanksgiving to him who'd successfully brought to pass the cleansing of his own place. **8** They ordained also with a public statute and decree, for all the nation of the Yehudim (Jews), that they should observe these days every year.

9 Such were the events of the end of Antiokos (Antiochus), who was called Epifanes (Epiphanes).

Fighting under the new King Antiokos

10 Now we'll declare what happened under Antiokos Eupator,[72] who proved himself a son of that ungodly man, and will summarise the main evils of the wars. **11** Because this man, when he succeeded to the kingdom, appointed one Lusias to be chancellor and supreme governor of Coele-Syria and Foinikai. **12** Because Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) who was called Makron, setting an example of observing justice towards the Yehudim because of the wrong that'd

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he/she/it/self please and benevolently ⟦παρακολουθοῦντα⟧ the/this/who my ⟦προαιρέσει⟧, ⟦συμπεριενεχθήσεσθαι⟧ you. **28** the/this/who on_one_hand therefore/then murderer and blasphemous the/this/who ⟦χείριστα⟧ to_suffer, which/how other ⟦διέθηκεν⟧, upon/to/against ⟦ξένης⟧ in/on/among the/this/who mountain ⟦οἰκτίστῳ⟧ ⟦μόρῳ⟧ ⟦κατέσπρεψε⟧ the/this/who life. **29** ⟦Παρεκομίζετο⟧ but/and the/this/who body Filippos the/this/who brought_up_with he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; which and ⟦διευλαβηθεὶς⟧ the/this/who son Antiokou, to/with Ptolemaion the/this/who ⟦Φιλομήτορα⟧ toward Aigupton ⟦διεκομίσθη⟧.

10:1 Makkabaios but/and and the/this/who with he/she/it/self, of_the lord ⟦προάγοντος⟧ he/she/it/self, the/this/who on_one_hand temple to_bring/be_repaid and the/this/who city, **2** the/this/who but/and according_to the/this/who marketplace ⟦βωμοὺς⟧ by/under the/this/who ⟦ἀλλοφύλων⟧ ⟦δεδημιουργημένους⟧, still but/and ⟦τεμένη⟧ ⟦καθεῖλον⟧. **3** and the/this/who ⟦νεὼν⟧ ⟦καθαρίσαντες⟧, other altar to_do/make, and ⟦πυρώσαντες⟧ stone, and fire out_from this/he/she/it to_take, ⟦ἀνήνεγκαν⟧ sacrifice with/after ⟦διετῆ⟧ time, and incense and ⟦λύχνους⟧, and the/this/who bread the/this/who purpose ⟦ἐποιήσαντο⟧. **4** this/he/she/it but/and to_do/make ⟦ἠξίωσαν⟧ the/this/who lord to_collapse upon/to/against belly/womb/stomach, never_again ⟦περιπεσεῖν⟧ such_as_this ⟦κακοῖς⟧, but if once/when and ⟦ἁμάρτωσιν⟧, by/under he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there with/after gentleness ⟦παιδεύεσθαι⟧, and not ⟦βλασφήμοις⟧ and barbarian Gentile_ _nation to_deliver. **5** in/on/among which but/and day the/this/who ⟦νεὼς⟧ by/under ⟦ἀλλοφύλων⟧ ⟦ἐβεβηλώθη⟧, to_happen according_to the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self day the/this/who cleansing to_be of_the temple, the/this/who ⟦πέμπτῃ⟧ and ⟦εἰκάδι⟧ of_ _the he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦μηνὸς⟧, which he_is Ḳaseleu. **6** and with/after joy ⟦ἦγον⟧ day eight ⟦σκηνωμάτων⟧ way, to_remember which/how before small time the/this/who the/this/who ⟦σκηνῶν⟧ festival in/on/among the/this/who mountain and in/on/among the/this/who cave wild_animal way to_be ⟦νεμόμενοι⟧. **7** for ⟦θύρσους⟧ and branch ⟦ὡραίους⟧, still but/and ⟦φοίνικας⟧ to_ _have/be, ⟦ὕμνους⟧ ⟦ἀνέφερον⟧ the/this/who ⟦εὐοδώσαντι⟧ ⟦καθαρισθῆναι⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self place. **8** ⟦Ἐδογμάτισαν⟧ but/and with/after to_profane ⟦προστάγματος⟧ and ⟦ψηφίσματος⟧ all the/this/who the/this/who Jewish Gentile_nation according_to year to_bring ⟦τάσδε⟧ the/this/who day. **9** and the/this/who on_one_hand the/this/who Antiokou of_the ⟦προσαγορευθέντος⟧ ⟦Ἐπιφανοῦς⟧ death thus(-ly) to_have/be. **10** now but/and the/this/who according_to the/this/who Eupatora Antiokon, son but/and of_the ⟦ἀσεβοῦς⟧ to_be, ⟦δηλώσομεν⟧, he/she/it/self ⟦συντέμνοντες⟧ the/this/who the/this/who

70 RV 10:3 · Note Grk. firing.

71 RV 10:6 · Note Or, not long before they kept the feast of tabernacles by wandering

72 RV 10:10 · Note That is, son of a good father.

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war evil/harm. **11** he/she/it/self for to_take kingdom, to_
_appoint upon/to/against the/this/who thing Lusian one,
⟦κοίλης⟧ but/and Surias and Foinikaʸs ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧
⟦πρώταρχον⟧. **12** Ptolemaios for the/this/who to_call Makrōn
the/this/who just ⟦συντηρεῖν⟧ ⟦προηγούμενος⟧ toward
the/this/who Youdaious through/because_of the/this/who
⟦γεγονυῖαν⟧ toward he/she/it/self unrighteousness, and
⟦ἐπειρᾶτο⟧ the/this/who to/with he/she/it/self ⟦εἰρηνικῶς⟧
⟦διεξάγειν⟧. **13** whence to_accuse by/under the/this/who
friendly/friend to/with the/this/who Eupatora, and traitor
⟦παρέκαστα⟧ to_hear, through/because_of the/this/who
the/this/who Kupron ⟦ἐμπιστευθέντα⟧ by/under of_the
⟦Φιλομήτορος⟧ ⟦ἐκλιπεῖν⟧, and to/with Antiokon
the/this/who glorious ⟦ἀναχωρῆσαι⟧, ⟦μήτ᾽⟧ ⟦εὐγενῆ⟧
the/this/who authority to_have/be, by/under ⟦ἀθυμίας⟧
⟦φαρμακεύσας⟧ my/your/him-self ⟦ἐξέλιπε⟧ the/this/who life.
14 Gorgias but/and to_be officer/magistrate the/this/who
place, ⟦ἐξενοτρόφει⟧, and ⟦παρέκαστα⟧ to/with the/this/who
Youdaious ⟦ἐπολεμοτρόφει⟧, **15** together but/and
this/he/she/it and the/this/who Idoumaioi ⟦ἐγκρατεῖς⟧
⟦ἐπικαίρων⟧ stronghold to_be, ⟦ἐγύμναζον⟧ the/this/who
Youdaious, and the/this/who ⟦φυγαδευθέντας⟧ away_from
Yerosolumōn to_take ⟦πολεμοτροφεῖν⟧ to_attempt.
16 the/this/who but/and about the/this/who Makkabaion, to_
_do/make ⟦λιτανείαν⟧, and ⟦ἀξιώσαντες⟧ the/this/who God
⟦σύμμαχον⟧ he/she/it/self to_be, upon/to/against
the/this/who the/this/who Idoumaiōn ⟦ὀχυρώματα⟧ to_
_stampede, **17** which and ⟦προσβαλόντες⟧ ⟦εὐρώστως⟧,
⟦ἐγκρατεῖς⟧ to_be the/this/who place, all and/both
the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦τείχει⟧
⟦μαχομένους⟧ ⟦ἠμύναντο⟧; ⟦κατέσφαζόν⟧ but/and
the/this/who ⟦ἐμπίπτοντας⟧, to_do_away_with but/and no
worse,_less the/this/who ⟦δισμυρίων⟧. **18** ⟦Συμφυγόντων⟧
but/and no lesser the/this/who ⟦ἐννακισχιλίων⟧ toward two
⟦πύργους⟧ ⟦ὀχυροὺς⟧ well/well_done! by_all_means, and all
the/this/who to/with ⟦πολιορκίαν⟧ to_have/be,
19 the/this/who Makkabaios toward ⟦ἐπείγοντας⟧ place
⟦ἀπολιπὼν⟧ Simōna and ⟦᾽Ιώσηφον⟧, still but/and and
Zakkaion and the/this/who with he/she/it/self sufficient
to/with the/this/who this/he/she/it ⟦πολιορκίαν⟧,
he/she/it/self to_separate/leave. **20** the/this/who but/and
about the/this/who Simōna ⟦φιλαργυρήσαντες⟧ by/under one
the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πύργοις⟧ to_
_persuade money; seven_times but/and myriad drachma to_
_take, to_allow one ⟦διαῤῥυῆναι⟧. **21** ⟦Προσαγγελθέντος⟧
but/and the/this/who Makkabaiōi about of_the ⟦γεγονότος⟧,
to_assemble the/this/who to_govern of_the a_people,
⟦κατηγόρησεν⟧ which/how money ⟦πεπράκασι⟧ the/this/who
brother, the/this/who ⟦πολεμίους⟧ according_to
he/she/it/self ⟦ἀπολύσαντες⟧. **22** this/he/she/it on_one_hand
therefore/then ⟦προδότας⟧ ⟦γενομένους⟧ to_kill, and instantly
the/this/who two ⟦πύργους⟧ ⟦κατελάβετο⟧. **23** the/this/who
but/and ⟦ὅπλοις⟧ the/this/who all in/on/among the/this/who

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been done to them, endeavoured to deal with them on peaceful terms. **13** Whereupon being accused by the king's friends[73] before Eupator, and hearing himself called traitor at every turn because he'd abandoned Kupros (Cyprus) which Filometor had entrusted to him, and had withdrawn himself to Antiokos Epifanes, and failing to uphold the honour of his office,[74] he took poison and did away with himself.

14 But when Gorgias was made governor of the district, he maintained a force of mercenaries, and at every turn kept up war with the Yehudim. **15** Together with him the Edomim also, being masters of important fortresses, harassed the Yehudim; and received those who'd taken refuge from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), they endeavoured to keep up the war. **16** But Makabi (Maccabaeus) and his men, having made solemn supplication and having implored God to fight on their side, rushed on the fortresses of the Edomim. **17** Assaulting them vigorously, they took control of the positions, and kept off all who fought on the wall, and killed those whom they encountered, killing no fewer than twenty thousand.

18 Because no fewer than nine thousand had fled into two very strong towers having everything needed for a siege, **19** Makabi, having left Shim'on (Simon) and Yosef (Joseph), and also Zakay and those who were with him, a force sufficient to besiege them, departed himself to places where he was most needed. **20** But Shim'on and those who were with him, yielding to covetousness, were bribed by some of those who were in the towers, and receiving seventy thousand drachmas, let some of them slip away. **21** But when word was brought to Makabi of what was done, he gathered the people's leaders together, and accused those men of having sold their kindred for money by setting their enemies free to fight against them. **22** So he killed these men for having turned traitors, and immediately took possession of the two towers. **23** Prospering with his weapons in everything he undertook, he destroyed more than twenty thousand in the two fortresses.

Yehudah defeats Timotheos

24 Now Timotheos, who'd been defeated by the Yehudim (Jews) before, having gathered together foreign forces in great multitudes, and having collected the cavalry which belonged to Asia, not a few, came as though he'd take Yehudah (Judea) by force of weapons. **25** But as he drew near, Makabi and his men sprinkled dirt on their heads and girded their loins with sackcloth, in supplication to God, **26** and falling down on the step in front of the altar, implored him to become gracious[75] to them, and be[76] an enemy to their enemies and an adversary to their adversaries, as the law declares. **27** Rising from their prayer they took up their weapons, and advanced some distance from the city. When they'd come

73 RV 10:13 · Note See 2 Maccabees 8:9

74 RV 10:13 · Note The Greek text here is corrupt.

75 RV 10:26 · Note Grk. propitious.

76 RV 10:26 · Note See Exodus 23:22.

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near to their enemies, they[77] halted. 28 When the dawn was now breaking, the two armies joined in battle, the one part having this, beside virtue, for a pledge of success and victory, that they'd fled to the master for refuge, the others making their passion their leader in the fight.

29 When the battle became strong, there appeared out of heaven to their adversaries five splendid men on horses with bridles of gold, and[78] two of them, leading on the Yehudim, 30 and taking Makabi in the middle of them, and covering him with their own armour, guarded him from wounds, while they shot arrows and thunderbolts at the enemies. Because this reason, they were blinded and thrown into confusion, and were cut to pieces, filled with bewilderment. 31 Twenty thousand and five hundred were slain, beside six hundred cavalry.

32 Timotheos himself fled into a fortress called Gezer, a fortress of great strength, where[79] Kaireas was in command. 33 Then Makabi and his men were glad and laid siege to the fortress for four days. 34 Those who were within, trusting in the strength of the place, blasphemed greatly, and hurled out impious words. 35 But at dawn of the fifth day, certain young men of Makabi' company, inflamed with anger because of the blasphemies, assaulted the wall with masculine force and with furious[80] anger, and cut down whoever came in their way. 36 Others climbing up in the same way, while the enemies were distracted with those who'd made their way within, set fire to the towers, and kindled fires that burnt the blasphemers alive, while others broke open the gates, and, having given entrance to the rest of the band, occupied the city. 37 They killed Timotheos, who was hidden in a cistern, and his brother Kaireas, and Apolofanes. 38 When they'd accomplished these things, they blessed the master with hymns and thanksgiving, blessing him who provides great benefits to Yisrael (Israel) and gives them the victory.

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hand ⟦εὐοδούμενος⟧, to_destroy in/on/among the/this/who two ⟦ὀχυρώμασι⟧ greater/much the/this/who ⟦δισμυρίων⟧. 24 Timotheos but/and the/this/who before/previously ⟦ἡττηθεὶς⟧ by/under the/this/who Jewish, to_assemble ⟦ξένας⟧ power ⟦παμπληθεῖς⟧, and the/this/who the/this/who Asias ⟦γενομένους⟧ horse to_assemble no ⟦ὀλίγους⟧, ⟦παρῆν⟧ which/how ⟦δοριάλωτον⟧ ⟦ληψόμενος⟧ the/this/who Jewish/Judea. 25 the/this/who but/and about the/this/who Makkabaion, ⟦συνεγγίζοντος⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to/with ⟦ικετείαν⟧ of_the God ⟦ἐτράπησαν⟧, earth the/this/who head ⟦καταπάσαντες⟧, and the/this/who loins ⟦σάκκοις⟧ ⟦ζώσαντες⟧, 26 upon/to/against the/this/who opposite of_the altar ⟦κρηπίδα⟧ ⟦προσπεσόντες⟧, ⟦ἠξίουν⟧ ⟦ἵλεων⟧ he/she/it/self to_be ⟦ἐχθρεῦσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐχθροῖς⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀντικεῖσθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀντικειμένοις⟧, as/just_as the/this/who law ⟦διασαφεῖ⟧. 27 to_be but/and away_from the/this/who petition, to_take_up the/this/who weapon, ⟦προῆγον⟧ away_from the/this/who city upon/to/against greater; ⟦συνεγγίσαντες⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦πολεμίοις⟧, upon/to/against my/your/him-self to_be. 28 now but/and the/this/who east ⟦διαδεχομένης⟧, ⟦προσέβαλον⟧ ⟦ἑκάτεροι⟧; the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦ἔγγυον⟧ to_have/be ⟦εὐημερίας⟧ and ⟦νίκης⟧ with/after ⟦ἀρετῆς⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who lord ⟦καταφυγὴν⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦καθηγεμόνα⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀγώνων⟧ ⟦ταττόμενοι⟧ the/this/who wrath. 29 to_be but/and ⟦καρτερᾶς⟧ ⟦μάχης⟧, to_shine/appear the/this/who ⟦ὑπεναντίοις⟧ out_from heaven upon/to/against horse ⟦χρυσοχαλίνων⟧ man five ⟦διαπρεπεῖς⟧, and ⟦ἀφηγούμενοι⟧ the/this/who Jewish the/this/who two, 30 and the/this/who Makkabaion midst to_take, and ⟦σκεπάζοντες⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self ⟦πανοπλίαις⟧, ⟦ἄτρωτον⟧ ⟦διεφύλαττον⟧; toward but/and the/this/who opposed ⟦τοξεύματα⟧ and ⟦κεραυνοὺς⟧ ⟦ἐξεῤῥίπτουν⟧; for ⟦συγχυθέντες⟧ inability_to_see, ⟦κατεκόπτοντο⟧ ⟦ταραχῆς⟧ to_ _fulfill. 31 ⟦Κατεσφάγησαν⟧ but/and ⟦δισμύριοι⟧ to/with the/this/who five_hundred, horseman but/and six_hundred. 32 he/she/it/self but/and the/this/who Timotheos ⟦συνέφυγεν⟧ toward Gazara to_speak stronghold, well/well_ _done! by_all_means ⟦φρούριον⟧, ⟦στρατηγοῦντος⟧ there Kaireou. 33 the/this/who but/and about the/this/who Makkabaion ⟦ἅσμενοι⟧ ⟦περιεκάθισαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦φρούριον⟧ day four. 34 the/this/who but/and inside the/this/who ⟦ἐρυμνότητι⟧ of_the place to_persuade, ⟦ὑπεράγαν⟧ to_blaspheme, and word ⟦ἀθεμίτους⟧ ⟦προΐοντο⟧. 35 ⟦Ὑποφαινούσης⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦πέμπτης⟧ day, twenty ⟦νεανίαι⟧ the/this/who about the/this/who Makkabaion ⟦πυρωθέντες⟧ the/this/who ⟦θυμοῖς⟧ through/because_of the/this/who blasphemy, ⟦προσβαλόντες⟧ the/this/who ⟦τείχει⟧, ⟦ἀῤῥενωδῶς⟧ and ⟦θηριώδει⟧ ⟦θυμῷ⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐμπίπτοντα⟧ to_cut/mourn, 36 other but/and

77 **RV 10:27 · Note** Grk. were by themselves.

78 **RV 10:29 · Note** Some authorities read and leading on the Jews; who also, taking.

79 **RV 10:32 · Note** See ver. 37.

80 **RV 10:35 · Note** Grk. passion as of wild animals.

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similarly ⟦προσαναβάντες⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦περισπασμῷ⟧ to/with the/this/who inside, ⟦ἐνεπίμπρων⟧ the/this/who ⟦πύργους⟧, and ⟦πυρὰς⟧ ⟦ἀνάψαντες⟧ to_live the/this/who ⟦βλασφήμους⟧ to_burn; the/this/who but/and the/this/who gate ⟦διέκοπτον⟧, ⟦εἰσδεξάμενοι⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦λοιπὴν⟧ order, ⟦προκατελάβοντο⟧ the/this/who city, **37** and the/this/who Timotheon to_conceal in/on/among one ⟦λάκκῳ⟧ ⟦κατέσφαξαν⟧, and the/this/who this/he/she/it brother Ḳairean, and the/this/who Apollofanaʸ.
38 this/he/she/it but/and ⟦διαπραξάμενοι⟧, with/after ⟦ὕμνων⟧ and ⟦ἐξομολογήσεων⟧ ⟦εὐλόγουν⟧ the/this/who lord the/this/who greatly ⟦εὐεργετοῦντι⟧ the/this/who Israaʸl, and the/this/who victory he/she/it/self to_give.

11:1 with/after little/few but/and ⟦παντελῶς⟧ time Lusias manager of_the king and kindred, and upon/to/against the/this/who thing, greatly difficultly to_bear/lead upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦γεγονόσι⟧, **2** to_assemble about the/this/who eight myriad and the/this/who ⟦ἵππον⟧ all, to_come upon/to/against the/this/who Youdaious, to_ _count the/this/who on_one_hand city Hellaʸsin dwelling ⟦ποιήσειν⟧, **3** the/this/who but/and temple ⟦ἀργυρολόγητον⟧ as/just_as the/this/who remaining the/this/who Gentile_ _nation ⟦τεμένη⟧, ⟦πρατὴν⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνην⟧ according_to year ⟦ποιήσειν⟧, **4** by_no_means ⟦ἐπιλογιζόμενος⟧ the/this/who of_the God power, ⟦πεφρενωμένος⟧ but/and the/this/who myriad the/this/who ⟦πεζῶν⟧ and the/this/who thousand the/this/who ⟦ἱππέων⟧ and the/this/who ⟦ἐλέφασι⟧ the/this/who eighty. **5** to_enter but/and toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea, and ⟦συνεγγίσας⟧ the/this/who Baithsoura, to_be on_one_hand ⟦ἐρυμνῷ⟧ ⟦χωρίῳ⟧, away_from but/and Hierosolumōn ⟦ἀπέχοντι⟧ like/as/about stadium five, this/he/she/it ⟦ἔθλιβεν⟧.
6 which/how but/and ⟦μετέλαβον⟧ the/this/who about the/this/who Makkabaion ⟦πολιορκοῦντα⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώματα⟧, with/after ⟦ὀδύρμῶν⟧ and teardrop ⟦ἱκέτευον⟧ with the/this/who crowd the/this/who lord, good-doer angel to_send to/with salvation the/this/who Israaʸl. **7** he/she/it/self but/and first the/this/who Makkabaios to_take_up the/this/who weapon ⟦προετρέψατο⟧ the/this/who another, together he/she/it/self ⟦διακινδυνεύοντας⟧, ⟦ἐπιβοηθεῖν⟧ the/this/who brother he/she/it/self; together but/and and eagerly ⟦ἐξώρμησαν⟧. **8** at_that_time but/and and to/with the/this/who Hierosolumois to_be, to_shine/appear ⟦προηγούμενος⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἔφιππος⟧ in/on/among white clothing, complete_armour golden ⟦κραδαίνων⟧. **9** together but/and all ⟦εὐλόγησαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐλεήμονα⟧ God, and ⟦ἐπερῤῥώσθησαν⟧ the/this/who soul, no alone/only a_human but and ⟦θῆρας⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀγριωτάτους⟧, and iron wall ⟦τιτρώσκειν⟧ to_be ready. **10** ⟦Προσῆγον⟧ in/on/among equipment the/this/who away_from heaven ⟦σύμμαχον⟧ to_ _have/be, ⟦ἐλεήσαντος⟧ he/she/it/self of_the lord. **11** like_a_

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Lusias is defeated and seeks peace

11:1 Now after a very little time, Lusias, the king's guardian, kinsman, and chancellor, being very displeased about the things that'd happened, **2** collected about eighty thousand infantry and all his cavalry and came against the Yehudim (Jews), planing to make the city a home for Hellains (Greeks), **3** and to levy tribute on the temple, as on[81] the other sacred places of the nations, and to put up the high priesthood for sale every year. **4** He took no account of God's power, but was puffed up with his ten thousands of infantry, his thousands of cavalry, and his eighty elephants. **5** Coming into Yehudah (Judea) and approaching Beyt-Tsur, which was a strong place and about five stadia[82] away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he pressed it hard.
6 When Makabi (Maccabaeus) and his men learnt that he was besieging the fortresses, they and all the people with lamentations and tears made supplication to the master to send a good angel to save Yisrael. **7** Makabi himself took up weapons first, and exhorted the others to put themselves in jeopardy together with him and help their kindred; and they went out with him very willingly. **8** As they were there, close to Yerushalem, a horseman appeared at their head in white clothing, brandishing[83] weapons of gold. **9** They all together praised the merciful God, and were yet more strengthened in heart, being ready to assail[84] not only men but the wildest animals and walls of iron, **10** they advanced in array, having him who's in heaven to fight on their side, for the master had mercy on them. **11** Hurling themselves like lions against the enemy, they killed eleven thousand infantry and one thousand and six hundred cavalry, and forced all the rest to flee. **12** Most of them escaped wounded and naked. Lusias himself also escaped by shameful flight. **13** But as he was a man not void of understanding, pondering the defeat which had befallen him, and considering that the Ivrim (Hebrews) couldn't be overcome because the Almighty God fought on their side, he sent again **14** and persuaded them to come to

81 **RV 11:3 · Note** Or, on all the sacred places of the heathen
82 **RV 11:5 · Note** One stadia was roughly 189 metres or 618 feet, so 5 stadia was about a little less than 1 km or a little more than half a mile.
83 **RV 11:8 · Note** Grk. a panoply.
84 **RV 11:9 · Note** Grk. wound.

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terms on condition that all their rights were acknowledged, and promised that he'd also persuade the king to become their friend.[85] 15 Makabi gave consent on all the conditions which Lusias proposed to him, being careful of the common good; for whatever requests Makabi delivered in writing to Lusias about the Yehudim the king allowed.

Letters confirming the peace agreement

16 The letter written to the Yehudim (Jews) from Lusias was to this effect:

"Lusias to the people[86] of the Yehudim, greetings. 17 Yohan (John) and Avshalom (Absalom), who were sent from you, having delivered the document written below, made request about the things written there. 18 Whatever things therefore needed to be brought before the king I declared to him, and what things were possible he allowed. 19 If then you'll all preserve your good will towards the government, I'll also endeavour in the future to contribute to your good. 20 About this, I've given order in detail, both to these men and to those who are sent from me, to confer with you. 21 Farewell. Written in the one hundred and forty-eighth year, on the twenty-fourth day of the month Dioskorinthios."[87]

22 And the king's letter contained these words:

"King Antiokos (Antiochus) to his brother Lusias, greetings. 23 Seeing that our father passed to the gods having the wish that the subjects of his kingdom should[88] be undisturbed and give themselves to the care of their own affairs, 24 we, having heard that the Yehudim (Jews) don't consent to our father's purpose to turn them to the customs of the Hellains (Greeks), but choose rather their own way of living, and make request that the customs of their law be allowed to them— 25 choosing therefore that this nation also should be free from disturbance, we determine that their temple is to be restored to them, and that they live according to the customs that were in the days of their ancestors. 26 You'll therefore do well to send messengers to them and give them the right hand of friendship, that they, knowing our mind, may be of good heart, and gladly occupy themselves with the conduct of their own affairs."

27 And to the nation, the king's letter was as follows:

"King Antiokos to the senate of the Yehudim and to the other Yehudim, greetings. 28 If you're all well, it's as we desire. We ourselves also are in good health. 29 Menelaos informed us that your desire was to return home and follow your own business. 30 They therefore who depart home up to the thirtieth day of Xanthikos will have our friendship,[89] with full permission 31 that the Yehudim use their own foods and observe their own laws, even as formerly. None of them will be in any way molested for the things that have been done in ignorance. 32 Moreover I've

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_lion but/and ⟦ἐντινάξαντες⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦πολεμίους⟧, ⟦κατέστρωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦χιλίους⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦μυρίοις⟧, horseman but/and ⟦ἑξακοσίους⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦χιλίοις⟧; the/this/who but/and all ⟦ἠνάγκασαν⟧ to_flee. 12 the/this/who greater but/and he/she/it/self ⟦τραυματίαι⟧ naked to_save; and he/she/it/self but/and the/this/who Lusias disgracefully ⟦φεύγων⟧ ⟦διεσώθη⟧. 13 no mindless but/and to_be, to/with my/your/him-self ⟦ἀντιβάλλων⟧ the/this/who to_be about my/your/him-self ⟦ἐλάσσωμα⟧, and ⟦συννοήσας⟧ ⟦ἀνικήτους⟧ to_be the/this/who Hebraious, of_the all be_able God ⟦συμμαχοῦντος⟧ he/she/it/self, 14 ⟦προσαποστείλας⟧ ⟦ἔπεισε⟧ ⟦συλλύσεσθαι⟧ upon/to/against all the/this/who just; and because and the/this/who king ⟦πείσειν⟧ friendly/friend he/she/it/self ⟦ἀναγκάζειν⟧ to_be. 15 to_accept but/and the/this/who Makkabaios upon/to/against all which the/this/who Lusias to_plead/comfort of_the ⟦συμφέροντος⟧ ⟦φροντίζων⟧; just_as/how_much for the/this/who Makkabaios ⟦ἐπέδωκε⟧ the/this/who Lusia through/because_of ⟦γραπτῶν⟧ about the/this/who Jewish, ⟦συνεχώρησεν⟧ the/this/who king. 16 to_be for the/this/who/which ⟦γεγραμμέναι⟧ the/this/who Youdaiois ⟦ἐπιστολαὶ⟧ from_with on_one_hand Lusiou ⟦περιέχουσαι⟧ the/this/who way this/he/she/it; Lusias the/this/who multitude the/this/who Jewish to_rejoice. 17 Yōannaʸs and Abessalōm the/this/who to_send from_with you, to_give/deliver the/this/who ⟦ὑπογεγραμμένον⟧ ⟦χρηματισμὸν⟧, ⟦ἠξίουν⟧ about the/this/who through/because_of he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦σημαινομένων⟧. 18 just_as/how_much on_one_hand therefore/then be_necessary and the/this/who king ⟦προσενεχθῆναι⟧ ⟦διεσάφησα⟧, which but/and to_be ⟦ἐνδεχόμενα⟧, ⟦συνεχώρησεν⟧. 19 if on_one_hand therefore/then ⟦συντηρήσητε⟧ the/this/who toward the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧ enthusiasm, and toward the/this/who henceforth ⟦πειράσομαι⟧ ⟦παραίτιος⟧ you good-doer to_be. 20 above/for but/and the/this/who according_to part ⟦ἐντέταλμαι⟧ this/he/she/it and/both and the/this/who from_with I/we/my ⟦διαλεχθῆναι⟧ you. 21 farewell; ⟦ἔτους⟧ ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ ⟦τεσσαρακοστοῦ⟧ ⟦ὀγδόου⟧, ⟦Διοσκορινθίου⟧ ⟦εἰκοστῇ⟧ fourth. 22 the/this/who but/and of_the king epistle ⟦περιεῖχεν⟧ thus(-ly); king Antiokos the/this/who brother Lusia to_rejoice. 23 of_the father I/we toward God ⟦μεταστάντος⟧, to_plan the/this/who out_from the/this/who kingdom ⟦ἀταράχους⟧ to_be to_be to/with the/this/who the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦ἐπιμέλειαν⟧, 24 ⟦ἀκηκοότες⟧ the/this/who Youdaious not ⟦συνευδοκοῦντας⟧ the/this/who of_the father upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦Ἑλληνικὰ⟧ ⟦μεταθέσει⟧, but the/this/who my/your/him-self ⟦ἀγωγὴν⟧ ⟦αἱρετίζοντας⟧, and through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦ἀξιοῦντας⟧ ⟦συγχωρηθῆναι⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦νόμιμα⟧

85 **RV 11:14 · Note** The Greek text here is corrupt.

86 **RV 11:16 · Note** Grk. multitude.

87 **RV 11:21 · Note** This month name is not found elsewhere, and is perhaps corrupt.

88 **RV 11:23 · Note** Or, should not be disquieted but

89 **RV 11:30 · Note** Grk. right hand.

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he/she/it/self; 25 ⟦Αἱρούμενοι⟧ therefore/then and this/he/she/it the/this/who Gentile_nation outside/except ⟦ταραχῆς⟧ to_be, ⟦κρίνομεν⟧ the/this/who, and/both temple he/she/it/self ⟦ἀποκατασταθῆναι⟧, and ⟦πολιτεύεσθαι⟧ according_to the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who parent/ancestor he/she/it/self custom. 26 well/well_done! therefore/then to_do/make ⟦διαπεμψάμενος⟧ to/with he/she/it/self and to_give right, that to_perceive the/this/who our ⟦προαίρεσιν⟧, cheerful and/both to_be, and gladly ⟦διαγίνωνται⟧ to/with the/this/who the/this/who one's_ _own/private ⟦ἀντίληψιν⟧. 27 to/with but/and the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who of_the king epistle such_as_this to_be; king Antiokos the/this/who council_of_elders the/this/who Jewish and the/this/who another Youdaiois to_ _rejoice. 28 if farewell, to_be if which/how to_plan; and he/she/it/self but/and ⟦ὑγιαίνομεν⟧. 29 ⟦Ἐνεφάνισεν⟧ I/we the/this/who Menelaos ⟦βούλεσθαι⟧ ⟦κατελθόντας⟧ you to_be to/with the/this/who one's_own/private. 30 the/this/who therefore/then ⟦καταπορευομένοις⟧ until ⟦τριακάδος⟧ Xanthikou ⟦ὑπάρξει⟧ right with/after the/this/who ⟦ἀδείας⟧, 31 ⟦χρῆσθαι⟧ the/this/who Youdaious the/this/who my/your/him-self ⟦δαπανήμασι⟧ and ⟦νόμοις⟧ as/just_as and the/this/who before/previously, and none he/she/it/self according_to none way ⟦παρενοχληθήσεται⟧ about the/this/who ⟦ἠγνοημένων⟧. 32 ⟦Πέπομφα⟧ but/and and the/this/who Menelaon ⟦παρακαλέσοντα⟧ you. 33 farewell; ⟦ἔτους⟧ ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ ⟦τεσσαρακοστοῦ⟧ ⟦ὀγδόου⟧, Xanthikou ⟦πέμπτῃ⟧ and tenth. 34 ⟦Ἔπεμψαν⟧ but/and and the/this/who Roman to/with he/she/it/self epistle to_have/be thus(-ly); Kointos Memmios, Titos ⟦Μάνλιος⟧, ⟦πρεσβύται⟧ Roman, the/this/who people the/this/who Jewish to_rejoice. 35 above/for which Lusias the/this/who kindred of_the king ⟦συνεχώρησεν⟧ you, and I/we ⟦συνευδοκοῦμεν⟧. 36 which but/and to_judge ⟦προσανενεχθῆναι⟧ the/this/who king, ⟦πέμψατέ⟧ one instantly ⟦ἐπισκεψάμενοι⟧ about this/he/she/it, in_order_that/to ⟦ἐκθῶμεν⟧ which/how ⟦καθήκει⟧ you; I/we for ⟦προσάγομεν⟧ to/with Antiokeian. 37 for ⟦σπεύσατε⟧, and ⟦πέμψατέ⟧ one, that and I/we ⟦ἐπιγνῶμεν⟧ ⟦ὁποίας⟧ to_be resolution. 38 ⟦Ὑγιαίνετε⟧; ⟦ἔτους⟧ ⟦ἑκατοστοῦ⟧ ⟦τεσσαρακοστοῦ⟧ ⟦ὀγδόου⟧, Xanthikou ⟦πέμπτῃ⟧ and tenth.

12:1 to_be the/this/who ⟦συνθηκῶν⟧ this/he/she/it, the/this/who on_one_hand Lusias ⟦ἀπῄει⟧ to/with the/this/who king, the/this/who but/and Jewish about the/this/who ⟦γεωργίαν⟧ ⟦ἐγίνοντο⟧. 2 the/this/who but/and according_to place ⟦στρατηγῶν⟧ Timotheos and Apollōnios the/this/who of_the Gennaiou, still but/and Hierōnumos and Daʸmofōn, to/with but/and this/he/she/it Nikanōr the/this/who Kupriarkaʸs, no to_allow he/she/it/self ⟦εὐσταθεῖς⟧, and the/this/who the/this/who quietness to_ _bring. 3 Yoppitai but/and ⟦τηλικοῦτο⟧ ⟦συνετέλεσαν⟧ the/this/who impious_act; ⟦παρακαλέσαντες⟧ the/this/who with he/she/it/self ⟦οἰκοῦντας⟧ Youdaious to_get_into toward the/this/who ⟦παρασταθέντα⟧ by/under he/she/it/self

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sent Menelaos also, that he may encourage you. 33 Farewell. Written in the one hundred and forty-eighth year, on the fifteenth day of Xanthikos."

34 The Romaios also sent to them a letter in these words:

"Kointos Memios and Titos Manios, ambassadors of the Romaios, to the people of the Yehudim, greetings. 35 In regard to the things which Lusias the king's kinsman granted you, we also give consent. 36 But as for the things which he judged should be referred to the king, send someone promptly, after you've considered them, that we may publish such decrees as are appropriate for your case; for we're on our way to Antiokeia. 37 Therefore send someone with speed, that we also may learn what's your mind. 38 Farewell.[90] Written in the one hundred and forty-eighth year, on the fifteenth day of Xanthikos.

Yehudah punishes attacks on the Yehudim

12:1 So when this agreement had been made, Lusias departed to the king, and the Yehudim went about their farming.

2 But some of the governors of districts, Timotheos and Apolonios the son of Gennaios, and also Hieronumos and Demofon, and beside them Nikanor Kupros' (Cyprus') governor, wouldn't allow them to enjoy tranquillity and live in peace. 3 Men of Yafo (Joppa) perpetrated this great impiety: they invited the Yehudim who lived among them to go with their wives and children into the boats which they'd provided, as though they had no ill will towards them. 4 When[91] the Yehudim,[92] relying on the

90 **RV 11:38 · Note** Grk. Be in good health.

91 **RV 12:4 · Note** Grk. they also.

92 **RV 12:4 · Note** Grk. after.

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public vote of the city, accepted the invitation, as men desiring to live in peace and suspecting nothing, they took them out to sea and drowned not less than two hundred of them. 5 When Yehudah (Judas) heard of the cruelty done to his fellow-countrymen, giving command to the men that were with him 6 and calling on God the righteous Judge, he came against the murderers of his kindred, and set the harbour on fire at night, burnt the boats, and put to the sword those who'd fled there. 7 But when the town gates were closed, he withdrew, intending to come again to root out the whole community of the men of Yafo. 8 But learning that the men of Yavneh intended to do the same thing to the Yehudim who lived among them, 9 he attacked the Jamnites at night, and set fire to the harbour together with the fleet, so that the glare of the light was seen at Yerushalem (Jerusalem), two hundred and forty furlongs[93] distant.

Victories in the east

10 Now when they'd drawn off nine furlongs[94] from there, as they marched against Timotheos, an army of Aravim attacked him, no fewer than five thousand infantry and five hundred cavalry. 11 And when a hard battle had been fought, and Yehudah and his company, by the help of God, had good success, the nomads being overcome implored Yehudah to grant them friendship, promising to give him livestock, and to help his[95] people in all other ways. 12 So Yehudah, thinking that they'd indeed be profitable in many things, agreed to live in peace with them; and receiving pledges of friendship they departed to their tents.

13 He also attacked a certain city, strong and fenced with earthworks and walls, and inhabited by a mixed multitude of various nations. It was named Kaspin. 14 Those who were within, trusting in the strength of the walls and their store of provisions, behaved themselves rudely towards Yehudah and those who were with him, railing, and furthermore blaspheming and speaking impious words. 15 But Yehudah and his company, calling on the great Sovereign of the world, who without rams and cunning engines of war hurled down Yeriho (Jericho) in the times of Yeshua (Jesus), rushed wildly against the wall. 16 Having taken the city by God's will, they made unspeakable slaughter, so much that the adjoining lake, which was two furlongs[96] broad, appeared to be filled with the deluge of blood.

Another victory over Timotheos

17 When they'd gone seven hundred and fifty furlongs[97] from there, they made their way to Karax, to the Yehudim (Jews) that are called Tubieni.[98] 18 They didn't find Timotheos in that district, for he had by then departed from the district without accomplishing anything, but had left behind a very strong garrison in one place.

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lifeboat with ⟦γυναιξὶ⟧ and child, which/how ⟦μηδεμιᾶς⟧ ⟦ἐνεστώσης⟧ to/with he/she/it/self ⟦δυσμενείας⟧, 4 according_ _to but/and the/this/who common the/this/who city a_ _referendum, and this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπιδεξαμένων⟧ which/how if ⟦εἰρηνεύειν⟧ to_will/desire, and nothing ⟦ὕποπτον⟧ to_ _have/be, ⟦ἐπαναχθέντας⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐβύθισαν⟧, to_be no lesser the/this/who two_hundred. 5 to_partake but/and Youdas the/this/who ⟦γεγονυῖαν⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦ὁμοεθνεῖς⟧ ⟦ὠμότητα⟧, to_order the/this/who about he/she/it/self man, 6 and to_call_(on)/name the/this/who just judge God, to_come upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦μιαιφόνους⟧ the/this/who brother; and the/this/who on_ _one_hand harbour ⟦νύκτωρ⟧ to_burn, and the/this/who lifeboat ⟦κατέφλεξε⟧, the/this/who but/and there ⟦συμφυγόντας⟧ ⟦ἐξεκέντησε⟧. 7 of_the but/and place ⟦συγκλεισθέντος⟧, ⟦ἀνέλυσεν⟧, which/how again ⟦ἥξων⟧ and the/this/who ⟦σύμπαν⟧ the/this/who Yoppitōn ⟦ἐκριζῶσαι⟧ citizenship. 8 to_partake but/and and the/this/who in/on/among Yamneia the/this/who he/she/it/self to_ _complete to_plan way the/this/who ⟦παροικοῦσιν⟧ Youdaiois, 9 and the/this/who Yamnitais night to_put_on/seize, ⟦ὑφῆψε⟧ the/this/who harbour with the/this/who ⟦στόλῳ⟧, so ⟦φαίνεσθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦αὐγὰς⟧ of_the ⟦φέγγους⟧ toward the/this/who Hierosoluma, stadium to_be two_hundred forty. 10 from_there but/and ⟦ἀποσπασθέντων⟧ stadium nine, ⟦ποιουμένων⟧ the/this/who journey upon/to/against the/this/who Timotheon, ⟦προσέβαλον⟧ Arabes he/she/it/self no ⟦ἐλάττους⟧ the/this/who five_thousand, horseman but/and five_hundred. 11 to_be but/and ⟦καρτερᾶς⟧ ⟦μάχης⟧, and the/this/who about the/this/who Youdan through/because_of the/this/who from_with of_the God help ⟦εὐημερησάντων⟧, ⟦ἐλαττωθέντες⟧ the/this/who ⟦Νομάδες⟧ Arabes ⟦ἠξίουν⟧ to_ _give the/this/who Youdan right he/she/it/self, ⟦ὑπισχνούμενοι⟧ and ⟦βοσκήματα⟧ ⟦δώσειν⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who remaining ⟦ὠφελήσειν⟧ he/she/it/self. 12 Youdas but/and to_take_up/suppose which/how truly in/on/among much he/she/it/self ⟦χρησίμους⟧, ⟦ἐπεχώρησεν⟧ peace ⟦ἄξειν⟧ to/with he/she/it/self; and to_take right, toward the/this/who tent he/she/it/self ⟦ἐχωρίσθησαν⟧. 13 to_put_on/seize but/and and upon/to/against one city ⟦γεφυροῦν⟧ ⟦ὀχυρὰν⟧ and ⟦τείχεσι⟧ ⟦περιπεφραγμένην⟧, and ⟦παμμιγέσιν⟧ Gentile_nation ⟦κατοικουμένην⟧, name but/and Kaspin. 14 the/this/who but/and inside to_persuade the/this/who the/this/who ⟦τειχέων⟧ ⟦ἐρυμνότητι⟧, the/this/who and/both the/this/who food ⟦παραθέσει⟧, ⟦ἀναγωγότερον⟧ to_use, the/this/who about the/this/who Youdan ⟦λοιδοροῦντες⟧, and moreover to_ _blaspheme, and to_speak which not ⟦θέμις⟧. 15 the/this/who but/and about the/this/who Youdan ⟦ἐπικαλεσάμενοι⟧ the/this/who great of_the world ⟦δυνάστην⟧, the/this/who

93 **RV 12:9 · Note** a furlong is about 201 metres or 220 yards, so 240 furlongs is about 48 km. or 30 miles

94 **RV 12:10 · Note** a furlong is about 201 metres or 220 yards, so 9 furlongs is about 1.8 km. or 1 1/8 miles

95 **RV 12:11 · Note** Grk. them.

96 **RV 12:16 · Note** a furlong is about 201 metres or 220 yards, so 2 furlongs is about 402 metres or 1/4 mile

97 **RV 12:17 · Note** a furlong is about 201 metres or 220 yards, so 750 furlongs is about 151 km. or 94 miles

98 **RV 12:17 · Note** That is, men of Tob: see Judges 11:3, 2 Samuel 10:6, and compare 1 Maccabees 5:13.

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without ⟦κριῶν⟧ and ⟦μηχανῶν⟧ ⟦ὀργανικῶν⟧ ⟦κατακρημνίσαντα⟧ the/this/who Hierikō according_to the/this/who Yaʸsou time, ⟦ἐνέσεισαν⟧ ⟦θηριωδῶς⟧ the/this/who ⟦τείχει⟧. **16** to_grasp and/both the/this/who city the/this/who of_the God ⟦θελήσει⟧, ⟦ἀμυθήτους⟧ ⟦ἐποιήσαντο⟧ ⟦σφαγὰς⟧, so the/this/who ⟦παρακειμένην⟧ lake the/this/who width to_have/be stadium two, ⟦κατάῤῥυτον⟧ blood to_fulfill ⟦φαίνεσθαι⟧. **17** from_there but/and ⟦ἀποσπάσαντες⟧ stadium ⟦ἑπτακοσίους⟧ fifty ⟦διήνυσαν⟧ toward the/this/who barricade, to/with the/this/who ⟦λεγομένους⟧ ⟦Τουβιήνους⟧ Youdaious. **18** and Timotheon on_ _one_hand upon/to/against the/this/who place no ⟦κατέλαβον⟧, ⟦ἄπρακτόν⟧ and/both away_from the/this/who place ⟦ἐκλελυκότα⟧, ⟦καταλελοιπότα⟧ but/and ⟦φρουρὰν⟧ in/on/among one place, and by_all_means ⟦ὀχυράν⟧. **19** Dōsitheos but/and and Sōsipatros the/this/who about the/this/who Makkabaion ruler, ⟦ἐξοδεύσαντες⟧ ⟦ἀπώλεσαν⟧ the/this/who by/under Timotheou ⟦καταλειφθέντας⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὀχυρώματι⟧ greater/much the/this/who myriad man. **20** the/this/who but/and Makkabaios ⟦διατάξας⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self ⟦στρατιὰν⟧ in_maniples,_manipulatim, to_appoint/conduct he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who to_sow, and upon/to/against the/this/who Timotheon to_stampede to_ _have/be about he/she/it/self myriad twelve ⟦πεζῶν⟧, horseman but/and ⟦χιλίους⟧ to/with the/this/who five_ _hundred. **21** the/this/who but/and ⟦ἔφοδον⟧ to_partake Youda, the/this/who Timotheos ⟦προεξαπέστειλε⟧ the/this/who woman, and the/this/who child, and the/this/who another ⟦ἀποσκευὴν⟧ toward the/this/who to_ _speak Karnion; to_be for ⟦δυσπολιόρκητον⟧ and ⟦δυσπρόσιτον⟧ the/this/who place through/because_of the/this/who the/this/who all the/this/who place ⟦στενότητα⟧. **22** ⟦Ἐπιφανείσης⟧ but/and the/this/who Youda to_sow first, and to_be fear upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦πολεμίους⟧, fear and/both out_from the/this/who of_the all ⟦ἐφορῶντος⟧ appearing to_be upon/to/against he/she/it/self, toward ⟦φυγὴν⟧ to_stampede another ⟦ἀλλαχῃ⟧ ⟦φερόμενος⟧, so often by/under the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦βλάπτεσθαι⟧, and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ξιφῶν⟧ ⟦ἀκμαῖς⟧ ⟦ἀναπείρεσθαι⟧. **23** ⟦Ἐποιεῖτο⟧ but/and the/this/who persecution ⟦εὐτονώτερον⟧ Youdas, ⟦συγκεντῶν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀλιτηρίους⟧, ⟦διέφθειρέ⟧ and/both toward myriad three man. **24** he/she/it/self but/and the/this/who Timotheos ⟦ἐμπεσὼν⟧ the/this/who about the/this/who

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19 But Dositheos and Sosipatros, who were captains under Makabi (Maccabaeus), went out and destroyed those who'd been left by Timotheos in the fortress, more than ten thousand men. **20** Makabi, arranging his own army in divisions, set these[99] two over the bands, and marched in haste against Timotheos, who had with him one hundred and twenty thousand infantry and two thousand and five hundred cavalry. **21** When Timotheos heard of the approach of Yehudah, he at once sent away the women and the children with the baggage into the fortress called Karnayim;[100] for the place was hard to besiege and difficult of access because of the narrowness of the approaches on all sides. **22** When the band of Yehudah, who led the first division, appeared in sight, and when terror and fear came on the enemy, because the manifestation of him who sees all things came on them, they fled in every direction, carried this way and that, so that they were often injured by their own men, and pierced with the points of their own swords. **23** Yehudah continued the pursuit more vigorously, putting the wicked wretches to the sword, and he destroyed as many as thirty thousand men.

24 Timotheos himself, falling in with the company of Dositheos and Sosipatros, implored them with much crafty guile to let him go with his life, because he had in his power the parents of many of them and the kindred of some. "Otherwise, he said, little regard will be shown[101] to these."[102] **25** So when he had with many words confirmed the agreement to restore them without harm, they let him go that they might save their kindred.

26 Then Yehudah, marching against Karnayim[103] and Atergatis' temple, killed twenty-five thousand people. **27** After he'd put these to flight and destroyed them, he marched against Efron also, a strong city, wherein[104] were multitudes of people of all nations. Stalwart young men placed on[105] the walls made a vigorous defence. There were great stores of war engines and darts there. **28** But calling on the Sovereign who with might shatters the strength[106] of the[107] enemy, they took the city into their hands, and killed as many as twenty-five thousand of those who were in it.

29 Setting out from there, they marched in haste against Beyt-Shean, which is six hundred furlongs[108] away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **30** But when the Yehudim (Jews) who were settled there testified of the good will that the Scythopolitans had shown towards them, and of their kind treatment of

99 **RV 12:20 · Note** Grk. them.

100 **RV 12:21 · Note** Compare Carnain, 1 Maccabees 5:26, 43, 44.

101 **RV 12:24 · Note** Or, have been shown

102 **RV 12:24 · Note** Grk. and the result will be that these be disregarded. The Greek text here is perhaps corrupt.

103 **RV 12:26 · Note** Compare Carnain, 1 Maccabees 5:26, 43, 44.

104 **RV 12:27 · Note** The Greek text here is perhaps corrupt.

105 **RV 12:27 · Note** Grk. in front of.

106 **RV 12:28 · Note** Some authorities read weight.

107 **RV 12:28 · Note** Or, his enemies

108 **RV 12:29 · Note** a furlong is about 201 metres or 220 yards, so 600 furlongs is about 121 km. or 75 miles

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them in the times of their misfortune, 31 they gave thanks, and further exhorted them to remain well disposed towards the race for the future. Then they went up to Yerushalem, the feast of weeks being close at hand.

Yehudah fights Gorgias

32 But after the feast called Pentecost, they marched in haste against Gorgias Edom's governor. 33 He came out with three thousand infantry and four hundred cavalry. 34 When they'd set themselves in array, it happened that a few of the Yehudim fell. 35 A certain Dositheos, one of Bacenor's company,[109] who was on horseback and was a strong man, pressed hard on Gorgias, and taking hold of his cloak dragged him along by main force. While he planned to take the accursed man alive, one of the Thracian cavalry bore down on him and disabled his shoulder, and so Gorgias escaped to Mareshah.[110]

36 When those who were with Ezra had been fighting long and were weary, Yehudah (Judas) called on the master to show himself, fighting on their side and leading in the battle. 37 Then in the language of his ancestors he raised the battle cry joined with hymns. Then he rushed against Gorgias' troops when they weren't expecting it, and put them to flight.

Prayers and an offering for the dead

38 Yehudah gathered his army and came to the city of Adulam.[111] As the seventh day was coming on, they purified themselves according to the custom, and kept the Sabbath there.

39 On the following day, when[112] it'd become necessary, Yehudah and his company came to take up the bodies of those who'd fallen, and[113] in company with their kinsmen to bring them back to the sepulchres of their ancestors. 40 But under the clothes of each one of the dead they found consecrated[114] tokens of the idols of Yavneh, which the law forbids the Yehudim to have anything to do with. It became clear to all that it was for this cause that they'd fallen. 41 All therefore, blessing the ways of the master, the righteous Judge, who makes manifest the things that are hidden, 42 turned themselves to supplication, praying that the sin committed might be wholly blotted out. The noble Yehudah exhorted the multitude to keep themselves from sin, for they'd seen with their own eyes what happened because of the sin of those who'd fallen. 43 When he'd made a collection man by man to the sum of two thousand drachmas of silver, he sent to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to offer a sacrifice for sin, doing very well and honourably in this, in that he took thought for the resurrection. 44 Because if he wasn't expecting that those who'd fallen would rise again, it'd be superfluous and idle to pray for the dead. 45 But if he was looking forward to an honourable

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Dōsitheon and Sōsipatron, to_deem_worthy with/after much ⟦γοητείας⟧ ⟦ἐξαφεῖναι⟧ ⟦σῶον⟧ he/she/it/self; through/because_of the/this/who greater on_one_hand parent, which but/and brother to_have/be, and this/he/she/it ⟦ἀλογηθῆναι⟧ ⟦συμβήσεται⟧, if ⟦ἀποθάνοι⟧. 25 ⟦Πιστώσαντος⟧ but/and he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there through/because_of greater the/this/who ⟦ὁρισμὸν⟧ ⟦ἀποκαταστήσειν⟧ this/he/she/it ⟦ἀπημάντους⟧, to_release he/she/it/self because_of the/this/who the/this/who brother salvation. 26 to_go_out but/and upon/to/against the/this/who Karnion and the/this/who ⟦Ἀταργατεῖον⟧, ⟦κατέσφαξε⟧ myriad body two and five_thousand. 27 and with/after the/this/who this/he/she/it ⟦τροπὴν⟧ and destruction ⟦ἐπεστράτευσεν⟧ Youdas and upon/to/against Efrōn, city ⟦ὀχυρὰν⟧, in/on/among which ⟦κατῴκει⟧ Lusias, and ⟦πάμφυλα⟧ multitude; ⟦νεανίαι⟧ but/and before the/this/who ⟦τειχῶν⟧ ⟦καθεστῶτες⟧ ⟦ῥωμαλέοι⟧ ⟦ἀπεμάχοντο⟧ ⟦εὐρώστως⟧, in/to_ _this_place ⟦ὀργάνων⟧ and ⟦βελῶν⟧ much ⟦παραθέσεις⟧ to_be. 28 ⟦Ἐπικαλεσάμενοι⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦Δυνάστην⟧ the/this/who with/after power ⟦συντρίβοντα⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦πολεμίων⟧ ⟦ἀλκὰς⟧, to_take the/this/who city ⟦ὑποχείριον⟧, and ⟦κατέστρωσαν⟧ the/this/who inside toward myriad two and five_thousand. 29 ⟦Ἀναζεύξαντες⟧ but/and from_there, to_stampede upon/to/against Skuthōn city, to_ _have_in_full away_from Hierosolumōn stadium ⟦ἑξακοσίους⟧. 30 ⟦Ἀπομαρτυρησάντων⟧ but/and the/this/who there to_dwell Jewish, which the/this/who Skuthopolitai to_have/be to/with he/she/it/self enthusiasm, and in/on/among the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀτυχίας⟧ time/right_time ⟦ἧμερον⟧ meeting to_ _do/make, 31 ⟦εὐχαριστήσαντες⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦προσπαρακαλέσαντες⟧ and toward the/this/who remaining to/with the/this/who family ⟦εὐμενεῖς⟧ to_be, to_come toward Hierosoluma, the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἑβδομάδων⟧ festival to_be ⟦ὑπογύου⟧. 32 with/after but/and the/this/who to_speak ⟦Πεντηκοστὴν⟧, to_stampede upon/to/against Gorgian the/this/who the/this/who Idoumaias ⟦στρατηγόν⟧. 33 to_go_out but/and with/after ⟦πεζῶν⟧ ⟦τρισχιλίων⟧, ⟦ἱππέων⟧ but/and four_hundred. 34 and ⟦παραταξαμένων⟧ to_ _happen to_collapse ⟦ὀλίγους⟧ the/this/who Jewish. 35 Dōsitheos but/and one the/this/who of_the ⟦Βακήνορος⟧, ⟦ἔφιππος⟧ man and resolutely, ⟦εἶχετο⟧ of_the Gorgiou, and ⟦λαβόμενος⟧ the/this/who ⟦χλαμύδος⟧, to_bring he/she/it/self ⟦εὐρώστως⟧, and to_plan the/this/who ⟦κατάρατον⟧ to_take ⟦ζωγρίαν⟧, the/this/who ⟦ἱππέων⟧ ⟦Θρακῶν⟧ one ⟦ἐπενεχθέντος⟧ he/she/it/self and the/this/who ⟦ὦμον⟧ ⟦καθελόντος⟧, ⟦διέφυγεν⟧ the/this/who Gorgias toward Marisa. 36 the/this/who but/and about the/this/who ⟦Ἔσδριν⟧ ⟦ἐπιπλεῖον⟧ ⟦μαχομένων⟧, and ⟦κατακόπων⟧ to_be, to_call_(on)/name the/this/who Youdas the/this/who lord ⟦σύμμαχον⟧ ⟦φανῆναι⟧ and ⟦προοδηγὸν⟧

109 RV 12:35 · Note The Greek text is uncertain.

110 RV 12:35 · Note Compare 1 Maccabees 5:65.

111 RV 12:38 · Note Grk. Odollam.

112 RV 12:39 · Note The Greek text here is uncertain.

113 RV 12:39 · Note Or, and to bring them back to be with their kinsmen in the sepulchres

114 RV 12:40 · Note Perhaps these were consecrated images of the idols.

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of_the ⟦πολέμου⟧, **37** ⟦καταρξάμενος⟧ the/this/who ⟦πατρίῳ⟧ voice/sound the/this/who with/after ⟦ὕμνων⟧ ⟦κραυγὴν⟧, ⟦ἀναβοήσας⟧, and ⟦ἐνσείσας⟧ ⟦ἀπροσδοκήτως⟧ the/this/who about the/this/who Gorgian, ⟦τροπὴν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐποιήσατο⟧. **38** Youdas but/and to_take_up the/this/who troops, to_bring toward Odollam city; the/this/who but/and ⟦ἑβδομάδος⟧ ⟦ἐπιβαλλούσης⟧, according_to the/this/who ⟦ἐθισμὸν⟧ ⟦ἀγνισθέντες⟧ at_that_time the/this/who Sabbath ⟦διήγαγον⟧. **39** the/this/who but/and to_have/be to_come/go the/this/who about the/this/who Youdan according_to which way the/this/who the/this/who need to_be, the/this/who the/this/who ⟦προπεπτωκότων⟧ body ⟦ἀνακομίσασθαι⟧, and with/after the/this/who kindred ⟦ἀποκαταστῆσαι⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦πατρῴους⟧ grave. **40** to_find/meet but/and each the/this/who ⟦τεθνηκότων⟧ by/under the/this/who tunic ⟦ἱερώματα⟧ the/this/who away_from Yamneias idol, away_ _from which the/this/who law ⟦ἀπείργει⟧ the/this/who Youdaious; the/this/who but/and all ⟦σαφὲς⟧ to_be through/because_of this the/this/who cause/charge ⟦τούσδε⟧ ⟦πεπτωκέναι⟧. **41** all therefore/then ⟦εὐλογήσαντες⟧ of_the ⟦δικαιοκρίτου⟧ lord of_the the/this/who to_hide manifest to_ _do/make, **42** toward ⟦ἱκετείαν⟧ ⟦ἐτράπησαν⟧, ⟦ἀξιώσαντες⟧ the/this/who to_be sin completely to_blot_out; the/this/who but/and ⟦γενναῖος⟧ Youdas to_plead/comfort the/this/who multitude ⟦συντηρεῖν⟧ my/your/him-self ⟦ἀναμαρτήτους⟧ to_ _be, by/under face ⟦ἑωρακότας⟧ the/this/who ⟦γεγονότα⟧, through/because_of the/this/who the/this/who ⟦προπεπτωκότων⟧ sin. **43** to_do/make and/both according_to ⟦ἀνδραλογίαν⟧ ⟦κατασκευάσματα⟧ toward money drachma number_of_twenty_thousand, to_send toward Hierosoluma ⟦προσαγαγεῖν⟧ about sin sacrifice, ⟦πάνυ⟧ well and ⟦ἀστείως⟧ ⟦πράττων⟧, above/for resurrection ⟦διαλογιζόμενος⟧; **44** if for not the/this/who ⟦προπεπτωκότας⟧ to_arise ⟦προσεδόκα⟧, excessive/abundant if to_be and ⟦ληρῶδες⟧ above/for dead to_ _pray; **45** ⟦εἶτ'⟧ ⟦ἐμβλέπων⟧ the/this/who with/after piety ⟦κοιμωμένοις⟧ ⟦κάλλιστον⟧ ⟦ἀποκείμενον⟧ ⟦χαριστήριον⟧; sacred and pious the/this/who thought; whence about the/this/who ⟦τεθνηκότων⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐξιλασμὸν⟧ ⟦ἐποιήσατο⟧, the/this/who sin ⟦ἀπολυθῆναι⟧.

13:1 the/this/who but/and ⟦ἐννάτῳ⟧ and ⟦τεσσαρακοστῷ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστῷ⟧ year to_fall/beat the/this/who about the/this/who Youdan, Antiokon the/this/who Eupatora ⟦παραγενέσθαι⟧ with ⟦πλήθεσιν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who Jewish/Judea, **2** and with he/she/it/self Lusian the/this/who ⟦ἐπίτροπον⟧ and upon/to/against the/this/who thing, each to_have/be power ⟦Ἑλληνικὴν⟧ ⟦πεζῶν⟧ myriad eleven, and horseman five_thousand ⟦τριακοσίους⟧, and ⟦ἐλέφαντας⟧ twenty-two, ⟦ἅρματα⟧ but/and ⟦δρεπανηφόρα⟧ ⟦τριακόσια⟧. **3** and Menelaos but/and ⟦συνέμιξεν⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_plead/comfort with/after much ⟦εἰρωνείας⟧ the/this/who Antiokon, no upon/to/against salvation the/this/who ⟦πατρίδος⟧, ⟦οἰόμενος⟧ but/and upon/to/against the/this/who beginning ⟦κατασταθήσεσθαι⟧. **4** the/this/who but/and king the/this/who king ⟦ἐξήγειρε⟧

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memorial of gratitude laid up for those who die[115] in[116] godliness, then the thought was holy and godly. Therefore he made the atoning sacrifice for those who'd died, that they might be released from their sin.

Antiokos invades and Menelaos is executed

13:1 In the one hundred and forty-ninth year, news was brought to Yehudah and his company that Antiokos (Antiochus) Eupator was coming with multitudes against Yehudah, **2** and with him Lusias his guardian and chancellor, each having a Greek force of one hundred and ten thousand infantry, five thousand and three hundred cavalry, twenty-two elephants, and three hundred chariots armed with scythes.

3 And Menelaos also joined himself with them, and with great hypocrisy encouraged Antiokos, not for the saving of his country, but because he thought that he'd be set over the government. **4** But the King of kings stirred up Antiokos' anger against the wicked wretch. When Lusias informed him that this man was

115 **RV 12:45 · Note** Grk. fall asleep.

116 **RV 12:45 · Note** Or, on the side of godliness

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the cause of all the evils, the king commanded to bring him to Beroia, and to put him to death in the way customary in that place. 5 Now there's in that place a tower that's fifty cubits high, full of ashes, and it had all around it a circular[117] rim sloping steeply on every side into the ashes. 6 Here one who's guilty of sacrilege or notorious for other crimes is pushed down to destruction. 7 By such a fate it happened that the breaker of the law, Menelaos, died, without obtaining so much as a grave in the earth, and that justly; 8 for since he'd perpetrated many sins against[118] the altar, whose fire and whose ashes were holy, he received his death in ashes.

Yehudah resists the invasion

9 Now the king,[119] infuriated in spirit, was coming with intent to inflict on the Yehudim (Jews) the very worst of the sufferings that'd been done in his father's time. 10 But when Yehudah heard of these things, he commanded the multitude to call on the master day and night, if ever at any other time, so now to help those who were at the point of being deprived of the law, their country, and the holy temple, 11 and not to allow the people who'd just begun to be revived to fall into the hands of those profane heathen. 12 So when they had all done the same thing together, begging[120] the merciful master with weeping and fastings and prostration for three days without ceasing, Yehudah exhorted them and commanded they should join him.

13 Having consulted privately with the elders, he resolved that before the king's army entered into Yehudah (Judea) and made themselves masters of the city, they should go out and decide the matter by the help of God.[121] 14 And committing the decision to the master[122] of the world, and exhorting those who were with him to contend nobly even to death for laws, temple, city, country, and way of life, he pitched his camp by Modi'in. 15 He gave out to his men the watchword, "VICTORY IS GOD'S", with a chosen force of the bravest young men he attacked by the king's pavilion by night, and killed of his army as many as two thousand men, and brought[123] down the leading elephant with him who was in the tower[124] on him. 16 At last they filled the army[125] with terror and alarm, and departed with good success. 17 This had been accomplished when the day was just dawning, because of the master's protection that gave Yehudah[126] help.

The king makes peace

18 But the king, having had a taste of the exceeding boldness of the Yehudim (Jews),

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the/this/who wrath of_the Antiokou upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἁλιτήριον⟧, and Lusiou ⟦ὑποδείξαντος⟧ this/he/she/it causer to_be all the/this/who evil/harm, to_ _order, which/how custom to_be in/on/among the/this/who place, ⟦προσαπολέσαι⟧ ⟦ἀγαγόντας⟧ he/she/it/self toward Beroian. 5 he_is but/and in/on/among the/this/who place tower fifty cubit/hour full ⟦σποδοῦ⟧ this/he/she/it but/and an_instrument to_have/be ⟦περιφερὲς⟧ from_all_sides ⟦ἀπόκρημνον⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦σποδόν⟧. 6 here the/this/who ⟦ἱεροσυλίας⟧ liable_for to_be, or/than and one another evil/harm authority ⟦πεποιημένον⟧, all ⟦προσωθοῦσιν⟧ toward destructive. 7 such_as_this ⟦μόρῳ⟧ the/this/who ⟦παράνομον⟧ to_happen ⟦θανεῖν⟧, nor the/this/who earth ⟦τυχόντα⟧ Menelaon; 8 ⟦πάνυ⟧ rightly. since for ⟦συνετελέσατο⟧ much about the/this/who altar sin, which/whither the/this/who fire pure to_be and the/this/who ashes, in/on/among ashes the/this/who death to_bring/be_ _repaid. 9 the/this/who but/and ⟦φρονήμασιν⟧ the/this/who king ⟦βεβαρβαρωμένος⟧ to_come/go, the/this/who ⟦χείριστα⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against of_the father he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦γεγονότων⟧ ⟦ἐνδειξόμενος⟧ the/this/who Youdaiois. 10 to_partake but/and Youdas this/he/she/it, to_order the/this/who multitude through/because_of day and night to_call_(on)/name the/this/who lord, ⟦εἴποτε⟧ ⟦ἄλλοτε⟧, and now ⟦ἐπιβοηθεῖν⟧ the/this/who of_the law and ⟦πατρίδος⟧ and temple holy ⟦στερεῖσθαι⟧ to_ensue, 11 and the/this/who now ⟦βραχέως⟧ ⟦ἀνεψυχότα⟧ a_people not ⟦ἐᾶσαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦δυσφήμοις⟧ Gentile_nation ⟦ὑποχειρίους⟧ to_be. 12 all but/and the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦ποιησάντων⟧ together and ⟦καταξιωσάντων⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐλεήμονα⟧ lord with/after ⟦κλαυθμοῦ⟧ and fasting and ⟦προπτώσεως⟧ upon/to/against day three unceasingly, to_plead/comfort he/she/it/self the/this/who Youdas to_order ⟦παραγίνεσθαι⟧. 13 according_to my/your/him-self but/and with the/this/who elder to_be, ⟦ἐβουλεύσατο⟧ before ⟦εἰσβαλεῖν⟧ of_the king the/this/who troops toward the/this/who Jewish/Judea, and to_be the/this/who city ⟦ἐγκρατεῖς⟧, ⟦ἐξελθόντας⟧ to_judge the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧ the/this/who of_the lord help. 14 to_give but/and the/this/who ⟦ἐπιτροπὴν⟧ the/this/who creator of_the world, to_plead/comfort the/this/who with he/she/it/self ⟦γενναίως⟧ ⟦ἀγωνίσασθαι⟧ until death about ⟦νόμων⟧, about temple, city, ⟦πατρίδος⟧, citizenship, ⟦ἐποιήσατο⟧ about Mōdein the/this/who ⟦στρατοπεδείαν⟧. 15 to_give but/and the/this/who about he/she/it/self

117 **RV 13:5 · Note** Grk. contrivance or machine.

118 **RV 13:8 · Note** Grk. about.

119 **RV 13:9 · Note** Some authorities read indignant.

120 **RV 13:12 · Note** Grk. and implored.

121 **RV 13:13 · Note** Some authorities read the master.

122 **RV 13:14 · Note** Some authorities read Creator.

123 **RV 13:15 · Note** The Greek text here is probably corrupt.

124 **RV 13:15 · Note** Grk. house.

125 **RV 13:16 · Note** Grk. camp.

126 **RV 13:17 · Note** Grk. him.

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⟦σύνθημα⟧ God ⟦νίκης⟧, with/after ⟦νεανίσκων⟧ ⟦ἀρίστων⟧ ⟦κεκριμένων⟧ to_put_on/seize ⟦νύκτωρ⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who royal palace/courtyard, in/on/among the/this/who barracks to_do_away_with toward man four_ _thousand, and the/this/who ⟦πρωτεύοντα⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐλεφάντων⟧ with the/this/who according_to home crowd ⟦συνέθηκε⟧, **16** and the/this/who goal/tax the/this/who barracks fear and ⟦ταραχῆς⟧ to_fulfill, and ⟦ἐξέλυσαν⟧ ⟦εὐημεροῦντες⟧. **17** ⟦Ὑποφαινούσης⟧ but/and already the/this/who day this/he/she/it to_be, through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ἐπαρήγουσαν⟧ he/she/it/self of_the lord ⟦σκέπην⟧. **18** the/this/who but/and king to_take ⟦γεῦσιν⟧ the/this/who the/this/who Jewish ⟦εὐτολμίας⟧, ⟦κατεπείρασε⟧ through/because_of ⟦μεθόδων⟧ the/this/who place. **19** and upon/to/against Baithsoura ⟦φρούριον⟧ ⟦ὀχυρὸν⟧ the/this/who Jewish ⟦προσῆγεν⟧; and ⟦ἐτροποῦτο⟧, ⟦προσέκρουεν⟧, ⟦ἠλαττονοῦτο⟧. **20** the/this/who but/and inside Youdas the/this/who be_necessary ⟦εἰσέπεμψε⟧. **21** ⟦Προσήγγειλε⟧ but/and the/this/who mystery the/this/who ⟦πολεμίοις⟧ Rodokos out_from the/this/who ⟦Ἰουδαϊκῆς⟧ ⟦τάξεως⟧; ⟦ἀνεζητήθη⟧ but/and, and to_grasp, and ⟦κατεκλείσθη⟧. **22** ⟦Ἐδευτερολόγησεν⟧ the/this/who king the/this/who in/on/among Baithsoura right to_give, to_take, ⟦ἀπήει⟧, ⟦προσέβαλε⟧ the/this/who about the/this/who Youdan, ⟦ἦττων⟧ to_be, **23** ⟦μετέλαβεν⟧ ⟦ἀπονενοῆσθαι⟧ the/this/who Filippon in/on/among Antiokeia the/this/who ⟦ἀπολελειμμένον⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who thing, to_ _confound; the/this/who Youdaious to_plead/comfort, to_ _subject, and to_swear upon/to/against all the/this/who just; ⟦συνελύθη⟧ and sacrifice ⟦προσήγαγεν⟧, ⟦ἐτίμησε⟧ the/this/who ⟦νεὼν⟧, and the/this/who place ⟦ἐφιλανθρώπησε⟧, **24** and the/this/who Makkabaion to_ _receive; to_leave_behind ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧ away_from ⟦Πτολεμαΐδος⟧ until the/this/who ⟦Γερρηνῶν⟧ ⟦ἡγεμονίδην⟧, **25** to_come/go toward Ptolemaida; ⟦ἐδυσφόρουν⟧ about the/this/who ⟦συνθηκῶν⟧ the/this/who ⟦Πτολεμαεῖς⟧, ⟦ἐδείναζον⟧ for above/for which to_will/desire ⟦ἀθετεῖν⟧ the/this/who ⟦διαστάλσεις⟧. **26** to_come_near/agree upon/to/against the/this/who judgement_seat Lusias, ⟦ἀπελογήσατο⟧ to_the_best_of_his_ability, ⟦συνέπεισε⟧, ⟦κατεπράυνεν⟧, ⟦εὐμενεῖς⟧ to_do/make, ⟦ἀνέζευξεν⟧ toward Antiokeian; thus(-ly) the/this/who of_the king the/this/who ⟦ἐφόδου⟧ and the/this/who ⟦ἀναζυγῆς⟧ ⟦ἐχώρησε⟧.

14:1 with/after but/and ⟦τριετῆ⟧ time to_fall/beat the/this/who about the/this/who Youdan, Daʸmaʸtrion the/this/who of_the Seleukou through/because_of of_the according_to ⟦Τρίπολιν⟧ harbour ⟦εἰσπλεύσαντα⟧ with/after multitude strong and ⟦στόλου⟧, **2** to_grasp/seize the/this/who country, ⟦ἐπανελόμενον⟧ Antiokon and the/this/who this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπίτροπον⟧ Lusian. **3** Alkimos but/and one ⟦προγενόμενος⟧ high-priest, voluntarily but/and ⟦μεμολυμμένος⟧ in/on/among the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἐπιμιξίας⟧ time, ⟦συννοήσας⟧ that/since according_to ⟦ὀντιναοῦν⟧ way no to_be he/she/it/self salvation, and_not to/with holy altar still revenue, **4** ⟦ἦκε⟧ to/with the/this/who

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made strategic attacks on their positions, **19** and on a strong fortress of the Yehudim at Beyt-Tsur. He advanced, was turned back, failed, and was defeated. **20** Yehudah sent the things that were necessary to those who were within. **21** But Rodokos, from the Jewish ranks, made secrets known to the enemy. He was searched for, arrested, and shut up in prison. **22** The king negotiated with them in Beyt-Tsur the second time, gave his hand, took theirs, departed, attacked the forces of Yehudah, was put to the worse, **23** heard that Filippos (Philip) who'd been left as chancellor in Antiokeia had become reckless, was confounded, made to the Yehudim an overture of peace, submitted himself and swore to acknowledge all their rights, came to terms with them and offered sacrifice, honoured the sanctuary and the place, **24** showed kindness and graciously received Makabi (Maccabaeus), left Hegemonides governor from Ptolemais even to the Gerrenians,[127] **25** and came to Ptolemais. The men of Ptolemais were displeased at the treaty, for they had very great indignation against the Yehudim. They desired to annul the articles of the agreement. **26** Lusias came[128] forward to speak, made the best defence that was possible, persuaded, pacified, gained their good will, and departed to Antiokeia. This was the issue of the attack and departure of the king.

Alkimos persuades Demetrios to send Nikanor

14:1 Three years later, news was brought to Yehudah and his company that Demetrios the son of Seleukos (Seleucus), having sailed into the harbour of Tripolis with a mighty army and a fleet, **2** had taken possession of the country, having made away with Antiokos (Antiochus) and his guardian Lusias.

3 But one Alkimos, who'd formerly been high priest, and had wilfully polluted himself in the times when there was no mingling with the Gentiles, considering that there was no deliverance for him in any way, nor any more access to the holy altar,

127 RV 13:24 · Note The form of this word is uncertain. Compare Girzites (or Gizrites), 1 Samuel 27:8. One manuscript reads Gerarenes.

128 RV 13:26 · Note Grk. came forward to the tribune or judgement seat.

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4 came to King Demetrios in about the one hundred and
fifty-first year, presenting to him a crown of gold and a palm,
and beside these some of the festal olive boughs of the temple.
Because that day, he held his peace; 5 but having gotten oppor-
tunity to further his own madness, being called by Demetrios
into a meeting of his council, and asked how the Yehudim stood
affected and what they intended, he answered:

6 "Those of the Yehudim called Hasidim,[129] whose leader is
Yehudah Makabi (Maccabaeus), keep up war and are seditious,
not allowing the kingdom to find tranquillity. 7 Therefore, hav-
ing laid aside my ancestral glory—I mean the high priest-
hood—I've now come here,[130] 8 first for the genuine care I have
for the things that concern the king, and secondly because I
have regard also to my own fellow citizens. Because through the
unadvised dealing of those of whom I spoke before, our whole
race is in no small misfortune. 9 Oh king, having informed your-
self of these things, take thought both for our country and for
our race, which is surrounded by enemies, according to the gra-
cious kindness with which you receive all. 10 Because as long as
Yehudah remains alive, it's impossible for the government to
find peace. 11 When he'd spoken such words as these, at once
the[131] rest of the king's friends,[132] having ill will against Yehu-
dah, inflamed Demetrios yet more. 12 He immediately appointed
Nikanor, who'd been master of the elephants, and made him
governor of Yehudah. He sent him out, 13 giving him written in-
structions to kill Yehudah himself and to scatter those who were
with him, and to set up Alkimos as high priest of the great[133]
temple. 14 Those in Yehudah who had[134] driven Yehudah into ex-
ile thronged to Nikanor in flocks, supposing that the misfor-
tunes and calamities of the Yehudim would be successes to
themselves.

15 But when the Yehudim heard of Nikanor's advance and the
assault of the heathen, they sprinkled dirt on their heads and
made solemn prayers to him who'd established his own people
forever, and who always, making manifest his presence, upholds
those who are his own heritage. 16 When[135] the leader had given
orders, he immediately set out from there and joined battle with
them at a village called Lessau. 17 But Shim'on (Simon), the
brother of Yehudah, had encountered Nikanor, yet not till late,
having been delayed because of the sudden consternation
caused by his adversaries.

Nikanor makes peace with Yehudah

18 Nevertheless Nikanor, hearing of the
valour of those who were with Yehudah,
and their courage in fighting for their country, shrank from

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king Daʸmaʸtrion first and ⟦πεντηκοστῷ⟧ and ⟦ἑκατοστῷ⟧ year,
⟦προσάγων⟧ he/she/it/self crown golden and Phenice, to/with
but/and this/he/she/it the/this/who ⟦νομιζομένων⟧
⟦θαλλῶν⟧ of_the temple; and the/this/who day that quietness
to_have/be. 5 time/right_time but/and to_take the/this/who
one's_own/private folly co-worker, ⟦προσκληθεὶς⟧ toward
council by/under of_the Daʸmaʸtriou, and to_question
in/on/among which? ⟦διαθέσει⟧ and plan ⟦καθεστήκασιν⟧
the/this/who Jewish, to/with this/he/she/it to_say,
6 the/this/who to_speak the/this/who Jewish ⟦Ἀσιδαῖοι⟧,
which ⟦ἀφηγεῖται⟧ Youdas the/this/who Makkabaios,
⟦πολεμοτροφοῦσι⟧ and ⟦στασιάζουσιν⟧, no ⟦ἐῶντες⟧
the/this/who kingdom ⟦εὐσταθείας⟧ to_obtain/happen.
7 whence ⟦ἀφελόμενος⟧ the/this/who ⟦προγονικὴν⟧ glory, to_
speak so the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνην⟧, come now to
_come/go. 8 first on_one_hand above/for the/this/who
⟦ἀνηκόντων⟧ the/this/who king genuinely to_reason,
secondly but/and and the/this/who one's_own/private citizen
⟦στοχαζόμενος⟧; the/this/who on_one_hand for the/this/who
to_predict ⟦ἀλογιστίᾳ⟧ the/this/who ⟦σύμπαν⟧ I/we family no
⟦μικρῶς⟧ ⟦ἀκληρεῖ⟧. 9 ⟦Ἕκαστα⟧ but/and this/he/she/it
⟦ἐπεγνωκὼς⟧ you king, and the/this/who country and of_the
⟦περιϊσταμένου⟧ family I/we ⟦προνοήθητι⟧, according_to
which to_have/be to/with all ⟦εὐπάντητον⟧ benevolence.
10 until for Youdas ⟦περίεστιν⟧, unable peace to_
_obtain/happen the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧. 11 such_as_this
but/and ⟦ῥηθέντων⟧ by/under this/he/she/it, ⟦θᾶττον⟧
the/this/who remaining friendly/friend ⟦δυσμενῶς⟧ to_
_have/be the/this/who to/with the/this/who Youdan
⟦προσεπύρωσαν⟧ the/this/who Daʸmaʸtrion. 12 to_call_
to/summon but/and immediately Nikanora the/this/who to
_be ⟦ἐλεφαντάρχην⟧, and ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧ ⟦ἀναδείξας⟧
the/this/who Jewish/Judea, to_send_out/away, 13 to_give
commandment, he/she/it/self on_one_hand the/this/who
Youdan ⟦ἐπανελέσθαι⟧, the/this/who but/and with
he/she/it/self ⟦σκορπίσαι⟧, ⟦καταστῆσαι⟧ but/and Alkimon
high-priest of_the ⟦μεγίστου⟧ temple. 14 the/this/who but/and
out_from the/this/who Jewish/Judea ⟦πεφυγαδευκότα⟧
the/this/who Youdan Gentile_nation ⟦συνέμισγον⟧
⟦ἀγεληδὸν⟧ the/this/who ⟦Νικάνορι⟧, the/this/who
the/this/who Jewish ⟦ἀτυχίας⟧ and ⟦συμφορὰς⟧, one's_
_own/private ⟦εὐημερίας⟧ to_think to_be. 15 to_hear but/and
the/this/who of_the ⟦Νικάνορος⟧ ⟦ἔφοδον⟧ and the/this/who
⟦ἐπίθεσιν⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation, ⟦καταπασάμενοι⟧
earth ⟦ἐλιτάνευον⟧ the/this/who until an_age ⟦συστήσαντα⟧
the/this/who my/your/him-self a_people, always but/and
with/after appearing ⟦ἀντιλαμβανόμενον⟧ the/this/who
my/your/him-self part. 16 ⟦Προστάξαντος⟧ but/and of_the

129 **RV 14:6 · Note** That is, Chasidim.

130 **RV 14:7 · Note** Some authorities read a second time.

131 **RV 14:11 · Note** Or, the king's friends likewise

132 **RV 14:11 · Note** See 2 Maccabees 8:9.

133 **RV 14:13 · Note** Grk. greatest.

134 **RV 14:14 · Note** See 2 Maccabees 5:27.

135 **RV 14:16 · Note** The Greek text of this verse and the next is corrupt.

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⟦ἡγουμένου⟧, from_there immediately ⟦ἀνέζευξαν⟧, and ⟦συμμίσγουσιν⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against village Dessaou. **17** Simōn but/and the/this/who brother Youda ⟦συμβεβληκῶς⟧ to_be the/this/who ⟦Νικάνορι⟧, ⟦βραχέως⟧ but/and through/because_of the/this/who ⟦αἰφνίδιον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀντιπάλων⟧ ⟦ἀφασίαν⟧ ⟦ἐπταικώς⟧. **18** just_as but/and to_hear the/this/who Nikanōr which to_have/be the/this/who about the/this/who Youdan ⟦ἀνδραγαθίαν⟧, and in/on/among the/this/who above/for the/this/who ⟦πατρίδος⟧ to_bring ⟦εὐψυχίαν⟧, ⟦ἐπευλαβεῖτο⟧ the/this/who judgement through/because_of blood to_do/make; **19** therefore to_send Posidōnion and Theodoton and Mattathian, to_give and to_take right. **20** greater but/and to_be about this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπισκέψεως⟧, and of_the ruler the/this/who ⟦πλήθεσιν⟧ ⟦ἀνακοινωσαμένου⟧, and ⟦φανείσης⟧ ⟦ὁμοψήφου⟧ resolution, ⟦ἐπένευσαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦συνθήκαις⟧. **21** ⟦Ἐτάξαντο⟧ but/and day in/on/among which according_to one's_own/private to_come/be_present toward the/this/who he/she/it/self; and ⟦προῆλθε⟧, and from_with each ⟦διαφόρους⟧ ⟦ἔθεσαν⟧ ⟦δίφρους⟧. **22** to_direct Youdas ⟦ἐνόπλους⟧ ready in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐπικαίροις⟧ place, lest out_from the/this/who ⟦πολεμίων⟧ ⟦αἰφνιδίως⟧ evil_actions to_be; the/this/who ⟦ἁρμόζουσαν⟧ ⟦ἐποιήσαντο⟧ ⟦κοινολογίαν⟧. **23** to_remain but/and the/this/who Nikanōr in/on/among Hierosolumois, and ⟦ἔπραττεν⟧ none wrong; the/this/who but/and ⟦συναχθέντας⟧ ⟦ἀγελαίους⟧ crowd to_ _release. **24** and to_have/be the/this/who Youdan always in/on/among face, ⟦ψυχικῶς⟧ the/this/who man ⟦προσεκέκλιτο⟧. **25** to_plead/comfort he/she/it/self ⟦γῆμαι⟧ and ⟦παιδοποιήσασθαι⟧; to_marry, ⟦εὐστάθησεν⟧, to_ _participate life. **26** the/this/who but/and Alkimos be_aware the/this/who to/with one_another enthusiasm and the/this/who ⟦γενομένας⟧ ⟦συνθήκας⟧, to_take_up, ⟦ἦκε⟧ to/with the/this/who Daʸmaʸtrion, and to_speak the/this/who Nikanora another's to_reason the/this/who thing; the/this/who for ⟦ἐπίβουλον⟧ the/this/who kingdom Youdan successor ⟦ἀναδέδειχεν⟧ my/your/him-self. **27** the/this/who but/and king ⟦ἔκθυμος⟧ to_be, and the/this/who of_the ⟦παμπονήρου⟧ ⟦ἐρεθισθεὶς⟧ ⟦διαβολαῖς⟧, to_write ⟦Νικάνορι⟧ ⟦φάσκων⟧, above/for on_one_hand the/this/who ⟦συνθηκῶν⟧ difficultly to_bear/lead, ⟦κελεύων⟧ but/and the/this/who Makkabaion prisoner ⟦ἐξαποστέλλειν⟧ quickly toward Antiokeian. **28** ⟦Προσπεσόντων⟧ but/and this/he/she/it the/this/who ⟦Νικάνορι⟧, ⟦συνεκέχυτο⟧ and ⟦δυσφόρως⟧ to_ _bear/lead, if the/this/who ⟦διεσταλμένα⟧ ⟦ἀθετήσει⟧ nothing ⟦τ'⟧ man ⟦ἠδικηκότος⟧. **29** since but/and the/this/who king ⟦ἀντιπράττειν⟧ no to_be, opportune ⟦ἐτήρει⟧ ⟦στρατηγήματι⟧ this/he/she/it to_complete. **30** the/this/who but/and Makkabaios ⟦αὐστηρότερον⟧ ⟦διεξάγοντα⟧ be_aware the/this/who Nikanora to/with he/she/it/self, and

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bringing the matter to the decision of the sword. **19** Therefore he sent Posidonios, Theodotos, and Matityah (Mattathias) to give and receive pledges of friendship. **20** So when these proposals had been long considered, and the leader had made the troops[136] acquainted with them, and it appeared that they were all of like mind, they consented to the covenants. **21** They appointed a day on which to meet together by themselves. A chariot came forward from each army. They set up seats of honour. **22** Yehudah stationed armed men ready in convenient places, in case the enemy suddenly betrayed them. They held a conference as was appropriate. **23** Nikanor waited in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and did nothing to cause disturbance, but dismissed the flocks of people that'd gathered together. **24** He kept Yehudah always in his presence. He'd gained a hearty affection for the man. **25** He urged him to marry and have children. He married, settled quietly, and took part in common life.

Nikanor turns against Yehudah

26 But Alkimos, perceiving the good will that was between them, and[137] having taken possession of the covenants that'd been made, came to Demetrios and told him that Nikanor was disloyal to the government, for he'd appointed that conspirator against his kingdom, Yehudah, to be his successor. **27** The king, falling into a rage, and being exasperated by the false accusations of that most wicked man, wrote to Nikanor, signifying that he was displeased at the covenants, and commanding him to send Makabi (Maccabaeus) prisoner to Antiokeia in all haste. **28** When this message came to Nikanor, he was confounded, and was very troubled at the thought of annulling the articles that'd been agreed on, the man having done no wrong; **29** but because there was no opposing the king, he watched his time to execute this purpose by strategy. **30** But Makabi, when he perceived that Nikanor was behaving more harshly in his dealings with him, and that he'd become ruler in his customary bearing, understanding that this harshness came not of good, gathered together not a few of his men, and concealed himself from Nikanor.

31 But the other,[138] when he became aware that he'd been bravely defeated by the strategy of Yehudah,[139] came to the great[140] and holy temple, while the priests were offering the usual sacrifices, and commanded them to hand over the man. **32** When they declared with oaths that they had no idea where the man who he was searching for was, **33** he stretched out his right hand towards the sanctuary, and swore this oath: "If you won't deliver up to me Yehudah as a prisoner, I'll level this temple[141] of God even with the ground, break down the altar, and I'll erect here a temple to Dionusos for all to see.

136 **RV 14:20 · Note** Or, people Grk. multitudes.

137 **RV 14:26 · Note** Or, and the covenants that had been made, took occasion and came

138 **RV 14:31 · Note** Or, though he was conscious that he had been nobly defeated by

139 **RV 14:31 · Note** Grk. the man

140 **RV 14:31 · Note** Grk. greatest.

141 **RV 14:33 · Note** Or, chapel Grk. enclosure.

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34 And having said this, he departed. But the priests, stretching forth their hands towards heaven, called on him who always fights for our nation, in these words: 35 "You, Oh master of the universe, who in yourself have need of nothing, were well pleased that a sanctuary of your habitation[142] should be set among us. 36 So now, Oh holy master of all holiness, keep undefiled forever this house that's been recently cleansed."

The death of Razis

37 Now information was given to Nikanor against one Razis, an elder of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), who was a lover of his countrymen and a man of very good report, and one called Father of the Yehudim (Jews) for his good will. 38 Because in the former times when there was no mingling with the Gentiles, he'd been accused of following the Yehudim' religion, and had risked body and life with all earnestness for the religion of the Yehudim. 39 Nikanor, wishing to make evident the ill will that he bore against the Yehudim, sent above five hundred soldiers to seize him; 40 for he thought by seizing him to inflict an injury on them. 41 But when the troops[143] were at the point of taking the tower, and were forcing the courtyard door, and asked for fire to burn the doors, he, being surrounded on every side, fell onto his sword, 42 choosing rather to die nobly than to fall into the hands of the wicked wretches, and suffer outrage unworthy of his own nobleness. 43 But since he missed his stroke through the excitement of the struggle, and the crowds were now rushing within the door, he ran bravely up to the wall and threw himself down bravely among the crowds. 44 But as they quickly gave back, a space was made, and he fell on the middle of his[144] side. 45 Still having breath within him, and being inflamed with anger, he rose up, and though his blood gushed out in streams and his wounds were grievous, he ran through the crowds, and standing on a steep rock, 46 when as his blood was now well near spent, he drew forth his bowels through the wound, and taking them in both his hands he shook them at the crowds. Calling on him who's master of life and spirit to restore him these[145] again, he died like this.

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the/this/who ⟦εἰθισμένην⟧ meeting ⟦ἀγριωτέραν⟧ to_have/be, ⟦νοήσας⟧ no away_from of_the ⟦βελτίστου⟧ the/this/who ⟦αὐστηρίαν⟧ to_be, ⟦συστρέψας⟧ no ⟦ὀλίγους⟧ the/this/who about my/your/him-self, ⟦συνεκρύπτετο⟧ the/this/who Nikanora. 31 ⟦Συγγνοὺς⟧ but/and the/this/who other that/since ⟦γενναίως⟧ by/under of_the man ⟦ἐστρατήγηται⟧, to_come upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦μέγιστον⟧ and holy temple, the/this/who priest the/this/who ⟦καθηκούσας⟧ sacrifice ⟦προσαγόντων⟧, to_order to_deliver the/this/who man. 32 the/this/who but/and with/after ⟦ὅρκων⟧ ⟦φασκόντων⟧ not to_know where? ⟦ποτ'⟧ to_be the/this/who ⟦ζητούμενος⟧, 33 ⟦προτείνας⟧ the/this/who right toward the/this/who ⟦νεὼν⟧, this/he/she/it to_swear, if not prisoner I/we the/this/who Youdan ⟦παραδῶτε⟧, ⟦τόνδε⟧ of_the God ⟦σηκὸν⟧ toward a_plain to_do/make, and the/this/who altar ⟦κατασκάφω⟧, and temple here the/this/who Dionusōi ⟦ἐπιφανὲς⟧ to_arise. 34 so_great but/and to_say to_go_away; the/this/who but/and priest ⟦προτείναντες⟧ the/this/who hand toward the/this/who heaven, ⟦ἐπεκαλοῦντο⟧ the/this/who always ⟦ὑπέρμαχον⟧ of_the Gentile_nation I/we, this/he/she/it to_speak, 35 you, lord, the/this/who ⟦ὅλων⟧ self-sufficient to_be, to_delight temple the/this/who your ⟦κατασκηνώσεως⟧ in/on/among I/we to_be. 36 and now, holy all ⟦ἁγιασμοῦ⟧ lord ⟦διατήρησον⟧ toward an_age pure ⟦τόνδε⟧ the/this/who recently ⟦κεκαθαρισμένον⟧ house. 37 ⟦azis but/and one the/this/who away_from Hierosolumōn elder, ⟦ἐμηνύθη⟧ the/this/who ⟦Νικάνορι⟧, man loving_one's_ _fellow-citizens and very well to_hear, and according_to the/this/who enthusiasm father the/this/who Jewish ⟦προσαγορευόμενος⟧. 38 to_be for in/on/among the/this/who before time the/this/who ⟦ἀμιξίας⟧ judgement ⟦εἰσενηνεγμένος⟧ Youdaismou, and body and soul above/for of_the Youdaismou ⟦παραβεβλημένος⟧ with/after all ⟦ἐκτενίας⟧. 39 to_plan but/and Nikanōr obvious to_do/make which to_have/be to/with the/this/who Youdaious ⟦δυσμένειαν⟧, to_send soldier above/for the/this/who ⟦πεντακοσίους⟧ to_seize/conceive/help he/she/it/self. 40 to_ _think for, that ⟦συλλαβὼν⟧, this/he/she/it ⟦ἐργάσασθαι⟧ ⟦συμφοράν⟧, 41 the/this/who but/and ⟦πληθῶν⟧ to_ensue the/this/who tower to_grasp, and the/this/who ⟦αὐλαίαν⟧ door ⟦βιαζομένων⟧, and ⟦κελευόντων⟧ fire to_bring_near and the/this/who door ⟦ὑφάπτειν⟧, detected to_be ⟦ὑπέθηκεν⟧ my/your/him-self a_knife-blade, 42 ⟦εὐγενῶς⟧ to_will/desire to_die, than the/this/who ⟦ἀλιτηρίοις⟧ under_one's_hand to_ _be, and the/this/who one's_own/private ⟦εὐγενείας⟧ unworthily ⟦ὑβρισθῆναι⟧. 43 the/this/who but/and plague/blow/wound not ⟦κατευθικτήσας⟧ through/because_of the/this/who of_the ⟦ἀγῶνος⟧ diligence, and the/this/who crowd ⟦εἴσω⟧ the/this/who ⟦θυρωμάτων⟧ ⟦εἰσβαλόντων⟧, ⟦ἀναδραμὼν⟧ ⟦γενναίως⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who wall, ⟦κατεκρήμνισεν⟧ my/your/him-self ⟦ἀνδρείως⟧ toward the/this/who crowd. 44 the/this/who but/and quickly ⟦ἀναποδισάντων⟧, to_be ⟦διαστήματος⟧ to_come/go according_

142 **RV 14:35 · Note** Grk. tabernacling.

143 **RV 14:41 · Note** Or, people Grk. multitudes.

144 **RV 14:44 · Note** Or, the void place

145 **RV 14:46 · Note** Some authorities read the same.

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_to midst the/this/who ⟦κενεῶνα⟧. 45 still but/and ⟦ἔμπνους⟧
to_be and ⟦πεπυρωμένος⟧ the/this/who ⟦θυμοῖς⟧, ⟦ἐξαναστὰς⟧
⟦φερομένων⟧ ⟦κρουνηδὸν⟧ the/this/who blood, and
⟦δυσχερῶν⟧ to_be the/this/who ⟦τραυμάτων⟧, ⟦δρόμῳ⟧
the/this/who crowd to_pass_through, and to_stand
upon/to/against one rock ⟦ἀποῤῥωγάδος⟧, 46 ⟦παντελῶς⟧
⟦ἔξαιμος⟧ already to_be, ⟦προβαλὼν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἕντερα⟧,
and to_take ⟦ἑκατέραις⟧ the/this/who hand, ⟦ἐνέσεισε⟧
the/this/who crowd; and to_call_(on)/name the/this/who
⟦δεσπόζοντα⟧ the/this/who life and of_the spirit/breath,
this/he/she/it he/she/it/self again to_pay, ⟦τόνδε⟧
the/this/who way ⟦μετήλλαξεν⟧.

15:1 the/this/who but/and Nikanōr to_partake the/this/who
about the/this/who Youdan to_be in/on/among the/this/who
according_to Samareian place, ⟦ἐβουλεύσατο⟧ the/this/who
the/this/who rest day with/after all ⟦ἀσφαλείας⟧
he/she/it/self to_put_on/seize. 2 the/this/who but/and
according_to necessity ⟦συνεπομένων⟧ he/she/it/self Jewish,
to_speak, surely_not thus(-ly) ⟦ἀγρίως⟧ and ⟦βαρβάρως⟧
⟦ἀπολέσῃς⟧, glory but/and ⟦ἀπομέρισον⟧ the/this/who
⟦προτετιμημένῃ⟧ by/under of_the all ⟦ἐθορῶντος⟧ with/after
holiness day. 3 the/this/who but/and thrice-sinful to_question,
if to_be in/on/among heaven ruler the/this/who
⟦προστεταχὼς⟧ to_bring the/this/who the/this/who Sabbath
day? 4 the/this/who but/and ⟦ἀποφῃναμένων⟧, to_be
the/this/who lord to_live he/she/it/self in/on/among heaven
ruler, the/this/who to_order ⟦ἀσκεῖν⟧ the/this/who
⟦ἑβδομάδα⟧. 5 the/this/who but/and other, I/we/and_I to_say,
ruler upon/to/against the/this/who earth the/this/who
⟦προστάσσων⟧ ⟦αἴρειν⟧ weapon, and the/this/who ⟦βασιλικὰς⟧
need to_complete; just_as no ⟦κατέσχεν⟧ to_complete
the/this/who ⟦σχέτλιον⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there plan. 6 and
the/this/who on_one_hand Nikanōr with/after all
⟦ἀλαζονείας⟧ ⟦ὑψαυχενῶν⟧, ⟦διεγνώκει⟧ common
the/this/who about the/this/who Youdan ⟦συστήσασθαι⟧
⟦τρόπαιον⟧. 7 the/this/who but/and Makkabaios to_be
unceasingly to_persuade with/after all hope ⟦ἀντιλήψεως⟧
⟦τεύξασθαι⟧ from_with of_the lord. 8 and to_plead/comfort
the/this/who with he/she/it/self not ⟦δειλιᾷν⟧ the/this/who
the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦ἔφοδον⟧, to_have/be but/and
according_to mind the/this/who ⟦προγεγονότα⟧ he/she/it/self
away_from heaven ⟦βοηθήματα⟧, and now ⟦προσδοκᾷν⟧
the/this/who from_with of_the almighty ⟦ἐσομένην⟧
he/she/it/self ⟦νίκην⟧ and help. 9 and ⟦παραμυθούμενος⟧
he/she/it/self out_from of_the law and the/this/who prophet,
⟦προσυπομνήσας⟧ but/and he/she/it/self and the/this/who
⟦ἀγῶνας⟧ which to_be ⟦ἐκτετελεκότες⟧, ⟦προθυμοτέρους⟧
he/she/it/self to_appoint/conduct. 10 and the/this/who
⟦θυμοῖς⟧ ⟦διεγείρας⟧ he/she/it/self, to_order, together
⟦παρεπιδεικνὺς⟧ the/this/who the/this/who Gentile_nation
⟦ἀθεσίαν⟧ and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ὅρκων⟧
⟦παράβασιν⟧. 11 each but/and he/she/it/self ⟦καθοπλίσας⟧, no
the/this/who asp and ⟦λογχῶν⟧ security, which/how
the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who good-doer word

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Nikanor's threats and Yehudah's confidence

15:1 But Nikanor, hearing that Yehudah (Judas) and his company were in the region of Shomron (Samaria), resolved to attack them with complete safety on the day of rest. 2 When the Yehudim (Jews) who were compelled to follow him said, "Don't destroy so savagely and barbarously, but give due glory to the day which he who sees all things has honoured and hallowed above other days."

3 Then the thrice-accursed wretch asked if there were a Sovereign in heaven who'd commanded to keep the Sabbath day.

4 When they declared, "There's the master, living himself as Sovereign in heaven, who told us observe the seventh day."

5 He replied, "I also am a sovereign on the earth, who commands you to take up weapons and execute the king's business." Nevertheless he didn't prevail to execute his cruel plan.

6 And Nikanor, in his utter boastfulness and arrogance,[146] had determined to set up a monument of complete victory over Yehudah and all those who were with him. 7 But Makabi (Maccabaeus) still trusted unceasingly, with all hope that he should obtain help from the master. 8 He exhorted his company not to be fearful at the assault of the heathen, but keeping in mind the help which in former times they'd often received from heaven, so now also to look for the victory which would come to them from the Almighty, 9 and encouraging them out of the law and the prophets, and reminding them of the conflicts that they'd won, he made them more eager. 10 And when he'd aroused their courage, he gave them orders, at the same time pointing out the faithlessness of the heathen and their breach of their oaths. 11 Arming each one of them, not so much with the sure defence of shields and spears as with the encouragement of good words, and moreover relating to them a dream worthy to be believed, he made them all extremely glad.

12 The vision of that dream was this: Honyo (Onias), he who'd been high priest, a leading citizen and good man, modest in bearing, yet gentle in manner and well-spoken, and trained from a child in all points of virtue, with outstretched hands invoking blessings on the whole body of the Yehudim (Jews). 13 Then he saw a man appear, of venerable age and exceeding glory, and the

146 **RV 15:6 · Note** Grk. carrying his neck high.

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dignity around him was wonderful and most majestic. **14** Honyo replied, "This is the lover of the kindred, he who prays much for the people and the holy city: Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) God's prophet. **15** Yirmiyah stretched out his right hand and delivered to Yehudah a gold sword, and in giving it addressed him thus: **16** "Take this holy sword, a gift from God, with which you'll strike down the adversaries."

17 Being encouraged by Yehudah's (Judas') words, which were noble and effective, and able to incite to virtue and to stir the souls of the young to manly courage, they determined not to carry on a campaign, but nobly to bear down on the enemy, and fighting hand to hand with all courage bring the matter to a conclusion, because the city, the sanctuary, and the temple were in danger. **18** Because their fear for wives and children, and furthermore for family and relatives, was less important to them; but greatest and first was their fear for the consecrated sanctuary. **19** Also those who were shut up in the city were in no light distress, being troubled because of the encounter in the open country.

Nikanor is defeated and killed

20 When all were now waiting for the decision of the issue, and the enemy had already joined battle, and the army had been set in array, and the elephants[147] brought back to a convenient post,[148] and the cavalry deployed on the flanks, **21** Makabi (Maccabaeus), perceiving the presence of the troops,[149] and the various weapons with which they were equipped, and the savageness of the elephants,[150] holding up his hands to heaven called on the master who works wonders, knowing that success comes not by weapons, but that, according to how the master judges, he gains the victory for those who are worthy. **22** And calling on God, he said this: "You, Oh Sovereign master, sent your angel in the time of King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) of Yehudah, and he killed of the army[151] of Sanheriv (Sennacherib) as many as one hundred and eighty-five thousand. **23** So now also, Oh Sovereign of the heavens, send a good angel before us to bring terror and trembling. **24** Through the greatness of your arm let them be stricken with dismay who with blasphemy have come here against your holy people." As he finished these words, **25** Nikanor and his company advanced with trumpets and victory songs; **26** but Yehudah and his company joined battle with the enemy with invocation and prayers. **27** Fighting with their hands and praying to God with their hearts, they killed no less than thirty-five thousand men, being made extremely glad by the manifestation of God.

28 When the engagement was over and they were returning again with joy, they recognised Nikanor lying dead in full armour. **29** Then there was shouting and noise, and they blessed

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encouragement, and ⟦προσεξηγησάμενος⟧ ⟦ὄνειρον⟧ ⟦ἀξιόπιστον⟧ ⟦ὕπαρ⟧ one all ⟦εὔφρανεν⟧. **12** to_be but/and the/this/who this/he/she/it sight ⟦τοιάδε⟧; Onian the/this/who to_be high-priest, man good and good-doer, ⟦αἰδήμονα⟧ on_one_hand the/this/who meeting, ⟦πρᾷον⟧ but/and the/this/who way, and speech ⟦προϊέμενον⟧ ⟦πρεπόντως⟧, and out_from child ⟦ἐκμεμελετηκότα⟧ all the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀρετῆς⟧ ⟦οἰκεῖα⟧, this/he/she/it the/this/who hand ⟦προτείναντα⟧ ⟦κατεύχεσθαι⟧ the/this/who all the/this/who Jewish ⟦συστήματι⟧. **13** ⟦Εἶθ'⟧ thus(-ly) ⟦ἐπιφανῆναι⟧ man greyness_of_hair and glory/to_ _think to_spread/surpass, ⟦θαυμαστὴν⟧ but/and one and ⟦μεγαλοπρεπεστάτην⟧ to_be the/this/who about he/she/it/self authority. **14** ⟦Ἀποκριθέντα⟧ but/and the/this/who Onian to_ _say, the/this/who loving_the_brothers this/he/she/it to_be the/this/who much to_pray about of_the a_people and the/this/who holy city, Hieremias the/this/who of_the God prophet. **15** ⟦Προτείναντα⟧ but/and the/this/who Hieremian the/this/who right to_deliver the/this/who Youda sword golden, to_give but/and ⟦προσφωνῆσαι⟧ this, **16** to_take the/this/who holy sword gift from_with of_the God, through/because_of which ⟦θραύσεις⟧ the/this/who opposed. **17** ⟦Παρακληθέντες⟧ but/and the/this/who Youda word ⟦πάνυ⟧ good and ⟦δυναμένοις⟧ upon/to/against virtue ⟦παρορμῆσαι⟧, and soul ⟦νέων⟧ ⟦ἐπανορθῶσαι⟧, ⟦διέγνωσαν⟧ not ⟦στρατοπεδεύεσθαι⟧, ⟦γενναίως⟧ but/and ⟦ἐμφέρεσθαι⟧, and with/after all ⟦εὐανδρίας⟧ to_entangle/involve to_judge the/this/who ⟦πράγματα⟧, through/because_of the/this/who and the/this/who city, and the/this/who holy, and the/this/who temple ⟦κινδυνεύειν⟧. **18** to_be for the/this/who about woman and child, still but/and brother and kindred in/on/among ⟦ἧττονι⟧ part to_lay/be_appointed he/she/it/self fight, greatest but/and and first the/this/who about of_the ⟦καθηγιασμένου⟧ temple fear. **19** to_be but/and and the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who city ⟦κατειλημμένοις⟧ no ⟦πάρεργος⟧ a_struggle ⟦ταρασσομένοις⟧ the/this/who in/on/among ⟦ὑπαίθρῳ⟧ ⟦προσβολῆς⟧. **20** and all already to_look_for the/this/who ⟦ἐσομένην⟧ judgement, and already ⟦συμμιξάντων⟧ the/this/who ⟦πολεμίων⟧, and the/this/who army ⟦ἐκταγείσης⟧, and the/this/who wild_ _animal upon/to/against part opportune ⟦ἀποκατασταθέντων⟧, the/this/who and/both horse according_to horn ⟦τεταγμένης⟧, **21** be_aware the/this/who Makkabaios the/this/who the/this/who ⟦πληθῶν⟧ coming, and the/this/who weapon the/this/who ⟦ποικίλην⟧ Preparation_Day, the/this/who and/both the/this/who wild_ _animal ⟦ἀγριότητα⟧, ⟦προτείνας⟧ the/this/who hand toward the/this/who heaven, ⟦ἐπεκαλέσατο⟧ the/this/who ⟦τερατοποιὸν⟧ lord the/this/who ⟦κατόπτην⟧, to_know that/since no he_is through/because_of weapon the/this/who victory, as/just_as but/and if he/she/it/self ⟦κριθείη⟧,

147 **RV 15:20 · Note** Grk. animals.

148 **RV 15:20 · Note** Or, stationed for convenient action

149 **RV 15:21 · Note** Grk. multitudes.

150 **RV 15:21 · Note** Grk. animals.

151 **RV 15:22 · Note** Grk. camp.

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the/this/who ⟦ἀξίοις⟧ ⟦περιποιεῖται⟧ the/this/who ⟦νίκην⟧.
22 to_speak but/and to_call_(on)/name ⟦τόνδε⟧ the/this/who
way, you, master, to_send the/this/who angel you
upon/to/against Hezekiou of_the king the/this/who
Jewish/Judea, and to_do_away_with out_from the/this/who
barracks ⟦Σενναχηρεὶμ⟧ toward hundred eighty-five
⟦χιλιάδας⟧. **23** and now, ⟦Δυνάστα⟧ the/this/who heaven, to_
_send angel good-doer before I/we toward fear and ⟦τρόμον⟧.
24 ⟦Μεγέθει⟧ arm you ⟦καταπλαγείησαν⟧ the/this/who
with/after blasphemy to_come upon/to/against the/this/who
holy you a_people; and this/he/she/it on_one_hand
in/on/among this/he/she/it ⟦ἔληξεν⟧. **25** the/this/who
but/and about the/this/who Nikanora with/after ⟦σαλπίγγων⟧
and ⟦παιάνων⟧ ⟦προσῆγον⟧, **26** the/this/who but/and about
the/this/who Youdan with/after ⟦ἐπικλήσεως⟧ and ⟦εὐχῶν⟧
⟦συνέμιξαν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πολεμίοις⟧. **27** and the/this/who
on_one_hand hand ⟦ἀγωνιζόμενοι⟧, the/this/who but/and
heart to/with the/this/who God ⟦εὐχόμενοι⟧, ⟦κατέστρωσαν⟧
none worse,_less myriad three and five_thousand,
the/this/who of_the God greatly ⟦εὐφρανθέντες⟧ appearing.
28 to_be but/and away_from the/this/who need, and
with/after joy ⟦ἀναλύοντες⟧, to_come_to_know
⟦προπεπτωκότα⟧ Nikanora with the/this/who complete_
_armour. **29** to_be but/and shouting and ⟦ταραχῆς⟧,
⟦εὐλόγουν⟧ the/this/who ⟦Δυνάστην⟧ the/this/who ⟦πατρίῳ⟧
voice/sound. **30** and to_order the/this/who according_to all
body and soul ⟦πρωταγωνιστὴς⟧ above/for the/this/who
citizen, the/this/who the/this/who the/this/who age/height
enthusiasm toward ⟦ὁμοεθνεῖς⟧ ⟦διαφυλάξας⟧, the/this/who
of_the ⟦Νικάνορος⟧ head ⟦ἀποτεμόντας⟧, and the/this/who
hand with the/this/who ⟦ὤμῳ⟧ to_bear/lead toward
Hierosoluma. **31** to_come but/and there, and ⟦συγκαλέσας⟧
the/this/who ⟦ὁμοεθνεῖς⟧, and the/this/who priest before of_
_the altar ⟦στήσας⟧, to_summon the/this/who out_from
the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧. **32** and ⟦ἐπιδειξάμενος⟧ the/this/who
of_the ⟦μιαροῦ⟧ ⟦Νικάνορος⟧ head, and the/this/who hand of_
_the ⟦δυσφήμου⟧, which to_stretch_out upon/to/against
the/this/who holy of_the almighty house ⟦ἐμεγαλαύχησε⟧.
33 and the/this/who tongue of_the ⟦δυσσεβοῦς⟧ ⟦Νικάνορος⟧
⟦ἐκτεμὼν⟧, to_say according_to part ⟦δώσειν⟧ the/this/who
bird, the/this/who but/and ⟦ἐπίχειρα⟧ the/this/who folly
before of_the temple ⟦κρεμᾶσαι⟧. **34** the/this/who but/and all
toward the/this/who heaven ⟦εὐλόγησαν⟧ the/this/who
glorious lord, to_speak, praiseworthy the/this/who
⟦διατηρήσας⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self place pure.
35 ⟦Ἐξέδησε⟧ but/and the/this/who of_the ⟦Νικάνορος⟧ head
out_from the/this/who ⟦ἄκρας⟧, ⟦ἐπίδηλον⟧ all and manifest
the/this/who of_the lord ⟦βοηθείας⟧ sign. **36** and
⟦ἐδογμάτισαν⟧ all with/after to_profane ⟦ψηφίσματος⟧ surely_
not ⟦ἐᾶσαι⟧ ⟦ἀπαρασήμαντον⟧ this the/this/who day; to
have/be but/and notable the/this/who ⟦τρισκαιδεκάτην⟧ of
_the ⟦δωδεκάτου⟧ ⟦μηνὸς⟧, Adar to_speak the/this/who
Suriakaʸ voice/sound, before one day the/this/who
⟦Μαρδοχαϊκῆς⟧ day. **37** the/this/who therefore/then

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the Sovereign master in the language of their ancestors. **30** He who in all things was in body and soul the foremost champion of his fellow-citizens, he who kept through life the good will of his youth towards his countrymen, ordered that Nikanor's head be cut off with his hand and arm, and that they be brought to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **31** When he'd arrived there and had called his countrymen together and set the priests before the altar, he sent for those who were in the citadel. **32** Showing the head of the vile Nikanor and the hand of that profane man, which with proud brags he'd stretched out against the holy house of the Almighty, **33** and cutting out the tongue of the impious Nikanor, he said that he'd give it in pieces to the birds, and hang up these rewards of his folly near the sanctuary. **34** They all, looking up to heaven, blessed the master who'd manifested himself, saying, "Blessed is he who's preserved his own place undefiled!" **35** He hung Nikanor's head and shoulder from the citadel, a clear sign evident to all of the help of the master. **36** They all ordained with a common decree to in no way let this day pass undistinguished, but to mark with honour the thirteenth day of the twelfth month (it's called Adar in the Arami (Syrian) language), the day before the day of Mordekai.

The writer's closing words

37 This then having been the account of the attempt of Nikanor, and the city having from those times been held by the Ivrim (Hebrews), I also will here make an end of my book. **38** If I've written well and to the point in my story, this is what I myself desired; but if it's poorly done and mediocre, this is the best I could do. **39** Because as it's distasteful[152] to drink wine alone and likewise to drink water alone, while[153] the mingling of wine with water at once gives full pleasantness to the flavour; so also the fashioning of the language delights the ears of those who read the story.

Here is the end.

152 **RV 15:39 · Note** Or, hurtful

153 **RV 15:39 · Note** Grk. but even as.

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according_to Nikanora ⟦χωρησάντων⟧ thus(-ly), and away_
_from that the/this/who time/right_time ⟦κρατηθείσης⟧
the/this/who city by/under the/this/who Hebraiōn. and
he/she/it/self at_that_time ⟦καταπαύσω⟧ the/this/who word.
38 and if on_one_hand well and ⟦εὐθίκτως⟧ the/this/who
⟦συντάξει⟧, this/he/she/it and he/she/it/self to_will/desire; if
but/and ⟦εὐτελῶς⟧ and moderately, this/he/she/it ⟦ἐφικτὸν⟧
to_be I/we. **39** just_as for wine alone to_drink, likewise but/and
and water again, ⟦πολέμιον⟧; which but/and way wine water
⟦συγκερασθεὶς⟧ agreeable, and ⟦ἐπιτερπῆ⟧ the/this/who
because_of/grace ⟦ἀποτελεῖ⟧, thus(-ly) and the/this/who
the/this/who ⟦κατασκευῆς⟧ of_the word ⟦τέρπει⟧
the/this/who hearing the/this/who ⟦ἐντυγχανόντων⟧
the/this/who ⟦συντάξει⟧; here but/and to_be the/this/who
death.

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The fourth document about
the Maccabees

Introduction

The Fourth Document about the Maccabees is a sustained argument about faith, clear thinking, and self-control. The writer asks whether reason guided by devotion to God can govern desires and emotions such as greed, anger, fear, and pain. The point isn't that faithful people feel nothing, but that they can choose to obey God's instructions even when their feelings pull them strongly in another direction.

After explaining this argument and giving examples, the writer retells the suffering of Eleazar, seven brothers, and their mother under King Antiokos (Antiochus). These are the people whose deaths are also described in chapters 6–7 of *The Second Document about the Maccabees*. Here their speeches and endurance become the main examples supporting the argument.

The closing chapters dwell on the brothers' love for one another and their mother's love for them. The writer praises their faithfulness, presents their endurance as a victory over the king's cruelty, and encourages readers to follow their devotion to God. This is a reflection on the meaning of their suffering, with the argument and the account woven together throughout.

The Fourth Document about the Maccabees appears in an appendix to the Greek Septuagint. It is considered to be apocrypha by most church traditions. It is preserved here for its supplementary historical value.

Makabi (from which the term Maccabee is derived) is an acronym formed from the first letters of Exodus 15:11: "Mi kamokha ba'elim YHWH" — "Who is like you among the gods, Yahweh?"

Main components of this document

How faithful reasoning can govern the emotions *1:1–3:18*
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Eleazar's refusal, suffering, and example *5:1–7:25*
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The closing appeal and the family's teaching *18:1-24*

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Faith and reason can govern our emotions

1:1 As I'm going to demonstrate a most philosophical proposition, namely, that religious reasoning is absolute master of the emotions. I'd willingly advise you to give the utmost heed to philosophy. **2** Because reason is necessary to everyone as a step to science. In addition, it embraces the praise of self-control, the highest virtue. **3** If, then, reasoning appears to hold the mastery over the emotions which stand in the way of temperance, such as gluttony and lust, **4** it surely also and manifestly rules over the affections which are contrary to justice, such as malice, and of those which are hindrances to courage, such as anger, pain, and fear. **5** Perhaps some may ask, "How is it, then, that reasoning, if it rules the emotions, isn't also master of forgetfulness and ignorance?" They attempt a ridiculous argument. **6** Because reasoning doesn't rule over its own emotions, but over those that are contrary to justice, courage, temperance, and self-control; and yet over these, so as to withstand, without destroying them.

7 I might prove to you from many other considerations, that religious reasoning is sole master of the emotions; **8** but I'll prove it with the greatest force from the fortitude of Eleazar, and seven kindred, and their mother, who suffered death in defence of virtue. **9** Because all these, treating pains with contempt even to death, by this contempt, demonstrated that reasoning has command over the emotions. **10** Because their virtues, then, it's right that I should commend those men who died with their mother at this time on behalf of nobility and goodness; and for their honours, I may count them blessed. **11** Because they, winning admiration not only from men in general, but even from the persecutors, for their courage and endurance, became the means of the destruction of the tyranny against their nation, having conquered the tyrant by their endurance, so that by them their country was purified. **12** But we may now at once enter on the question, having commenced, as is our custom, with laying down the doctrine, and so proceed to the account of these people, giving glory to the all-wise God.

Reason, wisdom, and the emotions

13 Therefore the question whether reasoning is absolute master of the emotions. **14** Let's determine, then, what reasoning is and what emotion is, and how many forms of emotion there are, and whether reasoning rules over all of these. **15** Reasoning is intellect accompanied by a life of righteousness, putting foremost the consideration of wisdom. **16** Wisdom is a knowledge of divine and human things, and of their causes. **17** This is contained in the education of the law, by means of which we learn divine things reverently and human things profitably. **18** The forms of wisdom are self-control, justice, courage, and temperance. **19** The leading one of these is self-control, by whose means, indeed, it's that reasoning rules over the emotions. **20** Of the emotions, pleasure and pain are the two most comprehensive; and they also by nature refer to the soul. **21** There are many attendant affections surrounding pleasure and pain. **22** Before pleasure is lust; and after pleasure,

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1:1 ⟦ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΩΤΑΤΟΝ⟧ word ⟦ἐπιδείκνυσθαι⟧ to_ensue, if absolute_master to_be the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who pious thought; ⟦συμβουλεύσαιμ᾽⟧ if you correctly, that eagerly ⟦προσέχητε⟧ the/this/who philosophy. **2** and for necessary toward ⟦ἐπιστήμην⟧ all the/this/who word, and otherwise the/this/who ⟦μεγίστης⟧ ⟦ἀρετῆς⟧ ⟦ἀρετῆς⟧, to_speak so ⟦φρονήσεως⟧, to_contain praise; **3** if therefore the/this/who mental_soundness ⟦κωλυτικῶν⟧ to_suffer the/this/who thought to_shine/appear ⟦ἐπικρατεῖν⟧, ⟦γαστριμαργίας⟧ and/both and desire; **4** but and the/this/who the/this/who righteousness ⟦ἐμποδιστικῶν⟧ to_suffer ⟦κυριεύειν⟧ ⟦ἀναφαίνεται⟧, such_as malice; and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀνδρείας⟧ ⟦ἐμποδιστικῶν⟧ to_suffer, wrath and/both, and travail and fear. **5** how?/how?! therefore/then, perhaps ⟦εἴποιεν⟧ if one, if the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who thought power/to_grasp/seize, ⟦λήθης⟧ and ignorance no ⟦δεσπόζει⟧? **6** ⟦γελοῖον⟧ ⟦ἐπιχειροῦντες⟧ to_ _speak; no for the/this/who my/your/him-self to_suffer the/this/who thought power/to_grasp/seize, but the/this/who the/this/who righteousness and ⟦ἀνδρείας⟧ and mental_soundness, and ⟦φρονήσεως⟧ against; and this/he/she/it, no so he/she/it/self to_destroy/lodge, but so he/she/it/self not ⟦εἶξαι⟧. **7** ⟦Πολλαχόθεν⟧ on_one_hand therefore/then and from_elsewhere ⟦ἔχοιμ᾽⟧ if you to_ _show/prove, that/since ⟦αὐτοκράτωρ⟧ to_be the/this/who to_ _suffer the/this/who pious thought. **8** much but/and greater/to_sail this/he/she/it ⟦ἀποδείξαιμι⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦ἀνδραγαθείας⟧ the/this/who above/for virtue ⟦ἀποθανόντων⟧, Eleazarou and/both and seven brother and the/this/who this/he/she/it mother. **9** all for this/he/she/it the/this/who until death travail ⟦ὑπεριδοντες⟧, ⟦ὑπεριδόντες⟧ ⟦ἐπεδείξαντο⟧ that/since ⟦περικρατεῖ⟧ the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who thought. **10** the/this/who on_one_hand therefore/then ⟦ἀρετῶν⟧, ⟦ἔπεστί⟧ I/we ⟦ἐπαινεῖν⟧ the/this/who according_to this/he/she/it the/this/who time/right_time above/for the/this/who ⟦καλοκᾳγαθίας⟧ ⟦ἀποθανόντας⟧ with/after the/this/who mother man; **11** the/this/who but/and to_honour ⟦μακαρίσαιμ᾽⟧ if; ⟦θαυμασθέντες⟧ for that no alone/only by/under all a_human upon/to/against the/this/who courage and the/this/who perseverance, but and by/under the/this/who ⟦αἰκισαμένων⟧, ⟦αἴτιοι⟧ ⟦κατέστησαν⟧ of_the ⟦καταλυθῆναι⟧ the/this/who according_to of_the Gentile_nation ⟦τυραννίδα⟧, ⟦νικήσαντες⟧ the/this/who tyrant the/this/who perseverance, so through/because_of he/she/it/self ⟦καθαρισθῆναι⟧ the/this/who fatherland. **12** but and about this/he/she/it now ⟦αὐτίκα⟧ so to_speak ⟦ἐξέσται⟧, ⟦ἀρξαμένων⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὑποθέσεως⟧, just_as to_be_accustomed to_do/make, and thus(-ly) toward the/this/who about he/she/it/self ⟦τρέψομαι⟧ word, glory to_give the/this/who ⟦πανσόφῳ⟧ God. **13** ⟦Ζητοῦμεν⟧ so then, if ⟦αὐτοκράτωρ⟧ to_be to_suffer the/this/who thought. **14** ⟦Διακρίνωμεν⟧ but/and, one/which? once/when to_be thought? and one/which? passion? and how_ _much/many to_suffer ⟦ἰδέαι⟧? and if all ⟦ἐπικρατεῖ⟧ this/he/she/it the/this/who thought? **15** thought on_one_ _hand so then to_be mind with/after ⟦ὀρθοῦς⟧ life; ⟦πρωτιμῶν⟧ the/this/who wisdom word. **16** wisdom so then to_be knowledge ⟦θείων⟧ and human thing, and the/this/who

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this/he/she/it ⟦αἰτίων⟧. 17 this/he/she/it so then to_be or/than/the/this/who/to_be/which of_the law ⟦παιδσεία⟧; through/because_of which the/this/who ⟦θεῖα⟧ ⟦σεμνῶς⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἀνθρώπινα⟧ ⟦συμφερόντως⟧ ⟦μανθάνομεν⟧. 18 the/this/who but/and wisdom ⟦ἰδέαι⟧ ⟦καθεστᾶσιν⟧, understanding and righteousness and courage and mental_ _soundness. 19 ⟦Κυριωτάτη⟧ all the/this/who understanding; out_from which so the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who thought ⟦ἐπικρατεῖ⟧. 20 to_suffer but/and ⟦φύσεις⟧ to_be the/this/who/which ⟦περιεκτικώταται⟧ two, pleasure and/both and travail; this/he/she/it but/and ⟦ἑκάτερον⟧ and about the/this/who soul ⟦πέφυκεν⟧. 21 much but/and and about the/this/who pleasure and the/this/who travail to_ _suffer to_be ⟦ἀκολουθίαι⟧. 22 before on_one_hand therefore/then the/this/who ⟦ἡδονῆς⟧ to_be desire; with/after but/and the/this/who pleasure, joy. 23 before but/and of_the travail to_be fear; with/after but/and the/this/who travail, grief. 24 wrath but/and common passion to_be ⟦ἡδονῆς⟧ and travail, if ⟦ἐννοηθῇ⟧ one when he/she/it/self to_fall_upon. 25 in/on/among but/and the/this/who pleasure to_be and the/this/who ⟦κακοήθης⟧ a_ _disposition, ⟦πολυτροπωτάτη⟧ all the/this/who to_suffer to_ _be. 26 according_to on_one_hand soul boasting, and love_of_ _money, and ⟦φιλοδοξία⟧, and love_of_dispute, unbelief and jealousy; 27 according_to but/and the/this/who body, indiscriminate_eating, and ⟦λαιμαργία⟧, and ⟦νομοφαγία⟧. 28 just_as therefore/then ⟦δυοῖν⟧ of_the body and the/this/who soul ⟦φυτῶν⟧ to_be ⟦ἡδονῆς⟧ and/both and travail, much this/he/she/it the/this/who to_suffer to_be ⟦παραφυάδες⟧. 29 which each the/this/who ⟦πανγέωργος⟧ thought ⟦περικαθαίρων⟧ and/both and ⟦ἀποκνίζων⟧, and ⟦περιπλέκων⟧, and ⟦ἐπάρδων⟧, and all way ⟦μεταχέων⟧, ⟦ἐξημεροῖ⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἡθῶν⟧ and to_suffer ⟦ὕλας⟧. 30 the/this/who for thought the/this/who on_one_ _hand ⟦ἀρετῶν⟧ to_be ruler, the/this/who but/and to_suffer ⟦αὐτοκράτωρ⟧. ⟦Ἐπιθεώρει⟧ indeed then first through/because_of he/she/it/self ⟦κωλυτικῶν⟧ the/this/who mental_soundness work, that/since absolute_master to_be the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who thought. 31 mental_ _soundness so then to_be ⟦ἐπικράτεια⟧ the/this/who desire. 32 the/this/who but/and desire the/this/who/which on_one_ _hand to_be ⟦ψυχικαὶ⟧, the/this/who/which but/and ⟦σωματικαί⟧; and this/he/she/it both the/this/who thought ⟦ἐπικρατεῖν⟧ to_shine/appear. 33 since whence/how ⟦κινούμενοι⟧ to/with the/this/who ⟦ἀπειρημένας⟧ ⟦τοοφὰς⟧, ⟦ἀποτρεπόμεθα⟧ the/this/who out_from my/your/him-self ⟦ἡδονάς⟧? no that/since be_able the/this/who ⟦ὀρὲξεων⟧ ⟦ἐπικρατεῖν⟧ the/this/who thought? I/we on_one_hand to_ _suppose. 34 therefore ⟦ἐνύδρων⟧ ⟦ἐπιθυμοῦντες⟧ and ⟦ὀρνέων⟧ and four-footed, ⟦παντοίων⟧ food the/this/who ⟦ἀπηγορευμένων⟧ I/we according_to the/this/who law ⟦ἀπεχόμεθα⟧ through/because_of the/this/who of_the ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧ ⟦ἐπικράτειαν⟧. 35 ⟦Ἀντέχεται⟧ for the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ὀρέξεων⟧ passion by/under of_the ⟦σώφρονος⟧ mind ⟦ἀνακαμπτόμενα⟧; and ⟦φιλοτιμοῦνται⟧ all the/this/who of_the body ⟦κινήματα⟧ by/under of_the ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧.

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joy. 23 Before pain is fear; and after pain is sorrow. 24 Anger is an affection, common to pleasure and to pain, if any one will pay attention when it comes on him. 25 There exists in pleasure a malicious disposition, which is the most complex of all the affections. 26 In the soul, it's arrogance, love of money, thirst for honour, contention, faithlessness, and the evil eye. 27 In the body, it's greediness, indiscriminate eating, and solitary gluttony.

28 As pleasure and pain are, therefore, two growths out of the body and the soul, so there are many offshoots of these emotions. 29 Reasoning, the universal farmer, purging and pruning each of these, tying up, watering, and transplanting, in every way improves the materials of the morals and affections. 30 Because reasoning is the leader of the virtues, but it's the sole ruler of the emotions.

Observe then first, through the very things which stand in the way of temperance, that reasoning is absolute ruler of the emotions. 31 Now temperance consists of a command over the lusts. 32 But of the lusts, some belong to the soul and others to the body. Reasoning appears to rule over both. 33 Otherwise, how is it that when urged on to forbidden meats, we reject the gratification which would come from them? Isn't it because reasoning is able to command the appetites? I believe so. 34 Hence it is, then, that when craving seafood, birds, four-footed animals, and all kinds of food which are forbidden to us by the law, we withhold ourselves through the mastery of reasoning. 35 Because the affections of our appetites are resisted by the temperate understanding, and bent back again, and all the impulses of the body are reined in by reasoning.

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Controlling desire and anger

2:1 Is it any wonder? If the lusts of the soul, after participation with what's beautiful, are frustrated, **2** on this ground, therefore, the temperate Yosef (Joseph) is praised in that by reasoning, he subdued, on reflection, the indulgence of the senses. **3** Because, although young, and ripe for sexual intercourse, he nullified by reasoning the stimulus of his emotions. **4** It isn't merely the stimulus of sensual indulgence, but that of every desire, that reasoning is able to master. **5** For example, the law says, "You mustn't desire your neighbour's wife, nor anything that belongs to your neighbour." **6** Now, then, since it's the law which has forbidden us to desire, I'll much the more easily persuade you, that reasoning is able to govern our lusts, just as it does the affections which are impediments to justice. **7** Since in what way is a solitary eater, a glutton, and a drunkard reclaimed, unless it's clear that reasoning is lord of the emotions? **8** Therefore, a man who regulates his course by the law, even if he's a lover of money, immediately puts pressure on his own disposition by lending to the needy without interest, and cancelling the debt on the seventh year. **9** If a man is greedy, he's ruled by the law acting through reasoning, so that he doesn't glean his harvest crops or vintage. In reference to other points we may perceive that it's reasoning that conquers his emotions. **10** Because the law conquers even affection towards parents, not surrendering virtue on their account. **11** It prevails over love for one's wife, rebuking her when she breaks the law. **12** It lords it over the love of parents towards their children, for they punish them for vice. It domineers over the intimacy of friends, reproving them when wicked. **13** Don't think it's a strange assertion that reasoning can on behalf of the law conquer even enmity. **14** It doesn't allow cutting down the fruit trees of an enemy, but preserves them from the destroyers, and collects their fallen ruins. **15** Reason appears to be master of the more violent emotions, like love of empire, empty boasting, and slander. **16** Because the temperate understanding repels all these malignant emotions, as it does anger; for it masters even this. **17** Thus Mosheh (Moses), when angered against Datan and Aviram, did nothing to them in anger, but regulated his anger by reasoning. **18** Because the temperate mind is able, as I said, to be superior to the emotions, and to correct some and destroy others. **19** Because why else did our most wise father Ya'akov (Jacob) blame Shim'on (Simeon) and Levi for having irrationally slain the whole race of the Shechemites, saying, "Cursed be their anger!"? **20** Because if reasoning didn't possess the power of subduing angry affections, he wouldn't have said this. **21** Because at the time when God created man, he implanted within him his emotions and moral nature. **22** At that time he enthroned the mind above all as the holy leader, through the medium of the senses. **23** He gave a law to this mind, by living according to which it'll maintain a temperate, just, good, and courageous reign. **24** How, then, a man may say, if reasoning is master of the emotions, has it no control over forgetfulness and ignorance?

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2:1 and one/which? marvellous? if the/this/who/which the/this/who soul desire to/with the/this/who of_the ⟦κάλλους⟧ ⟦μετουσίαν⟧ ⟦ἀκυροῦνται⟧. **2** this/he/she/it ⟦γοῦν⟧ the/this/who self-controlled Yōsaʸf ⟦ἐπαινεῖται⟧, that/since the/this/who ⟦λογισμῷ⟧, mind ⟦περιεκράτησεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἡδυπαθείας⟧. **3** new for to_be and ⟦ἀκμάζων⟧ to/with ⟦συνουσιασμὸν⟧ ⟦ἠκύρωσεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦λογισμῷ⟧ the/this/who the/this/who to_suffer ⟦οἶστρον⟧. **4** no alone/only but/and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἡδυπαθείας⟧ ⟦οἰστρηλασίαν⟧ ⟦ἐπικρατεῖν⟧ the/this/who thought to_ _shine/appear, but and all desire. **5** to_speak ⟦γοῦν⟧ the/this/who law; no to_long_for the/this/who woman of_the near/neighbour you, and_not just_as/how_much the/this/who near/neighbour you to_be. **6** and_yet/although when not ⟦ἐπιθυμεῖν⟧ to_say I/we the/this/who law, much greater/to_ _sail ⟦πείσαιμ'⟧ if you, that/since the/this/who desire to_ _grasp/seize be_able the/this/who thought, just_as and the/this/who ⟦κωλυτικῶν⟧ the/this/who righteousness to_ _suffer. **7** since which? way eating_alone one to_be the/this/who moral, and ⟦γαστρίμαργος⟧, and drunkard, ⟦μεταπαιδεύεται⟧, if not clear, that/since lord to_be the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who thought? **8** ⟦Αὐτίκα⟧ ⟦γοῦν⟧ the/this/who law ⟦πολιτευόμενος⟧, and/even_if/if money-loving one to_be, to_force the/this/who my/your/him-self way, the/this/who ⟦δεομένοις⟧ ⟦δανείζων⟧ without ⟦τόκων⟧, and the/this/who debt the/this/who ⟦ἑβδομάδων⟧ ⟦ἐντάσσων⟧ ⟦χρεοκοπούμενος⟧. **9** and/even_if/if ⟦φειδωλός⟧ one to_be, by/under of_the law ⟦κρατεῖται⟧ through/because_of the/this/who ⟦λογισμὸν⟧, neither ⟦ἐπικαρπούμενος⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀμητοὺς⟧, neither ⟦ἐπιῤῥωγολογούμενος⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀμπελῶνας⟧, and upon/to/against the/this/who other to_be to_come_to_know this/he/she/it, that/since the/this/who to_suffer to_be the/this/who thought to_grasp/seize. **10** the/this/who for law and the/this/who to/with parent enthusiasm power/to_ _grasp/seize, not ⟦καταπροδιδοὺς⟧ the/this/who virtue through/because_of he/she/it/self; **11** and the/this/who ⟦προσγαμετῆς⟧ ⟦φιλίας⟧ ⟦ἐπικρατεῖ⟧, through/because_of ⟦παρανομίαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦ἀπελέγχων⟧. **12** and the/this/who child ⟦φιλίας⟧ to_lord_over, through/because_of evil he/she/it/self ⟦κολάζων⟧, and the/this/who friendly/friend ⟦συνηθείας⟧ ⟦δεσπόζει⟧, through/because_of evil he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξελέγχων⟧. **13** and not to_think ⟦παράδοξον⟧ to_be, where(-ever) and hostility the/this/who thought ⟦ἐπικρατεῖν⟧ be_able through/because_ _of the/this/who law, **14** nor ⟦δενδροτομῶν⟧ the/this/who day the/this/who ⟦πολεμίων⟧ ⟦φυτὰ⟧, the/this/who but/and the/this/who enemy the/this/who ⟦ἀπολέσασιν⟧ ⟦διασώζων⟧, and the/this/who to_collapse ⟦συνεγείρων⟧. **15** and the/this/who ⟦βιοτέρων⟧ but/and to_suffer to_grasp/seize the/this/who thought to_shine/appear, ⟦φιλαρχίας⟧, and ⟦κενοδοξίας⟧, and ⟦ἀλαζονείας⟧, and ⟦μεγαλαυχίας⟧, and ⟦βασκανίας⟧. **16** all for this/he/she/it the/this/who ⟦κακοήθη⟧ passion the/this/who self-controlled mind ⟦ἀπωθεῖται⟧, just_ _as and the/this/who wrath; and for this/he/she/it ⟦δεσπόζει⟧. **17** ⟦Θυμούμενος⟧ indeed actually Mōsaʸs according_to Dathan and ⟦Ἀβειρῶν⟧, no ⟦θυμῷ⟧ one according_to he/she/it/self to_ _do/make, but ⟦λογισμῷ⟧ the/this/who wrath ⟦διῄτησεν⟧.

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18 able for the/this/who self-controlled mind, which/how
[[ἔφην]], according_to the/this/who [[παθῶι]] [[ἀριστεῦσαι]], and
the/this/who on_one_hand he/she/it/self [[μεταθεῖναι]],
the/this/who but/and and [[ἀκυρῶσαι]]. 19 since why?
the/this/who [[πάνσοφος]] I/we father Yakōb the/this/who
about Sumeōn and Leuin [[αἰτιᾶται]], not [[λογισμῷ]]
the/this/who [[Σικιμίτας]] by_nations,_as_a_whole_nation
[[ἀποσφάξαντας]], to_speak, cursed the/this/who wrath
he/she/it/self? 20 if not for [[ἐδύνετο]] the/this/who [[θυμῶν]]
the/this/who thought to_grasp/seize, no if to_say thus(-ly).
21 when_once for the/this/who God the/this/who a_human
[[κατεσκεύαζεν]], the/this/who passion
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who
moral [[περιεφύτευσεν]]. 22 and [[τηνικαῦτα]] but/and about all
the/this/who temple ruler mind through/because_of
the/this/who [[αἰσθητηρίων]] [[ἐνεθρόνισεν]]; 23 and
this/he/she/it law to_give, according_to which
[[πολιτευόμενος]] to_reign kingdom self-controlled and/both,
and just, and good-doer, and [[ἀνδρείαν]]. 24 how?/how?!
therefore/then, [[εἴποι]] one if, if the/this/who to_suffer
the/this/who thought power/to_grasp/seize, [[λήθης]] and
ignorance no power/to_grasp/seize?

3:1 he_is but/and [[κομιδῇ]] [[γελοῖος]] the/this/who thought
no for the/this/who my/your/him-self to_suffer the/this/who
thought [[ἐπικρατεῖν]] to_shine/appear, but the/this/who
[[σωματικῶν]]. 2 such_as desire one you no be_able [[ἐκκόψαι]],
but not [[δουλωθῆναι]] the/this/who desire be_able
the/this/who thought [[παρασχέσθαι]]. 3 wrath one no be_able
[[ἐκκόψαι]] I/we the/this/who soul, but the/this/who [[θυμῷ]]
able to_help. 4 [[Κακοήθειάν]] one you no be_able [[ἐκκόψαι]],
but the/this/who not [[καμφθῆναι]] the/this/who malice able
the/this/who thought [[συμμαχῆσαι]]. 5 no for rooter_out,_
_destroyer the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who thought to_
_be, but [[ἀνταγωνιστής]]. 6 to_be [[γοῦν]] this/he/she/it
through/because_of the/this/who Daueid of_the king [[δίψης]]
[[σαφέστερον]] [[ἐπιλογίσασθαι]]. 7 since for through/because_of
all day [[προσβαλὼν]] the/this/who [[ἀλλοφύλοις]]
the/this/who Dawid, much he/she/it/self to_kill with/after
the/this/who of_the Gentile_nation soldier; 8 then but/and to_
_be evening, [[ὑδρῶν]] and very [[κεκμηκὼς]], upon/to/against
the/this/who kingly tent to_come/go, about which
the/this/who all the/this/who parent/ancestor [[στρατὸς]]
[[ἐστρατοπέδευκεν]]. 9 the/this/who on_one_hand
therefore/then another all upon/to/against the/this/who
dinner to_be. 10 the/this/who but/and king which/how
especially to_thirst, although [[ἀφθόνους]] to_have/be flow, no
be_able through/because_of he/she/it/self to_heal
the/this/who [[δίψαν]]; 11 but one he/she/it/self [[ἀλόγιστος]]
desire of_the from_with the/this/who [[πολεμίοις]] water
[[ἐπιτείνουσα]] [[συνέφρυγεν]], and [[λύουσα]] [[κατέφλεγεν]].
12 whence the/this/who [[ὑπερασπιστῶν]] upon/to/against
the/this/who of_the king desire [[σχετλιαζόντων]], two young_
_man soldier [[καρτεροὶ]] [[καταιδεσθέντες]] the/this/who of_the
king desire, the/this/who [[πανοπλίας]] [[καθωπλίσαντο]], and
[[κάλπην]] to_take [[ὑπερέβησαν]] the/this/who the/this/who
[[πολεμίων]] [[χάρακας]]; 13 and [[λαθόντες]] the/this/who
the/this/who gate [[ἀκροφύλακας]], [[διεξῆεσαν]] [[εὑράμενοι]]
according_to all the/this/who the/this/who [[πολεμίων]]

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3:1 The argument is extremely ridiculous, for reasoning doesn't appear to rule over its own affections, but over those of the body, 2 in such a way as that any one of you may not be able to root out desire, but reasoning will enable you to avoid being enslaved to it. 3 One may not be able to root out anger from the soul, but it's possible to withstand anger. 4 Any one of you may not be able to eradicate malice, but reasoning has force to work with you to prevent you yielding to malice. 5 Because reasoning isn't an eradicator, but an antagonist of the emotions.

David's example of self-control

6 This may be more clearly comprehended from the thirst of King David. 7 Because after David had been attacking the Pelishtim the whole day, he with the soldiers of his nation killed many of them; 8 then when evening came, sweating and very weary, he came to the royal tent, around which the entire army of our ancestors was encamped. 9 Now all the rest of them were at supper; 10 but the king, being very much thirsty, although he had numerous springs, couldn't by their means quench his thirst; 11 but a certain irrational longing for the water in the enemy's camp grew stronger and fiercer on him, undid and consumed him. 12 Therefore his bodyguards being troubled at this longing of the king, two valiant young soldiers, respecting the desire of the king, fully armed themselves, and taking a pitcher, got over the ramparts of the enemies. 13 Unperceived by the guardians of the gate, they went throughout the whole camp of the enemy in quest. 14 Having boldly discovered the fountain, they filled out of it the drink for the king. 15 But he, though parched with thirst, reasoned that a drink regarded of equal value to blood would be terribly dangerous to his soul. 16 Therefore, setting up reasoning in opposition to his desire, he poured out the drink to God. 17 Because the temperate mind has power to conquer the pressure of the emotions, to quench the fires of excitement,

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18 and to wrestle down the pains of the body, however excessive, and through the excellency of reasoning, to spurn all the assaults of the emotions. 19 But the occasion now invites us to give an illustration of temperate reasoning from history. 20 Because at a time when our fathers were in possession of undisturbed peace through obedience to the law and were prosperous, so that Seleukos (Seleucus) Nikanor, the king of Asia, both assigned them money for divine service, and accepted their form of government, 21 then certain people, bringing in new things contrary to the public harmony, in various ways fell into calamities.

Corruption and conflict in Yerushalem

4:1 Because a certain man named Shim'on (Simon), who was in opposition to an honourable and good man who once held the high priesthood for life, named Honyo (Onias). After slandering Honyo in every way, Shim'on couldn't injure him with the people, so he went away as an exile, with the intention of betraying his country. 2 When coming to Apolonios, the military governor of Aram (Syria), Foinikai, and Kilikia, he said, 3 "Having good will to the king's affairs, I've come to inform you that tens of thousands in private wealth is laid up in the treasuries of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) which don't belong to the temple, but belong to King Seleukos." 4 Apolonios, acquainting himself with the particulars of this, praised Shim'on for his care of the king's interests, and going up to Seleukos informed him of the treasure. 5 Getting authority about it, and quickly advancing into our country with the accursed Shim'on and a very heavy force, 6 he said that he came with the king's commands that he should take the private money of the treasury. 7 The nation, indignant at this proclamation, and replying to the effect that it was extremely unfair that those who'd committed deposits to the sacred treasury should be deprived of them, resisted as well as they could. 8 But Apolonios went away with threats into the temple. 9 The priests, with the women and children, asked God to throw his shield over the holy, despised place, 10 and Apolonios was going up with his armed force to seize the treasure, when angels from heaven appeared riding on horseback, all radiant in armour, filling them with much fear and trembling. 11 Apolonios fell half dead on the courtyard which is open to all

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army_camp. 14 and ⟦ἀνευράμενοι⟧ ⟦θαῤῥαλέως⟧ the/this/who ⟦πηγὴν⟧, out_from he/she/it/self to_fill the/this/who king the/this/who ⟦ποτόν⟧. 15 the/this/who but/and and about the/this/who ⟦δίψαν⟧ ⟦διαπυρούμενος⟧, ⟦ἐλογίσατο⟧ ⟦πάνδεινον⟧ to_be ⟦κίνδυνον⟧ the/this/who soul ⟦λογισθὲν⟧ ⟦ἰσοδύναμον⟧ the/this/who ⟦ποτὸν⟧ blood. 16 whence ⟦ἀντιθεὶς⟧ the/this/who desire the/this/who ⟦λογισμὸν⟧, ⟦ἔσπεισεν⟧ the/this/who drink the/this/who God. 17 able for the/this/who self-controlled mind to_conquer the/this/who the/this/who to_suffer ⟦ἀνάγκας⟧, and to_extinguish the/this/who the/this/who ⟦οἴστρων⟧ ⟦φλεγμονὰς⟧, and the/this/who the/this/who body ⟦ἀλγηδόνας⟧ according_to surpassing ⟦οὔσας⟧ ⟦καταπαλαῖσαι⟧, 18 and the/this/who ⟦καλοκἀγαθίας⟧ of_the ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧ ⟦ἀποπτῦσαι⟧ all the/this/who the/this/who to_suffer ⟦ἐπικρατείας⟧. 19 already but/and and the/this/who time/right_time I/we to_call upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἀπόδειξιν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἱστορίας⟧ of_the ⟦σώφρονος⟧ ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧. 20 since for ⟦βαθεῖαν⟧ peace through/because_of the/this/who ⟦εὐνομίαν⟧ the/this/who father I/we to_have/be, and ⟦ἔπραττον⟧ well, so and the/this/who the/this/who Asias king Seleukon the/this/who Nikanora and money toward the/this/who ⟦ἱερουργίαν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἀποφορίσαι⟧, and the/this/who citizenship he/she/it/self ⟦ἀποδέχεσθαι⟧; 21 then so one to/with the/this/who common ⟦νεωτερίσαντες⟧ ⟦ὁμόνοιαν⟧, ⟦πυλυτρόπως⟧ ⟦ἐχρήσαντο⟧ ⟦συμφοραῖς⟧.

4:1 Simōn for one to/with Onian ⟦ἀντιπολιτεύομενος⟧ the/this/who once/when the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνην⟧ to_ _have/be through/because_of life, good and good-doer man, since all way ⟦διαβάλλων⟧ above/for of_the Gentile_nation no be_strong to_harm, an_exile ⟦ᾤχετο⟧, the/this/who fatherland ⟦προδώσων⟧. 2 whence ⟦ἥκων⟧ to/with Apollōnios, the/this/who Surias and/both and Foinikaʸs and Kilikias ⟦στρατηγὸν⟧, to_speak, 3 ⟦εὔνους⟧ to_be the/this/who of_the king ⟦πράγμασιν⟧ to_come/be_present, ⟦μηνύων⟧ much ⟦ἰδιωτικῶν⟧ money myriad in/on/among the/this/who Hierosolumōn ⟦γαζοφυλακίοις⟧ ⟦τεθησαύρισται⟧, the/this/who temple not ⟦ἐπικοινωνούσας⟧, but ⟦προσήκειν⟧ this/he/she/it Seleukōi the/this/who king. 4 this/he/she/it ⟦ἕκαστα⟧ to_know the/this/who Apollōnios, the/this/who on_ _one_hand Simōna the/this/who toward the/this/who king ⟦κηδεμονίας⟧ ⟦ἐπαινεῖ⟧, to/with but/and the/this/who Seleukon to_ascend ⟦κατεμήνυε⟧ the/this/who the/this/who money treasure; 5 and to_take the/this/who about he/she/it/self authority, quick/quickly toward the/this/who fatherland I/we with/after of_the ⟦καταράτου⟧ Simōnos and ⟦βαρυτάτου⟧ ⟦στρατοῦ⟧ to_come_near/agree, 6 the/this/who of_the king commandment ⟦ἥκειν⟧ to_speak, that the/this/who ⟦ἰδιωτικὰ⟧ of_the treasury to_take money. 7 and of_the Gentile_nation to/with the/this/who word ⟦σχετλιάζοντος⟧, ⟦ἀντιλέγοντός⟧ and/both, ⟦πάνδεινον⟧ to_be to_think, if the/this/who the/this/who ⟦παρακαταθήκας⟧ to_ _trust_(in) the/this/who temple treasure ⟦στερηθήσονται⟧, which/how such_as and/both to_be ⟦ἐκώλυον⟧. 8 with/after threat but/and the/this/who Apollōnios ⟦ἀπῄει⟧ toward the/this/who temple. 9 the/this/who but/and priest with/after woman and child in/on/among the/this/who temple ⟦ἱκετευσάντων⟧ the/this/who God ⟦ὑπερασπίσαι⟧ of_

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the temple ⟦καταφρονουμένου⟧ place. **10** ⟦Ἀνιόντος⟧ and/both with/after ⟦καθωπλισμένης⟧ the/this/who army of _the Apollōniou to/with the/this/who the/this/who money plunder from_heaven ⟦ἔφιπποι⟧ ⟦προϋφάνησαν⟧ angel ⟦περιαστράπτοντες⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὅπλοις⟧, and much he/she/it/self fear and/both and ⟦τρόμον⟧ ⟦ἐνιόντες⟧. **11** ⟦Καταπεσὼν⟧ indeed actually half-dead the/this/who Apollōnios upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦πάμφυλον⟧ of_the temple ⟦περίβολον⟧, the/this/who hand to_stretch_out toward the/this/who heaven, with/after ⟦διακρύων⟧ the/this/who Hebraious to_plead/comfort, that about he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦εὐξόμενοι⟧, the/this/who heavenly ⟦ἐξευμενίσωνται⟧ ⟦στρατόν⟧. **12** to_ _speak for ⟦ἡμαρτηκὼς⟧, so and to_die worthy to_be, all and/both a_human ⟦ὑμνήσειν⟧ ⟦σωθεὶς⟧ the/this/who of_the temple place ⟦μακαριότητα⟧. **13** this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπαχθεὶς⟧ the/this/who word Onias the/this/who high-priest, although otherwise to_revere, not once/when ⟦νομίσειεν⟧ the/this/who king Seleukos out_from human plot and not divine ⟦δίκης⟧ ⟦ἀνηρήσασθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦Ἀπωλλώνιον⟧, ⟦ηὔξατο⟧ about he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **14** and the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦παραδὸξως⟧ ⟦διασωθεὶς⟧ ⟦ᾤχετο⟧, ⟦δηλώσων⟧ the/this/who king the/this/who ⟦συμβάντα⟧ he/she/it/self. **15** to_decease but/and Seleukou of_the king ⟦διαδέχεται⟧ the/this/who beginning the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Antiokos glorious, man arrogant and awful. **16** which ⟦καταλύσας⟧ the/this/who Onian the/this/who ⟦ἀρχιερωσύνης⟧, **17** Yasona the/this/who brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_ _appoint/conduct high-priest, ⟦συνθέμενον⟧ ⟦δώσειν⟧, if ⟦ἐπιτρέψειεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who beginning, according_to year ⟦τρισχίλια⟧ six_hundred sixty talent. **18** the/this/who but/and to_permit he/she/it/self ⟦ἀρχιερᾶσθαι⟧ and of_the Gentile_nation ⟦ἀφηγεῖσθαι⟧. **19** which and ⟦ἐξεζήτησεν⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation, and ⟦ἐξεπολίτευσεν⟧ upon/to/against all ⟦παρανομίαν⟧. **20** so not alone/only upon/to/against he/she/it/self the/this/who Akra/tip the/this/who ⟦πατρίδος⟧ I/we ⟦γυμνάσιον⟧ ⟦κατασκευάσαι⟧, the/this/who of_the temple ⟦κηδεμονίαν⟧. **21** upon/to/against which ⟦ἀγανακτήσασα⟧ the/this/who ⟦θεία⟧ condemnation he/she/it/self actually the/this/who Antiokon to_fight. **22** since for war to_be according_to ⟦Αἴγυπ⟧ the/this/who Ptolemaiōi, to_hear and/both, that/since ⟦φήμης⟧ ⟦διαδοθείσης⟧ about ⟦τιῦ⟧ ⟦τεθνάναι⟧ he/she/it/self, which/how there_is especially ⟦χαίροιεν⟧ the/this/who Hierosolumitai, quickly upon/to/against he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνέζευξεν⟧. **23** and which/how ⟦ἐπόρθσεν⟧ he/she/it/self, decree to_place, that if one he/she/it/self ⟦φάνοιεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πατρίῳ⟧ ⟦πολιτευόμενοι⟧ law ⟦θάνοιεν⟧. **24** and since according_to nothing way be_strong to_destroy/lodge through/because_of the/this/who decree the/this/who of_the Gentile_nation enthusiasm, but all the/this/who my/your/him-self threat and punishment ⟦ἑώρα⟧ ⟦καταλυομένας⟧, **25** so and woman, that/since ⟦περιέτεμον⟧ the/this/who child, with/after the/this/who ⟦βρεφῶν⟧ ⟦κατακρημνισθῆναι⟧, ⟦προειδυίας⟧ that/since this/he/she/it ⟦πείσονται⟧; **26** since therefore/then the/this/who decree

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nations, and extended his hands to heaven, and implored the Ivrim (Hebrews), with tears, to pray for him, and take away the anger of the heavenly army. **12** Because he said that he'd sinned, so as to be consequently worthy of death, and that if he were saved, he'd proclaim to all people the blessedness of the holy place. **13** Honyo the high priest, induced by these words, although for other reasons anxious that King Seleukos wouldn't suppose that Apolonios was slain by human device and not by Divine punishment, prayed for him; **14** and he being thus unexpectedly saved, departed to report to the king what had happened to him. **15** But on the death of Seleukos the king, his son Antiokos (Antiochus) Epifanes (Epiphanes) succeeded to the kingdom—a terrible man of arrogant pride.

Yason and Antiokos undermine God's law

16 He, having deposed Honyo (Onias) from the high priesthood, appointed his brother Yason to be high priest, **17** who'd made a covenant, if he'd give him this authority, to pay yearly three thousand and six hundred and sixty talents. **18** He committed to him the high priesthood and rulership over the nation. **19** He both changed the manner of living of the people, and perverted their civil customs into all lawlessness. **20** So that he not only erected a gymnasium on the very citadel of our country, but neglected the guardianship of the temple. **21** Because of that, Divine vengeance was grieved and instigated Antiokos himself against them. **22** Because being at war with Ptolemaios (Ptolemy) in Mitsrayim (Egypt), he heard that on a report of his death being spread abroad, the inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) had greatly rejoiced, and he quickly marched against them. **23** Having subdued them, he established a decree that if any of them lived according to the ancestral laws, he should die. **24** When he could by no means destroy by his decrees the obedience to the law of the nation, but saw all his threats and punishments without effect, **25** for even women, because they continued to circumcise their children, were flung down a precipice along with them, knowing beforehand of the punishment. **26** When, therefore, his decrees were disregarded by the people, he himself compelled by means of tortures every one of this race, by tasting forbidden meats, to renounce the Jewish religion.

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Antiokos pressures Eleazar to disobey God's law

5:1 The tyrant Antiokos, therefore, sitting in public state with his assessors on a certain lofty place, with his armed troops standing in a circle around him, 2 commanded his spearbearers to seize every one of the Ivrim (Hebrews), and to compel them to taste swine's flesh and things offered to idols. 3 Should any of them be unwilling to eat the accursed food, they were to be tortured on the wheel and so killed. 4 When many had been seized, a foremost man of the assembly, a Hebrew, by name Eleazar, a priest by family, by profession a lawyer, and advanced in years, and for this reason known to many of the king's followers, was brought near to him.

5 Antiokos, seeing him, said, 6 "I'd counsel you, old man, before your tortures begin, to taste the swine's flesh, and save your life; for I feel respect for your age and hoary head, which since you've had so long, you appear to me to be no philosopher in retaining the superstition of the Yehudim (Jews). 7 Because therefore, since nature has conferred on you the most excellent flesh of this animal, do you loathe it? 8 It seems senseless not to enjoy what's pleasant, yet not disgraceful; and from notions of sinfulness, to reject the gifts of nature. 9 You'll be acting, I think, still more senselessly, if you follow vain conceits about the truth. 10 You will, moreover, be despising me to your own punishment. 11 won't you awake from your trifling philosophy, give up the folly of your notions, and regaining understanding worthy of your age, search into the truth of an expedient course? 12 won't you respect my kindly admonition and have pity on your own years? 13 Because bear in mind that if there's any power which watches over this religion of yours, it'll pardon you for all transgressions of the law which you commit through compulsion."

Eleazar refuses to eat forbidden food

14 While the tyrant incited him in this manner to the unlawful eating of meat, Eleazar begged permission to speak. 15 Having received permission to speak, he began to address the people as follows: 16 "We, Oh Antiokos (Antiochus), who are persuaded that we live under a divine law, consider no compulsion to be so forcible as obedience to that law. 17 Therefore we consider that we ought not to transgress the law in any way. 18 Indeed, were our law (as you suppose) not truly divine, and if we wrongly think it divine, we'd have no right even in that case to destroy our sense of religion. 19 Don't think that eating unclean meat is a trifling offence. 20 Because transgression of the law, whether in small or great matters, is of equal importance; 21 for in either case the law is equally slighted. 22 But you deride our philosophy, as though we lived in it irrationally. 23 Yet it instructs us in self-control, so that we're superior to all pleasures and lusts; and it trains us in courage, so that we cheerfully undergo every grievance. 24 It in-

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦κατεφρονεῖτο⟧ by/under of_the a_people, he/she/it/self through/because_of ⟦βασάνων⟧ one each this/he/she/it Gentile_nation ⟦ἠνάγκαζεν⟧ small ⟦ἀπογευομένους⟧ ⟦τροφῶν⟧, ⟦ἐξόμνυσθαι⟧ the/this/who Youdaismon.

5:1 ⟦Προκαθίσας⟧ indeed actually with/after the/this/who ⟦συνέδρων⟧ the/this/who tyrant Antiokos upon/to/against one high place, 2 and the/this/who troops he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνόπλων⟧ around to_stand_by ⟦παρεκέλευεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦δορυφόροις⟧ one each the/this/who Hebraiōn ⟦περισπᾶσθαι⟧ and ⟦κρεῶν⟧ ⟦ὑείων⟧ and sacrificed_to_idols ⟦ἀναγκάζειν⟧ ⟦ἀπογεύεσθαι⟧. 3 if but/and one not ⟦θέλοιεν⟧ ⟦μιαροφαγῆσαι⟧, this/he/she/it ⟦τροχισθέντας⟧ to_do_away_ _with. 4 much but/and ⟦συναρπασθέντων⟧, one first out_from the/this/who ⟦ἀγέλης⟧ Hebraios name Eleazaros, the/this/who family priest, the/this/who ⟦ἐπιστήμην⟧ lawyer, and the/this/who age/height ⟦προήκων⟧, and much the/this/who about the/this/who tyrant through/because_of the/this/who age/height acquaintance/acquainted_with, ⟦παρήχθη⟧ near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. 5 and he/she/it/self to_perceive the/this/who Antiokos, to_say, 6 I/we before be_ _first the/this/who according_to you ⟦βασάνων⟧, oh!/to_be ⟦πρεσβύτα⟧, ⟦συμβουλεύσαιμ'⟧ if you this/he/she/it that ⟦ἀπογευσάμενος⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὑείων⟧ ⟦σώζοιο⟧; ⟦αἰδοῦμαι⟧ for you the/this/who age/height and the/this/who ⟦πολιὰν⟧, which with/after so_great to_have/be time, no I/we to_think ⟦φιλοσοφεῖν⟧, the/this/who Jewish ⟦χρώμενος⟧ religion. 7 why? for the/this/who nature ⟦κεχαρισμένης⟧ ⟦καλλίστην⟧ the/this/who ⟦τοῦδε⟧ of_the living_thing ⟦σαρκοφαγίαν⟧ ⟦βδελύττῃ⟧? 8 and for ⟦ἀνόητον⟧ this/he/she/it the/this/who not ⟦ἀπολαύειν⟧ the/this/who without ⟦ὀνείδους⟧ ⟦ἡδέων⟧, and through/because_of ⟦ἄδικον⟧ ⟦ἀποστρέφεσθαι⟧ the/this/who the/this/who nature ⟦χάριτας⟧. 9 you but/and I/we and ⟦ἀνοητότερον⟧ ⟦ποιήσειν⟧ to_think, if ⟦κενοδοξῶν⟧ about the/this/who true, 10 still ⟦κᾀμοῦ⟧ ⟦καταφρονήσεις⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who one's_own/private punishment; no ⟦ἐξυπνώσεις⟧ away_from the/this/who ⟦φλυάρου⟧ philosophy you? 11 and ⟦ἀποσκεδάσεις⟧ ⟦ψῶν⟧ thought you the/this/who ⟦λῆρον⟧, and worthy the/this/who age/height to_take_up mind ⟦φιλοσοφήσεις⟧ the/this/who of_ _the ⟦συμφέροντος⟧ truth? 12 and ⟦προσκυνήσας⟧ I/we the/this/who ⟦φιλάνθρωπον⟧ ⟦παρηγορίαν⟧ ⟦οἰκτειρήσεις⟧ the/this/who yourself old_age? 13 and for ⟦ἐνθυμήθητι⟧, which/how if and one to_be ⟦τῆσδε⟧ the/this/who religion ⟦ἐποπτικὴ⟧ power, ⟦συγνωμονήσειν⟧ you upon/to/against all through/because_of necessity lawlessness ⟦γεινομένῃ⟧. 14 this/he/she/it the/this/who way upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἔκθεσμον⟧ ⟦σαρκοφαγίαν⟧ ⟦ἐποτρύνοντος⟧ of_ _the tyrant, word ⟦ᾔτησεν⟧ the/this/who Eleazaros. 15 and to_ _take of_the to_speak authority, be_first ⟦δημηγορεῖν⟧ thus(-ly); 16 I/we, Antioke, sulfur ⟦πεπεισμένοι⟧ law ⟦πολιτευεσθαι⟧, none necessity ⟦βιαιοτέραν⟧ to_be ⟦νομίζομεν⟧ the/this/who to/with the/this/who law I/we ⟦εὐπειθείας⟧. 17 for but/and according_to none way ⟦παρανομεῖν⟧ to_deem_worthy. 18 and actually if and according_to truth not to_be the/this/who law I/we, which/how you ⟦ὑπολαμβάνεις⟧, divine, (otherwise but/and

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[[νομίζομεν]] he/she/it/self to_be divine/sulfur) and_not thus(-ly) it_is_permitted I/we to_be the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who piety [[δόκαν]] [[ἀκυρῶσαι]]. 19 not small therefore/then to_be [[νομίσῃς]] this/he/she/it, if [[μιαροφαγήσεμεν]], sin. 20 the/this/who for in/on/among [[μικροῖς]] and in/on/among [[μεγάλοις]] [[παρανομεῖν]] [[ἰσοδύναμόν]] to_be; 21 through/because_of [[ἑκατέρου]] for which/how similarly the/this/who law [[ὑπερηφανεῖται]]. 22 [[Χλευάζεις]] but/and I/we the/this/who [[φιλοσοφίαν]], just_as no with/after [[εὐλογιστίας]] in/on/among he/she/it/self [[βιούντων]]. 23 [[Σωφροσύνην]] and/both for I/we [[ἐκδιδάσκει]], so all the/this/who pleasure and desire to_ _grasp/seize, and [[ἀνδρείαν]] [[ἐξασκεῖν]], so all travail voluntarily [[ὑπομένειν]]; 24 and righteousness to_instruct, so through/because_of all the/this/who [[ἠθῶν]] [[ἰσονομεῖν]] and piety to_teach, so alone/only the/this/who to_be God [[σέβειν]] [[μεγαλοπρεπῶς]]. 25 for no [[μιαροφαγοῦμεν]]; to_trust_(in) for God [[καθεστᾶναι]] the/this/who law, to_perceive that/since and according_to nature I/we [[συμπαθεῖ]] [[νομοθετῶν]] the/this/who of_the world creator; 26 the/this/who on_one_ _hand [[οἰκειωθωσόμενα]] I/we the/this/who soul to_permit to_eat, the/this/who but/and [[ἐναντιωθησόμενα]] to_prevent [[σαρκοφαγεῖν]]. 27 [[Τυραννικὸν]] but/and, no alone/only to_ _compel I/we [[παρανομεῖν]], but and to_eat, that the/this/who [[ἐχθίστῃ]] I/we [[μιαροφαγίᾳ]] this/he/she/it still [[ἐγγελάσῃς]]. 28 but no [[γελάσεις]] according_to I/we/my this/he/she/it the/this/who [[γέλωτα]]; 29 neither the/this/who [[ἱεροὺς]] the/this/who parent/ancestor about of_the to_keep/guard the/this/who law oath no [[παρήσω]]. 30 and_not if to_cut_off I/we the/this/who eye, and the/this/who affection/entrails I/we [[τήξεις]]. 31 no thus(-ly) to_be an_old_man I/we and [[ἄνανδρος]], so I/we through/because_of the/this/who piety not [[νεάζειν]] the/this/who [[λογισμόν]]. 32 to/with this/he/she/it [[τροχοὺς]] [[εὐτρέπιζε]], and the/this/who fire [[ἐκφύσα]] [[σφοδρότερον]]. 33 no thus(-ly) to_have_compassion the/this/who myself old_age, so I/we through/because_of myself the/this/who [[πάτριον]] to_destroy/lodge law. 34 no [[ψεύσομαί]] you, [[παιδευτὰ]] [[νόμε]], and_not [[φεύξομαί]] you, [[φίλη]] self-control. 35 and_not to_dishonour you, [[φιλόσοφε]] [[λόγε]], and_not [[ἐξαρνήσεμαί]] you, priesthood precious, and [[νομοθεσίας]] higher_knowledge; 36 and_not [[μιανεῖς]] I/we the/this/who [[σεμνὸν]] [[γήρηως]] mouth, and_not [[νομίμου]] life age/height. 37 pure I/we the/this/who father [[προσδέξονται]], not [[φοβηθέντα]] you the/this/who until death [[ἀνάγκας]]. 38 ungodly on_one_hand for [[τυραννήσεις]]; the/this/who but/and my about the/this/who piety thought neither word [[δεσπόσεις]], neither through/because_of work.

6:1 this/he/she/it the/this/who way [[ἀντιρητορεύσαντα]] the/this/who of_the tyrant [[παρηγορίαις]], [[παραστάντες]] the/this/who [[δορυφόροι]] bitterly [[ἔσυραν]] upon/to/against the/this/who [[βασανιστήρια]] the/this/who Eleazaron. 2 and first on_one_hand [[περιέδυσαν]] the/this/who [[γηραιὸν]] [[ἐκκεκοσμημένον]] about the/this/who piety propriety. 3 then [[περιαγκωνίσαντες]] [[ἑκατέρωθεν]], whip [[κατῆκιζον]]; 4 [[πείσθητι]] the/this/who of_the king commandment, [[ἑτέρωθεν]] [[κήρυκος]] [[ἐπιβοῶντος]]. 5 the/this/who but/and high-minded and of_noble_birth which/how truly Eleazaros,

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structs us in justice, so that in all our dealings we render what's due. It teaches us piety, so that we properly worship the one and only God. 25 That's why we don't eat the unclean; for believing that the law was established by God, we're convinced that the Creator of the world, in giving his laws, sympathises with our nature. 26 Those things which are suitable for our souls, he's directed us to eat; but those which aren't, he has forbidden. 27 But, tyrant-like, you not only force us to break the law, but also to eat, that you may ridicule us as we thus profanely eat. 28 But you won't have this cause of laughter against me, 29 nor will I transgress the sacred oaths of my forefathers to keep the law. 30 No, not if you pluck out my eyes, and consume my entrails. 31 I'm not so old, and void of courage as to not be youthful in reason and in defence of my religion. 32 Now then, prepare your wheels, and kindle a fiercer flame. 33 I won't so pity my old age, as on my account to break the law of my country. 34 I won't play false to you, Oh law, my instructor, or forsake you, Oh beloved self-control! 35 I won't put you to shame, Oh philosopher Reason, or deny you, Oh honoured priesthood and knowledge of the law. 36 Mouth! You mustn't disgrace my old age, nor the full stature of a perfect life. 37 My ancestors will receive me as pure, not having feared your compulsion, even to death. 38 Because you'll rule like a tyrant over the ungodly, but you won't lord it over my thoughts about religion, either by your arguments, or through actions."

Eleazar endures torture

6:1 When Eleazar had in this manner answered the exhortations of the tyrant, the spearbearers came up, and rudely dragged Eleazar to the instruments of torture. 2 First, they stripped the old man, adorned as he was with the beauty of piety. 3 Then tying back his arms and hands, they disdainfully flogged him. 4 A herald opposite cried out, "Obey the king's commands!"

5 But the high-minded and truly noble Eleazar, as one tortured in a dream, ignored it. 6 But raising his eyes on high to heaven,

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the old man's flesh was stripped off by the scourges, and his blood streamed down, and his sides were pierced through. 7 Falling on the ground from his body having no power to endure the pains, he still kept his reasoning upright and unbending. 8 Then one of the harsh spearbearers rushed at him and began to kick him in the side to force him to get up again after he fell. 9 But he endured the pains, despised the cruelty, and persevered through the indignities. 10 Like a noble athlete, the old man, when struck, vanquished his torturers. 11 His face sweating, and he panting for breath, he was admired even by the torturers for his courage.

Eleazar refuses to pretend

12 Therefore, partly in pity for his old age, 13 partly from the sympathy of acquaintance, and partly in admiration of his endurance, some of the attendants of the king said, 14 "Why do you unreasonably destroy yourself, Oh Eleazar, with these miseries? 15 We'll bring you some meat cooked by yourself, and you can save yourself by pretending that you've eaten swine's flesh."

16 Eleazar, as though the advice more painfully tortured him, cried out, 17 "Let us who are children of Avraham not be so evil advised as by giving way to make use of an unbecoming pretence. 18 Because it'd be irrational, if having lived up to old age in all truth, and having scrupulously guarded our character for it, we'd now turn back 19 and ourselves become a pattern of impiety to the young, as being an example of eating pollution. 20 It'd be disgraceful if we'd live on some short time, and that scorned by all men for cowardice, 21 and be condemned by the tyrant for cowardice by not contending to the death for our divine law. 22 Therefore you, Oh children of Avraham, die nobly for your religion. 23 You spearbearers of the tyrant, why do you linger?"

Eleazar's final prayer and death

24 Listening him so high-minded against misery, and not changing at their pity, they led him to the fire. 25 Then with their wickedly contrived instruments they burnt him on the fire, and poured stinking fluids down into his nostrils.

26 He being at length burnt down to the bones, and about to expire, raised his eyes Godward, and said, 27 "You know, Oh God, that when I might have been saved, I'm slain for the sake of the law by tortures of fire. 28 Be merciful to your people, and be satisfied with the punishment of me on their account. 29 Let my blood be a purification for them, and take my life in exchange for theirs." 30 Thus speaking, the holy man departed, noble in his torments, and even to the agonies of death resisted in his reasoning for the sake of the law. 31 Confessedly, therefore, religious reasoning is master of the emotions. 32 Because had the emotions been superior to reasoning, I'd have given them the witness of this mastery. 33 But now, since reasoning conquered the emotions, we befittingly award it the authority of first place. 34 It's only fair that we should allow that the power belongs to reasoning, since it masters external miseries. 35 It'd be ridiculous if it weren't so. I prove that reasoning hasn't only mastered

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just_as in/on/among ⟦ὀνείρω⟧ to_torture according_to none way ⟦μετετρέπετο⟧. 6 but ⟦ὑψηλοὺς⟧ ⟦ἀνατείνας⟧ toward the/this/who heaven the/this/who eye, ⟦ἀπεξαίνετο⟧ the/this/who whip the/this/who flesh the/this/who an_old_ _man, and ⟦κατεῤῥεῖτο⟧ the/this/who blood, 7 and the/this/who side ⟦κατετιτρώσκετο⟧, and ⟦πίπτων⟧ toward the/this/who ground, away_from of_the not to_bear/lead the/this/who body the/this/who ⟦ἀλγηδόνας⟧, ⟦ὀρθὸν⟧ to_ _have/be and unwavering the/this/who ⟦λογισμόν⟧. 8 ⟦Λὰξ⟧ indeed actually the/this/who ⟦πικρῶν⟧ one ⟦δορυφόρων⟧, toward the/this/who ⟦κενεῶνας⟧ ⟦ἐναλλόμενος⟧ to_strike, that ⟦ἐξανίσταιτο⟧ ⟦πίπτων⟧. 9 the/this/who but/and ⟦ὑπέμενεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πόνους⟧, and ⟦περιεφρόνει⟧ the/this/who necessity, and ⟦διεκαρτέρει⟧ the/this/who ⟦αἰκισμοὺς⟧, 10 and just_as ⟦γενναῖος⟧ ⟦ἀθλητὴς⟧ ⟦τυπτόμενος⟧ ⟦ἐνίκα⟧ the/this/who ⟦βασανίζοντας⟧ the/this/who an_old_man. 11 ⟦Ἰδρῶν⟧ indeed actually the/this/who face, and ⟦ἐπασθμαίνων⟧ violently, and by/under he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦βασανιζόντων⟧ ⟦ἐθαυμάζετο⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦εὐτυχίᾳ⟧. 12 whence the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦ἐλεοῦντες⟧ the/this/who of_the ⟦γήρως⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who but/and in/on/among ⟦συμπαθείᾳ⟧ the/this/who ⟦συνηθείας⟧ to_be, 13 the/this/who but/and in/on/among ⟦θαυμαστῷ⟧ the/this/who ⟦καρτερίας⟧ ⟦προσιόντες⟧ he/she/it/self one the/this/who of_the king to_ _speak, 14 one/which? the/this/who ⟦κακοῖς⟧ this/he/she/it ⟦σεαντὸν⟧ ⟦ἀλογίστως⟧ ⟦ἀπολλεῖς⟧, 15 Eleazar? I/we on_one_ _hand the/this/who ⟦ἡψημένων⟧ food ⟦παραθήσομεν⟧; you but/and ⟦ὑποκρινόμενος⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὑείων⟧ ⟦ἀπογεύσασθαι⟧, ⟦σώθητι⟧. 16 and the/this/who Eleazaros, just_as ⟦πικρότερον⟧ through/because_of the/this/who ⟦συμβουλίας⟧ ⟦αἰκισθεὶς⟧, to_cry_out, 17 not thus(-ly) badly ⟦φρονήσαιμεν⟧ the/this/who Habra'am ⟦παῖδες⟧, so ⟦μαλακοψυχήσαντας⟧ ⟦ἀπρεπὲς⟧ I/we ⟦δρᾶμα⟧ ⟦ὑποκρίνασθαι⟧. 18 and for ⟦ἀλόγιστον⟧, if to/with truth ⟦ζήσαντες⟧ the/this/who until ⟦γήρως⟧ life, and the/this/who upon/to/against he/she/it/self glory lawfully to_keep/guard, now ⟦μεταβαλοίμεθα⟧, 19 and he/she/it/self on_one_hand I/we ⟦γενοίμεθα⟧ the/this/who ⟦νέοις⟧ ungodlinessness mark/example, in_order_that/to a_model to_be the/this/who ⟦μιεροφαγίας⟧. 20 shameful for if ⟦ἐπιβιώσωμεν⟧ ⟦ἀλίγον⟧ time, 21 and this/he/she/it ⟦καταγελώμενοι⟧ to/with all upon/to/against timidity; and by/under on_one_hand of_the tyrant ⟦καταφρονηθῶμεν⟧ which/how ⟦ἄνανδροι⟧, the/this/who but/and divine/sulfur I/we law until death not ⟦προασπίσαιμεν⟧. 22 to/with this/he/she/it you on_one_hand, oh!/to_be Habra'am ⟦παῖδες⟧, ⟦εὐγενῶς⟧ above/for the/this/who piety ⟦τελευτᾶτε⟧. 23 the/this/who but/and of_ _the tyrant ⟦δορυφόροι⟧, one/which? to_ensue? 24 to/with the/this/who ⟦ἀνάγκας⟧ thus(-ly) ⟦μεγαλοφρονοῦντα⟧ he/she/it/self to_perceive and nor to/with the/this/who ⟦οἰκτιρμὸν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦μεταβαλλόμενον⟧, upon/to/against fire he/she/it/self to_bring. 25 ⟦Ἔνθα⟧ through/because_of ⟦κακοτέχνων⟧ ⟦ὀργάνων⟧ ⟦καταφλέγοντες⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ὑπερέπτοσαν⟧, and ⟦δυσώδεις⟧ ⟦χυλοὺς⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦μυκτῆρας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κατέχεον⟧.

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26 the/this/who but/and until the/this/who bone already ⟦κατακεκαυμένος⟧ and to_ensue ⟦λιποθυμεῖν⟧, ⟦ἀνέτεινεν⟧ the/this/who eye to/with the/this/who God, and to_say, you ⟦οἶσθα⟧, God, be_present I/we to_save, **27** torment ⟦καυστικαῖς⟧ to_die through/because_of the/this/who law. **28** propitious/gracious ⟦γενοῦ⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation you, ⟦ἀρκεσθεὶς⟧ the/this/who our about he/she/it/self condemnation. **29** ⟦Καθάρσιον⟧ he/she/it/self to_do/make the/this/who my blood, and ⟦ἀντίψυχον⟧ he/she/it/self to_ _take the/this/who my soul. **30** and this/he/she/it to_say the/this/who sacred man ⟦εὐγενῶς⟧ the/this/who torment ⟦ἐναπέθανεν⟧, and until the/this/who of_the death ⟦βασάνων⟧ to_oppose the/this/who ⟦λογισμῷ⟧ through/because_of the/this/who law. **31** undeniably ⟦οἶν⟧ master to_be the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who pious thought. **32** if for the/this/who passion of_the ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧ ⟦κεκρατήκει⟧, this/he/she/it if ⟦ἀπεδόμην⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἐπικρατείας⟧ testimony. **33** now but/and of_the ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧ the/this/who passion ⟦νικήσαντος⟧, he/she/it/self ⟦προσηκόντως⟧ the/this/who the/this/who reign ⟦προσνέμομεν⟧ authority. **34** and just to_be ⟦ὁμολογεῖν⟧ I/we, the/this/who power to_be of_the ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧, where(-ever) indeed and the/this/who outside ⟦ἀλγηδόνων⟧ ⟦ἐπικρατεῖ⟧. **35** since and ⟦γελοῖον⟧; and no alone/only the/this/who ⟦ἀλγηδόνων⟧ to_show/prove to_grasp/seize the/this/who ⟦λογισμὸν⟧, but and the/this/who pleasure to_grasp/seize, nor he/she/it/self ⟦ὑπείκειν⟧.

7:1 just_as and ⟦ἄριστος⟧ captain the/this/who of_the father I/we Eleazarou thought, ⟦πηδαλιουεχῶν⟧ the/this/who the/this/who piety ship in/on/among the/this/who the/this/who to_suffer sea, **2** and ⟦καταικιζόμενος⟧ the/this/who of_the tyrant ⟦ἀπειλαῖς⟧, and ⟦καταντλούμενος⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦βασάνων⟧ ⟦τρικυμίαις⟧, **3** according_to none way ⟦μετέτρεψεν⟧ the/this/who the/this/who piety ⟦οἴακας⟧, until which/whither ⟦ἔπλευσεν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who the/this/who death ⟦νίκης⟧ harbour. **4** no thus(-ly) city much and various ⟦μηχανήμασιν⟧ ⟦ἀντέσχεν⟧ once/when ⟦πολιορκουμένη⟧, which/how the/this/who all-holy that the/this/who ⟦ἱερὰν⟧ soul ⟦αἰκισμοῖς⟧ and/both and ⟦στρέβλαις⟧ ⟦πυρπολούμενος⟧, ⟦ἐκίνησεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πολιορκοῦντας⟧, through/because_ _of the/this/who ⟦ὑπερασπίζοντα⟧ the/this/who piety ⟦λογισμόν⟧. **5** just_as for ⟦πρόκρημνον⟧ ⟦ἄκραν⟧, the/this/who my/your/him-self mind the/this/who father Eleazaros to_ _stretch_out, ⟦περιέκλασεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦μαινομένους⟧ the/this/who to_suffer ⟦κλύδωνας⟧. **6** Omega/oh!/to_be ⟦ἄξιε⟧ the/this/who priesthood ⟦ἱερεῦ⟧, no ⟦ἐμίανας⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἱεροὺς⟧ tooth, and_not the/this/who reverence_for_God and cleansing ⟦χωρήσασαν⟧ ⟦γαστέρα⟧ ⟦ἐκοινώνησας⟧ ⟦μιεροφαγίᾳ⟧; **7** Omega/oh!/to_be ⟦σύμφωνε⟧ law, and ⟦φιλόσοφε⟧ sulfur life. **8** such_as_this be_necessary to_be the/this/who ⟦δημιουργοῦντας⟧ the/this/who law one's_ _own/private blood, and ⟦γενναίῳ⟧ ⟦ἰδρῶτι⟧ the/this/who until death ⟦πάθεσιν⟧ ⟦ὑπερασπίζοντας⟧. **9** you father, the/this/who ⟦εὐνομίαν⟧ I/we through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ὑπομονῶν⟧ toward glory ⟦ἐκύρωσας⟧, and the/this/who ⟦ἁγιαστίαν⟧ ⟦σεμνολογήσας⟧ no ⟦κατέλυσας⟧,

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pains, but that it's also superior to the pleasures, and withstands them.

Eleazar's example of faith and self-control

7:1 The reasoning of our father Eleazar, like a first-rate pilot, steering the vessel of piety in the sea of emotions, **2** and flouted by the threats of the tyrant, and overwhelmed with the breakers of torture, **3** in no way shifted the rudder of piety until it sailed into the harbour of victory over death. **4** No besieged city has ever held out against many and various war machines as that holy man did when his pious soul was tried with the fiery trial of tortures and rackings and moved his besiegers through the religious reasoning that shielded him. **5** Because father Eleazar, projecting his disposition, broke the raging waves of the emotions as with a jutting cliff. **6** Oh priest worthy of the priesthood! You didn't pollute your sacred teeth, nor make your appetite, which had always embraced the clean and lawful, a partaker of profanity. **7** Oh harmoniser with the law, and sage devoted to a divine life! **8** Of such a character ought those to be who perform the duties of the law at the risk of their own blood, and defend it with generous sweat by sufferings even to death. **9** You, father, have gloriously established our right government by your endurance; and making of much account our past service, prevented its destruction, and by your actions, have made credible the words of philosophy. **10** Oh aged man of more power than tortures, elder more vigorous than fire, greatest king over the emotions, Eleazar! **11** Because as father Aharon (Aaron), armed with a censer, hastening through the consuming fire, vanquished the flame-bearing angel, **12** so, Eleazar, the descendant of Aharon, wasted away by the fire, didn't give up his reasoning. **13** What's

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most wonderful is that though he was an old man, though the labours of his body were now spent, his muscles were relaxed, and his sinews worn out, he recovered youth. **14** By the spirit of reasoning, and the reasoning of Yitshak (Isaac), he rendered powerless the many-headed rack. **15** Oh blessed old age, and reverend hoar head, and life obedient to the law, which the faithful seal of death perfected. **16** If, then, an old man, through religion, despised tortures even to death, then certainly religious reasoning is ruler of the emotions. **17** But perhaps some might say, "It isn't all who conquer emotions, as not all possess wise reasoning." **18** But those who've meditated on religion with their whole heart, these alone can master the emotions of the flesh: **19** they who believe that to God they don't die; for, as our forefathers, Avraham, Yitshak, and Ya'akov (Jacob), they live to God. **20** This circumstance, then, is by no means an objection, that some who have weak reasoning are governed by their emotions, **21** since what person, walking religiously by the whole rule of philosophy, and believing in God, **22** and knowing that it's a blessed thing to endure all kinds of hardships for virtue, wouldn't, for the sake of religion, master his emotion? **23** Because only the wise and brave man is lord over his emotions. **24** This is why even boys, trained with the philosophy of religious reasoning, have conquered still more bitter tortures; **25** for when the tyrant was manifestly vanquished in his first attempt, in being unable to force the old man to eat the unclean thing,

Seven brothers face the king's threats

8:1 then, indeed, vehemently swayed with emotion, he commanded to bring others of the adult Ivrim (Hebrews), and if they'd eat of the unclean thing, to let them go when they'd eaten; but if they objected, to torment them more grievously. **2** The tyrant having given this charge, seven kindred were brought into his presence, along with their aged mother. They were handsome, modest, well-born, and altogether comely. **3** When the tyrant saw them encircling their mother as in a dance, he was pleased with them. Being struck with their becoming and innocent manner, smiled

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and through/because_of the/this/who work ⟦ἐπιστοποίησας⟧ the/this/who the/this/who philosophy word.
10 Omega/oh!/to_be ⟦βασάνων⟧ ⟦βιότερε⟧ an_old_man, fire ⟦εὐτονώτερε⟧ ⟦πρεσβύτα⟧, and to_suffer ⟦μέγιστε⟧ king Eleazar.
11 just_as for the/this/who father ⟦Ἀαρὸν⟧ the/this/who ⟦θυμιατηρίῳ⟧ ⟦κατθωπλισμένος⟧, through/because_of of_the ⟦ἐθνοπλήθου⟧ ⟦ἐπιτρέχων⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἐμπυριστὴν⟧ to_ _conquer angel. **12** thus(-ly) the/this/who A'arōnida^{y}s Eleazaros through/because_of of_the fire ⟦ὑπερτηκόμενος⟧ no ⟦μετετράπη⟧ the/this/who ⟦λογισμόν⟧. **13** and_yet/although the/this/who ⟦θαυμασιώτατον⟧, an_old_man to_be, ⟦λελυμένων⟧ on_one_hand already the/this/who of_the body travail, and ⟦περιεχαλασμένων⟧ but/and the/this/who flesh, ⟦κεκμηκότων⟧ but/and and the/this/who ⟦νεύρων⟧, ⟦ἀνενέασεν⟧. **14** the/this/who spirit/breath of_the ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧, and the/this/who ⟦Ἰσακείῳ⟧ ⟦λογισμῷ⟧ the/this/who ⟦πολυκέφαλον⟧ ⟦στρέβλαν⟧ ⟦ἠκύρωσεν⟧. **15** Omega/oh!/to_be blessed ⟦γήρως⟧, and ⟦σεμνῆς⟧ ⟦πολιᾶς⟧, and life ⟦νομίμου⟧, which faithful death seal to_perfect. **16** if but/and then an_old_ _man the/this/who until death ⟦βασάνων⟧ ⟦περιεφρόνησεν⟧ through/because_of piety, undeniably ruler to_be the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who pious thought.
17 perhaps but/and if ⟦εἴποιέν⟧ one, the/this/who to_suffer no all ⟦περικρατοῦσιν⟧, that/since and_not all ⟦φρόνιμον⟧ to_ _have/be the/this/who ⟦λογισμόν⟧. **18** but just_as/how_much piety ⟦προνοοῦσιν⟧ out_from all heart, this/he/she/it alone be_able to_grasp/seize the/this/who the/this/who flesh to_ _suffer; **19** the/this/who to_trust_(in), that/since God no to_ _die, just_as for the/this/who patriarch I/we Habra'am, Isa'ak, Yakōb, to_live the/this/who God. **20** none therefore/then ⟦ἐναντιοῦται⟧ the/this/who ⟦φαίνεσθαί⟧ one ⟦παθοκρατεῖσθαι⟧ through/because_of the/this/who weak ⟦λογισμόν⟧. **21** since one/which? to/with all the/this/who the/this/who philosophy rule piously philosopher, and to_ _trust_(in) God, **22** and to_perceive that/since through/because_of the/this/who virtue all travail ⟦ὑπομένειν⟧ blessed to_be, no if ⟦περικρατήσειεν⟧ the/this/who to_suffer through/because_of the/this/who piety? **23** alone for the/this/who wise and self-controlled vigorous to_be the/this/who to_suffer lord.
24 through/because_of this/he/she/it indeed actually and ⟦μειρακίσκοι⟧ the/this/who the/this/who piety ⟦λογισμῷ⟧ ⟦φιλοσοφουντες⟧ ⟦χαλεπωτερων⟧ ⟦βασανιστηρίων⟧ ⟦ἐπεκράτησαν⟧. **25** since for according_to the/this/who first test ⟦ἐνικήθη⟧ ⟦περιφανὴς⟧ the/this/who tyrant, not ⟦δυνηθεὶς⟧ ⟦ἀναγκάσαι⟧ ⟦γέροντα⟧ ⟦μιαιροφαγῆσαι⟧.

8:1 the/this/who but/and so very ⟦περιπαθῶς⟧ to_order another out_from the/this/who age/height the/this/who Hebraiōn to_bring; and if on_one_hand ⟦μιεροφαγήσαιεν⟧, to_ _release ⟦φάγοντας⟧; if but/and ⟦ἀντιλέγοιεν⟧, ⟦πικρότερον⟧ ⟦βασανίζειν⟧. **2** this/he/she/it ⟦διαδεξαμένου⟧ of_the tyrant, be_present ⟦ἀγόμενοι⟧ with/after ⟦γηραιᾶς⟧ mother seven brother, good and/both and ⟦αἰδήμονες⟧ and ⟦γενναῖοι⟧ and in/on/among all ⟦χαριέντες⟧. **3** which to_perceive the/this/who tyrant just_as in/on/among ⟦χορῷ⟧ ⟦περιέχοντας⟧ ⟦μέσην⟧ the/this/who mother, ⟦ἥσθετο⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self, and the/this/who ⟦εὐπρεπείας⟧ ⟦ἐκπλαγεὶς⟧ and the/this/who ⟦εὐγενείας⟧

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[[προσεμειδίασεν]] he/she/it/self, and near/neighbour to_call, to_say, 4 Omega/oh!/to_be [[νεανίαι]] hospitably I/we according_to one each you to_marvel the/this/who beauty; and the/this/who multitude so_great brother [[ὑπερτιμῶν]], no alone/only to_consult not [[μανῆναι]] the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who [[προβασανισθέντι]] [[γέροντι]] insanity; 5 but and to_ _plead/comfort [[συνείξαντας]] the/this/who my [[ἀπολαῦσαι]] [[φιλίας]]; be_able for just_as [[κολάζειν]] the/this/who [[ἐπιτάγμασιν]], [[σῦτως]] and [[εὐεργετεῖν]] the/this/who [[εὐπειθοῦντάς]] I/we. 6 [[Πιστεύσατε]] therefore/then, and beginning upon/to/against the/this/who my thing [[ἡγεμονικὰς]] to_take, to_deny the/this/who [[πάτριον]] I/we the/this/who citizenship [[θεσμόν]]; 7 and [[μεταλαβόντες]] [['Ελληνικοῦ]] life, and [[μεταδιαιτηθέντες]] [[ἐντρυφήσατε]] the/this/who [[νεότησιν]] you. 8 since if [[ὀργίλως]] I/we [[διάθησθε]] through/because_of the/this/who disobedience you, [[ἀναγκάσετέ]] I/we upon/to/against [[δειναῖς]] [[κολάσεσιν]] one each you through/because_of the/this/who [[βασάνων]] to_destroy. 9 [[Κατελεήσατε]] therefore/then my/your/him-self, which and the/this/who warlike [[ἔγωγε]] and the/this/who age/height and the/this/who [[εὐμορφίας]] [[οἰκτείρομαι]]. 10 no [[διαλογιεῖσθε]] this/he/she/it, that/since none you to_disobey but/however of_the with/after [[στρεβλῶν]] to_die to_lay_up? 11 this/he/she/it but/and to_ _speak, to_order toward the/this/who before [[προτεθῆναι]] the/this/who [[βασανιστήρια]], that and through/because_of of_the fear [[πείσειεν]] he/she/it/self [[μιεροφαγῆσαι]]. 12 which/how but/and [[τροχούς]] and/both and [[ἀρθενβόλους]] [[στρεβλωτήρια]], and [[τροχαντῆρας]] and [[καταπέλτας]] and [[λέβητας]], [[τήγανά]] and/both and [[δακτυλήθρας]], and hand [[σιδηρᾶς]] and [[σφῆνας]], and the/this/who [[ζώπυρα]] of_the fire the/this/who [[δορυφόροι]] [[προέθησαν]], to_take_up/suppose but/and the/this/who tyrant, to_say, [[μειράκια]] to_fear, 13 and which [[σέβεσθε]] condemnation, propitious/gracious you to_be through/because_of necessity [[παρανομήσασιν]]. 14 the/this/who but/and to_hear [[ἐπαγωγὰ]], and to_see a_ _certain_one, no alone/only no to_fear, but and [[ἀντεφιλοσόφησαν]] the/this/who tyrant, and through/because_of the/this/who [[εὐλογιστίας]] the/this/who [[τυραννίδα]] he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there [[κατέλυσαν]]. 15 and actually [[λογισώμεθα]]; if [[δειλόψυχοί]] one to_be, and [[ἄνανδροι]] in/on/among he/she/it/self, [[ποίοις]] if [[ἐχρήσαντο]] word? not this/he/she/it? 16 Omega/oh!/to_be [[τάλανες]] I/we, and greatly foolish; king I/we to_plead/comfort, and upon/to/against good_deed [[φωνοῦντος]], not [[πεισθείημεν]] he/she/it/self? 17 one/which? [[βουλήμασιν]] empty my/your/him-self [[εὐφραίνομεν]], and [[θανατηφόρον]] disobedience be_bold? 18 no [[φοβησόμεθα]], man brother, the/this/who [[βασανιστήρια]], and [[λογιούμεθα]] the/this/who the/this/who [[βασάνων]] threat, and [[φευξόμεθα]] the/this/who empty_ _conceit this/he/she/it and [[ὀλεθροφόρον]] [[ἀλαζονείαν]]? 19 [['Ελεήσωμεν]] the/this/who my/your/him-self age/height, and [[κατοικτειρήσωμεν]] the/this/who the/this/who mother old_age; 20 and [[ἐνθυμηθῶμεν]], that/since to_disobey

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at them, and calling them near, said, 4 "O youths, with favourable feelings, I admire the beauty of each of you. Greatly honouring so numerous a band of kindred, I not only counsel you not to share the madness of the old man who's been tortured before, 5 but I beg you to yield, and to enjoy my friendship; for I possess the power, not only of punishing those who disobey my commands, but of doing good to those who obey them. 6 Put confidence in me, then, and you'll receive places of authority in my government, if you forsake your national way of life, 7 and, conforming to the Greek way of life, alter your rule and revel in youth's delights. 8 Because if you provoke me by your disobedience, you'll compel me to destroy every one of you with terrible punishments by tortures. 9 Have mercy, then, on your own selves, whom I, although an enemy, am compassionate for your age and attractive appearance. 10 won't you consider this: that if you disobey, there'll be nothing left for you but to die in torture?"

11 When he'd said this, he ordered the instruments of torture to be brought forward, that fear might prevail on them to eat unclean meat. 12 When the spearman brought forward the wheels, the racks, the hooks, racks, cauldrons, pans, finger-racks, iron hands and wedges, and bellows, the tyrant continued: 13 "Fear, young men, and the righteousness which you worship will be merciful to you if you transgress because of compulsion."

14 Now they having listened to these words of persuasion, and seeing the fearful instruments, not only weren't afraid, but even answered the arguments of the tyrant, and through their good reasoning destroyed his power. 15 Now let's consider the matter. Had any of them been weak-spirited and cowardly among them, what reasoning would they've employed but these? 16 "O wretched that we are, and extremely senseless! When the king exhorts us, and calls us to his bounty, shouldn't we obey him? 17 Why do we cheer ourselves with vain counsels, and venture on a disobedience bringing death? 18 Shouldn't we fear, Oh kindred, the instruments of torture and weigh the threatenings of torment and shun this vain-glory and destructive pride? 19 Let's have compassion on our age and relent over the years of our mother. 20 Let's bear in mind that we'll be dying as rebels. 21 Divine Justice will pardon us if we fear the king through necessity. 22 Why withdraw ourselves from a most sweet life, and deprive ourselves of this pleasant world? 23 Let's not oppose necessity, nor seek vain-glory by our own torture. 24 The law itself wouldn't arbitrarily put us to death because we dread torture. 25 Why has such angry zeal taken root in us, and such fatal obstinacy approved itself to us, when we might live unmolested by the king?"

26 But the young men didn't say or think anything of this kind when about to be tortured. 27 Because they were well aware of the sufferings, and masters of the pains. 28–29 So that as soon as the tyrant had ceased counselling them to eat the unclean, they all with one voice, as from the same heart said,

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9:1 "Why do you delay, Oh tyrant? Because we're more ready to
die than to transgress the injunctions of our fathers. **2** We'd be
disgracing our fathers if we didn't obey the law, and take knowl-
edge for our guide. **3** Oh tyrant, counsellor of law-breaking,
don't, hating us as you do, pity us more than we pity ourselves.
4 Because we consider your escape to be worse than death. **5** You
try to scare us by threatening us with death by tortures, as
though you'd learnt nothing by the death of Eleazar. **6** But if
aged men of the Ivrim (Hebrews) have died in the cause of reli-
gion after enduring torture, more rightly should we younger
men die, scorning your cruel tortures, which our aged instructor
overcame. **7** Make the attempt, then, Oh tyrant. If you put us to
death for our religion, don't think that you harm us by torturing
us. **8** Because we through this ill-treatment and endurance will
gain the rewards of virtue. **9** But you, for the wicked and
despotic slaughter of us, will, from the Divine vengeance, en-
dure eternal torture by fire."

The first two brothers are killed

10 When they'd said this, the tyrant
wasn't only exasperated against them for
being disobedient, but enraged with them for being ungrateful.
11 So, at his bidding, the torturers brought the oldest of them,
and tearing through his tunic, bound his hands and arms on
each side with straps. **12** When they'd laboured hard without ef-
fect in scourging him, they hurled him on the wheel. **13** The no-
ble youth, extended on this, became dislocated. **14** With every
member disjointed, he denounced the tyrant, saying, **15** "O most
accursed tyrant, and enemy of heavenly justice, and
cruel-hearted, I'm no murderer, nor sacrilegious man, whom
you torture, but a defender of the Divine law."

16 And when the spearmen said, "Consent to eat, that you may
be released from your tortures," **17** he answered, "Not so power-
ful, Oh accursed lackeys, is your wheel, as to stifle my reasoning.
Cut my limbs, and burn my flesh, and twist my joints. **18** Because

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⟦τεθνηξόμεθα⟧. **21** ⟦Συγγνώσεται⟧ but/and I/we and
the/this/who ⟦θεία⟧ condemnation through/because_of
necessity the/this/who king ⟦φοβηθεῖσιν⟧. **22** one/which?
⟦ἐξάγομεν⟧ my/your/him-self of_the ⟦ἡδίστου⟧ life, and
⟦ἐπιστεροῦμεν⟧ my/your/him-self of_the ⟦γλυκέος⟧ world?
23 not ⟦βιαζώμεθα⟧ the/this/who necessity, nor
⟦κενοδοξήσωμεν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who
my/your/him-self torture. **24** and_not he/she/it/self
the/this/who temple voluntarily I/we ⟦θανατοῖ⟧ ⟦φοβηθέντας⟧
the/this/who ⟦βασανιστήρια⟧. **25** whence/how I/we
the/this/who ⟦τοσαύτη⟧ ⟦ἐντέηκεν⟧ love_of_dispute, and
the/this/who ⟦θανατεφόρος⟧ ⟦ἀρέσκει⟧ ⟦καρτερία⟧, be_present
with/after ⟦ἀταραξίας⟧ it_should_be the/this/who king
⟦πεισθέντας⟧? **26** but this/he/she/it none to_say the/this/who
⟦νεανίαι⟧ ⟦βασανίζεσθαι⟧ to_ensue, and_not ⟦ἐνεθυμήθησαν⟧.
27 to_be for ⟦περιφρονες⟧ the/this/who to_suffer, and
⟦αὐτηκράτορες⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀλγηδόνων⟧. so together
the/this/who to_cease the/this/who tyrant ⟦συμβουλεύοντα⟧
he/she/it/self ⟦μιεροφαγῆσαι⟧, all through/because_of one
voice/sound together, just_as away_from the/this/who
he/she/it/self soul, to_say,

9:1 one/which? to_ensue, oh!/to_be tyrant? ready for to_be
to_die, or/than ⟦παραβαίνειν⟧ the/this/who ⟦πατρίους⟧ I/we
commandment. **2** and ⟦αἰσχυνόμεθα⟧ for the/this/who
⟦προγόνους⟧ ⟦εἰκότως⟧, if not the/this/who of_the law ready_
_obedience and ⟦συμβούλῳ⟧ knowledge ⟦χρησαίμεθα⟧.
3 ⟦Σύμβουλε⟧ tyrant lawlessness, not I/we to_hate above/for
he/she/it/self I/we ⟦ἐλέα⟧. **4** ⟦Χαλεπώτερον⟧ for
he/she/it/self of_the death ⟦νομίζομεν⟧ to_be you
the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦παρανόμῳ⟧
salvation I/we mercy. **5** ⟦Ἐκφοβεῖς⟧ but/and I/we,
the/this/who through/because_of the/this/who ⟦βασάνων⟧
I/we death ⟦ἀπειλῶν⟧, just_as not before ⟦βραχέως⟧ from_with
Eleazarou to_learn. **6** if but/and the/this/who ⟦γέροντες⟧
the/this/who Hebraiōn through/because_of the/this/who
piety and ⟦βασανισμὸυς⟧ ⟦ὑπομείναντες⟧ to_die,
⟦ἀποθάνοιμεν⟧ if ⟦δικαιότερον⟧ I/we the/this/who ⟦νέοι⟧,
the/this/who ⟦βασάνους⟧ the/this/who ⟦σῶν⟧ ⟦ἀναγκῶν⟧
⟦ὑπεριδόντες⟧, which and the/this/who instructor an_old_man
to_conquer. **7** ⟦Πείραζε⟧ ⟦γαροῦν⟧ tyrant; and the/this/who
I/we soul if ⟦θανατώσεις⟧ through/because_of the/this/who
piety, not ⟦νομίσῃς⟧ I/we ⟦βλάπτειν⟧ ⟦βασανίζων⟧. **8** I/we on_
_one_hand for through/because_of ⟦τῆσδε⟧ the/this/who
suffering and perseverance, the/this/who the/this/who
⟦ἀρετῆς⟧ ⟦ἆθλα⟧ ⟦οἴσομεν⟧. **9** you but/and through/because_of
the/this/who I/we ⟦μιαροφονίαν⟧ ⟦αὐτάρχη⟧ ⟦καρτερήσεις⟧
about the/this/who divine ⟦δίκης⟧ eternal ⟦βάσανον⟧
through/because_of fire. **10** this/he/she/it he/she/it/self
⟦εἰπόντων⟧, no alone/only which/how according_to to_
_disobey ⟦ἐχαλέπαινεν⟧ the/this/who tyrant, but which/how
and according_to ⟦ἀχαρίστων⟧ to_anger. **11** whence
the/this/who ⟦πρεσβύτατον⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦κελευθέντες⟧
⟦παρήγαγον⟧ the/this/who ⟦μαστιστὰι⟧, and to_tear
the/this/who tunic ⟦διέδησαν⟧ the/this/who hand
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who
⟦βραχίονας⟧ leather_strap ⟦ἑκατέρωθεν⟧. **12** which/how
but/and to_strike the/this/who whip ⟦ἐκοπίασαν⟧, nothing
⟦ἀνύοντες⟧, ⟦ἀνέβαλον⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against

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the/this/who course/wheel. 13 about which ⟦κατατεινόμενος⟧ the/this/who of_noble_birth young_man, loose-jointed to_be. 14 and according_to all member ⟦κλώμενος⟧ ⟦κατηγόρει⟧, to_ _speak, 15 tyrant ⟦μιαιρώτατε⟧, and the/this/who heavenly ⟦δίκης⟧ enemy, and ⟦ὠμόφρον⟧, no ⟦ἀνδροφονήσαντά⟧ I/we this/he/she/it ⟦καταικίζεις⟧ the/this/who way, and_not ⟦ἀσεβήσαντα⟧, another/but sulfur law ⟦προασπίζοντα⟧. 16 and the/this/who ⟦δορυφόρων⟧ to_speak, ⟦ὁμολόγησον⟧ to_eat, ⟦οὕπως⟧ ⟦ἀπαλλαγῇς⟧ the/this/who ⟦βασάνων⟧, 17 the/this/who but/and to_say, no thus(-ly) strong you to_be the/this/who way, oh!/to_be ⟦μιαιροὶ⟧ servant, so I/we the/this/who ⟦λογισμὸν⟧ ⟦ἄξαι⟧; ⟦τέμνετέ⟧ I/we member, and ⟦πυροῦτε⟧ the/this/who flesh, and ⟦στρεβλοῦτε⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἄρθρα⟧. 18 through/because_of all for you ⟦πείσω⟧ the/this/who ⟦βασάνων⟧; that/since alone ⟦παῖδες⟧ Hebraiōn above/for ⟦ἀρετῆς⟧ to_be ⟦ἀνίκητοι⟧. 19 this/he/she/it to_ _speak toward fire ⟦ἐπέτρωσαν⟧, and ⟦διερεθίζοντες⟧, the/this/who course/wheel ⟦προσεπικατέτεινον⟧. 20 ⟦Ἐμολύνετο⟧ but/and from_all_sides blood the/this/who course/wheel, and the/this/who a_heap the/this/who ⟦ἀνθρακιᾶς⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἰχώρων⟧ ⟦ἐσβέννυτο⟧ ⟦σταλαγμοῖς⟧, and about the/this/who ⟦αὐξονας⟧ of_the ⟦ὀργάνου⟧ ⟦περιέῤῥεον⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦σάρκες⟧. 21 and ⟦περιτετηκμένον⟧ already to_have/be the/this/who the/this/who bone a_bank_of_water the/this/who high-minded and ⟦Ἀβραμιαῖος⟧ young_man no to_groan. 22 but just_as in/on/among fire ⟦μετασχηματιζόμενος⟧ toward incorruptibility, to_remain/endure ⟦εὐγενῶς⟧ the/this/who ⟦στρέβλας⟧. 23 ⟦Μιμήσασθέ⟧ I/we, brother, to_speak; not I/we the/this/who an_age ⟦λειποτακτήσητε⟧, nor ⟦ἐξομόσησθέ⟧ I/we the/this/who the/this/who ⟦εὐψυχίας⟧ brotherhood; ⟦ἱερὰν⟧ and ⟦εὐγενῆ⟧ warfare ⟦στρατεύσασθε⟧ about the/this/who piety. 24 through/because_of which propitious/gracious the/this/who just and of_a_father I/we foresight the/this/who Gentile_nation ⟦γενηθεῖσα⟧ ⟦τιμωρήσειεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀλάστορα⟧ tyrant. 25 and this/he/she/it to_say the/this/who reverent young_man, ⟦ἀπέῤῥηξεν⟧ the/this/who soul. 26 ⟦Θαυμασάντων⟧ but/and all the/this/who ⟦καρτεροψυχίαν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἦγον⟧ the/this/who ⟦δορυφόροι⟧ the/this/who according_to age/height ⟦τοῦ⟧ ⟦προτέρου⟧ secondly, and ⟦σιδηρᾶς⟧ ⟦ἐναρμοσάμενοί⟧ hand, ⟦ὀξέσιν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὄνυξιν⟧, the/this/who ⟦ὀργάνοις⟧ ⟦καταπέλτῃ⟧ ⟦προσέδησαν⟧ he/she/it/self. 27 which/how but/and, if to_eat to_plan before ⟦βασανίζεσθαι⟧ ⟦πυνθανόμενοι⟧, the/this/who ⟦εὐγενῆ⟧ resolution to_hear; 28 away_from the/this/who ⟦τενόντων⟧ the/this/who ⟦σιδηραῖς⟧ hand ⟦ἐπισπασάμενοι⟧, until indeed the/this/who ⟦γενείων⟧ the/this/who flesh all and the/this/who the/this/who head ⟦δορὰν⟧ the/this/who ⟦παρδάλειοι⟧ ⟦θῆρες⟧ ⟦ἀπέσυραν⟧; the/this/who but/and this/he/she/it difficultly the/this/who ⟦ἀλγηδόνα⟧ ⟦καρτερῶν⟧, to_speak, 29 which/how agreeable all way death, through/because_of the/this/who ⟦πάτριον⟧ I/we piety; to_say and/both to/with the/this/who tyrant, 30 no to_think, all ⟦ὠμότατε⟧ tyrant, greater I/we/my you now ⟦βασανίζεσθαι⟧, to_see you ⟦νικώμενον⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦τυραννίδος⟧ ⟦ὑπερήφανον⟧ ⟦λογισμὸν⟧ by/under the/this/who

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through all my torments I'll convince you that the children of the Ivrim (Hebrews) are alone unconquered on behalf of virtue."

19 While he was saying this, they heaped up fuel, and setting fire to it, strained him on the wheel still more. 20 The wheel was defiled all over with blood. The hot ashes were quenched by the droppings of gore, and pieces of flesh were scattered about the axles of the machine. 21 Although the framework of his bones was now destroyed, the high-minded and Abrahamic youth didn't groan. 22 But, as though transformed by fire into immortality, he nobly endured the rackings, saying, 23 "Imitate me, Oh kindred. Never desert your station, nor renounce my brotherhood in courage. Fight the holy and honourable fight of religion, 24 by which means our just and paternal Providence, becoming merciful to the nation, will punish the pestilent tyrant." 25 Saying this, the revered youth abruptly closed his life.

26 When all admired his courageous soul, the spearmen brought forward him who was second oldest, and having put on iron gauntlets with sharp hooks, bound him to the rack. 27 When, on enquiring whether he'd eat before he was tortured, they heard his noble sentiment. 28 After they with the iron gauntlets had violently dragged all the flesh from the neck to the chin, the panther-like animals tore off the very skin of his head, but he, bearing with firmness this misery, said, 29 "How sweet is every form of death for the religion of our fathers!" Then he said to the tyrant, 30 "Don't you think, most cruel of all tyrants, that you're now tortured more than I, finding your arrogant conception of tyranny conquered by our perseverance in behalf of our religion? 31 Because I lighten my suffering by the pleasures which are connected with virtue. 32 But you're tortured with threatenings for impiety. You won't escape, most corrupt tyrant, the vengeance of Divine anger."

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The third and fourth brothers remain faithful

10:1 Now this one endured this praiseworthy death. The third was brought along, and exhorted by many to taste and save his life. **2** But he cried out and said, "Don't you know that the father of those who are dead is my father also, and that the same mother bore me, and that I was brought up in the same way? **3** I don't renounce the noble relationship of my kindred. **4** Now then, whatever instrument of vengeance you have, apply it to my body, for you aren't able to touch my soul, even if you want to." **5** But they, highly incensed at his boldness of speech, dislocated his hands and feet with racking engines, and wrenching them from their sockets, dismembered him. **6** They dragged around his fingers, his arms, his legs, and his ankles. **7** Not being able by any means to strangle him, they tore off his skin, together with the extreme tips of his fingers, and then dragged him to the wheel, **8** around which his vertebral joints were loosened, and he saw his own flesh torn to shreds, and streams of blood flowing from his entrails. **9** When about to die, he said, **10** "We, Oh accursed tyrant, suffer this for the sake of Divine education and virtue. **11** But you, for your impiety and blood shedding, will endure unceasing torments."

12 Thus having died worthily of his kindred, they dragged forward the fourth, saying, **13** "Don't share the madness of your kindred, but respect the king and save yourself."

14 But he said to them, "You don't have a fire so scorching as to make me play the coward. **15** By the blessed death of my kindred, and the eternal punishment of the tyrant, and the glorious life of the pious, I won't repudiate the noble brotherhood. **16** Invent, Oh tyrant, tortures, that you may learn, even through them, that I'm the brother of those tormented before."

17 When he'd said this, the blood-thirsty, murderous, and unholy Antiokos (Antiochus) ordered his tongue to be cut out. **18** But he said, "Even if you take away the organ of speech, God still hears the silent. **19** Listen, my tongue is extended, cut it off; for in spite of that you won't silence our reasoning. **20** We gladly lose our limbs on behalf of God. **21** But God will speedily find you, since you cut off the tongue, the instrument of divine melody."

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through/because_of the/this/who piety I/we perseverance. **31** I/we on_one_hand for the/this/who through/because_of the/this/who virtue pleasure the/this/who travail ⟦ἐπικουφίζομαι⟧. **32** you but/and in/on/among the/this/who the/this/who ungodlinessness ⟦ἀπειλαῖς⟧ ⟦βασανίζῃ⟧; no to_ _escape but/and, ⟦μιαιρότατε⟧ tyrant, the/this/who the/this/who divine wrath ⟦δίκας⟧.

10:1 and this/he/she/it the/this/who ⟦ἀοίδιμον⟧ death ⟦καρτερήσαντος⟧, the/this/who third to_bring, ⟦παρακαλούμενος⟧ much by/under much that ⟦ἀπογευσάμενος⟧ ⟦σώζοιτο⟧. **2** the/this/who but/and ⟦ἀναβοήσας⟧, to_say, or/than be_ignorant, that/since he/she/it/self I/we the/this/who ⟦ἀποθανοῦσιν⟧ to_sow father, and the/this/who he/she/it/self mother ⟦ἐγέννεσιν⟧, and upon/to/against the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦ἀνετράφην⟧ decree? **3** no ⟦ἐξόμνυμαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦εὐγενῆ⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀδελφότητος⟧ kindred. **3a** to/with this/he/she/it if one to_have/be ⟦κολαστήριον⟧ ⟦προσαγάγετε⟧ the/this/who body I/we; the/this/who for soul I/we, and_not if to_will/desire, ⟦ἄψασθαι⟧ be_able. **5** the/this/who but/and bitterly ⟦ἐνέγκαντες⟧ the/this/who boldness of_the man, ⟦ἀρθρεμβόλοις⟧ ⟦ὀργάνοις⟧ the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who foot ⟦ἐξήρθρουν⟧, and out_from joint ⟦ἀναμοχλεύοντες⟧ ⟦ἐξεμέλιζον⟧; **6** and the/this/who finger, and the/this/who ⟦βραχίονας⟧, and the/this/who leg, and the/this/who ⟦ἀγκῶνας⟧ ⟦περιέλκων⟧. **7** and according_to nothing way be_strong he/she/it/self ⟦ἄγξαι⟧, ⟦περισύραντες⟧ the/this/who leather with ⟦ἄκραις⟧ the/this/who the/this/who finger ⟦κορυφαῖς⟧ ⟦ἀπεσκύθιζον⟧, and immediately ⟦ἦγον⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who course/wheel. **8** about which out_from ⟦σφονδύλων⟧ ⟦ἐκμελιζόμενος⟧ ⟦ἑώρα⟧ the/this/who my/your/him-self flesh ⟦περιλακιζομένας⟧ and according_to ⟦σπλάγχνων⟧ ⟦σταγόνας⟧ blood ⟦ἀποῤῥεούσας⟧. **9** to_ensue but/and to_die, **10** to_say, I/we on_one_hand oh!/to_be ⟦μιαιρώτατε⟧ tyrant, through/because_of discipline and virtue God this/he/she/it to_suffer. **11** you but/and through/because_of the/this/who ungodlinessness and ⟦μιαιφονίαν⟧, ⟦ἀκαταλύτους⟧ ⟦καρτερήσεις⟧ ⟦βασάνους⟧. **12** and this/he/she/it ⟦θανόντος⟧ as_befits_a_brother, the/this/who fourth ⟦ἐπεσπῶντο⟧, to_ _speak, **13** not ⟦μανῆς⟧ and you the/this/who brother you the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self insanity; but ⟦πεισθεὶς⟧ the/this/who king, ⟦σῶζε⟧ yourself. **14** the/this/who but/and he/she/it/self to_say, no thus(-ly) ⟦καυστικώτερον⟧ to_have/be according_to I/we/my the/this/who fire, so I/we ⟦δειλανδρῆσαι⟧. **15** by! the/this/who blessed the/this/who brother I/we death, and the/this/who eternal of_the tyrant destructive, and the/this/who ⟦ἀοίδιμον⟧ the/this/who ⟦εὐσεβῶν⟧ life, no to_deny the/this/who ⟦εὐγενῆ⟧ brotherhood. **16** ⟦Ἐπινόει⟧, tyrant, ⟦βασάνους⟧; in_ _order_that/to and through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦μάθῃς⟧, that/since brother to_be the/this/who ⟦προβεβανασισθέντων⟧. **17** this/he/she/it to_hear the/this/who ⟦αἱμοβόρος⟧ and deadly,_malignant and ⟦πανμιαιρώτατος⟧ Antiokos, to_order the/this/who ⟦γλῶτταν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐκτεμεῖν⟧.

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18 the/this/who but/and to_say, and/even_if/if ⟦ἀφέλῃς⟧ the/this/who the/this/who voice/sound an_instrument, and ⟦σιωπώντων⟧ to_hear the/this/who God. **19** look! ⟦κεχάλασται⟧ the/this/who tongue; ⟦τέμνε⟧; no for from_with this/he/she/it the/this/who ⟦λογισμὸν⟧ I/we ⟦γλωσσοτομήσεις⟧. **20** gladly above/for of_the God the/this/who of_the body member ⟦ἀκρωτηριαζόμενα⟧. **21** you but/and quickly ⟦μετελεύσεται⟧ the/this/who God; the/this/who for the/this/who ⟦θείων⟧ ⟦ὕμνων⟧ ⟦μελῳδὸν⟧ ⟦γλῶτταν⟧ ⟦ἐκτέμνεις⟧.

11:1 which/how but/and and this/he/she/it the/this/who torment ⟦καταικισθεὶς⟧ ⟦ἐναπέθανεν⟧, the/this/who fifth ⟦παρεπήδησεν⟧, to_speak, **2** no to_ensue, tyrant, to/with the/this/who above/for the/this/who ⟦ἀρετῆς⟧ torment to_ _refuse/excuse. **3** he/she/it/self but/and away_from myself to_ _pass_by, that and_I ⟦κατακτείνας⟧, about greater ⟦ἀδικημάτων⟧ ⟦ὀφειλήσῃς⟧ the/this/who heavenly condemnation ⟦τιμωρίαν⟧. **4** Omega/oh!/to_be ⟦μισάρετε⟧ and ⟦μισάνθρωπε⟧, one/which? ⟦δράσαντας⟧ I/we this/he/she/it ⟦πορθεῖς⟧ the/this/who way? **5** or/than evil/harm you to_ _think, that/since the/this/who all ⟦κτιστὴν⟧ ⟦εὐσεβοῦμεν⟧, and according_to the/this/who ⟦ἐνάρετον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_live law? **6** but this/he/she/it to_honour, no ⟦βασάνων⟧ to_be worthy. **6a** if_ _so/since ⟦ᾗσθάνου⟧ a_human ⟦πόθων⟧, and hope to_have/be from_with God saving; **6b** now look!/to_perceive another's to_ _be God, ⟦πολεμεῖς⟧ the/this/who ⟦εὐσεβοῦντας⟧ toward the/this/who God. **9** such_as_this to_speak the/this/who ⟦δορυφόροι⟧ to_bind, he/she/it/self to_draw/persuade upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦καταπέλτην⟧; **10** upon/to/against the/this/who/which to_bind he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who a_knee, and this/he/she/it ⟦ποδάγραις⟧ ⟦σιδηραῖς⟧ ⟦ἐφορμάσαντες⟧ the/this/who loins he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦τροχιαῖον⟧ ⟦σφῆνα⟧ ⟦κατέκαμψαν⟧; about which all upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦τρονὸν⟧ scorpion way ⟦ἀνακλώμενος⟧ ⟦ἐξεμελίζετο⟧. **11** according_to this/he/she/it the/this/who way and the/this/who spirit/breath ⟦στενοχωρούμενος⟧, and the/this/who body ⟦ἀγχόμενος⟧, ⟦καλὰς⟧, to_speak, unwilling, **12** oh!/to_be tyrant, ⟦χάριτας⟧ I/we ⟦χαρίζῃ⟧ through/because_ _of ⟦γενναιοτέρων⟧ travail ⟦ἐπιδείξασθαι⟧ ⟦παρέχων⟧ the/this/who toward the/this/who law I/we ⟦καρτερίαν⟧. **13** to_decease but/and and this/he/she/it, the/this/who sixth to_bring ⟦μειρακίσκος⟧; which ⟦πυνθανομένου⟧ of_the tyrant if to_plan ⟦φαγὼν⟧ ⟦ἀπολύεσθαι⟧, the/this/who but/and to_say, **14** I/we the/this/who on_one_hand age/height the/this/who brother I/we to_be new, the/this/who but/and mind ⟦ἡλικιώτης⟧; **15** toward the/this/who he/she/it/self for and ⟦γεννηθέντες⟧ and ⟦τραφέντες⟧, above/for the/this/who he/she/it/self and to_die to_owe similarly. **16** so if you/your to_ _think ⟦βασανίξειν⟧, not ⟦μιαιροφαγοῦτας⟧ ⟦βασάνιζε⟧. **17** this/he/she/it he/she/it/self to_say ⟦παρῆγον⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who course/wheel. **18** upon/to/against which/whither ⟦κατατεινόμενος⟧ ⟦εὐμελῶς⟧ and ⟦ἐκσφονοδυλιζόμενος⟧ ⟦ὑπεκαίετο⟧. **19** and ⟦ὀβελίσκους⟧ sharp/swift ⟦πυρώσαντες⟧, the/this/who ⟦νότοις⟧ to_bring_to; and the/this/who ⟦πλευπὰ⟧

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The fifth and sixth brothers face death

11:1 When he'd died, disfigured in his torments, the fifth leapt forward, and said, **2** "I don't intend, Oh tyrant, to get excused from the torment which is on behalf of virtue. **3** But I've come of my own accord, that by my death you may owe heavenly vengeance and punishment for more crimes. **4** Oh you hater of virtue and of men, what have we done that you thus revel in our blood? **5** Does it seem evil to you that we worship the Founder of all things, and live according to his surpassing law? **6** But this is worthy of honours, not torments, **7** if you'd been capable of the higher feelings of men, and possessed the hope of salvation from God. **8** Listen now, being alien from God, you make war against those who are religious towards God."

9 As he said this, the spearbearers bound him and drew him to the rack, **10** to which binding him at his knees, and fastening them with iron fetters, they bent down his loins on the wedge of the wheel; and his body was then dismembered, scorpion-fashion. **11** With his breath thus confined, and his body strangled, he said, **12** "A great favour you bestow on us, Oh tyrant, by enabling us to manifest our adherence to the law by means of nobler sufferings."

13 He also being dead, the sixth, quite a youth, was brought out. On the tyrant asking him whether he'd eat and be delivered, he said, **14** "I'm indeed younger than my brothers, but in understanding I'm as old; **15** for having been born and reared to the same end. We're bound to die also on behalf of the same cause. **16** So that if you think it's proper to torment us for not eating the unclean, then torment!"

17 As he said this, they brought him to the wheel. **18** Extended on this, with limbs racked and dislocated, he was gradually roasted from beneath. **19** Having heated sharp spits, they approached them to his back; and having transfixed his sides, they burnt away his entrails. **20** He, while tormented, said, "O good and holy contest, in which for the sake of religion, we kindred have been called to the arena of pain, and haven't been conquered. **21** Because religious understanding, Oh tyrant, is unconquered. **22** Armed with upright virtue, I also will depart with my kindred. **23** I, too, bearing with me a great avenger, Oh inventor of tortures, and enemy of the truly pious. **24** We six youths have destroyed your tyranny. **25** Because isn't your inability to overrule our reasoning, and to compel us to eat the unclean, your destruction? **26** Your fire is cold to us. Your racks are painless, and your violence harmless. **27** Because the guards not of a tyrant

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but of a divine law are our defenders. Through this we keep our reasoning unconquered."

The youngest brother refuses to give in

12:1 When he, too, had undergone blessed martyrdom, and died in the cauldron into which he'd been thrown, the seventh, the youngest of all, came forward, **2** whom the tyrant pitying, though he'd been dreadfully reproached by his kindred, **3** seeing him already encompassed with chains, had him brought nearer, and endeavoured to counsel him, saying, **4** "You see the end of the madness of your kindred, for they've died in torture through disobedience. You, if disobedient, having been miserably tormented, will yourself perish prematurely. **5** But if you obey, you'll be my friend, and have a charge over the affairs of the kingdom." **6** Having thus exhorted him, he sent for the boy's mother, that, by showing compassion to her for the loss of so many sons, he might incline her, through the hope of safety, to render the survivor obedient.

7 He, after his mother had urged him on in the Hebrew tongue, (as we'll soon relate) said, **8** "Release me that I may speak to the king and all his friends." **9** They, rejoicing greatly at the promise of the youth, quickly let him go. **10** He, running up to the pans, said, **11** "Impious tyrant, and most blasphemous man, were you not ashamed, having received prosperity and a kingdom from God, to kill His servants, and to rack the doers of godliness? **12** Therefore the divine vengeance is reserving you for eternal fire and torments, which will cling to you for all time. **13** Weren't you ashamed, man as you are, yet most savage, to cut out the tongues of men of like feeling and origin, and having thus abused to torture them? **14** But they, bravely dying, fulfilled their religion towards God. **15** But you'll groan as you deserve for having slain without cause the champions of virtue. **16** Therefore," he continued, "I myself, being about to die, **17** won't forsake my kindred. **18** I call on the god of my fathers to be merciful to my race. **19** But you, both living and dead, he'll punish." **20** Thus hav-

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⟦διαπείραντες⟧, away_from
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there affection/entrails
⟦διέκαιον⟧. **20** the/this/who but/and to_torture, oh!/to_be
⟦ἱεροπρεποῦς⟧ an_age, to_speak, upon/to/against which
through/because_of the/this/who piety toward ⟦γυμνασίαν⟧
travail brother so_great ⟦κληθέντες⟧ no ⟦ἐνικήθημεν⟧.
21 plaster for to_be, oh!/to_be tyrant, the/this/who pious
higher_knowledge. **22** ⟦Καλοκᾳγαθίᾳ⟧ to_arm_fully
⟦τεθνήξομαι⟧ I/we/and_I with/after the/this/who brother of_
_me. **23** great you/your ⟦προσβάλλων⟧ and he/she/it/self
⟦ἀλάστορα⟧, ⟦καινουργὲ⟧ the/this/who ⟦βασάνων⟧, and
⟦πολέμιε⟧ the/this/who truly ⟦εὐσεβούντων⟧. **24** six
⟦μειράκια⟧ ⟦κατελύσαμέν⟧ you the/this/who ⟦τυραννίδα⟧.
25 the/this/who for not ⟦δυνηθῆναί⟧ you ⟦μεταπεῖσαι⟧
the/this/who ⟦λογισμὸν⟧ I/we, neither ⟦βιάσασθαι⟧ to/with
the/this/who ⟦μιαιροφαγίαν⟧, no a_resting-place to_be you?
26 the/this/who fire you ⟦ψυχρὸν⟧ I/we, and ⟦ἄπονοι⟧
the/this/who ⟦καταπέλται⟧, and unable the/this/who force
you. **27** no for tyrant, but sulfur law ⟦προεστήκασιν⟧ I/we
the/this/who ⟦δορυφίροι⟧; through/because_of this/he/she/it
⟦ἀνίκητον⟧ to_have/be the/this/who ⟦λογι⟧ ⟦σμόν⟧.

12:1 which/how but/and and this/he/she/it ⟦μακαρίως⟧
⟦ἐναπέθανεν⟧ ⟦καταβληθεὶς⟧ toward ⟦λέβητα⟧, the/this/who
seventh ⟦παρεγίνετο⟧, all new. **2** which ⟦κατοικτειρήσας⟧
the/this/who tyrant, although terribly by/under the/this/who
brother he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦κακισθεὶς⟧,
to_see ⟦ἧσῃ⟧ the/this/who chain to_surround,
3 ⟦πλησιέστερον⟧ he/she/it/self to_summon, and ⟦παρηγορεῖν⟧
⟦ἐπειρᾶτο⟧, to_speak, **4** the/this/who on_one_hand
the/this/who brother you ⟦ἀπονοίας⟧ the/this/who goal/tax
⟦ὁρᾷς⟧; through/because_of for disobedience ⟦στρεβλωθέντες⟧
to_die/be_dead, you, if on_one_hand not ⟦πεισθείης⟧, miserable
⟦βασανισθεὶς⟧ and ⟦πασανισθεὶς⟧ and he/she/it/self ⟦τεθνήξῃ⟧
before hour. **5** ⟦Πεισθείης⟧ but/and friendly/friend to_be, and
the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who kingdom
⟦ἀφηγήσῃ⟧ thing. **6** and this/he/she/it to_plead/comfort,
the/this/who mother of_the child to_summon, that
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self ⟦ἐμεήσαν⟧ son ⟦στερηθῖσαν⟧
⟦παρορμήσειεν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦μσωτηρίαν⟧,
⟦εὐπειθῆ⟧ the/this/who ⟦περιλειπόμενον⟧. **7** the/this/who
but/and the/this/who mother the/this/who Aramaic
voice/sound ⟦προτρεψαμένης⟧; he/she/it/self (which/how to_
_say with/after small later.) ⟦ἀπολύσατε⟧ I/we, to_say; **8** to_say
the/this/who king and the/this/who with he/she/it/self
friendly/friend all. **9** and ⟦ἐπιχαρέντες⟧ especially
upon/to/against the/this/who promise of_the child quickly
⟦ἔλυσαν⟧ he/she/it/self. **10** and ⟦σραμὼν⟧ upon/to/against
near/neighbour the/this/who ⟦τηγάνων⟧, to_say, ⟦ἀνόσιε⟧,
11 to_say, and all the/this/who evil/bad ⟦ἀσεβέστατε⟧ tyrant,
no ⟦ᾐδέσθης⟧ from_with of_the God to_take the/this/who
good-doer and the/this/who kingdom, the/this/who
⟦θεράποντας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
⟦κατακτεῖναι⟧, and the/this/who the/this/who piety
⟦στρεβλῶσαι⟧? **12** ⟦Ἀνθ⟧ oh!/to_be/which ⟦ταμιεύεταί⟧ you
the/this/who ⟦θεια⟧ condemnation ⟦πυκνοτέρῳ⟧ and
⟦αἰωνίῳ⟧ ⟦πυεὶ⟧ and torment, the/this/who/which toward all
the/this/who an_age no ⟦ἀνήσουσίν⟧ you. **13** no ⟦ᾐδέσθης⟧ a_

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_human to_be, ⟦θηριωδέστατε⟧, the/this/who like and out_
_from the/this/who he/she/it/self to_be ⟦στοιξείων⟧
⟦γλωττοτομῆσαι⟧, and this/he/she/it ⟦καταικίσας⟧
the/this/who way to_torture? **14** but the/this/who
certainly/month ⟦εὐγενῶς⟧ to_die to_fulfill the/this/who ⟦εἰν⟧
the/this/who God piety. **15** you but/and evil/harm badly
⟦οἰμώξεις⟧, the/this/who the/this/who virtue ⟦ἀγωνιστὰν⟧
⟦ἀναιτίως⟧ to_kill. **16** whence and he/she/it/self to_die to_
_ensue, to_say, **17** no ⟦ἀπαυτομολῶ⟧ the/this/who
the/this/who brother I/we testimony. **18** to_call_(on)/name
but/and the/this/who ⟦πατρῷον⟧ God, that
propitious/gracious family I/we. **19** you but/and and
in/on/among the/this/who now ⟦βίῳ⟧ and ⟦θανόντα⟧
⟦τιμωρήσεται⟧. **20** and this/he/she/it ⟦κατευξάμενος⟧,
my/your/him-self ⟦ἔοιψεν⟧ according_to the/this/who
⟦τηγάνων⟧; and thus(-ly) ⟦ἀπέδεκεν⟧.

13:1 if but/and then the/this/who until death travail
⟦ὑπερεφρόνησαν⟧ the/this/who seven brother,
⟦συνομολογεῖται⟧ from_all_sides, that/since absolute_master
to_be the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who pious thought.
2 just_as for if the/this/who ⟦πάθεσιν⟧ ⟦σουλωθέντες⟧
⟦ἐμιεροφάγησαν⟧, ⟦ἐλέγομεν⟧ for he/she/it/self
this/he/she/it ⟦νενικῆσθαι⟧. **3** now but/and no thus(-ly); but
the/this/who ⟦ἐπαινουμένῳ⟧ ⟦λογισμῷ⟧ from_with
⟦περιεγένοντο⟧ the/this/who to_suffer. **4** and no to_be
⟦παριδεῖν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἡγεμονίαν⟧; ⟦ἐπεκράτησεν⟧ for and
⟦πὰθους⟧ and travail. **5** how?/how?! therefore/then no to_be
this/he/she/it the/this/who ⟦εὐλογιστίας⟧ ⟦παθοκρὰτειαν⟧
⟦ὁμολογεῖν⟧, the/this/who the/this/who on_one_hand
through/because_of fire ⟦ἀλγησόνων⟧ no ⟦ἐπεστράφησαν⟧?
6 just_as for ⟦προπλήταις⟧ ⟦λιμένων⟧ ⟦πύργοις⟧ the/this/who
a_wave threat ⟦ἀνακόπτοντες⟧, ⟦γαληνὸν⟧ to_furnish_occasion
the/this/who ⟦εἰσπλέουσιν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὅρμον⟧.
7 this/he/she/it the/this/who seven-towered the/this/who
⟦νεανίσκων⟧ ⟦εὐλογιστία⟧ the/this/who the/this/who piety
⟦ὀχυρώσασα⟧ harbour the/this/who the/this/who to_suffer
to_conquer ⟦ἀκολασίαν⟧. **8** temple for piety to_stand ⟦χορὸν⟧
⟦παρεθάρσυνον⟧ one_another, to_speak, **9** ⟦ἀδελφικῶς⟧
⟦ἀποθάνοιμεν⟧, brother, about of_the law; ⟦μιμησώμεθα⟧
the/this/who three the/this/who upon/to/against Assurias
⟦νεανίσκους⟧, the/this/who/which the/this/who ⟦ἰσεπόλιδος⟧
furnace/oven ⟦κατεφρόνησαν⟧. **10** not ⟦δειλανδρήσωμεν⟧
to/with the/this/who the/this/who piety ⟦ἀπόδειξιν⟧. **11** and
the/this/who on_one_hand, ⟦θάῤῥει⟧ brother, to_speak,
the/this/who but/and, ⟦εὐγενῶς⟧ ⟦καρτέρησον⟧.
12 the/this/who but/and, to_speak, to_remember whence/how
to_be, or/than which? father hand ⟦σφαγιασθῆναι⟧
through/because_of the/this/who piety to_remain/endure
the/this/who Isa'ak. **13** one/toward but/and each and one_
_another together all ⟦ἐφόρων⟧ ⟦φαιδροὶ⟧ and by_all_means
⟦θαῤῥαλέοι⟧, my/your/him-self, to_speak, the/this/who God
⟦ἀφιερώσωμεν⟧ out_from all the/this/who heart the/this/who
to_give the/this/who soul, and ⟦χρήσωμεν⟧ the/this/who
about the/this/who law prison/watch the/this/who body.
14 not to_fear the/this/who to_think ⟦ἀποκτενεῖν⟧ **15** great for
⟦ψυξῆς⟧ fight and danger in/on/among ⟦αἰωνίῳ⟧ ⟦βασάνῳ⟧
to_lay/be_appointed the/this/who ⟦παραβᾶσιν⟧ the/this/who
commandment of_the God. **16** ⟦Καθοπλισώμεθα⟧ therefore

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ing prayed, he hurled himself into the pans; and so expired.

The brothers' faith overcomes suffering

13:1 If then, the seven kindred despised troubles even to death, it's admitted on all sides that righteous reasoning is absolute master over the emotions. **2** Because just as if they'd eaten of the unholy as slaves to the emotions, we'd have said that they'd been conquered by them. **3** Now it isn't so. But by means of the reasoning which is praised by God, they mastered their emotions. **4** It's impossible to overlook the leadership of reflection, for it gained the victory over both emotions and troubles. **5** How, then, can we avoid according to these men mastery of emotion through right reasoning, since they didn't withdraw from the pains of fire? **6** Because just as by means of towers projecting in front of harbours men break the threatening waves, and thus assure a still course to vessels entering port, **7** so that seven-towered right-reasoning of the young men, securing the harbour of religion, conquered the tempest of emotions. **8** Because having arranged a holy choir of piety, they encouraged one another, saying, **9** "Brothers, may we die brotherly for the law. Let us imitate the three young men in Ashur (Assyria) who despised the equally afflicting furnace. **10** Let's not be cowards in the manifestation of piety." **11** One said, "Courage, brother!" and another, "Nobly endure!" **12** Another said, "Remember of what stock you are;" and by the hand of our father Yitshak (Isaac) endured to be slain for the sake of piety. **13** One and all, looking at each other serene and confident, said, "Let's sacrifice with all our heart our souls to God who gave them, and employ our bodies for the keeping of the law. **14** Let's not fear him who thinks he kills; **15** for great is the trial of soul and danger of eternal torment laid up for those who transgress God's commandment. **16** Let's arm ourselves, therefore, in the self-control, which is divine reasoning. **17** If we suffer like this, Avraham, Yitshak, and Ya'akov (Jacob) will receive us, and all the fathers will commend us. **18** As each one of the kindred was hauled away, the rest exclaimed, "Don't disgrace us, Oh brother, nor falsify those who died before you!"

19 Now you aren't ignorant of the charm of brotherhood, which the Divine and all wise Providence has imparted through fathers to children, and has engendered through the mother's

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womb. 20 In which these brothers having remained an equal time, and having been formed for the same period, and been increased by the same blood, and having been perfected through the same principle of life, 21 and having been brought forth at equal intervals, and having sucked milk from the same springs, hence their brotherly souls are reared up lovingly together, 22 and increase the more powerfully because of this simultaneous rearing, and by daily companionship, and by other education, and exercise in God's law.

23 Brotherly love being thus sympathetically constituted, the seven kindred had a more sympathetic mutual harmony. 24 Because being educated in the same law, and practising the same virtues, and reared up in a just course of life, they increased this harmony with each other. 25 Because the same ardour for what's right and honourable increased their goodwill and harmony towards each other. 26 Because it acting along with religion, made their brotherly feeling more desirable to them. 27 And yet, although nature, companionship, and virtuous morals increased their brotherly love, those who were left endured to see their kindred, who were mistreated for their religion, tortured even to death.

14:1 More that this, they even urged them on to this mistreatment; so that they not only despised pains themselves, but they even got the better of their affections of brotherly love. 2 Reasoning is more royal than a king, and freer than freemen! 3 What a sacred and harmonious concert of the seven kindred as about piety! 4 None of the seven youths turned cowardly or shrank back from death. 5 But all of them, as though running the road to immortality, hastened on to death through tortures. 6 Because just as hands and feet are moved sympathetically with the directions of the soul, so those holy youths agreed to death for religion's sake, as through the immortal soul of religion. 7 Oh holy seven of harmonious kindred! Because as the seven days of creation, about religion, 8 so the youths, circling around the num-

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the/this/who of_the sulfur ⟦λογισμοῦ⟧ government_of_the_ _passions,_self-restraint. 17 thus(-ly) to_suffer I/we Abra'am and Yakōb ⟦ὑποδέξονται⟧, and all the/this/who father ⟦ἐπαινέσουσιν⟧. 18 and one each the/this/who ⟦ἀποστωμένων⟧ he/she/it/self brother to_speak the/this/who to_remain, not ⟦καταισχύνῃς⟧ I/we brother, nor brother, nor ⟦ψεύσῃ⟧ the/this/who ⟦προαποθανόντας⟧. 19 no be_ignorant but/and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀνθρωπότητος⟧ ⟦φίλτρα⟧, ⟦ἅπερ⟧ the/this/who ⟦θεία⟧ and ⟦πάνσοφος⟧ foresight through/because_of the/this/who ⟦μητρῴας⟧ ⟦φυτεύσασα⟧ ⟦γαστρός⟧; 20 in/on/among which the/this/who equal brother ⟦κατοικήσαντες⟧ time, and in/on/among the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self time ⟦πλασθέντες⟧, and away_from of_the he/she/it/self blood ⟦ἀξηθέντες⟧, and through/because_of the/this/who he/she/it/self soul ⟦τελεσφορηθέντες⟧, 21 and through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ἴσων⟧ ⟦ἀποτεχθέντες⟧ time, and away_from the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦γαλακτοποτοῦντες⟧ ⟦πηγῶν⟧, away_from which/whither ⟦συντέφονται⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἐναγκαλισμάτων⟧ loving_the_brothers soul; 22 and ⟦αὔξοντες⟧ ⟦σφοδρότερον⟧ through/because_of ⟦συντροφίας⟧, and the/this/who according_to day ⟦συνηθείας⟧, and the/this/who another discipline, and the/this/who our in/on/among law God ⟦ἀσκήσεως⟧. 23 thus(-ly) but/and then ⟦καθεστηκυίας⟧ the/this/who brotherly_love ⟦συμπαθούσης⟧, the/this/who seven brother ⟦συμπαθέστερον⟧ to_have/be the/this/who to/with one_another ⟦ὁμόνοιαν⟧. 24 law for the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦παιδευθέντες⟧, and the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξασκήσαντες⟧ virtue, and the/this/who just ⟦συντραφέντες⟧ ⟦βίῳ⟧, more upon/to/against he/she/it/self to_bring. 25 the/this/who for common_zeal the/this/who ⟦καλοκᾳγαθίας⟧ ⟦ἐπέτεινεν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who to/with one_another ⟦ὁμόνοιαν⟧. 26 with for the/this/who piety ⟦ποθεινοτέραν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦κατεσκεύαζεν⟧ the/this/who brotherly_love. 27 but similarly although the/this/who nature and the/this/who ⟦συνηθείας⟧ and the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀρετῆς⟧ ⟦ἠθῶν⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀδελφότητος⟧ ⟦αὐτοῖν⟧ ⟦φίλτρα⟧ ⟦συναυξόντων⟧, ⟦ἀνέσχοντο⟧ through/because_of the/this/who piety ⟦τοὺν⟧ brother the/this/who ⟦ὑπολελειμμένοι⟧ the/this/who ⟦καταικιζομένους⟧, to_see until death to_torture.

14:1 moreover and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦αἰκισμὸν⟧ ⟦ἐποτρύνοντες⟧, which/how not alone/only the/this/who ⟦ἀλγηδόνων⟧ ⟦περιφρονῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self, but and the/this/who the/this/who brother brotherly_love to_suffer to_grasp/seize. 2 Omega/oh!/to_be king ⟦λογισμοὶ⟧ ⟦βασιλικώτεροι⟧ and free/freedom ⟦ἐλευθερώτεροι⟧. 3 ⟦Ἱερὰς⟧ and ⟦ἐναρμόστους⟧ about the/this/who piety the/this/who seven brother music. 4 none out_from the/this/who seven ⟦μειρακίων⟧ ⟦ἐδειλίασεν⟧, and_not to/with the/this/who death ⟦ὤκνησεν⟧. 5 but all, just_as upon/to/against ⟦ἀθανασίας⟧ road to_run, upon/to/against the/this/who through/because_of the/this/who ⟦βασάνων⟧ death ⟦ἔσπευδον⟧. 6 just_as for hand and foot harmoniously the/this/who the/this/who soul ⟦ἀφηγήμασιν⟧ ⟦κινοῦνται⟧; thus(-ly) the/this/who ⟦ἱεροὶ⟧ ⟦μείρακες⟧ that which/how

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by/under soul ⟦ἀθανάτου⟧ the/this/who piety, to/with the/this/who above/for he/she/it/self ⟦συνεφώνησαν⟧ death. **7** Omega/oh!/to_be ⟦παναγία⟧ the/this/who ⟦συμφώνον⟧ brother a_period_of_seven; just_as for seven the/this/who ⟦κοσμοποιΐας⟧ day about the/this/who piety, **8** this/he/she/it about the/this/who ⟦ἑβδομάδα⟧ ⟦χορεύοντες⟧ the/this/who ⟦μείρακες⟧ ⟦ἐκύκλουν⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦βασάνων⟧ fear ⟦καταλύοντες⟧. **9** now I/we to_hear the/this/who pressure the/this/who ⟦νεανίων⟧ that, ⟦φρίττομεν⟧; the/this/who but/and no alone/only to_see, but and_not alone/only to_hear the/this/who instantly threat word, but and to_suffer, ⟦ἐκαρτέρουν⟧ and this/he/she/it the/this/who through/because_of fire anguish. **10** which one/which? to_be ⟦ἐπαλγέστερον⟧? sharp/swift for and ⟦σύντομος⟧ the/this/who of_the fire to_be power, quickly ⟦διέλυσε⟧ the/this/who body. **11** and not marvellous to_govern, if the/this/who thought ⟦περιεκράτησεν⟧ the/this/who man that in/on/among the/this/who torment, where(-ever) indeed and woman mind ⟦πολυτροπωτέρον⟧ ⟦ὑπερεφρόνησεν⟧ ⟦ἀλγηδόνων⟧. **12** the/this/who mother for the/this/who seven ⟦νεανίσκων⟧ ⟦ὑπήνεγκεν⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against one each the/this/who child ⟦στρέβλας⟧. **13** to_see/experience but/and how?/how?! crafty to_be the/this/who the/this/who ⟦φιλοτεκνίας⟧ ⟦στοργὴ⟧, ⟦ἔλκουσα⟧ all to/with the/this/who the/this/who ⟦σπλάγχνων⟧ ⟦συμπάθειαν⟧. **14** where(-ever) indeed and the/this/who unreasonable living_thing ⟦ὁμοίαν⟧ the/this/who to/with the/this/who out_from he/she/it/self ⟦γεννώμενα⟧ ⟦συμπάθειαν⟧ and ⟦στοργὴν⟧ to_have/be the/this/who a_human. **15** and for the/this/who bird, the/this/who on_one_hand day according_to the/this/who home ⟦ὀροφοιτοῦντα⟧ ⟦προασπίζει⟧ the/this/who ⟦νεοττῶν⟧. **16** the/this/who but/and according_to the/this/who ⟦κορυφὰς⟧ mountain and ⟦φαράγγων⟧ breakup and tree ⟦ὀπὰς⟧ and the/this/who this/he/she/it ⟦ἄκρας⟧ ⟦νοσσοποιησάμενα⟧ ⟦ἀποτίκτει⟧, and the/this/who ⟦προσιόντα⟧ to_prevent. **17** if but/and and not be_able to_ _prevent, ⟦περιπτάμενα⟧ around he/she/it/self ⟦ἀλγοῦντα⟧ the/this/who ⟦στοργῇ⟧, ⟦ἀνακαλούμενα⟧ the/this/who one's_ _own/private voice/sound, according_to which be_able way to_ _help the/this/who child. **18** and one/which? be_necessary the/this/who through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ἀλόγων⟧ living_thing ⟦ἐπιδεικνύναι⟧ the/this/who to/with the/this/who child ⟦συμπάθειαν⟧. **19** where(-ever) indeed and ⟦μέλισσαι⟧ about the/this/who the/this/who ⟦κηρογονίας⟧ time/right_time ⟦ἐπαμύνονται⟧ the/this/who ⟦προσιόντας⟧, and just_as ⟦σιδήρῳ⟧ the/this/who ⟦κέντρῳ⟧ ⟦πλήσσουσι⟧ the/this/who ⟦προσιόντας⟧ the/this/who chick he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἐπαμύνονται⟧ until death. **20** but not the/this/who Habra'am ⟦ὁμόψυχον⟧ the/this/who ⟦νεανίων⟧ mother ⟦μετεκίνησεν⟧ ⟦συμπάθεια⟧ the/this/who ⟦συμπαθείας⟧ child.

15:1 Omega/oh!/to_be ⟦λογίσμε⟧ child, to_suffer tyrant, and piety mother child ⟦ποθεινοτέρα⟧. **2** mother ⟦δυοῖν⟧ ⟦προκειμένων⟧ piety, and the/this/who seven son salvation ⟦προκαίρους⟧ according_to the/this/who of_the tyrant ⟦ὑπόσχεσιν⟧; **3** the/this/who piety more to_love the/this/who ⟦σώζουσαν⟧ toward eternal life according_to God.
4 Omega/oh!/to_be which? way ⟦ἠθολογήσαιμι⟧ ⟦φιλότεκνα⟧

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ber seven, annulled the fear of torments. **9** We now shudder at the recital of the affliction of those young men; but they not only saw, and not only heard the immediate execution of the threat, but undergoing it, persevered; and that through the pains of fire. **10** What could be more painful? Because the power of fire, being sharp and quick, speedily dissolved their bodies.

A mother's love and faith

11 Don't think it wonderful that reasoning ruled over those men in their torments, when even a woman's mind despised more manifold pains. **12** Because the mother of those seven youths endured the rackings of each of her children.

13 Consider how comprehensive is the love of offspring, which draws every one to sympathy of affection, **14** where irrational animals possess a similar sympathy and love for their offspring with men. **15** The tame birds frequenting the roofs of our houses defend their fledglings. **16** Others build their nests, and hatch their young, on the tops of mountains and in the precipices of valleys, and the holes and tops of trees, and keep away the intruder. **17** If not able to do this, they fly circling round them in agony of affection, calling out in their own note, and save their offspring in whatever manner they're able. **18** But why should we point attention to the sympathy towards children shown by irrational animals? **19** Even bees, at the season of honey-making, attack all who approach, and pierce with their sting, as with a sword, those who draw near their hive, and repel them even to death. **20** But sympathy with her children didn't turn away the mother of the young men, who had a spirit kindred with that of Avraham.

15:1 Oh reasoning of the sons, lord over the emotions, and religion more desirable to a mother than children! **2** The mother, when two things were set before her, religion and the safety of her seven sons for a time, on the conditional promise of a tyrant, **3** rather elected the religion which according to God preserves to eternal life. **4** In what way can I describe ethically the

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affections of parents towards their children, the resemblance of soul and of form impressed into the small type of a child in a wonderful manner, especially through the greater sympathy of mothers with the feelings of those born of them! 5 Because by how much mothers are by nature weak in disposition and prolific in offspring, by so much the fonder they're of children. 6 Of all mothers, the mother of the seven was the fondest of children, who in seven childbirths had deeply engendered love towards them. 7 Through her many pains undergone in connection with each one, she was compelled to feel sympathy with them; 8 yet, through fear of God, she neglected the temporary salvation of her children. 9 Not only so, but on account of the excellent disposition to the law, her maternal affection towards them was increased. 10 Because they were both just and temperate, and courageous, high-minded, fond of their kindred, and so fond of their mother that even to death they obeyed her by observing the law.

11 Yet, though there were so many circumstances connected with love of children to draw on a mother to sympathy, in the case of none of them were the various tortures able to pervert her principle. 12 But she inclined each one separately and all together to death for religion. 13 Oh holy nature and parental feeling, and reward of bringing up children, and unconquerable maternal affection! 14 At the racking and roasting of each one of them, the observant mother was prevented by religion from changing. 15 She saw her children's flesh dissolving around the fire, and their extremities quivering on the ground, and the flesh of their heads dropped forward down to their beards, like masks.

16 Oh you mother, who was tried at this time with bitterer pangs than those at birth! 17 Oh you only woman who've produced perfect holiness! 18 Your firstborn, expiring, didn't turn you, nor the second, looking miserable in his torments, nor the third, breathing out his soul. 19 You didn't weep when you saw each of their eyes looking sternly at their tortures, and their nostrils foreboding death! 20 When you saw children's flesh heaped on children's flesh that'd been torn off, heads decapitated on heads, dead falling on the dead, and a choir of children turned through torture into a burying ground, you didn't lament. 21 Not so do siren melodies or songs of swans attract the hearers to listening, Oh voices of children calling on your mother in the middle of torments! 22 With what and what manner of torments was the mother herself tortured, as her sons were undergoing the wheel and the fires! 23 But religious reasoning, having strengthened her courage in the middle of sufferings, enabled her to forego, for the time, parental love.

24 Although seeing the destruction of seven children, the noble mother, after one embrace, stripped off her feelings through faith in God. 25 Because just as in a council room, seeing in her own soul vehement counsellors, nature and parentage and love of her children, and the racking of her children, 26 she holding two votes, one for the death, the other for the preservation of

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parent passion, soul and/both and ⟦μορφῆς⟧ likeness toward small child ⟦χαρακτῆρα⟧ ⟦θαυμάσιον⟧ ⟦ἐναπεσφράγιζον⟧, especially through/because_of the/this/who the/this/who to_ _suffer the/this/who ⟦γεννηθεῖσιν⟧ the/this/who mother ⟦καθεστάναι⟧ ⟦συμπαθευτέρας⟧. 5 just_as/how_much for and ⟦ἀσθενόψυχοι⟧ and ⟦πολυγονώτεραι⟧ to_be ⟦μητέρες⟧, so_great more to_be ⟦φιλοτεκνότεραι⟧. 6 all but/and the/this/who ⟦μητέρων⟧ to_be the/this/who the/this/who seven mother ⟦φιλοτεκνοτέρα⟧, the/this/who/which one seven ⟦κυοφορίαις⟧ the/this/who to/with he/she/it/self ⟦ἐπιφυτευομένη⟧ ⟦φιλοστοργία⟧, 7 and through/because_of much the/this/who according_to each he/she/it/self labour ⟦ἠναγκασμένην⟧ the/this/who toward he/she/it/self to_ _have/be ⟦συμπάθειαν⟧, 8 through/because_of the/this/who to/with the/this/who God fear ⟦ὑπερεῖδεν⟧ the/this/who the/this/who child temporary salvation. 9 no certainly/month but/and, but and through/because_of the/this/who ⟦καλοκἀγαθίαν⟧ the/this/who son, and the/this/who to/with the/this/who law he/she/it/self ⟦εὐπείθειαν⟧, great the/this/who in/on/among he/she/it/self to_have/be ⟦φιλοστοργίαν⟧. 10 just/to_justify and/both for to_be, and ⟦σώφρονες⟧, and ⟦σώφρονες⟧, and ⟦ἀνδρεῖοι⟧, and ⟦μεγαλόψυχοι⟧, and loving_the_brothers, and ⟦μεγαλόψυχοι⟧, and ⟦μεψαλόψυχοι⟧, and loving_the_brothers, and ⟦φιλομήτορες⟧ thus(-ly), so and until death the/this/who ⟦νόμιμα⟧ to_keep/guard to_persuade he/she/it/self. 11 but just_as, and above/for so_great to_be the/this/who about ⟦φιλοτεκνίαν⟧ toward ⟦συμπάθειαν⟧ ⟦ἑλκόντων⟧ the/this/who mother, upon/to/against none he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦λογισμὸν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who/which ⟦παμποίκιλοι⟧ be_strong ⟦μετατρέψαι⟧. 12 but and according_ _to one child and together all the/this/who mother upon/to/against the/this/who the/this/who piety ⟦προετρέπετο⟧ death. 13 Omega/oh!/to_be nature sacred, and ⟦φίλτρα⟧ parent and parent ⟦φιλόστοργε⟧, and ⟦τροφεῖα⟧, and ⟦μητέρων⟧ ⟦ἀδάμαστα⟧ passion. 14 according_to one ⟦στρεβλούμενον⟧ and ⟦φλεγόμενον⟧ ⟦ὁρῶσα⟧ ⟦υήτηρ⟧, no ⟦μετεβάλετο⟧ through/because_of the/this/who ⟦εὐσέβεβειαν⟧. 15 the/this/who flesh the/this/who child ⟦ἑώρα⟧ about the/this/who fire ⟦τηκομένας⟧, and the/this/who the/this/who foot and hand finger upon/to/against earth ⟦σπαίροντας⟧, and the/this/who the/this/who head until the/this/who about the/this/who ⟦γένεια⟧ flesh, just_as ⟦προσωπεῖα⟧ ⟦προκειμένας⟧. 16 Omega/oh!/to_be ⟦πικροτέρων⟧ on_one_hand now mother travail ⟦πειρασθεῖσα⟧, than the/this/who upon/to/against he/she/it/self labour. 17 Omega/oh!/to_be abode woman the/this/who piety whole ⟦ἀποκυήσασα⟧. 18 no ⟦μετέρεψέν⟧ you firstborn ⟦ἀποπνέων⟧; and_not secondly toward ⟦οἶκτρον⟧ to_see in/on/among torment; and_not third ⟦ἀποψύχων⟧. 19 and_not the/this/who eye one each ⟦θεωροῦσα⟧ ⟦ταυρηδὸν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦βασάνων⟧ ⟦ὁρῶντας⟧ the/this/who he/she/it/self ⟦αἰκισμὸν⟧, and the/this/who ⟦μυκτῆρας⟧ ⟦προσημειουμένους⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who death, no ⟦ἔκλαυσας⟧. 20 upon/to/against ⟦σαρξὶν⟧ child ⟦ὁρῶσα⟧ flesh child ⟦ἀποκεκομμένας⟧, and upon/to/against ⟦κεφαλαῖς⟧ head ⟦ἀποδειροτομουμένας⟧, and upon/to/against dead dead ⟦πίπτοντας⟧, and a_cemetery ⟦ὁρῶσα⟧ the/this/who

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child dancing-place through/because_of the/this/who [[βασάνων]], no [[ἐδάκρυσας]]. **21** no thus(-ly) [[σειρήνιοι]] [[μελῳδίαι]], and_not [[κύκνειοι]] to/with [[φιληκοΐαν]] voice/sound the/this/who to_hear [[ἐφέλκονται]], oh!/to_be child voice/sound with/after [[βασάνων]] mother [[φωνούντων]]. **22** [[Πηλίκαις]] and [[πόσαις]] then the/this/who mother, the/this/who son [[βασανιζομένων]] [[τροχοῖς]] and/both and [[καυτερίοις]] [[ἐβασανίζετο]] torment? **23** but the/this/who affection/entrails he/she/it/self the/this/who pious thought in/on/among he/she/it/self the/this/who [[πάθεσιν]] [[ἀνδρειώσας]] [[ἐπέτεινεν]] the/this/who temporary [[φιλοτεκνίαν]] [[παριδεῖν]]. **24** although seven child [[ὁρῶσα]] destruction; [[ἀσπάσασα]] the/this/who [[γενναῖα]] mother [[ἐξέδσεν]] through/because_of the/this/who to/with God faith. **25** just_as for in/on/among [[βουλευτηρίῳ]] the/this/who my/your/him-self soul [[δεινοὺς]] [[ὁρῶσα]] [[συμβούλους]], nature and [[γένεσιν]] and [[φιλοτεκνίαν]] and child [[στρέβλαν]]. **26** two [[ψήφους]] [[κρατοῦσα]] mother, [[θανατηφόρον]] and/both and saving above/for [[τένων]]; **27** no [[ἐπέγνω]] the/this/who [[σώζουσαν]] seven son to/with little/few time salvation. **28** but the/this/who [[θεοσεβοῦς]] Habra'am [[καρτερίας]] the/this/who daughter to_remember. **29** Omega/oh!/to_be mother Gentile_nation, [[ἔκδικε]] of_the law, and [[ὑπερασπίστεια]] the/this/who piety, and of_the through/because_of [[σπλάγχνων]] [[ἀγῶνος]] [[ἀθλοφόρε]]. **30** Omega/oh!/to_be [[ἀῤῥένων]] to/with [[καρτερίαν]] [[γενναιοτέρα]], and man to/with perseverance [[ἀνδρειοτέρα]]. **31** just_as for the/this/who Nōe ark in/on/among the/this/who [[κοσμοπληθεῖ]] [[κατακλυσμῷ]] [[κοσμοφοροῦσα]] [[καρτεροὺς]] [[ὑπήνεγκεν]] the/this/who [[κλύδωνας]]; **32** thus(-ly) you, the/this/who observer_of_the_law, from_all_ _sides in/on/among the/this/who the/this/who to_suffer [[περιαντλουμένη]] [[κατακλυσμῷ]], and [[καρτεροῖς]] if [[λοιμοῖς]] the/this/who the/this/who son torment to_hold/oppress, [[γενναίως]] [[ὑπέμεινας]] the/this/who the/this/who piety [[χειμῶνας]].

16:1 if but/and then and woman, and [[γηραιὰ]], and seven child mother to_remain/endure the/this/who until death [[βασάνους]] [[ὁρῶσα]] the/this/who child; undeniably [[αὐτοκράτωρ]] to_be the/this/who to_suffer the/this/who pious thought. **2** [['Απέδειξα]] therefore/then that/since no alone/only the/this/who to_suffer man [[ἐπεκράτησαν]], but and woman the/this/who [[μεγίστων]] [[βασάνων]] [[ὑπερεφρόνησεν]]. **3** and no thus(-ly) the/this/who about Dania^{y}l [[λέοντες]] to_be [[ἄγριοι]], and_not Misaa^{y}l [[ἐκφλεγομένη]] furnace/oven [[λαβροτάτῳ]] fire, which/how the/this/who [[φιλοτεκνίας]] [[περιέκαιεν]] that nature, [[ὁρῶσα]] my/your/him-self the/this/who seven son to_ _torture. **4** but the/this/who [[λογισμῷ]] the/this/who piety [[κατέσβεσε]] so_great and so_great passion the/this/who mother. **5** and for this/he/she/it [[ἐπιλογίσασθαι]], that/since if fainthearted to_be the/this/who woman, although mother to_ _be, [[ὠλοφύρετο]] if upon/to/against he/she/it/self; and perhaps if this/he/she/it thus(-ly) to_say, **6** Omega/oh!/to_be Melea [[ἔγωγε]], and often [[τρισαθλία]], who/which seven child [[τεκοῦσα]], none mother [[γεγένημαι]]. **7** Omega/oh!/to_be futile seven [[κυοφορίαι]], and [[ἀνόνητοι]] seven [[δεκάηνοι]], and unfruitful [[τιθηνίαι]], and [[ταλαίπωροι]]

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her children, **27** didn't lean to that which would have saved her children for the safety of a brief space. **28** But this daughter of Avraham remembered his holy fortitude.

29 Oh holy mother of a nation, avenger of the law, defender of religion, and prime bearer in the battle of the affections! **30** Oh you nobler in endurance than males, and more courageous than men in perseverance! **31** Because like Noah's ship, bearing the world in the world-filling flood, bore up against the waves, **32** so you, the guardian of the law, when surrounded on every side by the flood of emotions, and assaulted by violent storms which were the torments of your children, bore up nobly against the storms against religion.

The mother encourages her sons to remain faithful

16:1 If, then, even a woman, and that an aged one, and the mother of seven children, endured to see her children's torments even to death, it must be admitted that religious reasoning is master even of the emotions. **2** I've proved, then, that not only men have obtained the mastery of their emotions, but also that a woman despised the greatest torments. **3** The lions around Daniyel weren't so fierce, nor the furnace of Mishael burning with most vehement fires as that natural love of children burnt within her, when she saw her seven sons tortured. **4** But with the reasoning of religion the mother quenched emotions so great and powerful. **5** Because we must consider also this: that, had the woman been faint hearted, as being their mother, she'd have lamented over them, and perhaps might have spoken thus: **6** "Ah! I'm wretched and many times miserable, who having born seven sons, have become the mother of none. **7** Oh seven useless childbirths, and seven profitless periods of labour, and fruitless givings of suck, and miserable nursings at the breast. **8** Vainly, for your sakes, Oh sons, have I endured many pangs, and the

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more difficult anxieties of rearing. 9 Alas, of my children, some of you unmarried, and some who've married to no profit, I won't see your children, nor have the joy of being a grandmother. 10 Ah, that I who had many and fair children, should be a lone widow full of sorrows! 11 Nor, should I die, will I have a son to bury me." But with such a lament as this, the holy and God-fearing mother wept for none of them. 12 Nor did she divert any of them from death, nor grieve for them as for the dead. 13 But as one possessed with an adamant mind, and as one bringing forth again her full number of sons to immortality, she rather urged them to death on behalf of religion. 14 Oh woman, soldier of God for religion, you, aged and a female, have conquered through endurance even a tyrant; and even though weak, have been found more powerful in actions and words. 15 Because when you were seized along with your children, you stood looking at Eleazar in torture, and said to your sons in the Hebrew tongue, 16 "O sons, the contest is noble, to which you being called as a witness for the nation, strive zealously for the laws of your country. 17 Because it'd be disgraceful if this old man endured pains for the sake of righteousness, and that you who are younger would be afraid of the tortures. 18 Remember that through God, you obtained existence and have enjoyed it. 19 Therefore, you ought to bear every affliction because of God. 20 Because him also our father Avraham was zealous to sacrifice Yitshak (Isaac) our progenitor, and didn't shudder at the sight of his own paternal hand descending down with the sword on him. 21 The righteous Daniyel was thrown to the lions; and Hananyah, Azaryah, and Mishael were hurled into a fiery furnace, yet they endured through God. 22 You, then, having the same faith towards God, don't be troubled. 23 Because it's unreasonable that they who know religion wouldn't stand up against troubles. 24 With these arguments, the mother of seven, exhorting each of her sons, encouraged and persuaded them not to transgress God's commandment. 25 They saw this, too, that those who die for God, live to God, like Avraham, Yitshak, Ya'akov (Jacob), and all the patriarchs.

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⟦γαλακτοτροφίοι⟧. 8 in_vain upon/to/against you, oh!/to_be ⟦παῖδες⟧, much ⟦ὑπέμεινα⟧ labour and ⟦χαλεπωτέρας⟧ ⟦φροντίδας⟧ ⟦ἀνατροφῆς⟧. 9 Omega/oh!/to_be the/this/who my child, the/this/who on_one_hand ⟦ἄγαμοι⟧, the/this/who but/and ⟦γαμήσαντες⟧ ⟦ἀνόνητοι⟧, no to_see you child, and_ _not grandmother ⟦κληθεῖσα⟧ ⟦μακαρισθήσομαι⟧. 10 Omega/oh!/to_be the/this/who with_many_children and ⟦καλλίπαις⟧ I/we woman widow and abode ⟦πολύθρηνος⟧. 11 and_not if ⟦ἀποθάνω⟧, ⟦θάπτοντα⟧ the/this/who son out/outside(r) one. 12 but this/he/she/it the/this/who ⟦θρήνῳ⟧ none ⟦ὠλοφύρετο⟧ the/this/who sacred and godly mother. and_not in_order_that/to not ⟦ἀποθάνωσιν⟧ ⟦ἀπέτρεπεν⟧ he/she/it/self one, and_not which/how ⟦ἀποθνησκόντων⟧ to_grieve. 13 but just_as ⟦ἀδαμάντινον⟧ to_ _have/be the/this/who mind, and toward immortality ⟦ἀνατίκτουσα⟧ the/this/who the/this/who son number, more above/for the/this/who piety upon/to/against the/this/who death he/she/it/self ⟦προετρέπετο⟧ ⟦ἱκετεύουσα⟧. 14 Omega/oh!/to_be through/because_of piety God ⟦στρατιῶτι⟧, ⟦πρεσβύτι⟧ and woman through/because_of ⟦καρτερίαν⟧ and tyrant ⟦ἐνίκησας⟧, and work ⟦δυνατωτέρα⟧ and word ⟦εὑρέθης⟧ ⟦ἄνανδρος⟧. 15 and ⟦γὰν⟧ when ⟦συνελήφθης⟧ with/after the/this/who child, ⟦εἱστήκεις⟧ the/this/who Eleazaron ⟦ὁρῶσα⟧ to_torture, and ⟦ἔλεγες⟧ the/this/who child in/on/among the/this/who ⟦Ἑβοαΐδι⟧ voice/sound, 16 Omega/oh!/to_be ⟦παῖδες⟧, ⟦γενναῖος⟧ the/this/who fight; ⟦εφ⟧ which ⟦κληθέντες⟧ above/for the/this/who ⟦διαμαρτυρίας⟧ of_the Gentile_nation, ⟦ἐναγωνίσασθε⟧ eagerly above/for of_the ⟦πατρίουνόμου⟧. 17 and for shameful the/this/who certainly/month ⟦γέροντα⟧ this/he/she/it ⟦ὑπομένειν⟧ the/this/who through/because_of the/this/who piety ⟦ἀληδόνας⟧, you but/and the/this/who new ⟦καταπλαγῆναι⟧ the/this/who ⟦βασάνους⟧. 18 ⟦Ἀναμνήσθητε⟧, that/since through/because_of the/this/who God of_the world ⟦μετελάβετε⟧, and of_the life ⟦ἀπελαύσατέ⟧; 19 and through/because_of ⟦τιῦτο⟧ to_owe all travail ⟦ὑπομένειν⟧ through/because_of the/this/who God. 20 through/because_of which and the/this/who father I/we Habra'am to_hasten the/this/who ⟦ἐθνοπάτορα⟧ son ⟦σφαγιάσαι⟧ Isa'ak, and the/this/who ⟦πατρῷαν⟧ hand ⟦ξιφηφόρον⟧ ⟦καταφερομένην⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self to_see no ⟦ἔπτηξεν⟧. 21 and Dania^{y}l the/this/who just toward ⟦λέοντας⟧ to_throw; and Ananias, and Azarias, and Misaa^{y}l toward furnace/oven fire ⟦ἀπεσφενδονήθησαν⟧, and to_remain/endure, through/because_of the/this/who God. 22 and you therefore/then the/this/who he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self faith to/with the/this/who God to_have/be, not ⟦χαλεπαίνητε⟧. 23 ⟦Ἀλόγιστον⟧ for to_ _perceive piety not ⟦ἀντιστασθαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦πόνοις⟧. 24 through/because_of this/he/she/it the/this/who word the/this/who mother_of_seven_children one each the/this/who son ⟦παρακαλοῦσα⟧, ⟦ἔπεισε⟧ more, or/than ⟦παραβῆναι⟧ the/this/who commandment of_the God. 25 still but/and and this/he/she/it to_perceive, that/since through/because_of the/this/who God to_die to_live the/this/who God, just_as Habra'am and Isa'ak and Yakōb, and

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all the/this/who patriarch.
17:1 to_speak but/and and the/this/who ⟦δορυφόρων⟧ one, which/how when to_ensue and he/she/it/self ⟦συλλαμβάνεσθαι⟧ to/with death, in_order_that/to not ⟦ψαύσειέν⟧ one of_the body my/your/him-self, my/your/him-self ⟦ἔῤῥιψεν⟧ according_to the/this/who ⟦πυρᾶς⟧. **2** Omega/oh!/to_be mother with seven child ⟦καταλύσασα⟧ the/this/who of_the tyrant force, and ⟦ἀκυρώσασα⟧ the/this/who ⟦κακὰς⟧ ⟦ἐπινοίας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐπιδείξασα⟧ the/this/who the/this/who faith ⟦γενναιότητα⟧. **3** just_as for you roof upon/to/against of_the ⟦στύλου⟧ the/this/who child ⟦γενναίως⟧ ⟦ἱδρυμένη⟧, ⟦ἀκλινῶς⟧ ⟦ὑπήνεγκας⟧ the/this/who through/because_of the/this/who ⟦βασάνων⟧ earthquake. **4** ⟦Θάῤῥει⟧ therefore, oh!/to_be mother ⟦ἱερόψυχε⟧, the/this/who hope the/this/who perseverance ⟦γενναίως⟧ to_ _have/be to/with God. **5** no thus(-ly) moon according_to heaven with star ⟦σεμνὴ⟧ ⟦καθέστηκεν⟧, which/how you the/this/who toward star seven child ⟦φωταγωγήσασα⟧ to/with the/this/who piety valued/honoured ⟦καθέστηκας⟧ God, and ⟦ἐστήρισαι⟧ in/on/among heaven with he/she/it/self. **6** to_be for the/this/who ⟦παιδοποιΐα⟧ you away_from Habra'am of_the child. **7** if but/and it_is_permitted I/we to_be, just_as one ⟦ζωγραφῆσαι⟧ the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἱστορίας⟧ you piety, no if ⟦ἔφριττον⟧ the/this/who to_see/experience mother seven child through/because_of piety ⟦ποικίλας⟧ ⟦βασάνους⟧ until death ⟦ὑπομείνασαν⟧. **8** and for worthy to_be and upon/to/against he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there of_the ⟦ἐπιταφίου⟧ ⟦ἀναγράψαι⟧ and this/he/she/it the/this/who away_from of_ _the Gentile_nation toward remembrance to_speak. **9** here an_ _old_man priest, and ⟦γυμὴ⟧ ⟦γεραιὰ⟧ and seven ⟦παῖδες⟧ ⟦ἐγκεκήδευνται⟧ through/because_of tyrant force, the/this/who Hebraiōn citizenship to_destroy/lodge to_ _will/desire. **10** the/this/who/which and ⟦ἐξεδίκησαν⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation toward God to_consider, and until death the/this/who ⟦βασάνους⟧ ⟦ὑπομείναντες⟧. **11** truly for to_be fight divine the/this/who through/because_of he/she/it/self ⟦γεγενημένος⟧. **12** ⟦Ἠθλότει⟧ for then virtue through/because_of perseverance ⟦δοκιμάζουσα⟧ the/this/who victory in/on/among incorruptibility in/on/among life ⟦πολυχρονίῳ⟧. **13** Eleazar but/and ⟦προηγωνίζετο⟧; the/this/who but/and mother the/this/who seven child ⟦ἐνήθλει⟧; **14** the/this/who but/and brother to_ _struggle; the/this/who tyrant ⟦ἀντηγωνίζετο⟧; the/this/who but/and world and the/this/who the/this/who a_human life to_see/experience. **15** reverence_for_God but/and ⟦ἐνίκα⟧, the/this/who my/your/him-self ⟦ἀθλητὰς⟧ ⟦στεφανοῦσα⟧. **16** which? no to_marvel the/this/who the/this/who truth ⟦νομοθεσίας⟧ ⟦ἀθλητὰς⟧? which? no be_astonished? **17** he/she/it/self indeed actually the/this/who tyrant and all the/this/who council he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξεθαύμασαν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who perseverance. **18** through/because_of which and the/this/who sulfur now ⟦παρεστήκασιν⟧ throne, and the/this/who blessed ⟦βιοῦσιν⟧ an_age. **19** and for to_say the/this/who Mōsaʸs, and all the/this/who to_sanctify by/under the/this/who hand you. **20** and this/he/she/it therefore/then ⟦ἁγιασθέντες⟧

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The mother's death and the martyrs' reward

17:1 Some of the spearbearers said that when she herself was about to be seized for the purpose of being put to death, she threw herself on the pile, rather than let them touch her body. **2** Oh you mother, who together with seven children destroyed the violence of the tyrant, and rendered void his wicked intentions, and exhibited the nobleness of faith! **3** Because you, like a house bravely built on the pillar of your children, bore the shock of tortures without swaying. **4** Cheer up, therefore, Oh holy-minded mother! Hold the firm hope of your steadfastness with God. **5** Not so gracious does the moon appear with the stars in heaven, as you're established as honourable before God, and fixed in the sky with your sons whom you illuminated with religion to the stars. **6** Because your bearing of children was after the manner of a child of Avraham.

7 If it were lawful for us to paint as on a tablet the religion of your story, the spectators wouldn't shudder at seeing the mother of seven children enduring for the sake of religion various tortures even to death. **8** It'd have been a worthwhile thing to have inscribed on the tomb itself these words as a memorial to those of the nation, **9** "Here an aged priest, and an aged woman, and seven sons, are buried through the violence of a tyrant, who wished to destroy the society of the Ivrim (Hebrews). **10** These also avenged their nation, looking to God, and enduring torments to death." **11** Because it was truly a divine contest which was carried through by them. **12** Because at that time virtue presided over the contest, approving the victory through endurance, namely, immortality, eternal life. **13** Eleazar was the first to contend. The mother of the seven children entered the contest, and the kindred contended. **14** The tyrant was the antagonist; and the world and living men were the spectators. **15** Reverence for God conquered, and crowned her own athletes. **16** Who didn't admire those champions of true legislation? Who weren't amazed? **17** The tyrant himself, and all their council, admired their endurance, **18** through which, they also now stand beside the divine throne and live a blessed life. **19** Because Mosheh (Moses) says, "All the saints are under your hands." **20** These, therefore, having been sanctified through God, have been honoured not only with this honour, but that also by the fact that because of them, the enemy didn't overcome our nation. **21** That tyrant was punished and their country purified. **22** Because they became the ransom to the sin of the nation. The Divine Providence saved Yisrael (Israel), which was afflicted before, by the blood of those pious ones and the death that appeased anger. **23** Because the tyrant Antiokos (Antiochus), looking to their courageous virtue and to their endurance in torture, proclaimed that endurance as an example to his soldiers. **24** They proved to be to him noble and brave for land battles and for sieges; and he conquered and stormed the towns of all his enemies.

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A call to follow their example

18:1 Oh Israeli children, descendants of the seed of Avraham, obey this law and in every way be religious, **2** knowing that religious reasoning is lord of the emotions, and those not only inward but outward.

3 Therefore those people who gave up their bodies to pains for the sake of religion weren't only admired by men, but were deemed worthy of a divine portion. **4** The nation through them obtained peace, and having renewed the observance of the law in their country, drove the enemy out of the land. **5** The tyrant Antiokos was both punished on earth, and is punished now that he's dead; for when he was quite unable to compel the Israelis to adopt foreign customs, and to desert the manner of life of their fathers, **6** then, departing from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he made war against the Persians. **7** The righteous mother of the seven children spoke also as follows to her offspring: "I was a pure virgin, and didn't go beyond my father's house, but I took care of the rib from which woman was made. **8** No destroyer of the desert or ravisher of the plain injured me, nor did the destructive, deceitful snake make plunder of my chaste virginity. I remained with my husband during the time of my maturity. **9** When these, my children, arrived at maturity, their father died. He was blessed! Because having strived for a life of fertility in children, he wasn't grieved with a period of loss of children. **10** He used to teach you, when yet with you, the law and the prophets. **11** He used to read to you about the slaying of Hevel (Abel) by Kayin (Cain), the offering up of Yitshak (Isaac), and the imprisonment of Yosef (Joseph). **12** He used to tell you of the zealous Pinhas, and informed you of Hananyah, Azaryah, and Mishael in the fire. **13** He used to glorify Daniyel, who was in the den of lions, and pronounce him blessed. **14** He used to remind you of the scripture of Yeshayah (Isaiah), which says, "Even if you pass through the fire, it won't burn you." **15** He chanted to you David, the hymn writer, who says, "Many are the afflictions

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through/because_of God ⟦τετίμηνται⟧ no alone/only therefore/then this/he/she/it the/this/who honour, but and the/this/who through/because_of he/she/it/self the/this/who Gentile_nation I/we the/this/who ⟦πολεμίους⟧ not ⟦ἐπικρατήσας⟧, **21** and the/this/who tyrant ⟦τιμωρηθῆναι⟧, and the/this/who fatherland ⟦καθαρισθῆναι⟧, **22** ⟦ὥσπωρ⟧ ⟦ἀντίψυχον⟧ to_be the/this/who of_the Gentile_nation sin, and through/because_of of_the blood the/this/who ⟦εὐσεβῶν⟧ that, and of_the ⟦ἱλαστηρίου⟧ death he/she/it/self, the/this/who ⟦θεία⟧ foresight the/this/who Israaʸl ⟦προκακωθέντα⟧ ⟦διέσωσεν⟧. **23** to/with for the/this/who ⟦ἀνδρείαν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ἀρετῆς⟧, and the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who torment he/she/it/self perseverance the/this/who tyrant ⟦ἀφιδὼν⟧ Antiokos ⟦ἀνεκήρυξεν⟧ the/this/who soldier he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward example the/this/who that perseverance. **24** to_have/be and/both he/she/it/self ⟦γενναίους⟧ and ⟦ἀνδρείους⟧ toward ⟦πεζομαχίαν⟧ and ⟦πολιορκίαν⟧; and ⟦ἐκπορθήσας⟧ to_conquer all the/this/who ⟦πολεμίους⟧.

18:1 Omega/oh!/to_be the/this/who ⟦Ἀβραμιαίων⟧ seed ⟦ἀπόγονοι⟧ ⟦παῖδες⟧ Israaʸlitai, to_persuade the/this/who law this/he/she/it, and all way to_show_piety; **2** to_know, that/since the/this/who to_suffer master to_be the/this/who pious thought; and no alone/only the/this/who within, but and the/this/who outside travail; **3** for to_be/which through/because_of the/this/who piety ⟦προϊέμενοι⟧ the/this/who body the/this/who ⟦πόνοις⟧ that, no alone/only by/under the/this/who a_human ⟦ἐθαυμάσθησαν⟧, but and divine part to_consider_worthy. **4** and through/because_of he/she/it/self ⟦εἰρήνευσεν⟧ the/this/who Gentile_nation, and the/this/who ⟦εὐνομίαν⟧ the/this/who upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦πατρίδος⟧ ⟦ἀνανεωσάμενος⟧, ⟦ἐκπεπολιόρκηκε⟧ the/this/who ⟦πολεμίους⟧. **5** and the/this/who tyrant Antiokos and upon/to/against earth ⟦τετιμώρηται⟧, and to_die ⟦κολάζεται⟧; which/how for none by_no_means be_strong ⟦ἀναγκάσαι⟧ the/this/who Hierosolumitas ⟦ἀλλοφυλῆσαι⟧, and the/this/who ⟦πατριῶν⟧ Gentile_nation ⟦ἐκδιαιτηθῆναι⟧; **6** then so ⟦ἀπάρας⟧ away_from the/this/who Hierosolumōn ⟦ἐστρατοπέδευσεν⟧ upon/to/against Persas. **7** to_speak but/and the/this/who mother the/this/who seven child and this/he/she/it the/this/who just the/this/who child, that/since I/we to_be virgin pure, and no ⟦ὑπερέβην⟧ ⟦πατρικὸν⟧ house; ⟦ἐφύλασσον⟧ but/and the/this/who ⟦ᾠκοδομουμένην⟧ side. **8** no ⟦διέφθειρέν⟧ I/we ⟦λυμεὼν⟧ the/this/who desert ⟦φθορεὺς⟧ in/on/among ⟦πεδίῳ⟧; and_ _not ⟦ἐλυμήνατό⟧ I/we the/this/who pure the/this/who virginity ⟦λυμεὼν⟧ ⟦ἀπατηλὸς⟧ snake; ⟦ἔμεινα⟧ but/and time ⟦ἀκμῆς⟧ with man. **9** this/he/she/it but/and ⟦ἐνελίκων⟧ to_be to_decease the/this/who father; blessed on_one_hand that; the/this/who for the/this/who ⟦εὐτεκνίας⟧ life to_seek_after, the/this/who the/this/who ⟦ἀτεκνίας⟧ no ⟦ὠδυνήθη⟧ time/right_time. **10** which to_teach you, still to_be with you, the/this/who law and the/this/who prophet. **11** the/this/who ⟦ἀναιρεθέντα⟧ Abel by/under Kain to_read but/and I/we, and the/this/who ⟦ὁλοκαπούμενον⟧ Isa'ak, and the/this/who in/on/among prison/watch Yōsaʸf. **12** to_speak but/and I/we

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the/this/who zealot Fine'es; to_teach but/and you
the/this/who in/on/among fire Ananian, and Azarian, and
Misaaʸl. **13** to_glorify but/and and the/this/who in/on/among
⟦λάκκῳ⟧ lion Daniaʸl, which and ⟦ἐμακάριζεν⟧.
14 ⟦Ὑπεμίμνησκεν⟧ but/and you the/this/who Aʸsaiou a_
_writing the/this/who to_speak, and/even_if/if
through/because_of fire ⟦διέλθῃς⟧, flame no to_burn you.
15 the/this/who ⟦ὑμνογράφον⟧ ⟦ἐμελῴδει⟧ you ⟦Δαρίδ⟧
the/this/who to_speak, much the/this/who/which pressure
the/this/who just. **16** the/this/who ⟦Σαλομῶντα⟧
⟦ἐπαροιμίαζεν⟧ I/we the/this/who to_speak, wood life to_be all
the/this/who to_do/make
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who
will/desire. **17** the/this/who Yezekiaʸl ⟦ἐπιστοποιεῖτο⟧
the/this/who to_speak, if to_live the/this/who ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧
the/this/who dried_up/withered this/he/she/it? **18** song on_
_one_hand for which to_teach Mōusaʸs no to_forget
the/this/who ⟦διδάσκουσαν⟧, I/we to_kill and to_live to_
_do/make. **19** he/she/it/self/this/he/she/it the/this/who life
I/we and the/this/who ⟦μακαριότης⟧ the/this/who day.
20 Omega/oh!/to_be/which ⟦πικρᾶς⟧ the/this/who then day,
and no ⟦πικρᾶς⟧, when the/this/who bitter ⟦Ἑλλήμων⟧ tyrant
fire ⟦φλέξας⟧ ⟦λέβησιν⟧ ⟦ὠμοῖς⟧, and ⟦ζεουσι⟧ ⟦θυμοῖς⟧
⟦ἀγαγὼν⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦καταπέλτην⟧ and
again the/this/who ⟦βασάνους⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who seven
child the/this/who ⟦Ἀβραμίτιδος⟧. **21** the/this/who
the/this/who eye ⟦κόρας⟧ ⟦ἐπήρωσεν⟧, and tongue ⟦ἐξέτεμεν⟧,
and torment various to_kill. **22** above/for which the/this/who
⟦θεία⟧ condemnation ⟦μετῆλθεν⟧ and ⟦μετελεύσεται⟧
the/this/who ⟦ἀλάστορα⟧. **23** the/this/who but/and
⟦Ἀβραμιαῖοι⟧ ⟦παῖδες⟧ with the/this/who ⟦ἀθλοφορῳ⟧
mother, toward father ⟦χορὸν⟧ ⟦συναγελάζονται⟧, ⟦φυχὰς⟧ and
⟦ἀθανάτους⟧ ⟦ἀπειληφότες⟧ from_with of_the God.
24 Omega/oh!/to_be the/this/who glory toward the/this/who
an_age the/this/who an_age. amen.

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of the just." **16** He declared the proverbs of Shelomoh (Solomon), who says, "He's a tree of life to all those who do His will." **17** He used to confirm what Yehezkel (Ezekiel) said: "Will these dry bones live?" **18** Because he didn't forget the song which Mosheh (Moses) taught, proclaiming, "I'll kill, and I'll make alive." **19** This is our life and the length of our days.

20 Oh that bitter, and yet not bitter, day when the bitter tyrant of the Hellains (Greeks), quenching fire with fire in his cruel cauldrons, brought with boiling rage the seven sons of the daughter of Avraham to the rack, and to all his torments! **21** He pierced the balls of their eyes, and cut out their tongues, and put them to death with varied tortures. **22** Therefore divine retribution pursued and will pursue the pestilent wretch. **23** But the children of Avraham, with their victorious mother, are assembled together to the choir of their father, having received pure and immortal souls from God. **24** To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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1:1 ⟦ΕΒΟΗΣΑ⟧ to/with lord in/on/among the/this/who to_
_press_on I/we toward goal/tax, to/with the/this/who God
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐπιθέσθαι⟧ sinful. **2** suddenly to_
_hear shouting ⟦πολέμου⟧ before I/we; ⟦ἐπακούσεταί⟧ I/we,
that/since ⟦ἐπλήσθην⟧ righteousness. **3** ⟦ἐλογισάμην⟧
in/on/among heart I/we that/since ⟦ἐπλήσθην⟧ righteousness,
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦εὐθηνῆσαί⟧ I/we and much to_be
in/on/among child. **4** the/this/who riches he/she/it/self
⟦διεδόθη⟧ toward all the/this/who earth, and the/this/who
glory he/she/it/self until last/least the/this/who earth.
5 ⟦ὑψώθησαν⟧ until the/this/who star, to_say no not to_
_collapse; **6** and ⟦ἐξύβρισαν⟧ in/on/among the/this/who
good-doer he/she/it/self. and no to_bear/lead.
7 the/this/who/which sin he/she/it/self in/on/among
⟦ἀποκρύφοις⟧, and I/we no to_perceive; **8** the/this/who/which
lawlessness he/she/it/self above/for the/this/who before
he/she/it/self Gentile_nation, ⟦ἐβεβήλωσαν⟧ the/this/who
holy lord in/on/among ⟦βεβηλώσει⟧.

2:1 in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφανεύεσθαι⟧
the/this/who sinful in/on/among ⟦κριῷ⟧ ⟦κατέβαλλε⟧ wall
⟦ὐχυρά⟧. and no ⟦ἐκώλυσας⟧. **2** to_ascend upon/to/against
the/this/who altar you Gentile_nation another's,
⟦κατεπατοῦσαν⟧ in/on/among ⟦ὑποδήμασιν⟧ ⟦οὔτων⟧
in/on/among pride. **3** for which the/this/who son Yerousalaʸm
⟦ἐμίαναν⟧ the/this/who holy lord, ⟦ἐβεβηλοῦσαν⟧
the/this/who gift of_the God in/on/among ⟦ἀνομίαις⟧;
4 because_of this/he/she/it to_say ⟦Ἀπορίψατε⟧ he/she/it/self
long/distant away_from I/we/my, no ⟦εὐόδωκεν⟧
he/she/it/self the/this/who beauty the/this/who glory
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **5** ⟦ἐξουθενώθη⟧
before_of_the God, ⟦ἠτιμώθη⟧ until toward goal/tax. **6** son and
daughter in/on/among ⟦αἰχμαλαωσίᾳ⟧ evil/bad. in/on/among
⟦σφραγῖδι⟧ the/this/who neck he/she/it/self, in/on/among
⟦ἐπισήμῳ⟧ in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation;
7 according_to the/this/who sin he/she/it/self to_do/make
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self, that/since ⟦ἐγκατέλειπεν⟧
he/she/it/self toward hand ⟦κατισχυόντων⟧; **8** ⟦ἀπέστρεψεν⟧
for the/this/who face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
away_from mercy he/she/it/self, new and ⟦πρεσβύτην⟧ and
child he/she/it/self toward once; **9** that/since evil/bad to_
_do/make toward once, of_the not to_hear. **10** and
the/this/who heaven ⟦ἐβαρυθύμησε⟧, and the/this/who earth
⟦ἐβδελύξατο⟧ he/she/it/self, **11** that/since no to_do/make all
a_human upon/to/against he/she/it/self just_as/how_much
to_do/make. **12** and to_know the/this/who earth the/this/who
judgement you all the/this/who just, the/this/who God. **13** to_
_stand the/this/who son Yerousalaʸm toward ⟦ἐμπαιγμόν⟧, for
prostitute in/on/among he/she/it/self; all the/this/who to_
_travel to_enter before_of_the sun; to_mock the/this/who
⟦ἀνομίαις⟧ he/she/it/self; **14** as/just_as to_do/make
he/she/it/self, opposite_of_the sun ⟦παρεδειγμάτισαν⟧
unrighteousness he/she/it/self. and daughter Yerousalaʸm
⟦βέβηλοι⟧ according_to the/this/who judgement you,
15 ⟦ἀυθ'⟧ ⟦ἰῶν⟧ this/he/she/it ⟦ἐμιαίωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self
in/on/among ⟦φυρμῷ⟧ ⟦ἀναμίξεως⟧ the/this/who
belly/womb/stomach I/we and the/this/who
affection/entrails I/we ⟦πονῶ⟧ upon/to/against

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this/he/she/it. **16** I/we ⟦δικαιώσω⟧ you, the/this/who God, in/on/among ⟦εὐθύτητι⟧ heart; that/since in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κρίμασίν⟧ you the/this/who righteousness you, the/this/who God. **17** that/since ⟦ἀπέδωκας⟧ the/this/who sinful according_to the/this/who work he/she/it/self, and according_to the/this/who sin he/she/it/self the/this/who evil/bad very. **18** ⟦ἀνέκαλυψας⟧ the/this/who sin he/she/it/self, in_order_that/to to_shine/appear the/this/who judgement you; **19** ⟦ἐξήλειψας⟧ the/this/who memorial he/she/it/self away_from the/this/who earth. the/this/who God judge just, and no ⟦θαυμάσει⟧ ⟦πρόσαωσον⟧. **20** ⟦ἐλνείδισαν⟧ for Gentile_nation Yerousalaʸm in/on/among ⟦καταπατήσει⟧; ⟦κατέσπασεν⟧ the/this/who beauty he/she/it/self away_from throne glory. **21** ⟦περιεζώσατο⟧ ⟦σάκκον⟧ for clothing ⟦εὐπρεπείας⟧, rope about the/this/who head he/she/it/self for Stephen. **22** ⟦περιείλατο⟧ ⟦μίτραν⟧ glory which to_put_on he/she/it/self the/this/who God **23** in/on/among dishonour the/this/who beauty he/she/it/self ⟦ἀπερρίφη⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who earth. **24** and I/we to_perceive, and to_pray of_the face lord and to_say ⟦Ἱκάνωσον⟧, lord, of_the ⟦βαρύνεσθαι⟧ hand you upon/to/against Israaʸl in/on/among an_invasion Gentile_ _nation. **25** ⟦ὑτι⟧ to_mock and no ⟦ἐφείσαντο⟧, in/on/among idle and ⟦θυμῷ⟧ with/after ⟦μηνίσεως⟧ **26** and ⟦συντελεσθήσονται⟧, if not you, lord, ⟦ἐπιτιμήσεις⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among wrath you. **27** that/since no in/on/among ⟦ζήλει⟧ to_do/make, but in/on/among desire soul. **28** to_pour_out the/this/who wrath he/she/it/self toward I/we in/on/among ⟦ἁρπάγματι⟧. and not ⟦χρονίσῃς⟧, the/this/who God, of_the to_pay he/she/it/self toward head, **29** of_the to_say the/this/who ⟦ὑπερηφανίαν⟧ of_the dragon in/on/among dishonour. **30** and no ⟦ἐχρόνισα⟧ until to_show I/we the/this/who God the/this/who mistreatment he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἐκκεκεντημένον⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ἀρέων⟧ Aiguptou, above/for least ⟦ἐξουδενωμένον⟧ upon/to/against earth and sea; **31** the/this/who body he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦διαφερόμενον⟧ upon/to/against a_wave in/on/among ⟦ὕβρει⟧ much, and no ⟦ἦυ⟧ §the/this/who/which ⟦θάπτων⟧; **32** that/since ⟦ἐξουθένωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among dishonour; no ⟦ἐλογίσατο⟧ that/since a_human to_be, and the/this/who later no ⟦ἐλογίσατο⟧. **33** ⟦εἶπευ⟧ I/we lord earth and sea to_be and no ⟦ἐπέγνω⟧ that/since the/this/who God great, mighty in/on/among strength he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who ⟦μεγὶλῃ⟧. **34** he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self king upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦οὐρανῶον⟧ and to_judge king and beginning; **35** ⟦ἀνιστῶν⟧ I/we toward glory, and ⟦κοιμίζων⟧ arrogant toward ⟦ἀπωλίαν⟧ an_age in/on/among dishonour. ⟦ν⟧ that/since no ⟦ἔγναωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self. **36** and now to_perceive, the/this/who great_man the/this/who earth, the/this/who judgement of_the lord; that/since great king and just, to_judge the/this/who by/under heaven. **37** to_ _praise/bless the/this/who God, the/this/who to_fear the/this/who lord in/on/among higher_knowledge. that/since the/this/who mercy lord upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦φοβουμένους⟧ he/she/it/self, with/after judgement, **38** ⟦τηοῦ⟧ ⟦διαστεῖλαι⟧ each midst just and ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧, to_

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_pay sinful toward the/this/who an_age according_to
the/this/who work he/she/it/self; **39** and to_have_mercy just
away_from lowliness ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧, and to_pay sinful for to_
_be/which to_do/make just. **40** that/since good/kind
the/this/who lord the/this/who to_call_(on)/name
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among
perseverance, ⟦ποθῆσαι⟧ according_to the/this/who mercy
⟦αὐτοῖ⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὁσίοις⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦παρεστάναι⟧
through/because_of all before
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among
strength. **41** praiseworthy lord toward the/this/who an_age
before slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

3:1 in_order_that/to one/which? ⟦ὑπνοῖς⟧, soul, and no
⟦εὐλογεῖς⟧ the/this/who lord **2** ⟦ὕμνον⟧ and praise ⟦ψάλλετε⟧
the/this/who God the/this/who ⟦αἰνετῷ⟧. ⟦ψάλλε⟧ and
⟦γρηγόρησον⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦γρηγόρησιν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; that/since good-doer
psalm the/this/who God out_from good-doer heart. **3** just
⟦μνημονεύουσιν⟧ through/because_of all of_the lord,
in/on/among ⟦ἐξομολογήσει⟧ and to_justify the/this/who
judgement of_the lord. **4** no ⟦ὀλιγωρήσει⟧ just ⟦παιδευόμενος⟧
by/under of_the lord; the/this/who goodwill
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there through/because_of
all ⟦ἔνοντι⟧ lord. **5** ⟦προσέκοψευ⟧ the/this/who just and to_
_justify the/this/who lord; to_collapse, and ⟦ἀποβλέπει⟧
one/which? to_do/make he/she/it/self the/this/who God;
6 ⟦ἀποσκοπεύει⟧ whence to_come/be_present salvation
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self. **7** truth the/this/who just
from_with God saviour he/she/it/self; no ⟦αὐλίζεται⟧
in/on/among house just sin upon/to/against sin.
8 ⟦ἐπισκέπτεται⟧ through/because_of all the/this/who house
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who just, of_
_the ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ unrighteousness in/on/among trespass
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **9** ⟦ἐξιλάσατο⟧ about
ignorance in/on/among fasting and lowliness/to_humble soul
⟦αὐτοῆ⟧; **10** and the/this/who lord to_clean all man sacred and
the/this/who ⟦υἷκον⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **11** ⟦προσέκοψεν⟧
sinful, and ⟦καταρᾶται⟧ life
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who day
origin he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and labour
mother; **12** to_add_(to) sin upon/to/against sin the/this/who
life he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **13** ⟦ἤπεσεν⟧,
that/since evil/bad the/this/who corpse
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and no to_arise.
the/this/who destruction of_the ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧ toward
the/this/who an_age, **14** and no not ⟦μνησθήσεται⟧
when(-ever) ⟦ἐπισκέπτηται⟧ just; **15** this/he/she/it
the/this/who part the/this/who sinful toward the/this/who
an_age. **16** the/this/who but/and to_fear the/this/who lord to_
_arise toward life eternal, and the/this/who life he/she/it/self
in/on/among light lord no ⟦ἐκλείψει⟧ still

4:1 ⟦Ἴυα⟧ one/which? you, ⟦βέβηλε⟧, ⟦κάθησαι⟧
in/on/among council ⟦ὁσίῳ⟧, and the/this/who heart you
long/distant ⟦ἀφέστηκεν⟧ away_from of_the lord,
in/on/among ⟦παρανομίαις⟧ ⟦παροργίζων⟧ the/this/who God
Israa^{γ}l? **2** excessive in/on/among word, excessive

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in/on/among ⟦σημειώσει⟧ above/for all, the/this/who hard in/on/among word ⟦κατακρίναι⟧ sinful in/on/among judgement. **3** and the/this/who hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among first upon/to/against he/she/it/self which/how in/on/among ⟦ζήλει⟧, and he/she/it/self liable_for in/on/among embroidery sinful, in/on/among ⟦ἀκρασίαις⟧; **4** the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against all woman without ⟦διαστολῆς⟧, the/this/who tongue false in/on/among ⟦συναλλάγματι⟧ ⟦ρεθ'⟧ oath. **5** in/on/among night and in/on/among ⟦ἀποκρύφοις⟧ to_sin which/how no ⟦ὑρώμενος⟧, in/on/among eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_speak all woman in/on/among ⟦συυταγῇ⟧ ⟦κικίς⟧; **6** quick ⟦εἰσόδῳ⟧ toward all home cheerfulness which/how innocent **7** ⟦ἐξάραι⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who in/on/among hypocrisy to_ _live with/after ⟦ὁσίων⟧, in/on/among ⟦φθόρῳ⟧ flesh he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and poverty the/this/who life he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **8** ⟦ἀνακαλύψαι⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who work a_ _human ⟦ἀνθρωπαρέσκων⟧, in/on/among ⟦καταγέλωτι⟧ and ⟦μυκτηρισμῷ⟧ the/this/who work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **9** and ⟦δικαιώσαισαν⟧ ⟦ὅσιοι⟧ the/this/who judgement of_the God he/she/it/self, in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐξαίρεσθαι⟧ sinful away_from face just, **10** ⟦ἀνθρωπάρεσκον⟧ to_speak alone/only with/after deceit. **11** and the/this/who eye he/she/it/self upon/to/against house man in/on/among ⟦εὐσταθίᾳ⟧, which/how snake, ⟦διαλῦσαι⟧ wisdom one_another in/on/among word to_break_the_law. **12** the/this/who word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦παραλογισμοί⟧, toward action desire unjust. **13** no to_leave until to_conquer ⟦σκορπίσαι⟧ which/how in/on/among ⟦ἁρφανίᾳ⟧, and ⟦ἠρήμωσεν⟧ house because_of desire ⟦παρανόμου⟧. **14** ⟦παρελογίσατο⟧ in/on/among word that/since no to_be to_ _see and ⟦κρίναων⟧, **15** to_fill in/on/among lawlessness in/on/among this/he/she/it; and the/this/who eye he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐπ⟧ house other ⟦ὀλοθρεῦσαι⟧ in/on/among word ⟦ἀναπτερῶσεαος⟧; no ⟦ἐμπίπλαται⟧ the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, which/how Hades, in/on/among all this/he/she/it **16** to_be, lord, the/this/who part he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among dishonour before you, the/this/who departure he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among groan and the/this/who entry he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among to_take_ _up; **17** in/on/among anguish and poverty and perplexity the/this/who life he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, lord. the/this/who sleep he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there well/well_done! ⟦λύπαις⟧ and the/this/who ⟦ἐξέγερσις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there well/well_done! ⟦ἀπορίαις⟧; **18** ⟦ἀφαιρεθείη⟧ sleep away_from ⟦κροτάφων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among night, ⟦ἀποπέσοιεν⟧ away_from all work hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **19** and ⟦ἐλλιπὴς⟧ the/this/who house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there

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away_from all which/whither ⟦ἐμπλήσει⟧ soul
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **20** in/on/among
⟦μονίᾳ⟧ ⟦ἀτεκνίας⟧ the/this/who old_age
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward ⟦ἀνάλημψιν⟧.
21 ⟦σκορπισθείησαν⟧ ⟦σάρκες⟧ ⟦ἀνθρωπαρέσκων⟧ by/under
wild_animal, and ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧ to_break_the_law before of_the sun
in/on/among dishonour. **22** eye ⟦ἐκκόψαισαν⟧ ⟦κόρακες⟧
⟦ὑποκρινομέναοον⟧, **23** that/since ⟦ἠρήμωσεν⟧ house much
⟦ἀνθρώπαων⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἀτιμί⟧;Yod and to_scatter desire.
24 and no to_remember God, and no to_fear the/this/who God
in/on/among ⟦ἅπασι⟧ this/he/she/it. **25** and ⟦παρώργισαν⟧
the/this/who God, and ⟦παρώξυναν⟧ ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ he/she/it/self
away_from the/this/who earth; that/since soul innocent
⟦παραλογισμῷ⟧ ⟦ὑπεκρίνοντο⟧. **26** blessed the/this/who to_
_fear the/this/who lord in/on/among innocence
he/she/it/self; **27** and the/this/who lord ⟦άύσεται⟧
he/she/it/self away_from a_human ⟦δολίων⟧ ⟦κιὶ⟧ sinful; and
⟦bύσεται⟧ I/we away_from all stumbling_block ⟦παρανόμου⟧.
28 ⟦ἐξάραι⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who to_do/make
in/on/among pride all unrighteousness, that/since judge great
and mighty lord the/this/who God I/we in/on/among ⟦δι⟧.
⟦καιοσύνῃ⟧. **29** to_be, lord, the/this/who mercy you
upon/to/against all the/this/who to_love you.

5:1 lord the/this/who God, ⟦αἰνέσω⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀνόματί⟧
you in/on/among joy, well/well_done! midst ⟦ἐπισταμένων⟧
the/this/who judgement you the/this/who just. **2** that/since
helpful and merciful the/this/who a_refuge of_the ⟦πτωχοῦ⟧;
3 in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κεκραγέναι⟧ I/we to/with you
not ⟦παρασιωπήσῃς⟧ away_from I/we/my. **4** no for to_take
plunder from_with man ⟦δυνατοῦ⟧; **5** and one/which? to_take
away_from all which to_do/make, if not you to_give
6 that/since a_human and the/this/who part
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there from_with you
in/on/among ⟦σταθμῷ⟧; no ⟦προσθήσει⟧ of_the to_increase
from_with the/this/who judgement you, the/this/who God.
7 in/on/among the/this/who ⟦θλίκκδεσθαι⟧ I/we
⟦ἐπικαλεσόμεθα⟧ toward help. and you no ⟦ἀποστρέψῃ⟧
the/this/who petition I/we, that/since you the/this/who God
I/we to_be. **8** not ⟦βαρύνῃς⟧ the/this/who hand you
upon/to/against I/we. in_order_that/to not ⟦δι⟧'necessity
⟦ἁμάρτωμεν⟧. **9** and if not ⟦ἐπιστρέψῃς⟧ I/we, no ⟦ἀφεξόμεθα⟧,
⟦ἀλλ⟧ upon/to/against Sadé/Samekh/Sin/Shin ⟦ἥξομεν⟧; **10** if
for ⟦πεινάσω⟧, to/with you ⟦κεκράξομαι⟧, the/this/who God,
and you to_give I/we. **11** the/this/who bird and the/this/who
fish you ⟦τρέφεις⟧. in/on/among the/this/who to_give you
rain deserted toward ⟦ἀνατολὴν⟧ Chloe, to_make_ready food
in/on/among deserted all to_live; **12** and if ⟦πεινάσωσιν⟧,
to/with you to_take_up face he/she/it/self. **13** the/this/who
king and ruler and ⟦λαοὺς⟧ you ⟦τρέφεις⟧, the/this/who God,
and ⟦πτωχοῦ⟧ and ⟦πένητος⟧ the/this/who hope one/which?
to_be if not you, lord **14** and you ⟦ἐπακούσῃ⟧, that/since
one/which? good/kind and gentle but the/this/who ⟦πύ⟧?
⟦εὐφρᾶναι⟧ soul ⟦ταπεινοῦ⟧ in/on/among the/this/who to_
_open hand you in/on/among mercy. **15** the/this/who kindness
a_human in/on/among thrift,_sparing, and the/this/who
⟦ἀέρι⟧ to_be/which; and if ⟦δευτερώσῃ⟧ without murmuring,
and this/he/she/it ⟦θαυμάσειας⟧. **16** the/this/who but/and gift

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you much with/after kindness ¶[[κοὶ]] rich, and which/whither to_be the/this/who hope upon/to/against you, no to_spare in/on/among [[δόματι]]; **17** upon/to/against all the/this/who earth the/this/who mercy you, lord, in/on/among kindness. **18** blessed no/which/whither to_remember the/this/who God in/on/among [[συμμετρίᾳ]] [[αὐταρκίας]]; **19** if [[ὑπερπλεονάσῃ]] the/this/who a_human, [[ἐξαμαρτάνει]]; **20** sufficient the/this/who [[μέτριον]] in/on/among righteousness, and in/on/among this/he/she/it the/this/who praise lord, toward gratification in/on/among righteousness. **21** [[ηὐφράνθησαν]] the/this/who to_fear lord in/on/among good-doer, and the/this/who kindness you upon/to/against Israa^{y}l the/this/who kingdom [[συυ]]. **22** to_praise/bless the/this/who glory lord. that/since he/she/it/self king I/we.

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6:1 blessed man which/whither the/this/who heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there [[ἑτοίμη]] to_call_ _(on)/name the/this/who name lord; **2** in/on/among the/this/who to_remember he/she/it/self the/this/who name lord to_save **3** the/this/who/which road he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there [[κατευθύνονται]] by/under lord, and [[πεφυλαγμένα]] work hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there by/under lord God he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there **4** away_from [[ὁράσεως]] evil/bad [[ἐνυπνίων]] he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there no [[ταραχθήσεται]]; **5** the/this/who soul he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among [[διαβάσει]] river and [[σάλῳ]] [[θαλασσῶν]] no [[πτοηθήσεται]]. **6** [[ἐξανέστη]] out_from sleep he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and [[ηὐλόγησεν]] the/this/who name lord. **7** [[ἐπ]] [[εὐσταθίᾳ]] heart he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there [[ἐξύμνησεν]] the/this/who [[ἀνόματι]] of_the God, and to_pray of_the face lord about all of_the house he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **8** and lord [[εἰσήκουσεν]] prayer all in/on/among [[φοίβῳ]] God, and all request soul [[ἐλπιζούσης]] to/with he/she/it/self [[ἐπιτελεῖ]] the/this/who lord. **9** praiseworthy lord the/this/who to_ _do/make mercy the/this/who to_love he/she/it/self in/on/among truth.

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7:1 not [[ἀποσκηνώσῃς]] away_from I/we, the/this/who God, in_order_that/to not [[ἐπιθῶνται]] I/we the/this/who/which to_hate I/we free_gift/freely. **2** that/since [[ἀπώσω]] he/she/it/self, the/this/who God; not [[πατησάτω]] the/this/who foot he/she/it/self inheritance [[ἁγιὶσματός]] you. **3** you in/on/among will/desire you [[παίδευσον]] I/we. and not to_give Gentile_nation. **4** if for [[ἀποστείλῃς]] death, you [[ἐντελῇ]] he/she/it/self about I/we; that/since you merciful, and no [[ὀργισθήσῃ]] of_the [[συντελέσαι]] I/we, **5** in/on/among the/this/who to_dwell the/this/who name you in/on/among midst I/we [[ἐλεηθησόμεθα]]. **6** and no [[ἰσχύσει]] to/with I/we Gentile_nation, that/since you a_defender I/we. **7** and I/we [[ἐπικαλεσόμεθά]] you, and you [[ἐπακούσῃ]] I/we; **8** [[ῆτι]] you [[οἰκτειρήσεις]] the/this/who family Israa^{y}l toward the/this/who an_age and no [[ἀπώσει]]; and I/we by/under yoke/scales you the/this/who an_age, and [[μάστιγα]] [[παιδίας]] you. **9** [[κατευθυνεῖς]] I/we in/on/among time/right_time

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⟦ἀντιλήψεως⟧ you, of_the to_have_mercy the/this/who house Yakōb toward day in/on/among or/than/the/this/who/to_ _be/which ⟦ἐπηγγείλω⟧ he/she/it/self.

8:1 pressure and voice/sound ⟦πολέμου⟧ to_hear the/this/who ear I/we, voice/sound trumpet ⟦ἠχούσης⟧ slaughter and destructive; **2** voice/sound a_people much which/how wind much very, which/how a_blast fire much ⟦φερομένου⟧ ⟦δι⟧' deserted. **3** and to_say the/this/who heart I/we where? therefore to_judge he/she/it/self the/this/who God **4** voice/sound to_hear toward Yerousalaʸm city ⟦ἁγιάσματος⟧; **5** ⟦συνετρίβη⟧ the/this/who loins,_waist I/we away_from hearing, ⟦παρελύθη⟧ a_knee I/we. **6** to_fear the/this/who heart I/we, to_trouble the/this/who ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧ I/we which/how linen/wick; **7** to_say ⟦Κατευθυνοῦσιν⟧ road he/she/it/self in/on/among righteousness. ⟦ἀνελογισάμην⟧ the/this/who judgement of_the God away_from creation heaven and earth; ⟦ἐδικαίωσα⟧ the/this/who God in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κρίμασιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there the/this/who away_ _from an_age. **8** ⟦ἀνεκάλυψεν⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who sin he/she/it/self against/in_front_of of_the sun; to_know all the/this/who earth the/this/who judgement of_ _the God the/this/who just. **9** in/on/among ⟦καταγαίοις⟧ ⟦κρυφίοις⟧ the/this/who/which ⟦παρανομίαι⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among anger; **10** son with/after mother and father with/after daughter ⟦συνεφύροντο⟧. **11** ⟦ἐμοιχῶντο⟧ each the/this/who woman of_the near/neighbour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; to_agree he/she/it/self ⟦συνθήκας⟧ with/after oath about this/he/she/it. **12** the/this/who holy of_the God ⟦διηρπάζοσαν⟧, which/how not to_be ⟦κληρονόμου⟧ ⟦λυτρουμένου⟧. **13** ⟦ἐπατοῦσαν⟧ the/this/who altar lord away_ _from all impurity §⟦ικαὶ⟧ in/on/among ⟦ἀφέδρῳ⟧ blood ⟦ἐμίαναν⟧ the/this/who sacrifice, which/how meat ⟦βέβηλα⟧; **14** no ⟦παρέλειπον⟧ sin to_be/which no to_do/make above/for the/this/who Gentile_nation. **15** through/because_of this/he/she/it to_mix he/she/it/self the/this/who God spirit/breath ⟦πλανήσεαως⟧, to_water he/she/it/self cup wine undiluted toward ⟦μέθην⟧. **16** to_bring the/this/who away_ _from last/least the/this/who earth, the/this/who ⟦παίοντα⟧ forcefully, **17** to_judge the/this/who war upon/to/against Yerousalaʸm and the/this/who earth he/she/it/self. **18** ⟦ἠπάντησαν⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who ruler the/this/who earth with/after ⟦χαρδς⟧. to_say he/she/it/self ⟦'Επευκτὴ⟧ the/this/who road you; come to_enter with/after peace **19** ⟦ὡμάλισαν⟧ road ⟦τραχείας⟧ away_from entry he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, ⟦ἤνοιξαν⟧ gate upon/to/against Yerousalaʸm, ⟦ἐστεφάνωσαν⟧ wall he/she/it/self. **20** to_enter which/how father toward house son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦μετ⟧ peace. to_stand the/this/who foot he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there with/after ⟦ἀσφαλείας⟧ much. **21** ⟦κατελάβετο⟧ the/this/who ⟦πυργοβάρεις⟧ he/she/it/self and the/this/who wall Yerousalaʸm, **22** ⟦ἶτὶ⟧ the/this/who God ⟦γαγεν⟧ he/she/it/self with/after ⟦ἀσφαλείας⟧ well/well_done! the/this/who ⟦πλανήσει⟧ he/she/it/self. **23** to_destroy ruler he/she/it/self and all ⟦σοφὸν⟧ in/on/among plan, to_pour_out the/this/who blood the/this/who ⟦οἰκούντων⟧ Yerousalaʸm which/how

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water impurity. **24** ⟦ἀπήγαγεν⟧ the/this/who son and
the/this/who daughter he/she/it/self, which to_beget
in/on/among ⟦βεβηλώσει⟧. **25** to_do/make according_to
the/this/who impurity he/she/it/self, as/just_as the/this/who
father he/she/it/self; **26** ⟦ἐμίανεν⟧ Yerousalaʸm and
the/this/who ⟦ἡγιασμένα⟧ the/this/who name of_the God.
27 to_justify the/this/who God in/on/among the/this/who
⟦κρίμασιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
in/on/among the/this/who Gentile_nation the/this/who
earth. **28** and the/this/who ⟦ὅσιοι⟧ of_the God which/how
lamb in/on/among innocence in/on/among midst
he/she/it/self. **29** praiseworthy lord the/this/who to_judge all
the/this/who earth in/on/among righteousness
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **30** look! so,
the/this/who God, ⟦ἔδειξας⟧ I/we the/this/who judgement
you in/on/among the/this/who righteousness you.
31 ⟦εδοσαν⟧ the/this/who eye I/we the/this/who judgement
you, the/this/who God. ⟦ἐδικαιώσαμεν⟧ the/this/who name
you the/this/who valued/honoured toward an_age,
32 that/since you the/this/who God the/this/who
righteousness, to_judge the/this/who Israaʸl in/on/among
discipline. **33** ⟦ἐπίστρεψον⟧, the/this/who God, the/this/who
mercy you upon/to/against I/we and ⟦οἰκτείρησον⟧ I/we;
34 ⟦συνάγαγε⟧ the/this/who ⟦διασ⟧ ⟦πορὰν⟧ Israaʸl with/after
mercy ⟦κὶ⟧ kindness. **35** that/since faith you with/after I/we,
and I/we ⟦ἐσκληρίναμεν⟧ neck I/we. and you instructor I/we
to_be. **36** not ⟦ὑπερίδῃς⟧ I/we, the/this/who God I/we, in_
_order_that/to not ⟦καταπίωσιν⟧ I/we Gentile_nation.
which/how not to_be ⟦λυτρουμένοιι⟧. **37** and you the/this/who
God I/we away_from beginning. and upon/to/against you
the/this/who/which hope I/we, lord; **38** and I/we no
⟦ἀφεξόμεθά⟧ you, that/since good/kind the/this/who
judgement you toward I/we. **39** I/we and the/this/who child
I/we the/this/who goodwill toward the/this/who an_age; lord
saviour I/we, no ⟦σαλευθησόμεθα⟧ still the/this/who an_age
time. **40** praiseworthy lord in/on/among the/this/who
⟦κρίμασιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there well/well_
_done! mouth ⟦ὁσίων⟧, and to_praise/bless Israaʸl by/under
lord toward the/this/who an_age.

9:1 in/on/among the/this/who to_lead_away Israaʸl
in/on/among resettlement toward earth another's,
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀποστθῆναι⟧ he/she/it/self
away_from lord of_the ⟦λυτρωσαμένου⟧ he/she/it/self,
2 ⟦ἀπερίφησαν⟧ away_from inheritance which to_give
he/she/it/self lord; in/on/among all Gentile_nation
the/this/who dispersion of_the Israaʸl according_to
the/this/who ⟦όῆμα⟧ actually/certainly God; **3** ⟦ζυα⟧
⟦δικαιωθῇῆς⟧, the/this/who God, in/on/among the/this/who
righteousness you in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀνομίαις⟧
I/we; **4** that/since you judge just upon/to/against ⟦πντας⟧
the/this/who ⟦λαοὺς⟧ the/this/who earth. **5** no for
⟦κρυβήσεται⟧ away_from the/this/who knowledge you all to_
_do/make ⟦ἄδικα⟧. **6** and the/this/who/which ⟦δικαιοσύναι⟧
the/this/who ⟦ὁσίων⟧ you before. you, lord; and where?
⟦κρυβήσεται⟧ a_human away_from the/this/who knowledge
you, the/this/who God **7** the/this/who work I/we
in/on/among selecting and authority the/this/who soul I/we.

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of_the to_do/make righteousness and unrighteousness work hand I/we. **8** and in/on/among the/this/who righteousness you to_visit/care_for son a_human; **9** the/this/who to_ _do/make righteousness ⟦θησαυρίζει⟧ life he/she/it/self from_ _with lord, and the/this/who to_do/make unrighteousness he/she/it/self causer the/this/who soul in/on/among destruction. **10** the/this/who for judgement lord in/on/among righteousness according_to man and house. **11** which? ⟦χρηστεύσῃ⟧, the/this/who God, if not the/this/who to_call_ _(on)/name the/this/who lord **12** ⟦καθαρίσει⟧ in/on/among sin soul in/on/among ⟦ἐξομολογήσει⟧, in/on/among ⟦ἐξαγορίαις⟧ **13** that/since shame I/we and the/this/who ⟦προσώποις⟧ I/we about all; **14** and which? to_release sin, if not the/this/who ⟦ἡμαρτηκόσι⟧ **15** just ⟦εὐλογήσεις⟧, and no ⟦εὐθυνεῖς⟧ about ⟦ἰών⟧ ⟦ἡμάρτοσαν⟧, and or/than/the/this/who/to_be/which kindness you about to_sin in/on/among repentance. **16** and now you the/this/who God, and I/we a_people you which to_love; look!/to_perceive and ⟦οἰκτείρησον⟧, the/this/who God Israa^{y}l, that/since you/your to_be; and not ⟦ἀποστήσῃς⟧ mercy you away_from I/we, in_ _order_that/to not ⟦ἐπιθῶνται⟧ I/we. **17** that/since you ⟦ἡρετίσω⟧ the/this/who seed Abra'am from_with all the/this/who Gentile_nation, **18** and ⟦δοῦ⟧ the/this/who name you upon/to/against I/we, lord; and no ⟦καταπαύσεις⟧ the/this/who an_age. **19** well/well_done! covenant ⟦διέθου⟧ the/this/who father I/we about I/we, and I/we ⟦ἐλπιοῦμεν⟧ upon/to/against you in/on/among conversion soul I/we. **20** of_ _the lord charity the/this/who upon/to/against house Israa^{y}l toward the/this/who an_age and still

10:1 blessed man which/whither the/this/who lord to_ _remember in/on/among ⟦ἐλεγμῷ⟧ and ⟦ἐκυκλώθη⟧ away_ _from road evil/bad in/on/among ⟦μάστιγι⟧, ⟦καθαρισθῆναι⟧ away_from sin, of_the not ⟦πληθῦναι⟧. **2** the/this/who ⟦ἑτοιμάζων⟧ back toward whip, and ⟦καθαρισθήσεται⟧; good/kind for the/this/who lord the/this/who ⟦ὑπομένουσιν⟧ discipline. **3** ⟦ὀρθώσει⟧ for road just, and no ⟦διαπρέψει⟧ in/on/among discipline. **4** and the/this/who mercy lord upon/to/against the/this/who to_love he/she/it/self in/on/among ⟦ἀληθείᾳ⟧. and ⟦μνήσεται⟧ lord the/this/who slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among mercy; **5** the/this/who for testimony in/on/among law covenant eternal, the/this/who testimony lord upon/to/against road a_human in/on/among oversight. **6** ⟦ἦίκαιος⟧ and sacred lord I/we ⟦κρίμασιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who an_age, and Israa^{y}l ⟦αἰνέσει⟧ the/this/who name lord in/on/among joy. **7** and ⟦ὅσιοι⟧ ⟦ἐξομολογήσονται⟧ in/on/among assembly a_people, and poor ⟦ἐλεήσει⟧ the/this/who God in/on/among joy Israa^{y}l. **8** that/since good/kind and merciful the/this/who God toward the/this/who an_age, and ⟦συναγωγαὶ⟧ Israa^{y}l ⟦δοξάσουσιν⟧ the/this/who name lord. **9** of_the lord the/this/who salvation upon/to/against house Israa^{y}l toward ⟦σωφροσύνην⟧ eternal.

11:1 ⟦Ελπίσατε⟧ in/on/among Siōn in/on/among trumpet ⟦σημασίας⟧ holy, **2** to_preach in/on/among Yerousala^{y}m voice/sound to_speak_good_news; that/since to_have_mercy the/this/who God Israa^{y}l in/on/among the/this/who

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oversight he/she/it/self. **3** to_stand, Yerousalaʸm,
upon/to/against high, and look!/to_perceive the/this/who
child you away_from east and west to_assemble toward once
away_from lord. **4** away_from the_north to_come/go
the/this/who joy of_the God he/she/it/self; out_from ⟦νήσων⟧
from_afar to_assemble he/she/it/self the/this/who God.
5 mountain high to_humble toward ⟦ὁμαλισμὸν⟧
he/she/it/self ; **6** the/this/who ⟦βουνοὶ⟧ ⟦ἐφύγοσαν⟧ away_
_from entry he/she/it/self, the/this/who ⟦δρυμοὶ⟧ ⟦ἐσκίασαν⟧
he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who passing_by
he/she/it/self. **7** ⟦π⟧ if wood aroma to_rise he/she/it/self
the/this/who God, in_order_that/to to_pass_by Israaʸl
in/on/among oversight glory God he/she/it/self, **8** ⟦ἔνδυσαι⟧,
Yerousalaʸm, the/this/who clothing the/this/who glory you,
to_make_ready the/this/who robe of_the ⟦ἁγιάσματός⟧ you;
that/since the/this/who God to_speak good-doer Israaʸl
toward the/this/who an_age and still. **9** to_do/make lord which
to_speak upon/to/against Israaʸl and Yerousalaʸm;
⟦ἀναστήσαι⟧ lord the/this/who Israaʸl in/on/among ⟦ὀνύματι⟧
⟦δάξης⟧ he/she/it/self. of_the lord the/this/who mercy
upon/to/against the/this/who Israaʸl toward the/this/who
an_age and still

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12:1 lord, to_deliver the/this/who soul I/we away_from man
⟦παρανόμου⟧ and evil/bad, away_from tongue ⟦παρανόμου⟧
and ⟦ψιθυρου⟧ and to_speak ⟦ψευδῆ⟧ and ⟦δόλια⟧;
2 in/on/among embroidery ⟦στροφῆς⟧ the/this/who word
the/this/who tongue man ⟦πονηρῦ⟧. just_as in/on/among a_
_people fire ⟦ἀνάπτον⟧ ⟦καλλονὴν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there **3** the/this/who
sojourning he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there,
⟦ἐμπλῆσαι⟧ house in/on/among tongue lie ⟦ἐκκόψαι⟧ tree joy
⟦φλογιζούσης⟧ ⟦παρανόμους⟧. **4** ⟦συνχέαι⟧ house
⟦παρανόμους⟧ in/on/among war lip ⟦ψιθύροις⟧. ⟦μακρύναι⟧
the/this/who God away_from innocent lip to_break_the_law
in/on/among perplexity, and ⟦σκορπισθείησαν⟧ ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧
⟦ψιθύρων⟧ away_from ⟦φοβουμένων⟧ lord **5** in/on/among fire
⟦φλογὸς⟧ tongue twittering ⟦ἀπόλοιτο⟧ away_from ⟦ὁσίων⟧.
6 to_keep/guard lord soul quiet ⟦μισοῦσαν⟧ unjust, and to_
_guide lord man to_do/make peace in/on/among house. **7** of_
_the lord the/this/who salvation upon/to/against Israaʸl child
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who
an_age, **8** and ⟦ἀπόλοιντο⟧ the/this/who sinful away_from face
lord once, and ⟦ὅσιοι⟧ lord ⟦κληρονομήσαισαν⟧ promise.

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13:1 right lord ⟦ἐσκέπασέν⟧ I/we, right lord to_spare I/we.
2 the/this/who arm lord to_save I/we away_from ⟦όομφαίις⟧
⟦διαπορευομένης⟧, away_from ⟦λιμοῦ⟧ and death sinful.
3 wild_animal ⟦ἐπεδράμοσαν⟧ he/she/it/self evil/bad;
in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὀδοῦσιν⟧ he/she/it/self
⟦ἐτίλλοσαν⟧ flesh he/she/it/self, and in/on/among
the/this/who ⟦μύλαις⟧ ⟦ἔθλων⟧ ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧ he/she/it/self; and
out_from this/he/she/it all to_deliver I/we lord. **4** to_trouble
the/this/who ungodly through/because_of trespass
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, not once/when
⟦συμπαραληφθῇ⟧ with/after the/this/who sinful. **5** that/since
⟦δεινὴ⟧ the/this/who ruin of_the ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧. and no
⟦ἄψεται⟧ just none out_from all this/he/she/it. **6** ⟦ἰτι⟧ no like
the/this/who discipline the/this/who just in/on/among

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ignorance. and the/this/who ruin of_the ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧;
7 in/on/among attire ⟦παιδεύεται⟧ just, in_order_that/to not
⟦ἐπιχαρῇ⟧ the/this/who sinful the/this/who just. **8** that/since
⟦νουθετήσει⟧ just which/how son ⟦ἀγαπήσεως⟧, and
the/this/who discipline
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which/how
⟦πρωτοτόκου⟧. **9** that/since to_spare lord the/this/who
⟦ὁσίων⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and
the/this/who trespass he/she/it/self to_blot_out in/on/among
discipline. the/this/who for life the/this/who just toward
the/this/who an_age; **10** sinful but/and ⟦ἀρθήσονται⟧ toward
destruction, and no ⟦είρεθήσεται⟧ memorial he/she/it/self still
11 upon/to/against but/and the/this/who sacred
the/this/who mercy lord, and upon/to/against the/this/who
⟦φοβουμένους⟧ the/this/who mercy
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

14:1 faithful lord the/this/who to_love he/she/it/self
in/on/among truth, the/this/who ⟦ὑπομένουσιν⟧ discipline
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who to_
_travel in/on/among righteousness ⟦προσταγμάτων⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among law
which to_order I/we toward life I/we. **2** ⟦ὅσιοι⟧ lord ⟦ζήσονται⟧
in/on/among he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age;
the/this/who paradise of_the lord, the/this/who wood
the/this/who life ⟦ὅσιοι⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **3** the/this/who plant
he/she/it/self ⟦ἐρριζωμένη⟧ toward the/this/who an_age; no
⟦ἐκτιλήσονται⟧ all the/this/who day of_the heaven, that/since
the/this/who part and inheritance of_the God to_be Israaʸl.
4 and no thus(-ly) the/this/who sinful and ⟦παράνομοι⟧,
the/this/who/which to_love day in/on/among participation
sin he/she/it/self; in/on/among ⟦μικρότητι⟧ ⟦σαπρίας⟧
the/this/who desire he/she/it/self, **5** and no to_remember of_
_the God. that/since road a_human ⟦γναωσταὶ⟧ before
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there through/because_of
all, and ⟦ταμεῖα⟧ heart to_approach/to_know/understand
before of_the to_be. **6** ⟦ᾗδιὰ⟧ this/he/she/it the/this/who
⟦κληρονρμία⟧ he/she/it/self Hades and darkness and
destruction, and no ⟦εὑρεθήσονται⟧ in/on/among day mercy
just. the/this/who but/and ⟦ὅσιοι⟧ lord to_inherit life
in/on/among joy.

15:1 in/on/among the/this/who ⟦θλίίδεσθαί⟧ I/we
⟦ἐπεκαλεσάμην⟧ the/this/who name lord, toward help
⟦ἤλπισα⟧ of_the God Yakōb, and ⟦ἐσώθην⟧; **2** that/since hope
and a_refuge the/this/who poor you, the/this/who God.
3 one/which? for be_strong, the/this/who God, if not
⟦ἐξομολογήσασθαί⟧ you in/on/among truth? **4** and
one/which? able a_human, if not ⟦ἐξομολογήσασθαι⟧
the/this/who ⟦ὀνό⟧- ⟦ματί⟧ you? **5** psalm new with/after
⟦ψδῆς⟧ in/on/among joy heart, fruit lip in/on/among
⟦ἀργάνῳ⟧ ⟦ἡρμοσμένῳ⟧ tongue. firstfruits lip away_from heart
⟦ὁσίας⟧ and just; **6** the/this/who to_do/make this/he/she/it no
⟦σαλευθήσεται⟧ toward the/this/who an_age away_from
⟦κικοῦ⟧, flame fire and wrath unjust no ⟦ἄψεται⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **7** when(-ever) to_go_
_out upon/to/against sinful away_from face lord, ⟦ὀλεθρεῦσαι⟧
all ⟦ὑπόστασιν⟧ sinful. **8** ⟦ἰτὶ⟧ the/this/who sign of_the God

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upon/to/against just toward salvation; hunger and ⟦ὁομφαία⟧ and death away_from just long/distant. **9** to_flee for which/how to_pursue ⟦πολέμου⟧ away_from ⟦ἁσίων⟧, ⟦καταδιώξονται⟧ but/and sinful and ⟦καταλήψονται⟧ and no ⟦ἐκφεύξονται⟧ the/this/who to_do/make lawlessness the/this/who judgement lord, which/how by/under ⟦πολεμίων⟧ ⟦ἐμπείρων⟧ ⟦καταλημφθήσονται⟧. **10** the/this/who for sign the/this/who destruction upon/to/against of_the forehead he/she/it/self, **11** and the/this/who inheritance the/this/who sinful destruction and darkness, and lawlessness he/she/it/self ⟦διώξονται⟧ he/she/it/self until Hades under. **12** the/this/who inheritance he/she/it/self no ⟦είρεθήσεται⟧ the/this/who child he/she/it/self, **13** the/this/who/which for sin ⟦ἐξερημώσουσιν⟧ house sinful; and to_destroy sinful in/on/among day judgement lord toward the/this/who an_ _age, **14** when(-ever) ⟦ἐπισκέπτηται⟧ the/this/who God the/this/who earth in/on/among judgement ⟦αὐτυῖ⟧. **15** the/this/who but/and to_fear the/this/who lord to_have_ _mercy in/on/among he/she/it/self, and ⟦ζήσονται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who charity of_the God he/she/it/self; and sinful to_destroy toward the/this/who an_age time.

16:1 in/on/among the/this/who ⟦νυστάξαι⟧ soul I/we away_ _from lord, from_with small ⟦ὠλίσθησα⟧ in/on/among ⟦καταφορῷ⟧ sleep. **2** the/this/who long/distant away_from God from_with little/few to_pour_out the/this/who soul I/we toward death, in_the_vicinity gate Hades with/after ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧; **3** in/on/among the/this/who ⟦διενεχθῆναι⟧ soul I/we away_from lord God Israa^{y}l, if not the/this/who lord to_help I/we the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward the/this/who an_age. **4** to_pierce I/we ⟦ὁώς⟧ sting horse upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦γρηγόρησιν⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, the/this/who ⟦σαωτὴρ⟧ and a_shielder I/we in/on/among all time/right_ _time to_save I/we. **5** to_agree you, the/this/who God, that/since ⟦ἀντελάβου⟧ I/we toward salvation. and no ⟦ἐλογίσω⟧ I/we with/after the/this/who sinful toward destruction. **6** not ⟦ἀποστήσῃς⟧ the/this/who mercy you away_ _from I/we/my, the/this/who God, nor the/this/who remembrance about you away_from heart until death. **7** ⟦ἐπικράτησόν⟧ I/we, the/this/who God, away_from sin evil/bad and away_from all woman evil/bad ⟦σκανδαλιζούσης⟧ foolish. **8** and not ⟦ἀπατησάτω⟧ I/we beauty woman ⟦παρανομούσης⟧, and all ⟦ὑποκειμένου⟧¶ away_from sin ⟦ἀνωφελοῦς⟧. **9** the/this/who work the/this/who hand I/we ⟦κατεύθυνον⟧ in/on/among place you, and the/this/who ⟦διαβήματά⟧ I/we in/on/among the/this/who remembrance you ⟦διαφύλαξον⟧. **10** the/this/who tongue I/we and the/this/who lip I/we in/on/among word truth ⟦περίστειλον⟧, ⟦ργὴν⟧ and wrath unreasonable long/distant to_do/make away_from I/we/my. **11** ⟦γογγυσμὸν⟧ and ⟦ὀλιγοψυχίαν⟧ well/well_done! pressure ⟦μάκρυνον⟧ away_from I/we/my. if ⟦ἁμαρτήσω⟧ in/on/among the/this/who you ⟦παιδεύειν⟧ one/toward conversion. **12** goodwill but/and with/after ⟦ἱλαρότητος⟧ to_establish the/this/who soul I/we; in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐνισχῦσαί⟧ you the/this/who

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soul I/we ⟦ἀρκέσει⟧ I/we the/this/who ⟦δοθέν⟧. **13** that/since
if not you ⟦ἐνισχύσῃς⟧, one/which? ⟦ὑφέξεται⟧ discipline
in/on/among poverty, **14** in/on/among the/this/who
⟦ἐλέγχεσθαι⟧ soul in/on/among hand ⟦σαπρίας⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there? the/this/who
examination you in/on/among flesh
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and in/on/among
pressure ⟦πενίας⟧; **15** in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ὑπομεῖναι⟧
just in/on/among this/he/she/it ⟦ἐλεηθήσεται⟧ by/under
lord.

17:1 lord, you king I/we toward the/this/who an_age and
⟦ἔτιὅτι⟧ in/on/among you/your, the/this/who God I/we,
⟦καυχήσεται⟧ the/this/who soul ⟦ἡμῶα⟧. **2** and one/which?
the/this/who time life a_human upon/to/against
the/this/who earth according_to the/this/who time
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and the/this/who
hope he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against
⟦αὐτν⟧. **3** I/we but/and ⟦ἐλπιοῦμεν⟧ upon/to/against
the/this/who God saviour I/we, that/since the/this/who
power of_the God I/we toward the/this/who an_age with/after
mercy, **4** and the/this/who kingdom of_the God I/we toward
the/this/who an_age upon/to/against the/this/who Gentile_
_nation. **5** you, lord, ⟦ἠρετίσω⟧ the/this/who Dawid king
upon/to/against Israa^{y}l, and you ⟦ὠμοσας⟧ he/she/it/self
about of_the seed toward the/this/who an_age, of_the not
⟦ἐκλείπειν⟧ opposite you kingly
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **6** and in/on/among
the/this/who sin I/we ⟦ἐπανέστησαν⟧ I/we sinful, to_put/lay_
_on I/we and ⟦ἐξώσαντο⟧ I/we; which no ⟦ἐπηγγείλω⟧,
with/after force ⟦ἀφείλαντο⟧, **7** and no to_glorify
the/this/who name you the/this/who valued/honoured;
in/on/among glory/to_think to_place kingly for height
he/she/it/self, **8** ⟦ἠρήμωσαν⟧ the/this/who throne Dawid
in/on/among pride ⟦ἀλλάγματος⟧. and you, the/this/who God,
⟦καταβαλεῖς⟧ he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀρεῖς⟧ seed he/she/it/self
away_from the/this/who earth. **9** in/on/among the/this/who
⟦ἐπαναστῆναι⟧ he/she/it/self a_human another's family I/we.
10 according_to the/this/who sin he/she/it/self to_pay
he/she/it/self, the/this/who God, to_find/meet he/she/it/self
according_to the/this/who work he/she/it/self. **11** no
⟦ἐλεήσει⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who God, ⟦ἐξερεύνησεν⟧
the/this/who seed he/she/it/self and no to_release ⟦οὐτων⟧
one; **12** faithful the/this/who lord in/on/among all
the/this/who ⟦κρίμασιν⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which to_do/make
upon/to/against the/this/who earth. **13** ⟦ἠρήμωσεν⟧
the/this/who lawless upon/to/against the/this/who earth
I/we away_from ⟦ἐνοικούντων⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; ⟦ἠφάνισαν⟧ new and
⟦πρεσβύτην⟧ and child he/she/it/self together.
14 in/on/among idle ⟦κάλλους⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_send_out/away
he/she/it/self until upon/to/against west, and the/this/who
ruler the/this/who earth toward ⟦ἐμπαιγμόν⟧; and no to_spare.
15 well/well_done! ⟦ἀλλοτριότητι⟧ the/this/who enemy to_
_do/make, in/on/among pride; and the/this/who heart
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there another's away_from

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of_the God I/we. **16** and all just_as/how_much to_do/make in/on/among Yerousalaʸm, as/just_as and the/this/who Gentile_nation in/on/among the/this/who city the/this/who God he/she/it/self. **17** and ⟦ἐπεκρατοῦσαν⟧ he/she/it/self son the/this/who covenant in/on/among midst Gentile_nation ⟦συμμίκτον⟧, no to_be the/this/who to_do/make in/on/among midst in/on/among he/she/it/self, in/on/among Yerousalaʸm, mercy and truth. **18** ⟦ἐφύγοσαν⟧ away_from he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ἀγαπῶντες⟧ synagogue ⟦ὁσίων⟧; which/how sparrow ⟦ἐξεπετάσθησαν⟧ away_from ⟦κοίτης⟧ he/she/it/self. **19** ⟦ἐπλανῶντο⟧ in/on/among deserted, to_save soul he/she/it/self away_from evil/harm, and precious in/on/among eye sojourning soul ⟦σεσωσμένη⟧ out_from he/she/it/self. **20** ⟦ἐφύγοσαν⟧ away_from he/she/it/self the/this/who ⟦ἀγαπῶντες⟧ synagogue ⟦ὁσίων⟧; toward all the/this/who earth to_be ⟦σκορπισμὸς⟧ he/she/it/self by/under lawless. that/since ⟦ἀνέσχεν⟧ the/this/who heaven of_the ⟦στάξαι⟧ rain upon/to/against the/this/who earth; **21** flow ⟦συνεσχέθησαν⟧ ⟦αἰώνιοι⟧ out_from ⟦ἀβύσσων⟧, away_ _from mountain ⟦ὑψηλῶν⟧. that/since no which in/on/among he/she/it/self to_do/make righteousness and judgement; away_from ruler he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self; and a_ _people least in/on/among all sin. **22** the/this/who king in/on/among lawlessness and the/this/who judge in/on/among disobedience, and the/this/who a_people in/on/among sin. **23** look!/to_perceive, lord, and ⟦ἀνάστησον⟧ he/she/it/self the/this/who king he/she/it/self, son Dawid, toward the/this/who time/right_time to_be/which ⟦ἴδες⟧ you, the/this/who God, of_the to_reign upon/to/against Israaʸl child you. **24** and ⟦ὑπόζωσον⟧ he/she/it/self strength of_the ⟦θραῦσαι⟧ ruler unjust. **25** to_clean Yerousalaʸm away_from Gentile_nation ⟦καταπατούντων⟧ in/on/among destruction, in/on/among wisdom, in/on/among righteousness **26** to_expel sinful away_from inheritance, ⟦ἐκτρίψαι⟧ ⟦ὑπερηφανίαν⟧ ⟦ἁμαρτωλοῦ⟧ which/how vessel ⟦κεραμέας⟧, in/on/among ⟦ὀάβδῳ⟧ ⟦σιδηρῷ⟧ ⟦συντρίψαι⟧ all ⟦ὑπόστασιν⟧ he/she/it/self; **27** ⟦ὀλοθρεῦσαι⟧ Gentile_nation ⟦παράνομα⟧ in/on/among word mouth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among threat he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦φυγεῖν⟧ Gentile_nation away_from face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and to_rebuke sinful in/on/among word heart he/she/it/self **28** and to_assemble a_ _people holy ⟦οδ⟧ ⟦ἀφηγήσετα⟧ Yod in/on/among righteousness, and to_judge tribe a_people ⟦ἡγασμέύου⟧ by/under lord ⟦θεοδ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **29** and no to_release unrighteousness in/on/among midst he/she/it/self ⟦αὐλισθῆναι⟧ still, and no ⟦κατοικήσει⟧ all a_ _human with/after he/she/it/self ⟦εἰδὼὸς⟧ evil. **30** to_know for he/she/it/self that/since all son God to_be he/she/it/self, and ⟦καταμερίσει⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who tribe he/she/it/self upon/to/against the/this/who earth. **31** and foreigner and foreign no ⟦παροικήσει⟧ he/she/it/self still; to_ _judge ⟦λαοὺς⟧ and Gentile_nation in/on/among wisdom righteousness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. ⟦διάφαλμα⟧. **32** and to_have/be ⟦λαοὺς⟧ Gentile_nation be_a_ _slave he/she/it/self by/under the/this/who yoke/scales he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and the/this/who lord to_glorify in/on/among ⟦ἐπισήμῳ⟧ all the/this/who

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earth. 33 and to_clean Yerousalaʸm in/on/among holiness,
which/how and the/this/who away_from beginning. 34 to_
_come/go Gentile_nation away_from end the/this/who earth
to_perceive the/this/who glory
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. to_bear/lead gift
the/this/who ⟦ἐξησθενηκότας⟧ son he/she/it/self, 35 and to_
_perceive the/this/who glory lord which to_glorify
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self the/this/who God; and
he/she/it/self king just taught by/under God upon/to/against
he/she/it/self, 36 and no to_be unrighteousness in/on/among
the/this/who day he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
in/on/among midst he/she/it/self; that/since all holy, and
king he/she/it/self Christ lord. 37 no for ⟦ἐλπιεῖ⟧
upon/to/against ⟦ἵππον⟧ and ⟦ἀναβάτην⟧ and bow, and_not
to_multiply he/she/it/self gold and_not money toward war;
and much no to_assemble ⟦ἐλπίδας⟧ toward day ⟦πολέμου⟧.
38 lord he/she/it/self king
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; hope of_the
⟦δυνατοῦ⟧ hope God, and ⟦ἐλεήσει⟧ all the/this/who Gentile_
_nation before he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
in/on/among fear. 39 ⟦κατάξει⟧ for earth the/this/who word
of_the mouth he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward
an_age 40 ⟦εὐλογήσει⟧ a_people lord in/on/among wisdom
with/after joy. 41 and he/she/it/self clean away_from sin, of_
_the be_first ⟦λαοὺς⟧ great. to_rebuke ruler and ⟦ἐξᾶραι⟧ sinful
in/on/among strength word; 42 and no ⟦ἀσθενήσει⟧
in/on/among the/this/who day
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against God
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, that/since
the/this/who God ⟦κατηργάσατο⟧ he/she/it/self able
in/on/among spirit/breath holy and ⟦σοφὸν⟧ in/on/among
plan understanding with/after strength and righteousness.
43 and praise lord with/after
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there in/on/among
strength, 44 and no ⟦ἀσθενήσει⟧ the/this/who hope
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there upon/to/against lord;
and one/which? be_able to/with he/she/it/self strong
in/on/among work he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
and mighty in/on/among fear God, 45 ⟦ποιμαίνων⟧
the/this/who flock lord in/on/among faith and righteousness,
and no to_release ⟦ἀσθενῆσαι⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self
in/on/among the/this/who pasture he/she/it/self
46 well/well_done! ⟦ἰσότητι⟧ all he/she/it/self to_bring, and no
to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self pride of_the
⟦καταδυναστευθῆναι⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self.
47 this/he/she/it the/this/who beauty of_the king Israaʸl,
which to_know the/this/who God, ⟦ἀναστῆσαι⟧ he/she/it/self
⟦ἐπ⟧ house Israaʸl, ⟦παιδεῦσαι⟧ he/she/it/self. 48 the/this/who
⟦ὁήματα⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_burn
above/for gold the/this/who first precious, in/on/among
synagogue to_judge/doubt a_people tribe ⟦ἡγιασμένου⟧;
49 the/this/who word he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
which/how word holy in/on/among midst a_people
⟦ἡγιασμένων⟧. 50 blessed the/this/who to_be in/on/among
the/this/who day that, to_perceive the/this/who good-doer
Israaʸl in/on/among synagogue tribe; to_do/make
the/this/who God. 51 ⟦ταχύναι⟧ the/this/who God
upon/to/against Israaʸl the/this/who mercy

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he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; ⟦ὁύσεται⟧ I/we away_
_from impurity enemy ⟦βεβήλων⟧. lord he/she/it/self king
I/we toward the/this/who an_age and still.

18:1 lord, the/this/who mercy you upon/to/against
the/this/who work the/this/who hand you toward
the/this/who an_age; **2** the/this/who kindness you
upon/to/against ⟦δόματος⟧ rich upon/to/against Israa^{y}l;
the/this/who eye you ⟦ἐπιβλέποντες⟧ upon/to/against
he/she/it/self, and no ⟦ὑστερήσει⟧ out_from he/she/it/self,
3 the/this/who ⟦ὦπά⟧ you ⟦ἐπακούει⟧ toward petition
⟦πτωχοῦ⟧ in/on/among hope the/this/who judgement you
upon/to/against all the/this/who earth with/after mercy,
4 and love you upon/to/against seed Abra'am, son Israa^{y}l.
the/this/who child you upon/to/against I/we which/how son
firstborn unique, **5** ⟦ἀποστρέψαι⟧ soul ⟦εὐήκοον⟧ away_from
⟦ἀμαθίας⟧ in/on/among ignorance. **6** to_clean the/this/who
God Israa^{y}l toward day mercy in/on/among praise. toward day
selecting in/on/among ⟦ἀνάξει⟧ Christ
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **7** blessed
the/this/who to_be in/on/among day that, to_perceive
the/this/who good-doer lord, which to_do/make ⟦γενεῷ⟧
the/this/who to_come/go; **8** by/under ⟦ὸάβδον⟧ discipline
Christ lord, in/on/among fear God
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among
wisdom spirit/breath and righteousness and strength; **9** to_
_guide man in/on/among work righteousness fear God.
⟦καταστῆσαι⟧ all he/she/it/self before lord. **10** generation
good-doer in/on/among fear God in/on/among day mercy. a_
_pause. **11** great I/we the/this/who God and honoured,
in/on/among highest to_dwell; **12** the/this/who ⟦διατάξας⟧
in/on/among ⟦πορίᾳ⟧ ⟦φωστῆρας⟧ toward time/right_time
hour away_from day toward day. and no ⟦παρέβησαν⟧ away_
_from road which ⟦ἐνετείλω⟧ he/she/it/self. **13** in/on/among
fear God the/this/who road he/she/it/self according_to each
day. away_from which day to_create he/she/it/self
the/this/who God and until an_age. **14** and no to_lead_astray
away_from which day to_create he/she/it/self; away_from
generation ancient no to_leave road he/she/it/self, if not
the/this/who God to_order he/she/it/self in/on/among
command slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

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1:1 ⟦ΑΣΩΜΕΝ⟧ the/this/who lord, gloriously for to_glorify ⟦ἵππον⟧ and ⟦ἀναβάτην⟧ ⟦ἔρριψεν⟧ toward sea. **2** a_helper and a_shelterer to_be I/we toward salvation; this/he/she/it God I/we, and to_glorify he/she/it/self, God of_the father I/we, and ⟦ὑψώσω⟧ he/she/it/self. **3** lord ⟦συντρίβων⟧ war, lord name he/she/it/self. **4** ⟦ἅρματα⟧ Faraō and the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἔρριψεν⟧ toward sea; ⟦ἐπιλέκτους⟧ ⟦ἀναβάτας⟧ ⟦τριστάτας⟧ ⟦κατεπόντισεν⟧ in/on/among red sea, **5** ⟦πόντῳ⟧ ⟦ἐκάλυψεν⟧ he/she/it/self; ⟦κατέδυσαν⟧ toward ⟦βυθὸν⟧ like/as/about stone. **6** the/this/who right you, lord, to_glorify in/on/among strength the/this/who right you hand. lord, ⟦ἔθραυσεν⟧ enemy **7** and the/this/who multitude the/this/who glory you ⟦συνέτριψας⟧ the/this/who opposed; to_send the/this/who wrath you, and to_devour he/she/it/self which/how straw/stubble. **8** and through/because_of spirit/breath of_the wrath you to_pass the/this/who water ⟦ἐπάγη⟧ like/as/about wall the/this/who water, ⟦ἐπάγη⟧ the/this/who a_wave in/on/among midst the/this/who sea **9** to_say the/this/who enemy ⟦Διώξας⟧ ⟦καταλήμψομαι⟧; ⟦μεριῶ⟧ plunder, ⟦ἐμπλήσω⟧ soul I/we. ⟦ἀνελῶ⟧ the/this/who sword I/we, to_ _lord_over the/this/who hand I/we. **10** to_send the/this/who spirit/breath you, and ⟦ἐκάλυψεν⟧ he/she/it/self sea; ⟦ἔδυσαν⟧ like/as/about lead in/on/among water ⟦σφοδρῷ⟧. **11** one/which? like you in/on/among God, lord? one/which? like you? ⟦δεδοξασμένος⟧ in/on/among holy, marvellous in/on/among ⟦δόξαις⟧, to_do/make wonders. **12** ⟦ἐξέτεινας⟧ the/this/who right you, and to_swallow he/she/it/self the/this/who earth. **13** ⟦λδήγησας⟧ the/this/who righteousness you the/this/who a_people you this/he/she/it which ⟦ἐλυτρώσω⟧, to_plead/comfort the/this/who strength you toward guest_room/inn holy you. **14** to_hear Gentile_ _nation and to_fear; ⟦ἐδῖνες⟧ to_take to_dwell ⟦Φυλιστιείμ⟧. **15** then ⟦ἔσπευσαν⟧ ⟦ἡγεμόνες⟧ Edōm and ruler to_take he/she/it/self trembling. ⟦ἐτάκησαν⟧ all the/this/who to_ _dwell Ϙanaan. **16** ⟦ἐπιπέσοι⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self fear and trembling; ⟦μεγέθει⟧ arm you ⟦ἀπολιθωθήτωσαν⟧; until if to_pass_by the/this/who a_people you, lord, until if to_ _pass_by the/this/who a_people you this/he/she/it which ⟦ἐκτήσω⟧. **17** ⟦εἰσαγαγὼν⟧ ⟦καταφύτευσον⟧ he/she/it/self toward mountain inheritance you, toward ready dwelling_place you the/this/who/which ⟦κατειργάσω⟧, sanctification, lord, the/this/who to_make_ready the/this/who/which hand you, **18** lord, ⟦βασιλεύων⟧ the/this/who an_age and upon/to/against an_age and still. **19** that/since to_enter horse Faraō with ⟦ἅρμασιν⟧ and ⟦ἀναβάταις⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there toward sea, and ⟦ἐπήγαγεν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self lord the/this/who water the/this/who sea; the/this/who but/and son Israaʸl to_ _travel through/because_of dried_up/withered in/on/among midst the/this/who sea.

2:1 to_watch_out, heaven, and to_speak; and to_hear earth declaration out_from mouth I/we. **2** ⟦προσδοκάσθω⟧ which/how rain the/this/who a_maxim I/we. and ⟦καταβήτω⟧ which/how dew the/this/who declaration I/we; like/as/about rainstorm upon/to/against ⟦ἄγρωστιν⟧, and like/as/about snowflakes upon/to/against grass. **3** that/since name lord to_ _call; to_give ⟦μεγαλωσύνην⟧ the/this/who God I/we. **4** God,

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⟦ἀληθινὰ⟧ the/this/who work
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and all
the/this/who/which road
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there judgement; God
faithful, and no to_be unrighteousness; just and sacred lord.
5 ⟦ἡμάρτοσαν⟧, no he/she/it/self child, ⟦μωμητά⟧; generation
crooked and to_pervert. **6** this/he/she/it lord ⟦ἀνταποδίδοτε⟧
thus(-ly), a_people foolish and not wise? no he/she/it/self
this/he/she/it you father to_posses you, and to_do/make you
and to_create you ? **7** to_remember day an_age, to_understand
year generation generation. ⟦ἐπερώτησον⟧ the/this/who
father you, and to_report you; the/this/who elder you, and to_
say you. **8** when ⟦διεμέριζεν⟧ the/this/who highest Gentile
_nation, which ⟦διέσπειρεν⟧ son Adam, to_stand region
Gentile_nation according_to number angel God. **9** and to_be
part lord a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
Yakōb, a_measured_out_line inheritance
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there Israaʸl.
10 ⟦αὐτάρκησεν⟧ he/she/it/self in/on/among the/this/who
deserted. in/on/among ⟦δίψῃ⟧ ⟦καύματος⟧, in/on/among
⟦ἀνύδρῳ⟧; ⟦ἐκύκλωσεν⟧ he/she/it/self and ⟦ἐπαίδευσεν⟧
he/she/it/self, and ⟦διεφύλαξεν⟧ he/she/it/self which/how
⟦κόρην⟧ eye. **11** ⟦ὡις⟧ eagle ⟦σκεπάσαι⟧ chick
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and upon/to/against
the/this/who ⟦νεοσσοῖς⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐπεπόθησεν⟧; ⟦διεὶς⟧
the/this/who wing he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there
to_receive he/she/it/self, and ⟦ἀνέλαβεν⟧ he/she/it/self
upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦μεταφρένων⟧
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **12** lord alone to_bring
he/she/it/self, and no to_be with/after he/she/it/self God
another's. **13** ⟦ἀνεβίβδασεν⟧ he/she/it/self upon/to/against
the/this/who strength the/this/who earth. ⟦ἐψώμισεν⟧
he/she/it/self produce field; ⟦ἐθήλασαν⟧ honey out_from rock.
and olive_oil out_from strong rock; **14** ⟦βδούτυρον⟧ ox and milk
sheep with/after ⟦στέατος⟧ ⟦ἀρνοῶν⟧ and ⟦κριῶν⟧, son bull
and he-goat with/after ⟦στέατος⟧ ⟦νεφρῶν⟧ ⟦πυροῦ⟧, and
blood ⟦σταφυλῆς⟧ to_drink wine. **15** and to_eat Yakōb and
⟦ἐνεπλήσθη⟧, and ⟦ἀπελάκτισεν⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἠγαπημένος⟧,
⟦ἐλιπάνθη⟧, to_thicken, ⟦ἐπλατύνθη⟧; and ⟦ἐνκατέλειπεν⟧ God
the/this/who ⟦ποιήσαντα⟧ he/she/it/self, and to_leave away_
_from God saviour he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.
16 ⟦παρώξυνάν⟧ I/we upon/to/against another's.
in/on/among ⟦βδελύγμασιν⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐξεπίκρανάν⟧
I/we; **17** ⟦ἔθυσαν⟧ demon and no God, God which no ⟦ᾔδεσαν⟧;
⟦καινοὶ⟧ and ⟦πρόσφατοι⟧ to_come/be_present, which no to_
_perceive the/this/who father he/she/it/self. **18** ⟦θκὸν⟧
the/this/who ⟦ποιήσαντά⟧ you ⟦ἐυκατέλειπες⟧, and
⟦ἐπελάθου⟧ God of_the ⟦τρέφοντός⟧ you. **19** to_perceive lord
and ⟦ἐζήλωσεν⟧, and ⟦παρωξύνθη⟧ ⟦δι⟧' wrath son
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and daughter; **20** and
to_say ⟦Ἀποστρέψω⟧ the/this/who face I/we away_from
he/she/it/self, and to_show one/which? to_be he/she/it/self
upon/to/against last/least. that/since generation
⟦ἐξεστραμμένη⟧ to_be, son which no to_be faith in/on/among
he/she/it/self. **21** he/she/it/self ⟦παρεζήλωσάν⟧ I/we
upon/to/against no God, ⟦παρώργισάν⟧ I/we in/on/among
the/this/who ⟦εἰδώλοις⟧ he/she/it/self; I/we/and_I to_make_

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_envious he/she/it/self upon/to/against no Gentile_nation. ⟦ἐπ⟧' Gentile_nation senseless to_anger he/she/it/self. **22** that/since fire ⟦ἐκκέκαυται⟧ out_from of_the wrath I/we, ⟦καυθήσεται⟧ until Hades under; to_devour earth and the/this/who produce he/she/it/self, ⟦φλέξει⟧ foundation mountain. **23** to_assemble toward he/she/it/self evil/harm, and the/this/who arrow I/we to_complete toward he/she/it/self. **24** ⟦τηκόμενοι⟧ hunger and eating ⟦ὀρνέων⟧, and convulsion incurable; tooth wild_animal to_send_out/away toward he/she/it/self, with/after wrath ⟦συρόντων⟧ upon/to/against earth. **25** ⟦ξωθεν⟧ ⟦ἀτεκνώσει⟧ he/she/it/self sword, and out_from the/this/who ⟦ταμείων⟧ fear; young_man with ⟦παρθένῳ⟧, ⟦θηλάζων⟧ with/after ⟦καθεστηκότος⟧ elder. **26** to_say ⟦Διασπερῶ⟧ he/she/it/self, ⟦καταπαύσω⟧ so out_from a_human the/this/who memorial he/she/it/self; **27** if not ⟦δι⟧' wrath enemy, in_order_that/to not ⟦μακροχρονίσωσιν⟧. and in_order_that/to not ⟦συνεπιθῶνται⟧ the/this/who ⟦ὑπεναντίοι⟧; not to_say the/this/who hand I/we ⟦ὑψηλὴ⟧ and not lord to_do/make this/he/she/it all. **28** that/since Gentile_ _nation ⟦ἀπολωλεκὸς⟧ plan to_be, and no to_be in/on/among he/she/it/self higher_knowledge. **29** no ⟦ἐφρόνησαν⟧ to_ _understand this/he/she/it; ⟦καταδεξάσθωσαν⟧ toward the/this/who ⟦ἐπιόντα⟧ time. **30** how?/how?! ⟦διώξεται⟧ toward ⟦χιλίους⟧. and two ⟦μετακινήσουσιν⟧ myriad, if not the/this/who God to_pay he/she/it/self, and the/this/who lord to_deliver he/she/it/self? **31** no for to_be the/this/who God he/she/it/self which/how the/this/who God I/we; the/this/who but/and enemy I/we foolish. **32** out_from for vine Sodomōn the/this/who vine he/she/it/self, and the/this/who a_small_vine_branch he/she/it/self out_from Gomorras; the/this/who grapes he/she/it/self grapes gall, bunch_of_grapes bitterness he/she/it/self; **33** wrath ⟦δρακόντων⟧ the/this/who wine he/she/it/self, and wrath asp incurable. **34** not this/he/she/it all ⟦συνῆκται⟧ ⟦παρ⟧ I/we/my, and ⟦ἐσφράγισται⟧ in/on/among the/this/who ⟦θησαυροῖς⟧ I/we **35** in/on/among day vengeance to_repay. in/on/among time/right_time when(-ever) ⟦σφαλῇ⟧ the/this/who foot he/she/it/self; that/since near day ⟦ἀπωλίας⟧ he/she/it/self, and be_present ready you. **36** that/since to_judge lord the/this/who a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and upon/to/against the/this/who slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦παρακληθήσεται⟧; ⟦ἴδεν⟧ for he/she/it/self ⟦παραλελυμένους⟧ and ⟦ἐκλελοιπότας⟧ in/on/among an_ _invasion and ⟦παρειμένους⟧. **37** and to_say lord where? to_be the/this/who God he/she/it/self, upon/to/against which ⟦ἐπεποίθεισαν⟧ upon/to/against he/she/it/self **38** which the/this/who fat the/this/who sacrifice he/she/it/self to_eat, and ⟦ἐπίνετε⟧ the/this/who wine the/this/who ⟦σπονδῶν⟧ he/she/it/self; ⟦ἀναστήτωσαν⟧ and ⟦βοηθησάτωσαν⟧ you, and ⟦γενηθήτωσαν⟧ you ⟦σκεπασταί⟧. **39** ⟦ἴδτε⟧ to_perceive that/since I/we to_be. and no to_be God but/however I/we/my; I/we to_kill and to_live to_do/make; to_strike, I/we/and_I to_heal and no to_be the/this/who out_from the/this/who hand I/we to_take_out/select. **40** that/since to_ _take_up toward the/this/who heaven the/this/who hand I/we, and ⟦ὀμοῦμαι⟧ the/this/who ⟦δεξιῷ⟧ I/we and to_say to_ _live I/we toward the/this/who an_age; **41** that/since to_

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_provoke which/how lightning the/this/who sword I/we, and to_cling_to judgement the/this/who hand I/we. and ⟦ἐκδικήσει⟧, and ⟦ἀνταποδώσει⟧ condemnation the/this/who ⟦ἐχθροῖς⟧, and the/this/who to_hate ⟦ἀνταποδώσει⟧. **42** ⟦μεθύσω⟧ the/this/who arrow I/we away_from blood, and the/this/who sword I/we to_devour meat, away_from blood ⟦τραυματιῶν⟧ and ⟦αἰχμαλωσίας⟧, away_from head ruler Gentile_nation. **43** to_celebrate, heaven, together he/she/it/self, and to_worship he/she/it/self all the/this/who angel God; to_celebrate, Gentile_nation, with/after of_the a_ _people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and ⟦ἐνισχυσάτωσαν⟧ he/she/it/self all son God; that/since the/this/who blood the/this/who son he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ⟦ἐκδικεῖται⟧, and ⟦ἐκδικήσει⟧, and ⟦ἀνταποδώσει⟧ condemnation the/this/who ⟦ἐχθροῖς⟧; and the/this/who to_hate ⟦ἀνταποδώσει⟧ condemnation, and ⟦ἐκκαθαριεῖ⟧ lord the/this/who earth of_ _the a_people he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there.

3:1 ⟦Ἐστερεώθη⟧ the/this/who heart I/we in/on/among ⟦Κυρίχ⟧;, ⟦ὑψώθη⟧ horn I/we in/on/among God I/we; ⟦ἐπλατύνθη⟧ upon/to/against enemy I/we the/this/who mouth I/we, ⟦ηὐφράνθην⟧ in/on/among salvation you. **2** that/since no to_be holy which/how lord. and no to_be just which/how the/this/who God I/we, no to_be holy but/however you/your. **3** not to_boast and not to_speak high, nor ⟦ἐξελθάτω⟧ ⟦μεγαλορημοσύνη⟧ out_from of_the mouth you; that/since God ⟦γνώσεων⟧ lord, and God ⟦ἑτοιμάζων⟧ ⟦ἐπιτηδεύματα⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **4** bow ⟦δυνατῶν⟧ be_weak, and ⟦ἀσθενοῦντες⟧ ⟦περιεζώσαντο⟧ power. **5** full bread ⟦ἠλαττώθησαν⟧, and the/this/who to_ _hunger ⟦παρῆκαν⟧ earth. that/since infertility to_give_birth_ _to seven, and the/this/who much in/on/among child be_ _weak. **6** lord ⟦θανατοῖ⟧ and ⟦ζωογονεῖ⟧ ⟦κατάγει⟧ toward Hades and ⟦ἀνάγει⟧. **7** lord ⟦πτωχίζει⟧ and ⟦πλουτίζει⟧, ⟦ταπεινοῖ⟧ and ⟦ἀνυψοῖ⟧ **8** ⟦ἀνιστᾷ⟧ away_from earth ⟦πένητα⟧, and away_from ⟦κοπρίας⟧ to_arise poor; of_the to_ _seat he/she/it/self with/after ⟦δυναστῶν⟧ a_people, and throne glory ⟦κατακληρονομῶν⟧ he/she/it/self. **9** to_give a_ _vow/prayer the/this/who ⟦εἰχομένῳ⟧. and to_praise/bless year just. that/since no in/on/among strength able man; **10** lord weak to_do/make the/this/who ⟦ἀντίδικον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; lord holy. not to_ _boast the/this/who wise in/on/among the/this/who wisdom he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and not to_boast the/this/who able in/on/among the/this/who power he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and not to_boast the/this/who rich in/on/among the/this/who ⟦πλούτῳ⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there- but the/this/who in/on/among this/he/she/it to_boast the/this/who to_boast. ⟦συνίειν⟧ and to_know the/this/who lord, and ⟦σοιεῖν⟧ judgement and righteousness in/on/among midst the/this/who earth. lord to_ascend toward heaven, and ⟦ἐβρόντησεν⟧; he/she/it/self to_judge Akra/tip earth, just which. and to_give strength the/this/who king I/we. and to_ _lift_up horn Christ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there

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4:1a ⟦Ἄισω⟧ but/and the/this/who to_love a_song of_the beloved the/this/who vineyard I/we. vineyard to_be the/this/who to_love in/on/among ⟦κέρατι⟧ in/on/among place ⟦πίονι⟧; **2a** and fence ⟦περιέθηκα⟧, and ⟦ἐφύτευσαν⟧ vine in/on/among a_choice_vine. and ⟦ᾠκοδόμησα⟧ tower in/on/among midst he/she/it/self, and a_wine_press ⟦ἔρυξα⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self; and ⟦ἔμεινα⟧ of_the to_do/make grapes, to_do/make but/and a_thorn. **3a** and now, a_human of_ _the Youda and the/this/who ⟦ἐνοικοῦντες⟧ in/on/among Yerousalaʸm to_judge in/on/among I/we/my and each midst of_the vineyard I/we. **4a** one/which? to_do/make the/this/who vineyard I/we still, and no to_do/make he/she/it/self? because ⟦ἔμεινα⟧ in_order_that/to to_do/make grapes, to_do/make but/and a_thorn. **5a** now but/and ⟦ἀναγγελῶ⟧ you one/which? to_do/make the/this/who vineyard I/we; ⟦ἀφελῶ⟧ the/this/who fence he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and to_be toward trampling. and to_take_down the/this/who ⟦τοῖχον⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there and to_be toward trampling. **6a** and ⟦ἀνήσω⟧ the/this/who vineyard I/we, and no not ⟦τμηθῇ⟧ and_not not lifeboat. and to_ascend toward he/she/it/self like/as/about toward ⟦χέρσον⟧ a_thorn; and the/this/who cloud ⟦ἐντελοῦμαι⟧ of_the not to_rain_down toward he/she/it/self rain. **7a** the/this/who for vineyard lord of_Hosts house Israaʸl to_be, and a_human of_the Youda new_ _convert ⟦ἠγαπημένον⟧; and ⟦ἔμεινα⟧ of_the to_do/make judgement, to_do/make but/and lawlessness and no righteousness but ⟦κραυγήν⟧. **8a** and the/this/who ⟦συνάπτοντες⟧ home to/with home, and field to/with field to_ _come_near, in_order_that/to of_the near/neighbour ⟦ἀφελοῦνται⟧, not ⟦οἰκήσετε⟧ alone upon/to/against the/this/who earth **9a** to_hear for this/he/she/it all toward the/this/who ear lord of_Hosts.¶ **9b** out_from night ⟦ὀρθρίζει⟧ the/this/who spirit/breath I/we to/with you, the/this/who God. because light the/this/who ⟦προστάγματά⟧ you upon/to/against the/this/who earth; righteousness to_learn, the/this/who ⟦ἐνοικοῦντες⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who earth. **10b** to_cease for the/this/who ungodly; no not ⟦μάθῃ⟧ righteousness upon/to/against the/this/who earth. truth no not to_do/make to_take_up the/this/who ungodly, in_order_ _that/to not to_perceive the/this/who glory lord **11b** lord, high you the/this/who arm and no to_perceive, to_know but/and ⟦αἰσχυνθήτωσαν⟧; zeal to_take a_people ⟦ἀπαίδευτον⟧, and now fire the/this/who opposed ⟦ἔδεται⟧. **12b** lord the/this/who God I/we, peace to_give I/we; all for ⟦ἀπέδωκας⟧ I/we. **13b** lord the/this/who God I/we, ⟦κτῆσαι⟧ I/we; lord, outside/except you another no to_perceive, the/this/who name you ⟦ὀνομάζομεν⟧. **14b** the/this/who but/and dead life no not to_perceive, and_not ⟦ἰατροὶ⟧ no not ⟦ἀναστήσουσιν⟧; through/because_of this/he/she/it ⟦ἐπήγαγες⟧ and ⟦ἀπώλεσας⟧, and ⟦ἦρας⟧ all male he/she/it/self. **15b** to_add_ _(to) he/she/it/self evil/harm, lord, to_add_(to) evil/harm upon/to/against the/this/who honoured the/this/who earth **16b** lord, in/on/among pressure to_remember you; well/well_ _done! pressure small the/this/who child you I/we. **17b** and which/how the/this/who be_in_labour to_come_near of_the to_give_birth_to, and upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦ὠδῖνι⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦ἐκέκραξεν⟧. thus(-ly) to_be the/this/who beloved you. **18b** through/because_of the/this/who fear you,

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lord, in/on/among belly to_take and ⟦ὠδινήσαμεν⟧ and ⟦ἐτέκομεν⟧; ⟦πνεῖμα⟧ salvation you to_do/make upon/to/against the/this/who earth; no ⟦πεσούμεθα⟧, but to_ _collapse the/this/who ⟦ἐνοικοῦντες⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who earth. **19b** ⟦ἀναστήσονται⟧ the/this/who dead, and to_arise the/this/who well/well_done! the/this/who tomb, and ⟦εὐφρανθήσονται⟧ the/this/who in/on/among the/this/who earth; the/this/who for dew the/this/who from_ _with you healing he/she/it/self to_be, the/this/who but/and earth the/this/who ungodly to_collapse. **20b** ⟦βάδιζε⟧, a_people I/we, to_enter toward the/this/who ⟦ταμεῖά⟧ you. ⟦ἀπόκλεισον⟧ the/this/who door you, ⟦ἀποκρύβηθι⟧ small just_as/how_much just_as/how_much, until if to_pass_by the/this/who wrath lord.

5:3 ⟦Ἐβόησα⟧ in/on/among pressure I/we to/with lord the/this/who God I/we, and ⟦εἰσήκουσέν⟧ I/we out_from belly/womb/stomach Hades shouting I/we; to_hear voice/sound I/we. **4** ⟦ἀπέρριψάς⟧ I/we toward depth heart sea. and river I/we to_surround, all the/this/who ⟦μετεαορισμοί⟧ you and the/this/who a_wave you ⟦ἐπ⟧' I/we to_pass_through. **5** I/we/and_I to_say ⟦Ἀπῶσμαι⟧ out_from eye you; no? ⟦προσθήσω⟧ of_the to_look_upon/at to/with temple the/this/who holy you **6** ⟦περιεχύθη⟧ I/we water until soul I/we. abyss ⟦ἐκύκλωσέν⟧ I/we ⟦ἐσ⟧ ⟦χάτη⟧, to_set the/this/who head I/we toward a_cleft mountain; **7** to_ _come/go_down toward earth, which the/this/who ⟦μοχλοὶ⟧ he/she/it/self ⟦κάτοχοι⟧ ⟦αἰώνιοι⟧; and ⟦ἀναβήτω⟧ out_from corruption the/this/who life I/we, lord the/this/who God I/we. **8** in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἐκλείπειν⟧ the/this/who soul I/we away_from I/we/my of_the lord to_remember. and ⟦ἔλθοι⟧ to/with you the/this/who prayer I/we toward temple holy you. **9** ⟦φυλασσόμενοι⟧ futile and ⟦ψευδῆ⟧ mercy he/she/it/self ⟦ἐνκατέλιπον⟧; **10** I/we but/and with/after voice/sound praise and ⟦ἐξομολογήσεως⟧ ⟦θύσω⟧ you. just_ _as/how_much ⟦ηὐξάμην⟧ to_pay you toward salvation I/we to_rain lord.

6:1 prayer Ambakoum. **2** lord, ⟦εἰσακήκοα⟧ the/this/who hearing you and ⟦ἐφοβήθην⟧; ⟦κατενόησα⟧ the/this/who work you and ⟦ἐξέστην⟧. Nun midst two living_thing ⟦γνωσθήσῃ⟧, in/on/among the/this/who to_come_near the/this/who year ⟦ἐπιγνωσθήσῃ⟧; in/on/among the/this/who be_present the/this/who time/right_time ⟦ἀναδειχθήσῃ⟧, in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ταραχθῆναι⟧ the/this/who soul I/we in/on/among wrath mercy ⟦μνησθήσῃ⟧. **3** the/this/who God out_from Theman to_come/be_present, and the/this/who holy out_from mountain Faran ⟦κατασκίου⟧ ⟦δασέως⟧. ⟦ἐκάλυψεν⟧ heaven the/this/who virtue he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, and praise he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there full the/this/who earth. **4** and brightness he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there which/how light to_ _be, wonders in/on/among hand he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; and to_place ⟦ἀγάπησιν⟧ mighty strength he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **5** before face he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there to_travel word, and to_go_out; well/well_done! ⟦πεδίλοις⟧ the/this/who foot he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **6** to_stand, and to_

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_shake the/this/who earth; to_look_upon/at, and ⟦ἐτάκη⟧ Gentile_nation and ⟦διεθρύβη⟧ the/this/who mountain force. ⟦ἐτάκησαν⟧ ⟦βουνοὶ⟧ ⟦αἰώνιοι⟧ ⟦πορίας⟧ eternal he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **7** for labour ⟦εἶδου⟧ ⟦σκηνώματα⟧ Aithiopōn, ⟦πτοηθήσονται⟧ and the/this/who/which ⟦σκηναὶ⟧ earth Madiam. a_pause. **8** not in/on/among ⟦ποταμοῖς⟧ ⟦ὠργίσθης⟧, lord? not in/on/among ⟦ποταμοῖς⟧ the/this/who wrath you? or/than in/on/among sea the/this/who sudden_violence you that/since ⟦ἐπιβήσῃ⟧ upon/to/against the/this/who horse you. and the/this/who riding you salvation. **9** ⟦ἐντείνων⟧ ⟦ἐντενεῖς⟧ the/this/who bow you upon/to/against the/this/who ⟦σκῆπτρα⟧, to_speak lord; river ⟦ῥαγήσεται⟧ earth; **10** to_see you and ⟦ὤδινήσουσιν⟧ a_people. ⟦σκορπίζων⟧ water ⟦πορίας⟧ he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; to_give the/this/who abyss voice/sound he/she/it/self; height pageantry he/she/it/self to_lift_up. **11** the/this/who sun and the/this/who moon to_stand in/on/among the/this/who order he/she/it/self; toward light ⟦βολίδες⟧ you to_travel, toward brightness ⟦ἀστραπῆς⟧ weapon you. **12** in/on/among threat you ⟦ὀλιγώσεις⟧ earth, and in/on/among ⟦θυμῷ⟧ ⟦κατάξεις⟧ Gentile_nation. **13** to_go_out toward salvation a_ _people you, of_the to_save the/this/who ⟦χριστούς⟧ you. ⟦ἔψαλας⟧ toward head lawless death; ⟦ἐξήγειρας⟧ chain you until ⟦τραχήλου⟧. **14** ⟦διέκοψας⟧ in/on/among amazement head ⟦δυναστῶν⟧, ⟦σεισθήσονται⟧ in/on/among he/she/it/self; ⟦διανοίξουσιν⟧ bridle he/she/it/self, which/how to_eat poor quietly. **15** and ⟦ἐπεβίβασας⟧ toward sea the/this/who ⟦ἵπ⟧ foot you ⟦ταράσσοντας⟧ water much. **16** to_ _keep/guard, and ⟦ἐπτοήθη⟧ the/this/who belly/womb/stomach I/we away_from voice/sound prayer lip I/we, and to_enter trembling toward the/this/who ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧ I/we, and from_beneath I/we to_trouble the/this/who habit/practice I/we. ⟦ἀναπαύσομαι⟧ in/on/among day pressure I/we, of_the ⟦ἀναβῆναί⟧ I/we toward a_people sojourning I/we. **17** because fig_tree no ⟦καρποφορήσει⟧, and no to_be produce in/on/among the/this/who ⟦ἀμπέλοις⟧; ⟦ψεύσεται⟧ work olive_tree, and the/this/who ⟦πεδία⟧ no to_ _do/make eating; ⟦ἐξέλειπον⟧ away_from eating sheep, and no to_be Boaz upon/to/against ⟦φάτναις⟧ ⟦ἐξιλάσεως⟧ he/she/it/self; **18** I/we but/and upon/to/against the/this/who lord ⟦ἀγαλλιάσομαι⟧. to_rejoice upon/to/against the/this/who God the/this/who saviour I/we. **19** lord the/this/who God I/we power I/we. and order the/this/who foot I/we toward ⟦συντέλειαν⟧; upon/to/against the/this/who high ⟦ἐπιβιβᾷ⟧ I/we. of_the to_conquer in/on/among the/this/who song he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there ¶

7:10 I/we to_say in/on/among the/this/who height the/this/who day ⟦μον⟧ to_travel in/on/among ⟦πύλαις⟧ Hades; ⟦καταλείψω⟧ the/this/who year the/this/who ⟦ἐπίλοιπα⟧. **11** to_say not_any_more no not to_perceive the/this/who saving of_the God upon/to/against the/this/who earth; no not to_perceive a_human with/after to_dwell. **12** ⟦ἐξέλειπον⟧ out_from the/this/who kindred I/we, ⟦κατέλειπον⟧ the/this/who henceforth the/this/who life I/we; to_go_out and to_go_away away_from I/we/my just_as

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the/this/who to_destroy/lodge tent ⟦πήξας⟧; the/this/who spirit/breath I/we from_with I/we/my to_be which/how a_ _mast, ⟦ἐρίθου⟧ ⟦ἐγγιζούσης⟧ ⟦ἐκτεμεῖν⟧. **13** in/on/among the/this/who day that to_deliver until early which/how lion; thus(-ly) ⟦συνέτριψεν⟧ all the/this/who ⟦ὀστᾶ⟧ I/we; away_ _from for the/this/who day until the/this/who night to_ _deliver. **14** which/how a_swallow, thus(-ly) ⟦φωνήσω⟧, and which/how dove, thus(-ly) ⟦μελετήσω⟧. ⟦ἐξέλειπον⟧ for the/this/who eye I/we of_the to_see toward the/this/who height of_the heaven to/with the/this/who lord, which to_ _take_out/select I/we and ⟦ἀφείλατό⟧ I/we the/this/who ⟦ὀδύνην⟧ the/this/who soul. **16** lord, and about he/she/it/self for to_report you; and ⟦ἐξήγειράς⟧ I/we the/this/who wind/breath, and ⟦παρακληθεὶς⟧ to_live. **17** ⟦εἵλου⟧ for I/we the/this/who soul in_order_that/to not to_destroy, and ⟦ἀπέρριψας⟧ after I/we all the/this/who sin I/we. **18** no for the/this/who in/on/among Hades ⟦αἰνέσουσίν⟧ you, and_not the/this/who to_die ⟦εὐλογήσουσίν⟧ you, and_not to_ _hope/expect the/this/who in/on/among Hades the/this/who charity you. **19** the/this/who to_live ⟦εὐλογήσουσίν⟧ you which way I/we/and_I away_from for the/this/who today child to_ _do/make, which to_report the/this/who righteousness you, lord the/this/who salvation I/we; **20** and no ⟦παύσομαι⟧ to_ _praise/bless you with/after ⟦ψαλτηρίου⟧ ⟦πίσας⟧ the/this/who day the/this/who life I/we before of_the house of_the ⟦θέο⟧. ¶

8:1 lord almighty ⟦ἐπουράνιε⟧, the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we, of_the Abra'am and Isa'ak and Yakōb and of_the seed he/she/it/self of_the just; **2** the/this/who to_ _do/make the/this/who heaven and the/this/who earth with all the/this/who world he/she/it/self, **3** the/this/who ⟦πεδήσας⟧ the/this/who sea the/this/who word of_the ⟦προστάγματός⟧ you. the/this/who to_shut the/this/who abyss and to_seal the/this/who ⟦φοβερῷ⟧ and honoured name you, **4** which all ⟦φρίττει⟧ and ⟦τρέμει⟧ away_from face power you; **5** that/since ⟦ἄστεκτος⟧ the/this/who ⟦μεγαλοπρεπία⟧ the/this/who glory you, and unsubdued the/this/who wrath the/this/who upon/to/against sinful threat you; **6** ⟦ἀμέτρητόν⟧ and/both and unsearchable the/this/who mercy the/this/who promise **7** that/since you to_be lord highest, compassionate, lenient, and full_of_mercy, and ⟦μετανοῶν⟧ upon/to/against ⟦κακίαις⟧ a_human. **8** you therefore/then, lord the/this/who God the/this/who just. no to_place repentance just, the/this/who Abra'am and Isa'ak and Yakōb, the/this/who no ⟦ἡμαρτηκόσιν⟧ you, ⟦ἀλλ⟧'to_place repentance I/we/my the/this/who sinful. **9** because to_sin above/for number ⟦ψάμμου⟧ sea; that/since ⟦ἐπλήθυναν⟧ the/this/who/which lawlessness I/we. and no to_be worthy to_ _gaze and to_perceive the/this/who height certainly heaven away_from multitude the/this/who ⟦ἀδικιῶν⟧ I/we; **10** ⟦κατικαμπτόμενος⟧ much ⟦δεσμῷ⟧ iron, toward the/this/who ⟦ἀνανεῦσαί⟧ I/we ⟦ὑτπὲρ⟧ ⟦ἁμαρτιίῶν⟧ I/we, and no to_be ⟦μτοι⟧ rest; because ⟦παρώργισα⟧ the/this/who wrath you, and the/this/who evil/bad before you to_do/make, ⟦στήσας⟧ ⟦βδελύγματα⟧ and ⟦πληθύνας⟧ ⟦προσοχθίσματα⟧. **11** and now to_bow/lay_down a_knee heart, to_pray the/this/who from_with you kindness; **12** ⟦ἡμάρτηκα⟧, lord. ⟦ἡμάρτηκα⟧, and the/this/who lawlessness I/we I/we to_know;

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13 to_ask to_pray you, ⟦ἄνες⟧ I/we, lord, ⟦ἄνες⟧ I/we, not ⟦συναπολέσῃς⟧ I/we the/this/who ⟦ἀνομίαις⟧ I/we, nor toward the/this/who an_age ⟦μηνίσας⟧ to_keep the/this/who evil/harm I/we, nor ⟦καταδικάσῃς⟧ I/we in/on/among the/this/who ⟦κατωτάτοις⟧ the/this/who earth; that/since you to_be, lord, the/this/who God the/this/who ⟦μετανοούντων⟧, **14** and in/on/among I/we/my ⟦δείξῃς⟧ the/this/who ⟦ἀγαθωσύνην⟧ you; that/since ⟦ἀνάξιον⟧ to_be to_save I/we according_to the/this/who much mercy you, **15** and ⟦αἰνέσω⟧ you through/because_of all in/on/among the/this/who day the/this/who life I/we. that/since you ⟦ὑμνεῖ⟧ all the/this/who power the/this/who heaven, and you to_be the/this/who glory toward the/this/who an_age. amen.

9:26 praiseworthy if, lord the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we, and ⟦αἰνετὸν⟧ and to_glorify the/this/who name you toward the/this/who an_age. **27** that/since just to_be upon/to/against all which to_do/make I/we, and all the/this/who work you ⟦ἀληθινά⟧, and ⟦εὐθεῖαι⟧ the/this/who/which road you, and all the/this/who/which judgement you true; **28** and judgement truth to_do/make according_to all just_as/how_much to_do/make I/we, and upon/to/against the/this/who city the/this/who holy the/this/who father I/we Yerousalaʸm; that/since in/on/among truth and judgement ⟦ἐπήγαγες⟧ this/he/she/it all through/because_of the/this/who sin I/we. **29** that/since ⟦ἡμάρτομεν⟧ and ⟦ἠνομήσαμεν⟧ ⟦ἀποστάντες⟧ away_from you/your, and ⟦ἐξημάρτομεν⟧ in/on/among all **30** and the/this/who commandment you no to_hear, and_not ⟦συνετηρήσαμεν⟧ and_not to_do/make as/just_as ⟦ἐνετείλω⟧ I/we in_order_that/to well/well_done! I/we to_be. **31** and all just_as/how_much ⟦ἐπήγαγες⟧ I/we, and all just_as/how_much to_do/make I/we, in/on/among true judgement to_do/make; **32** and to_deliver I/we toward hand enemy lawless ⟦ἐχθίστων⟧ ⟦ἀποστατῶν⟧, and king unjust and ⟦πονηροτάτῳ⟧ from_with all the/this/who earth. **33** and now no to_be I/we to_open the/this/who mouth; shame and disgrace to_be the/this/who slave you and the/this/who be_devout you. **34** not ⟦παραδῷς⟧ I/we toward goal/tax through/because_of the/this/who name you, and not ⟦διασκεδάσῃς⟧ the/this/who covenant you, **35** and not ⟦ἀποστήσῃς⟧ the/this/who mercy you away_from I/we. ⟦δι⟧'Abra'am the/this/who ⟦ἠγαπημένον⟧ by/under you. and through/because_of Isa'ak the/this/who slave you and Israaʸl the/this/who holy you, **36** which ⟦ἐλάλησας⟧ to/with he/she/it/self to_speak ⟦πληθῦναι⟧ the/this/who seed he/she/it/self which/how the/this/who star of_the heaven, and which/how the/this/who sand the/this/who from_with the/this/who lip the/this/who sea.¶ **37** that/since, master, ⟦ἐσμικρύνθημεν⟧ from_with all the/this/who Gentile_nation, and to_be ⟦ταπεινοὶ⟧ in/on/among all the/this/who earth today through/because_of the/this/who ⟦ἁμαρ⟧- ⟦τίας⟧ I/we; **38** and no to_be in/on/among the/this/who time/right_time this/he/she/it ruler and prophet and to_govern, and_not bringing_of_a_whole_burnt-offering and_not sacrifice, and_not offering and_not incense, no place of_the ⟦καρπῶσαι⟧ before you and to_find/meet mercy. **39** but in/on/among soul ⟦συντετριμμένῃ⟧ and spirit/breath lowliness to/with- ⟦δεχθείημεν⟧. **40** which/how in/on/among ⟦ὁλοκαυτώμασιν⟧

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[[κριῶν]] and bull, and which/how in/on/among myriad Arnon [[πιόνων]], thus(-ly) to_be the/this/who sacrifice I/we before you today. and to_finish_up after you; that/since no to_be shame the/this/who [[πεποιθόσιν]] upon/to/against you/your. **41** and now [[ἐξακολουθοῦμεν]] in/on/among all heart and to_ _fear you, and [[ζητοῦμεν]] the/this/who face you; **42** not [[καταισχύνῃς]] I/we. but to_do/make with/after I/we according_to the/this/who [[ἐπιεικίαν]] you, and according_to the/this/who multitude of_the [[ἐλέου]] you; **43** § and [[ἐξελοῦ]] I/we according_to the/this/who marvellous you, and to_give glory the/this/who name you, lord. **44** and [[ἐντραπείησαν]] all the/this/who to_show the/this/who slave you evil/harm; [[καταισχυνθείησαν]] away_from all power and [[δυναστείας]], and the/this/who strength he/she/it/self [[συντριβείη]]; **45** and [[γνώτωσαν]] that/since you to_be lord the/this/who God alone, and honoured upon/to/against all the/this/who world.

10:51 hymn the/this/who father I/we. **52** praiseworthy to_be, lord the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we, and praiseworthy and [[ὑπερυψούμενος]] toward the/this/who an_ _age; and [[εὐλογητὸν]] the/this/who name the/this/who glory you the/this/who holy you, and [[ὑπεραινετὸν]] and [[ὑπερυψούμενον]] toward the/this/who an_age. **53** to_ _praise/bless to_be in/on/among the/this/who temple the/this/who holy glory you, and highly_extolled and exceedingly_glorious toward the/this/who an_age. **54** to_ _praise/bless to_be the/this/who to_see [[ἀβύσσους]], to_sit upon/to/against the/this/who Cherub, and highly_extolled and [[ὑπερυψούμενος]] toward the/this/who an_age. **55** to_ _praise/bless to_be upon/to/against throne the/this/who kingdom you, and highly_extolled and [[ὑπερυψούμενος]] toward the/this/who an_age. **56** to_praise/bless to_be in/on/among the/this/who [[στερεώματι]] of_the heaven, and highly_extolled and exceedingly_glorious toward the/this/who an_age. **57** to_praise/bless, all the/this/who work lord, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **58** to_praise/bless, heaven, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **59** to_praise/bless, angel lord, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **60** to_praise/bless, water all the/this/who above of_the heaven, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **61** to_praise/bless, all the/this/who/which power lord, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **62** to_praise/bless, sun and moon, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **63** to_praise/bless, star of_the heaven, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **64** to_praise/bless, all rainstorm and dew, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **65** to_praise/bless, all the/this/who spirit/breath, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **66** to_praise/bless, fire and heat, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **67** to_praise/bless, cold and heat, the/this/who lord; [[ὑμνεῖτε]] and [[ὑπερυψοῦτε]] he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age.

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68 to_praise/bless, ⟦δρόσοι⟧ and ⟦νιφετοί⟧, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑτπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **71** to_praise/bless, ⟦νύκτες⟧ and day, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **72** to_praise/bless, light and darkness, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **69** to_praise/bless, ice and cold, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **70** to_praise/bless, ⟦πάχναι⟧ and ⟦χιόνες⟧, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **73** to_praise/bless, lightning and cloud, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **74** ⟦εὐλογείτω⟧ the/this/who earth the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνείτω⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψούτω⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **75** to_praise/bless, mountain and ⟦βουνοί⟧, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **76** to_praise/bless, all the/this/who ⟦φυόμενα⟧ in/on/among the/this/who earth, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **77** to_praise/bless, the/this/who/which flow, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **78** to_praise/bless, ⟦θάλασσαι⟧ and river, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **79** to_praise/bless, ⟦κήτη⟧ and all the/this/who ⟦κινούμενα⟧ in/on/among the/this/who water, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **80** to_praise/bless, all the/this/who bird of_the heaven, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **81** to_praise/bless, the/this/who wild_animal and all the/this/who animal, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **82** ⟦εὐλογεῖτς⟧, son the/this/who a_human, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **83** ⟦εὐλογείτω⟧ Israaʸl the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνείτω⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψούτω⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **84** to_praise/bless, priest lord, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **85** to_praise/bless, slave lord, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **86** to_praise/bless, spirit/breath and soul just, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **87** to_praise/bless, ⟦ὅσιοι⟧ and ⟦ταπεινοὶ⟧ heart, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age. **88** to_praise/bless, Anania, Azaria, Misaaʸl, the/this/who lord; ⟦ὑμνεῖτε⟧ and ⟦ὑπερυψοῦτε⟧ he/she/it/self toward the/this/who an_age.

11:46 to_magnify the/this/who soul I/we the/this/who lord, **47** and to_rejoice the/this/who spirit/breath I/we upon/to/against the/this/who God the/this/who saviour I/we. **48** that/since to_look_upon/at upon/to/against the/this/who lowliness the/this/who female_slave he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; look! for away_from of_the now to_bless I/we all the/this/who/which generation.

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49 that/since to_do/make I/we great the/this/who able; and holy the/this/who name
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there. **50** and the/this/who mercy he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there away_from generation toward generation the/this/who to_fear he/she/it/self. **51** to_do/make power in/on/among arm he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; to_scatter arrogant mind heart he/she/it/self. **52** to_take_down ruler away_from throne, and to_lift_up lowly. **53** to_hunger to_fill_up good-doer, and be_rich to_send_out/away empty. **54** to_help Israaʸl child he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, to_remember mercy, **55** as/just_as to_speak to/with the/this/who father I/we, the/this/who Abra'am and the/this/who seed he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there until an_age

12:29 now to_release the/this/who slave you, ⟦δέσ⟧ ⟦ποτα⟧, according_to the/this/who declaration you in/on/among peace; **30** that/since ⟦ἴδον⟧ the/this/who eye I/we the/this/who saving you, **31** the/this/who/which to_make_ _ready according_to face all the/this/who a_people, **32** light toward revelation Gentile_nation, and glory a_people you Israaʸl.

13:68 praiseworthy lord the/this/who God of_the Israaʸl, that/since to_visit/care_for, and to_do/make redemption the/this/who a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **69** and to_arise horn salvation I/we in/on/among the/this/who house Daueid of_ _the child he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there; **70** ⟦καθὰς⟧ to_speak through/because_of mouth the/this/who holy the/this/who away_from an_age prophet
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **71** salvation out_from enemy I/we and out_from hand all the/this/who to_hate I/we; **72** to_do/make mercy with/after the/this/who father I/we, and to_remember covenant holy
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **73** oath which to_ _swear to/with Abra'am the/this/who father I/we, of_the to_ _give I/we fearlessly out_from hand the/this/who enemy I/we to_deliver to_minister he/she/it/self **75** in/on/among holiness and righteousness before
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there all the/this/who day I/we. **76** and you but/and, child, prophet highest to_call; to_ _travel_before for before face lord ⟦ἑτοιμάσιι⟧ road
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, **77** of_the to_give knowledge/to_know salvation the/this/who a_people
he/she/it/self/my/your/him-self/there, in/on/among forgiveness sin I/we **78** through/because_of affection/entrails mercy God I/we, in/on/among which to_visit/care_for I/we east out_from height. **79** to_appear the/this/who in/on/among darkness and shadow death to_sit, of_the to_guide the/this/who foot I/we toward road peace

14:1 glory in/on/among highest God, **2** and upon/to/against earth peace, **3** in/on/among a_human goodwill **4** ⟦αἰνοῦμέν⟧ you, **5** ⟦εὐλογοίμέν⟧ you, **6** to_worship you, **7** ⟦δοξολογοῦμέν⟧ you, **8** to_thank you, **9** through/because_of the/this/who great you glory, **10** lord king **11** ⟦ἐπουράνιε⟧, **12** God father almighty; **13** lord son unique **14** Yaʸsou Christ, **15** and holy spirit/breath. **16** lord the/this/who God, **17** the/this/who lamb of_the God.

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18 the/this/who son of_the ⟦πατρό⟧ **19** the/this/who to_take_
_up the/this/who sin of_the world, **20** to_have_mercy I/we;
21 the/this/who to_take_up the/this/who sin of_the world, to_
_have_mercy I/we; **22** ⟦πρόσδεξαι⟧ the/this/who petition I/we;
23 the/this/who to_sit in/on/among right of_the father. **24** to_
_have_mercy I/we. **25** that/since you to_be alone holy. **26** you
to_be alone lord, **27** Yaʸsous Christ, **28** toward glory God father..
amen. **29** according_to each day to_praise/bless you, **30** and
⟦αἰνέσω⟧ the/this/who name you toward the/this/who an_
_age, **31** and toward the/this/who an_age of_the an_age.
32 ⟦καταξίωσον⟧, lord, and the/this/who day this/he/she/it
33 ⟦ἀναμαρτήτους⟧ ⟦φυλαχθῆναι⟧ I/we. **34** praiseworthy to_be,
lord the/this/who God the/this/who father I/we, **35** and
⟦αἰνετὸν⟧ and to_glorify the/this/who name you toward
the/this/who an_age. **36** amen. **37** praiseworthy to_be, lord, to_
_teach I/we the/this/who righteous_act you; **38** praiseworthy
to_be, lord, to_teach I/we the/this/who righteous_act you;
39 praiseworthy where, lord, to_teach I/we the/this/who
righteous_act you. **40** lord, a_refuge ⟦ἐγενήθης⟧ I/we
in/on/among generation and generation. **41** I/we to_say lord,
to_have_mercy I/we, **42** ⟦ἴασαι⟧ the/this/who soul I/we,
that/since to_sin you. **43** lord, to/with you ⟦κατέφυγα⟧; **44** to_
_teach I/we of_the to_do/make the/this/who will/desire you,
⟦ὅτ⟧ you where the/this/who God I/we. **45** that/since from_
_with you/your flow life, **46** in/on/among the/this/who light
you to_see light; **47** ⟦παράτεινον⟧ the/this/who mercy you
the/this/who to_know you.

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The account of Yeshua's ministry by

Yohan (John)

Introduction

Author

This account about the works and teachings of Yeshua (Jesus) was written by Yohan (John), brother of Ya'akov (mistakenly known in older English Bibles as James). Both of them were in the small group of twelve close followers of Yeshua that he selected as his apprentices and who accompanied him around as he taught. Out of the twelve, Yohan was the one that greatly loved Yeshua, and his closeness gave him much of the insight that he includes with his description of Yeshua's actions and teaching. The two brothers were the sons of Zavday, and all three of them worked as fishermen on Lake Galil.

This account

The *Open English Translation* places Yohan's account before the others because it begins with the eternal existence of Yeshua the messiah. Not only is Yeshua the godly messenger, he was also the creator who has now descended from heaven as a man. Omitting any mention of the baby Yeshua, Yohan does however tell us about Yohan-the-immerser who came before Yeshua to prepare the people for the arrival of the promised messiah.

In chapters two to twelve it's written how the various miracles that Yeshua did showed that he was the promised messiah who would offer life without ending to anyone who would accept that he had been sent by God and trust in his teaching. Although there were indeed many who did believe in him, many others were unable to come to that point and ended up opposing Yeshua at every turn.

In chapters thirteen to seventeen, Yeshua's compassion towards his followers is described. He also told them in advance of his impending brutal death.

In the final few chapters, we read about Yeshua's arrest and trial, then his being fastened to a pole and giving up his spirit, his coming back to life, and how his followers saw him and spoke with him again during that period.

Yohan is careful to explain how to receive life without ending by means of believing that Yeshua came down from heaven and obeying his teaching. Yeshua himself is the path and the truth and the life (14:6).

Main components of Yohan's account

Introduction *1:1-18*
Yohan-the-immerser and the first followers of Yeshua *1:19-51*
The people monitor Yeshua's teaching and miracles *2:1–12:50*
Yeshua's final week in and around Yerushalem *13:1–19:42*
Yeshua comes back to life and meets people again *20:1-31*
Yeshua reveals himself to his followers in Galil *21:1-25*

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1:1 In the beginning was the message,[1][2]
and the message was with **God**, and the
message was and is God. **2** He, the message, was with **God** even at
the creation of the universe. **3** Everything came into existence
through the messenger[3]—there's not even one thing that came
into existence that wasn't made by him.[4] **4** He holds life, and that
life is the light of humankind. **5** And that light is shining in the
darkness, and darkness cannot overcome him.

The arrival of the true light

6 A man arrived who had been sent by **God**. His name was
Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes).[5] **7** He came as a testimony to tell
about the light so that everyone would believe the light. **8** Yohan
himself wasn't the light—he was merely the announcer of the
light. **9** The true light which enlightens every person was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world and he's the creator of the world, and
yet the world didn't even know him. **11** He came to his own chosen people, but they wouldn't accept him, **12** however anyone
who would accept him and trusted in his authority, he gave
them the right to become children **of God**— **13** not physical children and not coming from human actions, but children of **God**.

14 And the message became a human and lived here among us
and we saw his greatness[6]—the greatness of an only child of the
father—full of grace and truth.

15 Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) explained about him and loudly
told everyone, "He's the one I meant when I said, 'There's someone coming after me, yet who came before me, because he existed before I did!' "

16 Because he has so much, we all received grace and then even
more grace. **17** The commands came to us through Mosheh
(Moses), but grace and truth came to us through **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**. **18** No one has ever actually seen **God**,
but the human son born from **God** the father and in close touch
with him, he was the one to explain God to us.

The interrogation of Yohan-the-immerser[7]

19 Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) explained
some of this when the Jewish leaders sent
out priests and temple workers from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to
ask him, "Who are you?"

20 He didn't flinch from the truth and so he told them, "I am
not the **chosen messiah**."

21 So they asked him again, "Are you Eliyah (Elijah) come back
to life?"[8]

And he answered, "No, I'm not."

Literal Version

1:1 In the_beginning was the message, and the message was
with ~~the~~ **god**, and **god** was the message. **2** This one was in the_
_beginning with ~~the~~ **god**. **3** All things became through him, and
without him not_even one thing became that has_become. **4** In
him was life, and the life was the light of_ ~~the~~ _mankind. **5** And
the light is_shining in the darkness, and it not grasped the
darkness. **6** A_man became having_been_sent_out from **god**,
Yōannaʸs the_name to_him was. **7** This one came for a_
_testimony, in_order_that he_may_testify concerning the light,
in_order_that all may_believe through him. **8** That one was not
the light, but in_order_that he_may_testify concerning the
light. **9** It_was the ~~the~~ true light, which is_enlightening every
person, coming into the world. **10** He_was in the world, and the
world became through him, and the world not knew him.
11 He_came to his own, and his own not received him. **12** But
as_many_as received him, he_gave to_them the_right to_
become children of**god**, to_the ones believing in the name of_
_him, **13** who were_born neither of bloods, nor of will of_flesh,
nor of will of_man, but of **god**. **14** And the message became
flesh and sheltered among us, and we_saw the glory of_him, a_
_glory as of_an_only_begotten with a_father, full of_grace and
truth. **15** Yōannaʸs is_testifying concerning him, and he_has_
_cried_out saying: This one was whom I_said: The one coming
after me, has_become before of_me, because he_was before me.
16 Because of the fullness of_him, we all received and grace for
grace. **17** Because the law was_given through Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh),
~~the~~ grace and ~~the~~ truth became through **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**. **18** No_one has_ ever _seen **god**, the_
_only_begotten **god**, the one being in the bosom of_the father,
that one explained him.

19 And this is the testimony of_ ~~the~~ _Yōannaʸs, when the
Youdaiōns sent_out priests and Levites from
Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), in_order_that they_may_ask
him: Who are you? **20** And he_confessed and not disowned, but
confessed, ~~that~~ I am not the **chosen_one/messiah**. **21** And they_
asked him, What therefore? Are you Aʸlias/(ʾĒliyʸāh)? And he
_is_saying: I_am not. Are you the prophet? And he_answered:
No. **22** Therefore they_said to_him: Who are_you? In_order_that
we_may_give an_answer to_the ones having_sent us. What are_
_you_saying about yourself? **23** He_was_saying: I am A_voice

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1 **RV 1:1 · Note** TD: This passage is complex to translate because the message was also the messenger—that is, Yeshua came not only to teach about getting saved, but also to become the actual pathway to be saved!

2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:1.

3 **RV 1:3 · Note** Lit. him.

4 **RV 1:3 · Cross-ref.** Col 1:16.

5 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:1; Mrk 1:4; Luk 3:1-2.

6 **RV 1:14 · Cross-ref.** Exo 40:34-35.

7 **RV 1:19 · Parallel** Mat. 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-18

8 **RV 1:21 · Cross-ref.** Mal 4:5.

Literal Version

shouting in the wilderness straighten the way of_the_**master**, as Aʸsaias/(Yəshaʸʰ) the prophet said. **24** And having_been_ _sent_out they_were from the Farisaios_party. **25** And they_ _asked him and they_said to_him: Therefore why you_are_ _immersing, if you not are the **chosen_one/messiah**, nor Aʸlias, nor the prophet? **26** ~~The~~ Yōannaʸs answered to_them saying: I am_immersing in water, in_the_midst of_you_all one_ _has_stood whom you_all have_ not _known, **27** the one coming after me, of_whom I am not worthy that I_may_untie the strap of_the sandal of_him. **28** These things became in Baʸthania, beyond the Yordanaʸs/(Yardēn), where ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs was immersing.

29 On_the day of_next he_is_seeing ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** coming to him, and is_saying: Behold, the lamb of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, ~~which~~ taking_away the sin of_the world. **30** It_is this one concerning whom I said: After me is_coming a_man, who has_ _become before me, because he_was before me. **31** And_I had_ not _known him, but in_order_that may_be_revealed to_ ~~the~~ _ _Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl) because_of this, I came immersing in water. **32** And Yōannaʸs testified saying, ~~that~~ I_have_seen the **spirit** coming_down as a_dove out_of heaven, and it_remained on him. **33** And_I had_ not _known him, but the one having_sent me to_be_immersing in water, that one said to_me: On whom ~~wishfully~~ you_may_see the **spirit** coming_down and remaining on him, this man is the one immersing in the_ holy _**spirit**. **34** And_I have_seen and have_testified that this is the son of_ ~~the~~ _**god**.

35 On_the day of_next again ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs had_stood, and two of the apprentices/followers of_him. **36** And having_focused_in ~~the~~ on_**Yaʸsous** walking he_is_saying: Behold, the lamb of_ ~~the~~ _ _**god**. **37** And the two apprentices/followers of_him heard speaking, and they_followed ~~the~~ after_**Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**. **38** But ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** having_been_turned, and having_seen them following, he_is_saying to_them: What you_all_are_seeking? And they said to_him: My_great_one (which is_being_called being_translated: Teacher): Where you_are_remaining? **39** He_ _is_saying to_them: Be_coming and you_all_will_be_seeing. Therefore they_came and saw where he_is_remaining, and they_remained with him ~~the~~ that day, the_hour was about the_ _tenth. **40** Andreas the brother of_Simōn Petros was, one of the two ~~which~~ having_heard from Yōannaʸs, and having_followed after_him. **41** This one first is_finding the his own brother Simōn, and is_saying to_him: We_have_found the chosen_ _one/messiah, (which is being_translated: The_**chosen_**

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They asked, "Are you the prophet?"[9]

Again he answered, "No, I'm not."

22 So they asked him, "Who are you then? We need to give an answer to the ones who sent us. How do you describe yourself?"

23 So he said, "I am a voice shouting[10] in the wilderness smooth the path **of Yahweh**,[11] as the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) said."

24 Some of the ones sent out were members of the Farisaios party. **25** These ones asked Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), "So why are you immersing people then if you aren't the **messiah** or Eliyah (Elijah) or the prophet?"

26 He answered, "I'm immersing people in water, but somewhere here among us all there's someone you don't know— **27** the one coming after me, and I'm not even good enough to untie his sandal straps!"

28 All this happened in Beyt-Ania (Bethany) on the east side of the Yarden (Jordan) River where Yohan was immersing people.

Yeshua gets publicly revealed

29 The next day Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) saw **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) coming towards him, and said, "Hey! Here's the sacrificial lamb **of God** who's come to take away the sin of the world.[12] **30** This is the man I was talking about when I said, 'There's someone coming after me, yet who came before me, because he existed before I did.' **31** I didn't know who he was but nevertheless I came and immersed people in water so that this man could be revealed to all Yisrael (Israel)."

32 And Yohan further explained, "I saw God's **spirit** come down and settle on him. **33** I didn't know which one was him, but the one who sent me to immerse people in water said, 'When you see the **spirit** coming down and settling on someone, he is the one who will immerse people with God's holy **spirit**.' **34** And I have seen that, and so I can assure you that he is **God's** son."

Yeshua gets a few followers

35 The next day, Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) was back there with two of his apprentices **36** and noticing **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) walking nearby he said, "Look! There's the sacrificial lamb **of God**."

37 When his two apprentices heard him say that, they left him and followed **Yeshua**. **38** But **Yeshua** turned and saw them following him, and asked them, "What do you two want?"

And they said to him, "Teacher, where do you live?"

39 "Come and see," Yeshua replied. So they went with him and saw where he lived, and then they stayed there that night, because it was already late afternoon.

40 Andreas, the brother of Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) was one of those two who heard Yohan and then followed Yeshua. **41** As soon as he found his brother, he said to Shim'on, "We have found the messiah—God's **chosen one**,"

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9 RV 1:21 · Cross-ref. Deu 18:15,18.

10 RV 1:23 · Note We've deliberately omitted putting a comma here, because it's also possible that the comma should go after 'wilderness'.

11 RV 1:23 · Cross-ref. Isa 40:3 (LXX).

12 RV 1:29 · Cross-ref. Isa 53:7,12.

Readers' Version

42 and led him to **Yeshua**. When **Yeshua** saw him, he said, "Ah, you are Shim'on, Yohan's son, but from now on you'll be called Kefa which means *stone*."

Filippos and Netanel join the group

43 The following day, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) wanted to go to Galil. He found Filippos (Philip) and told him, "Follow me!" 44 Filippos was from the town of Beyt-Tsayda where Andreas and Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) lived. 45 Filippos then found Netanel (Nathanael) and told him, "We've found the one that Mosheh (Moses) and the prophets wrote about in the Scriptures. He's **Yeshua** from Nazaret (Nazareth)."

46 And Netanel said, "Does anything good come from Nazaret?"

So Filippos answered, "Well, come and see for yourself."

47 **Yeshua** saw Netanel approaching and said, "Ah, this is an honest Israeli."

48 But Netanel queried him, "Where do you know *me* from?"

And **Yeshua** replied, "Actually I saw you under that fig tree before Filippos had even called you."

49 Netanel exclaimed, "Great teacher! You *are* **God's** son! You're the king of Yisrael (Israel)!"

50 **Yeshua** responded, "So you believe this because I said that I had seen you under the fig tree. You'll get to see much greater things than that!" 51 And he continued, "Honestly, I'm telling all of you: you'll be seeing the sky opened up and **God's** messengers going up and coming down on me—the son of humanity."[13]

The wine miracle

2:1 On the Tuesday,[14] there was a wedding in Kana in Galil, and **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') mother was there 2 and **Yeshua** and his apprentices were also invited. 3 When the wine ran out at the wedding, his mother said to him, "They haven't got any more wine."

4 **Yeshua** answered, "What does that have to do with us, mother? It's not the time for my ministry yet."

5 But his mother told the servants, "Just do whatever he tells you."

6 Now there were six empty stone water jars there that are used for Jewish purification ceremonies. (Each one could hold over 70 litres.) 7 So **Yeshua** told them to fill the jars with water, and they filled them up. 8 Then he said, "Okay, now take a sample out and give it to the MC." So they took some 9 and when the MC tasted the water that had now turned to wine, not knowing where it had come from he called the groom 10 and exclaimed, "Most people supply the best wine at the beginning of the reception, and the cheaper stuff when people are a bit tipsy. But you've kept the best wine until last!"

11 This event in Kana, Galil, was the first of the miracles that **Yeshua** did, and it revealed his greatness and his followers believed that he was from God.

Literal Version

_one/messiah). 42 he_led him to ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**. Having_focused_ _in on_him, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said: You are Simōn the son of_ _Yōanna^{y}s, you will_be_being_called Ka^{y}fas, (which is_being_ _translated: The_Stone/Petros).

43 On_the day of_next he_wanted to_come_out into ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl). And he_is_finding Filippos, and **Ya^{y}sous** is_ _saying to_him ~~the~~: Be_following after_me. 44 And ~~the~~ Filippos was from Ba^{y}thsaida, of the city of_Andreas and Petros. 45 Filippos is_finding ~~the~~ Nathanaa^{y}l, and he_is_saying to_him: We_have_found whom wrote Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) in the law and the prophets, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** son ~~the~~ of_Yōsa^{y}f/(Yōşēf), who is from Nazaret. 46 And Nathanaa^{y}l said to_him: Is_able any good to_be out_of Nazaret? ~~The~~ Filippos is_saying to_him: Be_coming and see. 47 ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** saw ~~the~~ Nathanaa^{y}l coming to him and he_is_saying concerning him: Behold, truly an_ _Israelite in whom is not deceit. 48 Nathanaa^{y}l is_saying to_ _him: From_where you_are_knowing me? **Ya^{y}sous** answered and said to_him: Before the time Filippos to_call you, being under the fig_tree, I_saw you. 49 Nathanaa^{y}l answered to_him: My_great_one, you are the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, you are king of_ ~~the~~ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrāʾēl). 50 **Ya^{y}sous** answered and said to_him: Because I_said to_you that I_saw you beneath the fig_tree, you_ _are_believing? You_will_be_seeing greater than these things. 51 And he_is_saying to_him: Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_ _all, you_all_will_be_seeing ~~the~~ heaven having_opened_up, and the messengers of_ ~~the~~ **_god** going_up and coming_down on the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man.

2:1 And on_the ~~the~~ third day a_wedding became in Kana of_ ~~the~~ _ _Galilaia/(Gālīl), and the mother of_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous** was there. 2 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** was_ also _invited and the apprentices/followers of_him to the wedding. 3 And having_ _been_deficient of_wine, the mother ~~the~~ of_**Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to him: They_are_ not _having wine. 4 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_her: What to_me and to_you, woman? The hour of_me is_ not_yet _coming. 5 The mother of_him is_saying to_the servants: Do whatever anything ~~wishfully~~ he_may_be_saying to_ _you_all. 6 And six stone waterpots were lying there according_ _to the purification of_the Youdaiōns, having_room_for two or three measures each. 7 Is_saying to_them ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**: Fill the waterpots with_water. And they_filled them to upward. 8 And he_is_saying to_them: Draw now and be_carrying to_the the_ _headwaiter. And they carried it. 9 And when the the_ _headwaiter tasted the water having_been_become wine, and had_ not _known from_where is, but the servants had_known the ones having_drawn the water, the headwaiter is_calling the bridegroom 10 and he_is_saying to_him: Every person is_ _presenting first the good wine, and the lessor whenever they_ _may_be_being_drunk, you have_kept the good wine until now. 11 This beginning of_the signs ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** did in Kana ~~the~~ of_Galilaia/(Gālīl), and revealed the glory of_him, and the apprentices/followers of_him believed in him. 12 After this he_came_down to Kafarna'oum, he and the mother of_him, and

13 **RV 1:51 · Cross-ref.** Gen 28:12.

14 **RV 2:1 · Note** Or possibly, 'Three days later'.

Literal Version

the brothers and the apprentices/followers of_him, and they_
_remained there not many days.

13 And the passover_feast of_the Youdaiōns was near, and ~~the~~
Ya^{y}sous went_up to Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim). **14** And he_
_found in the temple the ones selling oxen and sheep and
doves, and the money-changers sitting. **15** And having_made a_
_whip of cords, all he_throw_out both the sheep and ~~the~~ oxen
from the temple, and he_poured_out the coins of_the
moneychangers, and he_overturned the tables. **16** And to_the
ones selling ~~the~~ doves he_said: Take_away these things from_
_here, not be_making the house of_the father of_me a_house
of_business. **17** the apprentices/followers of_him ‹Were›_
_reminded that having_been_written it_is: The zeal of_the
house of_you will_be_consuming me. **18** Therefore the
Youdaiōns answered and said to_him: What sign you_are_
_showing to_us, that you_are_doing these things? **19** **Ya^{y}sous**
answered and said to_them: Destroy this the temple, and I_will_
_be_raising it in three days. **20** Therefore the Youdaiōns said:
This ~~the~~ temple was_built for_forty and six years, and you will_
_be_raising it in three days? **21** But that one was_speaking
concerning the temple of_the body of_him. **22** Therefore when
he_was_raised from the_dead, the apprentices/followers of_
_him were_reminded that he_was_saying this, and they_
_believed in_the scripture and the message that ~~the~~
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) spoke.

23 And when he_was in ~~the~~ Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim) at the
passover_feast at the feast, many believed on the name of_him,
observing of_him the signs which he_was_doing. **24** But
Ya^{y}sous himself not was_entrusting himself to_them, because_
_of that him to_be_knowing all men. **25** And that he_was_
_having no need that anyone may_testify concerning ~~the~~
mankind, because/for he was_knowing what was in the person.

3:1 And was a_man of the Farisaios_party, Nikoda^{y}mos the_
_name to_him, a_ruler of_the Youdaiōns, **2** this one came to
him by_night, and said to_him: My_great_one, we_have_known
that you_have_come from **god** as_a_teacher, because/for no_
_one is_able to_be_doing these ~~the~~ signs, what you are_doing, if
~~the~~ **god** not may_be with him. **3** **Ya^{y}sous** answered and said to_
_him: Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you, if anyone not may_be_
_born again, he_is_ not _able to_see the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**.
4 Nikoda^{y}mos is_saying to him: How is_ a_person _able to_be_
_born, being old? He_is_ not _able to_come_in into the womb
of_the mother of_him secondly and to_be_born? **5** **Ya^{y}sous**
answered: Truly, truly, I_am_telling to_you, if anyone not may_
_be_born of water and of_**spirit**, he_is_ not _able to_come_in

Readers' Version

12 After that, Yeshua and his mother and brothers and his followers travelled east to Kafarnaoum (Capernaum),[15] but they only stayed there a few days.

Yeshua disturbs the temple traders[16]

13 By then it was getting close to the time of the Jewish Festival of the Passover,[17] and **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **14** There in the temple, he discovered merchants selling cows and sheep and doves, and moneychangers sitting at their tables. **15** Yeshua formed some cords into a whip and drove the sheep and cows out of the temple grounds, and he overturned the tables—spilling the coins of the moneychangers onto the ground. **16** He scolded the ones selling doves, saying, "Get them out of here! Don't be making my father's house into a market." **17** That reminded his followers of the scripture: "I'll be filled with zeal for your temple."[18]

18 Then the Jewish leaders responded, "Do a miracle to show that you have the authority to do these things."

19 But **Yeshua** answered, "Well, destroy this temple and I'll raise[19] it again in three days."[20]

20 The leaders smirked, "This temple took forty-six years to build, and you reckon that you can raise it again in three days?"

21 But Yeshua had been meaning his own body when he was talking about the temple. **22** In the future when he was actually raised from the dead, his followers remembered this statement, and they believed both the Hebrew scriptures and **Yeshua's** message.

Yeshua does miracles and knows thoughts

23 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was at the Passover Feast in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), many believed in his authority because they saw the miracles that he was able to do. **24** But **Yeshua** never fully entrusted himself to them, because he knew what people are like. **25** (He didn't need anyone to tell him what people are like because he could see what any person was like on the inside.)

Yeshua tells Nikodemos about the need to be reborn

3:1 After dark one evening, a Jewish leader named Nikodemos who was a member of the Farisaios party **2** went to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and said, "Teacher, we know that God has sent you as a teacher, because no one could do those kinds of miracles if **God** wasn't with him."

3 **Yeshua** responded, "I'll tell you frankly that no one can get to see **God's** kingdom unless he's reborn."

4 Nikodemos questioned, "How can an adult be reborn? A person can't just return into their mother's womb and then get born a second time!"

15 **RV 2:12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:13.

16 **RV 2:13 · Parallel** Mat. 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45-46

17 **RV 2:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-27.

18 **RV 2:17 · Cross-ref.** Psa 69:9.

19 **RV 2:19 · Note** We couldn't easily use *rebuild* here because there's a play on words—see verse 21.

20 **RV 2:19 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:61; 27:40; Mrk 14:58; 15:29.

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5 But **Yeshua** continued, "Honestly, I'm telling you: unless a person is born from both water *and* the **spirit**, they can't enter **God's** kingdom. 6 Someone that's born from a body is flesh and bone, but someone that's born from God's **spirit** is spiritual. 7 So you shouldn't be surprised that I told you that everyone needs to be reborn. 8 The wind blows wherever it wants, and you can hear its sound but you can't actually see where it's coming from or where it's going to. So too with everyone who's born from God's **spirit**."

9 Nikodemos replied, "How can all that even happen?"

10 "You're a Jewish teacher," **Yeshua** answered, "and yet you don't know all that? 11 It's true that we just teach what we know, and explain what we've seen ourselves, but you people aren't accepting our testimony. 12 If I tell all of you earthly things and you don't believe them, how will you ever believe if I explain *heavenly* things to you? 13 None of you have ever gone up into heaven, but I, the son of humanity, have come down from heaven.

14 "Just like Mosheh (Moses) lifted up that bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness,[21] it's also necessary for the son of humanity to be lifted up,[22] 15 so that everyone who believes in him won't die, but will live forever.[23] 16 Because[24] in that same way, **God** loves the people of the world enough to cause his only son to be born, and to give him to the world, so that everyone who believes that won't die, but will go on to live forever.

17 "**God** didn't send his son here to condemn people, but rather to save them. 18 Anyone who trusts in me won't be condemned. However, anyone who doesn't believe this has already been condemned because he rejected the authority of the only son that **God** fathered. 19 And this is the verdict: that light has come into the world, but some people love the darkness more than the light because they do evil things, 20 because everyone who does evil things hates the light and doesn't come to the light so that their actions won't be exposed. 21 But anyone who does what is right, comes toward the light so that their actions can be revealed as being done with **God's** help."

Yohan approves of Yeshua's popularity

22 After this, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and his followers went down to Yehudah (Judah), and stayed there and immersed some believers. 23 Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) was also immersing people at Ainon near Saleim because there was plenty of water there and people would come to him to get immersed. 24 (At this point in time, Yohan had not yet been put in prison.)[25] 25 Then a debate about purification started between Yohan's followers and a reli-

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into the kingdom ~~the~~ of_**god**. 6 The thing having_been_born of the flesh, is flesh, and the thing having_been_born of the **spirit**, is spirit. 7 You_may_ not _wonder that I_said to_you: It_ _is_fitting you_all to_be_born again. 8 The spirit it_is_blowing where is_wanting, and you_are_hearing the sound of_it, but you_have_ not _known from_where it_is_coming, and where it_ _is_going, thus is everyone ~~which~~ having_been_born of the **spirit**. 9 Nikoda^{y}mos answered and said to_him: How is_ these things _able to_become? 10 **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answered and said to_him: You are the teacher of_ ~~the~~ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā^{ə}^{ēl}), and you_are_ not _knowing these things? 11 Truly, truly, I_am_ _saying to_you that we_are_speaking what we_have_known, and we_are_testifying what we_have_seen, and you_all_are_ not _receiving the testimony of_us. 12 If I_told the earthly things to_you_all, and you_all_are_ not _believing, how you_all_will_ _be_believing if I_may_tell to_you_all the heavenly things? 13 And no_one has_gone_up into ~~the~~ heaven, except ~~not/lest~~ the one having_come_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven, the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man. 14 And as Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) exalted the serpent in the wilderness, thus it_is_fitting the son of_ ~~the~~ _man to_be_ _exalted, 15 in_order_that everyone ~~which~~ believing in him may_be_having eternal life. 16 For/Because thus ~~the~~ **god** loved the world, so_that he_gave the ~~the~~ only_begotten son, in_order_ _that everyone ~~which~~ believing in him may_ not _perish, but may_be_having eternal life. 17 For/Because ~~the~~ **god** not sent_ _out his son into the world, in_order_that he_may_judge the world, but in_order_that the world may_be_saved through him. 18 The one believing in him not is_being_judged. But the one not believing, has_been_ already _judged, because he_has_ not _believed in the name of_the only_begotten son of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. 19 And this is the judgement, that ~~the~~ light has_come into the world, and ~~the~~ people loved the darkness rather than the light, because/for the works of_them was evil. 20 For/Because everyone ~~which~~ doing evil, is_hating the light, and is_ not _ _coming to the light, in_order_that the works of_him may_be_ not _rebuked. 21 But the one practicing the truth, is_coming to the light, in_order_that the works of_him may_be_revealed, that it_is having_been_worked in **god**.

22 After these things ~~the~~ and **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** the apprentices/followers of_him came into the Judean land, and there he_was_staying with them and was_immersing. 23 And ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s was also immersing in Ainōn near ~~the~~ Saleim, because much water was there, and they_were_arriving and were_being_immersed. 24 For/Because ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s was not_ _yet having_been_throw into the prison. 25 Therefore became a_debate of the apprentices/followers of_Yōanna^{y}s with a_ _Youdaios about purification. 26 And they_came to ~~the~~

21 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:9.

22 **RV 3:14 · Note** lifted up / exalted: See https://bibleDifferences.net/2019/04/25/156-exulted

23 **RV 3:15 · Note** See http://bibleandtech.blogspot.com/2021/03/john-314-21-translation-and-commentary.html

24 **RV 3:16 · Note** Sadly when older English translations use 'For' (following John Wycliffe's middle-English translation from Latin from the 1300's), it's quite easy to ignore what it's there for. The *OET* uses the modern-English translation 'Because' which makes the connection to the previous verses (especially v14-15) clearer.

25 **RV 3:24 · Cross-ref.** Mat 14:3; Mrk 6:17; Luk 3:19-20.

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Yōannaʸs and they_said to_him: My_great_one, who was with you beyond the Yordanaʸs/(Yardēn), to_whom you have_ _testified, see, this one is_immersing and all are_coming to him. **27** Yōannaʸs answered and said: A_person is_ not _able to_ _be_receiving, not_even one if not it_may_be having_been_ _given to_him from ~~the~~ heaven. **28** Yourselves you_all are_ _testifying to_me that I_said: I am not the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, but, ~~that~~ Having_been_sent_out I_am before that one. **29** The one having the bride, is the_bridegroom, but the friend of_the bridegroom, the one having_stood and hearing from_him, is_rejoicing with_joy because_of the voice of_the bridegroom. Therefore this ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ joy has_been_ _fulfilled. **30** That one it_is_fitting to_be_increasing, but me to_ _be_being_made_less. **31** The one coming from_above, is above all things. The one being from the earth, is from the earth, and is_speaking from the earth. The one coming from ~~the~~ heaven, is above all things. **32** What he_has_seen and heard, this he_is_ _testifying, but no_one is_receiving the testimony of_him. **33** The one having_received of_him the testimony, he_sealed that ~~the~~ **god** is true. **34** For/Because whom ~~the~~ **god** sent_out, is_ _speaking the messages of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, because/for he_is_giving the **spirit** not by measure. **35** The father is_loving the son, and has_given all things in the hand of_him. **36** The one believing in the son, is_having eternal life, but the one disbelieving in_the son, not will_be_seeing life, but the severe_anger of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is_remaining on him.

4:1 Therefore when the **master** knew that the Farisaios_party heard that **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** is_making and is_immersing more apprentices/followers than Yōannaʸs **2** (and_yet_indeed **Yaʸsous** himself was_ not _immersing, but the apprentices/followers of_him), **3** he_left ~~the~~ Youdaia and went_ _away back into ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl). **4** And it_was_fitting him to_ _be_passing_through through ~~the~~ Samareia/(Shomrōn). **5** Therefore he_is_coming to a_city of_ ~~the~~ _Samareia being_ _called Suḳar, near the property which Yakōb/(Yaʹaqovʿ) gave to_ ~~the~~ _Yōsaʸf/(Yōşēf), the son of_him, **6** and well of_ ~~the~~ _ _Yakōb was there. Therefore ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** having_wearied from the journey, was_sitting thus at the well. The_hour was about the_sixth. **7** a_woman out_of ~~the~~ Samareia is_coming to_draw water. ~~The~~ **Yaʸsous** is_saying to_her: Give to_me to_drink, **8** for/because the apprentices/followers of_him had_gone_ _away into the city, in_order_that they_may_buy food. **9** Therefore the ~~the~~ from_Samareia/(Shomrōn) woman is_ _saying to_him: How you being a_Youdaios, are_requesting to_ _drink from me of_a_woman being from_Samareia/(Shomrōn)? For/Because Youdaiōns are_ not _having_association_with with_Samareitaʸs/(Shomrōn). **10** **Yaʸsous** answered and said to_her: If you_had_known the gift of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and who is ~~which~~ saying to_you: Give to_me to_drink, you would requested him, and he_ would _gave to_you living water. **11** The woman is_ _saying to_him: Master, neither you_are_having bucket and the

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gious leader.[26] **26** So some people went to Yohan and said, "Teacher, that man that came to you across the river and that you testified about, now *he's* immersing people and so they're all going to him."

27 "None of us get anything if it's not being given from heaven," Yohan answered. **28** "You yourselves know that I said that I'm not the **messiah**,[27] but rather the **one** coming before him. **29** It's the groom that has the bride—the best man is happy because he sees that the groom is happy. So I'm actually completely happy with all this. **30** It's right and proper that he should increase and I should fade out."

31 "The one who came down from heaven is greater than any of us. We came from this world and speak in our earthly ways. The one who came down from heaven is greater than any of us. **32** He explains about what he's seen and heard, but people don't believe him. **33** Anyone who does believe him, confirms that **God** is true. **34** The one that **God** sent tells us **God's** words, because God doesn't ration his **spirit**. **35** The father loves the son and has put him in charge of everything.[28] **36** Anyone who believes God's son will live forever, but anyone who disobeys the son won't be seeing life, but will feel **God's** severe anger instead."

Yeshua chats with a woman at the well

4:1 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) found out that the Farisaios party knew that he was gaining and immersing more followers than Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) had, **2** (although actually it wasn't **Yeshua** himself that was immersing them, but his apprentices that were doing it), **3** he left Yehudah (Judea) and went back up to Galil. **4** On the way up, he decided to go through Shomron (Samaria).

5 By choosing that route, they came to a town in Shomron called Sukar, which was near the place that the patriarch Yosef (Joseph) had inherited from his father Ya'akov (Jacob),[29] **6** and 'Ya'akov's well' was there. **Yeshua** was tired from all the walking and was sitting by the well around midday.

7 A woman came from the town to get water from the well, and **Yeshua** asked her for a drink **8** since his followers had gone into the town to buy some lunch.

9 The woman said to him, "You're a Yehudi (Jew). How come you're asking me for a drink when I'm from Shomron?" (Yehudim (Jews) don't normally associate with anyone from Shomron.)[30]

10 **Yeshua** answered, "If you'd recognised **God's** gift and who it is who's asking you for a drink, you would have asked me and I would have given you *living* water to drink."

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26 **RV 3:25 · Note** https://www.billmounce.com/monday-with-mounce/what-does-the-word-%E2%80%9Cjew%E2%80%9D-mean-you-john-3-25

27 **RV 3:28 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 1:20.

28 **RV 3:35 · Cross-ref.** Mat 11:27; Luk 10:22.

29 **RV 4:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 33:19; Josh 24:32.

30 **RV 4:9 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 4:1-5; Neh 4:1-2.

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11 But the woman countered, "Mister, you don't even have rope and a bucket to reach the water in the deep well. How then could you get 'living water'? **12** I doubt that you're greater than our ancestor Ya'akov (Jacob) who made this well for us and drank this water along with his children and his animals."

13 **Yeshua** responded, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again, **14** but anyone who drinks the water that I give them will find a well springing up inside them—springing into eternal life."

15 So the woman said, "Okay, then. Give me some of that water so that I won't get thirsty and won't have to keep coming out here to the well."

16 Yeshua said, "First, go and get your husband and then come back here."

17 "Actually, I don't have a husband!" she retorted.

"True enough—indeed you don't," **Yeshua** said. **18** "You've had five husbands and you're not married to the man you're living with, so what you said was true."

19 "Mister, I can see that you're a prophet," the woman reacted. **20** "Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Yehudim (Jews) claim that people should only worship there in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)."

21 Then **Yeshua** told her, "You need to believe that I was sent from God, woman, because a day is coming when everyone will be worshipping him neither on this mountain, nor in Yerushalem. **22** You people in Shomron (Samaria) don't even know who you worship, but we do, because people will be saved by means of us Yehudim. **23** But a time is coming, starting even now, when the true worshippers will be worshipping the father in spirit and truth, because those are the ones that he is wanting to worship him. **24** **God is spirit**, and the ones worshipping him must worship in spirit and total honesty."

25 **The** woman said, "I'm aware that the messiah is coming—God's **chosen one**. Whenever he appears, he'll teach us everything."

26 "*I am* the messiah," **Yeshua** responded. "Yes, he's speaking to you!"

27 After this, his followers arrived back, and they were astounded that he was speaking with a woman. However no one dared ask her, "What are you after?" Or to ask him, "Why are you talking with her?"

28 So the woman left her water jar there, and went back into the town where she told the people, **29** "Come and see a man who knew as much about me as I know myself! He must be the **messiah**!" **30** So they went out from the town to go and see Yeshua.

31 Meanwhile, Yeshua's followers encouraged him, "Teacher, here, eat."

32 But he said, "I've had food to eat that you don't know about."

33 This made his followers ask each other, "Did you see anyone bring him something to eat?"

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well is deep, therefore from_where you_are_having the ~~which~~ living water? **12** You are not greater than the father of_us Yakōb, who gave the well to_us, and drank of it himself, and the sons of_him, and the livestock of_him?

13 **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** answered and said to_her: Everyone ~~which~~ drinking of the this water, will_be_thirsting again, **14** but whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_drink of the water that I will_be_giving to_him, by_no_means ‹will› not _be_thirsting, because/for the age, but the water that I_will_be_giving to_him will_be_ _becoming in him a_spring of_water, springing_up into eternal life. **15** The woman is_saying to him: Master, give this ~~the~~ water to_me, in_order_that I_may_ not _be_thirsting, nor I_am_ _passing_through here to_be_drawing. **16** He_is_saying to_her: Be_going, call the husband of_you and come here. **17** The woman answered and said to_him: I_am_ not _having a_ _husband. ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_her: You_said rightly, ~~that~~ I_ _am_ not _having a_husband, **18** for/because you_had five husbands, and now he_whom you_are_having, is not husband of_you, this you_have_spoken true. **19** The woman is_saying to_ _him: Master, I_am_perceiving that you are a_prophet. **20** The fathers of_us prostrated on ~~the~~ this mountain, and you_all are_ _saying that in Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim) is the place where it_is_fitting to_be_prostrating. **21** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_her: Be_believing in_me, woman, because an_hour is_ _coming, when neither on ~~the~~ this mountain, nor in Hierousala^{y}m, ‹will›_you_all_be_worshipping before_the father. **22** You_all are_prostrating what you_all_have_ not _known, we are_prostrating what we_have_known, because ~~the~~ salvation is of the Youdaiōns. **23** But an_hour is_coming and now is, when the true worshippers will_be_worshipping before_the father in spirit and truth, because/for the father also is_seeking such, the ones prostrating before_him. **24** ~~The~~ **god** is **spirit**, and the ones prostrating before_him it_is_fitting in spirit and truth. to_ _be_prostrating. **25** The woman is_saying to_him: I_have_known that the_chosen_one/messiah is_coming, who is being_called The_**chosen_one/messiah**, whenever that one may_come, he_ _will_be_declaring all things to_us. **26** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** is_saying to_her: I am he, the one speaking to_you. **27** And after this the apprentices/followers of_him came, and they_were_ _marvelling that he_was_speaking with a_woman, however no_ _one said: What are_you_seeking? Or: Why are_you_speaking with her? **28** Therefore the woman left the waterpot of_her, and she_went_away into the city, and she_is_saying to_the people, **29** Come, see a_man who told to_me all things as_ _much_as I_did, surely_not this is the **chosen_one/messiah**? **30** They_came_out out_of the city, and they_were_coming to him. **31** In the time meanwhile the apprentices/followers were_ _asking him saying: My_great_one, eat. **32** But he said to_them: I am_having food to_eat, that you_all have_ not _known. **33** Therefore the apprentices/followers were_saying to one_ _another: Not anyone brought to_him something to_eat? **34** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_them: My food is that I_may_do the will of_the one having_sent me, and I_may_complete the work of_ _him. **35** Not you_all are_saying, ~~that~~ Still four_month it_is and the harvest is_coming? Behold, I_am_saying to_you_all, lift_up the eyes of_you_all and see the fields, because they_are already white toward harvest. **36** The one reaping is_receiving a_ _reward, and is_gathering_together fruit to eternal life, in_

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_order_that the one sowing and the one reaping may_be_
_rejoicing together. **37** For/Because the statement in this is the
true: ~~that~~ Another one is ~~which~~ sowing, and another one ~~which~~
reaping. **38** I sent_ you_all _out to_be_reaping what you_all
have_ not _laboured, others have_laboured, and you_all have_
_come_in into the labour of_them. **39** And many of_the
Samareitaʸs/(Shomrōn) out_of of_ ~~the~~ that _city, believed on
him, because_of the message of_the woman testifying, ~~that~~ He_
_told to_me all things whatever I_did. **40** Therefore when the
Samareitaʸs came to him, they_were_asking him to_remain
with them, and he_remained there two days. **41** And with_
_many more believed, because_of the message of_him, **42** to_
_the and women they_were_saying, ~~that~~ We_are_believing no_
_longer because_of ~~the~~ your speech, because/for we_have_
_heard ourselves and we_have_known that this is truly the
saviour of_the world.

43 And after the two days, he_came_out from_there into ~~the~~
Galilaia/(Gālīl). **44** For/Because himself **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**
testified that a_prophet in his own hometown, is_ not _having
honour. **45** Therefore When he_came into ~~the~~ Galilaia, the
Galilaios received him, having_seen all things as_much_as he_
_did in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) at the feast, because/for
they also came to the feast. **46** Therefore he_came back to ~~the~~
Kana of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia, where he_made the water wine. And was
a_certain royal official, of_whose ~~the~~ son was_ailing in
Kafarna'oum. **47** This one having_heard that **Yaʸsous** is_coming
out_of ~~the~~ Youdaia into ~~the~~ Galilaia, went_away to him, and was_
_asking that he_may_come_down, and may_heal the son of_
_him, because/for he_was_going to_be_dying_off. **48** Therefore
said ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** to him: If you_all_may_ not _see signs and
wonders, you_all_may_ by_no_means not _believe. **49** The royal
official is_saying to him: Master, come_down before the little_
_child of_me to_die_off. **50** ~~The~~ **Yaʸsous** is_saying to_him: Be_
_going, the son of_you is_living. The man believed in_the
message which ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** said to_him, and he_was_going.
51 And already of_him coming_down, the slaves of_him met
with_him and reported saying that the boy of_him is_living.
52 Therefore he_inquired the hour from them in which he_had
better. Therefore they_said to_him, ~~that~~ Yesterday the fever left
him at_the_ seventh _hour. **53** Therefore the father knew that
that was at_the hour at which ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said to_
_him: The son of_you is_living, and himself and the whole
house of_him believed. **54** And this is again the_second sign ~~the~~
Yaʸsous did, having_come out_of ~~the~~ Youdaia into ~~the~~
Galilaia/(Gālīl).

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34 "Obeying God who sent me is like food to me, and I plan to finish his work," **Yeshua** explained. **35** "Don't you all have a saying about needing to wait four months for a harvest? But I'm telling you that you all should open your eyes and look at the fields, because they're already lightening up as harvest time approaches. **36** The harvester gets paid with a harvest that will last forever so that the ones who plant and the ones who harvest can all celebrate. **37** There's truth in the statement that one person plants and a different person harvests. **38** I've sent you all out to harvest where you haven't worked before—others did the groundwork and you benefit from their work."

39 And many people of Shomron (Samaria) came out of that town and believed that Yeshua is God because the woman had told them that he knew everything about her. **40** So when they all came, they asked him to stay in their town and they stayed on there for a couple of days.

41 As a result of his teaching, many more believed **42** so then they told the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said, but now that we've heard him for ourselves, we can see that he really is the saviour of the world."

Yeshua heals the official's son

43 After his two days in Shomron (Samaria), Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued on up to Galil. **44** **He** himself had told them that no prophet gets honoured in his own home town.[31] **45** When he got to Galil, the people accepted him, having seen everything that he'd done at the feast in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) because they had also been down there.[32]

46 So he went again to Kana there in Galil where he had made the water into wine.[33] Now there was a royal official there, whose son in Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) was ill. **47** When the official heard that **Yeshua** was coming up from Yehudah (Judea) to Galil, he went and asked him if he would come and heal his son who was dying. **48** **Yeshua** said to him, "You people won't believe unless you see miracles and other marvels."

49 But the official begged him, "Sir, please come before my child dies."

50 "Go back there and see," **Yeshua** responded. "Your son will recover."

The man believed what **Yeshua** had told him, and so he started off. **51** On his way, his slaves met him and reported that the boy was alive and well.

52 So the official asked them what time it was that he got better, and they replied that the fever had subsided around 1pm. **53** The father knew that that was the time when **Yeshua** had told him that his son would recover, and as a result his whole household believed that Yeshua came from God.

54 This was the second miracle that **Yeshua** have done after leaving Yehudah (Judea) and going to Galil.

31 **RV 4:44 · Cross-ref.** Mat 13:57; Mrk 6:4; Luk 4:24.

32 **RV 4:45 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 2:23.

33 **RV 4:46 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 2:1-11.

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Yeshua heals a man at the pool

5:1 After all this, there was another Jewish feast, so **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **2** In Yerushalem at the Sheep Gate, there's the Beyt-Tsayda pool that has five alcoves **3** and a large number of sick, blind, lame, and paralysed people lie there in them. **4** ◘ **5** One man had been there for thirty-eight years, **6** and when **Yeshua** noticed him and knew that he'd been there for so long, he asked, "Do you want to get better?"

7 "Yes mister," the sick man answered, "but when the water starts moving, I don't have a companion to lift me into the pool, so someone else always get there before me."

8 Then **Yeshua** said, "Stand up and pick up your bedroll and start walking." **9** The man immediately stood up, picked up his gear, and started to walk.

However, this was the weekly rest day. **10** So the religious leaders said to the man, "Hey! It's against the law for you to carry your bedding on the rest day!"[34]

11 But the man answered, "The man who made me better told me to pick up my bedroll and start walking."

12 "Oh. Who was it that told you to take that stuff and start walking?"

13 But the man who had been healed didn't even know who it was, because **Yeshua** had quickly left when a crowd had formed.

14 Later on, **Yeshua** found the man in the temple and told him, "Look, you're better now so don't go on sinning, because you don't want anything worse to happen to you."

15 The man then went and told the leaders that it was **Yeshua** who had made him better. **16** As a result, the leaders started harassing **Yeshua** because he had done this on a rest day. **17** But Yeshua just replied, "My father is working today, and so I'm also working."

18 Because of this, the leaders became determined that he must be put to death—not just because he broke the rules for the rest day, but most of all because he was calling **God** his own father, thus making himself equal **to God**!

Authority over life is given to the son

19 So **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) responded to them, "I want to tell you all something: The son can't initiate anything by himself. He can only do what he sees his father doing, because whatever his father is doing, he also does things like that. **20** You see, the father loves his son and shows him everything that he's doing. In fact, he'll be showing him even greater things than what he's done already, so that you all will be amazed. **21** Because the father brings the dead back to life, giving them new life, so too the son can give life to anyone who he wants. **22** The father won't be judging anyone, but has already given that task to the son, **23** so that the people might honour the son like they honour the father. But anyone who is not honouring the son, is also dishonouring the father who sent him.

24 "I assure you that anyone who hears my message and be-

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5:1 After these things there_was a_feast of_the Youdaiōns, and **Ya^{y}sous** went_up to Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim). **2** And there_is a_pool in ~~the~~ Hierousala^{y}m at the sheep_gate, ~~which~~ being_called Ba^{y}thsaida In_Hebraios, having five porticos. **3** In these a_multitude of_the ones ailing, blind, lame, paralysed. was_lying, **4** ◘ **5** And was a_certain man there, being thirty eight years in the sicknesses of_him. **6** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_seen this one lying_down, and having_known that he_is_ already _ _having much time, he_is_saying to_him: You_are_wanting healthy to_become? **7** The one ailing answered to_him: Master, I_am_ not _having a_person, in_order_that whenever the water may_be_disturbed, he_may_put me into the pool, in but which am_coming I, another before me is_coming_down. **8** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_him: Be_raising, take_up the pallet of_you, and be_walking. **9** And immediately the man became healthy, and took_up the pallet of_him, and was_walking. And it_was the_day_of_rest on that ~~the~~ day. **10** Therefore the Youdaiōns were_saying to_the one having_been_healed: It_is the_day_of_ _rest, and it_is_ not _permitting for_you to_take_up the pallet of_you. **11** but the_one answered to_them: The one having_ _made me healthy, that one said to_me: Take_up the pallet of_ _you and be_walking. **12** They_asked him: Who is the man ~~which~~ having_said to_you: Take_up and be_walking? **13** But the one having_been_healed not had_known who he_is, ~~the~~ for **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** bowed_out, a_crowd being in the place. **14** After these things ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_finding him in the temple, and he_said to_him: Behold, you_have_become healthy, be_ no_ _longer _sinning, in_order_that something worse may_ not _ _become to_you. **15** The man went_away, and declared to_the Youdaiōns that **Ya^{y}sous** is the one having_made him healthy. **16** And because_of this, the Youdaiōns were_persecuting ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, because he_was_doing these things on a_day_of_rest. **17** But he answered to_them: The father of_me is_working until now, and_I am_working. **18** Therefore because_of this, the Youdaiōns were_ more _seeking him to_kill_off, because he_ _was_ not only _breaking the day_of_rest, but also he_was_ _calling **god** his_own father ~~the~~, making himself equal to_ ~~the~~ _ _**god**.

19 Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answered, and was_saying to_them: Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, the son is_ not _able to_be_ _doing nothing of himself, except ~~not/lest~~ anything may_be_ _seeing the father doing, because/for whatever ~~wishfully~~ that one may_be_doing, these things also the son likewise is_doing. **20** For/Because the father is_loving the son, and is_showing all things to_him which himself is_doing, and he_will_be_showing greater than these things works to_him, in_order_that you_all may_be_marvelling. **21** For/Because as the father is_raising the dead and is_giving_life, thus also the son, is_giving_life whom is_willing. **22** For/Because and_not the father is_judging no_ _one, but has_given ~~the~~ all judgement to_the son, **23** in_order_ _that all may_be_honouring the son, as they_are_honouring the father. The one not honouring the son, is_ not _honouring the father, the one having_sent him. **24** Truly, truly, I_am_ _saying to_you_all that the one hearing the message of_me, and believing in_the one having_sent me, is_having eternal life, and

34 RV 5:10 · Cross-ref. Neh 13:19; Jer 17:21.

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is_ not _coming into judgement, but has_departed out_of ~~the~~ death into ~~the~~ life. **25** Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that an_hour is_coming and now is, when the dead will_be_hearing of_the voice of_the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and the ones having_heard will_be_living. **26** For/Because as the father is_having life in himself, thus also he_gave life to_the son to_be_having in himself, **27** and he_gave authority to_him to_be_executing judgement, because he_is the_son of_Man. **28** Be_ not _ _marvelling at_this, because an_hour is_coming in which all the ones in the tombs will_be_hearing of_the voice of_him, **29** and the ones having_practiced the good things they_will_be_going_ _out, to the_resurrection of_life, and the ones the having_done evil things, to the_resurrection of_judgement.
30 I am_ not _being_able to_be_doing nothing of myself, as I_ _am_hearing, I_am_judging, and ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ judgement is righteous, because I_am_ not _seeking ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ will, but the will of_the one having_sent me. **31** If I may_be_testifying concerning myself, the testimony of_me is not true. **32** Another is the one testifying concerning me, and I_have_known that the testimony which he_is_testifying concerning me is true.
33 You_all have_sent_out to Yōannaʸs, and he_has_testified to_ _the truth. **34** But I am_ not _receiving the testimony from human_origin, but these things I_am_saying, in_order_that you_all may_be_saved. **35** That one was the lamp ~~which~~ being_ _burned and shining, and you_all willed to_be_exulted for a_ _hour in the light of_him. **36** But I am_having the testimony greater than ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs, because/for the works that the father has_given to_me, in_order_that I_may_complete them, the same works which I_am_doing, is_testifying concerning me that the father has_sent_ me _out. **37** And the father having_ _sent me, that one has_testified concerning me. You_all_have_ neither _heard the_voice of_him ever, nor have_you_all_seen appearance of_him. **38** And you_all_are_ not _having the message of_him remaining in you_all, because you_all are_ not _believing in_this one that one whom he_sent_out. **39** You_all_ _are_searching the scriptures, because you_all are_supposing to_be_having eternal life in them, and those are the ones testifying concerning me, **40** and you_all_are_ not _willing to_ _come to me, in_order_that you_all_may_be_having life. **41** I_ _am_ not _receiving glory from humans, **42** but I_have_known that you_all you_all_are_ not _having the love of_ ~~the~~ **_god** in yourselves. **43** I have_come in the name of_the father of_me, and you_all_are_ not _receiving me, if another may_come in ~~the~~ his own name, you_all_will_be_receiving that one. **44** How are_ you_all _being_able to_believe, receiving glory from one_ _another, and you_all_are_ not _seeking the glory which is from the only? **god**? **45** Not be_supposing that I will_be_accusing against_you_all before the father. the one accusing against_ _you_all Is Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh), in whom you_all have_hoped. **46** For/Because if you_all_were_believing in_Mōsaʸs, you_all_ _were_believing ~~wishfully~~ in_me, because/for that one wrote concerning me. **47** But if you_all_are_ not _believing in_the writings of_that one, how ‹will›_you_all_be_believing ~~the~~ in_my messages?

35 **RV 5:29 · Cross-ref.** Dan 12:2.

36 **RV 5:33 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 1:19-27; 3:27-30.

37 **RV 5:37 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:17; Mrk 1:11; Luk 3:22.

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lieves that I was sent by God, will live forever and will not be condemned, but has moved from death into life. **25** I can also assure you that a time is coming, and in fact is here already, when the dead will be hearing the voice of **God's** son and that voice will bring them back to life. **26** As the father is the source of life, he gave the power of giving life to the son **27** and gave him the authority to be the final judge, because he is the son of humanity. **28** Don't be surprised at this, because a time is coming when everyone in their graves will be hearing his voice, **29** and the ones having done what is good will be given new life, and the ones having done what is evil will be condemned."[35]

The unbelief of the religious leaders

30 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued explaining to the religious leaders, "I don't do anything in isolation. Whenever I hear from him, only then do I judge and my judgement is correct and impartial because I'm not imposing *my* desires, but the desire of the one who sent me.

31 "If I just testified about myself, my testimony would not be correct or even valid. **32** However it's another one that's testifying about me, and I know that his testimony about me is true. **33** You sent people out to question Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) and his testimony was true.[36] **34** but I don't even need any testimony that comes from people, because I am teaching you how to be saved. **35** Yohan was a bright and shining light and you appreciated it for a short time. **36** But I have a stronger testimony than Yohan's because the father has entrusted works to me to complete, and which I'm already doing and which clearly show that the father sent me here. **37** And since he sent me, he himself has testified about me.[37] You people have never listened to his voice, nor have you ever seen him! **38** And his way of thinking is obviously not in your minds, because you don't believe the one that he sent. **39** You look in the Jewish scriptures because you suppose that they'll lead you to eternal life. Those very scriptures testify about me coming, **40** yet you refuse to come to me in order to receive life.

41 "I'm not getting any praise from people **42** but I do know that you people don't actually love **God** in your hearts. **43** I have come with my father's authority and you don't accept me, but if someone came claiming their own authority, you'd happily accept them. **44** How *could* you possibly believe when you just accept acclamations from each other, but don't even seek praise from the only **God**. **45** But don't be assuming that I'll be accusing you all in front of the father. No, the one who'll accuse you is Mosheh (Moses) because he's the one that you're hoping to please. **46** The trouble is that if you actually believed what Mosheh wrote, you would believe me, because Mosheh was writing about me. **47** But since you don't really believe his writings, you're not at all likely to believe me."

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Feeding 5,000 families[38]

6:1 After all this, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) crossed the lake in a boat.[39] **2** A large crowd followed him because they'd seen his miraculous healings of sick people. **3** **Yeshua** climbed a hill and sat there with his apprentices. **4** At that time, it was getting close to the Jewish Festival of Passover. **5** When **Yeshua** looked out and saw the large crowd coming, he asked Filippos (Philip), "Where can we get enough food from to feed all this crowd?" **6** But he was only saying this to test Filippos because he already knew what he was going to do.

7 Filippos answered, "To buy even just a snack for this many people would take several months' wages!"

8 Now one of Yeshua's apprentices, Shim'on (Simon) Kefa's (Peter's; Grk. Petros') brother, Andreas, said to Yeshua, **9** "There's a young boy here with five buns and two small cooked fish, but that wouldn't even start to feed this crowd."

10 But **Yeshua** told them to get all the people to sit down as there was a large grassy area. So they all sat down—some five thousand men were counted. **11** Then he took the buns and gave thanks to God, and started passing around both the buns and the fish, and everyone ate as much as they wanted. **12** Once everyone was full, Yeshua got his apprentices to collect the leftover fragments so as not to waste anything. **13** So they gathered the leftovers and filled twelve baskets with leftover bread.

14 The people who had witnessed this and other miracles said, "This really is the prophet that God promised to send!" **15** But **Yeshua** knew that they intended to come and grab him to proclaim him as their king, so he moved out of the crowd and on up the hill.

Yeshua comes walking across the lake[40]

16 As it moved into evening, Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices went back down to the lake **17** and having boarded the boat, they set out across the lake toward Kafarnaoum (Capernaum). By then it was dark, and there was still no sign of **Yeshua**. **18** Then a strong wind hit the lake and the water got rough. **19** When they had rowed about five kilometres, they saw **Yeshua** walking on top of the lake and approaching the boat, and they were very scared. **20** But he told them, "Don't worry—it's me." **21** After that they were willing to let him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at their arrival place.

22 The next day, the crowd looked across the lake and saw that only one small boat had crossed, and they knew that only **Yeshua's** apprentices had boarded that boat and left, and not **Yeshua** himself. **23** Other boats came across from Tiberias near the place where they had eaten the bread after the **master** had given thanks. **24** So when all the people saw that **Yeshua** wasn't

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6:1 After these things, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** went_away across the sea of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl) of_ ~~the~~ _Tiberios. **2** And a_ great _crowd was_following after_him, because they_were_ _observing the signs which he_was_doing with the ones ailing. **3** And **Ya^{y}sous** went_up into the mountain, and he_was_sitting there with the apprentices/followers of_him. **4** And the passover_feast was near, the feast of_the Youdaiōns. **5** Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_lifted_up his eyes, and having_ _seen that a_great crowd is_coming to him, he_is_saying to Filippos: From_where may_we_buy loaves, in_order_that may_ _eat these? **6** for/because he_was_saying this testing him, And he had_known what he_was_going to_be_doing. **7** Filippos answered to_him: For/Because_two_hundred da^{y}narion_coins are_ not _sufficing loaves for_them, that each may_receive little thing. **8** one of the apprentices/followers of_him, Andreas the brother of_Simōn Petros Is_saying to_him, **9** Here is a_little_ _boy, who is_having five loaves of_barley and two fish, but what is these for so_many? **10** ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** Said: Make the people to_ _sit_down. And there_was grass much in the place. Therefore the men sat_down, the number about five_thousand. **11** therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** Took the loaves, and having_given_thanks, he_distributed to_the ones reclining, likewise also of the fish, as_much_as they_were_wanting. **12** And when they_were_filled, he_is_saying to_the apprentices/followers of_him: Gather_together the fragments having_been_leftover in_order_that not anything may_lose. **13** Therefore they_gathered_together and they_filled twelve baskets of_fragments from the five ~~the~~ barley loaves, which they_were_leftover to_the ones having_eaten. **14** Therefore the people having_seen what signs he_did were_saying, ~~that~~ This is truly the prophet who coming into the world. **15** Therefore **Ya^{y}sous** having_known that they_are_going to_be_coming and to_be_snatching him, in_order_that they_may_make him king, he_ himself only _withdrew back to the mountain.

16 And when it_became evening, the apprentices/followers of_ _him came_down to the sea, **17** and having_boarded into the_ _boat, they_were_coming across the sea to Kafarna'oum. And darkness already had_become, and ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** had_ not_yet _ _come to them. **18** And the sea was_being_awoke by_a_ great _ _wind blowing. **19** Therefore having_rowed about twenty five or thirty stadiums, they_are_observing ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** walking on the sea, and becoming near the boat, and they_were_afraid. **20** But he is_saying to_them: I am he, be_ not _fearing. **21** Therefore they_were_willing to_ _receive him into the boat, and immediately the boat became at the land to which they_were_going. **22** On_the_ of_next _day the crowd ~~which~~ having_stood across of_the sea, saw that no other little_boat was there except ~~not/lest~~ one, and that ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** not entered_with with_the apprentices/followers of_ _him into the boat, but only the apprentices/followers of_him went_away, **23** other boats came from Tiberios, near the place where they_ate the bread, having_ **master** the _given_thanks. **24** Therefore when the crowd saw that **Ya^{y}sous** is not there,

38 **RV 6:1 · Parallel** Mat. 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17

39 **RV 6:1 · Note** Here Yohan also uses the Roman name "Lake Tiberias" rather than just "Lake Galilee".

40 **RV 6:16 · Parallel** Mat. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52

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nor the apprentices/followers of_him, they boarded into the little_boats, and they_came to Kafarna'oum seeking ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous.**

25 And having_found him across of_the sea, they_said to_him: My_great_one, when have_you_become here? **26** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answered to_them and said: Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_ _all, you_all_are_seeking me, not because you_all_saw signs, but because you_all_ate of the loaves and were_satisfied. **27** Be_ not _working for_the ~~which~~ perishing food, but the food ~~which~~ remaining to eternal life, which the son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_be_ _giving to_you_all, because/for ~~the~~ **god** the father sealed this one. **28** Therefore they_said to him: What may_we_be_doing, in_order_that we_may_be_doing the works of_ ~~the~~ **_god**? **29** ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** Answered and said to_them: This is the work of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, that you_all_may_be_believing in whom that one sent_out. **30** Therefore they_said to_him: Therefore what sign are_doing you, in_order_that we_may_see and we_may_ _believe in_you? What are_you_doing? **31** The fathers of_us ate the manna in the wilderness, as is having_been_written: he_ _gave bread out_of ~~the~~ heaven to_them to_eat. **32** Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) has_ not _given to_you_all the bread out_of ~~the~~ heaven, but the father of_me is_giving to_you_all the ~~the~~ true bread out_of ~~the~~ heaven. **33** For/Because the bread of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god** is the one coming_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven, and giving life to_the world. **34** Therefore they_said to him: Master, always give this ~~the~~ bread to_us. **35** ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: I am the bread of_ ~~the~~ _life, the one coming to me, by_no_means may_ not _hunger, and the one believing in me, by_no_means ‹will›_ not ever _be_thirsting. **36** But I_said to_you_all that you_all_ both _have_seen me and you_all_are_ not _believing.
37 Everything that the father is_giving to_me, will_be_coming to me, and the one coming to me, by_no_means I_may_ not _ _throw_out out. **38** Because I_have_came_down from ~~the~~ heaven, not in_order_that I_may_be_doing ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ will, but the will of_the one having_sent me. **39** And this is the will of_ _the one having_sent me, that everything which he_has_given to_me, I_may_ not _lose of it, but I_will_be_raising_ it _up on_ _the last day. **40** For/Because this is the will of_the father of_ _me, that everyone ~~which~~ observing the son and believing in him, may_be_having eternal life, and I will_be_raising_ him _up on_the last day. **41** therefore the Youdaiōns ‹Were›_grumbling about him, because he_said: I am the bread the one having_ _come_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven. **42** And they_were_saying, is this Not **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** the son of_Yōsa^{y}f/(Yōṣēf), of_ _whose ~~the~~ father and ~~the~~ mother we have_known? How now is_ _he_saying, ~~that~~ I_have_came_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven?
43 **Ya^{y}sous** Answered and said to_them: Be_ not _grumbling with one_another. **44** No_one is_able to_come to me, if not the father, the one having_sent me, may_draw him, and_I will_be_ _raising_ him _up the last day. **45** It_is having_been_written in the prophets: And they_will_ all _be taught of_**god**. Everyone ~~which~~ having_heard from the father and having_learned, is_

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around and his apprentices had left, they went off looking for **Yeshua** in Kafarnaoum.

The bread that enables true life

25 When they found him there across the lake, they queried, "Teacher, how did you get here?"

26 "Honestly, I know that you're not looking for me because you saw God working miracles," **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) answered, "but because you all had plenty of food to fill you up. **27** Don't just work for the food which goes off, but for the food which lasts forever—the food which the son of humanity will give to you because **God** the father has put his mark of approval on him."

28 Puzzled, they asked him, "What should we be doing if we want to work for **God**?"

29 He answered, "Doing **God's** work is putting your trust in the one that he sent here."

30 "If so," they said, "what miracle will you do for us to see so that we can believe that you came from God? What can *you* do? **31** Our ancestors ate the manna[41] out in the wilderness, just like Mosheh (Moses) wrote, 'He gave them bread from the sky to eat.' "[42]

32 **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) said to them, "Actually I can tell you that it wasn't Mosheh who gave them bread from heaven, but my father gives you the real bread from heaven, **33** because **God's** bread is the one who came down from heaven and who gives life to the world."

34 So they requested, "Mister, keep giving us that bread."

35 "*I am* the bread that gives life," **Yeshua** answered, "anyone who comes to me will never hunger, and the one believing in me, will never be thirsty again. **36** But as I said already, although you have seen me you refuse to believe me. **37** Everyone that the father gives to me will come to me, and I certainly won't turn away anyone who comes to me, **38** because I came down from heaven, not to do what I want, but to do what the one who sent me wants. **39** And what he wants is for me to not lose anyone that he's given to me, but to bring them back to life on the last day. **40** My father wants everyone who watches me and believes in me to live forever, because I will bring them back to life on that final day."

41 This little speech made the religious leaders grumble about him because he had said that he was the food that came down from heaven, **42** as they figured out, "This is **Yeshua** the son of Yosef (Joseph) and so we know his parents. So how can he say that he came down from heaven?"

43 **Yeshua** scolded them, "Don't be grumbling to each other. **44** No one can join me unless the father who sent me attracts them, and then I'll be bringing them back to life on that final

41 **RV 6:31 · Note** Manna was a word that meant 'stuff' and referred to some kind of flakes that regularly came down from the sky in the time of Mosheh and could be eaten as food.

42 **RV 6:31 · Cross-ref.** Exo 16:4,15; Psa 78:24.

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day. 45 The prophets wrote that the people will be taught by **God**.[43] And everyone who's heard and learnt from the father comes to me. 46 Not that any person has seen the father—only the one who came from **God** has seen him. 47 I tell you sincerely: anyone who believes in me will live forever. 48 *I am* the bread that gives true life. 49 Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all went on to die. 50 But *I am* the bread that came down from heaven and anyone who eats this will not die. 51 *I am* the living bread that came down from heaven and if anyone eats this bread, he will live through to the next age."

52 At this point, the religious leaders began to argue with each other, "How could this man give us his flesh to eat?"

53 So **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) explained, "Indeed if you don't eat my flesh and drink my blood, you aren't truly alive! 54 Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will gain eternal life—I will bring them back to life on that final day, 55 because my flesh is the true food, and my blood is the true drink. 56 Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I will live in him. 57 The father is alive and sent me here, and I am alive because of Him, so also the person who eats me will be alive because of me. 58 Unlike your ancestors who ate that bread from the sky and then died, anyone who eats this bread that came down from heaven will live through to the next age."

Many people find the teaching too difficult

59 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) taught all of this in the Jewish meeting hall (Grk. synagogue) there in Kafarnaoum (Capernaum).

60 But even many of his followers who heard it said, "That's a difficult teaching—it's too hard to take."

61 But **Yeshua** already knew inside that his followers were grumbling about that and asked them, "Do you find that offensive? 62 What if you were to see the son of humanity ascending to where he came from? 63 It's the **spirit** that is the source of life, not the body. The concepts that I've taught you are all spiritual and life-giving. 64 But there are some here who don't believe me." Actually, **Yeshua** had already known from the beginning just who would believe and which person would betray him 65 so he said, "That's why I told you that no one can come to me unless the father has given them to me."

66 After this, many of his followers went back and no longer accompanied him around.

67 So **Yeshua** said to his twelve apprentices, "Don't you want to leave as well?"

68 "**Master**," Shim'on (Simon) answered, "if we went, who would we follow then? You're the only one who teaches about living forever. 69 We believe and know that you are the holy son **of God**."[44]

70 **Yeshua** responded, "Didn't I choose all twelve of you my-

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_coming to me. 46 Not that anyone has_seen the father, except ~~not/lest~~ the one being from ~~the~~ **god**, this one has_seen the father. 47 Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, the one believing is_having eternal life. 48 I am the bread of_ ~~the~~ _life. 49 The fathers of_you_all ate the manna in the wilderness, and they_ _died_off. 50 This is the bread ~~which~~ coming_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven, in_order_that anyone may_eat of it, and may_ not _die_ _off. 51 I am the ~~which~~ living bread ~~which~~ having_come_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven, if anyone may_eat of this ~~the~~ bread, he_will_ _be_living to the age. The even and bread that I will_be_giving, is the flesh of_me. for the life of_the world. 52 Therefore the Youdaiōns were_quarrelling with one_another saying: How is_ this one _able to_give to_us the flesh of_him to_eat? 53 Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said to_them: Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, if not you_all_may_eat the flesh of_the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man, and you_all_may_drink of_him the blood, you_all_are_ not _having life in yourselves. 54 The one eating the flesh of_me, and drinking the blood of_me, is_having eternal life, and_I will_be_raising_up him at_the last day. 55 For/Because the flesh of_me is true food, and the blood of_ _me is true drink. 56 The one eating the flesh of_me, and drinking the blood of_me, is_remaining in me, and_I in him. 57 As the living father sent_ me _out, and_I am_living because_ _of the father, also the one eating me, and_that one will_be_ _living because_of me. 58 This is the bread ~~which~~ having_come_ _down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and they_died_off, the one eating this ~~the~~ bread will_be_living to the age.

59 He_said these things in the_synagogue, teaching in Kafarna'oum. 60 Therefore many of the apprentices/followers having_heard of_him said, this ~~the~~ message is hard, who is_able to_be_hearing of_it? 61 But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_known in himself that the apprentices/followers of_him are_grumbling about this, he_said to_them: This is_offending you_all? 62 Therefore if you_all_may_be_observing the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man, going_up where he_was ~~the~~ earlier? 63 The **spirit** is ~~which~~ giving_life, the flesh is_ not _benefiting nothing. The messages which I have_spoken to_you_all is spirit and is life. 64 But there_are some, of you_all who are_ not _believing. For/Because ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** had_known from the_ _beginning, who_all are the ones not believing, and who is the one going_to_give_ him _over. 65 And he_was_saying: Because_ _of this I_have_said to_you_all that no_one is_able to_come to me, if may_be having_ not _‹been›_given to_him from the father. 66 From this many out_of of_the apprentices/followers of_him went_away to the things back, and no_longer were_ _walking with him. 67 Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_the twelve: You_all also are_ not _wanting to_be_going_away? 68 Simōn Petros answered to_him: **master**, to whom ‹will›_we_be_going_ _away? You_are_having the_messages eternal of_life. 69 And we have_believed and we_have_known that you are the holy one of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 70 ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answered to_them: Not I chose you_all the twelve, and one of you_all is a_devil? 71 And he_ _was_speaking ~~the~~ to_Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) of_Simōn of_ _Iskariōta^{y}s, because/for this one one of the twelve was_going

43 **RV 6:45 · Cross-ref.** Isa 54:13.

44 **RV 6:69 · Cross-ref.** Mat 16:16; Mrk 8:29; Luk 9:20.

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to_be_giving_ him _over.

7:1 And after these things, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_walking in ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), because/for he_was_ not _wanting to_be_ _walking in ~~the~~ Youdaia, because the Youdaiōns were_seeking to_kill_ him _off. **2** And it_was near the feast of_the Youdaiōns the tents. **3** Therefore the brothers of_him said to him: Depart from_here, and be_going into ~~the~~ Youdaia, in_order_that also the apprentices/followers of_you will_be_observing of_you the works that you_are_doing. **4** For/Because no_one is_doing anything in secret and is_seeking himself to_be in public. If you_are_doing these things, reveal yourself to_the world. **5** For/Because not_even the brothers of_him were_believing in him. **6** Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** is_saying to_them: - my ~~the~~ time is_ not_yet _coming, but ~~the~~ your ~~the~~ time always is ready. **7** The world is_ not _able to_be_hating you_all, but it_is_ _hating me, because I am_testifying concerning it that the works of_it is evil. **8** You_all go_up to the feast, I not_yet am_ _going_up to this ~~the~~ feast, because ~~the~~ my time has_ not_yet _ _‹been›_fulfilled. **9** And having_said these things to_them he_ _remained in ~~the~~ Galilaia.

10 But when the brothers of_him went_up to the feast, then he also went_up, not openly, but as in secret. **11** Therefore the Youdaiōns were_seeking him at the feast, and they_were_ _saying: Where is that one? **12** And there_was much grumbling concerning him among the crowds. The ones on_one_hand were_saying, ~~that~~ He_is good, on_the_other_hand others were_ _saying: No, but he_is_deceiving the crowd. **13** No_one however was_speaking in_public concerning him, because_of the fear of_the Youdaiōns. **14** But now being_middle of_the feast, **Ya^{y}sous** went_up into the temple and was_teaching. **15** Therefore the Youdaiōns were_marvelling saying: How has_ this one _known letters, not having_learned? **16** Therefore **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** answered to_them and said: - my teaching not is mine, but of_the one having_sent me. **17** If anyone may_be_wanting to_be_practicing the will of_him, he_ _will_be_knowing concerning the teaching, whether it_is from ~~the~~ **god**, or I am_speaking from myself. **18** The one speaking from himself, is_seeking the his own glory, but the one seeking the glory of_the one having_sent him, this one is true, and unrighteousness is not in him. **19** has_ Not Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) _ _given to_you_all the law, and no_one of you_all is_practicing the law? Why you_all_are_seeking to_kill_ me _off? **20** The crowd answered: You_are_having a_demon, who is_seeking to_ _kill_ you _off? **21** **Ya^{y}sous** answered and said to_them: I_did one work and you_all_ all _are_marvelling. **22** Because_of this Mōsa^{y}s has_given to_you_all ~~the~~ circumcision (not that is of ~~the~~ Mōsa^{y}s, but of the fathers), and on the_day_of_rest you_all_are_ _circumcising a_man. **23** If a_man is_receiving circumcision on the_day_of_rest, in_order_that the law of_Mōsa^{y}s may_ not _be_ _broken, you_all_are_angry with_me because I_made a_man whole healthy on the_day_of_rest? **24** Be_ not _judging according_to appearance, but be_judging ~~the~~ righteous

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self? And yet one of you is the devil."[45] **71** (He was talking about Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas), Shim'on Iskariot's son, because he was the one who would go on to betray him.)

Yeshua's sceptical brothers dare him to go public

7:1 After all this, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) travelled around Galil. (He didn't want to travel around Yehudah (Judea) because the leaders there wanted to execute him.) **2** As it was now getting close to the Jewish Feast With Tents,[46] **3** his brothers said to him, "You should leave this place and go down to Yehudah so that all your followers can see the miracles that you're doing. **4** If you want to become well-known, you don't do things out of the main stream. If you want to do miracles, go and show yourself to the wider world. **5** (You see, not even Yeshua's own half-brothers believed that he came from God.)

6 So **Yeshua** responded, "Well, you guys can do that any time, but it's not the right time for me yet. **7** All the people won't hate you guys, but they do hate me because I teach about the evil things they are doing. **8** You all go on down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) ahead of me. I'm not going to the feast yet because it's not yet the right time for me." **9** After saying this, Yeshua stayed up in Galil.

Yeshua starts teaching about authentic justice

10 But after his half-brothers had left to go down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) also went—not in the public limelight but just incognito so to speak. **11** However at the celebrations, the Jewish religious leaders were searching for him, and were asking around where he was.

12 Even among the crowds there was a lot of quiet banter with some saying that Yeshua is a good man and others complaining that he was misleading the people. **13** Either way, no one was speaking out in public about him, because they were afraid of the reaction of the religious leaders.

14 Finally sometime in the middle of the celebrations, **Yeshua** went into the temple and started teaching in there. **15** Even the Jewish leaders were surprised, asking, "How can this man know so much when he hasn't been trained as a teacher?"

16 **Yeshua** himself responded, "My teaching doesn't come from me, but from the one who sent me. **17** If anyone wants to do **God's** will, they'll soon figure out whether my teaching comes from **God** or if I'm just making it up myself. **18** Any person who just teaches their own thoughts is just seeking their own advancement, but anyone who wants to promote the one who sent them, this is authentic and there's no hidden self-interest. **19** Didn't Mosheh (Moses) write down God's commands for you, yet not a single one of you obeys them. Why are you wanting to execute me?"

20 "You must be demon-possessed," said some in the crowd, "Who would be wanting to execute you."

21 **Yeshua** responded, "I did one miracle and you were all

45 **RV 6:70 · Note** The scriptures appear to teach that although there's many 'demons', there's only one 'devil'.

46 **RV 7:2 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:34; Deu 16:13.

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amazed. 22 Mosheh gave you the command about circumcision[47] (even though it actually came from before his time),[48] but to obey this, you'll even circumcise a baby boy on the Rest Day. 23 So if a baby boy can be circumcised on the Rest Day so that Mosheh's commands aren't broken, they why did you get angry with me because I made a man healthy on the Rest Day?[49] 24 Don't just 'judge' things so that you yourselves look good, but judge impartially, seeking the best for others."

Could Yeshua be the messiah?

25 After this, some of the locals from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) started asking, "Isn't this the man they were wanting to execute? 26 Well, here he is teaching in public, yet they're not even confronting him. Perhaps the leaders know that he really is the **messiah**? 27 But we even know where this **man** is from. Surely when the **messiah** comes, no one would know his family background."

28 So as **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued teaching, he called out, "Indeed you all know me and my home and my family. But I didn't come here of my own accord, but the one who sent me here is truthful, even though you don't even know him. 29 I know him, because I came from him, indeed, he was the one who sent me here."

30 So now they really want to arrest him, but no one touched him because it was not yet the proper time. 31 Many in the crowd did believe that he was from God and they were saying, "When the **messiah** comes, would he be doing greater miracles than what we've seen this man do?"

Yeshua discusses leaving as they aim to arrest him

32 The Farisaios party heard the crowd muttering about these things and sent out some of their servants along with the chief priests to go and arrest Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). 33 So **Yeshua** said, "I'll only be with you all for a short while longer and then I'll be going to the one who sent me. 34 You'll look for me but won't be able to find me, and you can't go where I'll be going."

35 The leaders wondered, "Where could he be going that we wouldn't be able to find him? Will he go and live with the Yehudim (Jews) living out there among the Hellains (Greeks) and start teaching the Hellains? 36 And what does he mean about looking for him and not being able to find him, and not being able to go where he goes?"

Yeshua offers living water to the crowd

37 On the final climax day of the celebrations,[50] **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) stood there and shouted, "Anyone who's thirsty, come here to me and drink.[51] 38 Anyone who trusts me will have rivers of living water flowing out from him just like the scriptures say."[52] 39 He was

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judgement.

25 Therefore some of_the ones_from_ _Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālam) were_saying: Is not this whom they_are_seeking to_kill_off? 26 And see, he_is_speaking in_ _public, and are_saying nothing to_him. Perhaps the rulers knew that this truly is the **chosen_one/messiah**? 27 But we_ _have_known this one from_where he_is. But the **chosen_ _one/messiah** whenever he_may_be_coming, no_one is_ _knowing from_where he_is. 28 Therefore **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** cried_out ~~the~~ in the temple teaching, and saying: You_all_have_known also_me, and you_all_have_known from_where I_am, and I_have_ not _come of myself, but the one having_sent me is true, whom you_all have_ not _known. 29 I have_known him, because I_am from him, and_that one sent_ me _out. 30 Therefore they_were_seeking to_arrest him, but no_one laid_on his hand on him, because the hour of_him had_ not_yet _come. 31 The but many of crowd believed in him, and they_were_saying: Whenever the **chosen_one/messiah**, may_ _come, ‹will›_ not _be_doing more signs than which this man did?

32 the Farisaios_party heard of_the crowd grumbling concerning him these things, and sent_out the chief_priests and the Farisaios_party attendants, in_order_that they_may_ _arrest him. 33 Therefore ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** said: I_am still a_little time with you_all, and I_am_going to the one having_sent me. 34 You_all_will_be_seeking me, and you_all_‹will›_ not _be_ _finding, me and where am I you_all, are_ not _being_able to_ _come. 35 Therefore the Youdaiōns said to themselves: Where is_ this one _going to_be_going, that we ‹will›_ not _be_finding him? He_is_ not _going to_be_going to the dispersion of_the Hellaʸns, and to_be_teaching the Hellaʸns? 36 What is ~~the~~ this message that he_said: You_all_will_be_seeking me, and you_all_ _‹will›_ not _be_finding, me and where am I, you_all are_ not _ _being_able to_come?

37 And at the ~~the~~ great last day of_the feast ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** had_stood, and cried_out saying: If anyone may_be_thirsting, let_him_be_coming to me and let_ _him_be_drinking. 38 The one believing in me, as the scripture said: Rivers of_ living _water will_be_flowing out_of the belly of_him. 39 But he_said this concerning the **spirit**, of_whom

47 **RV 7:22 · Cross-ref.** Lev 12:3.

48 **RV 7:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 17:10.

49 **RV 7:23 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 5:9.

50 **RV 7:37 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:36.

51 **RV 7:37 · Cross-ref.** Isa 55:1.

52 **RV 7:38 · Cross-ref.** Eze 47:1; Zech 14:8.

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they_were_going to_be_receiving, the ones having_believed on him, because/for the_**spirit** was not_yet, because **Ya^{y}sous** was_ _glorified not_yet.

40 Therefore the Of crowd, having_heard ~~the~~ of_ these _ _messages, they_were_saying: This is truly the prophet. **41** Others were_saying: This is the **chosen_one/messiah**. But they were_saying: For/Because the **chosen_one/messiah** is_ not _coming out_of ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl)? **42** Not the scripture said that the **chosen_one/messiah** is_coming out_of the seed of_Dawid/(Dāvid), and from Ba^{y}thle'em/(Bēyt-leḥem), the village where Dawid was? **43** Therefore a_division became in the crowd because_of him. **44** And some of them were_wanting to_arrest him, but no_one laid their hands on him.

45 Therefore the attendants came to the chief_priests and Farisaios_party, and those said to_them: For/Because_reason why you_all_ not _brought him? **46** the attendants answered: A_ _person never spoke thus. **47** Therefore the Farisaios_party answered to_them: Not you_all have_been_deceived also? **48** Not anyone of the rulers believed in him, or of the Farisaios_ _party? **49** But ~~the~~ this crowd, ~~which~~ not knowing the law, are accursed. **50** Nikoda^{y}mos the one having_come to him earlier, being one of them Is_saying, to them, **51** Not the law of_us is_ _judging the person, if not first may_hear from him, and may_ _know what he_is_doing? **52** They_answered and said to_him: Are not you from ~~the~~ Galilaia also? Search and see that a_ _prophet is_ not _being_raised out_of ~~the~~ Galilaia.

7:53–8:11 No text in the Literal Version.

12 Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** spoke to_them again saying: I am the light of_the world, the one following after_me by_no_means may_ not _walk in the darkness, but will_be_ _having the light of_ ~~the~~ _life. **13** Therefore the Farisaios_party said to_him: You are_testifying about yourself, the testimony of_you is not true. **14 Ya^{y}sous** answered, and said to_them: Even_if I may_be_testifying about myself, the testimony of_me, is true because I_have_known from_where I_came and where I_ _am_going. But you_all have_ not _known from_where I_am_ _coming or where I_am_going. **15** You_all are_judging according_to the flesh, I am_ not _judging no_one. **16** but Even if I I_may_be_judging, ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ judgement is true, because I_

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talking about God's **spirit** that the ones who trust him would receive in **the** future—not yet because **Yeshua** hadn't been lifted up to heaven yet.

The people are divided about Yeshua

40 When some in the crowd heard his teaching, they said, "He really is the coming prophet." **41** Others said, "He must be the **messiah**."

But some pointed out, "The **messiah** won't come from Galil. **42** Don't the scriptures say that he'll be a descendant of King David and that he'll come from David's town of Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)?"[53] **43** And so the crowd was divided about Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). **44** Some of the Farisaios' servants wanted to arrest him, but decided to leave him alone for now.

The leaders distrust Yeshua and mock his followers

45 So when the servants returned back to the chief priests and the Farisaios, they were asked, "Why haven't you brought him?"

46 They answered, "We've never heard anyone speak like he does."

47 "Don't tell us that you've also been taken in by him?" the Farisaios asked them. **48** "None of our leaders or any of us Farisaios believe that he's from God. **49** But all these people ignorant of the scriptures are bewitched."

50 Now Nikodemos (the one who had previously visited Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)) spoke up,[54] **51** "Since when did our rules allow us to judge a person before we've even heard them out and investigated what they're doing?"

52 "So do you come from Galil as well?" they sneered, "Look in the scriptures and you'll soon see that no prophet emerges out of *Galil*."

The woman caught in adultery[55]

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The two witnesses of Yeshua's authenticity

12 Because of this, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "*I am* the light for the world[57]—anyone who follows me won't walk in the darkness but will have the light that gives life."

13 Some from the Farisaios party argued, "You are testifying about yourself, so that testimony is invalid."[58]

14 Yeshua responded, "Even when I am testifying about myself, my testimony is valid, because I know where I came from and where I'm going. **15** You all are judging according to your earthly values. I'm not judging anyone. **16** But even if I was judg-

53 RV 7:42 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 7:12; Mic 5:2.

54 RV 7:50 · Cross-ref. Yhn 3:1-2.

55 RV 7:53 · Note This event is not included in the oldest manuscripts that we have. (That doesn't mean that it's necessarily fictitious—just that Yohan probably didn't originally include these events in his account.)

56 RV 8:5 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:10; Deu 22:22-24.

57 RV 8:12 · Cross-ref. Mat 5:14; Yhn 9:5.

58 RV 8:13 · Cross-ref. Yhn 5:31.

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ing, my judgement would be correct, because it wouldn't just be me judging, but also the father who sent me. **17** It's even written in your own laws that the testimony of two men is valid.[59] **18** So that's me testifying about myself, plus the father who sent me also testifies about me."

19 "And where is your father?" they asked.

Yeshua answered them, "You don't know either me or my father. If you did know me, then you'd also know my father."

20 He explained all this while he was teaching in the treasury part of the temple, but no one arrested him because the time for his suffering had not yet arrived.

You can't go where I'm going

21 So he continued, "I will be going away and all of you will be looking for me, but you'll all just die in your sins and won't be able to go where I'll be going."

22 This puzzled the Jewish teachers, "Surely he's not going to commit suicide! What else could he mean about 'you can't go where I'm going to be going'?"

23 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) explained, "All of you are from the world below, but I'm from the world above. You all are part of this world, but I'm not part of it. **24** That's why I said that you'll be dying in your sins, because if you refuse to believe that I am God, you will indeed all be dying in your sins."

25 "So who are you?" they asked.

And he answered, "Still just the same as I've been telling you from the beginning. **26** I have a lot that I need to tell you all and to judge many of your actions, because the one who sent me is true, and it's what I hear from him that I speak to all people."

27 (They didn't realise that he was talking to them about the father in heaven.) **28** So **Yeshua** told them, "When you all lift up[60] the son of humanity on a pole, then you will know that I am God, and that I don't do anything by myself, but I say all this just as the father told me to. **29** And the one who sent me is with me—he didn't just leave me alone—because I am continually doing what pleases him."

30 After he'd said all this, many people believed in him.

Yeshua teaches about freedom from slavery

31 Because of this, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told all the Yehudim (Jews) who believed in him, "If you all continue to believe my message, then you're my true followers. **32** You will have known the truth, and the truth will set you free."

33 But some queried, "We are Avraham's descendants[61] and we've never been slaves to anyone, so how can you say that we'll be set free?"

34 "I can assure you all that anyone who sins is a slave to sin," **Yeshua** answered. **35** "And the slaves don't necessarily remain in the family home forever—only the children have that right. **36** So if the son sets you free, then you'll be truly free.

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_am not alone, but I and the father having_sent me. **17** The also has_been_written in and ~~the~~ your law, that the testimony of_ _two men is true. **18** I am the one testifying about myself, and the father having_sent me is_testifying about me. **19** Therefore they_were_saying to_him: Where is the father of_you? **Ya^{y}sous** answered: You_all_have_known neither me, nor the father of_ _me. If you_all_had_known me, you_all_ would _had_known also the father of_me. **20** He_spoke these ~~the~~ messages in the treasury, teaching in the temple, and no_one arrested him, because the hour of_him had_ not_yet _come.

21 Therefore he_said again to_them: I am_going_away and you_ _all_will_be_seeking me, and you_all_will_be_dying_off in the sin of_you_all, you_all are_ not _being_able to_come where I am_going. **22** Therefore were_saying the Youdaiōns: Surely_not he_will_be_killing_off himself, that he_is_saying: Where I am_ _going you_all, not are_being_able to_come? **23** And he_was_ _saying to_them: You_all are from the things below, I am from the things above, you_all are of this ~~the~~ world, I am not of ~~the~~ this world. **24** Therefore I_said to_you_all that you_all_will_be_ _dying_off in the sins of_you_all, because/for if you_all_may_ not _believe that I am he, you_all_will_be_dying_off in the sins of_you_all. **25** Therefore they_were_saying to_him: Who are you? ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said to_them: From_the beginning what something I_am_speaking also to_you_all? **26** I_ _am_having to_be_speaking And to_be_judging many things concerning you_all, but the one having_sent me is true, and_ what _I heard from him, I_am_speaking these things to the world. **27** They_ not _knew that he_was_speaking to_them about_the father. **28** Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: Whenever you_all_may_exalt the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man, then you_ _all_will_be_knowing that I am he, and I_am_doing nothing from myself, but as the father taught me, I_am_speaking these things. **29** And the one having_sent me, is with me,, he_ not _ _left me alone, because I am_ always _doing the things pleasing to_him. **30** Speaking of_him these things, many believed on him.

31 Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_saying to the Youdaiōns having_ _believed in_him: If you_all may_remain in ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ message, you_all_are truly apprentices/followers of_me. **32** And you_all_ _will_be_knowing the truth, and the truth will_be_freeing you_ _all. **33** They_answered to him: We_are seed of_ _Abraʹam/(ʹAvrāhām), and we_have_served to_no_one ever, how are_ you _saying, ~~that~~ You_all_will_be_becoming free? **34** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** answered to_them: Truly, truly, I_ _am_saying to_you_all that everyone ~~which~~ practicing ~~the~~ sin, is a_slave of_ ~~the~~ _sin. **35** And the slave is_ not _remaining in the house to the age, the son is_remaining to the age. **36** Therefore if the son may_free you_all, you_all_will_be really free.

59 **RV 8:17 · Cross-ref.** Deu 19:15.

60 **RV 8:28 · Note** lifted up / exalted: There's a play on words here. See https://bibleDifferences.net/2019/04/25/156-exulted (dead link???)

61 **RV 8:33 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:9; Luk 3:8.

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37 I_have_known that you_all_are seed of_Abra'am, but you_all_ _are_seeking to_kill_ me _off, because ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ message is_ not _having_room in you_all. 38 I_am_speaking what I have_seen with the father, therefore also you_all you_all_are_doing what you_all_heard with your father. 39 They_answered and said to_ _him: The father of_us is Abra'am. ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_ _them: If you_all_are children of_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am, you_all_were_ _doing the works of_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am. 40 But now you_all_are_ _seeking to_kill_ me _off, a_man who I_have_spoken the truth to_you_all, that I_heard from ~~the~~ **god**, this Abra'am did not. 41 You_all are_doing the works of_the father of_you_all. therefore they_said to_him: We have_ not _‹been›_born of sexual_immorality, we_are_having one father, ~~the~~ **god**. 42 ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_them: If ~~the~~ **god** was the_father of_you_all, you_all_ would _were_loving me, because/for I came_out from ~~the~~ **god** and am_coming, because/for and_not I_ _have_come of myself, but that one sent_ me _out. 43 for/because_ Why _reason you_all_are_ not _knowing ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ speech? Because you_all_are_ not _being_able to_be_hearing ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ message. 44 You_all are of the father the devil, and you_all_are_wanting to_be_doing the desires of_the father of_ _you_all. That one was a_murderer from the_beginning, and has_ not _stood in the truth, because truth is not in him. Whenever he_may_be_speaking ~~the~~ falsehood, he_is_speaking from his own, because he_is a_liar, and the father of_it. 45 But I because I_am_speaking the truth, you_all_are_ not _believing in_me. 46 Which of you_all is_rebuking me concerning sin? If I_ _am_speaking the_truth, because/for_ why _reason you_all are_ not _believing in_me? 47 The one being of ~~the~~ **god**, is_hearing the messages of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, because_of this you_all are_ not _ _hearing, because you_all_are not of ~~the~~ **god**.

48 The Youdaiōns answered and said to_him, are_ we not rightly _saying that you are a_from_Samareia/(Shomrōn), and you_are_having a_demon? 49 **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answered: I am_ not _having a_demon, but I_am_honouring the father of_ _me, and you_all are_dishonouring me. 50 But I am_ not _ _seeking the glory of_me, he_is the one seeking and judging. 51 Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, if anyone may_keep ~~the~~ my message, by_no_means he_may_ not _observe death to the age. 52 The Youdaiōns said to_him: Now we_have_known that you_are_having a_demon. Abra'am/(ʼAvrāhām) died_off and the prophets, and you are_saying: If anyone may_keep the message of_me, by_no_means he_may_ not _taste of_death to the age. 53 You are not greater than Abra'am the father of_us, who died_off? Also the prophets died_off. Whom you_are_ _making yourself? 54 **Ya^{y}sous** answered: If I may_glorify myself, the glory of_me is nothing, the father of_me is the one glorifying me, of_whom you_all are_saying, ~~that~~ He_is **god** of_ _us, 55 and you_all_have_ not _known him, but I have_known him, and_if I_may_say that I_have_ not _known him, I_will_be a_liar similar to_you_all. But I_have_known him, and I_am_ _keeping the message of_him. 56 Abra'am the father of_you_all exulted, that he_may_see ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ day, and he_saw it and was_ _elated. 57 Therefore the Youdaiōns said to him, you_are_ not_ _yet _having fifty years, and you_have_seen? Abra'am

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Yeshua spars with the Jewish religious leaders

37 "Yes, I know that you're all descendants of Avraham, but you're trying to kill me because my message doesn't lodge in you. 38 Indeed I talk about what I've actually seen with the father, but you all are doing what you've heard from your father."

39 But they retorted, "Avraham is our father."[62]

And Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) responded, "Well, if you really were descendants of Avraham, you'd behave more like him. 40 But instead you're trying to find a way to have me killed—to kill the man who has spoken the truth to you—truth that I heard from **God**. Avraham never did that. 41 You're doing what *your* father wants you all do to."

But they shot back, "It's not us who was conceived by a couple that weren't even married! Anyway, we only have one father and that's **God**."

42 "If **God** was your father you all would be loving me," **Yeshua** responded, "because I came from **God** and for God. I didn't just come by myself, but God sent me here. 43 Why can't you comprehend what I'm saying? The reason that you can't stand listening to my message 44 is because you come from your father, the devil, and you want to do what *your* father wants. But he was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn't stick to the truth because there's no truth in him. Whenever he tells lies, he's speaking from his own nature, because he's a liar and the source of lying. 45 But because I'm speaking the truth, you don't believe in me. 46 Which of you can scold me for my sins? If I am speaking the truth, why don't you believe I'm from God? 47 Anyone who belongs to **God**, listens to what **God** says. But you all can't even hear the message, because you don't belong to **God**."

Yeshua preceded, and is greater than, Avraham

48 The Jewish leaders asked, "Aren't we right in saying that you're from Shomron (Samaria) and that you have a demon?"

49 "No, I don't have a demon," **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) answered, "but I honour my father and you're dishonouring me. 50 But I'm not searching greatness for myself—my father is the one searching and the one judging. 51 I can assure you, that anyone who puts my teaching into practice can be certain to avoid death in this age."

52 "Now we *know* that you have a demon!" the Yehudim (Jews) said. "Avraham and the prophets all died, but you're saying that those who follow your teaching can be certain to avoid death in this age. 53 How could you be greater than our ancestor Avraham who died? Even the prophets died. Who do you think you are?"

54 Again **Yeshua** answered, "If I praise myself, my praise is worthless, but it's my father who praises me—the one who you say is your **God** 55 although in fact you don't even know him. But I have known him, and so I can't say that I haven't known him or I'd be a liar like all of you. But I have known him and I am putting his desires into practice. 56 Your ancestor Avraham

62 RV 8:39 · Note father meaning ancestor. (Abraham lived some 2,000 years before the time of these events.)

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would have been excited to see me here—in fact he did see ahead and was very happy about it."

57 Because of that, the Jewish leaders asked, "You aren't even fifty years old yet. How could you have seen Avraham?"[63]

58 **Yeshua** answered, "I can assure you that *I am*[64] before Avraham ever existed."

59 When they heard that, they picked up rocks to throw at Yeshua to kill him. But **Yeshua** became hidden from their sight, and went on out of the temple.

A blind man obeys and then can see

9:1 As Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth 2 and his followers asked him, "Honoured teacher, why was this man born blind? Was it because he himself sinned, or his parents?"

3 **Yeshua** answered, "It wasn't either this man or his parents that sinned.[65] But so that **God** can work in him for others to see, 4 as long as it's daytime, we need to do what the one who sent us wants, but when nighttime comes, no one will be able to work. 5 As long as I'm here in this world, I am the light of the world."[66]

6 After he'd said this, Yeshua spat on the ground and after mixing some clay into a slurry, he spread it on the eyes of the man 7 and told him to go and wash in the Siloam Pool.[67]

8 Then the neighbours of the man and others who had seen him earlier, knowing that he was a beggar asked, "Isn't he the one who always sat and begged here?"

9 And indeed, some were saying, "Yes, this is him." But others were saying, "No, but he looks quite similar."

And the man said, "I *am* him."

10 So they asked him, "Well, how come that now you can see?"

11 "A man named **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) made a slurry," he said, "and spread it on my eyes and told me to go and wash at Siloam Pool. So I went and did it, and when I washed my eyes, I could see."

12 "Where is he now?" they asked.

"I don't know," said the man.

The Farisaios can't accept the healing of the blind man

13 Then they brought the man who had been blind to the Farisaios. 14 Now, it had been the Rest Day when **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had made the slurry and enabled him to see, 15 and because of this, some in the Farisaios party asked him how it was that now he could see. And he answered, "Well, he put a slurry on my eyes and when I washed them, I could see."

16 "Well clearly that man is not from **God**," some of them said,

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58 **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said to_them: Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, before Abra'am to_become, I am. 59 Therefore they_ _took_up stones, in_order_that they_may_throw at him, But **Ya^{y}sous** was_hidden, and came_out out_of the temple.

9:1 And passing_by, he_saw a_man blind from birth. 2 And the apprentices/followers of_him asked him saying: My_great_one, who sinned, this man or the parents of_him, in_order_that he_ _may_be_born blind? 3 **Ya^{y}sous** answered: Neither this man sinned, nor the parents of_him.[68] But in_order_that the works of_ ~~the~~ _**god** may_be_revealed in him, 4 It_is_fitting us to_be_ _working the works of_the one having_sent me, until it_is day, night is_coming, when no_one is_able to_be_working. 5 Whenever I_may_be in the world, I_am the_light of_the world. 6 Having_said these things, he_spat on_the_ground and made clay of the spittle, and he_spread_on the clay of_him to his eyes. 7 And he_said to_him: Be_going, wash in the pool of_ ~~the~~ _Silōam (which is_being_translated: Having_been_sent_out). Therefore he_went_away and washed, and came seeing. 8 Therefore the neighbours and the ones observing him ~~the~~ earlier, that he_was a_beggar, were_saying: Is this not the one sitting and begging? 9 Others were_saying, ~~that~~ This he_is, others were_saying: No, but he_is similar to_him. That one was_saying, ~~that~~ I am he. 10 Therefore they_were_saying to_ _him: How were_ the eyes of_you _opened_up? 11 That one answered, Man ~~which~~ being_called **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** made clay, and spread_on the eyes of_me, and said to_me, ~~that~~ Be_ _going to ~~the~~ Silōam and wash. Having_gone_away therefore and having_washed, I_received_sight. 12 And they_said to_him: Where is that one? He_is_saying: I_have_ not _known.

13 They_are_bringing him to the Farisaios_party, the once blind man. 14 And it_was the_day_of_rest in that day ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** made the clay, and opened_up the eyes of_him. 15 Therefore again the Farisaios_party they_were_asking him also how he_ _received_sight. And he said to_them: He_put_on clay on the eyes of_me, and I_washed, and I_am_seeing. 16 Therefore some of the Farisaios_party were_saying, this one ~~the~~ man is not from **god**, because he_is_ not _keeping the day_of_rest. Others were_ _saying: How is_ sinful a_man _able to_be_doing such signs?

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63 **RV 8:57 · Note** Avraham lived some 2,000 years before Yeshua.

64 **RV 8:58 · Note** This awkward English is necessary to catch the play on words, because 'I am' is the meaning of God's name *Yahweh*.

65 **RV 9:3 · Note** We just want to alert our readers here that we have divided the Greek sentences here in a way that's different from the long-standing tradition. (The Greek originals have no punctuation, so either way is valid.)

66 **RV 9:5 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:14; Yhn 8:12.

67 **RV 9:7 · Note** Siloam means 'to be sent out'.

68 **LV 9:3 · Note** Traditionally, most translations have placed a comma here (which is also a good possibility—remember that the original Greek manuscripts contain no punctuation), but this interpretation is equally valid and perhaps gives a more acceptable interpretation.

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And was a_division among them. 17 Therefore they_are_saying again to_the blind man: What are_ you _saying about him, because he_opened_up the eyes of_you? And he said, ~~that~~ He_is a_prophet. 18 Therefore the Youdaiōns not believed him concerning that he_was blind and received_sight, until they_ _called the parents of_him of_which ~~which~~ having_received_ _sight. 19 And they_asked them saying: This is the son of_you_ _all, whom you_all are_saying that he_was_born blind? Therefore how he_is_seeing now? 20 Therefore the parents of_ _him answered and said: We_have_known that this is the son of_us, and that he_was_born blind. 21 But how he_is_seeing now, we_have_ not _known, or who opened_up the eyes of_him, we have_ not _known, ask him, he he_is_having age, he will_be_ _speaking about himself. 22 The Parents of_him said these things, because they_were_fearing the Youdaiōns, because/for already the Youdaiōns had_decided that if anyone may_confess him the_**chosen_one/messiah**, he_may_become excommunicated. 23 Because_of this the parents of_him said, ~~that~~ Is_having age, ask. him. 24 Therefore they_called the man who was blind out_of a_second time, and they_said to_him: Give glory to_ ~~the~~ _**god**, we have_known that this ~~the~~ man is a_ _sinner. 25 Therefore that one answered: Whether is a_sinner I_ _have_ not _known. one thing I_have_known, that being blind, now I_am_seeing. 26 Therefore they_said to_him: What he_did to_you? How he_opened_up the eyes of_you? 27 He_answered to_them: I_told to_you_all already, and you_all_ not _heard. Why again are_you_all_wanting to_be_hearing? are_ you_all not _wanting also to_become apprentices/followers of_him? 28 And they_insulted him, and said: You are an_apprentice/follower, of_that one, but we are apprentices/followers of_ ~~the~~ _ _Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh). 29 We have_known that ~~the~~ **god** has_spoken to_Mōsaʸs, but we_have_ not _known this man from_where he_ _is. 30 the man answered and said to_them, because/for in this ~~the~~ is a_marvellous thing, that you_all have_ not _known from_ _where he_is, and_yet he_opened_up the eyes of_me. 31 We_ _have_known that ~~the~~ **god** is_ not _hearing from_sinners, but if any may_be god-fearing, and may_be_doing the will of_him, he_is_hearing from_this one. 32 Out_of the age it_was_ not _ _heard that anyone opened_up the_eyes of_ having_been_born _blind. 33 Except ~~not/lest~~ this man was from **god**, he_was_ not _ _able to_be_doing nothing. 34 They_answered and said to_him: You were_born entirely in sins, and you are_teaching us? And they_throw_out him out.

35 **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** heard that they_throw_out him out, and having_found him said: Are_ you _believing in the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man? 36 That one answered: And he_was_saying who is_he, master, in_order_that I_may_believe in him? 37 ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** Said to_him: You_have_ both _seen him, and the one speaking with you is that one. 38 And he was_saying: I_am_believing, **master**, and he_prostrated before_him. 39 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** said, I came into ~~the~~ this world for judgement, in_order_that the ones not seeing, may_be_seeing, and the ones seeing, may_ _become blind. 40 The Farisaios_party heard of these things the

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"because he doesn't respect the Rest Day."

However others said, "But if he's just a sinner, how could he do miracles like that?"

17 So they asked the man who had been blind, "Well, what do *you* have to say because it was your eyes that he opened?"

"He must be a prophet," the man said.

18 But some of the Yehudim (Jews) weren't even sure that he really had been blind before and could now see, so they called for his parents 19 and asked them, "You two say that this is your son and that he was born blind. If so, how come that now he can see?"

20 His parents answered, "We know that he's our son, and we know that he was born blind. 21 But as for how come he can now see, we don't know that. Nor do we know who healed his eyes. But ask him—he's old enough to speak for himself." 22 (His parents said these things because they were afraid of the Jewish religious leaders, because the leaders had already announced that anyone who said that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was **the messiah** would get banned from all religious ceremonies, 23 so that's why they had said, "He's old enough—just ask him.")

24 So the leaders summoned the man born blind a second time and commanded him, "Only praise **God** himself for this, because we know that that man is a sinner."

25 "Well, I don't know whether or not he's a sinner," replied the man. "All I know is that I used to be blind but now I can see."

26 "What did he do to you?" they asked again. "How did he open your eyes?"

27 And he answered, "I already told you that, and you didn't even listen. Why do you want to hear it all over again? Do you guys all want to become his followers as well?"

28 Then they insulted him and said, "*You* might be a follower of that man, but *we* are followers of Mosheh (Moses). 29 We know that **God** spoke to Mosheh, but we don't even know where this other fellow is from."

30 "Wow, that's pretty amazing," the man responded. "That man opened up my eyes, and you teachers don't even know where he's from! 31 We know that **God** doesn't listen to sinners, but he listens to those who worship him and do what he wants. 32 In all the centuries past we never heard that a person could give sight to someone who was born blind. 33 If this man isn't from **God**, surely he wouldn't be able to do that!"

34 They reacted, "You're just an ignorant sinner, and you think you can teach *us*!" Then they had him thrown out of the room.

Spiritual blindness and hypocrisy

35 **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) heard that they had thrown out the man who could now see, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe that the son of humanity came from God?"

36 And the man answered, "Mister, who is he so that I can believe in him?"

37 "You've seen him and heard him and he's speaking to you right now," said **Yeshua**.

38 "I do believe, **master**," the man responded. Then he knelt

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down in front of Yeshua.

39 **Yeshua** said, "I came into this world to dispense judgement, so that the people who can't see will be able to see, and so that the ones who can see will become blind."

40 The Farisaios with him heard that and asked, "Are you saying that we're blind?"

41 "If you were blind," **Yeshua** replied, "you wouldn't be sinning, but since you all declare that you can see, then your sin remains.

The sheep know their true carer

10:1 "Honestly I can tell you: It's not the person that enters the sheep enclosure by the gate that is a thief and robber, but rather the one who climbs in a different way. 2 The one that comes in the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens up for him, and when he calls the sheep by name they listen to his voice and he leads them out. 4 Whenever he moves the sheep, he goes in front and the sheep follow him because they recognise his voice. 5 They would never follow a stranger because they wouldn't know his voice, in fact they'd run away from him."

6 **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them this illustration, but none of those who heard it knew what it meant.

Yeshua is the good shepherd

7 So **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued, "Honestly I will tell you that *I am* the entrance for the sheep. 8 The ones who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them. 9 *I am* the entrance. Anyone who comes in via me will be saved, and will be able to go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief only comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came so that they could live, and live a full life.

11 "*I am* the good shepherd[69]—the good shepherd gives his own life for the sheep.[70] 12 The paid worker is not even the shepherd, because the sheep aren't his own and if he sees a wolf coming he just abandons the sheep and takes off and the wolf scatters the sheep and snatches some— 13 that's because he's just a worker and doesn't really care about the sheep. 14 *I am* the good shepherd and I know my sheep and they know me, 15 just like the father knows me and I know the father[71]—in fact I will give my life for the sheep. 16 I also have other sheep which are not in this field and it's appropriate for me to bring those other sheep also, then they'll be hearing my voice because there'll be just one flock with one shepherd.[72]

17 The father loves me because I am laying down my life so that I can take it back again. 18 No one is taking it from me, but I'm laying it down myself. I have authority to lay it down, and also authority to take it back again because I received this command from my father."

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ones being with him, and they_said to_him: Also are we not blind? 41 ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: If you_all_were blind, you_all_were_ not _having ~~wishfully~~ sin, but now you_all_are_saying, ~~that~~ We_are_seeing, the sin of_you_all is_remaining.

10:1 Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, the one not coming_in by the door, to the field of_the sheep, but going_up another_way, that one is a_thief and a_robber. 2 But the one coming_in by the door, is shepherd of_the sheep. 3 To_this one the doorkeeper is_opening_up, and the sheep is_hearing of_the voice of_him, and he_is_calling his own sheep by name, and is_leading_ them _out. 4 Whenever he_may_send_forth all his own, he_is_going before them, and the sheep is_following after_him, because they_have_known the voice of_him. 5 And by_no_means they_may_ not _follow after_a_stranger, but they_will_be_fleeing from him, because they_have_ not _known the voice of_ ~~the~~ _strangers. 6 ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** spoke this ~~the~~ allegory to_them, but those not knew what_all it_was, which he_was_speaking to_them.

7 Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them again: Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that I am the door of_the sheep. 8 All as_much_as came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep not heard from_them. 9 I am the door, if anyone may_come_in by me he_will_be_being_saved, and will_be_coming_in, and will_be_coming_out, and will_be_finding pasture. 10 The thief is_ not _coming, except ~~not/lest~~ in_order_that he_may_steal, and may_sacrifice, and may_destroy. I came, in_order_that they_may_be_having life, and they_may_be_having it abundantly. 11 I am the ~~the~~ good shepherd. The ~~the~~ good shepherd is_laying the life of_him for the sheep. 12 The hired_hand even not being the_shepherd, of_whose sheep is not his own, is_observing the wolf coming, and is_leaving the sheep and is_fleeing, and the wolf is_snatching and is_scattering them, 13 because he_is a_hired_hand and is_ not _caring to_him about the sheep. 14 I am the ~~the~~ good shepherd, and I_am_knowing ~~the~~ mine, and mine are_knowing me ~~the~~, 15 as the father is_knowing me, and_I am_knowing the father, and I_am_laying the life of_me for the sheep. 16 And I_am_having other sheep, which is not of this ~~the~~ field, it_is_fitting me to_bring also_those, and they_will_be_hearing of_the voice of_me, and they_will_be_becoming one flock with_one, shepherd. 17 Because_of this, the father is_loving me, because I am_laying the life of_me, in_order_that back I_may_take it. 18 No_one took_up it from me, but I am_laying it of myself. I_am_having authority to_lay it, and I_am_having authority again to_take it. I_received this ~~the~~ command from the father of_me. 19 A_division again became among the Youdaiōns, because_of ~~the~~

69 RV 10:11 · Cross-ref. Eze 34:11-16,23.

70 RV 10:11 · Note See http://bibleandtech.blogspot.com/2021/04/john-1011-18-translations-and-notes-rcl.html

71 RV 10:15 · Cross-ref. Mat 11:27; Luk 10:22.

72 RV 10:16 · Cross-ref. Eze 37:21-24.

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these messages. **20** and many of them were_saying: He_is_
_having a_demon, and he_is_raving_mad, why are_you_all_
_hearing from_him? **21** Others were_saying: These ~~the~~ sayings is
not of_being_demon_possessed one. A_demon is_ not _able to_
_open_up the_eyes of_the_blind?

22 Then the feast_of_dedication became at ~~the~~
Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim). It_was winter, **23** and ~~the~~
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) was_walking in the temple, in the
portico of_ ~~the~~ _Solomōn/(Shəlmoh). **24** Therefore the
Youdaiōns surrounded him, and they_were_saying to_him:
Until when you_are_holding_in_suspense the soul of_us? If you
are the **chosen_one/messiah**, tell to_us with_plainness. **25** ~~The~~
Ya^{y}sous answered to_them: I_told to_you_all and you_all_are_
not _believing. The works that I am_doing in the name of_the
father of_me, these things is_testifying concerning me, **26** but
you_all are_ not _believing, because you_all_are not of ~~the~~ of_
_my ~~the~~ sheep. **27** ~~The~~ my ~~the~~ sheep are_hearing of_the voice of_
_me, and_I I_am_knowing them, and they_are_following after_
_me, **28** and_I am_giving eternal life to_them, and by_no_means
they_may_ not _perish, because/for the age, and anyone will_
_be_ not _snatching them out_of the hand of_me. **29** The father
of_me who has_given them to_me, is greater than all things,
and no_one is_able to_be_snatching out_of the hand of_the
father. **30** I and the father one are. **31** The Youdaiōns bore again
stones, in_order_that they_may_stone him. **32** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous**
answered to_them: I_showed many good works to_you_all from
the father, of_me because_of which work of_them, are_you_all_
_stoning me? **33** The Youdaiōns answered to_him: We_are_ not
_stoning you for a_good work, but for slander, and because you,
a_human being, are_making yourself **god**. **34** ~~The~~
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) answered to_them: Is_it not having_
_been_written in the law of_you_all, ~~that~~ I said: You_all_are
gods? **35** If he_called those gods, to whom the message of_ ~~the~~ _
_**god** became (and not is_able to_be_broken the scripture),
36 are_ you_all _saying whom the father sanctified and sent_out
into the world, ~~that~~ You_are_slandering, because I_said: I_am
the_son of_ ~~the~~ _**god**? **37** If I_am_ not _doing the works of_the
father of_me, be_ not _believing in_me, **38** but if I_am_doing,
even_if in_me you_all_may_be_ not _believing, be_believing in_
_the works, in_order_that you_all_may_know and you_all_may_
_be_knowing that the father in me is, and_I am in the father.
39 Therefore they_were_seeking again to_arrest him, but he_
_came_out out_of the hand of_them. **40** And he_went_away
again beyond the Yordana^{y}s/(Yardēn), to the place where was
Yōanna^{y}s ~~which~~ before immersing, and he_remained there.
41 And many came to him, and they_were_saying, ~~that~~ Yōanna^{y}s
on_one_hand did not_one sign, on_the_other_hand all things
as_much_as Yōanna^{y}s said concerning this man was true.
42 And many believed in him there.

Readers' Version

19 The Jewish religious leaders were again divided about Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') teaching **20** with many of them saying, "He's got a demon," and, "He's stark raving mad—why are you all even listening to him!"

21 But others were saying, "He doesn't sound like he's demon-possessed. And how could a demon make a blind man see?"

The Jewish leaders won't accept Yeshua's teaching

22 By then it was winter and the time for the Jewish Festival of Dedication in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **23** **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was walking in the temple in an area known as Shelomoh's Porch **24** when he was surrounded by the Jewish religious leaders and interrogated, "How long do you plan to keep us in suspense for? If you are the **messiah**, just tell us clearly."

25 "I already told you all," **Yeshua** answered, "but you didn't believe me. The miracles that I do with the authority of my father testify about me, **26** but you don't accept what the miracles point to because you aren't part of my flock. **27** My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them and they follow after me. **28** I give them life which will never end so they won't ever be destroyed, and no one will be able to snatch them away from me. **29** My father is the one who gave them to me, and he's more powerful than any other, so no one can snatch them away from him. **30** The father and I are one."

31 Again the Jewish leaders picked up rocks to throw at him to kill him **32** but **Yeshua** asked them, "I showed you all many miracles from my father. Which miracle do you want to kill me for?"

33 They answered, "It's not for any *good* deed that we think you deserve to die, but because you, a human, dishonour **God** by claiming to be him."[73]

34 **Yeshua** answered, "Isn't it written in your scriptures that God said, 'You all are gods'?[74] **35** Now the scriptures can't be wrong, and if the ones who heard teaching from **God** were called gods, **36** why are you telling the one that the father blessed and sent out into the world that I am insulting **God** because I said that I'm **God's** son? **37** If I'm not doing my father's work, then you don't need to believe that he sent me, **38** but if I am doing his work, even if you don't believe that he sent me, at least believe in what I do so that you all can know that the father is in me and I'm in the father."

39 That was enough that they tried yet again to arrest him, but he was able to get out and away from their influence.

40 Then Yeshua crossed the Yarden (Jordan) river to the place where Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) had immersed the people,[75] and he stayed there. **41** Many people visited him there, and they were saying that even though Yohan had never done even one miracle, on the other hand everything that he had said about Yeshua was true, **42** and many people there believed that Yeshua was from God.

73 **RV 10:33 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:16.

74 **RV 10:34 · Cross-ref.** Psa 82:6.

75 **RV 10:40 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 1:28.

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Yeshua is aware of Eleazar' death from afar

11:1 Now there was a man called Eleazar (Lazarus; Grk. Lazaros) who lived in the village of Beyt-Ania (Bethany) along with his sisters Marta and Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam).[76] **2** (Miryam was the one who later (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byDoc/JHN.htm#C12V3) poured fragrant oil over Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and wiped his feet with her hair.)[77] But now their brother was seriously ill **3** and so the two sisters sent a message to Yeshua saying, "**Master**, this man that you love is seriously ill."

4 However, when **Yeshua** got the message he said to those around him, "This sickness won't end in death but in honour for **God**, so that his son will also be honoured because **of** it."

5 Now it was true that **Yeshua** loved the three of them. **6** Yet when he heard that Eleazar was sick, he stayed in the place where he was for two more days **7** before he said to his followers, "It's time to head down to Yehudah (Judea) again."

8 But they double-checked, "Honoured teacher, the Yehudim (Jews) wanted to execute you, so do you really want to go back there again?"

9 And **Yeshua** answered, "There are twelve hours of light in the day. Anyone who walks during the daytime doesn't stumble because he is seeing the light that shines in this world. **10** But anyone who walks at night will stumble, because the light is not in them." **11** And he continued, "Our friend Eleazar has fallen asleep, but I'm going so that I can wake him up."

12 But his followers objected, "**Master**, it's good if he's sleeping because it helps with healing."

13 But **Yeshua** had spoken about Eleazar' death—not just normal sleep as they had thought. **14** So **Yeshua** told them plainly, "Eleazar is dead **15** and I'm glad that I wasn't there, because you all will benefit as your faith grows. Anyway, let's get moving."

16 Toma (Thomas) (nicknamed 'Twin') grumbled to the others, "Yeah, we might as well go so that we can get killed as well."

Yeshua is the resurrection and the life

17 So when they eventually arrived, Eleazar (Lazarus; Grk. Lazaros) body had already been in the burial chamber for four days. **18** The village of Beyt-Ania (Bethany) was less than three kilometres from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **19** so many of the Yehudim (Jews) from there had come out to console Marta and Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) after the death of their brother.

20 As soon as Marta heard that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had arrived, she went out to meet him, but Miryam stayed behind where she was sitting in the house. **21** Marta cried, "**Yeshua**, **master**. If you'd been here, my brother wouldn't have died, **22** because I already know that anything that you ask from **God**, he will give it to you."

23 **Yeshua** responded, "Your brother will come back to life."

24 "Yes, I know that he'll come back to life at the resurrection

Literal Version

11:1 And a_certain man was ailing, Lazaros of Baʸthania of the village of_Maria/(Miryām), and Martha the sister of_her. **2** And Maria was the woman having_anointed the **master** with_ _ointment, and having_wiped_off the feet of_him with_the hairs of_her, whose ~~the~~ brother Lazaros was_ailing. **3** Therefore the sisters sent_out to him saying: **master**, see, he_whom you_ _are_loving is_ailing. **4** But having_heard ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said: This ~~the~~ sickness not is to death, but for the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, in_order_that the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god** may_be_glorified by it. **5** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** was_loving ~~the~~ Martha, and the sister of_her, and ~~the~~ Lazaros. **6** Therefore when he_heard that he_is_ailing, then indeed he_remained in the_place which he_was two days. **7** Then after this he_is_ _saying to_the apprentices/followers: We_may_be_going into ~~the~~ Youdaia back. **8** The Disciples are_saying to_him: My_great_ _one, the Youdaiōns were_seeking now to_stone you, and you_ _are_going there again? **9** **Yaʸsous** answered are not Twelve, hours of_the day? If anyone may_be_walking in the day, he_is_ not _stumbling, because he_is_seeing the light of_ ~~the~~ this _ _world. **10** But if anyone may_be_walking in the night, he_is_ _stumbling, because the light is not in him. **11** He_said these things, and after this he_is_saying to_them: Lazaros the the_ _friend of_us has_been_fallen_asleep, but I_am_going, in_order_ _that I_may_awaken him. **12** Therefore the apprentices/followers said to_him: **master**, if he_has_been_ _fallen_asleep he_will_be_being_healed. **13** But ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** had_spoken about the death of_him. But those supposed that he_is_speaking about the sleep of_ ~~the~~ _ _sleep. **14** Therefore then ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** said to_them with_ _plainness: Lazaros died_off, **15** and I_am_rejoicing because_of you_all, that not I_was there in_order_that you_all_may_ _believe, but we_may_be_going to him. **16** Therefore Thōmas ~~which~~ being_called Didumos/[twin] said, to_the fellow-apprentices/followers: May_be_ we _going also, in_ _order_that we_may_die_off with him.

17 Therefore having_come ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** found him, having already four days. in the tomb. **18** And Baʸthania was near ~~the~~ Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), from about fifteen stadiums. **19** And many of the Youdaiōns had_come to ~~the~~ Martha and Maria/(Miryām), in_order_that they_may_console them concerning their brother. **20** Therefore ~~the~~ Martha when, she_ _heard that **Yaʸsous** is_coming, met with_him, But Maria was_ _sitting in the house. **21** Therefore ~~the~~ Martha said to ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous**: **master**, if you_were here, the brother of_me would not died_off. **22** also now I_have_known that as_much_as ~~wishfully~~ you_may_request ~~the~~ **god**, ~~the~~ **god** will_be_giving to_ _you. **23** ~~The~~ **Yaʸsous** is_saying to_her, the brother of_you Will_ _be_rising_up. **24** Martha is_saying to_him: I_have_known that he_will_be_rising_up in the resurrection at the last day. **25** ~~The~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_her: I am the resurrection and the life, the one believing in me, even_if he_may_die_off, will_ _be_living, **26** and everyone ~~which~~ living and believing in me,

76 **RV 11:1 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:38-39.

77 **RV 11:2 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 12:3.

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by_no_means may_ not _die_off to the age. Are_you_believing this? 27 She_is_saying to_him: Yes, **master**, I have_believed that you are the **chosen_one/messiah**, the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, the one coming into the world.

28 And having_said this she_went_away, and called Maria, the sister of_her secretly, having_said: The teacher is_coming, and he_is_calling you. 29 And that woman when she_heard, she_ _was_raised quickly and was_coming to him. 30 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** had_ not_yet _come into the village, but was still at the place where ~~the~~ Martha met with_him. 31 Therefore the Youdaiōns ~~which~~ being with her in the house and consoling her, having_ _seen that ~~the~~ Maria/(Miryām) quickly she_rose_up and came_ _out, they_followed after_her, having_supposed that she_is_ _going to the tomb, in_order_that she_may_weep there. 32 Therefore ~~the~~ Maria, when she_came where **Ya^{y}sous** was, having_seen him, fell of_him at his feet, saying to_him, **master**, if you_were here, the brother ~~wishfully~~ of_me not died_off. 33 Therefore **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** when he_saw her weeping, and the ones Youdaiōns having_come_together to_her weeping, he_groaned in_the spirit and disturbed himself. 34 And he_said: Where have_you_all_laid him? They_are_saying to_him: **master**, be_coming and see. 35 ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** wept. 36 Therefore the Youdaiōns were_saying: Behold, how he_was_ _loving him. 37 But some of them said: This man the one having_opened_up the eyes of_the blind man was_ not _able, to_ also _make that this one may_ not _die_off?

38 Therefore **Ya^{y}sous** again groaning in himself, is_coming to the tomb. And it_was a_cave, and a_stone was_laying_on against it. 39 ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying: Take_away the stone. Martha the the_sister of_the one having_died is_saying to_him: **master**, he_is_ already _stinking, because/for it_is the_fourth_ _day. 40 ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_her: Not I_said to_you that if you_may_believe, you_will_be_seeing the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god**? 41 Therefore they_took_away the stone. And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** lifted_ _up his eyes upward, and said: father, I_am_giving_thanks to_ _you that you_heard from_me. 42 And I had_known that always you_are_hearing from_me, but because_of the crowd ~~which~~ having_stood_around, I_said it, in_order_that they_may_believe that you sent_ me _out. 43 And having_said these things, with_ _a_ loud _voice he_cried_out: Lazaros, come out. 44 the one having_died Came_out, his feet and his hands having_been_ _bound with_linen_strips, and the face of_him had_been_ _bound_about. with_a_handkerchief. ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** is_saying to_them: Release him and allow him to_be_going.

45 Therefore many of the Youdaiōns, ~~which~~ having_come to ~~the~~ Maria/(Miryām), and having_seen what he_did, they_believed in him. 46 But some of them went_away to the Farisaios_party, and told to_them what **Ya^{y}sous** did. 47 Therefore the chief_

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on the last day," said Marta.

25 But **Yeshua** continued, "*I am* the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes that I'm from God, even if they die they'll still be living, 26 and everyone who's alive and believes that I was sent from God, will not die in the next age."

27 Marta replied, "Yes, **master**, I do believe that you're the **messiah**, **God's** son, the **one** sent into this world."

Yeshua weeps with his close friends

28 After saying this, Marta went and quietly called her sister Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam), "The teacher is on his way and he wants to see you." 29 So Miryam quickly got up and went to find him. 30 At that stage, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) hadn't yet come into the village proper, but was still at the edge where Marta had met him. 31 The Yehudi (Jew) people who'd been sitting with Miryam in sympathy there in the house, when they saw her get up quickly and go out, they assumed that she was going to the cemetery to weep there.

32 But when Miryam found **Yeshua**, she knelt at his feet and said, "**Master**, if you'd been here my brother wouldn't have died."

33 Now when **Yeshua** saw her weeping there, along with the others that had followed also weeping, he himself was quite affected and groaned inside, 34 but he just asked, "Where has he been laid?"

"**Master**, come and see," they replied.

35 Then **Yeshua** broke down and burst into tears, 36 which made the others comment, "See how much he cared about him."

37 But some of them mocked, "This is the man who could make a blind man see again, yet how come he wasn't able to stop this man from dying!"

Yeshua calls Eleazar back to life

38 So **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) who was still holding back sobs, went to the cemetery. Eleazar' (Lazarus'; Grk. Lazaros') body had been placed in a cave with a stone blocking it, 39 and **Yeshua** instructed them to take away the stone.

Marta (the sister of the dead man) spoke up, "**Master**, the stink will be bad because it's already been four days."

40 But **Yeshua** responded, "Didn't I tell you that if you would believe, then you would see **God's** power?" 41 So they took the stone away and **Yeshua** looked upwards and said, "Father, I thank you that you listen to me. 42 Actually I know that you always hear me, but I said that for the sake of these people so that they will believe that it was you who sent me here." 43 After saying that, he shouted, "Eleazar, come out!" 44 Then the man who had died slowly shuffled out—still with linen strips wrapped around his hands and his feet, and a cloth wrapped around his face.

The leaders create a plan to execute Yeshua[78]

45 Because of that, many of the Yehudim (Jews) believed that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was from God after having followed

78 RV 11:45 · Parallel Mat. 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2

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Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) and seeing what Yeshua did. **46** But others went and told the Farisaios party what **Yeshua** had done. **47** So the chief priests and the Farisaios party called a formal meeting and asked, "What should we do because this man is doing many miracles. **48** If we allow him to continue like this, all the crowds will be believing he's the messiah, and then the Romaios will come and destroy both our temple and our governance."

49 But one of them, Kayafa (Caiaphas; Grk. Kaiafas) who was chief priest that year, spoke up, "You don't know anything. **50** Don't you all realise that it's better for all of us if one man dies so that the people and the nation won't be destroyed?" **51** (He didn't say this from his own thinking, but being chief priest that year, he was announcing God's message that **Yeshua** was going to die for the nation, **52** and not only for this nation, but for all **of God's** children scattered around the world to become united.)

53 As a result, from that day on they decided that Yeshua needed to be executed. **54** Because of that, **Yeshua** no longer walked around Yehudah (Judah) in public, but went out to the town of Efrayim (Ephraim) out in the wilderness and stayed there with his followers.

55 At that time, the Jewish Passover celebrations were approaching, and many people from the regions went to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) ahead of the celebrations to purify themselves. **56** They were looking out for **Yeshua** and as they stood around in the temple, they asked each other, "What do you think? Surely he won't come to the celebrations." **57** The chief priests and the Farisaios party had already announced that if anyone knew where Yeshua was, they must inform them so that they could arrest him.

Miryam sacrifices expensive fragrant oil[79]

12:1 Because of this, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went to Beyt-Ania (Bethany) six days before the Passover. This was where Eleazar (Lazarus; Grk. Lazaros) lived, the one he had brought back to life. **2** So they prepared dinner for him there and Marta was serving and Eleazar was among those sitting with Yeshua. **3** Then Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) took about 300g of very expensive nard oil and smeared it on **Yeshua's** feet, and then wiped off his feet with her own hair,[80] and the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. **4** But Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas), one of Yeshua's apprentices (the one who would eventually turn him in) complained, **5** "How come this lotion wasn't sold for almost a year's wages and then the money given to the poor?" **6** But he didn't say this because he cared for poor people, but because he carried the purse for the group and used to steal from it.

7 But **Yeshua** responded, "Let her continue. She has kept this for the time of my burial. **8** You'll always have poor people with you,[81] but you won't always have me here."

79 **RV 12:1 · Parallel** Mat. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9

80 **RV 12:3 · Cross-ref.** Luk 7:37-38.

81 **RV 12:8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 15:11.

Literal Version

_priests and the Farisaios_party gathered_together the_council, and they_were_saying: What are_we_doing, because this ~~the~~ man is_doing many signs? **48** If we_may_allow him thus, all will_be_believing in him, and the Ῥōmaios will_be_coming, and they_will_be_taking_away of_us both the place and the nation. **49** But an_ one _certain of them, Kaiafas being chief_priest ~~the~~ year that, said to_them: You_all have_ not _known nothing. **50** Nor you_all_are_counting that it_is_benefitting for_you_all that one man may_die_off for the people, and not all the nation may_perish. **51** And he_said this not from himself, but being chief_priest ~~the~~ that year, he_prophesied that **Yaʸsous** was_ _going to_be_dying_off for the nation, **52** and not only for the nation, but in_order_that also the children of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, the ones having_been_scattered may_gather_together into one. **53** Therefore from that ~~the~~ day, they_counselled that they_may_ _kill_ him _off. **54** therefore ~~The~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** no_ _longer was_walking in_public among the Youdaiōns, but went_ _away from_there into the region near the wilderness, to a_city being_called Ephraim, and_there he_remained with the apprentices/followers. **55** And the passover_feast of_the Youdaiōns was near, and many went_up to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) out_of the region before the passover_feast, in_order_that they_may_purify themselves. **56** Therefore they_were_seeking ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous**, and they_were_ _saying with one_another having_stood in the temple: What it_ _is_supposing to_you_all? That by_no_means he_may_ not _ _come to the feast? **57** And had_given the chief_priests and the Farisaios_party commands, that if anyone may_know where he_is, he_may_divulge it, so_that they_may_arrest him.

12:1 Therefore ~~the~~ Six days before the passover_feast **Yaʸsous**, came to Baʸthania, where Lazaros was, whom **Yaʸsous** raised from the_dead. **2** Therefore they_made a_supper for_him there, and ~~the~~ Martha was_serving, and ~~the~~ Lazaros was one of the ones reclining with him. **3** Therefore ~~the~~ Maria/(Miryām) having_taken a_litra_weight of_ointment of_ precious genuine _nard, anointed the feet of_ ~~the~~ **_Yaʸsous**, and wiped_off the feet of_him with_the hairs of_her, and the house was_filled with the aroma of_the ointment. **4** But Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) ~~the~~ Iskariōtaʸs, one of_the apprentices/followers of_him, the one going to_be_giving_ him _over, is_saying, **5** for/because_ Why _ _reason this ~~the~~ ointment was_ not _sold for/because_three_ _hundred daʸnarion_coins, and was_given to_the_poor? **6** But he_said this, not that was_caring to_him for the poor, but because he_was a_thief, and having the moneybag was_bearing the money being_thrown in. **7** Therefore ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said: Allow her, in_order_that she_may_ _keep it for the day of_the burial of_me. **8** For/Because you_all_ _are_ always _having the poor with yourselves, but you_all_are_ not always _having me.

Literal Version

9 Therefore ~~the~~ a_ great _crowd of the Youdaiōns knew that he_ _is there, and they_came, not only because_of ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, but in_order_that they_may_ also _see ~~the~~ Lazaros, whom he_raised from the_dead. **10** But the chief_priests counselled that they_ _may_kill_off ~~the~~ Lazaros also, **11** because many of_the Youdaiōns were_going_away because_of him, and they_were_ _believing in ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**.

12 On_the day of_next the great crowd, the one having_come to the feast, having_heard that ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_coming into Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), **13** they_took ~~the~~ palm_branches of_the palm_trees and came_out in meeting to_him, and they_ _were_crying_out: Honoured_saviour. Having_been_blessed is the one coming in the_name of_the_**master**, and the king of_ ~~the~~ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl). **14** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_found a_little_ _donkey, sat_down on it, as is having_been_written, **15** Be_ not _ _fearing, daughter of_Siōn/(Tsiyyōn), see, the king of_you is_ _coming, sitting on a_colt of_a_donkey. **16** The Disciples of_him not knew these things from_the first, but when **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshū'a)** was_glorified, then they_were_reminded that these things was having_been_written concerning him, and they_did these things to_him. **17** Therefore the crowd was_ _testifying ~~which~~ being with him, when he_called ~~the~~ Lazaros out_of the tomb, and raised him from the_dead. **18** Because_of this the crowd also met with_him, because they_heard about_ _him to_have_done ~~the~~ this sign. **19** Therefore the Farisaios_ _party said to themselves: You_all_are_observing that you_all_ _are_ not _benefiting nothing, see, the world went_away after him.

20 And Hella^{y}ns were some of the ones going_up, in_order_that they_may_prostrate at the feast, **21** therefore these approached to_Filippos, who from Ba^{y}thsaida of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl), and they_were_asking him saying: Master, we_are_wanting to_see ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**. **22** ~~The~~ Filippos is_coming and he_is_telling to_ ~~the~~ _ _Andreas, Andreas and Filippos is_coming and they_are_telling to_ ~~the~~ _**Ya^{y}sous**.

23 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_answering to_them saying: The hour has_ _come, in_order_that the son of_ ~~the~~ _man may_be_glorified. **24** Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, if the seed of_ ~~the~~ _wheat may_ not _die_off having_fallen into the ground, only it is_ _remaining, but if it_may_die_off, it_is_bearing much fruit. **25** The one loving the life of_him, is_losing it, and the one hating the life of_him in ~~the~~ this world, will_be_keeping it to eternal life. **26** If anyone may_be_serving unto_me, him _let_be_ _following after_me, and where am I, there also ~~the~~ ~~the~~ my servant will_be. If anyone may_be_serving unto_me, the father

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The leaders also plan to kill Eleazar

9 When it was discovered that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was there in Beyt-Ania (Bethany), many Yehudim (Jews) started arriving, not only because of **Yeshua**, but also to see Eleazar (Lazarus; Grk. Lazaros) who'd been dead and Yeshua had brought him back to life. **10** But the chief priests decided in a meeting that they should also have Eleazar killed, **11** because many people were ignoring them and instead were believing that **Yeshua** came from God.

Yeshua rides into Yerushalem with many cheers[82]

12 The next day a large crowd of people who had come for the celebrations and had heard that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was coming to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) **13** took long branches from palm trees and brought them out as they went to meet him. They called out, "Honoured saviour! The one coming in **Yahweh's** authority has been blessed by God.[83] This is Yisrael's (Israel's) king."

14 Now **Yeshua** had found a young donkey and rode it into the city just like it was written in the scriptures,

15 "Don't be worried you children of Tsiyon (Zion). Your king is coming mounted on a donkey's foal."[84]

16 (**Yeshua's** apprentices didn't realise all these things at the time, but it was later after **Yeshua** was lifted up to heaven that they were reminded that these things had been written about him, and that they had indeed happened to him.)

17 People in the crowd were telling each other about how they'd been with Yeshua when he'd called Eleazar (Lazarus; Grk. Lazaros) out from the burial chamber and brought him back to life, **18** So because of this, others also wanted to met Yeshua because they'd heard that he'd done that miracle. **19** So the Farisaios discussed this together, "We're getting nowhere with this. Look, it seems like the whole world wants to follow him."

Some Hellains want to meet Yeshua

20 And some Hellain (Greek) people were also going to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to worship God at the celebrations **21** and they approached Filippos (Philip) from Beyt-Tsayda (up in Galil) and asked him, "Mister, we'd like to meet this **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)." **22** So Filippos went and told Andreas, and the two of them went and told **Yeshua**.

Yeshua predicts his death again

23 **Now Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "The time has come for the son of humanity to be honoured. **24** I can assure you that unless a wheat seed drops into the ground and dies, it will stay just as it is, but if it dies, it's able to produce a harvest. **25** Anyone who loves their life will lose it, but the person hating their life in this world will stay alive forever.[85] **26** Anyone who wants to serve me needs to follow after me, so that wherever I am, my servant will also be there. Anyone who serves me will be honoured by the fa-

82 **RV 12:12 · Parallel** Mat. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40

83 **RV 12:13 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:25-26.

84 **RV 12:15 · Cross-ref.** Zech 9:9.

85 **RV 12:25 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:39; 16:25; Mrk 8:35; Luk 9:24; 17:33.

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27 Now, I'm very troubled. What else could I say other than, 'Father, let me avoid what's coming'? But it was exactly this that I came for. 28 Father, may your authority be honoured."

And a voice from the sky answered, "I've already brought honour to it and will do so again."

29 This caused some in the crowd standing there to say that they'd heard thunder while others said that a messenger must have spoken to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus).

30 "That voice wasn't for my sake," **Yeshua** responded, "but for all of you. 31 This world is about to be judged and its ruler will be thrown out, 32 and when I'm lifted up[86] from the earth, I will attract everyone towards me." 33 By saying this, he was indicating how he was going to die.

34 So the crowd queried him, "We heard from the scriptures that the **messiah** will stay until the end of the age[87] so why do you say that the son of humanity will be lifted up? And who is this 'the son of humanity'?"

35 **Yeshua** answered them, "The light will be among you all for just a little bit longer, so get walking while you have the light so that you won't have to deal with darkness. Anyone walking in the dark doesn't know where they're going. 36 While you still have the light, believe in the light so that you will become children of light."

Yeshua said these things and then after leaving them, he was hidden from them.

Many people refuse to stand for Yeshua

37 Even though Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had done so many miracles in front of the people, they didn't believe that he was the messiah. 38 This fulfilled what the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) wrote,

"**Yahweh**, who believed our report?

And who was **Yahweh's** power revealed to?"[88]

39 Because of this, they weren't able to believe, and again as Yeshayah wrote,

40 "He has blinded their eyes and maimed their emotions,

so that they can't see with their eyes and understand with their minds,

or they might be turned and then I would heal them."[89]

41 Yeshayah wrote this because he saw the messiah's greatness[90] and spoke concerning him. 42 Likewise, many of the Jewish leaders believed that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was the messiah, but they didn't tell others because they didn't want the Farisaios party to banish them from their services 43 as they valued the praise of people more than praise from **God**.

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will_be_honouring him. 27 Now the soul of_me has_been_ _disturbed, and what may_I_say: father, save me from ~~the~~ this hour? But because_of this, I_came to ~~the~~ this hour. 28 father, glorify the name of_you. Therefore a_voice came out_of ~~the~~ heaven: Both I_glorified it, and I_will_be_glorifying it again. 29 Therefore the crowd ~~which~~ having_stood and having_heard, was_saying thunder to_have_become. Others were_saying: An_ _messenger has_spoken to_him. 30 **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** answered and said, this ~~the~~ voice has_become not because_of me, but because_of you_all. 31 Now is the_judgement of_ ~~the~~ this _world, now the ruler of_ ~~the~~ this _world will_be_being_ _thrown_out out. 32 And_I if may_be_exalted from the earth, I_ _will_be_drawing all to myself. 33 But he_was_saying this, signifying by_what death he_was_going to_be_dying_off. 34 Therefore the crowd answered to_him: We heard out_of the law that the **chosen_one/messiah** is_remaining to the age, and how are_saying you that it_is_fitting the son of_ ~~the~~ _man to_ _be_exalted? Who is this ~~the~~ son of_ ~~the~~ _Man? 35 Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: The light is with you_all still a_little time. be_walking while you_all_are_having the light, in_order_ _that you_all may_ not _grasp darkness, and the one walking in the darkness, has_ not _known where he_is_going. 36 While you_all_are_having the light, be_believing in the light, in_ _order_that you_all_may_become sons of_light. **Ya^{y}sous** spoke these things, and having_gone_away, was_hidden from them.

37 But having_done so_many signs of_him before them, they_ _were_ not _believing in him, 38 in_order_that the message of_ _A^{y}saias/(Yəshaʹ^{yāh}) the prophet may_be_fulfilled that he_said: **master**, who believed in_the report of_us? And to_whom was_ _revealed the arm of_the_**master**? 39 Because_of this they_ _were_ not _able to_be_believing, because furthermore A^{y}saias said, 40 He_has_blinded the eyes of_them and he_maimed the heart of_them, in_order_that they_may_ not _see with_their eyes and they_may_understand with_their heart, and they_ _may_be_turned and I_will_be_healing them. 41 A^{y}saias said these things, because he_saw the glory of_him, and spoke concerning him. 42 Likewise however even many from of_the rulers believed in him, but because_of the Farisaios_party they_ _were_ not _confessing, in_order_that they_ not _may_become excommunicated. 43 For/Because they_loved the glory of_ ~~the~~ _ _humans more than the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god**.

86 RV 12:32 · Note lifted up / exalted: See https://bibleDifferences.net/2019/04/25/156-exulted

87 RV 12:34 · Cross-ref. Psa 110:4; Isa 9:7; Eze 37:25; Dan 7:14.

88 RV 12:38 · Cross-ref. Isa 53:1 (LXX).

89 RV 12:40 · Cross-ref. Isa 6:10 (LXX).

90 RV 12:41 · Cross-ref. Isa 6:1-5.

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44 and **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** cried_out and said: The one believing in me, is_ not _believing in me, but in the one having_ _sent me, **45** and the one observing me, is_observing the one having_sent me. **46** I have_come into the world as_a_light, in_ _order_that everyone ~~which~~ believing in me, in the darkness may_ not _remain. **47** And if anyone may_hear of_the messages of_me, and not may_keep them, I am_ not _judging him, because/for I_came not, in_order_that I_may_judge the world, but in_order_that I_may_save the world. **48** The one rejecting me and not receiving the messages of_me, is_having the one judging him, the message which I_spoke, that will_be_judging him at the last day. **49** Because I spoke not from myself, but the father himself having_sent me to_me has_given a_command, what I_may_say, and what I_may_speak. **50** And I_have_known that the command of_him is eternal life. Therefore what I am_ _speaking, as the father has_said to_me, thus I_am_speaking.

13:1 And before the feast of_the passover_feast, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_known that the hour of_him came, that he_may_depart out_of ~~the~~ this world to the father, having_loved his own who were in the world, he_loved them to the_end. **2** And becoming, supper, the devil already having_put into the heart Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) of_Simōn Iskariōta^{y}s that may_give_ him _ _over **3** having_known that the father has_given all things to_ _him, into his hands, and that he_came_out from **god** and he_ _is_going to ~~the~~ **god**, **4** he_is_being_raised from the supper and is_laying aside his clothes, and having_taken a_linen_towel he_ _girded himself. **5** Thereafter he_is_putting water into the wash_basin, and began to_be_washing the feet of_the apprentices/followers, and to_be_wiping_off them with_the linen_towel with_which he_was having_been_girded. **6** Therefore he_is_coming to Simōn Petros. He_is_saying to_ _him: **master**, are_ you _washing the feet of_me? **7** **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answered and said to_him: What I am_ _doing, you you_have_ not _known now, but you_will_be_ _knowing after these things. **8** Petros is_saying to_him: By_no_ _means you_may_ not _wash the feet of_me to the age. **Ya^{y}sous** answered to_him: If I_may_ not _wash you, are_ not _having part with me. **9** Simōn Petros is_saying to_him: **master**, not only the feet of_me, but also my hands and my head. **10** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_him: The one having_been_washed is_ not _having need, except to_wash ~~not/lest~~ the feet, but he_is all clean, and you_all are clean, but not all. **11** For/Because he_ _had_known the one giving_ him _over, because_of this he_said, ~~that~~ You_all_are not all clean. **12** Therefore when he_washed the feet of_them, and took the clothes of_him, and sat_down, again he_said to_them: Are_you_all_knowing what I_have_done to_ _you_all? **13** You_all are_calling me ~~the~~ Teacher and, ~~the~~ **master**, and you_all_are_saying rightly, because/for I_am. **14** Therefore if I the **master** and the Teacher washed the feet of_you_all, you_all also are_ought to_be_washing the feet of_one_another. **15** For/Because I_gave to_you_all an_example that as I did to_ _you_all, you_all also may_be_doing. **16** Truly, truly, I_am_ _saying to_you_all, is not a_slave greater than the master of_ _him, nor an_ambassador greater than the one having_sent

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It's Yeshua's teachings that will judge the hearers

44 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) called out, "Anyone who believes that I came from God is not just believing in me, but also believing in the one who sent me, **45** and anyone who watches me working, is watching the one who sent me. **46** I came into this world as light so that anyone who believes in me won't have darkness residing in them. **47** I won't be judging anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it, because I didn't come to judge the world but rather to save it. **48** Anyone who rejects me and doesn't accept my teaching does have a judge though—it's the message that I spoke that will judge them at the end of time **49** because I wasn't speaking from my own thoughts, but it was the father himself who sent me that told me what to say and what to teach. **50** And I'm fully aware that obeying his commands leads to living forever. Therefore whenever I speak, I just say whatever the father said to me."

Yeshua washes the feet of his apprentices

13:1 Even before the actual feast part of the Passover celebrations, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) knew that his time had come—the time when he would leave this world and return to the father. He loved his followers who were in the world right through to the end.

2 And now it was getting near time for the dinner and the devil had already put into Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) Iskariot's mind the idea of handing Yeshua over to the authorities. **3** Yeshua knew that the father had given everything to him, putting it under his control, and he knew that he had come from **God** and would return to **God**. **4** So he got up from the dinner table, changed out of his clothes, and wrapped a linen towel around himself. **5** Then he put water into the wash bowl and started washing the feet of his apprentices, wiping them dry with the linen towel that he was wearing wrapped around him. **6** After he'd washed a few, he got to Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) who asked him, "**Master**, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 "What I'm doing now," **Yeshua** answered, "you won't really understand, but in the future you will."

8 Kefa responded, "Well I'm never ever going to let you wash *my* feet!"

"If I don't wash them," **Yeshua** answered, "then you won't be included in my group."

9 "Well, if that's so," Kefa said, "don't just wash my feet but my hands and my head as well."

10 **Yeshua** responded, "Any person who's already washed themselves only needs to wash their feet now to be clean. And so you're clean, but not every one of you." **11** He said this last bit because he already knew who was going to hand him over.

12 So when he'd finished washing their feet,[91] he got dressed again and sat down and asked, "Do you know what I just did to you all? **13** You call me teacher and **master**, and so you should,

91 **RV 13:12-15 · Cross-ref.** Luk 22:27.

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because I am. 14 So if the **master** and teacher of you all washed your feet, then you also ought to wash each other's feet. 15 I have given this to you all as an example that you can also do to others. 16 I can assure you that a slave isn't greater than his master, and a missionary isn't greater than the king who sends him.[92] 17 If you can figure all this out and then do it, you will be blessed by God.

18 "But I'm not talking about all of you. I know each one that I chose, but this that was written in the scriptures must be fulfilled,

'The one sharing food with me, lifted up his boot against me.'[93]
19 So I'm telling you now before it happens so that when it does happen, then you'll all believe that I am the messiah. 20 I can assure you all that anyone who accepts any person that I might send, they're accepting me, and anyone who accepts me, is accepting the one who sent me."[94]

Yeshua indicates who will hand him over[95]

21 After saying these things, **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') thoughts were troubled and he said, "I can assure you that one of you will be turning me in."

22 This made his apprentices glance around at each other, puzzled about which one he was talking about. 23 **One** of them that **Yeshua** especially liked,[96] was leaning against him at the table. 24 So Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) nodded to him to find out who Yeshua had been talking about, 25 and he leaned back on **Yeshua** and asked quietly, "**Master**, who is it?"

26 "It's the one I hand this piece of bread to after I've dipped it in the sauce," **Yeshua** answered. Then after dipping his piece of bread in, he gave it to Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) Iskariot. 27 After Yehudah accepted the piece of bread, Satan entered into him, and then **Yeshua** told him, "What you're about to do, do it soon." 28 But none of the others sitting around the table knew what Yeshua meant. 29 Some of them thought that since Yehudah held their purse, perhaps **Yeshua** was getting him to buy something they needed for the feast or to give something to the poor.

30 Anyway, having eaten the piece of bread, Yehudah went straight outside where it was already dark.

The new command to love each other

31 After Yehudah (Judah) had gone, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told the others, "Now the son of humanity will be honoured and **God** will be honoured through him. 32 Also **God** himself will be honouring him and will do that immediately. 33 My friends, I'll only be with you a little bit longer. Then you'll all look for me and as I told the religious leaders, you won't be able to go where I'm going.[97] So

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him. 17 If you_all_have_known these things, you_all_are blessed if you_all_may_be_doing them. 18 I_am_speaking not about all of_you. I have_known whom_all I_chose, but in_order_that the scripture may_be_fulfilled: The one eating the bread with me, lifted_up the heel of_him against me. 19 From now I_am_telling to_you_all before the time to_become, in_order_that you_all_ _may_believe whenever it_may_become that I am he. 20 Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, the one receiving ~~wishfully~~ anyone I_may_send, is_receiving me, and the one receiving me, is_ _receiving the one having_sent me.

21 Having_said these things, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** was_ _disturbed ~~the~~ in_spirit and testified and said: Truly, truly, I_ _am_saying to_you_all that one of you_all will_be_giving_ me _ _over. 22 Therefore the apprentices/followers were_looking among one_another, perplexing about whom he_is_speaking. 23 And one out_of the apprentices/followers whom ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_loving was reclining in the bosom of_him of_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous.** 24 Therefore Simōn Petros is_nodding to_this one, to_inquire who ~~wishfully~~ it_might_be about whom he_is_speaking. 25 therefore that one Having_leaned_back thus on the chest of_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous**, is_saying to_him: **master**, who is_it? 26 ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_answering: That one is to_whom I, having_dipped the piece_of_bread will_be_handing_out it. And having_dipped the piece_of_bread, he_is_giving to_Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) of_ _Simōn Iskariōta^{y}s. 27 And after the piece_of_bread, then ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) came_in into that one. Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_ _saying to_him: What you_are_doing, do more_quickly. 28 And no_one of_the ones reclining knew, to what he_said this to_ _him. 29 For/Because some were_supposing, because Youdas was_having the moneybag, that ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_him: Buy of_what things we_are_having need for the feast, or in_ _order_that something may_give to_the poor. 30 Therefore having_received the piece_of_bread, that one came_out immediately. And it_was night.

31 Therefore when he_came_out, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is_ _saying: Now the son of_ ~~the~~ _man was_glorified, and ~~the~~ **god** was_glorified in him. 32 Also ~~the~~ **god** will_be_glorifying him in himself, and immediately will_be_glorifying him. 33 Little_ _children, I_am still a_little time with you_all. You_all_will_be_ _seeking me, and as I_said to_the Youdaiōns, ~~that~~ Where I am_ _going, you_all are_ not _being_able to_come, now I_am_ also _ _saying to_you_all. 34 I_am_giving to_you_all a_ new _

92 **RV 13:16 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:24; Luk 6:40; Yhn 15:20.

93 **RV 13:18 · Cross-ref.** Psa 41:9.

94 **RV 13:20 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:40; Mrk 9:37; Luk 9:48; 10:16.

95 **RV 13:21 · Parallel** Mat. 26:20-25; Mark 14:17-21; Luke 22:21-23

96 **RV 13:23 · Note** This apprentice, unnamed here, is assumed to be the author of this account (being shy or modest).

97 **RV 13:33 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 7:34.

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_command, that you_all_may_be_loving one_another, as I_loved you_all, that also you_all may_be_loving one_another. **35** By this all will_be_knowing that you_all_are my apprentices/followers, if you_all_may_be_having love among one_another.

36 Simōn Petros is_saying to_him: **master**, where you_are_ _going? **Ya^{y}sous** answered to_him: Where I_am_going, you_are_ not _being_able to_follow after_me now, but you_will_be_ _following later. **37** ~~The~~ Petros is_saying to_him: **master**, because/for_ why _reason I_am_ not _being_able to_follow after_you now? I_will_be_laying down the life of_me for you. **38** **Ya^{y}sous** Is_answering: ‹Will›_you_be_laying the life of_you for me? Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you, by_no_means the_ _rooster may_ not _crow, until of_which you_will_be_disowning me three-times.

14:1 Not let_be_being_disturbed the heart of_you_all, you_are_ _believing in ~~the~~ **god**, also you_are_believing in me. **2** Many dwellings are in the house of_the father of_me, and if not, I_ would _told to_you_all, because I_am_going to_prepare a_place for_you_all. **3** And if I_may_be_gone and I_may_prepare you_all a_place I_am_coming again and I_will_be_receiving you_all to myself, in_order_that where am I, you_all may_be also. **4** And you_all_have_known the way where I am_going. **5** Thōmas is_ _saying to_him: **master**, we_have_ not _known where you_are_ _going, how are_we_being_able to_have_known the way? **6** **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is_saying to_him: I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No_one is_coming to the father, except ~~not/lest~~ by me. **7** If you_all_had_known me, you_all_ also _will_ _be_knowing the father of_me, and from now you_all_are_ _knowing him and you_all_have_seen him. **8** Filippos is_saying to_him: **master**, show the father to_us, and it_is_sufficing for_ _us. **9** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_him: So_much time I_am with you_all, and you_have_ not _known me, Filippos? The one having_seen me, has_seen the father, how are_ you _saying: Show the father to_us? **10** You_are_ not _believing that I in the father, and the father is in me? The messages which I am_ _speaking to_you_all, I_am_ not _speaking from myself, but the the_father remaining in me, is_doing the works of_him. **11** Be_ _believing in_me that I in the father, and the father in me, but if not, be_believing because_of the works themselves **12** Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, the one believing in me, the works that I am_doing, also_that one will_be_doing, and he_ _will_be_doing greater than these, because I am_going to the father. **13** And whatever anything ~~wishfully~~ you_all_may_request in the name of_me, this I_will_be_doing, in_order_that the father may_be_glorified in the son. **14** If you_all_may_request me anything in the name of_me, this will_be_doing it.

15 If you_all_are_loving me, you_all_will_be_keeping ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ commands. **16** And_I will_be_asking the father, and he_will_be_ _giving another advocate to_you_all, in_order_that he_may_be with you_all to the age **17** the **spirit** of_ ~~the~~ _truth, whom the world is_ not _able to_receive, because it_is_ not _observing nor

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now I've also told all of you. **34** I'm giving you a new command—you need to love each other. The way that I loved all of you is how you should love each other.[98] **35** This is actually how you'll know if you're my follower: if you're loving each other."

Yeshua predicts that Kefa will disown him[99]

36 Now Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) followed-up, "**Master**, where are you going?"

"Where I'm going," **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) answered, "you won't be able to follow me at this stage, but you will follow me eventually."

37 Kefa asked again, "Why can't I follow after you now? I'm prepared to give my life for you."

38 "You think you'll be giving your life for me?" **Yeshua** responded. "I can assure you that the rooster won't crow until you've already disowned knowing me three times."

Yeshua is the road to the father but will be leaving

14:1 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued telling them, "Don't be living in fear. You believe that **God** is real, and you also believe that I was sent by him. **2** There are many places to live in my father's residence—I would have told you if there wasn't because I'm going there to prepare a place for all of you. **3** And after I've gone to prepare that place, then I'll be coming back again and will bring you to myself, so that where I am, you can all be there also. **4** You know how to get where I'm going."

5 "**Master**," Toma (Thomas) asked, "we don't even know *where* you're going, let alone how to get there."

6 And **Yeshua** answered, "*I am* the path and the truth and the life. No one can get to the father except via me. **7** If you had all known me, you would also have known my father, and from now on you do know him and have seen him."

8 So Filippos (Philip) said, "**Master**, show us the father and that'll be enough for us."

9 "I've been with you all for quite some time," **Yeshua** replied, "and yet you still don't even know me, Filippos. **10** You don't believe that I am in the father and the father is in me. These things that I've been telling you all, I don't just make them up myself, but the father who lives in me is doing what he wants. **11** You all need to believe that I am in the father and the father is in me. If that's hard, at least believe it because of what he's doing. **12** I can assure you all that anyone who believes that God sent me and is the source of the miracles that I do, that person will be able to do the same and even greater miracles because I am going to the father. **13** Whatever you request from me with my name and authority, I will do it so that the father might be honoured because of the son. **14** Anything that you all request using my name and authority will be done.

The father will be sending a different advocate

15 "If you all love me, you will obey my commands. **16** Then I will ask the father, and he will give you a different assistant to be with you all for this age— **17** the **spirit** of truth. The world

98 **RV 13:34 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 15:12,17; 1Yhn 3:23; 2Yhn 5.

99 **RV 13:36 · Parallel** Mat. 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-34

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can't accept him, because it doesn't see or know him.
18 "And I won't leave you all here as orphans, but I'll come back
to you. 19 It won't be long now and the world won't see me any
more, but you will see me because I'll be alive and you all will be
alive also. 20 At that time you will know that I am in my father,
and you all are in me, and I am in you all.
21 "Anyone who takes my commands and obeys them, that's
the person who loves me, and anyone who loves me will be loved
by my father, and I too will be loving them and will be revealing
myself to them."
22 Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) (not Yehudah Iskariot) asked,
"**Master**, what's going on? Why would you reveal yourself to us
and not to the whole world?"
23 **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) answered, "If anyone loves me,
they'll obey my teaching, and my father will love them and we
will go to that person and live with them. 24 But anyone who
doesn't love me, won't obey my teaching. The words that you
hear from me are not my own, but come from the father who
sent me.
25 "I told you all this while I have been here with you all. 26 But
the holy **spirit**, the assistant who the father will be sending with
my authority, he will be teaching you everything, and will be re-
minding you of everything that I told you all.
27 I will leave peace with you all. I'm giving my peace to you
all, but what I'm giving isn't like what the world gives. Don't be
upset or afraid. 28 You all heard me say that I'm going away and
then will be coming back. If you really loved me, you'd be very
happy that I'm going to the father, because the father is greater
than me.
29 But I've told you now before it happens, so that when it does
come to pass, you'll be able to believe that it was preplanned. 30 I
won't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of
the world is coming and he has nothing in common with me,
31 but he's coming so that the world can know that I love the fa-
ther and whatever the father told me to do, I'm doing it.
"Come on, stand up. We need to be leaving this place."

The branches must stay connected to the vine

15:1 "*I am* the true vine and my father is
the farmer. 2 He removes every one of my
branches that doesn't bear fruit, but those
that do bear fruit, he prunes them so they'll produce even more.
3 You are all clean already because of the teaching that I've given
you. 4 Stay in me, and I will stay in you all, because just as a
branch can't bear fruit in isolation when it's not connected to
the vine, neither can you if you don't stay in me.
5 "*I am* the vine and you all are the branches. Anyone who
stays in me will produce a lot of fruit—apart from me you can't
do anything. 6 Anyone who doesn't stay in me will be thrown
away like a branch, and will wither and be gathered together
with others, and thrown into the fire to be burnt. 7 If you stay in
me and my teaching stays in you, then you can request whatever
you all want and it will be done for you. 8 My father will be hon-
oured and praised when you produce a lot of fruit, and you all

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is_knowing him. You_all are_knowing him, because he_is_
_remaining with you_all, and is in you_all. 18 I_‹will›_ not _be_
_leaving you_all orphans, I_am_coming to you_all. 19 Still a_
little time and the world is no_longer _observing me, but
you_all are_observing me, because I am_living, also you_all
will_be_living. 20 In that ~~the~~ day will_be_knowing you_all that I
in the father of_me, and you_all in me, and_I in you_all. 21 The
one having the commands of_me and keeping them, that one is
the one loving me, and the one loving me, will_be_being_loved
by the father of_me, and_I will_be_loving him, and will_be_
_manifesting myself to_him. 22 Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) not to_him
the Iskariōtaʸs is_saying: **master**, what has_become, that you_
_are_going to_be_manifesting yourself to_us, and not to_the
world? 23 **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answered and said to_him: If
anyone may_be_loving me, he_will_be_keeping the message of_
_me, and the father of_me will_be_loving him, and we_will_be_
_coming to him, and we_will_be_making a_dwelling with him.
24 The one not loving me, is_ not _keeping the messages of_me,
and ~~the~~ message that you_all_are_hearing, is not mine, but of_
_the father having_sent me. 25 I_have_spoken these things to_
_you_all remaining with you_all. 26 But the advocate, the ~~the~~
holy **spirit**, whom the father will_be_sending in the name of_
_me, that one will_be_teaching you_all all things, and will_be_
_reminding you_all all things which I_said to_you_all. 27 I_am_
_leaving peace with_you_all, I_am_giving ~~the~~ my peace to_you_
_all, not as the world is_giving, I am_giving to_you_all. ‹Let›_
not _be_being_disturbed the heart of_you_all, nor it _let_be_
_fearing. 28 You_all_heard that I said to_you_all: I_am_going_
_away and I_am_coming to you_all. If you_all_were_loving me,
you_all_ would _were_elated that I_am_going to the father, of_
_me because the father is greater than of_me. 29 And now I_
_have_told to_you_all before it to_become, in_order_that
whenever it_may_become, you_all_may_believe. 30 I_will_be_
speaking no much _longer with you_all, because/for the ruler
of_the world is_coming, and he_is_ not _having nothing in me,
31 but in_order_that the world may_know that I_am_loving the
father, and as the father he_gave command to_me, thus I_am_
_doing. Be_raising, we_may_be_going from_here.

15:1 I am the ~~the~~ true vine, and the father of_me is the farmer.
2 Every branch in me not bearing fruit, he_is_taking_ it _away,
and every_ fruit - bearing _branch, he_is_pruning it, in_order_
_that it_may_be_bearing more. fruit. 3 You_all are already
clean, because_of the message which I_have_spoken to_you_all.
4 Remain in me, and_I in you_all. As the branch is_ not _able to_
_be_bearing fruit of itself, if it_may_ not _remain in the vine,
thus neither you_all, if you_all_may_ not _be_remaining in me.
5 I am the vine, you_all are the branches. The one remaining in
me and_I in him, this one is_bearing much fruit, because apart_
_from me, you_all_are_ not _being_able to_be_doing nothing.
6 If anyone may_ not _be_remaining in me, he_was_thrown out
as the branch and was_withered, and they_are_gathering_
them _together and they_are_casting into the fire, and it_is_
_being_burned. 7 If you_all_may_remain in me, and the
messages of_me may_remain in you_all, whatever ~~if~~ you_all_
_may_be_wanting, request and it_will_be_becoming to_you_all.
8 In this the father of_me was_glorified, that you_all_may_be_

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_bearing much fruit and you_all_may_become to_my apprentices/followers. **9** As the father loved me, also_I loved you_all, remain in ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ love. **10** If you_all_may_keep the commands of_me, you_all_will_be_remaining in the love of_me, as I have_kept the commands of_the father, and I_am_ _remaining in the love of_him. **11** I_have_spoken these things to_you_all, in_order_that ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ joy may_be in you_all, and the joy of_you_all may_be_fulfilled. **12** This is ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ command, that may_be_loving one_another as I_loved you_all. **13** No_one is_having love greater than this: that someone may_ _lay the life of_himself for the friends of_him. **14** You_all are friends of_me, if you_all_may_be_doing what I am_ _commanding to_you_all. **15** I_am_ no_longer _calling you_all slaves, because the slave has_ not _known what the master of_ _him is_doing. But you_all I_have_called friends, because I_ _made_known to_you_all all things what I_heard from the father of_me. **16** You_all not chose me, but I chose you_all, and I_appointed you_all in_order_that you_all may_be_going and may_be_bearing fruit, and the fruit of_you_all may_be_ _remaining, in_order_that whatever anything ~~wishfully~~ you_all_ _may_request the father in the name of_me, he_may_give to_ _you_all. **17** I_am_commanding these things to_you_all, that you_all_may_be_loving one_another.

18 If the world is_hating you_all, you_all_are_knowing that it_ _has_hated me before of_you_all. **19** If you_all_were of the world, the world would was_loving its own, but because you_ _all_are not of the world, but I chose you_all out_of the world, because_of this the world is_hating you_all. **20** Be_remembering about_the message which I said to_you_all: a_slave is Not greater than the master of_him. If they_persecuted me, they_ _‹will›_ also _be_persecuting you_all, if they_kept the message of_me, they_‹will›_ also _be_keeping ~~the~~ your message. **21** But they_will_be_doing all these things against you_all because_of the name of_me, because they_have_ not _known the one having_sent me. **22** They_were_ not _having sin except ~~not/lest~~ I_came and spoke to_them, but now they_are_ not _having excuse for the sin of_them. **23** The one hating me, is_ also _ _hating the father of_me. **24** If not I_did the works among them that not_one other did, they_were_ not _having, sin, but now both they_have_seen and they_have_hated, both me and the father of_me. **25** But in_order_that the message ~~which~~ having_ _been_written in the law of_them may_be_fulfilled, ~~that~~ They_ _hated me undeservedly. **26** Whenever the advocate may_come, whom I will_be_sending to_you_all from the father, the **spirit** of_ ~~the~~ _truth, who is_going_out from the father, that one will_ _be_testifying concerning me. **27** Also and you_all are_ _testifying, because you_all_are with me from the_beginning.

16:1 I_have_spoken these things to_you_all, in_order_that you_ _all_may_ not _be_stumbled. **2** they_will_be_making you_all excommunicated, but an_hour is_coming, that everyone ~~which~~ having_killed_ you_all _off, may_suppose it_is a_sacred_service to_be_offering ~~the~~ to_**god**. **3** And they_will_be_doing these things, because they_ not _knew the father nor me. **4** But I_

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become my followers. **9** I loved you all just as the father loved me, so stay in my love. **10** If you obey my commands, you all will be staying in my love, just like I've obeyed my father's commands and I am staying in his love.

11 "I've told you these things so that I'll be happy with you all, and so that your happiness will be genuine and long-lasting. **12** So here's my request: keep loving each other just like I loved you all.[100] **13** No one has greater love than the one who gives up their own life for their friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I am telling you. **15** I'm not calling you slaves, because a slave doesn't know his master's plans, but I'm calling you friends because I've told you everything that I heard from my father. **16** You didn't choose me, but I chose you all, and I assigned you to go and produce fruit and for your fruit to be permanent so that whatever you request from the father in my name and authority, he will give it to you. **17** I am telling you all this so that you can all love each other.

People will hate Yeshua-followers

18 "If the world hates you, you all know that it hated me before it hated you. **19** If you belonged to this world, then the world would love you as it loves its own people, but you don't belong to this world because I chose you out of it. That's why they hate all of you. **20** Remember that I told you that slaves are not greater than their master.[101] So if they persecuted me, they'll also be persecuting you all. (If they'd obeyed my teaching, they would also obey your teaching.) **21** But they will do all these things against you because of my name, because they don't know the father who sent me. **22** They wouldn't be considered sinners except that I came and spoke to them, so now they don't have any excuse for their sin. **23** Anyone who hates me, also hates my father. **24** If I hadn't done miracles among them of the sort that no one else has done, they wouldn't be considered to be sinners, but now they've observed me and hated both me and my father. **25** The writings of the prophets will certainly come to pass, that 'they hated me undeservedly'.[102]

26 "When the assistant arrives that I will send to you all from the father, the **spirit** of truth coming from the father, he will tell the truth about me. **27** You also will be able to tell the truth about me because you all were with me from the beginning.

16:1 "I've told you this so that you won't stumble. **2** First they will ban you all from their religious services, then there's a time coming when people will kill you thinking they're actually doing a sacred service to **God**, **3** but they'll be doing these things because they don't know either the father or me. **4** I've told you

100 RV 15:12 · Cross-ref. Yhn 13:34; 15:17; 1Yhn 3:23; 2Yhn 5.

101 RV 15:20 · Cross-ref. Mat 10:24; Luk 6:40; Yhn 13:16.

102 RV 15:25 · Cross-ref. Psa 35:19; 69:4.

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these things so that when they happen in the future, you'll remember that I've already told you about them.

The work of God's spirit

"I didn't tell you all of this right at the beginning because I was with you all, **5** but soon I'll be returning to the one who sent me. Yet none of you are asking me where I'll be going, **6** rather you are all just weighed down because I've told you these things. **7** But honestly it's for your benefit that I will leave here, because if I don't, then the assistant won't be coming to you. But after I've gone, I'll send him to you all. **8** When he comes, he'll scold the world about sin and teach them about righteousness and judgement— **9** about sin because they don't believe that I was sent by God, **10** about righteousness because I am going to the father and you won't be able to see me any longer, **11** and about judgement because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 "I still have a lot to tell you all, but you're not able to handle it all right now. **13** But when the assistant comes, the **spirit** of truth, he will guide you in all truth because he won't be speaking from his own thoughts, but will tell you what he's been told, and he will explain to you what's still going to happen. **14** He'll be honouring me because he'll take what is mine and will explain it to you all. **15** Everything that the father has is mine, that's why I said he will take what is mine and explain it to you.

A brief upset coming followed by happiness

16 "It won't be much longer and you won't be able to see me any more, and then a little while after that, and you'll see me again."

17 This got his followers asking each other, "What's all this about seeing him for not much longer, and then seeing him again after a while? And why does he say he's going to the father?" **18** So they were saying, "What's this about 'not much longer'? We don't know what he means."

19 **However Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) knew what they wanted to ask him, and so he said to them, "You are trying to find out from each other what I meant when I said that you won't be able to see me after a little while, and then a little while after that you'll see me again. **20** I can assure you that you'll be weeping and mourning but the world will be elated. You'll be upset but then your upset will turn into happiness. **21** A woman giving birth has pains when the delivery begins, but when she hears that the baby is born, she doesn't remember those pains any more because she's so happy that her child was born. **22** So too with all of you: you'll be upset for a while but then I'll be with you again and you'll be so happy and no one will be able to take that happiness away from you.

23 "When that happens, you won't be asking me for anything. I can assure you that whatever you request from the father in my

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_have_spoken these things to_you_all, in_order_that whenever the hour of_them may_come, you_all_may_be_remembering that I told to_you_all about_them. But these things I_ not _said to_you_all from the_beginning, because I_was with you_all.

5 But now I_am_going to the one having_sent me, and no_one of you_all is_asking me: Where are_you_going? **6** But because I_ _have_spoken these things to_you_all, ~~the~~ sorrow has_filled the heart of_you_all. **7** But I am_saying the truth to_you_all, it_is_ _benefitting for_you_all that I may_go_away. For/Because if I_ _may_ not _go_away, the advocate he_‹will›_ not _be_coming to you_all, but if I_may_be_gone, I_will_be_sending him to you_all. **8** And having_come, that one will_be_rebuking the world concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgement, **9** concerning sin on_one_hand, because they_are_ not _believing in me, **10** concerning righteousness on_the_ _other_hand, because I_am_going to the father, and you_all_ _are_ no_longer _observing me, **11** on_the_other_hand concerning judgement, because the ruler of_ ~~the~~ this _world has_been_judged. **12** I_am_ still _having many things to_be_ _saying to_you_all, but you_all_are_ not _being_able to_be_ _bearing them now. **13** But whenever that one may_come, the **spirit** of_ ~~the~~ _truth, he_will_be_guiding you_all in all ~~the~~ truth, because/for he_‹will›_ not _be_speaking from himself, but as_ _much_as he_will_be_hearing, he_will_be_speaking, and he_ _will_be_declaring to_you_all the things coming. **14** That one will_be_glorifying me, because he_will_be_taking of what is mine, and will_be_declaring to_you_all. **15** All things as_much_ _as the father is_having, is mine, because_of this I_said that of the thing of_mine he_is_taking, and will_be_declaring to_you_ _all.

16 A_little time and you_all_are_ no_longer _observing me, and again a_little time and you_all_will_be_seeing me. **17** Therefore the apprentices/followers of of_him said to one_another: What is this that he_is_saying to_us: A_little time and you_all_are_ not _observing me, and again a_little time and you_all_will_be_ _seeing me, and Because I_am_going to the father? **18** Therefore they_were_saying: What is this, which he_is_ _saying A_little time? We_have_ not _known what he_is_ _speaking. **19** **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** knew that they_were_ _wanting to_be_asking him, and he_said to_them: You_all_are_ _seeking concerning this with one_another, because I_said: A_ _little time and you_all_are_ not _observing me, and again a_ _little time and you_all_will_be_seeing me? **20** Truly, truly, I_ _am_saying to_you_all that you_all will_be_weeping and will_ _be_lamenting, but the world will_be_being_elated, you_all will_be_being_sorrowed, but the sorrow of_you_all will_be_ _becoming to joy. **21** The woman whenever she_may_be_ _bearing, is_having sorrow, because the hour of_her came, but whenever she_may_bear the little_child, she_is_ no_longer _ _remembering about_the tribulation because_of the joy that a_ _person was_born into the world. **22** Therefore you_all also now on_one_hand you_all_are_having sorrow, on_the_other_hand I_ _will_be_seeing you_all again, and the heart of_you_all will_be_ _being_elated, and no_one is_taking_away the joy of_you_all, from you_all. **23** And in that ~~the~~ day you_all_‹will›_ not _be_ _asking me nothing. Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, ~~wishfully~~ anything you_all_may_request from_the father, in the

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name of_me. Will_be_giving to_you_all. **24** Until now you_all_ not _requested nothing in the name of_me. Be_requesting and you_all_will_be_receiving, in_order_that the joy of_you_all may_be having_been_fulfilled.

25 These things I_have_spoken to_you_all in allegories, an_hour is_coming when I_‹will›_ no_longer _be_speaking in allegories to_you_all, but I_will_be_reporting concerning the father with_ _plainness to_you_all. **26** In that ~~the~~ day you_all_will_be_ _requesting in the name of_me, and I_am_ not _saying to_you_ _all that I will_be_asking the father for you_all, **27** for/because the father himself is_loving you_all, because you_all have_loved me, and you_all_have_believed that I came_out from **god**. **28** I_ _came_out from the father, and I_have_come into the world, in_ _contrast I_am_leaving the world, and I_am_going to the father. **29** The Disciples of_him are_saying: Behold, now you_are_ _speaking with plainness, and you_are_speaking not_one allegory. **30** Now we_have_known that you_have_known all things, and you_are_ not _having need that anyone you may_ _be_asking. By this we_are_believing that you_came_out from **god**. **31** **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answered to_them, are_you_all_ _believing Now? **32** Behold, an_hour is_coming and has_come, that you_all_may_be_scattered each to his own, and_ you_all_ _may_leave _me only, and_yet I_ not _am alone, because the father is with me. **33** I_have_spoken these things to_you_all, in_ _order_that you_all_may_be_having peace in me. You_all_are_ _having tribulation in the world, but be_having_courage, I have_overcome the world.

17:1 **Ya^{y}sous** spoke these things, and having_lifted_up the eyes of_him to the sky said: father, the hour has_come, glorify the son of_you, in_order_that the son may_glorify you. **2** As you_ _gave authority of_all flesh to_him, in_order_that everything which you_have_given to_him, you_may_give eternal life to_ _him. **3** And this is ~~the~~ eternal life, that they_may_be_knowing you, the only true **god**, and **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** whom you_sent_out. **4** I you glorified on the earth, having_ _completed the work, that you_have_given to_me that I_may_ _do. **5** And now you father glorify me, with yourself, with_the glory which I_was_having with you before the time the world to_be. **6** I_revealed the name of_you to_the men whom you_ _gave to_me out_of the world. they_were Yours, for_and_me you_gave them, and they_have_kept the message of_you. **7** Now they_have_known that all things as_much_as you_have_given to_me, are from you, **8** because the messages that you_gave to_ _me, I_have_given to_them, and they received them, that truly I_came_out from you, and they_believed that you me sent_out. **9** I am_asking concerning them, not concerning the world I_ _am_asking, but concerning whom you_have_given to_me, because they_are for_you. **10** And all things what is mine, is yours, and what is yours, is mine, and I_have_been_glorified in them. **11** And I_am no_longer, in the world, and_yet they in the world are, and_I am_coming to you. holy father, keep them in the name of_you, to_which you_have_given to_me, in_order_ _that they_may_be one, as we are. **12** When I_was with them, I was_keeping them to_me in the name of_you, to_which you_ _have_given, and I_guarded them, and no_one of them perished, except ~~not/lest~~ the son of_ ~~the~~ _destruction, in_order_ _that the scripture may_be_fulfilled. **13** But now I_am_coming

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name and my authority will be given to you. **24** Up until now you haven't asked him for anything using my authority, but after that time, you'll be able to make requests and they'll be answered so that your happiness will be complete.

A new era is coming very soon

25 "So far I've told you these things in parables, however a time is coming when I'll no longer be speaking in parables but will tell you things about the father quite plainly. **26** At that time you'll have my authority to request from the father. I'm not saying that I'll be asking him on your behalf, **27** no, because he himself loves you all because you have loved me and have believed that I was sent by **God**. **28** I was sent out by the father and I have come into the world, but I'll be leaving the world again and returning to the father."

29 Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') followers responded, "Ah, now you're speaking plainly and not using parables. **30** Finally we realise that you know everything already and don't need to ask anyone else, and so we now believe that you came from **God**."

31 "So now you all believe?" **Yeshua** answered. **32** "The time is coming and is here already when you will all be scattered in various directions and will leave me by myself, but I won't be alone because the father is always with me. **33** I've told you these things so that you can all have peace in me. You will have troubles in this world, but be courageous because I have overcome the world."

Yeshua prays for his current and future followers

17:1 **After Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had finished speaking, he looked up to the sky and said, "Father, it's now the time for you to honour your son so that the son can honour you. **2** You already gave me authority over all people so that I could grant eternal life to everyone that you've given me. **3** And eternal life means knowing you, the only true **God**, and knowing me—**Yeshua the messiah** that you sent. **4** I honoured you here on the earth by completing everything that you gave me to do. **5** So father, now you yourself can honour me with the greatness that I had when I was together with you before the creation of the world.

6 "I revealed your power to the ones that you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have obeyed your teaching. **7** Now they understand that everything that you gave to me came from you, **8** because I passed on to them the messages that you gave to me, and they accepted them. Now they believe that I came from you and that it was you who sent me here.

9 "I'm asking about *them*. It's not the people of this world that I'm asking about, but about the ones that you gave me because they belong to you. **10** Everything that's mine is yours, and everything that's your is mine, and I've been honoured by their actions. **11** I'm about to leave this world and come to you, but they will stay here in it. Holy father, use your power to keep protect the ones that you gave me, so that they might be united just like you and I are one. **12** When I was with them, I protected them

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with the authority that you gave, and I guarded them so that not one of them perished, except the one who chose destruction so that it will indeed happen as the scriptures foretold.[103] **13** But soon I'll be coming to you, and I'm speaking these things in the world so that they will have the same happiness as me and be fulfilled in their lives. **14** I've passed on your teaching to them, and the world hated them because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't. **15** I'm not asking you to remove them out of this world, but rather to stop evil from overcoming them. **16** They don't belong to this world just as I don't. **17** Purify them with the truth—your message is that truth. **18** In the same way that you sent me out into this world, so I also send them out into the world. **19** I'm purifying myself for their sakes so that they also may be made pure by the truth.

20 "But it's not just on behalf of the ones right here that I'm asking, but also for all the others who will believe that I came from you when they hear the message of these ones, **21** so that they will all become united, just as you, father, are in me and I am in you. I ask that they will also be in us so that the world will be able to believe that it was you who sent me here. **22** And the honour that you've given me, I've passed on to them so that they can be united just as we are one— **23** me in them and you in me so that they can be perfected as one. Then the world will know that you sent me here and that you love them just like you love me.

24 Father, I want those that you've given me to be with me wherever I am so that they'll be able to see my greatness—the greatness that you gave me because you loved me even before the creation of the world. **25** Righteous father, this world didn't know you, but I know you and these ones know that you sent me here. **26** I revealed your power and authority to them and will continue to do so, so that the love that you love me with might be in them, and I too might be in them."

Yeshua is arrested[104]

18:1 After he'd said all this, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and his followers left Yerushalem (Jerusalem) proper and over the Kidron stream towards a garden that he and his followers entered. **2** And Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) (the one who would hand him over) also knew the place because **Yeshua** and his followers often met there. **3** Meanwhile Yehudah had met with the soldiers and servants of the chief priests and the Farisaios party, and they all started coming into the garden with lanterns and flaming torches and weapons. **4** **Yeshua** who already knew what was going to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Who are you all looking for?"

5 And they answered, "**Yeshua**—the one from Nazaret."

Yeshua responded, "*I am* the one."

Yehudah, the one handing him over, was standing there among them. **6** But when Yeshua had said that he is the one, they

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to you, and I_am_speaking these things in the world, in_order_ _that they_may_be_having ~~the~~ ~~the~~ my joy, having_been_fulfilled in themselves. **14** I have_given the message of_you to_them, and the world hated them, because they_are not of the world, as I am not. of the world. **15** I_am_ not _asking that you_may_ _take_ them _away out_of the world, but that you_may_keep them from ~~the~~ evil. **16** They_are not of the world, as I am not. of the world. **17** Sanctify them by the truth, ~~the~~ your ~~the~~ message is truth. **18** As you_sent_ me _out into the world, also_I sent_ them _out into the world. **19** And for them I am_sanctifying myself, in_order_that they also may_be having_been_sanctified in truth. **20** But I_am_ not _asking for these only, but also for the ones believing in me through the message of_them, **21** in_ _order_that they_may_be all one, as you, father, in me are, and_ _I am in you, in_order_that they also may_be in us, in_order_ _that the world may_be_believing that you sent_ me _out. **22** And_I I_have_given to_them the glory which you_have_given to_me, in_order_that they_may_be one, as we one, **23** I in them, and you in me, in_order_that they_may_be having_been_ _perfected in one, and the world may_be_knowing that you sent_ me _out, and you_loved them as you_loved me. **24** father, I_am_wanting those whom you_have_given to_me, in_order_ _that where am I, also_those may_be with me, in_order_that they_may_be_observing ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ glory, that you_gave to_me, because you_loved me before the_foundation of_the_world. **25** righteous father, also the world not knew you, but I knew you, and these knew that you sent_ me _out. **26** And I_made_ _known to_them the name of_you, and I_will_be_making_ _known it, in_order_that the love which you_loved me, may_be in them, and_I in them.

18:1 Having_said these things, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** came_out with the apprentices/followers of_him beyond the winter_ _stream of_the Kedrōn/(Qidrōn), where was a_garden, into which he and the apprentices/followers of_him came_in. **2** And Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) who giving_ him _over had_ also _known, the place, because often **Ya^{y}sous** was_gathered_together There with the apprentices/followers of_him. **3** therefore ~~the~~ Youdas having_received the cohort, and attendants from the chief_ _priests and Farisaios_party, is_coming there with lanterns, and torches, and weapons. **4** **Ya^{y}sous** therefore having_known all the things coming on him, having_come_out he_said to_ _them: Whom are_you_all_seeking? **5** They_answered to_him: **Ya^{y}sous** the from_Nazaret. **Ya^{y}sous** he_is_saying to_them: I am he. and also Youdas, who giving_ him _over had_stood, with them. **6** Therefore when he_said to_them: I am he, they_went_ _away back to the things and they_fell on_the_ground. **7** Therefore again he_asked them: Whom are_you_all_seeking? And they said: **Ya^{y}sous** the from_Nazaret. **8** Answered **Ya^{y}sous:**

103 **RV 17:12 · Cross-ref.** Psa 41:9; Yhn 13:18.

104 **RV 18:1 · Parallel** Mat. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53

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I_told to_you_all that I am he. Therefore if you_all_are_seeking me, allow these to_be_going_away, **9** in_order_that the message may_be_fulfilled that he_said, ~~that~~ Whom you_have_given to_ _me, I_ not _lost no_one of them. **10** Therefore Simōn Petros having a_sword, drew it and struck the slave of_the chief_ _priest, and cut_off the ~~the~~ right ear of_him. And was Malḳos the_name to_the slave. **11** Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said to_ ~~the~~ _Petros: Put the sword into the sheath, the cup which the father has_given to_me, by_no_means I_may_ not _ _drink it?

12 Therefore the cohort, and the commander, and the attendants of_the Youdaiōns, captured ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** and bound him. **13** And they_led him to Annas first, because/for he_was father_in_law of_ ~~the~~ _Kaiafas, who was chief_priest of_ ~~the~~ that _year. **14** And Kaiafas was the one having_counselled to_the Youdaiōns that it_is_benefitting for_one man to_die_off for the people.

15 And Simōn Petros and the_other apprentice/follower was_ _following. ~~the~~ with_**Ya^{y}sous**. And ~~the~~ that apprentice/follower was known to_the chief_priest, and he_entered_with ~~the~~ with_ _**Ya^{y}sous** into the courtyard of_the chief_priest. **16** But ~~the~~ Petros had_stood at the door outside. Therefore the ~~the~~ other apprentice/follower came_out which was known of_the chief_ _priest, and he_spoke to_the doorkeeper and brought_in ~~the~~ Petros. **17** The servant_girl the doorkeeper is_saying therefore, to_ ~~the~~ _Petros: Are you not also of the apprentices/followers of_ ~~the~~ this _man? That one he_is_saying: I_am not. **18** And the slaves and the attendants had_stood, having_made a_charcoal_ _fire, because it_was cold, and they_were_warming themselves, and ~~the~~ Petros was also with them having_stood and warming himself.

19 Therefore the chief_priest asked ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** concerning the apprentices/followers of_him, and concerning the teaching of_him. **20** **Ya^{y}sous** answered to_him: I have_ _spoken with_plainness to_the world, I always taught in the_ _synagogue and in the temple, where all the Youdaiōns are_ _coming_together, and I_spoke nothing in secret. **21** Why are_ _you_asking me? Ask the ones having_heard what I_spoke to_ _them, see, these have_known what I said. **22** And these things of_him having_said, one of_the ones attendants having_stood_

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backed away and fell to the ground.[105] **7** So he asked them again, "Who are you all looking for?"

And they answered, "**Yeshua**—the one from Nazaret."

8 **Yeshua** responded, "I already told you all that *I am* the one. So if it's me that you're looking for, let these others leave." **9** (In this way, the statement was fulfilled that Yeshua had said previously: 'I didn't lose any of the ones that you gave me.')[106]

10 Then Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) drew the sword that he was carrying and swiped at the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. The servant's name was Malkos. **11** But **Yeshua** said to Kefa, "Put your sword back in its sheath. I need to proceed with the plan that the father has prepared for me—I can't just avoid the suffering."[107]

Yeshua is taken to Hanan

12 So the soldiers and their commander, and the servants of the Jewish leaders arrested **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and tied him up. **13** First they took him to Hanan (Annas; Grk. Hannas), the father-in-law of Kayafa (Caiaphas; Grk. Kaiafas) who was the chief priest that year. **14** (Kayafa was the one who had suggested that it was better for the people and the nation if *one* man should die for all of them.)[108]

Kefa denies being a Yeshua-follower[109]

15 Now Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and another apprentice were following **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), and since that other apprentice was known to the chief priest, he was allowed to enter following **Yeshua** into the courtyard of the chief priest **16** while Kefa waited outside at the door. Then the other apprentice who was known to the chief priest went back and spoke to the woman at the door and brought Kefa in too. **17** But the servant girl who was watching the door challenged Kefa, "Aren't you also one of the followers of that man?"

"No, I'm not," he responded.

18 Meanwhile the servants and attendants had made a fire and were standing around it warming themselves, and Kefa also went and stood there to warm himself.

Hanan tries to interrogate Yeshua[110]

19 Now the chief priest interrogated **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) about his followers and about his teaching. **20** **Yeshua** answered him, "I've spoken openly to the people. I always taught in the meeting halls and in the temple where Jewish people meet. I didn't speak in secret **21** so why are you asking *me*? Ask the people who heard what I told them—they're the ones who know what I said."

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105 **RV 18:6 · Note** TD: It's not clear from the original if they fell over backwards, or if they stepped back and then fell forward (either voluntarily or involuntarily) onto their knees.

106 **RV 18:9 · Note** TD: It's not certain from the original whether v9 was part of Mark's commentary on the events or part of Yeshua's response to the arresting party.

107 **RV 18:11 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:39; Mrk 14:36; Luk 22:42.

108 **RV 18:14 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 11:49-50.

109 **RV 18:15 · Parallel** Mat. 26:59-66; Mark 14:55-64; Luke 22:66-71

110 **RV 18:19 · Parallel** Mat. 26:59-66; Mark 14:69-72; Luke 22:58-62

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22 When he said that, one of the attendants standing there slapped **Yeshua** on the face and said, "You think you can answer the chief priest like that?"

23 But **Yeshua** responded, "If I said anything wrong, tell me my error. But if it was true, why are you hitting me?"

24 So Hanan (Annas; Grk. Hannas) sent him away, still tied up, to Kayafa (Caiaphas; Grk. Kaiafas) the chief priest.

Kefa again denies following Yeshua[111]

25 Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) was still standing by the fire warming himself when he was asked, "Aren't you also one of his followers?"

But he denied it, saying, "No, I'm not."

26 One of the servants of the chief priest who was a relative of the man whose ear Kefa had cut off said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)?"

27 But Kefa again denied it, and just then a rooster crowed.

Pilatos interrogates Yeshua[112]

28 Then they led **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) out from Kayafa' (Caiaphas'; Grk. Kaiafas') place and towards the residence of the governor. It was now the early hours of the morning and as Yehudim (Jews), they didn't enter the residence of the Romaios governor so they wouldn't become defiled and thus unable to eat the Passover meal. 29 So Governor Pilatos (Pilate) came outside to them and asked, "What charge are you all bringing against this man?"

30 "We wouldn't have brought him to you if he hadn't committed a serious crime," they answered.

31 So Pilatos said, "You just take him and judge him yourselves according to your own laws."

But the Jewish leaders responded, "We don't have permission to execute anyone." 32 (This happened to fulfil what **Yeshua** had said **about** the way that he was going to die.)[113]

33 So Pilatos went back into his governor's residence and called for **Yeshua** and asked him, "So you're the king of the Yehudim?"

34 "Are you saying this yourself," **Yeshua** asked, "or did others say it about me?"

35 Pilatos retorted, "Hoy! I'm not a Yehudi (Jew). It was your own people and the chief priests that handed you over to me. What have you done?"

36 "My kingdom isn't in this world," **Yeshua** answered, "because if it was, my supporters would have fought so that I wouldn't have been handed over to the Jewish leaders. But no, my kingdom isn't from here."

37 "So you *are* a king then?" Pilatos responded.

"You're saying that I'm a king," said **Yeshua**, "and indeed I was born to be a king. I came into the world so that I could testify to the truth."

38 "Yeah. What is truth?" said Pilatos.

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_by gave a_slap to_ ~~the~~ _**Ya^{y}sous** having_said: Are_you_ _answering thus to_the chief_priest? 23 **Ya^{y}sous** answered to_ _him: If I_spoke wrongly, testify concerning the evil, but if rightly, why are_you_beating me? 24 Therefore ~~the~~ Annas sent_ him _out, having_been_bound to Kaiafas the chief_priest.

25 And Simōn Petros was having_stood and warming himself. Therefore they_said to_him: Are not you also of the apprentices/followers of_him? That one he_disowned and said: I_am not. 26 one of the slaves of_the chief_priest, being a_ _relative of_whom Petros cut_off his ear Is_saying: Not I saw you in the garden with him? 27 Therefore again Petros disowned, and immediately a_rooster crowed.

28 Therefore they_are_leading ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** from ~~the~~ Kaiafas into the residence_of_the_governor, and it_was early. And they not came_in into the residence_of_the_ _governor, in_order_that they_may_ not _be_defiled, but they_ _may_eat the passover_feast. 29 Therefore ~~the~~ Pilatos came_out outside to them and is_saying: What accusation are_you_all_ _bringing against this ~~the~~ man? 30 They_answered and said to_ _him: Except ~~not/lest~~ this one was doing evil, we_ would not _ _gave_over him to_you 31 Therefore Pilatos said to_them: You_ _all take him, and judge according_to the law of_you_all, him. The Youdaiōns said to_him, is_ not _permitting To_us to_kill_off no_one, 32 in_order_that the message of_ ~~the~~ _**Ya^{y}sous** may_be_ _fulfilled, that he_spoke, signifying by_what death he_was_ _going to_be_dying_off. 33 Therefore ~~the~~ Pilatos came_in again into the residence_of_the_governor, and he_called ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** and said to_him: Are you the king of_the Youdaiōns? 34 **Ya^{y}sous** answered Are_ you _saying this of yourself, or others said it to_you concerning me? 35 ~~The~~ Pilatos answered: Surely_not am I a_Youdaios? ~~The~~ Your ~~the~~ nation and the chief_ _priests gave_ you _over to_me. What did_you? 36 **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** answered: - my ~~the~~ kingdom is not of ~~the~~ world this, if ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ kingdom was of this ~~the~~ world, ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ attendants would were_fighting, in_order_that I_may_ not _be_given_over to_the Youdaiōns. But now ~~the~~ my ~~the~~ kingdom is not from_here. 37 Therefore ~~the~~ Pilatos said to_him: Are you not_then a_king? ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answered: You are_ _saying that I am a_king. for this I_have_been_born, and for this I_have_come into the world, in_order_that I_may_testify to_the truth. Everyone ~~which~~ being of the truth, is_hearing of_ _the voice of_me. 38 ~~The~~ Pilatos is_saying to_him: What is truth? And having_said this, he_came_out again to the Youdaiōns, and is_saying to_them: I am_finding not_one Guilt in him.

111 **RV 18:25 · Parallel** Mat. 26:71-75; Mark 14:69-72; Luke 22:58-62

112 **RV 18:28 · Parallel** Mat. 26:71-75; Mark 14:69-72; Luke 22:58-62

113 **RV 18:32 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 3:14; 12:32.

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39 But it_is a_custom with_you_all, that I_may_send_away one to_you_all at the passover_feast, therefore are_you_all_wishing I_may_send_away to_you_all the king of_the Youdaiōns?
40 Therefore they_cried_out again saying: Not this one, but ~~the~~ Barabbas. And ~~the~~ Barabbas was a_robber.
19:1 Therefore ~~the~~ Pilatos then took ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** and flogged him. **2** And the soldiers having_twisted_together a_crown of thorns, they_put_on it on_the head of_him, and they_clothed him in_a_ purple _robe, **3** and they_were_coming to him and they_were_saying: Greetings, ~~the~~ king of_the Youdaiōns. And they_were_giving slaps to_him. **4** And ~~the~~ Pilatos came_out again outside, and is_saying to_them: Behold, I_am_bringing him out to_you_all, in_order_that you_all_may_know that I_am_ not _finding guilt in him. **5** Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** came_out outside, wearing the thorny crown and the purple robe. And he_is_saying to_them: Behold, the man. **6** Therefore when the chief_priests and the attendants saw him, they_cried_ _out saying: Execute_on_a_stake. Execute_on_a_stake. ~~The~~ Pilatos is_saying to_them: You_all take him and execute_on_a_ _stake him, because/for I am_ not _finding guilt in him. **7** The Youdaiōns answered, to_him: We are_having a_law, and according_to the law he_ought to_die_off, because he_made himself the_son of_**god**. **8** Therefore when ~~the~~ Pilatos heard this ~~the~~ message, he_was_ more _afraid. **9** And he_came_in into the residence_of_the_governor again, and is_saying to_ ~~the~~ _ _**Ya^{y}sous**: From_where are you? But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** not gave an_ _answer to_him. **10** Therefore ~~the~~ Pilatos is_saying to_him, you_ _are_ not _speaking To_me? You_have_ not _known that I_am_ _having authority to_send_ you _away, and I_am_having authority to_execute_on_a_stake you? **11** **Ya^{y}sous** answered to_ _him: You_were_ not _having authority against me not_one, except ~~not/lest~~ was having_been_given to_you from_above. Because_of this the one having_given_ me _over to_you, is_ _having greater sin. **12** Out_of this ~~the~~ Pilatos was_seeking to_ _send_away him. But the Youdaiōns cried_out saying: If you_ _may_send_away this man, you_are not a_friend of_ ~~the~~ _Kaisar. Everyone making himself ~~which~~ a_king, is_speaking_against ~~the~~ against_Kaisar. **13** Therefore ~~the~~ Pilatos, having_heard of_ ~~the~~ _ _messages these, brought outside ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, and he_sat_down on the_tribunal, at a_place being_called the_ _Stone_Pavement, But in_Hebraios, Gabbatha. **14** And it_was the_preparation day of_the passover_feast, the_hour was about the_sixth. And he_is_saying to_the Youdaiōns: Behold, the king of_you_all. **15** And they cried_out: Take_away. Take_away. Execute_on_a_stake him. ~~The~~ Pilatos is_saying to_them: May_I_ _execute_on_a_stake the king of_you_all? The Chief_priests answered: We_are_ not _having a_king, except ~~not/lest~~ Kaisar. **16** Therefore then he_gave_ him _over, to_them, in_order_that he_may_be_executed_on_a_stake. They_took And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, led_ him _away

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Pilatos gives permission to execute an innocent man[114]

After he'd said this, Pilatos (Pilate) went back outside to the Yehudim (Jews) and told them, "I can't find anything that he's guilty of. **39** But you all have a custom here that the governor can release one prisoner during the Passover. So would you like me to release the king of the Yehudim?"

40 But they all yelled back, "No, not this one. Release Bar-Aba (Grk. Barabbas)." (Bar-Aba was a robber.)

19:1 So Pilatos took **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and had him flogged. **2** Then the soldiers twisted some thorn branches together into a crown and put it on Yeshua's head, and they dressed him in a royal purple robe. **3** They came up to him and said, "Greetings, you king of the Yehudim," and then slapped him.

4 Then Pilatos went back outside and said to the Yehudim, "Look here. I'm bringing him out to you so that you all can know that I didn't find him guilty of anything." **5** So they led **Yeshua** out wearing the thorny crown and the kingly robe, and Pilatos said, "Look. Here's the man."

6 Now when the chief priests and their supporters saw him, they yelled out, "Execute him on a stake! Execute him on a stake!"

"Well you take him and execute him on a stake," Pilatos answered, "because I haven't found anything that he's guilty of."

7 The Yehudim responded, "We have a law and he should be executed according to that law because he said he was the son **of God**."

8 Now when Pilatos heard that, he became more afraid. **9** So he went back inside the residence and asked **Yeshua**, "Where do you come from?"

But **Yeshua** didn't answer him. **10** So Pilatos said, "Why don't you answer me? Don't you realise that I have the authority to release you and I also have the authority to have you executed on a stake?"

11 "You have no authority over me," **Yeshua** answered, "none at all, except what has been granted to you from above. Because of this, the sin of the person who handed me over to you is greater."

12 After hearing this, Pilatos wanted to release him but the Yehudim yelled out, "If you release that man, you're no friend of Kaisar. Everyone who claims to be a king is no friend of Kaisar's."

13 So now Pilatos, having heard all this, brought **Yeshua** outside again. Pilatos sat down on the judge's seat at a place called The Stone Pavement (and called Gabatha in Hebrew). **14** It was now about noon on the day when the Passover meal is prepared, and Pilatos said to the Yehudim, "Look. Here's your king."

15 They yelled back, "Take him away. Take him away. Execute him on a stake."

Pilatos asked them, "You want me to have your king executed on a stake?"

"We don't have any king other than Kaisar," the chief priests

114 **RV 18:39 · Parallel** Mat. 27:15-31; Mark 15:6-20; Luke 23:13-25

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answered.

16 So Pilatos gave them his permission and handed **Yeshua** over to them, and they took him away to be executed on a stake.

Yeshua is hung on a stake[115]

17 Carrying the pole[116] himself, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) arrived at the Place of the Skull (called Golgotha in Hebrew) just out of the city **18** where they secured him to a stake along with two others—one stake on each side and with **Yeshua** on the middle one. **19** Pilatos (Pilate) wrote out a title and put it on the stake: **Yeshua** from Nazaret, the king of the Yehudim (Jews). **20** Many Yehudim read this title because the place where **Yeshua** was executed was near the city, and it had been written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. **21** But the Jewish chief priests complained to Pilatos, "Don't write 'The king of the Yehudim', but rather 'The one who *said* he was king of the Yehudim'."

22 However Pilatos answered, "What I've written, I've written."

23 After the soldiers had fastened **Yeshua** to the stake, they took his clothes and placed them in four piles, one for each of them. This left his robe, which had been woven from top to bottom in one piece. **24** So they said to each other, "Rather than tearing this, let's throw a dice to see who will get it." (This fulfilled what was written in the scriptures that said: they divided my garments among themselves and threw a dice for my clothes.)[117] So they went ahead and did that.

25 Meanwhile a group of women had stayed standing near **Yeshua** on the stake: his mother and his aunt, Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) the wife of Klopas, and Miryam from Magdala. **26** When **Yeshua** saw his mother and also the apprentice that he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Look, he'll be your son." **27** And to the apprentice he said, "Look, she'll be your mother." And that apprentice took her into his own home from then on.

Yeshua gives up his life on the stake[118]

28 Having done this, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) knew that everything had been accomplished, and (in order for the scriptures to be fulfilled) said, "I'm thirsty."[119]

29 There was a container lying there full of vinegary wine, so they placed a sponge on a hyssop stalk, soaked it in the wine, and held it up to his mouth. **30** After **Yeshua** had sucked some wine out, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Yeshua's side is pierced with a spear

31 Now because it was the preparation day[120] for the coming Rest Day, the Yehudim (Jews) didn't want the bodies to remain on the stakes

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17 And bearing the stake to_himself, he_came_out to the place being_called: place Of_the_skull, which is_being_called In_ _Hebraios, Golgotha/(Gulgolet), **18** where they_executed_on_a_ _stake him, and with him two others, on_this_side and on_that_ _side, and ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** in_the_middle. **19** And ~~the~~ Pilatos wrote also a_title, and put on the stake. And it_was having_been_ _written: **Ya^{y}sous** the from_Nazaret, the king of_the Youdaiōns. **20** Therefore this ~~the~~ title many of_the Youdaiōns read, because the place was near of_the city, where ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** was_executed_on_a_stake, and it_was having_been_written In_ _Hebraios, In_Latin, In_Hella^{y}n. **21** Therefore the chief_priests of_the Youdaiōns were_saying to_ ~~the~~ _Pilatos: Be_ not _writing: The king of_the Youdaiōns, but that that one said: I_am king. of_the Youdaiōns. **22** ~~The~~ Pilatos answered: What I_have_ _written, I_have_written. **23** Therefore the soldiers when they_ _executed_on_a_stake ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, took the clothes of_him, and they_made four parts, a_part to_each soldier, and the tunic. And the tunic was seamless, from the_ top _parts woven through all. **24** Therefore they_said to one_another: We_may_ not _tear it, but we_may_choose_by_lot for it, whose it_will_be, in_order_that the scripture may_be_fulfilled ~~which~~ saying: They_divided the clothes of_me to_themselves, and they_threw a_lot for the clothing of_me. The therefore on_one_hand soldiers did these things. **25** On_the_other_hand the mother of_ _him had_stood by the stake of_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous**, and the sister of_ _the mother of_him, Maria/(Miryām) the wife of_ ~~the~~ _Clopas, and Maria the from_Magdala. **26** **Ya^{y}sous** therefore having_ _seen his mother, and the apprentice/follower having_stood_ _by whom he_was_loving, is_saying to_the mother: Woman, see, the son of_you. **27** Thereafter he_is_saying to_the apprentice/follower: Behold, the mother of_you. And from that ~~the~~ hour took the apprentice/follower her to his own.

28 After this having_known ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** that all things now has_been_accomplished, in_order_that the scripture may_be_completed, he_is_saying: I_am_thirsting. **29** A_vessel was_lying full of_wine_vinegar, therefore a_sponge full of_the wine_vinegar having_put_around around_a_hyssop stalk, they_brought over_it to_his mouth. **30** Therefore when ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** took the wine_vinegar, he_said: It_has_been_ _finished. And having_bowed the head, he_gave_over his spirit.

31 Therefore the Youdaiōns, because it_was the_preparation day, in_order_that the bodies may_ not _remain on the stake on the day_of_rest (for it_was great the day of_that ~~the~~ day_of_ _rest), they_asked ~~the~~ Pilatos that the legs of_them may_be_

115 **RV 19:17 · Parallel** Mat. 27:32-44; Mark 15:21-32; Luke 23:26-43

116 **RV 19:17 · Note** TD: The Greek word used here is used in other places to mean a stake such as used to make a fence. It's uncertain whether or not it had a horizontal cross-piece, although the Romans did use a range of methods.

117 **RV 19:24 · Cross-ref.** Psa 22:18.

118 **RV 19:28 · Parallel** Mat. 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49

119 **RV 19:28 · Cross-ref.** Psa 69:21; 22:15.

120 **RV 19:31 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 19:14.

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_broken, and they_may_be_taken_away. **32** Therefore the soldiers came, and they_broke the legs of_the first on_one_ _hand, and of_the other ~~which~~ having_been_executed_on_a_ _stake_with with_him, **33** on_the_other_hand having_come to ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, when they_saw him having_died already, they_ not _broke the legs of_him. **34** But one of_the soldiers pierced the side of_him with_a_spear, and immediately blood and water came_out. **35** And the one having_seen has_testified, and the testimony of_him is true, and that one has_known that he_is_ _speaking true, in_order_that also you_all you_all_may_be_ _believing. **36** For/Because these things became, in_order_that the scripture may_be_fulfilled: Bone of_him ‹will›_ not _be_ _being_broken. **37** And furthermore another scripture is_ _saying: They_will_be_looking on whom they_pierced.

38 And after these things, Yōsa^{y}f/(Yōşēf) ~~which~~ from Arimathaia being an_apprentice/follower of_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, but having_been_hidden because_of the fear of_the Youdaiōns asked ~~the~~ Pilatos, that he_may_take_away the body of_ ~~the~~ _ **_Ya^{y}sous**, and ~~the~~ Pilatos permitted it. Therefore came and they_took_ him. _away. **39** And Nikoda^{y}mos also came, the one having_come to him at_the first by_night, bringing a_wrapping of_myrrh and aloe, about a_hundred pounds. **40** Therefore they_took the body ~~the~~ of_**Ya^{y}sous**, and they_bound it in_linen_ _cloths with the spices, as the_custom of_the Youdaiōns is to_ _be_burying. **41** And there_was a_garden in the place where he_ _was_executed_on_a_stake, and in the garden a_ new _tomb, in which not_yet no_one was having_been_laid. **42** Therefore because_of the preparation day of_the Youdaiōns, because near was the tomb, they_laid ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** there.

20:1 And on_the first day of_the week, Maria/(Miryām) the from_Magdala is_coming early, to the tomb still being darkness, and is_seeing the stone having_been_taken_away from the tomb. **2** Therefore she_is_running and is_coming to Simōn Petros, and to the other apprentice/follower whom was_loving ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, and she_is_saying to_them: They_took_away the **master** out_of the tomb, and we_have_ not _known where they_laid him. **3** Therefore ~~the~~ Petros and the other apprentice/follower came_out, and they_were_coming to the tomb. **4** And the two were_running together, and the other apprentice/follower ran_ahead more_quickly than ~~the~~ Petros, and came to the tomb first. **5** And having_stooped_down, he_is_ _seeing lying there the linen_cloths, however he_ not _came_in. **6** Therefore Simōn Petros is_ also _coming following after_him, and came_in into the tomb, and is_observing the linen_cloths lying there, **7** and the handkerchief, which was on the head of_ _him, lying there not with the linen_cloths, but separately having_been_wrapped in one place. **8** Therefore then the other apprentice/follower also came_in, ~~which~~ having_come first to

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after dusk (because it was even a special Rest Day.) So they asked Pilatos (Pilate) to command for their legs to be broken to hasten their deaths and then they could be taken down sooner. **32** So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the men on each side of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), **33** but when they got to him, they saw that he was already dead so they didn't break his legs. **34** Instead one of the soldiers stabbed his side with a spear and immediately blood and water came out. **35** The one who actually saw this happen[121] has testified this and his account is accurate so that you readers can also believe it, **36** because these things also happened to fulfil what was written in the scriptures, that 'none of his bones will be broken,'[122] **37** and in another place, 'they will look at the one that they pierced.'[123]

The wrapping and laying of Yeshua's body[124]

38 After all of this, Yosef (Joseph) from Arimathaia went to Pilatos (Pilate). (Yosef was a follower **of Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), but secretly because he was afraid of what the Jewish leaders might do.) He asked Pilatos for permission to remove **Yeshua's** body, and it was granted to him so they went and got his body. **39** Nikodemos (the one who had first visited Yeshua at night)[125] also came, bringing around 30kg of burial spices. **40** So they took **Yeshua's** body and wrapped it around with linen strips with the spices as per the Jewish burial customs. **41** There was a garden out at the place where Yeshua had been executed, and in the garden there was a new tomb that hadn't been used yet. **42** So because it was the preparation day and because the tomb was nearby, they laid his body in there.

The body is missing from the chamber[126]

20:1 The following Sunday, Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala went out to the tomb very early when it was still dark, and she saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. **2** So she ran quickly and went to Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and the other apprentice that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) loved, and told them, "They've taken the **master's** body out of the tomb and we don't know where they've put it."

3 So Kefa and the other apprentice went out to the tomb. **4** They were running together, but the other apprentice was a bit faster than Kefa and so he got to the tomb first. **5** Without going in, he stooped down at the entrance and looked in and saw the linen strips lying there. **6** But Kefa came along behind him and went straight into the tomb and also saw the linen strips lying there. **7** But the piece of cloth that had been on the head wasn't lying there with the linen strips, but had been folded and placed separately. **8** So now the other apprentice who had arrived first

121 **RV 9:35 · Note** Believed to be the author of this account.

122 **RV 19:36 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:46; Num 9:12; Psa 34:20.

123 **RV 19:37 · Cross-ref.** Zech 12:10; Rev 1:7.

124 **RV 19:38 · Parallel** Mat. 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56

125 **RV 19:39 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 3:1-2.

126 **RV 20:1 · Parallel** Mat. 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12

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also went inside and he saw it all and believed that Yeshua had risen. **9** (At that time they weren't yet aware of the scripture about him coming back to life.) **10** So they went back again to their homes.

Yeshua reveals himself to Miryam from Magdala[127]

11 But Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) had stayed there outside the tomb weeping. But when she stooped down and looked into the tomb, **12** she saw two messengers dressed in white sitting there—one at the head end and one at the feet end **of** the slab where **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') body had been lying. **13** They spoke to her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"Because they've taken away my **master**," she replied, "and I don't know where they've put him."

14 Then she turned back around and saw **Yeshua** standing there, but she didn't realise who it was. **15** **Yeshua** asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Miryam assumed he might be the gardener, so she answered, "Mister, if you took the body, tell me where you put it and I'll get it taken away for you."

16 **Yeshua** just answered, "Miryam."

She spun around and said, "My teacher!" ('Rabboni' in Hebrew.)

17 "Don't touch me," **Yeshua** said to her, "because I haven't gone back up to the father yet, but go and tell my brothers that I'm going up to my father and the father of you all, and my **god** and the **god** of you all."

18 So Miryam went and told the apprentices, "I've seen the **master**," and she told them what he'd said.

Yeshua appears to his followers[128]

19 On Sunday evening **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices had met together and had the doors locked because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, but **Yeshua** arrived and stood in the middle of the room and said, "Peace to you all." **20** Then he showed them his hands and his side and they were so happy now that they had seen the **master**. **21** **Yeshua** continued, "Peace to you all. Now I'm sending you all out just like the father sent me out." **22** Then he breathed on them[129] and said, "Receive the holy **spirit**. **23** If you forgive anyone's sins, then they'll be forgiven but if you withhold forgiveness, then it will be withheld."[130]

Toma sees the evidence for himself

24 But Toma (Thomas), one of the twelve (nicknamed 'Twin'), wasn't with them when **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had come **25** so the other apprentices told him, "We have seen the **master**."

But he replied, "I won't believe that unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and I can put my finger into the marks and

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the tomb, and he_saw and believed, **9** for/because they_had_ not_yet _known the scripture that it_is_fitting him to_rise_up from the_dead. **10** Therefore the apprentices/followers they_ _went_away again to themselves.

11 But Maria/(Miryām) had_stood at the tomb outside weeping. Therefore as she_was_weeping, she_stooped_down into the tomb, **12** and is_observing two messengers in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of_ ~~the~~ _ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** was_lying. **13** And those are_saying to_ _her: Woman, why are_you_weeping? She_is_saying to_them: Because they_took_away the **master** of_me, and I_have_ not _ _known where they_laid him. **14** Having_said these things, she_ _was_turned back to the things, and is_observing ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_stood, and had_ not _known that it_is **Ya^{y}sous**. **15** **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_her: Woman, why are_you_weeping? Whom are_you_seeking? That woman supposing that he_is the gardener, is_saying to_him: Master, if you bore him, tell to_me where you_laid him, and_I will_be_taking_ him _away. **16** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_her: Maria. that woman Having_been_ _turned is_saying to_him In_Hebraios: Rabboni (that is_being_ _called: Teacher). **17** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_her: Be_ not _ _touching against_me, because/for I_have_ not_yet _gone_up to the father, but be_going to the brothers of_me, and say to_ _them: I_am_going_up to the father of_me, and the_father of_ _you_all, and **god** of_me, and **god** of_you_all. **18** Maria/(Miryām) the from_Magdala Is_coming announcing to_the apprentices/followers, ~~that~~ I_have_seen the **master**, and he_said these things to_her.

19 Therefore being evening ~~the~~ on_ that _day ~~the~~ first of_the_ _week, and the doors having_been_shut where the apprentices/followers were because_of the fear of_the Youdaiōns, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** came and stood in the midst, and is_saying to_them: Peace to_you_all. **20** And having_ _said this, he_showed his hands and his side to_them. Therefore the apprentices/followers were_elated, having_seen the **master**. **21** Therefore ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** he_said to_them again: Peace to_you_all, as the father has_sent_ me _out, also_I am_ _sending you_all. **22** And having_said this, he_breathed_on them and is_saying to_them: Receive holy the_**spirit**. **23** If of_ _any you_all_may_forgive the sins, they_have_been_forgiven to_them, if of_any you_all_may_be_restraining, they_have_ _been_restrained.

24 But Thōmas, one of the twelve, the one being_called Didumos/[twin], was not with them when **Ya^{y}sous** came. **25** Therefore the other apprentices/followers were_saying to_ _him: We_have_seen the **master**. But he said to_them: If I_may_ not _see the mark of_the nails in the hands of_him, and I_may_ _put the finger of_me into the mark of_the nails, and I_may_put the hand of_me into the side of_him, by_no_means I_‹will›_ not

127 **RV 20:11 · Parallel** Mat. 28:9-10; Mark 16:9-11

128 **RV 20:19 · Parallel** Mat. 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:36-49

129 **RV 20:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:7.

130 **RV 20:23 · Cross-ref.** Mat 16:19; 18:18.

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_be_believing. **26** And after eight days the apprentices/followers of_him were again inside, and Thōmas with them. ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** Is_coming, the doors having_been_shut, and stood in the midst, and said: Peace to_ _you_all. **27** Thereafter he_is_saying to_ ~~the~~ _Thōmas: Be_ _bringing the finger of_you here, and see the hands of_me, and be_bringing the hand of_you, and put it into the side of_me, and be_ not _becoming unbelieving, but believing. **28** Thōmas answered and said to_him: - **master** of_me and ~~the~~ **god** of_me. **29** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_him: Because you_have_seen me, have_believed, blessed are the ones not having_seen, and_yet having_believed.

30 Many therefore on_one_hand other signs ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** also did before of_the apprentices/followers of_him, which is not having_been_written in the this scroll. **31** On_the_other_hand these things has_been_written, in_order_that you_all_may_be_ _believing that **Ya^{y}sous** is the **chosen_one/messiah**, the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and in_order_that believing, you_all_may_be_ _having life in the name of_him.

21:1 After these things, **Ya^{y}sous** revealed himself again to_the apprentices/followers at the sea of_ ~~the~~ _Tiberios, and he_ _revealed himself thus: **2** Simōn Petros, and Thōmas ~~which~~ being_called Didumos/[twin], and Nathanaa^{y}l the one from Kana of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl), and the sons ~~the~~ of_Zebedaios, and two others of the apprentices/followers of_him. were together. **3** Simōn Petros is_saying to_them: I_am_going to_be_fishing. They_are_saying to_him: We are_ also _coming with you. They_ _came_out and they_boarded into the boat, and at that ~~the~~ night they_caught nothing. **4** But in_the_morning already becoming, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** stood on the shore, however the apprentices/followers had_ not _known that it_is **Ya^{y}sous**. **5** therefore **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_them: Little_children, you_all_ _are_ not _having any fish? They_answered to_him: No. **6** And he said to_them: Cast the net to the right side of_the boat, and you_all_will_be_finding them. Therefore they_throw, and was_ no_longer _able to_drag it because_of the multitude of_the fishes. **7** Therefore ~~the~~ apprentice/follower that whom ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_loving is_saying to_ ~~the~~ _Petros: It_is the **master**. Therefore Simōn Petros having_heard that it_is the **master**, girded his outer_garment, because/for he_was naked, and throw himself into the sea. **8** And the other apprentices/followers in_the little_boat came, because/for they_were not far from the land, but from about two_hundred cubits dragging the net with_the fishes. **9** Therefore when they_got_out on the land, they_are_seeing a_charcoal_fire lying, and fish laying_on it, and bread. **10** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_them: Bring from the fish which you_all_caught now. **11** Therefore Simōn Petros went_up, and dragged the net to ~~the~~ land full of_ large _fishes a_hundred fifty three, but being so_ _many, the net was_ not _torn. **12** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is_ _saying to_them: Come, eat_breakfast. But no_one of_the apprentices/followers was_daring to_question him, who are You? Having_known that it_is the **master**. **13** **Ya^{y}sous** is_

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can put my hand into the gash on his side."

26 Eight days later, **Yeshua's** apprentices were again together inside, and this time Toma was with them. **27** Yeshua came and stood in the middle of the room even though the doors were shut, and said, "Peace to you all."

28 Toma spoke up, "My **master** and my **god**!"

29 "So you believe now because you've seen me," said **Yeshua**. "The ones who haven't seen me, but who believe anyway, will certainly be rewarded."

Why this document was written

30 **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went on to do many other miracles in front of his apprentices which aren't recorded in this account. **31** But what has been written here has been recorded so that you might all believe that **Yeshua** is the **messiah**, **God's** son, and then by believing, so that you might have true life through his power.

The miracle of the net full of fish

21:1 After all this, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) revealed himself again to his apprentices at Lake Galil. It happened like this: **2** Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), Toma (Thomas) nicknamed 'Twin', Netanel (Nathanael) from Kana in Galil, the sons of Zavday (Grk. Zebedaios), and two other apprentices had gathered together **3** when Shim'on Kefa said that he was going fishing and the others said that they'd join him.

So they went off and got in the boat, but they didn't catch anything that night.[131]

4 **When** the dawn was approaching, **Yeshua** was standing there on the shore, but they didn't know that it was him. **5** He called out, "Hey, young fellas. Don't you have any fish?"

"None." they answered.

6 Then he said, "Throw the net out over the right side of the boat and you'll find some." So they did it and they caught so many fish that the net was too heavy to pull back in.[132]

7 Now the apprentice that **Yeshua** loved said to Kefa, "It's the **master**!" When Shim'on Kefa heard that, he put on his robe (because he didn't have it on), and jumped overboard into the lake. **8** The other apprentices followed in the little boat dragging the net behind them because they were only about 100m out from the shore. **9** When they went up the beach, they saw some bread there and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it **10** and **Yeshua** told them, "Bring some of the fish that you just caught."

11 So Shim'on Kefa went and dragged the net up onto the beach. Amazingly it hadn't torn even though it contained 153 large fish. **12** Then **Yeshua** said, "Now, come and have breakfast." But none of the apprentices dared to ask who he was, because they figured it must be the **master**. **13** **Yeshua** brought the

131 **RV 21:3 · Cross-ref.** Luk 5:5.

132 **RV 21:6 · Cross-ref.** Luk 5:6.

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bread to them and shared it around, and then likewise for the fish.

14 This was now the third time that **Yeshua** had appeared to his apprentices since he'd come back to life.

Yeshua questions Kefa

15 While they were eating, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) asked Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), "Shim'on, son of Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), do you love me more than these?"

Kefa answered, "Yes, **master**, you know that I love you."

Yeshua responded, "Feed my lambs." **16** Then he asked again, "Shim'on, son of Yohan, do you love me?"

Kefa replied, "Yes, **master**, you know that I love you."

Yeshua responded, "Shepherd my sheep." **17** Then he asked a third time, "Shim'on, son of Yohan, do you love me?"

Kefa was now upset that he'd been asked a third time if he loved him, and he answered, "**Master**, you know everything."

"Feed my sheep," **Yeshua** responded. **18** "I can assure you that while you are young, you dress yourself and go wherever you want to go, but as you age, you'll be stretching out your hands and others will dress you and will take you where you don't want to go." **19** When he said this, Yeshua was indicating how Kefa would die honouring **God**, and he told Kefa, "Keep following me."

20 When Kefa turned around he saw that the apprentice that **Yeshua** loved was following them—the one who'd leaned on **Yeshua's** chest during the supper and asked who the one was who would turn Yeshua over.[133] **21** Noticing him, Kefa asked **Yeshua**, "**Master**, what about that one?"

22 But **Yeshua** replied, "If I want him to stay alive until I come back, what business would it be of yours? You just stay following me."

23 As a result of that, a rumour went around the others that that one wouldn't die, but **Yeshua** never said that. (He only said, "If I want him to stay alive until I come back, what business would it be of yours?")

Statement of fact

24 This author is the apprentice that testifies about these things—the one who wrote this down and whose account is true. **25** (There were also many other things that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) did, which if they were all written down then even the world itself wouldn't have room for all the books that would need to be written.)

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_coming, and is_taking the bread and is_giving to_them, and the fish likewise. **14** This now the_third time **Ya^{y}sous** was_ _revealed to_the apprentices/followers, having_been_raised from the_dead.

15 Therefore when they_ate_lunch, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_ ~~the~~ _Simōn Petros: Simōn son of_Yōanna^{y}s, are_you_loving me more than these? He_is_saying to_him: Yes, **master**, you have_ _known that I_am_loving you. He_is_saying to_him: Be_feeding the lambs of_me. **16** He_is_saying to_him again secondly: Simōn son of_Yōanna^{y}s, are_you_loving me? He_is_saying to_him: Yes, **master**, you have_known that I_am_loving you. He_is_saying to_him: Be_shepherding the sheep of_me. **17** He_is_saying to_ _him the third time: Simōn son of_Yōanna^{y}s, are_you_loving me? ~~the~~ Petros was_sorrowed because he_said to_him the third time: Are_you_loving me? And he_is_saying to_him: **master**, you have_known all things, you are_knowing that I_am_loving you. **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** is_saying to_him: Be_feeding the lambs of_me. **18** Truly, truly, I_am_saying to_you, when you_ _were younger, you_were_girding yourself, and you_were_ _walking where you_were_wanting, but whenever you_may_ _age, you_will_be_stretching_out the hands of_you, and another will_be_girding you, and will_be_bringing where you_ _are_ not _wanting. **19** And he_said this, signifying by_what death he_will_be_glorifying ~~the~~ **god**. And having_said this, he_ _is_saying to_him: Be_following after_me. **20** Having_been_ _turned_back, ~~the~~ Petros is_seeing the apprentice/follower whom ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_loving who also sat_down at the supper on the chest of_him following, and said: **master**, who is, the one giving_ you _over? **21** Therefore having_seen this one, ~~the~~ Petros is_saying to_ ~~the~~ _**Ya^{y}sous**: **master**, and what about this one? **22** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_him: If I_may_be_wanting him to_be_remaining until I_am_coming, what is_it to you? You be_ _following after_me. **23** Therefore this ~~the~~ statement came_out among the brothers, that ~~the~~ that apprentice/follower is_ _dying_off. Not but ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** not said to_him that He_is_ not _dying_off, but only: If I_may_be_wanting him to_be_remaining until I_am_coming, what is_it to you?

24 This one is the apprentice/follower ~~which~~ testifying concerning these things, and the one having_written these things, and we_have_known that the testimony of_him is true. **25** And is also many other things that ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** did, which if in_every one may_be_being_written, I_am_ _supposing not_even the world itself going_to_be_having_room for_the scrolls being_written.

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133 RV 21:20 · Cross-ref. Yhn 13:25.

The account of Yeshua's ministry by

Markos

Introduction

Author

This account about Yeshua's activities and teachings was written by Markos (typically shortened to 'Mark' in English), the son of a Jewish family who lived in Yerushalem/Jerusalem. His mother was named Miryam/Mary (Acts 12:12).

Many people think he was Yohan/John Markos, a cousin of Barnabas (Col. 4:10) who accompanied Paulos on his first long-distance trip to spread the good message about Yeshua the messiah (Acts 12:25, 13:13). We also know that Markos accompanied Kefa (1 Peter 5:13), and some consider that it might have been Kefa who narrated to Markos what Yeshua had done and taught.

This account

This account seems to have been written for non-Jews, especially perhaps those familiar with Romaios customs. So he didn't use as much ink as Matay or Lukas explaining prophecies from the Jewish scriptures but he does however, take time to explain Jewish customs to help non-Jewish readers.

Markos explains here that Yeshua came to serve both God and the people, and he often refers to him as 'the son of humanity' (traditionally translated very literally from the Greek as the 'Son of Man'). We can see that especially in 10:45: "Even the son of humanity didn't come to be served, but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom to set many people free." Markos wants his readers to know that Yeshua did incredible things, but especially focuses on Yeshua's teaching. Markos confirms Yeshua's power and authority by telling about the miracles that he did, his healing of the sick, and his exorcism of demons.

The ending of this account is often disputed, and scholars are still debating (https://textandcanon.org/a-case-for-the-longer-ending-of-mark) about whether or not the longer ending (16:9-20) is original to Markos. The *OET* includes the disputed longer ending, but displays it in a lighter colour to indicate its debatable status.

Main components of Markos' account

Preparation for and arrival of the messiah *1:1-13*
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The transition from Galil to Yerushalem *10:1-52*
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1:1 Here begins the good message about[1] **God's** son, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the **messiah**:

The ministry of Yohan the immerser (The return of 'Eliyah')[2]

2 The prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) wrote:
"Look, I'm sending my messenger ahead of you,
the one who'll be preparing your path.[3]
3 The voice out in the wilderness shouting,
'Get the path ready for **Yahweh**—
make it smooth for him to walk on.' "[4]

4 Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) turned up in the wilderness announcing that people should get immersed in water in order to show that their sins have been forgiven, **5** and many from the Yehudah (Judea) region and from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) city went out to hear him, and asked Yohan to immerse them in the Yarden (Jordan) river as they confessed their sins.

6 Yohan was dressed in simple clothes made from camel hair with a leather belt around his waist,[5] and he lived on locusts and wild honey. **7** He also announced, "There's a greater man coming soon—in fact I'm not even good enough to bend down and untie his sandal straps. **8** I immersed you all in water, but he'll immerse you in God's holy **spirit**."

Yeshua gets immersed and then tempted[6]

9 Then one day **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) came from Nazaret (Nazareth) in the Galil region, and he got immersed in the Yarden (Jordan) river by Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes). **10** As Yeshua came up out of the water, he saw the sky being opened up, and God's **spirit** coming down on him like a dove. **11** And a voice came from the sky saying, "You're my son who I love and am pleased with."[7]

12 After that, the **spirit** sent him out into the wilderness **13** where he was tested by Satan for forty days. He was out there with the wild animals, but God's messengers[8] looked after him there.

The selection of the first followers/apprentices[9]

14 After Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) had been arrested, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went back up north to Galil, announcing the good news from **God** **15** saying, "The promised time is here, and **God's** kingdom is now near. Turn from your sins and believe this good news."[10]

Literal Version

1:1 The_beginning of_the good_message of_ **_Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, son of_**god**.

2 As it_has_been_written in ~~the~~ Aʸsaias/(Yəshaʻʸāh) the prophet: Behold, I_am_sending_out the messenger of_me before the_ _face of_you, who will_be_preparing the way of_you. **3** The_ _voice of_a_shouting one in the wilderness prepare the way of_ _the_**master**, be_making the paths of_him straight. **4** Yōannaʸs became the one immersing in the wilderness, and proclaiming an_immersion of_repentance for forgiveness of_sins. **5** And all the Youdaia region and all of_the ones_from_ _Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālam) was_going_out to him and they_ _were_being_immersed by him in the Yordanaʸs/(Yardēn) river, confessing the sins of_them. **6** And ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs was having_ _dressed_in hairs of_a_camel, and a_ leather _belt around the waist of_him, and eating locusts and wild honey. **7** And he_was_ _proclaiming saying: The one mightier than me is_coming after me, of_whom I_am not worthy having_bent_down, to_untie the strap of_the sandals of_him. **8** I immersed you_all in_water, but he will_be_immersing you_all the_ holy **_spirit**.

9 And it_became in those ~~the~~ days, **Yaʸsous** came from Nazaret of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl), and he_was_immersed in the Yordanaʸs by Yōannaʸs. **10** And immediately going_up from the water, he_ _saw the heavens being_divided, and the **spirit** as a_dove coming_down on him. **11** And a_voice became out_of the heavens: You are the ~~the~~ beloved son of_me, I_took_pleasure in you. **12** And immediately the **spirit** is_sending_ him _forth into the wilderness. **13** And he_was in the wilderness forty days being_tempted by ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān), and he_was with the wild_ _beasts, and the messengers were_serving unto_him.

14 And after ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs ~~which~~ to_be_given_over, ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** came into ~~the~~ Galilaia, proclaiming the good_message of_ ~~the~~ **_god** **15** and saying, ~~that~~ The time has_ _been_fulfilled and the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** has_neared, be_ _repenting and be_believing in the good_message. **16** And passing_by by the sea of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia, he_saw Simōn and Andreas the brother of_Simōn casting a_net in the sea for they_

1 RV 1:1 · Note As well as 'about', the Greek construction can also have the connotation of 'brought by', or even imply both. (Yohan 1:1 also confirms that Yeshua was both the messenger and the message itself.)

2 RV 1:2 · Parallel Mat. 3:1-12; Luke 3:1-18; Yhn. 1:19-28

3 RV 1:2 · Cross-ref. Mal 3:1.

4 RV 1:3 · Cross-ref. Isa 40:3 (LXX).

5 RV 1:6 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 1:8.

6 RV 1:9 · Parallel Mat. 3:13–4:11; Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-13

7 RV 1:11 · Cross-ref. Gen 22:2; Psa 2:7; Isa 42:1; Mat 3:17; 12:18; Mrk 9:7; Luk 3:22.

8 RV 1:13 · Note The Greek doesn't actually distinguish between human messengers and heavenly messengers (so-called 'angels'—the Greek word just transliterated letter-by-letter instead of being actually translated).

9 RV 1:14 · Parallel Mat. 4:12-22; Luke 4:14-15; 5:1-11

10 RV 1:15 · Cross-ref. Mat 3:2.

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_were fishermen. 17 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: Come after me, and I_will_be_making you_all to_become fishermen of_ _people. 18 And immediately having_left their nets, they_ _followed after_him. 19 And having_advanced little, he_saw Yakōbos/(Ya´$_{a}$qov) the son of_ ~~the~~ _Zebedaios and Yōanna^{y}s the brother of_him, also them in the boat preparing the nets. 20 And immediately he_called them. And having_left Zebedaios the father of_them in the boat with the hired_hands, they_ _went_away after him.

21 And they_are_entering_in into Kafarna'oum. And immediately on_the days_of_rest, having_come_in into the synagogue, he_was_teaching. 22 And they_were_being_ _astonished at the teaching of_him, because/for he_was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And immediately a_man with an_ unclean _spirit was in the synagogue of_them, and he_cried_out 24 saying: What to_us and to_you, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** Nazara^{y}nos? You_came to_ _destroy us? I_have_known who you are, the holy one of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**. 25 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** gave_rebuke to_him saying: Be_ _silenced and come_out out_of him. 26 And the ~~the~~ unclean spirit having_convulsed him and having_called with_a_ loud _ _voice, it_came_out from him. 27 And all were_amazed, so_as to_be_debating them saying: What is this? A_ new _teaching, he_is_commanding even to_the ~~the~~ unclean spirits with authority, and they_are_submitting to_him. 28 And the report of_him came_out immediately everywhere into all the surrounding_region of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl).

29 And immediately having_come_out out_of the synagogue, he_came into the house of_Simōn and Andreas, with Yakōbos/(Ya´$_{a}$qov) and Yōanna^{y}s. 30 And the mother_in_law of_ _Simōn was_lying being_feverish, and immediately they_are_ _speaking to_him about her. 31 And having_approached, having_taken_hold of_her hand, he_raised her. And the fever left her, and she_was_serving unto_them. 32 And having_ _become evening when the sun set, they_were_bringing all the ones being sickly and the ones being_demon_possessed to him. 33 And all the city was having_been_gathered_together at the door. 34 And he_healed many being sickly of_various diseases, and he_throw_out many demons, and he_was_ not _allowing the demons to_be_speaking because they_had_known him to_ _be **chosen_one/messiah**.

35 And exceedingly early in_the_night, having_risen_up he_ _came_out and went_away into a_ desolate _place, and_there he_was_praying. 36 And Simōn and the ones with him searched_for him, 37 and they_found him and they_are_saying

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16 As he went around Lake Galil, Yeshua saw two fishermen, Shim'on (Simon) and his brother Andreas, throwing a net into the lake 17 and he said to them, "Come with me and I'll make you into fishers of people." 18 So they left their fishing work and went off with Yeshua.

19 Then a bit further on he saw two of Zavday's (Grk. Zebedaios') sons, Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and his brother Yohan, in a boat getting the nets ready. 20 Yeshua called them and they too went off with him, leaving their father Zavday in the boat with the hired workers.

Yeshua drives out a demon[11]

21 They went on into Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) where as soon as a rest day started, he would go into the Jewish meeting hall (Grk. synagogue) and teach there. 22 The congregation was amazed at his teaching, because he taught like someone with authority, not like the regular teachers there.[12]

23 Then a demon-possessed man in the meeting hall suddenly yelled out, 24 "What are we to you, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) of Nazaret (Nazareth)? You've come to destroy us. I know that you're **God's** holy one."

25 But **Yeshua** scolded it,[13] saying, "Keep quiet!", and, "Come out of him!"

26 Then the demon threw the man into a convulsion, cried out loudly, and left him. 27 Everyone was astounded and asked each other, "What just happened? We haven't heard anything like this before—he has authority to command demons, and they obey him!" 28 So then the news about Yeshua spread all over that entire Galil region.

Yeshua heals many others[14]

29 After leaving the meeting hall, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went with Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) into the home of Shim'on (Simon) and Andreas. 30 Inside, Shim'on's mother-in-law was lying down with a fever, and the others spoke to Yeshua about her. 31 When he went up to her, and took hold of her hand and helped her up, the fever left her and she prepared something for them to eat.

32 That evening when the sun set, the people brought all those who were sick or demon-possessed to Yeshua. 33 It seemed like the entire town had gathered there outside the front door. 34 Yeshua healed many who were sick from a range of diseases, and he commanded many demons to leave—not allowing them to speak because they knew that he was **the messiah**.

Yeshua prays before going preaching[15]

35 In the small hours of the morning, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) got up and went out to a quiet place and prayed there. 36 But Shim'on (Simon)

11 RV 1:21 · Parallel Luke 4:31-37

12 RV 1:22 · Cross-ref. Mat 7:28-29.

13 RV 1:25 · Note The Greek pronoun is masculine, implying that the man was the one being scolded, yet "Come out of him!" implies that the spirit is being spoken to.

14 RV 1:29 · Parallel Mat. 8:14-17; Luke 4:38-41

15 RV 1:35 · Parallel Luke 4:42-44

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and the others came looking for him, **37** and when they found him they said, "Everyone's looking for you!"

38 "Well," Yeshua answered, "we'll be going into the other villages around here, so that I can also tell them. That's what I came here for." **39** Then he went preaching in all their meeting halls in Galil, and driving out demons.[16]

Yeshua heals a man with leprosy[17]

40 One day, a man with leprosy came to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) asking him, "I know that you could heal me if you wanted to."

41 Yeshua felt compassion for him, reached out his hand and touched him, and said, "Yes, I will. Get well." **42** Then immediately the leprosy disappeared and he was well again. **43** So Yeshua sent him away, but warned him: **44** "Don't talk to anyone—just go to the priest and show him that you're well, and as a testimony of that, make the offering that Mosheh (Moses) commanded so as to be declared clean again."[18]

45 But after the man left, he started telling lots of people and spreading the news—so much so that Yeshua could no longer come into the town but had to stay out in quieter places, and people kept coming to him.

Yeshua heals a paralysed man[19]

2:1 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went back to Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) after a few days, people soon heard that he was back in the house **2** and so many people turned up there that there wasn't any room left—not even in the doorway. Inside, Yeshua was explaining the scriptures to them. **3** Four men arrived, carrying a paralysed man to Yeshua, **4** but because of the crowd, they were unable to get close. So they climbed up onto the flat roof, removed a section, and lowered the paralysed man lying on a pallet. **5** **Yeshua**, observing their faith, said to the man, "Son, your sins are forgiven!"[20]

6 But some of the religious teachers were sitting there, thinking to themselves, **7** "Why's that fellow talking like that? He's seriously insulting God. There's only one who can forgive sins, and that's **God** himself."

8 Then **Yeshua**, knowing in his spirit that they were reasoning like that, said to them, "Why are you thinking that to yourselves? **9** Which is easier: to tell the paralysed man that his sins have been forgiven, or to tell him to pick up his bedding and walk? **10** But so you all can see that the son of humanity *does* have authority here on the earth to forgive sins," he turned and said to the paralysed man, **11** "Listen. Get up, take your bedding, and go home!"

12 So the man stood up, and picked up his bedding, and went outside, where everyone saw him and marvelled and praised **God** saying, "We've never seen anything like that happen before!"

Literal Version

to_him, ~~that~~ All are_seeking you. **38** And he_is_saying to_them: We_may_be_going elsewhere into the neighbouring villages, in_order_that also there I_may_proclaim, because/for I_came_ _out for this reason. **39** And he_came proclaiming in the synagogues of_them in all ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), and casting_out ~~the~~ demons.

40 And a_leper is_coming to him, imploring him, saying to_him, ~~that~~ If you_may_be_willing, you_are_being_able to_cleanse me. **41** And having_been_feeling_compassion, having_stretched_out the hand of_him, he_touched and is_saying to_him: I_am_ _willing, be_cleansed. **42** And immediately the leprosy went_ _away from him, and he_was_cleansed. **43** And having_ _admonished to_him, immediately sent_ him _forth, **44** and he_ _is_saying to_him: Be_seeing, you_may_speak to_no_one, nothing, but be_going, show yourself to_the priest and offer for the cleansing of_you which Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) commanded, because/for a_testimony to_them. **45** But he having_come_out began to_be_proclaiming much and to_be_spreading_abroad the message, so_that no_longer him to_be_able to_come_ openly _in into the_city, but he_was outside in desolate places and they_were_coming to him on_every_side.

2:1 And having_come_in again into Kafarna'oum through days, it_was_heard that he_is in the_house. **2** And many were_ _gathered_together so_that no_longer to_be_having_room, not even ~~which~~ at the door, and he_was_speaking the message to_ _them. **3** And they_are_coming bringing a_paralytic to him, being_carried by four. **4** And not being_able to_bring to_him because_of the crowd, they_unroofed the roof where he_was, and having_dug_ it _out, they_are_lowering the pallet where the paralytic was_lying. **5** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** having_seen the faith of_them, he_is_saying to_the paralytic: Child, the sins of_you have_been_forgiven. **6** But some of_the scribes were there, sitting and reasoning in the hearts of_them, **7** Why is_ this man _speaking thus? He_is_slandering. Who is_ _able to_be_forgiving sins, except ~~not/lest~~ one, ~~the~~ **god**? **8** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** immediately having_known in_the spirit of_him that they_are_reasoning thus in themselves, he_is_saying to_ _them: Why these things you_all_are_reasoning in the hearts of_you_all? **9** Which is easier, to_say to_the paralytic: The sins have_been_forgiven to_you. or to_say: Be_raising and take_up the pallet of_you and be_walking? **10** But in_order_that you_all_ _may_have_known that the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_having authority on the earth to_be_forgiving sins, (he_is_saying to_ _the paralytic), **11** To_you I_am_saying, be_raising, take_up the pallet of_you, and be_going to the home of_you. **12** And he_ _was_raised, and immediately having_taken_up the pallet, he_ _came_out before all so_as all to_be_marvelling and to_be_ _glorifying ~~the~~ **god** saying, ~~that~~ We_ never _saw thus.

16 **RV 1:39 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:23; 9:35.

17 **RV 1:40 · Parallel** Mat. 8:1-4; Luke 5:12-16

18 **RV 1:44 · Cross-ref.** Lev 14:1-32.

19 **RV 2:1 · Parallel** Mat. 9:1-8; Luke 5:17-26

20 **RV 2:5 · Note** Yeshua's hearers would have taken this as a claim to be God, as they knew that only God could forgive sins as v7 shows.

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13 And he_came_out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was_coming to him, and he_was_teaching them. **14** And passing_by, he_saw Leui/(Lēvī) the son of_ ~~the~~ _Alfaios sitting at the tax_office, and is_saying to_him: Be_following after_me. And having_risen_up, he_followed after_him. **15** And is_ _becoming him to_be_reclining in the house of_him, and many tax_collectors and sinners were_reclining ~~the~~ with_ _**Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** and the apprentices/followers of_him, because/for they_were many and they_were_following after_ _him. **16** And the scribes of_the Farisaios_party, having_seen that he_is_eating with the sinners and the tax_collectors, they_ _were_saying to_the apprentices/followers of_him, ~~that~~ he_is_ _eating with the tax_collectors and sinners? **17** And having_ _heard, ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** is_saying to_them: The ones being_strong are_ not _having need of_a_doctor, but the ones being sickly. I_ _came not to_call the_righteous, but sinners.

18 And the apprentices/followers of_Yōannaʸs and the Farisaios_party were fasting. And they_are_coming and they_ _are_saying to_him: For/Because_ why _reason the apprentices/followers of_Yōannaʸs and the apprentices/followers of_the Farisaios_party are_fasting, but ~~the~~ your apprentices/followers are_ not _fasting? **19** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** said to_them: The sons of_the bridal_chamber in which the bridegroom is with them are_ not _being_able to_be_ _fasting? As_long_as time they_are_having the bridegroom with them, are_ not _being_able to_be_fasting. **20** But days will_ _be_coming when the bridegroom may_be_taken_away from them, and then they_will_be_fasting in that ~~the~~ day. **21** No_one is_sewing_on a_patch of_ unshrunken _cloth on an_ old _ _garment, and if not the patch is_tearing_away from it, ~~the~~ new from_the old, and is_becoming a_worse tear. **22** And no_one is_ _putting new wine into old wineskins, and if not the wine will_ _be_bursting the wineskins, and the wine and the wineskins is_ _being_destroyed. But new wine is placeable into new wineskins.

23 And it_became him on the days_of_rest to_be_passing_ _through through the grainfields, and the apprentices/followers of_him began to_be_making way, plucking the heads_of_grain. **24** And the Farisaios_party were_ _saying to_him: Behold, why they_are_doing on_the days_of_ _rest what it_is_ not _permitting? **25** And he_is_saying to_them: You_all_ never _read what Dawid/(Dāvid) did, when he_had need and he and the ones with him hungered? **26** How he_ _came_in into the house of_ ~~the~~ **_god** during Abiathar/(ʼEvyātār) the_chief_priest, and ate the bread of_the presence, which it_is_ not _permitting to_eat except ~~not/lest~~ the priests, and he_gave even to_the ones being with him?, **27** And he_was_saying to_them: The day_of_rest became because_of

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Levi's (Matthew's) calling[21]

13 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went back out beside the lake where crowds of people kept coming to him and he taught them. **14** As he was passing by the tax office, he saw Levi Halfay (Grk. Halfaios) sitting there and said to him, "Come along with me." So Levi stood up and followed Yeshua.

15 Yeshua ended up having a meal at Levi's place, and many other tax collectors and undesirables were sitting there also, along **with Yeshua** and his followers, because by then, many people were following him around. **16** When the teachers from the Farisaios party noticed that Yeshua was eating beside undesirables and tax-collectors, they asked his followers, "How come he eats with tax-collectors and other low-life?"

17 **Yeshua** overheard them and said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—it's the sick ones that do. I didn't come here to help those who think they have no needs, but I came to call sinners."

The question of fasting[22]

18 Now the followers of Yohan-the-immerser, and members of the Farisaios party, regularly fasted. So a small group came to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked, "How come Yohan's (John's; Grk. Yoannes') followers and the Farisaios party fast regularly, yet your followers don't?"

19 "Can the groomsmen fast when they're celebrating along with him?" **Yeshua** answered, "No, as long as he's still there, they won't be fasting. **20** But in the future, the groom will be taken away from them, and *then* they'll be fasting.

21 "No one sews a patch of new, unshrunken cloth onto used clothes, because the new patch will tear away from that old fabric, and it will end up with a worse tear. **22** And no one puts new wine into old wineskin containers, because the wine will burst the already stretched wineskins, and then both the wine and the wineskins will be destroyed. New wine must be put into *new* wineskins."

Working on the Rest Day[23]

23 Then it so happened that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and his followers passed through some fields of grain on some days of rest. As they went through, they plucked off some heads of grain,[24] **24** and some members of the Farisaios party said, "Hey, it's breaking the law to harvest grain on a rest day!"

25 "You've read yourselves," Yeshua replied, "what David did when he and his men were hungry. **26** They went into **God's** tent and ate the sacred bread representing God's presence. Only the priests were allowed to eat that,[25] and yet David even gave some to his companions!" **27** Then he told the Farisaios, "The days of

21 **RV 2:13 · Parallel** Mat. 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32

22 **RV 2:18 · Parallel** Mat. 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-39

23 **RV 2:23 · Parallel** Mat. 12:1-8; Luke 6:1-5

24 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Deu 23:25.

25 **RV 2:26 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:9.

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rest were created for people, not people for the rest days. **28** So I, the son of humanity, have authority also over the day of rest."

The man with the curled-up hand[26]

3:1 Again at another time, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went into the Jewish meeting hall and there was a man there with a curled-up hand. **2** The religious leaders there were watching him closely to see if he would heal the man on the rest day, and then if he did, they would have a case against him. **3** Then Yeshua said to the man with the flawed hand, "Stand up there in the middle." **4** And he asked the leaders, "Is it allowable to do good on the rest day, or only to do evil? To save life, or to kill?" But they didn't reply.

5 After angrily looking around at them, grieving at their complete lack of compassion, he told the man, "Open up your hand!" The man stretched out his fingers, and his hand became totally normal. **6** But the Farisaios quickly left, and meeting with King Herodes's (Herod's) supporters, they conspired to kill Yeshua.

Big crowds press against Yeshua

7 After that, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) withdrew towards the lake with his apprentices as well as a huge crowd of people from the regions of both Galil and down in Yehudah (Judea), **8** along with others from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Idoumaia, from across the Yarden (Jordan) River, and from up near Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon). That huge crowd came because they had heard about the amazing things he had done. **9** So Yeshua asked his apprentices to organise a small boat to be there for him so he wouldn't be cramped by the press of the crowd.[27] **10** Virtually anyone who had any physical issues was pressing towards him to touch him, because he had already healed so many. **11** And the demons, whenever they saw Yeshua, they fell to their knees on the ground in front of him and yelled out, "You are **God's** son!" **12** However he regularly warned them not to reveal who he was.

Yeshua appoints his twelve representatives[28]

13 As Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started going up a hill, he called the followers that he had selected and they went off with him. **14** He appointed twelve of them as his representatives so that they could stick with him, and be sent off to be proclaiming his message **15** and to also have authority to exorcise demons.

16 These are the twelve that he appointed: Shim'on (Simon) (but he appended the name "Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros)"), **17** Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and his brother Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) who were Zavday's (Grk. Zebedaios') sons (and he nicknamed them the "sons of thunder"), **18** Andreas, Filippos (Philip), Bar-Talmay (Bartholomew; Grk. Bartholomaios), Matay (Matthew; Grk. Matthaios), Toma (Thomas), Ya'akov Halfay (Grk. Halfaios), Thaddaios (Thaddeus), Shim'on from Kena'an (Canaan), **19** and Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) Iskariot who later

26 RV 3:1 · Parallel Mat. 12:9-14; Luke 6:6-11

27 RV 3:9-10 · Cross-ref. Mrk 4:1; Luk 5:1-3.

28 RV 3:13 · Parallel Mat. 10:1-4; Luke 6:12-16

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the person, and not the person because_of the day_of_rest. **28** So_then the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is **master** also of_the day_of_ _rest.

3:1 And he_came_in again into the_synagogue, and a_man was there having the hand having_been_withered. **2** And they_ _were_watching_ him _closely, whether he_will_be_healing him on_the days_of_rest, in_order_that they_may_accuse against_ _him. **3** And he_is_saying to_the man ~~which~~ having the withered hand: Be_raising in the midst. **4** And he_is_saying to_them: Is_ _it_permitting on_the days_of_rest to_do_good or to_do_evil, to_save life or to_kill_off? But they were_keeping_silent. **5** And having_looked_around them with anger, grieving at the hardening of_the heart of_them, he_is_saying to_the man: Stretch_out the hand of_you. And he_stretched_out it, and the hand of_him was_restored. **6** And the Farisaios_party having_ _come_out, immediately they_produced counsel with the supporters_of_Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s against him, so_that they_may_ _destroy him.

7 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshū'a)** withdrew to the sea with the apprentices/followers of_him, and a_great multitude from ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl) and from ~~the~~ Youdaia followed, **8** and from Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), and from ~~the~~ Idoumaia, and beyond the Yordana^{y}s/(Yardēn), and around Turos/(Tsor) and Sidōn/(Tsīdōn), a_ great _multitude hearing as_much_as he_ _was_doing, came to him. **9** And he_told to_the apprentices/followers of_him that a_little_boat may_be_ _continuing with_him because_of the crowd, in_order_that they_may_ not _be_crowding him. **10** For/Because he_healed many, so_that as_many_as were_having afflictions to_be_ _pressing_on on_him, in_order_that may_touch against_him. **11** And the ~~the~~ unclean spirits, whenever they_were_observing him, they_were_falling_before to_him and were_crying_out saying, ~~that~~ You are the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **12** And he_was_ _warning much to_them that they_may_ not _make him manifest.

13 And he_is_going_up on the mountain and is_calling_to whom he was_wanting, and they_went_away to him. **14** And he_established twelve which also he_named ambassadors, in_ _order_that they_may_be with him and in_order_that he_may_ _be_sending_ them _out to_be_proclaiming **15** and to_be_having authority to_be_casting_out ~~the~~ demons. **16** And he_established the twelve: and he_added_on the_name Petros to_ ~~the~~ _Simōn, **17** and Yakōbos/(Ya'$_{a}$qov) the son of_the Zebedaios, and Yōanna^{y}s the brother ~~the~~ of_Yakōbos, and he_added_on to_ _them the_names Boanerges, which is sons of_thunder, **18** and Andreas, and Filippos, and Bartholomaios, and Matthaios, and Thōmas, and Yakōbos the son of_ ~~the~~ _Alfaios, and Thaddaios, and Simōn the member_of_Kananita^{y}s, **19** and Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) Iskariōta^{y}s, who also gave_ him _over.

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20 And he_is_coming to a_house, and the crowd is_coming_
_together again, so_that them to_ not _be_able to_ not _eat
bread. 21 And the ones with him having_heard it, they_came_
_out to_apprehend him for they_were_saying ~~that~~ He_flipped_
_out. 22 And the scribes, ~~which~~ having_come_down from
Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim) were_saying, he_is_having ~~that~~
Be'elzeboul, and, ~~that~~ He_is_casting_out the demons by the
ruler of_the demons. 23 And having_called_to them, he_was_
_saying to_them in parables: How is_ Satan/(Sāṭān) _able to_be_
_casting_out Satan? 24 And if a_kingdom may_be_divided
against itself, that ~~the~~ kingdom is_ not _able to_be_established.
25 And if a_house may_be_divided against itself, that ~~the~~ house
‹will›_ not _be_able to_be_established. 26 And if ~~the~~ Satan rose_
_up against himself and was_divided, he_is_ not _able to_stand,
but is_having an_end. 27 But no_one is_ not _able having_come_
_in into the house of_the strong man to_thoroughly_plunder
the goods of_him, if not first he_may_bind the strong man, and
then he_will_be_thoroughly_plundering the house of_him.
28 Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that all the sins will_be_being_
_forgiven to_the sons of_ ~~the~~ _men, and as_many_as the slander
~~if~~ they_may_slander. 29 But ~~wishfully~~ whoever may_slander
against the ~~the~~ holy **spirit**, is_ not _having forgiveness to ~~the~~
eternity, but is liable of_eternal sin, 30 because they_were_
_saying: He_is_having an_ unclean _spirit.

31 And the mother of_him and the brothers of_him are_coming
and standing outside, they_sent_out to him calling him. 32 And
the_crowd was_sitting around him and, they_are_saying to_
_him: Behold, the mother of_you and the brothers of_you, are_
_seeking you outside. 33 And answering to_them he_is_saying:
Who is the mother of_me and the brothers of_me? 34 And
having_looked_around the ones around him sitting around, he_
_is_saying: Behold, the mother of_me and the brothers of_me.
35 For/Because whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_do the will of_ ~~the~~ _**god**,
this one is the_brother of_me and the_sister and the_mother.

4:1 And again he_began to_be_teaching beside the sea. And a_
very_great _crowd is_being_gathered_together to him, so_that
him having_boarded into the boat, to_be_sitting in the sea, and
all the crowd were on the land to the sea. 2 And he_was_
_teaching them many things in parables, and was_saying to_
_them in the teaching of_him, 3 Be_hearing. Behold, the one
sowing came_out to_sow. 4 And it_became at the time to_be_
_sowing, some indeed fell along the road, and the birds came
and devoured it. 5 And other fell on the rocky place and where
it_was_ not _having much soil, and immediately sprang_up
because_of the to_ not _be_having depth of_soil, 6 and when
the sun rose, it_was_scorched and because_of the depth to_be_
_having no root, it_was_withered. 7 And other fell among the

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betrayed him.

The two opposing spiritual powers[29]

20 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was approaching a house, but the crowd swarmed them again so they had no opportunity to eat. 21 The ones with him heard all the noise and came to get him, because they were wondering if he was crazy.

22 The religious teachers had come up from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and were complaining, "He's possessed by the prince of demons. He can command them because he rules them!"[30]

23 But Yeshua addressed them: "How could Satan command himself? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom could never prosper. 25 If a household is divided against itself, that family will never prosper. 26 So if Satan attacked himself and was split, he couldn't possibly be powerful, but his time would be over.

27 On the contrary, no one can enter a strong man's house to clean out his possessions unless he first ties up that strong man—after that he can work on the goods.

28 Honestly, I assure you that any sins of a person can be forgiven, no matter how much they curse God. 29 But anyone who speaks against the Holy **Spirit** can never be forgiven, but is eternally responsible for their sin."[31] 30 (He said that because they were saying that he was demon-possessed.)

Yeshua's mother and brothers arrive[32]

31 Now Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') mother and brothers came and were standing outside, and they asked someone to tell him that they were there. 32 Some in the crowd sitting around him told Yeshua that his mother and brothers were waiting outside for him.

33 But Yeshua answered, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" 34 And having looked around at the people sitting here, he said, "Actually, you all are my mother and my brothers, 35 because anyone who obeys **God**, that person is my brother and my sister and my mother."

The parable about planting seed[33]

4:1 Again Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started teaching by the edge of the lake. A huge crowd gathered around him, but he had boarded a boat that was floating in the water, and all the people were there on the shore.[34] 2 From there, he taught them many different things in parables, including this one: 3 "Listen. Once there was a farmer who went to spread some seed. 4 As he spread it, some landed on the path, and the birds came and fed on it. 5 Some landed on a rocky part without a lot of soil, and it quickly sprouted in the warm, shallow soil, 6 but when the sun came up, it dried out because the roots weren't deep, and so it just with-

29 **RV 3:20 · Parallel** Mat. 12:22-32; Luke 11:14-23; 12:10

30 **RV 3:22 · Cross-ref.** Mat 9:34; 10:25.

31 **RV 3:29 · Cross-ref.** Luk 12:10.

32 **RV 3:31 · Parallel** Mat. 12:46-50; Luke 8:19-21

33 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** Mat. 13:1-9; Luke 8:4-8

34 **RV 4:1 · Cross-ref.** Luk 5:1-3.

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ered up. **7** Some of the seed landed in a thistle patch, and the thistles grew and choked it out, so the plants never bore a crop. **8** But some seed landed in fertile soil and it bore a harvest—some of it multiplying thirty times, some sixty, and some a hundred times."

9 Then Yeshua added, "Anyone who wants to understand, let them consider it."

Why Yeshua speaks in parables[35]

10 Later when the crowd had left, the twelve apprentices asked him about the parables **11** and he told them, "You've been given understanding about **God's** kingdom, but for others, they'll get it in parables **12** so that when they look, they might see but not perceive, and when they listen, they might hear but not understand, otherwise they might turn from their sins and be forgiven."[36]

The ground where the seed fell[37]

13 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) said to them, "If you didn't understand this parable, how will you understand any others? **14** The person spreading seed is spreading the good message, **15** and there are some along the path where the good message is being spread, who hear, but Satan turns up immediately and snatches the message that had been planted in them. **16** Similarly, there's some seed that falls onto rocky places where the people who hear the good message happily accept it, **17** but don't make strong roots—just temporary changes. So when they get mocked or attacked about accepting the good message, they quickly stumble. **18** Others are the ones where the seed was spread among the thistles. They heard the good message, **19** but contemporary topics, or the lure of money, or the appetite for other things, choke their good intentions and the message becomes unfruitful in them. **20** But lastly, the seed that landed on the good soil represents the people who hear the good message, accept it, and are fruitful thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times over."

The light will shine on everything[38]

21 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "Obviously no one goes and gets a lamp, and then puts it under a basket or under the bed, but rather they place it somewhere higher on a stand.[39] **22** You see, nothing is hidden that won't eventually be disclosed, and there's no secret that won't eventually be revealed.[40] **23** Anyone who wants to understand must listen carefully," **24** and he continued, "Take care what you listen to. How much you all judge others, so too will judgement be handed out to you, and even more.[41] DOUBLE-CHECK **25** Anyone who has faith will be given a reward, but

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thorns, and the thorns went_up and choked it and it_ not _gave fruit. **8** And others fell on the ~~the~~ good soil, and it_was_giving fruit, going_up and being_grown, and it_was_bearing in thirty, and in sixty, and in a_hundred. **9** And he_was_saying: Who is_ _having ears to_be_hearing, let_him_be_hearing.

10 And when he_became ~~down/against/according_to~~ alone, they with the twelve about him were_asking him the parables. **11** And he_was_saying to_them: The mystery of_the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ _**god** has_been_given to_you_all, but to_those who are outside, all the things is_becoming in parables, **12** in_order_that seeing, they_may_be_seeing and may_ not _perceive, and hearing, they_may_be_hearing and may_ not _be_ _understanding, lest they_may_turn_back and it_may_be_ _forgiven to_them.

13 And he_is_saying to_them: You_all_have_ not _known ~~the~~ this parable, and how ‹will›_you_all_be_knowing all the parables? **14** The one sowing is_sowing the message. **15** And these are the ones along the road where the message is_being_sown, and whenever they_may_hear, ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) immediately is_ _coming and is_carrying the message ~~which~~ having_been_sown in them. **16** And these are likewise the ones being_sown on the rocky places, who whenever they_may_hear the message, are_ _receiving it immediately with joy, **17** and they_are_ not _ _having root in themselves, but are temporary, thereafter tribulation or persecution having_become because_of the message, immediately they_are_being_stumbled. **18** And others are the ones being_sown among the thorns, these are the ones having_heard the message, **19** and the worries of_the age, and the seduction of_the riches, and the desires for ~~the~~ other things entering_in, are_choking the message and it_is_becoming unfruitful. **20** And those are the ones having_been_sown on the the good soil, who are_hearing the message and are_accepting it and are_bearing_fruit, in thirty, and in sixty, and in a_ _hundred.

21 And he_was_saying to_them: Surely_not the lamp is_coming, in_order_that it_may_be_put under the basket or under the bed? Not in_order_that it_may_be_put on the lampstand? **22** For/Because there_is not hidden, if not in_order_that it_ _may_be_revealed, and_not it_became a_secret, but in_order_ _that it_may_come to_manifest. **23** If anyone is_having ears to_ _be_hearing, let_him_be_hearing. **24** And he_was_saying to_ _them: Be_watching_out what you_all_are_hearing. With that measure you_all_are_measuring, it_will_be_being_measured to_ _you_all and it_will_be_being_added to_you_all. **25** For/Because whoever is_having, it_will_be_being_given to_him, and who is_ not _having, even what he_is_having will_be_being_taken_away

35 **RV 4:10 · Parallel** Mat. 13:10-17; Luke 8:9-10

36 **RV 4:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 6:9-10 (LXX).

37 **RV 4:13 · Parallel** Mat. 13:18-23; Luke 8:11-15

38 **RV 4:21 · Parallel** Luke 8:16-18

39 **RV 4:21 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:15; Luk 11:33.

40 **RV 4:22 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:26; Luk 12:2.

41 **RV 4:24 · Cross-ref.** Mat 7:2; Luk 6:38.

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from him.

26 And he_was_saying: Thus is the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**: as a_ _man may_throw the seed on the earth, **27** and he_may_be_ _sleeping and may_be_being_raised night and day, and the seed may_be_sprouting and may_be_growing, he has_ not _known how. **28** The earth is_bearing_fruit automatic: first a_blade, thereafter a_head_of_grain, thereafter full grain in the head_ _of_grain. **29** But whenever it_may_give_over the fruit, immediately he_is_sending_out the sickle because the harvest has_presented.

30 And he_was_saying: How may_we_liken the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**, or with what parable may_we_present it? **31** As to_a_seed of_mustard, which whenever it_may_be_sown on the earth, being smaller than all the seeds which on the earth, **32** and whenever it_may_be_sown, is_going_up and is_becoming greater than all the garden_plants, and is_producing great branches, so_that the birds of_the sky to_be_able to_be_nesting under the shadow of_it. **33** And with_ many _such parables, he_ _was_speaking the message to_them, as they_were_able to_be_ _hearing, **34** and he_was_ not _speaking without parable to_ _them, by but himself to_his own apprentices/followers, he_ _was_explaining all things.

35 And he_is_saying to_them on that ~~the~~ day having_become evening: We_may_pass_through to the side across. **36** And having_sent_away the crowd, they_are_taking him as he_was in the boat. And other boats was with him. **37** And a_storm of_ great _wind is_becoming, and the waves was_breaking_down into the boat, so_that already the boat to_be_being_filled. **38** And he was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. And they_ _are_awaking him and are_saying to_him: Teacher, is_ not _ _caring to_you that we_are_perishing? **39** And having_been_ _awoke, he_gave_rebuke to_the wind and said to_the sea: Be_ _keeping_silent, be_silenced. And the wind died_down and became a_ great _calm. **40** And he_said to_them: Why are_you_ _all fearful? You_all_are_ not_yet _having faith? **41** And they_ _were_afraid with_ great _fear and they_were_saying to one_ _another: Who consequently is this, that both the wind and the sea is_submitting to_him?

5:1 And they_came to the side across the sea, to the region of_ _the Gerasa^{y}nōn. **2** And him having_come_out out_of the boat, a_man out_of the tombs with an_ unclean _spirit met with_him, **3** who was_having his dwelling in the tombs, and no_one was_ _able to_bind him no_longer, not_even with_chain, **4** because_ _of that him often to_have_bound with_shackles and chains, and the chains to_have_torn_apart by him and the shackles to_ _have_broken, and no_one was_able to_tame him. **5** And

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if you have none, even the little you have will be taken away."[42]
DOUBLE-CHECK

The parable about the sprouting seed

26 And then, "**God's** kingdom is like a person throwing some seed onto the ground. **27** Whether the person sleeps at night or stays up night and day, the seed will sprout and grow either way, and they don't know how it does it. **28** The earth is designed to multiply the seed: first a sprout appears, then a bigger plant, and then the full head of grain. **29** Then when it's ripe, the harvester is sent in because it's ready for harvest."[43]

The small seed produces a large result[44]

30 Again he said, "What could we liken **God's** kingdom to? Or what parable could we explain it with? **31** It's like planting a mustard seed in the ground—a very small seed. **32** But when it's planted and grows up, it forms a large bush with many branches so that birds can nest in its shade."

33 And so as much as they could handle it, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) shared the good message with them via many similar word pictures. **34** He never spoke without those illustrations, but he explained all of them to his close followers.

Yeshua halts the storm on the lake[45]

35 It was already becoming evening on that day, so Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told his apprentices, "Let's all go across to the other shore." **36** Then after sending the crowd away, they got into the boat with him, plus there were some other boats with them. **37** Out on the lake, a big storm came up with strong winds, and the waves started breaking across the boat and filling it with water. **38** However, Yeshua was asleep on a cushion in the back, so they woke him, calling out, "Teacher, don't you care that we're all about to drown?"

39 Now awake, Yeshua scolded the wind and waves, "Quieten down! Stop that!" Then the wind died down and the lake became very calm. **40** Turning back to them he asked, "Why were you all afraid? Don't you have any faith yet?"

41 But now they were very afraid again, and asked each other, "Who could this man be that both the wind and the waves obey him?"

Yeshua sends the demons into pigs[46]

5:1 So they got safely to the Gerasainon region on the other side of the lake. **2** As Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) climbed out of the boat, a demon-possessed man came out of the tombs to meet him. **3** He lived in those tombs, and no one could tie him up, not even with chains, **4** because he had often been tied up in the past with shackles and chains but had always pulled the chains apart and smashed

42 **RV 4:25 · Cross-ref.** Mat 13:12; 25:29; Luk 19:26.

43 **RV 4:29 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:13.

44 **RV 4:30 · Parallel** Mat. 13:31-32,34; Luke 13:18-19

45 **RV 4:35 · Parallel** Mat. 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25

46 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** Mat. 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39

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the shackles, and no one was able to subdue him. 5 All through the day and night, whether in the tombs or up in the hills, he was yelling out and hurting himself with stones.

6 So when he had seen **Yeshua** in the distance, he ran and as a sign of honour fell to his knees on the ground in front of him. 7 Then he called out very loudly, "What will happen between us, **Yeshua**—the son **of** the highest **God**? I beg you in **God's** name not to torment me." 8 Because Yeshua had already started saying, "Come out of the man you ungodly spirit!"

9 Yeshua asked, "What's your name?"

The man answered, "My name is 'Thousands' because there's many of us," 10 and he begged Yeshua not to send them out of the country.

11 It just so happened that there was a large herd of pigs being fed near the hill, 12 and the demons begged Yeshua again saying, "Send us to the pigs so that we can enter them." 13 Yeshua agreed to that, so the ungodly spirits came out of the man, went into the pigs, and the entire herd of some two thousand pigs rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

14 The ones who had been feeding them rushed off and spread the news around in the city and the surrounding area, So the people hurried out to see what had happened. 15 When they arrived where **Yeshua** was, they saw the man who had been demon-possessed, fully-clothed and sitting there in full control of his senses. They knew it was the man called 'Thousands' and they became frightened. 16 Those who had seen it all happen described it all to the people—what had happened both to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.

17 So then the people began asking Yeshua to go away from their region.

18 As Yeshua was climbing back into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed wanted to go with him. 19 But Yeshua wouldn't let him and told him to head back home to his own people, and explain to them what the **master** had done for him, and how he had been merciful to him.

20 So he went away and shared with the people in the Ten Cities region what **Yeshua** had done for him, and they were all amazed.

A woman healed as Yeshua goes to help a dying girl[47]

21 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had crossed in the boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd of people came out to the lake edge to see him. 22 Then unexpectedly, one of the religious leaders named Yair (Jairus) came out, and when he found Yeshua, he fell to his knees in front of him 23 and pleaded, "My young daughter is critical and just hanging on for you to come and touch her so that she'll be healed and live."

24 So Yeshua went off with Yair. The large crowd followed also, and many were getting pressed against Yeshua.

25 Then a woman came who had been losing blood for twelve years, 26 and who'd endured much under various doctors despite

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through all time night and day in the tombs and in the mountains, he_was crying_out and bruising himself with_ _stones. 6 And having_seen ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** from afar, he_ran and prostrated him, 7 and having_cried_out with_a_ loud _voice he_is_saying: What to_me and to_you **Ya^{y}sous**, son of_ ~~The~~ the highest **_god**? I_am_imploring you ~~the~~ by_**god**, you_ _may_ not _torment me. 8 For/Because he_was_saying to_him: Come_out out_of the man ~~the~~ ~~the~~ unclean spirit. 9 And he_was_ _asking him: What is the_name of_you? And he_is_saying to_ _him: Many_thousands is the_name to_me, because we_are many. 10 And he_was_imploring him much that he_may_ not _ _send_out them out the country. 11 And there was a_ great _ _herd of_pigs being_fed near the mountain, 12 and they_ _implored him saying: Send us into the pigs, in_order_that we_ _may_come_in into them. 13 And he_permitted to_them. And the ~~the~~ unclean spirits having_come_out, came_in into the pigs, and the herd about two_thousand rushed down the steep_bank into the sea and they_were_being_drowned in the sea. 14 And the ones feeding them fled, and they_reported to the city and to the country. And came_out to_see what is the thing having_ _become. 15 And they_are_coming to ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, and they_are_observing the man being_demon_possessed sitting, having_been_clothed and being_sensible, the one having_had the Many_thousands, and they_were_afraid. 16 And the ones having_seen it described to_them, how it_became to_ _the one being_demon_possessed, and concerning the pigs. 17 And they_began to_be_imploring him to_go_away from the regions of_them. 18 And him boarding into the boat, the one having_been_demon_possessed was_begging him that he_may_ _be with him. 19 And he_ not _allowed him, but he_is_saying to_ _him: Be_going to the home of_you, to ~~the~~ your people, and report to_them as_much_as the **master** has_done for_you, and he_showed_mercy to_you. 20 And he_went_away and began to_ _be_proclaiming in the Dekapolis as_much_as ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** did for_him, and all were_marvelling.

21 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_crossed_over in the boat back to the side across, a_ great _crowd was_gathered_together to him, and he_was beside the sea. 22 And see, one of_the synagogue_ _leaders by_the_name Yaeiros is_coming, and having_seen him, is_falling at the feet of_him, 23 and he_is_imploring him much saying, ~~that~~ The little_daughter of_me is_holding to_the_end, in_order_that having_come, you_may_lay_on the hands on_her, in_order_that she_may_be_healed and may_live. 24 And he_ _went_away with him. And a_ great _crowd was_following after_him, and they_were_pressing_on him. 25 And a_woman being twelve years with a_haemorrhage of_blood, 26 and having_suffered much under many doctors, and having_spent all the things by herself and having_been_benefitted nothing, but rather having_come to the worse, 27 having_heard the

47 **RV 5:21** · **Parallel** Mat. 9:18-26; Luke 8:40-56

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things concerning ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, having_come behind in the crowd, she_touched against_the garment of_him. **28** For/Because she_was_saying ~~that~~ If I_may_touch even_if against_the garments of_him, I_will_be_being_healed. **29** And immediately the flow of_the blood of_her was_dried_up, and she_knew in_her body that she_has_been_healed from the affliction. **30** And immediately ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, having_known in himself the power having_come_out out_of him, having_been_ _turned_back in the crowd he_was_saying: Who touched against_the clothes of_me? **31** And the apprentices/followers of_him were_saying to_him: You_are_seeing the crowd pressing_on you, and you_are_saying: Who touched against_ _me? **32** And he_was_looking_around to_see the woman having_done this. **33** And the woman having_been_afraid and trembling, having_known what has_become to_her, came and fell_before before_him and told all the truth to_him. **34** And he said to_her: Daughter, the faith of_you has_healed you, be_ _going in peace, and be healthy from the affliction of_you. **35** Still of_him speaking, they_are_coming from the synagogue_ _leader saying, ~~that~~ The daughter of_you died_off, why you_are_ still _troubling the teacher? **36** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** having_overheard the message being_spoken is_saying to_the the_synagogue_leader: Be_ not _fearing, only be_believing. **37** And he_ not _allowed no_one with him to_accompany, except ~~not/lest the~~ Petros, and Yakōbos/(Yaʹ$_{a}$qov), and Yōanna^{y}s the brother of_Yakōbos. **38** And they_are_coming to the house of_the the_synagogue_leader, and he_is_observing a_ _commotion and weeping and much screaming. **39** And having_ _come_in, he_is_saying to_them: Why are_you_all_being_ _distressed and are_you_all_weeping? The little_child not died_ _off, but is_sleeping. **40** And they_were_ridiculing of_him. But he having_throw_ all _out, is_taking the father of_the little_ _child and the mother and the ones with him, and he_is_ _entering_in where the little_child was. **41** And having_taken_ _hold of_the hand of_the little_child, he_is_saying to_her: Talitha, koum. Which is being_translated - Little_girl, I_am_ _saying to_you, be_raising. **42** And immediately the little_girl rose_up and she_was_walking, because/for she_was twelve of_ _years. And they_marvelled immediately with_ great _ _amazement. **43** And he_ much _instructed to_them that no_ _one may_know this, and he_said to_be_given to_her something to_eat.

6:1 And he_came_out from_there, and he_is_coming into the hometown of_him, and the apprentices/followers of_him are_ _following after_him. **2** And of_the_day_of_rest having_become, he_began to_be_teaching in the synagogue, and many hearing were_being_astonished saying: From_where these things, to_ _this man, and what is the wisdom ~~which~~ having_been_given to_ _this one, and the such miracles becoming by the hands of_ _him? **3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of_ ~~the~~ _ _Maria/(Miryām), and brother of_Yakōbos/(Yaʹ$_{a}$qov), and Yōsa^{y}s/(Yōşēf?), and Youdas/(Yəhūdāh), and Simōn? And are not the sisters of_him here with us? And they_were_being_ _offended at him. **4** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** was_saying to_them, ~~that~~ A_prophet is not dishonourable, except ~~not/lest~~ in

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spending everything she had. After all that, she'd ended up even worse, **27** but when she heard about what **Yeshua** had been doing, she worked her way through the crowd to the back of Yeshua and touched his clothes, **28** because she had told herself, "If I could even just touch his clothes, I'd be healed."

29 Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she knew that she had been healed. **30** Immediately also, **Yeshua** knew that power had gone out of him, and he turned back towards the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 But his followers said, "You can see all the people that were pressing on you so why would you ask who touched you?"

32 But Yeshua was still looking around to see who had done it **33** when the woman, scared and shaking because of what was happening, came and fell to her knees in front of Yeshua and told him the whole story. **34** "Daughter, your faith has healed you," Yeshua said. "Go in peace and full health."

35 While he was still speaking, messengers came from the religious leader's house to tell Yair (Jairus), "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any more?"

36 But **Yeshua** overheard them telling that to the leader and told him, "Don't be afraid—just keep believing." **37** Yeshua didn't allow anyone to accompany him other than Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and his brother, Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes). **38** As they approached Yair' house, Yeshua saw a big commotion ahead of them, with lots of wailing and crying going on. **39** As he entered, he said, "Why are you all crying in distress? The child hasn't died—she's just sleeping!"

40 But they just ridiculed Yeshua, so he sent them all outside, just taking the father and mother of the child, along with three with him. He went in where the girl was, **41** and taking her hand, he said, "Young woman, I tell you: get up!" **42** Immediately she got up and walked around, and everyone marvelled at the amazing thing that had happened. (She was twelve years old.)

43 Yeshua repeatedly told them to keep this to themselves, and added that they should give her something to eat.

Yeshua's community can't believe he's from God[48]

6:1 So Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) and went back with his followers to Nazaret (Nazareth) , his birthplace. **2** It was now the Rest Day and when he started teaching in the Jewish meeting hall, many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did that man learn all that? How could he have such wisdom and be able to do those miracles? **3** Isn't that the carpenter, the son of Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam), and the brother of Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yosef (Joseph) CHECK and Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) and Shim'on (Simon)? Don't his sisters live around

48 RV 6:1 · Parallel Mat. 13:53-58; Luke 4:16-30

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here?" And they were offended by his teaching.

4 Then **Yeshua** told them, "A prophet is only dishonoured in his own home town, and among his own relatives, and in his own home."[49]

5 He wasn't able to do even one miracle there, except for placing his hands on a few sick people and healing them. **6** He was amazed at how they wouldn't believe him as he went around the villages teaching.

Yeshua sends his apprentices out in pairs[50]

7 Then he called his twelve apprentices and started sending them out in pairs and giving them authority over demons. **8** He insisted that they can carry a walking stick, but not to take food, a backpack, or money. **9** They could wear one pair of sandals, but not take changes of clothes, **10** and he told them, "Whenever you're invited into a home, stay at that one place until you all leave that town. **11** But if any places don't want you or don't want to hear what you have to say, just leave that place. As you go, shake the dust off your sandals[51] so they can see that you pass the responsibility of your leaving, onto them."

12 So the apprentices went off and started telling people to repent. **13** In addition, they drove out many demons, and anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.[52]

The execution of Yohan-the-immerser[53]

14 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was now becoming well known and King Herodes (Herod) Antipas heard about him. He thought that maybe Yohan-the-immerser had come back to life and that's why Yeshua was able to do miracles.[54]

15 But others thought it was the promised return of Eliyah (Elijah), and yet others thought he must be another prophet like the ones in the Scriptures.

16 But hearing about Yeshua, Herodes was telling people, "That Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) who I had beheaded, he must have come back to life!" **17** Because Herodes himself had had Yohan arrested and put in prison because he had married Herodias, his brother Filippos's (Philip's) wife.[55] **18** Yohan had been telling the king that it was wrong for him to marry his brother's wife, **19** and so Herodias resented him enough to want to kill him, but Herodes hadn't be able to **20** because he respected Yohan as a righteous and holy teacher and so he kept him alive. He often enjoyed hearing from Yohan and thought a lot about what he said.

21 However, an opportunity came at Herodes's birthday celebration, when he threw a feast for his top officials and generals,

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the hometown of_him, and among the relatives of_him, and in the house of_him. **5** And he_was_ not _able there to_do not_one miracle, except ~~not/lest~~ for_a_few sick, having_laid_on the hands, he_healed them. **6** And he_marvelled because_of the unbelief of_them. And he_was_going_around the villages, around teaching.

7 And he_is_calling_to the twelve, and began to_be_sending_ them _out two by_two, and was_giving authority to_them over_ _the ~~the~~ unclean spirits. **8** And he_commanded to_them that they_may_be_taking_away nothing for journey, except only ~~not/lest~~ a_staff, not bread, not a_knapsack, not money in the belt, **9** but having_tied_on sandals, and you_all_may_ not _ _dress_in two tunics. **10** And he_was_saying to_them: Wherever ~~if~~ you_all_may_come_in into a_house, be_remaining there until ~~wishfully~~ you_all_may_come_out from_there. **11** And whatever ~~wishfully~~ place may_ not _receive you_all, nor may_they_hear from_you_all, going_out from_there, shake_off the dust which beneath the feet of_you_all for a_testimony to_them. **12** And having_come_out, they_proclaimed that they_may_be_ _repenting. **13** And they_were_casting_out many demons, and they_were_anointing many sick with_olive_oil and they_were_ _healing them.

14 And ~~the~~ king Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s heard, because/for the name of_him became manifest, and he_was_saying, ~~that~~ Yōanna^{y}s the one immersing has_been_raised from the_dead, and because_of this the miracles are_working in_him. **15** But others were_saying, ~~that~~ He_is A^{y}lias/('Ēliy^{yāh}), and others were_saying, ~~that~~ A_ _prophet, like one of_the prophets. **16** But having_heard, ~~the~~ Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s was_saying, ~~that~~ Yōanna^{y}s whom I beheaded, this was_raised. **17** For/Because ~~the~~ Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s himself, having_sent_ _out, apprehended ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s and bound him in prison because_of Ha^{y}rōidias, the wife of_Filippos, the brother of_him, because he_married her. **18** For/Because ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s was_ _saying to_ ~~the~~ _Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s, ~~that~~ It_is_ not _permitting for_you to_be_having the wife of_the brother of_you. **19** And ~~the~~ Ha^{y}rōidias was_resenting him, and was_wanting to_kill_ him _ _off, and he_was_ not _able, **20** for/because ~~the~~ Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s was_ _fearing ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s, having_known him as_a_ righteous and holy _man, and was_preserving him, and having_heard from_ _him, he_was_perplexing much, and he_was_hearing gladly from_him. **21** And having_become an_ opportune _day, when Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s on_the birthday_celebrations of_him made a_supper, to_the magnates of_him, and to_the commanders, and to_the leaders of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl). **22** And of_Ha^{y}rōidias the daughter for_him having_come_in and having_danced, she_ _brought_pleasure to_ ~~the~~ _Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s and the ones reclining.

49 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 4:44.

50 **RV 6:7 · Parallel** Mat. 10:5-15; Luke 9:1-6

51 **RV 6:11 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:51.

52 **RV 6:13 · Cross-ref.** Jam 5:14.

53 **RV 6:14 · Parallel** Mat. 14:1-12; Luke 9:7-9

54 **RV 6:14-15 · Cross-ref.** Mat 16:14; Mrk 8:28; Luk 9:19.

55 **RV 6:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Luk 3:19-20.

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And the king said to_the little_girl: Ask me whatever ~~if~~ you_ _may_be_wanting and I_will_be_giving it to_you. **23** And he_ _swore to_her, ~~that~~ Whatever if you_may_ask me, I_will_be_ _giving to_you, up_to half of_the kingdom of_me. **24** And having_come_out, she_said to_the mother of_her: What may_I_ _request? And she said: The head of_Yōannaʸs the one immersing. **25** And having_come_in immediately with earnestness to the king, she_requested saying: I_am_wanting that immediately you_may_give the head of_Yōannaʸs the immerser to_me on a_platter. **26** And the king having_become very_sorrowful, because_of the oaths and the ones reclining he_ not _wanted to_reject her. **27** And immediately the king having_sent_out an_executioner, commanded to_bring the head of_him. And having_gone_away, he_beheaded him in the prison, **28** and brought the head of_him on a_platter, and gave it to_the little_girl, and the little_girl gave it to_the mother of_ _her. **29** And having_heard it, the apprentices/followers of_him came and took_up the corpse of_him, and they_laid it in a_ _tomb.

30 And the ambassadors are_being_gathered_together to ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, and they_reported to_him all things as_ _much_as they_did and as_much_as they_taught. **31** And he_is_ _saying to_them: Come you_all yourselves by yourselves to a_ _desolate place and rest a_little. For/Because the ones coming and the ones going were many, and they_were_ not_even _ _having_opportunity to_eat. **32** And they_went_away by the boat into a_ desolate _place by themselves. **33** And they_saw them going and many recognised them, and from all the the_ _cities they_ran_together there on_foot and they_went_ahead of_them. **34** And having_come_out, he_saw a_great crowd and he_was_feeling_compassion to them because they_were as sheep not having a_shepherd, and he_began to_be_teaching them many things. **35** And the_hour already it_having_become late, the apprentices/followers of_him having_approached to_ _him were_saying, ~~that~~ The place is desolate, and it_is already a_ late _hour, **36** send_ them _away, in_order_that having_gone_ _away to the surrounding country and villages, they_may_buy something for_themselves they_may_eat. **37** But answering he said to_them: You_all give something to_them to_eat. And they_are_saying to_him: Having_gone_away, may_we_buy two_ _hundred of_daʸnarion_coins loaves, and we_will_be_giving something to_them to_eat? **38** And he is_saying to_them: How_ _many loaves are_you_all_having? Be_going, see. And having_ _known they_are_saying: Five and two fishes. **39** And he_ _commanded to_them to_sit_down all, groups by_groups on the green grass. **40** And sat_down groups by_groups, by hundred and by fifty. **41** And having_taken the five loaves and the two fishes, having_looked_up to the sky, he_blessed and broke_up the loaves, and was_giving to_the apprentices/followers of_him in_order_that they_may_be_setting_before to_them, and he_ _divided the two fishes to_all. **42** And they_ all _ate and were_ _satisfied. **43** And they_took_up fragments of_twelve baskets fillings, and of the fishes. **44** And the ones having_eaten the loaves were five_thousand men.

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and for the leaders in Galil. **22** The daughter of Herodias came in and danced for them, and the king and his party guests all enjoyed it. So the king said to the young woman, "Just ask me for anything and I'll give it to you." **23** Then he promised her, "Even if you asked for half of my kingdom, I'd give it to you!"

24 So she went out and asked her mother what she should ask for. Her mother told her that she should ask for Yohan's head.

25 So going back into the party, she said seriously to the king, "I would like the head of Yohan-the-immerser right now on a plate!"

26 The king was really upset with that, but because he'd made loud promises in front of all his guests, he couldn't say no. **27** So he ordered an executioner to go out and return with Yohan's head. He went off and beheaded him in the prison **28** and brought the head into the party on a plate and gave it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. **29** When Yohan's followers heard about that, they came and fetched his body and put it into a tomb.

Yeshua feeds 5,000 people[56]

30 Now the apprentices who had been sent out, returned back to **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), and they reported back everything they had done and what they had been teaching people. **31** Then he told them to head to a quiet place with him to take a break. That was because there were so many people always coming and going, and sometimes they didn't even have a chance to eat. **32** So they went away by boat to a quiet place by themselves.

33 But people from towns all around had seen them going and recognised who they were, so they ran around the lake on foot and got there ahead of them. **34** So when Yeshua got out of the boat, he saw a big crowd and felt sorry for them because they seemed like sheep without a shepherd,[57] so he started teaching them many things. **35** Then, when it was already getting late, his apprentices came up and said, "This place is pretty isolated and it's already late. **36** Send these people off now so they can go to the nearby settlements and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

37 But Yeshua answered them, "You give them something to eat."

They complained, "If we go, should we buy several months wages worth of bread so we can give all of them something to eat?"

38 But he asked, "Go and find out how much bread you all have."

When they'd found out they said, "Five buns and two fish."

39 Yeshua told all the people to line up in rows and sit down on the green grass. **40** So they sat down in rows of fifty to a hundred. **41** Then holding the five buns and two fish, he looked up to the sky and blessed God, and then broke up the buns and gave pieces to his apprentices so they could do likewise to the people, and he also divided up the two fish, **42** and all the people ate and

56 RV 6:30 · Parallel Yhn 6:1-14; Mat. 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17

57 RV 6:34 · Cross-ref. Num 27:17; 1Ki 22:17; 2Ch 18:16; Eze 34:5; Mat 9:36.

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were satisfied. 43 Then they collected the leftover pieces of bread, filling twelve baskets, as well as the leftover pieces of fish. 44 The headcount of men who ate that evening was five thousand.

Yeshua walks on the lake surface[58]

45 Straight after that, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) sent his apprentices off in the boat to go across to Beyt-Tsayda while he sent the crowd home. 46 Then he said goodbye to everyone, and climbed the hill to pray. 47 Later in the night, the boat was out in the middle of the lake, and only Yeshua remained back there on the land. 48 He saw them struggling to row against the wind, and some time after 3am he came out to them, walking on the lake surface as if to walk past them. 49 But they had seen someone walking on the lake and thought it was a ghost, and they yelled out 50 because they had all seen it and were terrified.

But Yeshua immediately spoke to them and told them, "Hey, take heart, it's me, don't be afraid!" 51 Then he climbed up into the boat and the wind died down. They were all totally astounded 52 because they hadn't understood the implications of him feeding all the people because their minds were closed.

Yeshua heals many people around Gennaisaret[59]

53 After completing their crossing, they anchored at Gennaisaret. 54 When they got out of the boat, again people recognised Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) 55 and ran around that region, so next minute people began bringing all of those who were sick, carrying them on pallets to wherever they heard that Yeshua was. 56 After that, whenever Yeshua entered villages or cities, or fields or marketplaces, they laid the sick down there and were imploring him that they might even just touch the edge of his robe, and anyone who did so was healed.

Yeshua suggests obeying God, not tradition[60]

7:1 Some from the Farisaios party and some of the law teachers had come from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to observe Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) 2 and noticed that some of his followers were eating their food without following their religious customs, i.e., without washing their hands. 3 (The Farisaios and, in fact, all the Jewish religious leaders don't eat without first ceremonially washing their hands as taught by their elders over the generations. 4 They won't eat at the market if they can't do that first, and have many other regulations about ceremonial washing of cups and jugs and copper containers.)

5 Then the Farisaios and religious teachers asked Yeshua, "How come your followers don't respect our Jewish traditions, but eat without the ceremonial washing of hands?"

6 "Yeshayah (Isaiah) got it exactly right," he answered, "when he expressed God's thoughts about you hypocrites and wrote:

'These people honour me with their lips,

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45 And immediately he_compelled the apprentices/followers of_him to_board into the boat, and to_be_going_before to the side across to Ba^{y}thsaida, until he is_sending_away the crowd. 46 And having_bid_goodbye to_them, he_went_away into the mountain to_pray. 47 And having_become evening, the boat was in the_midst of_the sea, and only he on the land. 48 And having_seen them being_tormented in the time to_be_rowing, because/for the wind was contrary to_them, about the_fourth watch of_the night he_is_coming to them, walking on the sea, and was_wanting to_pass_by them. 49 And they, having_seen him on the sea walking, supposed that he_is a_ghost, and they_ _cried_out. 50 For/Because all saw him and were_disturbed. And he immediately spoke with them, and is_saying to_them: Be_having_courage, I am he, be_ not _fearing. 51 And he_went_ _up to them into the boat, and the wind died_down. And they_ _were_marvelling exceedingly in themselves, 52 for/because they_ not _understood concerning the loaves, but the heart of_ _them was having_been_hardened.

53 And having_crossed_over to ~~the~~ land, they_came to Genna^{y}saret and were_anchored. 54 And of_them on_having_ _come_out out_of the boat, immediately having_recognised him, 55 ran_around all ~~the~~ that country, and they_began to_be_ _carrying_about on the pallets the ones having sickly, where they_were_hearing that he_is. 56 And wherever ~~wishfully~~ he_ _was_entering_in into villages, or into cities, or into fields, in the marketplaces they_were_laying the ones ailing, and they_ _were_imploring him that they_may_touch even_if against_the fringe of_the garment of_him, and as_many_as ~~wishfully~~ touched against_him were_being_healed.

7:1 And the Farisaios_party and some of_the scribes, having_ _come from Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), are_being_ _gathered_together to him, 2 and having_seen some of_the apprentices/followers of_him, that they_are_eating the loaves with_unclean hands, this is with_unwashed. 3 (For/Because the Farisaios_party and all the Youdaiōns, are_ not _eating if they_ _may_ not _wash the hands with_the_fist, taking_hold_of the tradition of_the elders, 4 and from the_marketplace they_are_ not _eating if they_may_ not _wash, and many other things there_is which they_received to_be_taking_hold_of, washings of_cups and pitchers and copper_kettles.) 5 And the Farisaios_ _party are_asking him and the scribes: For/Because_ why _ _reason the apprentices/followers of_you are_ not _walking according_to the tradition of_the elders, but they_are_eating the bread with_common hands? 6 And he answering said to_ _them: A^{y}saias/(Yəsha$'^{yāh}$) rightly prophesied concerning you_ _all ~~the~~ hypocrites, as it_has_been_written, ~~that~~ This ~~the~~ people is_honouring me with_the lips, but the heart of_them is_being_ _away far_away from me. 7 And they_are_worshipping me

58 **RV 6:45 · Parallel** Yhn 6:15-21; Mat. 14:22-33

59 **RV 6:53 · Parallel** Mat. 14:34-36

60 **RV 7:1 · Parallel** Mat. 15:1-9

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uselessly, teaching the_commands of_humans as_teachings.
8 Having_left the command of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, you_all_are_taking_
_hold_of the tradition of_ ~~the~~ _humans. **9** And he_was_saying to_
_them: You_all_are_rejecting well the command of_ ~~the~~ **_god**,
in_order_that you_all_may_keep the tradition of_you_all.
10 For/Because Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) said: Be_honouring the
father of_you and the mother of_you, and: The one speaking_
_evil father or mother let_be_dying in_death. **11** But you_all
are_saying: If a_person may_say to_the father or the mother:
whatever you_may_be_benefitted ~~if~~ from me it_is Korban (that
is 'a_gift'), **12** you_all_are_ no_longer _allowing him to_do
nothing for_the father or the mother, **13** annulling the message
of_ ~~the~~ **_god** for_the tradition of_you_all to_which you_all_gave_
_over. And many similar such things you_all_are_doing.

14 And again having_called_to the crowd, he_was_saying to_
_them: All be_hearing from_me and be_understanding:
15 there_is nothing outside the person entering_in into him,
which is_able to_defile him but the things going_out out_of the
person is the things defiling the person. **16** ◘ **17** And when he_
_came_in into the_house from the crowd, the
apprentices/followers of_him were_asking him the parable.
18 And he_is_saying to_them: Are you_all thus also
unintelligent? You_all_are_ not _understanding that everything
the part outside entering_in into the person is_ not _able to_
_defile him, **19** because it_is_ not _entering_in into the heart of_
_him but into the belly, and it_is_going_out into the latrine?
(Purifying all the foods.) **20** And he_was_saying ~~that~~ The thing
going_out out_of the person, that is_defiling the person.
21 For/Because from inside the heart of_ ~~the~~ _people are_going_
_out the ~~the~~ evil speculations, sexual_immoralities, thefts,
murders, adulteries, **22** greediness, wickedness, deceit,
wantonness, eyeing evil, slander, pride, foolishness. **23** All these
~~the~~ evil things inside is_going_out and is_defiling the person.

24 And from_there having_risen_up, he_went_away into the
regions of_Turos/(Tsor) and Sidōn/(Tsīdōn). And having_
_come_in into the_house, he_was_wanting no_one to_know, but
was_ not _able to_escape_notice. **25** But immediately a_woman
having_heard about him, of_whom the little_daughter was_
_having of_her an_ unclean _spirit having_come, fell_before at
the feet of_him. **26** And the woman was Hellaʸn, from_Foinikaʸ_
_in_Suria ~~the~~ by_descent, and she_was_asking him that he_may_
_throw_out the demon out_of the daughter of_her. **27** And he_
_was_saying to_her: Allow the children to_be_satisfied first,
because/for it_is not good to_take the bread of_the children,
and to_throw it to_the little_dogs. **28** And she answered and is_

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but their real desires are far away from me.
7 Their worship of me is worthless—
teaching man-made rules as if they are from God.'[61]
8 You've ignored **God's** commands instead accepting human traditions.
9 "You all simply dismiss **God's** commands in favour of your own customs, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued. **10** Mosheh (Moses) teaches us,
'Honour your parents,'[62]
and
'Anyone dishonestly slandering their parents deserves the death penalty.'[63]
11 But when you all encourage people to say, 'Whatever I had that may have helped you guys has been given to God', **12** you are actively discouraging them from helping their parents—
13 overriding **God's** message with your very convenient teaching that you disseminate instead. And that's not the only example!"

Evil comes from inside a person[64]

14 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) called out to the crowd, "Everyone listen to me carefully: **15** Nothing that enters your mouth makes you guilty in God's eyes. It's what comes *out* of you that demonstrates your culpability."
16 ◘ **17** When Yeshua came back inside, his apprentices asked him what he meant. **18** "Can't you understand something so simple," he scolded them. "Can't you see that anything from the outside that enters your body doesn't make you guilty in God's sight, **19** because it doesn't enter your mind but merely goes into your stomach and ends up in the toilet." (By saying this he clearly showed that it was ok for Yehudim (Jews) to eat any food.)
20 "It's what comes out of you that makes you guilty in God's eyes," he continued. **21–22** "That's because evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, arrogance, lust, slander, pride, and foolishness all come from *inside* people's hearts and minds. **23** So it's the evil that's inside a person and comes out that makes them guilty in God's eyes."

The bold faith of a non-Jewish woman[65]

24 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left that place and went up north into the regions of Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon). He tried to enter a house without being noticed but didn't succeed, **25** and straight away a woman who had heard about him turned up. She knelt in front of him because she had a young daughter who was demon-possessed. **26** The woman was Greek from Foinikai in Aram (Syria), and she begged Yeshua to command the demon to leave her daughter. **27** "Let the Jewish children be treated first," he told her, "because it's not good to take the chil-

61 **RV 7:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 29:13 (LXX).
62 **RV 7:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.
63 **RV 7:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:17; Lev 20:9.
64 **RV 7:14 · Parallel** Mat. 15:10-20
65 **RV 7:24 · Parallel** Mat. 15:21-28

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dren's food and give it to the household dogs."
28 "Yes, **master**," she responded, "but the puppies under the table *do* get to eat the little crumbs that the children drop."
29 "Ha, go home now" he answered, "As a result of how you just spoke, the demon has already left your daughter."
30 And when she got home, the demon had indeed gone and the young girl was lying quietly on her bed.

Yeshua heals a deaf man who couldn't speak

31 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left the Tsor (Tyre) region, passed through Tsidon (Sidon), and came down the eastern side of Galil Lake to the Dekapolis region. **32** The people there brought a man to him who couldn't hear or speak, and asked Yeshua to heal him. **33** So Yeshua took the man back away from the crowd, put his fingers in the man's ears, then he spat and touched the man's tongue. **34** Looking up to the sky, he sighed and said, "Open up!"
35 Then the man could hear, and his tongue was released and he began to speak properly. **36** Then Yeshua advised that they shouldn't tell anyone, but the more he said that, the more they seemed to spread it around. **37** The crowds were totally amazed, saying, "He can do anything—he makes the deaf able to hear, and enables those who couldn't speak."

Yeshua feeds 4,000 people[66]

8:1 Another time there was a large crowd again with nothing to eat. Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) called his apprentices and told them, **2** "I feel sorry for all these people because they've already been with us for three days and haven't had anything to eat. **3** I can't send them home because they're too weak to walk, and some have a long way to go."
4 "Where could anyone find enough food out here in the wilderness?" his apprentices queried.
5 "How much bread have you all got?" he asked.
"Seven buns," they answered.
6 So Yeshua instructed the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven buns, gave thanks and pulled them apart, giving pieces to his apprentices to then distribute to the crowd. **7** They also had a few small cooked fish, so he blessed them too and got them to distribute them as well. **8** After all the people had eaten and were full, they collected seven basketfuls of leftovers. **9** There were some four thousand people there that day, and Yeshua sent them home after they'd eaten. **10** Then he and his apprentices climbed into the boat and headed for the Dalmanoutha region.

The religious leaders want to see a miracle[67]

11 Some men from the Farisaios party came out to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and started arguing with him. They were

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_saying to_him: Yes, **master**, even the little_dogs beneath the table are_eating of the little_crumbs of_the little_children.
29 And he_said to_her: Because_of this ~~the~~ message be_going, the demon, has_come_out out_of the daughter of_you. **30** And having_gone_away to the home of_her, she_found the demon having_come_out and the little_child having_been_laid on the bed.

31 And back having_come_out from the regions of_Turos, he_ _came through Sidōn to the sea of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl), among the_midst of_the regions of_Dekapolis. **32** And they_are_ _bringing a_deaf and speech_impaired man to_him, and they_ _are_imploring him that he_may_lay_on his hand on_him.
33 And having_taken_ him _back from the crowd by himself, he_put the fingers of_him to the ears of_him, and having_spat, touched against_the tongue of_him, **34** and having_looked_up to the sky, he_groaned and is_saying to_him: Effatha/(Fətaḥ), that is: Be_opened_up. **35** And the ears of_him were_opened_up, and the bond of_the tongue of_him was_untied/released, and he_was_speaking correctly. **36** And he_instructed to_them that they_may_be_telling to_no_one. But as_much_as was_ _instructing to_them, they were_proclaiming it more more_ _abundantly. **37** And they_were_being_ exceedingly _astonished saying: He_has_done all things well, he_is_making both the deaf to_be_hearing and the_mute to_be_speaking.

8:1 In those ~~the~~ days again the_crowd of_being great and not having anything they_may_eat, having_called_to the apprentices/followers of_him he_is_saying to_them, **2** I_am_ _feeling_compassion for the crowd, because they_are_ already _ _remaining with_me three days and they_are_ not _having anything they_may_eat. **3** And if I_may_send_ them _away hungry to home of_them, they_will_be_being_exhausted on the way. And some of_them have_come from afar. **4** And the apprentices/followers of_him answered to_him: From_where ‹will›_ anyone _be_able to_satisfy these with_loaves here in wilderness? **5** And he_was_asking them: How_many loaves are_ _you_all_having? And they said: Seven. **6** And he_is_ _commanding to_the crowd to_sit_down on the ground. And having_taken the seven loaves, having_given_thanks he_broke and he_was_giving to_the apprentices/followers of_him, in_ _order_that they_may_be_setting_before them, and they_set_ _before it to_the crowd. **7** And were_having a_few little_fishes, and having_blessed them, he_told also these things to_be_ _setting_before them. **8** And they_ate and were_satisfied, and they_took_up the_excess of_fragments seven baskets. **9** And they_were they having_eaten about four_thousand. And he_ _sent_ them _away. **10** And immediately having_boarded into the boat with the apprentices/followers of_him, he_came into the districts of_Dalmanoutha.

11 And the Farisaios_party came_out and they_began to_be_ _debating against_him, seeking a_sign from the sky from him, testing him. **12** And having_sighed_deeply in_the spirit of_him he_is_saying: Why ~~the~~ is_ this generation _seeking a_sign?

66 **RV 8:1 · Parallel** Mat. 15:32-39
67 **RV 8:11 · Parallel** Mat. 16:1-4

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Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, a_sign ‹will›_ never _be_being_ _given to_ ~~the~~ this _generation. **13** And having_sent_away them, having_boarded again he_went_away to the side across.

14 And they_forgot to_take loaves, and except ~~not/lest~~ one loaf they_were_ not _having with themselves in the boat. **15** And he_was_instructing to_them saying: Be_seeing, be_watching_ _out for the leaven of_the Farisaios_party and of_the leaven of_ _Haʸrōdaʸs. **16** And they_were_reasoning with one_another, because they_are_ not _having loaves. **17** And having_known it, ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is_saying to_them: Why are_you_all_ _reasoning because you_all_are_ not _having loaves? You_all_ _are_ not_yet _understanding, nor you_all_are_understanding? Are_you_all_having the heart of_you_all having_been_ _hardened? **18** Having eyes, you_all_are_ not _seeing? And having ears, you_all_are_ not _hearing? And you_all_are_ not _ _remembering? **19** When I_broke the five loaves for the five_ _thousand, how_many baskets full of_fragments you_all_took_ _up? They_are_saying to_him: Twelve. **20** And when the seven for the four_thousand, of_how_many baskets the_fillings of_ _fragments you_all_took_up? and they_are_saying Seven. **21** And he_was_saying to_them: How you_all_are_ not_yet _ _understanding?

22 And they_are_coming to Baʸthsaida, and they_are_bringing a_blind man to_him, and they_are_imploring him that he_may_ _touch against_him. **23** And having_taken_hold of_the hand of_ _the blind man, he_brought_ him _out out of_the village, and having_spat in the eyes of_him, having_laid_on the hands on_ _him, he_was_asking him: - Are_you_seeing anything? **24** And having_looked_up he_was_saying: I_am_seeing the people, because I_am_seeing them walking as trees. **25** Thereafter again he_laid_on the hands on the eyes of_him, and he_saw_clearly and he_restored him and he_was_looking_at all things clearly. **26** And he_sent_ him _out to the_home of_him saying: You_ _may_ not _come_in into the village.

27 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** and the apprentices/followers of_him came_out into the villages of_Kaisareia ~~which~~ Filippou. And on the way he_was_asking the apprentices/followers of_ _him saying to_them: Whom are_ the people _saying me to_be? **28** And they spoke to_him saying, ~~that~~ Yōannaʸs the immerser, and others Aʸlias/(ʼĒliyʸāh), but others ~~that~~ one of_the prophets. **29** And he was_asking them: But whom you_all are_saying me to_be? And ~~the~~ Petros answering is_saying to_him: You are the

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checking him out and wanted to see him do a miracle.[68]
12 Yeshua grieved inside and asked, "Why do you people need to see a miracle before you'll believe me? Actually, no miracle will be done for this generation."[69]
13 So Yeshua left in the boat again and crossed to the other side of the lake.

The apprentices miss the significance of what's happening[70]

14 But Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices forgot to take any food other than one bun that someone in the boat had. **15** He told them, "Watch out for the yeast of the Farisaios[71] and of King Herodes (Herod)."
16 They asked each other what it meant—was it because they forgot food?
17 But **Yeshua** knew what they were saying and asked, "Why are you all discussing about not having food? Can't you figure it out? Or are your minds completely closed? **18** You all have eyes but can't seem to see and have ears but can't seem to listen.[72] Have you already forgotten what just happened? **19** When I broke up the five buns to feed five thousand people, how many basketfuls of leftovers did you collect?"
"Twelve," they answered.
20 "And when we fed four thousand with seven buns, how many full baskets of leftovers then?"
"Seven," they answered.
21 "So how can you all fail to understand what's going on right in front of you," Yeshua asked.

Yeshua heals a blind man near Beyt-Tsayda

22 As they entered Beyt-Tsayda, the people brought a blind man to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked him to touch him. **23** So Yeshua took the man's hand and led him out of the village. Then he spat in his eyes, placed his hands on him, and asked him, "Can you see anything?"
24 The man looked around and answered, "I can see the people, but they just look like trees." **25** Yeshua touched the man's eyes again and then he could see clearly—he was now completely better. **26** Then Yeshua told him not to go back into the village but to go straight home.

Yeshua asks who they think he is[73]

27 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and his apprentices moved around the various villages of Kaisareia-Filippi (Caesarea Philippi). On the way, he asked them, "Who does everyone think I am?"
28 "Some say Yohan-the-immerser," they said, "some say Eliyah (Elijah), and some say one of the prophets."[74]
29 "And what do you all think?" he asked.

68 RV 8:11 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:38; Luk 11:16.
69 RV 8:12 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:39; Luk 11:29.
70 RV 8:14 · Parallel Mat. 16:5-12
71 RV 8:15 · Cross-ref. Luk 12:1.
72 RV 8:18 · Cross-ref. Jer 5:21; Eze 12:2; Mrk 4:12.
73 RV 8:27 · Parallel Mat. 16:13-20; Luke 9:18-21
74 RV 8:28 · Cross-ref. Mrk 6:14-15; Luk 9:7-8.

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"You are the promised one sent by God," Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) answered him.[75]

30 Then Yeshua warned them not to tell others about him.

Yeshua's radical challenge to his would-be followers[76]

31 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) began teaching his apprentices that the son of humanity would need to suffer a lot, to be rejected by the religious leaders, and so to be put to death but to come back to life after three days. 32 He taught this very clearly, but Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) took him aside and told him off. 33 Yeshua turned back and looked at the others, then reprimanded Kefa, "Stand back, Satan—you're applying human values instead of considering **God's** plan."

34 Calling out to them and to the crowd, he said, "Anyone who wants to follow me must first put aside their own desires and then follow me—even through very difficult times.[77] 35 Anyone who worries about saving their own life will lose it, but anyone who gives their life due to following me and my teaching will save their life.[78] 36 No, it doesn't benefit a person if they gain everything in the world yet lose their soul. 37 What can someone offer in order to buy a home for their soul? 38 Yes, anyone who's ashamed of me and my message in front of this adulterous and sinful generation, the son of humanity will likewise be ashamed of them when he comes clearly displaying his father's greatness and bringing the holy messengers."

9:1 Then he continued, "I can assure you that some of the ones standing here won't die until they've seen **God's** powerful kingdom arrive."

Mosheh and Eliyah speak with Yeshua[79]

2 Six days later, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) took Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), and just the four of them went up onto a high hill. Then he was transformed right in front of their eyes[80] 3 and his clothes turned incredibly shining white—whiter than any bleach could make them. 4 Then Eliyah (Elijah) and Mosheh (Moses) appeared beside **Yeshua** and started talking with him. 5 Kefa said **to Yeshua**, "Teacher, it's good that we're here. Maybe we could make three shelters up here: one for you, one for Mosheh, and one for Eliyah?" 6 He said that because they were terrified and didn't know what to say.

7 Then a cloud shadowed them from the sun, and a voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is my dear son. Listen to him."[81]

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chosen_one/messiah. 30 And he_warned to_them that they_ _may_be_telling no_one concerning him.

31 And he_began to_be_teaching them that it_is_fitting the son of_ ~~the~~ _man to_suffer many things, and to_be_rejected by the elders and the chief_priests and the scribes, and to_be_killed_ _off, and to_rise_up after three days. 32 And he_was_speaking the message with_plainness. And having_taken_ him _aside, ~~the~~ Petros began to_be_giving_rebuke to_him. 33 And he, having_ _been_turned_back and having_seen the apprentices/followers of_him, gave_rebuke to_ ~~the~~ _Petros and is_saying: Be_going behind me, Satan/(Sāṭān), because you_are_ not _thinking the things of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, but the things of_ ~~the~~ _humans. 34 And having_called_to the crowd with the apprentices/followers of_ _him, he_said to_them: If anyone is_wanting to_be_following after me, let_him_renounce himself and let_him_take_up the stake of_him, and let_him_be_following after_me.
35 For/Because whoever ~~if~~ may_be_wanting to_save the life of_ _him, will_be_losing it, but whoever ~~wishfully~~ will_be_losing the life of_him on_account me and of_the good_message, will_be_ _saving it. 36 For/Because what is_it_benefiting a_person, he_ _may_gain the whole world and the soul of_him to_be_lost?
37 For/Because what ‹will›_ a_person _be_giving as_an_ _exchange for_the soul of_him? 38 For/Because whoever ~~if~~ may_be_ashamed_of me and ~~the~~ my messages in ~~the~~ this ~~the~~ adulterous and sinful generation, the son of_ ~~the~~ _man ‹will›_ also _be_being_ashamed of_him whenever he_may_come in the glory of_the father of_him with the ~~the~~ holy messengers.
9:1 And he_was_saying to_them: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that are some of_the ones having_stood here, who by_no_ _means may_ not _taste of_death until ~~wishfully~~ they_may_see the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** having_come with power.

2 And after six days, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is_taking ~~the~~ Petros and ~~the~~ Yakōbos/(Ya$'_{a}$qov) and ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s, and is_ _bringing_ them _up into a_ high _mountain by themselves alone. And he_was_transformed before them, 3 and the clothes of_him became shining exceedingly white, such_as a_launderer on the earth is_ not _able to_whiten thus. 4 And A^{y}lias/('Ēliy^{yāh}) with Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) was_seen to_them, and they_were conversing_with ~~the~~ with_**Ya^{y}sous**. 5 And ~~the~~ Petros answering is_saying to_ ~~the~~ _**Ya^{y}sous**: My_great_one, it_is good for_us to_ _be here, and we_may_make three tents, one for_you, and one for_Mōsa^{y}s, and one for_A^{y}lias. 6 For/Because he_had_ not _ _known what he_may_answer, because/for they_became terrified. 7 And a_cloud became overshadowing on_them, and a_voice became out_of the cloud: This is the the beloved son of_ _me, be_hearing from_him. 8 And suddenly having_looked_ _around, they_ no_longer _saw no_one, except only ~~not/lest~~ ~~the~~

75 **RV 8:29 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 6:68-69.
76 **RV 8:31 · Parallel** Mat. 16:21-28; Luke 9:22-27
77 **RV 8:34 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:38; Luk 14:27.
78 **RV 8:35 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 12:25; Mat 10:39; Luk 17:33.
79 **RV 9:2 · Parallel** Mat. 17:1-13; Luke 9:28-36
80 **RV 9:2-7 · Cross-ref.** 2Pe 1:17-18.
81 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:17; Mrk 1:11; Luk 3:22.

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Ya^{y}sous with themselves. **9** And them coming_down from the mountain, he_instructed to_them that they_may_describe to_ _no_one what they_saw, except ~~not/lest~~ whenever the son of_ ~~the~~ _man may_rise_up from the_dead. **10** And they_took_hold_of the statement to themselves, debating what is the meaning of the_dead to_rise_up. **11** And they_were_asking him saying, ~~that~~ The scribes are_saying that it_is_fitting A^{y}lias to_come first? **12** And he was_saying to_them: A^{y}lias indeed having_come first is_restoring all things, but how has_it_‹been›_written concerning the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man, that he_may_suffer many things and may_be_scorned? **13** But I_am_saying to_you_all that A^{y}lias/('Ēliy^{yāh}) has_ also _come, and they_did to_him as_much_ _as they_were_wanting, as it_has_been_written concerning him.

14 And having_come to the apprentices/followers, he_saw a_ great _crowd around them, and the_scribes debating with with_them. **15** And immediately all the crowd having_seen him were_greatly_amazed, and running_up they_were_greeting him. **16** And he_asked them: What are_you_all_debating with them? **17** And one out_of the crowd answered to_him: Teacher, I_brought the son of_me to you, having a_ mute _spirit. **18** And wherever it_may_grasp ~~if~~ him, it_is_attacking him, and he_is_ _foaming and is_grating his teeth and is_being_paralysed. And I_told to_the apprentices/followers of_you that they_may_ _throw_ it _out, and they_ not _prevailed. **19** And he answering to_them is_saying: Oh unbelieving generation. Until when will_ I _be with you_all? Until when ‹will› I_be_tolerating of_you_all? Be_bringing him to me. **20** And they_brought him to him. And having_seen him, the spirit immediately threw_ him _into_ _convulsions, and having_fallen on the ground, he_was_rolling foaming. **21** And he_asked the father of_him: How_much time it_is while this has_become with_him? And he said: From from_ _childhood. **22** And often it_throw him both into fire and into waters in_order_that it_may_destroy him. But if anything you_ _are_being_able, give_help to_us, having_been_feeling_ _compassion on us. **23** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_ _him, ~~the~~ If you_are_being_able? All things possible to_the one believing. **24** And immediately having_cried_out, the father of_ _the little_child was_saying: I_am_believing, be_giving_help of_ _me for_the unbelief. **25** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_seen that a_ _crowd is_running_together, he_gave_rebuke to_the ~~the~~ unclean spirit saying to_it: - Mute and deaf spirit, I am_commanding to_ _you, come_out out_of him, and no_longer you_may_come_in into him. **26** And having_cried_out and having_convulsed much, it_came_out, and he_became as_if dead, so_that ~~the~~ many to_be_saying that he_died_off. **27** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_ _taken_hold of_the hand of_him, raised him, and he_rose_up. **28** And him having_come_in into a_house, the apprentices/followers of_him by themselves were_asking him, ~~That~~ We were_ not _able to_throw_ it _out? **29** And he_said to_ _them: This ~~the~~ kind is_able to_come_out by nothing except ~~not/lest~~ by prayer and fasting.

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8 When they looked around, they couldn't see anyone else there anymore, except for **Yeshua** himself.

9 As they came down the hill again, Yeshua told them not to tell anyone what had happened up there until after the son of humanity had come back to life.

10 They remembered that, although between all three of them they couldn't understand the bit about coming back to life, **11** so they asked Yeshua, "Isn't it written that Eliyah will be the first to return?"[82]

12 "Yes," he answered, "Eliyah (Elijah) is indeed the one to come first to start the restoration. But isn't it also written that the son of humanity will be despised and will suffer a lot? **13** You see, Eliyah has come already, and they treated him just however they liked, just like it was written that it would happen."

Yeshua drives out a stubborn demon[83]

14 When they got back to his other followers, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) saw that they were surrounded by a large crowd and the religious teachers were debating with them. **15** The crowd were very surprised when they noticed Yeshua and came running to greet him. **16** He asked them, "What were you all arguing with them about?"

17 One of the people answered, "Teacher, I brought my son here—he has a demon that prevents him from speaking. **18** Whenever it takes hold of him, it attacks him and he starts foaming at the mouth and grating his teeth and his joints lock up. I tried to get your followers to command it to leave but they couldn't."

19 "You're a faithless generation," Yeshua replied. "How much longer will I have to be here? How much longer can I tolerate you all? Bring him here." **20** So they brought the boy to him. When he saw Yeshua, the demon immediately caused him to have convulsions and fall on the ground—rolling over and foaming at the mouth.

21 Yeshua asked the boy's father, "How long has this been happening for?"

"Since he was small," he replied, **22** "and often it throws him into the fire or into water to try to destroy him. But if can do anything and you feel sorry for us, please help us."

23 **Yeshua** asked him, "If I can? A person who believes can do anything."

24 The boy's father cried out, "I do believe—help me to fight unbelief."

25 Then **Yeshua** noticing that a big crowd was quickly forming, scolded the evil spirit, "You spirit who causes muteness and deafness, leave this boy now and never return to him."

26 There was yelling and strong convulsions, and then the demon left him and the boy lay still as if dead, and many people thought he was. **27** However **Yeshua** took his hand and lifted it, and the boy got up.

28 When Yeshua and his apprentices had gone into the house by themselves, they asked him, "How come we couldn't drive it

82 **RV 9:11 · Cross-ref.** Mal 4:5; Mat 11:14.

83 **RV 9:14 · Parallel** Mat. 17:14-21; Luke 9:37-43a

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out?"
29 "That kind will only leave after prayer and fasting," he replied.

Yeshua talks again about being executed[84]

30 Then they left that place and were moving around Galil, because Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) didn't want people to know where he was 31 while he was teaching his apprentices. He told them, "The son of humanity will be arrested and executed, but after three days he'll come back to life."
32 But they didn't know what that meant, and they were too scared to ask him.

How to be the best[85]

33 Then they went to Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) and when they arrived at the house, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) asked them what they were discussing on the way.
34 But they didn't reply because while they were walking, they'd been talking about which of them is the best.[86] 35 So Yeshua sat down and called the twelve of them and explained, "Anyone who wants to be at the top, has to be at the bottom and help all the others."[87] 36 Then Yeshua called a young boy and stood him in the middle of them, and giving him a hug said, 37 "Anyone who welcomes young children on my behalf, welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me is not actually welcoming me, but welcoming the one who sent me here."[88]

Others are also serving Yeshua[89]

38 Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) checked with Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "Teacher, we saw someone using your authority to command demons to leave, but we told him off because he wasn't one of us."
39 **Yeshua** responded, "No, don't stop him, because anyone who does a miracle using my name won't just quickly turn around and slander me. 40 Yes, anyone who's not against us is for us.[90] 41 **Anyone** who gives you water to drink because you're followers **of** God's **chosen one** and who does it because they're working for me, I can assure you that they'll receive their reward.[91]

Difficult teachings about disobedience[92]

42 "But anyone who causes a young person to falter from their trust in me, it would be better if they were thrown into the sea with a heavy weight tied around their neck. 43 If your hand causes you to disobey God, cut it off—it's better to enter eternal life being maimed, than to have two hands but to be

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30 And_from_there having_come_out, they_were_passing_ _through through ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), and he_was_ not _wanting that anyone may_know, 31 for/because he_was_teaching the apprentices/followers of_him, and was_saying to_them, ~~that~~ The son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_being_given_over into the_hands of_ _men, and they_will_be_killing_ him _off, and having_been_ _killed_off, after three days he_will_be_rising_up. 32 And they were_not_knowing of_the saying, and they_were_fearing to_ask him.

33 And they_came to Kafarna'oum. And having_become in the house, he_was_asking them: What were_you_all_reasoning on the way? 34 And they were_keeping_silent, because/for they_ _were_discussing with one_another on the road, who was greater. 35 And having_sat_down, he_called the twelve and is_ _saying to_them: If anyone is_wanting to_be first, he_will_be last of_all and servant of_all. 36 And having_taken a_little_child, he_stood him in the_midst of_them, and having_embraced him, he_said to_them, 37 Whoever may_receive ~~wishfully~~ one of_ ~~the~~ _ _such little_children in the name of_me is_receiving me, and whoever may_receive ~~wishfully~~ me, is_ not _receiving me, but the one having_sent_ me _out.

38 ~~The~~ Yōannaʸs was_saying to_him: Teacher, we_saw someone casting_out demons in the name of_you, and we_were_ _forbidding him, because he_was_ not _following with_us. 39 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said: Be_ not _forbidding him, because/for is no_one who will_be_doing a_miracle in the name of_me, will_be_able quickly also to_speak_evil_of me. 40 For/Because whoever is not against us, is for us. 41 For/Because if whoever may_give_ you_all _to_drink a_cup of_water in my_name, because you_all_are of_the**_chosen_ _one/messiah**, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that by_no_means he_may_ not _lose the reward of_him.

42 And whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_stumble one of_ ~~the~~ these _little ones ~~which~~ believing in me, it_is better for_him rather if a_ heavy _grinding_stone is_hung_around around the neck of_ _him, and he_has_been_throw into the sea. 43 And if the hand of_you may_be_stumbling you, cut_ it _off, it_is better for_you to_come_in into ~~the~~ life maimed, than to_go_away into ~~the~~ geenna having ~~the~~ two hands, into the ~~the~~ inextinguishable fire.

84 **RV 9:30 · Parallel** Mat. 17:22-23; Luk 9:43b-45
85 **RV 9:33 · Parallel** Mat. 18:1-5; Luk 9:46-48
86 **RV 9:34 · Cross-ref.** Luk 22:24.
87 **RV 9:35 · Cross-ref.** Mat 20:26-27; 23:11; Mrk 10:43-44; Luk 22:26.
88 **RV 9:37 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 13:20; Mat 10:40; Luk 10:16.
89 **RV 9:38 · Parallel** Luke 9:49-50
90 **RV 9:40 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:30; Luk 11:23.
91 **RV 9:41 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:42.
92 **RV 9:42 · Parallel** Mat. 18:6-9; Luke 17:1-2

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44 ◘ **45** And if the foot of_you may_be_stumbling you, cut_ it _ _off, it_is better for_you to_come_in into ~~the~~ life lame, than having ~~the~~ two feet to_be_thrown into ~~the~~ geenna. **46** ◘ **47** And if the eye of_you may_be_stumbling you, throw_ it _out, it_is better you to_come_in into the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** one-eyed, than to_be_thrown into ~~the~~ geenna, having two eyes **48** where the worm of_them is_ not _dying and the fire is_ not _being_ _extinguished. **49** For/Because everyone will_be_being_salted with_fire. **50** The salt is good, but if the salt may_become unsalty, with what ‹will›_you_all_be_seasoning it? Be_having salt in yourselves and be_being_at_peace with one_another.

10:1 And from_there having_risen_up, he_is_coming into the regions of_ ~~the~~ _Youdaia and beyond the Yordana^{y}s/(Yardēn), and again crowds are_going_with to him, and he_was_teaching them again as he_had_been_accustomed. **2** And the_Farisaios_ _party having_approached, were_asking him: - Is_it_permitting for_a_husband to_send_away a_wife? Testing him. **3** And he answering said to_them: What commanded Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) to_you_all? **4** And they said, Mōsa^{y}s permitted to_write a_scroll of_divorce and to_send_away. **5** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said to_them: He_wrote ~~the~~ this command for_you_all for the hard_heart of_you_all, **6** but from the_beginning of_creation, he_made them male and female. **7** On_account of_this a_man will_be_leaving the father of_him and the mother, and will_be_ _being_joined wife of_him **8** and the two will_be into one flesh. So_that they_are no_longer two, but one flesh. **9** Therefore what ~~the~~ **god** joined_together, let_ a_person not _be_separating. **10** And in the house again, the apprentices/followers were_ _asking him concerning this. **11** And he_is_saying to_them: Whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_send_away the wife of_him and may_ _marry another, is_causing_adultery against her. **12** And if she having_sent_away the husband of_her, may_marry another, she_is_causing_adultery.

13 And they_were_bringing little_children to_him, in_order_ _that he_may_touch against_them, but the apprentices/followers gave_rebuke to_them. **14** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_seen, resented, and said to_them: Allow the little_ _children to_be_coming to me and be_ not _forbidding them, because/for the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is ~~the~~ of_such. **15** Truly, I_ _am_saying to_you_all, whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_ not _receive the

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thrown into the fire that never goes out.[93] **44** ◘ **45** And if your foot causes you to disobey God, cut it off—it's better to enter eternal life being maimed, than to have two feet but to be thrown into hell. **46** ◘ **47** And if your eye causes you to disobey God, gouge it out—it's better to enter **God's** kingdom one-eyed, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell[94] **48** where the worms never die and the fire never goes out.

49 "Everyone will be salted with fire.

50 "Now salt is good, but if it were to go bad, what would you season your food with then?[95] So keep yourselves like salt, and strive to get on well with each other."

It's God that joins husband and wife[96]

10:1 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) and went down to the Yehudah (Judea) area and across the Yarden (Jordan) river. Again the crowds followed him, and he taught them just like he usually did.

2 Some from the Farisaios party approached Yeshua to check him out and asked, "Does the law allow a husband to dismiss his wife?"

3 "Well, what law did Mosheh (Moses) give to you all?" he asked.

4 They answered, "Mosheh said that a husband is allowed to write a statement of divorce and dismiss his wife with it."[97]

5 "Yes, he wrote that law," **Yeshua** responded, "because he saw your stubborn desires, **6** but God made both men and women right at the beginning.[98] **7** As a result, a man leaves his parents and joins together with his wife[99] **8** and the couple become a single unit. So there's no longer two of them, but only one. **9** So if it's **God** who joins them together like that, no person has the authority to separate them."

10 Back in the house again, his apprentices asked about that, **11** and Yeshua told them, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another person, commits adultery towards his wife."[100] **12** And likewise, if the wife divorces her husband and marries another person, she's committing adultery towards her husband."

Yeshua encourages childlike faith[101]

13 The people were bringing small children for Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) to touch, but his apprentices scolded them. **14** However, **Yeshua** noticed it and was upset, "Just let those kids come. Don't prevent them, because **God's** kingdom consists of people like them. **15** Actually, you can't even enter **God's** kingdom unless you ac-

93 **RV 9:43 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:30.

94 **RV 9:47 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:29.

95 **RV 9:50 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:13; Luk 14:34-35.

96 **RV 10:1 · Parallel** Mat. 19:1-12; Luke 16:18

97 **RV 10:4 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:1-4; Mat 5:31.

98 **RV 10:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:27; 5:2.

99 **RV 10:7-8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:24.

100 **RV 10:11-12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:32; 1Cor 7:10-11.

101 **RV 10:13 · Parallel** Mat. 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17

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cept it just like a small child does."[102] **16** So he continued hugging the children and commanding a good life for them as he placed his hands on each one.

Leaving everything behind to be saved[103]

17 One time when Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was starting out on a trip, a man caught up to him and kneeling down in front of him asked, "Good teacher, what do I have to do to inherit eternal life?"

18 "Why do you call me *good*?" he asked. "No person is good—only **God** is. **19** You know God's instructions: don't murder,[104] don't commit adultery,[105] don't steal,[106] don't lie in court,[107] don't defraud others, and honour your parents."[108]

20 "Teacher, I've kept all of those since I was young," the man responded.

21 **Yeshua** looked up at him with genuine love and said, "There's one thing still to be done: sell everything you have and give the money to the poor—then you'll have wealth in heaven. After that, come and follow me." **22** But the man grew very sad when he heard that, and he went away upset because he owned many properties.

23 **Yeshua** looked around and told his followers, "It's so difficult for wealthy people to enter **God's** kingdom."

24 (His followers were a bit stunned at his teaching.) **Yeshua** continued, "Yes, it's certainly difficult to enter into **God's** kingdom. **25** It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter **God's** kingdom."

26 Now they were totally stunned, asking, "How can anyone possibly be saved then?"

27 **Yeshua** looked intently at them, "Yes, humanly it's quite impossible. But with **God** it's different—God can do anything!"

28 Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) said, "Well, we left everything and came and followed you."

29 "Yes, I can assure you all," **Yeshua** answered, "that anyone who left their home or farm, and left their siblings or parents or children because of me and my teaching, **30** they'll be rewarded one hundred times over with homes and farms and siblings and parents and children along with times of persecution, but gaining eternal life in the next era. **31** But many at the top now will be at the bottom then, and many at the bottom now will be blessed then."[109]

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kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** as a_little_child by_no_means may_ not _ _come_in into it. **16** And having_embraced them, he_was_ _blessing them, laying his hands on them.
17 And of_him going_out on the_journey, one having_run_up and having_knelt to_him was_asking him: Good Teacher, what may_I_do in_order_that I_may_inherit eternal life? **18** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_him: Why are_you_calling me good? No_one is good, except ~~not/lest~~ one ~~the~~ **god**. **19** You_have_ _known the commands: you_may_ not _murder, you_may_ not _ _commit_adultery, you_may_ not _steal, you_may_ not _give_ _false_testimony, you_may_ not _defraud: Be_honouring the father and the mother of_you. **20** And he was_saying to_him: Teacher, I_kept all these from the_youth of_me. **21** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_focused_in on_him, loved him and said to_him: one thing is_lacking you: be_going, sell as_much_as you_are_ _having, and give poor, and you_will_be_having treasure in heaven, and come, be_following after_me. **22** But he, having_ _saddened at the message, went_away being_sorrowed, because/for he_was having many properties. **23** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_looked_around, is_saying to_the apprentices/followers of_him: How difficultly the ones having ~~the~~ wealth will_be_coming_in into the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **24** And the apprentices/followers were_being_amazed at the messages of_him. But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** again answering is_saying to_ _them: Children, how difficult it_is to_come_in into the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **25** It_is easier for_a_camel to_pass_ _through through eye needle than a_rich one to_come_in into the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **26** But they were_being_ exceedingly _astonished, saying to him: And who is_able to_be_saved? **27** ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_focused_in on_them, is_saying: With humans it_is impossible, but not with **god**, because/for all things are possible with ~~the~~ **god**. **28** ~~The~~ Petros began to_be_ _saying to_him: Behold, we left all things and have_followed after_you. **29** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_saying: Truly, I_am_saying to_ _you_all, there_is no_one who left house, or brothers, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or farms, on_account of_me and of_the good_message, **30** if may_ not _receive hundred_fold now in ~~the~~ this time, houses, and brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and farms, with persecutions, and in the age which coming, eternal life. **31** But many first will_be last, and last first.

102 **RV 10:15 · Cross-ref.** Mat 18:3.
103 **RV 10:17 · Parallel** Mat. 19:16-30; Luke 18:18-30
104 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:13; Deu 5:17.
105 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:14; Deu 5:18.
106 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:15; Deu 5:19.
107 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:16; Deu 5:20.
108 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.
109 **RV 10:31 · Cross-ref.** Mat 20:16; Luk 13:30.

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32 And they_were on the way going_up to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** was going_ _before them, and they_were_being_amazed, and they following were_fearing. And having_taken the twelve back, he_ _began to_be_telling to_them the things going to_be_ _happening to_him. 33 ~~That~~ Behold, we_are_going_up to Hierousalaʸm, and the son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_be_being_given_ _over to_the chief_priests and the scribes, and they_will_be_ _condemning him to_death, and they_will_be_giving_ him _ _over to_the pagans. 34 And they_will_be_mocking at_him, and they_will_be_spitting on_him, and they_will_be_flogging him, and they_will_be_killing_off, and after three days he_will_be_ _rising_up.

35 And Yakōbos/(Yaʹₐqovʹ) and Yōannaʸs the two sons of_ _Zebedaios are_approaching to_him, saying to_him: Teacher, we_are_wanting that whatever ~~if~~ we_may_request you, you_ _may_do for_us. 36 And he said to_them: What are_you_all_ _wanting me I_may_do for_you_all? 37 And they said to_him: Give to_us, that we_may_sit_down in with_the glory of_you, one on the_right and one on the_left of_you. 38 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said to_them: You_all_have_ not _known what you_all_are_requesting. Are_you_all_being_able to_drink the cup which I am_drinking, or to_be_immersed the immersion which I am_being_immersed? 39 And they said to_ _him: We_are_being_able. And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** said to_them: The cup which I am_drinking, you_all_will_be_drinking, and the immersion which I am_being_immersed, you_all_will_be_ _being_immersed, 40 but ~~which~~ to_sit_down on the_right or on the_left of_me, is not mine to_give, but for_whom it_has_been_ _prepared. 41 And having_heard, the ten began to_be_resenting about Yakōbos and Yōannaʸs. 42 And having_called_to them, ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** is_saying to_them: You_all_have_known that the ones supposing to_be_ruling over_the pagans are_exercising_ _mastership over_them, and the great ones of_them are_ _exercising_authority over_them. 43 But it_is not thus among you_all, but whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_be_wanting to_become great among you_all, will_be servant of_you_all, 44 and whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_be_wanting to_be first among you_all, will_be slave of_all. 45 For/Because even the son of_ ~~the~~ _man came not to_be_served, but to_serve and to_give the life of_him as_a_ _ransom for many.

46 And they_are_coming to Yeriḳō/(Yərīḥō). And him and the apprentices/followers of_him and a_ large _crowd going_out from Yeriḳō, Bartimaios blind beggar, ~~the~~ a_son of_Timaios, was_sitting beside the road. 47 And having_heard that it_is **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** the from_Nazaret, he_began to_be_ _crying_out and to_be_saying, son of_Dawid/(Dāvid), **Yaʸsous**, show_mercy to_me. 48 And many were_warning to_him that

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Yeshua's third prediction about his execution[110]

32 They were heading south on their way to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) in front, and his followers were a bit surprised and a bit scared. Yeshua took the twelve aside, and started telling them what was going to happen to him, 33 "We're on our way down to Yerushalem and the son of humanity will be turned over to the chief priests and the religious teachers, and they'll sentence him to be executed and hand him over to the non-Jews. 34 Then they'll ridicule him and spit on him before they beat him and execute him, but he'll come back to life again in three days time."

How to become respected in God's kingdom[111]

35 Then Zavday's (Grk. Zebedaios') two sons, Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), approached Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked, "Teacher, we'd like to ask a favour from you—please don't disappoint us."

36 "What do you want from me?" Yeshua asked.

37 They answered, "Allow us two to sit beside you in heaven—one of us on each side of you."

38 "You don't even understand what you're asking for," **Yeshua** replied. "Do you think you could endure the suffering that I have to go through? Or to be enveloped in the darkness that I have to go down into?"[112]

39 "Sure we can," they replied.

"And indeed you all will suffer like me and be enveloped in darkness like I will be," responded **Yeshua**, 40 "but as for deciding who will sit next to me, that's not my decision to make because it's already been decided."

41 When the ten other apprentices heard what those two had asked for, they were upset at Ya'akov (Jacob) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes). 42 But **Yeshua** called them over, "Listen, in most countries their rulers boss the people around and their leaders exert their authority over them.[113] 43 But it doesn't work like that with you—anyone of you who wants to be honoured must serve the others,[114] 44 and anyone who wants to become the most respected has to work like a slave does. 45 Even the son of humanity didn't come to be served, but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom to set many people free."

Blind Bar-Timaios gets his miracle[115]

46 They arrived at Yeriho (Jericho), and then when Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and his apprentices were leaving again with a large crowd following, they came across blind Bar-Timaios (Grk. Bartimaios) (Timaios' son) sitting beside the path begging. 47 When he heard that it was **Yeshua** from Nazaret going past, he yelled out, "**Yeshua**,

110 **RV 10:32 · Parallel** Mat. 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34

111 **RV 10:35 · Parallel** Mat. 20:20-28

112 **RV 10:38 · Cross-ref.** Luk 12:50.

113 **RV 10:42-43 · Cross-ref.** Luk 22:25-26.

114 **RV 10:43-44 · Cross-ref.** Mat 23:11; Mrk 9:35; Luk 22:26.

115 **RV 10:46 · Parallel** Mat. 20:29-34; Luke 18:35-43

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promised descendant of David, help me please."
48 When several people told him to stop, he just yelled out even louder, "Yeshua, promised descendant of David, please help me."
49 Then **Yeshua** stopped and got the people to call the blind man. So they called him, "Hey, be confident! Get up and come because he's called for you."
50 So Bar-Timaios threw off his jacket, jumped up, and was led to **Yeshua**.
51 "Now, what do you want me to do for you?" **Yeshua** asked.
"My teacher, I'd like to be able to see," Bar-Timaios replied.
52 "Okay, off you go then," **Yeshua** responded. "Your faith has saved you."
Immediately Bar-Timaios was able to see, and followed along the path after Yeshua.

Yeshua is treated like a king entering Yerushalem[116]

11:1 As they got close to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and were passing Beyt-Fagey (Bethphage) and Beyt-Ania (Bethany) on the Mt. of Olives, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) sent two of his apprentices ahead. **2** telling them, "Go on to the next village and as you enter it, you'll see a young donkey that hasn't ever been ridden yet. Untie it and bring it back here. **3** If anyone asks what you're doing, tell them that the **master** needs it and he'll return it later."
4 So they went ahead and found a donkey tied up on the path just outside the door of a house, and so they went to untie it. **5** But some of the people standing around there said, "Hoy! What do you think you're doing untying that donkey?"
6 So they responded just as **Yeshua** had told them, and the people allowed them to proceed. **7** They brought the young donkey to **Yeshua**, placing their coats over it before Yeshua mounted it. **8** As Yeshua rode it into Yerushalem, many people laid their coats on the road, while others lay down leafy branches cut from trees in nearby fields. **9** Some went ahead and others came along behind, shouting, "This is the saviour who comes with the authority and blessing from **Yahweh**[117]— **10** the promised ancestor of King David who is blessed as he ushers in his kingdom—the blessed saviour from heaven."
11 And so Yeshua arrived in Yerushalem and went into the temple and looked all around, but because it was now evening, he went back out to Beyt-Ania (Bethany) village (Bethany) with his twelve apprentices.

Yeshua curses a fig tree[118]

12 The next day after they'd left Beyt-Ania (Bethany) village (Bethany), Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was hungry. **13** From a distance he noticed a fig tree that was in leaf so he went over to see if there was any fruit on it, but when he reached it there was only leaves because it wasn't the right season for figs. **14** So he spoke to the

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he_may_keep_silent, but he was_crying_out by_much more: son of_Dawid, show_mercy to_me. **49** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_ _stopped said: Call him. And they_are_calling the blind man, saying to_him: Be_having_courage, be_raising, he_is_calling you. **50** And he, having_thrown_away the coat of_him, having_ _jumped_up came to ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**. **51** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answering to_him said: What are_you_wanting I_may_do for_you? And the blind man said to_him: My_teacher, that I_may_receive_sight. **52** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_him: Be_going, the faith of_you has_ _saved you. And immediately he_received_sight, and was_ _following after_him on the way.

11:1 And when they_are_nearing to Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), to Ba^{y}thfaga^{y} and Ba^{y}thania near the Mount ~~the~~ of_Olives, he_is_sending_out two of_the apprentices/followers of_him, **2** and is_saying to_them: Be_ _going into the village ~~which~~ in_front_of you_all, and immediately entering_in into it, you_all_will_be_finding a_colt having_been_bound on which no_one of_the_people not_yet sat_down, untie it and be_bringing it. **3** And if anyone may_say to_you_all: Why are_you_all_doing this? Say, ~~that~~ The **master** is_ _having need of_it, and immediately he_is_sending_ it _out back here. **4** And they_went_away, and they_found the_colt having_been_bound at the door outside by the street, and they_are_untying it. **5** And some of_the ones having_stood there were_saying to_them: What are_you_all_doing releasing the colt? **6** And they spoke to_them as ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** told, and they_allowed them. **7** And they_are_bringing the colt to ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, and they_are_laying_on the coats of_them to_it, and he_sat_down on it. **8** And many spread the coats of_them on the road, and others leafy_branches having_cut_off from the fields. **9** And the ones going_before and the ones following were_crying_out: Honoured_saviour. Having_been_blessed is the one coming in name of_the_**master**. **10** Having_been_ _blessed is the coming kingdom of_the father of_us, Dawid/(Dāvid). Honoured_saviour in the highest. **11** And he_ _came_in into Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), into the temple, and having_looked_around all things, already being the evening hour, he_came_out to Ba^{y}thania with the twelve.

12 And on_the day of_next, of_them having_come_out from Ba^{y}thania, he_hungered. **13** And having_seen afar a_fig_tree from having leaves, he_came if perhaps anything he_will_be_ _finding on it, and having_come to it, he_found nothing except ~~not/lest~~ leaves, because/for was not the season of_figs. **14** And answering he_said to_it: No_longer for the age, of you no_one might_eat fruit. And the apprentices/followers of_him were_

116 **RV 11:1 · Parallel** Yhn 12:12-19; Mat. 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-40
117 **RV 11:9 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:25-26.
118 **RV 11:12 · Parallel** Mat. 21:18-19

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_hearing.

15 And they_are_coming to Hierousalaʸm, and having_come_in into the temple, he_began to_be_casting_out the ones selling and the ones buying in the temple, and the tables of_the moneychangers and he_overturned the seats of_the ones selling the doves. **16** And was_ not _allowing that anyone may_ _carry_ an_object _through through the temple. **17** And he_ _was_teaching and was_saying to_them: Not has_it_‹been›_ _written, ~~that~~ The house of_me will_be_being_called a_house of_ _prayer for_all the nations? But you_all made it a_hideout of_ _robbers. **18** And the chief_priests and the scribes heard it, and they_were_seeking how they_may_destroy him, because/for they_were_fearing him, because/for all the crowd was_being_ _astonished at the teaching of_him. **19** And whenever evening became, they_were_going_out outside the city.

20 And passing_through in_the_morning, they_saw the fig_tree having_been_withered from roots. **21** And ~~the~~ Petros having_ _been_reminded is_saying to_him: My_great_one, see, the fig_ _tree which you_cursed has_been_withered. **22** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** answering is_saying to_them: Be_having faith of_**god**. **23** Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_say to_ ~~the~~ this _mountain: Be_taken_away and be_ _thrown into the sea, and it_may_ not _be_doubted in the heart of_him, but may_be_believing that whatever he_is_speaking is_ _becoming, will_be done for_him. **24** Because_of this I_am_ _saying to_you_all, all things as_much_as you_all_are_praying and are_requesting, be_believing that you_all_received, and it_ _will_be done for_you_all. **25** And whenever you_all_may_be_ _standing praying, be_forgiving if you_all_are_having anything against anyone, in_order_that the father of_you_all, who is in the heavens may_ also, _forgive to_you_all the transgressions of_you_all.

26 ◘ **27** And they_are_coming back to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and him walking in the temple, the chief_priests, and the scribes, and the elders. are_coming to him. **28** And they_were_saying to_him: By what authority are_ _you_doing these things? Or who gave ~~the~~ this authority to_you, in_order_that you_may_be_doing these things? **29** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** said to_them: Also_I I_will_be_asking you_all one message, and answer to_me, and I_will_be_telling to_you_all by what authority I_am_doing these things. **30** The immersion ~~which~~ of_Yōannaʸs, was_it from heaven or from humans?

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tree, "No one in this age will ever eat fruit from you again." (His followers heard him say that.)

Yeshua upsets the traders inside the temple[119]

15 Then they came back into Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and on into the temple where Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started driving out the sellers and the buyers that were trading in there. Then he tipped over the money-changers' tables and the chairs of the ones selling doves, **16** and stopped others from carrying goods through the temple. **17** He taught them, "Isn't it written in the Scriptures,

'My house will be known as a prayer house for all the nations to use'?[120]

But all of you have turned it into a sanctuary for swindlers."[121]

18 When the chief priests and the religious teachers heard that, they started looking for a way that they could destroy him, because they were afraid of him and the way that the whole crowd marvelled at his teaching.

19 Every evening, Yeshua and his apprentices would go out of the city to stay overnight.

Yeshua gives a lesson on moving mountains[122]

20 As they entered the city again in the morning, Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices noticed that the fig tree was totally dead. **21** Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) remembered what he had said to the tree, and commented, "Teacher, that fig tree that you cursed has withered up."

22 "Use your faith in **God**, **Yeshua** responded. **23** I can assure you all that if anyone tells a mountain to go away into the sea, and doesn't doubt in their mind but believes that what they're saying will happen, then it will.[123] **24** So I tell you all that anything you ask God for in your prayers, if you believe that you have received it, then you will. **25** All of you, whenever you're standing praying, if you have something against someone, be sure to forgive them so that your father in heaven can also forgive your disobedience."[124]

The leaders question Yeshua's authority[125]

26 ◘ **27** They continued on into Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and on to the temple where they were met by the chief priests and the religious teachers and the elders. **28** They asked Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "Did you have any authority to do what you did? If so, who gave it to you?"

29 "Okay, I'll also ask you something," **Yeshua** replied, and when you all answer me, I'll tell you about my authority to do that: **30** When Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) preached and im-

119 **RV 11:15 · Parallel** Yhn 2:13-22; Mat. 21:12-17; Luke 19:45-48

120 **RV 11:17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 56:7.

121 **RV 11:17 · Cross-ref.** Jer 7:11.

122 **RV 11:20 · Parallel** Mat. 21:20-22

123 **RV 11:23 · Cross-ref.** Mat 17:20; 1Cor 13:2.

124 **RV 11:25-26 · Cross-ref.** Mat 6:14-15.

125 **RV 11:26 · Parallel** Mat. 21:23-27; Luke 20:1-8

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mersed people, did the authority for that come from heaven or from people here?"

31 They discussed that among themselves, reasoning, "If we say it was from heaven, he'll ask us why we didn't believe him then. **32** But we can't say that it was just from people." (They said that because they were scared of the crowds, knowing that they believed that Yohan really was a prophet.) **33** So they answered, "We don't know."

"Well then," **Yeshua** responded, "I won't tell you about my authority to do those things either."

The parable about the tenants killing the owner's son[126]

12:1 Then he started telling them some parables: "A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it, dug out a wine-pressing pit, and built a security tower.[127] Then he rented it out and went off travelling. **2** At harvest time, he sent a slave to go to the tenant farmers and get his percentage of the harvest. **3** But the tenants grabbed the slave and beat him up, then sent him back empty-handed. **4** The owner sent a second slave, but they insulted that one and struck him on the head. **5** So the owner sent a third slave and they murdered him. He sent many other slaves—some they just beat up and others they murdered. **6** But the owner still had his one, dearly loved son, so finally he sent him to go, thinking that they would now be convinced because it was his son. **7** However, those tenant farmers said to each other, 'Ah ha. This is the one who will inherit this land. If we kill *him*, we'll be the ones to control the estate.' **8** So they took him and killed him, and threw the body outside the vineyard fence.

9 "Now, what do you think the vineyard owner will do? Yes, he'll come and eliminate those evil tenants, and give the contract to others. **10** Haven't you all read this in the scriptures:

'the stone that the builders rejected
became the important cornerstone
11 that was given by **Yahweh**,
and we think it's incredible.'?"[128]

12 Then those leaders tried to arrest him because they knew that it was them that the parable was addressed at, but they couldn't do it because Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had the favour of the crowd, so they just left the area.

Yeshua answers about paying taxes[129]

13 Then the religious leaders sent some members of the Farisaios party and some of the political supporters of King Herodes (Herod) to try to catch Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) out. **14** So they flattered him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest even if it upsets others, and that you teach the truth about **God** without caring about people's opinions. Is it right for us Yehudim (Jews) to pay the poll tax to the Romaios emperor or not? How should

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Answer to_me. **31** And they_were_reasoning with themselves saying, if we_may_say: From heaven, he_will_be_saying: For/Because_ why _reason therefore you_all_ not _believed in_ _him? **32** But we_may_say: From humans? (They_were_fearing the crowd, because/for all were_having that ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s he_really _was a_prophet.) **33** And answering to_ ~~the~~ _ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** they_are_saying: We_have_ not _known. And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_them: Neither I am_telling to_ _you_all by what authority I_am_doing these things.

12:1 And he_began to_be_speaking to_them in parables: A_man planted a_vineyard and put_ a_fence _around, and dug a_ _trough, and built a_tower, and rented_out it to_the_tenant_ _farmers, and travelled. **2** And he_sent_out a_slave to the tenant_farmers at_the season, in_order_that he_may_receive from the fruits of_the vineyard from the tenant_farmers. **3** But having_taken him, they_beat him and they_sent_ him _out empty-handed. **4** And again he_sent_out another slave to them, and_that one they_struck_on_the_head and dishonoured. **5** And he_sent_out another, and_that one they_killed_off, and many others, on_one_hand beating some, on_the_other_hand killing_ some _off. **6** He_was_having still one beloved son, he_sent_ him _out last to them saying, ~~that~~ They_will_be_being_swayed by_ _the son of_me. **7** But those ~~the~~ tenant_farmers said to themselves, ~~that~~ This is the heir, come, we_may_kill_ him _off, and the inheritance will_be of_us. **8** And having_taken, they_ _killed_ him _off, and they_throw_ him _out outside the vineyard. **9** Therefore what ‹will› the master of_the vineyard _ _be_doing? He_will_be_coming and will_be_destroying the tenant_farmers, and will_be_giving the vineyard to_others. **10** You_all_ not_even _read ~~the~~ this scripture: The_stone which the ones building rejected, this was_become for the_head of_ _the_corner, **11** this became from the_**master**, and it_is marvellous in eyes of_us? **12** And they_were_seeking to_ _apprehend him, and they_were_afraid the crowd, because/for they_knew that he_spoke the parable against them. And having_left him, they_went_away.

13 And they_are_sending_out some of_the Farisaios_party and of_the supporters_of_Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s to him, in_order_that they_ _may_catch him in_a_statement. **14** And having_come, they_ _are_saying to_him: Teacher, we_have_known that you_are true, and is_ not _caring to_you about no_one, because/for you_are_ not _looking on appearance of_people, but you_are_ _teaching the way of_ ~~the~~ **_god** with the_truth. Is_it_permitting to_give a_poll_tax to_Kaisar or not? May_we_give or we_may_ not _give? **15** And he having_known the hypocrisy of_them,

126 **RV 12:1 · Parallel** Mat. 21:33-46; Luke 20:9-19

127 **RV 12:1 · Cross-ref.** Isa 5:1-2.

128 **RV 12:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:22-23.

129 **RV 12:13 · Parallel** Mat. 22:15-22; Luke 20:20-26

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said to_them: Why are_you_all_testing me? Be_bringing to_me a_daʸnarion_coin, in_order_that I_may_see it. **16** And they brought it. And he_is_saying to_them: Of_whose is ~~the~~ this image and the inscription? And they said to_him: Of_Kaisar. **17** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_them: The things of_ _Kaisar give_back to_Kaisar, and the things of_ ~~the~~ **_god** to_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**. And they_were_begrudgingly_amazed at him.

18 And the_Saddoukaios_sect are_coming to him, who are_ _saying to_ not _be a_resurrection, and they_were_asking him saying, **19** Teacher, Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) wrote to_us, ~~that~~ if A_ _brother of_anyone may_die_off, and may_leave a_wife and may_ not _leave children, that the brother of_him may_take the wife, and may_raise_up seed for_the brother of_him. **20** There_ _were seven brothers, and the first took a_wife, and dying_off, not left seed, **21** and the second took her, and died_off, not having_left seed, and the third likewise. **22** Also the seven not left seed. Lastly of_all, the woman also died_off. **23** In the resurrection, of_which of_them will_be_she the_wife? For/Because the seven had her as_a_wife. **24** ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** was_ _saying to_them: Not are_you_all_being_strayed because_of this, not having_known the scriptures, nor the power of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**? **25** For/Because whenever they_may_rise_up from the_ _dead, they_are_ neither _marrying nor are_being_betrothed, but they_are like messengers in the heavens. **26** But concerning the dead, that they_are_being_raised, not you_all_read in the scroll of_Mōsaʸs concerning the thorn_bush, how ~~the~~ **god** spoke to_him saying: I am the **god** of_Abra'am/('Avrāhām), and **god** of_Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq), and the **god** of_Yakōb/(Ya'ₐqov)? **27** Not is **god** of_the_dead, but of_the_living. You_all_are_being_ much _ _strayed.

28 And one of_the scribes having_approached, having_heard of_them debating, having_seen that he_answered well to_them, asked him: Which command is the_first of_all? **29** ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answered, ~~that~~ The_first is: Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl) be_hearing, the_**master** the **god** of_us is one **master**, **30** and you_will_be_loving the_**master** the **god** of_you, with all the heart of_you, and with all the soul of_you, and with all the mind of_you, and with all the strength of_you. **31** The_ _second is this: You_will_be_loving the neighbour of_you as yourself. Another command is not greater than these. **32** And

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we handle this?"

15 However, knowing their hypocrisy, Yeshua responded to them, "Why are all of you trying to test me? Bring me a coin so I can see it."

16 When they brought him a coin, he asked, "Whose image and inscription are on this coin?"

"The emperor's," they answered.

17 "Well then," said **Yeshua**, "give the emperor whatever is due him, but give **God** what is owed **to God**."

After that, they had to admit that that was an outstanding answer.

Yeshua explains that those who've died are alive[130]

18 Another time, members of the Sadoukaios (Sadducee) sect (which says that there's no resurrection),[131] came to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked, **19** "Teacher, Mosheh (Moses) wrote that if a man's married brother should die before his wife without having any children, then his brother should marry her to produce descendants in his brother's name.[132] **20** Now what if there were seven brothers and the first one got married and died childless. **21** So then the second brother took her in, but again died childless, and then too the third. **22** Eventually all seven brothers died childless, and finally the woman also died. **23** Now, at the resurrection of the dead, which brother will she be the wife of, because at some point, she was married to each of the seven of them?"

24 "Actually you're all quite wrong," **Yeshua** answered, "because you ignore the scriptures and also because you haven't experienced **God's** power. **25** When the dead do come back to life, they won't be getting engaged or married, but will be like the messengers in the heavens. **26** But as for the state of those who've died, didn't you all read in the scriptures about Mosheh when **God** spoke to him in front of the burning thorn bush and said, 'I *am* the **god** of Avraham and the **god** of Yitshak (Isaac) and the **god** of Ya'akov' (Jacob)?[133] **27** So God is not the **god** of the dead, but of the living. You Saddoukaios (Sadducees) are very wrong!"

Yeshua answers about genuine obedience to God[134]

28 Then one of the religious teachers who had heard their question and Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') excellent answer, came closer and asked, "Which of God's commands is the most important?"

29 "Well," **Yeshua** answered, "the most important is this: 'Listen, Yisrael (Israel). Our **God Yahweh** is our **master**. **30** You must love **Yahweh God** with all your heart and all your soul, and with all your mind and all your strength.'[135] **31** And the second is:

130 **RV 12:18 · Parallel** Mat. 22:23-33; Luke 20:27-40

131 **RV 12:18 · Cross-ref.** Acts 23:8.

132 **RV 12:19 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:5.

133 **RV 12:26 · Cross-ref.** Exo 3:6.

134 **RV 12:28 · Parallel** Mat. 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-28

135 **RV 12:29-30 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:4-5.

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'Love your neighbour like you look after yourself.'[136] There's no other commands more important than these."

32 The teacher replied to Yeshua, "Yes, teacher, you're quite right saying there's only one God and no other,[137] 33 and saying that we should love him with all our heart and all our intelligence and all our strength, and to be loving our neighbours like we look after ourselves, and all this is more important than all the required temple offerings and sacrifices."[138]

34 When **Yeshua** saw that he'd given such a thoughtful answer, he said, "You're very close to **God's** kingdom!"[139]

After that, no one else dared to ask Yeshua any more questions.

Yeshua asks about the messiah being David's descendant[140]

35 Later when **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was teaching in the temple, he asked the people, "How is it that the teachers here say that the **messiah** is a descendant of King David? 36 Because David himself said under the inspiration of the holy **spirit**,

'**Yahweh** told my **master**,
"Sit there in the position of honour
until I can conquer your enemies." '[141]

37 If David calls the messiah his **master**, how can the messiah possibly be David's descendant?"

The large crowd was very interested to hear everything that Yeshua had to say.

Yeshua warns about well-dressed teachers[142]

38 As Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued teaching, he said, "Watch out for those religious teachers who like to wear fancy robes and be greeted in the square, 39 and have the best seats at meetings and the best places at dinners. 40 Those people trick widows out of their properties, but offer long prayers to cover it up. They will be getting a stricter judgement than others."

A widow's sacrificial donation[143]

41 As he sat down in front of the temple treasury, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) watched the crowd as they threw coins into the dish, and some rich people were donating quite valuable silver coins. 42 Then an impoverished widow came and threw in two small copper coins. 43 Yeshua called his followers and told them, "Honestly, that hard-up widow gave more than all the others. 44 You see, most people donate from their excess wealth, but this woman even gave some of the small amount that she needed to live on."

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the scribe said to_him: Rightly, Teacher, in truth having_said, ~~that~~ He_is one, and there_is not another except him, 33 and, ~~the~~ To_be_loving him with all the heart, and with all the intelligence, and with all the strength, and, ~~which~~ To_be_loving his neighbour as himself, is more_important all the whole_ _burnt_offerings and sacrifices. 34 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_seen him, that he_answered intelligently, said to_him: You_are not far from the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. And no_one no_longer was_ _daring to_ask him.

35 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answering, teaching in the temple was_ _saying: How are_ the scribes _saying that the **chosen_ _one/messiah** is the_son of_Dawid/(Dāvid)? 36 Dawid himself said by the ~~the~~ holy **spirit**: The **master** said to_the **master** of_ _me: Be_sitting on the_right of_me, until ~~wishfully~~ I_may_put the enemies of_you beneath of_the feet of_you. 37 Dawid himself is_calling him: **master**, and from_where is_he son of_him? And the great crowd was_ gladly _hearing from_him.

38 And in the teaching of_him, he_was_saying: Be_watching_ _out of the scribes, the ones wanting to_be_walking in robes, and greetings in the marketplaces, 39 and best_seats in the synagogues, and best_places at the suppers, 40 the ones devouring the houses of_the widows, and praying long for_a_ _under_pretense. These will_be_receiving more_excessive judgement.

41 And having_sat_down in_front_of the treasury, he_was_ _observing how the crowd is_casting money into the treasury, and many rich were_casting much. 42 And one poor widow having_come, throw two leptons, which is a_quadran. 43 And having_called_to the apprentices/followers of_him, he_said to_ _them: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that ~~the~~ this ~~the~~ poor widow, throw more than all of_the ones casting into the treasury. 44 For/Because all throw from the wealth being_ _plentiful to_them, but this woman she_was_having throw all out_of the poverty of_her, as_much_as all the living of_her.

136 **RV 12:31 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:18.
137 **RV 12:32 · Cross-ref.** Deu 4:35.
138 **RV 12:33 · Cross-ref.** Hos 6:6.
139 **RV 12:28-34 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:25-28.
140 **RV 12:35 · Parallel** Mat. 22:41-46; Luke 20:41-44
141 **RV 12:36 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.
142 **RV 12:38 · Parallel** Mat. 23:1-36; Luke 20:45-47
143 **RV 12:41 · Parallel** Luke 21:1-4

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13:1 And him going_out out_of the temple, one of_the apprentices/followers of_him is_saying to_him: Teacher, see, what_kind_of stones and what_kind_of buildings. **2** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_him: Are_you_seeing these ~~the~~ great buildings? Stone on stone by_no_means may_ not _be_left here, which by_no_means may_ not _be_torn_down.

3 And of_him sitting on the Mount of_ ~~the~~ _Olives in_front_of the temple, Petros, and Yakōbos/(Ya´$_{a}$qov), and Yōanna^{y}s, and Andreas was_asking, him by themselves, **4** Tell to_us when these things will_be, and what is the sign whenever all these things may_be_going to_be_being_completed? **5** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** began to_be_saying to_them: Be_watching_out, lest anyone may_mislead you_all. **6** Many will_be_coming in the name of_me saying, ~~that~~ I am he, and they_will_be_misleading many. **7** And whenever you_all_may_hear of_wars and reports of_wars, be_ not _being_alarmed, it_is_fitting to_become, but is not_yet the end. **8** For/Because nation will_be_being_raised against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There_will_be earthquakes in places, there_will_be famines, these are the_ _beginning of_birth_pains. **9** But be_watching_out you_all yourselves, they_will_be_giving_ you_all _over to councils and you_all_will_be_being_beat in synagogues, and will_be_being_ _stood before governors and kings on_account of_me, because/for a_testimony to_them. **10** And it_is_fitting the good_message to_ first _be_proclaimed to all the nations. **11** But whenever they_may_be_bringing you_all giving_over, be_ not _ _worrying_beforehand what you_all_may_speak, but whatever ~~if~~ may_be_given to_you_all in that ~~the~~ hour, this be_speaking, because/for you_all are not the ones speaking, but the ~~the~~ holy **spirit**. **12** And brother will_be_giving_over brother to death, and father child, and they_will_be_raising_up children against parents and they_will_be_putting_ them _to_death. **13** And you_ _all_will_be being_hated by all because_of the name of_me. But the one having_endured to the_end, this one will_be_being_ _saved.

14 But whenever you_all_may_see the abomination of_the desolation, having_stood where it_is_ not _fitting, let_ the one reading _be_understanding, then the ones in ~~the~~ Youdaia, let_ _them_be_fleeing to the mountains, **15** and the one on the housetop, let_ not _come_down, nor let_come_in to_take_away

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Yeshua predicts the temple's total destruction[144]

13:1 As they were leaving the temple area, one of Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') followers noted, "Teacher, look at those large, chiselled stones and those beautiful buildings that they've been made into."

2 "Yes, incredible buildings," **Yeshua** responded, "but the time will come when they're torn down—not a single piece of stone will be left sitting in its place."

Yeshua talks about coming hardships[145]

3 Later when they were over on the Mt. of Olives overlooking the temple, Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) and Andreas were with Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked **4** when all that destruction would happen, and what indications there would be that it would be about to happen.

5 But **Yeshua** told them, "Be careful so you all aren't misled by others. **6** Plenty of people will say that they're coming because they were sent by me, or that they *are* me, and they'll mislead many others. **7** Also, whenever you all hear about wars or about battles about to begin, don't be worried—those things will certainly happen, but there's more to follow. **8** Countries will take up arms against other countries, and kingdoms against other kingdoms. There'll be earthquakes in many places and there'll be famines, but those will be just like the beginning of birth pains.

9 "So be careful. You'll be turned over to local councils for questioning, will be whipped in the Jewish meeting halls, and will be stood in front of governors and kings because of following me. However, you'll be able to present your life stories to them[146] **10** and it's right that the good message first[147] be proclaimed to every people group. **11** But whenever they take you all along to hand you over, don't worry in advance about what you're going to say to defend yourselves, but wait until the hearing proceeds and speak what you are given then, because then it won't be you speaking, but God's **spirit**. **12** In those times, a brother will report on his brother to have him executed, and a father report on his child, and children will be encouraged to report on their own parents and then they'll be executed as a result. **13** Then every one will hate you all because they hate my name, but anyone who endures to the end will be saved.[148]

Yeshua warns about coming horror and deceptions[149]

14 "But whenever you all see the most horrible thing that drives people from God, standing where it shouldn't be[150] (and you readers should understand that), then anyone in Yehu-

144 **RV 13:1 · Parallel** Mat. 24:1-2; Luke 21:5-6

145 **RV 13:3 · Parallel** Mat. 24:3-14; Luke 21:7-19

146 **RV 13:9-11 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:17-20; Luk 12:11-12.

147 **RV 13:10 · Note** TD: It's not clear here what was meant by 'first'—'first' before what?

148 **RV 13:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:22.

149 **RV 13:14 · Parallel** Mat. 24:15-28; Luke 21:20-24

150 **RV 13:14 · Cross-ref.** Dan 9:27; 11:31; 12:11.

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dah (Judea) should flee into the hills, **15** and anyone upstairs looking outside shouldn't come down into the bedrooms to get anything,[151] **16** and anyone working outside shouldn't go back inside to get a change of clothes. **17** It will be extremely difficult for pregnant women and for mothers who are breast-feeding their children in those days. **18** Just pray that it won't happen in the winter, **19** because those days will be terrible like nothing that's ever happened before, all the way back to when **God** created the world, right until the present time, and won't ever happen again.[152] **20** If **Yahweh** hadn't shortened that time, no humans would even survive, but he shortened that time so that the chosen ones could be saved.

21 So don't believe it if you all hear someone say, 'Look, the **messiah** has arrived here.' or 'There's the **one** that God has sent.' **22** Plenty of fake messiahs and deceiving prophets will certainly come and even do things that humans can't normally do, so much so that even the chosen ones would defect if that were possible. **23** So watch out, but I've warned you in advance about all of that.

The universe collapses as the son arrives[153]

24 "After those very difficult times, the sun will go dark[154] and the moon won't shine at night.[155] **25** The stars will fall down out of the sky[156] and the powers in the heavens will be shaken up.[157] **26** Then the people will see the son of humanity in the clouds coming with incredible power and brightness.[158] **27** He'll send the messengers out to collect all the chosen people from the four corners of the world—from everywhere between the earth and the sky.

Watch out for the change in season[159]

28 "So learn a lesson from fig trees—whenever the branches green up and start sprouting leaves, then everyone knows that summer is close. **29** So too whenever you see all those things happening, you know that the end of this current world is close. **30** I can assure you all that the generation of people who see those things won't die off before those latter things happen. **31** The sky and the planet might collapse, but my teachings will never become irrelevant.

Stay alert for the coming of the master[160]

32 "But as for the date or time when all that will happen, only the father knows that—even the son and the messengers in

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anything out_of the house of_him, **16** and the one in the field, him_let_ not _return back to the things to_take_away the garment of_him. **17** But woe to_the women having child in womb and to_the women nursing in those ~~the~~ days. **18** But be_ _praying that it_may_ not _become in_the_winter.
19 For/Because ~~the~~ those days will_be tribulation, such_as has_ not _become such, from the_beginning of_creation which ~~the~~ **god** created, until the time now, and by_no_means may_ not _ _become. **20** And except ~~not/lest~~ the_**master** shortened the days, no any flesh would was_saved. But because_of the chosen, whom he_chose, he_shortened the days. **21** And then if anyone may_say to_you_all: Behold, here is the **chosen_one/messiah**, or Or_see, there, be_ not _believing it. **22** For/Because false_ _messiahs and false_prophets will_be_being_raised, and they_ _will_be_giving signs and wonders, because/for that the chosen ones if possible to_be_wandering_away. **23** But you_all be_ _watching_out, see, I_have_previously_spoken all things to_ _you_all.

24 But in those ~~the~~ days, after ~~the~~ that tribulation: the sun will_ _be_being_darkened, and the moon ‹will› not _be_giving the radiance of_it, **25** and the stars will_be falling out_of of_the sky, and the powers ~~which~~ in the heavens will_be_being_shaken.
26 And then they_will_be_seeing the son of_ ~~the~~ _man coming in the_clouds, with great power. and glory. **27** And then he_will_ _be_sending_out the messengers and he_will_be_gathering_ _together the chosen ones of_him from the four winds, from extremity of_the_earth to extremity of_heaven.

28 And learn the parable of the fig_tree: whenever the branch of_it may_become already tender, and may_be_sprouting_out the leaves, you_all_are_knowing that the summer is near.
29 Thus also you_all, whenever you_all_may_see these things becoming, you_all_are_knowing that it_is near at doors.
30 Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that by_no_means ~~the~~ this generation may_ not _pass_away, until that all these things may_become. **31** The heaven and the earth will_be_passing_ _away, but the the_messages of_me by_no_means ‹will› not _ _be_passing_away.
32 But concerning ~~the~~ that day or ~~the~~ hour, no_one has_known, not_even the messengers in heaven, nor the son, except ~~not/lest~~ the father. **33** Be_watching_out, be_watching, and be_praying, because/for you_all_have_ not _known when the time is.

151 **RV 13:15-16 · Cross-ref.** Luk 17:31.
152 **RV 13:19 · Cross-ref.** Dan 12:1; Rev 7:14.
153 **RV 13:24 · Parallel** Mat. 24:29-31; Luke 21:25-28
154 **RV 13:24 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:10; Yoel 2:10,31; 3:15; Rev 6:12.
155 **RV 13:24 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:10; Eze 32:7.
156 **RV 13:25 · Cross-ref.** Isa 34:4; Rev 6:13.
157 **RV 13:25 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 2:10.
158 **RV 13:26 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:13; Rev 1:7.
159 **RV 13:28 · Parallel** Mat. 24:32-35; Luke 21:29-33
160 **RV 13:32 · Parallel** Mat. 24:36-44

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34 Like a_man travelling it_is, having_left the house of_him,
and having_given the authority to_the slaves of_him, to_each
the work of_him, and to_the doorkeeper he_commanded that
he_may_be_watching. 35 Therefore be_watching, because/for
you_all_have_ not _known when the master of_the house is_
_coming, either evening, or midnight, or of_the_cockcrow, or
in_the_morning, 36 lest having_come suddenly, he_may_find
you_all sleeping. 37 And what I_am_saying to_you_all, I_am_
_saying to_all, be_watching.

14:1 And it_was the passover_feast and ~~the~~ non-fermented bread
after two days. And the chief_priests and the scribes were_
_seeking, how having_apprehended him by deceit, they_may_
kill him _off. 2 For/Because they_were_saying: Not at the
feast, lest will_be a_commotion of_the people.

3 And him being in Baʸthania, in the house of_Simōn the
leprous, reclining of_him, a_woman came having an_alabaster_
_flask of_ointment, of_ genuine expensive _nard, having_
_broken the alabaster_flask, she_poured_down it on_the head
of_him. 4 But some were resenting to themselves: For/Because
why ~~the~~ this destruction of_the ointment has_become?
5 For/Because this ~~the~~ ointment was_able to_be_sold for_over
three_hundred daʸnarion_coins and to_be_given to_the poor.
And they_were_admonishing to_her. 6 But ~~the~~
Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) said: Leave her, why are_you_all_
_bringing_about troubles to_her? She_did a_good work in me.
7 For/Because you_all_are_ always _having the poor with
yourselves, and whenever you_all_may_be_wanting, you_all_
_are_being_able to_do well to_them, but you_all_are_ not
always _having me. 8 What she_had she_did, she_anticipated
to_anoint the body of_me for my burial. 9 And truly I_am_
_saying to_you_all, wherever the good_message ~~if~~ may_be_
proclaimed in all the world, what this woman did ‹will› also _
_be_being_spoken for a_memorial of_her.

10 And Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) Iskariōtaʸs, ~~the~~ one of_the twelve,
went_away to the chief_priests, in_order_that he_may_give_
him _over to_them. 11 And they having_heard were_elated, and
they_promised to_give silver to_him. And he_was_seeking how
he_may_give_ him _over conveniently.

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heaven don't know.[161] 33 So watch out, observe current events,
and be praying, because you won't know exactly when all this
will happen. 34 It can all be compared to a man who was about to
leave his home and go on a trip. Before he leaves, he gives cer-
tain jobs and responsibilities to his various slaves, and instructs
his security guard to stay alert.[162] 35 So you all watch and stay
alert, because you don't know when the master of the house
might return—perhaps one evening or at midnight, or at dawn
or maybe mid-morning. 36 You certainly don't want to be caught
napping when he comes, 37 and what I'm telling all of you now, I
tell everyone: stay alert and watch."

The leaders plan to eliminate Yeshua[163]

14:1 Now it was two days before the
Passover Feast and the *Flat Bread Celebration*,[164] and the chief priests and the religious teachers were try-
ing to figure out how they could have Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)
set up so they could arrest him and have him executed, 2 but
they knew that the Feast wouldn't be a good time because the
people would protest in Yeshua's favour.

The woman anoints Yeshua for his burial[165]

3 Meanwhile, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)
was in Beyt-Ania (Bethany) at the home of
Shim'on (Simon) who had previously had
leprosy. Yeshua was sitting there when a woman came in with a
hand-crafted container of very expensive fragrant lotion. Break-
ing open the sealed flask, she poured the fragrant oil over
Yeshua's head.[166] 4 Immediately some in the room started qui-
etly grumbling about the extravagant waste, 5 then they scolded
the woman because a flask of genuine lotion like that could eas-
ily fetch almost a year's wages if it was sold.

6 But **Yeshua** spoke up, "What do you think you're all doing
abusing her—leave her alone! She's done something very good
for me. 7 You'll always have poor people around,[167] and you can
help them whenever you want to, but I won't be around forever.
8 She has performed the traditional anointing of my body in ad-
vance of my burial, 9 and I can assure you all, that wherever the
good message is proclaimed around the world, what she has
done today will be part of the story and she'll be remembered
for it."

Yehudah offers to hand Yeshua over[168]

10 Then Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas)
Iskariot, one of Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk.
Yesus') twelve apprentices, visited the chief priests to offer to
hand Yeshua over to them. 11 When they heard that, they were
very pleased and promised to pay him well, and Yehudah asked
them about the most convenient way for them to get hold of
Yeshua.

161 **RV 13:32 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:36.
162 **RV 13:34 · Cross-ref.** Luk 12:36-38.
163 **RV 14:1 · Parallel** Yhn 11:45-53; Mat. 26:1-5; Luke 22:1-2
164 **RV 14:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-27.
165 **RV 14:3 · Parallel** Yhn 12:1-8; Mat. 26:6-13
166 **RV 14:3 · Cross-ref.** Luk 7:37-38.
167 **RV 14:7 · Cross-ref.** Deu 15:11.
168 **RV 14:10 · Parallel** Mat. 26:14-16; Luke 22:3-6

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Yeshua's apprentices prepare the Passover meal[169]

12 On the first day of the *Flat Bread Celebration* when the lambs would be slaughtered ready for the special Passover meal, Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices asked him, "Where do you want us to get everything ready for our Passover meal?"

13 So Yeshua sent off two of them with these instructions, "Go into town and a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you there. Just follow him 14 until he goes into a house. Then find the owner of the house and tell him that the teacher wants to know the location of the guestroom where he and his apprentices can celebrate their Passover meal. 15 He'll show you a large, furnished room upstairs—that's where you can get everything ready."

16 So the two of them went off into the town, and everything happened there exactly as Yeshua had told them, and so they prepared the special meal there.

Yeshua shocks his apprentices at the Passover meal[170]

17 As the evening approached, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went in for dinner with his twelve apprentices. 18 As they were sitting around eating, he told them, "I'll tell you frankly that one of you eating with me here will hand me over to be arrested."[171] 19 That upset them, and several of them individually asked, "Surely it couldn't be me?"

20 Then he continued, "It's one of you twelve—the one who dips his bread in the sauce at the same time as me. 21 Indeed it's written in the scriptures that the son of humanity will be arrested, but on the other hand, what a tragedy it'll be for the one who hands him over—in fact it would be better for that man if he was never born."

22 As they carried on eating, he took some bread, blessed God, broke it apart and gave a piece to them, saying, "Take this bread—it's my body."

23 Then he picked up a cup, gave thanks to God, and passed it around so they could each drink from it, 24 saying, "That is the blood of my contract[172] that will be poured out for many people.[173] 25 I can assure you all that I won't drink anything made from grapes until I drink new juice in **God's** kingdom."

26 Then after they'd sung some songs, they left the town and went across to the Mt. of Olives.

Yeshua predicts Peters denials[174]

27 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued his teaching, "All of you will stumble because it's written in the scriptures: 'I'll strike down the shepherd and the sheep will get scattered.'[175] 28 But after I come

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12 And on_the first day of_ ~~the~~ _non-fermented bread, when they_were_sacrificing the passover_feast, the apprentices/followers of_him are_saying to_him: Where are_ _you_wanting having_gone_away we_may_prepare in_order_ _that you_may_eat the passover_feast? 13 And he_is_sending_ _out two of_the apprentices/followers of_him, and he_is_saying to_them: Be_going into the city, and a_man will_be_meeting with_you_all bearing a_pitcher of_water, follow after_him. 14 And wherever ~~if~~ he_may_come_in, say to_the the_home_ _owner, ~~that~~ The teacher is_saying: Where is the guest_room of_ _me where I_may_eat the passover_feast with the apprentices/followers of_me? 15 And he will_be_showing to_ _you_all a_ large _upper_room having_been_furnished ready, there prepare for_us. 16 And the apprentices/followers came_ _out, and came into the city, and they_found it as he_said to_ _them, and they_prepared the passover_feast.

17 And of_evening having_become, he_is_coming with the twelve. 18 And them reclining and eating, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that one of you_all will_be_giving_ me _over, the one eating with me. 19 They_began to_be_being_sorrowed, and to_be_saying to_ _him one by one: Surely_not I? 20 And he said to_them: one of_ _the twelve it_is, the one dipping_in with me in the bowl. 21 Because on_one_hand the the_son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_going, as it_has_been_written concerning him, on_the_other_hand woe to_the man that by whom the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_being_given_ _over, better it_was for_him if that ~~the~~ man was_ not _born. 22 And of_them eating, having_taken bread, having_blessed it, broke it and gave to_them, and said: Take, this is the body of_ _me. 23 And having_taken the_cup, having_given_thanks, he_ _gave it to_them, and all drank of it. 24 And he_said to_them: This is the blood of_the covenant of_me, ~~which~~ being_poured_ _out for many. 25 Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that no_longer by_no_means I_may_ not _drink of the fruit of_the vine, until ~~the~~ that day when I_may_be_drinking it new, in the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 26 And having_sung_hymns, they_came_out to the Mount of_ ~~the~~ _Olives.

27 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** is_saying to_them, ~~that~~ All you_all_will_be_being_stumbled, because it_has_been_written: I_will_be_striking the shepherd and the sheep will_be_being_ _scattered. 28 But after the time me to_be_raised, I_will_be_ _going_before you_all into ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl). 29 And ~~the~~ Petros

169 **RV 14:12 · Parallel** Yhn 13:21-30; Mat. 26:17-25; Luke 22:7-14, 21-23

170 **RV 14:17 · Parallel** Yhn 13:21-30; Mat. 26:20-30; Luke 22:14-23; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

171 **RV 14:18 · Cross-ref.** Psa 41:9.

172 **RV 14:24 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:8.

173 **RV 14:24 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:31-34.

174 **RV 14:27 · Parallel** Yhn 13:36-38; Mat. 26:31-35; Luke 22:31-34

175 **RV 14:27 · Cross-ref.** Zech 13:7.

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was_saying to_him, even if all will_be_being_stumbled, but not
I. **30** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_him: Truly, I_am_saying to_
_you that you today, on_this ~~the~~ on_night, before the_rooster
to_crow ~~or/than~~ twice, will_be_renouncing me three-times.
31 But he was_saying exceedingly: If it_may_be_fitting me to_
_die_together with_you, by_no_means I_‹will›_ not _be_
renouncing you. And all were also _speaking likewise.

32 And they_are_coming to a_property, of_which the name is
Gethsa^{y}mana^{y}, and he_is_saying to_the apprentices/followers
of_him: Sit_down here, until I_may_pray. **33** And he_is_taking
~~the~~ Petros, and ~~the~~ Yakōbos/(Ya′$_{a}$qov), and ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s, with
him, and began to_be_being_greatly_amazed and to_be_
_distressing. **34** And he_is_saying to_them: The soul of_me is
very_sorrowful to death, remain here and be_watching. **35** And
having_gone_ahead a_little, he_was_falling on the ground and
he_was_praying that if it_is possible, the hour may_pass_by
from him. **36** And he_was_saying: father, ~~the~~ father, all things
are_possible to_you. Take_away ~~the~~ this cup from me, but not
what I am_wanting, but what you want. **37** And he_is_coming
and is_finding them sleeping, and he_is_saying to_ ~~the~~ _Petros:
Simōn, you_are_sleeping? Not were_ you _able to_watch one
hour? **38** Be_watching and be_praying that you_all_may_ not _
_come into temptation. On_one_hand the spirit is eager, on_
_the_other_hand the flesh is weak. **39** And back having_gone_
_away, he_prayed having_said the same statement. **40** And
having_come again, he_found them sleeping, because/for the
eyes of_them were being_weighed_down, and they_had_ not _
_known what they_may_be_answer to_him. **41** And he_is_
_coming the third time, and is_saying to_them: Are_you_all_
_sleeping for_the rest and are_resting. It_is_receiving_fully, the
hour came. Behold, the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_being_given_over
into the hands of_ ~~the~~ _sinners. **42** Be_being_raised, we_may_be_
going. Behold, the one giving me _over has_neared.

43 And immediately still of_him speaking, Youdas/(Yəhūdāh)
is_arriving, one of_the twelve, and with him a_crowd with
swords and clubs, from the chief_priests, and the scribes, and
the elders. **44** And the one giving_ him _over had_given a_signal
to_them saying: Whomever ~~wishfully~~ I_may_kiss, it_is he,
apprehend him, and be_leading_away securely. **45** And having_
_come immediately having_approached to_him, he_is_saying:
My_great_one, and he_kissed him. **46** And they laid_on the
hands of_them and apprehended him. **47** But a_certain one of_
_the ones having_stood_by, having_drawn the sword, struck the
slave of_the chief_priest, and he_cut_off the ear of_him. **48** And
~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** answering said to_them: You_all_

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back to life, I'll go on ahead of you all back to Galil."[176]

29 But Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) contradicted him, "Even if everyone else stumbles, I won't!"

30 "I can assure you," **Yeshua** responded, "that you'll renounce me three times this very night, before the rooster crows early tomorrow morning."

31 But Kefa argued forcibly, "Even if I had to die with you, I would never disown you!"

And all the others said similar things.

Yeshua, in distress, prays at Gethsaimanai[177]

32 They walked along until they came to a piece of land called Gethsaimanai where Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told his apprentices to sit down while he prayed. **33** He took Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) further in with him where he stared off in a daze but was obviously very distressed. **34** He told the three of them, "My soul is deathly sad! You guys just stay here and keep alert."

35 He went ahead a little way, where he knelt on the ground with his head down and prayed—asking if it was possible to avoid what was ahead of him. **36** But he said, "Father, I know that you can do anything. Let me avoid this suffering, but yes I do know, it doesn't matter what I want but rather what you've planned."

37 Then he went back and found the others sleeping. "Shim'on (Simon), are you asleep?" he asked Kefa. "Couldn't you stay awake even for a single hour? **38** You all need to stay alert and be careful not to give into temptation. I know your spirits are enthusiastic on one hand, but it's still easy to give in to the moment."

39 Then he went further in again and prayed as before, **40** but when he returned again, he found them all asleep because they were tired, but they couldn't really find any excuse to give.

41 The third time that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) returned, he said to them, "Ah, you're all sleeping again and having a good rest. It's well-earned but look, the time has come for the son of humanity to be handed over to evil men. **42** Come on—get up—we need to go! Look, the one who'll hand me over is almost here."

Yeshua is arrested in the night[178]

43 Even while Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was still speaking, Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) (one of his twelve apprentices) reached him, followed by a crowd that included some of the chief priests, the religious teachers, and the Jewish elders—many armed with swords and clubs. **44** Yehudah had prearranged a signal with them that the one he greeted with a kiss, they should grab that person and lead him away under guard.

45 So he walked right up to Yeshua and said, "My honoured teacher," and greeted him with a kiss. **46** Then the others with

176 **RV 14:28 · Cross-ref.** Mat 28:16.

177 **RV 14:32 · Parallel** Mat. 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46

178 **RV 14:43 · Parallel** Yhn 18:3-12; Mat. 26:47-56; Luke 22:47-53

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him grabbed Yeshua and secured him. **47** But one of the ones with Yeshua that was beside him, drew his sword and struck one of the chief priest's slaves—cutting off the man's ear. **48** **Yeshua** spoke to the crowd, "Did you all bring swords and clubs to try to capture me like you'd chase down a thief? **49** I was teaching there in the temple every day[179] and you could have arrested me, but it's happened this way to ensure that what's written in scriptures will be fulfilled."

50 Meanwhile, the others who'd been with Yeshua had taken off. **51** One young fellow was wearing a single linen robe, and when the crowd tried to grab him, **52** it came off in the struggle and he ran away stark naked.

The mock trial where Yeshua is sentenced to death[180]

53 The guards led **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) away to the chief priest's residence, and all the chief priests and the elders and the religious teachers gathered there also. **54** Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) followed along from a distance and went in as far as the courtyard of that residence, where he joined the servants who were sitting around the fire keeping warm. **55** Inside, the chief priests and all the council were trying to establish a case against **Yeshua** so he could be sentenced to death, but they weren't coming up with anything. **56** Several people were making up charges against him, but none of the accusers' stories agreed with each other.

57 Eventually some of them stood up and offered this false charge: **58** "We heard him say that he would demolish this temple made by many labourers, and within three days he'd build another one without any helpers."[181] **59** But even then, they couldn't get their accusations to align with each other.

60 Nevertheless, the chief priest in the middle of the council stood up and asked **Yeshua**, "Aren't you going to defend yourself? These men are accusing you of those things."

61 But Yeshua didn't say anything, so the chief priest asked again, "Is it true that you're the **chosen** one that God promised to send—the son of the blessed God?"

62 "I am." **Yeshua** replied, "and you'll all see the son of humanity sitting in the honoured position by the powerful God and coming through the clouds in the sky."[182]

63 Then the chief priest tore his own robe to show his disgust and shouted, "We certainly don't need any more witnesses now! **64** You yourselves all heard him insult God. What sentence does that deserve?"

So the leaders there agreed that Yeshua needed to be sentenced to death.[183]

65 Then various people started spitting on him, and blindfolding him and beating him saying, "Ha, tell us who that was!" Even the servants joined in to slap him.

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_came_out with swords and clubs to_capture me as against a_ _robber? **49** In_every day I_was with you_all teaching in the temple, and you_all_ not _apprehended me, but it_is in_order_ _that the scriptures may_be_fulfilled. **50** And having_left him, all fled. **51** And a_ certain _young_man was_accompanying with_him, having_been_clothed a_linen_cloth over his_naked body. And they_are_apprehending him, **52** and the one having_ _left the linen_cloth, fled naked.

53 And they_led_ ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** _away to the chief_priest, and all the chief_priests, and the elders, and the scribes are_coming_ _together to_him. **54** And ~~the~~ Petros followed after_him from afar, as_far_as inside to the courtyard of_the chief_priest, and he_was sitting_with with the attendants, and warming himself at the light of_the_fire. **55** And the the_chief_priests and all the council were_seeking testimony against ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, in_order that to_put_ him _to_death, but they_were_ not _finding. **56** For/Because many were_giving_false_testimony against him, but the testimonies were not same. **57** And some having_stood_ _up, were_giving_false_testimony against him saying, **58** ~~that~~ We heard from_him saying, ~~that~~ I will_be_tearing_down the this ~~the~~ handmade temple, and by three days I_will_be_building another not_hand_made. **59** And neither thus the testimony of_ _them was same. **60** And the chief_priest having_stood_up in the_midst, asked ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** saying: Not are_you_ _answering nothing? What is_it these men are_testifying against_you? **61** But he was_keeping_silent and not answered nothing. Again the chief_priest was_asking him and is_saying to_him: Are you the **chosen_one/messiah**, the son the blessed one? **62** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said: I am. And you_all_will_be_seeing the son of_ ~~the~~ _man sitting on the_right of_the power, and coming with the clouds of_the sky. **63** And the chief_priest having_torn the clothes of_him is_saying: What need anymore are_we_having of_witnesses? **64** You_all_heard of_the slander. What is_it_appearing to_you_all? And the ones all condemned him liable to_be of_death. **65** And some began to_be_spitting on_him, and to_be_blindfolding the face of_him, and to_be_ _beating him, and to_be_saying to_him: Prophesy. And the attendants received him with_slaps.

179 **RV 14:49 · Cross-ref.** Luk 19:47; 21:37.

180 **RV 14:53 · Parallel** Yhn 18:13-14,19-24; Mat. 26:57-68; Luke 22:54-55,63-71

181 **RV 14:58 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 2:19.

182 **RV 14:62 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:13.

183 **RV 14:64 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:16.

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66 And ~~the~~ Petros being below in the courtyard, one of_the servant_girls of_the chief_priest is_coming, **67** and having_seen ~~the~~ Petros warming himself, having_focused_in to_him she_is_ _saying: You also were with **Ya^{y}sous** the ~~the~~ Nazara^{y}nos. **68** But he disowned it saying: I_have_ neither _known, nor I_am_ _understanding you what are_saying. And he_came_out out into the forecourt. **69** And the servant_girl having_seen him, began again to_be_saying to_the ones having_stood_by, ~~that~~ This man is of them. **70** But again he was_disowning him. And after a_little, again the ones having_stood_by were_saying to_ ~~the~~ _Petros: Truly you_are from them, because/for you_are also a_Galilaios, **71** but he began to_be_cursing and to_be_swearing, ~~that~~ I_have_ not _known ~~the~~ this man, whom you_all_are_ _speaking. **72** And immediately for the_second time a_rooster crowed. And ~~the~~ Petros was_reminded the message as ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_him, ~~that~~ Before the_rooster to_ _crow three-times you_will_be_renouncing me, and having_ _broken_down, he_was_weeping.

15:1 And immediately in_the_morning, the chief_priests having_established a_counsel, with the elders and scribes, and all the council, having_bound ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, they_carried_ him _ _away and they_gave_ him _over to_Pilatos. **2** And ~~the~~ Pilatos asked him: Are you the king of_the Youdaiōns? And he answering to_him is_saying: You are_saying it. **3** And the chief_ _priests were_accusing many things against_him. **4** And ~~the~~ Pilatos again asked him saying: You_are_ not _answering nothing? Behold, how_many things they_are_accusing against_ _you. **5** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** no_longer answered nothing, so_as ~~the~~ Pilatos to_be_marvelling.

6 And on the_feast, he_was_sending_away to_them one prisoner, whom they_were_excusing. **7** And was the one being_ _called Barabbas, having_been_bound with the insurrectionists, who had_done murder in the insurrection. **8** And having_gone_ _up, the crowd began to_be_requesting as he_was_doing for_ _them. **9** But ~~the~~ Pilatos answered to_them saying: Are_you_all_ _wanting I_may_send_ The king of_the Youdaiōns _away to_ _you_all? **10** For/Because he_was_knowing that the chief_ _priests had_given_ him _over because_of envy. **11** But the chief_priests stirred_up the crowd, in_order_that he_may_ rather _send_away ~~the~~ Barabbas to_them. **12** And ~~the~~ Pilatos again answering was_saying to_them: Therefore what I_may_do which you_all_are_calling the king of_the Youdaiōns? **13** And they cried_out again: Execute_on_a_stake him. **14** And ~~the~~ Pilatos was_saying to_them: For/Because what evil he_did? But they exceedingly cried_out: Execute_on_a_stake him. **15** And ~~the~~ Pilatos wishing to_do, ~~the~~ much for_the crowd sent_ ~~The~~

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Kefa disowns Yeshua[184]

66 Meanwhile, Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) was down in the courtyard when one of the chief priest's servant girls came outside, **67** and seeing Kefa warming himself, she looked more closely and said, "Hey, you were with that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) from Nazaret (Nazareth)!"

68 But he denied it, "I don't know him and I don't know why you think I would!" Then he moved away from the fire.

69 But the girl that had seen him said to some of the others standing around, "That guy's one of them."

70 But again Kefa denied it.

A little while later, some of those standing there said the same thing to him, "You must be one of them because you're from Galil."

71 Now Kefa started swearing and cursing and said, "I've never even met that fellow that you're all talking about!"

72 Right then the rooster crowed for the second time and Kefa remembered now what **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had told him—how he would renounce Yeshua three times before the rooster crowed—and he broke down and cried.

Pilatos tries to interrogate Yeshua[185]

15:1 First thing in the morning, the chief priests called a meeting with the elders and the religious teachers and all the council, and they ordered that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) be tied up and taken over to Governor Pilatos (Pilate). **2** There Pilatos asked him, "Are you the king of the Yehudim (Jews)?"

"You said it," replied Yeshua.

3 Then the chief priests started hurling accusations against Yeshua, **4** so Pilatos asked him again, "Don't you have anything to say? Listen to all those accusations they're making against you."

5 But Pilatos was astounded that **Yeshua** didn't answer any further.

Pilatos agrees to execute an innocent man[186]

6 Now at time of the Jewish Passover, at their request, Pilatos (Pilate) would normally pardon one prisoner for them. **7** There was another prisoner at that time named Bar-Aba (Grk. Barabbas), who was an activist arrested for murder. **8** By now the crowd had arrived, and asked Pilatos to release a prisoner as usual at Passover, **9** so he asked them, "Do you all want me to release the King of the Yehudim (Jews) for you?" **10** (That was because Pilatos was well aware that the chief priests had brought Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) because they were jealous of his popularity.) **11** But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to start saying that it was Bar-Aba that they wanted released, **12** so Pilatos asked again, "Then what should I do with this man that you call the King of the Yehudim?"

13 The crowd yelled back, "Execute him on a post."

184 **RV 14:66 · Parallel** Yhn 18:15-18,25-27; Mat. 26:69-75; Luke 22:56-62

185 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** Yhn 18:28-38; Mat. 27:1-2,11-14; Luke 23:1-5

186 **RV 15:6 · Parallel** Yhn 18:39–19:16; Mat. 27:15-26; Luke 23:13-25

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14 "What has he even done wrong?" Pilatos demanded.
But they just yelled louder, "Execute him on a post!"
15 Now Pilatos wanted to placate the crowd, so he had Bar-Aba released while he had **Yeshua** flogged and then handed over to the execution squad.

The battalion plays with their mock 'king'[187]

16 So the soldiers led Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) inside the palace that was the governor's residence, and called in the rest of the battalion. 17 They mocked Yeshua by dressing him in a kingly robe, and after someone twisted some thorns together into a mock crown, they pressed it onto his head, 18 and began saluting him, "Greetings, king of the Yehudim (Jews)." 19 They took turns whacking his head with a stick and spitting on him, while others knelt down in front of him and pretended to be bowing to him. 20 After they'd finished having fun mocking him, they took the purple robe off him, and put his own robe back on him. Then they led him outside towards the execution area.

Yeshua is publicly executed beside thieves[188]

21 As they walked out of the city, they came across a man coming in from the country. He was Shim'on (Simon) from Kurainai (Cyrene) (Kurainai—the father of Alexandros (Alexander) and Rufos),[189] and the soldiers forced him to carry the execution post, 22 and so they all arrived at Golgotha (which means 'Place of the skull'). 23 There the soldiers went to give some spiced wine to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), but he declined it. 24 So they carried out the execution, taking Yeshua's clothes and drawing straws to see who would get what.[190] 25 By now it was around 9am, and they affixed Yeshua to the post. 26 The charge had been written out and attached at the top: "The king of the Yehudim (Jews)." 27 That morning, two thieves were also executed there—one on each side of Yeshua.

28 ◘ 29 As people passed by on that path, they insulted Yeshua, shaking their heads[191] and shouting, "Hoy there! You who reckoned you could demolish the temple and rebuild it in three days,[192] 30 come down from that post and save yourself."
31 Similarly the chief priests and the religious teachers laughed together and mocked, "He did miracles for others, but he can't even save himself. 32 Now if that so-called '**chosen** one' or 'king of Yisrael' (Israel) would just come down from there, *then* we'd be able to believe him."
Even the other two being executed with him were deriding him.

Yeshua breathes his last[193]

33 At noon, it got dark everywhere, until around 3pm, 34 when **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk.

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Barabbas _away to_them, and having_flogged him, gave_ ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** _over in_order_that he_may_be_ _executed_on_a_stake.

16 And the soldiers led_ him _away within the palace, that is the_residence_of_the_governor, and they_are_calling_together all the cohort. 17 And they_are_dressing_ him _in purple, and having_twisted_together a_thorny crown they_are_putting_ _around to_him, 18 and they_began to_be_greeting him: Greetings, king of_the Youdaiōns. 19 And they_were_striking the head of_him with_a_staff and they_were_spitting on_him, and kneeling the knees, they_were_prostrating before_him. 20 And when they_mocked at_him, they_stripped_ the purple garment _off him, and they_dressed_ him _in the own clothes of_him. And they_are_leading_ him _out in_order_that they_ _may_execute_on_a_stake him.

21 And they_are_compelling a_certain_ from_Kura^{y}na^{y} _man passing_by, Simōn, coming from the_country, the father of_ _Alexandros and Ῥoufos, in_order_that he_may_carry the stake of_him. 22 And they_are_bringing him to the Golgotha/(Gulgolet), place which is being_translated: place Of_ _the_skull. 23 And they_were_giving wine to_him having_been_ _mixed_with_myrrh, but which he_ not _took. 24 And having_ _executed_on_a_stake him, they_are_dividing the clothes of_ _him, casting a_lot for them, and_who may_take_ what _away. 25 And it_was the_ third _hour, and they_executed_on_a_stake him. 26 And the inscription of_the charge of_him having_been_ _inscribed was: The king of_the Youdaiōns. 27 And they_are_ _executing_on_a_stake two robbers with him, one on the_right and one on the_left of_him. 28 ◘ 29 And the ones passing_ _through were_slandering him, shaking the heads of_them, and saying: Aha, you tearing_down the temple and building it in three days, 30 having_come_down from the stake, save yourself. 31 Likewise also the chief_priests, mocking to one_ _another with the scribes were_saying: He_saved others, he_is_ not _able to_save himself. 32 The **chosen_one/messiah**, the king of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrāʾēl), let_come_down now from the stake, in_order_that we_may_see and we_may_believe. And the ones having_been_executed_on_a_stake_with with him were_ _deriding him.

33 And having_become the_ sixth _hour, darkness became over all the land, until the_ ninth _hour. 34 And ~~the~~ ninth hour, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** shouted with_a_ loud _voice: Eloi, Eloi,

187 RV 15:16 · Parallel Yhn 19:2-3; Mat. 27:27-31
188 RV 15:21 · Parallel Yhn 19:17-27; Mat. 27:32-44; Luke 23:26-43
189 RV 15:21 · Cross-ref. Rom 16:13.
190 RV 15:24 · Cross-ref. Psa 22:18.
191 RV 15:29 · Cross-ref. Psa 22:7; 109:25.
192 RV 15:29 · Cross-ref. Yhn 2:19; Mrk 14:58.
193 RV 15:33 · Parallel Yhn 19:28-30; Mat. 27:45-56; Luke 23:44-49

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lema sabachthani? Which is being_translated: - **god** of_me, ~~the~~ **god** of_me, because/for why you_abandoned me? **35** And some of_the ones having_stood_by, having_heard were_saying: Behold, he_is_calling Aʸlias/('Ēliyʸāh). **36** And someone having_ _run, and having_filled a_sponge with_wine_vinegar having_ _put_around around_a_reed, was_giving_ him _to_drink saying: Leave it, we_may_see if Aʸlias is_coming to_take_ him _down. **37** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** having_sent_away with_a_ loud _cry, expired. **38** And the curtain of_the temple was_torn into two, from top to bottom. **39** And the centurion having_seen ~~which~~ having_stood_by from opposite of_him that he_expired thus said: Truly this ~~the~~ man was the_son of_**god**. **40** And were also women observing from afar, among whom both Maria/(Miryām) the from_Magdala, and Maria the mother of_ _Yakōbos/(Yaʹₐqovˇ) the little and of_Yōsaʸs/(Yōşēf?), and Salōmaʸ, **41** who were_following after_him when he_was in ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl) and were_serving unto_him, and many others ~~which~~ having_come_up_with to_him to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim).

42 And having_ already _become evening, because it_was the_ _preparation day, that is the_pre-day_of_rest day, **43** Yōsaʸf/(Yōşēf) having_come ~~which~~ from Arimathaia, a_ _prominent council_member, who also himself was waiting_for the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, having_taken_courage, came_in to ~~the~~ Pilatos and requested the body of_ ~~the~~ _**Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**. **44** And ~~the~~ Pilatos wondered if he_has_ already _died, and having_called_to the centurion, he_asked him whether he_ already _died_off. **45** And having_known from the centurion, he_granted the corpse ~~the~~ to_Yōsaʸf. **46** And having_bought a_ _linen_cloth, having_taken_ him _down, he_wrapped_in in_the linen_cloth, and laid him in a_tomb which was having_been_ _hewn out_of a_rock, and rolled a_stone to the door of_the tomb. **47** And ~~the~~ Maria the from_Magdala and Maria the mother of_Yōsaʸs were_observing where he_has_been_laid.

16:1 And the day_of_rest having_elapsed, ~~the~~ Maria/(Miryām) the from_Magdala and Maria the mother of_ ~~the~~ _ _Yakōbos/(Yaʹₐqovˇ), and Salōmaʸ, bought spices in_order_that having_come, they_may_anoint him. **2** And exceedingly early first of_the of_the_week, they_are_coming to the tomb, the sun having_risen. **3** And they_were_saying to themselves: Who will_ _be_rolling_away for_us the stone out_of the door of_the tomb? **4** And having_looked_up, they_are_observing that the stone has_been_rolled_away, because/for it_was exceedingly large.

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Yesus) shouted loudly, "My **god**, my **god**, why have you abandoned me?"[194]

35 Some of the people standing nearby thought he was calling the prophet Eliyah (Elijah). **36** One of them ran, and soaked a sponge in some sour wine, then put it on a stick and held it up for Yeshua to drink,[195] saying, "Hang on. Let's see if Eliyah does come to get him down."

37 But just then, **Yeshua** uttered a loud cry and exhaled his last breath.

38 (Back in the temple, the curtain tore down the middle from the top to the bottom.)[196] **39** When Yeshua died, the Romaios commander who had been standing back watching everything said, "That man was definitely **God's** son."

40 Further back, there was also a group of women observing everything. They included Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala, Miryam the mother of young Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yoseh, and Salome,[197] **41** and others who had followed Yeshua around Galil and helped look after him, along with many others who had come down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with him.

Yosef boldly lays the body in a burial chamber[198]

42 As evening came, it was now the Preparation Day, i.e., the day before the Rest Day. **43** Yosef (Joseph) (who'd come from Arimathaia city and one who was waiting for the coming of **God's** kingdom), a prominent council member, steeled himself up and went in to see the governor to get permission to transfer **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') body. **44** Governor Pilatos (Pilate) didn't think he'd be dead yet, so he called an army commander to find out if Yeshua had indeed died. **45** As soon as he found out, he gave Yosef permission, **46** so Yosef and his companions went and bought some linen burial cloth and then, removing Yeshua's body from the post, wrapped it in the cloth and placed it in a burial chamber that had been chiselled into a rockface. Then they rolled a rock across the opening. **47** Others were watching and noted where the body had been laid, including Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala and Miryam who was Yoseh' mother.

The massive shock at the burial chamber[199]

16:1 After the Rest Day was over, Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala, Miryam the mother of Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos), and Salome, all went and bought some traditional burial spices that evening to take to the burial chamber and place with the body. **2** Then very early on Sunday morning they went to the chamber, arriving just as the sun was rising. **3** Then they realised that they didn't have anyone with them to roll the

194 RV 15:34 · Cross-ref. Psa 22:1.

195 RV 15:36 · Cross-ref. Psa 69:21.

196 RV 15:38 · Cross-ref. Exo 26:31-33.

197 RV 15:40-41 · Cross-ref. Luk 8:2-3.

198 RV 15:42 · Parallel Yhn 19:38-42; Mat. 27:57-61; Luke 23:50-56

199 RV 16:1 · Parallel Yhn 20:1-10; Mat. 28:1-8; Luke 24:1-12

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rock away that was covering the entrance. **4** However when they looked, they saw that the very large rock had already been rolled away, **5** so they went on into the burial chamber and were totally stunned to find a young man dressed in white, sitting in there at the side.

6 He assured them, "Don't be surprised. I know you're looking for **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) from Nazaret (Nazareth), the one who was executed on a post. But see there where his body was—he's not there, because he came back to life. **7** So you three should go and tell his apprentices, and Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) in particular, that he's going to go up ahead of you all to Galil and you'll see him up there, just as he already told you all."[200]

8 So they left the chamber and took off running, still stunned and shaking, and too scared to stop and talk to anyone.

The others don't believe that Miryam saw Yeshua[201]

9 After coming back to life early on Sunday morning, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) appeared first to Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala. (She was the one that he had once commanded seven demons to leave.) **10** After leaving him, she went and told his followers who were mourning and weeping at his loss. **11** But when she told them that he is alive again and that she'd seen him, they simply didn't believe her.

Yeshua appears to two of his followers[202]

12 Later on, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) appeared in a different form to two of his followers on the path as they left Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and headed out to the countryside, **13** but when they hurried back and told the others, no one believed them.

Yeshua appears to his apprentices and instructs them[203]

14 Later again when the eleven apprentices were sitting around eating, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) appeared in the room and scolded them for not believing and for being so stubborn when they hadn't believed others who had told them that he'd come back from the dead. **15** Then he instructed them, "Travel around all the world and tell everyone the good message.[204] **16** Anyone who believes and gets immersed in water will be saved, however, those who refuse to believe will be condemned to death. **17** Those who believe will be able to do miracles: they'll be able to use my authority to command demons to leave and to speak new languages, **18** and they'll be able to pick up snakes. If they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them, and they will place their hands on people and make them better."

Yeshua is lifted up to heaven[205]

19 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had finished speaking, he was lifted up into heaven[206] and seated in the honoured place next to God. **20** Then

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5 And having_come_in into the tomb, they_saw a_young_man sitting on the right, having_clothed with_a_ white _robe, and they_were_greatly_amazed. **6** And he is_saying to_them: Be_ not _being_greatly_amazed. You_all_are_seeking **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** the Nazara^{y}nos, the one having_been_ _executed_on_a_stake. He_was_raised. He_is not here, see, the place where they_laid him. **7** But be_going, say to_the apprentices/followers of_him and to_ ~~the~~ _Petros, ~~that~~ He_is_ _going_before you_all into ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), there you_all_ _will_be_seeing him, as he_said to_you_all. **8** And having_come_ _out, they_fled from the tomb, because/for trembling and amazement was_having them, and spoke nothing to_no_one for they_were_fearing.

16:9–11 No text in the Literal Version.

16:12–13 No text in the Literal Version.

16:14–18 No text in the Literal Version.

16:19–20 No text in the Literal Version.

200 **RV 16:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:32; Mrk 14:28.

201 **RV 16:9 · Parallel** Yhn 20:11-18; Mat. 28:9-10

202 **RV 16:12 · Parallel** Luke 24:13-35

203 **RV 16:14 · Parallel** Yhn 20:19-23; Mat. 28:16-20; Luke 24:36-49; Acts 1:6-8

204 **RV 16:15 · Cross-ref.** Acts 1:8.

205 **RV 16:19 · Parallel** Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11

206 **RV 16:19 · Cross-ref.** Acts 1:9-11.

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his followers went around preaching everywhere, and God worked through them and so they were able to confirm the truth of their preaching by doing miracles.

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The account of Yeshua's ministry by

Matay

Introduction

Author

The writer of this document was known in Greek as Matay, in Hebrew as Levi, and is most commonly known in English as Matthew. He was one of Yeshua's twelve apprentices, and named by Halfay/Alphaeus his father. He was from Galil/Galilee but worked in Kafarnaoum/Capernaum as a tax-collector before he left that to follow Yeshua/Jesus. It's possible that it was Yeshua who changed his name from Levi when he became a follower, and named him Matay which means 'the gift of God' in Hebrew.

This account

Matay's account starts by listing the ancestors of Yeshua, and then describes Yeshua's birth, his immersion in water, and his temptation by the devil. He tells us about a lot of his preaching and teaching, and about how he healed many sick people in the Galil region. After that, Matay goes on to describe Yeshua's trip down to Yerushalem/Jerusalem and what happened to him there. Then he explains what happened in Yeshua's final week in Yerushalem, his execution on a stake, and his coming back to life.

This document tells how Yeshua is the messiah, promised by God to save the Yehudim/Jews, and all non-Jews who place their trust in him. So by means of him, God fulfills his promises to his people that were listed in the Old Testament.

This good message reveals Yeshua as the great teacher to explain God's law. Here in this document, Matay records five lengthy teaching sessions about God's kingdom: (1) The preaching on the hill about people's behaviour, their responsibilities, and what they might expect to receive in God's kingdom (chapters 5–7); (2) warning the twelve apprentices about their works (chapter 10); (3) the parables about God's kingdom (chapter 13); (4) the teaching concerning the way to become a follower (chapter 18); and (5) the teaching concerning the end of this age and God's kingdom which is coming. (chapters 24–25).

Main components of Matay's account

The ancestors and birth of Yeshua the messiah *1:1–2:23*
The work of Yohan-the-immerser *3:1-12*
The immersion and the temptation of Yeshua *3:13–4:11*
The work and teaching of Yeshua in Galil *4:12–18:35*
Yeshua's trip from Galil to Yerushalem *19:1–20:34*
Yeshua's final week in Yerushalem *21:1–27:66*
Yeshua comes back to life *28:1-20*

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1:1 The_scroll of_the_birth of_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_ _one/messiah**, son of_Dawid/(Dāvid), son of_ _Abraʼam/(ʼAvrāhām): **2** Abraʼam bore ~~the~~ Isaʼak/(Yitsḥāq), and Isaʼak bore ~~the~~ Yakōb/(Yaʻaqov), and Yakōb bore ~~the~~ Youda/(Yəhūdāh) and the brothers of_him, **3** and Youda bore ~~the~~ Fares/(Ferets) and ~~the~~ Zara/(Zeraḥ) of ~~the~~ Thamar/(Tāmār), and Fares bore ~~the~~ Hesrōm/(Ḥetsrōn), and Hesrōm bore ~~the~~ Aram/(Rām), **4** and Aram bore ~~the~~ Aminadab/(ʻAmminādāv), and Aminadab bore ~~the~~ Naʼassōn/(Naḥshōn), and Naʼassōn bore ~~the~~ Salmōn/(Salmōn), **5** and Salmōn bore ~~the~~ Boʼoz/(Boʻaz) of ~~the~~ Ṛakaḳab/(Rāḥāv), and Boʼoz bore ~~the~~ Yōba^{y}d/(Ōbā^{y}d/(ʻŌvēd) of ~~the~~ Ṛouth/(Rūt), and Yōba^{y}d bore ~~the~~ Yessai/(Yishay), **6** and Yessai bore ~~the~~ Dawid the king. And Dawid bore ~~the~~ Solomōn/(Shəlmoh) of the wife of_ ~~the~~ _Ourias/(ʼŪriy^{yāh}), **7** and Solomōn bore ~~the~~ Ṛoboam/(Rəḥavʻām), and Ṛoboam bore ~~the~~ Abia/(ʼAvīāh), and Abia bore ~~the~~ Asaf/(ʼĀṣāf), **8** and Asaf bore ~~the~~ Yōsafat/(Yəhōshāfāṭ), and Yōsafat bore ~~the~~ Yōram/(Yōrām), and Yōram bore ~~the~~ Ozias/(ʻUzziy^{yāh}), **9** and Ozias bore ~~the~~ Yōatham/(Yōtām), and Yōatham bore ~~the~~ Aḳaz/(ʼĀḥāz), and Aḳaz bore ~~the~~ Hezekias/(Ḥizqiy^{yāh}), **10** and Hezekias bore ~~the~~ Manassa^{y}s/(Mənashsheh), and Manassa^{y}s bore ~~the~~ Amōs/(ʼĀmōts), and Amōs bore ~~the~~ Yōsias/(Yʼoshiy^{yāh}), **11** and Yōsias bore ~~the~~ Yeḳonias/(Yəkon^{yāh}) and the brothers of_him during the deportation to_Babulōn/(Bāvel?). **12** And after the deportation to_Babulōn, Yeḳonias bore ~~the~~ Salathia^{y}l/(Shəʼaltiy^{ēl}), and Salathia^{y}l bore ~~the~~ Zorobabel/(Zərubāvel), **13** and Zorobabel bore ~~the~~ Abioud/(ʼAvīhūd), and Abioud bore ~~the~~ Eliakeim/(ʼElyāqīm), and Eliakeim bore ~~the~~ Azōr/(ʻAzzūr), **14** and Azōr bore ~~the~~ Sadōk/(Tsādōq), and Sadōk bore ~~the~~ Aḳeim/(Yōqīm), and Aḳeim bore ~~the~~ Elioud/(ʼĒl-hōd), **15** and Elioud bore ~~the~~ Eleazar/(ʼElʻāzār), and Eleazar bore ~~the~~ Matthan/(Mattān), and Matthan bore ~~the~~ Yakōb, **16** and Yakōb bore ~~the~~ Yōsa^{y}f/(Yōṣēf) the husband of_Maria/(Miryām), of whom was_born **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, the one being_called the_**chosen_ _one/messiah**. **17** Therefore all the generations from Abraʼam/(ʼAvrāhām) to Dawid/(Dāvid) were fourteen generations, and from Dawid until the deportation to_Babulōn fourteen generations, and from the deportation to_Babulōn to the **chosen_one/messiah** fourteen generations.

18 And the birth ~~the~~ of_**Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** was thus: Maria the mother of_him, having_been_betrothed to_ ~~the~~ _Yōsa^{y}f, before ~~or/than~~ them to_come_together, she_was_found

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The Jewish ancestors of the messiah[1]

1:1 This is a genealogy of **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) **the messiah** (Grk. Christ) a descendant of King David, a descendant of Avraham (Grk. Abraam).

2 Avraham was the father of Yitshak (Isaac), Yitshak the father of Ya'akov (Jacob; Grk. Yakob), Ya'akov the father of Yehudah (Judah; Grk. Yudas) and his brothers. **3** Yehudah was the father of Perets (Grk. Fares) and Zerah (Grk. Zara) through Tamar (Grk. Thamar), Perets the father of Hetsron (Grk. Hesrom), Hetsron the father of Ram, **4** Ram the father of Aminadav, Aminadav the father of Nahshon (Grk. Naasson), Nahshon the father of Salmon, **5** Salmon the father of Boaz (Grk. Boes/Boos) through Rahav, Boaz the father of Oved (Grk. Yobed/Yobel) through Ruth,[2] and Oved the father of Yishay (Jesse; Grk. Yessai), **6** and Yishay the father of David the king.

David was the father of Shelomoh (Solomon; Grk. Solomon/Salomon) through Uriyah's (Grk. Urias') wife, **7** Shelomoh was the father of Rehav'am (Rehoboam; Grk. Roboam), Rehav'am the father of Aviyah (Grk. Abia), Aviyah the father of Asa (Grk. Asaf), **8** Asa the father of Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat; Grk. Yosafat). Yehoshafat the father of Yoram (Joram), Yoram the father of Uziyah, **9** Uziyah the father of Yotam (Jotham; Grk. Yoatham), Yotam the father of Ahaz (Grk. Akaz), Ahaz the father of Hizkiyah (Hezekiah; Grk. Hezekias), **10** Hizkiyah the father of Menasheh (Manasseh; Grk. Manasses), Menasheh the father of Amon (Grk. Amos), Amon the father of Yoshiyah (Josiah; Grk. Yosias), **11** Yoshiyah was the father of Yekaneyah (Grk. Yekonias) and his brothers, when they were deported to Bavel (Babylon; Grk. Babulon).[3]

12 Then after the deportation to Bavel, Yekaneyah was the father of Shealtiyel (Grk. Salathiel), Shealtiyel was the father of Zerubavel (Grk. Zorobabel), **13** Zerubavel was the father of Avihud (Grk. Abiud), Avihud was the father of Elyakim, and Elyakim the father of Azor, **14** Azor the father of Tsadok, Tsadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Eliud, **15** Eliud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matan, Matan the father of Ya'akov (Jacob; Grk. Yakob), **16** Ya'akov the father of Yosef (Joseph), the husband of Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam) who **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), the **one** called **the messiah** was born to.

17 So the generations from Avraham to David numbered fourteen, from David to the deportation to Bavel there were fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Bavel to the **messiah** there were fourteen generations.

The messiah's birth[4]

18 Now this is how the birth **of Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) came about: Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk.

1 RV 1:1 · Parallel Luke 3:23-38

2 RV 1:5 · Cross-ref. Rut 4:13,17.

3 RV 1:11 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:14-15; 2Ch 36:10; Jer 27:20.

4 RV 1:18 · Parallel Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7

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Maria/Mariam) his mother was engaged to Yosef (Joseph).[5] But before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the work of **the** holy **spirit**. 19 But her husband to be, Yosef, was a godly man, and not wishing to disgrace Maria, he decided to quietly divorce her. 20 But as he was pondering that, one of Yahweh's messengers appeared to him in a dream and told him, "Yosef, descendant of King David, don't be afraid to marry Maria, because the baby in her has been conceived by **the** holy **spirit**. 21 In due course she'll have a son and you'll name him **Yeshua**,[6] because he'll save his people from their sins."

22 Now all that happened in fulfilment of what **Yahweh** had said through the prophet, 23 "Listen, the virgin will get pregnant and she'll have a son, and they'll call him Imanu-El (Grk. Emmanuel) (in Hebrew) which means '**God** with us.' "[7]

24 Then Yosef got up and did what Yahweh's messenger had commanded him, and he went ahead and married Maria, 25 but he didn't sleep with her until after she had given birth. Yosef named the boy **Yeshua**.[8]

Easterners come to worship the new king

2:1 After **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had been born in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) in Yehudah (Judea) province during the time of King Herodes (Herod), watchers of signs arrived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) from the east 2 and asked, "Where's the one born as king of the Yehudim (Jews)? We saw his star in the east and we came to worship him."

3 Now when King Herodes heard that, he was upset, and all of Yerushalem as well. 4 He gathered together all the chief priests and religious teachers and asked them where the **Messiah** was expected to be born.

5 "It'll be in Beyt-Lehem in Yehudah," they told him, "because the prophet wrote:

6 'You, Beyt-Lehem in Yehudah's territory,
are not the most insignificant of the Yehudah's leaders,
because a leader will come from you
who will guide my people Yisrael (Israel).' "[9]

7 Then Herodes (Herod) sent for the watchers of signs and met secretly with them to determine when the star had first appeared. 8 Then he sent them on to Beyt-Lehem with these instructions: "Go on and carefully investigate about the child, and when you find him, report back to me so that I can also come and worship him."

9 So when the king had finished speaking, they departed, and the star which they could see in the east went ahead of them and stopped above the place where the child was. 10 Seeing that, the watchers of signs were very happy indeed. 11 As they en-

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having in womb by the_ holy _**spirit**. 19 And Yōsaʸf the husband of_her, being righteous and not willing to_expose her, was_counselled to_send_ her _away secretly. 20 But these things having_been_considered of_him, see, a_messenger of_the_ _**master** was_seen to_him in a_dream saying: Yōsaʸf, son of_ _Dawid, may_ not _be_afraid to_receive Maria the wife of_you, because/for the one in her having_been_born is from the_ holy _**spirit**. 21 And she_will_be_bearing a_son, and you_will_be_ _calling the name of_him **Yaʸsous**, because/for he will_be_ _saving the people of_him from the sins of_them. 22 And all this has_become, in_order_that the thing having_been_spoken by the_**master** through the prophet may_be_fulfilled saying, 23 Behold, the virgin will_be_having in womb and will_be_ _bearing a_son, and they_will_be_calling the name of_him Emmanouaʸl/(ʻImmānūʾēl), which is being_translated: - **god** With us. 24 And ~~the~~ Yōsaʸf/(Yōṣēf) having_been_raised from the sleep, did as the messenger of_the_**master** commanded to_him, and received the wife of_him, 25 and was_ not _knowing her until of_which she_bore a_son, and he_called the name of_him, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**.

2:1 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** having_been_born in Baʸthle'em/(Bēyt-leḥem) of_ ~~the~~ _Youdaia in the_days of_ _Haʸrōdaʸs the king, see, wise_men from east arrived in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) 2 saying: Where is the one, having_been_born king of_the Youdaiōns? For/Because we_saw the star of_him in the east and we_came to_prostrate before_ _him. 3 And ~~the~~ king Haʸrōdaʸs having_heard was_disturbed, and all Hierousalaʸm with him. 4 And having_gathered_ _together all the chief_priests and scribes of_the people, he_ _was_inquiring from them where the **chosen_one/messiah** is_ _being_born. 5 And they said to_him: In Baʸthle'em of_ ~~the~~ _ _Youdaia, because/for thus it_has_been_written through the prophet: 6 And you Baʸthle'em, land of_Youda/(Yəhūdāh), are by_no_means least among the rulers of_Youda, because/for out_of of_you will_be_coming_out a_leading one, who will_be_ _shepherding the people of_me, ~~the~~ Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl). 7 Then Haʸrōdaʸs having_ secretly _called the wise_men, ascertained from them the time of_the appearing star. 8 And having_sent them to Baʸthle'em he_said: Having_been_gone, search_out exactly for the little_child, and when you_all_may_find him, report to_me so_that also_I, having_come, may_prostrate before_him. 9 And ~~which~~ having_heard from_the king, they_ _were_gone, and see, the star, which they_saw in the east, was_ _going_before them until having_come, it_was_stood over where the little_child was. 10 And having_seen the star, they_ _were_ exceedingly _elated with_ great _joy. 11 And having_ _come into the house, they_saw the little_child with Maria/(Miryām) the mother of_him, and having_fallen, they_ _prostrated before_him, and having_opened_up the treasures of_them, they_offered gifts to_him: gold, and frankincense, and

5 **RV 1:18 · Cross-ref.** Luk 1:27.

6 **RV 1:21 · Cross-ref.** Luk 1:31.

7 **RV 1:23 · Cross-ref.** Isa 7:14 (LXX).

8 **RV 1:25 · Cross-ref.** Luk 2:21.

9 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** Mic 5:2.

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myrrh. **12** And having_been_warned in a_dream not to_return to Haʸrōdaʸs, they_withdrew by another way into the country of_them.

13 And having_withdrawn from_them, see, a_messenger of_ _the_**master** is_appearing in a_dream to_ ~~the~~ _Yōsaʸf/(Yōṣēf) saying: Having_been_raised, take the little_child and the mother of_him, and be_fleeing into Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim), and be there until ~~wishfully~~ I_may_tell to_you, because/for Haʸrōdaʸs is_going to_be_seeking the little_child ~~which~~ to_destroy him. **14** And ~~which~~ having_been_raised, he_took the little_child and the mother of_him by_night and withdrew into Aiguptos, **15** and he_was there until the death of_Haʸrōdaʸs, in_order_ _that the message may_be_fulfilled having_been_spoken by the_**master** through the prophet saying: I_called the son of_me out_of of_Aiguptos.

16 Then Haʸrōdaʸs, having_seen that he_was_mocked by the wise_men, was_enraged exceedingly and having_sent_out, he_ _killed all the boys ~~which~~ in Baʸthle'em/(Bēyt-leḥem) and in all the regions of_it from two_year and lower, according_to the time which he_ascertained from the wise_men. **17** Then the message was_fulfilled having_been_spoken through Yeremias/(Yirməʸāh) the prophet saying, **18** A_voice in Ɽama/(Rāmāh) was_heard, weeping and great mourning, Ɽakaʸl/(Rāḥēl) weeping for_the children of_her, and was_ not _ _wanting to_be_comforted, because they_are not.

19 But ~~the~~ Haʸrōdaʸs having_died, see, a_messenger of_the_ _**master** is_appearing in a_dream to_ ~~the~~ _Yōsaʸf in Aiguptos **20** saying: Having_been_raised, take the little_child and the mother of_him, and be_going into the_land of_Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl), because/for the ones seeking the life of_the little_child have_ _died. **21** And he having_been_raised, took the little_child and the mother of_him, and came_in into the_land of_ _Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl). **22** But having_heard that Arkelaos is_ _reigning ~~the~~ over_Youdaia instead_of Haʸrōdaʸs the father of_ _him, he_was_afraid to_go_away there, and having_been_ _warned in a_dream, he_withdrew into the districts of_ ~~the~~ _ _Galilaia/(Gālīl), **23** and having_come, he_dwelt into a_city being_called Nazaret, so_that the message may_be_fulfilled having_been_spoken through the prophets, he_will_be_being_ _called ~~that~~ A_from_Nazaret.

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tered the house, they saw the child with his mother Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam). They bowed low and worshipped him, then they opened their chests and presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 However, because they'd been warned in a dream not to return to King Herodes, they went home again to their own country.

The family escape to Mitsrayim

13 After they'd departed, one of **Yahweh's** messengers appeared to Yosef (Joseph) in a dream and said, "Leave now and take the child and his mother, and flee to Mitsrayim (Egypt). Remain there until I tell you, because King Herodes (Herod) will soon search for the child in order to kill him."

14 So Yosef got ready during the night and took the child and his mother and departed for Mitsrayim. **15** They stayed there until Herodes's death, in order to fulfil what **Yahweh** had said through the prophet Hoshea (Hosea): "I called my son out of Mitsrayim."[10]

The slaughter of baby boys

16 When King Herodes (Herod) realised that he'd been tricked by the watchers of signs, he got very angry and gave orders that all the sons in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) and its districts that were two years old and younger be killed, because that was the period that he'd found out from the watchers of signs.

17 That fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), who said:

18 The sound of terrible weeping and mourning was heard in Ramah;
Rahel (Rachel) weeping for her children, and she didn't want to be comforted,
because her children were no more.[11]

Yosef's family return to Nazaret

19 After King Herodes (Herod) died, one of **Yahweh's** messengers appeared to Yosef (Joseph) in Mitsrayim (Egypt) in a dream **20** and said, "Get ready and take the child and his mother back to Yisrael (Israel), because the ones wanting to kill him have died." **21** So Yosef packed up and took the child and his mother and went back to Yisrael.

22 However, when he heard that Arkelaos was now reigning over Yehudah (Judea) (instead of his father Herodes), and also having been warned in a dream, he left Yehudah and went north to the Galil area. **23** Once he got there, he settled into a town called Nazaret (Nazareth), and so what had been spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: "He'll be called a person from Nazaret."[12][13]

10 **RV 2:15 · Cross-ref.** Hos 11:1.

11 **RV 2:18 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:15.

12 **RV 2:23 · Note** This is not a specific quote from the Hebrew Scriptures, but note that Matthew does say 'the prophet**s**' (not 'the prophet'). This could be: [1]A play on Hebrew '**רצנ**' from Yeshayah/Isaiah 11:1 where 'branch/shoot' (netser) is similar to 'Natsaret' (Nazaret/natsrat), [2]a play on Shimshon (Samson) the 'Nazirite' (**רִזְנ**) from Heroes (Judges) 13:5,7, or [3]just a slur on Yeshua being from insignificant Nazaret (Nazareth) as per Yohan (John) 1:46.

13 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 1:24; Luk 2:39; Yhn 1:45.

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Yohan-the-immerser's preaching[14]

3:1 That was the time when Yohan-the-immerser started preaching in the Yehudah (Judea) wilderness, **2** telling everyone, "Turn from your sins, because the heavenly kingdom is close."[15] **3** This is the man that the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) was talking about when he wrote:

'The voice of one shouting in the wilderness
prepare the road for **Yahweh**;
straighten his paths.'[16]

4 Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) himself wore clothes made from coarse camel hair, with a leather belt around his waist,[17] and he lived on locusts and wild honey. **5** People from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all Yehudah and all of the regions surrounding the Yarden (Jordan) River, went out into the wilderness to listen to Yohan, **6** and many confessed their sins and asked him to immerse them in the river.

7 But when Yohan saw many from the party of the Farisaios and from the Saddoukaios (Sadducee) sect coming for immersion, he told them, "You brood of snakes,[18] who warned you all to flee from God's severe anger that's coming? **8** Turning from your sins should be accompanied by evidence that you've changed. **9** And don't think that you can just tell yourselves that you're Avraham's descendants,[19] because I can tell you that **God** could turn these stones into descendants of Avraham. **10** The axe has already been placed at the base of the trees ready to cut down any tree that's not producing good fruit, and then it'll be thrown into the fire.[20] **11** I'm immersing people in water as a sign that they're turning away from their sins, but there's another one coming after me who's greater than me—so much so that I'm not even worthy to carry his sandals. He'll immerse you in **the** holy **spirit** and with fire. **12** He's already holding his fork so that he can clear his threshing floor—he'll work through the pile throwing it into the air, where the breeze will carry the chaff away, and he'll burn it with unquenchable fire, while the heavier grains of wheat will land in the pile to be brought into the barn."

Yeshua gets immersed in the river[21]

13 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) came down from Galil to Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) at the Yarden (Jordan) River to be immersed by him. **14** But Yohan refused, saying, "It's me who needs to be immersed by you, and yet you're coming to me?"

15 "Just allow it," answered **Yeshua**, "because we need to do what righteousness requires." So Yohan immersed him.

16 As **Yeshua** came up out of the water after being immersed,

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3:1 And in ~~the~~ those days Yōannaʸs the immerser is_arriving, proclaiming in the wilderness of_ ~~the~~ _Youdaia **2** saying: Be_ _repenting, because/for the kingdom of_the heavens has_ _neared. **3** For/Because this is the one having_been_spoken through Aʸsaias/(Yəshaʸāh) the prophet saying: The_voice of_ _a_shouting one in the wilderness prepare the way of_the_ **_master**, be_making the paths of_him straight. **4** And ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs himself was_having the clothing of_him from hairs of_a_camel and a_ leather _belt around the waist of_him, and the food of_him was locusts and wild honey. **5** Then Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and all ~~the~~ Youdaia, and all the surrounding_region of_the Yordanaʸs/(Yardēn) was_going_out to him, **6** and they_were_being_immersed by him in the Yordanaʸs River, confessing the sins of_them. **7** But having_ _seen many of_the Farisaios_party and Saddoukaios_sect coming to the immersion of_him, he_said to_them: Brood of_ _vipers, who warned to_you_all to_flee from the coming severe_anger? **8** Therefore produce fruit worthy of_ ~~the~~ _ _repentance. **9** And you_all_may_ not _suppose to_be_saying among yourselves, we_are_having ~~the~~ Abra'am/('Avrāhām) father, because/for I_am_saying to_you_all that ~~the~~ **god** is_able to_raise children to_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am out_of the these stones. **10** And already the axe is_lying to the root of_the trees, therefore every tree not producing good fruit is_being_cut_off and is_being_thrown into the_fire. **11** I on_one_hand am_ _immersing you_all in water to repentance, on_the_other_hand the one coming after me is mightier than me, of_whom not I_ _am worthy to_bear the sandals. He will_be_immersing you_all in the_ holy **_spirit** and with_fire. **12** Of_whom the winnowing_ _fork is in the hand of_him, and he_will_be_clearing_out the threshing_floor of_him, and will_be_gathering_together the wheat of_him into the barn, but the chaff he_will_be_burning_ _up with_ inextinguishable _fire.

13 Then ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is_arriving from ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl) to the Yordanaʸs/(Yardēn) to ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs, ~~which~~ to_be_immersed by him. **14** But ~~the~~ was_forbidding him saying: I am_having need to_be_immersed by you, and you are_ _coming to me? **15** But ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** answering said to him: Allow it now, because/for thus it_is befitting to_us to_fulfill all righteousness. Then he_is_allowing him. **16** And having_been_ _immersed, ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** immediately went_up from the water, and see, the heavens were_opened_up, and he_saw the **spirit**

14 **RV 3:1 · Parallel** Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-18; Yhn 1:19-28
15 **RV 3:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:17; Mrk 1:15.
16 **RV 3:3 · Cross-ref.** Isa 40:3 (LXX).
17 **RV 3:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 1:8.
18 **RV 3:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:34; 23:33.
19 **RV 3:9 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 8:33.
20 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** Mat 7:19.
21 **RV 3:13 · Parallel** Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22

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of_ ~~the~~ **_god** coming_down as_if a_dove and coming on him. **17** And see, a_voice out_of of_the heavens saying: This is the son of_me, the beloved in whom I_took_pleasure.

4:1 Then ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_brought_up into the wilderness by the **spirit** to_be_tempted by the devil. **2** And having_fasted forty days and forty nights, later he_hungered. **3** And the one tempting having_approached, said to_him: If you_are the_son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, speak that the these stones may_become loaves. **4** But he answering said: It_has_been_written: The person not only by bread will_be_living, but by every message going_out through the_mouth of_**god**. **5** Then the devil is_taking him to the holy city, and stood him on the pinnacle of_the temple, **6** and he_is_saying to_him: If you_are the_son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, throw yourself down, because/for it_has_been_written, ~~that~~ Will_be_commanding to_the messengers of_him concerning you, and: They_will_be_carrying you in their_hands, lest you_ _may_strike the foot of_you against a_stone. **7** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** was_saying to_him: In_contrast it_has_ _been_written: You_‹will›_ not _be_Testing the_**master** the **god** of_you. **8** Again the devil is_taking him to a_ exceedingly high _ _mountain, and is_showing to_him all the kingdoms of_the world and the glory of_them, **9** and he_said to_him: I_will_be_ _giving all these things to_you if having_fallen, you_may_ _prostrate before_me. **10** Then ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_him: Be_going_away Satan/(Sāṭān), because/for it_has_been_ _written: You_will_be_prostrating the_**master** the **god** of_you, and only unto_him you_will_be_serving. **11** Then the devil is_ _leaving him, and see, messengers approached and were_ _serving unto_him.

12 And having_heard that Yōanna^{y}s was_given_over, he_ _withdrew into ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl). **13** And having_left ~~the~~ Nazaret, having_come he_dwelt at Kafarna'oum, which is by_ _the_seaside in the_regions of_Zaboulōn/(Zəvūlūn) and Nefthaleim/(Naftālī), **14** in_order_that the message may_be_ _fulfilled having_been_spoken by A^{y}saias/(Yəshaʹ^{yāh}) the prophet saying, **15** Land of_Zaboulōn and land of_Nefthaleim, way of_the_sea, beyond the Yordana^{y}s/(Yardēn), Galilaia of_the pagans. **16** The people ~~which~~ sitting in darkness saw a_ great _ _light, and to_the ones sitting in a_land and shadow of_death, a_light rose on_them. **17** From then ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** began to_be_proclaiming and to_be_saying: Be_repenting, because/for the kingdom of_the heavens has_neared.

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the sky was opened up and he saw **God's spirit** coming down like a dove and landing on him. **17** Then, wow, a voice could be heard from the sky saying, "This is my son that I love and I'm pleased with."[22]

The devil tempts Yeshua[23]

4:1 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was taken into the wilderness by the **spirit**, to be tempted by the devil.[24] **2** As he'd been fasting for forty days (and nights), he was hungry, **3** and the tempter approached him and asked, "If you're **God's** son, command some of these stones to turn into buns."

4 But Yeshua answered, "It's written in the scriptures that it's not just food that a person needs to live, but also all **of God's** messages."[25]

5 Then the devil took him to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and stood him on the highest point of the temple **6** and told him, "Throw yourself down if you're **God's** son, because it's written in the scriptures that **God** will command his messengers to look after you and to carry you in their arms so that you won't bash your foot on a rock."[26]

7 "Yes, but it's also written," **Yeshua** answered, "that you shouldn't test your **God Yahweh**."[27]

8 Then the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the countries in the world, with all their splendour, **9** then told him, "I'll give you all of those if you get down on your face in front of me."

10 "Go away, Satan," **Yeshua** replied, "because it's written in the scriptures that you should worship your **God Yahweh** and must only serve him."[28]

11 Then the devil left him, and God's messengers came and looked after him.

Yeshua begins his ministry[29]

12 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) heard that Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) had been arrested,[30] he withdrew up to Galil. **13** Then he moved from Nazaret (Nazareth) across to Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) beside the lake,[31] in the regions that had been given to the tribes of Zevulun and Naftali (Naphtali), **14** so that what had been written by the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) would come true,

15 'Land of Zevulun and land of Naftali,
the way of the sea beyond the Yarden (Jordan) river;
Galil of the non-Jews.
16 The people sitting in darkness
saw a powerful light,

22 **RV 3:17 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:2; Psa 2:7; Isa 42:1; Mat 12:18; 17:5; Mrk 1:11; Luk 9:35.

23 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13

24 **RV 4:1 · Cross-ref.** Heb 2:18; 4:15.

25 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Deu 8:3.

26 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Psa 91:11-12.

27 **RV 4:7 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:16.

28 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:13.

29 **RV 4:12 · Parallel** Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:14-15

30 **RV 4:12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 14:3; Mrk 6:17; Luk 3:19-20.

31 **RV 4:13 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 2:12.

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and those sitting in a land under the shadow of death
had a light rise over them.'[32]
17 From then onwards, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started preaching and telling people to turn from their sins because the heavenly kingdom is close.[33]

Yeshua calls his first four followers[34]

18 As Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) walked beside Lake Galil, he saw two brothers, Shim'on (Simon) (later nicknamed 'Rock'/Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros)) and Andreas, throwing a net into the water because they were fishermen. 19 "Come and follow me," Yeshua told them, "and I'll make you into fishers of people." 20 So they left their nets immediately and followed after him.
21 Going on a bit further, he saw two other brothers, Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), in the boat getting their nets ready along with their father Zavday (Grk. Zebedaios), and Yeshua also called the two of them. 22 So they too immediately left the boat and their father, and followed after him.

Yeshua's healing is very popular[35]

23 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went around all of Galil, teaching in their Jewish meeting halls (Grk. synagogues) and announcing the good message about the kingdom, and healing all the people's diseases and sicknesses,[36] 24 and the news about this went all the way up to Aram (Syria). So they brought all their sick and diseased people to him, as well as those who were suffering or demon-possessed, along with those who had seizures or were paralysed, and Yeshua healed them. 25 Large crowds from Galil and Dekapolis and Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and from all of Yehudah (Judea) and even beyond the Yarden (Jordan) River, followed after Yeshua.

Yeshua's sermon on the hillside[37]

5:1 After seeing the crowds of people, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) climbed up a hill, and when he sat down, his followers drew in close to him
2 and he taught them:
3 "Those who are poor in the spirit are blessed, because the heavenly kingdom is theirs.
4 "Those who are mourning are blessed, because they'll be comforted.[38]
5 "Those who are gentle are blessed, because they'll inherit the world.[39]
6 "Those who are hungry and thirsty to obey God are blessed, because they'll be satisfied.[40]

Literal Version

18 And walking beside the sea of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia he_saw two, brothers, Simōn ~~which~~ being_called Petros and Andreas the brother of_him, casting a_casting_net into the sea, because/for they_were fishermen. 19 And he_is_saying to_them: Come after me, and I_will_be_making you_all fishermen of_people. 20 And ~~which~~ immediately having_left the nets, they_followed after_ _him. 21 And having_advanced from_there, he_saw two other brothers, Yakōbos/(Ya´ₐqov) the son of_ ~~the~~ _Zebedaios and Yōannaʸs the brother of_him, in the boat with Zebedaios the father of_them, preparing the nets of_them, and he_called them. 22 And ~~which~~ immediately having_left the boat and the father of_them, they_followed after_him.

23 And the **Yaʸsous** he_was_going_around in all ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), teaching in the synagogues of_them, and proclaiming the good_message of_the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people. 24 And the report of_him went_away into all ~~the~~ Suria/('Arām). And they_ _brought to_him all the ones sickly, having with_various diseases, and being_gripped_with with_torments, being_ _demon_possessed, and being_epileptic, and paralytic, and he_ _healed them. 25 And great crowds followed after_him from ~~the~~ Galilaia, and the_Dekapolis, and Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and Youdaia, and beyond the Yordanaʸs/(Yardēn).

5:1 And having_seen the crowds, he_went_up on the mountain, and him having_sat_down, the apprentices/followers of_him approached to_him. 2 And having_opened_up the mouth of_ _him, he_was_teaching them saying, 3 Blessed are the poor in_ _the spirit, because to_them is the kingdom of_the heavens. 4 Blessed are the ones mourning, because they will_be_being_ _comforted. 5 Blessed are the gentle, because they will_be_ _inheriting the earth. 6 Blessed are the ones hungering and thirsting ~~the~~ for_righteousness, because they will_be_being_ _satisfied. 7 Blessed are the merciful, because they will_be_ _being_shown_mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure ~~the~~ in_heart, because they will_be_seeing ~~the~~ **god**. 9 Blessed are the peacemaking, because they will_be_being_called sons of_**god**. 10 Blessed are the ones having_been_persecuted on_account

32 **RV 4:15-16 · Cross-ref.** Isa 9:1-2.
33 **RV 4:17 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:2.
34 **RV 4:18 · Parallel** Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11
35 **RV 4:23 · Parallel** Luke 6:17-19
36 **RV 4:23 · Cross-ref.** Mat 9:35; Mrk 1:39.
37 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** Luke 6:20-23
38 **RV 5:4 · Cross-ref.** Isa 61:2.
39 **RV 5:5 · Cross-ref.** Psa 37:11.
40 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Isa 55:1-2.

Literal Version

righteousness, because to_them is the kingdom of_the heavens.
11 Blessed are_you_all whenever they_may_deride you_all and
may_pursue and lying, they_may_say all evil against you_all
on_account of_me. **12** Be_rejoicing and be_exulting, because the
reward of_you_all is great in the heavens, because/for thus
they_persecuted the prophets ~~which~~ before you_all.

13 You_all are the salt of_the earth, but if the salt may_be_
_made_tasteless, with what it_will_be_being_salted? It_is_
_being_effective for nothing anymore, except ~~not/lest~~ having_
_been_throw out, to_be_being_trampled by the people. **14** You_
_all are the light of_the world. A_city lying on a_mountain is_
not _able to_be_hidden. **15** And_not they_are_lighting a_lamp
and are_putting it under ~~the~~ a_basket, but on the lampstand,
and it_is_shining for_all the ones in the house. **16** Thus let_ the
light of_you_all _shine before the people, so_that they_may_see
the good works of_you_all, and may_glorify the father of_you_
_all ~~which~~ in the heavens.

17 You_all_may_ not _think that I_came to_tear_down the law
or the prophets, I_came not to_tear_down, but to_fulfill.
18 For/Because truly I_am_saying to_you_all, until ~~the~~ heaven
and ~~the~~ earth ~~wishfully~~ may_pass_away, one Iota or one serif by_
_no_means may_ not _pass_away from the law, until ~~wishfully~~ all
things may_become. **19** Therefore if whoever may_break the
least one of_these of_the commands, and may_teach the people
thus, will_be_being_called least in the kingdom of_the heavens,
but whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_practice and may_teach, this one
will_be_being_called great in the kingdom of_the heavens.
20 For/Because I_am_saying to_you_all that if ~~the~~ righteousness
of_you_all not may_be_plentiful more of_the scribes and
Farisaios_party, by_no_means you_all_may_ not _come_in into
the kingdom of_the heavens.

21 You_all_heard that it_was_said to_the ancients: You_‹will›_
not _be_murdering, and whoever, ~~wishfully~~ may_murder, will_be
liable to_the judgement. **22** But I am_saying to_you_all that
everyone ~~which~~ being_angered by_the brother of_him, will_be

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7 "Those who are merciful are blessed, because they'll receive mercy.

8 "Those who have pure hearts are blessed, because they'll see **God**.[41]

9 "Those who are peacemakers are blessed, because they'll be called **God's** children.

10 "Those who are persecuted for being godly are blessed, because the heavenly kingdom is theirs.[42]

11 "Everyone who's derided or chased or lied about is blessed, along with those who have evil things said about them just because they follow me.[43] **12** Be happy and praising God because you'll all have a wonderful reward in the heavens, because in the past they also persecuted the prophets like that.[44]

Being salt and light[45]

13 "You people are the world's salt, but if the salt is made tasteless, what would you use to salt your food? The salt wouldn't be useful for anything anymore and would just get thrown out and trampled on by the people.[46]

14 "You are the world's light.[47] A city up on a hill can't be hidden. **15** No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket—you put it on a lampstand and it lightens up the house.[48] **16** In the same way, let your light shine in front of everyone, so that they can see your good behaviour and then might praise your father in the heavens.[49]

Mosheh's law won't be broken

17 "Don't imagine that I came to criticise the prophets or Mosheh's (Moses) instructions. I didn't come to oppose the scriptures, but to fulfil them, **18** because I can assure you all that until heaven and earth reach their end, not one letter or mark will be taken away from those instructions until everything is fulfilled.[50] **19** Therefore anyone who breaks even a minor command, and teaches others to do the same, will be seen as one of the least in the heavenly kingdom, but anyone who practices and teaches those instructions will be considered outstanding in the kingdom. **20** Let me tell all of you, unless you're more godly than the religious teachers and the Farisaios, there's no way that you'll get to enter the heavenly kingdom.

Teaching about murder and anger

21 "You've all heard that your ancestors were told not to murder,[51] because any murderer will be sentenced. **22** But I'm telling you that anyone

41 **RV 5:8 · Cross-ref.** Psa 24:3.
42 **RV 5:10 · Cross-ref.** 1Pe 3:14.
43 **RV 5:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Pe 4:14.
44 **RV 5:12 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 36:16; Acts 7:52.
45 **RV 5:13 · Parallel** Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34-35
46 **RV 5:13 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 9:50; Luk 14:34-35.
47 **RV 5:14 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 8:12; 9:5.
48 **RV 5:15 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 4:21; Luk 8:16; 11:33.
49 **RV 5:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Pe 2:12.
50 **RV 5:18 · Cross-ref.** Luk 16:17.
51 **RV 5:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:13; Deu 5:17.

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who gets angry at another will be liable for judgement, and anyone who calls another person a numbskull will have to face the court, and if you call them a fool, you're liable for hellfire. 23 So if you're there at the altar to offer your gift and remember that someone has something against you, 24 leave your gift there at the altar and go and sort that out first, before coming back to offer your gift.

25 "Resolve things with your opponent as soon as you can, hopefully while you're still on the way to the court, in case your opponent turns you in to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and then you'll end up in prison. 26 I can assure you that you won't get out of prison until the fine is completely paid.

Teaching about adultery and lust

27 "You all know that the scriptures say not to commit adultery,[52] 28 but I'm telling you that if you look at a woman lustfully then you've already committed adultery in your mind. 29 If your right eye is causing you to stumble, then pluck it out and throw it away,[53] 30 and if your right hand is causing you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away, because it's better for you that one of your body parts would be taken than for your whole body to end up in the judgement fire.[54]

Teaching about divorce[55]

31 "It's said that any man can divorce his wife just by sending her away.[56] 32 But I'm telling you all that anyone who divorces his wife, except in the case where she's committed sexual immorality, is causing her to commit adultery, and anyone who marries a wife that's been sent away is causing her to commit adultery.[57]

Teaching about oaths and honesty

33 "Also, you've heard that it was said to our ancestors that you shouldn't break your oath,[58] but you must do whatever you promised to **Yahweh**.[59] 34 But I'm telling you not to make oaths in the first place[60]—don't swear by heaven because it's **God's** throne,[61] 35 nor by the earth because it's God's footrest,[62] nor by Yerushalem (Jerusalem) because it's the supreme king's city.[63]

Literal Version

liable to_the judgement, and whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_say to_the brother of_him: Raca, will_be liable to_the council, and whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_say: Foolish, will_be liable to ~~the~~ geenna of_ ~~the~~ _fire. 23 Therefore if you_may_be_offering the gift of_ _you at the altar, and_there you_may_be_reminded that the brother of_you is_having something against you, 24 leave the gift of_you there before the altar. And be_going_away, first be_ _reconciled to_the brother of_you, and then having_come, be_ _offering the gift of_you. 25 Be agreeing with_the opponent of_ _you quickly, as_long_as which you_are with him on the way, lest the opponent may_give_ you _over to_the judge, and the judge to_the attendant, and you_will_be_being_thrown into prison. 26 Truly I_am_saying to_you, by_no_means you_may_ not _come_out from_there, until ~~wishfully~~ you_may_give_back the last quadran.

27 You_all_heard that it_was_said: You_‹will›_ not _be_ _committing_adultery. 28 But I am_saying to_you_all that everyone ~~which~~ looking at_a_woman in_order that to_lust for_ _her, already committed_adultery with_her in the heart of_ _him. 29 And if the ~~the~~ right eye of_you is_stumbling you, pluck_ it _out and throw it from you, because/for it_is_benefitting for_ _you that one of_the members of_you may_perish, and not all the body of_you may_be_thrown into geenna. 30 And if the right hand of_you is_stumbling you, cut_off it and throw it from you, because/for it_is_benefitting for_you that one of_the members of_you may_perish, and not all the body of_you may_ _go_away into geenna.

31 And it_was_said: Whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_send_away the wife of_him, let_him_give divorce to_her. 32 But I am_saying to_you_ _all that everyone ~~which~~ sending_away the wife of_him, except on_account of_sexual_immorality, is_making her to_be_ _committing_adultery, and whoever may_marry ~~if~~ having_ _been_sent_ her _away, is_causing_adultery.

33 Furthermore you_all_heard that it_was_said to_the ancients: You_‹will›_ not _be_perjuring, but you_will_be_giving_back to_ _the **master** the oaths of_you. 34 But I am_saying to_you_all not to_ actually _swear, neither by ~~the~~ heaven, because it_is the_ _throne of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, 35 nor by the earth, because it_is the_ _footstool of_the feet of_him, nor in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), because it_is the_city of_the great king, 36 nor may_you_swear by the head of_you, because

52 **RV 5:27 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:14; Deu 5:18.
53 **RV 5:29 · Cross-ref.** Mat 18:9; Mrk 9:47.
54 **RV 5:30 · Cross-ref.** Mat 18:8; Mrk 9:43.
55 **RV 5:31 · Parallel** Mat. 19:9; Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18
56 **RV 5:31 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:1-4; Mat 19:7; Mrk 10:4.
57 **RV 5:32 · Cross-ref.** Mat 19:9; Mrk 10:11-12; Luk 16:18; 1Cor 7:10-11.
58 **RV 5:33 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:12.
59 **RV 5:33 · Cross-ref.** Num 30:2; Deu 23:21.
60 **RV 5:34 · Cross-ref.** Jam 5:12.
61 **RV 5:34 · Cross-ref.** Isa 66:1; Mat 23:22.
62 **RV 5:35 · Cross-ref.** Isa 66:1.
63 **RV 5:35 · Cross-ref.** Psa 48:2.

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you_are_ not _being_able to_make one hair white. or black.
37 But let_be the statement of_you_all, yes be yes, no be no, and the additional than these things is from ~~the~~ evil.

38 You_all_heard that it_was_said: Eye for an_eye and tooth for a_tooth. **39** But I am_saying to_you_all, not to_resist against_the evil, but whoever is_slapping you you on the right cheek, of_ _you turn to_him also the other, **40** and to_the one willing you to_be_judged and to_take the tunic of_you, allow your coat to_ _him also, **41** and whoever will_be_compelling you one mile, be_going with him two. **42** Give to_the one requesting you, and you_may_ not _be_turned_away to_the one wanting to_borrow from you.

43 You_all_heard that it_was_said: You_will_be_loving the neighbour of_you, and you_will_be_hating the enemy of_you. **44** But I am_saying to_you_all, be_loving the enemies of_you_ _all, and be_praying for the ones persecuting you_all, **45** so_that you_all_may_become sons of_the father of_you_all who in the_ _heavens, because he_is_rising the sun of_him on evil and good, and is_raining on the_righteous and unrighteous.
46 For/Because if you_all_may_love the ones loving you_all, what reward are_you_all_having? Not also the tax_collectors are_doing the same? **47** And if you_all_may_greet the brothers of_you_all only, what additional things are_you_all_doing? Not also the pagans are_doing the same? **48** Therefore you_all will_ _be perfect as the heavenly father of_you_all ~~the~~ is perfect.

6:1 Be_taking_heed not to_be_practicing the righteousness of_ _you_all before the people, in_order that to_be_seen by_them, and if not, surely you_all_are_having no reward with the father of_you_all, who is in the heavens. **2** Therefore whenever you_ _may_be_doing alms, you_may_ not _trumpet before you, as the hypocrites are_doing in the synagogues and in the streets, so_ _that they_may_be_glorified by the people. Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, they_are_receiving_fully the reward of_them. **3** But of_you doing alms, not let_know the left hand of_you what the right hand of_you is_doing, **4** so_that the alms of_you may_be in ~~the~~ secret, and the father of_you, the one seeing in ~~the~~ secret, will_be_giving_back to_you.

5 And whenever you_may_be_praying, you_all_will_ not _be like the hypocrites, because they_are_loving to_be_praying in the synagogues and having_stood on the corners of_the roads, so_ _that they_may_be_seen by_the people. Truly, I_am_saying to_ _you_all, they_are_receiving_fully the reward of_them. **6** But you whenever you_may_be_praying, come_in into the private_ _room of_you and having_shut the door of_you, pray to_the father of_you, who is in ~~the~~ secret, and the father of_you, the one seeing in ~~the~~ secret, will_be_giving_back to_you. **7** And

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36 And don't swear by your own strength, because you can't even make one strand of hair grow a different colour. **37** Just say 'yes' when you commit to doing something, and 'no' when you don't, because going beyond that is actually evil.

Teaching about being taken advantage of[64]

38 "You've all heard it said that it's an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,[65] **39** but I'm telling you not to resist those who want to hurt you. If someone slaps you on your right cheek, turn your left cheek towards them, **40** and to the person suing you in court and claiming your robe, let them have your coat as well. **41** And if someone forces you to walk a mile, walk two miles with them. **42** Give whatever others request from you, and don't turn away from anyone who wants to borrow from you.

Love your enemies[66]

43 "You've all heard it said that you should love your neighbour and hate your enemy, **44** but I'm telling you to love your enemies and to pray for anyone who's persecuting you, **45** so that you might become children of your father in the heavens, because he causes his sun to rise on both evil and good people, and sends the rain for both godly and ungodly people. **46** If you people just love people who love you, what reward would you expect for that? Don't even the tax collectors do that? **47** And if you're only polite to your own circle, how is that achieving anything? Aren't non-Jews just the same? **48** Instead you should all aim to be perfect just like your heavenly father is perfect.[67]

Giving to the poor

6:1 "You people should take care not to only obey God in front of others so they'll think well of you,[68] because if you do, you'll certainly get no reward from your father in the heavens.

2 "So when you're giving to the poor, don't make a big display of it like the hypocrites do in the Jewish meeting halls and in the streets so they'll get the people's praises. I can assure you that they've already received their reward in full. **3** But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **4** so that your giving will be private, yet your father who sees everything you do will give back to you.

Teaching about praying[69]

5 "Whenever you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray in the Jewish meeting halls and on street corners so everyone will notice them.[70] I can assure you that they've already received their reward in full. **6** Instead, when you pray, go into a private room and shut the door, then pray to your father who's not visible to you. Then your father who sees everything will reward you.

7 "And when you do pray, don't babble away like people of

64 **RV 5:38 · Parallel** Luke 6:29-30
65 **RV 5:38 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:24; Lev 24:20; Deu 19:21.
66 **RV 5:43 · Parallel** Luke 6:27-28,32-36
67 **RV 5:48 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:2; Deu 18:13.
68 **RV 6:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 23:5.
69 **RV 6:5 · Parallel** Luke 11:2-4
70 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Luk 18:10-14.

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other religions who think they'll be listened to just because of how much they pray. 8 There's no need to be like them, because **God** your father already knows your needs before you even ask him. 9 So pray like this:

'Our father in the heavens,
we want your name to be honoured forever.
10 We want your kingdom to come
and your plans to be fulfilled here on earth just like they are in heaven.
11 Give us everything we need today
12 and write off what we owe you
as we also write off what others owe us.
13 Don't bring us to the point of being tempted,
but keep us away from doing evil things.'

14 "Because if you people forgive other people's wrongs, then your heavenly father will also forgive your wrongs.[71] 15 But if you don't forgive other people's wrongs, then your father won't forgive your wrongs either.

Teaching about fasting

16 "Whenever you people are abstaining from food, don't look miserable like the hypocrites, because they intentionally try to look awful so that everyone will notice that they're fasting. I can assure you that they've already received their reward in full. 17 Instead, when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face 18 so that no one will realise that you're fasting, other than your father who's not visible to you. Then your father who sees everything will reward you.

Wealth in heaven[72]

19 "Don't amass wealth for yourselves here on earth, where insects and corrosion destroy things,[73] and where it can be stolen. 20 Instead, store your wealth in heaven, where there's no destructive insects or corrosion or thieves or scammers, 21 because wherever your wealth is, your values will also be focused there.

The eyes[74]

22 "Your eyes are your body's lamps, so if your eyes are healthy, then your entire body will be bright. 23 But if your eyes are evil, your entire body will be dark.

God and wealth[75]

24 "No one can serve two masters, because they'll either hate one and like the other one, or else will support one and despise the other. So you people can't serve both **God** and money.

25 "So that's why I'm telling you all not to worry about your worldly life—things like what you'll eat or drink, or how you look and what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food, and the

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praying, you_all_may_ not _babble as the pagans for they_are_ _supposing that in the many_messages of_them they_will_be_ _being_listened_to. 8 Therefore you_all_may_ not _be_likened to_them, because/for the **god** the father of_you_all has_known what things you_all_are_having need before the time you_all to_request him. 9 Therefore you_all be_praying thus: father of_ _us, the one in the heavens, let_ the name of_you _be_ _sanctified. 10 ‹Let›_ the kingdom of_you _come, let_be_ the will of_you _become, on earth also as in heaven. 11 Give to_us today the ~~the~~ daily_needed bread of_us. 12 And forgive to_us the debts of_us, as we also forgave to_the debtors of_us. 13 And you_may_ not _carry_in us into temptation, but rescue us from ~~the~~ evil. 14 For/Because if you_all_may_forgive to_ ~~the~~ _people the transgressions of_them, the ~~the~~ heavenly father of_you_all ‹will›_ also _be_forgiving to_you_all. 15 But if you_all_may_ not _forgive to_ ~~the~~ _people the transgressions of_them, neither ‹will›_ the father of_you_all _be_forgiving the transgressions of_ _you_all.

16 And whenever you_all_may_be_fasting, be_ not _becoming downcast like the hypocrites, because/for they_are_disfiguring the appearances of_them, so_that they_may_be_seen by_the people fasting. Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, they_are_ _receiving_fully the reward of_them. 17 But you fasting, anoint the head of_you and wash the face of_you, 18 so_that you_may_ not _be_seen by_the people fasting, but to_the father of_you who is in ~~the~~ secret, and the father of_you, the one seeing in ~~the~~ secret, will_be_giving_back to_you.

19 Be_ not _storing_up treasures on the earth for_you_all, where moth and corrosion is_destroying, and where thieves are_digging_through and are_stealing, 20 but be_storing_up for_you_all treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor corrosion is_destroying, and where thieves are_ not _digging_ _through nor are_stealing. 21 For/Because where the treasure of_you is, the heart of_you will_be there also.

22 The lamp of_the body is the eye. Therefore if the eye of_you may_be healthy, the whole body of_you will_be bright. 23 But if the eye of_you may_be evil, all the body of_you will_be dark. Therefore if the light ~~which~~ in you is darkness, how_great is the darkness.

24 No_one is_able to_be_serving for_two masters, because/for either he_will_be_hating the one and he_will_be_loving the other, or he_will_be_upholding of_the_one and he_will_be_ _despising of_the other. You_all_are_ not _being_able to_be_ _serving for_**god** and money. 25 Because_of this I_am_saying to_you_all, be_ not _worrying for_the life of_you_all, what you_ _all_may_eat or what you_all_may_drink, nor for_the body of_ _you_all what you_all_may_dress_in. Not the life is more than

71 **RV 6:14-15 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 11:25-26.
72 **RV 6:19 · Parallel** Luke 12:33-34
73 **RV 6:19 · Cross-ref.** Jam 5:2-3.
74 **RV 6:22 · Parallel** Luke 11:34-36
75 **RV 6:24 · Parallel** Luke 16:13; 12:22-31

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the food, and the body than the clothing? **26** Consider on the
birds of_the sky, that they_are_ neither _sowing, nor are_they_
_reaping, nor are_they_gathering_together into barns, and the
~~the~~ heavenly father of_you_all is_feeding them, are_ not you_all
_carrying_value more than them? **27** And who of you_all
worrying is_able to_add one hour to the lifespan of_him?
28 And about clothing why are_you_all_worrying? Observe how
the lilies of_the field are_growing, they_are_ not _labouring nor
are_they_spinning, **29** but I_am_saying to_you_all that not_even
Solomōn/(Shəlmoh) in all the glory of_him clothed like one of_
these. **30** But if ~~the~~ **god** is thus _dressing the grass of_the field
being today, and tomorrow being_thrown into the_furnace, not
by_much more for_you_all, little_faith ones? **31** Therefore you_
_all_may_ not _worry saying: What may_we_eat, or: What may_
_we_drink, or: What may_we_clothed? **32** For/Because the
pagans are_seeking_after all these things, because/for the ~~the~~
heavenly father of_you_all has_known that you_all_are_needing
of_ all _these things. **33** But be_seeking first the kingdom and
the righteousness of_him, and all these things will_be_being_
_added to_you_all. **34** Therefore you_all_may_ not _worry for
the_ next _day, because/for the_ next _day will_be_worrying
about_itself. The evil of_it sufficient to_the day is.
7:1 Be_ not _judging, in_order_that you_all_may_ not _be_
_judged, **2** for/because with that judgement you_all_are_
_judging, you_all_will_be_being_judged, and with that measure
you_all_are_measuring, it_will_be_being_measured to_you_all.
3 And why you_are_looking the speck ~~which~~ in the eye of_the
brother of_you, but you_are_ not _observing the speck beam in
~~the~~ your eye? **4** Or how you_will_be_saying to_the brother of_
_you: Allow that I_may_throw_out the speck from the eye of_
_you, and see, the beam is in the eye of_you? **5** Hypocrite, first
throw_out the beam from the eye of_you, and then you_will_
_be_seeing_clearly to_throw_out the speck from the eye of_the
brother of_you. **6** You_all_may_ not _give the holy thing to_the
dogs, nor may_you_all_throw the pearls of_you_all before the
pigs, lest they_will_be_trampling them with the feet of_them,
and having_been_turned they_may_attack you_all.

7 Be_requesting and it_will_be_being_given to_you_all, be_
_seeking and you_all_will_be_finding, be_knocking and it_will_
_be_being_opened_up to_you_all. **8** For/Because everyone ~~which~~
requesting is_receiving, and the one seeking is_finding, and to_
_the one knocking it_will_be_being_opened_up. **9** Or which a_
_person is of you_all, whom the son of_him will_be_requesting
a_loaf, not will_be_handing_out a_stone to_him? **10** Or also
will_be_requesting a_fish, not will_be_handing_out a_serpent
to_him? **11** Therefore if you_all being evil, have_known to_be_
_giving good gifts to_the children of_you_all, to_how_much
more the father of_you_all who is in the heavens will_be_giving
good things to_the ones requesting him? **12** Therefore all
things, if as_many_as you_all_may_be_wanting that the people
may_be_doing to_you_all, thus you_all also be_doing to_them.

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body more than clothing? **26** Think about the birds in the
sky—they don't plant seeds or harvest crops or gather grain into
barns, but it's your heavenly father who feeds them. Aren't each
of you worth more than them? **27** Who can add an hour to their
lifetime by worrying?

28 "Why would you worry about clothes? Look how the flowers
grow in the fields—they don't work or make fabric, **29** but I can
tell you that not even King Shelomoh (Solomon) at the peak of
his reign was dressed as well as the flowers.[76] **30** So if **God**
dresses the plants in the fields that are here today and thrown
away tomorrow, won't he care much more for you, you people
with little faith?

31 "That means that you people don't need to worry about hav-
ing anything to eat or drink, or having clothes to wear. **32** People
with no trust in God try to obtain all those things, but your
heavenly father already knows that you need these things. **33** So
instead you should be striving to enter God's kingdom and to be
guiltless in his eyes, and then all these other things will just fol-
low. **34** Don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow can
worry about itself—today's problems are enough by themselves.

Teaching about judging[77]

7:1 "Don't judge others, so that you won't
be judged yourselves, **2** because you'll all
be judged in the same way that you judge others. Whatever
standard you use on others will be the same standard used on
you.[78] **3** And why are you looking at the speck of sawdust in an-
other person's eye when you have an entire board in your own
eye? **4** How could you offer to get the speck out of their eye,
when you still have the board in yours? **5** What a hypocrite! First
get the board out of your own eye, and then you'll be able to see
clearly so that you can help them with their eye.

6 "Don't give special things to dogs, and don't throw pearls to
pigs, because they'll all just trample them underfoot, and then
they're just as likely to turn and attack you.

Requesting, searching, and knocking[79]

7 "Make your requests, and they'll be
given to you. Keep looking, and you'll find
it. Knock on doors, and they'll be opened.
8 Everyone who asks for something will get something, and ev-
eryone who searches for something will find something, and the
door will be opened for everyone who knocks. **9** If you have a
child that asks for something to eat, which of you would give
them a stone? **10** Or if the child asked for some fish, who would
give them a snake? **11** So if evil people know how to give good
gifts to their children, how much more will your father in the
heavens give good things to those who ask him?

12 "So in every area, whatever you'd like others to do for you,

76 **RV 6:29 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:4-7; 2Ch 9:3-6.

77 **RV 7:1 · Parallel** Luke 6:37-38,41-42

78 **RV 7:2 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 4:24.

79 **RV 7:7 · Parallel** Luke 11:9-13

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that's how you people should be treating them.[80] That's what Mosheh's (Moses) instructions and the prophets' writings were about.

The wide and narrow gates[81]

13 "Come in through the narrow gate, because there's a big gateway and a wide path that leads away to destruction, and lots of people go that way. **14** The gateway leading away to life is narrow, and the path has been kept narrow, and not many people find it.

Recognising the tree by the fruit[82]

15 "Watch out for false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they're swindling wolves. **16** You people will know who they are if you observe their fruit. Does anyone pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? **17** Similarly, every good tree produces good fruit, but the bad tree produces evil fruit. **18** A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. **19** Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire.[83] **20** So then, you'll know the false teachers by observing their fruit.[84]

Words need actions[85]

21 "Not everyone who goes around calling me '**master**' will enter the heavenly kingdoms—only those who actually do what my father who lives in the heavens wants. **22** Many people will complain on judgement day saying, '**Master**, **master**, didn't we prophesy using your name, and exorcise demons using your name, and do many miracles using your name?' **23** Then I'll have to tell them, 'I don't even know you. Go away from me, all of you whose behaviour is against God's laws.'[86]

The importance of foundations[87]

24 "Therefore anyone who hears these messages of mine and puts them into practice, they can be likened to a sensible person who built their house on the rock. **25** When the rains started and the floods came and the winds blew and battered that house, it was stable because its foundation was the rock.

26 "But anyone who hears these messages of mine and doesn't put them into practice, they can be likened to a stupid person who built their house on the sand. **27** When the rains started and the floods came and the winds blew and battered that house, it collapsed with a loud crash."

Yeshua's authority

28 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had finished sharing all these messages, the crowds were astonished at his teaching **29** because he taught like someone who had authority,[88] and not like their regular religious teachers.

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For/Because this is the law and the prophets.

13 Come_in through the narrow gate, because the gate is wide and the way is broad ~~which~~ leading_away to ~~the~~ destruction, and many are the ones coming_in through it, **14** how narrow is the gate and the way ~~which~~ leading_away to ~~the~~ life having_been_ _narrowed is, and few are the ones finding it.

15 Be_taking_heed of the false_prophets, who are_coming to you_all in clothing of_sheep, but inside they_are swindling wolves. **16** You_all_will_be_knowing them by the fruits of_them. Surely_not they_are_gathering grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? **17** Thus every good tree is_producing good fruits, but the bad tree is_producing evil fruits. **18** A_ good _tree is_ not _ _able to_bear evil fruits, nor a_ bad _tree to_be_producing good fruits. **19** Every tree not producing good fruit is_being_cut_off and is_being_thrown into fire. **20** Consequently surely you_all_ _will_be_knowing them by the fruits of_them.

21 Not everyone ~~which~~ saying to_me: **master**, **master**, will_be_ _coming_in into the kingdom of_the heavens, but the one doing the will of_the father of_me who is in the heavens. **22** Many will_be_saying to_me on that ~~the~~ day: **master**, **master**, not we_prophesied ~~the~~ in_your name, and we_throw_out demons ~~the~~ in_your name, and we_did many miracles ~~the~~ in_ _your name? **23** And then I_will_be_confessing to_them, ~~that~~ I_ never _knew you_all: be_going_away from me, you_all working ~~the~~ lawlessness.

24 Therefore everyone whoever is_hearing ~~the~~ these messages of_me and is_doing them, they_will_be_being_likened to_a_ prudent _man, who built the house of_him on the rock. **25** And the rain came_down, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and they_fell_against to_ ~~the~~ that _house, and it_ not _fell, because/for it_had_been_established on the rock. **26** And everyone ~~which~~ hearing ~~the~~ these messages of_me and not doing them, will_be_being_likened to_a_ foolish _man, who built the house of_him on the sand. **27** And the rain came_down, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and they_struck ~~the~~ against_ that _house, and it_fell and the fall of_it was great.

28 And it_became, when ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** finished ~~the~~ these messages, the crowds were_being_astonished at the teaching of_him, **29** for/because he_was teaching them as having authority, and not as the scribes of_them.

80 **RV 7:12 · Cross-ref.** Luk 6:31.
81 **RV 7:13 · Parallel** Luke 13:24
82 **RV 7:15 · Parallel** Luke 6:43-44
83 **RV 7:19 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:10; Luk 3:9.
84 **RV 7:20 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:33.
85 **RV 7:21 · Parallel** Luke 13:25-27
86 **RV 7:23 · Cross-ref.** Psa 6:8.
87 **RV 7:24 · Parallel** Luke 6:47-49
88 **RV 7:28-29 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 1:22; Luk 4:32.

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8:1 And him having_come_down from the mountain, great crowds followed after_him. **2** And see, a_leper having_ _approached, was_prostrating to_him saying: **master**, if you_ _may_be_willing, you_are_being_able to_cleanse me. **3** And having_stretched_out his hand, he_touched against_him saying: I_am_willing, be_cleansed. And immediately ~~the~~ of_ _leprosy of_him was_cleansed. **4** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_ _him: Be_seeing you_may_tell to_no_one, but be_going yourself, show to_the priest, and offer the gift which Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) commanded, because/for a_testimony to_ _them.

5 And of_him having_come_in into Kafarna'oum, a_centurion approached to_him imploring him **6** and saying, **master**, the paralytic servant of_me has_been_laid in the house, being_ _tormented terribly. **7** And he_is_saying to_him: I having_come, will_be_healing him. **8** And the centurion answering was_ _saying: **master**, I_am not worthy that you_may_come_in under the roof of_me, but only speak by_the_message and the servant of_me will_be_being_healed. **9** For/Because I also am a_ _man being_appointed under authority, having soldiers under myself, and I_am_saying to_this one: Be_gone, and he_is_going, and to_another: Be_coming, and he_is_coming, and to_the slave of_me: Do this, and he_is_doing it. **10** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** having_heard, marvelled and said to_the ones following: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, I_found so_much faith from no_one in ~~the~~ Israa^{y}l/(Yisrāʾēl). **11** And I_am_saying to_you_all that many from east and west will_be_coming and will_be_being_reclined with Abra'am/('Avrāhām), and Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq), and Yakōb/(Yaʹaqov), in the kingdom of_the heavens, **12** but the sons of_the kingdom will_be_being_ _thrown_out into the the outer darkness, there will_be ~~the~~ weeping and ~~the~~ grating of_ ~~the~~ _teeth. **13** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_the centurion: Be_going, let_it_be_become with_you as you_ _believed. And the servant was_healed in that ~~the~~ hour.

14 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_come to the house of_Petros, he_saw the mother_in_law of_him having_been_laid and being_ _feverish, **15** and he_touched against_the hand of_her, and the fever left her, and she_was_raised, and was_serving unto_him. **16** And having_become evening, they_brought many to_him being_demon_possessed, and he_throw_out the spirits by_a_ _message, and he_healed all the ones being sickly, **17** so_that the message may_be_fulfilled having_been_spoken by A^{y}saias/(Yəshaʹ^{yāh}) the prophet saying: Himself took the sicknesses of_us and bore the diseases.

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Yeshua heals a man with leprosy[89]

8:1 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) came down from the hillside, a large crowd followed him, **2** and then a man with leprosy approached him and knelt down in front of him and asked, "**Master**, if you're willing, you're able to get rid of this disease."

3 "I am willing," said Yeshua as he stretched out his hand and commanded, "Be clean." The leprosy disappeared immediately, **4** and **Yeshua** told him, "Make sure that you don't tell anyone about this, but you do need to go and show yourself to the priest and make the offering required by Mosheh's (Moses) law as a testimony to the authorities."[90]

Yeshua heals a Romaios's slave[91]

5 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) arrived in Kafarnaoum (Capernaum), a Romaios army commander approached him and pleaded with him, **6** saying, "**Master**, I have a slave who's paralysed and has to stay in bed because he's being badly tormented."

7 "I'll come and heal him," Yeshua answered.

8 "But **master**," the commander replied, "I'm not worthy of you coming to my house, but just give the command and my slave will be healed, **9** because I'm also a man given a position under authority, with soldiers under me, and I tell this one, 'Come here,' and he comes, and tell my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it.

10 **Yeshua** was amazed when he heard that, and said to his followers around him, "I can assure you that I haven't discovered faith like that from any Israeli. **11** I'm telling you that many people from all over the world will come and join Avraham and Yitshak (Isaac) and Ya'akov (Jacob) at the table in the heavenly kingdom,[92] **12** but the ones who thought they were the true children will be thrown out into the distant darkness where there'll be crying and regrets.[93] **13** Then he said to the commander, "Go, then, and it'll happen according to your faith," and his slave was healed that very moment.

Yeshua heals the people[94]

14 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) came to Kefa's (Peter's; Grk. Petros') house, he saw Kefa's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. **15** Yeshua touched her hand and the fever left her. Then she got up and looked after her guest.

16 In the evening, the people brought many who were possessed by evil spirits, and Yeshua drove out the spirits with a command and healed all the sick people. **17** This fulfilled what the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) had written: 'He took our sickness and bore our diseases.'[95]

89 **RV 8:1 · Parallel** Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16

90 **RV 8:4 · Cross-ref.** Lev 14:1-32.

91 **RV 8:5 · Parallel** Luke 7:1-10

92 **RV 8:11 · Cross-ref.** Luk 13:29.

93 **RV 8:12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 22:13; 25:30; Luk 13:28.

94 **RV 8:14 · Parallel** Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41

95 **RV 8:17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 53:4.

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Some wanted to follow Yeshua[96]

18 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) saw the crowd around him, he told his apprentices to take him across to the other side of the lake. 19 One of the religious teachers came up to Yeshua and told him, "Teacher, I'll follow you wherever you go."

20 "Foxes have burrows," said **Yeshua**, "and birds have their nests, but the son of humanity doesn't even have a place to lay his head."

21 Another one of his apprentices said to him, "I'll follow you, **Master**, but first let me wait until I can bury[97] my father."

22 "Follow after me," **Yeshua** responded, "and leave the dead to bury the dead by themselves."

Yeshua commands the wind[98]

23 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and his apprentices followed him and got into the boat and launched it. 24 Then wow, a huge storm rose up on the lake, and the waves started coming into the boat, but Yeshua was asleep. 25 They woke him up and pleaded, "**Master**, save us, we're going to drown."

26 "What are you worried about?" asked Yeshua. "You people don't have much faith." Then he stood up and told the winds and the water to stop, and the lake became very calm.

27 The people were astonished and asked, "What kind of man is this that the winds and the lake just do what he says?"

Yeshua banishes demons into a herd of pigs[99]

28 And when Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) arrived in the Gadarainos region on the other side of the lake, he was met by two very dangerous demon-possessed men who were coming out of the cemetery. Because of them, some people weren't able to travel on that road. 29 Suddenly the two men yelled out saying, "Son **of God**, what's the connection between us and you? Have you come here to cause us pain before the designated time?"

30 Now there was a large herd of pigs grazing not far away from them, 31 and the demons begged Yeshua saying, "If you do drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs."

32 And he said to them, "Depart!" So they came out and went away into the pigs, and next thing, the whole herd rushed down the bank into the lake and drowned in the water.

33 Then the men who'd been grazing them took off, and when they got to the city they reported everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. 34 Soon the whole city came out to meet **with Yeshua**, and when they found him they asked him to leave their region.

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18 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_seen crowd around him, he_ _commanded them to_go_away to the side across. 19 And one scribe having_approached, said to_him: Teacher, I_will_be_ _following after_you wherever ~~if~~ you_may_be_going_away. 20 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** is_saying to_him: - Foxes are_ _having burrows and ~~the~~ birds of_the sky nests, but ~~the~~ the_son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_having not somewhere he_may_be_laying his head. 21 And another of_the apprentices/followers said to_him: **master**, permit to_me first to_go_away and to_bury the father of_me. 22 But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_him: Be_following after_ _me and leave the dead to_bury ~~the~~ dead by_themselves.

23 And the apprentices/followers of_him having_boarded with_ _him into the_boat, followed after_him. 24 And see, a_ great _ _storm became in the sea, so_that the boat to_be_being_ _covered by the waves, but he was_sleeping. 25 And having_ _approached, they_raised him saying: **master**, save us, we_are_ _perishing. 26 And he_is_saying to_them: Why are_you_all fearful, little_faith ones? Then having_been_raised, he_gave_ _rebuke to_the winds and the sea, and a_ great _calm became. 27 And the people marvelled saying: What_kind_of man is this that both the winds and the sea are_submitting to_him?

28 And him having_come to the side across to the region of_the Gadara^{y}nos, two being_demon_possessed met with_him coming_out out_of the tombs, exceedingly dangerous so_that not anyone to_be_was_able to_pass_by by ~~the~~ that way. 29 And see, they_cried_out saying: What to_us and to_you, son of_ ~~the~~ _ _**god**? You_came here to_torment us before the_time? 30 And a_herd of_ many _pigs was being_fed far from them. 31 And the demons were_imploring him saying: If you_are_casting_ us _ _out, send_ us _out into the herd of_ ~~the~~ _pigs. 32 And he_said to_them: Be_going. And ~~which~~ having_come_out they_went_ _away into the pigs, and see, all the herd rushed down the steep_bank into the sea, and they_died_off in the waters. 33 And the ones feeding them fled, and having_gone_away into the city, they_reported all things and the things of_the ones being_demon_possessed. 34 And see, all the city came_out to a_ _meeting ~~the~~ with_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, and having_seen him, they_implored him so_that he_may_depart from the regions of_ _them.

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96 **RV 8:18 · Parallel** Luke 9:57-62

97 **RV 8:21 · Note** It's not certain from either the text or the context whether this person meant that their father had just died (less likely, perhaps, because they probably wouldn't have been there at all), or that they wanted to delay until their (presumably, elderly) father passed away before following Yeshua.

98 **RV 8:23 · Parallel** Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

99 **RV 8:28 · Parallel** Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39

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9:1 And having_boarded into a_boat, he_crossed_over and came to his own city. **2** And see, they_were_bringing a_paralytic to_ _him having_been_laid on a_bed. And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_seen the faith of_them, he_said to_the paralytic: Be_having_courage, child, the sins of_you are_being_forgiven. **3** And see, some of_ _the scribes said among themselves: This man is_slandering. **4** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_seen the thoughts of_them said: For/Because_ why _reason are_you_all_considering evil in the hearts of_you_all? **5** For/Because which is easier to_say: The sins of_you are_being_forgiven, or to_say: Be_raising and be_ _walking? **6** But in_order_that you_all_may_have_known that the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_having authority on the earth to_be_ _forgiving sins (then he_is_saying to_the paralytic): Having_ _been_raised, take_up the bed of_you and be_going to the house of_you. **7** And having_been_raised, he_went_away to the house of_him. **8** But having_seen this, the crowds were_afraid and they_glorified ~~the~~ **god**, who having_given such authority to_ ~~the~~ _humans.

9 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** passing_by from_there, he_saw a_man being_ _called Matthaios sitting at the tax_office, and he_is_saying to_ _him. Be_following after_me. And having_risen_up, he_followed after_him. **10** And it_became of_him reclining in the house, and see, many tax_collectors and sinners having_come were_ _reclining ~~the~~ with_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** and the apprentices/followers of_him. **11** And having_seen it, the Farisaios_party were_saying to_the apprentices/followers of_ _him: For/Because_ why _reason is_ the teacher of_you_all _ _eating with the tax_collectors and sinners? **12** And he having_ _heard said: The ones being_strong are_ not _having need of_a_ _doctor, but the ones being sickly. **13** But having_been_gone, learn what is this: I_am_wanting Mercy and not sacrifice, because/for I_came not to_call the_righteous ones, but sinners.

14 Then the apprentices/followers of_Yōanna^{y}s are_ _approaching to_him saying: For/Because_ why _reason we and the Farisaios_party are_fasting, but the apprentices/followers of_you are_ not _fasting? **15** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: The sons of_the bridal_chamber are_ not _being_able to_be_ _mourning, because/for as_long_as the bridegroom is with them? But days will_be_coming when the bridegroom may_be_ _taken_away from them, and then they_will_be_fasting. **16** But no_one is_putting_on a_patch of_ unshrunken _cloth on an_ old _garment, because/for the patch of_it is_tearing_away from the garment, and a_worse tear is_becoming. **17** Nor are_they_ _putting new wine into old wineskins, and if not surely, the wineskins are_being_burst, and the wine is_being_poured_out and the wineskins are_being_destroyed. But they_are_putting new wine into new wineskins, and both are_being_preserved.

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Yeshua forgives and heals a paralysed man[100]

9:1 So Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) got into a boat and crossed back over to his own city of Kafarnaoum (Capernaum). **2** Some people there brought a paralysed man to him lying on a stretcher. And when **Yeshua** saw their faith, he said to the man, "Son, be encouraged. Your sins are forgiven."

3 Immediately some of the religious teachers said among themselves, "This man's claiming God's authority."

4 But **Yeshua** knew their thoughts and said, "Why are you thinking evil things in your hearts? **5** Do you think it's easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? **6** But so that you'll know that the son of humanity has the authority here on earth to forgive sins," he said, "stand up, take your stretcher, and go home."

7 Then the man stood up and went off home. **8** The crowds were struck with fear after seeing this, yet they praised **God** for giving people such authority.

Yeshua calls Matay and they dine with 'sinners'[101]

9 And as **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was leaving there, he saw a man called Matay (Matthew; Grk. Matthaios) (also known as Levi) sitting in the tax office. He said to Matay, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

10 Later, when Yeshua was eating at Matay's house, many tax collectors and sinners came in and sat at the table together **with Yeshua** and his apprentices.[102] **11** Some people from the Farisaios party noticed this and said to his apprentices, "How come your teacher eats with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 But Yeshua heard this and said, "People who are well don't need a doctor—only the ones with problems do. **13** So go and find out the meaning of this: I like mercy, not sacrifice.[103] After all, it's sinners that I came to call, not people who are considered righteous."

Yeshua is asked about fasting[104]

14 Then Yohan's (John's; Grk. Yoannes') apprentices approached Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and said, "How come we and the Farisaios fast regularly, but your apprentices don't fast?"

15 And **Yeshua** replied to them, "Surely the groomsmen aren't sad while the groom is with them? But the time will come when the groom has to leave them, and then they'll fast.

16 No one patches old clothes with new material, because the patch will shrink and the clothes would end up with a worse hole. **17** And they don't put new wine into an old container, otherwise the container could split and be ruined, and the wine would be lost. Instead, they put new wine into a new container, and both survive."

100 **RV 9:1 · Parallel** Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

101 **RV 9:9 · Parallel** Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

102 **RV 9:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Luk 15:1-2.

103 **RV 9:13 · Cross-ref.** Hos 6:6; Mat 12:7.

104 **RV 9:14 · Parallel** Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39

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Yeshua raises a dead girl and heals a woman from bleeding[105]

18 While Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was speaking to them, an official came and bowed to him, saying, "My daughter's just passed away, but come and put your hand on her, and she'll revive.

19 So **Yeshua** and his disciples got up and followed him.

20 Just then, a woman who'd been bleeding internally for twelve years came up behind Yeshua and touched the edge of his robe, 21 because she'd told herself that if she could just touch his robe, she'd be healed.

22 **Yeshua** turned and saw her and said, "Be encouraged, daughter, your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed that very moment.

23 Now when **Yeshua** went into the official's house, he saw the funeral musicians and the distressed people, 24 and he said, "Go away. The girl hasn't died—she's sleeping." But they ridiculed him. 25 However, when the crowd was moved out, he went in and took her hand, and the girl got up. 26 Then the news of this spread all around that region.

Yeshua heals two blind men

27 **As Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left the official's home, two blind men followed him and called out, "David's descendant, have mercy on us."

28 When he went into the house, the blind men went to him, and **Yeshua** said to them, "Do you believe that I'm able to do this?"

They replied, "Yes, **master**."

29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, "It'll happen in line with your faith." 30 Then their eyes were healed, and **Yeshua** told them, "Don't let anyone know about this."

31 But after they'd gone, the men told the whole region about him.

Yeshua heals a man who couldn't talk

32 As they were leaving, some people brought a man to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) who was demon-possessed and unable to talk. 33 After the demon was driven out, the man was able to speak, and the crowds were amazed, saying, "Nothing like this has ever happened before in Yisrael (Israel)." 34 But the Farisaios said, "He casts out demons with the help of the demons' ruler."[106]

The large harvest

35 And **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went around teaching in the Jewish meeting halls in all the cities and villages, announcing the good news about the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness.[107] 36 When he saw the crowds, he felt for them because they were tired and stressed like sheep with no shepherd.[108] 37 He said to his disciples, "The harvest is large, but there's not enough workers.[109] 38 So ask the **owner** of the harvest to send more workers to help

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18 Of_him speaking these things to_them, see, one ruler having_approached, he_was_prostrating to_him saying, ~~that~~ The daughter of_me now died, but having_come, lay_on the hand of_you on her and she_will_be_living. 19 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_been_raised, followed after_him and the apprentices/followers of_him. 20 And see, a_woman haemorrhaging twelve years having_approached behind, she_ _touched against_the fringe of_the garment of_him. 21 For/Because she_was_saying in herself: If only I_may_touch against_the garment of_him, I_will_be_being_healed. 22 But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_been_turned and having_seen her said: Be_ _having_courage, daughter, the faith of_you has_healed you. And the woman was_healed from ~~the~~ that hour. 23 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_come into the house of_the ruler, and having_ _seen the flute_players and the crowd being_distressed 24 he_ _was_saying: Be_withdrawing, because/for the little_girl not died_off, but she_is_sleeping. And they_were_ridiculing of_him. 25 But when the crowd was_thrown_out, having_come_in he_ _took_hold of_the hand of_her, and the little_girl was_raised. 26 And ~~the~~ this news came_out into all the that land.

27 And passing_by from_there ~~the~~ with_**Ya^{y}sous**, two blind men followed after_him crying_out and saying: Show_mercy to_us, son of_Dawid/(Dāvid). 28 And having_come into the house, the blind men approached to_him, and ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_ _them: Are_you_all_believing that I_am_being_able to_do this? They_are_saying to_him: Yes, **master**. 29 Then he_touched against_the eyes of_them saying: ‹Let›_it_be_become to_you_all according_to the faith of_you_all. 30 And the eyes of_them were_opened_up. And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** was_ _admonished to_them saying: Be_seeing that let_ no_one _be_ _knowing. 31 But the ones having_come_out, they_spread_ him _abroad in all ~~the~~ that land.

32 And them coming_out, see, they_brought to_him mute being_demon_possessed. 33 And the demon having_been_ _throw_out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marvelled saying: It_was_ never _seen thus in ~~the~~ Israa^{y}l/(Yisrāʼēl). 34 But the Farisaios_party were_saying: He_is_casting_out ~~the~~ demons by the ruler of_the demons.

35 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_going_around all the cities and the villages, teaching in the synagogues of_them, and proclaiming the good_message of_the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. 36 And having_seen the crowds, he_was_ _feeling_compassion for them, because they_were having_ _been_troubled and having_been_helpless, as_if sheep not having a_shepherd. 37 Then he_is_saying to_the apprentices/followers of_him: On_one_hand the harvest is great, on_the_other_hand the workers are few, 38 therefore be_

105 **RV 9:18 · Parallel** Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

106 **RV 9:34 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:25; 12:24; Mrk 3:22; Luk 11:15.

107 **RV 9:35 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:23; Mrk 1:39; Luk 4:44.

108 **RV 9:36 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:17; 1Ki 22:17; 2Ch 18:16; Eze 34:5; Mrk 6:34.

109 **RV 9:37-38 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:2.

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_besought of_the **master** of_the harvest, so_that he_may_send_
_forth workers into the harvest of_him.
10:1 And having_called_to the twelve apprentices/followers of_
_him, he_gave authority to_them over_ unclean _spirits, so_as
to_be_casting_ them _out and to_be_healing every disease and
every sickness. **2** And ~~the~~ of_the_twelve ambassadors the names
is these: first Simōn ~~which~~ being_called Petros, and Andreas the
brother of_him, and Yakōbos/(Ya´ₐqovˇ) the son of_ ~~the~~ _
_Zebedaios, and Yōannaʸs the brother of_him, **3** Filippos and
Bartholomaios, Thōmas and Matthaios the tax_collector,
Yakōbos the son of_ ~~the~~ _Alfaios and Thaddaios, **4** Simōn the
member_of_Kananitaʸs and Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) ~~the~~ Iskariōtaʸs,
who also having_given_ him _over.

5 ~~The~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshū´a)** sent_out these ~~the~~ twelve having_
_commanded to_them saying: You_all_may_ not _go_away into
the_way of_the_pagans, and you_all_may_ not _come_in into
city of_the_Samareitaʸs/(Shomrōn), **6** but rather be_going to
the ~~which~~ having_lost sheep of_the_house of_Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl).
7 And going be_proclaiming saying, ~~that~~ the kingdom of_the
heavens ‹Has›_neared. **8** Be_healing ailing ones, be_raising the_
_dead, be_cleansing the_lepers, be_casting_out demons, you_
_all_received undeservedly, give undeservedly. **9** You_all_may_
neither _acquire gold, nor silver, nor copper in the belts of_
_you_all, **10** nor knapsack for the_way, nor two tunics, nor
sandals, nor staff, because/for the worker is worthy of_the food
of_him. **11** And into whatever ~~wishfully~~ city or village you_all_
_may_come_in, search_out who in it is worthy, and_ remain _
_there until ~~wishfully~~ you_all_may_come_out. **12** And coming_in
into the house, greet it. **13** And if on_one_hand the house may_
be worthy, let the peace of_you_all _come on it, on_the_
_other_hand if may_be not worthy, let_ the peace of_you_all _
_be_returned to you_all. **14** And whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_ not _
_receive you_all, nor may_hear the messages of_you_all,
coming_out out of_the house or ~~the~~ that city, shake_off the dust
of_the feet of_you_all. **15** Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, it_will_
_be more_tolerable for_the_land of_Sodoma/(Ṣədom) and of_
_Gomorra/(´Amorāh) on the_day of_judgement, than ~~the~~ for_
that _city.

16 Behold, I am_sending_ you_all _out as sheep in the_midst of_
_wolves, therefore be_becoming shrewd as ~~the~~ serpents and
innocent as the doves. **17** But be_taking_heed of ~~the~~ people,
because/for they_will_be_giving_ you_all _over into councils,
and they_will_be_flogging you_all in the synagogues of_them,

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with it."

Yeshua commissions the twelve[110]

10:1 Then, calling his twelve apprentices, he gave them authority over evil spirits so they could drive them out and heal every disease and sickness. **2** These are the names of the twelve: Shim'on (Simon) (nicknamed Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros)) and his brother Andreas, Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and his brother Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) (Zavday's (Grk. Zebedaios') sons), **3** Filippos (Philip) and Bar-Talmay (Bartholomew; Grk. Bartholomaios), Toma (Thomas), and Matay (Matthew; Grk. Matthaios) the tax collector, Ya'akov (nicknamed Thaddaios (Thaddeus), Halfay's (Grk. Halfaios') son), **4** Shim'on (the member of the Kena'anim (Canaanites)), and Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) Iskariot (who eventually turned Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) in).

Yeshua sends out the twelve[111]

5 **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) sent out those twelve, instructing them, "Don't go onto the roads non-Jews use, or into the city of Shomron (Samaria), **6** but rather go to the lost sheep who are Yisrael's (Israel) descendants. **7** As you go, announce to the people that the heavenly kingdom is close. **8** Heal those who need it, bring the dead back to life, get rid of leprosy, and drive evil spirits away. You apprentices received free of charge, so give free of charge. **9** Don't accept any money for your wallets, **10** and don't take a backpack, or a change of clothes or footwear, or a staff, because a worker deserves to be fed.[112]

11 "Whatever city or village you apprentices arrive at, look around to discover who's godly, and stay with them until you leave. **12** When you enter a home, bless it, **13** and if the house is worthy of it, your peace is to come into it, but if not, your peace is to return to you. **14** If there's any that don't accept you or don't want to hear your messages, shake the dust off your feet as you leave that house or city,[113] as a sign that you apprentices accept no responsibility for them. **15** I can assure you that it'll be more tolerable for the towns of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah)[114] on the day of judgement than it will be for those places.[115]

The coming persecution[116]

16 "Look out, because I'm sending you out like sheep among wolves,[117] so you'll need to be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. **17** But watch out, because there's people who'll turn you in to the

110 **RV 10:1 · Parallel** Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16
111 **RV 10:5 · Parallel** Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6
112 **RV 10:10 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 9:14; 1Tim 5:18.
113 **RV 10:14 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:51.
114 **RV 10:15 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24-28.
115 **RV 10:15 · Cross-ref.** Mat 11:24.
116 **RV 10:16 · Parallel** Mark 13:9-13; Luke 21:12-17
117 **RV 10:16 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:3.

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councils, and then you'll be flogged in their meeting halls.[118]
18 You'll be stood in front of governors and even kings on my account, but it'll be a testimony to them and to the non-Jews.
19 However, whenever they turn you in, you don't need to worry about what to say or how to say it, because whatever you apprentices need to say will be given to you at the right time,
20 because you won't be the ones speaking, but it'll be your father's **spirit** speaking through you.

21 "One sibling will turn another in to be executed, and a father his child, and children will be rebelling against their parents and having them put to death.[119] **22** You apprentices will be hated by everyone because of my name,[120] but the ones who endure until the end, they're the ones who'll be saved.[121] **23** Whenever they persecute you in one city, escape to the next city, because I can assure you that you won't get through all the cities in Yisrael (Israel) before the son of humanity comes.

24 "An apprentice isn't above their teacher,[122] nor is a slave above their master.[123] **25** The apprentice is happy to eventually become like their teacher, and the slave to become like their master. If they accuse the home owner of being a devil,[124] then they'll do that even more to other members of his household.

Who to fear[125]

26 "Therefore, don't be afraid of them, because nothing's covered up that won't eventually be revealed, and nothing's hidden that won't be made known.[126] **27** Whatever I tell you apprentices in the darkness, speak it out in the light, and what you hear whispered, go and yell it out from up on the top porch. **28** Don't be afraid of anyone who can kill your body but who can't touch your soul, but rather work to please the one who can destroy both soul and body in fire. **29** Aren't two sparrows sold for almost nothing? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your father being involved. **30** For you apprentices, even the hairs on your head have been counted, **31** so don't worry about things, because you're more valuable than any sparrows.

Acknowledging the messiah[127]

32 "If someone acknowledges me in front of others, then I'll acknowledge them in front of my father who's in the heavens, **33** but if anyone disowns me in front of others, then I'll disown them in front of my father who's in the heavens.[128]

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18 and you_all_will_be_being_brought before governors and also kings on_account me, because/for a_testimony to_them and to_the pagans. **19** But whenever they_may_give_ you_all _ _over, you_all_may_ not _worry how or what you_all_may_ _speak, because/for what you_all_may_speak will_be_being_ _given to_you_all in that ~~the~~ hour. **20** For/Because you_all are not the ones speaking, but the **spirit** of_the father of_you_all ~~which~~ speaking in you_all. **21** And brother will_be_giving_over brother to death, and father child, and children will_be_rising_ _up against parents, and they_will_be_putting_ them _to_death. **22** And you_all_will_be being_hated by all because_of the name of_me, but the one having_endured to the_end, this one will_ _be_being_saved. **23** But whenever they_may_be_persecuting you_all in ~~the~~ this city, be_fleeing to the next, because/for, truly I_am_saying to_you_all, by_no_means you_all_may_ not _finish the cities of_the Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā$^{'ēl}$), until the son of_ ~~the~~ _man may_come. **24** A_apprentice/follower is not above the teacher, nor a_slave above the master of_him. **25** it_is Sufficient for_the apprentice/follower that he_may_become as the teacher of_ _him, and the slave as the master of_him. If they_called the home_owner Be'elzeboul, to_how_much more the household of_him?

26 Therefore be_ not _afraid of_them, because/for nothing is having_been_covered which ‹will›_ not _be_being_revealed, and hidden which ‹will›_ not _be_being_known. **27** What I_am_ _telling to_you_all in the darkness, speak in the light, and what you_all_are_hearing in the ear, proclaim on the housetops. **28** And be_ not _afraid of the ones killing_off the body, but not being_able to_kill_off the soul, but rather be_fearing the one being_able to_destroy both soul and body in geenna. **29** Not two sparrows is_being_sold for_an_assarion_coin? And not one of them will_be_falling to the ground, apart_from the father of_ _you_all. **30** But the hairs of_the head of_you_all also are having_ all _‹been›_numbered. **31** Therefore be_ not _fearing, you_all are_carrying_value than many sparrows.

32 Therefore everyone who will_be_confessing in me before ~~the~~ people, also_I will_be_confessing in him before the father of_ _me who is in the_heavens. **33** But whoever may_disown me before ~~the~~ people, also_I will_be_disowning him before the father of_me who is in the_heavens.

118 **RV 10:17-20 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 13:9-11; Luk 12:11-12; 21:12-15.
119 **RV 10:21 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 13:12; Luk 21:16.
120 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:9; Mrk 13:13; Luk 21:17.
121 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:13; Mrk 13:13.
122 **RV 10:24 · Cross-ref.** Luk 6:40.
123 **RV 10:24 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 13:16; 15:20.
124 **RV 10:25 · Cross-ref.** Mat 9:34; 12:24; Mrk 3:22; Luk 11:15.
125 **RV 10:26 · Parallel** Luke 12:2-7
126 **RV 10:26 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 4:22; Luk 8:17.
127 **RV 10:32 · Parallel** Luke 12:8-9
128 **RV 10:33 · Cross-ref.** 2Tim 2:12.

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34 You_all_may_ not _think that I_came to_bring peace to the earth, I_came not to_bring peace, but a_sword. **35** For/Because I_came to_divide a_man against the father of_him, and a_ _daughter against the mother of_her, and a_daughter-in-law against the mother_in_law of_her **36** and enemies of_the person the household of_him. **37** The one loving father or mother above me, is not worthy of_me, and the one loving son or daughter above me, is not worthy of_me. **38** And who is_ not _ _taking the stake of_him and is_following after me, is not worthy of_me. **39** The one having_found the life of_him will_ _be_losing it, and the one having_lost the life of_him on_ _account me will_be_finding it.

40 The one receiving you_all is_receiving me, and the one receiving me is_receiving the one having_sent_ me _out. **41** The one receiving a_prophet in name of_a_prophet, will_be_ _receiving the_reward of_a_prophet, and the one receiving a_ _righteous one in the_name of_a_righteous one, will_be_ _receiving the_reward of_a_righteous one. **42** And whoever ~~if~~ may_give_to_drink one of_ ~~the~~ _these of_little ones a_cup of_ _cool water, only in the_name of_an_apprentice/follower, truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, by_no_means he_may_ not _lose the reward of_him.

11:1 And it_became when ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** finished directing to_the twelve apprentices/followers of_him, he_ _departed from_there ~~which~~ to_be_teaching and to_be_ _proclaiming in the cities of_them. **2** And ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s, having_ _heard in the prison the works of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, having_sent through of_the apprentices/followers of_him, **3** said to_him: Are you the one coming, or are_we_waiting for_ _another? **4** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answering said to_them: Having_ _been_gone report to_Yōanna^{y}s what you_all_are_hearing and you_all_are_seeing: **5** blind are_receiving_sight, and lame are_ _walking, lepers are_being_cleansed, and deaf are_hearing, and dead are_being_raised, and poor are_being_good_message_ _preached. **6** And he_is blessed who ~~if~~ may_ not _be_offended in me. **7** And these going, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** began to_be_saying to_the crowds concerning Yōanna^{y}s, you_all_came_out into the wilderness to_see What? A_reed being_shaken by wind? **8** But you_all_came_out to_see what? A_man having_been_dressed in fine clothes? Behold, the ones wearing ~~the~~ fine clothes in the houses of_the kings **9** but why you_all_came_out? To_see a_

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Don't expect peace[129]

34 "Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth. No, I came to bring war, not peace, **35** because I came to divide a son against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, **36** and people will have enemies in their own households.[130]

37 "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than they love me is not worthy of being mine, and anyone who loves their son or daughter more than they love me is not worthy of being mine. **38** Anyone who doesn't pick up their own execution post, and carry it as they follow me, is not worthy of being mine.[131] **39** Anyone who's found their life will lose it, and anyone who loses their life because of following me will find it.[132]

Acceptance rewards[133]

40 Anyone who accepts you is accepting me,[134] and anyone who accepts me is accepting the one who sent me down here.[135] **41** Anyone who accepts a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive the reward of a prophet, and anyone who accepts a godly person in the name of a godly person will receive the reward of a godly person. **42** Anyone who, as one of my apprentices, gives a cup of cool water to one of these little ones to drink, I'm telling you that that person certainly won't lose their reward.

Yeshua and Yohan-the-immerser[136]

11:1 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had finished giving those instructions to his twelve apprentices, he also left there and went to teach and preach in the Jewish cities.

2 When Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), who was in prison, heard about what the **messiah** was doing, he sent some of his apprentices **3** to ask Yeshua, "Are you the promised one, or should we be waiting for someone else?"

4 "Well," **Yeshua** answered, "go and tell Yohan everything you're hearing and seeing: **5** people who were blind can see now, lame people are now walking, people with leprosy are 'clean', deaf people can now hear,[137] dead people have been brought back to life, and the good message is being declared to poor people.[138] **6** Anyone who's not embarrassed by me will be blessed."

7 As Yohan's apprentices left, **Yeshua** started talking to the crowd about Yohan: "What was it that you crowds went out to the wilderness to see? A reed being blown around by the

129 **RV 10:34 · Parallel** Luke 12:51-53; 14:26-27

130 **RV 10:35-36 · Cross-ref.** Mic 7:6.

131 **RV 10:38 · Cross-ref.** Mat 16:24; Mrk 8:34; Luk 9:23.

132 **RV 10:39 · Cross-ref.** Mat 16:25; Mrk 8:35; Luk 9:24; 17:33; Yhn 12:25.

133 **RV 10:40 · Parallel** Mark 9:41

134 **RV 10:40 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:16; Yhn 13:20.

135 **RV 10:40 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 9:37; Luk 9:48.

136 **RV 11:1 · Parallel** Luke 7:18-35

137 **RV 11:5 · Cross-ref.** Isa 35:5-6.

138 **RV 11:5 · Cross-ref.** Isa 61:1.

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wind?"[139] 8 Yes, I'm asking you all, what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? People in palaces wear fine clothes. 9 So why did you go out there? To see a prophet? Yes, I'm telling you that he is a prophet, and even more important than the prophets. 10 He's the one that was written about: 'See, I'm sending out my messenger ahead of you, and he'll get your path ready for you.'[140] 11 I can assure you that no person who's ever been born is greater than Yohan-the-immerser. But even the least important person in the heavenly kingdom is greater than him. 12 From the time of Yohan-the-immerser through to the present time, the heavenly kingdom has been opposed, and the opposition is grabbing at it.[141] 13 All the prophets and the law prophesied before Yohan came, 14 and now, if you crowds are willing to believe it, he's Eliyah (Elijah)—the one who would come in advance.[142] 15 Anyone who's willing is to strive to understand this.

16 "So what should I liken this generation to? It's like young children sitting in the town centre who are calling out to others 17 and saying, 'We played lively music for you but you didn't dance. Then we played sad music, but you didn't mourn.' 18 After all, when Yohan came, he wasn't eating or drinking, and they said, 'He's possessed by a demon!' 19 Then the son of humanity came, and he was eating and drinking, but they said, 'Look at this fellow—he's a glutton and a drunkard—a friend of tax collectors and immoral people.' But wisdom is only recognised with hindsight.

Cities that rejected the messiah[143]

20 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) began deriding the cities he'd done most of his miracles in, because they hadn't turned away from their sins. 21 "Korazin, you're doomed. Beyt-Tsayda, you're doomed. Because if the miracles that were done in you had been done in Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon),[144] they would have shown their turning away from their sins by wearing coarse cloth and showering themselves with ashes. 22 However, I'm telling you cities that it'll be more tolerable for the people of Tsor and Tsidon on judgement day than it will be for you. 23 Same with you, Kafarnaoum (Capernaum). You won't be lifted up to heaven, but instead you'll be sent down to hell,[145] because if the miracles which were done in you had been done in Sedom,[146] that city would still be here today. 24 However, I'm telling you, Kafarnaoum, that it'll be more tolerable for the people of Sedom on judgement day than it will be for you."[147]

Literal Version

_prophet? Yes, I_am_saying to_you_all, and more_important than a_prophet. 10 This one is concerning whom it_has_been_ _written: Behold, I am_sending_out the messenger of_me before the_face of_you, who will_be_preparing the way of_you before you. 11 Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, not has_been_ _raised among the_born ones of_women greater than Yōannaʸs the immerser. But ~~the~~ the_least in the kingdom of_the heavens, is greater than he. 12 And from the days of_Yōannaʸs the immerser until now, the kingdom of_the heavens is_forcing, and forceful_men they_are_snatching it. 13 For/Because all the prophets and the law prophesied until Yōannaʸs. 14 And if you_ _all_are_willing to_receive it, he is Aʸlias/('Ēliyʸāh), the one going to_be_coming. 15 The one having ears to_be_hearing, let_ _him_be_hearing. 16 But to_what I_will_be_likening ~~the~~ this generation? It_is similar to_little_children sitting in the marketplaces, who calling_out to_the others 17 are_saying: We_ _played_the_flute for_you_all and you_all_ not _danced, we_ _lamented and you_all_ not _mourn. 18 For/Because Yōannaʸs came neither eating nor drinking, and they_are_saying: He_is_ _having a_demon. 19 The son of_ ~~the~~ _man came eating and drinking, and they_are_saying: Behold, a_man, a_glutton and a_ _drunkard, a_friend of_tax_collectors and of_sinners. But ~~the~~ wisdom was_justified by the her children.

20 Then he_began to_be_deriding the cities in which the most miracles of_him became, because they_ not _repented. 21 Woe to_you, Ḳorazin. Woe to_you, Baʸthsaida. Because if the miracles ~~which~~ having_become in you_all became in Turos/(Tsor) and Sidōn/(Tsīdōn), long_ago they_ would _ _repented in sackcloth and ashes. 22 However I_am_saying to_ _you_all, it_will_be more_tolerable for_Turos and Sidōn in day of_judgement than for_you_all. 23 Also you, Kafarna'oum, ‹will›_ not _be_being_exalted to heaven? You_will_be_coming_ _down to Haidaʸs. Because if the miracles which having_ _become in you were_become in Sodoma/(Ṣədom), would remained until the day today. 24 However I_am_saying to_you_ _all that it_will_be more_tolerable for_the_land of_Sodoma in day of_judgement than for_you.

139 RV 11:7 · Note We've left the original idiom here in the OET-RV as something to puzzle over, because no one now really knows what aspect of Yohan's behaviour or appearance that Yeshua was referring to here.

140 RV 11:10 · Cross-ref. Mal 3:1.

141 RV 11:12-13 · Cross-ref. Luk 16:16.

142 RV 11:14 · Cross-ref. Mal 4:5; Mat 17:10-13; Mrk 9:11-13.

143 RV 11:20 · Parallel Luke 10:13-15

144 RV 11:21 · Cross-ref. Isa 23:1-18; Eze 26:1–28:26; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:9-10; Zech 9:2-4.

145 RV 11:23 · Cross-ref. Isa 14:13-15.

146 RV 11:23 · Cross-ref. Gen 19:24-28.

147 RV 11:24 · Cross-ref. Mat 10:15; Luk 10:12.

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25 At that ~~the~~ time ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answering said: I_ _am_confessing to_you, father, **master** of_the heaven and the earth, that you_hid these things from wise and intelligent, and you_revealed them to_infants. **26** Yes, ~~the~~ father, because thus it_became good_pleasure before you. **27** All things was_given_ _over to_me by the father of_me, and no_one is_knowing_fully the son, except ~~not/lest~~ the father, nor anyone is_knowing_fully the father, except ~~not/lest~~ the son, and to_whom if the son may_ _be_wishing to_reveal him. **28** Come to me, all you_all wearied and having_been_burdened, and_I will_be_resting you_all. **29** Take_up the yoke of_me on you_all, and learn from me, because I_am gentle and humble ~~the~~ in_heart: and you_all_will_ _be_finding rest for_the souls of_you_all. **30** For/Because the yoke of_me is easy and the burden of_me is light.

12:1 At that ~~the~~ time, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_gone on_the days_of_rest through the grainfields, and the the_apprentices/followers of_ _him hungered, and began to_be_plucking heads_of_grain and to_be_eating. **2** And the Farisaios_party having_seen, said to_ _him: Behold, the apprentices/followers of_you are_doing what it_is_ not _permitting to_be_doing on the_day_of_rest. **3** But he said to_them: Not you_all_read what Dawid/(Dāvid) did, when he_hungered and the ones with him? **4** How he_came_in into the house of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, and they_ate the bread of_the presence, which it_was not permitting for_him to_eat, nor for_the ones with him, except only ~~not/lest~~ for_the priests? **5** Or you_all_ not _read in the law that on_the days_of_rest the priests in the temple are_profaning the day_of_rest, and they_are innocent? **6** But I_am_saying to_you_all that one greater than the temple is here. **7** But if you_all_had_known what this is: I_am_wanting Mercy and not sacrifice, you_all_ would not _convicted the innocent. **8** For/Because the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is **master** of_the day_of_rest.

9 And having_departed from_there, he_came into the synagogue of_them. **10** And see, a_man having a_ withered _ _hand. And they_asked him saying: - Is_it_permitting to_be_ _healing on_the days_of_rest? In_order_that they_may_accuse against_him. **11** And he said to_them: What person will_be of you_all, who will_be_having one sheep, and if this may_fall_in into a_pit on_the days_of_rest, ‹will›_ not _be_taking_hold_of it and will_be_raising it? **12** For/Because_how_much therefore a_

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Yeshua's load is light[148]

25 At that time, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) said, "I'm acknowledging you, father, **master** of heaven and earth, because you hid these things from 'wise' and 'intelligent' people and revealed them to the 'naive'. **26** Yes, father, because that was your desire.

27 My father has given control of everything over to me,[149] but no one really knows the son except the father, and no one really knows the father except the son and anyone who the son wants to tell about him.[150]

28 Come to me all of you who are tired and feel overloaded, and I'll help you relax. **29** You can take on my workload and learn from me, because I'm gentle and humble, and your souls will be able to relax,[151] **30** because my workload is easy, and the load I'll leave on your shoulders is light.

The discussion about rest days[152]

12:1 At that time, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was going through some fields of grain on a rest day, and his apprentices were hungry and began to pluck some heads of grain and crunch them.[153] **2** But some people from the Farisaios' party saw them and said, "Look, your apprentices are harvesting on a rest day, when it's not permitted."

3 "Haven't you read about what David did when he and his fighters were hungry?" Yeshua responded. **4** He went into **God's** tent and they ate the Bread of the Presence,[154] which none of them were allowed to eat—only the priests.[155] **5** Or haven't you understood that when the priests work in the temple on the rest day, it's against the law, and yet they're innocent?[156] **6** But I'm telling you that someone greater than the temple is here. **7** But you Farisaios should have known that what I want is mercy rather than sacrifices[157]—you shouldn't have convicted the innocent, **8** because the son of humanity is the **master** over the rest day.

The man with the clawed fist[158]

9 After leaving that place, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went into the Jewish meeting hall, **10** and look, there was a man there with a clawed fist. So the people there asked Yeshua if it was permitted to heal people on the rest days.

11 "Which of you," Yeshua responded, "if you owned a single sheep and it fell into a pit on a rest day, wouldn't then grab hold

148 **RV 11:25 · Parallel** Luke 10:21-22
149 **RV 11:27 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 3:35.
150 **RV 11:27 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 1:18; 10:15.
151 **RV 11:29 · Cross-ref.** Jer 6:16.
152 **RV 12:1 · Parallel** Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5
153 **RV 12:1 · Cross-ref.** Deu 23:25.
154 **RV 12:3-4 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 21:1-6.
155 **RV 12:4 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:9.
156 **RV 12:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 28:9-10.
157 **RV 12:7 · Cross-ref.** Hos 6:6; Mat 9:13.
158 **RV 12:9 · Parallel** Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

Readers' Version

of it and lift it out?[159] 12 Now a human is worth much more than a sheep, so then it must be permissible to do good on a rest day."
13 Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand."

The man stretched his hand out, and it was restored—now just as healthy as the other one, 14 but the Farisaios went out and requested legal advice because they wanted to ruin Yeshua.

Yeshua was chosen by God

15 **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) knew what they were trying to do, so he left that place. A lot of people followed along after him, and he healed them all 16 but warned them not to reveal who he was, 17 in order to fulfil what the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) had written:

18 'See my servant who I chose,
the one I dearly love and who my soul takes pleasure in.
I will place my **spirit** on him
and he will bring justice to the nations.
19 He won't be arguing or yelling out,
and no one on the roads will hear his voice.
20 He won't break off a bruised reed,
and certainly won't extinguish a smoldering wick,
before he sends justice forward into victory.
21 The other nations will put their hope in his name and authority.'[160]

Yeshua accused of being the leader of demons[161]

22 Then a man possessed by evil spirits was brought to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). He was blind and unable to speak, but Yeshua healed him so that he could both speak and see. 23 All the people were amazed and were saying, "Surely this must be the promised descendant of David?"

24 When the Farisaios' party heard about that, they said, "That man's only driving out demons by the authority of Beelzeboul, the demons' leader."[162]

25 But Yeshua, knowing their thoughts, said, "Every kingdom that's divided against itself is doomed, and any city or household that's divided against itself will self-destruct. 26 If Satan's driving out Satan, then he's divided against himself, and how could his kingdom possibly be established? 27 And if I'm driving out demons by Beelzeboul's authority, then whose authority are your sons using to drive them out? 28 But if I'm driving out demons by God's **spirit's** authority, then that must mean that **God's** kingdom has already arrived among you people.

29 "How can someone go into a strong man's house and steal his goods if they don't tie him up first? Only then can his home be plundered.

30 "Anyone who's not for me is against me, and anyone who isn't helping me gather others is scattering them.[163] 31 That's why I'm telling you that people can be forgiven for all kinds of

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_human is_carrying_value than a_sheep? So_then it_is_
_permitting to_be_doing good on_the days_of_rest. 13 Then he_
_is_saying to_the man: Stretch_out the hand of_you. And he_
_stretched_out it, and it_was_restored, healthy as the other.
14 But the Farisaios_party having_come_out, received a_
_counsel against him, so_that they_may_destroy him.

15 But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_known, withdrew from_there. And great followed after_him, and he_healed them all, 16 and he_warned to_them that they_may_ not _make him manifest. 17 In_order_that the message may_be_fulfilled having_been_spoken by A^{y}saias/(Yəshaʻ^{yāh}) the prophet saying, 18 Behold, the servant of_me whom I_chose, the beloved of_me whom the soul of_me took_pleasure I_will_be_putting the **spirit** of_me on him, and he_will_be_reporting justice to_the pagans. 19 He_‹will›_ not _be_quarrelling, nor will_be_crying_
out, nor ‹will› anyone _be_hearing the voice of_him in the roads. 20 By_no_means he_will_be_breaking a_reed having_
_been_bruised, and by_no_means he_will_be_extinguishing a_
_wick being_smouldering, until ~~wishfully~~ he_may_send_forth ~~the~~ justice to victory. 21 And the_pagans will_be_hoping in_the name of_him.

22 Then a_being_demon_possessed man was_brought to_him, blind and mute, and he_healed him, so_that the mute man to_
_be_speaking and to_be_seeing. 23 And all the crowds were_
_marvelling and were_saying: Surely_not this one is the son of_
_Dawid/(Dāvid)? 24 And the Farisaios_party having_heard said: This man is_ not _casting_out ~~the~~ demons, except ~~not/lest~~ by ~~the~~ Be'elzeboul, ruler of_the demons. 25 And having_known the thoughts of_them, he_said to_them: Every kingdom having_
_been_divided against itself is_being_desolated, and every city or house having_been_divided against itself ‹will›_ not _be_
_being_stood. 26 And if ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) is_casting_out ~~the~~ Satan, he_was_divided against himself. Therefore how ‹will›_ the kingdom of_him _be_being_established? 27 And if I am_
_casting_out ~~the~~ demons by Be'elzeboul by whom the sons of_
_you_all are_they_casting_out? Because_of this, they will_be judges of_you_all. 28 But if I am_casting_out ~~the~~ demons by the_
spirit of**god**, consequently the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** came on you_all. 29 Or how is_ anyone _able to_come_in into the house of_the strong man and to_snatch the goods of_him, if not first he_may_bind the strong man? And then he_will_be_
_thoroughly_plundering the household of_him. 30 The one not being with me is against me, and the one not gathering_
_together with me is_scattering. 31 Because_of this I_am_saying to_you_all, every sin and slander will_be_being_forgiven to_the people, but the slander of_the **spirit** ‹will›_ not _be_being_
_forgiven. 32 And if whoever may_speak a_message against the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man, it_will_be_being_forgiven to_him, but

159 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. Luk 14:5.

160 RV 12:18-21 · Cross-ref. Isa 42:1-4 (LXX).

161 RV 12:22 · Parallel Mark 3:20-30; Luk 11:14-23

162 RV 12:24 · Cross-ref. Mat 9:34; 10:25.

163 RV 12:30 · Cross-ref. Mrk 9:40.

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whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_speak against the ~~the~~ holy **spirit**, it_
‹will› not _be_being_forgiven to_him, neither in this the age
nor in the one coming.

33 Either make the tree good and the fruit of_it good, or make
the tree bad and the fruit of_it bad, because/for the tree is_
_being_known by the fruit. 34 Brood of_vipers, being evil how
are_you_all_being_able to_be_speaking good things?
For/Because the mouth is_speaking out_of the excess of_the
heart. 35 The good person is_sending_forth good out_of his
good treasure, and the evil person is_sending_forth evil out_of
his evil treasure. 36 But I_am_saying to_you_all that every idle
message that the people will_be_speaking, they_will_be_giving_
_back an_account for it in day of_judgement. 37 For/Because
you_will_be_being_justified by the messages of_you, and you_
_will_be_being_convicted by the messages of_you.

38 Then some of_the scribes and Farisaios_party answered to_
_him saying: Teacher, we_are_wanting to_see a_sign from you.
39 But he answering said to_them, A_ evil and adulterous _
_Generation is_seeking_after a_sign, and a_sign ‹will›_ not _be_
_being_given to_it, except ~~not/lest~~ the sign of_Yōnas/(Yōnāh)
the prophet. 40 For/Because as Yōnas was in the belly of_the
huge_fish three days and three nights, thus the son of_ ~~the~~ _
_man will_be three days and three nights in the heart of_the
earth. 41 The_ Nineuitaʸs/(ones_from_Nīnəvēh) _men will_be_
_standing_up in the judgement with the this generation, and
they_will_be_condemning it, because they_repented at the
proclamation of_Yōnas, and see, one_greater than Yōnas is
here. 42 The_queen of_the_south will_be_being_raised in the
judgement with the this generation, and will_be_condemning
it, because she_came from the ends of_the earth to_hear the
wisdom of_Solomōn/(Shəlmoh), and see, one_greater than
Solomōn is here.

43 And whenever the unclean spirit may_come_out from the
person, it_is_passing_through through waterless places seeking
rest and it_is_ not _finding. 44 Then it_is_saying: I_will_be_
_turning_back to the house of_me whence I_came_out. And
having_come, it_is_finding being_unoccupied having_been_
_swept and having_been_adorned. 45 Then it_is_going and is_

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sin and slander, except that slandering God's **spirit** won't be forgiven. 32 Anyone who speaks out against the son of humanity can be forgiven, but anyone who speaks out against the holy **spirit** won't be forgiven either in this age or in the coming one.[164]

A tree is recognised by its fruit[165]

33 "Either make both the tree and its fruit good, or make them both bad, because a tree is known by its fruit.[166] 34 You brood of snakes![167] You're evil inside, so why do you think you can say anything that's good? After all, your mouths speak out of what's plentiful in your hearts.[168] 35 A good person produces good words out of their store of goodness, and an evil person produces evil words out of their store of evil.

36 "But I'm telling you that people will have to give an account on judgement day for every worthless sentence they've spoken, 37 because you'll be either be convicted, or be declared guiltless, by the things that you yourself have said."

The religious leaders ask for a sign[169]

38 Then some of the religious teachers and some from the Farisaios' party responded to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you."[170]

39 "It's an evil and adulterous generation that's looking for a sign," answered Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "and no sign will be given to it apart from the sign of the prophet Yonah (Jonah).[171] 40 Just like Yonah was in the belly of the huge fish for three days and three nights,[172] in the same way, the son of humanity will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The inhabitants of Nineveh will stand up and condemn this generation on judgement day, because they turned away from their sins when Yonah preached,[173] and look, now there's someone here who's greater than Yonah. 42 The queen of the south will get up and condemn this generation on judgement day, because she travelled a great distance to hear King Shelomoh's (Solomon) wisdom,[174] and look, now there's someone here who's greater than Shelomoh.

The demon's revenge[175]

43 "Whenever an evil spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid lands looking for a place to rest, and doesn't find any. 44 So it says to itself, 'I'll go back to the house I just left.' Then when it gets back, it finds that it's not only unoccupied, but it's been swept and ti-

164 RV 12:32 · Cross-ref. Luk 12:10.
165 RV 12:33 · Parallel Luke 6:43-45
166 RV 12:33 · Cross-ref. Mat 7:20; Luk 6:44.
167 RV 12:34 · Cross-ref. Mat 3:7; 23:33; Luk 3:7.
168 RV 12:34 · Cross-ref. Mat 15:18; Luk 6:45.
169 RV 12:38 · Parallel Mark 8:11-12; Luke 11:29-32
170 RV 12:38 · Cross-ref. Mat 16:1; Mrk 8:11; Luk 11:16.
171 RV 12:39 · Cross-ref. Mat 16:4; Mrk 8:12.
172 RV 12:40 · Cross-ref. Yonah 1:17.
173 RV 12:41 · Cross-ref. Yonah 3:5.
174 RV 12:42 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 10:1-10; 2Ch 9:1-12.
175 RV 12:43 · Parallel Luke 11:24-26

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died up. 45 So it goes and finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all go to live there, so that person is worse off than they were at the beginning. So now, it'll be just like that for this evil generation."

The mother and siblings of Yeshua[176]

46 While Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was still talking to the crowd, his mother and siblings stood outside, wanting to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your siblings are outside, waiting to speak with you."

48 "Who's my mother, and who are my siblings?" Yeshua replied to that person. 49 Then, extending his hand around to his apprentices, he said, "See, these are my mother and my siblings, 50 because anyone who obeys my father in the heavens is my brother and my sister and my mother."

The parable about spreading seed[177]

13:1 That same day, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went outside and sat by the lake. 2 A large crowd gathered around him, so he got into a boat and sat there while the crowd remained standing on the beach.[178] 3 From there, he told them many parables, saying, "Listen, a farmer went out to plant seed at the right time of the year. 4 As he was spreading the seed, some of it fell beside a path, and the birds come and ate that seed. 5 Some fell on stony ground where there wasn't much soil, and it sprouted immediately because the thin layer of soil was moist and warm, 6 but when the sun rose high, it was scorched, and not having any deep roots, it withered up. 7 Some seed fell in a thistle patch, but the thistles grew over them and choked them out. 8 However, some seed landed on the good soil, and it grew to bear a harvest—some a hundred times more, some sixty times, and some thirty times. 9 Anyone who wants to hear should strive to understand this."

Yeshua's use of parables[179]

10 After this, his apprentices came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

11 "You guys have been permitted to know the heavenly kingdom's mysteries," replied Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "but not those other people, 12 because anyone who already has will be given more, and they'll end up with plenty, but anyone who doesn't have, even what they do have will be taken away from them.[180] 13 That's why I speak to them in parables, because when they look they don't see, and when they listen, they don't hear or understand, 14 and so the prophecy written by (Isaiah) is being fulfilled:

'When you listen you will hear, but you certainly won't understand,

and when you look you will see, but you certainly won't per-

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_taking with itself seven other spirits more_evil than itself, and having_come_in it_is_dwelling there, and the last state of_the that person is_becoming worse than the first. Thus it_will_be also to_ ~~the~~ this - evil _generation.

46 Him still speaking to_the crowds, see, the mother and the brothers of_him had_stood outside, seeking to_speak to_him. 47 And someone said to_him: Behold, the mother of_you and the brothers of_you have_stood outside seeking to_speak to_ _you. 48 But he answering said to_the one speaking to_him: Who is the mother of_me and who_all are the brothers of_me? 49 And having_stretched_out the hand of_him to the apprentices/followers of_him he_said: Behold, the mother of_ _me and the brothers of_me. 50 For/Because whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_do the will of_the father of_me who is in the_heavens, he is brother, and sister, and mother of_me.

13:1 In ~~the~~ that day, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** having_come_out from_the house, was_sitting by the sea. 2 And great crowds were_gathered_together to him, so_that him having_boarded into a_boat to_be_sitting, and all the crowd had_stood on the shore. 3 And he_spoke many things to_them in parables saying: Behold, the one sowing came_out of_the time to_be_sowing. 4 And in the time to_be_sowing of_him, some on_one_hand fell along the road, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 On_ _the_other_hand others fell on the rocky places, where it_was_ not _having much soil, and immediately it_sprang_up because_ _of the to_be_ not _having depth of_soil, 6 but the_sun having_ _risen, it_was_scorched and because_of that to_be_ not _having root it_was_withered. 7 On_the_other_hand others fell on the thorns, and the thorns went_up and choked_ them _out. 8 On_ _the_other_hand others fell on the ~~the~~ good soil, and was_ _giving fruit, some on_one_hand a_hundred, on_the_other_ _hand some sixty, on_the_other_hand some thirty. 9 The one having ears, let_him_be_hearing.

10 And the apprentices/followers having_approached said to_ _him: For/Because_ why _reason are_you_speaking to_them in parables? 11 And he answering said to_them: Because to_you_ _all has_been_given to_know the mysteries of_the kingdom of_ _the heavens, but to_those it_has_ not _‹been›_given.

12 For/Because whoever is_having, will_be_being_given to_him and he_will_be_being_in_abundance, but whoever is_ not _ _having, even what he_is_having will_be_being_taken_away from him. 13 Because_of this I_am_speaking in parables to_ _them, because seeing they_are_ not _seeing, and hearing they_ _are_ not _hearing, nor are_they_understanding. 14 And the prophecy of_A^{y}saias/(Yəshaʹ^{yāh}) is_being_fulfilled to_them ~~which~~ saying: With_hearing you_all_will_be_hearing but by_no_ _means you_all_may_ not _understand, and seeing you_all_will_ _be_seeing but by_no_means you_all_may_ not _perceive.

15 For/Because the heart of_ ~~the~~ this _people was_become_dull, and they_ hardly _heard with_the ears, and they_shut the eyes

176 **RV 12:46 · Parallel** Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21

177 **RV 13:1 · Parallel** Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-8

178 **RV 13:2 · Cross-ref.** Luk 5:1-3.

179 **RV 13:10 · Parallel** Mark 4:10-12; Luke 8:9-10

180 **RV 13:12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 25:29; Mrk 4:25; Luk 8:18; 19:26.

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of_them, lest they_may_see with_the eyes, and they_may_hear with_the ears, and they_may_understand with_the heart, and they_may_return and I_will_be_healing them. **16** But blessed are the eyes of_you_all because they_are_seeing, and the ears of_you_all because they_are_hearing. **17** For/Because, truly I_ _am_saying to_you_all that many prophets and righteous men desired to_see what you_all_are_seeing, and they_ not _saw, and to_hear what you_all_are_hearing, and they_ not _heard.

18 Therefore you_all hear the parable of_the one having_sown. **19** Everyone hearing the message of_the kingdom and not understanding, the evil one is_coming and is_snatching the one having_been_sown in the heart of_him. This is the one having_ _been_sown by the road. **20** And the one having_been_sown on the rocky, this is the one hearing the message and immediately receiving it with joy, **21** and is_having no root in himself, but is temporary, but tribulation or persecution having_become because_of the message, immediately he_is_being_stumbled. **22** And the one having_been_sown among the thorns, this is the one hearing the message, and the worry of_ ~~the~~ _age and the seduction of_ ~~the~~ _riches is_choking the message, and it_is_ _becoming unfruitful. **23** And the one having_been_sown on the good soil, this is the one hearing the message and understanding, who indeed is_bearing_fruit and is_producing, some on_one_hand a_hundred, some on_the_other_hand sixty, some on_the_other_hand thirty.

24 He_set_before to_them another parable saying: The kingdom of_the heavens was_likened to_a_man having_sown good seed in the field of_him. **25** But at the time the people to_be_ _sleeping, the enemy of_him came and sowed darnels among midst of_the wheat and went_away. **26** But when the grass sprouted and produced fruit, then the darnels was_seen also. **27** And the slaves of_the home_owner having_approached said to_him: Master, you_ not _sowed good seed in ~~the~~ your field? Therefore from_where it_is_having darnels? **28** And he was_ _saying to_them: An_enemy man did this. And the slaves are_ _saying to_him: Therefore are_you_wanting having_gone_away, may_we_gather them? **29** But he is_saying: No, lest gathering the darnels, you_all_may_uproot the wheat together_with them. **30** Allow both to_be_being_grown_together until the harvest, and in the_time of_the harvest I_will_be_saying to_the harvesters: Gather first the darnels and bind them into bundles in_order that to_burn_up them, and gather_together the wheat into the barn of_me.

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ceive anything,

15 because these people's hearts are insensitive, and they can barely hear with their ears,

and they shut their eyes so they can't see with them.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, and hear with their ears,

and understand with their heart, and then return to me, and then I would heal them.'[181]

16 "But your eyes are blessed, because they can see, and your ears also, because they can hear,[182] **17** because I can assure you guys that many prophets and godly people wanted to see what you're seeing, but they didn't see, and they wanted to hear what you're hearing, but they didn't hear it either.

The meaning/salvation of parable concerning the planting[183]

18 "So now listen to the meaning of the parable about the person spreading seed. **19** Everyone who hears the message about the kingdom and doesn't understand it, the evil one comes and snatches what was sown in that person's heart. That's the seed that landed by the path. **20** The seed that landed on the rocky ground, that's the person who hears the message and is immediately happy to accept it, **21** but doesn't have any roots of their own, so it's just fleeting—they stumble as soon as there's any difficulties or persecution because of the message. **22** The seed that landed among the thorns is the person who hears the message, but the world's worries and wealth's seductiveness choke out the message and it becomes unfruitful. **23** The seed that landed on the good soil is the person who hears the message and understands it and goes on to bear fruit—some people producing a hundred times more, some sixty times, and some thirty times."[184]

The parable about the bad wheat

24 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them another parable, saying, "The heavenly kingdom is like a farmer who's planted good seed in his field. **25** But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and spread black-grained 'wheat' seeds around his wheat field and left again. **26** Then when the wheat grew and produced grains, the poisonous 'wheat' could also be seen. **27** The farmer's slave came and told him, 'Master, wasn't it *good* wheat seed that you planted? So why is there so much false wheat?' **28** 'An enemy must have done this,' the farmer replied. 'So should we go and pull out the bad stuff?' asked the slaves. **29** 'No,' said the farmer, 'because pulling that out might also pull up some of the wheat plants. **30** Let them all grow together, and then at harvest time I can just tell the harvesters to pull the false wheat plants out first and put them in bundles to be incinerated, and then harvest the wheat to go into my barn.' "

181 **RV 13:14-15 · Cross-ref.** Isa 6:9-10 (LXX).

182 **RV 13:16-17 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:23-24.

183 **RV 13:18 · Parallel** Mark 4:13-20; Luke 8:11-15

184 **RV 13:23 · Note** See http://scrollandscreen.com/biblestudyresources/Matthew%2013.1-23%20mgvh%20notes.pdf

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The parable about the small mustard seed[185]

31 Another one of his parables went like this: "The heavenly kingdom is like a mustard seed that a man planted in his field. 32 Even though it's a very small seed, it grows larger than most garden plants, and becomes such a large bush that birds even come and nest in its branches."

The parable about the yeast[186]

33 In another parable, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) said, "The heavenly kingdom is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a month's worth of flour, and eventually all of it rose."

The reason Yeshua used parables[187]

34 **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told all these things to the crowds in the form of parables. In fact he said nothing that wasn't a parable, 35 so that what had been written by the prophet would be fulfilled:

'I will be saying things that have been hidden since the creation of the world.'[188]

Yeshua explains about the false wheat

36 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left the crowd and went into the house. His apprentices followed him in and asked him for the interpretation of the parable about the poisonous black wheat in the field.

37 "The farmer spreading the good seed," Yeshua answered, "is the son of humanity, 38 and the field is the world, and the good seeds are the heirs to the kingdom. The false wheat seeds are the evil one's apprentices, 39 and the enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is at the end of this age, and the harvesters are God's messengers. 40 Therefore at the end of this age, the false wheat plants will be gathered and incinerated. 41 The son of humanity will send out his messengers to remove all the temptations out of his kingdom, as well as everyone who doesn't obey God's law, 42 and they'll throw them into the incinerator, and there'll be crying and a lot of anguish. 43 Then the godly people will shine as bright as the sun in their father's kingdom. Anyone who's interested in hearing, let them listen.

The parable about the treasure in the field

44 "The heavenly kingdom is like a field that had had treasure hidden in it. When someone found the treasure, they hid it again, and with great excitement went and sold everything they had so they could buy that field.

The parable about the valuable pearl

45 "The heavenly kingdom is also like a trader wanting to buy beautiful pearls, 46 and when they found one outstanding pearl, they went and sold everything they had so they could buy that pearl.

The parable about the dragnet

47 "The heavenly kingdom is also like a dragnet that was thrown into the lake and picked up everything from under the water. 48 When it was full,

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31 Another parable he_set_before to_them saying, the kingdom of_the heavens is Similar to_a_seed of_mustard, which a_man having_taken sowed in the field of_him, 32 which on_one_hand it_is smaller of_all the seeds, on_the_other_hand whenever it_ _may_be_grown is greater than the garden_plants and is_ _becoming a_tree, so_that the birds of_the sky to_come and to_ _be_nesting in the branches of_it.

33 Another parable he_spoke to_them: the kingdom of_the heavens is Similar to_leaven, which a_woman having_taken, hid_in in three satons of_wheat_flour, until all of_which was_ _leavened.

34 ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** spoke all these things in parables to_the crowds, and he_was_speaking nothing to_them without a_parable, 35 so_that the message may_be_fulfilled having_ _been_spoken by the prophet saying: I_will_be_opening_up the mouth of_me in parables, I_will_be_uttering things having_ _been_hidden from the_foundation of_the_world.

36 Then having_sent_away the crowds, he_came into the house. And the apprentices/followers of_him approached to_him saying: Explain to_us the parable of_the darnels of_the field. 37 And he answering said: The one sowing the good seed is the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man, 38 and the field is the world, and the good seed, these are the sons of_the kingdom, and the darnels are the sons of_the evil one, 39 and the enemy is, the one having_ _sown them, is the devil, and the harvest is the_completion of_ _the_age, and the harvesters are messengers. 40 Therefore as the darnels is_being_gathered and is_being_burned_up in_fire, thus it_will_be in the completion of_the age. 41 The son of_ ~~the~~ _ _man will_be_sending_out the messengers of_him, and they_ _will_be_gathering out_of the kingdom of_him all the temptations and the ones practicing ~~the~~ lawlessness, 42 and they_will_be_casting them into the furnace of_the fire, there will_be ~~the~~ weeping and ~~the~~ grating of_ ~~the~~ _teeth. 43 Then the righteous will_be_shining_forth as the sun in the kingdom of_ _the father of_them. The one having ears, let_him_be_hearing.

44 The kingdom of_the heavens is similar to_treasure having_ _been_hidden in the field, which a_man having_found hid, and from the joy of_it is_going and is_selling all as_much_as he_is_ _having, and is_buying ~~the~~ that field.

45 Furthermore the kingdom of_the heavens is similar to_a_ merchant _man seeking beautiful pearls, 46 and having_found one precious pearl, having_gone_away, he_has_sold all things as_many_as he_was_having, and bought it.

47 Furthermore the kingdom of_the heavens is similar to_a_ _dragnet having_been_throw into the sea and having_ _gathered_together of every kind, 48 which when it_was_filled, having_pulled_up on the shore and having_sat_down, they_

185 **RV 13:31 · Parallel** Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19

186 **RV 13:33 · Parallel** Luke 13:20-21

187 **RV 13:34 · Parallel** Mark 4:33-34

188 **RV 13:35 · Cross-ref.** Psa 78:2.

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_gathered the good into containers, and the bad they_throw out. **49** Thus it_will_be in the completion of_the age, the messengers will_be_coming_out, and will_be_setting_apart the evil from the_midst of_the righteous, **50** and they_will_be_ _casting them into the furnace of_the fire. There will_be ~~the~~ weeping and ~~the~~ grating of_ ~~the~~ _teeth. **51** You_all_understood all these things? They_are_saying to_him: Yes. **52** And he said to_them: Because_of this, every scribe having_been_trained in_ _the kingdom of_the heavens is similar to_a_man, a_home_ _owner, who is_sending_forth new things and old things out_of the treasure of_him.

53 And it_became when ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** finished the these parables, he_withdrew from_there. **54** And having_come into the hometown of_him, he_was_teaching them in the synagogue of_them, so_that them to_be_being_astonished and to_be_saying: From_where to_this man ~~the~~ this wisdom and the miracles received? **55** Is this not the son of_the carpenter? Not the mother of_him is_being_called Maria/(Miryām), and the brothers of_him, Yakōbos/(Yaʻaqov), and Yōsa^{y}f/(Yōşēf), and Simōn, and Youdas/(Yəhūdāh)? **56** And are not the sisters of_ _him all with us? Therefore from_where to_this man these things all received? **57** And they_were_being_offended at him. But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: A_prophet is not dishonourable, except ~~not/lest~~ in the hometown and in the house of_him. **58** And he_ not _did many miracles there, because_of the unbelief of_them.

14:1 At that ~~the~~ time, Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s the quarter_ruler heard the report of_**Ya^{y}sous**, **2** and he_said to_the servants of_him: This is Yōanna^{y}s the immerser, he was_raised from the dead, and because_of this the miracles are_working in him. **3** For/Because ~~the~~ Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s having_apprehended ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s, bound him and put_ him _away in prison, because_of Ha^{y}rōidias, the wife of_Filippos, the brother of_him. **4** For/Because ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s was_saying, to_him It_is_ not _permitting for_you to_be_having her. **5** And wanting to_kill_ him _off, he_was_afraid the crowd, because they_were_having him as a_prophet. **6** But for_the_ _birthday_celebrations of_ ~~the~~ _Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s having_become, the daughter of_ ~~the~~ _Ha^{y}rōidias danced in the midst and brought_ _pleasure to_ ~~the~~ _Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s, **7** whence with an_oath, he_ _promised to_give to_her whatever ~~if~~ she_may_request. **8** And ~~which~~ having_been_urged_on by the mother of_her: Give to_me, she_is_saying: here on a_platter, the head of_Yōanna^{y}s the immerser. **9** And the king was_sorrowed but because_of the oaths and the ones reclining, he_commanded it to_be_given. **10** And having_sent, he_beheaded Yōanna^{y}s in the prison. **11** And the head of_him was_brought on a_platter, and it_was_ _given to_the little_girl, and she_brought it to_the mother of_ _her. **12** And having_approached, the apprentices/followers of_

189 **RV 13:53 · Parallel** Mark 6:1-6; Luke 4:16-30

190 **RV 13:57 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 4:44.

191 **RV 14:1 · Parallel** Mark 6:14-29; Luke 9:7-9

192 **RV 14:3-4 · Cross-ref.** Luk 3:19-20.

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they pulled it up onto the beach and sat and sorted the catch—throwing the good catch into containers and throwing out the bad stuff. **49** It'll be just like that at the end of this age—God's messengers will come out and separate the evil people from the godly people, **50** and they'll throw the evil ones into the incinerator. There'll be crying and a lot of anguish.

51 "Did you all understand all of that?"

"Yes," his apprentices answered.

52 Then he said to them, "Because of this, every teacher who's been trained about the heavenly kingdom is like a home owner who gives presents of both new and old things of out their valuables."

Those from Nazaret cannot accept the messiah[189]

53 **After Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had finished explaining the parables, he left that place, **54** went to his hometown of Nazaret (Nazareth), and taught the people in the Jewish meeting hall. They were amazed at his teaching, asking each other, "Where did this fellow get his wisdom and his ability to do miracles? **55** Isn't he the son of Yosef (Joseph), the carpenter? Don't we know his mother Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam) and his brothers Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yosef and Shim'on (Simon) and Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas)? **56** Aren't his sisters still here in town? So where did he get all these abilities?" **57** As a result, they didn't have any respect for him.

But **Yeshua** said to them, "A prophet is not dishonoured except in his own hometown and among his own household."[190] **58** So he didn't do many miracles there because of their disbelief.

The beheading of Yohan-the-immerser[191]

14:1 Around that time, King Herodes (Herod) the Tetrarch heard the news **about Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), **2** and he said to his slaves, "This must be Yohan-the-immerser having come back from the dead, and so that's why he can do all these miracles!"

3 Herodes said this because he'd previously had Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) arrested and put in prison because of Herodias, his brother Filippos's (Philip's) wife.[192] **4** Yohan had been saying that it was against God's law for Herodes to take his brother's wife. **5** Herodes had been wanting to have Yohan executed, but he was afraid of the crowd because they considered Yohan to be a prophet.

6 However at Herodes's birthday celebration, Herodias's daughter had danced in front of them all and had pleased Herodes so much **7** that he promised with an oath to give her anything she requested.

8 The young woman was urged on by her mother to tell Herodes that she wanted Yohan-the-immerser's head on a plate.

9 The king was upset, but because of his oaths in front of the

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other guests, he commanded it to be so **10** and sent his soldiers to behead Yohan in prison. **11** So then his head was brought in on a plate and given to the young woman, who then took it to her mother. **12** Hearing the news, Yohan's apprentices went to the prison and collected his body and buried it. Then they went and told **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus).

The feeding of 5,000 families[193]

13 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) heard what had happened to Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), he got a boat to take him to a quiet place by himself, but the crowds from the cities heard about it, and followed him around the lake's shore on foot. **14** So when he got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd of people, and he felt compassion towards them, and he healed the sick people they'd brought.

15 As evening was approaching, his apprentices came up and requested, "This place is quite isolated, and it's already late. Send the people back into the villages so they can buy themselves something to eat."

16 "Oh, there's no need to send them away," **Yeshua** answered. "you apprentices give them something to eat."

17 "We don't have anything here" they responded, "except for five buns and two cooked fish."

18 "Bring them here to me," Yeshua instructed, **19** then he told the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five buns and two fish and, looking up to the sky, he said a blessing, broke the buns, and gave the pieces to his apprentices to distribute to the crowds. **20** Everyone there ate enough to be full, and then the apprentices picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread. **21** There were about five thousand families there.

Yeshua and Kefa walk on the lake[194]

22 Straight after that, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) instructed his apprentices to board the boat and to head back to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. **23** He sent them all back to their homes, then climbed up a hill by himself to pray. **24** By then the boat was in the middle of the lake, but it was being beaten by the waves because a strong wind had come up.

25 In the early hours of the morning, Yeshua went out to them on the lake, walking on the surface. **26** When his apprentices saw him coming over the lake, they were worried, thinking it was a ghost, and yelling out in fear.

27 But **Yeshua** answered them immediately, saying, "Be brave, I'm here, don't worry."

28 "**Master**," called Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), "if it's you, command me to come to you on the lake."

29 "Come!" he said. So Kefa climbed over the back of the boat and started walking across the lake towards **Yeshua**, **30** but when he looked around at the wind, he lost his nerve and started sinking, and he yelled out, "**Master**, save me!" **31** Immediately, **Yeshua** stretched out his hand and took hold of Kefa and said to him, "Your faith is weak. Why did you doubt?"

32 Then as soon as the two of them climbed into the boat, the

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_him took_away the corpse and buried him, and having_come, they_reported to_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**.

13 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_heard, withdrew from_there by boat to a_desolate place by himself. And having_heard it, the crowds followed after_him on_foot from the cities. **14** And having_ _come_out, he_saw a_ great _crowd, and he_was_feeling_ _compassion to them and healed the sick of_them. **15** And evening having_become, the apprentices/followers approached to_him saying: The place is desolate and the hour already passed_by, send_away the crowds, in_order_that having_gone_ _away into the villages, they_may_buy foods for_themselves. **16** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: They_are_having no need to_ _go_away. You_all give something to_them to_eat. **17** And they are_saying to_him: We_are_ not _having anything here, except ~~not/lest~~ five loaves and two fishes. **18** And he said: Be_bringing them here to_me. **19** And having_commanded the crowds to_ _be_sat_down on the grass, and having_taken the five loaves and the two fishes, having_looked_up to the sky, he_blessed and having_broke, gave the loaves to_the apprentices/followers, and the apprentices/followers to_the crowds. **20** And all ate and were_satisfied, and they_took_up the part being_leftover of_the fragments, twelve baskets full. **21** And the ones eating were about five_thousand men, apart_ _from women and little_children.

22 And immediately he_compelled the apprentices/followers to_board into the boat, and to_be_going_before him to the side across, until of_which he_may_send_away the crowds. **23** And having_sent_away the crowds, he_went_up on the mountain by himself to_pray. And evening having_become, he_was alone there. **24** And the boat was now the_midst the of_the_sea, being_tormented by the waves, because/for the wind was contrary. **25** And in_the_fourth watch of_the night, he_came to them walking on the sea. **26** And the apprentices/followers having_seen him walking on the sea were_disturbed saying, ~~that~~ It_is a_ghost, and they_cried_out in ~~the~~ fear. **27** But immediately ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** spoke to_them saying: Be_having_ _courage, I am here, be_ not _fearing. **28** And ~~the~~ Petros answering to_him, said: **master**, if you are, command me to_ _come to you on the waters. **29** And he said: Come. And Petros having_come_down from the boat, walked on the waters and came to ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**. **30** But seeing the mighty wind, he_was_ _afraid and having_begun to_be_being_sunk, he_cried_out saying: **master**, save me. **31** And immediately ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_stretched_out his hand, took_hold of_him and is_saying to_him: Little_faith one, because/for why you_doubted? **32** And of_them having_gone_up into the boat, the wind died_down. **33** And the ones in the boat prostrated before_him saying: Truly you_are the_son of_**god**.

193 **RV 14:13 · Parallel** Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; Yhn 6:1-14

194 **RV 14:22 · Parallel** Mark 6:45-52; Yhn 6:15-21

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34 And having_crossed_over, they_came to the land to Gennaʸsaret. 35 And having_recognised him, the men of_ ~~the~~ that _place sent_out to all ~~the~~ that surrounding_region, and brought to_him all the ones being sickly, 36 and they_were_ _begging him that they_may_ only _touch against_the fringe of_the garment of_him, and as_many_as touched were_cured.

15:1 Then Farisaios_party and scribes from Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) are_approaching ~~the~~ to_**Yaʸsous**, saying, 2 For/Because_ why _reason the apprentices/followers of_you are_breaking_from the tradition of_the elders? For/Because they_are_ not _washing their hands whenever they_may_be_eating bread. 3 And he answering said to_them: For/Because_ why _reason also you_all are_breaking_from the command of_ ~~the~~ _**god** because_of the tradition of_you_all? 4 For/Because ~~the~~ **god** commanded saying: Be_honouring the father and the mother, and: The one speaking_evil of_father or mother, let_be_dying in_death. 5 But you_all are_saying: Whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_say to_the father or the mother: Whatever ~~if~~ you_may_be_benefitted by me: A_gift, 6 by_no_ _means he_‹will›_ not _be_honouring the father of_him. And you_all_annulled the message of_ ~~the~~ _**god** because_of the tradition of_you_all. 7 Hypocrites. Aʸsaias/(Yəshaʿʸāh) rightly prophesied concerning you_all saying, 8 - This people is_ _honouring me the lips, and the heart of_them is_being_away far_away from me. 9 And they_are_worshipping me uselessly, teaching teachings as_the_commands of_humans.

10 And having_called_to the crowd, he_said to_them: Be_ _hearing and be_understanding. 11 Not the thing coming_in into the mouth is_defiling the person, but the thing going_out out_of the mouth, this is_defiling the person. 12 Then the apprentices/followers having_approached are_saying to_him: You_have_known that the Farisaios_party having_heard the statement were_offended? 13 But he answering said: Every plant that the the heavenly father of_me not planted will_be_ _being_uprooted. 14 Leave them, they_are blind guides and, if blind may_be_guiding blind, both will_be_falling into a_pit. 15 And ~~the~~ Petros answering said to_him: Interpret the parable to_us. 16 And he said: Are you_all even still unintelligent? 17 Are_you_all_understanding not_yet that everything ~~which~~ entering_in into the mouth, is_entering into the stomach, and is_being_thrown_out to the_latrine? 18 But the things going_ _out out_of the mouth, is_coming_out out_of the heart, and_ _those is_defiling the person. 19 For/Because out_of the heart

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wind died down 33 and everyone in the boat knelt down in front of Yeshua, saying, "You certainly must be **God's** son!"

The sick are healed just by touching Yeshua's clothes[195]

34 So then they finished crossing the lake and got out at Gennaisaret. 35 The people there recognised Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and sent news to the whole surrounding region. So the people brought all their sick relatives to him 36 and begged him even to just let them touch the edge of his robe, because everyone who did that was healed.

Obeying God versus tradition[196]

15:1 Then some people from the Farisaios' party and some religious teachers from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) arrived and asked **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), 2 "Why do your apprentices break the traditions handed down by our elders? They don't do the hand-washing ceremony before eating."

3 "Well why do you break **God's** command because of your tradition?" Yeshua responded. 4 "**God** told us to honour our fathers and mothers,[197] and also that anyone who speaks evil about their father or mother deserves the death penalty.[198] 5 But if someone tells their father or mother that whatever help they may have expected from them is now given away as a gift, then you people say 6 that they're not actually dishonouring their parents. So by saying that, you're overriding **God's** message with your own tradition. 7 You hypocrites! The prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) was right about you people when he wrote:

8 'These people honour me with their lips,
But their hearts are far away from me.
9 Their worship of me is useless,
They teach human ideas as if they're commands.' "[199]

True 'dirtiness'[200]

10 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) called out to the crowd, "Listen carefully so you can understand this: 11 It's not what goes into your mouth that defiles you, but rather, it's what comes out of your mouth."

12 His apprentices then came up to him and told him, "You know that the Farisaios were offended by what you just said?"

13 "Every plant," Yeshua answered, "that wasn't planted by my heavenly father will get pulled out. 14 Just ignore them. They're blind guides, and if a blind person's leading another blind person, both of them will stumble into a pit."[201]

15 But Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) asked him, "So explain your saying to us."

16 "Can't you figure it out yet?" Yeshua replied. 17 "Can't you apprentices see that everything that goes into your mouth then goes down into your stomach, and eventually ends up in the toi-

195 **RV 14:34 · Parallel** Mark 6:53-56
196 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** Mark 7:1-13
197 **RV 15:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.
198 **RV 15:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:17; Lev 20:9.
199 **RV 15:8-9 · Cross-ref.** Isa 29:13 (LXX).
200 **RV 15:10 · Parallel** Mark 7:14-23
201 **RV 15:14 · Cross-ref.** Luk 6:39.

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let? **18** But the things that come out of your mouth are coming from your mind, and that's what defiles a person.[202] **19** After all, lust, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, stealing, falsely accusing, and slander, these all come out of the mind. **20** It's those things that defile a person, not eating without ceremonially washing your hands."

The non-Jewish woman with amazing faith[203]

21 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left Galil and went out to the districts of Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon). **22** Then, look, a woman from that area and of Kena'ani (Canaanite) ancestry came to him and called out, "**Master**, David's descendant, my daughter is suffering from demon possession."

23 But Yeshua didn't even answer her. So his apprentices came up and suggested, "Send her away, because she's still yelling out back there."

24 Yeshua answered, "I was only sent to the lost sheep that descended from Yisrael (Israel)."

25 But she came and knelt down in front of him, begging, "**Master**, help me."

26 "It's not good," Yeshua responded, "to take the children's food off them and throw it out to the puppies."

27 "True, **master**," she said, "but even the puppies eat the little crumbs that fall off their masters' table."

28 "Dear lady" **Yeshua** answered, "you have lots of faith, so what you asked for will become reality." And so her daughter was healed that very hour.

Yeshua heals many different afflictions

29 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left that place, and after walking along Lake Galil, he climbed up a hill and sat down. **30** Big crowds came up to him, bringing people who were lame, maimed, blind, or mute, and many others, and they laid them down in front of him, and he healed them. **31** The crowds marvelled, seeing people speaking who'd been mute, and maimed people now healthy, and lame people walking, and blind people now seeing, and they praised Yisrael's (Israel's) **God**.

The feeding of 4,000 families[204]

32 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) called his apprentices and told them, "I feel sorry for this crowd because they've been out here with me for three days and haven't had anything to eat, but I'm not happy to just send them away hungry, in case they collapse on the way home."

33 "Out here in the wilderness," replied his apprentices, "where could we possibly get enough bread to feed a crowd this size?"

34 "How many buns do you have?" asked **Yeshua**.

"Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."

35 Then, instructing the crowd to sit down on the ground, **36** he took the seven buns and the fish, and gave thanks. Then he broke them apart and gave the pieces to his apprentices to dis-

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are_coming_out evil speculations, murders, adulteries, sexual_ _immorality, thefts, false_witnesses, slander. **20** These is the things defiling the person, but the one to_eat with_unwashed hands, is_ not _defiling the person.

21 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_come_out from_there, withdrew to the districts of_Turos/(Tsor) and Sidōn/(Tsīdōn). **22** And see, a_ member_of_Kananita^{y}s _woman having_come_ _out from the those regions, was_crying_out saying: Show_ _mercy to_me, **master**, son of_Dawid/(Dāvid), the daughter of_ _me is_being_ sickly _demon_possessed. **23** But he not answered a_message to_her. And the apprentices/followers of_him having_approached, were_asking him saying: Send_ her _away, because she_is_crying_out behind us. **24** But he answering said: I_was_ not _sent_out except ~~not/lest~~ to the ~~which~~ having_lost sheep of_the_house of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrāʼēl). **25** But she having_ _come was_prostrating to_him saying: **master**, be_giving_help to_me. **26** And he answering said: It_is not good to_take the bread of_the children and to_throw it to_the little_dogs. **27** But she said: Yes, **master**, because/for even the little_dogs is_ _eating of the little_crumbs ~~which~~ falling from the table of_the masters of_them. **28** Then ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answering said to_her: Oh woman, great is the faith of_you, let_it_be_become to_you as you_are_wanting. And the daughter of_her was_healed from ~~the~~ that hour.

29 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_departed from_there, came along the sea of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl), and having_gone_up on the mountain, he_was_sitting there. **30** And great crowds approached to_him, having with themselves lame, maimed, blind, mute, and many others, and they_laid_ them _down before the feet of_him, and he_healed them, **31** so_that the crowds to_marvel, seeing mute speaking, maimed healthy, and lame walking, and blind seeing, and they_glorified the **god** of_ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrāʼēl).

32 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_called_to the apprentices/followers of_him said: I_am_feeling_compassion for the crowd, because already they_are_remaining with_me three days, and they_are_ not _having anything they_may_eat, and I_am_ not _willing to_send_ them _away hungry, lest they_ _may_be_exhausted on the way. **33** And the apprentices/followers are_saying to_him: From_where to_us in a_wilderness, so_many loaves so_as to_satisfy so_much crowd? **34** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_them: How_many loaves are_ _you_all_having? And they said: Seven, and a_few little_fishes. **35** And having_commanded to_the crowd to_sit_down on the ground, **36** he_took the seven loaves and the fishes, and having_ _given_thanks he_broke them and was_giving them to_the apprentices/followers, and the apprentices/followers to_the crowds. **37** And all ate and were_satisfied, and they_took_up

202 RV 15:18 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:34.

203 RV 15:21 · Parallel Mark 7:24-30

204 RV 15:32 · Parallel Mark 8:1-10

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seven baskets full, the part of_the fragments being_leftover.
38 And the ones eating were four_thousand men, apart_from women and little_children. **39** And having_sent_away the crowds, he_boarded into the boat and came to the regions of_ _Magadan.
16:1 And the Farisaios_party and Saddoukaios_sect having_ _approached, tempting him they_asked him for_a_sign out_of the sky to_show to_them. **2** But he answering said to_them, **3** ◘ **4** A_ evil and adulterous _generation is_seeking_after a_sign, and a_sign ‹will›_ not _be_being_given to_it, except ~~not/lest~~ the sign of_Yōnas/(Yōnāh). And having_left them he_went_away.

5 And the apprentices/followers having_come to the side across, they_forgot to_take loaves. **6** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_them: Be_watching and be_ _taking_heed of the leaven of_the Farisaios_party and Saddoukaios_sect. **7** And they were_reasoning among themselves saying, ~~that~~ we_ not _took Loaves. **8** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_known, said: Why are_you_all_reasoning among yourselves, little_faith ones, because you_all_are_ not _having loaves? **9** You_all_are_ not_yet _understanding, neither are_ _you_all_remembering the five loaves of_the five_thousand, and how_many baskets you_all_took? **10** Nor the seven loaves of_the four_thousand, and how_many baskets you_all_took? **11** How you_all_are_ not _understanding that I_spoke to_you_all not concerning the_loaves? And be_taking_heed of the leaven of_the Farisaios_party and Saddoukaios_sect. **12** Then they_ _understood that he_ not _said to_be_taking_heed of the leaven of_the loaves, but of the teaching of_the Farisaios_party and Saddoukaios_sect.

13 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_come into the districts of_Kaisareia ~~which~~ Filippou, was_asking the apprentices/followers of_him saying: Whom are_ the people _saying the son of_ ~~the~~ _man to_ _be? **14** And they said: The ones on_one_hand Yōanna^{y}s the immerser, on_the_other_hand others A^{y}lias/(ʼĒliy^{yāh}), on_the_ _other_hand others Yeremias/(Yirmə^{yāh}) or one of_the prophets. **15** He_is_saying to_them: But you_all, whom are_ _saying me to_be? **16** And Simōn Petros answering said: You are the **chosen_one/messiah**, the son of_the ~~which~~ living **god**. **17** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answering said to_him: You_ _are blessed, Simōn Barjonah, because flesh and blood not revealed_it to_you, but the father of_me, who is in the heavens.

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tribute to the crowds. **37** Everyone ate, and when they were full, they collected seven baskets full of the leftover food. **38** There were about four thousand families there.

39 After sending the crowds home, Yeshua got into the boat, and they went to the regions of Magadan.

Requesting a sign in the sky[205]

16:1 Some people from the Farisaios' party and some from the Saddoukaios (Sadducee) sect approached Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), and, trying to tempt him, they asked him to make a sign in the sky to show his power to them.[206] **2** But he replied, **3** ◘ **4** "This is an evil and adulterous generation that's wanting a sign, and no sign will be given to it except for the sign of Yonah (Jonah)."[207] Then he left them and went away.

The yeast of the Farisaios and Saddoukaios[208]

5 Now Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices had crossed the lake, but they forgot to take any bread, **6** and **Yeshua** told them, "Watch out for the yeast from the Farisaios and the Saddoukaios (Sadducees)."[209]

7 This caused a discussion among them, trying to figure out if he was scolding them for not bringing any bread.

8 But **Yeshua** knew what they were saying, and asked them, "You people with little faith, why are you talking to each other about not having bread? **9** Haven't you understood what's going on here yet? Don't you remember that there were twelve baskets of leftovers when five buns were used to feed 5,000 families?[210] **10** And then seven baskets of leftovers when seven buns were used to feed 4,000 families?[211] **11** How can you fail to understand that I wasn't talking to you about bread? Watch out for the yeast from the Farisaios and Saddoukaios.

12 Then they understood that he wasn't talking about yeast that's used to make bread, but about the teachings of the Farisaios' party and of the Saddoukaios sect.

Kefa acknowledges Yeshua as God's son[212]

13 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) arrived in the outskirts of Kaisareia-Filippi (Caesarea Philippi), he asked his apprentices, "Who are people saying the son of humanity *is*?"

14 "Some say Yohan-the-immerser come back to life," they answered, "but others say the promised prophet Eliyah (Elijah), and others, Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) or one of the other prophets."[213]

15 "But you yourselves," he asked, "Who do *you* say I am?"

16 "You're the promised **messiah**," Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Pe-

205 **RV 16:1 · Parallel** Mark 8:11-13; Luke 12:54-56
206 **RV 16:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:38; Luk 11:16.
207 **RV 16:4 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:39; Luk 11:29.
208 **RV 16:5 · Parallel** Mark 8:14-21
209 **RV 16:6 · Cross-ref.** Luk 12:1.
210 **RV 16:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 14:17-21.
211 **RV 16:10 · Cross-ref.** Mat 15:34-38.
212 **RV 16:13 · Parallel** Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21
213 **RV 16:14 · Cross-ref.** Mat 14:1-2; Mrk 6:14-15; Luk 9:7-8.

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ter; Grk. Petros) answered, "the son of the living **god**."[214]

17 Then **Yeshua** answered, "You are blessed, Shim'on BarYonah, because it wasn't any person that revealed that to you, but rather, my father who's in the heavens. **18** And I can add that you're Kefa (meaning 'rock'), and I'll build my assembly on that rock, and hell's gates won't be able to hold it back. **19** I'll give you the heavenly kingdom's keys, and whatever you restrain on the earth will be restrained in the heavens, and whatever you free on the earth will be freed in the heavens."[215]

20 Then he instructed his apprentices not to tell anyone that he's the **messiah**.

Yeshua talks about future suffering and death[216]

21 From that time onwards, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) began showing his apprentices that he needed to go to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and to suffer at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and religious teachers there, before being executed and then coming back to life on the third day.

22 But Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) took him aside and started telling him off, saying, "Goodness gracious, **master**, this certainly won't happen to you."

23 Yeshua turned towards Kefa and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You're tempting me because you're not thinking in a godly way, but only in human terms."

24 Then **Yeshua** told his apprentices, "If anyone wants to follow me, they need to suppress their own desires and be ready to sacrifice and to suffer, and then follow me,[217] **25** because anyone who wants to save their life will lose it, but anyone who loses their life on my account will find it.[218] **26** What help would it be to a person if they gain everything in the world, and yet lose their soul? Or put another way, what could a person give in exchange for their soul? **27** The son of humanity is going to return displaying his father's splendour, accompanied by his messengers,[219] and then he'll reward each individual according to their behaviour.[220] **28** I can assure you that some people standing here won't experience death until they first see the son of humanity coming as king."

Yeshua's face shines brightly[221]

17:1 After six days, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) took Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and his brother Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), and they went up a high hill by themselves, **2** and Yeshua was changed in front of them so that his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. **3** Then look, Mosheh (Moses) and Eliyah (Elijah) appeared, and the

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18 And also_I am_saying to_you that you are Petros, but on this ~~the~~ rock I_will_be_building the assembly of_me, and the_gates of_Haida^{y}s ‹will› not _be_prevailing against_it. **19** I_will_be_ _giving the keys of_the kingdom of_the heavens, to_you, and whatever ~~if~~ you_may_bind on the earth, will_be having_been_ _bound in the heavens, and whatever ~~if~~ you_may_untie/release on the earth, will_be having_been_untied/released in the heavens. **20** Then he_instructed to_the apprentices/followers that they_may_say to_no_one that he is the **chosen_ _one/messiah**.

21 From then ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** began to_be_ _showing to_the apprentices/followers of_him that it_is_fitting him to_go_away to Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), and to_suffer many things from the elders, and chief_priests, and scribes, and to_be_killed_off and on_the third day to_be_raised. **22** And ~~the~~ Petros having_taken_aside him, he_began to_be_giving_ _rebuke to_him saying: Merciful be to_you, **master**, by_no_ _means this will_ not _be to_you. **23** But he having_been_turned said to_ ~~the~~ _Petros: Be_going behind me, Satan/(Sāṭān). You_ _are a_temptation of_me, because you_are_ not _thinking the things of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, but the things ~~the~~ of_humans. **24** Then ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_the apprentices/followers of_ _him: If anyone is_wanting to_come after me, let_him_ _renounce himself, and let_him_take_up the stake of_him, and let_him_be_following after_me. **25** For/Because whoever ~~if~~ may_be_wanting to_save the life of_him will_be_losing it, but whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_lose the life of_him on_account me, will_ _be_finding it. **26** For/Because what ‹will› a_person _be_being_ _benefitted, if he_may_gain the whole world, but the soul of_ _him may_be_lost? Or what ‹will› a_person _be_giving as_an_ _exchange for_the soul of_him? **27** For/Because the son of_ ~~the~~ _ _man is_going to_be_coming in the glory of_the father of_him with the messengers of_him, and then he_will_be_giving_back to_each according_to the practice of_him. **28** Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that are some of_the ones having_stood here who by_no_means may_ not _taste of_death, until ~~wishfully~~ they_ _may_see the son of_ ~~the~~ _man coming in the kingdom of_him.

17:1 And after six days, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_taking ~~the~~ Petros, and Yakōbos/(Ya$'_{a}$qov), and Yōanna^{y}s, the brother of_him, and he_ _is_bringing_up them into a_ high _mountain by themselves. **2** And he_was_transformed before them, and the face of_him shined as the sun, and the clothes of_him became white as the light. **3** And see, Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) and A^{y}lias/(ʾĒliy^{yāh}) was_ _seen to_them conversing_with with him. **4** And ~~the~~ Petros answering, said to_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**: **master**, it_is

214 **RV 16:16 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 6:68-69.

215 **RV 16:19 · Cross-ref.** Mat 18:18; Yhn 20:23.

216 **RV 16:21 · Parallel** Mark 8:31–9:1; Luke 9:22-27

217 **RV 16:24 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:38; Luk 14:27.

218 **RV 16:25 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:39; Luk 17:33; Yhn 12:25.

219 **RV 16:27 · Cross-ref.** Mat 25:31.

220 **RV 16:27 · Cross-ref.** Psa 62:12; Rom 2:6.

221 **RV 17:1 · Parallel** Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36

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good us to_be here. If you_are_wanting, I_will_be_making three tents here, one for_you, and one for_Mōsaʸs, and one for_Aʸlias. **5** Him still speaking, see, a_ bright _cloud overshadowed them, and see, a_voice out_of the cloud saying: This is the son of_me, the beloved in whom I_took_pleasure, be_hearing from_him. **6** And having_heard it, the apprentices/followers fell on face of_them and they_were_ exceedingly _afraid. **7** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** approached and having_touched against_them he_said: Be_ _raised and be_ not _fearing. **8** And having_lifted_up the eyes of_them, they_saw no_one except only **Yaʸsous** ~~not/lest~~ himself. **9** And them coming_down from the mountain, ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** commanded to_them saying, you_all_may_tell the vision To_ _no_one, until of_which the son of_ ~~the~~ _man may_rise_up from the_dead. **10** And the apprentices/followers of_him asked him saying: Why therefore are_ the scribes _saying that Aʸlias it_is_ _fitting to_come first? **11** And he answering said: Aʸlias on_one_ _hand is_coming and will_be_restoring all things, **12** on_the_ _other_hand I_am_saying to_you_all that Aʸlias/(ʾĒliyʸāh) already came and they_ not _knew him, but they_did with him as_much_as they_wanted. Thus also the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_ _going to_be_suffering by them. **13** Then the apprentices/followers understood that he_spoke to_them concerning Yōannaʸs the immerser.

14 And of_having_come to the crowd, a_man approached to_ _him kneeling before_him **15** and saying: **master**, show_mercy to_the son of_me, because he_is_being_epileptic and is_having sickly, because/for often he_is_falling into the fire, and often into the water. **16** And I_brought him to_the apprentices/followers of_you, and they_were_ not _able to_heal him. **17** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** answering said: Oh unbelieving generation and having_been_perverted, until when will_ I _be with you_all? Until when ‹will› I_be_tolerating of_you_all? Be_bringing him here to_me. **18** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** gave_rebuke to_it, and the demon came_out from him, and the boy was_healed from ~~the~~ that hour. **19** Then the apprentices/followers having_approached by themselves to_ ~~the~~ _**Yaʸsous** said: for_ Why _reason we were_ not _able to_ _throw_ it _out? **20** And he is_saying to_them: Because_of the little_faith of_you_all. For/Because truly I_am_saying to_you_ _all, if you_all_may_be_having faith as a_seed of_mustard, you_ _all_will_be_saying to_ ~~the~~ this _mountain: Move from_here to_ _there, and it_will_be_moving, and nothing will_be_unattaining for_you_all.

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three apprentices could see them talking with Yeshua. **4** Then Kefa spoke up and said **to Yeshua**, "**Master**, it's good that we're here. If you want, I could make three shelters here: one for you, one for Mosheh, and one for Eliyah."

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud came over the top of them, and wow, a voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is my dear son that I get great pleasure from.[222] Just listen to him."[223]

6 When the three apprentices heard the voice, they lay face down and were extremely scared. **7** But **Yeshua** went across to them, and touching them, he said, "Get up now and don't be afraid," **8** and when they looked around, they didn't see anyone other than **Yeshua** himself.

9 As they started heading down the hill, **Yeshua** instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you saw until after the son of humanity comes back to life."

10 So his apprentices asked him, "Why do the religious teachers say that Eliyah (Elijah) has to come before the messiah?"[224]

11 "In a way, Eliyah is coming," he said, "and he'll restore everything. **12** But I'm also telling you that in another way, Eliyah already came, and they didn't recognise him. Instead, they mistreated him just however they wanted,[225] and the son of humanity will suffer from their actions like that too."

13 Then the apprentices realised that he was talking to them about Yohan-the-immerser.

Yeshua drives a demon out of a boy[226]

14 When they got back to the crowd, a man approached Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and knelt down in front of him, **15** saying, "**Master**, show mercy to my son, because he has seizures and isn't well, often falling into the fire or the water. **16** I brought him to your apprentices, but they weren't able to heal him."

17 "Oh you unbelieving and depraved generation," **Yeshua** answered, "how much longer will I have to be with you people? How much longer can I tolerate you people? Bring your son here to me." **18** Then **Yeshua** rebuked the demon and it came out of the boy, who was healed that very hour.

19 Later, the apprentices went by themselves **to Yeshua** and asked him why they hadn't been able to drive away the demon.

20 "It's because your faith is so small," he told them, "because I can assure you that if your faith was as big as a mustard seed, you'd be able to command a mountain to move, and it would move, and then there'd be nothing that you apprentices couldn't do."[227]

222 **RV 17:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:2; Psa 2:7; Isa 42:1; Mat 3:17; 12:18; Mrk 1:11; Luk 3:22.

223 **RV 17:5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 18:15.

224 **RV 17:10 · Cross-ref.** Mal 4:5.

225 **RV 17:12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 11:14.

226 **RV 17:14 · Parallel** Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43a

227 **RV 17:20 · Cross-ref.** Mat 21:21; Mrk 11:23; 1Cor 13:2.

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Yeshua speaks again about his forthcoming death[228]

21 ◘ 22 Another time when they were all together in Galil, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "The son of humanity is going to be handed over to the people, 23 and they're going to kill him, and then he'll come back to life on the third day." Those listening were very upset.

Paying the temple tax

24 Then when they got to Kafarnaoum (Capernaum), the tax-collectors collecting the poll tax[229] approached Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and asked him, "Isn't your teacher going to pay the tax?"

25 "Yes, he will." replied Kefa.

Then when he went inside the house, before he could say anything, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) asked him, "What do you think, Shim'on (Simon)? Do this world's kings extract taxes from their own children, or from strangers?"

26 "From strangers," answered Kefa.

"So surely the children are exempt?", **Yeshua** responded, 27 "but so that we don't offend them, go down to the lake and throw in a line. Pull out the first fish that you hook, and when you open its mouth, you'll find a coin that'll be enough to pay the tax for both of us."

Who is the greatest?[230]

18:1 Around that time, **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices approached him and asked him, "So who'll be the greatest in the heavenly kingdom?"[231]

2 Yeshua called in a small child, stood the child in the middle of the room, 3 and said, "I can assure you all that if you don't change to become like a small child, you certainly won't enter the heavenly kingdom,[232] 4 so anyone who makes themself humble like this small child is greater in the heavenly kingdom. 5 Anyone who accepts a small child like this in my name is accepting me.

6 "But anyone who causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would have been better for that person if a heavy stone had been hung around their neck and they'd been sunk in the deep lake. 7 The world suffers due to temptations, because it's necessary for temptations to come, but it won't be good for the person who brings the temptation.

8 "If your hand or foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away, because it's better for you to enter eternal life maimed or lame than to be thrown into the eternal fire with two hands and two feet.[233] 9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away, because it's better for you to enter eternal life with only one eye than to be thrown into the pit of fire with two eyes.[234]

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21 ◘ 22 And them being_gathered in ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: The son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_going to_be_ _being_given_over into the_hands of_people, 23 and they_will_ _be_killing_ him _off, and on_the third day he_will_be_being_ _raised. And they_were_ exceedingly _sorrowed.

24 And them having_come to Kafarna'oum, the ones receiving the two_drachmas approached to_ ~~the~~ _Petros and said: The teacher of_you_all is_ not _paying the two_drachmas? 25 He_is_ _saying: Yes. And having_come into the house, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** preceded him saying: What is_supposing to_you, Simōn? The kings of_the earth are_receiving revenues or poll_tax from whom_all? From the sons of_them or from ~~the~~ strangers? 26 ~~the~~ Petros is_saying to_him From the strangers. And he_having_said: From the strangers, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_ _saying to_him: Consequently surely the_free ones are the sons. 27 But in_order_that we_may_ not _offend them, having_ _been_gone to sea, throw a_fish_hook and take_up the first fish having_gone_up, and having_opened_up the mouth of_it, you_ _will_be_finding a_stater, having_taken that, give to_them for me and you.

18:1 In that ~~the~~ hour the apprentices/followers approached to_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous** saying: Who consequently is the_greater in the kingdom of_the heavens? 2 And having_called_to a_little_child, he_stood it in midst of_them 3 and said: Truly, I_am_saying to_ _you_all, if you_all_may_ not _be_turned and may_become as the little_children, by_no_means you_all_may_ not _come_in into the kingdom of_the heavens. 4 Therefore whoever will_be_ _humbling himself as the this little_child, this one is the greater in the kingdom of_the heavens. 5 And whoever ~~if~~ may_ _receive one such little_child in the name of_me, is_receiving me. 6 But whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_stumble one of_ ~~the~~ these _ _little ones ~~which~~ believing in me, it_is_benefitting for_him that a_ heavy _grinding_stone may_be_hanged around the neck of_ _him, and may_be_sunk in the depth of_the sea. 7 Woe to_the world because_of the temptations. For/Because it_is necessity the temptations to_come, however woe to_the that person by whom the temptation is_coming. 8 And if the hand of_you or the foot of_you is_stumbling you, cut_ it _off and throw it from you, it_is better for_you to_come_in into ~~the~~ life maimed or lame, than to_be_thrown into the ~~the~~ eternal fire having two hands or two feet. 9 And if the eye of_you is_stumbling you, pluck_out it and throw it from you, it_is better for_you to_ _come_in into ~~the~~ life one-eyed, than to_be_thrown into the geenna of_ ~~the~~ _fire having two eyes.

228 **RV 17:21 · Parallel** Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43b-45

229 **RV 17:24 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:13; 38:26.

230 **RV 18:1 · Parallel** Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48; 17:1-2

231 **RV 18:1 · Cross-ref.** Luk 22:24.

232 **RV 18:3 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 10:15; Luk 18:17.

233 **RV 18:8 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:30.

234 **RV 18:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:29.

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10 Be_seeing you_all_may_ not _despise of_one of_ ~~the~~ these _ _little ones, because/for I_am_saying to_you_all that the messengers of_them in the_heavens, through everything are_ _seeing the face of_the father of_me, who is in the_heavens.
11 ◘ **12** What is_it_supposing to_you_all? If it_may_become to_ _a_certain man a_hundred sheep, and one of them may_be_ _strayed, not, having_left the ninety nine on the mountains and having_been_gone, is_seeking the sheep being_strayed?
13 And if he_may_become to_find it, truly, I_am_saying to_you_ _all that he_is_rejoicing over it more than over the ninety nine ~~which~~ not having_been_strayed. **14** Thus is not the_will before the father of_you_all, who is in the_heavens, that may_perish one of_ ~~the~~ these _little ones.

15 And if the brother of_you may_sin, be_going, rebuke him between you and him only. If he_may_hear from_you, you_ _gained the brother of_you. **16** But if he_may_ not _hear, take one or two more with you in_order_that on the_mouth of_two or three witnesses, every message may_be_established. **17** And if he_may_refuse_to_hear from_them, tell to_the assembly. And if he_may_ also _refuse_to_hear from_the assembly, him_let_be to_you as the pagan and the tax_collector.

18 Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, as_much_as ~~wishfully~~ you_all_ _may_bind on the earth, will_be having_been_bound in heaven, and as_much_as ~~if~~ you_all_may_untie/release on the earth, will_be having_been_untied/released in heaven.
19 Furthermore truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that if two of you_ _all on the earth may_agree_together concerning any matter, of_whatever ~~if~~ they_may_request, it_will_be_becoming for_ _them by the father of_me, who is in the_heavens.
20 For/Because where are two or three having_been_gathered_ _together in the my name, there I_am in the_midst of_them.
21 Then ~~the~~ Petros having_approached, said to_him: **master**, how_often ‹will›_ the brother of_me _be_sinning against me, and I_will_be_forgiving to_him? Up_to seven_times? **22** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** is_saying to_him: I_am_ not _saying to_ _you up_to seven_times, but up_to seventy_times seven.
23 Because_of this the kingdom of_the heavens was_likened to_ _a_man, a_king, who wanted to_settle_accounts account with the slaves of_him. **24** And of_him having_begun to_be_settling_ _accounts, one a_debtor of_ten_thousand talantons_of_silver was_brought to_him. **25** But of_him not having means to_give_ _back, the master commanded him to_be_sold, and the wife, and the children, and all things as_many_as was_having, and payment to_be_given_back. **26** Therefore the slave having_ _fallen, was_prostrating to_him saying: Master, be_patient with

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Finding the lost sheep[235]

10 "Make sure that you apprentices don't despise any of these little ones, because I'm telling you that their messengers in the heavens are always in front of my father who's in the heavens.
11 ◘[236] **12** "What do you think about this? A man had a hundred sheep, and one of them strayed away. Won't he leave the ninety-nine there in the hills and go and look for the sheep that was missing? **13** And if he happens to find it, I can assure you that he'll be happier about that one than about the ninety-nine who never strayed away. **14** In the same way, your father in the heavens doesn't want even one of these little ones to die.

Confronting an offender

15 "If a fellow believer sins, go where there's just the two of you and rebuke that person privately. If they listen to you, you've gained back a fellow believer.[237] **16** But if they don't listen to you, take one or two others with you, so that there'll be two or three witnesses to verify the message.[238] **17** Then if that person still refuses to listen, tell the whole assembly. If they still refuse to hear from the assembly, treat them like a non-believer or a tax-collector.[239]

Restricting and releasing

18 "I can assure you that whatever you restrain on earth will be restrained in heaven, and whatever you set free on earth will be set free in heaven.[240]
19 "Again, I can assure you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they request in prayer, then my father who's in the heavens will action it, **20** because any place where two or three people have gathered together in my name and authority, I'll be right there among them."

The importance of forgiveness

21 Then Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) approached Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked, "**Master**, how often can someone sin against me and I'll still have to forgive them?"[241]
22 "I won't say seven times," **Yeshua** answered, "but seventy times seven times![242]
23 "It's because of this that the heavenly kingdom can be likened to a king who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. **24** So when he began the process, a man was brought in who owed him tens of millions, **25** but since he had no way of repaying it, the master commanded for him and his wife and children and all their possessions to be sold to help pay off the debt.

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235 RV 18:10 · Parallel Luke 15:3-7

236 RV 18:11 · Note Some Greek manuscripts add in the text of Luke 19:10 here: because the son of humanity came to look for those who are lost, and save them.

237 RV 18:15 · Cross-ref. Luk 17:3.

238 RV 18:16 · Cross-ref. Deu 19:15.

239 RV 18:17 · Note Some might read this as a command to shun the person, but perhaps it would be better read as 'treat them as a lost person who needs to be saved'?

240 RV 18:18 · Cross-ref. Mat 16:19; Yhn 20:23.

241 RV 18:21-22 · Cross-ref. Luk 17:3-4.

242 RV 18:22 · Cross-ref. Gen 4:24.

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26 Then that slave dropped to the ground and prostrated himself to the master, saying, 'Master, give me a little more time, and then I'll be able to repay it all to you.' 27 So the master felt sorry for that slave and sent him away and forgave his loan.

28 "But when the slave got outside, he found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a few thousand. He grabbed him and was strangling him with his hands, saying, 'Give back what you owe!' 29 The fellow slave dropped to the ground and begged him, 'Give me a little more time and I'll repay you.' 30 But the other wasn't willing, and he went and had the man thrown into prison until he repaid what he owed. 31 The other slaves who'd observed all this were very upset, so they went and informed the master about what had happened. 32 So then the master called in the slave that he'd forgiven and told him, 'You evil slave! I forgave you that entire debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Wouldn't it have been reasonable for you also to have shown mercy to your fellow slave just like I was merciful to you?' 34 Then the master, who was now quite angry, handed him over to the torturers until he could repay everything that he owed.

35 "So that's how my heavenly father will treat you if you don't genuinely forgive others around you."

Yeshua answers about divorce[243]

19:1 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had finished saying these things, he left Galil and went to the Yehudah (Judea) regions on the other side of the Yarden (Jordan) River, 2 and large crowds followed him, and he healed them.

3 Some people from the Farisaios' party approached him to test him by asking, "Is there any cause for which a man can dismiss his wife?"

4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that God made them male and female from the beginning?[244] 5 And then how he said, 'A man will leave his parents and be joined together with his wife, and then the two of them will be a single body'?[245] 6 So then, they're no longer two but are now one body, therefore don't let any person separate what **God** has joined together."

7 "So why did Mosheh (Moses) allow us to give her divorce papers and then send her away?" they asked him.[246]

8 "It was because of your hard hearts that Mosheh allowed you to send away your wife," Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) answered, "but it wasn't like that at the beginning. 9 Now I'm telling you that anyone who divorces his wife, except in the case of sexual immorality, and then remarries, is responsible for sexual cheating. Also, if the woman who was sent away remarries, then she's responsible for cheating, too.[247]

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me, and I_will_be_giving_ all things _back to_you. 27 And the master having_been_feeling_compassion, of_ ~~the~~ that _slave sent_ him _away, and he_forgave the loan to_him. 28 But ~~the~~ that slave having_come_out, found one of_the fellow-slaves of_ _him, who was_owing a_hundred da^{y}narion_coins to_him, and having_apprehended him, he_was_strangling him saying: Give_ _back if anything you_are_owing. 29 Therefore the fellow-slave of_him having_fallen, was_imploring him saying: Be_patient with me, and I_will_be_giving_back to_you. 30 And ~~which~~ he_ _was_ not _willing, but having_gone_away, he_throw him into prison, until he_may_give_back the thing being_owed. 31 Therefore the fellow-slaves of_him, having_seen the things having_become, they_were_ exceedingly _sorrowed, and having_come they_explained to_the master of_themselves all the things having_become. 32 Then the master of_him, having_ _called_to him, is_saying to_him: Evil slave, I_forgave to_you all that ~~the~~ obligation, because you_implored me. 33 Not was_it_ _fitting you also to_show_mercy to_the fellow-slave of_you, as also_I shown_mercy to_you? 34 And the master of_him having_ _been_angered, gave_ him _over to_the tormentors, until of_ _which he_may_give_back everything ~~which~~ being_owed to_him. 35 Thus also the ~~the~~ heavenly father of_me will_be_doing to_ _you_all, if you_all_may_ not _forgive each to_the brother of_ _him from the hearts of_you_all.

19:1 And it_became, when ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** finished ~~the~~ these messages, he_withdrew from ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl) and came to the regions of_ ~~the~~ _Youdaia beyond the Yordana^{y}s/(Yardēn). 2 And great crowds followed after_him, and he_healed them there. 3 And the_Farisaios_party approached to_him, testing him and saying: - Is_it_permitting to_send_away the wife of_ _him according_to any cause? 4 And which answering he_said: You_all_ not _read that he having_made them from beginning: made them male and female? 5 And he_said: On_account of_ _this a_man will_be_leaving his father and his mother, and will_ _be_being_joined_together with_the wife of_him, and the two will_be into one flesh? 6 So_that they_ no_longer _are two, but one flesh. Therefore what ~~the~~ **god** joined_together, let_ man not _be_separating. 7 They_are_saying to_him: Therefore why Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) commanded to_give a_scroll of_divorce and to_send_ her _away? 8 He_is_saying to_them, ~~that~~ For/Because the hard_heart of_you_all, Mōsa^{y}s permitted to_you_all to_ _send_away the wives of_you_all, but from the_beginning it_ _has_ not _become thus. 9 And I_am_saying to_you_all that whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_send_away the wife of_him ~~not/lest~~ for sexual_immorality, and may_marry another, is_causing_ _adultery. And the one having_been_sent_away, marrying is_ _causing_adultery. 10 The apprentices/followers are_saying to_ _him: If thus is the cause of_the husband with the wife, it_is_ not _benefitting to_marry. 11 But he said to_them: Not all are_ _accepting ~~the~~ this statement, but those to_whom it_has_been_

243 **RV 19:1 · Parallel** Mark 10:1-12

244 **RV 19:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:27; 5:2.

245 **RV 19:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:24.

246 **RV 19:7 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:1-4; Mat 5:31.

247 **RV 19:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:32; 1Cor 7:10-11.

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_given. **12** For/Because there_are eunuchs who were_born thus from womb of_mother, and there_are eunuchs who were_ _castrated by ~~the~~ people, and there_are eunuchs who castrated themselves because_of the kingdom of_the heavens. The one being_able to_be_accepting it, him _let_be_accepting it.

13 Then little_children were_brought to_him in_order_that he_ _may_lay_on his hands on_them and he_may_pray, and the apprentices/followers gave_rebuke to_them. **14** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said Allow the little_children and not be_ _forbidding them to_come to me, because/for the kingdom of_ _the heavens is ~~the~~ of_such children. **15** And having_laid_on his hands on_them, he_was_gone from_there.

16 And see, one having_approached to_him said: Teacher, what good may_I_do in_order_that I_may_have eternal life? **17** And he said to_him: Why are_you_asking me about the good? one is ~~the~~ good. But if you_are_wanting to_come_in into ~~the~~ life, be_ _keeping the commands. **18** He_is_saying to_him: Which ones? And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said, ~~the~~ You_‹will›_ not _be_murdering, you_ _‹will›_ not _be_committing_adultery, you_‹will›_ not _be_ _stealing, you_‹will›_ not _be_giving_false_testimony, **19** Be_ _honouring your father and your mother, and: You_will_be_ _loving the neighbour of_you as yourself. **20** The young_man is_ _saying to_him: I_kept all These things, what am_I_lacking still? **21** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_saying to_him: If you_are_wanting to_be perfect, be_going, sell the things possessing of_you and give to_ _the_poor and you_will_be_having treasure in the_heavens, and come, be_following after_me. **22** But the young_man having_ _heard, the statement, he_went_away being_sorrowed, because/for he_was having many properties. **23** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_the apprentices/followers of_ _him: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that a_rich one will_be_ _coming_in into the kingdom of_the heavens difficultly. **24** And furthermore I_am_telling to_you_all, it_is easier for_a_camel to_pass_through through the_eye of_a_needle than a_rich one to_come_in into the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **25** And the apprentices/followers having_heard, were_being_ exceedingly _astonished saying: Who consequently is_able to_be_saved? **26** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_focused_in said to_them: With humans this is impossible, but with **god** all things possible. **27** Then ~~the~~ Petros answering said to_him: Behold, we left all things and followed after_you, what consequently will_be to_ _us? **28** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_them: Truly, I_am_saying to_

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10 His followers made the point, "If that's the case for husband and wife, it's better not to get married."

11 "Not everyone can accept this," Yeshua responded, "but only those with a special gift. **12** There are some men who are born without testicles, right from their mother's womb, there are some who've been castrated by others, and there are some who castrate themselves because of the heavenly kingdom. Anyone who's able to accept this can accept it."

Yeshua blesses the children[248]

13 Then some small children were brought to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) hoping that he would place his hands on them and pray for them, but the apprentices scolded them. **14** But **Yeshua** intervened, "Be patient with the children, and don't stop them from coming to me, because it's ones like these that make up the heavenly kingdom."

15 Then, after placing his hands on them, he left that place.

Answering the rich man[249]

16 And look, a man approached Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked him, "Teacher, what good thing do I need to do in order to have eternal life?"

17 "Why are you asking me about what's good?" Yeshua responded. "Only one is good. But if you're wanting to enter into life, you should obey God's commands."

18 "Which ones?" he asked.

"Don't murder,"[250] **Yeshua** answered, "don't mess with another person's spouse,[251] don't steal,[252] don't lie in court,[253] **19** honour your parents,[254] and love your neighbour like yourself."[255]

20 "I've kept all of those," the young man said, "so what else do I need to do?"

21 "If you want to be perfect," answered **Yeshua**, "go and sell what you own and give to the poor, and then you'll have treasure in the heavens. Then come and follow me."

22 But when the young man heard that, he went away despondent, because he owned many properties.

23 So **Yeshua** said to his apprentices, "I can assure you that it's hard for a wealthy person to enter the heavenly kingdom. **24** In fact, it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a wealthy person to enter **God's** kingdom."

25 When his apprentices heard that, they were very surprised and asked, "Well, who can be saved then?"

26 **Yeshua** looked them in the eyes and answered, "It's impossible for humans, but with **God**, everything is possible."

248 **RV 19:13 · Parallel** Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

249 **RV 19:16 · Parallel** Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30

250 **RV 19:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:13; Deu 5:17.

251 **RV 19:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:14; Deu 5:18.

252 **RV 19:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:15; Deu 5:19.

253 **RV 19:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:16; Deu 5:20.

254 **RV 19:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.

255 **RV 19:19 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:18.

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27 "Hey," Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) reacted, "we left everything to follow you, so what'll happen to us?"
28 "I can assure you," **Yeshua** told them, "that after the world is remade and the son of humanity sits down on his splendid throne,[256] you apprentices who followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, ruling over Yisrael's (Israel) twelve tribes.[257]
29 And everyone who left their houses, or brothers or sisters, or father or mother, or wife or children, or farms, on account of my name and commission, will be repaid a hundred times over, and will inherit eternal life.

The last will be first

30 "But many people who are first will end up last, and the last will be first,[258]
20:1 because the heavenly kingdom is like a landowner who came out in the morning to hire labourers to work in his vineyard.
2 They all agreed on the rate for the day, and then he sent them off to work in his vineyard. **3** Then around 9am he noticed some others standing idle in the marketplace, **4** and he told them, 'You can go and work in the vineyard, and I'll pay you all a fair wage.'
5 So they went off. Then he came out around midday, and again at 3pm, and did the same. **6** When he came out around 5pm, and there were still people just standing around, he asked them, 'Why have you been idly standing here all day?' **7** 'Because no one has hired us,' they said. So he also sent them off to work in the vineyard.
8 "In the evening, the landowner instructed his manager, 'Call the workers and give them their wages,[259] starting with the last to start work, and ending with the first.' **9** The ones who'd started late afternoon each received the day's wage that the first workers had been promised, **10** so those first ones expected they'd receive more, but they all got the same day's wage.
11 When they got theirs, the first workers started grumbling about the landowner, **12** and complained, 'These last ones only worked an hour, and yet you paid them the same as us who worked the entire day right through the scorching heat!'
13 'Buddy,' he said to one of them, 'I'm not cheating you. Didn't you agree to work for me for the usual daily wage? **14** Take what we agreed on and go, but I wanted to give these last workers the same amount. **15** Or aren't I permitted to do what I want with my own money? Or do you look at me maliciously just because I'm generous?'
16 "So that's how the last will be first, and the first will be last."[260]

Yeshua tells a third time about his death[261]

17 **As Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started on the walk to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he took the twelve apprentices aside by

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_you_all that you_all who having_followed after_me in the regeneration, whenever the son of_ ~~the~~ _man may_sit_down on the_throne of_glory of_him, you_all also will_be_sitting on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of_ ~~the~~ _ _Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl). **29** And everyone who left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or farms, on_account the name of_me, will_be_receiving hundred_ _fold and will_be_inheriting eternal life.

30 But many the_first will_be the_last, and the_last first.
20:1 For/Because the kingdom of_the heavens is similar to_a_ _man, a_home_owner, who came_out together_with in_the_ _morning to_hire workers for the vineyard of_him. **2** And having_agreed_together with the workers for a_daʸnarion_coin for_the day, he_sent_ them _out into the vineyard of_him.
3 And having_come_out about the_third hour, he_saw others having_stood idle in the marketplace, **4** and to_those he_said: You_all also be_going into the vineyard, and whatever ~~if~~ may_ _be right, I_will_be_giving to_you_all. **5** And they went_away. Having_come_out again about the_sixth and ninth hour, he_did likewise. **6** And having_come_out about the eleventh, he_found others having_stood, and he_is_saying to_them: Why have_ _you_all_stood here idle all ~~the~~ day? **7** They_are_saying to_him: Because no_one hired us. He_is_saying to_them: You_all be_ _going also into the vineyard. **8** And having_become evening, the master of_the vineyard is_saying to_the manager of_him: Call the workers and give_back to_them the wage, having_ _begun from the last to the first. **9** And the ones having_come about the eleventh hour each received a_daʸnarion_coin.
10 And the first ones having_come thought that they_will_be_ _receiving more, but they each also received a_daʸnarion_coin.
11 And having_received, they_were_grumbling against the home_owner **12** saying: These ~~the~~ last ones worked one hour, and you_made them equal to_us, to_the ones having_borne the burden of_the day and the scorching_heat. **13** But he answering of_them said to_one Friend, I_am_ not _doing_wrong to_you. Not you_agreed_together for_a_daʸnarion_coin with_me?
14 Take_up what is your and be_going, but I_am_wanting to_ _give to_this ~~the~~ last as also to_you. **15** Or not is_it_permitting for_me, what I_am_willing to_do with ~~the~~ mine? Or is the eye of_you evil, because I am good? **16** Thus the last will_be first, and the first last.

17 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** going_up to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), took the twelve apprentices/followers by themselves, and on the way he_said to_them, **18** Behold, we_are_going_up to Hierousalaʸm, and the

256 **RV 19:28 · Cross-ref.** Mat 25:31.
257 **RV 19:28 · Cross-ref.** Luk 22:30.
258 **RV 19:30 · Cross-ref.** Mat 20:16; Luk 13:30.
259 **RV 20:8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:13; Deu 24:15.
260 **RV 20:16 · Cross-ref.** Mat 19:30; Mrk 10:31; Luk 13:30.
261 **RV 20:17 · Parallel** Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34

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son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_be_being_given_over to_the chief_priests and scribes, and they_will_be_condemning him to_death, **19** and they_will_be_giving_ him _over to_the pagans, in_order that to_mock, and to_flog, and to_execute_on_a_stake, and on_ _the third day he_will_be_rising_up.

20 Then the mother of_the sons of_Zebedaios approached to_ _him with the sons of_her, prostrating and requesting something from him. **21** And he said to_her: What are_you_ _wanting? She_is_saying to_him: Say that these ~~the~~ two sons of_ _me may_sit_down, one on the_right and one on the_left of_you in the kingdom of_you. **22** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answering said: You_ _all_have_ not _known what you_all_are_requesting. Are_you_ _all_being_able to_drink the cup which I am_going to_be_ _drinking? They_are_saying to_him: We_are_being_able. **23** He_ _is_saying to_them: On_one_hand you_all_will_be_drinking the cup of_me, on_the_other_hand ~~which~~ to_sit_down on the_right of_me and on the_left, is not mine to_give, but for_whom it_ _has_been_prepared by the father of_me. **24** And having_heard, the ten resented about the two brothers. **25** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_called_to them said: You_all_ _have_known that the rulers of_the pagans are_exercising_ _mastership over_them, and the great ones are_exercising_ _authority over_them. **26** It_will_ not _be thus among you_all, but whoever ~~if~~ among you_all may_be_wanting to_become great, he_will_be servant of_you_all, **27** and whoever ~~wishfully~~ among you_all may_be_wanting to_be first, he_will_be slave of_ _you_all, **28** as the son of_ ~~the~~ _man came not to_be_served, but to_serve and to_give the life of_him a_ransom for many.

29 And them going_out from Yeriḳō/(Yərīḥō), a_ great _crowd followed after_him. **30** And see, two blind men sitting beside the road, having_heard that **Ya^{y}sous** is_passing_by, they_cried_ _out saying, show_mercy to_us, **master**, son of_Dawid/(Dāvid). **31** And the crowd warned to_them that they_may_keep_silent. But they cried_out greater saying: **master**, son of_Dawid, show_ _mercy to_us. **32** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_stopped, called them and said: What are_you_all_wanting I_may_do for_you_all? **33** They_are_saying to_him: **master**, that may_be_opening_up the eyes of_us. **34** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_been_feeling_ _compassion, touched against_the eyes of_them, and immediately they_received_sight and they_followed after_him.

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themselves on the way, and told them, **18** "Listen, we're going to Yerushalem, and the son of humanity will be handed over to the chief priests and the religious teachers, and they'll condemn him to death **19** and hand him over to the non-Jews to be mocked and flogged and executed on a post, and then on the third day he'll come back to life."

Requesting the top seats[262]

20 Then Zavday's (Grk. Zebedaios') wife approached Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) with her two sons, Ya'akov (Jacob) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes). She knelt in front of him, obviously wanting to ask for something.

21 "What is it that you're wanting?" Yeshua asked.

"Promise that my two sons will be able to sit beside you in your royal court," she said, "one on the right and one on the left."

22 But **Yeshua** answered, "You people don't realise what you're asking. Do you think you'll be able to bear the suffering that I'll have to suffer?"

"Yes," they replied, "we can."

23 "Well, you will indeed share my suffering," Yeshua responded. "But on the other hand, sitting on my right and my left is not my decision to make—it's for the people my father's prepared those places for."

24 Now the other ten, who'd heard all this, resented the two brothers, **25** but **Yeshua** called them over and said, "You apprentices know that the rulers of other nations practice total control over their people, as do other powerful people.[263] **26** But among you, it shouldn't be like that. Instead, anyone who wants to become important should be your servant,[264] **27** and anyone who wants to be first should be your slave, **28** in the same way that the son of humanity didn't come to be served, but to serve others and to give his life as the cost of freeing many people."

Yeshua heals two blind men[265]

29 When they all left Yeriho (Jericho), a large crowd followed after him. **30** Then, look, two blind men heard that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was passing by, so they yelled out, "Show mercy to us, **master**, David's descendant!"

31 The crowd warned them to be quiet, but they just yelled out even louder, "**Master**, David's descendant, show mercy to us!"

32 At that point, **Yeshua** stopped and called them over and asked, "What is it that you're wanting me to do for you?"

33 "**Master**," they said, "open our eyes so we can see."

34 **Yeshua** felt compassionate towards them, and touched their eyes with his fingers, and then straight away they were able to see, and they followed after him.

262 **RV 20:20 · Parallel** Mark 10:35-45

263 **RV 20:25-26 · Cross-ref.** Luk 22:25-26.

264 **RV 20:26-27 · Cross-ref.** Mat 23:11; Mrk 9:35; Luk 22:26.

265 **RV 20:29 · Parallel** Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

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The jubilant entrance of Yeshua into Yerushalem[266]

21:1 When they were getting close to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and arrived at Beyt-Fagey (Bethphage) on the Mt. of Olives, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) sent two of his apprentices ahead, **2** telling them, "Go ahead to the next village, and in front of you you'll see a donkey tied up, and her colt near her. Untie the donkey and bring them back here to me. **3** But if anyone says anything to you, just tell them that the **master** needs them, and they'll let you take them."

4 "All this is happening so that the message that was written by the prophet will come to pass:

5 'Tell the daughter of Tsiyon (Zion):
"Look, your king is coming,
gentle, and riding a donkey,
and a colt, a donkey's offspring." ' "[267]

6 So the two apprentices left and did what **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had told them. **7** They brought back the donkey and the colt, and they put their coats on them, and he sat on them. **8** Then some people in the huge crowd spread their coats on the road, while others cut branches off trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowd that walked ahead of him and the crowd that followed along behind all yelled out, "David's descendant, honoured rescuer! Blessed one who comes in **Yahweh's** name! Supreme honoured rescuer!"[268]

10 As they entered Yerushalem (Jerusalem), everyone in the city was stunned, asking, "Who is this?"

11 The crowds responded, "It's the prophet **Yeshua**—the prophet from Nazaret (Nazareth) in Galil!"

Anger aroused in the temple[269]

12 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) dismounted and entered the temple. He threw out everyone who was buying and selling in the temple, and he knocked over the moneychangers' tables and the dove-sellers' seats, **13** telling them, "It was written that my house will be called a house of prayer, but you're making it a hideout for robbers."[270]

14 The blind and lame people in the temple approached Yeshua, and he healed them. **15** But the chief priests and religious teachers, having seen him do miracles, and having heard the children in the temple yelling out 'David's descendant, honoured rescuer!' became angry **16** and accused him, asking, "Can't you hear what they're saying?"

"Yes, I can," **Yeshua** responded. "Didn't you ever read where it says 'You caused praise to come from the lips of infants and babies'?"[271]

17 Then he left the temple and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and went and stayed overnight out at Beyt-Ania (Bethany).

Literal Version

21:1 And when they_neared to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) and came to Baʸthfagaʸ to the Mount of_ ~~the~~ _Olives, then **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** sent_out two apprentices/followers **2** saying to_them: Be_going into the village ~~which~~ in_front_of of_ _you_all, and immediately you_all_will_be_finding a_donkey having_been_bound and a_colt with her, having_untied them bring them to_me. **3** And ~~if~~ anyone may_say anything to_you_ _all, you_all_will_be_saying, ~~that~~ The **master** is_having need of_ _them, and immediately he_will_be_sending_ them _out. **4** And this all has_become, in_order_that the message may_be_ _fulfilled having_been_spoken by the prophet saying, **5** Say to_ _the daughter of_Siōn/(Tsiyyōn): Behold, the king of_you is_ _coming to_you, gentle and having_mounted on a_donkey and on a_colt, the_son of_a_donkey. **6** And the apprentices/followers having_been_gone, and having_done as ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** directed to_them, **7** they_brought the donkey and the colt, and they_put_on their coats on them, and he_sat_on on them. **8** And the very_great crowd spread the coats of_ _themselves on the road, and others were_cutting_off branches from the trees, and were_spreading them on the road. **9** And the crowds ~~which~~ going_before him and the ones following were_crying_out saying: Honoured_saviour to_the son of_ _Dawid/(Dāvid). The one coming in the_name of_the_**master** having_been_blessed. Honoured_saviour in the highest. **10** And of_him having_come_in into Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), all the city was_shaken saying: Who is this? **11** And the crowds were_saying: This is the prophet **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, the one from Nazaret of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl).

12 And **Yaʸsous** came_in into the temple, and he_throw_out all the ones selling and buying in the temple, and he_overturned the tables of_the moneychangers, and the seats of_the ones selling the doves. **13** And he_is_saying to_them: It_has_been_ _written: The house of_me will_be_being_called a_house of_ _prayer, but you_all are_making it a_hideout of_robbers. **14** And blind and lame in the temple approached, to_him, and he_ _healed them. **15** But the chief_priests and the scribes having_ _seen the wonders that he_did, and the children ~~which~~ crying_ _out in the temple and saying: Honoured_saviour to_the son of_ _Dawid, they_resented **16** and said to_him: Are_you_hearing what these are_saying? And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** is_saying to_them: Yes, you_all_ never _read, ~~that~~ You_prepared praise out_of mouth of_ _infants and nursing,? **17** And having_left them, he_came_out out the city to Baʸthania, and was_lodged there.

266 **RV 21:1 · Parallel** Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; Yhn 12:12-19

267 **RV 21:5 · Cross-ref.** Zech 9:9.

268 **RV 21:9 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:25-26.

269 **RV 21:12 · Parallel** Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48; Yhn 2:13-22

270 **RV 21:13 · Cross-ref.** Isa 56:7; Jer 7:11.

271 **RV 21:16 · Cross-ref.** Psa 8:2 (LXX).

Literal Version

18 And in_the_morning, setting_out into the city, he_hungered. **19** And having_seen one fig_tree on the road, he_came to it and found nothing on it, except ~~not/lest~~ only leaves, and he_is_ _saying to_it: Fruit may_ no_longer _become from you for the age. And immediately the fig_tree was_withered. **20** And the apprentices/followers having_seen it, marvelled saying: How was_ the fig_tree immediately _withered? **21** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** answering said to_them: Truly, I_am_ _saying to_you_all, if you_all_may_be_having faith and not may_be_doubted, not only ‹will› you_all_be_doing the miracle of_the fig_tree, but even_if you_all_may_say to_the this mountain: Be_taken_away and be_thrown into the sea, it_will_ _be_becoming. **22** And all things, as_many_as ~~wishfully~~ you_all_ _may_request in ~~the~~ prayer believing, you_all_will_be_receiving.

23 And with_him having_come into the temple teaching, the chief_priests and the elders of_the people approached to_him saying: By what authority are_you_doing these things? And who gave ~~the~~ this authority to_you? **24** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answering, said to_them: Also_I Will_be_asking you_all one message, which if you_all_may_tell to_me, also_I will_be_saying to_you_all by what authority I_am_doing these things. **25** The immersion ~~which~~ of_Yōanna^{y}s, from_where was_it? From heaven or from humans? And they were_reasoning among themselves saying: If we_may_say: From heaven, he_will_be_ _saying to_us: Therefore for_ why _reason you_all_ not _ _believed in_him? **26** But if we_may_say: From humans, we_are_ _fearing the crowd, because/for all are_having ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s as a_prophet. **27** And answering to_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** they_said: We_have_ not _known. He was_saying to_them also: Neither I am_telling to_you_all by what authority I_am_doing these things.

28 But what is_it_supposing to_you_all? A_man was_having two children. And having_approached to_the_ first _one he_said: Child, be_going today, be_working in the vineyard of_me. **29** And he answering said: I_am_ not _willing, later having_ _been_regretful, he_went_away. **30** And having_approached to_ _the other child, he_said likewise. And he answering said: I will, master, but went_ not _away. **31** Which of the two did the will of_the father? They_are_saying: The first. ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_them: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that the tax_collectors and the prostitutes are_going_before you_all into the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **32** For/Because Yōanna^{y}s came to you_all in the_ _way of_righteousness, and you_all_ not _believed in_him, but the tax_collectors and the prostitutes believed in_him, and you_all having_seen, you_all_were_ not _regretful later ~~which~~ to_believe in_him.

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Yeshua kills the fig tree[272]

18 In the morning, as he headed back into the city, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was hungry. **19** He saw a single fig tree near the road, but when he got close, it only had leaves on it, so he told it, "You'll never bear fruit again," and immediately the fig tree withered up.

20 His apprentices who saw this happen were amazed and asked each other, "How did that tree instantly wither up?"

21 "I can assure you apprentices," **Yeshua** answered, "that if you have faith and don't doubt, not only could you do that to a fig tree, you could tell this hill to move itself into the sea, and it would happen.[273] **22** You'd be able to do everything—anything you request in prayer, believing that it'll happen."

The source of Yeshua's authority[274]

23 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went back into the temple and started teaching the people, the chief priests and the Jewish elders came and challenged him, asking, "What authority do you have to do these things?"

24 "Well, I have one question for you first," **Yeshua** answered. "If you answer it, then I'll tell you all about my authority to do these things. **25** So, where did Yohan's (John; Grk. Yoannes) practice of immersion come from?"

They discussed this among themselves, saying, "If we say from heaven, he'll ask us why we didn't believe Yohan. **26** But if we say it was a human idea, then the crowd might revolt against us, since they consider Yohan to be a prophet." **27** So they answered, "We don't know."

"Well then, nor will I tell you about my authority to do these things," **Yeshua** answered.

The parable about obedience

28 "But what does it matter to you people, anyway? There was a man who had two children, and he went up to the first one and told him, 'Son, go and work in my vineyard today.' **29** 'I can't,' he answered, but later he regretted what he'd said and went and did the work. **30** The father also approached the other child with the same instruction. 'I will, master,' this one answered, but he never went. **31** Which of the two did what the father wanted?"

"The first one," they answered.

"I can assure you," **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued, "that tax collectors and prostitutes will enter **God's** kingdom ahead **of** you lot, **32** because Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) came to you teaching the way to become right with God, but you didn't believe that he was sent by God. Yet the tax collectors and prostitutes believed him, and still, even when you saw that, you didn't later show regret, change your minds, and believe.[275]

272 **RV 21:18 · Parallel** Mark 11:12-14,20-24

273 **RV 21:21 · Cross-ref.** Mat 17:20; 1Cor 13:2.

274 **RV 21:23 · Parallel** Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8

275 **RV 21:32 · Cross-ref.** Luk 3:12; 7:29-30.

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The parable about the evil tenants[276]

33 "Listen to another parable: A landowner planted a vineyard and fenced it, and he carved a wine-pressing pit into it and built a watch-tower.[277] Then he rented it out to tenant farmers and moved away. 34 At harvest time, he sent some of his slaves to the tenant farmers to bring back his share of the harvest. 35 However, the tenants grabbed his slaves and beat them. They killed some and threw rocks at others. 36 So the owner sent a larger group of slaves, but the tenants did the same things to them.

37 "Next, he sent his son, because he thought his son would have influence over them. 38 But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they thought, 'Hey, this is the heir of the estate. If we kill him, then the inheritance will be ours.' 39 So they grabbed the son, dragged him out of the vineyard, and killed him there outside.

40 "Now, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what do you think he'll do to those tenant farmers?"

41 "He'll brutally destroy those wicked tenants," they answered, "then he'll rent the vineyard out to other tenant farmers, who'll give him his share of the harvest."

42 **Then Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) said to them, "Haven't you ever read this in the scriptures? It says:

'The stone which the builders rejected,
this would become the cornerstone.
This one came from **Yahweh**,
and it was amazing to see.'[278]

43 "Because of that, I'm telling you that **God's** kingdom will be taken away from you people, and be given to a people group who'll produce a harvest. 44 Anyone who falls down onto this stone will be shattered,[279] and anyone this stone falls on will be totally pulverised."[280]

45 When the chief priests and the Farisaios heard those parables, they knew he was talking about them. 46 They attempted to arrest him, but couldn't, because they knew the crowds believed him to be a prophet from God.

The parable about the wedding reception[281]

22:1 **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), still answering them, told another parable:
2 "The heavenly kingdom is like this: A king prepared his son's wedding reception, 3 and he sent out some of his slaves to remind the people who'd been invited, but they didn't want to come. 4 So he sent out some other slaves, instructing them, 'Tell the people who were invited: Listen, I've prepared the dinner, including some of my grain-fed beef, and everything's now ready. Come to the wedding and celebrate.'
5 But they ignored the message and went their various

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33 Hear another parable: a_man was a_home_owner, who planted a_vineyard, and put_ a_fence _around to_it: and dug a_ _wine-press in it, and built a_tower, and rented_ it _out to_ _tenant_farmers, and travelled. 34 And when the season of_the fruits neared, he_sent_out the slaves of_him to the tenant_ _farmers, to_receive the fruits of_him. 35 And the tenant_ _farmers having_taken the slaves of_him, on_one_hand that they_beat, on_the_other_hand that they_killed_off, on_the_ _other_hand that they_threw_stones. 36 Again he_sent_out other slaves, more than_the first, and they_did likewise to_ _them. 37 But later he_sent_out the son of_him to them saying: They_will_be_being_swayed by_the son of_me. 38 But the tenant_farmers having_seen the son, said among themselves: This is the heir, come, we_may_kill_ him _off and we_may_have the inheritance of_him. 39 And having_taken him, they_throw_ _out him out the vineyard and they_killed_ him _off.
40 Therefore whenever the master of_the vineyard may_come, what he_will_be_doing to_ ~~the~~ those _tenant_farmers? 41 They_ _are_saying to_him: He_will_be_destroying them evil ones miserably, and will_be_renting_out the vineyard to_other tenant_farmers, who will_be_giving_back to_him the fruits in the seasons of_them. 42 ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is_saying to_ _them: You_all_ never _read in the scriptures: The_stone which the ones building rejected, this was_become for the_head of_ _the_corner, this became from the_**master**, and it_is marvellous in the_eyes of_us? 43 Because_of this I_am_saying to_you_all, that the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** will_be_being_taken_ _away from you_all and it_will_be_being_given to_a_people producing the fruits of_it. 44 And the one having_fallen on ~~the~~ this stone, will_be_being_shattered, on but whomever ~~wishfully~~ it_may_fall, it_will_be_pulverising him. 45 And the chief_priests and the Farisaios_party having_heard the parables of_him, they_knew that he_is_speaking about them. 46 And seeking to_ _apprehend him, they_were_afraid the crowds, because they_ _were_having him for a_prophet.

22:1 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answering, again spoke to_them in parables saying, 2 The kingdom of_the heavens was_likened to_ _a_man, a_king, who made a_wedding_festivities for_the son of_him. 3 And sent_out the slaves of_him, to_call the ones having_been_invited to the wedding_festivities, and they_ _were_ not _willing to_come. 4 Again he_sent_out other slaves saying: Say to_the ones having_been_invited: Behold, I_have_ _prepared the dinner of_me, the bulls of_me, and the grain_fed having_been_sacrificed, and all things are_ready, come to the wedding_festivities. 5 But they having_neglected went_away, on_one_hand that one to his own field, on_the_other_hand that one to the business of_him. 6 And the rest having_apprehended

276 **RV 21:33 · Parallel** Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19

277 **RV 21:33 · Cross-ref.** Isa 5:1-2.

278 **RV 21:42 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:22-23.

279 **RV 21:44 · Cross-ref.** Isa 8:14-15.

280 **RV 21:44 · Cross-ref.** Dan 2:34-35,44-45.

281 **RV 22:1 · Parallel** Luke 14:15-24

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the slaves of_him, they_mistreated and they_killed_ them _off.
7 But the king was_angered, and having_sent the armies of_
him, destroyed ~~the~~ those murderers, and inflamed the city of
_them. 8 Then he_is_saying to_the slaves of_him: On_one_hand
the wedding is ready, on_the_other_hand the ones having_
_been_invited were not worthy. 9 Therefore be_going in the
thoroughfares of_the roads, and invite as_many_as ~~if~~ you_all_
_may_find to the wedding_festivities. 10 And ~~the~~ those slaves
having_come_out into the roads, they_gathered_together all
whom they_found, both evil and good, and the wedding was_
_filled of_reclining ones. 11 But the king having_come_in to_see
the ones reclining, he_saw there a_man not having_dressed_in
clothing of_wedding, 12 and he_is_saying to_him: Friend, how
you_came_in here not having clothing of_wedding? And he
was_silenced. 13 Then the king said to_the servants: Having_
_bound the_feet and hands of_him, throw_ him _out into the ~~the~~
outer darkness, there will_be ~~the~~ weeping and ~~the~~ grating of_ ~~the~~
_teeth. 14 For/Because many are called, but few chosen.

15 Then the Farisaios_party having_been_gone, took counsel
so_that they_may_trap him in message. 16 And they_are_
_sending_out to_him the apprentices/followers of_them with
the supporters_of_Haʸrōdaʸs saying: Teacher, we_have_known
that you_are true, and you_are_teaching the way of_ ~~the~~ **_god** in
truth, and it_is_ not _caring to_you about no_one, because/for
you_are_ not _looking on appearance of_people. 17 Therefore
tell to_us, what is_it_supposing to_you? Is_it_permitting to_give
poll_tax to_Kaisar or not? 18 But ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**
having_known the wickedness of_them, he_said: Why are_you_
_all_testing me, hypocrites? 19 Show to_me the coin of_the
poll_tax. And they brought a_daʸnarion_coin to_him. 20 And
he_is_saying to_them: Of_whose_ ~~The~~ image _is this and the
inscription? 21 They_are_saying: Of_Kaisar. Then he_is_saying
to_them: Therefore give_back the things of_Kaisar to_Kaisar,
and the things of_ ~~the~~ **_god** to_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 22 And having_heard,
they_marvelled, and having_left him they_went_away.

23 On that ~~the~~ day Saddoukaios_sect approached to_him saying
not to_be a_resurrection, and they_asked him 24 saying:
Teacher, Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) said: If anyone may_die_off not
having children, the brother of_him will_be_marrying the wife
of_him, and he_will_be_raising_up children for_the brother of_
_him. 25 And they_were seven brothers among us, and the first
having_married died, and not having seed, left the wife of_him
to_the brother of_him. 26 Likewise also the second, and the

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ways—one went off to his field to work, and another went to deal with his business. 6 Still others grabbed the slaves and mistreated them, and even killed them.

7 "Now the king was angry and sent in his soldiers to destroy those murderers and burn their city. 8 Then he told his slaves, 'Well, the wedding reception is ready, but the people who were invited aren't worthy to come. 9 So spread out on the roads and invite everyone you find to come to the reception.' 10 So those slaves went out onto the roads and invited everyone they found—both evil and good people, and then the seats at the wedding reception were all full.

11 "But when the king came in to meet the seated guests, he saw a man there who wasn't dressed in the proper clothes for a wedding, 12 and demanded, 'Friend, how did you get in here without the right clothes?' But the man had nothing to say. 13 So the king told his servants, 'Tie up the man's hands and feet, and throw him outside into the darkness, where there'll be weeping and a lot of anguish.'[282]

14 Certainly, many people are invited, but only a few are selected."

The question about paying tax[283]

15 Then the members of the Farisaios party went away and had a discussion to try to figure out how to trick him into saying something wrong. 16 Afterwards, they sent some of their apprentices along with some supporters of Herodes (Herod) to ask, "Teacher, we know you're honest and you teach **God's** ways in all honesty, irrespective of what people might say, because you don't care about people's opinions. 17 So then, tell us what you think: should we pay the poll tax to Kaisar or not?"

18 But **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) knew how wicked they were, and asked, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used to pay the poll tax." So they brought a coin to him. 20 Then he asked, "Whose image is this on the coin, and whose inscription?"

21 "Kaisar's," they answered.

"Then give Kaisar's things to Kaisar, and **God's** things **to God**," Yeshua responded.

22 When they heard that, they were amazed, and left him alone and went away.

The question about marriage in heaven[284]

23 On the same day, some people from the Saddoukaios (Sadducee) sect (who claim people won't rise back to life after dying)[285] approached Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked, 24 "Teacher, Mosheh (Moses) wrote that if a married man dies childless, his brother should marry the widow and in that way raise children for his deceased brother.[286] 25 Well, there were

282 **RV 22:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 8:12; 25:30; Luk 13:28.
283 **RV 22:15 · Parallel** Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26
284 **RV 22:23 · Parallel** Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40
285 **RV 22:23 · Cross-ref.** Acts 23:8.
286 **RV 22:24 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:5.

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seven brothers amongst us, and the first one got married and then died childless. So his brother married the widow. 26 The same happened for the second brother, and the third, all the way to the seventh. 27 Finally the woman died. 28 Now then, if people rise back to life, which of the brothers will she be the wife of, since they were all married to her?"

29 "You've got it wrong," **Yeshua** answered, "because you don't understand either the scriptures or **God's** power. 30 When people come back to life, there'll be no marrying or getting engaged, because they'll be like the messengers in heaven. 31 But as for coming back to life after dying, isn't it written in the scriptures that **God** said, 32 '*I am* Avraham's **god** and Yitshak's (Isaac) **god** and Ya'akov's (Jacob) god'?[287] **God** isn't the **god** of dead people, but of living ones."

33 When the crowds heard his answer, they were amazed at his teaching.

The most important command[288]

34 But when the Farisaios party heard that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had silenced the Saddoukaios (Sadducees), they decided to work together, 35 so a lawyer among them tested him by asking, 36 "Teacher, which is the most important command in Mosheh's (Moses') instructions?"

37 "You should love your **God Yahweh** with your whole heart, your whole soul, and your whole mind.[289] 38 That's the first and most important command. 39 The next is similar to it: You should love your neighbour the way you love yourself.[290] 40 Everything in the Torah and the prophets' writings just follows on from those two commands."[291]

The question about the messiah[292]

41 Since everyone from the Farisaios party was gathered together, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) asked them a question, 42 "How do you interpret the scriptures about the **messiah**? Who will he be a descendant of?"

"A descendant of King David," they answered.

43 "Then how could David," he continued, "inspired by God's **spirit**, call him '**master**' when he said,

44 '**Yahweh** said to my **master**:
"Sit there at my right
until I conquer your enemies"?[293]

45 So if David calls him '**master**', how could he be his descendant?"

46 No one was able to answer his question, and after that day they didn't dare ask him anything else.

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third, to the seven, 27 and last of_all, the woman died_off. 28 Therefore in the resurrection, she_will_be the_wife of_which of_the seven? For/Because all had her. 29 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answering said to_them: You_all_are_ _being_strayed, not having_known the scriptures nor the power of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 30 For/Because in the resurrection, they_ _are_ neither _marrying nor are_being_betrothed, but they_are like messengers in ~~the~~ heaven. 31 But concerning the resurrection of_the dead, you_all_ not _read the message having_been_spoken to_you_all by ~~the~~ **god** saying, 32 I am the **god** of_Abra'am/('Avrāhām), and the **god** of_Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq), and the **god** of_Yakōb/(Yaʻaqov)? ~~The~~ **god** is not of_the_dead, but of_the_living. 33 And the crowds having_heard, they_were_ _being_astonished at the teaching of_him.

34 But the Farisaios_party having_heard that he_silenced the Saddoukaios_sect, were_gathered_together with the same. 35 And one of them, a_lawyer testing him asked, 36 Teacher, which command is great in the law? 37 And he was_saying to_ _him: You_will_be_loving the_**master** the **god** of_you with all heart of_you, and with all soul of_you, and with all the mind of_ _you. 38 This is the great and first command. 39 The_second, similar to_it: You_will_be_loving the neighbour of_you as yourself. 40 All the law and the prophets is_being_hanged on these ~~the~~ two commands.

41 And the Farisaios_party having_been_gathered_together, ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** asked them 42 saying: What is_supposing to_you_all concerning the **chosen_one/messiah**? Of_whom son is_he? They_are_saying to_him: Of_the son of_ _Dawid/(Dāvid). 43 He_is_saying to_them: Therefore how is_ Dawid in **spirit** _calling him **master** saying, 44 The_**master** said to_the **master** of_me: Be_sitting on the_right of_me, until ~~wishfully~~ I_may_put the enemies of_you beneath for_the feet of_ _you? 45 Therefore if Dawid is_calling him: **master**, how is_he the_son of_him? 46 And no_one was_able to_answer a_message to_him, nor dared anyone from that ~~the~~ day to_ask him no_ _longer.

287 **RV 22:32 · Cross-ref.** Exo 3:6.
288 **RV 22:34 · Parallel** Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:25-28
289 **RV 22:37 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:5.
290 **RV 22:39 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:18.
291 **RV 22:35-40 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:25-28.
292 **RV 22:41 · Parallel** Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44
293 **RV 22:44 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.

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23:1 Then ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** spoke to_the crowds and to_the apprentices/followers of_him **2** saying: The scribes and the Farisaios_party sat_down on the seat of_Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh). **3** Therefore all things as_much_as ~~wishfully~~ they_may_tell to_ _you_all, do and be_keeping, but be_ not _doing according_to the works of_them, because/for they_are_speaking and they_ _are_ not _doing. **4** And they_are_binding heavy and unbearable burdens, and they_are_laying_ them _on on the shoulders of_ ~~the~~ _people, but they are_ not _willing to_move them with_the finger of_them. **5** But all the works of_them, they_are_doing in_ _order that to_be_seen by_the people. For/Because they_are_ _widening the phylacteries of_them and they_are_magnifying their tassels. **6** And they_are_loving the best_place at the suppers, and the best_seats in the synagogues, **7** and the greetings in the marketplaces, and to_be_being_called My_ _great_one by the people. **8** But you_all may_ not _be_called My_great_one, because/for one is the instructor of_you_all, and you_all are all brothers. **9** And you_all_may_ not _call of_you on the earth father, because/for one is the ~~the~~ heavenly father of_ _you_all. **10** Nor may_you_all_be_called instructors, because one is the_instructor of_you_all, the **chosen_one/messiah**. **11** And the greater of_you_all will_be servant of_you_all. **12** And whoever will_be_exalting himself, will_be_being_humbled, and whoever will_be_humbling himself, will_be_being_exalted.

13 But woe to_you_all, scribes and Farisaios_party, hypocrites. Because you_all_are_shutting the kingdom of_the heavens before the people, because/for you_all are_ neither _coming_in, nor are_you_all_allowing the ones coming_in to_come_in. **14** ◘ **15** Woe to_you_all, scribes and Farisaios_party, hypocrites. Because you_all_are_going_around the sea and the dry land to_ _make one convert, and whenever he_may_become, you_all_ _are_making him a_son of_geenna twice_more than you_all. **16** Woe to_you_all, blind guides, you_all saying: Whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_swear by the temple, it_is nothing, but whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_swear by the gold of_the temple is_owing. **17** Foolish and blind. For/Because which is greater, the gold or the temple which having_sanctified the gold? **18** And: Whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_swear by the altar, it_is nothing, but whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_swear by the gift ~~which~~ on it is_owing. **19** Foolish and blind. For/Because which greater, the gift, or the altar ~~which~~ sanctifying the gift? **20** Therefore the one having_swore by the altar, is_swearing by it and by all the things on it. **21** And the one having_swore by the temple, is_swearing by it and by the one dwelling_in it. **22** And the one having_swore by ~~the~~ heaven, is_swearing by the throne of_ ~~the~~ **_god** and by the one sitting on it. **23** Woe to_you_all, scribes and Farisaios_party, hypocrites. Because you_all_are_tithing ~~the~~ mint and ~~the~~ dill and ~~the~~ cummin, and you_all_left the heavier of_the law: ~~the~~ justice and ~~the~~ mercy and ~~the~~ faith. But it_was_fitting to_do

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Yeshua's warnings about show and status[294]

23:1 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) spoke to the crowds and to his apprentices, saying, **2** "The religious teachers and the Farisaios party claim Mosheh's (Moses) authority. **3** Because of that, do everything they tell you to do, and obey all the commands they tell you to obey. However, don't copy what they *do*, because they're only good at telling, not doing. **4** They package up unbearably heavy loads and put them on the people's shoulders, while they themselves won't even lift a finger to help. **5** Everything they *do* do is only done to be a public display in front of the people,[295] so they have big prayer boxes[296] and fancy robes.[297] **6** They love the best places at dinners and the best seats in the Jewish meeting halls. **7** They love being greeted in the marketplaces and addressed as 'my great one'. **8** But don't let anyone call you 'my great one', because you only have one leader, and you're all brothers and sisters, **9** and don't call anyone here on earth your 'Father', because you only have one father—a heavenly one. **10** Don't let anyone call you their mentor, because you only have one teacher, and that's **the messiah**. **11** The most important person will be everyone's servant,[298] **12** and anyone who praises themself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles themself will be praised.[299]

Yeshua reveals the hypocrisy of those who are religious[300]

13 "You religious teachers and Farisaios are hypocrites and will have a bad end, because you're actually keeping people away from the heavenly kingdom—you don't enter yourselves, and nor do you allow others to enter.

14 ◘ **15** "You religious teachers and Farisaios are hypocrites and will have a bad end, because you'd travel all the way around the world to make one convert, and then you'd make him twice the son of hell that you are yourselves.

16 "You blind guides will have a bad end. You say that if anyone makes a promise on the temple, it's worthless, but if they make a promise on the gold in the temple, then they have to honour it. **17** You're both stupid and blind, because which is greater: the gold, or the temple which makes the gold sacred? **18** And you say that if anyone makes a promise on the altar, it's worthless, but anyone who makes a promise on the gift on the altar has to honour it. **19** You're both stupid and blind, because which is greater: the gift, or the altar which makes the gift sacred? **20** Anyone who makes a promise on the altar is bound by both the altar and the things on it. **21** Anyone who makes a promise on the temple is bound by both the temple and God who lives in it. **22** And anyone who makes a promise on heaven is bound by both **God's** throne

294 **RV 23:1 · Parallel** Mark 12:38-39; Luke 11:43,46; 20:45-46

295 **RV 23:5 · Cross-ref.** Mat 6:1.

296 **RV 23:5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:8.

297 **RV 23:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 15:38.

298 **RV 23:11 · Cross-ref.** Mat 20:26-27; Mrk 9:35; 10:43-44; Luk 22:26.

299 **RV 23:12 · Cross-ref.** Luk 14:11; 18:14.

300 **RV 23:13 · Parallel** Mark 12:40; Luke 11:39-42,44,52; 20:47

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and the one who's sitting on it.[301]

23 "You religious teachers and Farisaios are hypocrites and will have a bad end, because you give a tenth of your herbs,[302] but you ignore the weightier parts of God's commands, like justice, mercy, and faith. It's good to tithe, but those other things should also be observed, and not left out. **24** You blind guides! You try to strain out a gnat, and end up swallowing a camel.

25 "You religious teachers and Farisaios are hypocrites and will have a bad end, because you scrub the outsides of your cups and bowls, but the insides are still full of greed and selfishness. **26** You blind Farisaios! First you should clean the inside of your cup or dish, so that the outside can also become clean.

27 "You religious teachers and Farisaios are hypocrites and will have a bad end, because you're like whitewashed tombs.[303] On the outside they might look nice, but the insides are full of dead people's bones and all kinds of impurities, **28** so even though the people might see your godly facade, actually your insides are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Punishment for mistreating prophets[304]

29 "You religious teachers and Farisaios are hypocrites and will have a bad end, because you rebuild the prophets' tombs and adorn the tombs of godly people, **30** and you tell yourselves, 'If we'd lived back in our ancestors' time, we wouldn't have had any part with them in killing the prophets.' **31** By saying that, you're admitting to yourselves that you're the descendants of the ones who killed the prophets— **32** actually you're just the same as your ancestors. **33** Bunch of snakes! Brood of vipers! How are you planning to escape being condemned to hell?[305] **34** Because of that, listen, I'm now sending more prophets and wise preachers and teachers to you people. You'll kill off some of them and have others executed on posts. You'll flog some of them in your Jewish meeting halls, and you'll persecute others from city to city, **35** so that the judgement for the deaths of all the godly people around the world will fall on you people. This includes the blood of innocent Hevel (Abel)[306] all the way through the centuries to the blood of Zekaryah (Zechariah; Grk. Zakarias) (son of Berekyah) who you people murdered between the temple and the altar.[307] **36** Yes, I can assure you that all these things will happen to this generation.

Yeshua's concern for Yerushalem[308]

37 "Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Yerushalem, the city that murders the prophets and throws rocks to kill those who are sent to her. How often I wanted to gather your inhabitants like a mother hen gathers her

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these things, and_those not to_leave. **24** Blind guides. You_all straining_out the gnat and swallowing_up the camel. **25** Woe to_you_all, scribes and Farisaios_party, hypocrites. Because you_all_are_cleansing the part outside of_the cup and of_the dish, but inside they_are_being_full of theft and intemperance. **26** Blind Farisaios_party_member. Cleanse first the part inside of_the cup and of_the dish, in_order_that the part outside of_ _them may_ also _become clean. **27** Woe to_you_all, scribes and Farisaios_party, hypocrites. Because you_all_are_being_like to_ _tombs having_been_whitewashed, which on_one_hand are_ _appearing beautiful outwardly, on_the_other_hand inside they_are_being_full of_bones of_the_dead and of_all impurity. **28** Thus also on_one_hand you_all are_being_seen righteous outwardly by_the people, on_the_other_hand inside you_all_ _are full of_hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 Woe to_you_all, scribes and Farisaios_party, hypocrites. Because you_all_are_building the tombs of_the prophets, and you_all_are_adorning the tombs of_the righteous **30** and you_ _all_are_saying: If we_were in the days of_the fathers of_us, we_ would not _were partners with_them in the blood of_the prophets. **31** So_then you_all_are_testifying to_yourselves that you_all_are sons of_the ones having_murdered the prophets. **32** Also you_all fill the measure of_the fathers of_you_all. **33** Serpents, brood of_vipers, how may_you_all_escape from the judgement of_ ~~the~~ _geenna? **34** Because_of this, see, I am_ _sending_out prophets and wise ones, and scribes to you_all. You_all_will_be_killing_off and you_all_will_be_executing_on_a_ _stake of them, and you_all_will_be_flogging of them in the synagogues of_you_all, and you_all_will_be_persecuting from city to city, **35** so_that all righteous blood being_poured_out on the earth may_come on you_all, from the blood of_ _Abel/(Hevel) the righteous, to the blood of_Zakarias son of_ _Barakias/(Berek^{yāh}), whom you_all_murdered between the temple and the altar. **36** Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, all these things will_be_coming on ~~the~~ this generation.

37 Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), Hierousala^{y}m, the city killing_off the prophets and throwing_stones the ones having_ _been_sent_out to her. How_often I_wanted to_gather_together the children of_you, which manner a_hen is_gathering_ _together the chicks of_her under her wings, and you_all_ not _

301 **RV 23:22 · Cross-ref.** Isa 66:1; Mat 5:34.
302 **RV 23:23 · Cross-ref.** Lev 27:30.
303 **RV 23:27 · Cross-ref.** Acts 23:3.
304 **RV 23:29 · Parallel** Luke 11:47-51
305 **RV 23:33 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:7; 12:34; Luk 3:7.
306 **RV 23:35 · Cross-ref.** Gen 4:8.
307 **RV 23:35 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 24:20-21.
308 **RV 23:37 · Parallel** Luke 13:34-35

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_willed. **38** Behold, the house of_you_all is_being_left desolate to_you_all. **39** For/Because I_am_saying to_you_all, by_no_ _means you_all_may_ not _see me from now until ~~wishfully~~ you_ _all_may_say: The one coming in name of_the_**master** having_ _been_blessed.

24:1 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_come_out from the temple, was_going and approached the apprentices/followers of_him to_show to_him the buildings of_the temple. **2** And he answering said to_them: You_all_are_ not _seeing all these things? Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, by_no_means may_ not _ _be_left here stone on stone, which ‹will›_ not _be_being_torn_ _down.

3 And him sitting on the Mount of_ ~~the~~ _Olives, the apprentices/followers approached to_him by themselves saying: Tell to_us when these things will_be, and what is the sign of_the your coming and the_completion of_the age? **4** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** answering said to_them: Be_watching_out lest anyone may_mislead you_all. **5** For/Because many will_be_ _coming in the name of_me saying: I am the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, and they_will_be_misleading many. **6** And you_ _all_will_be_going to_be_hearing wars, and reports of_wars. Be_ _watching, be_ not _being_alarmed, because/for it_is_fitting to_ _become, but the end is not_yet. **7** For/Because nation will_be_ _being_raised against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and will_be famines and earthquakes in places. **8** But all these are the_beginning of_birth_pains. **9** Then they_will_be_giving_ you_all _over to tribulation, and they_will_be_killing_ you_all _ _off. And you_all_will_be being_hated by all the nations, because_of the name of_me. **10** And then many will_be_being_ _stumbled, and they_will_be_giving_ one_another _over and they_will_be_hating one_another. **11** And many false_prophets will_be_being_raised and will_be_misleading many. **12** And because_of that ~~the~~ lawlessness to_be_multiplied, the love of_ _the many will_be_being_cooled. **13** But the one having_ _endured to end, this one will_be_being_saved. **14** And this ~~the~~ good_message of_the kingdom will_be_being_proclaimed in all the inhabited_world, because/for a_testimony to_all the nations, and then the end will_be_coming.

15 Therefore whenever you_all_may_see the abomination of_ ~~the~~ _desolation, which having_been_spoken by Daniaʸl/(Dāniyyēʼl) the prophet, having_stood in the_ holy _ _place (the one reading let_be_understanding), **16** then the ones in ~~the~~ Youdaia, let_them_be_fleeing to the mountains, **17** the one on the housetop, let_ not _come_down to_take_away the things out_of the house of_him, **18** and the one in the field,

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chicks under her wings, but you didn't want that. **38** So listen, now your temple will be left uninhabited,[309] **39** because I'm telling you that you certainly won't see me again until you can say, 'The person coming in **Yahweh's** name has been blessed.' "[310]

Yeshua foretells the destruction of the temple[311]

24:1 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left the temple, his apprentices approached him and pointed out the temple buildings. **2** In response, he asked, "Do you see all this? I can assure you that it'll be torn down so thoroughly that not a single stone will be left on top of another."

Future calamities and persecution[312]

3 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was sitting on the Mt. of Olives, his apprentices came up to him by themselves, asking, "Tell us when all those things will happen, and what the signs will be of your arrival and of the end of this age."

4 "Watch out in case other people mislead you," **Yeshua** answered, **5** "because many will come claiming to be me, saying that they're the **messiah**, and misleading many people. **6** You'll observe wars and hear reports about wars further away. Don't be alarmed, but keep watching, because these things need to happen, although that's not yet the end. **7** People groups will turn against each other, and countries rise up against one another, and there'll be famines and earthquakes. **8** But all of those things are just like the beginning of labour pains.

9 "Then they'll hand you apprentices over for persecution, and some of you will be killed. All the people groups will hate you because of my name.[313] **10** They'll cause many people to stumble and hand each other over and hate each other. **11** Also, many false prophets will appear, and they'll mislead many people, **12** and as a result, lawlessness will increase, and many people's love will cool off, **13** but anyone who lasts until the end will be rescued.[314] **14** This good message about God's kingdom will be proclaimed right around the world as a witness statement to all the people groups, and then the end will come.

Desecration and false teachers[315]

15 "So when you apprentices see the irreverent object that the prophet Daniyel wrote about being placed in the holy place[316] (anyone reading this should try to understand it), **16** those in Yehudah (Judea) should flee to the hills, **17** anyone outside on the flat roof shouldn't go back inside to get things out of the house,[317] **18** and

309 **RV 23:38 · Cross-ref.** Jer 22:5.

310 **RV 23:39 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:26.

311 **RV 24:1 · Parallel** Mark 13:1-2; Luke 21:5-6

312 **RV 24:3 · Parallel** Mark 13:3-13; Luke 21:7-19

313 **RV 24:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:22.

314 **RV 24:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:22.

315 **RV 24:15 · Parallel** Mark 13:14-23; Luke 21:20-24

316 **RV 24:15 · Cross-ref.** Dan 9:27; 11:31; 12:11.

317 **RV 24:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Luk 17:31.

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anyone in the field shouldn't go back to the house to get their coat. 19 It'll be very difficult for pregnant women and breast-feeding mothers in those days, 20 and you should pray that your escape won't be in winter or on a rest day. 21 This will be followed by incredible troubles like nothing that's ever happened in this world, from creation until the present time, and which will never happen again[318]— 22 in fact, if those days weren't shortened, nobody would survive. However, because of the chosen people, those days will be shortened.

23 "At that time, if anyone says, 'Look, here's the **messiah**' or 'Here he is', don't believe it, 24 because false messiahs and false prophets will emerge, and they'll do amazing miracles that would, if possible, mislead even the chosen people. 25 Listen, I'm telling you apprentices before it happens.

26 "So if they tell you apprentices, 'Look, he's out in the wilderness,' don't go out there, or if they say, 'He's here in these private rooms,' don't believe it,[319] 27 because when the son of humanity comes, it'll be like how the lightning goes right across the sky from one side to the other.

28 "Wherever there's something dead, that's where the vultures will gather.[320]

The miraculous appearance of the messiah[321]

29 "But immediately after that troubling time, the sun will go dark[322] and the moon won't shine.[323] The stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly powers will be shaken.[324] 30 And then a miracle will appear in the sky as the son of humanity arrives. All of the world's people groups will be in turmoil, and they'll see the son of humanity arriving on the clouds in the sky with power and massive splendour.[325] 31 There'll be a trumpet blast as he sends out his messengers to bring together all his chosen people from every part of the earth—from one pole to the other.

Watch the fig tree[326]

32 "So learn the parable about the fig tree: whenever its branches green up and leaves start to sprout out, you know that summer is coming. 33 In the same way, when you see all those things happening, you'll know then that the end of this age is very close. 34 I can assure you that that generation won't pass away until all of those things happen. 35 The sky and the earth will pass away, but my messages will certainly *not* pass away.

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let_ not _return back to_take_away the coat of_him. 19 But woe to_the women in womb having child, and to_the women nursing in those ~~the~~ days. 20 But be_praying that the flight of_ _you_all may_ not _become in_winter, nor on_a_day_of_rest. 21 For/Because then will_be great tribulation, such_as has_ not _become from beginning of_the_world until the time now, nor by_no_means may_ not _become. 22 And except ~~the~~ those days ~~not/lest~~ were_shortened, not any flesh would was_saved, but because_of the chosen, ~~the~~ those days will_be_being_shortened. 23 Then if anyone may_say to_you_all: Behold, here is the **chosen_one/messiah**, or Here he_is, you_all_may_ not _believe it. 24 For/Because false_messiahs will_be_being_raised and false_prophets, and they_will_be_giving great signs and wonders, so_as to_mislead even the chosen if possible. 25 Behold, I_have_previously_spoken to_you_all. 26 Therefore if they_may_say to_you_all: Behold, he_is in the wilderness, you_ _all_may_ not _come_out. Or_see, in the private_rooms, you_all_ _may_ not _believe it. 27 For/Because as the lightning is_ _coming_out from the_east and is_shining as_far_as the_west, thus will_be the coming of_the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man. 28 Wherever ~~if~~ the corpse may_be, there the vultures will_be_being_gathered_ _together.

29 But immediately after the tribulation of_ ~~the~~ those _days: the sun will_be_being_darkened and the moon ‹will›_ not _be_ _giving the radiance of_it: and the stars will_be_falling from the sky, and the powers of_the heavens will_be_being_shaken. 30 And then the sign of_the son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_be_being_ _seen in the_sky, and then all the tribes of_the earth will_be_ _mourning, and they_will_be_seeing the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man, coming on the clouds of_the sky with power and great glory. 31 And he_will_be_sending_out the messengers of_him with a_ great _trumpet cry, and they_will_be_gathering_together the chosen of_him from the four winds, from the_extremities of_ _the_heavens to the_extremities of_them.

32 And learn the parable of the fig_tree: whenever the branch of_it may_ already _become tender and the leaves may_be_ _sprouting_out, you_all_are_knowing that the summer is near. 33 Thus also you_all whenever you_all_may_see all these things, you_all_are_knowing that it_is near at the_doors. 34 Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that by_no_means ~~the~~ this generation may_ not _pass_away, until ~~wishfully~~ all these things may_become. 35 The heaven and the earth will_be_passing_ _away, but ~~the~~ the_messages of_me by_no_means may_ not _ _pass_away.

318 **RV 24:21 · Cross-ref.** Dan 12:1; Rev 7:14.

319 **RV 24:26-27 · Cross-ref.** Luk 17:23-24.

320 **RV 24:28 · Cross-ref.** Luk 17:37.

321 **RV 24:29 · Parallel** Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28

322 **RV 24:29 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:10; Yoel 2:10,31; 3:15; Rev 6:12.

323 **RV 24:29 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:10; Eze 32:7; Yoel 2:10; 3:15.

324 **RV 24:29 · Cross-ref.** Isa 34:4; Rev 6:13.

325 **RV 24:30 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:13; Zech 12:10-14; Rev 1:7.

326 **RV 24:32 · Parallel** Mark 13:28-31; Luke 21:29-33

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36 But no_one has_known concerning of_ ~~the~~ that _day and hour, not_even the messengers of_the heavens, nor the son, except ~~not/lest~~ only the father. **37** As were for the days of_ ~~the~~ _ _Nōe/(Noaḥ), thus the coming of_the son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_be. **38** For/Because as they_were in the days ~~which~~ before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and betrothing, until that day Nōe came_in into the box. **39** And they_ not _knew until the flood came and took_ all _away, thus the coming of_the son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_be. **40** Then two will_be in the field, one is_being_ _taken, and one is_being_left. **41** Two grinding at the grinding_ _stone, one is_being_taken, and one is_being_left. **42** Therefore be_watching, because you_all_have_ not _known on_what day the **master** of_you_all is_coming. **43** But that you_all_are_ _knowing that if the home_owner had_known in_what watch the thief is_coming, he_ would _watched, and would not allowed the house of_him to_be_dug_through **44** Because_of this also, you_all be_becoming ready, because you_all_are_ not _ _supposing the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_coming in_that. hour.

45 Who consequently is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master appointed over the household of_him, ~~which~~ to_give to_them the food in season? **46** Blessed is ~~the~~ that slave, whom the master of_him having_come will_be_finding doing thus. **47** Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that he_will_be_appointing him over all the things possessing of_him. **48** But if the that evil slave may_say in the heart of_him: The master of_me is_ _delaying, **49** and he_may_begin to_be_striking the fellow-slaves of_him, and may_be_eating also may_be_drinking with the ones being_drunk, **50** the master of_ ~~the~~ that _slave will_be_coming in a_day which he_is_ not _expecting, and in an_hour which he_is_ not _knowing, **51** and will_be_ _dismembering him, and he_will_be_appointing the portion of_ _him with the hypocrites, there will_be ~~the~~ weeping and ~~the~~ grating of_ ~~the~~ _teeth.

25:1 Then the kingdom of_the heavens will_be_being_likened to_Ten virgins, who having_taken the lamps of_them, came_out in meeting of_the bridegroom. **2** And five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. **3** For/Because the foolish having_taken the lamps of_them, they_ not _took olive_oil with themselves, **4** but the prudent took olive_oil in their containers, with the lamps of_themselves. **5** And the bridegroom delaying, all nodding_off and were_sleeping. **6** But in_the_middle of_the_ _night, a_clamour has_become: Behold, the bridegroom. Be_ _coming_out to the_meeting. **7** Then all ~~the~~ those virgins were_ _raised, and they_trimmed the lamps of_themselves. **8** And the foolish said to_the prudent: Give to_us of the olive_oil of_you_ _all, because the lamps of_us are_being_extinguished. **9** But the prudent answered saying: Lest by_no_means may_ not _suffice

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The day of his return isn't known[327]

36 "No one knows the exact day or time—not even the messengers in the heavens, or even the son—only the father knows it. **37** The son of humanity's arrival will be just like it was in Noah's time.[328] **38** In the days leading up to the flood, people were eating and drinking, and marrying and getting engaged—right until the very day that Noah got into the barge. **39** They didn't realise that something was coming until the flood came and took everything away.[329] It'll be just like that when the son of humanity comes. **40** Two people will be working out on the farm—one will be taken and one left behind. **41** Two people will be grinding grain—one will be taken and one left behind. **42** So keep watching, because none of you know exactly when your **master** will return. **43** But you do know that if a home-owner knew when a thief was going to come, he'd be there watching, and not allow the thief to break into the house.[330] **44** Because of that, you apprentices should also get ready, because otherwise you won't realise when the son of humanity is coming.

The watchful servant and the slacker[331]

45 "As a result, we'll see who the faithful and watchful slave is—the one who the master appointed to run all of his household affairs. **46** That slave will be rewarded if the master finds him working faithfully when he arrives suddenly. **47** I can assure you that he'll appoint the slave to supervise everything that he possesses. **48** But if the evil slave says to himself, 'Ah, the master won't be back for a long time yet,' **49** and starts beating his fellow slaves, and spends time eating and drinking with drunks, **50** then his master will arrive when he's not expecting it **51** and will torture him and send him off with the hypocrites to where there'll be crying and a lot of anguish.

The parable about not being prepared

25:1 "The heavenly kingdom can also be likened to ten young women in a wedding party who took their lamps and went off to meet the groom.[332] **2** Five of them were harebrained and five were sensible. **3** The less clever ones took their lamps but didn't take any oil for them, **4** whereas the sensible ones had oil in containers along with the lamps. **5** When the groom was delayed, they started nodding off and napping.

6 "But in the middle of the night there was a shout, 'Look, the groom's on his way! Come out and meet him.' **7** So all the young women got up and trimmed the wicks on their lamps, **8** and the less sensible ones asked the others, 'Here, give us some of your

327 **RV 24:36 · Parallel** Mark 13:32-37; Luke 17:26-30,34-36

328 **RV 24:37 · Cross-ref.** Gen 6:5-8.

329 **RV 24:39 · Cross-ref.** Gen 7:6-24.

330 **RV 24:43-44 · Cross-ref.** Luk 12:39-40.

331 **RV 24:45 · Parallel** Luke 12:41-48

332 **RV 25:1 · Cross-ref.** Luk 12:35.

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oil, because our lamps are starting to splutter.' 9 But the sensible ones answered, 'We don't have enough for everyone. You need to go to the stall and buy some for your lamps.' 10 However, while they were still away buying oil, the groom appeared, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding, and the door was shut.

11 "Later, the other young women arrived and called out, 'Master, master, let us in!'[333] 12 But he answered, 'I can assure you that I don't know you.'

13 "So then, be watchful, because you apprentices don't know the day or the time.

The parable about using what you're given[334]

14 "It's like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his slaves and shared his savings among them for them to manage.[335] 15 He gave five bags of silver[336] to one, two bags to another, and one to the other, according to each slave's ability, and then he departed. 16 In his absence, the one with five bags of silver used it for trading and gained five more bags. 17 Similarly, the one with two bags gained two more bags. 18 But the one who received the one bag, he went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's silver.

19 "Eventually the master of those slaves returned, and he called them in to settle up their accounts. 20 The slave who'd received five bags of silver approached, also bringing the other five bags, and said, 'Master, you entrusted me with five bags, and look, I gained another five.' 21 'Well done, good and faithful slave,' said the master. 'You were faithful with a few things, so I'll put you in charge of a lot more things. Come and join your master in celebrating.' 22 The slave who'd received two bags approached and said, 'Master, you entrusted me with two bags of silver. Look, I gained another two.' 23 'Well done, good and faithful slave,' said the master. 'You were faithful with a few things, so I'll put you in charge of a lot more things. Come and join your master in celebrating.' 24 Then the slave with one bag of silver also approached, and he said, 'Master, I knew that you're a hard man, harvesting where you didn't plant, and gathering where you didn't spread seed. 25 So because I was afraid, I went and hid your silver in the ground. So look, here's all of it back.' 26 'You evil and lazy slave,' his master answered. 'You know that I harvest where I didn't plant, and gather where I didn't spread seed, 27 so you should've at least invested my silver with the bankers, and then I could've got it back with some interest. 28 Therefore take the bag of silver off him and give it to the one with ten bags, 29 because everyone who has will be given more, and will

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for_us and you_all, rather be_going to the ones selling, and buy for_yourselves. 10 And them going_away to_buy, the bridegroom came, and the ready ones came_in with him to the wedding_festivities, and the door was_shut. 11 And later the other virgins are_ also _coming saying: Master, master, open_ _up to_us. 12 But he answering said: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_ _all, I_have_ not _known you_all. 13 Therefore be_watching, because you_all_have_ neither _known the day nor the hour.

14 For/Because as a_man travelling called his own slaves and gave_over the things possessing of_him to_them. 15 And on_ _one_hand he_gave five talantons_of_silver to_one, on_the_ _other_hand two to_one, on_the_other_hand one to_one, to_ _each according_to his own ability, and he_travelled immediately. 16 Having_been_gone, the one having_received the five talantons_of_silver worked with them and gained other five talantons_of_silver. 17 Likewise also the one with_the two gained another two. 18 But the one having_received the one, having_gone_away, dug the_ground and hid the silver of_the master of_him. 19 And after much time, the master of_ ~~the~~ those _slaves is_coming, and he_is_settling_accounts the_ _account with them. 20 And having_approached the one having_received the five talantons_of_silver, brought the_other five talantons_of_silver saying, Five talantons_of_silver, master, you_gave_over to_me, see, I_gained. another five talantons_of_ _silver. 21 The master of_him was_saying to_him: Well done, good and faithful slave. You_were faithful over a_few things, I_ _will_be_appointing you over many things, come_in into the joy of_the master of_you. 22 The one with_the two talantons_ _of_silver having_ also _approached said: Master, you_gave_ _over two talantons_of_silver to_me. Behold, I_gained another two talantons_of_silver. 23 The master of_him was_saying to_ _him: Well done, good and faithful slave. You_were faithful over a_few things, I_will_be_appointing you over many things, come_in into the joy of_the master of_you. 24 And the one having_received with_the one talanton_of_silver, having_ also _ _approached said: Master, I_knew you, that you_are a_hard, man, reaping where you_ not _sowed, and gathering_together whence you_ not _scattered. 25 And having_been_afraid having_gone_away, I_hid the talanton_of_silver of_you in the ground. Behold, you_are_having ~~the~~ your own. 26 But the master of_him, answering said to_him: Evil and reluctant slave. You_had_known that I_am_reaping where I_ not _sowed, and I_ _am_gathering_together whence I_ not _scattered. 27 Therefore it_was_fitting you to_put the silver_coins of_me to_the bankers, and having_come, I would received_back ~~the~~ mine with interest.

333 **RV 25:11-12 · Cross-ref.** Luk 13:25.

334 **RV 25:14 · Parallel** Luke 19:11-27

335 **RV 25:14-30 · Cross-ref.** Luk 19:11-27.

336 **RV 25:15 · Note** Probably silver coins, or possibly gold, and perhaps each bag weighing up to 24kg, although these details aren't vital to the story. (For example, see https://www.theologyofwork.org/new-testament/matthew/living-in-the-new-kingdom-matthew-18-25/the-parable-of-the-talents-matthew-2514-30.)

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28 Therefore take_ the talanton_of_silver _away from him, and give it to_the one having the ten talantons_of_silver.
29 For/Because to_everyone ~~which~~ having will_be_being_given and will_be_being_in_abundance, but the one not having, even what he_is_having will_be_being_taken_away from him. **30** And throw_out the useless slave into the ~~the~~ outer darkness. There will_be ~~the~~ weeping and ~~the~~ grating of_ ~~the~~ _teeth.

31 But whenever the son of_ ~~the~~ _man may_come in the glory of_him, and all the messengers with him, then he_will_be_ _sitting_down on throne of_glory of_him. **32** And all the nations will_be_being_gathered_together before him, and will_be_ _setting_apart them from one_another, as the shepherd is_ _setting_apart the sheep from the goats. **33** And the sheep will_ _be_standing on_one_hand on the_right of_him, on_the_other_ _hand the goats on the_left. **34** Then the king will_be_saying to_ _the ones on the_right of_him: Come you_all having_been_ _blessed of_the father of_me, inherit the kingdom having_ _been_prepared for_you_all from the_foundation of_the_world. **35** For/Because I_hungered and you_all_gave to_me to_eat, I_ _thirsted and you_all_gave_ me _to_drink, I_was a_stranger and you_all_brought_ me _in, **36** naked and you_all_clothed me, I_ _ailed and you_all_visited me, I_was in prison and you_came to me. **37** Then the righteous will_be_answering to_him saying: **master**, when we_saw you hungering and we_fed, or thirsting and we_gave_to_drink? **38** And when we_saw you a_stranger and we_brought_in, or naked and we_clothed? **39** And when we_saw you sick or in prison, and we_came to you? **40** And the king answering, will_be_saying to_them: Truly, I_am_saying to_ _you_all, because/for as_much_as you_all_did it to_ the least _ _one of_these ~~the~~ brothers of_me, you_all_did it to_me. **41** Then he_‹will›_ also _be_saying to_the ones on the_left: Be_going from me having_been_cursed ones into the ~~the~~ eternal fire, ~~which~~ having_been_prepared for_the devil and the messengers of_him. **42** For/Because I_hungered and you_all_ not _gave to_ _me to_eat, and I_thirsted and not you_all_gave_ me _to_drink, **43** I_was a_stranger and you_all_ not _brought_in me, naked and you_all_ not _clothed me, sick and in prison and you_all_ not _visited me. **44** Then they ‹will›_ also _be_answering saying: **master**, when we_saw you hungering, or thirsting, or a_ _stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and we_ not _served unto_you? **45** Then he_will_be_answering to_them saying: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, because/for as_much_as you_all_ not _did it to_ of_these the _one least, neither you_all_did it to_ _me. **46** And these will_be_going_away into eternal punishment, but the the_righteous into eternal life.

26:1 And it_became when ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** finished all the these messages, he_said to_the apprentices/followers of_ _him, **2** You_all_have_known that after two days the passover_

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have plenty, but anyone who doesn't have, even what they do have will be taken away from them.[337] **30** So throw that useless slave out into the darkness where there'll be crying and a lot of anguish.[338]

Separating sheep and goats

31 "But when the son of humanity comes in his glory and all the messengers with him,[339] then he'll sit down on his splendid throne[340] **32** and all the nations will be gathered together in front of him. He'll separate them all from each other, just like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** Then the sheep will be standing on his right, and the goats on his left **34** and the king will say to the sheep on his right, 'Come all of you who've been blessed by my father. Now you'll inherit the kingdom that has been prepared for you since the creation of the world **35** because I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you accommodated me, **36** I was naked and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to see me.' **37** Then those godly people will ask, '**Master**, when did we ever see you hungry and we fed you, or thirsty and we gave you a drink? **38** And when did we see you as a stranger and accommodate you, or naked and we clothed you? **39** And when did we see you in prison, and we came to see you?' **40** Then the king will answer them, 'I can assure you that whenever you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, then you did it to me.'

41 "Then the king will also speak to the ones on his left, 'Get away from me you who are cursed. You'll go into the eternal fire which was prepared for the devil and his messengers. **42** Because I was hungry and you didn't give me anything to eat, I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you didn't offer me shelter, I was naked and you didn't give me any clothes, and I was sick and in prison and you never visited me.' **44** Then they'll also respond, '**Master**, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty, or a stranger or naked, or sick or in prison and we didn't help you?' **45** 'I can assure you,' the king answered, 'that whenever you failed to help even one of the least of these others, you failed to serve me.' **46** Then this group will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the guiltless ones will receive eternal life."[341]

The plan to kill Yeshua[342]

26:1 **After Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had completed his teaching, he told his ap-

337 **RV 25:29 · Cross-ref.** Mat 13:12; Mrk 4:25; Luk 8:18.

338 **RV 25:30 · Cross-ref.** Mat 8:12; 22:13; Luk 13:28.

339 **RV 25:31 · Cross-ref.** Mat 16:27.

340 **RV 25:31 · Cross-ref.** Mat 19:28.

341 **RV 25:46 · Cross-ref.** Dan 12:2.

342 **RV 26:1 · Parallel** Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2; Yhn 11:45-53

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prentices, 2 "The pass-over celebration is in two more days,[343] and the son of humanity will be handed over to be executed on a stake."

3 At that time, the chief priests and the local elders were gathered together in the courtyard of Kayafa (Caiaphas; Grk. Kaiafas), the chief priest, 4 and they plotted together to devise a way to arrest **Yeshua** so they could execute him. 5 However, they decided not to do it during the celebrations so it wouldn't cause a big public disturbance.

Yeshua is anointed with lotion[344]

6 **Meanwhile Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) arrived in Beyt-Ania (Bethany) at the house of Shim'on (Simon) who had previously had leprosy. 7 A woman inside the house came up to him carrying a carved alabaster flask of very expensive lotion, which she poured over his head as he was seated,[345] 8 but some of his followers were upset when they saw this, and complained, "Why all this waste? 9 That could have been sold and raised a lot of money to give to the poor."

10 But **Yeshua** knew what they were saying and responded, "Why are you all causing problems for this woman, because she did something beautiful for me. 11 You'll always have the poor with you,[346] but you won't always have me around. 12 This woman put this lotion on my body in a sense as a burial spice. 13 I can assure you all that wherever the good message about me is retold anywhere in the world, this woman and what she did will also be mentioned as a memorial to her."

Yehudah agrees to turn in Yeshua[347]

14 Then one of the twelve named Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) Iskariot went to the chief priests 15 and asked, How much are you willing to pay me if I hand him over to you all?" They offered thirty silver coins[348] 16 so from then on, he was looking for an opportunity to hand him over.

Yeshua gets ready to celebrate Passover[349]

17 On the first day of the *Flat Bread Celebration*, the **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices approached him and asked, "Where do you want us to prepare the pass-over meal for you?"

18 "Go into the city to so-and-so," answered Yeshua, "and tell him that the teacher said, 'My time is getting close, but I'll celebrate the pass-over meal with you, along with my apprentices.' "

19 So the apprentices did as **Yeshua** had instructed them, and then they prepared the pass-over meal.

20 That evening as Yeshua was sitting with the twelve, 21 he said to them while they were still eating, "I can assure you that one of you is going to turn me in."

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_feast is_becoming, and the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_being_given_ _over in_order that to_be_executed_on_a_stake. 3 Then the chief_priests and the elders of_the people were_gathered_ _together in the courtyard of_the chief_priest, who being_ _called Kaiafas, 4 and they_plotted_together that they_may_ _apprehend ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** by_deceit and they_may_kill_ him _off. 5 But they_were_saying: Not at the feast, in_order_that a_ _commotion may_ not _become among the people.

6 And ~~the~~ of_**Ya^{y}sous** having_become in Ba^{y}thania in house of_ _Simōn the leprous, 7 a_woman having an_alabaster_flask of_ heavily_valued _ointment approached to_him, and she_poured_ _down it on the head of_him reclining. 8 But the apprentices/followers having_seen, resented saying: For/Because why ~~the~~ this destruction? 9 For/Because this was_ _able to_be_sold for_much and to_be_given to_the_poor. 10 But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_known, said to_them: Why are_you_all_ _bringing_about troubles to_the women? For/Because she_did a_ beautiful _work to me. 11 For/Because you_all_are_ always _ _having the poor with yourselves, but you_all_are_ not always _ _having me. 12 For/Because this woman, having_put ~~the~~ on_ this _ointment on the body of_me, because/for did it that to_ _bury me. 13 Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, wherever ~~the~~ this good_message ~~if~~ may_be_proclaimed in all the world, ‹will›_ also _be_being_spoken what this woman did for a_memorial of_ _her.

14 Then one of_the twelve who being_called Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) Iskariōta^{y}s, having_been_gone to the chief_priests 15 he_said: What are_you_all_willing to_give to_me, and_I will_be_giving_ him _over to_you_all? And they they_set to_him thirty silver_ _coins. 16 And from then he_was_seeking an_opportunity, in_ _order_that he_may_give_ him _over.

17 And on_the first day of_ ~~the~~ _non-fermented bread, the apprentices/followers approached to_ ~~the~~ _ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** saying: Where are_you_wanting that we_may_prepare for_you to_eat the passover_feast? 18 And he said: Be_going into the city to ~~the~~ someone and say to_him: The teacher is_saying: The time of_me is near, I_am_making the passover_feast with you with the apprentices/followers of_me. 19 And the apprentices/followers did as ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** directed to_them, and they_prepared the passover_feast. 20 And having_ _become evening, he_was_reclining with the twelve, 21 and to_ _them eating he_said: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that one of you_all will_be_giving_ me _over. 22 And being_ exceedingly _ _sorrowed, each one of_them they_began to_be_saying to_him: Surely_not I am, **master**? 23 And he answering said: The one

343 RV 26:2 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:1-27.

344 RV 26:6 · Parallel Mark 14:3-9; Yhn 12:1-8

345 RV 26:7 · Cross-ref. Luk 7:37-38.

346 RV 26:11 · Cross-ref. Deu 15:11.

347 RV 26:14 · Parallel Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6

348 RV 26:15 · Cross-ref. Zech 11:12.

349 RV 26:17 · Parallel Mark 14:12-21; Luke 22:7-13,21-23; Yhn 13:21-30

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having_dipped_in his hand with me in the bowl, this one will_ _be_giving_ me _over. **24** On_one_hand the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_ _going as it_has_been_written about him, on_the_other_hand woe to_the that man by whom the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_being_ _given_over. It_was better for_him, if ~~the~~ that man was_ not _ _born. **25** And Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) who giving_ him _over, answering said: Surely_not I am, my_great_one? He_is_saying to_him: You said it.

26 And of_them eating, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_taken bread and having_blessed, he_broke it and having_given to_the apprentices/followers said: Take, eat, this is the body of_me. **27** And having_taken a_cup and having_given_thanks, he_gave it to_them saying: All drink of it, **28** for/because this is the blood of_me of_the covenant, the blood for/because many being_poured_out for/because forgiveness of_sins. **29** But I_am_ _saying to_you_all, by_no_means I_may_ not _drink of this ~~the~~ fruit of_the vine from now until ~~the~~ that day, when I_may_be_ _drinking it with you_all new in the kingdom of_the father of_ _me. **30** And having_sung_hymns, they_came_out to the Mount of_ ~~the~~ _Olives.

31 Then ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_them: All of_you_all will_be_ _being_stumbled in me at ~~the~~ this night, because/for it_has_ _been_written: I_will_be_striking the shepherd, and the sheep of_the flock will_be_being_scattered. **32** But after ~~which~~ me to_ _be_raised, will_be_going_before you_all into ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl). **33** But ~~the~~ Petros answering said to_him: If all will_be_being_stumbled in you, I never will_be_being_ _stumbled. **34** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_saying to_him: Truly, I_am_ _saying to_you that at this ~~the~~ night before the_rooster to_crow, three-times you_will_be_renouncing me. **35** ~~The~~ Petros is_saying to_him: Even_if it_may_be_fitting me to_die_off with you, by_ _no_means I_‹will›_ not _be_renouncing you. All the apprentices/followers also said likewise.

36 Then ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is_coming with them to a_ _property being_called Gethsa^{y}mana^{y}, and he_is_saying to_the apprentices/followers: Sit_down here until of_which having_ _gone_away there, I_may_pray. **37** And having_taken ~~the~~ Petros and the two sons of_Zebedaios, he_began to_be_being_ _sorrowed and to_be_distressing. **38** Then he_is_saying to_ _them: The soul of_me is very_sorrowful to death, remain here

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22 They were very upset and one by one they asked him, "Surely it won't be me, **master**?"

23 "It's the one who dipped his bread into the bowl at the same time as I did," Yeshua answered. "He's the one who's going to turn me in.[350] **24** It's true that the son of humanity is going to suffer what has already been written about, but on the other hand, the end won't be good for the man who turns him in, in fact it would have been better for him if he'd never been born."

25 "Surely it won't be me, honoured teacher?" asked Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas), the one who would hand him in.[351]

"You said it," he replied.

Yeshua shares the bread and the wine[352]

26 Then during the meal, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) took some bread and blessed it, then he broke it into pieces and gave it to his apprentices, saying, "Take this and eat it—it's my body."

27 Then he took a cup of wine and after giving thanks, he shared it with them saying, "Everyone drink some, **28** because this is my blood[353] of the agreement[354] which is about to be poured out for the forgiveness of the sins of many people. **29** I can assure you all that I certainly won't drink this pass-over wine again until I'm able to drink it together with you all in my father's kingdom."

30 Then they sang some songs before heading out of the city to the Mt. of Olives.

Yeshua predicts Kefa's denials[355]

31 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "All of you will flounder tonight concerning me, because it's been written, 'I'll strike the shepherd and the flock will be scattered.'[356] **32** But after I come back to life, I'll go to Galil ahead of you all."[357]

33 "Even if all the others flounder," answered Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), "I won't."

34 "I can assure you," responded **Yeshua**, "that you'll disown me three times tonight before the rooster crows in the morning."

35 "Even if I have to die with you," said Kefa, "I'd certainly never disown you," and all the other apprentices said likewise.

Yeshua prays at Gethsaimanai[358]

36 Then they went together to a property named Gethsaimanai where he told his apprentices to sit down while he went on a little further to pray. **37** He took Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), Ya'akov (Jacob), and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) with him, and then he was struck by feelings of sorrow and distress **38** and told them, "My soul is

350 **RV 26:23 · Cross-ref.** Psa 41:9.

351 **RV 26:25 · Note** https://www.billmounce.com/monday-with-mounce/Yeshua%E2%80%99-possible-play-judas%E2%80%99-words

352 **RV 26:26 · Parallel** Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

353 **RV 26:28 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:8.

354 **RV 26:28 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:31-34.

355 **RV 26:31 · Parallel** Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-34; Yhn 13:36-38

356 **RV 26:31 · Cross-ref.** Zech 13:7.

357 **RV 26:32 · Cross-ref.** Mat 28:16.

358 **RV 26:36 · Parallel** Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46

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deathly sad. Stay here and look out for me."

39 He went on a little further, and knelt with his face to the ground, saying, "My father, if it's possible, let me avoid this suffering. However, it's not what I want because I want to do what *you* want."

40 Then he went back to the apprentices, but found them napping and said to Kefa, "Weren't you even able to stay awake for an hour for me? **41** Stay alert and pray so that you all don't fall into temptation. Your spirits are eager, but your endurance is lacking."

42 Then he went off a second time and prayed, "My father, if this can't be done any other way than me having to suffer, then I'll submit to your will." **43** Returning again, he found the apprentices sleeping because they were very tired.

44 So he left them there and went back a third time, praying in the same way. **45** Then he went back to his apprentices and told them, "You're all sleeping to get some rest? But look, it's time now, and the son of humanity is about to be handed over to sinners. **46** Get up—we need to move. The one about to turn me in is coming."

Yeshua is arrested[359]

47 While he was still speaking, Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas), one of the twelve, came and he was accompanied by a large crowd from the chief priests and local elders, and they were carrying swords and clubs. **48** The one who was turning him in had prearranged a sign that he would kiss the one that they should arrest.

49 He walked straight up **to Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and said, "Greetings, my honoured teacher," and he kissed him.

50 "Friend," **Yeshua** asked, "why have you come?"

Then they came up to **Yeshua**, and grabbed and arrested him. **51** But wow, one of **Yeshua's** group put out a hand to stop them, then drew his sword and struck at the chief priest's slave, cutting off his ear. **52** "Put your sword back in its sheath," **Yeshua** said, "because those who fight with the sword, die by the sword. **53** Don't you realise that I could just ask my father and he would place over a dozen divisions of heavenly soldiers here in front of me, **54** however then the scriptures that tell what will happen wouldn't get fulfilled."

55 Then turning to the crowds, **Yeshua** said, "So you all came out with swords and clubs as if you were arresting a thief? **56** I was sitting, teaching every day in the temple[360] but you didn't arrest me there."

Yeshua is interrogated by the Jewish leaders[361]

57 Then the ones who had arrested **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) led him away to Kayafa (Caiaphas; Grk. Kaiafas) the chief priest, where the religious teachers and the local elders had

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and be_watching with me. **39** And having_approached a_little, he_fell on the_face of_him, praying and saying: father of_me, if it_is possible, let_ ~~the~~ this cup _pass_by from me. However not as I am_wanting, but as you. **40** And he_is_coming to the apprentices/followers and is_finding them sleeping, and he_is_ _saying to_ ~~the~~ _Petros: Thus you_all_were_ not _able to_watch one hour with me? **41** Be_watching and be_praying, in_order_ _that you_all_may_ not _come_in into temptation. On_one_ _hand the spirit is eager, on_the_other_hand the the_flesh is weak. **42** Again having_gone_away for a_second, he_prayed saying: father of_me, if this is_ not _able to_pass_by, if I_may_ not _drink it, let_ the will of_you _be_become. **43** And having_ _come back, he_found them sleeping, because/for the eyes of_ _them were having_been_weighed_down. **44** And having_left them again, having_gone_away, he_prayed for the_third time having_said the same statement again. **45** Then he_is_coming to the apprentices/followers and is_saying to_them: You_all_ _are_sleeping for_the rest and you_all_are_resting? Behold, the hour has_neared, and the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_being_given_over into the_hands of_sinners. **46** Be_being_raised, we_may_be_ _going. Behold, the one giving_ me _over has_neared.

47 And of_him still speaking, see Youdas/(Yəhūdāh), one of_the twelve came, and with him a_ great _crowd with swords and clubs from the chief_priests and elders of_the people. **48** And the one giving_over him, gave to_them a_sign saying: Whomever ~~wishfully~~ I_may_kiss, it_is he, apprehend him. **49** And immediately having_approached to_ ~~the~~ **_Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** he_said: Greetings, my_great_one, and he_kissed him. **50** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** said to_him: Friend, because/for what are_you_ _coming? Then having_approached, they_laid_on their hands on ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous**, and they_apprehended him. **51** And see, one of_ _the ones with **Yaʸsous**, having_stretched_out his hand, drew_ _out the sword of_him, and having_struck the slave of_the chief_priest, cut_off the ear of_him. **52** Then ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** is_ _saying to_him: Turn_away the sword of_you into the place of_ _it, because/for all the ones having_taken the_sword, will_be_ _perishing by the_sword **53** Or are_you_supposing that I_am_ not _being_able now to_appeal the father of_me, and he_will_ _be_standing_ more twelve of_legions of_messengers _before before_me? **54** Therefore how may_ The scriptures _be_fulfilled, that thus it_is_fitting to_become? **55** In that ~~the~~ hour, ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** said to_the crowds: You_all_came_out with swords and clubs to_capture me as against a_robber? In_every day in the temple, I_was_sitting teaching, and you_all_ not _apprehended me. **56** But this all has_become, in_order_that the things scriptures of_the prophets may_be_fulfilled. Then all the apprentices/followers, having_left him fled.

57 And the ones having_apprehended ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, led_ him _away to Kaiafas the chief_ _priest, where the scribes and the elders were_gathered_ _together. **58** But ~~the~~ Petros was_following after_him from afar to the courtyard of_the chief_priest, and having_come_in

359 **RV 26:47 · Parallel** Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53; Yhn 18:3-12

360 **RV 26:56 · Cross-ref.** Luk 19:47; 21:37.

361 **RV 26:57 · Parallel** Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54-55,63-71; Yhn 18:13-14,19-24

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inside, he_was_sitting with the attendants to_see the outcome.
59 And the chief_priests and the whole council were_seeking
false_witness against ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** so_that they_may_put_ him _
_to_death, **60** but of_many false_witnesses having_approached,
they_ not _found. But later, two having_approached **61** said:
This man was_saying: I_am_being_able to_tear_down the
temple of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and to_build it it by of_three days. **62** And
the chief_priest having_stood_up, said to_him: Are_you_
_answering nothing, what these men are_testifying against_
_you? **63** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** was_keeping_silent. And the chief_
_priest said to_him: I_am_adjuring you by the ~~which~~ living **god**
that you_may_tell to_us if you are the **chosen_one/messiah**,
the son of_the **god**. **64** ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous** is_saying to_him: You said it.
However I_am_saying to_you_all, from now you_all_will_be_
seeing the son of ~~the~~ _Man: sitting on the_right of_ ~~the~~ _power,
and coming in the clouds of_the sky. **65** Then the chief_priest
tore the robes of_him saying: He_slandered, why are_we_
_having anymore need of_witnesses? Behold, now you_all_
_heard the slander. **66** What is_it_supposing to_you_all? And
~~which~~ answering they_said: He_is liable of_death. **67** Then they_
_spat in the face of_him, and they_beat him and they slapped
him **68** saying: Prophesy to_us, **chosen_one/messiah**, who is
the one having_struck you?

69 And ~~the~~ Petros was_sitting outside in the courtyard, and one
servant_girl approached to_him saying: You also were_were
with **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** the Galilaios. **70** But he disowned
him before all saying: I_have_ not _known what you_are_
_saying. **71** And having_come_out to the gate, another saw him
and she_is_saying to_the ones there: This man was with
Ya^{y}sous the from_Nazaret. **72** And again he_disowned with an_
_oath, ~~that~~ I_have_ not _known the man. **73** And after a_little,
the ones having_stood having_approached said to_ ~~the~~ _Petros:
Truly also you are of them, because/for even the speech of_you
is_making you evident. **74** Then he_began to_be_cursing and
to_be_swearing, ~~that~~ I_have_ not _known the man. And
immediately a_rooster crowed. **75** And ~~the~~ Petros was_reminded
of_the message of_**Ya^{y}sous** having_said, ~~that~~ Before the_rooster
to_crow, you_will_be_renouncing me three-times. And having_
_come_out out, he_wept bitterly.

27:1 And having_become in_the_morning, all the chief_priests
and the elders of_the people took counsel against ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**,
so_that to_put_ him _to_death, **2** and having_bound him, they_

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gathered together. **58** Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) followed along from a distance, and went inside to the chief priest's courtyard, where he sat with the attendants and waited to see what would happen. **59** The chief priests and the whole council tried to find people who would bring false accusations against **Yeshua** so they could sentence him to death, **60** but even though many people wanted to try, they couldn't find anyone suitable. Eventually, two others came up **61** and said, "We heard this man say, 'I'm able to demolish **God's** temple and rebuild it in three days.' "[362]

62 So the chief priest stood and asked Yeshua, "Don't you have any respond to what these men are accusing you of?" **63** But **Yeshua** stayed silent, so then the chief priest asked him, "I order you by the living **God** to tell us if you're the **messiah**, the son of **God**."

64 "You said it," **Yeshua** responded. "However, I can tell you all that from now on, you'll see the son of humanity sitting beside God in the position of power and coming in the clouds in the sky."[363]

65 Then the chief priest tore his robes and said, "He belittled God. Why would we need more witnesses after that? See here, you all heard him slander God. **66** What do you all think now?

"He should get the death penalty,"[364] they answered.

67 Then they spat in Yeshua's face and they beat him and slapped him[365] **68** saying, "Prophesy to us, **messiah**. Who was it that just slapped you?"

Kefa disowns Yeshua[366]

69 Meanwhile Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) was sitting outside in the courtyard when a servant girl went up to him and said, "You were one of the ones with **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) from Galil."

70 But Kefa disowned Yeshua in front of them all saying, "I've got no idea what you're talking about." **71** Then he went out the gate, but someone else saw him and she told the others, "This man was with **Yeshua** from Nazaret."

72 Again, Kefa disowned Yeshua with an oath, "I don't even know the guy."

73 A little while later, another person stood up and went to Kefa, "You must be one of them because we can tell by your accent."

74 Kefa began to curse and promise, "I don't know that man." Just then the rooster crowed **75** and then Kefa remembered that **Yeshua** had said that he would deny him three times before the rooster crowed. He left the courtyard and went away and bawled in shame.

Yeshua is taken to Pilatos[367]

27:1 By now it was early morning, and all the chief priests and local elders discussed

362 **RV 26:61 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 2:19.

363 **RV 26:64 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:13.

364 **RV 26:65-66 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:16.

365 **RV 26:67 · Cross-ref.** Isa 50:6.

366 **RV 26:69 · Parallel** Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:56-62; Yhn 18:15-18,25-27

367 **RV 27:1 · Parallel** Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1-2; Yhn 18:28-32

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and agreed on their plans to have **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) put to death 2 then they tied his arms and led him away to be handed over to Pilatos (Pilate), the Romaios governor.

Yehudah' regret and suicide[368]

3 When Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas), (the one who had turned him in) saw that he was being sentenced to death, he regretted his actions and returned the payment to the chief priests and elders 4 saying, "I've sinned and turned in an innocent man."

"What's that got to do with us?" they asked. "You sort out your own problems."

5 Then Yehudah threw the money down on the temple floor and went off and hanged himself.

6 The chief priests took the money and decided, "We can't legally deposit the money to the temple treasury because it's blood money." 7 They got advice and decided to buy the potter's field that was for sale to make it a cemetery for people from out of town, 8 so that place got called 'The field of blood'[369] until today.

9 And so the message which had been written by the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) was fulfilled, 'They took the thirty silver coins, the price of the one who was sold, the price set by the Israelis, 10 and they gave the coins for the potter's field, as **Yahweh** directed me.'[370]

Yeshua faces Pilatos[371]

11 **Meanwhile Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was stood in front of the governor and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Yehudim (Jews)?"

"You said it,", responded Yeshua, 12 but when he chief priests and the elders brought their accusations against him, he didn't say anything.

13 Then Pilatos (Pilate) asked him, "Can't you hear all the evidence against you that they're listing?"

14 But he didn't respond, not even a single word, and this greatly surprised the governor.

The guiltless Yeshua is sentenced to death[372]

15 It was the time of the Passover celebrations, and a tradition had been established that the governor would release one prisoner to the people—whoever they chose. 16 At that time, there was a well-known prisoner named Bar-Aba (Grk. Barabbas), 17 so when all the people had gathered, Pilatos (Pilate) shouted down to them, "Who would you all like me to release: Bar-Aba or **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) who's also being called **the messiah**?" 18 He said this because he knew that Yeshua had been arrested because of the jealousy of the Jewish leaders.

19 But while Pilatos was still making his judgement, his wife sent a note to him, saying, "Don't touch that guiltless man because I was very distressed by a dream I had about him."

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_led_away and gave_ him _over to_Pilatos the governor.

3 Then Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) the one giving_ him _over, having_ _seen that he_was_condemned, having_been_regretful, he_ _returned the thirty silver_coins to_the chief_priests and elders 4 saying: I_sinned having_given_over innocent blood. But they said: What is_it to us? You will_be_seeing to_it. 5 And having_ _thrown_down the silver_coins into the temple, he_withdrew and having_gone_away hanged himself. 6 And the chief_priests having_taken the silver_coins said: It_is_ not _permitting to_ _put them into the temple_treasury, because it_is the_price of_ _blood. 7 And having_taken counsel, they_bought the field of_ _the potter with them, because/for a_burial_place for_the strangers. 8 Therefore ~~the~~ that field was_called the_field of_ _blood to the day today. 9 Then the message having_been_ _spoken by Yeremias/(Yirməʸāh) the prophet was_fulfilled saying: And they_took the thirty silver_coins, the price of_the one having_been_priced, whom they_priced by the_sons of_ _Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl), 10 and they_gave them for the field of_the potter, as the_**master** directed to_me.

11 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** was_stood before the governor, and the governor asked him saying: Are you the king of_the Youdaiōns? And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** was_saying to_him: You are_saying it. 12 And in that to_ him _be_being_accused by the chief_priests and the elders, he_answered nothing. 13 Then ~~the~~ Pilatos is_saying to_him: You_are_ not _hearing how_many things against_you they_are_testifying? 14 And he_ not _ _answered to_him, to not_even one message, so_as to_be_ _marvelling the governor exceedingly.

15 And concerning the_feast, the governor had_been_ _accustomed to_be_sending_away one prisoner to_the crowd, whom they_were_wanting. 16 And they_were_having then the_ notable _prisoner being_called Barabbas. 17 Therefore of_them having_been_gathered_together, ~~the~~ Pilatos said to_them: Whom are_you_all_willing I_may_send_away to_you_all, Barabbas or **Yaʸsous**, who is being_called the_**chosen_ _one/messiah**? 18 For/Because he_had_known that they_gave_ him _over because_of envy. 19 But him sitting on the tribunal, the wife of_him sent_out to him saying: Let_be nothing to_you and ~~the~~ that righteous man, because/for I_suffered many things today in a_dream because_of him. 20 But the chief_priests and the elders persuaded the crowds that they_may_request ~~the~~ Barabbas and they_may_destroy ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. 21 And the governor answering said to_them: Which are_you_

368 **RV 27:3 · Parallel** Acts 1:18-19

369 **RV 27:3-8 · Cross-ref.** Acts 1:18-19.

370 **RV 27:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Zech 11:12-13.

371 **RV 27:11 · Parallel** Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:3-5; Yhn 18:33-38

372 **RV 27:15 · Parallel** Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; Yhn 18:39–19:16

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_all_wanting of the two, I_may_send_away to_you_all? And they said, ~~the~~ Barabbas. **22** ~~The~~ Pilatos is_saying to_them: Therefore what may_I_do to_**Ya^{y}sous**, who is being_called the_**chosen_ _one/messiah**? All are_saying: ‹Let›_him_be_executed_on_a_ _stake. **23** And he was_saying: For/Because what evil he_did? And they were_ exceedingly _crying_out saying: ‹Let›_him_be_ _executed_on_a_stake. **24** And ~~the~~ Pilatos having_seen that it_is_ _benefiting nothing, but rather is_becoming a_commotion, having_taken water, he_washed_off his hands in_front_of the crowd saying: I_am innocent of the blood ~~the~~ this righteous one,. you_all will_be_seeing to_it. **25** And all the people answering said: The blood of_him is on us and on the children of_us. **26** Then he_sent_ ~~The~~ Barabbas _away to_them, but having_flogged ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, he_gave_ him _over, in_order_that he_may_be_executed_on_a_stake.

27 Then the soldiers of_the governor, having_taken ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** to the residence_of_the_governor, gathered_together all the cohort before him. **28** And having_stripped_ him _off, they_put_ _around a_ scarlet _robe to_him, **29** and having_twisted_ _together a_crown of thorns, they_put_on it on the head of_ _him, and a_staff in the right hand of_him, and having_knelt before him, they_mocked at_him saying: Greetings, ~~the~~ king of_ _the Youdaiōns. **30** And having_spat on him, they_took the reed and they_were_striking him on the head of_him. **31** And when they_mocked at_him, they_stripped_ the robe _off him and they_dressed_ him _in the clothes of_him, and they_led_ him _ _away into the place to_execute_on_a_stake him.

32 And coming_out, they_found a_ a_from_Kura^{y}na^{y} _man, by_ _the_name Simōn. This one they_compelled that he_may_carry the stake of_him. **33** And having_come to a_place being_called Golgotha/(Gulgolet), which is being_called place Of_the_skull, **34** they_gave wine having_been_mixed with gall to_him to_ _drink, and having_tasted it, he_ not _willed to_drink it. **35** And having_executed_on_a_stake him, they_divided the clothes of_ _him, casting a_lot, **36** and sitting they_were_guarding him there. **37** And they_put_on over the head of_him the charge of_ _him having_been_written: This is **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, the king of_the Youdaiōns. **38** Then two robbers are_being_ _executed_on_a_stake with him, one on the_right, and one on the_left. **39** And the ones passing_through were_slandering him, shaking the heads of_them **40** and saying: You tearing_

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20 Meanwhile the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to request that Bar-Aba be released and that **Yeshua** should be sentenced, **21** so when the governor asked them, "Which of these two men should I release?" they called back, "Bar-Aba."

22 "So what should I do **to Yeshua** who's called **the messiah**?" Pilatos asked.

"Execute him on a stake!" they all responded.

23 "But what crime has he done?" demanded Pilatos.

But they just kept yelling loudly, "Execute him on a stake."

24 When Pilatos saw that it was going nowhere other than to turn into a riot, got a bowl of water and washed his hands up there in front of the crowd,[373] announcing, "I'm innocent of the blood of this man who has done nothing wrong. It's your responsibility now."

25 "The responsibility for his blood will be on us and on our children," the people shouted back.

26 Then Pilatos commanded that Bar-Aba (Grk. Barabbas) be released. He commanded that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) be flogged and then he handed him over to be executed.

'King' Yeshua is mocked by the soldiers[374]

27 The governor's soldiers took **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) to the courtyard of his residence and called together all the soldiers in the unit. **28** Then they stripped Yeshua and placed a royal scarlet robe around him. **29** They twisted together a crown made of strips of thorns and plonked it on his head and made him hold a reed as a staff. Then they knelt down in front of him and mocked him, saying, "Greetings, your majesty, King of the Yehudim (Jews)." **30** They spat on him then snatched the reed away and used it to whack him on the head. **31** When they'd finished mocking him, they took the robe off him and dressed him in his own clothes again before they led him away to the place where he'd be executed.

Yeshua and robbers placed on stakes[375]

32 When they got out onto the street, they grabbed a man who turned out to be Shim'on (Simon) from Kurainai (Cyrene), and they forced him to carry the stake. **33** When they arrived at the place called Golgotha (which means 'Place of the skull'), **34** they gave Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) some wine mixed with something bitter,[376] but when he tasted it, he didn't want to drink any.

35 Then they executed him on the stake and divided his clothes out by throwing dice[377] **36** as they sat there guarding him.
37 They put a sign above his head that said, 'This is **Yeshua**, the king of the Yehudim (Jews).' **38** Two robbers were also executed on stakes—one on his right and one on his left.[378]

373 **RV 27:24 · Cross-ref.** Deu 21:6-9.

374 **RV 27:27 · Parallel** Mark 15:16-20; Yhn 19:2-3

375 **RV 27:32 · Parallel** Mark 15:21-32; Luke 23:26-43; Yhn 19:17-27

376 **RV 27:34 · Cross-ref.** Psa 69:21.

377 **RV 27:35 · Cross-ref.** Psa 22:18.

378 **RV 27:38 · Note** https://www.billmounce.com/monday-with-mounce/when-then-then-mt-27-38

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39 Many of the people passing by bad-mouthed him, shaking their heads[379] 40 and saying, "Ha, you reckoned you could demolish the temple and rebuild it in three days[380] so save yourself now—if you're really **God's** son, just step down off that stake."

41 Similarly, the chief priests and the religious teachers and the elders mocked him saying, 42 "Ha, he saved others but he can't even save himself. If he's Yisrael's (Israel's) king, let him come down now from the stake and then we'll believe in him. 43 He put his trust in **God**, so let God rescue him now if he wants him,[381] because he did claim to be **God's** son."

44 Even the robbers who were being executed beside him derided him.

Yeshua calls out and then dies[382]

45 Around noon, the whole country became dark for three hours 46 and then around 3pm, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) shouted with a loud voice, "My **god**, my **god**, why have you abandoned me?"[383]

47 Some of the people standing there heard him and thought that he was calling Eliyah (Elijah)[384] 48 One of them ran and got a sponge and dipped it in wine vinegar, and then wrapped it around a reed and held it up to his mouth to drink from.[385]

49 But the others were saying, "Just leave him and we'll see whether Eliyah comes to save him."

50 Then **Yeshua** made a loud cry and sent his spirit away.

51 Then, wow, the curtain inside the temple was torn apart from the top to the bottom,[386] and there was an earthquake and splitting of rocks. 52 Some tombs came open and many bodies of godly people came alive again 53 and leaving the tombs after his resurrection, they went into God's city where many people saw them.

54 The Romaios officer and his soldiers who were guarding **Yeshua** were very frightened when they felt the earthquake and saw what happened, and said, "This man really was a son **of God**!"

55 There were many women watching all this from a distance—they were those who from Galil who had followed **Yeshua** and looked **after** him,[387] 56 including Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala, Miryam the mother of Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yosef (Joseph), and Zavday's (Grk. Zebedaios') wife—the mother of Ya'akov and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes).

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_down the temple and building it in three days, save yourself. If you_are the_son, of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, come_down from the stake. 41 Likewise the chief_priests with the scribes and elders mocking were_saying, 42 He_saved others, he_is_ not _able to_ _save himself. He_Is king of_Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl), let_him_come_ _down now from the stake, and we_will_be_believing in him. 43 He_has_trusted in ~~the~~ **god**, let_him_rescue now if he_is_ _wanting him. For/Because he_said, ~~that~~ I_am the_son of**_god**. 44 And the same also the robbers, the ones having_been_ _executed_on_a_stake_with with him, were_deriding him.

45 And from the_sixth hour, darkness became over all the land until the_ ninth _hour. 46 And about the ninth hour, ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** shouted with_a_ loud _voice saying: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani? This is: **god** of_me, **god** of_me, because/for_ why _reason you_abandoned me? 47 And some of_the ones having_ _stood there having_heard were_saying, ~~that~~ This man is_calling Aʸlias/(ʾĒliyʸāh). 48 And immediately one of them having_run and having_taken a_sponge, and having_filled it with_wine_ _vinegar and having_put_around it around_a_reed, was_giving_ him _to_drink. 49 But the rest were_saying: Leave it, we_may_ _see whether Aʸlias is_coming, going_to_save him. 50 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** again having_cried_out with_a_ loud _ _voice, sent_away his spirit. 51 And see, the curtain of_the temple was_torn into two from top to bottom, and the earth was_shaken and the rocks were_divided, 52 and the tombs were_opened_up and many bodies of_the holy ones having_ _been_fallen_asleep was_raised, 53 and having_come_out out_of the tombs after the resurrection of_him, they_came_in into the holy city and were_manifested to_many. 54 And the centurion and the ones with him guarding ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous**, having_seen the earthquake and the things having_become, were_ exceedingly _ _afraid saying: Truly this one was son of_**god**. 55 And there were many women observing from afar, who followed ~~the~~ after_ _**Yaʸsous** from ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl) serving unto_him, 56 among whom was Maria/(Miryām) the from_Magdala, and Maria the mother of_ ~~the~~ _Yakōbos/(Yaʻaqov) and of_Yōsaʸs/(Yōşēf?), and the mother of_the sons of_Zebedaios.

379 **RV 27:39 · Cross-ref.** Psa 22:7; 109:25.

380 **RV 27:40 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:61; Yhn 2:19.

381 **RV 27:43 · Cross-ref.** Psa 22:8.

382 **RV 27:45 · Parallel** Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; Yhn 19:28-30

383 **RV 27:46 · Cross-ref.** Psa 22:1.

384 **RV 27:47 · Note** The original words for 'My god' sound a bit similar to the word for 'Eliyah'.

385 **RV 27:48 · Cross-ref.** Psa 69:21.

386 **RV 27:51 · Cross-ref.** Exo 26:31-33.

387 **RV 27:55-56 · Cross-ref.** Luk 8:2-3.

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57 And having_become evening, a_ rich _man from Arimathaia came, namely Yōsaʸf/(Yōṣēf), who also himself trained to_ ~~the~~ _ **_Yaʸsous**. **58** This one having_approached to_ ~~the~~ _Pilatos, requested the body of_ ~~the~~ **_Yaʸsous**. Then ~~the~~ Pilatos commanded it to_be_given_back. **59** And having_taken the body, ~~the~~ Yōsaʸf wrapped it in_a_ clean _linen_cloth, **60** and put it in the new tomb of_him which he_hewn in the rock, and having_rolled a_ great _stone to_the door of_the tomb, he_ _went_away. **61** And Maria the from_Magdala was there and the other Maria, sitting in_front_of the tomb.

62 And on_the day of_next, which is after the preparation day, the chief_priests and the Farisaios_party were_gathered_ _together to Pilatos **63** saying: Master, we_were_reminded that that ~~the~~ deceiver still living said: I_am_being_raised after three days. **64** Therefore command the tomb to_be_secured until the third day, lest the apprentices/followers having_come may_ _steal him and they_may_say to_the people: He_was_raised from the dead, and the last deception will_be worse than the first. **65** And ~~the~~ Pilatos was_saying to_them: You_all_are_having a_guard, be_going secure it as you_all_have_known. **66** And they having_been_gone, secured the tomb, having_sealed the stone with the guard.

28:1 And after the_days_of_rest, at_the time dawning toward the_first day of_the_week, Maria/(Miryām) the from_Magdala and the other Maria came, to_observe the tomb. **2** And see, an_ great _earthquake became, because/for a_messenger of_the_ **_master** having_come_down from heaven and having_ _approached, rolled_away the stone and was_sitting on it. **3** And the appearance of_him was as lightning, and the clothing of_him white as snow. **4** And the ones guarding were_shaken from the fear of_him, and were_become as dead men. **5** And the messenger answering said to_the women: Be_ not _fearing you_ _all, because/for I_have_known that you_all_are_seeking **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, the one having_been_executed_on_a_ _stake. **6** He_is not here, because/for he_was_raised as he_said. Come see the place where he_was_lying. **7** And having_been_ _gone quickly, say to_the apprentices/followers of_him that he_ _was_raised from the dead, and see, he_is_going_before you_all into ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), you_all_will_be_seeing him there. Behold, I_told to_you_all. **8** And having_gone_away quickly from the tomb, with fear and great joy, they_ran to_report to_ _the apprentices/followers of_him. **9** And see, **Yaʸsous** met with_them saying: Greetings. And the women having_ _approached, took_hold_of the feet of_him and they_prostrated before_him. **10** Then ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** is_saying to_them: Be_ not _ _fearing. Be_going, report to_the brothers of_me that they_ _may_go_away into ~~the~~ Galilaia, and they_will_be_seeing me there.

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Yeshua's body is placed in a tomb[388]

57 As it moved into evening, a wealthy man named Yosef (Joseph) from Arimathaia came—he'd also been one of **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices. **58** He went to Pilatos (Pilate) and requested **Yeshua's** body, and Pilatos commanded the soldiers to release it. **59** Yosef took the body and wrapped it in clean, linen cloth **60** and put it in his own tomb which had been newly carved into the rock. Then he rolled a big stone into the door of the tomb and left it. **61** Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala and the other Miryam sat there in front of the tomb.

Guards are assigned to the tomb

62 The next day was the day after the Passover preparation day and the chief priests and the Farisaios went together to Pilatos (Pilate) **63** and told him, "Master, we were reminded that that deceiver when he was still alive said that he would come back to life after three days[389] **64** so you should command that the tomb be secured until the third day in case someone steals his body and then tells the people that he has come alive again—that would be a worse deception than his initial teachings."

65 "Well you all guard it," answered Pilatos, "and keep it secure as you say."

66 So they went and secured the tomb by sealing it and placing guards there.

The women encounter the messenger and then meet Yeshua[390]

28:1 After the days of rest during the first light of Sunday morning, Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala and the other Miryam went out to visit the tomb. **2** Then, wow, there was a massive earthquake because one **of Yahweh's** messengers had come down from heaven and approached the tomb. He had rolled away the stone and was now sitting on it. **3** He looked as if you were watching lightning and his clothes were extremely white. **4** The guards at the tomb shook with fear when they saw him and then they fainted.

5 Then the messenger spoke to the women, "Don't be scared because I know that both of you are looking for **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) who was executed on a stake. **6** He isn't here, because he came back to life just like he said he would. Go inside and see the place where his body was lying **7** and then leave straight away and go and tell his followers that he's come alive again and will go ahead of you all to Galil. You'll see him when you get there. Listen, I've told you now."

8 So they went off quickly with a mixture of fear and incredible happiness, and ran back to tell Yeshua's followers.

9 Then, wow, **Yeshua** met them on the path and greeted them. The two women went close and knelt down and took hold of his feet and lowered their heads. **10** Then **Yeshua** spoke again, "Don't be scared. Go now and tell my brothers so they'll go up to Galil and then they'll see me there."

388 **RV 27:57 · Parallel** Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; Yhn 19:38-42

389 **RV 27:63 · Cross-ref.** Mat 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; Mrk 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34; Luk 9:22; 18:31-33.

390 **RV 28:1 · Parallel** Mark 16:1-10; Luke 24:1-12; Yhn 20:1-10

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The guards are paid to lie

11 After they'd left, some of the guards from the tomb went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened, **12** so they met together with the elders and after some discussion, they gave a generous amount to the soldiers **13** and told them, "Tell everyone that his followers came in the dark and stole his body when you'd fallen asleep. **14** If the governor hears about it, we'll butter him up so that you won't need to be afraid of getting punished."
15 So they took the money and did what they had been asked.

Yeshua commissions his apprentices as missionaries[391]

16 The eleven apprentices travelled up to Galil to the hill that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had previously told them to go to,[392] **17** and when they saw him there, they immediately bowed down to the ground, even though their minds weren't sure that it was really him. **18** Then **Yeshua** came closer and told them, "I have been given authority over both heavenly and earthly affairs **19** so I want you to leave here and go and train followers in every country,[393] immersing them in water with the authority of the father and the son and the holy **spirit**. **20** Then teach them to do everything just like I instructed all of you. And listen, I will be with you all every day right through until the end of this age."

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11 And them going, see, some of_the guard having_come into the city, reported to_the chief_priests all the things having_ _become. **12** And having_been_gathered_together with the elders, and having_taken counsel, they_gave many silver_coins to_the soldiers **13** saying: Say ~~that~~: The apprentices/followers of_him having_come by_night, stole him of_us falling_asleep. **14** And if this may_be_heard by the governor, we will_be_ _persuading him and we_will_be_making you_all unanxious. **15** And having_taken the_silver_coins, they did as they_were_ _taught. And ~~the~~ this message was_spread_abroad among the_ _Youdaiōns until the today.
16 But the the_eleven apprentices/followers were_gone into ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), to the mountain where ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** determined for_them. **17** And having_ _seen him, they_prostrated, but they doubted. **18** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_approached, spoke to_them saying: All authority in heaven and on earth was_given to_me. **19** Therefore having_been_gone, train_followers all the nations, immersing them in the name of_the father, and of_the son, and of_the holy **spirit**, **20** teaching them to_be_keeping all things as_much_as I_commanded to_you_all. And see, I am with you_ _all all the days, until the completion of_the age.

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391 **RV 28:16 · Parallel** Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:36-49; Yhn 20:19-23; Acts 1:6-8
392 **RV 28:16 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:32; Mrk 14:28.
393 **RV 28:19 · Cross-ref.** Acts 1:8.

The first account by

Lukas

being the account of Yeshua's ministry

Introduction

Author

This account about the works and teachings of Yeshua was written by Lukas, one of the later followers of Yeshua. Lukas was believed to be a medical doctor and although many have assumed him to be a Greek, there's also a good case that he was Jewish. He was good friends with Paulos and accompanied him several times as they travelled to various places to spread the good message about Yeshua the messiah. Lukas was also the author of the account of the beginnings of the Christian church known commonly known as *Acts*, and unlike most other Bibles, the *Open English Translation* places these two successive accounts one after the other.

This account

This account was written to Theofilos who is said to be an honoured person from Romai. He starts his account with the prophesied birth of Yohan-the-immerser and then of Yeshua right through until he's lifted into the clouds. Lukas also explains how that Yeshua is the messiah promised by God to save Yehudim and all non-Jews who put their trust in him.

It's also told here in this document about Yeshua's mercy towards troubled people and sinners, his healing of many who were sick or possessed by demons, his bringing dead people back to life, and his teaching. Recurring themes here include God's spirit, prayer, forgiveness of sins, the women who helped Yeshua with his work, and how believers should prepare for his return.

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Introduction

1:1 Several people attempted to write an account about the events that we're personally certain of **2** as the ones who were eyewitnesses and hearers of these accounts from the beginning handed them over to us. **3** So since we had followed all these events so carefully, it seemed like a good idea to write this account for you, honoured Theofilos, **4** so that you could know the definite background behind what you were taught.

The messenger foretells the birth of Yohan-the-immerser

5 It started with the priest Zekaryah (Zechariah; Grk. Zakarias) and his wife Elisheva (Elizabeth; Grk. Elisabet) at the time when Herodes (Herod) was the king of Yehudah (Judea). (Zekaryah was in the priestly division of Aviyah,[1] and Elisheva was also a descendant of Aharon (Aaron).) **6** **God** considered them both good and blameless as they followed his instructions and obeyed his rules. **7** Elisheva had never been able to have a child, so there was just the two of them as they were now getting older.

8 One time as he was taking his rostered turn to serve **God** along with his division, **9** he was chosen by lot (this was how the priests assigned tasks) to light the incense in the temple, and so he proceeded inside. **10** A lot of people would be praying outside the temple at the time when the incense was burnt. **11** At that moment, a messenger from God appeared to Zekaryah, standing right there at the right of the incense altar. **12** Zekaryah got a big fright at seeing him there and started to tremble. **13** But the messenger spoke, "Don't be scared Zekaryah, because your request has been listened to, and your wife Elisheva will give birth to a son and you'll name him Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes). **14** He'll bring a lot of happiness to you and you'll be proud of him—in fact many people will be glad. **15** He'll be considered special in God's eyes, but he won't be allowed to drink wine or **spirits**.[2] Even while he's still in his mother's womb, he'll be filled with God's **spirit**. **16** He will turn many Israeli people back to **Yahweh**, their **God**. **17** And he will go on ahead of God with the spirit and the power of Eliyah (Elijah), to turn fathers back to loving their children and to turn career criminals towards the wisdom of godly people, to get **the** people ready **for Yahweh**."[3]

18 Zekaryah asked the messenger, "How will I know if you're telling the truth, because I'm an older man and my wife is also getting old?"

19 Now the messenger rebuked him, "I am Gavriel (Gabriel)[4] who stood right in front of **God** and was commanded to come here and talk to you, and to tell all of this to you, **20** so listen to this: Because you didn't believe my message, you'll be made silent and unable to speak until the day that all of these things happen, and they certainly will happen at the proper times."

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1:1 Since many attempted to_draw_up a_description concerning the matters having_been_fully_assured among us, **2** as the ones from the_beginning, having_become eyewitnesses and attendants of_the message, gave_ them _over to_us, **3** it_ _supposed to_also_me having_followed originally with_all things exactly, to_write to_you consecutively, most_excellent Theofilos, **4** in_order_that you_may_know the certainty concerning which of_the_messages you_were_instructed.

5 It_became in the days of_Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s king of_ ~~the~~ _Youdaia, a_ certain _priest by_the_name Zaḳarias of division of_ _Abia/('Av῾īāh), and wife to_him of the daughters of_ _A'arōn/('Ah$_{a}$ron), and the name of_her, Elisabet. **6** And they_ _were both righteous before ~~the~~ **god**, blameless in pursuing all the commands and just_acts of_the **master**. **7** And was to_them no child, as_much_as ~~the~~ Elisabet was barren, and both were having_advanced in the days of_them. **8** And it_became in the time him to_be_ministering, before ~~the~~ **god** in the order of_the division of_him, **9** according_to the custom of_the priestly_ _office, he_was_chosen_by_lot ~~which~~ to_burn_incense, having_ _come_in into the temple of_the **master**. **10** And all the multitude of_the people was praying outside at_the hour of_the incense. **11** And a_messenger of_the_**master** was_seen to_him, having_stood on the_right of_the altar of_the incense. **12** And Zaḳarias was_disturbed having_seen him, and fear fell_on on him. **13** But the messenger said to him: Be_ not _fearing, Zaḳarias, because the petition of_you was_listened_to, and Elisabet the wife of_you will_be_bearing a_son to_you, and you_ _will_be_calling the name of_him Yōanna^{y}s. **14** And will_be joy and exultation to_you, and many will_be_being_elated at the birth of_him. **15** For/Because he_will_be great before the **master**, and by_no_means he_may_ not _drink wine and liquor, and he_will_be_being_filled of_the_ holy _**spirit** still from the_ _womb of_the_mother of_him. **16** And he_will_be_turning_back many of_the sons of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl) to the_**master**, the **god** of_them. **17** And he will_be_going_ahead before him in the_ _spirit and power with_A^{y}lias/('Ēliy^{yāh}), to_turn_back the_ _hearts of_the_fathers to the_children, and the_unpersuadable in the_understanding of_the_righteous, to_prepare for_the_ _**master** a_people having_been_prepared. **18** And Zaḳarias said to the messenger: By what ‹will› I_be_knowing this? For/Because I am an_older_man, and the wife of_me having_ _advanced in the days of_her. **19** And answering the messenger said to_him: I am Gabria^{y}l/(Gav῾rī'ēl), the one having_stood_by before ~~the~~ **god**, and I_was_sent_out to_speak to you, and to_ _good_message_preach these things to_you. **20** And see, you_ _will_be keeping_silent and not being_able to_speak, until that day these things may_become, because/for that you_ not _ _believed in_the messages of_me, which will_be_being_fulfilled in the season of_them. **21** And the people was expecting ~~the~~ Zaḳarias, and they_were_marvelling at the time to_be_delaying him in the temple. **22** But having_come_out he_was_ not _able to_speak to_them, and they_recognised that he_has_seen a_

1 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 24:10.

2 **RV 1:15 · Cross-ref.** Num 6:3.

3 **RV 1:17 · Cross-ref.** Mal 4:5-6.

4 **RV 1:19 · Cross-ref.** Dan 8:16; 9:21.

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_vision in the temple. And he was nodding to_them, and was_
_continuing mute. 23 And it_became when the days of_the
ministry of_him were_fulfilled, he_went_away to the home of_
_him. 24 And after these ~~the~~ days Elisabet the wife of_him
conceived, and was_secluding herself five months saying,
25 ~~that~~ Thus the_**master** has_done to_me, in the_days in_which
he_looked_upon, to_take_away the_disgrace of_me among
people.

26 And in the the sixth month, the messenger Gabriaʸl was_
_sent_out by ~~the~~ **god** to a_city ~~the~~ of_Galilaia/(Gālīl), to_whose
name was Nazaret, 27 to a_virgin having_been_betrothed to_a_
_man, whose name was Yōsaʸf/(Yōṣēf), of the_house of_
_Dawid/(Dāvid), and the name of_the virgin was
Maria/(Miryām). 28 And having_come_in the messenger to her,
said: Greetings, having_been_favoured. The **master** is with you.
29 And she was_thoroughly_perplexed at the statement, and
was_reasoning what_kind_of ~~the~~ greeting this might_be. 30 And
the messenger said to_her: Be_ not _fearing, Maria, because/for
you_found favour with ~~the~~ **god**. 31 And see, you_will_be_
_conceiving in your_womb, and you_will_be_bearing a_son, and
you_will_be_calling the name of_him **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**.
32 This one will_be great, and will_be_being_called the_son of_
_the_highest, and the_**master** ~~the~~ **god** will_be_giving to_him
the throne of_Dawid, the father of_him, 33 and he_will_be_
_reigning over the house of_Yakōb/(Yaʿaqoѵ), to the ages, and
of_the kingdom of_him, will_ not _be an_end. 34 And said Maria
to the messenger: How will_ this _be, because I_am_ not _
_knowing a_man? 35 And answering the messenger said to_her:
The_ holy _**spirit** will_be_coming_over on you, and the_power
of_the_highest will_be_overshadowing on_you, therefore also
the holy child being_born will_be_being_called, son of_**god**.
36 And see, Elisabet, the relative of_you, she also has_conceived
a_son in the_old_age of_her, and this is sixth month to_her who
was being_called barren. 37 Because every message ‹will›_ not _
_be_unattaining with ~~the~~ **god**. 38 And Maria/(Miryām) said:
Behold, the handmaiden of_the_**master**, might_it_become to_
_me according_to the message of_you. And the messenger
went_away from her.

39 And Maria having_risen_up in ~~the~~ these days, was_gone into
the mountainous with earnestness, to a_city of_
_Youda/(Yəhūdāh), 40 and she_came_in into the house of_
_Zaḳarias, and greeted ~~the~~ Elisabet. 41 And it_became, as ~~the~~
Elisabet heard the greeting of_ ~~the~~ _Maria, the baby kicked in
the womb of_her, and ~~the~~ Elisabet was_filled with_the_ holy _
_**spirit**, 42 and she_cried_out with_a_ loud _voice and said: You
having_been_blessed among women, and the fruit of_the womb
of_you having_been_blessed. 43 And from_where this to_me,

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21 Meanwhile, the people outside were expecting Zekaryah to come back out, and were wondering what could be holding him up there inside the temple. 22 But when he did emerge, he wasn't able to speak to them. They wondering if maybe he'd seen a vision in the temple, and he nodded to confirm this although he remained mute, 23 and after he'd finished his rostered days in the temple, he returned home.

24 As time went on, Elisheva (Elizabeth; Grk. Elisabet) became pregnant and secluded herself away for five months, saying, 25 "**Yahweh** has done this for me. At this time he's looked down at me and taken away the public shame of my being childless."

God's messenger comes to Maria

26 When Elisheva (Elizabeth; Grk. Elisabet) was six months pregnant, **God** sent his messenger Gavriel (Gabriel) to Nazaret (Nazareth), a city in the Galil region. 27 Gavriel went to a young woman named Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam) who was engaged to be married to Yosef (Joseph), a descendant of King David,[5] 28 and entering the room, spoke to her, "Hello there. **Yahweh is** with you and he's chosen you to be honoured." 29 Maria was very puzzled by the statement and wondered what kind of greeting it could be 30 as the messenger continued, "Don't be scared, Maria, because **God** is showing his favour on you, 31 and listen, you'll conceive a baby and go on to give birth to a son, and you must name him **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus).[6] 32 He'll be very special and will be called 'the son of the highest one', and **Yahweh God** will give him the throne of David, his ancestor.[7] 33 He'll reign over Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants throughout the ages, and his kingdom will never end."

34 "How would this work," Maria asked the messenger, "because I've never slept with a guy?"

35 "**The** holy **spirit** will come over you," answered the messenger, "and the power of the highest one will overshadow you, and so the holy child that'll be born will be called **God's** son. 36 Also, your relative Elisheva (Elizabeth; Grk. Elisabet) has also conceived a son in her old age—the one who was called barren is now six months pregnant 37 because with **God**, his statements always come to pass."[8]

38 "Listen," said Maria, "I'm **Yahweh's** servant girl. May everything you said come true." Then the messenger left her.

Maria's visit to Elisheva

39 Several days later, Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam) determined that she'd go to the town in the hills of Yehudah (Judea) 40 where Zekaryah (Grk. Zakarias) and Elisheva (Elizabeth; Grk. Elisabet) lived. She entered the house and greeted Elisheva, 41 and as soon as Elisheva heard the greeting, her baby in her womb kicked, and she was filled **with the** holy **spirit** 42 and she called out loudly, "Out of all women, you have been blessed and

5 **RV 1:27 · Cross-ref.** Mat 1:18.

6 **RV 1:31 · Cross-ref.** Mat 1:21.

7 **RV 1:32-33 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12-13,16; Isa 9:7.

8 **RV 1:37 · Cross-ref.** Gen 18:14.

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the baby in your womb has been blessed. 43 How could this happen to me—that the mother of my **master** would come and visit me! 44 You see, as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb kicked with excitement, 45 and the woman who believed that everything **Yahweh** told her will happen, she will be blessed."

Maria's song of praise

46 Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam) said,

"My soul praises **Yahweh**,
47 and my spirit is so happy about **God**, my saviour,
48 because he noticed his humble servant girl.[9]
Look now, all the future generations will consider that I was blessed
49 because the powerful one treated me incredibly,
and his name is holy.
50 He shows his mercy to multiple generations;
to those who honour him.
51 His arm is powerful;
he scatters those who are proud in their hearts.
52 He knocks kings off their thrones,
and praises those who are humble.[10]
53 Those who are hungry, he fills with good things,
but those who are rich, he sends away empty handed.
54 He took good care of his servant, Yisrael (Israel),
to be reminded of mercy
55 as he spoke to our ancestors,
to Avraham and his descendants,[11]
at the right time."

56 So Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam) stayed with Elisheva (Elizabeth; Grk. Elisabet) for about three months before returning back to her own home.

The birth of Yohan-the-immerser

57 When Elisheva's (Elizabeth's; Grk. Elisabet's) nine months were up, she gave birth and produced a son 58 and her neighbours and relatives heard that **Yahweh** had shown great mercy to her, and so they celebrated along with her.

59 When the baby boy was eight days old, it was the time to circumcise him,[12] and the relatives at the ceremony started calling him Zekaryah (Grk. Zakarias) after the name of his father, 60 but the baby's mother spoke up and said, "No, he's going to be named Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes)."

61 "None of your relatives have that name," they said 62 and they signalled to the father to tell them what name he wanted for the baby.

63 So Zekaryah requested a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is Yohan." Everyone was amazed 64 and then suddenly his mouth and tongue were freed and he was able to speak again

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that the mother of_the **master** of_me may_come to me?
44 For/Because see, as the voice of_the greeting of_you became into the ears of_me, the baby in the womb of_me kicked in. exultation. 45 And blessed is the woman having_believed that there_will_be a_completion to_the things having_been_spoken to_her from the_**master**.

46 And Maria said: The soul of_me is_magnifying the **master**,
47 and the spirit of_me exulted in ~~the~~ **god**, the saviour of_me.
48 Because he_looked_at on the humiliation of_the handmaiden of_him. For/Because see, from the time now all the generations will_be_counting_ me _blessed. 49 Because the powerful one did great things to_me, and the name of_him is holy. 50 And the mercy of_him is to generations and generations, to_the ones revering him. 51 He_did power with the_arm of_him, the_proud in_the_mind of_heart of_them he_scattered. 52 He_took_down sovereigns from thrones, and exalted the_humble. 53 He_filled hungering ones with_good things, and he_sent_away being_ _rich ones empty-handed. 54 He_took_care of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'^{ēl}) servant of_him, to_be_reminded of_mercy, 55 as he_spoke to the fathers of_us, to_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am/('Av$_{r}$āhām) and to_the descendants of_him, because/for the age. 56 And Maria/(Miryām) remained with her about three months, and returned to the home of_her.

57 And ~~the~~ to_Elisabet was_fulfilled the time, ~~which~~ her to_bear, and she_bore a_son. 58 And the neighbours and the relatives of_her heard that the_**master** magnified the mercy of_him with her, and they_were_rejoicing_with with_her. 59 And it_ _became on the ~~the~~ eighth day, they_came to_circumcise the little_child, and they_were_calling it Zaḳarias after the name of_the father of_him. 60 And having_been_answering the mother of_him said: No, but he_will_be_being_called Yōanna^{y}s. 61 And they_said to her, ~~that~~ No_one is of the relatives of_you, who is_being_called ~~the~~ by_ this _name. 62 And they_were_ _signalling to_the father of_him, what the name ~~wishfully~~ he_ _might_be_wanting him to_be_being_called. 63 And having_ _requested a_tablet, he_wrote saying: Yōanna^{y}s is the_name of_ _him. And all marvelled. 64 And the mouth of_him was_ _opened_up immediately, and the tongue of_him, and he_was_ _speaking blessing ~~the~~ **god**. 65 And fear became on all, the ones dwelling_around them, and in all the mountainous area of_ ~~the~~ _Youdaia all ~~the~~ these messages. was_being_discussed. 66 And

9 **RV 1:48 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 1:11.
10 **RV 1:52 · Cross-ref.** Yob 5:11; 12:19.
11 **RV 1:55 · Cross-ref.** Gen 17:7.
12 **RV 1:59 · Cross-ref.** Lev 12:3.

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all the ones having_heard put in the heart of_them, saying: What consequently the this little_child will_be? For/Because also the_hand of_the_**master** was with him.

67 And Zakarias the father of_him, was_filled with_the_ holy _ _**spirit** and prophesied saying, **68** Blessed is the_**master** the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl), because he_visited and established redemption for_the people of_him, **69** and raised a_ _horn of_salvation for_us, in the_house of_Dawid/(Dāvid), the_ _servant of_him, **70** (as he_spoke by mouth the holy prophets of_him of the_age), **71** salvation from of_the_enemies of_us, and from the_hand of_all the ones hating us, **72** to_perform mercy with the fathers of_us, and to_be_reminded of_the_ holy _ _covenant of_him, **73** the_oath which he_swore to Abra'am/('Avrāhām), the father of_us, ~~which~~ to_give to_us **74** having_been_rescued out_of the_hand of_our_enemies, to_ _be_ fearlessly, _serving unto_him **75** in devoutness and righteousness before him, for_all the days of_us. **76** And you also, little_child, will_be_being_called the_prophet of_the_ _highest: for you_will_be_going_before before the_**master** to_ _prepare the_ways of_him, **77** ~~which~~ to_give knowledge of_ _salvation to_the people of_him, in forgiveness of_sins of_them, **78** because_of the_compassions of_the_mercy of_**god** of_us, in which the_rising from height will_be_visiting us, **79** to_shine_ _upon upon_the ones in darkness and sitting in_the_shadow of_ _death, ~~which~~ to_direct the feet of_us into the_way of_peace. **80** And the little_child was_growing and was_being_ _strengthened in_spirit, and was in the wildernesss until the_ _day of_appearance of_him to ~~the~~ Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl).

2:1 And it_became in ~~the~~ those days, a_decree came_out from Kaisar Augustus/(Sebastos), all the inhabited_world to_be_ _registering. **2** (This registration first became when_ Kuraʸnios _governing ~~the~~ Suria/('Arām).) **3** And all were_going to_be_ _registering, each to the city of_himself. **4** And Yōsaʸf/(Yōṣēf) went_up also, from ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl) out_of the_city of_ _Nazaret, to ~~the~~ Youdaia to the_city of_Dawid/(Dāvid), which is_ _being_called Baʸthle'em/(Bēyt-leḥem), because_of that him to_be from the_household and family of_Dawid, **5** to_register with Maria/(Miryām), ~~which~~ having_been_betrothed to_him, being pregnant. **6** And it_became at the time them to_be there, were_fulfilled the days of_the child her to_bear. **7** And she_bore

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and started praising **God**. **65** Everyone who lived nearby was a bit unnerved by all this, and the story about what happened was discussed in all the homes around the hills **66** and those who heard about it were thinking to themselves, "Who's this young child going to turn out to be?"

Zekaryah' prophecy about Yohan

67 Then the boy's father, Zekaryah (Grk. Zakarias), became filled **with the** holy **spirit** and prophesied,

68 "Blessed is Yisrael's (Israel's) **God Yahweh**,
because he visited us and made a way for his people to be freed from slavery.
69 He brought us a voice that would lead to our salvation,
us citizens of the nation of King David, his servant
70 (as he spoke via the mouths of his holy prophets through the ages).
71 He saved us from our enemies,
and from the power of all the ones hating us,
72 to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remind them of his holy agreement,
73 that he had promised Avraham, our ancestor, that he would give us.
74 He rescued us from the power of our enemies,
so we could serve him without fear,
75 committed to obeying him
for the rest of our lives.
76 And you too my little child, will be called a prophet of the highest one—
going before **Yahweh** to prepare his paths,[13]
77 to give knowledge about salvation to his people
so their sins can be forgiven
78 because **God** has compassion on us and mercy.
Thus the light from heaven will visit us
79 to shine on those in darkness and sitting in the shadow of death;[14]
to guide us onto the road of peace."
80 The young boy grew and his spirit was also strengthened, and he lived in the wilderness until he started his ministry to the people of Yisrael (Israel).

Yeshua's birth in Beyt-Lehem[15]

2:1 At that time, Kaisar Augustus sent a decree that everyone throughout the empire needed to register in a census. **2** (This census was conducted when Kurenios (Quirinius) was the governor of Aram (Syria).) **3** Everyone had to officially register in the city where they were born.

4 Because Yosef (Joseph) was a descendant of King David, he left the town of Nazaret (Nazareth) in the Galil region and went down to David's town of Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) in Yehudah (Judea) **5** to register along with Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk.

13 **RV 1:76 · Cross-ref.** Mal 3:1.

14 **RV 1:79 · Cross-ref.** Isa 9:2.

15 **RV 2:1 · Parallel** Mat. 1:18-25

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Maria/Mariam), his pregnant fiancée. **6** While they were in Beyt-Lehem, the time came for her to give birth **7** and so Maria bore her first son and wrapped him in strips of cloth and slept him in an empty feeding trough, because they had missed out on the guest room.

The shepherds and the messengers

8 In that same area, there were some shepherds staying out in the fields where they kept watch over their flocks at night. **9** A messenger sent by **Yahweh** approached them, and **Yahweh's** radiance shone around them, and they were very frightened. **10** "Don't be scared," the messenger told them, "because I'm bringing you a good message that will bring great happiness to all people **11** because a saviour for all people was born today in David's town. He's **the messiah**, **Yahweh**, **12** and this is how you'll know him: you'll find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and sleeping in a feeding trough."

13 Then suddenly lots of heavenly soldiers joined the messenger, praising **God** and saying, **14** "Let all honour be given **to God** in the highest, and peace on earth to all people along with good will."

15 Then as the messengers left them and went up into the sky, the shepherds said to each other, "Well, we'll certainly go into Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) so we can see what this was about that **Yahweh** has let us know about."

16 So they hurried into town and asked around to find Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam) and Yosef (Joseph), and also the baby sleeping in the feeding trough. **17** When they met them, they explained what they'd been told about the young baby. **18** Everyone who heard this was amazed at what the shepherds told them, **19** but Maria treasured all of these messages in her heart and often thought about them. **20** Finally the shepherds returned back to their fields—they were worshipping and praising **God** for what they'd heard and how they'd seen it exactly like they'd been told.

The child is named Yeshua

21 When the baby was eight days old and hence the time for his circumcision,[16] he was given the name **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)[17] as instructed by God's messenger even before he was conceived in the womb.

Yeshua is dedicated in the temple

22 Then when the time of the mother's purification was fulfilled as per Mosheh's (Moses') instructions, they took him down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to be dedicated to **Yahweh** **23** to follow what is written in Yahweh's law: Every firstborn male is set aside for **Yahweh**[18] **24** and hence a sacrifice has to be made, which according to that law is a pair of turtledoves or a pair of young doves.[19]

25 Now listen, there was a man named Shim'on (Simeon; Grk. Sumeon) in Yerushalem and he was godly and committed, wait-

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the son of_her ~~the~~ firstborn, and swaddled him, and laid him in a_manger, because was not a_place for_them in the guest_ _room.

8 And shepherds were in the ~~the~~ same region, lodging_in_the_ _fields and keeping watch ~~the~~ by_night over the flock of_them. **9** And a_messenger of_the_**master** approached to_them, and the_glory of_the_**master** shined_around them, and they_were_ _afraid with_ great _fear. **10** And the messenger said to_them: Be_ not _fearing, because/for see, I_am_good_message_ _preaching to_you_all great joy, which will_be to_all the people, **11** because today a_saviour was_born to_you_all, who is the_ _**chosen_one/messiah**, the_**master**, in the_city of_Dawid. **12** And this is the sign to_you_all: you_all_will_be_finding a_ _baby having_been_swaddled, and lying in a_manger. **13** And suddenly a_multitude of_the_ heavenly _army became with the messenger, praising ~~the~~ **god** and saying, **14** Glory to_**god** in the_ _highest, and peace on earth among humans with_good_ _pleasure. **15** And it_became as the messengers went_away from them into ~~the~~ heaven, the shepherds were_saying to one_ _another: We_may_ indeed _pass_through as_far_as Baʸthle'em/(Bēyt-leḥem), and we_may_see ~~the~~ message this the thing having_become, which the **master** made_known to_us. **16** And came having_hurried, and sought_out ~~the~~ both Maria/(Miryām) and ~~the~~ Yōsaʸf/(Yōṣēf), and the baby, lying in the manger. **17** And having_seen, they_made_known concerning the saying ~~which~~ having_been_spoken to_them, concerning ~~the~~ this little_child. **18** And all the ones having_ _heard, marvelled concerning the things having_been_spoken by the shepherds to them. **19** But ~~the~~ Maria was_treasuring all ~~the~~ these messages, considering them in the heart of_her. **20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising ~~the~~ **god** for all things which they_heard and saw, as was_spoken to them.

21 And when eight days were_fulfilled ~~which~~ to_circumcise him, also the name of_him was_called **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, which having_been_called by the messenger before the time him to_ _be_conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of_the purification of_them according_to the law of_Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) were_fulfilled, they_brought_ him _up to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) to_present to_the **master**, **23** as it_has_been_written in the_law of_the_**master**, ~~that~~ Every male opening_up a_womb, will_be_being_called holy to_the **master**, **24** and ~~which~~ to_give a_sacrifice, according_to the message having_been_said in the law of_the_**master**: A_pair two of_turtledoves or young of_doves. **25** And see, a_man was in Hierousalaʸm, whose name was Sumeōn/(Shimʹōn), and ~~the~~ this_ man _was righteous and devout, waiting_for the_comfort

16 **RV 2:21 · Cross-ref.** Lev 12:3.

17 **RV 2:21 · Cross-ref.** Luk 1:31.

18 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Exo 13:2,12.

19 **RV 2:22-24 · Cross-ref.** Lev 12:6-8.

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of_ ~~the~~ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl), and the_ holy _**spirit** was on him. **26** And was having_been_revealed to_him by the ~~the~~ holy **spirit**, to_ not _see death before ~~wishfully~~ he_may_see the **chosen_ _one/messiah** of_the_**master**. **27** And he_came in the **spirit** into the temple, and at the time the parents to_bring_in, the little_child **Ya^{y}sous**, them to_do of_the thing according_to the thing having_been_accustomed by_the law for him, **28** and he received him into the arms, and blessed ~~the~~ **god** and said, **29** Now you_are_sending_away the slave of_you, master, in peace according_to the message of_you, **30** because the eyes of_ _me saw the salvation of_you, **31** which you_prepared in the_ _face of_all the peoples, **32** a_light for revelation of_the_pagans and glory of_the_people of_you, Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl). **33** And the father of_him and the mother was marvelling at the things being_spoken concerning him. **34** And Sumeōn blessed them, and said to Maria/(Miryām) the mother of_him: Behold, this one is_appointing for the_fall and the_resurrection of_many in ~~the~~ Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl), and for a_sign being_spoken_against, **35** also a_sword will_be_passing_through the soul of_you of_ _yourself, so_that the_speculations ~~wishfully~~ of many hearts may_be_revealed. **36** And Hanna was a_prophetess, daughter of_Fanoua^{y}l, of the_tribe of_Asa^{y}r/('Āshēr), this woman having_ _advanced in great days, having_lived with a_husband seven years from the virginity of_her, **37** and she was a_widow until eighty four years, who not was_withdrawing from_the temple, with_fastings and petitions serving night and day. **38** And to_ _the_same ~~the~~ hour she_having_approached, was_giving_praise the to_**god**, and was_speaking concerning him, to_all the ones waiting_for the_redemption in_Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim).

39 And when they_accomplished all the things according_to the law of_the_**master**, they_returned to ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), to Nazaret the_city of_themselves. **40** And the little_child was_ _growing and was_being_strengthened, being_filled with_ _wisdom, and the_grace of_**god** was on him.

41 And the parents of_him were_going to Hierousala^{y}m in_ _every year to_the feast of_the passover_feast. **42** And when he_ _became of_ twelve _years, them going_up according_to the custom of_the feast, **43** and having_completed the days, in the time them to_be_returning, the boy **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** remained, in Hierousala^{y}m, but the parents of_him not. knew. **44** But having_thought him to_be in the caravan, they_came the_journey of_a_day and they_were_seeking_ him _out among the relatives and the acquaintances, **45** and not having_found him, they_returned to Hierousala^{y}m, seeking_ him _out. **46** And it_became after three days, they_found him in the temple, sitting in the_midst of_the teachers, both hearing from_them and asking them. **47** And all the ones hearing from_him were_ _marvelling at the intelligence and the answers of_him. **48** And having_seen him, they_were_astonished and the mother of_ _him said to him: Child, why did_you thus to_us? Behold, the father of_you and_I, being_distressed were_seeking you. **49** And he_said to them: Why is_it that you_all_were_seeking me? You_

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ing for God to rescue Yisrael (Israel). He was full of **the** holy **spirit** **26** and the **spirit** had told him that he wouldn't die without seeing Yahweh's **messiah**. **27** He had come to the temple listening to the **spirit** at just the same time as the parents brought in the baby **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) in order to follow the rituals for new parents. **28** Shim'on took the baby into his arms and blessed **God** and said, **29** "Now, Yahweh, you can send your slave away in peace as you promised **30** because I've set my eyes on your salvation **31** which you have prepared in front of everyone: **32** a light so the non-Jews can understand, and the greatest gift from and for your people of Yisrael."[20]

33 The baby's parents were amazed at the things being spoken about him, **34** and Shim'on blessed them and said to Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam), "Listen, this boy has been chosen to cause both the rise and the fall of many people in Yisrael, and sent as a sign but one which many people will oppose. **35** Also even as you experience incredible grief in the future, it will allow the thoughts of many hearts to be revealed."

36 Also there, was a prophetess named Hanah (the daughter of Penuel from the tribe of Asher). She was very elderly, having been married for seven years **37** and then had been widowed for eighty-four years. She was always at the temple, serving night and day in prayer and fasting. **38** She also approached the baby around the same time, and praised **God** and spoke about the boy to everyone in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) who was waiting for God to free them.

Their return home to Nazaret

39 When they had done all the rituals according to Yahweh's instructions, they returned to their home town of Nazaret (Nazareth) up in Galil.[21] **40** The young boy grew and got stronger, and started showing amazing wisdom and it was clear that **God** was blessing him.

Young Yeshua is found in the temple

41 Every year Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') family would go down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for the Passover celebrations.[22] **42** One time when he was twelve years old, they went to celebrate the Passover there as usual, **43** and when it was all over and they started on their return, the lad stayed there in Yerushalem but his parents weren't aware of it. **44** They thought he was with others in the group, but at the end of the day's hiking when they looked for him among the relatives and acquaintances, **45** they couldn't find him, so they returned to Yerushalem to look for him. **46** It was only after three days that they found him in the temple, sitting with the religious teachers there—sometimes listening to them, and sometimes asking them questions. **47** Everyone who had heard the conversations was amazed at his intelligence and knowledge. **48** When his parents found him, they were astonished and his mother asked, "Son, how could you do this to

20 **RV 2:32 · Cross-ref.** Isa 42:6; 49:6; 52:10.

21 **RV 2:39 · Cross-ref.** Mat 2:23.

22 **RV 2:41 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-27; Deu 16:1-8.

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us? Your father and I have been frantic looking for you!"
49 "Why did you all need to look for me?" he answered. "Didn't you both know that it's good for me to be in my father's house?"
50 But they didn't really understand what he meant.
51 After that, he went back to Nazaret (Nazareth) with them and continued to be obedient to them, **52** and so **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued to grow wiser and taller, and in favour with both **God** and the people.[23]

Yohan-the-immerser's preaching[24]

3:1 It was the fifteenth year of the rule of Kaisar Tiberios when Pontios Pilatos (Pilate) was the governor of Yehudah (Judea) and Herodes (Herod) was the ruler of the Galili quarter. His brother Filippos (Philip) was the ruler of the Iturean quarter and of the region of Trakonitis, and Lusanias was the ruler of the Abilainai quarter.
2 Hanan (Annas; Grk. Hannas) and Kayafa (Caiaphas; Grk. Kaiafas) were the high priests in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and this was the time when Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) (son **of** Zekaryah (Grk. Zakarias)) began preaching **God's** message in the wilderness. **3** He went around all the areas surrounding the Yarden (Jordan) River, telling the people that they could get immersed in water as a sign they were turning away from disobeying God and requesting forgiveness **4** just like the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) had written:

'The voice shouting in the wilderness
prepare Yahweh's road,
make his paths straight.
5 Every valley will be filled up,
and every mountain and hill will be levelled off.
What's crooked will be made straight,
and the rough roads will be made smooth.
6 and everybody will see **God's** salvation.'[25]

7 Because of that, he was telling the crowds that went out there to be immersed by him, "Bunch of snakes![26] Who warned you all to flee from the severe anger that's coming? **8** So then start demonstrating the qualities that show you have actually turned from your disobedience. And don't start by telling me that you're descendants of Avraham,[27] because I can tell you all that **God** could make descendants out of these stones here. **9** The axe is already sitting at the base of the trees, so that every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire."[28]
10 "What should we do then," the crowds asked him.
11 "If you've got two jackets, give one to someone who doesn't have one," he replied, "and similarly if you've got food."

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_all_had_ not _known that in the house of_the father of_me it_ _is_fitting me to_be? **50** And they not understood the message which he_spoke to_them. **51** And he_came_down with them and came to Nazaret, and was being_subjected to_them. And the mother of_him was_keeping all the messages in the heart of_ _her. **52** And **Ya^{y}sous** was_progressing ~~the~~ in_wisdom, and stature, and favour with **god** and people.

3:1 And in the_ fifteenth _year of_the government of_Tiberios Kaisar, Pontios Pilatos was governing of_ ~~the~~ _Youdaia, and Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s being_quarter_ruler of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl), And Filippos the brother of_him being_quarter_ruler of_ ~~the~~ _ _Itouraios and Traḳōnitis region, and Lusanios ~~the~~ being_ _quarter_ruler of_Abila^{y}na^{y}, **2** during the_chief_priest of_Annas and Kaiafas, the_message of_**god** became on Yōanna^{y}s, the of_ _Zaḳarias son, in the wilderness. **3** And he_came into all the_ _surrounding_region of_the Yordana^{y}s/(Yardēn), proclaiming an_immersion of_repentance for forgiveness of_sins, **4** as it_ _has_been_written in the_scroll of_the_messages of_ _A^{y}saias/(Yəsha′^{yāh}) the prophet: The_voice shouting in the wilderness prepare the way of_the_**master**, be_making the paths of_him straight. **5** Every valley will_be_being_filled, and every mountain and hill will_be_being_brought_low, and the crooked will_be into straight, and the rough ways into smooth, **6** and all flesh will_be_seeing the salvation of_ ~~the~~ _**god**.
7 Therefore he_was_saying to_the crowds going_out to_be_ _immersed by him: Brood of_vipers, who warned to_you_all to_ _flee from the coming severe_anger? **8** Therefore produce fruits worthy of_ ~~the~~ _repentance, and you_all_may_ not _begin to_be_ _saying in yourselves, we_are_having ~~the~~ Abra'am/('Avrāhām) As_father, because/for I_am_saying to_you_all that ~~the~~ **god** is_ _able to_raise children to_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am from ~~the~~ these stones. **9** And already also the axe is_lying to the root of_the trees, therefore every tree not producing good fruit, is_being_cut_off and is_being_thrown into the_fire. **10** And the crowds were_ _asking him saying: Therefore what may_we_do? **11** And answering he_was_saying to_them: The one having two tunics, let_share to_the one not having, and the one having foods, likewise let_be_doing. **12** And tax_collectors also came to_be_ _immersed, and they_said to him: Teacher, what may_we_do? **13** And he said to them: Be_collecting nothing more beside the thing having_been_directed to_you_all. **14** And also the_ _soldiering ones were_asking him saying: What may_ we _do also? And he_said to_them: You_all_may_accost no_one nor you_all_may_falsely_accuse, and be_being_sufficed for_the wages of_you_all. **15** And the people expecting and reasoning all in the hearts of_them concerning ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s, whether he might_be the **chosen_one/messiah**, **16** ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s answered

23 **RV 2:52 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 2:26; Prv 3:4.
24 **RV 3:1 · Parallel** Yhn 1:19-28; Mark 1:1-8; Mat. 3:1-12
25 **RV 3:4-6 · Cross-ref.** Isa 40:3-5 (LXX).
26 **RV 3:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:34; 23:33.
27 **RV 3:8 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 8:33.
28 **RV 3:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 7:19.

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saying to_all: I on_one_hand am_immersing you_all in_water, on_the_other_hand the one mightier than me is_coming, of_ _whom not I_am worthy to_untie the strap of_the sandals of_ _him, he will_be_immersing you_all in the_ holy _**spirit**, and with_fire, **17** of_whom the winnowing_fork is in the hand of_ _him to_clear_out the threshing_floor of_him, and to_gather_ _together the wheat into the barn of_him, and he_will_be_ _burning_up the the_chaff with_ inextinguishable _fire.
18 Therefore also exhorting many other things indeed, he_was_ _good_message_preaching to_the people. **19** But ~~the~~ Haʸrōdaʸs the quarter_ruler, being_rebuked by him concerning Haʸrōidias, the wife of_the brother of_him, and concerning all evil which ~~the~~ Haʸrōdaʸs did, **20** also added this to all things: he_ _locked_up ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs in prison.

21 And it_became that with all the people to_be_immersed, and **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** having_been_immersed, and praying ~~the~~ heaven to_be_opened_up, **22** and the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** to_come_ _down in_a_bodily appearance, as a_dove on him, and a_voice to_become out_of heaven: You are the ~~the~~ beloved son of_me, in you I_took_pleasure.

23 And **Yaʸsous** himself was beginning about thirty years, being the_son, as was_being_thought, of_Yōsaʸf/(Yōşēf), the son of_Aʸli/(ʿĒlī), **24** the son of_Maththat/(?), the son of_ _Leui/(Lēvī), the son of_Melḳi/(Melek), the son of_ _Yanna/(Yānāh?), the son of_Yōsaʸf, **25** the son of_ _Maththathias/(Mattitʸāh), the son of_Amōs/(ʾĀmōṯs), the son of_Naoum/(Naḥūm), the son of_Esli/(ʾElyəhōʿēynay?), the son of_Nangai/(Nogah?), **26** the son of_Maʾath/(Māʿaṭ?), the son of_ _Maththathias, the son of_Semei/(Shimʿī), the son of_Yōsaʸf, the son of_Youda/(Yəhūdāh), **27** the son of_Yōanan/(?), the son of_ʁaʸsa/(Rəfāyāh?), the son of_Zorobabel/(Zərubāvel), the son of_Salathiaʸl/(Shəʾaltiyʾēl), the son of_Naʸri/(Nēriyʸāh), **28** the son of_Melḳi/(Melek), the son of_Addi/(ʿAdī?), the son of_Kōsam/(Qāşam?), the son of_Elmōdam/(ʾAlmōdād?), the son of_Aʸr/(ʿĒr?), **29** the son of_Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa), the son of_ _Eliezer/(ʾElīʿezer), the son of_Yōreim/(Yōrām?), the son of_ _Matthan/(Mattān), the son of_Leui/(Lēvī), **30** the son of_ _Sumeōn/(Shimʿōn), the son of_Youda, the son of_Yōsaʸf, the

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12 Even some tax-collectors came to be immersed,[29] and they asked Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), "Teacher, what should we do?"
13 "Don't collect any extra on top of what you've been told to collect," he said.
14 "And what about us too," some soldiers inquired.
"Don't bully people or falsely accuse anyone," Yohan answered, "and be content with your wages."
15 The people were expecting that **the messiah** might come to save them and started wondering in their minds if maybe it was Yohan **16** but he explained to them all, "I've been immersing you all in water, but there's one coming who's greater than me, in fact I'm not even worthy to unlace his sandals. He will immerse you all with **the** holy **spirit** and with fire. **17** He'll hold the winnowing fork so he can clear out the threshing floor, gathering the wheat into his barn and burning up the chaff with a fire that never goes out."
18 Yohan preached the good message to the people and also encouraged them to change for the better. **19** He scolded King Herodes (Herod) (who was the ruler of the Galili quarter) about marrying his own brother Filippos's (Philip's) wife Herodias.[30] Herodes had also been scolded by him about many other evil things that he'd done, **20** and then he added to his evils by having Yohan locked up in prison.

Yeshua's double baptism[31]

21 One day along with all the other people being immersed, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had come and been immersed, and while he prayed, the sky opened up **22** and the holy **spirit** came down onto him in the bodily form of a dove, and a voice came from the sky, "You are my son that I love and take pleasure in."[32]

Yeshua's ancestry back to God[33]

23 **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was about thirty when he started his ministry. He was the son (as it was thought) of Yosef (Joseph), son of Eli, **24** the son of Matat, the son of Levi, the son of Melki, the son of Yanai, the son of Yosef, **25** the son of Matityah (Mattathias), the son of Amos, the son of Nahum (Naum), the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, **26** the son of Ma'ath, the son of Matityah, the son of Semein, the son of Yosek, the son of Yoda, **27** the son of Yohanan, the son of Resa, the son of Zerubavel, the son of Shealtiyel, the son of Neri, **28** the son of Melki, the son of Addi, the son of Kosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, **29** the son of Yeshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Yorim, the son of Matat, the son of Levi, **30** the son of Shim'on (Simeon; Grk. Sumeon), the son of Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas), the son of Yosef, the son of Yonam, the son of Elyakim, **31** the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Matatah, the son of Natan (Nathan), the son of David,

29 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Luk 7:29.
30 **RV 3:19-20 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 6:17-18; Mat 14:3-4.
31 **RV 3:21 · Parallel** Mark 1:9-11; Mat. 3:13-17
32 **RV 3:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:2; Psa 2:7; Isa 42:1; Mrk 1:11; Mat 3:17; Luk 9:35.
33 **RV 3:23 · Parallel** Mat. 1:1-17

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32 the son of Yishay (Jesse), the son of Oved, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, 33 the son of Aminadav, the son of Ram, the son of Hetsron, the son of Perets, the son of Yehudah, 34 the son of Ya'akov (Jacob), the son of Yitshak (Isaac), the son of Avraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, 35 the son of Serug, the son of Re'u, the son of Peleg, the son of Ever, the son of Shelah, 36 the son of Keynan, the son of Arpakshad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lemek (Lamech), 37 the son of Metushelah (Methuselah), the son of Hanok (Enoch), the son of Yered (Jared), the son of Mahalalel, the son of Keynan, 38 the son of Enosh, the son of Shet (Seth), the son of Adam, the son **of God**.

Yeshua is tested by the devil[34]

4:1 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), full **of the** holy **spirit**, returned from the Yarden (Jordan) region and was led into the wilderness by the **spirit** 2 where he was tested by the devil for forty days. He didn't eat anything during that time, and was hungry at the end.

3 So the devil told him, "If you're **God's** son, just turn this stone into bread."

4 "It's been written," **Yeshua** replied, "that people don't live just on food."[35]

5 Then the devil brought him up to a high point and in just a moment of time, showed him the vista of all the kingdoms of the world, 6 and he said, "I'll give you this entire domain and the status of these kingdoms because it's been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want, 7 so just bow down in front of me and it'll all be yours."

8 "It's been written," **Yeshua** answered, "that we should only bow down to **Yahweh** our **God** and only serve him."[36]

9 Then the devil led him to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and they stood on the highest part of the temple, where he told him, "If you're **God's** son, throw yourself down from here, 10 because it's written that God will command his messengers to guard you 11 and they will carry you in their hands, so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone."[37]

12 "It's been written," **Yeshua** responded, "that we shouldn't test **Yahweh** our **God**."[38]

13 So after completing every temptation, the devil withdrew from him for a time.

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son of_Yōnan/(?), the son of_Eliakeim/('Elyāqīm), 31 the son of_Meleas/(Məlē'āh?), the son of_Mainan/(?), the son of_ _Maththatha/(Maththattāh), the son of_ _Nathan/(Nātān)/(Nātān), the son of_Dawid/(Dāvid), 32 the son of_Yessai/(Yishay), the son of_Yōbaʸd/Ōbaʸd/(ʿŌvēd), the son of_Bo'oz/(Boʿaz), the son of_Sala/(Shelaḥ), the son of_ _Na'assōn/(Naḥshōn), 33 the son of_Aminadab/(ʿAmminādāvˇ), the son of_Admin/(Rām?), the son of_Arni/(Rām?), the son of_ _Hesrōm/(Ḥetsrōn), the son of_Fares/(Ferets), the son of_ _Youda, 34 the son of_Yakōb/(Yaʿₐqovˇ), the son of_ _Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq), the son of_Abra'am/('Avrāhām), the son of_ _Thara/(Teraḥ), the son of_Naḳōr/(Nāḥōr), 35 the son of_ _Serouḳ/(Sərūg), the son of_Ṛagau/(Rəʿū), the son of_ _Falek/(Feleg), the son of_Heber/(ʿĒvēr), the son of_ _Sala/(Shelaḥ), 36 the son of_Kainan/(Qēynān), the son of_ _Arfaxad/('Arpaksad), the son of_Saʸm/(Shēm), the son of_ _Nōe/(Noaḥ), the son of_Lameḳ/(Lemek), 37 the son of_ _Mathousala/(Mətūshelaḥ), the son of_Enōḳ/(Ḥₐnōk), the son of_Yared/(Yered), the son of_Maleleaʸl/(Mahₐlalˀᵉˡ), the son of_ _Kainan, 38 the son of_Enōs/('Enōsh), the son of_Saʸth/(Shēt), the son of_Adam/('Ādām), the son of_**god**.

4:1 And **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** full of_the_ holy _**spirit**, returned from the Yordanaʸs/(Yardēn), and was_being_led by the **spirit** in the wilderness, 2 being_tempted forty days by the devil. And he_ not _ate nothing in ~~the~~ those days, and them having_been_completed, he_hungered. 3 And the devil said to_ _him: If you_are the_son of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, say ~~the~~ to_ this _stone that it_may_become bread. 4 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** answered to him: It_has_been_written, ~~that~~ the person only Not on bread will_be_ _living. 5 And having_brought_ him _up he_showed to_him all the kingdoms of_the inhabited_world in a_moment of_time. 6 And the devil said to_him: I_will_be_giving to_you ~~the~~ all this domain and the glory of_them, because has_been_given_over to_me and I_am_giving it to_whom ~~if~~ I_may_be_wanting. 7 Therefore if you you_may_prostrate before me, everyone will_be of_you. 8 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** answering said to_him: It_ _has_been_written, you_will_be_prostrating Before_the_**master** ~~the~~ **god** of_you and only unto_him you_will_be_serving. 9 And he_led him to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and stood on the pinnacle of_the temple, and he_said to_him: If you_are the_son of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, throw yourself down from_here, 10 for/because it_ _has_been_written, ~~that~~ he_will_be_commanding To_the messengers of_him concerning you, ~~which~~ to_guard you, 11 and, ~~that~~ they_will_be_carrying you In their_hands, lest you_may_ _strike the foot of_you against a_stone. 12 And answering ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** said to_him, ~~that~~ It_has_been_said: You_ _ˏwill›_ not _be_testing the_**master** the **god** of_you. 13 And having_completed every temptation, the devil withdrew from him until a_season.

34 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** Mark 1:12-13; Mat. 4:1-11

35 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Deu 8:3.

36 **RV 4:8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:13.

37 **RV 4:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Psa 91:11-12.

38 **RV 4:12 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:16.

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14 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** returned in the power of_the **spirit** to ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl). And a_news came_out to all the surrounding_ _region concerning him. **15** And he was_teaching in the synagogues of_them, being_glorified by all.

16 And he_came to Nazaret, where he_was having_been_ _brought_up, and he_came_in according_to that having_been_ _accustomed to_him, on the day of_the days_of_rest into the synagogue, and he_stood_up to_read. **17** And the_scroll of_the prophet A^{y}saias/(Yəsha$^{\prime yāh}$) was_handed_out to_him, and having_opened_up the scroll, he_found the place where it_was having_been_written, **18** The_**spirit** of_the_**master** is on me, of_which on_account he_anointed me to_good_message_preach to_the_poor, he_has_sent_ me _out to_proclaim forgiveness to_ _captives, and regained_sight to_the_blind, having_been_ _oppressed to_send_out in forgiveness, **19** to_proclaim the_ acceptable _year of_the_**master**. **20** And having_rolled_up the scroll having_given_back it to_the attendant, he_sat_down and the eyes of_all in the synagogue were looking_intently at_him. **21** And he_began to_be_saying to them, ~~that~~ Today this ~~the~~ scripture has_been_fulfilled in the ears of_you_all. **22** And all were_testifying to_him, and were_marvelling at the messages of_ ~~the~~ _grace ~~which~~ going_out out_of the mouth of_him, and they_were_saying, is this Not the_son of_Yōsa^{y}f/(Yōşēf)? **23** And he_said to them: Certainly you_all_will_be_saying to_me ~~the~~ this parable: Physician, heal yourself, as_much_as we_heard having_become in ~~the~~ Kafarna'oum, also do here in the hometown of_you. **24** And he_said: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_ _all that not_one prophet is acceptable in the hometown of_ _him. **25** But in truth I_am_saying to_you_all, were many widows in the days of_A^{y}lias/('Ēliy^{yāh}) in ~~the~~ Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā$^{\prime ēl}$), when the sky was_shut for three years and six months when a_ great _famine became on all the land, **26** and A^{y}lias was_sent to no_one of_them, except ~~not/lest~~ to Sarepta/(Ts$_{e}$rəfat) of_the Sidōn/(Tsīdōn)ian region, to the_ widow _woman. **27** And many lepers were in ~~the~~ Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā$^{\prime ēl}$), during Elissaios/('Elīshā$^{\prime}$) the prophet, and no_one of_them was_cleansed, except ~~not/lest~~ Ne'eman/(Na$^{\prime}{}_{a}$mān) the from_Suria. **28** And all in the synagogue were_filled with_rage hearing these things, **29** and having_risen_up, they_throw_out him out of_the city, and they_ _led him to the_brow of_the mountain on which the city of_ _them had_been_built, so_as to_throw_ him _down. **30** But he, having_passed_through through the_midst of_them, was_ _going.

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Yeshua begins his ministry[39]

14 So then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) returned to Galil in the power of the **spirit**, and the news about him spread into the surrounding region. **15** He started teaching in the Jewish meeting halls (Grk. synagogues) and everyone said how good it was.

Yeshua isn't appreciated in Nazaret[40]

16 When he got to Nazaret (Nazareth) where he grew up, he went into the Jewish meeting hall as usual on the Rest Day and stood up to do the reading. **17** The scroll of the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) was handed to him, and opening up the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

18 "**Yahweh's spirit is** on me,
because he has chosen and equipped me
to preach the good message to the poor.
He has sent me out to proclaim freedom for captives
and to restore sight to the blind,
and for the oppressed to experience freedom.
19 He's sent me to proclaim that this is the year that **Yahweh** has chosen."[41]

20 Then after rolling up the scroll and giving it back to the attendant, he sat down to give his commentary and every person in the room was studying him **21** as he began to speak, "Today this scripture that you've just heard has been fulfilled."

22 Later everyone was telling others about him, and they were marvelling at his messages displaying God's grace, and they asked each other, "Isn't this Yosef's (Joseph's) son from down the road?"

23 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) answered them, "I'm sure you'll all be telling me that parable about the doctor who needed to heal himself, because you'll be wanting me to do here in my hometown what I did in Kafarnaoum (Capernaum). **24** I can assure you all that no prophet is accepted by his own hometown.[42] **25** There were certainly many widows in Yisrael (Israel) in the days of Eliyah (Elijah) when God stopped the rain for three and a half years and caused a terrible famine.[43] **26** But Eliyah wasn't sent to any of them—rather he was sent to a foreign widow in Tserefat in the Tsidon (Sidon) region.[44] **27** Also there were many people in Yisrael with leprosy in the days of the prophet Elisha and none of them were healed, but only Na'aman from Aram (Syria)."[45]

28 By now everyone in the Jewish meeting hall that heard this was furious **29** and they all stood up, planning to throw him out of the city. They led him to the edge of the hill that their town was built on, intending to throw him over the edge, **30** but somehow he just moved through the middle of them and left.

39 **RV 4:14 · Parallel** Mark 1:14-15; Mat. 4:12-17

40 **RV 4:16 · Parallel** Mark 6:1-6; Mat. 13:53-58

41 **RV 4:18-19 · Cross-ref.** Isa 61:1-2 (LXX).

42 **RV 4:24 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 4:44.

43 **RV 4:25 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 17:1.

44 **RV 4:26 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 17:8-16.

45 **RV 4:27 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 5:1-14.

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The demon-possessed man[46]

31 After that, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went to Kafarnaoum (Capernaum), another town in Galil, and taught in the meeting hall there on the Rest Days. 32 They were amazed at his teaching, because he presented his message with authority.[47]
33 One week there was a man at the Jewish meeting hall with a demon spirit and he yelled out, 34 "Ha! What do we have in common with you, **Yeshua** the **man from Nazaret** (Nazareth)? Did you come here to destroy us? I know who you are—you're the holy one from **God**."
35 **Yeshua** rebuked the demon, saying, "Be quiet! Now come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man to the floor right in the middle of them, and came out of him, and left him feeling perfectly fine.
36 This amazed everyone and they started asking each other, "What is this command that has such authority and power that he orders evil spirits around and they come out?" 37 After that, the reports of what he'd done were passed around to every part of the surrounding region.

Yeshua heals many people[48]

38 After getting up and leaving the Jewish meeting hall, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went to Shim'on's (Simon's) home where Shim'on's mother-in-law had been struck with a high fever and they asked Yeshua about it. 39 Going over to where she was lying, Yeshua rebuked the fever and it left her, and she stood up straight away and got them something to eat.
40 In the evening, anyone who had a relative with any kind of disease brought their sick relatives to Yeshua and he placed his hands on each one of them and healed them. 41 Also demons came out from many people, yelling out, "You are **God's** son."
But he rebuked them and didn't allow them to speak because they knew that he was the **messiah**.

Yeshua's preaching in Yehudah[49]

42 The next day, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went off to a quiet place, but the crowds were looking for him and followed after him and insisted that he didn't leave them, 43 but he told them, "I also need to preach this good message **about God's** kingdom in other towns, because that's why I was sent here." 44 So then he went down to Yehudah (Judea) and preached in the Jewish meeting halls there.

The huge catch of fish[50]

5:1 One time when the crowd was pressuring Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) that they wanted to hear **God's** message as he stood by Lake Galil, 2 he saw two boats at the edge of the water, but the fishermen had left the boats so they could wash their nets. 3 Yeshua hopped into one of the boats which turned out to be Shim'on's (Simon's), and asked him just to row out a little way from the land. Then

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31 And he_came_down to Kafarna'oum, a_city of_ ~~the~~ _ _Galilaia/(Gālīl). And he_was teaching them on the days_of_ _rest. 32 And they_were_being_astonished at the teaching of_ _him, because the message of_him was with authority. 33 And in the synagogue was a_man having a_spirit of_an_ unclean _ _demon, and he_cried_out with_a_ loud _voice, 34 Ha. What to_ _us and to_you, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** Nazara^{y}nos? Came_you to_destroy us? I_have_known who you are, the holy one of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 35 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** gave_rebuke to_it saying: Be_silenced, and come_out from him. And the demon having_thrown_ him _ _down into the midst, came_out from him, nothing having_ _harmed him. 36 And amazement became on all, and they_ _were_conversing_with to one_another saying: What is ~~the~~ this message, that with authority and power he_is_commanding to_ _the unclean spirits, and they_are_coming_out? 37 And the_ _report concerning him was_going_out into every place of_the surrounding_region.

38 And from the synagogue having_risen_up, he_came_in into the house of_Simōn. And the_mother_in_law of_ ~~the~~ _Simōn was being_gripped_with with_a_ great _fever, and they_asked to_ _him about her. 39 And having_stood_by over her, he_gave_ _rebuke to_the fever, and it_left her, and immediately having_ _stood_up, she_was_serving unto_them. 40 And at_the_setting of_the sun, all as_many_as were_having ailing ones with_ various _diseases, they_brought them to him, and he laying_on his hands to_one each of_them, was_healing them. 41 And also demons was_coming_out from many, crying_out and saying, ~~that~~ You are the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. But giving_rebuke, he_was_ not _allowing them to_be_speaking, because they_had_known him to_be the **chosen_one/messiah**.

42 And having_become day, having_come_out he_was_gone into a_desolate place, and the crowds were_seeking_after him, and they_came up_to him, and they_were_restraining him ~~which~~ to_ not _be_going from them. 43 But he said to them, ~~that~~ it_is_fitting me also to_good_message_preach the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** to_the other cities, because I_was_sent_out for this. 44 And he_was proclaiming in the synagogues ~~the~~ of_Youdaia.

5:1 And it_became at the time, the crowd to_be_imposing on_ _him and to_be_hearing the message of_the **god**, and he was having_stood by the lake of_Genna^{y}saret, 2 and he_saw two boats having_stopped by the lake, but the fishermen from them having_gone_out, were_washing the nets. 3 And having_ _boarded into one of_the boats, which was of_Simōn, he_asked him to_set_out little from the land. And having_sat_down, he_ _was_teaching the crowds from the boat. 4 And when he_

46 **RV 4:31 · Parallel** Mark 1:21-28
47 **RV 4:32 · Cross-ref.** Mat 7:28-29.
48 **RV 4:38 · Parallel** Mark 1:29-34; Mat. 8:14-17
49 **RV 4:42 · Parallel** Mark 1:35-39
50 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** Mark 1:16-20; Mat. 4:18-22

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_ceased speaking, he_said to ~~the~~ Simōn: Set_out into the depth and lower the nets of_you_all for a_catch. **5** And Simōn answering, said: Master, through all night having_laboured, nothing we_took, but at the message of_you, I_will_be_lowering the nets. **6** And this having_done, they_caught a_ great _ _multitude of_fishes, and the nets of_them was_being_torn. **7** And they_signalled to_the companions in the other boat, ~~which~~ having_come to_give_help to_them, and they_came, and they_filled both ~~the~~ boats, so_that them to_be_being_sunk. **8** But Simōn Petros having_seen fell_before to_the knees of_ _**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** saying: Come_out from me, because I_ _am a_man sinful, **master**. **9** For/Because amazement seized him and all the ones with him, at the catch of_the fishes which they_captured, **10** and also Yakōbos/(Yaʻ$_{a}$qov) and Yōanna^{y}s, sons of_Zebedaios, who likewise were partners ~~the~~ with_Simōn. And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to ~~the~~ Simōn: Be_ not _fearing, from the time now you_will_be catching people. **11** And having_brought_ _down the boats to the land, having_left all things, they_ _followed after_him.

12 And it_became in that him to_be in one of_the cities, and see, a_man full of_leprosy, and having_seen ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, having_fallen on his_face, he_was_besought of_him saying: **master**, if you_may_be_willing, you_are_being_able to_cleanse me. **13** And having_stretched_out his hand, he_touched against_him saying: I_am_willing, be_cleansed. And immediately the leprosy went_away from him. **14** And he commanded to_him: To_tell no_one, but having_gone_away show yourself to_the priest, and offer as the cleansing of_you as Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) commanded, as a_testimony to_them. **15** But the message concerning him was_passing_through more, and great crowds were_coming_together to_be_hearing, and to_be_being_healed from the sicknesses of_them. **16** But he was withdrawing in the wildernesss and praying.

17 And it_became on one of_the days, and he was teaching, and Farisaios_party and law_teachers were sitting, who they_were having_come out_of every village of_ ~~the~~ _Galilaia/(Gālīl), and of_Youdaia, and of_Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim). And the_ _power of_the_**master** was there in_order that him to_be_ _healing. **18** And see, men carrying a_man on a_bed who was having_been_paralysed, and they_were_seeking to_carry_ him _ _in and to_put before him. **19** And not having_found by_what way they_may_carry_ him _in because_of the crowd, having_ _gone_up on the housetop, they_let_ him _down through the

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Yeshua sat there in the boat and taught the crowds from there.[51]

4 Once he'd finished his speaking, he told Shim'on, "Go out to the deeper parts and lower your nets to catch some fish."

5 "Master," Shim'on answered, "we worked all through the night and didn't catch anything,[52] but ok, I'll do what you say and lower the nets." **6** When they lowered the nets, they quickly netted a huge catch of fish,[53] so much so that their nets began to rip **7** and they had to signal to their companions in the other boat to come and help. When they got there, they filled both boats with so many fish that the weight began to sink them.

8 When Shim'on Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) had a moment to realise what had just happened, he knelt in the boat in front **of Yeshua** and said, "You must leave me, **master**, because I'm just a sinful man."

9 Kefa and all those with him were stunned at the size of the catch, **10** including Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) (Zavday's (Grk. Zebedaios') sons) who were his fishing partners. Then **Yeshua** told Shim'on, "Don't be afraid—from now on you'll be catching people."

11 When they got the boats up onto the shore, they left everything there and followed after Yeshua.

Yeshua heals a man with leprosy[54]

12 In one of the towns that they visited, a man covered in leprous lesions lay face down in front of **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) when he saw him, and implored him, "**Master**, if you wanted you'd be able to heal me."

13 Yeshua reached out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do want it. Be free from this." Immediately the man was clear of leprosy. **14** "Don't tell others," Yeshua instructed, "but go directly to the priest with the offering commanded by Mosheh (Moses) and show yourself to him for clearance and as a testimony to them."[55]

15 However the news about Yeshua was spreading all around, and large crowds were gathering to listen to him and to be healed from their diseases, **16** but then he would regularly withdraw into the wilderness to pray.

A paralysed man is lowered through the roof[56]

17 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was teaching one day, and some from the Farisaios party and some religious teachers were sitting there listening. They had come from villages all around Galil and Yehudah (Judea), and also from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and the power **of Yahweh** was there enabling Yeshua to heal people. **18** Then, look, some men turned up carrying a paralysed man on a stretcher, and they tried to bring him inside and place him in front of Yeshua **19** but because of the

51 **RV 5:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 3:9-10; 4:1; Mat 13:1-2.

52 **RV 5:5 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 21:3.

53 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 21:6.

54 **RV 5:12 · Parallel** Mark 1:40-45; Mat. 8:1-4

55 **RV 5:14 · Cross-ref.** Lev 14:1-32.

56 **RV 5:17 · Parallel** Mark 2:1-12; Mat. 9:1-8

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crowd they couldn't find a way in. So instead, they went up the stairs to the flat roof and removed some tiles in order to let the stretcher down right in front of **Yeshua**. **20** When he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins have been forgiven."

21 "Who's this guy who's insulting God?" the teachers and Farisaios started to say among themselves. "Only *God* is able to forgive sins."

22 But **Yeshua** knew what they were thinking and saying, and answered them, "Why are you reasoning about this in your minds? **23** Which is easier to say: 'Your sins have been forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? **24** But I'll demonstrate to you that the son of humanity *does* have the authority to forgive sins here on earth." Then he turned to the paralysed man and told him, "Listen to me. Stand up and pick up your stretcher, then go home."

25 Immediately the man stood up, right there in front of them all, picked up what he'd been lying on, and headed off to his home praising **God**. **26** Everyone was astounded and they too praised **God**. But there was also a feeling of fear and they said, "We've witnessed something out-of-the-normal today!"

Levi follows Yeshua and hosts a banquet[57]

27 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went outside after that and he saw a tax-collector named Levi sitting in his office and told him, "Come and follow me." **28** So Levi left everything and went and followed Yeshua.

29 Then Levi prepared a large meal in his home for Yeshua, plus there were also a lot of tax-collectors and others who were sitting with them. **30** Some from the Farisaios party and religious teachers grumbled at Yeshua's followers, complaining, "Why are you all eating and drinking with tax collectors and other low-life?"[58]

31 But it was **Yeshua** who answered, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—only those who are sick. **32** I didn't come to call those who are 'righteous', but to call sinners to come and turn away from disobeying God."

The question about fasting[59]

33 Then the religious leaders complained, "Yohan's (John's; Grk. Yoannes') followers often fast and bring their needs to God, as do the Farisaios, but your followers are eating and drinking."

34 "You can't make the groomsmen fast at a wedding," **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) responded, "not while the groom is with them. **35** But yes, there will be a future time when the groom will be taken away from them, and then they'll fast."

36 Then he went on to tell them this parable, "No one repairs their old clothes by putting on a patch of new material. If they did, the new patch will likely tear off again, plus it wouldn't look right anyway. **37** Similarly, no one puts new wine to mature into old wineskins. If they did, the new wine would certainly burst the old wineskin and it would all pour out and the wineskin

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tiles with the stretcher into the midst before ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. **20** And having_seen the faith of_them he_said: Man, the sins of_you have_been_forgiven to_you. **21** And the scribes and the Farisaios_party began to_be_ _reasoning saying: Who is this who is_speaking slander? Who is_able to_be_forgiving sins except ~~not/lest~~ only ~~the~~ **god**? **22** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_known the speculations of_them, answering said to them: Why you_all_are_reasoning in the hearts of_you_all? **23** Which is easier, to_say, the sins of_you ‹Have_been_forgiven to_you, or to_say: Be_raising and be_ _walking? **24** But in_order_that you_all_may_have_known that the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_having authority on the earth to_be_ _forgiving sins, he_said to_the one having_been_paralysed: to_ _you I_am_saying, be_raising, and having_taken_up the stretcher of_you, be_going to the house of_you. **25** And immediately having_stood_up before them, having_taken_up on which he_was_lying, he_went_away to the home of_him glorifying ~~the~~ **god**. **26** And amazement took all, and they_were_ _glorifying ~~the~~ **god**, and they_were_filled with_fear saying, ~~that~~ We_saw remarkable things today.

27 And after these things he_came_out, and saw a_tax_collector with_the_name Leui/(Lēvī), sitting at the tax_office, and he_ _said to_him: Be_following after_me. **28** And having_left all things, having_risen_up he_was_following after_him. **29** And Leui/(Lēvī) made a_ great _banquet for_him in the house of_ _him, and there_was a_ great _crowd of_tax_collectors and others, who were reclining with them. **30** And the Farisaios_ _party and the scribes of_them were_grumbling at the apprentices/followers of_him saying: for_ Why _reason you_ _all_are_eating and you_all_are_drinking with the tax_ _collectors and sinners? **31** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answering said to them: The ones being_healthy are_ not _ _having need of_a_doctor, but the ones being sickly. **32** I_have_ not _come to_call the_righteous, but sinners to repentance.

33 And they said to him: The apprentices/followers of_ _Yōanna^{y}s are_fasting frequently, and they_are_making petitions, likewise also the ones of_the Farisaios_party, but the ones to_yours are_eating and are_drinking. **34** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to them: You_all_are_ not _being_able to_make the sons of_ _the bridal_chamber in which the bridegroom is with them to_ _be_fasting? **35** But days will_be_ also _coming whenever the bridegroom may_be_taken_away from them, then they_will_ _be_fasting in those ~~the~~ days. **36** And he_was_ also _speaking a_ _parable to them: ~~that~~ No_one having_torn a_patch of a_ new _ _garment, is_putting_on it on an_ old _garment, but if not surely both the new will_be_tearing, and the patch ~~which~~ of the new not will_be_agreeing_together with_the old. **37** And no_ _one is_putting new wine into old wineskins, and if not surely the ~~the~~ new wine will_be_bursting the wineskins, and it will_be_ _being_poured_out, and the wineskins will_be_destroying it.

57 **RV 5:27 · Parallel** Mark 2:13-17; Mat. 9:9-13

58 **RV 5:30 · Cross-ref.** Luk 15:1-2.

59 **RV 5:33 · Parallel** Mark 2:18-22; Mat. 9:14-17

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38 But new wine placeable is. into new wineskins. 39 No_one having_drunk the_old is_wanting the_new, because/for he_is_ _saying: The old is good.

6:1 And it_became on the_day_of_rest him to_be_passing_ _through through grainfields, and the apprentices/followers of_him were_plucking, and were_eating the heads_of_grain, rubbing them in_their hands. 2 But some of_the Farisaios_party said: Why you_all_are_doing what is_ not _permitting on_the days_of_rest? 3 And answering to them ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said: You_all_ not_even _read this, what Dawid/(Dāvid) did when he and the ones with him hungered? 4 how he_came_in into the house of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and having_ _taken the bread of_the presence, he_ate and gave to_the ones with him, which not is_permitting to_eat, except ~~not/lest~~ only the priests? 5 And he_was_saying to_them: The son of_ ~~the~~ _ _man is **master** of_the day_of_rest.

6 And it_became on another day_of_rest, him to_come_in into the synagogue and to_be_teaching, and a_man was there, and the ~~the~~ right hand of_him was withered. 7 And the scribes and the Farisaios_party were_watching_ him _closely, whether he_ _will_be_healing on the day_of_rest, in_order_that they_may_ _find to_be_accusing against_him. 8 But he he_had_known the speculations of_them, and said to_the man the hand being ~~which~~ withered: Be_raising, and stand in the midst. And having_ _risen_up, he_stood. 9 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said, to them: I_am_ _asking you_all, whether it_is_permitting on_the day_of_rest to_do_good or to_do_evil, to_save life or to_destroy? 10 And having_looked_around at_all them, he_said to_him: Stretch_out the hand of_you. And he he_did, and the hand of_him. was_ _restored 11 But they were_filled with_folly, and were_ _discussing with one_another what ~~wishfully~~ they_might_do to_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**.

12 And it_became in ~~the~~ these days, him to_come_out on the mountain to_pray, and he_was spending_the_night in ~~the~~ prayer ~~the~~ to_**god**. 13 And when it_became day, he_calling_out the apprentices/followers of_him, and having_chosen twelve from them, whom also ‹he›_named ambassadors: 14 Simōn whom he_ also _named Petros, and Andreas the brother of_ _him, and Yakōbos/(Ya$'_a$qov), and Yōanna^{y}s, and Filippos, and Bartholomaios, 15 and Matthaios, and Thōmas, Yakōbos of_ _Alfaios, and Simōn the one being_called the_Farisaios_ _za^{y}lōta^{y}s_group_member, 16 and Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) of_ _Yakōbos, and Youdas Iskariōta^{y}s, who became the_betrayer.

17 And having_come_down with them, he_stood on a_ level _ _place, and a_ great _crowd of_apprentices/followers of_him, and a_ great _multitude of_the people from all ~~the~~ Youdaia, and

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would be ruined as well. 38 New wine needs to be put into a new wineskin. 39 And no one who's used to the old ways wants the new, because he'll claim that the old is good enough."

Master of the Rest Day[60]

6:1 One Rest Day, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was walking through some fields of grain and his followers were plucking the heads of grain and rubbing them apart in their hands, then chewing the grains.[61] 2 But some from the Farisaios party asked, "Why are you doing that? It's prohibited to harvest on a Rest Day."

3 "Haven't you read about David," **Yeshua** answered, "when him and his men were hungry and what they did? 4 "He went into **God's** temple and took the 'bread of the presence' and ate some and gave some to his men, even though it's only priests that are allowed to eat that."[62] 5 Then he added, "The son of humanity is the **master** of the rest days."

Yeshua heals the deformed hand[63]

6 On a different Rest Day, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went into a Jewish meeting hall and was teaching the congregation. There was a man there with a deformed right hand 7 and the religious teachers and Farisaios were watching Yeshua closely to see if he might heal the man on the Rest Day so they'd have something to accuse him of. 8 But he knew their plans and spoke to the man with the deformed hand, "Stand up and come into the middle." So the man got up and stood in front of them. 9 "I want to ask all of you," said **Yeshua**, "whether or not it's allowable to do good on the Rest Day, or only evil—to save life or to destroy it?" 10 Turning slowly and looking at them all, he then said to the man, "Hold out your hand." The man did it and his hand was healed, 11 but the religious leaders were mad with anger and discussed among themselves about what they could do **to Yeshua**.

Yeshua chooses twelve to be missionaries[64]

12 One day Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) climbed a hill to pray, and then he spent the night there praying **to God**. 13 In the morning, he called together his followers, and chose twelve of them that he then called 'missionaries': 14 Shim'on (Simon) (who he also named Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros)) and his brother Andreas, Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), Filippos (Philip) and Bar-Talmay (Bartholomew; Grk. Bartholomaios), 15 Matay (Matthew; Grk. Matthaios) and Toma (Thomas), Ya'akov (Halfay' (Grk. Halfaios') son), Shim'on (the one known as a Zealot), 16 Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) (son of Ya'akov), and Yehudah Iskariot (who eventually betrayed him).

The crowds want to touch Yeshua[65]

17 Then coming down the hill with them, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) stood on a flat

60 **RV 6:1 · Parallel** Mark 2:23-28; Mat. 12:1-8

61 **RV 6:1 · Cross-ref.** Deu 23:25.

62 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:9.

63 **RV 6:6 · Parallel** Mark 3:1-6; Mat. 12:9-14

64 **RV 6:12 · Parallel** Mark 3:13-19; Mat. 10:1-4

65 **RV 6:17 · Parallel** Mat. 4:23-25

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area along with a large crowd of his followers. There was also a large number of people from all around Yehudah (Judea) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and from the coastal areas of Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon) **18** who came to hear what he had to say, as well as getting healed from their various diseases. **19** All the people in the crowd wanted to touch him, because power would come out from him and he was healing everyone.

The blessed and the unblessed[66]

20 Then looking up at his followers, he said,

"Blessed are the poor, because **God's** kingdom is yours.

21 Blessed are those who don't have enough to eat now, because you'll all be satisfied.

Blessed are those who are weeping now, because you'll all be laughing.

22 You're all blessed when people hate you and snub you, and when they deride you and slander your reputations as evil, all on account of the son of humanity.[67] **23** Be happy at that time and dance with happiness, because you'll have a large reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same sorts of things to the prophets.[68]

24 However it's tragic for all you rich people, because you've already enjoyed all those comforts.

25 It's tragic for all of you who are full now, because you'll all be hungry.

It's tragic for all of you who are laughing now, because you'll all be mourning and crying.

26 It's tragic for you whenever all the people say they admire you, because their ancestors did the same to the false prophets.

Loving the unlovely[69]

27 "But I'll tell all of you who are listening: Love your enemies and be kind to those who hate you. **28** Give a blessing to those who curse you and pray for those who mistreat you. **29** When someone slaps you on the face, offer them the other side, and when someone forces you to hand over your coat, don't resist if they want your shirt as well. **30** Give to everyone who asks you for something, and when someone takes your stuff, don't go demanding it back. **31** However you'd all like people to treat you, that's how you should be treating them.[70]

32 "And if you only love those who love you, how good is that? Even those who disobey God love those who love them. **33** If you only do good things to people who are good to you, how good is that? Even those who disobey God do that. **34** And if you only lend money to people that you're expecting to repay you, how good is that? Even those who disobey God lend to others like them, knowing they'll get their money back. **35** Instead, you all should love your enemies and do good and lend out even when

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Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and the coastal area of_ _Turos/(Tsor) and Sidōn/(Tsīdōn), **18** who came to_hear from_ _him and to_be_healed of the diseases of_them. And the ones being_troubled by unclean spirits they_were_being_healed. **19** And all the crowd were_seeking to_be_touching against_him, because power was_coming_out from him and he_was_healing all.

20 And he having_lifted_up the eyes of_him on the apprentices/followers of_him was_saying: Blessed are the poor, because the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is yours. **21** Blessed are the ones hungering now, because you_all_will_be_being_satisfied. Blessed are the ones weeping now, because you_all_will_be_ _laughing. **22** Blessed are_you_all whenever ~~the~~ people may_ _hate you_all, and whenever they_may_set_ you_all _apart, and they_may_deride you, and may_throw_out the name of_you_all as evil, on_account of_the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man. **23** Be_elated in that ~~the~~ day, and jump for_joy, because/for see, the reward of_you_ _all is great in ~~the~~ heaven. The in for same way the fathers of_ _them were_doing to_the prophets. **24** However woe to_you_all ~~the~~ rich, because you_all_are_receiving_fully the comfort of_ _you_all. **25** Woe to_you_all, you_all having_been_filled now, because you_all_will_be_hungering. Woe, to_you_all laughing now, because you_all_will_be_mourning and you_all_will_be_ _weeping. **26** Woe to_you whenever all ~~the~~ people may_speak well you_all, the in for same way were_doing to_the false_ _prophets the fathers of_them.

27 But I_am_saying to_you_all to_the ones hearing, be_loving the enemies of_you_all, be_doing well to_the ones hating you_ _all, **28** be_blessing the ones cursing you_all, be_praying for the ones mistreating you_all. **29** To_the one striking you on the cheek, be_bringing_about also the other, and from the one taking_away ~~the~~ the_coat of_you, also you_may_ not _forbid the tunic. **30** Be_giving to_everyone requesting you, and be_ not _ _demanding_back it from the one taking_away ~~the~~ your things. **31** And as you_all_are_wanting that ~~the~~ people may_be_doing to_you_all, be_doing likewise to_them. **32** And if you_all_are_ _loving the ones loving you_all, what grace it_is to_you_all? For/Because even ~~the~~ sinners are_loving the ones loving them. **33** For/Because also if you_all_may_be_doing_good the ones doing_good to_you_all, what grace is_it to_you_all? Even ~~the~~ sinners are_doing the same. **34** And if you_all_may_lend from whom you_all_are_hoping to_receive, what grace to_you_all it_ _is? Even sinners are_lending to_sinners, in_order_that they_ _may_receive_back the same amounts. **35** However be_loving the enemies of_you_all, and be_doing_good, and be_lending expecting_ nothing _back, and the reward of_you_all will_be

66 RV 6:20 · Parallel Mat. 5:1-12

67 RV 6:22 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 4:14.

68 RV 6:23 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 36:16; Acts 7:52.

69 RV 6:27 · Parallel Mat. 5:38-48; 7:12a

70 RV 6:31 · Cross-ref. Mat 7:12.

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great, and you_all_will_be sons of_the_highest, because he is good to the ungrateful and evil. **36** Be_becoming compassionate, as the father of_you_all is compassionate.

37 And be_ not _judging, and by_no_means you_all_may_ not _ _be_judged. And be_ not _convicting, and by_no_means you_ _all_may_ not _be_convicted. Be_sending_away, and you_all_ _will_be_being_sent_away. **38** Be_giving, and it_will_be_being_ _given to_you_all, good measure, having_been_pressed_down having_been_shaken being_overflowed, they_will_be_giving into the fold_of_garment of_you_all, because/for with_that measure you_all_are_measuring, it_will_be_being_measured_ _back to_you_all. **39** And he_ also _spoke a_parable to_them: Surely_not a_blind one is_able to_be_guiding a_blind one? ‹Will›_ not _be_falling both into a_pit? **40** A_ _apprentice/follower is not above the teacher, but everyone having_been_prepared will_be as the teacher of_him. **41** And why are_you_looking at_the speck ~~which~~ in the eye of_the brother of_you, but you_are_ not _observing the beam ~~which~~ in your own eye? **42** How are_you_being_able to_be_saying to_the brother of_you: Brother, allow I_may_throw_out the speck ~~which~~ in the eye of_you, not seeing yourself the beam in the eye of_ _you? Hypocrite, first throw_out the beam from the eye of_you, and then you_will_be_seeing_clearly to_throw_out the speck ~~which~~ in the eye of_the brother of_you.

43 For/Because there_is not good tree producing bad fruit, nor in_contrast a_ bad _tree producing good fruit. **44** For/Because each tree is_being_known by its own fruit. For/Because they_ _are_ not _gathering figs from thorns, nor are_they_picking grapes from a_thorn_bush. **45** The good person is_bringing_ _forth the good out_of the good treasure of_the heart of_him, and the evil person is_bringing_forth the evil out_of the evil. For/Because the mouth of_him is_speaking out_of. the_excess. of_the_heart.

46 And why are_you_all_calling me **master**, **master**, and you_ _all_are_ not _doing what I_am_saying? **47** Everyone who coming to me, and hearing of_the messages of_me and doing them, I_will_be_showing to_you_all to_whom he_is similar: **48** he_is similar to_a_man building a_house, who dug and deepened and laid a_foundation on the rock, and having_ _become flood the flood dashed_against to_ ~~the~~ that _house, and it_was_ not _able to_shake it, because_of the thing to_have_ _built it well. **49** But the one having_heard and not having_ _done, is similar to_a_man having_built a_house on the ground without a_foundation, to_which dashed_against the flood and immediately it_fell_in, and the burst of_ ~~the~~ that _house became great.

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you expect to get nothing back. Then your reward will be large and you'll all be children of the highest God because he is good to ungrateful and evil people. **36** You should be compassionate towards others, because your father is compassionate.

Don't judge others[71]

37 "Don't judge others, then you definitely won't be judged. Don't condemn others, then you definitely won't be condemned. **38** Give to others, and then you'll be given to generously. The returned amount will be really packed in to the container and even overflowing, because however you measure things out for others, that's how things will be measured out for you."

39 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them a parable: "Surely a blind person can't be a guide for someone else who's blind. Won't both of them fall into a ditch?[72] **40** An apprentice isn't above their teacher,[73] but can become like their teacher once they're fully trained.

41 "How come you notice the speck in someone else's eye, yet don't even notice the log that's in your own eye? **42** How can you tell that person, 'Hey, let me get that speck out of your eye,' when you can't even see the log in *your* eye? You hypocrite, get the log out of your eye and then you'll be able to see clearly so you can remove the speck in the other person's eye.

The tree is recognised by its fruit[74]

43 "A good tree doesn't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree doesn't produce good fruit, **44** but each tree is recognised by the fruit it produces.[75] You don't pick figs from thistles or pick grapes from thorn bushes. **45** A good person produces good deeds as a result of all the good things inside them, and an evil person produces evil actions as a result of the evil inside, because what comes out of your mouth originates in your mind.[76]

The two house-builders[77]

46 "So why do you all call me '**master**, **master**,' yet you don't do what I say? **47** Everyone who comes to me and listens to my messages and puts them into practice, I'll show you who that person is like: **48** That person is like a man building a house. He dug and drilled and laid a foundation on the rock, and then when there was a flood that dashed against that house, it didn't shake it because it was built well. **49** But the person who listens but doesn't put the message into practice is like a man that just built his house on the ground with no foundation, and when the flood dashed against it, the house immediately collapsed and broke into many pieces."

71 **RV 6:37 · Parallel** Mat. 7:1-5

72 **RV 6:39 · Cross-ref.** Mat 15:14.

73 **RV 6:40 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 13:16; 15:20; Mat 10:24-25.

74 **RV 6:43 · Parallel** Mat. 7:16-20; 12:33-35

75 **RV 6:44 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:33.

76 **RV 6:45 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:34.

77 **RV 6:46 · Parallel** Mat. 7:24-27

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Yeshua heals the centurion's slave[78]

7:1 After Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had finished sharing those messages with the people, he entered the town of Kafarnaoum (Capernaum). **2** A Romaios army commander there had a slave that he valued, but who was sick and expected to die. **3** He had heard about **Yeshua**, so he asked the local Jewish elders to talk to Yeshua on his behalf and to ask him to come to heal his slave. **4** When the elders got to **Yeshua**, they earnestly implored him saying, "The man you'd be helping is worth it **5** because he loves us Yehudim (Jews) and he built the local Jewish meeting hall for us."

6 So **Yeshua** went with them but as they got closer to the house, the commander had sent some friends to tell him, "**Master**, don't trouble yourself because I'm not worthy enough to have you enter my home **7** and that's why I never came to you personally. However, just issue a command and then my boy will be healed **8** because I'm appointed under authority and have other soldiers under me. When I tell one of them to go, he goes, and when I tell one to come, he comes, and when I tell my slave to do something, he does it."

9 When he heard that, **Yeshua** was amazed and turned to face the crowd that was following him and said, "I can tell you that never before in all of Yisrael (Israel) have I encountered so much faith!"

10 By the time that the commander's friends had gotten back to the house, they found that the slave was already well again.

Yeshua brings the widow's son back to life

11 The next day, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went to a town called Nain, and his followers went with him as well as a large crowd of people. **12** As he got near the town gate, look, a dead boy was being carried out to the cemetery. The mother was now a widow and he had been their only son, and a large number of the local residents were with her. **13** When he saw her, the **master** felt sorry for her and said, "Don't cry." **14** Then he went up closer and touched the coffin, and the pallbearers stopped. Then he spoke, "Young man, I'm talking to you: get up." **15** The dead son sat up and started talking, and Yeshua led him to his mother. **16** Everyone felt a bit apprehensive and they praised **God** saying, "A powerful prophet appeared among us," and "**God** has been here with his people."

17 Then the news about Yeshua spread all around Yehudah (Judea) and all the surrounding area.

Yohan checks out the messiah[79]

18 The apprentices of Yohan-the-immerser reported all these things back to him and he choose two of his apprentices **19** and sent them to **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) to ask, "Are you the promised one, or should we wait for someone else?"

20 So when they got to Yeshua, the two men told him, "Yohan-the-immerser sent us here to ask you if you're the promised one, or should we wait for someone else?"

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7:1 After he_fulfilled all the messages of_him in the hearing of_ _the people, he_came_in into Kafarna'oum. **2** And certain slave of_a_centurion being sickly, was_going to_be_dying, who was honoured to_him. **3** And having_heard about ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, he_sent_out elders of_the Youdaiōns to him, asking him so_that having_come he_may_cure the slave of_him. **4** And the ones having_arrived to ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, were_ _imploring him earnestly saying ~~that~~ He_is worthy to_whom you_will_be_bringing_about this, **5** for/because he_is_loving the nation of_us, and he built the synagogue for/because_us. **6** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** he_was_going with them. And already of_him being_ not far _away from the house, the centurion sent friends saying to_him: **master**, be_ not _being_troubled, because/for not worthy I_am that you_may_come_in under the roof of_me, **7** therefore I_considered_worthy not_even myself to_come to you, but say by_a_message, and let_be_healed the servant of_ _me. **8** For/Because also I am a_man being_appointed under authority, having soldiers under myself, and I_am_saying to_ _this one: Be_gone, and he_is_going, and to_other: Be_coming, and he_is_coming, and to_the slave of_me: Do this, and he_is_ _doing it. **9** And having_heard these things ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, marvelled at_him, and having_been_turned to_the crowd following after_him said: I_am_saying to_you_all, not_even in ~~the~~ Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'^{ēl}) I_found so_much faith. **10** And the ones having_been_sent having_returned to the house, found the slave being_healthy.

11 And it_became on on_the_ next _day, he_was_gone into a_ _city being_called Nain, and the apprentices/followers of_him and a_ great _crowd were_going_with with_him. **12** And as he_ _neared to_the gate of_the city, and see an_only_begotten son to_the mother of_him was_being_carried_out having_died, and she was a_widow, and a_ sizeable _crowd of_the city was with her. **13** And having_seen her, the **master** was_feeling_ _compassion on her, and said to_her: Be_ not _weeping. **14** And having_approached, he_touched against_the coffin, and the ones bearing it stopped, and he_said: Young_man, I_am_saying to_you: Be_raised. **15** And the dead man sat_up and began to_ _be_speaking, and he_gave him to_the mother of_him. **16** And all took fear, and they_were_glorifying ~~the~~ **god** saying, ~~that~~ A_ great _prophet was_raised among us. And, ~~that~~ - **god** visited the people of_him. **17** And ~~the~~ this message came_out in all ~~the~~ Youdaia concerning him, and all the surrounding_region.

18 And the apprentices/followers of_him reported to_Yōanna^{y}s concerning all these things. And ~~the~~ Yōanna^{y}s having_called_to some two of_the apprentices/followers of_him, **19** sent them to ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** saying: Are you the one coming or may_we_be_waiting another? **20** And having_arrived to him, the men said: Yōanna^{y}s the immerser sent_ us _out to you saying: Are you the one coming or may_we_be_waiting for another? **21** In that ~~the~~ hour, he_healed many of diseases, and afflictions, and evil spirits and to_the_blind to_be_seeing many

78 **RV 7:1 · Parallel** Mat. 8:5-13

79 **RV 7:18 · Parallel** Mat. 11:2-19

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he_granted. 22 And answering he_said to_them: Having_been_
_gone, report to_Yōannaʸs what things you_all_saw and you_
_all_heard: blind are_receiving_sight, lame are_walking, lepers
are_being_cleansed, and deaf are_hearing, dead are_being_
_raised: poor are_being_good_message_preached. 23 And
blessed is_he who ~~if~~ may_ not _be_offended in me. 24 And the
messengers of_Yōannaʸs having_gone_away, he_began to_be_
_saying to the crowds concerning Yōannaʸs: What you_all_
_came_out into the wilderness to_see? A_reed being_shaken by
the_wind? 25 But what you_all_came_out to_see? A_man
having_been_dressed in fine clothes? Behold, the ones in
glorious clothing and being in_luxury in are the palaces. 26 But
what you_all_came_out to_see? A_prophet? Yes, I_am_saying
to_you_all, and more_important than a_prophet. 27 This is he
concerning whom it_has_been_written: Behold, I_am_sending_
_out the messenger of_me before the_face of_you, who will_be_
_preparing the way of_you before you. 28 I_am_saying to_you_
_all, no_one is greater among those born of_women Yōannaʸs,
but the the_least in the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is greater than he.
29 (And all the people and the tax_collectors having_heard,
they_justified ~~the~~ **god**, having_been_immersed with_the
immersion of_Yōannaʸs, 30 but the the_Farisaios_party and the
lawyers, rejecting the counsel of_ ~~the~~ **_god** for themselves, not
having_been_immersed by him.) 31 Therefore to_what I_will_
_be_likening the people of_ ~~the~~ this _generation, and to_what
are_they similar? 32 They_are similar to_little_children sitting
~~which~~ in the_marketplace, and calling_out to_one_another, who
is_saying: We_played_the_flute for_you_all and you_all_ not _
_danced, we_lamented and you_all_ not _wept. 33 For/Because
Yōannaʸs the immerser has_come, neither eating bread nor
drinking wine, and you_all_are_saying: He_is_having a_demon.
34 the son of_ ~~the~~ _man ‹Has›_come, eating and drinking, and
you_all_are_saying: Behold, a_ glutton _man and a_drunkard, a_
_friend of_tax_collectors and of_sinners. 35 And ~~the~~ wisdom
was_justified by all the children of_her.

36 And someone of_the Farisaios_party was_asking him that
he_may_eat with him, and having_come_in into the house of_
_the Farisaios_party_member, he_was_reclined. 37 And see a_
_woman who was in the city a_sinner, and having_known that
he_is_reclining in the house of_the Farisaios_party_member,
having_brought_back an_alabaster_flask of_ointment, 38 and
having_stood behind by the feet of_him weeping, she_began
to_be_wetting the feet of_him with_the, tears, and she_was_
_wiping_off them with_the hairs of_the head of_her, and was_
_kissing the feet of_him, and was_anointing them with_the
ointment. 39 And the Farisaios_party_member, the one having_
_invited him having_seen, he_spoke by himself saying: This one
if he_was a_prophet, would was_knowing who and what_kind_

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21 While they were still there, he healed many people from
their diseases and difficulties, as well as evil spirits and some
blind people being able to see again, 22 so then he answered
them, "Go and tell Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) everything that
you've seen and heard here: how blind people can see again,
lame people are walking now,[80] people with leprosy are clear,
some dead have come back to life, and the good message is being
preached to the poor.[81] 23 God will bless those who don't mis-
judge me."

24 When Yohan's messengers had left, Yeshua started asking
the crowds about Yohan, "What did you all go out into the
wilderness to see? A reed waving in the wind? 25 Yes, but what
did you all go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? Well,
those in nice clothes and living in luxury are in fine homes. 26 So
what was it that you went out to see? A prophet? Yes, I'll tell you
that he is more important than any old prophet. 27 He is the one
that was written about: 'See, I'm sending my messenger ahead of
you and he will prepare your path before you get there.'[82] 28 I'm
telling all of you, no one who's been born from a woman is
greater than Yohan, yet the lowest person in **God's** kingdom is
greater than him."

29 (When all the people and the tax-collectors that had been
immersed by Yohan heard that, they concurred that **God's** way
is fair,[83] 30 however the Farisaios and the lawyers who had not
been immersed by him, they rejected **God's** plan for them.)

31 "So what can I compare this generation with?" asked
Yeshua. "Who are they similar to? 32 They're like little children
sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other, 'We
played the flute for you all but you didn't dance, then we played
a sad song but you all didn't weep.' 33 Because Yohan-the-im-
merser came and he didn't eat bread or drink wine, so you all
said that he has a demon. 34 Then the son of humanity came and
ate and drank and you all said, 'Look, he's a glutton and a drunk-
ard—a friend of tax-collectors and those who disobey God.'
35 But wisdom is justified by all her children."

The woman who anoints Yeshua's feet

36 Another time, someone from the Fari-
saios party invited Yeshua (Jesus; Grk.
Yesus) to go to his place for a meal, and so
he went there and reclined on a flat couch. 37 Then wow, a sinful
woman from the city who knew that he was reclining in there,
came into the room carrying a beautiful carved stone flask of
scented skin-cream.[84] 38 She stood weeping behind Yeshua's
feet, wetting his feet with her tears. Then she used her hair to
wipe off the tears and kissed his feet and rubbed the lotion into
them. 39 When the Farisaios who had invited Yeshua saw this, he
said to himself, "If that man was a prophet, he'd know who she

80 **RV 7:22 · Cross-ref.** Isa 35:5-6.

81 **RV 7:22 · Cross-ref.** Isa 61:1.

82 **RV 7:27 · Cross-ref.** Mal 3:1.

83 **RV 7:29-30 · Cross-ref.** Mat 21:32; Luk 3:12.

84 **RV 7:37-38 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 12:3; Mrk 14:3; Mat 26:7.

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is and what kind of woman it is that's touching him, because she breaks God's laws."

40 "Shim'on (Simon)," **Yeshua** asked him, "I need to tell you something."

"Tell me, teacher," he replied.

41 Then Yeshua told him this story: "Once there were two people who had borrowed from a money lender: one borrowed five-hundred coins and the other borrowed fifty. 42 But neither of them was able to repay him, so he wrote-off both of their debts. Now after that, which one of them do you think would appreciate him more?"

43 "I suppose," answered Shim'on, "that it was the one who was forgiven the biggest debt."

"You're right," said Yeshua. 44 Then looking at the woman he said to Shim'on, "You see this woman? I came into your house but you didn't give me any water to wash my feet, yet she wet my feet with her tears and then wiped them off with her hair. 45 You didn't kiss me when I entered, but this woman hasn't stopped kissing my feet since I came in. 46 You didn't offer olive oil for my head, but she anointed my feet with this lotion, 47 so that's why I'll tell you this: Her many sins have been forgiven because she showed a lot of love, but the one who has been forgiven little, is loving little."

48 Then he said to the woman, "Your sins have been forgiven."

49 The others who were reclining in the room started to ask to each other, "Who does he think he is to be able to even forgive sins?"

50 "Your faith has saved you," Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) said to the woman, "Go in peace."

The team spreading the good message

8:1 After that, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started travelling around all the towns and villages—preaching and sharing the good message **about God's** kingdom. His twelve apprentices were with him 2 along with some women who'd been healed from evil spirits and sicknesses: Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala (that seven demons had come out of),[85] 3 Yohanah (who's Kuzas's wife and one of King Herodes's (Herod's) managers), Shoshanah (Susanna), and many others, who used the group's assets to look after their needs.

The parable about spreading seeds[86]

4 A large crowd gathered around Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), including many who'd travelled out from the city, and he told them this parable:

5 "One day a farmer went out to plant some seeds. As he spread the seeds, some of them fell along the path where they got trampled on, and the birds ate them. 6 Some of the seeds landed in a rocky area where they sprouted, but then they withered up because they didn't have enough moisture. 7 Some of the seeds landed in a patch of thistles, and as the plants started to grow, they were choked out by the thistles. 8 Some of the seeds fell onto good soil, and then the plants grew up to produce a harvest

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_of ~~the~~ woman, who is_touching against_him, because she_is a_ _sinner. 40 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answering said to him: Simōn, I_am_having something to_say to_you. And he, is_ _saying. Teacher say it, 41 There_were two debtors to_a_ certain _moneylender: the one was_owing five_hundred da^{y}narion_coins, and the other fifty. 42 And them having no money to_give_back, he_forgave to_both. Therefore which of_ _them, will_be_loving him more? 43 And Simōn answering said: I_am_supposing that he to_whom he_forgave ~~the~~ more. And he said to_him: You_judged correctly. 44 And having_been_turned to the woman, he_was_saying to_ ~~the~~ _Simōn: You_are_seeing this ~~the~~ woman? I_came_in into the house of_you, you_ not _ _gave water to_me for feet, but this woman wet the feet of_me ~~the~~ with_tears, and wiped_off them with_the the_hairs of_her. 45 you_ not _gave A_kiss to_me, but this woman from which I_ _came_in, not ceased kissing the feet of_me. 46 you_ not _ _anointed the head of_me, With_olive_oil, but this one anointed the feet of_me with_ointment. 47 for_reason_of of_ _which, I_am_saying to_you, the ~~the~~ many sins of_her have_ _been_forgiven, because she_loved much, but to_whom little is_ _being_forgiven, is_loving little. 48 And he_said to_her: The sins of_you have_been_forgiven. 49 And the ones reclining began to_be_saying by themselves: Who is this who is_ even _ _forgiving sins? 50 And he_said to the woman: The faith of_you has_saved you, be_going in peace.

8:1 And it_became at the time consecutively, and he was_ _travelling_through throughout the_city and village, proclaiming and good_message_preaching the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and the twelve were with him, 2 and some women who were having_been_healed from evil spirits and sicknesses: Maria/(Miryām) who being_called from_Magdala, from whom seven demons had_come_out, 3 and Yōanna wife of_Chusa a_ _manager of_Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s, and Susanna, and many others, who were_serving unto_them from the things possessing to_them.

4 And a_ great _crowd Coming_together and of_the ones in the_ _city journeying to him, he_spoke by parable: 5 The one sowing came_out ~~which~~ to_sow the seed of_him. And at the time him to_be_sowing, some indeed fell along the road, and it_was_ _trampled and the birds of_the sky devoured it. 6 And other fell_down on the rock, and having_been_sprouted was_ _withered because_of the thing to_ not _be_having moisture. 7 And other fell in the_midst of_the thorns, and having_been_ _grown_up the thorns choked_ it _out. 8 And other fell on the ~~the~~ good soil, also having_been_sprouted produced fruit a_ _hundred_fold. These things saying, he_was_calling: The one having ears to_be_hearing, him _let_be_hearing.

85 **RV 8:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 15:40-41; Mat 27:55-56; Luk 23:49.

86 **RV 8:4 · Parallel** Mark 4:1-9; Mat. 13:1-9

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9 And the apprentices/followers of_him were_asking him: What this? might_be ~~the~~ parable? 10 And he said: It_has_been_given to_you_all to_know the mysteries of_the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, but to_the rest in parables, in_order_that seeing they_may_ not _be_seeing, and hearing they_may_ not _be_understanding.

11 And this is the parable: the seed is the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 12 And the ones along the road are the ones having_heard, thereafter the devil is_coming and is_taking_away the message from the heart of_them, in_order_that not having_believed they_may_be_saved. 13 And the ones on the rock, who whenever they_may_hear with joy are_receiving the message, and these are_ not _having a_root, who for a_time are_ _believing, and in the_time of_temptation they_are_ _withdrawing_from. 14 And the seed having_fallen into the thorns, these are the ones having_heard, and going are_being_ _choked under worries, and riches, and gratifications of_ ~~the~~ _ _living, and are_ not _brought_to_maturity. 15 But the seed in the good soil, these are the_ones who in a_heart good and good, having_heard the message are_keeping it, and are_ _bearing_fruit by endurance.

16 And no_one having_lit a_lamp, is_covering it with_a_object or is_putting it beneath a_bed, but is_putting it on a_ _lampstand, in_order_that the ones entering_in may_be_seeing the light. 17 For/Because not is hidden which ‹will›_ not _be_ _becoming manifest, nor secret which not may_ not _be_known and may_come to manifest. 18 Therefore be_watching_out how you_all_are_hearing, because/for whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_be_ _having, will_be_being_given to_him, and whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_ not _be_having, even what he_is_supposing to_be_having will_be_being_taken_away from him.

19 And the mother and the brothers of_him arrived to him, and they_were_ not _able to_reach to_him because_of the crowd. 20 And it_was_reported to_him: The mother of_you and the brothers of_you, have_stood outside wanting to_see you. 21 But he answering said to them: The_mother of_me and the_ _brothers of_me, these are the ones hearing and doing the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**.

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of one hundred times as much."

As he was saying this, he was also telling them, "Anyone who wants to hear, listen carefully."

The reason for parables[87]

9 After this, his apprentices asked him, "What's that parable all about?" 10 "You're permitted to know the mysteries of **God's** kingdom," responded Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "but the others get parables so that when they look, they won't see, and when they listen, they won't understand.[88]

The meaning of the parable about the seeds[89]

11 "So this is what the parable means: the seeds are **God's** message. 12 The seeds along the road are those who hear the message, but afterwards the devil comes along and snatches the message away from their hearts, so that they don't believe or get saved. 13 The seeds among the rocks are those who happily accept the message but don't put down any roots, so they believe for a short time, and then when temptations come, they pull back from God. 14 The seeds among the thistles are those who heard the message but get choked under worries and wealth and the good life, and so they never reach maturity. 15 But the seeds in the good soil are those good people with good hearts and after hearing the message, they follow it, and produce fruit from their endurance.

The light will expose what's hidden[90]

16 "No one lights a lamp and then puts a cover over it or puts it under a bed, but rather it's placed on a lampstand so that everyone coming into the room can see the light.[91]

17 "Similarly, nothing is hidden that won't eventually become visible, and nothing is secret that won't become known and exposed.[92]

18 "So take care in what you listen to, because anyone who has now, will be given more, and anyone who doesn't have, whatever they think they do have will be taken away from them."[93]

Yeshua's mother and siblings[94]

19 Then Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') mother and brothers arrived but they couldn't get close to him because of the crowd. 20 "Your mother and brothers are standing outside," someone told him, "and they want to see you."

21 "My mother and my brothers," Yeshua responded, "are anyone who's listening to **God's** message and who put it into practice."

87 **RV 8:9 · Parallel** Mark 4:10-12; Mat. 13:10-17

88 **RV 8:10 · Cross-ref.** Isa 6:9 (LXX).

89 **RV 8:11 · Parallel** Mark 4:13-20; Mat. 13:18-23

90 **RV 8:16 · Parallel** Mark 4:21-25

91 **RV 8:16 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:15; Luk 11:33.

92 **RV 8:17 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:26; Luk 12:2.

93 **RV 8:18 · Cross-ref.** Mat 25:29; Luk 19:26.

94 **RV 8:19 · Parallel** Mark 3:31-35; Mat. 12:46-50

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Yeshua's power over the wind and waves[95]

22 One day Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and his apprentices got into a boat and he asked them to go across to the other side of Lake Galil. So they set off 23 but once they were moving, Yeshua fell asleep. Then a big storm descended onto the lake and the boat was being swamped by the waves and they were in danger of sinking. 24 The apprentices went and woke Yeshua, "Master, we're going to drown!"

Now awake, he spoke sternly to the wind and the waves in the lake, and they stopped and it became calm. 25 "Where's your faith?" he asked them.

From being terrified, they were now astounded and asked each other, "Who is this guy really? He can just tell the wind and the water what to do, and they obey him!"

Yeshua drives many demons into the pigs[96]

26 Then they sailed across to the region of the Gerasainon, which is across the lake from Galil. 27 As they got out of the boat, a demon-possessed man who'd come out of the city met him there. He didn't live in a house, but lived in a cemetery, and he wasn't wearing a lot. 28 He yelled out when he saw **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and knelt down before him, and spoke loudly, "What business do you and I have together, **Yeshua**, son **of** the highest **God**? I beg you, don't torture me." 29 He said this because Yeshua had commanded the evil spirit to come out from the man. The demon had animated him many times and he'd needed to be put in chains and shackles, but he would break them off and the demon would drive him into the wilderness.

30 "What's your name?" **Yeshua** asked.

"Thousands," he answered, because many thousands of demons had entered him 31 and now they were pleading with Yeshua not to command them to go back to the bottomless pit.

32 They could see a herd of pigs being fed on a hill, and they requested Yeshua to let them go into the pigs, and he agreed to that. 33 So the demons rushed out of the man and into the pigs, and all the pigs then rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

34 When the workers feeding the pigs saw this happen, they took off and told everyone in the nearby town and round about. 35 So lots of people went there to the edge of the lake to see for themselves, and they found the man who'd been demon-possessed now dressed and sitting at **Yeshua's** feet with his full faculties, and they were frightened. 36 The people who'd seen it happen told the new-comers how the demon-possessed man had been healed. 37 Then all those people from the Gerasainon region asked Yeshua to leave the area, because they were quite terrified, so he got back into the boat and they headed back to the other side.

38 The man who the demons had come out of had asked Yeshua if he could go with him, but Yeshua sent him away, saying,

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22 And it_became on one of_the days, and he and the apprentices/followers of_him boarded into a_boat, and he_said to them: We_may_pass_through to the side across of_the lake. And they_were_launched. 23 But sailing of_them, he_fell_ _asleep. And an_ of_wind _storm came_down on the lake, and they_were_being_swamped and they_were_risking_danger. 24 And having_approached, they_awoke him saying: Master, master, we_are_perishing. And he having_been_awoke, gave_ _rebuke to_the wind, and to_the wave, of_the water, and they_ _ceased and it_became a_calm. 25 And he_said to_them: Where is the faith of_you_all? And having_been_afraid, they_ _marvelled saying to one_another: Who consequently is this, that he_is_commanding both to_the winds and to_the water, and they_are_submitting to_him?

26 And they_sailed_down to the region of_the Gerasaʸnōn, which is opposite ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl). 27 And having_come_out to_him on the land, a_ certain _man met him out_of the city having demons, and for_ much _time not dressed_in garment, and was_ not _remaining in a_house, but in the tombs. 28 And having_seen ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, having_cried_out he_ _fell_before to_him, and with_a_ loud _voice said: What to_me and to_you, **Yaʸsous**, the_son of_ ~~The~~ the highest **_god**? I_am_ _beseeching of_you, you_may_ not _torment me. 29 for/because He_commanded to_the the spirit unclean to_come_out from the man. For/Because for/because_many times it_had_seized him, and he_was_being_bound with_chains and being_guarded in_shackles, and tearing the bonds, he_was_being_driven by the demon into the wildernesss. 30 And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** asked him: What to_you is the_name? And he said: Many_thousands, because many demons came_in into him. 31 And they_were_ _imploring him that he_may_ not _command to_them to_go_ _away into the abyss. 32 And there was a_herd of_ many _pigs being_fed on the mountain, and they_implored him that he_ _may_permit to_them to_come_in into those. And he_ _permitted to_them. 33 And the demons having_come_out from the man, they_came_in into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep_bank into the lake, and was_drowned. 34 And the ones feeding them having_seen, the thing having_become, they_fled and they_reported to the city and to the country. 35 And they_came_out to_see the thing having_become, and they_came to ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, and found the man sitting, from whom the demons came_out, having_been_ _clothed and being_sensible before the feet of_ ~~the~~ **_Yaʸsous**, and they_were_afraid. 36 And the ones having_seen it reported to_them, how the one having_been_demon_possessed was_ _healed. 37 And all the multitude of_the surrounding_region of_the Gerasaʸnōn asked, him, to_go_away from them, because they_were_being_gripped_with with_ great _fear. And he having_boarded, into the_boat, returned. 38 But the man from whom had_come_out the demons, was_beseeching of_him, to_ _be with him. But he_sent_ him _away saying, 39 Be_returning to the house of_you, and be_describing as_much_as ~~the~~ **god** did for_you. And he_went_away throughout all the city,

95 **RV 8:22 · Parallel** Mark 4:35-41; Mat. 8:23-27

96 **RV 8:26 · Parallel** Mark 5:1-20; Mat. 8:28-34

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proclaiming as_much_as ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** did for_him.

40 And at the time ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** to_be_returning, the crowd welcomed him, because/for were all waiting for_him. **41** And see, a_man came to_whose name was Yaeiros, and this one was_ _being a_ruler of_the synagogue, and having_fallen before the feet of_**Ya^{y}sous**, he_was_imploring him to_come_in to the house of_him, **42** because an_ only_begotten _daughter was to_ _him, about twelve of_years, and she was_dying_off. But at the time to_be_going him, the crowds were_pressing_against him. **43** And a_woman being with a_haemorrhage of_blood for twelve years, who was_ not _able to_be_healed by no_one, **44** having_approached behind, she_touched against_the fringe of_the garment of_him, and immediately the haemorrhage of_ _the blood of_her stopped. **45** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said: Who is the one having_touched against_me? And disowning it all, ~~the~~ Petros said: Master, the crowds are_ _pressing you and they_are_pressing_in. **46** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said: Someone touched against_me, because/for I knew power having_come_out from me. **47** And the woman having_seen that she_ not _escaped_notice, came trembling and having_ _fallen_before to_him, she_reported before all for that cause she_touched against_him, the people, and how she_was_healed immediately. **48** And he said to_her: Daughter, the faith of_you has_healed you, be_going in peace. **49** Still of_him speaking, someone is_coming from the synagogue_leader saying, ~~that~~ the daughter of_you ‹Has›_died, be_troubling the teacher no_ _longer. **50** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_heard, answered to_him: Be_ not _fearing, only be_believing, and she_will_be_being_healed. **51** And having_come into the house, he_ not _allowed anyone to_come_in, with him, except ~~not/lest~~ Petros, and Yōanna^{y}s, and Yakōbos/(Yaʹaqov), and the father of_the girl, and the mother. **52** And all were_weeping and they_were_mourning for_her. But he said: Be_ not _weeping, because/for she_ not _died_off, but she_is_sleeping. **53** And they_were_ridiculing of_him, having_ _known that she_died_off. **54** And he having_taken_hold of_the hand of_her, called saying: - girl, be_raising. **55** And the spirit of_her returned, and she_rose_up immediately, and he_directed to_her to_be_given something to_eat. **56** And the parents of_her marvelled, but he he_commanded to_them to_tell no_one what having_become.

9:1 And having_called_together the twelve, he_gave to_them power and authority over all the demons, and to_be_healing diseases, **2** and he_sent_ them _out to_be_proclaiming the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and to_be_healing the sick. **3** And he_said to them: Be_taking_ nothing _away for the journey, neither staff, nor knapsack, nor bread, nor silver, nor to_be_having two tunics. **4** And into whatever ~~wishfully~~ house you_all_may_come_

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39 "Go back to your house and tell them there about what **God** has done for you."

So he went around the town telling everyone what **Yeshua** had done for him.

The leader's dying daughter plus the woman haemorrhaging[97]

40 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) got back to the other side of the lake, the crowd there had been waiting for him and welcomed him. **41** Then, wow, a man named Yair (Jairus) came and knelt down in front **of Yeshua**. He was the leader at the local Jewish meeting hall and he pleaded for Yeshua to come to his house **42** because his only daughter, a twelve-year old, was dying.

Then while Yeshua was on his way squeezing through the crowd, **43** a woman who'd had internal bleeding for twelve years and who couldn't be helped by any doctor, **44** worked her way up behind Yeshua and touched the edge of his robe. Immediately her bleeding stopped **45** and **Yeshua** stopped and said, "Who touched me?"

No one owned up, and Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) said, "Master, there's people all around you and they're pressing against you."

46 "Someone touched me," **Yeshua** responded, "because I felt power going out from me." **47** When the woman now saw that she wouldn't get away with it, she came to Yeshua shaking, and knelt down at his feet. She told him in front of all the people why she'd touched his clothes and how she'd been immediately healed. **48** "Lady," Yeshua said, "your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

49 While he was still speaking, someone came from the Jewish meeting hall leader's home and told him, "Don't bother the teacher any further. Your daughter just passed away."

50 But **Yeshua** heard this and turned to Yair (Jairus) and said, "Don't be afraid. Just believe and she'll be healed."

51 So they continued to the house, but Yeshua didn't allow anyone inside other than Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos), along with the girl's parents. **52** Everyone was weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Don't cry. She isn't dead—just asleep."

53 But they ridiculed Yeshua because they knew that she'd died. **54** He took hold of her hand, and called, "Girl, get up." **55** Then her spirit returned and she got up immediately, and he told them to give her something to eat. **56** Her parents were astonished, but he instructed them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Yeshua sends out his twelve apprentices[98]

9:1 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) called together his twelve apprentices and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases, **2** and then sent them out to preach **about God's** kingdom and to heal those who were sick. **3** "Don't take anything for the journey," he told them. "Don't take a walk-

97 **RV 8:40 · Parallel** Mark 5:21-43; Mat. 9:18-26

98 **RV 9:1 · Parallel** Mark 6:7-13; Mat. 10:5-15

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ing stick or a backpack or food or money or spare clothes.
4 When someone invites you into their home, stay in that one
house until you leave that place, 5 but when the people don't
want to hear from you, shake the dust off your feet as a testi-
mony to them[99] that God will punish them for not receiving his
messengers."
6 So they headed off, preaching the good message and healing
the people as they walked from village to village.

Herodes is confused by the news[100]

7 Herodes (Herod) the ruler of the Galili
quarter heard about everything that was
going on and was completely puzzled, because some people said
that Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) the immerser had come back to
life,[101] 8 while others said that Eliyah (Elijah) had been spotted,
and others that one of the other ancient prophets had come
back to life. 9 "I beheaded Yohan," King Herodes said, "so who is
this man that I'm hearing so much about?" So he tried to find a
way to see him.

Yeshua feeds 5,000 families[102]

10 When the twelve apprentices re-
turned back to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus),
they reported back to him everything they'd done. Then he took
them to the town of Beyt-Tsayda for some private time, 11 but
the crowds saw where he went and followed after them, so he
welcomed them and taught them about **God's** kingdom as well
as healing those who needed it.
12 As the day was coming to an end, the twelve approached
him and said, "Send the crowd away so that they can go into the
nearby towns and countryside to find somewhere to stay and
something to eat, because this place is very isolated."
13 But Yeshua told them, "You all give them something to eat."
"We don't have anything more than just five breadrolls and
two fish, unless we go and buy some food for all these people."
14 There were about 5,000 men (not counting women and chil-
dren).
Then he told his apprentices, "Sit them down in rows of about
fifty each." 15 So they did that and everyone sat down. 16 Then
Yeshua took the five breadrolls and the two fish and looking up
to the sky, he blessed them and broke them into pieces to give to
the apprentices to distribute to the crowd. 17 Everyone ate until
they were satisfied, and then twelve baskets of leftover pieces
were collected up afterwards.

Kefa's recognition of the messiah[103]

18 Later when it was the time to pray
and Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and the
twelve moved away from the crowd, he asked them, "Who do the
crowds say that I am?"
19 "Some say Yohan-the-immerser," they answered, "while
others say Eliyah (Elijah), and others say that some other an-

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_in, be_remaining there and from_there be_coming_out. 5 And
as_many_as ~~wishfully~~ may_ not _be_receiving you_all, coming_
_out from ~~the~~ that city, be_shaking_off the dust from the feet
of_you_all, because/for a_testimony against them. 6 And
coming_out, they_were_passing_through throughout the
villages, good_message_preaching and healing everywhere.

7 And Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s the quarter_ruler heard the things becoming
all, and was_thoroughly_perplexing, because_of the thing to_
_be_being_said by some that Yōanna^{y}s was_raised from the_
_dead, 8 and by some that A^{y}lias/('Ēliy^{yāh}) was_seen, and by_
_others that a_certain prophet of_the ancients rose_up. 9 And
Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s said: I beheaded Yōanna^{y}s, but who is this
concerning whom I_am_hearing such things? And he_was_
_seeking to_see him.

10 And having_returned, the ambassadors described to_him as_
_much_as they_did. And having_taken them, he_withdrew by
himself into a_city being_called Ba^{y}thsaida. 11 But the crowds
having_known, followed after_him. And having_welcomed
them, he_was_speaking to_them concerning the kingdom of_
~~the~~ **_god**, and he_was_healing the ones having need of_healing.
12 And the day began to_be_declining, and the twelve having_
_approached said to_him: Send_away the crowd, in_order_that
having_been_gone into the surrounding villages and country,
they_may_lodge and they_may_find provisions, because we_are
here in a_desolate place. 13 But he_said to them: You_all give
something to_them. to_eat. But they said: Not to_us are more
than five loaves and two fishes, if surely_not having_been_
_gone, we may_buy foods for all the this people.
14 (For/Because they_were about five_thousand men.) And he_
_said to the apprentices/followers of_him: Recline them in_
_groups about fifty each. 15 And thus they_did, and they_ all _
_reclined. 16 And having_taken the five loaves and the two
fishes, having_looked_up to the sky, he_blessed them and
broke_up them, and was_giving them to_the
apprentices/followers to_set_before before_the crowd. 17 And
all ate and were_satisfied, and twelve baskets was_ the amount
_taken_up having_been_leftover to_them of_the_fragments.

18 And it_became at the time him to_be praying
~~down/against/according_to~~ alone, the apprentices/followers were_
_being_with with_him, and he_asked them saying: Whom are_
crowds _saying the me to_be? 19 And they answering said:
Yōanna^{y}s the immerser, and others, A^{y}lias/('Ēliy^{yāh}), but others
that a_certain prophet of_the ancients rose_up. 20 And he_said
to_them: But whom you_all are_saying me to_be? And Petros

99 **RV 9:5 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:51.
100 **RV 9:7 · Parallel** Mark 6:14-29; Mat. 14:1-12
101 **RV 9:7-8 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 8:28; Mat 16:14; Luk 9:19.
102 **RV 9:10 · Parallel** Yhn 6:1-14; Mark 6:30-44; Mat. 14:13-21
103 **RV 9:18 · Parallel** Mark 8:27-29; Mat. 16:13-19

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answering said: The **chosen_one/messiah** of_ ~~the~~ **_god**.

21 And he, having_warned to_them, commanded them to_be_ _telling this to_no_one, **22** having_said, ~~that~~ It_is_fitting the son of_ ~~the~~ _man to_suffer many things, and to_be_rejected by the elders, and chief_priests, and scribes, and to_be_killed_off and on_the third day to_be_raised.

23 And he_was_saying to all: If anyone is_wanting to_be_ _coming after me, him_let_renounce himself, and him_let_ _take_up the stake of_him in_every day, and him _let_be_ _following after_me. **24** For/Because whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_be_ _wanting to_save the life of_him, will_be_losing it, but whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_lose the life of_him on_account me, this one will_ _be_saving it. **25** For/Because what is_being_benefitted a_ _person, having_gained the whole world, and having_destroyed himself or having_been_lost? **26** For/Because whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_be_ashamed_of me and ~~the~~ my messages, this one the son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_be_being_ashamed of, whenever he_may_ _come in the glory of_him, and of_the father, and of_the holy messengers. **27** But I_am_saying to_you_all truly, are some of_ _the ones having_stood here, who by_no_means may_ not _ _taste of_death, until ~~wishfully~~ they_may_see the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**.

28 And it_became about eight days after ~~the~~ these sayings, having_taken Petros, and Yōannaʸs, and Yakōbos/(Yaʿqov), he_went_up on the mountain to_pray. **29** And it_became at the time him to_be_praying, the appearance of_the face of_him different, and the clothing of_him gleaming white. **30** And see, two men were_conversing_with with_him, who were Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) and Aʸlias/(ʾĒliyʸāh), **31** who having_been_ _seen in glory, were_spoken the departure of_him, which he_ _was_going to_be_fulfilling in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim). **32** And ~~the~~ Petros and the ones with him were having_been_ _weighed_down with_sleep, but having_fully_awoken they_saw the glory of_him, and the two men ~~which~~ having_stood_with with_him. **33** And it_became at the time them to_be_being_ _departed from him, ~~the~~ Petros said to ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**: Master, it_is good for_us here to_be, and we_may_make three tents: one for_you, and one for_Mōsaʸs, and one for_Aʸlias, not having_known what he_is_saying. **34** And of_him saying these things, a_cloud became and overshadowed them, and they_were_afraid at the time to_ _come_in them into the cloud. **35** And a_voice became out_of

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cient prophet came back to life."[104]

20 "And so who do you guys say I am?" he asked.

"You're the **messiah** from **God**,"[105] Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) answered.

Yeshua tells about his coming suffering and death[106]

21 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) warned them—instructing them not to tell this to anyone else, **22** saying, "The son of humanity is destined to suffer many things and to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the religious teachers, and then to be executed and to be brought back to life on the third day."

The cost of following Yeshua[107]

23 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) said, "If anyone wants to become my follower, then that person needs to renounce their own desires and follow me, even in suffering and death,[108] **24** because anyone who wants to save their own life will lose it, but anyone who is prepared to lose their life on account of me, they'll be saving their life.[109] **25** How would it benefit a person if they gained the wealth of the whole world, but then ended up lost or destroyed? **26** Because anyone who's ashamed of me and my teachings, the son of humanity will be ashamed of that person when he comes in his splendour and with the splendour of the father and of God's messengers. **27** But I can certainly tell you that some of those who are standing here won't die until they see **God's** kingdom.

Yeshua talks with Mosheh and Eliyah[110]

28 It was about eight days later that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) took Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos), and climbed a hill to pray. **29** While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes turned brilliant white. **30** Then, look, there were two men talking with him—Mosheh (Moses) and Eliyah (Elijah)! **31** Those two who'd been in heaven were talking about the end of his time here which was about to be actioned in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **32** Kefa and the others had been exhausted and fallen asleep, but when they woke up they saw the radiance of Yeshua and the other two standing there with him, **33** but when it was time for the two to leave, Kefa said to **Yeshua**, "Master, it's good that we're here. We could make three shelters: one for you, one for Mosheh, and one for Eliyah." (But he didn't really know what he was saying.)

34 While he was still speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them and they were afraid as they entered the fog. **35** Then a

104 **RV 9:19 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 6:14-15; Mat 14:1-2; Luk 9:7-8.

105 **RV 9:20 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 6:68-69.

106 **RV 9:21 · Parallel** Mark 8:30-31; Mat. 16:20-21

107 **RV 9:23 · Parallel** Mark 8:34–9:1; Mat. 16:24-28

108 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:38; Luk 14:27.

109 **RV 9:24 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 12:25; Mat 10:39; Luk 17:33.

110 **RV 9:28 · Parallel** Mark 9:2-8; Mat. 17:1-8

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voice came out of the cloud that said, "This is my son, the one that has been chosen. Listen to him."[111]

36 By the time that the voice had spoken, they could only see **Yeshua** in front of them. After this event, they kept what had happened to themselves and didn't tell anyone else about what they'd seen.

Yeshua heals a demon-possessed boy[112]

37 When they came back down the hill the next day, a big crowd was waiting for them. 38 Then, look, a man in the crowd shouted out, "Teacher, I implore you to come and look at my son, because he's my only child. 39 A spirit takes control of him and suddenly he cries out and it makes him convulse and foam at the mouth, and only leaves him after a long time when he's bruised and battered. 40 I tried to get your apprentices to drive it out, but they couldn't."

41 "Oh you unbelieving and perverted generation," **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) answered, "how much longer do I have to be with you and put up with all of you? Bring your son here."

42 While they were still approaching, the demon attacked the boy and threw him in a convulsion, but **Yeshua** rebuked the evil spirit and healed the boy and led him back to his father. 43 Everyone there was astounded at **God's** power.

Yeshua talks again about his death[113]

While all the people were still amazed at what he'd done, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) turned and said to his apprentices, 44 "Remember everything that's been said, because the son of humanity is going to be turned in and placed into the hands of these people." 45 But the apprentices didn't know what he meant as it was hidden from them so they couldn't comprehend it, plus they were afraid to ask him to explain further.

Who is the greatest?[114]

46 Then the apprentices got themselves into a discussion about which of them might hopefully be considered the greatest.[115] 47 But **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) knew what was going on, so he took a young child and stood the child there next to him 48 and told them, "Anyone who accepts a young child in my name is accepting me, and anyone who accepts me is accepted by the one who sent me here.[116] Because it's the person who is the least among you who's at the top."

Anyone who's not against you is for you[117]

49 "Master," Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) answered, "we saw someone driving out demons using your name, and we told him

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the cloud saying: This is the son of_me, the one having_been_chosen, be_hearing from_him. 36 And at the time the voice to_become, only **Ya^{y}sous** was_found. And they kept_silent, and they_reported to_no_one in those ~~the~~ days nothing of_what things they_have_seen.

37 And it_became on_the next day, of_them having_come_down from the mountain, a_ great _crowd met with_him. 38 And see, a_man from the crowd shouted saying: Teacher, I_am_beseeching of_you to_look_at at the son of_me, because he_is an_only_begotten to_me. 39 And see, a_spirit is_taking him, and suddenly he_is_crying_out and it_is_convulsing him with foam, and is_going_away from him, with_difficultly, bruising him. 40 And I_was_besought of_the apprentices/followers of_you that they_may_throw_out it, and they_were_ not _able. 41 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answering said: Oh unbelieving generation and having_been_perverted, until when I_will_be with you_all and I_will_be_tolerating of_you_all? Bring_forward here the son of_you. 42 And still approaching of_him, the demon attacked him and threw_into_convulsions him. But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** gave_rebuke to_the ~~the~~ unclean spirit, and he_healed the boy and gave_ him _back to_the father of_him. 43 And all were_being_astonished at the greatness of_ ~~the~~ **_god.** But all wondering at all which he_was_doing, he_said to the apprentices/followers of_him,

44 You_all set into the ears of_you_all ~~the~~ these messages, because/for the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_going to_be_being_given_over into the_hands of_people. 45 But they were_not_knowing ~~the~~ this saying, and it_was having_been_concealed from them, in_order_that they_may_ not _sense it, and they_were_fearing to_ask him concerning ~~the~~ this saying.

46 And a_speculation came_in among them, who ~~wishfully~~ might_be the_ greater _one of_them. 47 But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_known the speculation of_the heart of_them, having_taken_hold_of a_little_child, stood it by himself, 48 and said to_them: Whoever ~~if~~ may_receive this ~~the~~ little_child in the name of_me, is_receiving me, and whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_receive me, is_receiving the one having_sent_out me. For/Because the one being least among all you_all, this one is great.

49 And Yōanna^{y}s answering said: Master, we_saw someone casting_out demons in the name of_you, and we_were_forbidding him, because he_is_ not _following with us. 50 But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to him: Be_ not _forbidding him,

111 **RV 9:35 · Cross-ref.** Isa 42:1; Mrk 1:11; Mat 3:17; 12:18; Luk 3:22.

112 **RV 9:37 · Parallel** Mark 9:14-27; Mat. 17:14-18

113 **RV 9:44 · Parallel** Mark 9:30-32; Mat. 17:22-23

114 **RV 9:46 · Parallel** Mark 9:33-37; Mat. 18:1-5

115 **RV 9:46 · Cross-ref.** Luk 22:24.

116 **RV 9:48 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 13:20; Mat 10:40; Luk 10:16.

117 **RV 9:49 · Parallel** Mark 9:38-40

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because/for who is not against you_all, is for you_all.

51 And it_became at the time to_be_being_fulfilled the days of_ _the ascension of_him, and he established his face, ~~which~~ to_be_ _going to Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), **52** and he_sent_out messengers before the_face of_him. And having_been_gone, they_came_in into a_village of_the_Samareita^{y}s/(Shomrōn), so_ _as to_prepare for_him. **53** And they_ not _received him, because the face of_him was going toward Hierousala^{y}m. **54** And having_seen it, the apprentices/followers Yakōbos/(Ya´$_{a}$qov) and Yōanna^{y}s said: **master**, are_you_willing that we_may_call fire to_come_down from the sky and to_ _consume_ them _up? **55** But having_been_turned, he_gave_ _rebuke to_them. **56** And they_were_gone to another village.

57 And going of_them on the road, someone said to him: I_will_ _be_following after_you wherever ~~if~~ you_may_be_going_away. **58** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_him: - foxes are_having burrows, and ~~the~~ birds of_the sky nests, but the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_ not _ _having somewhere his head may_be_laying. **59** And he_said to another: Be_following after_me. But he said: **master**, permit to_me having_gone_away, first to_bury the father of_me. **60** But he_said to_him: Leave the dead to_bury the dead by_ _themselves, but you having_gone_away, be_proclaiming the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **61** And also another he_said: I_will_be_ _following after_you, **master**, but first permit to_me to_bid_ _goodbye to_the ones at the home of_me. **62** But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshū´a)** said: No_one Having_laid_on the hand of_him on the_plow, and looking on the things behind, is suitable in_the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**.

10:1 And after, these things the **master** appointed seventy two others, and he_sent_out them each by_two before the_face of_ _him, into every city and place where he was_going to_be_ _coming. **2** He_was_saying but to them: On_one_hand the harvest great, on_the_other_hand the workers few. Therefore be_besought of_the **master** of_the harvest, so_that workers he_ _may_throw_out into the harvest of_him. **3** Be_going see, I_am_ _sending_ you_all _out as lambs in the_midst of_wolves. **4** Be_ _bearing neither purse, nor knapsack, nor sandals, and you_all_ _may_greet no_one on the road. **5** And whatever house ~~wishfully~~ you_all_may_come_in into, first be_saying: Peace to_ ~~the~~ this _ _house. **6** And if there may_be a_son of_peace, the peace of_ _you_all will_be_resting_on on it, but if not surely it_will_be_

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to stop because he's not one of us."

50 "Don't forbid people like him," **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) replied, "because anyone who's not against you all, is on your side."

Yeshua gets snubbed by a village in Shomron/Samaria

51 It was now coming to the time when the events leading to his ascension would start happening, and Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was completely set in his decision to head to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

52 He sent some of his apprentices ahead of him, and when they arrived at a Shomroni (Samaritan) village, they went to get ready for his arrival. **53** However, the people there didn't welcome them because it was clear that Yeshua was heading to Yerushalem. **54** Seeing this, his apprentices Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) asked, "**Master**, will you let us call fire down from the sky to burn them up?"[118]

55 However, Yeshua turned around and told them off, **56** so they headed off to another village.

Those who would have liked to follow Yeshua[119]

57 As they headed down the road, someone told Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "I'll follow you wherever you go to."

58 "**Foxes** have their burrows," he responded, "and the birds have their nests, but the son of humanity has no home where he can lie down and relax."

59 Later he told a different person, "Follow me."

But the man replied, "**Master**, just let me go and bury my father first."

60 "Leave those who are dead to bury the dead by themselves," Yeshua said, "but you go and tell people **about God's** kingdom."

61 Also, another person said, "I'll follow after you, **master**, but first let me go back and say goodbye to everyone at home."[120]

62 But **Yeshua** responded, "No one who starts ploughing a field and then starts looking backwards is suitable for **God's** kingdom."

Yeshua sends out 72 people

10:1 After all this, the **master** appointed seventy-two others and he sent them out in pairs to go ahead of him to every town and village that he would pass through. **2** He told them, "There's a large harvest ready, but there's only a few workers. So ask the **owner** of the crop to send out more workers to help with his harvest.[121] **3** So get moving—see, I'm sending you out like lambs with wolves all around.[122] **4** Don't take a wallet or backpack or spare sandals, and don't greet people on the road.

5 "Whenever you're welcomed into a home, first say, 'Peace to this house.' **6** And if there's someone there worthy of peace,[123]

118 **RV 9:54 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 1:9-16.

119 **RV 9:57 · Parallel** Mat. 8:19-22

120 **RV 9:61 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 19:20.

121 **RV 10:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 9:37-38.

122 **RV 10:3 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:16.

123 **RV 10:6 · Note** It's not obvious what Yeshua is referring to here with 'son of peace'.

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then your peace will rest on that home, but if not, your peace will return to you. 7 Then stay in that same house and eat and drink what they give you, because the worker is worthy of his compensation.[124] Don't be moving from house to house. 8 Whenever you all go into some place and the locals accept you, then eat what they give you. 9 Heal the sick there and tell them that **God's** kingdom is near. 10 But if you all go into some place and they don't accept you, then go out to the roads and announce, 11 'We're wiping off even the dust from your place that stuck to our footwear,[125] however you all need to know anyway that **God's** kingdom is near.'[126] 12 I'm telling you that it will be more bearable for the people of Sedom[127] in that day than for the people in that place.[128]

Those who ignore the good message[129]

13 "You won't end well, Korazin. And you won't end well, Beyt-Tsayda. Because if the miracles that were done in your places had been done in Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon),[130] they would have turned around from disobeying God and shown their humility long ago 14 hence it will be more tolerable for Tsor and Tsidon on judgement day than it will be for you all. 15 And you, Kafarnaoum (Capernaum), don't think you'll be heading up to heaven, because it'll be down to hell for you.[131]

16 "Anyone who listens to all of you, will be hearing from me, and anyone who rejects you all will be rejecting me, and anyone who rejects me is rejecting the one who sent me here.[132]

The return of the 72

17 In time, the seventy-two that had been sent out came back excited, saying, "**Master**, even the demons listened to us when we used your name and authority."

18 "I saw Satan," Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) replied, "when he fell out of heaven like lightning. 19 Listen, I've given you all the authority to tread on snakes and scorpions[133] and to overcome the enemy's power, and nothing at all will be able to injure you. 20 However, don't get excited that the evil spirits obeyed you, but rather be happy that your names have been written down in the heavens."

Yeshua's happiness[134]

21 At the same time, the holy **spirit** got Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) excited and he said, "I'm aware father, **master** of heaven and earth, that you've

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_returning to you_all. 7 And be_remaining in the_same ~~the~~ house, eating and drinking the things from them, because/for the worker is worthy of_the wage of_him. Be_ not _moving from house to house. 8 And into whatever ~~wishfully~~ city you_all_ _may_be_coming_in, and they_may_be_receiving you_all, be_ _eating the things being_set_before before_you_all. 9 And be_ _healing the sick in it, and be_saying to_them, the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ‹Has›_neared to you_all. 10 But into whatever ~~wishfully~~ city you_all_may_come_in, and they_may_ not _be_receiving you_all, having_come_out into the roads of_it say, 11 We_are_ _wiping_off to_you_all even the dust ~~which~~ having_been_joined_ _together to the feet to_us out_of the city of_you_all, however be_knowing this that the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** has_neared. 12 I_am_saying to_you_all that will_be more_tolerable for_ _Sodoma/(Ṣədom) in ~~the~~ that, day, than ~~the~~ for_ that _city.

13 Woe to_you, Ḳorazin. Woe to_you, Baʸthsaida. Because if the miracles and Sidōn/(Tsīdōn) were_become, ~~which~~ having_ _become in you_all in Turos/(Tsor), they_ would _repented sitting in sackcloth and ashes long_ago. 14 However it_will_be more_tolerable for_Turos and Sidōn, in the judgement than for_you_all. 15 And you, Kafarna'oum, you_‹will›_ not _be_ _being_exalted to heaven? You_will_be_being_coming_down to Haidaʸs. 16 The one hearing from_you_all, is_hearing from_me, and the one rejecting you_all, is_rejecting me, and the one rejecting me, is_rejecting the one having_sent_ me _out.

17 And the seventy two returned with joy saying: **master**, even the demons is_being_subjected to_us in the name of_you. 18 And he_said to_them: I_was_observing ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) having_fallen as lightning out_of the heaven. 19 Behold, I_have_ _given to_you_all the authority ~~which~~ to_be_treading on serpents and scorpions, and on all the power of_the enemy, and nothing may_ not _injure you_all by_no_means. 20 However in this be_ not _rejoicing that the spirits is_being_subjected to_ _you_all, but be_rejoicing that the names of_you_all has_been_ _inscribed in the heavens.

21 In the_same ~~the~~ hour, he_exulted in_the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** and said: I_am_confessing to_you, father, **master** of_ ~~the~~ _heaven and ~~the~~ earth, that you_hidden_away these things from the_ _wise and intelligent, and you_revealed them to_infants. Yes.

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124 RV 10:7 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 9:14; 1Tim 5:18.

125 RV 10:11 · Cross-ref. Acts 13:51.

126 RV 10:4-11 · Cross-ref. Mrk 6:8-11; Mat 10:7-14; Luk 9:3-5.

127 RV 10:12 · Cross-ref. Gen 19:24-28; Mat 11:24.

128 RV 10:12 · Cross-ref. Mat 10:15.

129 RV 10:13 · Parallel Mat. 11:20-24

130 RV 10:13 · Cross-ref. Isa 23:1-18; Eze 26:1–28:26; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:9-10; Zech 9:2-4.

131 RV 10:15 · Cross-ref. Isa 14:13-15.

132 RV 10:16 · Cross-ref. Yhn 13:20; Mrk 9:37; Mat 10:40; Luk 9:48.

133 RV 10:19 · Cross-ref. Psa 91:13.

134 RV 10:21 · Parallel Mat. 11:25-27; 13:16-17

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the father, because thus it_became good_pleasure before you.
22 All things was_given_over to_me by the father of_me, and no_one is_knowing who is the son, except not/lest the father, and who is the father, except not/lest the son and to_whom if the son may_be_wishing to_reveal him. **23** And having_been_ _turned to the apprentices/followers he_said by himself: Blessed are the eyes the ones seeing what you_all_are_seeing. **24** For/Because I_am_saying to_you_all that many prophets and kings wanted to_see what you_all are_seeing, and they_ not _ _saw, and to_hear what you_all_are_hearing, and they_ not _ _heard.

25 And see, a_ certain _lawyer stood_up, testing him saying: Teacher, having_done what, ‹will›_I_be_inheriting life eternal? **26** And he said to him: In the law what has_it_‹been›_written? How you_are_reading it? **27** And he answering said: You_will_ _be_loving the_**master** the **god** of_you, with all the_heart of_ _you, and with all the soul of_you, and with all the strength of_ _you, and with all the mind of_you, and: The neighbour of_you as yourself. **28** And he_said to_him: You_answered correctly. Be_ _doing this, and you_will_be_living. **29** But he wanting to_ _justify himself, said to the **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**: And who is the_neighbour of_me? **30** the **Yaʸsous** having_replied said: A_ certain _man was_coming_down from Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) to Yeriḳō/(Yərīḥō), and he_fell_ _among among_robbers, who both having_stripped_ him _off, and having_inflicted wounds, they_went_away having_left him half_dead. **31** And by coincidence a_ certain _priest was_ _coming_down on the that road, and having_seen him passed_ _by_opposite. **32** And likewise also a_Leuitaʸs/(from_tribe_of_ _Lēvī) having_become to the place, having_come and having_ _seen passed_by_opposite. **33** But a_ certain _from_ _Samareia/(Shomrōn) journeying came to him, and having_ _seen he_was_feeling_compassion **34** and having_approached, he_bound_up the wounds of_him, pouring_on olive_oil and wine, and having_mounted him on his own mount, he_brought him to an_inn and was_taken_care of_him. **35** And on next the day having_throw_out, he_gave two daʸnarion_coins to_the innkeeper, and said: Be_taking_care of_him, and whatever anything wishfully you_may_additionally_spend, I on the way me to_be_returning I_will_be_giving_back to_you. **36** Which of_ _these the three is_supposing to_you to_have_become a_ _neighbour, of_the one having_fallen_in among the robbers? **37** And he said: The one having_done the mercy with him. And the **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** said to_him: Be_going and you be_ _doing likewise.

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hidden these things away from those who are intelligent and well-educated, and instead revealed them to infants. Yes, father, that was what you decided.

22 Everything has been handed over to me by my father,[135] and no one knows who the son is except for the father, and who the father is except for the son and those who the son decides to reveal him to."[136]

23 Then he turned to his apprentices and said discreetly, "Blessed are those who get to see what you all are seeing **24** because I can tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you all are seeing, but they didn't get to see what you've seen, nor to hear what you all have heard."

How to be a neighbour

25 Then look, a lawyer stood up to test him, asking, "Teacher, what do I need to do to inherit eternal life?"[137]

26 "Well, what's written in the scriptures?" responded Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). "How do you understand them?"

27 "You must love your **God Yahweh** with all your heart and all your soul, and all your strength and all your mind,"[138] he replied. "Also, you must love your neighbour as yourself."[139]

28 "You've answered correctly," answered Yeshua, "so do that and you'll live forever."[140]

29 But the lawyer wanted to justify his lifestyle, so he asked, "And who's my neighbour?"

30 **Yeshua** replied with this: "Once a Jewish man was walking downhill from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to Yeriho (Jericho) when a group of robbers grabbed him and took everything including his clothes, then took off leaving him there wounded and half-dead. **31** Then it so happened that a priest came down that same road, but when he saw him he continued past on the other side of the road. **32** Similarly, a priestly worker (a Levite) arrived at that place and when he saw him he too passed by on the other side. **33** Then a man from Shomron (Samaria)[141] who was on a trip came across him, and when he saw him he felt sorry for him **34** and went up to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring olive oil and wine on them, then put him on his own animal and took him to a roadhouse and looked after him.[142] **35** The next day he took out two coins and gave them to their host, instructing, 'Look after this guy and if it costs more than this, I'll reimburse you on my way back.'

36 "So which of those three do you think acted like the neighbour of the one attacked by robbers?"

37 "The one who cared for him," replied the lawyer.

"Then you go and do the same," **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told

135 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 3:35.

136 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 10:15.

137 **RV 10:25-28 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 12:28-34; Mat 22:35-40.

138 **RV 10:27 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:5.

139 **RV 10:27 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:18.

140 **RV 10:28 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:5.

141 **RV 10:33 · Note** The Judeans and the Samaritans despised each other and disagreed on many vital issues.

142 **RV 10:33-34 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 28:15.

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him.

Yeshua visits Marta and Miryam

38 When it was time to leave, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went into a village and there was a woman there named Marta[143] who welcomed him in. 39 She had a sister named Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) who was also sitting there on the floor by **Yeshua's** feet listening to his teaching. 40 But Marta kept getting pulled away to keep the household running, and after a while approached Yeshua and asked, "**Master**, doesn't it bother you that my sister has left all the housework to me? Tell her to come and help me."

41 "Marta, Marta," Yeshua answered, "you are worried and concerned about many things, 42 but only one thing really matters. Miryam chose the best thing, and it won't be taken away from her."

Yeshua teaches about prayer[144]

11:1 One time Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was at a place praying, and when he finished some of his followers asked him, "**Master**, Yohan-the-immerser taught his apprentices how to pray. You teach us as well."

2 So Yeshua told them, "Whenever you all pray, say this:

Father, may all people honour you as their holy God.

May you reign as king over the earth.

3 Every day give us the food that we need.

4 Forgive us for our sins because we've forgiven those who owed something to us.

Don't bring us into situations where we're tempted."

5 Then he told them, "Imagine you had a friend and went to them at midnight and asked, 'Friend, lend me some bread 6 because a travelling friend of mine arrived at my place, and I haven't got anything to give him to eat.' 7 And the one in the other house might reply, 'Don't bother me now because the house is locked and the kids are asleep beside me here in the bed. I can't get up and get anything for you.' 8 I'm telling all of you that even if that friend wouldn't get up and give them anything because of their friendship, then the friend will certainly get up and give them some food if they persist in knocking. 9 So this is what I'm telling you: Keep submitting your requests and it'll be given to you all, keep searching and you'll all find what you're looking for, keep knocking and the door will be opened for you all, 10 because everyone who requests will receive, and everyone who searches will find, and everyone who knocks will find opened doors. 11 How many of you fathers, if your child asked you for some fish, you'd give them a snake instead? 12 Or the child would ask for an egg and you'd pass them a scorpion? 13 So if you all know how to give good things to your children despite your being evil, how much more the father in heaven will give the holy **spirit** to those who ask him."

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38 And at the time them to_be_going, he came_in into a_ certain _village, and a_ a_certain _woman by_the_name Martha welcomed him, 39 and to_this woman she_was a_sister being_ _called Maria/(Miryām), who also having_been_seated_beside at the feet the of_**Ya^{y}sous**, was_hearing the message of_him. 40 But ~~the~~ Martha was_being_pulled_away about much service, and having_approached said: **master**, not is_it_mattering to_ _you that the sister of_me left only me to_be_serving? Therefore tell to_her that she_may_help with_me. 41 But the **master** answering said to_her: Martha, Martha, you_are_ _worrying and you_are_being_troubled about many things, 42 but there_is need of_one, Maria chose for the good portion, which ‹will› not _be_being_taken_away from her.

11:1 And it_became at the time him to_be in a_ certain _place praying, when he_ceased, someone of_the apprentices/followers of_him said to him: **master**, teach us to_ _be_praying, as also Yōanna^{y}s taught the apprentices/followers of_him. 2 And he_said to_them: Whenever you_all_may_be_ _praying, be_saying: father, let_ the name of_you _be_ _sanctified. let_ the kingdom of_you. _come 3 Be_giving ~~the~~ the to_us daily_needed bread of_us, ~~which~~ in_every day. 4 And forgive to_us the sins of_us, because/for also we_ ourselves _ _are_forgiving to_everyone owing to_us. And not may_you_ _carry_in us into temptation. 5 And he_said to them: Who of you_all will_be_having a_friend, and will_be_going to him at_ _midnight, and may_say to_him: Friend, lend three loaves to_ _me, 6 since a_friend of_me arrived from a_journey to me, and I_am_ not _having what I_will_be_setting_before to_him. 7 And_ _that one inside answering may_say: Be_ not _bringing_about to_me troubles, the door has_been_shut already, and the little_ _children of_me are with me in the bed, I_am_ not _being_able having_risen_up to_give anything to_you. 8 I_am_saying to_ _you_all, even if ‹will› not _be_giving to_him having_risen_up, because_of that to_be friend of_him, surely because_of the persistence of_him having_been_raised, will_be_giving to_him of_as_much_as he_is_needing. 9 And_I am_saying to_you_all: Be_requesting, and it_will_be_being_given to_you_all, be_ _seeking, and you_all_will_be_finding, be_knocking, and it_will_ _be_being_opened_up to_you_all. 10 For/Because everyone ~~which~~ requesting is_receiving, and the one seeking is_finding, and to_the one knocking it_will_be_being_opened_up. 11 and who of of_you_all the son will_be_requesting the father, a_fish, and instead_of a_fish, will_be_handing_out a_serpent? to_him 12 or also will_be_requesting an_egg, will_be_handing_out a_ _scorpion to_him? 13 Therefore if you_all being evil, have_ _known good gifts to_be_giving to_the children of_you_all, for_ _how_much more the father who is of heaven will_be_giving the_ holy _**spirit** to_the ones requesting him?

143 **RV 10:38-39 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 11:1.

144 **RV 11:1 · Parallel** Mat. 6:9-13; 7:7-11

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14 And he_was casting_out a_ mute _demon. And it_became the demon having_come_out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marvelled. **15** But some of them said: He_is_casting_out the demons by Be'elzeboul the ruler of_the demons. **16** And others testing, were_seeking a_sign from the_sky from him. **17** But he having_known the thoughts of_them said to_them: Every kingdom having_been_divided against itself is_being_ _desolated, and a_house against a_house is_falling. **18** And if ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) also was_divided against himself, how ‹will›_ the kingdom of_him _be_being_stood? Because you_all_are_saying, by Be'elzeboul me to_be_casting_out the demons. **19** And if I am_casting_out the demons by Be'elzeboul, by whom are_ the sons of_you_all _casting_out? Because_of this, they will_be judges of_you_all. **20** But if I am_casting_out the demons by the_finger of_**god**, consequently the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ _**god** came on you_all. **21** Whenever the strong one having_been_armed, may_be_guarding the palace of_himself, the things possessing of_him is, in peace, **22** but when stronger than him having_ _come_over, may_overcome him, he_is_taking_away the whole_ _armor of_him in which he_had_trusted, and is_distributing the plunder of_him. **23** The one being not with me, is against me, and the one not gathering_together with me, is_scattering.

24 whenever the unclean spirit may_come_out from the person, it_is_passing_through through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding, it_is_saying: I_will_be_returning to the house of_me, whence I_came_out. **25** And having_come, it_is_ _finding it having_been_swept and having_been_adorned. **26** Then it_is_going and is_taking seven other spirits more_evil than itself, and having_come_in, is_dwelling there, and the last of_ ~~the~~ that _person is_becoming, worse than the first.

27 And it_became at the time him to_be_saying these things, a_ _certain woman from the crowd having_lifted_up a_voice, said to_him: Blessed is the womb ~~which~~ having_borne you, and the_ _breasts which you_nursed. **28** But he said: Indeed_rather, blessed are the ones hearing the message of_ ~~the~~ _**god** and keeping it.

29 And the crowds being_increased, he_began to_be_saying: - this generation is evil generation, it_is_seeking a_sign and a_ _sign ‹will›_ not _be_being_given to_it, except ~~not/lest~~ the sign of_Yōnas/(Yōnāh). **30** For/Because as Yōnas became a_sign to_ _the Nineuitaʸs/(ones_from_Nīnəvēh), thus the son of_ ~~the~~ _ _man also will_be to_ ~~the~~ this _generation. **31** The_queen of_the_ _south will_be_being_raised at the judgement with the men ~~the~~

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14 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) drove out a demon that caused muteness, and after the demon departed, the man was able to speak. The crowds were amazed, **15** but yet some of them said, "He's driving out demons because he's Beelzeboul the leader of the demons."[146]

Yeshua is accused of being demon-possessed[145]

16 Others who wanted to test who he was, asked Yeshua to send a sign from heaven,[147] **17** but he knew their thoughts and told them, "Any kingdom that's divided against itself is doomed, and any household that's divided will self-destruct. **18** So if Satan was fighting against himself, how could his kingdom even remain? Yes, I know that you're all saying that I must be Beelzeboul in order to drive out demons, **19** but if I have Beelzeboul's power over demons, then whose power do *your* apprentices use to drive out demons? **20** However if I'm driving out demons with power that comes from God, then that means that **God's** kingdom is right in the middle **of** you all.

21 "Whenever a strong landowner arms himself and guards his nice home, everything remains there peacefully, **22** but when someone stronger than him arrives and overpowers him, he'll even take the body armour that the landowner put his trust in, and then relieve him of all his goods.

23 "Anyone who doesn't follow me is against me, and anyone who doesn't gather with us, wants to scatter us.[148]

24 "Whenever an evil spirit leaves a person, it roams through inhospitable places looking for somewhere to rest, and when it doesn't find a home, it says, 'Ah, I'll return to the home that I recently left.' **25** Then when it gets back there, it finds the home swept out and tidied up, **26** so it goes and finds seven other spirits more evil than itself. They all move in and live there, so the result is that the person ends up worse in the end than they were at the beginning."

The return of demons[149]

27 While Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was teaching these things, a woman in the crowd shouted out, "Blessed is the mother who bore you and the one who raised you."

28 "Actually," Yeshua replied, "the ones who will be blessed are all those who listen to **God's** message and put it into practice."

God's true reward

29 The crowds had grown even larger, but Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "This generation is evil because they're requesting a miracle and the only miracle that will be given to them will be the miracle of Yonah (Jonah).[151] **30** In the same way that Yonah became a sign to the citizens of Nineveh, so too the son of humanity will also

The crowd requests a miracle[150]

145 **RV 11:14 · Parallel** Mark 3:20-27; Mat. 12:22-30

146 **RV 11:15 · Cross-ref.** Mat 9:34; 10:25.

147 **RV 11:16 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 8:11; Mat 12:38; 16:1.

148 **RV 11:23 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 9:40.

149 **RV 11:24 · Parallel** Mat. 12:43-45

150 **RV 11:29 · Parallel** Mat. 12:38-42

151 **RV 11:29 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 8:12; Mat 16:4.

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be to this generation.[152] 31 The queen from the south will come back to life on judgement day along with the people from this generation, and she'll condemn them, because she travelled a long distance to hear Shelomoh's (Solomon) wisdom,[153] and now, someone's here who's greater than Shelomoh. 32 The people of Nineveh will stand up on judgement day along with the people from this generation and they'll condemn this generation because those from Nineveh turned from their disobedience after Yonah's preaching,[154] and now, someone's here who's greater than Yonah.

The eye is the body's lamp[155]

33 "No one lights a lamp and then hides it somewhere or puts it under a basket, but rather they put it on a lampstand so that everyone entering the room can see the light from it.[156] 34 Your eyes are like the lamp for your body. Whenever your eyes are healthy, your entire body will be bright, but when your eyes are evil, your body is also dark, 35 so take care in case the light in you has gone dark. 36 Therefore if your whole body is bright without any dark areas, it will be bright all over, like when a lamp shines on you to illuminate you."

Yeshua's warning about the religious teachers[157]

37 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had a break from speaking, a member of the Farisaios party invited him over for breakfast, so he went into the house and sat down, 38 and the man was very surprised that he didn't observe the handwashing ceremony before he ate. 39 But the **master** said to his host, "Yes, all of you in the Farisaios party clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but your insides are full of theft and wickedness. 40 How stupid! Didn't God who made the outside part, also make what's inside? 41 However, if you sacrificially give what's inside, then everything would then become clean for you.

42 "But you Farisaios won't end well, because you give a tenth of your herbs and vegetables,[158] yet you all ignore giving justice and loving **God**, both of which need to be done and cannot be ignored.

43 "You Farisaios won't end well, because you all love the best seats in the Jewish meeting halls and the honoured greetings in the marketplaces. 44 You all won't end well, because you're like unmarked graves that people walk all over without even realising—the people simply don't know that you're dead inside."

45 One of the experts in religious rules there answered him back, "Teacher, you're insulting us as well when you say that."

46 "Well, you law experts won't end well," Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) responded, "because you put unbearably heavy burdens

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this generation, and will_be_condemning them, because she_ _came from the ends of_the earth to_hear the wisdom of_ _Solomōn/(Shəlmoh), and see, one_greater than Solomōn is here. 32 Nineuitaʸs/(ones_from_Nīnəvēh) men will_be_ _standing_up at the judgement with ~~the~~ this generation, and they_will_be_condemning it, because they_repented at the proclamation of_Yōnas, and see, one_greater than Yōnas is here.

33 no_one having_lit a_lamp is_putting it in a_hidden_place, nor under the basket, but on the lampstand, in_order_that the ones entering_in may_be_seeing the light. 34 The lamp of_the body is the eye of_you. Whenever the eye of_you may_be healthy, all the body of_you is also bright, but when evil may_ _be, the body of_you is also dark. 35 Therefore be_looking_out, lest the light ~~which~~ in you is darkness. 36 Therefore if the whole body of_you is bright, not having any dark part, it_will_ all _be bright, as whenever the lamp may_be_illuminating you ~~the~~ with_shining.

37 And at the time to_speak, a_Farisaios_party_member is_ _asking him so_that he_may_eat_breakfast with him, and having_come_in, he_sat_down. 38 And the Farisaios_party_ _member having_seen it, marvelled that he_was_ not first _ _washed before the dinner. 39 But the **master** said to him: Now you_all ~~the~~ Farisaios_party are_cleansing the part outside of_the cup and of_the platter, and ~~which~~ inside of_you_all is_being_full of_theft and wickedness. 40 Foolish. Not the one having_made the_ outside _part, also made the_ inside _part? 41 However give as_alms the things being_within, and see, all things is clean to_you_all. 42 But woe to_you_all ~~the~~ Farisaios_party, because you_all_are_tithing ~~the~~ mint, and ~~the~~ rue, and every garden_plant, and you_all_are_passing_by the justice and the love of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. And these things it_was_fitting to_do, and_ _those things to_ not _neglect. 43 Woe to_you_all ~~the~~ Farisaios_ _party, because you_all_are_loving the best_seat in the synagogues, and the greetings in the marketplaces. 44 Woe to_ _you_all, because you_all_are as ~~the~~ ~~the~~ unseen tombs, and the people walking over they_have_ not _known it. 45 And someone of_the lawyers answering is_saying to_him: Teacher, saying these things, you_are_insulting us also. 46 But he said, woe also to_you_all the lawyers. Because you_all_are_burdening the people with_ unbearable _burdens, and yourselves you_all_are_ not _touching upon_the burdens with_one of_the fingers of_ _you_all. 47 Woe to_you_all, because you_all_are_building the tombs of_the prophets, but the fathers of_you_all killed_ them _ _off. 48 Consequently you_all_are_testifying and you_all_are_

152 RV 11:30 · Cross-ref. Yonah 3:4.

153 RV 11:31 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 10:1-10; 2Ch 9:1-12.

154 RV 11:32 · Cross-ref. Yonah 3:5.

155 RV 11:33 · Parallel Mat. 5:15; 6:22-23

156 RV 11:33 · Cross-ref. Mrk 4:21; Mat 5:15; Luk 8:16.

157 RV 11:37 · Parallel Mark 12:38-40; Mat. 23:1-36

158 RV 11:42 · Cross-ref. Lev 27:30.

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_consenting to_the works of_the fathers of_you_all, because they on_one_hand killed_ them _off, on_the_other_hand you_ _all are_building their_tombs. **49** Because_of this the wisdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** also said: I_will_be_sending_out prophets and ambassadors to them, and they_will_be_killing_off and they_ _will_be_persecuting of them, **50** in_order_that the blood of_all the prophets, ~~which~~ being_poured_out from the_foundation of_ _the_world may_be_sought_out, from ~~the~~ this generation, **51** from the_blood of_Abel/(Hevel) to the_blood of_Zakarias, of_the one having_destroyed between the altar and the house. Yes, I_am_saying to_you_all, it_will_be_being_sought_out from ~~the~~ this generation. **52** Woe to_you_all ~~the~~ lawyers, because you_ _all_took_away the key of_the knowledge, yourselves you_all_ not _came_in, and you_all_forbade the ones coming_in. **53** And_ _from_there of_him of_having_come_out, the scribes and the Farisaios_party began to_be_resenting him terribly, and to_be_ _interrogating him about more things, **54** lying_in_wait him to_ _catch something out_of the mouth of_him.

12:1 In which things the tens_of_thousands of_the crowd, having_been_gathered_together, so_as to_be_trampling one_ _another, he_began to_be_saying to the apprentices/followers of_him first: Be_taking_heed to_yourselves of the leaven, of_the Farisaios_party, which is hypocrisy. **2** But there_is nothing having_been_covered_up, which ‹will›_ not _be_being_revealed, and hidden which ‹will›_ not _be_being_known. **3** Instead_of that as_much_as you_all_said in the darkness, will_be_being_ _heard in the light, and what you_all_spoke to the ear in the private_rooms, will_be_being_proclaimed on the housetops.

4 And I_am_saying to_you_all, the friends of_me, be_ not _afraid of of_the ones killing_off the body, and after these things not having anything more_abundant to_do. **5** But I_will_be_ _showing to_you_all whom you_may_be_afraid: be_afraid of_ _the one after the time to_kill_off, having authority to_throw_ _in him into ~~the~~ geenna, yes, I_am_saying to_you_all, be_fearing this one. **6** are_ not five sparrows _being_sold for_ two _ _assarions? And not one of them is having_been_forgotten before ~~the~~ **god**. **7** But even the hairs of_the head of_you_all all have_been_numbered. Be_ not _fearing, you_all_are_carrying_ _value than many sparrows.

8 And I_am_saying to_you_all, everyone who ~~wishfully~~ may_ _confess in me before ~~the~~ people, also the son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_ _be_confessing, in him before the messengers of_ ~~the~~ **_god**,

159 **RV 11:51 · Cross-ref.** Gen 4:8.

160 **RV 11:51 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 24:20-21.

161 **RV 12:1 · Parallel** Mat. 10:26-27

162 **RV 12:1 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 8:15; Mat 16:6.

163 **RV 12:2 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 4:22; Luk 8:17.

164 **RV 12:4 · Parallel** Mat. 10:28-31

165 **RV 12:8 · Parallel** Mat. 10:32-33; 12:32; 10:19-20

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onto the shoulders of the people, yet you wouldn't move your little fingers to touch those burdens yourselves. **47** You all won't end well, because you all build fancy tombs for the prophets that your own ancestors executed. **48** Because of that, you're all actually admitting and agreeing to what your ancestors did, because they killed them and then you build their tombs. **49** That's why **God** in his wisdom said, 'I'll send prophets and missionaries to them, which they will then persecute and kill' **50** so that the blood of those prophets which was spilt from the creation of the world onwards would then be charged to this generation. **51** This goes all the way back to the blood of Hevel (Abel),[159] right up to the blood of Zekaryah (Zechariah; Grk. Zakarias) who was recently killed between the altar and the temple sanctuary.[160] Yes, I'm telling all of you, those crimes will be charged to *this* generation.

52 "You religious law experts won't end well, because you took away the key to knowledge—not only did you not enter yourselves, but you also forbade others from entering."

53 Once Yeshua left that house, the religious teachers and the Farisaios party started strongly resenting him, and started a plan of asking him more questions **54** in the hope of catching an answer that could be used to condemn him.

Everything hidden will be revealed[161]

12:1 By then the crowd had grown to many thousands, so much so that they were trampling on each other. Meanwhile Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told his followers, "Make sure that you're not influenced by the hypocrisy of the Farisaios party—it spreads around like yeast in bread dough.[162] **2** But everything that's covered up now, will be uncovered in the future, and everything that's now hidden will revealed.[163] **3** Anything that you whispered in the dark will be heard in the light, and anything that was only for certain ears in a private room will be announced from the rooftops.

Who to be afraid of[164]

4 "And I'm telling you, my friends, that you shouldn't be afraid of those who can kill your body (and after that they don't have anything more that they can do). **5** But I'll tell you who you should be afraid of: Be afraid of the one who has the authority to throw you into hell after you're dead—yes, that's who you should be afraid of.

6 "Aren't five small birds sold for just a couple of small coins? Yet not one of those birds is forgotten by **God**. **7** Yes, God even knows the number of hairs on your head so don't worry, each one of you is of more value than a whole flock of birds.

Disowning the messiah[165]

8 "I'm telling you that everyone who admits in public to following me, so too the

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son of humanity will tell their names to **God's** messengers, **9** but anyone who disowns me in public will be disowned in front **of God's** messengers.

10 "Everyone who says something against the son of humanity will be forgiven, but those who speak against the holy **spirit** won't be forgiven.[166]

11 "Whenever you get dragged into the Jewish meeting halls or in front of rulers or authorities, don't worry about how you'll defend yourselves or what you'll say,[167] **12** because the holy **spirit** will show you all the right thing to say at the right time."

The parable about accumulating wealth

13 Then someone in the crowd said, "Teacher, tell my brother to give me a share of our father's estate."

14 "Man," Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) responded, "who said that I'm the judge or arbitrator over you all?" **15** Then he told them, "Keep alert to avoid all greediness, because a person's life is not about gaining lots of possessions."

16 Then he told them all this parable, "One time a rich man's farm produced a really good harvest. **17** So he started figuring out what to do, 'What should I do? I don't have anywhere to store my harvest.' **18** 'Ah,' he said, 'I know what I'll do. I'll knock down my barns and build bigger ones, and then I'll store all my grain and other produce in there. **19** Then I'll be able to tell my soul: Soul, you've got enough good things now to be able to relax for many years of resting, eating, drinking, and being happy.' **20** But **God** said to him, 'How foolish! Tonight I'll be demanding your soul and then who will everything you stored up go to?'

21 "So that's the end of someone who accumulated so much for himself, but wasn't rich in **God's** eyes."

Priorities and trusting God[168]

22 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told his followers, "That's why I'm telling you all not to worry about your lifestyle: what to eat or what to wear, **23** because your life is more than food and your body is more than clothing. **24** Look at the ravens. They don't plant seeds or harvest crops and they have no storerooms or barns, yet **God** keeps them fed, and humans are worth a lot more than birds. **25** Which of you can add even an hour to your life by spending more time worrying? **26** So if you can't even do something small like that, why worry about bigger things? **27** Look at how the lilies grow. They don't go to work or make fabric, yet even King Shelomoh (Solomon) at the height of his fame wasn't dressed as well as one of them.[169] **28** So if **God** dresses the weeds in the paddock that are here today and incinerated tomorrow, how much more would he look after you all—you with little faith?

29 "So don't all be looking for what to eat or to drink, and don't waste time by worrying **30** because people in every country in the world are looking for that, but your father already knows

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9 but the one having_disowned me before ~~the~~ people, will_be_ _being_renounced before the messengers of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **10** And everyone who will_be_saying a_message against the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man, will_be_being_forgiven to_him, but to_the one having_ _slandered against the holy **spirit**, ⟨will⟩_ not _be_being_ _forgiven. **11** And whenever they_may_be_carrying_in you_all before the synagogues, and the rulers, and the authorities, you_all_may_ not _worry how or what you_all_may_defend or what you_all_may_say, **12** for/because the holy **spirit** will_be_ _teaching you_all in the_same ~~the~~ hour what it_is_fitting to_say.

13 And someone from the crowd said to_him: Teacher, tell to_ _the brother of_me to_divide the inheritance with me. **14** But he he_said to_him: Man, who me appointed a_judge or arbitrator over you_all? **15** And he_said to them: Be_watching and be_keeping from all greediness, because the life of_him is not in the thing to_be_being_plentiful to_anyone, of the things possessing to_him. **16** And he_spoke a_parable to them saying: The land of_a_ certain rich _man yielded_well. **17** And he_was_ _reasoning by himself saying: What I_may_do, because I_am_ not _having somewhere I_will_be_gathering_together the fruits of_me? **18** And he_said: This I_will_be_doing: I_will_be_taking_ _down the barns and greater barns of_me and I_will_be_ _building, I_will_be_gathering_together there all the grain and the good things of_me. **19** And I_will_be_saying to_the soul of_ _me: Soul, you_are_having many good things lying for many years, be_resting, eat, drink, be_being_gladdened. **20** But ~~the~~ **god** said to_him: Foolish, on_this ~~the~~ night, requesting of you the soul of_you, and what you_prepared, to_whom it_will_be? **21** Thus the one storing_up for_himself and not being_rich toward **god**.

22 And he_said to the apprentices/followers Because_of this I_ _am_saying to_you_all, be_ not _worrying for_your life, what you_all_may_eat nor for_the body what you_all_may_dress_in. **23** For/Because your life is more than the food, and the body than the clothing. **24** Observe the ravens, because they_are_ not _sowing nor are_they_reaping, to_which not is a_storeroom nor barn, and ~~the~~ **god** is_feeding them. For/Because_how_much more you_all are_carrying_value than the birds. **25** And which of you_all worrying, is_able to_add an_hour to the lifespan of_ _him? **26** Therefore if you_all_are_ not_even _being_able the_ _least, why are_you_all_worrying about the rest? **27** Observe the lilies how it_is_growing, neither it_is_labouring nor it_is_ _spinning, but I_am_saying to_you_all, not_even Solomōn/(Shəlmoh) in all the glory of_him, clothed as one of_ _these. **28** But if ~~the~~ **god** is_ thus _dressing the grass in the_field being here today, and tomorrow being_thrown into a_furnace, for_how_much rather you_all, little_faith ones? **29** Also you_all be_ not _seeking what you_all_may_eat, or what you_all_may_ _drink, and be_ not _being_worried. **30** For/Because all the nations of_the world are_seeking_after these things, but the

166 RV 12:10 · Cross-ref. Mrk 3:29; Mat 12:32.

167 RV 12:11-12 · Cross-ref. Mrk 13:11; Mat 10:19-20; Luk 21:14-15.

168 RV 12:22 · Parallel Mat. 6:25-34

169 RV 12:27 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 10:4-7; 2Ch 9:3-6.

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father of_you_all has_known that you_all_are_needing of_these things. **31** However be_seeking the kingdom of_him, and these things will_be_being_added to_you_all.

32 Be_ not _fearing, ~~the~~ little flock, because the father of_you_all took_pleasure, to_give to_you_all the kingdom. **33** Sell the things possessing of_you_all, and give alms. Make to_yourselves purses not being_grown_old, a_treasure inexhaustible in the heavens, where thief is_ not _nearing nor moth is_ruining. **34** For/Because where is the treasure of_you_all, there also the heart of_you_all will_be.

35 Let_be the loins of_you_all having_been_girded_about, and the lamps being_burned, **36** and you_all similar to_people waiting_for the master of_themselves, when he_may_depart from the wedding_festivities, in_order_that having_come and having_knocked, they_may_open_up to_him. immediately. **37** Blessed are ~~the~~ those slaves, whom the **master** having_come, will_be_finding watching. Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that he_will_be_girding_about himself and will_be_reclining them, and having_come_up, he_will_be_serving unto_them. **38** And_if he_may_come in the second even_if in the third watch, and may_find them thus, blessed are those. **39** But be_knowing this, that if the home_owner had_known in_what hour the thief is_ _coming, he_watched would and he_ would not _allowed the house of_him to_be_dug_through. **40** Also you_all be_becoming ready, because you_all_are_ not _supposing in_that hour, the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_coming.

41 And ~~the~~ Petros said: **master**, are_you_telling the this parable to us, or also to all? **42** And the **master** said: Who consequently is the faithful prudent manager ~~the~~, whom the **master** will_be_ _appointing over the service of_him, ~~which~~ to_be_giving ration in season? **43** Blessed is the that slave, whom the master of_him having_come, will_be_finding doing thus. **44** Truly I_am_saying to_you_all that he_will_be_appointing him over all the things possessing of_him. **45** But if ~~the~~ that slave may_say in the heart of_him, the master of_me Is_delaying to_be_coming, and may_ _begin to_be_striking the servant_boys and the servant_girls, to_be_eating ~~and/both~~ and to_be_drinking and to_be_being_ _drunk, **46** the master of_ ~~the~~ that _slave will_be_coming in a_ _day which he_is_ not _expecting, and in an_hour which he_is_ not _knowing, and will_be_dismembering him, and will_be_ _appointing the portion of_him with the unbelievers. **47** And that ~~the~~ slave, ~~which~~ having_known the will of_the master of_ _him, and not having_prepared or having_done for the will of_ _him, will_be_being_beat many blows, **48** but the one not having_known, but having_done things worthy of_beatings, will_be_being_beat few blows. And to_everyone to_whom was_ _given much, much will_be_being_sought from him, and to_ _whom they_entrusted they_will_be_requesting him much, more_abundantly.

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that you need those things. **31** Rather you should be striving to enter his kingdom, and then all these things will come as a bonus.

Focus on heavenly wealth[170]

32 "Don't be afraid, little flock, because actually your father takes pleasure in giving you the entire kingdom. **33** Sell what you own and give to the poor and so store your wealth in heaven where it won't deteriorate or get lost or stolen from you, **34** because where your wealth is stored, that's where your mind will be focused.

The well-prepared slave

35 "Get up and get dressed and get the lamps burning[171] **36** like someone who's waiting for their master. When he leaves the wedding celebrations and comes and knocks, you'll be ready to immediately open the door.[172] **37** The **master** would bless the slaves that are ready, watching for when he arrives. I can assure you that he'll dress himself and then he'll seat them on couches and come and serve them there himself. **38** If he arrives around midnight or even in the small hours of the morning, he'll find them ready. Yes, they'll be blessed. **39** But you should also know this: if the home-owner knew what time the thief would arrive, he'd be ready watching and not allow his house to be burgled.[173] **40** So you all need to be ready because you don't know when I, the son of humanity, am going to arrive."

Good and bad slaves[174]

41 Then Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) asked, "**Master**, is that parable just for us, or is it for everyone?"

42 The **master** answered, "So what would a faithful and wise slave be like, that the **master** might make into a manager over all his slaves, the one to give them their rations? **43** That slave will be blessed when his master arrives and finds him doing everything he should. **44** I can assure you all that the master will put him in charge of everything he owns. **45** In contrast, if that slave thought to himself that the master might be away for a long time, he might start beating the slave boys and slave girls, and start ordering feasts, and drinking and getting drunk, **46** then his master is sure to arrive when he's not expecting him, and the master will give him a gruesome execution and he'll be in hell with the unbelievers.

47 "Any slave who knows what their master wants, yet doesn't get anything ready or start doing what's wanted, they'll get a good beating, **48** yet a slave that didn't know what was expected, even if they might have done things worthy of a beating, they'll just get a couple of blows. Everyone who's given much is expected to do much, and everyone who's entrusted with many things, will have much more expected back from them.

170 **RV 12:32 · Parallel** Mat. 6:19-21

171 **RV 12:35 · Cross-ref.** Mat 25:1-13.

172 **RV 12:36 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 13:34-36.

173 **RV 12:39-40 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:43-44.

174 **RV 12:41 · Parallel** Mat. 24:45-51

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Yeshua will be the source of conflict[175]

49 "I came to throw fire onto the earth,
and how I wish that it was already kindled,
50 but I have to undergo an immersion into suffering, and until
it's achieved, the weight of it coming crushes my soul.[176] **51** You
all probably expect that I came to bring peace to the earth. No,
I'm telling you, not peace but conflict, **52** because from now on, if
there's five people in one house, they'll be split with three
against two and two against three. **53** Fathers will be in conflict
with their sons, and sons with fathers, mothers against daugh-
ters and daughters against mothers, mothers-in-law against
their daughters-in-law and daughters-in-law against moth-
ers-in-law."[177]

Understanding the times[178]

54 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) also told the
crowds, "Whenever you see a cloud com-
ing from the west, you all say that it's going to rain, and sure
enough it does. **55** Likewise if there's a wind from the south, you
all say that it's going to be a scorcher, and sure enough it is.
56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the sky and the
ground, but you all don't know how to scrutinise this time pe-
riod.

Facing up to your obligations[179]

57 "Even for yourselves, can't you judge
what is right and wrong? **58** Because as
you're on the way with your opponent to an arbitrator, think
hard about how to resolve the case, because if you don't, he
might drag you off to the judge, and the judge will hand you
over to the constable, and the constable will toss you into a
prison cell. **59** I'm telling you that you won't get out of there un-
til every last penny has been repaid."

Turn from your sins so you won't perish

13:1 There were some people there at the
time who'd reported to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk.
Yesus) that Governor Pilatos (Pilate) had killed some Galilim
when they were sacrificing. **2** Yeshua asked the people, "Do you
think that these Galilim were the most disobedient to God in all
Galil that they were made to suffer so much? **3** No, I'm telling
you all, but on the other hand if you don't turn from your own
disobedience and request forgiveness, you all will perish like-
wise. **4** What about those eighteen who were killed when the
Siloam tower collapsed on them? Do you think they had bigger
debts than all the people living in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)? **5** No,
I'm telling you all that if you don't turn from your own disobedi-
ence and request forgiveness, you all will perish likewise."

The parable about the tree without fruit

6 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told
them this parable, "There was a
landowner who'd planted a fig tree in his
vineyard, and he went to see if it had any fruit on it, but there
wasn't any **7** so he told his manager, 'I've been coming and

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49 I_came to_throw Fire on the earth, and how I_am_wanting if
it_was_ already _kindled? **50** But I_am_having to_be_immersed
immersion, and how I_am_being_pressed until of_which it_
_may_be_accomplished. **51** You_all_are_supposing that I_
_arrived to_give peace on the earth? No, I_am_saying to_you_
_all, but rather division. **52** For/Because from the time now
will_be, five in one house having_been_divided, three against
two, and two against three. **53** father will_be_being_divided
against son, and son against father, mother against daughter,
and daughter against ~~the~~ mother, mother_in_law against the
daughter-in-law of_her, and daughter-in-law against ~~the~~
mother_in_law.

54 And he_was_saying also to_the crowds: Whenever you_all_
_may_see a_cloud rising from the_west, immediately you_all_
_are_saying, ~~that~~ A_rainstorm is_coming, and it_is_becoming
thus. **55** And whenever a_south_wind is blowing, you_all_are_
_saying, ~~that~~ will_be scorching_heat, and it_is_becoming.
56 Hypocrites. You_all_have_known how to_be_approving the
appearance of_the sky and of_the earth ~~the~~ but how you_all_
have not _known to_be_scrutinizing this time?

57 And why even for yourselves, you_all_are_ not _judging what
is right? **58** For/Because as you_are_going with the opponent
of_you before a_ruler in the way, give effort to_have_released
from him, lest he_may_be_dragging_ you _away to the judge,
and the judge will_be_giving_ you _over to_the constable, and
the constable will_be_casting you into prison. **59** I_am_saying
to_you, by_no_means you_may_ not _come_out from_there
until you_may_give_back even the last lepton_coin.

13:1 And some were_being_present at the_same ~~the~~ time,
reporting to_him about the Galilaios, of_whom the blood
Pilatos mixed with the sacrifices of_them. **2** And answering he_
_said to_them: You_all_are_supposing that ~~the~~ these Galilaios,
became sinners beyond all the Galilaios, because such they_
_have_suffered? **3** No, I_am_saying to_you_all, but if you_all_
may not _be_repenting, all will_be_perishing likewise. **4** Or
those ~~the~~ eighteen on whom the tower in ~~the~~ Silōam fell and
killed_ them _off, are_you_all_supposing that they became
debtors beyond all the people ~~which~~ dwelling_in
Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim)? **5** No, I_am_saying to_you_all,
but if you_all_may_ not _be_repenting, all will_be_perishing
likewise.

6 And he_was_speaking this ~~the~~ parable: Someone was_having
a_fig_tree having_been_planted in the vineyard of_him, and
he_came seeking fruit on it, and he_ not _found any. **7** And he_
_said to the Vinedresser, see three, years from that I_am_
_coming seeking fruit on ~~the~~ this fig_tree, and I_am_ not _
finding any. cut it _off, because/for_ why _reason it_is_ even _

175 **RV 12:49 · Parallel** Mat. 10:34-36
176 **RV 12:50 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 10:38.
177 **RV 12:53 · Cross-ref.** Mic 7:6.
178 **RV 12:54 · Parallel** Mat. 16:2-3
179 **RV 12:57 · Parallel** Mat. 5:25-26

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_wasting the ground? 8 And he answering is_saying to_him: Master, allow it also this ~~the~~ year, until of_which I_may_dig around it and I_may_put manure, 9 and_if on_one_hand it_ _may_produce fruit in the time coming, on_the_other_hand if not surely you_will_be_cutting_ it _off.

10 And he_was teaching in one of_the synagogues on the days_ _of_rest. 11 And see, a_woman having a_spirit of_sickness eighteen years, and she_was bending_over and not being_able to_straighten_up to the full_extent. 12 And having_seen her, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** calling_out and said to_her: Woman, you_have_been_sent_away from_the sickness of_you. 13 And he_laid_on his hands on_her, and immediately she_was_ _restored and was_glorifying ~~the~~ **god**. 14 But the synagogue_ _leader answering, resenting because ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** healed on_ _the day_of_rest, he_was_saying to_the crowd, because Six days are in which it_is_fitting to_be_working, therefore coming in them be_being_healed, and not on_the day of_the day_of_rest. 15 And the **master** answered to_him and said: Hypocrites. Is_ not _untying each of_you_all the ox of_him, on_the day_of_rest, or the donkey from the manger, and having_led_away it is_ _giving_to_drink it? 16 And this being daughter of_ _Abra'am/('Avrāhām), whom ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) bound, see, ten and eight years, it_was_ not _fitting to_be_untied/released from ~~the~~ this bond on_the day of_the day_of_rest? 17 And saying of_him these things, all the ones opposing to_him were_ _being_disgraced, and all the crowd was_rejoicing at all the glorious things ~~which~~ becoming by him.

18 Therefore he_was_saying: To_what is the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god** similar, and to_what I_will_be_likening it? 19 It_is similar to_a_seed of_mustard, which a_man having_taken, throw into garden of_himself, and it_grew and became into a_tree, and The birds of_the sky nested in the branches of_it.

20 And furthermore he_said: To_what I_will_be_likening the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**? 21 It_is similar to_leaven, which a_ _woman having_taken, hid_in in three satons of_wheat_flour, until all of_which was_leavened.

22 And he_was_passing_ by _through cities and villages teaching, and making journey toward Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim). 23 And someone said to_him: **master**, if the ones being_saved are few? And he said to them, 24 Be_striving to_come_in through the narrow door, because I_ _am_saying to_you_all many, will_be_seeking to_come_in and they_‹will›_ not _be_able. 25 From what time the the_home_ _owner ~~wishfully~~ may_be_raised and may_shut the door, and you_all_may_begin to_have_stood outside and to_be_knocking the door saying: Master, open_up to_us, and answering he_will_ _be_saying to_you_all: I_have_ not _known you_all, from_where you_all_are. 26 Then you_will_be_beginning to_be_saying: We_ _ate and we_drank before of_you, and you_taught in the roads of_us. 27 And he_will_be_speaking, saying to_you_all: I_have_ not _known from_where you_all_are: withdraw from me, all

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checking for fruit on this tree for three years, but there's none. Chop it down because it's not good use of the land.' 8 'Master,' he answered, 'give me one more year to dig around it and fertilise it 9 and see if it fruits. If it doesn't, then certainly you can chop it down.' "

Yeshua heals a bent-over woman

10 On the Rest Days, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was teaching in one of the Jewish meeting halls 11 and, look, a woman who'd had a spirit of sickness for eighteen years was there. She was bent over and unable to stand up straight 12 and when **Yeshua** saw her, he called out, "Woman, your disease has been sent away." 13 Then he placed his hands on her and she was immediately restored and started praising **God**.

14 But the hall leader was angry because it was the Rest Day when **Yeshua** had healed her and started telling the crowd, "There's six days when it's fine to work, so come then to be healed—not on the Rest Day!"[180]

15 "You hypocrites!" Yeshua responded. "Doesn't every one of you untie his ox on the Rest Day, or untie the donkey from the feeding trough and lead it away for a drink? 16 This woman is a descendant of Avraham who's been handicapped by Satan for eighteen years, and yet you say that it's wrong to break that bond on the Rest Day!" 17 When he said that, the people opposing him were disgraced and all the crowd was excited about the wonderful things he was doing.

A small seed grows into a large bush[181]

18 So he told them, "What is **God's** kingdom similar to? What can I use to describe it? 19 It's like a mustard seed, which a person might take and throw into their garden and then it grows in a bush and the birds make their nests in its branches."

A little yeast has a big effect[182]

20 Again he asked them, "What can I liken **God's** kingdom to? 21 It's like some yeast that a woman took and hid in a sack of flour, until eventually it affected all of it."

Entering God's kingdom[183]

22 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started on his journey towards Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and as he passed through each town or village, he would teach the people there, 23 and one day someone asked him, "**Master**, will only a few people be saved?"

Yeshua replied, 24 Make an effort to get in through the narrow door, because I'm telling you that many people want to come in but they won't be able to. 25 Once the home-owner gets up and locks the door, even if you get there now and stand outside knocking and calling out, 'Master, open up for us,' he'll answer, 'I don't know you or where you're from.' 26 'You saw us eating and drinking,' you'll start saying, and, 'You taught along our roads.' 27 But he'll reply to you all, 'I've got no idea where you're all

180 **RV 13:14 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:9-10; Deu 5:13-14.

181 **RV 13:18 · Parallel** Mark 4:30-32; Mat. 13:31-32

182 **RV 13:20 · Parallel** Mat. 13:33

183 **RV 13:22 · Parallel** Mat. 7:13-14,21-23

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from, so go away you who do evil things.'[184] 28 There'll be crying and much anguish when you all see Avraham and Yitshak (Isaac) and Ya'akov (Jacob) and all the prophets in **God's** kingdom, but all of you will be being thrown out.[185] 29 Others will come from the east and the west, and from the north and the south, and *they* will be comfortably seated in **God's** kingdom, 30 so listen: the last people will be the first ones, and the first ones will end up last."[186]

Yeshua's concern for Yerushalem[187]

31 At that time, some members of the Farisaios party approached Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and told him, "You need to leave here because Herodes (Herod) wants to kill you."

32 Yeshua responded, "Go and tell that fox: 'I'm driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, but I'll be finished the following day.' 33 Yes, I need to keep moving today and tomorrow, because it wouldn't do for a prophet to come to his end away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

34 "Yerushalem, Yerushalem—the city that kills the prophets and throws rocks at those who've been sent to her. How often I wanted to gather your children together like a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you all didn't want it. 35 So now, see, your temple will be left without a congregation. I'm telling you all that you certainly won't see me again until you say: 'Blessed is the person who comes in the name and authority **of Yahweh**.' "[188]

Yeshua heals a man on a Rest Day

14:1 One day, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went to the house of one of the Farisaios party leaders for a meal on a Rest Day, and they were watching him closely. 2 Then, look, there was a man there with badly swollen limbs. 3 **Yeshua** responded to the thoughts of the lawyers and Farisaios by asking, "Is it allowable to heal on the Rest Day or not?"

4 However, they just stayed silent, so he took hold of the man and healed him and sent him away. 5 Then he asked them, "Which of you if your child or your animal fell into a pit wouldn't immediately pull them out, even if it was a Rest Day?"[189]

6 But they didn't have any answer for that.

Demonstrating humility

7 Then he told a parable to all the invited guests after he'd noticed them choosing the best places around the table, telling them, 8 "Whenever you're invited to a wedding celebration, don't go and sit in the best place, in case someone more important than you might be

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workers of_unrighteousness. 28 There will_be ~~the~~ weeping and ~~the~~ grating of_ ~~the~~ _teeth, whenever you_all_may_see Abra'am/('Avrāhām), and Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq), and Yakōb/(Ya´aqov), and all the prophets, in the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**, but you_all being_thrown_out out. 29 And they_will_be_ _coming from the_east and the_west and from the_north and the_south, and they_will_be_being_reclined in the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 30 And see, there_are last ones who will_be first ones, and there_are first ones who will_be last ones.

31 In same the hour some Farisaios_party approached saying to_him: Come_out and be_going from_here, because Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s is_wanting to_kill_ you _off. 32 And he_said to_them: Having_ _been_gone say to_the this fox: Behold, I_am_casting_out demons, and I_am_finishing_out healings today and tomorrow, and on_the third day I_am_being_perfected. 33 However it_is_ _fitting me, to_be_going today and tomorrow and on_the day following, because it_is_ not _permitting a_prophet to_perish outside Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim). 34 Hierousala^{y}m, Hierousala^{y}m, the city killing_off the prophets, and throwing_ _stones at_the ones having_been_sent_out to her, how_often I_ _wanted to_gather_together the children of_you, that manner a_hen gathers the brood of_herself under her wings, and you_ _all_ not _wanted. 35 Behold, the house of_you_all is_being_left desolate to_you_all. And I_am_saying to_you_all, by_no_means you_all_may_ not _see me until you_all_may_say: Having_been_ _blessed is the one coming in the_name of_the_**master**.

14:1 And it_became at the time him to_come into a_house of_ _one of_the rulers Farisaios_party, on_a_day_of_rest to_eat bread, and they were watching_ him _closely. 2 And see, a_ certain _man was dropsical before him. 3 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** answering spoke to the lawyers and to_ _the_Farisaios_party saying: Is_it_permitting on_the day_of_ _rest to_heal or not? 4 But they kept_quiet. And having_taken_ _hold of_him, he_healed him and sent_away him. 5 And he_said to them: Of_which of_you_all a_son or an_ox into a_pit will_be_ _falling, and not immediately he_will_be_pulling_ him _up on the_day of_the day_of_rest? 6 And they_were_ not _able to_be_ _answered_back to these things.

7 And he_was_speaking a_parable to the ones having_been_ _invited, noticing how they_were_choosing the best_places, saying to them, 8 Whenever you_may_be_called by anyone to wedding_festivities, you_may_ not _be_reclining in the best_ _place, lest one more_honoured than you may_be having_been_ _called by him, 9 and having_come, the one having_invited you

184 **RV 13:27 · Cross-ref.** Psa 6:8.

185 **RV 13:28 · Cross-ref.** Mat 22:13; 25:30.

186 **RV 13:30 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 10:31; Mat 19:30; 20:16.

187 **RV 13:31 · Parallel** Mat. 23:37-39

188 **RV 13:35 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:26.

189 **RV 14:5 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:11.

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and him he_will_be_saying to_you: Give to_this one your_place, and then you_may_begin to_be_keeping the last place with shame. **10** But whenever you_may_be_called, having_been_gone sit_down in the last place, in_order_that whenever the one having_invited you may_come he_will_be_saying to_you: Friend, move_up higher. Then glory will_be to_you before all the ones reclining with_you. **11** Because everyone the one exalting himself will_be_being_humbled, and the one humbling himself will_be_being_exalted. **12** And he_was_ also _saying to_ _the one having_invited him: Whenever you_may_be_making a_dinner or a_supper, be_ not _calling the friends of_you, nor the brothers of_you, nor the relatives of_you, nor your_ rich _ _neighbours, lest also they may_invite_back you and a_ _repayment may_become to_you. **13** But whenever you_may_ _be_making a_banquet be_calling the_poor, the_crippled, the_ _lame, the_blind, **14** and you_will_be blessed, because they_are_ not _having to_repay to_you, because/for will_be_being_repaid to_you in the resurrection of_the righteous.

15 And one of_the ones reclining having_heard these things, said to_him: Blessed is_he who will_be_eating bread in the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **16** But he said to_him: A_man certain was_making a_ great _supper, and invited many. **17** And he_ _sent_out the slave of_him at_the hour of_the supper to_say to_ _the ones having_been_invited: Be_coming, because it_is now ready. **18** And all began of one to_be_excusing themselves. The first said to_him: I_bought a_field and I_am_having necessity having_come_out to_see it, I_am_asking you be_holding me having_been_excused. **19** And another one said: I_bought five pairs of_oxen and I_am_going to_approve them, I_am_asking you be_holding me having_been_excused. **20** And another said, I_married a_wife and because_of this I_am_ not _being_able to_ _come. **21** And having_arrived, the slave reported these things to_the master of_him. Then having_been_angered, the the_ _home_owner said to_the slave of_him: Come_out quickly into the roads and streets of_the city, and bring_in here the poor, and crippled, and blind, and lame. **22** And the slave said: Master, it_has_become what you_commanded, and still there_is place. **23** And the master said to the slave: Come_out into the roads and fences, and compel them to_come_in, in_order_that the house of_me may_be_filled, **24** for/because I_am_saying to_ _you_all that no_one of_ ~~the~~ those _men ~~which~~ having_been_ _invited, will_be_tasting of_the supper of_me.

25 And great crowds were_going_with to_him, and having_ _been_turned, he_said to them, **26** If anyone is_coming to me, and is_ not _hating the father of_himself, and the mother, and the wife, and the children, and the brothers, and the sisters, and still also the life of_himself, is_ not _able to_be an_ _apprentice/follower of_me. **27** Whoever not is_bearing the stake of_him and is_coming after me, is_ not _able to_be an_

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called over by the host,[190] **9** and then your host might come over to you and ask you to let the other guest sit where you were, and then you might end up humiliated at the bottom of the table. **10** Rather, when you're invited, sit down at the end so that the host might come and tell you, 'Friend, move up here to a better spot.' Then you'll be honoured in front of all the other guests, **11** because the person who thinks a lot of themself will be humbled, and the person who humbles themself will be honoured."[191]

12 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) also spoke to the man who had invited him, "Whenever you host a brunch or dinner, don't invite your friends or siblings, or your other relatives or your wealthy neighbours, because they can invite you back and so repay you. **13** Instead when you're celebrating, invite the poor and the crippled, the lame and the blind, **14** and then you'll be rewarded by God because those people won't be able to repay you, hence you'll be repaid instead when those who please God come back to life."

The parable about the reluctant dinner guests[192]

15 Now one of the people at the meal heard all this and commented, "Blessed is anyone who gets to have a meal in **God's** kingdom."

16 But Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) responded, "There was a home-owner who was putting on a large dinner and invited many people. **17** When the meal was ready, he sent out his slave to go and tell everyone who'd been invited, 'Come over now because the food is ready.' **18** However they all started giving excuses. The first one said, 'I bought a field and I need to go and inspect it. Please excuse me.' **19** Another one said, 'I've bought five pairs of oxen and I need to check them out. Please excuse me.' **20** Yet another said, 'I just got married so I can't really come.' **21** So when the slave got back, he reported all this to his master. The home-owner got angry and told the slave, 'Well then, hurry out into the roads and streets of the city and bring back the poor and crippled and blind and lame people.' **22** When he'd done that, the slave said, 'Master, I've done what you instructed and there's still room at the table.' **23** So the master instructed him, 'Well go along the roads and fences and force them to come so that my house will fill up, **24** because I'm telling you that none of those invited guests will get a taste of this meal of mine.' "

Count the cost of following Yeshua[193]

25 Large crowds were following Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) when he turned and spoke to them, **26** "If anyone comes to me but doesn't love me more than they love their parents and their siblings, and their spouse and children, and even their own life, then that person is unable to become my apprentice.[194] **27** Anyone who doesn't give

190 RV 14:8-10 · Cross-ref. Prv 25:6-7.

191 RV 14:11 · Cross-ref. Mat 23:12; Luk 18:14.

192 RV 14:15 · Parallel Mat. 22:1-10

193 RV 14:25 · Parallel Mat. 10:37-38

194 RV 14:26 · Cross-ref. Mat 10:37.

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up everything in this life and come after me is unable to become my apprentice,[195] **28** because none of you would want to build a tower without first counting the cost and figuring out if you'll have enough to complete it. **29** Otherwise you might lay the foundation and not be able to finish it. Then everyone watching might begin to mock **30** and say, 'This person started a building project but wasn't able to finish it.' **31** Or what king would go off to war against another king, if he hadn't previously sat down with his generals to figure out if their ten thousand soldiers are powerful enough to battle the other king bringing twenty thousand against him? **32** If they can't, then while the other army is still far away, the king will send ahead a delegation to try to make peace. **33** So too for every one of you who doesn't leave behind everything they own, you won't be able to become an apprentice of mine.

Worthless followers likened to salt[196]

34 "Salt is good, but if it became tasteless, what could you use to make it salty again? **35** It would be no use on the soil or for fertiliser—they'd just have to throw it away. Let any person who wants to hear, listen carefully."

The lost sheep that was found[197]

15:1 Many tax-collectors and others regarded as sinners had come closer so they could hear what Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was teaching,[198] **2** but those from the Farisaios party and the religious teachers were grumbling, "This man accepts sinners and even eats with them!" **3** So Yeshua told them this parable:

4 "If you had a hundred sheep and one of them went missing, which of you wouldn't leave the ninety-nine there in the wilderness and go and search for the missing sheep until you found it? **5** And once you found it, you would carry it home on your shoulders feeling very happy. **6** When you got back to the house, surely you'd call your friends and neighbours and tell them, 'Come and celebrate with me because I found my lost sheep.' **7** I'm telling you all that there's similar celebration in heaven when one person turns from their disobedience and obeys God—more than over ninety-nine guiltless people who have no need to change.

The lost coin that was found

8 "Or what woman who had ten silver coins and lost one, wouldn't light a lamp and sweep the house and search thoroughly until she found it? **9** Then she'd invite her friends and neighbours saying, 'Come and celebrate with me because I found the money that I'd lost.' **10** I'm telling you all that there's similar celebration by **God's** messengers in heaven over one person who turns from their disobedience and obeys God."

The parable about the returning son

11 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "Once there was a man with two

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_apprentice/follower of_me. **28** For/Because which of you_all wanting to_build a_tower, not first having_sat_down, is_ _counting the cost, whether he_is_having enough for the_ _completion? **29** In_order_that lest having_laid a_foundation of_it and not being_able to_finish it, all ~~which~~ observing it may_ _begin to_be_mocking at_him **30** saying, ~~that~~ This ~~the~~ man began to_be_building, and was_ not _able to_finish it. **31** Or what king going to_encounter with_another king in war, not having_sat_ _down first will_be_counselling whether he_is powerful with ten thousands to_meet with_the one with twenty thousands coming against him? **32** And if not surely still of_him being far_ _away, having_sent_out a_delegation is_asking peace. **33** Therefore thus everyone of you_all who is_ not _bidding_ _goodbye to_all the things possessing of_himself, is_ not _able to_be an_apprentice/follower of_me.

34 Therefore the salt is good, but if the salt may_be_made_ _tasteless, with what it_will_be_being_seasoned? **35** It_is neither suitable for soil nor for manure, they_are_casting it out. The one having ears to_be_hearing, let_him_be_hearing.

15:1 And all the tax_collectors and the sinners were nearing to_ _him to_be_hearing from_him. **2** And both the Farisaios_party and the scribes were_grumbling saying, ~~that~~ This man is_ _accepting sinners and is_eating_with with_them. **3** And he_ _said to them ~~the~~ this parable saying, **4** What person of you_all, having a_hundred sheep and having_lost one of them, is_ not _ _leaving the ninety nine in the wilderness, and is_going after the sheep having_lost, until he_may_find it? **5** And having_ _found it, he_is_laying_on it on the shoulders of_him rejoicing. **6** And having_come to the the_house, he_is_calling_together his friends and his neighbours, saying to_them: Be_rejoicing_ _with with_me, because I_found the sheep of_me ~~which~~ having_ _been_lost. **7** I_am_saying to_you_all that thus joy in ~~the~~ heaven will_be over one sinner repenting, than over ninety nine righteous ones, who are_having no need of_repentance.

8 Or what woman having ten drachmas, if she_may_lose one drachma, is_ not _lighting a_lamp, and is_sweeping the house, and is_seeking carefully, until of_which she_may_find it? **9** And having_found it, is_calling_together her friends and neighbours saying: Be_rejoicing_with with_me, because I_found the drachma that I_lost. **10** Thus I_am_saying to_you_all, there_is_ _becoming joy before the messengers of_ ~~the~~ **_god** over one sinner repenting.

11 And he_said: A_ certain _man was_having two sons. **12** And the younger of_them said to_the father: father, give to_me the breaking_down portion of_the estate. he and he_divided the

195 RV 14:27 · Cross-ref. Mrk 8:34; Mat 10:38; 16:24; Luk 9:23.

196 RV 14:34 · Parallel Mark 9:50; Mat. 5:13

197 RV 15:1 · Parallel Mat. 18:12-14

198 RV 15:1-2 · Cross-ref. Luk 5:29-30.

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living to_them. **13** And after not many days having_gathered_ _together all things, the younger son travelled into a_ distant _ _country, and there scattered the estate of_him, living intemperately. **14** But having_spent all things of_him, there_ _became a_ mighty _famine throughout ~~the~~ that country, and he began to_be_being_deficient. **15** And having_been_gone, he_ _was_joined_together to_one of_the citizens of_ ~~the~~ that _ _country, and he_sent him into the fields of_him to_be_feeding pigs. **16** And he_was_desiring to_be_satisfied from the carob_ _pods which the pigs were_eating, and no_one was_giving to_ _him. **17** To but himself having_come he_was_saying: How_ _many hired ones of_the father of_me are_being_plentiful of_ _bread, but I am_perishing with_famine here? **18** Having_risen_ _up, I_will_be_going to the father of_me, and I_will_be_saying to_him: father, I_sinned against ~~the~~ heaven and before you, **19** I_ _am no_longer worthy to_be_called the_son of_you. Make me as one of_the hired ones of_you. **20** And having_risen_up, he_came to the father of_himself. But still being_ far _away from_him, the father of_him saw him, and was_feeling_compassion, and having_run, embraced on the neck of_him and kissed him. **21** And the son said to_him: father, I_sinned against ~~the~~ heaven and before you, I_am no_longer worthy to_be_called a_son of_ _you. **22** But the father said to the slaves of_him: Quickly bring_ _out ~~the~~ first robe, and dress_ him _in, and give a_ring for the hand of_him, and sandals for his feet, **23** and be_bringing the ~~the~~ grain_fed calf, sacrifice it, and having_eaten we_may_be_ _gladdened. **24** Because this ~~the~~ son of_me was dead and revived, was having_been_lost and was_found. And they_began to_be_being_gladdened. **25** And the ~~the~~ elder son of_him was in the_field, and while coming, he_neared to_the house, he_heard of_music and dancing. **26** And having_called_to one of_the servants, he_was_inquiring what ~~wishfully~~ might_be these things. **27** And he said to_him, ~~that~~ The brother of_you is_ _coming, and the father of_you sacrificed the ~~the~~ grain_fed calf, because he_took_back being_sound him. **28** But he_was_ _angered and he_was_ not _wanting to_come_in. And the father of_him having_come_out, was_imploring him. **29** And he answering said to_the father of_him: Behold, so_many years I_ _am_serving for_you, and I_ never _passed_by a_command of_ _you, and you_ never _gave a_young_goat, to_me, in_order_that I_may_be_gladdened with the friends of_me. **30** But when ~~the~~ this son of_you, he_came ~~which~~ having_devoured the living of_ _you with prostitutes, you_sacrificed ~~the~~ grain_fed calf for_him. **31** And he said to_him: Child, you are always with me, and all the things mine is is yours. **32** But it_was_fitting to_be_ _gladdened also to_be_elated, because ~~the~~ this brother of_you, was dead and lived again, and having_lost and he_was_found. **16:1** And he_was_saying also to the apprentices/followers: A_ certain _man was rich, who was_having a_manager, and this one was_accused to_him as scattering the things possessing of_ _him. **2** And having_called him, he_said to_him: What is this I_ _am_hearing concerning you? Give_back the account of_the management of_you, because/for you_are_ not _being_able anymore to_be_managing. **3** And the manager said by himself: What may_I_do, because the master of_me is_taking_away the management from me? I_am_ not _able To_be_digging, I_am_ _being_ashamed to_be_begging. **4** I_knew what I_may_do, in_

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sons. **12** The younger son asked his father to give him his inheritance in advance, so the father divided everything up. **13** Then a few days later, that younger son went off to a distant country where he used his inheritance to enjoy an affluent and carefree lifestyle. **14** However after he'd used up all his funds, a terrible famine hit that country, and he started to become needy, **15** so he went and signed up to work for one of the local farmers who assigned him to feed the pigs out in the fields. **16** As the pigs were eating their carob pods, their food started to look desirable to him, but he wasn't given any. **17** But he eventually came to his senses and said to himself, 'Even my father's workers have plenty of food, but here I am in this place dying of starvation. **18** I'm going to leave and go back to my father to tell him, "Father, I've disobeyed God and dishonoured you **19** and I'm no longer worthy to be called your son. Take me on as one of your workers." '

20 "So he got up and headed back to his father, but his father saw him coming from a distance and felt sorry for him. He ran and hugged his son and kissed him, **21** and the son said, 'Father, I've disobeyed God and dishonoured you and I'm no longer worthy to be called your son.' **22** But the father ordered his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and dress him in it, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. **23** Then get the grain-fed calf and slaughter it so we can celebrate with a feast, **24** because my son was dead but he's now here alive—he was lost but now he's found.'

25 "The man's older son was out working in a field, and when he was heading home and got near the house, he could hear the sound of music and dancing **26** so he called out to one of the servants and asked him what was going on. **27** 'Your brother has come home,' he replied, 'and your father has slaughtered the grain-fed calf to celebrate because he got back safely.' **28** But the older son was angry and didn't want to go in, however his father came out and implored him to join them. **29** 'Listen,' said the older son to his father, 'I've worked for you for however many years and I've never disobeyed you, yet you never gave me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends! **30** Yet when *this* son of yours comes home after using up your money living with prostitutes, then you slaughter the fattened calf for him!' **31** 'Son,' answered the father, 'you have always been here with me, and everything I have is yours. **32** But it's right to be happy and excited, because your brother was dead and now he's alive again—he was lost and now he's found.' "

The parable about the shrewd manager

16:1 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) also told this to his followers, "Once there was a rich man who had a manager who worked for him. A whistle-blower reported that the manager had been abusing the owner's possessions **2** so the owner called him and asked, 'What's this I'm hearing about you? Give back the ledgers because I don't want you as a manager any more.' **3** Then the manager thought to himself, 'Oh dear, what will I do now that I'm losing this management job? I'm not strong enough to be out

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digging and I'd be too ashamed to beg. **4** I know what I'll do so that when I lose my job, I'll still be popular with everyone else.' **5** So he called in each person who owed money to his master. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?' **6** 'A hundred jugs of olive oil,' he replied. 'Well, bring the contract here and change it quickly to fifty,' the manager said. **7** Then he asked the next one, 'How much do you owe?' 'A hundred containers of wheat,' the man replied. 'Get the contract form and change it to eighty,' said the manager. **8** When he heard, the landowner praised the dishonest manager for his shrewdness because the modern generation are better at working the system than the children of light in their generation.

9 "So I'm telling you all to use worldly money to make friends for yourselves, so that whenever it runs out, they'll accept you all into the eternal homes.[199] **10** Anyone who's faithful with a little is also faithful with much, and the person who's dishonest with a little is also dishonest with a lot. **11** Because of that, if you aren't faithful with worldly money, who would entrust true wealth to you all? **12** If you're not faithful in your treatment of strangers, who would give you anything for yourselves?

13 "No household servant can serve two masters, because either they'll hate the one and love the other, or they'll support the one and despise the other."[200]

More of Yeshua's teaching[201]

14 All those from the Farisaios party were listening carefully because they love money, and they were sneering at Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), **15** so he said to them, "You all justify yourselves to the people but **God** knows your hearts, because what people value most is abhorrent to **God**.

16 "The Hebrew scriptures applied until Yohan-the-immerser started preaching the good message **about God's** kingdom, now everyone is striving to get into it,[202][203] **17** but it's easier for the sky and the earth to disappear than it is for one small part of the law to fall.[204]

18 "Every man who divorces his wife and marries another, is committing adultery, and the one marrying the woman he divorced is committing adultery.[205]

The rich man and Eleazar

19 "Once there was a rich man who dressed like a king and had everything in life to make him happy and content. **20** At the same time there was a poor beggar named Eleazar (Lazarus; Grk. Lazaros) who was covered in ulcers. He'd been carried to the rich man's gate,

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_order_that whenever I_may_be_removed from the management, they_may_receive me into the homes of_them. **5** And having_called_to each one of_the debtors of_the master of_himself, he_was_saying to_the first: How_much you_are_ _owing to_the master of_me? **6** And he said: A_hundred batos/(bat)_measures of_olive_oil. And he said to_him: Receive of_you the bills and having_sat_down quickly write fifty. **7** Then to_another he_said: And how_much are_ you _owing? And he said: A_hundred koros/(kor)_measures of_wheat. He_is_saying to_him: Receive of_you the bills and write eighty. **8** And the master praised the manager of_ ~~the~~ _unrighteousness, because he_performed prudently. Because the sons of_ ~~the~~ this _age are more_prudently beyond the sons of_the light in the generation ~~which~~ of_themselves. **9** And I am_saying to_you_all, make friends for_yourselves by the money of_ ~~the~~ _unrighteousness, in_order_that whenever it_may_fail, they_may_receive you_all into the eternal dwellings. **10** The one faithful with the_least, is also faithful with much, and the one unrighteous with the_ _least, is also unrighteous with much. **11** Therefore if you_all_ _became not faithful with ~~the~~ unrighteous money, who will_be_ _entrusting ~~the~~ true wealth to_you_all? **12** And if you_all_ _became not faithful with the stranger, who will_be_giving the_ your _things to_you_all? **13** Not_one house_servant is_able to_ _be_serving for_two masters, because/for either he_will_be_ _hating the one, and the other he_will_be_loving, or of_the_one he_will_be_upholding, and of_the other he_will_be_despising. You_all_are_ not _being_able to_be_serving for_**god** and money.

14 And all the Farisaios_party were_hearing these things, being money_lovers, and they_were_sneering_at him. **15** And he_said to_them: You_all are the ones justifying yourselves before the people, but ~~the~~ **god** is_knowing the hearts of_you_all, because the thing exalted among people, an_abomination is before ~~the~~ **god**. **16** The law and the prophets were until Yōannaʸs, from then the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is_being_good_message_ _preached, and everyone is_forcing into it. **17** But it_is easier ~~the~~ for_heaven and ~~the~~ earth to_pass_away, than one serif of_the law to_fall. **18** Everyone ~~which~~ sending_away the wife of_him and marrying another, is_committing_adultery, and every the one marrying having_been_sent_away from a_husband, is_ _committing_adultery.

19 And a_ certain _man was rich, and was_dressing_in purple and linen, being_gladdened splendidly in_every day. **20** And a_ certain _poor man by_the_name Lazaros, had_been_laid at the gate of_him, having_been_ulcerated **21** and desiring to_be_ _satisfied from ~~which~~ falling from the table of_the rich man, but even the dogs coming were_licking_up the ulcers of_him.

199 **RV 16:9 · Note** This sentence is very difficult to understand, so it's likely that we're missing some cultural cues here, and in the parable above.

200 **RV 16:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 6:24.

201 **RV 16:14 · Parallel** Mark 10:11-12; Mat. 11:12-13

202 **RV 16:16 · Note** See https://rediscoveryingjesus.substack.com/p/jesuss-confusing-sayings-luke-1616.

203 **RV 16:16 · Cross-ref.** Mat 11:12-13.

204 **RV 16:17 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:18.

205 **RV 16:18 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:32; 1Cor 7:10-11.

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22 And it_became the poor man to_die_off, and him to_be_
_carried_away by the messengers into the bosom of_
_Abra'am/('Avrāhām). And the rich man died_off also and was_
_buried. **23** And in ~~the~~ Haida^{y}s having_lifted_up the eyes of_him,
being in torments, he_is_seeing Abra'am from afar, and Lazaros
in the bosoms of_him. **24** And he having_called said, father
Abra'am, show_mercy to_me and send Lazaros, in_order_that
he_may_dip the extremity of_the finger of_him in_water, and
may_cool_down the tongue of_me, because I_am_being_
distressed in ~~the~~ this flame. **25** But Abra'am said: Child, be
_reminded that you_took_back the good of_you in the life of_
_you, and Lazaros likewise the evil. But now here he_is_being_
_comforted, and you are_being_distressed. **26** And among all
these things, between us and you_all a_chasm great has_been_
_established, so_that the ones wanting to_pass_through here to
you_all may_ not _be_able, nor may_be_crossing_over from_
_there to us. **27** And, he_said, therefore I_am_asking you father,
that you_may_send him to the house of_the father of_me,
28 for/because I_am_having five brothers, so_that he_may_be_
_testifying to_them, in_order_that they may_ not also _come to
~~the~~ this place of_ ~~the~~ _torment. **29** But Abra'am/('Avrāhām) is_
_saying: They_are_having Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) and the prophets,
them_let_hear from_them. **30** And he said: No, father Abra'am,
but if someone from the_dead may_be_gone to them, they_
_will_be_repenting. **31** But he_said to_him: If they_are_ not _
_hearing from_Mōsa^{y}s and the prophets, not_even if someone
from the_dead may_rise_up, they_will_be_being_persuaded.

17:1 And he_said to the apprentices/followers of_him: It_is
impossible of_which the temptations to_ not _come, however
woe to_him by whom it_is_coming. **2** It_is_improving for_him if
a_ milling _stone is_hung_around around the neck of_him, and
he_has_been_thrown_down into the sea, than that he_may_
stumble of ~~the~~ one these _little ones. **3** Be_taking_heed to_
_yourselves. If the brother of_you may_sin, give_rebuke to_him,
and if he_may_repent, forgive to_him. **4** And if he_may_sin
against you seven_times in_the day, and seven_times he_may_
_return to you, saying I_am_repenting, you_will_be_forgiving
to_him.

5 And the ambassadors said to_the **master**: Add faith to_us.
6 And the **master** said: If you_all_are_having faith as a_seed of_
_mustard, you_all_ would _were_saying to_ ~~the~~ _mulberry_tree
this: Be_uprooted and be_planted in the sea, and it_ would _
_submitted to_you_all.

7 And which of you_all having a_slave, plowing or shepherding,
who having_come_in out_of the field will_be_saying to_him:
Having_come_up immediately sit_down to_eat? **8** But not he_
_will_be_saying to_him: Prepare what I_may_dine, and having_
_girded_about be_serving unto_me, until I_may_eat and I_may_
_drink, and after these things you will_be_eating and will_be_
drinking? **9** Is not _having thankfulness to_the slave, because
he_did the things having_been_directed? **10** Thus also you_all
whenever you_all_may_do all the things having_been_directed
to_you_all, be_saying, we_are ~~that~~ Useless slaves, we_have_done
what we_were_ought to_do.

206 **RV 17:1 · Parallel** Mark 9:42; Mat. 18:6-7,21-22

207 **RV 17:3 · Cross-ref.** Mat 18:15.

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21 where he lay, hoping to get any food that might fall off the rich man's table. The dogs even came and licked his ulcers, **22** and eventually he died and was carried away by God's messengers to recline at the table next to Avraham. Then the rich man also died and was buried **23** and was tormented in hell. However, when he looked up, he saw Avraham in the distance and Eleazar reclining next to him, **24** so he called out, 'Father Avraham, be merciful to me and send Eleazar here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool down my tongue, because I'm very distressed here in this flame.' **25** But Avraham replied, 'Son, don't forget that you enjoyed the good life while you were alive, whereas Eleazar had it bad, but now he's here being comforted and you're suffering. **26** Anyway, there's a deep chasm that's been established between us, so that anyone here who wanted to go to you can't, nor can anyone from there cross over here to us.' **27** 'I have one request then,' said the man who'd been rich. 'Send Eleazar to my father's house, **28** because I have five brothers. Then he can warn them about this place of torment so that they won't also come here.' **29** 'They have the scriptures,' answered Avraham, 'so they can find out what they say.' **30** But the man insisted, 'No, father Avraham, but if someone from the dead went to them, then they'd turn from their sins.' **31** 'Well, if they ignore the scriptures,' he answered, 'even if someone from the dead went to them, they still wouldn't be persuaded.' "

17:1 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told **Forgiving sin**[206]
his followers, "It's impossible that temptations will disappear, but a bad future awaits whoever brings them. **2** It would be better if that person had a heavy weight tied to them and got thrown into the sea than if they cause a younger one to stumble. **3** Take great care.

If a fellow-believer disobeys God, scold them,[207] and then if they stop and request forgiveness, forgive them. **4** Even if they wrong you seven times in a day and then seven times come and tell you that they're turning away from it, forgive them."

5 Then the apprentices requested the **Growing faith**
master, "Give us more faith." **6** "If you all had faith like a small mustard seed," the **master** replied, "you would be able to order a mulberry bush, 'Get out of the ground and plant yourself in the sea,' and it would obey you all.

7 "Imagine that you had a slave that was **The work of a slave**
out in the field ploughing or looking after the sheep. When he came back to the house, which of you would tell him, 'The meal's ready so come in now and sit down to eat.' **8** No, you'd be saying, 'Get the meal ready for me and then after you've changed, come and wait on me as I eat and drink, then after that you can eat and drink.' **9** And no, slaves don't get thanked for just doing what they've been told to do. **10** So too when you all do what you've been told to do, just say, 'We're useless slaves—we've just done what we were told.' "

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Yeshua heals ten men with skin diseases

11 Soon it was time to continue on towards Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and so they walked through Galil and Shomron (Samaria). **12** In one village, they came across ten men with leprosy, who stood back at a distance **13** and called out, "**Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), master, show mercy to us."

14 When he saw them, Yeshua called back, "Go and ask the priests to inspect you."[208] So they went off, and as they were walking, they were healed. **15** One of them, seeing that his skin was healed, came back and could be heard loudly praising **God**, **16** and he knelt down in front of Yeshua and thanked him. This man was from Shomron. **17** "Weren't there ten of you that were healed?" **Yeshua** asked. "Where's the other nine? **18** Have none of them returned to praise **God**—only this foreigner?" **19** Then he told him, "Get up and go now. Your faith has healed you."

God's kingdom[209]

20 One time Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was approached by some from the Farisaios party and asked when God's kingdom is coming, and he answered, "The arrival **of God's** kingdom is not some visible thing, **21** and they won't be shouting, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!', because you see, **God's** kingdom is inside you all."

22 Then he told his followers, "The time will come when you'll be wanting to see the son of humanity again even for a day, but you won't see him. **23** Some people will tell you all, 'Look, there he is!' or 'Hey, here he is!' but don't go looking or following them, **24** because when the son of humanity returns, it'll be like lightning that flashes from one side of the sky and shines right across to the other side. **25** However, before that, he needs to suffer many things and to be rejected by this generation. **26** The time of the return of the son of humanity will be just like it was in Noah's time:[210] **27** people were eating and drinking, and getting engaged and married right until that day when Noah went into the barge and the flood came and destroyed everything.[211] **28** It was similar in Lot's time: people were eating and drinking, and buying and selling, and planting and building,[212] **29** but on the day that Lot walked out of Sedom, fire and sulfur rained down from the sky and destroyed everything. **30** So that's how it will be when the son of humanity is revealed.

31 "On that day, anyone who's just outside the house should not go back in to get their valuables. Similarly, anyone who's out on the farm shouldn't return to the house to get their possessions.[213] **32** Don't forget the disaster that happened to Lot's wife.[214] **33** Anyone who tries to save their live will lose it, and

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11 And it_became at the time to_be_going to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and because_of he was_passing_ _through the_midst of_Samareia/(Shomrōn) and Galilaia/(Gālīl). **12** And on_coming_in of_him into a_certain village, met ten leprous men, who stood from_afar. **13** And they lifted_up their_voice saying: **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, master, show_mercy to_us. **14** And having_seen them, he_said to_them: Having_been_gone show yourselves to_the priests. And it_ _became at the time to_be_going to_them, they_were_cleansed. **15** And one of them having_seen that he_was_healed, returned with a_ loud _voice glorifying ~~the~~ **god**, **16** and he_fell on his_face before the feet of_him, giving_thanks to_him, and he was a_ _from_Samareia/(Shomrōn). **17** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** answering said: ‹Were›_ not _cleansed the ten? But where are the nine? **18** Not were_they_found having_returned to_give glory to_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**, except ~~not/lest~~ ~~the~~ this foreigner? **19** And he_said to_him: Having_stood_up, be_going, the faith of_you has_healed you.

20 And having_been_asked by the Farisaios_party when the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is_coming, he_answered to_them and said, the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** Is_ not _coming with observation, **21** nor ‹will›_they_be_saying: Behold, here it_is, or: There it_is. For/Because see, the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is inside of_you_all. **22** And he_said to the apprentices/followers: Days will_be_coming when you_all_will_be_desiring to_see one of_ _the days of_the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man, and you_all_‹will›_ not _be_ _seeing it. **23** And they_will_be_saying to_you_all: Behold, there he_is, or: Behold, here he_is, you_all_may_ not _go_away nor you_all_may_pursue. **24** For/Because as the lightning flashing from the one_part under the sky is_shining to the one_part under sky, thus the son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_be. **25** But first it_is_ _fitting him to_suffer many things, and to_be_rejected by ~~the~~ this generation. **26** And as it_became in the days of_ _Nōe/(Noaḥ), thus it_will_be also in the days of_the son of_ ~~the~~ _ _Man: **27** they_were_eating, they_were_drinking, they_were_ _marrying, they_were_being_betrothed, until that day Nōe came_in into the box, and the flood came and destroyed all. **28** Likewise as it_became in the days of_Lōt/(Lōṭ): they_were_ _eating, they_were_drinking, they_were_buying, they_were_ _selling, they_were_planting, they_were_building, **29** but in_ _that day Lōt/(Lōṭ) came_out from Sodoma/(Ṣədom), fire and brimstone rained from the_sky and destroyed all. **30** The_same it_will_be according_to in_that day, the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_ _being_revealed. **31** In that ~~the~~ day, who will_be on the housetop, and the goods of_him in his house, him_let_ not _ _come_down to_take_away them, and the one in the_field, likewise him_let_ not _return to the things back. **32** Be_ _remembering about_the wife of_Lōt/(Lōṭ). **33** Whoever ~~if~~ may_ _seek to_procure the life of_him, will_be_losing it, and whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_lose it, will_be_keeping_ it _alive. **34** I_am_saying

208 **RV 17:14 · Cross-ref.** Lev 14:1-32.

209 **RV 17:20 · Parallel** Mat. 24:23-28,37-41

210 **RV 17:26 · Cross-ref.** Gen 6:5-8.

211 **RV 17:27 · Cross-ref.** Gen 7:6-24.

212 **RV 17:28-29 · Cross-ref.** Gen 18:20–19:25.

213 **RV 17:31 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 13:15-16; Mat 24:17-18.

214 **RV 17:32 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:26.

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to_you_all, in_this ~~the~~ night will_be two on one bed, the one will_be_being_taken, and the other will_be_being_left. **35** Two will_be grinding at the same place, the one will_be_being_ _taken, and the the_other will_be_being_left. **36** ◘ **37** And answering they_are_saying to_him: Where, **master**? And he said to_them: Where the body is, there also the vultures will_ _be_being_gathered_together.

18:1 And he_was_speaking a_parable to_them, because/for the way it_to_be_fitting always them to_be_praying and to_be_ not _losing_heart **2** saying: A_ certain _judge was in a_certain city, not revering ~~the~~ **god** and not being_swayed by_a_person. **3** And a_widow was in ~~the~~ that city, and she_was_coming to him saying: Avenge me of the opponent of_me. **4** And he_was_ not _ _willing for a_time, but after these things he_said to himself: Even if I_am_ not _revering ~~the~~ **god** nor I_am_being_swayed a_ _person, **5** because_of this ~~the~~ widow ~~which~~ surely to_be_ _bringing_about trouble to_me, I_will_be_avenging her, in_ _order_that not coming to the_end she_may_be_harassing me. **6** And the **master** said: Hear what the judge of_ ~~the~~ _ _unrighteousness is_saying. **7** And ~~the~~ **god** by_no_means may_ not _execute the vengeance of_the chosen of_him, ~~which~~ shouting to_him day and night, and is_being_patient over them? **8** I_am_saying to_you_all that he_will_be_executing the vengeance of_them in quickness. However the son of_ ~~the~~ _man having_come, consequently ‹will› he_be_finding ~~the~~ faith on the earth?

9 And he_ also _spoke ~~the~~ this parable to some ~~which~~ having_ _trusted in themselves that they_are righteous and scorning the others: **10** Two men went_up into the temple to_pray, ~~the~~ one was a_Farisaios_party_member, and the other was a_tax_ _collector. **11** The Farisaios_party_member having_been_stood was_praying these things to himself: - **god**, I_am_giving_thanks to_you that I_am not as the rest of_the people, swindling, unrighteous, adulterers, or even as this ~~the~~ tax_collector. **12** I_ _am_fasting twice of_ ~~the~~ _a_week, I_am_tithing all things, as_ _many_as I_am_acquiring. **13** But the tax_collector having_ _stood afar, was_ not _willing not_even his eyes to_lift_up to the sky, but was_striking the chest of_him saying: - **god**, be_made_ _atonement for_me, the sinner. **14** I_am_saying to_you_all, this one came_down to the house of_him having_been_justified, contrary_to that one. Because everyone ~~which~~ exalting himself will_be_being_humbled, but the one humbling himself will_be_ _being_exalted.

15 And they_were_ also _bringing the babies to_him, in_order_ _that he_may_be_touching against_them, but the apprentices/followers having_seen, were_giving_rebuke to_ _them. **16** But ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** called_to them saying: Allow the little_children to_be_coming to me, and be_ not _ _forbidding them, because/for the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is ~~the~~ of_such. **17** Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all, whoever ~~wishfully~~

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anyone who's sacrificed their lifestyle, will retain life.[215] **34** I'm telling you, two people will be in one bed on that night and one will be taken and the other one will be left behind. **35** Two people will be preparing food at the same place and one will be taken and the other one will be left behind."

36 ◘ **37** "Where will this happen, **master**?" they asked.

"Where the body is," he answered, "that's where the vultures will be gathering."

Persistence in prayer

18:1 Then he told them another parable about how it's good to always be praying and not to become discouraged: **2** "Once there was a city judge who didn't revere **God** and nor did he allow anyone to sway him. **3** Now there was a widow in that city, and she kept going to him saying, 'Get me justice against my rival.' **4** At first, he wasn't interested in the case, but eventually he said to himself, 'Even if I don't fear **God** and I'm not easily pushed around by anyone, **5** this widow is making trouble for me. I'll fight her case for her so she'll stop harassing me.' "

6 Then the **master** continued, "Listen to what the ungodly judge is saying. **7** And won't **God** also bring justice for his chosen people when they call out to him day and night? He'll patiently listen to them. **8** I'm telling you that he'll quickly bring justice to the situation. However, when the son of humanity comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Humility in prayer

9 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) also told this parable to some who felt that they were guiltless before God because of their own goodness, and so they scorned others: **10** "Once two men went into the temple to pray—one was a Farisaios party member and the other was a tax-collector. **11** The Farisaios stood there praying quietly, 'I thank you, **God**, that I'm not like the rest of the people: swindlers, sinners, adulterers, and even that tax-collector. **12** I fast twice a week and I give a tenth of everything I get.' **13** But the tax-collector stood at a distance, not even willing to raise his head, instead beating his chest and saying, '**God**, I'm a sinner, take away my guilt.' **14** I'm telling you all that this man went home after being declared guiltless, not the other one, because all those who praise themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be praised."[216]

Yeshua blesses small children[217]

15 The people also brought their babies to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) so that he would touch them and bless them, but his apprentices scolded them when they saw it. **16** However, **Yeshua** called out to them, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because **God's** kingdom consists of those like them. **17** I can assure you

215 **RV 17:33 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 12:25; Mrk 8:35; Mat 10:39; 16:25; Luk 9:24.

216 **RV 18:14 · Cross-ref.** Mat 23:12; Luk 14:11.

217 **RV 18:15 · Parallel** Mark 10:13-16; Mat. 19:13-15

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that anyone who doesn't accept **God's** kingdom like a little child certainly won't be able to enter it."

The wealthy leader[218]

18 One time a local leader asked Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "Good teacher, what do I need to do to gain eternal life?"

19 "Why do you call me good?" **Yeshua** responded. "No one is good other than **God** himself. **20** You know God's commands: Don't commit adultery,[219] don't murder,[220] don't steal,[221] don't lie in court,[222] and honour your parents."[223]

21 "I've obeyed all of those since I was young," the leader replied.

22 "Then you're lacking only one more thing," **Yeshua** added. "Sell everything you own and distribute the money to the poor, then you'll have treasure in the heavens. Then come and follow me." **23** But when he heard this, the man was very upset, because he was extremely wealthy.

24 As **Yeshua** looked at him, he said, "It's so difficult for those who are wealthy to enter into **God's** kingdom— **25** it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a wealthy person to enter **God's** kingdom."

26 Those around who heard asked, "Then who's able to be saved?"

27 "What's humanly impossible," he replied, "is quite possible with **God**."

28 Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) spoke up, "Hey, *we* left everything and followed you!"

29 "I can assure you all," Yeshua responded, "that no one who left their home or spouse or siblings, or parents or children on account **of God's** kingdom **30** will not be repaid many times over in this age, as well as gaining eternal life in the coming age."

Yeshua predicts his execution a third time[224]

31 Then taking the twelve aside, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "Listen, we're about to go down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and everything that the prophets wrote about the son of humanity will soon happen. **32** He'll be handed over to non-Jews and will be mocked and insulted and spat on, **33** then they'll flog him and kill him, but he'll come back to life on the third day."

34 But they didn't understand any of that—the meaning of this statement was hidden from them and they didn't realise what was being said.

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may_ not _receive the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** as a_little_child, by_no_means may_ not _come_in into it.

18 And a_certain ruler asked him saying: Good Teacher, having_ _done what, I_will_be_inheriting life eternal? **19** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_him: Why are_you_calling me good? No_one is good, except ~~not/lest~~ one ~~the~~ **god**. **20** You_have_known the commands: You_may_ not _commit_adultery, you_may_ not _ _murder, you_may_ not _steal, you_may_ not _give_false_ _testimony: Be_honouring the father and the mother of_you. **21** And he said, I_kept all these things from the_youth of_me. **22** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_heard, said to_him: Still one thing is_lacking to_you, all as_much_as you_are_having, sell and distribute to_the_poor, and you_will_be_having treasure in the_ _heavens, and come, be_following after_me. **23** But he having_ _heard these things, was_become very_sorrowful, because/for he_was exceedingly rich. **24** And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_seen him, said: How difficultly the ones having ~~the~~ wealth, will_be_coming_in into the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **25** For/Because is easier a_camel to_come_in through an_eye of_a_needle, than a_rich man to_come_in into the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **26** And they having_heard said: And who is_able to_ _be_saved? **27** But he said: The things impossible with humans, is possible with ~~the~~ **god**. **28** And ~~the~~ Petros said: Behold, we left all things and followed after_you. **29** And he said to_them: Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that there_is no_one who left house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children, on_account the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, **30** who by_no_means may_ not _take_ _back many_times_more in ~~the~~ this time, and in the ~~which~~ coming age, eternal life.

31 And having_taken the twelve, he_said to them: Behold, we_ _are_going_up to Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), and all the things having_been_written by the prophets about_the son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_be_being_accomplished. **32** For/Because he_will_ _be_being_given_over to_the pagans, and he_will_be_being_ _mocked, and he_will_be_being_insulted, and he_will_be_ _being_spat_on. **33** And having_flogged him, they_will_be_ _killing_ him _off, and on_the ~~the~~ third day, he_will_be_rising_ _up. **34** And they understood nothing of_these things, and ~~the~~ this message was having_been_hidden from them, and they_ _were_ not _knowing the things being_spoken.

218 **RV 18:18 · Parallel** Mark 10:17-31; Mat. 19:16-30

219 **RV 18:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:14; Deu 5:18.

220 **RV 18:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:13; Deu 5:17.

221 **RV 18:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:15; Deu 5:19.

222 **RV 18:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:16; Deu 5:20.

223 **RV 18:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.

224 **RV 18:31 · Parallel** Mark 10:32-34; Mat. 20:17-19

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35 And it_became at the time him to_be_nearing, to Yeriḳō/(Yərīḥō), a_ certain _blind man was_sitting beside the road begging. 36 And having_heard of_a_crowd passing_ _through, he_was_inquiring what this might_be. 37 And they_ _reported to_him, ~~that~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** the from_Nazaret is_passing_by. 38 And he_shouted saying: **Ya^{y}sous**, son of_ _Dawid/(Dāvid), show_mercy to_me. 39 And the ones going_ _before were_warning to_him that he_may_keep_silent. But he was_crying_out by_much more: son of_Dawid, show_mercy to_ _me. 40 And **Ya^{y}sous** having_been_stopped, commanded him to_be_brought to him. And having_neared him, he_asked him, 41 What you_are_wanting I_may_do for_you? And he said: **master**, that I_may_receive_sight. 42 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to_ _him: Receive_sight, the faith of_you has_healed you. 43 And immediately he_received_sight, and was_following after_him, glorifying ~~the~~ **god**. And all the people having_seen it, gave praise to_ ~~the~~ **_god**.

19:1 And having_come_in, he_was_passing_through ~~the~~ Yeriḳō. 2 And see, a_man being_called by_the_name Zakḳaios, and he was a_chief_tax_collector, and he was rich. 3 And he_was_ _seeking to_see ~~the~~ who **Ya^{y}sous** is, and was_ not _able because_ _of the crowd, because he_was ~~the~~ small in_stature. 4 And having_run_ahead ahead, he_went_up in a_sycamore_tree, in_ _order_that he_may_see him, because he_was_going to_be_ _passing_through of_that way. 5 And as he_came to the place, ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_looked_up, said to him: Zakḳaios, having_hurried come_down, because/for today it_is_ _fitting me to_remain in the house of_you. 6 And having_ _hurried, he_came_down and welcomed him rejoicing. 7 And all having_seen it, were_grumbling saying, ~~that~~ He_came_in to_ _lodge with a_sinful man. 8 And Zakḳaios having_been_stood, said to the **master**: Behold, ~~the~~ half of_the things of_me possessing, **master**, I_am_giving to_the poor, and if I_defrauded anything of_anyone, I_am_giving_back quadruple. 9 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** said to him, ~~that~~ Today salvation this to_ ~~the~~ _house became, as_much_as he also is a_son of_Abra'am/('Avrāhām). 10 For/Because the son of_ ~~the~~ _man came to_seek and to_save the thing having_been_lost.

11 And from_them hearing these things having_proceeded, he_ _said a_parable because_of that him to_be near of_ _Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), and them to_be_supposing that the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is_ immediately _going to_be_being_ _appeared. 12 Therefore, he_said, a_ certain noble _man was_ _gone to a_country distant, to_receive for_himself a_kingdom and to_return. 13 And having_called ten slaves of_himself, he_ _gave ten mnas_of_silver to_them, and told to them: To_do_

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Yeshua heals a blind man[225]

35 As Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) got close to Yeriho (Jericho) city, there was a blind man sitting beside the road begging. 36 When he heard a crowd passing through, he started asking what was going on, 37 and they told him that **Yeshua** from Nazaret was passing by, 38 so he started shouting, "**Yeshua**, David's descendant, be merciful to me!"

39 Some of the people walking past him told him to be quiet, but he just shouted louder, "David's descendant, be merciful to me!"

40 Then **Yeshua** stopped and ordered that the man be brought across to him. When he came, he asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?"

He answered, "**Master**, I want to be able to see!"

42 "Then receive your sight," **Yeshua** said, "because your faith has healed you."

43 Immediately he was able to see, and followed along after Yeshua praising **God**, and the people that saw it happen also praised **God**.

Zakay hosts Yeshua

19:1 After that, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) entered Yeriho (Jericho) and continued walking through it. 2 Then, look, there was a man named Zakay (Zacchaeus; Grk. Zakkaios) and he was a chief tax-collector and pretty wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who this **Yeshua** was, but couldn't see over the crowd because he[226] was rather short, 4 so he ran along ahead of the crowd and climbed a sycamore tree so that he could see Yeshua as he walked past. 5 However, as **Yeshua** came to that place, he looked up and said, "Zakay, hurry up and get down because I think it would be good to stay at your place." 6 So he hurried down the tree and happily welcomed him.

7 But everyone who had observed it was grumbling, "Hoy, he's going to stay with a sinful man."

8 At dinner, Zakay stood and said to the **master**, "Listen, **master**, I'm giving half of everything I own to the poor, and anyone that I defrauded, I'll pay them back four times over."

9 "Salvation came to this home today," responded **Yeshua**, "as this man has also shown that he's Avraham's offspring, 10 because the son of humanity came to look for those who are lost, and save them."[227]

The parable about three servants[228]

11 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went on to tell a parable to those who heard all that, because he was getting near to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and they had assumed that **God's** kingdom was going appear straight away. 12 Because of that, he told them, "Once a man of high status was going to a distant country to inherit a kingdom, and then to return after that. 13 So he called his ten slaves and

225 **RV 18:35 · Parallel** Mark 10:46-52; Mat. 20:29-34

226 **RV 19:3 · Note** It's commonly assumed that Zacchaeus was the short person in this sentence, but the Greek is ambiguous. (See https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-topics/new-testament/jesus-the-short-king/.)

227 **RV 19:10 · Cross-ref.** Mat 18:11.

228 **RV 19:11 · Parallel** Mat. 25:14-30

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gave them ten silver coins and told them to put them to work
until he got back. 14 But his citizens hated him and sent a dele-
gation out to him to say, 'We don't want this man to reign over
us.'
15 "But he received his kingdom and then he headed back and
sent for those slaves that he had given the silver to, to find out
how well they'd traded. 16 The first slave arrived and said, 'Mas-
ter, I used your silver coin to earn ten more coins.' 17 'Well done
good slave,' he said, 'and because you were faithful with a little,
I'll put you in charge of ten cities.' 18 Then the second slave came
and said, 'Your silver master, gained five more coins.' 19 'You too,'
the master said, 'will be put in charge of five cities.' 20 Then an-
other slave came and said, 'Master, look, here's your silver that I
kept hidden away wrapped in a handkerchief 21 because I was
scared of you, knowing that you're a hard man—picking up what
you didn't put down, and harvesting where you didn't sow.'
22 'I'll judge you by your own words,' the master said, 'you evil
slave! You knew that I'm a hard man, picking up what I didn't
put down, and harvesting what I didn't sow. 23 So why didn't you
take my silver to the bank? Then went I returned, at least I
would have been able to collect some interest.' 24 Then the mas-
ter told the others who were standing there, 'Take the silver
coin away from him and give it to the slave who has the ten.'
25 But they protested, 'Master, he already has ten coins.' 26 'I'm
telling you all,' the master replied, 'that everyone who has, will
be given more, but the person who doesn't have, even what they
have will be taken away from them.[229] 27 However, about those
enemies of mine who didn't want me to reign over them: bring
them here and strike them down in front of me.' "[230]

Yeshua rides an unbroken colt into Yerushalem[231]

28 After he'd said that, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued on towards
Yerushalem (Jerusalem), 29 and as he got near to Beyt-Fagey (Bethphage) and Beyt-Ania (Bethany) going
towards the Mt. of Olives, he sent two of his apprentices ahead,
30 telling them, "Go on to the next village, and when you enter
it, you'll see a colt that's never been ridden tied up there. Untie
it and bring it here. 31 But if anyone asks you why you're untying
it, tell them that the **master** needs it."
32 So they went off and found it just like he'd told them, 33 and
when they were untying the colt, the owners asked them, "Why
are you untying the colt?"
34 "The **master** needs it," they answered. 35 So they led it back
to **Yeshua**, and after throwing some of their clothes over it, they
mounted him on it. 36 Then as the colt moved along, they spread
more of their clothes on the road.
37 As he was about to descend down the slope of the Mt. of
Olives, the whole crowd of followers started celebrating and
loudly praising **God** for all the miracles they'd seen, 38 saying,

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_business at the time I_am_coming. 14 But the citizens of_him
were_hating him, and they_sent_out a_delegation after him
saying: We_are_ not _willing this man to_reign over us. 15 And
it_became on the way of_him to_return, having_received the
kingdom, and he_said the these slaves to_be_called to_him to_
_whom he_had_given the silver, in_order_that he_may_know
what they_bartered. 16 And the first arrived saying: Master, the
mna_of_silver of_you, additionally_earned ten. mnas_of_silver.
17 And he_said to_him: Well done good slave. Because you_
_became faithful in least, be having authority over ten cities.
18 And the second came saying: The mna_of_silver of_you,
master, made five mnas_of_silver. 19 And he_said also to_this
one: Also you be_becoming over five cities. 20 And ~~the~~ another
came saying: Master, see, the mna_of_silver of_you, which I_
_was_having lying_away in a_handkerchief. 21 For/Because I_
_was_fearing you, because you_are a_ austere _man, you_are_
_taking_up what you_ not _laid, and you_are_reaping what you_
not _sowed. 22 He_is_saying to_him: I_will_be_judging you out_
_of the mouth of_you, evil slave. You_had_known that I am a_
austere _man, taking_up what I_ not _laid, and reaping what I_
not _sowed? 23 And for_ why _reason you_ not _gave the silver
of_me to the_bank, and_I having_come, I_collected ~~wishfully~~ it
with interest? 24 And to_the ones having_stood_by he_said:
Take_away the mna_of_silver from him, and give it to_the one,
having the ten mnas_of_silver. 25 And they_said to_him, master
he_is_having Ten, mnas_of_silver already. 26 I_am_saying to_
_you_all that to_everyone the one having, will_be_being_given,
but from the one not having, even what he_is_having will_be_
_being_taken_away. 27 However these ~~the~~ enemies of_me, the
ones not having_wanted me to_reign over them, bring here and
strike_ them _down before me.

28 And having_said these things he_was_going ahead going_up
to Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim). 29 And it_became as he_
_neared to Ba^{y}thfaga^{y} and Ba^{y}thania, toward the mountain
~~which~~ being_called of_Olives, he_sent_out two of_the
apprentices/followers 30 saying: Be_going into the village
ahead, in which entering_in you_all_will_be_finding a_colt
having_been_bound, on which no_one ever of_people sat_
_down, and having_untied it, bring it. 31 And if anyone may_
_be_asking you_all: for_ Why _reason you_all_are_untying it?
Thus you_all_will_be_saying, ~~that~~ The **master** is_having need
of_it. 32 And having_gone_away they having_been_sent_out
found it as he_said to_them. 33 And of_them releasing the colt,
the masters of_it said to them: Why are_you_all_untying the
colt? 34 And they said, ~~that~~ The **master** is_having need of_it.
35 And they_led it to ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, and having_
_throw_on the clothes of_them on the colt, ~~the~~ they_mounted_
Ya^{y}sous _on_it. 36 And of_him going, they_were_spreading_
_under the clothes of_themselves on the road. 37 And of_him
nearing already at the down_grade of_the Mount of_ ~~the~~ _
_Olives, all the multitude of_the apprentices/followers began
rejoicing to_be_praising ~~the~~ **god** with_a_ loud _voice for all the_
_miracles which they_saw 38 saying: Having_been_blessed is

229 **RV 19:26 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 4:25; Mat 13:12; Luk 8:18.

230 **RV 19:11-27 · Cross-ref.** Mat 25:14-30.

231 **RV 19:28 · Parallel** Yhn 12:12-19; Mark 11:1-11; Mat. 21:1-11

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the king the one coming, in the_name of_the_**master**, in heaven peace and glory in the_highest. **39** And some of_the Farisaios_party from the crowd said to him: Teacher, give_ _rebuke to_the apprentices/followers of_you. **40** And answering he_said: I_am_saying to_you_all that if these will_be_keeping_ _silent, the stones will_be_crying_out.

41 And as he_neared, having_seen the city, he_wept over it **42** saying, ~~that~~ If you_knew in ~~the~~ this day, even you, the things for peace, but now it_was_hidden from the_eyes of_you. **43** Because days will_be_coming on you, and the enemies of_ _you will_be_throwing_around a_palisade to_you, and they_ _will_be_surrounding you and they_will_be_pressing you on_ _every_side, **44** and they_will_be_leveling you and the children of_you with you, and they_‹will›_ not _be_leaving a_stone on a_ _stone with you, instead_of which you_ not _knew the season of_the visitation of_you.
45 And having_come_in into the temple, he_began to_be_ _casting_out the ones selling, **46** saying to_them: It_has_been_ _written: The house of_me will_be a_house of_prayer, but you_ _all made it a_hideout of_robbers. **47** And he_was teaching ~~which~~ in_every day in the temple, but the chief_priests and the scribes and the leaders of_the people were_seeking, to_destroy him, **48** and they_were_ not _finding ~~which~~ what they_may_do, because/for the all the_people was_hanging_on hearing of_ _him.

20:1 And it_became on one of_the days, of_ him _teaching the people in the temple, and good_message_preaching, the chief_ _priests and the scribes with the elders approached, **2** and they_spoke saying to him: Tell to_us by what authority you_ _are_doing these things, or who is the one having_given this ~~the~~ authority to_you? **3** And answering he_said to them: Also_I Will_be_asking you_all a_message and tell to_me: **4** the immersion of_Yōannaʸs, was_it from heaven or from humans? **5** And they reasoned_together to themselves saying, ~~that~~ If we_ _may_say: From heaven, he_will_be_saying: for_ Why _reason you_all_ not _believed in_him? **6** But if we_may_say: From humans, all the people will_be_stoning us, because/for having_ _been_persuaded Yōannaʸs he_is to_be a_prophet. **7** And they_ _answered, to_have_ not _known from_where. **8** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** said to_them: Neither am_ I _telling to_ _you_all by what authority I_am_doing these things.

Readers' Version

"The coming king has been blessed in the name **of Yahweh**.[232] May there be peace in heaven and brilliant splendour up high there."

39 There were some members of the Farisaios party in the crowd and they suggested to him, "Teacher, tell your followers to stop!"

40 "I'm telling you," Yeshua answered, "that if all of these people stayed silent then the stones would start shouting."

Yeshua cries over Yerushalem

41 As Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) got closer to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he cried over it, **42** saying, "If only you knew how to obtain peace today, but it's been hidden from your eyes, **43** because in the future, your enemies will surround you and build a palisade around you and attack you from every side. **44** Then they'll level you and your children along with you, and they'll topple the stone walls and buildings, because you didn't realise the importance of who was visiting you."

Yeshua throws the traders out of the temple[233]

45 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went into the temple and started throwing out the traders, **46** telling them, "It's been written that 'my house will be a place of prayer,' but you've made it into a den for robbers."[234]

47 After that, he taught in the temple every day,[235] but the chief priests and the religious teachers were looking for a way to execute him, **48** but they didn't come up with a plan, because all the people loved to listen to him.

The leaders challenge Yeshua's authority[236]

20:1 One day when Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the good message, the chief priests and religious teachers and the local elders came to him **2** and demanded, "Tell us what authority you have to do those things, and who gave it to you!"

3 "Well, I'll also ask you people a question," he responded. **4** "When Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) immersed people, was he instructed from heaven or was it just some person's idea?"

5 They discussed this among themselves, reasoning, "If we say 'from heaven', then he'll ask us why we didn't believe that God sent him. **6** But if we say 'from people', then all the people will kill us with rocks, because they believe that Yohan was a prophet." **7** So they answered, "We don't know where his teaching came from."

8 "Well, then," **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "nor will I tell you where I get the authority to do these things."

232 **RV 19:38 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:26.

233 **RV 19:45 · Parallel** Yhn 2:13-22; Mark 11:15-19; Mat. 21:12-17

234 **RV 19:46 · Cross-ref.** Isa 56:7; Jer 7:11.

235 **RV 19:47 · Cross-ref.** Luk 21:37.

236 **RV 20:1 · Parallel** Mark 11:27-33; Mat. 21:23-27

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The parable about killing the owner's son[237]

9 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started telling this parable to the people: "Once a man planted a vineyard[238] and rented it out to tenant farmers before heading off on his trips. **10** At the appropriate time of the year, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect his percentage of the profits, but they beat up the slave and sent him back empty-handed. **11** So he sent another slave, but they also beat that one and dishonoured him, then sent him back empty-handed. **12** So the man sent a third slave, and they also wounded this one and threw him off the property. **13** So the master of the vineyard asked himself, 'What will I do now? Ah, I'll send my dear son—perhaps they'll be swayed by him.' **14** But when the tenants saw the son, they reasoned among themselves, 'This is the heir. If we kill him, then his inheritance will become ours.' **15** So they threw him off the property and killed him.

So then, what will the master of the vineyard do to them? **16** He'll go to the vineyard and destroy those tenant farmers, and will lease the vineyard out to others."

The people listening looked at Yeshua and said, "Surely that could never happen."

17 But he looked them in the eyes and asked, "Then what is this statement that was written in the scriptures?

'The stone which the builders rejected,
that one became the most important stone.'[239]

18 Everyone who falls onto that stone will be shattered,[240] and anyone who that stone falls on will be pulverised."[241]

The question about paying tax[242]

19 Then because the religious teachers and the chief priests knew that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had used that parable to speak about them, they tried at the time to capture him, but couldn't, because they were afraid of the number of people around. **20** So after watching Yeshua closely, they sent agents who pretended to be genuine inquirers so that they could catch him out on some careless statement, and then they could hand him over to the rule and authority of the Romaios governor. **21** They asked him, "Teacher, we know that you say what is right, and that you teach the truth **about God's** way without being influenced by people. **22** So tell us, should we pay tax to the Romaios emperor or not?"

23 But having observed their craftiness, he said to them, **24** "Show me a coin. Whose image and inscription is on it?"

"The emperor's," they replied. **25** "So then," Yeshua continued, "Give the emperor what belongs to him, and what belongs to **God**, give **to God**."

26 So they weren't able to catch him out by making a treasonable statement in front of the people—in fact they were stunned by his answer and didn't ask anything else.

Literal Version

9 And he_began to_be_speaking this ~~the~~ parable to the people: A_man planted a_vineyard, and rented_out it to_tenant_ _farmers, and travelled many times. **10** And in_the_season he_ _sent_out a_slave to the tenant_farmers, in_order_that they_ _will_be_giving to_him from the fruit of_the vineyard. But the tenant_farmers having_beat him sent_ him _away, empty-handed. **11** And he_proceeded to_send another slave, but they, having_beat and having_dishonoured also_that one, they_sent_away him empty-handed. **12** And he_proceeded to_ _send a_third, and they also having_wounded this one, throw_ _out him. **13** And the master of_the vineyard said: What may_I_ _do? I_will_be_sending the ~~the~~ beloved son of_me, perhaps they_will_be_being_swayed by_this one. **14** But having_seen him, the tenant_farmers were_reasoning to one_another saying: This is the heir, we_may_kill_ him _off, in_order_that the inheritance may_become of_us. **15** And having_throw_ him _out outside the vineyard, they_killed_off him. Therefore what ‹will›_ the master of_the vineyard _be_doing to_them? **16** He_ _will_be_coming and will_be_destroying the these tenant_ _farmers, and will_be_giving the vineyard to_others. And having_heard they_said: Never might_it_become. **17** But he having_focused_in on_them said: Therefore what is this the message having_been_written: The_stone which the ones building rejected, this was_become for the_head of_the_ _corner? **18** Everyone ~~which~~ having_fallen on that ~~the~~ stone, will_be_being_shattered, but on whomever ~~wishfully~~ it_may_fall, it_will_be_pulverising him.

19 And the scribes and the chief_priests sought to_lay_on their hands on him, in the_same ~~the~~ hour, and they_were_afraid the people, because/for they_knew that he_spoke ~~the~~ this parable against them. **20** And having_watched_closely, they_sent_out spies pretending themselves to_be righteous, in_order_that they_may_catch of_him a_statement, so_that to_give_ him _ _over to_the rule and ~~the~~ authority of_the governor. **21** And they_asked him saying: Teacher, we_have_known that you_are_ _saying correctly, and you_are_teaching, and you_are_ not _ _receiving any_person, but you_are_teaching the way of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god** in truth. **22** Is_it_permitting for_us to_give tax to_Kaisar or not? **23** But having_observed the craftiness of_them, he_said to them, **24** Show to_me the_daʸnarion_coin, of_whose image and inscription is_it_having? and they said: Of_Kaisar. **25** And he he_said to them: So_now give_back the things of_Kaisar to_ _Kaisar, and the things of_ ~~the~~ **_god** to_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **26** And they_ _were_ not _able to_catch of_the one in_a_message before the people, and having_marvelled at the answer of_him, they_kept_ _silent.

237 **RV 20:9 · Parallel** Mark 12:1-12; Mat. 21:33-46

238 **RV 20:9 · Cross-ref.** Isa 5:1.

239 **RV 20:17 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:22.

240 **RV 20:18 · Cross-ref.** Isa 8:14-15.

241 **RV 20:18 · Cross-ref.** Dan 2:34-35,44-45.

242 **RV 20:19 · Parallel** Mark 12:13-17; Mat. 22:15-22

Literal Version

27 And some of_the Saddoukaios_sect, the ones saying there_ not _to_be a_resurrection having_approached, asked him **28** saying: Teacher, Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) wrote to_us: If brother of_ _anyone may_die_off having a_wife, and this one childless in_ _order_that the brother of_him may_take the wife, and may_ _raise_up seed to_the brother of_him. **29** Therefore there_were seven brothers, and the first, having_taken a_wife, died_off childless, **30** and the second, **31** and the third took her, and likewise also the seven, not left children, and they_died_off. **32** Last the woman also died_off. **33** Therefore in the resurrection, of_which of_them is_she_becoming wife? For/Because the seven had her as_wife. **34** And ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** said to_them: The sons ~~the~~ this of_age are_marrying and are_being_betrothed, **35** but the ones having_been_considered_worthy that of_ ~~the~~ _age, to_obtain and of_the resurrection which is from the_dead, are_ neither _ _marrying nor are_being_betrothed, **36** for/because they_are_ not _being_able to_die_off anymore, because/for/because they_are messenger-like, and they_are sons of_**god**, being sons of_the resurrection. **37** But that the dead are_being_raised, even Mōsaʸs divulged at the thorn_bush, when he_is_calling the_ _**master**: the **god** of_Abraʼam/(ʼAvrāhām), and the_**god** of_ _Isaʼak/(Yitsḥāq), and the_**god** of_Yakōb/(Yaʻaqovʼ). **38** And **god** is not of_the_dead, but of_the_living, because/for to_him all are_living. **39** And some of_the scribes answering said: Teacher, you_spoke well. **40** for/because They_were_ no_longer _daring to_be_asking him nothing.

41 And he_said to them: How are_they_saying the **chosen_ _one/messiah** to_be son of_Dawid/(Dāvid)? **42** For/Because Dawid himself is_saying in the_scroll of_psalms: the **master** Said to_the **master** of_me: Be_sitting on the_right of_me, **43** until ~~wishfully~~ I_may_put the enemies of_you as_a_footstool of_the feet of_you. **44** Therefore Dawid, is_calling him **master**, and how is_he son of_him?

45 And all the people hearing, he_said to_the apprentices/followers of_him, **46** Be_taking_heed of the scribes ~~which~~ wanting to_be_walking in robes, and loving greetings in the marketplaces, and the_best_seats in the synagogues, and the_best_places at the suppers, **47** who are_devouring the houses of_the widows, and they_are_praying long for_a_under_ _pretense. These will_be_receiving more_abundant judgement.

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The question about the resurrection[243]

27 Then some from the Saddoukaios (Sadducee) sect came. They claim there's no resurrection,[244] and they asked Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), **28** "Teacher, Mosheh (Moses) wrote for us that if anyone's married brother should die childless, then the surviving brother should take in the widow so they can produce children in the deceased brother's name.[245] **29** Once there were seven brothers, and the first one had a wife, but died without having children. **30** Then the second brother **31** and the third took her, right through to the seventh, and without leaving any children, they all eventually died. **32** Finally, the woman also died. **33** So when they're resurrected, which brother will she be the wife of? After all, all seven had her as their wife."

34 **Yeshua** answered them, "This generation get engaged and married, **35** but in the next age, those who are considered worthy to be brought back to life from the dead won't get engaged or marry, **36** because they can't die again, but rather they're like God's messengers and are **God's** children, being children of the resurrection. **37** But about the dead being raised, Mosheh (Moses) revealed it at the burning thorn bush when he called **Yahweh** the **god** of Avraham and of Yitshak (Isaac) and of Ya'akov (Jacob),[246] **38** and **God** is not the **god** of the dead, but of the living, because to him, everyone is living."

39 "Teacher, you answered well," some of the religious teachers affirmed, **40** and no one dared to ask him anything else after that.

How can the messiah be David's descendant?[247]

41 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) asked them, "How can the experts say that the **messiah** is a descendant of King David? **42** Because David said in his songs:

'**Yahweh** said to my **master**,
Sit here on my right
43 until I cause your enemies to be defeated.'[248]

44 So if David calls the messiah his **master**, how can he also be his descendant?"

Yeshua warns about the religious teachers[249]

45 While all the people were still listening, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told his followers, **46** "Watch out for the religious teachers who enjoy walking around in their robes and love the greetings they get in the marketplaces and the best seats in the Jewish meeting halls and the best places at the dinners, **47** but they take advantage of widows' homes and they make their prayers long to impress others. These people will receive a harsher judgement."

243 **RV 20:27 · Parallel** Mark 12:18-27; Mat. 22:23-33

244 **RV 20:27 · Cross-ref.** Acts 23:8.

245 **RV 20:28 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:5.

246 **RV 20:37 · Cross-ref.** Exo 3:6.

247 **RV 20:41 · Parallel** Mark 12:35-37; Mat. 22:41-46

248 **RV 20:42-43 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.

249 **RV 20:45 · Parallel** Mark 12:38-40; Mat. 23:1-36

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The widow's sacrificial offering[250]

21:1 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) looked up, he saw some wealthy people throwing their gifts into the temple treasury basket. **2** He also noticed a poor widow who threw in two small copper coins. **3** "I can assure you all," he said, "that this poor widow threw more in than all the others, **4** because they all donated out of their plentiful wealth, but she in her poverty, gave her food budget."

Yeshua predicts the destruction of the temple[251]

5 Meanwhile, some were talking about the temple building that had been constructed with beautifully cut stones and dedicated with promises to God, but Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) said, **6** "In the future, all of this that you're all looking at, will be torn down in such a way that not one of those stones will be left sitting on top of another."

Yeshua foretells signs and persecution[252]

7 Then they asked Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "Teacher, when will those things all happen, and what will be the sign that they're about to happen?"

8 "Be careful," he answered, "in case you all get deceived, because lots of people will come using my name and saying, 'I'm him,' or 'The time has come.' Don't follow after them, **9** and whenever you all hear about wars and disturbances, don't be terrified, because all these things do need to happen first, but they don't mean that the end will be right then."

10 Then he told them, "Various countries and kingdoms will attack each other **11** and there'll be huge earthquakes, and famines and diseases and other frightening events, as well as widespread signs from the sky.

12 "But before all that happens, they'll be arresting you all, and persecuting you. You'll be handed over to the Jewish meeting halls and prisons. Some of you will be stood in front of kings and governors because of my name **13** but it will turn out to be a way to tell them about me. **14** So be confident that you all don't need to figure out in advance what you will say in your defence[253] **15** because I'll give you the words to say and wisdom which all of those opposing you won't be able to resist or speak against. **16** But you'll also be turned in even by parents and siblings, other relatives and friends, and some of you will be sentenced to death. **17** You all will be hated by everyone because of my name, **18** but it's certain that not a single hair on your head will be lost, **19** but by your endurances, you'll actually be gaining your lives.

Yeshua foretells Yerushalem's destruction[254]

20 "However, when you all see Yerushalem (Jerusalem) being surrounded by armies, then you'll know that the time of her abandonment is close. **21** Then those who are in Yehudah (Judea) should flee to the hills and those in the central area

Literal Version

21:1 And having_looked_up, he_saw the_rich the ones casting the gifts of_them into the treasury. **2** And he_saw a_certain poor widow, casting two leptons. there. **3** And he_said: Truly I_ _am_saying to_you_all that ~~the~~ this ~~the~~ poor widow, throw more than all, **4** for/because all these throw in their gifts out_of the wealth being_plentiful to_them, but this woman throw out_of the need of_her, all the living which she_was_having.

5 And as_some speaking about the temple that has_been_ _adorned with_ good _stones and with_offerings, he_said, **6** These things which you_all_are_observing, days will_be_ _coming in which stone ‹will›_ not _be_being_left on stone, here, which ‹will›_ not _be_being_torn_down.

7 And they_asked him saying: Teacher, therefore when things these will_be, and what the sign whenever these things may_ _be_going to_be_becoming? **8** And he said: Be_watching_out, lest you_all_may_be_strayed, because/for many will_be_coming in the name of_me saying: I am he, and: The time has_neared. You_all_may_ not _be_gone after them. **9** And whenever you_ _all_may_hear wars and disturbances, you_all_may_ not _be_ _terrified, because/for it_is_fitting these things to_become first, but the end not is immediately. **10** Then he_was_saying to_ _them: Nation will_be_being_raised against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, **11** both great earthquakes, and in different places, will_be famines and pestilences, and fearful_ _sights and from the_sky will_be great signs **12** But before all these things, they_will_be_laying_on on you_all the hands of_ _them, and they_will_be_persecuting, giving_over to the synagogues and prisons, being_led_away before kings and governors, on_account the name of_me. **13** it_will_be_turning_ _out a_testimony for to_you_all. **14** Therefore purpose in the hearts of_you_all not to_be_premeditating to_be_defended, **15** for/because I will_be_giving a_mouth and wisdom to_you_ _all, to_which they_‹will›_ not _be_able to_resist or to_speak_ _against all the ones opposing to_you_all. **16** But you_all_will_ _be_being_given_over even by parents, and brothers, and relatives, and friends, and they_will_be_putting_to_death some from you_all. **17** And you_all_will_be being_hated by all because_of the name of_me. **18** But a_hair of the head of_you_ _all, by_no_means may_ not _perish. **19** By the endurance of_ _you_all, you_all_will_be_acquiring the lives of_you_all.

20 But whenever you_all_may_see Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) being_surrounded by armies, then know that the desolation of_her has_neared. **21** Then the ones in ~~the~~ Youdaia, let_them_be_fleeing to the mountains, and the ones in midst of_her, let_them_be_departing_out, and the ones in the countries, them_let_ not _be_coming_in into her.

250 **RV 21:1 · Parallel** Mark 12:41-44

251 **RV 21:5 · Parallel** Mark 13:1-2; Mat. 24:1-2

252 **RV 21:7 · Parallel** Mark 13:3-13; Mat. 24:3-14

253 **RV 21:14-15 · Cross-ref.** Luk 12:11-12.

254 **RV 21:20 · Parallel** Mark 13:14-19; Mat. 24:15-21

Literal Version

22 Because these are days of_vengeance ~~which~~ to_be_fulfilled all the things having_been_written. 23 And woe to_the women having child in womb and to_the women nursing in those ~~the~~ days, because/for will_be great hardship on the land, and severe_anger ~~the~~ on_ this _people. 24 And they_will_be_falling by_the_edge of_the_sword, and they_will_be_being_made_ _captive into all the nations, and Hierousalaʸm will_be being_ _trodden by the_pagans, until of_which the_times of_the_ _pagans may_be_fulfilled.

25 And there_will_be signs in the_sun, and moon, and stars, and anguish of_nations on the earth, with perplexity of_the_sound of_the_sea and surf, 26 people fainting from fear and expectation of_the things coming_over to_the inhabited_world, because/for the powers of_the heavens will_be_being_shaken. 27 And then they_will_be_seeing the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man, coming in a_cloud with power and great glory. 28 But these things beginning to_be_becoming, straighten_up and lift_up the heads of_you_all, because the redemption of_you_all is_nearing.

29 And he_said parable to_them: Watch the fig_tree and all the trees, 30 whenever they_may_put_forward already, seeing them for yourselves, you_all_are_knowing that already the summer is near. 31 Thus also you_all, whenever you_all_may_see these things becoming, be_knowing that the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ _**god** is near. 32 Truly, I_am_saying to_you_all that by_no_means may_ not _pass_away ~~the~~ this generation, until ~~wishfully~~ all things may_become. 33 The heaven and the earth will_be_passing_ _away, but the messages of_me by_no_means ‹will›_ not _be_ _passing_away.
34 And be_taking_heed to_yourselves, lest the hearts of_you_all may_be_weighed_down with dissipation, and drunkenness, and worries of_living, and that sudden ~~the~~ day may_approach on you_all 35 as a_snare, because/for it_will_be_coming_in on all the ones sitting on the_face of_all the earth. 36 Be_watching and at every season, beseeching that you_all_may_prevail to_ _escape all these things ~~which~~ going to_be_becoming, and to_ _be_stood before the son of_ ~~the~~ _Man. 37 And he_was teaching in the temple in_the days, but the in_the_nights coming_out, he_was_lodging on the mountain ~~which~~ being_called of_Olives. 38 And all the people was_coming_at_dawn to him in the temple to_be_hearing from_him.

22:1 And the feast of_ ~~the~~ _non-fermented bread, ~~which~~ being_ _called the_passover_feast was_nearing. 2 And the chief_priests and the scribes were_seeking, the way how they_may_kill him,

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should get out, and foreigners should no longer go there 22 because that will be a time of vengeance when what's been written will come to pass.[255] 23 It'll be so hard for pregnant and breast-feeding women at that time because there'll be incredible distress in the country and severe anger towards the Jewish people. 24 They'll be cut down with swords and taken to many other countries as slaves, then Yerushalem will be overrun by non-Jews until the times given to the non-Jews will be fulfilled.

The return of the son of humanity[256]

25 "There'll be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,[257] and anguish in countries around the world as they're puzzled by the noise of the sea and surf. 26 People will faint from fear and worry about what's happening to the planet, because the powers in the universe[258] will be shaken. 27 Then they'll see the son of humanity coming down in a cloud with power and great brightness.[259] 28 But when these things start to happen, stand straight and look upwards, because your new lives of freedom will be about to begin."

Recognising the end by the season[260]

29 Then he told them a parable: "Watch the fig tree and all the trees. 30 Whenever you see shoots start appearing, you know that summer is not far away. 31 Similarly when you all see those things starting to happen, you will know that **God's** kingdom is close.

32 "I can assure you all that that generation certainly won't pass away until all those events come to an end. 33 The sky and the earth will pass away, but my statements will certainly not pass away.

Stay alert and pray

34 Watch your own lives in case you end up focused on partying and drunkenness and day-to-day living, because then that sudden end might snap on you 35 like an animal trap, because it will hit everyone all over the planet. 36 No matter what the season, stay alert, asking God that you'll all have the strength to escape all those things going to happen, and at the end to be able to stand in front of the son of humanity."

37 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was teaching in the temple during the day,[261] but he'd leave in the evening and go and stay on the Mt. of Olives, 38 but all the people would return to the temple again the next day at dawn to listen to him again.

The plan to kill Yeshua[262]

22:1 By then the *Flat Bread Celebration* was getting closer—part of the Passover cele-

255 **RV 21:22 · Cross-ref.** Hos 9:7.

256 **RV 21:25 · Parallel** Mark 13:24-27; Mat. 24:29-31

257 **RV 21:25 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:10; Eze 32:7; Yoel 2:31; Rev 6:12-13.

258 **RV 21:26 · Note** This could possibly be referring to a shake-up of spiritual powers, but more likely refers to the physical universe from our moon and solar system outwards.

259 **RV 21:27 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:13; Rev 1:7.

260 **RV 21:29 · Parallel** Mark 13:28-31; Mat. 24:32-35

261 **RV 21:37 · Cross-ref.** Luk 19:47.

262 **RV 22:1 · Parallel** Yhn 11:45-53; Mark 14:1-2; Mat. 26:1-5

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brations,[263] 2 and the chief priests and the religious teachers were trying to find a way to kill Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) without causing the people to riot.

Yehudah agrees to betray Yeshua[264]

3 Then Satan entered Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) Iskariot, one of the twelve apprentices. 4 He left the others and went to the chief priests and their officers to discuss a way that he could turn Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) over to them. 5 They were very pleased and decided to give him some silver, 6 so agreeing to that, he started looking for an opportunity to turn Yeshua over to them sometime when he wasn't surrounded by a crowd.

Yeshua organises their Passover dinner[265]

7 Then the day of the flat bread dinner arrived when the Passover celebration is observed. 8 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) sent Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), telling them, "Go on ahead and prepare our Passover meal ready for us to eat."

9 "Where should we prepare it?" they asked. 10 "Listen," he said, "go ahead and when you enter the city you'll meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him into the house that he goes into. 11 Then tell the home-owner that the teacher wants to know where the guest room is so that he can eat the Passover meal with his apprentices 12 and he'll show you a large upper room that's already set up. That's where you should prepare the meal." 13 So the two of them went on ahead and found it exactly like he'd told them, and so they prepared the Passover dinner.

The cups and the bread at dinner[266]

14 When it was time to eat, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and his apprentices sat down together 15 and he told them, "I've been really looking forward to eating this pass-over dinner with you all before my time of suffering begins, 16 because I'm telling you that I certainly won't eat it again until it's fulfilled in **God's** kingdom."

17 Then when the wine cup was passed to him, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves, 18 because I'm telling you that after this, I won't drink the product of the vines again until **God's** kingdom comes.

19 Then picking up some bread and giving thanks, he broke the bread apart and gave it to them saying, "This is my body which is being given for you all. Do this when you remember me." 20 Similarly with the cup of wine that comes after they've eaten, he said, "This cup is the new agreement in my blood[267] which will be poured out for you all.[268]

21 "However, the one who will turn me in is sitting with me at the table.[269] 22 Now, the son of humanity has to endure what's been previously designated, but on the other hand, it won't end

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because/for they_were_fearing the people.

3 And Satan/(Sāṭān) came_in into Youdas/(Yəhūdāh), the one being_called Iskariōtaʸs, being of the number of_the twelve. 4 And having_gone_away, he_conversed_with with_the chief_ _priests and officers, the way how he_may_give_ him _over to_ _them. 5 And they_were_elated and they_decided to_give to_ _him silver. 6 And he_consented, and was_seeking opportunity ~~which~~ to_give_ him _over to_them without a_crowd.

7 And the day ~~the~~ of_non-fermented bread came, in_which it_ _was_fitting the passover_feast to_be_being_sacrificed. 8 And he_sent_out Petros and Yōannaʸs having_said: Having_been_ _gone, prepare the passover_feast for_us, in_order_that we_ _may_eat it. 9 And they said to_him: Where are_you_willing we_ _may_prepare? 10 And he said to_them: Behold, of_you_all having_come_in into the city, a_man, bearing a_pitcher of_ _water, will_be_meeting with_you_all, follow after_him into the house into which he_is_entering_in. 11 And you_all_will_be_ _saying to_the home_owner of_the house: The teacher is_ _saying to_you: Where is the guest_room, where I_may_eat the passover_feast with the apprentices/followers of_me? 12 And_ _that one will_be_showing to_you_all a_ large _upper_room, having_been_furnished, prepare there. 13 And having_gone_ _away, they_found it as he_had_said to_them, and they_ _prepared the passover_feast.

14 And when the hour became, he_sat_down and the ambassadors with him. 15 And he_said to them: With_desire I_ _desired to_eat this ~~the~~ passover_feast with you_all, before the time for_me to_suffer. 16 For/Because I_am_saying to_you_all that by_no_means I_may_ not _eat it, until of_which it_may_be_ _fulfilled in the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 17 And having_received the_cup, having_given_thanks he_said: Take this, and divide it among themselves. 18 For/Because I_am_saying to_you_all, by_ _no_means I_may_ not _drink of the fruit of_the vine from the time now, until of_which the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** may_come. 19 And having_taken the_bread, having_given_thanks, he_broke and gave it to_them saying: This is the body of_me, which being_given for you_all, be_doing this in ~~the~~ my remembrance. 20 Also the cup likewise after which to_dine saying: This ~~the~~ cup is the new covenant in the blood of_me, which being_poured_ _out for you_all is. 21 However see, the hand of_the one giving_ _over me is with me on the table. 22 Because on_one_hand the son of_ ~~the~~ _man is_going according_to the place having_been_ _designated, on_the_other_hand woe to_ ~~the~~ that _man by whom he_is_being_given_over.

263 **RV 22:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-27.

264 **RV 22:3 · Parallel** Mark 14:10-11; Mat. 26:14-16

265 **RV 22:7 · Parallel** Yhn 13:21-30; Mark 14:12-21; Mat. 26:17-25

266 **RV 22:14 · Parallel** Mark 14:22-26; Mat. 26:26-30; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

267 **RV 22:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:8.

268 **RV 22:20 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:31-34.

269 **RV 22:21 · Cross-ref.** Psa 41:9.

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23 And they began to_be_debating to themselves, ~~which~~ who consequently it_might_be of them, who going to_be_doing this. 24 And it_ also _became a_contention among them, that which of_them is_supposing to_be the_greater. 25 And he said to_ _them: The kings of_the pagans are_mastering of_them, and the ones having_authority over_them: are_being_called benefactors. 26 But you_all not thus, but the greater among you_all, him _let_be_becoming as the younger, and the one leading, as the one serving. 27 For/Because who is greater, the one reclining or the one serving? Not the one reclining? But in the_midst of_you_all I am as the one serving. 28 And you_all are the ones having_continued with me, in the trials of_me. 29 And_I am_covenanting to_you_all as the father of_me covenanted a_kingdom to_me, 30 in_order_that you_all_may_ _be_eating and you_all_may_be_drinking at the table of_me in the kingdom of_me, and you_all_are_sitting on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of_ ~~the~~ _Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl).

31 Simōn, Simōn, see, ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) requested to_sift you_ _all ~~which~~ as ~~the~~ wheat, 32 but I was_besought for you that the faith of_you may_ not _fail, and you once having_turned_back, strengthen the brothers of_you. 33 And he he_said to_him: **master**, I_am ready to_be_going with you both to prison and to death. 34 And he said: I_am_telling to_you, Petros, the_rooster ‹will› by_no_means _be_crowing today, until three-times you_ _will_be_renouncing to_have_known me.

35 And he_said to_them: When I_sent_ you_all _out without purse, and knapsack, and sandals, not you_all_lacked of_ _anything? And they said: Of_nothing. 36 and He_said to_them: But now the one having a_purse let_him_take_up it, likewise also a_knapsack, and the one not having, a_sword let_him_sell the coat of_him, and let_him_buy. 37 For/Because I_am_saying to_you_all that this which having_been_written, it_is_fitting to_ _be_accomplished in me, ~~which~~ And he_was_counted with the_ _lawless, because/for also the thing concerning me is_having an_end. 38 And they said: **master**, see, two swords here are. And he said to_them, it_is Much.

39 And having_come_out, he_was_gone according_to the custom to the Mount of_ ~~the~~ _Olives, and the apprentices/followers also followed after_him. 40 And having_

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well for the man who turns him in."

The apprentices argue about being the greatest

23 This got them debating among themselves about which one of them it might be who was going to do that 24 and it soon turned into a dispute between them about which one of them was the greatest,[270] 25 so Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) said, "In other countries, the kings are the masters over the people and they call themselves 'benefactors' of those they have authority over. 26 But all of you shouldn't be like that, but rather the greatest one of you should become like the youngest, and the one who leads you all should become like the servant.[271] 27 Because who is greater: the one on the couch, or the one who's serving? Isn't it the one on the couch? But among all of you, I'm like the one serving[272] 28 and you all are the ones who have stuck with me even in my trials.

29 "And I'm making an agreement with you (just like my father agreed that the kingdom would be mine), 30 so that you all will be able to eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you'll sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Yisrael (Israel).[273]

Yeshua predicts Kefa's denial[274]

31 "Shim'on (Simon), Shim'on, Satan has requested to sift you all like wheat grains, 32 but I interceded for you that your faith wouldn't fail and that once you turn back again, you'll strengthen your brothers."

33 "**Master**," Shim'on responded, "I'm prepared to go to prison with you, or even to die."

34 "I can tell you, Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros)," replied Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "that the rooster certainly won't crow today until you've gone and three times denied even knowing me."

Take a wallet, backpack, and sword now

35 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "When I sent you all out without a wallet or backpack or spare sandals, did you have to go without anything?"[275]

"Nothing," they answered.

36 "But now," Yeshua continued, "if you have a wallet, take it and same with a backpack. If you don't have a sword, sell your coat and buy one, 37 because it was written that 'he was considered to be a lawbreaker'[276] and I'm telling you all that everything that was written about me, will be fulfilled and my time here is soon about to end.

38 "**Master**," they said, "we've got two swords here."

"That's plenty," he replied.

Yeshua prays in the garden[277]

39 Then leaving the upper room, he went to the Mt. of Olives as usual and his ap-

270 **RV 22:24 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 9:34; Mat 18:1; Luk 9:46.

271 **RV 22:26 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 9:35; Mat 23:11.

272 **RV 22:27 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 13:12-15.

273 **RV 22:30 · Cross-ref.** Mat 19:28.

274 **RV 22:31 · Parallel** Yhn 13:36-38; Mark 14:27-31; Mat. 26:31-35

275 **RV 22:35 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 6:8-9; Mat 10:9-10; Luk 9:3; 10:4.

276 **RV 22:37 · Cross-ref.** Isa 53:12.

277 **RV 22:39 · Parallel** Mark 14:32-42; Mat. 26:36-46

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prentices followed him. 40 When they got to the place, he told them, "You all pray that you won't give in to temptation."

41 Then he went on several metres, and kneeling on the ground, he prayed, 42 "Father, if you want, allow me to avoid this suffering, however, I want to do what you want—not just what I want." 43 ◘ 44 ◘

45 Then standing again after praying, he went back to the apprentices and found that they'd fallen asleep from the sorrow 46 and he asked them, "Why are you all sleeping? Sit up and pray that you won't give in to temptation."

Yeshua is arrested at night[278]

47 While he was still speaking, wow, a crowd turned up with Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) Iskariot in the front, and he went up **to Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) to kiss him. 48 But **Yeshua** asked him, "Yehudah, are you turning in the son of humanity with a kiss?"

49 When the other apprentices around Yeshua saw what was about to happen, they asked, "**Master**, should we attack with our swords?" 50 Then one of them slashed at the chief priest's slave and sliced off his right ear.

51 "That's gone far enough!" countered **Yeshua**, and touching the side of the man's head, he healed him.

52 Then **Yeshua** spoke to those who had come to capture him—the chief priests and temple officers and the local elders, "So you all came out here with swords and clubs as if I was a robber? 53 I was there in the temple with you all everyday[279] and yet you didn't arrest me there. Yes, because this is your time: with the power of the darkness."

Kefa denies knowing Yeshua[280]

54 Then after capturing Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), they led him along to the chief priest's house, but Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) followed them from a distance. 55 The staff at the chief priest's place had lit a fire to sit around in the middle of the courtyard, and Kefa slipped in with them. 56 Then a servant girl noticed him in the light, and peering at him she said, "This man was with him as well."

57 But Kefa disowned him, saying, "Woman, I don't even know him."

58 A little while later, someone else noticed him and said, "You're also one of them!"

"Man, I'm not!" Kefa retorted.

59 About an hour later, someone else insisted on saying, "This fellow was definitely with him because he's also a Galili!"

60 "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Kefa responded, and while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

61 Just then the **master** turned and looked at Kefa, and he suddenly remembered what the **master** had said, "Before the rooster crows today, three times you'll deny even knowing me." 62 Then Kefa went out of the courtyard and cried like a baby.

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_become to the place, he_said to_them: Be_praying to_ not _ _come_in into temptation. 41 And he was_withdrawn from them about a_stone throw, and having_knelt the knees, he_ _was_praying 42 saying: father, if you_are_wishing, take_away this ~~the~~ cup from me, however not the will of_me, but ~~the~~ let_ your will _be_becoming. 43 ◘ 44 ◘ 45 And having_risen_up from the prayer, having_come to the apprentices/followers, he_found them being_fallen_asleep from the sorrow, 46 and he_ _said to_them: Why are_you_all_sleeping? Having_risen_up be_ _praying that you_all_may_ not _come_in into temptation.

47 Still of_him speaking, see, a_crowd and the one being_called Youdas/(Yəhūdāh), one of_the twelve, was_going_ahead them, and he_neared ~~the~~ to_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** to_kiss him. 48 But **Ya^{y}sous** said to_him: Youdas, are_you_giving_over the son of_ ~~the~~ _man with_a_kiss? 49 And the ones around him having_seen what going_to be, they_said: **master**, ~~if~~ ‹will›_we_be_striking with the_sword? 50 And a_certain one of them he_struck the slave of_the chief_priest, and he_cut_off the ~~the~~ right ear of_ _him. 51 But ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** answering said: Be_allowing as_far_as this. And having_touched against_the ear, he_healed him. 52 And **Ya^{y}sous** said to the ones having_come against him, chief_priests, and officers of_the temple, and elders, you_all_ _came_out with swords and clubs As against a_robber? 53 In_ _every day of_me being with you_all in the temple, you_all_ not _stretched_out your hands against me. But this is the hour of_ _you_all, and the power of_the darkness.

54 And having_captured him, they_led him and brought_in him into the house of_the chief_priest. But ~~the~~ Petros was_following afar. 55 And having_kindled a_fire in the_midst of_the courtyard, and having_sat_together, ~~the~~ Petros was_sitting in_ _the_midst of_them. 56 And having_seen him, a_ certain _ _servant_girl sitting near the light, and having_looked_intently at_him said: This one was also with him. 57 But he disowned him saying: I_have_ not _known him, woman. 58 And after a_ _little, another having_seen him was_saying: You are also of them. But ~~the~~ Petros was_saying: Man, I_am not. 59 And one hour having_passed_by about, a_certain other was_insisting saying: In truth also this one was with him, because/for he_is also a_Galilaios. 60 But ~~the~~ Petros said: Man, I_have_ not _known what you_are_saying. And immediately of_him still speaking, the_rooster crowed. 61 And the **master** having_been_turned, focused_in ~~the~~ on_Petros, and ~~the~~ Petros was_reminded of_the message of_the **master**, how he_said to_him, ~~that~~ Before the_ _rooster to_crow today, you_will_be_renouncing me three-times. 62 And having_come_out outside, he_wept bitterly.

278 **RV 22:47 · Parallel** Yhn 18:3-11; Mark 14:43-50; Mat. 26:47-56

279 **RV 22:53 · Cross-ref.** Luk 19:47; 21:37.

280 **RV 22:54 · Parallel** Yhn 18:12-18,25-27; Mark 14:53-54,66-72; Mat. 26:57-58,69-75

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63 And the men ~~which~~ holding him, were_mocking at_him beating. **64** And having_blindfolded him, they_were_asking saying: Prophesy, who is the one having_struck you? **65** And they_were_saying many other things slandering, to him.

66 And when it_became day, the council_of_elders of_the people, both chief_priests and scribes was_gathered_together, and they_led_away him into the council of_them **67** saying: If you are the **chosen_one/messiah**, tell to_us. But he_said to_ _them: If I_may_tell to_you_all, by_no_means you_all_may_ not _believe, **68** and if I_may_ask, by_no_means you_all_may_ not _ _answer. **69** And from the time now the son of_ ~~the~~ _man will_be sitting on the_right of_the power of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **70** and said all: Therefore are you the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**? And he was_saying to them: You_all are_saying that I am. **71** And they said: What are_ _we_having need of_testimony anymore? For/Because ourselves we_heard it from the mouth of_him.

23:1 And all the multitude of_them having_risen_up, they_led him to ~~the~~ Pilatos. **2** And they_began to_be_accusing against_ _him saying: We_found this man perverting the nation of_us, and forbidding to_be_giving taxes to_Kaisar, and saying himself the_**chosen_one/messiah**, a_king to_be. **3** And ~~the~~ Pilatos asked him saying: Are you the king of_the Youdaiōns? And he answering to_him he_was_saying: You are_saying it. **4** And ~~the~~ Pilatos said to the chief_priests and the crowds: I_am_finding not_one guilty in ~~the~~ this man. **5** But they were_insisting saying, ~~that~~ He_is_stirring_up the people, teaching throughout all the Youdaia, having_begun from ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl) as_far_as here.

6 And Pilatos having_heard, he_asked whether the man is a_ _Galilaios. **7** And having_known that he_is from the domain of_ _Haʸrōdaʸs, he_sent_ him _up to ~~the~~ Haʸrōdaʸs, himself being also at Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) in these ~~the~~ days. **8** And ~~the~~ Haʸrōdaʸs having_seen ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, was_ _elated exceedingly, because/for he_was of much times wanting to_see him, because_of the thing to_be_hearing concerning him, and he_was_hoping to_see a_certain sign becoming by him. **9** And he_was_asking him in many messages, but he he_answered nothing to_him. **10** And the chief_priests and the scribes had_stood vigorously accusing against_him. **11** And ~~the~~ Haʸrōdaʸs with the armies of_him having_ also _ _scorned him, and having_mocked him having_thrown_ splendid clothing _around him, he_sent_up him to_ ~~the~~ _Pilatos. **12** And on same ~~the~~ day ~~the~~ both Haʸrōdaʸs and ~~the~~ Pilatos became friends with one_another, because/for they_were_ _previously_starting being at enmity with themselves.

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Yeshua is mocked and beaten[281]

63 Meanwhile the officers who were holding Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started mocking him and beating him. **64** They blindfolded him and then challenged him, "Prophesy and tell us who just slapped you!" **65** as well as saying many other things to insult him.

Yeshua's brief interrogation by the Jewish council[282]

66 As the daylight came, the council of local elders including both the chief priests and the religious teachers, gathered together and Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was led in to the council **67** who demanded, "If you're the **messiah**, tell us so."

"Even if I told you," he replied, "you certainly wouldn't believe me, **68** and if I asked you all anything, you certainly wouldn't answer. **69** But from now on, the son of humanity will be sitting in the seat of power at **God's** right hand."

70 "So then, you *are* **God's** son!" they all reacted.

"Well, you're all saying that I am," he said.

71 "Why would we need any more witnesses than this?" they asked, "because we heard it ourselves straight out of his mouth."

Yeshua is taken to Pilatos[283]

23:1 Then the whole group of Jewish leaders stood up and led him to Pilatos (Pilate) **2** where they started to bring their accusations, "We found this man perverting our nation and telling the people not to pay taxes to Kaisar. He calls himself **the messiah** and claims to be a king."

3 "Are you the king of the Yehudim (Jews)?" Pilatos asked him.

"You're the one saying it," Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) answered.

4 Then Pilatos told the chief priests and the crowds, "I can't find anything that this man is guilty of."

5 But they kept insisting, "He's been stirring up the people, teaching throughout all Yehudah (Judea). He started in Galil then worked his way all the way down here."

Yeshua is taken to Herodes

6 When Pilatos (Pilate) heard that, he asked if the prisoner was a Galili, **7** and when he discovered that he was from King Herodes's (Herod's) jurisdiction, he sent him across to Herodes as he also happened to be in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) at that time. **8** Herodes was very pleased when he saw **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) being brought in because he'd been wanting to see him for quite some time because of everything he'd heard about him. He was hoping to see Yeshua do a miracle in front of his eyes **9** and asked him lots of questions, but Yeshua didn't answer any of them. **10** Meanwhile the chief priests and the religious teachers were standing there loudly making many accusations against him. **11** Then Herodes and his soldiers also insulted and mocked Yeshua, and dressing him in posh clothes, Herodes sent him back to Pilatos. **12** After that day, Herodes and Pilatos became friends with each other. (Before then they'd opposed each other.)

281 **RV 22:63 · Parallel** Mark 14:65; Mat. 26:67-68

282 **RV 22:66 · Parallel** Yhn 18:19-24; Mark 14:55-64; Mat. 26:59-66

283 **RV 23:1 · Parallel** Yhn 18:28-38; Mark 15:1-5; Mat. 27:1-2,11-14

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The innocent prisoner sentenced to death[284]

13 So Pilatos (Pilate) called together the chief priests and the local leaders and the people 14 and told them, "You brought this man to me for stirring up the people, but listen, I've examined him in front of you all and I find him to be not guilty of anything that you're all accusing him of, 15 and Herodes (Herod) didn't either, because he just sent him back to us. Now listen, he's done nothing worthy of a death sentence 16 so I'll have him disciplined and then discharged.

17 ◘ 18 But they all yelled out in unison, "Take him away and release Bar-Aba (Grk. Barabbas) instead!" 19 (Bar-Aba had been thrown into prison for murder after an uprising that had occurred in the city.)

20 Pilatos called out again to them wanting to release **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) 21 but they kept yelling, "Execute him on a post! Execute him on a post!"

22 He tried a third time, "But what crime has this man committed? I've found nothing worthy of the death sentence, so I'll discipline him and then release him."

23 But they kept loudly insisting that he be executed on a post, and the yelling of the crowd was strong enough to convince Pilatos, 24 so he conceded to their request 25 and released the one thrown into prison for murder and rebellion, but he conceded to sentence **Yeshua** as they had wanted.

Yeshua is hung on a pole[285]

26 As the Romaios soldiers led Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) out of the city, they grabbed a man that was coming in from the countryside. He was Shim'on (Simon) from Kurainai (Cyrene), and they forced him to carry the post and follow along behind **Yeshua**.

27 Following along behind them, was a large crowd of people including women who were wailing for Yeshua and chanting sad songs, 28 but he turned to them and spoke, "Women of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), don't weep for me. Weep for yourselves and for your children, 29 because the time is coming when they'll say, 'Blessed are the childless couples and the women who never bore or raised a child.' 30 Then they'll start begging the mountains to fall on top of them and begging the hills to smother them,[286] 31 because if this is what happens while we're still a nation, what will happen when the country is gone?"

32 There were also two other criminals being led along to be executed with Yeshua.

33 When they got to the place named 'The Skull', they attached Yeshua onto a post[287] and the same for the two criminals, one on each side of him, 34 but when they divided his clothes, the soldiers threw dice to divide them up.[288]

35 The people observing were standing there, and some of the

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13 And Pilatos having_called_together the chief_priests, and the rulers, and the people, 14 said to them: You_all_brought this ~~the~~ man to_me, as turning_away the people, but see, I having_examined him before you_all, I_found nothing in ~~the~~ this man guilty of_which you_all_are_accusing against him. 15 But not_even Ha^{y}rōda^{y}s did, because/for he_sent_ him _up. to us. And see, nothing worthy of_death is having_been_done by_him. 16 Therefore having_disciplined him, I_will_be_ _sending_away him. 17 ◘ 18 But They_cried_out all_together saying: Be_taking_away this man, and send_ ~~The~~ Barabbas _ _away to_us. 19 Who was, having_been_throw in the prison because_of a_certain insurrection having_become in the city and murder. 20 And again ~~the~~ Pilatos called_out to_them, wanting to_send_ ~~The~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** _away. 21 But they were_crying_out saying: Be_executing_on_a_stake, be_ _executing_on_a_stake him. 22 And thirdly he said to them: For/Because what evil did this man? I_found not_one cause of_ _death in him. Therefore having_disciplined him, I_will_be_ _sending_away him. 23 And they were_imposing with_ loud _ _voices, requesting him to_be_executed_on_a_stake, and the voices of_them. were_prevailing. 24 And Pilatos sentenced the request of_them to_become. 25 And sent_away the one having_ _been_throw into ~~the~~ because_of insurrection and murder prison, whom they_were_requesting, but ~~the~~ he_gave_ **Ya^{y}sous** _over to_the will of_them.

26 And as they_led_away him, having_taken_hold_of Simōn, a_ _certain from_Kura^{y}na^{y} coming from the_country, they_put_ the stake _on to_him, to_be_carrying behind ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**. 27 And a_great multitude of_the people was_following with_ _him, and of_women who were_mourning and were_lamenting him. 28 But **Ya^{y}sous** having_been_turned to them, said: Daughters of_Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), be_ not _weeping for me, however be_weeping for yourselves, and for the children of_you_all. 29 Because see, days are_coming in which they_will_be_saying: Blessed are the barren, and wombs that not bore, and breasts that not nursed. 30 Then they_will_be_ _beginning to_be_saying to_the mountains: Fall on us, and to_ _the hills: Cover us. 31 Because if they_are_doing these things in the green tree, what may_become in the dry? 32 And two other criminals were_ also _being_led with him to_be_killed. 33 And when they_came to the place ~~which~~ being_called the_ _skull, there they_executed_on_a_stake him and the criminals, one on_one_hand on the_right, one on_the_other_hand on the_ _left. 34 But dividing the clothes of_him, they_throw a_lot. 35 And the people observing had_stood. and the rulers they_ _were_sneering_at him also saying, he_saved others, let_him_ _save himself, if this is the **chosen_one/messiah**, the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, the chosen one. 36 And the soldiers they_mocked at_ _him also approaching, offering wine_vinegar to_him, 37 and saying: If you are the king of_the Youdaiōns, save yourself.

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284 **RV 23:13 · Parallel** Yhn 18:39–19:16; Mark 15:6-15; Mat. 27:15-26

285 **RV 23:26 · Parallel** Yhn 19:17-27; Mark 15:21-32; Mat. 27:32-44

286 **RV 23:30 · Cross-ref.** Hos 10:8; Rev 6:16.

287 **RV 23:33 · Note** Luke doesn't state whether or not the post had a cross-piece (which would then form a cross or a T).

288 **RV 23:34 · Cross-ref.** Psa 22:18.

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38 And was also an_inscription over him: The king of_the Youdaiōns this is. 39 And one of_the criminals having_been_ _hanged was_slandering him saying: Are you not the **chosen_ _one/messiah**? Save yourself and us. 40 But the other one answering giving_rebuke to_him was_saying: Not_even are_ you _fearing ~~the~~ **god**, that you_are in the same judgement? 41 And we on_one_hand justly, because/for we_are_taking_back worthy things of_what we_did, on_the_other_hand this one did not_one amiss. 42 And he_was_saying: **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, Be_reminded of_me, whenever you_may_come in the kingdom of_you. 43 And he_said to_him: Truly, I_am_saying to_you, today you_will_be with me in ~~the~~ paradise.

44 And it_was now about the_ sixth _hour, and darkness became over all the land until the_ ninth _hour. 45 Of_the sun having_darkened, and the curtain of_the temple was_torn in_ _the_middle. 46 And ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** having_called with_a_ loud _ _voice, said: father: I_am_entrusting the **spirit** of_me into the_ _hands of_you. And having_said this, he_expired. 47 And the centurion having_seen the thing having_become, he_glorified ~~the~~ **god** saying: Really ~~the~~ this man was righteous. 48 And all the crowds having_come_together, to ~~the~~ spectacle this, having_ _observed the things having_become, were_returning striking the chests. 49 And all the acquaintances to_him had_stood from afar, and the_women who accompanying with_him from ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), seeing these things.

50 And see, a_man by_the_name Yōsa^{y}f/(Yōṣēf), being a_ _council_member, and a_ good _man and righteous 51 (this one was not having_consented_with with_the counsel and the practice of_them), from Arimathaia, a_city of_the Youdaiōns, who was_waiting_for the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 52 This man having_approached to_ ~~the~~ _Pilatos, requested the body of_ ~~the~~ _ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**. 53 And having_taken_down it, he_ _wrapped it in_a_linen_cloth and put him in a_ rock_cut _tomb, where not_yet no_one was not lying. 54 And it_was the_day of_ _preparation, and the_day_of_rest was_dawning. 55 And the women having_followed, who were having_come_together from ~~the~~ Galilaia with_him, saw the tomb and how the body of_ _him was_laid. 56 And having_returned, they_prepared spices and ointments. And indeed on_the day_of_rest they_rested

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Jewish leaders were there too, sneering at him and saying, "He saved others, so now if he's **God's** son, the chosen **messiah**, let him save himself."[289]

36 The soldiers also mocked him, going up and offering cheap wine to him, 37 saying, "If you're the king of the Yehudim (Jews), then save yourself," 38 as an inscription had been placed above him that said, "This is the king of the Yehudim."

39 One of the criminals that was hanging there insulted him, saying, "Aren't you the **messiah**? Save yourself and us too."

40 But the other criminal told him off, saying, "Don't you even respect **God** when you too have been sentenced to death? 41 At least we deserve our punishment that fits what we've done, but in contrast, this man did nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "**Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), remember me when you enter your kingdom."

43 "I can assure you," he replied, "that you'll be with me in paradise today."

Yeshua's death[290]

44 By then it was around midday but it went dark until around 3pm— 45 the sun went dark[291] and the curtain inside the temple was torn in the middle.[292] 46 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) called out loudly, "Father, I'm entrusting my **spirit** into your care."[293] and after saying that, he stopped breathing.

47 When the centurion saw how it happened, he praised **God** saying, "This really was an innocent man."

48 The crowd of people who'd gathered for the spectacle, after seeing what happened they returned to the city, beating their chests in sorrow. 49 Yeshua's acquaintances had stood further back, along with the women who have accompanied him from Galil,[294] and they too saw it all.

The body placed in a tomb[295]

50 Then, look, there was a man named Yosef (Joseph) on the local council. (He was a good man and godly, 51 and hadn't agreed with what the council had decided and done. He was from the Jewish city of Arimathaia and was waiting for **God's** kingdom to come.) 52 He went in to see Pilatos (Pilate) and requested **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') body, 53 then he took it down from the post and wrapped it in some linen cloth, and put the body into a tomb hollowed into the rock—a new tomb that had never been used. 54 It was now the day of preparation and the Rest Day was about to begin.

55 The women who'd come from Galil followed Yosef and his

289 **RV 23:35 · Cross-ref.** Psa 22:7-8.

290 **RV 23:44 · Parallel** Yhn 19:28-30; Mark 15:33-4; Mat. 27:45-56

291 **RV 23:45 · Note** Although the Greek word 'ἐκλιπόντος' (eklipontos, a different word from what was used in the previous verse) might suggest a natural eclipse, this is impossible for a few reasons, particularly that these events occurred around Passover which coincides with the full moon when an eclipse is physically impossible, and also because an eclipse only lasts a few minutes, not hours.

292 **RV 23:45 · Cross-ref.** Exo 26:31-33.

293 **RV 23:46 · Cross-ref.** Psa 31:5.

294 **RV 23:49 · Cross-ref.** Luk 8:2-3.

295 **RV 23:50 · Parallel** Yhn 19:38-42; Mark 15:42-47; Mat. 27:57-61

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men and saw the tomb and how the body was placed inside,
56 then they returned to the house and prepared spices and ointments.

Once the Rest Day began, they all rested as per God's command,[297]

The empty tomb[296]

24:1 but as soon as it dawned on Sunday morning, they went back to the tomb taking the prepared spices. **2** There they discovered that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance **3** and when they went in, the body of the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) wasn't there. **4** While they were still there puzzling about what might have happened, two men in dazzling clothes approached them. **5** The women were scared, and knelt down and bowed with their faces close to the ground, but the men asked them, "Why are you looking for the living in the place of the dead? **6** He's not here—he's been brought back to life. Remember how he spoke to you all when you were still in Galil **7** and he said, 'It's necessary for the son of humanity to be handed over to sinful people, and to be executed on a post, and then to come back to life on the third day.' "[298] **8** Then indeed they remembered his words.

9 Then they left the tomb and went back into the city and reported all this to the eleven apprentices and all the others. **10** (The women who told this to the missionaries were Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala, Yohanah, Miryam the mother of Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos), and the other women who were with them.) **11** However those who heard it, thought it was all just nonsense and didn't believe them. **12** But Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) stood up and ran off to the tomb, and when he stooped down to look in, he could only see the linen cloths, so he wandered off by himself, wondering what could have happened.

Yeshua joins the walkers to Emmaous[299]

13 Then, wow, two of Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') followers were walking to the village of Emmaous about eleven kilometres away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **14** and they were discussing with each other about all the recent events. **15** After talking and debating for a while, **Yeshua** caught up with them and joined them, **16** but their eyes were restricted from being able to recognise him. **17** He asked them, "What's all this that you two are talking about while you walk?"

They stopped suddenly and looked at him with sad faces, **18** and the one called Kleopas asked him, "Are you the only visitor staying in Yerushalem who doesn't know what just happened in the last few days?"

19 "What happened?" he asked.

"What happened to the man, **Yeshua** from Nazaret (Nazareth)," they answered. "He was a prophet who did powerful

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according_to the command.

24:1 But on_the first day of_the week, early dawn, they_came to the tomb, bringing spices which they_prepared. **2** And they_ _found the stone having_been_rolled_away from the tomb. **3** But having_come_in, they_ not _found the body of_the **master Yaʸsous**. **4** And it_became at the time them to_be_ _perplexing about this, and see, two men approached to_them in flashing clothing. **5** And them having_become frightened, and bowing their faces to the ground, they_said to them: Why are_you_all_seeking the_ living _one with the dead? **6** He_is not here, but he_was_raised. Be_reminded how he_spoke to_you_ _all, still being in ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl) **7** saying: The son of_ ~~the~~ _ _man ~~that~~ it_is_fitting to_be_given_over into hands of_ sinful _ _people, and to_be_executed_on_a_stake, and on_the third day to_rise_up. **8** And they_were_reminded of_the messages of_him. **9** And having_returned from the tomb, they_reported all these things to_the eleven, and to_all the rest. **10** And they_were the from_Magdala Maria/(Miryām), and Yōanna, and Maria the mother of_Yakōbos/(Yaʹₐqovʹ), and the rest with them, who_ _were_telling these things to the ambassadors. **11** And ~~the~~ these messages were_seen before them as_if nonsense, and they_ _were_disbelieving to_them. **12** But ~~the~~ Petros having_risen_up, ran to the tomb, and having_stooped_down, is_seeing only the linen_cloths, and he_went_away to himself, wondering at_the thing having_become.

13 And see, two of them at same the day were going to a_village being_ sixty stadiums _away from Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), to_whose name is Emmaous. **14** And they were_conversing with one_another about all these things ~~which~~ having_happened. **15** And it_became at the time, them to_be_conversing and to_be_debating, and **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** himself having_neared, was_going_with with_them. **16** But the eyes of_them were_being_restrained ~~which~~ to_ not _know him. **17** And he_said to them: What_all are ~~the~~ these messages that you_all_are_exchanging with one_ _another walking? And they_were_stood still downcast. **18** And the_one by_the_name Kleopas answering said to him, are_ you only _sojourning to_Hierousalaʸm and you_ not _knew the things having_become in it in ~~the~~ these days? **19** And he_said to_them: What things? And they said to_him: The things concerning **Yaʸsous** ~~the~~ Nazaraʸnos, who became a_man, a_ _prophet, powerful in work and message, before ~~the~~ **god** and all the people, **20** and how the chief_priests and the rulers of_us

296 **RV 24:1 · Parallel** Yhn 20:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Mat. 28:1-10

297 **RV 23:56 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:10; Deu 5:14.

298 **RV 24:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34; Mat 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19; Luk 9:22; 18:31-33.

299 **RV 24:13 · Parallel** Mark 16:12-13

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gave_ him _over, to judgement of_death, and they_executed_ _on_a_stake him. **21** But we were_hoping that he is the one going to_be_redeeming ~~the~~ Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl). But surely also with all these things, it_is_coming this third day, from which these things became. **22** But also some women from us, amazed us, having_become early to the tomb **23** and not having_found the body of_him, came saying also to_have_seen a_vision of_ _messengers, who are_saying him to_be_living. **24** And some of_ _the ones with us went_away to the tomb, and they_found it thus, as the women said, but they_ not _saw him. **25** And he said to them: Oh foolish and slow ~~the~~ in_heart, ~~which~~ to_be_believing in all things that the prophets spoke. **26** Not was_it_fitting the **chosen_one/messiah** to_suffer these things and to_come_in into the glory of_him? **27** And having_begun from Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) and from all the prophets, he_interpreted all the scriptures to_them in the things concerning himself. **28** And they_neared to the village where they_were_going, and he seemed to_be_going farther_away. **29** And they_urged him saying: Remain with us, because it_is toward evening, and the day has_ now _declined. And he_came_in ~~which~~ to_remain with them. **30** And it_became at the time him to_be_reclining with them, having_taken the bread, he_blessed it and having_broke it, was_handing_out it to_them. **31** And the eyes them were_ _opened_up, and they_recognised him. And he became vanished from them. **32** And they_said to one_another: Not the heart of_us being_burned was as he_was_speaking with_us on the road, as he_was_opening_up the scriptures to_us? **33** And having_risen_up to_the_same ~~the~~ hour, they_returned to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and they_found the eleven and the ones with them having_been_gathered **34** saying, ~~that~~ The **master** really was_raised, and was_seen to_Simōn. **35** And they were_explaining the things on the road, and how he_was_ _known to_them in the breaking of_the bread.

36 And of_them speaking these things, himself stood in midst of_them and is_saying to_them: Peace to_you_all. **37** but having_been_terrified and having_become frightened, they_ _were_supposing to_be_observing a_spirit. **38** And he_said to_ _them: Why are_you_all having_been_disturbed, and for_reason why are_ speculations _going_up in the heart of_you_all? **39** See the hands of_me and the feet of_me that I am he. Touch me and see, because a_spirit is_ not _having flesh and bones, as you_all_ _are_observing me having. **40** And having_said this, he_showed his hands and his feet to_them. **41** And still of_them disbelieving for the joy and wondering, he_said to_them: You_ _all_are_having any edible thing here? **42** And they handed_out to_him part of_a_ broiled _fish. **43** And having_taken it, he_ate before of_them. **44** And he_said to them: These are the messages of_me, which I_spoke to you_all still being with you_ _all, that it_is_fitting to_be_fulfilled all the things having_been_ _written in the law of_Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh), and the prophets, and

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miracles and delivered a powerful message in front of **God** and all the people. **20** The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was executed on a post. **21** We were hoping that he was going to be the one who would release Yisrael (Israel) from the grip of the Romaios, but all that happened three days ago now. **22** Then some of our women also surprised us, because they went to his tomb very early this morning **23** but they couldn't find his body. Then they came back and told us about some vision about messengers from God who apparently said that he's alive. **24** Some of our companions went out to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they didn't see anyone."

25 "Oh, you're so foolish," he told them, "and your hearts are so reluctant to believe everything that the prophets wrote. **26** Didn't the **messiah** need to suffer all of that in order to be able to enter into all his greatness?" **27** Then starting with Mosheh (Moses) and going through all the prophets, he explained the scriptures to them concerning what had been written about him there.

28 As they got close to the village they were going to, he seemed to be going on further **29** but they urged him, "Come and stay with us because it's almost evening and there's not much daylight left." **30** Then when they were ready to eat, he picked up the bread and blessed it, and then he broke it and handed it out to them, **31** and then their eyes were opened and they recognised him. Just then he vanished, **32** and they said to each other, "Weren't our hearts burning when he was speaking to us on the road and explaining the scriptures to us?"

33 That very hour they packed up and headed back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) where they found that the eleven and the others with them had gathered together **34** saying, "The **master** really has come back to life—he was seen by Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros)!"

35 Then the two explained what had happened on the road and how they'd recognised them when he broke the bread.

Yeshua appears to his followers[300]

36 As they were still talking about these things, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) himself suddenly was there standing in the room and greeted them, "Peace to you all."

37 However, they got a fright, and then were terrified thinking that it was a spirit. **38** Then he spoke to them again, "Why are you all upset, and why are you thinking such stuff? **39** Look at my hands and feet and you'll see that it's me. Touch me and look, because spirits don't have solid bodies like you can see that I have."

40 Then he showed them his hands and his feet. **41** Some of them, still not believing, had a mixture of happiness and doubt, and he asked them, "Have you got anything here to eat?" **42** They handed him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate it in front of them.

300 **RV 24:36 · Parallel** Yhn 20:19-23; Mark 16:14-18; Mat. 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-8

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44 Then he told them, "While I was still with you all, I told you those messages of mine, and how that everything written about me by Mosheh (Moses) and the prophets and in the songs, it's all going to be fulfilled." **45** Then he opened their minds to be able to understand the scriptures, and he told them, **46** "It was written that the **messiah** would suffer and come back to life on the third day, **47** and that his name will be proclaimed as the authority to forgive the sins of the people when they repent—people from every country beginning here in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **48** You all are witnesses of all that. **49** Soon I'll be sending out the one that my father promised to you all, but meanwhile you must remain here in the city until you all get clothed in power that comes from heaven."[301]

Yeshua is lifted up into the sky[302]

50 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) led them out of the city as far as Beyt-Ania (Bethany) where he lifted up his arms and blessed them. **51** While he was still blessing them, he passed over the top of them and was lifted up into the sky.[303] **52** They lay face-down on the ground in worship of him, then got up and feeling very happy, they returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) **53** where they went into the temple and praised **God** about everything.

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psalms, concerning me. **45** Then he_opened_up the mind of_ _them ~~which~~ to_be_understanding the scriptures. And he_said to_them, **46** ~~that~~ Thus it_has_been_written, the **chosen_ _one/messiah** to_suffer, and to_rise_up from the_dead on_the third day, **47** and the name of_him to_be_proclaimed in repentance for forgiveness of_sins to all the nations, having_ _begun from Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim). **48** You_all are witnesses of_these things. **49** And see I am_sending_out the promise of_the father of_me on you_all, but you_all sit_down in the city, until of_which you_all_may_dress_in power from of_ _height.

50 And he_led_ them _out as_far_as to Baʸthania, and having_ _lifted_up the hands of_him, he_blessed them. **51** And it_ _became at the time of_him to_be_blessing to_them, he_ _passed_by from them, and he_was_being_brought_up into the sky. **52** And they having_prostrated before_him, returned to Hierousalaʸm with great joy. **53** And they_were in the temple blessing ~~the~~ **god** through everything.

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301 **RV 24:49 · Cross-ref.** Acts 1:4.

302 **RV 24:50 · Parallel** Mark 16:19-20; Acts 1:9-11

303 **RV 24:51 · Cross-ref.** Acts 1:9-11.

The continued account by

Lukas

commonly called

Acts

Introduction

Author

This account commonly known as *The acts of the missionaries of Yeshua the Messiah*, is the continuation of *The Good Message according to Lukas*, and unlike most other Bibles, the *Open English Translation* places these two accounts one after the other.

This account

The main purpose of this account is to tell about the actions of the first followers of Yeshua (Jesus) the messiah. God's spirit helped them to proclaim good message about him "in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all across the provinces of Yudea (Judaea) and Shomron (Samaria), and all the way to the furthest parts of the planet" (1:8).
This document has three divisions related to the expanding circles as the good message from Yeshua the messiah spread wider and wider: (1) In **Yerushalem** where the believers start to get organised after Yeshua ascended up into the clouds; (2) the work and the message spreads wider out to all of the district of **Yehudah**; and (3) spreading more widely again around the Mediterranean Ocean and all the way to **Romai**.
It's also documented here about how God's spirit came to the believers as they were together in a room in Yerushalem at the Festival of Pentecost (fifty days after The Passover). The spirit helps and gives wisdom and strength to the believers and teachers of believers.

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Introduction

1:1 Dear Theofilos, I wrote my first account[1] about all the things that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) began to do and to teach **2** until the day when he was taken up into the sky[2] after, with the help of **the** holy **spirit**, having commanded the missionaries that he had chosen.

Yeshua, alive, tells them to wait

3 After the time of his suffering, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) presented himself to them in ways that were infallible proofs that he was alive again—appearing to them and telling them about **God's** kingdom. **4** Once when they were together, he told them, "Don't leave Yerushalem (Jerusalem), but wait there for what was promised by the father, as you all have already heard me say.[3] **5** Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) immersed people in water, but you'll all be immersed in the holy **spirit** in just a few days."[4]

Yeshua's ascension

6 So when they were next gathered together, they asked him, "**Master**, is this now the time when you'll be restoring the kingdom to Yisrael (Israel)?"[5]

7 But Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) responded to them, "You don't need to know the times or seasons when future events will happen—it's the father who decides all that. **8** However, you all will be receiving power when the holy **spirit** lands on you. Then you'll tell people about me in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all across the provinces of Yehudah (Judea) and Shomron (Samaria), and all the way to the furthest parts of the planet."[6] **9** After he'd said that and while they were still looking at him, he was lifted up into the sky until they could no longer see him because of the clouds.[7]

10 As they stood there staring into the sky after he'd gone, suddenly two men in white clothes were standing beside them **11** and said, "You men from Galil! Why are you still standing there looking up at the sky? This **Yeshua** who's been taken up away from you into heaven will come back in the same way that you saw him go up into heaven."

Matiyah replaces Yehudah Iskariot

12 Then they walked down the Mt. of Olives and returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) which was less than a kilometre away. **13** They went into the upstairs room where they were staying—Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Andreas, Filippos (Philip) and Toma (Thomas), Bar-Talmay (Bartholomew; Grk. Bartholomaios) and Matay (Matthew; Grk. Matthaios), Ya'akov (son of Halfay (Grk. Halfaios)), Shim'on (Simon) (the Zealot member), and Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) (son of Ya'akov).[8] **14** They were united in their

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1:1 Indeed the first account I_made concerning all things, Oh Theofilos, of_which **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** began both to_be_ _doing and to_be_teaching, **2** until that day having_ _commanded by the_ holy _**spirit** to_the ambassadors, whom he_chose, he_was_taken_up,

3 to_whom also after the time him to_suffer he_presented himself living, with many proofs through forty days, appearing to_them, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. **4** And assembling_together, he_commanded to_them: From Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim) not to_be_being_departed, but to_be_awaiting the promise of_the father, which you_all_ _heard from_me. **5** Because Yōanna^{y}s on_one_hand immersed in_water, on_the_other_hand you_all will_be_being_immersed in the_ holy _**spirit**, after many not these days.

6 Therefore indeed the ones having_come_together, were_ _asking him saying: **master**, ~~if~~ at ~~the~~ this time, are_you_ _restoring the kingdom ~~the~~ to_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrāʾēl)? **7** And he_said to them: It_is not of_you_all to_know times or seasons, which the father set by his own authority. **8** But you_all_will_be_ _receiving power, having_ The holy **spirit** _come_over on you_ _all, and you_all_will_be witnesses for_me, in both Hierousala^{y}m, and in all ~~the~~ Youdaia, and Samareia/(Shomrōn), and to the_last part of_the earth. **9** And having_said these things, seeing them, he_was_lifted_up and a_cloud took_ him _ _up from the eyes of_them. **10** And as they_were looking_ _intently into the sky, him going, also see two men in white clothing, had_stood_by to_them, **11** who also said: Men, Galilaios, why you_all_have_stood looking at the sky? This ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** ~~which~~ having_been_taken_up from you_ _all into ~~the~~ heaven, thus will_be_coming that manner you_all_ _saw him going into ~~the~~ heaven.

12 Then they_returned to Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim) from the_mountain ~~which~~ being_called of_Olivet, which is near Hierousala^{y}m, having journey of_a_day_of_rest. **13** And when they_came_in, into the upper_room, they_went_up where they_ _were staying, ~~which~~ ~~and/both~~ Petros and Yōanna^{y}s and Yakōbos/(Yaʹ$_{a}$qov) and Andreas, Filippos and Thōmas, Bartholomaios and Matthaios, Yakōbos of_Alfaios, and Simōn the Farisaios_za^{y}lōta^{y}s_group_member, and Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) of_Yakōbos. **14** These all were persevering ~~the~~ in_prayer with_ _one_accord, with the_women and Maria/(Miryām) the mother of_ ~~the~~ _**Ya^{y}sous**, and the brothers of_him. **15** And in ~~the~~ these days, Petros having_stood_up in the_midst of_the brothers said

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1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Luk 1:1-4.

2 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Luk 24:51.

3 **RV 1:4 · Cross-ref.** Luk 24:49.

4 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:11; Mrk 1:8; Luk 3:16; Yhn 1:33.

5 **RV 1:6 · Note** At the time of asking, Israelis were burdened under the rule and taxes of the Roman occupiers.

6 **RV 1:8 · Cross-ref.** Mat 28:19; Mrk 16:15; Luk 24:47-48.

7 **RV 1:9 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 16:19; Luk 24:50-51.

8 **RV 1:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:2-4; Mrk 3:16-19; Luk 6:14-16.

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(and the_crowd of_names with the same was about a_hundred twenty), **16** Men, brothers, it_was_fitting the scripture to_be_ _fulfilled, which the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** previously_said by the_ _mouth of_Dawid/(Dāvid) concerning Youdas, the one having_ _become guide to_the ones having_captured **Ya^{y}sous**. **17** Because he_was having_been_numbered with us, and obtained ~~the~~ an_allotment of_ ~~the~~ this _service. **18** (Therefore indeed this man acquired a_field out_of the_reward of_ ~~the~~ _ _unrighteousness, and having_become headlong, he_burst_ _open in_the_middle, and all the intestines of_him was_ _poured_out. **19** And it_became known to_all the ones dwelling_ _in Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), so_that that ~~the~~ field to_be_ _called in_their language of_them, Akeldama, this is: field of_ _blood.) **20** For/Because it_has_been_written in scroll of_ _psalms, the the_homestead of_him Let_be_become desolate, and let_ not _be the one dwelling in it, and: let_ another _take The overseeing of_him. **21** Therefore it_is_fitting of_the men having_come_together with_us, at all the_time that the **master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** came_in and came_out with us, **22** having_begun from the immersion of_Yōanna^{y}s until the day in_which he_was_taken_up from us, a_witness of_the resurrection of_him with us, to_become one of_these. **23** And they_set two, Yōsa^{y}f/(Yōṣēf) ~~which~~ being_called Barsabbas, who was_called Youstos, and Matthias. **24** And having_prayed, they_ _said: You **master**, heart_knower of_all, reveal which one you_ _chose of these ~~the~~ two, **25** to_take the this place of_ ~~the~~ _service and commission, from which Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) broke_from, to_be_gone to his ~~the~~ own place. **26** And they_gave lots to_them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he_was_chosen_together_with with the eleven ambassadors.

2:1 And at the time the day ~~the~~ of_pentecost to_be_being_ _fulfilled, they_were all together in the same place. **2** And suddenly a_sound became out_of ~~the~~ heaven, as being_carried of_a_ forceful _wind, and it_filled all the house where they_ _were sitting. **3** And dividing tongues as_if of_fire were_seen to_ _them, and sat_down on each one of_them. **4** And they_were_ all _filled with_the_ holy _**spirit**, and they_began to_be_ _speaking with_other tongues, as the **spirit** was_giving to_ _them to_be_speaking_out. **5** And Youdaiōns were dwelling in Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), devout men from every nation of_the nations under ~~the~~ heaven. **6** And of_ ~~the~~ this _sound having_become, the multitude came_together and was_ _confounded, because each one heard speaking of_them in_his. own language. **7** And they_were_amazed and they_were_

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ongoing prayers, along with Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam) the mother **of Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), and his brothers.

15 Then one day, Kefa stood up in the meeting of the believers (about 120 of them) and said, **16** "Brothers, it was necessary for the scripture to be fulfilled, where the holy **spirit** had spoken previously through David about Yehudah, the one who guided those that arrested **Yeshua** **17** because Yehudah was one of us and took his part in our work.

18 (Yehudah had bought a field with the money he had received for his treachery, and when he had fallen down in that field, his stomach had burst open and his intestines had slid out on the ground.[9] **19** So everyone in Yerushalem started calling that place 'The field of blood'.)

20 Now it was written in the scroll of songs:

'Let his place become deserted with no one living there,'[10]

and

'Let another person take his position.'[11]

21 So now it's appropriate for one of the men that has been with us for the whole time that the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was interacting with us, **22** from Yeshua's immersion by Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes)[12] until the day that he was lifted up from us into the clouds[13]—a witness of the resurrection—to fill this position.

23 So they selected two men: Yosef (Joseph) Bar-Saba (nicknamed Yustos) and Matiyah (Grk. Matthias). **24** Then they requested, "**Master**, you know everyone's inner thoughts, so reveal to us which of these two that you have chosen **25** to take this position of service and being a missionary—the position that Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) deserted to go to his own place." **26** So they drew straws and Matiyah was marked so he was chosen to join the eleven missionaries.

God's spirit arrives and many get saved

2:1 When the Day of Pentecost[14] actually arrived, the believers met together in the same room. **2** Suddenly there was a noise in the sky that sounded like a strong wind, then it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what looked like tongues of fire that kept dividing[15] and then settling down on each one of them. **4** In this way they were all filled **with the** holy **spirit** and began speaking in other languages as the **spirit** enabled them.

5 At the time, there were godly Yehudim (Jews) staying in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) that had come from other countries all around the world. **6** When they heard this noise, lots of people came to investigate but they were confused because they heard

9 **RV 1:18-19 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:3-8.

10 **RV 1:20 · Cross-ref.** Psa 69:25.

11 **RV 1:20 · Cross-ref.** Psa 109:8.

12 **RV 1:22 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:16; Mrk 1:9; Luk 3:21.

13 **RV 1:22 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 16:19; Luk 24:51.

14 **RV 2:1 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:15-21; Deu 16:9-11.

15 **RV 3:1 · Note** See https://www.billmounce.com/monday-with-mounce/what-%E2%80%9Cdivided-tongue%E2%80%9D-acts-2-3-0

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the believers talking in their own languages from around the world. 7 They were astounded and marvelled, asking, "Wow, aren't these people talking all Galilim? 8 So how come we're hearing them speak the languages of the countries where we were born? 9 There's people here from Parthia, Maday (Media), Eylam, Mesopotamia, Yehudah (Judea), Kappadokia, Pontos, Asia Minor, 10 Frugia, Pamfulia, Mitsrayim (Egypt), Libya (near Kurainai (Cyrene)), and visitors from Romai, 11 Kraitai (Crete), and Arav. Some are Yehudim and some are non-Jews who've converted to Youdaismos. And we can hear them talking **about God** in our languages." 12 Everyone was amazed and totally puzzled, asking each other, "What's going on here?" 13 But others scoffed and said, "Ha, they've just had too much to drink."

Kefa's sermon

14 So the twelve stood up and Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) told the crowd in a loud voice, "People of Yehudah (Judea) and everyone staying in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). Listen to me so that I can explain this to you. 15 This group isn't drunk like you're all thinking, because it's still mid-morning, 16 but you're seeing what the prophet Yoel (Joel) wrote about:

17 **God** said, 'In the last days I'll pour out my **spirit** on all humanity—your children will tell of future events, your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams from God. 18 I'll pour my **spirit** out on my male and female slaves and they'll tell of future events. 19 I'll do unusual things with the stars and planets, and also down on the earth below: blood, fire, and clouds of smoke. 20 I'll make the sun go dark and the moon go blood red. This will happen before the great victorious day **of the** coming of **Yahweh**. 21 Then everyone who relies on the name and authority **of Yahweh** will be saved.'[16]

22 "Fellow Israelis, listen to this account: You yourselves know that God did miracles through **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) from Nazaret, and he fulfilled signs from the scriptures—in fact **God** did this right in front of you. 23 Then as part **of God's** plan and foreknowledge, this Yeshua was taken to the authorities by those who didn't follow their own laws, and you all killed him by having him nailed to a post.[17][18] 24 But **God** released him from the agonies of death and brought him back to life—death couldn't restrain him.[19] 25 As David wrote,

'I foresaw **Yahweh** always being in front of me. I refuse to be afraid because he's there on my right.

26 Because of that, I was happy and spoke out my praises. My whole body lives in anticipation 27 because you'll never abandon my soul in Haidais, nor will you allow the godly one to decay. 28 You showed me the roads to life. You fill me with gladness because of your presence.'[20]

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marvelling saying: Behold are not, all these who are speaking Galilaios? 8 And how are we _hearing each in_the own language of_us, in which we_were_born? 9 ones_from_Parthia, and ones_from_Ma^{y}dia, and ones_from_Elam, and the ones dwelling_in ~~the~~ Mesopotamia, Youdaia and ~~and/both~~ Kappadokia, Pontos and ~~the~~ Asia, 10 Frugia and ~~and/both~~ Pamfulia, Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim), and the parts of_ ~~the~~ _Libua^{y} ~~which~~ along Kura^{y}na^{y}, and the ones ῬōmaiosVisiting, 11 both Youdaiōns and converts, ones_from_Kra^{y}ta^{y} and ones_from_Arabia, we_ _are_hearing them speaking, the great things of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ~~the~~ in_our tongues. 12 And all were_marvelling and were_ _thoroughly_perplexed, another saying to another: What is_ _wanting this to_be? 13 But others mocking were_saying, ~~that~~ They_are having_been_filled of_sweet_wine.

14 But ~~the~~ Petros having_been_stood with the eleven, lifted_up the voice of_him and spoke_out to_them: Men, ones_from_ _Youdaia, and all you_all dwelling_in Hierousala^{y}m, let_ this _be known to_you_all and give_ear to_the messages of_me. 15 For/Because these are_ not _being_drunk as you_all are_ _supposing, because/for it_is the_ third _hour, of_the day, 16 but this is the message having_been_spoken by the prophet Yōa^{y}l/(Yō$^{'ēl}$): 17 And it_will_be in the last days, ~~the~~ **god** is_ _saying: I_will_be_pouring_out of the **spirit** of_me on all flesh, and the sons of_you_all will_be_prophesying, and the daughters of_you_all, and the young_men of_you_all will_be_ _seeing visions, and the elders of_you_all in_dreams will_be_ _being_dreamt, 18 and surely I_will_be_pouring_out of the **spirit** of_me on the slaves of_me, and on the handmaidens of_ _me, in ~~the~~ those days, and they_will_be_prophesying. 19 And I_ _will_be_giving wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapour of_smoke. 20 The sun will_be_being_altered into darkness and the moon into blood, before the_ ~~the~~ great and glorious _day of_the_**master** to_come. 21 And it_will_be, everyone who ~~wishfully~~ may_call on_the name of_the_**master** will_be_being_saved. 22 Men, ones_from_ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā$^{'ēl}$), hear ~~the~~ messages these: **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** the from_Nazaret, a_man having_been_ _demonstrated by ~~the~~ **god** to you_all by_miracles, and wonders, and signs, which ~~the~~ **god** did by him in the_midst of_you_all, as you_all_ yourselves _have_known. 23 This man by_the, having_ _been_designated counsel and foreknowledge of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, delivered_up by the_hand of_the_lawless ones, you_all_killed having_executed_on_a_stake. 24 Whom ~~the~~ **god** raised_up, having_untied/released the agonies of_the death, as_much_as was not possible him to_be_being_restrained by it. 25 For/Because Dawid/(Dāvid) is_saying to him: I_was_ _foreseeing the **master** before me through all time, because he_is on the_right of_me, in_order_that I_may_ not _be_shaken. 26 Because_of this the heart of_me was_gladdened, and the tongue of_me exulted, and still also the flesh of_me will_be_

16 **RV 2:17-21 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 2:28-32 (LXX).

17 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Jhn 20:25.

18 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:35; Mrk 15:24; Luk 23:33; Yhn 19:18.

19 **RV 2:24 · Cross-ref.** Mat 28:5-6; Mrk 16:6; Luk 24:5.

20 **RV 2:25-28 · Cross-ref.** Psa 16:8-11 (LXX).

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nesting in hope, 27 because you‹will›_ not _be_abandoning the soul of_me into Haidaʸs, nor ‹will›_you_be_giving the devout one of_you to_see decay. 28 You_made_known to_me the_ways of_life, you_will_be_filling me with_gladness with the presence of_you. 29 Men, brothers, it_is_permitting to_speak with confidence to you_all concerning the patriarch Dawid that he_ both _died and was_buried, and the tomb of_him is among us until ~~the~~ this day. 30 Therefore being a_prophet, and having_ _known that - **god** swore to_him with_an_oath: of the_fruit of_ _the loin of_him, to_sit_down on the throne of_him. 31 Having_ _foreseen, he_spoke concerning the resurrection of_the **chosen_one/messiah** that neither was_abandoned into Haidaʸs, nor the flesh of_him saw decay. 32 This ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** ~~the~~ **god** raised_up, of_which all we are witnesses. 33 Therefore having_been_exalted by_the right hand of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and having_received the promise of_the ~~the~~ holy **spirit**, from the father, he_poured_ this _out which you_all are_ _seeing and are_hearing. 34 For/Because Dawid/(Dāvid) not went_up into the heavens, but himself is_saying, the_**master** Said to_the **master** of_me: Be_sitting on the_right of_me, 35 until ~~wishfully~~ I_may_put the enemies of_you a_footstool of_ _the feet of_you. 36 Assuredly therefore let_ All the_house of_ _Israaʸl/(Yisrāʼēl) _be_knowing that ~~the~~ **god** made him both the_ **_master** and the_**chosen_one/messiah**, this ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** whom you_all executed_on_a_stake. 37 And having_heard, they_were_ _pierced to_the heart, both they_said to ~~the~~ Petros and the other ambassadors: What may_we_do, men, brothers? 38 And Petros is_saying to them: Repent: and let_ each of_you_all _be_ _immersed in the name of_**Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, because/for forgiveness of_the sins of_you_all, and you_all_ _will_be_receiving the gift of_the holy **spirit**. 39 For/Because the promise is to_you_all, and to_the children of_you_all, and to_all the ones at far, as_many_as ~~wishfully~~ may_call_to the_ **_master**, the **god** of_us. 40 Both with_ more _other messages he_testified, and was_exhorting them saying: Be_saved from this ~~the~~ crooked ~~the~~ generation. 41 Therefore indeed the ones having_welcomed the message of_him were_immersed, and were_added on ~~the~~ that day, about three_thousand souls. 42 And they_were persevering in_the teaching of_the ambassadors, and ~~the~~ in_fellowship, the breaking of_the bread, and ~~the~~ in_ _prayers.

43 And reverence was_becoming on_every soul, and many wonders and signs was_becoming through the ambassadors. 44 And all the ones having_believed were with the same purpose, and they_were_having all common things, 45 and they_were_selling their properties and their possessions, and they_were_dividing them to_all, anyone was_having as_much_ _as would need. 46 And in_every day persevering with_one_ _accord in the temple, and breaking bread in_every house, they_were_partaking of_food with exultation and simplicity of_ _heart, 47 praising ~~the~~ **god** and having favour with all the people. And the **master** was_adding the ones being_saved with the same. in_every day.

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29 "Fellow Israelis, we can tell you all with confidence that our patriarch David both died and was buried, and his tomb is still here with us today. 30 So because he was a prophet, and knowing that **God** has promised him to seat one of his descendants on his throne,[21] 31 he was foretelling the resurrection of the **messiah** who was neither 'abandoned in Haidais nor did his body decay.' 32 Then **God** raised this **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) back to life and we're all witnesses of that. 33 Now he's sitting at **God's** right hand, and having received the promise of the holy **spirit** from the father, he poured this out which you're all seeing and hearing today. 34 You see, David never went up to the heavens, but he himself said,

'**Yahweh** said to my **master**: Sit down on my right
35 until I defeat your enemies.'[22]

36 "So let all Yisrael (Israel) know that this **Yeshua** that you executed on a post, **God** made him both **Yahweh** and **messiah**."

37 When the people heard that, they were deeply troubled and asked Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and the other missionaries, "What should we do then, brothers?"

38 Kefa responded, "Turn away from your sins and each **one** of you needs to be immersed by the authority **of Yeshua the messiah**. Then your sins will be forgiven and you all will receive the gift of the holy **spirit**, 39 because that promise is to you all and your children and to their descendants—to anyone who will call out to our **God Yahweh**."

40 Then Kefa shared further teaching with them and encouraged them to save themselves out from this corrupt generation. 41 Because of that, those who welcomed his teaching were immersed and about three thousand people were added to their numbers that day. 42 They continued listening to the teaching of the missionaries, and building their relationships with each other, and breaking bread and praying together.

The lifestyle of the early believers

43 They were serious in their learning about God, and the missionaries did many miracles and signs of God's power in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all the people wanted to be right with God. 44 All those who did believe were united in purpose and had shared use of many things.[23] 45 Some sold their properties and possessions and divided them among the group so that everyone had everything they needed. 46 Each day they worshipped together at the temple and also went to various homes to break bread together. They talked about Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) at their mealtimes without sophistication, 47 praising **God** and being popular with

21 **RV 2:30 · Cross-ref.** Psa 132:11; 2Sam 7:12-13.

22 **RV 2:34-35 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.

23 **RV 2:44 · Cross-ref.** Acts 4:32-35.

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the people, and every day **Yahweh** was adding more that were being saved.

A lame man starts bouncing around

3:1 One afternoon around 3pm, Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) were going to the prayer meeting in the temple. **2** Now there was a man who had been lame from birth, and every day he was placed beside a door into the temple—an entry named 'Beautiful Door'. From there he could beg from the people entering the temple. **3** He saw Kefa and Yohan about to enter into the temple, so he asked them for a donation, **4** but Kefa and Yohan, looking closely at him said, "Look at us!" **5** So the man grabbed onto them, expecting to get given something by them. **6** But Kefa said, "I don't have any silver or gold, but I'll give you what I do have. With the authority **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** from Nazaret, I command you to walk." **7** Then Kefa grabbed the man by the right hand and pulled him upwards. Immediately the man's feet and ankles were strengthened **8** and he jumped up and stood and started walking and went into the temple with them, walking and skipping and praising **God**. **9** All the people there saw him walking and praising **God**, **10** and recognising that he was the man who usually sat outside begging at the 'Beautiful Door' of the temple, they were astonished and astounded at what had happened to him.

Kefa's sermon in the temple

11 As the man clung onto Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), all the people ran to see them in Shelomoh's Porch and they were really astounded. **12** But when Kefa saw the crowd, he answered their thoughts, "Fellow Israelis, why are you all puzzled about this, and why are you staring at us as if this man is walking because of *our* power or closeness to God." **13** The **god** of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob)—the **god** of our fathers[24]—gave honour to his servant, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), who you handed over to be killed and then you rejected him when Pilatos (Pilate) had judged him and wanted to release him. **14** You disowned this man who was innocent and sinless, and instead you requested that a murderer be released to you.[25] **15** However in doing so, you killed the creator of life, who **God** then raised from the dead as we can attest. **16** Now it's our faith in the authority of Yeshua that has strengthened the legs of this man that you have seen and that you already knew—this authority and faith that comes from Yeshua completely healed this man right in front of you all.

17 So now, friends, I know that you did all that in ignorance, just like your leaders, **18** but actually **God** was fulfilling what he'd had written by the prophets, that the **messiah** should suffer. **19** Because of that, you all need to repent and turn back to God so that your sins can be erased, **20** and then times of refreshing will come from the presence of **Yahweh**, and so that he may send **Yeshua** the **messiah** who's been appointed, back to save

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3:1 And Petros also Yōannaʸs were_going_up into the temple at the hour ~~the~~ of_prayer the ninth hour. **2** And a_certain man, being lame from the_womb of_the_mother of_him, was_being_borne, whom they_were_putting in_every day at the door of_the temple, ~~which~~ being_called Beautiful, ~~which~~ to_be_requesting alms from the ones entering_in into the temple. **3** Who having_seen Petros and Yōannaʸs going to_be_entering into the temple, was_asking to_receive alms. **4** But Petros having_looked_intently at him with ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs said: Look to us. **5** And he was_holding_on to_them, expecting to_receive something from them. **6** But Petros said: Silver and gold is_not_being to_me, but this what I_am_having, I_am_giving to_you, in the name of_**Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa) chosen_one/messiah** of_the from_Nazaret, be_walking. **7** And having_grabbed him by_the right hand, he_raised him, and immediately the feet of_him and the ankles were_strengthened. **8** And leaping_up, he_stood and was_walking, and came_in with them into the temple, walking, and springing_up, and praising ~~the~~ **god**. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising the **god**. **10** And they_were_recognizing him that he was the one sitting at the Beautiful gate of_the temple for the alms, and they_were_filled with_amazement and amazement at the thing having_been_happened to_him.

11 And of_him taking_hold_of ~~the~~ Petros and ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs, all the people ran_together to them in the portico ~~which~~ being_called of_Solomōn/(Shəlmoh), greatly_amazed. **12** But ~~the~~ Petros having_seen it, answered to the people: Men, ones_from_Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl), why you_all_are_wondering at this, or why you_all_are_looking_intently at_us, as_though by_our_own power or devoutness having_made him ~~which~~ to_be_walking? **13** The **god** of_Abraʾam/(ʾAvrāhām), and the the_**god** of_Isaʾak/(Yitsḥāq), and the the_**god** of_Yakōb/(Yaʿaqov), the **god** of_the fathers of_us, glorified the servant of_him, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, whom you_all indeed gave_over, and disowned in the_presence of_Pilatos, that one having_judged to_be_sending_away him. **14** But you_all disowned the holy one and righteous one, and you_all_requested a_man a_murderer to_be_granted to_you_all, **15** but you_all_killed_off the originator of_ ~~the~~ _life, whom ~~the~~ **god** raised from the_dead, of_which we are witnesses. **16** And ~~the~~ faith in_the name of_him, this man whom you_all_are_observing and you_all_have_known, strengthened the name of_him, and the faith which is by him, gave ~~the~~ complete_healing to_him this in_front_of all of_you. **17** And now, brothers, I_have_known that you_all_did in ignorance, as also the rulers of_you_all. **18** But what things ~~the~~ **god** foretold by the_mouth of_all the prophets, the **chosen_one/messiah** of_him to_suffer, he_fulfilled thus. **19** Therefore repent and turn_back, because/for the time of_you_all ~~the~~ sins to_be_wiped_out, **20** so_that ~~wishfully~~ times of_refreshment may_come from the_presence of_the **master**, and he_may_send_out the one having_been_appointed to_you_all the_**chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, **21** whom indeed

24 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 3:15.

25 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:15-23; Mrk 15:6-14; Luk 23:13-23; Yhn 19:12-15.

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it_is_fitting heaven to_receive, until the_times of_restoration of_all things, which ~~the~~ **god** spoke from the_age by the_mouth of_the holy prophets of_him. **22** Indeed Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) said, ~~that~~ the_**master**, the **god** of_us will_be_raising_up A_prophet to_you_all like of_you_all me from the brothers, you_all_will_ _be_hearing from_him in all things, as_many_as ~~wishfully~~ he_ _may_speak to you_all. **23** And it_will_be that every soul, whoever ~~if~~ may_ not _hear ~~the~~ from_ that _prophet, will_be_ _being_wholly_destroyed from the people. **24** And also all the prophets from Samouaʸl/(Shəmūʾēl) and the ones consecutively, as_many_as spoke, also proclaimed ~~the~~ these days. **25** You_all are the sons of_the prophets, and of_the covenant which ~~the~~ **god** covenanted with the fathers of_you_all, saying to Abraʾam/(ʾAvrāhām): And in the seed of_you all the families of_the earth will_be_being_blessed. **26** ~~the~~ **god** having_raised_up the servant of_him, sent_ him _out To_you_all first, blessing you_all in that to_be_turning_away each from the wickedness of_you_all.

4:1 And of_them speaking to the people, the chief_priests, and the officer of_the temple, and the Saddoukaios_sect approached to_them, **2** being_thoroughly_disturbing because_ _of the thing them to_be_teaching to_the people, and to_be_ _proclaiming the resurrection in ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, which is from the_dead. **3** And they_laid_ their _on on_them hands, and they_put them in jail to the_ next _day, because/for it_was already evening. **4** But many the ones having_heard the message, believed and number of_the men was_become about five thousands. **5** And it_became on the_ next _day the rulers of_them, and the elders, and the scribes to_be_gathered_ _together in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), **6** and Annas the chief_priest, and Kaiafas, and Yōannaʸs, and Alexandros, and as_many_as were of chief_priestly descent. **7** And having_stood them in the midst, they_were_inquiring: In what power or in what name you_all did this? **8** Then Petros having_been_filled with_the_ holy _**spirit**, said to them: Rulers of_the people and elders, **9** if we today are_being_examined on a_good_work to_ _the_ sick _man, by what this one has_been_healed, **10** it_let_be known to_all you_all and to_all the people of_Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl), that in the name of_**Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah** the from_ _Nazaret, whom you_all executed_on_a_stake, whom ~~the~~ **god** raised from the_dead, by this name this man has_stood_by before you_all healthy. **11** This one is the stone ~~which~~ having_ _been_scorned by you_all, the builders, which having_become to the_head of_the_corner. **12** And not_one the is not in other salvation, because/for there_is not another name under ~~the~~ heaven ~~which~~ having_been_given among people, by which it_is_ _fitting us to_be_saved. **13** And observing the boldness of_ ~~the~~ _ _Petros and of_Yōannaʸs, and having_grasped that they_are illiterate and ordinary men, they_were_marvelling, and they_ _were_recognizing them that they_were with ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. **14** And seeing the man having_stood with them, the one having_been_healed, they_were_having

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you. **21** For now it is appropriate for heaven to receive him, until the times of restoration of everything, which again **God** has had written by the faithful prophets. **22** Indeed Mosheh (Moses) said, 'Our **God Yahweh** will raise up a prophet for you that's like one of your own brothers. You must listen to everything he says—whatever he tells you.[26] **23** Everyone who doesn't listen to that prophet will end up totally destroyed and not part of God's people.'[27] **24** Similarly, the prophets from Shmuel (Samuel) onwards spoke in turn, and when they spoke they foretold these current days. **25** And you are the descendants of those prophets, and part of the agreement between **God** and your ancestors, when he told Avraham, 'All the families in the world will be blessed by one of your descendants.'[28] **26** **God** had raised up his servant and sent him to you Yehudim (Jews) first, to bless you by turning each of you away from your own wicked behaviour."

Kefa and Yohan are threatened by the religious leaders

4:1 While Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) were still talking to the people, the chief priests and a temple officer and some people from the Saddoukaios (Sadducee) sect approached them **2** because they were very upset about what they'd been teaching the people, including preaching that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) could give life to the dead. **3** So they arrested the two, and as it was already evening, they put them in jail overnight. **4** Despite this, many people who'd heard their message trusted in Yeshua and the number of families who were believers grew to around 5,000.

5 Then the next day, the religious leaders and the elders and the religious teachers gathered together in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) **6** along with those descended from high priests, including Hanan (Annas; Grk. Hannas) the current high priest and Kayafa (Caiaphas; Grk. Kaiafas) and Yohan and Alexandros (Alexander). **7** After having Kefa and Yohan brought in and standing them in the middle, they began to ask, "Under what authority did you do this?"

8 Then Kefa, having been filled **with the** holy **spirit**, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, **9** if we're being questioned today about a good deed done to a man who couldn't walk and which resulted in his healing, **10** then you all need to know, and the people of Yisrael (Israel) should also know, that it was done under the authority and name **of Yeshua the messiah**. He was the man from Nazaret that you executed on a pole, but who **God** brought back to life. It was because of his authority that this man can now stand before you without deformity. **11** This Yeshua is:

'the stone which was rejected by you builders,

26 **RV 3:22 · Cross-ref.** Deu 18:15,18 (LXX).

27 **RV 3:23 · Cross-ref.** Deu 18:19.

28 **RV 3:25 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:18.

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has now become the vital cornerstone.'[29]
12 We can't be saved by anyone else, because there's no other name or authority that's been given in the entire world under which people can be saved.

13 The assembled leaders were amazed when they saw the boldness of Kefa and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) who they knew to be illiterate, working-class men Then they recognised that they'd been with **Yeshua**, 14 but since the man who was no longer deformed was standing there with them, there was nothing that they could really accuse them of. 15 So they had them removed from the room, and they asked each other, 16 "What should we do with these fellows? By now everyone in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) has heard about the miracle they did, and we have no way to rebuff it. 17 However, we have to stop it spreading even further, so maybe we should ban them from speaking about this name to anyone." 18 So they called them back in and decreed that they weren't allowed to preach or teach under the name **of Yeshua** anymore.

19 But Kefa and Yohan answered, "You judge for yourselves whether it's right in **God's** eyes to listen to you rather than to him? 20 As for us, we're not able to be silent about what we saw and heard." 21 So after making some further threats, the leaders sent them off. They hadn't been able to find anything to punish them for, because the people were all praising **God** for what had happened 22 and because the man who'd miraculously recovered was over forty years old.

The believers ask God for power

23 After Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) had been released, they went to their own group and told them what the chief priests and elders had said. 24 When they all heard this, they began to pray out loud to **God**, saying, "Yahweh, you created heaven and earth and the sea, and everything in them.[30]
25 You spoke long ago by **the** holy **spirit** through our ancestor who was your servant, David, when you said,

'Why are the other nations angry and why have their peoples tried new ideas?"

26 The earthly kings and rulers stood and worked together against **Yahweh** and against his **messiah**.'[31]
27 And indeed Herodes (Herod)[32] and Pontios Pilatos (Pilate)[33] met with the pagan Romaios and the peoples of Yisrael (Israel) to conspire against your holy servant **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) who you chose. 28 Then they did exactly what your power and plan had already decided would happen. 29 So now, **Yahweh**, see their threats and help us, your slaves, to be able to proclaim your message with boldness. 30 Let us experience your power to heal and do miracles and things that confirm the scriptures by

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nothing to_speak_against them. 15 But having_commanded them to_go_away outside the council, they_were_conferring with one_another 16 saying: What we_may_do to_ ~~the~~ these _ _men? For/Because indeed that has_become a_known sign through them, to_all the ones dwelling_in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) is manifest, and we_are_ not _ _being_able to_be_disowning it. 17 But in_order_that may_ not _be_spread on more among the people, we_may_threaten to_ _them to_ no_longer _be_speaking in ~~the~~ this name to_no_one of_the_people. 18 And having_called them, they_commanded them not to_be_speaking nor to_be_teaching in the name of_ ~~the~~ **_Yaʸsous** at_all. 19 But ~~the~~ Petros and Yōannaʸs answering said to them: Judge whether it_is right before ~~the~~ **god**, to_be_ _hearing from_you_all rather than ~~the~~ from_**god**.
20 For/Because we are_ not _being_able to_be_ not _speaking what we_saw and we_heard. 21 And they having_further_ _threatened them sent_ them _away, finding nothing ~~which~~ how they_may_punish them, because_of the people, because all were_glorifying ~~the~~ **god** for the thing having_become.
22 For/Because the man on whom this ~~the~~ sign of_the healing had_become was more years than forty.

23 And having_been_sent_away, they_came to their own, and they_reported as_much_as the chief_priests and the elders said to them. 24 And which having_heard, with_one_accord lifted_ _up their_voice to ~~the~~ **god** and said: Master, you ~~which~~ having_ _made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and all the things in them, 25 the one of_the father of_us, by the_ holy _ _**spirit** of_the_mouth Dawid/(Dāvid) servant of_you having_ _said: For/Because_ why _reason the_pagans raged, and peoples pondered vain things? 26 Standing_before the kings of_ _the earth and the rulers were_gathered_together with ~~the~~ themselves against the **master**, and against the **chosen_ _one/messiah** of_him. 27 For/Because both Haʸrōdaʸs and Pontios Pilatos were_gathered_together in truth in ~~the~~ this city with the_pagans and peoples of_Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl) against the holy servant of_you **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, whom you_ _anointed, 28 to_do as_much_as the hand of_you, and the counsel of_you predetermined to_become. 29 And the things now, **master**, look_upon on the threats of_them, and give to_ _the slaves of_you, all to_be_speaking the of_you message with boldness, 30 in that the hand to_be_stretching_out to_you for healing, and signs, and wonders, to_be_becoming through the name of_the holy servant of_you, **Yaʸsous**. 31 And having_ _been_besought of_them, the place in which they_were having_

29 **RV 4:11 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:22.

30 **RV 4:24 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:11; Neh 9:6; Psa 146:6.

31 **RV 4:25-26 · Cross-ref.** Psa 2:1-2 (LXX).

32 **RV 4:27 · Cross-ref.** Luk 23:7-11.

33 **RV 4:27 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:1-2; Mrk 15:1; Luk 23:1; Yhn 18:28-29.

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_been_gathered_together was_shaken, and all were_filled the holy **spirit**, and they_were_speaking the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god** with boldness.

32 And the multitude of_the ones having_believed, was one in_ _heart and soul, and and_not one anything of_the things possessing to_him was_saying to_be his_own, but was all things in_common to_them. **33** And with_ great _power, the ambassadors of_the **master Ya^{y}sous** were_giving_back ~~the~~, testimony, of_the resurrection, and great grace was on them all. **34** For/Because not_even any impoverished was among them, because/for as_many_as were_being owners of_ _properties or houses, selling them they_were_bringing the values of_the things being_sold, **35** and they_were_laying them before the feet of_the ambassadors, and it_was_being_ _distributed to_each, as_much_as ~~wishfully~~ anyone was_having need. **36** And Yōsa^{y}f/(Yōşēf) the one having_been_called Barnabas, by the ambassadors, which is being_translated: son of_exhortation, a_Leuita^{y}s/(from_tribe_of_Lēvī), a_from_ _Kupros ~~the~~ by_descent, **37** possessing by_him of_a_field, having_sold it brought the money and laid it before the feet of_ _the ambassadors.

5:1 But a_certain man by_the_name Ananias, with Sapfeira^{y} the wife of_him, sold a_property **2** and embezzled from the value, the wife also having_become_aware, and having_brought a_ _certain portion, he_laid it before the feet of_the ambassadors. **3** But ~~the~~ Petros said: Ananias, because/for_ Why _reason ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāţān) filled the heart of_you, for_you to_lie to_the ~~the~~ holy **spirit**, and to_embezzle from the value of_the property? **4** Not remaining unsold it_was_remaining to_you, and having_ _been_sold it_was_being in ~~the~~ your authority? Why that you_ _purposed in the heart of_you ~~the~~ this matter? You_lied not to_ _people, but to_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **5** And ~~the~~ Ananias hearing ~~the~~ these messages, having_fallen he_stopped_breathing. And great fear became on all the ones hearing. **6** And having_risen_up, the younger men covered him, and having_brought_out him, they_ _buried him. **7** And it_became a_period about three hours, and the wife of_him, not having_known the thing having_become, came_in. **8** And Petros answered to her: Tell to_me if for_so_ _much the property and? you_all_gave_back she said: Yes, for_ _so_much. **9** But ~~the~~ Petros said to her: Why is_it that it_was_ _agreed_together by_you_all to_test the **spirit** of_the_**master**? Behold, the feet of_the ones having_buried the husband of_you are at the door, and they_will_be_bringing_ you _out. **10** And immediately she_fell before the feet of_him, and stopped_ _breathing. And having_come_in, the young_men found her dead, and having_brought_out her, they_buried her with the husband of_her. **11** And great reverence became on all the assembly, and on all the ones hearing these things.

12 And by the hands of_the ambassadors, many signs and wonders was_becoming, among the people, and all were with_ _one_accord in the Veranda of_Solomōn/(Shəlmoh). **13** But of_ _the rest no_one was_daring to_be_being_joined_together to_

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means of the name and authority of your holy servant, **Yeshua**."

31 As they finished their requests, the place where they had met was shaken and all of them were filled with the holy **spirit**, and they went out and boldly proclaimed **God's** message.

The believers share their wealth and possessions

32 And so the group of believers were united in their will and attitude. No one claimed anything to be their own, but they shared everything they had.[34] **33** The missionaries of the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), experienced great power and proclaimed the truth about how he came back to life, and God's favour was with them. **34** None of them were lacking anything, because any of them who owned properties or houses would sell them and donate the proceeds. **35** They would lay them down in front of the missionaries, and from there it was distributed around according to what needs each person had.

36 Yosef (Joseph) (a Levite born in Kupros (Cyprus) who was nicknamed by the missionaries as 'Barnabas', meaning 'Encourager') was one who **37** owned a field which he sold, and brought the money and put it down in front of the missionaries.

The death of Hananyah and Sapfira

5:1 But in contrast, a couple named Hananyah (Ananias; Grk. Hananias) and Sapfira sold a property **2** but agreed together to hide some of the proceeds. So Hananyah brought a smaller amount and put it down in front of the missionaries. **3** Then Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) said, "Hananyah, why has Satan filled your mind such that you would lie to the holy **spirit** and keep aside some of the proceeds of the property? **4** Wasn't it yours before it was sold? And even when it was sold, the money was still yours. Why did you decide to handle it like this? It wasn't people that you're lying to, but **God**." **5** When Hananyah heard that, he fell down and stopped breathing. Everyone who heard about it felt very afraid, **6** and the young men there stood up and covered his body, carried it out, and buried him.

7 Three hours later, Hananyah' wife came in, not knowing anything about what had happened. **8** Kefa checked, "Is it true that you guys sold the property for such-and-such an amount?"

"Yes, for that amount," she replied.

9 But Kefa said to her, "Why did the two of you agree to test **Yahweh's spirit**? The guys who just buried your husband are just out the door, and they'll carry you out as well." **10** Sapfira immediately fell down in front of him and stopped breathing. Then the young men came in and found her dead, so they took her body out and buried her with her husband. **11** So the entire assembly of believers became very afraid, along with everyone else who heard about these events.

Ongoing miracles and healings

12 The missionaries went on to do many miracles and amazing things, and all the people who gathered in Shelomoh's Porch had a united vision,

34 **RV 4:32 · Cross-ref.** Acts 2:44-45.

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13 but no one else dared to join them. However, the people were talking positively about them 14 and more were becoming believers in the **master**—big numbers of both men and women. 15 Some would even bring those who were sick out to the side of the road, lying them on beds and mats waiting for Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) to come past so that even his shadow might touch them. 16 More crowds were coming from the towns around Yerushalem (Jerusalem), bringing those who were sick and those tormented by demons, and they were all getting healed.

The preachers get arrested but released again

17 But the chief priest and his colleagues who were members of the sect of Sadoukaios (Sadducees) were filled with jealousy and took action 18 by having the missionaries arrested and thrown into the public jail. 19 But one **of Yahweh's** messengers opened the prison doors during the night and led them out again, saying, 20 "Now go and stand in the temple and keep telling the people all the teaching about new life." 21 So at dawn, having taken notice of the messenger, they went into the temple and started teaching the people there again.

When the chief priest arrived with his companions, they called together the religious council and also the political council of Yisrael (Israel), then called for the missionaries to be brought in from the prison. 22 But when their attendants got to the jail, they weren't there, so they returned to the gathering and told them, 23 "We found the prison all locked up with the guards in their positions at the doors, but when they opened it up, there was no one inside!" 24 When they heard this, the officer of the temple and the chief priests were totally puzzled as to what could have happened. 25 Just then someone came in and told them, "Hey, the men that you put in prison are in the temple—standing there teaching the people." 26 So the temple officer took the attendants and went and got them, but didn't use force because they were afraid that the people might start throwing rocks at them.

27 So they brought them in and stood them in front of the council, where the chief priest addressed them, 28 "We officially commanded you all not to be teaching in this name and authority. But see here, now you've filled Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with your teaching, and what's more, you're blaming us for the death of that man."[35] 29 But Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and the other missionaries answered, "It's better **to** obey **God** than people. 30 The **god** of our ancestors brought **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) back to life after you all handed him over to be hung up on a pole. 31 But **God** honoured this way-maker and saviour by placing him in the place of honour, to encourage Yisrael (Israel) to repent and then to forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these messages, along with the holy **spirit** who **God** gave to the ones who obey him."

33 When the gathered councils heard this, they were enraged

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_them, but the people was_magnifying them, 14 and more believing ones were_being_added in_the **master**, multitudes of_ both _men and women, 15 so_as even to_be_bringing_out the sick on the roads, and to_be_putting them on cots and pallets, in_order_that coming of_Petros, even_if the shadow may_overshadow on_someone of_them. 16 And the multitude was_coming_together also from_the surrounding the_cities of_ _Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), bringing the_sick and being_ _being_tormented ones by unclean spirits, who were_ all _ _being_healed.

17 But the chief_priest and all the ones with him, being the sect of_the Saddoukaios_sect having_risen_up, were_filled with_ _jealousy, 18 and they_laid_on their hands on the ambassadors, and they_put them in public jail. 19 But a_messenger of_the_ _**master** opened_up the doors of_the prison through, the_ _night, and having_led_ them _out said, 20 Be_going, and having_been_stood, in the temple be_speaking to_the people all the messages of_ ~~the~~ this _life. 21 And having_heard, they_ _came_in by ~~the~~ dawn into the temple, and they_were_teaching. And having_arrived the chief_priest and the ones with him, they_called_together the council and all the council of_the sons of_Israaʸl/(Yisrā᾽ēl), and they_sent_out to the prison for_ _them to_be_brought. 22 But they having_arrived attendants, not found them in the prison, and having_returned, they_ _reported 23 saying, ~~that~~ We_found the the_prison having_ _been_shut with all security, and the guards having_stood before the doors, but having_opened_up, we_found no_one inside. 24 And when they_heard ~~the~~ these messages, both the officer of_the temple and the chief_priests were_thoroughly_ _perplexing concerning them, what ~~wishfully~~ this might_ _become. 25 But having_arrived, someone reported to_them, ~~that~~ Behold, the men whom you_all_put in the prison are in the temple, having_stood and teaching the people. 26 Then having_ _gone_away, the officer with the attendants was_bringing them, not with force, because/for they_were_fearing the people, lest they_may_be_stoned. 27 And having_brought them, they_set them in the council. And the chief_priest asked them 28 saying, we_commanded to_you_all By_a_charge not to_be_ _teaching in ~~the~~ this name, and see, you_all_have_filled ~~the~~ Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) with_the teaching of_you_all, and you_all_are_wishing to_bring_upon on us the blood of_ ~~the~~ this _man. 29 But Petros and the ambassadors answering said: To_be_yielding it_is_fitting to_**god**, rather than people. 30 The **god** of_the fathers of_us raised **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, whom you_all handed_over, having_hanged him on a_stake. 31 ~~the~~ **god** exalted This one originator and saviour, by_the right hand of_ _him, ~~which~~ to_give repentance to_ ~~the~~ _Israaʸl/(Yisrā᾽ēl) and forgiveness of_sins. 32 And we are witnesses of_ ~~the~~ these _ _messages, and the ~~the~~ holy **spirit**, whom ~~the~~ **god** gave to_the ones yielding to_him. 33 And they having_heard were_being_ _cut_through, and they_were_wishing to_kill them. 34 But a_ _certain Farisaios_party_member by_the_name Gamaliaʸl/(Gamlī᾽ēl) having_risen_up in the council, a_law_ _teacher honoured by_all the people, he_commanded them to_ _make the men. outside a_little time. 35 And he_said to them:

35 **RV 5:28 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:25.

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Men, ones_from_Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl), be_taking_heed to_
_yourselves what you_all_are_going to_be_doing with ~~the~~ these
men. **36** For/Because before these ~~the~~ days Theudas rose_up,
saying himself to_be someone, to_whom was_joined_up of_men
a_number of_ about _four_hundred, who was_killed and all as_
_many_as were_being_persuaded by_him were_dispersed and
became to nothing. **37** After this, Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) the
Galilaios rose_up in the days of_the registration, and drew_
_away people after him, and_that one perished, and all as_
_many_as were_being_persuaded by_him were_scattered.
38 And now I_am_saying the things to_you_all, withdraw from
~~the~~ these men and allow them, because if this ~~the~~ counsel or this
~~the~~ work it_may_be from humans, will_be_being_torn_down,
39 but if it_is from **god**, you_all_‹will›_ not _be_able to_tear_
_down them, lest also you_all_may_be_found god-opposers.
And they_were_persuaded by_him, **40** and having_called_to the
ambassadors, having_beat they_commanded them not to_be_
speaking in the name of ~~the~~ **_Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, and they_
_sent_away them. **41** Therefore they indeed were_going,
rejoicing from the_presence of_the council that they_were_
_considered_worthy to_be_dishonoured for his name. **42** And
every day in the temple and in ‹each›_house, they_were_ not _
_ceasing teaching and good_message_preaching the **chosen_
_one/messiah**, **Yaʸsous**.

6:1 And in ~~the~~ these days multiplying the apprentices/followers,
became a_grumbling of_the Hellaʸnistaʸs against the Hebraios,
because the widows of_them were_being_overlooked in the ~~the~~
daily service. **2** And the twelve having_called_to the multitude
of_the apprentices/followers said: It_is not pleasing us, having_
left the message of ~~the~~ **_god**, to_be_serving unto_tables. **3** but
brothers examine, men from of_you_all being_attested, seven
full of_the_**spirit** and wisdom, whom we_will_be_appointing
over ~~the~~ this need. **4** But we will_be_persevering ~~the~~ in_prayer
and ~~the~~ service of_the message. **5** And the statement brought_
_pleasure before all the multitude, and they_chose Stefanos, a_
_man full of_faith and of_the_ holy **_spirit**, and Filippos, and
Proḳoros, and Nikanōr, and Timōn, and Parmenas, and Nikolaos
a_ from_Antioḳeia _convert, **6** whom they_stood before the
ambassadors, and having_prayed, they_laid_on their hands on_
_them. **7** And the message of_the of_**god** was_growing, and the
number of_the apprentices/followers in
Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) was_being_multiplied
exceedingly, and a_great crowd of_the priests were_submitting
in_the faith.

8 And Stefanos full of_grace and power, was_doing wonders and
great signs among the people. **9** But some of_the of the
synagogue, ~~which~~ being_called Freedmen, and of_ones_from_
_Kuraʸnaʸ, and of_Alexandrians, and of_the ones from Kilikia,
and Asia rose_up, debating with_the Stefanos. **10** And they_
_were_were_ not _able to_resist against_the wisdom and the

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and wanted to kill them, **34** but a certain member of the Farisaios party named Gamliel stood up in the council chamber. He was a law teacher respected by all the community, and he ordered the guards to take them outside for a while, **35** then he said, "Fellow Israelis, think carefully about what you're planning to do with these men. **36** A while back, a man called Theudas became prominent, saying that he was someone important. Eventually about four hundred others joined him, but he was killed and those who'd followed him were dispersed and it all came to nothing. **37** A bit later on, a Galili man named Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) became prominent at the time of the census and he attracted people to him. But he also died, and all those who'd been persuaded by him ended up being scattered. **38** So here's my advice to you all: pull back from killing these men and allow them to continue, because if this teaching and goings on is man-made, it'll be overthrown, **39** but if it's from **God**, you all won't be able to bring them down in case you find yourselves opposing God."

So they were persuaded by Gamliel, **40** and after calling in the missionaries and having them beaten, they commanded them not to speak using the name and authority **of Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and then sent them out. **41** So the missionaries left the councils, very excited that they were considered worthy to be disgraced because of Yeshua. **42** After that, they never stopped teaching and preaching the good message about **Yeshua the messiah** in the temple and in various homes.

Seven administrators appointed

6:1 However around that time when the number of Yeshua-followers were growing, some of the Greek converts starting grumbling about the Jewish believers because the Greek widows were being overlooked in the daily sharing of food and money. **2** So the twelve missionaries assembled the believers together and told them, "We're not pleased about having to take time off sharing the message **of God** to be serving here at the distribution tables. **3** So brothers, look around you for seven men who are well known to be full **of** God's **spirit** and wisdom, so we can appoint them to be in charge of this part of the work. **4** Then we ourselves can continue to pray and share the message."

5 This idea pleased the group, so they went ahead and chose Stefanos (a man full of faith and **of the** holy **spirit**), Filippos (Philip), Prokoros, Nikanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nikolaos (a non-Jew from Antiokeia who had previously converted to Youdaismos). **6** They stood these seven up in front of the missionaries, who prayed and then placed their hands on them.

7 **God's** message continued spreading and the number of followers in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was rapidly increasing, and a large number of the priests became believers.

Stefanos gets arrested after teaching and doing miracles

8 Now Stefanos (one of the seven) was full of grace and power and was doing miracles and amazing demonstrations of God's power among the people. **9** But a group from the Freedmen Synagogue as well as Yehudim (Jews)

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from Kurainai (Cyrene), Alexandria, Kilikia, and Asia Minor rose up and started arguing against Stefanos, **10** but they weren't able to refute the wisdom that he spoke with the help of the pure **spirit**. **11** So they got some men to falsely accuse Stefanos saying, "We heard him denigrating Mosheh (Moses) and **God**." **12** So they stirred up the people and the elders and the law teachers and so they approached Stefanos and arrested him and brought him to the council chambers. **13** There they produced the false witnesses saying, "This man won't stop spreading messages against this holy temple and against the law **14** because we heard him saying that that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) from Nazaret will be tearing down this building and will be changing the traditions that Mosheh gave to us." **15** So then the council members looked across at Stefanos and saw that his face was shining like that of one of God's messengers.

Stefanos's history discourse and accusations

7:1 Then the chief priest asked Stefanos, "Is all this true?"

2 And he replied, "My brothers and fathers, please listen. Our honoured **God** was seen by our ancestor Avraham in Mesopotamia before he moved to Haran **3** and he told him, 'Leave your land and your relatives, and go to the place that I will show you.'[36] **4** So he left Kasdim and moved to Haran,[37] and then after his father died, he moved again to this land where we now live.[38] **5** Avraham hadn't received any land here as an inheritance, in fact he'd never been near this land and nor did he have any children, yet God promised to give this entire country to him and his descendants.[39] **6** And yet **God** also told him that his descendants would end up staying in another country where they would be enslaved and mistreated for four hundred years. **7** However **God** promised to punish the nation that enslaved them, and told him that in the end they would leave that place and serve him here in this country.[40][41] **8** And he contracted with Avraham about being circumcised,[42] and so when Avraham had Yitshak (Isaac), he circumcised him on the eighth day,[43] and then Yitshak went on to have Ya'akov (Jacob),[44] and Ya'akov to have the twelve tribal leaders.[45]

9 Those brothers went on to become jealous of Yosef (Joseph)[46] and sent him back into Mitsrayim (Egypt) as a slave,[47] but **God**

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spirit, by_whom he_was_speaking. **11** Then they_instigated men saying, ~~that~~ We_have_heard him speaking slanderous messages against Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) and ~~the~~ **god**. **12** And they_ _stirred_up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and having_approached, they_seized him and brought him to the council, **13** and they_set false witnesses saying: - this man is_ not _ceasing speaking messages against this the ~~the~~ holy place and the law, **14** for/because we_have_heard him saying that this **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** the from_Nazaret will_be_tearing_ _down ~~the~~ this place, and will_be_changing the customs that Mōsaʸs gave_over to_us. **15** And having_looked_intently at him, all the ones sitting in the council saw the face of_him, as_if the_ _face of_a_messenger.

7:1 And the chief_priest said: - these things is_having thus? **2** And he was_saying: Men, brothers and fathers, hear me. The **god** of_ ~~the~~ _glory was_seen by_ Abraʼam/(ʼAvrāhām) _the father of_us, him being in ~~the~~ Mesopotamia before ~~or/than~~ to_ _dwell in Ḳarran/(Ḥārān), **3** and he_said to him: Come_out from the land of_you and from the relatives of_you, and come into the land whichever I_will_be_showing ~~wishfully~~ to_you. **4** Then having_come_out from the_land of_ones_from_Ḳaldia/(Kasdiy), he_dwelt in Ḳarran. And_from_there after the time the father of_him to_die_off, he_removed him into ~~the~~ this land, in which you_all are_ now _dwelling. **5** And not gave to_him an_ _inheritance in it, nor the_tribunal of_a_foot, but he_promised to_give to_him for a_possession it, and to_the descendants of_ _him after him, not being to_him a_child. **6** But ~~the~~ **god** spoke thus that will_be the descendants of_him: a_sojourner in anothers land, and they_will_be_enslaving it and they_will_be_ _mistreating it four_hundred years. **7** But I ~~the~~ **god** will_be_ _judging the nation for_whichever ~~if~~ they_may_serve, said: And after these things, they_will_be_coming_out and will_be_ _serving unto_me in ~~the~~ this place. **8** And he_gave to_him the_ _covenant of_circumcision, and thus he_bore ~~the~~ Isaʼak/(Yitsḥāq), and circumcised him on_the ~~the~~ eighth day, and Isaʼak bore ~~the~~ Yakōb/(Yaʻaqovʻ), and Twelve the Yakōb patriarchs. **9** And the patriarchs having_been_jealous ~~the~~ of_ _Yōsaʸf/(Yōṣēf), gave_back him into Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim), but ~~the~~ **god** was with him, **10** and he_rescued him out_of all the

36 **RV 7:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:1.
37 **RV 7:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 11:31.
38 **RV 7:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:4.
39 **RV 7:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:7; 13:15; 15:18; 17:8.
40 **RV 7:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:13-14.
41 **RV 7:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 3:12.
42 **RV 7:8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 17:10-14.
43 **RV 7:8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 21:2-4.
44 **RV 7:8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:26.
45 **RV 7:8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 29:31–35:18.
46 **RV 7:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 37:11.
47 **RV 7:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 37:28.

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tribulations of_him, and gave to_him favour and wisdom before Faraō/(Far´oh), king of_Aiguptos, and he_appointed him leading one over Aiguptos, and over all the house of_him. **11** And a_famine came on all the Aiguptos and Kana'an/(Kina´an), and great tribulation, and the fathers of_us were_ not _finding food. **12** But Yakōb having_heard, being grain in Aiguptos, sent_away the fathers of_us first. **13** And on the second time, Yōsaʸf was_made_known by_the brothers of_ _him, and the descent of_Yōsaʸf it_became manifest to_ ~~the~~ _ _Faraō. **14** And Yōsaʸf having_sent_out, summoned Yakōb, the father of_him, and all the relatives, in seventy five souls. **15** And Yakōb came_down into Aiguptos, and he and the fathers of_us died, **16** and they_were_replaced to Sukem/(Shəkem), and they_were_put in the tomb, which Abra'am/('Avrāhām) purchased for_a_value of_silver from the sons of_ _Emmor/(Ḥₐmōr) in Sukem. **17** But as the time of_the promise, which ~~the~~ **god** promised to_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am was_nearing, the people grew and was_multiplied in Aiguptos, **18** until of_which another king rose_up over Aiguptos, who had_ not _known ~~the~~ Yōsaʸf/(Yōşēf). **19** This man, having_taken_advantage of_the race of_us, mistreated the fathers ~~which~~ to_be_making the babies of_them abandoned, in_order that to_ not _be_being_ _kept_alive. **20** In that time Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) was_born, and he_was beautiful to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, who was_brought_up three months in the house of_the father. **21** And, having_been_set_ _out of_him the daughter of_Faraō/(Far´oh) took_ him _away, and brought_ him _up for_herself for a_son. **22** And Mōsaʸs was_instructed in in_all the_wisdom of_the_ _Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim)ians, and was powerful in the_messages and the_works of_him. **23** But when a_ forty_year _time was_ _being_fulfilled to_him, went_up in the heart of_him to_visit the brothers of_him, the sons of_Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl). **24** And having_seen one being_wronged, he_retaliated and did vengeance for_the one being_distressed, having_struck the from_Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim). **25** And he_was_thinking the brothers to_be_understanding that ~~the~~ **god** by the_hand of_him is_giving salvation to_them, but they not understood. **26** And on_the following day, he_was_seen to_them quarrelling, and he_was_reconciling them to peace, having_said: Men, you_all_

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was with him[48] **10** and rescued him out of all his troubles there. Then God gave him wisdom and caused him to gain the favour of Par'oh (Pharaoh), the king of Mitsrayim, who then appointed him as the ruler of all Mitsrayim and over Par'oh's own household.[49] **11** Then a famine hit all Mitsrayim and Kena'an (Canaan) causing great distress and our ancestors were unable to find enough food.[50] **12** But Ya'akov heard that grain was available in Mitsrayim, so first, he sent off our tribal leaders. **13** On their second visit, Yosef revealed himself to them,[51] and so Par'oh became aware of Yosef's heritage.[52] **14** Then Yosef sent for his father Ya'akov and all the extended family[53]—some seventy-five of them.[54] **15** So Ya'akov went to Mitsrayim,[55] where he and the twelve tribal leaders eventually died,[56] **16** although their bodies were moved to Shekem where they were put into the tomb that Avraham had bought from the sons of Hamor.[57]

17 But as the time limit promised to Avraham by **God** was getting closer, our people multiplied in Mitsrayim[58] **18** until another Par'oh ended up ruling there who had never known Yosef. **19** He took advantage of us Yehudim (Jews) and mistreated our ancestors,[59] even forcing them apart from their own babies so they wouldn't live.[60] **20** Mosheh (Moses) was born during that time and **God** considered him beautiful. He spent three months in his own father's house[61] **21** before being placed outside, from where Par'oh's daughter took him and brought him up herself as her own son.[62] **22** So Mosheh was instructed in all the wisdom of the Mitsrim (Egyptians), and was a powerful speaker and project leader.

23 But when he hit forty, it entered his mind to visit his relatives, the Israelis.[63] **24** When he noticed one of them being mistreated, he retaliated and while defending the oppressed man, he struck and killed the Mitsri (Egyptian). **25** He thought his relatives would understand that **God** was bringing salvation to them via him, but they didn't see it that way. **26** So on the following day when he saw two of them quarrelling, he tried to resolve the situation by saying, 'Men, you're all brothers. Why are you injur-

48 **RV 7:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 39:2,21.
49 **RV 7:10 · Cross-ref.** Gen 41:39-41.
50 **RV 7:11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 42:1-2.
51 **RV 7:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 45:1.
52 **RV 7:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 45:16.
53 **RV 7:14 · Cross-ref.** Gen 45:9-10,17-18.
54 **RV 7:14 · Cross-ref.** Gen 46:27 (LXX).
55 **RV 7:15 · Cross-ref.** Gen 46:1-7.
56 **RV 7:15 · Cross-ref.** Gen 49:33.
57 **RV 7:16 · Cross-ref.** Gen 23:3-16; 33:19; 50:7-13; Josh 24:32.
58 **RV 7:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 1:7-8.
59 **RV 7:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 1:10-11.
60 **RV 7:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 1:22.
61 **RV 7:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 2:2.
62 **RV 7:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 2:3-10.
63 **RV 7:23-29 · Cross-ref.** Exo 2:11-15.

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ing each other?' 27 But the bullying one pushed him away and said, 'Who made you the judge over us? 28 Do you want to kill me like you killed that Mitsri yesterday?' 29 When he heard that, Mosheh fled Mitsrayim (Egypt) and became an exile in Midyan where he eventually had two sons.[64]

30 After another forty years, he was in the wilderness around Mt. Sinay when he saw a messenger in the flame of a burning thorn bush.[65] 31 Mosheh was amazed at the vision when he saw it, so he approached the bush to look more closely when he heard Yahweh's voice saying, 32 'I am the **god** of your ancestors—the **god** of Avraham and of Yitshak (Isaac) and of Ya'akov (Jacob).' At that point, Mosheh started trembling and was scared to go any closer to look, 33 but **Yahweh** said, 'Take off your sandals, because the ground you're standing on is dedicated to God. 34 I have noticed the mistreatment of my people in Mitsrayim and heard their groaning and so I came down to rescue them, so now I'm going to send you back to Mitsrayim.'

35 This was the same Mosheh that they had previously rejected and asked who had made him ruler and judge over them.[66] Now **God** had indeed sent him as ruler and liberator by means of the messenger that he saw in the thorn bush. 36 So eventually Mosheh led them out of Mitsrayim after doing miracles and signs of God's power there,[67] and then also at the Red Sea[68] and during the forty years in the wilderness.[69] 37 This same Mosheh told Israelis that in the future **God** would raise up another prophet like him from among them.[70] 38 Now Mosheh was the person that led the assembly of people in the wilderness, was spoken to by one of God's messengers on Mt. Sinay, and one of our ancestors that received living messages to pass on to us.[71]

39 "Yet our ancestors didn't want to obey that man, so they rejected him and started thinking about Mitsrayim again, 40 saying to Aharon (Aaron), 'Make some gods for us to lead us because we've got no idea what happened to that Mosheh who led us out of Mitsrayim.'[72] 41 So together they made a calf as an idol to bring sacrifices to, and they were pleased with what they'd achieved.[73] 42 But **God** turned and allowed them to serve the heavenly armies, just as the prophets wrote,

'It wasn't me that you Israelis sacrificed to for those forty years in the wilderness.

43 You turned to Molek's tent and Remfan's star as your gods by making images of them to bow down to. So for that, I'll send

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are brothers. for Why _reason are_you_all_injuring one_ _another? 27 But the one injuring your neighbour pushed_ him _away having_said: Who appointed you ruler and judge over us? 28 You are_ not _wanting to_kill me, that manner you_killed the from_Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim) yesterday? 29 And Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) fled at ~~the~~ this statement: and became a_ _sojourner in the_land of_Madiam/(Midyān), where he_bore two sons. 30 And forty years having_been_fulfilled: a_ _messenger was_seen to_him in the wilderness of_ ~~the~~ _Mount Sina/(Ṣīnay), in a_flame of_fire of_a_thorn_bush. 31 And ~~the~~ Mōsaʸs having_seen it, marvelled at_the vision. And him approaching to_observe it, there_became the_voice of_the_ _**master**: 32 I am the **god** of_the fathers of_you, the **god** of_ _Abra'am/('Avrāhām), and of_Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq), and of_ _Yakōb/(Ya'aqov). And Mōsaʸs having_become trembling, was_ not _daring to_observe. 33 And the **master** said to_him: Untie the sandal of_the feet of_you, because/for the place on which you_have_stood ground is holy. 34 Having_seen, I_saw the mistreatment of_the people of_me ~~which~~ in Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim), and I_heard of_the groaning of_them, and I_came_down to_rescue them: And now come, I_may_send_ you _out to Aiguptos. 35 This ~~the~~ Mōsaʸs, whom they_disowned having_said: Who you appointed ruler and judge? This man ~~the~~ **god** has_sent_out ruler and redeemer, with the_hand of_the_ _messenger ~~which~~ having_been_seen by_him in the thorn_bush. 36 This man led_ them _out, having_done wonders and signs in the Aiguptos, and in the_Red Sea, and in the wilderness, because/forty years. 37 This is ~~the~~ Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) the man having_said to_the sons of_Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl): - **god** will_be_ _raising_up A_prophet to_you_all, from the brothers of_you_all, like me. 38 This is the man having_become in the assembly in the wilderness, with the messenger ~~which~~ speaking to_him on ~~the~~ Mount Sina/(Ṣīnay), and of_the fathers of_us, who received the_ living _oracles to_give to_you_all, 39 to_whom the fathers of_us willed not to_become obedient, but they_pushed_away him and they_were_turned in the hearts of_them to Aiguptos, 40 having_said to_ ~~the~~ _A'arōn/('Aha_ron): Make for_us gods who will_be_going_before before_us. For/Because ~~the~~ this Mōsaʸs, who led_out us from the_land of_Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim), we_ _have_ not _known what became to_him. 41 And they_made_a_ _calf in ~~the~~ those days, and they_brought_up a_sacrifice to_the idol, and they_were_being_gladdened in the works of_the hands of_them. 42 But ~~the~~ **god** turned, and gave_ them _over to_ _be_serving unto_the army of_ ~~the~~ _heaven, as it_has_been_ _written in scroll of_the prophets: You_all_ not _offered victims

64 **RV 7:29 · Cross-ref.** Exo 18:3-4.

65 **RV 7:30-34 · Cross-ref.** Exo 3:1-10.

66 **RV 7:35 · Cross-ref.** Exo 2:14.

67 **RV 7:36 · Cross-ref.** Exo 7:3.

68 **RV 7:36 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:21.

69 **RV 7:36 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:33.

70 **RV 7:37 · Cross-ref.** Deu 18:15,18.

71 **RV 7:38 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:1–20:17; Deu 5:1-33.

72 **RV 7:40 · Cross-ref.** Exo 32:1.

73 **RV 7:41 · Cross-ref.** Exo 32:2-6.

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and sacrifices to_me, because/forty years? in the wilderness, house of_Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl)? **43** And you_all_took_up the tent of_ the _Molok/(Molek), and the star of_ Remfan _the god of_you_ _all, the images which you_all_made to_be_prostrating before_ _them. And I_will_be_removing you_all beyond Babulōn/(Bāvel?). **44** The tent of_the testimony was with_the fathers of_us in the wilderness, as directed the one speaking to_ the _Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh), to_make it according_to the pattern that he_had_seen, **45** which also the fathers of_us they_ _brought_in, having_inherited with **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** in the possession of_the nations, whom the **god** drove_out from the_face of_the fathers of_us, until the days of_Dawid/(Dāvid), **46** who found favour before the **god**, and requested to_find a_ _tent for_the house of_Yakōb/(Yaʹaqov). **47** But Solomōn/(Shəlmoh) built the_house for_him. **48** But the highest is_ not _dwelling in handmade houses, as the prophet is_saying, **49** - heaven is a_throne to_me, and the the_earth is a_ _footstool of_the feet of_me. What house you_all_will_be_ _building for_me? The_**master** is_saying, or what place is of_ _the rest of_me? **50** Not the hand of_me made all these things? **51** Stiff-necked and uncircumcised in_hearts and the ears, you_ _all are_ always _opposing against_the the holy **spirit**, as are the fathers of_you_all, you_all also. **52** Which of_the prophets the fathers of_you_all not persecuted? And they_killed_off the ones having_foretold concerning the advent of_the righteous one, of_whom now you_all became betrayers and murderers. **53** Who received the law in the_ordinance of_messengers, and not kept it.

54 And hearing these things, they_were_being_cut_through in_ _the hearts of_them, and they_were_grating their teeth at him. **55** But being full of_the_ holy _**spirit**, having_looked_intently into the heaven, he_saw the_glory of_**god**, and **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** having_stood by the_right of_ the _**god**, **56** and said: Behold, I_am_observing the heavens having_been_ _opened_up, and the son of_ the _man having_stood by the_ _right of_ the _**god**. **57** But having_cried_out with_a_ loud _ _voice, they_held the ears of_them, and they_rushed with_one_ _accord on him. **58** And having_throw_out him out the city, they_were_stoning. And the witnesses put_away the robes of_ _them, before the feet of_a_young_man being_named Saulos/(Shāʾūl). **59** And they_were_stoning the Stefanos, who_ _calling and saying: **master Yaʸsous**, receive the spirit of_me. **60** And having_knelt on_his knees, he_cried_out with_a_ loud _ _voice: **master**, you_may_ not _set this the sin to_them. And having_said this, he_was_fallen_asleep.
8:1 And Saulos was consenting to_the killing of_him. And a_ great _persecution became on that the day, against the assembly, which was in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim). And all

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you all away into exile beyond Bavel (Babylon).'[74]

44 The tent of evidence was with our ancestors in the wilderness—made to the pattern that God had shown Mosheh.[75] **45** Our ancestors then carried that tent into the land, having inherited it along with **Yehoshua** (Joshua) from the possession of the pagans which **God** drove out ahead of them.[76] The tent remained there until the time of David **46** who found favour with **God** and requested to find a tent for the house of Ya'akov (Jacob),[77] **47** but it was Shelomoh (Solomon) who built the house for God to reside in.[78]

48 However the highest one doesn't actually live in structures made by people, but as the prophet wrote,

49 'Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is where I place my feet.
How could you possibly build a suitable house for me?
50 Wasn't it me that created everything?'[79]

51 You stiff-necked people with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You're always opposing the holy **spirit** just like your ancestors were.[80] **52** Which one of the prophets wasn't persecuted by your ancestors? Even the ones that foretold the coming of the righteous one were killed off by them in just the same way that you yourselves became his betrayers and murderers! **53** You'd received the law under the direction of messengers, and yet you didn't obey it."

Stefanos's lynching and death

54 When they heard that, they were raging inside and grating their teeth at him. **55** But being full **of the** holy **spirit**, Stefanos stared up into the sky and was able to see **God's** splendour, as well as seeing **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) standing there on God's right. **56** He said, "I can look through the sky that's opened up and can see the son of humanity standing at **God's** right side."

57 At this point, they blocked their ears and rushed together to grab Stefanos, yelling loudly. **58** They drove him out of the city and then started throwing rocks at him. His accusers left their cloaks in the care of a young man named Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul). **59** As Stefanos was being hit by the rocks, he called out, "**Master Yeshua**, receive my spirit." **60** Then falling to his knees, just before he died he called out loudly, "**Master**, don't hold this sin against them."

8:1 (And Sha'ul was agreeing that Stefanos should be executed.)

74 **RV 7:42-43 · Cross-ref.** Amos 5:25-27 (LXX).

75 **RV 7:44 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:9,40.

76 **RV 7:45 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:14-17.

77 **RV 7:46 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:1-16; 1Ch 17:1-14.

78 **RV 7:47 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 6:1-38; 2Ch 3:1-17.

79 **RV 7:49-50 · Cross-ref.** Isa 66:1-2.

80 **RV 7:51 · Cross-ref.** Isa 63:10.

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Persecution of believers intensifies

That same day, intense persecution began against the assembly in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and so the believers fled throughout the regions of Yehudah (Judea) and Shomron (Samaria), except for the twelve who stayed. 2 (Some godly men buried Stefanos with loud wailing.)

3 As for Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul), he started on destroying the assembly by entering people's homes and dragging both men and women out and then off to prison.[81]

Filippos preaches in Shomron/Samaria

4 However, now the people who had fled began to proclaim the good message to others in other places. 5 Around the same time, Filippos (Philip) went to a city in Shomron (Samaria) and told them about the **messiah**. 6 Crowds gathered and listened carefully to Filippos and watched him do miracles— 7 many demon-possessed people shouted loudly as the demons left them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed 8 so there were a lot of happy people there.

Shim'on the magician seeks power

9 One man in the city had been practicing magic and amazing the people, and he claimed that he was someone great. His name was Shim'on (Simon) 10 and the people there from the least to the most important said, "This power is from the great **god**." 11 They gave him a lot of attention because he'd been amazing them with magic for quite a long time. 12 However when Filippos (Philip) started preaching the good message about **God's** kingdom and the name and authority **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, they believed the message, and many men and women asked to be immersed in water.
13 Shim'on himself also believed and was immersed, and then started accompanying Filippos around—marvelling as he observed the miracles and signs of God's power.

14 When the missionaries in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) heard that many people from Shomron (Samaria) had accepted **God's** message, they sent Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) out to them 15 so then they prayed for them to receive **the** holy **spirit**. 16 (The holy spirit hadn't fallen on any of them at that point, but they had only been immersed into the name and authority of the **master Yeshua**.) 17 So Kefa and Yohan placed their hands on the new believers and they received **the** holy **spirit**.

18 When Shim'on the magician saw that they received the **spirit** after having the hands of the missionaries placed on them, he offered money to Kefa and Yohan, saying, 19 "Give me this authority so that anyone who I place *my* hands on will receive **the** holy **spirit**."

20 But Kefa responded, "May your money join you in your de-

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were_dispersed throughout the regions of_ ~~the~~ _Youdaia and Samareia/(Shomrōn), except the ambassadors.

2 And devout men buried ~~the~~ Stefanos, and they_made great lamentation over him. 3 But Saulos was_ravaging the assembly, by entering_in the houses, dragging both men and women, he_ _was_giving_over them to prison.

4 The ones therefore on_one_hand having_been_dispersed, passed_through good_message_preaching the message. 5 On_ _the_other_hand Filippos having_come_down to ~~the~~ a_city ~~the~~ of_Samareia, was_proclaiming the **chosen_one/messiah** to_ _them. 6 and the crowds ‹Were›_taking_heed to_the things being_spoken by ~~the~~ Filippos with_one_accord, in the time to_ _be_hearing them and to_be_seeing the signs that he_was_ _doing. 7 For/Because many of_the ones having unclean spirits, shouting with_a_ loud _voice, they_were_coming_out, and many having_been_paralysed and lame were_healed. 8 and great joy became in ~~the~~ that city.

9 And a_man certain by_the_name Simōn, was_previously_ _starting in the city practicing_magic, and amazing the people of_ ~~the~~ _Samareia, saying himself to_be someone great. 10 To_ _whom all from small to great were_giving_heed saying: This is the Power of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, ~~which~~ being_called great. 11 And they_ _were_giving_heed to_him, because_of that to_have_amazed them with_the magic for_much time. 12 But when they_ _believed ~~the~~ in_Filippos, good_message_preaching concerning the kingdom the of_**god** and the name of_**Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, they_were_being_immersed both men and women. 13 And ~~the~~ Simōn himself also believed, and having_been_immersed, was continuing ~~the~~ with_Filippos, observing both signs and great miracles becoming, he_was_ _marvelling. 14 And the ambassadors in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) having_heard that ~~the~~ Samareia/(Shomrōn) has_received the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, they_sent_out Petros and Yōannaʸs to them, 15 who having_ _come_down, they_prayed for them, so_that they_may_receive the_ holy **_spirit**. 16 For/Because it_was not_yet having_fallen_ _on on no_one of_them, but they_were_ only _being having_ _been_immersed into the name of_the **master Yaʸsous**.
17 Then they_were_laying_on their hands on them, and they_ _were_receiving the_ holy **_spirit**. 18 And ~~the~~ Simōn having_ _seen that the **spirit** is_being_given by the laying_on of_the hands of_the ambassadors, he_offered money to_them
19 saying: Give to_also_me ~~the~~ this authority, in_order_that on_ _whom ~~if~~ I_may_lay_on my hands, he_may_be_receiving the_ holy **_spirit**. 20 But Petros said to him: The silver of_you, it_ _might_be to destruction with you, because you_thought to_ _be_acquiring the gift of_ ~~the~~ **_god** by money. 21 There_is no portion nor allotment to_you in ~~the~~ this matter. For/Because the heart of_you not is right before ~~the~~ **god**. 22 Therefore repent of ~~the~~ this evil of_you, and be_besought of_the **master** if

81 **RV 8:3 · Cross-ref.** Acts 22:4-5; 26:9-11.

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perhaps the intention of_the heart of_you will_be_being_
_forgiven to_you. **23** For/Because I_am_seeing you being in the_
_gall of_bitterness and the_bond of_unrighteousness. **24** But ~~the~~
Simōn answering said: You_all Be_besought for me to the
master, so_that nothing of_which you_all_have_spoken may_
_come_over on me.

25 Therefore they indeed, having_testified and having_spoken
the message of_the **master**, were_returning to
Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and they_were_evangelizing
many villages of_the Samareitaʸs/(Shomrōn). **26** But a_
_messenger of_the_**master** spoke to Filippos saying: Rise_up
and be_going to the_south, to the road ~~which~~ coming_down
from Hierousalaʸm to Gaza/(ʹAzzāh), this is the_wilderness
road. **27** And having_risen_up, he_was_gone, and see, a_man,
an_Aithiops/(Kūshiy) eunuch, official of_Kandakaʸ queen of_
_the_Aithiopss, who was over all the treasure of_her, who had_
_come going_to_prostrate in Hierousalaʸm, **28** and he_was
returning and sitting in the chariot of_him, and was_reading
the prophet Aʸsaias/(Yəshaʹʸāh). **29** And the **spirit** said to_ ~~the~~ _
_Filippos: Approach and be_joined_together to_ ~~the~~ this _
_chariot. **30** And ~~the~~ Filippos having_run_up, heard of_him
reading Aʸsaias the prophet, and said: Then surely you_are_
_knowing what you_are_reading? **31** And he said: For/Because
how ~~wishfully~~ I_might_be_able if not someone will_be_guiding
me? And he_appealed ~~the~~ to_Filippos having_gone_up to_sit_
down with him. **32** And the passage of ~~the~~ _scripture which
he_was_reading was this: he_was_led As a_sheep to the_
_slaughter, and silent as a_lamb before the one having_shaved
him, thus he_is_ not _opening_up the mouth of_him. **33** In ~~the~~
humiliation, the justice of_him was_taken_away, who will_be_
_describing the generation of_him? Because the life of_him is_
_being_taken_away from the earth. **34** And the eunuch
answering to_ ~~the~~ _Filippos said: I_am_beseeching of_you
concerning whom the prophet is_saying this? Concerning
himself or concerning someone other? **35** And ~~the~~ Filippos
having_opened_up the mouth of_him, and having_begun from
~~the~~ this scripture, he_good_message_preached ~~the~~
Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa) to_him. **36** And as they_were_going along
the road, they_came to some water, and the eunuch is_saying:
Behold, water, what is_forbidding me to_be_immersed? **37** ◘
38 And he_commanded the chariot to_stop, and they_ both _
_came_down, to the water, ~~the~~ both Filippos and the eunuch,
and he_immersed him. **39** But when they_went_up out_of the
water, the_**spirit** of_the_**master** snatched ~~the~~ Filippos, and the
eunuch not saw him no_longer, because/for he_was_going the
way of_him rejoicing. **40** But Filippos was_found at
Azōtos/(ʾAshdōd), and passing_through he_was_good_message_
preaching to all _the cities, until the time him to_come to
Kaisareia.

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struction because you thought you could buy **God's** gift with it.
21 There's no role for you here and no part for you in our work
because your heart isn't right with **God**. **22** You need to turn
away from this evil desire and beg the **master** that maybe he'll
forgive you for your wrong intentions **23** because I perceive that
you have a bitter attitude and ungodly habits.

24 Shim'on answered, "Oh, please ask the **master** on my behalf
that none of what you mentioned will happen to me."

Filippos immerses the Kushi official

25 After that, Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros)
and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) continued
to testify and proclaim the good message about the **master** in
many villages around Shomron (Samaria) before they returned
to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

26 Then a messenger from **Yahweh** spoke to Filippos (Philip),
"Start walking and head south on the road that goes downhill
from Yerushalem to Azah (Gaza) through the wilderness." **27** So
he headed off, and on the road he came across an important offi-
cial of the Kushi (Ethiopian) queen[82] who was in charge of her
treasury. This man had been in Yerushalem to worship God
28 and was returning home in his chariot. As he rode, he was
reading the scroll of the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah), **29** and the
spirit told Filippos to approach him and stay by the chariot.
30 So Filippos ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading
from the prophet Yeshayah and asked, "Do you know what it is
that you're reading about?"

31 "How could I know when I don't have someone to guide
me?" he answered, and so he invited Filippos to climb up and sit
with him. **32** Now the particular passage that he was reading was
this:

'He was led away like a sheep being led to the slaughterhouse,
and stayed as silent as a lamb being shorn
so he never opened his mouth.
33 He was humiliated by a lack of justice.
Who can name his descendants,
because his life is being taken from the earth?'[83]

34 "Now tell me," said the official, "who was Yeshayah (Isaiah)
talking about? Was he talking about himself or someone else?"
35 So Filippos started with that passage and explained the good
message about **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) to him. **36** As they
were going along the road, they came to some water, and the of-
ficial asked, "Look, here's some water. What would stop me from
being immersed here?"

37 ◘ **38** So he commanded the driver to stop the chariot and
they both climbed down, and Filippos (Philip) immersed the of-
ficial in the water. **39** But as they came out of the water, **Yah-
weh's spirit** snatched Filippos away and so the official never
saw him again, but he continued on his journey very happy.
40 As for Filippos, he found himself at the town of Azotos, and as
he passed through the coastal towns on the way to Kaisareia, he

82 RV 8:27 · Note Some translations list the queen's name as 'Candace', but that was the name of the series of queens, cf., Par'oh (Pharaoh) or Caesar which came to be used as a title for more than one person.

83 RV 8:32-33 · Cross-ref. Isa 53:7-8 (LXX).

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proclaimed the good message in each town.

Yeshua talks to Sha'ul[84]

9:1 Meanwhile Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul) was still spouting off murderous threats towards the followers of the **master**. He went to the chief priest **2** and obtained official letters to enable him to enter the Jewish meeting halls (Grk. synagogues) in Damesek (Damascus) so that if he found either male or female followers of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), he could arrest them and bring them to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in chains.

3 On his journey as he approached Damesek, suddenly light from the sky flashed around him. **4** He dropped to his knees[85] and heard a voice calling, "Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why are you persecuting me?"

5 "Who are you, master?" he asked.

And the voice replied, "I'm **Yeshua**, the one that you're persecuting. **6** Now, stand up and go into the city, and you'll be told there what you need to do."

7 Meanwhile his travelling companions had stood there speechless, because they'd heard the voice but couldn't see anyone. **8** They helped Sha'ul up from the ground, but even when he opened his eyes, he couldn't see anything. So they had to lead him into Damesek by hand. **9** Sha'ul stayed there for three days, unable to see and not eating or drinking anything.

Hananyah restores Sha'ul's sight

10 Now there was a believer there in Damesek (Damascus) named Hananyah (Ananias; Grk. Hananias), and the **master** spoke to him in a vision, calling, "Hananyah."

"I'm here, master," he answered.

11 So the **master told** him, "Get up and go to Yehudah' (Judas'; Grk. Yudas') house in Straight Street where you'll find a man named Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul) from Tarsos. He's praying right now **12** and in his vision, he saw a man named Hananyah who comes in and places his hands on him so that he can receive his sight back."

13 But Hananyah resisted, "**Master**, I've heard a lot about that man, including all the evil things he's done to your dedicated people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **14** and the reason he's here in Damesek with the authority of the chief priests is to arrest everyone who trusts in you."

15 But the **master** said, "Go now, because I've chosen that man to be a bearer of my name and authority both in other countries, even to their kings, and to the descendants of Yisrael (Israel), **16** because I'll be showing him what he's going to have to suffer for bearing my name."

17 So Hananyah left and went into Yehudah' house where he placed his hands on Sha'ul and said, "Brother Sha'ul, the **master** has sent me here—**Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the one you saw on the road when you were coming here—so that you'll be able to see again and also be filled **with the** holy **spirit**." **18** Immediately

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9:1 But ~~the~~ Saulos/(Shā'ūl), still breathing of_threat and murder toward the apprentices/followers of_the **master**, having_ _approached to_the chief_priest, **2** he_requested letters from him to the synagogues into Damaskos/(Dammeseq), so_that if he_may_find any of_the way, being both men and women, having_been_bound he_may_bring them to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim). **3** And in the time to_be_going, it_became him to_be_nearing to_ ~~the~~ _Damaskos, and suddenly a_light from the sky. flashed_around. him. **4** And having_fallen on the ground, he_heard a_voice saying to_him: Saulos, Saulos, why are_you_persecuting me? **5** And he_said: Who are_you, master? and_ He _said: I am **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, whom you are_persecuting, **6** but rise_up and come_in into the city, and it_ _will_be_being_spoken to_you what something it_is_fitting you to_be_doing. **7** And the men who travelling_with with_him had_stood speechless, hearing on_one_hand of_the voice, on_ _the_other_hand observing no_one. **8** And Saulos was_raised from the ground, and the eyes of_him having_been_opened_up he_was_seeing nothing. And leading_ him _by_hand, they_ _brought_in him to Damaskos. **9** And he_was three days not seeing, and neither he_ate nor he_drank.

10 And was a_certain apprentice/follower in Damaskos by_the_ _name Ananias, and the **master** said to him in a_vision: Ananias. And he said: Behold, it_is I, **master**. **11** And the **master** said to him: Having_risen_up, be_gone in the street ~~which~~ being_called Straight, and seek Saulos/(Shā'ūl) by_the_name from_Tarsos in the_house of_Youdas/(Yəhūdāh), because/for see, he_is_praying **12** and he_saw a_man in a_vision, by_the_ _name Ananias, having_come_in and having_put_on his_hands on_him, so_that he_may_receive_sight. **13** And Ananias answered: **master**, I_heard from many concerning ~~the~~ this man, as_much_as he_did evil to_the holy ones of_you, in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), **14** and here he_is_having authority from the chief_priests, to_bind all ~~which~~ calling the name of_you. **15** But the **master** said to him: Be_going, because this man is a_vessel of_choice to_me, ~~which~~ to_bear the name of_me both before the pagans also kings, and the_sons of_ _Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl), **16** for/because I will_be_showing to_him as_ _much_as it_is_fitting him to_suffer for/because the name of_ _me. **17** And Ananias went_away and came_in into the house, and having_laid_on on him his hands he_said: Saulos, brother, the **master** has_sent_out me **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, the one having_been_seen by_you on the road in_which you_were_ _coming, so_that you_may_receive_sight and may_be_filled with_the_ holy _**spirit**. **18** And immediately fell_away something of_him from the eyes like scales, and, he_received_ _sight, and having_risen_up he_was_immersed, **19** and having_ _taken food, was_strengthened. And he_became some days with the apprentices/followers in Damaskos/(Dammeseq).

84 **RV 9:1 · Parallel** Acts 22:6-16; 26:12-18

85 **RV 9:4 · Note** It seems most likely that Paul and company were walking to Damascus (and not on horseback despite paintings by Caravaggio and others). The journey of somewhere around 300km would have taken around two weeks.

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20 And immediately in the synagogues, he_was_proclaiming ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** that this one is the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 21 And all were_ _marvelling ~~which~~ hearing, and they_were_saying: Is not this the one having_persecuted the ones calling ~~the~~ this name in, Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), and here for this he_had_come, in_order_that having_been_bound, he_may_bring them to the chief_priests? 22 But Saulos/(Shā'ūl) was_being_ more _ _strengthened, and was_confounding Youdaiōns ~~which~~ dwelling in Damaskos, teaching that this one is the **chosen_ _one/messiah**. 23 And when many days were_being_fulfilled, the Youdaiōns plotted_together to_kill him, 24 but the plot of_ _them was_known to_ ~~the~~ _Saulos. and They_were_watching_ _closely also the gates both day and night, so_that they_may_ _kill him, 25 and the apprentices/followers of_him having_ _taken him by_night through the wall, they_let_ him _down, having_lowered him in a_basket.

26 And having_arrived in Hierousala^{y}m, he_was_attempting to_ _be_being_joined_together to_the apprentices/followers. But all were_fearing him, not believing that he_is an_ _apprentice/follower. 27 But Barnabas having_taken_hold_of him, brought him to the ambassadors, and described to_them how he_saw the **master** on the road, and that he_spoke to_him, and how he_spoke_boldly in Damaskos/(Dammeseq) in the name of_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. 28 And he_was with them, entering_in and going_out into Hierousala^{y}m, speaking_boldly in the name of_the **master**. 29 He_was_ both _speaking and was_debating with the Hella^{y}nista^{y}s, but they were_attempting to_kill him. 30 But having_known it, the brothers brought_ him _down to Kaisareia, and they_sent_ him _away to Tarsos. 31 The indeed Therefore assembly throughout all of_ ~~the~~ _Youdaia, and Galilaia/(Gālīl), and Samareia/(Shomrōn), was_having peace, being_built and going in_the fear of_the **master**, and it_was_ _being_multiplied in_the exhortation of_the holy **spirit**.

32 And it_became Petros passing_through through all regions, to_come_down also to the holy ones ~~which~~ dwelling_in Ludda/(Lod). 33 And he_found there a_ certain _man by_the_ _name Aineas, lying_down for eight years on a_pallet, who was having_been_paralysed. 34 And ~~the~~ Petros said to_him: Aineas, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** is_healing you, rise_up, and make_the_bed for_yourself. And immediately he_rose_up. 35 And all the ones dwelling_in Ludda and ~~the~~

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something like scales fell off Sha'ul's eyes and he was able to see again, and he got up and got immersed in water, 19 before getting something to eat to renew his strength.

Sha'ul starts preaching in Damesek

Then Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul) stayed several days with the believers in Damesek (Damascus). 20 He went straight into the Jewish meeting halls and started proclaiming that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is **God's** son.

21 The hearers were all amazed, saying, "Isn't this the guy that persecuted the ones following that Yeshua in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and even came to Damesek to arrest them here and take them back to the chief priests?"

22 But Sha'ul was growing stronger[86] and he was confounding the Yehudim (Jews) living in Damesek as he taught them that Yeshua is the promised **messiah**.

23 After several days, the religious Yehudim plotted together to kill him,[87] 24 but Sha'ul found out about their plan. Those Yehudim were also watching the city exits so they could kill him if he tried leaving, 25 but his supporters took him to the city wall at night time and lowered him down in a basket.

Sha'ul goes to Yerushalem but has to leave

26 When he got back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul) attempted to join in with the believers there but they were all scared of him, not believing that he was a true follower of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). 27 However Barnabas took Sha'ul and brought him to the twelve, and Sha'ul told them how he had seen the **master** on the road, and been spoken to by him, and how he had spoken boldly in Damesek (Damascus) in the name and authority **of Yeshua**. 28 So Sha'ul stayed connected with the believers, going in and out of Yerushalem and speaking boldly in the name and authority of the **master**. 29 He also talked and debated with the Greek-speaking Yehudim (Jews), but they wanted to kill him, 30 so when the brothers found out, they took Sha'ul down to Kaisareia on the coast, and from there sent him on a ship to Tarsos.

31 After that the assemblies[88] of believers throughout Yehudah (Judea) and Galil and Shomron (Samaria) had peace and grew in their respect and service of the **master**, as well as increasing in numbers through the encouragement of the holy **spirit**.

Kefa heals Aineas

32 Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) travelled around the country and then went to visit the dedicated believers in Lod. 33 He saw a paralysed man named Aineas who'd spent eight years lying on his pallet, 34 and said to him, "Aineas, **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** is healing you. Stand up and pack up your bed." And straight away Aineas stood up 35 and all the people living in Lod and Sharon who saw him be-

86 **RV 9:22 · Note** It's not clear here whether it means that Saul was growing physically stronger, or that his preaching and debating skills were improving.

87 **RV 9:23-25 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 11:32-33.

88 **RV 9:31 · Note** Lit. 'assembly' (singular). Jonathan Leeman in 'One Assembly' makes a good case that the force of κατά 'throughout' contributes to making the force of ἐκκλησία plural in this sentence (similar to Luke's use in Luke 4:14, 23:5, Acts 9:42, 10:37).

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came followers of the **master**.

Kefa brings Tabita back to life

36 Then in Yafo (Joppa) there was a believer named Tabita (or Dorkas if translated) and she did a lot of good things as well as being generous to the poor. 37 Around that time she got sick and died. After washing her body, they placed it in an upper room, 38 and since Yafo was near Lod and the believers had heard that Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) was there, they quickly sent two men to request, "Please come as soon as possible." 39 So Kefa went with them, and when they arrived in Yafo they took him up to the room. All the widows stood there, sobbing and showing him various clothes that Tabita had made for them. 40 But Kefa had them all removed from the room, and then kneeling down he prayed before turning back to the body and said, "Tabita, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Kefa there she sat up. 41 Kefa helped her to stand up, then he called the believers and the widows, and presented the live Tabita to them. 42 News of this spread throughout Yafo and many people there believed in the **master**. 43 So Kefa stayed on there for quite a few days, living with a tanner of hides named Shim'on (Simon).

Kefa and Kornelios each hear from God

10:1 Just up in Kaisareia there was a Romaios army commander named Kornelios (leader of the 'Italian Regiment') 2 who, along with all his household, worshipped God and obeyed his laws. He gave to the poor and regularly asked **God** for help. 3 One afternoon around 3pm he had a vision where he clearly saw one **of God's** messengers come into the house and call, "Kornelios."

4 Kornelios was scared and looked intently and asked, "What is it, master?"

"Your prayers and your helping the poor rose up to **God's** notice and attention," he said. 5 "Now, send some messengers to Yafo (Joppa) to go and find a man there named Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros). 6 He's staying with Shim'on the tanner whose house is by the sea." 7 So as soon as the messenger left, Kornelios called two of his house servants and a godly soldier from his bodyguard, 8 and after explaining the task to them, he sent them off to Yafo.

9 The next day as they were approaching the town, Kefa went up onto the flat roof of the house around midday to pray. 10 But he felt hungry and wanted something to eat, but while it was still being prepared he fell into a trance 11 and saw the sky open up. Something like a sheet was being lowered down to the earth by the four corners 12 and it held all kinds of animals and reptiles, as well as birds. 13 Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up Kefa, and slaughter these and eat them."

14 "I can't, **master**," Kefa responded, "because I've never eaten anything that's forbidden."

15 But the voice spoke a second time, "Don't you be treating anything as unclean that **God** has made clean." 16 This vision happened three times and then the sheet thing was lifted back

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Assarōn/(Shārōn), saw him, who turned_back to the **master**.

36 And in Yoppaʸ was a_certain apprentice/follower by_the_ _name Tabaʸtha, which being_interpreted is_being_called: The_ _Gazelle/Dorkas. This woman was full of_ good _works, and of_ _alms that she_was_doing. 37 And it_became in ~~the~~ those days, she having_ailed to_die_off. And having_washed her they_put in an_upper_room. 38 And Ludda being near to_ ~~the~~ _Yoppaʸ, the apprentices/followers having_heard that Petros is in it, they_sent_out two men to him imploring: You_may_ not _delay to_pass_through to us. 39 And Petros having_risen_up, came_ _together with_them, who having_arrived, they_brought_up into the upper_room, and all the widows stood_by by_him, weeping and showing the_tunics and clothes, as_much_as ~~the~~ Dorkas was_making being with them. 40 But ~~the~~ Petros having_ _throw_out all outside, and having_knelt his knees he_prayed, and having_turned_back to the body said: Tabaʸtha, rise_up. And she opened_up the eyes of_her, and having_seen ~~the~~ Petros, she_sat_up. 41 And having_given his_hand to_her, he_raised_ her _up, and having_called the holy ones and the widows, he_ _presented her living. 42 And it_became known throughout all of_Yoppaʸ, and many believed on the **master**. 43 And it_became many days to_remain in Yoppaʸ, with a_certain Simōn, a_ _tanner.

10:1 And a_ certain _man in Kaisareia by_the_name Kornaʸlios, a_centurion of of_the_Cohort ~~which~~ being_called from_Italia, 2 devout and revering ~~the~~ **god** with all the household of_him, doing many alms to_the people, and beseeching of_ ~~the~~ **_god** through everything. 3 About the_ninth hour of_the day he_saw in a_vision clearly, as_if, a_messenger of_ ~~the~~ **_god** having_ _come_in to him, and having_said to_him: Kornaʸlios. 4 And he, having_looked_intently at_him and having_become frightened, said: What is_it, master? And he_said to_him: The prayers of_ _you, and the alms of_you, went_up for a_memorial before ~~the~~ **god**. 5 And now send men to Yoppaʸ, and send_for a_certain Simōn, who is_being_called Petros. 6 This one is_being_lodged with a_certain Simōn a_tanner, whose house is by the_sea. 7 And when the messenger ~~which~~ speaking to_him, went_away, having_called two of_the house_servants and a_ devout _soldier of_the ones continuing with_him, 8 and having_explained all things to_them, he_sent_ them _out to ~~the~~ Yoppaʸ. 9 And on_the day of_next, those journeying and nearing to_the city, Petros went_up on the housetop to_pray, about the_hour sixth. 10 But he_became hungry and was_wanting to_taste, but them preparing, a_trance became on him, 11 and he_is_observing ~~the~~ heaven having_been_opened_up, and an_ certain _object coming_down, as a_ by_four _linen_sheet, great corners being_ _let_down on the earth, 12 in which was_being all the quadrupeds, and reptiles of_the earth, and birds of_the sky. 13 And a_voice became to him: Having_risen_up, Petros, sacrifice and eat. 14 But ~~the~~ Petros said: By_no_means, **master**, because I_ never _ate any common and unclean thing. 15 And a_voice said again for the_second time to him: What ~~the~~ **god** cleansed, you be_ not _defiling. 16 And this became for three-times, and immediately the object was_taken_up into ~~the~~ heaven. 17 And while ~~the~~ Petros by himself was_thoroughly_ _perplexing, what ~~wishfully~~ might_be the vision that he_saw, see, the men ~~which~~ having_been_sent_out from ~~the~~ Kornaʸlios,

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having_inquired for_the house of_ ~~the~~ _Simōn, stood_by at the gate. **18** And having_called, they_were_inquiring if Simōn, who is being_called Petros, is_being_lodged here. **19** And ~~the~~ Petros pondering about the vision, the **spirit** said, to_him: Behold, three men are_seeking you. **20** But having_risen_up, come_ _down and be_going with them, doubting nothing, because I have_sent_ them _out. **21** And Petros having_come_down, to the men said: Behold, I am whom you_all_are_seeking, what is the cause for which you_all_are_coming? **22** And they said: Korna^{y}lios a_centurion, righteous man and revering ~~the~~ **god**, and being_attested by all the nation of_the Youdaiōns, was_ _called by an_ holy _messenger, to_send_for you to the house of_him, and to_hear messages from you. **23** Therefore having_ _called_ them _in. he_lodged. And on_the day of_next having_ _risen_up, he_came_out with them, and some of_the brothers ~~which~~ from Yoppa^{y} came_together with_him. **24** And on_the day of_next, he_came_in into ~~the~~ Kaisareia. And ~~the~~ Korna^{y}lios was expecting them, having_called_together the relatives of_him and ~~the~~ close friends. **25** And as it_became ~~which~~ ~~the~~ Petros, to_ _come_in Korna^{y}lios having_met with_him ~~the~~, having_fallen at his feet, he_prostrated him. **26** But ~~the~~ Petros raised him saying: Rise_up, I also myself am a_human. **27** And conversing with_ _him, he_came_in and he_is_finding many having_come_ _together. **28** And he_was_saying to them: You_all are_knowing how unlawful it_is for_a_ Youdaiōns _man to_be_being_joined_ _together or to_be_approaching to_an_other_tribe. ~~The~~ **god** to_ _and_ showed _me, to_be_calling not_one a_person common or unclean. **29** Therefore also having_been_sent_for I_came unquestionably. Therefore I_am_inquiring for_what statement you_all_sent_for me? **30** And ~~the~~ Korna^{y}lios was_saying: From fourth day until this ~~the~~ hour, I_was praying in the house of_me the ninth hour, and see, a_man stood before me in shining clothing, **31** and he_is_saying: Korna^{y}lios, the prayer of_you was_listened_to and the alms of_you were_reminded before ~~the~~ **god**. **32** Therefore send to Yoppa^{y} and summon Simōn, who is_ _being_called Petros, this one is_being_lodged in the_house of_ _Simōn, a_tanner by the_sea. **33** Therefore I_ immediately _sent to you, and you did well therefore. having_arrived now we all are_being_present before ~~the~~ **god**, to_hear all the things having_been_commanded to_you by the **master**.

34 And Petros having_opened_up ~~the~~ mouth said: In truth I_am_ _grasping that ~~the~~ **god** is not a_favourer, **35** but in every nation, the one revering him and working righteousness, is acceptable to_him. **36** The message he_sent_out to_the sons of_ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā^{ēl}), good_message_preaching peace through **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, this one is **master** of_all. **37** You_all have_known the message having_ _become throughout all ~~the~~ Youdaia, having_begun from ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl), after the immersion that Yōanna^{y}s proclaimed, **38** **Ya^{y}sous** ~~which~~ from Nazaret, how ~~the~~ **god** anointed him with_

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up into the sky.

17 Now Kefa was still there wondering what the vision was all about when the men sent by Kornelios had tracked down the tanner's house and arrived outside. **18** They called out to ask if Shim'on (Simon) Kefa was staying there.

19 Even as Kefa still continued to ponder about the vision, the **spirit** said, "Hey, there's three men here looking for you. **20** So get up and go downstairs to them. Believe everything they say because I sent them here." **21** So he went down and asked the men, "I'm the one you're looking for, so tell me what you came here for."

22 They answered, "We were sent by Kornelios who's an army commander who worships **God** and obeys his laws and has a good reputation with you Jewish people. A holy messenger told him to send for you to come to his house so they can listen to what you have to say." **23** So Kefa invited them in to stay the night.

The next day, Kefa and some of the believers from Yafo (Joppa) started out with them **24** and they arrived in Kaisareia the following day. Kornelios was expecting them and had also invited some relatives and close friends to join them. **25** Kefa entered the house and when they met, Kornelios knelt down and worshipped him **26** but Kefa pulled him up and said, "Stand up. I'm just a man like you." **27** After they greeted each other, Kefa went into the main room and found that quite a few people had gathered there. **28** Then he told them, "You all know that us Yehudim (Jews) are forbidden by our laws to associate with or to enter the house of a non-Jew. However, **God** showed me that it's not right to treat other people as being lesser or undesirable. **29** That's why I came without any reservations when you sent for me. But I'm still waiting to know what you all want from me?"

30 So Kornelios answered, "I was praying in my house three days ago in the middle of the afternoon when I suddenly saw a man in shining clothes standing in front of me **31** and he said, 'Your prayer has been heard, Kornelios, and **God** has noticed your gifts to the poor. **32** Now he wants you to send messengers to get Shim'on (Simon), the one called Kefa, from Yafo (Joppa) where he's living by the sea in Shim'on the tanner's house.' **33** I did that straight away and you kindly came here, so now we're all here in **God's** sight to find out everything that the **master** has commanded you to say."

Kefa's talk in Kaisareia

34 So Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) spoke up and said, "Honestly, I'm still just realising that **God** doesn't favour only certain people,[89] **35** but he accepts people from any nation as long as they honour and obey him. **36** He sent us a message through the descendants of Yisrael (Israel)—a good message that teaches that we can have peace through **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**—everyone's **master**. **37** And you all know the news that started in Galil and spread through all Yehudah (Judea) after the time of Yohan's

89 **RV 10:34 · Cross-ref.** Deu 10:17.

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(John's; Grk. Yoannes') teaching and ministry of immersion—
38 how God filled **Yeshua** from Nazaret (Nazareth) **with the** holy
spirit and with power, and who then went around doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil, because **God** was
with him. 39 We are witnesses of all the things he did in the Jew-
ish provinces and in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and then how they
executed him by nailing him to a stake.[90] 40 Then **God** brought
him back to life on the third day and sent him where he could be
seen, 41 not by all the people, but to the witnesses that **God** had
previously appointed—to us who ate with him and drank with
him after he'd been raised from the dead. 42 He commanded us
to tell the people, and to testify that he is the one who **God** has
designated to be the judge of the living and the dead. 43 The
writings of all the prophets point towards him, and everyone
who believes that he's God can have their sins forgiven by his
authority."

God's spirit enters non-Jews

44 While Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) was
still speaking, the holy **spirit** came down
onto everyone who was listening. 45 The Jewish believers who
had come with Kefa were astonished that the gift of the holy
spirit had been poured out even on non-Jews 46 as they heard
them speaking in other languages and magnifying **God**. Then
Kefa said, 47 "Surely no one could argue against them getting
immersed in water now that they've received the holy **spirit** just
like we did?" 48 So with the authority **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk.
Yesus) the messiah**, he commanded for them to be immersed in
water. Then they asked him to stay with them for a few more
days.

Kefa explains everything to those in Yerushalem

11:1 Soon the missionaries and other be-
lievers in Yehudah (Judea) heard that
non-Jews had also accepted **God's** mes-
sage, 2 but when Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) went to Yerushalem
(Jerusalem), the strict Jewish believers were upset with him,
3 saying that he had gone into the home of uncircumcised pa-
gans and even eaten with them.

4 But Kefa started explaining from the beginning, 5 "I was stay-
ing in Yafo (Joppa), and as I was praying I saw a vision of an ob-
ject like a sheet coming down, as if it was being let down out of
the sky by its four corners. As it came down to me 6 I looked at it
and saw animals, even wild animals, and reptiles and birds. 7 I
also heard a voice telling me, 'Kefa, get up and slaughter these
and eat them.' 8 But I said, '**Master**, I can't because I've never
eaten anything that's forbidden.' 9 But the voice from the sky
spoke again, 'Don't you be treating anything as unclean that **God**
has made clean.' 10 This happened three times, and then it was
pulled up again into the sky. 11 Next minute there were three
men at the house where I was staying saying that they had been
sent from Kaisareia to fetch me, 12 and the **spirit** told me to go
with them without questioning anything they said. These six
other believers went with me, and we arrived at the house of the

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the holy **_spirit** and power, who passed_through doing_good
and healing all the ones being_oppressed by the devil, because
~~the~~ **god** was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of_all things
that he_did both in the region of_the Youdaiōns and in in_
_Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), whom also they_killed, having_
_hanged him on a_stake. 40 This one ~~the~~ **god** raised on_the third
day, and gave him to_become manifest, 41 not to_all the people,
but to_the_witnesses ~~which~~ having_been_previously_appointed
by ~~the~~ **god**, to_us, who ate_with and drank_with with_him after
the time him to_rise_up from the_dead. 42 And he_commanded
to_us to_proclaim to_the people, and to_testify that this one is
the one having_been_designated by ~~the~~ **god**, as_judge of_the_
_living and the_dead. 43 To_this one all the prophets are_
_testifying, everyone ~~which~~ believing in him to_receive
forgiveness of_sins through the name of_him.

44 ~~The~~ Petros still speaking ~~the~~ these messages, the ~~the~~ holy
spirit fell_on on all the ones hearing the message. 45 And the
believers from the_circumcision, as_many_as came_together
~~the~~ with_Petros marvelled, that the gift of_the holy **spirit** has_
_been_poured_out even on the pagans. 46 For/Because they_
_were_hearing of_them speaking with_tongues, and
magnifying ~~the~~ **god**. Then Petros answered, 47 Surely_not
anyone is_able to_forbid the water these ~~which~~ to_ not _be_
immersed, who received the ~~the~~ holy **spirit**, as we also _did?
48 and He_commanded them in the name of_
_Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah to_be_immersed.
Then they_asked him to_remain_on some days.

11:1 And the ambassadors and the brothers ~~which~~ being in ~~the~~
Youdaia heard that the pagans also received the message of_ ~~the~~
_god. 2 and when Petros went_up to
Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), the ones of the_circumcision
were_doubting with him, 3 saying, that He_came_in to men,
having uncircumcision, and ate_with with_them. 4 But Petros
having_begun, was_explaining to_them consecutively, saying,
5 I was in the_city of_Yoppaʸ praying, and in a_trance I_saw a_
vision, an certain _object coming_down like a_ by_its_four _
_linen_sheet, great corners being_let_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven,
and it_came until me, 6 on which having_looked_intently I_
_was_observing, and I_saw the quadrupeds of_the earth, and
the wild_beasts, and the reptiles, and the birds of_the sky.
7 And I_ also _heard from_a_voice saying to_me: Petros having_
_risen_up, sacrifice and eat. 8 But I_said By_no_means, **master**,
because common or unclean never came_in into the mouth of_
_me. 9 But the_voice answered for a_second time out_of ~~the~~
heaven: What ~~the~~ **god** cleansed, you be_ not _defiling. 10 And
this became for three-times, and all was_pulled_up back into
~~the~~ heaven. 11 And see, immediately three men stood_by at the
house in which we_were, having_been_sent_out from Kaisareia
to me. 12 And the **spirit** told to_me, to_come_together with_
_them, having_doubted nothing. And these ~~the~~ six brothers also
came with me, and we_came_in into the house of_the man.
13 He_reported and to_us how he_saw the messenger in the

90 **RV 10:39 · Cross-ref.** Jhn 20:25.

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house of_him, having_been_stood and having_said: Send_out to Yoppaʸ, and send_for Simōn, the one being_called Petros,
14 who will_be_speaking messages to you, in which you will_
_be_being_saved and all the household of_you. **15** And at the
time me to_begin to_be_speaking, the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** fell_on on
them, as also on us in the_beginning. **16** And I_was_reminded
of_the message of_the **master**, how he_was_saying: Yōannaʸs
on_one_hand immersed in_water, on_the_other_hand you_all
will_be_being_immersed in the_ holy **_spirit**. **17** Therefore if ~~the~~
god gave the same gift to_them, as also to_us having_believed
on the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa) chosen_one/messiah**,
who was I powerful to_forbid ~~the~~ **god**? **18** And having_heard
these things, they_kept_quiet and glorified ~~the~~ **god** saying:
Consequently ~~the~~ **god** also gave ~~the~~ repentance to life to_the
pagans.

19 The ones therefore indeed having_been_dispersed by the
tribulation ~~which~~ having_become concerning Stefanos, passed_
_through to Foinikaʸ, and Kupros, and Antioḳeia, speaking the
message to_no_one except ~~not/lest~~ only to_Youdaiōns. **20** But
were some of them men, Cyprians and ones_from_Kuraʸnaʸ,
who having_come into Antioḳeia, were_speaking also to the
Hellaʸnistaʸs, good_message_preaching the **master Yaʸsous**.
21 And the_hand of_the_**master** was with them, and a_great
number ~~which~~ having_believed, turned_back to the **master**.
22 And the message concerning them was_heard in the ears of_
_the assembly ~~which~~ being in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim),
and they_sent_away Barnabas as_far_as Antioḳeia, **23** who
having_arrived, and having_seen the grace ~~which~~ of_ ~~the~~ **_god**,
was_elated and was_exhorting all to_be_remaining with_the
master ~~the~~ with_purpose of_ ~~the~~ _heart, **24** because he_was a_
good _man, and full of_the_ holy **_spirit** and of_faith. And a_
large _crowd was_added to_the **master**. **25** And he_came_out to
Tarsos to_seek_out Saulos/(Shāʾūl), **26** and having_found him,
he_brought him to Antioḳeia. And it_became to_them also to_
_be_gathered_together in the assembly a_ whole _year, and to_
teach a large _crowd, and to_call first the
apprentices/followers, followers_of_the_messiah. in. Antioḳeia.
27 And in these ~~the~~ days, prophets came_down from
Hierousalaʸm to Antioḳeia. **28** And one from them by_the_name
Agabos having_stood_up, signified by the **spirit**, a_ great _
_famine to_be_going going_to_be over all the inhabited_world,
which became during Klaudios. **29** And as anyone of_the
apprentices/followers was_prospering, each of_them
designated to_send for service to_the brothers dwelling in ~~the~~
Youdaia, **30** which they_ also _did, having_sent_out it to the
elders by the_hand of_Barnabas and Saulos.

12:1 And concerning that ~~the~~ time, Haʸrōdaʸs the king laid_on
~~the~~ his_hands to_mistreat some of_the ones from the assembly.
2 And he_killed Yakōbos/(Yaʹₐqov), the brother of_Yōannaʸs,
with_a_sword. **3** And having_seen that is pleasing it_the
Youdaiōns, he_proceeded to_ also _capture Petros (and those_
_were the_days of_ ~~the~~ _non-fermented bread), **4** whom also

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man who had sent the three. **13** He told us how he'd seen one of God's messengers standing there in his house and who'd told him, 'Send someone to Yafo to fetch Shim'on (Simon), the one called Kefa, **14** and he will explain to you how you and all your household can be saved.' **15** Then when I started speaking to them, the holy **spirit** came down on them just like it had happened to us previously. **16** That reminded me of the words of the **master** when he told us, 'Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) immersed people in water, but you all will be immersed in **the** holy **spirit**. **17** Therefore if **God** gave the same gift to them that he'd given to us when we'd believed in the **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, what authority did I have to contradict **God**?' "

18 When the group heard all this, they had no objections and they praised **God**, saying, "It seems that **God** has also allowed the pagans to repent and live."

Many in Antiokeia become believers

19 Over time, due to the persecution that began with Stefanos's killing, the ones who had moved away went as far as Foinikai, Kupros (Cyprus), and Antiokeia, but they only shared Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') teaching with other Yehudim (Jews). **20** However, some of the believers were from Kupros and Kurainai (Cyrene), and when they got to Antiokeia they proclaimed the good news from the **master Yeshua** to the Hellains (Greeks). **21** **Yahweh** caused their efforts to prosper, so a large number of Hellains believed and decided to follow the **master**.

22 News about this reached the assembly in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), so they sent Barnabas to Antiokeia. **23** When he arrived and saw how **God's** grace was spreading, he was elated and encouraged them all to earnestly continue to follow the **master**. **24** Barnabas was good man and full **of the** holy **spirit** and full of faith in God, and a large number of people decided to follow Yeshua.

25 So Barnabas went to Tarsos to look for Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul), **26** and when he found him, he brought him back to Antiokeia. Then for a whole year they met with the assembly and regularly taught a large crowd. It was there in Antiokeia that the believers were first called Christians.

27 In those days, some prophets from Yerushalem went to Antiokeia, **28** and one of them named Agabos when he was prompted by the **spirit**, stood up and predicted that the world would experience a severe famine (and this happened later during the reign of Klaudios). **29** The believers decided to send assistance to their fellow believers who lived in Yehudah (Judea)—each one according to his means— **30** and so they did, sending their contributions with Barnabas and Sha'ul to take to the elders.

Persecution of believers restarts

12:1 Around that time, King Herodes (Herod) Agrippas used his power to mistreat some of the believers from the assembly, **2** and he had Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos), the brother of Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), executed by the sword. **3** Then when he saw that it

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pleased the Jewish religious leaders, he went on to seize Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) during the *Flat Bread Celebration*. 4 After being arrested, Kefa was put in prison where he was guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. After the Passover Feast, Herodes planned to display Kefa to the people, 5 but while he was being held in prison, those in the assembly were earnestly asking **God** to help him.

A messenger leads Kefa out of prison

6 Herodes (Herod) planned to send for Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) later that evening, but meanwhile Kefa had fallen asleep chained with two chains between two soldiers. There were also prison guards at the door 7 but one **of Yahweh's** messengers suddenly appeared standing by Kefa and light radiated through the prison cell. The messenger poked Kefa in the side to wake him up, saying, "Quickly, get up!" The chains fell off his wrists 8 and the messenger said, "Get dressed and put on your sandals," so he did. Then the messenger said, "Now put on your coat and follow me." 9 So Kefa followed the messenger out of the cell, not really knowing if it was real or if he was still dreaming. 10 They went past the first guard and then the second, and then came to the iron gate which led out of the prison into the city. The gate opened by itself and they went out onto the street, then at the end of the street the messenger suddenly left him.

11 By now Kefa was fully awake and said to himself, "Now I know that the **master** really did send his messenger to rescue me from Herodes and from the plans of the Jewish leaders."

12 Now that he realised this, he went to Miryam's (Grk. Maria's/Mariam's) house (the mother of Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) Markos / John Mark) where many believers had met to pray. 13 He knocked at the door in the fence and a servant girl named Rode came out to see who it was. 14 But when she recognised Kefa's voice, she was so excited that she forgot about opening the door, but ran back inside to tell everyone that Kefa was standing out there. 15 They told her that she must be raving mad, but she insisted it was true, but they said that it must be his messenger.

16 Meanwhile Kefa continued knocking, and when they eventually opened the outer door, they saw that it was him and they were amazed. 17 But Kefa signalled them with his hand to be quiet, and then he explained how the **master** had led him out of the prison, and instructed them, "Tell this to Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and the brothers." Then he left and went off to another place.

18 Once daylight came, there was pandemonium among the soldiers in the prison as they tried to figure out what had happened to Kefa. 19 Then when King Herodes sent for Kefa and he wasn't there, the prison guards were interrogated and then taken away to be executed.

After that, Herodes (Herod) left Yehudah (Judea) and went up to Kaisareia to stay.

The death of Herodes

20 Now King Herodes (Herod) was disputing with the people of Tsor (Tyre) and

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having_arrested, he_put in prison, having_given_over him to_ _four squads_of_four of_soldiers to_be_guarding him, wishing after the passover_feast to_bring_ him _up to_the people. 5 ~~The~~ therefore on_one_hand Petros was_being_kept in the prison, on_the_other_hand prayer was earnestly becoming by the assembly to ~~the~~ **god** concerning him.

6 And when ~~the~~ Haʸrōdaʸs was_going to_bring_ him _forth ~~the~~ on_ that _night, ~~the~~ Petros was being_fallen_asleep between two soldiers, having_been_bound with_ two _chains, and guards before the door were_guarding the prison. 7 And see, a_ _messenger of_the_**master** stood_by, and a_light shined in the prison_cell. And having_struck the side of_ ~~the~~ _Petros, he_ _raised him saying: Rise_up in quickness. And the chains from his hands fell_from. of_him. 8 And the messenger said to him: Gird yourself and tie_on the sandals of_you. And he_did thus. And he_is_saying to_him: Clothe the coat of_you, and be_ _following after_me. 9 And having_come_out he_was_following, and he_had_ not _known that what becoming by the messenger is true, but he_was_supposing to_be_seeing a_vision. 10 And having_passed_through the_first guard and the_second, they_ _came to the ~~the~~ iron gate, ~~which~~ leading into the city, which automatic was_opened_up to_them, and having_come_out they_went_ahead on_ one _street, and immediately the messenger withdrew from him. 11 And ~~the~~ Petros having_ _become to himself said: Now I_have_ truly _known that **master** sent_away the messenger of_him, and rescued me out_ _of the_hand of_Haʸrōdaʸs and all the expectation of_the people of_the Youdaiōns. 12 And having_seen, he_came to the house of_ ~~the~~ _Maria/(Miryām), the mother of_Yōannaʸs, who is being_called Markos, where many were having_been_ _convened_together and praying. 13 And of_him having_ _knocked the door of_the gate, a_servant_girl by_the_name Ṟodaʸ approached to_answer. 14 And having_recognised the voice of_ ~~the~~ _Petros, from ~~the~~ joy she_ not _opened_up the gate, but having_run_in she_reported ~~the~~ Petros to_have_stood before the gate. 15 And they to her said: You_are_raving_mad. But she was_insisting to_be_having thus. And they were_ _saying: It_is the messenger of_him. 16 But ~~the~~ Petros was_ _continuing_on knocking, and having_opened_up it they_saw him, and they_marvelled. 17 But having_gestured to_them with_his hand to_be_keeping_silent, he_described to_them how the **master** led_ him _out from the prison. And he_said: Report these things to_Yakōbos/(Yaʿaqovʿ) and to_the brothers. And having_come_out, he_was_gone to another place. 18 And having_become day, there_was no little disturbance among the soldiers, what consequently became ~~the~~ Petros. 19 And Haʸrōdaʸs having_sought_after him and not having_found him, having_examined the guards, commanded them to_be_led_ _away to_death. And having_come_down from ~~the~~ Youdaia to Kaisareia, he_was_staying.

20 And he_was raging with_the_Turos/(Tsor) and Sidōn/(Tsīdōn)ians, and with_one_accord they_were_coming to him, and having_persuaded Blastos, who was over the

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bedchamber of_the king, they_were_requesting peace, because_of that the region of_them to_be_being_nourished by the royal. **21** And on_the_appointed day, ~~the~~ Haʸrōdaʸs, having_ _dressed_in the_royal clothing, having_sat_down on the tribunal, was_publicly_addressing to them. **22** And the public was_crying_out: The_voice of_a_**god**, and not of_a_human. **23** And immediately a_messenger of_the_**master** struck him, because/for that he_ not _gave the glory to_ ~~the~~ _**god**, and having_become worm-infested, he_stopped_breathing. **24** But the message of_the of_**god** was_growing and was_being_ _multiplied. **25** And Barnabas and Saulos/(Shāʼūl) returned to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), having_fulfilled the service, having_taken_along_with them Yōannaʸs, ~~which~~ having_been_ _called Markos.

13:1 And there_were prophets and teachers in Antiokẹia, in the assembly being: ~~the~~ both Barnabas, and Sumeōn/(Shim´ōn) who being_called Niger, and Loukios the from_Kuraʸnaʸ, And Manaaʸn raised_with of_Haʸrōdaʸs of_the quarter_ruler, and Saulos. **2** And of_them ministering to_the **master** and fasting, the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** said: Indeed set_apart to_me ~~the~~ Barnabas and Saulos, because/for the work which I_have_called_ them _ _to. **3** Then having_fasted, and having_prayed, and having_laid_ _on their hands on_them, they_sent_away them.

4 Therefore indeed They having_been_sent_out by ~~the~~ holy **spirit**, came_down to Seleukeia, and from_there they_sailed_ _away to Kupros. **5** And having_become in Salamis, they_were_ _proclaiming the message of_the of_**god** in the synagogues of_ _the Youdaiōns. And they_were_ also _having Yōannaʸs, an_ _attendant.

6 And having_passed_through all the island until Pafos, they_ _found a_man, a_certain Youdaiōns false_prophet magician, to_ _whose name was Bariaʸsous, **7** who was with the proconsul Sergios Paulos, a_ intelligent _man. This man, having_called_to Barnabas and Saulos/(Shāʼūl), sought_after to_hear the message of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. **8** But Elumas the magician (for thus is_ _being_translated the name of_him was_resisting against_ _them) seeking to_pervert the proconsul from the faith. **9** But Saulos, the one also called Paulos, having_been_filled with_the_ holy _**spirit**, having_looked_intently at him **10** said: Oh son of_ _the_devil full of_all deceit and all fraud, enemy of_all righteousness, not ‹will›_you_be_ceasing perverting the ~~the~~ straight ways of_the **master**? **11** And now see, the_hand of_the_ _**master** on you, and you_will_be blind, not seeing the sun until a_season. and immediately a_mist and darkness fell on him, and going_around he_was_seeking one_leading_by_hand. **12** Then the proconsul having_seen what having_become, he_ _believed being_astonished at the teaching of_the **master**.

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Tsidon (Sidon), and so they got together and persuaded Blastos, a close personal servant of the king, to be their spokesman in asking for peace because they were dependent on food from the king's provinces.

21 On the agreed day, Herodes, dressed in his royal garments and seated on his throne, started to address them. **22** The crowd shouted out, "This is the voice **of a god**, not of a man." **23** Because he didn't attribute the honour **to God**, one of the **Yahweh's** messengers immediately struck him down and he stopped breathing as a result of a worm infestation.

24 Meanwhile **God's** message continued to spread and multiply.

25 By then Barnabas and Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul) had completed their ministry and returned to[91] Yerushalem (Jerusalem) taking Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) Markos (Yohan Markos) along with them.

The spirit chooses Barnabas and Sha'ul

13:1 In the assembly at Antiokeia there were some prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Shim'on (Simeon; Grk. Sumeon) (called Niger), Lukios from Kurainai (Cyrene), Menahem (Grk. Manaen) (who grew up with Herodes (Herod) the tetrarch), and Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul). **2** One day when they were ministering to the **master** and fasting, the holy **spirit** said, Appoint Barnabas and Sha'ul to serve me and do the work that I have called them to." **3** So they fasted and prayed and placed their hands on the two, and then sent them off.

Barnabas and Sha'ul go to Kupros to preach

4 So Barnabas and Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul), having been sent by the holy **spirit**, went down to Seleukeia at the coast and from there sailed on to the island of Kupros (Cyprus). **5** When they arrived in the town of Salamis, they proclaimed **God's** message in the Jewish meeting halls. They also had Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) as their assistant.

Sergios believes after Bar-Yeshua is blinded

6 They travelled around the island and when they got to Pafos, they met a Jewish man named Bar-Yeshua (Grk. Bariesus).[92] He was a sorcerer and false prophet **7** who was with Sergios Paulos the proconsul, an intelligent man. Sergios sent for Barnabas and Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul) because he wanted to hear **God's** message from them, **8** but the sorcerer opposed them and tried to prevent Sergios from believing. **9** So then Sha'ul (the Romaios form of his name was Paulos), filled **with the** holy **spirit** looked intently at Bar-Yeshua **10** and said, "You're full of all kinds of deceit and fraud you child of the devil. Will you never stop twisting the truth about following the **master**? **11** Well, look here! **Yahweh** will extend his power against you and blind you—you'll go a season without seeing the sun!"

And immediately he could only see fog and darkness, and needed someone to guide him around by the hand. **12** The proconsul believed when he saw what had happened, and was amazed as he learnt about the **master**.

91 RV 12:25 · Note TD:Some manuscripts have 'from' here because in the next few sentences it seems that they were returned to Antioch.

92 RV 13:6 · Note The Greek form of his name was Elymas according to verse 8.

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Paulos and Barnabas in Pisidia

13 After that, Paulos[93] and his companions sailed from Pafos to Pergai in Pamfulia, but Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) Markos (John Mark) left them and returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 14 Paulos and his companions, went on from Pergai to Pisidian Antiokeia, where they entered the Jewish meeting hall on the Rest Day and sat down with the congregation. 15 After the readings from the Law and from the Prophets,[94] the leaders sent a messenger over to them to ask, "Men, brothers, if you bring any message of encouragement for the congregation, please share it."

16 So Paulos stood up and, motioning with his hand, started speaking, "Fellow Israelis and everyone who reveres **God**, listen to me. 17 The **God** of the people of Yisrael (Israel) chose our ancestors and helped the people to prosper when they were staying in Mitsrayim (Egypt). Then later he showed his power as he led them out 18 and endured them in the wilderness for around forty years. 19 Then having overthrown seven nations in Kena'an (Canaan),[95] he passed on that land as an inheritance[96] 20 after around 450 years.

"Then he gave them judges through until the time of the prophet Shmuel (Samuel) 21 when they requested a king, and **God** gave them Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul), the son of Kish from the tribe of Benyamin to reign for forty years. 22 After Sha'ul was removed, God chose David to be their king—the man of whom he said, 'I found David the son of Yishay (Jesse), a man who wants to obey me and do everything I ask.'[97] 23 Then eventually a descendant of David arrived in Yisrael as promised—the saviour **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). 24 Before he arrived Yohan-the-immerser had publicly preached to all the people of Yisrael about being immersed as a sign of repentance. 25 As Yohan's (John's; Grk. Yoannes') ministry was nearing an end, he asked, 'Who do you suspect I am? I'm not the messiah, but he will come after me, and I'm not even worthy to undo his sandals.'

26 "Men, brothers, descendants of Avraham and others here who revere **God**, the teaching about this salvation has been sent to us. 27 The people of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and their religious leaders didn't recognise this Yeshua, but by their judgement of him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Rest Day. 28 Despite not finding even one charge against him worthy of death, they requested Pilatos (Pilate) to execute him 29 and when they'd done all the things that the prophets had written about him, they took his body down from the post he'd been nailed to[98] and placed it in a burial chamber.

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13 And the ones around him Paulos having_been_launched from ~~the~~ Pafos, came to Perga^{y} of_ ~~the~~ _Pamfulia. But Yōanna^{y}s having_went_away from them, he_returned to Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim). 14 But they, having_passed_ _through from ~~the~~ Perga^{y}, arrived to Antioḳeia ~~the~~ Pisidia, and having_come into the synagogue on_the day of_the days_of_ _rest, they_sat_down. 15 And after the public_reading of_the law and of_the prophets, the synagogue_leaders sent_out to them saying: Men, brothers, if among you_all there_is any message of_exhortation toward the people, be_speaking it. 16 And Paulos having_stood_up, and having_gestured with_his hand said: Men, ones_from_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl), and you_all revering ~~the~~ **god**, hear me. 17 The **god** of_the people of_this Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl) chose the fathers of_us, and exalted the people in the sojourn in the_land of_Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim), and with his_arm high, he_led_out them out_of it, 18 and the_time he_ _endured them in the wilderness about, because/forty_year, 19 and having_taken_down seven nations in the_land of_ _Ḳana'an/(Kina'an), he_parcelled_out the land of_them, 20 about four_hundred years and fifty. And after these things, he_gave them judges until Samoua^{y}l/(Shəmū'ēl) the_prophet. 21 And_from_there they_requested a_king, and ~~the~~ **god** gave to_ _them ~~the~~ Saulos/(Shā'ūl), son of_Kis/(Qīsh), a_man of the_tribe of_Beniamin/(Binyāmīn), for_ forty _years. 22 And having_ _removed him, he_raised ~~the~~ Dawid/(Dāvid) to_them for a_king, to_whom also he_spoke having_testified: I_found Dawid the son of_ ~~the~~ _Yessai/(Yishay): a_man according_to the heart of_me, who will_be_doing all the wills of_me. 23 Of the seed of_this one ~~the~~ **god** according_to promise, brought to_ ~~the~~ _ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl) a_saviour, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshū'a)**, 24 of_ _Yōanna^{y}s having_publicly_proclaimed before the_face of_the entrance of_him, an_immersion of_repentance to_all the people of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl). 25 And while Yōanna^{y}s was_ _fulfilling the course, he_was_saying: What you_all_are_ _suspecting me to_be? I am_ not _he, but see, he_is_coming after me, of_whom I_am not worthy to_untie the sandal of_his feet. 26 Men, brothers, sons of_the_descent of_ _Abra'am/('Avrāhām), and you_all among you_all revering ~~the~~ **god**, to_us the message of_ ~~the~~ this _salvation was_sent_away. 27 For/Because the ones dwelling in Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim) and the rulers of_them, having_ _not_known this one and the voices of_the prophets, who being_read on every day_of_rest, having_judged him they_ _fulfilled them. 28 And having_found not_one cause for_death, they_requested Pilatos him to_be_killed. 29 And when they_ _finished all the things having_been_written concerning him, having_taken_down him from the stake, they_put him in a_ _tomb. 30 But ~~the~~ **god** raised him from the_dead, 31 who was_ _seen for more days, to_the ones having_come_up_with him

93 **RV 13:13 · Note** From this point on in the text, Paul is referred to by his Roman name as his ministry is largely outside of Yisrael. (In Yisrael he seemed to be better known as Saul, the Greek form of his Hebrew name Sha-ul.)

94 **RV 13:15 · Note** The Hebrew Scriptures are divided into the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings.

95 **RV 13:19 · Cross-ref.** Deu 7:1.

96 **RV 13:19 · Cross-ref.** Josh 14:1.

97 **RV 13:22 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 13:14; Psa 89:20.

98 **RV 13:29 · Cross-ref.** Jhn 20:25.

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from ~~the~~ Galilaia/(Gālīl) to Hierousalaʸm, who are now witnesses of_him to the people. **32** And we are_good_message_ _preaching to_you_all the the promise having_become to fathers, **33** that ~~the~~ **god** has_fulfilled this to_the children of_us, having_raised_up **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, as also in the ~~the~~ second psalm it_has_been_written: you are son of_me, today I have_bore you. **34** And that raised_ him _up from the_dead, no_ _longer going to_be_returning to decay, thus he_has_said, ~~that~~ I_will_be_giving to_you_all the devout ~~the~~ faithful of_ _Dawid/(Dāvid). **35** Therefore also in another psalm he_is_ _saying: You_ˏwillˎ_ not _be_giving the devout one of_you to_ _see decay. **36** For/Because on_one_hand Dawid having_ _attended to_the ~~the~~ counsel of_**god** to_his_own generation, was_fallen_asleep and was_added to the fathers of_him, and saw decay. **37** On_the_other_hand which one ~~the~~ **god** raised not saw decay. **38** Therefore it_let_be known, to_you_all, men, brothers, that through this one, forgiveness of_sins is_being_ _proclaimed to_you_all, and from all things of_which you_all_ _were_ not _able to_be_justified in the_law of_ _Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh), **39** everyone ~~which~~ believing in this one is_ _being_justified. **40** Therefore be_watching_out, lest the message having_been_said in the prophets may_come_over: **41** Watch, ~~the~~ scoffers, and wonder and be_perishing, because I am_doing a_work in the days of_you_all, a_work which by_no_ _means you_all_may_ not _believe, if someone may_be_ _describing_in_detail it to_you_all. **42** And of_them departing, they_were_imploring these ~~the~~ messages to_be_spoken to_them on the afterward day_of_rest. **43** And having_been_released of_ _the synagogue, many of_the Youdaiōns and of_the worshipping converts followed ~~the~~ after_Paulos and ~~the~~ Barnabas, who addressing to_them, were_being_persuading them to_be_remaining in_the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **44** And on_the coming day_of_rest, almost all the city was_gathered_together to_hear the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **45** But the Youdaiōns having_ _seen the crowds, they_were_filled with_jealousy and they_ _were_speaking_against against_the_ slandering _things being_ _spoken by Paulos. **46** and, ~~the~~ Paulos and ~~the~~ Barnabas Having_ _spoken_boldly said, it_was necessary the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god** first to_be_spoken To_you_all. Since and you_all_are_pushing_ it _away, and not worthy you_all_are_judging yourselves of_ ~~the~~ _eternal life, see, we_are_being_turned to the pagans. **47** For/Because thus the **master** has_commanded to_us: I_have_ _set you for a_light of_the_pagans, ~~which~~ you to_be for salvation to the_last of_the earth. **48** And hearing it the pagans, they_ _were_rejoicing and were_glorifying the message of_the **master**, and as_many_as were having_been_appointed to eternal life believed. **49** And the message of_the **master** was_ _being_carried_through through all the region. **50** But the Youdaiōns incited the ~~the~~ prominent worshipping women, and the leaders of_the city, and they_stirred_up a_persecution against ~~the~~ Paulos and Barnabas, and they_throw_ them _out

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30 But **God** brought him back to life **31** and his followers who had come to Yerushalem from Galil saw him for several days and now testify about this to the people. **32** So now we're preaching this good message to you that what God promised to our ancestors **33** has now been fulfilled for our descendants, now that **God** brought **Yeshua** back to life just like it's written in the second psalm:

'You are my son;
today I have borne you.'[99]

34 God brought him back to life, and he's never going to return to the grave to decay. As God said,

'I will give David's faithful devout things??? to you all.'[100]

35 So in another psalm God said,

'You won't allow your devout one to experience decay.'[101]

36 This can't be David, because after he'd served his own generation as **God** led him, he indeed died and was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. **37** On the contrary, the one who **God** raised from the dead never experienced decay. **38** So brothers, let it be known to you all that your sins can now be forgiven through this Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)—the law of Mosheh (Moses) was never able to offer you that. **39** Everyone who puts their trust in Yeshua is able to receive a clean record. **40** But keep your eyes open in case something else the prophets wrote might come true:

41 'Watch you scoffers, and be amazed and die because I'm doing something special during your time.
Even if someone described it clearly to you all, you still might not believe it.' "[102]

42 As they left the meeting hall after the service, the people invited them to speak again the following Rest Day. **43** But when they started walking away, many people followed after Paulos and Barnabas, who then addressed them and encouraged them to continue trusting in **God's** grace.

44 So on the following Rest Day, nearly everyone in the city had gathered there to hear the message from **God**. **45** But the Jewish religious leaders became very jealous when they saw the crowds and claimed that Paulos's words had slandered God. **46** But Paulos and Barnabas responded boldly, "It was necessary for **God's** message to be explained in the meeting hall to all of the Yehudim (Jews) first. But since you are rejecting that teaching, you are all judging yourselves to be unworthy of living forever, so instead, we will now share it with the non-Jews. **47** Because this is what the **master** commanded us:

'I have chosen you to be a light for the pagans;
You will take salvation to the end of the earth.'[103]

48 When the non-Jews heard that, they were very happy and

99 **RV 13:33 · Cross-ref.** Psa 2:7.

100 **RV 13:34 · Cross-ref.** Isa 55:3.

101 **RV 13:35 · Cross-ref.** Psa 16:10.

102 **RV 13:41 · Cross-ref.** Hab 1:5.

103 **RV 13:47 · Cross-ref.** Isa 49:6.

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were praising the **master's** message, and as many as were appointed to receive eternal life believed it.

49 So from there, the **master's** message spread throughout the entire region. **50** But the Jewish religious leaders incited some prominent women from the meeting halls and some from the local city government, and they then stirred up persecution against Paulos and Barnabas and had them expelled out of their region. **51** So Paulos and Barnabas just left that place to face their own consequences, and continued on to Ikonion. **52** Meanwhile the believers back in Pisidian Antiokeia were full of happiness and of **the** holy **spirit**.

Paulos and Barnabas in Ikonion

14:1 A similar thing happened in Ikonion. Paulos and Barnabas went into the Jewish meeting hall and spoke in such a way that a lot of both Yehudim (Jews) and Hellains (Greeks) believed. **2** But those Yehudim who didn't believe got the non-Jews emotionally stirred up to oppose the believers. **3** So Paulos and Barnabas ended up staying there for quite a while, and as they spoke boldly for the **master**, he himself confirmed his grace by enabling the two of them to be able to do miracles and amazing things. **4** Nevertheless, the people of the city were divided—some agreeing with the strict Yehudim, and others supporting the missionaries.

5 At one point, both the non-Jews and the strict Yehudim and their leaders got worked up enough to come in order to attack them and throw rocks to kill them. **6** However, Paulos and Barnabas found out about it and escaped to the Lukaonios cities of Lustra and Derbai and the surrounding region **7** and preached the good message there.

A miracle in Lustra following by a stoning

8 In Lustra there was a man sitting there who had been unable to use his legs since birth. **9** He was listening to Paulos speaking, when Paulos looked straight at him and realised that the man had the faith to be healed. **10** So in a loud voice, Paulos said, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and was walking around. **11** The crowd of people who saw what Paulos had done began to shout out in Lukaonios, "These two look like men, but they're really gods who have come down to us!" **12** They called Barnabas 'Zeus' and called Paulos 'Hermas' since he was the main speaker. **13** And the priest of Zeus wanted to sacrifice with the crowds, so he brought bulls and garlands of flowers to the city gates from the temple on the path to the city.

14 But when the missionaries Barnabas and Paulos heard what was going on, they tore their clothes in dismay as they rushed out into the crowd **15** shouting, "Men, why are you doing all these things? We are only humans just like all of you. We were bringing you the good message about abandoning these useless sacrifices and turning to the living **God** who made heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them.[104] **16** In previous generations he allowed all the nations to go their own different ways, **17** but he never left himself without evidence of him-

104 RV 14:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:11.

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from the regions of_them. **51** But they, having_shaken_off the dust of_the feet against them, came to Ikonion. **52** And the apprentices/followers were_being_filled with_joy and the_ holy _**spirit**.

14:1 And it_became, in Ikonion with the same them to_come_in into the synagogue of_the Youdaiōns, and to_speak thus so_ _that a_great multitude of_ both _Youdaiōns and Hellaʸns to_ _believe. **2** But the Youdaiōns having_disbelieved stirred_up and mistreated the hearts of_the pagans against the brothers. **3** Therefore on_one_hand they_stayed much time, speaking_ _boldly for the **master**, the one testifying the message of_the grace of_him, to_giving signs and wonders to_be_becoming through the hands of_them. **4** On_the_other_hand the multitude of_the city was_divided, and on_one_hand they were with the Youdaiōns, on_the_other_hand they with the ambassadors. **5** And when an_impulse both of_the pagans and Youdaiōns with the rulers of_them became, to_mistreat and to_ _throw_stones at_them, **6** having_seen, they_fled_down to the cities of_ ~~the~~ _Lukaonia, Lustra, and Derbaʸ, and the surrounding_region, **7** and_there they_were good_message_ _preaching.

8 And a_certain man, in Lustra powerless by_the feet, who never walked was_sitting lame from the_womb of_the_mother of_him. **9** This man was_hearing of_ ~~the~~ _Paulos speaking, who having_looked_intently at_him and having_seen that he_is_ _having faith ~~which~~ to_be_healed, **10** said with_a_loud voice: Stand_up straight on the feet of_you. And he_sprang_up and was_walking. **11** And the crowds having_seen what Paulos did, lifted_up the voice of_them In_Lukaonian saying: The gods having_been_likened to_men, came_down to us. **12** They_were_ _calling both ~~the~~ Barnabas: Zeus, and ~~the~~ Paulos: Hermas, since he was the one leading of_the matter. **13** And the the_priest of_ ~~the~~ _Zeus, ~~which~~ being before the city, having_brought bulls and garlands to the gates, he_was_wanting to_be_sacrificing with the crowds. **14** But the ambassadors Barnabas and Paulos having_heard, having_torn the robes of_themselves, they_ _rushed_out into the crowd, crying_out **15** and saying: Men, why are_you_all_doing these things? We also are humans like_ _natured with_you_all, evangelizing you_all to_be_turning_back from these ~~the~~ useless things to living **god**: who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and all the things in them. **16** Who in the generations having_gone_by, allowed all the nations to_be_going to_the ways of_them. **17** And_yet left himself not without_witness, working_good from_heaven to_ _you_all giving rains and fruitful seasons, filling with_food and the hearts of_you_all gladness. **18** And saying these things,

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with_difficulty they_restrained the crowds ~~which~~ not to_be_ _sacrificing to_them. **19** But Youdaiōns came_over from Antiokeia and Ikonion, and having_persuaded the crowds, and having_stoned ~~the~~ Paulos, they_were_dragging him outside the city, thinking him to_have_died. **20** But of_the apprentices/followers having_surrounded him, having_stood_ _up he_came_in into the city. And on_the day of_next he_came_ _out with ~~the~~ Barnabas to Derbaʸ.

21 And having_good_message_preached ~~the~~ that city, and having_trained many, they_returned to ~~the~~ Lustra, and to Ikonion, and to Antiokeia, **22** strengthening the souls of_the apprentices/followers, exhorting them to_be_remaining_in in_ _the faith, and that it_is_fitting us to_come_in into the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** through many tribulations. **23** And having_chosen elders for_them in assembly, having_prayed with fastings, they_entrusted them to_the **master** on whom they_had_ _believed. **24** And having_passed_through ~~the~~ Pisidia, they_ _came to ~~the~~ Pamfulia, **25** and having_spoken the message in Pergaʸ, they_came_down to Attalia, **26** and_from_there they_ _sailed_away to Antiokeia, whence they_were having_been_ _given_over to_the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, because/for the work that they_fulfilled. **27** And having_arrived and having_ _gathered_together the assembly, they_were_declaring as_ _much_as ~~the~~ **god** did with them, and that he_opened_up a_ _door of_faith to_the pagans. **28** And they_were_staying no little time with the apprentices/followers.

15:1 And some having_come_down from ~~the~~ Youdaia, were_ _teaching the brothers, ~~that~~ If you_all_may_ not _be_ _circumcised to_the custom ~~which~~ of_Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh), you_ _all_are_ not _being_able to_be_saved. **2** And dissension and no little debate having_become ~~the~~ by_Paulos and ~~the~~ Barnabas with them, they_determined Paulos and Barnabas and some others from them to_be_going_up, to the ambassadors and elders in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) about ~~the~~ this question. **3** therefore indeed The having_been_sent_forward by the assembly, they_were_passing_through ~~the~~ both Foinikaʸ and Samareia/(Shomrōn), describing_in_detail the conversion of_ _the pagans, and they_were_producing great joy to_all the brothers. **4** And having_arrived in Hierousalaʸm, they_were_ _accepted by the assembly, and the ambassadors, and the elders, and they_declared as_much_as ~~the~~ **god** did with them. **5** But some of_the ones of the sect of_the Farisaios_party having_believed rose_up, saying, ~~that~~ It_is_fitting to_be_ _circumcising them, and to_be_commanding them to_be_ _keeping the law of_Mōsaʸs. **6** And the ambassadors and the elders were_gathered_together, to_see about ~~the~~ this matter. **7** And having_become much debate, Petros having_stood_up said to them: Men, brothers, you_all are_knowing that from

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self—sending good rains from heaven to give you all fruitful seasons with food to fill your stomachs and happiness to fill your hearts." **18** By saying these things, they were eventually just able to restrain the people from sacrificing to them.

19 But some strict Yehudim (Jews) came over from Pisidian Antiokeia and Ikonion and were able to persuade the crowds. They threw rocks at Paulos to kill him and dragged his body outside the city gates thinking that he was dead. **20** But as the believers were standing around him, Paulos got up and went back into the city, but he left again with Barnabas the next day and went to Derbai.

Paulos and Barnabas return to the sending assembly in Antiokeia

21 They preached the good message in Derbai, and after giving further training to many of them, they returned to Lustra and Ikonion and Antiokeia. **22** There they strengthened the faith of the believers—encouraging them to continue believing and to expect that it's normal to endure a lot **of** suffering on the path to **God's** kingdom. **23** They appointed some elders for each assembly, then they fasted and prayed for the elders—asking the **master** that they believed in to look after them.

24 After passing through Pisidia, they arrived at Pamfulia **25** and after teaching the master's message in Pergai, they went down to the coastal city of Atalia. **26** From there, they sailed back to Arami (Syrian) Antiokeia where the congregation had prayed for **God's** grace to be with them[105] for the work they had just fulfilled.

27 So when they arrived, they gathered the assembly together there and shared about what **God** had done with them and how he had opened up the door of faith to the non-Jews. **28** Then they stayed on with them there for quite a while.

The decision from the Yerushalem elders

15:1 Then some people came to Antiokeia from Yehudah (Judea) and were teaching the believers that according to Mosheh's (Moses') teachings, you can't be saved unless you've been circumcised. **2** This led to no end of argument and debate between them and Paulos and Barnabas until it was decided that the two of them and some other believers should go to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to ask the missionaries and the elders there about this issue.

3 So indeed the assembly sent the group on their way, and as they passed through Foinikai and Shomron (Samaria), they described how non-Jews had become believers and this news made the believers there very happy.

4 When they arrived in Yerushalem, they were welcomed by the assembly and the missionaries and the elders, and they explained how **God** had used them. **5** But some of the believers who were also members of the Farisaios party stood up and said, "It's quite proper for them to be circumcised and to be commanded to keep the Jewish religious laws."

105 RV 14:26 · Cross-ref. 13:3.

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6 So the missionaries and the elders met separately in order to consider the matter further. 7 After a lot of debate, Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) stood up and said, "Men, brothers, all of you here know that some time back, **God** chose me to be a mouthpiece so that the non-Jews could hear the good message and believe. 8 And **God** who knows even people's inner thoughts, gave them the same holy **spirit** that he gave us, 9 and when he purified their minds by the faith, he didn't do anything different for them than he did for us. 10 So why are you all provoking **God** by putting a load on the shoulders of these believers that neither we, nor our ancestors, were ever able to bear? 11 But we ourselves have believed thanks to the grace of **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the master**, and they can be saved in just the same way."

12 The whole group sat in silence, and then they listened to Barnabas and Paulos as they described everything that **God** had done among the non-Jews through them, including miracles and amazing things. 13 Then while they were still silent, Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) responded, "Men, brothers, listen to me. 14 Shim'on (Simon) Kefa has told us how **God** first intervened in order to select a people for himself from among the non-Jews. 15 And this actually agrees with the message that the prophets recorded,

16 'After these things have happened I will return,
and I will rebuild the worship tent from David's time that has collapsed,
Although it was overturned, I will rebuild and restore it,
17 so that the remaining people will want to find the **master**,
and also the non-Jews who cried out to me.
Yahweh who's doing these things is saying this,
18 and planned it this way from eternity.'[106]

19 Because of this, my ruling is not to be troubling the non-Jews who are turning back to **God**, 20 but to write to them to keep away from anything polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, and from strangled animals and eating or drinking blood. 21 Mosheh's (Moses') writings have been preached in every city and are read in our meeting halls on every Rest Day.

The letter is carried to Antiokeia

22 So the missionaries and elders with all the assembly decided to choose some men to accompany Paulos and Barnabas to Antiokeia, so they chose Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) (nicknamed Bar-Saba) and Silas who were leaders among the believers, 23 This is what they wrote: This letter is from the missionaries and elders, your brothers here in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to our non-Jewish fellow believers in Antiokeia and Aram (Syria) and Kilikia. 24 Since we heard that some people who weren't sent by us came from here and disturbed you all with their upsetting messages, 25 we unanimously agreed to select some men to accompany our dear friends Barnabas and Paulos back. 26 These are men who have dedicated their lives to our **master**, **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**. 27 So we've sent Yehudah and Silas and they'll con-

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ancient days among you_all, ~~the~~ **god** chose for_the pagans to_ _hear by the mouth of_me, the message of_the good_message and to_believe. 8 And **god** the heart_knower testified to_them, having_given them the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** as also to_us, 9 and he_ _distinguished nothing between both us and them, having_ _purified the hearts of_them by_the faith. 10 Therefore now why are_you_all_testing ~~the~~ **god**, to_put_on a_yoke on the neck of_the apprentices/followers, that neither the fathers of_us nor we were_able to_bear? 11 But by the grace of_the the_**master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, we_are_believing to_be_saved also_those in that manner. 12 And all the multitude kept_silent, and they_ _were_hearing from_Barnabas and Paulos, explaining as_much_ _as ~~the~~ **god** did, signs and wonders among the pagans by them. 13 And after ~~which~~ them to_keep_silent, Yakōbos/(Yaʻₐqovʿ) answered saying: Men, brothers, hear from_me.
14 Sumeōn/(Shimʻōn) explained as first ~~the~~ **god** visited, to_take out_of the_pagans a_people for_the name of_him. 15 And with_ _this are_agreeing_together the messages of_the prophets as it_ _has_been_written, 16 After these things I_will_be_returning and I_will_be_rebuilding_up the tent of_Dawid/(Dāvid) which having_fallen, and of_it ~~which~~ having_been_overturned, I_will_ _be_rebuilding_up and I_will_be_restoring it, 17 so_that ~~wishfully~~ the remnant of_the people may_seek_out the **master**, also all the pagans, on whom has_been_called the name of_me on them, is_saying the_**master** doing these things, 18 known from eternity. 19 Therefore I am_judging to_ not _be_troubling to_ _the ones from the pagans, turning_back to ~~the~~ **god**, 20 but to_ _write to_them ~~which~~ to_be_keeping_away from_the pollutions of_ ~~the~~ _idols, and ~~the~~ sexual_immorality, and the strangled animal, and ~~the~~ blood. 21 For/Because Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) from ancient generations in_every city the ones proclaiming him, is_ _having being_read in the synagogues on every day_of_rest.

22 Then it_supposed to_the ambassadors and the elders with all the assembly, having_chosen men from them, to_send them to Antiokeia with ~~the~~ Paulos and Barnabas, Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) ~~which~~ being_called Barsabbas and Silas, leading men among the brothers, 23 having_written by the_hand of_them: The ambassadors and the elders, brothers, to_be_greeting to_the ones in ~~the~~ Antiokeia, and Suria/('Arām), and Kilikia, brothers ~~which~~ from the_pagans. 24 Since we_heard that some from us to_whom we_ not _instructed having_come_out, disturbed you_ _all by_ upsetting _messages the hearts of_you_all, 25 it_ _supposed to_us having_become with_one_accord, having_ _chosen men to_send to you_all, with Barnabas and Paulos the beloved of_us, 26 men having_given_over the lives of_them for the name of_the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_ _one/messiah**. 27 Therefore we_have_sent_out Youdas and Silas, and them reporting the same things by message.

106 RV 15:16-18 · Cross-ref. Amos 9:11-12.

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28 For/Because it_supposed to_the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** and to_us,
nothing more burden to_be_being_laid_on on_you_all, except
~~which~~ necessarily these things: 29 to_be_keeping_away from_
_idol_sacrificed things, and from_blood, and from_strangled
animals, and from_sexual_immorality, from which keeping
yourselves, you_all_will_be_doing well. Stay_strong.
30 Therefore indeed they having_been_sent_away, came_down
to Antiokeia, and having_gathered_together the multitude,
they_handed_out the letter. 31 And having_read it, they_were_
_elated at the exhortation. 32 Both Youdas/(Yəhūdāh) and
Silas, also themselves being prophets, by much speech,
exhorted the brothers and they_strengthened them. 33 And
having_made some time there, they_were_sent_away with
peace from the brothers, to the ones having_sent_ them _out.
34 ◘ 35 But Paulos and Barnabas were_staying in Antiokeia,
teaching and good_message_preaching the message of_the
master with many others also.

36 And after some days, Paulos said to Barnabas, indeed
having_turned_back we_may_visit the brothers in every city, in
which we_proclaimed the message of_the **master**, how they_
_are_having. 37 And Barnabas was_wishing to_take_along_with
them also ~~the~~ Yōannaʸs, ~~which~~ being_called Markos. 38 But
Paulos was_considering_worthy it the one having_withdrawn
from them from Pamfulia and not having_come_together with_
_them to the work, not to_be_taking_along_with him this one.
39 And a_provocation became, so_as them to_be_separated
from one_another, and ~~the~~ Barnabas having_taken ~~the~~ Markos,
to_sail_away to Kupros. 40 But Paulos having_chosen Silas,
came_out having_been_given_over to_the grace of_the **master**
by the brothers. 41 And he_was_passing_through ~~the~~
Suria/(ʼArām) and Kilikia, strengthening the assemblies.

16:1 And he_arrived also to Derbaʸ and to Lustra. And see, a_
certain _apprentice/follower was there by_the_name
Timotheos, the_son of_a_ believing _woman Youdaiōns, but
his_father was of_a_Hellaʸn, 2 who was_being_attested by the
brothers in Lustra and Ikonion. 3 ~~The~~ Paulos wanted this one
to_come_out with him, and having_taken he_circumcised him,
because_of the Youdaiōns ~~which~~ being in ~~the~~ those places,
because/for all had_known that the father of_him he_was_
_being a_Hellaʸn. 4 And while they_were_passing_through the
cities, they_were_giving_over to_them the decrees to_be_
_keeping ~~which~~ having_been_judged by of_the ambassadors and
elders ~~which~~ in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim). 5 Therefore
indeed the assemblies were_being_strengthened in_the faith,
and they_were_being_plentiful ~~the~~ in_number in_every day.

6 And they_passed_through ~~the~~ Frugia and the_Galatikos
region, having_been_forbidden by the holy **spirit** to_speak the
message in ~~the~~ Asia, 7 and having_come down ~~the~~ to_Musia,
they_were_attempting to_be_gone into ~~the~~ Bithunia, and the
spirit of_**Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** not allowed them, 8 and
having_passed_by ~~the~~ Musia, they_came_down to Trōias. 9 And
through the_night a_vision was_seen to_ ~~the~~ _Paulos, a_ Certain
from_Makedonia _man was having_stood and imploring him

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firm in person what we are writing. 28 It seemed right to the
holy **spirit** and to us to not burden you all with anything more
than the following commands: 29 you all must keep away from
anything sacrificed to idols, from eating or drinking blood or
strangled animals, and from sexual immorality. You will do well
if you avoid these things. Farewell.
30 So they were sent off and when they arrived at Antiokeia,
they gathered the believers and handed across the letter, 31 and
when they read it, they were very happy with the encouraging
contents.
32 Yehudah and Barnabas were both prophets, and said a lot to
encourage them and strengthen their faith. 33 After they'd
stayed there for a while, the believers sent them home carrying
greetings from them to the assembly back in Yerushalem
(Jerusalem).
34 ◘ 35 But Paulos and Barnabas stayed on there in Antiokeia,
teaching them and preaching the good message along with
many others.

Paulos and Barnabas go separate ways

36 After a few days, Paulos suggested to
Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit the be-
lievers in each city where we proclaimed
the **master's** message, and see how they're doing." 37 Barnabas
agreed and wanted to take Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) Markos
(John Mark) along with them as well, 38 but Paulos didn't want
to take him because he had left them in Pamfulia instead of con-
tinuing with them in their work. 39 And so it turned into such a
disagreement that the two of them each went their different
ways. Barnabas took Yohan Markos with him and sailed to
Kupros (Cyprus) 40 while Paulos chose Silas and they left after
being entrusted to the **master's** grace by the believers. 41 They
went through Aram (Syria) and Kilikia, strengthening the as-
semblies there.

Paulos and Silas also take Timotheos with them

16:1 Then Paulos went to Derbai and then
on to Lustra where a believer named Tim-
otheos lived. His mother was a Jewish be-
liever, but his father was Greek. 2 The believers in Lustra and
Ikonion spoke well of Timotheos 3 and Paulos wanted him to ac-
company them on his trip so he circumcised him in advance be-
cause of the Yehudim (Jews) in that region—everyone knew that
his father was a Greek. 4 As they passed through various towns,
they explained the decision of the missionaries and elders in
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) about which commands they must ad-
here to. 5 So the assemblies were strengthened in this way and
their numbers were increasing each day.

Paulos's vision in Troias

6 From there, they travelled through
Frugia and the Galatia region, after the
holy **spirit** prevented them from proclaiming the message in
Asia Minor. 7 When they got to Musia, they planned to go on
into Bithunia, but **Yeshua's (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) spirit** didn't let
them, 8 so after leaving Musia they went to Troias. 9 During the
night, Paulos had a vision of a Makedonian man standing there

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and imploring him, "Come on to Makedonia and help us here."
10 So as a result of the vision, we decided to go straight to Makedonia, concluding that **God** had called us to share the good message with them.

Ludia's enthusiasm at Filippou

11 From Troias we sailed directly to Samothrakai, and then on to Neapolis the following day. 12 From there we continued on to Filippou (Philippi) which is a Romaios colony and the capital city of the Makedonia district where we stayed for several days. 13 On the Rest Days, we went down to the river outside the city gate where we thought people might be praying, and we spoke to the women who had met there. 14 One of them was Ludia from Thuateira who was a seller of purple goods[107] and although she already worshipped **God**, the **master** opened her mind and she readily accepted what Paulos was saying. 15 So then Ludia and her household were all ceremonially immersed, and then she requested, "If you all consider me to be faithful to the **master**, come and stay at my place." So she persuaded us.

Paulos and Silas get thrown into prison

16 One time as we were walking to the prayer meeting, we met a female slave who was possessed by a spirit that enabled her to tell fortunes, and thanks to that, to earn a lot of money for her masters. 17 She walked along behind us and shouted out, "These men are slaves **of** the highest **god** and they will be telling you all how to be saved." 18 After she'd done this for several days, Paulos was so frustrated that he turned around and spoke to the spirit in her, "I command you by the authority **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** to leave her."

19 But when her masters realised that their profitable business was about to come to an end, they grabbed Paulos and Silas and dragged them to the authorities at the marketplace. 20 They brought them forward to face the magistrates and said, "These Yehudim (Jews) are disturbing the peace in our city 21 and teaching behaviour that we as Romaios can neither accept nor practice." 22 An angry crowd gathered around and the magistrates ordered for Paulos and Silas to have their robes torn off and then to be beaten with rods. 23 They were severely beaten and then thrown into prison where the officer was commanded to keep them secure. 24 Because of that, he threw them into the inner cell and locked their feet in stocks.

25 Around midnight Paulos and Silas were praying and singing praises **to God**, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a strong earthquake that shook even the foundations of the prison, and immediately all the prison doors opened up and the chains of all the prisoners came loose. 27 The prison officer woke up, and when he saw that all the prison doors were open, he drew his sword to take his own life as he figured that all the prisoners must have escaped. 28 But Paulos shouted out, "Don't harm yourself! We're all still here!"

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and saying: Having_passed_through into Makedonia, give_help to_us. 10 And when he_saw the vision, immediately we_sought to_come_out to Makedonia, concluding that ~~the~~ **god** has_called_ _to us to_evangelize them.

11 therefore having_been_launched from Trōias, we_ran_ _straight to Samothraka^{y}, and on_the_ following _day to New City, 12 and_from_there to Filippou, which is the_leading city of_the district of_Makedonia, a_colony. And we_were staying in this ~~the~~ city some days. 13 And on_the day of_the days_of_rest, we_came_out outside the gate by a_river, where we_were_ _thinking prayer to_be, and having_sat_down we_were_ _speaking to_the women having_come_together. 14 And a_ _certain woman by_the_name Ludia, a_seller_of_purple of_the_ _city of_Thuateira, worshipping ~~the~~ **god** was_hearing, of_whom the **master** opened_up her heart, to_be_taking_heed to_the things being_spoken by ~~the~~ Paulos. 15 And when she_was_ _immersed and the house of_her, she_implored saying: If you_ _all_have_judged me to_be faithful to_the **master**, having_ _come_in into the house of_me, be_remaining. And she_urged us.

16 And it_became, of_us going to the prayer place, a_ certain _ _servant_girl having a_ python _spirit, to_meet with_us, who fortune-telling was_bringing_about much business for_the masters of_her. 17 This woman following ~~the~~ after_Paulos and was_crying_out to_us saying: These ~~the~~ men are slaves of_ ~~The~~ the highest **_god**, who are_proclaiming to_you_all the_way of_ _salvation. 18 And she_was_doing this for many days. But Paulos having_been_thoroughly_disturbed, and having_turned_ _back by_the spirit said: I_am_commanding to_you in the_name of_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʿa) chosen_one/messiah** to_come_out from her. And it_came_out to_ the _same hour. 19 But the masters of_her having_seen that the hope of_the business of_ _them, going_out, having_taken_hold_of ~~the~~ Paulos and ~~the~~ Silas, they_dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers, 20 and having_brought_ them _forward to_the officers, they_said: These ~~the~~ men being Youdaiōns are_disturbing the city of_us, 21 and they_are_proclaiming customs that it_is_ not _permitting for_us to_be_accepting nor to_be_practicing, being Ṟōmaios. 22 And the a_crowd rose_up_together against them, and the officers having_torn_off of_them the robes, were_ _commanding to_be_beating_with_rods them. 23 And having_ _inflicted many blows on_them, they_throw them into prison, having_commanded to_the prison_guard to_be_keeping them securely, 24 who having_received such charge, throw them into the inner prison, and secured their feet of_them in the stocks. 25 But to ~~the~~ midnight, Paulos and Silas praying, were_singing_ _hymns ~~the~~ to_**god**, and the prisoners were_listening to_them. 26 And suddenly an_ great _earthquake became, so_that the foundations of_the prison to_be_shaken, and immediately all the doors were_opened_up, and the bonds of_all was_ _unfastened. 27 And the prison_guard having_become awoken, and having_seen the doors of_the prison having_been_opened_ _up, having_drawn his sword he_was_going to_be_killing himself, thinking the prisoners to_have_escaped. 28 But Paulos called with_a_ loud _voice saying: You_may_do nothing harm

107 RV 16:14 · Note It's possible that Lydia dyed fabric and sold it, or that she actually made and sold the purple dye itself.

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to_yourself, because/for we_are all here. **29** And having_
_requested lights, he_rushed_in, and having_become trembling,
he_fell_before to_ ~~the~~ _Paulos and Silas. **30** And having_brought_
them _forth out was_saying: Masters, what is_fitting me to_be_
_doing, in_order_that I_may_be_saved? **31** And they said:
Believe in the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** and you_will_be_
_being_saved, you and the household of_you. **32** And they_
_spoke the message of_the **master** to_him, with all the ones in
the house of_him. **33** And having_taken them in that ~~the~~ hour
of_the night, he_washed them from their wounds, and he_was_
_immersed, he and the ones of_him all immediately. **34** And
having_brought_ them _up into the house, he_set_before a_
_table for_them and exulted with_all_the_household, having_
believed ~~the~~ in**god**. **35** And having_become day, the officers
sent_out the policemen saying: Send_away ~~the~~ those men.
36 And the prison_guard reported the messages to ~~the~~ Paulos:
~~that~~ The officers ‹Have›_sent_out, in_order_that you_all_may_
_be_sent_away. Therefore now having_come_out, be_going in
peace. **37** But ~~the~~ Paulos was_saying to them: Having_beat us
with_publicly, uncondemned men being Ῥōmaios, they_throw
us into prison and now secretly they_are_casting_ us _out?
For/Because no, but having_come themselves, them_let_lead_
us _out. **38** And the policemen reported ~~the~~ these messages to_
_the officers. And they_were_afraid having_heard that they_are
Ῥōmaios. **39** And having_come, they_appealed to_them, and
having_led_out them, they_were_asking them to_go_away
From the city. **40** And having_come_out from the prison, they_
_came_in to ~~the~~ Ludia, and having_seen them, they_exhorted
the brothers and they_came_out.

17:1 And having_travelled_through the Amfipolis and ~~the~~
Apollōnia, they_came to Thessalonikaʸ, where was a_synagogue
of_the Youdaiōns. **2** And according_to the way having_been_
_accustomed ~~the~~ with_Paulos, he_came_in to them, and for
Three days_of_rest, he_discussed with_them from the
scriptures, **3** opening_up and setting_before that it_was_fitting
the **chosen_one/messiah** to_suffer, and to_rise_up from the_
dead, and saying ~~that~~ This **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, whom I am
_proclaiming to_you_all is. **chosen_one/messiah**. **4** And some
of them were_persuaded and they_were_joined ~~the~~ with_Paulos
and ~~the~~ Silas, both a_ great _multitude of_the ones Hellaʸns
worshipping, and leading a_few women the not. **5** But the
Youdaiōns, having_been_jealous and having_taken_aside some
evil men of_the marketplaces, and having_formed_a_mob,
they_were_distressing the city, and having_approached to_the
house of_Yasōn, they_were_seeking them to_bring_forth to the
public. **6** And not having_found them, they_were_dragging
Yasōn and some brothers before the city_council shouting, ~~that~~
The ones having_upset the inhabited_world, these are_coming
here also, **7** whom Yasōn has_welcomed, and these all are_
_doing in_front_of the decrees of_Kaisar, saying **Yaʸsous**
another king to_be. **8** And they_disturbed the crowd and the
city_council hearing these things. **9** And having_taken ~~the~~ much
from ~~the~~ Yasōn and the rest, they_sent_ them _away.

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29 The officer called for torches, then rushed in and knelt down trembling in front of Paulos and Silas. **30** Then he escorted them out and asked, "Masters, what do I need to do to be saved?"

31 "Believe in the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)," they replied, "then you and your household can all be saved." **32** Then they explained the message about the **master** to him and all those in his household. **33** Even though it was still the middle of the night, he sponged their wounds, and then him and his household were all immersed straight away. **34** He took Paulos and Silas up into his house and gave them a meal, and his whole household were happy because they now believed **in God**.

35 The next day the magistrates sent officials to tell the jailer to release Paulos and Silas.

36 So the officer told Paulos, "The magistrates sent these officials to order that you two be released."

37 But Paulos responded, "You mean that after publicly beating us Romaios men without a trial, they threw us into prison and now they want to just quietly release us."

38 So the officials reported this back to the magistrates, and they were quite afraid when they heard that Paulos and Silas were Romaios citizens. **39** So now they came to the prison in person, and appealed to them, and escorting them out of prison themselves, asked them to please leave the city. **40** So after Paulos and Silas left the prison, they went to see Ludia and after encouraging the believers there, they left.

Yason gets in trouble in Thessalonikai

17:1 After travelling through Amfipolis and Apollonia, Paulos and Silas went to Thessalonikai where there was a Jewish meeting hall. **2** Paulos's custom was to attend at the local meeting hall on the Rest Day, so he did that, and for three weekends in a row he discussed the scriptures with them, **3** showing them how that it had been written that the **messiah** would suffer and be killed and come back to life, and then explaining, "This **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) that I've been telling you about is **the messiah**." **4** Some of them were persuaded and joined with Paulos and Silas, along with a big group of godly Hellains (Greeks) and quite a few prominent women.

5 But some of the other Yehudim (Jews) were envious of them, and enlisted some of the troublemakers from the marketplaces to form a mob. They stirred up all the people, and looking for Paulos and Silas so they could bring them out, arrived at the house of a man named Yason. **6** But when they realised that Paulos and Silas weren't there, they dragged Yason and some other believers off to the city leaders, shouting, "Those two men who've gone around upsetting the whole world have now come here as well **7** and Yason has welcomed them into his house. They rebel against Kaisar's decrees and claim that **Yeshua** is a rival king." **8** They stirred up the crowd and the city leaders with these accusations, **9** so the leaders collected a heavy fine from Yason and the others, and then released them.

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Many new believers in Beroia

10 So the believers immediately sent Paulos and Silas off during the night to go to Beroia. In Beroia they also attended at the Jewish meeting hall 11 and this group were more upper-class than the congregation in Thessalonikai. They eagerly accepted the message and examined the scriptures every day to check if what was being taught matched what was written there. 12 Because it did, many of the people believed including quite a few of the prominent Hellains (Greeks). 13 But when the Yehudim (Jews) from Thessalonikai found out that **God's** message was also being proclaimed by Paulos there in Beroia, they soon turned up to agitate and stir the crowds. 14 So the believers immediately sent Paulos off to the coast, but Silas and Timotheos both stayed. 15 The ones guiding Paulos took him to Athainai before they headed back with his instructions for Silas and Timotheos to come and join him again as soon as possible.

People of Athainai like new ideas

16 While Paulos stayed in Athainai waiting for them, he was upset in his spirit as he observed how idolatrous the people were. 17 So while he stayed busy having discussions with the Yehudim (Jews) and other worshippers from the meeting hall, he also spent time every day with anyone who just happened to be around in the marketplace. 18 Some of the Epikoureios and Stoikos philosophers enjoyed discussing things with him, but others just mocked him, "What does this babbler want to talk about now?"

But others said, "Seems that he's talking about strange demons," because he was preaching the good message about **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and coming back to life. 19 So they grabbed him and brought him to the Areios Hill where the council sat and asked, "Are we allowed to know what this new teaching that you're bringing is about? 20 It seems that you have some surprising ideas for our ears, so we want to hear what it's all about." 21 (Everyone in Athainai and even visitors often took the opportunity either to explain or to listen to any new things.)

22 So Paulos stood up in the middle of the gathering on the hill and spoke, "Men of Athainai, I've noticed how you all are very religious, 23 because as I was looking around and observing your objects of worship, I even discovered an altar that was inscribed, 'To the unknown **god**.' So without knowing it, you already worship this **God** that I'm going to tell you about. 24 This **God** who created the earth and everything in it is **Yahweh** who's over heaven and earth. He doesn't live in man-made temples 25 nor can he be repaired by any human hands and he doesn't need to be fed. On the contrary, he's the one who gives life and breath and who gives us everything that we need. 26 From one man he made every nationality that lives across all the earth and designated their boundaries and their futures. 27 He made them so that they would try to discover **God**, and if they did search for him they might find him as he's not far from any one of us 28 because

'We live in him and are moved by him and exist through him.'
Even some of your own poets wrote,

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10 And the brothers immediately sent_out ~~the~~ both Paulos and ~~the~~ Silas by night to Beroia, who having_arrived, were_going into the synagogue of_the Youdaiōns. 11 And these were more_ _noble than the ones in Thessalonikaʸ, who received the message with all readiness, in_every day examining the scriptures, if these things might_be_having thus. 12 therefore indeed Many from them believed, and not a_few of_the ~~the~~ prominent Hellaʸn women, and men. 13 But when the Youdaiōns from ~~the~~ Thessalonikaʸ knew that also the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god** was_proclaimed by ~~the~~ Paulos in, ~~the~~ Beroia, they_ _came also_there, agitating and disturbing the crowds. 14 And then the brothers immediately ~~the~~ Paulos sent_away, to_be_ _going as_far_as to the sea, and ~~the~~ both Silas and ~~the~~ Timotheos remained there. 15 And the ones appointing ~~the~~ Paulos, brought him to Athaʸnai, and having_received a_command for ~~the~~ Silas and ~~the~~ Timotheos, that as they_may_come most_quickly to him, they_were_departing.

16 And ~~the~~ Paulos in ~~the~~ Athaʸnai, of_awaiting them, the spirit of_him was_being_provoked in him, of_observing the city being idolatrous. 17 Therefore he_was_discussing on_one_hand in the synagogue with_the Youdaiōns, and the ones worshipping, and in the marketplace on every day with the ones happening_to_ _be. 18 On_the_other_hand some also of_the Epikoureios and Stōikos philosophers were_conferring with_him, and some were_saying: What ~~wishfully~~ might_ this - _be_wanting babbler to_be_saying? But the others: He_is_supposing to_be a_ _proclaimer of_strange demons, because he_was_good_ _message_preaching ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** and the resurrection. 19 and having_taken_hold of_him, they_brought him to the Areios Hill saying: Are_we_being_able to_know what is ~~the~~ this new, teaching is which being_spoken by you? 20 For/Because you_are_carrying_in some_ surprising _ _messages to the ears of_us. Therefore we_are_wishing to_ _know what_all is_wanting these things to_be. 21 (And all the_ _ones_from_Athaʸnai and the visiting strangers were_having_ _opportunity in not_one other thing, than to_be_telling something or to_be_hearing some newer thing.) 22 And Paulos having_been_stood in the_midst of_the Areios Hill was_saying: Men, ones_from_Athaʸnai, I_am_perceiving in all things how more_superstitious you_all. 23 For/Because passing_through and observing the objects_of_worship of_you_all, I_ even _ _found an_altar on which had_been_inscribed: To_an_unknown **god**. Therefore you_all_are_being_devout not_knowing which, this thing I am_proclaiming to_you_all. 24 The **god** ~~which~~ having_made the earth and all the things in it, this one being **master** of_heaven and earth, is_dwelling neither in handmade temples, 25 nor is_being_healed by human hands, additionally_ _needing of_anything, he giving life, and breath, and the_ all _ _things to_all, 26 and he_made of one, every nation of_mankind to_be_dwelling on all the_face of_the earth, having_designated the having_been_commanded times and the boundaries of_the dwelling_place of_them, 27 to_be_seeking ~~the~~ **god**, if perhaps surely they_might_grope for_him and might_find him, also surely being not far from one each of_us. 28 For/Because we_ _are_living in him and are_being_moved and are, as also some of_the among you_all of_the_poets have_said: For/Because we_ _are also of_the one descent. 29 Therefore being descent of_ ~~the~~

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_god, we_ought not to_be_thinking about_gold or silver or a_
_stone mark of_the_craft and thoughts of_human_origin, to_be
similar the divine. **30** Therefore indeed ~~the~~ **god** the times of_ ~~the~~
_ignorance having_overlooked, now he_is_reporting the things
to_ all _the people everywhere to_be_repenting, **31** as_much_as
he_set a_day in which he_is_going to_be_judging the inhabited_
_world in righteousness, by a_man to_whom he_designated,
having_brought_about faith to_all, having_raised_ him _up
from the_dead. **32** And having_heard about a_resurrection of_
_the_dead, on_one_hand they were_mocking, on_the_other_
_hand they said: We_will_be_hearing from_you concerning this
also again. **33** Thus ~~the~~ Paulos came_out from the_midst of_
_them. **34** But some men having_been_joined_together to_him,
believed among whom both Dionusios the Areopagitaʸs, and a_
_woman by_the_name Damaris, and others with them.

18:1 After these things, having_been_departed from ~~the~~
Athaʸnai, he_came to Korinthos. **2** And having_found a_certain
Youdaios by_the_name Akulas, of_Pontos ~~the~~ by_descent,
recently having_come from ~~the~~ Italia, and Priskilla wife of_him,
because_of the thing Klaudios to_have_directed all the
Youdaiōns to_be_being_departed from ~~the~~ Ῥōmaʸ, he_
_approached to_them, **3** and because_of to_be the same_trade,
he_was_remaining with them and they_were_working,
because/for they_were tent_makers ~~the~~ by_craft. **4** And he_was_
_discussing in the synagogue on every day_of_rest, he_was_
_persuading both Youdaiōns and Hellaʸns. **5** But when ~~the~~ both
Silas and ~~the~~ Timotheos, came_down from ~~the~~ Makedonia, ~~the~~
Paulos was_being_occupied with_the message, testifying to_the
Youdaiōns, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** to_be the **chosen_**
one/messiah. **6** And opposing, them and slandering, having
_shaken_off his clothes, he_said to them: The blood of_you_all
be on the head of_you_all, I am clean. From the time now, I_
_will_be_going to the pagans. **7** And having_departed from_
_there, he_came_in to the_house of_someone by_the_name of_
_Titius Youstos, worshipping ~~the~~ **god**, of_whom the house was
being_next to_the synagogue. **8** And Krispos the synagogue_
_leader, believed in_the **master** with all the household of_him,
and many of_the Korinthios hearing, were_believing and were_
_being_immersed. **9** And the **master** said in the_night by a_
vision to ~~the~~ _Paulos: Be_ not _fearing, but be_speaking and
not you_may_keep_silent, **10** because I am with you, and no_
_one will_be_inflicting on_you ~~which~~ to_mistreat you, because
there_is many people to_me in ~~the~~ this city. **11** and he_sat_down
a_year and six months, teaching the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**
among them. **12** But Galliōn being proconsul of_ ~~the~~ _Aḳaia, the
Youdaiōns stood_against with_one_accord ~~the~~ against_Paulos,
and they_led him to the tribunal **13** saying, ~~that~~ Contrary_to the
law, this man is_persuading, ~~the~~ people to_be_worshipping ~~the~~
god. **14** But ~~the~~ Paulos going to_be_opening_up his mouth, ~~the~~
Galliōn said to the Youdaiōns: If on_one_hand it_was a_certain
wrong or evil crime, Oh Youdaiōns, according_to the_matter
~~wishfully~~ I_had_tolerated of_you_all, **15** on_the_other_hand if it_
_is questions about a_message, and names, and law, which is
among you_all, you_all_will_be_seeing to_it yourselves, I am_
not _wishing to_be a_judge of_these things. **16** And he_drove_

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'We are all descended from just one.'
29 So since we are **God's** offspring, we shouldn't be putting gold
or silver or stone craftsmanship in the same class as the divine.
30 In fact **God** overlooked times of such ignorance in the past,
but now he's informing everyone and requiring them to repent
31 because he's set a date for when he's going to be fairly judging
the world. He's already appointed the judge who everyone can
have faith in because he brought him back to life from the dead.
32 When they heard about a dead person coming back to life,
some started mocking but others said, "We'd like to hear more
about this from you another time." **33** So Paulos left at that stage
34 but some people joined with him and believed, including
Dionusios who was a council member, a woman named Damaris,
and others as well.

Paulos resides in Korinthos for some time

18:1 After this, Paulos left Athainai and
travelled to Korinthos. **2** There he came
across a Yehudi (Jew) named Akulas
(Aquila) who had been born in Pontos but who had recently
moved from Italia along with his wife Priskilla because Emperor
Klaudios had ordered all Yehudim (Jews) to leave Romai. So Paulos approached them, **3** and since they worked in the same trade,
he ended up staying with them and they worked together in
their craft of tent-making. **4** On every Rest Day, Paulos debated
in the Jewish meeting hall, and was persuading both Yehudim
and Hellains (Greeks).
5 However when Silas and Timotheos arrived from Makedonia,
Paulos was able to devote his full time to the message—demonstrating to the Yehudim that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is the
promised **messiah**. **6** But when they opposed the message and
made false accusations, he publicly brushed the dust off his
clothes[108] and said, "Your future deaths are your own problem.
I'm innocent of your guilt. From now on, I'll going to the
non-Jews." **7** So Paulos left there, and went to stay at the house
of a man named Titos Yustos who worshipped **God** and whose
house was next-door to the meeting hall. **8** Krispos the meeting
hall leader and all his household decided to follow the **master**,
and many of the Korinthios believed after they heard the message and were immersed.
9 Then the **master** spoke to Paulos one night in a vision, "Don't
be afraid and stay silent, but keep speaking out **10** because I am
with you and no one can mistreat you here because there are
many of my people in this city." **11** So Paulos stayed on for eighteen months, teaching **God's** message to the people there.
12 Then at the time when Gallion was the proconsul of Akaia,
the Yehudim united against Paulos and brought a case to the tribunal against him **13** saying, "This man is going against the law
by persuading people to be worshipping his **God**."
14 But as Paulos opened his mouth to speak, Gallion said to the
Yehudim, "I would have accepted this charge if it was a serious
wrong or evil crime and would have listened to you Yehudim.

108 **RV 18:6 · Note** In the culture, this was a demonstration that you're not responsible for their decision(s).

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15 However, since it's a question about a message and names and your own law, you all can see to it yourselves because I don't want to get involved in judging things like that." 16 So he sent them away from the tribunal, 17 but they grabbed Sosthenes, the leader from the meeting hall, and beat him up right there in front of the tribunal. But Gallion took action to stop them.

Paulos returns to Arami Antiokeia

18 Paulos stayed on for quite a few days after that, then he farewelled the believers and went to Kegkreai where he had his hair cut as was the custom for someone making a vow. Then taking Priskilla and Akulas (Aquila) with him, he sailed towards Aram (Syria).
19 When they arrived at Efesos, he left the other two there while he went into the Jewish meeting hall and had a discussion with the Yehudim (Jews) there. 20 They asked him to remain longer, but he turned them down 21 although as he gave his farewells, he said, "I'll come back here again if **God** wills it," then he sailed on from Efesos.

22 When he landed at Kaisareia, he went to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and greeted the assembly there before continuing on to Antiokeia. 23 He stayed there for some time before travelling through the regions of Galatia and Frugia strengthening the faith of the believers through his teaching.

Apollos teaches in Efesos and Korinthos

24 Meanwhile a Jewish man named Apollos (who had been born in the city of Alexandria) arrived in Efesos. He knew the Hebrew scriptures well 25 and had been taught about the **master's** way. Being a very enthusiastic person, he started teaching about **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), even though he didn't know about being filled with the spirit.[109] 26 So Apollos started speaking out boldly in the Jewish meeting hall. Priskilla and Akulas (Aquila) listened to him, then asked to speak with him privately and explained **God's** way more accurately. 27 Now Apollos wanted to go to Akaia, so the believers encouraged him and sent a letter ahead of him to tell the believers there to welcome him, so when he arrived there, he was able to contribute a lot to those who through God's grace had also become believers.
28 Apollos was also able to thoroughly refute the arguments of the Yehudim (Jews) and used the scriptures to show that **Yeshua** is the **messiah**.

Many filled with the spirit in Efesos

19:1 So then while Apollos was at Korinthos, Paulos travelled through the interior regions before arriving at Efesos. He found some followers there, 2 and asked them if they had received **the** holy **spirit** when they had first believed in Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus).

They replied, "We hadn't even heard that there's a holy **spirit**."

3 "So then what were you immersed into?" asked Paulos.

"With Yohan's (John's; Grk. Yoannes') immersion," they answered.

4 Then Paulos said, "Yohan immersed people in water with an immersion that went with repentance from their sins, but he

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them _away from the tribunal. 17 And all having_taken_hold_of Sōsthenaʸs the synagogue_leader, they_were_striking him before the tribunal. But nothing of_these things was_caring to_ ~~the~~ _Galliōn.

18 And ~~the~~ Paulos having_remained many days still, having_ _bid_goodbye to_the brothers, was_sailing_away to ~~the~~ Suria/('Arām), and with him Priskilla and Akulas, having_ _shaved his head in Kegkreai, because/for he_was_having a_ _vow. 19 And they_arrived to Efesos, and_ he_left _those there, and himself having_come_in into the synagogue, he_discussed with_the Youdaiōns. 20 And them asking him for more time to_ _remain, he_ not _consented, 21 but having_bid_goodbye and having_said, I_will_be_returning to you_all Back, ~~the~~ **god** willing, he_was_launched from ~~the~~ Efesos. 22 And having_come_ _down to Kaisareia, having_gone_up and having_greeted the assembly, he_came_down to Antiokeia. 23 And having_worked a_certain time, he_came_out passing_through consecutively the Galatikos region and Frugia, strengthening all the apprentices/followers.

24 And a_ certain _Youdaios by_the_name Apollōs from_ _Alexandria ~~the~~ by_descent, a_scholarly man, arrived to Efesos, being powerful in the scriptures. 25 This one was having_been_ _instructed the way of_the **master**, and being_zealous ~~the~~ in_ _spirit, he_was_speaking and was_teaching exactly the things concerning ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, knowing only the immersion of_Yōannaʸs. 26 And this one began to_be_speaking_ _boldly in the synagogue. But having_heard from_him, Priskilla and Akulas took_ him _aside, and they_explained the way of_ ~~the~~ **_god** more_exactly to_him. 27 And about_him wishing to_ _pass_through into ~~the~~ Aḳaia, the brothers having_encouraged him, wrote to_the apprentices/followers to_welcome him, who having_arrived, contributed much to_the ones having_believed through ~~the~~ grace. 28 For/Because vigorously he_was_ _thoroughly_refuting publicly against_the Youdaiōns, showing **Yaʸsous** to_be the **chosen_one/messiah** by the scriptures.

19:1 And it_became at the time, ~~the~~ Apollōs to_be in Korinthos, Paulos having_passed_through the upper parts, to_come_down to Efesos and to_find some apprentices/followers, 2 and said to them: - having_believed you_all_received the_ holy **_spirit**? And they said to him: But we_ not_even _heard whether there_ _is holy **spirit**. 3 and, He_said Therefore into what were_you_ _all_immersed? And they said: Into the immersion of_ _Yōannaʸs. 4 And Paulos said: Yōannaʸs immersed with_an_ _immersion of_repentance, saying to_the people that they_ _may_believe in the one coming after him this is in ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**. 5 And having_heard, they_were_ _immersed in the name of_the **master Yaʸsous**. 6 And of_ ~~the~~ _ _Paulos having_laying_on on_them his_hands, the ~~the~~ holy

109 RV 18:25 · Cross-ref. 2:1–4.

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spirit came on them, and they_were_speaking with_tongues and were_prophesying. **7** And the all were men about twelve. **8** And having_come_in into the synagogue, he_was_speaking_ _boldly for three months, discussing and persuading concerning the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **9** But when some were_ _being_hardened and were_disbelieving, speaking_evil of the way before the multitude, having_withdrew from them he_set_ _apart the apprentices/followers, in_every day discussing in the school of_Turannos. **10** And this became for two years, so_ _that all the ones dwelling_in ~~the~~ Asia to_hear the message of_ _the **master**, both Youdaiōns and Hellaʸns.

11 And ~~the~~ **god** was_doing not ~~which~~ having_been_ordinary miracles, by the hands of_Paulos, **12** so_that even to the ones ailing handkerchiefs or aprons to_be_being_carried_away from the skin of_him, and the diseases to_be_being_released from them, and the the evil spirits to_be_going_out. **13** But some also the ones Youdaiōns exorcists going_around attempted to_be_ _naming over the ones having the the evil spirits in_the name of_the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** saying: I_am_imploring you_all, ~~the~~ by_**Yaʸsous**, whom Paulos is_proclaiming. **14** and seven sons of_one of_Skeuas Youdaiōns chief_priest Were doing this. **15** But the ~~the~~ evil spirit answering said to_them: - **Yaʸsous** I_am_knowing, and ~~the~~ Paulos I_am_recognizing, but who_all are you_all? **16** And the man in whom was the ~~the~~ evil spirit having_leapt_on, on, them, having_exercised_mastership over_ _both, it_prevailed against against_them, so_that to_escape out_of ~~the~~ that house naked and having_been_wounded. **17** And this became known to_all, both to_Youdaiōns and Hellaʸns, the ones dwelling_in ~~the~~ Efesos, and fear fell_on on all them, and the name of_the **master Yaʸsous** was_being_magnified. **18** And many of_the ones having_believed, were_coming confessing and declaring the practices of_them. **19** And many of_the ones having_practiced the magical, having_brought_together their scrolls, they_were_burning_up them before all. And they_ _counted_up the prices of_them, and they_found five ten_ _thousand of_silver. **20** Thus the message of_the **master** was_ _growing with power and was_prevailing.

21 And when was_fulfilled these things, purposed ~~the~~ Paulos in the **spirit**, having_passed_through ~~the~~ Makedonia and Akaia, to_be_going to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) having_said, ~~that~~ After the time to_become me there, it_is_fitting me also ʁōmaʸ to_see. **22** And having_sent_out into ~~the~~ Makedonia, two of_the ones serving unto_him, Timotheos and Erastos, he held_on a_ _time in ~~the~~ Asia. **23** And concerning ~~the~~ that time, a_ not little _ _disturbance became concerning the way. **24** For/Because a_ _certain silversmith by_the_name Daʸmaʸtrios, making temples silver of_Artemis, was_bringing_about no little business to_the craftsmen, **25** whom having_convened_together also the workers about ~~the~~ such things, he_said: Men, you_all_are_ _knowing that the prosperity to_us is from this ~~the~~ business.

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told them to believe in the one who would follow him, that is to believe in **Yeshua**."

5 When the followers heard this, they were immersed in water again, this time proclaiming their faith in **Yeshua** the **master**. **6** Then Paulos placed his hands on them and prayed and the holy **spirit** came down onto them and they started speaking in other languages and speaking messages from God. **7** There were about twelve men in the group.

8 So Paulos started going to the Jewish meeting hall and for the next three months he boldly discussed and persuaded them about **God's** kingdom. **9** But as some of them refused to believe and became hardened against his teaching and started telling everyone that the Yeshua way was evil, Paulos stopped teaching in the meeting hall and taught the followers at Turannos' school instead. **10** This went on for two years to the point that everyone in Asia Minor, whether Yehudim (Jews) or Hellains (Greeks), heard the message about Yeshua.

The power of the master's message

11 And **God** was doing incredible miracles through Paulos **12** such that even if handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were placed on top of any person who was sick or troubled with demons, then they would recover and the evil spirits would leave them. **13** But some of the Jewish exorcists going around attempted to use the name of **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) to drive out evil spirits by telling them, "I am imploring you all **by Yeshua** that Paulos preaches about." **14** Seven sons of the Jewish chief priest, Skeuas were doing this.

15 But the evil spirit would answer them saying, "I know **Yeshua** and I recognise Paulos, but who are you?"

16 Then the man who had the evil spirit would jump on them and beat them up so they'd end up escaping out of the house naked and wounded. **17** When everyone in Efesos heard about this, both Yehudim (Jews) and Hellains (Greeks) were frightened, and the name of **Yeshua** the **master** was being honoured. **18** Many of the people who believed in Yeshua came and confessed their sins and wrong practices. **19** Lots of the people who'd practiced magic brought their scrolls and burnt them in front of the others. When the values of all of these were added up, it was huge—worth around 50,000 silver coins. **20** So that was how the **master's** message had a powerful effect and won over many people.

The silversmiths start a ruckus in Efesos

21 After all of this, Paulos decided in his **spirit** that he would need to travel through Makedonia and Akaia en route to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), saying, "After I've been there a while, I will also need to go to Romai." **22** He sent two of his workers, Timotheos and Erastos, to Makedonia while he stayed on a bit longer in Asia Minor.

23 But while he was still there, a major disturbance hit the Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) followers. **24** A silversmith named Demetrios made little silver shrines of Artemis and this business brought a tidy profit to the local craftsmen. **25** Demetrios gath-

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ered all the workers together and told them, "Men, you all know that our prosperity comes from this business of ours. **26** But you've seen yourselves and heard from others that not only Efesos, but almost our entire province of Asia Minor has become persuaded by this Paulos fellow, and now the crowds are saying that what we make are not real gods. **27** However it's not only us and our trade that is coming into disrepute, but the temple of the great goddess Artemis is considered to be useless. This could result in a loss of power for the great Artemis that all of Asia Minor and the inhabited world have been worshipping."

28 When the gathering heard this, they became very angry and yelled out, "Artemis of the people from Efesos is great!" **29** Then the whole city was filled with confusion and the people rushed to the theatre and grabbed Gaios and Aristarkos from Makedonia—travelling companions of Paulos's. **30** Now Paulos wanted to go there and speak to the crowd, but the believers wouldn't let him go. **31** Also some of the leaders from Asia Minor who were friendly towards him, sent messengers to him to implore him not to go to the theatre. **32** Some of the people gathered there were yelling out something, but overall it was just confusion, and the majority of the people couldn't even tell you the reason why they were there. **33** Some people in the crowd selected Alexandros (Alexander) the Yehudi (Jew) and sent him forward to speak, so he motioned with his hand ready to explain the situation to the people. **34** But as soon as they recognised that he was a Yehudi, people started yelling, "Artemis of the people from Efesos is great," and this continued for over two hours.

35 Eventually the city administrator was able to calm the crowd and tell them, "Men, fellow people from Efesos, what person from around here doesn't know that it's Efesos that's the temple keeper of the great Artemis and of this image that fell down from Zeus? **36** Since all of this is unquestionable, it makes sense for everyone to calm down and not do anything reckless. **37** These men that you presented here haven't stolen anything from the temple, nor have they slandered our goddess. **38** So if Demetrios and the silver craftsmen with him have a case against anyone, they should bring it to the courts and the proconsuls and register the charges. **39** But for the rest of you, if you have a grievance against others, it needs to be settled in a lawful assembly **40** because we're in danger of being charged with insurrection about what happened today. And we would have no defence that we could respond with concerning this disorderly gathering." **41** Then he told them all to go home.

Paulos travels to Makedonia and Akaia

20:1 After all the commotion had died down, Paulos sent for the believers, and after greeting and encouraging them, he left Efesos to go to Makedonia.[110] **2** As he travelled through the districts, he challenged the people there with a lot of messages, until he eventually arrived in Yavan (Greece). **3** He'd been there about three months when he heard about a plot by some

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26 And you_all_are_observing and are_hearing that not only Efesos, but almost of_all ~~the~~ Asia, ~~the~~ this Paulos having_ _persuaded, redirected much crowd, saying that the ones by our_hands becoming they_are not gods. **27** But this is_ not only _risking_danger to_us, the trade to_come into disrepute, but also the temple of_the great goddess of_Artemis, to_be_counted for nothing, but of_the greatness of_her to_be_going also to_ _be_being_taken_down, whom all ~~the~~ Asia and the inhabited_ _world is_worshipping. **28** And having_heard, and having_ _become full of_rage, they_were_crying_out saying: Great is ~~the~~ Artemis of_the_ones_from_Efesos. **29** And the city was_filled of_ ~~the~~ _confusion, and they_rushed with_one_accord to the theatre, having_seized ones_from_Makedonia Gaios and Aristarḳos, travelling_companions of_Paulos. **30** But Paulos wishing to_come_in to the public, the apprentices/followers were_ not _allowing him. **31** And some also of_the Asian_rulers, being friends to_him, having_sent to him, they_were_imploring him not to_give himself into the theatre. **32** Therefore indeed others a_certain other thing were_crying_out, because/for the assembly was having_been_confounded, and the more had_ not _known for_what on_account they_had_come_together. **33** And out_of the crowd they_concluded Alexandros, of_the Youdaiōns having_put_ him _forward. And ~~the~~ Alexandros having_gestured his hand, was_wanting to_be_defending to_the public. **34** But having_recognised that he_is a_Youdaios, cry there_became one from all, over about two hours crying_out: Great ~~the~~ Artemis of_the_ones_from_Efesos. **35** And the clerk having_ _calmed the crowd is_saying: Men, ones_from_Efesos, because/for who is of_the_people, who is_ not _knowing the city of_the_ones_from_Efesos being temple_keeper of_the great Artemis and of_the fallen_from_Zeus image? **36** Therefore these things being unquestionable, it_is fitting you_all to_be_being having_been_calmed, and to_be_doing nothing reckless. **37** For/Because you_all_brought ~~the~~ these men, neither temple-robbers nor slandering the goddess of_us. **38** If therefore on_one_hand Daʸmaʸtrios and the craftsmen with him are_having a_matter against anyone, courts are_being_ _brought and there_are proconsuls, let_them_be_indicting against_one_another. **39** On_the_other_hand if you_all_are_ _seeking_after anything concerning others, it_will_be_being_ _settled in the lawful assembly. **40** For/Because we_ also _are_ _risking_danger to_be_being_indicted of_insurrection concerning the day today, nothing being cause, concerning which we_‹will›_ not _be_able to_give_back an_account concerning ~~the~~ this disorderly_gathering. And having_said these things, he_sent_away the assembly.

20:1 And after the time the commotion to_cease, ~~the~~ Paulos having_sent_for the apprentices/followers and having_greeted having_exhorted, he_came_out to_be_going to Makedonia. **2** And having_passed_through ~~the~~ those districts, and having_ _exhorted them with_ much _speech, he_came to ~~the~~ Hellas. **3** And having_worked three months, a_plot by the Youdaiōns having_become to_him, going to_be_being_launched into ~~the~~ Suria/('Arām), he_became of_an_opinion ~~which~~ to_be_returning

110 RV 20:1 · Note As he'd already decided—see 19:21.

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through Makedonia. **4** And Sōpatros of_Pyrrhus from_Beroia, And of_the_ones_from_Thessalonikaʸ Aristarḳos and Sekoundos, and Gaios from_Derbaʸ, and Timotheos, And the_ _ones_from_Asia Tuḳikos and Trofimos was_accompanying. with_him. **5** And these having_approached were_remaining with_us in Trōias. **6** And we sailed_away from Filippou after the days of_ ~~the~~ _non-fermented bread, and until five days came to them at ~~the~~ Trōias, where we_stayed seven days.

7 And on the first day of_the week, us having_been_gathered_ _together to_break bread, ~~the~~ Paulos was_discussing with_them, going to_be_departing on_the day of_next, and was_prolonging the speech until midnight. **8** And there_were many lamps in the upper_room, where we_were having_been_gathered_ _together. **9** And a_certain young_man by_the_name Eutuḳos sitting by the window, being_overcome by_ deep _sleep, ~~the~~ as_ Paulos _discussing on more, having_been_overcome by ~~the~~ sleep, he_fell down from the third_story, and was_taken_up dead. **10** But having_come_down, ~~the~~ Paulos fell_on on_him and having_embraced him said: Be_ not _being_distressed, because/for the life of_him is in him. **11** And having_gone_up, and having_broke the bread and having_tasted it, and for having_ much _conversed until daybreak, thus he_came_out. **12** And they_brought the boy living, and were_comforted not moderately.

13 But we, having_approached to the ship, were_launched to ~~the~~ Assos, from_there going to_be_taking_up ~~the~~ Paulos, because/for thus having_been_directed, he_ himself _was going to_be_going_on_foot. **14** And when he_was_encountering with_ _us in ~~the~~ Assos, having_taken_ him _up, we_came to Mitulaʸnaʸ. **15** And_from_there having_sailed_away, on_the_ following _day we_arrived opposite Ḳios, and on_the next day we_arrived in Samos, and on_the_ following _day we_came to Milaʸtos. **16** For/Because ~~the~~ Paulos had_judged to_sail_past ~~the~~ Efesos, so_that may_ not _become to_him to_spend_time in ~~the~~ Asia, because/for he_was_hurrying if possible it_might_be to_ _him, the day of_ ~~the~~ _pentecost to_become in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim).

17 And from ~~the~~ Milaʸtos, having_sent to Efesos, he_summoned the elders of_the assembly. **18** And when they_arrived to him, he_said to_them: You_all are_knowing from the_first day from which I_set_foot_in in ~~the~~ Asia, how I_became with you_all the whole time, **19** serving for_the **master** with all humility, and tears, and trials, in the plots of_the Youdaiōns ~~which~~ having_ _happened, to_me, **20** how I_shrunk_back nothing of_the_ benefitting _things ~~which~~ to_ not _declare to_you_all, and to_ _teach you_all with_publicly and in all homes, **21** testifying to_ both _Youdaiōns and to_Hellaʸns, ~~which~~ repentance toward **god** and faith toward the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. **chosen_one/messiah**. **22** And now see, I having_been_bound by_the **spirit**, am_going to Hierousalaʸm, not having_known the things in it going_to_be_meeting with_me **23** except that the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** in_every city is_testifying to_me, saying that bonds and tribulations are_remaining me. **24** But of_nothing

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Yehudim (Jews) to waylay him as he boarded a ship to return to Aram (Syria), so instead he decided to return through Makedonia **4** with Sopatros son of Puros from Beroia, Aristarkos and Sekundos from Thessalonikai, Gaios from Derbai, Tukikos and Trofimos from the province of Asia Minor, and Timotheos all accompanying him. **5** They went ahead and waited for us[111] at Troias. **6** So we sailed out from Filippou (Philippi) after the *Flat Bread Celebration*. We arrived and meet the others there at Troias after a five-day trip, and then stayed on there for seven days.

Paulos's all-night discussions in Troias

7 On the Sunday we had gathered together to break bread together and Paulos was discussing many things with them. As he was scheduled to leave the next day, the meeting went on towards midnight **8** and there were many lamps in the upper room where we had all gathered. **9** Now there was a young man named Eutukos who was sitting on the window sill, and as Paulos went on, he fell asleep and toppled down from the third storey. The ones who reached him first thought he was dead, **10** but Paulos had come downstairs and bent over Eutukos and held him in his arms and said to the crowd, "Don't worry, he's still alive." **11** Then Paulos went back up and broke the bread with the others, eating a little and continuing to talk with them until leaving at daybreak. **12** The locals took the young man home and were very relieved that he was alive.

Sailing from Troias to Milaitos

13 We went ahead to the ship and departed for Assos where it had been arranged that we'd pick up Paulos because he wanted to walk there. **14** So when we met him at Assos, he boarded the ship and we all sailed on to Mitulainai. **15** After we left Mitulainai, we were out from Kios the next day, in Samos the day after that, and then the following day we arrived at Milaitos. **16** Paulos had decided to sail past Efesos because he was hurrying to try to get to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for the Day of Pentecost so he didn't want to spend time in Asia Minor.

Paulos's farewell to the Efesian elders

17 So while we were at Milaitos, he sent a message to Efesos for the elders of the assembly to come to him. **18** When they arrived, he told them, "You all know that from the very first day that I set foot in Asia Minor and for the entire time that I was there **19** I humbly served the **master** even through tears and trials when the Yehudim (Jews) plotted to destroy me. **20** But I didn't shrink back from teaching you everything that would help you, whether I was teaching in public or in individual homes. **21** I explained to both Yehudim and Hellains (Greeks) how they needed to turn their backs on their sins and towards **God** with faith in our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**.

22 However the **spirit** is now forcing me towards Yerushalem (Jerusalem) even though I don't know what will happen to me

111 RV 20:5 · Note Luke (the writer) includes himself here.

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there. 23 I just know that recently in every city, the holy **spirit** tells me that chains and hardships are waiting for me. 24 But I've never regarded my own life as being valuable—I only want to reach the end of my life having served in the way that the **master Yeshua** instructed me to speak out the good message about **God's** grace.

25 So you see, I know that all of you from here where I passed through proclaiming God's kingdom, you will never see me again. 26 That's why I'm declaring to all of you today that I'm not guilty of your judgement 27 because I didn't avoid telling you anything that I had from **God**. 28 So now you elders look after your own lives and those of your flock because the holy **spirit** chose you as overseers to shepherd the assembly of **God's** people who he paid for with his very own blood. 29 I'm aware that after I leave, vicious wolves will come in amongst you and trying to steal the flock. 30 Even some of you will rise up and teach a message that's warped but which will draw some of the believers away to follow it, 31 so take great care. Remember that for three years, I never stopped warning each of you along with my tears 32 so now I'm leaving you all in **God's** hands and with the message of his grace which is quite capable of helping you grow to receive the inheritance that's for all those who've been purified.

33 I never envied anyone's gold or silver or fancy clothes 34 and you yourselves know that I laboured with my own hands to cover my expenses and for those with me. 35 Yes, I showed you all that it's good to work and to take care of the weaker ones and to remember the message of the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) when he said that it's better to be a giver than a taker."

36 When he'd finished speaking, Paulos knelt down and prayed with them all. 37 Everyone was sobbing as they hugged and kissed him 38 because what he'd said about never seeing him again had really distressed them. Then they accompanied him to his ship.

Paulos goes to Yerushalem

21:1 When it was time for us to sail, we left them and sailed directly across to Kos before going on to Rodos the next day and then on to Patara. 2 From there we found a ship heading to Foinikai, so we boarded that and set off. 3 After sighting Kupros (Cyprus) and then leaving it behind on our left, we sailed on to Aram (Syria) and docked there at the port of Tsor (Tyre) where the ship had cargo to be unloaded. 4 We searched for the believers there and then stayed on with them for seven days. They were inspired by the **spirit** to tell Paulos not to go to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 5 Once our time was up there and everyone knew that we were leaving, even the wives and children accompanied us out of the city to the port. We all knelt on the beach and prayed 6 before we continued on and boarded our ship and they went back to their own homes.

7 So we sailed from Tsor down to Ptolemais where we were able to greet the brothers and sisters and stay overnight with them. 8 The next day we continued on to Kaisareia and ended up in Filippos's (Philip's) house. He was one of the original seven

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account I_am_making the life precious to_myself, so_as I_may_ _complete the course of_me, and the service which I_received from the **master Yaʸsous**, to_testify the good_message of_the grace of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. 25 And now see, I have_known that you_all all among whom I_passed_through proclaiming the kingdom. ‹will›_ no_longer _be_seeing. the face of_me. 26 Therefore I_am_ _testifying to_you_all in the today day that I_am pure from the blood of_all, 27 for/because I_ not _shrunk_back ~~which~~ to_ not _ _declare all the counsel of_ ~~the~~ _**god** to_you_all. 28 Be_taking_ _heed to_yourselves and to_all the flock, among which the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** set you_all overseers, to_be_shepherding the assembly of_the of_**god**, which he_procured through his his own blood. 29 I have_known that after the departure of_me heavy wolves will_be_coming_in among you_all, not sparing from_the flock, 30 and from of_you_all yourselves men will_be_ _rising_up speaking having_been_perverted things, of_the thing to_be_drawing_out ~~the~~ apprentices/followers after themselves. 31 Therefore be_watching, remembering that night and day for_three_year, I_ not _ceased admonishing each one with tears. 32 And now the things I_am_entrusting you_all to_ ~~the~~ _**god**, and to_the message of_the grace of_him, ~~which~~ being_ _able to_build and to_give the an_inheritance among all the ones having_been_sanctified. 33 I_coveted of_silver, or gold, or clothing, of_no_one. 34 you_all_ yourselves _are_knowing that these ~~the~~ hands attended to_the needs of_me and to_the ones being with me. 35 all things I_showed to_you_all that thus labouring it_is_fitting to_be_taking_care of_the ones faltering, and to_be_remembering about_the messages of_the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** that he said: it_is more Blessed, to_be_ _giving than to_be_receiving. 36 And having_said these things, having_knelt the knees of_him, he_prayed with them all. 37 And much weeping became of_all, and having_embraced on the neck of_ ~~the~~ _Paulos, they_were_kissing him, 38 distressing most_of_all for the message which he_had_spoken that they_ _are_ no_longer _going to_be_observing the face of_him. And they_were_accompanying him to the ship.

21:1 And when it_became us to_be_launched, having_been_ _withdrawn from them, having_run_straight we_came to ~~the~~ Kōs, and on_the_ next _day to ~~the~~ Rodos, and_from_there to Patara. 2 And having_found a_ship crossing_over into Foinikaʸ, having_boarded we_were_launched. 3 And ~~the~~ Kupros having_ _appeared, and having_left it on_the_left, we_were_sailing to Suria/(ʼArām) and we_came_down at Turos/(Tsor), because/for there the ship was unloading the cargo. 4 And having_sought_ _out the apprentices/followers, we_remained_on there seven days, who were_saying by the **spirit** to_ ~~the~~ _Paulos not to_be_ _setting_foot_in to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim). 5 And when it_became to_us to_finish_out the days, having_come_out we_ _were_journeying, wives and children accompanying with us all, as_far_as outside the city, and having_knelt the knees on the shore having_prayed, 6 we_withdrew from_one_another and we_went_up into the ship, and those returned to their own homes. 7 And we, having_completed the voyage from Turos, arrived to Ptolemais, and having_greeted the brothers, we_ _remained one day with them. 8 And on_the day of_next, having_come_out we_came to Kaisareia, and having_come_in into the house of_Filippos, the good_message_preacher, being of the seven, we_remained with him. 9 And with_this man were

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four daughters, virgins prophesying. 10 And remaining_on more days, a_certain prophet by_the_name Agabos came_down from ~~the~~ Youdaia, 11 and having_come to us, and having_taken_ _up the belt of_ ~~the~~ _Paulos, having_bound of_himself the feet and the hands, he_said: The ~~the~~ holy **spirit** is_saying these things: The man of_whom is ~~the~~ this belt, thus the Youdaiōns in Hierousalaʸm will_be_binding, and they_will_be_giving_over him into the_hands of_the_pagans. 12 And when we_heard these things, both we and the of_the_locals were_imploring, ~~which~~ him not to_be_going_up to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim). 13 Then ~~the~~ Paulos answered: What are_you_all_doing, weeping and breaking the heart of_me? For/Because I I_am_having ready not only to_be_bound, but also to_die_off in Hierousalaʸm, because/for the name of_the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. 14 And him not being_persuaded, we_ _kept_quiet having_said: The will of_the **master** let_be_ _becoming. 15 And after ~~the~~ these days, having_made_ _preparations, we_were_going_up to Hierousalaʸm. 16 And also of_the apprentices/followers from Kaisareia came_together with us, bringing us to_Mnasōn a_certain ancient from_Kupros apprentice/follower with whom we_may_be_lodged.

17 And of_us having_become at Hierousalaʸm, the brothers gladly welcomed us. 18 and on_the day following, ~~the~~ Paulos was_entering with us to Yakōbos/(Yaʻaqov), and all the elders arrived. 19 And having_greeted them, he_was_explaining by each one, of_what ~~the~~ **god** did among the pagans by the service of_him. 20 And they having_heard were_glorifying ~~the~~ **god**, and they_said to_him: You_are_observing, brother, how_many tens_ _of_thousands are among the Youdaiōns ~~which~~ having_believed, and they_are_ all _being zealous for_the law. 21 And they_were_ _instructed concerning you, that you_are_teaching apostasy from Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) all Youdaiōns the ones among the pagans, saying them not to_be_circumcising their children, nor to_be_walking in_the customs. 22 Therefore what is_it? Certainly they_will_be_hearing that you_have_come. 23 Therefore do this, what we_are_saying to_you. Four Men are with_us, having a_vow for themselves. 24 Having_taken these men, be_purified with them and spend for them, in_order_that they_will_be_shaving his head, and all will_be_knowing that of_ _which they_have_been_instructed about you nothing is, but you_are_aligning also yourself, keeping the law. 25 But concerning the pagans having_believed, we sent_out having_ _judged them to_be_keeping, from_the ~~and/both~~ idol_sacrificed thing, and blood, and strangled animals, and sexual_ _immorality. 26 Then ~~the~~ Paulos having_taken the men, on_the following day with them having_been_purified, was_entering into the temple, proclaiming the fulfillment of_the days of_the purification, until of_which the offering was_offered for each one of_them.

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men who had been given the responsibility of distributing aid—a preacher of the good message, and we stayed with him. 9 Filippos had four unmarried daughters still at home, and they shared messages from God. 10 Several days later a man named Agabos came from Yehudah (Judea). He too shared messages from God 11 and when he arrived, he picked up Paulos's belt and tied it around his own feet and hands, telling them that the holy **spirit** had told him that this is how the owner of the belt would be treated by the Jewish leaders in Yerushalem before they would then hand him over to the non-Jews to be dealt with.

12 When we heard this described, both we and the locals begged Paulos not to go to Yerushalem 13 but he answered, "Oh come on, what's all this weeping and carrying on that's breaking my heart? Actually I'm quite ready not only to be tied up, but even to be killed in Yerushalem as a testimony to the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)."

14 When we saw that we couldn't change his mind, we didn't say anything else, figuring out that whatever the **master** wills for the situation would happen, 15 and so after these several days, we had gotten everything ready and started off for Yerushalem. 16 Some of the believers from Kaisareia accompanied us and led us to the home of a man named Mnason to stay—he was an older believer from Kupros (Cyprus).

Paulos visits Ya'akov and makes a vow

17 When we arrived at Yerushalem (Jerusalem), the brothers and sisters there happily welcomed us, 18 and the next day, we accompanied Paulos to go and see Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos)[112] and the elders of the assembly there. 19 After greeting them, Paulos then described all the things that **God** had done among the non-Jews as he had served among them, 20 and when they'd heard all that they praised **God** and told Paulos, "Brother, you've noticed how many thousands of Yehudim (Jews) have believed in the messiah but they still strive to observe Mosheh's (Moses') laws. 21 But they've heard reports that you've been teaching the Yehudim that live outside our country that they don't have to obey what Mosheh wrote—telling them that they don't have to have their children circumcised and that they don't have to follow our Jewish customs. 22 What will happen now, because the leaders here will certainly hear that you have arrived? 23 So here's what we suggest that you do: Four of our men are making a public vow. 24 Why don't you join these four and join them in the purification ceremony at the temple and pay their expenses in getting your heads shaved. Then everyone will be able to see that it's false what they've heard about you, because you clearly still comply with Mosheh's instructions. 25 And as for the believers who are non-Jews, we've informed them of our recommendation that they should avoid anything that's been offered to an idol, avoid consuming blood and meat from strangled animals and birds, and avoid sexual immorality."

26 So the next day Paulos took the four men for the purification ceremony in the temple and there they announced the date

112 **RV 21:18 · Note** Yacob is commonly (but wrongly) called James in most older English Bibles.

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when their vows would be fulfilled and their sacrifices made.

Paulos is captured inside the temple

27 When the seven days of the vow were almost over, some Yehudim (Jews) from the province of Asia Minor noticed Paulos in the temple. They stirred up the crowd and grabbed hold of him, 28 yelling out, "Men of Yisrael (Israel). Help us here. This is the man who's been teaching all around the world against Yisrael and against Mosheh's (Moses') law and against this temple. What's more he brought non-Jews here into the temple and so has defiled this holy place." 29 (They said this because they had previously seen Trofimos from Efesos in the city with Paulos and had assumed that he had brought him into the temple.)

30 So now the whole city was in an uproar, and the crowds rushed in, grabbed Paulos, and dragged him out of the temple and hurriedly closed the temple gates. 31 They were ready to kill Paulos, but the commander of the Romaios soldiers had heard that all Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was in an uproar. 32 Taking some soldiers and officers, he immediately ran down to the temple, and when the crowd saw the commander and the soldiers they stopped beating Paulos. 33 The commander came close and took hold of Paulos and ordered that he be tied up with a pair of chains while he tried to find out who he was and what he'd done wrong. 34 Various people in the crowd were shouting out different things, and not being able to make any sense of it because of all the commotion, the commander ordered that Paulos be taken into the barracks. 35 When they got to the stairs, the soldiers had to lift him up above their heads because of the frenzy of the crowd, 36 because most of the people were following and shouting out, "Do away with him!"

Paulos's defence

37 As they were able to carry him into the fortress, Paulos called down to the commander, "Can I say something to you?"

"You speak Greek!", replied the commander. 38 "Aren't you the Mitsri (Egyptian) who stirred up a group of assassins a while back and led them out into the wilderness?"

39 "No, I'm a Yehudi (Jew) from Tarsos in Kilikia—a citizen of an important city," said Paulos. "But please, let me speak to these people."

40 The commander nodded, so the soldiers stood Paulos on the stairs where he gestured to the people. The crowd quietened down, and so Paulos spoke loudly in his Hebrew language:

22:1 "Men, brothers, and fathers, listen to what I have to say for myself." 2 When they heard him speaking Hebrew, they became even more quiet as he continued, 3 "I am a Yehudi who grew up in this very city to study under Gamliel. I've been raised according to every part of our ancestral law, working hard to obey **God** like all of you here today. 4 I used to persecute the followers of 'The Path' even to death—tying up both men and women and handing them over to the prisons 5 as the Chief Priest and all the council of elders can tell you. I took letters from them to our Jewish brothers in Damesek (Damascus) when I went so that I could arrest the ones there and bring them back here to

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27 And when the seven days were_going, to_be_being_ _completed, the Youdaiōns from ~~the~~ Asia, having_seen him in the temple, were_confounding all the crowd, and they_laid_on their hands on him 28 crying_out: Men, ones_from_ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl), be_giving_help. This is the man, who teaching all everywhere against the people, and the law, and ~~the~~ this place, and still also brought_in Hella^{y}ns into the temple, and has_defiled ~~the~~ this holy place. 29 For/Because they_were having_previously_seen Trofimos the from_Efesos in the city with him, whom they_were_thinking that ~~the~~ Paulos brought_in into the temple. 30 And the whole city was_stirred, and a_ _rushing_together of_the people became, and having_taken_ _hold of_ ~~the~~ _Paulos, they_were_dragging him outside the temple, and immediately the doors were_shut. 31 and seeking to_kill_ him _off, there_went_up an_allegation to_the commander of_the cohort, that all Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim) is_being_confounded, 32 who immediately having_taken soldiers and centurions, ran_down on them, and ~~which~~ having_seen the commander and the soldiers, they_ceased striking ~~the~~ Paulos. 33 Then having_ _neared, the commander took_hold of_him, and commanded him to_be_bound with_ two _chains, and he_was_inquiring who he_might_be and what he_is having_done. 34 But others, were_ _crying_out some other thing in the crowd. And him not of_ _being_able to_know the certain thing because_of the commotion, he_commanded him to_be_being_brought into the barracks. 35 And when he_became to the stairs, it_happened him to_be_being_borne by the soldiers, because_of the force of_ _the crowd. 36 For/Because the multitude of_the people was_ _following crying_out: Be_Taking_ him _away.

37 And going to_be_being_brought_in into the barracks, ~~the~~ Paulos is_saying to_the commander: - is_it_permitting to_me to_say something to you? And he was_saying: You_are_knowing In_Hella^{y}n? 38 Consequently are you not the from_ _Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim), who before these ~~the~~ days, having_ _upset and having_led_out the four_thousand men of_the assassins into the wilderness? 39 But ~~the~~ Paulos said: On_one_ _hand I am a_Youdaiōns a_man, from_Tarsos, of_ ~~the~~ _Kilikia, a_ _citizen of_an_ not _insignificant city. On_the_other_hand I_ _am_beseeching of_you, permit to_me to_speak to the people. 40 And of_ him _having_permitted, ~~the~~ Paulos having_stood on the stairs, gestured with_his hand to_the people, and great silence having_become, he_called_out in_his Hebraios language saying,

22:1 Men, brothers, and fathers, hear ~~which~~ to you_all right_now of_the_defense of_me. 2 (And having_heard that he_was_ _calling_out to_them in_the Hebraios language, they_brought_ _about more quietness.) And he_is_saying: 3 I am a_ Youdaiōns _man, having_been_born in Tarsos of_ ~~the~~ _Kilikia, but having_ _been_brought_up in ~~the~~ this city, before the feet of_ _Gamalia^{y}l/(Gamlī'ēl), having_been_instructed according_to the_exactness of_our ancestral law, being zealous ~~the~~ for_**god**, as all you_all are today, 4 who I_persecuted this ~~the~~ way until death, binding and giving_over to prisons, both men and women, 5 as also the chief_priest is_testifying to_me and all the council_of_elders, from whom also having_received letters to

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the brothers, I_was_going to Damaskos/(Dammeseq), going_to_
also _bring the ones being there, having_been_bound to
Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), in_order_that they_may_be_
_punished.
6 But it_became to_me journeying, and nearing to_ ~~the~~ _
Damaskos about midday, suddenly much light from the sky to
_flash_around around me. **7** And I_fell to the ground, and I_
_heard of_a_voice saying to_me: Saulos/(Shāʾūl), Saulos, why
are_you_persecuting me? **8** And I answered: Who are_you,
master? And he_said to me: I am **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** the
from_Nazaret, whom you are_persecuting. **9** And the ones
being with me, on_one_hand they_saw the light, on_the_other_
hand they not _heard the voice of_the one speaking to_me.
10 And I_said What may_I_do, **master**? And the **master** said to
me: Having_risen_up be_going to Damaskos, and_there will_be_
_being_spoken to_you concerning all things that has_been_
_determined for_you to_do. **11** But as I_was_ not _focusing_in
because_of the glory of_that ~~the~~ light, being_led_by_hand by
the ones being_with with_me, I_came to Damaskos. **12** And
Ananias a_certain devout man according_to the law, being_
_attested by all the Youdaiōns dwelling there, **13** having_come
to me and having_stood_by, he_said to_me: Saulos, brother,
receive_sight. And_I looked_up on him to_ the _same hour.
14 And he said: The **god** of_the fathers of_us appointed you to_
_know the will of_him, and to_see the righteous one, and to_
_hear the_voice out_of the mouth of_him. **15** Because you_will_
_be a_witness for_him to all people, of_what things you_have_
_seen and heard. **16** And now why are_you_waiting? Having_
_risen_up, immerse and wash_away the sins of_you, having_
_appealed to_the name of_him.

17 And it_became to_me, having_returned to
Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and praying of_me in the
temple, me to_become in a_trance, **18** and to_see him saying to_
_me: Hurry and come_out with quickness out_of Hierousalaʸm,
because they_‹will›_ not _be_accepting of_you the_testimony
concerning me. **19** And_I said: **master**, they are_knowing that I
was imprisoning and beating in the synagogues, the ones
believing in you. **20** And when the blood of_Stefanos the
witness of_you, was_being_poured_out I_ myself _was also
having_stood_by, and consenting, and keeping the clothes of_
_the ones killing him. **21** And he_said to me: Be_going, because I
will_be_sending_ you _away to far pagans. **22** And they_were_
_hearing from_him until this ~~the~~ message, and they_lifted_up
the voice of_them saying: Be_taking_away ~~the~~ such man from
the earth, because/for it_was_ not _befitting him to_be_living.
23 and them Crying_out, and throwing_down their clothes, and
casting dust into the air, **24** the commander commanded him
to_be_being_brought_in into the barracks, having_said him to_
_be_being_interrogated by_floggings, in_order_that he_may_
_know for that cause they_were_crying_out thus to_him. **25** But
as they_stretched_ him _out with_the straps, ~~the~~ Paulos said to
the centurion having_stood, is_it_permitting to_you_all to_be_

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Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to be punished.

Paulos explains about his conversion[113]

6 "But one time as I was travelling and getting close to Damesek (Damascus) by the middle of the day, suddenly a bright light from the sky began to flash around me **7** and I fell to the ground. I heard a voice asking me, 'Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul), Sha'ul, why are you persecuting me?' **8** 'Who are you, master?' I answered. And the voice said, 'I am **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)—the one from Nazaret that you are persecuting.' **9** The other people with me saw the light but didn't hear the voice that spoke to me. **10** Then I asked, 'What do I need to do, **master**?' 'Get up and continue into Damesek,' the **master** said. 'When you get there, you'll be told everything that you've been assigned to do.' **11** But I couldn't see anything because the brightness of the light had affected my eyes, so my companions had to lead me by hand into Damesek.

12 "In Damesek there was a man named Hananyah (Ananias; Grk. Hananias)—a non-Jew but who was respected by the Yehudim (Jews) there because he strove to obey Mosheh's (Moses') instructions about living. **13** Hananyah came to where I was and standing by me said, "Brother Sha'ul, receive your sight!" That very hour I was able to see again and look at him **14** and he said, 'The **god** of our ancestors has decided in advance to reveal his plans to you, and for you to see the sinless one—to hear him speaking **15** because he wants you to inform people everywhere what you've seen and heard. **16** So what else are you waiting for? Get up and wash away your sins by getting immersed in water as you request his forgiveness.'

The crowd riots when Paulos mentions preaching to non-Jews

17 "Then when I returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance **18** and saw the master telling me, 'Get out of Yerushalem in a hurry because they won't accept what you're teaching them about me.' **19** '**Master**,' I replied, 'they know that previously I was the one imprisoning and beating the people who believed in you, **20** and when Stefanos was killed after teaching about you, it was me standing there and cheering on the ones executing him as I held their coats for them.' **21** Then the master told me, 'Get going now because I'm sending you away to the non-Jews.' "

22 Until this point in his message, the crowd had been listening to Paulos, but now they started shouting, "Do away with this man! He doesn't deserve to live in this world!" **23** Then they yelled and threw some of their clothes down onto the ground and threw dust up into the air. **24** So the commander ordered Paulos to be brought inside into barracks and ordered that he be flogged and interrogated to determine what he'd done that would make the crowd react like that. **25** But as they strapped

113 **RV 22:6 · Parallel** Acts 9:1-19; 26:12-18

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him down and stretched him out for the flogging, Paulos asked the centurion standing there, "It is legal for you to flog a Romaios citizen who hasn't even been tried?"

26 When he heard that, the centurion went to the commander and reported, "How are we going to handle this, because this man is a Romaios citizen?"

27 So the commander went in to where Paulos was and asked him, "Tell me the truth. Are you a Romaios citizen?"

"Yes I am," said Paulos.

28 "Yeah, and I paid a lot for mine as well," mocked the commander.

"Actually mine is through birth," Paulos responded.

29 At this point, the soldiers who were about to interrogate Paulos left the room, and even the commander was now afraid after learning that he'd had a Romaios citizen tied down to be flogged.

Paulos faces the Jewish council

30 The next day, the Romaios commander still wanted to know what was behind the anger of the Yehudim (Jews), so he had Paulos released from the cell, but brought him down to a room where he'd ordered the chief priests and the Jewish council to convene. Paulos was given a seat

23:1 and looking directly at the council members said, "Men, brothers, all my life I have lived before **God** as a good citizen and with a clean conscience." **2** But Hananyah (Ananias; Grk. Hananias) the chief priest commanded one of his companions to whack Paulos on the mouth. **3** "**God** will strike you," said Paulos, "you grand show-off. You've been brought here to judge me as someone who knows the law and yet you violate the law by commanding that I be hit in the face."

4 But the others standing there said, "Are you insulting **God's** chief priest?"

5 "Brothers," said Paulos, "I didn't realise that he's the chief priest, because the scriptures teach us not to speak wrongly of our leaders."[114]

6 But then, knowing that the council consisted of some from the sect of the Saddoukaios (Sadducees) and some from the Farisaios' party, Paulos continued loudly, "Men, brothers, like my father, I'm a member of the Farisaios and I'm being tried today concerning the hope and the resurrection of the dead!"

7 Well, as soon as he said this, the council was split as the Farisaios and the Saddoukaios started arguing. **8** (Saddoukaios say that the dead don't come back to life, and there's no messengers and no spirits, but the Farisaios believe there is.) **9** So then there was a big kerfuffle because some of the teachers of the law spoke up for the Farisaios saying, "We don't see anything wrong with this man. Maybe it was a spirit or one of God's messengers that spoke to him."

10 But the Romaios commander was afraid that they might tear Paulos apart in the big argument, so he called for his soldiers to

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_flogging ~~if~~ a_man Ῥōmaios and uncondemned? **26** And having_
_heard it the centurion, having_approached to_the
commander, he_reported saying: What are_you_going to_be_
_doing? For/Because ~~the~~ this man is a_Ῥōmaios. **27** And having_
_approached, the commander said to_him: Be_telling to_me,
are you a_Ῥōmaios? And he was_saying: Yes. **28** and the
commander answered: I this ~~the~~ acquired citizenship of_a_great
sum. But ~~the~~ Paulos was_saying: But I even have_been_born
free. **29** Therefore the ones going to_be_interrogating him
immediately withdrew from him, the also and was_
commander _afraid, having_learned that he_is a_Ῥōmaios, and
because he_was having_bound him.

30 But on_the day of_next, wishing to_know ~~the~~ for_certain,
~~which~~ why he_is_being_accused by the Youdaiōns, he_released
him, and commanded the chief_priests and all the council, to_
_come_together, and having_brought_down ~~the~~ Paulos, he_set
him among them.
23:1 And ~~the~~ Paulos having_looked_intently at_the council said:
Men, brothers, I in_all conscience have_lived_as_citizen good
to_ ~~the~~ **_god** until this ~~the~~ day. **2** And Ananias the chief_priest
commanded to_the ones having_stood_by him, to_be_striking
the mouth of_him. **3** Then ~~the~~ Paulos said to him: - **god** is_going
to_be_striking you, wall having_been_whitewashed. And are_
you _sitting judging me according_to the law, and you_are_
violating_law _commanding me to_be_being_struck? **4** But the
ones having_stood_by said: Are_you_insulting the chief_priest
of_ ~~the~~ **_god**? **5** And ~~the~~ Paulos was_saying: I_had_ not _known,
brothers, that he_is a_chief_priest, because/for it_has_been_
written, ~~that~~ you‹will›_ not _be_speaking wrongly A_ruler of_
_the people of_you. **6** But ~~the~~ Paulos having_known that ~~the~~ one
part is of_Saddoukaios_sect, but the the_other of_Farisaios_
_party, he_was_crying_out in the council: Men, brothers, I am
a_Farisaios_party_member, the_son of_Farisaios_party, I am_
_being_judged concerning the_hope and resurrection of_the_
_dead. **7** And of_him speaking this, a_dissension became
between_the Farisaios_party and Saddoukaios_sect, and the
multitude was_divided. **8** For/Because indeed the_Saddoukaios_
_sect are_saying to_be no resurrection, neither a_messenger,
nor a_spirit, But the_Farisaios_party are_confessing ~~which~~ both.
9 And a_ great _clamour became, and some of_the scribes of_
_the side of_the Farisaios_party having_stood_up, they_were_
_contending saying: We_are_finding nothing evil in ~~the~~ this
man, and what if a_spirit spoke to_him, or a_messenger?
10 And becoming great, dissension, the commander having_
_been_afraid lest ~~the~~ Paulos may_be_torn_apart by them,
commanded the army having_come_down, to_snatch him from
midst of_them, and to_be_bringing him into the barracks.
11 But on_the following night, the **master** having_approached
to_him, said: Be_having_courage, because/for as you_testified
the things about me at Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), thus it_

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_is_fitting you to_testify also at ʀōmaʸ.

12 And it_having_become day, the Youdaiōns having_made a_
_disorderly_gathering, cursed themselves, saying neither to_
_eat nor to_drink, until of_which they_may_kill_off ~~the~~ Paulos.
13 And were more than forty the ones in_this having_made ~~the~~
conspiracy, **14** who having_approached to_the chief_priests and
the elders said: With_a_curse we_cursed ourselves, to_taste of_
_nothing until of_which we_may_kill_off ~~the~~ Paulos.
15 Therefore now you_all with the council report to_the
commander, so_that he_may_bring_ him _down to you_all, as
going to_be_investigating more_exactly the things concerning
him, and we are ready to_kill him before the time him to_near,
~~which~~. **16** But the son of_the sister of_Paulos having_heard, the
ambush having_arrived, and having_come_in into the barracks,
he_reported it to_ ~~the~~ _Paulos. **17** And ~~the~~ Paulos having_called_
_to one of_the centurions, he_was_saying, be_bringing_up this
~~the~~ young_man to the commander, because/for he_is_having
something to_report to_him. **18** Therefore indeed the one
having_taken him, brought him to the commander, and he_is_
_saying: The prisoner, Paulos, having_called_to me, asked to_
_lead this ~~the~~ young_man to you, having something to_tell to_
_you. **19** And the commander having_taken_hold of_the hand
of_him, and having_withdrawn by himself, he_was_inquiring:
What is it that you_are_having to_report to_me? **20** And he_
_said, ~~that~~ The Youdaiōns decided ~~which~~ to_ask you, so_that
tomorrow you_may_bring_down ~~the~~ Paulos into the council, as
going to_be_inquiring something more_exactly concerning
him. **21** Therefore you may_ not _be_persuaded by_them,
because/for forty of them men more are_lying_in_wait him,
who cursed themselves neither to_eat nor to_drink, until of_
_which they_may_kill him, and now they_are ready, waiting_for
the promise from you. **22** Therefore indeed the commander
sent_away the young_man having_commanded: To_tell to_no_
_one that you_reported these things to me.

23 And having_called_to some two of_the centurions, he_said:
Prepare two_hundred soldiers, so_that may_be_gone as_far_as
Kaisareia, and seventy horsemen, and two_hundred spearmen
for the_third hour of_the night. **24** And mounts to_present, in_
_order_that having_mounted ~~the~~ Paulos, they_may_bring_
_safely_through him to Faʸlix the governor, **25** having_written
a_letter, having ~~the~~ this pattern: **26** Klaudios Lusias, to_be_
_greeting to_the most_excellent governor Faʸlix. **27** ~~The~~ this
man having_been_captured by the Youdaiōns, and going to_be_
_being_killed by them, having_approached with their army, I_
_rescued him having_learned that he_is a_ʀōmaios. **28** And
wishing to_know the charge because_of which they_were_
_indicting against_him, I_brought_down him to the council of_
_them. **29** Whom I_found being_indicted concerning questions
of_the law of_them, but nothing having indictment worthy of_
_death or of_bonds. **30** And having_been_divulged to_me of_a_
_plot going_to_be against the man, I_sent him immediately to
you, having_ also _commanded to_the accusers them to_be_
_speaking before you. **31** Therefore indeed the soldiers

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come down to uplift Paulos and return him to the barracks.

11 The following night, the **master** appeared to Paulos and told him, "Be brave because just like you testified about me here in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), so too you'll tell them about me in Romai."

The plan to kill Paulos

12 The next day, some of the Yehudim (Jews) gathered informally and pledged not to eat or drink until they'd killed Paulos. **13** There were more than forty of them in this conspiracy, **14** and they approached the chief priests and elders and told them, "We've made an oath to taste nothing until we've killed Paulos, otherwise we'll bring a curse on ourselves. **15** So you guys assemble the council and report to the commander so that he'll bring him down to you all as if you need more information about his actions, and then we'll have an opportunity to kill before he gets here.

16 But a nephew of Paulos had heard about this ambush and went in to the barracks to inform Paulos. **17** Paulos then called one of the Romaios centurions and told him to take the young man to the commander because he had something to tell him. **18** So the centurion took him to the commander, explaining, "The prisoner Paulos, called me and asked me to bring this young man to you because he has something to report to you."

19 The commander took the young man by the hand and led him into his private office and asked, "What do you have to tell me?"

20 "The Yehudim (Jews) have decided to ask you," he said, "that tomorrow you bring Paulos down to the council as if they wanted to question him further. **21** But don't listen to them because over forty of their men will be lying in wait for him, and they've sworn not to eat or drink until they've killed him. In fact, they're all set up already, just waiting for your consent."

22 The commander told the young man not to tell anyone else about the ambush and dismissed him.

Paulos is escorted away in the night

23 Then the commander called in two of his centurions and ordered them to prepare two-hundred soldiers to travel as far as Kaisareia, supported by seventy mounted soldiers and two-hundred more with spears. They were to be ready to leave by 9pm, **24** along with a horse for Paulos to ride, and were to get him safely to Governor Felix. **25** Then the commander wrote a letter ready to take:

26 "Greetings to the most excellent Governor Felix from Klaudios Lusias. **27** I'm writing to you about this man who had been captured by the Yehudim (Jews) here and they were about to kill him when I moved in with my soldiers because he is a Romaios citizen. **28** I wanted to know what they were accusing him of, so I took him down to their council meeting, **29** but I discovered that it was just some detail about their Jewish law and nothing that should result in death or imprisonment. **30** Then when I learnt that they have a plot to try to ambush and kill him, I sent him

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immediately to you, and I'll order his accusers to bring their case before you."

31 So the soldiers carried out their instructions and took Paulos as far as Antipatris during the night. 32 The next morning the foot soldiers returned to the barracks, leaving the mounted soldiers to take him on 33 to Kaisareia, where they presented Paulos to the governor along with the letter. 34 After reading the letter the governor asked Paulos what province that he's from and found out that he was from Kilikia. 35 Then he ordered Paulos to be kept under guard in the prison in Herodes's (Herod's) palace until he would hear from him in the future once his accusers got there.

The Yehudim accuse Paulos before Governor Felix

24:1 Five days later, Hananyah (Ananias; Grk. Hananias) the chief priest arrived along with some elders and an attorney named Tertullos, to bring the charges against Paulos before Governor Felix. 2 Once he was called to speak, Tertullos began his accusation of Paulos:

"We have seen peace under your rule and the helpful reforms that this nation has experienced through your provision, 3 most excellent Felix, and we gratefully welcome everything you've done and everywhere you've done it. 4 But in order not to oblige you longer than necessary, in your gentleness we request you to listen to our brief statement. 5 This man here has been found to be a troublemaker, stirring up riots among the Yehudim (Jews) throughout the inhabited world, and as a ring-leader of the Nazoraios sect 6 he even attempted to profane the temple where we were able to arrest him. 7 ◘ 8 When you examine him yourself you'll discover all these things that we're accusing him of." 9 The Yehudim who had come also affirmed all the accusations.

Paulos's defence against the accusations

10 So the governor nodded for Paulos to speak and he started,

"I happily defend myself today knowing that you have many years of experience ruling in this region. 11 You can quickly establish that it was less than twelve days ago that I arrived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to worship there. 12 They never found me in the temple arguing with anyone or stirring up the crowd, and nor was I doing that in the Jewish meeting halls or anywhere in the city 13 and so they can't provide evidence to you to support any of their accusations. 14 However, I must confess that I follow 'The Path' that they call a sect which serves the **God** of our ancestors and believes everything in Mosheh's (Moses') law as well as the writings of the prophets. 15 We put our trust in the same **God** that they themselves follow, and we all anticipate a resurrection of those who serve God and those who don't. 16 Because of this, I also strive to maintain a clean conscience in everything, before **God** and the people.

17 After several years away, I arrived in Yerushalem bringing offerings to help my own people and before God. 18 That was when they found me in the temple after going through the purification ceremony, and without either a crowd or a commotion

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according_to the thing having_been_directed to_them, having_ _taken_up ~~the~~ Paulos, brought him by night to ~~the~~ Antipatris. 32 But on_the day of_next, having_allowed the horsemen to_ _be_going_away with him, they_returned to the barracks, 33 who having_come_in into ~~the~~ Kaisareia, and having_ _delivered_up the letter to_the governor, they_ also _presented ~~the~~ Paulos to_him. 34 And having_read it, and having_asked of what province he_is, and having_learned that he_is from Kilikia, 35 he_was_saying I_will_be_thoroughly_hearing from_ _you: whenever also the accusers of_you may_arrive, having_ _commanded for_him to_be_being_guarded in the residence_ _of_the_governor ~~the~~ of_Haʸrōdaʸs.

24:1 And after five days, Ananias the chief_priest came_down with some elders, and Tertullos a_certain an_attorney, who reported to_the governor against ~~the~~ Paulos. 2 And of_him having_been_called, ~~the~~ Tertullos began to_be_accusing him saying: Of_great peace obtaining through you, and of_the_ _reforms becoming to_ ~~the~~ this _nation through ~~the~~ your provision, 3 both everything and everywhere, most_excellent Faʸlix we_are_welcoming it, with all thanksgiving. 4 But in_ _order_that I_may_ not _be_hindering more for you, ~~the~~ in_your gentleness I_am_imploring you to_hear from_us briefly. 5 For/Because having_found ~~the~~ this man a_pestilence, and stirring insurrections to_all the Youdaiōns ~~which~~ in the inhabited_world, and a_ring_leader of_the of_the Nazōraios sect, 6 who even attempted to_profane the temple, also whom we_apprehended. 7 ◘ 8 from whom you_will_be_able yourself, having_examined him concerning all these things, to_know of_ _which things we are_accusing against_him. 9 And the Youdaiōns also piled_on, alleging these things to_be_having thus.

10 And ~~the~~ Paulos answered, the governor having_nodded to_ _him to_be_speaking, this for many years you being judge to_ ~~the~~ _nation Knowing, I_am_ cheerfully _defending the things concerning myself. 11 Of_you being_able to_know that there_ _are not more to_me twelve days, from which I_went_up going_ _to_prostrate in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim). 12 And they_ _found me neither in the temple discussing with anyone or making an_attack of_a_crowd, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city, 13 nor are_they_being_able to_stand_by to_you, concerning which right_now they_are_accusing against_me. 14 But I_am_confessing this to_you that according_to the way which they_are_calling a_sect, thus I_am_serving unto_the ancestral **god**, believing in_all the things throughout the law and in_the things having_been_written in the prophets, 15 having a_hope in ~~the~~ **god**, which also these themselves are_ _waiting_for, a_resurrection to_be_going going_to_be, of_the_ _righteous both and of_the_unrighteous. 16 In this also I_ myself _am_exercising, a_ inoffensive _conscience to_be_having toward ~~the~~ **god** and ~~the~~ people through everything. 17 And through more years I_arrived going_to_make alms to the nation of_me and offerings, 18 at which they_found me in the temple having_been_purified, neither with a_crowd, nor with commotion. 19 But some Youdaiōns from ~~the~~ Asia, who it_was_ _fitting to_be_being_present before you and to_be_accusing, if anything might_be_having against me. 20 Or let_ these

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themselves _say, what they_found wrong, having_stood of_me
before the council, **21** than concerning this one voice, which I_
_cried_out among them having_stood: ~~that~~ I am_being_judged
by you_all today concerning the_resurrection of_the_dead.
22 But ~~the~~ Faˣlix he_put_off them, having_known more_exactly
the things concerning the way, having_said: Whenever Lusias
the commander may_come_down, I_will_be_investigating the
things concerning you_all, **23** having_directed to_the centurion
him to_be_being_kept, and to_be_having relaxation, and to_be_
_forbidding no_one of_his own people of_him to_be_attending
to_him.

24 But after some days, ~~the~~ Faˣlix having_arrived with Drousilla,
his own wife being a_Youdaios, he_sent_for ~~the~~ Paulos, and
heard from_him concerning the faith in **chosen_one/messiah**.
25 But him discussing concerning righteousness, and
self-control, and the judgement ~~which~~ coming, ~~the~~ Faˣlix having_
become frightened, answered: the Present _time being be_
_going, and having_taken time, I_will_be_summoning you.
26 Together also hoping that money will_be_being_given to_
_him by ~~the~~ Paulos, therefore also more_frequently sending_for
him, he_was_conversing with_him. **27** But two_years having_
_been_fulfilled, ~~the~~ Faˣlix received successor Porkios Faˣstos,
and wanting to_grant a_favour to_the Youdaiōns, ~~the~~ Faˣlix left
~~the~~ Paulos having_been_bound.

25:1 Therefore Faˣstos having_set_foot_in in_the province after
three, days went_up to Hierousalaˣm/(Yərūshālayim) from
Kaisareia. **2** And the chief_priests and the leaders of_the
Youdaiōns reported to_him against ~~the~~ Paulos, and they_were_
_imploring him, **3** requesting a_favour against him, how he_
_may_send_for him to Hierousalaˣm (making an_ambush to_kill
him on the way). **4** Therefore indeed ~~which~~ Faˣstos answered, ~~the~~
Paulos to_be_being_kept in Kaisareia, and himself to_be_going
in quickness to_be_going_out. **5** Therefore the powerful ones
among you_all: he_is_saying, having_gone_down_with, if
anything perverse is in the man, them _let_be_accusing
against_him. **6** And having_stayed among them not more eight
or ten days, having_come_down to Kaisareia, on_the day of_
_next having_sat_down on the tribunal, he_commanded ~~the~~
Paulos to_be_brought. **7** And of_him having_arrived, the
Youdaiōns having_come_down from Hierousalaˣm stood_
_around him, bringing_against many and heavy charges, which
they_were_ not _able to_demonstrate, **8** of_ ~~the~~ _Paulos
defending, ~~that~~ I_sinned neither against the law of_the
Youdaiōns, nor against the temple, nor anything against Kaisar.
9 But ~~the~~ Faˣstos wanting to_grant favour with_the Youdaiōns,
answering to_ ~~the~~ _Paulos he_said: Are_you_willing to having_
_gone_up Hierousalaˣm/(Yərūshālayim) concerning these
things to_be_judged there before me? **10** But ~~the~~ Paulos said:
Before the tribunal of_Kaisar having_stood I_am, where it_is_
_fitting me to_be_being_judged. I_have_done_ nothing _wrong
To_the_Youdaiōns, as also you very_well are_knowing.
11 Therefore if on_one_hand I_am_doing_wrong and I_have_
_done anything worthy of_death, I_am_ not _refusing ~~which~~ to_

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around me. **19** But there were some Yehudim (Jews) from the
province of Asia Minor who are the ones who should be appear-
ing here before you, and they should be the ones accusing me if
they could find anything against me. **20** Even these ones here
now should explain what their council found me guilty of,
21 other than my calling out that I was being judged because I
believe in the resurrection of the dead.

22 But Felix who was already familiar with followers of 'The
Path', announced that the trial would be adjourned until Com-
mander Lusias arrived when he would investigate further. **23** He
ordered the centurion to keep Paulos confined, but under re-
laxed conditions and allowing any of his friends to bring him
anything he needed.

Paulos speaks to the governor and his wife

24 However, several days later Felix re-
turned there, this time with his wife
Drusilla who was Jewish. He sent for Pau-
los and listened to him explain about faith in **the messiah**.
25 But when the subject turned to righteousness and self-control
and the coming judgement, Felix became very uncomfortable
and told him, "That's enough for now. If I have time in the fu-
ture, I'll send for you." **26** However he was also hoping that Pau-
los would give him money, so he often sent for him and spoke
with him.

27 This went on for two years, until Felix was replaced as gov-
ernor by Porkios Festos, but wanting to stay in the good books of
the Yehudim (Jews), Felix left Paulos confined.

Tried yet again, Paulos appeals to Kaisar

25:1 After Festos had been in the area for
three days, he made the uphill trip from
Kaisareia to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
2 There the chief priests and the Jewish leaders repeated their
case against Paulos, and they implored Festos, **3** asking as a spe-
cial favour, that he would order Paulos to be sent to Yerushalem
(because they wanted to ambush and kill him on the way). **4** But
Festos replied that he'd keep Paulos in Kaisareia and he was
heading back there soon, **5** so he told them, "Some of your lead-
ers can go there with me, and if the man has done anything
wrong, they can explain their accusations there."

6 After staying seven or eight days in Yerushalem, Festos and
company travelled back to Kaisareia, and the next day he sat at
the judge's bench and ordered that Paulos be brought in. **7** When
he arrived, the Yehudim (Jews) who'd come from Yerushalem
stood facing Paulos and presented many heavy charges which
they weren't able to prove. **8** Paulos defended himself, stating
that he hadn't sinned against any Jewish law or against the tem-
ple, nor against any Romaios law.

9 However, Festos wanted to be able to grant a favour to the
Yehudim, so in response to Paulos he asked, "Are you willing to
be returned to Yerushalem so that I can judge you about these
things there?"

10 "I'm here facing Kaisar's representative," Paulos replied.
"and it's quite appropriate for me to be judged here. I've done
nothing wrong to these Yehudim as you can no doubt see for

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yourself. 11 If I had done anything wrong, anything worthy of the death sentence, then I'm ready to accept death. On the other hand, if none of their accusations are true, no one can hand me over to them. I appeal to Kaisar."

12 So Festos conferred with his legal counsel and answered, "Well, you've appealed to Kaisar so you'll go to Kaisar!"

King Agrippas wants to hear from Paulos

13 Several days later, King Agrippas and his sister Bernike arrived in Kaisareia to meet Festos. 14 As they had planned to stay on for a few days, Festos mentioned about Paulos to the king, telling him, "There's a prisoner here that Felix left behind. 15 When I was in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), the chief priests and Jewish elders reported to me, wanting a conviction of this man. 16 I told them that it's not the Romaios way to convict someone until they've been able to face their accusers and make their defence against the accusations. 17 So as soon as they arrived here, on the very next day I sat on the judge's bench and ordered the man to be brought in 18 that they were accusing, but they didn't raise even one of the charges that I expected. 19 Instead they raised some issues about their own beliefs and about some dead person called **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) that Paulos reckoned was still living. 20 I was puzzled about this debate and asked him if he wanted to be judged about these things in Yerushalem. 21 But Paulos appealed to be kept safe from them until he could face the emperor, so I ordered him to be kept in prison until I can send him to Romai."

22 "I'd quite like to hear him myself," Agrippas said.

"Well, tomorrow," replied Festos, "you'll be able to hear from him."

23 So the next day, King Agrippas and Bernike formally arrived with all their attendants and entered the auditorium to greet the commanders and the prominent men of the city, and then Festos ordered for Paulos to be brought in. 24 Festos started, "King Agrippas and everyone present, observe the prisoner who a multitude of Yehudim (Jews) pleaded with me about both in Yerushalem and here, that he doesn't deserve to still be alive. 25 But I haven't discovered anything that he's done that's worthy of a death sentence, and since he himself appealed to the emperor, I judged that that's where he should be sent. 26 The problem is that I don't have any charge to write to my master and so I've brought the prisoner out in front of you so that after you examine him, I might have something I can write, 27 because it doesn't seem logical to me to transport a prisoner to Romai if there's no charges specified against him."

Paulos's defence before Festos and Agrippas

26:1 So then Agrippas told Paulos, "Okay, you can give your side now then."
So Paulos gestured with his hand and began:

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_die_off, on_the_other_hand if nothing is true of_which these are_accusing against_me, no_one is_able to_grant me to_them. I_am_Appealing to_Kaisar. 12 Then ~~the~~ Faʸstos having_ _conversed_with with the counsel, answered: You_have_ _appealed to_Kaisar, you_will_be_going to Kaisar.

13 And some days having_elapsed, Agrippas the king and Bernikaʸ arrived to Kaisareia, having_greeted ~~the~~ Faʸstos. 14 And as they_were_staying there more days, ~~the~~ Faʸstos placed_before before_the king the things concerning ~~the~~ Paulos saying, certain a_man There_is, a_prisoner having_been_left by Faʸlix, 15 concerning whom of_me having_become in Hierousalaʸm, the chief_priests and the elders of_the Youdaiōns reported, requesting conviction against him, 16 to whom I_answered that it_is not the_custom with_Ῥōmaios to_ _be_granting any person before ~~or/than~~ the one being_accused, might_be_having to face the accusers and the_place of_defense might_take concerning the indictment. 17 Therefore of_them having_come_together, here, having_made not_one delay, on_ _the_ next _day having_sat_down on the tribunal, I_ _commanded the man to_be_brought, 18 concerning whom the accusers having_been_stood they_were_bringing not_one charge, of_which I was_suspecting evil ones. 19 But they_were_ _having against him some questions concerning their own superstition, and concerning a_certain **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** having_died, whom ~~the~~ Paulos was_alleging to_be_living. 20 And I perplexing, the debate concerning these things, was_asking if might_be_wishing to_be_going to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and_there to_be_being_judged concerning these things. 21 But ~~the~~ Paulos having_appealed to_ _be_kept himself for the investigation of_the Emperor, I_ _commanded him to_be_being_kept, until of_which I_may_ _send_ him _up to Kaisar. 22 And Agrippas said to ~~the~~ Faʸstos: I_ _was_wishing also myself to_hear from_the man. Tomorrow, he_is_saying: you_will_be_hearing from_him. 23 Therefore on_ _the day of_next, ~~the~~ Agrippas and ~~the~~ Bernikaʸ having_come with great pageantry, and having_come_in into the auditorium with both commanders and men ~~which~~ in prominence in_the city, and having_commanded ~~the~~ Faʸstos, ~~the~~ Paulos was_ _brought. 24 And ~~the~~ Faʸstos is_saying: king Agrippas, and all you_all being_present_with with_us, men, you_all_are_ _observing this one, concerning whom all the multitude of_the Youdaiōns pleaded with_me, in both Hierousalaʸm and here, shouting not to_be_fitting him to_be_living no_longer. 25 But I grasped him to_have_done nothing worthy of_death, and this one himself having_appealed to_the Emperor, I_judged to_be_ _sending him. 26 Concerning whom I_am_ not _having any certain to_write to_my master. Therefore I_brought_ him _forth before you_all, and most_of_all before you, king Agrippas, so_ _that the examination having_become, I_may_have something I_may_write. 27 For/Because it_is_supposing to_me illogical sending a_prisoner, not also to_signify the charges against him.

26:1 And Agrippas was_saying to ~~the~~ Paulos: It_is_being_ _permitted to_you to_be_speaking concerning yourself. Then ~~the~~ Paulos having_stretched_out his hand was_defending,
2 Concerning all things of_which I_am_being_indicted by the_ _Youdaiōns, king Agrippas, I_have_considered myself blessed

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going to_be_defending before you, today. 3 Most_of_all you being knowledgeable_one of_all the among the_Youdaiōns, of_ both _customs and questions, therefore I_am_beseeching you patiently to_hear from_me. 4 Therefore indeed the livelihood of_me, from youth ~~which~~ from the_beginning having_become among the nation of_me and in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), all Youdaiōns have_known, 5 knowing_before me originally, if they_may_be_willing to_be_testifying that according_to the most_exact sect ~~the~~ of_our religion, I_lived a_Farisaios_party_ _member. 6 And now for the_hope of_the promise to the fathers of_us, having_become by ~~the~~ **god**, I_have_stood being_ _judged, 7 to which the twelve_tribes of_us serving night and day in earnestness, is_hoping to_attain, concerning that the_ _hope I_am_being_indicted by the_Youdaiōns, king. 8 Why is_ _it_being_judged unbelievable by you_all, if ~~the~~ **god** is_raising the_dead? 9 Therefore indeed I supposed to_myself it_to_be_ _fitting to_do many contrary things to the name of_ **_Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** of_ ~~the~~ _from_Nazaret. 10 Which also I_ _did in Hierousalaʸm, and many both of_the holy ones I locked_ _up in prisons, having_received the authority from the chief_ _priests, and of_them being_killed, I_brought_ a_vote _against them. 11 And in all the synagogues, often punishing them, I_ _was_compelling them to_be_slandering, and exceedingly raging_against against_them, I_was_persecuting them as_far_as even to the outside cities.

12 At which journeying to ~~the~~ Damaskos/(Dammeseq), with the_authority and permission ~~which~~ of_the chief_priests, 13 middle day on the road king I_saw, from_heaven a_light above the brightness like of_the sun having_shone_around me, and the ones journeying with me. 14 And all of_us having_ _falling_down to the ground, I_heard a_voice, saying to me in_ _the Hebraios language: Saulos/(Shāʾūl), Saulos, why are_you_ _persecuting me? It_is hard for_you to_be_kicking against the_ _prods. 15 And I said: Who you_are, master? And the **master** said: I am **Yaʸsous**, whom you are_persecuting. 16 But rise_up, and stand on the feet of_you, because/for I_was_seen by_you in this, to_appoint you an_attendant and a_witness, both of_ _which you_saw me and of_which I_will_be_being_seen by_you, 17 rescuing you from the people and from the pagans, to whom I am_sending_ you _out, 18 to_open_up eyes of_them, for_that to_turn_back from darkness to light, and from_the power of_ ~~the~~ _Satan/(Sāṭān) to ~~the~~ **god**, for_that them to_receive forgiveness of_sins and allotment among the ones having_ _been_sanctified by_faith ~~which~~ in me.

19 Whence, king Agrippas, I_became not unpersuadable to_the heavenly vision, 20 but to_the ones in Damaskos/(Dammeseq) first and both, in_Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), and all the region of_ ~~the~~ _Youdaia, and to_the pagans, I_was_reporting to_ _be_repenting and to_be_turning_back to ~~the~~ **god**, ~~the~~ worthy of_ works _repentance doing. 21 On_account these things, the_ _Youdaiōns having_captured me in the temple, were_ _attempting to_hand_over me. 22 Therefore having_obtained of_help ~~which~~ from ~~the~~ **god** until ~~the~~ this day, I_have_stood testifying to_small both and to_great, nothing besides saying

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2 "Concerning all the charges which have been brought against me by the Yehudim (Jews), King Agrippas, I consider myself fortunate 3 because you're an expert on Jewish customs and issues, so I ask you to listen to me patiently.

4 "All the Yehudim know about my early life, from my upbringing in my own country and then in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 5 They also know, and could even testify to you if they would admit it, that I followed our religious laws very closely as a member of the Farisaios party. 6 Yet now I stand judged for believing in the same hope as our ancestors—that hope promised by our **God** 7 who we twelve tribes diligently serve day and night in order to obtain—the hope, your majesty, for which I'm being indicted. 8 So why do you all find it unbelievable that **God** can raise the dead?

9 "I too originally thought it necessary to do many things to oppose the cause **of** this **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) from Nazaret. 10 So in Yerushalem I worked to have many of these innocent believers locked up in prison with the authority of the chief priests, or if they were to be killed, I would add my vote against them. 11 And in all the Jewish meeting halls, when I found believers I punished them and forced them to curse God and treated them with extreme anger, even travelling to further away towns.

Paulos tells about his commission

12 "So it was one time travelling to Damesek (Damascus) carrying permission letters from the chief priests 13 that in the middle of the day, your majesty, I saw a bright light from the sky—even brighter than the sun—and it shone on me and my companions. 14 All of us fell down to the ground and I heard a voice speaking to me in Hebrew saying, 'Sha'ul (Saul; Grk. Saulos/Saul), Sha'ul, why are you persecuting me? Life will be difficult for you if you resist me.'

15 'Who are you, master?', I asked.

"And the **master** responded, 'I am **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), the one you're persecuting. 16 Now get up, because I let you see me in order to appoint you as my servant and my witness—to tell the people what you've seen and what you will be shown. 17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the non-Jews that I'm sending you out to, 18 to open their minds and for them to turn back from darkness to light and from Satan's power to **God**, so that they can be forgiven for their sins and receive an inheritance among the ones who've been made guiltless by their faith in me.'

Paulos tells about his ministry

19 "So then, King Agrippas, I couldn't disobey that vision 20 so I preached first to those in Damesek (Damascus) and then in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all of Yehudah (Judea), and then in the towns of the non-Jews. I preached about turning from their sins and turning back to **God**, and then actually living like people who had repented. 21 It was because of these things that the Yehudim (Jews) grabbed me in the temple and tried to do me in. 22 So it is that with **God's** help until this very day I have stood testifying to

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commoners and leaders, teaching nothing other than what Mosheh (Moses) and the prophets had already written that would happen— 23 that the **messiah** would come and suffer and as the first of the dead to come back to life, he is going to be proclaiming light to both Yehudim and non-Jews."

24 Then speaking about Paulos's defence, Governor Festos said, "Paulos, you're stark, raving mad! All your education has turned you into an idiot."

25 But Paulos said, "I haven't gone mad, most excellent Festos, but I'm speaking the truth in all seriousness. 26 The king knows what I'm talking about and that's why I'm speaking boldly, because none of these things were done in a corner and I'm sure that none of it has escaped his notice. 27 King Agrippas, do you believe what the prophets wrote? Yes, I'm sure you do."

28 But Agrippas answered Paulos, "Do you think you can talk me into becoming a follower of the messiah in just that short time?"

29 "I hope **to God**", said Paulos, "whether it takes a short time or a long time, that both you and the others listening today will become just like me except for these chains."

30 Then the king and the governor both stood, along with Bernike and the others sitting with them 31 and as they left they were saying to each other, "That man hasn't done anything deserving of death or imprisonment."

32 "Yes, he could have been set free," replied Agrippas, "if he hadn't appealed to Kaisar."

Paulos is escorted off overseas

27:1 So when it was considered the right season to sail to Italia, Paulos and some other prisoners were put under the guard of a centurion named Yulios (from the Augustan Regiment). 2 We all boarded on a ship from Adramuttainos that was about to sail to various places along the coast of Asia Minor. Aristarkos, a Makedonian man from Thessalonikai, was with us as we departed.

3 The next day we docked at Tsidon (Sidon) where Yulios very kindly allowed Paulos to visit some of his friends so they could provide for his needs. 4 When we left again, the ship stayed between Kupros (Cyprus) and the mainland because of the unfavourable winds, 5 then after sailing past Kilikia and Pamfulia, we docked at Mura in the province of Lukia. 6 There the centurion found a ship from Alexandria that was sailing to Italia, so he boarded us on that.

7 After many days of slow and difficult sailing, we came alongside Knidos but the wind wasn't helpful to us, so we sailed across to Kraitai (Crete) and along the cape of Salmone. 8 We sailed along it with difficulty until we came to a place called 'Fair Havens' which was near the city of Lasaia.

9 A lot of time had now elapsed and the voyage was starting to become dangerous because we were already heading into winter. Paulos advised those in charge, 10 telling them, "Men, I perceive that we're going to encounter a lot of damage on this voyage, with loss not only of the cargo and the ship, but also our lives." 11 But the centurion was persuaded by the ship owner and

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of_what things both the prophets and Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) spoke going to_be_becoming, 23 the **chosen_one/messiah** if suffering, if first by resurrection from_the_dead, is_going to_ _be_proclaiming light ~~the~~ both to_the_people and the pagans. 24 And of_him defending these things, ~~the~~ Faʸstos with_loud ~~the~~ voice is_saying: You_are_raving_mad, Paulos. The great learning is_turning you to madness. 25 But ~~the~~ Paulos: Is_saying I_am_ not _raving_mad: most_excellent Faʸstos, but I_am_ _speaking_out messages of_truth and sobriety. 26 For/Because the king is_understanding concerning these things, to whom I_ _am_ also _speaking speaking_boldly, because/for I_am_being_ _persuaded nothing to_be_escaping_notice him anything of_ _these things not, because/for this is not having_been_done in a_corner. 27 king Agrippas are_you_believing, in_the prophets? I_have_known that you_are_believing. 28 And ~~the~~ Agrippas said to ~~the~~ Paulos: Are_you_persuading me in a_little time to_make a_follower_of_the_messiah? 29 And ~~the~~ Paulos said: I_might_ _hope ~~wishfully~~ to_ ~~the~~ _**god**, both in a_little time and in a_great time, not only you, but also all the ones hearing from_me today, to_become such what_kind also_I am, except of_ ~~the~~ these _bonds. 30 both the king and the governor Stood_up, ~~the~~ both Bernikaʸ and the ones sitting_with with_them, 31 and having_withdrawn they_were_speaking to one_another saying, ~~that~~ This ~~the~~ man any not_one worthy thing of_death or of_ _bonds is_doing. 32 And Agrippas was_saying to_ ~~the~~ _Faʸstos: This ~~the~~ man was_able to_have_sent_away, except ~~not/lest~~ he_ _had_appealed Kaisar.

27:1 And when it_was_judged ~~which~~ us to_be_sailing_away to ~~the~~ Italia, they_were_giving_over ~~the~~ both Paulos and some other prisoners, to_a_centurion by_the_name Youlios, of_the_cohort of_Augustus/(Sebastos). 2 And having_boarded on_a_ Adramuttaʸnos _ship, we_were_launched going to_be_sailing to the places along ~~the~~ Asia, of_Aristarḳos being with us, a_from_ _Makedonia of_from_Thessalonikaʸ. 3 Both on_the next day we_were_set_down at Sidōn/(Tsīdōn), and ~~the~~ Youlios having_ _given_treatment with_human_kindness to_ ~~the~~ _Paulos, he_ _permitted him having_been_gone to his friends, to_obtain of_ _care. 4 And_from_there having_been_launched, we_sailed_ _under ~~the~~ Kupros, because_of that the winds to_be contrary. 5 And having_sailed_across the sea ~~which~~ along ~~the~~ Kilikia and Pamfulia, we_came_down to Mura of_ ~~the~~ _Lukia. 6 And_there the centurion having_found a_ from_Alexandria _ship, sailing to ~~the~~ Italia, he_placed_in us into it. 7 And in many days, slow_ _sailing and with_difficulty, having_become along ~~the~~ Knidos, the wind not further_permitting us, we_sailed_under ~~the~~ Kraʸtaʸ along Salmōn/(Salmōn)e. 8 And sailing_along it with_ _difficulty, we_came to a_ certain _place being_called Beautiful Harbours, to_which was near the_city Lasaia. 9 And much time having_elapsed, and the voyage already being dangerous, because_of that even the fasting already to_have_passed_by, ~~the~~ Paulos was_advising them 10 saying to_them: Men, I_am_ _perceiving that the voyage to_be_going going_to_be with damage and much loss, not only of_the cargo and to_the ship, but also the lives of_us. 11 But the centurion was_being_ _persuaded by_the captain and the ship_owner rather, than by_ _the things being_spoken by Paulos. 12 And the harbour being

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unsuitable to winter, the more presented a_counsel to_be_
_launched from_there, if somehow they_might_be_able,
having_arrived at Foinix, to_winter a_harbour of_ ~~the~~ _Kraʸtaʸ,
looking to the_southwest and to the_northwest.

13 And of_a_south_wind having_blown_gently, having_
_supposed of_the purpose to_have_taken_hold, having_taken_
_up they_were_sailing_along nearer ~~the~~ Kraʸtaʸ. **14** But after not
much time, a_ typhoon _wind, ~~which~~ being_called the_
_Eurokludōn throw down. from_it. **15** And the ship having_
_been_seized, and not being_able to_be_facing to_the wind,
having_given_up we_were_being_driven_along. **16** And having_
_run_under a_certain island being_called Klaudaʸ, we_were_
_able with_difficulty to_become control of_the lifeboat,
17 which having_taken_up, they_were_resorting to_helps,
undergirding the ship. And fearing lest they_may_run_aground
into the shallows_of Surtis, having_lowered the gear, thus they_
_were_being_driven_along. **18** And of_us being_ violently _
_storm_tossed, on_the_ next _day they_were_making a_jettison,
19 and on_the third day, they_threw_down the tackle of_the
ship their_own_hands. **20** And neither sun nor stars appearing
for more days, and no little storm laying_on us, furthermore all
hope, ~~which~~ us to_be_being_saved was_being_taken_away.
21 And of_much abstinence being, then ~~the~~ Paulos having_
_been_stood in midst of_them said: It_was_fitting indeed, Oh
men, having_yielded to_me, not to_be_being_launched from ~~the~~
Kraʸtaʸ, and to_gain ~~the~~ this damage, and the loss. **22** And_yet
now I_am_advising you_all the things to_be_cheering_up,
because/for not_one loss of_life will_be of you_all, except of_
_the ship. **23** For/Because a_messenger of_ ~~the~~ _**god** stood_by
me this ~~the~~ night, of_whose I_am, unto_whom also I_am_
serving, **24** saying: Be not _fearing, Paulos, it_is_fitting you
to_stand_before before_Kaisar, and see, ~~the~~ **god** has_granted to_
_you all the ones sailing with you. **25** Therefore be_cheering_
_up, men, because/for I_am_believing in_- **god** that thus it_
_will_be, according_to that manner it_has_been_spoken to_me.
26 But it_is_fitting us to_run_aground on a_certain island.
27 But when the_fourteenth night became, us being_carried_
_through in the Adrias_Sea, to the_middle of_the night, the
sailors were_suspecting a_certain to_be_coming_near to_them
land. **28** And having_taken_soundings, they_found twenty
fathoms, and shortly having_passed_by, and again having_
_taken_soundings, they_found fifteen fathoms. **29** And fearing
lest we_may_run_aground somewhere on rough places, having_
_thrown_down four anchors from the_stern, they_were_hoping
for_day to_become. **30** And ~~the~~ the_sailors seeking to_flee out_of
the ship, and having_lowered the lifeboat into the sea, on_
_under_pretense as going to_be_stretching_out anchors from
the_bow, **31** ~~the~~ Paulos said to_the centurion and to_the
soldiers: If these may_ not _remain in the ship, you_all are_ not
_being_able to_be_saved. **32** Then the soldiers cut_off the ropes
of_the lifeboat, and they_allowed her to_run_aground. **33** And
until of_which day was_going to_be_becoming, ~~the~~ Paulos was_
_exhorting all, to_partake of_food saying: Today the_fourteenth

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the captain, rather than by what Paulos had said. **12** They realised that this harbour wasn't suitable to winter in, so the majority suggested leaving there with the expectation of being able to get to Kraitai to winter in the harbour at Foinix (which was open to both the southwest and the northwest).

The severe storm at sea

13 When a south wind started blowing gently, they thought they could make it, so they pulled in the anchor and sailed along close to Kraitai (Crete). **14** However, a short while later the wind turned to a violent north-easter which forced us out to sea. **15** The ship was driven by the wind and unable to tack to face into it, so the sailors gave up and just let it be driven. **16** As we passed a small island called Klaudai, we got a brief break and were able to resecure the lifeboat **17** and then bring it up on board. Then ropes were used to wrap around the ship in case it were to run aground into the shallows at Surtis and the gear was lowered,[115] allowing the wind to drive the ship along. **18** We were violently tossed around by the storm, and the next day the crew started lightening the ship by tipping some of the cargo overboard. **19** By the third day, the sailors themselves in desperation were even throwing some of the ship's gear overboard. **20** We didn't see either the sun or the stars for several more days—it wasn't a minor storm by any means—and by then any remaining hope that we had of staying alive disappeared **21** and no one had eaten or drunk much at all.

Then Paulos stood up in the middle of them and said, "Well, you should have listened to me after all and not left Kraitai, so now we have this damage and loss. **22** Nevertheless I think we can all cheer up because not a single life will be lost—only the ship— **23** because last night one of the messengers **of** the **God** that I serve came and stood beside me **24** and told me not to be afraid because I would indeed get to stand before Kaisar and that **God** has granted your lives to me as well. **25** So cheer up, fellows, because I'm certain that **God** will carry out what was told to me **26** even though we'll run aground onto an island first."

27 So it happened that in the middle of our fourteenth night of being blown across the Adrias Sea, the sailors suspected that we were nearing land. **28** They dropped a weighted line and measured the ocean depth at around 40 metres and then a bit later it was down to 30 metres. **29** Worrying that the ship might run aground on rough rocks, they threw out four anchors from the stern as they hoped that daylight would come quickly. **30** Then the sailors lowered the lifeboat as if planning to pull out some anchors from the bow, but really planning to desert the ship. **31** However Paulos told the centurion and the soldiers that if the sailors didn't remain with the ship, everybody couldn't be sure to be saved, **32** so the soldiers cut the ropes attaching the lifeboat and allowed it to run aground.

33 As they waited for the daylight, Paulos encouraged them all

115 RV 27:17 · Note It's not certain what was meant here—it might have meant lowering the sails further to catch less wind or even lowering the mast, or else letting out the sea anchor to help keep the back of the ship facing the wind.

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to eat something, saying, "Today is our fourteenth day and you've had nothing to eat. As we're waiting, 34 I urge you to eat something. This will help you to have strength because none of you are going to drown." 35 Having said that, he gave thanks **to God** in front of everyone, and breaking some bread, started eating it. 36 They all cheered up and also started eating. 37 There were two hundred and seventy-six of them on the ship, 38 and when they'd all eaten what they wanted, they lightened the ship more by throwing their wheat into the sea.

The ship runs aground

39 Once it became light, they saw that they were close to shore in a bay but didn't recognise the place. After some discussion, they decided to try to save the ship 40 so they cut away the anchors that were holding them in the sea and untied the rudder handles. Then raising the foresail, they let the wind blow them into the shore. 41 But they hit a bank with ocean on both sides of it and the ship ran aground. The bow of the ship was completely stuck but the stern was being broken up by the force of the ocean.

42 At this point the soldiers decided that they should kill the prisoners in case any of them decided to swim away and escape, 43 but the centurion wanted to keep Paulos safe so he vetoed that plan. He commanded those who could swim to jump off and swim in to shore, 44 and for the others to grab floating planks or something off the ship that would float, and so everyone got safely onto the beach.

On the island of Melitai

28:1 Once everyone was safe, we discovered that the island is called Melitai. 2 And the people there showed incredible kindness to us as they welcomed us and lit a fire, as it started raining again and was very cold. 3 However when Paulos was helping to pick up sticks and putting them on the fire, a viper was driven out by the heat and clamped its jaws down on his hand. 4 When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand they decided that he must be a murderer who had survived the shipwreck but now fate had finally decided his time was up. 5 However, Paulos just shook the snake off into the fire and wasn't harmed. 6 The locals were waiting for his arm to swell up or for him to fall down dead, but after a while when nothing happened they changed their minds and decided that instead, he must be a god.

7 The area that we had beached in belonged to the leader of the island named Poplios. He welcomed us and looked after us for three days, 8 but while we were there, his father got sick with dysentery and fever. Paulos went in and placing his hands on him, prayed for him and healed him. 9 As a result of that, anyone on the whole island who was sick came and was cured 10 and so the people brought us many gifts and when we left, they supplied us with provisions.

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day is, you_all_are_continuing waiting foodless, having_taken nothing. 34 Therefore I_am_exhorting you_all to_partake of_ _food, because/for this is_being for ~~the~~ your salvation, because/for a_hair from the head of_no_one of_you_all will_be_ _perishing. 35 And having_said these things, and having_taken bread, he_gave_thanks to_ ~~the~~ **_god** before all, and having_ _broke it, he_began to_be_eating. 36 And all having_become cheerful, they also received of_food. 37 And we_were ~~the~~ all souls in the ship, two_hundred seventy six. 38 And having_ _been_satiated of_food, they_were_lightening the ship, casting_ _out the wheat into the sea.
39 And when day became, they_were_ not _recognizing the land, but were_observing a_certain bay having a_shore, on which they_were_counselling, if they_might_be_able to_ _preserve the ship. 40 And having_cut_away the anchors, they_ _were_allowing them in the sea, at_once having_unfastened the ropes of_the rudders, and having_lifted_up the foresail to_the wind blowing, they_were_keeping for the shore. 41 But having_ _fallen_among into a_place two_sea, they_ran_ the ship _ _aground, and on_one_hand the bow having_stuck remained unshakeable, on_the_other_hand the stern was_being_ _destroyed by the force. 42 And of_the soldiers, the_counsel became that they_may_kill_off the prisoners, lest anyone having_swum_away may_escape. 43 But the centurion wishing to_bring_ ~~The~~ Paulos _safely_through, because/forbade them of_their counsel, and he_commanded the ones being_able to_ _be_swimming, having_thrown_off themselves first, to_be_ _departing on the land, 44 and the rest, on_one_hand some on planks, on_the_other_hand some on some things ~~which~~ from the ship. And thus it_became, all to_be_brought_safely_through to the land.
28:1 And having_been_brought_safely_through, then we_ _learned that the island is_being_called Melita[y]. 2 And the foreigners were_bringing_about not just the having_been_ _ordinary human_kindness to_us, because/for having_lit a_fire, they_received all us, because_of the rain ~~which~~ having_ _approached, and because_of the cold. 3 But ~~the~~ Paulos having_ _gathered some multitude of_sticks, and having_laid_on them on the fire, a_viper having_come_out from the heat, clamped_ _down on_the hand of_him. 4 And when the foreigners saw the wild_animal being_hanged from the hand of_him, they_were_ _saying to one_another: Certainly this ~~the~~ man is a_murderer, whom having_been_brought_safely_through from the sea, ~~the~~ justice not allowed him to_be_living. 5 Therefore indeed he, having_shaken_off the wild_animal into the fire, suffered not_ _one harm. 6 But they were_expecting him to_be_going to_be_ _being_swelled_up, or to_be_falling_down suddenly dead. But over much time, them waiting and observing nothing amiss becoming to him, having_changed_their_minds they_were_ _saying him to_be a_god. 7 And in the parts about ~~the~~ that place, was_being properties to_the leader of_the island by_the_ _name Poplios, who having_accepted us hospitably lodged three days. 8 And it_became, the father of_ ~~the~~ _Poplios to_be_ _lying_down being_gripped_with with_fevers and dysentery, to whom ~~the~~ Paulos having_come_in, and having_prayed, having_ _laid_on the hands on_him, he_healed him. 9 And this having_ _become, also the rest ~~which~~ in the island having sicknesses were_approaching and were_being_healed, 10 who also they_

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_honoured us with_many honours, and being_launched, they_
_laid_on the things for our needs.

11 And after three months, we_were_launched in a_ship having_wintered in the island, an_from_Alexandria with_a_ _figurehead to_Zeus_twins. **12** And having_been_set_down at Surakousai, we_remained_on three days, **13** whence having_ _cut_away, we_arrived at Ɽaʸgion. And after one day, having_ _come_on a_south_wind, the_second day we_came to Potioloi, **14** where having_found the_brothers, we_were_implored by them to_remain_on seven days. And thus we_came to ~~the~~ Ɽōmaʸ. **15** And_from_there the brothers having_heard, the things concerning us, came to meeting with_us until Appios Market and Three Taverns, whom ~~the~~ Paulos having_seen, having_giving_thanks to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, took courage.

16 And When we_came_in to Ɽōmaʸ, it_was_permitted ~~the~~ to_ _Paulos to_be_remaining by himself, with the soldier guarding him. **17** And it_became after three days, him to_call_together the ones being leaders of_the Youdaiōns. And them having_ _come_together, he_was_saying to them: Men brothers I, having_done nothing contrary to_the people or the ~~the~~ ancestral customs, a_prisoner from Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) was_given_over into the hands of_the Ɽōmaios, **18** who having_examined me, were_wishing to_send_away me, because_of that not_one cause of_death to_ _be_being in me. **19** But speaking_against of_the Youdaiōns, I_ _was_compelled to_appeal to_Kaisar, not as having anything to_be_accusing against_the nation of_me. **20** Therefore for this ~~the~~ cause, I_begged you_all, to_see and to_address, because/for on_account of_the hope of_ ~~the~~ _Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl), this ~~the~~ chain I_am_being_encompassed in. **21** And they said to him: We neither received letters concerning you from ~~the~~ Youdaia, nor having_arrived anyone of_the brothers reported or spoke anything evil concerning you. **22** But we_are_considering_ _worthy to_hear from you what you_are_thinking, because/for indeed concerning ~~the~~ this sect it_is known to_us, that it_is_ _being_spoken_against everywhere. **23** And having_determined a_day for_him, more they_came to him to the lodging, to_ _whom he_was_explaining, testifying the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and persuading them concerning ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, from both the law of_Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh), and the prophets, from in_the_morning to evening. **24** And on_one_hand the ones were_being_persuaded by_the things being_spoken, on_the_ _other_hand the ones were_disbelieving. **25** And being discordant with one_another, they_were_sending_away, ~~the~~ Paulos having_spoken one final message: ~~that~~ Rightly the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** spoke by Aʸsaias/(Yəshaʻyāh) the prophet to the fathers of_you_all **26** saying: Be_gone to ~~the~~ this people, and say: In_hearing you_all_will_be_hearing, and by_no_means you_all_ _may_ not _understand, and seeing you_all_will_be_seeing, and by_no_means you_all_may_ not _perceive. **27** For/Because the heart of_ ~~the~~ this _people was_become_dull, and they_ hardly _ _heard with_their ears and they_shut the eyes of_them, lest they_may_see with_their eyes, and they_may_hear with_their ears, and they_may_understand with_their heart, and they_ _may_turn_back, and I_will_be_healing them. **28** Therefore it_ _let_be known, to_you_all that this ~~the~~ salvation of_ ~~the~~ **_god** was_sent_out to_the pagans, and they will_be_hearing. **29** ◘

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Sailing from Melitai to Romai

11 After three months we were able to leave on an Alexandrian ship that had wintered at the island. It was decorated with carvings of the twin 'gods'. **12** We stayed three days when we arrived at Surakousai **13** and then we sailed on to Raigion. The next day a south wind came so we sailed on to Potioloi **14** where we found some believers and they encouraged us to stay for seven days. Then we finally got to Romai. **15** The believers in Romai had heard about us, so they came to meet us at the Appios Market and the Three Taverns. Paulos was encouraged to see them and thanked **God**.

Paulos preaches in Romai

16 When we got into Romai proper, Paulos was allowed to live by himself, with just a soldier guarding him.

17 After three days, he called together the leaders of the Yehudim (Jews) in Romai, and when they'd all gathered he spoke to them, "Men, brothers, I have done nothing against my people or against our ancestral customs. I was taken prisoner in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and handed over to the Romaios **18** who, after examining me, wanted to release me because I had done nothing worthy of execution. **19** But in defending myself against the Yehudim there, I felt compelled to appeal to Kaisar, although I myself had no complaint against the Yehudim. **20** So that was why I called for you and wanted to address you, because I am in chains for the sake of Yisrael's (Israel's) hope—the messiah."

21 "We haven't received any correspondence here about you," they answered. "Nor have any of our brothers from Yerushalem arrived here to report any crimes of yours. **22** But we would very much like to hear from you about your thinking, because we've certainly heard about this new sect because everyone is speaking out against it."

23 Then they set a day when they could visit him where he was staying and so that from morning to evening he could explain **about God's** kingdom and show them how Mosheh's (Moses') law and the prophets' writings spoke about **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). **24** Afterwards some were persuaded while others didn't find it believable. **25** They argued back and forth, and as they were about to leave, Paulos shared this final message, "The holy **spirit** spoke rightly through Yeshayah (Isaiah) the prophet to your ancestors, saying:

26 Go to these people and tell them,
When you listen you will hear but not understand,
and when you look you will see but not perceive it.
27 Because these people's minds have become dull
and they can barely hear with their ears
and they shut their eyes,
just in case their eyes might actually see,
and their ears might actually hear,
and they might understand with their minds,

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and turn back to me
and then I would heal them.[116]
28 So now let it be known to you all that the message of salvation from **God** has been sent out to non-Jews and they will listen."
29 ◘ **30** Paulos remained in his own rental accommodation in Romai for two whole years and welcomed everyone who went to see him, **31** telling them **about God's** kingdom and boldly teaching about the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) without any hindrance.

ACT · OET-RV v0.4.3

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30 And He_remained_in two_ whole _years in his_own rental, and was_welcoming all the ones entering_in to him,
31 proclaiming the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and unhinderedly teaching the things concerning the **master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_one/messiah**, with all boldness.

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116 RV 28:26-27 · Cross-ref. Isa 6:9-10.

Ya'akov (James)

Introduction

Author

The author of this letter is commonly known as 'Ya'akov' in English translations, but most people don't realise that his English name should be Ya'akov (or Yakōbos if you wanted to be closer to the Koine Greek spelling). This translation error can be traced all the way back to Yohan Wycliffe's English translation from the Latin in the 1300's as he didn't have access to Greek New Testament manuscripts (although he did use Yacob in some parts of his New Testament when it referred to the son of Isaac). The confusion was probably due to changes in the way Latin was spoken over the centuries, and then translating the name from the historically-altered Latin instead of from the original Greek—see https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-topics/bible-versions-and-translations/james-or-jacob-in-the-bible for more details.

Note from the first sentence in the letter that Ya'akov addressed the letter to the twelve tribes who originated from the twelve sons of his namesake.

This letter

This *Letter from Ya'akov* is Ya'akov's collection of advice to those who believe there is a god in heaven. He wrote this to all people scattered all around the world. Ya'akov used examples in order to explain his advice, so that their behaviour would improve and also their daily work. He also taught on various topics like: faith, testing, suffering, showing, respect, good behaviour, watching what you say, true wisdom from God, and prayer.

He said that our faith is deficient if we don't also demonstrate it by our actions.

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1:1 This letter is from Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos),[1] a slave for **God** and for the **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah.** It's written to the tribes who have ended up dispersed into many nations: Greetings.

Gaining endurance and requesting wisdom

2 Be cheerful my fellow believers, when you face a range of difficult situations, **3** knowing that you will learn endurance as your faith is tested. **4** Let that endurance do its perfect work so that you all might become perfect and mature—not lacking anything.

5 If anyone of you is lacking wisdom, then it should be requested from **God** who gives it generously and without disparagement, and so it will be given to you, **6** but the person who's asking should demonstrate their faith and not be doubting. That's because a person who doubts is like a wave on the sea that's just blown and tossed around **7** and a person like that shouldn't expect to get anything from the **master** **8** because that person is double-minded, and everything they attempt ends up in difficulty.

Behaviour of the poor and the wealthy

9 Those of humbler means can boast about their greatness **10** whereas the wealthy can boast about their weakness because they'll pass away just like the daisies in the grass.[2] **11** When the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass, the flowers will drop and lose all their beauty. So too for rich people who'll fade away right in the middle of all their projects.

Testing and temptation

12 Any person who's enduring testing circumstances is fortunate, because once they've passed the test, they'll receive a crown of life that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) promised to those who love him. **13** No one should say 'It's **God** tempting me' when they're being tempted, because **God** can't be tempted to do evil and he doesn't tempt others, **14** but rather they're being tempted by their own lusts. They're being drawn away and enticed into what they know is wrong, **15** and after the desire is conceived it leads to sin, and once the sin is concluded it leads to death.

16 Don't be led astray, my dear brothers and sisters. **17** Every gift that's good and perfect comes from heaven. It comes down from the father of lights, none of which are changing or casting moving shadows. **18** Once he had decided it, he created us by his spoken commands so that we'd become a kind of special first 'harvest' out of all of his creatures.

Listening then doing

19 So my dear brothers and sisters, note this: Everyone should be quick to listen but slow to speak, and should be slow to get angry **20** because when people get very angry, it doesn't lead to the good behaviour that **God** expects. **21** So discard all moral filth and the evil that's plentiful, and humbly accept the message that's implanted in you all and which is ca-

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1:1 Yakōbos/(Ya´$_{a}$qov), of_**god** and of_the_**master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshū´a) chosen_one/messiah**, twelve, a_slave to_the tribes which are in the dispersion: to_be_greeting.

2 All joy consider it, brothers of_me, whenever trials you_all_ _may_fall_among various, **3** knowing that the proving of_you_ _all the faith is_producing endurance. **4** And ~~the~~ endurance work its_perfect let_be_having, in_order_that you_all_may_be perfect and complete, in nothing lacking. **5** But if anyone of_ _you_all is_lacking of_wisdom, him _let_be_requesting from the one giving, **god**, to_all generously, and not deriding, and it_ _will_be_being_given to_him. **6** But him _let_be_requesting in faith, nothing doubting, because/for the one doubting is_like to_a_wave of_the_sea, being_blown and being_tossed. **7** For/Because not let_be_supposing ~~the~~ person that that he_ _will_be_receiving anything from the **master**, **8** a_man double-minded, disturbance in all the ways of_him.

9 And let_be_boasting the brother ~~the~~ humble, in the height of_ _him, **10** and the rich, in the humiliation of_him, because like a_ _flower of_the_grass he_will_be_passing_away. **11** For/Because rose the sun with its scorching_heat, and withered the grass, and the flower of_it fell_from, and the beauty of_the appearance of_it perished. Thus also the rich man among the pursuits of_him will_be_being_faded_away.

12 Blessed is the_man who is_enduring trial, because approved having_become, he_will_be_receiving the crown of_ ~~the~~ _life, that he_promised to_the ones loving him. **13** No_one being_ _tempted let_be_saying, ~~that~~ By **god** I_am_being_tempted. For/Because ~~the~~ **god** untemptable is by_evil, and is_tempting he no_one. **14** But each is_being_tempted by his own lust, being_ _drawn_away and being_enticed. **15** Thereafter the desire having_conceived is_bearing sin, and ~~the~~ sin having_been_ _finished_out, is_bringing_forth death. **16** Not be_being_misled, brothers of_me beloved. **17** Every giving good, and every gift perfect from_above is, coming_down from the father of_ ~~the~~ _ _lights, with whom not there_is variation or of_shifting shadow. **18** Having_been_wished it, he_brought_forth us by_ _the_message of_truth, in_order that to_be us first-fruit a_ _certain of_the of_him creatures.

19 Be_having›_known, brothers of_me beloved. But let_be every person quick in_order that to_hear, slow in_order that to_ _speak, slow to anger, **20** for/because the_severe_anger of_a_ _human, the_righteousness of_**god** not is_producing. **21** Therefore having_put_away all filthiness and abundance of_ _evil, in gentleness receive the implanted message, the one being_able to_save the souls of_you_all. **22** And be_becoming

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 13:55; Mrk 6:3; Acts 15:13; Gal 1:19.

2 **RV 1:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Isa 40:6-7 (LXX).

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doers of_the_message, and not only listeners deluding yourselves. **23** Because if anyone a_listener of_the_message is, and not a_doer, this one is_like to_man observing his face of_ ~~the~~ _existence of_him in a_mirror. **24** For/Because he_observed himself and has_gone_away, and immediately he_forgot what_ _kind he_was. **25** But the one having_investigated into the_law perfect, the law of_ ~~the~~ _freedom, and having_continued_with it, not a_listener of_forgetful having_become, but a_doer of_ _the_work, this one blessed in the doing of_him will_be. **26** If anyone is_supposing religious to_be, not bridling the_tongue of_himself, but seducing the_heart of_him, of_this one useless is his religion. **27** Religion pure and undefiled before our **god** and father this is: to_be_visiting orphans and widows in the tribulation of_them, spotless himself to_be_keeping from the world.

2:1 Brothers of_me, not with favouritism be_holding the faith of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_ _one/messiah**, of_ ~~the~~ _glory. **2** For/Because if may_come_in into the_synagogue of_you_all, a_man gold_ring, in clothing splendid, and may_come_in also a_poor man, in filthy clothing, **3** and you_all_may_look_at on the one wearing the clothing ~~the~~ splendid, and you_all_may_say: You be_sitting here good, and to_the poor you_all_may_say: You stand there, or: Be_sitting under the footstool of_me, **4** not you_all_were_distinguished among yourselves, and became judges with_speculations evil? **5** Hear, brothers of_me beloved: not ~~the~~ **god** chose the poor in_ _the world, rich in faith to_be, and heirs of_the kingdom which he_promised to_the ones loving him? **6** But you_all dishonoured the poor. Not the rich are_oppressing over_you_ _all, and they are_dragging you_all into courts? **7** Not they are_ _slandering the good name ~~which~~ having_been_called on you_ _all?

8 If however the_law you_all_are_accomplishing royal, according_to the scripture: You_will_be_loving the neighbour of_you as yourself, well you_all_are_doing. **9** But if you_all_are_ _showing_favouritism, sin you_all_are_doing, being_rebuked by the law as transgressors. **10** For/Because whoever all the law may_keep, but may_stumble in one thing, has_become of_all liable. **11** For/Because the one having_said: Not you_may_ _commit_adultery, said also: Not you_may_murder. And if not you_are_committing_adultery, but you_are_murdering you_ _have_become a_transgressor of_the_law. **12** Thus be_speaking, and thus be_doing, as by the_law of_freedom going to_be_ _being_judged. **13** For/Because the judgement merciless will_be to_the one not having_doing mercy. Is_triumphing mercy over_ _judgement.

14 What is profit, brothers of_me, if faith may_be_saying anyone, to_be_having but, works not may_be_having? Not is_ _able the faith to_save him? **15** If a_brother or a_sister naked may_be_being, and lacking of_ ~~the~~ _daily food, **16** and may_say

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pable of saving your souls.

22 Don't delude yourselves by just listening to the message, but put it into practice in your daily lives. **23** Anyone who is just a listener of the message and does nothing with it is like someone who looks at their face in a mirror **24** but goes away after having a look and then immediately forgets what they looked like. **25** However the person who investigates the perfect law that gives freedom, and then sticks with it, not being just an observer that forgets about it but rather a person who puts it into practice, this person will prosper in whatever they do.

26 If anyone supposes that they're religious but doesn't guard what comes out of their mouth, then that person's religion is only skin deep and hasn't affected their heart. **27** A person who wants to truly serve our **God** and father with a pure heart would be visiting orphans and widows in their difficulties and staying unstained by worldly ideas.

Avoiding favouritism

2:1 My dear brothers and sisters, as you live out your faith in our honoured **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, don't show favouritism to others. **2** For example, if a man in nicely cut clothes and wearing an expensive gold ring came into to your meeting as well as a poor man in filthy clothes **3** and you told the well-dressed one, 'You sit here in this good chair,' while telling the poor man, 'You stand over here,' or 'You sit here on the mat,' **4** wouldn't that discrimination show that you have judged them with evil motives. **5** Listen my dear brothers and sisters, didn't **God** chose the poor in this world to be rich in faith and participants in the kingdom which he promises to those who love him? **6** But you dishonour the poor, even though it's the wealthier people who oppress you and bring court cases against you. **7** And aren't they the ones who slander the very God that you pray to?

Judgement and mercy

8 However if you are obeying the golden law, then when you love your neighbour as yourself,[3] you'll be doing well according to the scriptures. **9** But if you're showing favouritism, then you're all sinning by breaking the law. **10** Because anyone who tries to keep the law but slips up in one area, they're still guilty of breaking the law. **11** The same God who said, 'Don't commit adultery,'[4] also said, 'Don't murder,'[5] so if you're not committing adultery but you murder someone, then you've broken the law. **12** So speak and live your life knowing that you're going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, **13** because judgement will be dispensed without mercy to those who haven't been putting mercy into practice. Yes, mercy wins out over judgement.

Faith in action

14 My fellow believers, what would I gain if I said that someone had faith but it didn't alter how they live their life? Faith like that wouldn't be able to save them. **15** If a

3 **RV 2:8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:18.

4 **RV 2:11 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:14; Deu 5:18.

5 **RV 2:11 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:13; Deu 5:17.

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fellow believer is lacking clothes or food, **16** and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace and be warm and satisfied,' but don't help with their physical needs, what use would that be? **17** In other words, faith without the corresponding lifestyle is just dead.

18 No doubt someone will say, 'Well you have the faith and I do the good deeds.' So show me your faith without good deeds and I'll demonstrate my faith *by* my good deeds. **19** You believe that there's one **God** and you're right, but even the demons believe that and shudder. **20** But the vain person still wants to know if faith without good deeds is wasted? **21** Wasn't our ancestor Avraham considered right with God due to his *actions* when he offered up his son Yitshak (Isaac) on the altar?[6] **22** So his faith was working together with his actions, and it was by his actions that his faith was perfected. **23** This fulfilled the scripture that says, 'Avraham believed in **God** and so he was consider to be right with God,[7] and was called a friend **of God**.'[8] **24** So you can see that a person is considered right with God due to his actions, and not just by their 'faith'. **25** Similarly the prostitute Rahav was made right by her actions when she welcomed the Hebrew messengers and then helped them get away by a different route.[9] **26** Just like a body is dead once the spirit has departed, so too faith is dead if it's not demonstrated by good deeds.

3:1 My brothers and sisters, not everyone should desire to be a teacher because we know that us teachers will be judged more strictly. **2** We all stumble in many ways. If there was someone who never said anything wrong, this person would be perfect and also able to have self-control over their entire body. **3** With a horse, we can put a bridle into its mouth so we can make them do what we want, and so we can direct the whole animal. **4** Similarly, even huge ships that are being driven on by strong winds are controlled by a small rudder and can be steered wherever the captain desires. **5** So too the tongue is only small but can make extensive claims.

The tongue

Yes, a tiny flame can ignite an entire forest **6** and the tongue is a fire producing a torrent of depravity. It's a part of our physical body but capable of staining us all over and setting our worlds on fire, because the tongue itself is set on fire from hell. **7** Every kind of wild animal and birds and reptiles and sea creature can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind **8** but no one is able to tame the tongue—it's an erratically evil body part that's full of deadly poison. **9** We use it to bless our **master** and father, yet we use it to curse our fellow humans who are made in **God's** image.[10] **10** Both blessings and curses come out of the same mouth! My brothers and sisters, it shouldn't be like that. **11** Surely a spring flowing out of a single cavity can't produce both good-tasting and bitter water. **12** A fig tree can't produce olives

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anyone to_them from you_all: Be_going in peace, be_warming and be_satisfying, not but you_all_may_give to_them the necessary things for_their body, what is profit? **17** Thus also ~~the~~ faith, if not it_may_be_having works, dead it_is by itself. **18** But will_be_saying someone: You faith are_having, and_I works am_ _having. Show to_me the faith of_you without the works, and_I to_you will_be_showing by the works of_me ~~the~~ faith. **19** You are_believing that one is ~~the~~ **god**. Well you_are_doing, even the demons are_believing and are_shuddering. **20** But you_are_ _wanting to_know, Oh person vain, that ~~the~~ faith apart_from ~~the~~ works idle is? **21** Abra'am/('Avrāhām) the father of_us not by works was_justified, having_offered_up Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq) the son of_him on the altar? **22** You_are_seeing that his faith was_ _working_together with_the works of_him, and by his works his faith was_perfected. **23** And was_fulfilled the scripture ~~which~~ saying: And believed Abra'am in_- **god**, and it_was_counted to_ _him for righteousness, and a_friend of_**god** he_was_called. **24** You_all_are_seeing that by works is_being_justified a_ _person, and not by faith only. **25** And likewise also Ṛakaḳab/(Rāḥāv) the prostitute not by works was_justified, having_welcomed the messengers and by_another way having_ _sent_forth? **26** For/Because as the body apart_from spirit dead is, thus also ~~the~~ faith apart_from works dead is.

3:1 Not many teachers be_becoming, brothers of_me, having_ _known that greater judgement we_will_be_receiving. **2** For/Because in_many ways we_are_stumbling all. If anyone in his_message not is_stumbling, this a_perfect man is, powerful to_bridle also all his body. **3** And, if of_the horses ~~the~~ bridles into the mouths we_are_putting, in_order that to_be_being_ _persuaded them to_us, also all the body of_them we_are_ _directing. **4** Behold, also the ships, so_great being, and by winds hard being_driven, is_being_directed by the_least rudder, wherever the impulse of_the one straightening is_ _wishing. **5** Thus also the tongue a_small member is, and great things is_boasting. Behold, how_much fire, how_much a_forest is_kindling. **6** And the tongue is a_fire, the world of_ ~~the~~ _ _unrighteousness, the tongue is_being_set_down among the members of_us, ~~which~~ staining all the body, and setting_on_fire the course of_ ~~the~~ _existence, and being_set_on_fire by ~~the~~ geenna. **7** For/Because every nature of_wild_beasts both and of_birds, of_reptiles both and of_sea creatures, is_being_tamed and has_been_tamed by_the nature ~~the~~ human, **8** but the tongue no_one to_tame is_able of_the_people, an_unstable evil, full of_poison deadly. **9** In it we_are_blessing our **master** and father, and in it we_are_cursing ~~the~~ people, the ones according_ _to the_likeness of_**god** having_become. **10** Out_of the same mouth is_coming_out blessing and curse. Not is_ought brothers of_me these things thus to_be_becoming. **11** Surely_not the spring out_of of_the same hole is_outflowing ~~the~~ sweet and ~~the~~ bitter? **12** Not is_able, brothers of_me, a_fig_tree olives to_

6 **RV 2:21 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:1-14.

7 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:6.

8 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 20:7; Isa 41:8.

9 **RV 2:25 · Cross-ref.** Josh 2:1-21.

10 **RV 3:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:26.

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_produce or a_vine figs? Nor salt sweet to_produce water.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you_all? Him_let_
_show out_of his good conduct the works of_him in the_
_gentleness of_wisdom. **14** But if jealousy bitter you_all_are_
_having, and selfish_ambition in the heart of_you_all, not be_
_boasting and be_lying against the truth. **15** Not is this the
wisdom from_above coming_down, but earthly, soulish,
demonic. **16** For/Because where jealousy and selfish_ambition
is, there is disturbance and every evil matter. **17** But the from_
_above wisdom, first indeed pure is, then peaceable, gentle,
compliant, full of_mercy and of_fruits good, unceasing,
unhypocritical. **18** And the_fruit of_righteousness in peace is_
_being_sown, by_the ones making peace.

4:1 From_where wars and from_where quarrels among you_all
are? Not is_it from_here from the gratifications of_you_all,
~~which~~ warring in the members of_you_all? **2** You_all_are_
_desiring and not you_all_are_having, you_all_are_murdering
and are_being_jealous, and not you_all_are_being_able to_
_obtain, you_all_are_quarrelling and you_all_are_warring. Not
you_all_are_having, because_of that not to_be_requesting you_
_all, **3** you_are_requesting and not you_all_are_receiving,
because wrongly you_all_are_requesting, in_order_that in the
gratifications of_you_all you_all_may_spend it. **4** Adultresses.
Not you_all_have_known that ~~the~~ friendship with_the world,
enmity ~~the~~ of_**god** is? Whoever therefore ~~if~~ may_be_wished a_
_friend to_be of_the world, an_enemy of_ ~~the~~ _**god** is_being_
_appointed. **5** Or you_all_are_supposing that emptily the
scripture is_saying: With envy is_longing_for the **spirit** which
is made_to_dwell in us? **6** But greater he_is_giving grace.
Therefore he_is_saying: - **god** against_the_proud is_opposing,
but to_the_humble he_is_giving grace. **7** Therefore be_
subjected to ~~the~~ _**god**. But resist against_the devil, and he_
_will_be_fleeing from you_all. **8** Near to_ ~~the~~ _**god**, and he_will_
_be_nearing to_you_all. Cleanse your_hands, sinners, and
purify your_hearts, double-minded. **9** Be_miserable, and
mourn, and weep. The laughter of_you_all to mourning let_be_
_turned, and your joy to gloominess. **10** Be_humbled before
the_**master**, and he_will_be_exalting you_all.

11 Not be_slandering against_one_another, brothers. The one
slandering against_his_brother or judging the brother of_him,
is_slandering against_the_law and is_judging the_law. But if
the_law you_are_judging, not you_are a_doer of_the_law, but a_
_judge. **12** one there_is lawgiver and judge, the one being_able
to_save and to_destroy. But you who are, the one judging your
neighbour?

13 Be_come now, you_all saying: Today or tomorrow, we_will_
_be_going into this ~~the~~ city, and we_will_be_working there a_
_year, and we_will_be_merchandising, and we_will_be_
_profiting. **14** Who not are_knowing on_the day next will_be,
because/for what is life of_you_all? For/Because a_vapour you_
_all_are, ~~which~~ for a_little time appearing, then also being_
_perishing. **15** Instead_of that to_be_saying you_all ought: If the

11 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Prv 3:34 (LXX).

12 **RV 4:13-14 · Cross-ref.** Prv 27:1.

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and a grape vine can't produce figs, my brothers and sisters, just like a salty supply can't give fresh water.

Heavenly wisdom

13 Any of you that are wise and understanding should demonstrate their good deeds and wisdom by their godly living. **14** But if you are full of bitter jealousy or selfish ambition, don't be boasting or denying the truth **15** because none of that came down to you from heaven, but on the contrary it's earthly and soulish and demonic. **16** Wherever you find jealousy and selfish ambition, you'll also find disharmony and all kinds of evil. **17** In contrast, the wisdom that comes from God is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good behaviour, unceasing, and not hypocritical. **18** Those who desire peace sow the seeds that will produce godly behaviour.

Don't befriend the world

4:1 Where do you imagine that the fights and quarrels among you all originate? Isn't it because of the ambitions that surface inside you? **2** You all have wants that are not fulfilled so it leads to murder. You're jealous and not able to get everything you want, so you quarrel and fight. You don't have, because you haven't asked God, **3** and when you all do ask, it doesn't get answered because you ask with wrong motives—trying get what you want to spend on your own wants. **4** You're just like prostitutes. Don't you realise that if you befriend the world then you're opposing **God**, so anyone who befriends the world makes themself an enemy **of God**. **5** Do you think that the scripture means nothing when it says, 'God's **spirit** jealously longs to live in us'? **6** However, he's good at giving grace so that's why it says, '**God** opposes proud people but gives grace to humble ones.'[11] **7** So strive then **to** do what **God** wants of you. Resist the devil and he will flee away from you. **8** When you all approach **God**, he will move closer to you. So keep your hands clean you sinners, and keep your hearts pure you who can't make up your minds about God. **9** Be miserable, and mourn and weep. Change your laughing into crying and your happiness into sadness **10** because when you humble yourselves towards **Yahweh**, he will be the one to lift you up.

Avoid judging others

11 My fellow believers, don't make false accusations against each other because anyone who falsely accuses or judges a fellow believer, is slandering against the law and judging it. But if you're the ones judging the law, then you're not a follower of the law but a judge of it. **12** There's only one lawgiver and judge and that's the one who is able to save and to destroy. So who do you think you are to judge your neighbour!

Avoid boasting and presumption

13 Now you all might say, 'Today or tomorrow we'll go into the city to work there for a year and do some trading to make some money.'[12] **14** But you don't know what tomorrow will bring, because what are your lives? You're like a vapour that appears for a brief period and then it's gone. **15** So instead of saying that, you should

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say, 'If the **master** wants it, we will live and we'll do this or that.'
16 But as it is, you've all been boasting in your arrogance and
that's an evil attitude. 17 Any person who knows that there's
some good thing that they should be doing, but doesn't do it, is
sinning.

The bad ending of wealthy prigs

5:1 So you wealthy people, come and cry about the miseries that are about to hit you all. 2 Your riches have rotted and your clothes have become moth-eaten.[13] 3 Your gold and silver has corroded, and that corrosion will speak out against you and will eat away your bodies like fire because you stored up wealth in this final age. 4 The unpaid wages of the workers who harvested your fields are crying out[14] and the desperate requests of those harvesters have been heard by army commander **Yahweh**. 5 You have indulged yourselves and lived luxuriously but you've been fattening yourselves up as the time for your slaughter approaches. 6 You all convicted innocent people and had them executed, even when they weren't doing anything against you.

Wait patiently

7 So my fellow believers, be patient until the return of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) our **master**. You see how farmers look forward to the fruit to be ready—waiting patiently even while they monitor the early and the late rains. 8 All of you should be patient too, and encourage each other in your faith because the **master's** return is closer now.

9 And don't moan about each other, my fellow believers, so that you all won't be judged for it, because truly, the judge is just outside about to come in the doors. 10 Look at the prophets who spoke out **the** messages from **Yahweh**—they're good examples of suffering and patience for you to follow 11 and now we consider them as heroes for their endurance. You all heard about Iyov's (Job's) endurance[15] and then you yourselves witnessed what happened to Yeshua our **master**, and you saw his compassion and mercy.[16]

12 But most importantly, brothers and sisters, don't swear by heaven or earth or by any other kind of oath but simply be honest so that 'yes' means yes and 'no' means no,[17] then you won't end up getting judged.

The power of prayer and restoration

13 Is anyone among you going through hard times? If so, they should be praying. Is anyone feeling cheerful? If so, they should be singing praises.
14 Is anyone among you sick? If so, that person should call the leaders of the assembly and get them to anoint them with oil[18] and to pray for them in the name and authority of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) our **master**. 15 Then that declaration of faith will

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master may_will, both we_will_be_living and we_will_be_
_doing, this or that. 16 But now you_all_are_boasting in the
arrogance of_you_all. All boasting such evil is. 17 Therefore to_
_having_known one good to_be_doing, and not doing it, sin to_
_him it_is.

5:1 Be_come now, you_all rich ones, weep, wailing over the
miseries of_you_all which are coming_over. 2 The riches of_
_you_all has_rotted, and the clothes of_you_all moth-eaten has_
_become. 3 The gold of_you_all and the silver has_been_
_corroded, and the rust of_them for a_testimony to_you_all
will_be, and will_be_consuming the fleshes of_you_all like fire.
You_all_stored_up in the_last days. 4 Behold, the wage of_the
workers, ~~which~~ having_harvested the fields of_you_all, ~~which~~
having_been_withheld by you_all, is_crying_out, and the
outcries of_the ones having_reaped, into the ears of_the_
_**master** of_armies have_come_in. 5 You_all_indulged on the
earth. And you_all_lived_luxuriously, you_all_nourished the
hearts of_you_all in the_day of_slaughter. 6 You_all_convicted,
you_all_murdered the righteous, yet_not he_is_opposing
against_you_all.

7 Therefore be_patient, brothers, until the coming of_the
master. Behold, the farmer is_awaiting for_the precious fruit
of_the earth, being_patient for it until he_may_receive the_
_early and late rains. 8 Be_patient also you_all, strengthen the
hearts of_you_all, because the coming of_the **master** has_
_neared. 9 Not be_groaning, brothers, against one_another, in_
_order_that not you_all_may_be_judged. Behold, the judge
before the doors has_stood. 10 An_example take, brothers, of_
~~the~~ _misfortune, and of_ ~~the~~ _patience, the prophets, who spoke
in name of_the_**master**. 11 Behold, we_are_counting_blessed
the ones having_endured. The endurance of_Iōb/(ʾIyyōv) you_
_all_heard, and the outcome of_the_**master** you_all_saw, that
much_compassionate is the **master** and compassionate.
12 Before but, all things, brothers of_me, not be_swearing,
neither ~~the~~ by_heaven, nor the earth, nor other any oath, but
let_be of_you_all your Yes be, yes, and your No be, no, in_order_
_that not under judgement you_all_may_fall.

13 Is_suffering_hardship anyone among you_all? Him _let_be_
_praying. Is_cheering_up anyone? Him _let_be_singing_praises.
14 Is_ailing anyone among you_all? Him_let_call_to the elders
of_the assembly, and them_let_pray over him, having_anointed
him with_olive_oil in the name of_the **master**. 15 And the vow
of_ ~~the~~ _faith will_be_saving the one faltering, and will_be_
_raising him the **master**, and_if sins he_may_be having_done,
it_will_be_being_forgiven to_him. 16 Therefore be_confessing

13 **RV 5:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Mat 6:19.
14 **RV 5:4 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:14-15.
15 **RV 5:11 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:21-22; 2:10.
16 **RV 5:11 · Cross-ref.** Psa 103:8.
17 **RV 5:12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:34-37.
18 **RV 5:14 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 6:13.

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to_one_another your sins, and be_praying for one_another, so_
_that you_all_may_be_healed. Much is_prevailing the_petition
of_a_righteous one working. **17** Aʸlias/(ʾĒliyʸᵃʰ) a_man was like_
_natured to_us, and with_prayer he_prayed ~~which~~ not for_it to_
_rain, and not it_rained on the earth, three years and six
months. **18** And again he_prayed, and the sky rain gave, and the
earth sprouted the fruit of_it. **19** Brothers of_me, if anyone
among you_all may_be_strayed from the truth, and may_turn_
_back someone him, **20** be_knowing that the one having_
_turned_back a_sinner from the_deception of_the_way of_him,
will_be_saving the_soul of_him from death, and will_be_
_covering a_multitude of_sins.

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save the weak person and the **master** will lift him/her up, and if they've sinned, then their sins will also be forgiven. **16** So confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that all of you can be healed, because when an obedient believer prays, it has a real effect. **17** Eliyah (Elijah) was a person just similar to us, and when he prayed for the rain to stop, it stopped, and it didn't rain again for three and a half years.[19] **18** Then he prayed again, and the rain came down from the sky and the land sprouted and started to bear fruit again.[20]

19 My fellow believers, if any of you have wandered from the truth and someone helps them back, **20** then you should know that someone who helps a sinner to come back from their deceitful ways will be saving their soul from death, and their many sins can be forgiven.[21]

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19 **RV 5:17 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 17:1; 18:1.

20 **RV 5:18 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 18:42-45.

21 **RV 5:20 · Cross-ref.** Prv 10:12; 1Pe 4:8.

Paulos's letter to the assemblies in
Galatia

Introduction

At the time when the preaching of the good message about Yeshua began to spread and it started being accepted by non-Jews, an important question arose: whether or not it's necessary for a person wanting to accept the message to also obey the Law of Mosheh. Paulos argues that it's not necessary because it's by faith that we can receive life from the messiah, and it's by faith that a person is considered guiltless in God's eyes. But there among the groups of believers in Galasya (a province of Rome in Asia Minor, now part of modern Turkey), there were people who disagreed with Paulos and believed that it's still necessary for a follower of Yeshua to obey all of Mosheh's laws in order to become righteous in God's sight.

In *Paulos's letter to the assemblies in Galatia*, he wrote so that people who had started to follow deviant teachings might return to the true faith. He began this by explaining the reasons that he himself became a missionary. He showed that his becoming a missionary wasn't because he was selected by the people, but that God himself spoke to him, and what's more, he was specifically sent by God to the non-Jews. As a result of that, he strove to ensure that people understood that there's only one way to restore our relationship with God, and that's through faith in God's son.

Nearer the end of his letter, he answered those who say that it's wrong not to obey Mosheh's law. Paulos stated that he would be afraid to leave behind God's goodness and mercy just to become a slave of Mosheh's rules. Again he advised that it's necessary for them to listen to God's spirit so that they're changed and don't follow the sinful desires of their own bodies.

Main components of Paulos's letter

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1:1 Paulos, an_ambassador (not from humans, nor through human_origin, but through **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_ _one/messiah**, and **god** the_father ~~which~~ having_raised him from the_dead), **2** and the ones with me all the_brothers, to_the assemblies of_ ~~the~~ _Galatia: **3** grace to_you_all and peace from **god** the_father and the_**master** of_us **Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**, **4** the one having_given himself concerning the sins of_us, so_that he_may_rescue us out_of the age ~~which~~ having_presented evil, according_to the will of_the **god** and father of_us, **5** to_whom is the glory to the ages of_the ages. Truly.

6 I_am_marvelling that thus quickly, you_all_are_replacing from the one having_called you_all in the_grace of_**chosen_ _one/messiah**, to another good_message, **7** which is not another one, except ~~not/lest~~ some are who disturbing you_all, and wanting to_alter the good_message of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**. **8** But even if we or a_messenger out_of heaven may_be_good_message_preaching you_all contrary_to what we_good_message_preached to_you_all, let_ him _be a_curse. **9** As we_have_previously_said, even now I_am_saying again, if anyone to_you_all is_good_message_preaching contrary_to what you_all_received, let_ him _be a_curse. **10** For/Because now I_am_persuading people or ~~the~~ **god**? Or I_am_seeking to_ _be_bringing_pleasure to_people? If I_was_ still _bringing_ _pleasure to_people, I_was not ~~wishfully~~ a_slave of_**chosen_ _one/messiah**.

11 For/Because I_am_making_known to_you_all, brothers, the good_message ~~which~~ having_been_good_message_preached by me, that it_is not according_to human_origin. **12** For/Because neither I received it from human_origin, nor I_was_taught it, but by a_revelation of_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_ _one/messiah**. **13** For/Because you_all_heard ~~the~~ my conduct once in ~~the~~ Judaism, that as excess I_was_persecuting the assembly of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, and was_persecuting it. **14** And I_was_ _progressing in ~~the~~ Judaism beyond many contemporaries in the descent of_me, being more_abundantly zealous of_the paternal traditions of_me. **15** But when the one, having_set_ _apart me from the_womb of_the_mother of_me, and having_ _called me by the grace of_him took_pleasure, **16** to_reveal the son of_him in me, in_order_that I_may_be_good_message_ _preaching him among the pagans, I_ not _consulted immediately with_flesh and blood, **17** nor I_went_up to Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim) to the ambassadors before me, but I_went_away into Arabia, and again I_returned to Damaskos/(Dammeseq). **18** Then after three years, I_went_up to Hierousala^{y}m to_become_acquainted with_Ka^{y}fas, and I_ _remained_on with him fifteen days. **19** But I_ not _saw other of_the ambassadors, except ~~not/lest~~ Yakōbos/(Yaʹ$_{a}$qov), the brother of_the **master**. **20** And what I_am_writing to_you_all, see, before ~~the~~ **god**, that I_am_ not _lying. **21** Then I_came into

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, **one** of Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') ambassadors, not chosen by people or any human desire, but **chosen** directly by **Yeshua the messiah** and **God** the father who raised Yeshua from the dead. **2** On behalf of all the believers here, I'm writing to the assemblies of believers in Galatia.

3 May you all experience the grace and peace that comes from **God** the father and our **master Yeshua the messiah**, **4** the one who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present, evil age, according to **God** our father's desire— **5** our father who'll be praised even through future ages. That's how it is.

There's only one good message

6 I'm astounded that you people have so quickly replaced the good message that you heard from the **one** who called you to the **messiah's** grace. You've replaced it with another narrative **7** which is not at all another good message, but rather comes from those who are confusing you and wanting to alter the actual good message about the **messiah**. **8** Even if either we ourselves or even a messenger from heaven were to preach a different 'good message' which disagrees with the good message that we first preached to you, then they should be cursed. **9** As we've previously said, and even now say it again: if anyone preaches a 'good message' to you that's different from what you already heard, let that person be cursed.

10 Am I trying to please and persuade people or **God**? If I was still trying to please people, I wouldn't be worthy to be **one of the messiah's** slaves.

Paulos was commissioned directly by God

11 I'm letting you know, brothers and sisters, that the good message I proclaimed didn't just come from human ideas. **12** It didn't come from my ideas, nor was I taught it by some other person, but it was revealed to me by **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**.

13 Brothers and sisters, you've heard **about** my previous behaviour, when as a strict Yehudi (Jew), I was extreme in persecuting the assembly **of God's** people, and was trying to destroy them.[1] **14** I was progressing in Youdaismos quicker than many of my contemporaries, being so much more zealous in observing our ancient traditions.[2]

15 But God, who'd planned this from even before I was born, called me,[3] because of his grace, **16** so that he could reveal his son through me, and I could preach the good message to non-Jews. I didn't rush to get advice from others, **17** nor did I head to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to consult with the ambassadors there that preceded me, but I went away to Arav and then later returned to Damesek (Damascus). **18** Then finally, after three years, I went to Yerushalem to get to know Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), and stayed with him for just over two weeks.[4] **19** I

1 **RV 1:13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 8:3; 22:4-5; 26:9-11.

2 **RV 1:14 · Cross-ref.** Acts 22:3.

3 **RV 1:15-16 · Cross-ref.** Acts 9:3-6; 22:6-10; 26:13-18.

4 **RV 1:18 · Cross-ref.** Acts 9:26-30.

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didn't meet any of the other ambassadors, other than Yeshua's brother, Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos), 20 and what I'm writing to you, I'm writing with **God** watching, so I'm not lying.

21 Then I went into the regions of Aram (Syria) and Kilikia. 22 The assemblies back in Yehudah (Judea) that believe in **the messiah** didn't know me by sight, 23 but had only heard about me—that the person who'd once been persecuting them was now preaching the good message about the faith himself, 24 and they praised **God** because of what had happened to me.

The ambassadors accept Paulos and Barnabas

2:1 It was fourteen years later that I made the uphill trek to Yerushalem (Jerusalem)[5] with Barnabas, taking Titos along as well. 2 God had told me to go there, and I explained to the leaders there the good message that I'd been proclaiming to the non-Jews. I did it privately, to double-check that I wasn't somehow just acting vainly. 3 But not even Titos, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he's a Greek. 4 However, some false brothers were sneaked in to monitor the freedoms that we have in **the messiah**, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), and they wanted us to be enslaved to their traditions. 5 But we didn't submit to them even for one hour, so that the truth of the good message could continue amongst you.

6 And those people who were supposed leaders (although what they were didn't mean much to me, because **God** doesn't go by appearances)[6] didn't really contribute anything useful, as far as I could tell. 7 Instead, they saw that I've been entrusted with taking the good message to the non-Jews, just like Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) was entrusted to take it to the Yehudim (Jews), 8 because the same God who worked in Kefa to assign him to the Yehudim also worked in me to assign me to the non-Jews. 9 So, seeing the grace that God had shown towards me, Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Kefa and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), the apparent pillars of the assemblies, accepted me and Barnabas as equals, so that we could go to the non-Jews and them to the Yehudim. 10 Also, they said that we need to keep helping the poor, but I was eager to do that anyway.

Paulos scolds Kefa

11 But when Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) came to Antiokeia, I had to oppose him to his face, because he'd messed up. 12 He'd been eating with non-Jews, but when Ya'akov (Jacob) and his companions arrived, he about-faced and started eating separately, because he was afraid of being criticised by the strict Yehudim (Jews). 13 The other Yehudim with him were also being hypocrites—so much so that even Barnabas joined their hypocrisy— 14 but when I saw that they weren't being honest with the truth of the good message, I had to say to Kefa in front of everybody, "If you Yehudim are living more like non-Jews, and not like strict Yehudim, how can you force non-Jews to obey all the Jewish traditions?"

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the regions of_ ~~the~~ _Suria/('Arām) and ~~the~~ Kilikia. 22 And I_was being_not_known ~~the~~ by_face to_the assemblies of_ ~~the~~ _ _Youdaia, ~~which~~ in **chosen_one/messiah**, 23 but they_were only hearing, ~~that~~ The one persecuting us once, is_ now _good_ _message_preaching the faith, which once he_was_persecuting. 24 And they_were_glorifying ~~the~~ **god** in me.

2:1 Then through fourteen years, I_went_up back to Hierousalaʸm with Barnabas, also having_taken_along_with Titos, 2 and I_went_up according_to a_revelation, and I_placed_ _before before_them the good_message that I_am_proclaiming among the pagans, by but myself to_the ones supposing, lest somehow I_may_be_running or I_ran in vain. 3 But not_even Titos who was with me, being a_Hellaʸn, was_compelled to_be_ _circumcised. 4 But because_of the sneaked_in false_brothers, who slipped_in to_spy_out the freedom of_us, which we_are_ _having in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, in_ _order_that they_will_be_enslaving us, 5 to_whom we_yielded not_even for an_hour ~~the~~ in_submission, in_order_that the truth of_the good_message may_continue with you_all. 6 But of the ones supposing to_be something (what_kind they_were once, nothing is_carrying_value to_me, ~~the~~ **god** is_ not _ _receiving the_appearance of_a_person), because/for to_me the ones supposing they_contributed nothing. 7 But instead having_seen that I_have_been_entrusted the good_message of_ _the uncircumcision, as Petros of_the circumcision 8 (for the one having_worked in_Petros for commission of_the circumcision, worked also in_me toward the pagans), 9 and having_known the grace ~~which~~ having_been_given to_me, Yakōbos/(Yaʻaqovʼ) and Kaʸfas, and Yōannaʸs, the ones supposing to_be pillars, they_gave to_me and Barnabas the_ _right hands of_fellowship, in_order_that we may_go to the pagans, and they to the circumcision, 10 only that we_may_be_ _remembering about_the poor, that I_was_ also _earnest to_do this same thing.

11 But when came Kaʸfas to Antiokeia, I_resisted against_him to his_face, because he_was having_been_condemned. 12 For/Because before the time some to_come from Yakōbos, he_was_eating_with with the pagans, but when they_came, he_ _was_shrinking_back and was_setting_ himself _apart, fearing the ones of the_circumcision. 13 And the rest of_the_Youdaiōns were_acting_hypocritically with_him also, so_that even Barnabas was_carried_away by_the hypocrisy of_them. 14 But when I_saw that they_are_ not _walking_straight with the truth of_the good_message, I_said to_ ~~the~~ _Kaʸfas before all: If you a_ _Youdaios, being paganly and not Youdaiōns are_living, how are_you_compelling the pagans to_be_Judaizing?

5 **RV 2:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 11:30; 15:2.

6 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** Deu 10:17.

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15 We are Youdaiōns by_nature and not sinners of the_pagans,
16 but having_known that a_person is_ not _being_justified by
works of_law, if not through faith in_**Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)
chosen_one/messiah**, even we believed in **Yaʸsous chosen_
_one/messiah**, in_order_that we_may_be_justified by faith in_
_**chosen_one/messiah**, and not by works of_law, because any
flesh ‹will›_ not _be_being_justified by the_works of_law. 17 But
if seeking to_be_justified in **chosen_one/messiah**, we_
ourselves _were_found also sinners, consequently is **chosen_
_one/messiah** a_servant of_sin? Never it_might_become.
18 For/Because if I_torn_ that _down, I_am_building these
things back, I_am_demonstrating a_transgressor myself.
19 For/Because I through the_law died_off to_the_law, in_
_order_that I_may_live to_**god**. I_have_been_Crucified_with
with_**chosen_one/messiah**, 20 and I_am_living, no_longer it_is
I, but **chosen_one/messiah** is_living in me, and what I_am_
now _living in the_flesh, I_am_living in faith ~~which~~ in_the son
of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, the one having_loved me, and having_given_over
himself for me. 21 I_am_ not _rejecting the grace of_ ~~the~~ _**god**,
because/for if righteousness is through the_law, consequently
chosen_one/messiah died_off undeservedly.
3:1 Oh foolish Galatikoss. Who bewitched you_all, to_whom by
your_eyes **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah** was_
_publicly_portrayed having_been_executed_on_a_stake? 2 I_
_am_wanting to_learn only this from you_all: you_all_received
the **spirit** by works of_law, or by hearing with_faith? 3 Thus
you_all_are foolish? Having_begun in_the_**spirit**, now you_all_
_are_accomplishing in_the_flesh? 4 You_all_suffered so_many
things vainly, if surely also vainly? 5 Therefore the one
supplying the **spirit** to_you_all and working miracles among
you_all, by the_works of_law or by hearing with_faith is_it?

6 As Abra'am/('Avrāhām) believed ~~the~~ in_**god** and it_was_
_counted to_him for righteousness. 7 Be_knowing consequently
that the ones of faith, these are the_sons of_Abra'am. 8 And the
scripture having_foreseen that ~~the~~ **god** is_justifying the pagans
by faith, he_foretold_the_good_message to_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am, ~~that~~
All the nations will_be_being_blessed in you. 9 So_then the
ones of faith are_being_blessed with the believing Abra'am.
10 For/Because as_many_as are of the_works of_law are under
a_curse, because/for it_has_been_written, ~~that~~ Cursed is
everyone who is_ not _remaining_in in_all the things having_
_been_written in the scroll of_the law, ~~which~~ to_do them. 11 And
that by the_law, no_one is_being_justified before ~~the~~ **god** it_is
evident, because: The righteous will_be_living by faith. 12 And
the law is not of faith, but: The one having_done them, will_be_
_living by them. 13 **chosen_one/messiah** redeemed us from

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15 We follow Jewish laws, not other nations' customs, 16 but we know that we're
You can't be saved by obeying rules
not saved by following rules,[7] but only by faith **in Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah.**[8] So we've believed in **Yeshua the messiah** so that we can be made guiltless by our faith **in the messiah**, and not by obeying all those rules, because none of those rules can ever make any person guiltless. 17 However, if we attempt to be made guiltless through **the messiah**, yet find that we're sinners, does that mean that **the messiah** is a servant to sin? That could never be so! 18 If I rebuild what I've already torn down, that would show me to be a law-breaker. 19 It was the law that showed me that I needed die to the idea of following the law, so that I could live to serve **God** instead. I was executed on a post along with **the messiah**,[9] 20 and I'm not living any more, but it's **the messiah** now living in me. The way that my body stays alive now is by living by faith in **God's** son—the **one** who loved me and allowed himself to be executed for me. 21 I'm not rejecting **God's** grace, because if the law could make me guiltless, that would mean that **the messiah** died unnecessarily.

3:1 You foolish Galatians, who tricked you into changing? You know that **Yeshua the messiah** was publicly known to have been executed by being nailed to a post.[10] 2 So I just want to ask you one thing: did you receive the **spirit** by obeying all the rules, or was it by faith when you heard? 3 So aren't you being foolish? Having begun **in the spirit**, now you people are focusing back on bodily discipline. 4 You vainly endured so many things—it was vain wasn't it? 5 So the one who gave the **spirit** to you and worked miracles among you, did all that come about from obeying the rules or by the faith that came from hearing the good message?

6 Avraham believed **in God** and was de-
The spreading of Avraham's blessing
clared guiltless as a result.[11] 7 So now anyone who exercises faith is a descendant of Avraham.[12] 8 The writers of the scriptures foresaw that **God** was going to make non-Jews guiltless through faith when he promised to Avraham that all the nations would be blessed through him,[13] 9 so those who have faith that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is the messiah will be blessed just as Avraham was blessed for believing God.

10 All those who strive to be saved by obeying the law are under a curse, because it's written that 'everyone is cursed who doesn't live by and fulfil everything that's been written down in the law scroll'.[14] 11 It's clear that the law can't make anyone guiltless in **God's** view, because it's written that 'those who are

7 RV 2:16 · Cross-ref. Psa 143:2; Rom 3:20.
8 RV 2:16 · Cross-ref. Rom 3:22.
9 RV 2:19 · Cross-ref. Rom 6:1-11; 7:1-6.
10 RV 3:1 · Cross-ref. Jhn 20:25.
11 RV 3:6 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:6; Rom 4:3.
12 RV 3:7 · Cross-ref. Rom 4:16.
13 RV 3:8 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:3.
14 RV 3:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 27:26 (LXX).

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guiltless will live by faith'.[15] 12 And the law doesn't produce faith, but 'the person who obeys these things is the one who will live'.[16]

13 **The messiah** saved us from the law's curse by becoming the curse for our sake, because it's written, '**anyone** who's hung on a tree is cursed'.[17] 14 He paid the price for us so that the blessing for Avraham would also reach the non-Jews through **the messiah Yeshua** and we'd all be able to receive the **spirit** through faith.

The law didn't annul the promise

15 Brothers and sisters, consider our human ways: once an agreement has been accepted, one party can't just reject it or add conditions. 16 The promises were given to Avraham and to his offspring. It doesn't say 'offsprings (plural)' but is only referring to the **one** who's the **messiah**. 17 So what I'm telling you is that the agreement with Avraham that was previously ratified by **God** was not annulled 430 years later[18] when the law was given to Mosheh (Moses), and nor was the promise nullified, 18 because if the inheritance now came by obeying the law, then it could no longer be the result of the promise, but **God** had already granted it to Avraham via the promise.[19] 19 So what was the law for then? Because of sinfulness, it was added until the promised descendant would come. It was directed through messengers and entrusted to Mosheh as a mediator. 20 You don't need a mediator if there's only one party involved, and **God** is one.

Coming of age for the inheritance

21 So does the law oppose **God's** promises? Certainly not, because if the law was able to give life, you could become guiltless by obeying the law. 22 The scriptures explain that everyone is imprisoned by sin so that by faith **in Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, the promise could be granted to those who believe.

23 Before faith could come, we were guarded under the law—imprisoned so that faith could be revealed. 24 So the law was our tutor until **the messiah** came so that we could then be made guiltless by faith, 25 and now that we've come to faith, we're no longer under our tutor.

26 So you're all **God's** children through faith in **the messiah**, **Yeshua**, 27 because everyone who's been immersed to obey **the messiah** is now cloaked in **the messiah**. 28 So there's no Yehudi (Jew) or Greek, no slave or free person, no male or female, because you're all identified as being in **the messiah**, **Yeshua**. 29 And if you're in **the messiah**, then you're now Avraham's descendant, and so you're heirs of that promise.[20]

4:1 But as long as the heir is underage, he's no wealthier than a slave (even though he'll become the master), 2 but he's under

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the curse of_the law, having_become a_curse for us, because it_ _has_been_written: Cursed is everyone ~~which~~ having_hanged on a_tree, 14 in_order_that the blessing ~~the~~ of_ _Abra'am/('Avrāhām) may_become to the pagans in **chosen_ _one/messiah** of_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, in_order_that we_ _may_receive the promise of_the **spirit** through ~~the~~ faith.

15 Brothers, I_am_speaking according_to human_origin. Likewise a_covenant of_a_human having_been_confirmed, no_ _one is_rejecting or is_adding_conditions. 16 And the promises were_spoken ~~the~~ to_Abra'am and to_the seed of_him. He_is_ not _saying: And to_the seeds, as concerning many, but as concerning one: And to_the seed of_you, which is **chosen_ _one/messiah**. 17 And I_am_saying this: the_covenant having_ _been_previously_ratified by ~~the~~ **god**, the after four_hundred and thirty years having_become law is_ not _annulling, as_in_ _order that to_nullify the promise. 18 For/Because if the inheritance is by the_law, it_is no_longer by a_promise, but ~~the~~ **god** has_granted it ~~the~~ to_Abra'am through a_promise. 19 Therefore why the law? It_was_added for_reason_of the transgressions, until of_which may_come the seed to_whom he_has_been_promised, having_been_directed through messengers in the_hand of_a_mediator. 20 And the mediator is not for_one party, but ~~the~~ **god** is one.

21 Therefore the law is against the promises of_ ~~the~~ **_god**? Never it_might_become. For/Because if a_law was_given ~~which~~ being_able to_give_life, really ~~the~~ righteousness would was by the_law. 22 But the scripture imprisoned all the things under sin, in_order_that the promise by faith in_ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah** may_be_given to_the ones believing. 23 But before the time ~~the~~ faith to_come, under the_law we_were_being_guarded, being_imprisoned to the faith going to_be_revealed. 24 So_that the law, has_become tutor of_us to **chosen_one/messiah**, in_order_that we_may_ _be_justified by faith. 25 But ~~the~~ faith having_come, we_are no_ _longer under a_tutor. 26 For/Because you_all_are all sons of_ **_god** through ~~the~~ faith in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**. 27 For/Because as_many_as were_immersed to **chosen_ _one/messiah**, you_all_dressed_in **chosen_one/messiah**. 28 There_is neither Youdaios nor Hella^{y}n, there_is neither slave nor free, there_is neither male and female, because/for all you_ _all are one in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**. 29 And if you_all are of_**chosen_one/messiah**, consequently you_all_are the_ _seed of_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am/('Avrāhām), heirs according_to the_ _promise.

4:1 And I_am_saying, because/for as_long_as time as_the heir is an_infant, nothing he_is_carrying_value from_a_slave, being

15 **RV 3:11 · Cross-ref.** Hab 2:4.

16 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:5.

17 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Deu 21:23.

18 **RV 3:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:40.

19 **RV 3:18 · Cross-ref.** Rom 4:14.

20 **RV 3:29 · Cross-ref.** Rom 4:13.

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master of_all things, **2** but he_is under guardians and managers, until the appointed_time by_his father. **3** Thus we also, when we_were infants, we_were having_been_enslaved under the principles of_the world. **4** But when the fullness of_ _the time came, ~~the~~ **god** sent_away the son of_him, having_ _become of woman, having_become under law, **5** in_order_that he_may_redeem the ones under the_law, in_order_that we_ _may_take_back the adoption_as_sons. **6** And because you_all_ _are sons, ~~the~~ **god** sent_away the **spirit** of_the son of_him into the hearts of_us crying_out: father, ~~the~~ father. **7** So_as you_are no_longer a_slave, but a_son, and if a_son, also an_heir through **god**.

8 But then on_one_hand not having_known **god**, you_all_served for_the ones by_nature not being gods, **9** on_the_other_hand now having_known **god**, and rather having_been_known by **god**, how are_you_all_turning_back back to the weak and poor principles, for_which again you_all_are_wanting to_be_serving again?? **10** You_all_are_observing days, and months, and seasons, and years. **11** I_am_fearing for_you_all, lest somehow I_have_laboured vainly for you_all. **12** Be_becoming as I am, because also_I am as you_all are, brothers, I_am_beseeching of_ _you_all. You_all_did_ nothing _wrong me, **13** but you_all_have_ _known that because_of weakness of_the flesh, I_good_ _message_preached to_you_all ~~the~~ earlier. **14** And you_all_ not _ _scorned the trial of_you_all in the flesh of_me, nor you_all_ _disdained, but as a_messenger of_**god** you_all_received me, as **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**. **15** Therefore is where the blessing of_you_all? For/Because I_am_testifying to_ _you_all that if possible the eyes of_you_all having_dug_out, you_all_gave them to_me. **16** So_as being_truthful to_you_all have_I_become enemy of_you_all,? **17** They_are_being_zealous for_you_all not rightly, but they_are_willing to_exclude you_all, in_order_that you_all_may_be_being_zealous for_them. **18** But it_is good to_be_being_zealous in a_good thing always, and not only in the time me to_be_being_present with you_all. **19** Children of_me, whom again I_am_labouring_in_birth, until of_which **chosen_one/messiah** may_be_formed in you_all, **20** but I_was_wanting to_be_being_present with you_all now, and to_change the voice of_me, because I_am_perplexing in you_all.

21 Be_telling to_me, you_all wanting to_be under the_law, not are_you_all_hearing the law? **22** For/Because it_has_been_ _written that Abraʾam/(ʾAvrāhām) had two sons, one of the servant_girl, and one of the free woman. **23** But the one on_ _one_hand of the servant_girl, has_been_born according_to flesh, on_the_other_hand the one of the free woman, through a_promise. **24** Which things is being_allegorized, because/for these are two covenants: one on_one_hand from Mount Sina/(Ṣīnay) to bearing slavery, which is Hagar/(Hāgār).

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guardians and managers until he reaches the age that his father specified. **3** That's how it is with us—when we were infants we were enslaved by this world's principles, **4** but at the appointed time, **God** sent his son down to be given birth to by a woman and to live under Mosheh's (Moses') law **5** so that he could buy back those enslaved under the law and they could now be adopted as children with an inheritance.[21]

6 So because you're now children, **God** sent his son's **spirit** down into our hearts as we call out, 'Father, father.' **7** Now you're no longer slaves, but children with full rights, and as children, heirs of **God's** promise.

Paulos's concerns about their faith

8 When you didn't know **God**, you served others who aren't really gods at all. **9** But now that you do know **God**, or rather now that **God** knows you, why would you turn back again to useless and inferior beliefs, to serve them all over again? **10** You people observe special holidays and certain months and seasons and years. **11** I worry that maybe I've wasted my time helping you.

12 I implore you to become like me, brothers and sisters, because I'm also just like you. You haven't wronged me in any way, **13** but you know that it was a result of my fleshly weakness that I originally preached the good message to you.[22] **14** Yet you didn't mock or despise me, brothers and sisters, for this trial of my flesh, but rather you received me as **God's** messenger like you might have received **the messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) himself. **15** So where are your generous attitudes now? I know that back then, you would have almost dug your own eyes out to give them to me. **16** Have I now become your enemy just because I told you people the truth?

17 Those others have worked hard to try to win you over, but not for good reasons—they want to cut you off so that you'll be enthusiastic about them. **18** It's good to be enthusiastic about things that are always good, and not only at the times when I'm with you, brothers and sisters. **19** My dear ones, who I'm again labouring with in childbirth until **the messiah** becomes part of you, **20** I wanted to be there with you now, and to speak quite differently than this, because I'm puzzled about you.

The free line and the slaves

21 Are you people who are under the law telling me that you're not even hearing what the law is? **22** It's written in the scriptures that Avraham had two sons: one son with the slave girl Hagar,[23] and one with the free woman.[24] **23** The slave girl's son was born because of human actions, but in contrast, the free woman's son was a result of God's promise. **24** So if we use this as an illustration, there are two agreements: one is from Mt. Sinay which relates to Hagar

21 **RV 4:5-7 · Cross-ref.** Rom 8:15-17.

22 **RV 4:13 · Note** Scholars are unclear whether this might mean something like ill health, poor eyesight (see v15), or even a moral weakness, so we've left it as ambiguous in the translation as it is in the original.

23 **RV 4:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 16:15.

24 **RV 4:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 21:2.

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and gives birth to enslaved people. 25 Hagar's Mt. Sinay is in Arav and corresponds to the present earthly Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in slavery along with her children. 26 However, the heavenly Yerushalem, which is our mother, is free, 27 because it's been written in the scriptures:

'Be glad barren woman,
you who have never borne a child.
Be bold and shout,
you who have never been in labour,
because the lonely woman now has many children,
even more than the woman with a husband.'[25]

28 And you, brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, like Yitshak (Isaac), 29 but back then the one born because of human actions persecuted the one born because of the **spirit**,[26] and that's how it continues now. 30 But what do the scriptures say? 'Send away the slave girl and her son, because the slave girl's son won't be getting the inheritance alongside the free woman's son.'[27] 31 So, brothers and sisters, we're not descendants of the slave girl, but of the free woman.

Don't let the law destroy your faith

5:1 The **messiah** has freed us so we can have freedom, so stand firm and don't get entangled again in the burden of slavery.

2 What's more, I, Paulos would add that if you men got circumcised, then **the messiah** wouldn't be of any benefit. 3 I'll say it again clearly: every man who gets himself circumcised has put himself in debt to obeying all of the law. 4 You were released from **the messiah** when you moved to trusting in the law in order to be right with God—you fell away from grace at that point. 5 We who are in **the spirit** are eagerly waiting for the righteousness that we're expecting to receive by faith, 6 because in **the messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), it's not circumcision that achieves anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith worked out through love.

7 You people were running the race so well—who held you back from believing the truth? 8 It wasn't the one who called you. 9 A little bit of yeast can make a whole loaf of bread rise.[28] 10 I'm trusting in **Yahweh** that you won't be thinking anything different from the truth. The one who'll bear the judgement is the one who's been confusing you, whoever that was.

11 But, brothers and sisters, if I was still preaching the Jewish rules, why would I still be being persecuted? If I was still preaching that, then talking about dying on a post wouldn't even be offensive. 12 I wish that the ones upsetting you people by suggesting cutting off bits would cut it all off.

13 Brothers and sisters, you were called into freedom. That doesn't mean that you should use the freedom to do whatever your minds desire, but rather, you should be serving each other in love, 14 because the entire law can be fulfilled by obeying one

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25 ~~Which~~ and Hagar is Sina Mount in ~~the~~ Arabia, and is_ _corresponding to_the present Hierousala^{y}m/(Yərūshālayim), she_is_serving for with the children of_her. 26 On_the_other_ _hand ~~which~~ Hierousala^{y}m above is free, who is the_mother of_ _us. 27 For/Because it_has_been_written: Be_gladdened, barren woman, you not bearing, break_forth and shout, you not labouring_in_birth, because many are the children of_the desolate, more than of_the woman having the husband. 28 And you_all brothers, as Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq), are children of_promise. 29 But as then the one having_been_born according_to flesh, was_persecuting the one according_to **spirit**, thus also it_is now. 30 But what is_ The scripture _saying? Cast_out the servant_girl and the son of_her, because/for the son of_the servant_girl no not will_be_inheriting, with the son of_the free woman. 31 Therefore brothers, we_are not children of_the_ _servant_girl, but of_the free woman.

5:1 ~~The~~ in_freedom, **chosen_one/messiah** freed us, therefore be_standing_firm, and not be_being_entangled again in_a_yoke of_slavery. 2 Behold, I Paulos am_saying to_you_all that if you_ _all _may_be_being_circumcised, **chosen_one/messiah** will_ _be_benefiting you_all nothing. 3 And I_am_testifying again to_ _every man being_circumcised that he_is a_debtor, to_perform all the law. 4 You_all_were_released from **chosen_ _one/messiah**, whoever in the_law are_being_justified, from_ _the grace you_all_fell_from. 5 For/Because we by_the_**spirit** by faith are_eagerly_waiting the_hope of_righteousness. 6 For/Because in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is_prevailing anything, but faith working through love. 7 You_all_were_ _running well, who hindered you_all, to_ not _be_being_ _persuaded by_the_truth? 8 The persuasion is not of the one calling you_all. 9 A_little leaven is_leavening the whole lump. 10 I have_trusted in you_all in the_**master** that you_all_will_be_ _thinking not_one other thing. But the one disturbing you_all, will_be_bearing the judgement, whoever ~~if~~ he_may_be. 11 But I, brothers, if I_am_proclaiming circumcision still, why still am_I_ _being_persecuted? Consequently the offense of_the stake has_ _been_nullified. 12 I_wish the ones upsetting you_all ‹will›_ also _be_cutting_off themselves. 13 For/Because you_all were_called for freedom, brothers, only not use the freedom for an_ _opportunity to_the flesh, but through ~~the~~ love be_serving for_ _one_another. 14 For/Because the whole law has_been_fulfilled in one message, in that: You_will_be_loving the neighbour of_ _you as yourself. 15 But if you_all_are_biting one_another and you_all_are_devouring, be_watching_out, lest you_all_may_be_ _consumed_up by one_another.

25 **RV 4:27 · Cross-ref.** Isa 54:1.

26 **RV 4:29 · Cross-ref.** Gen 21:9.

27 **RV 4:30 · Cross-ref.** Gen 21:10.

28 **RV 5:9 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 5:6.

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16 But I_am_saying, be_walking by_the_**spirit**, and by_no_
means may not _accomplish the_desire of_the_flesh.
17 For/Because the flesh is_desiring against the **spirit**, and the
the_**spirit** against the flesh, because/for these is_opposing to_
_one_another, in_order_that whatever things ~~if~~ you_all_may_
not _be_wanting, you_all_may_be_doing these things. 18 But if
you_all_are_being_led by_the_**spirit**, you_all_are not under the_
_law. 19 And manifest is the works of_the flesh, which is sexual_
_immorality, impurity, wantonness, 20 idolatry, sorcery,
enmities, strife, jealousies, rages, selfish_ambitions,
dissensions, sects, 21 envies, drunkennesses, carousings, and
~~the~~ similar things to_these, which I_am_previously_saying to_
_you_all, as I_previously_said, that the ones ~~the~~ such things
doing, ‹will›_ not _be_inheriting the_kingdom of_**god**. 22 But
the fruit of_the **spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faith, 23 gentleness, self-control, against ~~the~~ such
things, there_is no law. 24 And the ones of_ ~~the~~ **_chosen_**
_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa), executed_on_a_stake the
flesh with its passions and ~~the~~ desires. 25 If we_are_living by_
the**spirit**, we_may_ also _be_aligning by_the_**spirit**. 26 We_
may not _be_becoming conceited, provoking one_another,
envying to_one_another.

6:1 Brothers, if even a_person may_be_previously_caught in a_
_certain transgression, you_all, the spiritual ones, be_preparing
~~the~~ such man in a_spirit of_gentleness, looking_out yourself,
lest you also may_be_tempted. 2 Be_bearing the burdens of_
_one_another, and thus fulfill the law of_the **chosen_**
_one/messiah. 3 For/Because if anyone is_supposing to_be
something, being nothing, he_is_deceiving himself. 4 But let_
each _be_approving the work of_himself, and then will_be_
_having the boast for himself only, and not for ~~the~~ another.
5 For/Because each will_be_bearing his own burden. 6 And the
one being_instructed in_the message, let_be_sharing in all good
things with_the one instructing him. 7 Be_ not _being_misled,
god is_ not _being_snubbed. For/Because whatever thing ~~if~~ a_
_person may_be_sowing, this also he_will_be_reaping.
8 Because the one sowing to the flesh of_himself, will_be_
_reaping corruption from the flesh, but the one sowing to the
spirit, will_be_reaping eternal life from the **spirit**. 9 And we_
may not _be_losing_heart doing ~~the~~ good, because/for in_
_time our_own, we_will_be_reaping not being_exhausted.
10 Therefore consequently, as we_are_having time, we_may_be_
_working ~~the~~ good toward all, and most_of_all toward the of_the
household of_faith.

11 See in_how_large letters I_wrote to_you_all ~~the~~ with_my own
hand. 12 As_many_as are_wanting to_appear_good in the_flesh,
these are_compelling you_all to_be_being_circumcised, only in_

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rule: Love your neighbour like yourself.[29] 15 But if you're snapping at and bullying each other, watch out, or else you'll destroy each other's faith.

Being led by God's spirit

16 I'll tell you: allow yourselves to be led **by the spirit**, and then your earthly desires won't triumph, 17 because our earthly desires oppose the **spirit**, and **the spirit** opposes our earthly desires—they oppose each other, so that's why you end up doing things that you didn't really want to do.[30] 18 But if you're being led **by the spirit** then you're not trying to earn your way to God by obeying all of Mosheh's (Moses') rules.

19 The actions that come from our earthly desires include: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousies, rages, selfish ambitions, arguing, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and other similar things which I've mentioned previously. And as I also said previously, the people that do these things won't be inheriting **God's** kingdom.

22 But the end result of having God's **spirit** is to show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, 23 gentleness, and self-control—none of Mosheh's laws are against any of these! 24 And for **the messiah Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices, earthly desires need to be executed on a post, along with their passions and lusts. 25 If we're being led **by** God's **spirit** in our living, then we should also be aligning our values **by the spirit**. 26 We have to take care not to become conceited, not to provoke each other, and not to envy each other.

Helping each other

6:1 Brothers and sisters, if a person has been caught sinning, you spiritual people need to guide the person with a spirit of gentleness, at the same time looking at your own behaviour, in case you yourselves are also tempted. 2 Help those who are going through difficulties or pain, and in doing so you'll fulfil **the messiah's** law, 3 because anyone who supposes themself to be someone special, but isn't, is only deceiving themself. 4 Evaluate your own actions, but keep your boasts to yourself and don't tell others, 5 because each person must face up to their own issues.

6 Those who are being taught should share all their blessings with those who are teaching.

7 Don't be fooled—you can't get away with mocking **God**, because what you sow determines what you'll harvest. 8 Anyone who sows seed to feed their earthly desires will harvest earthly corruption, but anyone who sows **spiritual** seeds will harvest eternal life from the **spirit**. 9 Don't be discouraged from doing good things, because we'll have a good harvest in due course if we don't give up. 10 So then, as time allows it, we should be working towards good for everybody, and especially for fellow believers.

Paulos's final advice

11 Look how big these letters are when it's my own handwriting. 12 There's so many people that want to

29 **RV 5:14 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:18.

30 **RV 5:17 · Cross-ref.** Rom 7:15-23.

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look good in earthly terms, and they're the ones trying to persuade you that you have to fulfil all of Mosheh's (Moses) rules—they don't want to be persecuted concerning **the messiah** dying on a post. **13** Even those who are circumcised don't obey all the rules, but they'd still like for your men to be circumcised so that they can claim them as followers. **14** As for me, may I never boast, except about our **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) **the messiah**, whose life was cut off on the post. Through him, it's like the entire world has been cut off from me, and I've been cut off from the world, **15** because obeying Mosheh's law is nothing, and not needing to obey it is nothing, but being a new creation is everything. **16** And everyone who follows that principle, may peace and mercy be on them and on **God's** Yisrael (Israel).

17 As for the other troubles, don't bother me with them, because I carry the marks on my body of someone who follows **Yeshua**.

18 May the grace from our **master Yeshua the messiah** be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. That's how I want it to be.

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_order_that they_may_ not _be_being_persecuted for_the stake of_the **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**.
13 For/Because and_not the ones having_been_circumcised they the_law are_keeping, but they_are_willing you_all to_be_ _being_circumcised, in_order_that they_may_boast in ~~the~~ your flesh. **14** But for_me, never it_might_become to_be_boasting, except ~~not/lest~~ in the stake of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, through whom the_world has_been_ _executed_on_a_stake to_me, and_I to_the_world.
15 For/Because neither circumcision is anything, nor uncircumcision, but new creation. **16** And as_many_as ~~the~~ will_ _be_aligning by_ this _principle, peace be on them, and mercy, and on the Israa^{y}l/(Yisrāʼēl) of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **17** Of_the rest, let_ no_ _one _be_bringing_about troubles to_me, because/for I am_ _bearing the marks ~~the~~ of_**Ya^{y}sous** on the body of_me. **18** The grace of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, with the spirit of_you_all be, brothers. Truly.

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Paulos's first letter to the believers in
Thessalonikai

Introduction

Thessalonikai was the capital city of the Romaios province of Makedonia (and is now the large, modern city of Thessaloniki in Greece). Paulos taught God's message there in Thessalonikai after he left Filippou (Acts 17:1-4). Before long, there was disagreement from Yehudim upset about Paulos's preaching to non-Jews (Acts 17:5-9). So Paulos was forced to leave Thessalonikai and he went on to Beroia (Acts 17:10-13). Then after a while he went on to Athainai (Acts 17:14-15). Finally, he continued on to Korinthos (Acts 18:1-17). On his arrival there, he heard Timotheos's account of his other work. He had been told by Timotheos about the what the group of believers there in Thessalonikai had been facing.

Paulos wrote this *First letter of Paulos to the believers in Thessalonikai* in order to encourage and strengthen the believers there. He gave thanks for the account about their faith and their love. He also reminded them about the lifestyle that he demonstrated to them while he was still there with them. He answered questions again from the believers concerning the return of the messiah, and if the deceased believers would come back to life before the messiah returns. Paulos used this letter to tell them it's necessary that they continue to work in their day-to-day jobs while they wait for the return of the messiah.

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, Silas, and Timotheos.

It's written to the assembly of believers in **God** the father and **the master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** there in Thessalonikai.[1]

May God give his grace and peace to all of you.

Paulos praises the believers

2 We here are always thanking **God** for all of you and remembering you in our prayers—always **3** remembering before our **God** and father about your striving for the faith and the labour of love and the endurance of the hope in our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**. **4** Brothers and sisters, we know that you're all loved by **God**—the one who chose you. **5** The good message that we brought wasn't just any old message, but also comes in **the** holy **spirit** with power and with full assurance of its truth. You know how we lived among you because of our concern for you all, **6** and then you all imitated both us and the **master** after receiving the message in tribulation with a lot **of** excitement about **the** holy **spirit**[2]— **7** so much so that you all became examples to all the believers in Makedonia and Akaia. **8** So now the message of the **master** has been heard not only in Makedonia and Akaia, but in every place where your faith towards **God** has been seen—so that now we don't even need to say anything. **9** They've been reporting back to us about kindly we were accepted by you all and how you all turned from idols to God, to serve **the** living and true God **10** and waiting for his son, Yeshua to return from the heavens. **Yeshua** is the one that he brought back to life and who rescues us from God's severe anger which is coming.

Paulos recalls his visit to Thessalonikai

2:1 Brothers and sisters, you yourselves know that our going to Thessalonikai wasn't wasted, **2** but after previously suffering and being mistreated in Filippou (Philippi),[3] we spoke boldly at your place with God's help, to tell you all the good message from God despite a lot of opposition there.[4] **3** As we recommend a change in your lifestyles, we don't do it with deception or impurity or deceit, **4** but since God has approved us and entrusted the good message to us, that's what we talk about. We don't aim to bring pleasure to people, but rather to bring them **to God**—the one who approves our inner motives. **5** As you all know, we never once came with a message of flattery, nor did we come under any pretenses (**God is** our witness) trying to get anything from you, **6** nor did we try to earn respect from people—neither from you all nor from anyone else **7** even though we could request support as ambassadors **of Messiah**. But we became unsophisticated among you, just like children, or like a breast-feeding mother who cherishes her own children. **8** So in longing for you all like that, we were happy to share with you

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1:1 Paulos, and Silouanos, and Timotheos, to_the assembly of_ _the_ones_from_Thessalonikaʸ in **god** the_father and the_ **_master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**: grace to_you_all and peace.

2 We_are_giving_thanks to_ ~~the~~ **_god** always concerning all of_ _you, remembrance making in the prayers of_us, unceasingly **3** remembering of_you_all about_the work of_ ~~the~~ _faith, and the labour of_ ~~the~~ _love, and the endurance of_ ~~the~~ _hope of_the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, before the **god** and father of_us, **4** having_known, brothers having_been_loved by ~~the~~ **god**, the choice of_you_all, **5** because the good_message of_us not was_become to_you_all in message only, but also in power, and in the_**spirit** holy, and full_assurance much, as you_ _all_have_known such_as we_were_become you_all because_of you_all. **6** And you_all imitators of_us were_become and of_the **master**, having_received the message in tribulation much with the_joy of_the_**spirit** holy, **7** so_as to_become you_all examples to_all the ones believing in ~~the~~ Makedonia and in ~~the~~ Aḳaia. **8** From for you_all has_been_sounded_out the message of_the **master**, not only in ~~the~~ Makedonia and in ~~the~~ Aḳaia, but in every place the faith of_you_all ~~which~~ toward ~~the~~ **god** has_come_ _out, so_as no need to_be_having us to_be_speaking anything. **9** For/Because they concerning us are_reporting what_kind entrance we_had to you_all, and how you_all_turned_back to ~~the~~ **god** from ~~the~~ idols, to_be_serving for_the_**god** living and true, **10** and to_be_waiting for_the son of_him from the heavens, whom he_raised from the dead, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, the one rescuing us from the severe_ _anger ~~which~~ coming.

2:1 For/Because yourselves you_all_have_known, brothers, the entrance of_us ~~which~~ to you_all, that not vain it_has_become, **2** but having_previously_suffered and having_been_mistreated, as you_all_have_known, in Filippou we_spoke_boldly in the **god** of_us, to_speak to you_all the good_message of_ ~~the~~ **_god** among much struggle. **3** For/Because the exhortation of_us not of deception, nor of impurity, nor in deceit, **4** but as we_have_ _been_approved by ~~the~~ **god**, to_be_entrusted the good_message, thus we_are_speaking, not as to_people bringing_pleasure, but to_**god**, the one approving the hearts of_us. **5** For/Because neither once with message of_flattery we_were_become, as you_all_have_known, nor with a_under_pretense for_ _greediness (**god** is witness) **6** nor seeking from people glory, neither from you_all, nor from others, **7** being_able in burden to_be, as of_**chosen_one/messiah** ambassadors. But we_were_ _become infants in the_midst of_you_all, as ~~if~~ a_nursing_ _mother may_be_cherishing the of_herself children. **8** Thus longing for_you_all, we_were_taking_pleasure to_share with_ _you_all, not only the good_message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, but also the of_ourselves lives, because beloved to_us you_all_were_become. **9** For/Because you_all_are_remembering, brothers, the labour of_us and ~~the~~ hardship, night and day working, in_order that

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:1.

2 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:5-9.

3 **RV 2:2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 16:19-24.

4 **RV 2:2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:1-9.

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not to_burden anyone of_you_all, we_proclaimed to you_all the good_message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **10** You_all are witnesses and ~~the~~ **god**, how devoutly, and justly, and blamelessly, to_you_all the ones believing we_were_become, **11** just_as you_all_have_ _known how one each of_you_all, as a_father to_children of_ _himself, **12** exhorting you_all, and consoling, and testifying, in_order that to_be_walking you_all worthily of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, the one having_called you_all into the of_himself kingdom and glory. **13** And because_of this also we are_giving_thanks to_ ~~the~~ _ **_god** unceasingly that having_received the_message by_ _hearing from us of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, you_all_received not the_ _message of_humans, but as truly it_is, the_message of_**god**, which also is_working in you_all ~~which~~ believing.
14 For/Because you_all imitators were_become, brothers, of_ _the assemblies of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, ~~which~~ being in ~~the~~ Youdaia in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, because the same things you_all_suffered, also you_all by your own fellow-countrymen, as also they did by the Youdaiōns, **15** who both the **master** having_killed_off **Yaʸsous**, and their prophets, and us having_driven_out, and to_**god** not bringing_pleasure, but to_all people of_contrary, **16** forbidding us to_the pagans to_speak, in_order_that they_may_be_saved, because/for which to_fulfill of_them the sins always. But came on them the severe_anger to end.

17 But we, brothers, having_been_orphaned of you_all, because/for the_time of_an_hour, in_face not in_heart, more_ _abundantly we_were_earnest the face of_you_all to_see with great desire. **18** Because we_wanted to_come to you_all, I indeed Paulos, both once and twice, and hindered us ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān). **19** For/Because who is of_us the_hope or the_joy or the_crown of_boasting? Or not are even you_all, before the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous**, at the of_him coming? **20** For/Because you_all are the glory of_us, and the joy.
3:1 Therefore no_longer enduring, we_took_pleasure to_be_left in Athaʸnai alone, **2** and we_sent Timotheos, the brother of_us, and servant of_ ~~the~~ **_god** in the good_message of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, in_order that to_strengthen you_all and to_ _exhort, concerning the faith of_you_all, **3** that no_one to_be_ _being_disturbed by ~~the~~ tribulations these. For/Because yourselves you_all_have_known that for this we_are_ _appointing. **4** For/Because also when with you_all we_were, we_were_previously_saying to_you_all that we_are_going to_ _be_being_oppressed, as also it_became and you_all_have_ _known. **5** Because_of this also_I no_longer enduring, I_sent in_ _order that to_know the faith of_you_all, lest somehow tempted you_all the one tempting, and in vain may_become the labour of_us. **6** But now having_come Timotheos to us from you_all, and having_good_message_preached to_us about_the faith and the love of_you_all, and that you_all_are_having a_ _mentioning of_us good always, longing us to_see, just_as also we you_all. **7** Because_of this we_were_comforted, brothers, by

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all—not only the good message from **God**, but also exposing our own lives because you all became dear to us. **9** Brothers and sisters, you're remembering our work and the hardship that we endured, working day and night so that we wouldn't burden any of you as we proclaimed good message from **God**.

10 You're all witnesses, and **God** also, as to how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we were to the believers, **11** just as each one of you who's a father to his own children has known **12** how to encourage and to console them. We testified to you so that you all would live lives worthy **of God**—the one who invited you into his kingdom and to share his honour.

13 We also never stop thanking **God** that when you accepted **God's** message that you heard from us, it wasn't a message from humans, but truly was a message from **God** who is working in all of you who believed. **14** Brothers and sisters, you became imitators of the other assemblies **of God** in Yehudah (Judea) which are founded on **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). You all suffered the same things from your own countrymen that the strict Yehudim (Jews) did to them.[5] **15** They executed their own prophets as well as the **master Yeshua**. They drove us out,[6] displeasing **God** and contrary to all people— **16** forbidding us from telling non-Jews that they need to be saved so that they stay in their sins, but God's severe anger will finish them off.

Paulos's desire to visit Thessalonikai again

17 But we, brothers and sisters, have been cut off from you for a while, but only physically and not in our hearts, in fact we long to see you even more. **18** We wanted to come and see you all—I, Paulos, even tried twice to come—but Satan held us back. **19** Because who is it that encourages and pleases us and that we can brag about? Won't it be you all there in front of our **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) when he returns, **20** because you all make us both happy and proud.

3:1 When we could endure it no longer, we were happy to be left alone in Athainai.[7] **2** We sent Timotheos, who's our brother and **God's** servant in the **messiah's** good message, so that he could strengthen you all and encourage you in your faith **3** so that no one will be upset by these difficulties because you all know that God has appointed us for those. **4** Also, when we were with you all previously, we told you that we were going to be oppressed, and then it happened as you know. **5** So again when I could no longer endure it, I sent Timotheos to find out about your faith, just in case you'd been tempted by the tempter and then our work there would have been wasted.

6 But now Timotheos's returned here to us,[8] telling us the good news about your faith and love, and how you're always mentioning good things about us and wanting to see us, just like we'd like to see all of you. **7** So even in our distress and sufferings,

5 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:5.

6 **RV 2:15 · Cross-ref.** Acts 9:23,29; 13:45,50; 14:2,5,19; 17:5,13; 18:12.

7 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:15.

8 **RV 3:6 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:5.

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we're comforted by your faith, brothers and sisters **8** because now we can live happily since you're all standing firm in **Yahweh**. **9** We're not able to repay God for the thankfulness that we have about you, because we are certainly thrilled in **God's** presence because of you all.

10 Day and night we're strongly requesting God that we'll be able to go and see you all again, and to teach anything that's lacking in your faith, **11** and that **God** our father himself and our **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) might show us how we could get to you all.

12 May the **master** increase your numbers and give you all an excess of love towards each other and toward everyone, just like we also have toward all of you, **13** in order to strengthen your faith and make you blameless and spotless before our father **God**, when our **master Yeshua** comes with all his holy people. May it be so.

4:1 So finally, brothers and sisters, you **Living to please God** learnt from us about how to live in a way that pleases **God** as indeed you are. Now we are requesting you all, and we're instructing you from **the master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) to do this even more, **2** because you all know the instructions that we gave to you through the **master Yeshua**. **3** Because this is **God's** will: that you all stay holy, keeping away from all sexual immorality, **4** knowing that each of your bodies is like a container that you can fill with holiness and honour. **5** Don't fill them with lustful passions like those who don't know **God**, **6** nor going beyond lusts and exploiting your fellow believers, because **Yahweh** is **the** one who avenges all those things as we've told you before and testified to you all. **7** **God** has not called us to impurity but to holiness, **8** so anyone who rejects this is not rejecting a human but rejecting **God**—the one who gives his holy **spirit** to you all.

9 Then concerning brotherly love, you don't need me to write about that because you yourselves have been taught by God to be loving each other **10** and because you're all already doing it to the believers all over Makedonia. But we advise you, brothers and sisters to do it even more **11** and to make it your ambition to live quietly and to look after your own selves. Work with your own hands as we instructed you, **12** so that you have a good attitude towards non-believers and so that you don't have any outstanding needs.

13 But we don't want you to be ignorant, **The master's return** brothers and sisters, about those who've died so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope, **14** because if we believe that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) died and came back to life, then we can also believe that when he returns, **Yeshua** will be bringing with him those who have died. **15** So this is what we're saying in Yahweh's message: those who are still living when the **master** returns, we certainly won't precede those who've al-

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you_all in all the hardship and tribulation of_us, through the of_you_all faith. **8** Because now we_are_living, if you_all are_ _standing_firm in the_**master**. **9** For/Because what thanksgiving we_are_being_able to_the to_**god** to_repay concerning you_all, because/for all the joy that we_are_ _rejoicing because_of you_all, before the **god** of_us. **10** Night and day, beyond_exceedingly beseeching in_order that to_see of_you_all the face, and to_prepare the lacking things in_the faith of_you_all? **11** And himself the **god** and father of_us, and the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, might_direct the way of_us to you_all. **12** And you_all the **master** might_be_plentiful and might_be_plentiful ~~the~~ in_love toward one_another, and toward all, just_as also we toward you_all, **13** in_order that to_ _strengthen of_you_all the hearts, blameless in holiness before the **god** and father of_us, at the coming of_the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous**, with all the holy ones of_him. Truly.

4:1 Therefore finally, brothers, we_are_asking you_all and we_ _are_exhorting in the_**master Yaʸsous**, as you_all_received from us, ~~which~~ how it_is_fitting you_all to_be_walking and to_ _be_bringing_pleasure to_**god** (as even you_all_are_walking), in_order_that you_all_may_be_being_plentiful more. **2** For/Because you_all_have_known what_all charges we_gave to_you_all through the **master Yaʸsous**. **3** For/Because this is the_will of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, the holiness of_you_all, to_be_keeping_ _away you_all from ~~the~~ sexual_immorality, **4** to_have_known each of_you_all the of_himself vessel, to_be_acquiring in holiness and honour, **5** not in the_passion of_lust, just_as also the pagans ~~which~~ not having_known ~~the~~ **god**, **6** ~~which~~ not to_be_ _going_beyond and to_be_exploiting in the matter the brother of_him, because avenging is the_**master** concerning all these things, as also we_previously_said to_you_all and we_testified. **7** For/Because not called us ~~the~~ **god** to impurity, but in holiness. **8** So_then the one rejecting this, not a_human is_rejecting, but ~~the~~ **god**, the one giving the **spirit** of_him ~~the~~ holy to you_all. **9** And concerning ~~the~~ brotherly_love, no need you_all_are_ _having for_me to_be_writing to_you_all, because/for yourselves you_all god-taught are, in_order that to_be_loving one_another. **10** For/Because also you_all_are_doing it toward all the brothers, who are in all ~~the~~ Makedonia. But we_are_ _exhorting you_all, brothers, to_be_being_plentiful more, **11** and to_be_being_ambitious to_be_living_quietly and to_be_ _doing your own things, and to_be_working with_your own hands of_you_all, as to_you_all we_commanded, **12** in_order_ _that you_all_may_be_walking properly toward the ones outside, and of_nothing need you_all_may_be_having.

13 Not but we_are_wanting you_all to_be_not_knowing, brothers, concerning the ones being_fallen_asleep, in_order_ _that not you_all _may_be_being_sorrowed, as also the rest, the ones not having hope. **14** For/Because if we_are_believing that **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** died_off and rose_up, thus also ~~the~~ **god** the ones having_been_fallen_asleep through ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous** will_ _be_bringing with him. **15** For/Because this to_you_all we_are_ _saying in the_message of_the_**master**, that we the ones living, ~~which~~ being_remaining to the coming of_the **master**, by_no_

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_means not may_precede the ones having_been_fallen_asleep.
16 Because himself the **master** with a_loud_command, with
the_voice of_an_archangel, and with the_trumpet of_**god**, will_
_be_coming_down from heaven, and the dead in **chosen_**
_one/messiah will_be_rising_up first, **17** then we the ones
living, ~~which~~ being_remaining together with them, will_be_
_being_snatched in the_clouds for the_meeting of_the **master**
in the_air, and thus always with the_**master** we_will_be. **18** So_
_then be_comforting one_another with ~~the~~ messages these.
5:1 And concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, no
need you_all_are_having to_you_all to_be_being_written.
2 For/Because yourselves exactly you_all_have_known that the_
_day of_the_**master**, as a_thief by night thus is_coming.
3 Whenever they_may_be_saying: Peace and security, then
sudden is_recognizing to_them destruction, as the birth_pains
to_the woman in pregnant having a_child, and by_no_means
not they_may_escape. **4** But you_all, brothers, not are in
darkness, in_order_that the day you_all like thieves may_grasp.
5 For/Because all you_all sons of_light are, and sons of_day.
Neither we_are of_night nor of_darkness. **6** Therefore
consequently not we_may_be_sleeping as the rest, but we_may_
_be_watching and we_may_be_being_sober. **7** For/Because the
ones sleeping, by_night are_sleeping, and the ones being_
_drunk, by_night are_being_drunk. **8** But we of_the_day being,
may_be_being_sober, having_dressed_in the_breastplate of_
_faith and love, and the_helmet, the_hope of_salvation.
9 Because not appointed ~~the~~ **god** us for severe_anger, but for
procuring of_salvation through the **master** of_us,
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah, **10** the one
having_died_off for us, in_order_that whether we_may_be_
_watching or we_may_be_sleeping, together with him we_may_
_live. **11** Therefore be_comforting one_another, and be_building
one ~~the~~ one, as also you_all_are_doing.

12 But we_are_asking you_all, brothers, to_have_known the
ones labouring among you_all, and leading of_you_all in the_
_**master**, and admonishing you_all, **13** and to_be_considering
them beyond_exceedingly in love, because_of the work of_
_them. Be_being_at_peace among yourselves. **14** And we_are_
_exhorting you_all, brothers, be_admonishing the lazy, be_
_consoling the fainthearted, be_upholding of_the weak, be_
_being_patient toward all. **15** Be_seeing not someone evil for
evil to_anyone may_give_back, but always the good be_
_pursuing, and toward one_another and toward all. **16** Always
be_rejoicing. **17** Unceasingly be_praying. **18** In everything be_
_giving_thanks, because/for this is the_will of_**god** in **chosen_**
_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous toward you_all. **19** The **spirit** not be_
_extinguishing. **20** Prophesies not be_scorning. **21** All things be_
_approving, the good be_keeping. **22** From every appearance
of_evil be_keeping_away. **23** And himself ~~the~~ **god** of_ ~~the~~ _peace
might_sanctify you_all complete, and complete of_you_all the
spirit, and ~~the~~ soul, and ~~the~~ body, blamelessly at the coming of_
_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_**

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ready died[9] **16** because there'll be an announcement from the archangel and **God's** trumpet will sound and then the **master** will come down from heaven with a loud shout. The dead believers in **Messiah** will come to life again first,[10] **17** then we who are still alive will be pulled up into the clouds together with them to meet the **master** in the air, and from then will always remain with **Yahweh**. **18** So when someone dies, comfort each other with those truths.

5:1 Concerning the times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you don't need anything to be written **2** because you already know that **Yahweh's** day will come like a thief comes at night.[11] **3** Just when they're saying there's peace and security, then they'll suddenly recognise the imminent destruction, like a pregnant woman having birth pains. They certainly won't be able to escape, **4** but you, brothers and sisters, aren't in darkness and likely to get surprised by a thief in the night **5** because you're all children of the light and of the day. No, we're not part of the night or of the darkness **6** so as a result, we won't be sleeping like the others, but we'll be alert and sober. **7** Those who sleep do it at night, and those who get drunk do it at night, **8** but we belong to the day. We'll be dressed in the armour of faith and love, and the helmet which is the hope of our salvation.[12] **9** **God** hasn't assigned us to his severe anger, but rather for obtaining salvation through our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**— **10** the one who was executed on our behalf so that whether we might be alert and watching, or whether we're dead and 'sleeping', either way we'll all live together with him. **11** So comfort and encourage each other as you've all been doing already.

Final teaching and greetings

12 But we're asking you, brothers and sisters, to be aware of the people who are working among you all and the ones leading you in **Yahweh** and instructing you all, **13** and show them love over-and-beyond because of their work. Be at peace with each other.

14 We advise you, brothers and sisters, to scold those who are lazy, comfort those who are discouraged, help the weak up, and be patient towards everyone. **15** Don't let anyone repay evil for evil, but always be doing what is good towards each other and towards everyone else.

16 Always find something to be happy about. **17** Never stop praying, **18** thanking God **about** everything.

This is what **God** wants for you in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus): **19** Don't smother the holy **spirit**. **20** Don't scorn prophesies. **21** Evaluate everything, holding on to what's good **22** but keeping away from everything that seems to be evil.

23 May the **God** of peace himself make you completely holy

9 **RV 4:15-17 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:51-52.

10 **RV 4:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:51-52.

11 **RV 5:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:43; Luk 12:39; 2Pe 3:10.

12 **RV 5:8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 59:17; Eph 6:13-17.

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and may your entire spirits, souls, and bodies be kept irreproachable at the returning of our **master Yeshua Messiah**.
24 The one calling you all is faithful and he will also see it through.
25 Brothers and sisters, pray for us also.
26 Greet the brothers with a holy kiss for me.
27 I request you by the **master** to read my letter to all the believers there.
28 May you all experience the grace that comes from our **master Yeshua Messiah**. May it be so.

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_one/messiah, might_have_kept. **24** Faithful is the one calling you_all, who also will_be_performing it. **25** Brothers, be_
_praying also for us. **26** Greet the brothers all with a_kiss holy. **27** I_am_adjuring you_all by_the **master**, to_be_read my letter to_all the brothers. **28** The grace of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, with you_all be. Truly.

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Paulos's second letter to the believers in
Thessalonikai

Introduction

This letter, was written by Paulos and sent to the group of believers there in Thessalonikai (Acts 17:1-10). Paulos had been forced to leave Thessalonikai because there were Yehudim there who got upset about his preaching to non-Jews. So he went on to Korinthos and from there he wrote both of his letters to the believers in Thessalonikai. At that time, the believers in Thessalonikai were confused because there was teaching that troubled them, because they were told that the master Yeshua, the messiah, had already returned. Because they were confused, Paulos blocked that teaching by explaining to them that wars and destruction would come before the messiah returns. The one who brings that destruction is the enemy of the messiah, a miracle-working teacher named the 'lawless man'. Paulos taught the readers of this letter that it's necessary to stay alert about everyone teaching them, despite difficulties and sufferings. They need to continue to work for their living and to do good just as Paulos himself had done.

Main components of Paulos's letter

Introduction *1:1-2*
Paulos thanks and prays for the Thessalonikai *1:3-12*
Teaching concerning the return of the messiah *2:1-17*
Encouragement about prayer and not being lazy *3:1-15*
Conclusion *3:16-18*

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, Silas, and Timotheos.
It's written to the assembly of believers in **God** our father and **the master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** there in Thessalonikai.[1]
2 May **God** our father and **the master Yeshua Messiah** give grace and peace to all of you.
3 We should be always thanking **God** for you brothers and sisters, and it's right that we do, because your faith is growing and you all display plenty of love towards each other. **4** That's why we boast **about** you all in **God's** assemblies, because of your endurance and faith despite the persecutions you encounter and the tribulations that you put up with.

Paulos's thanking and praying

5 This shows God's righteous judgement in that you're considered worthy to enter God's kingdom because of what you've had to suffer. **6** **God** is righteous, and he's the one who will repay those who oppress you and make life difficult for you all, **7** then all of you who've been oppressed will be able to relax when the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) comes back from heaven with his powerful army. **8** With a fiery flame he'll judge those who don't know **God** and those who haven't accepted the good message of our **master Yeshua Messiah**. **9** They'll be sentenced to eternal destruction—banished from **Yahweh's** presence and from the display of his strength[2] **10** when he's honoured by his righteous followers and admired by those who believe in him just as you believed our testimony to all of you.
11 We're also praying all the time for you all that you'll be considered worthy of our **god's** calling and will live out your good intentions and demonstrate your faith with power, **12** so that the reputation of our **master Yeshua** will be honoured in you all, and you in him, thanks to the grace of our **God** and **of the master Yeshua Messiah**.

The Judgement after Yeshua's return

2:1 Now concerning the return of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** and our being gathered together with him,[3] we are asking you all, brothers and sisters, **2** to not be alarmed or have your thinking jolted back-and-forth by any 'spirit' or message or letter that seems to come from us that tries to say that the **master** has already returned. **3** Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, because before that happens many people will turn away from the good message, and the lawless man will be revealed—the conveyor of destruction **4** who opposes every god or object of worship and puts himself above them all—seating himself in God's temple and (supposedly) demonstrating that he is **God**.[4]

The false man-God

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1:1 Paulos, and Silouanos, and Timotheos, to_the assembly of_ _the_ones_from_Thessalonika^{y}, in **god** the_father of_us and the_**master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**:
2 grace be to_you_all and peace from **god** the_father of_us and the_**master Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**.

3 To_be_giving_thanks we_ought to_ ~~the~~ **_god** always concerning you_all, brothers, as worthy it_is, because is_ _growing_beyond the faith of_you_all, and is_being_plentiful the love of_one each, of_all of_you, to one_another, **4** so_as ourselves us in you_all to_be_boasting, in the assemblies of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, because/for the endurance of_you_all, and faith in all the persecutions of_you_all, and in_the tribulations that you_all_ _are_tolerating,

5 a_display of_the righteous judgement of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, in_order that to_be_considered_worthy you_all of_the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**, because/for which also you_all_are_suffering, **6** if_indeed righteous it_is with **god**, to_repay to_the ones oppressing you_ _all in_tribulation, **7** and to_you_all ~~which~~ being_oppressed, relaxation with us at the revelation of_the **master Ya^{y}sous** from heaven, with messengers of_power of_him, **8** in a_fire of_ _flame giving vengeance on_the ones not having_known **god**, and on_the ones not submitting to_the good_message of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, **chosen_one/messiah**, **9** who justice will_be_paying with_destruction eternal, from the_presence of_the **master**, and from the glory of_the strength of_him, **10** whenever he_may_come to_be_glorified_in in the holy ones of_him, and to_be_marvelled among all the ones having_believed, because was_believed the testimony of_ _us to you_all in ~~the~~ day that. **11** For/Because which also we_ _are_praying always for you_all, in_order_that you_all may_ _consider_worthy of_the calling the **god** of_us, and may_fulfill every good_pleasure of_goodness, and work of_faith with power, **12** so_that may_be_glorified_in the name of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous**, in you_all, and you_all in him, according_to the grace of_the **god** of_us and of_the_**master Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**.

2:1 And we_are_asking you_all, brothers, concerning the coming of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, and of_us gathering_together to him, **2** in_order that not quickly to_be_shaken you_all in ~~the~~ mind, nor to_be_being_ _alarmed, neither by spirit, nor by message, nor by letter, as_ _though by us, as that has_presented the day of_the **master**.
3 Not someone you_all may_deceive in not_one manner, because if not may_come the apostasy first, and may_be_ _revealed the man of_ ~~the~~ _lawlessness, the son of_ ~~the~~ _ _destruction, **4** the one opposing and exalting himself over every being_called a_god or object_of_worship, so_as him in the temple of_ ~~the~~ **_god** to_sit_down, demonstrating himself that he_is **god**. **5** Not you_all_are_remembering that still being with you_all, these things I_was_saying to_you_all? **6** And now the

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:1.
2 **RV 1:9 · Cross-ref.** Isa 2:10.
3 **RV 2:1 · Cross-ref.** 1Th 4:15-17.
4 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** Dan 11:36; Eze 28:2.

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thing restraining you_all_have_known, in_order that to_be_
_revealed him in the of_him time. **7** For/Because the mystery
already is_working of_ ~~the~~ _lawlessness, only the one
restraining it now there_is, until out_of the_midst it_may_
_become. **8** And then will_be_being_revealed the lawless one,
whom the **master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** will_be_killing with_
_the breath/spirit of_the mouth of_him, and will_be_nullifying
by_the appearing of_the coming of_him, **9** of_whom is ~~the~~
coming, according_to the_working of_ ~~the~~ _Satan/(Sāṭān) in
every power, and signs, and wonders of_falsehood, **10** and in
every seduction of_unrighteousness, in_the ones perishing,
because/for which the love of_the truth not they_received, in_
_order that to_be_saved them. **11** And because_of this, is_
_sending to_them ~~the~~ **god** a_working of_deception, in_order
that to_believe them in_the falsehood, **12** in_order_that may_
_be_judged all the ones not having_believed in_the truth, but
having_taken_pleasure ~~the~~ in_unrighteousness.
13 But we ought to_be_giving_thanks to_ ~~the~~ **_god** always
concerning you_all, brothers having_been_loved by the_
_master, that chose you_all ~~the~~ **god**, from the_beginning to
salvation in the_holiness of_the_**spirit** and faith of_the_truth,
14 to which he_called you_all, through the good_message of_us,
to the_procuring of_the_glory of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous
chosen_one/messiah**. **15** Therefore consequently, brothers,
be_standing_firm and be_taking_hold_of the traditions that
you_all_were_taught, whether by message, or by letter from_
_us. **16** And himself the **master** of_us, **chosen_one/messiah**,
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) and ~~the~~ **god** the father of_us, the one
having_loved us and having_given comfort eternal, and hope
good by grace, **17** might_comfort the hearts, of_you_all and
might_strengthen you_all in every work and message good.

3:1 For/Because_the rest, be_praying, brothers, because/for us,
in_order_that the message of_the **master** may_be_spreading
and may_be_being_glorified, as also with you_all, **2** and in_
_order_that we_may_be_rescued from ~~the~~ perverse and evil
people, because/for not is of_all are the faith. **3** But faithful is
the **master**, who will_be_strengthening you_all, and will_be_
_keeping you_all from the evil one. **4** And we_have_persuaded
in the_**master** to you_all that the things we_are_commanding,
and you_all_are_doing and will_be_doing. **5** And the **master**
might_direct of_you_all the hearts into the love of_ ~~the~~ **_god**,
and into the endurance of_the **chosen_one/messiah**.

6 And we_are_commanding to_you_all, brothers, in the_name
of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, to_be_
_avoiding you_all from every brother lazily walking, and not
according_to the tradition which they_received from us.
7 For/Because yourselves you_all_have_known how it_is_fitting
to_be_imitating us, because not we_loafed among you_all, **8** nor
undeservedly bread we_ate from anyone, but in labour and
hardship, night and day working, in_order that not to_burden
anyone of_you_all. **9** Not that not we_are_having the_right, but

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5 Don't you remember how I told you people this when I was
still with you? **6** Now you know what's restraining him so that
he'll be revealed at the proper time, **7** because the mystery of
lawlessness is already at work, except that it's being restrained
until he's taken out of the middle, **8** and then the lawless man
will be revealed. The **master Yeshua** will kill him with his
breath[5] and neutralise him with the appearance of his coming.
9 The lawless man was coming and working under Satan with his
power and signs and false miracles[6] **10** and with every unright-
eous seduction. These deceive those who are perishing, because
they never had the love for the truth that could have saved
them. **11** That's why **God** is sending deceptive practices to them,
so that they can continue to believe in the falsehood, **12** so that
all of those who didn't believe in the truth, but took pleasure in
wicked actions, will be judged and sentenced.

Keep hold of the truth

13 But brothers and sisters, we here should always be thanking **God** for you who were loved by **Yahweh**. From the beginning God chose you for salvation in the holiness **of the spirit** and faith in the truth **14** which he called you to. That was through the good message that we brought so that you might obtain the power that comes from our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**. **15** So as a result, brothers and sisters, stand firm and keep hold of the practices that we taught you—whether it was spoken or written in our letters.

16 May our **master Messiah Yeshua** and **God** our father who loved us and gives us eternal comfort, and by his grace gives good hope, **17** comfort your minds and strengthen you all in everything you do and every good message you share.

Pray for us as well

3:1 The other thing, brothers and sisters, is to keep praying for us, so that the **master's** message will keep spreading and being honoured, just like it was among you, **2** and so that we might escape from the schemes of perverse and evil people, because not everyone believes this message. **3** But the **master** is faithful and will strengthen you all and will keep you from the evil one. **4** We are confident that with **Yahweh's** help, you are following all of our instructions and will continue to do so.

5 May the **master** direct your thoughts towards **God's** love and **Messiah's** endurance.

The warning against laziness

6 Brothers and sisters, we're instructing you to avoid those who are only lazily living out their faith, and not following the practices that they were taught by us. **7** You yourselves know that it's appropriate to be imitating us, because we didn't loaf when we were among you all, **8** nor did we eat food from anyone that we didn't deserve, but we worked even when it was hard—day and night, so that we wouldn't be a burden on anybody, **9** not that we didn't have the

5 **RV 2:8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 11:4.

6 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:24.

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right, but in order to make ourselves a good example that you could emulate. **10** Even when we were there with you, brothers and sisters, we instructed you that anyone who's not willing to work doesn't deserve to eat.

11 Yes, we've heard that there are some who associate with you, brothers and sisters, who are lazy—not doing any work, but just meddling, **12** so we're instructing those people, and urging them by the authority of **the master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**, to just quietly get down to work, and then they'll have food to eat. **13** But the rest of you, brothers and sisters, don't get discouraged from doing good.

14 And if there's anyone there who won't submit to the contents of this letter, then take note of that person and don't associate with them, in order that they might be persuaded. **15** Don't consider them as an enemy, but reprimand them like you would reprimand a brother or sister.

16 May the **master** of peace himself give **Farewell** all of you peace through everyone and in every way. May the **master be** with all of you.

17 This farewell is in my own handwriting—I'm Paulos, and I do this with every letter I write.

18 May the grace from our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** be with all of you.

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in_order_that ourselves an_example we_may_give to_you_all, in_order that to_be_imitating us. **10** For/Because even when we_were with you_all, this we_were_commanding to_you_all, that if anyone not is_willing to_be_working, not him _let_be_ _eating. **11** For/Because we_are_hearing some are walking among you_all lazily, nothing working, but meddling. **12** And ~~the~~ to_such we_are_commanding and are_exhorting by the_ **_master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, that with quietness working ~~the~~ of_themselves bread they_may_be_ _eating. **13** But you_all, brothers, not may_lose_heart doing_ _good. **14** And if anyone not is_submitting to_the message of_us through ~~the~~ letter, this man be_taking_note, not to_be_ _associating_with with_him, in_order_that he_may_be_swayed. **15** And_yet not as an_enemy be_considering him, but be_ _admonishing him as a_brother.

16 And himself the **master** of_ ~~the~~ _peace, might_give to_you_all ~~the~~ peace through everyone in every manner. The **master** be with all of_you. **17** The greeting ~~the~~ in_my own hand, of_Paulos, which is my_sign in every letter, thus I_am_writing. **18** The grace of_the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, with all of_you.

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Paulos's first letter to the believers in

Korinthos

Introduction

This is Paulos's first letter to the believers in Korinthos that we have in our Bibles, but could easily have been his second letter to them. We deduce this from his reference to other letters, e.g., see https://www.GotQuestions.org/how-many-letters-Corinthians.html, but we don't have copies of them.
In this letter from Paulos to the believers in Korinthos, he wrote about his time preaching in Efesos. He wrote this in order to help with problems experienced by various groups of believers that he founded there in Korinthos.
Korinthos was the mother city of province of Akaia and Akaia was a province of Romai. At that time, Korinthos was a large city that Hellains, Romaios, and Yehudim all lived in, and because it was at the edge of the ocean, many buyers and sellers travelled there to board ships. So the city became famous because of its wealth, and many religions thrived there. There was also a lot of sexual immorality there as well as other ancient traditions. Paulos lived there for almost two years in order to preach, and many people believed (Acts 18).
After around three years had passed while Paulos was there in Efesos preaching, he received a letter from the believers in Korinthos (1 Cor. 7:1). Again he heard about the persecution of the believers and of other problems that faced the assembly of believers. In this letter, he advised them about those, and stressed to need to removal sexual offenders from their assembly. Then he answered questions concerning marriage, widows, spiritual gifts, and the dead coming back to life.
In chapter 13, it tells how love is an amazing gift from God to his people, in fact that's the overall theme of this document.
It's helpful to understand that this letter (and most Biblical documents) were dictated to scribes (who didn't have word processors) so in terms of sentence structure, the discourses are often not edited or placed in their time sequences more correctly as we would do with modern documents, but rather we notice a lot of long, rambling, run-on sentences (like this one) which we sometimes break into shorter sentences to help our readers, but try not to do it too often as it tends to remove the connections between the thoughts and can even lead to the bad habit of people quoting verses out of the context in which they were written.

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, a missionary **of Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) by **God's** will, and from our brother, Sosthenes.

2 It's written to **God's** assembly there in Korinthos[1]—to those believers in **Messiah Yeshua** who've been declared guiltless and who've been called to live holy lives, along with all those who appeal to the power of our and their **master Yeshua Messiah**, everywhere.

3 Grace and peace to you all from **God** our father and from **the master Yeshua Messiah**.

Paulos thanks God for what he's done

4 I always thank my **God** for you because of his grace that he's given you in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)— **5** thanking him that through him, you've all been enriched in every way: in all speech and in all knowledge **6** as our testimony about the **messiah**[2] was confirmed in you all **7** so that you all aren't missing out on any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our **master Yeshua Messiah** to be revealed. **8** He will sustain you to the end, so that you all will be blameless at the return of our **master Yeshua Messiah**. **9** The **God** who called you into fellowship with his son **Yeshua Messiah**, our **master**, is faithful.

Follow Yeshua, not your leaders

10 Now brothers and sisters, I appeal to you in the name of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**, that you all agree together so that there'll be no divisions among you, but rather that you'll be united in your thinking and in your purpose, **11** because, my brothers and sisters, it's been made clear to me by some from Kloe's household, that you are quarrelling among yourselves. **12** What I am talking about is how many of you are claiming that you belong to Paulos's group, for example, or that you belong to Apollos' group,[3] or that you belong to Kefa' (Cephas'; Grk. Kefas') group, or that you belong to **Messiah's** group. **13** Has **the messiah** been divided? Was it Paulos who was executed for you? Or were you immersed in water in the Paulos's name?

14 I thank God that I didn't immerse any of you other than Krispos[4] and Gaios,[5] **15** so that no one can say that I had immersed you into my own name. **16** (Oh yes, I also immersed Stefanas and his household,[6] but I don't think I immersed anyone else.) **17** Because **Messiah** didn't send me to immerse people in water, but to preach the good message—but not with words of wisdom just in case the messiah's execution on the post gets deprived of importance.

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1:1 Paulos, a_called ambassador of_**chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** by the_will of_**god**, and Sōsthena^{y}s, our brother, **2** to_the assembly of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, having_been_sanctified in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, ~~which~~ being in Korinthos, called holy ones, with all the ones calling on_the name of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, in every place, of_them and of_us: **3** grace to_you_all and peace from **god** the_ _father of_us and the_**master Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**.

4 I_am_giving_thanks to_the **god** of_me always concerning you_all, because/for the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ~~which~~ having_been_ _given to_you_all in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, **5** that in everything you_all_were_made_rich in him, in all speech and all knowledge, **6** as the testimony of_the **chosen_one/messiah** was_confirmed in you_all, **7** so_as you_all not to_be_being_ _lacked in nothing a_gift, eagerly_waiting the revelation of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, **8** who also will_ _be_confirming you_all to the_end, unindictable in the day of_ _the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**. **9** Faithful is ~~the~~ **god**, by whom you_all_were_called into fellowship of_the son of_him, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, the **master** of_us.

10 And I_am_exhorting you_all, brothers, by the name of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, in_order_that the same thing you_all_may_be_speaking all, and not may_be among you_all divisions, but you_all_may_be having_been_ _prepared in the same mind and in the same opinion. **11** For/Because it_was_made_evident to_me concerning you_ _all, brothers of_me, by the ones of_Kloa^{y}, that quarrels among you_all are. **12** And I_am_saying this, that each of_you_all is_ _saying: I on_one_hand am of_Paulos: On_the_other_hand I am of_Apollōs: On_the_other_hand I am of_Ka^{y}fas: On_the_other_ _hand I am of_**chosen_one/messiah**. **13** ‹Has_been_divided the **chosen_one/messiah**? Not Paulos was_executed_on_a_stake for you_all, or into the name of_Paulos you_all_were_ _immersed? **14** I_am_giving_thanks that no_one of_you_all I_ _immersed, except ~~not/lest~~ Krispos and Gaios, **15** in_order_that not anyone may_say that into ~~the~~ my name you_all_were_ _immersed. **16** And I_immersed also the of_Stefanas household, furthermore not I_have_known whether any other I_immersed. **17** For/Because not sent_out me **chosen_one/messiah** to_be_ _immersing, but to_be_good_message_preaching, not in wisdom of_message, in_order_that not may_be_voided the stake of_the **chosen_one/messiah**.

1 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:1.

2 **RV 1:6 · Note** Or alternatively: as the messiah's testimony...

3 **RV 1:12 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:24.

4 **RV 1:14 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:8.

5 **RV 1:14 · Cross-ref.** Acts 19:29; Rom 16:23.

6 **RV 1:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 16:15.

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18 The for message ~~which~~ of_the stake, to_the ones on_one_hand perishing foolishness it_is, on_the_other_hand to_the ones being_saved to_us the_power of_**god** it_is. **19** For/Because it_ _has_been_written: I_will_be_destroying the wisdom of_the wise, and the intelligence of_the intelligent I_will_be_rejecting. **20** Where is the_wise? Where is the_scribe? Where is the_ _debater of_ ~~the~~ _age this? Not made_foolish ~~the~~ **god** the wisdom of_the world? **21** For/Because since in the wisdom ~~the~~ of_**god**, not knew the world by its wisdom ~~the~~ **god**, took_ _pleasure ~~the~~ **god** through the foolishness of_the proclamation to_save the ones believing. **22** Since both the_Youdaiōns signs are_requesting, and the_Hellaʸns wisdom are_seeking, **23** but we are_proclaiming **chosen_one/messiah** having_been_ _executed_on_a_stake, to_the_Youdaiōns on_one_hand a_ _offense, on_the_other_hand to_pagans foolishness, **24** but to_ _them the called ones, to_the_Youdaiōns both and to_the_ _Hellaʸns, **chosen_one/messiah** of_**god** the_power, and of_**god** the_wisdom. **25** Because the foolish of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, wiser than ~~the~~ humans is, and the weak of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, stronger than ~~the~~ humans. **26** For/Because you_all_are_seeing the calling of_you_ _all, brothers, that not many wise according_to the_flesh, not many powerful, not many noble. **27** But the foolish things of_ _the world chose ~~the~~ **god**, in_order_that he_may_be_disgracing the wise, and the weak things of_the world chose ~~the~~ **god**, in_ _order_that he_may_be_disgracing the strong, **28** and the insignificant of_the world and the things having_been_scorned chose ~~the~~ **god**, the things not being, in_order_that the things being he_may_nullify, **29** so_that not may_boast all flesh before ~~the~~ **god**. **30** Out_of but him, you_all are in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, who was_become wisdom to_us from **god**, righteousness ~~and/both~~, and holiness, and redemption, **31** in_order_that as it_has_been_written: The one boasting, in the_**master** him _let_be_boasting.

2:1 And_I having_come to you_all, brothers, came not according_to prominence of_speech or wisdom, proclaiming to_you_all the mystery of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. **2** For/Because not I_judged anything to_have_known among you_all, except ~~not/lest~~ **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, and this one having_been_ _executed_on_a_stake. **3** And_I in weakness, and in fear, and in trembling much became with you_all. **4** And the message of_me and the proclamation of_me, not in persuasive of_wisdom messages, but in demonstration of_the_**spirit** and of_power, **5** in_order_that the faith of_you_all, not may_be in wisdom of_ _humans, but in the_power of_**god**.

6 And wisdom we_are_speaking among the mature, but wisdom, not of_ ~~the~~ _age this, nor of_the the_rulers of_ ~~the~~ _age this, the ones being_nullified, **7** but we_are_speaking of_**god**

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The messiah is God's power and wisdom

18 Because the account about the execution on a post seems just stupid to non-believers, but on the contrary to us being saved, it's **God's** power, **19** because it was written:

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and I will nullify the understanding of the intelligent.'[7]

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age?[8] Hasn't **God** turned the wisdom of the world into foolishness?[9]

21 Because since the world, in **God's** wisdom, didn't know about God through their wisdom, **God** was pleased to save those who believe through the 'foolish' message that was preached. **22** Yehudim (Jews) ask for miraculous signs and Hellains (Greeks) search for wisdom, **23** but we preach about how **Messiah** was executed—something the Yehudim can't logic out, and which the Hellains see as total foolishness. **24** Yet to those who God calls, whether Yehudim or Hellains, **Messiah** is both **God's** power and his wisdom, **25** because **God's** foolishness is better than humankind's wisdom, and **God's** weakness is greater than humankind's strength.

26 So brothers and sisters, think about how God called you. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, and not many were of noble birth, **27** but **God** chose the foolish things of the world to shame those considered to be wise, and he chose the weak things of the world to shame those considered to be strong. **28** He chose the lowly and despised things of the world, and the things that are not, to nullify the things that are, **29** so that no human can boast to **God**. **30** But because of him, you are in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), who was made to become wisdom from **God** for us, and to become righteousness, and also sanctification and redemption, **31** so that, as per the scriptures: 'Let anyone who boasts, boast about **Yahweh**.'[10]

Paulos's preaching based on God's power

2:1 Brothers and sisters, when I visited you all, I didn't try to impress you with flowery words or great wisdom when I taught you **about God's** incredible plan, **2** because I had decided in advance to display knowledge about nothing else other than **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** and his execution. **3** And so I came to you all in weakness and fear and with a lot of trembling,[11] **4** and my message and my preaching wasn't delivered with persuasive words of wisdom, but rather demonstrating God's **spirit** and power, **5** so that your faith wouldn't be based on human wisdom, but on **God's** power.

Spiritual vs human wisdom

6 However, when we're with mature believers, we speak wisdom—not the wisdom

7 **RV 1:19 · Cross-ref.** Isa 29:14 (LXX).

8 **RV 1:20 · Cross-ref.** Yob 12:17; Isa 19:12; 33:18.

9 **RV 1:20 · Cross-ref.** Isa 44:25.

10 **RV 1:31 · Cross-ref.** Jer 9:24.

11 **RV 2:3 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:9.

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of this age, and not the wisdom of the rulers of this age who will come to nothing. 7 Instead we speak **about God's** mysterious and hidden wisdom, which he had planned before creation to enable us to enter his kingdom. 8 None of the rulers of this present age understood it, because if they had, they wouldn't have crucified the **master** of that kingdom, 9 but as scripture says:

'No eye has seen and no ear has heard,
and it's never entered any person's mind,
all the things that **God** has prepared for those who love him.'[12]

10 But God has revealed it to us through his **spirit**, because his **spirit** strives to know the meaning of everything, even the deep things **of God**. 11 Yes, what person knows what other people are thinking. Only the spirit of the person themself knows that. So too, no one knows God's thoughts other than God's own spirit. 12 No, we haven't received the world's spirit, but rather **God's** spirit so that we can recognise everything that **God** has freely given to us.

13 We don't speak about these things from our human wisdom, but rather, saying what God's **spirit** teaches—teaching spiritual things from spiritual sources. 14 Secular people don't accept things about **God's spirit** because they seem foolish to them, and they can't understand them because it requires **spiritual** awareness, 15 but spiritual people can discern all these things, even though others can't correctly discern about them. 16 This was stated in scripture:

'Who can understand Yahweh's mind?
Who's able to instruct him?'[13]

But we *do* know the **messiah's** mind!

Build solidly with godly wisdom

3:1 So brothers and sisters, because you were baby Christians when I visited, I wasn't able to speak to you all like spiritual people, but only like worldly people. 2 I gave you all milk to drink, because you weren't ready for solid food, in fact, you still aren't[14] 3 because you're still worldly, because seeing the jealousy and dissension among you tells us that you're all still worldly and just living by human values. 4 Yes, when one person says, 'I follow Paulos,' and another person says, 'I follow Apollos',[15] doesn't that show that you're just worldly?

5 Indeed, who's Apollos? Who's Paulos? We're just servants who brought you all the message when you believed, each one as the **master** led them.[16] 6 I planted the seed[17] and Apollos watered it,[18] but **God** made it grow. 7 That means that neither the

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the_wisdom in a_mystery ~~which~~ having_been_hidden_away, which predetermined ~~the~~ **god** before the ages, because/for the_ _glory of_us, 8 which no_one of_the rulers of_ ~~the~~ _age this has_ _known, because/for if they_knew, not would the **master** of_ ~~the~~ _glory they_executed_on_a_stake, 9 but as it_has_been_ _written: What eye not saw, and ear not heard, and in the_heart of_a_person not went_up, which prepared ~~the~~ **god** for_the ones loving him. 10 To_us for revealed it ~~the~~ **god** through the **spirit**, because/for the **spirit** all things is_searching, even the depths of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 11 For/Because who has_known among_people the things of_the person, except ~~not/lest~~ the spirit of_the person which is in him? Thus also the things of_ ~~the~~ **_god** no_one has_ _known, except ~~not/lest~~ the **spirit** of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 12 And we not the spirit of_the world received, but the **spirit** who is from ~~the~~ **god**, in_order_that we_may_have_known the things by ~~the~~ **god** having_been_granted to_us. 13 Which also we_are_speaking, not in taught of_human wisdom messages, but in those taught of_the_**spirit**, by_spiritual things spiritual things communicating. 14 But the_soulish person, not is_receiving the things of_the **spirit** of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, because/for foolishness to_ _him it_is, and not he_is_able to_know them, because spiritually it_is_being_examined. 15 But the spiritual one is_ _examining the things all, but he by no_one is_being_ _examined. 16 For/Because who knew the_mind of_the_ **_master**, who will_be_teaching him? But we the_mind of_ **_chosen_one/messiah** are_having.

3:1 And_I, brothers, not was_able to_speak to_you_all as to_ _spiritual men, but as to_fleshy men, as to_infants in **chosen_ _one/messiah**. 2 Milk you_all I_gave_to_drink, not food, because/for not_yet you_all_were_able. But neither still now you_all_are_being_able, 3 for/because still fleshly you_all_are. For/Because where among you_all is jealousy and strife, not fleshly you_all_are and according_to human_origin you_all_ _are_walking? 4 For/Because whenever may_be_saying someone: I on_one_hand am of_Paulos, on_the_other_hand another I am of_Apollōs, not humans you_all_are? 5 Therefore what is Apollōs? And what is Paulos? Servants through whom you_all_believed, also to_each as the **master** gave. 6 I planted, Apollōs gave_to_drink, but ~~the~~ **god** was_growing. 7 So_that neither the one planting is anything, nor the one giving_to_ _drink, but the one growing, **god**. 8 The one and planting, and the one giving_to_drink, one are, but each his own reward will_

12 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Isa 64:4.

13 **RV 2:16 · Cross-ref.** Isa 40:13 (LXX).

14 **RV 3:2 · Cross-ref.** Heb 5:12-13.

15 **RV 3:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 1:12.

16 **RV 3:5 · Note** (NEEDS MORE RESEARCH BUT) It seems unclear here who the final part of the verse is referring to: a/ those who brought the message, or b/ those who received it. (We've chosen b/ in the OET-RV rendering.)

17 **RV 3:6 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:4-11.

18 **RV 3:6 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:24-28.

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_be_receiving, according_to his own labour. 9 For/Because of_
_god we_are fellow-workers, of_**god** the_field, of_**god** the_
_building you_all_are. 10 According_to the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god**
~~which~~ having_been_given to_me, as a_wise architect the_
_foundation I_laid, but another is_building_on it. But each let_
_be_seeing, how he_is_building_on. 11 For/Because foundation
another no_one is_able to_lay, beside the one lying, which is
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah. 12 And if anyone
is_building_on on the foundation gold, silver, stones precious,
wood, grass, straw, 13 of_each the work manifest will_be_
_becoming, because/for the day will_be_making_evident it,
because in fire it_is_being_revealed, and of_each his work,
what_kind it_is, the fire itself will_be_approving. 14 If of_
_anyone the work will_be_remaining, which he_built_up, a_
_reward he_will_be_receiving. 15 If of_anyone the work will_be_
_being_burned_up, he_will_be_being_lost, but he will_be_
_being_saved, but thus as through the_fire. 16 Not you_all_
_have_known that temple of_**god** you_all_are, and the **spirit** of_
~~the~~ **_god** is_dwelling in you_all? 17 If anyone the temple of_ ~~the~~ _
_god is_destroying, will_be_destroying this one ~~the~~ **god**,
because/for the temple of_ ~~the~~ **_god** holy is, which are you_all.
18 No_one himself let_be_deceiving, if anyone is_supposing
wise to_be among you_all in ~~the~~ age this, foolish him_let_
_become, in_order_that he_may_become wise. 19 For/Because
the wisdom of_ ~~the~~ _world this, foolishness with ~~the~~ **god** is.
For/Because it_has_been_written: The one catching the wise in
the craftiness of_them he_is. 20 And furthermore: The_**master**
is_knowing the speculations of_the wise, that they_are useless.
21 So_then no_one let_be_boasting in people, because/for all
things of_you_all is, 22 whether Paulos, or Apollōs, or Ka^{y}fas, or
the_world, or life, or death, or having_presented, or coming, all
things of_you_all are, 23 and you_all are of_**chosen_**
_one/messiah, And **chosen_one/messiah** is of_**god**.

4:1 Thus us let_be_counting a_person as attendants of_**chosen_**
_one/messiah, and managers of_the_mysteries of_**god**. 2 Here
furthermore it_is_being_required among the managers that
faithful anyone may_be_found. 3 But to_me to the_least it_is,
in_order_that by you_all I_may_be_examined, or by a_human
day, but neither myself I_am_examining. 4 For/Because
nothing to_myself I_have_become_aware, but not by this I_
_have_been_justified, but the one examining me the_**master** is.
5 So_that not before the_time anything be_judging, until
~~wishfully~~ may_come the **master**, who both will_be_illuminating
the hidden things of_the darkness, and will_be_revealing the
counsels of_the hearts, and then the praise will_be_becoming
to_each from ~~the~~ **god**. 6 But these things, brothers, I_adapted to
myself and Apollōs because_of you_all, in_order_that in us you_
_all_may_learn, ~~the~~ Not beyond what has_been_written, in_
_order_that not one above ~~the~~ one, you_all_be_being_arrogant

19 RV 3:16 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 6:19; 2Cor 6:16.

20 RV 3:19 · Cross-ref. Yob 5:13.

21 RV 3:20 · Cross-ref. Psa 94:11.

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planter or the waterer counts for anything, only the grower, **God**. 8 The planter and the waterer work together, and each of them will be rewarded for their work, 9 because we are **God's** co-workers.

You all are God's field, or in a different image, his building. 10 Using the gifts that **God** has given me as a wise master-builder, I laid down a foundation and then someone else is building on it. But they need to take care **about** how they build on it 11 because no one can lay a different foundation than the one already laid down, and that foundation is **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**. 12 Now if anyone builds on top of the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, 13 then their work will become obvious because it will be revealed on the day of judgement because it will be shown up by fire. The fire will expose what sort of building their work created: 14 if anyone's work that they built survives the fire, those people will be rewarded, 15 but if their work is incinerated, those people will lose out, although they themselves will be saved but as if they've been through the flames.

16 Don't you realise that you yourselves are God's temple, and that God's **spirit** lives inside you all?[19] 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, then **God** will destroy that person because his temple is sacred, as are all of you.

18 Don't let any of you fool yourselves. If anyone of you thinks they're wise by worldly standards, then let those people become 'foolish' so that they really can become wise 19 because this world's wisdom is foolishness with **God**, because as it's written: 'He catches out the wise in their craftiness.'[20] 20 And further: '**Yahweh** knows that the thoughts of wise people are useless.'[21] 21 So then, don't let anyone boast about people, because everything already belongs to all of you. 22 Don't boast about Paulos or Apollos or Kefa (Cephas; Grk. Kefas), or the world or life or death, or the present or the future. All of them belong to you, 23 and you belong to **Messiah**, and **Messiah** belongs to **God**.

Status of the missionaries

4:1 So then, people should regard us as servants **of Messiah** and as stewards of **God's** mysteries. 2 What's more, stewards are expected to be trustworthy. 3 But it makes virtually no difference to me whether I'm being judged by you all, or by a human court, because I don't even judge myself. 4 Yes, my conscience is clear, but that won't mean that I'm declared 'not guilty', because it's **Yahweh** who'll be examining me. 5 So don't make judgements ahead of time, but wait until the **master** comes—the one who'll bring to light what's hidden in the darkness, and who will expose people's true motives. At that time, **God** will praise each person who's acted faithfully.

6 Now brothers and sisters, I applied these things to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that through us you all might learn

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this: 'Not beyond what is written,' so that no one would be puffed up in favour of one against the other, **7** because who makes you better than others? What do you have that wasn't given to you? And if it was given to you, why would you boast as if it hadn't been given to you?

8 Are you all full already? Have you all already become rich? You think you're kings already, and don't need us—I wish you all were really reigning as kings, so we could reign with you, **9** because it seems that **God** has exhibited us missionaries last of all, as if sentenced to death—because we have become a spectacle to the world—both to God's messengers and to men. **10** We appear as fools for **Messiah's** sake, but you all are wise in **Messiah**. We are weak, but you all are strong. You all are honoured, but we are dishonoured. **11** Right up to the present time, we're hungry and thirsty, we're poorly clothed and brutally beaten, and we're homeless **12** and working hard—working with our own hands.[22] When people curse us, we bless them, and when they persecute us, we put up with it. **13** When people slander us, we answer gently. We've become like the scum of the world, the world's trash, even until now.

14 I'm not writing this to shame you all, but to correct you as if you were my own dear children, **15** because if you all would have thousands of guardians in **Messiah**, yet you wouldn't have many 'fathers', because I fathered you in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) by means of the good message. **16** That's why I urge you all to imitate me,[23] **17** and that's why I sent Timotheos to visit you. He's like my own dear son in **Yahweh**, and he'll remind you all about my ways in **Messiah Yeshua**, just like I teach everywhere in every church.

18 Now some of you have become arrogant, as if I'm not able to come back to see you all, **19** but if the **master** allows it, I'll come and visit you all again soon. Then I won't just see what any puffed-up people are *saying*, but I'll also see what *power* they have, **20** because **God's** kingdom isn't just mere words, but it's a demonstration of power. **21** What would you all prefer: should I come to you all with a rod, or come with love and a gentle spirit?

Expelling the sexually immoral

5:1 Actually, we've been hearing that there's sexual immorality there among you all, and so bad that even non-believers don't do it: a man is sleeping with his step-mother![24] **2** Then instead of being upset, you all seem proud of it. This man should have been expelled out of your group, **3** because even though I'm not there physically, I am present in the spirit, and I've already made my judgement about the man who's doing this, as if I were present. **4** When you assemble together in the name of our **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), my spirit is there along with the **master Yeshua's** power, **5** then you should hand this man over to Satan to punish his body, so that his spirit can be saved for when the **master** re-

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against the other. **7** For/Because who you is_distinguishing? And what you_are_having which not you_received? And if also you_received, why you_are_boasting as not having_received? **8** Already having_been_satiated you_all_are, already you_all_ _became_rich, apart_from us you_all_reigned, and I_wish surely you_all_reigned, in_order_that also we with_you_all may_reign_ _with. **9** For/Because I_am_supposing ~~the~~ **god** us ~~the~~ ambassadors last demonstrated, as sentenced_to_death, because a_theatre we_were_become to_the world, both to_ _messengers and to_humans. **10** We are foolish because_of **chosen_one/messiah**, but you_all prudent in **chosen_ _one/messiah**, we are weak, but you_all are strong, you_all are glorious, but we dishonourable. **11** Until the now hour, both we_are_hungering and we_are_thirsting, and we_are_poorly_ _clothed, and we_are_being_beaten, and we_are_wandering, **12** and we_are_labouring, working with_our own hands. Being_ _insulted, we_are_blessing, being_persecuted, we_are_ _tolerating, **13** being_defamed, we_are_imploring, as the_scum of_the world we_were_become, of_all things refuse until now. **14** Not swaying you_all I_am_writing these things, but as children of_me beloved, I_am_admonishing. **15** For/Because if ten_thousand tutors you_all_may_be_having in **chosen_ _one/messiah**, but not many fathers, because/for in **chosen_ _one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** through the good_ _message, I you_all bore. **16** Therefore I_am_exhorting you_all, imitators of_me be_becoming. **17** Because_of this I_sent to_you_ _all Timotheos, who is of_me the_child, beloved and faithful in the_**master**, who you_all will_be_reminding of_the ways of_me ~~which~~ in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous**, as everywhere in every assembly I_am_teaching. **18** When not and coming of_me to you_all, were_arrogant some. **19** But I_will_be_coming quickly to you_all, if the **master** may_will, and I_will_be_knowing, not the speech of_the ones having_been_arrogant, but their power. **20** For/Because not in message the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is, but in power. **21** What you_all_are_wanting? With a_rod I_may_ _come to you_all, or in love, and a_spirit of_gentleness?

5:1 Actually is_being_heard among you_all sexual_immorality, and such sexual_immorality which is not_even among the pagans, so_as the_wife someone of_his father to_be_having. **2** And you_all having_been_arrogant are, and not rather you_ _all_mourned, in_order_that may_be_taken_away out_of midst of_you_all the one, ~~the~~ work this having_done. **3** I for on_one_ _hand being_absent ~~the~~ in_body, on_the_other_hand being_ _present ~~the~~ in_spirit, already have_judged as being_present, the one thus this having_produced. **4** In the name of_the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** having_been_gathered_ _together you_all and ~~which~~ of_mine in_spirit, with the power of_the **master** of_us **Yaʸsous**, **5** to_give_over ~~the~~ such one to_ ~~the~~ _Satan/(Sāṭān) for the_destruction of_his flesh, in_order_that his spirit may_be_saved in the day of_the of_**master**. **6** Not

22 **RV 4:12 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:3.

23 **RV 4:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 11:1; Php 3:17.

24 **RV 5:1 · Cross-ref.** Deu 22:30.

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good is the boast of_you_all. Not you_all_have_known that a_
_little leaven, all the lump is_leavening? **7** Clean_out the old
leaven, in_order_that you_all_may_be a_new lump, as you_all_
_are unleavened. For/Because also the passover_feast of_us
was_sacrificed, **chosen_one/messiah**. **8** So_that we_may_be_
_feasting, not with leaven old, nor with leaven of_malice and
wickedness, but with unleavened bread of_sincerity and of_
_truth. **9** I_wrote to_you_all in my letter, not to_be_associating_
_with with_the_sexually_immoral, **10** not certainly with_the
sexually_immoral of_ ~~the~~ _world this, or with_the coveters and
swindling, or idolaters, because you_all_were_ought
consequently out_of the world to_come_out. **11** But now I_
_wrote to_you_all not to_be_associating_with anyone if any
brother being_named may_be sexually_immoral, or a_coveter,
or an_idolater, or an_insulter, or a_drunkard, or a_swindler, ~~the~~
with_such not to_be_eating_with. **12** For/Because what is_it to_
_me the ones outside to_be_judging? Not the ones inside you_
_all are_judging? **13** But the ones outside ~~the~~ **god** will_be_
_judging. Expel the evil man from of_you_all yourselves.

6:1 Is_daring anyone of_you_all, a_matter having against ~~the~~
another, to_be_being_judged before the unrighteous, and not
before the holy ones? **2** Or not you_all_have_known that the
holy ones the world will_be_judging? And if by you_all is_
_being_judged the world, unworthy you_all_are of_the_courts
of_the_least? **3** Not you_all_have_known that messengers we_
_will_be_judging, surely_not surely the_living things? **4** The_
_living things therefore indeed courts if you_all_may_be_
_having, the ones having_been_scorned in the assembly, these
you_all_are_sitting_down? **5** For/Because shame to_you_all I_
_am_saying. Thus not there_is among you_all no_one wise, who
will_be_able to_distinguish among your_midst of_the brother
of_him? **6** But brother with brother is_being_judged, and this
before unbelievers? **7** Already therefore indeed actually a_loss
for_you_all it_is, that lawsuits you_all_are_having with
yourselves. For/Because_reason why not rather you_all_are_
_being_wronged? For/Because_reason why not rather you_all_
_are_being_defrauded? **8** But you_all are_doing_wrong and are_
_defrauding, and this to_your_brothers. **9** Or not you_all_have_
_known that the_unrighteous of_**god** the_kingdom not will_be_
_inheriting? Not be_being_deceived, neither the_sexually_
_immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor
sodomisers, **10** nor thieves, nor coveters, not drunkards, not
insulters, not swindlers, the_kingdom of_**god** will_be_
_inheriting. **11** And these things some you_all_were, but you_
_all_washed_away, but you_all_were_sanctified, but you_all_
_were_justified, in the name of_the **master
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, and by the **spirit**
of_the **god** of_us.

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turns.

6 It isn't good how you all boast. Don't you realise that a little bit of yeast can raise a whole loaf of bread?[25] **7** Get rid of the old yeast so that you'll all become fresh dough, just as you are unleavened bread. Because **Messiah**, our Passover lamb, has also been sacrificed[26] **8** so that we can be feasting, not with old yeast or with yeast of evil and wickedness, but with unleavened bread of sincerity and of truth.[27]

9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people, **10** but certainly not meaning worldly people who are sexually immoral or swindlers or idolaters, because that would mean that you'd all have to leave this world. **11** No, I'm writing to tell you all not to associate with any so-called believer who's sexually immoral or greedy or an idolater or verbally abusive or a drunkard or a swindler. Don't even have a meal with such a person.

12 Why would it be my job to judge outsiders—no, shouldn't it be those *inside* the assemblies that you judge? **13** **God** will judge the outsiders, but: 'Expel evil people from among yourselves.'[28]

Lawsuits among believers

6:1 If anyone among you all has a case against another believer, how dare they go to a secular court in front of an unbelieving judge instead of to believers. **2** Don't you realise that in the future, believers will judge the world, and if the world's going to be judged by all of you, surely you're competent enough now to judge smaller cases? **3** Don't you realise that we'll judge God's messengers? So surely we can judge things of this life? **4** So then, if you have legal disputes about things of this life, why do you appoint people with no standing in the assembly as judges? **5** I say that to your shame. Don't you have anyone among you all who can arbitrate between believers? **6** But instead, one believer goes to court against another, and it's in front of unbelievers!

7 Actually, you're all disgraced already for having lawsuits among yourselves. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? **8** But you're all wronging and cheating others, including fellow believers.

9 Or don't you all know that those who disobey **God** won't inherit his kingdom? Don't let yourselves be deceived: those who are sexually immoral or idolaters or adulterers, or men who submit to or perform homosexual acts, **10** or thieves or the greedy, or drunkards or slanderers or swindlers, will inherit **God's** kingdom. **11** Now some of you all were like that, but now you've been washed and declared guiltless, and been declared innocent by the authority of the **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**, and by our **god's spirit**.

25 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Gal 5:9.

26 **RV 5:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:5.

27 **RV 5:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 13:7; Deu 16:3.

28 **RV 5:13 · Cross-ref.** Deu 13:5; 17:7 (LXX).

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Avoid sexual immorality

12 Some might say, 'Everything is permissible for me,' but not everything is beneficial. Everything might be permissible for me, but I don't want those things to have control over me.[29] 13 You might say, 'Food is for the stomach, and the stomach for food,' but **God** will eventually abolish them both. Also, the body is not meant to be used for sexual immorality, but rather, for the **master**, and the **master** for the body. 14 Actually, **God** made the **master** come alive again, and by his power, he'll also do that for us.

15 Surely you all know that your bodies are parts of **messiah's** body? Because of that, you shouldn't take your body back and then join it to a prostitute's body. May it never happen! 16 Or don't you know that having sex with a prostitute is a joining together, because it says: 'The two will become one body.'[30] 17 But a person joining with the **master**, becomes one spirit with him.

18 Don't just walk away from sexual immorality, but *run away* from it, because other forms of disobeying God are outside the body, but sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. 19 Surely you all know that your body is a temple of the holy **spirit** who comes from **God** and lives within you.[31] No, you don't actually own yourselves 20 because a price was paid to buy you, so honour **God** with your bodies.

Advice concerning marriage

7:1 Now concerning what you all wrote to me: "It's good for a man not to touch a woman." 2 However, because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. 3 Both husbands and wives have a marital duty to each other in terms of sexual needs: 4 wives' bodies belong to their husbands, not to themselves, and similarly, husbands' bodies belong to their wives, not to themselves. 5 Don't deprive each other, except by mutual agreement so that you may devote yourselves to prayer for an agreed time, and then be together again, so that Satan can't easily tempt you all because of your lack of self-control.

6 But that isn't a command—I'm only suggesting that it's good to do,[32] 7 and I wish everyone could be like me. But each person has their own gift from **God**—one has such-and-such a gift while someone else has a different one.

8 Now to the unmarried and to the widows I say that it's good if they remain like me,[33] 9 but if they don't have self-control, they should marry because it's better to marry than to burn with sexual desire.

10 Now I (well, not I, but the **master**) command married people that a wife is not to be separated from her husband[34] 11 (but even if she might be separated, let her remain unmarried, or let

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12 All things to_me is_permitting, but not all things is_
_benefitting. All things to_me is_permitting, but not I will_be_
_being_mastered by anything. 13 The foods for_the belly, and
the belly for_the foods, but ~~the~~ **god** both this and these will_be_
_nullifying. And the body is not ~~the~~ for_sexual_immorality, but
for_the **master**, and the **master** for_the body. 14 And ~~the~~ **god**
both the **master** raised, and us will_be_raising_up, by the
power of_him. 15 Not you_all_have_known that the bodies of_
_you_all members of_**chosen_one/messiah** is? Therefore
having_taken_away the members of_the **chosen_one/messiah**,
I_may_make them of_a_prostitute members? Never it_might_
_become. 16 Or not you_all_have_known that the one being_
_joined_together to_the one, prostitute body is? For/Because
will_be, he_is_saying: the two into one flesh. 17 But the one
being_joined_together to_the one, **master** spirit is. 18 Be_
_fleeing ~~the~~ sexual_immorality. Every sin which if may_practice
a_person outside the body is, but the one committing_sexual_
_immorality against his own body is_sinning. 19 Or not you_all_
_have_known that the body of_you_all, a_temple of_the in you_
_all holy **spirit** is, of_whom you_all_are_having from **god**? And
not you_all_are of_yourselves, 20 for/because you_all_were_
_bought with_a_price, glorify indeed ~~the~~ **god** in the body of_
_you_all.

7:1 And concerning of_what things you_all_wrote, good it_is
for_a_man, against_a_woman not to_be_touching. 2 But
because_of ~~the~~ sexual_immorality, each man the of_himself wife
let_be_having, and each woman her own husband let_be_
_having. 3 To_the wife the husband the obligation let_be_
_giving_back, and likewise also the wife to_the husband. 4 The
wife over_her own body not is_having_authority, but the
husband, and likewise, also the husband over_his own body not
is_having_authority, but the wife. 5 Not be_defrauding one_
_another, if surely_not ~~wishfully~~ by harmonious for a_time, in_
_order_that you_all_may_have_leisure ~~the~~ for_prayer, and again
with the same you_all_may_be, in_order_that not may_be_
_tempt you_all ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān), because_of the intemperance
of_you_all. 6 But this I_am_saying by concession, not by
command. 7 I_am_wanting and all people to_be as even myself.
But each his_own is_having gift from **god**, the one on_one_
_hand thus, on_the_other_hand the one thus. 8 But I_am_saying
to_the unmarried and to_the widows, good it_is for_them ~~if~~
they_may_remain as also_I. 9 But if not they_are_controlling
themselves, them_let_marry, because/for better it_is to_marry,
than to_be_being_burning. 10 But to_the ones having_married,
I_am_commanding (not I, but the **master**), the_wife from the_
_husband not to_be_separated 11 (and if also she_may_be_
_separated, let_be_remaining unmarried or to_the husband her
_let_be_reconciled) and the_husband the_wife not to_be_
_sending_away. 12 But to_the rest am_saying (I, not the

29 **RV 6:12 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 10:23.

30 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:24.

31 **RV 6:19 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 3:16; 2Cor 6:16.

32 **RV 7:6 · Note** It's not clear here whether Paul is referring back to marriage here (v2), or to abstaining from sex to focus on praying (v5).

33 **RV 7:8 · Note** This is intentionally left ambiguous because we can't be certain what Paul meant here.

34 **RV 7:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:32; 19:9; Mrk 10:11-12; Luk 16:18.

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master), if any brother a_wife is_having unbelieving, and this woman is_consenting to_be_dwelling with him, not him _let_ _be_leaving her. **13** And a_woman who is_having a_husband unbelieving, and this one is_consenting to_be_dwelling with her, not her _let_be_leaving the husband. **14** For/Because has_ _been_sanctified the husband ~~the~~ unbelieving by the wife, and has_been_sanctified the wife ~~the~~ unbelieving by the brother, otherwise consequently the children of_you_all unclean is, but now holy it_is. **15** But if the unbeliever is_being_separated, him _let_be_being_separated. Not has_been_enslaved the brother or the sister in ~~the~~ such matters, but in peace has_called us ~~the~~ **god**. **16** For/Because how you_have_known, wife, whether the husband you_will_be_saving? Or how you_have_known, husband, ~~if~~ the wife you_will_be_saving?

17 Except ~~not/lest~~ to_each as has_allotted the **master**, each as has_called the **god**, thus him _let_be_walking. And thus in the assemblies all I_am_directing. **18** Having_been_circumcised anyone was_called? Not him _let_be_uncircumcised. In uncircumcision has_been_called anyone? Not him _let_be_ _being_circumcised. **19** ~~The~~ circumcision nothing is, and ~~the~~ uncircumcision nothing is, but keeping of_the_commands of_ **_god**. **20** Each in the calling in_which he_was_called, in this him _let_be_remaining. **21** Slave you_were_called? Not to_you it _ _let_be_caring, but if also you_are_being_able free to_become, rather resort_to it. **22** For/Because the one in the_**master** having_been_called a_slave, a_freedman of_the_**master** is, likewise the free man having_been_called, a_slave is of_ **_chosen_one/messiah**. **23** With_a_price you_all_were_bought, not be_becoming slaves of_people. **24** Each in that he_was_ _called, brothers, in this him _let_be_remaining with **god**.

25 And concerning the virgins, a_command of_the_**master** not I_am_having, but opinion I_am_giving, as having_been_shown_ _mercy by the_**master**, trustworthy to_be. **26** Therefore I_am_ _thinking this good to_be_being because_of the having_ _presented necessity, that good it_is for_a_man ~~which~~ thus to_ _be. **27** You_have_been_bound to_a_wife? Not be_seeking divorced. You_have_been_untied/released from a_wife? Not be_ _seeking a_wife. **28** But if also you_may_marry, not you_sinned. And if may_marry the virgin, not she_sinned. But tribulation in_the flesh will_be_having ~~the~~ such, and I from_you_all am_ _sparing. **29** But this I_am_saying, brothers, the season having_ _been_shortened is. For/Because_the rest, in_order_that even the ones having wives, as not having may_be, **30** and the ones weeping, as not weeping, and the ones rejoicing, as not rejoicing, and the ones buying, as not keeping, **31** and the ones using the world, as not excessively_using it, because/for is_ _passing_away the form of_ ~~the~~ _world this. **32** But I_am_ _wanting you_all unanxious to_be. The unmarried is_caring_for

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her be reconciled to the husband), and a husband is not to divorce a wife.

12 But to the rest I say (I, not the **master**) that if any believing husband has an unbelieving wife and she agrees to live with him, he shouldn't divorce her. **13** Similarly, if any woman has an unbelieving husband and he agrees to live with her, she shouldn't divorce him. **14** You see, the unbelieving husband is exposed to faith through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is exposed to faith through the believing husband, otherwise your children would be 'defiled', but now they are declared innocent. **15** But if the unbeliever departs, let that person go. In such cases, the believing spouse is not tied down to serving their departed spouse, but rather **God** has called us to peace. **16** You see, how do you know, woman, whether you will cause your husband to be saved? Or how do you know, man, whether you will cause your wife to be saved?

Sticking to your social position

17 Nevertheless, each person should live according to how the **master** has assigned them and how **God** has called them. That's what I teach in all the assemblies. **18** Anyone who was called and who was previously circumcised, shouldn't become 'uncircumcised'. Anyone who was called who was uncircumcised, shouldn't get circumcised. **19** Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but obeying **God's** commands is what counts. **20** Each person should maintain the position they were in when they were called: **21** Were you a slave when you were called? Don't be concerned about that (but indeed, if you're able to become free, then take the opportunity) **22** because anyone who was a slave when they were called by **Yahweh** is free in **Yahweh's** sight. Conversely, anyone who was free when they were called is the **messiah's** slave. **23** You all were bought by God for a price, so don't become slaves of people. **24** Again brothers and sisters, each person should remain in the position they were in when they were called, but now serving **God**.[35]

Suggestions about the unmarried and about widows

25 Now concerning unmarried women, I don't have instructions from **Yahweh** but I'll give my opinions as someone who's trustworthy thanks to **Yahweh's** mercy.

26 Therefore, I think it's good because of the distress that's about to come, that people should stay as they are currently. **27** If you're married, then don't try to get out of it. If you're not committed, don't look for a spouse. **28** But if a single guy or single girl get married, that's not a sin, but they'll likely face difficult circumstances and I'm trying to spare you from that.

29 But brothers and sisters, I will say this: the time is short, so from now on, even those who are married should live as if they're not. **30** Those who are mourning should act as if they're not, those who are celebrating should act as if they're not, and those who are buying act as if they don't own anything, **31** and those who are using this world, as if they're not using it, because

35 **RV 7:24 · Cross-ref.** 7:20.

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the present form of this world will soon pass away.

32 But I'd like you to be free from concern. Single men are concerned about things of the **master**—pleasing the **master**— 33 but married men are concerned about worldly affairs—wanting to please their wives—so they're divided. And unmarried or single women 34 are concerning about things of the **master**—so that both their bodies and their spirits can be separate from the world—but married women are concerned about worldly affairs—wanting to please their husbands.

35 Now I said all that for your benefit—not to load you all with rules, but to act in ways that are appropriate and devoted to the **master** without any distractions.

36 However, if a man thinks he's made the wrong decisions about his unmarried woman,[36] if she's reached the age of marriage and it should proceed, then he should do what he planned—he's not sinning—they should get married. 37 But if the man has made up his mind and isn't forced, but makes his own decision, and he's firmly decided to keep his own woman unmarried, then that would also be a good decision. 38 That way, anyone allowing his unmarried woman to marry does well, but anyone who doesn't, makes a better decision.

39 A wife is committed to her husband as long as he lives, but if he passes away, she's free to marry anyone she wants to, as long as he's a believer. 40 However, in my opinion, she'd be happier if she didn't marry again, and I think it's **God's spirit** that wants me to say that.

Behaviour about food offered to idols

8:1 Now, concerning food that's been sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have 'knowledge'—knowledge breeds conceit but love gives inner strength. 2 Anyone who thinks they know something usually doesn't know what they don't know, 3 but anyone who loves **God** is known by God.

4 Now back to eating food that's been offered to idols, we know that there's only one **God** and so worldly idols are really nothing at all. 5 Even though there are many so-called 'gods' and 'masters' said to live in the heavens or earth, 6 we know there's only one **God**, who is the Father who created everything and we exist to honour him. And we only have one **master**, **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** who created everything and is also the source of our existence.

7 But not everyone knows this. Some people have been so used to trusting idols that even now as believers when they eat food that's been sacrificed to idols, they still think it's wrong and so their weak consciences become defiled. 8 But food doesn't bring us closer **to God**—what we eat makes us no better or worse off spiritually.

9 However, be careful in case your freedom becomes a reason that weaker believers might get confused and stumble in their spiritual walk. 10 Yes, if someone with a weaker conscience sees

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the things of_the **master**, how he_may_bring_pleasure to_the **master**, 33 but the one having_married is_caring_for the things of_the world, how he_may_bring_pleasure to_the wife, and has_ _been_divided. Both the woman ~~the~~ unmarried and the virgin 34 ~~the~~ unmarried is_caring_for the things of_the **master**, in_ _order_that she_may_be holy, both in_the body and the spirit, but the woman having_married is_caring_for the things of_the world, how she_may_bring_pleasure to_the husband. 35 And this for the thing of_you_all yourselves benefit I_am_saying, not in_order_that a_noose on_you_all I_may_put_on, but for what is proper and devoted to_the **master** undistractedly. 36 But if anyone to_be_dishonouring to the virgin of_him is_ _thinking, if she_may_be beyond_marriable_age and thus it_ _ought to_be_becoming, what he_is_willing him _let_be_doing, not is_sinning, them _let_be_marrying. 37 But he_who has_ _stood in the heart of_him firm, not having necessity, and authority is_having concerning his own will, and this has_ _judged in his own heart, to_be_keeping the of_himself virgin, well will_be_doing. 38 So_that both the one betrothing the of_ _himself virgin, well is_doing, and the one not betrothing, better will_be_doing. 39 A_wife has_been_bound for as_long_as time is_living the husband of_her, but if may_be_fallen_asleep the husband, free she_is to_whom she_is_willing to_be_ _married, only in the_**master**. 40 But more_blessed she_is, if thus she_may_remain, according_to ~~the~~ my opinion, and am_ _supposing also_I, the_**spirit** of_**god** to_be_having.

8:1 And concerning the idol_sacrificed things, we_have_known that all knowledge we_are_having. ~~The~~ knowledge is_making_ _arrogant, but ~~the~~ love is_building. 2 If anyone is_supposing to_ _have_known anything, not_yet knew as it_is_fitting to_know. 3 But if anyone is_loving ~~the~~ **god**, this one has_been_known by him. 4 Concerning the therefore food of_the idol_sacrificed things, we_have_known that nothing is an_idol in the_world, and that there_is not_one **god** except ~~not/lest~~ one. 5 For/Because even if_indeed there_are being_called gods, whether in heaven or on earth, as there_are gods many and masters many, 6 but to_us one **god** the father, of whom are the things all, and we in him, and one **master**, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʿa) chosen_one/messiah**, by whom are the things all, and we through him. 7 But not in all is ~~the~~ knowledge, but some ~~the~~ by_custom until now of_the idol, as an_idol_sacrificed thing are_eating food, and the conscience of_ _them weak being, is_being_defiled. 8 But food us not will_be_ _presenting to_ ~~the~~ _**god**, neither if not we_may_eat, we_are_ _being_deficient. nor if we_may_eat, we_are_being_plentiful, 9 But be_watching_out lest somehow ~~the~~ right of_you_all this, a_stumbling may_become to_the weak. 10 For/Because if anyone may_see you the one having knowledge in an_idol_ _shrine reclining, not the conscience of_him weak being, will_ _be_being_built, in_order that the idol_sacrificed things to_be_ _eating? 11 for/because is_being_destroyed the one faltering in the your knowledge, the brother, because/for/because whom

36 **RV 7:36-38 · Note** Yes, 'his unmarried woman' sounds strange, but it's not certain here (and in the next two verses) if Paul is writing about a father and *his unmarried daughter who's engaged*, or about an engaged man deciding about *his fiancée*.

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chosen_one/messiah died_off. **12** And thus sinning against the brothers, and wounding of_them the conscience faltering, against **chosen_one/messiah** you_all_are_sinning.
13 Therefore_even if food is_stumbling the brother of_me, by_ _no_means not I_may_eat meats to the age, in_order_that not the brother of_me I_may_stumble.

9:1 Not I_am free? Not I_am an_ambassador? Not **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** the **master** of_us I_have_seen? Not the work of_me you_all are in the_**master**? **2** If to_others not I_am an_ambassador, but surely to_you_all I_am, because/for the seal of_me of_the commission, you_all are in the_**master**. **3** ~~The~~ my defense to_the ones me examining is this: **4** not not we_are_ _having right to_eat and to_drink? **5** Not not we_are_having right a_sister, a_wife to_be_taking_along, as also the other ambassadors, and the brothers of_the **master**, and Ka^{y}fas? **6** Or only I and Barnabas, not are_having right not to_be_working? **7** Who is_soldiering to_his_own support once? Who is_planting a_vineyard, and the fruit of_it not is_eating? Or who is_ _shepherding a_flock, and of the milk of_the flock, not is_ _eating? **8** Not according_to human_origin, these things I_am_ _speaking, or also the law these things not is_saying? **9** For/Because in the of_Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) law, it_has_been_ _written: Not will_be_muzzling an_ox threshing. Not for_the oxen is_caring ~~the~~ with_**god**? **10** Or because_of us certainly he_ _is_speaking? Because_of for us it_was_written that ought in hope the one plowing to_be_plowing, and the one threshing in hope ~~which~~ to_be_partaking. **11** If we to_you_all ~~the~~ spiritual things sowed, a_great thing if we from_you_all ~~the~~ material things will_be_reaping it_is? **12** If others of_the over_you_all authority are_partaking, not rather we? But not we_resorted to_ ~~the~~ _authority this, but all things we_are_enduring, in_ _order_that not any hindrance we_may_give to_the good_ _message of_the **chosen_one/messiah**. **13** Not you_all_have_ _known that the ones in_the sacred working, of the temple are_ _eating, the ones to_the altar attending, in_the altar are_ _partaking? **14** Thus also the **master** directed to_the ones the good_message proclaiming, of the good_message to_be_living. **15** But I not have_resorted to_nothing of_these things. Not and I_wrote these things, in_order_that thus it_may_become with me, because/for good it_is for_me rather to_die_off, than the boast of_me no_one will_be_emptying. **16** For/Because if I_ _may_be_good_message_preaching, not there_is to_me boast, because/for necessity on_me is_imposing, woe for to_me is, if not I_may_be_good_message_preaching. **17** For/Because if willingly this I_am_doing, a_reward I_am_having, but if unwillingly, a_management I_have_been_entrusted.
18 Therefore what of_me is the reward? In_order_that good_ _message_preaching without_charge, I_will_be_presenting the good_message, in_order that not to_excessively_resort to_the authority of_me in the good_message. **19** For/Because free

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you eating at a place with an idol, they might be encouraged to eat food that's offered to idols against their conscience, **11** thus this weaker believer who **the messiah** also died for, might end up being destroyed. **12** If you end up sinning against other believers and wounding their weak consciences, you sin against **Messiah**. **13** Therefore, if food might cause a fellow believer to stumble, I'll certainly never eat meat, so that I won't cause them to stumble.

The missionary's responsibilities

9:1 Aren't I free? Aren't I a missionary? Haven't I seen **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) our **master**? Aren't you all the result of my work for **Yahweh**? **2** If I'm not a missionary to others, at least I am to all of you, because you're **the** proof that I'm a missionary for **Yahweh**.
3 That's my defence to those who are questioning my role.
4 Don't we have a right to eat and drink? **5** Don't we have a right to take along a believing wife like the rest of the missionaries and the **master's** brothers and Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros)? **6** Or it is only Barnabas and I who have to work to support ourselves? **7** What soldier has to pay his own expenses? Who plants a vineyard and isn't allowed to eat its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and isn't allowed to drink the milk they produce?
8 Am I just saying this from a human perspective? Doesn't Mosheh's (Moses') law also teach that? **9** He wrote in those laws: 'Don't prevent the ox from eating when it's working to thresh the grain.'[37] **10** Isn't he saying that on *our* behalf? Yes, it was written for our sake saying that anyone who's ploughing a field should expect to be paid, and anyone who threshes the grain should expect a share of the harvest. **11** If we sowed spiritual things among you, is it too much to expect a material 'harvest' from you?[38] **12** If other people have the right to this kind of support, don't we have a greater right?
But we never took advantage of that right—instead we endured everything so that we wouldn't do anything to hinder the **messiah's** good message from spreading. **13** Don't you know that the temple workers eat from the temple budget, and those who work at the altar receive a portion of what's offered?[39] **14** Similarly, the **master** even instructed that anyone who preaches the good message should be able to make their living off it.[40]
15 But I haven't taken advantage of any of those rights, and even now, I'm not writing this to ask for material support for myself—I'd rather die than have someone deprive me of this reason for boasting. **16** And yet, when I preach the good message, it doesn't give me any good reason to boast because I'm actually *obligated* to do it—I wouldn't end well if I didn't preach the good message **17** because if I do it willingly, I'll have a reward, but if it's done unwillingly, I'd be shirking the responsibility entrusted to me. **18** So, what's my reward? It's preaching the good message

37 RV 9:9 · Cross-ref. Deu 25:4; 1Tim 5:18.

38 RV 9:11 · Cross-ref. Rom 15:27.

39 RV 9:13 · Cross-ref. Deu 18:1.

40 RV 9:14 · Cross-ref. Mat 10:10; Luk 10:7.

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and the privilege of doing it free of charge, so as not to take advantage of the right that the good message gives me.

19 Although I have no obligation to any person, I made myself a slave of everyone in order to win over as many as possible. **20** To the Yehudim (Jews), I behave like the Yehudi (Jew) that I am in order to win them. To those under the traditional rules, I behave like one of them (although I myself am not under those rules) in order to win them over. **21** To those outside our religious rules, I behave like them (although not so far as to disobey **God's** law, because I'm under **Messiah's** law) in order to win them over. **22** To the weak, I become weak to win them over. Yes, I've become all things to all people so[41] that I might be certain of saving some.

23 I do all that for the sake of the good message, so that I'll share in its blessings. **24** Surely you all know that all the participants in a race run, but only one of them gets the prize? Run in such a way that you get the prize. **25** But everyone who competes has to exercise self-control in every aspect. They do it in order to win a wreath that'll quickly wilt, but we work towards one that never deteriorates. **26** That's why I don't run aimlessly and don't box like someone punching the air, **27** but I discipline my body and make it serve me, because after preaching to others, I don't want to end up disqualified myself.

Learn from history

10:1 Now brothers and sisters, I don't want you all to be ignorant about how our Jewish ancestors sheltered under the cloud[42] and then they all passed through the sea,[43] **2** so they were all immersed 'into Mosheh' (Moses) in both the cloud and the sea. **3** They all ate the same supernatural food[44] **4** and they all drank the same supernatural drink, because they drank from a supernatural rock that followed them,[45] and that rock was the **messiah**. **5** Despite that, **God** wasn't very happy with most of them, and they ended up dying in the wilderness.[46]

6 Those things back then became examples for us, so that we wouldn't be desiring evil things like they did.[47] **7** Don't worship idols like some of them did, as it's written: 'The people sat down to eat and drink and then stood up to dance to the golden calf.'[48] **8** Nor should we commit sexual immorality like many of them did, and 23,000 people died in one day.[49] **9** And nor should we challenge the **master** like some of our Jewish ancestors did, and

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being from all, to_all myself I_enslaved, in_order_that the more I_may_gain. **20** And I_became to_the Youdaiōns, like a_ _Youdaios, in_order_that Youdaiōns I_may_win, to_the ones under the_law, as one under the_law, not being myself under the_law, in_order_that the ones under the_law I_may_win, **21** to_the lawless, like the_lawless, not being lawless of_**god**, but lawful of_**chosen_one/messiah**, in_order_that I_may_win the lawless. **22** I_became to_the weak, weak, in_order_that the weak I_may_win. To_the ones all I_have_become all things, in_ _order_that certainly some I_may_save. **23** And all things I_am_ _doing because_of the good_message, in_order_that a_ _fellow-partaker with_him I_may_become. **24** Not you_all_have_ _known that the ones in a_stadium running, all on_one_hand are_running, on_the_other_hand one is_receiving the prize? Thus be_running, in_order_that you_all_may_grasp it. **25** But everyone ~~which~~ striving, all things is_controlling himself, those therefore on_one_hand in_order_that a_perishable crown they_ _may_receive, on_the_other_hand we an_indestructible one. **26** I so_now thus am_running, as not uncertainly, thus I_am_ _boxing, as not the_air beating, **27** but I_am_beating of_me the body, and I_am_enslaving it, not somehow to_others having_ _proclaimed, myself unqualified I_may_become.

10:1 Not I_am_wanting for you_all to_be_not_knowing, brothers, that the fathers of_us all under the cloud were, and all through the sea passed_through, **2** and all into ~~the~~ Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) immersed in the cloud, and in the sea, **3** and all the same spiritual food ate, **4** and all the same spiritual drank drink, because/for they_were_drinking of a_spiritual following them rock, and the rock was the **chosen_ _one/messiah**. **5** But not with ~~the~~ more of_them took_pleasure ~~the~~ **god**, because/for they_were_struck_down in the wilderness. **6** And these things examples for_us were_become, in_order that not to_be us coveters of_evil, as also_those they_desired. **7** Not idolaters be_becoming, as some of_them, as it_has_been_ _written: Sat_down the people to_eat and to_drink, and they_ _stood_up to_be_playing. **8** Not we_may_be_committing_ _sexual_immorality, as some of_them committed_sexual_ _immorality, and fell in_one day three twenty thousands. **9** Not we_may_be_testing the **master**, as some of_them tested him, and by ~~the~~ serpents were_being_destroyed. **10** Not be_ _grumbling, just_as some of_them grumbled, and destroyed

41 RV 9:27 · Note TODO: Investigate why so many other translations translate πάντως something like 'by all means' here (whereas our OET-LV gloss is 'certainly').

42 RV 10:1 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:21-22.

43 RV 10:1 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:22-29.

44 RV 10:3 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:35.

45 RV 10:4 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:6; Num 20:11.

46 RV 10:5 · Cross-ref. Num 14:29-30.

47 RV 10:6 · Cross-ref. Num 11:4.

48 RV 10:7 · Cross-ref. Exo 32:6.

49 RV 10:8 · Cross-ref. Num 25:1-18.

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themselves by the destroyer. **11** And these things typologically was_happening to_those, and it_was_written for the_ _admonition of_us, on whom the ends of_the ages has_arrived. **12** So_then the one supposing to_have_stood, him _let_be_ _seeing lest he_may_fall. **13** Temptation you_all not has_taken, except ~~not/lest~~ human, but faithful is ~~the~~ **god**, who not will_be_ _allowing you_all to_be_tempted beyond what you_all_are_ _being_able, but will_be_making with the temptation also the way_out ~~which~~ to_be_able to_bear_under it. **14** Therefore_even, beloved of_me, be_fleeing from ~~the~~ idolatry. **15** As to_prudent ones I_am_speaking, judge you_all what I_am_saying. **16** The cup of_ ~~the~~ _blessing, that we_are_blessing, not a_fellowship is it of_the blood of_the **chosen_one/messiah**? The bread that we_ _are_breaking, not a_fellowship in_the body of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah** is it? **17** Because one one, loaf body the many we_are, because/for ~~the~~ all of the one loaf are_partaking. **18** Be_ _seeing ~~the~~ Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl) according_to flesh, not the ones eating the sacrifices, partners in_the altar are? **19** Therefore what I_am_saying? That an_idol_sacrificed thing anything is, anything is? **20** But that what they_are_sacrificing the pagans, to_demons and not to_**god** are_sacrificing, not and I_am_ _wanting you_all partners ~~the~~ with_demons to_be_becoming. **21** Not you_all_are_being_able the_cup of_the_**master** to_be_ _drinking, and the_cup of_demons. Not you_all_are_being_able of_the_table of_the_**master** to_be_partaking, and of_the_table of_demons. **22** Or we_are_making_jealous the **master**? Not stronger than he we_are? **23** All things is_permitting, but not all things is_benefitting. All things is_permitting, but not all things is_building. **24** No_one the thing of_himself let_be_ _seeking, but the thing of_the other. **25** Everything ~~which~~ in the_ _meat_market being_sold be_eating, nothing examining because_of ~~the~~ conscience. **26** Of_the For/Because **master** the earth is, and the fullness of_it. **27** If anyone is_inviting you_all of_the unbelievers, and you_all_are_wanting to_be_going, everything ~~which~~ being_set_before before_you_all be_eating, nothing examining because_of ~~the~~ conscience. **28** But if anyone to_you_all may_say: This an_idol-sacrificed thing is, not be_ _eating, because_of that one ~~which~~ having_divulged it, and ~~the~~ conscience, **29** and conscience I_am_saying, not ~~which~~ of_ _himself, but the one of_the other, for_reason for why the freedom of_me is_being_judged by another conscience? **30** If I with_thankfulness am_partaking, why I_am_being_slandered for what I am_giving_thanks? **31** Therefore whether you_all_ _are_eating, or you_all_are_drinking, or anything you_all_are_ _doing, all things to glory of_**god** be_doing. **32** Inoffensive both to_Youdaiōns be_becoming, and Hellaʸns, and to_the assembly of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. **33** As also_I in_all things, to_all men am_bringing_ _pleasure, not seeking the of_myself benefit, but the benefit of_

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then they were killed by the snakes.[50] **10** Don't grumble like many of them did, and then they were killed by the death angel.[51]

11 All of those things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us who are living at the ends of the ages.

12 So if you think your faith is solid, be careful that you don't fall. **13** You all haven't been tempted by anything except what is common to humanity, but **God** is faithful and won't allow you to be tempted beyond what you all can handle. In fact, along with the temptations, God will provide the way out so that you'll be able to endure them.

14 So my dear friends, totally avoid idolatry. **15** I'm speaking to sensible people, so judge what I'm telling you for yourselves. **16** When we bless the 'cup of blessing', aren't we sharing the messiah's blood? When we break the bread, aren't we sharing the messiah's body?[52] **17** Because there's just one loaf that we all eat pieces of, thus we who are many, are one body together.

18 Consider the people of Yisrael (Israel) from a physical perspective: Aren't those who eat portions of the sacrifices, joining to the altar?[53] RECHECK **19** So what am I saying? That whether or not food is sacrificed to idols means anything? Or that an idol is anything? **20** No, but the sacrifices of the pagans are offered to demons, not **to God**,[54] and I don't want you all to be partners with demons. **21** You can't drink **Yahweh's** cup as well as the cup of demons, nor can you partake at **Yahweh's** table as well as the table of demons. **22** Or are we trying to make **Yahweh** envious?[55] No, he's more powerful than us.

23 Everything might seem to be allowable, but not everything is beneficial. Everything might seem to be allowable, but not everything builds up character.[56] **24** No one should aim to satisfy themselves, but work for the good of others.

25 You can eat anything that's sold at the meat market without even raising questions of conscience, **26** because:[57] 'the earth and everything in it belongs to **Yahweh**.'

27 If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you plan to go, eat anything that's set before you without raising questions of conscience, **28** but if someone tells you, "That has been offered as a sacrifice," for the sake of the person who told you and for the sake of conscience, don't eat it. **29** Now when I said 'for the sake of conscience', I didn't mean *your* conscience, but that of the other person, because why does *my* freedom need to be judged by someone else's conscience? **30** As long as I've thanked God for

50 RV 10:9 · Cross-ref. Num 21:5-6.

51 RV 10:10 · Cross-ref. Num 16:41-49.

52 RV 10:16 · Cross-ref. Mat 26:26-28; Mrk 14:22-24; Luk 22:19-20.

53 RV 10:18 · Cross-ref. Lev 7:6.

54 RV 10:20 · Cross-ref. Deu 32:17 (LXX).

55 RV 10:22 · Cross-ref. Deu 32:21.

56 RV 10:23 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 6:12.

57 RV 10:26 · Cross-ref. Psa 24:1.

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what I eat, why should I then criticise it?
31 So whether you're eating or drinking or doing whatever, always ensure that **God** gets honoured. 32 Try not to offend the Yehudim (Jews) or the Hellains (Greeks) or the people in **God's** assembly, 33 just like I work to please everyone—not for my own benefit but rather, trying to benefit everyone else so that they might get saved.
11:1 Imitate me, just like I also imitate **Messiah**.[58]

Men's and women's head coverings

2 Now I commend you all because you always think of what I teach and do, and because you carefully believe and do what I taught you all, 3 but I want you all to know that **the messiah** is the head of every man, and the **man** is the head of his wife, and **God** is the head of the **messiah**.[59] 4 Any man who prays or speaks out a prophecy with his head covered is dishonouring his head, 5 but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head *uncovered* dishonours her head, because it's just as if her head had been shaved. 6 In fact if a woman doesn't cover her head, then she should cut her hair off, but if it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut or shaved off, then she should cover her head. 7 On one side, a man shouldn't cover his head because men present **God's** image and his honour,[60] but on the other side, women present their husbands' honour, 8 because man wasn't made from the woman, but the first woman was made out of man.[61] 9 Indeed, men weren't created for women, but women for men. 10 Because of that, women should have authority on their heads, because of the messengers.[62] 11 Nevertheless, in Messiah, women are not independent from men, nor are men independent from women, 12 because just as the first woman came out of the man, so too men are born from women, but everything comes from **God**.
13 So judge for yourselves: is it proper for women to pray to **God** with their heads uncovered? 14 Doesn't nature itself teach you all that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace for him, 15 but if a woman has long hair, it's part of her beauty because long hair has been given to women as a covering? 16 However, if anyone's inclined to be contentious **about** this, that's not how either we ourselves or **God's** assemblies behave.

Conduct when celebrating the master's dinner[63]

17 But I'm not complimenting you all in giving the following instructions, because your gatherings have been doing more

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_the many, in_order_that they_may_be_saved.
11:1 Imitators of_me be_becoming, as also_I of_**chosen_ _one/messiah**.

2 And I_am_praising you_all that all things of_me you_all_have_ _remembered, and as I_gave_over to_you_all the traditions you_ _all_are_keeping. 3 But I_am_wanting you_all to_have_known that of_every man the head the **chosen_one/messiah** is, and the_head of_the_woman is the man, and the_head of_the **chosen_one/messiah** is ~~the~~ **god**. 4 Every man praying or prophesying on his_head having anything, is_disgracing the head of_him. 5 But every woman praying or prophesying uncovered with_her head, is_disgracing the head of_her, because/for one it_is and the same ~~which~~ with_having_been_ _shaved. 6 For/Because if not is_covering a_woman, also her_ _let_shave. But if it_is shameful for_a_women ~~which~~ to_shave or to_be_shaved, her _let_be_covering. 7 A_man for on_one_hand not ought to_be_covering his head, the_image and glory of_**god** being, the on_the_other_hand woman the_glory of_man is. 8 For/Because not is man out_of woman, but woman out_of man. 9 For/Because also not was_created man because_of the woman, but woman because_of the man. 10 Because_of this ought the woman authority to_be_having on her head, because_of the messengers. 11 However nor woman apart_from man, nor man apart_from woman in the_**master**.
12 For/Because as the woman is out_of the man, thus also the man is through the woman, and the things all from ~~the~~ **god**.
13 In you_all yourselves judge: befitting it_is a_woman uncovered, to_ ~~the~~ _**god** to_be_praying? 14 Not_even ~~the~~ nature itself is_teaching you_all that a_man on_one_hand if may_be_ _having_long_hair, a_dishonour to_him it_is, 15 on_the_other_ _hand a_woman if may_be_having_long_hair, glory to_her it_is? Because the long_hair instead_of a_covering has_been_given to_her. 16 But if anyone is_supposing contentious to_be, we such custom not are_having, nor the assemblies of_ ~~the~~ _**god**.

17 But this commanding, not I_am_praising you, because not for the better, but for the worse, you_all_are_coming_together.
18 First for indeed coming_together you_all in assembly, I_am_ _hearing divisions among you_all to_be_being, and part a_

58 **RV 11:1 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 4:16; Php 3:17.

59 **RV 11:3 · Note** The translators expect that this talk of 'the head' is referring to authority, but because our modern society has become more sensitive to these issues, we decided to keep it literal here, thus letting our readers decide for themselves what Paul probably meant. (Having done that, our readers can also consider for themselves whether this might have been a cultural necessity in and around Corinth, or whether it has widespread application to all cultures.)

60 **RV 11:7 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:26-27.

61 **RV 11:8-9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:18-23.

62 **RV 11:10 · Note** Again, a rather literal translation because honestly, no one is really certain about what Paul was meaning here. See also https://GitHub.com/openenglishbible/Open-English-Bible/issues/356 and https://UASVBible.org/2024/02/03/unveiling-the-meaning-of-authority-in-1-corinthians-1110-a-textual-and-exegetical-clarification.

63 **RV 11:17 · Parallel** Mat. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20

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_certain I_am_believing. **19** For/Because it_is_fitting also sects among you_all to_be, in_order_that also the approved ones manifest may_become among you_all. **20** Therefore coming_ _together of_you_all at the same place, not it_is the_master's supper to_eat. **21** For/Because each his own supper is_taking_ _first in the time to_eat, and one on_one_hand is_hungering, on_the_other_hand one is_being_drunk. **22** For/Because not houses not you_all_are_having in which to_be_eating and to_ _be_drinking? Or of_the assembly of_ ~~the~~ **_god** you_all_are_ _despising, and you_all_are_disgracing the ones not having? What I_may_say to_you_all? I_may_praise you_all in this? Not I_ _am_praising. **23** For/Because I received from the **master**, what also I_gave_over to_you_all, that the **master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** in the night which he_was_being_giving_ _over, took bread **24** and having_given_thanks he_broke it, and said: This of_me is the body, which is for you_all, this be_doing in ~~the~~ my remembrance. **25** Likewise also the cup after the time to_dine saying: This ~~the~~ cup the new covenant is in ~~the~~ my blood, this be_doing, as_often_as ~~if~~ you_all_may_be_drinking it, in ~~the~~ my remembrance. **26** For/Because as_often_as ~~if~~ you_all_ _may_be_eating ~~the~~ bread this, and the cup you_all_may_be_ _drinking, the death of_the **master** you_all_are_proclaiming, until of_which he_may_come. **27** So_then whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_be_eating the bread or may_be_drinking the cup of_the **master** unworthily, liable will_be of_the body and of_the blood of_the **master**. **28** But let_be_approving a_person himself, and thus of the bread him _let_be_eating, and of the cup him _let_ _be_drinking. **29** For/Because the one eating and drinking judgement on_himself, is_eating and is_drinking not distinguishing the body. **30** Because_of this among you_all many are weak and sick, and are_being_fallen_asleep many. **31** If and ourselves we_were_distinguishing, not ~~wishfully~~ we_ _were_being_judged. **32** But being_judged by the_**master**, we_are_being_disciplined, in_order_that not with the world we_may_be_condemned. **33** So_then, brothers of_me, coming_ _together for the time to_eat, one_another be_awaiting. **34** If anyone is_hungering, at home him _let_be_eating, in_order_ _that not for judgement you_all_may_be_coming_together. And the other things, when ~~wishfully~~ I_may_come, I_will_be_ _directing.

12:1 And concerning ~~the~~ spiritual matters, brothers, not I_am_ _wanting you_all to_be_not_knowing. **2** You_all_have_known that when pagans you_all_were, to ~~the~~ idols ~~the~~ silent as would you_all_were_being_led, being_led_away you. **3** Therefore I_am_ _making_known to_you_all that no_one in the_**spirit** of_**god** speaking, is_saying: Curse **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, and no_one is_able to_say: **master** is **Ya^{y}sous**, except ~~not/lest~~ in the_**spirit** holy. **4** And divisions of_gifts there_are, but the same **spirit**. **5** And divisions of_service there_are, but the same **master**.

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harm than good. **18** Firstly, I hear that when you gather together in the assembly, there are divisions among you all, and I partly believe it **19** because there must be differences among you to show who out of all of you are approved. **20** So then, when you gather together in one place, it's not to celebrate by eating the master's dinner **21** because during the meal, everyone grabs their own food without considering others. So some people remain hungry while others have too much to drink. **22** For eating and drinking, don't you all have your own houses to do that in? Why are you showing contempt for **God's** assembly and humiliating those left with nothing? What should I say about that? Should I praise you for that? No, I can't!

23 I've already passed on to all of you everything that I received from the **master**: that on the night when he was betrayed, he took some bread **24** and after giving thanks, he broke off a piece and said, "This represents my body which will be broken for your sakes. Keep doing this in memory of me." **25** Similarly, after the dinner he took the cup and said, "This cup represents the new agreement[64] which will be sealed by my blood.[65] As often as you all celebrate, drink it in memory of me." **26** Because as often as you all celebrate by eating bread and drinking from the cup, you'll continue to announce the **master's** death until he returns.

27 Therefore, anyone who eats that bread or drinks from the **master's** cup in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the **master**. **28** So everyone must first examine themself as part of eating that bread and drinking from that cup, **29** because anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body,[66] eats and drinks judgement onto themself. **30** Because of that, many among you are weak and sick, and many have passed away, **31** but if we were examining ourselves, we wouldn't be judged. **32** However, when we're judged by **Yahweh**, we're being disciplined so that we won't be condemned along with the unbelievers.

33 So brothers and sisters, when you come together to celebrate this, wait for each other. **34** If anyone's hungry, they should eat at home beforehand, so that your meetings won't lead to judgement. I'll give instructions about other matters when I get there.

The various abilities given by God's spirit

12:1 Now brothers and sisters, I don't want you all to be ignorant about spiritual matters. **2** You all know that when you were still pagans, you were enticed and led astray in front of idols that can't even speak. **3** So now I'm informing you all that a person who curses Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), doesn't speak with **the** power **of God's** spirit. On the other hand, a person who says that **Yeshua** is **Yahweh** must **be** speaking with the power of **the** holy spirit.

64 **RV 11:25 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:8; Jer 31:31-34.

65 **RV 11:25 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:6-8.

66 **RV 11:29 · Note** Discern/distinguish/recognise their own body? The master's body? The whole group as a body? Unfortunately, we can't ask Paul exactly what he meant here.

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4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same **spirit**,[67] 5 and there are varieties of ministries, but the same **master**. 6 There are varieties of activities, but the same **God** works all things in everyone. 7 Now the display of the **spirit's** power is given to each person in order to benefit everyone. 8 One person might be given a wise message through the **spirit**, and someone else given certain knowledge by the same **spirit**. 9 Another person might be given faith by the same **spirit**, and someone else given gifts of healings from that one **spirit**. 10 Another might be given the ability to do miracles, and someone else given prophecy. Another might be given ability to distinguish spirits, and someone else given the ability to speak other languages, and to yet another the ability to translate languages. 11 However it's the one and the same **spirit** behind all those things—distributing them individually to each person as the spirit decides.

One body with many parts

12 Just like a human body is a unit but has many parts which are all components, no matter how many, making up that one body, so too is the **messiah**.[68] 13 Yes, in one **spirit** we were all immersed into one body, whether we were Yehudim (Jews) or Hellains (Greeks), whether slaves or free, and we all were given one **spirit** to drink. MEANING?

14 Yes, indeed the body is not one part, but many. 15 If your foot said, "Since I'm not a hand, I'm not part of the body," that wouldn't make it any less a part of the body, 16 and if your ear said, "Since I'm not an eye, I'm not part of the body," that wouldn't make it any less a part of the body. 17 If your whole body was an eye, how could you hear? But then, if your whole body was an ear, how could you smell anything? 18 Actually, **God** has placed every part in our bodies exactly where he wanted to put them. 19 If it was all just one part, how could it be a body? 20 Yes, there's many parts, but only one body.

21 Your eye can't tell your hand, "I don't need you," and your head can't tell your feet, "I don't need you." 22 On the contrary, the body parts that seem to be weaker are very vital, 23 and those body parts that seem less honourable, we give them greater honour and hence our unpresentable body parts are treated with more modesty. 24 Our presentable parts don't have any need for that, but rather **God** has put the body together and he gave greater honour to the lesser parts 25 so that there won't be any division in the body, but its members should care equally for each other. 26 So if one body part is hurting, all the parts hurt as well. If one body part is honoured, then all the parts are happy together.

27 Now you all are the body **of** Christ, and each of you is a part of it. 28 And indeed, **God** has appointed: 1/ missionaries, 2/ prophets, 3/ teachers,[69] then doing miracles, healing others, helping others, guiding others, and speaking various languages

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6 And divisions of_actions there_are, but the same **god**, ~~which~~ working the things all in all. 7 But to_each is_being_given the manifestation of_the **spirit** for the thing benefitting. 8 To_one for on_one_hand through the **spirit** is_being_given a_message of_wisdom, on_the_other_hand to_another a_message of_ _knowledge according_to the same **spirit**, 9 on_the_other_hand to_another faith by the same **spirit**, on_the_other_hand to_ _another gifts of_healings in the one **spirit**, 10 on_the_other_ _hand to_another actions of_miracles, to_another prophecy, to_ _another distinctions of_spirits, to_another kinds of_tongues, on_the_other_hand to_another translation of_tongues. 11 But all these things is_working the one and the same **spirit**, dividing personally to_each as he_is_wishing.

12 For/Because just_as the body one is, and members many is_ _having, but all the members of_the body, many being, one is body, thus also is the **chosen_one/messiah**. 13 For/Because also in one **spirit** we all into one body were_immersed, whether Youdaiōns, or Hellaʸns, or slaves, or free, and all one **spirit** were_gave_to_drink. 14 For/Because also the body not is one member, but many. 15 If may_say the foot: Because not I_ _am a_hand, not I_am of the body, not by this, not it_is of the body. 16 And if may_say the ear: Because not I_am an_eye, not I_am of the body, not by this, not it_is of the body. 17 If all the body were an_eye, where is the hearing? If all were hearing, where is the smelling? 18 But right_now ~~the~~ **god** appointed the members, one each of_them in the body, as he_wanted. 19 And if was the things all one member, where is the body? 20 But now many on_one_hand one, on_the_other_hand members body. 21 Not and is_able the eye to_say to_the hand: Need of_ _you not I_am_having, or in_contrast the head to_the feet: Need of_you_all not I_am_having. 22 But by_much rather the supposing members of_the body weaker to_be_being, necessary is, 23 and which we_are_supposing less_honourable to_be of_ _the body, around_these honour more_abundant we_are_ _putting_around, and the dishonourable of_us, propriety more_ _abundant is_having, 24 and the the_prominent of_us, no need is_having. But ~~the~~ **god** united_together the body, to_the members being_deficient, more_abundant having_given honour, 25 in_order_that not there_may_be division in the body, but the same for one_another may_be_caring_for the members. 26 And whether is_suffering one member, is_ _suffering_with it all the members, or is_being_glorified a_ _member, is_rejoicing_with it all the members. 27 And you_all are the_body of_**chosen_one/messiah**, and members of part. 28 And that indeed appointed ~~the~~ **god** in the assembly first ambassadors, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, then miracles, then gifts of_healings, helpers, guidance, kinds of_ _tongues. 29 Not all ambassadors? Not all prophets? Not all teachers? Not all miracles? 30 Not all gifts are_having of_ _healings? Not all with_tongues are_speaking? Not all are_

67 **RV 12:4-11 · Cross-ref.** Rom 12:6-8.

68 **RV 12:12 · Cross-ref.** Rom 12:4-5.

69 **RV 12:28 · Cross-ref.** Eph 4:11.

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_interpreting? 31 But be_being_zealous for_the gifts ~~the~~ greater.
And still by an_excellent way, to_you_all I_am_showing.

13:1 If with_the tongues of_ ~~the~~ _humans I_may_be_speaking
and of_ ~~the~~ _messengers, but love not I_may_be_having, I_have_
_become brass resounding or a_cymbal screaming. 2 And_if I_
_may_be_having prophecy, and I_may_have_known the
mysteries all, and all the knowledge, and_if I_may_be_having
all the faith, so_as mountains to_be_removing, but love not I_
_may_be_having, nothing I_am. 3 And_if I_may_give_away all
the things possessing of_me, and I_may_give_over the body of_
_me, in_order_that I_may_boast, but love not I_may_be_having,
nothing I_am_being_benefitted. 4 ~~The~~ love is_being_patient, is_
_being_kind, ~~the~~ love not is_being_jealous, ~~the~~ love not is_
_bragging, not is_being_arrogant, 5 not is_dishonouring, not is_
_seeking the things of_itself, not is_being_provoked, not is_
_counting ~~the~~ evil, 6 not is_rejoicing at ~~the~~ unrighteousness, but
is_rejoicing_with with_the truth, 7 all things is_enduring, all
things is_believing, all things is_hoping, all things is_enduring.
8 ~~The~~ love never is_falling. But whether prophesies, they_will_
_be_being_nullified, or tongues, they_will_be_ceasing, or
knowledge, it_will_be_being_nullified. 9 By for part we_are_
_knowing, and by part we_are_prophesying, 10 but whenever
may_come the perfect, the thing by part will_be_being_
_nullified. 11 When I_was an_infant, I_was_speaking like an_
_infant, I_was_thinking like an_infant, I_was_counting like an_
_infant, when I_have_become a_man, I_have_nullified the
things of_the infant. 12 For/Because we_are_seeing now
through a_mirror in an_enigma, but then face to face, now I_
_am_knowing by part, but then I_will_be_knowing_fully, as also
I_was_known_fully. 13 But right_now is_remaining faith, hope,
love, ~~the~~ three things these, and greater of_these is ~~the~~ love.

14:1 Be_pursuing ~~the~~ love, and be_being_zealous ~~the~~ for_spiritual
matters, but more that you_all_may_be_prophesying.
2 For/Because the one speaking with_a_tongue, not to_people
is_speaking, but to_**god**, because/for no_one is_hearing him,
but in_spirit he_is_speaking mysteries. 3 But the one
prophesying, to_people is_speaking building, and exhortation,
and consolation. 4 The one speaking in_a_tongue, himself is_
_building, but the one prophesying, the_assembly is_building.
5 And I_am_wanting all you_all to_be_speaking with_tongues,
but rather in_order_that you_all_may_be_prophesying, greater
is and the one prophesying, than the one speaking in_tongues,
besides except ~~not/lest~~ he_may_be_interpreting, in_order_that
the assembly building may_receive. 6 But now brothers, if I_
_may_come to you_all with_tongues speaking, what you_all I_
_will_be_benefiting, if not to_you_all I_may_speak, either in
revelation, or in knowledge, or in prophecy, or in teaching?
7 Likewise ~~the~~ soulless things a_sound giving, whether flute, or

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29 Are everyone missionaries, or everyone prophets or teachers, or doing miracles? 30 Does everyone have the gifts of healing, or speaking in other languages, or translating?

31 But strive for the better gifts.

Love expounded

And now I'll demonstrate a better way to you all:

13:1 Even if I could speak in human languages as well as the languages of God's messengers, but didn't love others, then I'd just be like a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if have the ability of being able to prophesy and could understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I had total faith so I could tell mountains to move,[70] but I didn't love others, then I'm of no use to anyone. 3 Even if I gave everything I have to the poor, and even sacrifice my body so that I could boast, but didn't love others, it wouldn't be any use to me.

4 Love is patient and kind. It doesn't envy others, it doesn't boast, and it isn't arrogant. 5 It isn't crude, it doesn't just care about itself, it doesn't get angry quickly, and it doesn't keep records about who wrongs us. 6 Love isn't happy with disobeying God, but is happy about the truth. 7 It tolerates everything, believes everything, is always hopeful about everything, and always perseveres.

8 Love never fails, unlike prophecies that will come to nothing, languages that will die out, and knowledge that also will come to nothing, 9 because we only have partial knowledge and partial understanding of prophecy. 10 So when perfection comes, partial things will disappear.

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, thought like a child, and reasoned like a child, but then when I became an adult, I set childish things aside. 12 In this present age, we see like fuzzy reflections in a mirror, but in the future, we'll see God face to face. In this age, I have partial knowledge, but then it'll be complete, just like *we'll be known* completely.

13 But for now, these three continue: faith, hope, and love, but love is the greatest one of those.

Comparing prophesying with speaking in other languages

14:1 Aim to show love, and eagerly strive for spiritual things—especially the ability to prophesy, 2 because anyone speaking another language isn't speaking to the people, but **to God**, because no one understands it, but they're speaking about spiritual mysteries. 3 However, anyone who's prophesying, speaks to the people for their instruction and encouragement and comfort. 4 Anyone who's speaking in another language instructs themself, but when people prophesy, they're instructing the whole assembly.

5 Now I'd like it if you all spoke in other languages, but I'd like it better if you could all be prophesying. The person prophesying is more helpful than someone speaking in other languages, unless they translate so that the assembly can be instructed.
6 But now brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in other

70 RV 13:2 · Cross-ref. Mat 17:20; 21:21; Mrk 11:23.

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languages, how can I be of benefit to you all? Only if I share a revelation with you all, or some knowledge, or a prophecy or teaching.

7 Even the tune coming from non-living things like musical instruments can't be recognised unless the distinct notes can be distinguished, **8** because if the trumpet produces an unclear sound, how will the soldiers know to prepare for battle. **9** Similarly with all of you—unless your words are intelligible, how will anyone know what you're saying? You'll just be talking to the wind. **10** There's certainly many different languages in the world, but none of them are without meaning, **11** so if I don't know the meaning of someone's language, I'm a foreigner to that person, and that person will be a foreigner to me **12** and it's the same with all of you. Because you all want spiritual things in order to help grow the assembly, then strive to have many of them.

13 So then, let anyone who's speaking in another language, pray that they will be able to translate it. **14** When I pray in another language, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive, **15** so what should I do? Well, I'll pray with my **spirit**, but I'll also pray with my mind. I'll sing with my **spirit**, but I'll also sing with my mind. **16** Otherwise, if you speak out a blessing in the spirit, how can the ordinary listeners say 'May it be so' after you give thanks, since they wouldn't know what you've been saying. **17** Yes, you'd certainly give thanks well, but the other people wouldn't be encouraged.

18 I thank **God** that I speak in other language more than all of you, **19** but with the assembly, I'd prefer to speak five words with my mind so that I can instruct others, rather than thousands of words in another language.

20 Brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your thinking. You all can be like infants with respect to *evil*, but in everything else, be mature in your thinking. **21** The prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) wrote:

'I'll speak to this nation
  through foreign languages and strangers' lips,
but even then they won't listen to me,'
says **Yahweh**.[71] **22** So then, speaking in other languages is a sign, not for believers, but for unbelievers. However in contrast, prophecy is not for unbelievers, but for believers.

23 So if the whole assembly gathered together at the same place and they all spoke in other languages, and then some inquirers or unbelievers came in, wouldn't they say that you're all crazy? **24** But if they were all prophesying instead and some inquirers or unbelievers came in, they'd be convicted of their sinfulness and called to account by them all. **25** The prophecies would expose the secrets of their hearts, so then they'd bow down and worship **God**, and exclaim, "**God** is really here among you all!"

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harp, if distinction to_the sounds not may_give, how will_be_ _being_known what is being_playing_the_flute or ~~which~~ being_ _playing_the_harp? **8** For/Because also if an_uncertain a_ _trumpet sound may_give, who will_be_preparing himself for war? **9** Thus also you_all through the tongue, if not easily_ _recognised speech you_all_may_give, how will_be_being_ _known what is being_spoken? For/Because you_all_will_be into the_air speaking. **10** So_many if it_might_happen, kinds of_ _languages are in the_world, and not_one kind silent is. **11** Therefore if not I_may_have_known the power of_the sound, I_will_be to_the one speaking a_foreigner, and the one speaking with me a_foreigner. **12** Thus also you_all, because zealous you_ _all_are of_spirits, because/for the building of_the assembly, be_seeking that you_all_may_be_being_plentiful. **13** Therefore the one speaking in_a_tongue, let_be_praying that he_may_be_ _interpreting. **14** If for I_may_be_praying with_a_tongue, the spirit of_me is_praying, but the the_mind of_me unfruitful is. **15** Therefore what it_is? I_will_be_praying with_the **spirit**, but I_will_be_praying also with_the mind. I_will_be_singing_praises with_the **spirit**, but I_will_be_singing_praises also with_the mind. **16** Otherwise if you_may_be_blessing in_spirit, the one fulfilling the place of_the inquirer, how he_will_be_saying, the amen, at ~~the~~ your thanksgiving, since what you_are_saying, not he_has_known? **17** You for indeed well are_giving_thanks, but the other one not is_being_built. **18** I_am_giving_thanks to_ ~~the~~ _**god**, all of_you more than, with_tongues I_am_speaking, **19** but in five, the_assembly I_am_wanting words with_the mind of_ _me to_speak, in_order_that also others I_may_instruct, than ten_thousand words in a_tongue. **20** Brothers, not little_ _children be_becoming in_your thinking, but in_the evil, be_ _child_like, and in_your thinking, mature be_becoming. **21** In the law it_has_been_written, ~~that~~ By foreign_languages and by the_lips of_others, I_will_be_speaking to_ ~~the~~ _people this... and not_even thus they_will_be_listening_to from_me, is_saying the_**master**. **22** So_then ~~the~~ tongues for a_sign are, not to_the ones believing, but to_the unbelievers, and ~~the~~ prophecy, not to_the unbelievers, but to_the ones believing. **23** Therefore if may_come_together the assembly whole at the same place, and all may_be_speaking with_tongues, and may_come_in inquirers or unbelievers, not they_will_be_saying that you_all_are_ _raving_mad? **24** But if all may_be_prophesying, and may_ _come_in a_certain unbeliever or inquirer, he_is_being_rebuked by all, he_is_being_examined by all, **25** the secrets of_the heart of_him manifest is_becoming, and thus having_fallen on his_ _face, he_will_be_prostrating ~~the~~ before_**god** reporting, ~~that~~ Really ~~the~~ **god** among you_all is.

71 RV 14:21 · Cross-ref. Isa 28:11-12.

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26 Therefore what it_is, brothers? Whenever you_all_may_be_
_coming_together, each a_psalm is_having, a_teaching is_
_having, a_revelation is_having, a_tongue is_having, a_
_translation is_having. All things for building let_be_becoming.
27 If_also with_a_tongue anyone is_speaking, by two or the
most three, and each in_turn let_it_be, and one let_be_
_interpreting. **28** But if not may_be an_interpreter, him _let_be_
_keeping_silent in the_assembly, and to_himself him _let_be_
speaking and to ~~the~~ **_god**. **29** Prophets two and or three let_
_be_speaking, and the others let_be_distinguishing. **30** But if to_
_another may_be_revealed something sitting, the first let_be_
_keeping_silent. **31** For/Because you_all_are_being_able one_by
one all to_be_prophesying, in_order_that all may_be_learning,
and all may_be_being_exhorted. **32** And spirits of_prophets, to_
_prophets is_being_subjected. **33** For/Because not is of_
_disturbance ~~the~~ **god**, but of_peace. As in all the assemblies of_
_the holy ones, **34** the women in the assemblies let_be_keeping_
_silent, because/for not it_is_being_permitted to_them to_be_
_speaking, but them _let_be_being_subjected, as also the law is_
_saying. **35** And if anything to_learn they_are_wanting, at home
their own husbands them _let_be_asking, because/for shameful
it_is for_a_woman to_be_speaking in the_assembly. **36** Either
from you_all the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god** came_out, or to you_all
only it_arrived? **37** If anyone is_supposing a_prophet to_be or
spiritual, him _let_be_recognizing what I_am_writing to_you_
_all that of_the_**master** it_is a_command. **38** But if anyone is_
_not_knowing, him _let_be_not_knowing. **39** So_as, brothers,
be_being_zealous ~~which~~ to_be_prophesying, and ~~which~~ to_be_
_speaking not be_forbidding with with_tongues. **40** But all
things properly and with order let_be_becoming.

15:1 And I_am_making_known to_you_all, brothers, the good_
_message that I_good_message_preached to_you_all, which also
you_all_received, in which also you_all_have_stood, **2** by which
also you_all_are_being_saved, to_what message I_good_
_message_preached to_you_all, if you_all_are_keeping, besides
except ~~not/lest~~ vainly you_all_believed. **3** For/Because I_gave_
_over to_you_all in the_first place, what also I_received: that
chosen_one/messiah died_off for the sins of_us according_to
the scriptures, **4** and that he_was_buried, and that he_has_
_been_raised on_the day ~~the~~ third according_to the scriptures,
5 and that he_was_seen by_Kaʸfas, thereafter to_the twelve.
6 Then he_was_seen by_over five_hundred brothers all_at_
_once, of whom the greater are_remaining until now, but some
were_fallen_asleep. **7** Then he_was_seen by_Yakōbos/(Yaʹaqovˇ),
thereafter to_the ambassadors all, **8** and lastly of_all, as_though
to_the miscarriage, he_was_seen by_also_me. **9** For/Because I
am the least of_the ambassadors, who not am worthy to_be_
_being_called an_ambassador, because I_persecuted the

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The correct means of worshipping

26 So brothers and sisters, what should we say then? When you all gather together, each one of you brings a song or a teaching, or explains a revelation, or has a message in another language or has the translation. Let everything you do be aimed at growing the faith of the hearers. **27** If there's any speaking in other languages, it should be two or three people at most, taking turns and someone should translate. **28** But if there's no translator, they should be silent in the assembly, and save it for between themselves and **God**. **29** But let two or three people prophesy, and then the others should evaluate what was said. **30** However if something is revealed to someone still seated, then the first person should stop speaking, **31** because you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone can be instructed and encouraged. **32** The prophet's spirits are under the control of the prophets, **33** because **God** isn't a god of disorder, but of peace.

As in all the assemblies of believers, **34** the women should stay silent in the assemblies, because they're not permitted to speak, but must be in submission as Mosheh's (Moses') law says. **35** But if they want to know more about anything, they should ask their own husbands at home, because it's shameful for a woman to speak in the assembly.

36 Did **God's** message *originate* from you all, or did it only *come* to you? **37** If anyone thinks they're a prophet or a spiritual person, then they should readily acknowledge that what I'm writing to you all is **Yahweh's** command, **38** but if anyone's ignorant, then let them stay ignorant.

39 So brothers and sisters, strive to be able to prophesy, and don't forbid the speaking of other languages, **40** but let everything be done properly and orderly.

The messiah's resurrection

15:1 Now brothers and sisters, I want to remind you all about the good message that I preached to you, which you then received and now base your faith on. **2** You're all saved by that good message if you hold firmly to what I preached to you, assuming that you didn't just 'say that' you believe.

3 Yes, first of all, I passed onto you all what I myself had received: that **Messiah** died for our sins as the scriptures had predicted,[72] **4** and that he was buried and then brought back to life on the third day as per the scriptures again,[73] **5** and that he was seen by Kefa (Cephas; Grk. Kefas)[74] and then by the twelve.[75] **6** Then he was seen by more than 500 believers at once—most of whom are still living, although some have already passed away. **7** Then he was seen by Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos), and then by all the ambassadors.

8 Then last of all, as if I'd been born at the wrong time, he ap-

72 **RV 15:3 · Cross-ref.** Isa 53:5-12.

73 **RV 15:4 · Cross-ref.** Psa 16:8-10; Mat 12:40; Acts 2:24-32.

74 **RV 15:5 · Cross-ref.** Luk 24:34.

75 **RV 15:5 · Cross-ref.** Mat 28:16-17; Mrk 16:14; Luk 24:36; Yhn 20:19.

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peared to me also,[76] 9 because I'm the least of the ambassadors—quite unworthy of that title because I persecuted **God's** assembly.[77] 10 But I am what I am thanks to God's grace, as his grace towards me hasn't been wasted. Actually, I worked harder than all the others, although of course it wasn't really me, but **God's** grace with me. 11 Anyway, whether it was me or them, we all preach that same good message, and that's how you all came to belief.

Life after death

12 Now if the message declares that **Messiah** was killed and then raised back to life, how come some of you are saying that no **one** comes back to life? 13 If no **one** who's dead comes back to life, then **Messiah** couldn't have come back to life, 14 and if **Messiah** hasn't come back to life, then our preaching is meaningless and so is your faith! 15 Not only that, it would make us into fraudsters lying **about God**, because we've testified that **God** brought **Messiah** back to life, but that can't be true if the dead can't come back to life. 16 Because if the dead don't come back to life, then **Messiah** can't have come back to life, 17 but if **Messiah** didn't come back to life, then your faith is wasted and you're all still just unforgiven sinners. 18 Again, if that's the case, those believers who've passed away simply perished. 19 If our hope in **Messiah** only applies to this life, then we should be pitied more than **anyone** else.

20 But **Messiah** has indeed come back to life from the dead, leading the way for those who have passed away, 21 because since death came through a man (Adam), then the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man (Yeshua). 22 Just as everyone who's in Adam will die, so everyone who's in **Messiah** will come back to life, 23 but each in his own turn: first **Messiah** will be leading, then when he returns, those who belong to him. 24 Then the end will come when he hands over the kingship **to God** the Father after he's destroyed all rule, and all authority and power, 25 because he must reign until he's defeated all his enemies.[78] 26 The final enemy to be abolished will be death itself 27 because (as David wrote), 'God has made everything subject to him.'[79] (Now when it says 'everything', of course that doesn't include God who's the one that made it happen.) 28 And when everything has been put under his control, then the son himself will submit to the one who subjected everything to him, so that **God** will be in total control.

29 Otherwise, what will the people do who are being immersed in water for the dead? If the dead don't come back to life, why would they get immersed for them? TODO: WHAT'S THIS ABOUT? 30 As for us, why do we place ourselves in danger all the time? 31 I'm dying every day by your boasting brothers and sisters, which I have in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) our **master**. TODO: WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? 32 If I fought with wild

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assembly of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 10 But by_the_grace of_**god**, I_am what I_ _am, and the grace of_him ~~which~~ toward me, not vain was_ _become, but more_abundantly than them all I_laboured, not and I, but the grace ~~the~~ of_**god** with me. 11 Therefore whether I or those, thus we_are_proclaiming, and thus you_all_believed.

12 And if **chosen_one/messiah** is_being_proclaimed, that from the_dead he_has_been_raised, how are_saying among you_all some that a_resurrection of_the_dead not is? 13 But if a_ _resurrection of_the_dead not is, neither **chosen_one/messiah** has_been_raised, 14 and if **chosen_one/messiah** not has_been_ _raised, vain consequently the proclamation of_us is, vain also the faith of_you_all is. 15 And we_are_being_found also false_ _witnesses of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, because we_testified concerning ~~the~~ **god** that he_raised the **chosen_one/messiah**, whom not he_ _raised, if_indeed consequently the_dead not are_being_raised. 16 For/Because if the_dead not are_being_raised, neither **chosen_one/messiah** has_been_raised, 17 and if **chosen_ _one/messiah** not has_been_raised, useless the faith of_you_ _all, and still you_all_are in the sins of_you_all. 18 Consequently also the ones having_been_fallen_asleep in **chosen_ _one/messiah** perished. 19 If in ~~the~~ life this, in **chosen_ _one/messiah** having_hoped we_are only, more_pitiful than all people we_are. 20 But right_now **chosen_one/messiah** has_ _been_raised from the_dead, first-fruit of_the ones having_ _been_fallen_asleep. 21 For/Because since by a_man death is, also by a_man resurrection of_the_dead is. 22 For/Because as in ~~the~~ Adam/('Ādām), all are_dying_off, thus also in the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, all will_be_being_given_life. 23 But each in his own order: the_first-fruit **chosen_one/messiah**, then the ones of_the **chosen_one/messiah** at the coming of_him, 24 thereafter the end, when he_may_be_giving_over the kingdom ~~the~~ to_**god** even the_father, when he_may_nullify all beginning, and all authority, and power. 25 For/Because it_is_ _fitting him to_be_reigning, until of_which he_may_put all his enemies under the feet of_him. 26 The_last enemy is_being_ _nullified is ~~the~~ death. 27 For/Because all things he_subjected under the feet of_him. But whenever he_may_say that all things has_been_subjected, evident it_is that besides the one having_subjected to_him the things all. 28 And whenever may_ _be_subjected to_him the things all, then also himself the son, will_be_being_subjected to_the one having_subjected to_him the things all, in_order_that may_be ~~the~~ **god** all things in all things. 29 Otherwise what they_will_be_doing, who are being_ _immersed for the dead? If actually the_dead not are_being_ _raised, why also they_are_being_immersed for them? 30 Why also we are_risking_danger every hour? 31 In_every day I_am_ _dying_off, by ~~the~~ your boasting, brothers, which I_am_having in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, the **master** of_ _us. 32 If according_to human_origin, I_fought_wild_beasts in

76 **RV 15:8 · Cross-ref.** Acts 9:3-6.

77 **RV 15:9 · Cross-ref.** Acts 8:3.

78 **RV 15:25 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.

79 **RV 15:27 · Cross-ref.** Psa 8:6.

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Efesos, what to_me the profit? If the_dead not are_being_
_raised: We_may_eat and we_may_drink, because/for
tomorrow we_are_dying_off. **33** Not be_being_deceived, are_
_corrupting character good conversations evil. **34** Sober_up
justly and not be_sinning, because/for ignorance of_**god** some
are_having, to shame to_you_all I_am_speaking.
35 But will_be_saying someone: How are_being_raised the
dead? And with_what body they_are_coming? **36** Foolish. You
what are_sowing, not is_being_given_life, if not it_may_die_off.
37 And what you_are_sowing, not the body ~~which~~ going_to_
_become you_are_sowing, but a_naked seed, if might_happen
of_wheat, or of_something of_the rest. **38** But ~~the~~ **god** is_giving
to_it a_body, as he_willed, and to_each of_the seeds, its_own
body. **39** Not all flesh is the same flesh, but another on_one_
_hand of_humans, on_the_other_hand another flesh of_
_animals, on_the_other_hand another flesh of_birds, on_the_
_other_hand another of_fishes. **40** And there_are bodies
heavenly, and bodies earthly. But another on_one_hand the of_
_the heavenly glory, on_the_other_hand another the of_the
earthly. **41** Another glory of_the_sun, and another glory of_the_
_moon, and another glory of_the_stars, because/for star by_
_star is_carrying_value in glory. **42** Thus also the resurrection
of_the dead. It_is_being_sown in corruption, it_is_being_raised
in indestructibility, **43** it_is_being_sown in dishonour, it_is_
_being_raised in glory, it_is_being_sown in weakness, it_is_
_being_raised in power, **44** it_is_being_sown a_body natural, it_
_is_being_raised a_body spiritual. If there_is a_body natural,
there_is also a_spiritual body. **45** Thus also it_has_been_written:
Became the first man, Adam/('Ādām): into a_soul living. The
last Adam into a_spirit giving_life. **46** But not first the spiritual,
but the natural, then the spiritual. **47** The first man out_of
earth is, earthy, the second man is, from heaven. **48** Such_as the
earthy one, such also the earthy ones, and such_as the
heavenly one, such also the heavenly ones. **49** And as we_bore
the image of_the of_the_earthy one, we_may_bear also the
image of_the heavenly one. **50** And this I_am_saying, brothers,
that flesh and blood the_kingdom of_**god** to_inherit not is_able,
nor ~~the~~ corruption, ~~the~~ indestructibility is_inheriting. **51** Behold,
a_mystery to_you_all I_am_telling: all not we_will_be_being_
_fallen_asleep, but all we_will_be_being_changed, **52** in an_
_instant, in the_twinkling of_an_eye, at the last trumpet,
because/for he_will_be_trumpeting, and the dead will_be_
_being_raised indestructible, and we we_will_be_being_
_changed. **53** For/Because it_is_fitting ~~the~~ perishable this to_
_dress_in indestructibility, and ~~the~~ mortal this to_dress_in
immortality. **54** But whenever ~~the~~ perishable this may_dress_in
indestructibility, and ~~the~~ mortal this may_dress_in immortality,
then will_be_becoming the message ~~which~~ having_been_
_written: ‹Was›_swallowed_up ~~the~~ death in victory. **55** Where is
of_you, death, the victory? Where is of_you, death, the sting?
56 And the the_sting of_ ~~the~~ _death is ~~the~~ sin, and the the_power
of_ ~~the~~ _sin is the law. **57** But ~~the~~ to_**god** thankfulness be, to_the

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animals at Efesos for human purposes, what did I gain? If the dead aren't brought back to life, then 'Let's eat and drink, because tomorrow we'll die anyway.'[80]

33 Don't be fooled: 'Evil conversations corrupt good character.' **34** Sober up as you should, and stop sinning, because some of you are quite ignorant **about God**. (I say that to your shame.)

Our new immortal bodies

35 But someone will ask, "How do the dead come back to life and what kind of body will they have then?" **36** Silly question! Plants don't come to life unless the seed dies first. **37** And you don't sow the plants, but you sow the bare seeds—perhaps of wheat or something else— **38** then **God** gives it a body just like he wants, so each seed gets its own new body.

39 Not all bodies are the same: humans have one kind of body, animals have different ones, birds different again, and fish also different.

40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the beauty of heavenly bodies and of earthly bodies are quite different. **41** The sun, the moon, and the stars all have their own different types of beauty, and even the beauty of stars differs from one to another.

42 So too it is with the resurrection of the dead. The decaying body is 'sown' into the ground, but the raised body is immortal. **43** It's 'sown' in dishonour but it's raised in splendour. It's 'sown' in weakness but it's raised in power. **44** It's 'sown' a natural body but it's raised as a spiritual body. (If there's a natural body, there's also a spiritual body.) **45** As it's also written: 'The first Adam became a living being.'[81] The last 'Adam' is a life-giving spirit, **46** but the spiritual doesn't come first—it's first the natural and *then* the spiritual. **47** The first man was made of dust from the earth—the second man came from heaven. **48** Earthly people are like that earthly man, and heavenly people are like that heavenly man.

49 And just like we carry the image of that earthly man, we should also bear the image of that heavenly man. **50** Now brothers and sisters, I can tell you all that our present physical bodies can't inherit **God's** kingdom, and nor can corrupt things inherit immortality.

51 Listen, I'm explaining a mystery to you all. Not all of us will pass away, but we will all be changed[82] **52** in an instant, a millisecond, at the last trumpet because the trumpet will sound and the dead will come back to living as immortals, and we'll be changed. **53** Yes, it's essential for this perishable body to become incorruptible and for this mortal to become immortal. **54** But when this perishable body becomes incorruptible and this mortal becomes immortal, then what was written will come true: 'Death is replaced by victory.'[83]

80 **RV 15:32 · Cross-ref.** Isa 22:13.

81 **RV 15:45 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:7.

82 **RV 15:51-52 · Cross-ref.** 1Th 4:15-17.

83 **RV 15:54 · Cross-ref.** Isa 25:8.

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55 'Death, where is your victory?
Yes death, where is your sting?'[84]
56 Sin is the sting of death, and sin's power is The Law, 57 but be thankful **to God** because it's him who gives us the victory through our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**.
58 Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and stand firm, always doing the **master's** work enthusiastically, knowing that your work for **Yahweh** isn't wasted.

Aid for God's people

16:1 Now concerning the fund-raising for the believers:[85] You all must do the same as what I got the assemblies in Galatia to do. 2 Every Sunday, each one of you should put something aside from whatever you've earnt, so that when I come we won't need any collections then. 3 Then, when I arrive, I'll write letters to send with those you recommend to take to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with your gift, 4 but if it's appropriate for me to go as well, then they can travel with me.

Instructions for travellers

5 After I've been to Makedonia I'll come there. Yes, I'm going through Makedonia,[86] 6 but perhaps I'll spend some time with you—maybe even the whole winter. That way, you all could help me on my way wherever I decide to go next, 7 because I don't want to see you all now just in passing, but I'd like to stay with you all for a some time if the **master** permits.
8 But I'll stay here at Efesos until the Pentecost celebrations[87] 9 because a wide door has opened for me to be effective here, even though many are opposing me.
10 Now if Timotheos[88] arrives, make sure that he has nothing for him to be afraid **of** there, because he's doing **Yahweh's** work just like me. 11 So don't let anyone despise him, but help him on his way in peace, so that he can come to me because I'm expecting him along with the brothers.
12 And then concerning the brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers. He didn't want to go at the present time, but he'll go when he has another opportunity.

Final messages and greetings

13 Stay alert and stay grounded in the faith. Be strong and courageous. 14 Everything you do, do in love.
15 Now brothers and sisters, you all know that Stefanas' family[89] were the first ones in Akaia to believe, and since then they've devoted themselves to serving the believers, so I urge you all 16 to submit yourselves to people like them, in fact to everyone who works and cooperates.
17 I'm pleased that Stefanas, Fortunatos, and Akaikos came because they've given what you all couldn't, 18 because they re-

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one giving us the victory through the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa) chosen_one/messiah**. 58 So_then, brothers of_me beloved, firm be_becoming, immovable, being_ _plentiful in the work of_the **master** always, having_known that the labour of_you_all not is vain in the_**master**.

16:1 And concerning the collection which is for the holy ones, as I_directed to_the assemblies of_ ~~the~~ _Galatia, thus also you_ _all do. 2 In_every first day of_the_week, each of_you_all by himself let_be_putting, storing_up whatever anything ~~wishfully~~ may_be_being_prospered, in_order_that not whenever I_may_ _come, then collections may_be_becoming. 3 And whenever I_ _may_arrive, whomever ~~if~~ you_all_may_approve, by letters these I_will_be_sending, to_carry_away the grace of_you_all to Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim). 4 And if worthy it_may_be ~~which~~ also_I to_be_going, with me they_will_be_going.
5 But I_will_be_coming to you_all, whenever Makedonia I_may_ _pass_through, For/Because Makedonia I_am_passing_through. 6 With and you_all having_happened I_will_be_continuing_ _with, or I_will_be_wintering, in_order_that you_all me may_ _send_forward, where if I_may_be_going. 7 Not for I_am_ _wanting you_all now in passage to_see, I_am_hoping for a_ _time certain to_remain_on with you_all, if the **master** may_ _permit. 8 But I_will_be_remaining_on in Efesos until ~~the~~ pentecost, 9 for/because a_door to_me has_opened_up great and active, and opposing many are. 10 And if may_come Timotheos, be_seeing that fearlessly he_may_become with you_all, because/for the the_work of_the_**master** he_is_doing, as I. 11 Not therefore anyone him may_scorn. But send_forward him in peace, in_order_that he_may_come to me, because/for I_am_awaiting him with the brothers. 12 But Concerning Apollōs the brother, much I_am_exhorting him that he_may_ _come to you_all with the brothers, and certainly not it_was his_will that now he_may_come, but he_will_be_coming whenever he_may_have_opportunity.

13 Be_watching, be_standing_firm in the faith, be_masculine, be_being_strengthened. 14 All things of_you_all in love let_be_ _becoming. 15 And I_am_exhorting you_all, brothers, you_all_ _have_known the house of_Stefanas that it_is the_first-fruit ~~the~~ of_Aḳaia, and to the_service to_the holy ones they_determined themselves, 16 that also you_all may_be_being_subjected to_ ~~the~~ _such men, and to_everyone ~~which~~ working_together and labouring. 17 But I_am_rejoicing at the coming of_Stefanas, and Fortounatos, and Aḳaikos, because ~~the~~ of_you_all the_lacking these fulfilled. 18 For/Because they_refreshed ~~the~~ my spirit and ~~which~~ of_you_all. Therefore be_recognizing ~~the~~ such men.
19 Are_greeting you_all the assemblies of_ ~~the~~ _Asia. Are_

84 **RV 15:55 · Cross-ref.** Hos 13:14 (LXX).
85 **RV 16:1 · Cross-ref.** Rom 15:25-26.
86 **RV 16:5 · Cross-ref.** Acts 19:21.
87 **RV 16:8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:15-21; Deu 16:9-11.
88 **RV 16:10 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 4:17.
89 **RV 16:15 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 1:16.

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_greeting you_all in the_**master** much Akulas and Priska, with the in house of_them assembly. **20** Are_greeting you_all the brothers all. Greet one_another with a_kiss holy. **21** The greeting is ~~the~~ of_my ‹own›_hand, of_Paulos. **22** If anyone not is_ _loving the **master**, him_let_be a_curse. Marana qa. **23** The grace of_the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_ _one/messiah** with you_all be. **24** The love of_me be with all of_you in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous**. Truly.

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freshed my spirit and yours also, so you should show appreciation to such people.

19 The assemblies in the province of Asia Minor send their greetings.[90] **20** All the brothers and sisters here send their greetings.

Greet each other with an innocent kiss.

21 I, Paulos, am sending this greeting in my own handwriting.

22 If there's anyone there who doesn't love the **master**, let him be cursed.

Come, master!

23 May the grace from our **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) be with all of you.

24 My love to all of you in **Messiah Yeshua**. May it be so.

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90 RV 16:19 · Cross-ref. Acts 18:2.

Paulos's second known letter to the believers in

Korinthos

Introduction

This is Paulos's second letter written to the believers in Korinthos that we have in our Bibles, but could easily have been his third or fourth letter to them. We deduce this from his reference to other letters (e.g., see https://www.GotQuestions.org/how-many-letters-Corinthians.html), but we don't have copies of them.
This letter from Paulos to the believers in Korinthos was written from Makedonia at a time when his relationship with the believers there wasn't very good.
In first part of this letter, Paulos tells about his relationship with the believers there in Korinthos. He explains his sadness concerning the shame of the believers and their disobedience of him. Then he tells again about his happiness that his anger faded after the believers repented of their sin and then their good relationship was restored. He urged the believers to continue to collect a gift of aid for poor believers in Yerushalem.
In the final four chapters, Paulos justifies his missionary status to them. (Those that accused Paul said that he's not a true ambassador of Messiah.)

Main components of Paulos's letter

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1:1 Paulos, an_ambassador of_**chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshū´a)** by the_will of_**god**, and Timotheos the brother, to_the assembly of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ~~which~~ being in Korinthos, with the holy ones all ~~which~~ being in all ~~the~~ Aḳaia: **2** grace to_ _you_all and peace, from **god** the_father of_us and the_**master Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**.

3 Blessed is the **god** and father of_the **master** of_us **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, the father of_ ~~the~~ _compassions and **god** of_all comfort, **4** the one comforting us in all the tribulation of_ _us, in_order that to_be_able us to_be_comforting the ones in every tribulation, through the comfort with_which we_are_ _being_comforted ourselves by ~~the~~ **god**. **5** Because as is_being_ _plentiful the sufferings of_the **chosen_one/messiah** toward us, thus through the **chosen_one/messiah** is_being_plentiful also the comfort of_us. **6** But whether we_are_being_oppressed, because/for the of_you_all comfort and salvation it_is, or we_ _are_being_comforted, because/for the of_you_all comfort it_is, ~~which~~ working in the_endurance of_the same sufferings, which also we are_suffering. **7** And the hope of_us confirmed for you_ _all, having_known that as partners you_all_are of_the sufferings, thus also of_the comfort. **8** For/Because not we_are_ _wanting you_all to_be_not_knowing, brothers, about the tribulation of_us ~~which~~ having_become in ~~the~~ Asia, that against excess beyond our_power we_were_weighed_down, so_as to_ _be_despairing us even ~~which~~ to_be_living. **9** But ourselves in ourselves the sentence of_ ~~the~~ _death we_have_had, in_order_ _that not having_trusted we_may_be in ourselves, but in ~~the~~ **god**, the one raising the dead, **10** who from so_great a_death rescued us, and will_be_rescuing us, in whom we_have_hoped that also still he_will_be_rescuing us, **11** cooperating_with also you_all for us ~~the~~ in_petition, in_order_that by many people, the toward us gift, through many, may_be_given_thanks for us.

12 For/Because the boasting of_us this is: the testimony of_the conscience of_us, that in holiness and sincerity of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and not in wisdom fleshly, but in grace of_**god**, we_were_ _conducted in the world, and more_abundantly toward you_all. **13** For/Because no other things we_are_writing to_you_all, but than what you_all_are_reading or even you_all_are_ _understanding, and I_am_hoping that to the_end you_all_will_ _be_understanding, **14** as also you_all_understood us in part, that the_boast of_you_all we_are, just_as also you_all are of_us, in the day of_the **master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshū´a)**. **15** And with_ _this ~~the~~ confidence I_was_wishing previously, to you_all to_ _come, in_order_that a_second grace you_all_may_have, **16** and by you_all to_pass_through to Makedonia, and back from Makedonia to_come to you_all, and by you_all to_be_sent_ _forward to ~~the~~ Youdaia. **17** Therefore this wishing, surely_not consequently to_ ~~the~~ _lightness I_resorted? Or what I_am_ _counselling, according_to flesh I_am_counselling, in_order_ _that may_be with me ~~the~~ Yes, yes, and ~~which~~ No, no? **18** But

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, a missionary **of Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) by God's will, and from our brother, Timotheos.

It's written to God's assembly in Korinthos,[1] along with all the believers throughout the province of Akaia.

2 May **God** our father and **master Yeshua Messiah** give you all grace and peace.

Suffering and comfort

3 May the **god** and father of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** be blessed. He is the father of compassion and **God** of all comfort **4** who comforts us through all our trials so that we can comfort others through all their trials with the same comfort that **God** comforts us with. **5** In the same way that Messiah's many sufferings are expected of us, so too the **Messiah's** plentiful comfort also reaches us. **6** If we're being oppressed, it's for your comfort and salvation, and if we're being comforted, it's for your comfort which enables you all to endure the same sufferings that we're suffering. **7** We have confident expectations for you all because we know that you are partners in suffering, and hence also in comfort.

8 Brothers and sisters, we don't want you to miss out on knowing about our difficulties in the province of Asia Minor. We were weighed down with a situation totally beyond our power, so much so that we thought we wouldn't live through it.[2] **9** We were resigned in ourselves to the death sentence so that we wouldn't trust in ourselves but in **God** who brings the dead back to life— **10** the one who rescued us from that death and will rescue us again. He's the one we put our hope in that he will continue to rescue us **11** as you also cooperated with us through your requests to him. Through this, many people will give thanks on our behalf for the gift that was granted to us in answer to the prayers of many.

The changes to Paulos's plans

12 So this is our boast: Our consciences testify that we have conducted ourselves in the world (and even more so towards all of you) with purity and godly sincerity, not with worldly wisdom, but relying on **God's** grace. **13** We're not writing other ideas to you other than what you're all reading. You're also understanding it and I'm hoping that you'll be able to understand it all the way through to the end **14** as you initially partially understood us. Then on the day when **Master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) returns, you'll be able to boast about us just as we do about all of you.

15 Because of my confidence in that, I had wanted to visit you all so that you'd have a second taste of grace, **16** and to continue on to Makedonia and to stay again on the way back, and then to have you all help send me on my way to Yehudah (Judea).[3] **17** Was I just being light-headed when I hoped for that? Or what was I thinking? Was I just thinking in worldly ways where yes, I

1 RV 1:1 · Cross-ref. Acts 18:1.

2 RV 1:8 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 15:32.

3 RV 1:16 · Cross-ref. Acts 19:21.

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might, and at the same time, no, I might not? 18 But our message to you all hasn't been both 'yes' and 'no', because **God** is faithful. 19 His son **Yeshua Messiah** who I've preached **about** to you all, as well as hearing it from Silas and Timotheos,[4] didn't become 'yes' and 'no', but in him it's become 'yes'. 20 Concerning the many promises made by **God**, in Messiah they're 'yes', and therefore through him the 'Let it be so', resulting in honour for God through us. 21 It's **God** who commissioned us and who confirms you and us to **Messiah**, 22 and God also places his seal on us and places his **spirit** in our hearts.

23 I call on **God** as a witness for my soul that it was to spare you all that I didn't come to Korinthos. 24 Not that we are in any way the masters of your faith, but rather we are fellow-workers sharing in your happiness because you all stand in the faith.

2:1 So I made the decision myself not to make a sad visit to you, 2 because if I'm making you all upset, who would be left to cheer me up except for the people that I would've just upset? 3 So I wrote this same thing, so that when I came, I wouldn't get your upsets when I should be being happy, having trusted in you all that my happiness is in you. 4 I wrote to you much difficulty and anguish in my heart and through many tears, not wanted to make you all upset, but rather so that you'd know how much love toward you all is much greater than all that.

Forgiveness for the offender

5 If someone has caused grief, he hasn't upset me, well not much, because I don't want to be burdening you all. 6 The punishment imposed on him by most of you is appropriate, 7 so now you should forgive and comfort him in case excess pain should drive him out. 8 That's why I'm urging all of you to reaffirm him now with your love. 9 Another reason that I wrote to you was to find out if you would stand strong and be obedient in everything. 10 But **anyone** that you forgive for anything, I also forgive, because what I've also forgiven (if I have forgiven anything), it was for you all in the presence **of Messiah** 11 so that we can't be exploited by Satan (because we're not ignorant about his intentions).

Paulos's brief ministry in Troias

12 When I went to Troias to preach the good message of the **messiah** and an opportunity presented itself to me in **the** messiah, 13 my spirit couldn't relax because I found out that my brother Titos wasn't there, so I said my goodbyes to them and continued on to Makedonia.[5]

Victory through Messiah

14 But we're thankful **to God** who displays us as victors in the **messiah**, and reveals the aroma of the knowledge of **the messiah**, through us in every place. 15 Because **of Messiah**, we who are being saved are a sweet fragrance **to God**, and also the ones perishing. 16 On one

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faithful ~~the~~ **god** is, that the message of_us ~~which~~ to you_all, not is Yes and No. 19 The ~~the~~ For/Because of_**god** son, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, who among you_all by us having_been_proclaimed, by me, and Silouanos, and Timotheos, not became Yes and No, but Yes in him has_become. 20 For/Because as_many_as promises of_**god**, in him is the Yes. Therefore also through him, the amen, to_ ~~the~~ _**god** for the_glory by us. 21 And the one confirming us with you_all to **chosen_one/messiah** and having_anointed us is **god**, 22 who also having_sealed us and having_given the deposit of_the **spirit** in the hearts of_us. 23 But I as_witness ~~the~~ **god** am_calling on ~~the~~ my soul that sparing from_you_all no_longer I_came to Korinthos. 24 Not that we_are_mastering of_you_all over_the faith, but fellow-workers we_are of_the joy with_you_all, because/for in_the faith you_all_have_stood.

2:1 I_judged for by_myself this, ~~which~~ not again in sorrow to you_all to_come. 2 For/Because if I am_sorrowing you_all, also who is ~~which~~ gladdening me, except ~~not/lest~~ the one being_sorrowed by me? 3 And I_wrote this same thing, in_order_that not having_come, sorrow I_may_have from of_whom it_was_fitting me to_be_rejoicing, having_trusted in all you_all that ~~the~~ my joy of_all of_you is. 4 For/Because out_of much tribulation and anguish of_heart, I_wrote to_you_all through many tears, not in_order_that you_all_may_be_sorrowed, but the love in_order_that you_all_may_know that I_am_having more_abundantly toward you_all.

5 But if anyone has_sorrowed, not me he_has_sorrowed, but in part, in_order_that not I_may_be_burdening all you_all. 6 Worthy is to_ ~~the~~ _such one ~~the~~ punishment this, which is by the more, 7 so_that instead rather you_all are to_forgive and to_comfort him, lest somehow with_the more_abundant sorrow, may_be_swallowed_up ~~the~~ such one. 8 Therefore I_am_exhorting you_all, to_confirm toward him love. 9 For/Because for this also I_wrote, in_order_that I_may_know the provenness of_you_all, whether to all things obedient you_all_are. 10 But to_whomever anything you_all_are_forgiving, also_I forgive, because/for also I what have_forgiven, if anything I_have_forgiven, because_of you_all it_is in the_presence of_**chosen_one/messiah**, 11 in_order_that not we_may_be_exploited by ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān), because/for not of_him the thinking we_are_not_knowing.

12 And having_come to ~~the~~ Trōias for the good_message of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, and a_door to_me having_been_opened_up in the_**master**, 13 not I_have_had relaxation in_the spirit of_me, ~~which~~ not to_find me Titos the brother of_me, but having_bid_goodbye to_them, I_came_out to Makedonia.

14 But ~~the~~ to_**god** thankfulness be, to_the one always triumphing us in the **chosen_one/messiah**, and the aroma of_the knowledge of_him, revealing through us in every place. 15 Because of_**chosen_one/messiah** a_sweet_fragrance we_are to_ ~~the~~ _**god**, in the ones being_saved and in the ones perishing, 16 to_one on_one_hand an_aroma from death to death, on_the_

4 **RV 1:19 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:5.

5 **RV 2:12-13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 20:1.

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_other_hand to_one an_aroma from life to life. And for these things who is worthy? **17** For/Because not we_are like the many peddling the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, but as of sincerity, but as of **god**, in_front_of **god** in **chosen_one/messiah** we_are_ _speaking.

3:1 We_are_beginning again ourselves to_be_commending? Or not we_are_needing, as some, of_commendatory letters to you_ _all or from you_all? **2** The letter of_us you_all are, having_ _been_inscribed in the hearts of_us, being_known and being_ _read by all people, **3** being_revealed that you_all_are a_letter of_**chosen_one/messiah**, having_been_served by us, having_ _been_inscribed not in_ink, but with_the_**spirit** of_**god** the_ _living, not on tablets stone, but on tablets of_hearts fleshy. **4** And confidence such we_are_having through the **chosen_ _one/messiah** toward ~~the~~ **god**. **5** Not that from ourselves worthy we_are to_count anything as of ourselves, but the qualified of_us is of ~~the~~ **god**, **6** who also qualified us as_servants of_a_new covenant, not of_the_letter, but of_the_**spirit**, because/for the letter will_be_killing_off, but the **spirit** is_ _giving_life. **7** But if the service ~~the~~ of_death in letters having_ _been_engraved in_stones was_become in glory, so_as not to_ _be_able to_look_intently the sons of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā$\bar{}$^{ēl}) at the face of_Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh), because_of the glory of_the face of_ _him, which is being_nullified, **8** how not more the service of_ _the **spirit** will_be in glory? **9** For/Because if in_the the_service was of_ ~~the~~ _condemnation, glory by_much more is_being_ _plentiful the service of_ ~~the~~ _righteousness in_glory. **10** For/Because even not has_been_glorified, the thing having_ _been_glorified in this ~~the~~ regard on_account the surpassing glory. **11** For/Because if the thing being_wasted through glory was, by_much rather the thing remaining in glory. **12** Therefore having such hope to_great boldness we_are_resorting, **13** and not just_as Mōsa^{y}s was_putting a_veil over the face of_him, because/for that not to_look_intently the sons of_ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā$\bar{}$^{ēl}), to the end of_the thing being_wasted. **14** But was_hardened the thinking of_them. For/Because until the today day, the same veil at at_the public_reading of_the old covenant is_remaining, not being_unveiled that in **chosen_ _one/messiah** it_is_being_nullified. **15** But to today whenever ~~wishfully~~ may_be_being_read Mōsa^{y}s, a_veil from the heart of_ _them is_lying. **16** But whenever ~~if~~ it_may_turn_back to the_ _**master**, is_being_taken_away the veil. **17** And the **master** the **spirit** is, and where the **spirit** of_the_**master** is, freedom is. **18** But we all having_been_unveiled in_face, the glory of_the_ _**master** reflecting, in_the same image we_are_being_ _transformed, from glory to glory, just_as from of_the_**master**, the_**spirit**.

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hand we're an aroma of death to those choosing death, and on the other hand, an aroma of life to those choosing life. Wow, who's worthy enough for that? **17** We're not like the many others who are peddling God's message to make a profit, but we speak in front of God in sincerity. As followers of God, we speak **about Messiah**.

Following the new agreement by the spirit

3:1 Oh, are we beginning to pat ourselves on the back again? Don't we need written references for you all, or from you all, like some others do? **2** It's all of you who are our references, and having been written in our hearts, it's known about and being read by all people. **3** It shows that you who were served by us, are now **Messiah's** letter that wasn't written with ink but **with God's** living **spirit**—not written on stone tablets[6] but on people's hearts.[7]

4 We have such confidence towards **God** through the **messiah**, **5** not that we ourselves are worthy to consider ourselves anything special, but our qualifications come from **God**. **6** He qualified us as servants of a new agreement[8]—not following it by the letter, but by **the spirit**, because following by the letter leads to death whereas following by the **spirit** gives life.

7 The system which was inscribed on stone tablets and which results in death was so incredible when it was given that the Israelis couldn't even bring themselves to look at Mosheh's (Moses') face because it shone so brightly.[9] But if that system is being nullified, **8** won't this system via the **spirit** be even greater? **9** If the system that brought condemnation was incredible, how much greater is the system that leads to righteousness, **10** because that earlier system seems ordinary now when compared with the more incredible greatness of the new system, **11** and if what ended up being replaced was incredible, how much more incredible is the system that lasts.

12 So then, since that's our expectation, we can be very bold, **13** not just like Mosheh putting a veil over his face[10] because the Israelis couldn't even look at him when introducing a system that would be replaced. **14** But their thinking was inflexible because even until this very day, the same veil remains during the public reading of the Hebrew scriptures—it's not opened up because it's only **Messiah** that nullifies it. **15** So these days whenever Mosheh's writings are being read, a veil lies across their hearts, **16** but whenever that heart might turn towards **Yahweh**, the veil will be removed.[11] **17** Now **Yahweh** is the **spirit**, and there's freedom wherever **Yahweh's spirit is**. **18** All **of** us who've had our faces unveiled are reflecting **Yahweh's** greatness, and that same image transforms us from greatness to greatness. This comes from **Yahweh** who is **the spirit**.

6 **RV 3:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:12.

7 **RV 3:3 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:33; Eze 11:19; 36:26.

8 **RV 3:6 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:31.

9 **RV 3:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:29.

10 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:33.

11 **RV 3:16 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:34.

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The treasure placed in human containers

4:1 So because we have this ministry as a result of God's mercy, we're not discouraged **2** but rather, we have renounced any shameful things that were hidden and continue our spiritual journey. Avoiding deception and taking care not to distort **God's** message, we present the truth clearly even as we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience before **God**. **3** But even if our good message is concealed, it's concealed from those who are perishing. **4** The **god** of this age has blinded the thinking of the unbelievers so that the light of the good message about the greatness of the **messiah** who's **God's** image, doesn't radiate out to them, **5** because it's not us ourselves that we're proclaiming, but **the master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**. We serve as your slaves because of him, **6** because the **god** who said, 'Light will be shining out of the darkness',[12] shined in our hearts so that we could experience **God's** greatness in the face **of Yeshua Messiah**.

7 So we have this treasure stored in containers made from the dirt, so that the excellence of the power will be from **God** and not from us ourselves. **8** We might be oppressed but we won't be crushed, perplexed but we won't despair, **9** persecuted but we won't be abandoned, and struck down but we won't perish. **10** We always carry around in our bodies the death **of Yeshua**, so that the life **of Yeshua** may also be revealed in our bodies, **11** because we who are alive are always being given over to death for **Yeshua's** sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal bodies. **12** So then, death is working in us, but life is working in all of you.

13 We have the same spirit of faith as what's written: 'I believed, therefore I talked about it.'[13] We also believe so we also talk about it, **14** knowing that the one who brought Yeshua back to life, will also bring us back to life along with **Yeshua**, and will be presenting us along with all of you. **15** All of this is for you, so that after experiencing much grace, you all will be even more thankful and thus honour **God**.

Valuing what's actually important

16 Because of that we're not discouraged because even if our outer person is being ruined, our inner person is being renewed day by day **17** because our small, temporary troubles will produce an excess of great honour for us. **18** We don't just look at what we can see, but include the things that can't be seen, because visible things are temporary, but the things that last forever are invisible to our eyes.

Our future bodies

5:1 We know that when the temporary, earthly home (our body) that we live in is demolished, we will have a building from **God** that's not built by human hands—an eternal house in the heavens. **2** Actually, that's also why we groan—wanting to be clothed in our heavenly bodies. **3** Yes, once we're properly dressed we won't feel naked **4** because while we

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4:1 Because_of this having ~~the~~ service this, as we_were_shown_ _mercy, not we_are_losing_heart. **2** But we_renounced the hidden things of_ ~~the~~ _shame, neither walking in craftiness, nor falsifying the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, but ~~the~~ by_manifestation of_ _the truth, commending ourselves to every conscience of_ _people before ~~the~~ **god**. **3** But if also is having_been_concealed the good_message of_us, in the ones perishing it_is having_ _been_concealed, **4** in whom the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _age this blinded the thinking of_the unbelievers, in_order that not to_radiate the enlightenment of_the good_message of_the glory of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, who is the_image of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **5** For/Because not ourselves we_are_proclaiming, but **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah** the_**master**, and ourselves slaves of_you_all because_of **Ya^{y}sous**. **6** Because ~~the~~ **god** ~~which~~ having_said: Out_of darkness light will_be_shining, who shined in the hearts of_us, because/for enlightenment of_ _the knowledge of_the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god** in the_face of_**Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**. **7** But we_are_having ~~the~~ treasure this in earthen vessels, in_order_that the excellent of_the power may_ _be of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and not from us, **8** in everything being_ _oppressed, but not being_crushed, perplexing, but not despairing, **9** being_persecuted, but not being_abandoned, being_struck_down, but not perishing, **10** always the death of_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous** in our body carrying_about, in_order_that also the life of_ ~~the~~ **_Ya^{y}sous** in the body of_us may_be_revealed. **11** For/Because always we, the ones living, to death are_being_ _given_over because_of **Ya^{y}sous**, in_order_that also the life of_ _the of_**Ya^{y}sous** may_be_revealed in the mortal flesh of_us. **12** So_then ~~the~~ death in us is_working, but ~~the~~ life in you_all. **13** But having the same spirit of_ ~~the~~ _faith, according_to the message having_been_written: I_believed, therefore I_spoke, also we are_believing, therefore also we_are_speaking, **14** having_known that the one having_raised ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, also us with **Ya^{y}sous** will_be_raising, and will_be_presenting us with you_all. **15** For/Because the things all are because_of you_all, in_order_that the grace having_been_plentiful through ~~the~~ more, the thanksgiving may_be_plentiful to the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god**.

16 Therefore not we_are_losing_heart, but if also the outside of_us person is_being_ruined, but the person inside of_us is_ _being_renewed by_day and day. **17** For/Because the momentary light of_ ~~the~~ _tribulation as excess to excess an_ _eternal burden of_glory, is_producing for_us, **18** not observing of_us the things being_seen, but the things not being_seen, because/for the things being_seen are temporary, but the things not being_seen are eternal.

5:1 For/Because we_have_known that if the earthly of_us house of_the tent may_be_torn_down, a_building from **god** we_are_ _having, a_house not_hand_made eternal in the heavens. **2** For/Because also in this we_are_groaning, the dwelling of_us which is from heaven to_be_clothed longing. **3** If surely also having_dressed_in, not naked we_will_be_being_found. **4** For/Because also ~~which~~ being in the tent, we_are_groaning,

12 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:3.

13 **RV 4:13 · Cross-ref.** Psa 116:10 (LXX).

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being_weighed_down in that not we_are_wanting to_strip_off, but to_be_clothed, in_order_that may_be_swallowed_up the mortal by ~~the~~ life. 5 And the one having_prepared us for same purpose this **god** is, the one having_given to_us the deposit of_ _the **spirit**. 6 Therefore having_confidence always, and having_ _known that being_at_home in the body, we_are_being_absent from the **master**, 7 by for faith we_are_walking, not by appearance. 8 And we_are_having_confidence and we_are_ _taking_pleasure rather to_be_absent out_of the body and to_ _be_at_home with the **master**. 9 Therefore also we_are_being_ _ambitious, whether being_at_home or being_absent, well_ _pleasing to_him to_be. 10 For/Because ~~which~~ all us to_be_ _revealed it_is_fitting, before the tribunal of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, in_order_that may_receive_back each the things through the body, with what he_did, whether good or evil.

11 Therefore having_known the fear of_the **master**, people we_ _are_persuading, But to_**god** we_have_been_revealed, and I_ _am_hoping also in the consciences of_you_all to_have_ _revealed. 12 Not again ourselves we_are_commending to_you_ _all, but opportunity giving to_you_all of_boast for us, in_ _order_that you_all_may_be_having toward the ones in appearance boasting, and not in the_heart. 13 For/Because whether we_flipped_out, to_**god** it_is, or we_are_being_ _sensible, for_you_all it_is. 14 For/Because the love of_the **chosen_one/messiah** is_holding us, having_judged this, that one for all died_off, consequently ~~which~~ all died_off. 15 And for all he_died_off, in_order_that the ones living, no_longer to_ _themselves may_be_living, but to_the one for them having_ _died_off and having_been_raised. 16 So_then we from the time now no_one have_known according_to flesh. If even we_have_ _known according_to flesh **chosen_one/messiah**, but now no_ _longer we_are_knowing him. 17 So_then if anyone is in **chosen_one/messiah**, a_new creation he_is, the ancient things passed_away, see, it_has_become new. 18 And the things all of ~~the~~ **god**, the one having_reconciled us to_himself by **chosen_ _one/messiah**, and having_given to_us the service of_ ~~the~~ _ _reconciliation, 19 how that **god** was in **chosen_one/messiah** the_world reconciling to_himself, not counting to_them the transgressions of_them, and having_put in us the message of_ ~~the~~ _reconciliation. 20 For/Because Therefore **chosen_ _one/messiah** we_are_being_ambassadors, as_though ~~the~~ **god** exhorting through us, we_are_beseeching for **chosen_ _one/messiah**, be_reconciled to_ ~~the~~ _**god**. 21 The one not having_known sin, because/for us sin he_made, in_order_that we may_become the_righteousness of_**god** in him.

6:1 And working_together also, we_are_exhorting not in vain the grace of_ ~~the~~ _**god** to_receive you_all. 2 For/Because he_is_ _saying: In_a_time acceptable I_listened_to from_you, and in the_day of_salvation I_gave_help to_you. Behold, now is the_ _time acceptable, see, now is the_day of_salvation. 3 Not_one in nothing giving cause_for_stumbling, in_order_that not may_ _be_blemished the service. 4 But in everything commending ourselves as of_**god** servants: in endurance great, in

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live in these temporary homes we are groaning. It's not that we want to dispose of these temporary homes, but we want to be permanently clothed so that our mortal parts might be enveloped by life. 5 It's **God** who prepared us for this reason—yes, the one who deposited the **spirit** into us.

6 Because of that, we're always confident and known that while we're at home in our bodies, we are distanced from the **master**, 7 but we walk by faith and not by how things look. 8 And we do have confidence and look forward to being absent out of these bodies and being at home with the **master**, 9 so that's why we're ambitious to please the master, whether we're still in these bodily homes or absent from them. 10 Yes, we must all stand at our court hearing in front of **the messiah**, so that each of us may receive justice for what we did while in these bodies, whether it was good or evil.[14]

It's time to get saved

11 Because of that, having known the fear of **Yahweh**, we are persuading people, but **God** sees what we're doing, and I'm hoping that your consciences also see the same. 12 Again, we're not trying to promote ourselves to you, but we're giving you all an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can respond to those who take pride in outside appearances rather than in what's in the heart. 13 If we're being crazy, it's to serve **God**, or if we're being sensible, it's for all of you, 14 because the **messiah's** love controls us since we are convinced that he died for everyone. Hence we've all died 15 and he died for everyone, so that anyone who's living, won't be living for themselves any more, but for the one who died for them and then came back to life from the dead.

16 So from now on, we don't just know people in the physical dimension, and even if we have known **Messiah** physically, that's no longer how we know him. 17 So then if anyone is in **Messiah**, they're a *new* creation—the old has gone, and wow, it's now become new! 18 Everything is from **God**, the **one** who reconciled us to himself by **Messiah** and who has given the ministry of reconciliation to us. 19 **God** was in **Messiah** reconciling the world to himself, not listing their sins against them, and having given the message of reconciliation to us.

20 Because of that, we are ambassadors for Messiah, as though **God** is encouraging others through us, so we implore you for **Messiah**: Make your peace with **God**. 21 **God** took the one who hadn't experienced sin and made him into sin for us so that in him, we could become not guilty in **God's** sight.

6:1 Since we're working together, we want to encourage you all not to accept **God's** grace wastefully 2 because he said,

'I listened to you at the right time,
and I helped you on the day when you were saved.'[15]

Listen, today is the right time to ask. And listen again, today is the right day to get saved.

3 Don't give anyone a reason to stumble, so that the ministry

14 **RV 5:10 · Cross-ref.** Rom 14:10.

15 **RV 6:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 49:8.

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won't be tarnished, 4 but as **God's** servants we commend ourselves in every way—by great endurance when facing afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments,[16] riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger, 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, **the** holy **spirit**, genuine love, 7 in truthful speech and in the power **of God**. Hold the weapons of righteousness in both your right and left hands 8 whether in victory or dishonour, through bad reports and good reports, even if being called fakes (but being genuine). 9 We're regarded as unknowns despite being well-known, considered to be dying off yet very much alive, being beaten but not yet being killed, 10 regarded as sad but always happy, as poor but making many people rich, as having nothing but possessing everything.

11 We've shared our thoughts with you all from Korinthos and our hearts have been expanded. 12 You haven't been restricted by us, but your own compassions restrict you all. 13 In return, you also should be expanded. (Yes, I know it's like I'm talking to children.)

Don't be teamed with unbelievers

14 Don't be teamed together with unbelievers, because how can there be a partnership between obeying and disobeying God, or in other words, how can light socialise with darkness? 15 So what harmony can **Messiah** have with Satan, or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement can **God's** temple have with idols, because we are the temple **of** the living God?[17] As God said,

'I will live with them
and I will walk among them.
I will be their **god**
and they will be my people.'[18]

17 Therefore **Yahweh** says,

'Come out from among them and be separate.
Touch nothing that's ceremonially prohibited
and then I will accept you.[19]
18 I will be a Father for you,
and you will be my sons and daughters,'

says **Yahweh the** all-powerful.[20]

7:1 Dear brothers and sisters, because we have those promises we should avoid doing anything that would defile our bodies or our spirits, thus staying pure due to our respect for **God**.

Paulos's happiness about those in Korinthos

2 Please do accept us because we didn't wrong anyone, and we didn't corrupt or exploit anyone. 3 I'm not pronouncing condemnation because I've said previously that you all are in our hearts so together we'll die and together we'll live again. 4 I feel very bold towards you all and boast a lot about you. I'm

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tribulations, in hardships, in distresses, 5 in beatings, in prisons, in disturbances, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, 6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the_**spirit** holy, in love unhypocritical, 7 in the_message of_truth, in the_ _power of_**god**, through the weapons of_ ~~the~~ _righteousness of_ _the right and the_left, 8 through glory and dishonour, through defamation and good_report, as deceivers and_yet true, 9 as being_not_knowing and_yet being_known_fully, as dying_off and_yet see, we_are_living, as being_disciplined and_yet not being_put_to_death, 10 as being_sorrowed but always rejoicing, as poor but many making_rich, as nothing having and_yet all things keeping. 11 The mouth of_us has_opened_up to you_all, Korinthios, the heart of_us has_been_widened. 12 Not you_all_ _are_being_restricted by us, but you_all_are_being_restricted in the compassions of_you_all. 13 And for_the the_same recompense (as to_children I_am_speaking) be_widened also you_all.

14 Not be_becoming mispairing with_unbelievers, because/for what partnership exists by_righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship exists by_light with darkness? 15 And what harmony is of_**chosen_one/messiah** with Beliar, or what portion exists by_a_believer with an_unbeliever? 16 And what agreement exists by_the_temple of_**god** with idols? for we the_ _temple of_**god** are the_living, as said ~~the~~ **god**, ~~that~~ I_will_be_ _dwelling in them, and I_will_be_walking_among them, and I_ _will_be of_them **god**, and they will_be of_me a_people.
17 Therefore come_out from the_midst of_them and be_set_ _apart, is_saying the_**master**: and against_the_unclean not be_ _touching: And_I will_be_receiving_in you_all. 18 And I_will_be to_you_all for a_father, and you_all will_be to_me for sons and daughters, is_saying the_**master** almighty.
7:1 Therefore these having the promises, beloved, we_may_ _cleanse ourselves from every defilement of_flesh and spirit, accomplishing holiness in the_reverence of_**god**.

2 Have_room for_us, no_one we_did_wrong, no_one we_ _corrupted, no_one we_exploited. 3 For/Because condemnation not I_am_speaking, because/for I_have_previously_said that you_all_are, in the hearts of_us in_order that to_die_together and to_be_living_together. 4 Great is to_me boldness toward you_all, great is to_me boasting for you_all, I_have_been_filled ~~the~~ with_exhortation, I_am_being_overflowed ~~the~~ with_joy in all

16 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Acts 16:23.

17 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 3:16; 6:19.

18 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** Lev 26:12; Eze 37:27.

19 **RV 6:17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 52:11.

20 **RV 6:18 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:14; 1Ch 17:13; Isa 43:6; Jer 31:9.

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the tribulation of_us. 5 For/Because also having_come of_us
into Makedonia, not_one has_had relaxation the flesh of_us,
but in everything being_oppressed, outside quarrels, inside
fears. 6 But the one comforting the humble, comforted us ~~the~~
god by the coming of_Titos, 7 not and only by the coming of_
_him, but also by the comfort with_which he_was_comforted in
you_all, declaring to_us the of_you_all longing, the of_you_all
mourning, the of_you_all zeal for me, so_as for_me more to_be_
_elated. 8 Because if also I_sorrowed you_all in the letter, not I_
_am_regretting it. if even I_was_regretting it (I_am_seeing that
~~the~~ letter that, if even for an_hour sorrowed you_all) 9 now I_
_am_rejoicing not that you_all_were_sorrowed, but that you_
_all_were_sorrowed into repentance, because/for you_all_
_were_sorrowed according_to **god**, in_order_that in nothing
you_all_may_be_lost by us. 10 For/Because the according_to
god sorrow, repentance to salvation unregrettable is_
_producing, and the of_the world sorrow, death is_producing.
11 For/Because see same thing this ~~which~~ according_to **god** to_
_be_sorrowed, how_much it_produced in_you_all earnestness:
but what defense, but what resentment, but what fear, but
what longing, but what zeal, but what vengeance. In
everything you_all_demonstrated yourselves pure to_be in_the
matter. 12 Consequently if also I_wrote to_you_all, not on_
_account the one having_done_wrong, nor on_account the one
having_been_done_wrong, but on_account the thing to_be_
_revealed the earnestness of_you_all, which is for us to you_all
before ~~the~~ **god**. 13 Because_of this we_have_been_comforted.
And to the comfort of_us, more_abundantly rather we_were_
_elated at the joy of_Titos, because has_been_refreshed the
spirit of_him by all of_you. 14 Because if anything to_him about
you_all I_have_boasted, not I_was_disgraced, but as all things in
truth we_spoke to_you_all, thus also the boasting of_us to Titos
truth was_become. 15 And the compassions of_him more_
_abundantly toward you_all is, being_reminded the of_all of_
_you obedience, how with fear and trembling you_all_received
him. 16 I_am_rejoicing that in everything, I_am_having_
_confidence in you_all.

8:1 And we_are_making_known to_you_all, brothers, the grace
of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ~~which~~ having_been_given among the assemblies of_
~~the~~ _Makedonia, 2 that in much provenness of_tribulation, the
abundance of_the joy of_them and ~~which~~ according_to depth
poverty of_them, been_plentiful into the riches of_the
generosity of_them. 3 Because according_to their_ability I_am_
_testifying, and beside their_ability, voluntary 4 with much
exhortation beseeching of_us, the grace and the fellowship of_
_the service ~~which~~ among the holy ones. 5 And not as we_hoped,
but themselves they_gave, first to_the **master**, and to_us, by
the_will of_**god**. 6 In_order that to_exhort us Titos, in_order_
_that as he_previously_began, thus also he_may_accomplish in
you_all also ~~the~~ grace this. 7 But as in everything you_all_are_
_being_plentiful, in_faith, and speech, and knowledge, and all
earnestness, and the from us to you_all love, in_order_that also

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filled with encouragement and even in our troubles I'm over-
flowing with happiness .

5 Actually, since we arrived in Makedonia[21] we've had no physi-
cal rest but we've been oppressed in every way—on the outside
there's quarrels and on the inside we've had our fears, 6 but the
God who comforts those who are humble, comforted us with the
arrival of Titos. 7 It wasn't just his coming, but also because he'd
been comforted by all of you. He told us about your longing for
me, and your mourning for my troubles and your zeal for me,
and it really cheered me up.

8 Yes, because even if I made you sad with my letter,[22] I don't
regret sending it. (Well, for a while I was sad for you that I had
sent the letter.) 9 Anyway, now I'm happy, not that it made you
sad, but because that sadness led to turning away from your sin
because that sorrow was according to **God's** values so you didn't
lose anything because of us. 10 Because sorrow according to
God's values brings repentance that leads to salvation without
regrets, but the world's sorrow leads to death. 11 See how this
sorrow according to **God's** values has produced earnestness in
you all, but also eagerness to clear yourselves, resentment, fear,
longing, zeal, and vengeance. You have proved yourselves inno-
cent in the matter in every area.

12 So if I also wrote to you all, not on account of the one having
done wrong, nor on account of the one having been wronged,
but on account of your earnestness that would be revealed to us
all before **God**, 13 then we've been comforted because of this.

And talking about our comfort, we were quite thrilled at Titos'
happiness because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.

14 Yes, if I've boasted anything about you all to him, I wasn't
disgraced, but as we spoke the truth to you all about everything,
so also did our boasting to Titos become true 15 and his affection
towards you all increased when he's reminded about your obedi-
ence and how you accepted him with fear and trembling. 16 I'm
thrilled that I can have confidence in you all about everything.

Encouragement to be generous

8:1 And then, brothers and sisters, we
want you to know **about** how **God** showed
kindness to the assemblies in Makedonia[23] 2 in that as they
proved themselves in a time of persecution, they continued to
show great positivity and from the depth of their poverty, their
generosity resulted in plentiful riches. 3 So I'm testifying about
their ability, and besides that, they voluntarily 4 and enthusiasti-
cally begged us to allow them the grace and fellowship that
would come from their service to other believers. 5 It wasn't
something that we expected of them, but they gave them-
selves—firstly to the **master**, and also to us by **God's** will. 6 So
we encouraged Titos that just as he began to do previously, that
he would go on to cultivate this generosity in you. 7 But since

21 **RV 7:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 2:13.

22 **RV 7:8 · Note** Most scholars agree that the letter referred to here (often referred to as 'the severe letter' because of its effects described in the rest of the paragraph) is not the one that we call '1 Corinthians'.

23 **RV 8:1-4 · Cross-ref.** Rom 15:26.

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you're all prolific in everything—in faith and speech and knowledge and all earnestness and in the love from us to you all—make sure that you're all prolific in this grace of giving.

8 I'm not saying this as a command, but approving the genuineness of your love through the earnestness of others. **9** because you have all experienced the grace of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**: that although he was rich, he became poor so that all of you in your poverty might become rich.

10 And I'm giving my opinion on this because it's beneficial for you all not only to do what began last year, but to do it willingly. **11** Now you should see this through so that you're all not just ready to be willing, but also to actually accomplish that from what you have, **12** because if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what they do not have.

13 Of course, it's not that others should be relaxing while you all endure difficulty, but with an aim of equality. **14** At the present time, your excess will help those who are in need—another time their excess might meet your need to bring about equality. **15** As the scriptures say:

'The person who gathered much didn't have too much,
and the person who gathered little didn't have any lack.'[24]

Concerning Titos and his companions

16 But may **God** be thanked for putting the same earnestness for you all into Titos' mind **17** because indeed he accepted our appeal, but being so earnest he volunteered to visit you all. **18** And we sent another brother along with him, who is praised by all the assemblies for his good message, **19** and not only that, he was also chosen by the assemblies as our travelling companion as we bring this gift as our service for the **master's** honour and for our readiness. **20** We want to avoid the possibility of being criticised in our excitement in serving this way, **21** because we are providing good, not only towards **Yahweh**, but also for people.[25]

22 We also sent with them another brother who we approved of in many ways—often being diligent, but now much more diligent because of his high confidence in you all. **23** Concerning Titos, he is my partner and your fellow-worker, and the accompanying brothers are ambassadors of the assemblies which are **Messiah's** splendour, **24** so show them signs of your love and fulfil what we boasted about you all in the various assemblies.

Preparing the aid for the believers

9:1 It's unnecessary for me to write to you all about this ministry to the believers **2** because I know about your readiness to help and I've been boasting about it to those from Makedonia—that you all in Akaia were ready last year—and your zeal provoked more of them to act. **3** But I sent the brothers so that our boasting about you all won't be invalidated in this regard, so that you'll be prepared just as I had told them. **4** Otherwise if somehow some might come with me from Makedonia and find you unprepared, then

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in this ~~the~~ grace you_all_may_be_being_plentiful. **8** Not as a_ _command I_am_speaking, but through the of_others earnestness, also the ~~the~~ of_your love genuine approving. **9** For/Because you_all_are_knowing the grace of_the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa) chosen_one/messiah**, that because_of you_all he_became_poor, rich being, in_order_that you_all by_the of_that one poverty may_be_rich. **10** And a_ _opinion in this I_am_giving, because/for this for_you_all is_ _benefitting, who not only ~~which~~ to_do, but also ~~which~~ to_be_ _willing, previously_began from last_year. **11** But right_now also ~~which~~ to_do accomplish you, so_that just_as the readiness of_the one to_be_willing, thus also that to_accomplish out_of that to_be_having. **12** For/Because if the readiness is_lying_ _before, as ~~if~~ he_may_be_having acceptable it_is, not as not he_ _is_having. **13** For/Because not in_order_that to_others relaxation may_be, to_you_all tribulation, but of equality. **14** At the present time, the of_you_all excess is for the one of_those need, in_order_that also the of_those excess may_become for the of_you_all need, so_that there_may_become equality. **15** As it_has_been_written: The one with_the much, not been_ _plentiful, and the one with_the little, no had_less.

16 But thankfulness be to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, the one giving the same earnestness for you_all in the heart of_Titos. **17** Because our indeed appeal he_received, but more_earnest being voluntary, he_came_out to you_all. **18** And we_sent_with with him the brother, of_whose ~~the~~ praise is in the good_message through all of_the assemblies, **19** not and only this, but also having_been_ _chosen by the assemblies are_travelling_companion of_us, with ~~the~~ grace this ~~which~~ being_served by us, because/for the of_the **master** glory, and the_readiness of_us, **20** avoiding this, lest anyone us may_blemish, in ~~the~~ exuberance this ~~which~~ being_ _served by us, **21** for/because we_are_providing good, not only before the_**master**, but also before people. **22** And we_sent_ _with with_them the brother of_us, whom we_approved in many things, often earnest being, but right_now much more_ _earnestly by_his_confidence much ~~which~~ toward you_all. **23** Whether concerning Titos, he_is_partner my and for you_all a_fellow-worker, or the_brothers of_us, ambassadors of_the_ _assemblies the_glory of_**chosen_one/messiah**. **24** Therefore the sign of_the love of_you_all, and of_us boasting about you_ _all, to them displaying in face of_the assemblies.

9:1 Concerning for indeed the service ~~which~~ to the holy ones, superfluous for_me is ~~which~~ to_be_writing to_you_all. **2** For/Because I_have_known the readiness of_you_all, which concerning you_all I_am_boasting to_the_ones_from_ _Makedonia, that Akaia has_prepared from last_year, and the of_you_all zeal provoked ~~the~~ more of_them. **3** But I_sent the brothers, in_order_that not the boast of_us, which is about you_all, may_be_voided in ~~the~~ regard this, in_order_that as I_ _was_saying, having_prepared you_all_may_be. **4** Not somehow if may_come with me ones_from_Makedonia, and they_may_

24 **RV 8:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 16:18.

25 **RV 8:21 · Cross-ref.** Prv 3:4 (LXX).

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_find you_all unprepared, may_be_disgraced we, in_order_that not we_may_be_saying you_all, by ~~the~~ confidence this.
5 Therefore necessary I_considered it to_exhort the brothers, in_order_that they_may_go_ahead to you_all and they_may_ _prearrange the having_previously_promised blessing of_you_ _all, this ready to_be thus as a_blessing, and not as greediness.

6 And this: the one sowing sparingly, sparingly also will_be_ _reaping, and the one sowing on blessings, on blessings also will_be_reaping. **7** Let_each do as he_has_chosen in_his heart, not out_of sorrow or of necessity, because/for a_cheerful giver is_loving ~~the~~ **god**. **8** And is_able ~~the~~ **god** all grace to_be_plentiful to you_all, in_order_that in everything always all contentment having, you_all_may_be_being_plentiful in every work good. **9** As it_has_been_written: He_scattered, he_gave to_the poor, the righteousness of_him is_remaining to the age. **10** And the one supplying seed to_the one sowing, and bread for food, will_ _be_supplying and will_be_multiplying the seed of_you_all, and will_be_growing the fruits of_the righteousness of_you_all, **11** in everything being_made_rich to all generosity, which is_ _producing through us, thanksgiving to_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **12** Because the service of_ ~~the~~ _ministry this, not only is replenishing the needs of_the holy ones, but also being_plentiful through many thanksgivings to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, **13** through the provenness of_ ~~the~~ _ _service this, glorifying ~~the~~ **god** at the submission of_the of_ _confession of_you_all to the good_message of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, and on_the_generosity of_the fellowship toward them and toward all, **14** and of_them with_the_petition for you_all, longing_for for_you_all, because_of the surpassing grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god** on you_all. **15** Thankfulness be to_ ~~the~~ **_god** for the indescribable of_him gift.

10:1 And myself I, Paulos, am_exhorting you_all by the gentleness and gentleness of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, who concerning appearance indeed am_humble among you_all, but being_absent I_am_having_confidence toward you_all. **2** And I_ _am_beseeching you that not, being_present to_have_ _confidence with_the confidence with_which I_am_counting, to_dare to some ~~which~~ counting us, as according_to the_flesh walking. **3** In for the_flesh walking, not according_to flesh we_ _are_warring. **4** For/Because the weapons of_the warfare of_us are not fleshly, but powerful to_ ~~the~~ **_god** to the_tearing_down of_strongholds, arguments taking_down, **5** and every height lifted_up against the knowledge of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and making_ _captive every thinking into the obedience of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, **6** and in ready having to_avenge all disobedience, whenever may_be_fulfilled of_you_all the obedience. **7** At_the things according_to appearance you_all_ _are_looking. If anyone has_persuaded by_himself of_**chosen_ _one/messiah** to_be, this him _let_be_counting in_contrast by himself, that as he is of_**chosen_one/messiah**, thus also we are. **8** And For/Because if more_abundantly something I_may_ _boast concerning the authority of_us, which gave the **master** for building you and not for tearing_down of_you_all, not I_ _will_be_being_ashamed, **9** in_order_that not I_may_suppose

26 **RV 9:9 · Cross-ref.** Psa 112:9.

27 **RV 9:10 · Cross-ref.** Isa 55:10.

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we (or might we say you all as well) might be disgraced by our confidence. **5** That's why I considered it necessary to encourage the brothers to go ahead to you all there so they could prearrange the gift that you'd previously promised so that it would be ready as a blessing and not appear as our greediness.

Showing generosity

6 Also this: the person who plants sparingly will also harvest sparingly, and the person sowing generously will also have a generous harvest. **7** Let each person do what their own heart tells them—not out of sorrow or from pressure, but because **God** loves those who are cheerful givers. **8** And **God** is able to shower generosity onto you all so that you'll be content having everything you need, thus able to be prolific in doing good to others. **9** As it's written in the scriptures:

'He distributed his gifts and gave to the poor,
now his righteousness will remain to the end of the age.'[26]

10 Thus God who supplies the seed to the person sowing and supplies our food,[27] will be supplying and multiplying your seeds as you sow in others and will increase the harvest resulting from your righteousness. **11** You will be enriched towards generosity in every way, which will lead us all to give thanks **to God**. **12** Serving in this kind of ministry meets the needs of the believers, but also leads to plenty of occasions to give thanks **to God**. **13** In proving yourselves by this ministry, they will honour **God** as it displays your commitment to the good message of the **messiah**, and your generosity toward them and towards **everyone**, **14** and they will wish the best for you all and pray for you because of **God's** overflowing goodness to you all. **15** Yes, we thank **God** for his incredible gift.

Paulos's defence of his authority

10:1 Now I myself, Paulos, am indeed humble when I'm with you all, but when I'm absent I'm bolder. I implore you all by the humility and gentleness of **the messiah** **2** and I beg you so that when I come I won't have to be as bold as I'm expecting to counter those who consider us to be motivated by worldly desires. **3** We might be living in this world, but it's not people that we're at war with, **4** because the weapons that we use in war are not physical but come with **God's** power for tearing down anti-God institutions and nullifying their arguments. **5** We attack every theory that's used to argue against the possibility of knowing **God**, and capturing all thinking so it becomes obedient to **the messiah**, **6** and being ready to stand against all disobedience for whenever your obedience might be complete.

7 You all are looking at the outside appearance **of** things. Anyone who has personally decided to follow **Messiah** needs to take this into account: just as they belong to **Messiah**, so also do we. **8** So if I boast too often about our authority (which the **master** gave us for building you up rather than for tearing you down), I won't be ashamed of it **9** so that hopefully I won't be terrifying

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you all with my letters. **10** Some are saying, "His letters are heavy and strongly-worded, but when he's actually here, he's weak and his words get mocked." **11** Those people should reconsider and realise that as we are in our letters when we're absent, that's also how we'll work when we're present.

12 We don't dare to classify ourselves or compare with some of those who commend themselves, but they measure and compare themselves with each other—not understanding what they're doing. **13** But we won't boast about immeasurable things—only those domains where **God** allotted a measure to us which was to reach all of you. **14** In not reaching you we don't overextend ourselves, because we came your way with the good message about the **messiah**. **15** We don't boast of things we can't measure like other peoples' work, but we have hope that as your faith grows, you'll see us as more important in more areas **16** so we can preach the good message to the areas beyond you—not boasting about things already done in others' areas.

17 But 'if anyone does boast, they should boast in **Yahweh**',[28] **18** because it's not the people who commend themselves that are approved, but those who the **master** commends.

Paulos and the fake missionaries

11:1 I wish you all could tolerate a bit of foolishness from me, but yes, you do tolerate me, **2** because I'm jealous of you all with godly jealousy as I had committed you to your future husband—a pure bride to present to the **messiah**. **3** But I'm afraid that just as the crafty serpent somehow deceived Havah (Eve),[29] your thinking might get corrupted from its sincerity and purity in the **messiah**. **4** Indeed even if another **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) came and proclaimed something different from what we proclaimed, or if you receive another spirit that you hadn't received already, or a good message different from what you've already heard, you might tolerate it.

5 I reckon that I wasn't deficient compared to the 'super missionaries', **6** but even if my speaking is just ordinary, my knowledge isn't and I've made everything clear to you all in every way.

7 Or did I disobey **God** when I humbled myself so that all of you might be elevated, because I shared the good message with you all without any personal gain? **8** I've 'robbed' other assemblies in order to support my ministry to all of you, **9** and when I was with you and needed something, I wasn't a burden to anyone, because the believers who came from Makedonia supplied what I needed.[30] Thus I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will keep doing so. **10** The **messiah's** truth is in me such that my boasting in the regions of Akaia won't be stopped. **11** Why's that? Because I don't love you all? **God** knows

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as_though ~~wishfully~~ to_be_terrifying you_all by my letters. **10** Because: His letters indeed, he_is_saying: heavy and strong are, but the presence of_his body is weak, and his speech having_been_scorned. **11** This let_be_counting ~~the~~ such one, that such_as we_are ~~the~~ in_message by letters being_absent, such also being_present ~~the~~ in_work. **12** For/Because not we_ _are_daring to_classify or to_compare ourselves, with_some of_ _the ones themselves commending, but they among themselves, themselves measuring and comparing themselves with_themselves, not are_understanding. **13** But we not into the immeasurable will_be_boasting, but according_to the measure of_the domain, of_which allotted to_us ~~the~~ **god** of_a_ _measure, to_reach until also of_you_all. **14** not not For/Because as reaching to you_all, we_are_overextending ourselves, because/for until also of_you_all we_came in the good_message of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, **15** not to the immeasurable boasting in anothers labours, but hope having, being_grown of_the faith of_you_all, among you_all to_be_ _magnified according_to the domain of_us to abundance, **16** to the parts beyond you_all to_good_message_preach, not in anothers domain for the ready things to_boast. **17** But the one boasting, in the_**master** him _let_be_boasting. **18** For/Because not the one himself commending, that one approved, is but whom the **master** is_commending.

11:1 I_wish you_all_were_tolerating of_me little some of_ _foolishness, but even are_tolerating of_me. **2** For/Because I_ _am_being_jealous for_you_all of_**god** with_the_jealousy, because/for I_joined you_all to_one husband, a_virgin pure to_ _present to_the **chosen_one/messiah**. **3** But I_am_fearing, lest somehow as the serpent deceived Heua/(Ḥavvāh) in the craftiness of_him, it_may_be_corrupted the thinking of_you_all from the sincerity and the purity ~~which~~ in the **chosen_ _one/messiah**. **4** If for indeed the one coming another **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is_proclaiming whom not we_ _proclaimed, or a_spirit another you_all_are_receiving which not you_all_received, or good_message another which not you_ _all_received, well you_all_are_tolerating. **5** I_am_counting for nothing to_have_been_deficient of_the super ambassadors. **6** But if even ordinary ~~the~~ in_speech, but not ~~the~~ in_knowledge, but in everything having_revealed in all things to you_all. **7** Or a_sin I_did myself humbling, in_order_that you_all may_be_ _exalted, because undeservedly the of_ ~~the~~ _**god** good_message I_good_message_preached to_you_all? **8** Other assemblies I_ _robbed, having_received support for the of_you_all service, **9** and being_present with you_all and having_been_deficient, not I_burdened of_no_one, because/for the need of_me replenishing the brothers having_come from Makedonia, and in everything unburdensome myself to_you_all I_kept and I_ _will_be_keeping. **10** Is the_truth of_**chosen_one/messiah** in me, that ~~the~~ boasting this not will_be_being_stopped in me in the regions of_ ~~the~~ _Aḳaia. **11** For/Because_reason why? Because not I_am_loving you_all? ~~The~~ **god** has_known I_do. **12** But what

28 RV 10:17 · Cross-ref. Jer 9:24.

29 RV 11:3 · Cross-ref. Gen 3:1-5,13.

30 RV 11:9 · Cross-ref. Php 4:15-18.

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I_am_doing, also I_will_be_doing, in_order_that I_may_cut_off the opportunity of_the ones wanting an_opportunity, in_order_ _that in what they_are_boasting, they_may_be_found as also we. **13** For/Because ~~the~~ such are false_emissaries, workers deceitful, masquerading themselves for ambassadors of_ **_chosen_one/messiah**. **14** And no wonder, because/for himself ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) is_masquerading for a_messenger of_light. **15** Not therefore great it_is, if also the servants of_him are_ _masquerading as servants of_righteousness, whose ~~the~~ end will_be according_to the works of_them.

16 Again I_am_saying, no someone me may_suppose foolish to_ _be, but if not surely even_if as foolish receive me, in_order_ _that also_I little some may_boast. **17** What I_am_speaking, not according_to the_**master** I_am_speaking, but as in foolishness, in this ~~the~~ confidence of_ ~~the~~ _boasting. **18** Because many are_ _boasting according_to the_flesh, also_I will_be_boasting. **19** For/Because gladly you_all_are_tolerating of_the foolish, prudent being. **20** For/Because you_all_are_tolerating, if anyone you_all is_enslaving, if anyone is_devouring you_all, if anyone is_taking you_all, if anyone is_lifting_up himself, if anyone in the_face you_all is_beating you_all. **21** Concerning dishonour I_am_saying as that we have_faltered. In but whatever ~~wishfully~~ anyone may_be_daring (in foolishness I_am_ _speaking), I_am_daring also_I. **22** Hebraios they_are? Also_I. ones_from_Israaʸl/(Yisrā᾽ēl) they_are? Also_I. Descendants of_ _Abra᾽am/(᾽Avrāhām) they_are? Also_I. **23** Servants of_**chosen_ _one/messiah** they_are? (Being_insane I_am_speaking), above them I am: in labours more_abundantly, in prisons more_ _abundantly, in beatings beyond_measure, in deaths often. **24** By the_Youdaiōns five_times forty less one I_received, **25** three-times I_was_beating_with_rods, once I_was_stoned, three-times I_suffered_shipwreck, a_night_and_day in the deep I_have_done, **26** in_journeys often, in_dangers of_rivers, in_ _dangers of_robbers, in_dangers from my_race, in_dangers from the_pagans, in_dangers in the_city, in_dangers in the_ _wilderness, in_dangers on the_sea, in_dangers among false_ _brothers, **27** in_labour and hardship, in watchings often, in famine and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. **28** Apart_from the things externally, the attack to_me ~~which~~ on day, the worry of_all the assemblies. **29** Who is_faltering, and not I_am_faltering? Who is_being_stumbled, and not I am_ _being_burned? **30** If to_be_boasting it_is_fitting, the things of_ _the weakness of_me I_will_be_boasting. **31** The **god** and father of_the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** has_known, the one being blessed to the ages, that not I_am_lying. **32** In Damaskos/(Dammeseq) the governor of_Aretas the king was_ _guarding the city of_the_from_Damaskos/(Dammeseq) to_ _arrest me, wanting, **33** but through a_window in a_basket, I_ _was_lowered through the wall and I_escaped the hands of_

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that I do.

12 But what I'm doing, I'll keep on doing, so that I can deny the opportunity to those people who are looking for an opportunity so that what they boast about, we'll already be doing, **13** because they are false ambassadors and deceitful workers—masquerading themselves as **Messiah's** missionaries, **14** and that's no surprise because Satan himself masquerades as a messenger of light. **15** So then it's no great surprise if his servants are masquerading as God's servants, but their end will be the consequence of their actions.

Paulos's boasting about his sufferings

16 I'll say it again: no one should suppose that I'm foolish, but if they do, at least accept me as foolish so that I can also boast a little. **17** When I say that, I'm not talking words from **Yahweh**, but like a fool confidently boasting. **18** Many boast like worldly people, so I'll boast as well, **19** because you prudent ones happily tolerate foolish people. **20** Yes, you tolerate those who'll enslave you all, those who'll exploit you, those who'll take advantage of you all, those who promote themselves, and anyone whacks you in the face. **21** I'm talking about dishonour as if we were weak, but (speaking foolishly again), anything that anyone else is brave enough to do, then I will also be brave enough to match. **22** Are they Ivrim (Hebrews)? I am too. Are they Israelis? So am I. Are they descendants of Avraham? Me also. **23** Are they **Messiah's** servants? Well, I'm above them (speaking insanely now): I've worked harder, been in prison more often, endured uncountable beatings,[31] and been close to death more often. **24** I've received the thirty-nine lashes from the Jewish leadership five times,[32] **25** was beaten three times with rods,[33] was stoned once,[34] shipwrecked three times, and I was in the ocean for a day and a night. **26** I've done many long trips, crossed dangerous rivers, risked being robbed, was persecuted by my own people[35] as well as by non-Jews,[36] have been in danger in the city, in the wilderness and on the ocean, as well as being attacked by false teachers. **27** I've worked often and worked hard, often needing to keep guard, suffered famine and thirst, fasted often, and been cold and lacking clothing. **28** Then apart from all those external things, I've been opposed every day—not to mention my concern for all the assemblies. **29** What person falters and I don't falter with them? Who stumbles in their walk with God and I don't suffer with them?

30 If it's appropriate to be boasting, what I'd boast about would be my weaknesses. **31** The **god** and father of the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)—the one who should be praised for all the ages—knows that I'm not lying. **32** The governor of Aretas (ap-

31 **RV 11:23 · Cross-ref.** Acts 16:23.

32 **RV 11:24 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:3.

33 **RV 11:25 · Cross-ref.** Acts 16:22.

34 **RV 11:25 · Cross-ref.** Acts 14:19.

35 **RV 11:26 · Cross-ref.** Acts 9:23.

36 **RV 11:26 · Cross-ref.** Acts 14:5.

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pointed by the king) had guards around the city of Damesek (Damascus) to try to arrest me,[37] 33 but I was lowered down from a window in the city wall in a basket and thus able to escape his clutch.

What God showed Paulos

12:1 It's not appropriate or beneficial to be boasting, so I'll come to the visions and revelations from **Yahweh**.[38] 2 Fourteen years ago I observed a man who was a believer in **Messiah** who was pulled up to the third heaven. (I didn't know whether this physically happened or just in the spiritual realm.) 3 And I know that man (**God** only knows if it was in the physical or just the spiritual realm) 4 was pulled up into paradise and heard messages which can't be put into words (because living people aren't allow to speak them). 5 I'm prepared to boast about that man, but I won't boast about myself because I won't boast at all except about my weaknesses, 6 because even if I did want to boast, I wouldn't be being foolish, because I would be speaking the truth. But I'll refrain in case anyone reckons that I'm more than what they can see or hear about me.

7 So to keep my head from getting too big because of those incredible revelations, I was given a 'thorn' in my body—Satan's messenger to harass me and keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I begged the **master** that it might leave me 9 and he told me, "Is my grace good enough for you? My power reaches its conclusion through weakness." Therefore I'll quite gladly boast about my weaknesses so that the **messiah's** power can take residence in me. 10 So then I take pleasure in weaknesses, in insults and hardships, in persecutions and distresses for **Messiah** because whenever I might be faltering, that's when I'm powerful.

Paulos's concerns about the believers there

11 You have forced me to become foolish, because I should have been commended by you all because I'm no less than those 'super missionaries' even if I am just 'nothing'. 12 Indeed, I persevered to deliver missionary results among you all, as well as signs, wonders, and miracles. 13 In what way were you all treated less than the rest of the assemblies, except that I didn't load you with any burdens? Forgive me for this mistake.

14 Now listen, I'm ready to visit you all for the third time and I won't be aiming to burden you down because I'm not after what you have, but rather my interest is in you yourselves. The children shouldn't be saving to support the parents, but the parents should support the children. 15 I'm happy to invest everything I have, including all of myself, for the sake of your souls. Am I being loved less the more that I love you all?

16 So that's that. I'm didn't burden you all, but being crafty by nature, I took you all by trickery. 17 Did any of those that I sent to you exploit you all? 18 I urged Titos to go there along with an-

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_him.

12:1 To_be_boasting it_is_fitting, not benefitting indeed, I_will_ _be_coming and to visions and revelations of_the_**master**. 2 I_ _have_known a_man in **chosen_one/messiah** before fourteen years (whether in the_body not I_have_known, or outside the body not I_have_known, ~~the~~ **god** has_known), having_been_ _snatched ~~the~~ such to the_third heaven. 3 And I_have_known ~~the~~ such a_man (whether in the_body or apart_from the body not I_have_known, ~~the~~ **god** has_known), 4 that was_snatched into ~~the~~ paradise, and heard inexpressible messages, which it_is not permitting to_a_human to_speak. 5 Concerning ~~the~~ such man, I_ _will_be_boasting, but concerning myself, not I_will_be_ _boasting, except ~~not/lest~~ in my weaknesses. 6 For/Because if I_ _may_want to_boast, not I_will_be foolish, because/for the_ _truth I_will_be_speaking, but I_am_refraining, lest anyone to me may_count beyond what he_is_seeing in_me, or is_hearing of me. 7 And by_the excess of_the revelations, therefore in_ _order_that not I _may_be_being_exalted, was_given to_me a_ _thorn in_my flesh, a_messenger of_Satan/(Sāṭān), in_order_ _that me he_may_be_tormenting, in_order_that not I _may_be_ _being_exalted. 8 For/Because this three-times the **master** I_ _implored that he_may_withdraw from me. 9 And he_has_said to_me: Is_sufficing for_you the grace of_me, because/for the power in weakness is_being_finished. Therefore most_gladly rather I_will_be_boasting in the weaknesses of_me, in_order_ _that may_take_residence in me the power of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**. 10 Therefore I_am_taking_pleasure in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, and distresses, for **chosen_one/messiah**, because/for whenever I_ _may_be_faltering, then powerful I_am.

11 I_have_become foolish, you_all me compelled. For/Because I was_ought by you_all to_be_being_commended. For/Because nothing I_being_deficient of_the super ambassadors, if even nothing I_am. 12 The indeed signs of_the ambassador was_ _produced among you_all in all endurance, and in_signs, and wonders, and miracles. 13 For/Because what is it that you_all_ _were_lessened beyond the rest of_the_assemblies, except ~~not/lest~~ that myself I not burdened of_you_all? Forgive to_me ~~the~~ unrighteousness this. 14 Behold, third time this ready I_am_ _having to_come to you_all, and not I_will_be_burdening, because/for not I_am_seeking what is of_you_all, but you_all, because/for not ought the children for_the parents to_be_ _storing_up, but the parents for_the children. 15 And I most_ _gladly will_be_spending and will_be_being_spent_out for the souls of_you_all. If more_abundantly you_all loving, less I_am_ _being_loved? 16 But it_let_be, I not burdened_down you_all, but being crafty by_deceit, you_all I_took. 17 Not anyone of_ _whom I_have_sent_out to you_all, by him I_exploited you_all? 18 I_implored Titos and I_sent_with him the brother. Surely_ _not exploited you_all Titos? Not in_the same spirit we_walked

37 **RV 11:32-33 · Cross-ref.** Acts 9:23-25.

38 **RV 12:1 · Note** See http://bibledifferences.net/2019/04/24/156-boast.

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not in_the same steps? **19** Already you_all_are_supposing that to_you_all we_are_defending? In_front_of **god** in **chosen_ _one/messiah** we_are_speaking. And the things all, beloved, because/for the of_you_all building are. **20** For/Because I_am_ _fearing, lest somehow having_come not such_as I_am_ _wanting, I_may_find you_all, and_I may_be_found by_you_all such_as not you_all_are_wanting, lest somehow strife, jealousy, rages, selfish_ambitions, slanders, gossips, conceits, disturbances, **21** lest again having_come of_me, will_be_ _humbling me the **god** of_me to you_all, and I_may_mourn many of_the ones having_previously_sinned, and not having_ _repented for the impurity, and sexual_immorality, and wantonness, which they_practiced.

13:1 Third time this I_am_coming to you_all. In of_two the_ _mouth witnesses and three will_be_being_established every message. **2** I_have_previously_said and I_am_previously_saying, as being_present the second time, and being_absent now to_the ones having_previously_sinned, and to_the rest all, that if I_ _may_come to the same again, not I_will_be_sparing anyone. **3** Because proof you_all_are_seeking ~~which~~ in me speaking of_ **_chosen_one/messiah**, who toward you_all not is_faltering, but is_able among you_all. **4** For/Because also he_was_ _executed_on_a_stake of weakness, but is_living by the_power of_**god**. For/Because also we are_faltering in him, but we_will_ _be_living with him by the_power of_**god** toward you_all. **5** Yourselves be_testing whether you_all_are in the faith, yourselves be_approving. Or not you_all_are_recognizing yourselves, that **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** in you_all, if surely_not unqualified you_all_are? **6** But I_am_ _hoping that you_all_will_be_knowing that we not are unqualified. **7** And we_are_hoping to ~~the~~ **god** not to_do to_you_ _all evil nothing, not in_order_that we approved may_be_seen, but in_order_that you_all ~~the~~ good may_be_doing, and we as unqualified may_be. **8** For/Because not we_are_being_able to_ _do anything against the truth, but for the truth. **9** For/Because we_are_rejoicing whenever we may_be_faltering, but you_all powerful may_be. This also we_are_hoping, the of_you_all completion. **10** Because_of this these things being_absent I_am_ _writing, in_order_that being_present not severely I_may_give_ _treatment, according_to the authority that the **master** gave to_me for building and not for tearing_down.

11 Finally brothers, be_rejoicing, be_being_prepared, be_being_ _comforted, the same be_thinking, be_being_at_peace, and the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _love and peace will_be with you_all. **12** Greet one_ _another with a_holy kiss. Are_greeting you_all the holy ones all. **13** The grace of_the **master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_ _one/messiah**, and the love of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and the fellowship of_ _the holy **spirit**, with all of_you be.

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other believer. Surely Titos must have exploited you all? No, didn't we all do the same things as guided by the same spirit.

19 Now you're already supposing that we're defending ourselves? Actually, we're speaking as followers of **Messiah** knowing that **God** is watching, and dear friends, everything has been with the aim of building you up. **20** You see, I'm worried that when I come, I might not find you living how I'd want, and you all might not find me how you'd want. I'm worried that I might find strife and jealousy, anger and selfish ambition, slander and gossip, and conceit and disturbances. **21** I'm worried that when I come, **God** will humble me there with you all, and I might be upset about many who've sinned in the past and haven't repented from the impurity and sexual immorality and self-centred living that they practiced.

Testing yourselves

13:1 This is the third time that I'll be coming there to you all. 'Every account must be confirmed by at least two, preferably three, witnesses.'[39] **2** I said previously on my second visit and while I'm absent I'll say it again to those who sinned previously and to all the rest as well: if I come back to find the same again, I won't be sparing anyone, **3** because you're all wanting proof that I speak from **Messiah** who isn't incapable of handling you all but is quite able to do what he wants. **4** Although he was executed in weakness, now he's living by God's power. We also falter in him, but will be living with him by God's power towards you all.

5 Test yourselves to check if you're living in the faith—you yourselves can decide that. Or can't you all recognise whether or not **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is living in you? Surely you're not that unqualified? **6** But I'm hoping that you all will know that we're not unqualified. **7** And we're asking **God** that you won't do evil—not so that we'll be seen to be approved, but so that you all will be doing good, even if we may seem unqualified, **8** because we're not able to do anything against the truth—only *for* the truth. **9** So we're glad whenever we falter, but you all might be quite capable as we also desire that you all grow to perfection. **10** I'm writing these things while I'm absent, so that when I'm present I won't have to treat you all severely according to the authority that the **master** gave me for building and not for tearing down.

Paulos's final greetings and prayer

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, stay happy, be prepared and be comforted, be united with each other and at peace. May **God** who's the source of love and peace be with all of you.

12 Greet each other with an innocent kiss.

The believers here send their greetings to all of you.[40]

13 May the grace of the **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** and **God's** love and the holy **spirit's** companionship be

39 RV 13:1 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:6; 19:15.

40 RV 13:12 · Note Some translations split this verse into two, so this sentence becomes v13 and our v13 becomes v14.

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with all of you.

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Paulos's letter to the believers in
Romai

Introduction

Paulos's letter to the believers in Romai was sent to both Yehudim and non-Jews who believe in, and trust, Yeshua (Jesus) the messiah. He wrote to them so that they could be prepared for when he could visit them there. Paulos planned to work there with other Christians for a while, then with their help, he would travel to Spania. He wrote in order to explain his understanding of Christian faith and of day-to-day living as Christians.

Paulos greets the believers there in Romai and he tells them about his prayers for them. Then he tells them the theme of his letter, "how God makes us guiltless—by faith." (1:17a). All people, Jewish or not, need to become guiltless in God's sight by means of faith in Yeshua Messiah.

Next Paulos tells them about new life by means of unity with the messiah thereby forming a new relationship with God. Believers will have peace from God and the power of Spirit of God will save them from the power of sin and of death. In chapters 5-8, Paulos explains about the purpose of God's law and about the power of God's spirit working through believers.

Paulos answers the question about how Yehudim and non-Jews fit into God's plan for of all people. Paulos explains that the unbelief of Yehudim is part of God's plan for a time so that the good message can be proclaimed to non-Jews. But concerning God's choosing of Yehudim, he loved them very much due to his promise to their ancestors, and it's as a result of them that all people can receive the love and mercy of God through the messiah Yeshua.

In the ending, Paulos explains how to live as a Christian, with the main need being to accept and love each other. He also includes themes like serving God, the responsibility of Christians the government, and for each individual, questions concerning the conscience. Paulos ends his letter and greeting others, and by his praising God.

Main components of Paulos's letter

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, a slave **of Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and a **chosen** ambassador who's been set apart for **God's** good message, **2** which God had previously promised through the messages of his prophets in the holy scriptures.

3 This good message is about his son, who was conceived as a descendant of David, **4** and became known as **God's** son according to the **spirit** of holiness—demonstrating power by coming back to life from the dead. Yes, he's our **master**, **Yeshua Messiah**, **5** and it's through him that we received generous gifts, and also the assignment to faithfully, obediently take his name to all the non-Jews, **6** which also includes you non-Jews there who **Yeshua Messiah** invited.

7 This letter is written to all those in Romai that **God** loves and considers as holy. May you all experience generosity and peace from **God** our father and from **the master Yeshua Messiah**.

Paulos's wish to visit Romai

8 I'll start by thanking my **God** through **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** for all of you, because the story about your faith has been told in many countries. **9** Yes, the **God** that I serve in my spirit, in the good message about his son, is my witness about how I never stop mentioning you Romaios **10** in my prayers—asking that somehow **God** will favour me by allowing me to come and visit you, **11** because I'm longing to see you so that I can share a particular spiritual gift with you in order to strengthen you. **12** I want all of us to be encouraged together by each other's faith—both me and you Romaios.

13 Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be unaware that I'd planned several times to come to you,[1] but I was vetoed until recently so that I'd also have a harvest among you similar to those among the other non-Jews. **14** Whether it's Hellains (Greeks) or other foreigners, wise people or foolish, I have an obligation, **15** and so I'm also eager to talk about the good message to all of you there in Romai.

16 I'm not ashamed to talk about the good message,[2] because it conveys **God's** power to save everyone who believes it—first Yehudim (Jews) and then non-Jews. **17** It explains how **God** makes us guiltless—by faith leading to more faith—as it's been written: Godly people will live by faith.[3]

God's anger towards those who deny his existence

18 **God's** severe anger is being revealed from heaven on the ungodliness and disobedience of people who limit the truth by their disobedience, **19** because the fact that there is a **god** has been shown to them, because **God** himself has revealed it. **20** Ever since the creation of the world, God's invisible attributes have been clearly seen through his workmanship—both his eternal power and his divinity—so people have no excuse. **21** Even though they know about **God**, they didn't honour or thank him,

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1:1 Paulos, slave of_**chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, a_called ambassador, having_been_set_ _apart for the_good_message of_**god**, **2** which he_previously_ _promised through the prophets of_him in the_scriptures holy, **3** concerning the son of_him, ~~which~~ having_become of seed of_ _Dawid/(Dāvid) according_to the_flesh, **4** ~~which~~ having_been_ _designated the_son of_**god** in power according_to **spirit** of_ _holiness by the_resurrection of_the_dead, **Yaʸsous chosen_ _one/messiah** the **master** of_us, **5** through whom we_received grace and commission to obedience of_faith among all the pagans for the name of_him, **6** among whom are also you_all called ones of_**Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, **7** to_all the ones being in Ῥōmaʸ, beloved of_**god**, called holy ones: grace to_you_ _all and peace from **god** the_father of_us and the_**master Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**.

8 First indeed I_am_giving_thanks to_the **god** of_me through **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah** for all of_you, because the faith of_you_all is_being_proclaimed in all the world. **9** For/Because witness of_me is ~~the~~ **god**, unto_whom I_am_serving in the spirit of_me in the good_message of_the son of_him, how unceasingly mentioning of_you_all I_am_making **10** always on the prayers of_me, beseeching if somehow now once I_will_be_being_ _prospered by the will of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, to_come to you_all. **11** For/Because I_am_longing to_see you_all, in_order_that a_ _certain I_may_share gift with_you_all spiritual, in_order that to_be_strengthened you_all, **12** and this is, to_be_encouraged_ _together among to_you_all, through the among one_another faith, of_you_all both and of_me. **13** Not and I_am_wanting you_ _all to_be_not_knowing, brothers, that often I_purposed to_ _come to you_all, and I_was_forbidden until the time presently, in_order_that some fruit I_may_have also among you_all, as even among the other pagans. **14** To_Hellaʸns both and to_ _foreigners, to_the_wise both and the_foolish, a_debtor I_am. **15** Thus ~~which~~ concerning me, eager am_I also to_you_all who are in Ῥōmaʸ to_good_message_preach. **16** For/Because not I_ _am_being_ashamed of_the good_message, because/for the_ _power of_**god** it_is to salvation to_everyone the one believing, to_Youdaios both first and to_Hellaʸn. **17** For/Because the_ _righteousness of_**god** in it is_being_revealed, by faith to faith, as it_has_been_written: And the righteous by faith will_be_ _living.

18 For/Because is_being_revealed the_severe_anger of_**god** from heaven, on all ungodliness and unrighteousness of_ _people, ~~which~~ the truth by unrighteousness restraining, **19** because the known thing of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, manifest is among them, ~~the~~ For/Because **god** to_them revealed it. **20** For/Because the invisible things of_him from the_creation of_the_world, by_ _the workmanship being_understood, is_being_clearly_seen, the both eternal of_him power and divinity, in_order that to_be them inexcusable. **21** Because having_known ~~the~~ **god**, not as **god** they_glorified or they_gave_thanks, but they_were_made_

1 **RV 1:13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 19:21.

2 **RV 1:16 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 8:38.

3 **RV 1:17 · Cross-ref.** Hab 2:4.

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_useless in the speculations of_them, and was_darkened the unintelligent of_them heart. **22** Alleging to_be wise, they_were_ _made_foolish, **23** and they_changed the glory of_the indestructible **god** into a_likeness of_an_image of_a_mortal human, and birds, and quadrupeds, and reptiles. **24** Therefore gave_over them ~~the~~ **god** in the desires of_the hearts of_them to impurity, ~~which~~ to_be_dishonouring the bodies of_them in themselves, **25** who exchanged the truth of_ ~~the~~ **_god** into ~~the~~ falsehood, and were_worshipped and serving unto_the creation contrary_to the one having_created it, who is blessed to the ages. Truly. **26** Because_of this, gave_over them ~~the~~ **god** to passions of_dishonour, ~~which~~ for both female of_them exchanged the natural usage into the contrary_to nature, **27** and likewise also the male having_left the natural usage of_ _the female, were_burned in the desire of_them toward one_ _another, male with male the shame producing, and the recompense which it_was_fitting of_the deception of_them, in themselves taking_back. **28** And as not they_approved ~~the~~ **god** to_be_having in knowledge, gave_over them ~~the~~ **god** to an_ _unqualified mind, to_be_doing the things not befitting, **29** having_been_filled with_all unrighteousness, wickedness, greediness, malice, full of_envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness, gossips, **30** slanderers, god-hating, abusers, proud, braggers, inventors of_evil, to_parents unpersuadable, **31** unintelligent, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful, **32** who the just_act of_ ~~the~~ **_god** having_known that the ones ~~the~~ such things doing worthy of_death are, not only them are_ _practicing, but also they_are_consenting to_the ones practicing.

2:1 Therefore inexcusable you_are, Oh person, everyone who is judging, in for that you_are_judging the other, yourself you_ _are_condemning, because/for the same things you_are_doing, the one judging. **2** But we_have_known that the judgement of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is according_to truth on the ones ~~the~~ such things practicing. **3** But you_are_counting this, Oh person, you judging the ones ~~the~~ such things practicing, and doing them yourself, that you will_be_escaping the judgement of_ ~~the~~ **_god**? **4** Or of_ _the riches of_the kindness of_him, and of_the forbearance, and of_the patience you_are_despising, not_knowing that the kindness of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, to repentance you is_leading? **5** But concerning the hardness of_you and unrepentant heart, you_ _are_storing_up for_yourself severe_anger in the_day of_ _severe_anger and revelation the_just_judgement of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, **6** who will_be_giving_back to_each one according_to the works of_him: **7** to_the ones on_one_hand with endurance in_work good, glory and honour and indestructibility seeking, life eternal, **8** on_the_other_hand to_the ones of selfish_ambition and disbelieving in_the truth, but being_persuaded ~~the~~ by_ _unrighteousness, severe_anger and rage be. **9** Tribulation and distress, on every soul of_human_origin ~~which~~ producing ~~the~~ evil, of_Youdaios both first and of_Hellaʸn, **10** but glory, and

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but their theories made them incompetent and their minds turned from perception towards darkness.[4] **22** They claimed to be scientific, but instead they believed foolishness, **23** and so they changed the greatness of the eternal **God** into the likeness of an image of a mortal human, or birds or animals or reptiles.[5]

24 Therefore **God** reluctantly let their lusts lead to impurity and the dishonouring of their bodies among themselves, **25** as they exchanged **God's** truth for a lie, and worshipped and served the creation, instead of the creator, who should be praised throughout all time. May it be so.

26 Because of that, **God** reluctantly let them exercise their dishonourable passions, and their women exchanged natural behaviours for unnatural ones, **27** and similarly their men deserted the natural behaviours towards women, and stoked their lusts towards each other—man with man, and the shame that it produces, and then received back in themselves the payment which is appropriate for such deception.

28 They didn't want to know about **God**, and so he reluctantly let their depraved minds be filled with unhelpful thoughts, **29** and so they were filled with disobedience, wickedness, greed, and malice, and full of envy, murder, strife, and deceit, becoming malicious people, gossips, **30** slanderers, god-haters, abusers, proud people, braggers, and inventors of evil, unable to be persuaded by their parents, **31** unintelligent, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful. **32** They know that **God** must exercise justice towards people doing such things, yet they not only practice those things which will lead to a death sentence, but they also approve when others do them.

Judgement even for those without the written law

2:1 So there's no excuse for anyone who judges others,[6] because you're condemning yourselves if you're doing those same things that you're judging others for, **2** because we know that **God's** judgement is based on the factual accounts **of** what each person is doing. **3** But maybe you're thinking that you can judge others doing these things and yet somehow escape **God's** judgement when you do them yourself? **4** Or maybe you're taking advantage **of God's** kindness and patience, without realising that his kindness was meant to lead you to turn away from your wrongdoing? **5** But it's your hardness and failure to turn away from wrongdoing that's causing severe anger to be stored up for **God's** judgement day, when all will be revealed, including his severe anger, **6** as each person will be judged by their actions.[7] **7** Those who've persistently done good, expecting praise and honour, and to escape destruction, will be given eternal life, **8** but those who've lived out their selfish ambition and refused to believe the truth, but let themselves get persuaded by disobedience, will meet with severe anger and rage. **9** For every person

4 **RV 1:21 · Cross-ref.** Eph 4:17-18.

5 **RV 1:23 · Cross-ref.** Deu 4:16-18.

6 **RV 2:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 7:1; Luk 6:37.

7 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** Psa 62:12; Prv 24:12.

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doing evil, there'll be trouble and distress—to Yehudim (Jews) first and then to non-Jews, **10** but for those who do good, there'll be praise and honour and peace—to Yehudim first and then to non-Jews, **11** because **God** doesn't indulge in favouritism.[8]

12 Those who weren't under the Jewish laws and yet sinned, they'll be judged without the law, and those who knew the laws and sinned will be judged by the law, **13** because listening to the law doesn't make people right with **God**, but rather it's those who obey the law who'll be declared guiltless. **14** Whenever other nations don't have the Jewish laws, but naturally obey what's in the laws, they show that even without our laws, they have their own law. **15** They demonstrate that they effectively have God's law written in their minds and agreeing with their consciences, and between the two they'll be either accused or defended **16** on the day when **God**, through **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), judges people's private lives, as I've shared as part of the good message.

Yehudim who disobey their laws

17 But if you're a Yehudi (Jew), and trusting in the law, and boasting about being chosen by **God** **18** and knowing his will and knowing what's important because of familiarity with the law, **19** and if you've persuaded yourself that you're a guide for blind people and a light to people who are in darkness, **20** and that you're an instructor to foolish people and a teacher of children, and you appear to be knowledgeable about the truth of the law, **21** then why do you teach others when you haven't even taught yourself? You announce that stealing is wrong, but you're a thief. **22** You teach about not messing with other people's spouses, yet you do it yourself. You detest idols, but you sneak money out of the temple. **23** You boast about being a student of the law, but you dishonour **God** by breaking the laws. **24** Yes, it's been written: '**God's** name is slandered among the nations because of you people.'[9]

25 Circumcision is of value if you're keeping the law, but if you're breaking the laws, then your circumcision means just the same as if you're uncircumcised, **26** so if uncircumcised people groups behave justly according to the law, even though they're not physically circumcised, God will consider them as his people. **27** Yes, those people groups who aren't circumcised, but keep the law, will be judging you who were given the law in writing and are circumcised, yet break those laws. **28** A true Yehudi isn't just a Yehudi on the outside, and their circumcision isn't just on the outside of their body, **29** but they're a Yehudi even in their private life and through circumcision of their heart[10]—by **the spirit** and not by the letter of the law—earning praise not from people, but from **God**.

3:1 So what advantage is there in being a Yehudi (Jew), and what's the benefit of circumcision? **2** A lot, in every way. Firstly,

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honour, and peace, to_everyone ~~which~~ doing ~~the~~ good, to_ _Youdaios both first and to_Hella^{y}n. **11** For/Because not is favouritism with ~~the~~ **god**. **12** For/Because as_many_as unlawfully sinned, unlawfully also will_be_perishing, and as_ _many_as in law sinned, by law will_be_being_judged, **13** for/because not the listeners of_the_law are righteous with ~~the~~ **god**, but the doers of_the_law will_be_being_justified. **14** For/Because whenever the_pagans ~~which~~ not the_law having, by_nature the things of_the law may_be_practicing, these the_ _law not having, to_themselves are a_law, **15** who are_ _displaying the work of_the law, written in the hearts of_them, bearing_witness_with them their conscience, and between one_another, the arguments accusing or also defending them, **16** on that the_day is_judging ~~the~~ **god** the secrets of_ ~~the~~ _ _people, according_to the good_message of_me, by **chosen_ _one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**.

17 But, if you a_Youdaios is_being_named, and are_resting_on on_the_law, and are_boasting in **god**, **18** and are_knowing his will, and are_approving the things carrying_value, being_ _instructed out_of the law, **19** and you_have_persuaded yourself a_guide to_be of_the_blind, a_light to_the ones in darkness, **20** an_instructor of_the_foolish, a_teacher of_infants, having the appearance of_ ~~the~~ _knowledge and of_the truth in the law, **21** therefore you teaching another, yourself not are_teaching? You proclaiming not to_be_stealing, you_are_stealing? **22** You saying not to_be_committing_adultery, you_are_committing_ _adultery? You detesting ~~the~~ idols, you_are_temple-robbing? **23** Who in law are_boasting through the transgression of_the law, ~~the~~ **god** you_are_dishonouring? **24** For/Because the name of_ ~~the~~ **_god** because_of you_all is_being_slandered among the pagans, as it_has_been_written. **25** Circumcision for on_one_ _hand is_benefiting, if the_law you_may_be_practicing, on_the_ _other_hand if a_transgressor of_law you_may_be_may_be, the circumcision of_you, uncircumcision has_become. **26** Therefore if the uncircumcision, the just_acts of_the law may_be_keeping, not the uncircumcision of_him for circumcision will_be_being_ _counted? **27** And will_be_judging the by nature uncircumcision, the law finishing, you who through the_letter and circumcision are a_transgressor of_law. **28** For/Because not the one on the outward a_Youdaios is, nor the in the outward in flesh circumcision, **29** but the one on the secret a_Youdaios is, and circumcision is of_heart, by the_**spirit**, not by_the_ _letter, of_whom the praise not of humans, but of ~~the~~ **god**. **3:1** Therefore is what the additional thing of_the Youdaios, or what is the benefit of_ ~~the~~ _circumcision? **2** Much in every manner. First for indeed that they_were_entrusted the oracles of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **3** For/Because what if disbelieved some? Not the unbelief of_them, the faith of_ ~~the~~ **_god** will_be_nullifying? **4** Never it_might_become. And let_be_becoming ~~the~~ **god** true, and every person a_liar, just_as it_has_been_written: So_that ~~wishfully~~ you_may_be_justified in the messages of_you, and you_

8 **RV 2:11 · Cross-ref.** Deu 10:17.

9 **RV 2:24 · Cross-ref.** Isa 52:5 (LXX).

10 **RV 2:29 · Cross-ref.** Deu 30:6.

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_will_be_overcoming in the time to_be_being_judged you. **5** But if the unrighteousness of_us, of_**god** the_righteousness is_ _demonstrating, what we_will_be_saying? Not unrighteous is ~~the~~ **god**, the one inflicting the severe_anger? (According_to human_origin I_am_speaking.) **6** Never it_might_become. Otherwise how will_be_judging ~~the~~ **god** the world? **7** If but the truth of_ ~~the~~ _**god** in ~~the~~ my falsehood been_plentiful to the glory of_him, why still also_I as a_sinner am_being_judged? **8** And not as we_are_being_slandered, and as are_saying some us to_be_saying, ~~that~~ We_may_practice ~~the~~ evil, in_order_that may_come ~~the~~ good? Of_whom their judgement just is.

9 Therefore what? We_are_having_advantage? Not certainly, because/for we_previously_charged, Youdaiōns both and Hellaʸns, all under sin to_be. **10** As it_has_been_written, ~~that~~ Not one there_is righteous, not_even one, **11** not there_is understanding, not there_is the one seeking_out ~~the~~ **god**. **12** All turned_away, together they_were_being_useless, not one there_ _is practicing kindness, not there_is as_much_as one. **13** A_ _tomb having_been_opened_up the throat is of_them, with_the tongues of_them they_were_deceiving: Poison of_asps is under the lips of_them, **14** Of_whom their mouth of_cursing and bitterness is_being_full, **15** Sharp are the feet of_them, to_pour_ _out blood... **16** destruction and misery in the ways of_them, **17** and the_way of_peace not they_knew. **18** Not is reverence of_ _**god** in_front_of the eyes of_them. **19** And we_have_known that as_much_as the law is_saying, to_the ones in the law it_is_ _speaking, in_order_that every mouth may_be_shut, and under_judgement may_become all the world to_ ~~the~~ _**god**. **20** Because by works of_law, not will_be_being_justified any flesh before him, because/for through the_law is the_ _knowledge of_sin.

21 But right_now apart_from law, the_righteousness of_**god** has_been_revealed, being_attested by the law and the prophets, **22** and the_righteousness of_**god** through faith of_

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Yehudim (Jews) were entrusted with the writing down **of God's** messages. **3** But what if some didn't believe? Wouldn't the unbelief of Yehudim make faith that comes from **God** worthless? **4** Absolutely not. Even if every person was a liar, **God** is truthful, just like it's been written about him:

'You will be proved right about what you say,
and you'll prevail when you're judged in court.'[11]

5 But if our sinfulness highlights **God's** sinlessness, what can we say about that? Isn't **God**, the one inflicting the severe anger, wrong to punish us? (Of course, this is reasoning from a human perspective.) **6** Of course not, otherwise how could **God** be able to judge the world?

7 But if my lie exposes **God's** truth and so brings him honour, why would he still judge me as a sinner? **8** Some people falsely accuse us of saying, 'Let's do evil things so that good might follow.' Those who say that deserve their punishment.

No person is guiltless

9 What then? Do Yehudim (Jews) have any advantage? Definitely not, because we showed earlier that both Yehudim and other nationalities are all under sin's shadow, **10** just like it was written long ago:

'No one is guiltless,
not even one person.
11 No one understands,
there's not even one person trying to find **God**.
12 Everyone has turned away,
it was a waste of time.
No one is being kind,
Not even one person.'[12]
13 'Their words lead to death,
their tongues are deceptive.'[13]
'Their lips spray out poison.'[14]
14 'Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.'[15]
15 'They rush off to go and shed blood.
16 They leave trails of destruction and misery—
17 they don't know the path that leads to peace.'[16]
18 Revering **God** isn't at the front of their minds.[17]

19 We know that whatever the law says, it's for everyone that the law applies to, so that no one can speak against it, and the whole world will be bound by **God's** judgement. **20** No human will be declared guiltless in front of God by their keeping the law,[18] because it's the law that teaches what sin is.

Removing the guilt from sin

21 But now **God** has revealed a way to remove guilt that's not by rules—a way that

11 **RV 3:4 · Cross-ref.** Psa 51:4 (LXX).
12 **RV 3:10-12 · Cross-ref.** Psa 14:1-3 (LXX); Psa 53:1-3 (LXX).
13 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Psa 5:9 (LXX).
14 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Psa 140:3.
15 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** Psa 10:7 (LXX).
16 **RV 3:15-17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 59:7-8.
17 **RV 3:18 · Cross-ref.** Psa 36:1.
18 **RV 3:20 · Cross-ref.** Psa 143:2; Gal 2:16.

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Mosheh (Moses) and the prophets wrote **about**. 22 We can be made right with **God** through faith in **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**.[19] This is for *everyone* who believes, because there's no distinction between Yehudim (Jews) and others, 23 because everyone has sinned and is unable to be honoured by **God**. 24 But even without deserving it, we can be declared guiltless by God's generosity, by being bought out of slavery to sin by **Messiah Yeshua**, 25 who **God** placed on the altar as a sacrifice for sin. This happens through faith in his blood, which was a sign of his sinlessness.

(God hasn't yet judged those who sinned in the past, 26 because **of** his patience, waiting for the present time to show his righteousness and to be fair, and to remove the guilt of those with faith **in Yeshua**.)

27 So where does that leave boasting? It's not in the picture. How come? Through obeying Mosheh's laws? No, through a law about faith. 28 So now we should expect that a person will be made guiltless by faith—not by obeying Mosheh's laws. 29 Or is **God** only god of the Yehudim? Isn't he also the **god** of others? Yes, he is the god of others. 30 Indeed, there's only one **God**,[20] and he declares people guiltless by faith whether they're circumcised Yehudim, or non-Jews. 31 So does this 'faith' cancel the law? Not on your life. In fact, it upholds the law.

Avraham's faith

4:1 So what did our physical ancestor, Avraham, discover about all this? 2 Because if Avraham was declared guiltless because of his actions, maybe he could boast? But not towards **God**, 3 because the scriptures say: 'Avraham believed **in God**, so he was considered guiltless.'[21] 4 Now for someone who's working, their wages are considered 'owed', not a gift. 5 However, someone who's not working, but having faith that God will declare disobedient people as guiltless, that person's faith is considered to make them guiltless. 6 It's just like what David said about blessing a person who **God** declares as guiltless despite their actions:

7 'Those who've been forgiven for their lawlessness will be happy,
whose sins have been covered over.
8 Anyone who **Yahweh** declares to have no sin will be happy.'[22]

9 Is this favour shown only to circumcised Yehudim (Jews), or is it also for non-Jews? After all, we were saying that Avraham was considered guiltless because of his faith. 10 So how did that happen? Because he was circumcised, or when he was still uncircumcised? No, it was before he was circumcised. 11 He received circumcision as a sign[23]—proof of the righteousness that he gained from his faith while he was still uncircumcised—becoming the father of everyone who's uncircumcised but believes

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_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_one/messiah**, toward all the ones believing, because/for no there_is distinction.
23 For/Because all sinned and are_being_fallen_short of_the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, 24 being_justified undeservedly by_the of_ _him grace, through the redemption ~~which~~ in **chosen_ _one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, 25 whom set_forth ~~the~~ **god** as_an_ _atonement, through ~~the~~ faith in the of_him blood, for a_sign of_the righteousness of_him, because_of the forbearance of_the having_previously_happened sins 26 in the forbearance of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, for the sign of_the righteousness of_him in the present time, in_order that to_be him righteous and justifying the one of faith in_**Ya^{y}sous**. 27 Therefore is where the boasting? It_was_ _excluded. Through what law? Of_ ~~The~~ _works? No, but through a_law of_faith. 28 Therefore we_are_counting to_be_being_ _justified by_faith a_person, apart_from works of_law. 29 Or of_ _Youdaiōns is_he the **god** only? Not also of_pagans? Yes, also of_pagans, 30 if_indeed one ~~the~~ **god** is, who will_be_justifying the_circumcision by faith, and the_uncircumcision through the faith. 31 Therefore law we_are_nullifying through ~~the~~ faith? Never it_might_become. But the_law we_are_establishing.

4:1 Therefore what we_will_be_saying, to_have_found Abra'am/('Avrāhām) the forefather of_us according_to the_ _flesh? 2 For/Because if Abra'am by works was_justified, he_is_ _having a_boast, but not toward **god**. 3 For/Because what the scripture is_saying? And believed Abra'am ~~the~~ in_**god**, and it_ _was_counted to_him for righteousness. 4 And to_the one working, the reward not is_being_counted by grace, but by debt. 5 But to_the one not working, but believing in the one justifying the ungodly, is_being_counted the faith of_him for righteousness, 6 just_as also Dawid/(Dāvid) is_saying the blessing of_the person to_whom ~~the~~ **god** is_counting righteousness apart_from works: 7 Blessed are_they, of_whom were_forgiven their lawlessness and of_whom were_covered-up their sins. 8 Blessed is the_man, of_whom by_no_means not may_count the_**master** sin. 9 ~~The~~ therefore is blessing this on the circumcision, or also on the uncircumcision? For/Because we_are_saying: ‹Was›_counted to_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am the faith for righteousness. 10 Therefore how it_was_counted? In circumcision being, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision, 11 and the_sign he_received of_ _circumcision, a_seal of_the righteousness of_the faith ~~which~~ in the uncircumcision, in_order that to_be him father of_all the ones believing through uncircumcision, in_order that to_be_ _counted to_them ~~the~~ righteousness, 12 and father of_ _circumcision to_the ones not of circumcision only, but also to_ _the ones aligning in_the steps ~~which~~ in uncircumcision of_

19 **RV 3:22 · Cross-ref.** Gal 2:16.
20 **RV 3:30 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:4; Gal 3:20.
21 **RV 4:3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:6; Gal 3:6.
22 **RV 4:7-8 · Cross-ref.** Psa 32:1-2.
23 **RV 4:11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 17:10.

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_faith, of_the father of_us Abra'am/(Avrāhām).

13 For/Because not by law the promise was to_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am or the descendants of_him, that heir him to_be of_the_world, but by righteousness in_faith. **14** For/Because if the ones of law are heirs, has_been_voided ~~the~~ faith and has_been_nullified the promise. **15** For/Because the law severe_anger is_producing, where and no there_is law, neither is transgression. **16** Because_ _of this is of faith, in_order_that according_to grace, in_order that to_be confirmed, the promise to_all the seed, not to_the seed of the law only, but also to_the seed of the_faith of_ _Abra'am, who is the_father of_all of_us, **17** as it_has_been_ _written, ~~that~~ A_father of_many nations I_have_appointed you, in_front_of whom he_believed, **god** the one giving_life to_the dead, and calling the things not being as being. **18** Who contrary_to hope, in hope believed, in_order that to_become him the_father of_many nations, according_to the message having_been_spoken: Thus will_be the descendants of_you. **19** And not having_faltered in_the faith, he_observed the of_ _himself body already having_been_made_dead, a_hundred_ _year old about being, and the death of_the womb of_ _Sarra/(Sārāh), **20** but at the promise of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, not he_was_ _doubted ~~the~~ in_unbelief, but he_was_strengthened ~~the~~ in_faith, having_given glory to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, **21** and having_been_fully_ _assured that what he_has_promised, able he_is also to_do. **22** Therefore also it_was_counted to_him for righteousness. **23** Not but it_was_written because_of him only, that it_was_ _counted to_him, **24** but also because_of us, to_whom it_is_ _going to_be_being_counted, to_the ones believing in the one having_raised **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, the **master** of_us, from dead, **25** who was_given_over for the transgressions of_us, and was_raised for the justification of_us.

5:1 Therefore having_been_justified by faith, peace we_may_be_ _having with ~~the~~ **god**, through the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, **2** through whom also the access we_ _have_had, ~~the~~ by_faith into ~~the~~ grace this, in which we_have_ _stood, and we_are_boasting in hope of_the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **3** Not and only that, but also we_are_boasting in our tribulations, having_known that ~~the~~ tribulation endurance is_ _producing, **4** and ~~the~~ endurance provenness, and ~~the~~ provenness hope. **5** And ~~the~~ hope not is_disgracing, because the love of_ ~~the~~ **_god** has_been_poured_out in the hearts of_us

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so that they'll be declared guiltless. **12** So our ancestor Avraham is the ancestor of us as a circumcised people group, not just because we're circumcised, but also as we follow the steps of faith he took while uncircumcised.

God's promise is attained through faith

13 It wasn't because of his obeying the law that it was promised that Avraham or his descendants would inherit the world, but because of his righteousness that came from his faith,[24] **14** because if the ones obeying the law can become heirs, then faith would be declared as useless, and the promise would be invalidated,[25] **15** because the law produces severe anger, and where there's no law, there's nothing to break.

16 Because of this, the promise to the descendants is by faith—given not only to the 'descendants of the law', but also to the 'descendants of Avraham's faith'.[26] This promise is given as a gift, and has been confirmed, **17** as it's been written, 'I've appointed you as a father of many nations.'[27] He was appointed in front of the god he believed in—the god who brings the dead back to life, and who creates by speaking things into being that didn't previously exist. **18** Without any other evidence, he believed in hope itself, and thus he became the father of many nations, just like he'd been told: 'Your descendants will be like the sand and the stars.'[28] **19** He didn't falter in his faith, seeing that his body was already infertile, being about a hundred years old, and with Sarah being past menopause.[29] **20** He didn't show unbelief and doubt **God's** promise when it was given, but rather he was strengthened in his faith and praised **God**, **21** being quite certain that what God promises, he's also able to do. **22** Therefore his faith was credited to him and he was declared guiltless. **23** However, that statement wasn't written about Avraham only, **24** but about us, too, who are also going to receive the same credit, because of our faith in the God who brought our **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) back to life from the dead **25** after he was handed over to the executioners because of our sins, and he was brought back to life to make us guiltless.[30]

God showed his love to sinners

5:1 So now because we've been declared guiltless by our faith, we can have peace with **God** through our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**. **2** Through him we also have access by faith into this generosity that we depend on, and we're boasting in hope of **God's** glory. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? **3** Not only that, but we're also boasting even though we're still being persecuted, because we know that difficulties produce endurance, **4** and endurance shows who we really are, and knowing that produces hope, **5** and

24 **RV 4:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 17:4-6; 22:17-18; Gal 3:29.

25 **RV 4:14 · Cross-ref.** Gal 3:18.

26 **RV 4:16 · Cross-ref.** Gal 3:7.

27 **RV 4:17 · Cross-ref.** Gen 17:5.

28 **RV 4:18 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:5.

29 **RV 4:19 · Cross-ref.** Gen 17:17.

30 **RV 4:25 · Cross-ref.** Isa 53:4-5.

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we're not disgraced by that hope, because **God's** love has been poured out into our hearts through **the** holy **spirit** who's been given to us.

6 While we were still weak, and at the right time for ungodly people, **the messiah** died for us. **7** Now it's rare for someone to offer to die to save a guiltless person, although perhaps someone might offer for the greater good, **8** but **God** demonstrated his love towards us in that **the messiah** died for us *while we were still sinners*!

9 So now that we've been declared guiltless because of his blood, we'll certainly be spared from his severe anger, **10** because if we were reconciled **to God** through the *death* of his son *while we were still enemies*, now that we've been reconciled, how much more certain that we'll be saved by Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') *life*! **11** And not only that, because of what our **master Yeshua Messiah** has done so that we might receive that reconciliation, we can now boast in **God** about it.

Death through Adam but life through Yeshua

12 Sin came into the world through one man,[31] and death came as a result of sin, so death spread to everyone because everyone has disobeyed God. **13** Sin was in the world before Mosheh's (Moses') law, but it wasn't being charged against them, because the law had not yet been given. **14** But death reigned from Adam's time until Mosheh's time, even over those who didn't sin in the way that Adam did—Adam[32] who was a pattern of the messiah who would eventually come.

15 But the gift is not like the disobedience, because if the disobedience of one man introduced death for many, **God's** generosity and the gift that comes from that generosity is much more. That gift is the one man **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**, who's been given to very many people. **16** It only took one man who disobeyed to lead to condemnation, and one act of disobedience to lead to judgement, but the gift is to bring guiltlessness despite *many* acts of disobedience. **17** Because if the disobedience of one man led to death reigning over us through that one man, how much more will the ones receiving an abundance of generosity and the gift of righteousness be reigning in life through the one man **Yeshua Messiah**.

18 So just as one act of disobedience led all people to condemnation, so also one action brought all people to guiltlessness and hence to life. **19** The disobedience of one man caused many people to be made sinners, so also the obedience of one man caused many people to be made guiltless.

20 The law was introduced so that acts of disobedience would be plentiful, but where sin has been plentiful, generosity has overflowed, **21** so that just as sin reigned in death, so also generosity now reigns through righteousness, leading to eternal life through our **master Yeshua Messiah**.

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through the_**spirit** holy, the one having_been_given to_us. **6** Still for **chosen_one/messiah**, being of_us weak still, according_to the_time for the_ungodly died_off. **7** For/Because rarely for a_righteous man anyone will_be_dying_off, because/for for the good, possibly someone even is_daring to_ _die_off. **8** But is_demonstrating the of_himself love to us ~~the~~ **god**, that still sinners being of_us, **chosen_one/messiah** for us died_off. **9** Therefore by_much more having_been_justified now by the blood of_him, we_will_be_being_saved by him from the severe_anger. **10** For/Because if enemies being, we_were_ _reconciled to_ ~~the~~ **_god** through the death of_the son of_him, by_much more having_been_reconciled, we_will_be_being_ _saved by the life of_him. **11** Not and only this, but also boasting in ~~the~~ **god**, through the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, through whom now the reconciliation we_received.

12 Because_of this, as by one man ~~the~~ sin into the world came_ _in, and by ~~the~~ sin ~~the~~ death, also thus to all people ~~the~~ death passed_through, because/for that all sinned, **13** for/because until the_law, sin was in world, but sin not is_being_imputed, not being the_law. **14** But reigned ~~the~~ death from Adam/('Ādām) until Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh), even over the ones not having_sinned in the likeness of_the transgression of_Adam, who is a_pattern of_the one coming. **15** But not like the transgression, thus also is the gift. For/Because if by_the of_the one man transgression, the many died_off, by_much more the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god** and the gift in grace, which is of_the one man, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**, to the many been_plentiful. **16** And not as by one man having_sinned, the gift, the for on_one_hand judgement of one transgression, to condemnation, on_the_ _other_hand the the_gift of many transgressions, to just_act. **17** For/Because if by_the of_the one man transgression, ~~the~~ death reigned by the one man, by_much more the ones the abundance ~~the~~ of_grace and of_the gift of_ ~~the~~ _righteousness receiving, in life will_be_reigning, by the one man, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**. **18** Therefore consequently as by one transgression, to all people to condemnation, thus also by one just_act, to all people for justification of_life. **19** For/Because as by the one disobedience of_the man, sinners were_appointed the many, thus also by the obedience of_the one man, righteous will_be_being_appointed the many. **20** And the_law slipped_in, in_order_that may_be_ _plentiful the transgression, but where been_plentiful ~~the~~ sin, overflowed ~~the~~ grace, **21** in_order_that as reigned ~~the~~ sin in ~~the~~ death, thus also ~~the~~ grace may_reign through righteousness, to life eternal through **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** the **master** of_us.

31 **RV 5:12 · Cross-ref.** Gen 3:6.

32 **RV 5:14 · Note** Adam is called 'the son of God' in Luke 3:38.

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6:1 Therefore what we_will_be_saying? We_may_be_
_continuing_on ~~the~~ in_sin, in_order_that ~~the~~ grace may_be_
_plentiful? **2** Never it_might_become. Who we_died_off to_ ~~the~~ _
_sin, how still we_will_be_living in it? **3** Or you_all_are_not_
_knowing, that as_many_as we_were_immersed into **chosen_
_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, into the death of_him we_were_
_immersed? **4** Therefore we_were_buried_with with_him
through ~~the~~ immersion into ~~the~~ death, in_order_that as was_
_raised **chosen_one/messiah** from dead by the glory of_the
father, thus also we in newness of_life may_walk. **5** For/Because
if grown_together we_have_become in_the likeness of_the
death of_him, but also of_the resurrection we_will_be, **6** this
knowing that the old of_us person was_executed_on_a_stake_
_with him, in_order_that may_be_nullified the body of_ ~~the~~ _sin,
that no_longer to_be_serving us ~~the~~ for_sin. **7** For/Because the
one having_died_off, has_been_justified from ~~the~~ sin. **8** And if
we_died_off with **chosen_one/messiah**, we_are_believing that
also we_will_be_living_together with_him, **9** having_known
that **chosen_one/messiah** having_been_raised from dead, no_
_longer is_dying_off, death of_him no_longer is_mastering.
10 For/Because what he_died_off, to_ ~~the~~ _sin died_off once_for_
_all, but what he_is_living, he_is_living to_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **11** Thus
also you_all, be_counting yourselves to_be dead on_one_hand
to_ ~~the~~ _sin, on_the_other_hand living to_ ~~the~~ **_god** in **chosen_
_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. **12** Therefore not let_be_
_reigning ~~the~~ sin in the mortal of_you_all body, in_order that
to_be_submitting in_the lusts of_it. **13** Not be_presenting the
members of_you_all, as_weapons of_unrighteousness to_ ~~the~~ _
sin, but present yourselves to ~~the~~ **_god**, as_if from the_dead
living, and the members of_you_all, as_weapons of_
righteousness to ~~the~~ **_god**. **14** For/Because sin over_you_all
not will_be_mastering, because/for not you_all_are under law,
but under grace.

15 Therefore what? We_may_sin because not we_are under law,
but under grace? Never it_might_become. **16** Not you_all_have_
_known that to_whom you_all_are_presenting yourselves as_
_slaves for obedience, slaves you_all_are to_whom you_all_are_
_submitting, whether of_sin to death, or of_obedience to
righteousness? **17** But thankfulness be to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, that you_
_all_were slaves of_ ~~the~~ _sin, and you_all_submitted from the_
_heart, to which you_all_were_given_over the_pattern of_
_teaching. **18** And having_been_freed from ~~the~~ sin, you_all_
_were_enslaved to_ ~~the~~ _righteousness. **19** In_human terms I_
_am_speaking, because_of the weakness of_the flesh of_you_all.
For/Because as you_all_presented the members of_you_all as_
slaves to ~~the~~ _impurity, and to_ ~~the~~ _lawlessness further to ~~the~~
lawlessness, thus now present the members of_you_all, as_
slaves to ~~the~~ _righteousness to holiness. **20** For/Because when
slaves you_all_were of_ ~~the~~ _sin, free you_all_were ~~the~~ from_
_righteousness. **21** Therefore what fruit you_all_were_having
then, in which now you_all_are_being_ashamed? For/Because
the end of_those things death is. **22** But right_now, having_
_been_freed from ~~the~~ sin, and having_been_enslaved to_ ~~the~~ _
_god, you_all_are_having the fruit of_you_all to holiness, and
the end is life eternal. **23** For/Because the wages of_ ~~the~~ _sin is
death, but the the_gift of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is life eternal in **chosen_**

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Dying and coming back to life with Yeshua

6:1 So should we continue disobeying so that more of God's generosity will be displayed? **2** Not on your life! We who died to sin, how could we go back to living in it? **3** Or didn't you realise that when we were immersed into **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), we were immersed into his death? **4** Therefore we were buried with him through the immersion into death, so that just as **Messiah** was brought back to life by the father's power, so too we can live a new life.[33] **5** If we've taken part in the likeness of his death, then we'll also take part in the resurrection, **6** knowing that the old personality was executed with him so that sin would have no more power over our bodies, and hence we no longer need to serve it, **7** because the personality that's died has been declared free from sin. **8** So if we died with **Messiah**, we also believe that we'll live with him, **9** knowing that now that **Messiah** has come back to life from the dead, he won't die again—death has no more power over him. **10** When he died, he died to sin once and for all, but now that he lives, he lives **to** please **God**. **11** So too, you should consider yourselves dead to sin, and at the same time, alive **to God** in **Messiah Yeshua**.

12 So therefore don't let sin rule over your mortal bodies in such a way that you're submitting to its lusts. **13** Don't use any parts of your bodies to sin, as if they're weapons of disobedience, but instead present yourselves **to God** as if you came back to life from the dead, and use all your body parts for God, as if they're weapons of righteousness, **14** so that sin won't take control of you—because you're not under law, but under generosity.

Now we are slaves to righteousness

15 What could that mean? That we can sin freely because we're not under law but under generosity? Not on your life! **16** Don't you know who you're presenting yourselves to as obedient slaves? Yes, whoever you submit to, you're their slaves—either slaves of sin that leads to death, or slaves of obedience that leads to righteousness. **17** But be thankful **to God** that although you were slaves to sin, your hearts submitted to what was taught, **18** and so, having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. **19** I'm speaking from a human perspective because of your human weakness. Just as you previously used parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading down to further lawlessness, so now present your body parts as slaves to righteousness, leading up to holiness.

20 When you were slaves of sin, you were immune to righteousness, **21** and so what was the fruit you had back then which you're now ashamed of? The end result of that lifestyle is death. **22** But now that you're free from slavery to sin, and are **God's** slaves instead, you bear the fruit of holiness, and the end result of that is living forever, **23** because the wages of sin are death,

33 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Col 2:12.

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but **God** gives eternal life as a gift through our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**.

Becoming dead to the Law

7:1 Brothers and sisters, you know the Law well that I'm talking about, so surely you realise that the law acts as a person's master for as long as they live? **2** For example, a woman who's married to her husband is bound by the law, but if her husband dies then she's released from the law concerning her husband. **3** So while her husband was still living, he'd call her an adulteress if she slept with another man, but after her husband is deceased, she's free from the law and doesn't become an adulteress if she marries another man. **4** So, my brothers and sisters, you, too, were made dead to the law through the body of the **messiah** so that you could join to another—to the **one** who came back to life from the dead—so that we can bear fruit for **God**. **5** When we were still focused on the physical, the passions aroused by sinning against the law were working in our body parts so that the fruit would be death, **6** but now that we're released from the law which held us—released by dying to it—we can serve in new ways guided by the **spirit** instead of by the letter of the law.

God's Law reveals our sin

7 So what will we say then? That the law is sin? Not on your life! I wouldn't have known what sin was if it wasn't for the Law. For example, I wouldn't have known what coveting was if the Law hadn't told me not to covet.[34] **8** But sin took the opportunity from that command to produce covetousness in me, because sin would be dead without the Law. **9** For a time I was living without the Law, but once God's command came, sin revived **10** and I died, and I discovered that the command, which should lead to life, led to death. **11** Sin deceived me[35] when the command gave it an opportunity, and in doing so, it killed me.

12 Now the Law is indeed holy, and God's command is holy and righteous and good, **13** so did what's good turn into death? Not on your life! Rather, it was the good Law that allowed me to see sin as sin and a producer of death, and the command showed me how completely sinful sin really is.

Doing what we know is wrong

14 We know that God's law is spiritual, but I am physical, having been born[36] into sin. **15** I don't know what's going on, because I do what I don't want to do, and I end up doing what I hate.[37] **16** So if I do something that I didn't want to do, then I'm agreeing with the Law that it's good, **17** and it's no longer me that's doing it, but the sin that's in me. **18** I'm aware that good isn't in my physical body, because I want to do good but I can't. **19** I don't do the good that I want to do, but rather I do the evil that I don't want to do, **20** so if I'm doing what I don't want to do, then it's not me doing it, but it's the sin in me that does it.

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_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa), the **master** of_us.

7:1 Or you_all_are_not_knowing, brothers (for to_knowing the_ _law I_am_speaking), that the law is_mastering over_the person for as_long_as the_time he_is_living? **2** For/Because the married woman to_the living husband has_been_bound by_law, but if may_die_off the husband, she_has_been_released from the law of_the husband. **3** Therefore consequently living the husband, an_adulteress he_will_be_calling her, if she_may_ _become joined to_man another, but if may_die_off the husband, free she_is from the law, ~~which~~ not to_be she an_ _adulteress having_become to_man another. **4** So_that, brothers of_me, also you_all were_put_to_death to_the law by the body of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, in_order that to_ _become you_all to_another, to_the one from the_dead having_ _been_raised, in_order_that we_may_bear_fruit to_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **5** For/Because when we_were in the flesh, the passions of_ ~~the~~ _ _sins ~~which~~ through the law was_working in the members of_us in_order that to_bear_fruit to_ ~~the~~ _death. **6** But right_now we_ _were_released from the law, having_died_off in which we_ _were_being_kept, so_that to_be_serving us in newness of_ _**spirit**, and not in_oldness of_letter.

7 Therefore what we_will_be_saying? The law is sin? Never it_ _might_become. But ~~the~~ sin not I_knew, except ~~not/lest~~ by the_ _law, because/for the and covetousness, not I_had_known, except ~~not/lest~~ the law was_saying: Not you_will_be_coveting. **8** But opportunity having_taken ~~the~~ sin by the command, produced in me all covetousness, because/for apart_from the_ _law, sin dead. **9** But I was_living apart_from law once, but having_come the command, the sin revived, **10** and I died_off, and was_found to_me the command, ~~which~~ to life, this was to death. **11** For/Because ~~the~~ sin an_opportunity having_taken by the command, deceived me and by it killed_off me. **12** So_as the indeed law is holy, and the command is holy, and righteous, and good. **13** Therefore the good law to_me became death? Never it_might_become. But ~~the~~ sin, in_order_that it_may_be_ _seen sin by the good law in_me producing death, in_order_ _that may_become as excess sinful ~~the~~ sin by the command.

14 For/Because we_have_known that the the_law spiritual is, but I fleshy am, having_been_sold under ~~the~~ sin. **15** For/Because what I_am_producing, not I_am_knowing, because/for not what I_am_wanting, this I_am_doing, but what I_am_hating, this I_am_practicing. **16** But if what not I_am_wanting, this I_ _am_practicing, I_am_agreeing_with to_the law that it_is good. **17** And right_now no_longer I am_producing it, but the dwelling_in in me sin. **18** For/Because I_have_known that not is_dwelling in me, this is in the flesh of_me, good, because/for that to_be_wanting is_dwelling_with me, but that to_be_ _producing the good is not. **19** For/Because not what I_am_ _wanting, I_am_practicing good, but what not I_am_wanting the_evil, this I_am_doing. **20** But if what not I_am_wanting, this

34 **RV 7:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:17; Deu 5:21.

35 **RV 7:11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 3:13.

36 **RV 7:14 · Note** Paul actually talks about 'being sold into sin' here which is slavery language.

37 **RV 7:15 · Cross-ref.** Gal 5:17.

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I_am_practicing, no_longer I am_producing it, but the dwelling in me sin. **21** I_am_finding consequently the law, in_which wanting me to_be_doing ~~the~~ good, that in_me ~~the~~ evil is_ _dwelling. **22** For/Because I_am_joyfully_concurring in_the law of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, according_to the inside person, **23** but I_am_seeing another law in the members of_me, warring_against against_ _the law of_the mind of_me, and making_captive me in the law of_ ~~the~~ _sin, ~~which~~ being in the members of_me. **24** Miserable I am person. Who me will_be_rescuing out_of the body of_ ~~the~~ _ _death this? **25** Thankfulness be to_ ~~the~~ **_god** through **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_one/messiah** the **master** of_us. Therefore consequently myself I, with_the on_one_hand mind am_serving to_the_law of_**god**, on_the_other_hand with_the the_flesh, to_the_law of_sin.

8:1 There_is_not_one consequently now condemnation to_the ones in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, **2** for/because the law of_the **spirit** of_ ~~the~~ _life in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, freed you from the law of_ ~~the~~ _sin and ~~the~~ death. **3** For/Because ~~the~~ powerless is of_the law, in that it_was_faltering through the flesh, ~~the~~ **god** ~~the~~ of_himself the_son having_sent, in the_ _likeness of_flesh sin, and concerning sin, condemned ~~the~~ sin in the flesh, **4** in_order_that the just_act of_the law may_be_ _fulfilled in us, the ones not according_to the_flesh walking, but according_to the_**spirit**. **5** For/Because the ones according_ _to flesh being, the things of_the flesh are_thinking, but the ones according_to **spirit**, the things of_the **spirit**. **6** For/Because the mindset of_the flesh is death, but the mindset of_the **spirit** is life and peace. **7** Because the mindset of_the flesh is enmity toward **god**, because/for to_the law of_ ~~the~~ **_god** not it_is_being_subjected, because/for not_even it_is_ _able. **8** And the ones in flesh being, to_**god** to_bring_pleasure not are_being_able. **9** And you_all not are in flesh, but in **spirit**, if_indeed the_**spirit** of_**god** is_dwelling in you_all. But if anyone the_**spirit** of_**chosen_one/messiah** not is_having, this one not is of_him. **10** But if **chosen_one/messiah** is in you_all, the on_ _one_hand body dead because_of sin, on_the_other_hand the **spirit** life because_of righteousness. **11** But if the **spirit** of_the one having_raised ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** from the_dead is_ _indwelling in you_all, the one having_raised from the_dead **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous** will_be_giving_life also to_the mortal bodies of_you_all, through the indwelling of_him of_ _**spirit** in you_all. **12** Therefore consequently, brothers, debtors we_are, not to_the flesh, ~~which~~ according_to flesh to_be_living. **13** For/Because if according_to the_flesh you_all_are_living, you_all_are_going to_be_dying_off, but if by_the_**spirit** the practices of_the body you_all_are_putting_to_death, you_all_ _will_be_living. **14** For/Because as_many_as by_the_**spirit** of_ _**god** are_being_led, these the_sons of_**god** are. **15** For/Because not you_all_received a_spirit of_slavery again to fear, but you_ _all_received the_**spirit** of_adoption_as_sons, by whom we_are_ _crying_out: father, ~~the~~ father. **16** Himself the **spirit** is_bearing_

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21 As a result, I've discovered the principle that when I want to do good, actually there's evil in me, **22** because I'm happily accepting **God's** Law on the inside, **23** but I'm observing another law in my body parts, fighting against my mind and keeping me imprisoned in sin's law, which is in my body parts. **24** I'm a miserable person. Who'll rescue me from this body that's full of death? **25** Thankfully, it's **God**, through our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**. So I end up with my mind wanting to serve **God's** Law, but on the other hand, my body wants to serve sin's law.

Being spiritually aware

8:1 So now those who are in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) cannot be condemned,[38] **2** because the law of the **spirit** of life in him freed you from the law of sin and death. **3** The law was powerless in that it was faltering through our bodies. **God** sent his son in a body just like our sinful bodies, and concerning sin, he condemned sin itself in the body, **4** so that for those of us who are no longer governed by physical desires, but by **the spirit**, the law's just action will be fulfilled in us. **5** People who are governed by their physical desires think about physical things, but those who are governed by the **spirit** think about **spiritual** things. **6** The worldly mindset leads to death, but the **spiritual** mindset leads to life and peace. **7** The worldly mindset is making **God** your enemy because it's not being subjected to **God's** law, in fact it's not even able to, **8** and those who are worldly aren't able **to** do what pleases **God**.

9 And you, brothers and sisters, aren't worldly, but are in the **spirit**, if indeed **God's** spirit is living in you, but anyone who doesn't have **Messiah's** spirit doesn't belong to him. **10** But if **Messiah is** in you, while your body is dead because of sin, your **spirit** has life because it's been declared guiltless. **11** Yes, if the **spirit** of the one who brought Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) back to life is living in you, then the **one** who brought **Messiah** Yeshua back to life will also give life to your mortal bodies by means of his **spirit** living inside you.[39]

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we don't owe anything to our sinful natures, nor do we need to live in worldly ways. **13** If your lives, brothers and sisters, are governed by your sinful natures, you'll die, but if you put bodily practices to death with the help of the **spirit**, you'll live, **14** because everyone who's led **by God's spirit** becomes one of **God's** children. **15** You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to fear again, but rather it was **the spirit** of adoption as children that you received, and with his help we call

38 RV 8:1 · Note Note that many older translations included text here that came from manuscripts from later centuries and that isn't there in the oldest manuscripts, i.e., the additional text appears to have been added by 'helpful' copyists but was not original to Shaul/Paul.

39 RV 8:11 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 3:16.

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out, 'Dad, dad!'[40] **16** God's **spirit** himself agrees together with our **spirit** that we are **God's** children, **17** and if we're his children, then we're also heirs, so we'll receive an inheritance from **God**. That makes us fellow-heirs along with **Messiah**—if we're suffering with him then we'll also be honoured along with him.

Even creation itself is waiting

18 I'm sure that any sufferings we experience in this age are nothing in comparison with the coming splendour that's going to be revealed to us, **19** because all of creation is eagerly expecting and waiting for **God's** children to be revealed. **20** Yes, all of creation has been subjected to lack of purpose, not willingly, but because it was decided by the one who subjected it, but it remains with the hope[41] **21** that it too will be freed from the slavery of corruption, and then released into the freedom of the splendour of **God's** children, **22** because we're aware that all of creation is groaning and suffering[42] along with us right through to the present time. **23** And not only that, but we ourselves who have the initial tastes of the **spirit** life, we're also groaning and waiting like children for our bodies to be set free from slavery,[43] **24** because we were saved, having hope, but if you can see it then it's not hope, because you don't need to hope for something you can already see. **25** So we hope for what we can't yet see, and so we have to patiently keep waiting.

26 Similarly, the **spirit** also helps us with our weaknesses, because we don't even know what to pray for, but the **spirit** intercedes with groanings that we can't put into words. **27** The one who searches our hearts knows the mindset of the **spirit**, because the spirit intercedes for the believers as **God** desires.

28 We know that **God** makes all things work together for good for everyone who loves him—those who are being invited according to his purpose. **29** After all, those he knew in advance, he also determined in advance to be similar to his son's image, so that his son would become the eldest of many siblings. **30** The ones he'd determined in advance he also invited, and the ones he'd invited, he also declared guiltless, and the ones he declared guiltless, he also honoured in heaven.

Nothing can separate us from God's love

31 So then, what can we say about all this? If **God is** for us, who's against us? **32** If he didn't spare his own son, but gave him to be executed for us, won't they together also give us everything else? **33** Who'll bring charges against people chosen by **God**? **God is** the one declaring us guiltless. **34** So who's the one condemning us? **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) (the one who died but came back to life and who's now sitting beside **God**) is also pleading *for* us.[44] **35** Who will separate us from **Messiah's** love? Troubles or distress or persecution or famine or

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_witness_with with_the **spirit** of_us that we_are children of_ _**god**. **17** And if children, also heirs, heirs on_one_hand of_**god**, on_the_other_hand fellow-heirs of_**chosen_one/messiah**, if_ _indeed we_are_suffering_with him, that also we_may_be_ _glorified_with him.

18 For/Because I_am_counting that not worthy are the sufferings of_the present time, with the going glory to_be_ _revealed to us. **19** For/Because the eager_expectation of_the creation, the revelation of_the sons of_ ~~the~~ _**god** is_eagerly_ _waiting. **20** For/Because to_the uselessness, the creation was_ _subjected, not willingly, but because_of the one having_ _subjected it, in hope **21** that also itself the creation will_be_ _being_freed from the slavery of_ ~~the~~ _corruption, into the freedom of_the glory of_the children of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. **22** For/Because we_have_known that all the creation is_ _groaning_together and is_travailing_together until the time now. **23** Not and only that, but also ourselves, the first-fruit of_ _the **spirit** having, we also ourselves in ourselves are_groaning, adoption_as_sons eagerly_waiting, the redemption of_the body of_us. **24** For/Because in_the hope we_were_saved, but hope being_seen, not is hope, because/for what is_seeing anyone, he_is_hoping? **25** But if what not we_are_seeing we_are_hoping, through endurance we_are_eagerly_waiting. **26** And likewise also the **spirit** is_helping with_the weakness of_us, because/for ~~the~~ who we_may_pray as it_is_fitting, not we_have_known, but itself the **spirit** is_interceding with_groanings inexpressible. **27** And the one searching our hearts has_known what is the mindset of_the **spirit**, because according_to **god**, it_is_pleading for the_holy ones. **28** And we_have_known that to_the ones loving ~~the~~ **god**, all things is_working_together ~~the~~ **god** for good, to_the ones according_to his_purpose called being. **29** Because whom he_foreknew, also he_predetermined similar to_the image of_the son of_him, in_order that to_be him firstborn among many brothers. **30** And whom he_predetermined, these also he_called, and whom he_called, these also he_justified, and whom he_justified, these also he_glorified.

31 Therefore what we_will_be_saying to these things? If ~~the~~ **god** is for us, who is against us? **32** Who surely from_his own son not spared, but for us all gave_over him, how not also with him, the things all to_us he_will_be_granting? **33** Who will_be_ _indicting against the_chosen ones of_**god**? **god** is the one justifying. **34** Who is the one condemning? **chosen_ _one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** the one having_died_off, but rather having_been_raised who, also is at the_right hand of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, who also is_pleading for us. **35** Who us will_be_ _separating from the love of_the **chosen_one/messiah**? Tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36** As it_has_been_written, ~~that~~

40 RV 8:15-17 · Cross-ref. Gal 4:5-7.

41 RV 8:20 · Cross-ref. Gen 3:17-19.

42 RV 8:22 · Note The word picture here is one of childbirth.

43 RV 8:23 · Cross-ref. 2Cor 5:2-4.

44 RV 8:34 · Cross-ref. Heb 7:25.

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On_account of_you, we_are_being_put_to_death all ~~the~~ day, we_
_were_counted as sheep of_slaughter. **37** But in these things all,
we_are_beyond_conquering through the one having_loved us.
38 For/Because I_have_been_persuaded that neither death, nor
life, nor messengers, nor rulers, nor having_presented things,
nor coming things, nor powers, **39** nor height, nor depth, nor
any creation other, will_be_able us to_separate from the love
of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, ~~which~~ in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous**, the
master of_us.
9:1 The_truth I_am_speaking in **chosen_one/messiah**, not I_
_am_lying, bearing_witness_with with_me of_the conscience
of_me in the_**spirit** holy **2** that sorrow to_me is great, and
unceasing sorrow in_the heart of_me. **3** For/Because I_was_
_hoping a_curse to_be myself, I from the **chosen_one/messiah**
for the brothers of_me, ~~the~~ fellow-citizen of_me, according_to
flesh, **4** who are ones_from_Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl), of_whose is the
adoption_as_sons, and the glory, and the covenants, and the
lawgiving, and the sacred_service, and the promises, **5** of_
whose are the fathers, and of whom is the **chosen**
_one/messiah, ~~which~~ according_to flesh ~~which~~ being over all
things **god**, blessed to the ages. Truly. **6** Not but it_is such_as,
that has_fallen_from the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. For/Because not
all the ones of Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl) these, Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl) are.
7 Nor because they_are seed of_Abra'am/('Avrāhām) all
children, but: In Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq) will_be_being_named to_you
descendants. **8** This is not the children of_the flesh, these are
children of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, but the children of_the promise is_being_
_counted for descendants. **9** For/Because of_the_promise ~~the~~ a_
_message this is: Concerning ~~the~~ time this, I_will_be_coming,
and there_will_be to_ ~~the~~ _Sarra/(Sārāh) a_son. **10** Not and only
this, but also Ꝛebekka/(Rivʿqāh) by one sexual_intercourse,
having of_Isa'ak, the father of_us, **11** for/because not_yet
having_been_born, nor having_done any good or bad, in_order_
_that the according_to choice purpose of_ ~~the~~ **_god** may_be_
_remaining, **12** not of works, but of the one calling, it_was_said
to_her, ~~that~~ The greater will_be_serving for_the lessor. **13** As it_
_has_been_written: - Yakōb/(Yaʹaqovʿ) I_loved, but ~~the~~
Aʸsau/(ʹĒsāv) I_hated. **14** Therefore what we_will_be_saying?
Not unrighteousness with ~~the~~ **god** is_there? Never it_might_
_become. **15** ~~The~~ For/Because to_Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) he_is_saying:
I_will_be_showing_mercy to_whom ~~wishfully~~ I_may_be_showing_
_mercy, and I_will_be_having_compassion to_whom ~~wishfully~~ I_
_may_be_having_compassion. **16** Therefore consequently not
of_the one willing it_is, nor of_the one running, but ~~which~~ of_
_being_merciful **god**. **17** For/Because is_saying the scripture to_
~~the~~ _Faraō/(Farʹoh), ~~that~~ For/Because same reason this I_raised_
_up you, so_that I_may_display in you the power of_me, and so_

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poverty or danger or execution? **36** As it's been written:
'We are being put to death all day
on your account.
We were counted like sheep ready to be slaughtered.'[45]
37 But in all that, we're more than conquerors through the one
who loved us. **38** Yes, I've been persuaded that neither death or
life, angels or rulers, present or future events, powers, **39** height
or depth, or anything else in creation, will be able to separate us
from **God's** love that's revealed in our **master Messiah Yeshua**.

God's right to choose

9:1 I'm not lying—I'm speaking truthfully
in **Messiah**, and both my conscience and
the holy **spirit** agree **2** that my sorrow is extensive, and the sorrow in my heart just won't stop, **3** because I was hoping that I myself would be a sacrifice from the **messiah** for my brothers and sisters, my fellow-citizens in this world. **4** They're the descendants of Yisrael (Israel) who've been adopted as God's children,[46] and who God revealed his power to, as well as the agreements, the Law, the temple worship, and the promises. **5** The patriarchs are Jewish, and the **messiah**, who has authority over everything, physically came from them. May **God** be blessed throughout the ages. May it be so.

6 But it's not that **God's** message has failed. Yisrael doesn't include all of Yisrael's descendants, **7** nor are all of Avraham's descendants his children, but, 'It's through Yitshak (Isaac) that your descendants will be counted.'[47] **8** That isn't talking about biological children—these are **God's** children, but the children of the promise are being counted as descendants. **9** After all, this message is the promise: 'I'll come back, and Sarah will have a son.'[48]

10 And not only that, but also Rivkah (Rebecca), from one pregnancy to our ancestor Yitshak, delivered twins. **11** Before they were born, and so before they could do anything good or bad, in order that **God's** deliberate choice would stand **12** (not as a result of effort, but by God's announcement), she was told, 'The older child will serve the younger one.'[49] **13** As it was written: 'I loved Ya'akov (Jacob) but I hated Esav (Esau).'[50]

14 So what should we say then? **Is God** unfair? Of course not, **15** because he said to Mosheh (Moses): 'I'll be merciful to whoever I want to, and I'll have pity on anyone I want to.'[51] **16** In other words, it doesn't depend on the willingness or activities of the person, but on **God's** mercy. **17** After all, in the scriptures, God says to the king of Mitsrayim (Egypt): 'I chose you as king so that I can demonstrate my power through you, and so that my

45 **RV 8:36 · Cross-ref.** Psa 44:22.
46 **RV 9:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 4:22.
47 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Gen 21:12.
48 **RV 9:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 18:10.
49 **RV 9:12 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:23.
50 **RV 9:13 · Cross-ref.** Mal 1:2-3.
51 **RV 9:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 33:19.

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name will be talked about all over the world.'[52] 18 In other words, God will be merciful to whoever he wants to, but he hardens whoever he wants to.

God's anger and his mercy

19 So now you'll ask me: Then how can God blame us, because how could anyone resist whatever he wants to do? 20 Oh human, are you talking back **to God**? Can the creature that was made talk back to the maker and ask: 'Why did you make me like this?'[53] 21 Doesn't the potter have the right to split the lump of clay and make a beautiful bowl out of half and a chamber pot out of the other half?

22 What if **God** wanted to display his severe anger and to demonstrate his power, but then showed great patience to the objects of his severe anger that he'd prepared for destruction? 23 What if he did that in order to make the riches of his greatness known to the objects of his mercy that he'd prepared for honour? 24 Yes, he even called us, not only from among the Yehudim (Jews) but also from non-Jews. 25 The prophet Hoshea (Hosea) even wrote:

"Those who aren't my people
I will call 'my people',
and the woman who was never loved
is the one I'll call 'my love'.[54]
26 In the place where they said,
'You're not my people'
that's where they'll be called 'children **of** the living **God**'."[55]

27 The prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) announced about Yisrael (Israel): 'Even though the Israelis are as numerous as grains of sand, only a minority of them will be saved, 28 because **Yahweh** will be abbreviating and terminating his message on the earth.'[56] 29 As Yeshayah had previously written: 'If Commander-in-chief **Yahweh** hadn't left us some descendants, we would have become like Sedom and Amorah's (Gomorrah's) people groups.'[57]

The Yehudim' failure to believe

30 So then, what should we say? That non-Jews who weren't godly reached out by faith to achieve righteousness, 31 but Yehudim (Jews) who chased after righteousness by obeying The Law didn't achieve it? 32 How come? Because they tried to reach it by actions and not by faith. They tripped over the stumbling stone, 33 as it's written:

'Look, I'm laying down a stumbling stone in Tsiyon (Zion),
a rock that causes offence.
Anyone who believes in him
won't be disgraced.'[58]

10:1 Brothers and sisters, my heart would be very pleased in-

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_that may_be_proclaimed the name of_me in all the earth.
18 Therefore consequently to_whom he_is_wanting, he_is_
_showing_mercy, but whom he_is_wanting, he_is_hardening.
19 You_will_be_saying therefore to_me: Therefore why still he_
_is_blaming? For/Because against_the the_counsel of_him who
has_resisted? 20 Oh person, indeed_rather you who are, the one
answering_back to_ ~~the~~ _**god**? Not will_be_saying the formed
thing, to_the one having_formed it: Why me you_made thus?
21 Or not is_having authority the potter over_the clay, out_of
the same lump to_make one on_one_hand to honour vessel, on_
_the_other_hand one to dishonour? 22 And if wanting ~~the~~ **god**
to_display his severe_anger, and to_make_known the powerful
of_him, bore in much patience, the_vessels of_severe_anger
having_been_prepared for destruction, 23 and in_order_that
he_may_make_known the riches of_the glory of_him on the_
_vessels of_mercy, which he_previously_prepared for glory,
24 whom even he_called, us not only from the_Youdaiōns, but
also from the_pagans? 25 As also in ~~the~~ Hosea he_is_saying: I_
_will_be_calling the not people of_me: The_people of_me, and
the woman not having_been_loved: Having_been_loved. 26 And
it_will_be in the place where it_was_said to_them: Not the_
_people of_me you_all are, there they_will_be_being_called
sons of_**god** the_living. 27 And Aʸsaias/(Yəshaʿʸāh) is_crying_
_out concerning ~~the~~ Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl): If may_be the number of_
_the sons of_Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl), as the sand of_the sea, the
remnant will_be_being_saved. 28 For/Because his_message
completing and cutting_short will_be_executing the_**master** on
the earth. 29 And as has_previously_said Aʸsaias: Except ~~not/lest~~
the_**master** of_armies abandoned to_us descendants, like
Sodoma/(Şədom) would we_were_become, and like
Gomorra/(ʿAmorāh) would we_were_likened.

30 Therefore what we_will_be_saying? That the_pagans ~~which~~
not pursuing righteousness, grasped righteousness, and
righteousness ~~which~~ by faith, 31 But Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl) pursuing
a_law of_righteousness to the_law not attained.
32 For/Because_reason why? Because it_was not by faith, but as
by works. They_stumbled over_the stone of_ ~~the~~ _stumbling,
33 as it_has_been_written: Behold, I_am_laying in
Siōn/(Tsiyyōn) a_stone of_stumbling, and a_rock of_offense,
and the one believing in him, not will_be_being_disgraced.
10:1 Brothers, the indeed good_pleasure ~~the~~ of_my heart, and
the petition to ~~the~~ **god**, because/for them is for salvation.
2 For/Because I_am_testifying to_them that zeal for_**god** they_
_are_having, but not according_to knowledge. 3 For/Because
not_knowing the of_ ~~the~~ _**god** righteousness, and their own

52 **RV 9:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 9:16 (LXX).
53 **RV 9:20 · Cross-ref.** Isa 29:16; 45:9.
54 **RV 9:25 · Cross-ref.** Hos 2:23.
55 **RV 9:26 · Cross-ref.** Hos 1:10.
56 **RV 9:27-28 · Cross-ref.** Isa 10:22-23 (LXX).
57 **RV 9:29 · Cross-ref.** Isa 1:9 (LXX).
58 **RV 9:33 · Cross-ref.** Isa 28:16 (LXX).

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seeking to_establish, to_the righteousness of_ ~~the~~ **_god** not they_were_subjected. **4** For/Because the_end of_law is **chosen_ _one/messiah**, because/for righteousness to_everyone ~~which~~ believing.

5 For/Because Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) is_writing of_the righteousness ~~which~~ of the_law, ~~that~~ The having_practiced them person, will_be_living by it. **6** But the of faith righteousness thus is_saying: Not you_may_say in the heart of_you: Who will_ _be_going_up into ~~the~~ heaven? (This is **chosen_one/messiah** to_bring_down), **7** or: Who will_be_coming_down into the abyss? (This is **chosen_one/messiah** from the_dead to_bring_ _up). **8** But what it_is_saying? Near you the message is, in the mouth of_you, and in the heart of_you, this is the message of_ ~~the~~ _faith which we_are_proclaiming. **9** That if you_may_confess with the mouth of_you: **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, and you_may_believe in the heart of_you that ~~the~~ **god** him raised from the_dead, you_will_be_being_saved. **10** For/Because in_ _the_heart it_is_being_believed to righteousness, and in_the_ _mouth it_is_being_confessed to salvation. **11** For/Because is_ _saying the scripture: Everyone ~~which~~ believing in him not will_ _be_being_disgraced. **12** For/Because no there_is distinction between_Youdaios both and Hellaʸn, because/for the same **master** of_all, being_rich toward all the ones calling him. **13** For/Because everyone that ~~wishfully~~ may_call on_the name of_the_**master**, will_be_being_saved. **14** Therefore how they_ _may_call on whom not they_believed? And how they_may_ _believe of_whom not they_heard? And how they_may_hear apart_from proclaiming? **15** And how they_may_proclaim if not they_may_be_sent_out? As it_has_been_written: How beautiful are the feet of_the ones good_message_preaching good things. **16** But not all submitted to_the good_message. For/Because Aʸsaias/(Yəshaʿʸāh) is_saying: **master**, who believed in_the report of_us? **17** Consequently ~~the~~ faith is by hearing, and ~~the~~ hearing by the_message of_**chosen_one/messiah**. **18** But I_am_ _asking, not not they_heard? Indeed_rather: Into all the earth, came_out the voice of_them, and to the ends of_the inhabited_ _world, the messages of_them. **19** But I_am_asking, not Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl) not knew? First Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) is_saying: I will_be_making_jealous you_all, by those not a_nation, by a_ _nation unintelligent, I_will_be_angering you_all. **20** And Aʸsaias is_daring and is_saying: I_was_found by the ones me not seeking, manifest I_became to_the ones me not asking. **21** But to ~~the~~ Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl) he_is_saying: All ~~the~~ day, I_ _stretched_out the hands of_me to a_people disbelieving and speaking_against.

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deed if Israelis would get rescued, and that's what I request from **God**. **2** I keep telling them that they're very zealous **for God**, yet they lack know-how. **3** Because they didn't know what **God's** righteousness is, and they tried to establish their own system, they weren't covered by his righteousness. **4** The fulfilment of The Law is **Messiah**, leading to righteousness for everyone who believes.

Salvation is for all peoples

5 Mosheh (Moses) wrote this about the Law's righteousness: 'The person who practices it will live because of it.'[59] **6** But the righteousness based on faith says: 'Don't speculate in your mind about who'll go up to heaven in order to bring **Messiah** down, **7** and don't ask about who'll go down to the pit in order to bring **Messiah** up.' **8** So what does the righteousness based on faith say? It says: 'The message is close to you—it's in your mouth and heart.'[60] That's the message of faith that we've been preaching: **9** That if you speak out and acknowledge that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is **Yahweh**, and you believe in your heart that **God** brought him back to life from the dead, you will be rescued, **10** because it's the belief in your mind that leads to righteousness, and it's the acknowledgement from your mouth that leads to rescue. **11** As the scriptures say: 'Anyone who believes in him won't end up disgraced.'[61] **12** There's no distinction between Yehudi (Jew) and non-Jew, because we all have the same **master** who gives generously to everyone who makes an appeal to him, **13** because everyone who appeals to **Yahweh's** authority will be rescued.[62]

14 But how could they appeal to a god that they don't even believe in? And how could they believe if they haven't even heard about him? And how would they hear if no one told them? **15** And who would be there telling them if no one was sent out? Compare what was written: 'It's so wonderful that these people came and announced the good message.'[63] **16** But not everyone accepted the good message, just like the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) wrote: '**Yahweh**, who believed our report?'[64] **17** And so faith comes by hearing—listening to **Messiah's** message.

18 But then I'd ask: Haven't they heard it? Indeed they have. It's written:

'Their voice went out into all the earth,
and their messages went across all the world.'[65]

19 But again I'd ask: Didn't the Israelis know? Well, firstly Mosheh (Moses) wrote:

'I'll be making you all jealous
using people who are not even a nation.
Then using a foolish nation,

59 RV 10:5 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:5.

60 RV 10:6-8 · Cross-ref. Deu 30:12-14.

61 RV 10:11 · Cross-ref. Isa 28:16 (LXX).

62 RV 10:13 · Cross-ref. Yoel 2:32.

63 RV 10:15 · Cross-ref. Isa 52:7.

64 RV 10:16 · Cross-ref. Isa 53:1 (LXX).

65 RV 10:18 · Cross-ref. Psa 19:4 (LXX).

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I'll be making you all angry.'[66]
20 And Yeshayah (Isaiah) dared to write:
'The ones who weren't looking for me found me.
I showed myself to the ones not asking about me.'[67]
21 But to Yisrael (Israel) he wrote: 'All day I stretched out my hands to a people who won't believe and who speak against me.'[68]

God's mercy on the Yehudim

11:1 Therefore I'm asking: Did **God** push his chosen people away? Not at all, because I'm an Israeli, too, a descendant of Avraham in the tribe of Benyamin.[69] 2 No, **God** didn't push away his people, who he knew before he chose them. Or don't you know what scripture says about Eliyah (Elijah) pleading **with God** to deal with Yisrael (Israel)? He said: 3 '**Yahweh**, they killed your prophets and tore down your altars, and I was left alone, and now they want to kill me!'[70] 4 But what was revealed to him? God said: 'I've kept aside seven thousand others who haven't worshipped Ba'al.'[71] 5 So too, at the present time, there's a small proportion who've been chosen by God's generosity. 6 So if it's by generosity, then it's no longer by their actions, otherwise the generosity wouldn't be generosity at all.
7 What's the conclusion then? The Israelis didn't find what they were looking for. Only the chosen ones reached it, and the rest were hardened, 8 just like it was written:
'**God** gave them a lethargic spirit:
Eyes which can't see and ears which can't hear,
even to this very day.'[72]
9 And as David wrote:
'Let their table become a trap for them—
a temptation that will pay them back.
10 Let their eyes be darkened so they can't see,
and their backs be bent through all time.'[73]
11 So now I ask: didn't they stumble so that they would fall? Not at all. But because of their disobedience, salvation came to non-Jews in order to make Yehudim (Jews) envious. 12 But if their disobedience led to gain for the rest of the world, and if their loss led to gain for the non-Jews, how much more their fullness?

The grafting in of non-Jews

13 But now I'm speaking to you non-Jews. Since I am indeed an ambassador to the non-Jews, I take pride in my service, 14 hoping that somehow I might make my fellow Yehudim (Jews) envious and might save some of them. 15 After all, if their rejection of the

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11:1 Therefore I_am_asking, not pushed_away ~~the~~ **god** the people of_him? Never it_might_become. For/Because also I an_ _Israelite am, of the_seed of_Abra'am/('Avrāhām), of_the_tribe of_Beniamin/(Binyāmīn). 2 Not pushed_away ~~the~~ **god** the people of_him, whom he_foreknew. Or not you_all_have_known in A^{y}lias/('Ēliy^{yāh}) what is_saying the scripture, how he_is_ _pleading ~~the~~ with_**god** against ~~the~~ Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'^{ēl})? 3 **master**, the prophets of_you they_killed_off, the altars of_you they_ _tore_down, and_I was_left alone, and they_are_seeking the life of_me. 4 But what is_speaking to_him the revelation? I_left to_ _myself seven_thousand men, who not bowed the_knee ~~which~~ to_Baal/(Ba'al). 5 Therefore thus also in the present time, a_ _remnant according_to the_choice of_grace has_become. 6 But if by_grace, no_longer it_is of works, otherwise ~~the~~ grace no_ _longer is_becoming grace. 7 Therefore what? What is_seeking_ _after Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'^{ēl}), this not it_obtained, but the the_choice obtained it, and the rest were_hardened, 8 as it_has_been_ _written: Gave to_them ~~the~~ **god** a_spirit of_stupor: Eyes ~~which~~ not to_be_seeing, and ears ~~which~~ not to_be_hearing, to the today day. 9 And Dawid/(Dāvid) is_saying: Let_be_become the table of_them for a_snare, and for a_trap, and for an_offense, and for a_repayment to_them. 10 Let_be_darkened the eyes of_ _them, ~~which~~ not to_be_seeing, and the back of_them through all time bend. 11 Therefore I_am_asking not they_stumbled, in_ _order_that they_may_fall? Never it_might_become. But in_the of_them transgression, ~~the~~ salvation is to_the pagans, in_order that to_make_jealous them. 12 But if the transgression of_them, riches of_the_world is, and the loss of_them, riches of_the_ _pagans, by_how_much more the fullness of_them?

13 To_you_all but I_am_speaking, the pagans. For/Because as_ _much_as therefore indeed am I of_the_pagans an_ambassador, the service of_me I_am_glorifying, 14 ~~if~~ somehow I_may_make_ _jealous of_me the flesh, and I_may_save some from them. 15 For/Because if the rejection of_them is reconciliation of_ _the_world, what is the acceptance except ~~not/lest~~ life from the_

66 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Deu 32:21.
67 **RV 10:20 · Cross-ref.** Isa 65:1 (LXX).
68 **RV 10:21 · Cross-ref.** Isa 65:2 (LXX).
69 **RV 11:1 · Cross-ref.** Php 3:5.
70 **RV 11:3 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 19:10,14.
71 **RV 11:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 19:18.
72 **RV 11:8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 29:4; Isa 29:10.
73 **RV 11:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Psa 69:22-23 (LXX).

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_dead? **16** And if the first-fruit is holy, also the lump, and if the root is holy, also the branches. **17** But if some of_the branches were_broken_off, and you a_wild_olive_tree being were_ _engrafted among them, and a_fellow-partaker of_the root of_ _the fatness of_the olive_tree you_became, **18** not be_boasting over_the branches. But if you_are_boasting, not you the root are_bearing, but the root is_bearing you. **19** Therefore you_will_ _be_saying: ‹Were›_broken_off branches, in_order_that I may_ _be_engrafted. **20** Rightly, by_their unbelief they_were_broken_ _off, but you ~~the~~ by_faith have_stood. Not high be_thinking, but be_fearing. **21** For/Because if ~~the~~ **god** from_the according_to nature branches not spared, neither from_you he_will_be_ _sparing. **22** Therefore see, the_kindness and severity of_**god**, on on_one_hand the ones having_fallen, severity, on_the_ _other_hand to you, kindness of_**god**, if you_may_continue_on in_the kindness, otherwise also you will_be_being_cut_off. **23** And also_those if not they_may_be_continuing_on ~~the~~ in_ _unbelief, they_will_be_being_engrafted, because/for powerful is ~~the~~ **god** again to_engraft them. **24** For/Because if you out_of the according_to nature were_cut_off wild_olive_tree, and contrary_to nature were_engrafted into a_cultivated_olive_ _tree, by_how_much more these, who according_to nature will_ _be_being_engrafted in_their own olive_tree?

25 For/Because not I_am_wanting you_all to_be_not_knowing, brothers, ~~the~~ mystery this, in_order_that not you_all_may_be in yourselves prudent, that a_hardening in part to_ ~~the~~ _ _Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl) has_become, until of_which the fullness of_ _the pagans may_come_in, **26** and thus all Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl) will_ _be_being_saved, as it_has_been_written: Will_be_coming out_ _of Siōn/(Tsiyyōn) the one rescuing, he_will_be_turning_away ungodliness from Yakōb/(Yaʿaqov). **27** And this is to_them, the from me covenant: Whenever I_may_take_away the sins of_ _them. **28** Concerning on_one_hand the good_message, enemies because_of you_all, on_the_other_hand concerning the choice, beloved because_of the fathers. **29** For/Because unregrettable are the gifts and the calling of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. **30** For/Because as you_all once disbelieved ~~the~~ in_**god**, but now you_all_were_shown_mercy by_the of_these disbelief, **31** thus also these now disbelieved ~~which~~ in_your mercy, in_order_that also they now may_be_shown_mercy. **32** For/Because imprisoned ~~the~~ **god** the ones all in disbelief, in_order_that ~~which~~ to_all he_may_show_mercy.

33 Oh the_depth of_riches, both of_wisdom and knowledge of_ _**god**. How unsearchable are the judgements of_him, and untraceable the ways of_him. **34** For/Because who knew the_ _mind of_the_**master**, or who a_counselor of_him became? **35** Or who previously_given to_him, and will_be_being_repaid

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messiah meant that the rest of the world would be reconciled, what else could their acceptance bring other than coming back to life from the dead?

16 If the first portion of dough is holy, so is the lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. **17** But if some of the branches were broken off, and you non-Jews, who are like a wild olive tree, were grafted into them, and so you too were able to share in the olive tree's growth, which came from the root, **18** then don't brag that you're better than the branches. If you must boast, remember that you're not supporting the root, but the root is supporting you.

19 Ah, but then you'll say, 'Branches were broken off so that we could be grafted in.' **20** Well you're right. They were broken off because of their disbelief, and it's true that you're there because of your faith. But don't get a big head—maintain your reverence for God, **21** because if he didn't spare the natural branches when they showed disbelief, then he won't spare you either. **22** So you can see both **God's** kindness and his severity—those who disobeyed experienced his severity, but you experienced his kindness. Otherwise you'll be pruned off, too, **23** and also, if they turn away from their disbelief, they'll be grafted back in, because **God** has the power to do that. **24** If you were cut off an olive tree that's *wild* by nature, and contrary to normal practice were grafted into a *cultivated* olive tree, how much more easily would those who naturally belong be grafted into their own olive tree!

God's mercy is for everyone

25 Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant of this mystery, otherwise you might end up becoming proud: There's a partial hardening coming to the Yehudim (Jews) until the fullness of the non-Jews comes, **26** and then all the Yehudim will be saved, as it's been written:

'The rescuer will be coming out of Tsiyon (Zion).
He will drive ungodliness away from Ya'akov (Jacob).
27 And this is my agreement with them,[74]
whenever I might take away their sins.'[75]

28 Concerning the good message, the Yehudim are enemies for your sake, but concerning being chosen, they're loved because of their ancestors, **29** because **God's** gifts and his invitation are irrevocable. **30** You non-Jews didn't originally believe **in God**, but now you've been shown mercy because of the disbelief of these Yehudim. **31** Those Yehudim disbelieved so that as you receive mercy, they can also now be shown mercy, **32** because **God** imprisoned them all in disbelief so that he could show mercy to everyone.

Everything comes from God

33 Yes, **God's** wisdom and knowledge are both so richly deep. His judgements can't be understood and his paths can't be mapped,[76] **34** because:

'Who can know **Yahweh's** mind

74 RV 11:26-27 · Cross-ref. Isa 59:20-21 (LXX).

75 RV 11:27 · Cross-ref. Isa 27:9 (LXX).

76 RV 11:33 · Cross-ref. Isa 55:8.

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or become his counsellor?'[77]
35 'Who has been able to give him something,
so that God now needs to repay them?'[78]
36 Yes, because everything comes from God, and everything comes through him and to him.[79] May he be honoured throughout the ages. May it be so.

Different ways to serve 'the body'

12:1 So then, brothers and sisters, with compassion from **God** I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing **to God**—your logical and sacred service. 2 Don't conform to the norms of this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, then you'll be able to accept and approve **God's** good, pleasing, and perfect intentions.

3 Because of the generosity which has been shown to me, I'm saying that none of you should think of yourself more highly than what's appropriate, but rather you should be sensible about what you think of yourselves according to how much faith **God's** allotted to each of you. 4 Just like one body has many components, and each individual component works differently,[80] 5 so too we're all part of one body in **Messiah** and we're all parts of each other. 6 We have gifts according to the special generosity that was shown to us:[81] if it's prophecy, then do it in proportion to your faith, 7 or if it's service, then serve, or teaching, then teach, 8 or encouraging, then encourage, or sharing, then be generous, or leading, then do it earnestly, or showing mercy, then do it cheerfully.

9 Your love is to be free from hypocrisy. Deplore evil, and be united in doing good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love, preferring to honour one another above yourselves. 11 Be diligent, rather than reluctant, with a spirit that's zealous to serve the **master**. 12 Be cheerful about your hope, enduring persecution and consistently praying. 13 Contribute to the needs of the believers and practice hospitality.

14 Bless anyone who persecutes you—be a blesser and not a curser.[82] 15 Be cheerful along with others who are happy, but weep along with those who are weeping. 16 Treat others equally—not treating some as higher, and being condescending to those who are poorer. Don't act in a calculating way.[83]

17 Don't pay back anyone's evil with evil, but do good to everyone. 18 If it's possible for you, brothers and sisters, be at peace with everyone. 19 Dear friends, don't take revenge on others, but leave it to God's severe anger, because it's written: '**Yahweh** says, Vengeance belongs to me—I'll be **the** one to repay.'[84] 20 But if

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to_him? 36 Because from him, and through him, and to him are, the things all. To_him be the glory to the ages. Truly.

12:1 Therefore I_am_exhorting you_all, brothers, by the compassions of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, to_present the bodies of_you_all a_ _sacrifice living, holy, to_ ~~the~~ _**god** well_pleasing, the logical sacred_service of_you_all. 2 And not be_conforming to_ ~~the~~ _age this, but be_being_transformed by_the renewal of_the mind, in_order that to_be_approving you_all, what is the will of_ ~~the~~ _ _**god**, the good, and well_pleasing, and perfect. 3 For/Because I_ _am_saying through the grace ~~which~~ having_been_given to_me, to_everyone ~~which~~ being among you_all, not to_be_over_ _esteeming beyond what it_is_fitting to_be_thinking, but to_be_ _thinking in_order that to_be_being_sensible, to_each as ~~the~~ **god** allotted a_measure of_faith. 4 For/Because just_as in one body, many members we_are_having, and the the_members all not the same is_having practicing, 5 thus the many, one body we_are in **chosen_one/messiah**, and ~~which~~ each one of_one_ _another members. 6 But having gifts according_to the grace ~~which~~ having_been_given to_us special: whether prophecy, according_to the relationship of_the faith, 7 or service, in the service, or the one teaching, in the teaching, 8 or the one exhorting, in the exhortation, the one sharing, in generosity, the one leading, with earnestness, the one showing_mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let_your love be unhypocritical. Abhoring ~~the~~ evil, being_joined_together to_ ~~the~~ _good, 10 with_the brotherly_love toward one_another dearly_devoted be, ~~the~~ in_ _honour one_another preferring, 11 ~~the~~ in_earnestness not reluctant, ~~the~~ in_spirit being_zealous, for_the **master** serving, 12 ~~the~~ in_hope rejoicing, ~~the~~ in_tribulation enduring, ~~the~~ in_ _prayer attending, 13 to_the needs of_the holy ones sharing, ~~the~~ in_hospitality pursuing. 14 Be_blessing the ones persecuting, you_all be_blessing and not be_cursing. 15 To_be_rejoicing with rejoicing ones, to_be_weeping with weeping ones. 16 The same thing toward one_another thinking, not the exalted things thinking, but to_the humble being_condescending. Not be_ _becoming prudent with yourselves. 17 To_no_one evil for evil giving_back, providing good things before all people. 18 If possible ~~which~~ of you_all, with all people being_at_peace. 19 Not yourselves avenging, beloved, but give place to_ ~~the~~ _severe_ _anger, because/for it_has_been_written: To_me vengeance is, I will_be_repaying, is_saying the_**master**. 20 But if may_be_ _hungering the enemy of_you, be_feeding him, if he_may_be_ _thirsting, be_giving_to_drink him, because/for this doing, charcoal of_fire you_will_be_heaping on the head of_him.

77 **RV 11:34 · Cross-ref.** Isa 40:13 (LXX).
78 **RV 11:35 · Cross-ref.** Yob 41:11.
79 **RV 11:36 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 8:6.
80 **RV 12:4-5 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 12:12.
81 **RV 12:6-8 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 12:4-11.
82 **RV 12:14 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:44; Luk 6:28.
83 **RV 12:16 · Cross-ref.** Prv 3:7.
84 **RV 12:19 · Cross-ref.** Deu 32:35.

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21 Not be_being_overcome by ~~the~~ evil, but be_overcoming with ~~the~~ good ~~the~~ evil.

13:1 Every soul to_the_authorities being_above let_be_being_ _subjected, because/for not there_is authority, except ~~not/lest~~ by **god**, and the authorities being by **god** having_been_ _appointed they_are. 2 So_then the one opposing against_the authority, against_the of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ordinance has_resisted, and the ones having_resisted, on_themselves judgement will_be_ _receiving. 3 For/Because the rulers not are a_fear ~~the~~ to_good work, but ~~the~~ to_evil. And you_are_wanting not to_be_fearing the authority? ~~The~~ good be_practicing, and you_will_be_having praise from him. 4 For/Because of_**god** the_servant he_is to_ _you for ~~the~~ good. But if ~~the~~ evil you_may_be_practicing, be_ _fearing, because/for not vainly the sword he_is_bearing, For/Because of_**god** a_servant he_is, an_avenging for severe_ _anger to_the one ~~the~~ evil doing. 5 Therefore necessity it_is to_ _be_being_subjected, not only because_of the severe_anger, but also because_of ~~the~~ conscience. 6 Because_of for this, also taxes you_all_are_finishing, because/for ministers of_**god** they_are, because/for same thing this persevering. 7 Give_back to_all the obligations: to_the one ~~the~~ tax, ~~the~~ tax, to_the one ~~the~~ revenue, ~~the~~ revenue, to_the one ~~the~~ respect, ~~the~~ respect, to_the one ~~the~~ honour, ~~the~~ honour.
8 To_no_one nothing be_owing, except ~~not/lest~~ ~~which~~ one_ _another to_be_loving, because/for the one loving the other, the_law has_fulfilled. 9 For/Because ~~which~~: Not you_will_be_ _committing_adultery: Not you_will_be_murdering: Not you_ _will_be_stealing: not you_will_be_coveting, and if any other command in ~~the~~ message this, is_being_summed_up, in that: You_will_be_loving the neighbour of_you as yourself. 10 ~~The~~ love to_the one near evil not is_doing, therefore the_fullness of_the_law ~~the~~ love is. 11 And this having_known the time, that the_hour already you_all out_of sleep to_be_raised, because/for now nearer of_us is ~~the~~ salvation, than when first we_believed. 12 The night progressed, and the the_day has_neared. Therefore we_may_put_away the works of_ ~~the~~ _darkness, and we_may_dress_in the weapons of_ ~~the~~ _light. 13 As in the_day properly we_may_walk, not in_carousing and drunkenness, not in_sexual_intercourse and wantonness, not in_strife and jealousy. 14 But dress_in the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, and for_the flesh provision not be_ _making, because/for its desires.

14:1 And the one faltering in_the faith be_receiving, not for distinctions on_his_speculations. 2 one on_one_hand is_ _believing to_eat all things, on_the_other_hand the one

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your enemies are hungry, then feed them, and if they're thirsty, then give them a drink, because you'll be leaving them to their own shame and judgement.[85] 21 Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Respect authorities and pay tax

13:1 Everyone should be subject to the authorities who are over them, because there's no authority except through **God**, and they're appointed by **God**. 2 So anyone opposing authority has rebelled against what **God** has instituted, and everyone who rebels is bringing judgement on themselves, 3 because rulers don't evoke fear in people doing good, just those doing evil. Oh, so you don't want to be afraid of the authorities? Then do good, and you'll receive praise from them instead, 4 because they're **God's** servants for your good. But if you're doing evil, then you should rightly be afraid, because the authorities aren't armed without reason—they're **God's** servants to dispense severe anger to people doing evil. 5 Hence it's necessary to be subject to them, not only to avoid their severe anger, but also because of your consciences.
6 That's also why you believers should pay the taxes that you owe,[86] because the authorities are **God's** servants, and they work hard at it. 7 So fulfil all of your obligations: if it's tax then pay it, or revenue then give it, or if it's respect then show it, or giving honour then do it.

Love and obedience

8 Don't be in debt to anyone, other than the debt of love to each other, because people who love each other have fulfilled God's law, 9 which is: Don't commit adultery.[87] Don't murder.[88] Don't steal.[89] Don't covet what others have.[90] All of those, plus any other commands, can be summarised as: Love your neighbour like you love yourself.[91] 10 If you love people near to you, you won't do evil to them, thus love fulfills God's law.
11 And since you believers understand current events, it's now time to get up from your sleep, because the time for our rescue is nearer now than it was when we first believed. 12 The night has progressed and the day is getting closer, so turn away from actions done in darkness and put on the armour of the light. 13 In the daytime we have to walk decently—not carousing on the street and being drunk, not having sex and acting lustfully, and not causing strife and acting jealously. 14 Instead, dress yourselves in the **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**, and don't give in to physical lusts and desires.

Don't condemn each other

14:1 Accept others who are faltering in their faith, without highlighting their

85 **RV 12:20 · Cross-ref.** Prv 25:21-22 (LXX).
86 **RV 13:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 22:21; Mrk 12:17; Luk 20:25.
87 **RV 13:9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:14; Deu 5:18.
88 **RV 13:9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:13; Deu 5:17.
89 **RV 13:9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:15; Deu 5:19.
90 **RV 13:9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:17; Deu 5:21.
91 **RV 13:9 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:18.

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wrong ideas.[92] 2 Some people think it's ok to eat anything, while others who are faltering will only eat vegetables. 3 The one who eats anything shouldn't despise the other, and the one who doesn't eat meat shouldn't condemn the other, because both are accepted by **God**. 4 Who are you to judge someone else's house servants? Their own master will judge if they stand or fall, and they'll stand because the master is able to help them.

5 Similarly, some people consider one day to be more important than some other day, yet others consider every day to be alike. Each person should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Anyone who considers a certain day to be special is thinking about **Yahweh**. Likewise, anyone who's eating meat is eating to serve Yahweh, and gives thanks to **God**. The person who doesn't eat meat is declining it in order to serve Yahweh, and gives thanks **to God**. 7 After all, we don't live for ourselves, and we don't die for ourselves. 8 If we keep living, then we're living for the **master**, and if we die, then we're dying for the **master**, so whether we live or die, we belong to the **master**, 9 because **Messiah** died and came back to life in order to be master of both the dead and the living. 10 So why are you judging fellow believers? And why are you also scorning them? After all, we'll all end up standing in **God's** court **of** judgement.[93] 11 As it's been written:

"**Yahweh** is telling me, 'I am alive
and every person will bow to me,
and each one will confess **to God**.' "[94]

12 So consequently, each of us will need to give an account of ourselves **to God**.

Taking care not to make others fall

13 So we shouldn't be judging each other, but instead we should be judging ourselves—that we're not causing another believer to stumble or fall into temptation. 14 I know (and I'm totally persuaded) that in **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) there's no object that's 'immoral'[95] in itself, but it only becomes 'immoral' to the person who evaluates it as such. 15 If a fellow believer is upset because of the food you eat, then you're no longer acting in love. Don't destroy the faith of **someone** that **Messiah** died for, just for the sake of food. 16 Don't let anyone slander the good that you do. 17 **God's** kingdom doesn't consist of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and happiness in the holy **spirit**, 18 so **anyone** serving the **messiah** in those ways pleases **God** and **is** approved by the people.

19 So then, we should be pursuing actions that lead to peace and things that build each other up— 20 don't tear down **God's** work just on account **of** food. Indeed, all foods are 'clean,'[96] but it's wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. 21 It's good to avoid eating meat or drinking wine or

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faltering vegetables is_eating. 3 The one eating, the one not eating not him _let_be_scorning, and the one not eating, the one eating not him _let_be_judging, ~~the~~ For/Because **god** him received. 4 You who are, the one judging anothers house_ _servant? To_his own master he_is_standing or is_falling. But he_will_be_being_stood, because/for is_able the **master** to_ _stand him. 5 one on_one_hand is_judging a_day beyond another day, on_the_other_hand one is_judging every day alike. Each in his own mind, let_be_being_fully_assured. 6 The one thinking the day special, to_the_**master** he_is_thinking. And he eating, to_the_**master** he_is_eating, because/for he_is_giving_ _thanks to_the to_**god**, and the one not eating, to_the_**master** not is_eating, and is_giving_thanks to_ ~~the~~ _**god**. 7 For/Because no_one of_us to_himself is_living, and no_one to_himself is_ _dying_off. 8 If for both we_may_be_living, to_the **master** we_ _are_living, and if we_may_be_dying_off, to_the **master** we_ _are_dying_off. If therefore both we_may_be_living, and if we_ _may_be_dying_off, of_the **master** we_are. 9 For/Because for this **chosen_one/messiah** died_off and lived, in_order_that both over_the_dead and the_living he_may_mastering. 10 But you why are_judging the brother of_you? Or also you why are_ _scorning the brother of_you? For/Because all we_will_be_ _standing_before before_the tribunal of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. 11 For/Because it_has_been_written: ‹Am›_living I, is_saying the_**master** that to_me will_be_bowing every knee, and will_ _be_confessing every tongue to_ ~~the~~ _**god**. 12 Therefore consequently each of_us concerning himself, an_account will_ _be_giving to_ ~~the~~ _**god**.

13 Therefore no_longer one_another we_may_be_judging, but this judge rather, ~~which~~ not to_be_putting stumbling to_your brother or temptation. 14 I_have_known and I_have_been_ _persuaded in the_**master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** that nothing is unclean by itself, except ~~not/lest~~ to_the one counting anything unclean to_be, to_that one unclean it_is. 15 If for because_of food, the brother of_you is_being_sorrowed, no_ _longer according_to love you_are_walking. Not with_the food of_you that one be_destroying, because/for whom **chosen_ _one/messiah** died_off. 16 Not therefore let_be_being_ _slandered of_you_all the good. 17 For/Because not is the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ _**god** food and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in **spirit** holy. 18 For/Because the one in this serving for_the **chosen_one/messiah**, well_pleasing to_ ~~the~~ _ _**god** is and approved by_the people. 19 Therefore consequently the things of_ ~~the~~ _peace we_may_be_pursuing, and the things of_ ~~the~~ _building ~~which~~ for one_another. 20 Not on_account food, be_tearing_down the work of_ ~~the~~ _**god**. All things indeed clean are, but evil to_the person ~~which~~ through a_stumbling block eating. 21 Good it_is ~~which~~ nor to_eat meats, nor to_drink wine, nor anything in which the brother of_you is_stumbling, or is_ _being_stumbled, or is_ailing. 22 You the_faith which are_

92 **RV 14:1-6 · Cross-ref.** Col 2:16.

93 **RV 14:10 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 5:10.

94 **RV 14:11 · Cross-ref.** Isa 45:23 (LXX).

95 **RV 14:14 · Note** Or (traditionally) 'unclean'.

96 **RV 14:20 · Note** In Hebrew, 'kosher'.

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_having, to yourself be_having before ~~the~~ **god**. Blessed is the one not judging himself in what he_is_approving. **23** But the one doubting, ~~if~~ he_may_eat, he_has_been_condemned, because it_is not of faith, and everything which is not of faith, sin is.

15:1 And ought we, the powerful, the weaknesses of_the powerless to_be_bearing, and not to_ourselves to_be_bringing_ _pleasure. **2** Each of_us to_the one near him _let_be_bringing_ _pleasure to the good for building. **3** For/Because also the **chosen_one/messiah** not to_himself brought_pleasure, but as it_has_been_written: The derisions of_the ones deriding you, fell_on on me. **4** For/Because as_much_as was_previously_ _written, because/for ~~the~~ our teaching was_written, in_order_ _that through ~~the~~ endurance and through the exhortation of_ _the scriptures, ~~the~~ hope we_may_be_having. **5** And the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _endurance and ~~the~~ exhortation, might_give to_you_all the same to_be_thinking with one_another according_to **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, **chosen_one/messiah** **6** in_order_that with_one_accord, with one mouth, you_all_may_be_glorifying the **god** and father of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**.

7 Therefore be_receiving one_another, as also the **chosen_ _one/messiah** received you_all, to the_glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **8** I_ _am_saying for the_**chosen_one/messiah** a_servant to_have_ _become of_the_circumcision for the_truth of_**god**, in_order that to_confirm the promises to_the fathers **9** and the the_ _pagans, because/for mercy to_glorify ~~the~~ **god**, as it_has_been_ _written: Because_of this I_will_be_confessing to_you among the_pagans, and to_the name of_you I_will_be_singing_praises. **10** And furthermore he_is_saying: Be_gladdened, pagans, with the people of_him. **11** And furthermore: Be_praising, all ~~the~~ pagans, the **master**, and them_let_praise him all the peoples. **12** And furthermore A^{y}saias/(Yəshaʹ^{yāh}) is_saying: There_will_ _be the root of_ ~~the~~ _Yessai/(Yishay), and the one rising_up to_ _be_ruling over_the_pagans, in him the_pagans will_be_hoping. **13** And the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _hope might_fill you_all with_all joy and peace in that to_be_believing, in_order that to_be_being_ _plentiful you_all in ~~the~~ hope in the_power of_the_**spirit** holy.

14 And I_have_been_persuaded, brothers of_me, also myself I concerning you_all, that also yourselves full are of_goodness, having_been_filled with_all knowledge, being_able also one_

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doing anything else that might cause your fellow believer to stumble or be offended or fall. **22** That way, you keep your faith privately, between yourself and God. God will bless anyone who doesn't bring guilt on themselves by doing something that they've determined to be right. **23** But for anyone who doubts that it's ok, if they eat it, then they've condemned themselves, because they're not acting in faith, and everything that's not done in faith is sin.

Living to please others

15:1 We who are powerful should be carrying the weaknesses of the powerless, rather than just trying to please ourselves. **2** Each one of us should be pleasing those near us—displaying goodness and building them up, **3** because even the **messiah** didn't please himself, but, as it was written: 'Those who were insulting you, their insults landed on me.'[97] **4** Everything that was written in the past was written for teaching us, so that through endurance and through encouragement from the scriptures, we would have hope. **5** May the **God** of endurance and encouragement help you all to think likewise, just like **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** did, **6** so that you'll be united in your purpose and your teaching, thus honouring the **God** and father of our **master**, **Yeshua Messiah**.

The good message for non-Jews

7 So then, accept each other just as the **messiah** accepted you, so that **God** will be honoured. **8** I can tell you that **Messiah** became a servant of the circumcised Yehudim (Jews) so that **God's** truth will be seen by the confirmation **of** the promises that were made to our ancestors, **9** and also a servant for the non-Jews so that they'll honour **God** for his mercy, as it was written:

'Because of this I'll be telling the pagans about you,
and I'll be singing praises to your name.'[98]

10 In a different place it's written:

'You non-Jews, be happy along with his people.'[99]

11 And again:

'Praise **Yahweh** you non-Jews,
and let all the peoples of the world praise him.'[100]

12 Also Yeshayah (Isaiah) wrote:

'There will be a descendant of Yishay (Jesse),
and the one coming to rule over non-Jews—
the non-Jews will put their hope in him.'[101]

13 May the **God** of hope that you believe in fill you believers with happiness and peace, so that your hope in the power **of the** holy **spirit** will grow to be plentiful.

Paulos as missionary to non-Jews

14 My brothers and sisters, I've also been persuaded about you myself, that having

97 **RV 15:3 · Cross-ref.** Psa 69:9.

98 **RV 15:9 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 22:50; Psa 18:49.

99 **RV 15:10 · Cross-ref.** Deu 32:43.

100 **RV 15:11 · Cross-ref.** Psa 117:1.

101 **RV 15:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 11:10 (LXX).

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been filled with knowledge, you're also full of goodness and able to rebuke each other. **15** But I wrote to you more boldly, partly to remind you, brothers and sisters, because of the generosity **God** showed me **16** so that I'd serve the non-Jews for **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), sharing **God's** good message so that the offering of the non-Jews would be acceptable to him, having been purified by **the** holy **spirit**. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? **17** Therefore I'm boasting in **Messiah Yeshua** about things to do with **God**. **18** I wouldn't dare to speak about anything except what **Messiah** did through me, which led to the obedience of non-Jews through my message and through my doing **19** powerful miracles and amazing things in the power **of God's spirit**, so that from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) all the way around to Illurikon, I've obeyed the **Messiah's** good message. **20** I was eager to be preaching the good message wherever **Messiah** wasn't known about, so that I wouldn't be building on **someone** else's foundations, **21** but as it was written:

'Anyone who hasn't been told about him,
they will be seeing,
and anyone who hasn't heard about him,
they will be understanding.'[102]

Paulos's desire to visit Romai

22 That's also why I wasn't able to come to see you Romaios,[103] **23** but now I no longer have a role in those regions. I've been wanting to come there for many years now— **24** whenever I'm able to go to Spania next, I'm hoping to see you on my way, and then after spending time with you Romaios, you'll be able to send me on to my destination. **25** But for now, I'm going to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to serve the believers there.[104] **26** The believers in Makedonia and Akaia took pleasure in making a contribution for the poor people among the believers there in Yerushalem. **27** They took pleasure, but they're also in debt to them, because if the non-Jews have shared in Jewish spiritual things, then they should also support them with material things.[105] **28** So then, having done that, and having guaranteed heavenly rewards for them, I'll go to Spania by way of your place, **29** and I know that when I come, I'll come bearing **Messiah's** full blessing.

30 So brothers and sisters, I'm urging you by our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** and by the **spirit's** love, to strive along with me in praying to **God** for me— **31** that I'll escape from the schemes of those in Yehudah (Judea) who refuse to believe. Also pray that my service in Yerushalem would be acceptable to the believers there **32** so that by **God's** will, I can happily come to your place and be refreshed there with you, brothers and sisters. **33** May the **God** of peace be with all of you. May it be so.

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_another to_be_admonishing. **15** But more_boldly I_wrote to_ _you_all in part, as reminding you_all, because_of the grace ~~which~~ having_been_given to_me by ~~the~~ **god**, **16** in_order that to_ _be me a_minister of_**chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** to the pagans, sacredly-servicing the good_message of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, in_order_that may_become the offering of_the pagans acceptable, having_been_sanctified by the_**spirit** holy. **17** Therefore I_am_having ~~the~~ boasting in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous** the things with ~~the~~ **god**. **18** For/Because not I_will_be_daring anything to_be_speaking, of_what things not produced **chosen_one/messiah** through me, because/for obedience of_the_pagans by_message and work **19** in power of_signs and wonders in the_power of_the_ _**spirit** of_**god**, so_that me from Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) and around unto ~~the~~ Illurikon, to_have_fulfilled the good_ _message of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, **20** and thus being_ _ambitious to_be_good_message_preaching, not where was_ _named **chosen_one/messiah**, in_order_that not on anothers foundation I_may_be_building, **21** but as it_has_been_written: To_whom not it_was_declared concerning him, they_will_be_ _seeing, and those_who not have_heard, they_will_be_ _understanding.

22 Therefore also I_was_being_hindered the things much ~~which~~ to_come to you_all. **23** But right_now no_longer a_place having in ~~the~~ regions these, and a_longing having ~~which~~ to_come to you_all for many years, **24** when ~~wishfully~~ I_may_be_going to ~~the~~ Spania, because/for I_am_hoping passing_through to_see you_ _all, and by you_all to_be_sent_forward there, if of_you_all first in part I_may_be_filled. **25** But right_now I_am_going to Hierousalaʸm serving unto_the holy ones. **26** took_pleasure for Makedonia and Aḳaia a_fellowship certain to_make for the poor of_the holy ones ~~which~~ in Hierousalaʸm. **27** For/Because they_took_pleasure and debtors they_are of_them, because/for if in_the spiritual things of_them shared the pagans, they_are_ _ought also in to_the material things to_minister to_them. **28** Therefore this having_accomplished, and having_sealed to_ _them ~~the~~ fruit this, I_will_be_going_away by you_all into Spania. **29** And I_have_known that coming to you_all, in the_ _fullness of_the_blessing of_**chosen_one/messiah**, I_will_be_ _coming. **30** And I_am_exhorting you_all, brothers, by the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, and by the love of_the **spirit**, to_contend_together with_me in the prayers for me to ~~the~~ **god**, **31** that I_may_be_rescued from the ones disbelieving in ~~the~~ Youdaia, and the service of_me which is in Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) acceptable to_the holy ones may_become, **32** in_order_that in joy I_may_come to you_all by the_will of_**god**, I_may_find_rest with_you_all. **33** And the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _peace be with all of_you. Truly.

102 RV 15:21 · Cross-ref. Isa 52:15 (LXX).

103 RV 15:22 · Cross-ref. Rom 1:13.

104 RV 15:25-26 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 16:1-4.

105 RV 15:27 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 9:11.

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16:1 And I_am_commending to_you_all Foiba^{y}, the sister of_us, being also a_servant of_the assembly ~~which~~ in Kegkreai, **2** in_ _order_that you_all_may_accept her in the_**master** worthily of_ _the holy ones, and may_stand_by by_her in whatever ~~wishfully~~ of_you_all she_may_be_needing matter, because/for also she a_ _supporter of_many was_become and of_me myself. **3** Greet Priska and Akulas, the fellow-workers of_me in **chosen_ _one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, **4** who for the life of_me, the of_ _themselves neck laid_down, to_whom not I only am_giving_ _thanks, but also all the assemblies of_the pagans, **5** and the in the_house of_them assembly. Greet Epainetos, the beloved of_ _me, who is a_first-fruit of_ ~~the~~ _Asia for **chosen_one/messiah**. **6** Greet Maria/(Miryām), who much laboured for you_all. **7** Greet Andronikos and Younias, ~~the~~ fellow-citizens of_me and fellow-prisoners of_me, who are notable among the ambassadors, who also before me have_become in **chosen_ _one/messiah**. **8** Greet Amplias, the beloved of_me in the_ _**master**. **9** Greet Ourbanos, the fellow-worker of_us in **chosen_ _one/messiah**, and Staḳus the beloved of_me. **10** Greet Apella^{y}s, the approved in **chosen_one/messiah**. Greet the ones of the ones of_Aristoboulos. **11** Greet Ha^{y}rōidiōn, the fellow-citizen of_me. Greet the ones of the ones of_Narkissos ~~which~~ being in the_**master**. **12** Greet Trufaina and Trufōsa, the ones labouring in the_**master**. Greet Persis, the beloved, who much laboured in the_**master**. **13** Greet Ṛoufos, the chosen in the_**master**, and the mother of_him and of_me. **14** Greet Asugkritos, Flegōn, Herma^{y}s, Patrobas, Hermas, and the with them brothers. **15** Greet Filologos and Youlia, Na^{y}reus and the sister of_him, and Olumpas, and the with them all holy ones. **16** Greet one_another with a_kiss holy. Are_greeting you_all the assemblies all of_the **chosen_one/messiah**.

17 And I_am_exhorting you_all, brothers, to_be_looking_out for_the ones ~~the~~ dissensions and ~~the~~ temptations contrary_to the teaching that you_all learned making, and be_turning_away from them. **18** For/Because ~~the~~ such men unto_the **master** of_ _us for_**chosen_one/messiah** not are_serving, but unto_the of_ _themselves belly, and by the smooth_speech and blessing, they_are_deceiving the hearts of_the innocent. **19** For/Because the of_you_all obedience, to all was_reached. Over therefore you_all I_am_rejoicing, but I_am_wanting you_all wise to_be in ~~the~~ good, and innocent in ~~the~~ evil. **20** And the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _peace will_be_crushing ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) under the feet of_you_all in quickness. The grace of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** with you_all be.

21 Is_greeting you_all Timotheos, the fellow-worker of_me, and Loukios, and Yasōn, and Sōsipatros, the fellow-citizens of_me. **22** ‹Am›_greeting you_all I, Tertios, the one having_written the

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Various personal greetings

16:1 I'm commending our sister Foibe (Phoebe) to you, brothers and sisters—she's a servant in the assembly at Kegkreai. **2** You can accept her in **the master** as worthy among godly people, and help her with anything she needs, because she's been a supporter of many of us, including myself.

3 Greet Priskilla and Akulas (Aquila),[106] my workmates in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), **4** who risked their lives to save mine. It's not just me who's thankful for them, but also all the assemblies of the non-Jews **5** and the assembly that meets in their house.

Greet my dear friend Epainetos, who was **one** of the first in the province of Asia Minor to follow **Messiah**. **6** Greet Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam), who worked hard for you, brothers and sisters. **7** Greet Andronikos and our sister Yunia, my fellow citizens and fellow prisoners with me, who are notable among the ambassadors in **Messiah** who started before me.

8 Greet Ampliatos, my dear friend in **the master**. **9** Greet Urbanos, our fellow worker in **Messiah**, and my dear friend Stakus. **10** Greet Apelles, who's a proven follower of **Messiah**. Greet those from Aristobulos's household. **11** Greet Herodion, my fellow citizen. Greet those in Narkissos's household who are in **the master**.

12 Greet Trufaina and Trufosa, those women who are working for **the master**. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who's worked for **the master** a lot. **13** Greet Rufos,[107] who's chosen by **the master**, and his mother, who also mothered me. **14** Greet Asunkritos, Flegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the other brothers and sisters with them. **15** Greet Filologos, Yulia, Nereus and his sister, and Olumpas, and all the godly people there with them.

16 Greet each other with a traditional kiss. All the **messiah's** assemblies here send their greetings to you, brothers and sisters.

The ending warnings

17 Brothers and sisters, I urge you to beware of those who are always talking about faults and tempting you with things that are against what you've been taught. Turn away from them, **18** because such people are serving their own bellies instead of our **master Messiah**, and they're deceiving innocent people with their smooth speech and 'blessings'. **19** I'm excited because the story of your obedience has travelled far, but I want you believers to remain wise about what's good, and innocent about evil, **20** then the **God** of peace will quickly crush Satan under your feet.[108]

Final greetings

May our **master Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') generosity be with you believers.

106 **RV 16:3 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:2.

107 **RV 16:13 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 15:21.

108 **RV 16:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 3:15.

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21 My co-worker Timotheos[109] sends his greetings, as do my fellow citizens Lukas (Luke), Yason, and Sosipatros.
22 I, Tertios, the one writing down this letter, greet you believers in **the master**.
23 My host Gaios[110] and the whole assembly here greet you believers.[111]
24 ◘ **25** There's **someone** who, in keeping with my preaching of the good message and the declaration **about Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**, is able to strengthen you believers in keeping with the revelation of the mystery that had been kept secret through the ages. **26** But he's been there in the prophetic scriptures, and now he's been revealed in keeping with the eternal **God's** command, and been made known to all the nations for faithful obedience. **27** Now may the only wise **God** be honoured through **Yeshua Messiah** throughout the remaining ages. May it be so.

Closing

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letter, in the_**master**. **23** Is_greeting you_all Gaios, the host of_ _me, and all of_the assembly. Is_greeting you_all Erastos, the manager of_the city, and Kouartos the brother.

24 ◘ **25** And to_the one being_able you_all to_strengthen, according_to the good_message of_me, and the proclamation of_**Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** according_to the_revelation of_the_mystery in_times the_eternal having_been_kept_silent, **26** but having_been_revealed now and by the_scriptures prophetic, according_to the_command of_the eternal **god** for obedience of_faith, to all the nations having_been_made_ _known. **27** To_the_only wise **god** through **Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**, to_which is the glory to the ages. Truly.

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109 RV 16:21 · Cross-ref. Acts 16:1.
110 RV 16:23 · Cross-ref. Acts 19:29; 1Cor 1:14.
111 RV 16:23 · Cross-ref. 2Tim 4:20.

Paulos's letter to the believers in
Kolossai

Introduction

This letter of Paulos was written to the believers in Kolossai, a town in Asia Minor (also called Anatolia, now part of modern Turkey) that's almost 500km overland east of Efesos. Paulos had not yet visited Kolossai, but he was very concerned for them and he had sent helpers from Efesos.
Paulos had heard that there were false teachers influencing the believers there in Kolossai. They taught that if a person wants to be saved and wants to deepen their faith in God, it's not sufficient to have faith in the messiah because they said that it's necessary to obey other restrictions and customs as well as worshipping angels.
So Paulos wrote to the believers there in Kolossai and explained the truth concerning Yeshua the messiah. He told them that it's Yeshua who made everything around us, therefore he's greater than the angels and other unseen powers. He also saw the godliness of his father, and there's no other source of life for believers other than him. So then it's necessary that the believers don't follow human customs and traditions, but rather, it's necessary that they simply follow the messiah.
It should be noted here that this letter, like most of the scriptures, was dictated to a scribe (See 2 Thess 3:17), so it was an oral letter, quite different from our modern letters which we edit with word-processing software, adding a word back in a previous sentence, combining two short sentences, or breaking an over-long sentence. Oral letters tend to contain a lot of *run-on sentences* where the thoughts keep flowing without a break, thus 1:3-8 and 1:9-16 are considered by most Greek experts to be long sentences (like this one is 😀), however for us as readers, sentences with around a hundred words in them are very difficult for us to absorb, hence this *Readers' Version* breaks those long Greek sentences into a number of smaller sentences, in fact, this kind of adjustment is regularly done throughout the Bible by all major English translations in order to make them easier for us to read, but the disadvantage is that we can sometimes lose whatever the connection was between the consecutive thoughts. The *OET* tries to be more transparent about such adjustments by placing the *Literal Version* right beside this text so that the serious student can compare the two.

Main components of Paulos's letter

Introduction *1:1-14*
The work of the messiah *1:15–2:19*
The new life in the messiah *2:20–4:6*
Concluding remarks *4:7-18*

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, a missionary **of Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) by **God's** will, and from our brother Timotheos.

2 To the people there in Kolossai (Colossae) who are godly and faithful brothers and sisters in **Messiah**.

Grace and peace to you all from **God** our father and the **master Yeshua Messiah**.

Paulos's thanks and prayers

3 We thank **God**, the father of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** as we continually pray for you all, **4** after having heard about your faith in **Messiah Yeshua** and the love that you have for all godly people **5** which arose because of your hope in a heavenly reward. You all previously heard about that in the message of the truth—the good message **6** that's in you and that's bearing fruit in the world and growing, just like it did among all of you from the day that you heard it and knew **about** the grace **of God** in truth. **7** You all learnt that from Epafras (Epaphras),[1] our dearly loved fellow slave who's our faithful servant of the **messiah**, **8** and he's the one who made your love in **the spirit** evident to us.

9 It's because of that that we haven't stopped praying from the time that we heard it, and requesting that you all would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual insight, **10** to live worthily of the **master**—pleasing him in every kind of good and productive work. We pray that you all will grow in the knowledge **of God** **11** and be strengthened with all power, according to his great power, leading to endurance and patience with contentment. **12** Then you'll all be thanking the father, the one who qualified you all for a part of the inheritance of godly people who live in the light. **13** The father rescued us from the power of darkness and redirected us into the kingdom of his dear son— **14** the one who buys us out of slavery and forgives our sins.[2]

Yeshua is both the first and the highest

15 The son is the visible image of the invisible **God**, the firstborn of all creation **16** because it was him who created everything in the heavens and on the earth, both visible and invisible, including all authorities such as kingdoms and governments. Yes, everything was created by him and for him.[3] **17** He came before everything and everything still only exists because of him. **18** He is the head of the body which is the assembly.[4] He is the beginning, the first of the dead to come back to life, so that he would be the first in everything, **19** because God was pleased to live in him in all totality **20** and to reconcile everything to himself through him—both things on earth and things in the heavens. God made peace through him by means of the blood at the execution post.[5]

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1:1 Paulos, an_ambassador of_**chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** by the_will of_**god**, and Timotheos our brother, **2** to_the holy ones, in Kolossai and faithful brothers in **chosen_one/messiah**: grace to_you_all and peace from **god** the_father of_us and the_**master Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**.

3 We_are_giving_thanks to_ ~~the~~ **_god** the_father of_the **master** of_us **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, always praying, because/for you_all **4** having_heard the faith of_you_all in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, and the love that you_all_are_ _having toward all the holy ones, **5** because_of the hope ~~which~~ lying_away for_you_all in the heavens, which you_all_ _previously_heard in the message of_the truth, the good_ _message, **6** the one being_present to you_all, as also in all the world, is bearing_fruit and being_grown, as also among you_all, from that day you_all_heard and knew the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god** in truth, **7** as you_all_learned from Epafras, the beloved fellow-slave of_us, who is a_ faithful _servant of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, because/for us **8** the one also having_made_ _evident to_us the love of_you_all in the_**spirit**. **9** Because_of this we, also from that day we_heard it, are_ not _ceasing praying for you_all and requesting, in_order_that you_all_may_ _be_filled with_the knowledge of_the will of_him in all wisdom and spiritual insight, **10** to_walk worthily of_the **master** in all pleasing, in every work good bearing_fruit, and being_grown in_the knowledge of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, **11** with all power being_enabled according_to the power of_the glory of_him, to all endurance and patience with joy, **12** giving_thanks to_the father, the one having_qualified you_all for the portion of_the allotment of_ _the holy ones in the light, **13** who rescued us from the power of_ ~~the~~ _darkness, and redirected us into the kingdom of_the son of_the love of_him, **14** in whom we_are_having ~~the~~ redemption, the forgiveness of_ ~~the~~ _sins,

15 who is the_image of_the ~~the~~ invisible **god**, the_firstborn of_ _all creation, **16** because by him was_created the things all in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones, or masterships, or rulers, or authorities, all the things has_been_created by him and for him. **17** And he is before all things, and all the things in him has_consisted. **18** And he is the head of_the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, firstborn from the dead, in_order_that he may_ _become being_first, in all things **19** because in him all the fullness he_took_pleasure to_dwell, **20** and by him to_reconcile the things all to himself, having_made_peace by the blood of_ _the stake of_him through him, whether the things on the earth, or the things in the heavens. **21** And you_all once being having_been_estranged and enemies ~~the~~ in_mind, in your ~~the~~ evil works, **22** but right_now you_all_have_been_reconciled in

1 **RV 1:7 · Cross-ref.** Col 4:12; Phm 23.

2 **RV 1:14 · Cross-ref.** Eph 1:7.

3 **RV 1:16 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 1:3.

4 **RV 1:18 · Cross-ref.** Eph 1:22-23.

5 **RV 1:20 · Cross-ref.** Eph 2:16.

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the body of_the flesh of_him, through his death, to_present you_all holy, and blameless, and unindictable, in_front_of him, 23 if surely you_all_are_continuing_on in_the faith, having_ _been_established and firm, and not being_shifted from the hope of_the good_message which you_all_heard, ~~which~~ having_ _been_proclaimed in all creation ~~which~~ under ~~the~~ heaven, of_ _which I Paulos became a_servant.

24 Now I_am_rejoicing in the sufferings for you_all, and I_am_ _filling_up the lacking things of_the tribulations of_the **chosen_one/messiah** in the flesh of_me for the body of_him, which is the assembly, 25 of_which I became a_servant, according_to the management of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, ~~which~~ having_been_ _given to_me for you_all, to_fulfill the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, 26 the mystery ~~which~~ having_been_hidden_away from the ages and from the generations, but now was_revealed to_the holy ones of_him, 27 to_whom ~~the~~ **god** willed to_make_known what is the riches of_the glory of_ ~~the~~ this _mystery among the pagans, which is **chosen_one/messiah** in you_all, the hope of_ ~~the~~ _glory, 28 whom we are_proclaiming, admonishing every person and teaching every person in all wisdom, in_order_that we_may_present every person perfect in **chosen_ _one/messiah**. 29 To which also I_am_labouring, striving according_to the working of_him, ~~which~~ working in me in power.

2:1 For/Because I_am_wanting you_all to_have_known how_ _much a_struggle I_am_having for you_all and the ones in Laodikeia, and as_many_as have_ not _seen the face of_me in the_flesh, 2 in_order_that the hearts of_them may_be_ _comforted, having_been_held_together in love, and to all the_ _riches of_the full_assurance of_ ~~the~~ _insight, to the_knowledge of_the mystery of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, **chosen_one/messiah**, 3 in whom all the treasures of_ ~~the~~ _wisdom and of_knowledge are secret. 4 This I_am_saying in_order_that no_one may_be_deluding you_all by persuade_speech. 5 For/Because if also I_am_being_ _absent in_the flesh, but ~~the~~ in_spirit I_am with you_all, rejoicing and seeing the order of_you_all and the firmness of_ _the faith of_you_all in **chosen_one/messiah**.

6 Therefore as you_all_received ~~the~~ **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** the **master**, be_walking in him, 7 having_been_rooted and being_built_up in him, and being_ _confirmed in_the faith, as you_all_were_taught, being_ _plentiful in thanksgiving. 8 Be_watching_out, lest anyone will_ _be ~~which~~ taking_ you_all _captive through ~~the~~ philosophy and empty seduction, according_to the tradition of_ ~~the~~ _humans, according_to the principles of_the world, and not according_to **chosen_one/messiah**. 9 Because in him all the fullness of_the deity is_dwelling bodily, 10 and you_all_are having_been_ _fulfilled in him, who is the head of_all rule and authority, 11 in whom also you_all_were_circumcised with_circumcision not_ _hand_made, in the disarmament of_the body of_the flesh by the circumcision of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, 12 having_ _been_buried_with with_him in ~~the~~ washing, in which also you_ _all_were_raised_up_with him, through the faith in_the working of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, ~~which~~ having_raised him from the_dead.

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21 Once all of you were alienated from God—your thinking was that of an enemy and your actions were evil, 22 but now you all have been reconciled by means of the death of Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') physical body. He's able to present you as pure and blameless in front of God—unable to be charged for any infraction 23 if indeed you continue on in your established and firm faith. Don't let anyone drive away the hope that comes from the good message that you all heard and which has been proclaimed throughout the whole world—it's that good message that I've become a servant of.

Paulos's work for believers

24 So now I'm happy to be suffering for you all, and I'm catching up in my body to the tribulations of the **messiah** in his body, which is the assembly. 25 I became a servant **of** the assembly under **God's** supervision when he gave me the work **of** fulfilling **God's** message— 26 the mystery which had been hidden away from the generations over the ages, but which was recently revealed to his chosen people. 27 **God** wanted them to explain the riches of this incredible mystery among the pagans: **the messiah** in you all bringing the hope of reaching God. 28 Yes, Messiah who we are telling everyone about as we teach and recommend to everyone, so that we might present every person made perfect in **Messiah**. 29 That's what I'm working hard towards according to his work as well—working in me with power.

2:1 I want you all to know how much I struggle for you and for those in Laodikeia and for those who've never actually set eyes on me. 2 By knowing that, their hearts may be comforted, having been held together in love and to all the riches of the full assurance of the insight, to the knowledge of the mystery **of God**, **Messiah**. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? 3 He holds all the treasures of wisdom and secret knowledge.

4 I'm telling you all this so that none of you will be deceived by persuasive talk, 5 because even though I'm physically far way, I'm with you all in the spirit. I'm pleased to see the sensibleness and firmness of your faith in **Messiah**.

Living in Messiah

6 So in the same way that you all received the **messiah**, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the **master**, keep living in him. 7 You've already been rooted in him and then built up and confirmed in the faith just as all of you were taught, and been very thankful.

8 Be careful in case anyone captures your minds with fancy ideas or theories without proof that come from human traditions or from worldly thinking, and not from **Messiah**. 9 Every component of the greatness of God lives in his human body, 10 and you also have been completed and are in him. He is the head of all rule and authority.

11 It wasn't just human hands that circumcised you by cutting off part of the body, but **Messiah** circumcised you all by cutting you away from your sinful acts. 12 You all were buried with him when you were immersed in water, and you came back to life

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with him when you came up from the water, through faith in **God's** working which gave him life after death.[6] 13 You all were dead in your disobedience and because your bodies were 'uncircumcised'. Then he made us alive together with him after he forgave us for all our disobedience.[7] 14 He erased the writing that listed the charges against us and so it was removed—nailed to the execution post.[8] 15 He had disarmed the rulers and authorities and publicly exposed them, because he had won the victory over them on the post.[9]

16 Don't let anyone judge you all about what you eat or drink, or about observing feasts or holidays or days of rest.[10] 17 They're just shadows of what's coming, but the body causing the shadow is that of the **messiah**. 18 Don't let anyone be disqualifying you all with their apparent humility and worshipping the messengers, telling you what they've seen and being arrogant and vain about their earthly minds. 19 They're not listening to the head which controls all the joints and ligaments of the body and holds it all together as **God** causes it to grow.[11]

From death to life with the messiah

20 If you've died to worldly principles, then why are you letting yourselves be indoctrinated with worldly living: 21 'Don't hold this. Don't taste that. Don't touch this.' 22 No, All those rules lead to corruption when they're used as the commands and teaching of humans. 23 They seem to be wise and make you more religious or humble as you strictly obey them, but don't honour the realities of our worldly desires.

3:1 So if you all were brought back to life along with the **messiah**, then be concerned with discovering the things from above where the **messiah** is sitting on **God's** right.[12] 2 Yes, be thinking about things from above, not earthly things 3 because you've all 'died' and your lives have been hidden in **God** with the **messiah**. 4 When he's revealed on his return, then your lives will also be revealed with him in GLORY.

The old and new lives

5 So put your earthly natures to death: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desires, and greediness which is idolatry, 6 because those things invoke **God's** severe anger. 7 You all used to do those things when you lived in them.

8 But now, don't let any of these things come out of your mouth: severe anger, rage, malice, slander, or profanity. 9 Don't lie to each other, because you've gotten rid of the 'old person'

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13 And you_all being dead in the transgressions and in_the uncircumcision of_the flesh of_you_all, he_made_ us _alive_ _together with him, having_forgiven all our transgressions to_ _us, 14 having_wiped_out the handwriting against us in_the decrees, which was hostile to_us, and it has_taken_away out_of the midst, having_nailed it to_the stake, 15 having_disarmed the rulers and the authorities, he_exposed them in public, having_triumphed over_them in him. 16 Therefore not let_ anyone _be_judging you_all in food, and in drink, or in regard of_a_feast, or new_moon, or days_of_rest, 17 which is a_shadow of_the things coming, but the substance is of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**. 18 ‹Let›_ no_one _be_disqualifying you_all, willing in humility, and the_worship of_the messengers, which he_has_seen detailing, vainly being_arrogant by the mind of_ _the flesh of_him, 19 and not taking_hold_of the head, from whom all the body by its joints and ligaments being_supplied and being_held_together, is_growing with_the growth of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**.

20 If you_all_died_off with **chosen_one/messiah** from the principles of_the world, why are_you_all_being_indoctrinated as_though living in the_world: 21 You_may_ not _touch. You_ _may_ not _taste. You_may_ not _touch. 22 Which is all things to corruption in_the depletion, according_to the commands and teachings of_ ~~the~~ _humans? 23 Which things is an_account indeed having of_wisdom in personal_religion and humility, and severity of_the_body, not in any honour against the_ _indulgence of_the flesh.
3:1 Therefore if you_all_were_raised_up_with with_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, be_seeking the things above, where the **chosen_one/messiah** is sitting at the_right hand of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 2 Be_thinking the things above, not the things on the earth. 3 For/Because you_all_died_off, and the life of_you_all has_ _been_hidden with the **chosen_one/messiah** in ~~the~~ **god**. 4 Whenever the **chosen_one/messiah**, the life of_you_all, may_ _be_revealed, then you_all also will_be_being_revealed with him in glory.

5 Therefore make_dead your members which are on the earth: sexual_immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and ~~the~~ greediness, which is idolatry, 6 because_of which things the severe_anger of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, is_coming, 7 among whom you_all also walked once when you_all_were_living in these things. 8 But right_now you_all also put_away all the things: severe_ _anger, rage, malice, slander, profanity out_of the mouth of_ _you_all. 9 Be_ not _lying to one_another, having_disarmed the old person with the practices of_him, 10 and having_dressed_in

6 **RV 2:12 · Cross-ref.** Rom 6:4.

7 **RV 2:13 · Cross-ref.** Eph 2:1-5.

8 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Eph 2:15.

9 **RV 2:15 · Note** The meaning of the Greek 'ἐν αὐτῷ' literally 'in it/him' isn't clear here and leads to two common translations: a/ 'on/in him', or as we have chosen (interpreting the 'it' to be referring back to 'σταυρῷ' 'execution post' from the previous verse), 'on the post'.

10 **RV 2:16 · Cross-ref.** Rom 14:1-6.

11 **RV 2:19 · Cross-ref.** Eph 4:16.

12 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.

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the new man, ~~which~~ being_renewed in knowledge, according_to the_image of_the one having_created him, **11** where there_is not Hellaʸn and Youdaios, circumcision and uncircumcision, foreigner, Skuthaʸs, slave, free, but **chosen_one/messiah** is all things and in all things. **12** Therefore as the_chosen of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**, holy ones and having_been_loved, dress_in hearts of_ _compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, **13** tolerating of_one_another and forgiving to_yourselves, if anyone may_be_having a_complaint against anyone, as also the **master** forgave to_you_all, thus also you_all forgive. **14** And over all these things, ~~the~~ put_on love, which is the_bond of_ ~~the~~ _perfection. **15** And the peace of_the **chosen_one/messiah** let_ _be_deciding in the hearts of_you_all, to which also you_all_ _were_called in one body, and be_becoming thankful. **16** let_ The message of_the **chosen_one/messiah** _be_Dwelling_in in you_all richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing yourselves in_psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, singing with ~~the~~ thankfulness in the hearts of_you_all ~~the~~ to_**god**. **17** And everything, whatever anything ~~if~~ you_all_may_be_doing in message or in work, all things in the_name of_the_**master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** do, giving_thanks to_ ~~the~~ **_god** the_father through him.

18 ~~The~~ Wives, be_being_subjected to_your husbands, as was_ _fitting in the_**master**. **19** ~~The~~ Husbands, be_loving your wives, and be_ not _being_embittered toward them. **20** ~~The~~ Children, be_submitting to_your parents in all things, because/for this is well_pleasing in the_**master**. **21** ~~The~~ fathers, not be_provoking the children of_you_all, in_order_that they_may_ not _be_ _losing_heart. **22** ~~The~~ Slaves, be_submitting to_your masters in all things according_to flesh, not with eyeservice as men_ _pleasing, but in sincerity of_heart, revering the **master**. **23** Whatever ~~if~~ you_all_may_be_doing, be_working with your_ _heart, as to_the **master** and not to_people, **24** having_known that you_all_will_be_taking_back from the_**master** the repaying of_your inheritance. For/Because_ you_all_are_ _serving _the **master chosen_one/messiah**. **25** The one for doing_wrong, will_be_receiving_back what he_did_wrong, and there_is not favouritism.

4:1 ~~The~~ Masters, be_bringing_about what is righteous and ~~the~~ equality to_your slaves, having_known that also you_all are_ _having a_**Master** in heaven.

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and their habits.[13] **10** So 'dress' in the 'new person'[14] who's renewed with the knowledge of being in the image of the creator,[15] **11** where there's no distinctions between ethnicities or religion, locals and foreigners, slaves or free, but **Messiah is** everything and in all of us.

12 So as holy people chosen and loved by **God**, 'dress' in: compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience,[16] **13** tolerating each other, and forgiving anyone who has a complaint about another person. The **master** forgave all of you, so you also should forgive others.[17] **14** Then over all of those, 'dress' in love which is the perfect connection to others. **15** Let the peace of the **messiah** rule in your hearts. That's what you were called to as parts of one body. Make sure that you're thankful **16** and that the **messiah's** message is a rich part of you with all its wisdom as you teach and give advice to each other. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs **to God** with thankfulness in your hearts.[18] **17** Then give thanks **to God** the father through the name **of Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) in everything—whatever you're all saying or doing.

Advice by role

18 You wives should be subject to your husbands to the degree that it's fitting in **Yahweh**.[19]

19 You husbands should love your wives[20]—don't become bitter towards them.

20 You children should obey your parents in everything,[21] because that pleases **Yahweh**.

21 You fathers shouldn't be exasperating your children otherwise they may become discouraged.[22]

22 You slaves should submit to your human masters in everything, not just when they're watching like others do, but sincerely, and so honouring the **master**.[23]

23 Whatever you all might be doing, consider in your hearts that you're working for the **master** and not for people, **24** knowing that **Yahweh** will repay you with an inheritance because you've been serving the **master messiah**. **25** Anyone who's doing wrong will be repaid for that wrongness, and there won't be any favouritism.[24]

4:1 **You** masters, ensure that you're treating your slaves with goodness and equality, knowing that you all also have **a master**

13 **RV 3:9 · Cross-ref.** Eph 4:22.
14 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** Eph 4:24.
15 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:26.
16 **RV 3:12-13 · Cross-ref.** Eph 4:2.
17 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Eph 4:32.
18 **RV 3:16-17 · Cross-ref.** Eph 5:19-20.
19 **RV 3:18 · Cross-ref.** Eph 5:22; 1Pe 3:1.
20 **RV 3:19 · Cross-ref.** Eph 5:25; 1Pe 3:7.
21 **RV 3:20 · Cross-ref.** Eph 6:1.
22 **RV 3:21 · Cross-ref.** Eph 6:4.
23 **RV 3:22-25 · Cross-ref.** Eph 6:5-8.
24 **RV 3:25 · Cross-ref.** Deu 10:17; Eph 6:9.

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of your own in heaven.[25]

2 Persevere in prayer, keeping watch and being thankful. **3** Pray together for us as well that **God** would open a door for us to share the message—to tell about the mystery of the **messiah**. That's also why I'm in chains— **4** so that I can explain the mystery whenever I have an opportunity to speak.

Further teaching for believers

5 Use wisdom as you all walk towards non-believers, using the time wisely.[26] **6** Always show grace in your conversations, like a meal that's seasoned with salt, so you'll know how to answer each person in their situation.

Final greetings

7 My dear brother and faithful servant and fellow slave, Tukikos,[27] will tell you all about me. **8** I'm sending him to all of you there so you'll find out the news that concerns you all and so that he can comfort you there. **9** The faithful and dear brother, Onesimos,[28] who's from your place will also be with him.

10 My fellow prisoner, Aristarkos,[29] sends his greetings along with Barnabas' cousin, Markos.[30] You've already received instructions about that, so accept him if he arrives there. **11** Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) who's nicknamed Yustos also sends his greetings. These guys are from strict Jewish backgrounds, but they're my only fellow-workers for **God's** kingdom who became an encouragement to me.

12 Epafras (Epaphras)[31] sends his greetings. He's another **one** from your place and a slave **of messiah Yeshua** who always prays for you that you will stand mature and fully confident in all **of God's** will. **13** I can assure you that he has strong concerns for you all, as well as those in Laodikeia and in Hierapolis. **14** The dear doctor Lukas (Luke)[32] greets you all, as does Demas.[33]

15 Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodikeia, and to Numfa and the assembly that meets in her house, **16** and whenever my letter gets read to you all, make sure that it's also read to those from the assembly in Laodikeia, and that you all also read their letter. **17** Tell Arkippos[34] to make sure to fulfil the duties that **Yahweh** gave him to do.

18 I, Paulos, am writing this final greeting in my own handwriting. Remember me here in chains.

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2 Be_persevering ~~the~~ in_prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving, **3** praying together also for us, in_order_that ~~the~~ **god** may_open_up to_us a_door for_the message, to_speak the mystery of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, because_of which also I_ _have_been_bound, **4** in_order_that I_may_reveal it, as it_is_ _fitting me to_speak. **5** In wisdom be_walking toward the ones outside, redeeming the time. **6** The speech of_you_all always in grace let_be, having_been_seasoned with_salt, to_have_known how it_is_fitting you_all to_be_answering to_ each _one.

7 Tuḳikos will_be_making_known to_you_all all the things concerning me, the beloved brother, and faithful servant, and fellow-slave in the_**master**, **8** whom I_sent to you_all for same thing this, in_order_that you_all_may_know the things concerning you_all, and he_may_comfort the hearts of_you_all, **9** with Ona^{y}simos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is of you_all. They_will_be_making_known all things to_you_all the things here. **10** Aristarḳos the fellow-prisoner of_me is_greeting you_all, and Markos, the cousin of_Barnabas (concerning whom you_all_received commands, if he_may_come to you_all, receive him), **11** and Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa), the one being_called Youstos, these are the ones being of the_circumcision, the_only fellow-workers for the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, who were_become an_encouragement to_me. **12** Epafras who is of you_all is_ _greeting you_all, a_slave of_**chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, always striving for you_all in the prayers, in_order_that you_ _all_may_be_stood mature and having_been_fully_assured in all the_will of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **13** For/Because I_am_testifying to_him that he_is_having great distress for you_all, and the ones in Laodikeia, and the ones in Hierapolis. **14** Loukas the ~~the~~ beloved doctor is_greeting you_all, and Da^{y}mas. **15** Greet the brothers in Laodikeia, and Numfas, and the assembly in the_house of_ _them. **16** And whenever my letter may_be_read among you_all, make that also it_may_be_read in the assembly of_the_ones_ _from_Laodikeia, and that the letter from Laodikeia you_all may_ also _read. **17** And say to_Arḳippos: Be_watching_out to_ _the service that you_received in the_**master**, in_order_that you_may_be_fulfilling it. **18** The greeting is ~~which~~ by_my own hand, of_Paulos. Be_remembering of_me about_the bonds. ~~The~~ grace be with you_all.

25 **RV 4:1 · Cross-ref.** Eph 6:9.
26 **RV 4:5 · Cross-ref.** Eph 5:16.
27 **RV 4:7 · Cross-ref.** Acts 20:4; 2Tim 4:12.
28 **RV 4:9 · Cross-ref.** Phm 10-12.
29 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Acts 19:29; 27:2; Phm 24.
30 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Acts 12:12,25; 13:13; 15:37-39.
31 **RV 4:12 · Cross-ref.** Col 1:7; Phm 23.
32 **RV 4:14 · Cross-ref.** 2Tim 4:11; Phm 24.
33 **RV 4:14 · Cross-ref.** 2Tim 4:10; Phm 24.
34 **RV 4:17 · Cross-ref.** Phm 2.

Literal Version

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Readers' Version

May God's grace be with all of you.

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A letter to the believers in
Laodikeia

Introduction

This short letter to the believers in Laodikeia (Laodicea) is written in Paulos's (Paul's) name. It echoes several passages from his letters, especially Philippians. It encourages its readers to hold onto the good message, remain united, and put what they've learnt into practice.

The letter survives in Latin manuscripts and later translations. Although Colossians 4:16 mentions a letter from Laodikeia, this text isn't generally regarded as that lost letter or as a genuine letter by Paulos. It's included here as part of the OET's wider collection of additional books.

This draft adapts M. R. James's 1924 English translation into current English, using OET names and terminology. The Latin text is difficult in places, especially verse 5, where the intended meaning isn't certain.

Main components of this letter

Greeting and encouragement *1:1-5*
Imprisonment, hope, and unity *1:6-9*
Instructions and final greetings *1:10-20*

The DC editions are placed side by side by chapter only. Their verse numbering and textual contents differ; corresponding lines are not established equivalents.

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1:1 Paulos ambassador not from humans nor through a_
_human but through Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah, to_brothers
who are in_Laodikeia. **2** Grace to_you_all and peace from god
the_father and master Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah. **3** Thanks
I_give to_chosen_one/messiah through every prayer of_me,
because continuing you_all_are in him and persevering in
works of_him, the_promise awaiting for the_day of_judgement.
4 Neither may_unsettle you_all of_some empty_talks
insinuating, so_that you_all they_may_turn_away from the_
_truth of_the_good_message which by me is_proclaimed. **5** And
now will_cause god that those_who are from me for the_
_progress of_the_truth of_the_good_message serving and doing
kindness of_works which of_salvation of_life eternal. **6** And
now manifest are the_bonds of_me which I_suffer in chosen_
_one/messiah; in_which I_am_glad and I_rejoice. **7** And this for_
_me is for salvation perpetual; which itself brought_about by_
_prayers of_you_all and supplying the_spirit holy, whether
through life or through death. **8** It_is for to_me to_live in
chosen_one/messiah and to_die joy. **9** And that same_thing in
you_all he_will_do by_mercy of_him, so_that the_same love
you_all_may_have and you_all_may_be of_one_mind.
10 Therefore, beloved, as you_all_heard in_the_presence of_me,
so hold_fast and do in fear of_god, and will_be for_you_all life
for ever: **11** It_is for god who works in you_all. **12** And do
without hesitation whatever you_all_do. **13** And what is
[remaining], beloved, rejoice in chosen_one/messiah; and
beware_of those_dishonourable in gain. **14** All let_be the_
_petitions of_you_all openly before god; and be firm in the_
_mind of_chosen_one/messiah. **15** And what sound and true
and pure and just and lovable, do. **16** And what you_all_heard
and received in the_heart hold_fast; **17** and will_be to_you_all
peace. **18** Greet you_all the_holy_ones. **19** Grace of_master
Ya^{y}sous with the_spirit of_you_all. **20** And cause to_be_read to_
_those_in_Kolossai and of_those_in_Kolossai to_you_all.

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Greeting and encouragement

1:1 This letter is from Paulos (Paul), a missionary appointed by Yeshua (Jesus) the messiah, not by people or through any human authority. I'm writing to the fellow believers in Laodikeia (Laodicea). **2** May you all experience grace and peace from God the father and the master Yeshua the messiah.

3 I thank the messiah whenever I pray, because you remain in him and keep doing his work as you wait for the promise to be fulfilled on judgement day. **4** Don't let the empty talk of people who slip in among you unsettle you. They're trying to turn you away from the truth of the good message that I announce. **5** Now God will enable those who are associated with me to keep serving the truth of the good message, helping it spread, doing good, and working towards salvation—eternal life.[1]

Imprisonment, hope, and unity

6 Everyone can now see the chains I wear because of the messiah, and I rejoice and am glad about them. **7** This will lead to my lasting salvation through your prayers and the help of the holy spirit, whether I live or die. **8** For me, living means living in the messiah, and dying is joy. **9** In his mercy, he'll do the same in you, so that you share the same love and are united in your thinking.

Put what you've learnt into practice

10 So, dear friends, hold onto what you heard when I was with you. Put it into practice with reverence for God, and you'll have eternal life, **11** because it's God who's at work in you. **12** Whatever you do, do it without hesitation.

13 Finally, dear friends, rejoice in the messiah, and watch out for people who are greedy for dishonest gain. **14** Bring all your requests openly before God, and remain firm in the messiah's way of thinking. **15** Do what's wholesome, true, pure, right, and worthy of love. **16** Keep what you've heard and received firmly in your hearts, **17** and you'll have peace.

Final greetings

18 The believers here send their greetings. **19** May the grace of the master Yeshua be with your spirit.

20 Have this letter read to the people in Kolossai (Colossae), and have their letter read to you.

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1 RV 1:5 · Note The Latin wording of this verse is difficult. This draft follows James's interpretation of its general sense; the precise meaning needs further review.

Paulos's letter to
Filemon

Introduction

Filemon was known to be a follower of Yeshua and he was a member of a group of believers in the city of Kolossai. He was the owner of a slave named Onesimos. Onesimos had fled from his master and eventually met Paulos the missionary in prison in Romai. It was there that Onesimos became a believer in Yeshua because of Paulos's sharing of the good message. Here in *Paulos's letter to Filemon*, Paulos requests that the good relationship be restored between Filemon and his slave, Onesimos. Because Paulos sent Onesimos back to Filemon, he wanted Filemon to take his slave back in, not just because he'd forgiven his slave, but also because his slave was now a fellow believer and hence his brother.

Main components of Paulos's letter

Introduction *1-3*
Praising Filemon *4-7*
Paulos's request to Filemon concerning Onesimos *8-22*
Ending *23-25*

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1:1 Paulos, a_prisoner of_**chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, and Timotheos, our brother, to_ _Fila^{y}moni, the beloved and fellow-worker of_us, **2** and to_ _Apfia, the sister, and to_Arkippos, the fellow-soldier of_us, and to_the in the_house of_you assembly: **3** grace to_you_all and peace, from **god** father of_us and the_**master Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**.

4 I_am_giving_thanks to_the **god** of_me always, mentioning of_ _you making in the prayers of_me, **5** hearing of_you the love and the faith, that you_are_having toward the **master Ya^{y}sous**, and toward all the holy ones, **6** so_that the fellowship of_the faith of_you, active may_become in the_knowledge of_every good thing ~~which~~ in us toward **chosen_one/messiah**. **7** For/Because joy great I_had and exhortation, by the love of_ _you, because the hearts of_the holy ones has_been_refreshed by you, brother.

8 Therefore, much in **chosen_one/messiah** boldness having, to_be_commanding to_you what is fitting, **9** because_of ~~the~~ love rather I_am_exhorting you such being, as Paulos (an_older_ _man and right_now also a_prisoner of_**chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**), **10** I_am_exhorting you for the of_mine child, whom I_bore in my bonds, Ona^{y}simos, **11** ~~which~~ once to_ _you useless, but right_now to_you and to_me useful, **12** whom I_sent_up to_you him, this is ~~the~~ my heart, **13** whom I was_ _wishing with myself to_be_keeping, in_order_that for you unto_me he_may_be_serving in the bonds of_the good_ _message, **14** but apart_from ~~the~~ your opinion, nothing I_ _wanted to_do, in_order_that not as according_to necessity the good of_you may_be, but according_to willing. **15** For/Because possibly because_of this, he_was_separated for an_hour, in_ _order_that eternal him you_may_receive_fully, **16** no_longer as a_slave, but above a_slave, a_brother beloved, most_of_all to_ _me and how_much rather to_you, both in the_flesh and in the_ _**master**. **17** Therefore if me you_are_having a_partner, receive him as me. **18** But if anything he_did_wrong to_you or is_owing you, this to_me be_imputing. **19** I Paulos wrote it ~~the~~ with_my ‹own›_hand, I will_be_paying_back it, in_order_that not I_may_ _be_saying to_you that even yourself to_me are_additionally_ _owing. **20** Yes, brother, I from_you might_benefit in the_ _**master**, refresh of_me the heart in **chosen_one/messiah**. **21** Having_persuaded by_the obedience of_you, I_wrote to_you, having_known that even above what I_am_saying, you_will_be_ _doing.

22 And together also be_preparing for_me a_lodging, because/for I_am_hoping that through the prayers of_you_all, I_will_be_being_granted to_you_all. **23** Is_greeting you Epafras, ~~the~~ fellow-prisoner of_me in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, **24** Markos, Aristarkos, Da^{y}mas, Loukas,

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, a prisoner **of messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), and our brother Timotheos. I'm writing to our dear co-worker Filemon (Philemon), **2** as well as our sister Apfia and our fellow-soldier Arkippos,[1] and to the assembly that meets in your home. **3** May you all experience grace and peace from our father **God** and from **the master Yeshua** the **messiah**.

Paulos's prayer and gratefulness

4 Filemon (Philemon) , I'm always thanking my **God** and mentioning you in my prayers **5** after hearing your faith and about your love for the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and for all the believers. **6** I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become active in the knowledge of every good thing in us toward the **messiah**, [WHAT DOES THAT MEAN???] **7** because I was very happy and encouraged by your love, because the hearts of the believers have been refreshed by you, brother.

Paulos's request to Filemon concerning Onesimos

8 Therefore, with the help of **the messiah**, I would be brave enough to tell you what you need to do, **9** but because of love as Paulos, an older man and now also a prisoner for **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, I'm just going to encourage you to do it. **10** So I'm going to encourage you concerning Onesimos[2] who became my spiritual 'son' since I've been imprisoned. **11** Before, he was useless to you, but now he's useful to both of us.

12 I sent him to you (even though in my heart **13** I wanted to keep him here) so that he might be serving me here due to the bonds of the good message, **14** but I didn't want to do anything without hearing your opinion, so that you're not doing good because you have to, but rather because you want to.

15 It was possibly because of that that he was separated from you for a while, so that on the eternal scale you could fully accept him, **16** no longer as a slave, but better than a slave—a dear brother to me most of all, but preferably also to you—a brother in the body and in **Yahweh**.

17 Therefore, if you consider me as your partner, accept him like you'd accept me, **18** but if he did anything wrong to you or owes you anything, charge it to me. **19** I, Paulos, wrote this bit in my own handwriting. I will pay back anything he owes you, then I won't need to be reminding you that you pretty much owe yourself to me. **20** Yes, brother, with both of us being in **Yahweh**, I might hopefully benefit from you—refresh my heart in the **messiah**.

21 I wrote to you because I was sure that you'd obey my request, in fact knowing that you'd do even more than what I ask.

Paulos's final greetings

22 Go ahead and prepare somewhere for me to stay, because I'm hoping that I'll be able to visit, thanks to you all praying for me. **23** Epafras (Epaphras),[3] my fellow prisoner in **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) **the**

1 RV 2 · Cross-ref. Col 4:17.

2 RV 10 · Cross-ref. Col 4:9.

3 RV 23 · Cross-ref. Col 1:7; 4:12.

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messiah, sends his greetings, 24 as do my fellow-workers Markos,[4] Aristarkos,[5] Demas,[6] and Lukas (Luke).[7]

25 May the grace of our **master Yeshua the messiah** be with the spirit of you all there. May it be so.

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the fellow-workers of_me. 25 The grace of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, with the spirit of_you_all be. Truly.

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4 **RV 24 · Cross-ref.** Acts 12:12,25; 13:13; 15:37-39; Col 4:10.

5 **RV 24 · Cross-ref.** Acts 19:29; 27:2; Col 4:10.

6 **RV 24 · Cross-ref.** Col 4:14; 2Tim 4:10.

7 **RV 24 · Cross-ref.** Col 4:14; 2Tim 4:11.

Paulos's letter to the believers in

Efesos

Introduction

The author

This *Letter to the believers in Efesos* was written by Paulos from prison in Romai.

This letter

This letter wasn't just written for the assembly of believers there in Efesos, but also for other assemblies of believers.

Paulos's main theme is about God's plan that 'at the right time he will gather everything, whether in heaven or here on earth, for the messiah' (1:10).

In the first part of letter, he wrote about unity. Paulos carefully explained about how God the father chooses his people, about forgiving and saving them from their sins through his son, Yeshua the messiah.

In the second part of letter, Paulos urges the reader that the believers need to be united in the messiah by means of their unity with each other.

Paulos uses many allegories about the unity of people with God via the messiah: the believers are the body of the messiah, he is the head; it's like a house, with the messiah as the foundation stone; the believers are also like a bride with the messiah as the groom.

It's also explained here about the correct behaviour for couples, of parents and children, and for slaves and masters. Then in concluding his letter, it's explained about the armour that's given to believers for them to use to stand against Satan's attacks.

It should be noted here that this letter, like most of the scriptures, was dictated to a scribe (See 2 Thess 3:17), so it was an oral letter, quite different from our modern letters which we edit with word-processing software, adding a word back in a previous sentence, combining two short sentences, or breaking an over-long sentence. Oral letters tend to contain a lot of *run-on sentences* where the thoughts keep flowing without a break, thus 1:3-14 is considered by most Greek experts to be one long sentence (like this one is 😀), however for us as readers, a sentence with some two hundred words is very difficult for us to absorb, hence this *Readers' Version* breaks that single Greek sentence into a number of smaller sentences, in fact, this kind of adjustment is regularly done throughout the Bible by all major English translations in order to make them easier for us to read, but the disadvantage is that we can sometimes lose whatever the connection was between the consecutive thoughts. The *OET* tries to be more transparent about such adjustments by placing the *Literal Version* right beside this text so that the serious student can compare the two.

Main components of Paulos's letter

Introduction *1:1-2*
Spiritual blessings from the messiah *1:3–3:21*
Proper behaviour for believers *4:1–6:20*
Closing *6:21-24*

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, a missionary **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** by the will **of God**.

To the godly people there in Efesos[1] who are faithful to **Yeshua the messiah**.

2 May our father **God** and our **master Yeshua the messiah** give grace and peace to you all.

Spiritual blessings

3 We praise **God**, the father of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**.[2] He is the **one** who's blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places—blessings that come from **the messiah**. **4** He chose us to follow him even before the creation of the world, so that we could become pure and blameless in front of him. Because of his love **5** he decided in advance to adopt us as his children through **Yeshua the messiah**. His decision gave him great pleasure **6** and now he's praised for the greatness of his grace which favoured us, as the one he loved **7** redeemed us by means of his blood and forgave our sins.[3] It was from the riches of his grace **8** that was poured onto us that we gain wisdom and understanding **9** as he revealed the mystery of his will to us according to his great pleasure as he himself planned. **10** He planned for the orchestration of the times, and at the right time he will gather everything, whether in heaven or here on earth, for **the messiah** **11** and we also have been assigned an inheritance in him. This was also predetermined according to God's plan and the decisions of his will **12** so that we, the ones who first put our trust in the **messiah**, would praise his greatness. **13** And you people also, after hearing the message of truth, the good message about being saved, were confirmed by receiving the **spirit** of pure promise after you believed. **14** This spirit is the deposit on our inheritance until we procure the freedom which has been bought for us, leading us to praise God's greatness.

Paulos's prayer for them

15 Because of that, and because I heard about your faith in the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and your acceptance of all the pure believers, **16** I don't stop giving thanks for all of you, mentioning you in my prayers, **17** asking the **God** of our **master Yeshua the messiah** to give you spiritual wisdom and to reveal the knowledge about him. **18** I ask that your inner thoughts will be enlightened so that you'll all know the expectation of what he's calling you to—the riches of the greatness of his inheritance for the believers **19** and the exceeding greatness of his power to help us who believe, according to the working of the power of his strength. **20** He worked this power in the **messiah** when he brought him back to life and seated him in the place of honour in heavenly places[4]—

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1:1 Paulos, an_ambassador of_**chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** by will of_**god**, to_the holy ones ~~which~~ being in Efesos and faithful in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous**: **2** grace to_you_all and peace from **god** the_father of_us and the_**master Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**.

3 Blessed be the **god** and father of_the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, the one having_blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in **chosen_ _one/messiah**, **4** as he_chose us in him before the_foundation of_the_world, us to_be holy and blameless in_front_of him in love, **5** having_predetermined us for adoption_as_sons through **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah** to himself, according_to the good_pleasure of_the will of_him, **6** to the_praise of_the_glory of_the grace of_him, of_which favoured us in the one having_ _been_loved, **7** in whom we_are_having ~~the~~ redemption through the blood of_him, the forgiveness of_ ~~the~~ _transgressions, according_to the riches of_the grace of_him, **8** of_which he_ _been_plentiful on us in all wisdom and understanding, **9** having_made_known to_us the mystery of_the will of_him, according_to the good_pleasure of_him, which he_purposed in him, **10** for the_management of_the fullness of_ the _times, to_ _sum_up the_ all _things in the **chosen_one/messiah**, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, in him, **11** in whom also we_were_allotted_inheritance, having_been_ _predetermined according_to the_purpose of_the one working all the things, according_to the counsel of_the will of_him, **12** in_order that us to_be, to the_praise of_the_glory of_him, the ones having_previously_hoped in the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, **13** in whom also you_all having_heard the message of_ ~~the~~ _truth, the good_message of_the salvation of_ _you_all, in whom also having_believed, you_all_were_sealed with_the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** of_ ~~the~~ _promise, **14** who is the_deposit of_the inheritance of_us, to the_redemption of_the procuring, to the_praise of_the glory of_him.

15 Because_of this, also_I having_heard the faith among you_all in the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, and ~~which~~ toward all the holy ones, **16** I_am_ not _ceasing giving_thanks for you_all, making mentioning in the prayers of_me, **17** in_order_that the **god** of_the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, the father of_ ~~the~~ _glory, might_give to_you_all the_spirit of_ _wisdom and revelation, in the_knowledge of_him, **18** the eyes of_the heart of_you_all having_been_enlightened in_order that to_have_known you_all, what is the hope of_the calling of_him, what are the riches of_the glory of_the inheritance of_him, in the holy ones, **19** and what is the surpassing greatness of_the power of_him toward us, the ones believing according_to the working of_the power of_the strength of_him, **20** which he_has_ _worked in the **chosen_one/messiah**, having_raised him from the_dead, and having_sat_down him at the_right hand of_him,

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:19-21; 19:1.

2 **RV 1:3 · Note** Verses 3-14 seem to be just one long, rambling sentence in the Greek, and it's not totally clear what each part means, or how they all connect logically together in sequence. We have split it into smaller sentence chunks to try to help our readers extract some meaning out of it.

3 **RV 1:7 · Cross-ref.** Col 1:14.

4 **RV 1:20 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.

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in the heavenly realms, **21** above every rule, and authority, and power, and mastership, and every name being_named, not only in ~~the~~ this age, but also in the one coming, **22** and all things subjected under the feet of_him, and gave_ of_him _to_be head concerning all things to_the assembly, **23** which is the body of_ _him, the fullness of_the one filling the_ all _things in all things.

2:1 And you_all being dead in_the transgressions and the sins of_you_all, **2** in which once you_all_walked, according_to the age of_ ~~the~~ this _world, according_to the ruler of_the authority of_the air, the spirit ~~which~~ now working_in in the sons of_ ~~the~~ _ _disbelief, **3** among whom also we all were_conducted once in the desires of_the flesh of_us, doing the desires of_the flesh and of_its minds, and we_were children by_nature of_severe_anger, as even the rest. **4** But ~~the~~ **god** being rich in mercy, because_of the great love of_him, which he_loved us, **5** even us being dead in_our transgressions, he_made_ us _alive_together with_the **chosen_one/messiah** (by_grace you_all_are having_been_ _saved), **6** and he_raised_up_with us and he_sat_together us in the heavenly realms in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, **7** in_order_that he_may_display in the ages, ~~which~~ coming_over the surpassing riches of_the grace of_ _him, in kindness to us in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**. **8** For/Because ~~the~~ by_grace you_all_are having_been_saved through faith, also this not of of_you_all, of_**god** the gift it_is, **9** not from works, in_order_that not anyone may_boast. **10** For/Because we_are the_workmanship of_him, having_been_ _created in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous** for good works, which ~~the~~ **god** previously_prepared, in_order_that we_may_ _walk in them.

11 Therefore be_remembering that once you_all the pagans in the_flesh, the ones being_called the_uncircumcision by the being_called circumcision in the_flesh handmade, **12** that you_ _all_were ~~the~~ at_time that without **chosen_one/messiah**, having_been_estranged from_the citizenship of_ ~~the~~ _ _Israa^{y}l/(Yisrāʼēl), and strangers to_the covenants of_the promise, not having hope, and godless in the world. **13** But right_now in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, you_all who once being far, were_become near by the blood of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**. **14** For/Because he is the peace of_us, the one having_made ~~which~~ both one, and the dividing_wall of_the fence having_broken, the enmity in the flesh of_him, **15** having_nullified the law of_the commands in decrees, in_ _order_that the two he_may_create in himself into one new man, making peace, **16** and he_may_reconcile ~~the~~ both in one body to_ ~~the~~ **_god** through the stake, having_killed_off the enmity by it, **17** and having_come, he_good_message_preached: peace to_you_all who were far, and peace to_the ones near, **18** because through him we_are_having ~~the~~ access, ~~which~~ both by one **spirit** to the father. **19** Therefore consequently no_longer

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21 giving him authority over every law and government, and over every powerful group and organisation, and over every earthly title, not only in the present age but also in the age to come. **22** Everything in existence will be under his authority[5] and God set him in charge of all matters concerning the assembly, **23** which is his body—the completeness of the messiah who completes everything.

God's mercy, grace, and plans for us

2:1 You all were dead due to your disobedience and the path of sinning[6] **2** that you once walked along when you followed the trends of this world which in turn come from the ruler of the invisible powers—he's the spirit that works in the children of disobedience. **3** In the past, we also lived like them inside our fleshly lusts and then living out those desires and fantasies, and so we were children deserving strong anger just like everyone else.

4 But **God** was generous with his mercy because of the great love that he loved us with, **5** so although we were dead as a result of our disobedience, he make us alive along with the **messiah**. Yes, we have been saved by God's grace. **6** And God lifted us up and sat us together with **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** in the heavenly domains **7** so that for the ages to come, he could display the overflowing riches of his grace through his kindness to us via **Yeshua the messiah**. **8** It's God's grace that allows you all to be saved through faith. That grace doesn't come from you, but rather it's a gift from **God**— **9** it doesn't originate from your actions so no one can brag about it. **10** We are **God's** workmanship and he's created us to do good things by following **Yeshua** the **messiah**. **God** has already planned these things for us to do.

Yehudim and non-Jews can be united

11 Because of that, don't forget that you all were once fleshly unbelievers (nicknamed 'the uncircumcised ones' by circumcised Yehudim (Jews) who mark the bodies of their males with human hands). **12** At that time you were separated from the citizens of Yisrael (Israel) and were strangers to the agreements involving God's promise. You didn't have any future hope as you lived in the world without knowing God.

13 But now thanks to **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, you all who were once far from God have become close by means of the **messiah's** blood. **14** He is the source of peace between Yehudim and non-Jews, having broken the dividing wall that fenced them apart and making the two into one. He took the hostility onto himself, **15** having declared the old commands to be now void so that Yehudim and non-Jews can now be peaceably united.[7] **16** By his death on the pole, any hostility is destroyed and both groups now become just one body in **God's** sight.[8] **17** When the messiah came, he announced the good mes-

5 **RV 1:22 · Cross-ref.** Psa 8:6.

6 **RV 2:1-5 · Cross-ref.** Col 2:13.

7 **RV 2:15 · Cross-ref.** Col 2:14.

8 **RV 2:16 · Cross-ref.** Col 1:20.

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sage: peace to you all who were far from God, and peace also to the ones who were near,[9] 18 so now both groups have access to the father by means of one **spirit** through the work of the messiah.

19 As a result, you all are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens of the believers and part **of God's** household 20 which has been founded on the teaching of the missionaries and prophets. The cornerstone of this building is **Yeshua** the **messiah**. 21 He joins the entire building together, growing us all into a dedicated temple for **Yahweh**. 22 You all are being built together by following him, becoming a place for **God's spirit** to live in.

Paulos's assignment to non-Jews

3:1 That's the reason that I, Paulos, am a prisoner due to my serving **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the **messiah** for you non-Jews. 2 Certainly you have heard that **God** assigned me the task of passing on **God's** grace to you. 3 He revealed his incredible plan as I wrote briefly previously 4 and which you are all able to read to understand my insight into the incredible plan about the **messiah**.[10] 5 This plan wasn't explained to humans in previous generations but now God's **spirit** has revealed it to his worthy missionaries and prophets. 6 Now non-Jews can have the same inheritance and become members of the same body and can share in the same promise that was the positive message of **Yeshua** the **messiah**.

7 I have become a servant of that message as a result of the gift of **God's** grace that was given to me by means of the working of his power. 8 Although I was the least of the ones dedicated to this message, I was given the grace to preach this positive message to the non-Jews, to tell them about the endless riches of the **messiah** 9 and to enlighten everyone about the assignment of **God's** incredible plan. **God**, the one who created everything, hid this plan away over the ages 10 so that the wide-ranging wisdom **of God** could be revealed now through the church to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. 11 God did this according to his plan for the ages which he established in our **master Yeshua** the **messiah**. 12 It's through our faith in Yeshua that we can have boldness and confident access to God. 13 Because of that, I'm asking you not to become discouraged over my current difficulties as I serve you all, in fact you are honoured by them.

Paulos prays for those in Efesos

14 That's why I'm kneeling to ask the father 15 (the one that every father in the heavens and on earth is named after) 16 that he would cause you to be strengthened inside your minds by the power of his **spirit** and from the riches of his greatness. 17 Through your faith, **the messiah** can live in your hearts so that love will become your root and foundation 18 so that just like the dedicated ones, you all will also be strong enough to understand the width and length and height and depth of 19 the **messiah's** love, and to know that having this love exceeds having knowledge so that

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you_all_are strangers and sojourners, but you_all_are fellow-citizens of_the holy ones and the_household of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**, 20 having_been_built_up on the foundation of_the ambassadors and prophets, **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** himself being the_cornerstone, 21 in whom the_whole the building being_joined_together, is_ _growing into a_ holy _temple in the_**master**, 22 in whom also you_all are_being_built_together, because/for a_dwelling_place of_ ~~the~~ **_god** in the_**spirit**.

3:1 for_ This _reason_of, I Paulos, the prisoner of_ ~~the~~ **_chosen_ _one/messiah Ya^{y}sous** for you_all ~~the~~ pagans, 2 if surely you_ _all_heard the management of_the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, ~~which~~ having_been_given to_me for you_all, 3 by revelation the mystery was_made_known to_me, as I_previously_wrote in few messages, 4 to which you_all_are_being_able reading it to_ _understand the insight of_me in the mystery of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, 5 which in_other generations not was_made_ _known to_the sons of_ ~~the~~ _men, as now was_revealed to_the holy ambassadors of_him and prophets in the_**spirit**, 6 the pagans to_be fellow-heirs, and a_fellow-body_members, and fellow-partakers, of_the promise in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, through the good_message, 7 of_which I_was_become a_servant according_to the gift of_the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ~~which~~ having_been_given to_me, according_to the working of_the power of_him. 8 To_me, the very_least of_all the_holy ones, ~~the~~ this grace was_given, to_the pagans to_good_message_preach the untraceable riches of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, 9 and to_ _enlighten all, what is the management of_the mystery, ~~which~~ having_been_hidden_away from the ages in ~~the~~ **god**, the one having_created all the things, 10 in_order_that may_be_made_ _known now to_the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly realms through the assembly, the manifold wisdom of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**, 11 according_to the_purpose of_the ages, which he_ _established in the **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, the **master** of_us, 12 in whom we_are_ _having ~~the~~ boldness and access in confidence by the faith in_ _him. 13 Therefore I_am_requesting you_all not to_be_losing_ _heart at the tribulations of_me for you_all, which is the_glory of_you_all.

14 for_ This _reason_of, I_am_bowing the knees of_me to the father, 15 of whom every family in the_heavens and on earth is_ _being_named, 16 in_order_that he_may_give to_you_all according_to the riches of_the glory of_him, with_power to_be_ _strengthened by the **spirit** of_him in the inside person, 17 to_ _dwell_in the **chosen_one/messiah** through ~~the~~ faith in the hearts of_you_all in love, having_been_rooted and having_ _been_established, 18 in_order_that you_all_may_have_strength to_grasp with all the holy ones, what is the breadth, and length, and height, and depth, 19 and to_know the love of_the **chosen_one/messiah** surpassing of_ ~~the~~ _knowledge, in_order_ _that you_all_may_be_filled to all the fullness of_ ~~the~~ **_god**.

9 **RV 2:17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 57:19.

10 **RV 3:4-6 · Cross-ref.** Col 1:26-27.

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20 And to_the one being_able above all things, to_do exceedingly that we_are_requesting or are_understanding, according_to the power ~~which~~ working in us, 21 to_him be the glory in the assembly and in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, to all the generations of_the age of_the ages. Truly.

4:1 Therefore I_am_exhorting you_all, I the prisoner in the_ _**master**, to_walk worthily of_the calling to_which you_all_ _were_called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, tolerating of_one_another in love, 3 being_earnest to_be_ _keeping the oneness of_the **spirit** in the bond of_ ~~the~~ _peace. 4 There_is_one body and one **spirit**, as also you_all_were_called in one hope of_the calling of_you_all, 5 one **master**, one faith, one immersion, 6 one **god** and father of_all, who is over all, and through all, and in all. 7 But to_each one of_us was_given ~~the~~ grace, according_to the measure of_the gift of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**. 8 Therefore he_is_saying: Having_gone_up to height, he_captured captivity, he_gave gifts to_ ~~the~~ _people. 9 And ~~which~~: he_went_up, what is it, except ~~not/lest~~ that also he_ _came_down into the lower parts of_the earth? 10 The one having_come_down is himself also the one having_gone_up above all the heavens, in_order_that he_may_fill all the things. 11 And on_one_hand he gave the ambassadors, on_the_other_ _hand the prophets, on_the_other_hand the good_message_ _preachers, on_the_other_hand the shepherds and teachers, 12 with the completing of_the holy ones for the_work of_ _service, because/for the_building of_the body of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, 13 until we_may_ ~~which~~ all _attain to the oneness of_the faith, and of_the knowledge of_the son of_ ~~the~~ _ _**god**, to a_ mature _man, to the_measure of_the_stature of_the fullness of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, 14 in_order_that no_ _longer we_may_be infants, being_tossed_by_waves and being_ _carried_about by_every wind of_ ~~the~~ _teaching in the trickery of_ ~~the~~ _people, in craftiness with the scheming of_ ~~the~~ _ _deception, 15 but being_truthful in love, we_may_grow into him in_ all _the things, who is the head **chosen_one/messiah**, 16 from whom all the body, being_joined_together and being_ _held_together by every joint of_its supply according_to the_ _working in the_measure of_one each part, the growth of_the body is_making to the_building of_itself in love.

17 Therefore I_am_saying this and I_am_testifying in the_ _**master**, you_all to_be_walking no_longer as also the pagans is_walking in the_uselessness of_the mind of_them. 18 Having_ _been_darkened in_their mind, being having_been_estranged from_the life of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, because_of the ignorance ~~which~~ being in them, because_of the hardening of_the heart of_them, 19 who having_languished, gave_ themselves _over to_ ~~the~~ _ _wantonness for the_working of_impurity all with greediness. 20 But you_all not learned thus the **chosen_one/messiah**, 21 if surely you_all_heard him and you_all_were_taught in him, as

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you all can be filled with **God's** completeness.

20–21 Now we offer praise to God in the church and for all the generations to come and to **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**—God who, through the power that works in us, is able to do far more than we can ask for or even understand. May it be so.

Many parts and gifts but one body

4:1 Because of that, I, a prisoner for **Yahweh**, am urging you all to walk worthily of the calling to which you were called 2 with all humility, gentleness, and patience, putting up with one another because of your love for them,[11] 3 being serious about keeping the unity of God's **spirit** in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one **spirit**, just as you all were called to one hope when you were called. 5 There's one **master**, one system of faith, one immersion, 6 one **God** and father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

7 Yet each one of us has been given a measure of grace as a gift from the **messiah**, 8 just as it was written,

"When he ascended to heaven,
he eliminated captivity
and gave gifts to people."[12]

9 Of course, he couldn't ascend if he hadn't first descended down to earth. 10 So the one who descended is the very one who also ascended above all the heavens so that he could fill all locations. 11 Then he gave some as missionaries, some as prophets, some as announcers of the good message, some as pastors and teachers 12 so as to complete the dedicated ones for the work of service—for building the body of the **messiah** 13 until we can reach the unity of our faith and of our knowledge about **God's** son—becoming mature people measured against the stature of the fullness of the **messiah**. 14 Then we'll no longer be like children in our faith, tossed around by waves and being blown by every wind of teaching used to trick us or by crafty people who scheme how to deceive us. 15 Instead, by lovingly speaking the truth, we will grow up into every aspect of him—the **messiah** who is the head 16 that integrates the entire body together and holds it together by every one of its joints. When each component does its work, the body grows and builds itself up with love.[13]

Proper behaviour for godly people

17 So I'll say this with **Yahweh's** direction: you all are no longer to walk like unbelieving pagans who trust in their own futile thinking. 18 Their minds have been darkened because their ignorance has drawn them away from the life **of God** due to the hardening of their hearts. 19 They stopped caring about what's right and wrong, and then greedily indulged themselves in their own impure lusts.

20 But you all didn't learn that about the **messiah**. 21 If you had

11 **RV 4:2 · Cross-ref.** Col 3:12-13.

12 **RV 4:8 · Cross-ref.** Psa 68:18.

13 **RV 4:16 · Cross-ref.** Col 2:19.

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heard him and listened to his teaching, you would have heard the truth from **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus): 22 that you reject the former conduct of the old corrupted you, those seductive desires,[14] 23 and allow the spirit driving your thoughts to be renewed 24 and so to remodel yourself[15] as a godly person[16] created to obey **God** and follow the pure truth.

25 So steer clear of lies—always speak the truth to those around you[17] because we are members of each other. 26 Even when you're angry, don't sin,[18] and don't carry your anger through to the next day— 27 don't let the devil get his foot in. 28 If you've been stealing, then stop it. Instead you should be a hard worker, doing good things with your hands, so that you'll earn enough to be able to help those who are in need. 29 Don't let any bad talk come out of your mouths, but rather words that are helpful to encourage others and to show grace to them. 30 And don't sadden **God's** holy **spirit**, because he is the one who recorded your names for the day when the price will be paid to buy you all back. 31 So get rid of all bitterness, and rage and severe anger, uproars and slander, and any kind of malice. 32 Instead, be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving each other just like **God** forgave you all through the work of **the messiah**.[19]

5:1 So imitate **God** like valued children **Living in God's light**
would imitate their father 2 and immerse yourselves in love just as the **messiah** loves you all and allowed himself to suffer for us as an offering and sacrifice which is like a pleasant fragrance to **God**.[20]

3 It's fitting for dedicated believers to not even entertain thoughts of sexual immorality or impurity or greed. 4 Nor is dirty or foolish talk or crude joking fitting, but rather thankfulness. 5 You should realise that **anyone** who is sexually immoral or impure or is a covetous or idolatrous person won't have an inheritance in the kingdom of the **messiah** and **of God**.

6 Don't let anyone seduce you with empty talk, because this is exactly what will induce **God's** strong anger on those who are disobedient. 7 So don't get caught up with them 8 because you yourselves were once in the darkness but now that you are in **Yahweh's** light, you should behave like children of light. 9 The results of this light should be goodness and doing what is right and being honest 10 as you aim to please **Yahweh**. 11 Don't join in with the works of darkness which don't lead to positive results, but instead you all should expose them 12 because the things that unbelievers do in secret are disgraceful to even talk about. 13 But everything will eventually have the light shone on

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the_truth is in ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, 22 you_all to_put_ _away according_to your earlier conduct the old person, which being_corrupted according_to the desires of_ ~~the~~ _seduction, 23 and to_be_being_renewed in_the spirit of_the mind of_you_ _all, 24 and to_dress_in the new person ~~which~~ according_to **god**, having_been_created in righteousness and devoutness of_ ~~the~~ _ _truth. 25 Therefore having_put_away ~~the~~ falsehood: each be_ _speaking the_truth with the one near him, because we_are members of_one_another. 26 Be_being_angered, and_yet not be_sinning, the sun not let_be_set_down on the_anger of_you_ _all, 27 not be_giving place to_the devil. 28 The one stealing no_ _longer let_be_stealing, but rather let_him_be_labouring, working ~~the~~ good with_his hands, in_order_that he_may_be_ _having to_be_sharing to_the one having need. 29 Not let_be_ _going_out any bad message out_of the mouth of_you_all, but if any good for building of_the need, in_order_that it_may_give grace to_the ones hearing. 30 And not be_sorrowing the ~~the~~ holy **spirit** of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, by whom you_all_were_sealed for the_ _day of_redemption. 31 All bitterness, and rage, and severe_ _anger, and clamour, and slander, let_be_taken_away from you_ _all with all malice. 32 Be_becoming good to one_another, tender-hearted, because/forgiving to_yourselves, as also ~~the~~ **god** in **chosen_one/messiah** forgave to_you_all.

5:1 Therefore be_becoming imitators of_ ~~the~~ **_god** as beloved children, 2 and be_walking in love, as also the **chosen_ _one/messiah** loved you_all, and gave_ himself _over for us, an_offering and a_sacrifice to_ ~~the~~ **_god** into an_aroma of_a_ _sweet_fragrance. 3 But sexual_immorality, and all impurity, or greediness, not it _let_be_being_named among you_all, as is_ _befitting to_holy ones, 4 and filthiness, and foolish_talk, or crude_joking, which not was_fitting, but rather thanksgiving. 5 For/Because this be_having›_known knowing that any sexually_immoral, or unclean, or coveter, who is an_idolater, is_ not _having inheritance in the kingdom of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah** and of_**god**. 6 ‹Let›_ no_one _be_seducing you_ _all with_empty messages, because/for because_of these things the severe_anger of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is_coming on the sons of_ ~~the~~ _ _disbelief. 7 Therefore be_ not _becoming fellow-partakers with_them, 8 for/because once you_all_were darkness, but now light in the_**master**, be_walking as children of_light 9 (for the the_fruit of_the light is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth), 10 approving what is well_pleasing to_the **master**. 11 And not be_participating with_the ~~the~~ unfruitful works of_ ~~the~~ _darkness, but rather even be_rebuking them, 12 for the things secretly becoming by them, it_is shameful even to_be_ _speaking. 13 But all the things being_rebuked by the light is_ _being_revealed, because/for everything ~~which~~ being_revealed is light. 14 Therefore he_is_saying: Be_raising, you sleeping, and

14 **RV 4:22 · Cross-ref.** Col 3:9.
15 **RV 4:24 · Cross-ref.** Col 3:10.
16 **RV 4:24 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:26.
17 **RV 4:25 · Cross-ref.** Zech 8:16.
18 **RV 4:26 · Cross-ref.** Psa 4:4 (LXX).
19 **RV 4:32 · Cross-ref.** Col 3:13.
20 **RV 5:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 29:18; Psa 40:6.

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rise_up from the dead, and the **chosen_one/messiah** will_be_
_shining_upon upon_you. **15** Therefore be_watching_out
exactly how you_all_are_walking, not as unwise, but as wise,
16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Because_of
this, not be_becoming foolish, but be_understanding what the
will of_the **master** is. **18** And not be_being_drunk with_wine, in
which is intemperance, but be_being_filled with the_**spirit**,
19 speaking to_themselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual
songs, singing and singing_praises in_the heart of_you_all to_
_the **master**, **20** giving_thanks always for all things in the_
_name of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_**
one/messiah, to ~~the~~ **_god** even the_father, **21** being_subjected
to_one_another in reverence of_**chosen_one/messiah**.

22 ~~The~~ wives be to_their own husbands as to_the **master**,
23 because the_husband is head of_the wife, as also the
chosen_one/messiah is the_head of_the assembly, he the_
_saviour of_the body. **24** But as the assembly is_being_subjected
to_the **chosen_one/messiah**, thus also the wives to_their
husbands in everything. **25** ~~The~~ Men be_loving your wives, as
also the **chosen_one/messiah** loved the assembly, and gave_
himself _over for her, **26** in_order_that he_may_sanctify her,
having_cleansed her by_the washing of_ ~~the~~ _water by the_
_message, **27** in_order_that he_may_present the assembly he
to_himself glorious, not having stain or wrinkle, or anything
of_the such, but in_order_that it_may_be holy and blameless.
28 Thus ~~the~~ husbands are_ought also to_be_loving the wives of_
_themselves, as the bodies of_themselves. The one loving the
wife of_himself, is_loving himself. **29** For/Because no_one once
hated the flesh of_himself, but is_nurturing and is_cherishing
it, as the **chosen_one/messiah** also does for_the assembly,
30 because we_are members of_the body of_him.
31 For/Because this a_man will_be_leaving his father and ~~the~~
mother, and will_be_being_joined to_the wife of_him, and the
two will_be into one flesh **32** This ~~the~~ mystery is great, but I am_
_speaking for **chosen_one/messiah** and for the assembly.
33 However you_all also, ~~which~~ each one_by one, let_him_be_
_loving the wife of_himself thus as himself, and the wife, in_
_order_that she_may_be_revering the husband.

6:1 ~~The~~ Children, be_submitting to_the parents of_you_all in
the_**master**, because/for this is right. **2** Be_honouring the
father of_you and the mother (which is the_first command
with a_promise), **3** in_order_that it_may_become well with_you,
and you_will_be a_long_time on the earth. **4** And ~~the~~ fathers,
not be_angering the children of_you_all, but be_nurturing

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it and all these things will then be exposed. **14** That's why it says:
You who are asleep get up,
You who are dead come back to life,
The **messiah** will shine his light on you.
15 Because of that, take great care in exactly how you're living.
Don't live like fools, but like wise people, **16** making good use of
your time,[21] because there's lot of evil these days. **17** So don't be
foolish, but rather strive to discover what **Yahweh** wants for
you.
18 And don't get drunk on alcohol because that's excessive. In-
stead, be filled with God's **spirit**, **19** sharing scriptures with each
other and singing hymns and songs to praise **Yahweh**,[22] **20** al-
ways expressing thanks for everything **to** our father **God** in the
authority and name of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)**
the messiah. **21** And show your honour **of the messiah** by plac-
ing yourselves under each other's authority.

Married couples

22 Wives should place themselves under
their own husbands,[23] just like they're under the **master**, **23** be-
cause the husband is the leader of the wife just like the **messiah**
is the head and saviour of his body, the church. **24** Wives should
place themselves under their husbands in everything just like
the church should place itself under **the messiah**.
25 You husbands must love your wives,[24] just like the **messiah**
loved the church and gave himself completely for it, **26** so that
he could separate the church from the world and wash it clean
with the water of the good message **27** in order to present the
splendid church to himself—without any stains or wrinkles or
anything like that—just pure and unblemished. **28** So husbands
should love their wives just like their own bodies—anyone who
loves his wife is loving himself. **29** No one hates their own body,
but they feed and look after it, just like the **messiah** does for the
church **30** and we are parts of his body. **31** That's the reason why
a man leaves his father and mother and becomes joined with his
wife and the two of them become one unit.[25] **32** This is an amaz-
ing mystery but I'm talking about **the messiah** and the church.
33 But it applies to you all: each one of you should love your wife
like yourself and the wife should respect her husband.

Parents and children

6:1 It's right for children following **Yah-**
weh to obey your parents.[26] **2** Honour your father and mother
(that's the first command that's followed by a promise) **3** so that
things will go well for you and you'll have a long life on the
earth.[27]

21 **RV 5:16 · Cross-ref.** Col 4:5.
22 **RV 5:19-20 · Cross-ref.** Col 3:16-17.
23 **RV 5:22 · Cross-ref.** Col 3:18; 1Pe 3:1.
24 **RV 5:25 · Cross-ref.** Col 3:19; 1Pe 3:7.
25 **RV 5:31 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:24.
26 **RV 6:1 · Cross-ref.** Col 3:20.
27 **RV 6:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.

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4 Fathers, don't provoke your children to anger,[28] but bring them up caringly and teach them disciplines and instructions from **Yahweh**.

Slaves and masters

5 Slaves, submit to your human masters with respect and fear, being sincere in your hearts as if serving the **messiah**.[29] 6 Don't just please them when they're watching, but work as slaves **of the messiah**, genuinely wanting to obey **God** 7 by serving with good will. When you serve as if serving the **master** and not people, 8 whether you're a slave or free, it's him who will reward you.

9 **Masters**, do the same towards your slaves.[30] You know that both the slaves and you have the same **master** in the heavens, so don't threaten them because our master has no favourites.[31]

Wear God's armour

10 Concluding then, be enabled by **Yahweh** and from the power which comes from his strength. 11 Wear **God's** complete armour because it will enable you to stand up against the devil's schemes. 12 Our struggle isn't against people, but against rulers, authorities, the powers of this world's darkness, and the spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places. 13 Because of that, make use of every piece of **God's** armour so that you'll be able to resist those powers in the evil day and having done everything, to remain standing.

14 So then, stand with the belt of truth around your waist,[32] wearing the breastplate of righteousness,[33] 15 and ready your feet with the good message of peace.[34] 16 Whatever arises, hold up the shield of faith which you all will be able to use to extinguish all the fiery arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation[35] and the sword of **God's spirit** which is the message from **God**.

Praying for fellow believers

18 Make your requests as you pray in **the spirit** at every occasion and similarly staying alert and persevering as you make requests on behalf of all the dedicated believers 19 and also ask on my behalf for God to give me words to say as I open my mouth to boldly teach the good message about God's incredible plan 20 that's led me as a missionary to now be in prison. Ask that I would speak boldly as I should.

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21 Now Tukikos,[36] a dear brother and faithful servant of **Yahweh**, will let you know about me and how I'm doing. 22 I've sent him to you for that reason—so that you all will know about us here and that he would comfort your hearts.

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them in the_discipline and admonition of_the_**master**.

5 ~~The~~ Slaves be_submitting to_your masters according_to flesh with respect and trembling, in sincerity of_the heart of_you_all as to_the **chosen_one/messiah**, 6 not with eyeservice as men_ _pleasing, but as slaves of_**chosen_one/messiah**, doing the will of_ ~~the~~ _**god** from the_heart, 7 with good_will serving as to_the **master**, and not to_people, 8 having_known that each ~~if~~ may_ _do good, this he_will_be_receiving_back from the_**master**, whether slave or free. 9 And ~~the~~ masters, be_doing the same things toward them, giving_up the threat, having_known that the **Master** both of_them and of_you_all is in the_heavens, and favouritism is not with him.

10 Of_the rest, be_being_enabled in the_**master** and in the power of_the strength of_him. 11 Dress_in the whole_armor of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, because/for that you_all to_be_able to_stand against the schemings of_the devil. 12 Because is not to_us the wrestling against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world_rulers of_ ~~the~~ this _ _darkness, against the spiritual of_ ~~the~~ _wickedness in the heavenly realms. 13 Because_of this, take_up the whole_armor of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, in_order_that you_all_may_be_able to_resist in the ~~the~~ evil day, and having_produced all things, to_stand.
14 Therefore stand: having_girded_about the waist of_you_all with truth, and having_dressed_in the breastplate of_ ~~the~~ _ _righteousness, 15 and having_shod your feet with the_ _readiness of_the good_message of_ ~~the~~ _peace. 16 In all things having_taken_up the shield of_ ~~the~~ _faith, with which you_all_ _will_be_able to_extinguish all the having_been_burned arrows of_the evil one. 17 And receive the helmet of_ ~~the~~ _salvation, and the sword of_the **spirit**, which is the_message of_**god**,

18 by all prayer and petition, praying in every season in the_ _**spirit**, and to the_same thing, watching with all perseverance and petition for all the holy ones, 19 and for me, in_order_that speech may_be_given to_me in the_opening of_the mouth of_ _me, with boldness to_make_known the mystery of_the good_ _message, 20 for which I_am_being_an_ambassador in a_chain, in_order_that in it I_may_speak_boldly, as it_is_fitting me to_ _speak.

21 But in_order_that you_all may_have_known also the things concerning me, what I_am_doing, Tukikos the beloved brother and faithful servant will_be_making_known all things to_you_ _all, in the_**master**, 22 whom I_sent to you_all for same thing this, in_order_that you_all_may_know the things concerning

28 RV 6:4 · Cross-ref. Col 3:21.
29 RV 6:5-8 · Cross-ref. Col 3:22-25.
30 RV 6:9 · Cross-ref. Col 4:1.
31 RV 6:9 · Cross-ref. Deu 10:17; Col 3:25.
32 RV 6:14 · Cross-ref. Isa 11:5.
33 RV 6:14 · Cross-ref. Isa 59:17.
34 RV 6:15 · Cross-ref. Isa 52:7.
35 RV 6:17 · Cross-ref. Isa 59:17.
36 RV 6:21 · Cross-ref. Acts 20:4; 2Tim 4:12.

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us, and he_may_comfort the hearts of_you_all.

23 Peace be to_the brothers and love with faith from **god** the_ _father and the_**master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_ _one/messiah**. **24** ~~The~~ Grace be with all the ones loving the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, in indestructibility.

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23 Peace, love, and faith to the brothers and sisters from **God** the father and from **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**. **24** Grace to all who love our **master Yeshua the messiah**, with a love that won't decay.

Blessings

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Paulos's letter to the believers in
Filippou

Introduction

Paulos wrote this letter to the believers in Filippou, a province of Makedonia (Acts 16:6-40). That group of believers was the first group planted by Paulos in the Romaios empire in Europe, and this letter was written while he was imprisoned in Romai for his preaching of the good message about Yeshua Messiah.
The main reason for Paulos's writing this letter was because he wanted to thank the believers there in Filippou for the gift that they had sent to help him in prison. His second reason for writing was so that he could encourage them and strengthen their faith despite difficulties that they would face, as well as his own difficulties. Paulos advised them that they need to humble themselves like Yeshua had humbled himself when he was here on the earth. He reminds them again about the goodness and mercy of God, and how their faith in Messiah saves them. It's no longer necessary for them to be constrained by the Law of Mosheh and human beliefs. Then he wrote about the peace and happiness that God gives to those united in Messiah.
Note that Paulos (or his scribe) regularly refer to the 'messiah' (Greek 'Χριστὸς') in this letter without a preceding article, i.e., no preceding 'the', thus he uses the word (which originally meant 'chosen or anointed one') as another name for Yeshua (rather than as a title—for example, compare 'Governor' with 'the governor'), hence we capitalise it here as 'Messiah'.

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1:1 Paulos and Timotheos, slaves of_**chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, to_all the holy ones in **chosen_ _one/messiah Ya^{y}sous** ~~which~~ being in Filippou, with the_ _overseers and servants: **2** grace to_you_all and peace from **god** the_father of_us and the_**master Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**.

3 I_am_giving_thanks to_the **god** of_me on every ~~the~~ mentioning of_you_all, **4** always in every petition of_me for all of_you, with joy the petition making, **5** for the fellowship of_ _you_all in the good_message, from the first day until the time now, **6** having_persuaded same thing this, that the one having_ _begun in you_all a_work good, will_be_accomplishing it until the_day of_**chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, **7** as it_is right for_ _me this to_be_thinking about all of_you, because_of that to_ _be_having me in my heart you_all, in both the bonds of_me, and in the defense and confirmation of_the good_message, fellow-partakers with_me of_the grace all you_all being. **8** For/Because witness of_me ~~the~~ **god** is, how I_am_longing_for all you_all in the_compassions of_**chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. **9** And this I_am_praying, that the love of_you_all still more and more may_be_being_plentiful in knowledge and all insight, **10** in_order that to_be_approving you_all the things carrying_value, in_order_that you_all_may_ _be sincere and inoffensive to the_day of_**chosen_ _one/messiah**, **11** having_been_filled with_the_fruit of_ _righteousness ~~which~~ through **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, to the_glory and praise of_**god**.

12 And to_be_knowing you_all, I_am_wishing, brothers, that the things concerning me, more to the_progress of_the good_ _message has_come, **13** so_as the bonds of_me manifest in **chosen_one/messiah** to_become, in all the residence_of_the_ _governor and to_the rest all, **14** and ~~the~~ more of_the brothers in the_**master** having_trusted by_the bonds of_me, more_ _abundantly to_be_daring fearlessly the message of_ ~~the~~ _**god** to_be_speaking. **15** Some on_one_hand even because_of envy and strife, on_the_other_hand some also because_of goodwill the **chosen_one/messiah** are_proclaiming. **16** The ones on_ _the_other_hand out_of selfish_ambition the **chosen_ _one/messiah** are_proclaiming, not purely supposing tribulation to_be_raising to_the bonds of_me. **17** The ones indeed from love having_known that for defense of_the good_ _message I_am_appointing, **18** for what? Except that in_every manner, whether in_under_pretense or in_truth, **chosen_ _one/messiah** is_being_proclaimed, and in this I_am_rejoicing, but also I_will_be_being_elated. **19** I_have_known for that this for_me will_be_turning_out to salvation through the of_you_all petition, and of_the_supply of_the **spirit** of_ _**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, **20** according_to the eager_expectation and hope of_me, that in nothing I_will_ _be_being_ashamed, but in all boldness, as always also now, will_be_being_magnified **chosen_one/messiah** in the body of_ _me, whether by life or by death. **21** For/Because to_me ~~which~~ to_be_living is **chosen_one/messiah**, and ~~which~~ to_die_off is gain. **22** But if ~~which~~ to_be_living in the_flesh, this for_me is the_

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos and Timotheos, slaves **of Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). To all the believers in **Messiah Yeshua** in Filippou (Philippi),[1] along with your overseers and servants.

2 May our father **God** and our **master Yeshua Messiah** grant grace to you all and fill you with peace.

Paulos's thanking and praying

3 I thank my **God** every time that I hear you mentioned **4** and every time that I pray for you all, I'm always glad when I make my requests **5** because the good message united us in fellowship from the first day until now. **6** I'm sure of this: that the **one** who started a good work in you all will ensure that it's continued through to the day **of** the return of **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). **7** It's right for me to be thinking this about you because I have you all in my heart. You received grace along with me so whether I'm in chains or defending and confirming the good message, we are fellow recipients. **8** **God is** my witness that I long for you with all the compassions **of Messiah Yeshua**.

9 And this is what I'm praying: that your love would grow more and more with knowledge and all insight **10** so that you all will approve what's of value and so remain sincere and blameless until **Messiah** returns, **11** having been filled with the fruit of righteousness through **Yeshua Messiah**, honouring and praising **God**.

Paulos's happiness that Messiah is proclaimed

12 Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that the good message has progressed more because of what's happened to me, **13** in that my being in chains because of **Messiah**, has become known in the governor's residence and to all the rest.[2] **14** Now, because of my imprisonment, more of the brothers and sisters in **Yahweh** have become much more daring to fearlessly tell others **God's** message.

15 Some do proclaim **Messiah** because of envy and strife, but others do it from their good will. **16** The ones proclaiming **Messiah** out of selfish ambition don't do it sincerely, but expect that it will add to my troubles while I'm here in chains. **17** The ones who do it out of love, know that I was appointed to defend the good message.

18 What then? I will be happy, excited even, as long as **Messiah** is being proclaimed in any manner, whether their reason for doing it is suspect or in truth. **19** I know that this will turn out to be my SALVATION/DELIVERANCE due to your prayers and from the resources of the **spirit of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**, **20** as my eager expectation and hope is that I won't be ashamed of anything, but that **Messiah** will be magnified by my life, always in boldness and even now whether I go on to live or to die, **21** because to me, to live is to serve **Messiah**, and to die is to also gain. **22** If I continue to live in this body, I can continue in pro-

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 16:12.

2 **RV 1:13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 28:30.

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ductive work, but I don't really know which is my preference.
23 I feel squeezed between the two: the desire to depart from
here and be with **Messiah** which would be much better, 24 or to
remain on in this body, which is maybe more necessary because
of all of you. 25 Yes, I'm convinced: I know that I should remain
in this world and continue with you all to assist in the progress
of your faith and the happiness that comes from that, 26 so that
when I come to visit you again, I'll hear your pride in how you
are all growing in **Messiah Yeshua**.

27 Live as citizen who are worthy of the good message of **Mes-
siah**, so that whether I'm able to come and see you all, or even if
I'm absent, I'll be able to hear everything about you all: that
you're standing firm in one spirit, with one heart contending to-
gether for the faith of the good message 28 and not being fright-
ened about anything because of those in opposition. That will be
a sign to them that they will face destruction but you all will re-
ceive salvation from **God**, 29 because it's been granted to you on
Messiah's behalf for you to believe in him, yet also to suffer be-
cause of him— 30 the same struggle that you all saw in me, and
now hear it from me.[3]

Messiah's humility

2:1 So if you all feel that **Messiah** is en-
couraging you on and if his love brings comfort and **the spirit**
brings fellowship, if anyone feels compassion, 2 then complete
my happiness by being in agreement in your thinking and being
united in the same love.[4] 3 Don't do anything from selfish ambi-
tion or in vain conceit, but show humility and consider others to
be more important than yourselves, 4 not just looking out for
your own advantage, but for what others need. 5 This **is** how you
all who are also in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) should **be**
thinking: 6 Yeshua, though he was in the form **of God**, didn't
take advantage of being considered equal **with God**, 7 but emp-
tied himself and becoming like a human, took on the form of a
slave. Then in that human form, 8 he humbled himself and be-
came obedient all the way to death, even death on the stake.
9 That's why **God** highly praised him and gave him authority
over every other authority, 10 so that every being in heaven and
earthly and underwater realms will bow when **Yeshua** is an-
nounced[5] 11 and will honour **God** the father by testifying that
Yeshua Messiah is **Yahweh**.

Shining like lights in the world

12 So then, my dear friends, work to-
wards your salvation with fear and trem-
bling—you always did this in my presence, so now do it much
more in my absence— 13 because **God** is the one who works in
you all to both desire and to be living out his good pleasure.

14 Do everything without grumbling and arguing 15 so that
you'll all be blameless and innocent—blameless children **of God**

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_fruit of_work. And what I_will_be_choosing not I_am_making_
_known. 23 I_am_being_pressed and by the two, the desire
having in_order that to_depart and with **chosen_one/messiah**
to_be, because/for by_much more better, 24 but ~~which~~ to_be_
_remaining_on in the flesh, more_necessary because_of you_all.
25 And this having_persuaded, I_have_known that I_will_be_
_remaining and I_will_be_continuing_with with_all you_all for
the of_you_all progress and joy of_the faith, 26 in_order_that
the boast of_you_all may_be_being_plentiful in **chosen_
_one/messiah Yaʸsous** in me, through ~~the~~ my coming back to
you_all. 27 Only worthily of_the good_message of_the **chosen_
_one/messiah** be_living_as_citizen, in_order_that whether
having_come and having_seen you_all, or being_absent, I_may_
_be_hearing the things concerning you_all, that you_all_are_
_standing_firm in one with_one, spirit heart contending_
_together for_the faith of_the good_message, 28 and not being_
_frightened in nothing by the ones opposing, which is to_them
a_sign of_destruction, but to_you_all of_salvation, and this
from **god**, 29 because to_you_all it_was_granted ~~which~~
concerning **chosen_one/messiah**, not only ~~which~~ on him to_
_be_believing, but also ~~which~~ concerning him to_be_suffering,
30 the same struggle having, such_as you_all_saw in me, and
now are_hearing in me.

2:1 If therefore any exhortation in **chosen_one/messiah**, if any
consolation of_love, if any fellowship of_the_**spirit**, if anyone
has compassions and compassions, 2 fulfill of_me the joy, in_
_order_that the same thing you_all_may_be_thinking, the same
love having, united_in_soul, the one thing thinking. 3 Nothing
do according_to selfish_ambition nor according_to vain_
_conceit, but ~~the~~ in_humility one_another considering being_
_above of_themselves, 4 not the things of_themselves each
looking_out, but also the things of_others each. 5 This be_
_thinking in you_all, which also in **chosen_one/messiah
Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** is, 6 who in the_form of_**god** being, not
advantage considered ~~which~~ to_be equal with_**god**, 7 but himself
emptied, the_form of_a_slave having_taken, in the_likeness of_
_humans having_become. And in_form having_been_found as
a_human, 8 he_humbled himself, having_become obedient unto
death, and the_death of_the_stake. 9 Therefore also ~~the~~ **god** him
highly_exalted, and granted to_him the name ~~which~~ above every
name, 10 in_order_that at the name of_**Yaʸsous**, every knee
may_bow of_heavenly and earthly and subterranean realms,
11 and every tongue may_confess that the_**master** is **Yaʸsous** is
chosen_one/messiah, to the_glory of_**god** the_father.

12 So_then, beloved of_me, as always you_all_submitted, not as
in the presence of_me only, but now by_much more in the
absence of_me, with fear and trembling the of_yourselves
salvation be_producing. 13 For/Because **god** is the one working
in you_all, both ~~which~~ to_be_willing, and ~~which~~ to_be_working,
because/for his good_pleasure. 14 All things be_doing without
grumblings and speculations, 15 in_order_that you_all_may_
become blameless and innocent, children of**god** blameless

3 **RV 1:30 · Cross-ref.** Acts 16:19-40.

4 **RV 2:2 · Note** Here Paul repeats about being united in thought, but the repetition seems to only clutter his argument.

5 **RV 2:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Isa 45:23 (LXX).

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in_the_midst of_a_generation crooked and having_been_
_perverted, among whom you_all_are_shining as lights in the_
_world, **16** the_message of_life holding_up to a_boast to_me in
the_day of_**chosen_one/messiah**, because not in vain I_ran,
nor in vain I_laboured, **17** but if even I_am_being_poured_out
on the sacrifice and ministry of_the faith of_you_all, I_am_
_rejoicing and I_am_rejoicing_with with_all you_all. **18** And the
same also you_all be_rejoicing and be_rejoicing_with with_me.

19 But I_am_hoping in the_**master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**,
Timotheos quickly to_send to_you_all, in_order_that also_I
may_be_encouraging, having_known the things concerning
you_all. **20** For/Because no_one I_am_having kindred-spirit,
who genuinely the things concerning you_all will_be_caring_
_for. **21** The ones for all the things of_themselves are_seeking,
not the things of_**Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**. **22** But the
provenness of_him you_all_are_knowing, that as unto_a_father
a_child serves, with me he_served in the good_message. **23** This
one therefore on_one_hand I_am_hoping to_send, when
~~wishfully~~ I_may_look_out the things concerning me immediately,
24 on_the_other_hand I_have_persuaded in the_**master** that
also myself quickly I_will_be_coming. **25** But necessary I_
_considered, Epafroditos, the brother and fellow-worker and
fellow-soldier of_me, and of_you_all ambassador and minister
of_the need of_me, to_send to you_all, **26** since longing_for he_
_was for_all for_you_all, and distressing because you_all_heard
that he_ailed. **27** For/Because also he_ailed nearly to_death, but
~~the~~ **god** showed_mercy_to him, not and him only, but also me,
in_order_that not sorrow on sorrow I_may_have. **28** Therefore
more_earnestly I_sent him, in_order_that having_seen him
again, you_all_may_be_elated and_I less_anxious may_be.
29 Therefore be_accepting him in the_**master** with all joy, and
~~the~~ such honoured ones be_having, **30** because because_of the
work of_**chosen_one/messiah** unto death he_neared, having_
_risked with_his life, in_order_that he_may_fulfill_up the of_
_you_all lacking, of_the toward me ministry.

3:1 For/Because_the rest, brothers of_me, be_rejoicing in the_
_**master**. The same things to_be_writing to_you_all, to_me is
on_one_hand not reluctant, on_the_other_hand for_you_all is
secure. **2** Be_watching_out for_the dogs, be_watching_out for_
_the evil workers, be_watching_out for_the mutilation.
3 For/Because we are the circumcision, the ones in_the_**spirit**
of_**god** worshiping and boasting in **chosen_one/messiah
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, and not in the_flesh having_trusted,
4 although I having confidence even in the_flesh. If any is_
_supposing other to_have_trusted in the_flesh, I more: **5** in_
_circumcision the_eight_day of the_descent of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrāʼēl)
of_the_tribe of_Beniamin/(Binyāmīn), a_Hebraios of Hebraios,
according_to the_law a_Farisaios_party_member, **6** according_
_to zeal persecuting the assembly, according_to righteousness
which is by the_law having_become blameless. **7** But which

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among a generation that's crooked and perverted.[6] Then you'll
shine like lights in the world, **16** as you live out the message of
life, and then I'll be able to boast when **Messiah** returns because
I didn't waste my time or work for nothing, **17** but even if I'm to
lose my life by being poured out like wine on your sacrifice and
on the ministry of your faith, I'll be happy and celebrate along
with all of you. **18** You all should also be happy and celebrating
along with me.

Timotheos and Epafroditos

19 I'm hoping in the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) to be able to send Timotheos to you all soon, so that I can be encouraged when I learn
what you're all up to, **20** because I have no one else so similar to
me in spirit who will be genuinely caring for how you're all doing. **21** (There's plenty who search out what they themselves
need instead of the things **of Yeshua Messiah**. **22** But you all
know that Timotheos has proven himself and has served with
me in the good message like a son serving his father.) **23** So I'll
send him as soon as I can sort out what's happening to me,
24 but I'm confident in the **master** that I myself will also be coming soon.

25 Meanwhile I thought it was necessary to send Epafroditos to
you all. He's my brother and fellow-worker and fellow-soldier,
and your ambassador and minister to my needs. **26** He's been
longing to see you all again and was upset that you heard that
he'd been sick **27** because he nearly died from it, but **God** showed
mercy to him, and not only to him but also to me that I wouldn't
have yet another hardship to go through. **28** So I sent him willingly so that when you all see him again, you'll all be very happy
and I'll be less anxious here. **29** So accept him in the **master** with
gratefulness and treat him with honour, **30** because he nearly
died after risking his life doing the work **of Messiah**, but he was
able to minister to me in a way that all of you there couldn't.

Truly knowing Messiah

3:1 So continuing, dear brothers and sisters, be happy in the **master**. I'm not
against writing the same things to you all again because it will
keep you safe. **2** Watch out for those dogs, those evil workers,
those who say you must be circumcised,[7] **3** because we are the
'circumcised' ones—those **of** us with **God's spirit** and who worship and boast in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). We don't
trust in the physical dimension, **4** although I do have confidence
even in the physical. If anyone thinks they are more qualified in
terms of physical attributes, I am more so: **5** I was circumcised as
a baby on the eighth day, I'm a descendent of Yisrael (Israel)
from the tribe of Benyamin,[8] I'm more 'Hebrew' than most Ivrim
(Hebrews), obeyed the law as member of the Farisaios party,[9]

6 **RV 2:15 · Cross-ref.** Deu 32:5.

7 **RV 3:2 · Note** Although it's possible that Paul had three different groups of people in mind here, it's much more likely that he used three different names to describe the one group of people.

8 **RV 3:5 · Cross-ref.** Rom 11:1.

9 **RV 3:5 · Cross-ref.** Acts 23:6; 26:5.

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6 zealously persecuted assembled believers,[10] and without fault
in terms of obeying the law. 7 However, all of those things which
were considered advantages, now because of **Messiah** I consider
them disadvantages. 8 In fact, I consider everything to be a loss
to me because knowing **Messiah Yeshua**, my **master**, is supe-
rior. It's because of him that I discard everything else, consider-
ing it all to be rubbish so that I can gain Messiah 9 and will be
found in him. I don't gain my own righteousness by means of
the law, but the righteousness that comes through faith **in Mes-
siah**—**God's** righteousness which depends on faith. 10 I want to
know him and the power that brought him back to life, and to
join with him in his sufferings, even to be conformed to his
death, 11 if somehow I can also be given life after death.

Striving for the prize

12 I haven't already received that, or al-
ready reached perfection, but I'm running hard to try to grab it,
in the same way that I was grabbed by **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus;
Grk. Yesus). 13 Brothers and sisters, I'm not under the illusion
that I've already grabbed it, but I do do this one thing: forgetting
what's behind me, and taking long strides towards what's ahead
of me, 14 I'm running hard toward the prize of being called up to
heaven by **God** through **Messiah Yeshua**.
15 Those of us who are mature should think that way, and if
you don't yet, then **God** will reveal everything to you, 16 how-
ever, whatever we've already attained, that should be held onto.
17 Brothers and sisters, become imitators of me,[11] as well as
watching others that have walked a similar path and can be ex-
amples for all of you. 18 As I've often told you before and now
say it again with tears, there are many who are against the stake
of the **messiah** 19 and their end is destruction. Their **god is** their
belly, and they take pride in their shame—they're only thinking
about earthly things. 20 For us, our citizenship is in heaven and
we're waiting for our saviour to return from there—**the master
Yeshua Messiah**— 21 who will take these embarrassing bodies of
ours and make them similar to his resurrected body—he's capa-
ble of doing that and to put everything under his control.

Paulos's final teaching

4:1 So then, my dear brothers and sisters,
my delight and my crown, I miss you all,
so guard your faith in **the master**, dear ones. 2 Euodia and Sun-
tuke, you both need to be thinking the same way in the **master**,
3 and yes, I'm asking you, my true companion, to help those two
women who worked hard with me to share the good message,
along with Klemes and the others who also worked with me and
whose names are written in the book of life.
4 Always be happy in the **master**. I'll say that again: be happy.
5 Let your gentleness be visible to everyone. The **master** is close.
6 Don't worry about anything, but handle all situations by let-
ting **God** know your requests—praying and telling God your

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things was to_me gain, these I_have_considered because_of the
chosen_one/messiah loss. 8 But indeed_rather also I_am_
_considering all things loss to_be, because_of that being_above
the knowledge of_**chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous** the **master**
of_me, because_of whom the things all I_was_lost and I_am_
_considering them rubbish, in_order_that **chosen_
_one/messiah** I_may_gain 9 and may_be_found in him, not
having my own righteousness ~~which~~ of the_law, but the
righteousness through faith in_**chosen_one/messiah**, the of
god righteousness based on ~~the~~ faith, 10 ~~which~~ to_know him, and
the power of_the resurrection of_him, and fellowship of_the_
_sufferings of_him, being_conformed to_the death of_him, 11 if
somehow I_may_attain to the resurrection ~~which~~ from the_
_dead.

12 Not that already I_received it, or already I_have_been_
_perfected, but I_am_pursuing, if also I_may_grasp, in that also
I_was_grasped by **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**.
13 Brothers, I myself not am_counting to_have_grasped it, but
I_do one thing: the things on_one_hand behind forgetting, on_
_the_other_hand to_the things ahead stretching_out, 14 to the_
_goal I_am_pursuing for the prize of_the upward calling of_ ~~the~~
_god in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous**. 15 Therefore as_many_
_as mature are, this we_may_be_thinking, and if anything
differently you_all_are_thinking, even this ~~the~~ **god** to_you_all
will_be_revealing. 16 However to what we_attained, by_the
same thing to_be_aligning. 17 Fellow-imitators of_me be_
_becoming, brothers, and be_observing the ones thus walking,
as you_all_are_having for_an_example us. 18 For/Because many
are_walking, of_whom often I_was_telling to_you_all, and now
even weeping, I_am_telling you, ~~the~~ enemies of_the stake of_the
chosen_one/messiah, 19 whose ~~the~~ end is destruction, of_
whose ~~the~~ **god** is their belly, and their glory is in the shame of
them, the ones the earthly things thinking. 20 For/Because of
_us the citizenship in the_heavens is_being, from which also a_
_saviour we_are_eagerly_waiting, the_**master
Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, 21 who will_be_
adapting the body of ~~the~~ _humiliation of_us, similar to_the
body of_the glory of_him, according_to the working of_the
thing to_be_able him, even to_subject to_him the things all.

4:1 So_then, brothers of_me beloved and longed for, joy and
crown of_me, thus be_standing_firm in the_**master**, beloved.
2 Euodia I_am_exhorting, and Suntuḳaʸ I_am_exhorting, the
same thing to_be_thinking in the_**master**. 3 Yes, I_am_asking
also you, genuine companion, be_giving_help to_them, who in
the good_message contended_together with_me, with both
Klaʸmaʸs and the rest of_the_fellow-workers of_me, whose ~~the~~
names are in the_scroll of_life. 4 Be_rejoicing in the_**master**
always, again I_will_be_saying, be_rejoicing. 5 The gentle of_
_you_all let_be_known to_all people. The **master** near.
6 Nothing be_worrying, but in everything, ~~the~~ by_prayer and ~~the~~
petition with thanksgiving, the requests of_you_all let_be_
_being_made_known to ~~the~~ **god**. 7 And the peace of_ ~~the~~ **_god**
~~which~~ being_above all mind, will_be_guarding the hearts of_

10 **RV 3:6 · Cross-ref.** Acts 8:3; 22:4; 26:9-11.

11 **RV 3:17 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 4:16; 11:1.

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_you_all and the thinking of_you_all in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**. 8 For/Because_the rest, brothers, as_ _much_as is true, as_much_as dignified, as_much_as right, as_ _much_as pure, as_much_as lovely, as_much_as admirable, if any virtue, and if any praise, these things be_counting. 9 What both you_all_learned and you_all_received, both you_all_heard and you_all_saw, in me, these things be_practicing, and the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _peace will_be with you_all.

10 But I_was_elated in the_**master** greatly, that now once you_ _all_revived ~~which~~ for me to_be_thinking, to which also you_all_ _were_thinking, but you_all_were_lacking_season. 11 Not that concerning poverty I_am_speaking, because/for I learned in whatever situations I_am content to_be. 12 I_have_known both to_be_being_humbled, I_have_known and to_be_being_ _plentiful. In everything and in all things I_have_been_ _enlightened, both to_be_being_satisfied and to_be_hungering, both to_be_being_plentiful and to_be_being_deficient. 13 All things I_am_being_strong in the one strengthening me. 14 However well you_all_did, having_participated of_me in_the tribulation. 15 But have_known also you_all, Filippaʸsios, that in the_beginning of_the good_message, when I_came_out from Makedonia, not_one with_me assembly shared in the_matter of_giving and receiving, except ~~not/lest~~ you_all only. 16 Because even in Thessalonikaʸ, both once and twice, because/for the need to_me you_all_sent. 17 Not that I_am_seeking_after the gift, but I_am_seeking_after the fruit ~~which~~ being_plentiful to the_account of_you_all. 18 But I_am_receiving_fully all things, and I_am_being_plentiful, I_have_been_filled, having_received from Epafroditos the things from you_all, an_aroma of_a_ _sweet_fragrance, a_sacrifice acceptable, well_pleasing to_ ~~the~~ _ _**god**. 19 But the **god** of_me will_be_filling all the_need of_you_ _all, according_to the riches of_him in glory in **chosen_ _one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**. 20 And to_the **god** and father of_us be the glory to the ages of_the ages. Truly.

21 Greet every holy one in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous**, are_ _greeting you_all the with me brothers, 22 are_greeting you_all all the holy ones, and most_of_all the ones from the of_Kaisar house. 23 The grace of_the **master Yaʸsous chosen_ _one/messiah** be with the spirit of_you_all. Truly.

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needs, and also thanking him. 7 Then **God's** peace which is above human understanding will guard your hearts and your thinking in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus).

8 Brothers and sisters, here's the rest of what you all should be considering: anything that's true or dignified, anything that's right or pure, anything that's lovely or admirable, and anything that's virtuous or praiseworthy. 9 Continue to do everything you all learnt or received from me, and everything you heard or saw in me, and the **God** of peace will be with you all.

Paulos's appreciation of their practical help

10 I was extremely happy in **Yahweh** once you all reestablished your consideration for my situation. Well, you were thinking about it, but lacked any opportunity to act, 11 not that I'm talking about being in poverty, because I've learnt to be content in any situation. 12 I've experienced being humbled with little, and I've experienced having plenty, but I've grown through every one of those experiences, sometimes being satisfied and sometimes hungry, sometimes having plenty and other times not enough. 13 In every situation I stay strong because of the one who strengthens me.

14 However, you all did well to participate in my hardships. 15 I've know all you Filippaisios (Philippians), that when I left Makedonia to begin preaching the good message, no other assembly shared with me in giving and receiving—only you there. 16 Even when I was in Thessalonikai,[12] once you sent me what I needed—actually twice— 17 not that I was looking for a gift from my perspective, but because I was thrilled to see you all accumulating heavenly rewards. 18 But now I've received everything I need. I have plenty now that Epafroditos arrived with what you all sent. It was like a fragrant sacrifice that's acceptable **to God** and which pleases him.[13] 19 My **God** will meet all of your needs from his riches in heaven in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)— 20 may our **God** and father be honoured throughout all the ages.

The ending greetings

21 Greet all of the believers there in the name of **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). The brothers and sisters with me here also greet you all, 22 along with all the believers here, especially those in Kaisar's household.

23 May the grace from the **master Yeshua Messiah be** with all your spirits. May it be so.

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12 **RV 4:16 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:1.

13 **RV 4:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 29:18.

Paulos's first letter to
Timotheos

Introduction

Timotheos was a Christian from Asia Minor. His mother was a Yehudi but his father was a Greek. When Paulos (Heb. Shaul) saw Timotheos's genuine faith, he accepted him as one of his companions and helpers at preaching and teaching the good message (Acts 16:1-3) and they had ended up in Efesos together, where Paulos left Timotheos behind in order to look after the new believers there. After Timotheos had been in Efesos for some time, Paulos sent this letter to him. Timotheos's age was likely around thirty at that time.
There seem to be three main purposes in this letter of Paulos to Timotheos:
1. Firstly Paulos warned him about false teaching that was affecting the assembly of believers there. This teaching contained the philosophies of both Yehudim and non-Jews, because according to them, this world that we live in is evil but a person can be saved if they have the correct wisdom or knowledge and doesn't eat certain types of food and doesn't marry. Paulos writes that that's not right.
2. This letter also teaches about the behaviour of the assembly of believers and about worship. Paulos writes about the desired behaviour of teachers of the message, of helpers in the assembly, and of other believers including widows and slaves.
3. Finally he advised Timotheos how to become good servant of Yeshua the messiah, and concerning his responsibility to believers.

Main components of Paulos's letter

Introduction *1:1-2*
Teaching concerning the group of believers and of teachers *1:3–3:16*
Teaching to Timotheos about his work *4:1–6:21*

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1:1 Paulos, an_ambassador of_**chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, according_to the_command of_**god** the_ _saviour of_us, and the_**master Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** the hope of_us, **2** to_Timotheos, genuine child in the_faith: grace, mercy, peace from **god** the_father and **chosen_ _one/messiah Ya^{y}sous** the **master** of_us.

3 As I_implored you to_remain in Efesos, going to Makedonia, in_order_that you_may_command to_some not to_be_teaching_ _differently, **4** nor to_be_giving_heed to_myths and endless genealogies, which are_bringing_about speculations rather than management of_**god**, which is in faith. **5** And the outcome of_our charge is love out_of a_pure heart, and a_ good _ _conscience, and an_ unhypocritical _faith, **6** from_which some having_deviated, were_turned_away to useless_talk, **7** wanting to_be law_teachers, not understanding neither what they_are_ _saying, nor about what_all they_are_confirming. **8** But we_ _have_known that the law is good, if someone may_be_ _resorting to_it lawfully, **9** having_known this, that for_the_ _righteous the_law is_ not _appointing, but for_the_lawless and insubordinate, the_ungodly and the_sinners, unholy and profane, father_killers and mother_killers, murderers, **10** the_ _sexually_immoral, sodomisers, kidnappers, liars, perjurers, and if any other thing is_opposing to_the being_sound teaching, **11** according_to the good_message of_the glory of_the blessed **god**, which I was_entrusted.

12 I_am_having thankfulness for_the one having_strengthened me, **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** the **master** of_us, because he_considered me faithful, having_appointed me to service, **13** ~~the~~ earlier being a_slanderous, and a_persecutor, and an_abuser, but I_was_shown_mercy, because not_knowing, I_did it in unbelief. **14** And the grace of_the **master** of_us, over_ _been_plentiful with faith and love ~~which~~ in **chosen_ _one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**. **15** Trustworthy is the saying, and worthy of_all acceptance: ~~that~~ **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous** came into the world to_save sinners, of_whom I am the_first. **16** But because_of this I_was_shown_mercy, in_order_that in me first **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** may_display his all patience, because/for a_pattern of_the ones going to_be_ _believing in him, to life eternal. **17** And to_the king of_the ages, the_indestructible, invisible, only **god**, honour and glory be, to the ages of_the ages. Truly. **18** This ~~the~~ charge I_am_ _entrusting to_you, child, Timotheos, according_to the prophesies going_before to you, that you_may_be_warring by them the good warfare, **19** holding faith and a_good conscience, which some having_pushed_away, concerning their faith they_ _suffered_shipwreck, **20** of_whom is Humenaios and Alexandros, whom I_gave_over to_ ~~the~~ _Satan/(Sāṭān), in_ _order_that they_may_be_disciplined not to_be_slandering.

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, a missionary **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, appointed by our saviour **god's** command and by **Yeshua the messiah**, who is our hope. **2** I'm writing to Timotheos,[1] my true child in the faith: may you receive grace, mercy, and peace from **God** the father and from our **master Yeshua** the **messiah**.

Staying on-track in faith and doctrine

3 When I was going to Makedonia, I urged you to remain there in Efesos, so that you could speak against those preaching a different message, **4** and advise the believers not to worry about myths and endless genealogies, which just result in useless speculations, rather than them using their faith to advance **God's** plans. **5** The outcome of such teaching should be demonstrating love coming from a pure heart, a clean conscience, and selfless faith. **6** Some others have deviated from that, which then results in useless talk— **7** they want to be religious teachers but they don't understand what they're talking about or what they're agreeing to.

8 But we know that the religious law can be good if someone is using it lawfully, **9** but other than that, we know that the law isn't made for those who've been forgiven by God. The law was made for those who are disobedient and out of control, those who ignore and disobey God, who don't honour him but rather profane him, for those who would murder their parents or other people, **10** the sexually immoral, homosexuals, kidnappers, liars, those who falsely accuse others in court, and those doing anything else that is against the sound teaching **11** that's part of the good message that honours the wonderful **God**, and which was entrusted to me.

Paulos thanks God for showing mercy

12 I'm thankful for our **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the **messiah**, for considering me faithful and strengthening me, and then appointing me to serve him, **13** even though I used to be a slanderer and persecutor and abuser,[2] but I was shown mercy because I did it in unbelief due to my ignorance. **14** The grace of our **master** was so generous in giving me faith in and love for **Yeshua the messiah**. **15** This saying is trustworthy and worth being accepted by **everyone**: **Yeshua the messiah** came into this world to save sinners, of which I was the worst. **16** And this is why I was shown mercy: so that **Yeshua the messiah** can demonstrate his great patience in me first, as a pattern to all the others who will believe in him and obtain eternal life. **17** May the king of the ages, the indestructible, invisible, only **God** have all the honour and praise throughout all the ages. May it be so.

18 In line with previous prophecies, I'm entrusting you, young Timotheos, with this: fight in this battle for good, **19** maintaining your faith and your clear conscience, even though others have turned back and shipwrecked their faith, **20** including Humenaios and Alexandros (Alexander), who I put Satan in charge of, so that they'd be disciplined to stop slandering.

1 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 16:1-3.

2 **RV 1:13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 8:3; 9:1-30.

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Expectations for behaviour

2:1 Then first of all I urge you all to pray for all people—petitioning to God while also expressing thanks for them. **2** So too for national leaders and other prominent officials so that we can live a quiet and tranquil life with all devoutness and dignity. **3** This is good and pleasing to **God** our saviour **4** who wants everyone to be saved and to know the truth.[3] **5** **There's** only one **God** and also one mediator **between God** and humankind and that's the **man Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all people and as a testimony of God's love for all time. **7** I was appointed to proclaim that message and as a missionary—no lies, I'm telling you the truth here in **the messiah**—and also as a teacher of knowledge and the truth to non-Jews.[4]

8 That's why I long to see men praying in every country, lifting up their morally-clean hands and not harbouring anger or disunity.

9 Similarly women should wear respectable clothes that are sensible and modest, not with hair extensions or gold or pearls or expensive clothing,[5] **10** but with what is fitting for women who do good things, having declared that they honour god. **11** Women should be learning quietly and submissively, **12** but I don't permit women to be teaching or domineering men. They should remain quiet **13** because Adam was created first,[6] then Havah (Eve),[7] **14** and it wasn't Adam that was seduced but rather it was the woman that was deceived and disobeyed.[8] **15** But women will be saved through childbearing if they continue in faith and love and purity and self-control.

Qualities of assembly overseers

3:1 This is a trustworthy saying: 'If anyone is aspiring to be an overseer, then it's a good task that he's desiring.' **2** So it's fitting that an overseer be above reproach, be the husband of one wife, sober, sensible, respectable, hospitable, a good teacher, **3** not dependent on alcohol or greedy or a bully, but rather gentle, peace-loving, **4** a good, dignified leader in his own home and in disciplining his children. **5** (If someone doesn't know how to lead his own household, how could he take care of **God's** assembly?) **6** He mustn't be a new believer, because that might lead him to becoming proud, and from there to fall into the devil's judgement. **7** It's also fitting for him to have a good reputation with those outside the assembly, so that he doesn't end up getting mocked, and from there falling into the devil's trap.[9]

Qualities of assembly helpers (or deacons/ministers)

8 Similarly helpers in the assembly should also be dignified, should only speak the truth, shouldn't be greedy or

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2:1 Therefore I_am_exhorting, first of_all petitions, prayers, petitions, thanksgivings to_be_being_made, because/for all people, **2** for kings and all who being in prominence, in_order_ _that we_may_be_going_by a_tranquil and quiet living in all devoutness and dignity. **3** This is good and acceptable before **god** the saviour of_us, **4** who is_wanting all people to_be_saved, and to_come to the_knowledge of_the_truth. **5** For/Because one **god** there_is, also one mediator between_**god** and humans, the_ _human **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, **6** the one having_given himself a_ransom for all, and testimony in_ its_ _own _seasons, **7** to which I was_appointed a_proclaimer and an_ambassador (I_am_speaking the_truth in **chosen_ _one/messiah**, I_am_ not _lying), a_teacher of_the_pagans in knowledge and truth. **8** Therefore I_am_wishing ~~the~~ men to_be_ _praying in every place, lifted_up devout hands apart_from severe_anger and speculation. **9** Likewise women in respectable apparel to_be_adorning themselves with modesty and sobriety, not with braids, and gold, or pearls, or expensive clothing, **10** but what is_befitting to_women professing the_god-fearing, through good works. **11** ‹Let›_ a_woman _be_learning in quietness in all submission. **12** But I_am_ not _permitting to_ _be_teaching by_a_women, nor to_be_domineering of_a_man, but to_be in quietness. **13** For/Because Adam/(ʾĀdām) was_ _formed first, thereafter Heua/(Ḥavvāh), **14** and Adam was_ not _seduced, but the woman having_been_deceived, has_become in transgression. **15** But she_will_be_being_saved through ~~the~~ childbearing, if they_may_remain in faith, and love, and holiness, with sobriety.

3:1 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone is_aspiring to_ _overseeing, he_is_desiring of_a_good work. **2** Therefore it_is_ _fitting the overseer to_be irreproachable, the_husband of_one wife, sober, sensible, respectable, hospitable, teaching, **3** not winebibbing, nor a_bully, but gentle, peaceable, ungreedy, **4** leading of_his own house well, having children in submission, with all dignity **5** (but if someone has_ not _known to_lead of_ _his own house, how ‹will›_he_be_taking_care of_the_assembly of_**god**?) **6** Not a_neophyte, in_order_that not having_been_ _conceited, he_may_fall_in into the_judgement of_the devil. **7** And it_is_fitting him also, to_be_having a_ good _testimony from the ones outside, in_order_that he_may_ not _fall_in into derision and the_snare of_the devil.

8 Servants likewise should_be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to_ much _wine, not greedy, **9** holding the mystery of_the faith in a_ clean _conscience. **10** And also let_ these _be_ _being_approved first, thereafter let_them_be_serving, being

3 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 14:6.
4 **RV 2:7 · Cross-ref.** 2Tim 1:11.
5 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** 1Pe 3:3.
6 **RV 2:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:7.
7 **RV 2:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:21-22.
8 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Gen 3:1-6.
9 **RV 3:2-7 · Cross-ref.** Tit 1:6-9.

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unindictable. **11** ‹Their›_wives likewise should_be dignified, not diabolical, sober, faithful in all things. **12** Servants, let_ them _ _be husbands of_one wife, leading of_their_children well and of_their own households. **13** For/Because the ones having_ _served well are_procuring a_ good _standing for_themselves, and great confidence in the_faith ~~which~~ in **chosen_ _one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**.

14 I_am_writing these things to_you, hoping to_come to you in quickness, **15** but if I_may_be_slowing, in_order_that you_may_ _have_known how it_is_fitting to_be_being_conducted in the_ _household of_**god**, which is the_assembly of_**god** the_living, the_pillar and foundation of_the truth. **16** And confessedly great is the of_ ~~the~~ _devoutness mystery: Who was_revealed in the_flesh, was_justified in the_**spirit**, was_seen by_messengers, was_proclaimed among the_nations, was_believed in the_ _world, was_taken_up in glory.

4:1 But the **spirit** is_speaking expressly that in later times, some will_be_withdrawing from_the faith, giving_heed to_ deceitful _spirits and teachings of_demons, **2** in hypocrisy of_ _liars, having_been_seared their own conscience, **3** forbidding to_be_marrying, to_be_keeping_away from_foods that ~~the~~ **god** created for partaking with thanksgiving by_the faithful ones and having_known the truth. **4** Because every creature of_**god** is good, and nothing being_received with thanksgiving is rejected, **5** for/because it_is_being_sanctified by the_message of_**god** and petition.

6 These things laying_down to_the brothers, you_will_be a_ good _servant of_**chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, being_nourished in_the messages of_the faith, and of_the good teaching with_which you_have_followed. **7** But be_refusing the profane and granny myths. And be_training yourself to devoutness, **8** For/Because ~~the~~ bodily training for is a_little beneficial, but the devoutness is beneficial for all things, the_ _promise holding of_the_ ~~which~~ present _life, and of_the_ coming _life. **9** The saying is trustworthy, and worthy of_all acceptance. **10** For/Because we_are_labouring and we_are_ _striving for this, because we_have_hoped in a_ living _**god**, who is the_saviour of_all people, most_of_all of_believers. **11** Be_commanding these things and be_teaching. **12** let_ no_ _one of_you _be_Despising the youth, but be_becoming an_ _example for_the believing ones, in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. **13** Until I_am_coming, be_giving_heed to_the public_reading, to_ ~~the~~ _exhortation, to_ ~~the~~ _teaching. **14** Not be_neglecting of_the gift in you, which was_given to_you through prophecy, with the_laying_on of_the hands of_the council_of_elders. **15** Be_pondering these things, be in these things, in_order_that the progress of_you may_be manifest to_ _all. **16** Be_holding_on to_yourself and to_the teaching. Be_ _continuing_on in_them, because/for doing this, you_will_be_ _saving both yourself and the ones hearing from_you.

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addicted to wine, **9** and should cling to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. **10** Once they've proven themselves to be without any misconduct, then let them be working in the assembly. **11** Their wives, too, should be dignified, should only speak the truth, and should be sober and faithful in everything they do. **12** These helpers in the assembly should be husbands of one wife, and should lead their children and their households well. **13** Those helpers who serve well will earn a good reputation for themselves and increase in confidence in their faith in **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**.

The announcement of God of truth

14 I am writing all this to you in the hope that I can come soon, **15** but if I get delayed, at least you'll know how to organise **God's** household—that is the assembly **of** the living God—which is the pillar and foundation of the truth. **16** But yes, this godliness is quite a mystery: he appeared in a body, was declared innocent by **the spirit**, was seen by messengers, was preached among the nations, was believed in around the world, and then was taken up to heaven to be honoured.

False teachings, including what not to eat

4:1 But the **spirit** is expressly saying that in later times, some will pull back from their faith, listening instead to deceiving spirits and teachings of demons. **2** After suppressing their own consciences, they'll become hypocritical liars, **3** telling people not to get married and to keep away from foods that **God** created for faithful people who know the truth to be able to eat with thankfulness. **4** Every creature made by **God is** good and nothing should be rejected but rather be received with thanksgiving **5** because it's made acceptable by **God's** declaration and by prayer.

The good servant of the messiah Yeshua

6 If you explain these things to the believers then you'll be a good servant **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, growing in the messages of faith and of the good teachings that you have followed. **7** Refuse to listen to rude jokes and conspiracy theories. Instead train yourself to be godly, **8** because keeping fit is of some benefit, but being godly benefits every part of life, from the present life right through to life in the next age.

9 Here is a trustworthy saying that's worthy of acceptance by everyone **10** and it's what we work and strive for: we have put our hope in the living **God** who is the saviour of all people and particularly of all believers, **11** so command and teach these things.

12 Don't let anyone despise you just because you're young, but be an example for the believers in your speech and conduct, and in love, faith, and purity. **13** Prioritise the public reading of the scriptures as well as encouraging and teaching others until I come. **14** Don't neglect the gift that you have in you which was given to you when the council of elders placed their hands on you and prophesied over you. **15** Keep these things in your thoughts so that everyone will be able to see your progress. **16** Hold on to your own integrity and to this teaching, and stay faithful to them, because as you do, you'll be saving both your-

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self and the people listening to you.

Advice about widows, teachers of believers, and slaves

5:1 Don't scold an elder harshly, but encourage him as a father. Encourage younger men as brothers, **2** female elders as mothers and younger ones as sisters in all purity.

3 Show honour to widows—the *real* widows that is **4** because if a widow has children or grandchildren, then they should be learning to show their godliness to their own relatives first, and to be repaying their parents and grandparents because this is what **God** expects. **5** A woman who is a real widow and has been left by herself but puts her hope in **God**, she is then able to spend her days and nights in prayer and requesting **God's** response. **6** But a widow who just lives for pleasure is dead inside even though she's still living. **7** You should teach these things, Timotheos, so that the people don't anger God, **8** because if someone is not providing for their own household, then they've rejected their faith in God and they're acting worse than an unbeliever.

9 The assembly should enrol[10] a widow if she's at least sixty years old and was the wife of a single husband. **10** She should be known for her good undertakings, for example if she raised children, if she was hospitable to strangers, if she washed the feet of believers, if she helped those who were oppressed, and if she always tried to do what was right.

11 But don't enrol younger widows because their emotional needs might drive them to want to marry again rather than to serve the **messiah** **12** and we don't want them to be judged because they couldn't fulfil their faith commitment. **13** Plus they often follow others in idly going around houses, and not just being idle but also gossipping and meddling and chatting about things they shouldn't. **14** That's why I prefer younger women to be getting married and having children, to keep house, and to avoid all situations where others could accuse them. **15** In fact, some have already turned away to follow Satan.

16 If any believing woman has widowed relatives, they should continue to help them and not burden the assembly, so then the assembly can assist the really needy widows.

17 An elder who has led well should be considered worthy of double honour, especially those who work hard in studying and teaching the message, **18** because the scriptures say, "Don't muzzle the ox working on the threshing floor,"[11] and "A worker deserves their wages."[12] **19** Don't entertain an accusation against an elder unless there are two or three witnesses,[13] **20** but the ones that are sinning need to be scolded publicly so that others will be reluctant to do the same.

21 I am telling you these things in the sight of **God** and **Yeshua**

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5:1 You_may_ not _harshly_give_rebuke to_an_elder, but be_ _exhorting him as a_father, younger men as brothers, **2** eldresses as mothers, younger as sisters, in all purity. **3** Be_ _honouring widows, who are really widows. **4** But if any widow is_having children or grandchildren, let_them_be_learning to_ _be_devout first to_their own household, and to_be_giving_ _back recompense to_the parents, because/for this is acceptable before ~~the~~ **god**. **5** And the woman really a_widow and having_been_isolated has_hoped in **god**, and is_remaining ~~the~~ in_petitions and ~~the~~ prayers, night and day. **6** But the woman living_luxuriously, while_living has_died. **7** Also be_ _commanding these things, in_order_that they_may_be irreproachable. **8** But if anyone is_ not _providing of_their own and most_of_all household, he_has_disowned the faith, and is worse than an_unbeliever. **9** ‹Let›_ a_widow _be_being_enrolled having_become not lessor than sixty years, the_wife of_one husband, **10** being_attested in good works: if she_raised_ _children, if she_lodged_strangers, if she_washed the_feet of_ _holy ones, if she_assisted being_oppressed ones, if she_ _followed_after to_every work good. **11** But be_refusing younger widows, because/for whenever they_may_become_ _sensual against_the **chosen_one/messiah**, they_are_willing to_be_marrying, **12** having judgement because they_rejecting their first faith. **13** But also together they_are_learning to_be idle, going_around ~~the~~ houses, and not only idle, but also gossips and meddling, speaking the things not fitting. **14** Therefore I_am_wishing the_younger women to_be_ _marrying, to_be_bearing_children, to_be_keeping_house, not_ _one opportunity to_be_giving of_insult to_the one opposing for_reason_of. **15** For/Because already some were_turned_away after ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān). **16** If any believing woman is_having widows, he _let_be_assisting to_them, and not let_be_being_ _weighed_down the assembly, in_order_that it_may_assist to_ _the really widows. **17** The elders having_led well, let_be_being_ _considered_worthy of_double honour, most_of_all the ones labouring in the_message and the_teaching. **18** For/Because the scripture is_saying: Not you_will_be_muzzling an_ox threshing, and: Worthy is the worker of_the wage of_him. **19** Be_ not _ _accepting accusation against an_elder, besides except ~~not/lest~~ on two or three witnesses. **20** Be_rebuking before all the ones sinning, in_order_that also the rest may_be_having fear. **21** I_ _am_testifying before ~~the~~ **god**, and **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, and the chosen messengers, in_order_ _that you_may_keep these things apart_from prejudice, doing nothing according_to partiality. **22** Be_laying_on hands quickly on_no_one, nor be_sharing in_the_ anothers _sins, be_keeping yourself pure. **23** No_longer be_drinking_water only, but be_ _giving_treatment with_ a_little _wine, because_of your stomach and the frequent sicknesses of_you. **24** The sins of_ _some people are quite_evident, going_before them to

10 RV 5:9 · Note It's not specified in the text what they were being enrolled for or into. It's likely that it was a list of widows visited and/or helped by the assembly.

11 RV 5:18 · Cross-ref. Deu 25:4; 1Cor 9:9.

12 RV 5:18 · Cross-ref. Mat 10:10; Luk 10:7.

13 RV 5:19 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:6; 19:15.

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judgement, but to_some also they_are_following_after.
25 Likewise also the ~~the~~ good works are quite_evident, and the ones being otherwise, are_ not _being_able to_be_hidden.
6:1 As_many_as slaves are under a_yoke, let_them_be_ _considering their own masters worthy of_all honour, in_ _order_that the name of_ ~~the~~ **_god** and the teaching may_ not _ _be_being_slandered. **2** And the_ believing _ones having masters, them_let_ not _be_despising, because they_are brothers, but rather them _let_be_serving, because they_are believing and beloved, who are benefitting from_their good_ _work. Be_teaching these things and be_exhorting.

3 If anyone is_teaching_differently, and is_ not _approaching to_being_sound in_the_messages, ~~which~~ of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, and in_the teaching according_to devoutness, **4** he_has_been_conceited knowing nothing, but obsessing about debates and quibbles_ _about_messages, out_of which is_becoming envy, strife, slander, evil suspicions, **5** constant_frictions, of_people the mind having_been_ruined and having_been_defrauded of_the truth, thinking ~~the~~ devoutness to_be a_means_of_gain. **6** But the devoutness with contentment it_is a_means_of_gain great.
7 For/Because we_carried_in nothing into the world, because neither we_are_being_able to_bring_out anything. **8** And having sustenance and shelters, with_these we_will_be_being_ _sufficed. **9** But the ones wishing to_be_being_rich, are_falling_ _in into temptation, and a_snare, and many foolish and harmful desires, which are_sinking ~~the~~ people into destruction and destruction. **10** For/Because a_root of_all ~~the~~ evil is the fondness_of_silver, of_which some aspiring, have_wandered_ _away from the faith, and pierced themselves with_ many _ _sorrows.

11 But you, Oh person of_**god**, be_fleeing these things, but be_ _pursuing righteousness, devoutness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. **12** Be_fighting the good fight of_the faith, take_hold of_the eternal life, to which you_were_called and you_ _confessed the good confession before many witnesses. **13** I_ _am_commanding to_you before ~~the~~ **god**, the one giving_life_to the_ all _things, and **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, the one having_testified the good confession before Pontios Pilatos, **14** you to_keep the command

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(Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah and the chosen messengers so that you can put them into practice without any favouritism or partiality. **22** Don't rush to lay hands on anyone[14] and don't join in other people's sinful schemes, but strive to keep yourself pure.

23 Don't carry on just drinking only water, because a little bit of wine might be good for your stomach and help with your frequent bouts of sickness.

24 The sins of some people are quite easy to see, being known ahead of them going to face judgement, but other people's sins will only become known later. **25** It's the same with people's good deeds—some are quite easy to see and others aren't, but nothing will be hidden in the end.

6:1 Those who are bonded into slavery should consider their masters to be worthy of honour, so that **God's** name and message won't be slandered, **2** and the ones having masters who are also believers shouldn't despise their masters because we're all brothers. On the contrary, let them serve well because the ones benefitting from their good work are beloved believers.

Proper teaching and true contentment

Those principles are what you should be teaching and encouraging the believers to do. **3** If anyone is teaching different things and their living is far from the message of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** and from godly teaching, **4** that person is conceited. They don't know anything, but instead obsess about debates and quibble about messages, and this leads to strife, slander, evil suspicions, **5** and constant friction. People like this have ruined their minds and been robbed of the truth, thinking that they can gain financially by appearing godly.

6 But genuine godly living does lead to contentment which is a big advantage, **7** because we brought nothing with us into this world and we can't take anything out of it either. **8** As long as we have shelter and sustenance, then we'll be content. **9** Those who desire wealth fall into temptation. It's a trap which leads to many foolish and harmful desires, resulting in people sinking into ruin and destruction **10** because that desire for wealth is the root of all evil. Some who aspired to becoming wealthy wandered away from faith in Yeshua and wounded themselves with many disappointments.

The teaching of Paulos to Timotheos

11 But you, Timotheos, as a godly person, flee from those things and instead pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. **12** Fight the good fight of the faith in order to take hold of the eternal life which you were called to when you confessed wanting to follow Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) in front of many witnesses. **13** I am commanding you in front of **God** who gave life to everything, and in front of **Yeshua** the **messiah** who testified

14 RV 5:22 · Note Paul doesn't give more details here, and although Timothy probably knew what he meant, it's less certain to us now. It probably refers to placing hands on others when praying for them, and could refer to praying for healing or similar, or praying for wisdom when dedicating a new leader. (TODO: Need to add cross-references here.)

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the good confession to Pontios Pilatos (Pilate),[15] **14** to obey that command faultlessly until the return of our **master Yeshua the messiah**. **15** He will be revealed in his own time—the blessed and only God, the ruler over all rulers and **master** over all **masters**, **16** the only immortal one who lives in unapproachable brightness which no person has ever seen or is capable of looking at. He will be honoured for his eternal power. May it be so.

17 Command those who are rich in this present age to not be proud and not to put their hope in uncertain wealth, but in **God** who richly blesses us with all that we need to be happy. **18** They should live out goodness, doing good deeds, helping others and being generous, **19** thus they will be building themselves a good foundation for the coming age so that they may experience true life.

20 So Timotheos, guard what has been invested in you. Avoid useless and godless babbling and what others call knowledge but which opposes the true message **21** and which some who were believers have turned away to.

May God's grace be with you all there.

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Literal Version

spotless irreproachable, until the appearing of_the **master** of_ _us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, **15** which in_ his_own _ _seasons the blessed and only Sovereign will_be_showing, the king of_the ones reigning, and the_**master** of_the ones mastering, **16** who alone having immortality, dwelling in_light unapproachable, whom not_one of_the_people saw, nor is_able to_see, to_whom be honour and eternal dominion. Truly. **17** To_ _the rich in the present age, be_commanding not to_be_ _highfaluting, nor to_have_hoped in the_uncertainty of_riches, but in **god**, ~~which~~ bringing_about us all things richly for enjoyment, **18** to_be_working_good, to_be_being_rich in good works, to_be well_imparting, generous, **19** storing_away for_ _themselves a_ good _foundation for the_ coming _time, in_ _order_that they_may_take_hold of_the really life. **20** Oh Timotheos, guard the deposit, turning_away the profane empty_babblings and oppositions of_the falsely_called knowledge, **21** which some professing concerning the faith deviated. ~~The~~ grace be with you_all.

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15 **RV 6:13 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 18:37.

Titos (Titus)

Introduction

The author
Paulos

The recipient
Titos, often spelt (wrongly) as 'Titos' in English translations, wasn't a Yehudi and didn't originally believe in God. However, in later times he became a believer and from there, he became a helper in Paulos's work. This letter was sent by Paulos there to Titos in Kraitai where he had been left to look after a group of believers. (Crete is an island that was a part of Greece.)

This letter
There are three main things contained in this letter: Firstly Titos is reminded about what is appropriate behaviour for teachers of believers. It was important that he understand this because those from Kraitai had many undesirable customs and there were many teachers of false doctrines that would confuse believers.
Secondly Titos was advised Titos how to teach the various groups of believers there, including young men and slaves, along with older men and women. (Then those older women were to teach the younger women.)
Finally Paulos advised Titos about how believers should live, including avoiding attacking others, arguing, and splitting the believers into opposing groups. Paulos reminded Titos again to follow the teachings of Yeshua the messiah and obey what he commanded us.
Paulos wanted it to be known that it's very important for believers to behave well (1:6; 2:7,14; 3:1,8-9,14) even though doing good things can't earn their salvation (3:5).

Main components of Paulos's letter
Introduction *1:1-4*
The correct behaviour of officials there to group of believers *1:5-16*
The correct behaviour of various people there to group of believers *2:1-15*
Defining good behaviour and the warning *3:1-11*
Ending *3:12-15*

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Readers' Version

1:1 This letter is from Paulos, a slave **of God** and a missionary **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** and follower of the faith of the ones that God has chosen.

I share the knowledge of the truth which leads to godliness **2** and the expectation of living forever which **God** promised before time began. And God can't lie **3** but revealed his message in his own time, and I've been entrusted to proclaim this by the command **of God** our saviour.

4 To Titos,[1] my true son due to our common faith. May **God** the father and our saviour **Yeshua** the **messiah** give you grace and peace.

Qualifications for leaders

5 The reason that I asked you to stay behind in Kraitai (Crete) was so that you would find what needed to be reorganised and so that you would appoint elders in every city just as I had directed you. **6** Each elder must have a clean record, be the husband of one wife, and have believing children who are not wild or disobedient. **7** Any overseer in the assembly as a manager working for **God** must have a clean record, not be self-centred, not be quick to get angry, not addicted to wine, not a bully, and not greedy, **8** but rather hospitable, someone who loves what is good, sensible, honest, loves God, and self-controlled. **9** He must hold faithfully to the message that was taught, so that he will be effective in encouraging others with sound teaching and to be rebuking those who speak against the message.[2]

Handling those who go off the track

10 There's plenty of people who don't want to be told what to do, empty talkers and outright deceivers, especially those that push the letter of the law. **11** These people need to be silenced because they mess up whole families when they teach them things that they shouldn't—all for the sake of shameful game. **12** One of their own prophets said that the people from Kraitai (Crete) are liars, evil beasts, and lazy gluttons, **13** and that's right. For those reasons, you need to sternly tell them they're wrong, so that they can become sound in their faith, **14** and not pay attention to Jewish myths or human rules which turn people away from the truth. **15** For someone who's pure in their thinking, everything is pure to them, but for unbelievers and those who've strayed from the truth, nothing is pure because their minds and consciences have already been damaged— **16** they say that they know **God**, but their actions show that they don't, and so they're detestable. They can no longer accept teaching so they're unsuitable for any good work.

Proper behaviour for believers

2:1 But you, Titos, only teach what's consistent with sound doctrine. **2** Older men should be sober, dignified, sensible, and sound in their faith, their love, and their endurance. **3** Likewise older women should honour god by their behaviour, not making false accusations, not addicted to a lot of wine. They should teach what is good

Literal Version

1:1 Paulos, a_slave of_**god**, and an_ambassador of_ _**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, according_to the_faith of_the_chosen ones of_**god**, and knowledge of_the_ _truth, which is according_to devoutness, **2** in the_hope of_life eternal, which the unlying **god** promised before times eternal, **3** but revealed the message of_him in_ his_own _seasons in the_ _proclamation, which I was_entrusted according_to the_ _command of_**god**, the saviour of_us **4** to_Titos, my_genuine child, according_to our_common faith: grace and peace from **god** the_father and **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, the saviour of_us.

5 For/Because_reason_of this, I_left_ you _behind in Kra^{y}ta^{y}, in_ _order_that you_may_set_in_order the things lacking, and may_ _appoint elders in ‹every›_city as I directed to_you, **6** if anyone is unindictable, the_husband of_one wife, having believing children, not in accusation of_intemperance or insubordinate. **7** For/Because it_is_fitting the overseer to_be unindictable as a_ _manager of_**god**, not self-willed, not easily_angered, not winebibbing, not a_bully, not greedy, **8** but hospitable, a_lover_ _of_good, sensible, righteous, devout, self-controlled, **9** upholding of_the faithful message according_to the teaching, in_order_that he_may_be powerful both to_be_exhorting with ~~the~~ teaching ~~which~~ being_sound, and to_be_rebuking the ones speaking_against it.

10 For/Because many are insubordinate, useless_talkers, and deceivers, most_of_all the ones of the circumcision, **11** whom it_is_fitting to_be_silencing, who are_overturning whole households, teaching the things it_is_ not _fitting, for_reason_ _of shameful gain. **12** Someone said of them, an_own prophet of_them: ones_from_Kra^{y}ta^{y} always are liars, evil wild_beasts, idle bellies. **13** This ~~The~~ testimony is true. For/Because that cause be_rebuking them severely, in_order_that they_may_be_ _being_sound in the faith, **14** not giving_heed to_Youdaiōns myths and the_commands of_humans turning_away the truth. **15** All things_are pure to_the pure, but to_the ones having_ _been_defiled and unbelievers, nothing is pure, but both the mind, and ~~the~~ conscience of_them has_been_defiled. **16** They_ _are_confessing to_have_known **god**, but by_their works they_ _are_disowning him, being detestable and unpersuadable, and unqualified for any good work.

2:1 But you be_speaking the things it_is_befitting ~~which~~ to_ _being_sound teaching. **2** The_older_men to_be sober, dignified, sensible, being_sound ~~the~~ in_faith, ~~the~~ in_love, ~~the~~ in_endurance. **3** The_older_women likewise reverent in behavior, not diabolical, not having_been_enslaved to_ much _wine, good_ _teaching, **4** in_order_that they_are_making_ the new women _ _sensible to_be husband-loving, children-loving, **5** sensible,

1 **RV 1:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 8:23; Gal 2:3; 2Tim 4:10.

2 **RV 1:6-9 · Cross-ref.** 1Tim 3:2-7.

Literal Version

pure, homemakers, good, being_subjected to_their own husbands, in_order_that the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god** may_ not _ _be_being_slandered. **6** The younger men likewise be_exhorting to_be_being_sensible, **7** about all things yourself bringing_ _about an_example of_good works, in your teaching, incorruption, dignity, **8** healthy speech, irreproachable, in_ _order_that the man of contrary may_be_swayed, having nothing bad to_be_saying concerning us. **9** Slaves to_be_being_ _subjected to_their_own masters in all things, to_be well_ _pleasing, not speaking_against, **10** not embezzling, but displaying all good faith, in_order_that in all things they_may_ _be_adorning the teaching ~~which~~ of_the saviour of_us, **god**. **11** For/Because the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god** has_appeared, salvation to_all people, **12** instructing us that having_disowned ~~the~~ ungodliness and ~~the~~ worldly lusts, we_may_live sensibly and justly and devoutly in the present age, **13** waiting_for the blessed hope, and the_appearing of_the glory of_the great **god** and saviour of_us, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, **chosen_one/messiah** **14** who gave himself for us, in_order_that he_may_redeem us from all lawlessness, and may_purify to_himself a_people chosen, zealous of_good works. **15** Be_speaking these things, and be_exhorting, and be_rebuking, with all command. let_ no_ _one of_you _be_disregarding.

3:1 Be_reminding them to_be_being_subjected to_rulers, to_ _authorities, to_be_yielding, to_be ready for every good work, **2** no_one to_be_slandering, to_be peaceable, gentle, all displaying gentleness toward all people. **3** For/Because once we also were foolish, unpersuadable, being_strayed, serving in_ _lusts and various gratifications, going_by in malice and envy, hateful, hating one_another. **4** But when the kindness and the love_of_mankind of_ **god** _the saviour of_us has_appeared, **5** not by works ~~which~~ in righteousness, that we practiced, but according_to the mercy, of_him he_saved us, through the_ _washing of_regeneration and renewal of_the_ holy **_spirit**, **6** whom he_poured_out on us richly, through **Yaʸsous chosen_ _one/messiah**, the saviour of_us, **7** in_order_that having_been_ _justified by_the grace of_that one, we_may_be_become heirs, according_to the_hope of_ eternal _life. **8** Trustworthy is the saying, and I_am_wishing you to_be_confirming concerning these things: In_order_that the ones having_believed in_**god** may_be_caring to_be_leading of_good works. These things is good and beneficial to_ ~~the~~ _people. **9** But be_avoiding foolish debates, and genealogies, and strifes, and legal quarrels, they_ _are for unprofitable and useless. **10** Be_refusing a_sectarian person after one and a_second admonition, **11** having_known that ~~the~~ such person has_been_perverted and is_sinning, being self-condemned.

Readers' Version

4 so that they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, **5** and to be sensible and pure, homemakers that do good for others, living under the authority of their husbands so that others don't speak evil of **God's** message because **of** them.

6 Also encourage younger men to be sensible. **7** Be a good example in everything you do and in your teaching. Don't be led astray, maintain your dignity, **8** watch every word that comes out of your lips, stay above reproach—all this so that those who oppose us can be reached because there's nothing bad they can say about us.

9 Slaves need to conform to their master's commands, aiming to please. They shouldn't speak against their masters **10** or be pilfering from them, rather they should display their good faith so that their actions add to the teachings of **God** our saviour.

11 This is because **God's** grace which offers salvation to all people has appeared **12** and teaches us that when we distance ourselves from ungodliness and worldly lusts, we can live sensibly and justly and devoutly in the present age. **13** Then we can look forward to the blessing of the majestic appearance of our great **God** and saviour, **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** **14** who gave himself for us in order to redeem us from all lawlessness[3] and to purify us into his chosen people,[4] eager to do good things.

15 Teach these things as you encourage some and scold others, but don't let anyone disrespect you.

Expected behaviour

3:1 Remind people to conform to their rulers and authorities, being obedient and ready to do anything that's good. **2** Don't slander others, be peaceable. Don't be strong-willed, but rather show gentleness to all people. **3** We were also foolish and stubborn at one time, straying from the good and giving in to various lusts and pleasures, being mean and envious, even full of hate and hating one another. **4** But when **God** our saviour revealed his kindness and love for humankind, **5** he saved us, not because of the 'good deeds' that we did, but out of his mercy. He regenerated us through washing and renewed us by his holy **spirit** **6** which he lavishly poured on us through **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** **7** so that we might become heirs with the expectation of living forever, having been declared that we have no outstanding legal charges thanks to his grace. **8** That statement can be trusted. I want you to confirm those things so that those who have believed **in God** will be leading in wanting to do good things. These things are good and benefit everyone.

9 But avoid foolish debates, arguments about ancestry, other strife, and quarrels about God's commands because they all achieve nothing and waste time. **10** Refuse to listen to a divisive person after you've given them two warnings **11** knowing that such people condemn themselves by their corruption and sinful attitude.

3 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Psa 130:8.

4 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5; Deu 4:20; 7:6; 14:2; 1Pe 2:9.

Readers' Version

12 Whenever I send Artemas or Tukikos[5] **Closing**
to you, you should try to meet me at Nikopolis, because I've decided to spend the winter there. **13** Help by sending Zenas the lawyer and Apollos[6] on their way so that they won't be needing anything. **14** Our people must also be learning to be leading in doing good things to meet the necessary needs so that they won't be unproductive.

15 Everyone here with me sends their greetings to you. And please greet the ones there for us who love us in the faith.

May God's grace be with all of you.

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Literal Version

12 Whenever I_may_send Artemis or Tuḳikos to you, be_earnest to_come to me into Nikopolis, because/for I_have_judged to_ _winter there. **13** Earnestly send_forward Za^{y}nas the lawyer and Apollōs, in_order_that nothing may_be_lacking to_them.
14 And also let_ ~~the~~ our people _be_learning of_good works to_ _be_leading for the necessary needs, in_order_that they_may_ not _be unfruitful. **15** All the ones with me are_greeting you. Greet the ones loving us in the_faith. ~~The~~ grace be with all of_ _you.

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5 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Acts 20:4; Eph 6:21-22; Col 4:7-8; 2Tim 4:12.

6 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:24; 1Cor 16:12.

The first letter from
Shim'on 'the Rock' (Peter)

Introduction

The first letter from Shim'on 'Kefa' was written to believers scattered throughout Asia Minor (also called Anatolia, now part of modern Turkey). Kefa wrote to encourage the believers that it's necessary for them to be strong even in the middle of much persecution that comes because of their faith in the messiah. He reminds them about their salvation, the death of Yeshua the messiah, and of his coming back to life. Because Kefa told them that there must always remember their hope in heaven, then they can persevere even through all the difficulties here on earth. He also reminds them that if their faith holds strong through their suffering of difficulties and persecutions, they will receive a gift at "The time when Yeshua the messiah is revealed." (1:7,13)
He also warns them that it's necessary to watch their behaviour as followers of the messiah and it's necessary that they follow the guidance of their elders.

Main components of Kefa's letter

Introduction *1:1-2*
The reminder about the future benefits of salvation *1:3-12*
Encouragement about godly living *1:13–2:10*
Respecting those who have authority over us *2:11–3:7*
Advice concerning the coming persecutions *3:8–4:19*
Advice for teachers and believers *5:1-11*
Farewell *5:12-14*

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Readers' Version

1:1 This letter is from Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), an ambassador for **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**.

It's written to those people who've been chosen by God and dispersed by persecution throughout the provinces of Pontos, Galatia, Kappadokia, Asia Minor, and Bithunia. **2** They were chosen in advance by **God** the father by his pure **spirit**, thanks to the obedience **of Yeshua the messiah** and the sprinkling of his blood.

May God give you grace and abundant peace.

The future hope of life without ending

3 May **God**, the father of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** be blessed. He's the **one** who, because of his incredible mercy, births us into living hope through the death and coming back to life **of Yeshua the messiah**. **4** Now we have an inheritance that can't be destroyed or ruined and never diminishes. It's kept in the heavens for you chosen people, **5** who are guarded through faith by **God's** power, because the rescue is ready to be revealed in the final age.

6 This rescue brings some happiness now, although offset by the sorrow of various trials that you go through **7** in order that your faith will be purified by fire, like gold, but even more precious, because gold corrodes. Then your faith will lead to praise and glory and honour when **Yeshua the messiah** is revealed, **8** the one you chosen people love, even though you've never seen him. Yet you believe, and because of that, you're happier than you can even show, AND HAVING BEEN GLORIFIED, **9** you'll receive the result of your faith, which is that your souls are rescued.

10 The prophets wanted that rescue and searched for it, even while speaking about the grace which you chosen people would experience. **11** They tried to discover which person or what time the messiah's **spirit** within them was telling them **about**, having previously testified that **the messiah** would suffer but afterwards would be GLORIOUS. **12** It was shown to them that they weren't just serving themselves, but were serving you as they declared all the same things that have been preached to you **by the** holy **spirit** who was sent from heaven. Even God's messengers in heaven wanted to know more about those things.

The holy behaviour of believers

13 So take this seriously and get your minds prepared, putting your full hope in the grace that'll be brought to you by **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** being revealed. **14** As people who want to obey, don't conform to your earlier desires that came from your ignorance, **15** but just as God who called you is holy, your yourselves need to be holy in all your conduct, **16** because it's been written that 'you'll be holy people because I am holy.'[1]

17 And since you call on the father who impartially judges each person according to their actions, continue to obey him even as you live as foreigners, **18** knowing that when you were in slavery due to your poor conduct that you inherited from your ances-

Literal Version

1:1 Petros, an_ambassador of_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_ _one/messiah**, to_the_chosen aliens of_the_dispersion of_ _Pontos, Galatia, Kappadokia, Asia, and Bithunia, **2** according_ _to the_foreknowledge of_**god** the_father by the_holiness of_ _the_**spirit**, to the_obedience and sprinkling of_the_blood of_ _**Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**: grace to_you_all and might_ _have_multiplied peace.

3 Blessed is the **god** and father of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, who according_to the great mercy of_ _him, having_born_again us to a_ living _hope, through the_ _resurrection of_**Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** from the_dead, **4** to an_ indestructible _inheritance, and undefiled, and unfading, having_been_kept in the_heavens for you_all, **5** who by the_power of_**god** being_guarded through faith, because/for the_salvation ready to_be_revealed in the_ last _time. **6** In which you_all_are_exulting a_little now, if fitting having_been_ _sorrowed by various trials, **7** in_order_that the proving the faith of_you_all more_preciously than gold which is perishing, by but fire being_approved, may_be_found to praise, and glory, and honour, in the_revelation of_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**. **8** Whom you_all_are_loving not having_ _seen, in whom now not seeing but believing, you_all_are_ _exulting with_joy inexpressible and having_been_glorified, **9** receiving_back the outcome of_the faith of_you_all, the_ _salvation of_souls. **10** Concerning that salvation, the_prophets ~~which~~ sought_out and searched_out, having_prophesied for the grace toward you_all, **11** searching into who or what time the **spirit** of_**chosen_one/messiah** in them was_making_evident, previously_testifying the sufferings for the_**chosen_ _one/messiah**, and the after these things glories. **12** To_whom it_was_revealed that they_were_ not _serving unto_themselves, but unto_you_all the_same things, which now was_declared to_ _you_all, by the ones having_good_message_preached to_you_ _all by_the_ holy _**spirit**, having_been_sent_out from heaven, into which things messengers are_desiring to_investigate.

13 Therefore having_girded_up the loins of_the mind of_you_ _all, being_sober, completely hope on the grace being_brought to_you_all at the_revelation of_**Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**. **14** As children of_obedience, not conforming to_the earlier desires in the ignorance of_you_all, **15** but as the one having_ _called you_all holy, also let_ yourselves _become holy in all conduct, **16** because it_has_been_written, you_all_will_be: holy, because I am holy. **17** And if you_all_are_calling_on the_father, the one impartially judging according_to the work of_each one, be_conducted in fear the of_the sojourn time of_you_all, **18** having_known that you_all_were_redeemed not by_ _perishable things, by_silver or by_gold, from the useless conduct of_you_all inherited_from_forefathers, **19** but by_the_ _precious blood, of_**chosen_one/messiah** as of_a_lamb

1 **RV 1:16 · Cross-ref.** Lev 11:44-45; 19:2.

Literal Version

unblemished and spotless, **20** having_been_foreknown on_one_
_hand before the_foundation of_the_world, on_the_other_hand
having_been_revealed in the_last ~~the~~ times because_of you_all,
21 who by him believing in **god**, the one having_raised him
from the_dead, and having_given glory to_him, so_as the faith
and hope of_you_all, to_be in **god**. **22** Having_purified the souls
of_you_all by ~~the~~ obedience to_the truth in unhypocritical
brotherly_love earnestly love one_another out_of heart.
23 Having_been_born_again, not of perishable but of_
indestructible seed, by the living and remaining _message of_
_**god**. **24** Because: All flesh is like grass, and all the_glory of_it
like the_flower of_grass. The Grass ‹Was›_withered, and the
flower fell_from, **25** but the the_message of_the_**master** is_
remaining to the age. And this is the message ~~which~~ having
_been_good_message_preached to you_all.
2:1 Therefore having_put_away all malice, and all deceit, and
hypocrisies, and envies, and all slanders, **2** like newborn babies
long the logical unadulterated milk, in_order_that by it you_
_all_may_be_grown for salvation, **3** if you_all_tasted that the
master is good.

4 To whom approaching a_ living _stone, on_one_hand having_
_been_rejected by humans, on_the_other_hand chosen by **god**,
honoured, **5** also yourselves as living stones you_all_are_being_
built, a spiritual _house, into a_ holy _priesthood to_offer_up
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to_**god** through
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah. **6** Because it_is_
_contained in_scripture: Behold, I_am_laying a_stone in
Siōn/(Tsiyyōn), a_cornerstone chosen honoured, and the one
believing in him, by_no_means may_ not _be_disgraced.
7 Therefore is the value to_you_all, the ones believing, but to_
_disbelieving ones The_stone which the ones building rejected,
this was_become to the_head of_the_corner, **8** and: A_stone of_
_stumbling, and a_rock of_offense, who are_stumbling
disbelieving in_the message, to which also they_were_
_appointed. **9** But you_all are a_ chosen _race: a_royal
priesthood, a_ holy _nation, a_people for his_procuring, so_that
the virtues you_all_may_proclaim_out, of_the one having_
_called you_all out_of darkness, to the marvellous light of_him,
10 who once were not a_people, but now are the_people of_**god**,
the ones not having_been_shown_mercy, and now having_
_been_shown_mercy.

Readers' Version

tors, you weren't bought out of that by payment of things that decay like silver or gold, **19** but by the precious blood **of the messiah**—the unblemished and spotless lamb.[2] **20** He'd been known before the world was created, yet he was only recently revealed for the sake of you chosen people **21** who believe in God through him. **God** was the one who raised him from the dead and honoured him, so that your faith and hope would be in **God**.

22 Since your souls have been purified by obeying the truth, now you should love each other from your hearts and without hypocrisy. **23** You've been born again, not growing from some physical thing that'll decay, but from indestructible material—**God's** message that's alive and lives on, **24** because it's written:

'All flesh is like grass,
and the beauty of our bodies like its flower.
The grass will wither and its flower will drop,
25 but **Yahweh's** message will last till the end **of** the age.'[3]

And that's the good message that's been preached to you chosen people.

2:1 So then, get rid of all malice and deceit, and hypocrisy and envy, and slandering others. **2** Just like newborn babies long for pure milk so they'll grow, you should cultivate a thirst for what'll help you grow as people who are rescued, **3** since you've tasted that **Yahweh** is good.[4]

The vital building-stone and the believers

4 As you chosen people approach the living building-stone (which was rejected by humans yet chosen and honoured by **God**), **5** you're being built into a temple and joining a holy group of priests to offer up *spiritual* sacrifices that are acceptable **to God** through **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, **6** because it's written in the scriptures:

'Look, I'm placing a building-stone in Tsiyon (Zion),
the vital cornerstone that's chosen and honoured,
and anyone who believes in him certainly won't be disgraced.'[5]

7 To all of you who believe, this cornerstone is valuable, but to those who don't believe:

'The building-stone which the builders rejected
ended up becoming the vital cornerstone.'[6]

8 and he'll be:

'A stone that people stumble over
and a rock that upsets people.'[7]

They stumble because they won't believe in the message—this is what was appointed for them.

9 But you believers are a chosen tribe, a group of royal priests,

2 **RV 1:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:5.

3 **RV 1:24-25 · Cross-ref.** Isa 40:6-8 (LXX).

4 **RV 2:3 · Cross-ref.** Psa 34:8.

5 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** Isa 28:16 (LXX).

6 **RV 2:7 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:22.

7 **RV 2:8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 8:14-15.

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a holy nation,[8] a people group that God has procured,[9] so that you can tell others about the virtues of the one[10] who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.[11] **10** Previously you weren't a people group, but now you're **God's** people—previously you hadn't been shown mercy, but now you have been.[12]

Battling worldly desires

11 Dear friends, I'm urging you as travellers and foreigners to keep away from the world's temptations, which are in a battle against your soul. **12** Even as you, friends, live among the world's people, maintain your good conduct so that when they slander you by calling you 'evil', at the time of **God's** judgement they'll have to honour **god** when they see your good behaviour.

13 Submit yourselves to every human authority, because you obey the **master**, whether it's to the king who rules, **14** or the governors he sends to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. **15** **God** wants you chosen people to silence the ignorant talk of foolish people by doing good. **16** Live like free people, but don't use that freedom to cover up evil—use it as **God's** slaves. **17** Honour others and be loving towards your fellow believers. Revere **God** as well as honouring the king.

Doing good despite suffering

18 You who are house-servants should respectfully obey your masters—not only the good and gentle ones, but also the crooked ones, **19** because God favours those who endure unjust hardships because of their godly consciences. **20** What good would it do if you were enduring being beaten because of doing evil? But if you endure suffering for doing good, then **God** will be pleased with your behaviour, **21** because that's what we're called to, because **the messiah** also suffered for you chosen people. He left an example for you, so that you can follow in his steps: **22** he didn't do evil or say anything that wasn't true,[13] **23** when he was insulted he didn't retaliate, when he was persecuted he didn't threaten,[14] but put his trust in the one who'll judge everyone with true justice. **24** He sacrificed his own body on the wooden post for *our* sins, so that when we die to sin we can live for righteousness. By his wounds, you chosen people were healed.[15] **25** He did all that because you were like lost sheep, but now you've returned to your souls' shepherd and overseer.

Advice to married couples

3:1 Similarly, women should be subject to their husbands,[16] so that if any of them don't believe the message, they'll be won by their wives' behaviour even without hearing the message, **2** because they'll be

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11 Beloved, I_am_exhorting as sojourners and aliens, to_be_ _keeping_away from_the fleshly desires, which are_warring against your soul, **12** having the good conduct of_you_all among the pagans, in_order_that at which they_are_slandering against_you_all as of_evildoers, by observing your good works, they_may_glorify ~~the~~ **god** in the_day of_visitation. **13** Be_ _subjected to_every human creation because_of the **master**, whether to_the_king as being_above, **14** or to_governors as being_sent by him, because/for vengeance to_evildoers, but praise to_welldoers. **15** Because thus is the will of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, doing_good to_be_silencing the ignorance of_ ~~the~~ _foolish people., **16** as free live, and not having the freedom as a_ _cover-up of_the evil, but as slaves of_**god**. **17** Honor all, be_ _loving the brotherhood, be_revering ~~the~~ **god**, be_honouring the king.

18 ~~The~~ house_servants, being_subjected with all respect to_your masters, not only to_the good and gentle, but also to_the crooked. **19** For/Because this a_favour is, if because_of conscience of_**god**, anyone is_bearing_under sorrows suffering unjustly. **20** For/Because what credit is_it, if sinning and being_ _beaten you_all_will_be_enduring it? But if doing_good and suffering you_all_will_be_enduring it, this is a_favour before **god**. **21** For/Because you_all_were_called to this, because **chosen_one/messiah** also suffered for you_all, leaving an_ _example to_you_all, in_order_that you_all_may_follow_after after_the steps of_him, **22** who neither did sin, nor was_ deceit _found in the mouth of_him, **23** who being_insulted, was_ not _ _retaliating, suffering, was_ not _threatening, but was_giving_ _over him to_the one judging justly, **24** who himself offered_up the sins of_us in the body of_him on the stake, in_order_that having_died to_ ~~the~~ _sins, we_may_live to_ ~~the~~ _righteousness, of_whose by_his wounds you_all_were_healed. **25** For/Because you_all_were like sheep being_strayed, but you_all_were_ _returned now to the shepherd and overseer of_the souls of_ _you_all.

3:1 Likewise, women, being_subjected to_your own husbands, in_order_that even if any are_disbelieving in_the message, they_will_be_being_won by the conduct of_their wives apart_ _from message, **2** having_observed the pure conduct in respect of_you_all. **3** Of_whom it_let_be not the person outwardly of_

8 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5-6; Isa 43:20 (LXX).

9 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5; Deu 4:20; 7:6; 14:2; Tit 2:14.

10 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Isa 43:21.

11 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Isa 9:2.

12 **RV 2:10 · Cross-ref.** Hos 2:23.

13 **RV 2:22 · Cross-ref.** Isa 53:9.

14 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Isa 53:7.

15 **RV 2:24-25 · Cross-ref.** Isa 53:5-6 (LXX).

16 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Eph 5:22; Col 3:18.

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_braid of_hairs and of_putting_about of_gold or adorning of_
_dresses of_clothes, **4** but the hidden person of_the heart, in
the indestructible beauty of_the gentle and quiet spirit, which
is precious before ~~the~~ **god**. **5** For/Because thus once also the
holy women ~~which~~ hoping in **god** were_adorning themselves,
being_subjected to_their own husbands, **6** as Sarra/(Sārāh)
submitted to_ ~~the~~ _Abra'am/('Avrāhām): calling him master, of_
_whom you_all_were_become children, doing_good and not
fearing not_one fear. **7** ~~The~~ men, likewise dwelling_with them
according_to knowledge, as with_a_weaker vessel with_the
feminine, rendering_out honour as also to_fellow-heirs of_the_
_grace of_life, in_order that the prayers of_you_all to_ not _be_
_being_hindered.

8 And the end, all being, like_minded, sympathetic,
brother-loving, tender-hearted, humble, **9** not giving_back evil
for evil, or insult for insult, but instead blessing, that to this
you_all_were_called, in_order_that you_all_may_inherit
blessing. **10** For/Because the one wanting life to_be_loving, and
to_see good days, let_ his tongue _cease from evil, and his_lips
~~which~~ not to_speak deceit. **11** And let_him_turn_away from evil,
and let_him_do good, let_him_seek peace and let_him_pursue
it. **12** Because the_eyes of_the_**master** are on the_righteous,
and the_ears of_him toward the_petition of_them, but the_face
of_the_**master** is against those_doing evil. **13** And who is the
one going_to_mistreat you_all, if you_all_may_become zealous
for_the good? **14** But if even might_be_suffering because_of
righteousness, you_are blessed. And the fear of_them, neither
be_afraid nor you_all_may_be_disturbed, **15** But as_**master** the
chosen_one/messiah sanctify in the hearts of_you_all, always
be ready for a_defense to_everyone ~~which~~ requesting you_all
an_account, concerning the hope in you_all, **16** but with
gentleness and respect, having a_ good _conscience, in_order_
_that in which they_are_slandering of_you_all as evildoers, the
ones mistreating of_you_all may_be_disgraced the good
conduct in **chosen_one/messiah**. **17** For/Because it_is better
to_be_suffering doing_good, if the will of_ ~~the~~ **_god** might_be_
_willing it, than doing_evil. **18** Because also **chosen_**
_one/messiah died_off once for the_sins the_righteous for the_
_unrighteous, in_order_that he_may_bringing_forward you_all
to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, on_one_hand having_been_put_to_death in_the_
_flesh, on_the_other_hand having_been_given_life in_the_
_spirit, **19** in which also having_been_gone to_the to_spirits in
prison he_proclaimed, **20** to_having_disbelieved ones once
when the patience of_ ~~the~~ **_god** was_eagerly_waiting in the_
_days of_Nōe/(Noaḥ), the_box being_prepared in which a_few,
this is, eight souls, were_brought_safely_through through the_
_water. **21** Which also representative now the_immersion is_
_saving you_all, not a_removal of_the_filth of_flesh, but of_a_
good _conscience, the_inquiry toward **god** through the_
resurrection of**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**,

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able to observe their wives' pure behaviour. **3** These women
shouldn't focus on outward appearances like elaborate
hairstyles, or gold jewellery or expensive clothes,[17] **4** but on the
inner person with a gentle and quiet spirit that's indestructible
and which **God** considers precious. **5** That was how holy women
in the past adorned themselves—those whose hope was in **God**,
6 like Sarah, who submitted to Avraham who you've become de-
scendants of. She called him 'master',[18] doing good and without
any worries.

7 Similarly, men should live with their wives with understand-
ing, like how you'd handle something more fragile. They should
display honour to their fellow recipients of life-giving grace[19] so
that their prayers won't be hindered.

Suffering for doing good

8 Finally, everyone should be agreeable
and sympathetic to others, kind and car-
ing towards those around you, humble **9** and not repaying evil
with evil or insult with insult, but rather be a blessing to others.
You were called to do that so that you chosen people can receive
a blessing, **10** because it's written:

'The person wanting to enjoy life and see good days,
let their tongue cease from evil,
and their lips not speak deceit.
11 Let them turn away from evil and do good,
let them look for peace and chase after it,
12 because **Yahweh** looks kindly on the righteous,
and his ears listen to their petition,
but **Yahweh** turns his face away from those who do evil.'[20]

13 Who's going to mistreat you if you chosen people start ac-
tively doing good? **14** But even if some of you do suffer because
of your godliness, you will be blessed.[21] Don't be scared or dis-
turbed because of your fear of them, **15** but revere the **messiah**
as the **master** of your hearts. Always be ready to explain the
hope that you chosen people have if **anyone** asks, **16** but do it
with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that
if you're falsely accused of doing evil, then the ones who'll be
disgraced will be the ones who mistreat you chosen people, be-
cause of the good way you live because of the message. **17** After
all, it's better to do good, and then, if **God** intends it, to suffer,
than to do evil, **18** because **the messiah** also died once for sin,
that is, the sinless one died for sinful people, so that he can
bring you chosen people past death onward **to God**. Although he
experienced physical death, he'd been given life **in the spirit**,
19 and with that life he also went to the spirits in prison and
preached to them— **20** those who'd refused to believe. **God** had
waited patiently in Noah's time when the barge was being built,
yet only a few were saved. Eight of them were brought safely

17 **RV 3:3 · Cross-ref.** 1Tim 2:9.

18 **RV 3:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 18:12.

19 **RV 3:7 · Cross-ref.** Eph 5:25; Col 3:19.

20 **RV 3:10-12 · Cross-ref.** Psa 34:12-16 (LXX).

21 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:10.

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through the waters,[22] 21 which also represents how being immersed saved you chosen people. It doesn't remove the filth from your bodies, but cleans the conscience as you make a pledge to **God** based on the coming back to life **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, 22 who went to heaven and sat at **God's** right, with God's messengers and authorities and powers all under his authority.

Leaving worldly desires behind

4:1 Since **the messiah** suffered physically, you chosen people should also cultivate the same intention, because **anyone** who suffers physically stops sinning 2 so that they can live their remaining physical lives obeying **God's** intentions instead of this world's lusts, 3 because enough time has been spent listening to this world's advice and pursuing immorality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties, and repulsive service to false gods. 4 The unbelievers will be surprised that you chosen people aren't joining them in that unrestrained, wild living, and they'll mock you, 5 but they'll need to give an account for their actions to the one who's ready to judge both the living and the dead. 6 That's why the good message was preached even to the dead, so that while people might judge them according to this world's standards, yet they might live spiritually according to **God's** judgement.

7 The end of everything is getting close, so make good decisions and be serious in prayer, 8 and more than anything, display genuine love to each other, because love triumphs over many sins.[23] 9 Show hospitality to each other without grumbling. 10 Whatever gift each person has received, they should use it to serve the others as good managers of the various forms of grace **God's** given us. 11 **Anyone** who shares wisdom that came from **God** or uses the strength that **God's** given them to serve others needs to be honouring **God** through **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**. He's the **one** who deserves the honour and power throughout all time.

The suffering of believers

12 Dear friends, don't be surprised about the fiery trials that you'll have to face as a test, as though it's something unusual that's happening to you, 13 but rather, as you, friends, share in the **messiah's** sufferings, stay positive so that you'll be happy, just as you're glad to see his honour revealed. 14 You, friends, will be blessed if you're derided in the **messiah's** name, because **God's** spirit rests on you—the spirit that honours him. 15 None of you should suffer persecution because you're a murderer or a thief or a troublemaker or nosey-parker, 16 but if you suffer for being one of the messiah's people, then there's no need to feel ashamed, but instead praise **God** in that name.

17 It's time for the judgement to begin—and to begin with **God's** people—and if we're judged first, what will the outcome be for those who refuse to believe in God's good message? 18 Yes,

'if it's difficult for godly people to be saved,

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22 having_been_gone into heaven who is at the_right hand of_ _**god**, with_messengers, and authorities, and powers having_ _been_subjected to_him.

4:1 Therefore **chosen_one/messiah** having_suffered in_the_ _flesh, also you_all arm the same intention, because the one having_suffered in_the_flesh has_ceased from_sin, 2 in_order that to_live the remaining time in the_flesh no_longer to_lusts of_the_people, but to_the_will of_**god**. 3 For/Because the having_passed_by time is sufficient to_have_produced the counsel of_the pagans, having_pursued in wantonness, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking_parties, and unlawful idolatries. 4 With which they_are_being_surprised, not running_together of_you_all into the same of_ ~~the~~ _ _intemperance pouring_out, slandering, 5 who will_be_giving_ _back an_account to_the one ready to_judge the_living and the_ _dead. 6 For/Because to this end was_good_message_preached even to_the_dead, in_order_that they_may_be_judged on_one_ _hand according_to humans in_the_flesh, on_the_other_hand may_be_living according_to **god** in_the_spirit. 7 And the end of_all things has_neared. Therefore be_sensible and be_sober for the_prayers, 8 before all things, having the earnest love among yourselves, because love is_covering a_multitude of_ _sins, 9 be hospitable to one_another apart_from grumbling, 10 each one as he_received a_gift, serving it to yourselves, as good managers of_the_various grace of_**god**. 11 If anyone is_ _speaking, as oracles of_**god**, if anyone is_serving, as of strength of_which ~~the~~ **god** is_supplying, in_order_that in all things ~~the~~ **god** may_be_being_glorified through **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, to_whom is the glory and the power to the ages of_the ages. Truly.

12 Beloved, be_ not _being_surprised at_the fiery_trial among you_all for trial to_you_all becoming, as_though of_a_stranger happening to_you_all, 13 but as you_all_are_sharing in_the sufferings of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, be_rejoicing in_order_ _that you_all_may_be_elated also exulting in the revelation of_ _the glory of_him. 14 You_are blessed if you_all_are_being_ _derided in the_name of_**chosen_one/messiah**, because the the **spirit** of_the of_glory and of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, is_resting on you_ _all. 15 For/Because not let_ anyone _be_suffering of_you_all as a_murderer, or a_thief, or an_evildoer, or as a_meddler. 16 But if as a_follower_of_the_messiah, not let_him_be_being_ashamed, but let_him_be_glorifying ~~the~~ **god** in ~~the~~ this name. 17 Because the time it_is ~~which~~ to_begin the judgement from the house of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, and if first from us, what will_be the outcome of_the ones disbelieving in_the good_message of_ ~~the~~ _**god**? 18 And if the righteous is_being_saved with_difficulty, where will_be_ _appearing the ungodly and sinner? 19 So_then also the ones suffering according_to the will of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, let_them_be_

22 **RV 3:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 6:1–7:24.

23 **RV 4:8 · Cross-ref.** Prv 10:12.

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_entrusting the souls of_them to_a_faithful creator in welldoing.

5:1 Therefore I_am_exhorting elders among you_all, ~~the~~ a_ _fellow-elder and witness of_the sufferings of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, also the partner of_the glory going to_be_ _being_revealed, **2** shepherd the flock of_ ~~the~~ **_god** among you_ _all, not compulsory, but willingly, according_to **god**, not greedily, but eagerly, **3** not as exercising_mastership over_the allotments, but becoming examples to_the flock. **4** And the chief_shepherd having_been_revealed, you_all_will_be_ _receiving_back the unfading crown of_ ~~the~~ _glory. **5** Likewise, younger ones, be_subjected to_your_elders. And, all tie_in ~~the~~ humility to_one_another because: - **god** is_opposing against_ _the_proud, but is_giving grace to_the_humble ones.
6 Therefore be_humbled under the mighty hand of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, in_order_that he_may_exalt you_all in time, **7** having_throw_on all the worry of_you_all on him, because with_him is_caring about you_all. **8** Be_sober, watch. The opponent of_you_all, the_ _devil, is_walking as a_lion roaring, seeking to_swallow_up, **9** against_whom resist, solid in_the in_faith, having_known the same things of_the sufferings, by_the in the world of_you_all brotherhood to_be_being_accomplished. **10** And the **god** of_all grace, the one having_called you_all to the eternal glory of_him in **chosen_one/messiah**, you_having_suffered little, he will_ _be_preparing you, will_be_strengthening you, will_be_ _strengthening you, **11** to_him be the dominion for the ages. Of_the ages. Truly.

12 By Silouanos, I_wrote to_you_all of_the faithful brother (as I_ _am_counting), through few messages, exhorting and testifying this to_be the_true grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, in which you_all_stood. **13** Is_greeting you_all the in Babulōn/(Bāvel?) chosen_ _together, and Markos, the son of_me. **14** Greet one_another with a_kiss of_love. Peace be to_you_all all, who are in **chosen_ _one/messiah**.

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what will it be like for the ungodly and for sinners?'[24]
19 So for everyone who's suffering according to **God's** intentions, let them entrust their souls' well-being to the faithful creator.

5:1 Because of that, I'm encouraging your **Advice to believers**
elders, as a fellow elder, and a witness of the **messiah's** sufferings, and also a partner in the GLORY that's going to be revealed:
2 Carefully shepherd **God's** people that you care for,[25] not out of compulsion, but willingly, listening to **God**, not greedily, but enthusiastically, **3** not exercising dominance over them, but being examples for them. **4** Then when the chief shepherd returns, you elders will receive the unfading crown of honour.

5 Similarly, you younger ones, take your elders' advice, and all of you, show humility to each other, because '**God** opposes those who are proud, but displays grace to those who are humble.'[26]
6 So humble yourselves under **God's** mighty hand so that he might honour you at the right time.[27] **7** Give all your concerns to him because he cares about you all.

8 Stay alert and keep watch. Your opponent, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, wanting to swallow up you chosen people, **9** but you should remain firmly in the faith and resist him, knowing that fellow believers all around the world experiencing similar suffering are doing the same. **10** Then **God**, the source of all grace, and the **one** who called you to his eternal GLORY in **the messiah**, will prepare you chosen people as you suffer a little, and will then strengthen you as you're established. **11** May his authority be powerful throughout all time. May it be so.

12 I've written this brief letter with the **Farewell**
help of the faithful brother, Siluanos,[28] to encourage you chosen people and to testify that **God's** grace that you accepted is true.

13 The chosen group in Bavel (Babylon) and my 'son' Markos[29] send their greetings to you chosen people. **14** Greet one another with a kiss of love.

May all of you who are united with **the messiah** experience God's peace.

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24 **RV 4:18 · Cross-ref.** Prv 11:31 (LXX).
25 **RV 5:2 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 21:15-17.
26 **RV 5:5 · Cross-ref.** Prv 3:34 (LXX).
27 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Mat 23:12; Luk 14:11; 18:14.
28 **RV 5:12 · Cross-ref.** Acts 15:22,40.
29 **RV 5:13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 12:12,25; 13:13; 15:37-39; Col 4:10; Phm 24.

The first letter from
Shim'on 'the Rock' (Peter)

Introduction

The second letter from Shim'on 'the rock Kefa' was sent to believers in various towns of Asia Minor (also called Anatolia, now part of modern Turkey) (1 Peter 1:1, 2 Peter 3:1). His purpose of writing this was to contradict the work of false teachers, and to scold the people for their bad behaviour as a result of following that teaching. Therefore he encouraged them to not believe that teaching because they should only believe the teaching concerning the messiah. They also need to be adding the following to their faith: good behaviour, wisdom/knowledge, self-control, patience, obeying God, and loving others.
Those people taught that the messiah would not return since it had already been quite a while and he hadn't yet returned. But Shim'on answered by saying that the messiah would certainly return, but God doesn't want to punish everyone, but desires that people would turn away from their sins.

Main components of Kefa's letter

Introduction *1:1-2*
The calling of Christians *1:3-21*
False teachers *2:1-22*
The messiah Yeshua's return *3:1-18*

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1:1 Simōn Petros, a_slave and ambassador of_ **_Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_one/messiah**, to_the ones equal_valued with_us having_obtained a_faith in the_ _righteousness of_the **god** of_us and saviour, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**: **2** grace to_you_all and might_have_multiplied peace in the_knowledge of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and of_**Ya^{y}sous** the **master** of_us.

3 As having_granted all things to_us of_the divine power of_ _him, the things to life and devoutness, through the knowledge of_the one having_called us, to_his_own glory and virtue, **4** through which has_granted his precious and greatest promises to_us, in_order_that through these things you_all_ _may_become partners of_the_divine nature, having_escaped_ _from from_the corruption in the the_world by lust. **5** Also same thing and this earnestness all they_having_brought_in, supply in ~~the~~ faith of_you_all ~~the~~ virtue, and in ~~the~~ virtue ~~the~~ knowledge, **6** and in ~~the~~ knowledge ~~the~~ self-control, and in ~~the~~ self-control ~~the~~ endurance, and in ~~the~~ endurance ~~the~~ devoutness, **7** and in ~~the~~ devoutness ~~the~~ brotherly_love, and in ~~the~~ brotherly_love ~~the~~ love. **8** For/Because these things being and being_plentiful in_you_all, is_appointing neither idle nor unfruitful, because/for the knowledge of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_one/messiah**. **9** For/Because in_ _whomever these things is_ not _being_present, is blind, being_ _near_sighted, having_received forgetfulness of_the purification the long_ago of_him sins. **10** Therefore brothers rather, be_earnest, to_be_making the calling and choice of_you_ _all confirmed, because/for practicing these things by_no_ _means you_all_may_ not _stumble once. **11** For/Because thus the entrance into the eternal kingdom of_the **master** of_us and saviour, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** will_be_being_ richly _ _supplied to_you_all. **12** Therefore I_will_be_going always to_ _be_reminding you_all concerning these things, although having_perceived them and having_been_strengthened in the being_present truth. **13** And I_am_considering it right for as_ _long_as I_am in this ~~the~~ tent, to_be_awaking you_all by the_ _remembrance, **14** having_known that the removal of_the tent of_me is imminent, as also the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**, made_evident to_me. **15** And I_will_be_being_ _earnest also each_time to_be_having you_all to_be_making a_ _remembrance of_these things after ~~the~~ my departure, ~~which~~. **16** For/Because we_made_known to_you_all the power and coming of_the **master** of_us **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_ _one/messiah** not having_followed_after having_been_ _cleverly_devised myths, but having_been_become eyewitnesses of_the greatness of_that one. **17** For/Because having_received honour and glory from **god** the_father, a_voice such_as_this having_been_brought to_him by the Majestic Glory: This is The son of_me, the beloved in whom I took_ _pleasure, **18** and we heard this ~~the~~ voice from heaven, having_ _been_brought with him, being on the holy mountain. **19** And we_are_having the prophetic message more_confirmed, to_ _which you_all_are_doing well taking_heed, as to_a_lamp shining in a_dark place, until of_which day may_shining_ _through, and the_morning_star may_rise in the hearts of_you_

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1:1 This letter is from Shim'on (Simon) Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), a slave and messenger **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** (Grk. Christos), writing to those who have faith in the sinlessness of our **God** and saviour **Yeshua Messiah** that's just as precious as our faith.

2 May you experience much grace and peace through your knowledge **of God** and **Yeshua** our **master**.

3 He has given us everything necessary **God's calling** for life and godliness through his divine power as we know the one who called us to his own glory and moral excellence. **4** Through these things, he has given us precious and very great promises that you will become participants of the divine nature after escaping the corruption in the world of lust. **5** For this same reason, work hard to apply your faith adding moral excellence, and to that excellence add knowledge; **6** to that knowledge add self-control; to that self-control add endurance; to that endurance add godliness; **7** to that godliness add brotherly concern; and to the brotherly concern add selfless love. **8** Because if these things are part of you and continually increasing, your knowledge of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** won't become useless or unproductive. **9** But if these things aren't part of someone, that person is shortsighted as if they've forgotten that prior cleansing of their sins.

10 So then fellow Christians, work hard to make your calling and election certain—that way you will never fall away— **11** and so you will be richly provided entry into the eternal kingdom of our **master** and saviour **Yeshua Messiah**.

12 Therefore I intend to always remind you about these things, even though you know them and are already established in the truth that you know. **13** But I consider it right, as long as I live in this tent, to get you stirred up with a reminder, **14** since I know that this tent of mine will soon be left behind as our **master Yeshua Messiah** himself told me. **15** And I will also make every effort to make sure that you will always remember these things after my departure.

16 We didn't follow cleverly crafted fables, but rather having been eyewitnesses of the majesty of our **master Yeshua Messiah**, we made his power and forthcoming return known to you. **17** Because he received the honour and glory from **God** the Father when a voice spoke to him with magnificent glory saying, "This is my son that I dearly love and who has pleased me greatly."[1] **18** Indeed we heard this voice from heaven ourselves as we had been taken with him to the holy mountain.

19 In addition there are the words of the prophets that were fulfilled which you would do well to pay attention to—like a light that shines in the dark places—until the day dawns and the one who is the morning star rises in your hearts. **20** And know this foundational truth: all of the prophecy in Scripture doesn't just come from our own interpretations **21** or from the ideas of man, but from **God** speaking via men being guided by **the** Holy

1 RV 1:17-18 · Cross-ref. Mat 17:1-5; Mrk 9:2-7; Luk 9:28-35.

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False teachers

2:1 But just like there were also false prophets among the people, so also there will be false teachers among you who will sneakily bring in destructive heresies—even denying the master who bought them, and thus bringing swift destruction onto themselves. **2** Many people will follow their gross immorality causing evil to be spoken of about the true way. **3** They will exploit you with greed and made-up words but the judgement of old won't be idle and their destroyer won't be sleeping.

4 Because if **God** didn't spare the messengers when they sinned, but chained them in darkness and kept them to be delivered to judgement in due course,[2] **5** and if he didn't spare the ancient world but only preserved the eight including Noah the proclaimer of righteousness when the flood came on the ungodly world,[3] **6** and if he reduced the cities of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah) to ashes by a catastrophe[4] which condemned them to being an example of what the ungodly will become, **7** and if he saved the righteous man Lot who was distressed by the gross immorality of the lawless people[5] **8** and whose righteous soul was tormented by seeing and hearing their lawlessness day after day, **9** then **the master** knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, and knows how to keep the unrighteous people to be punished at the day of judgement, **10** especially those who follow their fleshly lusts that defile themselves and despise his being master over us.

Those bold, self-willed people don't worry about insulting the glorious ones, **11** whereas even messengers who are greater in both strength and power don't slander or pass **the master's** judgement on those glorious ones. **12** But these men act like unthinking animals that are born to be captured and destroyed when they slander concerning things they know nothing about, and they will bring about their own destruction. **13** The harm they did will lead to their own harm as payment as their indulgence in broad daylight. They've become spots and blemishes as they feast together with you yet take joy in their deception. **14** Their eyes are full of lust for adultery and never cease to sin, and having trained their hearts in greed they entice unstable people to become their cursed offspring. **15** They have left the right path and gone astray, following the path of Be'or's son Bil'am (Balaam) who loved the wages of unrighteousness,[6] **16** but he was scolded for his sin when a normally dumb donkey spoke

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_all. **20** Knowing this first, that any prophecy of_scripture of_ _its_own interpretation is_ not _becoming. **21** For/Because was_ not once _brought by_the_will of_a_human prophecy, but people being_carried by the_ holy _**spirit**, spoke the_holy from of_**god**.

2:1 But false_prophets also became among the people, as also among you_all will_be false_teachers, who will_be_sneaking_in sects of_destruction, even disowning the master having_ _bought them, bringing_upon upon_themselves quick destruction. **2** And many will_be_following_after of_them in_ _the wantonnesses, because_of whom the way of_the truth will_be_being_slandered. **3** And in greediness they_will_be_ _merchandising you_all with_fabricated messages, for_whom the judgement anciently is_ not _idling, and the destruction of_ _them is_ not _nodding_off. **4** For/Because if ~~the~~ **god** not spared of_the_messengers having_sinned, but having_committed_to_ _the_underworld them to_pits of_darkness, gave_over them for judgement being_kept, **5** and he_ not _spared from_the_ancient world, but preserved the_eighth, Nōe/(Noaḥ), a_proclaimer of_ _righteousness, having_brought_ the_flood _upon upon_the_ _world of_the_ungodly, **6** and having_reduced_to_ashes the_ _cities of_Sodoma/(Ṣədom) and Gomorra/(ʹAmorāh) condemned them, having_presented an_example of_going to_ _be_acting_ungodly **7** and rescued righteous Lōt/(Lōṭ), being_ _distressed by the of_conduct of_the lawless in wantonness **8** (for the righteous man dwelling among them in_seeing and in_hearing, day by day, was_tormenting in_his_ righteous _soul with_their_lawless works), **9** the_**master** has_known to_be_ _rescuing the_devout ones out_of temptation, but to_be_ _keeping the_unrighteous ones to being_punished the_day of_ _judgement, **10** and most_of_all the ones pursuing after the_ _flesh in the_lusts of_defilement, and despising of_mastership. Darers self-willed, they_are_ not _trembling slandering at_ _glories, **11** where messengers being greater in_strength and power, are_ not _bringing a_slanderous judgement against them before the_**master**. **12** But these like illogical animals, having_been_born natural for capture and corruption, slandering in what things they_are_not_knowing, in the corruption of_them and they_will_be_being_corrupted, **13** being_done_wrong as_the_wage of_unrighteousness, as_ _gratification considering the luxury in the_day, stains and blemishes reveling in the seductions of_them, feasting_with with_you_all, **14** having eyes full of_adulteress, and unceasing from_sin, enticing unstable souls, having a_heart having_been_ _trained in_greediness, children of_a_curse, **15** having_left the_ _straight way, they_were_strayed having_followed_after in_the way of_ ~~the~~ _Bala'am/(Bilʹām) of_ ~~the~~ _Bosor/(Bəʹōr), who loved the_wage of_unrighteousness, **16** but he_had a_rebuke for_his_ _own lawlessness, a_ silent _donkey having_spoken in of_a_ _human a_voice, because/forbade the insanity of_the prophet. **17** These are waterless springs, and mists being_driven by

2 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** Yud 6.

3 **RV 2:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 6:1–7:24.

4 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24.

5 **RV 2:7 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:1-16.

6 **RV 2:15-16 · Cross-ref.** Num 22:4-35.

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storm, for_whom ~~the~~ darkness of_ ~~the~~ _darkness has_been_kept. **18** For/Because speaking arrogant messages of_uselessness, they_are_enticing with the_lusts of_the_flesh to_wantonness, the ones slightly escaping_from the ones being_conducted in deception, **19** promising freedom to_them, they being to_slaves of_ ~~the~~ _corruption, because/for by_what anyone has_been_ _overcome, by_this one he_has_been_enslaved. **20** For/Because if having_escaped_from the defilements of_the world, in the_ _knowledge of_the **master** and saviour **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʿa) chosen_one/messiah**, and having_ again ‹been›_entangled in_ _these things they_have_been_overcome, the last has_become to_them worse than the first. **21** For/Because it_was better, for_ _them, not to_have_known the way of_ ~~the~~ _righteousness, than having_known it, to_turn_away from the holy command having_been_given_over to_them. **22** the message of_the true proverb has_happened to_them: A_dog having_returned to its own vomit, and: A_sow having_washed, to wallowing in_the_ _mud.

3:1 Beloved this is now, the_second letter I_am_writing to_you_ _all, in which I_am_awaking the sincere mind of_you_all in remembrance, **2** to_be_reminded of_the messages having_ _been_previously_spoken, by the holy prophets, and of_the command of_the **master** and saviour of_the ambassadors of_ _you_all. **3** Knowing this first, that mockers will_be_coming in the_last of_the days with mocking, pursuing according_to their own lusts of_them, **4** and saying: Where is the promise of_the coming of_him? From for that time the fathers were_fallen_ _asleep, all things is_continuing thus from the_beginning of_ _creation. **5** For/Because this is_escaping_notice them willing, that the_heavens were anciently, and the_earth having_ _consisted out_of water and through water by_the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, **6** through which the then world perished having_ _been_flooded in_water. **7** But the now heavens and the earth, by_the same message are having_been_stored_up, for_fire being_kept to the_day of_judgement and destruction of_ ~~the~~ _ _ungodly people. **8** But let_ this _be_escaping_notice one not you_all, beloved, that one day with the_**master** is like a_ _thousand years and a_thousand, years are like one day. **9** the_ **_master** is_ not _slowing of_his promise, as some are_ _considering slowness, but he_is_being_patient toward you_all, not wishing any to_perish, but all to to_accept repentance. **10** But the_day of_the_**master** will_be_coming like a_thief, in which the heavens will_be_passing_away vociferously, and elements being_burned will_be_being_destroyed, and the_earth and the works in it will_be_being_found. **11** all these things thus being_destroyed, what_kind_of people it_is_fitting you_all to_be_being in holy conduct and devoutness, **12** expecting and hurrying the coming of_the day of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, because_of which the_heavens being_burned, will_be_being_destroyed, and the_ _elements being_burned, is_being_melted. **13** But we_are_

7 **RV 2:22 · Cross-ref.** Prv 26:11.

8 **RV 3:3 · Cross-ref.** Jude 18.

9 **RV 3:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:6-9.

10 **RV 3:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 7:11.

11 **RV 3:8 · Cross-ref.** Psa 90:4.

12 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:43; Luk 12:39; 1Th 5:2; Rev 16:15.

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to him with a man's voice to stop his madness.

17 These men are like waterless fountains and like mists driven by storms, and the gloomy darkness is reserved for them **18** because they speak vane and inflated words to entice people to fleshly lusts. Those who have just escaped from the errors of their living **19** are promised freedom, but they themselves have become slaves to corruption, because whatever a person has been defeated by is what they become a slave to. **20** Because if they have escaped the defilements of the world by their knowledge of our **master** and saviour **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** and yet get entangled again, they are defeated and have ended up worse off than at the beginning. **21** It would have been better not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it and to turn back from the holy instruction that was passed on to them. **22** The proverb is correct in what it says and has happened to them: "A dog returns to its own vomit,"[7] and "A sow that's been washed wallows in the mud again."

The messiah Yeshua's return

3:1 This is now my second letter to you my friends—both of which were sent as reminders to stir up your minds to sincerely **2** remember the messages spoken in the past by the holy prophets as well as the instruction of the **master** and saviour that came via your apostles. **3** Firstly you should know that mockers will come during the last days, scoffing, following their own lusts[8] **4** and saying, "What about his promised return? Everything has just continued as usual from the beginning of creation right past the time when the ancestors died. **5** But because of their desires, the truth is hidden from them that the universe came into being long ago by **God's** spoken command and the earth was formed out of water and through water[9] **6** and these same waters deluged the ancient world which then perished.[10] **7** But the present universe and the earth have been preserved by that same command, to be kept for fire in the day of judgement and destruction of those who are ungodly.

8 But don't let this one thing escape your attention my dear friends, that one day for us **is** like a thousand years with **the master**, and a thousand years is like one day.[11] **9** **The master** isn't slow in fulfilling his promise as some consider slowness, but is patient toward you—not wanting anyone to perish but rather wanting everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day **of the master** will come like a thief,[12] when the universe will suddenly pass away, its components will burn up and be destroyed, and the earth and what happened on it will be examined. **11** Since all these things will be destroyed, what kind of people should you be? Holy and godly in conduct, **12** waiting

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for and hastening the coming of the day **of God** when the universe will be set alight and destroyed and its components will melt as they burn up. **13** But we await a new universe and a new earth filled with righteousness according to his promise.[13]

14 And so dear friends, while you await these events be eager and found to be at peace with him—spotless and blameless. **15** And consider the patience of our **master** as leading to salvation as our dear brother Paulos wrote to you using the wisdom that has been given to him. **16** He speaks in all his letters concerning these things, some of which are hard to understand and which ignorant and unstable people twist just like they twist the other scriptures to their own destruction.

17 So knowing this in advance dear friends, guard yourselves in case you fall from your own stable position with the same errors as the lawless ones. **18** Rather grow in the grace and knowledge of our **master** and saviour **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**. May the glory be his, both now and through the days of eternity. May it be so.

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_waiting for_new heavens and a_new earth, according_to the promise of_him, in which righteousness is_dwelling. **14** Therefore, beloved, expecting these things, be_earnest spotless and blameless to_be_found by_him in peace. **15** And be_considering the patience of_the **master** of_us, salvation, as also ~~the~~ beloved of_us brother Paulos, according_to the wisdom having_been_given to_him, wrote to_you_all, **16** as also in all letters, speaking in them concerning these things, among which is hard_to_understand things some, which the ignorant and unstable are_twisting as also the other scriptures, to their own destruction of_them. **17** Therefore you_all, beloved, knowing_before be_guarding, in_order_that you_all_may_ not _ _fall_from from_your own steadfastness having_been_carried_ _away with_the deception of_the lawless. **18** But be_growing in grace, and in_the_knowledge of_the **master** and saviour of_us, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa) chosen_one/messiah**. To_him be the glory both now and to the_day of_eternity. Truly.

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13 RV 3:13 · Cross-ref. Isa 65:17; 66:22; Rev 21:1.

Paulos's second letter to
Timotheos

Introduction

This is *the second letter of Paulos that we have that's written to Timotheos*. He wrote it from Romai when he was imprisoned there as a result of his preaching about Yeshua the messiah. Timotheos was still teaching the believers in Efesos, so here Paulos requests him to come to see him before he gets sentenced to death.
In this letter, Paulos advised Timotheos to be strong so that he can persevere in his preaching and doing God's work even in the middle of suffering and when others oppose him. He also warns Timotheos about the coming evil of teachers of false doctrines because these can destroy the faith of the listeners.
Most of all, Paulos reminds Timotheos about his life so that Paulos's faith and endurance would be an example for Timotheos to follow: his humility, his love, and his enduring suffering from those who persecuted him.

Main components of Paulos's letter

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, a missionary **of Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the **messiah** according to **God's** will and with the promise of life in **Yeshua the messiah.** **2** It's written to my dear child, Timotheos.[1] May you experience grace, mercy, and peace from **God** the father and our **master Yeshua** the **messiah**.

Advice and encouragement

3 I've been serving **God** with a clean conscience since my childhood and I'm thankful **to** him that night and day I haven't stopped praying for you— **4** remembering your tears and longing to see you again, which will fill me with happiness. **5** I recall your faith without hypocrisy, which I first noticed in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunike,[2] and which I'm sure is also in you. **6** So that's why I'm reminding you to rekindle **God's** gift which you received when I placed my hands on you and prayed for you, **7** because **God** didn't give us a fearful spirit, but gave us power, love, and wisdom.

8 So because of that, don't be ashamed of our **master's** testimony, and nor of mine, even though I'm a prisoner for him, but let the two of us suffer together for the sake of the good message with the help **of God's** power. **9** It's God that saved us and called us to live a godly life. His selection of us had nothing to do with anything good we might have done, but rather he has his own purposes and had given us grace via **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** even before time began. **10** That grace has been revealed now that our saviour **Yeshua** the **messiah** appeared and obliterated death, while at the same time illuminating life and immortality through the good message **11** that I was appointed to proclaim, as well as being a missionary and teacher.[3]

12 It's for that cause that I'm suffering here in prison, but I'm not ashamed, because I know who it is that I trust, and I'm convinced that he's powerful enough to guard my deposit of hope in him until the end of this age. **13** The style of sound messages that you heard from me, you need to retain in faith in **Yeshua the messiah**, and with your love for him. **14** Keep that good deposit with the help of **the** holy **spirit** who lives in us.

15 You've already heard that those in Asia Minor all turned their backs on me, including Fugelos and Hermogenes. **16** May the **master** show mercy to Onesiforos and his family, because he often cheered me up and he wasn't ashamed of my chains. **17** When he came to Romai he actively searched for me and found me. **18** May the **master** help him find mercy from **Yahweh** on the judgement day, but anyway, you well know how much Onesiforos helped us in Efesos.

Yeshua's followers obey and endure

2:1 So my 'son', may the grace from **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** make you strong **2** along with everything you heard from me through many witnesses. Entrust those things to faithful people who will also be capable of teaching others.

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1:1 Paulos, an_ambassador of_**chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, by the_will of_**god**, according_to promise of_life ~~which~~ in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous**, **2** to_ _Timotheos beloved child: grace, mercy, peace, from **god** the_ _father and **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous** the **master** of_us.

3 I_am_having thankfulness to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, unto_whom I_am_ _serving from my_parents with a_pure conscience, as I_am_ _having the unceasing mentioning for you in the petitions of_ _me, night and day, **4** longing to_see you, having_remembered of_the tears of_you, in_order_that I_may_be_filled with_joy, **5** having_taken remembrance of_the unhypocritical faith in you, which dwelt first in the grandmother of_you, Lōis, and in_ _the mother of_you, Eunikaʸ, and I_have_been_persuaded that also in you it_is. **6** For/Because that cause I_am_reminding you to_be_rekindling the gift of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, which is in you by the laying_on of_the hands of_me. **7** For/Because ~~the~~ **god** not gave to_us a_spirit of_fear, but of_power, and of_love, and of_ _sensibility. **8** Therefore may_ not _be_ashamed the testimony of_the **master** of_us, nor me, the prisoner of_him, but suffer_ _together for_the good_message, according_to the_power of_ **_god**, **9** the one having_saved us, and having_called with_a_ _calling holy, not according_to the works of_us, but according_ _to his_own purpose and grace, ~~which~~ having_been_given to_us in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** before eternal times, **10** but having_been_revealed now, by the appearing of_ _the saviour of_us, **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous**, having_ _nullified on_one_hand ~~the~~ death, on_the_other_hand having_ _illuminated life and indestructibility through the good_ _message, **11** to which I was_appointed a_proclaimer, and an_ _ambassador, and a_teacher. **12** For/Because that cause I_am_ also _suffering these things, but I_am_ not _being_ashamed, because/for I_have_known in_whom I_have_believed, and I_ _have_been_persuaded that he_is powerful to_guard the deposit of_me for that ~~the~~ day. **13** Be_having the_pattern of_ _being_sound messages, which you_heard from me, in faith and love ~~which~~ in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous**. **14** Keep the good deposit, by the_ holy **_spirit** ~~which~~ dwelling in us. **15** You_have_ _known this, that all who are in ~~the~~ Asia were_turned_away from_me, of_whom is Fugelos and Hermogenaʸs. **16** The **master** might_give mercy to_the household of_Onaʸsiforos, because he_ often _refreshed me, and was_ not _ashamed the chain of_ _me, **17** but having_become in Ɽōmaʸ, he_ earnestly _sought me and found **18** (the **master** might_give to_him to_find mercy from the_**master** in that ~~the~~ day), and as_much_as he_served in Efesos, you are_knowing better.

2:1 You therefore, child of_me, be_being_strengthened in the grace ~~which~~ in **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. **2** And the things you_heard from me through many witnesses, entrust these to_faithful people who will_be worthy to_teach others also. **3** Suffer_together as a_good soldier of_**chosen_ _one/messiah Yaʸsous**. **4** No_one soldiering is_being_

1 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 16:1.

2 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Acts 16:1.

3 **RV 1:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Tim 2:7.

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_entangled with_the affairs of_ ~~the~~ _living, in_order_that he_ _may_bring_pleasure to_the one having_enlisted him. **5** And also if anyone may_be_competing, not is_being_crowned, if he_ _may_ not _compete lawfully. **6** It_is_fitting the labouring farmer to_be_partaking first of_the fruits. **7** Be_understanding what I_am_saying, because/for the **master** will_be_giving insight to_you in all things. **8** Be_remembering **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, having_been_raised from the_dead, of the_seed of_Dawid/(Dāvid), according_to the good_message of_ _me, **9** in which I_am_suffering_hardship unto bonds as a_ _criminal. But the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god** has_ not _‹been›_bound. **10** Because_of this, I_am_enduring all things because_of the chosen ones, in_order_that they also may_obtain of_salvation ~~which~~ in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** with eternal glory. **11** The saying is trustworthy: For/Because if we_ _died_together with_him, we_‹will›_ also _be_living_together with_him, **12** if we_are_enduring, we_‹will›_ also _be_reigning_ _with him, if we_will_be_disowning him, also_that one will_be_ _disowning us, **13** if we_are_disbelieving, that one is_remaining faithful, because/for he_is_ not _able to_disown himself. **14** Be_ _reminding them these things, testifying before ~~the~~ **god**, to_ not _be_quibbling_about_messages against nothing useful, to the_ _ruin of_the ones hearing.

15 Be_earnest to_present yourself approved to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, a_ _worker unashamed, cutting_straight the message of_ ~~the~~ _ _truth. **16** And be_avoiding ~~the~~ profane empty_babblings, because/for they_will_be_progressing on more of_ungodliness, **17** and the message of_them will_be_having spreading as gangrene, of_whom is Humenaios, and Fila^{y}tos, **18** who deviated concerning the truth, saying the the_resurrection already to_have_become, and are_overturning the faith of_ _some. **19** However the solid foundation of_ ~~the~~ **_god** has_stood, having ~~the~~ this seal: The_**master** knew the ones being of_him, and, let_ everyone - naming the name of_the_**master** _ _Withdraw from unrighteousness. **20** And in a_great house, there_is not only golden and silver vessels, but also wooden and earthen, and some on_one_hand for honour, on_the_other_ _hand some to dishonour. **21** Therefore if anyone may_clean_ _out himself from these things, he_will_be a_vessel for honour, having_been_sanctified, useful to_the master, because/for every work good having_been_prepared. **22** And be_fleeing ~~the~~ youthful lusts, but be_pursuing righteousness, faith, love, peace, with the ones calling_on the **master** out_of a_ pure _ _heart. **23** And be_refusing ~~the~~ foolish and uneducated debates, having_known that they_are_bearing quarrels. **24** And it_is_ not _fitting the_slave of_the_**master** to_be_quarrelling, but to_be gentle toward all, teaching, bearing_evil, **25** in gentleness

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3 Suffer together with me as a good soldier **of Yeshua the messiah**. **4** Soldiers stay unentangled from the affairs of daily living so that they will be dedicated to pleasing their commanding officer. **5** Similarly the athlete won't win the competition if they don't follow the rules. **6** It's fair for the farmer working in the orchard to be allowed to eat the fruit. **7** You should easily understand what I'm saying, because the **master** will be giving you insight into everything.

8 Always remember the promised descendant of King David, **Yeshua the messiah** who came back from the dead, which is what I preach **9** and why I'm here in chains suffering hardship as a criminal. But **God's** message hasn't been chained. **10** So I will endure everything so that the ones that God has chosen will also be able to receive their salvation in **Yeshua the messiah** and live with him forever. **11** There's a reliable saying that goes,

If we died along with him,
we will live together with him.
12 If we endure with him,
we will be able to reign with him.
If we disown him,
he will also disown us.[4]
13 If we refuse to believe him,
he will remain faithful to us,
because he isn't able to go against his nature.

14 Keep reminding them of all that. Tell them in front of **God** not to quibble[5] about the intricacies of words, as it's not helpful and can lead the listeners to ruin.

Being God's honourable slave

15 Work hard so that **God** will see you as someone he approves of—not ashamed of the good message but straight-talking the truth. **16** Avoid chatter about unimportant or crude topics because it will eventually led to godlessness. **17** Those kinds of talk are like rot that spreads, as happened when Humenaios and Filetos **18** deviated from the truth by claiming that the resurrection has already happened and have drawn some away from the faith. **19** However **God's** solid foundation has stood with this inscription on it: '**Yahweh** knew his own ones,'[6] and 'Let everyone who claims to follow **Yahweh** avoid disobedience.'

20 An expensive home doesn't just have gold and silver bowls, but there are wooden and pottery bowls as well. Some will contain valuable things, but others contain dishonourable things that we prefer not to display. **21** So those people who rid themselves of dishonourable thoughts and actions will become a container for honourable things, being reserved to do the special work that the master has prepared for them. **22** And run far from youthful lusts—chase instead after obedience, faith, love, and peace like all the others who follow the **master** with a pure heart. **23** Refuse to enter foolish and uneducated debates, be-

4 **RV 2:12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:33; Luk 12:9.

5 **RV 2:14 · Note** There's a textual issue here and we follow the standard SR (with 'expert override') rather than the developmental version.

6 **RV 2:19 · Cross-ref.** Num 16:5.

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cause they'll just end in an argument. 24 It's not fitting for one **of Yahweh's** slaves to be argumentative, but rather to be polite to everyone and to be teaching the truth, yet be tolerant **of** other people's bad behaviour. 25 We should politely point out the wrongs of those opposing us and perhaps **God** might bring them to repentance and the knowledge of the truth. 26 After being caught in the devil's trap just as he wanted, maybe they'll escape and come to their senses.

Loss of standards in the end times

3:1 It's important to know that dangerous times will be coming in the last days of this era. 2 People will become selfish, greedy for money, braggers, proud, slanderous, refusing to listen to sense from their parents, ungrateful, ungodly, 3 unloving, unwilling to reconcile, diabolical, angry, wild, and without morals. 4 They will be betrayers, reckless and conceited, loving pleasure instead of loving God, 5 appearing to be godly on the surface yet denying that God is real, and turning from the truth. 6 Some of these will quietly enter houses and captivate gullible women. Despite being known for their sins, they're led by various lusts— 7 always 'learning' yet never actually confronting the reality of the truth. 8 This is just like how Yannes and Yambres opposed Mosheh (Moses),[7] and similarly these people, having depraved minds and who are unqualified concerning the faith, oppose the truth. 9 But they won't be advancing in the faith because their foolishness will eventually become evident to everyone, just as happened with Yannes and Yambres.

Living your faith even at a cost

10 However Timotheos, you followed me in your teaching, your conduct, your purpose and your faith, in patience, love, endurance, 11 and even through persecution and suffering like I endured in Antiokeia,[8] Ikonion,[9] and Lustra[10]—yet the **master** rescued me in each case. 12 Anyway, everyone who wants to seriously follow **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** should expect to be persecuted.

13 Meanwhile evil people and scammers will get worse and worse—deceiving others and then being deceived themselves. 14 Hold on to the things that you learnt and were convinced are true, because you know you can trust those who taught them to you. 15 You've known the sacred scriptures since you were a young child, and the wisdom contained in them is able to lead you to salvation through faith in **Yeshua the messiah**. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for scolding and correction, and for teaching discipline and obedience 17 so that the person following **God** can be trained in doing every kind of good deed.

4:1-2 I am proclaiming these truths before **God** and before **Yeshua** the **messiah** who will judge both the living and the

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disciplining the ones opposing, perhaps ~~the~~ **god** might_give to_ _them repentance to a_knowledge of_the_truth, 26 and they_ _may_recover_sobriety out_of the snare of_the devil, having_ _been_caught by him, in_order that the_will of_that one.

3:1 But be_knowing this, that in the_last days dangerous times will_be_presenting. 2 For/Because ~~the~~ people will_be selfish, money_lovers, braggers, proud, slanderous, unpersuadable to_ _their_parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, diabolical, intemperate, untamed, unwholesome, 4 betrayers, reckless, having_been_conceited, lovers_of_pleasure rather than lovers_of_god, 5 having an_appearance of_devoutness, but having_disowned the power of_it, and be_turning_from these. 6 For/Because out_of these, are the ones slipping_in into ~~the~~ houses, and making_ silly_women _captive, having_been_ _heaped with_sins, being_led by_ various _lusts, 7 always learning, and never being_able to_come to a_knowledge of_the_ _truth. 8 And by_that manner Yanna^{y}s and Yambra^{y}s resisted against_Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh), thus also these are_resisting against_the truth, people having_ the mind ‹been›_depraved, unqualified concerning the faith. 9 But they_‹will›_ not _be_ _progressing to more, because/for the folly of_them will_be evident to_all, as also the folly of_those became.

10 And you followed with_the teaching of_me, the conduct, the purpose, the faith, the patience, the love, the endurance, 11 the persecutions, the sufferings, such_as became to_me in Antiokeia, in Ikonion, in Lustra, such_as persecutions I_bore_ _under, and_yet out_of all things, the **master** rescued me. 12 And also all the ones wanting to_be_living devoutly in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** will_be_being_ _persecuted. 13 But evil people and swindlers will_be_ _progressing to the worse, deceiving and being_strayed. 14 And you be_remaining in what things you_learned and you_were_ _convinced_of, having_known from whom_all you_learned them, 15 and that from a_baby you_have_known the the_sacred writings, ~~which~~ being_able to_make_ you _wise to salvation through faith ~~which~~ in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**. 16 Every scripture is god-breathed and beneficial for teaching, because/for rebuke, because/for correction, because/for discipline ~~which~~ in righteousness, 17 in_order_that the person ~~the~~ of_**god** may_be complete, having_been_finished_out toward every good work.

4:1 I_am_testifying before ~~the~~ **god** and **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**, the one going to_be_judging the_living and the_dead, both the appearing of_him, and the kingdom of_him:
2 proclaim the message, stand_by conveniently and_

7 **RV 3:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 7:11 (possibly these Egyptian magicians).

8 **RV 3:11 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:14-52.

9 **RV 3:11 · Cross-ref.** Acts 14:1-7.

10 **RV 3:11 · Cross-ref.** Acts 14:8-20.

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_unseasonably, rebuke, give_rebuke, exhort, with all patience and teaching. **3** For/Because there_will_be a_time when they_ _‹will›_ not _be_tolerating teaching of_the being_sound, but according_to their own desires, they_will_be_accumulating teachers to_themselves, being_tickled by_the ear, **4** and on_ _one_hand they_will_be_turning_away from ~~the~~ hearing the truth, on_the_other_hand they_will_be_being_turned_away to ~~the~~ myths. **5** But you be_being_sober in all things, suffer_ _hardship, do the_work of_a_good_message_preacher, fully_ _assure the service of_you. **6** For/Because I am_ already _being_ _poured_out, and the time of_the departure of_me has_ _approached. **7** I_have_fought ~~The~~ good fight, I_have_finished the course, I_have_kept the faith. **8** Furthermore the crown ~~the~~ of_righteousness is_laid_away for_me, which the **master** will_ _be_giving_back to_me in, that ~~the~~ day, the righteous judge, and not only to_me, but also to_all the ones having_loved the appearing of_him.

9 Be_earnest to_come to me quickly, **10** For/Because Da^{y}mas was_abandoning me, having_loved the present age, and was_ _gone to Thessalonika^{y}, Kra^{y}ska^{y}s to Galatia, Titos to Dalmatia. **11** Loukas alone is with me. Having_Taken_up Markos, be_ _bringing him with yourself, because/for he_is useful to_me for the_service. **12** But I_sent_ Tuḳikos _out to Efesos. **13** The cloak that I_left_behind in Trōias with Karpos, be_bringing on_ _coming, and the scrolls, most_of_all the parchments. **14** Alexandros the coppersmith, displayed much harm to_me, the **master** will_be_giving_back to_him according_to the works of_him, **15** whom you also be_guarding, because/for he_resisted exceedingly ~~the~~ against_our messages. **16** In ~~the~~ first defense of_ _me, no_one appeared with_me, but all abandoned me, it_ _might_ not _have_counted to_them. **17** But the **master** stood_ _by by_me, and strengthened me, in_order_that through me the proclamation may_be_fully_assured, and all the pagans may_hear, and I_was_rescued out_of the_mouth of_the_lion. **18** The **master** will_be_rescuing me from every evil work, and he_will_be_saving into the ~~the~~ heavenly kingdom of_him, to_ _whom is the glory to the ages of_the ages. Truly.

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dead. Proclaim his appearance on earth[11] and his kingdom, stand by the message whether it's convenient or seems out of place, rebuke and scold those who need it, but also encourage with complete patience and teaching. **3** A time will come when people will no longer be tolerating scriptural teaching, but will prefer their own doctrines, so they'll find teachers to teach what they want to hear, **4** so not only will they avoid hearing the truth, they'll be following myths instead. **5** However Timotheos, you stay sensible about everything, endure hardship, tell people the good message, and do all your duties well.

6 As for me, I've already done all I can, and the time of my departure is approaching. **7** I've fought the fight for goodness. I've finished the race. I've kept the faith. **8** I know that a crown has been reserved for me due to my obedience, and the **master** serving as the impartial judge will award it to me, and not just to me, but will also award them to others who appreciated his coming.[12]

9 Try to come to me as soon as possible, **Final bits and pieces**
10 because Demas[13] was attracted back to worldly things, and so he left me and went to Thessalonikai. Kreskes has gone to Galatia, and Titos[14] went to Dalmatia. **11** Only Lukas (Luke)[15] stayed with me. Fetch Markos[16] on your way and bring him to me also because he's always very helpful. **12** I sent Tukikos[17] to Efesos. **13** When you come, bring the coat that I left with Karpos in Troias,[18] along with the scrolls and most of the parchments.[19]

14 Alexandros (Alexander) the coppersmith[20] did a lot of harm to me but **Yahweh** will 'reward' him for what he's done.[21] **15** You also should watch out for him, because he was very strongly opposed to our teaching.

16 At my first defence in the courts here in Romai, no one stood with me. Everyone deserted me, but that shouldn't be held against them. **17** But the **master** stood by me and strengthened me to ensure that the good message was proclaimed and all the pagans heard it, and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth so to speak. **18** The **master** will rescue me from every evil plot, and he will bring me into his heavenly kingdom. He should be praised forever. May it be so.

11 **RV 4:1 · Note** It's not clear if Paul is referring to Yeshua's previous coming to the earth, or to the expected, future coming. (See also 4:8)

12 **RV 4:8 · Note** Again (see 4:1), it's not totally clear if Paul is referring to Yeshua's previous coming to the earth, or to the expected, future coming.

13 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Col 4:14; Phm 24.

14 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 8:23; Gal 2:3; Tit 1:4.

15 **RV 4:11 · Cross-ref.** Col 4:14; Phm 24.

16 **RV 4:11 · Cross-ref.** Acts 12:12,25; 13:13; 15:37-39; Col 4:10; Phm 24.

17 **RV 4:12 · Cross-ref.** Acts 20:4; Eph 6:21-22; Col 4:7-8.

18 **RV 4:13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 20:6.

19 **RV 4:13 · Note** We get no clues here about what scrolls they were (possibly some Hebrew scriptures), nor what was on the parchments—they may even have been still blank for writing on.

20 **RV 4:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Tim 1:20.

21 **RV 4:14 · Cross-ref.** Psa 62:12; Rom 2:6.

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19 Greet Priskilla and Akulas (Aquila)[22] **Signing off**
for me, and Onesiforos' household.[23] **20** Erastos[24] stayed in Korinthos, and I left Trofimos[25] in Milaitos because he was sick.
21 Make sure you come before the winter. Eubulos greets you, as do Pudes, Linos, Klaudia, and all the believers.

22 May you always know inside that the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is with you, and may all of you there experience God's grace.

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19 Greet Priska and Akulas, and the house of_Ona^{y}siforos.
20 Erastos remained in Korinthos, But Trofimos I_left_behind ailing in Mila^{y}tos. **21** Be_earnest to_come before winter.
Euboulos is_greeting you, and Pouda^{y}s, and Linos, and Klaudia, and all the brothers. **22** The **master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** with the spirit of_you be. ~~The~~ grace be with you_all.

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22 **RV 4:19 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:2.

23 **RV 4:19 · Cross-ref.** 2Tim 1:16-17.

24 **RV 4:20 · Cross-ref.** Acts 19:22; Rom 16:23.

25 **RV 4:20 · Cross-ref.** Acts 20:4; 21:29.

The letter to the
Ivrim

Introduction

It's not known who wrote this letter, but it was sent to a group of Jewish believers. It was written so that their faith would be strengthened because they were in danger of losing their faith due to their sufferings. So then, the writer encouraged them concerning their faith and taught them that Yeshua is the true messiah and God's final revelation. These three truth were carefully taught: (1) Yeshua/Jesus who had no beginning and has no ending is God's son and he's greater than any or all of the prophets, or messengers, or even Mosheh/Moses. (2) Yeshua has been revealed by God as the final priest, greater than any priest in the Hebrew scriptures. (3) By means of Yeshua, those who believe in him can be saved from sin and death.
The faith of famous Ivrim from long ago is written about in chapter 11. So then, the writer encourages the believers to strengthen of their faith. And in chapter 12, he encourages them again to continue their walk until the end when we all see Yeshua. They need to continue despite any persecution and discouragements that come to them. But it's necessary to know that God disciplines them all as his own children. He finishes this letter with his advice and his warning.

Main components of this letter

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The son represents God's splendour

1:1 Long ago, **God** spoke to our ancestors through the prophets in many different circumstances and in many different ways, **2** but in these last days he spoke to us through his son who he appointed to inherit everything. It was also through him that he made the different eras— **3** through the son who radiates the father's splendour and represents his reality. The son bears everything by the message of his power, and after having made a way to be purified from our sins, he sat down in heaven next to God in the seat of the second-in-command.

The son is greater than the angels

4 By having become so much better than God's messengers, he inherited a greater reputation than them, **5** because which of the messengers was told even once by God:

'You are my son;
I gave birth to you today.'[1]

And again:

'I will be a father to him,
And he will be a son to me.'[2]

6 Then when God again brings his firstborn son into the world he said:

'Let all **of God's** messengers bow down to him.'[3]

7 On one hand he said to his messengers:

'The one making his messengers winds,
and making his ministers a fiery flame.'[4]

8 And on the other hand to his son he said:

'**God**, your throne will last to the end of the ages;
The ruler of his kingdom is a ruler of justice.
9 You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness,
because of this, **God**, your **god**, honoured you
with gladness beyond what your companions received.'[5]

10 He also said to his son:

'**Yahweh**, at the beginning you established the earth,
and you made the heavens with your hands.
11 They will perish but you will continue;
They will wear out like clothes do.
12 You will roll them up like a discarded dressing gown;
they'll be changed like we change our clothes.
But you remain the same,
and you won't get old and fragile.'[6]

13 To which of his messengers did God say even once:

'Sit in the seat of honour on my right,
until I can defeat your enemies
and use them as a stool for my feet'?[7]

14 See, those messengers are just ministering spirits sent out to

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1:1 Many_ways and many_ways long_ago, ~~the~~ **god**, having_ _spoken to_the fathers in the prophets **2** in the_last ~~the~~ days these, spoke to_us by his_son, whom he_appointed heir of_all things, through whom also he_made the ages, **3** who being the_ _radiance of_his glory and the_representation of_the reality of_ _him, and bearing the things all by_the message of_the power of_him, the_purification of_ ~~the~~ _sins having_made, sat_down at the_right hand of_the majesty on high.

4 By_so_much better than having_become the messengers, to_ _as_much_as more_special beside them, he_has_inherited a_ _name. **5** For/Because to_which he_said once of_the messengers: son of_me are you, I today have_bore you? And furthermore: I will_be to_him for father, and he will_be to_me for son? **6** And whenever again he_may_bring_in his firstborn into the inhabited_world, he_is_saying: And let_prostrate before_him all the_messengers of_**god**. **7** And to on_one_hand the messengers he_is_saying: The one making the messengers of_him spirits, and the ministers of_him of_fire a_flame, **8** on_ _the_other_hand to the son: The throne of_you, ~~the~~ **god**, to the age of_the age, and the scepter of_ ~~the~~ _righteousness is the_ _scepter of_the kingdom of_him. **9** You_loved righteousness and you_hated lawlessness, because_of this, anointed you ~~the~~ **god**, the **god** of_you, with_the_olive_oil of_exultation beyond the companions of_you. **10** And: You in the_beginnings, **master**, the earth established, and works of_the hands of_you are the heavens. **11** They will_be_perishing, but you are_ _continuing, and all like a_garment will_be_being_grown_old, **12** and as_if a_covering you_will_be_rolling_up them, like a_ _garment also they_will_be_being_changed, but you the same are, and the years of_you not will_be_failing. **13** To but which of_the messengers he_has_said once: Be_sitting on the_right of_me, until ~~wishfully~~ I_may_set the enemies of_you, as_a_ _footstool for_the feet of_you? **14** Not all they_are ministering spirits, because/for service being_sent_out, because_of the ones going to_be_inheriting salvation?

1 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Psa 2:7.

2 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:14; 1Ch 17:13.

3 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** Deu 32:43 (LXX).

4 **RV 1:7 · Cross-ref.** Psa 104:4 (LXX).

5 **RV 1:8-9 · Cross-ref.** Psa 45:6-7.

6 **RV 1:10-12 · Cross-ref.** Psa 102:25-27 (LXX).

7 **RV 1:13 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.

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2:1 Because_of this, it_is_fitting more_abundantly to_be_giving_ _heed us to_the things having_been_heard, lest we_may_be_ _drifted_away. **2** For/Because if the by messengers having_ _been_spoken message became confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a_just penalty, **3** how we will_be_escaping of_so_great having_neglected a_salvation? Which a_beginning having_received, to_be_being_spoken by the **master**, by the ones having_heard to us was_confirmed, **4** testifying_with them of_ ~~the~~ **_god** by_signs ~~and/both~~, and wonders, and various miracles, and of_the_**spirit** holy distributions, according_to the of_him will.

5 For/Because not to_messengers he_subjected the inhabited_ _world ~~which~~ coming, because/for which we_are_speaking. **6** But testified somewhere someone saying: What is mankind, that you_are_remembering of_him, or the_son of_man, that you_are_noticing him? **7** You_made_less him, little something than the_messengers, with_glory and honour you_crowned him, **8** all things you_subjected beneath the feet of_him. For/Because in that to_subject to_him the things all, nothing he_left to_him insubordinate. But now not_yet we_are_seeing to_him the things all having_been_subjected. **9** But who little something than the_messengers having_been_made_less, we_ _are_seeing **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, because_of the suffering of_ ~~the~~ _death, with_glory and with_honour having_been_crowned, so_that by_the_grace of_**god**, because/for everyone he_may_ _taste of_death. **10** For/Because it_was_befitting to_him, because/for whom are the things all, and by whom are the things all, many sons to glory having_brought, the originator of_the salvation of_them, through sufferings to_perfect. **11** The one for both sanctifying, and the ones being_sanctified, of one all are, because/for that cause, not he_is_being_ashamed brothers them to_be_calling **12** saying: I_will_be_reporting the name of_you to_the brothers of_me, in the_midst of_the_ _assembly I_will_be_singing_hymns to_you. **13** And furthermore: I will_be having_trusted in him. And furthermore: Behold, I and the little_children, whom to_me gave ~~the~~ **god**. **14** Therefore because the little_children has_sharing of_blood and of_flesh, also he likewise partook of_the same things, in_ _order_that through his death, he_may_nullify the one the power holding of_ ~~the~~ _death, this is the devil, **15** and may_ _release these, as_many_as by_fear of_death, through all the time to_be_living, liable were to_slavery. **16** For/Because not assuredly of_the_messengers he_is_taking_hold, but of_the_ _seed of_Abra'am/('Avrāhām) he_is_taking_hold. **17** Whence he_was_ought in all things to_his brothers to_be_likened, in_ _order_that a_merciful he_may_become and faithful chief_ _priest in_the things for ~~the~~ **god**, in_order that to_be_being_ _made_atonement the sins of_the people. **18** In for which has_ _suffered he having_been_tempted, he_is_able to_the ones

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serve those people who will inherit salvation.

The truth about salvation

2:1 Because of that, it's much more appropriate for us to listen carefully to the message so we don't drift away. **2** Because if the message that was brought by the messengers is confirmed and so every transgression and act of disobedience received the appropriate penalty, **3** how will *we* escape punishment if we neglect such a great offer of salvation. This salvation was first heard when spoken about by the **master** and then others who heard confirmed it to us **4** and **God** testified it by means of sign and wonders and various miracles and by gifts **of the** holy **spirit** whenever he wanted.

Salvation through Yeshua

5 It's not his messengers that God put in charge of the future world that we're talking about, **6** but someone testified somewhere saying:

'What is humankind that you think about him,
or humanity's son that you notice him?
7 You made him a little less than your messengers.
You crowned him with splendour and honour.
8 You put everything under his authority.'[8]

By putting everything under his authority, nothing is left that he doesn't control, although right now we don't see everything being under his authority yet. **9** But although he was made a little lower than God's messengers, we see **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) have suffered death, now crowned with splendour and honour, so that by **God's** grace, he experienced death for everyone. **10** It was appropriate for him, the one who everything was made for and who made everything, having brought many children to be with God and being the originator of their salvation, to become perfect through what he suffered.

11 Both the person who is making people holy and the ones being made holy are part of one family because he's not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters **12** saying:

'I will announce your name to my brothers,
I will sing praise songs to you from the middle of the assembly.'[9]

13 And also:

'I will trust myself to him.'[10]

And:

'Look, it's me with the little children that **God** gave me.'[11]

14 So because the 'little children' are all made of flesh and blood, he also became a man to be just like them, so that through his death, he could nullify the power of death (which comes from the devil) **15** and set free all those who in a lifetime 'slavery' controlled by the fear of death. **16** You can be certain that it's not God's messengers that he's helped, but rather Avra-

8 **RV 2:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Psa 8:4-6.

9 **RV 2:12 · Cross-ref.** Psa 22:22.

10 **RV 2:13 · Cross-ref.** Isa 8:17 (LXX).

11 **RV 2:13 · Cross-ref.** Isa 8:18.

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ham's descendants.[12] 17 That's why he had to be just like his brothers and sisters, so that he could become the merciful and faithful chief priest representing **God**, in order to pay the price for the people's sins. 18 Because he also suffered when he was tempted to sin, he's able to help others who are tempted.

Yeshua is greater than Mosheh

3:1 Therefore, godly brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, consider **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), who we acknowledge as our missionary and high priest, 2 how he was faithful to God who appointed him, just as Mosheh (Moses) was faithful in God's house.[13] 3 Yeshua was considered worthy of more honour than Mosheh, just like the builder of a house is honoured more than the house itself, 4 because every house is made by someone, but the one who made everything is **God**. 5 On one hand, Mosheh was faithful in all of his house, thus serving as a testimony for what was yet to be told, 6 and on the other hand, **Messiah** was the son over his house, which is us if we retain our confidence and the expectation of our hope.

Warning against unbelief

7 Therefore the holy **spirit** says:
'Today if you hear his voice,
8 don't harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion,
in the time of testing in the wilderness
9 where your ancestors tested me through trials,
although they saw my actions 10 over forty years.
That's why I was angry with that generation and I said:
'They're always straying in their hearts and they don't really know my ways.'
11 As I decided in my severe anger:
'They will never be entering into my peace.'[14]
12 Brothers and sisters, watch out in case any of you has an evil heart with unbelief which leads you to withdraw from the living **God**. 13 Instead urge yourselves on throughout each day (while it's still called 'today') so that some of you won't become hardened by the sin's seduction 14 because we are now partakers of the **messiah** if we can retain until the end the assurance that we had at the beginning. 15 As it's been said:
'Today if you all hear his voice,
don't harden your hearts as you did when you rebelled.'[15]
16 Did some people heard and yet rebel?[16] Didn't Mosheh (Moses) lead all of the people out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)? 17 Who was he angry with for forty years? Wasn't it the people who disobeyed God and who died there in the wilderness? 18 And who did God promise that they wouldn't enter his rest, if it wasn't the people who disbelieved? 19 So we can now see that they weren't able to enter the promised land because of their unbelief.

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being_tempted to_give_help.

3:1 Whence, brothers holy of_the_calling heavenly, partakers, observe the ambassador and chief_priest of_the confession of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, 2 faithful being to_the one having_established him, as also Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) in the house of_him. 3 For/Because of_more this one glory than Mōsa^{y}s he_has_been_considered_worthy, by as_much_as more honour than is_having the house itself, the one having_prepared it. 4 For/Because every house is_being_prepared by someone, but the one all things having_prepared is **god**. 5 And Mōsa^{y}s on_one_hand faithful in all the house of_him, as a_server for a_testimony of_the things going_to_speak, 6 On_the_other_hand **chosen_one/messiah** as son over the house of_him, whose house are we, if our confidence and the boast of_our hope we_may_retain.

7 Therefore as is_saying the **spirit** ~~the~~ holy: Today if of_the voice of_him you_all_may_hear, 8 not you_all_may_harden the hearts of_you_all, as in the rebellion, in the day of_ ~~the~~ _trial, in the wilderness, 9 where tested me the fathers of_you_all by trial, and they_saw the works of_me, 10 for_forty years. Therefore I_was_angry ~~the~~ with_generation this, and I_said: Always they_are_being_strayed in_their heart, and they not knew the ways of_me, 11 as I_swore in the severe_anger of_me: Never they_will_be_coming_in into the rest of_me. 12 Be_watching_out, brothers, lest will_be in anyone of_you_all a_heart evil of_unbelief, in that to_withdraw from **god** the_living. 13 But be_exhorting yourselves throughout each day, until of_which, ~~which~~ today it_is_being_called, in_order_that not may_be_hardened someone of_you_all by_the_seduction ~~the~~ of_sin. 14 For/Because partakers of_the **chosen_one/messiah** we_have_become, if_indeed the beginning of_the assurance, until the_end confirmed we_may_retain. 15 At the time to_be_being_said: Today if of_the voice of_him you_all_may_hear, not you_all_may_harden the hearts of_you_all, as in the rebellion. 16 For/Because some having_heard rebelled? But not all the ones having_come_out out_of Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim) by Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh)? 17 And with_whom_all he_was_angry for_forty years? Not was_it with_the ones having_sinned, of_whose ~~the~~ corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to_whom_all he_swore not going_to_be_coming_in into the rest of_him, except ~~not/lest~~ to_the ones having_disbelieved? 19 And we_are_seeing that not they_were_able to_come_in because_of unbelief.

12 **RV 2:16 · Cross-ref.** Isa 41:8-9.
13 **RV 3:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 12:7.
14 **RV 3:7-11 · Cross-ref.** Psa 95:7-11 (LXX).
15 **RV 3:15 · Cross-ref.** Psa 95:7-8 (LXX).
16 **RV 3:16-18 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:1-35.

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4:1 Therefore we_may_be_afraid, lest being_left a_promise to_
_come_in into the rest of_him, may_be_supposing anyone of
you_all to_have_falling_short. **2** Also for we_are having_been_
_good_message_preached to_us just_as also_those, but not
benefitted the message of_their hearing those, not having_
_been_united_together ~~the~~ with_faith to_the ones having_
_heard. **3** for/because we_are_coming_in into the_rest, the ones
having_believed, as he_has_said: As I_swore in the severe_anger
of_me: Never they_will_be_coming_in into the rest of_me, and_
_yet his works from the_foundation of_the_world having_been_
_become. **4** For/Because he_has_spoken somewhere concerning
the seventh day thus: And rested ~~the~~ **god** on the day ~~the~~ seventh
from all the works of_him, **5** and in this furthermore: Never
they_will_be_coming_in into the rest of_me. **6** Therefore
because it_is_being_retained for_some to_come_in into it, and
the ones previously having_been_good_message_preached, not
came_in because_of disbelief, **7** again a_certain is_designating
day: today, by Dawid/(Dāvid) saying after so_much time, as
has_been_previously_said: Today if of_the voice of_him you_all_
_may_hear, not you_all_may_harden the hearts of_you_all.
8 For/Because if them Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) rested, not would
about another he_was_speaking after these things day.
9 Consequently is_being_retained a_day_of_rest_rest for_the
people of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **10** For/Because the one having_come_in
into the rest of_him, also he rested from the works of_him, as
from his own works ~~the~~ **god** did. **11** Therefore we_may_be_
_earnest to_come_in into that ~~the~~ rest, in_order_that lest by the
same someone example may_fall of_ ~~the~~ _disbelief.
12 For/Because living is the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and active,
and sharper, beyond any sword double_edged, even
penetrating until the_division of_soul and spirit, of_joints both
and marrows, and able_to_judge of_the_thoughts and
intentions of_the_heart. **13** And no there_is creation hidden
before him, but all things naked and having_been_exposed are
to_the eyes of_him, with whom to_us is the account.

14 Therefore having a_chief_priest great, having_passed_
through the heavens, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, the son of ~~the~~ _
_god, we_may_be_taking_hold of_our confession.
15 For/Because not we_are_having a_chief_priest not being_
_able to_sympathize with_the weaknesses of_us, but having_
_been_tempted in all things by likeness without sin.
16 Therefore we_may_be_approaching with boldness to_the
throne of_ ~~the~~ _grace, in_order_that we_may_receive mercy, and
grace we_may_find, because/for opportune help.
5:1 For/Because every chief_priest from people being_taken for
people is_being_appointed in_the things for ~~the~~ **god**, in_order_
_that he_may_be_offering gifts both and sacrifices for sins,
2 to_be_forbearing being_able with_the ones not_knowing and
being_strayed, because also he is_being_encompassed with_

17 **RV 4:3 · Cross-ref.** Psa 95:11.

18 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:2.

19 **RV 4:5 · Cross-ref.** Psa 95:11.

20 **RV 4:7 · Cross-ref.** Psa 95:7-8 (LXX).

21 **RV 4:8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 31:7; Josh 22:4.

22 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:2.

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Entering God's rest/peace

4:1 That's why we might be afraid: because although we had a promise to enter his rest, some of you might fail to achieve it, **2** because we've already had the good message preached to us just like them, but the message they heard didn't benefit them because they weren't united in faith with the others who listened. **3** So those of us who believed are entering that rest, as he said:

'As I promised in my severe anger,
They will never enter into my rest.'[17]

And yet he's had it ready since the creation of the world. **4** Because somewhere he's spoken about the seventh day saying:

'And on the seventh day **God** rested from all his works.'[18]

5 And also:

'They will never enter my rest.'[19]

6 Therefore because it's being retained for some people to still come into it, and those who previously had the good message preached to them didn't come in because of their disbelief, **7** God designated a certain day saying:

'Today if you all hear his voice,
Don't harden your hearts.'[20]

8 Because if Yehoshua (Joshua) had given them rest,[21] God wouldn't be speaking afterwards about another day. **9** So then, a time of rest is being retained for **God's** people, **10** because anyone having come into their rest, also rests from their works, just as **God** rested from his own works.[22] **11** Therefore we should be earnest about entering that rest, in case someone else falls by following our example of disbelief, **12** because **God's** message is living and active and sharper than any high-quality sword, even penetrating to divide the soul and spirit—like separating the bone from sinews—and able to judge a person's inner thoughts and intentions. **13** There isn't anything in all of creation that's hidden from him, but everything is naked and exposed to his sight as he's the one we have to give an account to.

Yeshua is our high priest

14 So then, having **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the son **of God** who came from and returned to the heavens as our high priest, we need to hold firmly to what we say we believe, **15** because we don't have a high priest who's not able to sympathise with our weakness, but rather who's been tempted just like we are, yet he didn't sin. **16** Therefore we can boldly approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace to help us when we need it.

5:1 Every high priest is just a person who was selected from the people to work with godly things both by offering gifts to God and sacrificing because of our sins. **2** He's able to be patient with those who don't understand and stray from the truth because he

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also is subject to weakness **3** and because of that, he has to make offerings for his own sins as well as for the people.[23]

4 No one takes that honour onto themself, but they're called by **God** like just Aharon (Aaron) was.[24] **5** Similarly the **messiah** didn't take the honour of being chief priest onto himself, but the **one** who spoke to him said:

'You're my son;
today I have given birth to you.'[25]

6 And in another place he said:

'You are a priest of the order of Malki-Tsedek (Melchizedek).'[26]

7 During the time when Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) lived in a human body, he offered up prayers and petitions with a mighty clamour and tears to the one who was able to save him from death,[27] and he was heard because of his reverence. **8** Although he was a son, he learnt obedience from what he suffered **9** and once he became perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all those who submitted to him **10** as he'd been designated by **God** as the high priest according to the order of Malki-Tsedek.

Becoming mature believers

11 We have a lot to say about that, but it's hard to explain because you've all become lazy at listening. **12** Yes, because you all ought to be teachers by now, yet you still need to have someone teaching you the basics of **God's** ways and you've become like those who need milk instead of solid food.[28] **13** Everyone who drinks milk doesn't really understand the message about righteousness, because they're still infants, **14** but mature people have solid food meaning that their senses have been trained and they can distinguish good from evil.

6:1 So then, having left the basics of the **messiah's** message, we should move on towards maturity—not repeating the foundations of repenting from useless religious actions and faith in **God**, **2** of teachings about immersion in water and prayerfully placing your hands on people, and the resurrection of the dead followed by eternal judgement. **3** And we'll be moving on from all that if **God** permits.

4 It's impossible for those who've understood this and who've tasted the heavenly gift and become partakers **of the** holy **spirit** **5** and who've tasted **God's** message and the powers of the coming age **6** and who've fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. It's like they themselves are executing **God's** son again and publicly shaming him.

7 The land that soaks in the frequent rains and grows crops suitable for those who are cultivating it, is receiving a blessing

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_weakness, **3** and because_of it he_ought, as for the people thus also for himself, to_be_offering for sins. **4** And not on_himself anyone is_taking the honour, but being_called by ~~the~~ **god**, just_ _as also A'arōn/('Ah$_a$ron). **5** Thus also the **chosen_ _one/messiah** not himself glorified to_be_become a_chief_ _priest, but the one having_spoken to him: son of_me are you, I today have_bore you. **6** As also in another he_is_saying: You are a_priest to the age according_to the order of_ _Melḳisedek/(Malkī-tsedeq). **7** Who in the days of_the flesh of_ _him, petitions both and supplications, to the one being_able to_be_saving him from death, with clamour mighty and tears having_offered, and having_been_listened_to from ~~the~~ reverence. **8** Although being a_son, he_learned from what things he_suffered ~~the~~ obedience, **9** and having_been_perfected, he_became to_all the ones submitting to_him the_cause of_ _salvation eternal, **10** having_been_designated by ~~the~~ **god** a_ _chief_priest according_to the order of_Melḳisedek.

11 Concerning whom much to_us ~~the~~ speech, and hard_to_ _explain to_be_speaking, because sluggish you_all_have_ _become in_the hearing. **12** For/Because even ought to_be teachers because_of the time, again need you_all_are_having of_the one to_be_teaching you_all, someone the principles of_ _the beginning of_the oracles of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and you_all_have_ _become need having of_milk, not of_solid food. **13** For/Because everyone ~~which~~ partaking of_milk is inexperienced in_the_ _message of_righteousness, because/for an_infant he_is. **14** But for_the_mature is ~~the~~ solid food, of_who because_of ~~the~~ practice their senses having_been_trained, having for distinction, of_ _good both and evil.

6:1 Therefore having_left the of_the beginning of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah** message, to ~~the~~ perfection we _may_be_being_ _brought, not again a_foundation laying_down of_repentance from dead works, and faith in **god**, **2** of_washings teaching, and of_laying_on of_hands, and of_the_resurrection of_the_dead, and of_judgement eternal. **3** And this we_will_be_doing, if_ _indeed may_be_permitting ~~the~~ **god**. **4** For/Because impossible it_is the ones once having_been_enlightened, and having_ _tasted of_the gift ~~the~~ heavenly, and partakers having_been_ _become of_the_**spirit** holy, **5** and the_good having_tasted of_ _**god** the_message, and the_powers of_the_coming age, **6** and having_fallen_away, again to_be_renewing them to repentance, executing_on_a_stake in_themselves the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and publicly_shaming him. **7** For/Because land ~~which~~ having_drunk the on it coming often rain, and bearing vegetation suitable, for_those because_of whom also it_is_being_cultivated, is_

23 **RV 5:3 · Cross-ref.** Lev 9:7.

24 **RV 5:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 28:1.

25 **RV 5:5 · Cross-ref.** Psa 2:7.

26 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:4.

27 **RV 5:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:36-46; Mrk 14:32-42; Luk 22:39-46.

28 **RV 5:12-13 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 3:2.

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_partaking of_blessing from ~~the~~ **god**, **8** but bringing_out thorns
and thistles, unqualified is and a_curse near, of_which the end
is to burning. **9** But we_have_been_persuaded concerning you_
_all, beloved, of_the better things and having of_salvation, if
even thus we_are_speaking. **10** For/Because not unrighteous is
~~the~~ **god**, to_forget about_the work of_you_all, and of_the love
which you_all_displayed toward the name of_him, having_
_served unto_the holy ones and serving. **11** And we_are_
_desiring each of_you_all the same to_be_displaying
earnestness, toward the full_assurance of_the hope until the_
_end, **12** in_order_that not sluggish you_all_may_become, but
imitators of_the ones through faith and patience, inheriting
the promises.
13 For/Because ~~the~~ to_Abra'am/('Avrāhām) having_promised
~~the~~ **god**, because by no_one he_was_having greater to_swear,
he_swore by himself **14** saying: If surely blessing, I_will_be_
_blessing you, and multiplying, I_will_be_multiplying you.
15 And thus having_been_patient, he_obtained by_the promise.
16 For/Because people by the greater one are_swearing, and of_
_all to_them controversy an_end is, because/for confirmation
the oath given. **17** In which more_abundantly wishing ~~the~~ **god**
to_show to_the heirs of_the promise, the unchangeable of_the
counsel of_him, guaranteed it by_an_oath, **18** in_order_that by
two matters unchangeable, in which impossible it_is to_lie ~~the~~
for_**god**, strong exhortation we_may_be_having, ~~which~~ having_
_taken_refuge to_take_hold_of of_the lying_before hope,
19 which as an_anchor we_are_having of_the soul, certain both
and confirmed, and coming_in into the inner side of_the
curtain, **20** where a_forerunner for us came_in,
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa), according_to the order of_
_Melḳisedek/(Malkī-ṣedeq), a_chief_priest having_become to
the age.

7:1 For/Because this ~~the~~ Melḳisedek, king of_Sala^{y}m/(Shālēm),
priest of_ ~~the~~ _**god** the highest, the one having_met with_
_Abra'am/('Avrāhām) returning from the slaughter of_the
kings, and having_blessed him, **2** to_whom also a_tenth of all
things allotted Abra'am, first on_one_hand being_translated
king of_righteousness, on_the_other_hand then also king of_
_Sala^{y}m, which is: king of_peace, **3** fatherless, motherless,
without_genealogy, neither beginning of_days, nor of_life end
having, but having_been_likened to_the son of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, he_is_
_remaining a_priest in ~~the~~ continual. **4** And be_observing how_
_great is this one, to_whom a_tenth Abra'am, gave out_of the
best_spoils, the patriarch. **5** And the ones on_one_hand from
the sons of_Leui/(Lēvī) the priestly_office receiving, a_
_command are_having to_be_tithing the people according_to
the law, this is the brothers of_them, although having_come_
_out out_of the loin of_Abra'am, **6** on_the_other_hand the one
not being_traced from them, has_tithed Abra'am, and the one

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from **God**, **8** but if it's producing thorns and thistles,[29] then it's
useless and a liability and will end up being burnt off.

9 But dear friends, even though we speak like this, we've been
convinced to expect better things from you—things that accom-
pany salvation. **10** Yes, **God** isn't unjust such that he'd forget
about your work and the love that you all displayed towards
him, having ministered to other believers as you still do. **11** And
our desire is for each of you to be displaying the same earnest-
ness and the full assurance of hope until the end **12** so that you
all won't become sluggish, but become imitators of those who
through their faith and patience will be inheriting what God has
promised.

God's certain promise and oath

13 When **God** made promises to Avra-
ham, because he didn't have anyone more
powerful to take an oath in front of, he did it in his own name
14 saying: 'I will certainly bless you and will cause you to have
many descendants.'[30] **15** And then after being patient, Avraham
received what was promised. **16** Yes, people make oaths in front
of someone more powerful and then there's no controversy, be-
cause the oath is the confirmation. **17** In order for **God** to make
the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of
what was promised, he guaranteed it with an oath **18** so that by
two things that **God** can't even change (his promise and his
oath), we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confi-
dence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. **19** That hope is
an anchor for our souls, being both certain and confirmed, and
it will bring us inside the temple curtain[31] **20** where **Yeshua** (Je-
sus; Grk. Yesus) went ahead of us according to the order of
Malki-Tsedek (Melchizedek)—becoming the high priest for this
age.[32]

The special priest Malki-Tsedek

7:1 This Malki-Tsedek (Melchizedek) was
the king of the city of Shalem and a priest
of God, the highest one. He met Avraham who was returning
from slaughtering several kings and Malki-Tsedek blessed him,[33]
2 and Avraham gave him a tenth of all the captured goods. The
name Malki-Tsedek means 'king of righteousness' and then king
of Shalem also means 'king of peace'. **3** There's no record of his
father or mother, no genealogical background, and no record of
his being born or dying, but he's likened to **God's** son in that he
continually remains as a priest.

4 Notice how great this Malki-Tsedek was, because the patri-
arch Avraham gave him a tenth of the best of the captured
goods. **5** On one hand, the tithing command from Mosheh's
(Moses') law makes the people give a tenth to Levi's descendants
who inherit the priestly office, even though they're their broth-

29 **RV 6:8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 3:17-18.

30 **RV 6:14 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:16-17.

31 **RV 6:19 · Cross-ref.** Lev 16:2.

32 **RV 6:20 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:4.

33 **RV 7:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 14:17-20.

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ers as fellow descendants of Avraham.[34] 6 On the other hand, Avraham tithed to Malki-Tsedek who can't be traced as one of them, and he blessed Avraham who had received God's promises. 7 There's no doubt that it's the lessor person that gets blessed by someone greater. 8 So in the first case, the tenth is received by people who die, but in the second case by someone who it's only testified that he lives. 9 You could even say that even Levi (whose descendants receive the tenths) gave a tenth to Malki-Tsedek through Avraham 10 because Levi's sperm was still part of his father's body when Malki-Tsedek met Avraham.

Yeshua, the priest like Malki-Tsedek

11 Indeed if perfection came from the priesthood from Levi's tribe which was legislated to help the people, why would there have still been a need for another to rise up as a priest in the order of Malki-Tsedek (Melchizedek) and not just from the order of Aharon (Aaron)? 12 Because if the priesthood is changed, then that law would also need to be changed. 13 The one that we're talking about here is from another tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served as a priest at the altar.

14 So it's quite evident that our **master** came from Yehudah's (Judah's) tribe but Mosheh (Moses) never mentioned priests coming from that tribe, 15 and it's even more clear if another priest like Malki-Tsedek rose up 16 who didn't live by the physical law (of death) but according to the power of indestructible life! 17 Because it's been testified:

'You are priest to this age,
according to the order of Malki-Tsedek.'[35]

18 In the first case, the command is annulled because it's weak and unprofitable 19 (because the law made nothing perfect), and in the second case we have the introduction of a better hope by means of which we can approach **God**.

20 And it wasn't done without an oath, because although men become priests without an oath, 21 but Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) became a priest by an oath from the one that said:

'**Yahweh** made an oath
and won't rescind it.
You are priest for this age.'[36]

22 Because of that oath, **Yeshua** became the guarantor of a better agreement.

23 in the first case, there have been many of those priests because death doesn't allow them to continue on, 24 but in the second case, because Yeshua stays alive for all the age, he can hold the office of priest permanently 25 and thus he's able to save those who approach **God** through him—save them to the full extent because he always lives to intercede of their behalf.

26 Such a high priest exactly meets our needs: one who is godly, innocent, pure, set apart from sinners, and honoured above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, it's not necessary for him to offer sacrifices every day, first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. He did this once for all when he offered himself. 28 The Torah appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the promise of the oath, which came after the Torah, appoints a Son who has been perfected forever.

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having the promises, he_has_blessed. 7 But apart_from from_all controversy, the lessor by the better is_being_blessed. 8 And here on_one_hand tithes dying_off people are_receiving, on_ _the_other_hand there being_attested that he_is_living. 9 And as so_to_speak to_say, through Abra'am/('Avrāhām), even Leui/(Lēvī), the one tithes receiving, has_been_tithed. 10 For/Because still in the loin of_his father he_was, when met with_him Melḳisedek/(Malkī-tsedeq).

11 If therefore indeed perfection by the Leuitaʸs/(from_tribe_ _of_Lēvī) priesthood was, the for people on it has_been_ _legislated, what still need was_there according_to the order of_Melḳisedek, for_another to_be_rising_up priest, and not according_to the order of_A'arōn/('Ahₐron) to_be_being_ _called? 12 For/Because being_replaced the priesthood, from necessity also of_law a_changing is_becoming. 13 With for whom is_being_said these things, of_tribe another has_ _partaken, from which no_one has_served at_the altar. 14 For/Because quite_evident it_is, that out_of Youda/(Yəhūdāh) has_risen the **master** of_us, because/for that a_tribe concerning priests nothing Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) spoke. 15 And more_abundant still very_evident it_is, if according_to the likeness of_Melḳisedek, is_rising_up priest another, 16 who not according_to the_law of_a_command fleshy has_become, but according_to the_power of_a_life indestructible. 17 For/Because it_is_being_testified, ~~that~~ You are a_priest to the age according_to the order of_Melḳisedek. 18 An_annulment for on_one_hand is_becoming of_going_before the_command, because_of the of_it weak and unprofitable, 19 (for nothing perfected the law), on_the_other_hand the_introduction of_a_ _better hope, by which we_are_nearing to_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 20 And to as_much_as not apart_from oath, the ones for on_one_hand without an_oath are priests having_become, 21 on_the_other_ _hand the one with an_oath by the one saying to him: Swore the_**master**, and not will_be_being_regretful: You are a_priest for the age, 22 by so_much also of_a_better covenant, has_ _become the_guarantee, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. 23 And the ones on_one_hand more are having_become priests, because_of that by_death to_be_being_forbidden to_be_continuing_with, 24 on_ _the_other_hand the one because_of that to_be_remaining him for the age, permanent is_holding the priesthood. 25 Whence even to_be_saving to the full_extent he_is_able, the ones approaching through him to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, always living in_order that to_be_pleading for them. 26 For/Because such for_us also was_befitting a_chief_priest, devout, innocent, undefiled, having_been_separated from ~~the~~ sinners, and higher than the heavens having_become, 27 who not is_having in_every day necessity, as the chief_priests, previously for his own sins sacrifices to_be_offering_up, then for_the sins of_the people, because/for this he_did once_for_all, himself having_offered_ _up. 28 The for law men is_appointing as_chief_priests having weakness, the but message of_the oath, which is after the law,

34 **RV 7:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:21.

35 **RV 7:17 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:4.

36 **RV 7:21 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:4.

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a_son, because/for the age having_been_perfected.

8:1 And the_point in the things being_spoken: such we_are_ _having a_chief_priest, who sat_down on the_right of_the throne of_the majesty in the heavens, **2** of_the holy places a_ _minister and of_the tent ~~the~~ true, which pitched the **master**, not humans. **3** For/Because every chief_priest in_order that to_ _be_offering, gifts both and sacrifices is_being_appointed, whence it_is necessary to_be_having something also for_this one that he_may_offer. **4** If on_one_hand therefore he_was on earth, not_even ~~wishfully~~ he_was a_priest, being ~~which~~ offering according_to law the gifts, **5** who for_a_copy and shadow are_ _serving of_the heavenly realms, as has_been_warned Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh), going to_be_accomplishing the for: tent, be_ _seeing he_is_saying: you_will_be_making all things according_ _to the pattern ~~which~~ having_been_shown to_you in the mountain. **6** On_the_other_hand now of_a_more_special he_ _has_obtained ministry, by_as_much_as also of_a_better is covenant the_mediator, which on better promises has_been_ _legislated. **7** For/Because if ~~the~~ first covenant that was blameless, not would for_a_second was_being_sought place. **8** For/Because blaming to_them he_is_saying: Behold, the_days are_coming, is_saying the_**master**, and I_will_be_ _accomplishing, with the house of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā^{ē}l), and with the house of_Youda/(Yəhūdāh), a_covenant new, **9** not according_to the covenant that I_made with_the fathers of_ _them, in the_day of_having_taken_hold of_me by_the hand of_ _them, to_lead_out them out_of the_land of_ _Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim), because they not remained_in in the covenant of_me, and_I neglected of_them, is_saying the_ _**master**. **10** Because this is the covenant, which I_will_be_ _covenanting with_the house of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā^{ē}l) after ~~the~~ days those, is_saying the_**master**, giving laws of_me into the mind of_them, and on the_hearts of_them I_will_be_inscribing them, and I_will_be to_them for **god**, and they will_be to_me for people. **11** And by_no_means not they_may_teach each the citizen of_him, and each the brother of_him saying: Know the the_**master**, because all will_have_been_knowing me, from the_ _little to great of_them. **12** Because merciful I_will_be to_the unrighteousness of_them, and of_the sins of_them by_no_ _means not I_may_be_reminded more. **13** In that to_be_saying: New, he_has_grown_old the first. But the thing being_grown_ _old and aging is near disappearance.

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essary for him to first make a sacrifice for his own sins before doing it for the sins of the people,[37] because he offered himself—once for everyone. **28** The law appoints those with weaknesses as high priests, but the message from the oath which followed after the law, appointed the son who has been perfected for the age.

Yeshua our high priest

8:1 So here's the main point in what we're saying: we have a high priest who sat down in the honoured seat beside the majesty's throne in the heavens[38] **2** and ministers in the holy places and in the true tent of worship which **Yahweh** set up, not people. **3** Every high priest is appointed to be offering both gifts and sacrifices, and so it's necessary for this one to also have something to offer. **4** If he was here on earth, he wouldn't even be a priest because there are others offering gifts according to Mosheh's (Moses') law. **5** They serve a copy or shadow of the heavenly realms just as Mosheh was warned when he was about to start making the tent of worship:

'Make everything according to the pattern that I showed you on the mountain.'[39]

6 But on the contrary, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) has obtained a more special ministry because he's the mediator of a better agreement which has been legislated with better promises.

7 If the first agreement had been faultless, then there wouldn't have been any need to find a second one to replace it, **8** but God blamed the people and said:

"Listen, **Yahweh** declares that the time is coming when I will make a new agreement with Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah),

9 not like the agreement that I made with their ancestors
when they held my hand for me to lead them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),
because they didn't stay inside my agreement
and so I didn't take any notice of them, says **Yahweh**.'

10 So this is the agreement that I make with Yisrael after those times, says **Yahweh**,
putting my laws into their minds and writing them onto their hearts,
and I will be their **God** and they will be my people.

11 Then they certainly won't teach each citizen and their neighbours,
saying 'Know **Yahweh**,'
because all of them from the smallest to the greatest will all know me.

12 Because I'll be merciful to them when they disobey,
and certainly I won't remember their sins any longer."[40]

13 In calling that 'new', he's made the first agreement out-of-date, and what's out-of-date and getting old is about to

37 **RV 7:27 · Cross-ref.** Lev 9:7.

38 **RV 8:1 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.

39 **RV 8:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:40.

40 **RV 8:8-12 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:31-34 (LXX).

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disappear.

Worshipping under the first agreement

9:1 The first agreement had sacred rites and a holy place here on earth, **2** because the tent of worship was set up with a outer room called 'the holy place'[41] where both the lampstand[42] and the table were placed and the 'bread of the presence'.[43] **3** Then past the second curtain was a room called 'the most holy place'[44] **4** having the golden incense altar[45] and the box of the agreement which was completely gold-plated[46] and which contained a golden jar of manna[47] and Aharon's (Aaron's) staff which had sprouted[48] and the stone tablets inscribed with the commands.[49] **5** On the top of the box were the cherubs OF GLORY with their wings stretched out over the mercy seat[50] which we won't talk about right now.

6 And then with all of that having been prepared, the priests entered past everything in the first room of the tent to carry out their sacred services.[51] **7** However, only the high priest enters the second room, and then only once a year. He can't go with taking in blood which he offers for the sins of ignorance done by both himself and by the people.[52] **8** By that, the holy **spirit** was making it clear that the way into that holy place was not yet open to the public as long as that first tent of worship was still standing. **9** This was an illustration intended for the present time when gifts and sacrifices are still being offered, but are not able to make the conscience of the one serving perfect— **10** only just physical matters of food and drinks and ritual washings—until the reformed system is instigated.

The messiah's blood sealed a new agreement

11 But when **Messiah** came as high priest over what had now become good through the greater and more perfect tent of worship which wasn't put together by people and isn't part of this world, **12** he went once-for-all into the holy places—not by the blood of goats and calves but through his own blood—obtaining eternal redemption for us. **13** Because if the blood of goats and bulls,[53] and the sprinkling of defiled people with the ashes of a young cow[54] could make them holy by physical purification, **14** how much more the blood of the **messiah** who offered himself blameless **to** God, through **the** eternal **spirit**, will then

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9:1 ‹Was›_having therefore indeed the first covenant just_acts of_sacred_service, and the holy place earthly. **2** For/Because a_ _tent was_prepared the first room, in which were the both lampstand and the table, and the presence of_the bread, which is_being_called the_holy place. **3** And after the second curtain was a_tent, ~~which~~ being_called the_holy of_holies, **4** the_golden having incense_altar and the box of_the covenant, having_ _been_covered_around on_every_side with_gold, in which jar golden having the manna, and the staff of_A'arōn/('Ah$_a$ron) ~~which~~ having_sprouted, and the tablets of_the covenant. **5** And above it, Cherubims of_glory overshadowing the mercy_seat, concerning which not it_is now to_be_speaking in part. **6** And these things thus having_been_prepared, into on_one_hand the first tent room, through everything are_entering the priests, the sacred_services accomplishing, **7** on_the_other_hand into the second, once in_the year only the chief_priest goes, not without blood, which he_is_offering for himself and the of_the people sins_of_ignorance. **8** This making_evident the **spirit** ~~the~~ holy is, that_not_yet to_have_revealed the of_the holy places way, still of_the first tent room having standing, **9** which is a_ _parable for the time ~~which~~ having_presented, in which gifts both and sacrifices are_being_offered, not being_able concerning conscience to_perfect the one serving, **10** only in foods, and drinks, and special washings, just_acts of_the_flesh, until the_time of_reformation imposing.

11 But **chosen_one/messiah** having_appeared as_chief_priest, of_the having_become good things, by the greater and more_ _perfect tent, neither of_handmade this is, not of_this ~~the~~ creation, **12** nor by blood of_goats and calves, but through his own blood, he_came_in once_for_all into the holy places, eternal redemption having_found. **13** For/Because if the blood of_goats, and bulls, and the_ashes of_a_heifer, sprinkling the ones having_been_defiled, is_sanctifying them for the of_the flesh purification, **14** by_how_much more the blood of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, who through the_**spirit** eternal, himself offered blameless to_ ~~the~~ _**god**, will_be_purifying the conscience of_you_all from dead works, in_order that to_be_ _offering_divine_service unto_**god** the_living. **15** And because_

41 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 26:1-30.
42 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:31-40.
43 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:23-30.
44 **RV 9:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 26:31-33.
45 **RV 9:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:1-6.
46 **RV 9:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:10-16.
47 **RV 9:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 16:33.
48 **RV 9:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 17:8-10.
49 **RV 9:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:16; Deu 10:3-5.
50 **RV 9:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:18-22.
51 **RV 9:6 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:2-6.
52 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Lev 16:2-34.
53 **RV 9:13 · Cross-ref.** Lev 16:15-16.
54 **RV 9:13 · Cross-ref.** Num 19:9,17-19.

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_of this, of_a_covenant new the_mediator he_is, so_that death having_become for the_redemption of_the concerning the first covenant transgressions, the promise may_receive the ones having_been_called of_the eternal inheritance. **16** For/Because where a_covenant there_is, the_death necessity there_is to_be_ _being_brought of_the one having_covenanted it. **17** For/Because a_covenant with dead bodies confirmed is, because never it_is_being_effective, when is_living the one having_covenanted it. **18** Whence neither the first covenant apart_from blood has_been_dedicated. **19** For/Because having_ _been_spoken every command according_to the law by Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh) to_all the people, having_taken the blood of_ ~~the~~ _calves and of_ ~~the~~ _goats, with water, and wool scarlet, and hyssop, itself both the scroll and all the people, he_sprinkled **20** saying: This the blood of_the covenant, which commanded toward you_all ~~the~~ **god**. **21** Both the and, tent, and all the vessels of_the ministry, with_the blood likewise he_sprinkled. **22** And almost by blood all things is_being_cleansed according_to the law, and apart_from bloodshed, not is_becoming forgiveness. **23** Therefore necessity it_was the on_one_hand copies of_the things in the heavens with_these to_be_being_purified, on_the_ _other_hand themselves the heavenly things with_better sacrifices than these. **24** For/Because not into handmade came_ _in holy places **chosen_one/messiah**, representatives of_the true, but into itself ~~the~~ heaven, now to_be_manifested in_the presence of_ ~~the~~ _**god** for us. **25** Nor in_order_that often he_ _may_be_offering himself, as the chief_priest is_coming_in into the holy places in_every year with blood anothers, **26** otherwise it_was_fitting him often to_suffer from the_ _foundation of_the_world. But right_now once in the_ _completion of_the ages, because/for the_annulment of_sin by the sacrifice of_him he_has_been_revealed. **27** And in as_much_ _as it_is_laid_away to_ ~~the~~ _people once to_die_off, and after this judgement, **28** thus also the **chosen_one/messiah** once having_been_offered in_order that of_many to_offer_up the_ _sins, out_of a_second time apart_from sin will_be_being_seen to_the ones him eagerly_waiting for salvation.

10:1 For/Because a_shadow having the law of_the coming good things, not itself the image of_the matters, in_every year with_ _the same sacrifices, which they_are_offering to ~~the~~ continual, never are_being_able the ones approaching to_perfect. **2** Because not would they_ceased being_offered, because_of that not_one to_be_having anymore conscience of_sins, the ones serving once having_been_cleansed? **3** But in them there_ _is a_remembrance of_sins in_every year. **4** For/Because impossible it_is for_the_blood of_goats and of_bulls to_be_ _taking_away sins. **5** Therefore coming_in into the world, he_is_ _saying: Sacrifice and offering not you_wanted, but a_body you_prepared for_me. **6** Whole_burnt_offerings and sacrifices for sin not you_took_pleasure. **7** Then I_said: Behold, I_am_ _coming (in the_scroll of_the_scroll it_has_been_written

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purify your conscience from all useless activities in order that we can serve the living God!

15 So because of that, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is the mediator of a new agreement, so that his death leads to the ransom payment for those who've disobeyed the first agreement, so that now those who are called can receive the eternal inheritance.

16 Where there's an agreement like a will, it's necessary for the death of the one who made it, **17** because this type of agreement doesn't come into effect if the person who made it is still living, but only when they're confirmed as dead, **18** so even the first agreement wasn't valid without blood. **19** Hence after telling all the people all the commands according to the law, Mosheh (Moses) then took the blood of calves and goats, along with water and scarlet wool, and hyssop branches, and sprinkled both the scroll and all the people[55] **20** saying: 'This is the blood of the agreement which **God** commanded for you all.' **21** Similarly, he sprinkled both the tent itself and all the utensils for the ministry there with blood,[56] **22** and almost everything was declared 'clean' according to the law, because there couldn't be forgiveness without blood.[57]

23 So then it was necessary for these copies of things from the heavens to be purified, but in contrast, the heavenly things will be purified with better sacrifices than that, **24** because **Messiah** didn't enter human-made holy places that were only representatives of the true ones, but he entered into heaven where he now appears on our behalf in **God's** presence. **25** He didn't offer himself like the high priest does every year with different blood, **26** otherwise he would have needed to suffer over and over since the creation of the world. Instead he appeared just once throughout all the ages because sin has been annulled by his sacrifice. **27** Just as it's been determined that people will die once and then there'll be judgement, **28** so too the **messiah** was offered once as a sacrifice as an offering for the sins of many people,[58] but will be seen a second time (nothing to do with sin) by those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The messiah's sacrifice is once-for-all

10:1 The law is a shadow of the good things coming, not the exact image of them. Every year they offer the same sacrifices—over and over but never getting nearer to perfection, **2** otherwise they could have stopped offering them because once they were fully 'clean', they wouldn't have needed anymore sacrifices to appease the conscience of their sins. **3** But as it is, every year there's a reminder about their sins **4** because it's simply not possible for the blood of goats and bulls to take away sins.

5 That's why when Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) came into the world, he said:

"You don't want sacrifice and offering,

55 **RV 9:19-20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:6-8.

56 **RV 9:21 · Cross-ref.** Lev 8:15.

57 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Lev 17:11.

58 **RV 9:28 · Cross-ref.** Isa 53:12.

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but you prepared a body for me.
6 You took no pleasure in whole burnt offerings and sacrifices
for sin.
7 Then I said, 'Listen, it's been written about me in the scroll of
the scriptures. I have come, **God**, to do whatever you want.' "[59]
8 Previously he had said, 'You don't want sacrifices and offerings
and burnt offerings and offerings for sin, and you didn't take
pleasure in them,' even though they're offered according to the
law. 9 Then he said, 'Listen, I'm coming to do whatever you
want.' So he was terminating the first agreement in order to be
able to establish the second one. 10 By that agreement, we are
made holy once-and-for-all through the offering of **Yeshua (Je-
sus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah's** body.
11 In fact, every priest has stood there every day ministering
and often offering the same sacrifices,[60] all of which have never
been able to remove sins, 12 but this one offered one sacrifice for
sins for all time, then sat down on **God's** right 13 waiting even
now until his enemies are overcome[61] 14 Yes, with one sacrifice,
he's able to make people holy for all time.
15 The holy **spirit** also testifies to us, having said:
16 '**Yahweh** says: This is the agreement that I will make with
them:
I will put my laws into their hearts and also I will write them
into their minds.'[62]
17 And, 'I won't remember their disobedience and their lawless-
ness any more.'[63] 18 Once there's been forgiveness, then there's
no longer a need for an offering for sin.

Don't give up on your faith

19 Therefore brothers and sisters, we
have confidence to enter the holy place by
Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') blood— 20 a new and life-giving
path that he initiated for us to go through the curtain, which is
his flesh. 21 Since we have an incredible priest presiding over
God's house, 22 we can approach God with sincere hearts in full
assurance due to our faith, having our hearts sprinkled to clean
us from our guilty consciences and with our bodies having been
washed in clean water.[64] 23 We can hold onto the confession of
our unwavering hope because the one who made the promise is
faithful, 24 and we can be considering how to provoke each other
to show love and to do good things— 25 not giving up meeting
together as some have, but rather encouraging each other even
more as you all see the day of judgement coming closer.
26 If we keep on sinning after learning about the truth, then
there's no sacrifice left for our sins, 27 but the certain expecta-
tion of fearful judgement and of a fiery anger that will consume

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concerning me) ~~which~~ to_do ~~the~~ **god** the will of_you. 8 Earlier
saying, ~~that~~ Sacrifices, and offerings, and whole_burnt_
_offerings, and offerings for sin, neither you_wanted, nor you_
_took_pleasure (which according_to law are_being_offered),
9 then he_has_said: Behold, I_am_coming ~~which~~ to_do the will
of_you. He_is_killing the first covenant, in_order_that the
second he_may_establish. 10 By that will, having_been_
_sanctified we_are through the offering of_the body of_
_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_one/messiah** once_for_all.
11 And every indeed priest has_stood in_every day ministering,
and the same often offering sacrifices, which never are_being_
_able to_take_away sins. 12 But this one one for sins having_
_offered sacrifice, in ~~the~~ continual: sat_down at the_right hand
of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, 13 for_the rest, awaiting until may_be_put the
enemies of_him a_footstool for_the feet of_him. 14 For/Because
by_one offering, he_has_perfected for ~~the~~ continual the ones
being_sanctified. 15 And is_testifying to_us also the **spirit** ~~the~~
holy, because/for after ~~which~~ to_have_said, 16 This is the
covenant which I_will_be_covenanting with them after ~~the~~ days
those, is_saying the_**master**, giving the_laws of_me in the_
_hearts of_them, also in the mind of_them I_will_be_inscribing
them... 17 and of_the sins of_them, and of_the lawlessness of_
_them, no not I_will_be_being_reminded anymore. 18 And
where forgiveness of_these is, no_longer there_is an_offering
for sin.

19 Therefore having, brothers, confidence for the entrance of_
the holy places by the blood of**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**,
20 which he_dedicated for_us a_way recent and living through
the curtain, this is of_the flesh of_him, 21 and a_priest great
over the house of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, 22 we_may_be_approaching with a_
_true heart in full_assurance of_faith, having_been_sprinkled
our hearts from a_conscience evil, and having_been_washed
our body in_water pure. 23 We_may_be_retaining the
confession of_our hope unwavering, because/for faithful is the
one having_promised, 24 and we_may_be_observing one_
_another toward provocation to_love and to_good works, 25 not
abandoning the gathering_together of_ourselves, as the_
_custom with_some, but exhorting also by_so_much more,
with_as_much_as you_all_are_seeing nearing the day.
26 For/Because willingly sinning of_us after the time to_receive
the knowledge of_the truth, no_longer for sins is_being_
_retained a_sacrifice, 27 but fearful a_certain expectation of_
_judgement, and of_fire fury to_be_consuming going the
hostiles. 28 Having_rejecting anyone the_law of_

59 **RV 10:5-7 · Cross-ref.** Psa 40:6-8 (LXX).
60 **RV 10:11 · Cross-ref.** Exo 29:38.
61 **RV 10:12-13 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.
62 **RV 10:16 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:33.
63 **RV 10:17 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:34.
64 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Lev 8:30; Eze 36:25.

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_Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) without two compassions by or three witnesses is_dying_off. **29** By_how_much you_all_are_supposing of_worse he_will_be_being_considered_worthy punishment, the one the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god** having_trampled, and the blood of_the covenant common having_considered, by which he_was_ _sanctified, and the **spirit** of_ ~~the~~ _grace having_insulted. **30** For/Because we_have_known the one having_said: To_me vengeance is, I will_be_repaying, and furthermore: Will_be_ _judging the_**master** the people of_him. **31** A_fearful thing ~~which~~ to_fall_in into the_hands of_**god** the_living it_is. **32** But be_being_reminded of_the earlier days, in which having_been_ _enlightened a_great competition endured of_sufferings, **33** this on_one_hand by_derisions both and tribulations being_ _publicly_exposed, on_the_other_hand this partners of_the ones thus being_conducted them having_been_become. **34** For/Because both with_the prisoners you_all_sympathized, and the theft of_the things possessing of_you_all with joy you_ _all_accepted, knowing to_be_having yourselves a_better possession, and remaining. **35** Not therefore you_all_may_ _throw_away the boldness of_you_all, which is_having a_great reward. **36** For/Because of_endurance you_all_are_having need, in_order_that the will of_ ~~the~~ **_god** having_done, you_all_may_ _receive_back the promise. **37** For/Because still little as_much_ _as, as_much_as the one coming will_be_coming, and not will_ _be_delaying. **38** And the righteous one of_me by faith will_be_ _living, and if he_may_shrink_back, not is_taking_pleasure the soul of_me in him. **39** But we not are of_shrinking_back to destruction, but of_faith to the_procuring of_the_soul.

11:1 And is faith of_being_hoped things the_assurance, of_ _matters the_conviction not being_seen. **2** In for this were_ _attested the elders. **3** By_faith we_are_understanding to_have_ _prepared the ages by_the_message of_**god**, because/for which not from things being_seen, the thing being_seen to_have_ _become. **4** By_faith a_more excellent sacrifice, Abel/(Hevʿel) than Kain/(Qayin) offered to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, through which he_was_ _attested to_be righteous, testifying to the gifts of_him ~~the~~ of_ **_god**, and through it, having_died_off still he_is_speaking. **5** By_ _faith Enōk/(Ḥ$_a$nōk) was_translated, ~~which~~ not to_see death: and not was_being_found, because translated him ~~the~~ **god**, because/for before the changing, he_has_been_attested to_ _have_pleased to_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **6** And without faith, impossible it_is to_please him, because/for to_believe it_is_fitting the one approaching to_ ~~the~~ **_god** that he_is, and to_the ones seeking_ _out him, a_rewarder is_becoming. **7** By_faith having_been_

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the god-haters.[65] **28** Anyone who rejected Mosheh's (Moses') law would receive the death sentence without mercy by the strength of two or three witnesses,[66] **29** so how much more severe punishment do you all expect might be considered appropriate for someone who trampled **God's** son underfoot and who has considered the blood of the agreement as cheap[67] and who has insulted the **spirit** of grace? **30** Yes, we know who said, 'Vengeance is mine—I'm the one who'll repay them,'[68] and again, '**Yahweh** will be judging his people.'[69] **31** It's a scary thing to fall into the hands **of** the living **God**.

32 Remember those earlier days when you first learnt about Messiah and how you endured a lot of suffering— **33** sometimes being publicly displayed with derision and persecution, and at other times helping others who were being treated like that. **34** You all sympathised with those who were imprisoned and cheerfully accepted the confiscation of your possessions because you knew that you have a better possession that will endure on. **35** So then, don't toss away your boldness, because it'll lead to a sizeable reward. **36** Rather you need to endure so that when you've done what **God** wants, you'll all receive back what was promised **37** because:

'In still a little while the one coming will come,
and won't be delaying.'

38 And:

'My righteous one will be living by faith.
If he retreats, my soul won't be pleased with him.'[70]

39 But we aren't from those retreating back to destruction, but from those with faith that preserves the soul.

Faith definition and examples

11:1 Now faith is the assurance that the things we hope for will come to pass and the conviction that even what we can't see is real, **2** because those are what our predecessors were commended for. **3** By faith we understand that time was formed by **God's** command because the visible universe was not made from visible materials.[71]

4 By faith Hevel (Abel) offered a more satisfactory sacrifice **to God** than Kayin (Cain),[72] and as a result, he was declared to be righteous when God testified about his gifts, and through his faith, he still speaks despite being long dead.

5 By faith Hanok (Enoch) was transported directly to heaven without dying. 'His body was never found because God transported him,'[73] because before he was transported, it was testified that he pleased **God**, **6** and without faith it's impossible to please

65 RV 10:27 · Cross-ref. Isa 26:11 (LXX).
66 RV 10:28 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:6; 19:15.
67 RV 10:29 · Cross-ref. Exo 24:8.
68 RV 10:30 · Cross-ref. Deu 32:35.
69 RV 10:30 · Cross-ref. Deu 32:36.
70 RV 10:37-38 · Cross-ref. Hab 2:3-4 (LXX).
71 RV 11:3 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:1; Psa 33:6,9; Yhn 1:3.
72 RV 11:4 · Cross-ref. Gen 4:3-10.
73 RV 11:5 · Cross-ref. Gen 5:21-24 (LXX).

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him. Because it's necessary for anyone who approaches **God** to believe that he exists, and that he rewards those who search for him.

7 By faith godly Noah built a box to save his family after he was warned about things that had never been seen before,[74] thus condemning the world and becoming an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

8 By faith, Avraham submitted when he was called and travelled to the place that he was going to receive as an inheritance—departing without even knowing where he was going.[75] **9** By faith he camped as a stranger in the promised land, living in tents with Yitshak (Isaac) and Ya'akov (Jacob)[76]—fellow heirs of the same promise— **10** because he was waiting for a city with proper foundations—the city with **God** as its craftsman and builder.

11 By faith even Sarah herself received the power to conceive a child when she was past that age,[77] because she considered that the one who had made the promise would be faithful to his word. **12** So it was that descendants came from that one man in his old age and they became as numerous as the stars in the sky and uncountable like grains of sand on the beach.[78]

13 All of those people went on to die, not having received everything that was promised but only seeing and welcoming it all from a distance, having admitted that they were strangers and foreigners here on the earth.[79] **14** People who talk like that make it clear that they're looking for a new place to make their home— **15** if they'd been meaning the place that they left, they would have already had time to go back there— **16** so now they're aspiring to a better place, i.e., a heavenly home. Therefore **God** isn't ashamed of them or of being called their **god**, because he has prepared a city for them.

17 By faith, Avraham when he was tested offered up Yitshak (Isaac).[80] He had received the promises and offered his only son— **18** the one about which it had been said: 'Your descendants will be named through Yitshak.' **19** Avraham had reckoned that **God** was powerful enough to bring him back to life from the dead, and in a manner of speaking, that's what happened.

20 By faith, Yitshak gave a blessing to Ya'akov (Jacob) and Esav (Esau).[81]

21 By faith, when Ya'akov was dying he gave a blessing to both of Yosef's (Joseph's) sons,[82] and bowed over the top of his walk-

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_warned, Nōe/(Noaḥ), concerning the things not_yet being_ _seen, having_been_devout, prepared a_box for the_salvation of_the household of_him, by which he_condemned the world, and of_the according_to faith righteousness, became heir. **8** By_ _faith being_called, Abra'am/('Avrāhām), submitted to_come_ _out into a_place that he_was_going to_be_receiving for an_ _inheritance, and came_out not knowing where he_is_coming. **9** By_faith he_sojourned in the_land of_the promise as a_ _stranger, in tents having_dwelt with Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq) and Yakōb/(Ya´ₐqov), the fellow-heirs of_the promise ~~the~~ same, **10** for/because he_was_awaiting the ~~the~~ foundations having city, of_which the_craftsman and builder is ~~the~~ **god**. **11** By_faith even herself Sarra/(Sārāh) power for the_conception of_seed received, also beyond time of_age, because faithful she_ _considered the one having_promised. **12** Therefore also from one man they_were_born, and these having_been_made_dead: as the stars of_the sky ~~the~~ in_multitude, and as the sand, ~~which~~ by the lip of_the sea, the innumerable. **13** In faith died_off these all, not having_accepted the promises, but from_afar them having_seen, and having_greeted, and having_confessed, that strangers and aliens they_are on the earth. **14** For/Because the ones such things saying, are_manifesting that a_homeland they_are_seeking_after. **15** And if on_one_hand of_that they_ _are_remembering from which they_walked_out, they_were_ _having would time to_return. **16** On_the_other_hand now of_a_ _better homeland they_are_aspiring, this is of_a_heavenly homeland. Therefore not is_being_ashamed of_them ~~the~~ **god**, **god** to_be_being_called of_them, because/for he_prepared for_ _them a_city. **17** By_faith has_offered Abra'am/('Avrāhām) ~~the~~ Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq) being_tested, and his only_begotten was_ _offering, the one the promises having_accepted, **18** to whom it_was_spoken, ~~that~~ In Isa'ak will_be_being_named to_you descendants, **19** having_counted that even from the_dead to_ _be_raising him powerful was ~~the~~ **god**, whence him also in a_ _parable he_received_back. **20** By_faith also concerning coming things, blessed Isa'ak, ~~the~~ Yakōb/(Ya´ₐqov), and ~~the~~ Aʸsau/('Ēsāv). **21** By_faith Yakōb, dying_off, each of_the sons of_ _Yōsaʸf/(Yōṣēf) blessed, and prostrated on the extremity of_the staff of_him. **22** By_faith Yōsaʸf, dying, concerning the exodus of_the sons of_Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl) remembered, and concerning the bones of_him commanded. **23** By_faith Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh), having_been_born, was_hidden for_three_month by the fathers of_him, because they_saw beautiful the little_child was, and not they_were_afraid of_the edict of_the king. **24** By_faith Mōsaʸs, great having_become, disowned to_be_being_called the_son of_ _the_daughter of_Faraō/(Far´oh), **25** rather having_chosen to_

74 RV 11:7 · Cross-ref. Gen 6:13-22.

75 RV 11:8 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:1-5.

76 RV 11:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 35:27.

77 RV 11:11 · Cross-ref. Gen 18:11-14; 21:2.

78 RV 11:12 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:5; 22:17; 32:12.

79 RV 11:13 · Cross-ref. Gen 23:4; 1Ch 29:15; Psa 39:12.

80 RV 11:17 · Cross-ref. Gen 22:1-14.

81 RV 11:20 · Cross-ref. Gen 27:27-29,39-40.

82 RV 11:21 · Cross-ref. Gen 48:1-20.

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_be_suffering_hardship_with with_the people of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, than the_temporary to_be_having of_sin enjoyment, **26** greater riches than having_considered the of_Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim) treasures, the derision of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, because/for he_was_looking toward the reward. **27** By_faith he_ _left Aiguptos, not having_been_afraid of_the rage of_the king, because/for the invisible one as seeing, he_endured. **28** By_ _faith he_has_made the passover_feast and the sprinkling of_ _the blood, in_order_that not the one destroying the firstborn may_touch of_them. **29** By_faith they_passed_through the Red Sea, as through dry land, of_which a_trial having_taken, the Aiguptosians were_swallowed_up. **30** By_faith the walls of_ _Yeriḳō/(Yərīḥō) fell, having_been_surrounded for seven days. **31** By_faith Ṛaḳab/(Rāḥāv) the prostitute not perished_with with_the ones having_disbelieved, having_received the spies with peace. **32** And what more I_may_be_saying? Will_be_ _failing for me describing the time, concerning Gedeōn/(Gid῾ōn), Barak/(Bārāq), Sampsōn/(Shimshvōn), Yefthae/(Yiftāḥ), Dawid/(Dāvid) both and Samouaʸl/(Shəmūʾēl), and the prophets, **33** who by faith conquered kingdoms, did righteousness, obtained by_promises, shut the_mouths of_ _lions, **34** extinguished the_power of_fire, escaped the_mouths of_the_sword, were_enabled from weakness, were_become mighty in war, the_armies routed of_strangers. **35** They_ _received back women by resurrection the dead of_them, and others were_tortured, not having_accepted their redemption, in_order_that of_a_better resurrection they_may_obtain, **36** and others of_mockings and of_floggings trial received, and still of_bonds and prison. **37** They_were_stoned, they_were_ _sawn, they_were_tempted, by murder sword they_died_off, they_went_around in sheepskins, in goat skins, being_deficient, being_oppressed, being_mistreated, **38** of_whom not was worthy the world, in wildernesss being_strayed, and mountains, and caves, and ~~the~~ holes of_the earth. **39** And these all having_been_attested through their faith, not they_ _received_back the promise, **40** of_ ~~the~~ **_god** for us better thing

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ing stick.[83]

22 By faith, when Yosef was dying, he spoke about how Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants would leave Mitsrayim (Egypt) in the future, and gave them instructions about taking his bones.[84]

23 By faith when Mosheh (Moses) was born, his parents hid him for three months when they saw how he was such a beautiful baby,[85] and they weren't afraid to disobey the king's ruling.[86]

24 By faith when Mosheh had become powerful, he refused to be called Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughter's son[87] **25** and chose to suffer hardship along with **God's** people rather than having the temporary enjoyment of sin. **26** He calculated that enduring derision for **the messiah** was better than the riches of Mitsrayim because he was considering the future reward.

27 By faith, Mosheh wasn't afraid of the king's anger when he left Mitsrayim and persevered because he could see what was invisible. **28** By faith, he initiated the Passover Celebration and the sprinkling of blood,[88] so that the one destroying the eldest offspring wouldn't touch their families.

29 By faith, they crossed through the Red Sea as if it was dry land,[89] but when the Mitsrim (Egyptians) tried they were drowned.

30 By faith, Yeriho's (Jericho's) walls collapsed after they'd walked around them for seven days.[90]

31 By faith, Rahav the prostitute didn't die along with all the others in the city who mocked God,[91] because she had peacefully accommodated the spies.[92]

32 So what else should I say? I don't have time to describe Gid'on,[93] Barak,[94] Shimshon (Samson),[95] and Yiftah (Jephthah),[96] and about David[97] and Shmuel (Samuel)[98] and the prophets **33** who by faith conquered kingdoms, acted righteously, obtained promises, shut lion's mouths,[99] **34** survived the power of a fiery furnace untouched,[100] escaped slashing swords, overcame their own weaknesses, became mighty warriors, and routed for-

83 **RV 11:21 · Cross-ref.** Gen 47:31 (LXX).
84 **RV 11:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 50:24-25; Exo 13:19.
85 **RV 11:23 · Cross-ref.** Exo 2:2.
86 **RV 11:23 · Cross-ref.** Exo 1:22.
87 **RV 11:24 · Cross-ref.** Exo 2:10-12.
88 **RV 11:28 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:21-30.
89 **RV 11:29 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:21-31.
90 **RV 11:30 · Cross-ref.** Josh 6:12-21.
91 **RV 11:31 · Cross-ref.** Josh 6:22-25.
92 **RV 11:31 · Cross-ref.** Josh 2:1-21.
93 **RV 11:32 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 6:11–8:32.
94 **RV 11:32 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 4:6–5:31.
95 **RV 11:32 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 13:2–16:31.
96 **RV 11:32 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 11:1–12:7.
97 **RV 11:32 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 16–31; 2Sam 1–24; 1Ki 1:1–2:11.
98 **RV 11:32 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 1:1–25:1.
99 **RV 11:33 · Cross-ref.** Dan 6:1-27.
100 **RV 11:34 · Cross-ref.** Dan 3:1-30.

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eign armies. 35 Women received back those who'd died and came back to life,[101] and others were tortured—not relenting so they'd be set free, but instead looking forward to obtaining a better reward in the next age. 36 Others were mocked and beaten, and some were put in chains and imprisoned.[102] 37 They had rocks thrown at them to kill them,[103] they were sawn in half, they were tempted, they were killed with swords. Living in poverty, they went around in skins of goats and sheep, and were mistreated by others. 38 This world wasn't worthy of having them. They wandered around wilderness areas and on hills and lived in caves and in holes in the ground.

39 All of them were proven by their faith, yet they didn't actually receive what had been promised. 40 **God** had planned to have something better so that we and they would be made perfect together.

The father disciplines his children

12:1 So then with us having a cloud of witnesses around us, we should discard everything that's a burden, as well as the sin that's always so near to us. We should run the race that's ahead of us with endurance, 2 with our eyes on **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), the originator and perfecter of our faith, who endured execution on a stake and disregarded the shame **of** that event for the satisfaction that he'd gain. Now he's seated there in the seat **of** honour beside **God's** throne.

3 You all need to think about Yeshua and how he persevered when sinners quarrelled with him (although they only hurt themselves) so that you can be strong on the inside and persevere. 4 So far, you all haven't had to resist to the point of sweating or shedding blood in the struggle against sin. 5 What's more, you've failed to remember what Shelomoh (Solomon) encouraged his children to do, which also applies to all of you:

"My child, learn carefully when **Yahweh** trains you.
Indeed, you shouldn't become despondent when he corrects you.
6 Because it's **the** people that **Yahweh** loves that he disciplines,
Indeed he punishes every child that he calls his own."[104]

7 It's for your own discipline that you all have to endure. **God** is treating you as his children, and what sort of father wouldn't discipline them? 8 If you all weren't disciplined (which all children experience), then you wouldn't be true children, but rather illegitimate ones. 9 What's more, our human parents trained us when we were children and we changed our behaviour, so, we should accept it even more when our spiritual father, God, trains us so that we can have life. 10 Indeed, they were disciplining us for a few days according to what seemed best to them, but God our father does it for our benefit so that we can also distance ourselves from sin. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful, however later it produces peace in those who've

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some having_foreseen, in_order_that not apart_from us they_
_may_be_perfected.

12:1 So_then also we, so_much having encompassing around_us a_cloud of_witnesses, burden having_put_away every and the well_encompassing sin through endurance, may_be_running the lying_before before_us race, **2** looking_out to the of_our faith originator and perfecter, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, who for the lying_before before_him joy, endured the_stake, of_its_
_shame having_despised: at and of_the throne of_ ~~the~~ **_god** the_
_right hand has_sat_down. **3** For/Because consider the one such having_endured by ~~the~~ sinners against themselves controversy, in_order_that not you_all_may_falter, in_the souls of_you_all being_exhausted. **4** Not_yet unto blood you_all_stood_against, against ~~the~~ sin struggling, **5** and you_all_have_forgotten of_the exhortation, which to_you_all as to_sons is_discussing: son of_
_me, neither be_regarding_lightly of_the_discipline of_the_
_**master**, nor be_being_exhausted by him being_rebuked,
6 for/because whom is_loving the_**master**, he_is_disciplining, and he_is_chastising every son whom he_is_accepting.
7 For/Because discipline you_all_are_enduring, as with_sons with_you_all is_being_disciplined ~~the~~ **god**, because/for what son is whom not is_disciplining his_father? **8** But if without you_all_are discipline, of_which partakers have_become all, consequently bastard and not sons you_all_are. **9** Thereafter the indeed of_the flesh of_us fathers we_were_having as_
_instructors, and we_swayed, not much rather we_will_be_
_being_subjected to_the father of_ ~~the~~ _spirits, and we_will_be_
_living? **10** The ones for on_one_hand for little days according_
_to the thing supposing to_them were_disciplining us, on_the_
_other_hand the one for the thing benefitting, in_order that to_
_partake of_the holiness of_him. **11** All but discipline for on_
_one_hand the things being_present, not is_supposing of_joy to_be, but of_sorrow, on_the_other_hand later the_fruit peaceable to_the ones by it having_been_trained is_giving_back of_righteousness. **12** Therefore your having_been_weakened hands, and your having_been_paralysed knees, restore, **13** and paths straight be_making for_the feet of_you_all, in_order_that not the lame may_be_turning_away, but may_be_healed rather.

101 RV 11:35 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 17:17-24; 2Ki 4:25-37.

102 RV 11:36 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 22:26-27; 2Ch 18:25-26; Jer 20:2; 37:15; 38:6.

103 RV 11:37 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 24:21.

104 RV 12:5-6 · Cross-ref. Yob 5:17; Prv 3:11-12 (LXX).

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14 Peace be_pursuing with all, and ~~the~~ holiness, which without no_one will_be_seeing the **master**. **15** Overseeing lest anyone falling_short from the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, lest any root of_ _bitterness upward sprouting may_be_troubling, and by it may_be_defiled the many, **16** lest any sexually_immoral or profane one, as Aʸsau/(ʿĒsāv), who for one food, was_given_ _back the birthright of_himself. **17** for/because you_all_have_ _known that also afterward wanting to_inherit the blessing, he_was_rejected, because/for/because of_repentance place not he_found, although with tears having_sought_out it.
18 For/Because not you_all_have_approached, being_touched and having_been_burned with_fire, and to_darkness, and to_ _darkness, and to_whirlwind, **19** and of_a_trumpet to_the_ _sound, and to_a_voice of_messages, which the ones having_ _heard, excused not to_be_added to_them the_message, **20** not for they_were_bearing the thing being_instructing: Even_if a_ _wild_animal may_touch of_the mountain, it_will_be_being_ _stoned, **21** and thus fearful was the thing being_manifested, that_Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh) said: Terrified I_am and trembling.
22 But you_all_have_approached to_Siōn/(Tsiyyōn) Mount and the_city of_**god** the_living, the_Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) heavenly, and to_tens_of_thousands of_messengers to_the_ _assembly, **23** and to_the_assembly of_the_firstborn, having_ _been_registered in the_heavens, and to_the_judge **god** of_all, and to_the_spirits of_the_righteous ones having_been_ _perfected, **24** and of_a_covenant new to_the_mediator, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**, and to_the_blood of_sprinkling, a_better thing speaking than ~~the~~ Abel/(Hevʿel). **25** Be_watching_out, lest you_all_may_refuse the one speaking. For/Because if those not escaped_out on earth, having_refused the one warning them, much rather we the ones the one from the_heavens turning_ _away, **26** of_whose ~~the~~ voice the earth shook then, but now he_ _has_promised saying: Still once more I will_be_shaking, not only the earth, but also ~~the~~ heaven. **27** And the phrase: still once more, is_making_evident the of_the things being_shaken changing, as those having_been_made, in_order_that may_ _remain the things not being_shaken. **28** Therefore a_kingdom unshakeable receiving, we_may_be_having grace, by which we_ _may_be_serving pleasingly ~~the~~ for_**god** with reverence and reverence. **29** For/Because also the **god** of_us is a_fire consuming.

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been trained in this way so they do what's good and right.

12 So then, straighten your drooping arms and paralysed legs, and be strong.[105] **13** Make your paths straight[106] so that those who are lame won't be discouraged, but rather come and be healed.

Don't just take God's message lightly

14 Strive to live peacefully with everyone and to distance yourselves from sin, because no one will get to see **Yahweh** without doing that. **15** Watch carefully to make sure that no one misses out on **God's** grace, and to make sure that no bitterness grows up among you that could mess up many people's lives,[107] **16** and watch also that none of you are sexually immoral or godless like Esav (Esau) who sold his own inheritance for a single meal.[108] **17** As you all know, even afterwards when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected because he couldn't find a way to undo what he'd done despite looking for it along with his many tears.[109]

18 You all haven't come to what can be touched and to a blazing fire and to darkness and to gloom and to a storm (like Israelis encountered at Mt. Sinay)[110] **19** and to a trumpet blast and then God speaking a message. But when they heard him speaking, they pleaded for him not to say anything else to them, **20** because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be killed."[111] **21** Even Mosheh (Moses), when he saw how frightening everything was, he said, "I'm trembling because I'm afraid!"[112]

22 But in contrast, you've all come to the city **of** the living **God** (Mt. Tsiyon (Zion)), to the heavenly Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and to myriads of **God's** messengers to the assembly, **23** and to the assembly of the eldest sons who have been registered in the heavens, and to **God** the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the people who've been declared innocent and who've been made perfect, **24** and to **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), the mediator of a new agreement, and to the sprinkled blood that says even more than Hevel's (Abel's) blood did.[113]

25 Make sure that you all obey God who's speaking to you, because if the ancient Yehudim (Jews) were punished when they were warned on earth (at Mt. Sinay),[114] how much more God will punish any of us who don't obey what he reveals to us now (from Mt. Tsiyon). **26** When God spoke back then (from Mt. Sinay), it made the earth quake. However, at this time he promises, "I'll make the earth and also heaven quake one more

105 **RV 12:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 35:3 (LXX).
106 **RV 12:13 · Cross-ref.** Prv 4:26 (LXX).
107 **RV 12:15 · Cross-ref.** Deu 29:18 (LXX).
108 **RV 12:16 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:29-34.
109 **RV 12:17 · Cross-ref.** Gen 27:30-40.
110 **RV 12:18-19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:16-22; 20:18-21; Deu 4:11-12; 5:22-27.
111 **RV 12:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:12-13.
112 **RV 12:21 · Cross-ref.** Deu 9:19.
113 **RV 12:24 · Cross-ref.** Gen 4:10.
114 **RV 12:25 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:22.

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time."[115] 27 The words 'one more time' mean that God will take away everything that he shakes, since it was him who created all those things. So everything that he doesn't shake and take will last forever.

28 So then, since we now live in a kingdom that can't be shaken, we should be thankful, and so offer acceptable worship to **God**, with awe and the deepest respect 29 because 'the **God** we worship is a fire that burns things up'.[116]

Leave religion and embrace godliness

13:1 Continue to love your fellow believers. 2 Don't be lax in showing hospitality to others, because some people who've been hospitable have actually hosted God's messengers without even realising.[117] 3 Don't forget about those who are in prison—help them as if you all were in prison with them. Also, help those who are being mistreated because you, yourselves are human.

4 Marriage needs to be honoured by everyone and the marriage relationship kept pure, because **God** will judge adulterers and those who are sexually immoral.

5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said:

"I'll never leave you;
Indeed I'll never abandon you."[118]

6 So in turn, we can confidently say:

"**Yahweh is** my helper,
so I won't be afraid.
What can mere people do to me?"[119]

7 Don't forget about your leaders who taught you all **God's** message. Reflect on the outcome of their behaviour and imitate their faith. 8 **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** hasn't changed in the past and will never change in the future. 9 Don't be carried away by all sorts of new and novel teachings—God's grace strengthens your faith, but beware of other teachings which won't strengthen you all because the teachers don't even practise what they preach. 10 We benefit from what Yeshua offered, but which others cannot benefit from despite their religious positions. 11 Although the high priest brings the blood of animals into the sacred chambers as a sacrifice for sin, the bodies of the animals are burnt outside the camp.[120] 12 So too, **Yeshua** also suffered outside the city gate[121] so that he could declare the people innocent by means of the price of his own blood, 13 therefore we should leave our religious sacrifices and rituals and share in his shame outside the system. 14 Yes, we don't belong to any earthly city, but we wait for the new city that's coming.

Literal Version

13:1 ~~The~~ brotherly_love let_be_remaining. 2 ~~The~~ of_hospitality not be_forgetting, through for this, escaped_notice some having_lodged messengers. 3 Be_remembering of_the prisoners, as having_been_bound_with them, the ones being_ _mistreated as also yourselves being in the_body. 4 Honored is ~~the~~ wedding in all and the bed be undefiled, the_sexually_ _immoral for and adulterers will_be_judging ~~the~~ **god**.
5 Ungreedy your manner, being_sufficed with_the things being_present, because/for he has_said: By_no_means not you I_may_give_up, nor by_no_means not you I_may_abandon.
6 So_as having_confidence us to_be_saying: The_**master** is to_ _me helper, and not I_will_be_being_afraid, what will_be_doing to_me a_human? 7 Be_remembering about_the ones leading of_ _you_all, who spoke to_you_all the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, of_ _whom observing the outcome of_their conduct, be_imitating their faith. 8 **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa) chosen_one/messiah**, yesterday and today, the same is, and to the ages. 9 By_ _teachings various and strange, not be_being_carried_away, because/for good it_is by_grace to_be_being_confirmed the heart, not with_foods, in which not were_benefitted the ones walking. 10 We_are_having an_altar, from which to_eat not are_ _having the_right, the ones in_the tent serving. 11 For/Because of_what is_being_carried_in of_animals the blood for sin into the holy places by the chief_priest, of_these the bodies is_ _being_burned_up outside the camp. 12 Therefore also **Yaʸsous**, in_order_that he_may_sanctify by his own blood the people, outside the gate suffered. 13 So_now we_may_be_coming_out to him outside the camp, the derision of_him bearing.
14 For/Because not we_are_having here remaining a_city, but the city coming we_are_seeking_after. 15 Through him therefore we_may_be_offering_up the_sacrifice of_praise through everyone to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, this is the_fruit of_the_lips confessing to_the name of_him. 16 ~~The~~ and of_the_good_deed and of_fellowship not be_forgetting, because/for with_such sacrifices is_being_pleased ~~the~~ **god**. 17 Be_being_persuaded by_ _the ones leading of_you_all, and be_yielding, because/for they are_watching for the souls of_you_all, as an_account going_to_ _give_back, in_order_that with joy this they_may_be_doing, and not groaning, because/for unprofitable for_you_all this would_ _be. 18 Be_praying for us, because/for we_are_being_persuaded

115 **RV 12:26 · Cross-ref.** Hag 2:6 (LXX).
116 **RV 12:29 · Cross-ref.** Deu 4:24.
117 **RV 13:2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 18:1-8; 19:1-3.
118 **RV 13:5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 31:6,8; Josh 1:5.
119 **RV 13:6 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:6 (LXX).
120 **RV 13:11 · Cross-ref.** Lev 16:27.
121 **RV 13:12 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 19:17-20.

Literal Version

that a_good conscience we_are_having, in all things well
wanting to_be_being_conducted. **19** And more_abundantly I_
_am_exhorting you this to_do, in_order_that more_quickly I_
_may_be_restored to_you_all.

20 And the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _peace, the one having_brought_up from
the_dead the Shepherd of_the sheep ~~the~~ great, by the_blood of_
_the_covenant eternal, the **master** of_us,
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa), **21** might_prepare you_all in every good
thing, in_order that to_do the will of_him, doing in us what is
well_pleasing before him, through **Ya^{y}sous chosen_
_one/messiah**, to_whom be the glory to the ages of_the ages.
Truly. **22** But I_am_exhorting you_all, brothers, be_tolerating
of_my message of_ ~~the~~ _exhortation, because/for also through
of_little I_wrote to_you_all. **23** You_all_are_knowing the brother
of_us, Timotheos, having_been_sent_away, with whom if more_
_quickly he_may_be_coming, I_will_be_seeing you_all. **24** Greet
all the ones leading of_you_all, and all the holy ones. Are_
_greeting you_all the ones from ~~the~~ Italia. **25** ~~The~~ grace be with
all of_you. Truly.

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15 With Yeshua's help, we should always be praising **God** as if we were presenting offerings to him. We do that when we say that we believe that Yeshua is God. **16** But on top of faith, we need to continue to do good and share what we have with others, because those are the kinds of sacrifices that please **God**.

17 Your leaders keep watch over your spiritual lives, knowing that they will have to give account to God for you, so obey them and yield to them so that they can fulfil their ministry cheerfully and without groaning, because that wouldn't help you all either.

18 Also, please pray for us, because we believe that we have clear consciences and have conducted ourselves honourably in everything we've done, **19** and I especially urge you to pray that I might be able to return to be with you all soon.

Final words and blessing

20 Now may the **God** of peace, the one who brought the wonderful shepherd of the sheep back to life from the dead (by the blood that's specified in the eternal agreement), our **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), **21** equip you all with everything good so that you can do what he desires—doing what will please him greatly through **Yeshua Messiah**, who will be honoured through all the ages. May it be so.

22 But brothers and sisters, I'm urging you all to tolerate my message of encouragement because I haven't made it too long. **23** You all know our brother Timotheos was released and if he comes here soon, I'll be seeing you all.[122]

24 Greet all your leaders for us, and all the believers. The Italians here also send their greetings.

25 May God's grace be with all of you. May it be so.

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122 RV 13:23 · Note Presumably the writer means that he and Timothy would travel together to Corinth once Timothy arrived at the writer's location.

Yehudah (Jude)

Introduction

Author

This letter was written by Yehudah the younger brother of Ya'akov. (Note that he wasn't the Yudas who handed Yeshua over to the Jewish religious leaders. Note also that Yudas is mistakenly called Yude in most English Bibles, and Yacob is quite wrongly called James in most English Bibles.)

This letter

We don't know which group of believers that this letter was sent to. Here in this letter, Yehudah warns the believers about teachers of false doctrines who teach that it's okay for believers to continue sinning since they'll just be forgiven due to God's mercy. That's the reason Yehudah wrote this, to warn the believers so that they won't fall for false beliefs, but instead will continue to follow the true teaching that came from God. He also encourages the readers that it's necessary to strive to continue in their faith in God along with turning away from evil actions.

Main components of Yehudah' letter

Introduction *1-2*
The work and judgement of false teachers *3-16*
Warnings and teaching *17-23*
The need to honour god *24-25*

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1:1 Youdas/(Yəhūdāh), slave of_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_ _one/messiah**, and brother of_Yakōbos/(Yaʹ$_{a}$qov), to_the ones called having_been_loved by **god** the_father, and having_been_ _kept in_**Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**: **2** mercy to_you_all, and peace, and might_have_multiplied love.

3 Beloved, making all earnestness to_be_writing to_you_all concerning the common salvation of_us, I_had necessity to_ _write to_you_all, exhorting you to_be_contending for_the faith having_been_given_over once to_the holy ones. **4** For/Because some people sneaked_in ~~which~~ long_ago having_been_ _previously_written for this ~~the~~ judgement, ungodly ones, replacing the grace of_the **god** of_us into wantonness, and disowning the only master and **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**. **5** And to_remind you_all I_am_wishing, having_ _perceived you_all once all things, that **Ya^{y}sous** having_saved a_people out_of the_land of_Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim), in_the second place destroyed the ones not having_believed. **6** And the_messengers ~~which~~ not having_kept the rule of_themselves, but having_left_behind their own dwelling, has_kept in_ eternal _bonds under darkness to the_judgement of_the_great day. **7** As Sodoma/(Ṣədom) and Gomorra/(ʹAmorāh), and the cities around them, having_fornicated ~~the~~ in_a_similar manner to_these, and having_gone_away after different flesh, they_are_ _lying_before an_example of_ the_justice undergoing eternal _ _fire. **8** Likewise however also these dreaming ones, are_ _defiling the_flesh on_one_hand, on_the_other_hand they_are_ _rejecting mastership, on_the_other_hand they_are_slandering glories. **9** But ~~the~~ Miḳaa^{y}l/(Mīkāʾēl) the archangel, when disputing with_the devil, was_discussing about the body of_ _Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh), dared not to_bring_ a_judgement of_ _slander _against, but said, the_**master** Might_give_rebuke to_ _you. **10** But these as_much_as on_one_hand they_have_ not _ _known they_are_slandering, on_the_other_hand as_much_as naturally as ~~the~~ illogical animals are_understanding, they_are_ _being_corrupted in these things. **11** Woe to_them. Because they_were_gone in_the way of_ ~~the~~ _Kain/(Qayin), and they_ _were_poured_out to_the deception ~~the~~ of_Bala'am/(Bilʹām) for_reward, and in_the controversy of_ ~~the~~ _Kore/(Qoraḥ) they_ _perished. **12** These are the ones in the love_feasts of_you_all, stains fearlessly feasting_with, shepherding themselves, waterless clouds being_carried_away by of_winds, unfruitful late_autumn trees having_died_off twice having_been_

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1:1 This letter is from Yehudah (Jude; Grk. Yudas), a slave **of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, and brother of Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos).[1] It's written to all those who have been called and loved by **God** the father and who have kept believing **in Yeshua the messiah**.

2 I pray that you all will experience God's mercy and peace, and a bountiful supply of love.

The judgement of false-teachers and god-rejecters

3 Friends, I was so enthusiastic to write to you concerning our salvation that we have in common, but I needed to write to you all, encouraging you to stand strong for the teaching that was entrusted to the believers at a certain point in time. **4** Because some people have quietly come into our groups who think they can take advantage of **God's** grace to bring in immoral lifestyles and disowning the only master, and our boss who's **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**. But they are destined for judgement.

5 Now I want to remind you that although you all know how **Yeshua** rescued our people out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),[2] yet at the same time he destroyed the ones who didn't believe.[3] **6** Even the messengers who broke their own rules and left their own domain have been held in eternal chains in the darkness until the time of judgement in the great day.[4] **7** Similarly Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah) and the towns around them stay in our minds as an example of the judgement of eternal fire due to similar sexual perversions.[5]

8 in the same way these dreamers defile their own bodies while rejecting authority and dishonouring those who should be honoured. **9** Even Mika'el (Michael), one of the top messengers,[6] when he was arguing with the devil about Mosheh's (Moses') body,[7] he didn't belittle him, but left it to **Yahweh** to punish him.[8] **10** But these people mock what they don't even grasp, but they'll be destroyed by what their animal instincts do understand. **11** Oh dear! Because they've followed the actions of Kayin (Cain)[9] and have embraced the deception of Bil'am (Balaam) for monetary gain,[10] so too they'll perish like Korah's destruction.[11] **12** These are the people who ruin your love feasts when they eat without shame and only look after themselves. They're like clouds that are blown away by the wind without bringing the needed rain or trees that don't produce any fruit then are dou-

1 **RV 1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 13:55; Mrk 6:3.

2 **RV 5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:51.

3 **RV 5 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:29-30.

4 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Pe 2:4.

5 **RV 7 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:1-24.

6 **RV 9 · Cross-ref.** Dan 10:13,21; 12:1; Rev 12:7.

7 **RV 9 · Cross-ref.** Deu 34:6.

8 **RV 9 · Cross-ref.** Zech 3:2.

9 **RV 11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 4:3-8; 1Yhn 3:12.

10 **RV 11 · Cross-ref.** Num 22–24; 31:16; 2Pe 2:15-16.

11 **RV 11 · Cross-ref.** Num 16:1-35.

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bly useless by falling over; 13 like wild waves in the ocean that foam in their own shame or like unreliable wandering stars that are already doomed to the darkest darkness in the next age.

14 Hanok (Enoch) (the seventh generation from Adam)[12] prophesied way back then about these people, "Look, **Yahweh**, surrounded by tens of thousands of his holy messengers, came 15 to sentence everybody and to punish everyone who rejected God for everything they did that demonstrated this rejection and everything they said against him." 16 This includes their grumbling and complaining, the fulfilling of their own lustful desires, the arrogant way that they spoke, and their flattering of others in order to gain from them.

Keep your faith and keep ministering to others

17 But you, friends, always be thinking about how the missionaries of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** 18 told you that mockers near the end of time would come out following their own god-rejecting lusts.[13] 19 These people will cause division as they just demonstrate sensuality since they don't know God's **spirit**. 20 But you, friends, work to increase your faith in God, praying as **the** holy **spirit** helps you. 21 Keep receiving **God's** love as you look forward to living forever thanks to the mercy of our **master**, **Yeshua the messiah**.

22 Show grace to those still doubting 23 whereas others need to be 'snatched out of the fire' in order to be saved. To some, show mercy but very carefully, hating even their clothes which reflect their crude lifestyles.

Honouring God

24–25 Our **master**, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) **the messiah**, is the infallible **one** who is quite capable of looking after all of us so that we can stand blameless in front of him and praise him in his full honour and greatness. Let us honour and praise our only **God** and saviour, acknowledging his greatness and power and authority through Yeshua from before the creation, right through these current times, and in the age to come. May it be so.

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_uprooted, 13 wild waves of_the_sea foaming_out the shame of_ _themselves, wandering stars, to_whom the darkness of_ ~~the~~ _ _darkness has_been_kept to the_age. 14 And Enōk/(Ḥₐnōk) the_ _seventh from Adam/('Ādām) prophesied also to_these, saying: Behold, the_**master** came among holy tens_of_thousands of_ _him, 15 to_execute judgement against all, and to_rebuke all the ungodly concerning all their works of_ungodliness of_ _them, which they_acted_ungodly, and concerning all the hard things, of_which ungodly sinners spoke against him. 16 These are grumblings complaining, following according_to the lusts of_them, and the mouth of_them is_speaking arrogant messages, marvelling people for_reason_of benefit.

17 But you_all, beloved, be_reminded of_the messages ~~which~~ having_been_previously_spoken by the ambassadors of_the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_one/messiah**, 18 that they_were_saying to_you_all: In the_last time will_be mockers following according_to the of_ ~~the~~ _ungodliness lusts of_themselves. 19 These are the ones dividing, soulish, not having the_**spirit**. 20 But you_all beloved, building_ yourselves _up. in_the holiest faith of_you_all, praying in the_ holy _**spirit**. 21 Keep yourselves in the_love of_**god**, waiting_for the mercy of_the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, to eternal life. 22 And on_one_hand be_showing_mercy to_some doubting, 23 some be_saving on_the_other_hand snatching out_of the_ _fire, and be_showing_mercy to_some with fear, hating even the clothes having_been_stained by the flesh.

24 And to_the_ infallible _one being_able to_keep you_all, and to_stand blameless in_front_of the glory of_him, with exultation, 25 to_the_only **god** saviour of_us, through **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah** the **master** of_us, glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all the age, and now, and to all the ages. Truly.

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12 **RV 14 · Cross-ref.** Gen 5:18,21-24.

13 **RV 18 · Cross-ref.** 2Pe 3:3.

The first letter that we have,
written by

Yohan

(John)

Introduction

This *First letter of Yohan (John)* had two purposes: 1. encouraging the readers about God and his son Yeshua (Jesus) the messiah, and 2. warning them that it's important to not follow false or incorrect teachings that can destroy their unity with the messiah. These false teachers stated that Yeshua didn't become a person like us. They also taught that salvation doesn't include godly living and the love of others.
So in refuting those false doctrines, Yohan carefully explained that Yeshua the messiah came to this world as a real person, and he also explained that all who believe in Yeshua and love God, must also demonstrate their love to each other.

Main components of Yohan's letter

Introduction *1:1-4*
The darkness and the light *1:5–2:29*
The children of God and the children of Satan *3:1-24*
The truth and the lies *4:1-6*
About love *4:7-21*
Faith in Yeshua the messiah *5:1-21*

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The message that is life

1:1–3 We are reporting to you and testifying about what existed from the beginning:[1] ***Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah and son of God***. We heard him, we saw him with our own eyes, and we touched him with our own hands. Concerning the message of life, we can also report and testify to you that that life was revealed[2]—he is the eternal life that was with the father and was revealed to us. We report what we've seen and what we've heard so that you all also can have fellowship with us, and our fellowship is with the father and with his son. **4** We're writing all this so that our joy may be extended to you also.

We're all sinners

5 This is the message that we heard from him and which we are declaring to you all: **God** is light and there is no darkness in him—none at all. **6** If we say that we and him are relating well together and yet we're walking in the darkness, then we're lying and not living the truth. **7** But if we're walking in the light, just like he walks in the light, then we'll get along well with each other, and his son **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') blood is removing the consequences of all our sins.

8 If we say that we don't have any sin, then we're just fooling ourselves and haven't embraced the truth. **9** But if we admit our sins, Yeshua is trustworthy and totally sinless, and he will forgive us for our sins and remove all of our guilt and consequences. **10** If we say that we haven't sinned, then we're making a liar out of Yeshua and we haven't internalised his message.

The messiah is our advocate

2:1 I am writing to you all, my treasured new believers, so that you might avoid sinning. If anyone should sin, we have an advocate to help us relate to the father: **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the sinless **messiah**, **2** and it's him who is the atonement for our sins—not just our sins, but also the sins of the entire world.

3 We will know if we really know Yeshua if we obey his teachings. **4** If someone says that they know Yeshua but don't do what he taught, that person is a liar and hasn't internalised the truth. **5** However the person who obeys Yeshua's teaching demonstrates that **God's** love has truly been planted in them. We know that we are alive in Yeshua if **6** we claim to live in him and then live our lives like he lived.

Love not hate to be in the light

7 Dear friends, I'm not writing a new rule for you all, but reminding you of an old rule that you had from the beginning. This old rule is the message that you all heard.[3] **8** Then again I *am* writing a new rule to you—a rule which is true in Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and in you all, because the darkness is already disappearing and the true light is already shining.

9 Anyone who says they're in the light but hates a fellow be-

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1:1 What was from the_beginning, what we_have_heard, what we_have_seen with_the eyes of_us, what we_saw, and the hands of_us touched, concerning the message of_ ~~the~~ _life, **2** and the life was_revealed, and we_have_seen, and we_are_testifying, and we_are_reporting to_you_all, the life ~~the~~ eternal, which was with the father, and was_revealed to_us, **3** what we_have_seen, and we_have_heard, we_are_reporting also to_you_all, in_ _order_that also you_all may_be_having fellowship with us, and also ~~the~~ ~~the~~ our_ fellowship _is with the father, and with the son of_him, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**. **4** And we are_writing these things, in_order_that the joy of_us may_be having_been_fulfilled.

5 And this is the message which we_have_heard from him and we_are_declaring to_you_all, that ~~the~~ **god** is light, and darkness is not in him, not_one. **6** If we_may_say that we_are_having fellowship with him, and_yet we_may_be_walking in the darkness, we_are_lying and we_are_ not _practicing the truth. **7** But if we_may_be_walking in the light as he is in the light, we_are_having fellowship with one_another, and the blood of_ _**Ya^{y}sous** the son of_him, is_cleansing us from all sin. **8** If we_ _may_say that we_are_ not _having sin, we_are_deceiving ourselves and the truth is not. in us. **9** If we_may_be_confessing the sins of_us, he_is faithful and righteous, in_order_that he_ _may_forgive our sins to_us, and may_cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we_may_say that we_have_ not _sinned, we_are_making him a_liar, and the message of_him is not in us.

2:1 Little_children of_me, I_am_writing these things to_you_all, in_order_that you_may_ not _sin. And if anyone may_sin, we_ _are_having an_advocate with the father, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah** the_righteous, **2** and he is the_ _atonement for the sins of_us, and not for ~~the~~ our sins only, but also for all the world. **3** And by this we_are_knowing that we_ _have_known him, if we_may_be_keeping the commands of_ _him. **4** The one saying, ~~that~~ I_have_known him, and not keeping the commands of_him, is a_liar, and the truth is not in this one, **5** but whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_be_keeping the message of_him, truly the love of_ ~~the~~ **_god** has_been_perfected in this one. By this we_are_knowing that we_are in him: **6** the one saying to_be_remaining in him, ought also himself to_be_ _walking as that one walked.

7 Beloved, I_am_ not _writing a_ new _command to_you_all, but an_ old _command, which you_all_were_having from the_ _beginning. The ~~the~~ old command is the message that you_all_ _heard. **8** In_contrast I_am_writing a_ new _command to_you_ _all, which is true in him and in you_all, because the darkness is_being_passed_away, and the ~~the~~ true light is_ already _ _shining. **9** The one saying to_be in the light, and hating the brother of_him, is in the darkness until now. **10** The one loving the brother of_him, is_remaining in the light, and offense is not

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 1:1.

2 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 1:14.

3 **RV 2:7 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 13:34.

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in him **11** But the one hating the brother of_him, is in the darkness, and is_walking in the darkness, and has_ not _known where he_is_going, because the darkness blinded the eyes of_ _him.

12 I_am_writing to_you_all, little_children, because your sins have_been_forgiven to_you_all, because_of the name of_him. **13** I_am_writing to_you_all, fathers, because you_all_have_ _known the one from the_beginning. I_am_writing to_you_all, young_men, because you_all_have_overcome the evil one. **14** I_ _wrote to_you_all, little_children, because you_all_have_known the father. I_wrote to_you_all, fathers, because you_all_have_ _known the one from the_beginning. I_wrote to_you_all, young_men, because you_all_are strong ones, and the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is_remaining in you_all, and you_all_have_ _overcome the evil one. **15** Neither be_loving the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone may_be_loving the world, the love of_the father is not in him. **16** Because all which is in the world, the desire of_the flesh, and the desire of_the eyes, and the arrogance of_the living, is not from the father, but is from the world. **17** And the world and the desire of_it is_being_ _passed_away, but the one doing the will of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is_ _remaining for the age.

18 Little_children, it_is the_last hour, and as you_all_heard that the_anti-messiah is_coming, even now many false_messiahs have_become, whence we_are_knowing that it_is the_last hour. **19** They_came_out from us, but they_were not of us, because/for if they_were of us, they_ would _had_remained with us, but in_order_that they_may_be_revealed that they_are all not of us. **20** And you_all are_having the_anointing from the holy one, and you_all_have_known all. **21** I_ not _wrote to_you_ _all because you_all_have_ not _known the truth, but because you_all_have_known it, and because any falsehood is not of the truth. **22** Who is the liar, except ~~not/lest~~ the one disowning that **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is not the **chosen_one/messiah**? This one is the anti-messiah, the one disowning the father and the son. **23** Everyone ~~which~~ disowning the son, neither is_having the father. The one confessing the son, also is_having the father. **24** You_all, what you_all_heard from the_beginning, let_it_be_ _remaining in you_all. If it_may_remain in you_all what you_ _all_heard from the_beginning, you_all also will_be_remaining in the son and in the father. **25** And this is the promise which he promised to_us, ~~the~~ eternal ~~the~~ life. **26** I_wrote these things to_you_all concerning the ones misleading you_all. **27** And you_ _all, the anointing that you_all_received from him, is_

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liever,[4] is still in the darkness. **10** It's the person that loves their fellow believers who is living in the light and doesn't offend anyone. **11** But the person who hates a fellow believer is living and walking in the darkness and doesn't know where they're going because they're blinded.

Don't love the things of this world

12 I'm writing to you new believers because your sins have been forgiven because of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) authority. **13** I'm writing to you fathers because you have known the messiah from the beginning.[5] **14** I wrote to you new believers because you have know the father. I wrote to you fathers because you have known the messiah from the beginning.[6] I wrote to you young men because you are strong and **God's** message lives in you and you have overcome the evil one.

15 Don't be loving the world nor the things in the world. The father's love does not live in anyone who loves the world **16** because everything that's in the world, bodily desires and lusts and arrogant living, is not from the father but from the world. **17** And the world will come to an end along with the desire for it, but the person obeying **God's** desires will continue to live.

Beware of 'new' teaching

18 New believers, it's now the last times and what you heard about the false messiah coming is now happening. Many false messiahs have already been around and that confirms that it's now the last times. **19** They came from our group, but they were never truly part of us because if they were, they would have stayed with us. But they left us so it would be revealed that they're not part of us.

20 But you all have received the spirit[7] from the chosen messiah[8] and you all know all about it.[9] **21** I didn't write to you all because you don't know the truth, but because you have known the truth and any falsehood is not part of it.

22 **Anyone** who teaches that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is not the **messiah** is a liar. And **anyone** who disowns the father and the son is a false messiah. **23** Anyone who disowns the son, doesn't know the father either—only those who confess the son know the father

24 What you all heard from the beginning, that's what you should hold to. If the message that you heard from the begin-

4 **RV 2:9 · Note** Literally 'our brothers'. In this letter that term could refer to 'siblings', 'fellow believers', or 'fellow citizens' (or Yohan could be alternating between two or three of them in his mind as he wrote). After considering all the uses of the term in chapters 2–5, we have taken 'fellow believers' as being more likely, i.e., the context would often seem to be focusing on believers (even though most of us would want to apply 3:16–17 to also include 'fellow citizens').

5 **RV 2:13 · Cross-ref.** Lk 2:25-35.

6 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Lk 2:25-35.

7 **RV 2:20 · Note** anointing: It's not really clear here what Yohan is referring to that they have received: God's favour? a skill or ability? a blessing? the Holy Spirit? But v27 below seems to be talking about God's holy spirit.

8 **RV 2:20 · Note** holy (one): Yohan seems to be referring to Yeshua here.

9 **RV 2:20 · Note** You all know all: also unclear what Yohan means.

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ning remains in you, then you also will remain in the son and in the father, 25 and in that case, what he promised us is to live forever.

26 I wrote these things to you all concerning those who would mislead you. 27 But for you, the spirit that you received from Yeshua remains in you all and so you don't need anyone else to teach you because his spirit teaches you about everything. The spirit teaches truth and not lies, and since you were taught by the spirit then you are remaining in Yeshua.

28 So now you new believers, remain in him so that when he is revealed, we can have boldness and not be ashamed of him when he comes back. 29 Because you know that he is sinless, you also know that anyone faithfully obeying his teaching has been reborn in him.

Living as God's children

3:1 Consider the amazing love that the father has given to us in order that we can be called **God's** children,[10] and indeed we are.[11] 2 Dear friends we are **God's** children now, but it's not yet revealed what we will become. We know that when Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is revealed, we will be similar to him because then we'll be seeing him exactly as he is. 3 Everyone who trusts their future to him needs to purify themself just like he is pure.

4 Everyone who regularly sins is demonstrating lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 5 You all know that Yeshua was revealed in order to take away sins,[12] and there's no sin in him. 6 Everyone who remains in him doesn't sin—everyone who keeps sinning has neither really seen Yeshua nor known him.

7 So new believers, don't let anyone deceive you: the person faithfully obeying Yeshua's teaching will be declared not guilty just as he is not guilty. 8 Anyone who regularly sins belongs to the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

9 Everyone who's been reborn in **God**, doesn't regularly sin because **God's** seed of life remains in them and that person isn't able to sin because they have been reborn in **God**. 10 You can distinguish **God's** children and the devil's children like this: everyone who doesn't faithfully obey Yeshua's teaching or doesn't love their fellow believers, that person doesn't belong to **God**.

Demonstrate your love for each other

11 Yes, this is the message that you all heard from the beginning: to be loving each other[13]— 12 not living like Kayin (Cain) who belonged to the evil one and went on to murder his brother.[14] And why did he kill him? Because his own actions were evil, but his brother Hevel (Abel) followed God's instructions.

13 And friends, don't be surprised if the world hates you. 14 We

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_remaining in you_all, and you_all_are_ not _having need that anyone may_be_teaching you_all, but as the anointing of_him is_teaching you_all concerning all things, and is true and is not a_falsehood, and as it_taught you_all, you_all_are_remaining in him. 28 And now, little_children, be_remaining in him, in_ _order_that if he_may_be_revealed, we_may_have boldness, and we_may_ not _be_ashamed because_of him at the coming of_him. 29 If you_all_may_have_known that he_is righteous, you_all_are_knowing that also everyone ~~which~~ practicing ~~the~~ righteousness has_been_born of him.

3:1 See what_kind_of love the father has_given to_us, in_order_ _that we_may_be_called children of_**god**, and we_are. Because_ _of this, the world is_ not _knowing us, because it_ not _knew him. 2 Beloved, now we_are children of_**god**, and was_ not_yet _ _revealed what we_will_be. We_have_known that if he_may_be_ _revealed, we_will_be similar to_him, because we_will_be_ _seeing him as he_is. 3 And everyone ~~which~~ having ~~the~~ this hope in him, is_purifying himself, as that one is pure. 4 Everyone ~~which~~ practicing ~~the~~ sin, is_ also _practicing ~~the~~ lawlessness, and ~~the~~ sin is ~~the~~ lawlessness. 5 And you_all_have_known that that one was_revealed, in_order_that he_may_take_away ~~the~~ sins, and sin is not in him. 6 Everyone ~~which~~ remaining in him is_ not _sinning, everyone ~~which~~ sinning has_ neither _seen him, nor has_known him. 7 Little_children, let_ no_one _be_deceiving you_all, the one practicing ~~the~~ righteousness, is righteous, as that one is righteous. 8 The one practicing ~~the~~ sin, is of the devil, because the devil is_sinning from the_beginning. The son of_ ~~the~~ _**god** was_revealed for this, in_order_that he_may_ _destroy the works of_the devil. 9 Everyone ~~which~~ having_been_ _born of ~~the~~ **god**, is_ not _practicing sin, because the_seed of_ _him is_remaining in him, and he_is_ not _able to_be_sinning, because he_has_been_born of ~~the~~ **god**. 10 The children of_ ~~the~~ _ _**god**, and the children of_the devil is manifest in this: everyone ~~which~~ not practicing righteousness, and the one not loving the brother of_him, is not of ~~the~~ **god**.

11 Because this is the message that you_all_heard from the_ _beginning, that we_may_be_loving one_another, 12 not as Kain/(Qayin) of the evil one was, and slayed the brother of_ _him. And for_ what _reason_of he_slayed him? Because the works of_him was evil, but the ones of_the brother of_him, righteous. 13 Not be_marvelling, brothers, if the world is_ _hating you_all. 14 We have_known that we_have_departed from ~~the~~ death to ~~the~~ life, because we_are_loving our brothers.

10 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 1:12.

11 **RV 3:1 · Note** 'and indeed we are' is missing from later manuscripts (and hence is omitted in some translations—there are more later copies than early ones and some scholars give more importance to that fact).

12 **RV 3:5 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 1:29.

13 **RV 3:11 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 13:34.

14 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Gen 4:8.

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The one not loving, is_remaining in ~~the~~ death. **15** Everyone ~~which~~ hating the brother of_him, is a_murderer, and you_all_have_ _known that any murderer is_ not _having eternal life remaining in himself. **16** By this we_have_known ~~the~~ love, because that one laid the life of_him for us, and we ought to_ _lay our lives for our brothers. **17** But whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_be_ _having the living of_the world, and may_be_observing the brother of_him having need, and may_shut the heart of_him from him, how is_ The love - of_**god** _remaining in him? **18** Little_children, not may_we_be_loving in_message, nor in_ _the tongue, but in work and in_truth. **19** By this we_will_be_ _knowing that we_are of the truth, and we_will_be_persuading the hearts of_us before him, **20** that if the heart of_us may_be_ _condemning, that ~~the~~ **god** is greater than the heart of_us, and he_is_knowing all things. **21** Beloved, if our heart may_ not _be_ _condemning, we_are_having confidence toward ~~the~~ **god**, **22** and whatever ~~if~~ we_may_be_requesting, we_are_receiving from him, because we_are_keeping the commands of_him, and we_are_practicing the pleasing things before him. **23** And this is the command of_him, that we_may_be_believe in_the name of_ _the son of_him, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_one/messiah**, and we_may_be_loving one_another, as he_gave the_command to_us. **24** And the one keeping the commands of_him, is_ _remaining in him, and he in him. And by this we_are_knowing that he_is_remaining in us, by the **spirit** whom he_gave to_us.

4:1 Beloved, not be_believing in_every spirit, but be_approving the spirits, whether it_is of ~~the~~ **god**, because many false_ _prophets have_come_out into the world. **2** By this you_all_are_ _knowing the **spirit** of_ ~~the~~ **_god**: every spirit that is_confessing **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** having_come in the_flesh, is of ~~the~~ **god**, **3** and every spirit that is_ not _confessing ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous**, is not of ~~the~~ **god**. And this is the spirit of_the anti-messiah, which you_all_have_heard that it_is_coming, and now is already in the world. **4** You_all are of ~~the~~ **god**, little_children, and you_all_have_overcome them, because greater is the one in you_all, than the one in the world. **5** They are of the world, because_of this they_are_speaking from the world, and the world is_hearing from_them. **6** We are of ~~the~~ **god**. The one knowing ~~the~~ **god**, is_hearing from_us, whoever is not of ~~the~~ **god**, is_ not _hearing from_us. By this we_are_knowing the spirit of_ ~~the~~ _truth and the spirit of_ ~~the~~ _deception.

7 Beloved, we_may_be_loving one_another, because ~~the~~ love is from ~~the~~ **god**, and everyone ~~which~~ loving has_been_born from ~~the~~ **god**, and is_knowing ~~the~~ **god**. **8** The one not loving, not knew ~~the~~ **god**, because ~~the~~ **god** is love. **9** The love of_ ~~the~~ **_god** was_ _revealed among us in this, that ~~the~~ **god** has_sent_out the son of_him, the only_begotten, into the world in_order_that we_ _may_live through him. **10** In this is ~~the~~ love, not that we have_ _loved ~~the~~ **god**, but that he loved us, and sent_out the son of_

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know that we have transferred from death to life because we are loving our fellow believers. Anyone who doesn't love others is stuck in death.[15] **15** Everyone who hates another person is a murderer, and you all know that murderers don't have eternal life in them. **16** We know about real love because we saw that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) gave up his life for us, and we should give up our lives for our fellow believers. **17** But anyone who's enjoying being alive and notices that a fellow believer is in need yet shuts that other believer's needs out of their conscience, how can **God's** love be living in that person? **18** So you new believers, don't just proclaim that you're loving people, but actually demonstrate it in actions and in fact. **19** That's how we'll know that the truth really is in us.

At the same time, we need to tell ourselves **20** that if we are feeling condemned, **God** is greater than our feelings and he knows everything. **21** Then dear friends, if we're not feeling condemned, we have confidence in **God** **22** and confidence that whatever we are requesting from him, we will receive it because we are following his instructions and doing the things that please him. **23** And this is his command: We need to believe in the authority of his son, **Yeshua the messiah**, and we should love each other as per the command that Yeshua gave to us.[16] **24** Anyone who follows his commands is living in him, and he is living in them and we have confirmation that he is living in us, because we have the **spirit** that he gave to us.

True and false spirits

4:1 Dear friends, don't trust every spirit, but test them to determine whether or not it's from **God**, because many false prophets go around the world. **2** You all can find out whether or not a **spirit** is from God: If the spirit confesses that **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** has come as a person, then it's from **God** **3** but if the spirit won't confess **Yeshua**, then it's not from **God** but rather it's the spirit of the false messiah, whom you've heard is coming, and is now already in the world.

4 You new believers are in **God** and you have defeated the false prophets, because the one in you is more powerful than the one in the world. **5** They belong to the world hence they are speaking from the world, and the world is listening to them. **6** However we belong to **God**, and anyone who knows **God** listens to us, but anyone who doesn't belong to **God** can't accept what we're saying. That's how we can distinguish the spirit of truth from deceptive spirits.

Loving God means loving others

7 Dear friends, we need to be loving each other, because love is from **God** and everyone who truly loves has been reborn into **God** and knows **God**. **8** Those who don't love, don't love **God** because **God** is love. **9** **God's** love was revealed to us when he sent his only son to be born into the world so that we can live through him. **10** So this is real love, not us loving **God**, but God loving us and sending his

15 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 5:24.

16 **RV 3:23 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 13:34; 15:12,17.

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son to be the sacrifice to clear us of the sentence from our sins.

11 Dear friends, if **God** loves us like that, we ought to be loving each other. **12** No one has ever seen **God**,[17] but when we are loving each other then **God** is living in us, and his love is being perfected in us.

13 We can know that we are living in him and him in us because he has given to us from his **spirit**. **14** And we have seen and are testifying that the father sent the son—the saviour of the world. **15** Anyone who confesses that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is **God's** son, **God** lives in that person and they live in **God**. **16** We have known and experienced the love that **God** has in us.

God is love, and anyone who lives in love, lives in **God**, and **God** lives in them. **17** This is how love will be perfected in us so that we can live with confidence about the coming judgement day: we live like Yeshua in this world. **18** There's no fear in love, but rather perfect love drives away fear, because our fear is that of being punished but the one fearing has not been perfected in love.

19 We love others because he loved us first. **20** Anyone who says that they are loving **God** but hates a fellow believer, that person is liar because if someone can't love a fellow believer that they've seen, they can't love **God** who they've never seen. **21** So we have this command from Yeshua that anyone who loves **God** must also love their fellow believers.

Faith and love overcome the world

5:1 Everyone who believes that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is the **messiah** has been reborn in **God**, and everyone who loves the father who gave birth to us, also loves the son that he gave birth to. **2** We can know when we love **God's** children: whenever we love **God** and obey his commands, **3** because the definition **of** loving **God** is obeying his commands[18] and his commands are not a big strain on us **4** because everyone who's been reborn in **God** is overcoming the world. **5** So who can overcome the world? Only the person who believes that **Yeshua** is **God's** son.

God's testimony about Yeshua

6 **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah** is the **one** who was born by water and blood and spirit—not by water only, but by water and by blood[19] **7** because there are three that testify: **8** the **spirit**, the water, and the blood, and these three come together into one. **9** If we accept testimonies from people, then God's testimony is better, because **God's** testimony is about his son. **10** Any person that believes that Yeshua is God's son has internalised **God's** testimony, but anyone who doesn't believe **in God** calls him a liar because they have not believed the testimony of **God** himself about his son. **11** And this is the testimony: that **God** gave eternal

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_him, an_atonement for the sins of_us. **11** Beloved, if ~~the~~ **god** loved us thus, we also ought to_be_loving one_another. **12** No_ _one has_ ever _seen **god**, if we_may_be_loving one_another, ~~the~~ **god** is_remaining in us, and the love of_him is having_been_ _perfected in us. **13** By this we_are_knowing, that we_are_ _remaining in him, and he in us, because he_has_given to_us from the **spirit** of_him. **14** And we have_seen and are_testifying that the father has_sent_out the son, saviour of_the world. **15** Whoever ~~wishfully~~ may_confess that **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** is the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, ~~the~~ **god** is_remaining in him, and he in ~~the~~ **god**. **16** And we have_known and have_believed the love that **god** is_having ~~the~~ in us. ~~The~~ **god** is love, and the one remaining in ~~the~~ love, is_remaining in ~~the~~ **god**, and ~~the~~ **god** is_remaining in him. **17** In this ~~the~~ love has_been_perfected with us, in_order_ _that we_may_be_having confidence in the day of_ ~~the~~ _ _judgement, because as that one is, we also are in ~~the~~ this world. **18** Fear is not in ~~the~~ love, but the perfect love is_casting out ~~the~~ fear, because the fear is_having punishment, and the one fearing, has_ not _‹been›_perfected in ~~the~~ love. **19** We are_ _loving, because he first loved us. **20** If anyone may_say, ~~that~~ I_ _am_loving ~~the~~ **god**, and may_be_hating the brother of_him, is a_liar, because/for the one not loving the brother of_him, whom he_has_seen, is_ not _able to_be_loving ~~the~~ **god**, whom he_has_ not _seen. **21** And we_are_having this ~~the~~ command from him, that the one loving ~~the~~ **god**, may_ also _be_loving the brother of_him.

5:1 Everyone ~~which~~ believing that **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)** is the **chosen_one/messiah**, has_been_born of ~~the~~ **god**, and everyone ~~which~~ loving the one having_bore him, is_loving also the one having_been_born from him. **2** By this we_are_knowing that we_are_loving the children of_ ~~the~~ **_god**: whenever we_are_ _loving ~~the~~ **god**, and we_may_be_keeping the commands of_ _him. **3** For/Because this is the love of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, that we_may_ _be_keeping the commands of_him, and the commands of_him are not heavy, **4** because everything ~~which~~ having_been_born of ~~the~~ **god**, is_overcoming the world. And this is the victory ~~which~~ having_overcame the world, the faith of_us. **5** And who is the one overcoming the world, except ~~not/lest~~ the one believing that **Ya^{y}sous** is the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**?

6 This is the one having_come by water and blood, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, not by ~~the~~ water only, but by ~~the~~ water and by ~~the~~ blood. And the **spirit** is ~~which~~ testifying, because the **spirit** is the truth. **7** Because the ones testifying are three: **8** the **spirit**, and the water, and the blood, and the three are_there in ~~the~~ one. **9** If we_are_receiving the testimony ~~the~~ of_humans, the testimony of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is greater, because this is the testimony of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, that he_has_testified concerning the son of_him. **10** The one believing in the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, is_having the testimony in himself, the one not believing ~~the~~ in**_god**, has_ _made him a_liar, because he_has_ not _believed in the testimony that ~~the~~ **god** has_testified concerning the son of_ _him. **11** And this is the testimony: that ~~the~~ **god** gave eternal life

17 **RV 4:12 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 1:18.

18 **RV 5:3 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 14:15.

19 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 3:5-8.

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to_us, and this ~~the~~ life is in the son of_him. **12** The one having the son, is_having ~~the~~ life, the one not having the son of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**, is_ not _having ~~the~~ life.

13 I_wrote these things to_you_all, in_order_that you_all_may_ _have_known that you_all_are_having eternal, life to_the ones believing in the name of_the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **14** and this is the confidence that we_are_having toward him: that if we_may_be_ _requesting anything according_to the will of_him, he_is_ _hearing from_us. **15** And if we_have_known that he_is_hearing from_us, whatever ~~wishfully~~ we_may_be_requesting, we_have_ _known that we_are_having the requests that we_have_ _requested from him. **16** If anyone may_see the brother of_him sinning a_sin not to death, he_will_be_requesting and he_will_ _be_giving life to_him, to_the ones sinning not to death. There_ _is a_sin to death, I_am_ not _saying that he_may_ask concerning that sin. **17** All unrighteousness is sin, and there_is a_sin not to death. **18** We_have_known that everyone ~~which~~ having_been_born of ~~the~~ **god** is_ not _sinning, but the one having_been_born of ~~the~~ **god** is_keeping him and the evil one is_ not _touching against_him. **19** We_have_known that we_are of ~~the~~ **god**, and the whole world is_lying in the evil one. **20** And we_have_known that the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god** is_coming, and has_ _given to_us a_mind, in_order_that we_are_knowing the true one, and we_are in the true one, in the son of_him, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʿa) chosen_one/messiah**. This one is the true **god** and eternal life. **21** Little_children, keep yourselves from ~~the~~ idols.

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life to us and this life is in his son.[20] **12** Anyone who has the son has life, but anyone who doesn't have the **god's** son, doesn't have eternal life.

Living without ending

13 I wrote these things to you so that you all could know that you have eternal life, that is the ones believed in the name and authority of **God's** son. **14** And so we have confidence in God that if we request anything according to his will, he hears us **15** whatever we're requesting, and we know that we'll receive what we requested.

16 If anyone sees a fellow believer committing a forgivable sin, then that person should ask God on their behalf and God will give life to that fellow believer. (But there is a sin that always results in death and I'm not suggesting that we should ask in that case.) **17** All disobedience is sin, but there are sins that don't necessarily lead to death.

18 We know that everyone who's been reborn into **God** doesn't keep sinning, but the messiah who was born from **God** watches over them and so the evil one can't touch them.

19 We know that we belong to **God** and that the whole word is under the control of the evil one.

20 We know that **God's** son has come and helped our minds so that we could know the true one, and we are in the true one and also in his son, **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**—the true **God** and eternal life itself.

21 You new believers, don't honour idols.

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20 RV 5:11 · Cross-ref. Yhn 3:36.

The second letter
that we have written by
Yohan (John)

Introduction

This is the second letter that we have by Yohan one of the earliest followers of Yeshua and who became an apprentice to him. He sent this letter to a chosen woman and her children—presumably meaning 'chosen by God'. Some think this might be referring to a group of believers (in which case, the 'chosen sister' of the closing sentence might also be a congregation). This short letter reminds the recipients that it's necessary to keep following the truth of Yeshua's original teaching and to love each other. It also warns about those who teach that Yeshua was not the messiah (or was not God).

Main components of Yohan's letter

Greetings *1-3*
Love and obedience *4-6*
Guarding the truth *7-11*
Ending *12-13*

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1:1 The elder, to_the_chosen mistress and the children of_her, whom I am_loving in truth (and not I only, but also all the ones having_known the truth), **2** because_of the truth ~~which~~ remaining in us, and will_be with us to the age: **3** grace, mercy, peace will_be with us from **god** the_father and from **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, the son of_the father, in truth and love.

4 I_was_ exceedingly _elated that I_have_found some of the children of_you walking in truth, as the_command we_received from the father. **5** And now I_am_asking you, mistress, not as writing a_ new _command, to_you, but what we_were_having from the_beginning, that we_may_be_loving one_another. **6** And this is ~~the~~ love: that we_may_be_walking according_to the commands of_him. This is the command, as you_all_heard from the_beginning, that you_all_may_be_walking in same. **7** Because many deceivers came_out into the world, the ones not confessing **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah** coming in flesh. This one is the deceiver and the anti-messiah. **8** Be_seeing yourselves that you_all_may_ not _lose what things you_did, but you_all_may_take_back a_ full _reward. **9** Everyone ~~which~~ going_beyond and not remaining in the teaching of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, is_ not _having **god**, the one remaining in the teaching, this one is_having both the father and the son. **10** If anyone is_coming to you_all, and is_ not _bringing this ~~the~~ teaching, not be_receiving him into your_house, and not be_ _saying to_be_rejoicing to_him, **11** for/because the one saying to_him to_be_rejoicing is_sharing in_the ~~the~~ evil works of_him.

12 Having many things to_be_writing to_you_all, I_was_ not _ _counselled through paper and ink, but I_am_hoping to_ _become to you_all, and to_speak mouth to mouth, in_order_ _that the joy of_you_all may_be having_been_fulfilled. **13** The children of_the ~~the~~ chosen sister of_you is_greeting you.

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Readers' Version

1:1 This letter is from Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) the elder to the chosen lady and her children who I genuinely love (as do all the other believers) **2** because of the truth that lives in us and will be with us forever.

3 We will have grace, mercy, and peace in truth and love from **God** the father and from his son **Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**.

4 I was so happy that I found some of your children living out the truth as per the command that the father gave us. **5** So now I'm requesting you, lady, (not making some new command, but one that we've had since the beginning) that we all need to love each other[1] **6** where the definition of love is obeying God's commands. This is the command about walking in love that you all heard from the beginning **7** because many false preachers have entered the world who don't believe that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is **the messiah** who came as a human. Any person like that is a deceiver and against the messiah.

Stick to the original message

8 So make sure that you all don't lose what you've worked for, but rather go on to receive a full reward.

9 **Anyone** who doesn't stay with the **messiah's** teaching or adds more to it doesn't have **God**—it's the person who continues in the teaching that has both the father and the son with them. **10** If anyone comes to you all and doesn't bring this same message, don't accept that person into your house, and don't tell them that it's good **11** because anyone who encourages those people is participating in the evil that they're spreading.

12 I've got many things that I wanted to write to you about, but paper and ink aren't working for me so I'll try to come and then we can talk directly because I want you all to experience genuine happiness.

Closing off

13 Your sister's children (and she's also a chosen one) send their greetings also.

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1 **RV 5 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 13:34; 15:12,17.

The third letter
that we have written by
Yohan (John)

Introduction

The author
This the third letter we have that was written by Yohan, one of the twelve apprentices who spent the most time with Yeshua.

This letter
This letter was sent to one of Yohan's friends named Gaios. Yohan praises Gaios for the way he'd looked after other believers and for his living out God's truth. Yohan also warns Gaios about a person named Diotrefes who was opposing the believers.

Main components of Yohan's letter
Greetings *1-4*
Praising Gaios *5-8*
Scolding Diotrefes *9-10*
Boasting about Demetrios *11-12*
The closing *13-15*

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1:1 The elder, to_Gaios the beloved, whom I am_loving in truth.
2 Beloved, concerning all things I_am_hoping you to_be_being_
_prospered and to_be_being_healthy, as is_being_prospered of_
_you the soul. **3** For/Because I_was_elated exceedingly coming
the_brothers and testifying of_you in_the truth, as you in the_
_truth are_walking. **4** Greater than these things not I_am_
_having joy, that I_may_be_hearing ~~the~~ my children in the truth
walking.

5 Beloved, faithful you_are_doing whatever, ~~if~~ you_may_do for
the brothers and this is for_strangers, **6** who testified of_you
to_the love before the_assembly, whom well you_will_be_doing,
having_sent_forward worthily of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **7** For/Because for
the name they_came_out, nothing receiving from the pagans.
8 Therefore we ought to_be_supporting ~~the~~ such men, in_order_
_that fellow-workers we_may_be_becoming with_the truth.

9 I_wrote something to_the assembly, but the one loving_to_be_
_first of_them, Diotrefaʸs, not is_accepting us. **10** Because_of
this, if I_may_come, I_will_be_reminding of_him the works,
which he_is_doing, with_messages evil rambling_against us,
and not being_sufficed with these things, nor himself is_
_accepting the brothers, but the ones wishing he_is_forbidding,
and from the assembly is_casting_out them. **11** Beloved, not be_
_imitating ~~the~~ evil, but ~~the~~ good. The one doing_good of ~~the~~ **god**
is, the one doing_evil not has_seen ~~the~~ **god**. **12** To_Daʸmaʸtrios
has_been_attested by all, and by itself the truth, also and we
are_testifying, and you_have_known that the testimony of_us
true is.

13 Many things I_was_having to_write to_you, but not I_am_
_wanting through ink and pen to_you to_be_writing, **14** but I_
_am_hoping immediately you to_see, and mouth to mouth we_
_will_be_speaking. **15** Peace be to_you. Are_greeting you the
friends. Be_greeting the friends by name.

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Readers' Version

1:1 This letter is from Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) the elder to my dear friend Gaios[1] who I love because we both follow the truth.

2 My dear friend, I trust that you are healthy and doing well in everything just as you are also doing well spiritually. **3** I was very happy when some of our spiritual brothers came and told us about your faithfulness to the truth and how you are living it out. **4** Nothing makes me more happy than hearing that other believers that I've helped are living out the truth.

Praising Gaios

5 My dear friend, you are faithful in what you do for other believers. Even strangers **6** have told the assembly about your caring for them before sending them on. Your actions will be praised by **God** **7** because they went out to serve God, not getting any help from the unbelievers. **8** We should be supporting believers like them so that we may also become their workmates in sharing the truth.

Diotrefes and Demetrios

9 I wrote something to the assembly, but Diotrefes won't listen to us—he always wants the limelight for himself. **10** Because of that, if I do end up coming, I will be reminding him about what he's been doing—rambling on against us with evil talks, and then, not being happy with that, he doesn't accept other believers and expels them from the assembly then forbids others from accepting them either.

11 My dear friend, don't copy the evil things that others do, just the good things. Anyone who does what is good belongs to **God**—anyone who does evil things has not seen **God**.

12 Demetrios has been talked about by everyone and even the truth itself speaks. We have also spoken about him, and you know that what we say is true.

Closing

13 I had many things I wanted to write about, but won't do it by means of ink and pen, **14** but instead I hope to see you soon and then we can speak face to face.

15 Wishing all peace and happiness for you. Your friends here also greet you. Please greet our friends there by name.

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1 **RV 1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 19:29; Rom 16:23; 1Cor 1:14.

Yohan's Revelation

of Yeshua the messiah

Introduction

Yohan's (John's) revelation of Yeshua (Jesus) the messiah concerns events that will happen in the future. This was written long ago in a time when the believers were persecuted due to their faith in the master Yeshua, the messiah, and Yohan himself had been forcibly exiled to Patmos Island by the Romaios authorities and held there. Yohan's main purpose for writing this was to give hope to the believers and to encourage them to persevere in their faith despite their persecution.

A major portion of what's written in this document is the revelation by Yeshua the messiah to Yohan about incredible signs and all those symbols have a meaning and interpretation. At the time of writing, some were likely understood by the Christians of the time, but now, some of the symbols are very hard to interpret, and there's been a large range of interpretations from different people. But even though it's like that, there are also some signs that are easier to understand like 'horns' which denote power and authority, and 'sword' which denotes war. The themes are repeated throughout this document in various different forms. But it's important to just understand the main points of what's written here: God will indeed destroy all of his enemies through the messiah Yeshua, and also, he will reward all his people who persevere in serving him, and then he'll bring them to live with him. The final major them concerns the new sky and earth that God will create, and concerning the new Yerushalem that will descend from heaven.

Main components of this document

Introduction *1:1-8*
Yohan's first revelation in the form of a dream *1:9-20*
The letters sent to seven assemblies of believers *2:1–3:22*
The scroll with seven seals *4:1–8:1*
The seven trumpets *8:2–11:19*
The dinosaur and the two creatures *12:1–13:18*
The various revelations to Yohan as dreams *14:1–15:8*
The seven bowls of God's anger *16:1-21*
The destruction of Bavel and the defeat of all God's enemies *17:1–20:10*
The final judgement *20:11-15*
The new sky and earth, and the new Yerushalem *21:1–22:5*
Ending *22:6-21*

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1:1 The_revelation of_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_ _one/messiah**, which gave to_him ~~the~~ **god**, to_show to_the slaves of_him, what things it_is_fitting to_become in quickness, and he_signified it, having_sent_out through the messenger of_ _him to_the slave of_him, Yōanna^{y}s, **2** who testified the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and the testimony of_**Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**, as_much_as he_saw. **3** Blessed is the one reading and the ones hearing the messages of_the prophecy, and keeping the things in it having_been_written, because/for the the_time is near.
4 Seven Yōanna^{y}s to_the assemblies ~~which~~ in ~~the~~ Asia: grace to_ _you_all and peace, from the one being, and who was, and who coming, and from the seven spirits, who are before the throne of_him, **5** and from **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, the witness ~~the~~ faithful, the firstborn of_the dead, and the ruler of_the kings of_the earth. To_the one loving us, and having_released us from the sins of_us in the blood of_him, **6** and made us a_ _kingdom, priests ~~the~~ to_**god** and father of_him, to_him be the glory and the dominion to the ages. Truly. **7** Behold, he_is_ _coming with the clouds, and will_be_seeing him every eye, and who him they_pierced, and will_be_mourning over him all the tribes of_the earth. Yes. Truly. **8** I am the first_letter and the last_letter, is_saying the_**master**, ~~the~~ **god**: the one being, and who was, and who coming, the almighty.

9 I Yōanna^{y}s, the brother of_you_all, and fellow-partaker in the tribulation, and kingdom, and endurance, in **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, became in the island ~~which~~ being_called Patmos, because_of the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god** and the testimony of_**Ya^{y}sous**. **10** I_became in the_**spirit** on the master's day, and I_heard behind me a_voice loud like of_a_trumpet **11** saying: What you_are_seeing, write in a_scroll, and send to_the seven assemblies: to Efesos, and to Smurna, and to Pergamos, and to Thuateira, and to Sardeis, and to Filadelfeia, and to Laodikeia. **12** And I_turned_back to_be_seeing the voice which was_ _speaking with me. And having_turned_back, I_saw seven lampstands golden, **13** and in the_midst of_the lampstands: similar son of_Man, having_dressed_in reaching_the_feet, and having_been_girded_about at the breasts a_belt golden. **14** And the head of_him and his hairs were white, as_though wool

Readers' Version

1:1 This is the revelation that **God** gave to **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the **messiah** to show to his slaves to explain what must happen soon. He communicated it by sending it via his messenger to his slave, Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) **2** who then faithfully passed on everything he saw **of God's** message and the testimony **of Yeshua the messiah.** **3** God will bless anyone who reads or listens to the messages of this prophecy and obeys what's written in it, because the time of these events happening is close.

The greetings to seven assemblies of believers

4 This letter is from Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) to the seven assemblies in Asia Minor:

Grace and peace to you all from the God who is and was and will be,[1] and from the seven spirits who are in front of his throne,[2] **5** and from **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the **messiah**, the faithful witness,[3] the first to come back to life, and the ruler of all the leaders of the nations of the world.[4]

Yeshua loves us and he has released us from our sins by his blood, **6** and made us into a kingdom of priests **to God** his father,[5] and he is deserving of honour and power throughout the ages. May it be so.

7 Look, he's going to come back in the clouds,[6] and everyone will see him—the one who they speared[7]—and all the tribes on the earth will be mourning over him.[8] REWORK OT QUOTES

8 "I am the A and the Z,"[9] says **Yahweh God**, the one who is and was and will be[10]—the most powerful one.

Yohan sees the messiah

9 I, Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), am your brother and partner in the suffering that's typical of those who follow **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). I've been exiled to Patmos Island where I endure because I believe **God's** message and **Yeshua's** testimony and look forward to his kingdom. **10** One Sunday while I was meditating, God's **spirit** gave me a vision, and I heard a voice behind me that seemed as loud as a trumpet blast **11** that said, "Write down what you see here on a scroll and send it to the seven assemblies of believers—to the cities of Efesos, Smurna, Pergamos, Thuateira, Sardeis, Filadelfeia, and to Laodikeia."

12 Then I turned to see who was talking to me, and I saw seven golden lamp holders, **13** and standing among them was a man

1 **RV 1:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 3:14.
2 **RV 1:4 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:5.
3 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Isa 55:4.
4 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Psa 89:27.
5 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:6; Rev 5:10.
6 **RV 1:7 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:13; Mat 24:30; Mrk 13:26; Luk 21:27; 1Th 4:17.
7 **RV 1:7 · Cross-ref.** Zech 12:10; Yhn 19:34,37.
8 **RV 1:7 · Cross-ref.** Zech 12:10; Mat 24:30.
9 **RV 1:8 · Cross-ref.** Rev 22:13.
10 **RV 1:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 3:14.

Readers' Version

who looked like the son of humanity,[11][12] wearing a long robe with a golden sash around His chest.[13] **14** His hair was gleaming white like wool or snow[14] and his eyes were bright like a fiery flame. **15** His feet shone like bronze that had been refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of a river of rushing water.[15] **16** He was holding seven stars in his right hand and a sharp sword was extending from his mouth, and his face was like the sun shining at its brightest. **17** And when I saw him, I quickly lay at his feet, breathless like a dead man, but he placed his right hand on me, and told me, "Don't be afraid. *I am* the first and the last.[16] **18** I lived and died here on the earth, but look, now I'm alive again and will live for all eternity, and I control the keys over death and over hell. **19** So record what you're seeing now as well as what I'll show you about current and future events. **20** This is the meaning of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lamp holders:[17] The seven stars represent God's messengers watching over those seven groups of believers,[18] and the seven lamp holders represent those groups of believers.

The message to the assembly in Efesos

2:1 To the assembly's messenger in Efesos write:

The one holding the seven stars in his right hand, the one walking among the seven golden lampstands, says these things: **2** "I know about your activities and work, and your endurance and that you can't tolerate evil people, and that you've investigated the ones who call themselves missionaries but are not, and you've found them to be frauds. **3** I'm aware that you've endured and even suffered persecution because you've believed in me, but you've never given up. **4** However, I do have something against you: you've abandoned the love that you first had. **5** So now, you need to remember where you've fallen from, and repent and repeat how you behaved at the beginning, but if you don't, I'll come to you and if you don't repent, I'll remove your lampstand from its place. **6** But you do have this going for you: you hate what the disciples of Nikolaos are doing,[19] just like I do.

7 Everyone who wants to understand needs to listen to what God's **spirit** is saying to the assemblies.

I will grant the right to eat from the tree that gives life[20] in **God's** paradise[21] to everyone who overcomes."

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white as snow, and the eyes of_him like a_flame of_fire, **15** and the feet of_him similar to_burnished_bronze as in a_furnace of_ _having_been_refined, and the voice of_him like the_voice of_ _waters many, **16** and holding in the right hand of_him seven stars, and out_of the mouth of_him a_sword double_edged sharp going_out, and the face of_him like the sun is_shining in the power of_it. **17** And when I_saw him, I_fell at the feet of_ _him, as_though dead. And he_put the right hand of_him on me saying: Not be_fearing, I am the first and the last, **18** and ~~which~~ living and I_became dead, and see, living I_am to the ages of_ _the ages, and I_am_having the keys of_ ~~the~~ _death and of_ ~~the~~ _ _Haida^{y}s. **19** Therefore write what things you_saw, and what things they_are, and what things is_going to_become after these things. **20** The seven mystery of_the stars, which you_saw on the right hand of_me, and the seven lampstands ~~the~~ golden: the seven stars, seven the_messengers of_the assemblies are, and the seven lampstands the_seven assemblies are.

2:1 To_the messenger ~~which~~ in Efesos assembly write: These things is_saying the one taking_hold_of the seven stars in the right hand of_him, the one walking in the_midst of_the seven lampstands ~~the~~ golden: **2** I_have_known the works of_you, and the labour and ~~the~~ endurance of_you, and that not you_are_ _being_able to_bear evil, and you_tested the ones saying themselves to_be ambassadors, and not they_are, and you_ _found them false, **3** and endurance you_are_having, and you_ _bore because_of the name of_me, and not you_have_been_ _wearied. **4** But I_am_having against you that the love of_you ~~the~~ first you_were_leaving. **5** Therefore be_remembering from_ _where you_have_fallen and repent, and the first works do. And if not, I_am_coming to_you and will_be_removing the lampstand of_you out_of the place of_it, if not you_may_repent. **6** But this you_are_having, that you_are_hating the works of_ _the Nikolaita^{y}s, which also_I am_hating. **7** The one having an_ _ear, him_let_hear what the **spirit** is_saying to_the assemblies. To_the one overcoming, I_will_be_giving to_him to_eat of the tree of_ ~~the~~ _life, which is in ~~the~~ paradise of_ ~~the~~ **_god**.

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11 RV 1:13 · Note It's not certain what was meant here: either 'a man who looked like the son of humanity' or 'a form that looked like a human man'.

12 RV 1:13 · Cross-ref. Dan 7:13.

13 RV 1:13 · Cross-ref. Dan 10:5.

14 RV 1:14 · Cross-ref. Dan 7:9.

15 RV 1:15 · Cross-ref. Eze 1:24; 43:2.

16 RV 1:17 · Cross-ref. Isa 44:6; 48:12; Rev 2:8; 22:13.

17 RV 1:20 · Cross-ref. 1:12.

18 RV 1:20 · Cross-ref. 1:11.

19 RV 2:7 · Note Nicolaus' disciples ate food that had been sacrificed to idols and committed sexual sins.

20 RV 2:7 · Cross-ref. Gen 2:9; Rev 22:2.

21 RV 2:7 · Cross-ref. Eze 28:13; 31:8 (LXX).

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8 And to_the messenger of_the in Smurna assembly write: These things is_saying the first and the last, who became dead and lived: **9** I_have_known of_you the tribulation and ~~the~~ poverty (but rich you_are), and the slander of the ones saying Youdaiōns to_be themselves, and not they_are, but are a_ _synagogue of_ ~~the~~ _Satan/(Sāṭān). **10** Not be_fearing what you_ _are_going to_be_suffering. Behold, is_going to_be_casting some the devil of you_all into prison, in_order_that you_all_ _may_be_tested, and you_all_will_be_having tribulation ten for_days. Be_becoming faithful until death, and I_will_be_ _giving to_you the crown of_ ~~the~~ _life. **11** The one having an_ear, him_let_hear what the **spirit** is_saying to_the assemblies. The one overcoming by_no_means not may_be_injured by the death ~~the~~ second.

12 And to_the messenger of_the in Pergamos assembly write: These things is_saying the one having the sword ~~the~~ double_ _edged ~~the~~ sharp: **13** I_have_known where you_are_dwelling, where the throne of_ ~~the~~ _Satan is, and you_are_taking_hold_of the name of_me, and not disowned the faith of_me, even in the days of_Antipas, the witness of_me ~~the~~ faithful of_me, who was_ _killed_off among you_all, where ~~the~~ Satan is_dwelling. **14** But I_ _am_having against you a_few things, because you_are_having some there taking_hold_of the teaching of_Bala'am/(Bil'ām), who was_teaching ~~the~~ to_Balak to_throw a_temptation before the sons of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā'ēl), to_eat idol_sacrificed things and to_commit_sexual_immorality. **15** Thus are_having some also you, taking_hold_of the teaching of_the_Nikolaita^{y}s likewise. **16** Therefore repent. And if not, I_am_coming to_you quickly, and I_will_be_warring with them with the sword of_the mouth of_me. **17** The one having an_ear, him_let_hear what the **spirit** is_saying to_the assemblies. To_the one overcoming, I_will_be_ _giving to_him of_the manna ~~which~~ having_been_hidden, and I_ _will_be_giving to_him a_stone white, and on the stone a_name new having_been_written, which no_one has_known, except ~~not/lest~~ the one receiving it.

18 And to_the messenger of_the in Thuateira assembly write: These things is_saying the son of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, the one having the eyes of_him like a_flame of_fire, and the feet of_him similar to_ _burnished_bronze: **19** I_have_known of_you the works, and ~~the~~ love, and ~~the~~ faith, and ~~the~~ service, and ~~the~~ endurance of_you, and the works of_you, the last more than the first. **20** But I_am_ _having against you that you_are_allowing the woman Jezebel, the woman calling herself a_prophetess, and she_is_teaching

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The message to the assembly in Smurna

8 To the assembly's messenger in Smurna write:

The one who's the first and the last,[22] who died but lived again, says these things: **9** "I know about your suffering and your poverty, but you're actually rich! I also know how about the slander of those who consider themselves to be Yehudim (Jews), but they're not true Yehudim because their master is Satan. **10** Don't be afraid about what you're going to suffer. Yes, the devil will throw some of you into prison where your faith will be tested, and you'll experience persecution for ten days. Just remain faithful, even if it means death, and I'll give you life as a reward.

11 Everyone who wants to understand needs to listen to what God's **spirit** is saying to the assemblies.

Anyone who stays true won't be affected by the second death."[23]

The message to the assembly in Pergamos

12 To the assembly's messenger in Pergamos write:

The one with the sharp sword says these things: **13** "I know where you live: where Satan's throne is. Despite that, you firmly believe in me and you haven't denied your faith in me, even when Antipas, the faithful man who told others about me was killed in your city, where Satan lives. **14** But I do have a few things against you: you have some people there who hold to the ancient prophet Bil'am's (Balaam's) teaching.[24] He taught Moav's (Moab's) king, Balak, how to tempt the Israelis and to eat food that had been sacrificed to idols, and to be sexually immoral.[25] **15** In the same way, some of you also follow the teachings of Nikolaos' disciples.[26] **16** So turn away from all that, otherwise I'll come soon and battle against them with the word of my mouth.

17 Everyone who wants to understand needs to listen to what God's **spirit** is saying to the assemblies.

Anyone who stays true will be given hidden food from heaven,[27] and I'll give each of them a white stone with a new name written on it[28] that no one knows apart from the person receiving it."

The message to the assembly in Thuateira

18 To the assembly's messenger in Thuateira write:

God's son, the one with eyes like a flame of fire and with feet like bronze, says: **19** "I know what you've been doing, and about your love and faith, and your service and endurance, and what you're doing now is better than what you first did. **20** But I have against you that you tolerate that woman

22 **RV 2:8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 44:6; 48:12; Rev 1:17; 22:13.

23 **RV 2:11 · Cross-ref.** Rev 20:14; 21:8.

24 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Num 22:5,7; 31:16; Deu 23:4.

25 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Num 25:1-3.

26 **RV 2:15 · Note** They eat food that has been sacrificed to idols, and they commit sexual sins.

27 **RV 2:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 16:14-15; 16:33-34; Yhn 6:48-50.

28 **RV 2:17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 62:2; 65:15.

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Izevel (Jezebel)[29] who calls herself a prophetess, and she deceives my servants by teaching them to be sexually immoral and to eat food that's been offered to idols. **21** Even though I've given her time to repent, she's still not willing to turn away from her immorality. **22** Listen, I'm going to punish her with a terrible sickness, and to punish those who are committing adultery with her with terrible suffering if they don't turn away from what she's doing. **23** I will kill her children, then all the assemblies will know that I am the one who searches people's affections and hearts,[30] and who punishes or rewards each one of you depending on your actions.[31]

24 But the rest of you believers in the city of Thuateira haven't obeyed that woman's teachings and haven't taken part in what she calls 'the secret practices that Satan taught her', I have something to say to you all as well. I won't give you any other burden **25** except just to continue to obey the true teaching that you've received, until I return. **26** And anyone who's victorious, who continues to do what I command until the end, I'll give them authority to rule over the people groups on earth. **27** They'll rule them with irresistible power, and those who rebel will be smashed like unwanted clay pots,[32] **28** just like the authority that I've received from my father. And I'll give them the morning star.

29 Everyone who wants to understand needs to listen to what God's **spirit** is saying to the assemblies."

The message to the assembly in Sardeis

3:1 To the assembly's messenger in Sardeis write:

The one having the seven spirits **of God** and the seven stars says these things: "I know what you're achieving and that you have a reputation of being 'alive', but you're actually dead. **2** So wake up from the dead and strengthen what's left and was about to die, because your actions have been inadequate in **God's** sight. **3** Remember how you first listened to and internalised God's message, and how you obeyed it and repented. If you don't wake up soon, I'll come unexpectedly—you'll certainly not know in advance when I'll be coming.[33] **4** But you do have a few people in Sardeis who haven't stained their records, and because they are worthy, they'll be dressed in white and walk with me. **5** So anyone who conquers will be dressed like that in pure white, and I certainly won't erase their names from the Book of Life,[34] but I'll declare their names to my father and to his messengers.[35]

6 Everyone who wants to understand needs to listen to what God's **spirit** is saying to the assemblies."

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and is_misleading ~~the~~ my slaves to_commit_sexual_immorality, and to_eat idol_sacrificed food. **21** And I_gave to_her time, in_ _order_that she_may_repent, and not she_willed to_repent of the sexual_immorality of_her. **22** see, I_am_casting her into a_ _bed, and the ones committing_adultery with her into tribulation great, if not they_will_be_repenting of the works of_ _her. **23** And the children of_her I_will_be_killing_off with death, and will_be_knowing all the assemblies that I am the one searching kidneys and hearts, and I_will_be_giving to_you_ _all to_each according_to the works of_you_all. **24** But to_you_ _all I_am_saying to_the rest ~~which~~ in Thuateira, as_many_as not are_having ~~the~~ teaching this, who not they_knew the deep things of_ ~~the~~ _Satan/(Sāṭān), as they_are_saying, not I_am_ _casting on you_all another burden. **25** However what you_all_ _are_having, take_hold_of until of_which ~~wishfully~~ I_may_come. **26** And the one overcoming and ~~which~~ keeping until the_end the works of_me: I_will_be_giving to_him authority over the nations... **27** and he_will_be_shepherding them with a_rod iron, as the vessels ~~the~~ pottery is_being_crushed, **28** as also_I have_ _received from the father of_me, and I_will_be_giving to_him the star ~~the~~ morning. **29** The one having an_ear, him_let_hear what the **spirit** is_saying to_the assemblies.

3:1 And to_the messenger of_the in Sardeis assembly write: These things is_saying the one having the seven spirits of_ ~~the~~ _ _**god** and the seven stars: I_have_known of_you the works, that the_name you_are_having, that you_are_living, and_yet dead you_are. **2** Be_becoming watching, and strengthen the other things, which were_going to_die_off, because/for not I_have_ _found of_you works, having_been_fulfilled before the **god** of_ _me. **3** Therefore be_remembering how you_have_received and heard, and be_keeping it and repent. Therefore if not you_may_ _watch, I_will_be_coming like a_thief, and by_no_means not you_may_know what hour I_will_be_coming on you. **4** But you_ _are_having a_few names in Sardeis, who not soiled the clothes of_them, and they_will_be_walking with me in white garments, because worthy they_are. **5** The one overcoming, thus will_be_ _being_clothed in clothes white, and by_no_means not I_will_ _be_wiping_out the name of_him from the scroll of_ ~~the~~ _life, and I_will_be_confessing the name of_him before the father of_ _me, and before the messengers of_him. **6** The one having an_ _ear, him_let_hear what the **spirit** is_saying to_the assemblies.

29 **RV 2:20 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 16:31; 2Ki 9:22,30.

30 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Psa 7:9; Jer 17:10.

31 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Psa 62:12.

32 **RV 2:26-27 · Cross-ref.** Psa 2:8-9 (LXX).

33 **RV 3:3 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:43-44; Luk 12:39-40; Rev 16:15.

34 **RV 3:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 32:32-33; Psa 69:28; Rev 20:12.

35 **RV 3:5 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:32; Luk 12:8.

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7 And to_the messenger of_the in Filadelfeia assembly write: These things is_saying the true one, the holy one, ~~which~~ having the key of_Dawid/(Dāvid), the one opening_up and no_one will_be_shutting, and shutting and no_one is_opening_up: **8** I_ _have_known of_you the works. Behold, I_have_given before you a_door having_been_opened_up, which no_one is_able to_ _shut it, because little you_are_having power, and_yet you_kept of_me the message, and not you_disowned the name of_me. **9** Behold, I_may_be_giving those of the synagogue of_ ~~the~~ _ _Satan/(Sāṭān), the ones saying themselves Youdaiōns to_be, and not they_are, but they_are_lying, see, I_will_be_making them that they_will_be_coming and will_be_prostrating before the feet of_you, and they_may_know that I loved you. **10** Because you_kept the message of_the endurance of_me, also_I you will_be_keeping out_of the hour of_the of_trial ~~which~~ going to_be_coming on the inhabited_world whole, to_test the ones dwelling on the earth. **11** I_am_coming quickly, be_taking_ _hold_of what you_are_having, in_order_that no_one may_take the crown of_you. **12** The one overcoming, I_will_be_making him a_pillar in the temple of_the **god** of_me, and out by_no_ _means not he_may_come_out anymore, and I_will_be_writing on him the name of_the **god** of_me, and the name of_the city of_the **god** of_me, the new Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), the one coming_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven from the **god** of_me, and the name of_me ~~the~~ new. **13** The one having an_ear, him_let_ _hear what the **spirit** is_saying to_the assemblies.

14 And to_the messenger of_the in Laodikeia assembly write: These things is_saying the amen, the witness ~~the~~ faithful and ~~the~~ true, the beginning of_the creation of_ ~~the~~ _**god**: **15** I_have_ _known of_you the works, that neither cool you_are nor hot. Profit cool you_were or hot. **16** Thus, because lukewarm you_ _are, and neither hot nor cold, I_am_going you to_spit out_of the mouth of_me. **17** Because you_are_saying, ~~that~~ Rich I_am, and I_have_become_rich, and nothing need I_am_having, and not you_have_known that you are ~~the~~ miserable, and pitiful, and poor, and blind, and naked. **18** I_am_counselling to_you to_ _buy from me gold having_been_refined by fire, in_order_that you_may_be_rich, and clothes white, in_order_that you_may_ _clothe yourself, and not may_be_revealed the shame of_the nakedness of_you, and eyesalve to_rub_in the eyes of_you, in_ _order_that you_may_be_seeing. **19** I as_many_as ~~if~~ may_be_ _loving, I_am_rebuking and I_am_disciplining, therefore be_ _being_zealous and repent. **20** Behold, I_have_stood at the door and I_am_knocking, if anyone may_hear of_the voice of_me and may_open_up the door, I_will_be_coming_in to him, and I_will_ _be_dining with him, and he with me. **21** The one overcoming,

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The message to the assembly in Filadelfeia

7 To the assembly's messenger in Filadelfeia write:

The holy one, the true one, the one having King David's key to the city, the one who opens doors no one can shut, and who shuts doors no one can open,[36] says: **8** "I know everything you've been doing. Listen, I have placed an opened door in front of you that no one can shut. You aren't very strong, yet you've obeyed my instructions and you haven't disowned knowing me. **9** Listen, I'll give those people from Satan's synagogue (the ones who say that they're believing Yehudim (Jews), but they're not—they're lying), I'll make them so that they will come and bow down in front of you,[37] and then they'll know that I love you.[38] **10** Because you followed my instructions about persevering, I will spare you from the time of trouble that all of humanity will soon experience (which will test everyone living on the earth). **11** I'll come quickly. Hold firmly to what you have so that no one can take away your crown. **12** Anyone who's an overcomer, I'll make them a pillar in my god's temple and they'll never leave it again. I will write my god's name on them, and the name of my god's city (the new Yerushalem (Jerusalem) which will come down out of heaven from my **god**),[39] and my new name.[40]

13 Everyone who wants to understand needs to listen to what God's **spirit** is saying to the assemblies."

The message to the assembly in Laodikeia

14 To the assembly's messenger in Laodikeia write:

The truth, the faithful and true witness, the originator of **God's** creation,[41] says: **15** "I'm aware of what you've been doing and that you're neither hot nor cold. (You'd benefit[42] if you were hot or cold.) **16** So because you're lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I'll spit you out of my mouth. **17** You brag, 'I'm rich, yes I've grown rich and don't have any needs,' but you don't realise that you're actually miserable and pitiable, and poor and blind and naked. **18** I advise you to buy gold from me that's been refined by fire so that you might get rich, and buy white clothes so that you can dress yourself so that the shame of your nakedness might not be displayed, and buy ointment to rub on your eyes so that you'll be able to see. **19** I tell off and discipline those that I love,[43] so be earnest and turn away from your disobedience. **20** Yes, I stand at the door and knock—if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he'll eat with me. **21** Anyone who overcomes, I'll give

36 **RV 3:7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 22:22; Yob 12:14.

37 **RV 3:9 · Cross-ref.** Isa 49:23; 60:14.

38 **RV 3:9 · Cross-ref.** Isa 43:4.

39 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Rev 21:2.

40 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 62:2; 65:15.

41 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** Prv 8:22.

42 **RV 3:15 · Note** TC: Some manuscripts don't have this parenthesised sentence at all, and some later manuscripts have 'I wish' instead of 'You'd benefit'.

43 **RV 3:19 · Cross-ref.** Prv 3:12; Heb 12:6.

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the right to sit with me on my throne, just like when I conquered and sat with my father on his throne.

22 Everyone who wants to understand needs to listen to what God's **spirit** is saying to the assemblies.

Worshipping in heaven

4:1 After that, I looked and wow, a door opening in heaven, and the first voice that I'd heard that sounded like a trumpet told me, "Come up here and I'll show you what must happen after those things." **2** Immediately I was in **the spirit** and wow, a throne was appearing in heaven with someone sitting on it.[44] **3** The one sitting there sparkled like jewels, and an emerald-looking rainbow encircled the throne. **4** Surrounding that throne were twenty-four other thrones, and on them sat twenty-four elders dressed in white and with golden crowns on their heads. **5** From the centre throne came lightning flashes and thunderous sounds and voices.[45] In front of it, seven torches were burning,[46] which are **God's** seven spirits.[47] **6** In front of the throne was something like a sea of glass that was as clear as crystal.[48]

Around the throne were four living creatures, covered both front and back with eyes. **7** This first living creature resembled a lion, the second resembled a bull, the third had a face like a man, and the fourth one resembled a flying eagle. **8** Each of the four living creatures had six wings with eyes all around and underneath them.[49] Day and night they never stop saying:

'Holy, holy, holy,
is **Yahweh**, almighty **God**,
who was and is and is to come.'[50]

9 Whenever the living creatures praise the one sitting on the throne and honour him and thank him (the one who lives through all the ages), **10** the twenty-four elders drop to their knees with their faces to the ground in front of the one sitting on the throne and worship the one who lives through all the ages. They place their crowns down in front of the throne and say:

11 "You, our **God** and **master**, are worthy to receive praise and honour and power,
because you created everything.
Everything exists just as you determined to create it."

The scroll and the lamb

5:1 Then I saw a scroll in the right-hand of the one sitting on the throne. It had writing on both sides, and had been sealed with seven wax seals.[51] **2** I also saw a powerful messenger who was asking in a loud voice, "Who's worthy to break the seals and open the

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I_will_be_giving to_him to_sit_down with me on the throne of_
_me, as also_I overcame, and sat_down with the father of_me
on the throne of_him. **22** The one having an_ear, him_let_hear
what the **spirit** is_saying to_the assemblies.

4:1 After these things I_looked, and see, a_door having_been_
_opened_up in ~~the~~ heaven, and the voice ~~the~~ first that I_heard
was like a_trumpet speaking with me saying: Go_up here, and I_
_will_be_showing to_you what it_is_fitting to_become after
these things. **2** Immediately I_became in the_**spirit**, and see, a_
_throne was_lying in ~~the~~ heaven, and on the throne sitting,
3 and the one sitting was similar in_appearance to_a_stone,
jasper and sardius, and a_rainbow around the throne was
similar in_appearance to_an_emerald. **4** And around the throne
were twenty thrones four, and on thrones ~~the~~ twenty four
elders sitting, having_been_clothed clothes white, and on the
heads of_them crowns golden. **5** And out_of the throne are_
_going_out lightnings, and voices, and thunders. And seven
lamps of_fire being_burned before the throne, which is the
seven spirits of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, **6** and something before the throne
was like a_sea glass, similar to_crystal. And in the_midst of_the
throne and around the four, throne living_creatures were,
being_full of_eyes ahead and behind. **7** And the living_creature
~~the~~ first was similar to_a_lion, and the second living_creature
similar to_a_calf, and the third living_creature having the face
as of_a_human, and the fourth living_creature similar to_an_
_eagle flying. **8** And the four living_creatures, one by one of_
_them, having each six wings, around and inside they_are_
_being_full of_eyes, and rest not they_are_having by_day and
night saying: holy, holy, holy, **master** ~~the~~ **god** ~~the~~ almighty, who
was, and who being, and who coming. **9** And whenever will_be_
_giving the living_creatures glory, and honour, and
thanksgiving, to_the one sitting on the throne, the one living
to the ages of_the ages, **10** will_be_falling the twenty four
elders before the one sitting on the throne, and they_will_be_
_prostrating before_the one living to the ages of_the ages, and
they_will_be_casting the crowns of_them before the throne
saying, **11** Worthy you_are, ~~the~~ **master** and ~~the~~ **god** of_us, to_
_receive ~~the~~ glory and ~~the~~ honour and ~~the~~ power, because you
created the things all, and for the will of_you they_were, and
they_were_created.

5:1 And I_saw on the right hand of_the one sitting on the
throne a_scroll, having_been_written inside and behind,
having_been_sealed_up seven with_seals. **2** And I_saw a_
_messenger strong, proclaiming in in_a_voice loud: Who
worthy to_open_up the scroll, and to_break the seals of_it?
3 And no_one was_able in ~~the~~ heaven, and_not on the earth, nor

44 **RV 4:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:26-28; 10:1.
45 **RV 4:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:16; Rev 8:5; 11:19; 16:18.
46 **RV 4:5 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:13.
47 **RV 4:5 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:4; Zech 4:2.
48 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:22.
49 **RV 4:8 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:18; 10:12.
50 **RV 4:8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 6:2-3.
51 **RV 5:1 · Cross-ref.** Eze 2:9-10; Isa 29:11.

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beneath the earth, to_open_up the scroll, nor to_be_seeing it.
4 And I_was_weeping much, because no_one worthy will_be_
_being_found to_open_up the scroll, nor to_be_looking it. **5** And
one of the elders is_saying to_me: Not be_weeping. Behold,
overcame the lion ~~which~~ of the tribe of_Youda/(Yəhūdāh), the
root of_Dawid/(Dāvid), to_open_up the scroll, and the seven
seals of_it. **6** And I_saw in the_midst of_the throne and of_the
four living_creatures and in the_midst of_the elders, a_lamb
having_stood as having_been_slain, having seven horns and
seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, having_
_been_sent_out into all the earth. **7** And he_came and has_
_taken it out_of the right hand of_the one sitting on the throne.
8 And when he_took the four, scroll the living_creatures and
the twenty four elders fell before the lamb, having each a_harp
and bowls golden being_full of_incenses, which are the prayers
of_the holy ones. **9** And they_are_singing a_song new saying:
Worthy you_are to_take the scroll, and to_open_up the seals of_
_it, because you_were_slain, and bought to_ ~~the~~ **_god** us by the
blood of_you, out_of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and
nation, **10** and you_made them to_the **god** of_us, a_kingdom
and priests, and they_will_be_reigning on the earth. **11** And I_
_looked, and I_heard the_voice of_messengers many around the
throne, and of_the living_creatures, and of_the elders, and was
the number of_them tens_of_thousands of_tens_of_thousands
and thousands of_thousands, **12** saying with_a_voice loud:
Worthy is the lamb ~~which~~ having_been_slain, to_receive ~~the~~
power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and
glory, and blessing. **13** And every creature which in ~~the~~ heaven,
and on the earth, and beneath the earth, and on the sea, and
the things in them all, I_heard saying: To_the one sitting on the
throne and to_the lamb be ~~the~~ blessing, and ~~the~~ honour, and ~~the~~
glory, and ~~the~~ dominion, to the ages of_the ages. **14** And the four
living_creatures were_saying: Truly. And the elders fell and
prostrated.

6:1 And I_saw, when opened_up the lamb one of of_the seven
seals, and I_heard from_one of the four living_creatures, saying
as with_a_voice of_thunder: Be_coming. **2** And I_looked, and
see, a_horse white, and the one sitting on it having a_bow, and

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scroll?" **3** But there wasn't any person on earth or in the place of
the dead who was permitted to open the scroll and read it. **4** I
began to cry loudly, because no one could be found who was
worthy to open the scroll or look inside it. **5** Then one of the el-
ders said to me, "Stop crying. Look, here's the lion from the
tribe of Yehudah (Judah).[52] He's the descendant of King David[53]
who's a conqueror who's competent to break the seals and open
the scroll."

6 Then I saw a lamb standing there between the throne and the
four living creatures and the elders. The lamb looked like it had
been slaughtered,[54] and it had seven horns and seven eyes which
are **God's** seven spirits that had been sent throughout the
world.[55] **7** The lamb went up to the throne and accepted the
scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne.
8 When he'd taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the
twenty-four elders knelt down in front of the lamb. Each elder
held a harp and a bowl that was full of incense (which symbol-
ised the prayers of the believers).[56] **9** They sung a new song like
this:[57]

"It's you who's worthy to take the scroll and break its seals,
because you were slaughtered and with your blood you pur-
chased people for **God**
from every tribe and language and people group and nation.
10 You've made them to be a kingdom
and to be priests to serve our **God**,[58]
and they will reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked and I heard the voices of the living creatures
and elders that were around the throne along with millions of
God's messengers[59] **12** saying with loud voices:

"The lamb that was slaughtered is worthy to receive power
and riches,
and wisdom and strength and honour and praise and blessing."

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth, and un-
der the earth and in the sea—everything everywhere—saying,

"To the one sitting on the throne
and to the lamb,
be praise and honour and GLORY and power
forever and ever."

14 Then the four living creatures said, "May it be so," and the
elders knelt down and worshipped.

The lamb breaks the first six seals

6:1 Then I saw the lamb breaking the first
of the seven seals, and I heard one of the
four living creatures say, "Come," in a thunderous voice. **2** So I

52 **RV 5:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 49:9.
53 **RV 5:5 · Cross-ref.** Isa 11:1,10.
54 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Isa 53:7.
55 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Zech 4:10.
56 **RV 5:8 · Cross-ref.** Psa 141:2.
57 **RV 5:9 · Cross-ref.** Psa 33:3; 98:1; Isa 42:10.
58 **RV 5:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:6; Rev 1:6.
59 **RV 5:11 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:10.

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looked, and wow, there was a white horse[60] with someone sitting on it holding a bow and arrow. A crown was given to him, and then he went out as a conqueror to conquer. **3** And when the lamb broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come," **4** and another horse came out. It was a red horse,[61] and the one sitting on it was given permission to withdraw peace from the earth so that people would slaughter each other, and a large sword was given to him. **5** Then the lamb broke the third seal and I heard the third living creature say, "Come." I looked, and wow, there was a black horse,[62] and the one sitting on it held balancing scales in his hand. **6** Then I heard something like a voice from among the four living creatures that said, "A kilo of wheat for a day's pay, or three kilos of barley for the same price. But don't harm the oil and wine supplies."

7 When the lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come." **8** Then I looked, and wow, there was a green horse. The one sitting on it was named 'Death', and Haidais was sitting behind him. They were given authority over a quarter of the earth: to execute people with the sword, with famine, with death, and with the wild animals on the earth.[63]

9 When the lamb broke the fifth seal, under the altar I saw the souls of everyone who had been killed because of **God's** word and because of the testimony that they had upheld. **10** These souls called out loudly, "You, master, always do what is right and decide what is right! So please condemn and punish the people on the earth who killed us." **11** Then each of them was given a white robe, and told to wait a little longer until the full number was reached of their fellow servants and brothers and sisters who would also be killed like they were.

12 When the lamb broke the sixth seal, there was a violent earthquake[64] and the sun went black like black cloth, and the moon which was full, went red like blood.[65] **13** Also the stars fell out of the sky, just like how a fig tree out of season drops its fruit when it gets shaken by a strong wind.[66] **14** The sky was split apart like a scroll being rolled up, and all the mountains and islands were moved out of their places.[67] **15** Then the kings on the earth, and high-ranking officials, military officers, rich people and influential individuals, all slaves and free people hid in caves and among rocks on the mountains.[68] **16** They told the mountains and rocks, "Fall down on us and hide us[69] so that the one

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was_given to_him a_crown, and he_came_out conquering, and that he_may_conquer. **3** And when he_opened_up the seal ~~the~~ second, I_heard from_the second living_creature saying: Be_ _coming. **4** And came_out another horse red, and to_the one sitting on it, was_given to_him to_take the peace from the earth, and in_order_that one_another they_will_be_slaying, and was_given to_him a_sword great. **5** And when he_opened_ _up the seal ~~the~~ third, I_heard from_the third living_creature saying: Be_coming. And I_looked, and see, a_horse black, and the one sitting on it, having a_scale in the hand of_him. **6** And I_heard something like a_voice in the_midst of_the four living_ _creatures saying: A_ḳoinix_measure of_wheat three, for_a_ _daʸnarion_coin and ḳoinix_measure of_barley for_a_ _daʸnarion_coin, but the olive_oil and the wine not you_may_ _injure. **7** And when he_opened_up the seal ~~the~~ fourth, I_heard the_voice of_the fourth living_creature saying: Be_coming. **8** And I_looked, and see, a_horse green, and the one sitting on it, the_name to_him was Death, and ~~the~~ Haidaʸs was_following with him, and was_given to_them authority over the fourth of_ _the earth, to_kill_off with sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild_beasts of_the earth. **9** And when he_ _opened_up the fifth seal, I_saw beneath the altar, the souls ~~which~~ having_been_slain because_of the message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and because_of their testimony which they_were_having. **10** And they_cried_out with_a_voice loud saying: Until when ~~the~~ master ~~the~~ holy and true, not you_are_judging and are_ _avenging the blood of_us, from the ones dwelling on the earth? **11** And was_given to_them each a_robe white, and it_ _was_said to_them that they_may_rest a_time still little, until may_be_fulfilled also the fellow-slaves of_them, and the brothers of_them, the ones going to_be_being_killed_off as also they. **12** And I_saw when he_opened_up the seal ~~the~~ sixth, and an_earthquake great there_became, and the sun became black as sackcloth hairy, and the moon whole became like blood, **13** and the stars of_the sky fell to the earth, as a_fig_tree is_ _casting the unripe_figs of_it, by a_wind great being_shaken. **14** And ~~the~~ heaven was_separating like a_scroll being_rolled_up, and every mountain and island out_of the places of_them were_moved. **15** And the kings of_the earth, and the magnates, and the commanders, and the rich, and the mighty, and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of_the mountains, **16** and they_are_saying to_the mountains and to_the rocks: Fall on us, and hide us from the_ _face of_the one sitting on the throne, and from the severe_ _anger of_the lamb, **17** because came the day ~~the~~ great of_the

60 **RV 6:2 · Cross-ref.** Zech 1:8; 6:3,6.

61 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Zech 1:8; 6:2.

62 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Zech 6:2,6.

63 **RV 6:8 · Cross-ref.** Eze 14:21.

64 **RV 6:12 · Cross-ref.** Rev 11:13; 16:18.

65 **RV 6:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:10; Yoel 2:10,31; 3:15; Mat 24:29; Mrk 13:24-25; Luk 21:25.

66 **RV 6:13-14 · Cross-ref.** Isa 34:4.

67 **RV 6:14 · Cross-ref.** Rev 16:20.

68 **RV 6:15 · Cross-ref.** Isa 2:19,21.

69 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** Hos 10:8; Luk 23:30.

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severe_anger of_them, and who is_able to_be_stood?

7:1 After this I_saw four messengers having_stood on the four corners of_the earth, taking_hold_of the four winds of_the earth, in_order_that neither may_be_blowing the_wind on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. **2** And I_saw another messenger, going_up from the_rising of_the_sun, having the_ _seal of_**god** the_living, and he_cried_out with_a_voice loud to_ _the four messengers to_whom was_given to_them to_injure the earth and the sea **3** saying: Not you_all_may_injure the earth, neither the sea nor the trees, until we_may_seal the slaves of_the **god** of_us on the foreheads of_them. **4** And I_ _heard the number of_the ones having_been_sealed, hundred forty four thousands, having_been_sealed out_of every tribe of_ _the_sons of_Israaʸl/(Yisrā'ēl): **5** out_of the_tribe Twelve of_ _Youda/(Yəhūdāh) thousands having_been_sealed, out_of the_ _tribe Twelve of_Ʀoubim/(Rə'ūvēn) thousands, out_of the_ _tribe Twelve of_Gad/(Gād) thousands, **6** out_of the_tribe Twelve of_Asaʸr/('Āshēr) thousands, out_of the_tribe Twelve of_Nefthaleim/(Naftālī) thousands, out_of the_tribe Twelve of_ _Manassaʸs/(Mənashsheh) thousands, **7** out_of the_tribe Twelve of_Sumeōn/(Shim'ōn) thousands, out_of the_tribe Twelve of_Leui/(Lēvī) thousands, out_of the_tribe Twelve of_ _Isaƙar/(Yissāskār) thousands, **8** out_of the_tribe Twelve of_ _Zaboulōn/(Zəvūlūn) thousands, out_of the_tribe Twelve of_ _Beniamin/(Binyāmīn) thousands, out_of the_tribe of_ _Yōsaʸf/(Yōşēf) Twelve thousands having_been_sealed.

9 After these things I_looked, and see, crowd great, which to_ _number it no_one was_able, out_of every nation, and tribes, and peoples, and tongues, having_stood before the throne and before the lamb, having_been_clothed in_robes white, and palm_branches in the hands of_them, **10** and they_are_crying_ _out with_a_voice loud saying: - salvation to_the **god** of_us, to_ _the one sitting on the throne and to_the lamb. **11** And all the messengers had_stood around the throne, and the elders, and the four living_creatures, and they_fell before the throne on the faces of_them, and they_prostrated ~~the~~ before_**god** **12** saying: Truly. ~~The~~ blessing, and ~~the~~ glory, and ~~the~~ wisdom, and ~~the~~ thanksgiving, and ~~the~~ honour, and ~~the~~ power, and ~~the~~ strength be, to_the **god** of_us to the ages of_the ages. Truly. **13** And answered one of of_the elders, saying to_me: These, ~~which~~ having_been_clothed in_the robes ~~the~~ white, who_all they_are and from_where they_came? **14** And I_have_said to_ _him: master of_me, you you_have_known. And he_said to_me: These are the ones coming out_of the tribulation ~~the~~ great, and they_washed the robes of_them, and they_whitened them in the blood of_the lamb. **15** Because_of this, they_are before the throne of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, and they_are_serving unto_him by_day and night in the temple of_him, and the one sitting on the throne will_be_sheltering over them. **16** Neither they_will_be_ _hungering anymore, nor they_will_be_thirsting anymore, nor

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sitting on the throne can't see us, and also from the lamb's anger **17** because today is the terrible day when their anger has eventuated, and who can stand up to that?"[70]

The 144,000 marked Israelis

7:1 After that I saw four messengers standing around the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth[71] so that no wind would blow on land or sea or on any tree. **2** Then I saw another messenger coming up from the direction of the rising sun, and he was holding the living **God's** seal. He called out loudly to the four messengers that **God** had permitted to damage the earth and the sea, **3** saying, "Don't harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we can mark the seal on the foreheads of **God's** servants."[72] **4** Then I heard the count of those who were marked with the seal. There were 144,000 from all of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes. **5** There were 12,000 from the tribes of Yehudah (Judah), Re'uven, Gad, **6** Asher, Naftali (Naphtali), Menasheh (Manasseh), **7** Shim'on (Simeon; Grk. Sumeon), Levi, Yisakar (Issachar), **8** Zevulun, Yosef (Joseph), and Benyamin.

The huge crowd dressed in white

9 After that, I looked and wow, there was a huge crowd too large to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and the lamb, having been dressed in white robes and holding palm branches, **10** and they were shouting loudly, "Our **God** who's sitting on the throne has saved us! The lamb has saved us!" **11** Then all the messengers stood around the throne, and around the elders and the four living beings. The messengers all knelt down in front of the throne with their faces to the ground and worshipped **God** **12** saying, "Yes, may it be so. May praise and GLORY and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be given to our **God** who lives through all the ages! May it be so."

13 Then one of the elders asked me, "Who are those people in white robes and where have they come from?"

14 "Sir, you are the one who knows," I answered.

And then he told me, "Those are the ones who've come through the terrible tribulation,[73] and they've washed their robes in the blood of the lamb and made them white. **15** That's why they're here in front **of God's** throne, and they worship him day and night in his temple, and the one sitting on the throne

70 **RV 6:17 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 2:11; Mal 3:2.

71 **RV 7:1 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:36; Dan 7:2; Zech 6:5.

72 **RV 7:3 · Cross-ref.** Eze 9:4,6.

73 **RV 7:14 · Cross-ref.** Dan 12:1; Mat 24:21; Mrk 13:19.

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will extend his protection over them. **16** They won't be hungry
or thirsty any longer, and the sun won't burn them with its
scorching heat,[74] **17** because the lamb that's there at the throne
will shepherd them.[75] The lamb will guide them to the springs of
living water,[76] and **God** will ensure that every tear is wiped away
from their eyes."[77] SHOULD THIS BE IN POETIC FORMAT?

8:1 Then the lamb broke the seventh seal and there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. **2** And I saw the seven messengers who stand in front of **God** and they were each given a trumpet.

The lamb of seventh seal

3 Then another messenger came and stood at the altar[78] holding a golden bowl for burning incense. He was given a lot of incense to offer which was to be mingled with the prayers of all the believers on the golden altar[79] in front of the throne. **4** So the smoke of the incense from the bowl in the messenger's hand, together with the prayers of the believers, drifted upwards in front of **God**. **5** Then the messenger took the bowl and filled it with coals of fire from the altar,[80] and threw them[81] onto the earth and that caused peals of thunder and roaring, and lightning bolts and an earthquake.[82]

6 Then the seven messengers who had the seven trumpets, got ready to blow them.

The first four trumpets

7 Then the first messenger blew his trumpet and then hail and fire mixed together with blood was thrown down on the earth[83] and a third of the earth was burnt up along with a third of the trees, and all the green grass got burnt up.

8 Then the second messenger blew his trumpet, and something was thrown into the ocean that was like a huge, burning mountains, and a third of the sea turned into blood. **9** One third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

10 Then the third messenger blew his trumpet and a huge star, burning like a torch, fell down from the sky[84] and landed on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. **11** That star is named 'Bitterness' and a third of those waters turned bitter. Many people died from the waters, because they became poisonous.[85]

12 Then the fourth messenger blew his trumpet and a third of

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not may_fall on them the sun, nor any burning, **17** because the lamb who is among the_middle of_the throne will_be_ _shepherding them, and will_be_guiding them to of_life springs of_waters, and will_be_wiping_out ~~the~~ **god** every tear from the eyes of_them.

8:1 And whenever he_opened_up the seal ~~the~~ seventh, became silence in ~~the~~ heaven for_about an_half_hour. **2** And I_saw the seven messengers, who before ~~the~~ **god** have_stood, and they_ _were_given to_them seven trumpets. **3** And another messenger came and was_stood at the altar, having a_censer golden, and was_given to_him incenses much, in_order_that he_will_be_giving it with_the prayers of_the holy ones all on the altar ~~the~~ golden ~~which~~ before the throne. **4** And went_up the smoke of_the incenses with_the prayers of_the holy ones out_ _of the_hand of_the messenger before ~~the~~ **god**. **5** And has_taken the messenger the censer, and filled it from the fire of_the altar, and he_throw it on the earth, and there_became thunders, and sounds, and lightnings, and an_earthquake.

6 And the seven messengers ~~which~~ having the seven trumpets prepared themselves, in_order_that they_may_trumpet. **7** And the first trumpeted, and there_became hail and fire having_ _been_mixed with blood, and it_was_thrown on the earth, and the third of_the the_earth was_burned_up, and the third of_the trees was_burned_up, and all grass green was_burned_up. **8** And the second messenger trumpeted, and something like a_ _mountain great with_fire being_burned, was_thrown into the sea, and became the third of_the sea blood, **9** and died_off the third of_the creatures ~~which~~ in the sea ~~which~~ having life, and the third of_the ships were_ruined. **10** And the third messenger trumpeted, and fell out_of the sky a_star great, being_burned like a_torch, and fell on the third of_the rivers, and on the springs of_the waters, **11** and the name of_the star is_being_ _called ~~which~~ Wormwood. And became the third of_the waters into wormwood, and many of_the people died_off from the waters, because they_were_made_bitter. **12** And the fourth messenger trumpeted, and was_struck the third of_the sun, and the third of_the moon, and the third of_the stars, in_order_ _that may_be_darkened the third of_them, and the day not may_appear for_the third of_it, and the night likewise. **13** And I_looked, and I_heard from_one eagle flying in midair, saying

74 **RV 7:16 · Cross-ref.** Isa 49:10.
75 **RV 7:17 · Cross-ref.** Psa 23:1; Eze 34:23.
76 **RV 7:17 · Cross-ref.** Psa 23:2; Isa 49:10.
77 **RV 7:17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 25:8.
78 **RV 8:3 · Cross-ref.** Amos 9:1.
79 **RV 8:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:1,3.
80 **RV 8:5 · Cross-ref.** Lev 16:12; Eze 10:2.
81 **RV 8:5 · Note** The Greek doesn't specify whether or not the bowl itself was included.
82 **RV 8:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:16; Rev 11:19; 16:18.
83 **RV 8:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 9:23-25; Eze 38:22.
84 **RV 8:10 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:12.
85 **RV 8:11 · Cross-ref.** Jer 9:15.

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with_a_voice loud: Woe, woe, woe, to_the ones dwelling on the earth, because/for the other voices of_the three trumpet of_ _the messengers ~~which~~ going to_be_trumpeting.

9:1 And the fifth messenger trumpeted, and I_saw a_star out_of the sky having_fallen to the earth, and was_given to_him the key of_the pit of_the abyss, **2** and he_opened_up the pit of_the abyss, and went_up smoke out_of of_the pit, like the_smoke of_ _a_furnace great, and was_darkened the sun and the air by the smoke of_the pit. **3** And out_of the smoke came_out locusts to the earth, and was_given to_them power, like are_having power the scorpions of_the earth. **4** And it_was_said to_them that neither they_may_injure the grass of_the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, except ~~not/lest~~ the people who not are_ _having the seal of_ ~~the~~ **_god** on their foreheads. **5** And it_was_ _given to_them, in_order_that not they_may_kill_off them, but in_order_that they_will_be_being_tormented five for_months, and the torment of_them is like torment of_a_scorpion, whenever it_may_strike a_person. **6** And in ~~the~~ days those, will_ _be_seeking ~~the~~ people ~~the~~ death, and by_no_means not they_ _will_be_finding it, and they_will_be_desiring to_die_off, but is_ _fleeing ~~the~~ death from them. **7** And the likenesses of_the locusts was similar to_horses having_been_prepared for war, and something on the heads of_them were like crowns similar to_gold, and the faces of_them like the_faces of_humans, **8** and they_were_having hairs like the_hairs of_women, and the teeth of_them like of_lions were, **9** and they_were_having breastplates like breastplates iron, and the sound of_the wings of_them as the_sound of_chariots of_horses many running into war, **10** and they_are_having tails similar to_scorpions and stings, and in the tails of_them is the power of_them to_injure ~~the~~ people five for_months. **11** They_are_having over themselves a_king, the messenger of_the abyss, the_name to_ _him In_Hebraios is, Abaddōn/(’Avaddōn), and in ~~the~~ Hellaʸn he_is_having, the_name Apolluōn. **12** ~~The~~ woe the one went_ _away, see, is_coming still two woes after these things.

13 And the sixth messenger trumpeted, and I_heard one voice from the horns of_the altar ~~the~~ golden ~~which~~ before ~~the~~ **god**, **14** saying to_the sixth messenger, ~~which~~ having the trumpet: Release the four messengers, ~~which~~ having_been_bound at the river ~~the~~ great Eufrataʸs. **15** And were_untied/released the four messengers, ~~which~~ having_been_prepared for the hour, and day,

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the sun and the moon were struck and the sun didn't shine for a third of the day, nor the moon for a third of the night. One third of the stars were struck and went dark.[86]

13 Then as I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying high in the sky, shouting loudly, "Three terrible things will happen to the people who are living on the earth when the three remaining messengers blow their trumpets."

The fifth trumpet brings the first terror

9:1 Then the fifth messenger blew his trumpet and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth, and he/it[87] was given the key to the deep, dark pit. **2** When he/it unlocked and opened that pit, smoke came up out of it like the smoke of a large furnace,[88] and the smoke darkened the sun and the air. **3** Then locusts came out of the smoke and descended on the land,[89] and they were given stinging power like the large scorpions of the earth. **4** However the locusts were told that they shouldn't harm the grass or any green plants or trees, but only those people who didn't have **God's** mark on their foreheads.[90] **5** They weren't given power to kill them, but only to torment them for five months, and their torment was like that of a scorpion when it strikes a person. **6** People in those days will try to die, but won't be able to—they will long to die, but death will run away from them.[91]

7 The locusts looked like horses that had been prepared for battle,[92] with something on their heads that were similar to golden crowns and their faces being like human faces. **8** Their hair was like women's hair and their teeth were like lions' teeth.[93] **9** They wore chestplates that seemed to be made of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the roar of many horses rushing into battle pulling chariots.[94] **10** They had tails with stingers like scorpions which had the power to harm people for five months. **11** They had a king in charge of them who's the messenger of the deep pit—his name is 'Destroyer'. ('Avadon' in Hebrew and 'Apolluon' in Greek.)

12 The first terrible event has now passed, but there are still two more to follow.

The sixth trumpet brings the second terror

13 Then the sixth messenger blew his trumpet and I heard a voice coming from the corners of the golden altar in front of **God**,[95] **14** that was telling the sixth messenger (with the trumpet), "Release the four messengers that are tied up by the large

86 **RV 8:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:10; Eze 32:7; Yoel 2:10,31; 3:15.

87 **RV 9:1 · Note** It's ambiguous in the Greek whether the key was given to the messenger or the star, or possibly the falling star was the messenger.

88 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:28.

89 **RV 9:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 10:12-15.

90 **RV 9:4 · Cross-ref.** Eze 9:4.

91 **RV 9:6 · Cross-ref.** Yob 3:21; Jer 8:3.

92 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 2:4.

93 **RV 9:8 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 1:6.

94 **RV 9:9 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 2:5.

95 **RV 9:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:1-3.

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Perat (Euphrates) River." **15** So the four messengers who had been prepared for this exact time were released to kill a third of humankind. **16** I heard someone say how many mounted soldiers there were—there were 200 million of them, **17** and this is what the horses and their riders looked like in my vision: the soldiers wore chestplates that were red like fire, blue like sapphire, and yellow like sulfur. The heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire, smoke, and fumes from burning sulfur came out of their mouths. **18** These three disasters (fire, smoke, and burning sulfur coming out of their mouths) killed one third of humankind **19** because the horses' power is in their mouths and in their tails, because their tails are like snakes, having heads that injure people.

20 However, the rest of humankind that hadn't been killed by those disasters, didn't repent of their actions and didn't stop worshipping demons and idols made of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood—idols that can't see, can't hear, and can't walk.[96] **21** They also didn't repent of their murdering or of their sorcery, nor of their sexual immorality or of their stealing.

The messenger and the small scroll

10:1 Then in the vision I saw another powerful messenger coming down from heaven wrapped in a cloud and with a rainbow above his head. His face was like the sun and his feet were like pillars of fire, **2** and he was holding a small opened scroll. He set his right foot down on the ocean and his left foot down on the land **3** and shouted in a loud voice like a lion roaring, and when he shouted, the seven thunders spoke out in their own voices. **4** When the seven thunders spoke, I was going to write down what they said but I heard a voice from heaven that said, "Keep what the seven thunders have said secret, and don't write it down."

5 Then the messenger that I'd seen straddling the ocean and the land raised his right hand **6** and made an oath by the one living through all the ages and who created heaven and everything in it and the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it, saying, "There won't be any more delay, **7** but at the time when the seventh messenger will speak and blow his trumpet, then the hidden purposes **of God** will come to be, just like he told his slaves the prophets long ago."[97]

8 Then the one whom I had heard speak from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go and get the open scroll from the hand of the messenger who is straddling the ocean and the land." **9** So I went to the messenger and asked him to give me the little scroll, and he answered, "Take it and eat it. At first it'll taste sweet like honey, but afterwards it'll be uncomfortable in your stomach." **10** So I took that little scroll from the messenger's hand and ate it, and it tasted sweet like honey,[98] but my stomach hurt after-

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and month, and year, in_order_that they_may_kill_off the third of_ ~~the~~ _mankind. **16** And the number of_the armies of_the horsemen were two ten_thousand of_ten_thousand, I_heard the number of_them. **17** And thus I_saw the horses in my vision, and the ones sitting on them: having breastplates fiery, and hyacinthine, and sulfurous, and the heads of_the horses like the_heads of_lions, and out_of the mouths of_them is_ _going_out fire, and smoke, and sulfur. **18** By ~~the~~ three plagues these were_killed_off the third of_ ~~the~~ _mankind by the fire, and the smoke, and the sulfur, ~~which~~ going_out out_of the mouths of_them. **19** For/Because the power of_the horses in the mouth of_them is and in the tails of_them, because/for the tails of_ _them are similar to_serpents, having heads, and with them they_are_injuring. **20** And the rest of_the people, who not were_killed_off by ~~the~~ plagues these, not_even they_repented of the works of_the hands of_them, in_order_that not they_will_ _be_prostrating before_the demons, and the idols ~~the~~ golden, and ~~the~~ silver, and ~~the~~ bronze, and ~~the~~ stone, and ~~the~~ wooden, which neither to_be_seeing are_being_able, nor to_be_hearing, nor to_be_walking. **21** And neither they_repented of the murders of_them, nor of the sorceries of_them, nor of the wickedness of_them, nor of the the_thefts of_them.

10:1 And I_saw another messenger mighty, coming_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven, having_been_clothed in_a_cloud, and the rainbow on the head of_him, and the face of_him like the sun, and the feet of_him like pillars of_fire, **2** and having in the hand of_him a_little_scroll having_been_opened_up. And he_put the foot of_ _him ~~the~~ right on the sea, and his the_left on the earth, **3** and he_cried_out with_a_voice loud as a_lion is_roaring. And when he_cried_out, spoke the seven thunders the of_themselves voices. **4** And when spoke the seven thunders, I_was_going to_ _be_writing, but I_heard a_voice out_of ~~the~~ heaven saying: Seal what things spoke the seven thunders, and not them you_may_ _write. **5** And the messenger, whom I_saw having_stood on the sea and on the land, lifted_up the hand of_him ~~the~~ right to ~~the~~ heaven, **6** and swore to to_the one living to the ages of_the ages: who created ~~the~~ heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that time no_longer will_be. **7** But in the days of_the voice of_the messenger, seventh when he_may_be_going to_be_trumpeting, also was_finished the mystery of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, as he_good_ _message_preached to_the of_himself slaves, the prophets. **8** And the voice that I_heard out_of ~~the~~ heaven, again was speaking with me, and saying: Be_going, take the scroll ~~which~~ having_been_opened_up in the hand of_the messenger, ~~which~~ having_stood on the sea and on the land. **9** And I_went_away to the messenger, telling to_him to_give to_me the little_scroll. And he_is_saying to_me: Take and devour it, and it_will_be_ _making_bitter of_you the stomach, but in the mouth of_you, it_will_be sweet as honey. **10** And I_took the little_scroll out_of the hand of_the messenger, and I_devoured it, and it_was in the mouth of_me as honey sweet, and when I_ate it, was_made_

96 RV 9:20 · Cross-ref. Psa 115:4-7; 135:15-17; Dan 5:23.

97 RV 10:5-7 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:11; Deu 32:40; Dan 12:7; Amos 3:7.

98 RV 10:8-10 · Cross-ref. Eze 2:8–3:3.

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_bitter the stomach of_me. **11** And they_are_saying to_me: It_is_
_fitting you again to_prophesy concerning peoples, and
nations, and tongues, and kings many.

11:1 And was_given to_me a_rod similar to_a_staff saying: Be_
raising, and measure the temple of ~~the~~ **_god**, and the altar,
and the ones prostrating in it. **2** And the courtyard ~~which~~
outside the temple, throw_out outside and not it you_may_
_measure, because it_was_given to_the nations, and the city ~~the~~
holy they_will_be_treading forty for_months two. **3** And I_will_
_be_giving to_the two witnesses of_me, and they_will_be_
_prophesying for_days two_hundred a_thousand sixty, having_
_been_clothed in_sackcloth. **4** These are the two olive_trees and
the two lampstands, ~~which~~ before the **master** of_the earth
having_stood. **5** And if anyone them is_wanting to_injure, fire
is_going_out of the mouth of_them, and is_devouring the
enemies of_them. And if anyone may_want them to_injure,
thus it_is_fitting him to_be_killed_off. **6** These are_having the
power to_shut the sky, in_order_that no rain may_be_raining
in_the days of_the prophecy of_them, and power they_are_
_having over the waters, to_be_turning them into blood, and
to_strike the earth with every plague, as_often_as ~~if~~ they_may_
_want. **7** And whenever they_may_finish the testimony of_
_them, the wild_animal ~~which~~ going_up out_of the abyss will_
_be_making with them war, and will_be_overcoming them, and
will_be_killing_off them. **8** And the corpse of_them will_be on
the road of_the city ~~the~~ great, which is_being_called spiritually,
Sodoma/(Ṣədom) and Aiguptos/(Mitsrayim), where also the
master of_them was_executed_on_a_stake. **9** And they_are_
_looking of the peoples, and tribes, and tongues, and nations,
the corpse of_them three for_days and a_half, and the corpses
of_them not they_are_allowing to_be_put into a_tomb. **10** And
the ones dwelling on the earth are_rejoicing over them, and
are_being_gladdened, and gifts they_will_be_sending to_one_
_another, because these ~~the~~ prophets two tormented the ones
dwelling on the earth. **11** And after the three days and a_half,
the_spirit of_life from ~~the~~ **god** came_in into them, and they_
_stood on the feet of_them, and fear great fell_on on the ones
observing them. **12** And they_heard a_voice great out_of ~~the~~
heaven, saying to_them: Go_up here. And they_went_up to the
sky in the cloud, and observed them the enemies of_them.
13 And in that ~~the~~ hour became an_earthquake great, and the
tenth of_the city fell, and were_killed_off in the earthquake,

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wards **11** and they told me, "You have to speak out God's mes-
sage about many nations and people groups and language
groups and kings."

The two witnesses

11:1 Then I was given a measuring stick[99]
and told, "Go and measure **God's** temple and the altar and the
people who are worshipping there, **2** but exclude the outer
courtyard. Don't measure that because it's been given to the
non-Jews, and they'll tread around the holy city for three and a
half years.[100] **3** Then I'll give my two witnesses the ability to
speak out God's message for six months, while dressed in
mourning garb.

4 Those are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that
stand before the **master** of the earth.[101] **5** If anyone wants to
harm them, fire comes out of their mouth and burns up their
enemies, yes, if anyone wants to harm them then they deserve
to be killed. **6** Those witnesses have the power to stop the rain so
that it doesn't rain while they're speaking out,[102] and they have
power to turn rivers and lakes into blood,[103] and to damage the
earth with every type of disaster just as often as they want.[104]

7 When the two witnesses have finished speaking out, the crea-
ture that comes up from the deep, dark pit[105] will attack them.
It'll overpower them[106] and then kill them. **8** Their corpses will
lie on the road of the great city, which in spiritual terms is called
Sedom[107] and/or Mitsrayim (Egypt)—where their **master** was
executed by being nailed to a stake.[108] **9** People from every na-
tion and tribe and language will look at their corpses for three
and a half days and will prevent their corpses from being put
into a tomb. **10** Those who are living on the earth will be happy
about it and celebrate and send gifts to each another because
those two prophets had tormented them, **11** but after three and
a half days, **God's** breath of life will enter into them and they'll
stand up.[109] The people who see that will be terrified. **12** Then
the two witnesses will hear a loud voice from the sky telling
them, "Come up here." Then they'll go up to heaven in a cloud as
their enemies watch them go up.[110] **13** At that same time, there
will be a huge earthquake[111] which will cause a tenth of the city
to collapse. That'll kill 7,000 people and the rest will be terrified
and will acknowledge the **God** of heaven.

99 RV 11:1 · Cross-ref. Eze 40:3; Zech 2:1-2.
100 RV 11:2 · Cross-ref. Luk 21:24.
101 RV 11:4 · Cross-ref. Zech 4:3,11-14.
102 RV 11:6 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 17:1.
103 RV 11:6 · Cross-ref. Exo 7:17-19.
104 RV 11:6 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 4:8.
105 RV 11:7 · Cross-ref. Dan 7:7; Rev 13:5-7; 17:8.
106 RV 11:7 · Cross-ref. Dan 7:21.
107 RV 11:8 · Cross-ref. Isa 1:9-10.
108 RV 11:8 · Cross-ref. Jhn 20:25.
109 RV 11:11 · Cross-ref. Eze 37:10.
110 RV 11:12 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 2:11.
111 RV 11:13 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:12; 16:18.

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14 The second terror has then passed, but the third will be coming soon.

The seventh trumpet brings the third terror

15 Then the seventh messenger blew his trumpet, and voices in heaven shouted loudly, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our **master** and of his **messiah**, and he will reign through all the ages."[112] 16 The twenty-four elders sitting on their thrones in front of God knelt down with their faces to the ground and worshipped **God**, 17 saying,

"**Yahweh**, **God**, ruler of everything, we thank you,
the one who always existed,
and who exists now.
You have taken your incredible power
and have started to reign.
18 The nations were enraged,
but your anger has arrived.[113]
It's the time to judge the dead
and to give a reward to your slaves, the prophets,
and to those who obey you and those who respect you,
both the lowly ones and the powerful,[114]
and to destroy those who are destroying the earth."

19 Then **God's** temple in heaven was opened, and the wooden chest containing his agreement appeared in his temple. And there were flashes of lightning, and rumblings, and peals of thunder, and an earthquake,[115] and a large hailstorm.[116]

The woman and the dinosaur

12:1 Then a miraculous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and with the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. 2 She was about to give birth and was crying out in pain and agony.

3 Another miraculous sign appeared in heaven, and wow, a huge, red dinosaur with seven heads, ten horns,[117] and seven crowns on his heads. 4 His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and hurled them down to earth,[118] then he stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that when the child was delivered, he could devour it. 5 The woman gave birth to a son[119] who's going to rule all the nations with an iron scepter,[120] and he was snatched away to **God** and to his throne, 6 and the woman fled into the wilderness where **God** had prepared a place for her so that they might nourish her there for

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the_names of_people seven thousands, and the rest frightened became, and they_gave glory to_the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _heaven. 14 The woe ~~the~~ second went_away, see, is_coming the woe ~~the~~ third quickly.

15 And the seventh messenger trumpeted, and became voices great in ~~the~~ heaven saying: Became the kingdom of_the world of_the **master** of_us and of_the **chosen_one/messiah** of_him, and he_will_be_reigning to the ages of_the ages. 16 And the twenty four elders ~~which~~ before of_ ~~the~~ _**god** were_sitting on the thrones of_them, fell on the faces of_them, and they_ _prostrated ~~the~~ before_**god** 17 saying: We_are_giving_thanks to_ _you, **master**, ~~the~~ **god** ~~the~~ almighty, who being, and who was, and because you_have_taken the power of_you ~~the~~ great, and you_reigned. 18 And the nations were_angered, and came the severe_anger of_you, and the time for_the dead to_be_judged, and to_give the reward to_the slaves of_you, the prophets, and to_the holy ones, and to_the ones fearing the name of_you, the small and the great, and to_ruin the ones ruining the earth. 19 And was_opened_up the temple of_ ~~the~~ _**god** ~~which~~ in ~~the~~ heaven, and was_seen the box of_the covenant of_him in the temple of_him, and there_became lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an_earthquake, and hail great.

12:1 And a_sign great was_seen in ~~the~~ heaven: a_woman having_ _been_clothed with_the sun, and the moon was beneath the feet of_her, and on the head of_her a_crown twelve of_stars, 2 and in womb having child, and she_is_crying_out labouring_ _in_birth, and being_tormented to_bear. 3 And was_seen another sign in ~~the~~ heaven: and see, a_dragon red great having seven heads, and ten horns, and on the heads of_him seven crowns, 4 and the tail of_him is_dragging the third of_the stars of_the sky, and he_throw them to the earth. And the dragon has_stood before the woman ~~which~~ going to_bear, in_order_that whenever she_may_bear, the child of_her he_may_devour it. 5 And she_bore a_son a_male, who is_going to_be_shepherding all the nations with a_rod iron, and was_snatched the child of_ _her to ~~the~~ **god**, and to the throne of_him. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she_is_having there a_place having_been_prepared by ~~the~~ **god**, in_order_that there they_ _may_be_nourishing her for_days two_hundred thousand sixty.

112 RV 11:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 15:18; Dan 2:44; 7:14,27.
113 RV 11:18 · Cross-ref. Psa 2:5; 110:5.
114 RV 11:18 · Cross-ref. Psa 115:13.
115 RV 11:19 · Cross-ref. Rev 8:5; 16:18.
116 RV 11:19 · Cross-ref. Rev 16:21.
117 RV 12:3 · Cross-ref. Dan 7:7.
118 RV 12:4 · Cross-ref. Dan 8:10.
119 RV 12:5 · Cross-ref. Isa 66:7.
120 RV 12:5 · Cross-ref. Psa 2:9.

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7 And became war in ~~the~~ heaven, ~~the~~ Miḳaaʸl/(Mīkā'ēl) and the messengers of_him ~~which~~ to_war with the dragon. And the dragon warred and the messengers of_him, **8** and not prevailed, nor a_place was_found for_them anymore in ~~the~~ heaven. **9** And was_thrown down the dragon the serpent ~~the~~ great, ~~the~~ ancient, who being_called, the_false_accuser, and ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān), the one deceiving the inhabited_world whole, he_was_thrown down on the earth, and the messengers of_him with him were_ _throw down. **10** And I_heard a_voice great in ~~the~~ heaven saying: Now became the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of_ ~~the~~ **_god** of_us, and the authority of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah** of_him, because was_thrown down the accuser of_the brothers of_us, the one accusing them before the **god** of_us, by_day and night. **11** And they overcame him because_of the blood of_the lamb, and because_of the message of_the testimony of_them, and not they_loved the life of_them until death. **12** Because_of this be_being_gladdened, heavens, and you_all in them sheltering. woe the earth and the sea, because came_down the devil to you_all, having rage great, having_ _known that a_little time he_is_having. **13** And when saw the dragon that he_was_thrown on the earth, he_persecuted the woman, who bore the male child. **14** And were_given to_the two woman wings of_the eagle ~~the~~ great, in_order_that she_may_ _be_flying into the wilderness into the place of_her, where she_ _is_being_nourished there a_time, and times, and a_half of_a_ _time, from the_face of_the serpent. **15** And throw the serpent out_of the mouth of_him after the woman, water as a_river, in_ _order_that her a_flood may_make. **16** And gave_help the earth to_the women, and opened_up the earth the mouth of_it, and swallowed_up the river, which throw the dragon out_of the mouth of_him. **17** And was_angered the dragon with the women, and went_away to_make war with the rest of_the children of_her, ~~which~~ keeping the commands of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and holding the testimony of_**Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**.

18 And he_was_stood on the sand of_the sea.
13:1 And I_saw out_of the sea a_wild_animal going_up, having ten horns and seven heads, and on the horns of_it ten crowns, and on the heads of_it a_name of_slander. **2** And the wild_ _animal that I_saw was similar to_a_leopard, and the feet of_it like of_a_bear, and the mouth of_it like the_mouth of_a_lion. And gave to_it the dragon the power of_him, and the throne of_ _him, and authority great. **3** And one of the heads of_it as having_been_slain to death, and the wound of_the death of_it was_healed. And was_being_marvelled all the earth after the wild_animal, **4** and they_prostrated before_the dragon, because he_gave his authority to_the wild_animal, and they_prostrated before_the wild_animal saying: Who is similar to_the wild_

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three and a half years.

7 Then a battle began in heaven, with Mika'el (Michael)[121] and his messengers making war on the dinosaur. But the dinosaur and his messengers fought back, **8** but couldn't win, so after that they weren't able to stay in heaven anymore. **9** Thus the huge dinosaur was thrown out—that ancient snake[122] called 'the devil' and 'Satan'—the one who deceived the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth[123] and his messengers were thrown down with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now our god's salvation and power and kingdom have come, and the authority of his **messiah**, because the accuser of the believers has been thrown out—the **one** who spent day and night in front of **God** accusing them.[124] **11** They conquered him by means of the lamb's blood and by the message in their testimony. Indeed, they were prepared to die if necessary. **12** So, be glad you heavens and those who shelter in them. The earth and the sea won't have a good ending because the devil has gone down to you and he's very angry because he knows he doesn't have much time left."

13 When the dinosaur realised that God had thrown him down to the earth, he tried to attack the woman who had given birth to the son. **14** But two large, eagle wings were given to the woman so that she could fly away to the wilderness, to her place where she'll be nourished away from the snake for three and a half years.[125] **15** Then the snake poured water out of his mouth like a river towards the woman so that the current would sweep her away, **16** but the ground helped the woman by opening up a big hole, and so the flood that the dinosaur poured out from his mouth disappeared into it. **17** The dinosaur was furious with the woman and went away to battle against the rest of her children, the ones obeying **God's** commands and believing **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') testimony.

18 Then the dinosaur stood on the beach by the ocean

The two wild animals

13:1 and I saw a wild creature coming up out of the water.[126] It had ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns were ten crowns, and anti-God names were written on each of its heads.[127] **2** The sea creature that I saw was like a leopard with feet like a bear and a mouth like a lion,[128] and the dinosaur gave it his power and his throne and wide-ranging authority. **3** One of the heads of the sea creature looked as if someone had wounded it so that it had died, but that wound had healed and as a result, all the people of the earth marvelled at the sea creature and

121 **RV 12:7 · Cross-ref.** Dan 10:13,21; 12:1; Jude 9.
122 **RV 12:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 3:1.
123 **RV 12:9 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:18.
124 **RV 12:10 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:9-11; Zech 3:1.
125 **RV 12:14 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:25; 12:7.
126 **RV 13:1 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:3.
127 **RV 13:1 · Cross-ref.** Rev 17:3,7-12.
128 **RV 13:2 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:4-6.

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obeyed it. **4** They worshipped the dinosaur because he had given authority to the sea creature, and they worshipped the sea creature, saying, "Who is like this sea creature and who is able to battle against it?"

5 The sea creature was given a mouth so it could speak out arrogant and anti-God statements, and it was given authority to act for three and a half years.[129] **6** So it started speaking out anti-**God** statements, as well as speaking out against **God's** name and his home and those who live in heaven. **7** It was given permission to battle against the believers and to conquer them,[130] and it was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation. **8** All the people living on the earth will worship it—all of those whose names have never been written in the lamb's book of life since the creation of the world[131]—the lamb who was slaughtered.[132]

9 Everyone who wants to understand needs to listen. **10** If anyone's enemies are going to capture them, they will capture them and if anyone's enemies are going to kill them with a sword, they'll kill them with a sword.[133] So God's people must endure suffering and remain faithful.

11 Then I saw a second wild animal come up from the earth. It had two small horns on its head like a lamb, but it spoke like a dinosaur. **12** This land animal carries out all the orders of the sea creature and insists that the people who live on the earth worship the sea creature—the one that almost died except its wound healed. **13** The land animal also did amazing miracles and it even caused fire to fall from the sky down to the earth that people could see. **14** The dinosaur gave the land animal the power to do these miracles on behalf of the sea creature. The land animal used the miracles to deceive the people who live on the earth, telling them to make an idol that looked like the sea creature that had survived a sword wound that seemed to kill it. **15** The dinosaur also gave the land animal the power to make that idol live and so the idol that looked like the sea creature was able to speak. The land animal was able to execute anyone who refused to worship the idol **16** and it also required each person, whether important or not, and whether rich or poor, free or slave, to have a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. **17** Then the land creature ordered that no one could buy or sell anything if they don't have that mark. The mark was the name of the sea creature or the number that stood for its name.

18 This calls for wisdom: Let anyone who has understanding calculate the number of the creature, because it's the number of

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_animal, and who is_able to_war with it? **5** And was_given to_it a_mouth speaking great things and slander, and was_given to_it authority to_work forty for_months two. **6** And it_opened_up the mouth of_it to slander against ~~the~~ **god**, to_slander the name of_him, and the tent of_him, the ones in ~~the~~ heaven sheltering. **7** And was_given to_it authority over every tribe, and people, and tongue, and nation. **8** And will_be_prostrating it all the ones dwelling on the earth, whom not has_been_written the name of_him in scroll of_ ~~the~~ _life of_the lamb, ~~which~~ having_ _been_slain from the_foundation of_the_earth. **9** If anyone is_ _having an_ear, him_let_hear. **10** If anyone is_going into captivity, he_is_going, if anyone with sword is_killing_off, it_is_ _fitting him by sword to_be_killed_off. Here is the endurance and the the_faith of_the holy ones. **11** And I_saw another wild_ _animal going_up out_of the earth, and it_was_having two horns similar to_a_lamb, and it_was_speaking like a_dragon. **12** And the authority of_the first wild_animal all it_is_doing before it. And it_is_making the earth and the ones in it dwelling, in_order_that they_will_be_prostrating before_the wild_animal ~~the~~ first, of_whom was_healed the wound of_ ~~the~~ _ _death of_it. **13** And it_is_performing signs great, that even fire it_may_be_making out_of the sky to_be_coming_down to the earth before the people. **14** And it_is_deceiving ~~which~~ dwelling on the earth, because_of the signs that it_was_given to_it to_ _perform before the wild_animal, telling to_the ones dwelling on the earth, to_make an_image to_the wild_animal, who is_ _having the wound of_the sword, and lived. **15** And it_was_ _given to_it to_give spirit to_the image of_the wild_animal, in_ _order_that also may_speak the image of_the wild_animal, and may_make as_many_as ~~wishfully~~ not will_be_prostrating before_ _the image of_the wild_animal they_may_be_killed_off. **16** And it_is_making all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, that they_may_give to_them a_mark on the hand of_them ~~the~~ right, or on the forehead of_ _them, **17** and that not someone may_be_able to_buy or to_sell, except ~~not/lest~~ the one having the mark, the name of_the wild_ _animal, or the number of_the name of_it. **18** Here ~~the~~ wisdom is: the one having a_mind let_count the number of_the wild_ _animal, because/for the_number of_a_man it_is, and the number of_it is six_hundred sixty six.

129 RV 13:5-6 · Cross-ref. Dan 7:8,25; 11:36.

130 RV 13:7 · Cross-ref. Dan 7:21.

131 RV 13:8 · Cross-ref. Psa 69:28.

132 RV 13:8 · Note 'since the creation of the world' is placed to connect with 'written' (similar to how it is in 17:8), but the Greek grammar would also allow it to be at the end of the verse (as it is physically in the Greek) connected to 'slaughtered' instead (as you'll find in some other translations).

133 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref. Jer 15:2; 43:11.

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14:1 And I_looked, and see, the lamb having_stood on the Mount of_Siōn/(Tsiyyōn), and with him a_hundred forty four thousands having the name of_him, and the name of_the father of_him, having_been_written on the foreheads of_them. **2** And I_heard a_sound out_of ~~the~~ heaven, as the_sound of_waters many, and as the_sound of_thunder loud, and the sound that I_ _heard was like of_harpists playing_the_harp with the harps of_ _them. **3** And they_are_singing a_song new before the throne, and before the four living_creatures, and the elders. And no_ _one was_able to_learn the song, except ~~not/lest~~ the hundred forty four thousands, ~~which~~ having_been_bought from the earth. **4** These are those who with women not were_defiled, because/for virgins they_are. These are the ones following after_the lamb wherever ~~wishfully~~ he_is_going_away. These were_bought from ~~the~~ mankind as_first-fruit to_ ~~the~~ **_god** and to_the lamb, **5** and in the mouth of_them not was_found a_ _falsehood, because/for blameless they_are.

6 And I_saw another messenger flying in midair, having the_ _good_message eternal to_good_message_preach to the ones dwelling on the earth, and on every nation, and tribe, and tongue, and people, **7** saying with a_voice loud: Be_revering the **god**, and give to_him glory, because came the hour of_the judgement of_him, and prostrate before_the one having_made ~~the~~ heaven, and the earth, and the_sea, and the_springs of_ _waters. **8** And an_other second messenger followed saying: Fell, fell Babulōn/(Bāvel?) great, ~~the~~ who of the wine of_the rage of_the sexual_immorality of_her, she_has_given_to_drink all the pagans. **9** And an_other messenger third followed after_ _them, saying with a_voice loud: If anyone is_prostrating before_the wild_animal and the image of_it, and is_receiving a_ _mark on the forehead of_him, or on the hand of_him, **10** also he will_be_drinking of the wine of_the rage of_ of_- **_god**, ~~which~~ having_been_mixed undiluted in the cup of_the severe_anger of_him, and he_will_be_being_tormented in fire and sulfur before the messengers the_holy and before the lamb. **11** And the smoke of_the torment of_them to the_ages of_the_ages is_ _going_up, and not they_are_having rest, by_day and night, the ones prostrating before_the wild_animal and the image of_it, and if anyone is_receiving the mark of_the name of_it. **12** Here the the_endurance of_the holy ones is, the ones keeping the commands of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and the faith of_**Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**. **13** And I_heard of_a_voice out_of ~~the~~ heaven saying: Write: Blessed are the dead ~~which~~ in the_**master** dying_off from now. Yes, Is_saying the **spirit**: in_order_that they_will_be_being_ _rested from the labours of_them, the for works of_them is_ _following with them.

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a man and his number is 666.[134]

The lamb and the 144,000

14:1 Then I looked and wow, the lamb was standing on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion), and with him were 144,000 people with his name and the name of his father written on their foreheads.[135] **2** I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of lots of water and like the sound of great thunder, and the sound that I heard was like lots of people playing their harps. **3** They sang a new song in front of throne and the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to learn the song except the 144,000 who had been bought from the earth. **4** They are all virgins and they follow the lamb wherever he goes. Out of all people, these ones have been purchased as a first fruits offering for **God** and for the lamb, **5** and they tell no lies because they are innocent.[136]

The three messengers

6 Then I saw another messenger flying through the air, having the good message that's eternal to proclaim to those living on the earth, even to every nation and tribe and language and people, **7** saying in a loud voice, "Honour **God** and praise him, because his judgement time has come. Worship the one who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the springs of water."

8 Then a second messenger followed, saying, "The powerful Bavel (Babylon) has fallen into ruins,[137] the city that caused all the nations to drink from the wine of the passion of her immorality!"

9 Then a third messenger followed them, saying in a loud voice, "Those who worship the sea creature and its image, and receive a mark on their forehead or on their hand, **10** they'll be on the receiving end of **God's** anger which he'll pour out undiluted,[138] so they'll be tormented with fire and burning sulfur[139] in front of God's messengers and of the lamb. **11** The smoke from their torment will continue through all the ages,[140] yes, the ones worshipping the sea creature and its image and anyone who receives the mark of its name will have no rest, day or night. **12** So the believers who obey **God's** commands and have faith in **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) must persevere on.

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the those who die trusting in **the master** from now on.' "

134 RV 13:18 · Note There are some manuscripts that have the number as 616 (XIS) rather than 666 (XES). See https://GreekCNTR.org/collation/?v=66013018.

135 RV 14:1 · Cross-ref. Eze 9:4; Rev 7:3.

136 RV 14:5 · Cross-ref. Zeph 3:13.

137 RV 14:8 · Cross-ref. Isa 21:9; Jer 51:8; Rev 18:2.

138 RV 14:10 · Cross-ref. Isa 51:17.

139 RV 14:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 19:24; Eze 38:22.

140 RV 14:11 · Cross-ref. Isa 34:10.

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"Yes," says the **spirit**, "so they will rest from their work, because the record of their activities will follow with them."

The harvest of the world

14 Then I looked and wow, there was a white cloud, and someone who looked like a human was sitting on the cloud[141] with a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle (harvesting tool) in his hand. **15** Another messenger came out of the temple, calling out in a loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud: "Extend your sickle and cut the grain because it's harvest time—the harvest of the earth is ripe now."[142] **16** So the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was harvested.

17 Then another messenger came out from the temple in heaven, also holding a sharp sickle.

18 And another messenger came from the altar, the one who had authority over the fire, and he shouted in a loud voice to the one with the sharp sickle, saying, "Extend your sharp sickle out and gather the clusters of the grapevine of the earth, because their grapes are ripe." **19** So the messenger swung his sickle across the earth and harvested the grapevine of the earth, and he threw the grapes into the great wine-pressing pit which is **God's** anger. **20** Then the grapes were trampled in the wine-pressing pit outside the city,[143] and blood came out of it and flowed up to the height of a horse's bridle for 300 kilometres.

The messengers bringing the final plagues

15:1 Then I saw another miraculous sign in heaven: seven messengers with the seven final disasters, because the expression **of God's** anger will finish with these.

2 I saw something that was like a sea of glass that had been mixed with fire. The people who had been victorious over the sea creature and over its image and over the number of its name were standing on that sea of glass. They were holding harps from **God** **3** and singing this song that came from **God's** slave Mosheh (Moses),[144] and from the lamb, which went:

"What you do, **Yahweh God**, ruler over everything,
is powerful and marvellous.
Your ways PATHS? are fair and honest,
king of the ages.[145]
4 Who will refuse to respect you, **Yahweh**,
and honour your name?[146]
Yes, you alone are HOLY,
because all the nations will come
and worship in front of you,[147]

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14 And I_looked, and see, a_cloud white, and on the cloud sitting one similar the_son of_Man, having on the head of_him a_crown golden, and in the hand of_him a_sickle sharp. **15** And another messenger came_out crying_out of the temple, with a_ _voice loud to_the one sitting on the cloud: Send the sickle of_ _you and reap, because came the hour to_reap, because was_ _withered the harvest of_the earth. **16** And throw the one sitting on the cloud the sickle of_him on the earth, and was_ _reaped the earth. **17** And another messenger came_out out_of the temple ~~which~~ in ~~the~~ heaven, having also he a_sickle sharp. **18** And another messenger out_of the altar, ~~which~~ having authority over ~~the~~ fire, and he_called with_a_voice loud to_the one having the sickle ~~the~~ sharp saying: Send of_you the sickle ~~the~~ sharp, and pick the clusters from_the vine of_the earth, because ripened the grapes of_it. **19** And throw the messenger the sickle of_him to the earth, and picked the vine of_the earth, and throw them into the wine-press of_the rage of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ~~the~~ great. **20** And was_trodden the wine-press outside the city, and came_out blood out_of the wine-press, until the bridles of_the horses from thousand stadiums six_hundred.

15:1 And I_saw another sign in ~~the~~ heaven, great and marvellous, seven messengers having seven plagues the last, because in them was_finished the rage of_ ~~the~~ **_god.** **2** And I_saw something like a_sea glass having_been_mixed with_fire, and the ones overcoming of the wild_animal, and of the image of_it, and of the number of_the name of_it, having_stood on the sea ~~the~~ glass, having harps of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **3** And they_are_singing the song of_Mōsaʸs/(Mosheh), the slave of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and the song of_the lamb saying: Great and marvellous are the works of_you, **master** ~~the~~ **god** ~~the~~ almighty. righteous and true are the ways of_you, ~~the~~ king of_the ages. **4** Who by_no_means not may_be_ _afraid, **master**, and will_be_glorifying the name of_you, because you_alone devout are? Because all the nations will_be_ _coming and they_will_be_prostrating before you, because the just_acts of_you were_revealed. **5** And after these things I_ _looked, and was_opened_up the temple of_the tent of_the testimony in ~~the~~ heaven, **6** and came_out the seven messengers ~~which~~ having the seven plagues out_of of_the temple, having_ _dressed_in stone pure shining, and having_been_girded_about around their chests belts golden. **7** And one of the four living_ _creatures gave to_the seven seven messengers bowls golden, being_full of_the rage of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, the one living to the ages

141 **RV 14:14 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:13.

142 **RV 14:15 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:13.

143 **RV 14:20 · Cross-ref.** Isa 63:3; Lam 1:15; Rev 19:15.

144 **RV 15:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 15:1.

145 **RV 15:2 · Note** TC: There's a textual variant here where some manuscripts have 'εθνων' (nations) and other readings instead of the older reading: 'αἰώνων' (ages).

146 **RV 15:4 · Cross-ref.** Jer 10:7.

147 **RV 15:4 · Cross-ref.** Psa 86:9.

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of_the ages. **8** And was_filled the temple with_smoke from the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and from the power of_him, and no_one was_able to_come_in into the temple, until may_be_finished the seven seven plagues of_the messengers.

16:1 And I_heard of_a_loud voice from the temple, saying to_the seven messengers: Be_going and be_pouring_out the seven bowls of_the rage of_ ~~the~~ **_god** into the earth. **2** And went_away the first, and poured_out the bowl of_him on the earth, and it_ _became an_ulcer evil, and evil on the people ~~which~~ having the mark of_the wild_animal, and the ones prostrating before_the image of_it. **3** And the second poured_out the bowl of_him into the sea, and it_became blood as of_the_dead, and every soul of_ _life died_off the things in the sea. **4** And the third poured_out the bowl of_him into the rivers and the springs of_the waters, and it_became blood. **5** And I_heard from_the messenger of_the waters saying: righteous you_are, the one being, and the one was, devout one, because these things you_judged. **6** Because the_blood of_holy ones and of_prophets they_poured_out, and blood to_them have_given to_drink, worthy they_are. **7** And I_ _heard of_the altar saying: Yes, **master** ~~the~~ **god** ~~the~~ almighty, true and righteous are the judgements of_you. **8** And the fourth poured_out the bowl of_him on the sun, and was_given to_him to_scorch the people with fire. **9** And were_scorched the people with_burning great, and they_slandered the name ~~the~~ of_**god**, the one having ~~the~~ authority over ~~the~~ plagues these, and not they_repented to_give to_him glory. **10** And the fifth poured_ _out the bowl of_him on the throne of_the wild_animal, and became the kingdom of_it having_been_darkened, and they_ _were_biting the tongues of_them out_of the misery, **11** and they_slandered the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _heaven for the miseries of_ _them, and for the ulcers of_them, and not they_repented of the works of_them. **12** And the sixth poured_out the bowl of_ _him on the river ~~the~~ great ~~the~~ Eufrata[y]s, and was_dried_up the water of_it, in_order_that may_be_prepared the way of_the kings ~~which~~ of the_east sun. **13** And I_saw out_of the mouth of_ _the dragon, and out_of the mouth of_the wild_animal, and out_of of_the mouth of_the false_prophet, three spirits unclean as_if frogs, **14** for/because they_are spirits of_demons perfor/becauseming signs, to_be_going_out to the kings the inhabited_world whole, to_gather_together them to the war ~~the~~ great day of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ~~the~~ almighty. **15** (Behold, I_am_coming like a_thief. Blessed is the one watching and keeping the

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because your RIGHTEOUS acts have been revealed."

5 Then after that, I saw that the temple doors—the tent that's a testimony—were open[148] **6** and the seven messengers holding the seven disasters came out of the temple. They were dressed in clean, bright linen, with golden sashes wrapped around their chests. **7** Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven messengers seven golden bowls that were full of the anger **of God** who lives through all the ages, **8** and the temple was filled with smoke from **God's** glory and from his power, and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven disasters from the seven messengers were completed.[149]

The pouring out of God's anger

16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven messengers, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of **God's** anger onto the earth."

2 So the *first* messenger went and poured out his bowl on the earth, all the people with the sea creature's mark and the ones worshipping its image.[150]

3 The *second* messenger poured out his bowl into the ocean and it went thick like a corpse's blood, and every living creature in it died.

4 The *third* messenger poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and it became blood.[151] **5** Then I heard the messenger who was in charge of those waters say to God, "You are righteous, the one who exists now and in the past, the HOLY one, because you have judged these. **6** Because they killed those who obeyed God and killed the prophets and poured out their blood, you have also given blood to them to drink. It's what they deserve." **7** Then I heard (someone at?) the altar say, "Yes, **Yahweh God**, ruler of all, you judge people with truth and fairness."

8 The *fourth* messenger poured out his bowl onto the sun and it was permitted to scorch people with fire. **9** So people were scorched with incredible heat and they swore at the **God** who has authority over those disasters, but they did not turn from their disobedience and honour him.

10 The *fifth* messenger poured out his bowl on the throne of the sea creature and its kingdom went dark.[152] The people there were biting their tongues from the pain, **11** and they swore at the **God** of heaven because of their pain and their sores, but they didn't turn from their evil actions.

12 The *sixth* messenger poured out his bowl onto the large River Perat (Euphrates) and its water was dried up[153] in order to prepare the path of the kings from the east. **13** I saw three evil spirits like frogs come out from the dinosaur's mouth and out from the sea creature's mouth and out from the false prophet's mouth, **14** because they are demons' spirits that are able to do

148 **RV 15:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 38:21.

149 **RV 15:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 40:34; 1Ki 8:10-11; 2Ch 5:13-14; Isa 6:4.

150 **RV 16:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 9:10.

151 **RV 16:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 7:17-21; Psa 78:44.

152 **RV 16:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 10:21.

153 **RV 16:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 11:15.

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miraculous signs. They went out to the rulers all over the world to gather them together for battle on the great day **of God**, the ruler of all.

15 ("Listen, I am coming unexpectedly like a thief![154] It'll be good for the ones who are alert and with their clothes ready so they won't have to walk around naked and exposed.")

16 Then the demons' spirits gathered the rulers at the place called Harmagedon in Hebrew.[155]

17 The *seventh* messenger poured out his bowl onto the air and a loud voice came out from the throne in the temple saying, "It's now done." **18** Then there was lightning and thunder and other sounds, and a terrible earthquake, such as had not happened since people had been on the earth. Such a powerful earthquake, so massive![156] **19** The huge city split into three parts and cities collapsed all over the world. The famous city of Bavel (Babylon) the Great was remembered in **God's** sight that she should be given her share of the results of his severe anger.[157] **20** All the islands vanished, and mountains could no longer be seen.[158] **21** Then thirty kilogram hailstones dropped onto people from the sky.[159] The people swore at **God** because of the hail, because it was incredibly terrible!

The immoral woman drunk with blood

17:1 Then one of the seven messengers holding the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come, I'll show you the judgement of the famous prostitute sitting on many waters,[160] **2** that the rulers of the earth committed sexual immorality with, and those living on the earth were intoxicated from the wine of her sexual immorality."[161]

3 Then in **the spirit** I was carried away to a wilderness and I saw a woman sitting on a wild animal that was scarlet and had anti-God names written all over it. It had seven heads and ten horns.[162] **4** The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls. In her hand she was holding a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality,[163] **5** and a name was written on her forehead. The name was a mystery: 'Bavel (Babylon) the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and the Abominations of the Earth.' **6** I noticed that the woman was drunk from the blood of the believers and from the blood of the witnesses **of Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). and, having seen her, I wondered a great wonder.

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clothes of_him, in_order_that not naked he_may_be_walking, and they_may_be_seeing the shame of_him.) **16** And he_ _gathered_together them to the place ~~which~~ being_called In_ _Hebraios Harmagedōn/(Mount-Megiddon). **17** And the seventh poured_out the bowl of_him in the air, and came_out a_voice loud from the temple from the throne saying: It_has_ _become. **18** And became lightnings, and and voices, and thunders, an_earthquake became great, such_as not became, from of_which mankind became on the earth, the_so_great earthquake was thus great. **19** And became the city ~~the~~ great into three parts, and the cities of_the nations fell, and Babulōn/(Bāvel?) the great was_reminded before ~~the~~ **god**, to_ _give to_her the cup of_the wine of_the rage of_the severe_ _anger of_him. **20** And every island fled, and the_mountains not were_found. **21** And a_hail great, about a_talanton_of_silver_ _weight, is_coming_down out_of the sky on the people, and slandered the people ~~the~~ **god**, because/for the plague of_the hail, because great is the plague of_it exceedingly.

17:1 And came one of the seven messengers of_the ones having the seven bowls, and he_spoke with me saying: Come, I_will_ _be_showing to_you the judgement of_the prostitute ~~the~~ great ~~which~~ sitting on waters many, **2** with whom committed_sexual_ _immorality the kings of_the earth, and were_being_drunk the ones dwelling_in the earth with the wine of_the sexual_ _immorality of_her. **3** And he_carried_away me into a_ _wilderness in the_**spirit**. And I_saw a_woman sitting on a_ _wild_animal scarlet, being_full with_names of_slander, having seven heads and ten horns. **4** And the woman was having_ _been_clothed in_purple and scarlet, and having_been_gilded gold, and stone precious, and pearls, holding a_cup golden in the hand of_her, being_full of_abominations and the unclean of_the sexual_immorality of_her, **5** and on the forehead of_her was a_name having_been_written: Mystery Babulōn/(Bāvel?) the great, the mother of_the prostitutes, and of_the abominations of_the earth. **6** And I_saw the woman being_ _drunk with the blood of_the holy ones, and with the blood of_ _the witnesses of_**Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)**. And I_marvelled, having_seen her wonder great. **7** And said to_me the messenger: For/Because_reason why you_marvelled? I you will_be_telling the mystery of_the woman, and of_the wild_ _animal ~~which~~ bearing her, ~~which~~ having the seven heads and the

154 **RV 16:15 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:43-44; Luk 12:39-40; Rev 3:3.

155 **RV 16:16 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:29; Zech 12:11.

156 **RV 16:18 · Cross-ref.** Rev 8:5; 11:13,19.

157 **RV 16:19 · Cross-ref.** Isa 51:17.

158 **RV 16:20 · Cross-ref.** Rev 6:14.

159 **RV 16:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 9:23; Rev 11:19.

160 **RV 17:1 · Cross-ref.** Jer 51:13.

161 **RV 17:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 23:17; Jer 51:7.

162 **RV 17:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:1.

163 **RV 17:4 · Cross-ref.** Jer 51:7.

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ten horns. 8 The wild_animal that you_saw was, and not is, and is_going to_be_going_up out_of the abyss, and into destruction to_be_going. And will_be_marvelling the ones dwelling on the earth, whose not has_been_written the names in the scroll of_ ~~the~~ _life from the_foundation of_the_earth, seeing the wild_ _animal, that it_was and not is and_yet will_be_being_present. 9 Here is the mind ~~which~~ having seven: wisdom the seven heads mountains are, where the woman is_sitting on them. And seven kings are: 10 ~~the~~ five fell, ~~the~~ one is, the other not_yet came, and whenever he_may_come, a_little time him it_is_fitting to_ _remain 11 and the wild_animal which was, and not is, also himself an_eighth is, and of the seven it_is, and into destruction it_is_going. 12 And the ten horns which you_saw, ten kings are, who a_kingdom thus received, but authority as for_one kings hour they_are_receiving with the wild_animal. 13 These one opinion are_having, and the power and the authority of_them to_the wild_animal they_are_giving. 14 These with the lamb will_be_warring, and the lamb will_be_ _overcoming them, because **master** of_masters he_is and king of_kings, and the ones with him, called, and chosen, and faithful. 15 And he_is_saying to_me: The waters that you_saw, where the prostitute is_sitting, peoples and crowds are, and nations and tongues. 16 And the ten horns that you_saw and the wild_animal, these will_be_hating the prostitute, and having_been_desolated they_will_be_making her and naked, and the fleshes of_her they_will_be_eating, and her they_will_ _be_burning_up with with_fire. 17 For/Because ~~the~~ **god** gave into the hearts of_them to_do the opinion of_him, and to_do one opinion, and to_give the kingdom of_them to_the wild_ _animal, until will_be_being_accomplished the messages of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 18 And the woman whom you_saw is the city ~~the~~ great, ~~which~~ having a_kingdom over the kings of_the earth.

18:1 After these things I_saw another messenger coming_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven, having authority great, and the earth was_ _illuminated with the glory of_him. 2 And he_cried_out with a_ _mighty voice saying: Fell, fell Babulōn/(Bāvel?) the great. And it_became a_dwelling_place of_demons, and a_prison of_every spirit unclean, and a_prison of_every bird unclean, and having_ _been_hated. 3 Because of the wine of_the rage of_the sexual_ _immorality of_her, have_fallen all the nations, and the kings of_the earth with her committed_sexual_immorality, and the merchants of_the earth by the power of_the sensuality of_her became_rich. 4 And I_heard another voice from ~~the~~ heaven saying: Come_out ~~the~~ people of_me out_of her, in_order_that

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When I saw her, I was incredibly amazed 7 but the messenger asked me, "Why are you astounded? I'll tell you the mystery of the woman and of the wild animal with the seven heads and the ten horns that's carrying her. 8 The wild animal that you saw used to be here and isn't anymore but is about to come up from the abyss.[164] Then it's going to destruction, and the ones living on the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life[165] from the creation of the world will wonder, seeing the creature that used to be here and isn't anymore but will come back.

9 Here's the mind understanding wisdom: The seven heads are seven hills that the woman is sitting on, and they're seven rulers. 10 Five of the rulers have fallen and one is still there, but the other one hasn't come yet, and when he does, it'll be necessary for him to remain a while. 11 The wild animal that used to be here and isn't anymore is itself also an eighth, but it's from the seven and is heading towards destruction.

12 The ten horns that you saw are ten rulers[166] who haven't received a domain yet to rule, but they are receiving authority as rulers with the wild animal for one hour. 13 They're all unified, and they give their power and authority to the wild animal. 14 They'll go to battle against the lamb, but the lamb will conquer them because he is **master** of masters and king of kings and the ones with him are called and chosen and faithful."

15 Then the messenger said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. 16 The ten horns that you saw and the wild animal, they'll hate the prostitute and will make her desolated and naked and they'll eat her flesh and will burn her completely with fire, 17 because **God** has put it into their hearts to do his purpose and to do one purpose and to give their kingdom to the wild animal until **God's** words turn into reality.

18 The woman that you saw is the famous city whose leaders rule over the rulers of the earth."

Bavel's fall

18:1 After all that, I saw another messenger coming down from heaven. He had been given great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his radiance. 2 He called out in a loud voice, saying, "The mighty Bavel (Babylon) has fallen[167] and become a place for demons to live, and a prison for evil spirits and for every kind of scavenging and detestable bird.[168][169] 3 All the nations have participated in her immoral passions, and the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality with her,[170] and the merchants of the earth have become wealthy from the power of her luxury."

164 RV 17:8 · Cross-ref. Dan 7:7; Rev 11:7.

165 RV 17:8 · Cross-ref. Psa 69:28.

166 RV 17:12 · Cross-ref. Dan 7:24.

167 RV 18:2 · Cross-ref. Isa 21:9; Jer 51:8; Rev 14:8.

168 RV 18:2 · Note There's some manuscript variations here, and so some translations also mention wild animals.

169 RV 18:2 · Cross-ref. Isa 13:21; Jer 50:39.

170 RV 18:3 · Cross-ref. Isa 23:17; Jer 51:7.

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4 Then I heard someone else from heaven saying,
"Come out from her, my people,[171]
so that you won't participate in her sins
and so that you won't be on the receiving end of the disasters intended for her,
5 because her pile of sins has reached up to heaven,[172]
so **God** has noticed her wickedness.
6 Pay her back in the way she's treated others,[173]
pay her back double for what she's done.
Mix a double portion for her in her own cup.
7 As much as she thought highly of herself and lived in luxury,
give her just as much torture and grief.
Because she tells herself
'I sit like a queen,
I'm not a widow and will never have to grieve.'[174]
8 Because of that, her disasters will suddenly arrive one day,
death and grief and famine.
She'll be burnt up by fire,
because it's **the** powerful **Yahweh God** who has judged her."
9 The kings of the earth that had committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning.[175] **10** In their fear they'll stand back at a distance and say,
"The famous city's end won't be good,
the powerful city of Bavel (Babylon).
Because your judgement has come all at once."
11 The merchants on the earth will weep and mourn for her, because no one buys their goods anymore[176]— **12** gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple cloth and silk and scarlet cloth, expensive wood and carved ivory containers and every kind of container made from the costliest wood and bronze and iron and marble,[177] **13** cinnamon and spice, incense and myrrh and frankincense, wine and oil and fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep and horses, and chariots and slaves and people's souls. **14** People will say, "The good things the people of Bavel longed to have are gone. Their splendid and luxurious goods have been destroyed and won't become available again." **15** The merchants who became rich selling those things will stand at a distance from her because of the fear of becoming included in her torment, weeping and mourning,[178] **16** saying,
"That famous city that used to dress in fine linen and scarlet and be adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls has come to a bad end **17** because so much wealth was destroyed in a single

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not you_all_may_participate in_the sins of_her, and of the plagues of_her, in_order_that not you_all_may_receive,
5 because were_joined_together of_her ~~the~~ sins until ~~the~~ heaven, and remembered ~~the~~ **god** the wrongs of_her. **6** Give_back to_her as also she gave_back, and double the double, according_to the works of_her, in the cup which she_mixed, mix to_her double,
7 as_much_as she_glorified herself and lived_sensuously, so_much give to_her torment and mourning. Because in the heart of_her she_is_saying, ~~that~~ I_am_sitting queen... and a_widow not I_am and mourning by_no_means not I_may_see. **8** Because_of this, in one day will_be_coming the plagues of_her, death, and mourning, and famine, and with fire she_will_be_being_burned_up, because mighty is the_**master** ~~the~~ **god** ~~which~~ having_judged her. **9** And will_be_weeping and will_be_mourning for her the kings of_the earth, ~~which~~ with her having_committed_sexual_immorality and having_lived_sensuously, whenever they_may_be_seeing the smoke of_the burning of_her, **10** from afar having_stood, because_of the fear of_the torment of_her saying: Woe, woe, ~~the~~ city ~~the~~ great Babulōn/(Bāvel?), ~~the~~ city ~~the~~ strong. Because in_one hour came the judgement of_you. **11** And the merchants of_the earth are_weeping and are_mourning for her, because the cargo of_them no_one is_buying no_longer, **12** cargo of_gold, and of_silver, and of_stone precious, and of_pearls, and of_linen, and of_purple, and of_silk, and of_scarlet, and all wood citron, and every object ivory, and every object of wood most_precious, and of_bronze, and of_iron, and of_marble, **13** and cinnamon, and amomum, and incenses, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and olive_oil, and fine_flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep, and of_horses, and of_carriages, and of_slaves, and souls of_humans. **14** And the fruit of_you of_the desire of_the soul went_away from you, and all the sleek things and the splendid things destroyed from you, and no_longer by_no_means not them will_be_finding. **15** The merchants of_these things ~~which~~ having_become_rich, from her from afar will_be_standing, because_of the fear of_the torment of_her, weeping and mourning **16** saying: Woe, woe, ~~the~~ city ~~the~~ great, you having_been_clothed in_linen, and purple, and scarlet, and having_been_gilded with gold, and stone precious, and pearl. **17** Because in_one hour was_desolated ~~the~~ so_much riches. And every captain, and every the one to a_place sailing, and sailors, and as_many_as the sea are_working, from afar stood **18** and they_cried_out, seeing the smoke of_the burning of_her saying: What is similar to_the city ~~the~~ great? **19** And they_throw dust on the heads of_them, and they_cried_out, weeping and mourning saying: Woe, woe, the city ~~the~~ great, in which became_rich all the ones having the ships in the sea by the

171 **RV 18:4 · Cross-ref.** Isa 48:20; Jer 50:8; 51:6,45.
172 **RV 18:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 18:20-21; Jer 51:9.
173 **RV 18:6 · Cross-ref.** Psa 137:8; Jer 50:29.
174 **RV 18:7-8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 47:7-9.
175 **RV 18:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Eze 26:16-17.
176 **RV 18:11 · Cross-ref.** Eze 27:31,36.
177 **RV 18:12-13 · Cross-ref.** Eze 27:12-13,22.
178 **RV 18:15 · Cross-ref.** Eze 27:31,36.

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wealth of_her. Because in_one hour she_was_desolated. **20** Be_
_being_gladdened over her, heaven, and ~~the~~ holy ones, and ~~the~~
ambassadors, and ~~the~~ prophets, because judged ~~the~~ **god** the
judgement for_you_all by her. **21** And took_up one messenger
a_stone mighty like stone great, and he_throw it into the sea
saying: Thus with_violence will_be_being_thrown
Babulōn/(Bāvel?) the great city, and by_no_means not it_may_
_be_found anymore. **22** And the_sound of_harpists, and
musicians, and flute_players, and trumpeters, by_no_means
not may_be_heard in you anymore, and every craftsman of_
_every craft by_no_means not may_be_found in you anymore,
and the_sound of_a_grinding_stone by_no_means not may_be_
_heard in you anymore, **23** and the_light of_lamp by_no_means
not may_shine in you anymore, and the_voice of_a_bridegroom
and of_a_bride by_no_means not may_be_heard in you
anymore, because the merchants of_you were the magnates of_
_the earth, because by the sorcery of_you were_deceived all the
nations. **24** And in her the_blood of_prophets and of_holy ones
was_found, and of_all the ones having_been_slain on the earth.
19:1 After these things I_heard something like a_voice loud of_
_a_crowd great in ~~the~~ heaven saying: Praise_Yāh. ~~The~~ salvation,
and ~~the~~ glory, and ~~the~~ power be, of_the **god** of_us. **2** Because true
and righteous are the judgements of_him, because he_judged
the prostitute ~~the~~ great, who was_corrupting the earth with the
sexual_immorality of_her, and he_avenged the blood of_the
slaves of_him out_of the_hand of_her. **3** And secondly they_
_have_said: Praise_Yāh. And the smoke of_her is_going_up to
the ages of_the ages. **4** And fell the elders ~~the~~ twenty four, and
the four living_creatures, and they_prostrated ~~the~~ before_**god**,
the one sitting on the throne saying: Truly. Praise_Yāh.

5 And a_voice from the throne came_out saying: Be_praising
unto_the **god** of_us, all ~~the~~ slaves of_him, you_all revering him,
~~the~~ small and ~~the~~ great. **6** And I_heard something like the_voice
of_a_crowd great, and as the_sound of_waters many, and like a_

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hour."

Every captain of a ship, and all the passengers and sailors and others who work on the ocean will keep far away from the city[179] **18** and when they see the smoke from the burning city they'll call out, "No other city has ever been so awesome."[180] **19** Then they'll throw dust on their heads (a Hebrew sign of mourning) and weep and mourn and cry out,[181] "That incredible city where every ship owner became wealthy from valuable trade with her—she's been destroyed in a single hour."

20 You in heaven celebrate, and also you believers and missionaries and prophets, because **God** has judged the city on your behalf.[182]

21 Then a powerful messenger picked up a stone the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "The famous city of Bavel (Babylon) will be violently thrown down just like that stone,[183] and she'll definitely never be seen again.[184] **22** The sounds of harpists and musicians and flutists and trumpeters will definitely never be heard in you again,[185] and no more craftsmen will be seen in you, and the sound of grain being ground into flour will never be heard in you again. **23** There definitely won't be any more lamps illuminating you, nor will there be any more happy wedding sounds. Your merchants were the best in the world because all the nations were deceived by your witchcraft.

24 The blood of the prophets and the believers and all the others who've been murdered can be found in that city."[186]

19:1 After all that, I heard what sounded like a huge crowd in heaven, calling out, "Praise Yahweh—he's saved us and all honour and power belong to him **2** because his judgements are true and honest. He's judged the famous prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and he's avenged her for the murder of his slaves."[187] **3** Then the crowd called out again, "Praise Yahweh. The smoke from her burning will keep rising throughout the ages."[188] **4** Then the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures knelt down and worshipped **God**, the one sitting on the throne, saying, "May it be so. Praise Yahweh."

The lamb's wedding reception

5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our **God**, all his slaves and everyone who respects him, both great and small."[189] **6** Then I

179 RV 18:17 · Cross-ref. Isa 23:14; Eze 27:26-30.
180 RV 18:18 · Cross-ref. Eze 27:32.
181 RV 18:19 · Cross-ref. Eze 27:30-34.
182 RV 18:20 · Cross-ref. Deu 32:43; Jer 51:48.
183 RV 18:21 · Cross-ref. Jer 51:63-64.
184 RV 18:21 · Cross-ref. Eze 26:21.
185 RV 18:22 · Cross-ref. Eze 26:13; Isa 24:8.
186 RV 18:24 · Cross-ref. Jer 51:49.
187 RV 19:2 · Cross-ref. Deu 32:43; 2Ki 9:7.
188 RV 19:3 · Cross-ref. Isa 34:10.
189 RV 19:5 · Cross-ref. Psa 115:13.

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heard what sounded like a large crowd and what seemed to be the sounds of lots of water and of powerful thunder,[190] saying, "Praise **Yah**, because our **God**, the powerful **Yahweh**, reigns.[191] **7** We'll celebrate and be happy and praise him, because it's now time for the lamb's wedding and the bride is all ready. **8** She was given fine linen clothes that are bright and pure, because what she's wearing is the obedient acts of the believers."

9 Then the messenger told me to write, "Everyone who's invited to the lamb's wedding reception is blessed."[192] And he added, "These are **God's** true words."

10 I knelt in front of him about to worship him, but he told me, "Hey, I'm a fellow slave of you and your fellow believers who believe **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') testimony. Only worship **God**, because **Yeshua's** testimony came from the same spirit as prophecy."

The rider on the white horse

11 Then I saw heaven open up[193] and wow, a white horse and its rider was named 'Faithful and true', and he judges and battles righteously.[194] **12** His eyes shone like a flame of fire,[195] and he had many crowns on his head, with a name written (on him? See v16) that no one knows except himself, **13** He's wearing a robe that's been dipped in blood, and his name is '**God's** message', **14** and the armies in heaven were following him on white horses, all dressed in fine linen—white and clean. **15** A sharp sword comes out of his mouth so he can strike the nations and he'll rule them with an iron scepter.[196] He'll destroy his enemies like trampling grapes in a wine-pressing pit, with the resultant juice representing the anger **of** the all-powerful **God's** fury.[197] **16** He has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: 'King of kings and **master** of masters'.

17 Then I saw a messenger standing in the sun, and he yelled out in a loud voice to all the birds flying high in the sky, "Come and join **God's** big feast, **18** so you can eat the flesh of kings and commanders and warriors and horses and their riders, and the flesh of others, both free and slaves, lowly and prominent."[198]

19 Then I saw the wild animal and the worldly kings and their armies who had joined together to battle against the rider of the white horse and his army. **20** But then the animal was captured along with the false prophet who had done miracles in front of him. (That was how he'd deceived the ones who had accepted the mark of the animal and the ones worshipping his image.)[199]

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_sound of_thunders mighty saying: Praise_Yāh, because reigned the_**master**, the **god** of_us ~~the~~ almighty. **7** We_may_be_ _rejoicing and may_be_exulting, and we_may_give the glory to_ _him, because came the wedding of_the lamb, and the wife of_ _him prepared herself. **8** And it_was_given to_her, in_order_ _that she_may_clothe herself in_linen shining clean, because/for the linen the just_acts of_the holy ones is. **9** And he_is_saying to_me: Write: Blessed are the ones to the supper of_the wedding of_the lamb having_been_invited. And he_is_ _saying to_me: These ~~the~~ words true are. of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **10** And I_ _fell before the feet of_him to_prostrate before_him. And he_is_ _saying to_me: Be_seeing to_it not, a_fellow-slave of_you I_am, and the brothers of_you ~~which~~ holding the testimony of_ **_Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, ~~the~~ before_**god** prostrate. For/Because the testimony of_**Yaʸsous** is the spirit of_ ~~the~~ _prophecy.

11 And I_saw ~~the~~ heaven having_been_opened_up, and see, a_ _horse white, and the one sitting on it, Faithful being_called and true, and in righteousness he_is_judging and is_warring. **12** And the eyes of_him are a_flame of_fire, and on the head of_ _him crowns many, having name having_been_written, which no_one has_known, except ~~not/lest~~ he, **13** and having_been_ _clothed in_a_robe having_been_dipped in_blood, and has_ _been_called the_name of_him, the word of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **14** And the armies in ~~the~~ heaven was_following after_him on horses white, having_dressed_in linen white pure. **15** And out_ _of the mouth of_him is_going_out a_sword sharp, in_order_ _that with it he_may_strike the nations: and he will_be_ _shepherding them with a_rod iron, and he is_treading the wine-press of_the wine of_the rage of_the severe_anger of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ~~the~~ almighty. **16** And he_is_having on his robe and on the thigh of_him, a_name having_been_written: king of_kings and **master** of_masters. **17** And I_saw one messenger having_stood in the sun, and he_cried_out with a_voice loud, saying to_all the birds ~~which~~ flying in midair: Come, be_gathered_together to the supper ~~the~~ great of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, **18** in_order_that you_all_may_ _eat the_fleshes of_kings, and fleshes of_commanders, and the_ _fleshes of_mighty, and the_fleshes of_horses, and of_the ones sitting on them, and the_fleshes of_all, free men both and slaves, and small and great. **19** And I_saw the wild_animal, and the kings of_the earth, and the armies of_them, having_been_ _gathered_together to_make ~~the~~ war with the one sitting on the horse, and with the army of_him. **20** And was_caught the wild_ _animal, and with him the the_false_prophet, the one having_ _done the signs before him, by which he_deceived the ones

190 **RV 19:6 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:24.

191 **RV 19:6 · Cross-ref.** Psa 93:1; 97:1; 99:1.

192 **RV 19:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 22:2-3.

193 **RV 19:11 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:1.

194 **RV 19:11 · Cross-ref.** Psa 96:3; Isa 11:4.

195 **RV 19:12 · Cross-ref.** Dan 10:6.

196 **RV 19:15 · Cross-ref.** Psa 2:9.

197 **RV 19:15 · Cross-ref.** Isa 63:3; Yoel 3:13; Rev 14:20.

198 **RV 19:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Eze 39:17-20.

199 **RV 19:20 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:1-18.

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having_received the mark of_the wild_animal, and the ones prostrating before_the image of_him. Living were_throw the two into the lake of_ ~~the~~ _fire, ~~which~~ being_burned with sulfur. **21** And the rest were_killed_off with the sword of_the one sitting on the horse, ~~which~~ having_come_out out_of the mouth of_him, and all the birds were_satisfied with the fleshes of_ _them.

20:1 And I_saw a_messenger coming_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven, holding the key of_the abyss, and a_chain great in the hand of_ _him. **2** And he_apprehended the dragon, the serpent ~~the~~ ancient, who is the_false_accuser and ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān), and he_bound him for_a_thousand years, **3** and he_throw him into the abyss, and shut and sealed it over him, in_order_that not he_may_deceive anymore the nations, until may_be_finished the thousand years, after these things, it_is_fitting him to_be_ _released a_little time. **4** And I_saw thrones, and they_sat_down on them, and judgement was_given to_them, and the souls of_ _the ones having_been_beheaded because_of the testimony of_ _**Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, and because_of the message of_ ~~the~~ _ _**god**, and whoever neither prostrated before_the wild_animal, nor the image of_him, and not took the mark on their forehead, and on the hand of_them, and they_lived and reigned with the for_a_Thousand **chosen_one/messiah** years. **5** The rest of_the dead not lived, until may_be_finished the thousand years. This is the resurrection ~~the~~ first. **6** Blessed and holy is the one having a_part in the resurrection ~~the~~ first. Over these the second death not is_having authority, but they_will_be priests of_ ~~the~~ **_god** and of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, and they_will_ _be_reigning with him for_the thousand years.

7 And whenever may_be_finished the thousand years, will_be_ _being_released ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) out_of the prison of_him, **8** and he_will_be_coming_out to_deceive the nations ~~which~~ in the four corners of_the earth, ~~the~~ Gōg/(Gōg) and Magōg/(Māgōg), to_gather_together them to the war, of_whom the number of_them is like the sand of_the sea. **9** And they_ _went_up on the breadth of_the earth, and surrounded the camp of_the holy ones, and the city ~~which~~ having_been_loved. But came_down fire out_of the sky and it_devoured them. **10** And the devil, the one deceiving them, was_thrown into the lake of_ ~~the~~ _fire and of_sulfur, where were also the wild_animal and the false_prophet, and they_will_be_being_tormented by_ _day and night for the ages of_the ages.

11 And I_saw a_throne great white, and the one sitting on on_it, whose from the face fled the earth and ~~the~~ heaven, and place not was_found for_them. **12** And I_saw the dead, ~~the~~ great and ~~the~~ small, having_stood before the throne, and scrolls were_ _opened_up, and another scroll was_opened_up, which is of_ _the scroll of_life. And were_judged the dead out_of the things having_been_written in the scrolls according_to the works of_

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The two of them were thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with sulfur. **21** The rest were killed by the rider of the white horse with the sword coming out from his mouth, and all the birds were gorged with the flesh of the dead.

The thousand years

20:1 Then I saw a messenger coming down from heaven holding the key to the pit as well as a heavy chain **2** and he seized the dinosaur, that ancient snake,[200] who is the devil and Satan, and chained him up for a thousand years. **3** The messenger threw him into the pit and shut it and sealed it over him so that he wouldn't deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, it will be necessary for him to be released for a short time.

4 I saw thrones with people sitting on them and they were given the responsibility of judging both the souls of the ones who'd been beheaded for believing **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') and **God's** message, and those who didn't worship the animal or his image and didn't receive the mark on their hand or forehead. And they lived and reigned with the **messiah** for a thousand years.[201] **5** The rest of the dead didn't come back to life until the thousand years were up. That's the first resurrection. **6** Those who have a part in that first resurrection will be blessed and (considered?) holy. The second death has no power over them—they'll be priests **of God** and of the **messiah** and they'll reign with him for a thousand years.

Satan's defeat

7 At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be released from his prison, **8** and he'll go out to deceive the nations right around the earth[202]—Gog and Magog[203]—to gather them together to battle. They'll be too many to count like the sand on the beach. **9** They'll cover the whole world and surround the camp of the believers and the beloved city, but fire will come down from heaven and burn them up. **10** Then the devil who'd deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the animal and the false prophet were, and they'll be tormented day and night throughout the ages.

The dead are revived for judgement

11 Then I saw a large white throne with someone sitting on it.[204] Earth and sky fled from his presence but they couldn't find where to go. **12** Then I saw the dead—both prominent people and the lowly—standing before the throne, and some books were opened and then another book was opened—the book of

200 **RV 20:2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 3:1.

201 **RV 20:4 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:9,22.

202 **RV 20:8 · Cross-ref.** Eze 7:2.

203 **RV 20:8 · Cross-ref.** Eze 38:2,9,15.

204 **RV 20:11-12 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:9-10.

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life.[205] Then the dead were judged from the things written in the books according to what they'd done. **13** The sea gave up the dead in it, and 'death' and Haidais gave up the dead in them, and then every one of them was judged according to what they'd done. **14** Then 'death' and Haidais were thrown into the lake of fire. That's the second death—the lake of fire, **15** and anyone whose name couldn't be found in the book of life was thrown into that lake of fire.

The new sky and the new earth

21:1 Then I saw a new sky and a new earth,[206] because the first sky and the first earth had gone away, and there weren't any more oceans. **2** Then I saw the chosen city[207]—the new Yerushalem (Jerusalem)—coming down out of heaven from **God**,[208] prepared like a bride all dressed up for her husband,[209] **3** and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Listen, **God** will now live here with the people—he'll live with them and they'll be his people, and God himself will be with them.[210] **4** He'll wipe all their tears away from their eyes,[211] and there won't be any more death or grieving, or crying or pain.[212] They won't even exist any longer—the original world is gone."

5 Then the one sitting on the throne said, "Listen, I'm remaking everything." And he told me, "Write that down because these words are trustworthy and true." **6** And he told me, "Everything's done. I'm the A and the Z—the beginning and the end. I'll freely give from the spring of the water of life to anyone who's thirsty.[213] **7** All of those who conquer will inherit those things, and I will be their **God** and they will be my children.[214] **8** But as for the cowardly and the unbelieving, the abhorred and murderers, fornicators and sorcerers, and idolaters and all liars, their place will be in the lake burning with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

The new Yerushalem

9 Then one of the seven messengers holding the seven bowls full of the seven last disasters came and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I'll show you the bride—the lamb's wife." **10** Then in **the spirit**, he carried me away to a very large, high mountain[215] and he showed me the HOLY city, Yerushalem (Jerusalem), coming down from **God** out of heaven, **11** shining like God's splendour—its brilliance being like a very precious stone—like a jasper stone shining like crystal. **12** The city had wall that was both wide and high, with

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_them. **13** And gave the sea the dead ~~which~~ in it, and ~~the~~ death and ~~the~~ Haidaʸs gave the dead ~~which~~ in them, and they_were_ _judged each according_to the works of_them. **14** And ~~the~~ death and ~~the~~ Haidaʸs were_throw into the lake of_ ~~the~~ _fire. This ~~the~~ the second death is, the lake of_ ~~the~~ _fire. **15** And if anyone not was_found in the scroll of_ ~~the~~ _life having_been_written, he_ _was_thrown into the lake of_ ~~the~~ _fire.

21:1 And I_saw a_heaven new and an_earth new, because/for the the_first heaven and the first earth went_away, and the sea not is anymore. **2** And the city ~~the~~ holy, Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim) the_new, I_saw coming_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven from ~~the~~ **god**, having_been_prepared as a_ _bride, having_been_adorned for_the husband of_her. **3** And I_ _heard of_a_voice great out_of the throne saying: Behold, the tent of_ ~~the~~ _**god** is with ~~the~~ humans, and he_will_be_sheltering with them, and they the_peoples of_him will_be, and himself ~~the~~ **god** will_be with them, **4** and he_will_be_wiping_out every tear from the eyes of_them, and ~~the~~ death not will_be anymore, neither mourning, nor clamour, nor misery, not will_be anymore. The first things went_away. **5** And said the one sitting on the throne: Behold, new I_am_making all things. And he_is_ _saying to_me: Write, because these ~~the~~ messages faithful and true are. **6** And he_said to_me: They_have_become. I am the first_letter and the last_letter, the beginning and the end. I to_ _the one thirsting will_be_giving of the spring of_the water of_ ~~the~~ _life undeservedly. **7** The one overcoming will_be_inheriting these things, and I_will_be to_him **god**, and he will_be to_me a_ _son. **8** But to_the fearful, and unbelieving, and having_been_ _detested, and murderers, and the_sexually_immoral, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all ~~the~~ liars, the portion of_them is in the lake ~~which~~ being_burned with_fire and sulfur, which is the death ~~the~~ second.

9 And came one of the seven messengers, ~~which~~ having the seven bowls, ~~which~~ being_full of_the seven plagues ~~the~~ last, and he_spoke with me saying: Come, I_will_be_showing to_you the bride, the wife of_the lamb. **10** And he_carried_away me in the_ _**spirit** to a_mountain great and high, and he_showed to_me the city ~~the~~ holy Hierousalaʸm/(Yərūshālayim), coming_down out_of ~~the~~ heaven from ~~the~~ **god**, **11** having the glory of_ ~~the~~ _ _**god**. The radiance of_it similar to_a_stone most_precious, as to_a_stone jasper crystalizing, **12** having a_wall great and high, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve messengers, and

205 **RV 20:12 · Cross-ref.** Dan 12:1.
206 **RV 21:1 · Cross-ref.** Isa 65:17; 66:22; 2Pe 3:13.
207 **RV 21:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 52:1.
208 **RV 21:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 3:12.
209 **RV 21:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 61:10.
210 **RV 21:3 · Cross-ref.** Eze 37:27; Lev 26:11-12.
211 **RV 21:4 · Cross-ref.** Isa 25:8.
212 **RV 21:4 · Cross-ref.** Isa 35:10; 65:19.
213 **RV 21:6 · Cross-ref.** Isa 55:1.
214 **RV 21:7 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:14; Psa 89:26-27.
215 **RV 21:10 · Cross-ref.** Eze 40:2.

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names having_been_inscribed, which is of_the twelve tribes of_ _the_sons of_Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl). **13** From the_east three gates, and from the_north three gates, and from west three gates, and from the_south three gates. **14** And the wall of_the city having twelve foundations, and in them the_twelve twelve names of_ _the ambassadors of_the lamb. **15** And the one speaking with me was_having a_measure reed golden, in_order_that he_may_ _measure the city, and the gates of_it, and the wall of_it. **16** And the city four_cornered is_lying, and the length of_it as_much_ _as the breadth. And he_measured the city with_the reed at twelve stadiums thousands, the length, and the breadth, and the height of_it, equal is. **17** And he_measured the wall of_it, of_ _a_hundred forty four cubits, a_measure of_human_origin that is also of_the_messenger. **18** And was the structure of_the wall of_it was jasper, and the city was gold pure, similar to_glass clean. **19** the foundations of_the wall of_the city with_every stone precious having_been_adorned. The foundation the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, **20** the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh hyacinth, the twelfth amethyst. **21** And the twelve twelve gates were pearls, each one each of_ _the gates was of one pearl. And the road of_the city was gold pure as glass transparent. **22** And a_temple not I_saw in it, because/for the **master** ~~the~~ **god** ~~the~~ almighty the_temple of_it is, and the lamb. **23** And the city neither need is_having of_the sun nor of_the moon that they_may_be_shining in_it, because/for the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god** enlightened it, and the lamp of_it is the lamb. **24** And will_be_walking the nations by the light of_it, and the kings of_the earth are_bringing the glory of_ _them into it. **25** And the gates of_it by_no_means not may_be_ _shut by_day, because/for night not will_be there. **26** And they_ _will_be_bringing the glory and the honour of_the nations into it. **27** And by_no_means not may_come_in into it any unclean thing, and the one practicing abomination and a_falsehood, except ~~not/lest~~ the ones having_been_written in the scroll of_ ~~the~~ _life of_the lamb.

22:1 And he_showed to_me a_river of_water of_life shining as crystal, going_out out_of the throne of_ ~~the~~ **_god** and of_the lamb. **2** In the_middle of_the road of_it and of_the river, from_ _here and from_there, the_tree of_life producing twelve fruits, according_to month each to_be_giving_back the fruit of_it, and the leaves of_the tree are for the_healing of_the nations. **3** And any curse not will_be anymore. And the throne of_ ~~the~~ **_god** and

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twelve gates and twelve messengers at the gates. The gates had the names of the twelve tribes (from Yisrael's (Israel's) twelve sons) written on them.[216] **13** There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south, and three on the west. **14** The city wall had twelve foundation stones, and they had the names of the lamb's twelve missionaries written on them.

15 The messenger speaking to me had a golden measuring rod so that he could measure the city and its gates and wall.[217] **16** The city was laid out square with the length equalling the width. Using the rod, the messenger measured the city at 2.2km on each edge, with the length, width, and height all being equal. **17** He also measured the wall to be 70m using normal measurements.[218] **18** The wall was made of green jasper stone[219] and the city itself was pure gold but as clear as glass. **19** The foundations of the city's wall were adorned with many different kinds of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, **20** the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. **21** The twelve gates were twelve pearls—each one of the gates individually was from one pearl—and the city street was pure gold—transparent like glass.

22 I didn't see any temple in the city because the all-powerful **God Yahweh** and the lamb are its temple. **23** The city doesn't need the sun or moon to illuminate it because **God's** radiance illuminates it, and its lamp is the lamb.[220] **24** The nations will be able to walk around from its light, and the kings on the earth will bring their best into the city.[221] **25** It'll never get dark there, so the city gates will never need to be closed[222] **26** and they will bring the prestige and the honour of the nations into it. **27** However, nothing that's 'unclean' will ever enter the city,[223] and nor will those with shameful or dishonest behaviour—only those whose names have been written in the lamb's book of life.

22:1 Then he showed me the river of the water of life that sparkled like crystal. It flowed out of the throne **of God** and the lamb.[224] **2** In the middle of its path and in the middle of the river reaching from one side to the other was the tree of life[225] that produces twelve fruits—a different one each month—and the leaves of the tree are for healing the nations[226] **3** and there won't

216 **RV 21:12-13 · Cross-ref.** Eze 48:30-35.

217 **RV 21:15 · Cross-ref.** Eze 40:3.

218 **RV 21:17 · Note** It's not stated if that's the *height* or the *thickness* of the city wall.

219 **RV 21:18-21 · Cross-ref.** Isa 54:11-12.

220 **RV 21:23 · Cross-ref.** Isa 60:19-20.

221 **RV 21:24 · Cross-ref.** Isa 60:3.

222 **RV 21:25-26 · Cross-ref.** Isa 60:11.

223 **RV 21:27 · Cross-ref.** Isa 52:1; Eze 44:9.

224 **RV 22:1 · Cross-ref.** Eze 47:1; Zech 14:8.

225 **RV 22:2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:9.

226 **RV 22:2 · Cross-ref.** Eze 47:12.

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be a curse any more.[227]

The throne for **God** and the lamb will be in the city, and his slaves will be serving him. 4 They will see his face, and his name on their foreheads. 5 Nights won't exist any more and they won't need the light from a lamp or from the sun because **Yahweh God** will illuminate them,[228] and they will reign through the ages.[229]

6 Then he said to me, "These messages **Yeshua's return** are faithful and true, and **Yahweh**, the **God** of the spirits of the prophets, sent his messenger out to show his slaves what's planned to happen soon."

7 "Yes, listen, I'm coming soon. Anyone who follows the messages of the prophecy on this scroll will be blessed."

8 I, Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), am the one who saw and heard all those things, and when I heard and saw them, I knelt down to worship at the feet of the messenger who showed them to me. 9 But he told me, Hey, no! I'm a fellow slave of you and of your brothers the prophets and of the ones who obey the words of this book. Worship **God**." 10 Then he continued, "Don't seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. 11 Those who disobey God can continue to do so and those who are filthy can continue to be so, but those who obey God should continue to obey, and those who are godly should continue to be godly."[230]

12 (Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) says,) "Listen, I'm coming back soon, bringing my reward[231] to distribute to each person according to their behaviour.[232] 13 I'm the A and the Z[233]—the first and the last[234]—the beginning and the end.

14 "Blessed are those who are washing their robes so that they'll have authority over the tree of life[235] (MEANING???) and so that they'll be able to enter the city through the gates. 15 On the contrary, those outside the city are dogs and sorcerers, the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone loving and exhibiting dishonesty.

16 "I, **Yeshua**, have sent my messenger to explain these things to you concerning the churches. I am both David's source and his descendant[236]—the bright morning star."

17 The **spirit** and the bride say, 'Come.'

Anyone who hears this should also say, 'Come.'

Anyone who's thirsty to live forever should come. Anyone who wants it can take the water that gives life free of charge.[237]

227 **RV 22:3 · Cross-ref.** Zech 14:11.

228 **RV 22:5 · Cross-ref.** Isa 60:19.

229 **RV 22:5 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:18.

230 **RV 22:11 · Cross-ref.** Dan 12:10.

231 **RV 22:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 40:10; 62:11.

232 **RV 22:12 · Cross-ref.** Psa 28:4; Isa 40:10; Jer 17:10.

233 **RV 22:13 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:8.

234 **RV 22:13 · Cross-ref.** Isa 44:6; 48:12; Rev 1:17; 2:8.

235 **RV 22:14 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:9; 3:22.

236 **RV 22:16 · Cross-ref.** Isa 11:1,10.

237 **RV 22:17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 55:1.

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of_the lamb in it will_be, and the slaves of_him will_be_serving unto_him. 4 And they_will_be_seeing the face of_him, and the name of_him on the foreheads of_them. 5 And night not will_be anymore, and not they_are_having need of_the_light of_a_lamp and of_the_light of_the_sun, because the_**master** ~~the~~ **god** will_be_illuminating on them, and they_will_be_reigning to the ages of_the ages.

6 And he_said to_me: These ~~the~~ messages are faithful and true, and the **master**, the **god** of_the spirits of_the prophets, sent_out the messenger of_him, to_show to_the slaves of_him which things it_is_fitting to_become in quickness. 7 And see, I_am_coming quickly. Blessed is the one keeping the messages of_the prophecy of_ ~~the~~ _scroll this. 8 And_I Yōanna^{y}s am the one seeing. and hearing These things. And when I_heard and I_saw, I_fell to_prostrate before the feet of_the messenger ~~which~~ showing to_me these things. 9 And he_is_saying to_me: Be_seeing to_it not, a_fellow-slave of_you I_am and of_the brothers of_you, the prophets, and of_the ones keeping the messages of_ ~~the~~ _scroll this. ~~The~~ before_**god** prostrate. 10 And he_is_saying to_me: Not you_may_seal the messages of_the prophecy of_ ~~the~~ _scroll this, the for time near is. 11 The one doing_wrong, him_let_do_wrong still, and the filthy, him _let_be_being_filthy still, and the righteous, righteousness him_let_practice still, and the holy, him _let_be_sanctified still. 12 Behold, I_am_coming quickly, and the reward of_me with me, to_give_back to_each as the work is of_him. 13 I am the first_letter and the last_letter, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. 14 Blessed are the ones washing the robes of_them, in_order_that it_will_be the right of_them to the tree of_ ~~the~~ _life, and by_the gates they_may_come_in into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the the_sexually_immoral, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone loving and practicing falsehood. 16 I, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, sent the messenger of_me, to_testify to_you_all these things in the assemblies. I am the root and the descent of_Dawid/(Dāvid), the star ~~the~~ shining, ~~the~~ morning. 17 And the **spirit** and the bride are_saying: Be_coming. And the one hearing him_let_say: Be_coming. And the one thirsting let_be_coming, the one wanting him_let_take the_water of_life undeservedly.

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18 ‹Am›_testifying I to_everyone ~~which~~ hearing the messages of_ _the prophecy of_ ~~the~~ _scroll this: if anyone may_add_on to them, will_be_adding_on ~~the~~ **god** to him the plagues ~~which~~ having_been_written in ~~the~~ scroll this. **19** And if anyone may_ _take_away from the messages of_the scroll of_ ~~the~~ _prophecy this, will_be_taking_away ~~the~~ **god** the part of_him from the tree of_ ~~the~~ _life and out_of the city ~~the~~ holy, of_the things having_ _been_written in ~~the~~ scroll this. **20** Is_saying the one testifying these things: Yes, I_am_coming quickly. Truly. Be_coming, **master Ya^{y}sous**. **21** The grace of_the **master Ya^{y}sous** with the holy ones. Truly.

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18 I am testifying to everyone who hears **Farewell**
the prophecies written in this document: If anyone adds to these words, then **God** will add to them the disasters written in this document.[238] **19** And if anyone takes away any of this prophetic document, then **God** will take away their share in the tree of life and in the holy city that's written about in this document.

20 The one who testified about these things says: 'Yes, I'm coming quickly.'

May it be so. Come, **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus).

21 May the grace from the **master Yeshua** be with the godly people.

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238 RV 22:18-19 · Cross-ref. Deu 4:2; 12:32.